

**TITLE:** CTD casts, BEST Summer Cruise 2009, Knorr 195-10 (6n195j)

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**DATA SET OVERVIEW:**

**-Introduction or abstract**

This CTD data set, consisting of 247 casts, was collected during a multi-disciplinary Bering Sea cruise on the UNOLS ship R/V Knorr (6n195j, 2009). The cruise was funded by NSF for the BEST (Bering Sea Ecosystem Study) program, and supported by numerous agencies and institutions. The CTD operations on this cruise were managed by personnel from NOAA/PMEL in the EcoFOCI program, and deployment assistance from Knorr personnel. Water samples from casts were collected by various parties relative to their research needs. Profile data from CTD instruments were processed at NOAA/PMEL/EcoFOCI using standard techniques. Data from bottle samples include phosphate, silicate, nitrate, nitrite, ammonium, and chlorophyll. Data files are an array on a 1-meter grid and combine both averaged CTD profile data, and bottle samples where depths with no data are listed as “-1E+10” in text data files, and as 1.0e-35 in NetCDF files. CTD data contact people: Phyllis Stabeno, Peggy Sullivan. Nutrient and bottle data contact: Calvin Mordy.

**-Time period covered by the data:** June 14- July 13, 2009

**-Physical location of the measurement or platform (latitude/longitude/elevation)**

247 CTD casts deployed within latitude 54N to 62.5N and longitude 160 W to 180W

**-Any World Wide Web address references (i.e. additional documentation such as Project WWW site)**

BEST/BSIERP Site: <http://bsierp.nprb.org/>

BEST Data Management: [http://bsierp.nprb.org/data\\_mgt/](http://bsierp.nprb.org/data_mgt/)

NSF Award: <http://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward.do?AwardNumber=0732640>

## **INSTRUMENT DESCRIPTION:**

### **-Brief text describing the instrument with references**

SeaBird SBE-911plus CTD unit with dual temperature and conductivity sensors, and added instruments as listed ([www.seabird.com/products/profilers.htm](http://www.seabird.com/products/profilers.htm)):

Conductivity S/N 2186

Conductivity S/N 2670

Temperature S/N 4039

Temperature S/N 4195

Pressure Digiquartz with TC S/N 94763\_SBE09785\_vert\_orientation

PAR /Irradiance, Biospherical/Licor S/N QSP-200L 4550

SPAR/Surface Irradiance S/N QSR-240 6294

Transmissometer, Chelsea/Seatech/Wetlab CStar S/N CST-116

Fluorometer, WET Labs ECO-AFL/FL S/N FLNTURTD-304

Turbidity, FLNTU S/N FLNTURTD-304

Altimeter S/N 997

Oxygen sensor, SBE-43 S/N 0723

### **-Figures (or links), if applicable**

Web reference to instrument:

[http://www.seabird.com/products/spec\\_sheets/911data.htm](http://www.seabird.com/products/spec_sheets/911data.htm)

Figure showing CTD transect map: knorr19510\_PMEL\_CTDmap.gif

### **-Table of specifications (i.e. accuracy, precision, frequency, etc.)**

Page 10 of Seabird instrument reference (above)

## **DATA COLLECTION and PROCESSING:**

### **-Description of data collection**

Data were collected via CTD platform operated by personnel from NOAA/PMEL in the EcoFOCI program, with assistance from Knorr technicians. At each CTD location, the CTD rosette was lowered to 10 meters to equilibrate, brought to surface, then lowered to within 5m of the bottom, at ~30m/minute down to 150 m (on average) and ~50m/minute below that. Water bottles were fired at desired depths on the upcast. Once on board, numerous water samples were taken from Niskin bottles by members of the interdisciplinary science team.

### **-Description of derived parameters and processing techniques used**

All data are either instrument variables, calculated variables, or measured from bottle samples.

Instrument variables: pressure, temperature (primary, secondary), oxygen, transmissivity, attenuation, PAR, fluorometer.

Calculated values: salinity (primary and secondary, derived from conductivity and temperature, corrected by calibration with salt samples), chlorophyll-a (factory calibration), sigma-t, and dynamic height.

Bottle samples: nutrients (phosphate, silicate, nitrate, nitrite, ammonium), chlorophyll-a (total and

size fractionated using two methods; acidification and Welschmeyer). Phaeopigments (total and size fractionated) were obtained from Chlorophyll-a samples.

Not all variables were sampled from all bottles or on all casts. Selected variables have dual-unit listings. Two chlorophyll methods were used: the acidification technique (Holm-Hansen, O., et al, 1965), and the Welschmeyer method (Welschmeyer, 1985). Calibration coefficients for instruments are available in the attached file knorr19510\_CTDCalFile.txt

### **-Description of quality control procedures and Processing**

Data are processed using Seabird CTD software and calibration file. Post-processing at the Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory includes filtering extreme outliers, extrapolation of values from the top value collected at 3-5m to the surface. Each cast is visually reviewed for reasonableness and density inversions (greater than 0.02 sigma-t) caused by spurious measurements. This process is facilitated by comparison of the outputs of the 2 temperature and conductivity sensors. Profile data are bin-averaged to 1 meter. Nutrient samples were analyzed according to the methods of Gordon, et al (see reference below). Samples were collected in 50 ml high-density polyethylene bottles that were rinsed first with 10% HCl prior to each station, and rinsed at least three times with sample before filling. Some samples were refrigerated for 3-12 hours prior to analysis, and some frozen for later analysis.

## **DATA FORMAT:**

### **-Data file structure, format and file naming conventions (e.g. column delimited ASCII, NetCDF, GIF, JPEG, etc.)**

Data sets include continuous profile data and bottle samples from discrete depths. Data files are provided in two formats: NetCDF, and tab-delimited ASCII text.

NetCDF (EPIC standard) format includes meteorological and other metadata. "Code" is an EPIC-NetCDF-specific key code defining variables and units (see list below). Missing data are denoted by 1.0e-35. The format is defined at Unidata and PMEL-EPIC Web Sites.

<http://www.epic.noaa.gov/epic/software/>

<http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/>

The text format is a tab-delimited file with 1-line header and .odv suffix, formatted for use with Ocean Data View and other ASCII-friendly software. Missing data are designated using -1.0e+10.

### **-Data format and layout (i.e. description of header/data records, NetCDF format)**

#### **List of Variables with Short Name and Units (included in header) and grid definition**

Axes:

code	name	type	lower corner	upper corner	units
501 x lon		EVEN	163.1382 W		degree_west
500 y lat		EVEN	55.9613 N		degree_north
1 z dep		EVEN	0.00	82.00	dbar
624 t time		EVEN	16-Jun-2009 13:29		True Julian Day

Variable(s):

code	name	units
28 T	TEMPERATURE (C)	C
35 T2	Secondary Temperature	C
41 S	SALINITY (PSU)	PSU
42 S	SALINITY (PSU)	PSU
70 ST	SIGMA-T (KG/M**3)	kg m-3

10	DYN	DYNAMIC METERS	dyn-m
65	O	OXYGEN (UMOL/KG)	umol/kg
60	O	OXYGEN (ML/L)	ml/l
62	OST	OXYGEN, %SAT	%
107	TRN	TRANSMISSOMETER VOLTAGE	7      volts
904	Tr	Transmissometry (CTD)	%
55	ATTN	ATTENUATION	m-1
916	PAR	Photosynthetically Active Radiation(volts)	V
905	PAR	Photosynthetic Active Radiation	uEin m-2 s-1
918	SPAR	Surface Photosynthetically Act	uEin m-2 s-1
103	BTL	NISKIN BOTTLE NUMBER	
286	PO4	PHOSPHATE (micromoles/kg)	uM/kg
288	SI	SILICATE (micromoles/kg)	uM/kg
282	NO3	NITRATE (micromoles/kg)	uM/kg
284	NO2	NITRITE (micromoles/kg)	uM/kg
289	NH4	AMMONIUM (micromoles/kg)	uM/kg
971	rFv	raw fluorometer Volts(CTD)	Volts
2930	Cla	CTD Chlorophyll-a factory calibration	ugrams/l
2931	Cla	CTD Chlorophyll-a laboratory calibration	ugrams/l
2932	Cla	CTD upcast Chlorophyll-a laboratory calibration	ugrams/l
933	Cla	Chlorophyll	ugrams/l
2933	Cla	Chlorophyll-a total	ugrams/l
2934	Cla	Chlorophyll-a Large Size Fraction	ugrams/l
2935	Cla	Chlorophyll-a Small Size Fraction	ugrams/l
2936	Cla	Welschmeyer Chlorophyll-a Total	ugrams/l
2937	Cla	Welschmeyer Chlorophyll-a Large Size Fraction	ugrams/l
2938	Cla	Welschmeyer Chlorophyll-a Small Size Fraction	ugrams/l
907	Fph	Phaeopigments	ugrams/l
2907	Fph	Phaeopigments Large Size Fraction	ugrams/l
2908	Fph	Phaeopigments Small Size Fraction	ugrams/l

## Sample Data Records with Column Headers (NetCDF format):

## Variables

T,T2,S,S,ST,DYN,O,OST,TRN,Tr,ATTN,PAR,PAR,SPAR,BTL,PO4,SI,NO3,NO2,NH4,rFv,Cla,Chl,Cla,Cla,Cla,Cla,Cla,Cla,Fph,Fph,Fph

Epic codes

28,35,41,42,70,10,65,62,107,904,55,916,905,918,103,286,288,282,284,289,971,2930,933,2933,2934,2935,2936,2937,2938,907,2907,2908

3.00	-1.6976	-1.6996	31.6135	31.6219	25.4258	0.76204E-02	369.2490	95.9914	3.7441
74.4813	1.1785	3.5457	341.3700	932.3900	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
1e+35	1.2635	-0.1241	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
4.00	-1.7002	-1.6995	31.6091	31.6155	25.4223	0.10164E-01	369.5974	96.0763	3.7510
74.6194	1.1711	3.4366	265.4000	932.2800	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
1e+35	1.3054	0.0251	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
5.00	-1.7024	-1.7013	31.6054	31.6109	25.4193	0.12711E-01	369.8159	96.1282	3.7473
74.5444	1.1751	3.3289	206.7900	932.2800	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
1e+35	1.3203	0.0810	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
6.00	-1.7036	-1.7042	31.6020	31.6071	25.4166	0.15261E-01	369.9674	96.1622	3.7451
74.4997	1.1775	3.2295	164.1700	932.2800	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
1e+35	1.3504	0.1974	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
7.00	-1.7049	-1.7036	31.6003	31.6043	25.4153	0.17812E-01	370.4406	96.2833	3.7512
74.6238	1.1709	3.1319	131.3600	932.2800	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
1e+35	1.3863	0.3516	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
8.00	-1.7060	-1.7047	31.5984	31.6020	25.4137	0.20365E-01	370.3354	96.2578	3.7488
74.5747	1.1735	3.0338	105.0800	932.2800	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
1e+35	1.3940	0.3859	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
9.00	-1.7059	-1.7039	31.5980	31.6005	25.4134	0.22918E-01	370.3262	96.2450	3.7484
74.5670	1.1739	2.9385	84.1430	929.8100	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
1e+35	1.3660	0.2631	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35	1e+35
10.000	-1.7051	-1.7039	31.5963	31.5991	25.4120	0.25472E-01	370.3313	96.2456	3.7468
74.5345	1.1756	2.8459	67.9040	928.1800	0.60000E+01	0.12570E+01	0.24222E+02	0.62446E+01	
0.99058E-01	0.33846E+01	1.3874	0.3556	0.18099E+00	0.37034E+00	0.12910E+00	0.31026E+00		
0.38443E+00	0.13305E+00	0.21908E+00	0.25785E+00	0.25785E+00	0.25785E+00	0.25785E+00			

### Sample Attributes (Metadata) in NetCDF files

Attribute(s):

Number of attributes listed: 25 Number of attributes in file: 25

CREATION\_DATE = 12:03 15-MAR-11

CRUISE = 19510

CAST = 011

INST\_TYPE = Sea-Bird CTD SBE911/917+

DATA\_TYPE = CTD

DATA\_CMNT = Data from Seasoft File 19510011.cnv

COORD\_SYSTEM = GEOGRAPHICAL

WATER\_MASS = B

BAROMETER = 1001

WIND\_DIR = 27

WIND\_SPEED = 4

CLOUD\_TYPE = 3

AIR\_TEMP = 5.9000001

WET\_BULB = 4.80000019

WATER\_DEPTH = 90

PROG\_CMNT1 = CTDVAR added 1 var

STATION\_NAME = UAP3

EPIC\_FILE\_GENERATOR = SEASOFT2EPIC\_CTD (Version 1.35, 01-May-2003)

PROG\_CMNT2 = cat\_ctd v1.35 02Dec2008

PROG\_CMNT3 = trim\_epic\_unix (v1.30, rev 24Nov2008)

EDIT\_COMMENT\_01 = eps65: depth(0:10000) mod\_coefs(a,b)= 1.027400 0.000000

EDIT\_COMMENT\_02 = eps41: depth(0:10000) mod\_coefs(a,b)= 1.000000 0.003100

EDIT\_COMMENT\_03 = eps42: depth(0:10000) mod\_coefs(a,b)= 1.000000 0.005400

EDIT\_COMMENT\_04 = eps60: depth(0:10000) mod\_coefs(a,b)= 1.027400 0.000000

PROG\_CMNT4 = cat\_ctd v1.35 02Dec2008

### Sample Data Records with Column Headers (text format):



6n195j	001	C	1	U1	Standard	2009-06-14 22:41	193.4493	54.24400
1224.0	9.000	5.585500	5.578700	-1.0e+10	32.43530	-1.0e+10	-1.0e+10-1.0e+10	
7.305174	-1.0e+10	4.418100	93.13290	0.2846000	0.1000000E-11	-1.0e+10		
1.0e+10	-1.0e+10-1.0e+10	-1.0e+10-1.0e+10	100.1333000	0.6263000	-1.0e+10-1.0e+10-1.0e+10	-1.0e+10		
1.0e+10	-1.0e+10							
6n195j	001	C	1	U1	Standard	2009-06-14 22:41	193.4493	54.24400
1224.0	10.000	5.582100	5.568300	-1.0e+10	32.43440	-1.0e+10	-1.0e+10-1.0e+10	
7.306222	-1.0e+10	4.421400	93.20320	0.2816000	0.1000000E-11	-1.0e+10		
1.0e+10	-1.0e+10-1.0e+10	-1.0e+10-1.0e+10	100.1372000	0.6656000	-1.0e+10-1.0e+10-1.0e+10	-1.0e+10		
1.0e+10	-1.0e+10							

**-Description of flags, codes used in the data, and definitions (i.e. good, questionable, missing, estimated, etc.)** Missing data are denoted by 1.0e-35 (NetCDF) or -1.0e+10 (text files). All data points are either accepted (retained) or rejected (deleted) during processing, so data are all defined as good. Data values above 5-10 meters depth may have been extrapolated to surface.

## **DATA REMARKS:**

### **-Software compatibility (i.e. list of existing software to view/manipulate the data)**

Software for viewing and manipulating NetCDF data are listed at the Unidata/UCAR site <http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/software.html>. “ncdump” tool is suggested as a start. Ferret software (NOAA/PMEL) and Matlab can read and manipulate NetCDF files and grids.

## **REFERENCES:**

### **-List of documents cited in this data set description**

- Seabird SBE 911plus CTD manual  
[http://www.seabird.com/products/spec\\_sheets/911data.htm](http://www.seabird.com/products/spec_sheets/911data.htm)
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