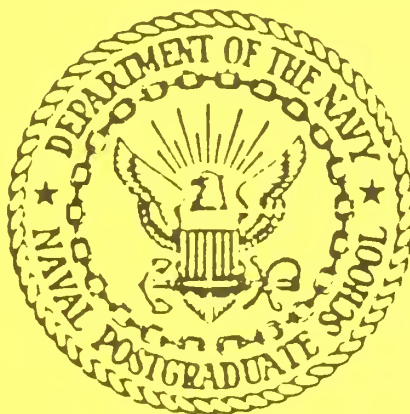


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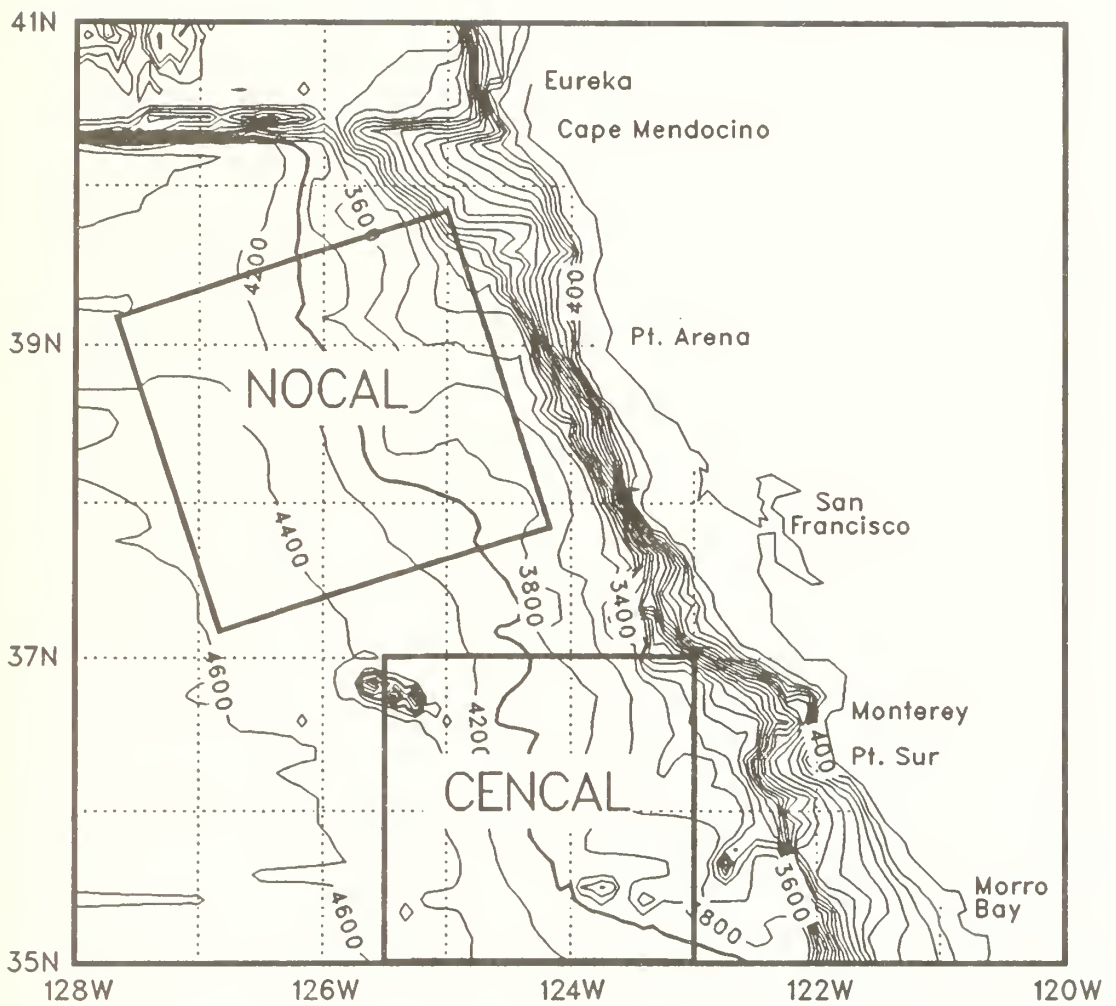


Figure 1: The NOCAL and CENCAL subdomains of the OPTOMA Program. Isobaths are shown in meters.

INTRODUCTION

The OPTOMA (Ocean Prediction Through Observation, 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 cruise OPTOMA19 was undertaken, in the USNS DE STEIGUER, in February, 1986 and covered a domain 240 km square centered 190 km off the coast from Pt. Arena.

Hydrographic data were acquired during the period 8 to 13 February. The cruise track consisted of alongshore transects shown in Figure 2. Transect extremes are identified by letter to aid in cross-referencing the data presented in subsequent figures. Hydrographic stations were occupied at approximately 19km along the track.

DATA ACQUISITION

Data acquired during OPTOMA19 include XBT and CTD profiles. Wind velocity, air temperature, dew point, and 2 meter thermosalinograph measurements were recorded every 2 minutes using a Serial ASCII Interface Loop (SAIL) data acquisition system. CTD data were digitized using a Neil Brown MK3 unit and the XBT data were digitized using a Sippican MK9 unit. All data were recorded on data disks using HP200 series computers, and transferred ashore to the IBM 3033 mainframe computer at the Naval Postgraduate School for editing and processing.

Station positions were determined by Loran C fixes and are claimed to be accurate to within about 0.1km. A NAVOCEANO Neil Brown CTD was used on the cruises. Table 1 on page 6 summarizes the various sensors used on the USNS DE STEIGUER and their accuracy.

DATA PROCESSING

The data processing, such as estimating depth profiles for the XBT temperature profiles based on 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. The data were then edited by removing obvious salinity spikes and eliminating cast failures that were not identified during the cruise. Approximately 97% of casts were retained. The CTD data were interpolated to 5m intervals. The data have been transferred on digital tape to the National Oceanographic Data Center in Washington, DC.

DATA PRESENTATION

The cruise track, station locations (with XBT's and CTD's identified) and station numbers are shown in Figures 2, 3, and 4, respectively. 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 in Figure 5. The location of these profiles may be found by reference to the various maps of the cruise track. 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. Based on instrument accuracy and the vertical temperature gradient, it is estimated that depths of isotherms in the main thermocline are uncertain to +20m. The tick marks identify station positions and, again, the transect extremes are shown in these plots.

Mean profiles of temperature from the XBT's and temperature, salinity and sigma-t from the CTD's are given in Figures 9 and 10, followed by a scatter diagram of the T-S pairs and the mean S(T) curve with the + standard deviation envelope. The data presentation concludes with a plot of the mean N^2 (Brunt-Vaisala frequency squared) profile with + the standard deviation. On the sigma-t and N^2 plots, the appropriate profiles derived from the mean temperature and mean salinity profiles are also shown.

Table 1: Scientific instruments aboard the USNS DE STEIGUER

| Instrument | Variable | Sensor | Accuracy | Resolution |
|--|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| Neil Brown CTD Mark IIIb | pressure temperature conductivity | strain gauge thermistor electrode cell | 1.6 db 0.005 C 0.005 mmbo | 0.025 db 0.0005 C 0.001mmbo |
| Sippican MK9 XBT | temperature depth | thermistor descent speed | 0.2C greater of 4.6 m and 2% of depth | |
| Sea-Bird Sensors | temperature conductivity at 2 meters | thermistor electrode cell | 0.003 C 0.003 mmho | 0.0005 C 0.0005 mmho |
| General Eastern Temperature Sensors | air temperature dew point temperature | thermometer condensation temp. sensor | 0.01C 0.2C | |
| R.M. Young Wind Sensors | wind speed wind direction | anemometer vane | 0.15mph 2.5 degrees | |
| Internav LC 408 LORAN C | position | two chain LORAN receiver | 100 meters | 10 meters |

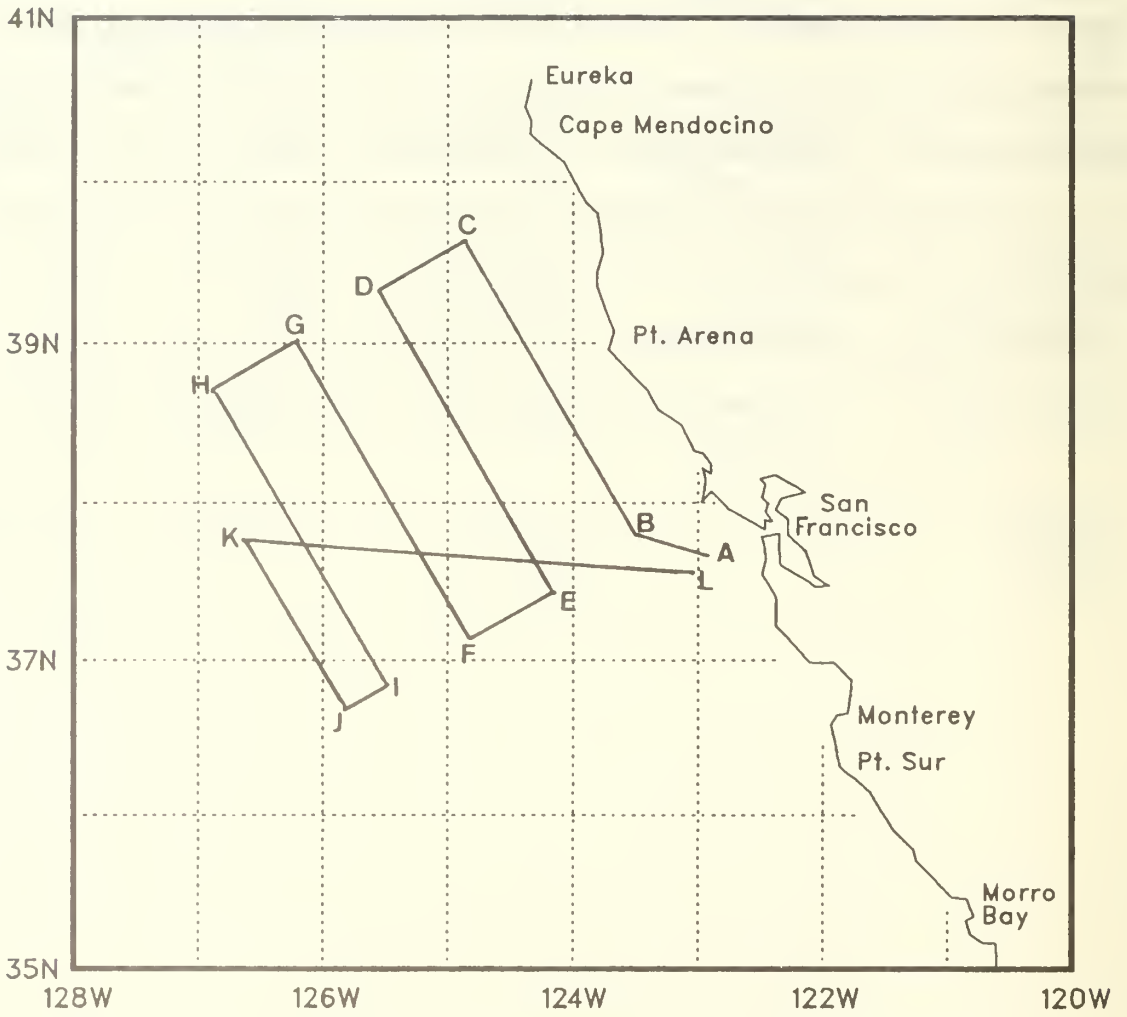


Figure 2: Cruise track for OPTOMA19 with transect extremes identified by letter.

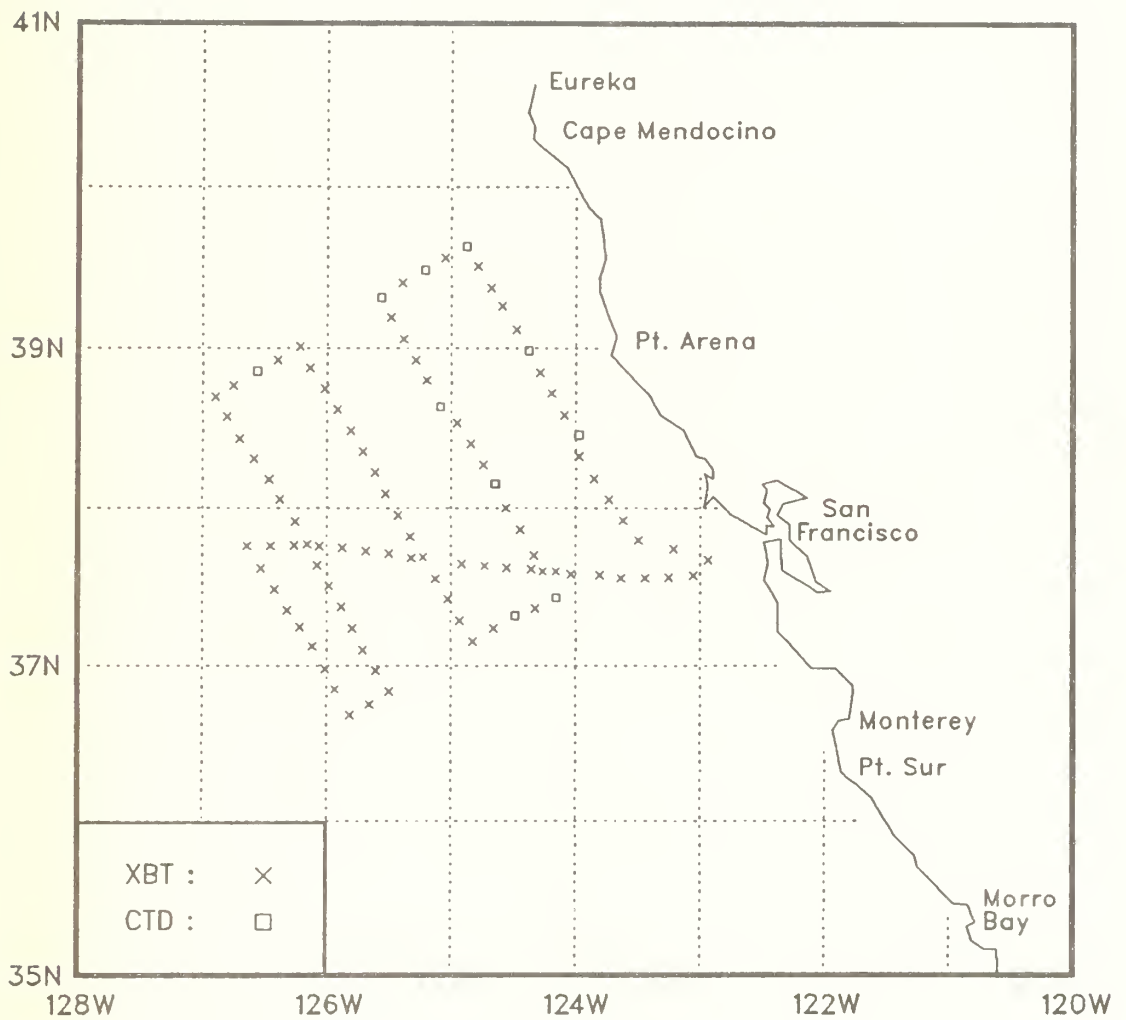


Figure 3: XBT and CTD locations for OPTOMA19.

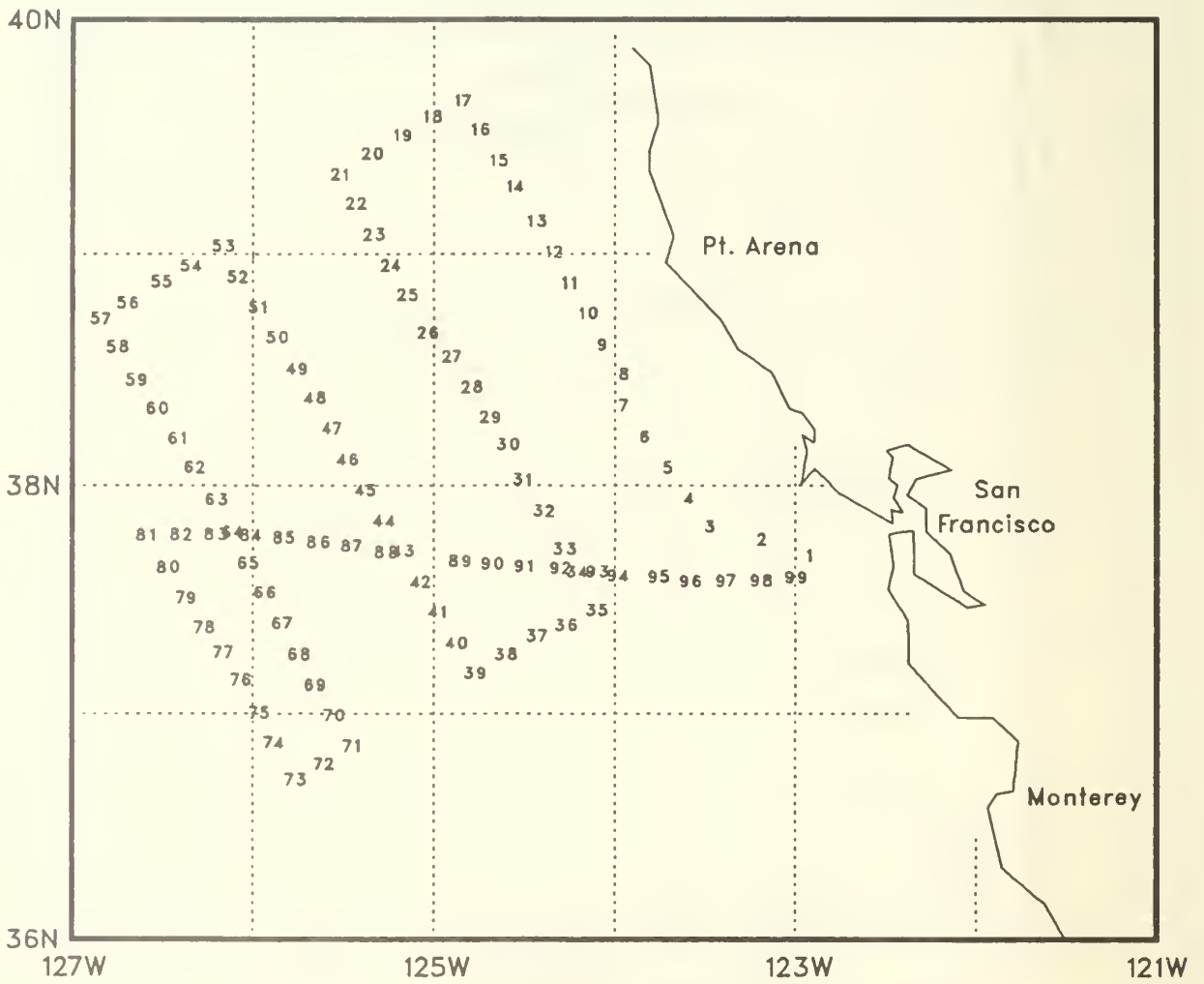


Figure 4: Station numbers for OPTOMA19.

Table 2 : Station Listing

| STN | TYPE | YR/DAY | GMT | LAT (NORTH) (DD.MM) | LONG (WEST) (DDD.MM) | SURFACE TEMP (DEG C) | SURFACE SALINITY (PPT) |
|-----|------|--------|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | XBT | 86039 | 2000 | 37.40 | 122.56 | 12.7 | |
| 2 | XBT | 86039 | 2122 | 37.45 | 123.12 | 13.0 | |
| 3 | XBT | 86039 | 2326 | 37.48 | 123.30 | 13.4 | |
| 4 | XBT | 86040 | 30 | 37.55 | 123.37 | 13.4 | |
| 5 | XBT | 86040 | 125 | 38.03 | 123.44 | 13.2 | |
| 6 | XBT | 86040 | 216 | 38.11 | 123.51 | 13.1 | |
| 7 | XBT | 86040 | 311 | 38.19 | 123.58 | 12.6 | |
| 8 | CTD | 86040 | 424 | 38.28 | 123.58 | 12.5 | 33.10 |
| 9 | XBT | 86040 | 547 | 38.35 | 124.05 | 12.1 | |
| 10 | XBT | 86040 | 651 | 38.43 | 124.11 | 11.8 | |
| 11 | XBT | 86040 | 736 | 38.51 | 124.17 | 11.9 | |
| 12 | CTD | 86040 | 854 | 38.59 | 124.22 | 11.7 | 32.75 |
| 13 | XBT | 86040 | 1028 | 39.07 | 124.28 | 11.9 | |
| 14 | XBT | 86040 | 1143 | 39.16 | 124.35 | 11.8 | |
| 15 | XBT | 86040 | 1208 | 39.23 | 124.41 | 12.1 | |
| 16 | XBT | 86040 | 1307 | 39.31 | 124.47 | 11.6 | |
| 17 | CTD | 86040 | 1417 | 39.38 | 124.53 | 12.1 | 33.20 |
| 18 | XBT | 86040 | 1537 | 39.34 | 125.03 | 12.0 | |
| 19 | CTD | 86040 | 1751 | 39.29 | 125.13 | 11.8 | 32.63 |
| 20 | XBT | 86040 | 1933 | 39.24 | 125.24 | 12.6 | |
| 21 | CTD | 86040 | 2115 | 39.19 | 125.34 | 12.6 | 32.70 |
| 22 | XBT | 86040 | 2225 | 39.12 | 125.29 | 13.1 | |
| 23 | XBT | 86040 | 2314 | 39.04 | 125.23 | 12.9 | |
| 24 | XBT | 86041 | 3 | 38.56 | 125.17 | 12.9 | |
| 25 | XBT | 86041 | 51 | 38.48 | 125.12 | 12.7 | |
| 26 | CTD | 86041 | 217 | 38.38 | 125.05 | 11.9 | 32.64 |
| 27 | XBT | 86041 | 328 | 38.32 | 124.57 | 12.9 | |
| 28 | XBT | 86041 | 418 | 38.24 | 124.51 | 12.8 | |
| 29 | XBT | 86041 | 509 | 38.16 | 124.44 | 12.5 | |
| 30 | CTD | 86041 | 617 | 38.09 | 124.39 | 12.4 | 33.09 |
| 31 | XBT | 86041 | 743 | 38.00 | 124.33 | 12.8 | |
| 32 | XBT | 86041 | 828 | 37.52 | 124.27 | 13.2 | |
| 33 | XBT | 86041 | 922 | 37.42 | 124.20 | 13.0 | |
| 34 | XBT | 86041 | 1009 | 37.36 | 124.16 | 13.1 | |
| 35 | CTD | 86041 | 1139 | 37.26 | 124.09 | 13.0 | 32.88 |
| 36 | XBT | 86041 | 1300 | 37.22 | 124.19 | 13.3 | |
| 37 | CTD | 86041 | 1445 | 37.19 | 124.29 | 13.0 | 32.91 |
| 38 | XBT | 86041 | 1628 | 37.14 | 124.39 | 13.4 | |
| 39 | XBT | 86041 | 1730 | 37.09 | 124.50 | 13.2 | |
| 40 | XBT | 86041 | 1824 | 37.17 | 124.56 | 12.2 | |
| 41 | XBT | 86041 | 1915 | 37.26 | 125.02 | 12.3 | |
| 42 | XBT | 86041 | 2005 | 37.33 | 125.08 | 12.3 | |
| 43 | XBT | 86041 | 2059 | 37.41 | 125.14 | 12.3 | |
| 44 | XBT | 86041 | 2153 | 37.49 | 125.20 | 12.3 | |
| 45 | XBT | 86041 | 2247 | 37.57 | 125.26 | 12.7 | |

| STN | TYPE | YR/DAY | GMT | LAT (NORTH) DD.MM | LONG (WEST) DDD.MM | SURFACE TEMP (DEG C) | SURFACE SALINITY (PPT) |
|-----|------|--------|------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 46 | XBT | 86041 | 2341 | 38.05 | 125.32 | 12.6 | |
| 47 | XBT | 86042 | 32 | 38.13 | 125.37 | 12.6 | |
| 48 | XBT | 86042 | 124 | 38.21 | 125.43 | 12.3 | |
| 49 | XBT | 86042 | 221 | 38.29 | 125.49 | 12.6 | |
| 50 | XBT | 86042 | 312 | 38.37 | 125.55 | 12.8 | |
| 51 | XBT | 86042 | 403 | 38.45 | 126.01 | 12.5 | |
| 52 | XBT | 86042 | 456 | 38.53 | 126.08 | 12.6 | |
| 53 | XBT | 86042 | 545 | 39.01 | 126.13 | 11.8 | |
| 54 | XBT | 86042 | 640 | 38.56 | 126.24 | 11.9 | |
| 55 | CTD | 86042 | 846 | 38.51 | 126.34 | 11.3 | 32.68 |
| 56 | XBT | 86042 | 1040 | 38.46 | 126.45 | 11.7 | |
| 57 | XBT | 86042 | 1127 | 38.42 | 126.54 | 11.6 | |
| 58 | XBT | 86042 | 1218 | 38.35 | 126.48 | 11.7 | |
| 59 | XBT | 86042 | 1310 | 38.26 | 126.42 | 11.7 | |
| 60 | XBT | 86042 | 1408 | 38.19 | 126.35 | 12.8 | |
| 61 | XBT | 86042 | 1503 | 38.11 | 126.28 | 13.0 | |
| 62 | XBT | 86042 | 1555 | 38.03 | 126.22 | 13.3 | |
| 63 | XBT | 86042 | 1656 | 37.55 | 126.15 | 13.0 | |
| 64 | XBT | 86042 | 1756 | 37.46 | 126.10 | 13.4 | |
| 65 | XBT | 86042 | 1845 | 37.38 | 126.05 | 13.4 | |
| 66 | XBT | 86042 | 1944 | 37.31 | 125.59 | 13.4 | |
| 67 | XBT | 86042 | 2038 | 37.22 | 125.53 | 13.0 | |
| 68 | XBT | 86042 | 2136 | 37.14 | 125.48 | 13.5 | |
| 69 | XBT | 86042 | 2237 | 37.06 | 125.42 | 13.0 | |
| 70 | XBT | 86042 | 2344 | 36.58 | 125.36 | 12.5 | |
| 71 | XBT | 86043 | 125 | 36.50 | 125.30 | 12.7 | |
| 72 | XBT | 86043 | 241 | 36.45 | 125.39 | 12.8 | |
| 73 | XBT | 86043 | 426 | 36.41 | 125.49 | 13.0 | |
| 74 | XBT | 86043 | 624 | 36.51 | 125.56 | 13.4 | |
| 75 | XBT | 86043 | 756 | 36.59 | 126.01 | 13.4 | |
| 76 | XBT | 86043 | 954 | 37.08 | 126.07 | 14.0 | |
| 77 | XBT | 86043 | 1138 | 37.15 | 126.13 | 14.0 | |
| 78 | XBT | 86043 | 1312 | 37.21 | 126.19 | 13.3 | |
| 79 | XBT | 86043 | 1448 | 37.29 | 126.25 | 13.7 | |
| 80 | XBT | 86043 | 1629 | 37.37 | 126.32 | 13.5 | |
| 81 | XBT | 86043 | 1812 | 37.46 | 126.38 | 13.6 | |
| 82 | XBT | 86043 | 1932 | 37.46 | 126.27 | 13.7 | |
| 83 | XBT | 86043 | 2056 | 37.46 | 126.16 | 13.1 | |
| 84 | XBT | 86043 | 2219 | 37.46 | 126.04 | 13.0 | |
| 85 | XBT | 86043 | 2339 | 37.45 | 125.53 | 13.5 | |
| 86 | XBT | 86044 | 59 | 37.44 | 125.41 | 12.6 | |
| 87 | XBT | 86044 | 214 | 37.43 | 125.30 | 12.6 | |
| 88 | XBT | 86044 | 327 | 37.41 | 125.19 | 12.5 | |
| 89 | XBT | 86044 | 553 | 37.39 | 124.55 | 12.3 | |
| 90 | XBT | 86044 | 701 | 37.38 | 124.44 | 12.5 | |

| STN | TYPE | YR/DAY | GMT | LAT (NORTH) DD.MM | LONG (WEST) DDD.MM | SURFACE TEMP (DEG C) | SURFACE SALINITY (PPT) |
|-----|------|--------|------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
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| 92 | XBT | 86044 | 914 | 37.37 | 124.21 | 13.1 | |
| 93 | XBT | 86044 | 1020 | 37.36 | 124.09 | 13.4 | |
| 94 | XBT | 86044 | 1137 | 37.35 | 124.02 | 13.1 | |
| 95 | XBT | 86044 | 1243 | 37.35 | 123.48 | 12.9 | |
| 96 | XBT | 86044 | 1353 | 37.34 | 123.38 | 12.8 | |
| 97 | XBT | 86044 | 1502 | 37.34 | 123.26 | 13.1 | |
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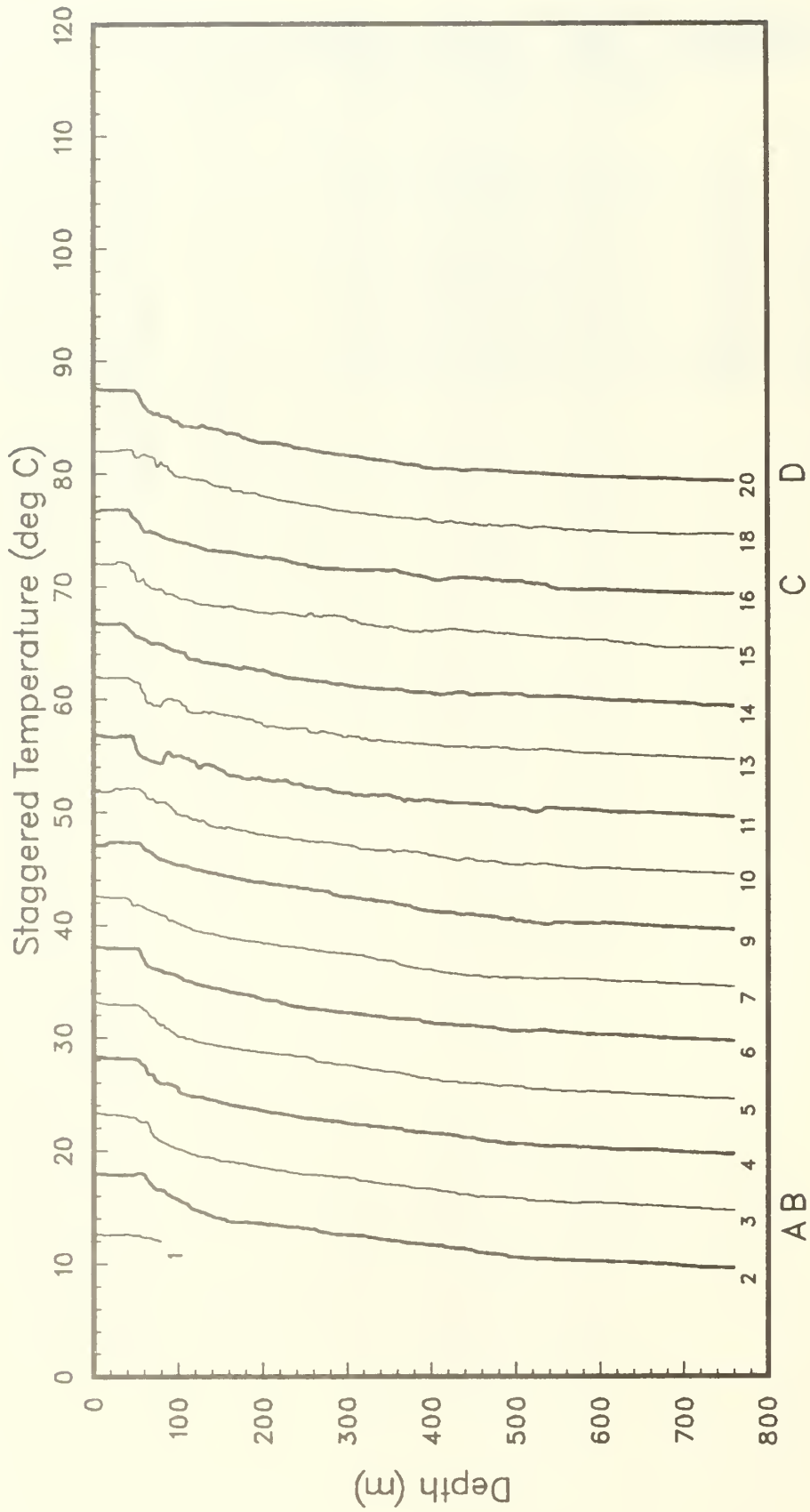


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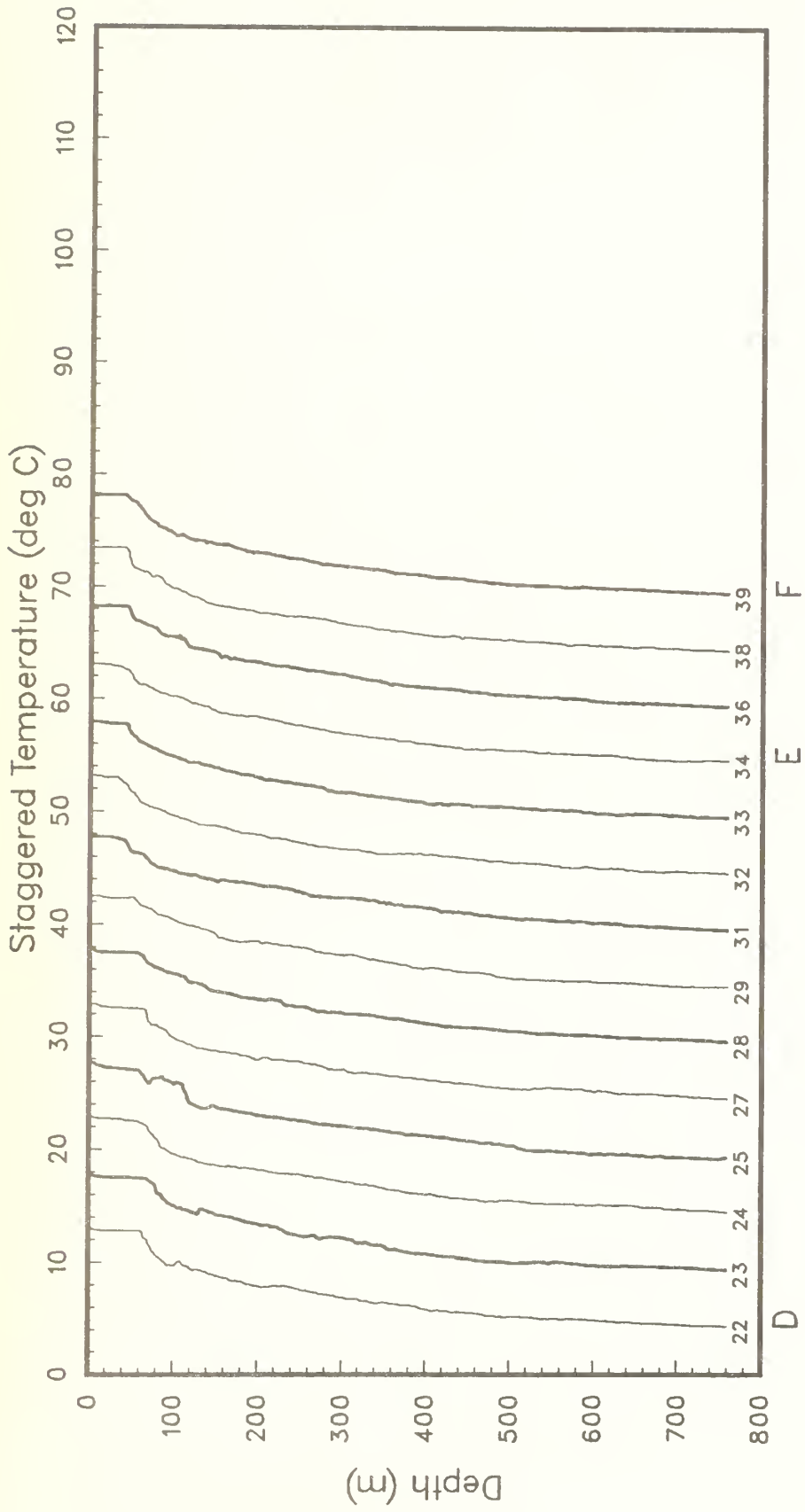


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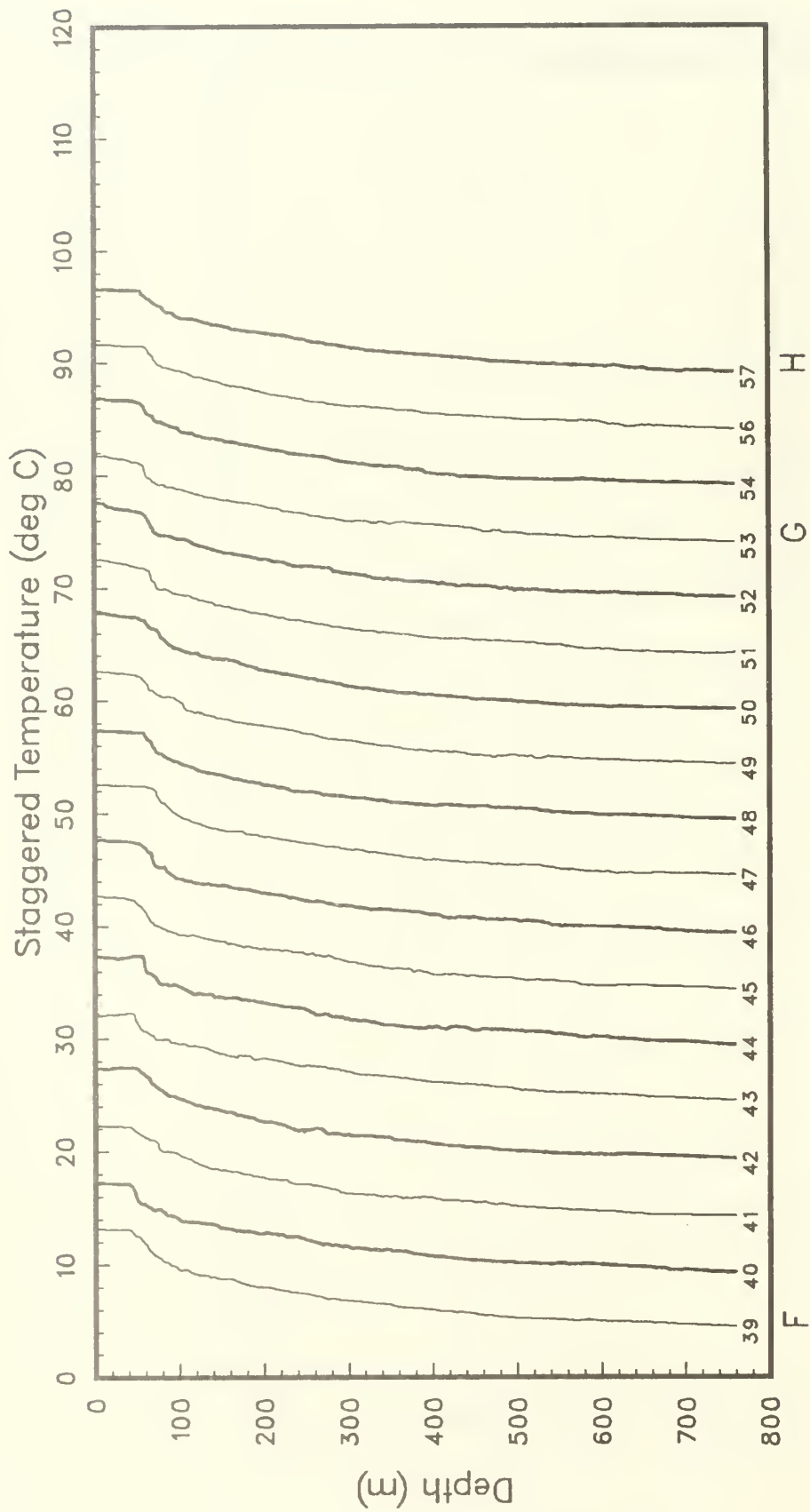


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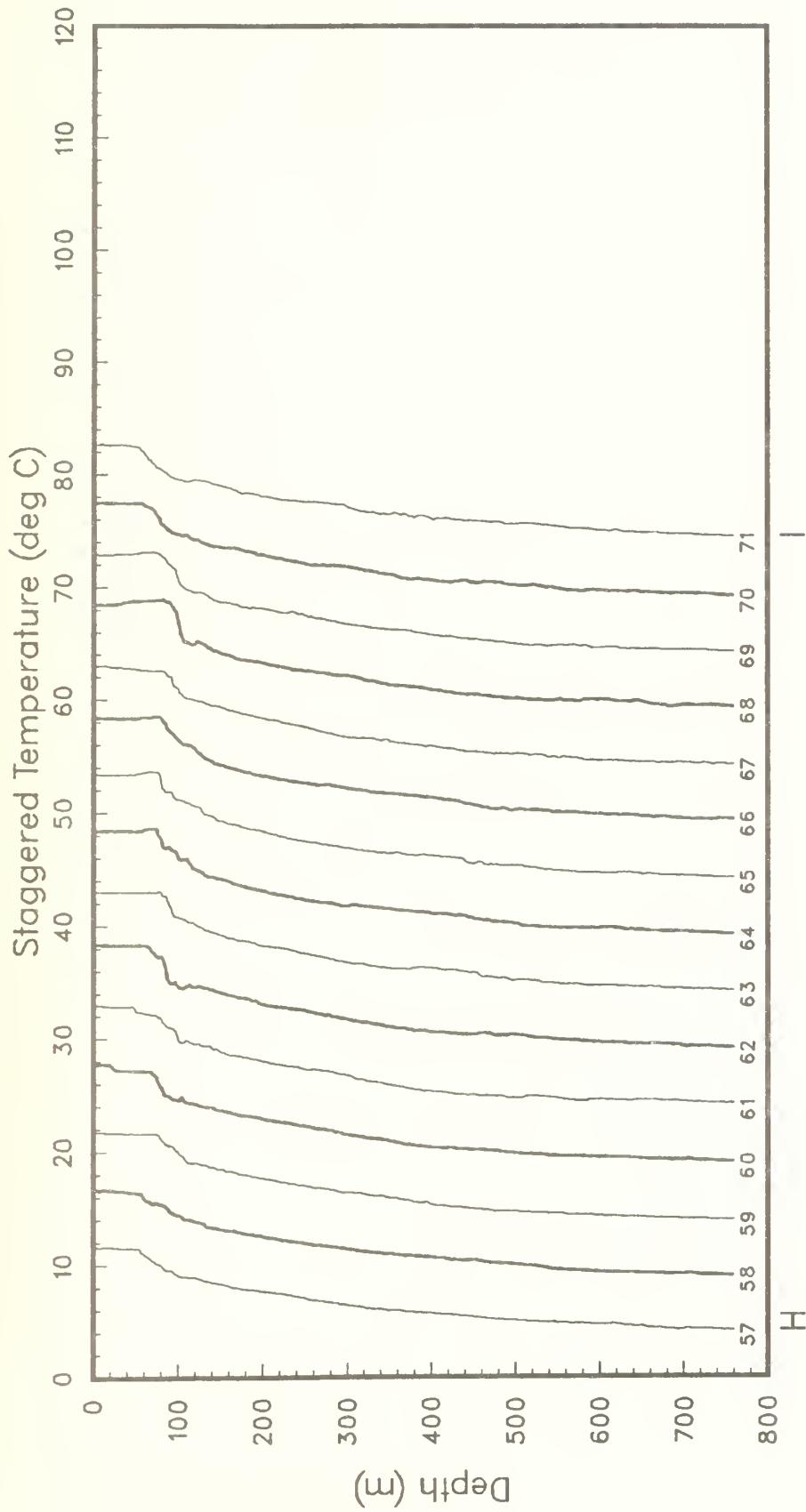


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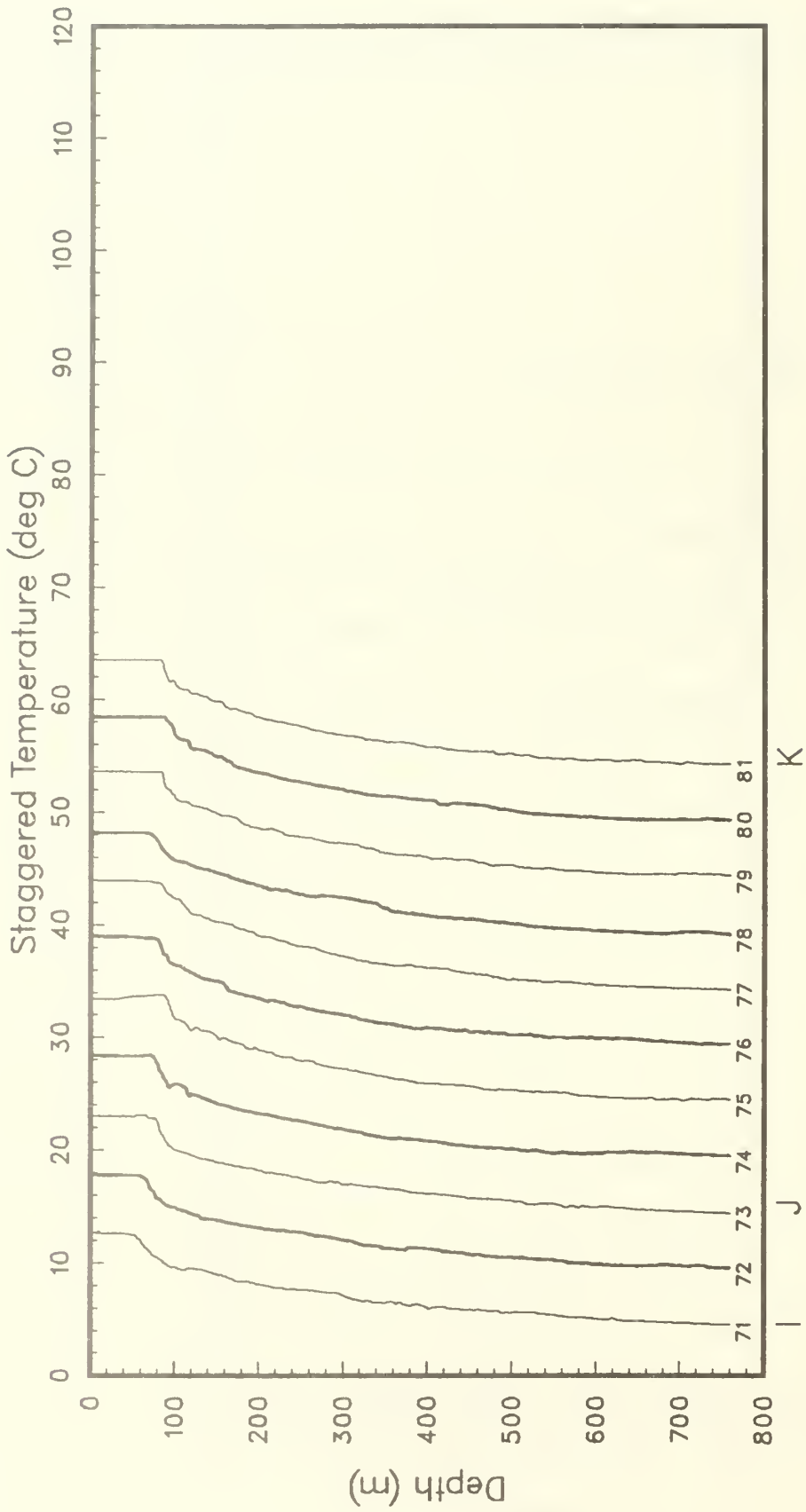


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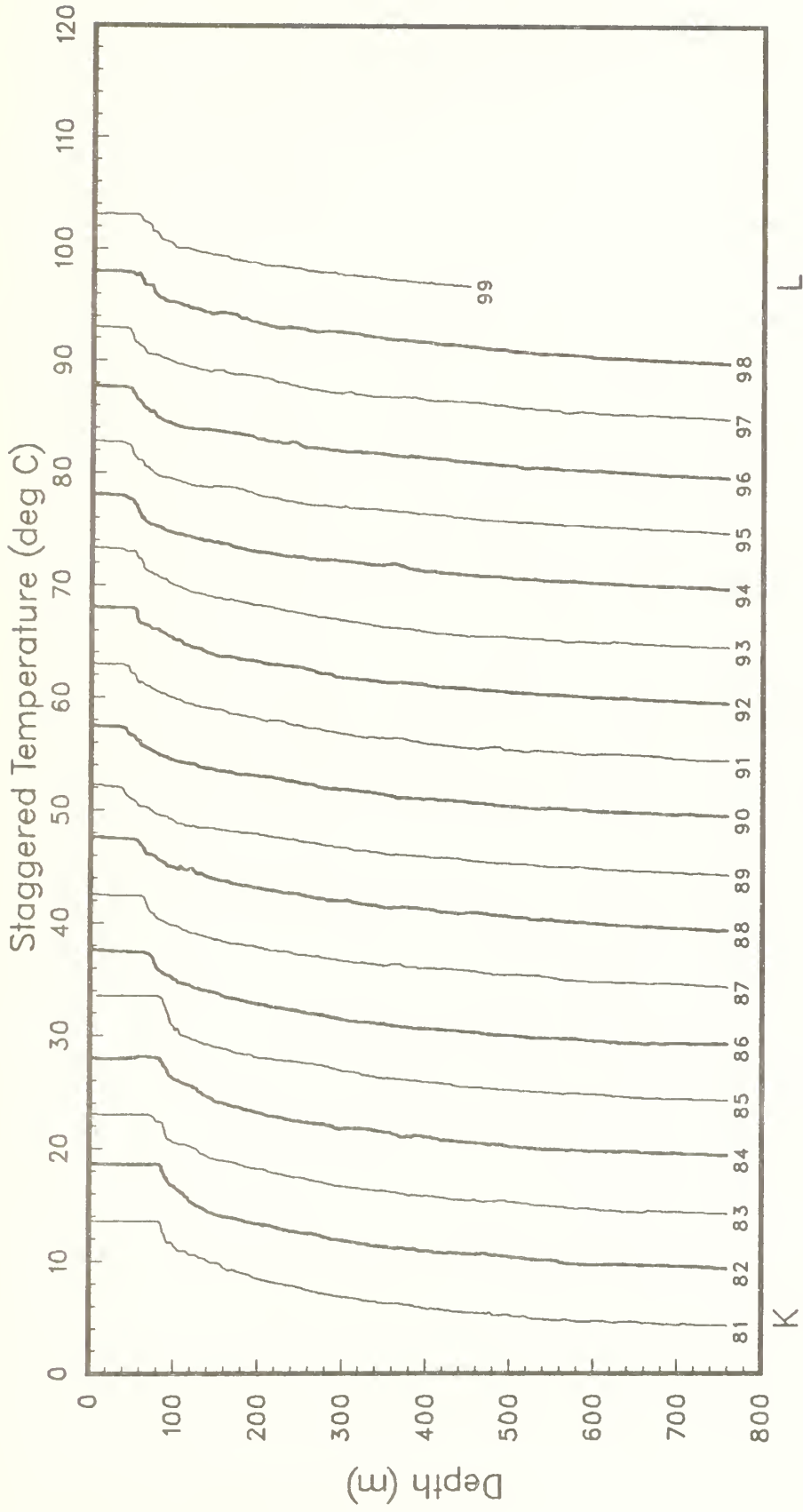


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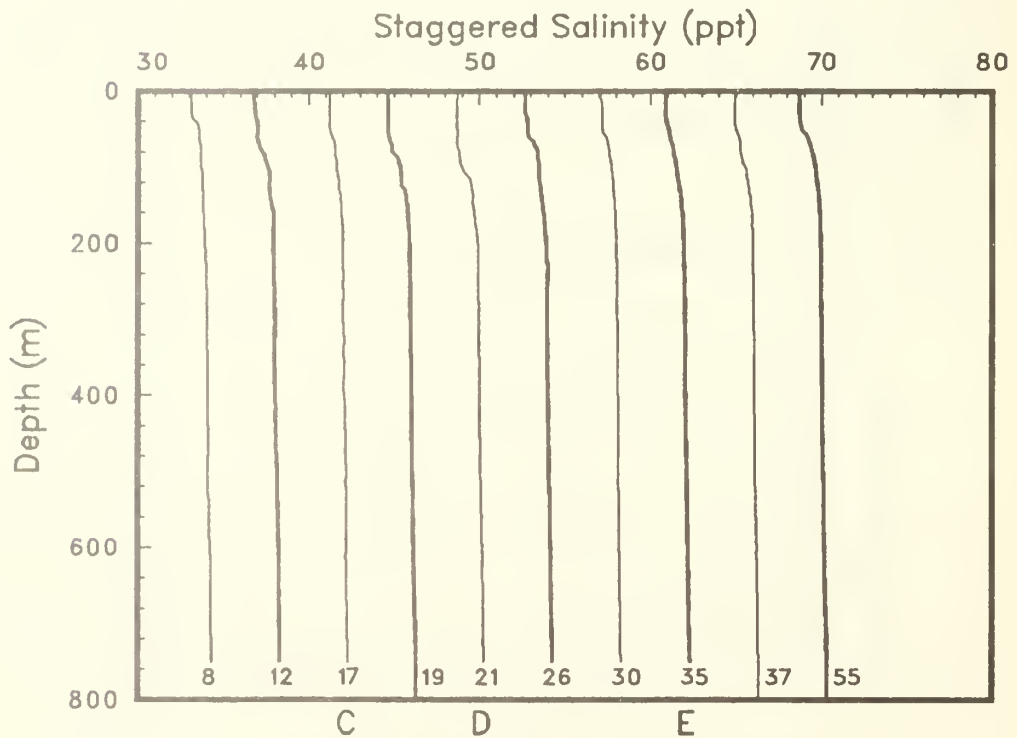
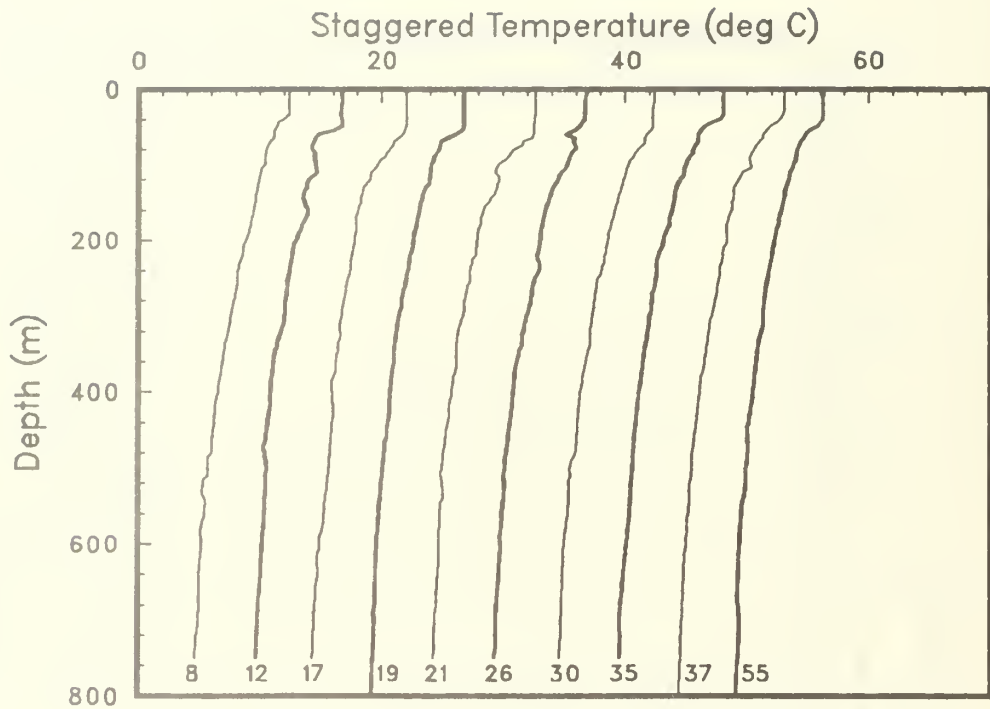


Figure 6(a): CTD temperature profiles, staggered by multiples of 5C, and salinity profiles staggered by multiples of 4 ppt (OPTOMA19).

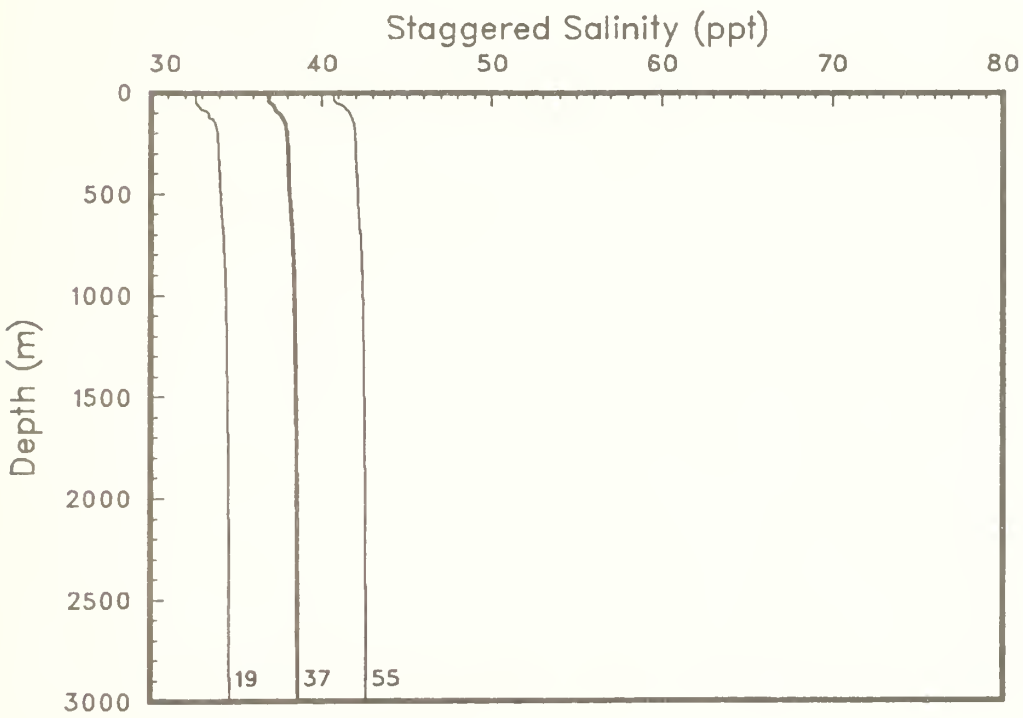
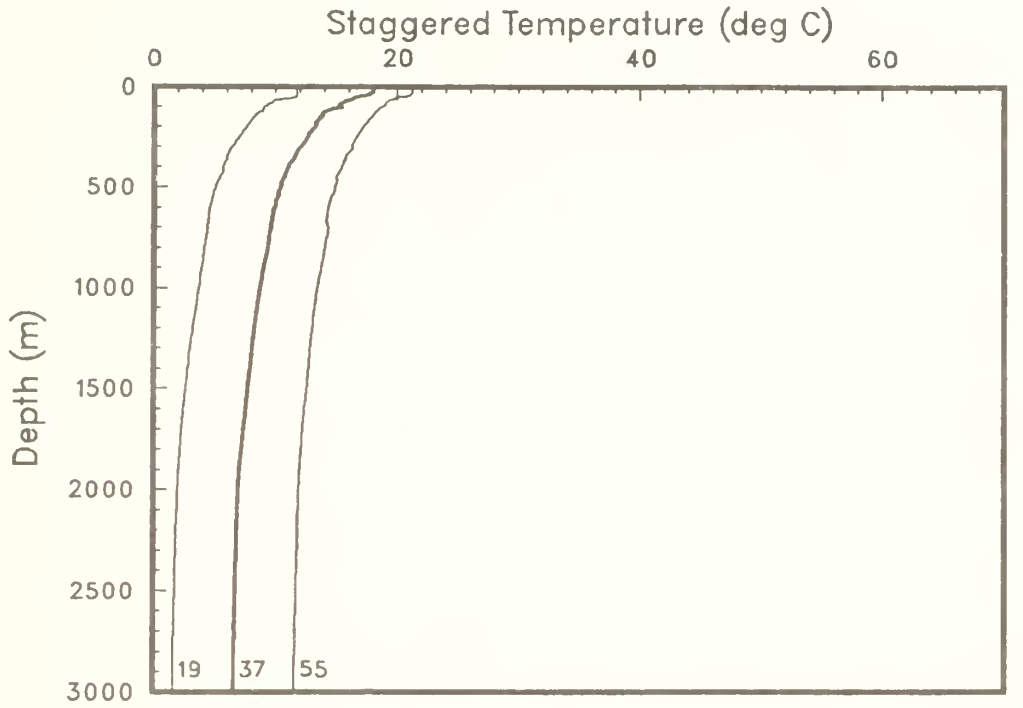


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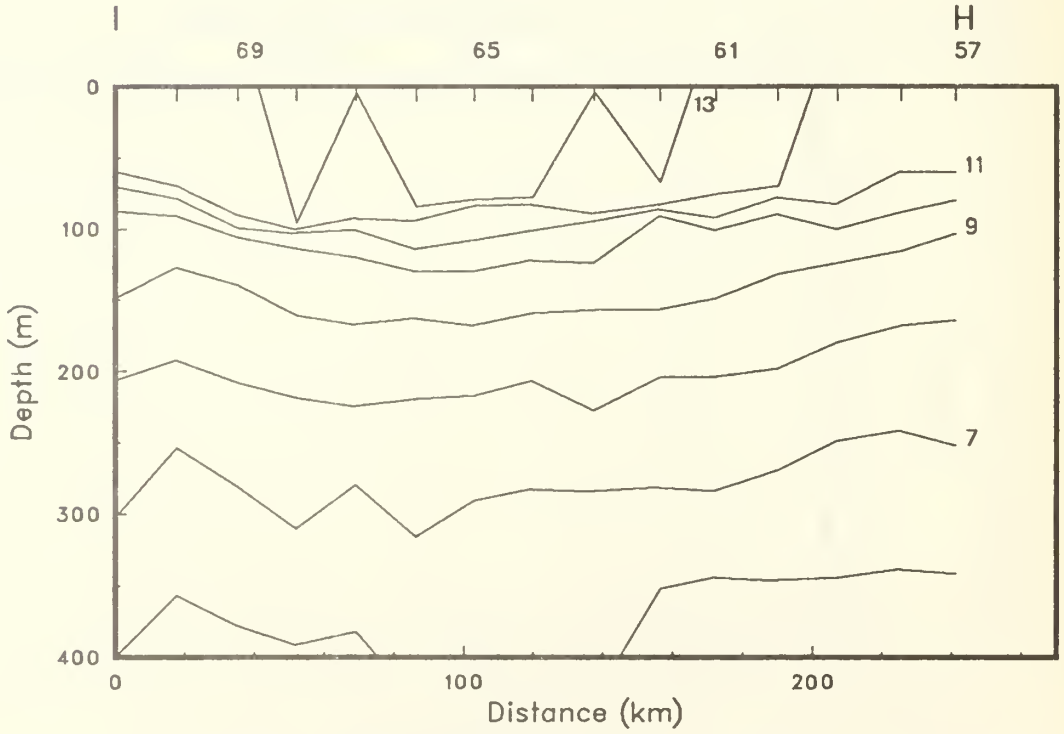
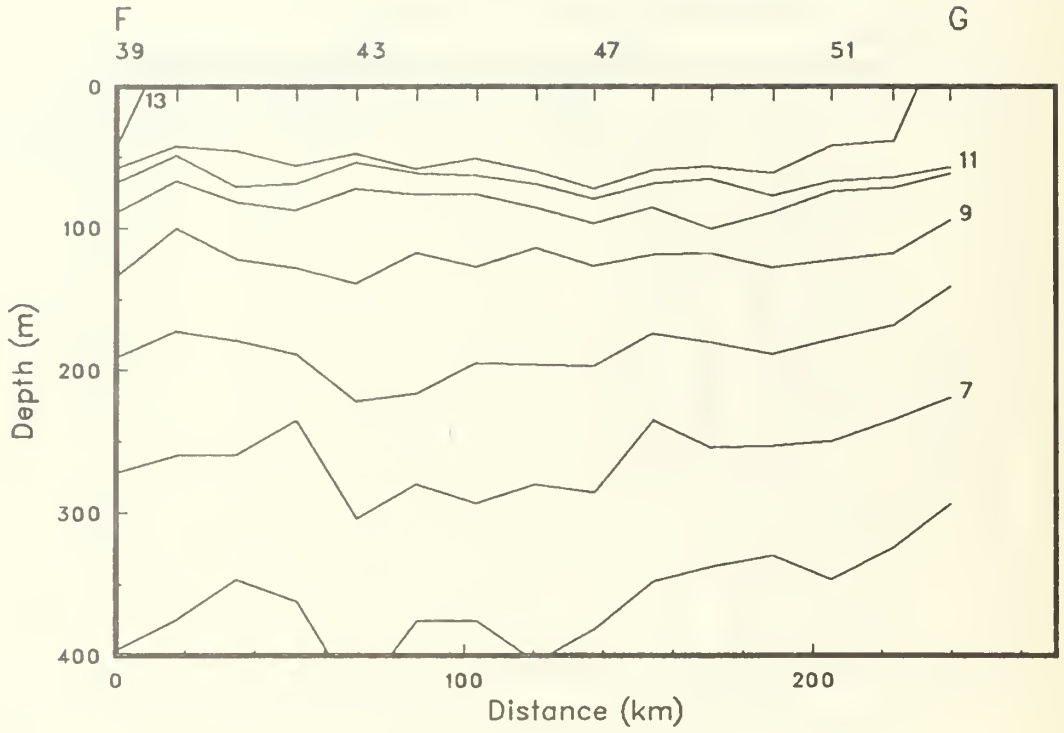


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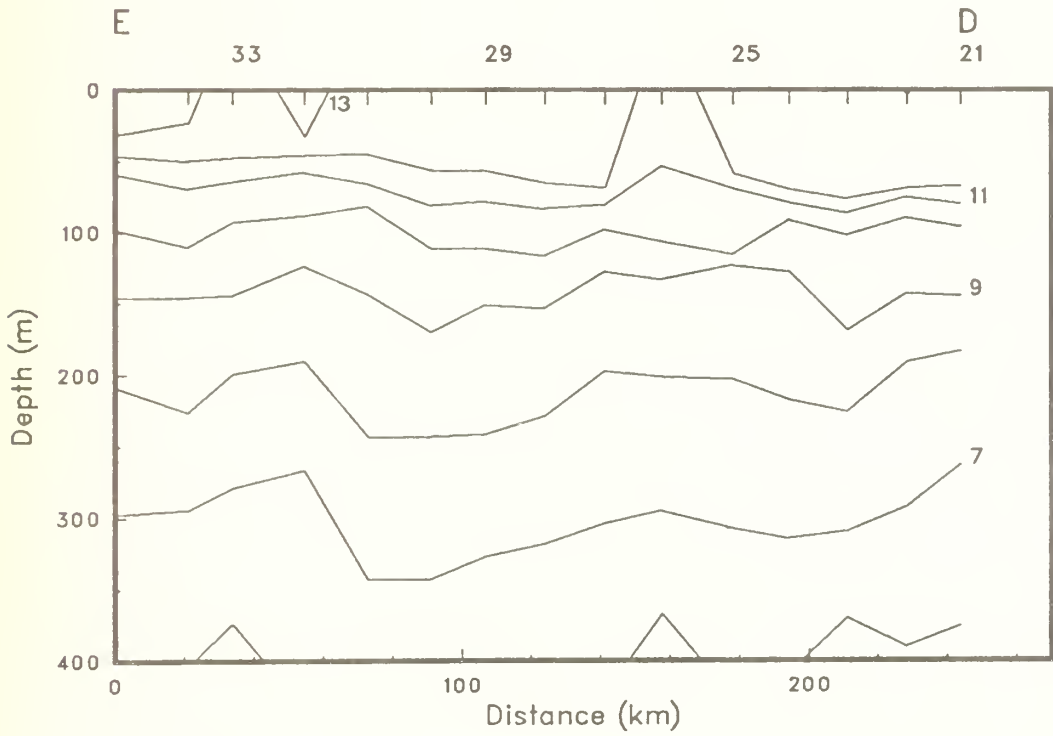
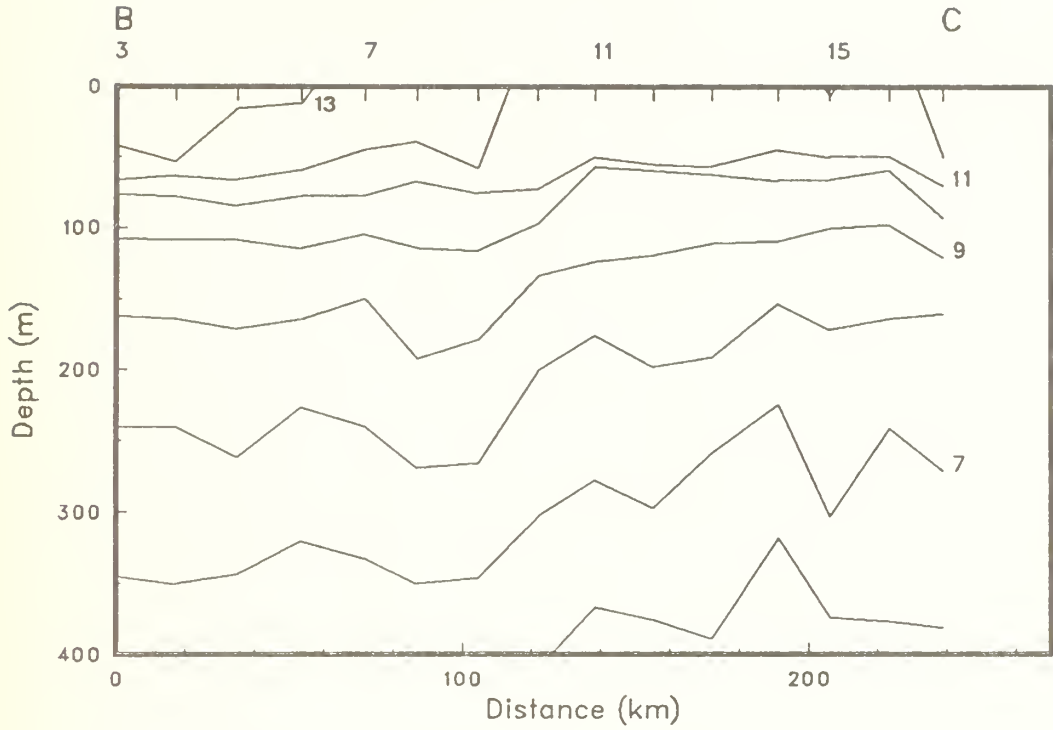


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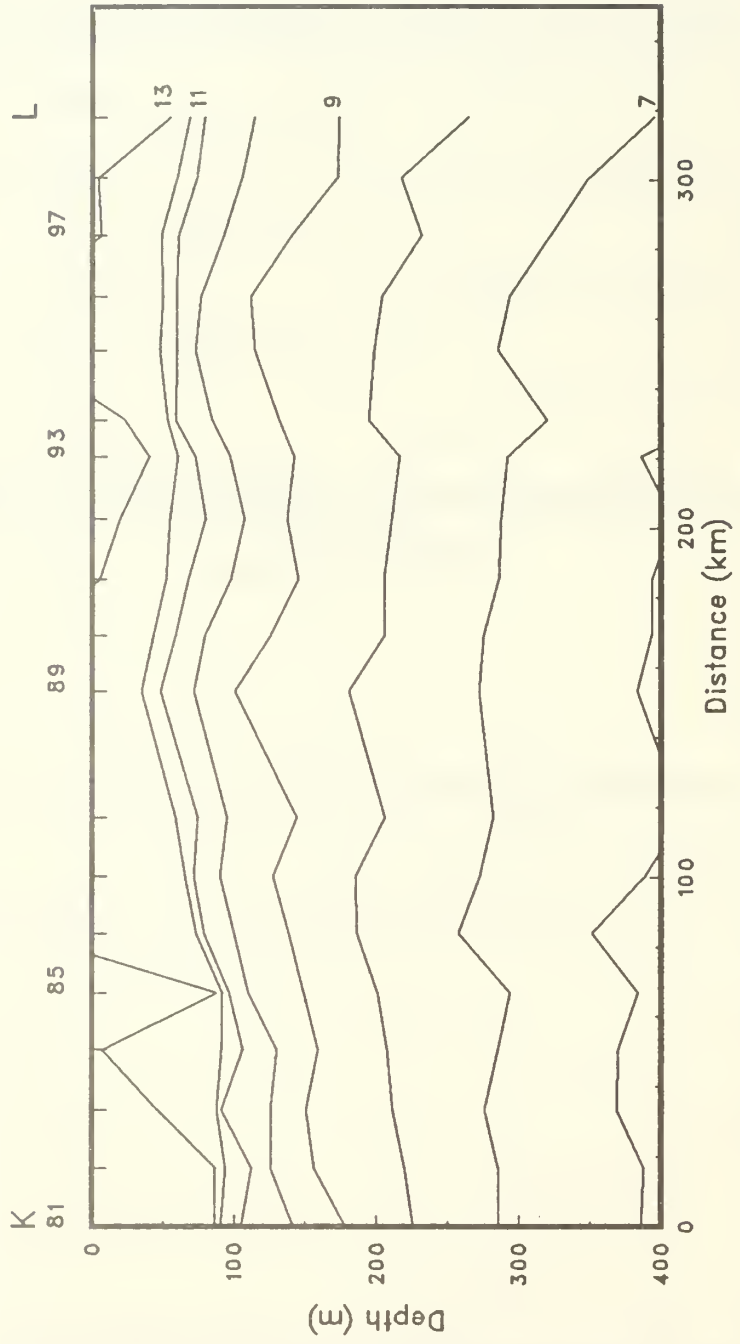


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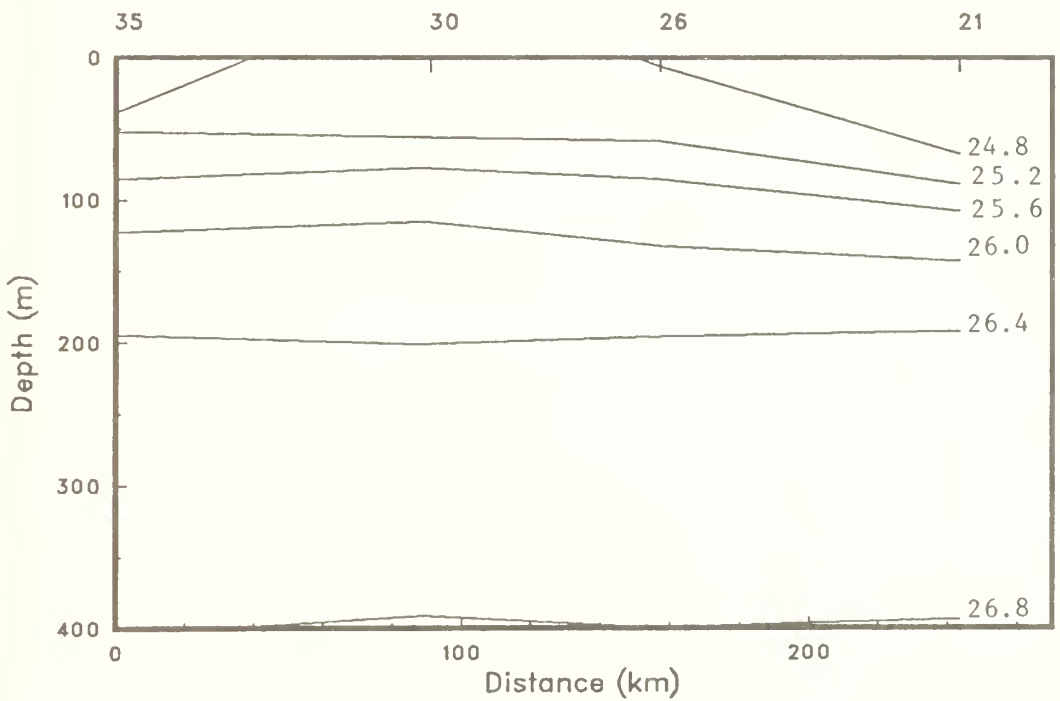
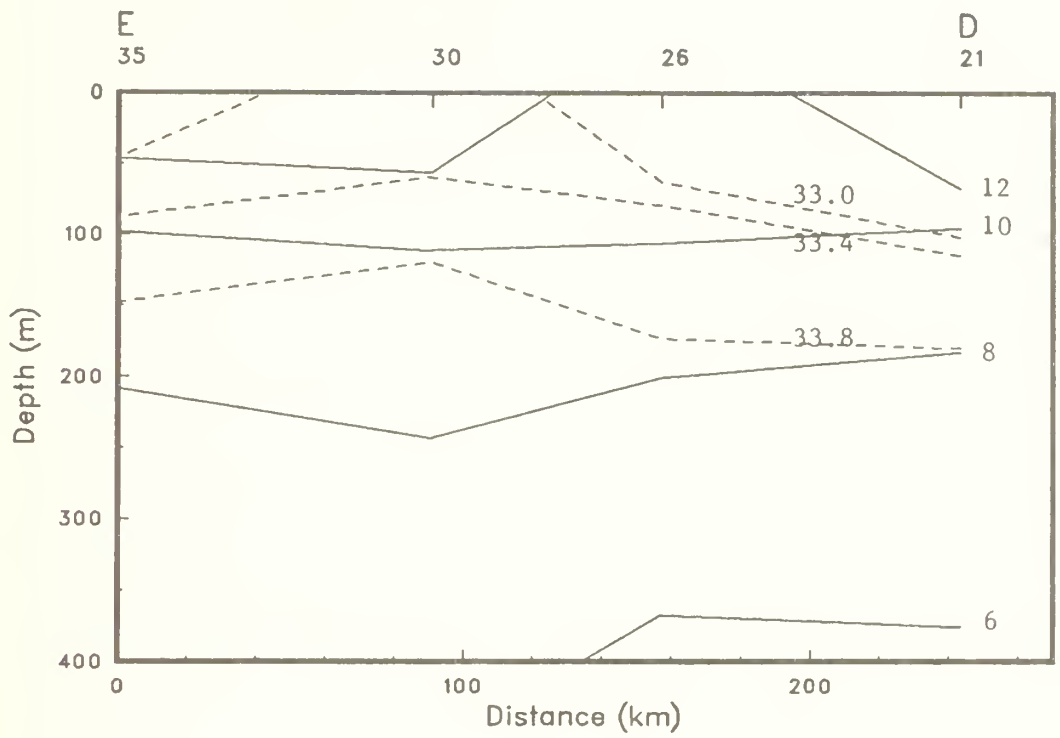


Figure 8: Isopleths of (1) temperature and salinity and (2) sigma-t from the CTD's. (OPTOMA19).

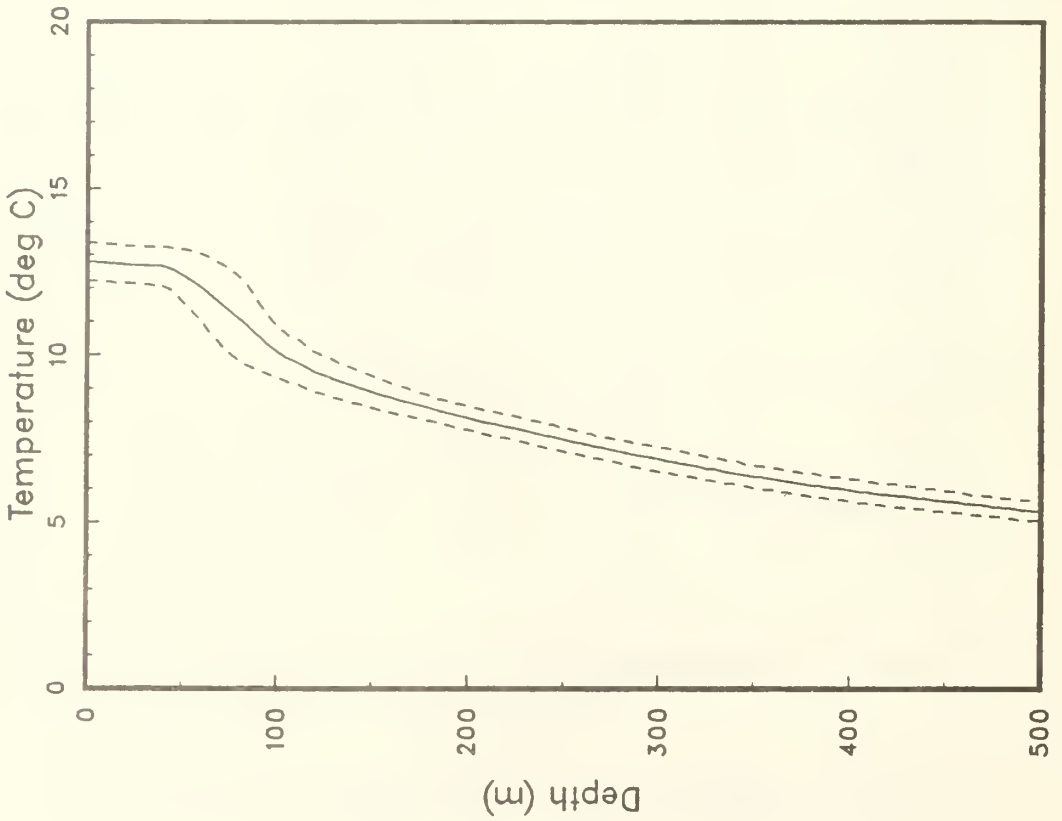
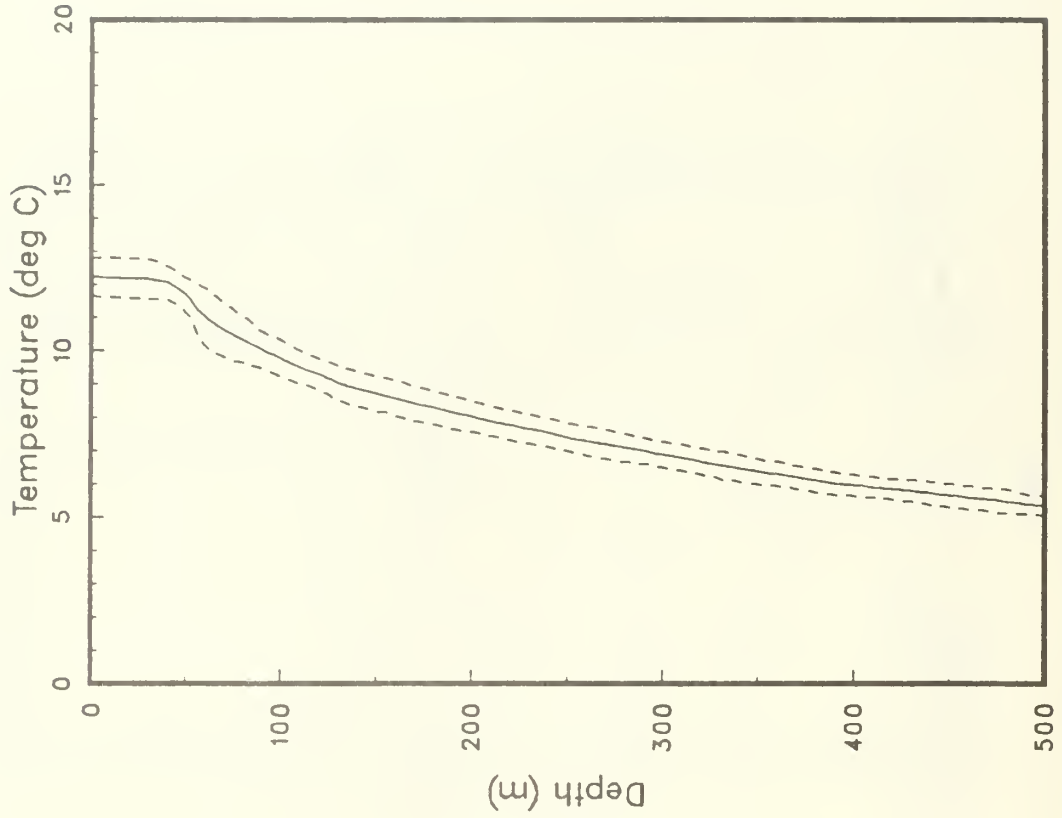


Figure 9: Profiles of $\overline{T(z)}$ with + and - the standard deviation from (a) XBT's and (b) CTD's. (OPTOMA19).

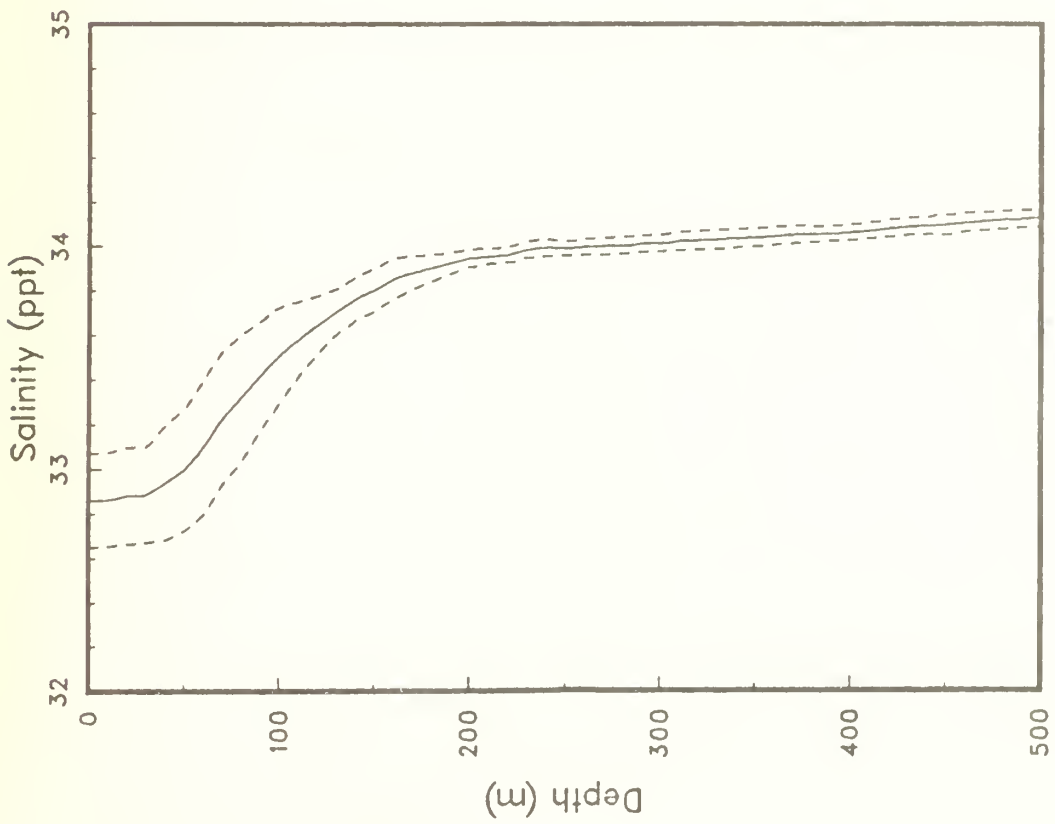
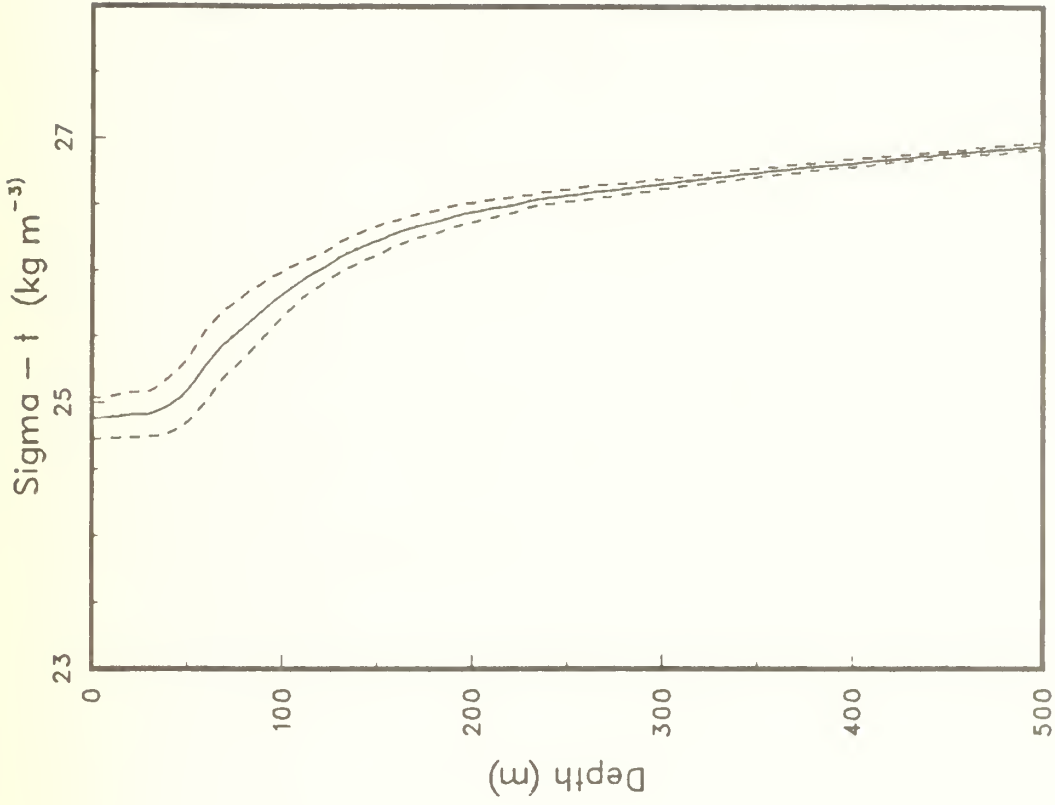


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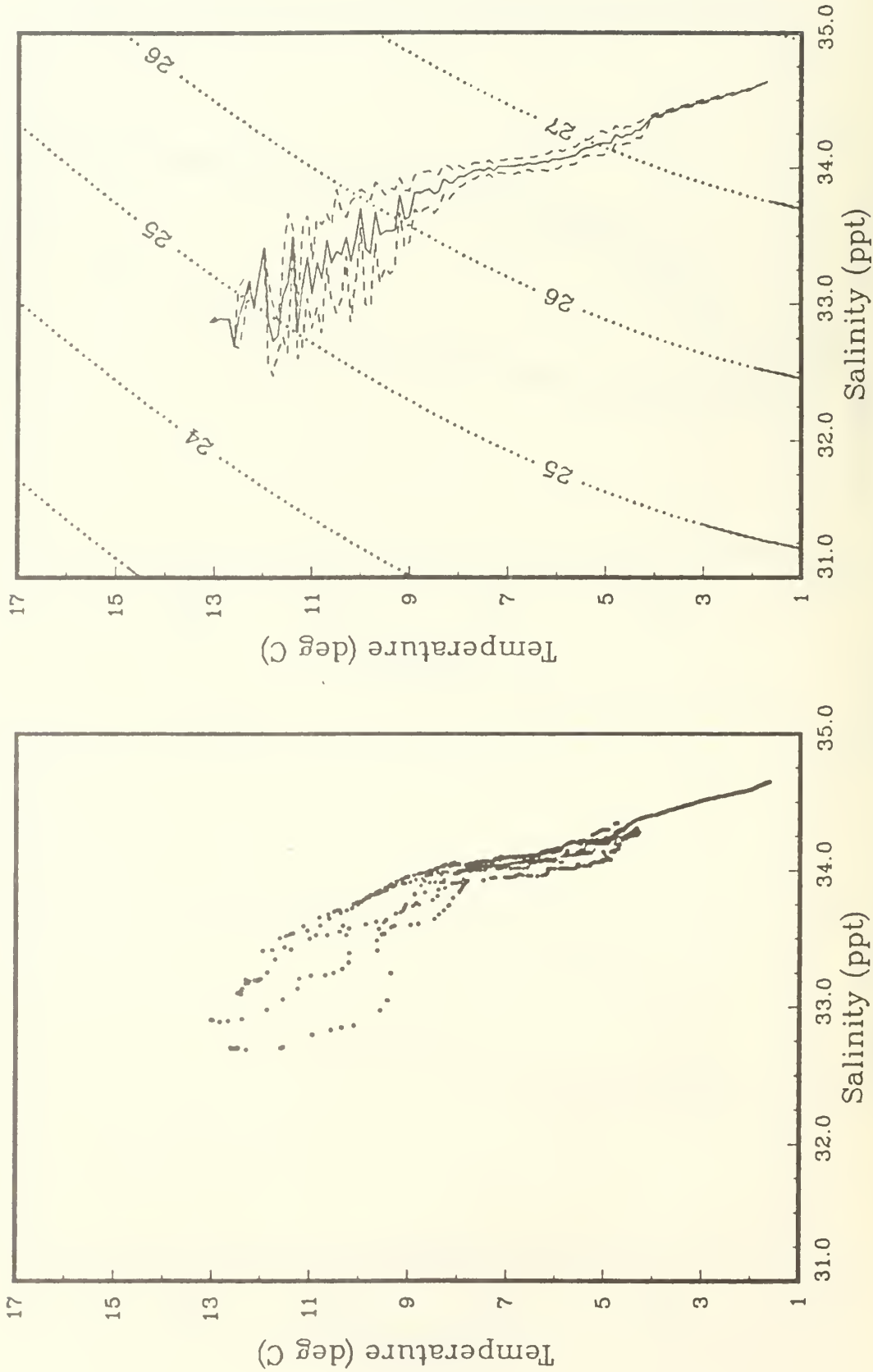


Figure 11: (a) T-S pairs and (b) mean T-S relationship with + and - the standard deviation, and selected sigma-t contours, from the CTD casts (OPTOMA19).

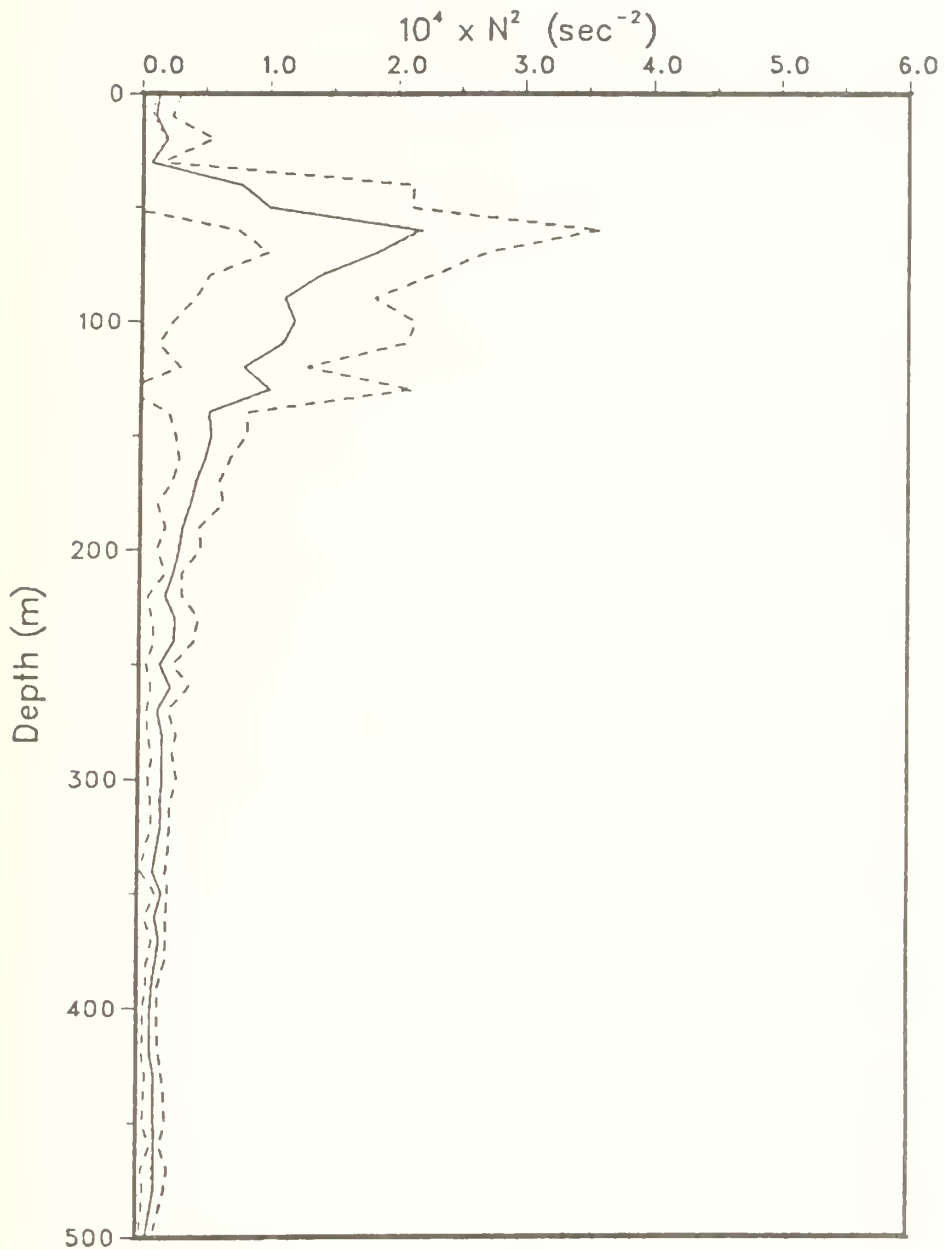


Figure 12: Profile of $N^2(z)$ (—), with + and - the standard deviation (---), and the profile of N^2 from $\overline{T(z)}$ and $\overline{S(z)}$ (...) (OPTOMA19).

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