

1 **The OpenCTD: a low-cost, open-source CTD for collecting baseline oceanographic data in**
2 **coastal waters.**

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14 **Abstract**

15 A CTD is an oceanographic instrument that measures salinity, temperature, and depth.
16 CTDs are essential for almost all marine scientific research, whether oceanography, ecology,
17 conservation, or management. But CTDs are often cost-prohibitive, making this essential tool of
18 ocean science inaccessible to the majority of ocean knowledge seekers. The OpenCTD is a low-
19 cost, open-source oceanographic instrument built from relatively accessible components that
20 allows ocean knowledge seekers to collect data on salinity, temperature, and depth in waters as
21 deep as 140 meters, with depth accurate to <1 cm, temperature to $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$, and salinity error rate
22 of 1%, with a 90% response time of 1 second.

23 The OpenCTD is an open, adaptable platform, allowing users to integrate other sensors
24 (e.g., dissolved oxygen, pH) to fit their specific needs or questions. The utility of the OpenCTD
25 for both STEM education and Community Oceanography is demonstrated in real-world case
26 studies. The OpenCTD enfranchises researchers, community groups, educators, managers, and
27 other ocean knowledge seekers with the ability to collect baseline data about their local waters at
28 a fraction of the cost of commercial alternatives and, for most use cases, with comparable data
29 quality.

30 **Background**

31 Humankind is inherently dependent on the health of the global ocean. Whether coastal or
32 inland, all communities are affected by changes in ocean processes that impact weather and
33 climate. The ocean is essential to food and economic security for coastal communities and serve
34 as both a source of inspiration and a cultural touchstone for many societies. While human needs
35 are predicated on ocean health, many of the tools to study, explore, and understand the ocean are
36 inaccessible to the vast majority of ocean stakeholders (Harden-Davies et al., 2022). This is due
37 in part to the prohibitive costs of even the most basic oceanographic equipment (Bennett et al.,
38 2021). Financial barriers limit the scope and breadth of ocean observation and suppress the
39 diversity of knowledge seekers working to address problems facing the ocean (Lauro et al.,
40 2014). One approach to moving toward global parity in ocean research is the development and
41 application of accessible, low-cost, open-source instrumentation—in particular, the workhorse of
42 all oceanographic research, the CTD.

43 A CTD is a device that measures salinity (conductivity), temperature, and depth. With
44 these three variables, knowledge seekers can unlock patterns hidden beneath the waves, detect
45 changes in their local waters, and establish environmental baselines. CTD data is essential in a
46 variety of marine scientific applications. CTDs are used to identify temperature and salinity
47 anomalies (Dickson et al., 1988), quantify salt- and freshwater admixture and stratification in
48 estuarine systems (Cloern et al., 2017), and identify and track ocean currents (Johnson et al.,
49 2002). CTDs can also be used to detect the heat signature of hydrothermal vents (Connelly et al.,
50 2012), create sound velocity profiles for calibrating SONAR (Grekov et al., 2021), and aid in the
51 acoustic tracking of fish and other ocean wildlife (Roquet et al., 2017). Additionally, CTD casts
52 can be helpful in finding undocumented wastewater discharges (DiGiacomo et al., 2004),

53 identifying suitable regions for aquaculture (Longdill et al., 2008), detecting saltwater inundation
54 in aquifers (Cantelon et al., 2022), and assessing changes following intense storms or heavy rains
55 (Li et al., 2009). CTD casts were used to establish the depth of the Challenger Deep and assess
56 thermo- and haloclines within the Mariana Trench (Taira et al., 2005). Importantly, CTDs
57 provide critical measurements to better understand the impacts of climate change (Abraham et
58 al., 2013).

59 Even the most inexpensive commercial CTDs can cost several thousand dollars and
60 require expensive maintenance and calibration service contracts, as well as proprietary software
61 and analytics packages. The cost and complexity of a CTD impedes the progress of researchers
62 working with limited budgets, including scientists from emerging economies, private citizens,
63 environmental educators, conservation and management practitioners, and students of all levels
64 interested in understanding their local waterways. To help reduce this barrier, we developed the
65 OpenCTD, a low-cost, open-source alternative to the traditional CTD. Designed to be built by
66 the end-user from relatively accessible materials, the OpenCTD provides access to this
67 oceanographic tool as well as the skills to maintain, calibrate, deploy, repair, and replace it. This
68 promotes data independence and local ownership over the means of knowledge production,
69 allowing knowledge seekers to pursue their own lines of inquiry, independent of institutional
70 support and the ephemeral nature of conservation funding.

71 The OpenCTD is intended for knowledge seekers working in nearshore coastal
72 ecosystems where entire research projects can be conducted for less than the cost of a single
73 commercial CTD. Its 140-meter depth limit covers the majority of the world's continental
74 shelves (Harris and Macmillan-Lawler, 2016). The OpenCTD is designed with three core
75 principles in mind:

- 76 1. **Low cost.** By focusing on the most inexpensive components that can achieve data
77 quality that falls within a 5% margin of error of commercial sensors, the cost of
78 the OpenCTD, excluding consumables, can be reduced to approximately \$370.
- 79 2. **Accessible.** Components have been carefully selected so that they may be easily
80 sourced from electronics distributors, chain hardware stores and large online
81 retailers with global distribution channels. The use of bespoke components has
82 been minimized. The OpenCTD uses the Arduino Integrated Development
83 Environment (IDE), an open-source hardware and software ecosystem with a
84 robust user community.
- 85 3. **Open.** By encouraging transparency, access, and community collaboration
86 through an open-source approach, knowledge seekers can use, adapt, and modify
87 the hardware and software to suit their needs (Perens, 1998). In the hands of
88 active and engaged communities, open-source approaches can facilitate the rapid
89 development, diversification, and distribution of new tools. All firmware and
90 hardware schematics are released under an MIT Open Source License
91 (Ballhausen, 2019).

92 Climate change has created an urgent need for extensive, high-resolution measurements
93 of oceanographic conditions both globally and locally (Malone et al., 2010). At the same time,
94 government funding at both local and federal levels for climate change research can be
95 unreliable. Low-cost alternatives to common scientific instruments stretch the impact of extant
96 funding and allow a wider range of ocean knowledge seekers, including environmental
97 monitoring programs, community groups, non-governmental organizations, and concerned
98 individuals, to contribute water-quality measurements. By increasing access to the tools of ocean

99 science for a broad cohort of ocean knowledge seekers, the OpenCTD encourages a community-
100 up model of environmental monitoring, whereby inquiry is driven by individual and group
101 curiosity, rather than the priorities of major funders, a phenomenon we refer to as Community
102 Oceanography.

103 In declaring the 2020s the Decade of the Ocean, the United Nations set the explicit goal
104 of promoting a transparent and accessible ocean “whereby all nations, stakeholders and citizens
105 have access to ocean data and information technologies and the capacities to inform their
106 decisions (Ryabinin et al., 2019).” As we approach the mid-point of the UN Decade of the
107 Ocean, the OpenCTD can help ensure that not only are the products of ocean research available
108 to “all nations, stakeholders, and citizens,” but the tools to produce that knowledge are, as well.

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110 **Materials and Cost**

111 The OpenCTD is controlled by the Adafruit Adalogger M0 Arduino microcontroller
112 which is equipped with an integrated microSD card reader. This microcontroller interfaces with
113 an array of five sensors: three DS18B20 digital temperature sensors, an Atlas Scientific EZO
114 conductivity circuit with a K 1.0 conductivity probe, and an MS5803-14BA 14-bar pressure
115 sensor. A DS3231 precision real-time clock records date and time. The device is powered by a
116 3.7 V lithium-ion polymer battery and the electronics are housed in a 2-inch schedule-40 PVC
117 pipe sealed with epoxy on one end and capped with a standard plumber’s test cap, which allows
118 access to the electronics while creating a watertight seal (Figure 1).

119 The cost of construction is dependent on local supply chains, but within the United
120 States, the OpenCTD can be constructed for approximately \$370, excluding tools and
121 consumables (Table 1). That cost can be reduced to less than \$300 with the sourcing of

122 alternative sensors and components. Consumables add approximately \$40.00 to \$90.00 to the
123 assembled costs depending on sourcing and availability. A basic electronics fabrication lab with
124 the tools necessary to construct OpenCTDs can be outfitted for approximately \$350.00. This
125 enables ocean knowledge seekers to establish their own OpenCTD fabrication and maintenance
126 program for less than \$1000 USD (Table 1).

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128 **Assembly**

129 Construction of the OpenCTD occurs in three phases: assembling the control unit,
130 assembling the sensor package, and housing the electronics. The control unit is either a custom
131 printed circuit board (PCB) or a standard prototyping board populated with a real-time clock,
132 conductivity circuit, and microcontroller. The custom PCB dramatically reduces the complexity
133 of the build. Anticipating that not all users will have access to custom circuit boards, an
134 alternative build pathway using exclusively off-the-shelf components and a 3D-printable chassis
135 was also developed. These two build pathways ensure that the OpenCTD remains as widely
136 accessible to users as is reasonably possible. After nearly a decade of experimentation and
137 testing, we have determined that the Atlas EZO conductivity circuit, although not in itself an
138 open-source component, stands apart as both the least expensive and most accessible option for
139 measuring salinity in seawater.

140 The sensor package is comprised of three temperature sensors, one pressure sensor, and
141 one conductivity probe. The pressure sensor is assembled separately and potted in a 3D-printable
142 sensor template with 2-ton marine epoxy. The conductivity probe and temperature sensors are
143 off-the-shelf components and require only small modification to their wiring. All five sensors are
144 connected to a wiring harness which interfaces with the control unit. Sensors are seated in the

145 PVC pipe using a 3D-printed template and potted in high-shear-strength marine-grade epoxy,
146 resulting in a watertight passthrough for the five sensors. Depending on the needs and
147 preferences of the user, the battery can be either incorporated into the control unit with an
148 internal switch or built into the housing with an external magnetic switch.

149 The OpenCTD can be built over two days by relatively inexperienced users. Several
150 alternative build pathways exist that allow the user more control over parts sourcing. An
151 alternative control unit can be assembled from less expensive off-the-shelf components rather
152 than the custom PCB. An alternative pressure sensor can be assembled from the raw board-
153 mounted pressure chip, resulting in a substantial cost reduction over the prefabricated breakout
154 board, but requiring more sophisticated soldering. Supported alternative configurations include a
155 deep pressure module and higher precision temperature probe.

156 Access to the electronics is possible using a standard 2-inch plumber's test cap which has
157 been pressure tested in both the field and in a barometric chamber to 140 meters. Data is stored
158 as a CSV (comma-separated variables) file and downloaded manually from the SD card
159 following deployment.

160 Comprehensive assembly instructions are provided in the OpenCTD: Construction and
161 Operation Manual (Supplement 1; Thaler et al., 2020).

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163 **Firmware, Shapefiles, and PCB design**

164 The firmware for the OpenCTD is written in the Arduino programming language
165 (Dunbar, 2020). This language shares similarities with C and uses an open-source integrated
166 development environment (IDE). The Arduino platform has been designed with both open-
167 source development and STEM education programs in mind. It is ideal for lower power

168 applications like the OpenCTD that do not require the processing capacity of an integrated
169 single-board computer like the Raspberry Pi. Arduino-based systems are also broadly available,
170 and numerous localized variants exist.

171 All source code, platform forks and support firmware for testing, calibration procedures,
172 and troubleshooting are available through the OpenCTD GitHub repository (Table 2). Shapefiles
173 for 3D-printed components as well as schematics and Gerber formatted manufacturing files for
174 the OpenCTD Custom Carrier Board are also available in the GitHub repository.

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176 **Calibration and Data Quality**

177 Precise calibration is critical to the successful operation of an OpenCTD. The MS5803-
178 14BA pressure sensor outputs absolute pressure at 0.2 mbar resolution, allowing for sub-
179 centimeter depth measurements. The pressure sensor is factory calibrated, requiring no additional
180 input from the user. Testing of numerous pressure sensors modules both directly from the chip
181 manufacturer and from 3rd party integrators that manufacture breakout boards has revealed less
182 than 1% deviation across sensors. Response time for the MS5803-14BA is 8.22 milliseconds, as
183 per manufacturer's specifications (Table 3).

184 The DS18B20 digital thermometers used for measuring temperature have an advertised
185 accuracy of $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$. To mitigate the inherent limitations of low-cost temperature sensors, the
186 OpenCTD integrates simultaneous measurements from three sensors. By taking an average of 3
187 sensors, OpenCTD has an observed accuracy of $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ with a consistent linear offset that can be
188 determined by comparing the slope produced by taking the average of the three sensors across
189 multiple temperature measurements against a known-good temperature probe. Response time for
190 the DS18B20 sensors varies with the quality and mass of the cladding and epoxy potting. The

191 thermal time constant (the time it takes for a temperature sensor to cool to 63.2% of the total
192 difference between a stable high temperature and a stable low temperature) for the temperature
193 sensors was determined experimentally for DS18B20 thermistors in a variety of different
194 claddings from different manufacturers and ranges from 5.7 to 8.5 seconds (Table 3).

195 The conductivity probe requires direct calibration against known salinity standard
196 solutions using a protocol detailed in the Construction and Operation Manual (Supplement 1).
197 When properly calibrated, the error rate for the K 1.0 Atlas Scientific EZO conductivity sensor in
198 standard seawater is less than 1%, with a 90% response time of 1 second, as per manufacturer's
199 specifications (Table 3).

200 The OpenCTD Construction and Operation Manual provides a detailed description of the
201 procedure for calibrating the temperature, pressure, and conductivity sensors, with a focus on the
202 conductivity sensors and the step-by-step process necessary to ensure accurate salinity readings
203 (Supplement 1). A thermally stable environment is established using an inexpensive foam cooler
204 and the heating element from a 3D printer. Sensors are then calibrated against two known
205 conductivity standard solutions. Firmware to facilitate easy calibration of the instrument and a
206 standalone calibration guide is also available on the OpenCTD GitHub repository (Table 1).

207 While pressure and temperature remain stable throughout the lifetime of the sensor,
208 conductivity needs to be calibrated periodically in order to ensure that the instrument is returning
209 accurate water quality data. We tested a series of different calibration protocols for the
210 OpenCTD, including the recommended calibration protocol outlined in the OpenCTD manual, a
211 protocol designed to minimize waste in scenarios where access to reliable salinity standards is
212 limited, and a temperature compensated protocol for scenarios where maintaining a controlled
213 temperature environment may not be possible (Figure 2). Only the recommended protocol

214 remained within a 5% margin of error of a commercial conductivity sensor across the whole
215 range of readings. To help determine how long the OpenCTD holds calibration, we tested three
216 instruments, all calibrated using the same recommended calibration protocol, including an
217 OpenCTD that had been calibrated 18 months prior to the test and deployed dozens of times in
218 the North Atlantic, an OpenCTD built new for this study and calibrated on the day of the test,
219 and an OpenCTD used in the Chesapeake Bay and calibrated 6 months prior to the test (Figure
220 3). All three instruments remained within a 5% margin of error of a commercial conductivity
221 sensor.

223 **Field Applications**

224 The OpenCTD is designed and tested for depths of up to 140 meters applications which is
225 suitable for most applications within the margins of a continental shelf of above the mesopelagic
226 zone of the deep ocean.. The OpenCTD sensor platform lacks the resolution of high-end
227 commercial CTDs that can resolve temperature and salinity to hundredths or thousandths of
228 degrees or practical salinity units. Thus, while the OpenCTD would not be appropriate for certain
229 physical or chemical oceanography applications, it is more than adequate for ecology,
230 conservation, and monitoring applications. OpenCTDs can be cast by hand, lowered on a rod and
231 reel, deployed on an anchor line, attached to other equipment, or mounted on a fixed mooring for
232 long-term monitoring projects. This deployment flexibility makes the OpenCTD especially
233 versatile compared to CTDs built for specific use cases.

234 Compared to commercial CTDs the low-cost sensors of the OpenCTD take longer to
235 reach equilibrium. To maximize data quality, the speed at which the instrument is lowered
236 should not exceed 1 meter per second, with at least a minute long soak time at the surface to

237 allow the sensors to reach equilibrium prior to descent. While the OpenCTD is useful in
238 documenting clines in the ocean, it may be challenging to deploy in conditions where rapid
239 changes in temperature or salinity are expected, such as at the entrance of a discharge pipe or the
240 mouth of a glacial river, or where the speed of data collection is a priority.

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242 **Education and Outreach**

243 The OpenCTD also functions as a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)
244 development platform, providing an intensive, project-focused experience for students interested
245 in learning about environmental sensing. The OpenCTD Construction and Operation Manual has
246 been written explicitly with a student audience in mind to facilitate easy integration into existing
247 STEM syllabi. Successful OpenCTD building workshops have been conducted with high school
248 and college students, graduate students, and professionals, and with students as young as middle
249 school.

250 Over the course of 2022, two intensive field programs were conducted using the
251 OpenCTD. The Student Engineers Advancing Ocean Technology (SEAOtech) Program was
252 conducted in partnership with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Education
253 Passages, and the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. Middle and high school students from
254 local schools in Homer, Alaska constructed their own OpenCTDs and deployed them in
255 Kachemak Bay to test hypotheses about oceanographic processes in their local waterways
256 (Strobel, 2022).

257 In partnership with the National Marine Sanctuaries Foundation and the Bureau of Ocean
258 Energy Management (BOEM), the Community Oceanography While Watching Whales program
259 deployed prefabricated and calibrated OpenCTDs on commercial whale watching vessels.

260 During regular cruises, naturalists aboard the whale watching boats performed CTD casts,
261 providing an opportunity to educate their passengers while collecting high resolution
262 oceanographic data at regular intervals in areas of environmental interest. Raw OpenCTD data,
263 as well as photos of the deployment area, processed data, and water column profiles were made
264 available via an ArcGIS Storymap (<http://communityoceanography.com>). Representative
265 OpenCTD casts were compared against the nearest Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal
266 Ocean Observing Systems (NERACOOS) buoys when available (Figure 3). Distance between
267 representative OpenCTD casts and NERACOOS buoys ranged from a few kilometers to
268 distances exceeding eighty kilometers.

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270 **Modifications and Future Development**

271 The OpenCTD's open platform allows users to modify the device to support a variety of
272 sensors. The form factor of the control board allows direct one-to-one replacement of the
273 conductivity probe with pH, dissolved oxygen, and reduction/oxidation potential systems
274 produced by Atlas Scientific using drop-in source code for easy firmware updates. Other
275 modifications that are being explored include: a channelized baseplate to increase water flow
276 over the sensor package, larger batteries for long-term deployments; a solar charging circuit for
277 fixed moorings; integration with open-source, 3D-printable Niskin bottles to create a fully open-
278 source rosette; use of a commercial housing for swappable sensors; combining the OpenCTD
279 with a camera for baited remote underwater video; and integration into a smart buoy system for
280 real time data collection. In one extreme case, the firmware and housing were heavily modified
281 to create data loggers for the continuous monitoring of bioelectrical activity in a sediment
282 microbial fuel cell array.

283 OpenCTD development is currently proceeding along two separate tracks. The education
284 and community-science focused track uses the standard sensor configuration described here and
285 includes curricula and other tools for teachers to integrate into STEM programs. The fieldwork-
286 focused track aims to build a more robust OpenCTD with fewer DIY components, a smaller form
287 factor, a more accurate P1000 temperature sensor and a 30-Bar pressure sensor. The P1000
288 temperature sensor is a faster and more accurate module but requires a signal amplifier which
289 introduces more noise and complexity to the system and is thus less forgiving for student
290 workshop and DIY builds. This model will have a 300-meter depth rating and provide data at a
291 higher resolution than the standard model. While it will be released under the same open-source
292 license, some custom components may have to be manufactured.

293 The introduction of any device or technology into marine ecosystems can present a
294 potential hazard. Therefore, a set of guidelines for minimizing potentially harmful impacts when
295 introducing new technologies into marine ecosystems was developed by individuals working in
296 conservation technology and should be considered when deploying OpenCTDs (Thaler et al.,
297 2015, 2019).

299 **Conclusions**

300 The OpenCTD offers an innovative, scalable technology for ocean monitoring and an
301 alternative pathway for ocean knowledge seekers who need accurate, reliable water metrology.
302 As an education platform, the OpenCTD offers an opportunity for students to build and deploy
303 their own oceanographic instruments and collect and analyze their own data. The open-source
304 nature of the OpenCTD allows for expansion and adaptation, including the addition of new
305 sensors into the existing housing as well as integration with other open-source systems. By

306 enabling users to construct, calibrate, and maintain their own open-source instruments, the
307 OpenCTD helps promote data independence and data autonomy, enfranchising knowledge
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Table 1. Abbreviated list of materials costs for the OpenCTD. Full details, bill of material, and sourcing guide provided in the online supplemental materials. Costs are based on most recent supplier quotes and are current as of June 2022, excluding local taxes and shipping.

Category	Components	Approx. Cost (USD)
Housing	2" PVC pipe, plumber's test cap, hose clamp, Polypro rope, ballast.	\$25.00
Carrier Board / Control Unit	M0 Adalogger, SD card, real-time clock, coin cell battery, EZO conductivity circuit, headers, resistors, battery, switch.	\$145.00
Sensors	DS18B20 temperature sensor, K 1.0 conductivity probe, MS5803-14BA pressure sensor breakout board.	\$200.00
	CTD Total	\$370.00
Consumables	Epoxies, solders, wire, 3D printer filament, sandpaper, mixing nozzle, heat shrink tubing, calibration standards.	\$90.00
Tools	3D printer, solder station, flush cutter, wire stripper, deburring tool, epoxy gun, pliers.	\$350.00
	Project Total	\$810.00

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432 **Table 2.** Location of digital assets and source code on GitHub.

Name	URL
OpenCTD GitHub Repository	https://github.com/OceanographyforEveryone/OpenCTD
OpenCTD Construction and Operation PDF	https://github.com/OceanographyforEveryone/OpenCTD/tree/main/Documentation/Manual
OpenCTD Source Code	https://github.com/OceanographyforEveryone/OpenCTD/tree/main/Software/Firmware/OpenCTD_m0
3D Printer Shapefiles	https://github.com/OceanographyforEveryone/OpenCTD/tree/main/Hardware/3DPrints
OpenCTD Custom Carrier Board	https://github.com/OceanographyforEveryone/OpenCTD/tree/main/Hardware/Electronics/PCB
Calibration Firmware	https://github.com/OceanographyforEveryone/OpenCTD/tree/main/Software/Firmware/Calibration

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435 *Table 3. Performance of each sensor in the OpenCTD*

Sensor	Variable	Range	Accuracy	Response Time	Source
MS5803-14BA	Pressure	0 to 14 bar	0.2 mbar	8.22 ms	Manufacturer
DS18B20	Temperature	-55 to 125 °C	±0.5 °C	Not Provided	Manufacturer
			±0.1 °C	5.7 – 8.5 s	Experimental
Atlas EZO K 1.0 Probe and Circuit	Conductivity	0.07 – 500,000 µS/cm	±2%	1.0 s	Manufacturer

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437 **Figure Captions.**

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439 **Figure 1.** The OpenCTD. A, the assembled and sealed OpenCTD ready for deployment. B. The
440 OpenCTD with plumber's test cap removed and control unit showing Arduino microcontroller,
441 Atlas EZO conductivity circuit, wiring harness, and 3D-printed chassis protecting the battery and
442 other electronics. C. head-on view of the sensor array with pressure sensor (white circle in the
443 middle of the unit, conductivity probe (large black probe), and temperature probes (3 stainless
444 steel rods).

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446 **Figure 2.** Comparisons between OpenCTDs and a professionally calibrated Thermo Orion Star
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449 1a. OpenCTD calibrated under a variety of different protocols, including a protocol designed
450 to minimize waste in scenarios where access to reliable salinity standards is limited, the
451 recommended calibration protocol outlined in the manual, and the temperature
452 compensated protocol for scenarios where maintaining a controlled temperature
453 environment may not be possible.

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455 1b. Three OpenCTDs calibrated using the standard protocol at different times and used under
456 different conditions, including one used for the New England Whale Watch Program
457 calibrated 18 months prior to the test and deployed dozens of times near Bar Harbor,
458 Maine, one built new for this study and calibrated on the day of the test, and one used
459 locally for demonstrations calibrated 6 months prior to the test.

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461 **Figure 3.** Representative sample of OpenCTD casts during the *Community Oceanography while*
462 *Watching Whales* program, superimposed with temperature and salinity data from the nearest
463 Northeastern Regional Association of Coastal Ocean Observing Systems (NERACOOS) buoys.
464 Data is from down casts only as the instrument was recovered quickly in order for the vessels to
465 get underway.

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467 2a: Data collected by Bar Harbor Whale Watch on 7/11/2022 at 17:35 EST (Latitude
468 44.36447; Longitude -67.4664) compared with Station 44034 - Buoy I01 - Eastern Maine
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471 2b: Data collected by Bar Harbor Whale Watch on 6/20/2022 at 17:13 EST (Latitude
472 44.060556 Longitude -68.320833) compared with Station 44034 - Buoy I01 - Eastern
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475 2c: Data collected by Bar Harbor Whale Watch on 8/16/2022 at 10:46 EST (Latitude 44.0749
476 Longitude --68.12229) compared with Station 44034 - Buoy I01 - Eastern Maine Shelf.

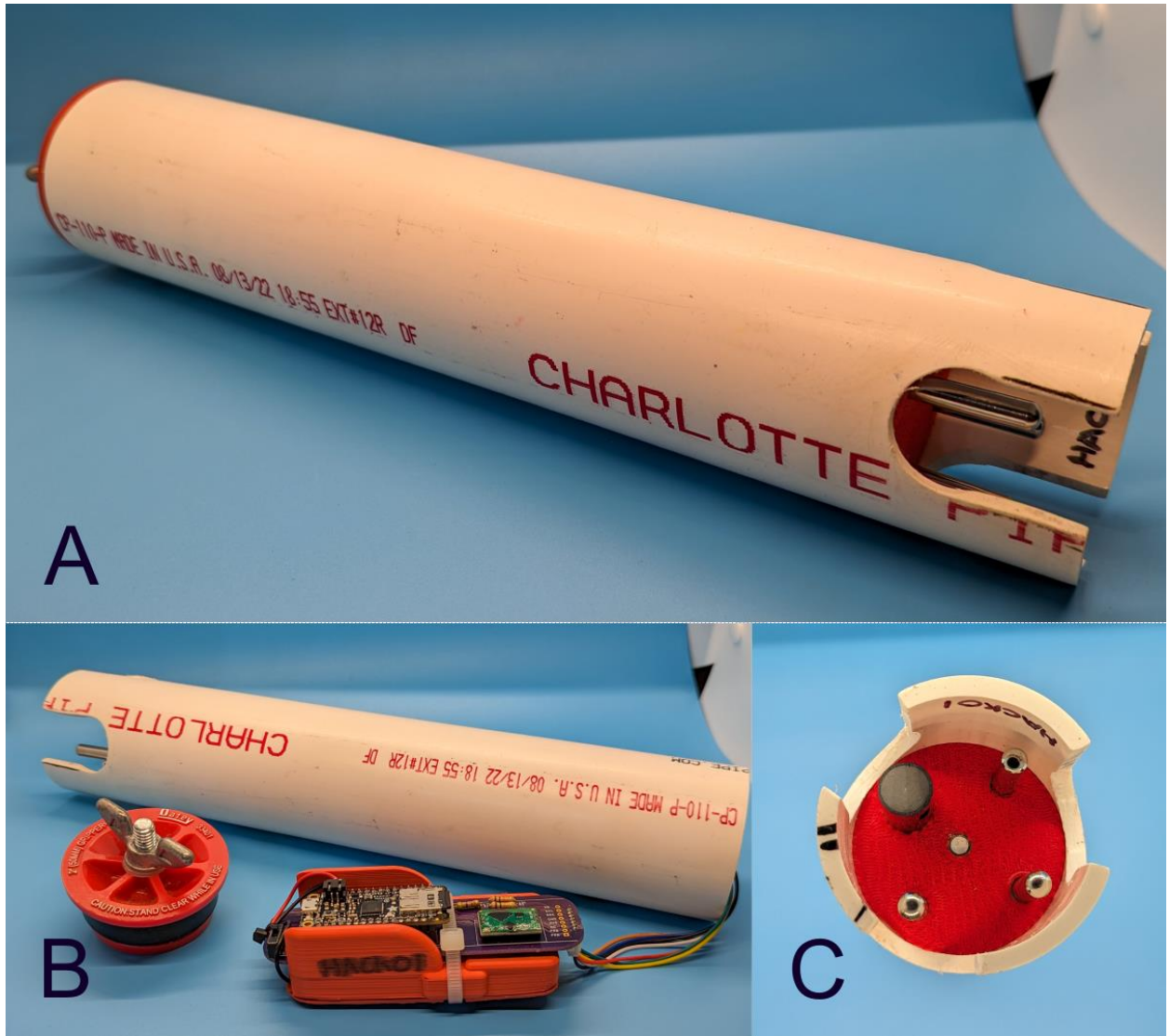
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482 2e: Data collected by Bar Harbor Whale Watch on 8/10/2022 at 16:21 EST (Latitude
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486 2f: Data collected by Blue Ocean Society on 5/25/22 at 13:35 EST (Latitude 44.39529
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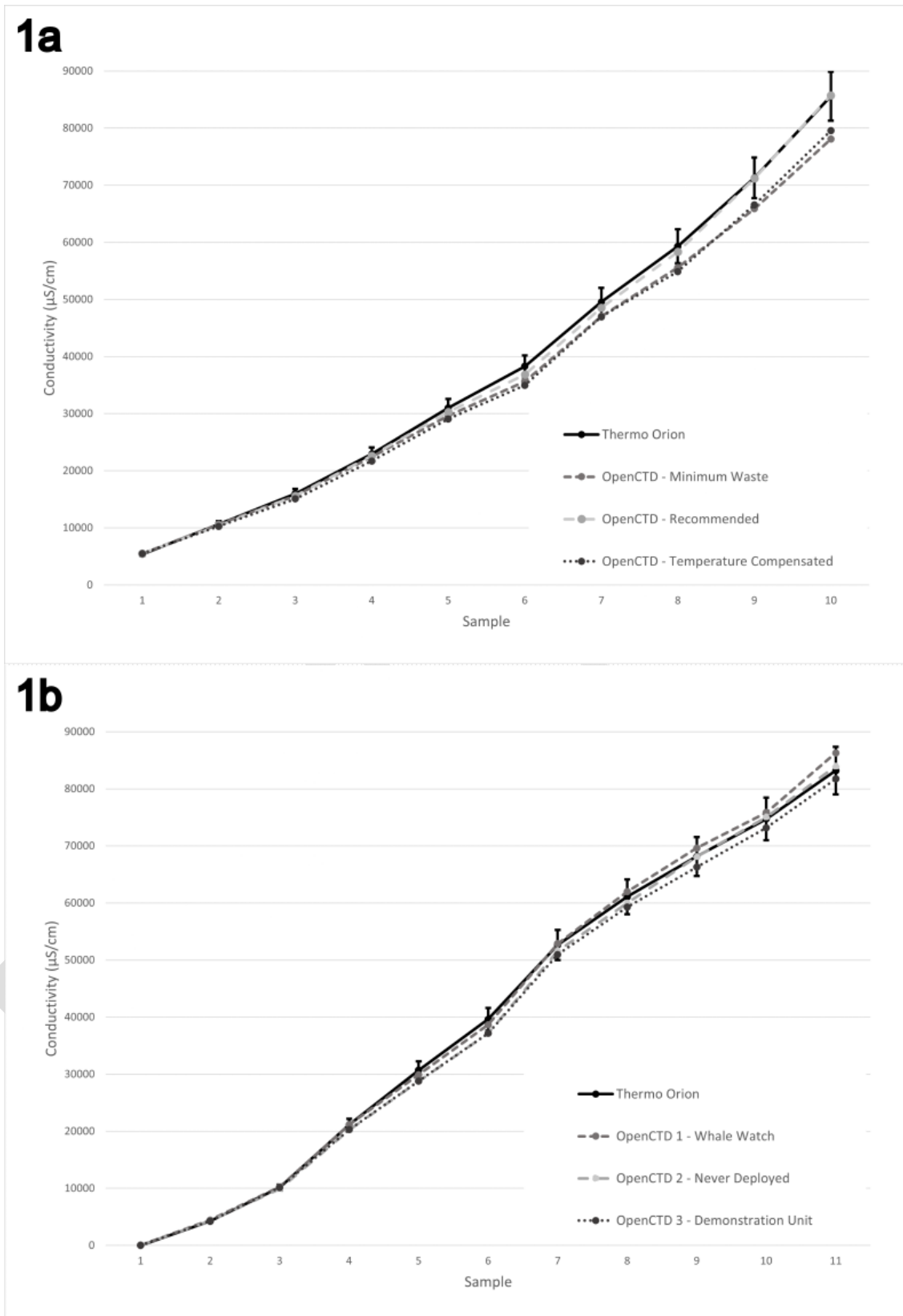
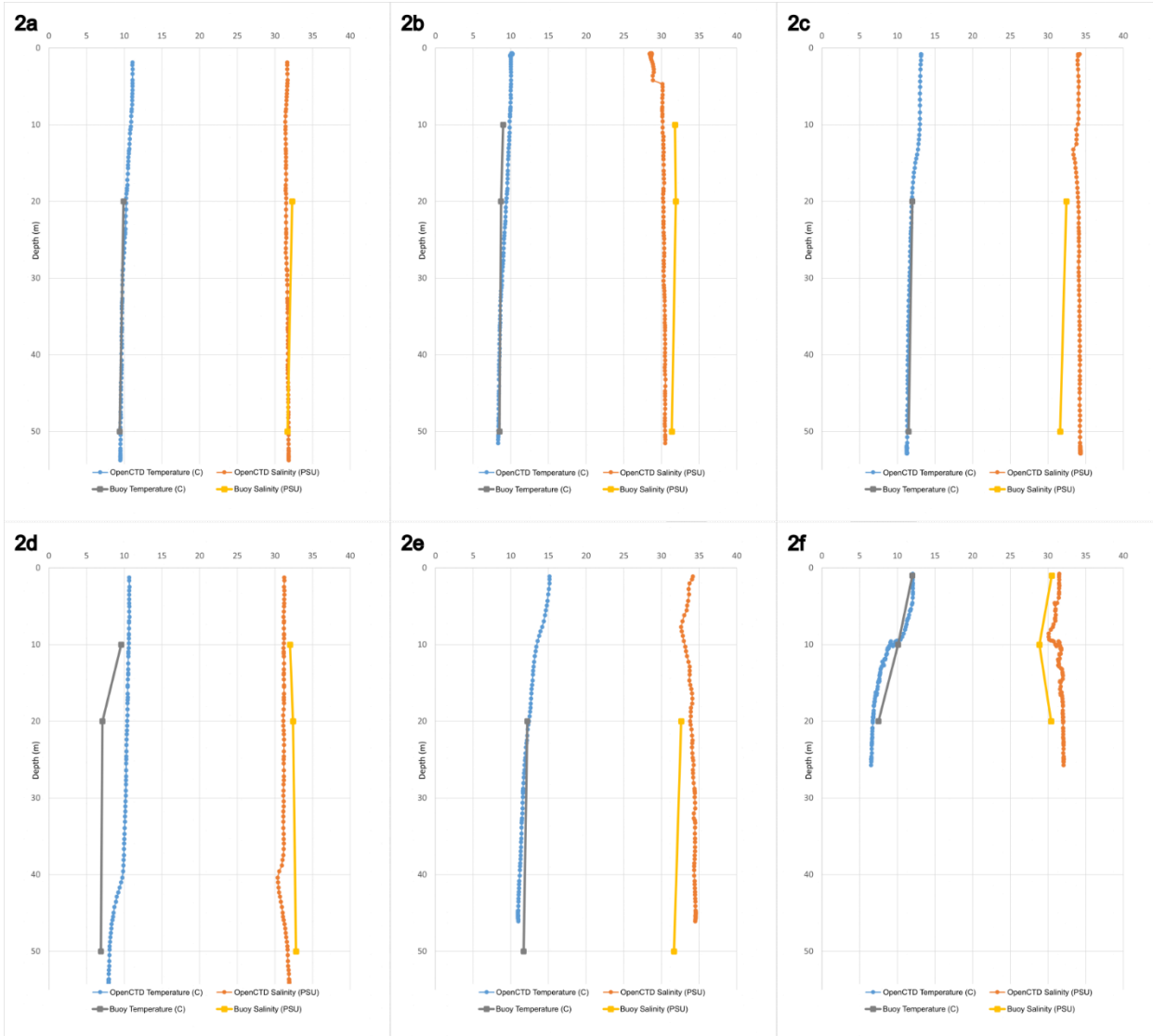


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