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# Large Lenses of Highly Saline Mediterranean Water

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### ABSTRACT

Isolated compact anticyclonic eddies or salt lenses were found in the Canary Basin. Hydrographic surveys of three such lenses show large anomalies of salinity and temperature ( $\sim 0.8$ ,  $2.5^\circ\text{C}$ ). They are centered at  $\sim 1100$  m, have a vertical extent of up to 900 m and radii of  $\sim 50$  km. Current meter records indicate anticyclonic velocities up to  $29\text{ cm s}^{-1}$ . Fine structure with vertical scales of  $\sim 20$  m and less, possibly due to intrusive decay, appears at the outer edges of the lenses whereas the centers are free of such structure. The probability of finding a salt lens at any station in the Canary Basin is fairly high ( $\sim 0.08$ ).

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