

*CRUISE REPORT*

**RED SEA OUTFLOW EXPERIMENT – REDSOX 2**

**R/V *Maurice Ewing* Cruise EW-110**

**August 21 to September 12, 2001**

## **1. Introduction and Objectives**

The Red Sea Outflow Experiment (REDSOX) is a joint effort between the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS) and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). The purpose of the program is to conduct measurements of the outflow of high salinity water from the Red Sea and its mixing with ambient waters in the Gulf of Aden. The program is funded by the United States National Science Foundation (NSF).

The main objectives of REDSOX are:

1. To describe the pathways and downstream evolution of the descending outflow plumes of Red Sea Water in the western Gulf of Aden
2. To quantify the processes that control the final depth of the equilibrated Red Sea Outflow Water, and
3. To identify the transport processes and mechanisms that advect Red Sea Outflow Water and its properties through the Gulf of Aden and into the Indian Ocean.

In order to achieve these objectives, fieldwork has been carried out during two cruises. This report describes the scientific research conducted during the second project cruise from 21 August to 12 September 2001 aboard the R/V *Maurice Ewing* (REDSOX-2). This cruise was timed to take place during the climatological period of minimum deep outflow from the Red Sea, which occurs in boreal summer. The shipboard scientific activities consisted of three main components. First, a high-resolution hydrographic and direct current survey of the Gulf of Aden was conducted to describe the three-dimensional water property distributions and circulation characteristics. Second, direct measurements of turbulent mixing were made to study the bottom stress and mixing processes in the descending plumes. Third, acoustically-tracked RAFOS floats

were launched to observe the rates and pathways of Red Sea Outflow Water spreading, including some floats that were deployed in delayed release mode.

REDSOX is intended to provide the first comprehensive description of the pathways, structure, and variability of the descending outflow plumes from the Red Sea and the equilibrated Red Sea Water mass as it enters the western Indian Ocean. Analysis of the experimental data will lead to a better understanding of mixing and spreading processes in dense overflows and a more detailed knowledge of the factors that control the final watermass characteristics of these outflows.

## 2. Cruise Dates and Personnel

### **Cruise 2: R/V *Maurice Ewing*: EW-110**

The second cruise was carried out aboard the R/V *Maurice Ewing* from August 21 to September 12, 2001. The cruise originated from and ended in Djibouti. The cruise track is shown in Figure 1.

#### Cruise Participants:

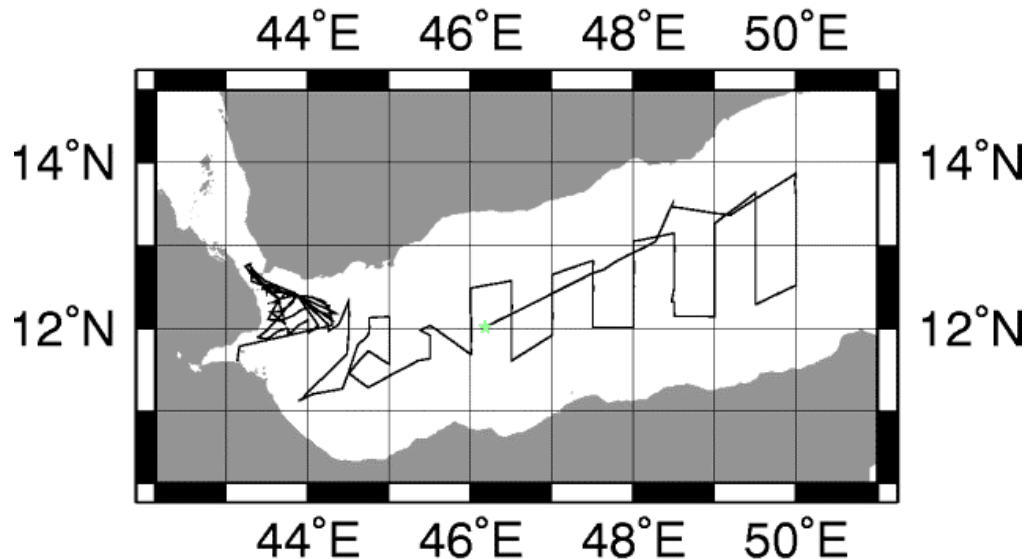
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3.	Francesco Paparella	U. of Lecce, Italy	Scientist
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5.	Deborah Glickson	WHOI	Research Associate
6.	David Fisichella	WHOI	Research Assistant
7.	Robert Jones	RSMAS / U. Miami	Technician
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9.	Erica Key	RSMAS / U. Miami	Graduate Student
10.	Silvia Matt	RSMAS / U. Miami	Graduate Student
11.	Mitchihiro Ohiwa	WHOI	Graduate Student
12.	Alison Walker	WHOI	Graduate Student
13.	Robert Wolfe	RSMAS / U. Miami	Graduate Student

### 3. Scientific Activities

#### 3.1 CTD/LADCP Stations

A total of 2?? combined hydrographic (CTD; conductivity / temperature / depth) and direct current (LADCP, lowered acoustic Doppler current profiler) stations were occupied on the cruise. Appendix 1 contains the station locations, times and depths, and the stations are plotted in Figures 2 and 3. After an encounter with unidentified armed assailants on Aug. 31, 2001 (at station # 133, 18 nautical miles off the coast of Somalia), the Ewing's movements were restricted to areas more than 50 miles from any coast for reasons of security. We subsequently developed a new station grid that differed substantially from our original plan for sampling the Gulf of Aden. Rather than surveying the western gulf up to the 12-mile limits of Somalia and Yemen and east to 48E, we sampled the middle third of the gulf out to 50E.

At each station, profiles of temperature, salinity (conductivity), and dissolved oxygen concentration were collected to a depth of 2000 m or to within approximately 10 m of the bottom at shallower depths, using a Sea-Bird SBE-9plus CTD system. Water samples for calibration of the salinity and dissolved oxygen profiles were collected at about half of these stations. Current profiles were measured with a lowered 300 kHz broadband RD Instruments acoustic Doppler current profiler.



**Figure 1.** Cruise track of R/V *Maurice Ewing* during REDSOX-2

### 3.2 Mooring Deployments

#### 3.2.1 Short-term Bottom ADCP Moorings

A specialized near-bottom moored package, referred to as a “Bottom Lander”, was deployed four times during the cruise for a deployment period of about one day to collect measurements of the structure and variability of the descending outflow plumes. This package consisted of a syntactic foam float holding an upward-looking 600 kHz broadband RD Instruments ADCP and a Sea-Bird SBE-37 “Microcat” temperature / conductivity / pressure recorder. The ADCP measures the velocity profile and turbulence properties within the bottom 40 m of the water column while the SBE-37 measures the water properties near the bottom. The device was deployed at the locations and times listed in Table 1 and shown in Figure 3.

Table 1: Bottom Lander Moorings

Stn. No.	Launch Date	Time (UTC)	Latitude N Deg min	Longitude E Deg min	Depth (m)	Release Date	Time (UTC)	Duration (hours)
BL-1	25-Aug-01	0328	12 20.99	43 38.51	377	26-Aug-01	0615	26.8
BL-2	26-Aug-01	1329	12 23.82	43 51.93	492	27-Aug-01	1445	*
BL-3	27-Aug-01	2218	12 46.26	43 16.60	214	28-Aug-01	2301	*
BL-4	29-Aug-01	0441	12 23.91	43 52.06	496	30-Aug-01	0458	24.3

\* no data recovered

#### 3.2.2 RAFOS Float Sound Source Moorings

One RAFOS float sound source mooring was deployed during the cruise at the location indicated in Table 2 (see also Figure 4). These sources are used to track the locations of the RAFOS floats as they drift through the area.

Table 2: Sound Source Mooring

Station	Sound Source	Launch Date	Time (Z)	Latitude N Deg min	Longitude E Deg min	Water Depth (m)	Mission Start Date
D	007	10-Sep-01	0934	13 28.439	48 28.153	1971	09-Sep-01

### 3.3 RAFOS Float Deployments

Acoustically tracked subsurface RAFOS floats were deployed at the locations listed in Appendix 2. The RAFOS floats were ballasted to drift at a nominal depth of 650m, which corresponds to the core of the Red Sea Water mass in the Gulf of Aden and in the Indian Ocean. The floats are programmed to drift for a period of one year and then surface to relay their data by satellite. At four locations, floats were anchored to the bottom and programmed to begin drifting after either two, four or six months. These floats are indicated as ‘Dual Release’ in Appendix 2.

### **3.4 Underway Measurements**

#### *Meteorological Data*

Meteorological measurements were continuously recorded by sensors aboard the R/V *Maurice Ewing*, including wind speed and direction, barometric pressure and relative humidity. Wind speed and direction measured during the cruise are shown in Figure 5.

#### *Thermosalinograph*

Values of surface temperature and salinity were continuously measured and logged on the ship's computer using a Sea-Bird temperature-conductivity recorder installed in the ship's seawater intake line. The data are shown in Figure 6.

#### *Shipboard Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler*

Upper ocean currents were continuously measured with a 150 kHz narrow-band Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler mounted in the ship's transducer well. The depth range of good velocity data typically extended to 350 m below the vessel, depending on sea state conditions. The data are shown in Fig. 9 and described below in connection with the scientific findings of the cruise.

## **4. Highlights of Preliminary Scientific Findings**

REDSOX-2 took place during boreal summer when the outflow of Red Sea Water has its climatological minimum. The annual variation of RSW outflow affects both the circulation in the vicinity of the Straits of Bab el Mandeb and the distribution of high-salinity water in the Gulf of Aden. The following captions highlight preliminary findings.

#### *(a) "Near Field" - Plume Study*

- There was significant outflow of RSW in the northern as well as in the southern channel on the shelf south of Bab el Mandeb (Figure 7). A preliminary estimate of the deep outflow transport through Perim Narrows based on the shipboard ADCP measurements (bottom-track mode) is 0.10 Sv during slack tide.
- Even though transports of outflowing RSW were smaller than in winter, large near-bottom velocities were encountered at some stations in the two channels. Outflow velocities appeared to be highly variable in space and time.
- At least in the northern channel, RSW appeared to equilibrate to its surroundings at shallower depths than in winter, and specifically upstream of the channel exit.

#### *(b) Tadjura Rift*

- In contrast to winter, the section along the axis of Tadjura Rift did not show signatures of high-salinity water actively flowing out of the two channels. Rather, the highest salinities occurred toward the western basin near 900 m depth (Figure 7). Salinity in the deep rift (> 1000 m) was more saline in summer compared to winter.
- The water in Tadjura Rift below 1000 m showed consistent eastward flow. The lowest part of the water column generally showed extremely low static stability, which may hint toward vertical convection. The Rift is separated from the adjacent Gulf of Aden by a sill with a depth of 1000-1100 m.

(c) "Far Field" Gulf of Aden

- A field of apparently spatially-coherent staircase structures in the stratification was found below the level of the RSW intrusion southeast of the mouth of Tadjura Rift near 11° 30'N, 45°E (Figure 8). This is where the RSW first flows over the colder, fresher Indian Ocean waters. Layers were as thick as 50 m and showed signatures of vertical convection. The stratification in the staircase field was favorable to salt fingering.
- As during REDSOX-1, energetic eddies were found in the Gulf of Aden (Figures 9 and 10). As well as could be determined from the reduced gulf survey, their horizontal scales of the eddies were generally smaller than in winter. . Surface velocities encountered at times exceeded 3 knots. In contrast to REDSOX-1, these eddies tended to be more highly surface-intensified, especially in the western Gulf.
- The spatial distribution of salinity at the level of the RSW was less homogeneous in the central and eastern Gulf of Aden during REDSOX-2 than during REDSOX-1 (Figure 9). Elevated salinities were encountered in large patches or blobs (defined by multiple stations) near 47°E and as far east as 49°-50°E.

## **5. Release of Project Data**

In accordance with the provisions specified in the cruise prospectus and application for foreign clearances, the full data results from this experiment will be provided to all clearance countries according to the following schedule:

### Hydrographic Station Data, Mooring Data, and Underway Shipboard Measurements

All shipboard measurements, including underway data records and hydrographic station data, as well as the data recovered from the short-term bottom moorings in the area of the outflow plume, will be provided within 6 months of the termination of the cruise (March 15, 2002).

### Subsurface Floats

Time series data and trajectories from the subsurface RAFOS floats will be provided within 18 months from the time when the last floats surface and complete their data transmissions. This is expected to occur in January 2003. Therefore we anticipate delivery of the final float data by July 2004.

## **6. Acknowledgements**

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Appendix 1. CTD/LADCP stations occupied during REDSOX-2.

Sta. No.	Date	Time (UTC)	Latitude (Deg / Min)	Longitude (Deg / Min)	Depth (m)
001	21 08 2001	1437	12 02.25	044 17.73	1254
002	21 08 2001	1647	12 07.33	044 17.08	919
003	22 08 2001	0141	12 16.24	044 14.98	765
004	22 08 2001	0422	12 22.65	044 01.80	527
005	22 08 2001	0624	12 23.66	043 50.11	460
006	22 08 2001	0818	12 25.20	043 42.26	393
007	22 08 2001	1015	12 30.44	043 35.72	334
008	22 08 2001	1229	12 31.60	043 25.16	301
009	22 08 2001	1422	12 34.42	043 18.07	283
010	22 08 2001	1655	12 46.21	043 16.64	216
011	22 08 2001	1818	12 45.64	043 15.13	175
012	22 08 2001	1935	12 45.08	043 13.75	178
013	22 08 2001	2251	12 27.41	043 32.23	288
014	23 08 2001	0025	12 22.03	043 37.76	384
015	23 08 2001	0215	12 13.04	043 40.17	450
016	23 08 2001	0400	12 06.51	043 41.96	453
017	23 08 2001	0514	12 03.26	043 42.71	901
018	23 08 2001	0750	12 11.88	043 32.51	188
019	23 08 2001	0853	12 12.01	043 36.03	213
020	23 08 2001	1011	12 12.23	043 38.67	319
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022	23 08 2001	1254	12 14.12	043 42.18	355
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024	23 08 2001	1522	12 17.56	043 47.22	350
025	23 08 2001	1629	12 19.02	043 48.94	231
026	23 08 2001	1735	12 21.05	043 49.45	290
027	23 08 2001	1841	12 22.47	043 49.75	393
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029	23 08 2001	2052	12 24.56	043 50.46	432
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032	24 08 2001	0322	12 10.98	044 15.97	715
033	24 08 2001	0438	12 10.95	044 13.99	606
034	24 08 2001	0552	12 10.97	044 12.02	522
035	24 08 2001	0727	12 13.12	044 04.69	497
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052	25 08 2001	0747	12 18.57	043 33.15	233
053	25 08 2001	0824	12 19.22	043 34.55	307
054	25 08 2001	0909	12 19.65	043 35.71	364



055	25 08 2001	0955	12 20.47	043 37.40	313
056	25 08 2001	1056	12 21.03	043 38.57	381
057	25 08 2001	1200	12 21.42	043 39.31	317
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059	25 08 2001	1408	12 23.95	043 41.69	349
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062	26 08 2001	0540	12 21.01	043 38.45	379
063	26 08 2001	0812	12 24.58	043 51.98	466
064	26 08 2001	0932	12 23.92	043 52.02	497
065	26 08 2001	1036	12 22.85	043 52.10	426
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072	26 08 2001	2134	12 18.20	044 13.39	707
073	26 08 2001	2239	12 15.75	044 13.24	524
074	26 08 2001	2345	12 15.94	044 14.07	626
075	27 08 2001	0049	12 16.18	044 15.00	802
076	27 08 2001	0217	12 13.59	044 14.07	596
077	27 08 2001	0341	12 11.03	044 17.97	731
078	27 08 2001	0447	12 10.97	044 15.97	722
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093	28 08 2001	0828	12 45.61	043 15.04	182
094	28 08 2001	0911	12 45.08	043 13.74	181
095	28 08 2001	1035	12 46.36	043 16.64	212
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097	28 08 2001	1138	12 45.65	043 15.03	183
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132	31 08 2001	0650	11 08.37	043 55.45	599
133	31 08 2001	0748	11 07.52	043 53.14	414
134	31 08 2001	1426	11 47.98	044 36.62	899
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222	09 09 2001	1757	13 36.05	050 00.05	1934
223	09 09 2001	2054	13 52.00	050 00.00	2348
224	10 09 2001	0653	13 27.94	048 27.98	1972
225	11 09 2001	0732	11 31.83	045 11.96	1577
226	11 09 2001	0817	11 32.69	045 12.74	1565
227	11 09 2001	0850	11 33.28	045 13.34	1557



Appendix 2. Float releases

Float#	ARGOS ID	Launch Date	Time (Z)	Latitude	Longitude	Station No.	Water Depth	Dual Re.	Mission Start Date	Properties at 650 dbar		
										theta	salinity	sigma-theta
210	22868	03-Sep-01	2042	12 24.024	47 00.196	181	2442	N	04-Sep-01	13.262	36.250	27.308
211	22869	06-Sep-01	1334	13 03.081	48 00.046	196	2100	N	06-Sep-01	11.496	35.880	27.369
212	24247	01-Sep-01	1655	11 35.648	44 36.862	148	912	N	01-Sep-01	13.766	36.396	27.316
213	24248	01-Sep-01	2245	11 16.950	44 44.209	151	1114	N	02-Sep-01	15.895	37.047	27.348
214	24249	06-Sep-01	0538	12 30.753	48 00.408	193	1634	N	06-Sep-01	11.690	35.856	27.314
215	24250	05-Sep-01	2208	12 01.038	48 00.052	190	2290	N	06-Sep-01	12.081	35.926	27.293
216	25188	31-Aug-01	1810	11 56.726	44 44.930	136	910	N	01-Sep-01	14.621	36.660	27.336
217	25189	01-Sep-01	0430	11 58.811	44 59.998	142	1202	N	01-Sep-01	13.910	36.452	27.329
218	25190	27-Aug-01	0941	12 05.215	44 18.109	81	1200	N	27-Aug-01	15.164	36.880	27.386
219	25191	29-Aug-01	2028	12 01.957	43 52.362	115	1187	N	28-Aug-01	17.463	37.587	27.389
220	25192	04-Sep-01	1307	11 54.986	47 00.051	178	2100	N	04-Sep-01	13.440	36.303	27.312
221	25660	05-Sep-01	0124	12 38.936	47 00.156	183	1995	N	05-Sep-01	12.118	35.894	27.261
222	26323	05-Sep-01	1732	12 01.062	47 29.956	189	2300	N	05-Sep-01	13.214	36.258	27.293
223	26324	03-Sep-01	1257	12 28.973	45 59.978	170	1500	N	03-Sep-01	12.917	36.287	27.408
224	26325	03-Sep-01	0208	11 41.000	46 00.084	165	1881	N	03-Sep-01	12.596	36.093	27.321
225	26326	03-Sep-01	0635	12 00.515	46 00.307	167	1515	N	03-Sep-01	12.848	36.264	27.407
226	26327	01-Sep-01	2233	11 16.983	44 44.155	151	1114	Y	01-Nov-01	15.895	37.047	27.348
227	26328	01-Sep-01	2243	11 16.956	44 44.176	151	1114	Y	01-Jan-02	15.895	37.047	27.348
228	28569	29-Aug-01	2035	12 01.961	43 52.308	115	1187	Y	01-Nov-01	17.463	37.587	27.389
229	28570	29-Aug-01	2032	12 01.965	43 52.336	115	1187	Y	01-Jan-02	17.463	37.587	27.389
230	28571	29-Aug-01	2040	12 01.968	43 52.283	115	1187	Y	01-Mar-02	17.463	37.587	27.389
231	28572	01-Sep-01	0711	11 58.915	45 00.161	142	1202	Y	01-Nov-01	13.910	36.452	27.329
232	28573	27-Aug-01	1003	12 05.192	44 18.192	81	1200	Y	01-Jan-02	15.164	36.880	27.386
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234	18559	01-Sep-01	1202	11 58.912	45 00.017	142	1202	Y	01-Jan-02	13.910	36.452	27.329
235	18560	01-Sep-01	1202	11 58.819	44 59.998	142	1202	Y	01-Mar-02	13.910	36.452	27.329
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# REDSOX-2 Stations

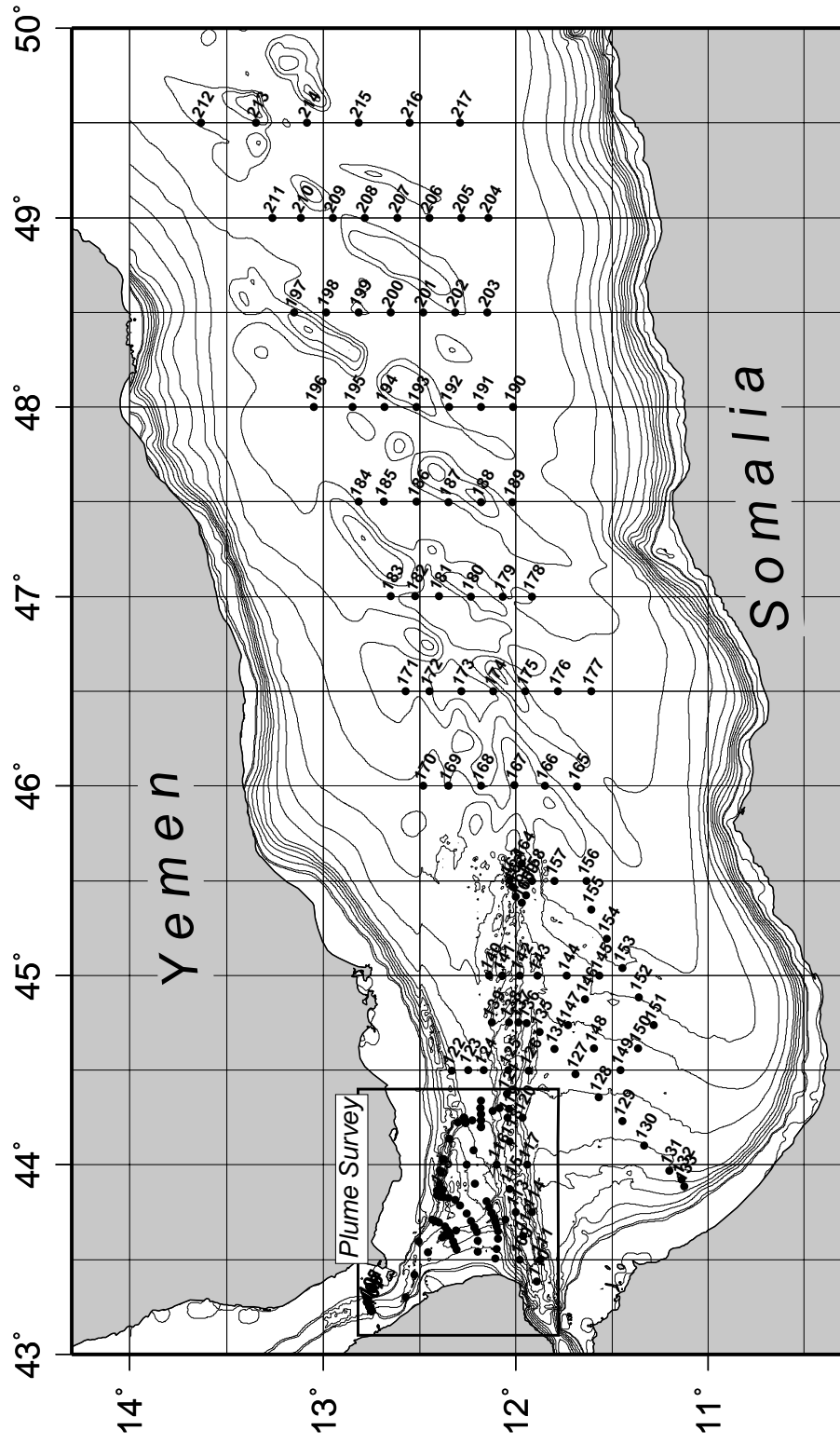


Figure 2: Location of the CTD/LADCP stations during REDSOX-2 in the Gulf of Aden. An extended view of the plume survey is shown in Fig. 3.

## REDSOX-2 Stations - Plume Survey

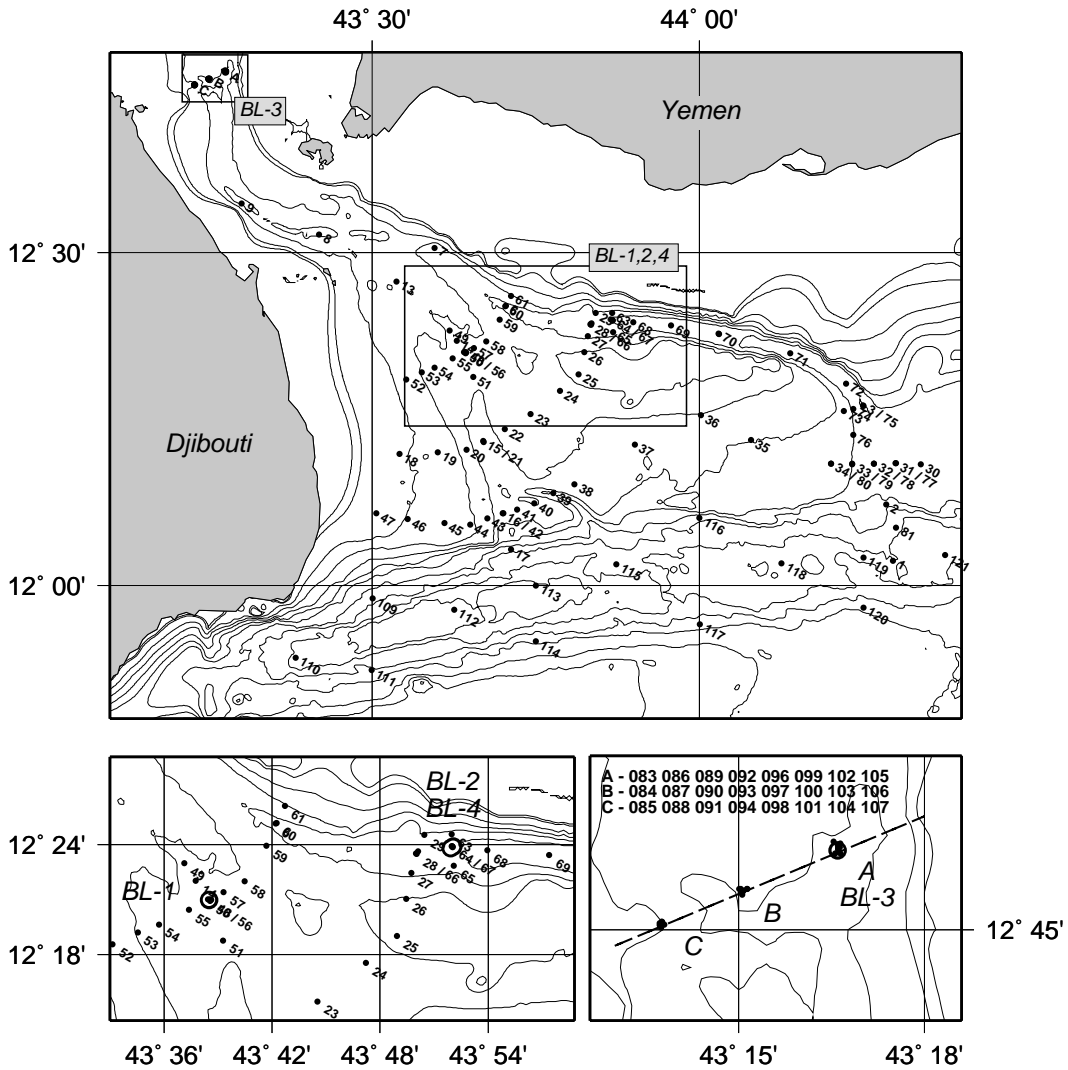


Figure 3: Expanded view of the CTD/LADCP stations during the plume survey (stations 1-108) and in Tadjura Rift (stations 109-125) in the western Gulf of Aden. Additional enlargements cover bottom lander sites BL1, BL2 and BL3 in the center of the plume region (bottom left) and BL3 in the Perim Narrows (bottom right). Bottom lander sites are marked by open circles. The dashed line through the BL3 site indicates repeated shipboard ADCP sections.

# REDSOX-2 Float Launches

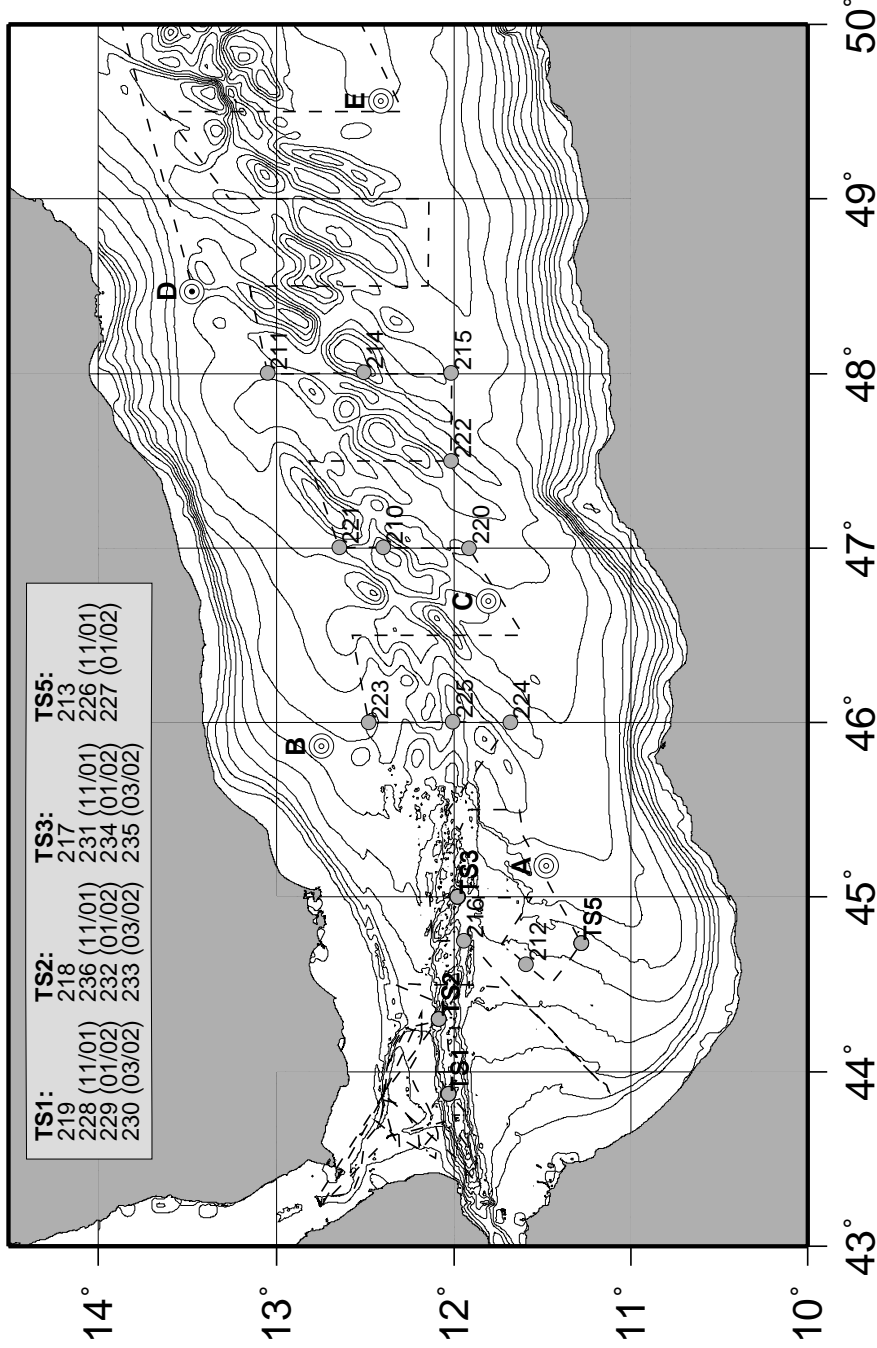


Figure 4: Launch locations of 650-m RAFOS floats during REDSOX-2 (numbered); timed-release floats were deployed at 4 time series stations (TS1-TS4). Locations of 780-Hz sound sources (lettered); sources A, B, C, and E having been deployed during REDSOX-1 while sound source D was deployed during REDSOX-2.



## Redsox-2 Wind Speed and Direction

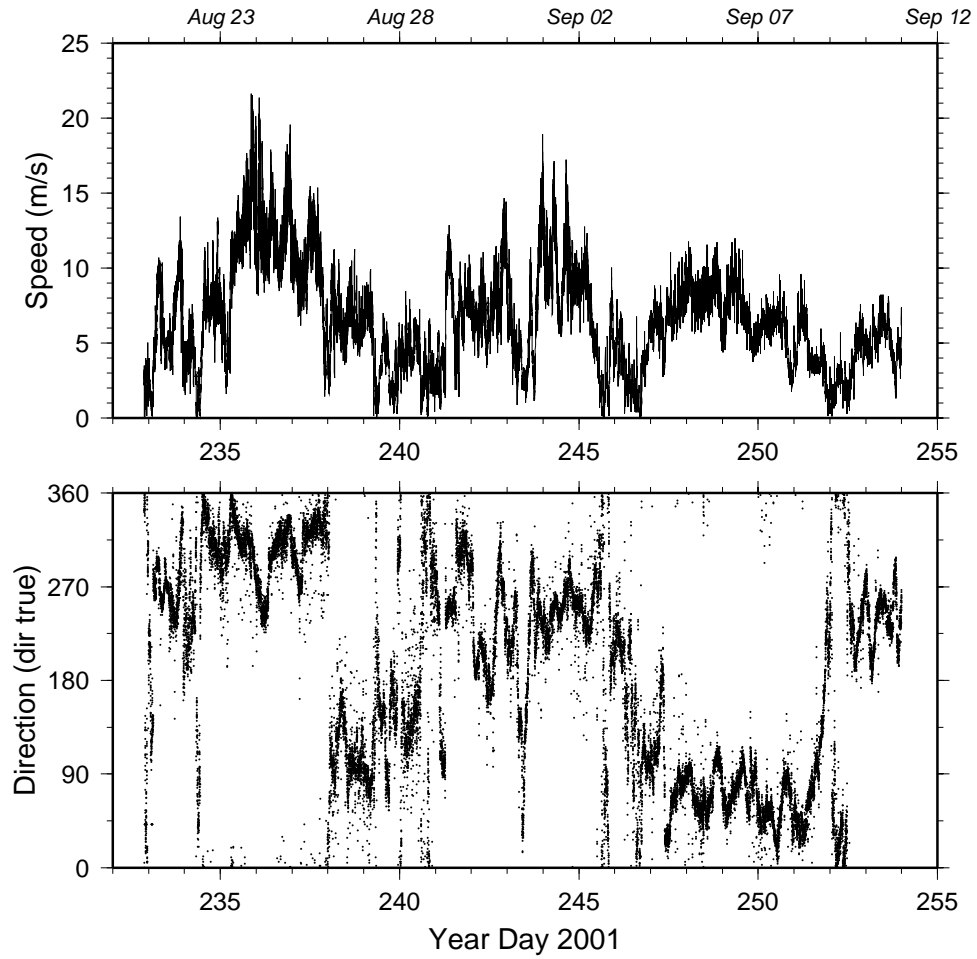


Figure 5: Wind speed (top) and direction (bottom) as recorded by the meteorological sensors on the R/V *Maurice Ewing* during REDSOX-2.

## Redsox-2 SST and Salinity

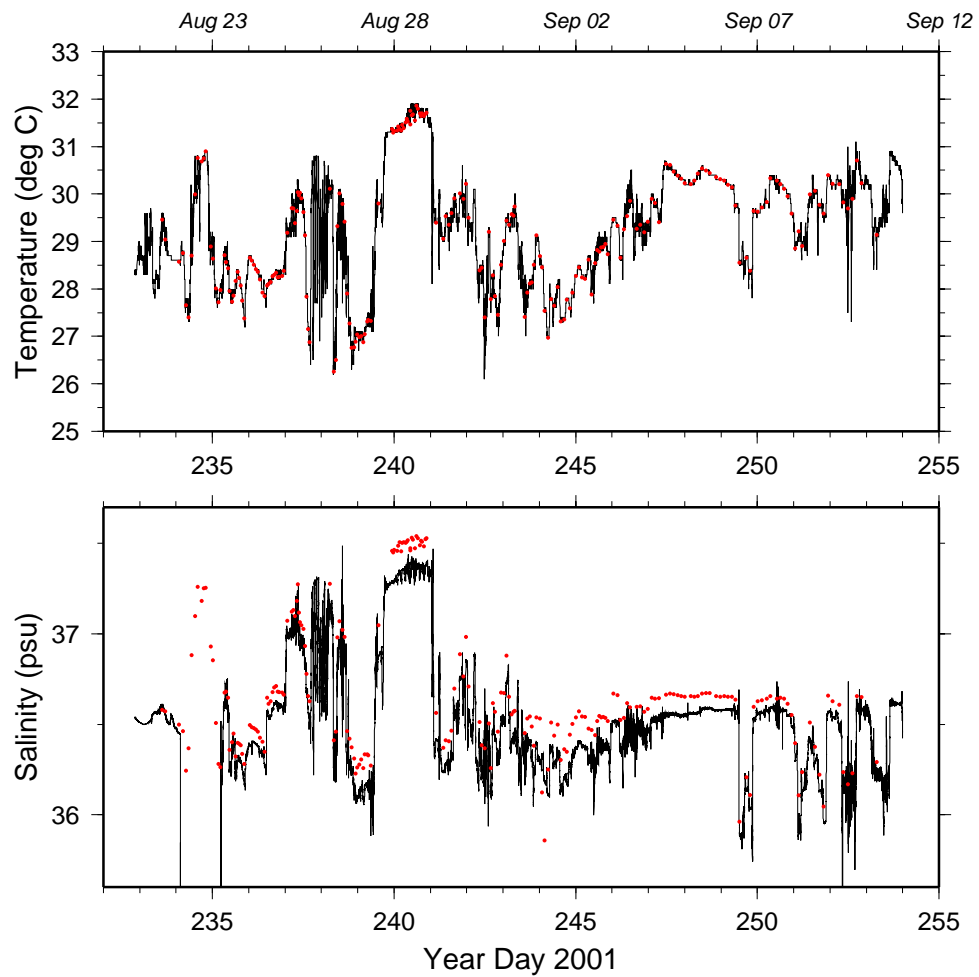


Figure 6: Sea surface temperature (top) and salinity (bottom) as recorded by the thermosalinograph on the R/V *Maurice Ewing* during REDSOX-2. Near-surface CTD data (dots) indicate a mean offset of the thermosalinograph salinity of -0.12 psu.

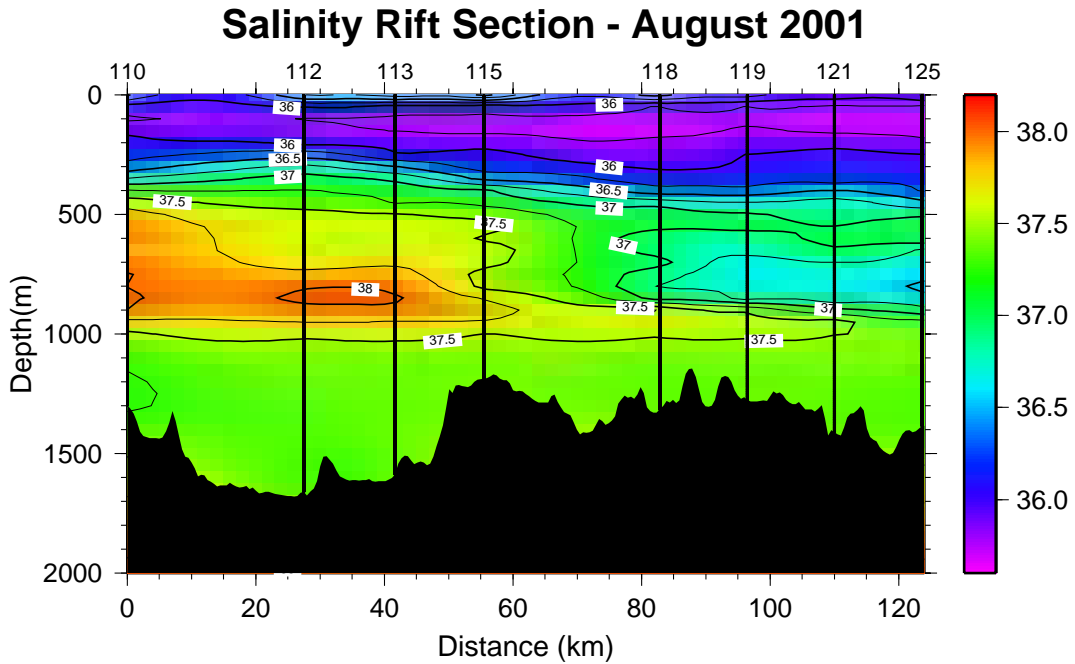
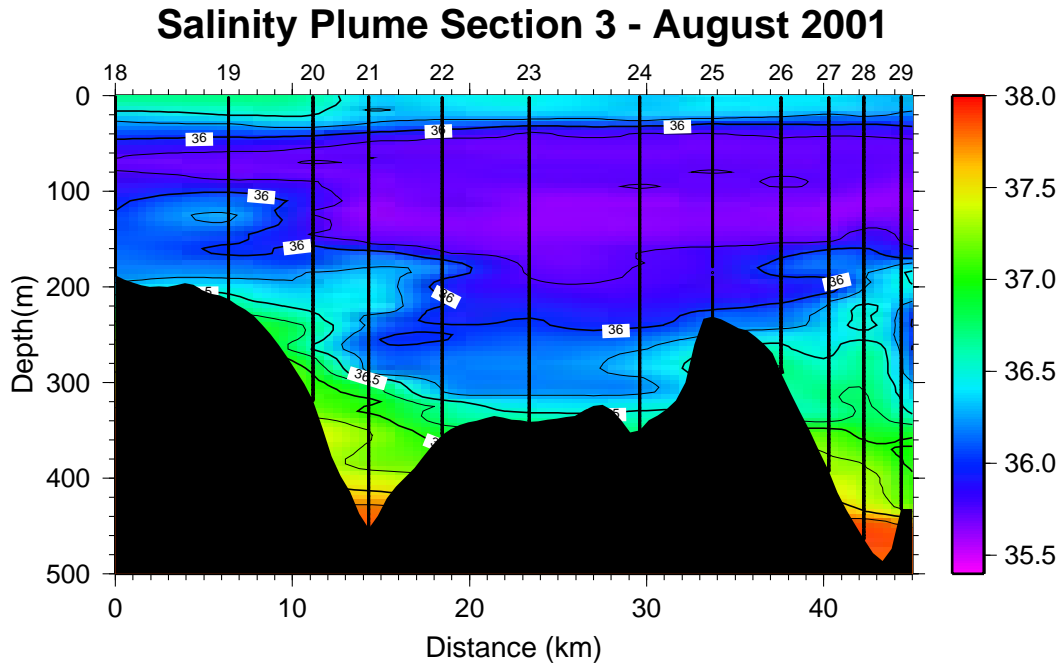


Figure 7: (Top) Salinity section across the two main outflow channels from the Red Sea. The station numbers comprising the section are shown at the top (see Figs. 2 and 3 for station locations). (Bottom) Salinity section along the Tadjura Rift.

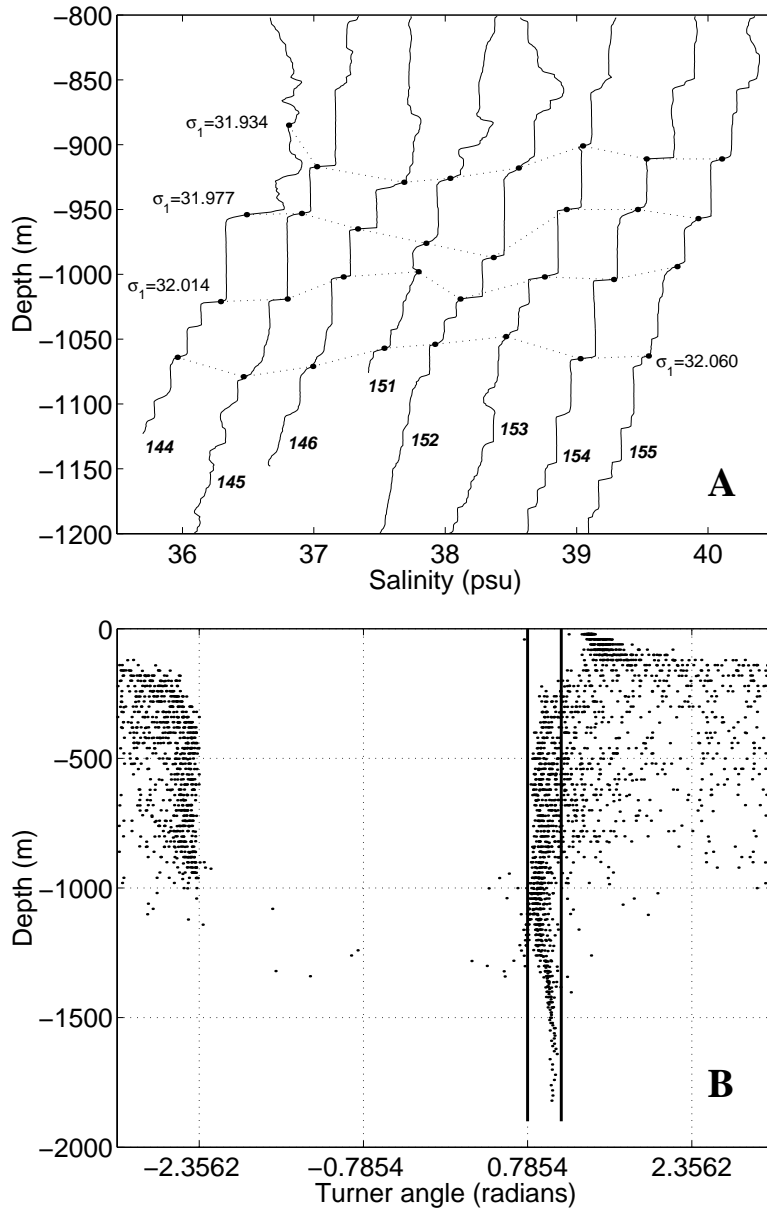


Figure 8: (Top) Salinity profiles below the spreading Red Sea Water from a cluster of stations near  $11.5^\circ\text{N}$ ,  $45^\circ\text{E}$  showing a pronounced staircase structure. The staircase was likely caused by salt finger activity. Some of the sharpest steps lay along potential density surfaces (shown as dotted lines). (Bottom) The Turner angle for the stations 120–169 shows a large number of data points in a region favorable to salt fingering (vertical lines at density ratios 1 and 2, respectively). The Turner angle is  $Tu = \text{atan}(\Delta T, \Delta S)$ , where  $\Delta T$  and  $\Delta S$  are, respectively, vertical temperature and salinity differences measured in density units.

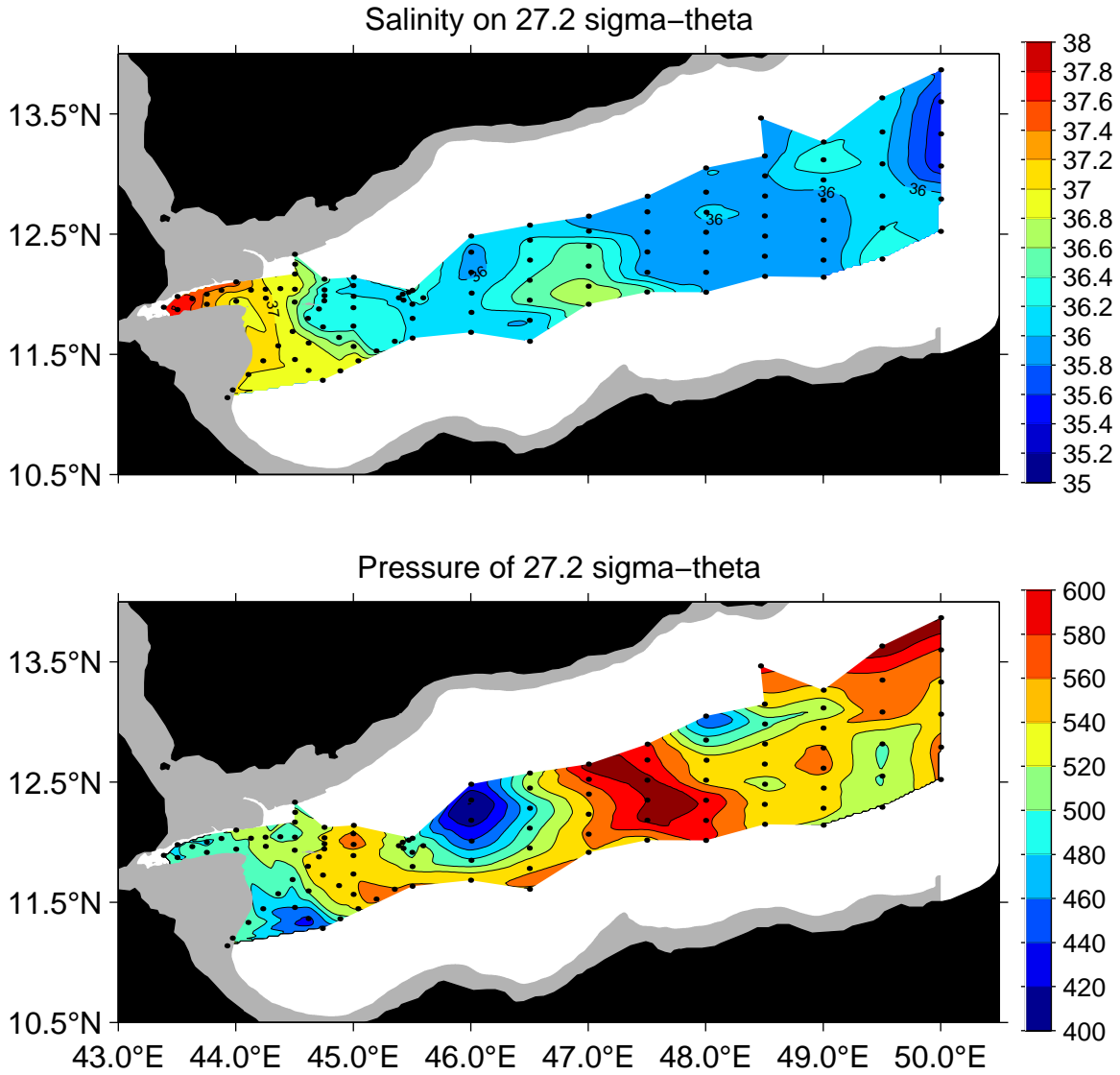


Figure 9: (Top) Horizontal distribution of salinity in the Gulf of Aden at the main spreading level of Red Sea Water (density layer  $27.15 < \sigma_{\theta} < 27.25$ ). (Bottom) Same as top, but showing the mean pressure in dbar of that layer.

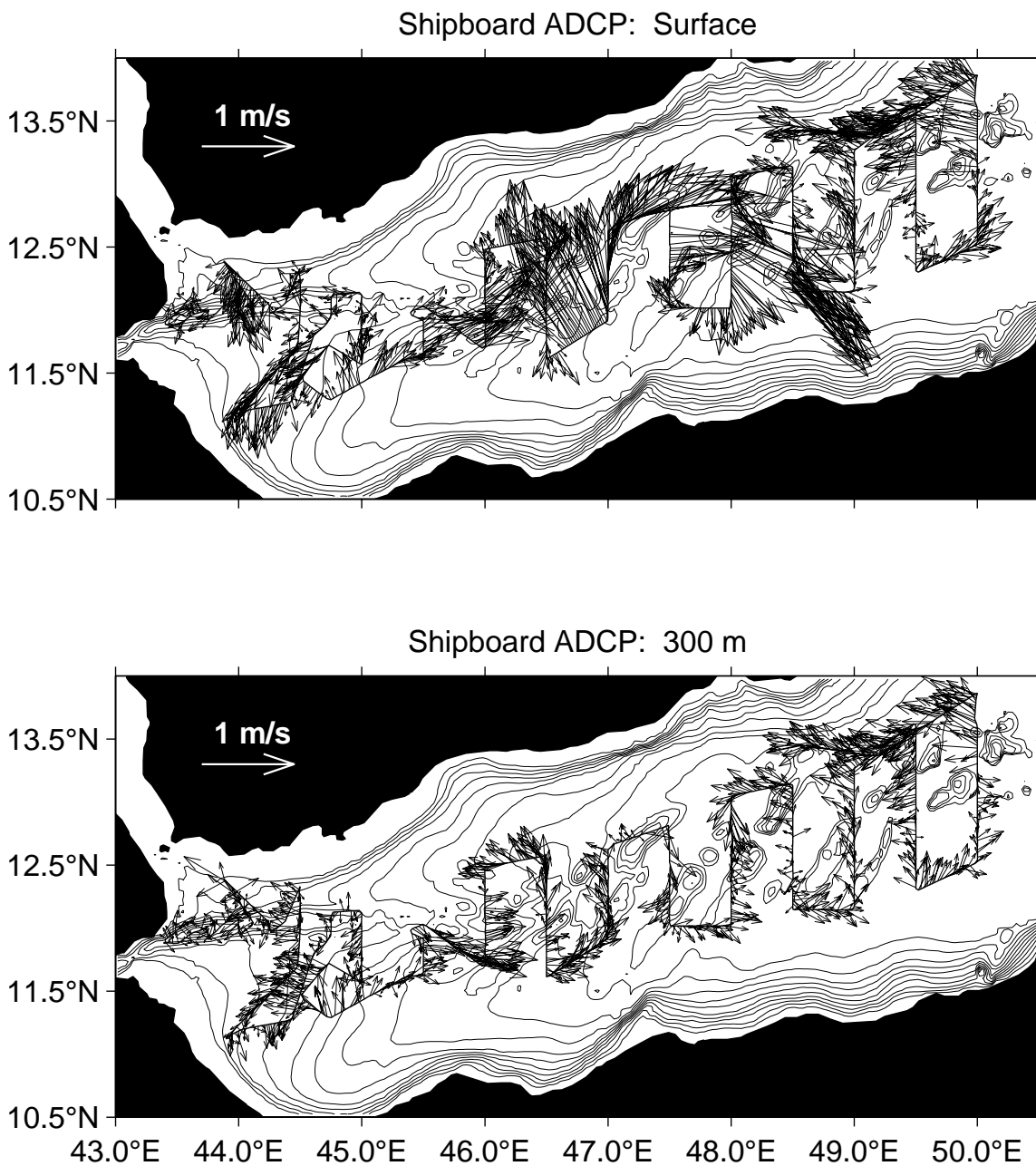


Figure 10: (Top) Surface current vectors measured by the shipboard acoustic Doppler current profiler, showing strong eddy fields in the Gulf of Aden during REDSOX-2. (Bottom) Current vectors at 300 m depth.