VERTICAL SECTIONS OF TEMPERATURE, SALINITY, THERMOSTERIC ANOMALY
AND ZONAL GEOSTROPHIC VELOCITY FROM NORPAX SHUTTLE EXPERIMENT
PART I

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ABSTRACT

The NORPAX Hawaii-Tahiti Shuttle Experiment was carried out in the central Pacific (158°, 153°, 150°W) during the period February 1979 - June 1980. This report covers CTD profiling data from the first five legs of this Shuttle (February 1979 - July 1979). Vertical sections of temperature, salinity, thermosteric anomaly and zonal geostrophic velocity are presented. Meridional profiles of surface temperature, surface salinity, surface thermosteric anomaly and geostrophic volume transport relative to 1000 db are included.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Description of field program

During the period February 1979 - June 1980 a measurement program (Hawaii-Tahiti Shuttle Experiment) was carried out in the central Pacific to study the low frequency changes in the tropical current system. It was carried out by the NORPAX project as a component of the FGGE (First GARP (Global Atmospheric Research Program) Global Experiment) oceanographic program in the Pacific. Shipboard profile measurements were made along 158°, 153° and 150°W with conductivity/temperature/pressure/dissolved oxygen recorders (CTPO), expendable bathythermographs (XBT), and Düing Profiling Current Meters. Current meter moorings were located near the equator and satellite-tracked drift buoys were deployed between 0° and 10°N. A large-scale network of island sea-level gauges was operated in the central and western Pacific. A preliminary analysis of the combined data set has been presented by Wyrtki, Firing, Halpern, Knox, McNally, Patzert, Stroup, Taft and Williams (1981).

In this data report the temperature, salinity and specific volume observations from the first five legs are represented by a series of meridional vertical sections. The positions of the CTPO stations for each leg
are shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3. The basic sampling plan was to profile to 1000 db at 1° intervals along the three meridians. In addition there were occasional stations along zonal sections connecting the meridians; they are not included in this report. Sections of temperature, salinity, thermosteric anomaly and zonal geostrophic velocity (relative to 1000 db) are shown for each meridian. The data from the remaining legs of the Shuttle Experiment (including the dissolved oxygen measurements) will be included in subsequent data reports.

2. PREPARATION OF VERTICAL SECTIONS

2.1 Data Processing

All data was obtained with a slightly modified Neil Brown Mark III CTP manufactured by Neil Brown Instrument Systems of Falmouth, Massachusetts. Several rosette-mounted Niskin bottles were tripped during each cast to provide discrete temperature, salinity and oxygen data for calibration purposes.

A description of the CTP data processing as well as a listing of the data at 10 db intervals may be found in a series of five data reports published by Physical and Chemical Oceanographic Data Facility of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (see references). Means and standard deviations of differences between the CTD and the Niskin bottle data for each leg are given in Table 1. These values were excerpted from the above reports. The error estimates represent upper bounds because they involve the comparison of values obtained during the descent of the instrument with bottle values obtained on the ascent.
Table 1. Means and standard deviations of differences between temperature and salinity measured by the CTP and the measurements obtained by Niskin bottle. The shallow bottle (S) was in the pressure range 2-10 db, the middle (M) bottle was in the range 400-600 db and the deep (D) bottle was near 1000 db.

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2.2 Drawing of Sections

The data were contoured with a linear interpolation program developed at the University of Washington. Temperature and thermosteric anomaly contours were drawn from a field of block-averaged values at 2.5 db intervals; salinity data were smoothed a second time with a five-point binomial running average before contouring was done. Because of the complicated salinity structure in the thermocline, the salinity data are represented with an expanded scale (0-300 db) as well as the 0-1000 db scale which was used to represent all properties. The vertical exaggerations are: 0 to 300 db - 5460; and 0 to 1000 db - 2730. Occasional short gaps in the data, which were primarily due to tape reading problems, were filled by linear interpolation.

The average zonal geostrophic velocity was computed between stations 1° of latitude apart after a 3-point binomial filter was applied to the dynamic heights. At the ends of the sections individual station values were differenced to compute the velocity. Because of uncertainties in the geostrophic velocity computation as the equator is approached, no velocities were computed equatorward of 2°N(S).

Contour intervals, which are in some cases non-uniform are given in Table 2. The equivalence between thermosteric anomaly, i.e., the specific volume anomaly at in situ temperature and salinity and atmospheric pressure, and the density anomaly at atmospheric pressure \( \sigma_L = 10^3 (\rho_S, T, P_a - 1) \) is given in Table 3.
Table 2. Contour intervals used in vertical sections.

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Table 3. Values of $\sigma_t$ for given thermosteric anomaly ($\delta_{S,T,P_a}$). Data has been taken from the Handbook of Oceanographic Tables published by the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office in 1966.

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3. ADDITIONAL MERIDIONAL PROFILES

3.1 Surface distributions

Plots of sea surface temperature, salinity thermosteric anomaly are given for each meridian on each leg (Figures 64-68).

3.2 Volume transport

The zonal geostrophic volume transport relative to 1000 db has been plotted for each meridian on each leg (Figures 69-72). The transports are the total westward and eastward (positive) transports at each mid-point (half-degree of latitude). All zonal components less than 5 cm sec$^{-1}$ in magnitude have been excluded from the integration.
4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Figure 64. Distribution of sea-surface temperature, salinity and thermosteric anomaly at 158°, 153° and 150°W on Leg 1. See middle panel for meridian key. Refer to individual sections for dates.
Figure 65. Distribution of sea-surface temperature, salinity and thermosteric anomaly at 158°, 153° and 150°W on Leg 2. See middle panel for meridian key. Refer to individual sections for dates.
LEG 3
LATITUDE

SURFACE TEMPERATURE (°C)

30.0
29.0
28.0
27.0
26.0
25.0
24.0
23.0

SURFACE SALINITY (%)

36.0
35.5
35.0
34.5
34.0

SURFACE THERMOSTERIC ANOMALY (10^{-6} °C m^3)

600
575
550
525
500
475
450
425

--- 158°W
- 153°W
--- 150°W

Figure 66. Distribution of sea-surface temperature, salinity and thermosteric anomaly at 158°, 153° and 150°W on Leg 3. See middle panel for meridian key. Refer to individual sections for dates.
Figure 67. Distribution of sea-surface temperature, salinity and thermosteric anomaly at 158°, 153° and 150°W on Leg 4. See middle panel for meridian key. Refer to individual sections for dates.
Figure 68. Distribution of sea-surface temperature, salinity and thermosteric anomaly at 158°, 153° and 150°W on Leg 5. See middle panel for meridian key. Refer to individual sections for dates.
Figure 69. Distribution of eastward (positive) and westward (negative) volume transport relative to 1000 db at 158°, 153° and 150°W on Leg 1. Refer to individual sections for dates. Circles indicate zero transport.
Figure 70. Distribution of eastward (positive) and westward (negative) volume transport relative to 1000 db at 158°, 153° and 150°W on Leg 2. Refer to individual sections for dates. Circles indicate zero transport.
Figure 71. Distribution of eastward (positive) and westward (negative) volume transport relative to 1000 db at 158°, 153° and 150°W on Leg 3. Refer to individual sections for dates. Circles indicate zero transport.
Figure 72. Distribution of eastward (positive) and westward (negative) volume transport relative to 1000 db at 158°, 153° and 150°W on Leg 4. Refer to individual sections for dates. Circles indicate zero transport.
Figure 73. Distribution of eastward (positive) and westward (negative) volume transport relative to 1000 db at 158°, 153° and 150°W on Leg 5. Refer to individual sections for dates. Circles indicate zero transport.