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DAMOCLES 2008-2011 - Hamburg Arctic Ocean Buoy Drift Experiment: meteorological measurements of 9 autonomous drifting ice buoys

Summary

This dataset contains data collected by 9 drifting autonoumous ice buoys (Metocean PAWS) in the 'Hamburg Arctic Buoy Drift Experiment DAMOCLES 2008-2009' (shortened DAMOCLES2008). Seven buoys were deployed in the Canadian sector of the Arctic Ocean in late April 2008. Two more buoys were deployed in the Beaufort Sea and in the Laptev Sea in September and October 2008. The platforms report position, atmospheric pressure, temperature and humidity, wind speed and ice temperature at 3-hourly time steps. The last two buoys additionally report wind direction.

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1. Data Set Overview

This data set comprises one datafile including data of 9 buoys. Parameters are time, position, sea level pressure, air temperature, sea ice temperature, relative humidity and wind. Wind direction is hardly usable as heading information is only available from two of the buoys and the local magnetic declination is unknown. Included are text (csv) and NetCDF versions of the data.

Data Set Identification

DAMOCLES2008_paws_buoy

Objective/ Purpose

The field experiment DAMOCLES 2008 (Hamburg Arctic Ocean Buoy Drift Experiment DAMOCLES 2008-2009) consisted of the deployment and tracking of 9 drifting autonomous buoys in the Arctic Ocean. Seven buoys were deployed in the Canadian sector of the Arctic Ocean in late April 2008. Two more buoys were deployed in the Beaufort Sea and in the Laptev Sea in September and October 2008.

Tracking the position of individual buoys yields the motion field of sea ice in the area covered by the buoys. From the measurement of sea level pressure the pressure field can be calculated. Thus the relationship between geostrophic wind forcing and ice drift can be analyzed. This investigation is supported by measurement of wind speed (and direction). The dataset is suited for comparison with numerical models (operational, reanalysis or case studies) and validation of satellite and model derived ice motion.

Summary of Parameters

Latitude Longitude Sea level pressure Air Temperature Sea Ice Temperature Relative Humidity Wind speed Wind direction (is of limited use as the platform heading is only known for two of the buoys and the local magnetic declination had to b known)

Values are reported at 3-hourly timesteps.

Related Datasets

FRAMZY2009_calib_buoy one buoy (329410) of DAMOCLES2008 operated in the same area at the same time as the FRAMZY 2009 buoys DAMOCLES2007_calib_buoy FRAMZY2008_calib_buoy

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3. Project

Framework, Project, Campaign

DAMOCLES2008 is a contribution to European integrated project DAMOCLES (Developing Arctic Modeling and Observing Capabilities for Long-term Environmental Studies) which is funded by the European Union. DAMOCLES is a contribution to IPY 2007-2008 (International Polar Year).

Participating Institutions and Companies

Meteorological Institute, University of Hamburg, Germany

Acknowledgement

4. Data Description

Parameter or Variable

This table lists the parameters included in the data files. Standard name is given if an adequate CF-standard name exists. The last two rows indicate that time is represented in the text and NetCDF files in different ways.

Name	Standard Name	Description	csv	nc
Time	time	Date and time	х	
Time	time	Date and time in seconds since 2008-01-01		x
Time String		Time string in human readable format		x
JHOUR		Julian hour since start of the current year, starts at zero at beginning of each year	x	x
Pressure (BP)	air_pressure_at_sea_level		х	x
Pressure tendency (BPT)		Difference between current and last pressure reading	x	x
Ice Temperature (SST)	sea_ice_temperature	Metocean calls it Sea Surface Temperature SST by mistake	x	x
Air Temperature (AT)	air_temperature		x	x
Relative Humidity (RH)	relative_humidity		x	x

Scalar Wind Speed (SWS)	wind_speed	Difference to WS is unclear	x	x
Vector Wind Speed (WS)		Difference to SWS is unclear	x	x
Wind Direction (UVWD)		Unit vector wind direction. Difference to WD is unclear	x	x
Wind Direction (WD)	wind_from_direction	Difference to UVWD is unclear	x	х
Heading (HDG)	platform_orientation	only for buoys 329380 and 329410	х	х
Pitch (PITCH)	platform_pitch_angle	only for buoys 329380 and 329410	х	х
Roll (ROLL)	platform_roll_angle	only for buoys 329380 and 329410	х	х
Latitude (LAT)	latitude		х	х
Longitude (LON)	longitude		х	х
Battery Voltage (VBAT)			x	x
SBD On Time (SBDTIME)		total time the Iridium modem was on for the last transmission	x	x
GPSFIXJHOUR (GPSFIXJHOUR)		Jhour of last succesful GPS fix	x	x
Time to first fix (TTFF)			x	x
Report Body		Complete data message as hexadezimal string. 52 with and 44 characters without hdg, pitch and roll	x	x

Parameter description and range

Name, standard name, and unit are shown in the table above. Detailed description of sensor characteristics, accuracy, and precision are given in <u>Section 5 'Data Acquisition and Processing'</u>. The data file contains additional diagnostical parameters like battery voltage. Details are given below and in the 'Assembly and deployment manual' (<u>Section 8 'References and</u> <u>Related Publications'</u>).

Spatial Characteristics

Seven buoys were deployed in the western sector of Arctic Ocean in spring. Two more buoys were deployed by RV Polarstern in the East Siberian Sea and in the Laptev Sea in autumn.

Spatial Coverage

Minimum Longitude: -166 E Maximum Longitude: 121 E Minimum Latitude: 80.5 N Maximum Latitude: 86.5 N

These values only apply to start positions.

Spatial Coverage Maps



Deployment positions of 9 buoys. Buoys H (7) and I (8) were deployed in autumn of 2008.



Drift trajectories of buoys; individual buoys are coded by color.



Drift trajectories of buoys, drift distances in one month are marked by colours.

Temporal Characteristics

Temporal Coverage

The data set covers a period from 12 April 2008 which is the date of installation of the first buoy to August 2011. Data coverage has interruptions and varies between buoys.



Timeline of DAMOCLES 2008 buoys

Temporal Resolution

Values are reportes on 3-hourly timesteps. See Section 6 'Data Acquisition' for details on sampling and averaging.

Buoy list

1 A B C D E F F F H S C C F H C	326420 321420 321430 141100 146100 329380 329410 338180	$\begin{array}{c} 2008 - 04 - 13\\ 2008 - 04 - 13\\ 2008 - 04 - 14\\ 2008 - 04 - 13\\ 2008 - 04 - 12\\ 2008 - 04 - 12\\ 2008 - 09 - 21\\ 2008 - 10 - 03\\ 2008 - 04 - 12\end{array}$	2011-08-29 2009-01-13 2009-07-20 2010-08-20 2009-02-21 2010-07-03 2010-03-16
9 G	338180	2008-04-12	2009-07-23

Projection

Positions are given in geographic Lat/Lon coordinates.

Grid Description

Measured values are given along a trajectory.

5. Data Acquisition and Processing

Theory of Measurement

The buoy consists of a surface unit which is deployed in a hole drilled into the ice. It accomodates the electronics, batteries and the ice temperature sensor, which is placed 40 cm below the surface. Mounted on the surface unit is a mast which holds the sheltered air temperature and humidity sensor, the GPS and the Iridium antennas. At a second mast the wind sensor and a compass are mounted at a height of about 2 m. Position is determined by Global Positioning System (GPS). Data are submitted in 3-hourly intervalls via Iridium satellite link.

Details about the buoy can be obtained from MetOcean: www.metocean.com

Sensor/Instrument Description

The deployed buoys are of type PAWS (Polar Area Weather Station) manufactured by MetOcean, Canada.

Air Temperature: ISY Model 44032 Encased Thermistor Sea Ice Temperature: ISY Model 44032 Encased Thermistor Pressure: Vaisala PTB-110 Pressure Sensor Relative Humidity: HMP45D Wind: RM Young anemometer (#05103AP-10) and PNI TCM2 compass Position: GPS Jupiter 21



PAWS buoy after deployment. On the left are shielded sensors for temperature and humidity and the antenna for GPS and IRIDIUM. On the right is the pole with wind sensors.

Procedure

Buoys were installed with aid of a Twin-Otter airplane by a technician. The installation procedure is described in the 'PAWS Assembly and deployment manual'. Basis of this operation was the drifting polar schooner Tara.

Measurements are performed every three hours. After system activation and self-calibration each sensor is sampled 20 times. The sampling procedure takes no more than 90 seconds. Therefore all measurments represent point measurements without averaging in time.

GPS position is acquired every three hours as far as a position fix is successful. If a position fix was not possible the last known position is transmitted (see JHOUR and GPSFIXJHOUR).

The PAWS manual states that wind direction (wd) and unit vector wind direction (uvwd) are computed by the system. The geomagnetic heading is known to the system but is included in the data record only for two of the buoys.

Sources of Error (Acquisition)

Air temperature and humidity sensors are affected by standard error sources like e.g. radiation. Additionaly the arctic conditions can cause problems like icing and snow cover.

The pressure sensor might be affected by ice or snow overing the air intake.

The ice temperature is measured in a depth of 40 cm below the surface. The sensor is placed inside the buoy hull which might not always be in direct contact to the ice. It is possible, that there is air, snow or melt water between the hull and the ice.

The wind sensor is highly error-prone. Wind direction is unreliable under calm conditions as the wind vane might not line up with the wind direction. Under conditions with high turbulence the short measurement intervall might only represent a snapshot and not the overall conditions. A serious problem in the Arctic is icing of the propeller and/or wind vane or even the destruction of parts of the sensor.

Data Handling

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Final raw data is provided by ARGOS on CD. During the field phase, near-realtime data was obtained online.

Quality Checks and Data Processing

The internal processing is described in the 'PAWS Assembly and Deployment Manual'. A secondary processing did not take place.

Sources of Error (Processing)

The conversion of text files (csv) to NetCDF has been checked thoroughly, but errors can not be excluded.

6. Data Quality, Errors, Usage Guidance

Assumptions and Data Uncertainty

As stated above, 3 hourly values represent point measurement in time and space. Therefore the data may be of limited representativeness.

Data Quality Assessment and Validation

In general, the data is in good agreement to model output and other observation. The behaviour of the buoys and sensors does not differ from earlier field experiments with comparable platforms.

Error Sources

See above.

Usage Guidance

It should be pointed out again, that the wind data is highly questionable and must be used with caution.

6. Data Access and Tools

File and Directory Structure

This dataset contains data in two formats. First is a comma separated textfile, originating from Metocean. Second is a NetCDF file containing exactly the same data, except for some data line duplicates. Each file represents data of one single buoy. The text files are different for buoys with or without report of heading, pitch and roll. The text files representing buoys 7 and 8 contain three additional columns for heading, pitch and roll and the report body has 52 instead of 44 characters. The decompsition of the report body string is described in the 'PAWS Assembly and Deployment Manual'. It also explains the precision and bounds of the transmitted values.

Missing values are not flagged in the raw data but zeros appear. It is not in all cases transparent if the sensor reading is zero or the value is missing.

File format

The CERA-DB holds one tar-archive file containing single NetCDF- and CSV-files for each buoy.

Sample Data Record (CSV)

First two lines of the file 'IRIDIUM_300034012141100_1280841147112.csv'. The first line names the parameters and is not repeated.

Date (GMT),Date (EDT),JHOUR,BP,BPT,SST,AT,RH,SWS,WS,UVWD,WD,LAT,LON,VBAT,SBDTIME,GPSFIXJHOUR,TTFF,Report Body 2010-08-03 12:07:01,2010-08-03 08:07:01 EDT,5148,1003,-0.9,0.6,1.9,94,3.75,3.75,112.64,112.64,78.8715,-71.40618,13.9,75,5148,36,5070bf4f697a6bbc0f0f5050e50bf49a51aa6541c090,

First two lines of the file 'IRIDIUM_300034012329380_1280842432037.csv'. The first line names the parameters and is not repeated. Note the additional parameters, heading, pitch and roll and the longer report body string.

Sample Data Record (NetCDF)

The subsequent section shows the definition section of the datafile 'DAMOCLES2008_paws_buoy_141100.nc' in CDL notation (CDL: network Common data form Description Language).

```
netcdf DAMOCLES2008 paws buoy 141100 {
dimensions:
timestr_len = 20
                                          reportstr len = 44 ;
time = 6876 ;
                                    clime = cont ;
es:
int buoy_nr;
Doug_nr:units = "1";
buoy_nr:long_name = "buoy_number";
int buoy_id;
Doug_id:long_name = "buoy_id";
int time(time);
    time:standard_name = "time";
    time:long_name = "time";
    time:long_name = "time";
    time:axis = "T";
    time:calendar = "standard";
    char timestring(time, timestr len);
        timestring:units = "1";
        timestring:long_name = "time of measurement";
        timestring:long_name = "timestring:long_name = "timestring:long_namestring:long_namestring:long_namestring:long_namestring:long_namestring:long_namestring:long_namestring:long_namestring:long_namestring:long_namestring:long_namestring:long_namestring:long_namestrin
variables:
                                         timestring.iong_name = time of modeline i
float jhour(time) ;
     jhour:units = "hour";
     jhour:long name = "julian hours since start of current year";
     jhour:coordinates = "time";
                                          bp pressure:coordinates = "time";
float bpt pressuretendency(time);
    bpt pressuretendency:units = "hPa";
    bpt pressuretendency:long name = "sea level pressure difference to last measurement";
    bpt pressuretendency:coordinates = "time";
float sst icetemperature(time);
    sst icetemperature:standard name = "sea ice temperature";
    sst_icetemperature:long name = "sea ice temperature 40cm below surface";
    sst_icetemperature:coordinates = "time";
float a airtemperature(time);
```

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ttff ttff:long name = "Time to first fix" ;
    ttff_ttff:coordinates = "time" ;
    char reportbody(time, reportstr len) ;
        reportbody:units = "1" ;
        reportbody:long name = "Reportbody hexadecimal raw data string" ;
        reportbody:coordinates = "time" ;
// global attributes:
        :Conventions = "CF-1.4" ;
        :CF:featureType = "trajectory" ;
```

File naming convention

Example: 'DAMOCLES2008_paws_buoy_141100_raw.nc' File names are composed of experiment acronym (DAMOCLES2008), platform name (paws), platform type (buoy), buoy identifier (141100) and file extension (.nc).

Example: 'IRIDIUM_300034012**141100**_1280841147112.csv' The buoy id is part of the filename.

File list

DAMOCLES2008 paws buoy 141100 raw.nc	
DAMOCLES2008 paws buoy 146100 raw.nc	
DAMOCLES2008 paws buoy 321420 raw.nc	
DAMOCLES2008 paws buoy 321430 raw.nc	
DAMOCLES2008 paws buoy 325420 raw.nc	
DAMOCLES2008 paws buoy 326420 raw.nc	
DAMOCLES2008 paws buoy 329380 raw.nc	
DAMOCLES2008 paws buoy 329410 raw.nc	
DAMOCLES2008_paws_buoy_338180_raw.nc	
IRIDIUM_300034012141100_1298455603380.c	sv
IRIDIUM_300034012146100_1280842040777.c	sv
IRIDIUM_300034012321420_1280842103782.c	sv
IRIDIUM_300034012321430_1280842155057.c	sv
IRIDIUM_300034012325420_1280842198513.c	sv
IRIDIUM_300034012326420_1298383282067.c	sv
IRIDIUM_300034012329380_1280842432037.c	sv
IRIDIUM_300034012329410_1280842489488.c	sv
IRIDIUM 300034012338180 1280842538335.c	sv

File size

13MB (DAMOCLES2008_paws_buoy.tar)

Fixity information

MD5 sum: ab440cec7605f01e3314bebea4383308 (DAMOCLES2008_paws_buoy.tar)

Access

The dataset is available from CERA-DB at WDC-Climate: http://cera-www.dkrz.de/WDCC/ui/Index.jsp

You have to apply for an account in order to access the data. Details are given on the website.

Access and Usage Restrictions

CERA-DB requires a registristation with confirmation by the data provider.

Volume

13MB

Software and Tools

Extracting the tar-archive is platform dependent. On Linux/Unix use 'tar' on command line, on Windows proprietary software (e.g. 7-ZIP, Winzip, etc) is needed.

Interfaces to the NetCDF format are available for a variety of programming languages (C, Fortran, Java, Perl, Python, R) and for environments like Matlab or IDL. See the NetCDF website for details: <u>http://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/</u>

7. References and Related Publications

Related Data Collections

The Meteorological Institute University Hamburg has operated several experiments utilising buoys of the same type in the

Arctic. Data is published on CERA-DB under the same project name (UNI_HH_MI_fielddata).

List of buoy datasets in the project UNI_HH_MI_fielddata:

FRAMZY2009_calib_buoy: position, temperature and pressure data of 6 autonomous drifting ice buoys DAMOCLES2008_paws_buoy: position, temperature, pressure and wind data of 9 autonomous drifting ice buoys FRAMZY2008_calib_buoy: position, temperature and pressure data of 6 autonomous drifting ice buoys DAMOCLES2007_calib_buoy: position, temperature and pressure data of 16 autonomous drifting ice buoys FRAMZY2007_calib_buoy: position, temperature and pressure data of 16 autonomous drifting ice buoys FRAMZY2007_calib_buoy: position, temperature and pressure data of 16 autonomous drifting ice buoys FRAMZY2007_calib_buoy: position, temperature, water temperature and pressure data of 13 autonomous drifting water buoys

LOFZY2005_xan_buoy: position, temperature and pressure data of 23 autonomous drifting water buoys ACSYS2003_calib_buoy: position, temperature and pressure data of 10 autonomous drifting ice buoys ACSYS2003_ibeacon_buoy: position, temperature and pressure data of one autonomous drifting ice buoy FRAMZY2002_calib_buoy: position, temperature and pressure data of 14 autonomous drifting ice buoys FRAMZY2002_ibeacon_buoy: position, temperature and pressure data of one autonomous drifting ice buoys BASIS2001_ibeacon_buoy: position, temperature, pressure and wind data of 2 autonomous buoys FRAMZY1999_calib_buoy: position, temperature and pressure data of 15 autonomous drifting ice buoys

International Arctic Buoy Programme (IABP) http://iabp.apl.washington.edu/

Numerous field experiments are carried out making use of autonomous drifting platform and manually operated platforms like drifting stations and ships. Check databases and repositories (e.g. <u>GCMD</u>, <u>IPYDIS</u>) for suitable datasets.

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8. Citation

When using or mentioning the dataset, it should be referenced as formal citation. If applicable the following proposal should be used:

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If this proposal is not suitable, please try to follow the IPYDIS recommendations for citing data sets under <u>http://ipydis.org/data/citations.html</u>.

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