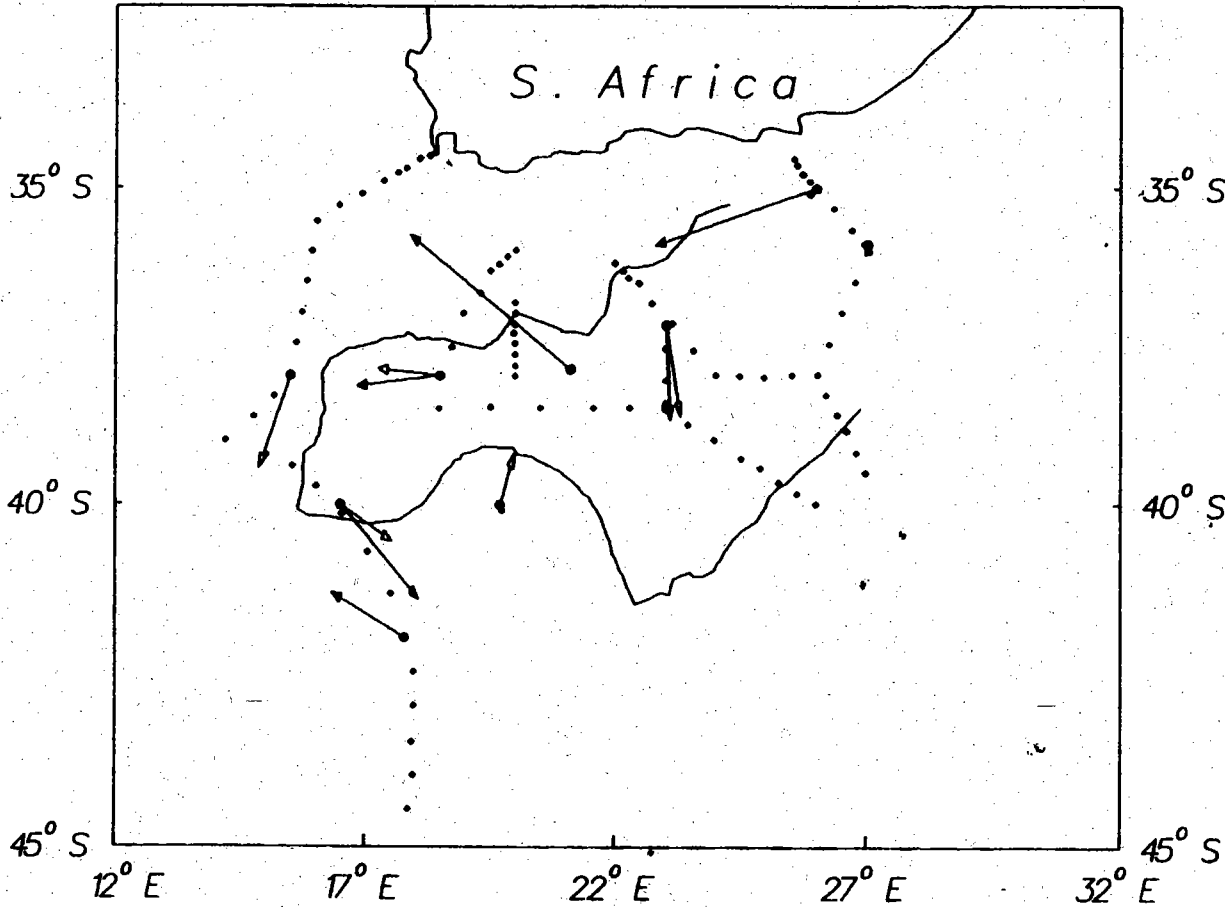


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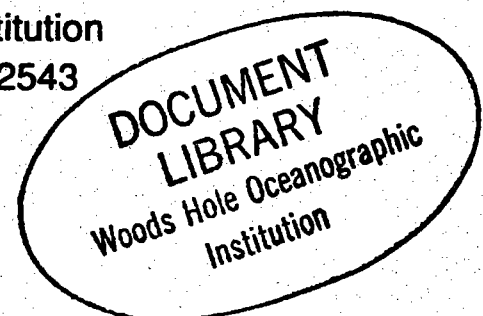
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Abstract

Data are presented from an experiment designed to explore the spatial and temporal structure of the Agulhas Current and Retroflexion by direct means. Included are the current meter results from 10 moorings in the Retroflexion region, CTD stations occupied on the deployment cruise in 1985, data from satellite tracked (ARGOS) freely drifting surface buoys and numerous images of the sea surface temperature.

In addition, this report includes a floppy disk on which can be found the one-day average currents, the path of the Agulhas Current, CTD stations in "Live Atlas" format, SST frontal analyses (Chassignet and Olson, personal communication) as well as programs written in QuickBASIC which allow one to access and display these observations. The programs are stored in ASCII and can be run under the Microsoft QuickBasic (Version 4.0 or higher). Instructions for running the programs can be found in a file entitled "read.me" on the disk.

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PREFACE

This volume is the 42nd in a series of technical reports presenting moored current meter and associated data collected by the WHOI Buoy Group. Only the volumes covering data gathered since 1978 are listed here. A data directory and bibliography for the years 1963-1978 has been published as WHOI technical report 79-88. A technical memorandum, WHOI-3-88, describes the current-meter data processing system and its use.

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Introduction:

This report presents data gathered during the period February, 1985 through February, 1987, in the region of the Agulhas Current and Retroflexion region off southern Africa.

The principal scientific objective of this particular program has been to observe the Agulhas Retroflexion system directly. The Agulhas Current system is the western boundary current for the subtropical gyre of the South Indian Ocean. It is a vigorous narrow current, with typical speeds at the sea surface of 2 m/s or more, extending to the ocean floor. Like other western boundary currents, the Agulhas Current meanders over a wide range. In addition, direct estimates of long term mean flow and its variability provide strong constraints on models of this system.

A two-year moored current meter array spanning the Agulhas Retroflexion was deployed and recovered between 1985 and 1987. The array consisted of 10 moorings, with instruments at four depths, the uppermost instrument at a nominal depth of 200 m. The array spanned the Retroflexion from a region where the Agulhas is closely confined to the continental rise to the far western edge of the circulation. During the deployment cruise, the first detailed survey of the path of the Agulhas Current (as defined by the 15° isotherm at 200-m depth) was made, from the continental rise to the Agulhas Plateau, approximately 1800 km in length. On the recovery cruise, a detailed survey was carried out of the upper ocean density structure in the southwest "corner" of the Retroflexion, using a towed undulating CTD, a Seasoar from the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences Deacon Laboratory, Wormley, U.K.

Data were gathered using four instrumental/measuring systems. In section 1, current meter data from 10 two-year-long moorings are presented. In section 2, sea-surface temperatures obtained from satellite imagery collected at Hartebeeshoek, South Africa are presented. Thirty-three black and white images were selected and three composite color images were computed. In section 3, data from 92 CTD stations with values for salinity, potential temperature, dissolved oxygen and geostrophic velocity, are presented graphically and in tabular form. In section 4, tracks from nine surface drifters are presented graphically.

Deployment Cruise – RV *Thomas Washington*:

The deployment of the moored current meter array was carried out on the RV *Thomas Washington*. The cruise was designated Marathon Legs 11/12 by Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The ship departed Capetown, 20 February, 1985, returning briefly to Capetown on 5 March to load additional equipment for the mooring array. The second leg departed Capetown 7 March and returned at the completion of the work on 28 March, 1985. Charts of the mooring locations and the CTD stations are shown in Figures 1 and 2 of section 1.

The principal scientific activities of the cruise were the deployment of 10 intermediate moorings, occupation of 93 full-depth CTD stations and a detailed survey of the path of the Agulhas Current, as defined by the locus of the 15°C isotherm at 200-m depth. Six ARGOS tracked surface drifters were deployed, one for Robert Chase (WHOI) and the remaining five for Don Olson (RSMAS, University of Miami). Each of these is described briefly in section 4.

Recovery Cruise – RRS *Discovery*:

The mooring recovery operation was carried out on RRS *Discovery*, cruise 165a. After sailing from Port Louis, Mauritius 13 March, 1987 *Discovery* steamed for the first mooring (843) to be recovered. A deep CTD station was made at each mooring location. After recovering the second mooring (842), the *Seasoar* was launched and was towed approximately parallel to the path of the Agulhas Current, until we approached the next group of moorings. A track chart from Read *et al.* (1987) is shown as Figure 3 (Section 1). Moorings 841, 840, and 839 were recovered. The *Seasoar* was deployed for a three-day run to the next mooring (837) while making a section across the Agulhas toward the coast and then back out again. Moorings 837, 838, 834, and 835 were recovered and *Seasoar* sections of 17–19 hours running time were made between them. After recovering the final mooring, 836, the remaining time was spent towing the *Seasoar*. We planned to survey the Retroflexion region, looking at the structure of the “elbow.” As the weather worsened, it was found that progress could not be maintained against the westerly wind and eastward current. The *Seasoar* was recovered and the ship heaved to. A fire in the main engine room while hove-to terminated the scientific work. The *Discovery* returned to Capetown on 8 April 1987.

SECTION 1

**Current and Temperature Measurements from
Moored Instruments in the Agulhas Retroflexion Region**

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In this section, data from current meters set on 10 moorings are presented. Current measurements were obtained from 33 of the 40 instruments set. (See Table 2 for an assessment of data quality and Figures 7-26 for velocity, temperature, and pressure plots.)

Moorings:

The ten moorings were designed and deployed by the WHOI Buoy Group, with four current meters on each mooring. Nine of the ten moorings had a 60-inch syntactic foam sphere as the principal buoyancy element at the top of the mooring to reduce the overall drag in the expected large near-surface current. The local topography was determined prior to launch by using the ship's Seabeam system to complete a detailed survey. The aids to navigation were generally poor, with the transit system being the most reliable. In the presence of the often strong Agulhas Current and inconsistent navigation, it was difficult to position the ship effectively to deploy the mooring "on target." This accounts for some of the variations in the "mean" depth of the current meters from their nominal depths (this is discussed briefly below under Mooring Performance).

This mooring array was the first one in which significant number of moorings (all 10) were deployed for a two-year period. This required modifications to both the current meters and acoustic releases (each discussed below). Given our uncertainty about the navigation and the survival of the acoustic releases for a two-year deployment, we included an acoustic transponder on each mooring, located at approximately 2000 m depth. All ten of the moorings were recovered in 1987 aboard the RRS *Discovery*. One of the ten (mooring 840) had parted in the first shot of the Kevlar near 2250 m depth. A microscopic analysis was performed on the end returned from sea, and it was reported that "a sharp object cut it — perhaps fishbite" (Bryce Prindle, personal communication). The moorings that were in the major part of the Agulhas Current (839, 838, 842) showed considerable wear on the shackles and other hardware close to the attachment of the syntactic foam sphere to the mooring wire.

Mooring Performance:

The performance of the moorings in the strong Agulhas Current was significantly poorer than had been anticipated by the mooring design program. Typically a factor of 2-3 in the ratio between the observed dip of the uppermost instrument and that calculated by the mooring design program NOYFB (Moller, 1976) for the observed current velocities was seen. A study is underway to estimate appropriate drag coefficients by fitting the performance data in a least square sense (Luyten and Tupper, in preparation).

To prepare the releases for a two-year deployment, all circuits were powered by lithium batteries. The capacity of the backup pinger batteries was increased (22 v to 45 v), and the pinger circuit current was closely scrutinized and components changed to obtain the lowest possible current drain in a quiescent state. Likewise, the receiver circuit

was tuned so that current drain was minimized and battery life extended. An extended duration test of similar lithium batteries (bottom mooring 832, off Hawaii) showed that they performed after four years in the water.

The transponder placed on each mooring at approximately 2000 m, to act as a back-up for the release transponders, proved worthwhile. On the recovery cruise, two releases failed to transpond, but fired on command after the backup transponder had indicated the mooring was in position. Double anodes were used on the outer case of the releases, to extend corrosion protection.

In September, 1988, the sphere from the parted mooring (840) was reported beached in western Australia, in the Abrolhos Island group (29°S, 114°E, near Geraldton). It was subsequently shipped back to WHOI. Mooring locations are shown in Figure 1 and in Table 1. Mooring 840 was only partially recovered (see above). Details of the moorings are shown in diagrams, located on row G of the fiche, and one is duplicated as Figure 4. The depths of the instruments were computed using program NOYFB (Moller, 1976) and are shown in Tables 2 and 3.

Table 3 gives pressure and depth information for the upper instruments. It should be noted that the depths for all instruments on mooring 835 were adjusted. A discrepancy of approximately 300 m was seen between the pressure record and the computed NOYFB depth. It was determined that a shot of wire had not been put in the mooring line. Apparent discrepancies between "calculated" (NOYFB) and "observed" (most frequent) pressures can be attributed to mean currents tilting the moorings and increasing the mean depth of the instruments.

Current Meters:

The moorings in the array were instrumented with burst sampling (Model 850) and vector averaging (VACM) current meters. They use a Savonius rotor to measure the current speed and are coupled in-line on the moorings. They provide a measure of the speed and direction of the currents and, with calibrated thermistors, water temperature. A crystal-controlled time reference accurate to within one second per day is synchronized with UTC (Universel Temps Coordonne) before launch and the accrued error recorded after recovery.

The only modification for the two-year deployment was the use of lithium batteries. However, with recent information available from a two-year Gulf Stream array, alkaline batteries were found to perform satisfactorily. Magnetic tape length (> 400 feet) and recording interval (30 minutes for VACMs) were chosen so measurements could be recorded for two years. A one-hour recording rate was chosen for model 850 current meters.

The model 850 current meter, originally built by Geodyne, measures in a burst sampling mode described by Webster (1968). These early instruments were extensively modified at WHOI in the mid-1970s to take advantage of newly developed low-power integrated-circuit technology and a new sensor-bearing design. The basic burst sampling technique was not changed. At a pre-selected time interval, which can be set to any binary multiple of 7.5 minutes, the instrument turns on and begins recording a sequence of strobes (either 7, 15, or 23). These data are recorded on magnetic tape. It then turns off until the beginning of the next record. The first strobe contains temperature information, the second contains the time, and the remainder of the strobes are pairs of rotor counts and compass/vane readings. Each strobe of rotor count is accumulated over 5.19 seconds and is paired with instantaneous compass and vane samples. Valdes (1977) included a more detailed discussion of the WHOI COS/MOS 850 current meter. For the Agulhas array, the strobe rate was set to seven and the recording interval to one hour.

By the early 1970's, engineers at WHOI had developed a vector-averaging current meter which is now commonly known as the VACM. Built by AMF Sea-Link Systems (now EG&G Ocean Products), the VACM continuously sums vector increments of water flow sensed by the rotor and vane. At regular intervals, set prior to deployment, it then records on a magnetic tape cassette the accumulated east-west and north-south velocities as a part of the data record. McCullough (1975) discussed calibration of the vector averaging current meter and its recording technique.

Some VACMs average temperature over the entire recording interval to an accuracy of about 0.01°C (Payne *et al.*, 1976). By 1980, a modification had been developed which permitted up to four variables in addition to current data to be recorded in a time-shared or multiplexed (MX) mode. Many of the VACMs measured temperature and pressure in the array, each averaging over one-half of the record interval. The multiplex circuit temperature measurement is accurate to about $.006^{\circ}\text{C}$. Pressure is measured to about 0.1% or 3 decibars for a standard 3000 decibar transducer. Pressure and temperature sensors are recalibrated between deployments.

Data Processing:

Data from instrument cassettes or cartridges were transferred to VAX disk. Two methods were used; either transfer through an ARI interface or reading to 9-track tape on an LSI-11 computer followed by transfer from tape to VAX disc. The data were then reformatted into BUOY format (Tarbell *et al.*, 1988), the time base checked, and the data converted to scientific units. Then the data quality (Table 2) was determined, bad data points were edited out and the data series were truncated to remove launch and retrieval transients. Gaps in the data were linearly interpolated to create an evenly spaced time series. This series is known as the Best Basic Version (BBV) and is the basis for all further

processing. A low-passed version of the data was created by applying a Gaussian filter with a half-width of 24 hours, then subsampling the filtered series once a day.

WHOI Buoy Group data are identified by a mooring number, a sequential instrument position number, a letter to indicate the data version and numbers to indicate the sampling rate. Therefore, 8392B1800, identifies data from the second instrument on mooring 839. The version number is B and the sampling rate is a record every half hour (1800 seconds). 8391B1DG24 is a time series that has had a Gaussian filter applied to the first instrument on mooring 839. The filter has a half width of 24 hours (G24) and is subsampled once a day (1D).

Data quality and other information are shown in Table 2. The duration and dates are for the daily filtered series. Instrument numbers preceded by an M are model 850 current meters. Numbers preceded by a V are VACMs; if a P follows the number, a pressure sensor was used.

Instrumental problems were mostly caused by excessive vibration of the mooring line in the high currents. Data record 8391 was short due to damage to circuit board components. Data records 8371 and 8392 were unavailable due to tape-drive malfunctions. The data for record 8422 is very suspect, and the instrument exhibited a high rotor threshold.

Data Presentation:

Composite plots of 'sticks' (current vectors) and temperature are shown in Figures 7-26. Variables versus time plots, histograms, spectral diagrams statistics and scatterplots are presented on microfiche.

Histograms

The histograms of five variables are plotted as percentage of occurrences. There are 50 cells in the x-axis of East component, North component, Speed and Direction. The x-axis of temperature has 100 cells.

Progressive Vector Plots

Current vectors from the basic data series are placed head-to-tail to show the path a particle would have travelled in a perfectly homogeneous flow. The plot begins with an asterisk followed by annotated triangles at the first of each month.

Scatterplots

East and North components from the Gaussian filtered time series are plotted against each other. The line drawn is the principal axis, the major axis of the ellipse

of variance. The values describing the principal axes in the statistical table are not those for the principal axes drawn on the plot, because the table used the basic sampled data and the plot used the Gaussian filtered data. When pressure was measured, plots of temperature vs. pressure and speed vs. pressure are shown.

Spectra

Plots of auto-spectra for the east component of velocity, the north component of velocity, the temperature, and the pressure are shown. Further information about the program used to create these plots may be found in the WHOI program report PROSPECT (Hunt, 1982).

The data is prewhitened and recolored. Program PROSPECT allows averaging in increasingly large groups. Piece lengths are given in Table 5. The frequency-averaging sequence for these data is:

Number of Frequencies	Number of Groups
3	40
6	15
15	6
30	30
60	15
150	6
300	30
600	15
1500	6
3000	30
6000	15
15000	6

Statistics

The statistics for each variable from the basic time series and the daily filtered time series are presented on fiche. The equations used to derive the statistical parameters are described by Tarbell *et al.* (1988). In Table 4, the statistics from the daily series are summarized. The "< >" nomenclature is used to denote time averaging.

Variables vs. Time

All plots of variables versus time are from the Gaussian filtered series. The 'stick' plots, which show individual current vectors along the time scale, are plotted two ways, one with North up and the other rotated so that East is up.

Array Plots

A schematic of frames, with an area representing the location of the array, is set up. For a chosen depth level, vectors are plotted with their base at their instrument location. In Figure 25, the vectors represent the time-averaged velocities over the duration of the experiment (or for as long as the instruments performed). Tick intervals represent 1° of latitude and 1° of longitude. Vector scales are 10 cm/sec at upper levels and 2.5 cm/sec at lower levels. In Figure 26, the vectors are from measurements at 200 m, subsampled every tenth day from a gaussian filtered (five-day half-width) series. Tick intervals represent 2° of latitude and 2° of longitude, and the vector scale is 20 cm/sec.

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Table 1: Mooring Information

Mooring S	#	Depth (m)	Lati- tude (°S)	Longi- tude (°E)	mv	Deployment Date & Time (1985)	Recovery Date & Time (1987)
8	834	4831	38°01.8'	15°30.9'	25	Feb 23, 0606	Feb 15, 0228
9	835	4847	40°07.96'	16°34.6'	25	Feb 25, 1253	Feb 16, 0545
10	836	4864	41°59.1'	17°50.0'	26	Feb 26, 1137	Feb 17, 0210
7	837	5092	40°06.4'	19°44.8'	26	Mar 01, 0427	Feb 12, 1412
6	838	4705	38°01.5'	18°31.3'	25	Mar 09, 0549	Feb 13, 1529
5	839	4620	37°52.74'	21°08.54'	26	Mar 10, 1003	Feb 09, 1257
4	840	5257	38°34.5'	23°07.7'	26	Mar 11, 0753	Feb 08, 1924
3	841	5318	37°12.2'	23°02.0'	25	Mar 11, 0127	Feb 07, 1535
2	842	4649	35°55.5'	26°59.0'	26	Mar 14, 2326	Feb 06, 0141
1	843	4101	35°03.4'	26°01.8'	25	Mar 15, 1844	Feb 05, 0537

Notes:

- There are two columns of numbers under MOORING. S is the number assigned for scientific use. # is the WHOI mooring number.
- 'mv' is the magnetic variation, in °E, applied to current direction values obtained by the instrument.
- The deployment cruise was leg 3 of the Marathon XI cruise of the R/V *Thomas Washington*. The recovery was made on RRS *Discovery*, cruise #165A.

Table 2: Data Durations, Depth, and Quality

Data Name	Instrument Number	Depth (m)	Number of Days	Start Date	End Date	Quality Notes
8341	V-590P	192	0	—	—	Battery outgassed
8342	V-325P	741	721 449	02/24/85 02/24/85	02/13/87 05/15/86	Current data only Early failure of MX data (temp/pressure)
8343	V-375	1493	721	02/24/85	02/13/87	
8344	M-260C	3993	721	02/24/85	02/13/87	
8351	V-181P	408	719	02/27/85	02/14/87	Depth adjusted
8352	V-134P	958	553	02/27/85	02/14/87	See text
8353	V-5115	1709	719	02/27/85	02/14/87	
8354	M-277C	4209	719	02/27/85	02/14/87	
8361	V-177P	145	638	02/28/85	11/26/86	Battery failure
8362	V-115P	697	0	—	—	No tape pulled
8363	V-5105	1446	719	02/28/85	02/15/87	
8364	M-207C	3947	719	02/28/85	02/15/87	
8371	V-109P	291	0	—	—	Tape problem, see text
8372	V-141P	841	713	03/02/85	02/11/87	
8373	V-436	1593	713	03/02/85	02/11/87	
8374	M-261C	4092	713	03/02/85	02/11/87	
8381	V-183P	195	705	03/11/85	02/12/87	
8382	V-366P	745	705	03/11/85	02/12/87	
8383	V-5110	1497	705	03/11/85	02/12/87	
8384	M-238C	3996	705	03/11/85	02/12/87	
8391	V-182P	150	230	03/12/85	10/26/85	Vibration
		150	393	03/12/85	04/07/86	See text
8392	V-163P	699	0	—	—	Tape problem, see text
8393	V-5117	1451	699	03/12/85	02/07/87	
8394	M-256C	3951	176	03/12/85	09/02/85	Velocity data only
			699	03/12/85	02/07/87	Temperature only
8404	M-227C	4055	699	03/12/85	02/07/87	
8411	V-204P	194	613	03/13/85	11/14/86	Battery failure
8412	V-137P	744	697	03/13/85	02/06/87	
8413	V-381	1496	697	03/13/85	02/06/87	
8414	M-250C	3995	697	03/13/85	02/06/87	
8421	V-589P	210	692	03/16/85	02/04/87	
8422	V-164P	760	685	03/16/85	01/28/87	Tape damaged, see text
						High rotor threshold
8423	V-103	1512	692	03/16/85	02/04/87	
8424	V-681	4011	692	03/16/85	02/04/87	
8431	V-118P	203	355	03/17/85	03/05/86	Battery failure
8432	V-131P	753	0	—	—	Clock board failure
8433	V-113P	1505	690	03/17/85	02/03/87	
8434	V-685	3503	690	03/17/85	02/03/87	

Table 3: Pressure Information

Data Name	Instrument Number	Nominal Depth (m)	NOYFB Depth (m)	Pressure			Most Frequent	
				Min	Max (dbars)	Range	Pressure (dbars)	Depth (m)
8342	V-325P	700	741	753	1490	737	750	745
8351	V-181P	200	108	412	1105	693	420*	418
8352	V-134P	700	658	966	1653	687	970*	963
8361	V-177P	200	145	167	585	418	170	169
8372	V-141P	700	841	842	1749	907	840	834
8381	V-183P	200	195	205	1148	943	205	204
8382	V-366P	700	745	759	1699	940	770	765
8391	V-182P	200	150	209	982	773	209*	208
8411	V-204P	200	194	205	723	518	210	209
8412	V-137P	700	744	760	1280	520	760	755
8421	V-589P	200	210	159	639	480	225	224
8422	V-164P	700	760	781	1171	390	785	780
8431	V-118P	200	203	208	897	689	400*	398
8433	V-113P	700	1505	1524	2008	484	1650*	1640

* See text.

Table 4: Velocity and Temperature Statistics

DATA NAME	START DATE (1985)	# OF P.TS. IN	DEPTH (m)	LAT. (S)	LONG. (E)	<U>	<V>	<U> ²	<V> ²	K.m	<U ² > (c.g.s. units)	<V ² >	K.e	<U'V'>	<T>	<T ² > ^{1/2}	<U'T'>	<V'T'>
8342A	02-24	720	741	36°01'	15°30'	-5.8	5.3	33.7	27.9	30.8	371.3	339.7	355.5	30.5	4.852	1.3340		
8342A	02-24	436	741	36°01'	15°30'										2.806	0.1441	-0.0873	-0.2634
8343B	02-24	720	1493	36°01'	15°30'	-3.7	4.4	13.7	19.2	16.5	152.7	146.1	149.4	-8.3	1.281	0.1479	-0.5038	-0.0147
8344C	02-24	720	3993	36°01'	15°30'	0.0	1.8	0.0	3.3	1.6	177.9	92.2	135.0	-2.8				
8351A	02-27	718	409	40°07'	16°34'	7.3	-6.9	53.2	47.7	50.5	912.4	829.4	870.9	4.0	9.527	2.5509	-1.1129	-8.0992
8352D	02-27	718	986	40°07'	16°34'	3.2	-3.6	10.4	12.6	11.6	280.9	261.2	276.1	5.1	4.335	1.4180	-2.6463	-2.7794
8353A	02-27	718	1709	40°07'	16°34'	2.0	-2.1	3.9	4.2	4.0	103.9	90.4	97.1	-9.7	2.766	0.1190	0.0806	-0.2476
8354B	02-27	718	4209	40°07'	16°34'	0.4	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.6	66.6	58.2	62.4	-2.9	1.128	0.1262	0.1023	-0.4076
8361A	02-28	637	145	41°59'	17°50'	9.4	3.8	87.4	14.1	50.8	449.5	385.6	407.5	37.9	10.486	1.4878	-11.5093	-1.3593
8363B	02-28	718	1446	41°59'	17°50'	3.2	0.2	10.2	0.1	5.2	40.1	31.2	38.6	-2.9	2.769	0.0639	-0.0792	-0.0817
8364C	02-28	718	3947	41°59'	17°50'	1.9	-1.3	3.6	1.8	2.7	29.3	18.5	23.9	-7.2	1.147	0.1023	-0.0331	-0.0777
8372A	03-02	712	841	40°06'	19°44'	8.2	5.7	67.2	32.8	50.0	354.3	435.1	394.7	124.8	4.246	1.1735	3.2169	1.4485
8373B	03-02	712	1593	40°06'	19°44'	1.6	5.0	2.5	24.6	13.5	160.4	180.0	170.2	63.4	2.752	0.0974	0.1633	0.1142
8374C	03-02	712	4082	40°06'	19°44'	0.0	3.0	0.0	9.1	4.5	118.3	66.7	92.5	21.5	1.170	0.1104	-0.2321	0.0023
8381B	03-11	704	195	38°01'	18°31'	-14.4	-0.2	206.9	0.0	103.5	1305.3	1387.9	1346.6	31.6	10.326	3.4202	8.9414	3.9019
8382A	03-11	704	745	38°01'	18°31'	-7.9	2.9	62.5	6.3	35.4	448.8	407.8	428.3	-6.6	4.661	1.8664	-4.7828	4.0800
8383A	03-11	704	1497	38°01'	18°31'	-4.3	0.2	18.7	0.1	9.4	226.4	176.1	201.2	-1.3	2.769	0.1505	0.0024	0.2204
8384B	03-11	704	3986	38°01'	18°31'	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.4	1.2	213.2	117.5	165.4	2.4	1.170	0.1203	-0.0287	0.0825
8391C	03-12	229	210	37°52'	21°08'	-19.1	-28.5	2413.0	612.8	1612.9	1026.3	846.4	936.4	87.5	11.813	2.7580	0.8490	27.0470
8391	03-12	392	210	37°52'	21°08'										12.029	2.8931	63.0869	47.0286
8393A	03-12	698	1510	37°52'	21°08'	-6.7	-4.7	44.6	21.9	33.2	182.4	64.3	123.4	-5.1	2.908	0.2521	-1.2866	0.0682
8394B	03-12	175	3951	37°52'	21°08'	7.6	4.5	58.5	20.4	39.4	168.0	61.0	114.5	71.9				
8394TC	03-12	698	3951	37°52'	21°08'										1.251	0.1430		
8404C	03-12	698	4055	38°34'	23°07'	-2.8	4.8	7.6	22.8	15.2	62.1	107.9	85.0	-29.5	1.422	0.1940	-0.0280	-0.5812
8411AC	03-13	612	194	37°12'	23°02'	-15.7	-12.5	247.0	155.3	201.2	503.5	311.6	407.6	82.8	17.357	1.3442	8.1257	5.3881
8412A	03-13	696	744	37°12'	23°02'	-14.2	-10.6	202.0	111.7	156.9	253.3	149.5	191.4	47.1	10.373	1.4504	6.2759	2.9253
8413B	03-13	696	1496	37°12'	23°02'	-7.1	-8.8	50.0	77.0	63.5	70.7	68.5	69.6	4.3	3.730	0.3590	0.6320	-0.0305
8414B	03-13	696	3995	37°12'	23°02'	4.0	1.6	16.1	2.5	9.3	70.3	55.5	62.9	27.8	1.428	0.1310	0.0527	0.0129
8421A	03-16	691	210	35°55'	26°59'	7.6	-1.9	56.3	3.5	30.9	584.2	345.6	464.9	104.9	17.327	1.2460	-16.8060	1.8410
8422QQ	03-16	684	760	35°55'	26°59'	3.7	0.4	13.5	0.1	6.8	185.8	114.5	140.1	38.4	10.498	1.3178	-8.9757	1.5334
8423B	03-16	691	1512	35°55'	26°59'	1.8	0.0	3.3	0.0	1.6	38.8	22.6	30.7	8.1	3.693	0.3614	-0.3036	-0.0564
8424A	03-16	691	4011	35°55'	26°59'	-1.6	-1.1	2.7	1.2	2.0	79.4	56.7	68.0	19.4	1.357	0.0821	0.2103	0.0435
8431B	03-17	354	203	35°03'	26°01'	-65.7	-25.9	4319.3	672.9	2496.1	209.0	423.3	316.2	108.1	14.117	1.9493	-2.3268	18.3767
8433B	03-17	689	1505	35°03'	26°01'	-10.8	-2.2	116.2	4.9	60.6	36.4	20.6	28.5	8.6	3.182	0.2213	-0.1440	0.1321
8434A	03-17	689	3503	35°03'	26°01'	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	32.7	10.8	21.6	4.0	1.753	0.1001	-0.0659	0.0212

Table 5: Spectral Information Table
(number of pieces for all spectral plots = 1)

File Name	Variables	Points Per Piece	Total Data Cycles
8342ATP1800	T	21384	21479
8342A1800	V	34560	34611
8343B1800	V,T	34560	34622
8344C1H	V,T	17280	17305
8351A1800	V,T,P	34496	34515
8352D1800	V,T,P	34496	34514
8353A1800	V,T	34496	34515
8354B1H	V,T	17248	17257
8361A1800	V,T,P	30618	30644
8363B1800	V,T	34496	34514
8364C1H	V,T	17248	17257
8372A1800	V,T,P	34200	34227
8373B1800	V,T	34200	34226
8374C1H	V,T	17100	17113
8381B1800	V,T,P	33800	33846
8382A1800	V,T,P	33800	33843
8383A1800	V,T	33800	33843
8384B1H	V,T	16900	16923
8391C1800	V,T,P	11016	11041
8393A1800	V,T	33534	33555
8394TC1H	T	16758	16777
8394B1H	V	4224	4225
8404C1H	V,T	16758	16777
8411AC1800	V,T,P	29440	29448
8412A1800	V,T,P	33396	33459
8413B1800	V,T	33396	33458
8414B1H	V,T	16698	16729
8421A1800	V,T,P	33212	33219
8422QQ1800	V,T,P	32832	32882
8423B1800	V,T	33212	33218
8424A1800	V,T	33212	33219
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8433B1800	V,T,P	33048	33122
8434A1800	V,T	33048	33123

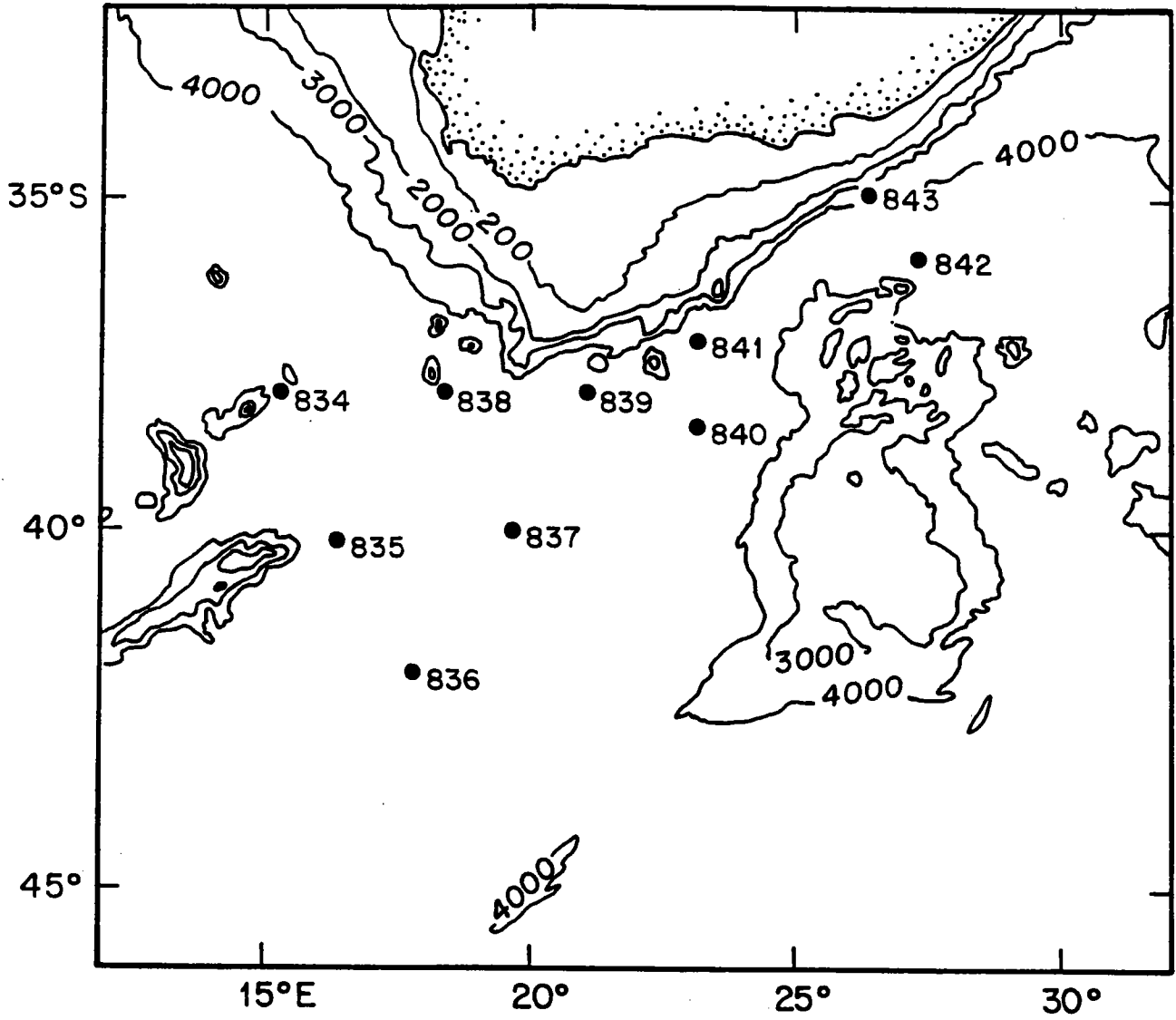


Figure 1
Mooring locations

