Methods used for Radium analysis ARK-XI/1

Seawater samples of about 40 L were collected at 37 stations. After filtration, a solution of barium chloride was added to the samples to coprecipitate radium with BaSO₄. At 16 of these stations the samples had previously been acidified, spiked with Fe and ²³⁰Th and neutralized with ammonia to isolate Th isotopes on a Fe(OH)₃ precipitate. Radium activities were determined by gamma spectrometry.

The freshwater components were calculated using the $\delta^{18}O$ data of Frank (1996) and the three-component (Atlantic water, meteoric water and ice melt) mixing model of Östlund and Hut (1984) with endmember compositions according to Ekwurzel et al. (2001).

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