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Supporting Information for

**Isotopic (δ13C and δ15N) constraint on water column oxygen sinks in the Pearl River Estuary, south China**

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**Introduction**

This supplement provided within this article includes data supporting the conclusions.

**Data Table S1** The DO concentrations, hydro-chemical parameters and isotopic compositions (δ13C and δ15N) of POC and NH4+ during different cruises in the Pearl River Estuary (blank: surface water; shadow: bottom water)

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| Seasons | Station | Longitude  [°E] | Latitude  [°N]  [°N] | Temp  [°C]  [°C] | Salinity  [psu] | SPM  [mg L-1] | Chl a  [μg L-1] | DO  [mg L-1] | POC  [μM] | NH4+  [μM] | δ13POC  [‰] | δ13DIC  [‰] | δ15NH4+  [‰] |
| Autumn | ZJ00 | 113.58 | 22.83 | 20.4 | 2.4 | 13.3 | 14.8 | 6.33 | 63.3 | 22.8 | −28.3 | −6.29 | 14.1 |
|  |  |  | 20.3 | 5.9 | 28.0 | 11.6 | 6.37 | 106.9 | 22.3 | −27.9 | −6.50 | 13.3 |
| ZJ01 | 113.62 | 22.77 | 22 | 5 | 14.6 | 8.1 | 5.6 | 51.4 | 16.8 | −28.2 | −6.70 | 12.9 |
|  |  |  | 22.1 | 5.6 | 16.5 | 7.2 | 5.76 | 57.3 | 18.1 | −28.2 | −6.86 | 10.5 |
| ZJ02 | 113.69 | 22.69 | 21.8 | 4.9 | 10.6 | 2.8 | 8.57 | 40.8 | 16.0 | −28.4 | −6.99 | 10.6 |
|  |  |  | 21.8 | 9.2 | 20.4 | 1.7 | 8.32 | 47.7 | 12.9 | −27.1 | −6.35 | 8.4 |
| ZJ03 | 113.72 | 22.6 | 22.1 | 5.9 | 18 | 5.6 | 8.73 | 52.2 | 10.8 | −28.8 | −7.17 | 9.2 |
|  |  |  | 22.2 | 7.0 | 19.5 | 2.6 | 7.96 | 56.2 | 16.9 | −27.8 | −6.57 | 8.7 |
| ZJ04 | 113.75 | 22.52 | 20.8 | 14.7 | 13.6 | 1.6 | 8.04 | 35.8 | 22.6 | −27.5 | −4.29 | 7.8 |
|  |  |  | 21.0 | 13.0 | 19.8 | 1.6 | 8.36 | 37.5 | 25.0 | −26.7 | −4.77 | 9.6 |
| ZJ05 | 113.75 | 22.44 | 20.3 | 17.6 | 51.6 | 0.9 | 8.56 | 41.1 | 23.3 | −26.2 | −3.49 | 9.9 |
|  |  |  | 20.8 | 22.4 | 43.1 | 0.9 | 8.52 | 37.0 | 21.6 | −25.8 | −3.15 | 9.6 |
| ZJ06 | 113.74 | 22.35 | 20.4 | 22.1 | 36.6 | 1.4 | 9.33 | 35.6 | 14.3 | −25.3 | −2.66 | 9.2 |
|  |  |  | 20.6 | 22.6 | 44.0 | 1.6 | 8.08 | 42.5 | 16.2 | −25.1 | −2.51 | 9.7 |
| ZJ07 | 113.74 | 22.25 | 21.8 | 19.8 | 16.4 | 2.9 | 9.38 | 35.3 | 14.7 | −26.4 | −3.64 | 9.0 |
|  |  |  | 22.6 | 21.3 | 26.8 | 1.8 | 8.12 | 31.9 | 10.1 | −24.7 | −2.17 | 7.6 |
| ZJ08 | 113.76 | 22.14 | 22.5 | 18.5 | 16.8 | 2 | 8.85 | 34.3 | 11.8 | −25.0 | −3.25 | 8.0 |
|  |  |  | 22.2 | 26.2 | 26.4 | 1.6 | 7.79 | 28.8 | 6.7 | −24.6 | −0.82 | 8.2 |
| ZJ09 | 113.83 | 22.04 | 22.1 | 32.1 | 18.8 | 1.4 | 8.16 | 23.5 | 1.0 | −24.2 | 0.11 | 6.6 |
|  |  |  | 22.2 | 30.1 | 21.0 | 1.5 | 8.40 | 23.6 | 1.4 | −24.5 | 0.05 | 4.3 |
| Winter | GZ01 | 113.27 | 23.06 | 17.4 | 0.1 | 31 | 21.1 | 5.36 | 213.3 | 169.7 | −28.7 | −8.53 | 20.3 |
| GZ02 | 113.35 | 23.04 | 17.4 | 0.2 | 34.5 | 23.3 | 4.63 | 197.4 | 167.5 | −28.7 | −9.18 | 17.0 |
| GZ03 | 113.41 | 23.05 | 17.3 | 0.2 | 37 | 24.5 | 3.81 | 223.1 | 173.4 | −28.8 | −8.19 | 13.1 |
| GZ04 | 113.47 | 23.07 | 17.6 | 0.8 | 46 | 21.4 | 2.35 | 204.6 | 124.3 | −28.4 | −7.36 | 25.0 |
| HM01 | 113.53 | 22.98 | 16.2 | 3.2 | 9.8 | 3.4 | 4.22 | 58.2 | 23.5 | −30.1 | −6.74 | 36.6 |
|  |  |  | 15.6 | 6.2 | 29.7 | 2.5 | 4.43 | 80.9 | 34.6 | −29.5 | −6.38 | 29.4 |
| HM02 | 113.56 | 22.91 | 16.3 | 4.1 | 12 | 1.8 | 5.16 | 64.1 | 29.0 | −26.8 | −6.75 | 30.0 |
|  |  |  | 15.6 | 8.0 | 18.3 | 1.7 | 5.80 | 56.8 | 24.3 | −26.9 | −5.94 | 26.3 |
| ZJ00 | 113.58 | 22.83 | 16.1 | 5.5 | 14.7 | 2.4 | 6.25 | 62.0 | 20.6 | −26.9 | −6.13 | 26.0 |
|  |  |  | 15.6 | 13.4 | 27.0 | 1.4 | 6.66 | 58.1 | 43.1 | −26.0 | −4.99 | 20.4 |
| ZJ01 | 113.62 | 22.77 | 16.5 | 9.3 | 11.5 | 1 | 7.31 | 43.7 | 27.1 | −26.6 | −5.41 | 22.4 |
|  |  |  | 15.6 | 13.8 | 17.8 | 0.8 | 7.63 | 34.3 | 26.6 | −26.0 | −3.97 | 19.3 |
| ZJ02 | 113.69 | 22.69 | 18.2 | 13.8 | 5.8 | 2.3 | 7.47 | 36.4 | 32.5 | −26.7 | −4.60 | 18.3 |
|  |  |  | 16.7 | 15.6 | 10.2 | 1.8 | 7.63 | 35.8 | 35.6 | −26.2 | −4.28 | 18.1 |
| ZJ03 | 113.72 | 22.6 | 17 | 10.1 | 10.2 | 4.7 | 9.25 | 54.5 | 31.2 | −25.9 | −4.68 | 18.4 |
|  |  |  | 16.1 | 19.5 | 9.8 | 2.4 | 8.73 | 35.7 | 22.9 | −25.4 | −4.18 | 16.4 |
| ZJ04 | 113.75 | 22.52 | 17.4 | 22.7 | 24 | 11.3 | 9.74 | 93.4 | 21.1 | −24.5 | −3.53 | 19.3 |
|  |  |  | 17.1 | 20.9 | 15.3 | 6.3 | 8.52 | 56.2 | 21.7 | −24.6 | −2.25 | 18.8 |
| ZJ05 | 113.75 | 22.44 | 17.7 | 18 | 12.4 | 8.2 | 9.99 | 68.6 | 29.8 | −23.7 | −2.65 | 12.4 |
|  |  |  | 17.5 | 22.4 | 45.3 | 3.7 | 8.85 | 67.4 | 10.5 | −24.1 | −1.71 | 15.3 |
| ZJ06 | 113.74 | 22.35 | 18 | 19.8 | 11.1 | 8.1 | 9.74 | 75.2 | 27.6 | −24.7 | −3.01 | 17.8 |
|  |  |  | 17.3 | 22.4 | 15.1 | 8.4 | 8.93 | 63.1 | 19.7 | −23.6 | −1.94 | 17.5 |
| ZJ07 | 113.74 | 22.25 | 18.4 | 27.7 | 7.2 | 4.2 | 9.17 | 59.7 | 9.7 | −23.3 | −1.42 | 13.9 |
|  |  |  | 18.0 | 22.7 | 8.0 | 3.6 | 9.05 | 51.5 | 27.6 | −24.0 | −1.48 | 18.8 |
| ZJ08 | 113.76 | 22.14 | 17.3 | 25.7 | 20 | 2.6 | 8.48 | 40.4 | 1.4 | −22.0 | 0.08 | 9.4 |
|  |  |  | 16.9 | 32.4 | 6.8 | 3.5 | 8.69 | 36.3 | 1.3 | −21.3 | 0.27 | 8.3 |
| ZJ09 | 113.83 | 22.04 | 16.6 | 33.3 | 4.6 | 1.5 | 8.69 | 37.5 | 0.5 | −23.3 | 0.28 | 7.4 |
|  |  |  | 16.3 | 33.3 | 5.8 | 1.4 | 8.44 | 33.4 | 9.72 | −23.4 | 0.14 | 6.5 |
| Spring | HM01 | 113.53 | 22.98 | 24.1 | 0.1 | 55.3 | 7.8 | 3.63 | 227.6 | 51.9 | −26.5 | −11.29 | 16.5 |
|  |  |  | 23.6 | 0.1 | 107.0 | 8.6 | 3.03 | 374.0 | 44.3 | −25.8 | −11.5 | 16.1 |
| HM02 | 113.56 | 22.91 | 24.0 | 0.1 | 24 | 5.4 | 3.63 | 106.5 | 42.3 | −25.8 | −11.62 | 18.5 |
|  |  |  | 23.6 | 0.1 | 37.3 | 5.5 | 3.43 | 141.5 | 39.1 | −25.8 | −11.79 | 18.2 |
| ZJ00 | 113.58 | 22.83 | 24.1 | 0.1 | 20.5 | 3.2 | 3.55 | 94.8 | 30.0 | −25.9 | −11.22 | 18.6 |
|  |  |  | 23.6 | 0.1 | 48.7 | 6.7 | 3.07 | 159.5 | 32.4 | −25.7 | −11.75 | 15.8 |
| ZJ01 | 113.62 | 22.77 | 24 | 0.3 | 29 | 4.6 | 4.02 | 100.1 | 32.9 | −26.2 | −11.09 | 17.2 |
|  |  |  | 23.7 | 0.3 | 44.7 | 5.4 | 3.82 | 140.3 | 58.5 | −25.6 | −11.19 | 16.5 |
| ZJ02 | 113.69 | 22.69 | 25.4 | 1.6 | 31 | 3.6 | 5.6 | 76.0 | 18.4 | −26.3 | −10.01 | 16.2 |
|  |  |  | 24.9 | 2.0 | 42.5 | 3.3 | 4.97 | 78.4 | 24.6 | −26.0 | −9.65 | 17.3 |
| ZJ03 | 113.72 | 22.6 | 25.5 | 3.2 | 31 | 2.8 | 6.39 | 62.4 | 21.6 | −26.1 | −9.28 | 18.3 |
|  |  |  | 25.1 | 2.6 | 32.0 | 2.3 | 5.64 | 66.5 | 25.6 | −25.4 | −9.19 | 18.8 |
| ZJ04 | 113.75 | 22.52 | 25.5 | 6 | 42.5 | 1.1 | 5.48 | 64.7 | 32.0 | −25.5 | −7.97 | 16.8 |
|  |  |  | 25.1 | 5.6 | 64.0 | 1.1 | 5.52 | 73.0 | 29.2 | −24.8 | −7.77 | 16.9 |
| ZJ05 | 113.75 | 22.44 | 25.8 | 4.5 | 19.5 | 2.2 | 6.54 | 56.2 | 8.8 | −26.5 | −8.59 | 22.5 |
|  |  |  | 25.2 | 10.0 | 36.0 | 0.8 | 5.56 | 54.8 | 20.1 | −24.4 | −6.43 | 17.7 |
| ZJ06 | 113.74 | 22.35 | 25.9 | 4.2 | 23.5 | 2.3 | 5.99 | 56.7 | 15.1 | −25.8 | −8.16 | 20.2 |
|  |  |  | 25.6 | 6.6 | 39.5 | 1.5 | 5.68 | 67.5 | 26.8 | −24.6 | −6.99 | 17.9 |
| ZJ07 | 113.74 | 22.25 | 26.5 | 9.4 | 40 | 1.5 | 6.94 | 64.6 | 14.0 | −24.8 | −6.4 | 17.4 |
|  |  |  | 25.9 | 11.9 | 84.7 | 1.6 | 6.07 | 111.6 | 21.3 | −23.8 | −5.75 | 18.3 |
| ZJ08' | 113.79 | 22.09 | 26.3 | 12.5 | 12 | 4.5 | 7.49 | 42.9 | 18.3 | −24.7 | −4.88 | 18.8 |
|  |  |  | 25.4 | 19.0 | 22.4 | 4.3 | 6.70 | 41.7 | 9.2 | −23.4 | −2.68 | 17.4 |
| ZJ09' | 113.93 | 21.94 | 26.3 | 15.2 | 13.6 | 5.1 | 7.88 | 52.6 | 18.7 | −25.0 | −3.94 | 18.3 |
|  |  |  | 24.8 | 30.1 | 25.2 | 1.6 | 6.46 | 31.5 | 2.9 | −22.7 | −0.63 | 20.4 |
| Summer | HM01 | 113.53 | 22.98 | 31.9 | 0.1 | 19.7 | 30.1 | 7.49 | 115.7 | 23.5 | −29.7 | −9.56 | −8.8 |
|  |  |  | 31.8 | 0.1 | 38.2 | 33.9 | 6.07 | 145.2 | 12.7 | −28.7 | −9.64 | 3.2 |
| HM02 | 113.56 | 22.91 | 31.3 | 0.1 | 39.2 | 40.4 | 6.74 | 205.8 | 15.5 | −30.1 | −8.88 | −3.2 |
|  |  |  | 31.5 | 0.1 | 72.0 | 43.5 | 5.74 | 246.5 | 27.9 | −29.5 | −8.40 |  |
| ZJ00 | 113.58 | 22.83 | 31.4 | 0.1 | 27.8 | 35.1 | 4.73 | 160.7 | 22.6 | −29.6 | −8.88 | −5.9 |
|  |  |  | 31.3 | 0.1 | 34.4 | 39.8 | 4.34 | 139.0 | 14.7 | −29.5 | −8.06 | 4.6 |
| ZJ01 | 113.62 | 22.77 | 31.1 | 0.1 | 20.2 | 31 | 5.53 | 146.0 | 15.7 | −29.5 | −9.24 | 3.4 |
|  |  |  | 31.1 | 0.2 | 23.2 | 25.4 | 4.49 | 135.1 | 15.9 | −29.5 | −9.54 | 4.4 |
| ZJ02 | 113.69 | 22.69 | 31.1 | 2.1 | 18.7 | 8.1 | 4.77 | 55.7 | 5.3 | −28.4 | −9.50 | 3.8 |
|  |  |  | 31.1 | 2.1 | 20.2 | 7.1 | 4.57 | 59.4 | 8.5 | −28.6 | −9.36 | 5.6 |
| ZJ03 | 113.72 | 22.6 | 31.3 | 2.7 | 14.6 | 6 | 5.48 | 49.3 | 2.0 | −28.0 | −8.98 | −1.4 |
|  |  |  | 31.3 | 3.8 | 16.4 | 6.6 | 5.56 | 55.1 | 5.1 | −28.9 | −9.11 | 4.6 |
| ZJ04 | 113.75 | 22.52 | 30.5 | 3.2 | 16.2 | 3.7 | 5.87 | 41.2 | 6.6 | −28.0 | −9.15 | 1.9 |
|  |  |  | 30.2 | 8.8 | 21.6 | 2.3 | 4.57 | 39.1 | 12.1 | −27.2 | −7.86 | 5.5 |
| ZJ05 | 113.75 | 22.44 | 30.4 | 3.9 | 11.1 | 4.2 | 6.19 | 44.6 | 0.8 | −28.0 | −8.59 | 6.1 |
|  |  |  | 30.0 | 9.5 | 16.8 | 3.1 | 5.28 | 38.6 | 12.7 | −27.9 | −7.29 | 1.8 |
| ZJ06 | 113.74 | 22.35 | 30.4 | 3.4 | 7.6 | 3.3 | 6.46 | 36.7 | 1.5 | −27.4 | −8.69 | 1.2 |
|  |  |  | 30.0 | 9.0 | 12.6 | 2.7 | 4.97 | 34.4 | 12.1 | −27.1 | −6.65 | 4.9 |
| ZJ07 | 113.74 | 22.25 | 30.9 | 9.2 | 9.6 | 5.9 | 6.78 | 46.4 | 2.1 | −29.2 | −6.40 | 2.9 |
|  |  |  | 29.8 | 16.5 | 16.4 | 3.8 | 5.56 | 45.8 | 2.6 | −27.4 | −5.28 | 4.7 |
| ZJ08' | 113.79 | 22.09 | 29.9 | 12.1 | 7.4 | 3.7 | 7.33 | 39.8 | 5.9 | −27.5 | −5.42 | 5.1 |
|  |  |  | 28.0 | 22.1 | 14.4 | 2.9 | 4.47 | 32.8 | 2.2 | −24.7 | −2.13 | 6.9 |
| ZJ09' |  |  | 30.1 | 16.4 | 10.2 | 5.7 | 7.17 | 64.8 | 8.7 | −24.1 | −2.50 | 4.1 |
|  |  |  | 27.1 | 30.7 | 15.4 | 2.2 | 6.03 | 31.8 | 1.5 | −22.1 | −0.08 | 2.2 |