Intrusion of Kuroshio water onto the continental shelf in the East China Sea and its influences on the ecosystem

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Figure 2. Schematic diagram for the annual phosphorus budget (numbers in 10⁹ mol yr⁻¹). Chen and Wang, JGR,1999

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Figure 3. Schematic diagram for the annual nitrogen budget (numbers in 10^9 mol yr⁻¹).

Chen and Wang, JGR, 1999

b. Winter



Zhang et al., 2004

unit: $\times 10^3$ mol/s



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We need an onshore flux from the Kuroshio to support the above results



1.2 Sv in Chen and Wang(1999), estimated by a box model Fig. 2. Mooring locations (triangles) are indicated in the Taiwan, Cheju, and Korea Straits. Wind observation positions (boxes with plus signs) are located near the Taiwan Strait, in the Yellow Sea, and in the Korea Strait. Bathymetry is in meters.



Fig. 3. Transports as a function of time (positive for flow to the north and east) are shown for the Korea Strait (blue line), Cheju Strait (red line), and Taiwan Strait (black line). Major wind events are marked by the light vertical lines numbered 1–9.



Fig. 5. Measured volume transports (a,b, and g), inferred (in parentheses) volume transports (c, d, e, and f), and climatological (in brackets) volume transports (h) and river outflows (i) are shown for October–December, 1999. Units are Sverdrups ($10^6 \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$).

Teague et al, CSR, 2003

As a annual mean, Tsushima St.: ~2.7 Sv Taiwan St.:1~2 Sv Kuroshio onshore flux: ~1 Sv (Autumn: $\sim 3 \text{ Sv}$) 1) What is the seasonal variation of Kuroshio onshore flux? 2) What is the spatial distribution of Kuroshio onshore flux? 3) What is the role of Kuroshio onshore flux in the material transport in the ECS? \rightarrow Examining results of numerical model

Ocean Model – POM97(Princeton Ocean Model)							
	Region	Grid	Forcing(wind/heat)		Lateral B.C	I.C.	
Nest1	40S -70N/	1/2	HR wind(1983)	ERS1&2 wind	Classed	$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V} = \boldsymbol{\eta} = 0$	
	100E -70W	deg.	Da Silva(1994)	Reynolds SST	Losed L	Levitus(1994)	
Nest2	0-63N	1/6	ibid	ibid	From Nest1	ibid	
	110 -175E	deg.	1014.	1010.	Prom Nesti	1010.	
Nest3	24-44N	1/18	ibid	ibid	From Nest?	From Nest?	
	118 -150E	deg.	ibid.	1010.	FIOHF INESt2	FIOIII INESUZ	





Guo et al., JPO, 2003.



Wind	Monthly HR(1983)	Weekly ERS1&2
WING	Monthly Lowity (1004)	Weekly Powelds (1004)
SST		weekly Reynolds(1994)
222	Monthly Levitus(1994)	Monthly Levitus(1994)
333	$M_{\text{resthles}} = \int G(1-\alpha(1004))$	M_{ext}
Net HF	Wonthly da Silva(1994)	Monthly da Silva(1994)





Observed data at PN-line (upper panels) for along-shelf geostrophic velocity referred to 100 m ADCP current data, potential temperature and salinity, and the corresponding model results of NEST3 (lower panels). The observed potential temperature and salinity data are averaged from 1973 to 1993; the model results are from 1994 to 1998. Regions with negative values of along-shelf velocity are shaded.



Time series of daily volume transport (thin line) and 90-day running mean (thick line). The first and second numbers in the bracket of each panel are the time average and standard deviation, respectively.





What is the spatial distribution of KOF (1.46Sv)?

The water budgets in the ECS and in the continental shelf of ECS as a mean state. The number shows volume transport (Sv) through each section; the arrow indicates the direction of volume transport.



Taiwan

continental shelf of the ECS.



Monthly anomaly of KOF at each grid point of the 200m-isobath (Jan-Dec, unit is 0.1 Sv, origin is shifted to the corresponding number of the month); the temporal average of KOF is also presented for reference (Ann, unit is 0.2 Sv).

Depth dependence of KOF and its variation



Time series of daily KOF(thin line) and its 90-day running mean (thick line) through the upper layer (a), two middle layers (b and c), and lower layer (d).



Passive tracer experiments

The calculation starts from 1993 with zero initial value over entire model domain and ends in 1998. During the calculation, the value of three tracers is fixed to 1.0 at three places denoted by Taiwan Strait, east of Taiwan and Yellow Sea and fixed to 0 at other places.



 $0.1 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.3 \quad 0.4 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.6 \quad 0.7 \quad 0.8 \quad 0.9 \quad 1.0$





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Summary

- KOF has a strong seasonal variation: ~0.5 Sv in summer and ~3 Sv in winter
- KOF has two major sources: northeast of Taiwan and southwest of Kyushu
- KOF has vertical structure: 0.68 Sv for 0-50 m, 0.27 Sv for 50 –150 m, 0.52 for 150 m bottom
- KOF has strong effects on material transport
- Mechanism: local effects (wind, rivers runoff, heating and cooling) and remote effects (variations in the Kuroshio)

Volume Transport across isobaths

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} curl_{z} \left(\frac{\overset{i}{M}}{H}\right) + \overset{r}{M} \bullet \nabla \left(\frac{f}{H}\right) =$$

$$J(\chi, H^{-1}) + curl_{z} \left(\frac{\overset{r}{\tau_{a}}}{\rho_{0}H}\right) - curl_{z} \left(\frac{\overset{v}{\tau_{b}}}{\rho_{0}H}\right) + curl_{z} \left(\frac{\overset{r}{D}}{H}\right) - curl_{z} \left(\frac{\overset{r}{A}}{H}\right)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\overset{r}{M} \bullet \nabla \left(\frac{f}{H}\right) = J(\chi, H^{-1}) + curl_{z} \left(\frac{\overset{r}{\tau_{a}}}{\rho_{0}H}\right) - curl_{z} \left(\frac{\overset{v}{\tau_{b}}}{\rho_{0}H}\right)$$















DIN \rightarrow DINC, DINT, DINK DIP \rightarrow DIPC, DIPT, DIPK

C: Changjiang, T: Taiwan Strait, K: Kuroshio









Thanks