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Figure 1: The NOCAL and CENCAL subdomains of the OPTOMA Program. Isobaths are shown in meters.

INTRODUCTION

The OPTOMA (Ocean Prediction Through Observations, Modeling and Analysis) Program, a joint NPS/Harvard program sponsored by ONR, seeks to understand the mesoscale (fronts, eddies, and jets) variability and dynamics of the California Current System and to determine the scientific limits to practical mesoscale ocean forecasting. To help carry out the aims of this project, a series of cruises has been planned in two subdomains, NOCAL and CENCAL, shown in Figure 1.

The three cruises presented in this report, OPTOMA9, OPTOMASF, and OPTOMA10, were undertaken aboard the R/V ACANIA.

The cruise OPTOMA9 was conducted from 20 to 25 February, 1984 and covered part of the CENCAL domain. Hydrographic data were acquired in an area 180 km cross-shore by 170 km alongshore, centered about 150 km offsore, with additional transects to and from the domain as shown in Figure 2. The track pattern consisted of three diamonds with parallel tracks, separated by roughly 60 km, along which hydrographic stations were occupied every 10 km.

The cruise OPTOMASF was conducted on 3 and 4 March, 1984 and covered the shelf region between Monterey, CA and San Francisco, CA. Hydrographic data were acquired in an area 75 km cross-shore by 150 km alongshore, as shown in Figure 13. The track pattern consisted of three alongshore transects and two cross shelf transects, along which hydrographic stations were occupied every 10 km.

The cruise OPTOMA10 was conducted on 23 and 24 April, 1984 and was originally planned to cover part of the CENCAL region. However, due to rough weather conditions, the cruise was aborted after the completion of one transect, shown in Figure 28. Hydrographic stations were occupied every 10 km.

Transect extremes are identified by letter on the cruise tracks for OPTOMA9, OPTOMASF and OPTOMA10, in Figures 2, 13, and 28, respectively, to aid in cross referencing the data in subsequent Figures.

DATA ACQUISITION

Data acquired during OPTOMA9, OPTOMASF, and OPTOMA10 include XBT and CTD profiles and continuous 2 m thermalsalinograph measurements. A bucket surface temperature and a water sample for salinity were taken at every CTD station. These surface values and those at 2 m were used for calibration purposes as well as contributions to the data base. Continuous meteorological data such as atmospheric pressure at a height of 2 m and wind speed and direction at a height of 20 m and intermittent acoustic Doppler velocity data were also recorded. The XBT, CTD and continuous "underway" data were digitized using a HP 5328 frequency counter and a 40 channel digital voltmeter. The continuous data were averaged over two-minute intervals. All data were recorded, using an HP 9835 computer, on data cassettes and transferred ashore to the IBM 3033 mainframe computer for editing and processing.

Station positions were determined by Loran C fixes and are claimed to be accurate to within about 0.1 km. Table 1 on page 6 summarizes the various sensors available on the R/V ACANIA and their accuracy. The bottle surface salinity samples were determined ashore by a Guildline Model 8400 "Autosal" salinometer with an accuracy of +0.003 ppt.

DATA PROCESSING

Data processing, such as estimating depth profiles for the XBT temperature profiles based on the XBT's descent speed, and conversion of CTD conductivity to salinity using the algorithm given in Lewis and Perkin (1981), was carried out on the IBM 3033 at the Naval Postgraduate School. The data were then edited by removing obvious salinity spikes and eliminating cast failures that were not

identified during the cruise. The percentage of casts retained were 99%, 95%, and 100% for OPTOMA9, OPTOMASF, and OPTOMA10, respectively. From a comparison c the CTD surface salinities with the surface salinities from the bottle samples i was determined that no correction to the CTD salinities was needed. The CTD dat were interpolated to 5 m intervals and then up and down casts were averaged.

The data have been transferred on digital tape to the National Oceanographic Data Center in Washington, DC.

DATA PRESENTATION

The data from OPTOMA9, OPTOMASF, and OPTOMA10 are presented in sections 1, 2, and 3 respectively. The cruise track, station locations (with XBT's and CTD's identified) and station numbers are shown in the first three figures of each section. These figures are followed by a listing of the stations, with their coordinates, the date and time at which the station was occupied, and the surface information obtained at the station.

Vertical profiles of temperature from the XBT casts are shown in staggered fashion. The location of these profiles may be found by reference to the various maps of the cruise tracks. Transect extremes are identified as nearly as possible. The first profile on each plot is shown with its temperature unchanged; to each subsequent profile an appropriate multiple of 5C has been added. Vertical profiles from the CTD's follow. Profiles of temperature are staggered by 5C and those of salinity by 4 ppt.

Isotherms for each transect are shown in the next pages, followed by isopleths of temperature, salinity and sigma-t from the CTD's in sections 1 and 2. Based on instrument accuracy and the vertical temperature gradient, it is estimated that depths of isotherms in the main thermocline are uncertain to <u>+20m</u> The tick marks identify station positions and, again, the transect extremes are shown on these plots.

Section 1 includes mean profiles of temperature from the XBT's. In addition mean profiles of temperature, salinity and sigma-t from the CTD's are given as well as a scatter diagram of the T-S pairs and the mean S(T) curve with the \pm standard deviation envelope. This section concludes with a plot of the mean N² (Brunt-Vaisala frequency squared) profile with \pm the standard deviation. On the sigma-t and N² plots, the appropriate profiles derived from the mean temperature and mean salinity profiles are also shown.

Section 2 contains similar profiles as those in Section 1, except that the CTD and XBT casts were combined, and then subdivided according to the maximum depth of each cast. Plots are given from all casts less than 150 meters depth, and from all casts greater than 300 meters depth to contrast and compare the hydrographic properties of on shelf and off shelf water masses.

Section 3 concludes with the mean temperature profile from all casts.

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CTDpressure
temperaturestrain gage
thermistor1.6 db
0.005 C
0.005 C
0.005 mmho0.025 db
0.0005 C
0.0005 C
0.001 mmho Sippican temperature thermistor 0.2 C BT depth descent speed greater of 4.6 m and 2% of depth * Guildline conductivity electrode cell 0.003 ppt 0.0002 ppt Autosal _____ # Amatek velocity 3 cm/sec straza profiles 4 beam relative to ADVP to 100m sonar ship speed 3 cm/sec Rosemountsea surfaceplatinumSensortemperaturethermometer0.05 C0.005 C Sea-Birdtemperaturethermistor0.003 C0.0005 CSensorsconductivity
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Table 1: Scientific instruments aboard the R/V ACANIA

* Not operating on the OPTOMA9 cruise.

Intermittent

SECTION 1 OPTOMA9 20 - 25 FEBRUARY 1984



Figure 2: The cruise track for OPTOMA9.



Figure 3: XBT and CTD station locations for OPTOMA9.



Figure 4: Station numbers for OPTOMA9.

Table 2: OPTOMA9 Station Listing

STN	TYPE	YR/DAY	GMT	LAT (NORTH) (DD.MM)	LONG (WEST) (DDD.MM)	SURFACE TEMP (DEG C)	SURFACI SALINI (PPT)	E BUCKEI IY TEMP (DEG C)	BOTTLE SALINITY (PPT)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	XBT XBT XBT XBT XBT XBT CTD XBT XBT XBT XBT	83051 84051 84051 84051 84051 84052 84052 84052 84052 84052 84052 84052 84052	1954 2038 2114 2239 2317 2357 39 11 358 434 516 554	36.35 36.30 36.25 36.23 36.20 36.13 36.09 36.04 35.57 35.52	122.05 122.13 122.18 122.33 122.39 122.46 122.53 122.57 123.03 123.05 123.07 123.10	12.8 13.0 13.2 13.2 13.0 13.1 13.2 13.2 13.2 13.0 13.2 13.0 13.2 13.0 13.3	32.70	13.4	32.78
13 14 15 16 17 18	XBT XBT XBT CTD XBT XBT	84052 84052 84052 84052 84052 84052	633 706 749 18 1134 1238	35.47 35.42 35.36 35.28 35.36 35.43	123.13 123.15 123.18 123.19 123.23 123.25	13.1 13.2 13.5 13.5 13.5 13.5	32.78	13.6	32.82
19 20 21 22	XBT CTD XBT XBT	84052 84052 84052 84052 84052	1325 1444 1554 1657	35.47 35.52 35.57 36.03	123.27 123.30 123.32 123.34	13.1 13.1 12.9 13.0	32.40	13.1	32.43
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	XBT CTD XBT XBT XBT XBT XBT XBT	84052 84052 84053 84053 84053 84053 84053 84053 84053	1811 2105 2239 12 140 417 645 853	36.08 36.14 36.20 36.26 36.32 36.38 36.43 36.43 36.49 36.54	123.37 123.40 123.43 123.45 123.47 123.50 123.53 123.55 123.58	12.8 12.6 12.6 12.6 12.5 12.6 12.6 12.6	32.41	12.8	32.46
32 33 34 35 36 37 38	CTD XBT XBT XBT XBT XBT XBT XBT	84053 84053 84053 84053 84053 84053 84053 84053	1349 1437 1530 1615 1659 1748 1833	37.00 36.54 36.48 36.43 36.37 36.31 36.25 36.19	124.00 124.02 124.05 124.07 124.10 124.13 124.15 124.18	12.7 12.5 12.5 12.5 12.6 12.7 12.3 12.5	32.37	13.0	32.38
40 41 42 43	CTD XBT XBT XBT	84053 84053 84053 84053	2052 2150 2243 2331	36.14 36.08 36.02 35.57	124.20 124.23 124.25 124.28	12.9 12.8 12.9 12.8 13.2	32.61	13.7	32.68
44	CTD XBT	84054 84054	48	35.51 35.47	124.30 124.33	13.7	32.89	T2./	32.92

STN	TYPE	YR/DAY	GMT	LAT (NORTH) DD.MM	LONG (WEST) DDD.MM	SURFACE TEMP (DEG C)	SURFACE SALINI (PPT)	E BUCKET FY TEMP (DEG C)	BOTTLE SALINITY (PPT)
46 47 48 49 50 51	XBT XBT CTD XBT XBT XBT	84054 84054 84054 84054 84054 84054	209 257 442 630 736 827	35.42 35.36 35.29 35.36 35.42 35.42	124.35124.38124.41124.42124.45124.45	13.5 13.9 14.3 14.4 13.8 13.8	33.09	14.4	33.21
52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59	XBT XBT XBT CTD XBT XBT XBT	84054 84054 84054 84054 84054 84054 84054 84054	915 1006 1055 1144 1336 1422 1505 1557	35.52 35.57 36.03 36.08 36.14 36.20 36.26 36.32	124.51 124.53 124.55 124.57 125.00 124.57 124.54 124.54	$ \begin{array}{c} 13.9 \\ 14.1 \\ 14.1 \\ 14.3 \\ 14.0 \\ 14.0 \\ 14.0 \\ 14.0 \\ 14.0 \\ \end{array} $	33.08	14.3	33.13
60 61 62 63 64 65	XBT XBT XBT XBT CTD XBT	84054 84054 84054 84054 84054 84054	1644 1727 1814 1858 2022 2058	36.38 36.43 36.49 36.55 36.59 36.59	124.50 124.47 124.45 124.43 124.39 124.37	14.5 13.6 13.3 12.5 12.8 12.2	32.75	12.9	32.81
66 67 68 69 70	XBT XBT CTD XBT XBT	84054 84054 84054 84055 84055	2138 2217 2329 12 50	36.48 36.43 36.37 36.31 36.26	124.35 124.33 124.30 124.28 124.25	12.7 12.7 12.6 12.8 13.1	32.53	12.7	32.65
71 72 73 74 75	XBT CTD XBT XBT XBT	84055 84055 84055 84055 84055	132 247 · 328 406 448	36.20 36.15 36.09 36.04 35.58	124.23 124.19 124.17 124.15 124.12	13.2 12.5 12.7 12.9	32.51	13.1	32.64
76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84	XBT XBT XBT XBT CTD XBT XBT XBT	84055 84055 84055 84055 84055 84055 84055 84055 84055 84055	519 556 639 717 840 944 1025 1107 1156	35.53 35.48 35.42 35.36 35.30 35.37 35.42 35.48 35.48 35.54	124.12 124.10 124.07 124.04 124.03 123.59 123.57 123.55 123.52 123.50	12.6 13.0 13.4 13.3 13.7 13.1 12.9 12.8 13.0	32.89	13.9	32.91
85 86 87 88 89 90	XBT XBT XBT CTD XBT XBT	84055 84055 84055 84055 84055 84055	1238 1316 1401 1528 1627 1722	36.00 36.04 36.10 36.14 36.20 36.26	123.47 123.45 123.42 123.39 123.36 123.34	12.7 12.7 12.6 12.6 12.5 12.5	32.53	13.0	32.65

STN	TYPE	YR/DAY	GMT	LAT (NORTH) DD.MM	LONG (WEST) DDD.MM	SURFACE TEMP (DEG C)	SURFACE BUCKET BOTTLE SALINITY TEMP SALINITY (PPT) (DEG C) (PPT)
91	XBT	84055	1810	36.32	123.32	12.6	
92	XBT	84055	1903	36.38	123.30	12.5	
93	XBT	84055	1958	36.43	123.27	12.6	
94	XBT	84055	2054	36.49	123.25	12.6	
95	XBT	84055	2152	36.55	123.22	12.6	
96	XBT	84055	2244	37.00	123.20	12.5	
97	XBT	84055	2333	36.54	123.18	12.6	
98	XBT	84056	26	36.48	123.15	12.6	
99	XBT	84056	114	36.43	123.13	12.8	
100	XBT	84056	204	36.37	123.10	12.6	
101	XBT	84056	300	36.31	123.07	12.6	
102	XBT	84056	343	36.26	123.05	12.7	
103	XBT	84056	433	36.20	123.02	12.8	
104	XBT	84056	514	36.15	122.59	12.7	

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Figure 5(b).



Figure 5(c).



Figure 5(d).





Figure 6(a): CTD temperature profiles, staggered by multiples of 5C, and salinity profiles, staggered by multiples of 4 ppt. (OPTOMA9).





Figure 6(b).







Figure 7(b).





Figure 7(d).





Figure 7(f).





Figure 8(a): Isopleths of (1) temperature and salinity and (2) sigma-t, from the CTD's. (OPTOMA9).










Figure 9: Mean temperature profiles from (a) XBT's and (b) CTD's, with + and - the standard deviations. (OPTOMA9).







Figure 11: (a) T-S pairs and (b) mean T-S relation, with + and - the standard deviation, from the CTD's. Selected sigma-t contours are also shown. (OPTOMA9).



Figure 12: Mean N^2 profile, with + and - the standard deviation. (OPTOMA9).

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Figure 13: The cruise track for OPTOMASF.



Figure 14: XBT and CTD station locations for OPTOMASF.



Figure 15: Station numbers for OPTOMASF.

Table 3: OPTOMASF Station Listing

01	STN	TYPE	YR/DAY	GMT	LAT (NORTH) (DD.MM)	LONG (WEST) (DDD.MM)	SURFACE TEMP)(DEG C)	SURFACT SALINI (PPT)	E BUCKET FY TEMP (DEG C)	BOTTLE SALINITY (PPT)
	1	CTD	84064	1059	36.40	121.57	13.0	33.22	13.1	32.79
	2	XBT	84064 84064	1140 1147	36.45 36.46	122.00	12.4			
	4	XBT	84064	1217	36.49	122.01	12.0			
	5	CTD	84064	1255	36.53	122.07	12.6	33.33	12.7	33.36
	6	CTD	84064	1447	36.55	122.17	12.0	33.34	12.1	33.36
	7	CTD	84064	1625	36.52	122.22	11.7	33.17	12.0	33.17
	8	CTD	84064	1803	36.50	122.28	12.2	32.63	12.3	32.66
	9	XBT	84064	1917	36.56	122.30	12.0			
	10	CTD	84064	2007	37.01	122.31	12.2	32.68	12.2	32.69
	11	XBT	84064	2058	37.07	122.33	12.1			
	12	CTD	84064	2147	37.12	122.34	12.4	32.68	12.4	32.67
	13	CTD	84064	2236	37.09	122.39	12.1	32.89	12.1	32.89
	14	CTD	84064	2336	37.07	122.46	12.7	32.71	12.7	32.72
	15	CTD	84065	40	37.06	122.51	12.9	32.79	12.9	32.82
	16	XBT	84065	124	37.10	122.55	12.8			
	17	CTD	84065	225	37.14	122.58	13.0	32.85	13.0	32.86
	18	XBT	84065	305	37.19	122.57	12.7			
	19	XBT	84065	338	37.23	122.55	12.6	00 0 <i>1</i>	10.0	0.0 7.0
	20	CTD	84065	424	37.27	122.53	11.9	32.84	12.0	32.79
	21	XRT	84065	500	37 32	122 50	12 (1			







Figure 17: CTD temperature profiles, staggered by multiples of 5C, and salinity profiles, staggered by multiples of 4 ppt. (OPTOMASF).





Figure 18: Profiles of temperature and salinity from CTD casts deeper than 250m. (OPTOMASF).



Figure 19: Along-track isotherms. Tick marks along the upper horizontal Dashed axis show station positions. Some station numbers are given. lines are used if the cast was too shallow. (OPTOMASF).



Figure 20: Isopleths of (1) temperature and salinity and (2) sigma-t, from the CTD's. Dotted lines are used if the cast was too shallow. (OPTOMASF).















Figure 24: (a) T-S pairs and (b) mean T-S relation, with + and - the standard deviation, from the CTD'S shallower than 150m. Selected sigma-t contours are also shown. (OPTOMASF).







Figure 26: Mean N² profile (____), with + and the standard deviation (----) from the CTD's shallower than 150m. The N² profile from $\overline{T(z)}$ and $\overline{S(z)}$ (....) is also shown. (OPTOMASF).



Figure 27: Mean N² profile (----), with + and - the standard deviation (----), from the CTD's deeper than 300m. The N² profile from $\overline{T(z)}$ and $\overline{S(z)}$ is also shown (....). (OPTOMASF).

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Figure 28: The cruise track for OPTOMA10.

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Figure 29: XBT and CTD station locations for OPTOMA10.

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Figure 30: Station numbers for OPTOMA10.

Table 4: OPTOMA10 Station Listing

S	STN	TYPE	YR/DAY	GMT	LAT (NORTH) (DD.MM)	LONG (WEST) (DDD.MM)	SURFACE TEMP)(DEG C)	SURFACE SALINITY (PPT)
	1	CTD	84114	1029	36.47	121.57	10.2	33.55
	2 3	XBT CTD	84114 84114	1243 1409	36.45 36.44	122.09 122.15	10.3 10.7	33.55
	4	XBT	84114	1441	36.40	122.17 122.19	11.5	
	6	XBT	84114	1558	36.30	122.20	11.8	
	7	XBT XBT	84114 84114	1632	36.26	122.22	12.1 12.1	
	9	XBT	84114	1746	36.16	122.25	12.2	
	$10 \\ 11$	XBT XBT	84114 84114	1829	36.11 36.06	122.27	12.1 12.2	
	12	XBT	84114	1950	36.01	122.30	12.3	
	13	XBT	84114 84114	2029	35.56	122.32	12.7	
	15	XBT	84114	2153	35.46	122.35 122.37	12.7	
	17	XBT	84114	2330	35.36	122.37	12.9	
	18 19	XBT XBT	84115	21	35.31 35.26	122.40 122.42	13.0	
	20	XBT	84115	218	35.20	122.43	12.5	
	21	XBT	84115	307	35.15	122.45	12.6	







Figure 32: CTD temperature profiles, staggered by multiples of 5C, and salinity profiles, staggered by multiples of 4 ppt. (OPTOMA10).



axis show station positions. Some station numbers are given. Dashed lines are used if the cast was too shallow. (OPTOMA10).





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