

Surface T/S Data RV "Heincke"

HE479

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 HE479 to receive cleaned up and drift corrected salinity data.

2 Workflow

The different steps of processing are visualized in Figure 1. Unvalidated data of conductivity sensor, internal and external temperature are extracted from the DAVIS SHIP data base (<https://dship.awi.de>) in a 1-second interval. The salinity was calculated using conductivity and internal temperature by applying the Practical Salinity Scale 1978 (PSS-78).

As a first step, a basic cleanup was performed to remove missing or flagged data. Then, too low flow rates are taken as indicator for an improper usage of the thermosalinograph. 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, data with differences between external and internal temperature sensor > 5 K are removed. After despiking, a visual screening is performed to enhance the data quality. Then, the temporal resolution is reduced to 5-minutes-means. In the last step, the 5-minute-means of salinity and external temperature are exported.

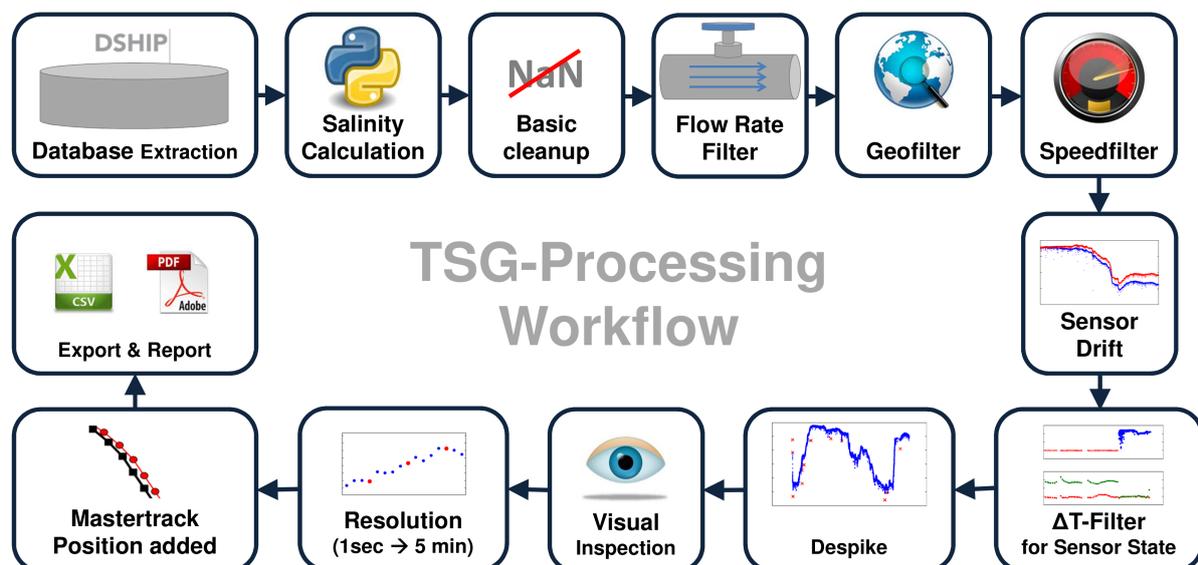


Figure 1: Workflow of TSG data processing

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Database Extraction

Data source	DSHIP database (dship.awi.de)
Exported values	432000
First dataset	2017-03-17T00:00:00 UTC
Last dataset	2017-03-21T23:59:59 UTC

Automatic Validation

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

Min. flow rate	Minimum 2.5
Min. speed	Minimum 0.5 kn between two datapoints.
Max. speed	Maximum 40 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	432000	100 %	—	—
Basic	132436	30.66 %	299564	69.34 %
Flow rate	109014	25.23 %	322986	74.77 %
Geo	88345	20.45 %	343655	79.55 %
Speed	80931	18.73 %	351069	81.27 %
Temperature	80809	18.71 %	351191	81.29 %
Despike	80809	18.71 %	351191	81.29 %
Manual	79015	18.29 %	352985	81.71 %
5-min-Mean	1053	0.24 %	430947	99.76 %

Sensordrift

Last calibration	31.05.2016
Current calibration	05.09.2017
Start of deployment	01.12.2016
End of deployment	07.07.2017
Scaled drift	8.0923e-004 [PSU/month]
Minimal offset	2.8201e-003 [PSU]
Maximal offset	2.9531e-003 [PSU]

Comments

Sensor No. 3333 exchange ahead from schedule due to broken conductivity cell. No reasonable post cruise calibration possible.

Process evolution

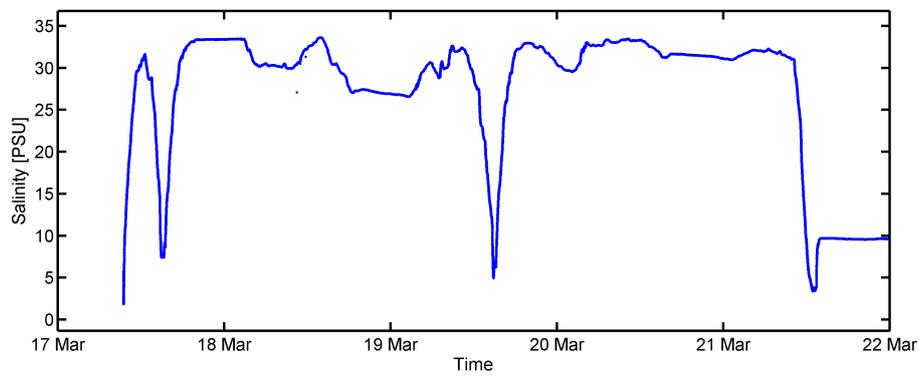


Figure 3: Raw salinity data.

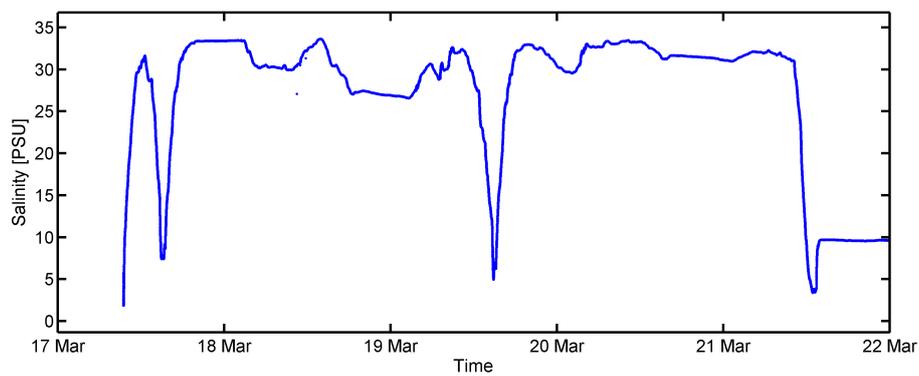


Figure 4: Salinity after basic filter.

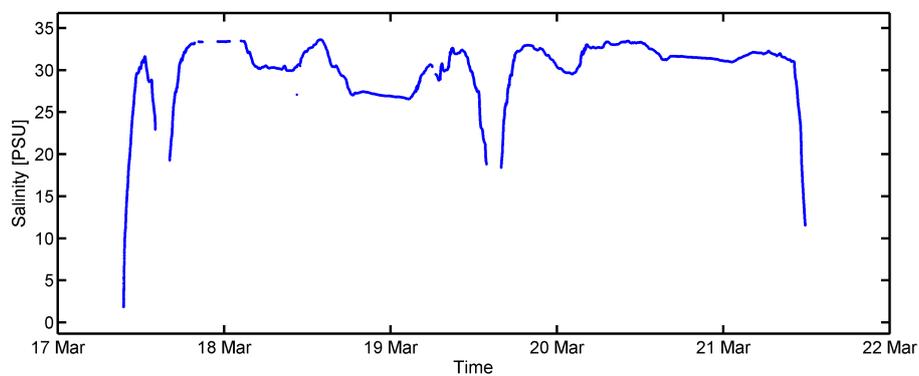


Figure 5: Salinity after flow rate filter.

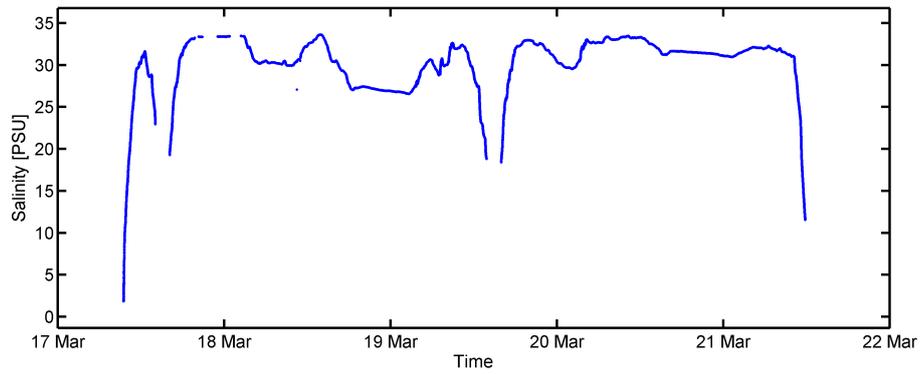


Figure 6: Salinity after geofilter.

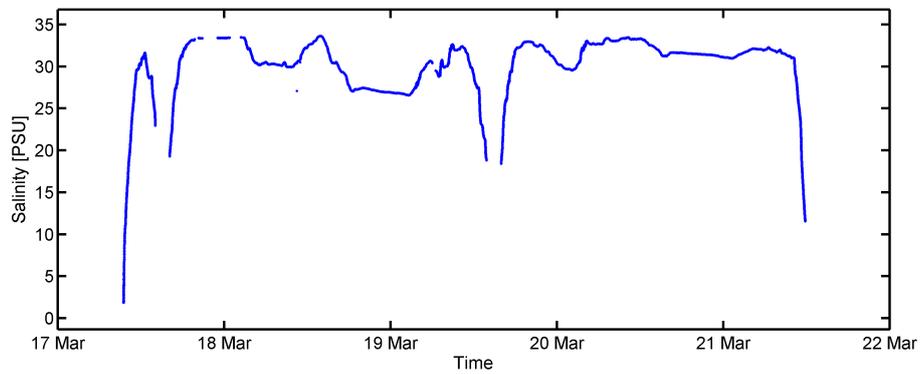


Figure 7: Salinity after speed filter.

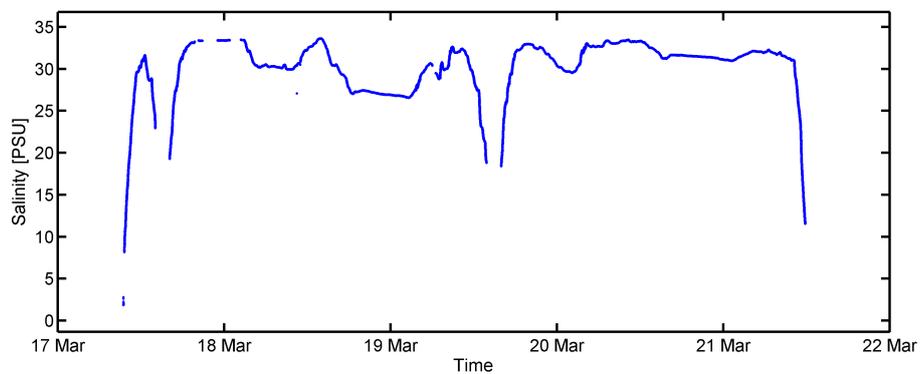


Figure 8: Salinity after temperature filter.

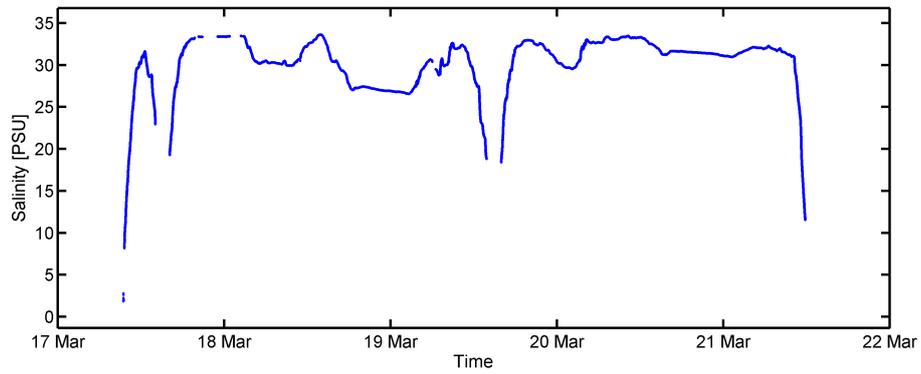


Figure 9: Salinity after despike.

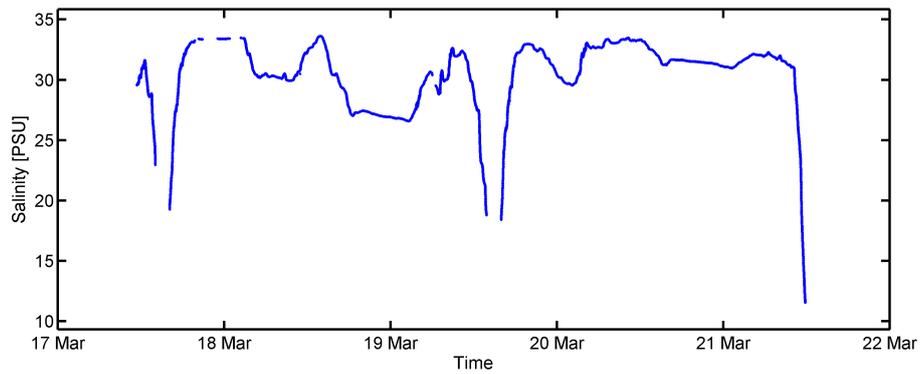


Figure 10: Salinity after manual filter.

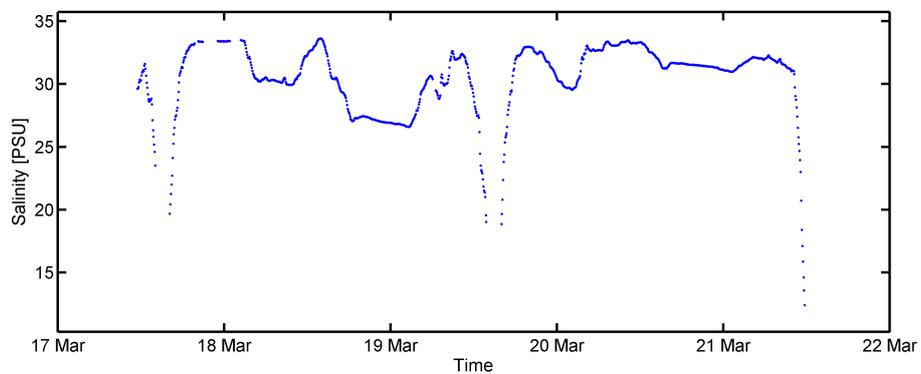


Figure 11: Salinity in 5-min-mean values.

Result file

Text File (HE479_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 2	Latitude in decimal format, unit degree
Column 3	Longitude in decimal format, unit degree
Column 4	Depth below water surface, unit meter
Column 5	Temperature, unit degree
Column 6	Salinity, unit PSU

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