

# Surface T/S Data RV "Heincke"

## HE538

### 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 HE538 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.

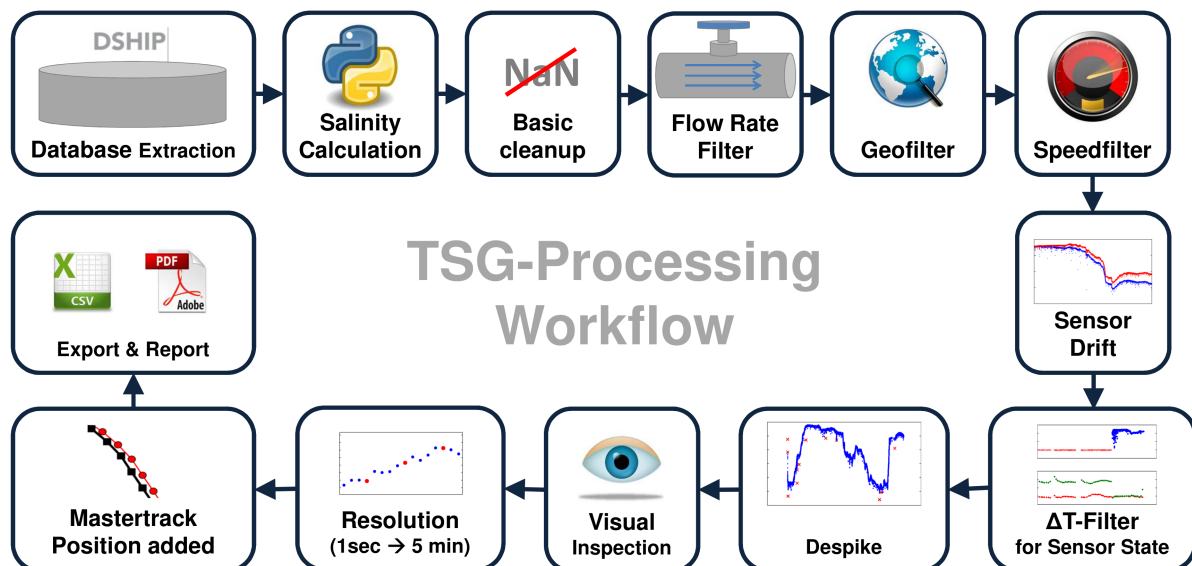


Figure 1: Workflow of TSG data processing

### 3 Cruise details

Vessel name      RV "Heincke"  
 Cruise name      HE538  
 Cruise start      29.07.2019 Bremerhaven  
 Cruise end        09.08.2019 Bremerhaven  
 Cruise duration   12 days

### 4 Sensor

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

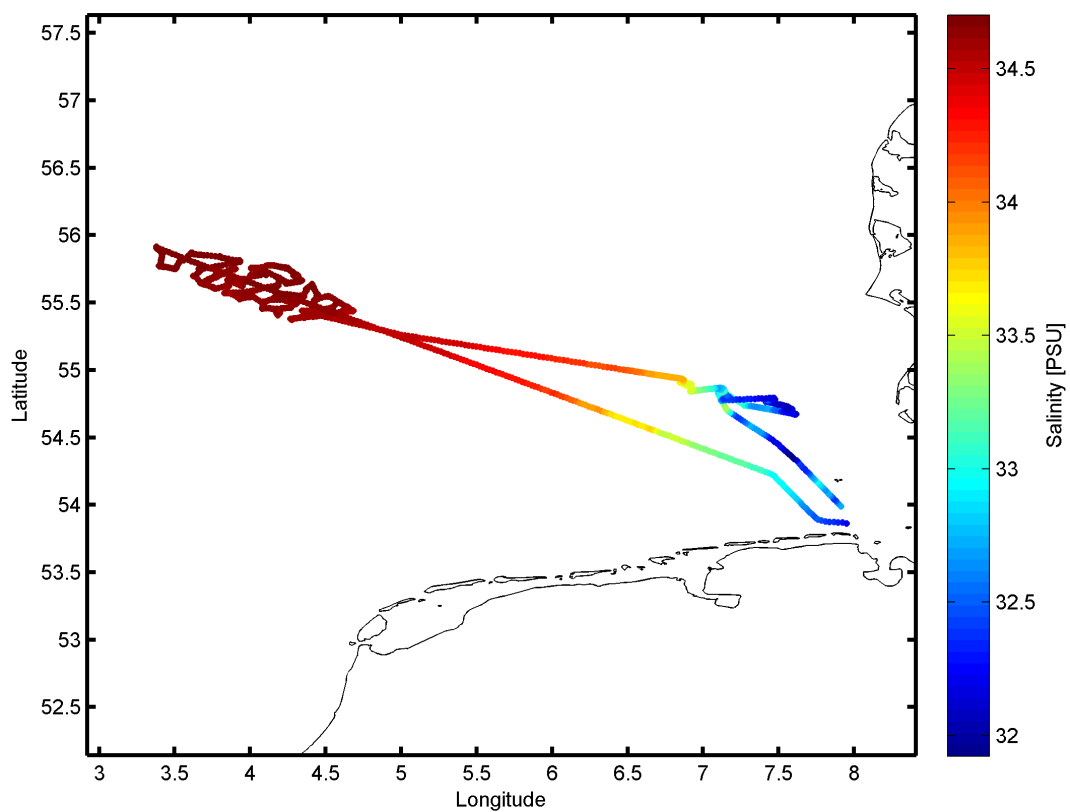


Figure 2: Cruisemap of HE538.

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### Database Extraction

Data source	DSHIP database (dship.awi.de)
Exported values	1551689
First dataset	2019-07-26T07:23:27 UTC
Last dataset	2019-08-13T06:24:55 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	1551689	100 %	—	—
Basic	278059	17.92 %	1273630	82.08 %
Flow rate	237022	15.28 %	1314667	84.72 %
Geo	237022	15.28 %	1314667	84.72 %
Speed	161240	10.39 %	1390449	89.61 %
Temperature	161220	10.39 %	1390469	89.61 %
Despike	161220	10.39 %	1390469	89.61 %
Manual	161022	10.38 %	1390667	89.62 %
5-min-Mean	2732	0.18 %	1548957	99.82 %

### Sensordrift

Last calibration	16.05.2019
Current calibration	17.12.2019
Start of deployment	12.06.2019
End of deployment	03.12.2019
Scaled drift	-1.7206e-003 [PSU/month]
Minimal offset	2.5064e-003 [PSU]
Maximal offset	3.5223e-003 [PSU]

### Comments

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## Process evolution

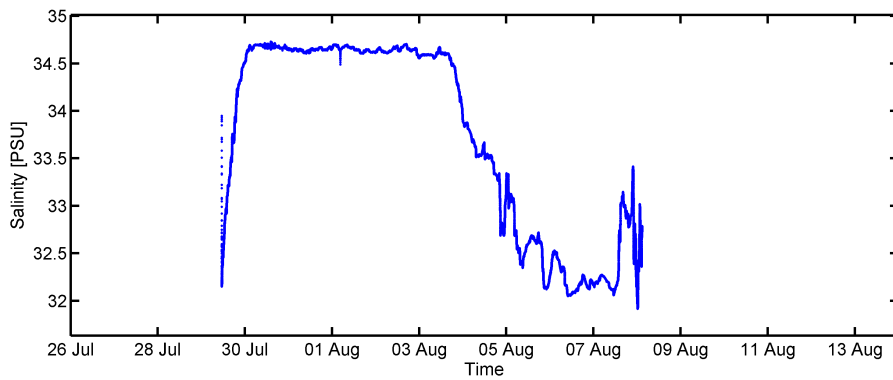


Figure 3: Raw salinity data.

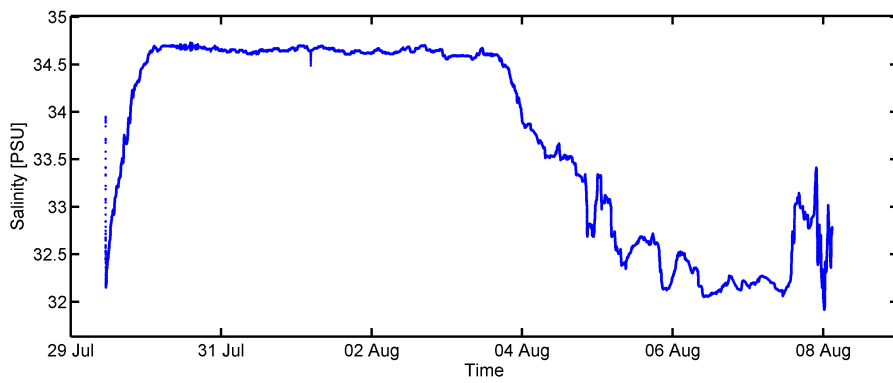


Figure 4: Salinity after basic filter.

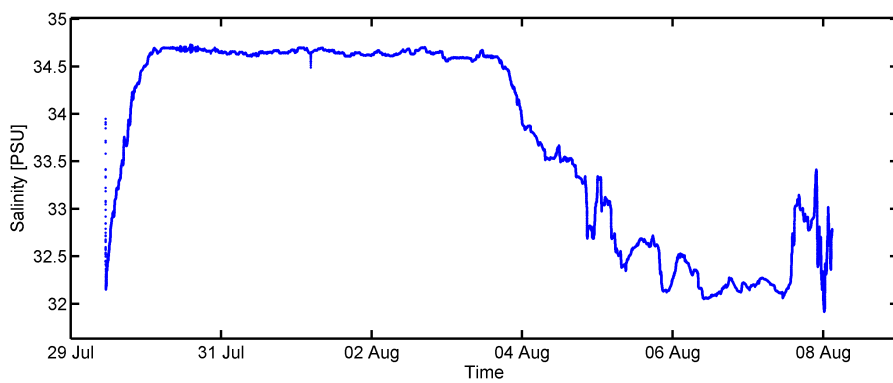


Figure 5: Salinity after flow rate filter.

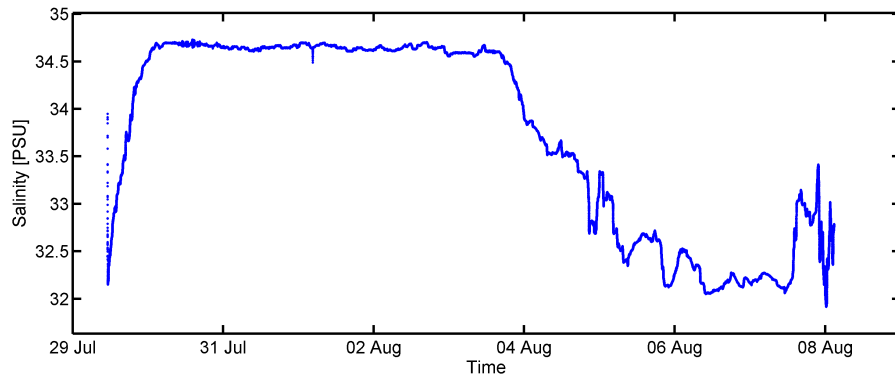


Figure 6: Salinity after geofilter.

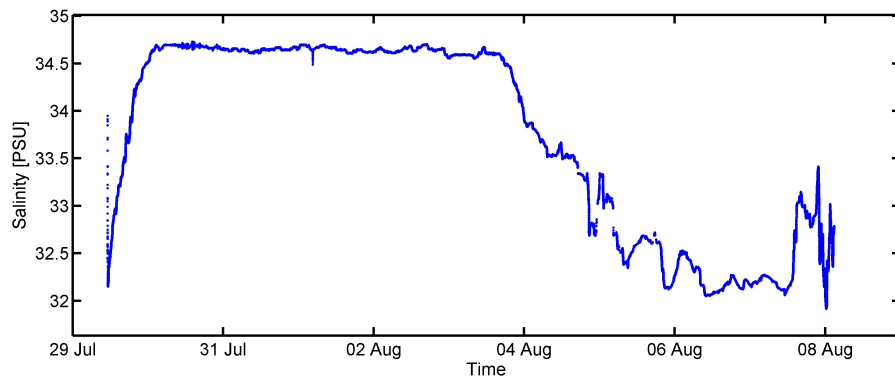


Figure 7: Salinity after speed filter.

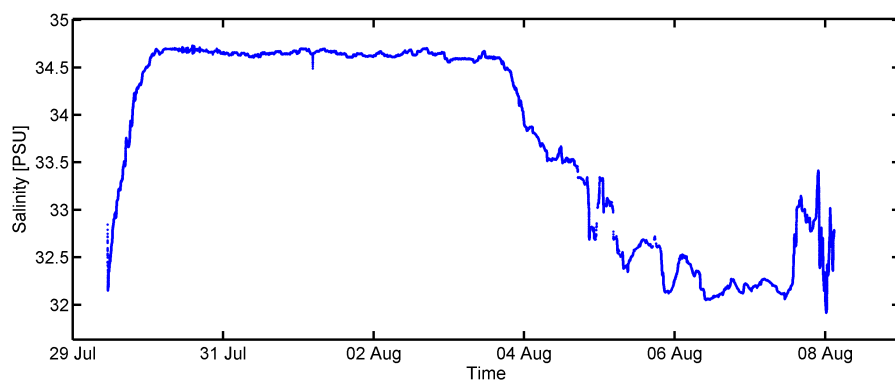


Figure 8: Salinity after temperature filter.

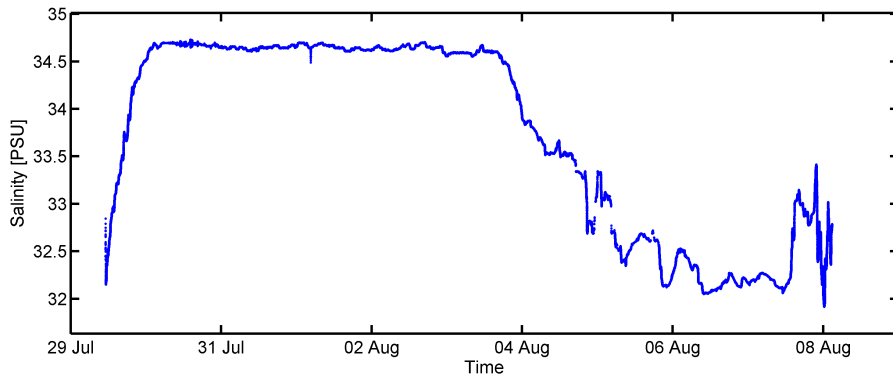


Figure 9: Salinity after despiking.

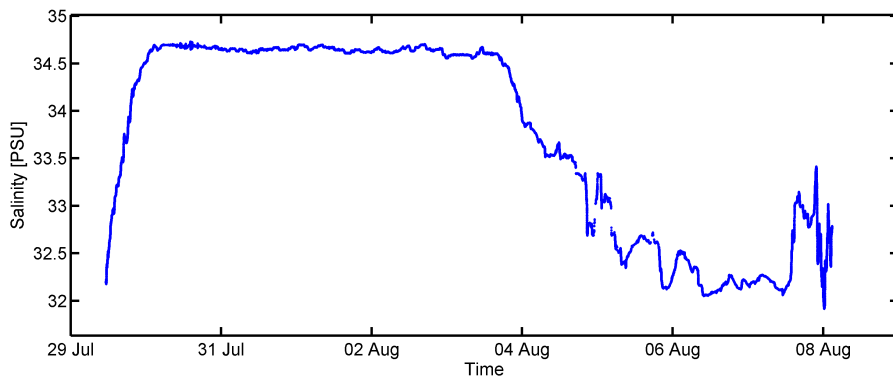


Figure 10: Salinity after manual filter.

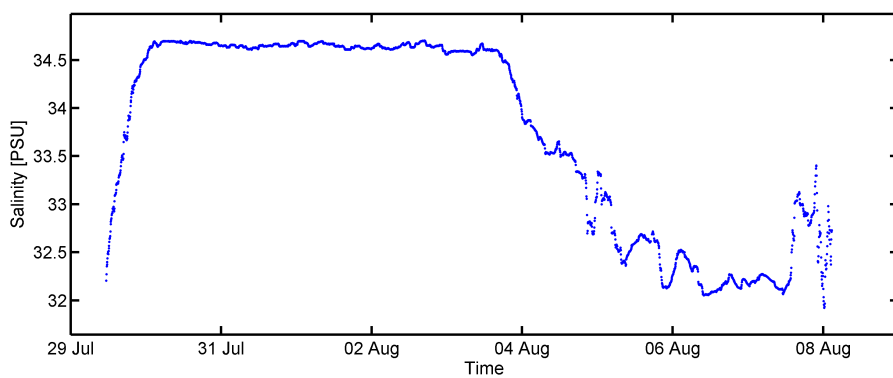


Figure 11: Salinity in 5-min-mean values.



## Result file

Text File (HE538\_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

Processing Report (HE538\_TSG.pdf):

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