

**KAIREI KR08-E03 Expendable Bathythermograph (XBT) Fall-rate bias corrected**

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**Instrument**

Instrument:  
 XBT/XCTD



**Overview**

Using XBT (eXpendable Bathy Thermograph) system, the vertical distribution of water temperature is observed during free fall of its probe part in the seawater. On board, the analogue signal is converted to the temperature by data processor and the data is stored in PC. Depth data is calculated from the elapsed time.

**Correction method**

Fall-rate bias corrected data using new coefficients of Kizu et al. (2005) for all TSK T-5 probes.

[Reference]

Kizu et al. (2005): A New Fall-Rate Equation for T-5 Expendable Bathythermograph (XBT) by TSK. Journal of Oceanography, Vol. 61, pp. 115 to 121

**System**

(1) Launcher  
 Hand launcher  
 Manufacturer : Sippican, Inc.  
 Operation area : Rear upper deck

(2) Converter  
 Manufacturer : Tsurumi Seiki Co., LTD.  
 Location : Investigation room  
 Sampling rate : 50 msec

(3) XBT probe specifications

Probe Type	TSK T-5	TSK T-6	TSK T-7	TSK T-10
Temperature range [deg-C]	-2 to 35			
Temperature accuracy [deg-C]	+/- 0.2			
Temperature resolution [deg-C]	0.01			
Measurement depth [m]	1830	460	760	300
Depth accuracy [m]	5 or +/- 2% of depth; whichever is larger			
Maximum elapsed time [sec]	291	73	123	48
Rated ship speed [knot]	6	15	15	10

Since XBT carries no pressure sensor, we need to estimate depth from the elapsed time. The fall-rate equation is as follows.

$$Z = at + 10E^{-3} * bt^2$$

Where Z(m) is the depth and t(sec) is the elapsed time.

In addition, coefficients of the fall-rate equation are different by probe types.

The corrected data were calculated using new coefficients and elapsed time.

The elapsed time was calculated from the original depth which had been calculated by manufacture's coefficients.

Probe Type	TSK T-5 (New Coefficients of Kizu et al.)	TSK T-5 (Manufacture's Coefficients)
Coefficient-a	6.54071	6.828

The list of an XBT type used in each cast is as follows.

Cast name	Probe Serial No.	Probe Type	Launcher	Converter
BT-025820081102p	-	T-5	Hand	MK-130
BT-025920081107p	-	T-5	Hand	MK-130

#### Data processing

(1) For sensor's stability, values of less than 1 m for temperature are replaced by missing values, respectively, based on manufacturer's recommendation.

(2) Quality control

QCed data were added flag according to the NODC (National Oceanographic Data Center) quality control procedure.

- 1) The gradient check of adjacent depth data
- 2) The broad range check set up at given ocean space and depth

Please see the site of NODC of the following link for quality control procedure in detail.

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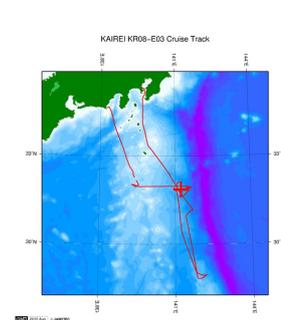
In addition, an abnormal value is identified by a visual check, and the data after visual QC is released.

#### Note

(1) It is reported that T-5 probes produced by Tsurumi Seiki Co. Ltd. (TSK T-5 probes) have a fall-rate bias. Please see the following about publication policy of XBT fall-rate bias correction data.

[Publication policy of XBT fall-rate bias correction data](#)

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**XBT DMO**

Each data file contains one line header (meta data) followed by data lines for each cast.  
The number of data lines are recorded in the header.

Header part

No.	Column	Content	Format	Remarks
1	1	Header ID	a1	fixed as '#'
2	3 - 6	Data ID	a4	XBT
3	8 - 22	Cruise ID	a15	
4	33 - 40	Date	i8	YYYYMMDD (UTC)
5	42 - 45	Time	i4	hhmm (UTC)
6	47 - 55	Latitude	i2,a1,f5.2,a1	dd-mm.mmN(S)
7	57 - 66	Longitude	i3,a1,f5.2,a1	ddd-mm.mmE(W)
8	68 - 71	Number of data lines	i4	
9	72 - 73	Terminator	-	CR+LF

Data part

No.	Column	Content	Unit	Format	Remarks
1	1 - 11	Depth	m	f11.1	
2	12 - 22	Temperature	deg-C	f11.2	ITS-90
3	45 - 55	Flag	-	i11	1 - 7 : space 8 : flag of depth 9 : flag of temperature 10 - 11 : space * reference : <a href="#">'Definition of Quality Control Flags'</a>
4	56 - 57	Terminator	-	-	CR+LF

Each contents of the data part is stored in 11 bytes.  
Missing value is presented by '-5', and error value is presented by '-9'.

Definition of Quality Control Flags

1. Depth Flags

- 0 - accepted value
- 1 - error in recorded depth ( same or less than previous depth )
- 2 - density inversion

2. Observed Level Flags

- N - missing value
- 0 - accepted value
- 1 - range outlier ( outside of broad range check )
- 2 - failed inversion check
- 3 - failed gradient check
- 4 - zero anomaly
- 5 - failed combined gradient and inversion checks
- 6 - failed range and inversion checks
- 7 - failed range and gradient checks
- 8 - failed range and zero anomaly checks
- 9 - failed range and combined gradient and inversion checks
- A - failed visual check

\* Range and gradient check is performed to XBT data.

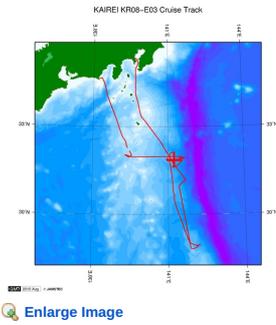
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Sample Program

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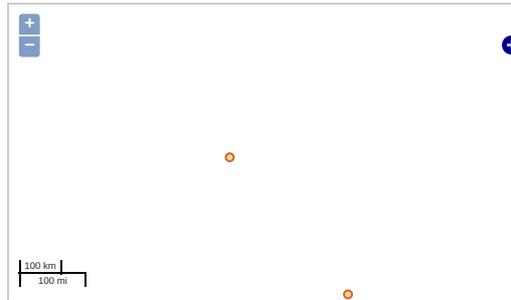
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Observation Map

1. Clicking the icon displays a balloon with observation information.
2. Then click the observation name, figures will be displayed.



Figures

BT-025820081102p

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Only values evaluated as "good" : all flags are 0" are plotted in profiles.  
 Please see Format Page for the definition of quality flags.

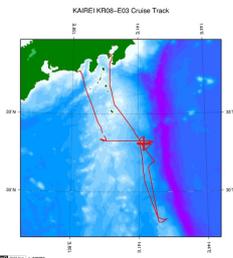
Data List

- File names
- BT-025820081102p.dat
- BT-025920081107p.dat
- ex\_read2.f (Sample Program)

● Observation List  
 The list of observation is shown as follows.

Observation	Time and Date	Lat. [°]	Lon. [°]
BT-025820081102p	2008-11-02 21:48	31.9745	139.4713
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