

Turbulence Measurements from Compliant Moorings - Part II: Motion

Correction

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ABSTRACT

14 Acoustic Doppler velocimeters (ADV) are a valuable tool for making
15 high-precision measurements of turbulence, and moorings are a convenient
16 and ubiquitous platform for making many kinds of measurements in the
17 ocean. However, because of concerns that mooring motion can contami-
18 nate turbulence measurements and acoustic Doppler profilers are relatively
19 easy to deploy, ADVs are not frequently deployed from moorings. This
20 work demonstrates that inertial motion measurements can be used to reduce
21 motion-contamination from moored ADV velocity measurements. Three dis-
22 tinct mooring platforms were deployed in a tidal channel with inertial-motion-
23 sensor-equipped ADVs. In each case, the motion correction based on the in-
24 ertial measurements dramatically reduced contamination from mooring mo-
25 tion. The spectra from these measurements have a shape that is consistent
26 with other measurements in tidal channels, and have a $f^{-5/3}$ slope at high
27 frequencies—consistent with Kolmogorov’s theory of isotropic turbulence.
28 Motion correction also improves estimates of cross spectra and Reynold’s
29 stresses. Comparison of turbulence dissipation with flow speed and turbu-
30 lence production indicates a bottom boundary layer production-dissipation
31 balance during ebb and flood that is consistent with the strong tidal forcing
32 at the site. These results indicate that inertial-motion-sensor-equipped ADVs
33 are a valuable new tool for measuring turbulence from moorings.

34 1. Introduction

35 Acoustic Doppler velocimeters (ADV) have been used to make high-precision
36 measurements of water velocity for over 20 years (Kraus et al. 1994; Lohrmann
37 et al. 1995). During that time, they have been deployed around the world to
38 measure turbulence from a range of platforms, including the laboratory setting
39 (Voulgaris and Trowbridge 1998), from stationary structures on ocean-, river- and lake-bottoms
40 (Kim et al. 2000; Lorke 2007; Cartwright et al. 2009), in surface waters from a pole lowered from
41 a ship's bow (Geyer et al. 2008), and in the deep ocean from autonomous underwater vehicles
42 ~~(e.g., Voulgaris and Trowbridge 1998; Zhang et al. 2001; Kim et al. 2000; Goodman et al. 2006; Lorke 2007)~~

43 A relatively small fraction of ADV measurements have been made from moorings (e.g., Fer
44 and Paskyabi 2014). Presumably this is because mooring motion can contaminate ADV mea-
45 surements, and acoustic Doppler profilers (ADPs) can be used to measure mid-depth turbulence
46 statistics without a mooring (e.g., Stacey et al. 1999a; Rippeth et al. 2002; Wiles et al. 2006).
47 Still, ADV measurements have distinct characteristics that can be advantageous: they are capa-
48 ble of higher sample rates, have higher signal-to-noise ratios, and have a much smaller sample
49 volume (1 centimeter, as opposed to several meters). That is, compared to an ADP, ADVs are
50 high-precision instruments capable of providing unique information. They could be more widely
51 used as a moored instrument (i.e., at an arbitrary depth) if a method for accounting for mooring
52 motion can be demonstrated to provide more accurate estimates of turbulence statistics.

53 Inertial motion unit (IMU) sensors have been used in the aerospace and aeronautical indus-
54 tries to quantify the motion of a wide range of systems, and to improve atmospheric velocity
55 measurements, for several decades (Axford 1968; Edson et al. 1998; Bevly 2004). Over the last
56 10 years, the smartphone, drone, and ‘Internet of Things’ markets ~~has~~ have driven innovation in

57 microelectrical-mechanical systems, including the IMU. As a result of this growth and innovation,
58 the cost, power requirements, and size of IMUs have come down. These changes have allowed
59 these sensors to be integrated into oceanographic instruments that have small form-factors, and
60 rely on battery power.

61 Nortek now offers a version of their Vector ADV with a Microstrain 3DM-GX3-25 IMU sensor
62 (Nortek 2005; MicroStrain 2012). This IMU's signals are incorporated into the Vector data stream,
63 so that its motion and orientation signals are tightly synchronized with the ADV's velocity mea-
64 surements. This tight synchronization provides a data stream that can be utilized to quantify ADV
65 motion in the Earth's inertial reference frame, and remove that motion from the ADV's velocity
66 measurements at each time step of its sampling (Edson et al. 1998). This work utilizes moored
67 'ADV-IMU' measurements from mid-depths in Puget Sound to demonstrate that motion correc-
68 tion can improve the accuracy of oceanic turbulence spectra, turbulence dissipation, and Reynolds
69 stress estimates from moored platforms.

70 This effort was originally motivated by a need for low-cost, high-precision turbulence
71 measurements for the emerging tidal energy industry (McCaffrey et al. 2015; Alexander and
72 Hamlington 2015). Experience in the wind energy industry has shown that wind turbine
73 lifetime is reduced by atmospheric turbulence, and the same is expected to be true for tidal
74 energy turbines. In ~~wind~~the atmosphere, meteorological towers are often used to position
75 sonic anemometers at the hub height of wind turbines for measuring detailed turbulence inflow
76 statistics (Hand et al. 2003; Kelley et al. 2005; Mücke et al. 2011; Afgan et al. 2013). In
77 the ocean, tower-mounted hub-height turbulence measurements have been made, but they are
78 challenging to install and maintain in energetic tidal sites (Gunawan et al. 2014; Thomson
79 et al. 2012). Therefore, the U.S. Department of Energy funded this work to investigate the
80 accuracy of mooring-deployed ADV-IMUs to reduce the cost of turbulence measurements at

81 tidal energy sites (Kilcher et al. 2016). The approach proved to be successful and potentially
82 useful to the broader oceanographic community interested in moored turbulence measurements
83 (~~Lueck and Huang 1999; Doherty et al. 1999; Nash et al. 2004; Moum and Nash 2009; Alford 2010; Paskya~~

84 The next section describes details of the measurements, including a summary of the hardware
85 configurations (platforms) that were used to support and position the ADV-IMUs in the water
86 column. A detailed description of the motion of these platforms is found in the companion paper to
87 this work, Harding et al. (in review), hereafter Part 1. Section 3 describes the mathematical details
88 of motion correction and Section 4 presents results from applying the method to measurements
89 from the various platforms. Section 5 is a discussion of the energetics of the tidal channel in
90 which the measurements were made and demonstrates that the measurements are consistent with
91 turbulence theory and other measurements in similar regimes. A summary and concluding remarks
92 are provided in Section 6.

93 **2. Measurements**

94 This work focuses on measuring turbulence from ADVs that are equipped with IMUs and de-
95 ployed from moving (moored) platforms. The ADVs utilized for these measurements were Nortek
96 Vector ADVs equipped with Microstrain 3DM-GX3-25 IMU sensors. These IMUs captured all
97 six components of the ADV motion (three components of angular rotation and three components
98 of linear acceleration), as well as the orientation of the ADV pressure case. The sampling of the
99 motion sensor is tightly synchronized with the ADV measurements. The IMU measures its mo-
100 tion at 1 kHz and uses internal signal integration (Kalman filtering) to output the motion signals
101 at the same sample rate as the ADV's velocity measurements. This reduces aliasing of the IMU's
102 motion measurements above the ADV's sample rate (MicroStrain 2010). Cable-head ADVs were

103 used throughout this work to allow for flexibility in the positioning of the ADV head relative to its
104 pressure case.

105 All measurements used in this work were made in Admiralty Inlet, Washington, approximately
106 500 m west southwest of Admiralty Head in ~~60-m~~ 60 m of water near 48° 9.18' N, 122° 41.22'
107 W (Figure 1). The site is approximately 6 km east of Port Townsend, and 1 km north of the Port
108 Townsend to Coupeville ferry route. Admiralty inlet is the largest waterway connecting Puget
109 Sound to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and it possesses a large semidiurnal tidal flow (Thomson
110 et al. 2012; Polagye and Thomson 2013). This work utilizes data from three distinct deployment
111 platforms: the tidal turbulence mooring, a StableMoor buoy, and a simple sounding weight. All
112 data used in this analysis ~~is~~ are available from the MHK data repository (<http://mhkdr.openei.org>;
113 submission ids: 49, 50 and 51). Each of these platforms are briefly described below, and additional
114 details, photos, and schematic diagrams can be found in Part 1.

115 *a. Tidal Turbulence Mooring*

116 The tidal turbulence mooring (TTM) is a simple mooring system with a strongback fin sus-
117 pended between a steel clump-weight anchor weighing 1,200 kg when dry and a 0.93-m-diameter
118 spherical steel buoy with a buoyancy of 320 kg. The ADV pressure cases were clamped to one
119 side of the strongback fin and the ADV sensor head was positioned 10 cm in front of the fin's
120 leading edge (Figure 2). The leading edge of the fin is fastened inline with the mooring line. This
121 configuration was designed to work like a weather vane, such that the drag on the fin held the ADV
122 head upstream of the mooring components. This work utilizes data from two TTM deployments.

123 1) ~~JUNE 2012 TTM DEPLOYMENT~~

124 The first TTM deployment was in June 2012 from 17:30 on the 12th until 14:30 on the 14th
125 (local; i.e., Pacific Daylight Time). Two Nortek ADVs were clamped to either side of the fin so that
126 the axis of their cylindrical pressure cases were parallel with the leading edge of the strongback.
127 The ADV heads were spaced 0.5 m apart vertically along the fin. Only one of these ADVs was
128 equipped with an integrated IMU. This TTM also had an upward-looking acoustic Doppler profiler
129 mounted on the mooring anchor.

130 Periods of time during which this mooring interfered with a beam of the Doppler profiler were
131 identified by inspecting the profiler's acoustic amplitude signal. Periods during which one beam
132 of the profiler had $> 5\%$ higher acoustic amplitude than the other beams were flagged as "contam-
133 inated" and excluded from averaging. Five-minute averages in which more than 50% of the data
134 were contaminated in this way were masked as invalid.

135 1) ~~JUNE 2014 TTM DEPLOYMENT~~

136 The second TTM deployment was in 2014 from 06:00 on June 17 to 05:00 on June 19 (local
137 time). Two Nortek ADV-IMUs were mounted on this TTM, with their heads spaced 0.5 m apart
138 along the fin. In this case, the pressure cases and ADV heads were inclined at an angle of 18° to
139 the leading edge of the fin to account for mooring blowdown during strong currents (Figure 3).
140 This change was made to reduce vibrational motion observed during the June 2012 deployment
141 that was believed to be associated with the orientation of the pressure cases.

142 *b. The StableMoor platform*

143 The second deployment platform was a cylindrical, StableMoor, syntactic foam buoy (manufac-
144 turer: Deep Water Buoyancy) that was anchored to a clump weight that weighed ~~2,700 lbs~~ 1,200

145 kg (Figure 4). The buoy is 3.5 m long and 0.45 m in diameter with a tail ring that is 0.76 m in
146 diameter. The StableMoor buoy weighs 295 kg in air, and has a buoyancy of 185 kg in water.

147 The StableMoor buoy was deployed with an ADV-IMU mounted at its nose from 11:21 on May
148 12 to 11:53 on May 13, 2015 (local time). The sample volume of the ADV is 10 cm forward of
149 the nose and 20 cm above the center line of the StableMoor buoy (Figure 4). Based on Wyngaard
150 et al.'s (1985) investigation of a similarly shaped slender body, the velocity measurements should
151 have flow-distortion effects of less than 10%. This configuration was designed to be the most
152 stable platform for measuring turbulence from a moving platform. The StableMoor buoy was
153 equipped with a 1,200-kHz RDI workhorse sentinel acoustic Doppler profiler that was oriented
154 downward-looking to measure water velocity below the platform in twelve 1-m bins and measure
155 buoy motion ("bottom tracking"), all at a 1-Hz sample rate.

156 The buoy was ballasted to pitch upward a few degrees in zero-flow to avoid "flying downward."
157 In the presence of an oncoming current, the tail fins help to orient it into the flow. The anchor
158 for this buoy is similar to that of the TTM, including an acoustic release so the mooring and anchor
159 can be recovered separately.

160 The StableMoor platform has two primary advantages compared to the TTM. First, it is signif-
161 icantly more massive and hydrodynamically stable than the TTM, which reduces the frequency
162 of motions of the platform. Second, the StableMoor platform is capable of supporting a bottom-
163 tracking acoustic Doppler profiler, which provides an independent measure of the platform's trans-
164 lational motion. Disadvantages of the StableMoor include: its size, which adds to the challenge of
165 deployment and recovery, and its cost, which is significantly higher than the TTM system.

166 *c. Turbulence Torpedo*

167 The turbulence torpedo is a simple sounding weight with an ADV head mounted forward of the
 168 nose, and the ADV pressure case strapped below (Figure 5). This platform was deployed on May
 169 14, 2015, for 37 minutes starting at 07:41 local time. This measurement was made from a davit
 170 that hung the system from the side of the ship to a depth of approximately 25 m. The primary
 171 logistical advantages of this platform are its compact size, low cost, and the flexibility to perform
 172 spatial transects.

173 *d. Coordinate system and turbulence averaging*

174 Unless stated otherwise, vector quantities in this work are in a fixed “principal-axes” coordinate
 175 system that is aligned with the bidirectional tidal flow: positive u is in the direction of ebb (310°
 176 True), positive w is vertically upward, and v is the cross-stream component in a right-handed
 177 coordinate system. The full velocity vector, $\vec{u} = (\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{w})$, is separated into a mean and turbulent
 178 component as $\vec{u} = \bar{\vec{u}} + \vec{u}$, where the over-bar denotes a 5-minute average. Turbulence kinetic
 179 energy, $\text{tke} = \overline{u^2} + \overline{v^2} + \overline{w^2}$, and Reynold’s stresses, \overline{uv} , \overline{uw} , \overline{vw} , are computed by averaging over the
 180 5-minute window. Throughout this work, we use $\bar{U} = (\bar{u}^2 + \bar{v}^2)^{1/2}$ to denote the mean horizontal
 181 velocity magnitude.

182 All spectra, $S\{x\}(f) = |\mathcal{F}\{x(t)\}|^2$, and cross spectra, $C\{x,y\}(f) = \text{real}(\mathcal{F}\{x(t)\}\mathcal{F}\{y(t)\})$, are
 183 computed using NumPy fast Fourier transform routines (van der Walt et al. 2011). Here, $\mathcal{F}\{x(t)\}$
 184 denotes the fast Fourier transform of a signal $x(t)$. Time series, e.g., $x(t)$, are linearly detrended
 185 and Hanning windowed prior to computing $\mathcal{F}\{x\}$ to reduce spectral reddening.

186 Throughout the remainder of this work, the dependence of S and C on f is implied (e.g., $S\{x\}(f)$
 187 is hereafter $S\{x\}$), and for other variables the dependence on t is implied. Spectra and cross
 188 spectra are normalized to preserve variance: $\int S\{u\}df = \overline{u^2}$, and $\int C\{u,v\}df = \overline{uv}$. The notations

189 $S\{\vec{u}\} = (S\{u\}, S\{v\}, S\{w\})$, and $C\{\vec{u}\} = (C\{u, v\}, C\{u, w\}, C\{v, w\})$ denote the set of spectra and
 190 cross spectra for each velocity component and pairs of components, respectively.

191 Turbulence dissipation rates are computed as:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\bar{U}} \left(\alpha \left\langle (S\{u\} + S\{v\} + S\{w\}) f^{5/3} \right\rangle_{f_{IS}} \right)^{3/2} \quad (1)$$

192 ~~Where~~ where $\alpha = 0.5$, and $\langle \rangle_{f_{IS}}$ denotes an average over the inertial subrange of the velocity
 193 spectra and where the signal-to-noise ratio is small (Lumley and Terray 1983; Sreenivasan 1995).
 194 Throughout this work, we take this average from 0.3 to 1 Hz for the u and v components, and 0.3
 195 to 3 Hz for the w component.

196 3. Methodology

197 ~~The essential approach of motion correction is to measure velocity on a moving platform and~~
 198 ~~make an independent measurement of the platform motion, then subtract~~ This work describes
 199 a method for correcting velocity measurements from a moving velocity sensor, \vec{u}_m , using
 200 independent measurements of that sensor's motion, \vec{u}_h , to remove the motion from the velocity
 201 measurements, and thus estimate the 'motion corrected velocity':

$$\vec{u}(t) = \vec{u}_m(t) + \vec{u}_h(t) \quad (2)$$

202 Note here that the '+'-sign is correct because head motion, \vec{u}_h , induces a measured velocity in the
 203 opposite direction of the head motion itself ($\vec{u}_m = \vec{u} - \vec{u}_h$). This approach has been used to success-
 204 fully correct sonic anemometer measurements of atmospheric turbulence (e.g., Edson et al. 1998;
 205 Miller et al. 2008). In the ocean, previous works have utilized inertial motion sensors to quantify
 206 the motion of multiscale profilers for the purpose of measuring the full spectrum of oceanic shear
 207 (Winkel et al. 1996), and to quantify the motion of thermistor sensors (Moum and Nash 2009), but
 208 the Edson et al. (1998) approach has not been documented for moored ADV measurements.

209 ~~Nortek's ADV-IMU~~ The Microstrain IMU available in the Nortek Vector ADV measures the
 210 linear acceleration, \vec{a} , rotational motion, $\vec{\omega}$, and orientation matrix, \mathbf{R} , of the ADV pressure case
 211 ~~(body) in the Earth reference frame . The Microstrain IMU integrated into the Nortek Vector ADV~~
 212 ~~has been configured to provide estimates of the ADV's orientation and motion~~ at every time step of
 213 the ADV's sampling ~~(the time synchronization is $\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$ s)~~. So long as the ADV head is rigidly
 214 connected to the IMU (i.e. the ADV pressure case), the motion of the ADV head is calculated
 215 from these signals as the sum of rotational and translational motion:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u}_h &= \vec{u}_\omega + \vec{u}_a + \vec{u}_{\text{low}} \\ &= \mathbf{R}^T \cdot \vec{\omega}^*(t) \times \vec{\ell}^* + \int \{\vec{a}(t)\}_{HP(f_a)} dt + \vec{u}_{\text{low}}\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

216 Here, * superscripts denote quantities in the ADV's local coordinate system, and $\vec{\ell}^*$ is the vec-
 217 tor from the IMU to the ADV head. \mathbf{R}^T —the inverse of the orientation matrix—rotates vectors
 218 from the IMU to the Earth reference frame. The notation $\{\vec{a}\}_{HP(f_a)}$ indicates that the IMU's
 219 accelerometer signal is high-pass filtered (in the Earth's stationary reference frame) at a chosen
 220 ~~filter frequency~~ filter frequency, f_a . ~~This is necessary because accelerometers have~~ Without such
 221 filtering, low-frequency noise ~~, sometimes in \vec{a} —sometimes~~ referred to as ~~bias-drift~~ bias drift—is
 222 amplified by integration to the point that it overwhelms the higher frequency information (Bar-
 223 shan and Durrant-Whyte 1995; Bevly 2004; Gulmammadov 2009). \vec{u}_{low} is the low-frequency
 224 translational motion that is unresolved by \vec{u}_a , and it is discussed in more detail below. Note
 225 that, to avoid double counting, \vec{u}_{low} should be estimated by applying the complementary low-pass
 226 filter to the independent measurement of low-frequency motion. We use fourth order, zero-phase
 227 (bidirectional), Hanning filters for all filtering operations.

228 ~~Integrating \vec{a} to estimate~~

229 The noise levels of the IMU, \vec{n}_ω and \vec{n}_a , are computed from ADV-IMU data collected while the
 230 instrument was resting motionless on a table for several hours. Where, for this motionless dataset,

the noise levels are defined according to (3) with \vec{n}_ω in place of \vec{u}_ω , and \vec{n}_a in place of \vec{u}_a amplifies the bias-drift noise at low frequencies, which dramatically reduces the. These are presented in Figure 6 relative to the ADV spectra presented in following sections of this paper (grey shading), and relative to the Doppler noise levels of the ADV.

$S\{\vec{n}_\omega\}$ is equal in all three components, and so only one component is presented for simplicity (yellow). $S\{\vec{n}_\omega\}$ is several orders of magnitude lower than the velocity spectra we measured (grey region), and also more than an order of magnitude smaller than the Doppler noise levels of the ADV. Here we have used $\vec{\ell}^* = 1$ m; which is the order-of-magnitude of the typical distance between the ADV head and the IMU. This indicates that the precision of \vec{u}_ω (i.e. the angular rate sensor) is adequate for making corrections to ADV velocity measurements without filtering.

The noise level of $S\{\vec{u}_a\}$ (Figure 6, black), on the other hand, is dominated by a f^{-2} slope that results from integrating the low-frequency noise in \vec{a} . The horizontal (u and v) spectra of these noise levels are identical, and so we only present one of them for simplicity (solid lines). The vertical spectra noise levels are different because the signal-to-noise ratio at those time scales (Figure ??). The high-pass filtering reduces this noise ratio is larger (dashed black lines). High-pass filtering reduces the low-frequency noise (purple and green) so that it does not contaminate motion correction, but any real motion that exists does exist at these frequencies is still lost in the low signal-to-noise ratio lost (Egeland 2014; VanZwieten et al. 2015). This means that low-frequency motion is not well resolved by the IMU, and so there is a residual low-frequency translational motion, \vec{u}_{low} , that needs to be measured independently—or at the very least considered—when using motion-corrected ADV-IMU data. The $\vec{\omega}$ and \vec{u}_ω estimates do not have the same issue because there is no integration involved, from moving platforms.

For the StableMoor buoy, the ADP bottom-track measured \vec{u}_{low} , and this measurement agrees with \vec{u}_a over a narrow frequency band (see Part I, appendix A), indicating that the ADP and IMU

are resolving the same motion. Furthermore, \vec{u}_{low} derived from the ADP bottom-track gives a noteworthy improvement in the shape of $S\{u\}$ and $S\{v\}$ when compared to similar spectra that assume $\vec{u}_{\text{low}} = 0$. In the latter case, spectral peaks and dips are present between 0.01 and ~~because low-frequency bias-drift in the $\vec{\omega}$ sensors is stabilized by the IMU's on-board Kalman filtering (i.e., the accelerometer and magnetometer signals provide estimates of down and north, respectively, which stabilize orientation estimates and eliminates bias from rotation estimates).~~ 0.1 Hz that are inconsistent with other measurements of oceanic turbulence (not shown). This indicates that ADP bottom-track measurements are important for resolving turbulence spectra from the StableMoor buoy platform. For the StableMoor buoy we utilize $f_a = 0.2\text{Hz}$ (5-s period); further details of this choice can be found in appendix A of Part I.

For the TTM the ADV position, relative to its base, can be estimated by assuming the mooring acts like a rigid pole and using the IMU orientation matrix to estimate the pole's 'lean'. The position obtained from this model can then be differentiated to estimate \vec{u}_{low} (this model does not apply at high frequencies). Spectra of \vec{u}_{low} estimated using this approach for the June 2014 TTM deployment (Figure 6, blue) are plotted up to the point where they cross their respective $S\{\vec{u}_a\}$ noise level (black). Together, these two lines provide an 'aggregate noise level' of translational velocity estimates for the TTM: the rigid pole estimate of \vec{u}_{low} indicates the amplitude of unresolved motion at low- f (blue), and $S\{\vec{u}_a\}$ indicates the limits of the IMU at high- f (black). Coincidentally, $S\{\vec{u}_a\}$ filtered at $f_a = 0.0333\text{Hz}$ is not a terrible approximation for this aggregate noise level. Furthermore, because this aggregate noise level is more than an order of magnitude lower than the velocity spectra of interest (shaded region), the results of motion correction are essentially identical whether we use the rigid pole model to estimate \vec{u}_{low} , or if we simply assume that $\vec{u}_{\text{low}} = 0$. Either way, we use $f_a = 0.0333\text{Hz}$ (30-s period) for the TTM.

278 The choice of ~~a high-pass filter~~ f_a for reducing low-frequency accelerometer noise depends on
 279 the ~~flow-conditions-application~~ of the measurement and the platform being used. In particular,
 280 filter selection involves a trade-off between filtering out the ~~bias-drift~~ bias drift noise while not
 281 filtering out measured motion that is unresolved by an independent measurement of \vec{u}_{low} . ~~Note~~
 282 ~~that, to avoid double-counting, \vec{u}_{low} should be estimated by applying the complementary low-pass~~
 283 ~~filter to the independent measurement of low-frequency motion.~~

284 ~~With this estimate of ADV head motion, it is straightforward to correct the measured velocity,~~
 285 ~~\vec{u}_m , to estimate the velocity in the Earth's inertial reference frame:–~~

$$\underline{\vec{u}(t)} = \underline{\vec{u}_m(t)} + \underline{\vec{u}_h(t)}.$$

286 ~~Note here that the ‘+’-sign is correct because head motion, \vec{u}_h , induces a measured velocity in the~~
 287 ~~opposite direction of the head motion itself ($\vec{u}_m = \vec{u} - \vec{u}_h$).–~~

288 ~~For the TTM and turbulence torpedo, we utilize $f_a = 0.0333\text{Hz}$ (30-s period) and assume that~~
 289 ~~$\vec{u}_{\text{low}} = 0$. For the StableMoor buoy, $f_a = 0.2\text{Hz}$ (5-s period). The bottom-track velocity was~~
 290 ~~low-pass filtered at this frequency to provide an~~ In the course of this work we tried several different
 291 filter frequencies (from 0.2 to 0.00333 Hz; i.e. 5 second to 5 minute periods). The results of this
 292 comparison are presented in the supplementary material. In general, we recommend selecting the
 293 highest-frequency for f_a that does not result in statistically significant changes in motion corrected
 294 velocity spectral shape compared to a lower value of f_a . This is likely to depend on the dynamics
 295 of the platform used to support the ADV, and the intensity of the turbulence being measured.
 296 Ultimately, without an independent estimate of \vec{u}_{low} , ~~and \vec{a} was high-pass filtered at this frequency.~~
 297 ~~We use 4-pole, bidirectional (zero-phase), Hanning filters for all filtering operations.–~~

298 Spectra of \vec{u}_w (yellow) and \vec{u}_a signals from the Microstrain IMU ~~sitting on a motionless table.~~
 299 The \vec{u}_a signals are unfiltered (black), and high-pass filtered at 30 s (magenta), 10 s (blue), 5

~~s (green). Vertical dotted lines indicate the filter frequency. The black horizontal dotted line indicates the noise level of a Nortek Vector ADV configured to measure ± 4 m/s. The shaded region indicates the range of spectra presented herein ($0.002 < \text{tke} < 0.03 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$, $1\text{e-}5 < \epsilon < 5\text{e-}4 \text{ W/kg}$). one should use caution when utilizing the portion of the motion-corrected velocity spectrum below f_a .~~

Additional details on motion correction—including a detailed accounting of the distinct coordinate systems of the IMU, ADV pressure case, and ADV head—can be found in Kilcher et al. (2016). Open-source Python tools for performing motion correction of ADV-IMU data—including scripts that write processed data in Matlab and tabulated formats—are available at <http://lkilcher.github.io/dolfyn/>.

4. Results

a. Mean velocity

Figure 7 shows a comparison of \vec{u} measured by an ADV-IMU mounted on a TTM, to an upward-looking acoustic Doppler profiler mounted on the TTM anchor. This comparison shows excellent agreement between the ADV and Doppler profiler measurements of mean velocity. The \bar{u} , \bar{v} , and \bar{w} components have a root-mean-square error of 0.05, 0.13, and 0.03 m/s, respectively. Although it is important to note that there is some discrepancy between ADP- and ADV-measured velocities (especially in \bar{v} , which is most likely due to incomplete motion correction), the agreement between the magnitude and direction of these independent velocity measurements indicates that moored ADV-IMUs provide a reliable estimate of mean velocity in the Earth’s reference frame.

320 *b. TTM spectra*

321 As discussed in detail in Part 1, the mooring motion of the TTM, $S\{\vec{u}_h\}$, has a peak at 0.1 to 0.2
322 Hz from swaying of the mooring that is most likely driven by eddy shedding from the spherical
323 buoy (Figure 8, red lines). There is also higher-frequency broadband motion that is associated
324 with fluttering of the strongback fin around the mooring line. Both of these motions are especially
325 energetic in the v -component spectra because this is the direction in which the TTM mooring
326 system is most unstable. As is expected from fluid-structure interaction theory, the amplitude of
327 these motions increases with increasing mean velocity (Morison et al. 1950).

328 The mooring motion contaminates the uncorrected ADV measurements of velocity, $S\{\vec{u}_m\}$,
329 whenever the amplitude of the motion is similar to or greater than the amplitude of the turbu-
330 lence. Fortunately, much of this motion can be removed using the IMU's motion signals as de-
331 tailed in Section 3. Lacking an independent measurement of turbulence velocity at this site, we
332 interpret the agreement of these spectra with turbulence theory as evidence that motion correc-
333 tion has improved the velocity measurements. In particular, at high frequencies ($f > 0.3$ Hz) for
334 each mean-flow speed, the spectra decay with a $f^{-5/3}$ slope and have equal amplitude across the
335 velocity components. These results are consistent with Kolmogorov's (1941) theory of isotropic
336 turbulence, and are consistent with spectral shapes of earlier measurements of turbulence in ener-
337 getic tidal channels from stationary platforms (Walter et al. 2011; Thomson et al. 2012; McMillan
338 et al. 2016).

339 For $|\vec{u}| > 1.0$, motion correction modifies the u and v component spectra at frequencies as high
340 as 3 Hz. This outcome indicates that in order for motion correction to be effective, synchronization
341 between the ADV and IMU needs to be within 1/3 s or better. This suggests that asynchronous
342 approaches to motion correction may be challenging, especially considering that the clock drift of

343 some instrumentation can be as high as a few seconds per day. By integrating the IMU data into
344 the ADV data stream, the Nortek ADV-IMU achieves a synchronization to within $1\text{e-}2$ s.

345 At low frequencies the spectra tend to become roughly constant (especially at higher flow
346 speeds), which is also consistent with previous works. Note that the very low magnitude of $S\{\vec{u}_h\}$
347 at low frequencies is partially a result of filtering the IMU's accelerometer signal when calculating
348 \vec{u}_a . The true low-frequency spectrum of ADV head motion is unknown (indicated using a dashed
349 line below f_a). A comparison of $S\{\vec{u}\}$ measured by the TTM to that measured by the ADP—during
350 the June 2012 deployment—reveals agreement at low frequencies (not shown). This finding sug-
351 gests that the assumption that $\vec{u}_{\text{low}} = 0$ at these frequencies and at this site for this platform is
352 justified—even if $S\{\vec{u}_h\}$ is not as low as indicated in Figure 8.

353 As successful as motion correction is, some of the motion contamination persists in $S\{\vec{u}\}$. This
354 is most notable in $S\{v\}$ at the highest flow speeds (> 2.0 m/s): a peak at 0.15 Hz is an order of
355 magnitude larger than a spectral fit to the other frequencies would indicate. This persistent motion
356 contamination is evident to a lesser degree in $S\{u\}$ for $|u| > 2$ m/s, and in $S\{v\}$ at lower flow
357 speeds. $S\{w\}$ appears to have no persistent motion contamination because the amplitude of the
358 motion in this direction is much lower than for the other two components. For these measurements,
359 $S\{w_h\}$ is so low that w -component motion correction makes only a minor correction to the spectra.

360 The amplitude of the persistent motion contamination peaks in $S\{v\}$ at 0.15 Hz is a factor of 5
361 to 10 times smaller than the amplitude of the ADV head motion itself. This observation suggests
362 that the Microstrain IMU can be used to effectively correct mooring motion at 0.15 Hz when
363 the amplitude of that motion is less than 5 times the amplitude of the real turbulence spectrum.
364 As a result, we have chosen a value of 3 as a conservative estimate of the motion correction's
365 effectiveness.

366 In addition to the primary benefit of correcting for mooring motion, the IMU measurements
 367 can also be used to identify and screen out persistent motion contamination. For example, one
 368 of the most common uses of turbulence spectra is for the calculation of ε and tke . For these
 369 purposes, and based on the relative amplitudes of the 0.15-Hz peaks, we assume that persistent
 370 motion contamination is likely, where $S\{\vec{u}_h\}/S\{\vec{u}\} > 3$, and thereby exclude these regions from
 371 spectral fits.

372 In the present case, for the u and w spectra, this criteria only excludes a narrow range of frequen-
 373 cies at the 0.15-Hz motion peak for some cases. This criteria is more restrictive of the v -component
 374 spectra at high frequencies for $\bar{U} > 1.0$ m/s, but this may be acceptable because the amplitude of
 375 $S\{v\}$ at these frequencies—i.e., in the isotropic inertial subrange—should be equal to that of $S\{u\}$
 376 and $S\{w\}$ (Kolmogorov 1941).

377 Agreement of the v -component spectral amplitude with that of u and w at frequencies > 0.3 Hz
 378 indicates that motion correction is effective at those frequencies even when $S\{\vec{u}_h\}/S\{\vec{u}\} \gtrsim 3$. This
 379 outcome suggests that our screening threshold is excessively conservative at those frequencies,
 380 and that a more precise screening threshold may be frequency dependent. For example, it might
 381 take into account the f^3 character of the noise in $S\{\vec{u}_a\}$ (Figure ??6). For the purpose of this
 382 work, the $S\{\vec{u}_h\}/S\{\vec{u}\} < 3$ threshold for spectral fits is sufficient, and detailed characterization of
 383 the IMU’s motion- and frequency-dependent noise level is left for future work.

384 *c. StableMoor Spectra*

385 The spectra of the StableMoor motion has a broader peak with a maximum amplitude that is ap-
 386 proximately half the frequency of the TTM spectral peak (Figure 9). The motion of this platform
 387 also does not have high-frequency “subpeaks” or other high-frequency broadbanded excitation

(Part 1). These characteristics of the motion are most likely due to the more massive and hydrodynamically streamlined properties of the platform.

Like the TTM, the motion-corrected spectra from the StableMoor buoy are consistent with turbulence theory and previous observations. Most importantly, there is an improvement in the quality of the motion-corrected spectra compared to the TTM. In particular, the persistent motion contamination peaks are completely removed. That is, this measurement system provides an accurate estimate of the turbulence spectra at this location from low frequencies to more than ~~1 Hz—well~~ 1 Hz—well into the inertial subrange—for all three components of velocity.

Note that this level of accuracy cannot be obtained without the independent estimate of \vec{u}_{low} . If we assume that $\vec{u}_{low} = 0$, a similar plot to Figure 9 (not shown) reveals persistent motion-contamination peaks and troughs in the u and v spectra regardless of the choice of f_a . This assumption indicates that the low-frequency motion of the StableMoor buoy is below a threshold in which the IMU's signal-to-noise ratio is high enough to resolve its motion. In other words, compared to the TTM, the StableMoor platform provides a more accurate measurement of turbulence when it includes an independent measure of \vec{u}_{low} (here a bottom-tracking ADCP), but it does no better—and perhaps worse—when it does not.

d. Torpedo spectra

The u and v motion of the turbulence torpedo is ~~broadbanded~~ broadband and the w motion has a narrow peak at 0.3 Hz (Figure 10). Because \vec{u}_h is estimated using ~~$f_a = 0.0333 \text{ Hz}$~~ $f_a = 0.0333 \text{ Hz}$ and assuming $\vec{u}_{low} = 0$, its spectra rolls off quickly below f_a . Motion correction of the torpedo data appears to effectively remove a motion peak from $S\{w\}$ at 0.3 Hz, and straightens out $S\{v\}$ between 0.04 and 0.6 Hz. $S\{u\}$ is mostly unaffected by motion at these frequencies, because the torpedo motion is smaller than the turbulence in this direction. At frequencies below f_a , $S\{u\}$ and

$S\{v\}$ increase dramatically. This increase suggests that unresolved, low-frequency motion of the torpedo is contaminating the velocity measurements at these frequencies. It may be possible to correct for some of this contamination using a measurement of the ship's motion as a proxy for the torpedo's low-frequency motion, but this has not been done. Still, above f_a , the torpedo appears to provide a reliable estimate of spectral amplitude in the inertial subrange and can therefore be used to estimate ε . Considering the simplicity of the platform, it may be a useful option for quantifying this ~~essential turbulence quantity~~ turbulence statistic in a variety of scenarios. Further, if a GPS is positioned above it, it may be capable of providing even more.

e. *Cross Spectra*

~~Inspection of cross spectra from TTM measurements demonstrates that motion correction can reduce motion contamination to produce reliable estimates of velocity cross spectra (Figure 11). At low flow speeds (left column), cross spectra between components of \vec{u}_h (i.e., between components of head motion~~ Cross-spectra indicate the correlation between different velocity components as a function of frequency, and their integrals are the Reynold's stresses. Head motion cross-spectra, $C\{\vec{u}_h\}$ (Figure 11, red), and uncorrected velocity cross-spectra, red) are small compared to correlated velocities. As the velocity magnitude increases (center and right columns), the swaying motion of the TTM at $C\{\vec{u}_m\}$ (black), from TTM measurements have large peaks at the same frequency (0.15 Hz~~appears as a peak in~~) as peaks in auto-spectra (Figure 8). This indicates that mooring motion contaminates the uncorrected cross-spectral velocity measurements, and that Reynold's stress estimates based on uncorrected velocity measurements will be contaminated by mooring motion. This makes sense because mooring swaying in a direction not aligned with one of the major principal axes will, for example, introduce spurious cross-spectra and contaminate the Reynold's stress.

434 Fortunately, motion corrected velocity cross-spectra, $C\{\vec{u}\}$ (blue), have reduced spectral
 435 amplitudes at these frequencies (reduced peaks), which indicates that motion correction reduces
 436 motion contamination to produce more reliable estimates of velocity cross spectra and Reynold's
 437 stresses (Figure 11). In particular, the ~~amplitude of the cross spectra of \vec{u}_h (red)~~uncertainty in
 438 $f \cdot C\{\vec{u}\}$ (indicated by the blue shading), is significantly smaller than the mean values of $C\{\vec{u}_h\}$ and
 439 \vec{u}_m (black)~~for all three components of cross spectra (rows). Fortunately, motion correction reduces~~
 440 ~~the amplitude of this peak dramatically so that $C\{\vec{u}\}$ (blue) is small at $C\{\vec{u}_m\}$ at the frequencies of~~
 441 ~~maximum motion (0.15 Hz compared to lower frequencies. Furthermore, the fact that the standard~~
 442 ~~deviation-). This indicates that even the individual estimates of $C\{\vec{u}\}$ is also relatively small at~~
 443 ~~0.15 Hz suggests that motion correction is effective for each spectral window~~have reduced peaks
 444 at these frequencies, not just in their the mean.

445 These results indicate that motion-corrected TTM velocity measurements can be used to obtain
 446 reliable estimates of turbulence Reynold's stresses, which are the integral of the cross spectra.
 447 Without motion correction, Reynold's stress estimates would be contaminated by the large peaks
 448 in the cross spectra that are caused by the swaying and fluttering motion of the TTM vane.

449 A similar investigation of StableMoor cross spectra (not shown) indicates that cross-spectral
 450 motion contamination is at a much lower amplitude than for the TTM. The low-frequency (< 0.3
 451 Hz) "swimming" motion of that platform produces a minimal cross-spectral signal, and the relative
 452 large mass of the platform minimizes the kinds of higher-frequency swaying and fluttering that
 453 creates large values of cross-spectral head motion. Thus, the StableMoor platform also produces
 454 reliable estimates of Reynold's stresses, which are presumed to be improved by motion correction.

5. Discussion

The previous section presented a comparison of \vec{u} measured by a TTM-mounted ADV to measurements from a co-located ADP. This comparison demonstrated that the IMU provides a reliable estimate of the ADV’s orientation and that this can be utilized to estimate mean velocity in the Earth’s reference frame. Turbulence velocity estimates from the same ADP are also in agreement with low-frequency TTM turbulence estimates (not shown), but the ADP does not resolve turbulence at the scales where motion contamination is strongest (0.1 to 1.0 Hz).

Ideally, moored motion-corrected turbulence velocity measurements would be validated against simultaneous independent validated measurements of turbulence velocity at the same scales and exact time and location. Accomplishing this, however, involves significant technical challenges that are not easily overcome—most notably the difficulty of measuring turbulence at the same point as the moving ADV. A slightly less ideal but much more realistic confirmation of the methodology might involve comparing the statistics of moored turbulence measurements to those from a nearby fixed platform, or a fixed platform placed at the same location at a different time (e.g., the “TTT” platform described in Thomson et al. 2012). Unfortunately, to our knowledge, these measurements have not yet been made.

Lacking a relevant, fixed, independent turbulence measurement to compare to it is instructive to demonstrate the degree to which the moored measurements are consistent with turbulence theory and other turbulence measurements in similar flow environments. The previous section showed that the shape of the turbulence velocity spectra from moored ADVs is consistent with Kolmogorov’s theory of locally isotropic turbulence, which has been observed consistently in turbulence measurements for decades (Kolmogorov 1941; Grant et al. 1962; McMillan et al. 2016). In particular, we observed an isotropic subrange—an $f^{-5/3}$ spectral slope and equal amplitude

spectra between components—that is driven by anisotropic turbulence at longer timescales (Figures 8, 9, 10). This finding is interpreted as the first indication that the measurement systems presented are capable of accurately resolving turbulence. The degree to which uncorrected spectra were corrected toward this theoretical and observationally confirmed shape is interpreted as a measure of the improvement of the spectral estimates by motion correction.

Figure 12 presents a time series of the mean velocity (A) and several turbulence statistics that were measured during the June 2014 TTM deployment. This figure shows the evolution of the flow through Admiralty Inlet during 1.5 tidal cycles. The tke (B), Reynold’s stresses (C), dissipation, and one component of turbulence production (D) grow and strengthen with ebb or flood then subside during slack tide. This component of turbulence production is:

$$P_{uz} = \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial z} \overline{uw} \quad . \quad (4)$$

Where $\partial \bar{u} / \partial z$ is computed from the two ADVs on the TTM. The highest values of ε and P_{uz} occur at the peak of the ebb or flood, which is in agreement with other measurements in tidal channels. The agreement of the magnitude of P_{uz} with ε at those times suggests a local production-dissipation balance that is often observed in tidally forced channels (Trowbridge et al. 1999; Stacey et al. 1999b; McMillan et al. 2016). At other times, the value of P_{uz} is insufficient to balance ε or is negative.

Inspection of the negative P_{uz} values reveals that most of them are caused by a reversed sign of \overline{uw} rather than a reversed sign of $\partial u / \partial z$ (i.e., when compared to the sign of u). This finding suggests that uncertainty in \overline{uw} may be contributing to discrepancies between P_{uz} and ε . Furthermore, considering the complex nature of the shoreline near this site (i.e., the headland), it is not surprising that P_{uz} does not balance ε perfectly. Other terms of the tke equation are likely to be important, such as other components of production, advection terms, or turbulent transport terms. The fact

500 that these two terms are in near balance as often as they are is a strong indication that bottom
501 boundary layer physics are important to the dynamics at this site.

502 Figure 13 compares individual values of P_{uz} with ε directly. Given the assumptions implicit in
503 this comparison and the discussion above, the agreement between P_{uz} and ε is an encouraging
504 result that suggests the turbulent boundary [layer](#) reaches the depth of these measurements (10
505 m) during the highest flow speeds. This result is further supported by a comparison of \bar{U} with
506 ε (Figure 14). Here we see a $\varepsilon \propto \bar{U}^3$ dependence that is again suggestive of bottom boundary
507 layer physics (Trowbridge 1992; Nash et al. 2009). At lower flow speeds, ε deviates from this
508 relationship, which suggests that the boundary layer is no longer the dominant physical process at
509 the depth of these measurements.

510 6. Conclusion

511 This work presents a methodology for measuring turbulence from moored ADV-IMUs and
512 demonstrates that motion correction reduces mooring motion-contamination. Comparison of spec-
513 tra of ADV head motion, $S\{\vec{u}_h\}$, to that of motion-corrected, $S\{\vec{u}\}$, and uncorrected spectra,
514 $S\{\vec{u}_m\}$, reveals that motion correction improves spectral estimates of moored ADV measurements.
515 In particular, we found that motion-corrected spectra have spectral shapes that are similar to previ-
516 ous measurements of tidal-channel turbulence and have a $f^{-5/3}$ spectral slope at high frequencies.
517 This finding suggests that the motion-corrected spectra resolve the inertial subrange predicted by
518 Kolmogorov’s theory of locally isotropic turbulence.

519 Motion correction reduces motion contamination for all platforms we presented but it does not
520 necessarily remove it completely. This outcome seems to depend on the relative amplitude of
521 platform motion compared to the underlying turbulence being measured. The most notable ex-
522 ample of this is from the TTM, which has a large “swaying” peak at 0.1 Hz. Where this peak

523 is very large—especially in the v component—it is not reduced to a level that is consistent with
524 earlier measurements of tidal-channel turbulence—i.e., there is no smooth roll-off between the
525 low-frequency energy-containing scales and the $f^{-5/3}$ inertial subrange.

526 This inconsistency indicates that turbulence measurements from moored, motion-corrected ~~IMU~~
527 ~~ADVs~~ ADV-IMUs must be interpreted with care. An inspection of spectra presented here suggests
528 that excluding spectral regions where $S\{\vec{u}_h\}/S\{\vec{u}\} > 3$ removes persistent-motion contamination
529 peaks while still preserving spectral regions where motion correction is effective. Using this cri-
530 teria, it is then possible to produce spectral fits that exclude persistent-motion contamination, and
531 provide reliable estimates of turbulence quantities of interest (e.g., ϵ and tke).

532 We ~~ve~~ have also shown that motion correction reduces motion contamination in cross spectra.
533 This finding is important because it suggests that moored ~~IMU-ADV~~ ADV-IMU measurements
534 may be used to produce reliable estimates of Reynolds stresses. We utilized these stress estimates
535 and vertical shear estimates, both from the TTM, to estimate P_{uz} .

536 Finally, we have shown that ϵ estimates based on motion-corrected spectra scale with the U^3 , and
537 balance P_{uz} estimates during ebb and flood. Together, these results indicate that bottom boundary
538 layer physics are a dominant process at this site, and that the boundary layer reaches the height
539 of the ~~IMU-ADVs~~ ADV-IMUs (10 m) during ebb and flood. The degree of agreement between
540 P_{uz} and ϵ also serves as an indicator of the self-consistency of moored ~~IMU-ADV~~ ADV-IMU
541 turbulence measurements.

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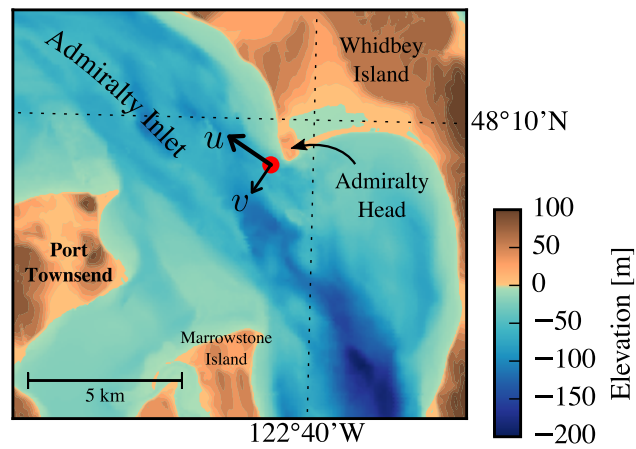
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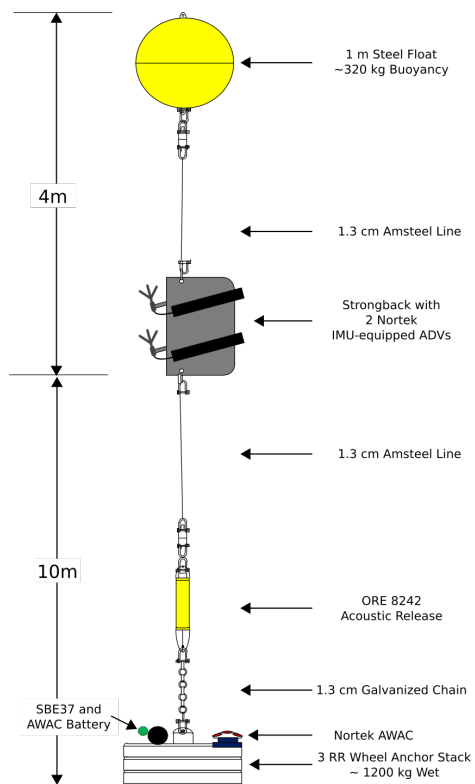
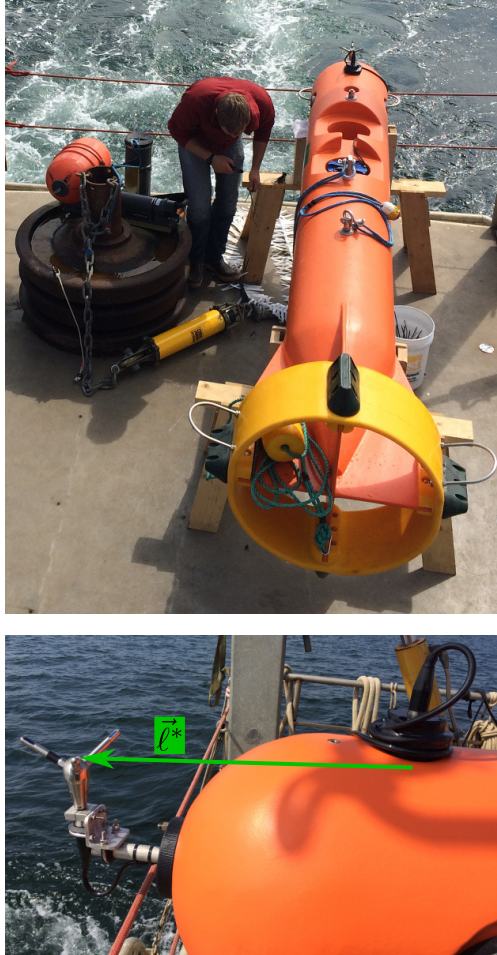


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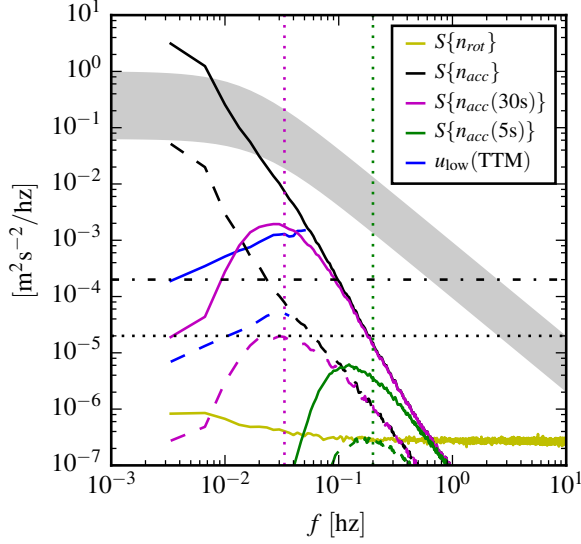
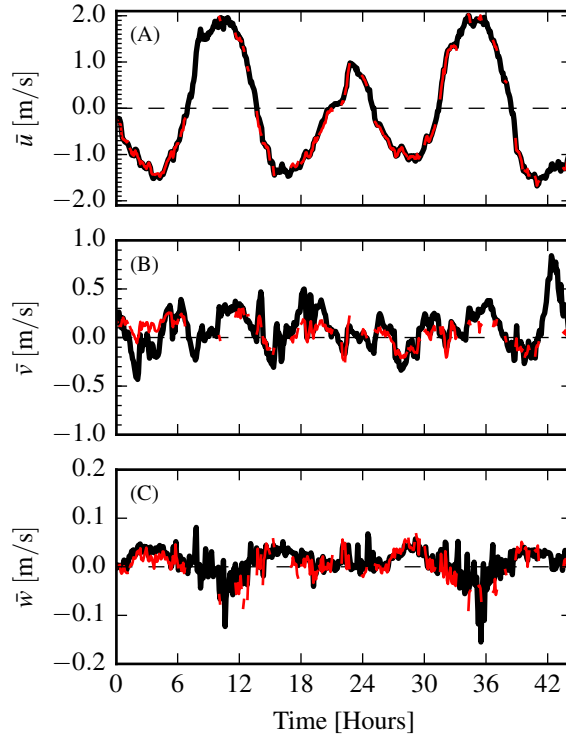


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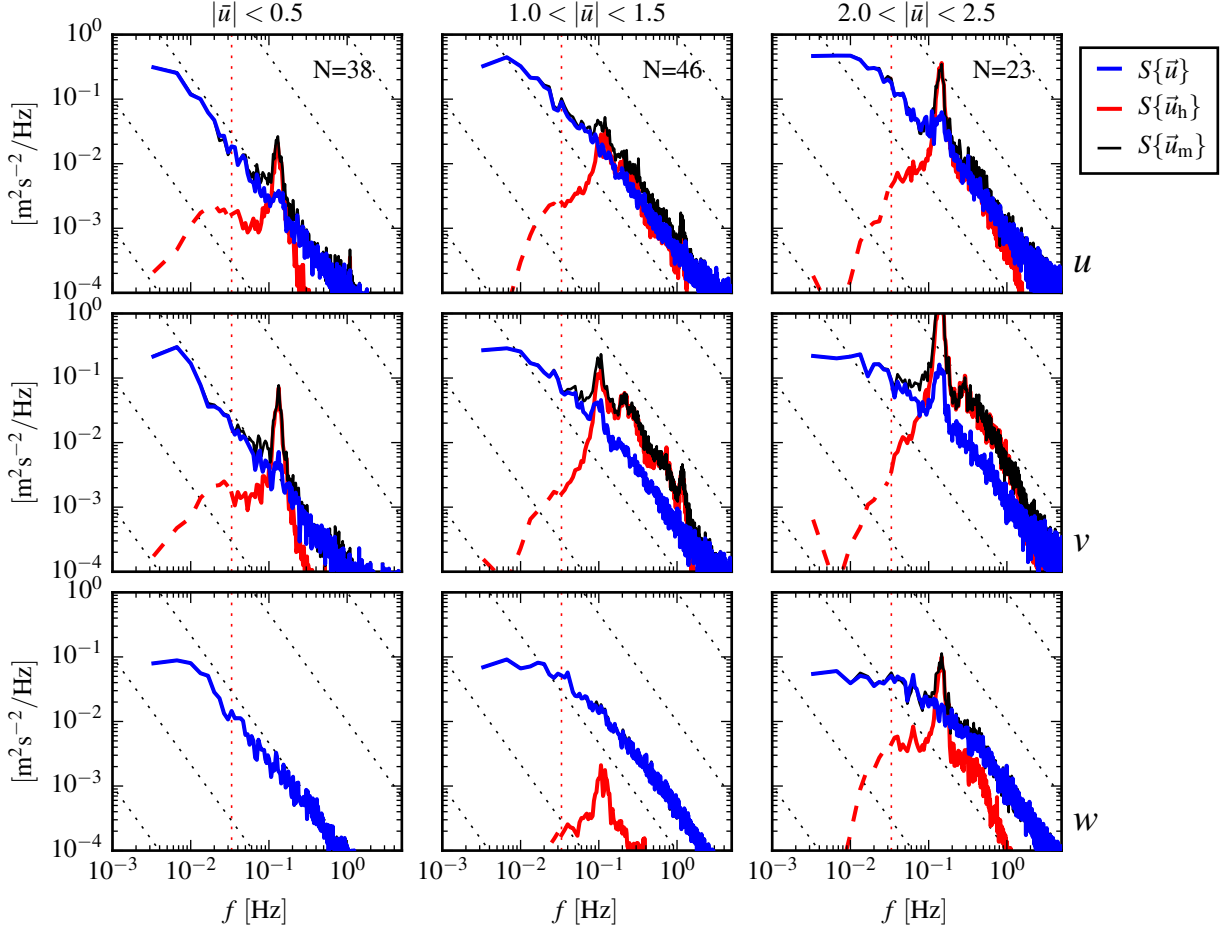


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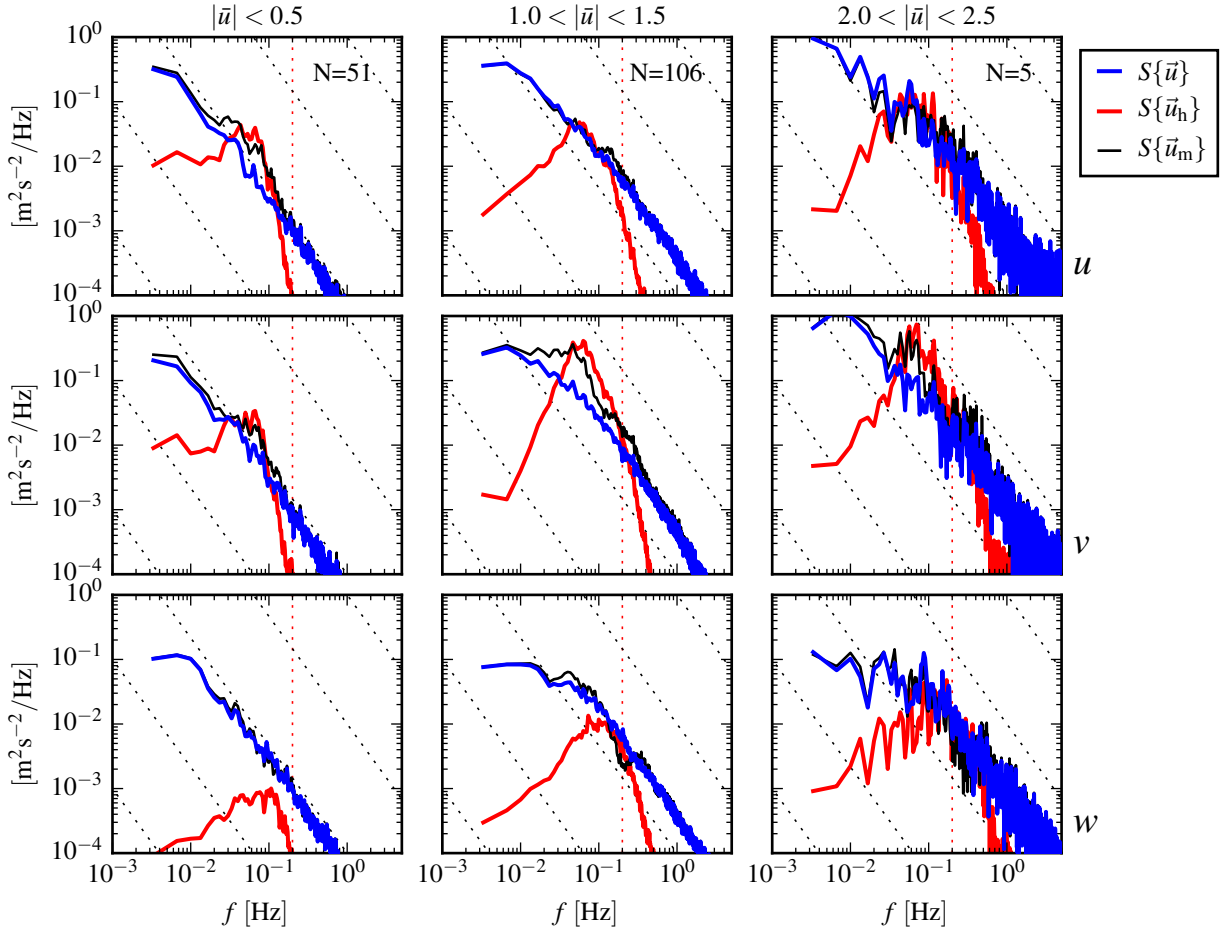
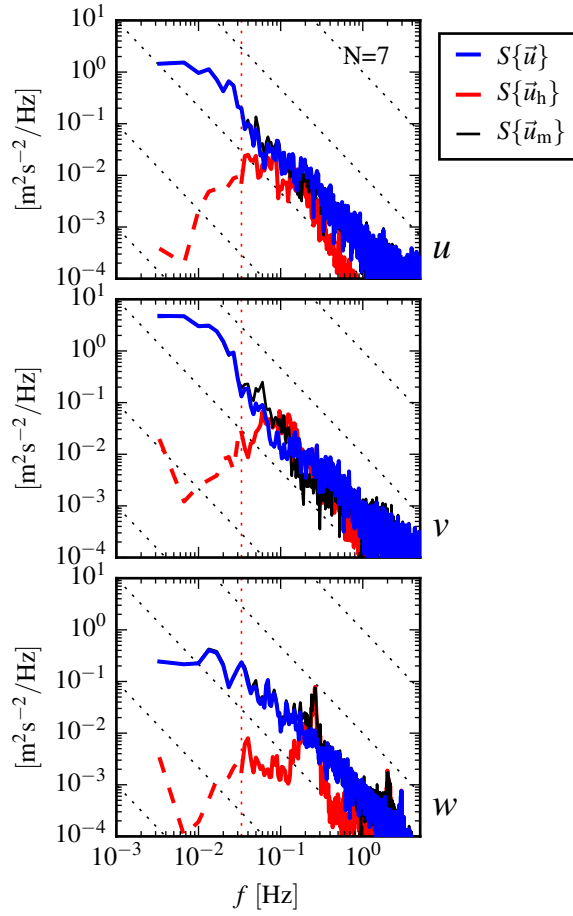


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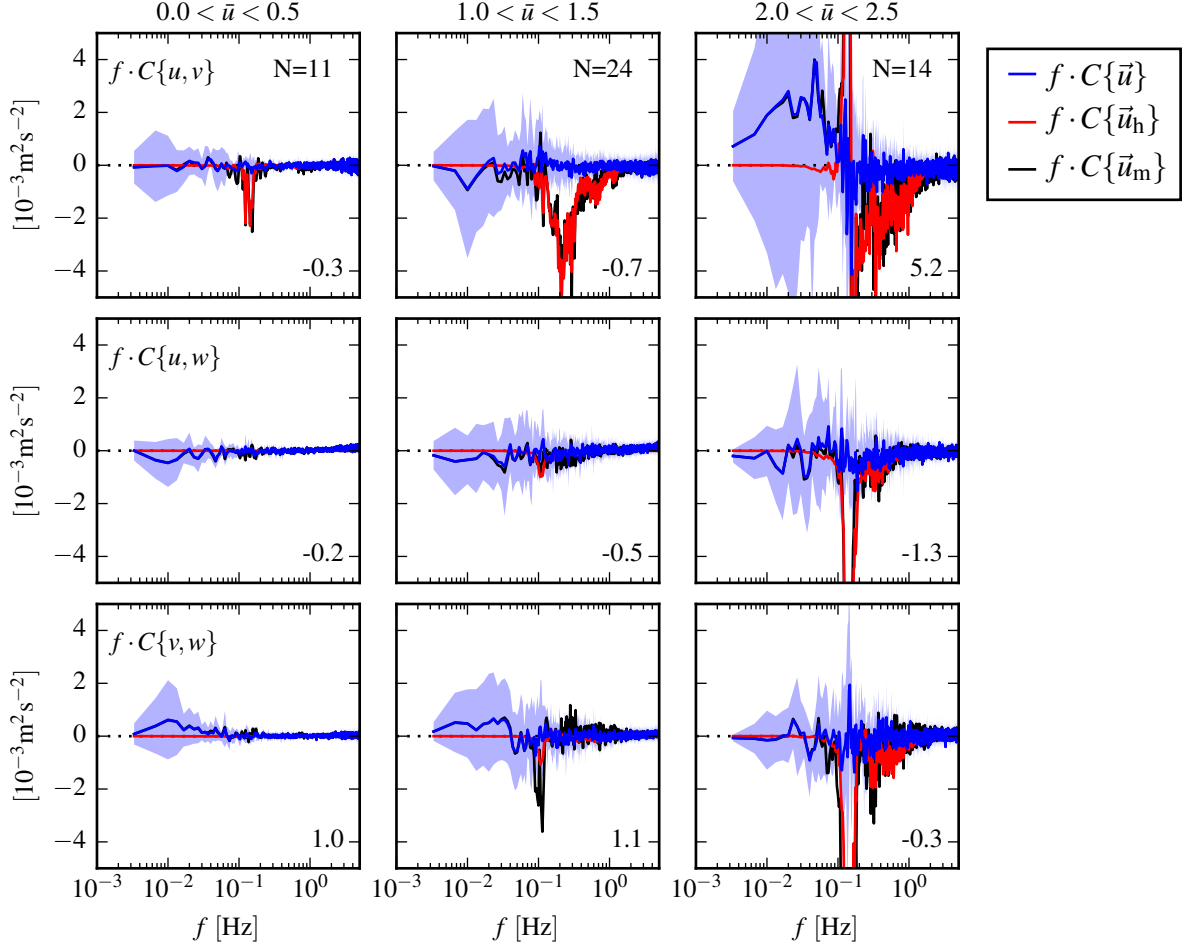


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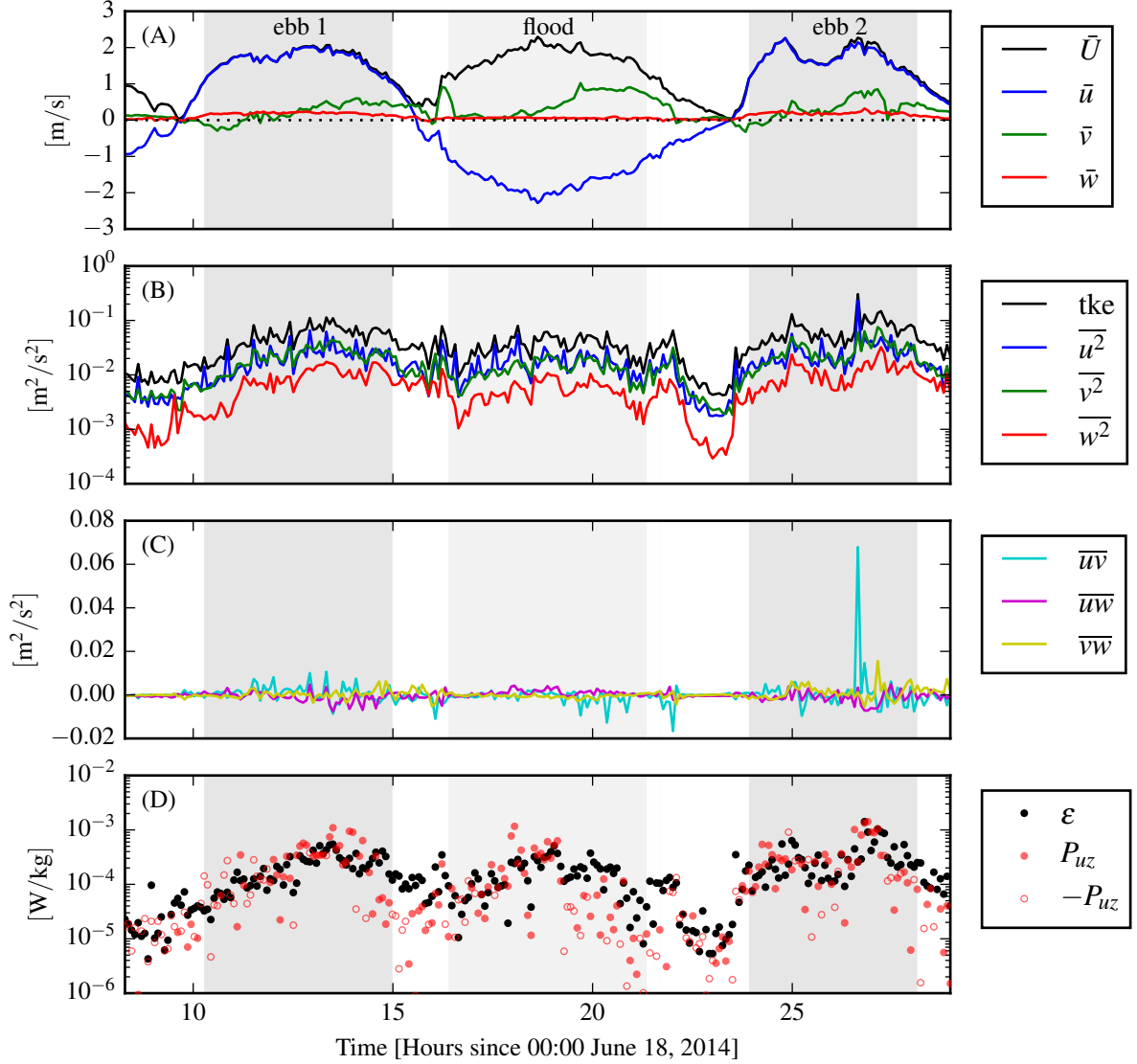


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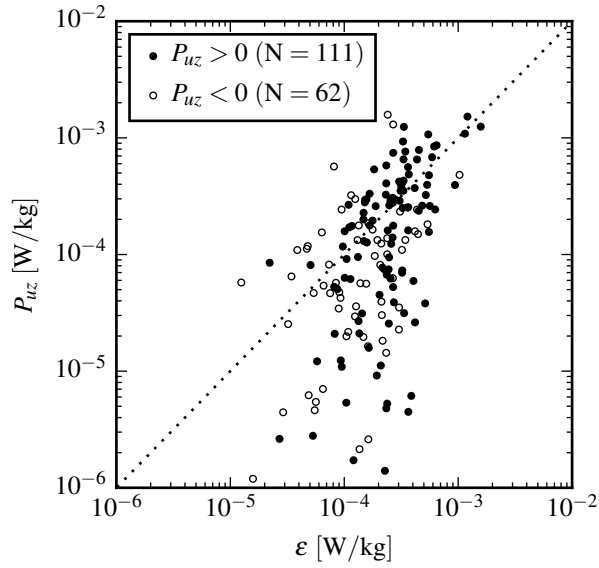


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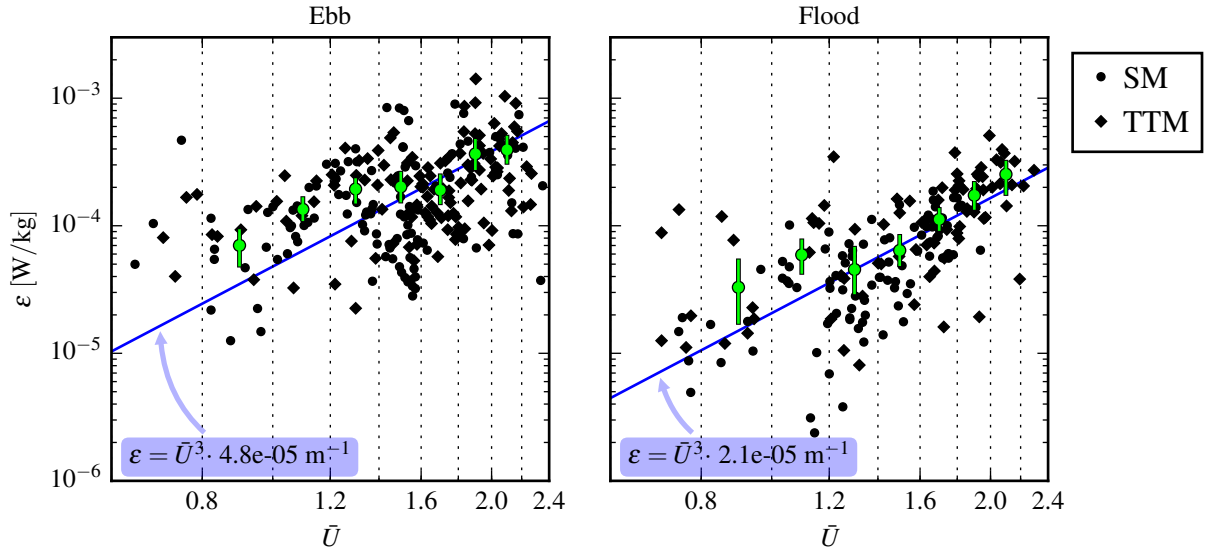


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