

Good morning everyone, My name is Iwona Wrobel and I am PhD student at the Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Science. Today I want to show you my results from using FluxEngine software for calculating whitecapping coverage, momentum and air-sea CO₂ fluxes in the NA and the EU. I made this work as a part of my PhD and OceanFlux GHG Project with my tutor Jacek Piskozub.

Short outline: at first background, motivation, then I will show you results from calculating momentum and whitecapping fluxes. We just start working with this data and parameterization for them so I am open for some useful advice during coffee break. Next I show results from calculating air-sea CO₂ fluxes, which is a major topic of my presentation today. Then conclusion and future work.

So, we used FluxEngine toolbox created within OceanFlux GHG Project funded by European Space Agency which is right now open-source software toolbox for calculating air-sea exchange and data from all of those years are not updated, but when we started work within this project we tested it and checked correctness of the data. In our work we used satellite data, like wind-wave from GlobWave Project and in situ data.

Wind speed in the North Atlantic and the European Arctic is background for all our results. As we can see average of wind speed in this region is 9-10 m/s and almost all year is higher than that, only during summer the wind is weaker.

Seasonal covering.... High uncertainty in the size of the net Arctic Ocean sink of CO₂, shows a lack of coordinating in situ measurements and difficulties of logistical support, so potential alternative solutions lie in exploiting satellite data

We want to use this parameterization to estimate aerosol source fluxes and air bubble on gas flux. All of them were created using various effects and variables, what was already said at this conference. We choose 4 new and first one parameterizations to calculate whitecapping coverage fluxes. Here are the most popular figures, which we can already see. Mean wind speed in the NA is around 9-10 m/s so we can expect that Monahan and Sugihata parameterization are irrelevant for this region.

At first we calculated monthly fluxes of whitecapping coverage in global scale, in the North Atlantic, European Arctic and West Spitsbergen. At the North Atlantic wind speed is higher than at the other region, so we expect the difference between the parameterizations, there larger than around other parts. Even if we cross Monahan parameterizations. Result from Goddijn-Murphy, Hwang and Sletten, Stramska and Petelski and Schwendeman and Thompson parameterization are close to each other, in absolute value, especially in summer, in every region.

We choose 5 different parameterizations to calculate drag coefficient of momentum fluxes which depend on wind speed. All parameterizations were created for various conditions. The differences are not so big as earlier but as we can see that increasing of Cd at higher wind speed show that it depends on the varying sea state and how waves influence on this.

There is a lot of uncertainty to estimate air-sea CO₂ fluxes. Mostly because of the uncertainty in the process which influence on the gas transfer velocity, like in the surfactants or rain. Last year during SOCAT meeting, Wanninkhof, David Ho and Phil Nightingale found that all three quadratic parameterizations are interchangeable.

In my articles one of the most important results was calculating correlation between air-sea CO₂ fluxes and gas transfer velocity, partial pressure of CO₂ etc. Fluxes are strongly correlated with gas transfer than with pCO₂ in seawater. We also calculate fluxes for all the parameterizations. The results using cubic parameterizations are higher by up to 30% for WMcG and up to 50% for McG in global scale, and around 28% in Arctic and 45% in North Atlantic, compared to N2000. Quadratic parameterizations result in a net air-sea CO₂ fluxes in 4-5% for Ho and 3-4% for Wanninkhof, compared to N2000. Annual net air-sea CO₂ sink depending on formula used, varies from -0.3 PgC for N2000 to -0.56 PgC for McG.

During the processing of the data, we have noticed that the NA results for different k formulas are similar to the global ones. This result was interesting because NA winds are stronger than the global average ones. Was the flux result similarity caused by the fact that the parameterization were tuned to the NA area where many of the early measuring CO₂ fugacities were performed. It is not quite true. We found two reasons for that. The first one is the fact that most of the k functions intersect close to 9 m/s, the typical NA wind speeds. The wind speed of the intersection has to be higher than global wind speed averages because discrepancies between different parameterizations increase with wind speed. The NA region seems to have by chance just the right average wind speed to make the parameterizations resulting in similar annual fluxes.

However there is a second reason for smaller inter-parameterizations discrepancies in the NA than many other ocean basins. The NA CO₂ fluxes are downward in every month. In many regions of the world, the direction of the flux changes between the winter and summer, with wind speed much stronger in the cold season. We show, using the actual formulas that in such a case the differences between the parameterizations partly cancel out which is not the case when the flux never changes its direction.

We also compare air-sea CO₂ fluxes climatologies from Takahashi with the re-analysed SOCAT version 1.5 and 2.0. In the case of NA study area, although the monthly values show large differences but in the Arctic they are opposite to each other, due to extrapolation.

With increasing of gas transfer velocity, air-sea CO₂ fluxes became more negative, as a result of higher values of wind speed, especially in winter. In summer fluxes are weaker when values of wind speed is smaller, but most due to increase of pCO₂ in seawater, than wind speed (sea-ice melting, temperature of water rise, marine biological activity increases)

The fluxes are negative because of their relative with low pCO₂. We can see now, that pCO₂ in seawater increase and with this fluxes became positive, what means that more CO₂ stay in atmosphere.

Spatial resolution of air-sea CO₂ fluxes. The area, as a whole, is a sink of CO₂, but in some regions, close to North Atlantic Drift and East Greenland Current is net source. At these maps we can see variability affected by physical process and biological activity. For example, the areas at the south became CO₂ source in summer and autumn due to sea-water changes.

Difference in pCO₂ between August and February indicate that inside Arctic Fjords and near the lands, Arctic water are places where physical process exceeds biological CO₂ uptake due to runoff from lands but in the open water of the Arctic Ocean, the relations is