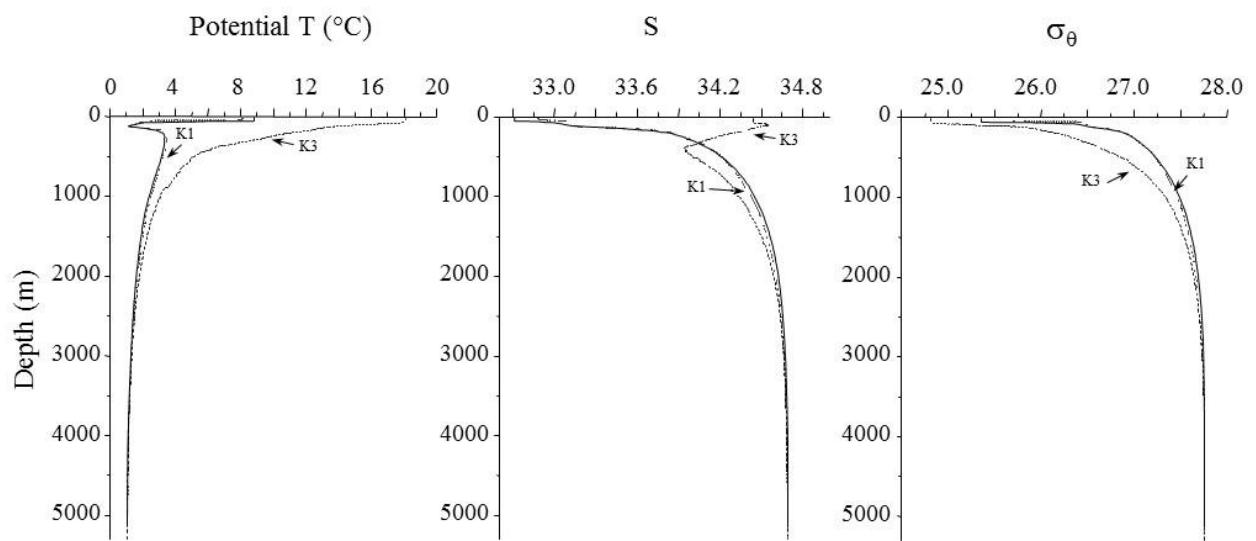


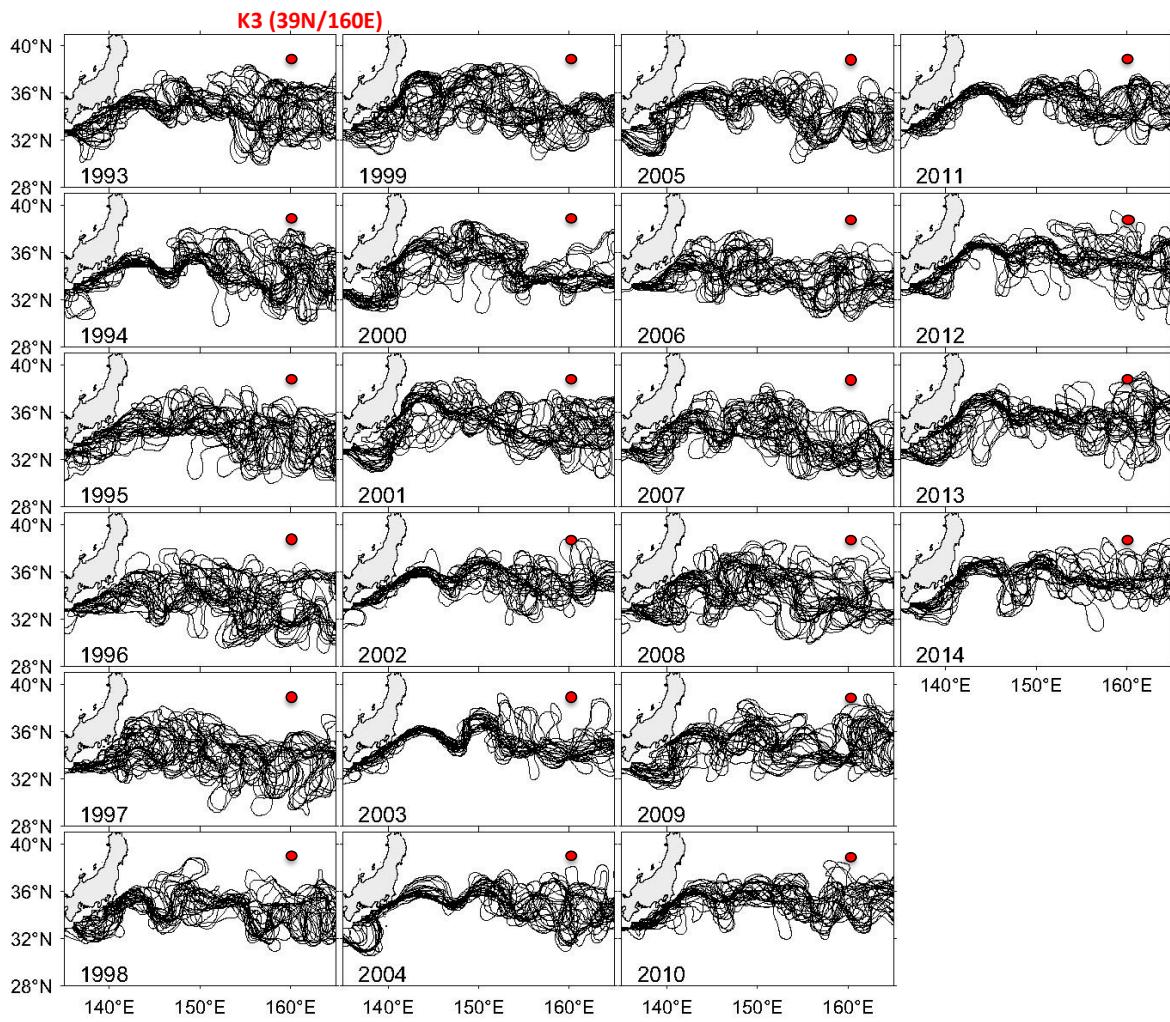
## Supplementary Material, Figure 1

Figure 1 of Supplementary Material: Relationship between Ba and  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  as observed during the GEOSECS program in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans (GEOSECS World Atlas; Chan et al., 1976).



## Supplementary Material, Figure 2

Figure 2 of Supplementary Material: Vertical profiles of potential temperature, salinity and  $\sigma_{\theta}$  at stations K1 and K3 in the North Pacific.



### Supplementary Material, Figure 3

Figure 3 of Supplementary Material: Yearly paths of the Kuroshio and Kuroshio Extension (modified from Oka et al. 2015 based on Qiu et al. 2014). The location of station K3 investigated in year 2002 in the present study is reported (closed red circle).

Table 1 of Supplementary Material: Ba concentrations and  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  activities determined in seawater at old station Hale Aloha, off Hawaii. The  $^{226}\text{Ra}/\text{Ba}$  ratios are also reported. The volume refers to the volume collected for the Ra analysis.

Station	Depth (m)	Volume (kg)	$^{226}\text{Ra}$		Ba	$^{226}\text{Ra}/\text{Ba}$			
			(dpm/ 100 kg)	$\pm$	(nmol kg $^{-1}$ ) $\pm 2\%$	(dpm $\mu\text{mol}^{-1}$ )			
<b>Old Hale Aloha</b>	30	35.1	6.5	$\pm$	0.2	36.1	1.80	$\pm$	0.07
RV KOK	100					36.0			
June 2002	100					41.0			
	100					37.0			
	100					37.7			
Mean 100	38.1	6.5	$\pm$	0.2	37.9	1.71	$\pm$	0.06	
	200	46.3	6.2	$\pm$	0.2	37.0	1.68	$\pm$	0.06
	300	52.1	7.4	$\pm$	0.1	39.7	1.87	$\pm$	0.05
	400					47.6			
	500	54.1	12.1	$\pm$	0.3	55.0	2.20	$\pm$	0.07
	1500	55.8	24.6	$\pm$	0.2	118.3	2.08	$\pm$	0.04
	2800	54.4	31.4	$\pm$	0.4	145.7	2.16	$\pm$	0.05
	4000	54.5	33.8	$\pm$	0.2	144.7	2.34	$\pm$	0.05
	4600					142.9			
	4600					141.8			
	4600					142.9			
Mean 4600						142.5			
<b>Old Hale Aloha</b>	5					34.1			
RV WECOMA	20					33.5			
August 2002	20					34.9			
	20					42.8			
	40					34.9			
	50					35.0			
	60					34.6			
	80					33.4			
	100					33.9			
	100					34.4			
	150					33.2			
	150					34.8			
	200					34.4			
	200					37.9			
	250					33.2			
	300					37.4			
	300					39.6			
	400					44.0			
	500					57.1			
	650					70.7			
	800					83.8			
	1150					102.4			
	1500					114.2			
	1900					126.3			
	1900					124.6			
	1900					127.0			
	2300					131.5			
	2700					136.8			
	3100					134.9			
	3100					139.5			
	3100					148.6			
	3500					140.1			
	3900					140.0			
	4300					139.6			
	4700					140.0			
	4700					138.8			
	4700					137.7			
	4700					139.7			

Table 2 of Supplementary Material: Ba concentrations and  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  activities determined in seawater at station K1. The  $^{226}\text{Ra}/\text{Ba}$  ratios are also reported. The volume refers to the volume collected for the Ra analysis.

Station	Depth (m)	Volume (kg)	$^{226}\text{Ra}$		Ba (nmol kg <sup>-1</sup> ) $\pm 2\%$	$^{226}\text{Ra}/\text{Ba}$		
			(dpm/ 100 kg)	$\pm$		(dpm $\mu\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	$\pm$	$\pm$
K1	5				50.6			
	10				52.1			
	30	74.0	12.6	$\pm$	0.07	53.6	2.35	$\pm$
	50					51.5		
	60					49.6		
	75					57.6		
	80	87.5	11.2	$\pm$	0.22		1.94*	$\pm$
	100					51.9		
	120	88.9	12.1		0.26		2.14 <sup>\$</sup>	$\pm$
	150					61.4		
	200					69.5		
	230	99.2	17.7	$\pm$	0.13	70.9	2.50	$\pm$
	250					72.3		
	300					70.7		
	400					88.4		
	500	99.7	18.5		0.31	85.1	2.17	$\pm$
	600					86.8		
	700					92.6		
	900					101.8		
	1000	99.0	24.7	$\pm$	0.20	108.5	2.28	$\pm$
	1500					123.8		
	2000	112.1	30.6	$\pm$	0.53	130.8	2.34	$\pm$
	3000					139.8		
	3500	114.3	31.6	$\pm$	0.16		2.26 <sup>\$</sup>	$\pm$
	4500					125.8		
	4800	110.0	34.7	$\pm$	0.34		2.54 <sup>\$</sup>	$\pm$
	5000					136.8		
	5126	112.0	33.2	$\pm$	0.33		2.45 <sup>\$</sup>	$\pm$
	5200					134.3		0.12

\$, \* : When the Ba concentration was not available at the same depth as for the  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  sample, we use the mean Ba concentration (samples collected above and below the Ra sample) to determine the  $^{226}\text{Ra}/\text{Ba}$  ratio (\$) or we use the Ba concentration determined in the nearest sample (\*).

Table 3 of Supplementary Material: Ba concentrations and  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  activities determined in seawater at station K3. The  $^{226}\text{Ra}/\text{Ba}$  ratios are also reported. The volume refers to the volume collected for the Ra analysis.

Station	Depth (m)	Volume (kg)	$^{226}\text{Ra}$		Ba (nmol kg <sup>-1</sup> ) ± 2%	$^{226}\text{Ra}/\text{Ba}$	
			(dpm/ 100 kg)	0.06		(dpm $\mu\text{mol}^{-1}$ )	0.09
K3	5		6.6	± 0.06	36.6	1.81	± 0.09
	10				35.1		
	25				46.2		
	30				41.2		
	40	75.8	7.0	± 0.10		1.80 <sup>\$</sup>	± 0.09
	50				36.7		
	60				47.8		
	75				34.4		
	100				36.6		
	110	89.6	7.7	± 0.09		1.94 <sup>\$</sup>	± 0.10
	125				42.9		
	150				41.2		
	175				40.9		
	200				38.5		
	225				45.6		
	250	87.1	9.0	± 0.18	44.7	2.00	± 0.11
	300				45.2		
	350				57.9		
	400	98.2	12.0	± 0.13		1.78 <sup>\$</sup>	± 0.09
	450				77.0		
	500				73.6		
	600				78.4		
	750				83.6		
	800	101.4	19.4	± 0.15		2.32 <sup>*</sup>	± 0.12
	1000				90.5		
	1500				114.0		
	2000	102.9	28.6	± 0.14	119.9	2.39	± 0.12
	2500				133.9		
	3000				131.7		
	3500	128.5	31.0	± 0.19	141.2	2.19	± 0.11
	4000				159.2		
	5000	128.8	33.8	± 0.14	148.5	2.28	± 0.11
	5200	97.5	32.8	± 0.21	165.2	1.99	± 0.10

\$, \* : When the Ba concentration was not available at the same depth as for the  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  sample, we use the mean Ba concentration (samples collected above and below the Ra sample) to determine the  $^{226}\text{Ra}/\text{Ba}$  ratio (\$) or we use the Ba concentration determined in the nearest sample (\*).

Table 4 of Supplementary Material: Results of the analyses conducted in the suspended particles collected at stations K1, K3 and old Hale Aloha in the North Pacific. Excess Ba and  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  (denoted  $\text{Ba}_{\text{ex}}$  and  $^{226}\text{Ra}_{\text{ex}}$ , respectively) refer to the Ba and  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  contents corrected for the lithogenic component.

Station	depth m	Volume L	$^{226}\text{Ra}$ dpm/ 100 kg	$^{226}\text{Ra}_{\text{ex}}$ dpm/ 100 kg	Ba pmol kg <sup>-1</sup>	$\text{Ba}_{\text{ex}}$ pmol kg <sup>-1</sup>	$^{226}\text{Ra}_{\text{ex}}/\text{Ba}_{\text{ex}}$ dpm $\mu\text{mol}^{-1}$	Sr pmol kg <sup>-1</sup>	Sr/Ba
K1	30	171.1	0.011 $\pm$ 0.002	0.008 $\pm$ 0.001	76.9 $\pm$ 4.0	27.0 $\pm$ 4.4	2.99 $\pm$ 0.73	1182 $\pm$ 42	43.7 $\pm$ 7.3
"	80	430.7	0.094 $\pm$ 0.003	0.093 $\pm$ 0.005	428.5 $\pm$ 12.4	410.0 $\pm$ 12.4	2.26 $\pm$ 0.13	609 $\pm$ 23	1.5 $\pm$ 0.07
"	110	481.5	0.089 $\pm$ 0.002	0.088 $\pm$ 0.005	303.0 $\pm$ 8.2	289.0 $\pm$ 8.2	3.04 $\pm$ 0.20	380 $\pm$ 14	1.3 $\pm$ 0.06
"	150	523.8	0.076 $\pm$ 0.002	0.076 $\pm$ 0.004	352.7 $\pm$ 10.2	342.5 $\pm$ 10.2	2.21 $\pm$ 0.13	385 $\pm$ 15	1.1 $\pm$ 0.06
"	230	595.0	0.116 $\pm$ 0.003	0.116 $\pm$ 0.005	525.9 $\pm$ 18.4	512.5 $\pm$ 18.4	2.26 $\pm$ 0.13	511 $\pm$ 24	1.0 $\pm$ 0.06
"	400	626.0	0.072 $\pm$ 0.002	0.070 $\pm$ 0.003	420.3 $\pm$ 13.9	375.8 $\pm$ 14.0	1.87 $\pm$ 0.11	429 $\pm$ 19	1.1 $\pm$ 0.07
"	600	616.6	0.059 $\pm$ 0.002	0.057 $\pm$ 0.002	384.5 $\pm$ 13.1	356.8 $\pm$ 13.1	1.61 $\pm$ 0.09	366 $\pm$ 17	1.0 $\pm$ 0.06
"	1000	799.0	0.038 $\pm$ 0.002	0.037 $\pm$ 0.002	284.8 $\pm$ 9.1	259.0 $\pm$ 9.2	1.43 $\pm$ 0.11	204 $\pm$ 9	0.8 $\pm$ 0.04
"	2000	1267.6	0.041 $\pm$ 0.001	0.041 $\pm$ 0.002	385.8 $\pm$ 13.1	379.3 $\pm$ 13.1	1.08 $\pm$ 0.07	141 $\pm$ 7	0.4 $\pm$ 0.02
K3	10	221.4	0.433 $\pm$ 0.013						
"	40	197.2	0.018 $\pm$ 0.003						
"	110	302.8	0.124 $\pm$ 0.007						
"	250	448.5	0.102 $\pm$ 0.004	0.102 $\pm$ 0.007	318.6 $\pm$ 13.7	314.3 $\pm$ 13.7	3.24 $\pm$ 0.27	258 $\pm$ 14	0.8 $\pm$ 0.06
"	400	408.8	0.114 $\pm$ 0.005	0.114 $\pm$ 0.008	400.2 $\pm$ 18.0	393.5 $\pm$ 18.0	2.90 $\pm$ 0.24	256 $\pm$ 13	0.7 $\pm$ 0.05
"	800	440.6	0.059 $\pm$ 0.004	0.059 $\pm$ 0.005	271.7 $\pm$ 9.2	265.8 $\pm$ 9.2	2.21 $\pm$ 0.20	221 $\pm$ 10	0.8 $\pm$ 0.05
"	1500	446.3	0.042 $\pm$ 0.003	0.042 $\pm$ 0.004	386.4 $\pm$ 16.6	379.8 $\pm$ 16.6	1.10 $\pm$ 0.12	157 $\pm$ 8	0.4 $\pm$ 0.03
Old Hale Aloha (KOK, June 2002)	150	320.6	0.036 $\pm$ 0.005						
"	200	594.2	0.055 $\pm$ 0.007						
"	250	1181.7	0.067 $\pm$ 0.002						
"	300	1009.0	0.044 $\pm$ 0.002						
"	400	1143.4	0.043 $\pm$ 0.002						
"	500	980.3	0.037 $\pm$ 0.03						
"	800	1106.7	0.034 $\pm$ 0.003						
"	1500	1843.3	0.027 $\pm$ 0.001						
"	2800	1570.0	0.022 $\pm$ 0.001						
"	4000	1803.0	0.019 $\pm$ 0.001						
Old Hale Aloha (WECOMA, Aug. 2002)	175	1487.0	0.058 $\pm$ 0.002						
"	250	2101.0	0.062 $\pm$ 0.002						
"	450	2957.0	0.050 $\pm$ 0.002						
"	2810	1593.0	0.020 $\pm$ 0.001						
"	4010	1851.0	0.019 $\pm$ 0.001						

Table 5 of Supplementary Material:  $^{226}\text{Ra}$ ,  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  activities and  $^{228}\text{Ra}/^{226}\text{Ra}$  ratios determined in seawater at stations K1 and K3.

Station	Depth m	Volume kg	$^{226}\text{Ra}$ dpm/ 100 kg		$^{228}\text{Ra}$ dpm/ 100 kg		$^{228}\text{Ra}/^{226}\text{Ra}$	
			Ba	$\text{Ba}_{\text{ex}}$	Ba	$\text{Ba}_{\text{ex}}$	Ba	$\text{Ba}_{\text{ex}}$
K1	30	74.0	12.6 $\pm$ 0.07	0.61 $\pm$ 0.04	0.44 $\pm$ 0.15	0.048 $\pm$ 0.039	0.27 $\pm$ 0.013	0.003
	80	87.5	11.2 $\pm$ 0.22	0.27 $\pm$ 0.07	0.27 $\pm$ 0.07	0.015 $\pm$ 0.015	—	0.004
	230	99.2	17.7 $\pm$ 0.13	0.10 $\pm$ 0.08	< 0.07	0.004 $\pm$ 0.004	—	0.003
	1000	99.0	24.7 $\pm$ 0.20	0.10 $\pm$ 0.080	0.072 $\pm$ 0.062	0.002 $\pm$ 0.002	—	0.002
	2000	112.1	30.6 $\pm$ 0.53	0.10 $\pm$ 0.053	0.28 $\pm$ 0.146	0.008 $\pm$ 0.008	—	0.004
	3500	114.3	31.5 $\pm$ 0.16	0.13 $\pm$ 0.05	0.09 $\pm$ 0.06	0.005 $\pm$ 0.005	—	0.003
	4800	110.0	34.7 $\pm$ 0.34	0.13 $\pm$ 0.14	0.13 $\pm$ 0.05	0.005 $\pm$ 0.005	—	0.002
	5126	112.0	33.2 $\pm$ 0.33	0.29 $\pm$ 0.15	0.32 $\pm$ 0.09	0.010 $\pm$ 0.010	—	0.003
K3	6	74.0	6.6 $\pm$ 0.06	1.46 $\pm$ 0.05	0.221 $\pm$ 0.199	—	0.008	0.014
	40	75.8	7.0 $\pm$ 0.10	1.40 $\pm$ 0.10	0.133 $\pm$ 0.147	—	0.009	0.018
	110	89.6	7.7 $\pm$ 0.09	1.03 $\pm$ 0.07	0.087 $\pm$ 0.087	—	0.003	0.008
	250	87.1	9.0 $\pm$ 0.18	1.31 $\pm$ 0.16	0.055 $\pm$ 0.055	—	0.002	0.002
	400	98.2	12.0 $\pm$ 0.13	1.04 $\pm$ 0.09	0.087 $\pm$ 0.087	—	0.004	0.004
	800	101.4	19.4 $\pm$ 0.15	0.09 $\pm$ 0.06	0.005 $\pm$ 0.005	—	0.003	0.003
	2000	102.9	28.6 $\pm$ 0.14	0.13 $\pm$ 0.05	0.005 $\pm$ 0.005	—	0.002	0.002
	3500	128.5	31.0 $\pm$ 0.19	0.25 $\pm$ 0.05	0.007 $\pm$ 0.007	—	0.002	0.002
	5000	128.8	33.8 $\pm$ 0.14	0.32 $\pm$ 0.09	0.010 $\pm$ 0.010	—	0.003	0.003
	5200	97.5	32.8 $\pm$ 0.21	—	—	—	—	—

Table 6 of Supplementary Material:  $^{226}\text{Ra}$ ,  $^{228}\text{Ra}$ , excess  $^{226}\text{Ra}$  and excess  $^{228}\text{Ra}$  activities,  $^{228}\text{Ra}_{\text{ex}}/^{226}\text{Ra}_{\text{ex}}$  ratios determined in suspended particles at stations K1 and K3.

Station	depth m	$^{226}\text{Ra}$		$^{228}\text{Ra}$		$^{226}\text{Ra}_{\text{ex}}$		$^{228}\text{Ra}_{\text{ex}}$		$^{228}\text{Ra}_{\text{ex}}/^{226}\text{Ra}_{\text{ex}}$	
		dpm/ 100kg		dpm/ 100kg		dpm/ 100kg		dpm/ 100kg			
K1	30	0.011	± 0.002	0.0064	± 0.002	0.008	± 0.001	0.0032	± 0.001	0.40	± 0.160
	80	0.094	± 0.003	0.0061	± 0.002	0.093	± 0.005	0.0050	± 0.001	0.05	± 0.014
	110	0.089	± 0.002	0.0069	± 0.001	0.088	± 0.005	0.0060	± 0.001	0.07	± 0.013
	150	0.076	± 0.002	0.0037	± 0.001	0.076	± 0.004	0.0031	± 0.001	0.04	± 0.011
	230	0.116	± 0.003	0.0031	± 0.001	0.116	± 0.005	0.0023	± 0.001	0.02	± 0.007
	400	0.072	± 0.002	0.0036	± 0.001	0.070	± 0.003	0.0007	± 0.0002	0.01	± 0.003
	600	0.059	± 0.002	0.0037	± 0.001	0.057	± 0.002	0.0019	± 0.001	0.03	± 0.011
	1000	0.038	± 0.002	—	—	0.037	± 0.002	—	—	—	—
	2000	0.041	± 0.001	—	—	0.041	± 0.002	—	—	—	—
K3	250	0.102	± 0.004	0.0287	± 0.004	0.102	± 0.007	0.0285	± 0.005	0.28	± 0.049
	400	0.114	± 0.005	0.0187	± 0.004	0.114	± 0.008	0.0183	± 0.004	0.16	± 0.033
	800	0.059	± 0.004	0.0077	± 0.002	0.059	± 0.005	0.0073	± 0.002	0.12	± 0.041
	1500	0.042	± 0.003	0.0075	± 0.003	0.042	± 0.004	0.0071	± 0.002	0.17	± 0.060