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# Corrigendum: Turbulent diapycnal fluxes as a pilot Essential Ocean Variable

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## Error in Figure/Table

In the published article, there was an error in [Table 1](#) as published. The equations for eddy diffusion coefficients  $K_T$ ,  $K_S$ , and  $K_\rho$  in the “Mathematical Definition” column wrongly all began with  $K_\rho$ . The corrected [Table 1](#) and its caption “ $b$  is buoyancy;  $q$  is enthalpy;  $S$  is the salinity concentration; and  $C$  is an arbitrary scalar tracer concentration.  $u', v', w'$  are microscale perturbations of ocean velocities.  $\rho$  is the water density.  $g$  is the gravitational constant.  $N$  is the buoyancy frequency.  $c_p$  is the water thermal capacity.  $\theta$  is the potential

TABLE 1 Ocean Turbulent Mixing variable and its sub-variables.

	Name	Description	Mathematical Definition	Units
Essential Ocean Variable	$J_b, J_q, J_S, J_C$	Subsurface turbulent fluxes	$J_b = -\frac{g}{\rho_0} \overline{\{w'\rho'\}} \approx K_\rho N^2$	$\text{W kg}^{-1}$
			$J_q = -\rho c_p \overline{\{w'\theta'\}} \approx \rho c_p K_\theta \frac{d\theta}{dz}$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
			$J_S = -\overline{\{w'S'\}} \approx K_S \frac{dS}{dz}$	$\text{psu m s}^{-1}$
			$J_C = -\overline{\{w'C'\}} \approx K_C \frac{dC}{dz}$	$[C] \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Sub-variables	$\epsilon$	Rate of turbulent kinetic energy dissipation per unit mass	$\epsilon = 7.5 \nu \int_{k_0}^{k_c} \phi_{u_z}^2(k) dk$	$\text{W kg}^{-1}$
	$\chi$	Rate of temperature dissipation per unit mass	$\chi = 6\kappa_\theta \int_{k_0}^{k_c} \phi_{\theta_z}^2(k) dk$	$\text{K}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
	$\Gamma$	Mixing coefficient	$\Gamma = \frac{\chi N^2}{2\epsilon \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z}\right)^2}$	unitless
	$K_T, K_S, K_\rho$	Eddy diffusion coefficient across density surfaces (of temperature, salinity, density, oxygen, nutrients, etc.)	$K_T = \chi_\theta / 2\theta_z^2$ $K_S = \chi_S / 2S_z^2$ $K_\rho = \Gamma \epsilon / N^2$	$\text{m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Supporting variables	$\frac{d\bar{t}}{dz}, \frac{d\bar{S}}{dz}, \frac{d\bar{C}}{dz}$	Background vertical gradient of temperature, salinity, and tracer C		$\text{K m}^{-1}, \text{psu m}^{-1}, [C] \text{ m}^{-1}$

b is buoyancy; q is enthalpy; S is the salinity concentration; and C is an arbitrary scalar tracer concentration.  $u',v',w'$  are microscale perturbations of ocean velocities.  $\rho$  is the water density.  $g$  is the gravitational constant.  $N$  is the buoyancy frequency.  $c_p$  is the water thermal capacity.  $\theta$  is the potential temperature.  $k_0, k_c$  represents the wavenumber range for spectral integration.  $\phi_{u_z}$  and  $\phi_{\theta_z}$  are the spectra of vertical shear and temperature gradient.

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The authors apologize for this error and state that this does not change the scientific conclusions of the article in any way. The original article has been updated.

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