

The study was conducted at a rice paddy located in the agricultural station of the Okayama University (34.5 N, 134 E) in Okayama, Japan. The study site was approximately 300m x 300m wide, surrounded by similar rice paddies. Micrometeorological instruments and masts were deployed on 2 August 1996 and the measurements were made from 6 August through 16 August. The experiment was interrupted from the afternoon of 13 August to the morning of 15 August by a typhoon. During the measurement period the canopy height (h_c) was on average 0.72m and the row spacing was about 0.27m. Leaf area index (LAI) was about 3.1. Because of the high salinity, the site was irrigated on a weekly basis (inundated during weekdays and then drained during weekend).

2.2 Micrometeorological Measurements

The eddy correlation instruments were located at the northwestern edge of the site so that the fetch was at least 200m for the winds from east to southwest. To measure the fluctuations in the horizontal and the vertical wind speeds and in the concentrations of carbon dioxide and water vapor, we used a three-dimensional sonic anemometer (Solent, Model-1012R with 0.15m path length) and an infrared CO₂ & H₂O fluctuation meter (Advanet, Model-E009A with 0.2m path length), respectively. These sensors were installed 1.5m above the canopy (i.e., 2.2m above the ground) and the separation between the two was approximately 0.17m. To measure the turbulence within the canopy, we also used the two miniature three-dimensional sonic anemometers (Kaijo-Denki, model-DATW295, 50mm path length). The measurement levels of these miniature sensors were varied throughout the study period to cover the whole canopy height (Figure 1). Also, we measured the surface soil CO₂ flux and the leaf area index using a portable infrared gas analyzer (Licor, LI-6400) and a canopy analyzer (Licor, LI-2000), respectively.

All the signals from the sensors were recorded with a sampling rate of 10 Hz in binary codes and were monitored with a virtual oscilloscope for quality control. Eddy fluxes and other statistics were computed for 30 minute averaging period. The fluxes of CO₂ and water vapor were corrected for the variation in air density due to the transfer of heat and water vapor following the method of Webb et al. (1980). The sign convention used here is that flux toward the surface is negative.

3. Preliminary Results....

3.1 Energy partition

In Fig. 2A, the detail variation of energy partitioning (averaged for the study period) is shown in terms of the Bowen ratio, b ($=H/LE$, where H and LE are the sensible heat and latent heat fluxes, respectively). During the day b ranged from 0.01 to 0.23. It reached the peak around 10:00 hrs (when H was the maximum) and then gradually decreased, indicating that more energy was partitioned into latent heat flux as the day progressed. There was small but consistent evaporation from the soil at night, resulting in small negative values of b .

3.2 CO₂ exchange

With the onset of photosynthetic activity after sunrise, CO₂ uptake by the rice canopy

increased rapidly and its magnitude ranged from 1 to 1.3 mg m⁻² s⁻¹ during midday (Fig. 2B). At night it released CO₂ at a rate of 0.18 - 0.4 mg m⁻² s⁻¹ (about 20-30% of the midday magnitude). The soil surface CO₂ flux showed a large spatial variation with a daytime average of about 0.43 (+- 0.3) mg m⁻² s⁻¹ when the soil was not flooded. After irrigation, however, the surface soil CO₂ flux became almost zero. The persistent standing water probably impaired the respiratory CO₂ release from the soil surface. In fact, we found at some locations significantly positive flux values (< 0.01 mg m⁻² s⁻¹), indicating that CO₂ was taken up by the water surface. Interestingly, the partial pressure of CO₂ in the paddy water at our site was increasing during the day (Ohtaki, personal communication, Watanabe et al., 1997).

3.3 Turbulent statistics

To understand properly the transport within the rice canopy we need knowledge of the turbulence statistics. Some of these were obtained from the measurements of u^* and sw in the air layer above the canopy and measurements of sw and su within the canopy made with 3-dimensional sonic anemometers. Because the most important scale within the canopy is of order hc , leaf area profile and statistics of the wind moments as functions of z/hc in Fig. 3 and Fig.4. The mean stream wise wind component U is normalized with value at the reference height (1.5 m above the canopy), $U(z=3.1 hc)$ in Fig. 3B. The mean wind profile is strongly sheared near $z=hc$, attenuating within the canopy depending on the LAI profile. The upper layer within the canopy exerted most of the drag on the wind above the rice crop. The profiles of turbulence statistics, su and sw (normalized for u^*), are shown in Fig.4. The ratios su/u^* approached typical surface-layer values (e.g., Raupach, 1988; Kaimal & Finnigan, 1994) of 2.5 and 1.25, respectively. Both ratios seem to fall with decreasing z above the canopy with values at $z=hc$ of approximately 2.1 and 1.1, respectively. The turbulence was strongly height-dependent and su/u^* and sw/u^* decreased more rapidly as z decreases within the canopy.

4. Concluding remarks

We have measured and analyzed fluxes of carbon dioxide and water vapor in a rice paddy. Energy partitioning and the CO₂ exchange in a rice canopy showed generally similar characteristics to those of plant canopies with similar structure (e.g., Verma et al., 1995 for a review). Turbulent statistics (normalized by hc) of rice canopy seem to fall within the range of those reported from previous studies. Detailed analyses on these micrometeorological data including concentration profiles of CO₂, H₂O and CH₄ are currently in process.

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Fig. 1. Eddy correlation system installed (A) above and (B) within the rice canopy during Okayama study in Japan (August 1996).

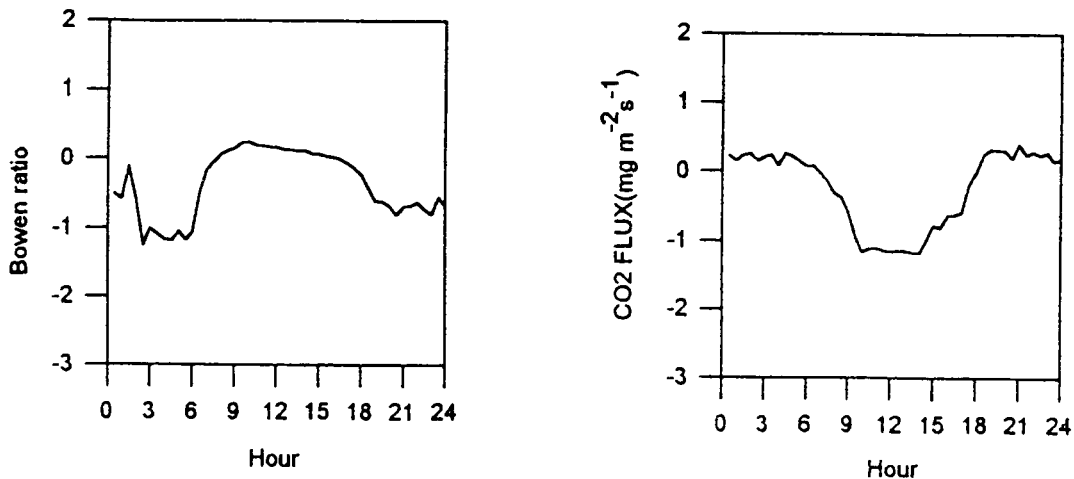


Fig. 2. Averaged daily variations of (A) Bowen ratio and (B) CO₂ flux.

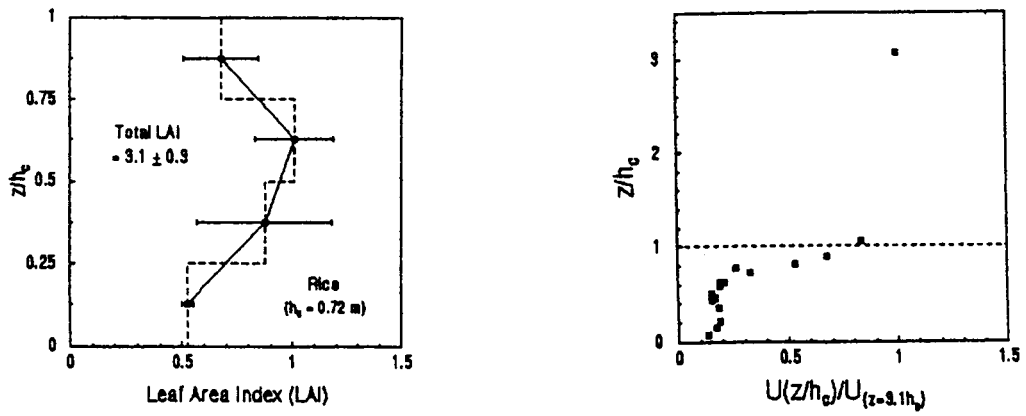


Fig. 3. Profiles of (A) LAI and (B) U for rice canopy.

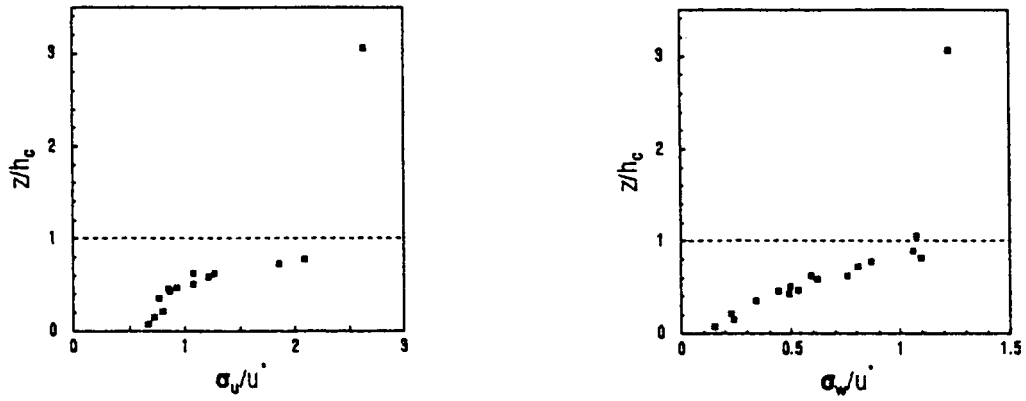


Fig. 4. Profiles with height of (A) su and (B) sw.