

Measurement of sardine-generated turbulence in a large tank

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a. Calculation of e_d and η

We recalculate e_d , the rate of energy expenditure to overcome drag by an individual animal and η , the propulsive efficiency, based on Huntley and Zhou (2004). The rate of energy expenditure is shown as:

$$e_d = Dv, \quad (S1)$$

where D is the drag force and v is swimming speed. D is given as:

$$D = \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 S_W C_D, \quad (S2)$$

where ρ is the density of seawater calculated from the international equation of state of seawater (UNESCO 1981), S_W is the total wetted surface area, and C_D is the drag coefficient. S_W is approximated as $S_W = 2WL$, where W is the average body width and L is the average body length. C_D is approximated as $C_D = 0.072 \text{ Re}^{-0.2}$ (Hoerner 1965). η is defined as a ratio of e_d divided by the total rate of energy utilized by a single animal and approximated as (Weihs 1977, Wardle et al. 1996):

$$\eta = 0.39 v^{0.24}. \quad (S3)$$

The measured swimming speeds were $v_{avoidance} = 1.08 \pm 0.11 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ (mean \pm standard deviation) for the avoidance behavior and $v_{feeding} = 0.72 \pm 0.09 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ for the feeding behavior. Assuming that the possible ranges of the swimming speeds are within one standard deviation, we obtain $e_d = (1.9 \text{ to } 3.3) \times 10^{-2} \text{ W}$ and $\eta = 0.39 \text{ to } 0.41$ for the avoidance behavior, and $e_d = (5.6 \text{ to } 11.3) \times 10^{-3} \text{ W}$ and $\eta = 0.35 \text{ to } 0.37$ for the feeding behavior.

b. Estimation of n/V

To estimate population density n/V of the sardines, we assume the hexagonal close-packing (hcp) of equal spheres. Hcp is a concept that is common in crystallography and has been used for estimating animal distributions in the water (e.g. Mackie and Mills 1983). The volume of a cell V_C is expressed as:

$$V_C = 8\sqrt{2} r^3, \quad (S4)$$

where r is the radius of the spheres. The number of spheres in a cell is two, $n_{spheres} = 2$. The density of spheres $n/V_{spheres}$ is shown as:

$$n/V_{spheres} = \frac{n_{spheres}}{V_C}. \quad (S5)$$

We take $r \sim L = 0.173 \text{ m}$; thus, we obtain $n/V_{spheres} = 34.1 \text{ spheres m}^{-3}$. Assuming that each sphere corresponds to an individual sardine, we obtain $n/V = 34.1 \text{ individuals m}^{-3}$.

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