OOI Global Array: PAPA

What is there? Why is it there and what it can measure? What can't it do?

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OOI science themes driving global component

Carbon cycle and acidification

sequestration is global, depends on open-ocean phys./biol. processes

Ocean-Atmosphere exchange

heat, momentum, freshwater fluxes/budgets are set in the open ocean

Ocean Circulation

sets biogeochem.inventories&spreading, propag. of signals, stratification&mixing

Climate and ecosystems

variability has basin-scale mechanisms/footprints, ecosystem impacts

Global carbon cycle processes and acidification



Observe fluxes and inventory changes, AND physical/ biological processes that determine and EQ modulate them



Contrasting ocean productivity regimes



Circulation variability

SEA SURFACE HEIGHT VARIABILITY













An Observational and Numerical Investigation of the Climatological Heat and Salt Balances at OWS Papa

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FIG. 3. Mean annual cycle of monthly surface heat flux (squares) and of the heat flux inferred from monthly changes in heat content above 200-m depth (triangles), with vertical bars indicating the uncertainty in the latter. The estimated error in the former is 15 W m⁻² (appendix).



FIG. 5. Twenty-one year time series of observed (solid traces) and modeled (dotted traces) monthly mean mixed isothermal depth h_T , sea surface temperature SST, and sea surface salinity SSS. Also shown are modeled-observed differences, Δ , in h_T and SST. Modeled results are from experiment I with both heat and salt flux correction.

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Part I: The heat and momentum balances

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ABSTRACT

Time-series observations of the upper mixed layer of the ocean are presented for a six-week period at Ocean Station Papa in the northeast Pacific Ocean. These observations indicate the rate and extent of the wind-induced deepening of the mixed layer during the passage of several weather disturbances. The formation of the shallow layer of warm water that occurs under conditions of low winds and intense solar heating is also evident. A numerical model, developed by Denman, accurately predicts the behavior of the upper ocean during a 12-day period for which observed values of wind speed, solar radiation, and back radiation are used as input. To obtain realistic results, a value of 0.0012 for the ratio of the potential energy increase of the water column to the downaward transfer rate of turbulent energy by the wind stress is used. This value is in agreement with that obtained from previous laboratory experiments (0.0015) indicating that the results obtained from such experiments are transferable to open ocean conditions.

Ocean Weather Station Papa

 Frequently used for validation and tuning of 1D mixed layer models

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- Located in N.E. Pacific at 50N, 145W
- Ran Kraus-Turner and KPP models for one year starting in March 1961 (same as Large et al 1994)
- Used vertical resolutions of 0.5m, 2m, 5 and 10m
- Forcing fluxes calculated using bulk formulae (met data courtesy of Paul Martin)

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High winds, large waves Air-sea energy and gas exchange PDO variability

High nutrient, lower chlorophyll, micro-nutrient limitation to productivity in contrast to Irminger Sea Important fishery Lower eddy variability

Collaboration with PMEL; time series since WWII (Canadian); regional partnering



Profiler mooring – 4,219 m of water

- 150 m bioacoustic sonar (multifrequency acoustic backscatter)
- 164 m CTD
- 310 to 2,100 m wire following profiler
 - 2 wavelength fluorometer (chlorophyll-a conc., optical backscatter)
 - Dissolved oxygen
 - CTD
 - 3-D single point velocity
- 2,100 to 4,000 m wire following profiler
 - 2 wavelength fluorometer
 - Dissolved oxygen
 - CTD
 - 3-D single point velocity



Flanking moorings - 4,126 and 4,145 m depth

- 30, 40, 60, 90, 130, 180, 250 350, 500, 750, 1,000, 1,500m CTD
- 500 m upward looking 75 kHz ADCP
- 30 m dissolved oxygen
- 30 m pH
- 30 m 3 wavelength fluorometer
 - Fluorometric CDOM Concentration
 - Fluorometric Chlorophyll-a Concentration
 - Optical Backscatter



Gliders

- Patrol
 - Spatial sampling
 - Data link to flanking and profiler Moorings
- Profiling
 - Profiles to surface near profiler mooring



Gliders

- Patrol 3 gliders
 - Spatial sampling
 - Data link to flanking and profiler Moorings
 - CTD
 - Dissolved oxygen
 - 2-wavelength fluorometer



Gliders

- Profiling 2 gliders
 - Profiling to the surface near profiler mooring
 - CTD
 - Dissolved oxygen
 - 3-wavelength fluorometer
 - Nitrate
 - Photosynthetically available radiation



With collaborations, the PAPA array is^{50°20'N} a very capable observatory



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OOI PAPA

- Annual cruise
 - Possible ancillary sampling
 - In-situ calibration/validation
- Capacity and bandwidth



- Available capacity on the OOI platforms (mass, power, bandwidth)
- Proposal writing support
- Programmable sampling
 - Preserve climate record, assure power and bandwidth not compromised
 - Community directed sampling
- A site for process studies
- Data
 - OOI Data Portal and raw data download