

1 **High variability of dissolved iron concentrations in the vicinity of**
2 **Kerguelen Island (Southern Ocean)**

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26 **Abstract**

27 Dissolved Fe (dFe) concentrations were measured in the upper 1300 m of the water column in
28 the vicinity of Kerguelen Island as part of the second Kerguelen Ocean Plateau compared
29 Study (KEOPS2). Concentrations ranged from 0.06 nmol L⁻¹ in offshore, Southern Ocean
30 waters, to 3.82 nmol L⁻¹ within Hillsborough Bay, on the north-eastern coast of Kerguelen
31 Island. Direct island runoff, glacial melting and resuspended sediments were identified as
32 important inputs of dFe that could potentially fertilize the northern part of the plateau. A
33 significant deep dFe enrichment was observed over the plateau with dFe concentrations
34 increasing up to 1.30 nmol L⁻¹ close to the seafloor, probably due to sediment resuspension
35 and pore water release. Biological uptake was ~~identified as a likely explanation shown to~~
36 ~~induce a significant-for the~~ decrease in dFe concentrations between two visits (28 days apart)
37 at a station above the plateau. Our ~~results allowed studying work also considered~~ other
38 processes and sources, such as ~~atmospheric inputs,~~ lateral advection of enriched seawater,
39 remineralization processes and the influence of the ~~P~~polar ~~F~~front (PF) as a vector for Fe
40 transport. Overall, heterogeneous sources of Fe over and off the Kerguelen Plateau, in
41 addition to strong variability in Fe supply by vertical or horizontal transport, may explain the
42 high variability in dFe concentrations observed during this study.

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45 **1 Introduction**

46 Iron (Fe) has been shown to be an essential trace metal controlling phytoplankton growth and
47 primary production in about 50% of the World's oceans (Moore et al., 2001; ~~Boyd and~~
48 ~~Ellwood, 2010~~) including high nutrient low chlorophyll (HNLC) regions. The main sources of
49 Fe in the World's oceans are atmospheric deposition (wet or dry) (e.g. Jickells et al., 2005;
50 ~~Wagener et al., 2008; Heimbürger et al., 2013~~), sediment resuspension and pore water release
51 (e.g. Elrod et al., 2004; ~~Blain et al., 2007; Lam and Bishop, 2008; Hatta et al., 2013; Measures~~
52 ~~et al., 2013~~), hydrothermal activity (Tagliabue et al., 2010; ~~Klunder et al., 2011~~), and
53 remineralization of organic matter (~~Abraham et al., 2000; Boyd and Ellwood, 2010; Ibisanni~~
54 ~~et al., 2011~~). In the Southern Ocean, ~~D~~ust inputs have been considered to be small ~~in the~~
55 ~~Southern Ocean~~ due to its remoteness from land masses (~~Jickells et al., 2005; Wagener et al.,~~
56 ~~2008; Heimbürger et al., 2013~~), but the other sources of Fe were shown to induce natural
57 fertilization in, ~~resulting in depleted Fe concentrations in this HNLC area. Within this~~
58 ~~complex ocean system, numerous studies have highlighted~~ several sites ~~of natural Fe~~
59 ~~fertilisation~~ including the Crozet Plateau (Pollard et al., 2009; Planquette et al., 2011), the
60 Scotia Sea (Dulaiova et al., 2009; Ardelan et al., 2010; Nielsdóttir et al., 2012; Hatta et al.,
61 2013; Measures et al., 2013), the Ross Sea (Smith Jr et al., 2012) and the Kerguelen Plateau
62 (Blain et al., 2007; Blain et al., 2008), all stimulating phytoplankton blooms and enhancing
63 carbon sequestration with varying magnitudes.

64 During the first Kerguelen Ocean Plateau compared Study (KEOPS1) held in late austral
65 summer 2005, the impact of natural fertilisation on primary productivity and carbon export
66 was demonstrated in this area (Blain et al., 2007; Savoye et al., 2008). The surface area of the
67 observed phytoplankton bloom was about 45,000 km² and led to a carbon sequestration
68 efficiency 18 times larger-higher (Chever et al., 2010) than estimated around Crozet Islands
69 (bloom area 90,000 km²) during the CROZEX experiment in the same year (Pollard et al.,
70 2009; Morris and Charette, 2013). ~~It was proposed that the development of the bloom was~~
71 ~~constrained by both iron and silicate availability around Kerguelen Island (Blain et al., 2007;~~
72 ~~Mosseri et al., 2008; Park et al., 2008)~~. A second cruise, KEOPS2 (Kerguelen Ocean and
73 Plateau compared Study 2), ~~which was approved as a GEOTRACES process study,~~ was
74 designed to study the development of the Kerguelen bloom in early spring 2011 and in the

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75 offshore fertilisation area further east (~~Blain et al., 2007~~). In this paper, we present dissolved
76 Fe (dFe) concentrations ~~first describe the complex regional circulation, and use it to cluster~~
77 ~~the stations~~ into 5 groups (near-coastal, plateau, recirculation, north of the polar front (PF),
78 HNLC area). ~~For these groups, we present the dissolved Fe (dFe) concentrations~~ and discuss
79 their distributions in relation to potential new and regenerated sources. Where possible, ~~A~~ an
80 estimate of the biological uptake of Fe is provided, ~~where possible~~. Finally, dFe data
81 presented in this paper together with particulate Fe data from a closely aligned companion
82 study (van der Merwe et al., 2015) are combined by Bowie et al. (2014) in order to establish
83 short-term Fe budgets at three sites (above the Plateau, in the recirculation area, and the
84 HNLC area). ~~The combined suite of KEOPS2 Fe results will be presented in two other papers~~
85 ~~in this special issue (van der Merwe et al., 2014; Bowie et al., 2014).~~

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87 **2 Materials and Methods**

88 **2.1 Study Area**

89 During austral spring (7/10/2011 - 30/11/2011), 149 seawater samples from 15 stations were
90 collected as part of the KEOPS2 oceanographic research cruise (Fig. 1, Table 1) in the
91 vicinity of Kerguelen Island in the Southern Ocean (48.40°20'S – 50.62°40'S and
92 66.68°40'E-74.65°50'E). Two stations were sampled over the plateau (A3 and G-1), south of
93 the island. A3 was visited twice, 28 days apart, first in the early stage and during the build up
94 of the spring phytoplankton bloom ~~and secondly at the height of bloom development~~. An
95 East-West (E-W) transect (from TEW-1 to F-L) was sampled from the Kerguelen coast to
96 offshore waters, and crossed the PF twice. Finally, three additional stations were analyzed
97 within a complex system of recirculation located in a stationary meander of the PF (E-3, E-
98 4W-2 and E-5). An open ocean station (R-2), was located in the HNLC area south-west of
99 Kerguelen Island and south of the ~~Polar Front (PF)~~.

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101 2.2 Sampling and analytical methods

102 Cleaning, sampling, handling and processing of the samples were conducted using stringent
103 trace metal clean protocols as recommended by the GEOTRACES program (Cutter et al.,
104 2010; Cutter, 2013). Samples were collected using a trace metal clean rosette (TMR, model
105 1018, General Oceanics) equipped with twelve 10 L externally closing Teflon-lined Niskin-
106 1010X bottles mounted on a polyurethane powder-coated aluminium frame especially
107 designed for trace metal work (Bowie et al., 2009). Seawater was sub-sampled for dFe via a
108 Teflon tap connected to acid cleaned 0.2 µm filter cartridges (Pall Acropak® and Sartorius
109 Sartrobran® 300). Acid cleaned low density polyethylene bottles (60 mL) were rinsed 3 times
110 with ~20 mL of seawater before final sample collection. Dissolved Fe samples were acidified
111 to pH ~ 2 using concentrated ultrapure hydrochloric acid (Seastar Baseline, HCl). The sample
112 bottles were then double bagged and stored at ambient temperature in the dark until analysis.
113 The shallowest sample was collected at 15 m depth in order to avoid contamination from the
114 ship. Samples were collected off plateau to a depth of 1300 m.

115 Dissolved Fe was analysed on board at least 24 h after collection by flow injection analysis
116 (FIA) with online solid phase extraction onto 8-hydroxyquinoline (8-HQ) resin and
117 chemiluminescence detection, following a method adapted from Obata et al. (1993) (Sarhou
118 et al., 2003). All analyses were conducted inside a class 100 laminar flow hood within a
119 containerised clean laboratory, using high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters. During the
120 cruise, ~~representative hydrogen peroxide~~ ammonium acetate buffer and HCl blanks were
121 consistently below the detection limit ($0.017 \pm 0.012 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$, $n = 22$), and therefore, the
122 system was deemed suitable for open ocean seawater analysis (Johnson et al., 2007). Each
123 sample was analysed in triplicate with an average precision of 4.8 % ($n = 149$). The North
124 Pacific SAFe Surface (SAFe S) ($0.094 \pm 0.003 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$, $n = 3$) and SAFe Deep D2 ($0.95 \pm$
125 0.05 nmol L^{-1} , $n = 3$) reference samples were measured for dFe and the results were in
126 excellent agreement with the consensus values (S1 = $0.095 \pm 0.008 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$, ~~$n = 3$~~ and D2 =
127 $0.956 \pm 0.024 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$, ~~$n = 3$~~ ; Johnson et al., 2007).

128 ~~Potential Temperature (Θ)~~, salinity (S), oxygen (O₂) and beam attenuation data were
129 retrieved from the CTD sensors. We used the data from the CTD casts that were deployed ~~just~~
130 ~~immediatly~~ before or ~~just~~ after our TMR casts.

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132 3 Results and discussion

133 3.1 Clustering of stations

134 The presentation and discussion of results are organised by clusters, which were defined
135 considering the hydrography and the complex regional circulation. Water masses were
136 identified using ~~T_θ~~-S diagrams (Fig. 2).

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137 Cluster 1 includes TEW-1 and TEW-2 stations located at the north eastern flank of Kerguelen
138 Island and North of the ~~Polar Front (PF)~~, with shallow waters (~ 85 m bottom depth), low
139 salinity (33.6–33.8) and low density anomaly (<27.0 kg m⁻³). Below the surface mixed layer
140 (SML), the water masses can be defined as subsurface (shelf) waters.

141 Cluster 2 includes stations located above the central part of the Kerguelen Plateau (A3-1, A3-
142 2, G-1, and TEW-3, bottom depths lower than 600 m), and located south of the PF, with a
143 minimum of temperature around 200 m. At A3-1, stratification had not yet started and surface
144 water temperature was low (~ 1.7 °C) and typical of winter conditions. Stations A3-2 and G-1
145 presented similar water masses (Fig. 2). The SMLs were observed down to 125 m and 65m,
146 respectively. Below, Winter Water (WW) is encountered with temperatures around 1.7 °C at
147 225 m and 115-210 m, respectively. The inclusion of TEW-3 in cluster 2 is debatable given
148 its location at the plateau edge. Indeed, although TEW-3 can be considered as south of the PF,
149 its location within the ~~p~~Polar ~~F~~front Jet is likely more correct. However, a structure
150 comparable to A3-1, A3-2 and G-1 was observed below the surface waters with a WW
151 temperature just below 2 °C.

152 East of Kerguelen plateau, the PF presents a permanent meander (Park et al., 2014). This
153 meander delimits a region with a complex circulation including stations TEW-4, E-2, TEW-5,
154 E-3, E-4W-2, and E-5), and is defined as cluster 3. All these stations showed very similar ~~T_θ~~-
155 S profiles (Fig. 2). ~~The warmest sea surface temperatures were observed at station E-5. In the~~
156 ~~upper meters, the Surface Water (SW) was sampled, but~~ due to the decrease ~~of in~~ the mixed
157 layer depth (MLD) and progression into summer, ~~warmer water was sampled during the final~~
158 ~~station (station E-5)~~. Below the surface water (SW), a subsurface temperature minimum
159 (~1.7-1.8°C) was observed between 170 m and 220 m, characteristic of the WW (Fig. 2).

160 Below, the oxygen minimum around 600-800 m ($175 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$) can be attributed to the
161 Upper Circumpolar Deep Water (UCDW). Deeper in the water column (below 1300 m), the
162 salinity increased towards a salinity maximum (~ 34.75) indicating the presence of the Lower
163 Circumpolar Deep Water (LCDW).

164 Stations TEW-7 and F-L (cluster 4), located north of the PF and east of the Plateau presented
165 the warmest surface waters of the study (4.2°C) characteristic of the Sub-Antarctic Surface
166 Water (SASW). The Antarctic Intermediate Water (AAIW) occurred deeper, at 170 m (TEW-
167 7) and 290 m (F-L) (Fig. 2). Below the AAIW, the UCDW and the LCDW were encountered.

168 Station R-2, located in the HNLC area, stands on its own in cluster 5. A salinity minimum
169 (33.78) and a surface temperature maximum (2.0°C) were observed in the upper 100 m,
170 which is characteristic of the SW (Fig. 2). At 200 m, the temperature minimum (1.6°C) was
171 indicative of WW. The oxygen minimum ($170 \mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$) defined the upper circumpolar deep
172 water (UCDW). Deeper in the water column (below 1300 m), the salinity increased towards a
173 salinity maximum (~ 34.73) indicating the presence of the lower circumpolar deep water
174 (LCDW).

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176 **3.2 A general overview of dFe distributions**

177 Median dFe concentrations for the different water masses and clusters (2 to 5) are plotted on
178 Fig. 3.

179 In the surface waters, near-coastal stations presented the highest concentrations (2.10 ± 0.77
180 nmol L^{-1}). When considering the other stations, the lowest sea-surface concentrations were
181 found at station R-2 ($0.09 \pm 0.01 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$), while the highest were observed in cluster 4
182 ($0.26 \pm 0.09 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$). If we compare our results in the surface waters to the dataset compiled
183 by Tagliabue et al. (2012), R-2 had lower values than the mean value of the Indian-Antarctic
184 zone ($0.43 \pm 0.51 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$), whereas the mean value in cluster 4 was higher than the mean
185 value of the Indian-Subantarctic zone ($0.23 \pm 0.20 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$). Tagliabue et al. (2012) suggested
186 that the higher mean surface value in the Antarctic than in the Subantarctic zone could be due
187 to a lower biological activity in the former. In our study, the biological activity was much
188 lower at station R-2 (Antarctic zone) than in cluster 4 (Subantarctic zone). Indeed the highest

189 | integrated concentrations over 200_m for chlorophyll-*a* (Chl-*a*) were observed in cluster 4
190 | (223 mg m⁻² – 354 mg m⁻²) (Lasbleiz et al., 2014). So, the lower dFe value at R-2 compared
191 | to cluster 4 might not reflect differences in biological activity but, rather, in Fe inputs (see
192 | below).

193 | At intermediate depths, median dFe were not significantly different among clusters 2, 3, and 5
194 | in the WW (ANOVA, F=0.54, p=0.5904), suggesting that the whole area presented similar
195 | dFe concentrations at the surface during winter time. In cluster 4, dFe in the AAIW presented
196 | relatively high values (0.46±0.06 nmol L⁻¹), consistent with the high dFe values in the surface
197 | waters of the Antarctic zone (Tagliabue et al., 2012).

198 | In the deep waters (LCDW and UCDW), stations above the Plateau were enriched with Fe
199 | compared to all other clusters. When considering the ~~other~~-clusters in offshore waters, values
200 | for stations in cluster 4 (0.57±0.04 nmol L⁻¹) were significantly higher than those in clusters 3
201 | (0.41±0.09 nmol L⁻¹, Mann Whitney, W=3.0, p=0.0007) and in cluster 5 (0.33±0.02 nmol L⁻¹,
202 | Mann Whitney, W=45.0, p=0.003). This is consistent with the compilation by Tagliabue et al.
203 | (2012), which showed that deep values were higher in the Subantarctic zone than in the
204 | Antarctic zone (0.64±0.31 nmol L⁻¹ and 0.51±0.24 nmol L⁻¹, respectively). This difference
205 | was attributed to both higher ligand concentrations at depth (Thuróczy et al., 2011) and deep
206 | Fe inputs such as hydrothermal activity, with the greatest input in the Indian Subantarctic
207 | region (Tagliabue et al., 2012).

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209 **3.3 Coastal area (cluster 1)**

210 | TEW-1 and TEW-2 stations were sampled on the same day in order to provide a nearshore
211 | data set of dFe. Stations TEW-1 and TEW-2 were in shallow waters approximately 10 and 75
212 | kms away from Hillsborough Bay coast, respectively.

213 | Median profiles of dFe, with minimum and maximum values in this cluster, are shown on Fig.
214 | 4a. At station TEW-1, dFe concentrations were high (> 1.8 nmol L⁻¹, Table 1), and increased
215 | steadily from 15m depth (1.82 nmol L⁻¹) to 50m depth (2.58 nmol L⁻¹). Close to the seafloor a
216 | sharp increase at 62 m depth (3.82 nmol L⁻¹) was measured. These are the highest values

217 measured during this study. At TEW-2, dFe concentrations were lower than at TEW-1,
218 increasing from 1.26 nmol L⁻¹ in surface waters to 1.82 nmol L⁻¹ at 62 m depth.

219 Several studies have already measured dFe at near-coastal stations in the Southern Ocean
220 (Table 2). Around Kerguelen (KEOPS1-~~and 2~~), around Crozet (CROZEX), and around South
221 Shetland Island, dFe concentrations were within the same order of magnitude as the present
222 study (~ 2-4 nmol L⁻¹; Table 2). During ANTARES3 (Kerguelen), dFe concentrations were 5
223 to 10 fold higher (22.6 nmol L⁻¹). This discrepancy was already discussed (Blain et al., 2008)
224 and is likely partly due to methodological differences (0.4 µm filtration, nitric acid
225 acidification and 2-year storage).

226 The elevated dFe concentrations observed at near shore sites are most certainly indicative of
227 Fe sourced from the islands; a feature clearly evident during the present study and illustrated
228 in Fig. 5. This source is most likely a combination of direct island runoff, glacial melt and
229 resuspended sediments. High particle loads (as estimated by beam attenuation data) were
230 encountered throughout the water column of TEW-1 and TEW-2, with higher concentrations
231 at TEW-1, especially at 10 m depth and close to the seafloor (Fig. 6). Low salinities
232 (33.63±0.01, n=61) were also measured at TEW-1, which corroborates our hypothesis of
233 direct island runoff and/or glacial melt inputs. Moreover, the Ampère Glacier which is the
234 largest glacier from the Cook icecap (about 500 km²), thins rapidly over the last decade
235 (Berthier et al., 2009), especially towards the east of the icecap, up to 1.5m per year. This
236 discharge includes small basalt-derived particles (Frenot et al., 1995) and could partially
237 discharge in Hillsborough Bay (Y. Frenot, pers. comm.). Finally, TEW-1 showed the highest
238 lithogenic silica (LSi) concentrations of the study area (1.31 ± 0.14 µmol L⁻¹; Closset et al.,
239 2014; Lasbleiz et al., 2014) and TEW-2 showed slightly lower LSi concentrations (0.54 ±
240 0.02 µmol L⁻¹). Gradients in LSi and dFe are probably indicative of glacial melt inputs, Fe
241 being leached from nanoparticulate Fe (oxyhydr)oxides present in glacial rock flour (Raiswell
242 et al., 2010; Raiswell, 2011) and LSi being weathered from silicate rich minerals (SiO₂,
243 Doucet et al., 2005).

244 Sedimentary inputs (e.g. Johnson et al., 1999; Elrod et al., 2004; Chase et al., 2005; Lam et
245 al., 2006; Planquette et al., 2011; Homoky et al., 2013; Marsay et al., 2014) could also explain
246 the increased dFe concentrations encountered at both stations close to the seafloor (3.82 and

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247 1.82 nmol L⁻¹ at Stations TEW-1 and TEW-2, respectively). Unfortunately, particulate Fe
248 (pFe) concentrations were not measured at these near-coastal ~~waters~~locations to confirm
249 ~~sediment resuspension, making it difficult to confirm the dissolution of pFe (oxyhydr)oxides~~
250 ~~originating from pore water reduced Fe species (Shaw et al., 2011). However,~~but the fact that
251 the beam attenuation increased close to the seafloor of station TEW-1 (Fig. 6) and that high
252 dMn concentrations at TEW-1 (5.40 nmol L⁻¹) and TEW-2 (1.92 nmol L⁻¹) were also
253 measured (Qu  rou   et al., unpublished data) strongly supports this hypothesis.

254 Dissolved Fe concentrations in the water column may not only reflect sedimentary inputs but
255 also inputs from remineralization processes. However, since deciphering remineralization
256 from sedimentary inputs at shallow stations is difficult, remineralization process will only be
257 discussed for clusters 3, 4, and 5.

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259 3.4 Central Plateau area (cluster 2)

260 Similar dFe vertical profiles were observed at A3-2, G-1, and TEW-3 with low dFe
261 concentrations at the surface (~ 0.1-0.2 nmol L⁻¹, ~~Table 1~~), increasing towards the bottom, up
262 to 1.30 ± 0.01 nmol L⁻¹, 0.99 ± 0.01 nmol L⁻¹, and 0.37 ± 0.00 nmol L⁻¹, respectively (~~Fig.~~
263 ~~2~~(Table 1). Median profiles of dFe, with minimum and maximum values in this cluster, are
264 shown on Fig. 4b. At station A3-1, concentrations were higher in the SML (~ 0.3-0.4 nmol L⁻¹
265 ¹), then increased with depth below the SML up to 0.40 ± 0.01 nmol L⁻¹ at 350 m.

266 Over the Kerguelen Plateau, 24 shelf stations have been investigated during several cruises
267 (Table 2). The highest concentrations were measured during ANTARES3 (~ 6 nmol L⁻¹) in
268 the northern part of the Kerguelen Plateau at a station located 76 km away from the shore
269 (Station K4, 40_m). The lowest concentrations were measured during KEOPS1 (0.05 nmol L⁻¹
270 ¹) within the top 200 m of water. Above 100 m, lower concentrations were observed during
271 KEOPS1 compared to KEOPS2 (Table 2). This can be explained by a more advanced
272 phytoplankton bloom during KEOPS1 (summer conditions) than KEOPS2 (spring
273 conditions). In surface waters, dFe concentrations measured during KEOPS2 were of similar
274 magnitude than those measured in the vicinity of the South Shetland Islands (Nielsd  ttir et al.,
275 2012, Table 2).

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276 A deep Fe-enriched reservoir was also observed above the Kerguelen Plateau during KEOPS1
277 (Blain et al., 2008; Chever et al., 2010). Non reductive dissolution of resuspended sediments
278 is a potentially important source of dFe as observed at near-coastal stations (e.g. Homoky et
279 al., 2013). At station A3, high LSi concentrations ($1.34 \pm 0.07 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$; Lasbleiz et al., 2014)
280 were observed just above the seafloor in the benthic boundary layer (BBL), also suggesting
281 sedimentary inputs. This is corroborated by high pFe values at A3-1 and A3-2 (30 and 15
282 nmol L⁻¹ respectively) and pFe:pAl ratios that resemble basalt over the Kerguelen Plateau
283 (van der Merwe et al., 2015).

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284 The variability of the deep dFe concentrations above the Plateau may be due to variability in
285 sedimentary inputs in this highly dynamic region. All stations from this cluster except station
286 TEW-3 had high beam attenuation values close to the seafloor, which most likely indicates
287 the presence of resuspended particles at these depths (98% for TEW-3 vs. 92-97% for the
288 other three stations, Fig. 6). Marsay et al. (2014) performed a very detailed sampling of near-
289 bottom waters for dFe over the Ross Sea shelf and showed that dFe concentrations displayed
290 a quasi-exponential increase with depth, with a pronounced gradient towards the sea-floor.
291 When plotting our dFe data as a function of height above the seafloor, we also observed an
292 exponential increase with depth (Fig. 7). Clearly, at station TEW3, the least pronounced
293 gradient between dFe vs. height above seafloor was observed. TEW 3 dFe data were in the
294 lower range of dFe vs. height above the seafloor.

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295 Hydrothermal input may be an additional Fe source above the Kerguelen Plateau, more
296 particularly in the vicinity of the Heard Island. The Mn:Al ratio at this station is much lower
297 than any of the other stations 0.007-0.009 (van der Merwe et al., 2015) and very similar to the
298 Kerguelen Island Basalt mean of 0.004-0.010 (Gautier et al., 1990). This supports fresh
299 weathering of basalt downstream of A3, which may be glacial/fluviial runoff or hydrothermal.

300 Diffusion from pore waters is another important possible source of Fe for the BBL (Elrod et
301 al., 2004). When sediment receives large amount of organic carbon, it is covered by a fluff
302 layer composed mainly of broken cells, as observed during KEOPS1 for stations above the
303 Plateau (Armand et al., 2008). Diagenesis then produces suboxic/anoxic conditions, which are
304 key conditions to mobilize Fe because of the high solubility of the reduced Fe(II) form
305 (Walsh et al., 1988). Anoxic conditions were observed 2 cm below the sediment surface at the

306 A3 stations (P. Anschutz. pers. comm.) suggesting that, in pore waters above the plateau, Fe
307 could be in the reduced form and diffuse into the bottom water column. ~~Unfortunately, no~~
308 ~~pore water measurements were performed at G-1 and TEW-3 stations.~~

309 For all ~~the~~ stations in cluster 2, dFe minima were observed in the SML, which could reflect
310 biological uptake and/or particle scavenging. A significant decrease was observed in dFe
311 concentrations in the SML between A3-1 ($0.33 \pm 0.06 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$) and A3-2 ($0.15 \pm 0.02 \text{ nmol}$
312 L^{-1}) (t-test, $p < 0.05$). The first visit to site A3 (A3-1, 20 October) was characteristic of early
313 bloom conditions, while during the second visit 28 days later (A3-2, 17 November),
314 chlorophyll-a concentrations at the sea-surface increased by about three-fold as a consequence
315 of a large diatom bloom was observed (Fig. 6c) (Lasbleiz et al., 2014). Moreover, based on
316 the beam attenuation profiles, A3-2 seemed to have more particles (likely of biogenic origin)
317 than A3-1 within the top 200m. This is confirmed by the fact that at these depths, the Fe:Al
318 ratio at A3-2 is higher than A3-1 and in all cases, well above the crustal ratios. This may
319 indicate that more pFe of biogenic origin was present at A3-2 than at A3-1 (van der Merwe et
320 al., 2015), ~~and confirm an increased biological uptake at A3-2 compared to A3-1. Between~~
321 ~~the two visits, integrated dFe concentrations over 200_m decreased~~ ($62.6 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2}$ vs. 28.1
322 $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2}$), ~~while the bloom was developing~~ ($62.6 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2}$ vs. $28.1 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2}$), ~~associated~~
323 ~~with an increase in~~ concentrations of Chl a (106.2 mg m^{-2} vs. 371.7 mg m^{-2}) and particulate
324 organic carbon (POC) (from 1259 to 2267 mmolC m^{-2}) increased (Lasbleiz et al., 2014). The
325 decrease in dFe stock represents $\sim 35\%$ of the winter stock, defined as the dFe concentration
326 in the WW (0.51 nmol L^{-1}) multiplied by the depth of the temperature minimum (200_m)
327 (Blain et al., 2007). Taking into account the decrease in dFe stock and the increase in POC
328 stock, the Fe:C ratio of the biomass that developed between the two visits at A3 can be
329 estimated to equal $34 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$, a ratio consistent with literature values for diatoms in Fe-
330 replete waters of the Southern Ocean (Sunda and Huntsman, 1995; Sunda, 1997; Twining et
331 al., 2004; Sarthou et al., 2005). Although this is a rough estimate which does not take into
332 account any additional inputs or removal processes, this result indicates that the dFe decrease
333 between A3-1 and A3-2 could be due, at least partly, to biological uptake.

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335 3.5 Recirculation area (cluster 3)

336 Median profiles of dFe, with minimum and maximum values in this cluster, are shown on Fig.
337 4c. A two-way ANOVA, based on depth and location (i.e. station), showed that location had a
338 significant effect on dFe variability ($F=24.92$, $df=5$, $P<0.01$). It defined five homogeneous
339 groups from the 6 stations tested (E-2/E-5, E-5/TEW-4, TEW-4/TEW-5, TEW-5/E-4W-2, and
340 E-3), showing the strong variability of vertical dFe distributions in this cluster. Stations E-2
341 and E-5 showed very low concentrations near the sea-surface (from 0.06 nmol L^{-1} to 0.10
342 nmol L^{-1}) and a gradual increase with depth ($\sim 0.37\text{-}0.39 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$, at 1300 m) (Table 1). A
343 dFe maximum was observed at intermediate depths (500-600 m, $0.34\text{-}0.43 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$). The dFe
344 profile at station TEW-4 is homogeneous below 150 m. The dFe maximum at 600 m is 0.39
345 nmol L^{-1} and, at 1300 m, dFe reaches 0.42 nmol L^{-1} .

346 Concentrations at stations TEW-5 and E-4W-2 were close to those at stations TEW-4 in the
347 upper 150 m ($0.11\text{-}0.22 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$), but these stations showed higher concentrations at
348 intermediate depths (150-200 m, $0.21\text{-}0.30 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$). Below 150-200 m, concentrations
349 reached values of $\sim 0.4 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$, except for the deepest value at station E-4W-2 (0.61 ± 0.02
350 nmol L^{-1} , 1100 m). This sampling depth was located less than 200 m away from the seafloor
351 and was associated with an increase in beam attenuation (see Fig. 6), which indicated a high
352 number of particles and potential sedimentary inputs.

353 Station E-3 had high surface dFe concentrations at 40 m ($0.38 \pm 0.03 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$) followed by a
354 minimum at 100 m ($0.22 \pm 0.01 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$) (Table 1). A subsurface dFe maximum was
355 observed at intermediate depth (300 m, $0.50 \pm 0.01 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$) while concentrations remained
356 homogenous at deeper depths ($0.52 \pm 0.01 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$).

357 In this cluster, dFe concentrations were comparable to concentrations measured at stations off
358 Crozet plateau that were not under HNLC conditions (Planquette et al., 2007). However
359 during KEOPS2, water column dFe concentrations were lower than those observed during
360 ANTARES 3 and in the South Shetland Islands sites, most likely due to the greater distance
361 of the KEOPS2 stations from the shore (Table 2).

362 The ~~maximum-higher~~ sea-surface dFe concentrations at stations TEW-4, E-4W-2, and E-3,
363 may be indicative of atmospheric inputs. ~~In the Southern Ocean, atmospheric inputs are~~
364 ~~considered to be small compared to the northern hemisphere because of its remoteness from~~

365 land masses (Jickells et al., 2005; Mahowald et al., 2005; Wagener et al., 2008). However, a
366 recent study performed in the Kerguelen region showed that atmospheric deposition fluxes
367 have historically been underestimated (Heimburger et al., 2013). The NOAA HYSPLIT 1-day
368 backward trajectory atmospheric model supports the hypothesis of an atmospheric input from
369 the Kerguelen Island for stations E-4W-2 and E-3, as it shows that air masses flowed over the
370 Island the day before we sampled these stations (Fig. 8). However no particulate aluminium
371 (pAl, a proxy for atmospheric inputs) surface enrichment in the recirculation area was
372 observed during the study (van der Merwe et al., 2015), suggesting that air-masses were not
373 carrying enough aerosols to enhance pAl surface concentrations. Moreover, Bowie et al.
374 (2014) showed that atmospheric inputs were in the order of $50 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$ which is
375 insignificant compared to the lateral supply of dFe in the same area $180\text{-}2400 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$.
376 For stations TEW-4, the 1-day and 5-day backward trajectories did not show any evidence of
377 air masses flowing over potentially dry dust emission areas, suggesting other sources of Fe at
378 sea surface (Fig. 8). Significant ^{224}Ra and ^{223}Ra activities were detected in offshore waters
379 south of the Polar Front (Sanial et al., 2015). These observations clearly indicated that
380 dissolved sediment-derived inputs of Ra can be rapidly transferred towards offshore waters.
381 These Ra-enriched waters could also be enriched with dissolved sediment-derived Fe.

382 Within the waters characterised by an oxygen minimum, remineralization of sinking organic
383 matter may exert a primary control on dFe distribution. To assess this hypothesis, we looked
384 at the relationship between dFe and the apparent oxygen utilisation (AOU), from the start of
385 the oxycline ($\sim 150\text{-}200 \text{ m}$) to the bottom of the UCDW ($700\text{-}1100 \text{ m}$). In these waters, the
386 AOU indicates the amount of oxygen that has been consumed during remineralization since
387 the waters left the surface, whereas dFe concentration equals the preformed dFe plus any dFe
388 released from remineralization, minus any dFe scavenged by particles (Hatta et al., 2014).
389 Dissolved Fe concentrations showed a significant positive correlation with the AOU for all
390 the stations in the recirculation area (ANOVA, $p < 0.01$), meaning that remineralization was
391 likely a significant source of dFe at these depths. Station E-3 clearly presented a different
392 behaviour compared to the other stations of cluster 3 (Fig. 98). Indeed, although the slopes
393 were not significantly different ($0.0016 \pm 0.0003 \text{ mmol mol}^{-1}$ for E-3 and $0.0018 \pm 0.0002 \text{ mmol}$
394 mol^{-1} for all stations except E-3, ANOVA, $p > 0.1$), the intercepts were different (0.26 ± 0.05
395 nmol L^{-1} for E-3 and $0.08 \pm 0.03 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$ for all the other stations, ANOVA, $p < 0.01$). This

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396 suggests that a pre-formed dFe signal was present at E-3, which could explain the highest dFe
397 values observed at this station. Using this slope of the dFe:AOU relationship and a modified
398 oxygen consumption ratio of 1.6 moles O₂ per mole of carbon remineralized (Martin et al.,
399 1987), a net Fe:C ratio for the remineralization process equal to 2.6-2.9 μmol mol⁻¹ was
400 estimated. This ratio is very similar to Fe:C ratios of Fe-limited diatoms from culture studies
401 and in-situ Southern Ocean data (Martin et al., 1987; Sunda, 1997; Sarthou et al., 2005).

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403 **3.6 North pPolar Ffront stations (cluster 4)**

404 Stations TEW-7 and F-L were located northeast of the ~~Polar-Front~~, approximately 270 and
405 313 km northeast of Kerguelen Island with bottom depths of 2500 m and 2700 m,
406 respectively. These stations presented comparable vertical profiles (Fig. 4d). In the upper 50
407 m, dFe concentrations were depleted at 0.22 and 0.17 nmol L⁻¹ (at 40 m at station TEW-7, and
408 35 m at station F-L, respectively) and then gradually increased within the mesopelagic zone to
409 finally reach 0.59 nmol L⁻¹ at 1300 m depth (Station TEW-7) and 0.67 nmol L⁻¹ at 1000m
410 depth (Station F-L).

411 During ANTARES 3, station K14, which was also sampled northeast of the ~~Polar-Front~~,
412 exhibited higher values ~~than those measured during KEOPS2, especially~~ at the surface (4.11
413 nmol L⁻¹ at 40 m depth). This was interpreted as the result of a mixing between SASW and
414 water masses coming from the West and enriched by sweeping the plateau (Bucciarelli et al.,
415 2001), at a time when no significant sink occurred (beginning of spring, ~ 0.4 μg L⁻¹ of Chl-
416 a).

417 During KEOPS2, however, the decrease in dFe concentrations within the SASW, around 35-
418 40 m depth, can result from biological uptake. This is suggested by the high biomass reported
419 at stations TEW-7 and F-L (Lasbleiz et al., 2014), with the highest integrated concentrations
420 over 200m for Chl-a (> 220 mg m⁻²), biogenic silica (> 300 mmol Si m⁻²), particulate organic
421 carbon (> 1200 mmol C m⁻²), particulate organic nitrogen (> 200 mmol N m⁻²), and
422 particulate organic phosphorus (> 30 mmol P m⁻²). This biological uptake is also reflected in
423 the composition of suspended particles (van der Merwe et al., 2015). In surface waters, higher
424 pFe:pAl elemental ratios were observed compared to those from the base of the SML, which

425 is indicative of a conversion of dFe into biogenic pFe. However, compared to the less
426 productive recirculation area (see section 3.5), the surface dFe concentrations are higher by
427 0.1 nmol L^{-1} . This could be explained by the fact that, like during ANTARES 3, a portion of
428 the water masses found at TEW-7 and F-L likely interacted more with both the plateau and
429 shallow coastal waters of Kerguelen Island than the water masses from the recirculation area.
430 This hypothesis is supported by the general circulation in this region (Park et al., 2014) that
431 shows that water masses are carried northwards between the island and the recirculation area
432 and finally looped back east of the recirculation area. A Lagrangian model of Fe transport
433 based on altimetry (d'Ovidio et al., 2014) also confirms that the waters at F-L and TEW-7 are
434 mainly coming from the northern part of plateau. Moreover, close to the seafloor, van der
435 Merwe et al. (2015) observed high values of pFe, pMn, and pAl, likely due to sediment
436 resuspension.

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437 As for the recirculation area, dFe concentrations in the mesopelagic zone may also reflect
438 remineralization processes. Dissolved Fe concentrations present a significant positive
439 relationship with AOU for both stations ($d\text{Fe} = 0.0014 \pm 0.0003 * \text{AOU} + 0.32 \pm 0.03$, $n = 5$, r^2
440 $= 90\%$, $p < 0.05$, and $d\text{Fe} = 0.0020 \pm 0.0005 * \text{AOU} + 0.24 \pm 0.07$, $n = 7$, $r^2 = 74\%$, $p < 0.05$ for
441 stations TEW-7 and F-L, respectively). The two slopes are not significantly different
442 (ANOVA, $p > 0.1$). When combining the two data sets (Fig. 89), the slope is also not
443 significantly different from the slope in the recirculation area (ANOVA, $p > 0.1$), suggesting
444 that Fe and C are remineralized at the same rates in both regions ($\text{Fe:C} \sim 2 \text{ } \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$).
445 However, the intercept is significantly different from the intercept of the recirculation area
446 (without the station E-3, see above) and from zero (ANOVA, $p < 0.01$), suggesting the
447 presence of preformed Fe in these waters.

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449 3.7 The HNLC station (cluster 5)

450 At station R-2, dissolved Fe concentrations were low within surface waters ($\sim 0.1 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$)
451 and highest at 500 m depth (0.39 nmol L^{-1}) (Fig. 4e). Below 500 m, dFe concentrations
452 decreased to a value of $\sim 0.30 \text{ nmol L}^{-1}$.

453 The KEOPS, CROZEX and South Shetland Islands studies (Planquette et al., 2007; Blain et
454 al., 2008; Nielsdóttir et al., 2012) presented comparable ranges of dFe at open ocean stations
455 (Table 2). Dissolved Fe concentrations at R-2 were similar to those observed during KEOPS1
456 at C11 and the Kerfix station within the upper 170 m of the water column, but also between
457 700 and 1300 m (Blain et al., 2008). However, dFe concentrations were up to 6.5 fold higher
458 between 200 and 500 m at R-2 compared to C-11 and Kerfix, despite the close proximity of
459 Kerfix and R-2.

460 While sea-surface lithogenic silica (LSi) concentrations (Lasbleiz et al., 2014) were low at
461 station R-2 ($< 0.042 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$), they were maximum at 500 m depth ($0.12 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$).
462 Particulate Fe, manganese and aluminium (fraction between 1 μm and 55 μm) enrichments
463 were also observed at 500 m (van der Merwe et al., 2015). These authors also observed a
464 unique particulate trace metal composition signature at this station, which could originate
465 from the Leclaire Rise, contrasting with the basaltic signature observed above the Kerguelen
466 Plateau (Doucet et al., 2005). The Leclaire Rise is a remarkable oceanic feature that consists
467 of a submerged volcano with an area of 6,500 km^2 , with the shallowest depth up to 100 m. It
468 is located 75 km north west of R-2 and could release dissolved and particulate material.

469 Similarly to clusters 3 and 4, remineralization may also partly explain dFe concentrations in
470 the mesopelagic zone ($d\text{Fe} = 0.0012 \pm 0.0002 * \text{AOU} + 0.22 \pm 0.02$, $n = 6$, $r^2 = 91.8\%$, $p < 0.01$).
471 Fe and C are also remineralized at the same rates as in clusters 3 and 4 (ANOVA, $p > 0.1$) and
472 the intercept, significantly different from zero (ANOVA, $p < 0.01$), confirms the hypothesis
473 of dFe sedimentary inputs at this station.

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475 **4 Conclusions**

476 This third cruise over the Kerguelen Plateau allowed new insights into dFe sources and
477 internal cycling. ~~Atmospheric inputs were negligible during the KEOPS2 cruise while direct~~
478 runoff, glacial and sedimentary inputs can all be considered as important sources of dFe in the
479 vicinity of Kerguelen Island. Remineralization of sinking particles can explain the high
480 concentrations of dFe in intermediate waters offshore. The strong jet of the PF was enriched
481 with dFe from the north of the plateau as it flowed northward close to Kerguelen Island and
482 later eastward to loop back into the recirculation area. This fertilised surface waters of the

483 eastern part of the studied area. Furthermore, filaments crossing the PF allowed a more direct
484 natural Fe fertilisation of surface water in the recirculation area. Due to variable water mass
485 origin and variable horizontal advection mechanism (along or across the PF), the recirculation
486 area evidenced strong dFe concentration variability. The PF is an important Southern Ocean
487 feature that should not be neglected with regards to Southern Ocean fertilisation offshore
488 from the Kerguelen Plateau through fast lateral Fe transport from the north of the Kerguelen
489 Plateau.

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718 **Figure captions**

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720 Figure 1: Map showing the bathymetry of the area and the stations visited during KEOPS2
721 (~~red-yellow-orange for cluster 1, green for Cluster 2, blue-violet for cluster 3, brown for~~
722 ~~cluster 4, and grey for cluster 5 dots~~), ~~ANTARES3 (black dots; Bucciarelli et al., 2001), and~~
723 KEOPS1 (blue dots; Blain et al., 2008), ~~and ANTARES3 (black dots; Bucciarelli et al.,~~
724 ~~2001)~~. The dashed line represents the approximate location of the ~~p~~Polar ~~F~~front (200 m) (Park
725 et al., 2014).

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727 Figure 2: Temperature-Salinity diagram for stations sampled during KEOPS2 for dissolved
728 iron. Water masses are indicated in black, and station names in grey. The same colour code as
729 used in Figure 1 applies here.

730 (A) Clusters 1 and 2: near-coastal (TEW-1, TEW-2) and Kerguelen Plateau (A3-1, A3-2, G-1,
731 TEW-3) stations. Three water masses are displayed: surface water (SW), winter water (WW),
732 upper circumpolar deep water (UCDW). (B) Cluster 3: the recirculation area (E-2, TEW-4,
733 TEW-5, E-3, E-4W-2, ~~E2~~, E-5). Four water masses are displayed: surface water (SW), winter
734 water (WW), upper circumpolar deep water (UCDSW), lower circumpolar deep water
735 (LCDW). (C) Clusters 4 and 5: north of the polar front (F-L, TEW-7) and the HNLC area
736 (R2). Five water masses are displayed: sub-antarctic surface water (SASW), antarctic
737 intermediate water (AAIW), winter water (WW), upper circumpolar deep water (UCDSW),
738 lower circumpolar deep water (LCDW).

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740 Figure 3: A boxplot of the dFe concentrations in each water mass present in clusters 2 to 5:
741 Surface waters (SW and SASW), winter waters (WW), Antarctic intermediate water (AAIW),
742 and lower and upper circumpolar deep water (LCDW and UCDW). Median values are
743 indicated by a horizontal line within the box, the box represents the interquartile range, and
744 the whiskers extend to ~~the~~ 5th and 95th percentile values. Data from cluster 1 are not shown to
745 allow a clearer representation better view of the other clusters.

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747 Figure 4: Vertical distribution of dFe concentrations measured in clusters 1 (a), 2 (b), 3 (c), 4
748 (d) and 5 (e) showing the median dFe (solid line with crosses). The interquartile range defined
749 as the range around the median containing 50% of the data is given between the two dotted
750 lines.

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752 Figure 5: Concentrations of dFe (nmol L⁻¹) over the East-West transect. The PF position is
753 indicated with black dashed lines. Stations TEW-1, TEW-2, TEW-3, TEW-4, E-2, TEW-5,
754 TEW-7 and F-L were included in this section as they were sampled consecutively in a short
755 time period (7 days) (Table 1).

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757 Figure 6. ~~(a) Dissolved Fe concentrations, (b) and~~ beam attenuation coefficient ~~(b), and (c)~~
758 ~~total chlorophyll-a concentrations (from Lasbleiz et al., 2014)~~ at near-coastal stations (cluster
759 1, TEW-1 and TEW-2), stations above the Plateau (cluster 2, A3-1, A3-2, G-1 and TEW-3)
760 and at E-4W-2. The same colour code as used in Figure 1 applies here.

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762 Figure 7: Dissolved Fe concentrations as a function of height above seafloor for all the
763 stations of cluster 2. Bottom depths are taken from the CTD data. The same colour code as
764 used in Figure 1 applies here. Grey circles represent data from station TEW-3, black squares
765 from station A3-1, black circles from station A3-2 and white circles from station G-1.

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767 ~~Figure 8: One day back trajectory air masses analysis at elevations of 10 (red), 500 (blue) and~~
768 ~~1000 (green) meter determined by the NOAA-HYSPLIT (Hybrid Single Particle Lagrangian~~
769 ~~Integrated Trajectory; NOAA Air Resource Laboratory) model. The back trajectories start at~~
770 ~~the station location at the sampling time.~~

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772 Figure 98: dFe vs. AOU in the recirculation area at stations E-2, E-5, TEW-4, TEW-5, E-4-
773 W-2 (black dots), E-3 (gray dots), R-2 (white dots), and TEW-7 and F-L (white squares). The
774 deeper dFe concentration at station E-4W-2 was not included since the observed sedimentary

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775 | inputs would have masked the remineralization signal. The same colour code as used in
776 | Figure 1 applies here.

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779 Table 1. Station name, longitude, latitude, sampling date, mixed layer depth (MLD), station
 780 bottom depth, location, dissolved iron concentrations (dFe) and standard deviation (STD)
 781 during KEOPS2. MLD were estimated using, as a reference, potential densities at both 10 m
 782 and 20 m. When estimates are different, both values are given.

Station	Long [degree- east]	Lat [degree- north south h]	Date	MLD [m]	Bot depth [m]	Depth [m]	dFe [nmol L ⁻¹]	STD [nmol L ⁻¹]
A3-1	72.06	-50.62	20/10/11	<u>164-165</u>	530	45	0.28	0.00
						105	0.40	0.01
						160	0.32	0.02
						340	0.53	0.03
R2	66.68	-50.38	26/10/11	<u>76-95</u>	2500	40	0.09	0.01
						70	0.08	0.01
						100	0.17	0.00
						140	0.18	0.01
						170	0.12	0.01
						200	0.27	0.00
						235	0.26	0.00
						300	0.33	0.01
						350	0.35	0.01
						400	0.38	0.01
						500	0.39	0.01
						700	0.28	0.02
TEW-1	69.83	-49.13	31/10/11	32-42	86	15	1.82	0.38
						40	2.52	0.12
						50	2.58	0.16
						62	3.82	0.04
TEW-2	70.65	-48.88	31/10/11	40-70	85	15	1.26	0.03
						30	1.61	0.02
						40	1.70	0.14
						50	1.80	0.07
TEW-3	71.02	-48.78	31/10/11	16-94	560	62	1.82	0.01
						20	0.19	0.02
						40	0.12	0.02
						70	0.09	0.01
						100	0.21	0.00

Station	Long [degree east]	Lat [degree north south h]	Date	MLD [m]	Bot depth [m]	Depth [m]	dFe [nmol L ⁻¹]	STD [nmol L ⁻¹]
						150	0.19	0.01
						200	0.19	0.01
TEW-4	71.62	-48.62	1/11/11	20-33 95	1600	300	0.26	0.01
						400	0.37	0.00
						480	0.52	0.01
						40	0.17	0.02
						70	0.15	0.01
						100	0.20	0.01
						150	0.10	0.01
						200	0.11	0.00
						300	0.21	0.00
						400	0.30	0.00
						500	0.36	0.01
						600	0.39	0.01
						700	0.35	0.01
						1000	0.40	0.00
						1300	0.42	0.01
E-2	72.07	-48.52	1/11/11	42- 43	2000	40	0.08	0.01
						70	0.08	0.00
						100	0.10	0.00
						150	0.07	0.01
						200	0.18	0.00
						300	0.22	0.01
						400	0.23	0.01
						500	0.28	0.01
						600	0.34	0.01
						700	0.28	0.01
						1000	0.37	0.01
						1300	0.37	0.01
TEW-5	72.78	-48.47	1/11/11	22-56	2250	40	0.12	0.01
						70	0.13	0.01
						100	0.16	0.01
						150	0.16	0.02
						200	0.21	0.08
						300	0.30	0.01
						400	0.39	0.01
						500	0.36	0.01
						600	0.31	0.01

Station	Long [degree east]	Lat [degree north south h]	Date	MLD [m]	Bot depth [m]	Depth [m]	dFe [nmol L ⁻¹]	STD [nmol L ⁻¹]
						700	0.34	0.01
						1000	0.44	0.01
TEW-7	73.98	-48.45	2/11/11	22-24	2500	1300	0.42	0.01
						20	0.39	0.02
						40	0.22	0.02
						150	0.40	0.04
						200	0.46	0.02
						300	0.46	0.02
						400	0.48	0.02
						1000	0.56	0.01
						1300	0.59	0.02
E-3	71.97	-48.70	3/11/11	32-35	1900	20	0.38	0.03
						40	0.31	0.02
						70	0.22	0.01
						100	0.24	0.01
						130	0.24	0.02
						200	0.33	0.01
						300	0.50	0.01
						400	0.46	0.01
						600	0.50	0.02
						800	0.50	0.02
						1000	0.50	0.01
						1300	0.52	0.01
F-L	74.65	-48.52	7/11/11	47	2700	20	0.26	0.02
						35	0.17	0.03
						60	0.30	0.00
						100	0.33	0.01
						200	0.48	0.03
						300	0.40	0.03
						400	0.40	0.01
						600	0.56	0.03
						800	0.61	0.02
						1000	0.67	0.03
						1300	0.61	0.05
A3-2	72.05	-50.62	16/11/11	123	525	37	0.18	0.02
						70	0.14	0.01
						108	0.14	0.01
						210	0.51	0.01

Station	Long [degree east]	Lat [degree north south]	Date	MLD [m]	Bot depth [m]	Depth [m]	dFe [nmol L ⁻¹]	STD [nmol L ⁻¹]
						300	0.66	0.01
						400	0.81	0.02
G-1	71.88	-49.90	9/11/11	60-68	590	450	1.04	0.00
						480	1.30	0.01
						20	0.21	0.04
						40	0.13	0.01
						70	0.23	0.01
						100	0.17	0.01
						150	0.19	0.01
						200	0.18	0.01
						250	0.24	0.01
						300	0.49	0.01
						350	0.67	0.01
						400	0.74	0.02
						500	0.59	0.02
						540	0.99	0.01
E-4W-2	71.42	-48.75	18/11/11	26-35	1390	20	0.20	0.01
						40	0.16	0.01
						70	0.15	0.01
						100	0.11	0.00
						150	0.22	0.01
						180	0.28	0.00
						230	0.28	0.01
						300	0.35	0.01
						500	0.41	0.01
						700	0.42	0.01
						900	0.40	0.00
						1100	0.61	0.02
E-5	71.88	-48.40	19/11/11	365- 41	1920	25	0.06	0.01
						40	0.06	0.00
						70	0.10	0.00
						110	0.08	0.01
						150	0.11	0.01
						200	0.14	0.01
						350	0.23	0.00
						500	0.43	0.01
						700	0.37	0.00
						900	0.34	0.01

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783 Table 2. Concentrations of dissolved iron (nmol L^{-1}) for various Southern Ocean regions influenced by natural iron fertilisation. Near-coastal
 784 and shelf water stations were defined as stations where the bottom depth was less than 100 m and between 100m and 500 m depth,
 785 respectively. Furthermore near-coastal stations were less than 25 km distant from shore. The recirculation area corresponds to the P_{polar}
 786 F_{front} meander at the North-East of the Kerguelen Islands.

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Location	Near-coastal	Shelf water	Recirculation	North P_{polar} F_{front}	HNLC	Sampling period	Reference
Kerguelen	1.26-3.82	0.09-1.30		0.17-0.67	0.08-0.39	spring	This Study
	0.78-0.81	0.05-0.71	0.08-0.17	-	0.05-0.38	summer	Blain et al., 2008
	5.04-22.60	0.26-1.74	0.46-2.71	0.88-4.11	-	spring	Bucciarelli et al., 2001
Crozet	0.39-2.16	0.15-0.42	-	0.22-0.38	0.20-0.40	late spring	Planquette et al., 2007
South Georgia	-	0.065-1.321	-	-	-	summer	Nielsdóttir et al., 2012
South Oarkney	0.966-2.275	-	-	-	-	summer	Nielsdóttir et al., 2012
South Shetland	>3	1.2-2.6	-	-	-	winter	Hatta et al., 2013
	0.8-2.2	-	-	-	-	late summer	Klunder et al., 2014

