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INTRODUCTION

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From March 1976 to May 1977, the Coastal Upwelling Ecosystems Analysis (CUEA) program conducted a continuing field experiment, JOINT-II, with three intensive phases: MAM 76 (March - June 1976), JASON (July - October 1976) and MAM 77 (March - May 1977). The CUEA mesoscale hydrography component made hydrographic observations including both CTD and bottle casts during each intensive phase: from the R/V T. G. Thompson during MAM 76 (Codispoti et al., 1976; Barton, 1977; Friebertshauser, Bishop and Codispoti, 1977); from the R/V Eastward during JASON (Huyer et al., 1978a and Kogelschatz et al., 1979); and on legs 1, 2 and 4 of R/V Melville and legs 2 and 4 of the R/V Columbus Iselin during MAM 77 (Hafferty, Codispoti and Huyer, 1978; Huyer et al., 1978b). Additional hydrographic data were collected during JOINT-II by other CUEA components (Stevenson and Wagner, 1978; MacIsaac et al., 1979; Johnson, Koeb and Mooers, 1979; Paul and MacIsaac, 1979).

In this report we will present vertical sections of temperature, salinity and sigma-t from both CTD and bottle casts made on legs 1-5 of the R/V Eastward during JASON, and from CTD casts made on legs 1, 2 and 4 of the R/V Melville and legs 2 and 4 of the R/V Columbus Iselin during MAM 77. Vertical sections of physical and chemical data from the bottle casts from the Thompson cruise during MAM 76, and from legs 1, 2 and 4 of Melville and legs 2 and 4 of the Iselin during MAM 77 have already been published (Friederich et al., 1977; Hafferty, Lowman and Codispoti, 1979). Vertical sections of the CTD data from the first leg of the R/V Thompson during MAM 76 have also been published (Robles and Barton, 1977). Detailed vertical sections of the temperature over the continental shelf and upper slope just south of Cabo Nazca during MAM 77 are presented in a report by Brink, Gilbert and Huyer (1979).

METHOD OF PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION

The sections were prepared by hand on a standard scale of 25 m and 10 km per cm; this scale is well suited to distributions of properties along the longer offshore sections, and has the same aspect ratio as the sections in the earlier reports. We used CTD data whenever they were available, and otherwise used data from Niskin bottle casts. For the sections using bottle casts, we have shown dots to indicate sample depths; the data were plotted at the sample depth and the fields were contoured by hand. When CTD data were available we plotted the observed isogram depths, and connected these depths from station to station by hand, smoothing the isograms by hand. The bottom of the CTD cast is shown by an inverted "T" whenever it is shallower than 625 m, the lower limit of the sections.

The bottom profiles were drawn by connecting the bottom depth observed at each station with a smooth curve. Chiefly because of errors in navigation, bottom profiles for repeated sections at the same location do not necessarily agree.

The sections of each variable are shown in consecutive order, regardless of its location. The section just south of Cabo Nazca, the C-line, was repeated frequently, and Table 1 provides an index for the successive occupations.

Mesoscale hydrographic surveys, centered on the C-line and extending approximately 100 km along the coast and 30 km offshore, were made during 20-23 March 1977 and 17-20 April 1977. From these surveys we prepared maps of temperature, salinity and sigma-t at selected depths between the surface and 300 m. Values were plotted at each station position, and the fields were contoured by hand. Dots are shown for each station which had data at that depth.

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Table 1. Dates of occupation of the C-line, the central hydrographic section during JOINT-II, with the page numbers of the corresponding vertical sections.

			Page Number	of Vertical	Section of:
Ship/Leg	<u>Date</u>	<u>Stations</u>	Temperature	Salinity	<u>Sigma-t</u>
Fastward Leg 1	27-28 August 1976	11-16	17	31	45
II	29 July	17-29	18	32	46
11	30 July	30-40	19	33	47
Fastward Leg 2	10-11 August 1976	69-86	21	35	49
n	12-13 August 1976	98-118	22	36	50
Fastward Leg 3	25-27 August 1976	146-153	25	39	53
		155-171	24	38	52
Fastward Leg 4	10-11 Sept. 1976	172-184	25	39	53
"	13-20 Sept. 1976	188-200	26	40	54
н	20-21 Sept. 1976	200-212	27	41	55
Eastward Leg 5	1-3 October 1976	223-235	28	42	56
Malville Leg]	4-5 March 1977	3-12	73	99	125
II II	5-6 March 1977	13-23	73	99	125
1 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	6-8 March 1977	24-33	73	99	125
Melville Leg 2	15-16 March 1977	48-56	74	10 0	126
"	16 March 1977	57-61	74	100	126
андар — Н	18-19 March 1977	77-93	76	102	128
1	22 March 1977	119-125	78	.104	130
н	24-25 March 1977	154-160	79	105	131
11	27-28 March 1977	162-181	80	106	132
Iselin Leg 2	9-10 April 1977	204-215	83	109	135
II	12 April 1977	227-235	84	110	136
an an an an tha an	15-16 April 1977	257-271	86	112	138
u	19 April 1977	321-328	88	114	140
U	20-22 April 1977	344-358	89	115	141
Melville Lea 4	5-6 May 1977	363-380	90,91	116,117	142,143
1	8-9 May 1977	382-391	92	118	144
u	12-13 May 1977	409-417	93	119	145
11	14-15 May 1977	802-810	96	122	148
IJ	15-16 May 1977	420-432	93	119	145

VERTICAL SECTIONS DURING JASON Station Positions







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VERTICAL SECTIONS DURING JASON

Temperature



DISTANCE FROM SHORE (km)























VERTICAL SECTIONS DURING JASON

Salinity



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VERTICAL SECTIONS DURING JASON

Sigma-T

























VERTICAL SECTIONS DURING MAM 77

Station Positions





























VERTICAL POSITIONS DURING MAM 77

Temperature














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VERTICAL SECTIONS DURING MAM 77

Salinity































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VERTICAL SECTIONS DURING MAM 77

Sigma-T



















































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MESOSCALE MAPS DURING MAM 77


Depth contours in meters from R/V MELVILLE survey in March 1977. (Courtesy of J. J. O'Brien and R. H. Preller, Florida State University)



20-23 March 1977

17-20 April 1977

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20-23 March 1977

250 m



20-23 March 1977





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