Shipboard measurement of turbulent fluxes by eddy covariance technique in the Kuroshio Extension region

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Atmospheric signal in the mid latitude

The atmospheric bridge



Atmospheric bridge

- Lau and Nath (1994,1996)
- Alexandar et al.(2002)

Model studies

- Schneider and Cornuelle(2005)
- Newman (2006)
- Alexander et al. (2007)

Atm. circulation \Rightarrow SST variation in the NW Pacific

Pacific SST ⇒SLP in the NW America



Liu and Wu (2004)

- Lau et al. (2002)
- Liu and Wu (2004)
- Quan et al.(2006)
- Frankignoul and Sennechael (2007)
- Minobe et al.(2008) (GS)



SST anomaly

KT0921 air-sea interaction measurement by R/V Tansei maru (PI N. Iwasaka)



Observation at 38N, 146.5E October 18-23



The ocean and the atmospheric mixed layer during KT0921



Mobile eddy covariance system and the dedicated one hour for the flux measurement







•10 Hz measurement

Sonic anemometer (virtual temperature, U, V, W wind components)

LICOR-7500 (humidity and CO2)
Accelerometer computing the platform motion (inclination, wind speed correction)

•DGPS gyro compass

Direct measurement of $\rho \overline{u'w'}, \ \rho \overline{q'w'}, \ C_p \rho \overline{T'w'}$

Steering the ship into near upwind to minimize the disturbance due to the ship body from 21:00.

30 deg

wind

The eddy covariance technique to estimate turbulent fluxes

Removal of the shipboard motion from observed (u,v,w)

- Inclination of the anemometer
- Pseudo wind caused by the shipboard motion

Mobile eddy covariance system for the moving platform

- Sonic anemometer
- Integration of the angular velocity
 inclination of the ship (anemometer)
- Inclinometer is sometimes inaccurate under the strong motion
- Integration of the 3 dimensional acceleration
 - \Rightarrow the motion of the anemometer

Pitching angle and rolling angle are determined.



Inclination of the platform (anemometer)

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta\sin\phi & -\sin\theta\cos\phi \\ 0 & \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta\sin\phi & \cos\theta\cos\phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{anemo} \\ v_{anemo} \\ w_{anemo} \end{pmatrix}$$

 θ :pitching angle, ϕ : rolling angle

$$\theta = \sum_{x} q_{x} \Delta T + \Phi_{x}$$
$$\phi = \sum_{x} q_{y} \Delta T + \Phi_{y}$$

Mean attitude of the ship from the mean angle derived by the accelerometer

High-pass filtered accumulation of the angular velocity

Raw – low-pass filter





To the stern

To the bow

Wind measurement: Contamination caused by the ship motion



1.000 10.000

0.001

0.010

10 0.100 1. frequency(Hz) frequency(Hz)

Ship velocity variations (ignored in the standard technique)







Ship body effect (tilt correction)



And other sources of noises must be considered.



Bulk – eddy covariance fluxes comparison

Bulk flux algorithm: COARE 3.0 (night condition)

Eddy covariance flux (standard version)



-0.3 \pm 0.6 N/m²

 $-9.4 \pm 12.8 \text{ W/m}^2$

 $1.9 \pm 97.7 \text{ W/m}^2$

There is space for improvement on the standard technique of the removal of the contamination caused by the moving platform

Cruise by R/V Hakuho-Maru (Feb. 25 – Mar. 23, 2011)

The ocean-atmosphere interaction in the Kuroshio Extension region PI K. Kutsuwada (Tokai Univ.)







Swell and windsea measurement during the cruise by R/V Hakuho-maru in the next winter

GPS Wave follower buoy: (developed by JAXA and Zenilite buoy co.ltd)



Swell against the windsea



Swells come from different directions

We hope to obtain....



(Suzuki et al. 2002)

The relationship between the drag coefficient and the Reynolds number (Toba et al., 2006)



Basically in good relationship

Data in field experiments largely deviate from the indoor experiments

Suggesting the influence of the swell



Eddy covariance technique to measure the turbulent heat flux on the moving platform was tried in the late fall in the Kuroshio Extension region (KT0921)

■There is space for improvement on the eddy covariance technique (ship body effect, trend or long term period oscillation removal, etc.)

■ We are planning the next cruise by R/V Hakuho-maru in the next winter in the Kuroshio Extension region. The coordinated observation of the ABLsea surface flux-Ocean mixed layer coupling system will be made.

The swell and windsea measurement is planned to understand the influence of the surface current on the bulk parameterization.

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