A North Sea-Baltic Sea regional model: coupling of ocean and atmosphere through a dynamic wave interface

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Relevance of atmosphere-ocean-wave coupling for coastal predictions

- Reducing prediction errors at coastal scales (e.g., drift forecast), which in many cases are due to unresolved nonlinear feedback between wind-waves, circulation and atmosphere
- Study/understand the impact of interaction processes between wind waves, atmosphere and ocean on the quality of coastal ocean simulations
- Substantial effects also on mean fields energy and momentum transfer
- Extreme weather events in the marine realm
- Of particular importance in coastal areas where one has a lot of human activities





GCOAST Modell system





Coupled Model Setup

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	NEMO 3.6	WAM 4.6.2	COSMO	
Horizontal grid	3.5 km covering North Sea and Baltic Sea, 900 m German bight	Same	7 km covering NW European seas	Atm
Vertical grid	56 s layers, emphasis on surface	N/A	55 levels	Wav 🔶 Ocn
Initial field	CMEMS UKMO Data	EWAM wave data	COSMO-EU Model	
Boundary condition	OSU tides, CMEMS UKMO Data for T,S, u,v, SLH	EWAM wave data	NCEP data	51
Forcing	DWD, ERA-I, ERA-5, COSMO	Same	ERA Boundary data	8°N
Vertical diffusion scheme	GLS (<i>k-eps</i>)	N/A		0 ^N 5 ^N
Ice	LIM-3	WAM ice parameterization	NA	0°N 20°W 15°W 10°W 5°W 0° 5°E 10°E 15°E 20°E 25°E 30°E

External Forcing

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Regional Downscaling via OASIS

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Impact of two-way coupling between waves and atmosphere

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MSLP, 10m wind speed, surface roughness

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 $12^{\circ}W$

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12⁰E

24⁰E

36°E

- Enhanced surface roughness
- Reduced wind speed

MSLP, 10m wind speed, surface roughness

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- Centre of low pressure system over North Sea
- Convergence Zone
- Enhaced wind speed at convergence zone
 → Further east in 2wc



Wave-current interaction:

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- (1) The Stokes-Coriolis forcing (Hasselmann, 1970; Breyvik, 2015, 2016)
- (2) Sea state dependent momentum flux (Janssen, 1989; Janssen, 2012, Staneva et al., 2016, 17);
- (3) Sea state dependent energy flux (Craig and Banner, 1994)





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2.5

Stokes-Coriolis forcing



0.3 150 0.3 (c) (a) 0.25 0.25 100 0.2 0.2 50 $U_{s0}^{0.2}[ms^{-1}]$ $\theta_{st}[^o]$ $_{s0}|ms|$ 0.15 1.5 0.1 0.05 0.5 0.0 -10-150 20 0.5 1 1.5 -100 0 100 10 $U_{10}[ms^{-1}]$ $u_{*}[ms^{-1}]$ $\theta_{wind}[^{o}]$

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stokes_drift

The Stokes drift -> WAM

Momentum equations

$$\frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla p + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}_s) \times f\hat{\mathbf{z}} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z}$$

New adding Ust in advection terms

The relationship between U10 and the magnitude of the surface Stokes drift :

(a) black line represents the Ust =0:016 U10 (Li and Garrett, 1993);

(b) Ust = 0.377 Tau ^{1/2} (Madec et al., 2015);

(c) the surface Stokes drift direction and the direction of U10 The color represents the wave age North Sea: Impact of wave-induced processed on sea level

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Baltic Sea: Impact of waves to Sea Surface Temperature

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Impact of waves on T&S FINO-1 MARNET Station





The role of wave-induced processes in particle drift modelling

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- A coupled WAM-COSMO-NEMO model has been implemented and applied for the North Sea Baltic Sea and new parameterizations added and tested.
- Coupling of COSMO-WAM showed better agreement with observations during extremes (reduced wind speed and thus wave heights)
- Effects of considering sea state and introducing wave-induced forcing on simulated temperature are not negligible.
- Storm surge and circulation of the NEMO-WAM model are improved for the coupled model compared with stand-alone NEMO.
- Paves the road to more realistic simulations in both operational forecasting systems and climate studies in the coastal regions (→ CMEMS, WAVE2NEMO, Offshore Windfarming, Suitable Observations ?).

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Impact of coupling with waves on SST (JJA)

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Impact of coupling with waves on SST (NDJ)

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Wu et al (2018)

Impact of coupling on UPWELLING

The frequency of upwelling in the CR of June (a), July (b), August (c) and September (d), 2015 (%). The criteria for upwelling are fulfilled when the SST difference from the zonal mean temperature is greater than 2.5



The wave effect on the distribution of the upwelling intensity in (a) June, (b) July, (c) August, and (d) September 2015.



Impact of wave-induced forcing on Sea Level Different meteoconditions during 2016

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Staneva et al., (2018)

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Thank you for your attention!

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Wave 2NEMO

Atm

Dcn

Wav