

New Platforms for the Development of COARE 4.0

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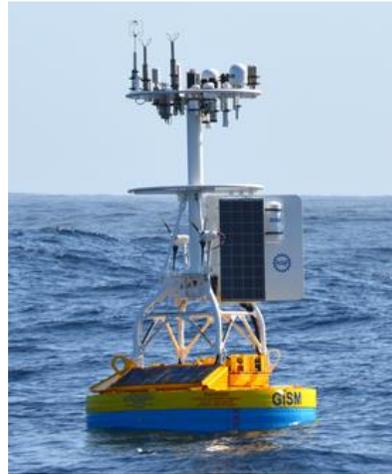
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CLIMODE
Year long



OOI
Real-time Fluxes



SPURS
Latent Heat Flux



X-Spar
Long duration
Real-time Fluxes



Saildrone
Long duration
Mobile



Direct measurement of momentum, heat and moisture exchange (fluxes) in the marine surface layer

Momentum Flux: $\tau_o = \rho_a \overline{uw} = \rho_a C_D S_r \Delta U$

Sensible Heat Flux: $Q_H = \rho_a c_p \overline{wT} = \rho_a c_p C_H S_r \Delta \Theta$

Latent Heat Flux: $Q_E = \rho_a L_v \overline{wq} = \rho_a L_v C_E S_r \Delta Q$

Drag Coefficient

Stanton Number

Dalton Number

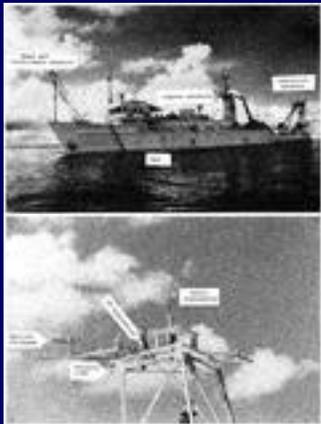
➡ Moving platforms require motion correction of anemometers

➡ Minimize flow distortion

➡ Add capabilities $E = Q_E / (\rho_w L_v)$



Saildrone
Mobile Fluxes



1992 TOGA COARE



2017 NASA
SPURS



Air-Sea Interaction
Spar (ASIS)



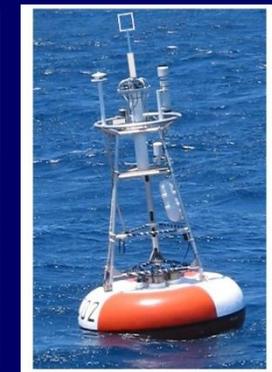
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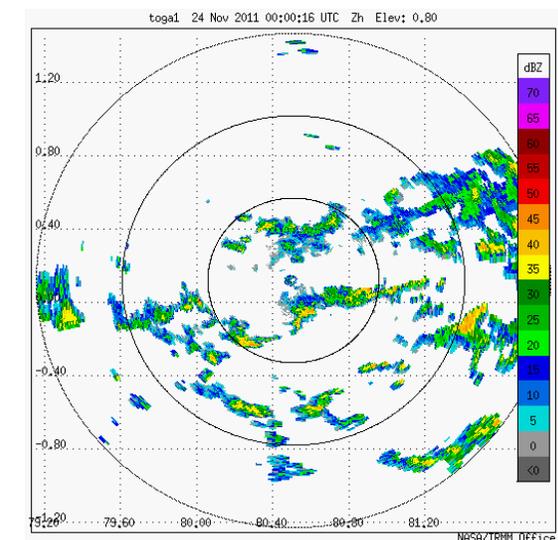
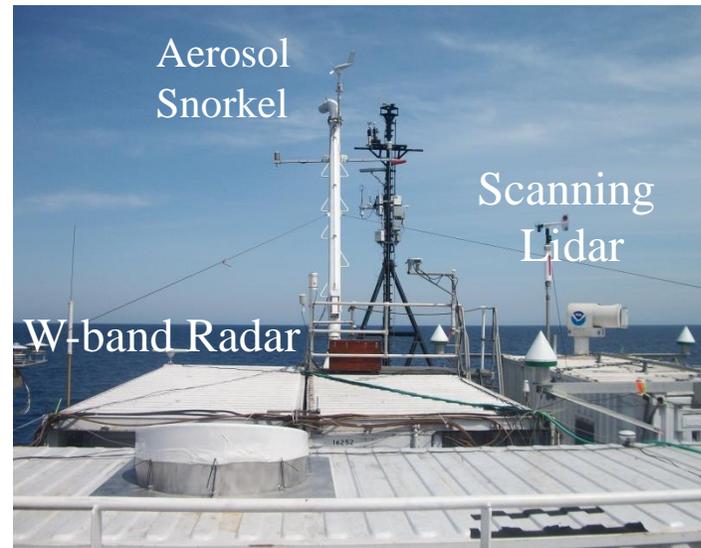
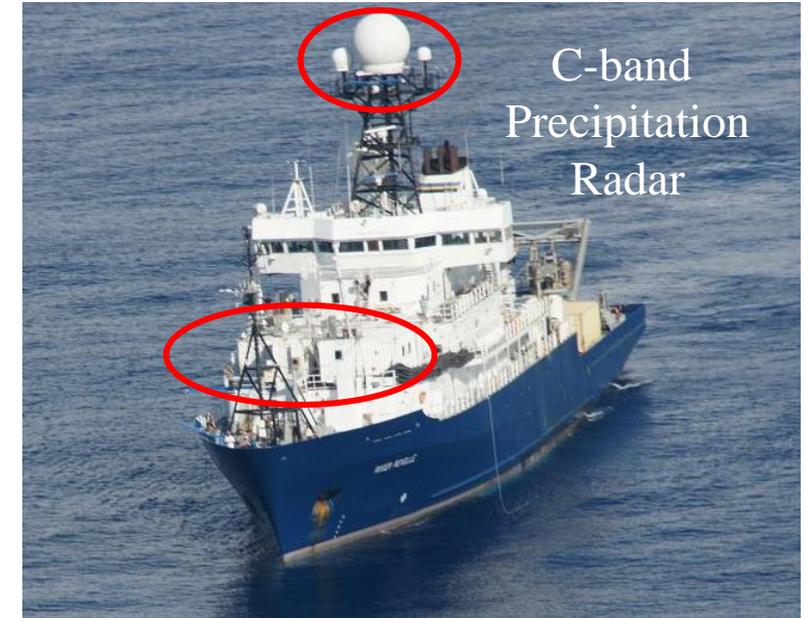


OOI, TPOS & XSpar
Real-time Fluxes



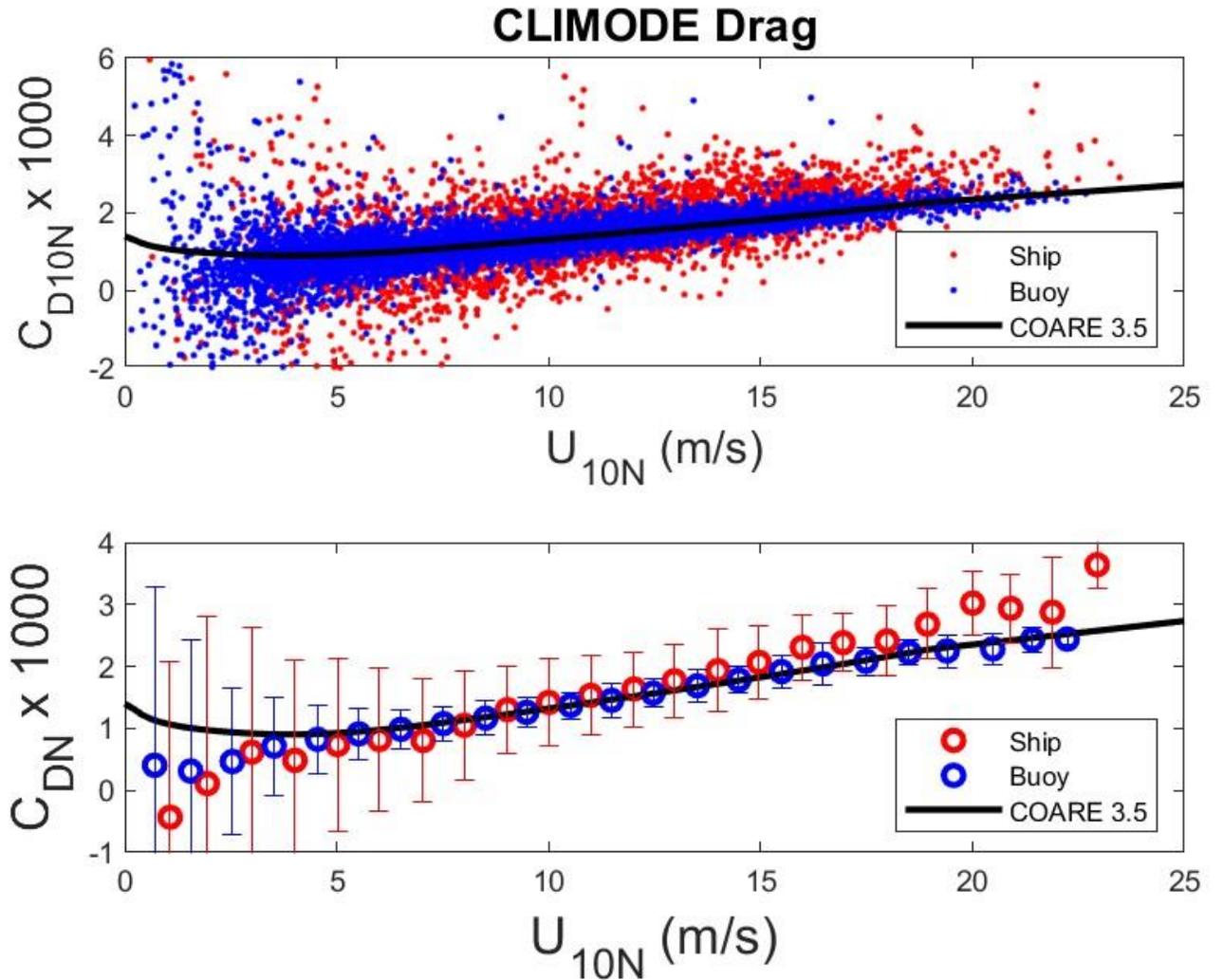
Ships

- Ships will remain an important component of air-sea interaction research for the foreseeable future
- They support instrumentation to estimate fluxes (bulk and DC).
- They support systems for remote sensing of the MABL and OBL
- Facilitate balloon soundings.



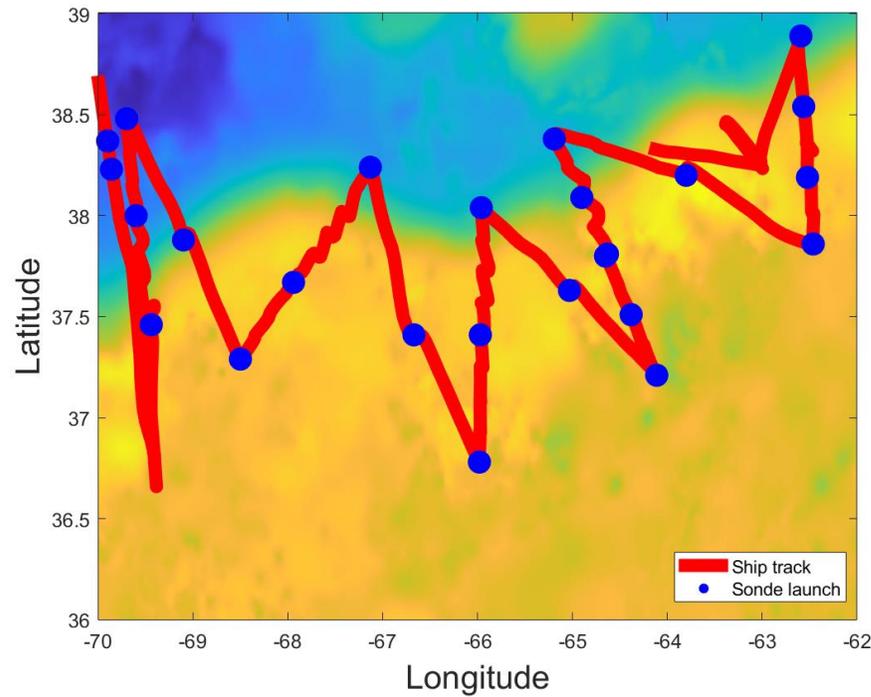
Ship Drag Coefficient – Flow Distortion

- Optimal placement of sensors based on wind tunnel results and high-resolution models.
- Empirical corrections for flow distortion on the means based on LIDAR and other measurements.
- New methodologies for reduced flow distortion such as:
 - Landwehr, S., N. O'Sullivan, and B. Ward, 2015: Direct flux measurements from mobile platforms at sea: Motion and airflow distortion corrections revisited. *J. Atmos. Oceanic. Tech.*, 32, 1163- 1178.

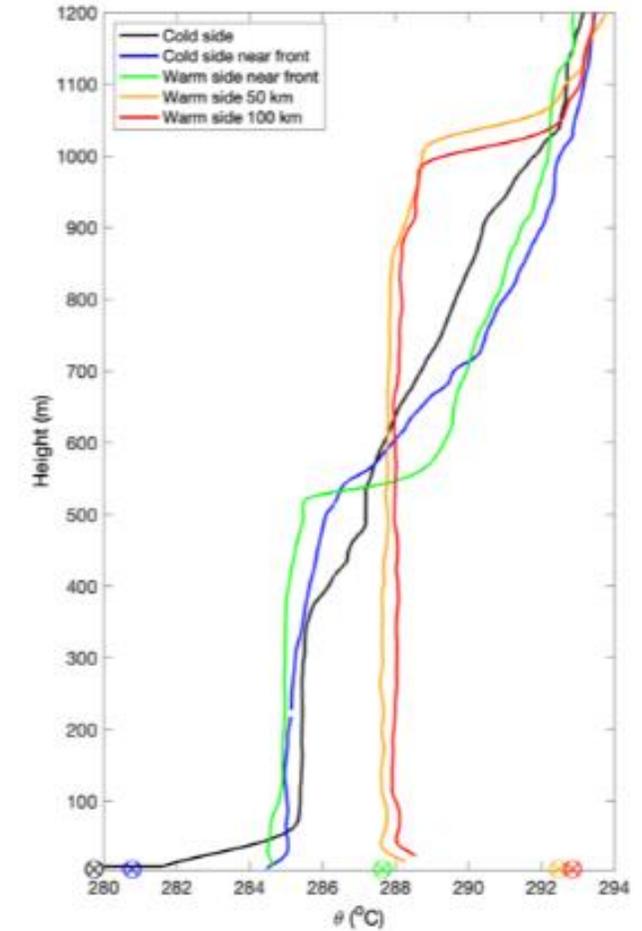
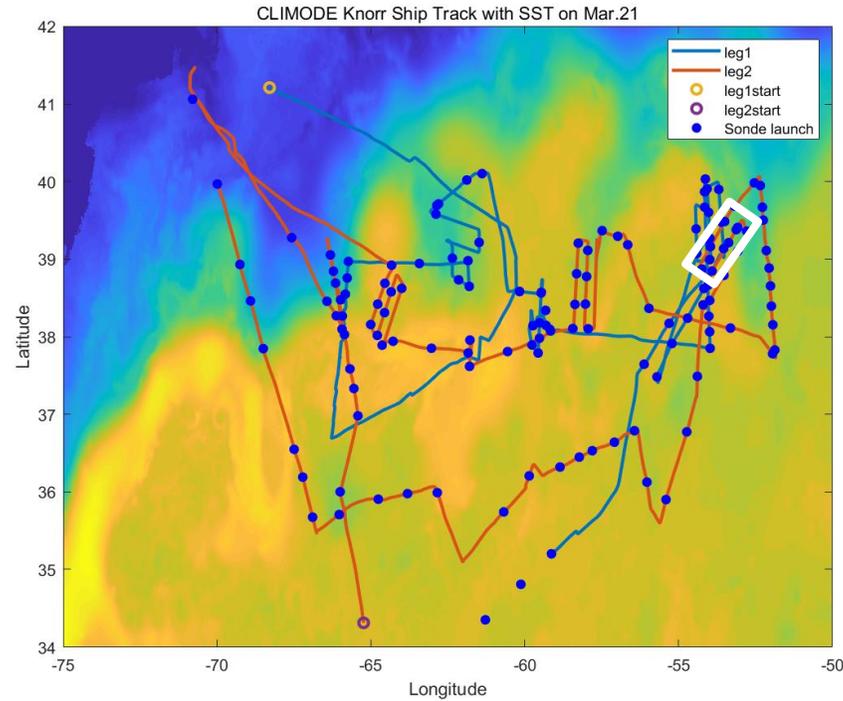


Ship Transects

CLIMODE Pilot Cruise (2006)



CLIMODE Main Cruise (2007)

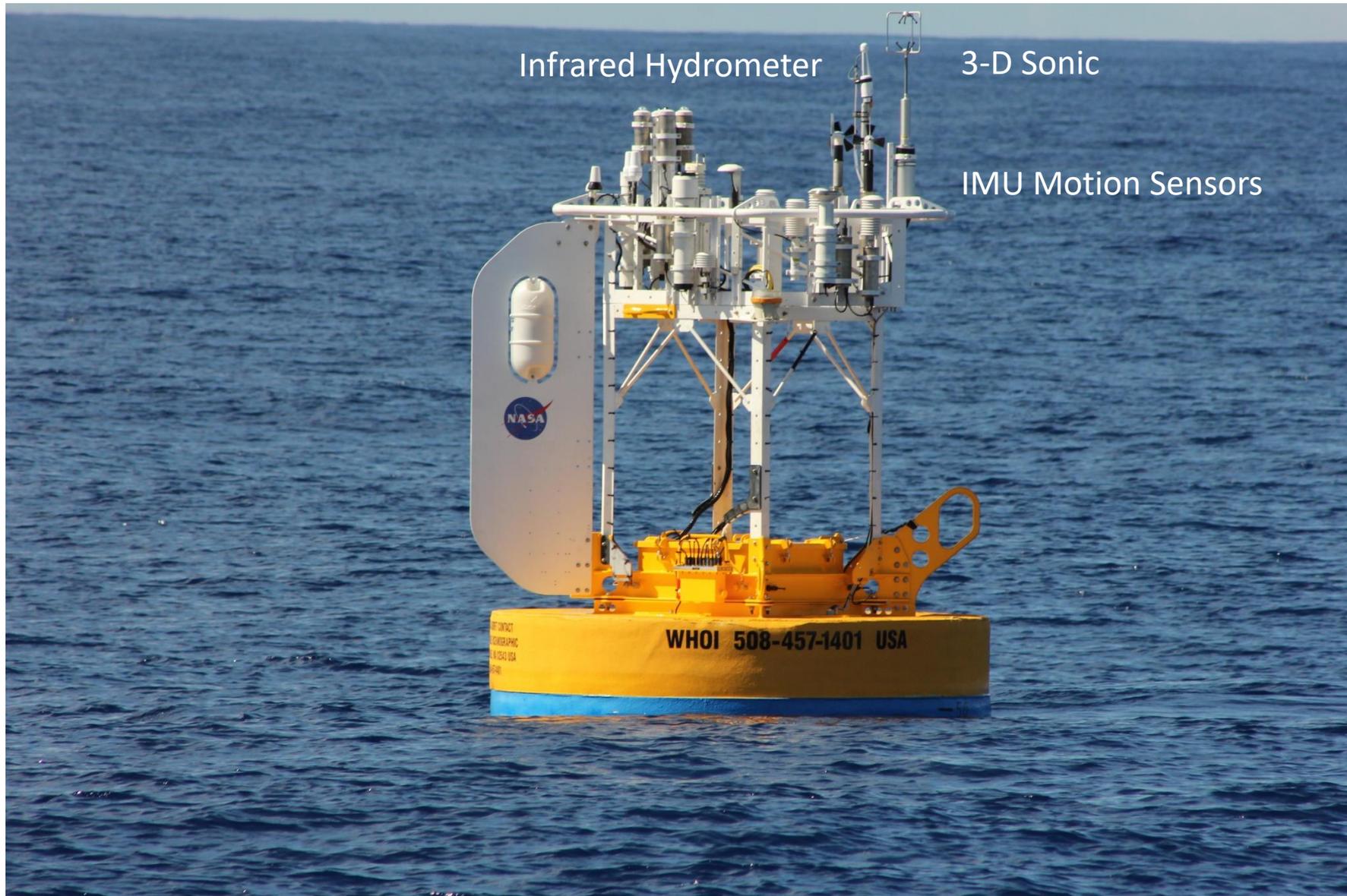


Some cruises need to be dedicated to Air-Sea Interaction

Surface Moorings from Ships



Surface Moorings



COARE

A semi-empirical bulk algorithm

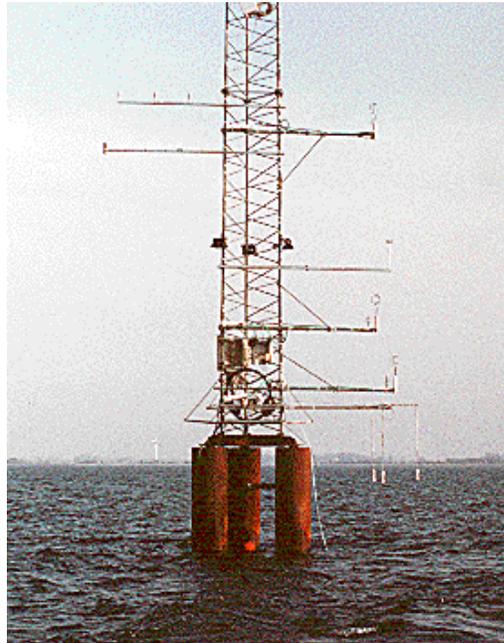
MBL/CBLAST Objectives

- When and where is Monin-Obukhov Similarity theory valid over the ocean?
- When, where and why does it fail?

R/P FLIP



RASEX Tower



ASIT/MVCO



BBTower

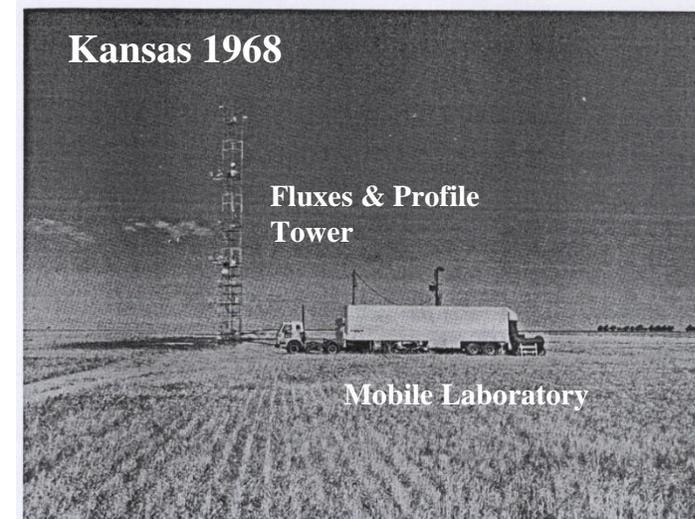


Monin-Obukhov Similarity

The structure of the turbulence flow in the surface layer is influenced by both **mechanical** and **thermal** forcing. Monin and Obukhov (1954) were the first to describe a similarity hypothesis that allows us to superimpose the influence of these two forcing mechanisms.

$$\varepsilon = \boxed{\overline{uw} \frac{\partial U}{\partial z}} + \boxed{g \left(\frac{\overline{w\theta_v}}{\Theta_v} \right)} - \frac{\overline{\partial we}}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{\overline{\rho}} \frac{\partial \overline{wp}}{\partial z}$$

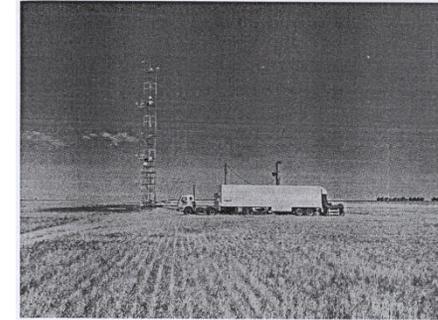
Objective of Kansas Experiment: Validate Monin-Obukhov Similarity (MOS) scaling through a carefully conducted experiment within a horizontally homogeneous atmospheric surface layer.



Monin-Obukhov Similarity

$$\frac{\kappa z}{u_*^3} \left[\varepsilon = -\overline{uw} \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} + \frac{g}{\Theta_v} \overline{w\theta_v} - \frac{\partial \overline{we}}{\partial z} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \overline{wp}}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$\phi_\varepsilon \left(\frac{z}{L} \right) = \phi_m \left(\frac{z}{L} \right) - \frac{z}{L} - \phi_{te} \left(\frac{z}{L} \right) - \phi_{tp} \left(\frac{z}{L} \right)$$



- MOS states that various turbulent statistics are universal function of z/L after normalization by the appropriate scaling parameters.
- For example, the dimensionless shear

$$\frac{\kappa z}{u_*} \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = \phi_m(z/L)$$

is predicted to be a universal functions of z/L .

- This hypothesis has been substantiated by a number of studies in the atmospheric boundary layer over land.
- ~40 years after Kansas, we confirmed this hypothesis over the ocean.



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$$\phi_m(z/L) = \frac{\kappa z}{u_*} \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \xrightarrow{\text{Rearrange}} -\overline{uw} = u_*^2 = \frac{u_* \kappa z}{\phi_m(z/L)} \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = K_m \frac{\partial U}{\partial z}$$

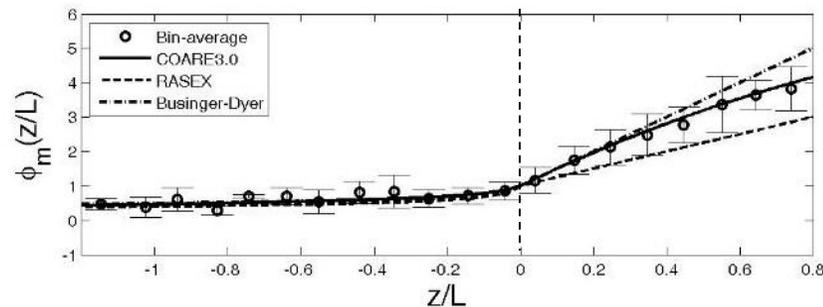
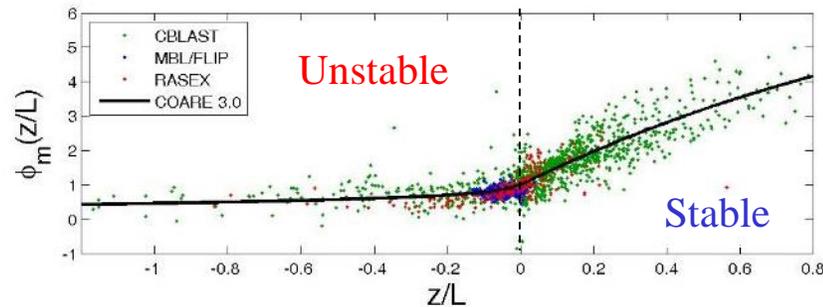
$$\Delta U = \frac{u_*}{\kappa} [\ln(z/z_0) - \psi_m(z/L)]$$

Measurement of mean and flux profiles within the offshore marine boundary layer.

Dimensionless Shear $\phi_m \left(\frac{z}{L} \right) = \frac{\kappa z}{u_*} \frac{\partial U}{\partial z}$



The Ocean is Kansas-like in the mean, with $\kappa \sim 0.4$ above the wave boundary layer.



Applications

1st Order Closure

$$-\overline{uw} = u_*^2 = \frac{u_* \kappa z}{\phi_m(z/L)} \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = K_m \frac{\partial U}{\partial z}$$

Stability Adjusted Log Profile

$$U(z) = U(z_o) + \frac{u_*}{\kappa} \left[\ln \left(\frac{z}{z_o} \right) - \psi_m \left(\frac{z}{L} \right) \right]$$

Waves & Surface Layer Turbulence

- MOS does not account for wave-induced forcing.
- Therefore, MOS functions will become increasingly inaccurate as you near the ocean surface.
- However ...
 - the terrestrial and marine observation are in good agreement in the mean.
 - We observe little systematic variability about this mean due as a function of wave age **with the possible exception of swell.**
- This provides evidence that the WBL for momentum is shallow under the range of conditions found in the CBLAST and MBL data sets.

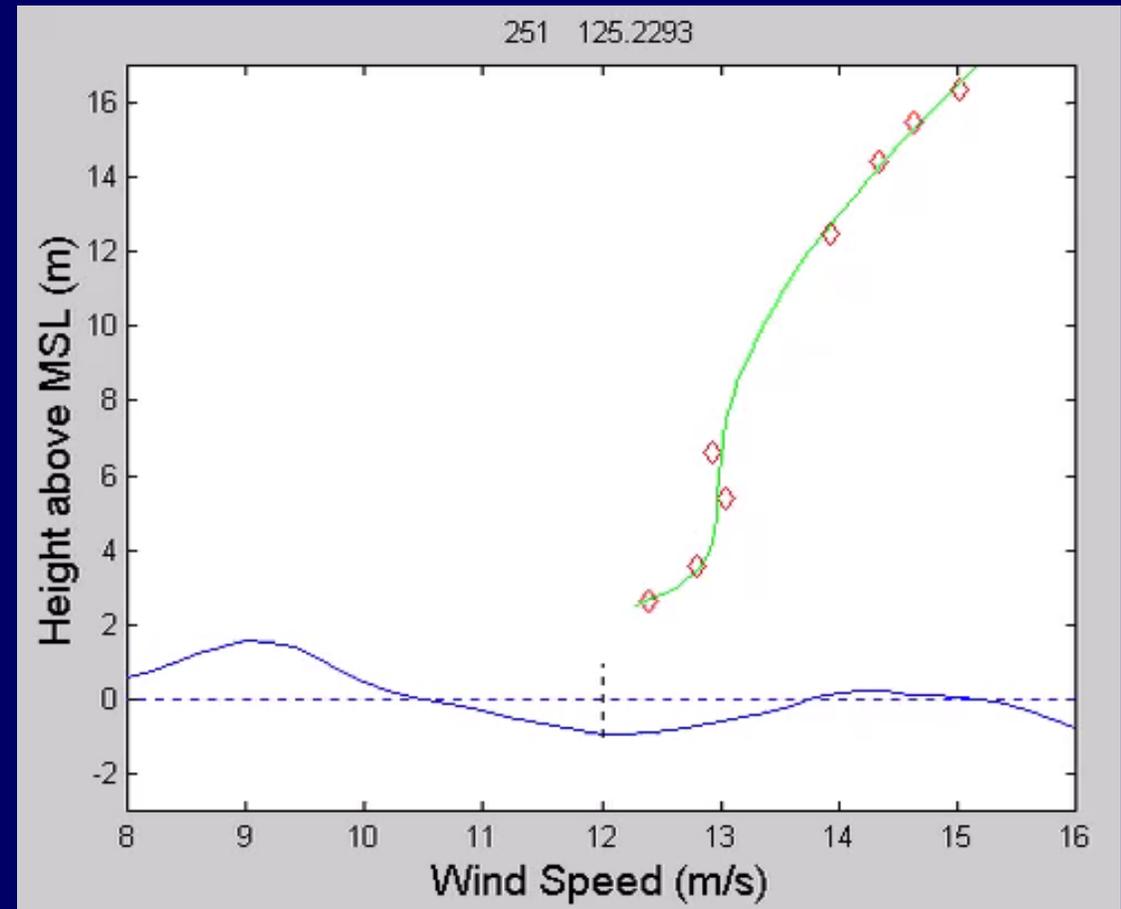
What about waves?

Let's take a closer look!

Instantaneous Wind Profile Over Waves

R/P FLIP

$$U_N(z) = U_N(z_0) + \frac{u_*}{\kappa} \left[\ln \left(\frac{z}{z_0} \right) \right]$$

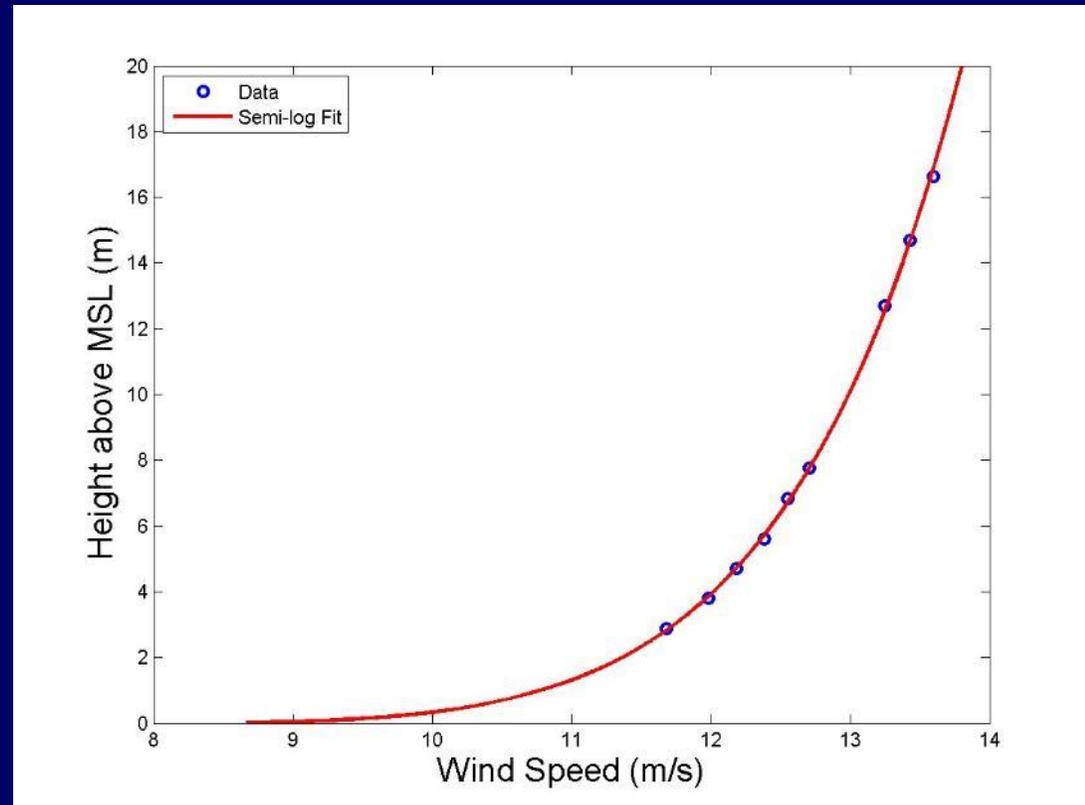


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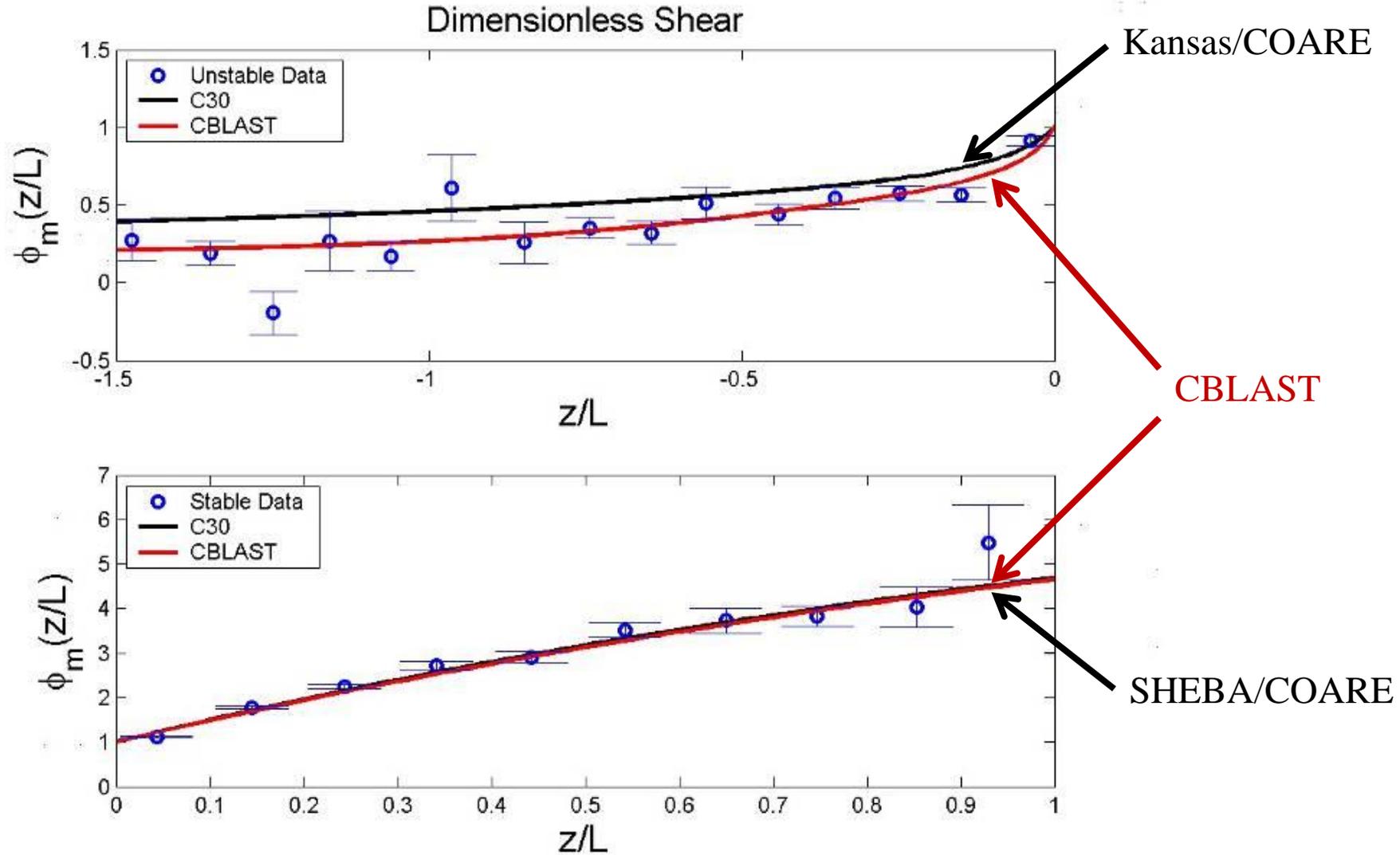
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Semi-Logarithmic Profile!



Dimensionless Shear – A Closer Look



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Monin-Obukhov Similarity

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Rearrange

$$-\overline{uw} = u_*^2 = \frac{u_* \kappa z}{\phi_m(z/L)} \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = K_m \frac{\partial U}{\partial z}$$

Integrate

$$\Delta U = \frac{u_*}{\kappa} [\ln(z/z_0) - \psi_m(z/L)]$$

Rearrange

$$u_* = \kappa / [\ln(z/z_0) - \psi_m(z/L)] \Delta U$$

Semi-empirical Basis
for Bulk Formulae

$$u_* = C_D^{1/2} \Delta U$$

Drag Coefficient

- COARE Algorithm

$$C_D(z/z_o, z/L) = -\frac{\overline{uw}}{\Delta U S_r} = \left(\frac{\kappa}{\ln(z/z_o) - \psi_u(z/L)} \right)^2$$

Atmospheric
Stability

$$C_{DN}(z/z_o) = -\frac{\overline{uw}}{\Delta U_N^2 G} = \left(\frac{\kappa}{\ln(z/z_o)} \right)^2$$

Roughness
Length

- Wave Impacts

- Waves have a modest impact on the dimensionless profiles above the WBL
- Waves have a first order impact on the surface roughness as roughness elements.

Surface Momentum Exchange & Waves

- **Above the Wave Boundary Layer – MO Similarity expected to hold.**

$$\overline{\rho u w} = \overline{\rho u' w'}$$

- **Within the Wave Boundary Layer – MO Similarity begins to break down.**

$$\overline{\rho u w} = \overline{\rho u' w'} + \overline{\rho \tilde{u} \tilde{w}}$$

- **At the surface**

$$\overline{\rho u w} = \nu \frac{dU}{dz} + \overline{\rho \tilde{u} \tilde{w}} = \underbrace{\nu \frac{dU}{dz}}_{\text{Viscous Stress}} + \underbrace{\overline{p_0 \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x}}}_{\text{Form Drag}}$$

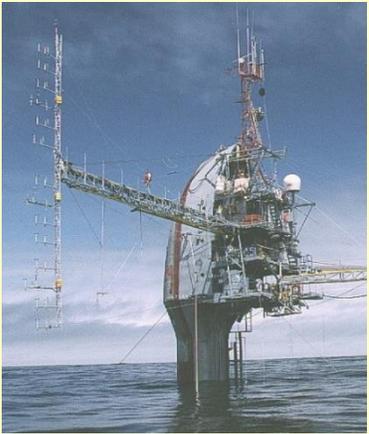
- **COARE 3.5 parameterizes this through the roughness length:**

$$z_0 = \alpha \frac{\nu}{u_*} + \boxed{\beta} \frac{u_*^2}{g} \quad \beta = f(U_{10N})$$

Research Objectives

- To improve our understanding of the processes that control the exchange momentum, heat and mass across the air-sea interface.
- To develop **platform and systems** that directly measures the momentum, sensible heat and latent heat fluxes.

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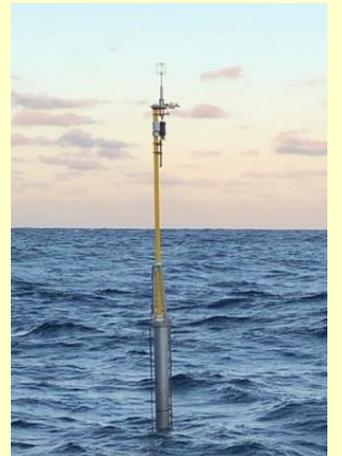
ASIS



Research Discus

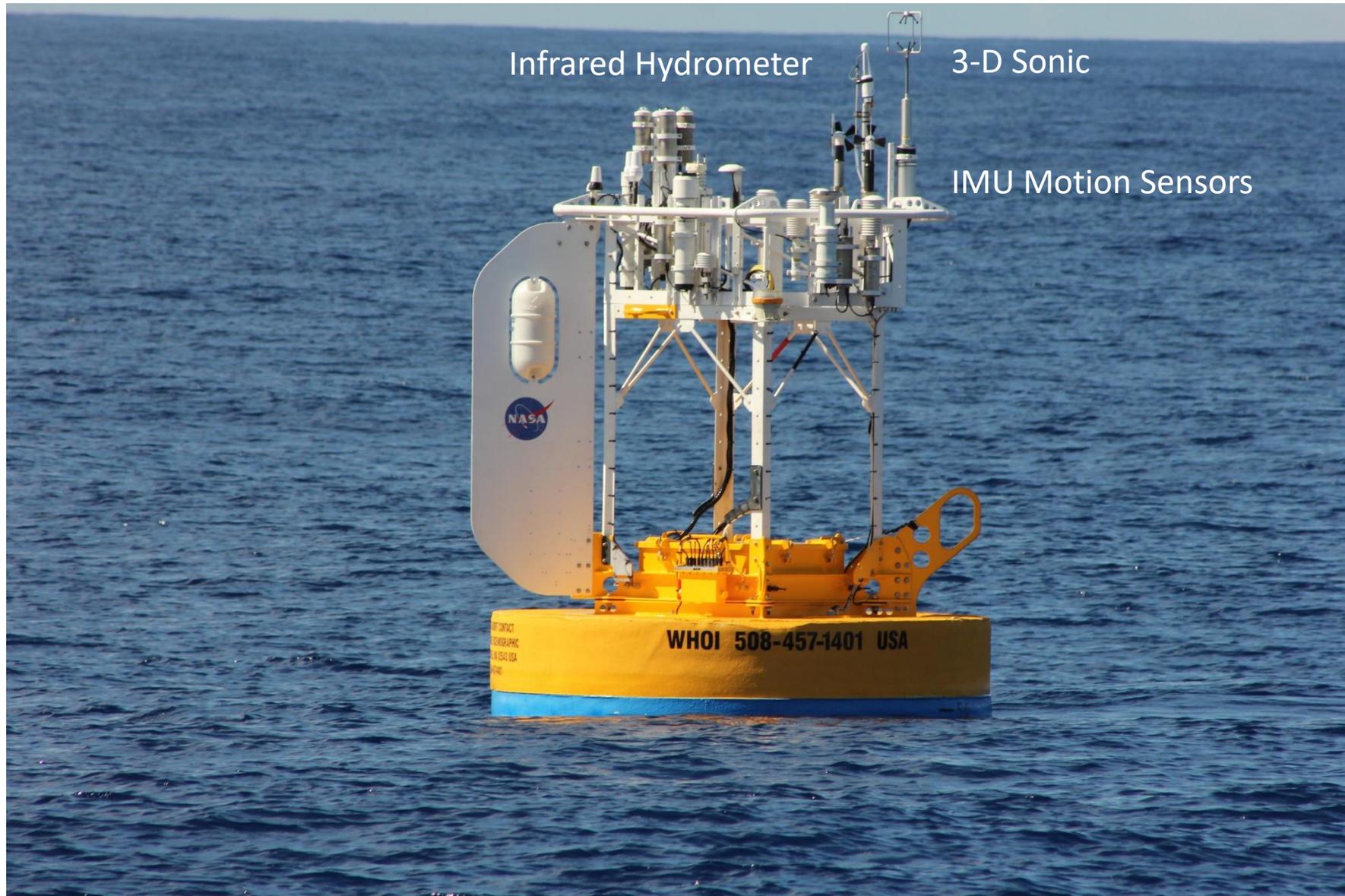


OOI Mooring



X-Spar

Surface Moorings



Platform Motion

GLOBAL IRMINGER SEA ARRAY



- 1 Apex Profiler Mooring
- 2 Apex Surface Mooring
- 3 Flanking Subsurface Mooring A
- 4 Flanking Subsurface Mooring B
- Mobile Assets

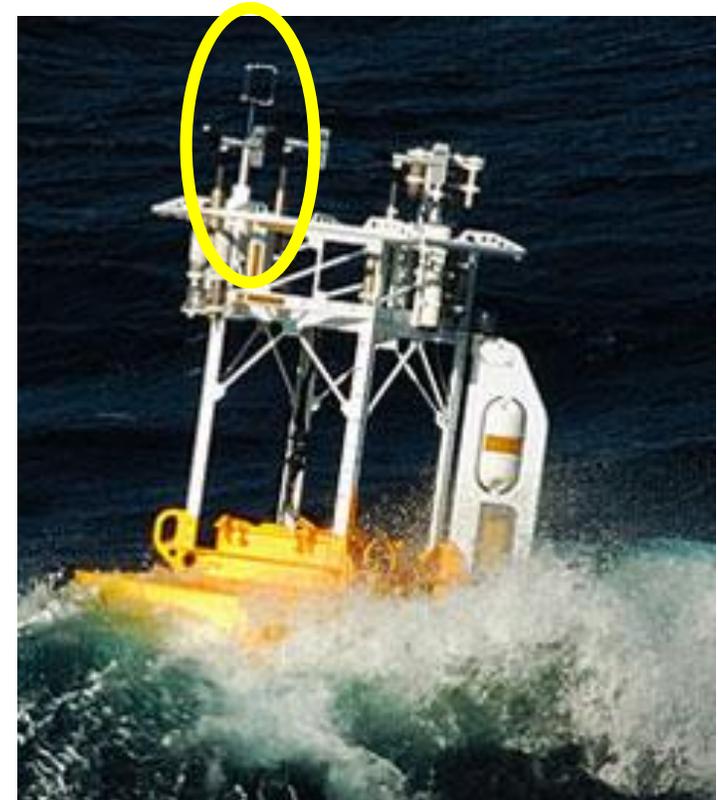


Motion Correction

$$U_{true}^{water} = \underbrace{T(\phi, \theta, \psi)}_{\text{b-d}} \left[\underbrace{U_{obs}}_a + \underbrace{\Omega_{obs} \times R}_b \right] - \underbrace{V_{hp}}_c + \underbrace{V_{lp}}_d$$

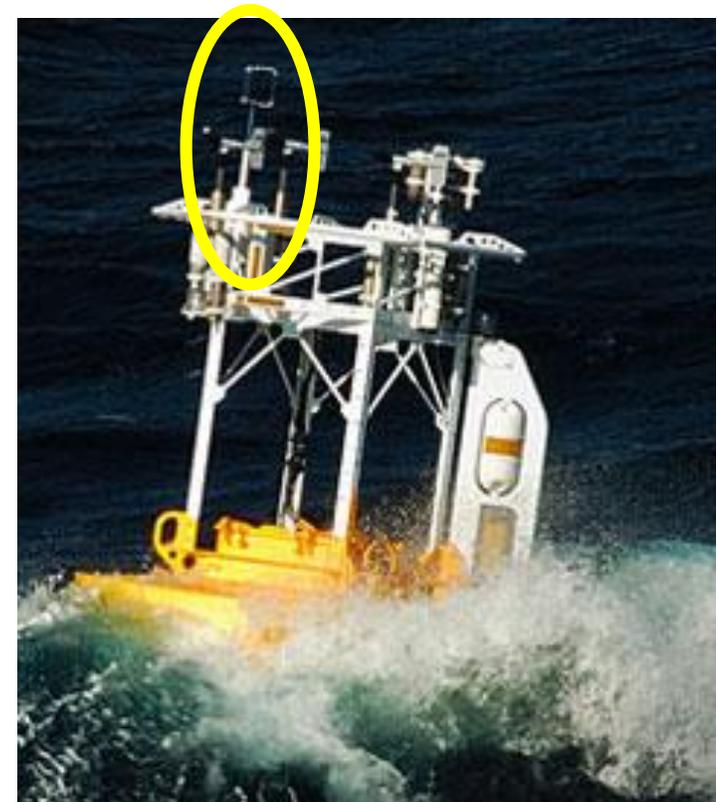
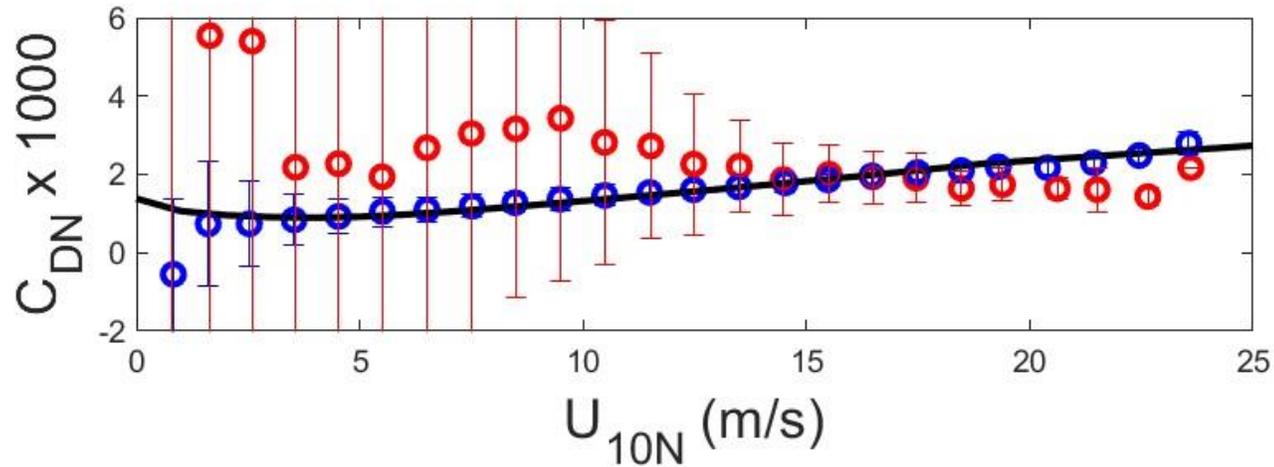
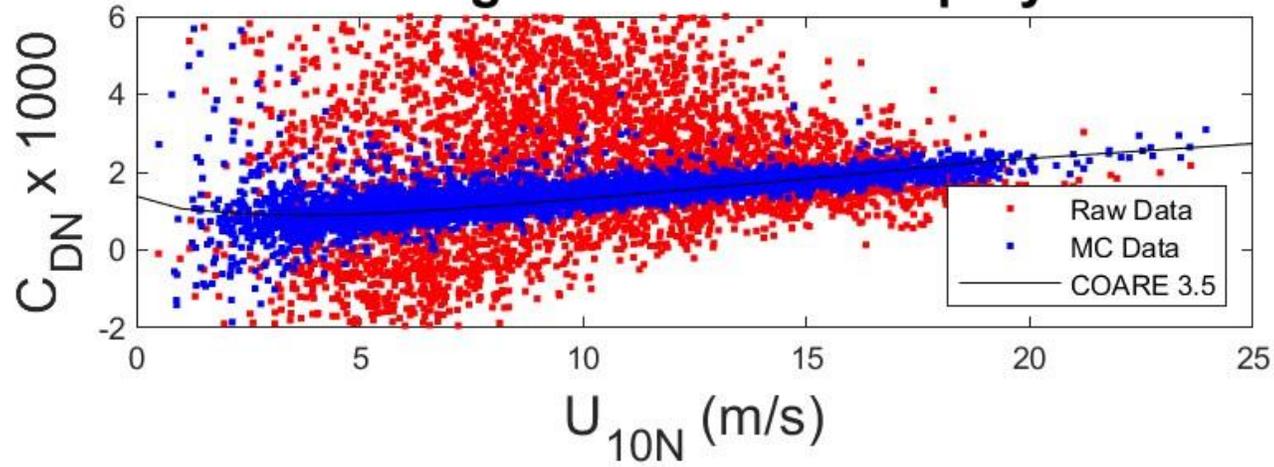
- CLIMODE Setup

- (a) 3-axis Sonic Anemometer
- (b) 3-axis angular Rate Sensors
- (c) 3-axis Accelerometers
- (d) Compass
- Current meter
- 2-axis anemometers
- RH/T/P Sensors
- Radiometers
- Precipitation gauges
- Sea Temperature



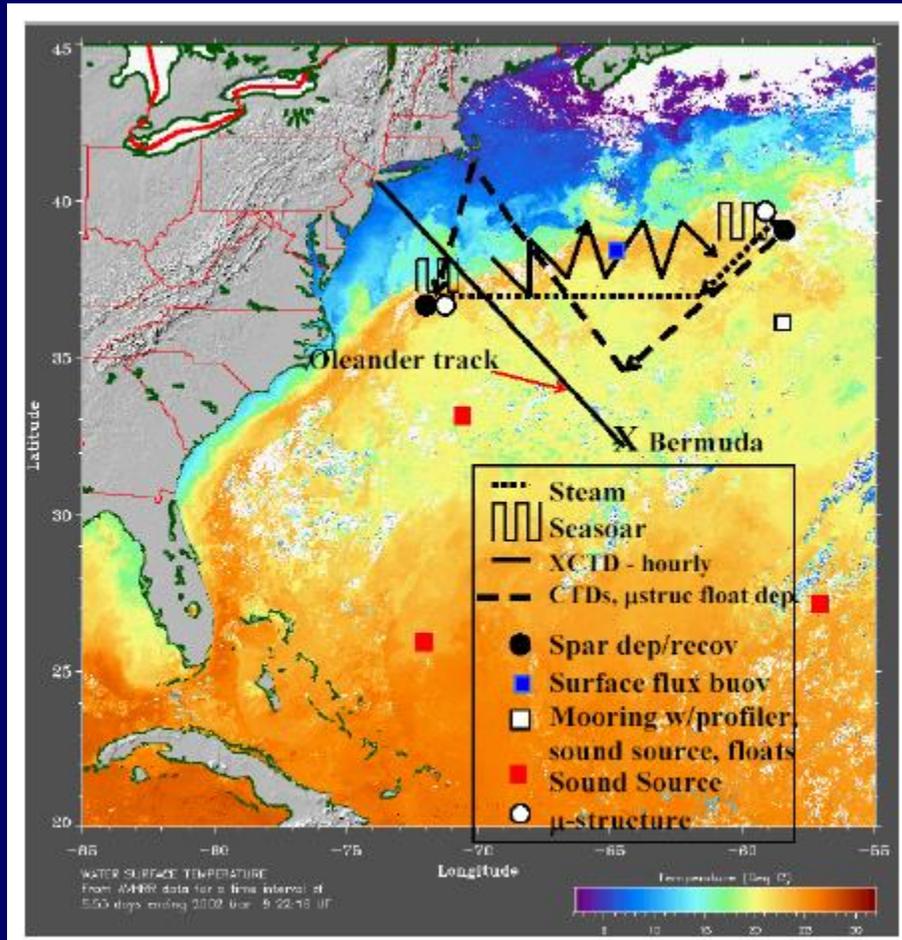
Motion Correction

Pioneer Drag Coefficients: Deployment 6



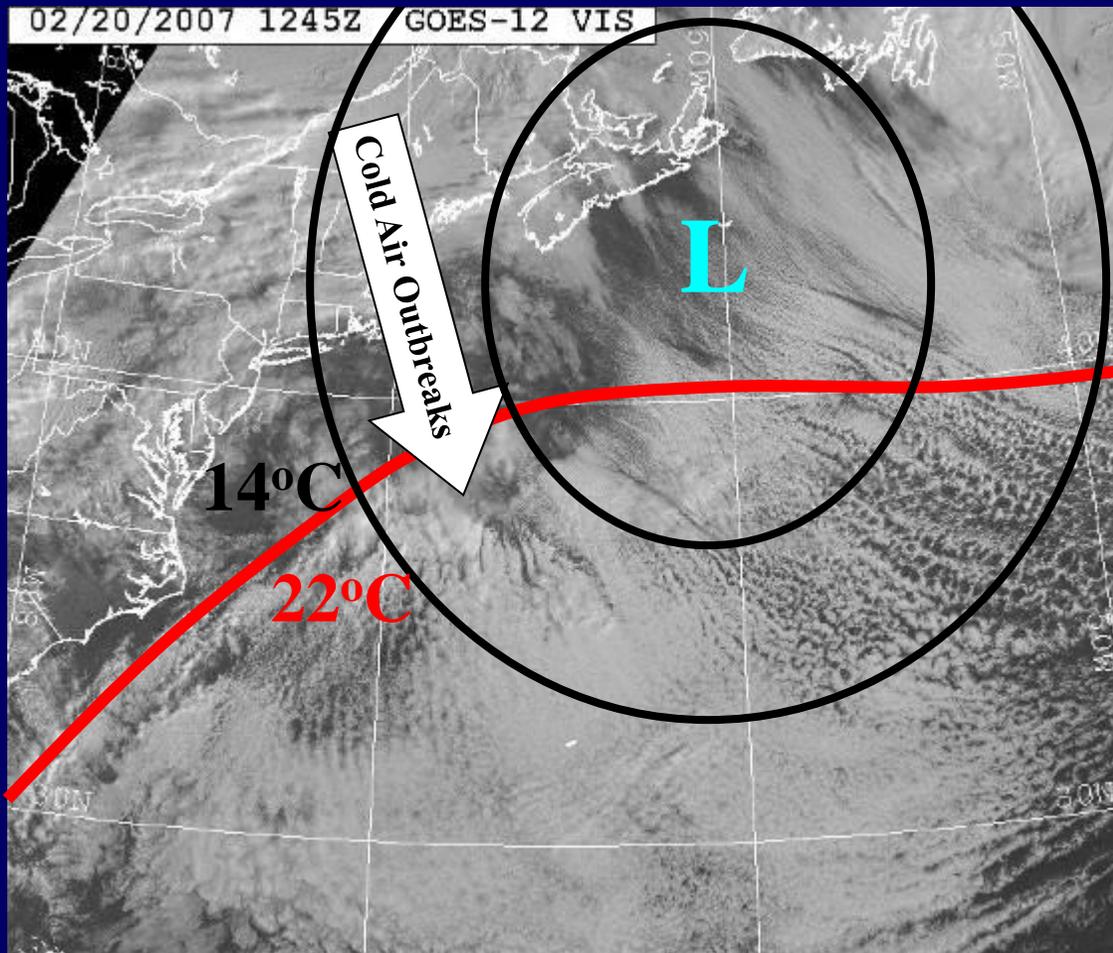
CLIMODE Deployments and Cruises

CLIMODE is designed to investigate the processes responsible for the formation, subduction and dispersal of EDW in the North Atlantic through modeling & observations.



- November 2005: Mooring & Profiler Deployment Cruise
- January 18-30, 2006: Pilot Experiment, ASIS/FILIS Deployment
- October 2006: Mooring Turnaround Cruise
- February-March 2007: 6-week Main Experiment, ASIS/FILIS Deployments, Microstructure, Surveys.
- November 2007: Mooring Recovery Cruise

The Gulf Stream



- Cold air outbreaks drive extremely active convection over the region.
- The net winter heat loss in this region is 400 W/m^2 .

Momentum Fluxes

Surface Stress

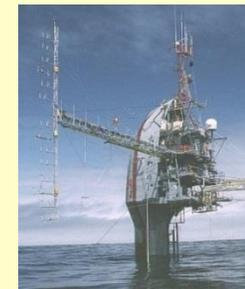
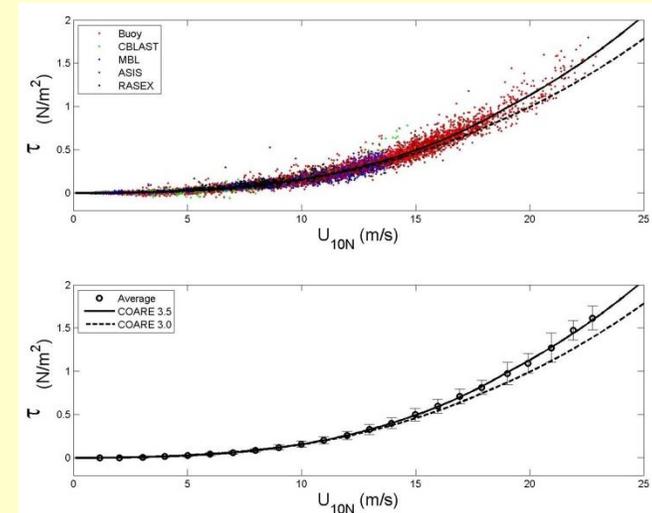
$$\tau = -\rho \overline{uw} \approx \rho C_{DN} \Delta U_N^2 G$$

Drag Coefficient

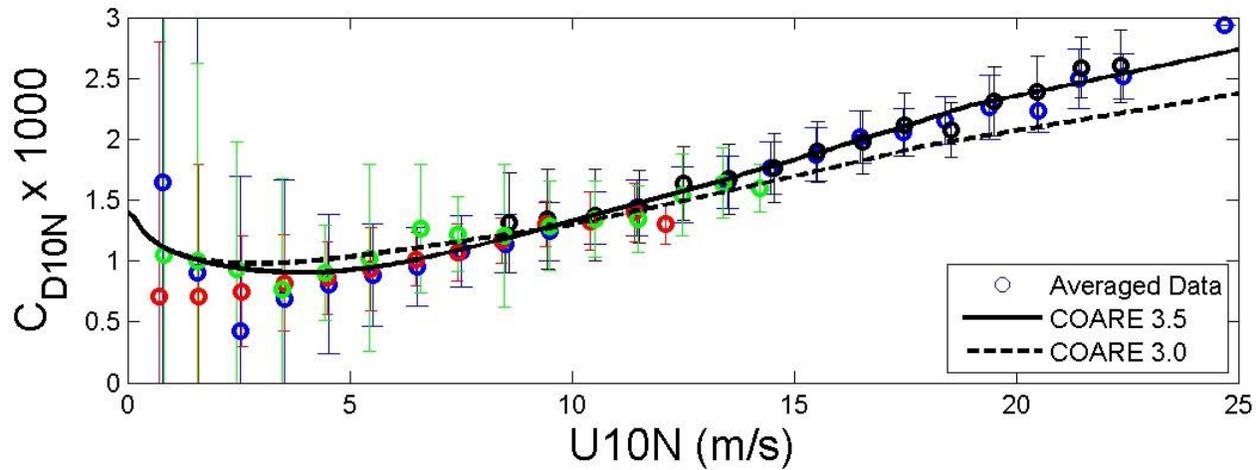
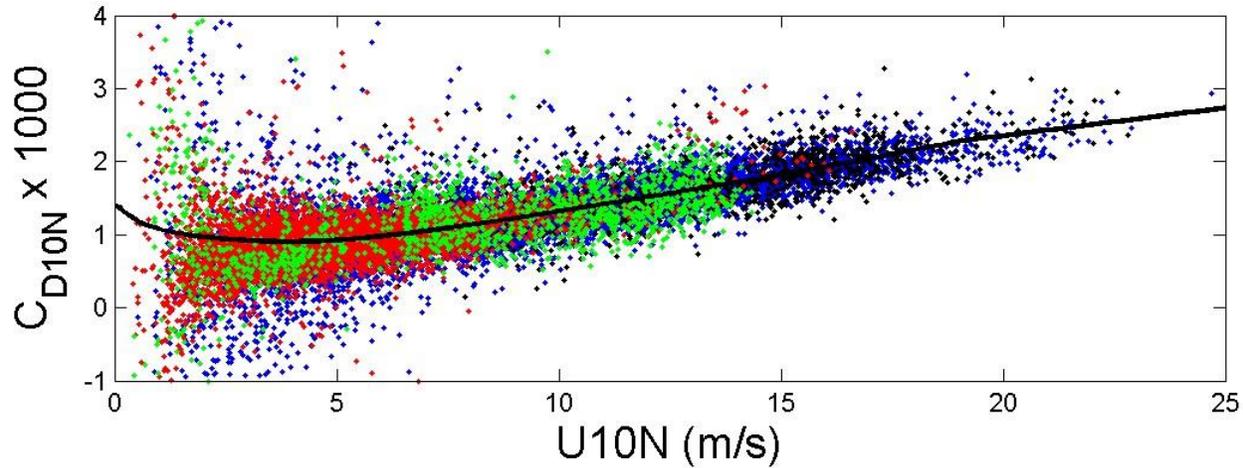
$$C_{DN} = \frac{-\overline{uw}}{\Delta U_r^2 G} = \left(\frac{K}{\ln(z/z_o)} \right)^2$$

Roughness Length

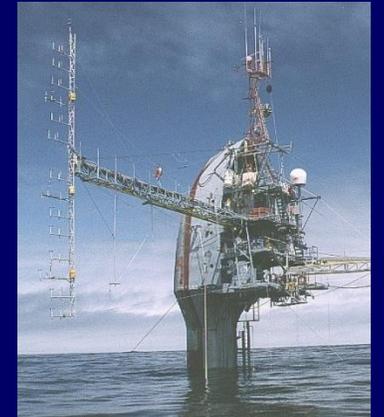
$$z_o = \alpha \frac{v}{u_*} + \beta (U_{N10}) \frac{u_*^2}{g}$$



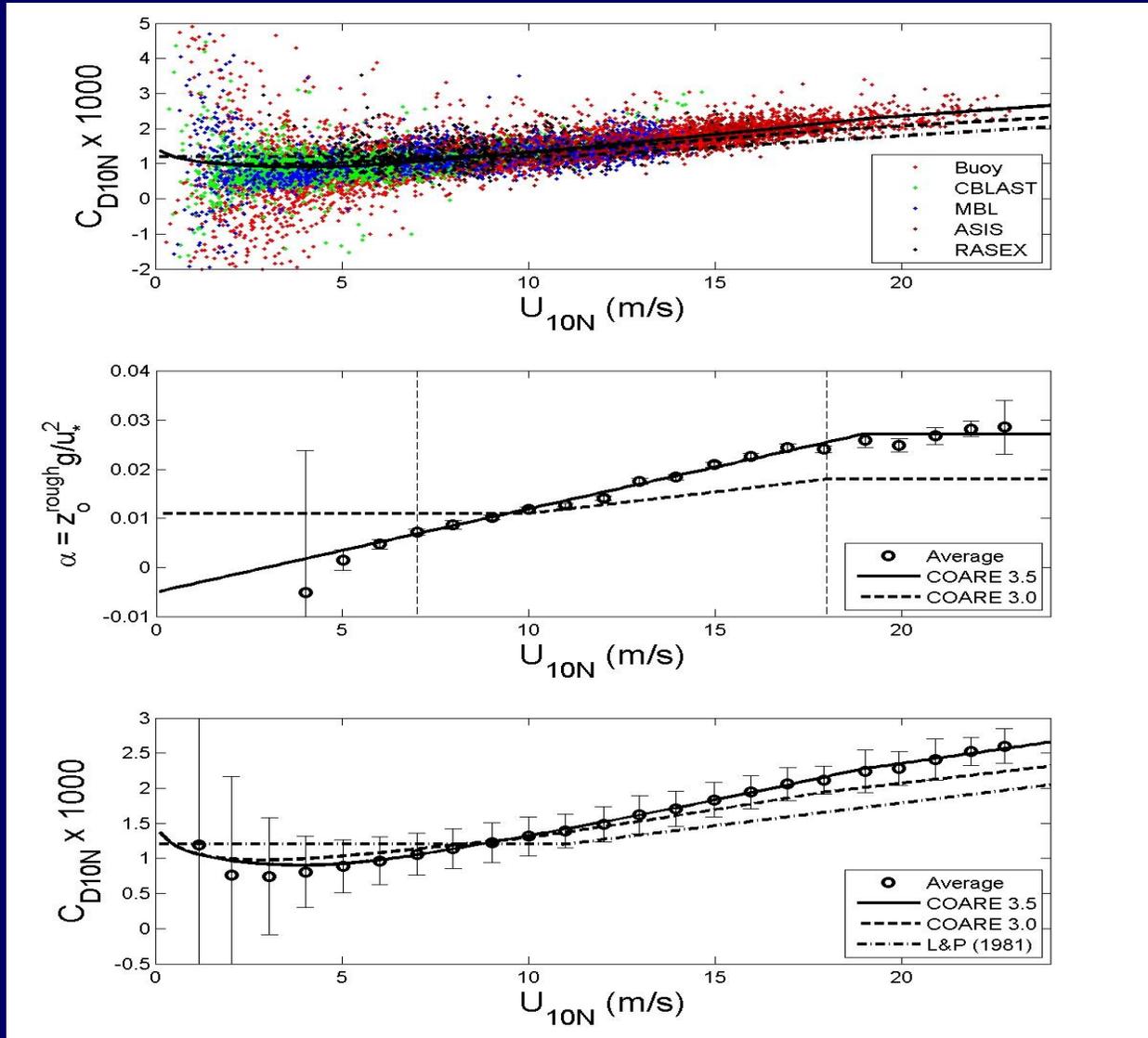
MBL/CBLAST/CLIMODE Drag Coefficients



$$C_{DN}(z/z_0) = \frac{-\overline{u'w'}}{\Delta U_N^2 G} = \left(\frac{\kappa}{\ln(z/z_0)} \right)^2 \quad z_0 = \alpha \frac{\nu}{u_*} + \beta \frac{u_*^2}{g}$$



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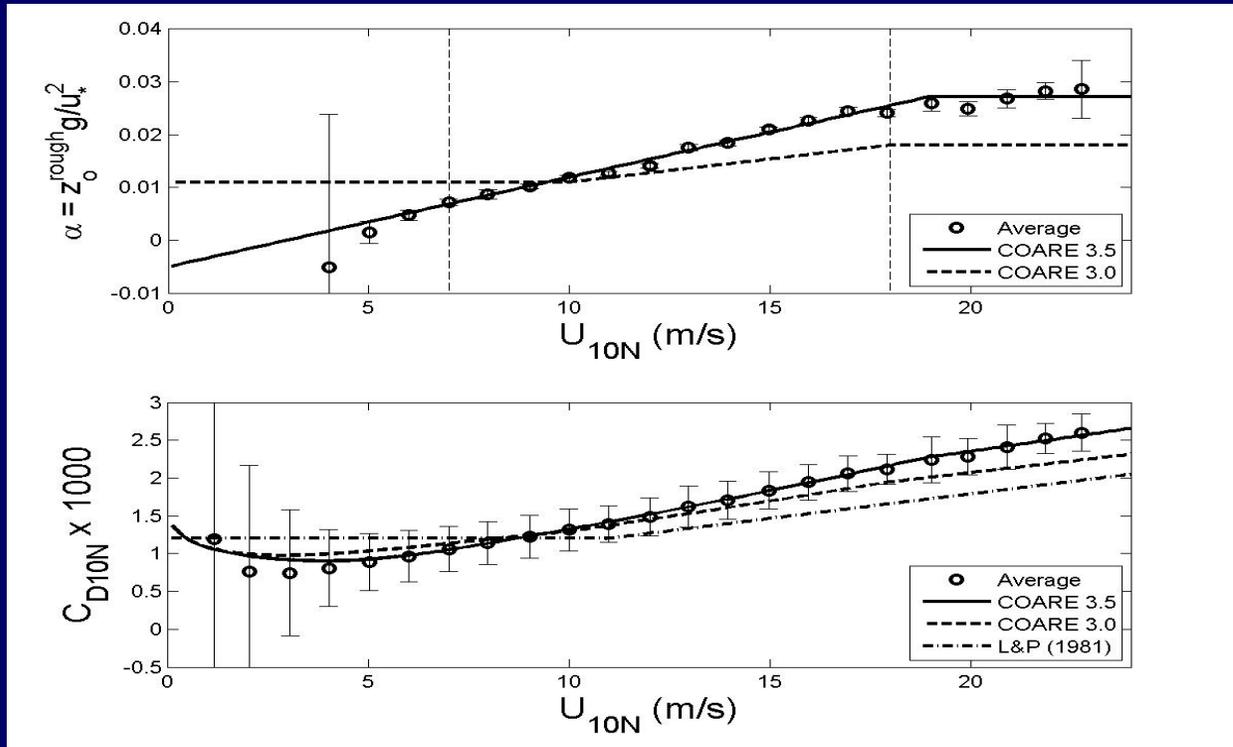


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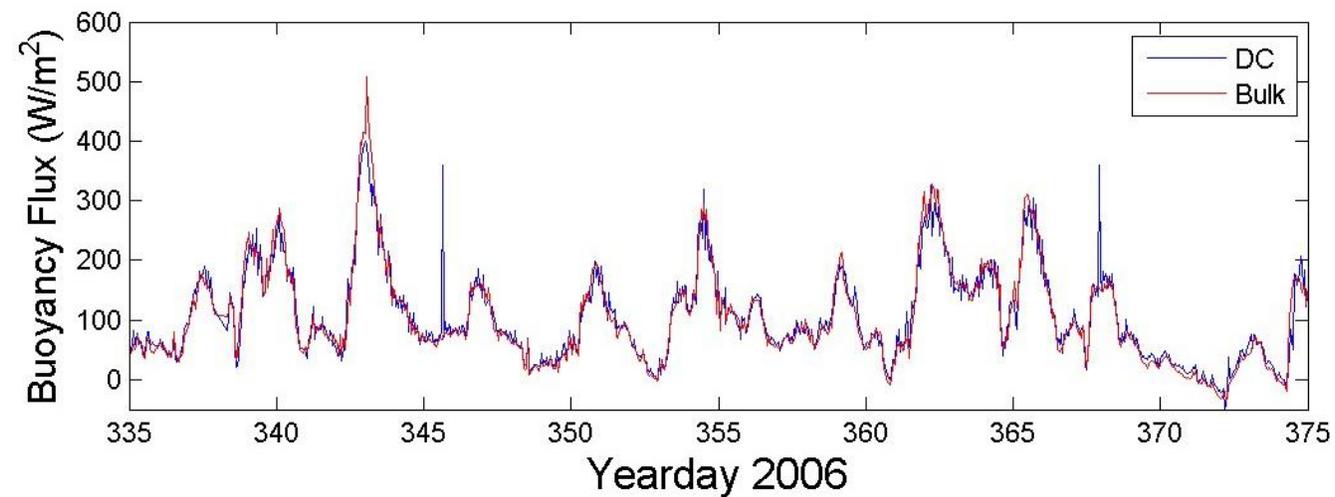
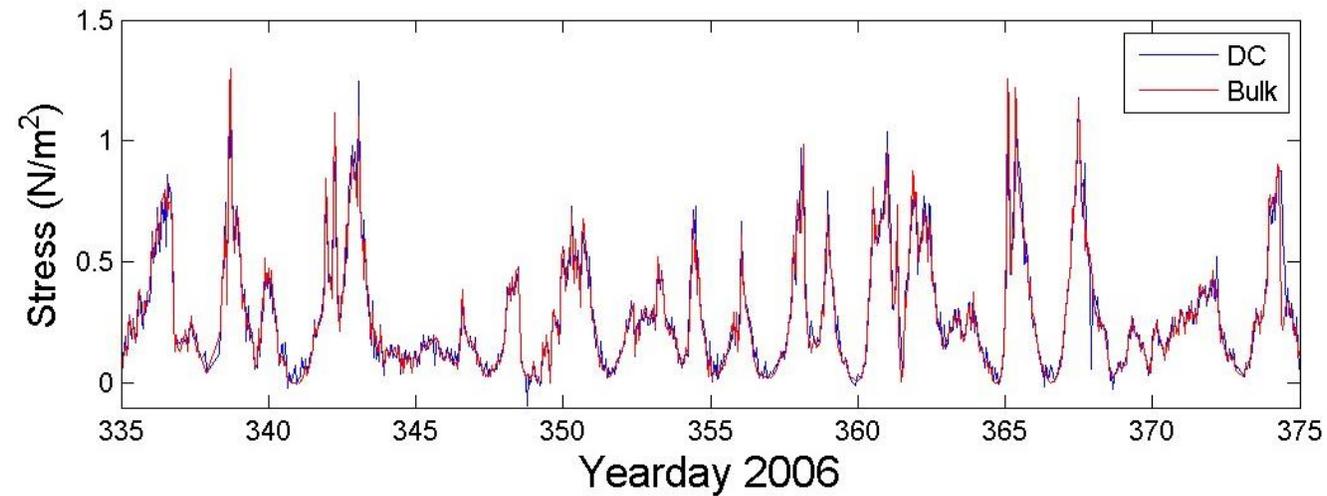
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Flux Time Series



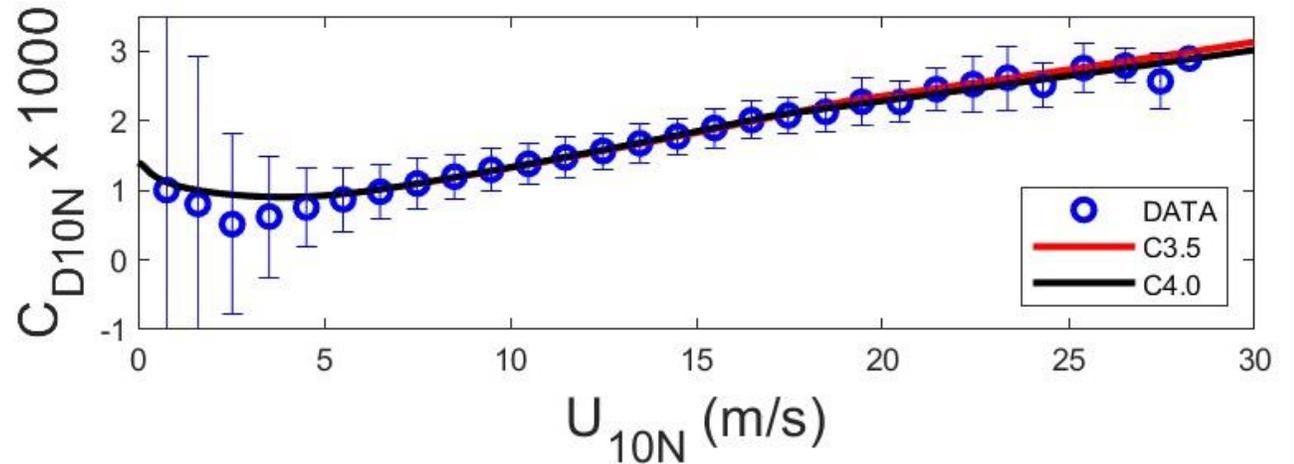
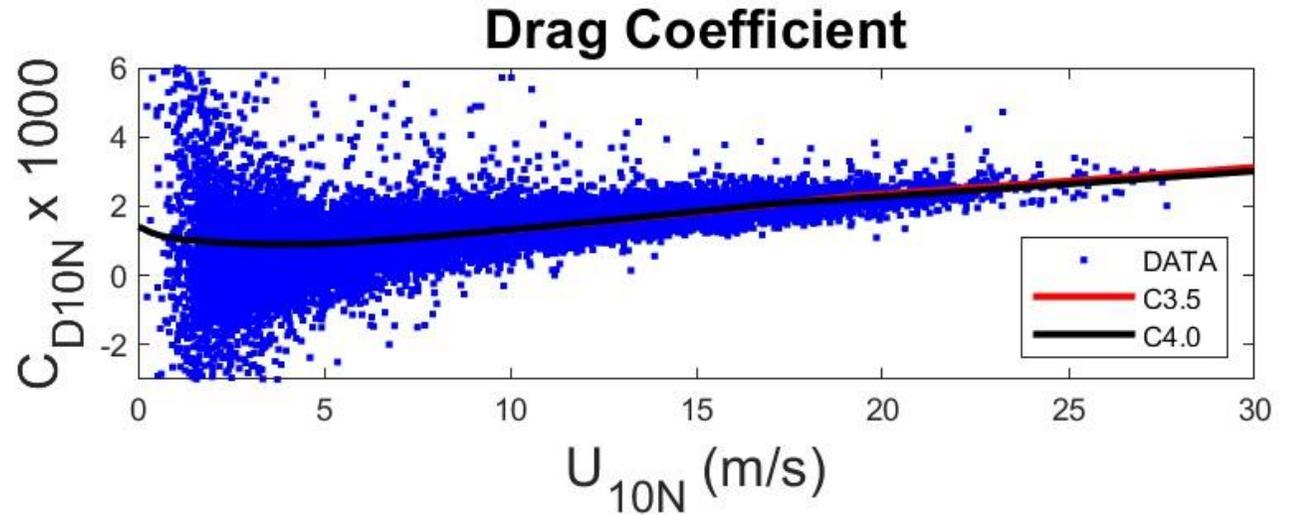
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COARE: A Global Formulation using a Growing Global Array



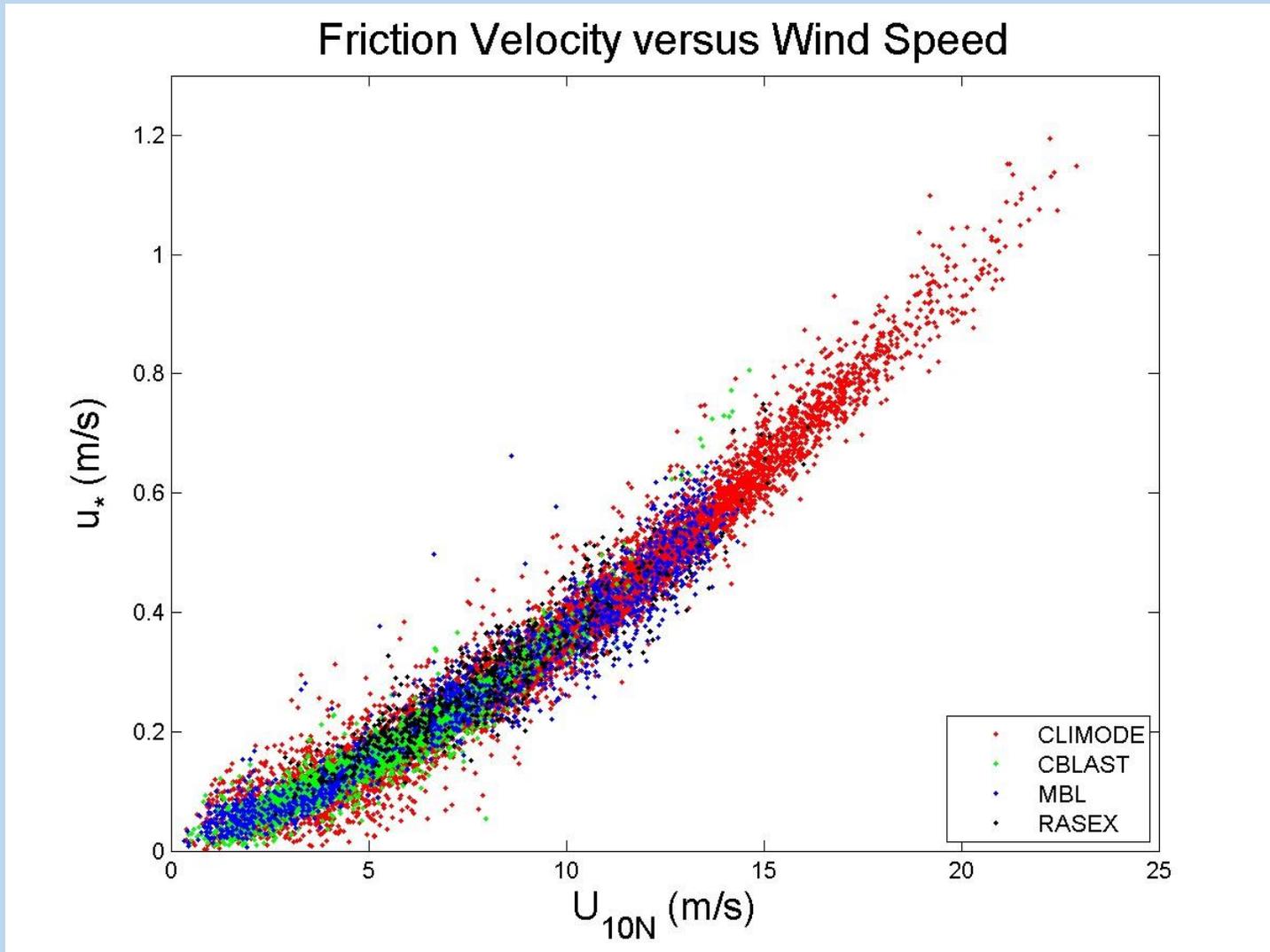
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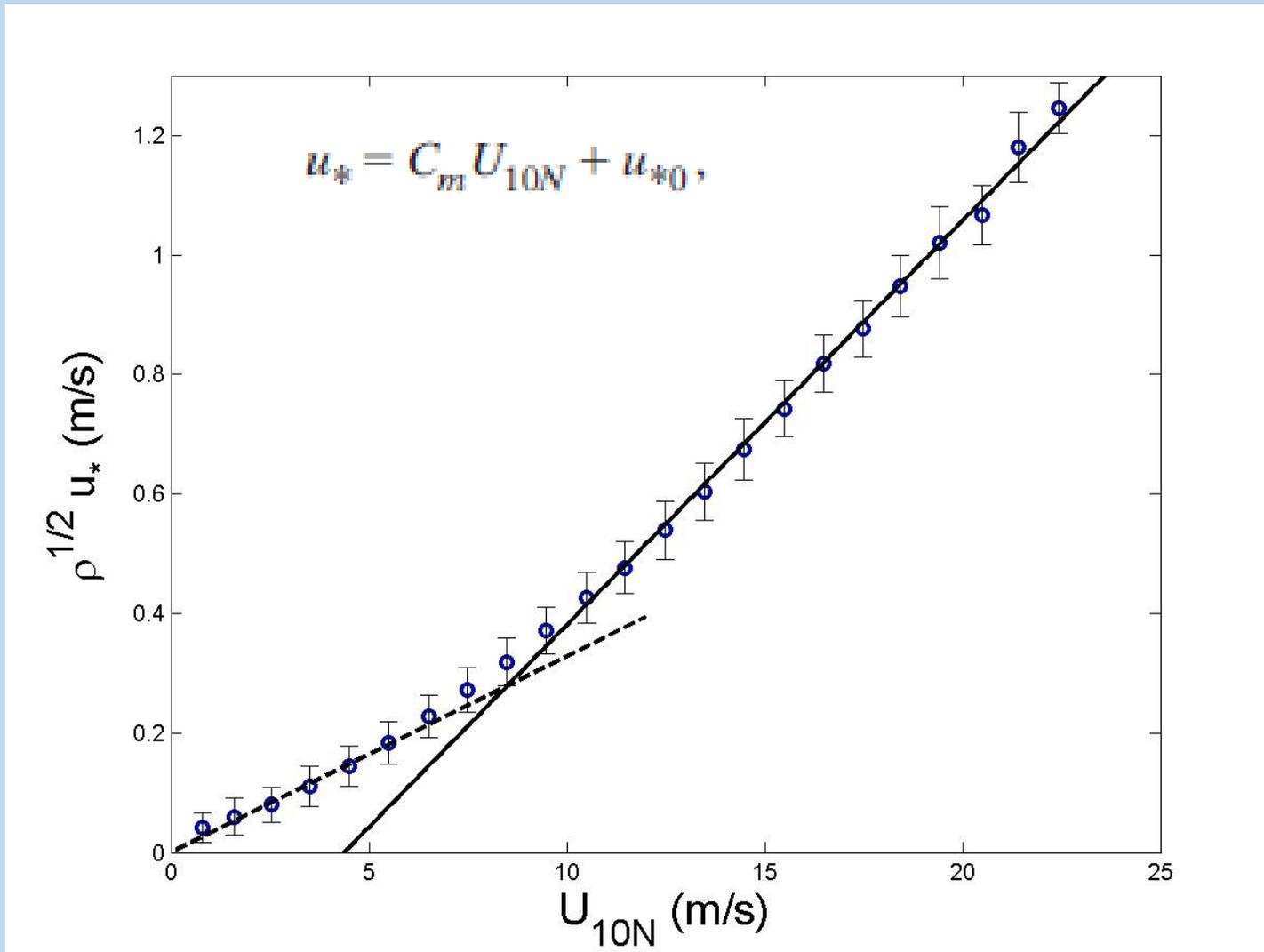
Out to High Wind

Via the Hockey Stick Extrapolation

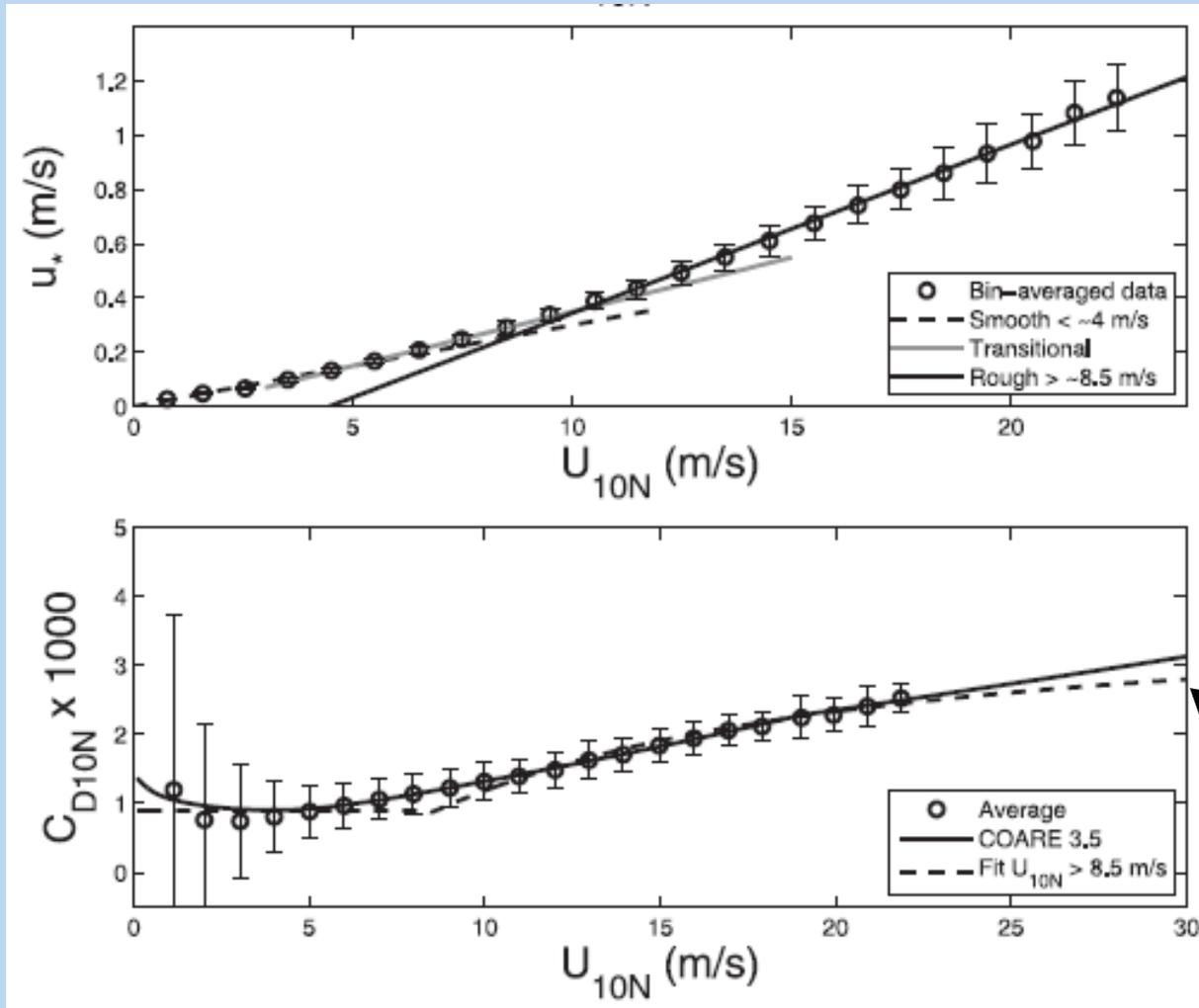
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Another Hockey Stick



Drag Coefficient at High Winds

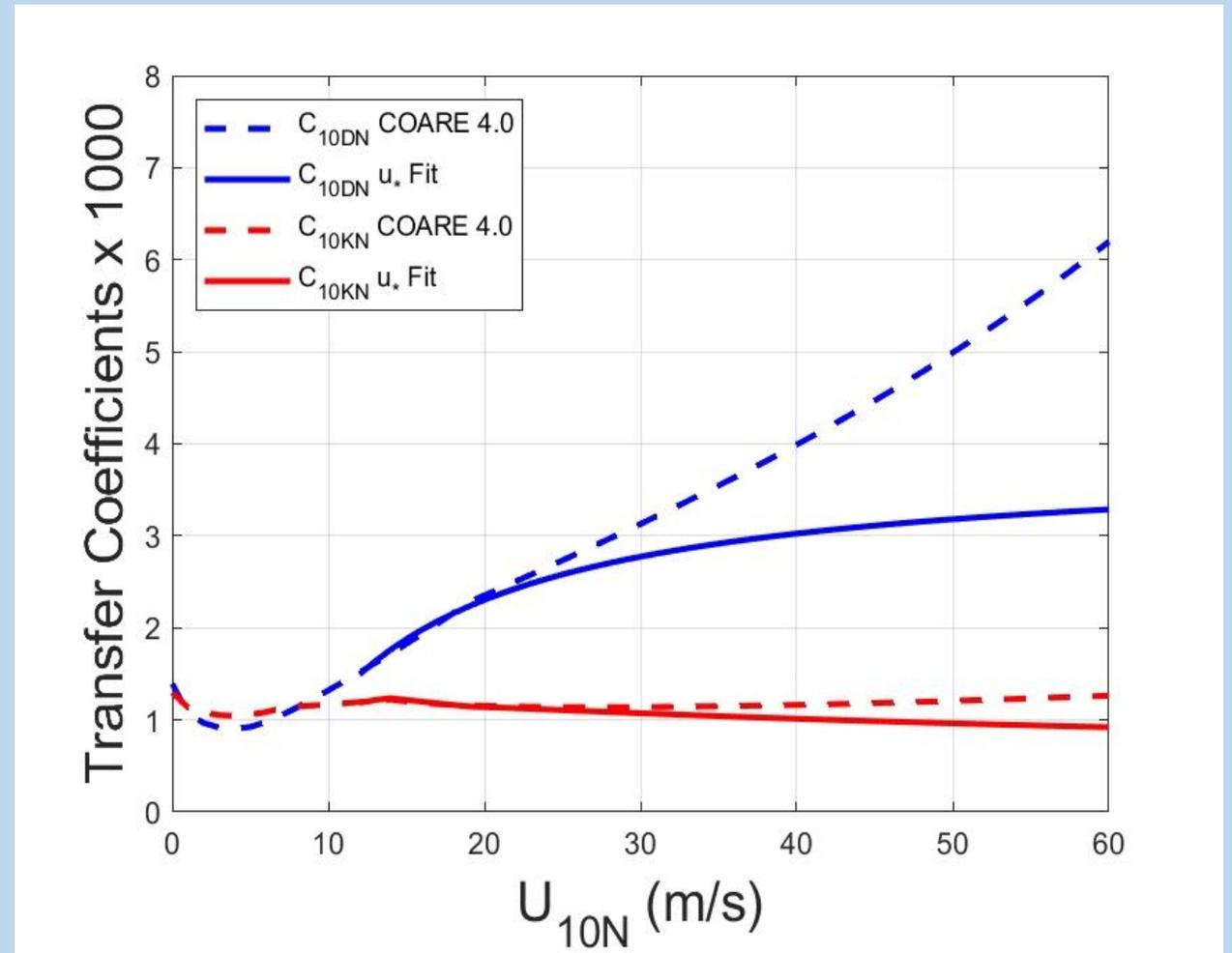
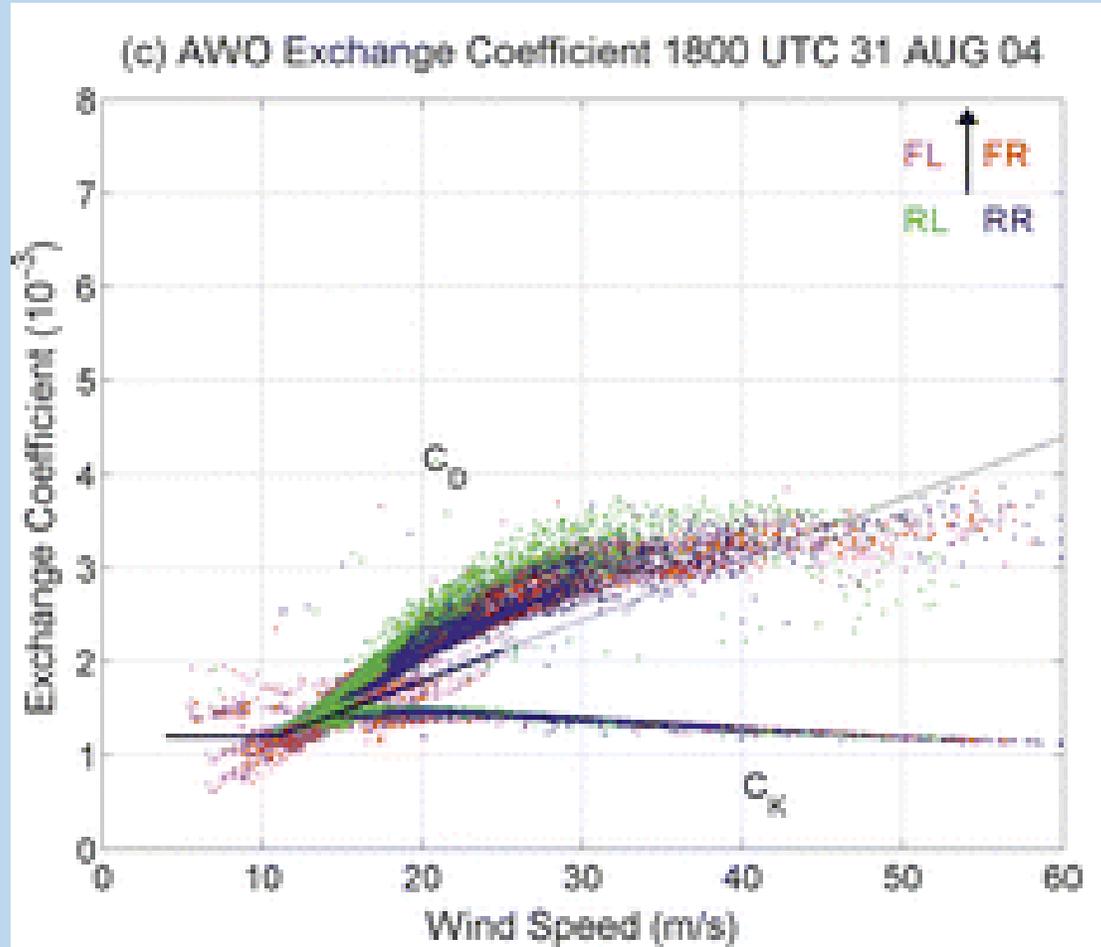


$$u_* = C_m U_{10N} + u_{*0},$$

$$C_{D10N} = \left(\frac{u_*}{U_{10N}} \right)^2 = \left(C_m + \frac{u_{*0}}{U_{10N}} \right)^2$$

Hockey Stick

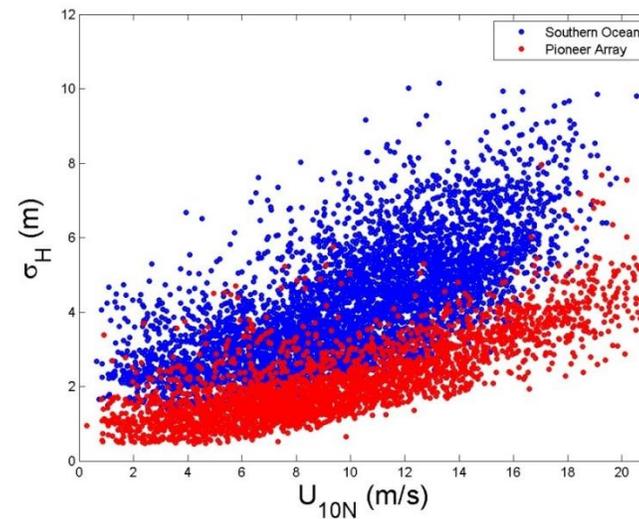
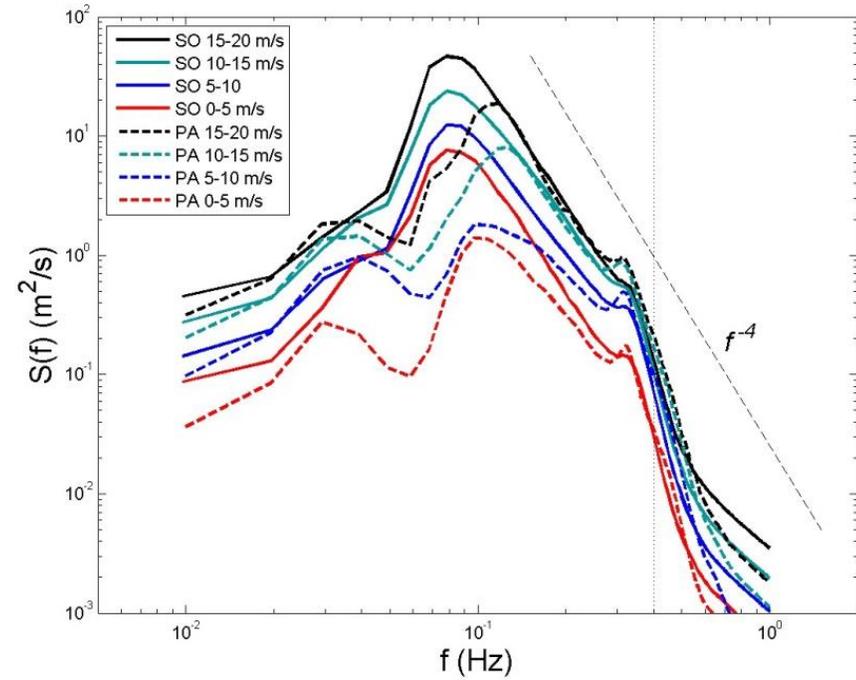
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Wave-based COARE

Using wave steepness

Wave-based Parameterization



Long Wave Modulation of Surface Stress

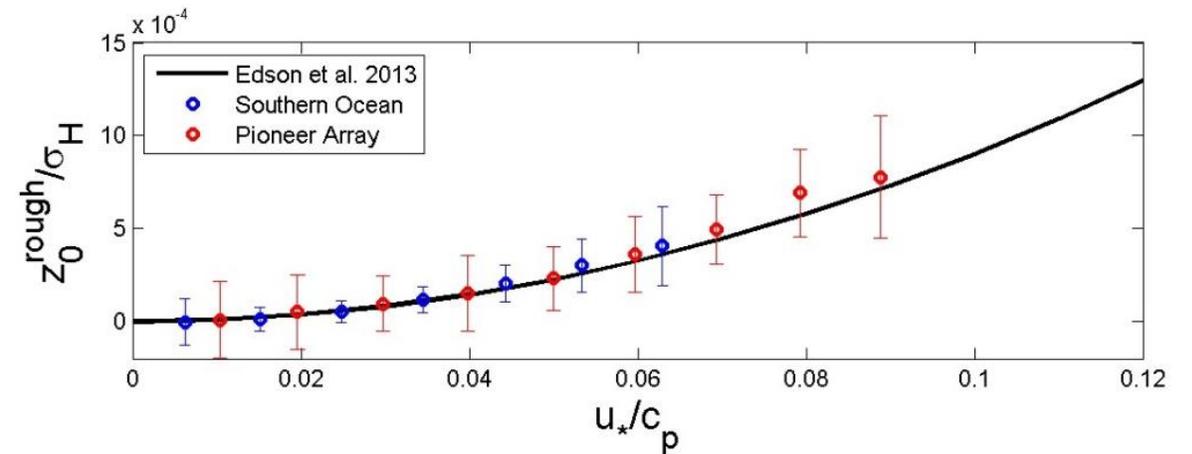
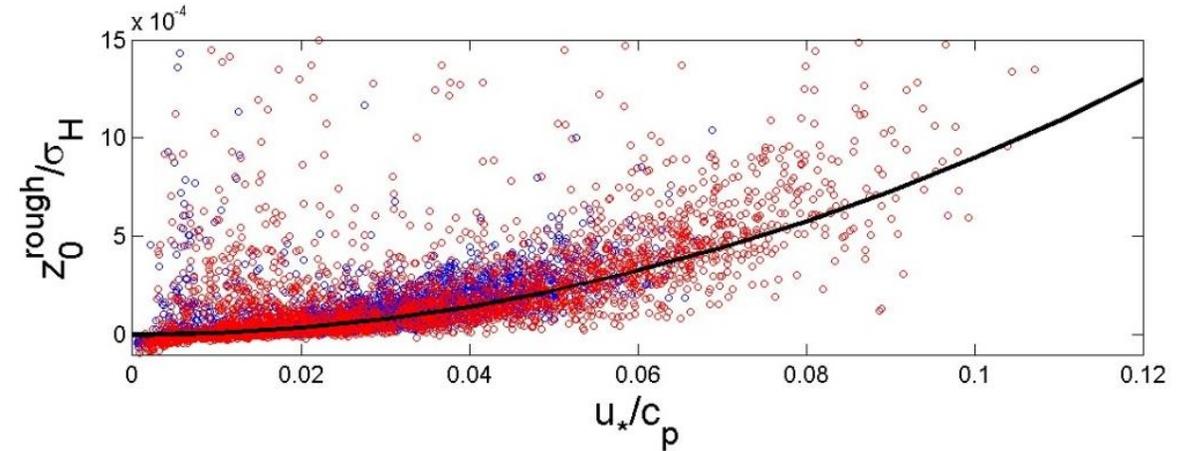
Wave steepness dependent formulation

$$\beta = \frac{g z_0^{rough}}{u_*^2} = f(\sigma_H k_p)$$

$$\beta = \frac{g z_0^{rough}}{u_*^2} = D \sigma_H k_p \quad c_p^2 = \frac{g}{k_p}$$

$$\frac{z_0^{rough}}{\sigma_H} = D \left(\frac{u_*}{c_p} \right)^2$$

Deep water
dispersion
relationship



Peak Phase Speed vs Mean Phase Speed

- Investigating the **impact of sea state** on momentum flux through **coupled Ocean-Atmosphere-Wave simulations** using the sea surface fluxes parameterization **COARE3.5**
- We observed 2 different sea state regimes in the Tropical North Atlantic region :
 - Young steep waves** tend to increase the surface roughness and stress
 - Old flat waves** tend to decrease the surface roughness and stress
- Significant impact on near surface wind speed

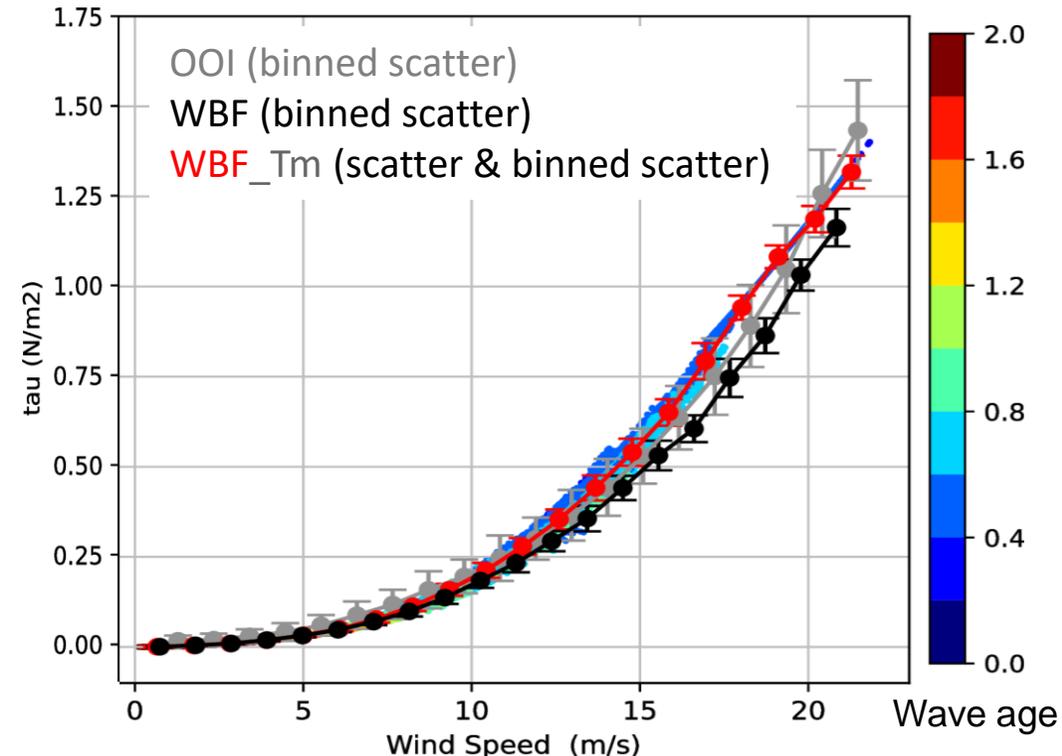
- However, compared to observations, the model over predicts the impact of swell

$$\frac{z_0^{rough}}{\sigma_H} = D \left(\frac{u_*}{c_p} \right)^2$$

- Ways to alleviate low stress bias:

- Alignment wind-waves
- Using the mean wave phase speed (C_m)**

$$z_{rough} = H_s \cdot 0.39 \cdot \left(\frac{u_*}{C_m} \right)^{2.6}$$



Heat Exchange

Research Objectives

- To improve our understanding of the processes that control the exchange momentum, heat and mass across the air-sea interface.
- To develop platform and systems that directly measures the momentum, sensible heat and latent heat fluxes.
- To improve **parameterization of these fluxes** for use in numerical models and process studies.

Momentum Flux: $\tau_0 = \rho_a \overline{uw} \cong \rho_a C_D S_r \Delta U$

Latent Heat Flux: $Q_E = \rho_a L_v \overline{wq} \cong \rho_a L_v C_E S_r \Delta Q$

Sensible Heat Flux: $Q_H = \rho_a c_{pa} \overline{wT} \cong \rho_a c_{pa} C_H S_r \Delta \Theta$

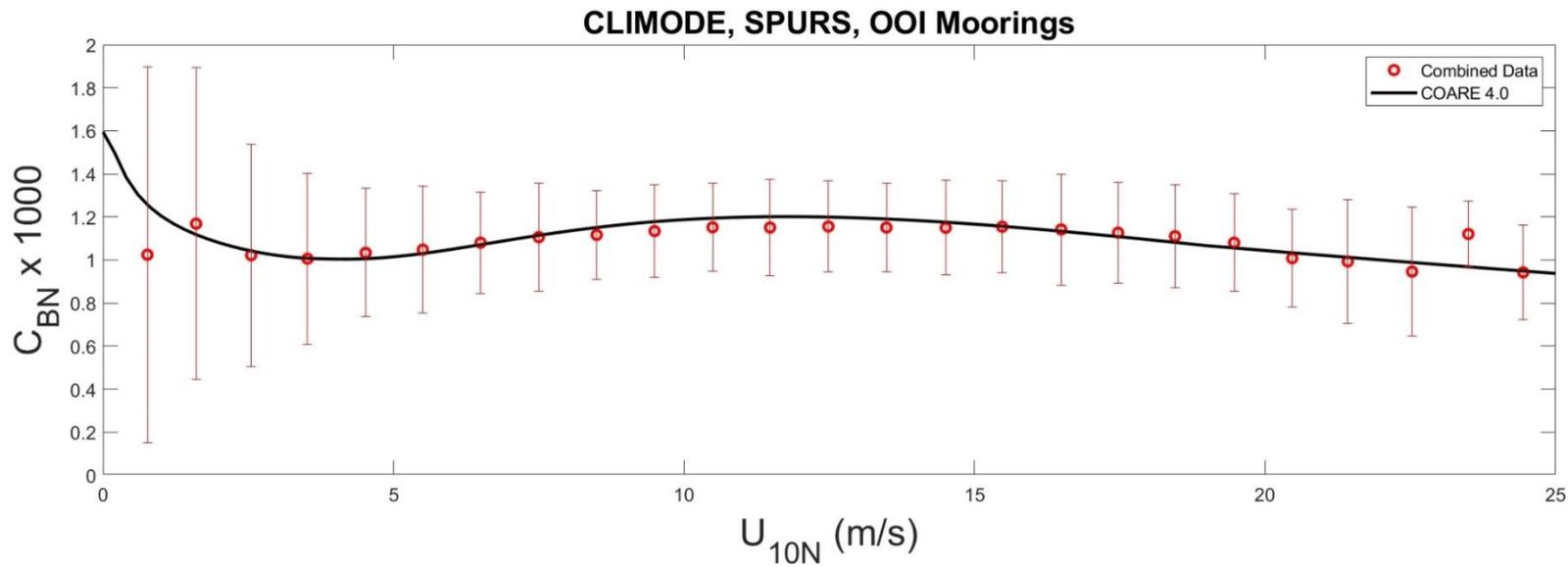
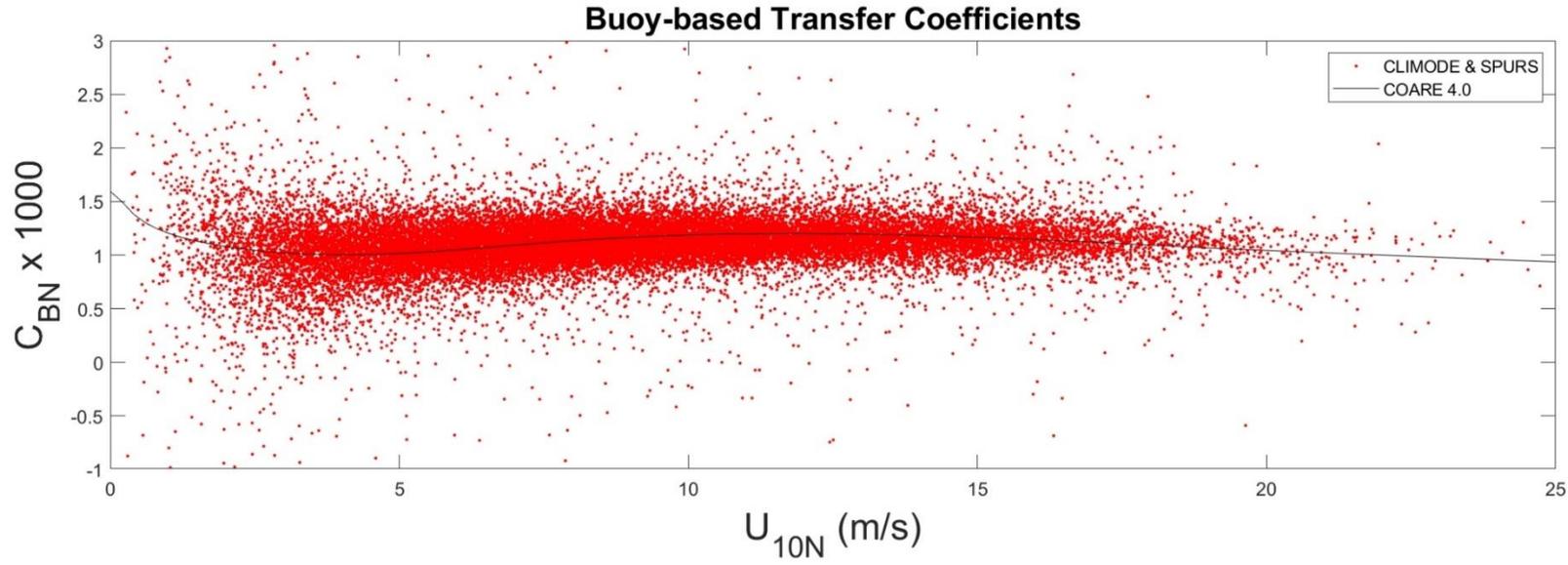
Buoyancy Flux: $Q_B \cong \rho_a c_p \overline{wT_v} \cong \rho_a c_p C_B S_r \Delta \Theta_v$

$$\cong \rho_a c_p (\overline{wT} + 0.51 \Theta \overline{wq})$$

Transfer Coefficients

Buoy-based Transfer Coefficients

$$C_{BN} = -\frac{\overline{wT_v}}{\Delta\Theta_v \Delta U_N G} = C_{DN}^{1/2} \left(\frac{\kappa}{\ln(z/z_{oB})} \right)$$



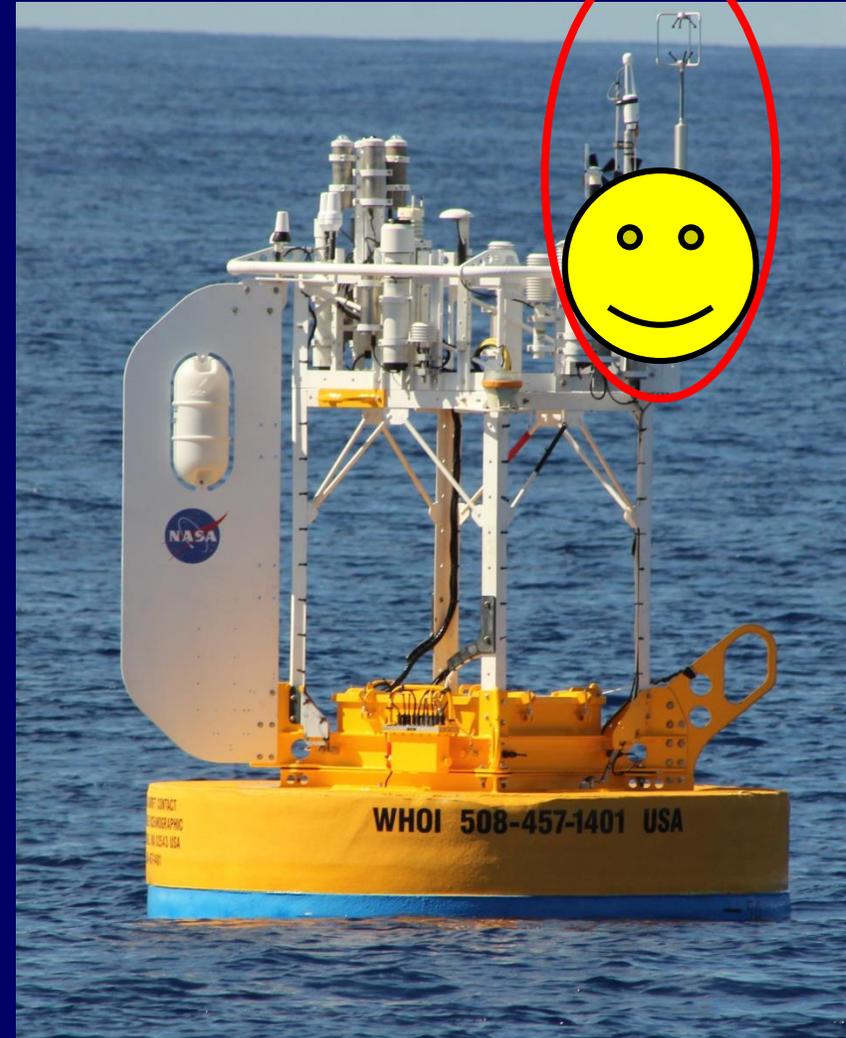
Challenge: Latent Heat Flux from Buoys

SPURS-1



Closed Path

SPURS-2



Open Path

Buoy-based Transfer Coefficients

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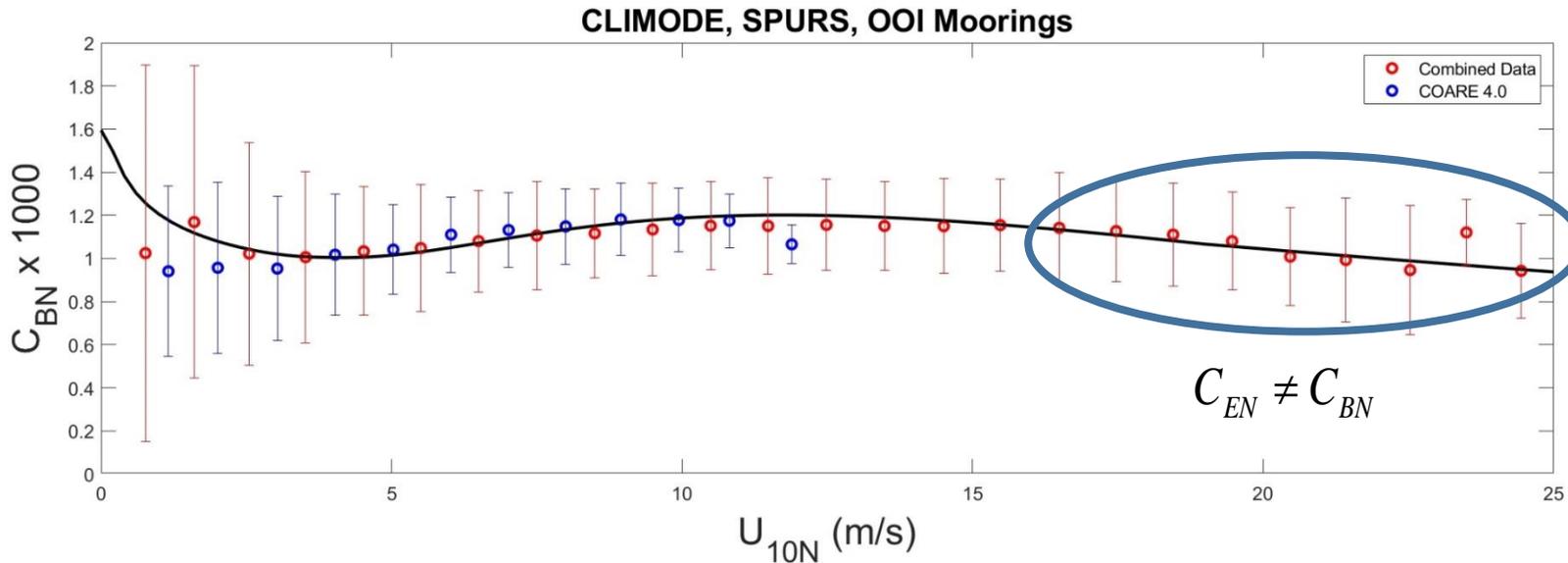
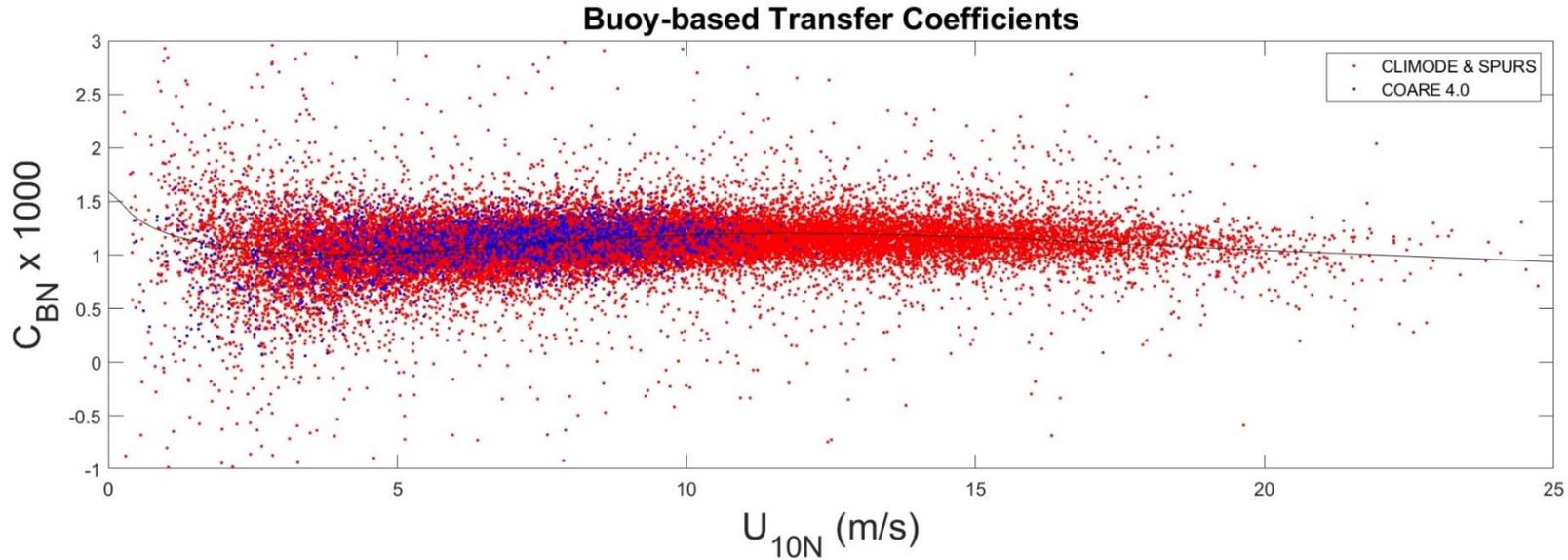
$$C_{EN} = -\frac{\overline{wq}}{\Delta Q \Delta U_N G}$$

Not particularly different from COARE 3.5

Drag coefficient is in very good agreement with COARE 3.5

INCOIS Mooring looks very promising.

Hope to add a IRGA to XSpar



**Combine Buoy & Ship Fluxes to Parameterize
the Dalton & Stanton Numbers**

Ship-based Flux Systems



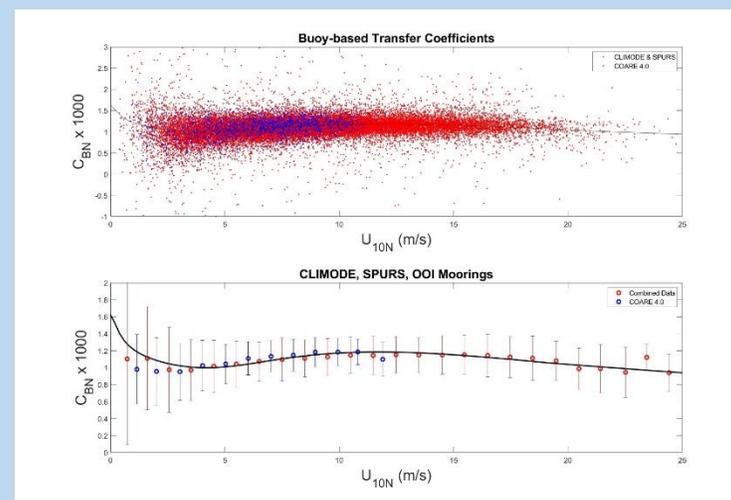
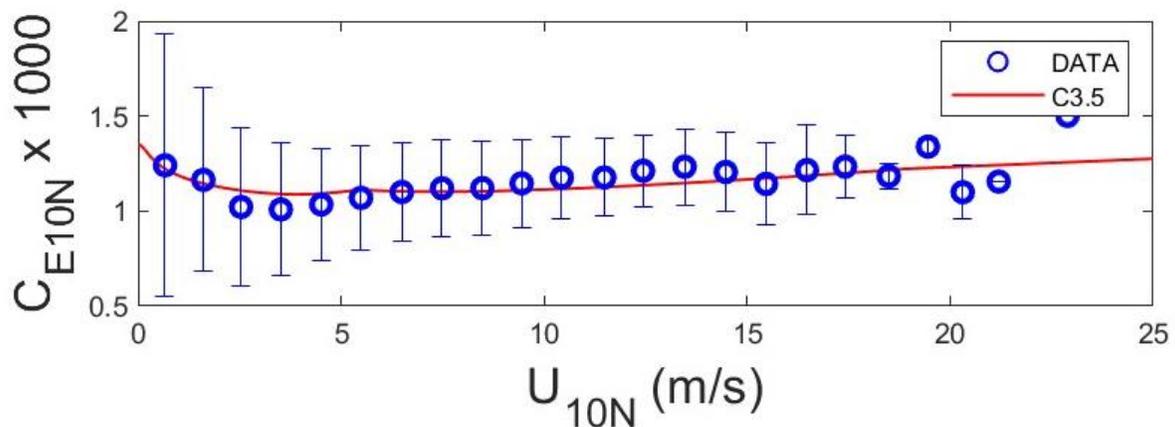
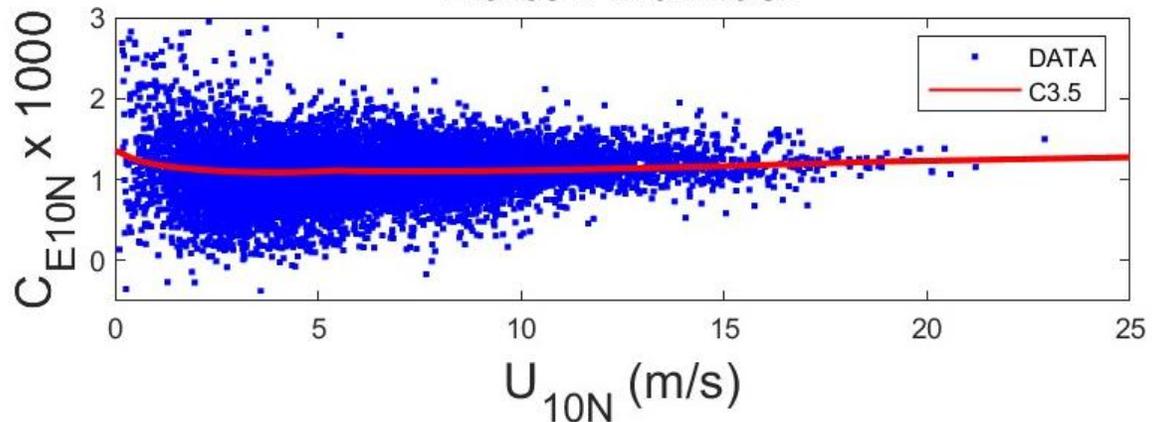
- DCFS.
- Open path hygrometers
- Closed path hygrometer
- Aspirated RH/T sensors
- Solar/IR sensors
- Optical rain gauge
- Self-siphoning rain gauge

Challenge: Reduce Flow Distortion

- Optimal placement of sensors based on wind tunnel results and high-resolution models.
- Empirical corrections for flow distortion on the means based on LIDAR and other measurements.
- New methodologies for reduced flow distortion such as
 - Landwehr, S., N. O'Sullivan, and B. Ward, 2015: Direct flux measurements from mobile platforms at sea: Motion and airflow distortion corrections revisited. *J. Atmos. Oceanic. Tech.*, 32, 1163- 1178.

Ship & Buoy-based Dalton Numbers

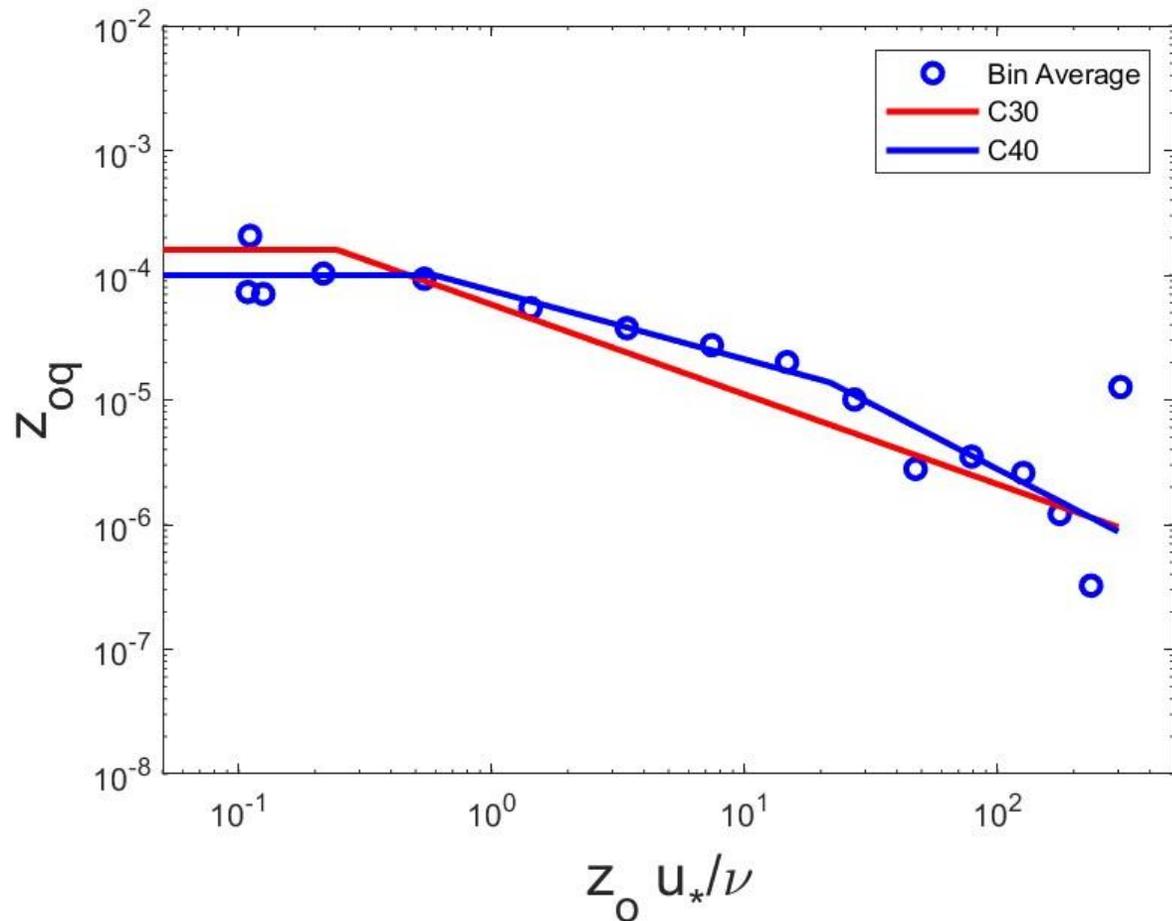
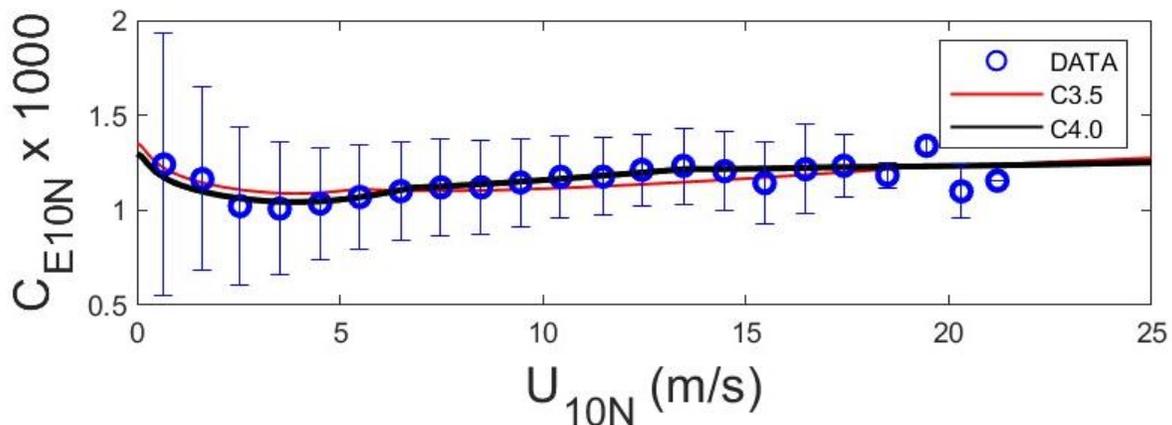
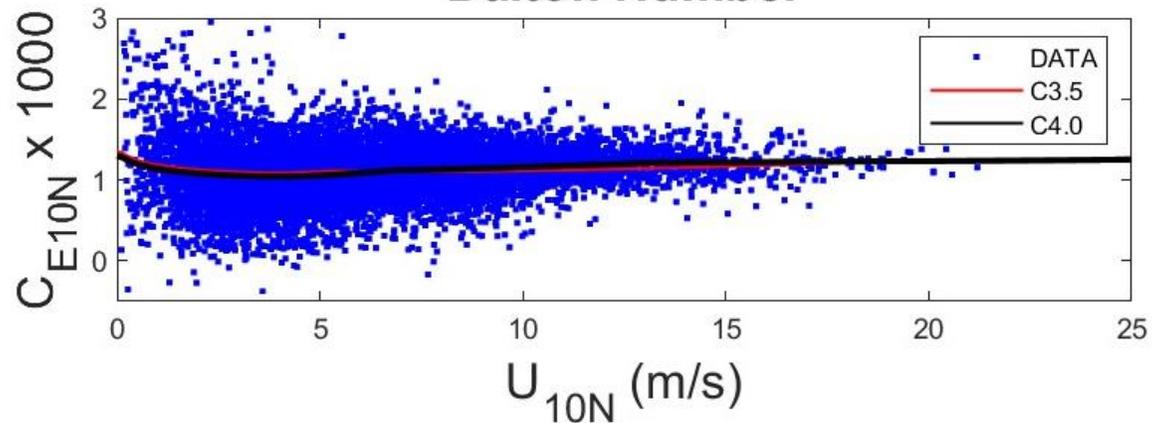
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Ship & Buoy-based Dalton Numbers

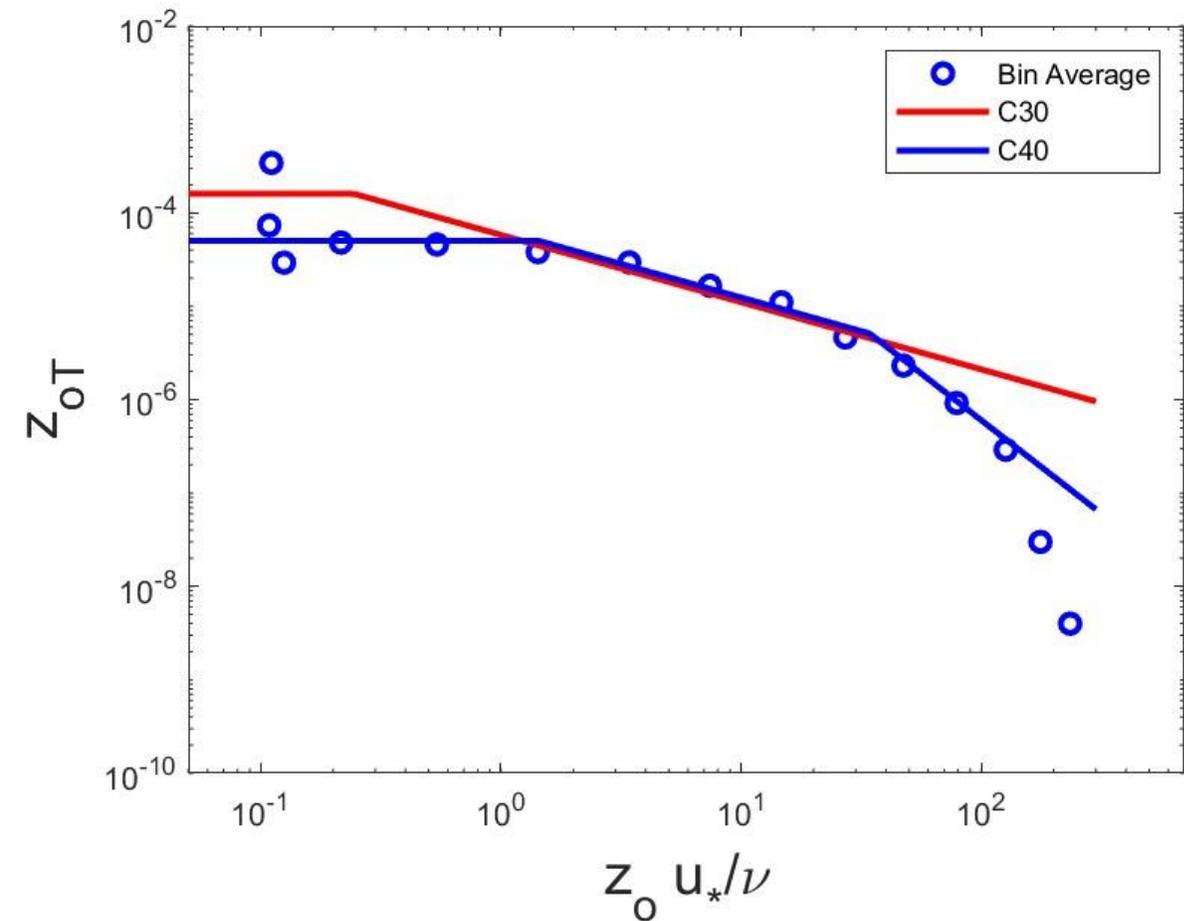
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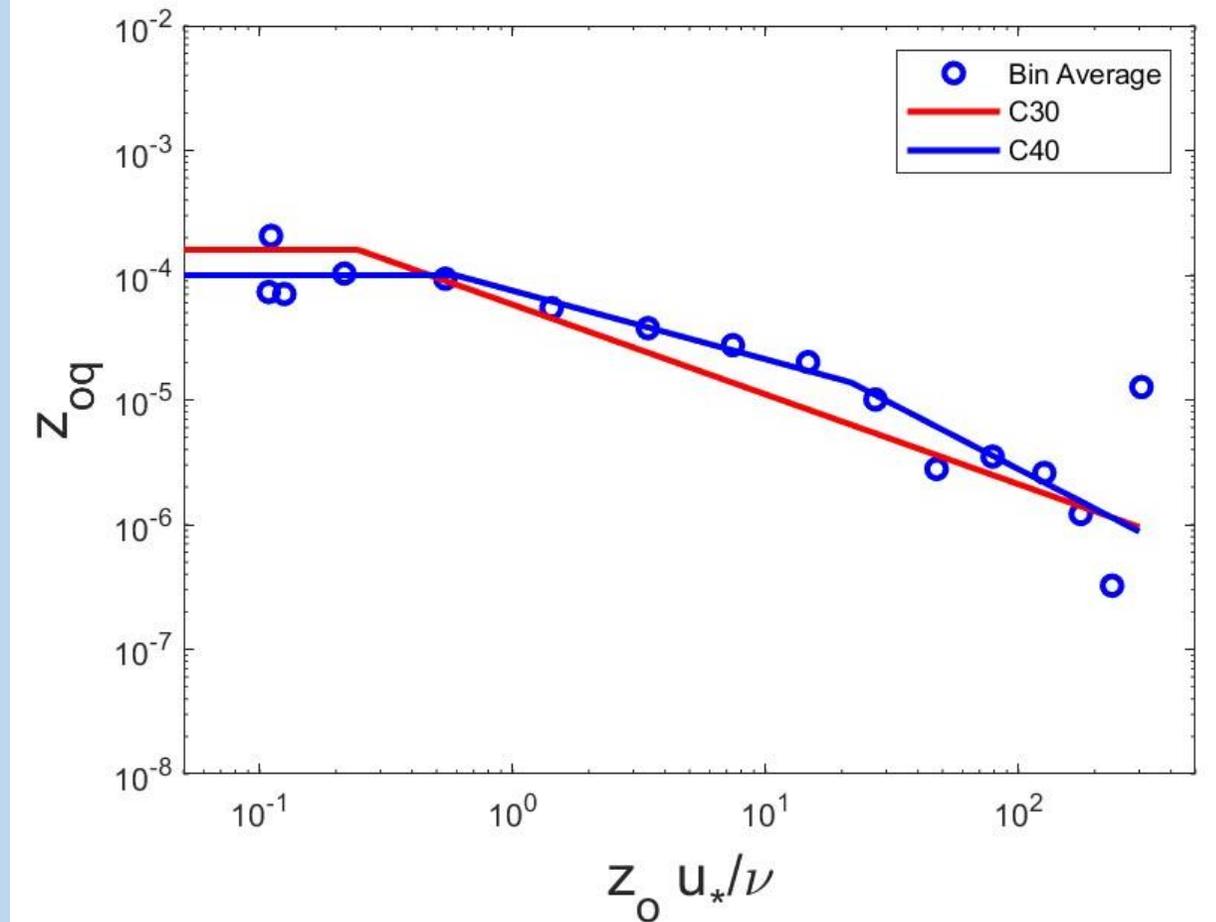
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$$z_{oq} = f\left(\frac{z_o u_*}{\nu}\right)$$

Ship & Buoy-based Dalton Numbers



$$Z_{oT} = f\left(\frac{z_o u_*}{\nu}\right)$$



$$Z_{oq} = f\left(\frac{z_o u_*}{\nu}\right)$$

A NEW PLATFORM

2020 Hurricane Season

Epsilon



Very Active Hurricane Season

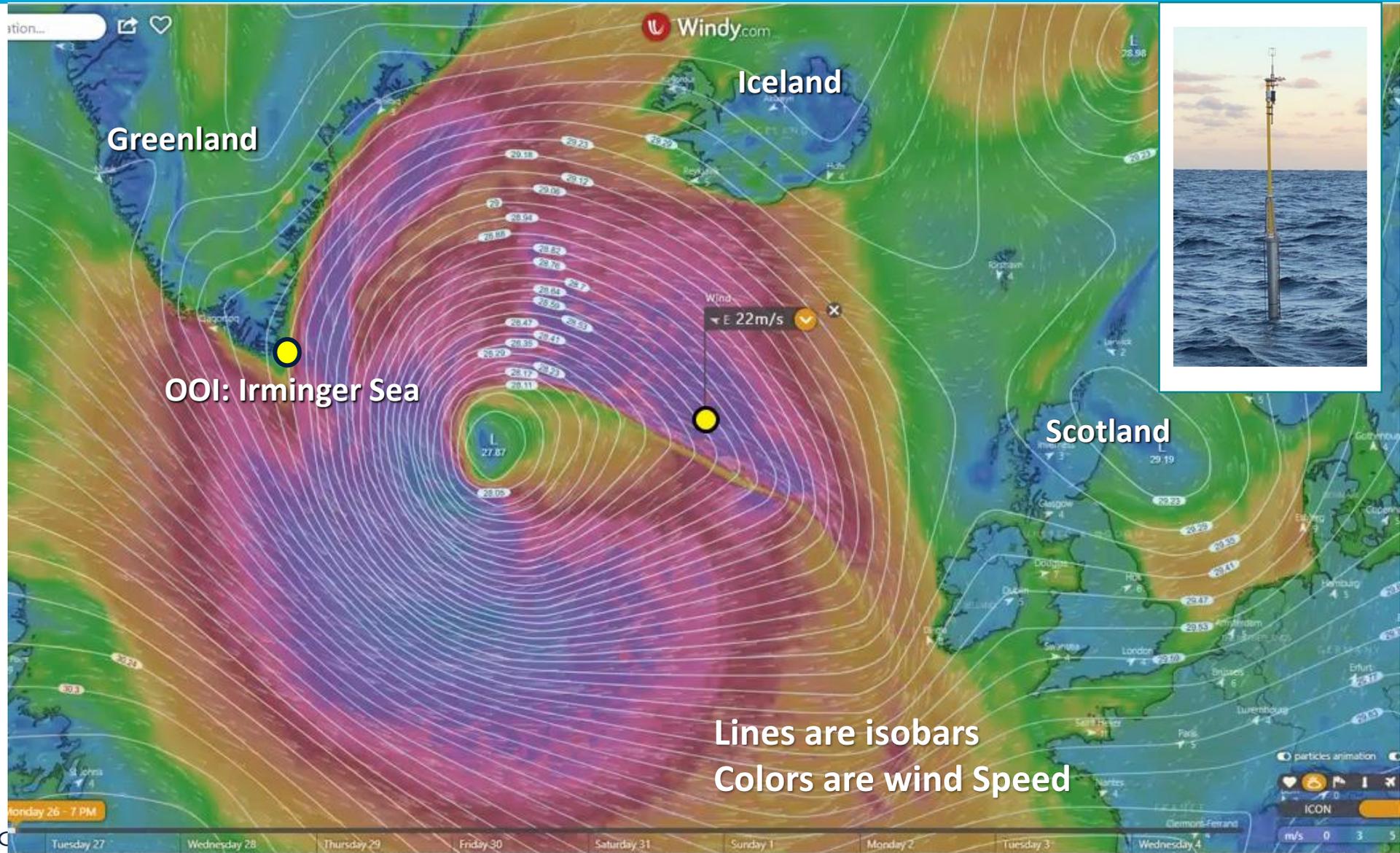
- 30 Named Storms from Arthur to Iota
- 14 Hurricanes
- 7 Major Hurricanes
- 11 Storms made landfall
- 6 as Hurricanes



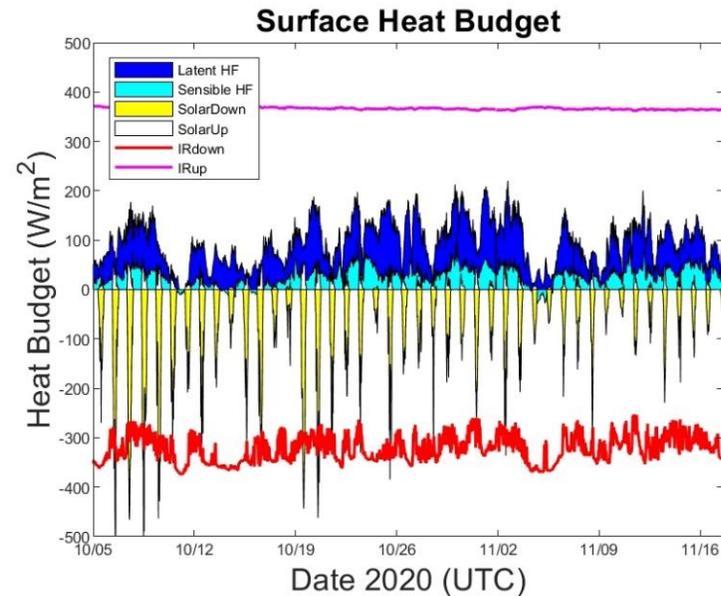
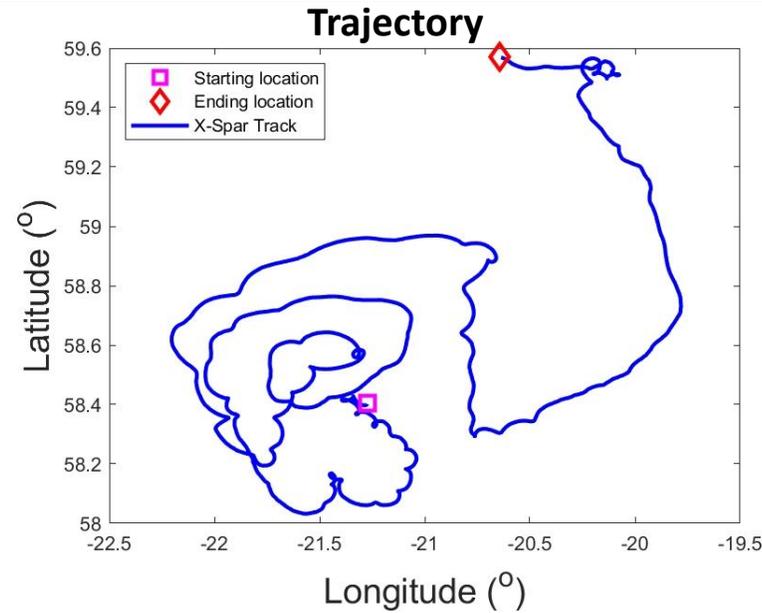
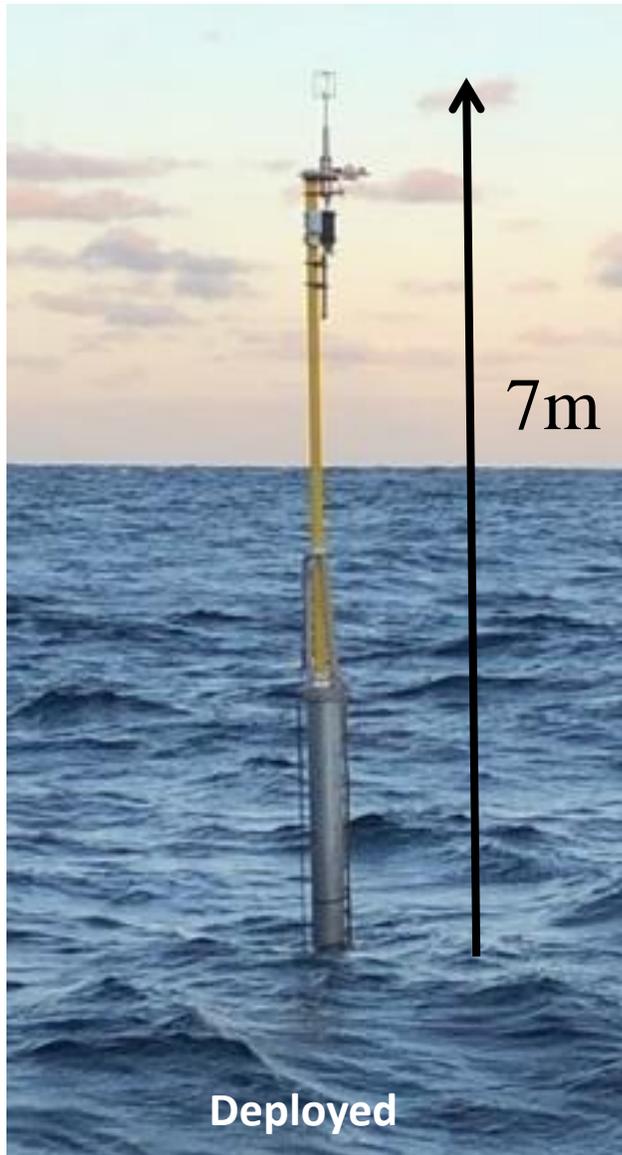
WHOI Science + Engineering = X-Spar



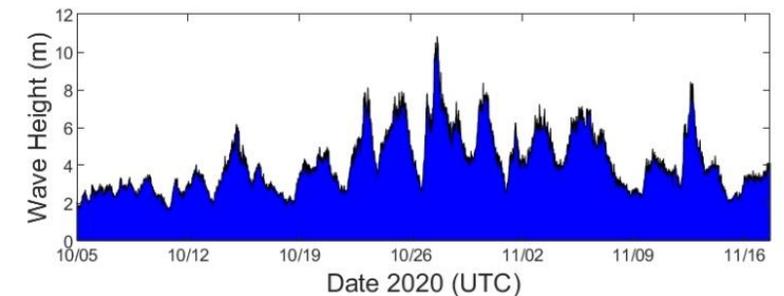
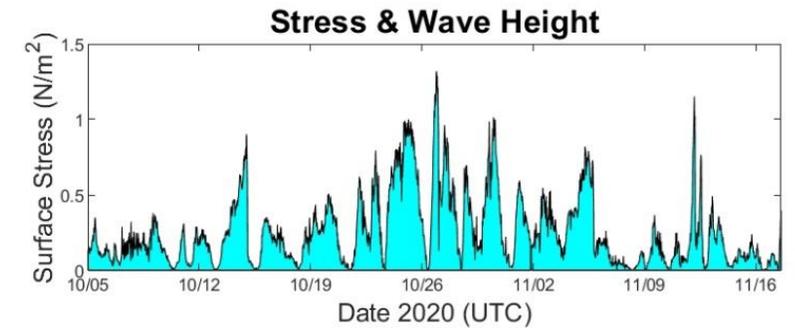
Through the Eye of Epsilon



The Drifting eXpendible Spar Buoy (X-Spar)



- Real-time direct covariance platform for stress and buoyancy fluxes.
- Battery pack could run DCFS for 14 months
- It could run a DCFS/IRGA for ~10 months to measure latent and sensible heat flux



Summary

- Marine physicists have made significant progress in recent decades in our ability to directly measure surface fluxes from research vessels, moored buoys and, most recently, mobile platforms.
- These platforms utilize Direct Covariance Flux Systems (DCFS) to remove platform motion from the measured wind speeds to measure the flux directly.
- Over the past decade or so, researchers have begun to collect long time series, O(year), of momentum and buoyancy fluxes from surface moorings that experience less flow distortion over a wider range of conditions.
- The accuracy of the COARE transfer coefficients continues to improve over a wind range of wind speeds.
- Understanding the relationship of the transfer coefficients to wave driven processes at low winds and their behavior at high to extreme winds remain major objectives.
- This includes sensors to measure latent heat fluxes on research moorings and some mobile platforms to improve the heat flux parameterizations at all wind speed.
- Recent result suggest that the heat and moisture coefficients are different, which will impact model output and global budgets.

THANK YOU

Relative Velocity

$$C_{DN}(z/z_0) = \frac{-\overline{uW}}{\Delta U_N G} = \left(\frac{\kappa}{\ln(z/z_0)} \right)^2$$

