

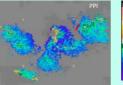
The Ronald H. Brown Weather-Climate Physics Observing System

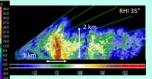


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Doppler C-band scanning weather radar (5.6 GHz)







Composite of radar data at 1100 GMT on November 20, 2008. Upper left panel is PPI (planar scan around the ship) of radar scattering intensity as a function of horizontal range (0-60 km). Upper right panel is an RHI scan along the red line shown in the PPI.

- Provides high-quality sets of marine meteorological observations, which are of great value for operational weather forecasting, climate studies, and for checking the models and calibrating the satellites.
- Relevant Measurements:
 Air and sea temperatures, humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind, rainfall, radiative fluxes, turbulent fluxes, cloud properties...

Instrument specifications

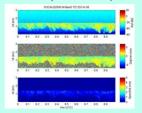
Sensor	Measurement	Sampling Rate	
Sonic anemometer (GILL instruments Ltd)	Wind speed, direction, Direct covariance turbulent fluxes	10 or 20Hz	
Open Path CO2 / HO2 Analyzer (LICOR Inc.)	Direct covariance moisture/CO2 fluxes	10 or 20Hz	
Laser Distance Sensor (RIEGL)	Ocean Surface Wave height/Period	10 Hz	
XYZ Motion Sensor (Systron and Donner)	Angular Velocity, Linear Acceleration	10 or 20Hz	
GPS receiver (Crescent VS100)	Ship's heading, pitch/roll	10 or 20Hz	
GPS Smart Antenna (GARMIN)	Latitude, Longitude, Speed-over-ground, Course-over-ground	10 Hz	
Air T/RH (Vaisala)	Air Temperature, Relative Humidity	0.1Hz, average to 1 sample / min	
Optical Raingauge (Optical Scientific, Inc.)	Rainrate	0.1Hz, average to 1 sample / min	H
Precision Infrared Radiometer (Eppley PSP)	Solar Radiative Flux	0.1Hz, average to 1 sample / min	
Precision Spectral Pyranometer (Eppley PIR)	Longwave Radiative Flux	0.1Hz, average to 1 sample / min	
Surface water Sensor (YSI Incorporated)	Sea Surface Temperature	0.1Hz, average to 1 sample / min	
Air pressure sensor	Atmospheric Pressure	0.1Hz, average to 1	

System	Measurement
Motion/navigation package	Motion correction for turbulence
Ceilometer	Cloud-base height
Rawinsonde	ABL wind, temperature, humidity profils
23, 31 GHz microwave radiometer (ARM type)	Integrated cloud liquid water Integrated total water vapor
Riegl Laser wave sensor	Ocean surface wave height/period
Wband Doppler cloud radar	Cloud microphysical properties
Ronald H. Brown C-band radar	Precipitation spatial structure



W-Band Doppler cloud radar (94.56 GHz)





Time-height cross section beginning at 0600 GMT on November 28, 2008. The top panel is the radar reflectivity (dBZ); the middle panel is the mean Doppler velocity (m/s, positive down); the bottom panel is the Doppler width (m/s) of the return.



Flux instrumentation on the foremast

