

# Surface T/S Data RV "Heincke"

## HE438

### Data Processing Report

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# 1 Introduction

This report describes the processing of raw data acquired by the thermosalinograph on board RV "Heincke" during expedition HE438 to receive cleaned up and drift corrected salinity data.

# 2 Workflow

The different steps of processing are visualized in Figure 2. Unvalidated data of sensor, internal and external temperature are extracted from the DAVIS SHIP data base (<https://dship.awi.de>) in a 1-second interval for cruises from 2009 to 2014. The Salinity was calculated by applying the Practical Salinity Scale 1978 (PSS-78). Furthermore the sound velocity was derived by using the Del Grosso equation.

As first step, a basic cleanup was performed to remove missing or flagged data. Since the salinity measurements in coastal areas (e.g. rivers and ports) are less reliable, measurements in a buffer of 2 nautical miles (NM) along the coast are filtered. In the norwegian area (fjords) the buffer is set to 200 meters (0.108 NM). After the exclusion of data outside the speed interval of 0.5 kn to 15 kn, the salinity is driftcorrected with lab calibration data. In the next processing step the difference between the external and internal temperature is taken to identify an improper usage of the thermosalinograph. This filter is ignored if more than 90% of the data would get removed. After despiking, a visual screening is performed to enhance the data quality. In the last step the temporal resolution is reduced to 5-minutes-means.



Figure 1: Workflow of TSG data processing

### 3 Cruise details

Vessel name      RV "Heincke"  
 Cruise name      HE438  
 Cruise start      12.02.2015 Bremerhaven  
 Cruise end        18.02.2015 Bremerhaven  
 Cruise duration   6 days

### 4 Sensor

Thermosalinograph:    Seabird SEACAT SBE21 (SN: 3334)  
 External Temperature:   SBE38

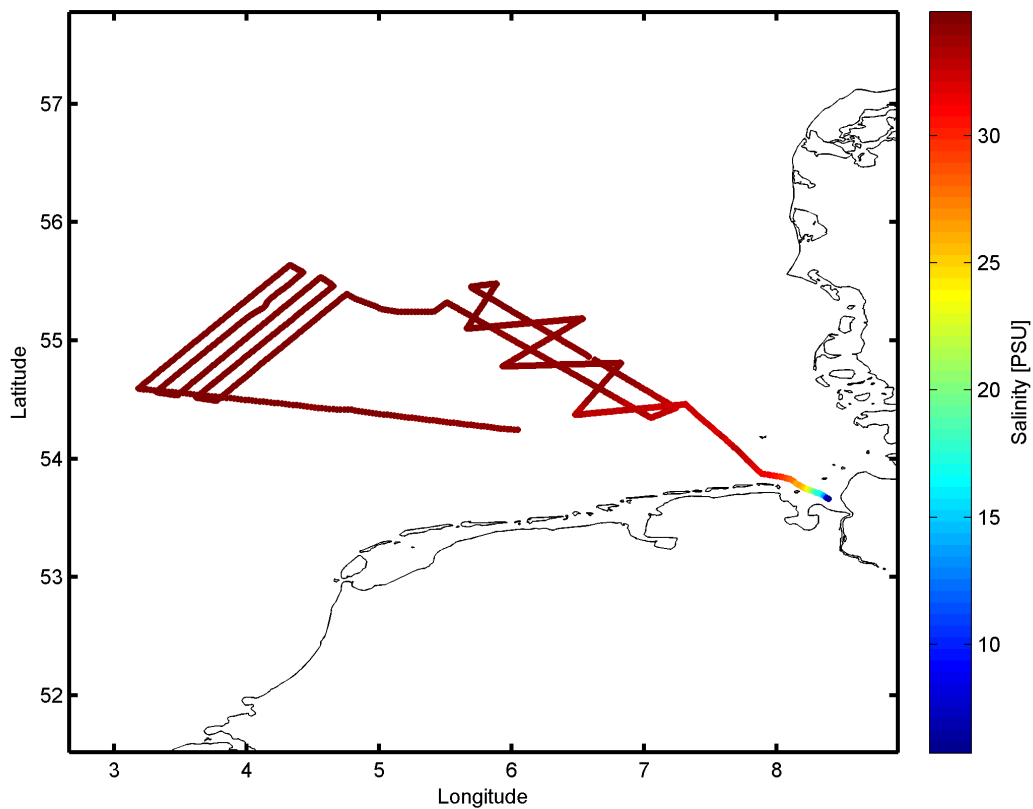


Figure 2: Cruisemap of HE438.

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### Database Extraction

Data source	DSHIP database (dship.awi.de)
Exported values	518401
First dataset	2015-02-12T00:00:00 UTC
Last dataset	2015-02-18T00:00:00 UTC

### Automatic Validation

The following thresholds were applied for the automatic flagging of the position data:

Min. speed	Minimum 0.5 kn between two datapoints.
Max. speed	Maximum 15 kn between two datapoints.
GeoBuffer	0.1080 NM around Norway, 2 NM anywhere else
Temperature	Maximum T-difference of 5 K.

### Flagging result

Filter	Data left (abs.)	Data left (rel.)	Data removed (abs.)	Data removed (rel.)
Raw data	518401	100 %	—	—
Basic	471067	90.87 %	47334	9.13 %
Geo	471067	90.87 %	47334	9.13 %
Speed	471067	90.87 %	47334	9.13 %
Temperature	—	—	—	—
Despike	456297	88.02 %	62104	11.98 %
Manual	447630	86.35 %	70771	13.65 %
5-min-Mean	1573	0.30 %	516828	99.70 %

### Sensordrift

Last calibration	29.01.2013
Current calibration	29.04.2015
Start of deployment	09.12.2013
End of deployment	19.02.2015
Scaled drift	-9.3822e-004 [PSU/month]
Minimal offset	1.3264e-002 [PSU]
Maximal offset	1.3449e-002 [PSU]

### Comments

The temperature filter was not applied due to a failing external thermometer.

## Process evolution

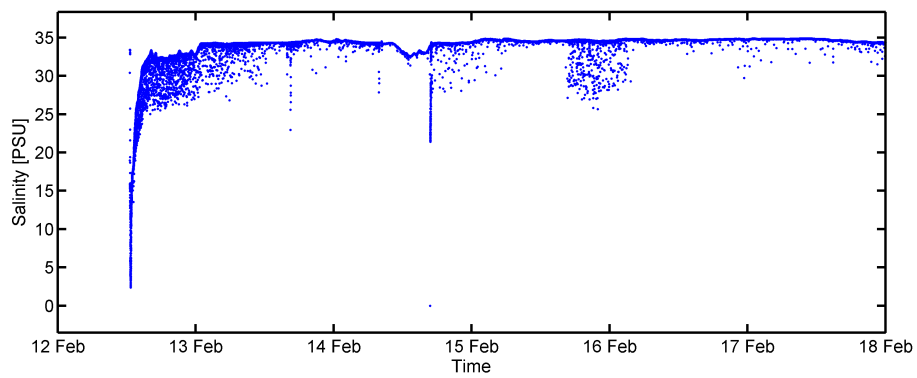


Figure 3: Raw salinity data.

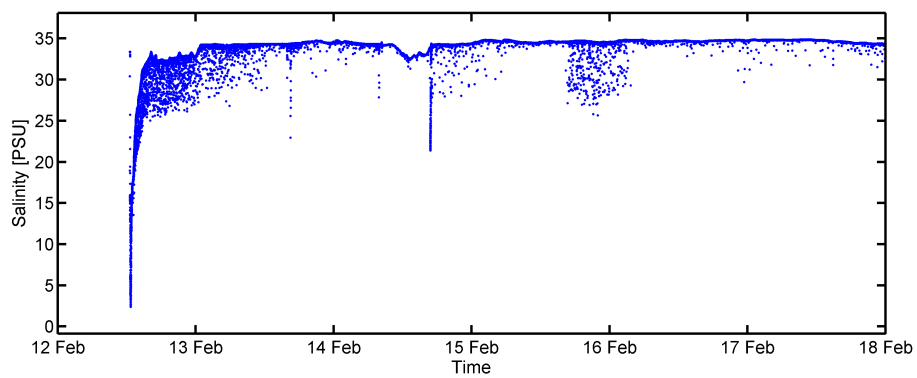


Figure 4: Salinity after basic filter.

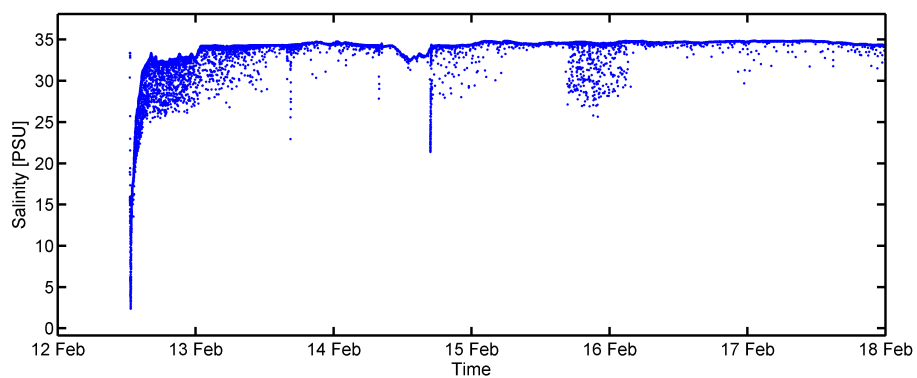


Figure 5: Salinity after geofilter.

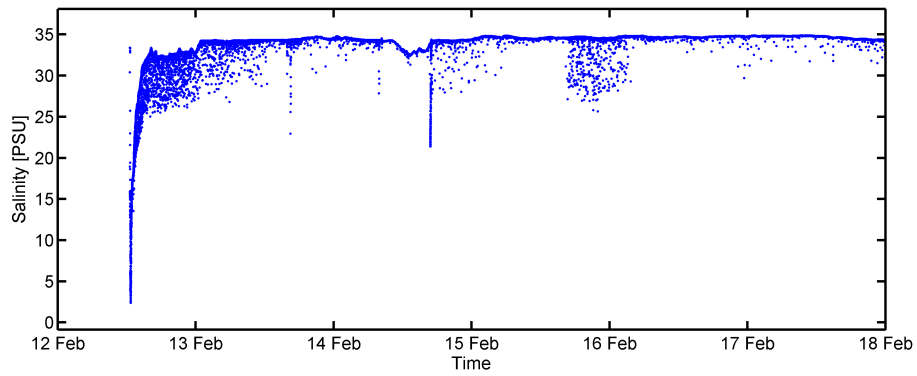


Figure 6: Salinity after speed filter.

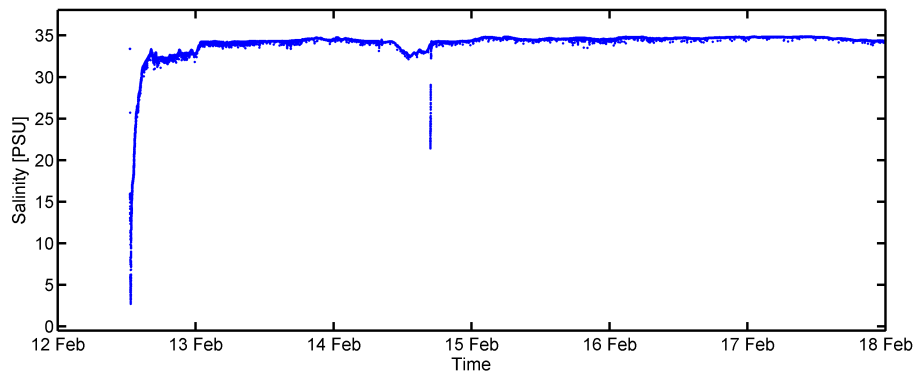


Figure 7: Salinity after despiking.

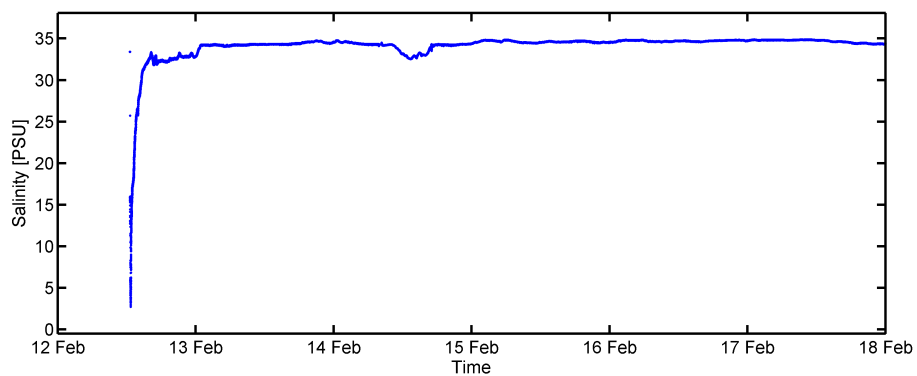


Figure 8: Salinity after manual filter.

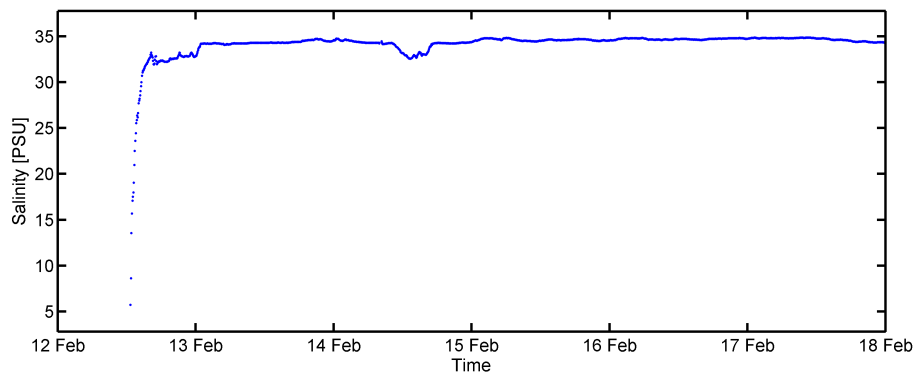


Figure 9: Salinity in 5-min-mean values.

## Result file

Text File (HE438\_surf\_oce.tab):

The format is a plain text (tab-delimited values) file.

Column separator	Tabulator "\t"
Column 1	Date and time expressed according to ISO 8601
Column 3	Latitude in decimal format, unit degree
Column 4	Longitude in decimal format, unit degree
Column 5	Depth below water surface, unit meter
Column 6	Temperature, unit degree
Column 7	Salinity, unit PSU

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