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Classification of water masses using empirical orthogonal functions (EOF)

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Acoustic sensitivity to vertical profile

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Empirical orthogonal functions (EOF) in literature



- EOFs first used in oceanography in the 1970s¹
- EOFs combined with clustering:
 - widely used for seabed classification²
 - recently used on modeled oceanography (sound speed profiles)³⁻⁴

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Empirical orthogonal functions (EOF)



EOF-analysis is a powerful tool for representing vertical profiles using only a few coefficients (typically 2-5).







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9400 ARGO profiles¹ from 2011



1: These data were collected and made freely available by the Coriolis project and programmes that contribute to it (<u>http://www.coriolis.eu.org</u>).























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Comparison with geographical groups

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- Vertical profiles are important for several acoustic applications
- EOF coefficients are an efficient tool to represent vertical profiles
- Clustering on EOF coefficients require fewer groups than geographical clustering

Thank you!