Use of Geostationary Ocean Color Imagery (GOCI) maps for submesoscale oceanic process studies



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GOCI is a satellite-derived observational resource to

 provide ocean surface passive tracers (CHL, TSS, CDOM, etc) at hourly and 0.5 km resolutions in the operational mode (7day/week, 8-hour/day)

Identify the meso-/sub-mesoscale fronts and eddies

 require (maybe) independent subsurface/in-situ observations for integrated data analysis

Outline

- Definition of scale, mesoscale, and submesoscale
- (Coastal) Oceanic processes
- GOCI examples
- Research topics using GOCI maps
- Conclusion

Definition of scales



Scales can be defined in time and space..



Near the coast, shoaling waves typically have $\Box \Box$ seconds period and land-sea breezes change their directions at every $\Box \Box \Box$.





can be used as a nature-deriven-ruler.....

Spatial scales



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200 km x 600 km

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Oceanic processes in time and spatial scales



(Chelton 2001, Dickey et al, RG 2006; Kim 2015)



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 - Quasi Geostrophic theory (QG;k⁻³)
 - Surface QG (sQG; k^{-5/3})
 - Semi-geostrophic theory (SG; k^{-8/3})





Summary of submesoscale processes

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Geostationary Ocean Color Imagery (GOCI)

Specification

- GSD(Ground Sampling Distance) : 0.5 km × 0.5 km
- Target Area : 2,500 km \times 2,500 km (Center : 130°E 36°N)
- Included Nations : Korea, China, Taiwan, Japan, Russia, etc.
- Temporal Resolution : 1 hour (8 times / day)
- Spectral Bands Characteristic and Requirements of GOCI



Band	Central wavelengths	Band Width	SNR	Туре	Primary Application	
B1	412 nm	20 nm	1,000	Visible	Yellow substance and turbidity	
B2	443 nm	20 nm	1,090	Visible	Chlorophyll absorption maximum	
B3	490 nm	20 nm	1,170	Visible	Chlorophyll and other pigments	
B4	555 nm	20 nm	1,070	Visible	Turbidity, suspended sediment	
B5	660 nm	20 nm	1,010	Visible	Baseline of fluorescence signal, Chlorophyll, suspended sediment	
B6	680 nm	10 nm	870	Visible	Atmospheric correction and fluorescence signal	
B7	745 nm	20 nm	860	NIR	Atmospheric correction and baseline of fluorescence signal	
B8	865 nm	40 nm	750	NIR	Aerosol optical thickness, vegetation, water vapor reference over the ocean	

GOCI data products and applications

PRODUCTS	DESCRIPTION			
Water-leaving Radiance (Lw)	The radiance assumed to be measured at the very surface of the water under the atmosphere			
Normalized water leaving radiance	The water leaving radiance assumed to be measured at nadir, as if there was no atmosphere with the Sun at zenith			
Optical properties of water	K-coefficient Absorption coefficient Backscattering coefficient			
Chlorophyll	Concentration of phytoplankton chlorophyll in ocean water			
TSS	Total suspended sediment concentration in ocean water			
CDOM	Colored dissolved organic matter concentration in ocean water			
Red tide	Red tide index information			
Fishing ground information	Fishing ground probability index, fishing ground prediction			
Underwater visibility	Degree of clarity of the ocean observed by the naked eye			
Sea surface current vector	Sea surface current direction/speed			
Atm. & earth environment	Yellow dust, Vegetation Index			
Water quality level	Coastal water quality level estimation			
Primary productivity	The production of Organic compounds from carbon dioxide, principally through the process of photosynthesis			



Paradigm in satellite-borne ocean observations

Polar Orbit Satellite (spatial, global, long-term, environmental)

- CZCS (1978)
- OCTS (1996)
- POLDER (1996)
- MOS (1996)
- SeaWiFS (1997)
- OCM (1998)
- MODIS AM (1998)
- OCI (1999)
- OSMI (1999)
- MERIS (2000)
- GLI (2000)
- POLDER-2 (2000)
- MODIS PM(2000)

Stationary Orbit Satellite (temporal, local, short-term, operational)



Next-generation Stationary Orbit Satellite

(temporal, global/local, short-term, operational + high spatial(250m), multi-sensor)

- HR-GEO (2015)
- GOCI-II (2019)
- GEO-CAPE (2020 ~)

GOCI examples: Fronts captured in Chlorophyll (CHL) (Courtesy of KOSC)



Chlorophyll concentration (CHL)

Natural color composite

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Examples of CHL-derived Ocean Fronts

GOCI examples: Red-tide monitoring



GOCI examples: Footprints of shallow-water tidal mixing



GOCI examples: Upwelled water (Chlorophyll bloom)



GOCI examples: Sea-ice



GOCI examples: Coastal Fog



GOCI examples: Yellow Dust



GOCI examples: Aerosol optical depth



GOCI II (Phase II)

- GOCI-II is focused on the coastal and global ocean environment monitoring with better spatial resolution and spectral performance for the succession and expansion of the mission of GOCI.
- GOCI-II project started the development in 2012, and will be launched in 2019.
- The user requirements of GOCI-II will have higher spatial resolution, 300m×300m, and 13 spectral bands to fulfill GOCI's user requests, which could not be implemented on GOCI for technical reasons.
- GOCI-II will have a new capability, supporting userdefinable observation requests such as clear sky area without clouds and special-event areas, etc.
 This will enable higher applicability of GOCI-II products. GOCI-II will perform observations 8 times daily, the same as GOCI's.
- The main difference between GOCI-II and GOCI is the global-monitoring capability, which will meet the necessity of the monitoring and research on the long-term climate change. Daily global observation once is planned for GOCI-II.

Items	GOCI Specs	GOCI-II Specs
Increased band number	8 bands	13 bands
Improved spatial resolution	500m	300m
More observations	8 times/day	10 times/day
Pointable & Full Disk coverage	Local Area	Local Area + Full Disk



Summary of GOCI maps

- 0.5 km spatial and hourly temporal resolutions
- Ocean surface passive tracer maps (CHL, TSS, CDOM, etc)
- 8 band signals (raw data) can be incorporated.
- Atmospheric corrections are required
- Missing data on the cloud-covered areas
- Orthographic projection (and bilinear interpolation)



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- Available observational resources are
 - Dynamic variables
 - Shipboard ADCPs-derived subsurface current profiles and CTD (T/S)
 - High-frequency radar-derived surface current maps



Potential research topics

- Tracking of water-borne materials at submesoscale
 - Pollutants; red tides; oil spills; larvae transports
 - Particle trajectory model (e.g., random walk/flight models)
 - Estimates of diffusion coefficients using 1D/2D advection-diffusion equations
- Bio-physical interactions at submesoscale
 - Finite-size/Finite-time Lyapunov Exponents (FSLE/FTLE) using current field (AVIOS; HFR; model)
 - Comparison with concentration maps (e.g., CHL/CDOM)
- SST and CHL fronts and eddies at submesoscale
 - Upwelling fronts; Submesoscale eddies and fronts
 - Reynolds flux estimates
 - Instability due to horizontal density gradients; feature extractions and energy spectra

$$\frac{\partial C(\mathbf{x},t)}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x},t)\frac{\partial C(\mathbf{x},t)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \kappa \nabla^2 C(\mathbf{x},t)$$

where

C(x,t): Concentration of harmful algae and pollutants. In-situ observations, satellite-derived maps of passive tracers (e.g., Chlorophyll; TSS; CDOM) [potential sources: GOCI, AVHRR products]

•U(x,t): (Geostrophic) current field [potential sources: HFR surface current maps; AVISO geostrophic currents]

•κ(x, t): Diffusion coefficients [Unknowns]

Advection-diffusion equations



$$x(t) = \int_{t_0}^t (u(t') + \varepsilon^u) dt' + x(t_0) \approx \sum_k (u(t_k) + \varepsilon^u_k) \Delta t + x(t_0)$$

- Generate concentration maps using assumed uncertainty and current field
- Estimate diffusion coefficients using advection-diffusion equations
- Estimate a relationship between assumed uncertainty and diffusion coefficients for tracking applications

Generation of background current field



2D->1D advection-diffusion equations





time(yyyy.mm.dd)

Estimates of diffusion coefficients





Distribution of diffusion coefficients

Condition: 1) particle 20, life span:50h 2) abnormally large diffusivity is removed (>1000)



Diffusion coefficients and unceratinty

a: random parameterb: diffusivity



b=0.1161a+128.3934 residual = 1.6680 b= 0.1174 a+ 128.6356 residual = 2.0005

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SST w/ current fields and FSLE



- SST with AVISO geostrophic currents off Hawaii
- Manifolds obtained from FSLEs
- Limitations on spatial and temporal scales

CHL and SST

 Cross-validation with satellite CHL maps and SST.

Chlorophyll-a (mg m⁻³) for July 24 2008



SST (C) for July 24 2008



(Calil et al JGRC 2011)

Echo sounder image of vertically migrating zooplankton



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Conclusion

- As a passive tracer, 0.5 km and hourly GOCI maps can be an important resource in the submesoscale process studies along with in-situ high-resolution observations (e.g., shipboard ADCP subsurface profiles, HF radar surface current maps, etc).
- Bio-physical interactions and ocean submesoscale turbulent studies using GOCI maps are promising.
- The integrated data analysis using independent observations at submesoscale (including cross-validation) can provide various aspects and complete understanding of oceanic submesocale processes.
- Corrections of atmospheric signals are required.
- Please stay tune...!

Thank you for your attention!

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Projection in GOCI data

0.5 km resolution; orthographic projection and bilinear interpolation





Averaged diffusion coefficients





Figure2. For indicating position of (a) and (b)

Aha~

used when something is suddenly seen, found, or understood



Outline

- What's the submesoscale processes?
- An overview on Geostationary Ocean Color Imagery (GOCI) products?
- How can we use the GOCI maps for relevant submesoscale studies?
 - Energy spectra of passive tracers
 - Submeoscale horizontal mixing and diffusion (?)
- Lessons

- An easy definition? Secondary circulation at the front?
- An easy example (as shown in GOCI data)?
- Passive tracer snapshots and zoom-in