THE JAPAN-TAIWAN JOINT SURVEY ON COMBINING OCEAN RADAR DATA IN THE KUROSHIO UPSTREAM REGION

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# End of NICT Ishigaki radar Started in 2001/07, but <u>Closed in 2010</u> due to the end of the land tenancy





### Present Ishigaki site

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In June, 2012
quick recovery within 2 years

### Yonaguni radar site and CODARs by TORI

- Still active, but radial velocity only
- Recently, many CODARs are deployed and maintained by TORI
  - Try to cooperate with TORI
    - with TORI and NICT, full upstream Kuroshio region will be covered



### **MOU** between HyARC and TORI

 MOU between TORI and HyARC, Nagoya Univ., the official provider of NICT ocean radar data
 2 years from 2012/1/1

Sharing Ocean Radar Data
 mutual data exchange via ftp servers

Sharing technical/scientific knowledge
 Data processing, error budgets of different ocean radars
 Separation of tidal & wind-driven components
 Mapping interpolations in space and time

Conduct joint surveys

### Joint survey in June, 2012

- TORI set test radar site at Sandiaojiao during 13-19 June, 2012. NICT keeps Ishigaki site.
- Simultaneous survey by both Japan and Taiwan R/Vs
  120° 121° 122° 123° 124° 125° 126° 127°
  - Japan; *Tansei-maru* 
    - Kyushu Univ.
    - Nagoya Univ.
    - Univ. of the Ryukyus
  - Taiwan; OR2
    - Nat. Taiwan Univ.TORI





### Taiwanese Ocean Researcher 2 Japanese Tansei-maru

### **Stations**



### Observed parameters

CTD, ADCP (OR2, Tansei-maru)
 Surface drifters (OR2, Tansei-maru)
 Turbulence in the surface layer (Tansei-maru)
 Electro-Magnetic field (Tansei-maru)





### Data Acquisition System

### USRP N210's SDR Interface





#### PCs for control and archive







# Received Signals (direct trans.)



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### SWH + Turbulence + vel. shear



 6/14 daytime, current direction rotates as inertia oscillations, with smaller vertical shear, SWH and turbulent dissp.

weaker wind stress?

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### Tracks of surface drifters



At A and B, 2 pairs of identical drifters were deployed
with/without 4-m length drogues at the 15-m depth

### Velocity diff. due to depth diff.



12-hour mean difference (Δu, Δv) just after the deployment on 15 June, 2012
 northwestward (-10.5 cm/s, 8.1 cm/s) at A
 northeastward (8.3 cm/s, 15.5 cm/s) at B

- Wind was 8-11 m/s N/NE/NW-ward, so that the velocity differences correspond to 1-2% of the wind speed
  - the same order to the speed factors of the Ekman current



### But on 16/June....



<u>Disagreement</u> with radar velocity

 in areas away from the radar sites?

### For other drifters on 15/June



Drifters with ~1m depth drogues • discrepancy even in an area close to the TORI radar site

weaker TORI or larger NICT?

## Radial velocities



Imbalance between TORI and NICT radial velocities?
 need detailed analysis

### Summary

- Japan-Taiwan cooperation for the combined radar data for full coverage of the Kuroshio upstream region is in progress
  - But, more refinements are necessary
- □ 1<sup>st</sup> joint survey was conducted in June, 2012
  - by *Tansei-maru* and *OR2* 
    - for CTD, ADCP, drifters, turbulence and EM field measurements
  - wind-driven surface currents are present, with magnitude of 1-2% of wind speed
    - wind-driven current and inertia oscillations need to be separated for "monitoring of the Kuroshio"
- Precise analysis will be coming soon.....

Thank you