

NATSUSHIMA NT15-03 Expendable Conductivity-Temperature-Depth Profiler (XCTD)

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For Using Data

Principal Investigator

Data Management Office

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Overview

Using XCTD (eXpendable Conductivity Temperature Depth profiler) system, the vertical distribution of water temperature and salinity are observed during free fall of its probe part in the seawater. Observed temperature and conductivity are transmitted to the data processor on board by the digital signal. The digital signal is converted to the temperature, conductivity and depth by data processor as binary data. Binary data is transmitted from data processor to PC. The PC calculates salinity from temperature, conductivity and depth, and those properties are recorded in PC as the ASCII files.

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 : 40 msec

(3) XCTD probe specifications

Probe Type	TSK XCTD-1	TSK XCTD-2	TSK XCTD-3	TSK XCTD-4
Temperature range [deg-C]	-2 to 35			
Temperature accuracy [deg-C]	+/- 0.02			
Temperature resolution [deg-C]	0.01			
Conductivity range [mS/cm]	0 to 60			
Conductivity accuracy [mS/cm]	+/- 0.03			
Conductivity resolution [mS/cm]	0.015			
Measurement depth [m]	1000	1850	1000	1850
Depth accuracy [m]	5 or +/- 2% of depth; whichever is larger			
Maximum elapsed time [sec]	300	600	200	502
Rated ship speed [knot]	12	3.5	20	6

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

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

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.

Probe Type	TSK XCTD-1	TSK XCTD-2	TSK XCTD-3	TSK XCTD-4
Coefficient-a	3.42543	3.43898	5.07598	3.68081
Coefficient-b	-0.47	-0.31	-0.72	-0.47

* Coefficients listed above are supplied by Sippican, Inc., in USA.

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

Cast name	Probe Serial No.	Probe Type	Launcher	Converter
XCTD-016820150204	12026450	XCTD-2	Hand	MK-130
XCTD-016920150210	12036595	XCTD-2	Hand	MK-130

Data processing

(1) For sensor's stability, values of less than 1 m for temperature and less than 3 m for salinity 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 density inversion check
- 3) The broad range check set up at given ocean space and depth

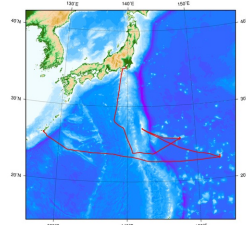
Please see the site of NODC of the following link for quality control procedure in detail.

[QUALITY CONTROL AND PROCESSING OF HISTORICAL OCEANOGRAPHIC TEMPERATURE, SALINITY, AND OXYGEN DATA](#)

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

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XCTD DMO

Format Description for the Corrected Data

Provided in the Exchange Format of CCHDO (CLIVAR and Carbon Hydrographic Data Office). Please see the following link for details of Exchange Format.

[CCHDO | CLIVAR & Carbon Hydrographic Data Office](#)

Data in following cruise is not expressed with Exchange Format. Please see the site of each cruise for format.

MR02-K05 Leg1

MR04-05

Format Description for the QCed Data

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	XCTD
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	23 - 33	Salinity	PSU	f11.3	PSS-78
4	45 - 55	Flag	-	i11	1 - 7 : space 8 : flag of depth 9 : flag of temperature 10 : flag of salinity 11 : space * reference : Definition of Quality Control Flags
5	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

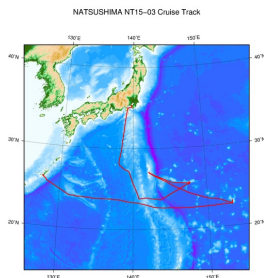
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Sample Program

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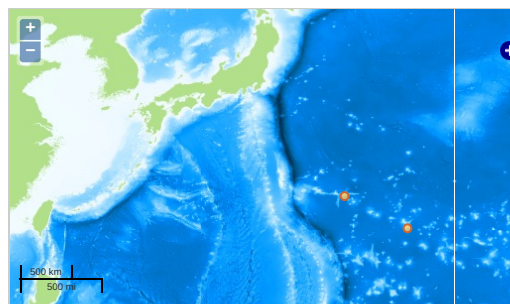
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2. Then click the observation name, figures will be displayed.



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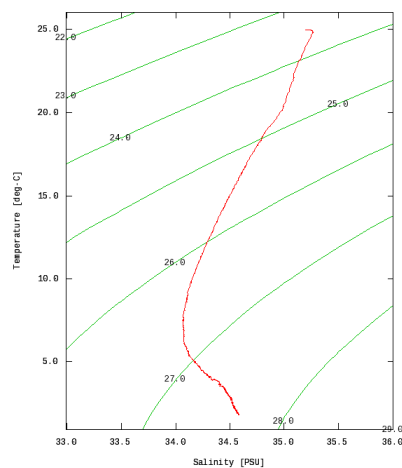
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XCTD-016820150204



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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.

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File names



XCTD-016820150204.dat



XCTD-016920150210.dat



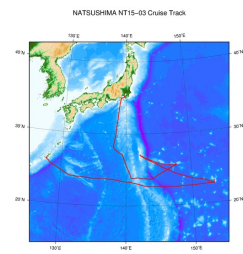
ex_read2.f (Sample Program)

- Observation List

The list of observation is shown as follows.

Observation	Time and Date	Lat. [°]	Lon. [°]
XCTD-016820150204	2015-02-04 04:08	22.7310	153.2660
XCTD-016920150210	2015-02-10 12:31	25.5851	147.6803

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