A Regional Storm Surge Model for the Alaska Region and Updating Sea Ice Options in ADCIRC

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Alaska Grid Spacings



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M_2 Amplitude



M_2 Validation





- Good performance everywhere but Kuskokwim River
- Includes SAL, parameterized internal tide dissipation, bottom friction - all contribute to accuracy of solution

- National Centers for Environmental Prediction's Climate Forecast System Reanalysis (CFSv2) [4].
- Hourly wind speeds at a 10 m height with a horizontal resolution of 0.205 degrees by 0.204 degrees
- Hourly atmospheric pressure at a resolution of 0.5 degrees.



Ice Free Storms - August 2012



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Base Implementation to ADCIRC

Used by ACOE (Chapman 2005, 2009)

$$C_{d,iceoriginal} = \max\left(C_{d,Garratt}, C_{d,Chapman}\right). \tag{1}$$

where

$$C_{d,Chapman} = 0.00075 + 0.0075AF - 0.009AF^2 + 0.002AF^3$$
⁽²⁾



Fig. 2. Mean neutral drag coefficients at 10 m height $c_{\rm dato}$ derived from observations (Hartmann et al., 1994; Kottmeier et al., 1994) as a function of ice concentration $\mathcal{A}_{1}.$

- AF = area fraction ice
- Observation based
- Solely a function on AF
- Under high wind speeds, this drag coefficient essentially ignores the presence of ice coverage

[?]

$$C_D = (AF)C_{D,is} + (1 - AF)C_{D,w} + C_{D,if}$$
(3)

$$\begin{array}{l} C_{D,is} = 0.0015 \\ C_{D,w} = GarrattDrag \\ C_{D,if}(0) = 0, \ C_{D,if}(1) = 0 \\ C_{D,if}(.5) = C_{D,if,max} = .0025 \end{array}$$

- Decompose the flux coefficient into contributions which are a function of both wind speed and ice coverage
- Area weighted approach [6, 1, 2]
- Considers both the form and skin drag over ice floes
- Form drag determined by number of ice face/obstacles
- Sea ice concentration from NCEP Automated Sea Ice Concentration Analysis - 5' resolution, satellite based

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November 2011 Ice Coverage



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February 2011 Ice Coverage



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January 2017 Ice Coverage



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November 2011 Ice Coverage



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November 2011 Ice Coverage



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November 2011 Effect of Ice



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February 2011 Ice Coverage



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January 2017 Ice Coverage



Jan 2017 Ice



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Already running with ADCIRC+SWAN — no real ice physics

WAVEWATCH III wave model

- Incorporated ice physics developed as part of an Office of Naval Research (ONR) Directed Research Initiative (DRI)
- Four different options for wave dissipation due to ice that covers a variety of ice conditions. 3 are physics based, one empirical
- Allows for two wave scattering and dispersion due to ice as well as an option for ice breakup due to waves
- Earth System Modelling Framework (ESMF) provides structure and communication paradigm for coupling to be completed

Ice Parameterization - Assumptions and Limitations

- Still significant uncertainty in air-sea-ice interaction in this context
- Only considers atmospheric side
 - Assumes proportional relationship between the wind speed and the ice drift-ocean current differential
 - Assumes proportional relationship between air-ice drag and ice-ocean drag
 - Assumes no direction change in ice drift wrt wind speed
 - Does not affect tidal solution
- Doesn't consider fast ice
- Data limitations
 - Relatively low resolution in time (only daily evolution of the ice field)
 - Missing important sea ice parameters (only area fraction at high spatial resolution)



• Couple to a sea ice model (ex. Los Alamos Sea Ice Model (CICE))

- Computes a number of factors including ice floe size, ridge height, and the presence of melt ponds
- Includes a well developed description of the drag coefficient on both the atmosphere-ice and ice-ocean interfaces [5]
- Computes ice drift speeds

$$C_{d,a-i} = C_{d,skin} + C_{d,ridge} + C_{d,floe} + C_{d,pond}$$
(4)

$$C_{d,i-o} = C_{d,skin} + C_{d,ridge} + C_{d,floe}$$
(5)

Ice ocean stress [3]

$$\tau_{i-o} = \rho_w C_{d,i-o} |u_i - u_o| (u_i - u_o)$$
(6)

Total ocean stress

$$\tau_{ocn} = (1 - AF)\tau_{a-o} + (AF)\tau_{i-o} \tag{7}$$

- Compliant with ESMF for coupling with both ADCIRC+WWIII
- Requires wind velocity, specific humidity, air potential temperature, air temperature, incoming shortwave and longwave radiation, rainfall, snowfall, sea surface temperature and salinity (Through ESMF/other model solutions)
- ADCIRC+WAVEWATCH III will be capable of providing ocean currents and sea surface gradients

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$$WSX = (1 - AF) * (WSX) + AF * WSX_{ice}$$
(8)

$$WSX_{ice} = C_{d-ice} * (IceDriftX - U/0.86) * IceDriftDiffMag$$
(9)

- Built into NWS options (NCICE = 13)
- Depth averaged current used to estimate surface current
- $C_{d-ice} = [0.0025, 0.018]$, highly dependent on sea ice type/size/thickness etc.
- Currently testing two approaches :
 - Data Driven Sea Ice Drift from CFSv2 (0.5 degree resolution)
 - Parametric Ice Drift 2 % at 30 degrees to the right of the wind speed (Nansen's rule)



Sea Ice Drift - November 2011



Paramterized Wind Drag

Sea Ice Drift



Sea Ice Drift - January 2017



Paramterized Wind Drag

Sea Ice Drift

Sea Ice Drift - Tide Impact



Sea Ice Drift Effect on M_2 amplitude

Sea Ice Drift Effect on M_2 phase

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