data summary

Southern Surveyor Voyage ss2013_v01

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Title

"Submarine landslides offshore northern New South Wales and southern Queensland: their geomechanical characteristics, timing and triggers."

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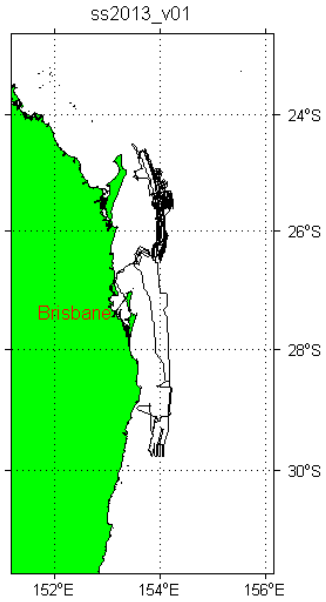
Ports

Depart: Brisbane 0800 hrs, Friday, January 18th 2013
Arrive: Brisbane 1200 hrs, Monday February 4th, 2013

Date

17-Jan-2013 22:04:55 to 04-Feb-2013 02:33:25 (UTC)

Voyage Track



Underway Data

Navigation data is acquired using the Seapath 200 position and reference unit, which is also differentially corrected by data from the FUGRO DGPS receiver.

The Meteorological data consists of 2 relative humidity and temperature sensors; a barometer, wind sensor, and licor light sensor.

Thermosalinograph data is acquired with a Seabird TSG and remote temperature by SBE 3T. Data from a flow meter is also recorded.

Digital depth data is recorded from a Simrad EK60 sounder.

Data from “IMOS” (Integrated Marine Observing System) sensors are also included. The sensors are port and starboard radiometers and pyranometers, wind speed and direction; rain and rainrate.

See Electronics report for this voyage for instruments used and their serial numbers.

Navigation, meteorological, thermosalinograph, IMOS and depth data are preliminary quality controlled by combining all data from hourly recorded files to 5 second values in a netCDF formatted file. The combined data is referred to as “underway data”.

A combined file was made on 3 June and final by running a Java application, written by Lindsay Pender of CMAR, UwyMerger version 1.8.0 with data time range of 17-Jan-2013 22:04:55 to 04-Feb-2013 02:33:25 (UTC).

Completeness and Data Quality

Navigation data (latitude and longitude, speed over ground, ship heading and course over ground); meteorological data (port and starboard air temperature, port and starboard humidity, wind direction and speed, maximum wind gust, light, atmospheric pressure, uncorrected wind

direction, rain and speed) and IMOS data (port and starboard radiometers, port and starboard pyranometers, derived wind direction and speed, uncorrected wind direction and speed, rain and rain rate), thermosalinograph (salinity and water temperature) data were evaluated and quality controlled.

Processing Comments

A number of minor discrepancies between the port and starboard air temperature sensors were noted (max differences of about 1.4 degrees, otherwise both sensors gave very close reading with the mean absolute difference of about 0.04 degrees). These occurred usually during periods of rapid temperature increase or decrease. Investigation of these indicated that they have usually occurred when the ship was stationary with little wind or during/following periods of rainfall. This phenomenon has probably come about due to the rapid warming of the ships metal structure and air due to the ship becoming stationary or cooling of the air temperature due to the ship speeding off from stationary or due to the evaporation of rain water around the sensor housing. It is unclear as to why there should be a notable temperature differential between the port and starboard temperature sensors.

Major discrepancies (max differences of about 25.6%) between the port and starboard humidity sensors was observed. It should also be noted that the port humidity sensor appears to consistently give a higher reading with the mean absolute difference of about 5.6%. Between 24-Jan-2013 01:06:00 and 31-Jan-2013 02:44:55, the port humidity sensor values appeared to be erroneous (above 100% humidity, most likely due to sensor saturation) and didn't follow starboard humidity sensor. The port humidity values during this period have been NaNed and the QC flag set to {'bad','none','operatorFlagged'}. The non QCed port humidity values can be found in the UWY netCDF file (i.e. rawPortHumidity).
After removing the erroneous port humidity data the discrepancies between the port and starboard humidity sensor improved significantly with the max difference reduced to 8.1% and mean absolute difference reduced to 3.1%.

The courseOG values when the ship is stationary are not true values as the ship is not travelling a course however this is a feature of the current acquisition system. The QC flags have been set as good however this feature should be noted if the values during the stationary periods are to be used.

The optical rain gauge was not functional during this voyage. Therefore the recorded zero values for 'IMOSRain', 'IMOSRainRate have been NaNed and their QC flags set to {'bad','none','operatorFlagged'}.

It was noted that values recorded by the IMOS port and starboard Radiometer and Pyranometer had a mean absolute difference of 3.58 and 10.9 W/m^2 respectively and in particular the port Radiometer values were mostly smaller than the starboard sensor.

No CTDs were performed during this voyage. Therefore the TSG salinity scaling factor of 1.000363935002681 from the previous voyage (ss2012_v07) along with the TSG lag of 32 seconds was applied to the TSG salinity data and the thermosalingraph salinity QC was set to {'good' ,'manually adjusted','no error'}.

Note: Depth data is no longer processed. Usually the non QCed data is available in the underway data however on this voyage from 18-Jan-2013 01:30:40 to the end of the voyage no depth data was recorded. QCed depth data could be obtained from processed Swath dataset for this voyage.

Final Underway Data

The navigation, meteorological, thermosalinograph, IMOS and depth data will be entered into the CMAR divisional data warehouse. All data timestamps are in UTC.

Filename	Parameters	Resolution
ss2013_v01uwy10.csv	latitude, latitudeQC, longitude, longitudeQC, speedOG, speedOGQC, courseOG, courseOGQC, shipHeading, shipHeadingQC, uncorrWindDir, uncorrWindDirQC, uncorrWindSpeed, uncorrWindSpeedQC, waterDepth, waterDepthQC, portAirTemp, portAirTempQC, stbdAirTemp, stbdAirTempQC, portHumidity, portHumidityQC, stbdHumidity, stbdHumidityQC, windSpeed, windSpeedQC, maxWindGust, maxWindGustQC, windDir, windDirQC, PAR, PARQC, atmPressure, atmPressureQC, waterTemp, waterTempQC, salinity, salinityQC, IMOSStbdRadiometer, IMOSStbdRadiometerQC, IMOStbdPyranometer, IMOSStbdPyranometerQC, IMOSRainRate, IMOSRainRateQC, IMOSRain, IMOSRainQC, IMOSWindSpeed, IMOSWindSpeedQC, IMOSWindDir,IMOSWindDirQC, IMOSPortRadiometer, MOSPortRadiometerQC, IMOSPortPyranometer, IMOSPortPyranometerQC, IMOSUncorrWindSpeed,MOSUncorrWindSpeedQC, IMOSUncorrWindDir,IMOSUncorrWindDirQC rain, rainQC	10 seconds
ss2013_v01uwy5min.csv	Ditto 10 second data	5 minutes

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