Sea ice flux exchanges: A top down, bottom up approach.

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Current State of Flux Exchange in CESM.

Atmosphere-Sea Ice: Radiation, Sensible and Latent Heat, Momentum, Fresh Water

- •Stability dependent formulation (Bryan, Kaufman, Large, and Gent 1996; Large and Yeager, 2004; 2009). Similar over the ocean.
- •Drag and transfer coefficients a function of stability. U* a function of wind / sea ice speed. Constant roughness length.

Ocean-Sea Ice: Fresh Water, Salt, Momentum, Sensible and Latent Heat, Radiation

•Constant drag and transfer coefficients. U* a function of ocean and sea ice speed. (Maykut and McPhee 1995)



Cheng and Launiainen 1999



Subgridscale ice thickness distribution (ITD)

Typically five thickness categories.

All fluxes are merged by fraction before sending to coupler.

Future: Form Drag (Tsamados et al. 2014)

Future: Variational Ridging Approach (Roberts et al. 2019)

The interactions between atmosphere, ice and snow, and ocean in the central Arctic Ocean. Graphics: MOSAiC Team

Atmosphere

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Summary

- Atmosphere-sea ice-ocean flux exchange has not been updated in many years.
- Subgridscale Ice Thickness Distribution: Fluxes merged by fraction and sent to coupler.
- Form drag and variational ridging approaches still to come.
- Eventually make use of MOSAiC and machine learning methods (Zampieri)