

Momentum ( $\nu$ ) =  $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$

TKE Deep Ocean ( $\epsilon$ ) =  $10^{-9} \text{ Wkg}^{-1}$

Thermal ( $\kappa_T$ ) =  $1.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$

TKE Surface Ocean ( $\epsilon$ ) =  $10^{-5} \text{ Wkg}^{-1}$

Salt ( $\kappa_S$ ) =  $1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$

TKE Low Atmosphere\* ( $\epsilon$ ) =  $10^{-3} \text{ Wkg}^{-1}$

**Kolmogorov:**  $L_k \sim 2\pi \left( \frac{\nu^3}{\epsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

**Momentum**

Surface Ocean:  $L_k \sim 2\pi \left( \frac{(1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1})^3}{10^{-5} \text{ Wkg}^{-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 3.53 \times 10^{-3} \text{ meters}$

Deep Ocean:  $L_k \sim 2\pi \left( \frac{(1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1})^3}{10^{-9} \text{ Wkg}^{-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 3.53 \times 10^{-2} \text{ meters}$

**Batchelor:**  $L_b \sim 2\pi \left( \frac{\kappa^2 \nu}{\epsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

**Thermal**

Surface Ocean:  $L_b \sim 2\pi \left( \frac{(1.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1})^2 \cdot (1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1})}{(10^{-5} \text{ Wkg}^{-1})} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 1.32 \times 10^{-3} \text{ meters}$

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**Salt**

Surface Ocean:  $L_b \sim 2\pi \left( \frac{(1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1})^2 \cdot (1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1})}{(10^{-5} \text{ Wkg}^{-1})} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 1.12 \times 10^{-4} \text{ meters}$

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The scales at which turbulent mixing transitions to molecular diffusivity is an order of magnitude greater in the deep ocean relative to the surface layer. This conclusion is expected as the greater the dissipation rate, the more energy is within the energy spectrum, resulting in a smaller scale.

## Atmosphere

\* Kantha. L., & Hocking W. **Dissipation rates of turbulence kinetic energy in the free atmosphere: MST radar and radiosondes** J. Atmos. Solar & Terr. Physics (2011) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jastp.2010.11.024>

$$\text{Kolmogorov: } L_k \sim 2\pi \left( \frac{\nu^3}{\epsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\text{Momentum } (\nu) = 15 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Thermal } (\kappa_T) = 20 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$$

### **Momentum**

$$\text{ABL: } L_k \sim 2\pi \left( \frac{(15 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1})^3}{10^{-3} \text{ Wkg}^{-1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ meters}$$

$$\text{Batchelor: } L_b \sim 2\pi \left( \frac{\kappa^2 \nu}{\epsilon} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

### **Thermal**

$$\text{ABL: } L_b \sim 2\pi \left( \frac{(20 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1})^2 \cdot (1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1})}{(10^{-3} \text{ Wkg}^{-1})} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ meters}$$

The scale of turbulent mixing of momentum appear to be similar orders of magnitude for momentum in both the surface ocean and atmosphere. However, the thermal mixing occurs at an order of magnitude smaller in the atmosphere suggesting a greater amount of energy in the atmosphere relative to the ocean surface.