

# Surface T/S Data RV "Heincke"

## HE371

### 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 HE371 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      HE371  
Cruise start      13.02.2012 Bremerhaven  
Cruise end        24.02.2012 Bremerhaven  
Cruise duration   11 days

### 4 Sensor

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

## 5 Processing Report

### Database Extraction

Data source	DSHIP database (dship.awi.de)
Exported values	1036801
First dataset	2012-01-13T00:00:03 UTC
Last dataset	2012-01-25T00:00:00 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	1036801	100 %	—	—
Basic	0	0.00 %	1036801	100.00 %
Geo	—	—	—	—
Speed	—	—	—	—
Temperature	—	—	—	—
Despike	—	—	—	—
Manual	—	—	—	—
5-min-Mean	—	—	—	—

### Sensordrift

Last calibration	20.12.2008
Current calibration	12.01.2013
Start of deployment	02.05.2011
End of deployment	11.12.2012
Scaled drift	-1.9400e-002 [PSU/month]
Minimal offset	—[PSU]
Maximal offset	—[PSU]

### **Process evolution**

There is no valid salinity data for this cruise.

### **Result file**

Processing Report (HE371\_TSG.pdf):  
This PDF document.