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# Impact of interfaces for wind and wave modeling

**via coupled atmospheric & ocean wave models,  
with SAR and mast measurements**

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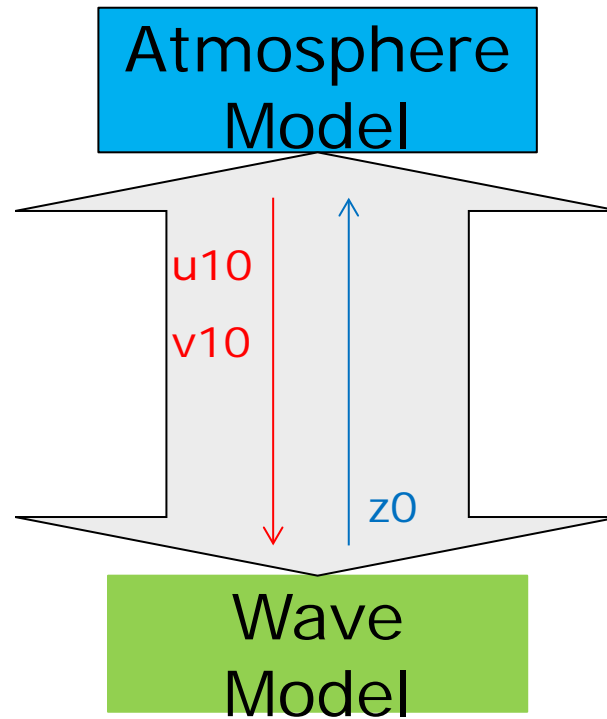
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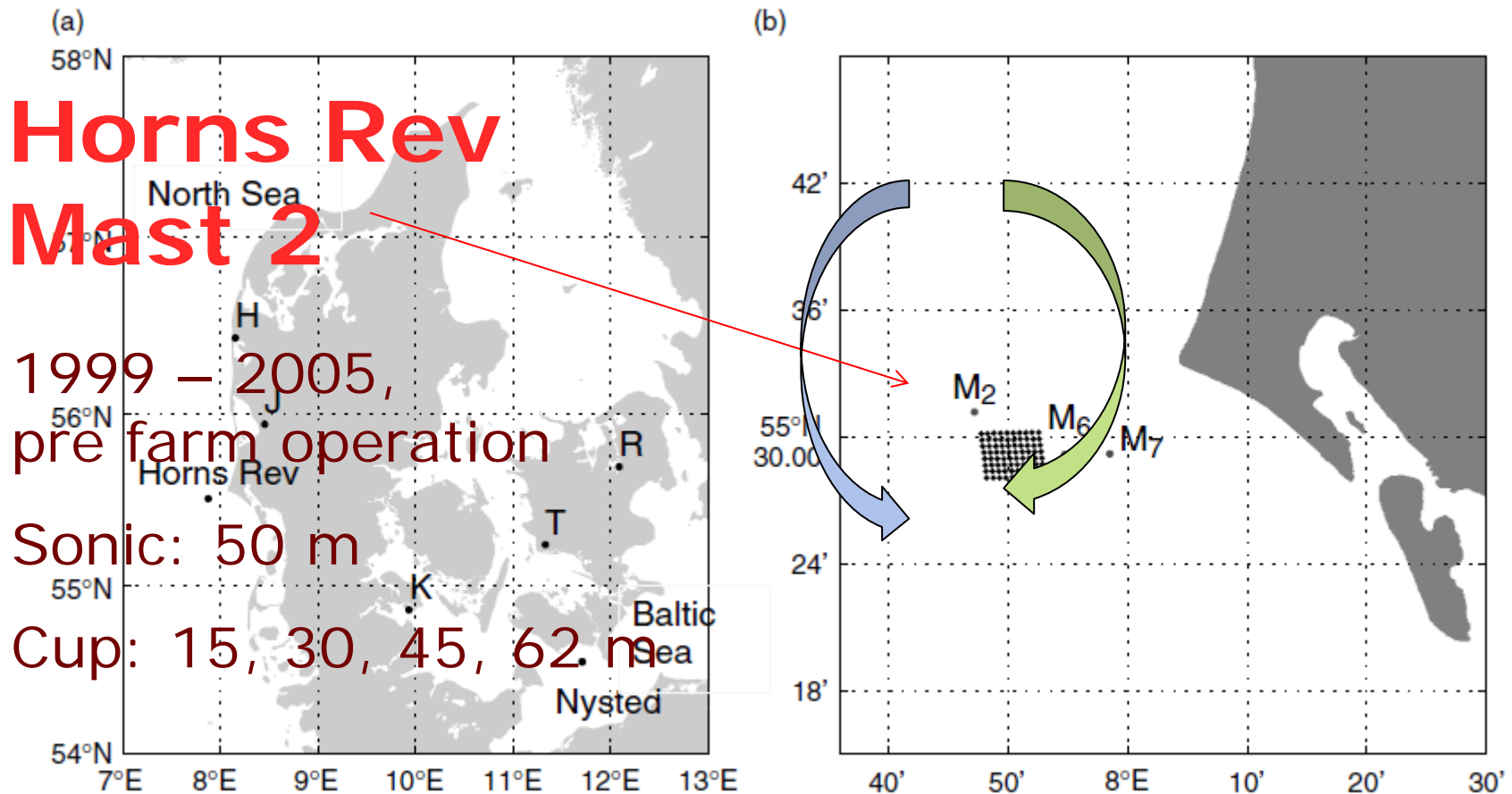
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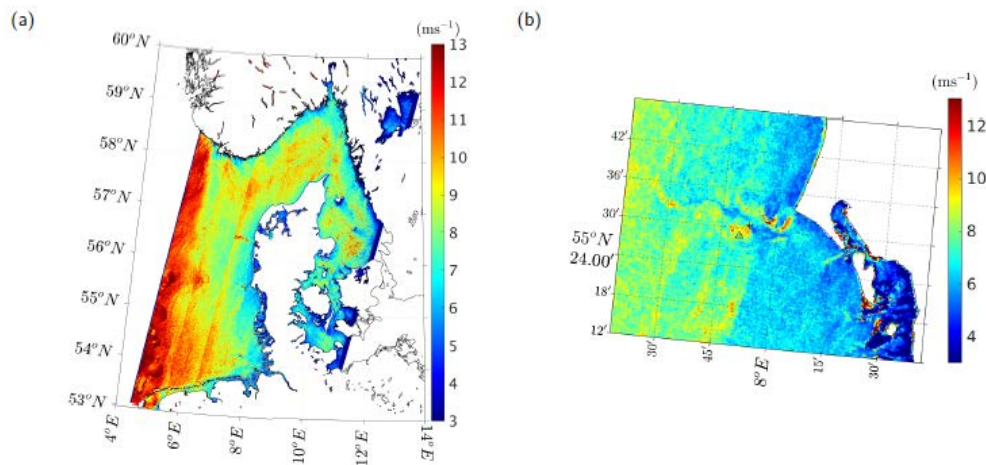
# Method

1. Measurements
2. Development of the Wave Boundary Layer Model (WBLM)
3. Results of application of WBLM

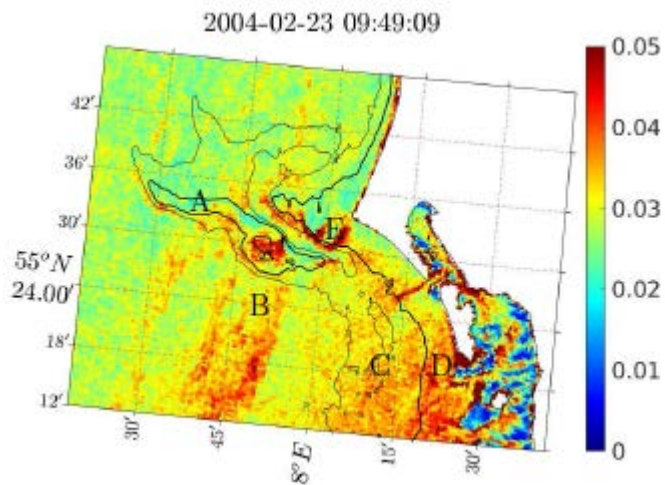
# Measurements: from mast & buoy



# Measurements: ENVISAT Synthetic Aperture Radar

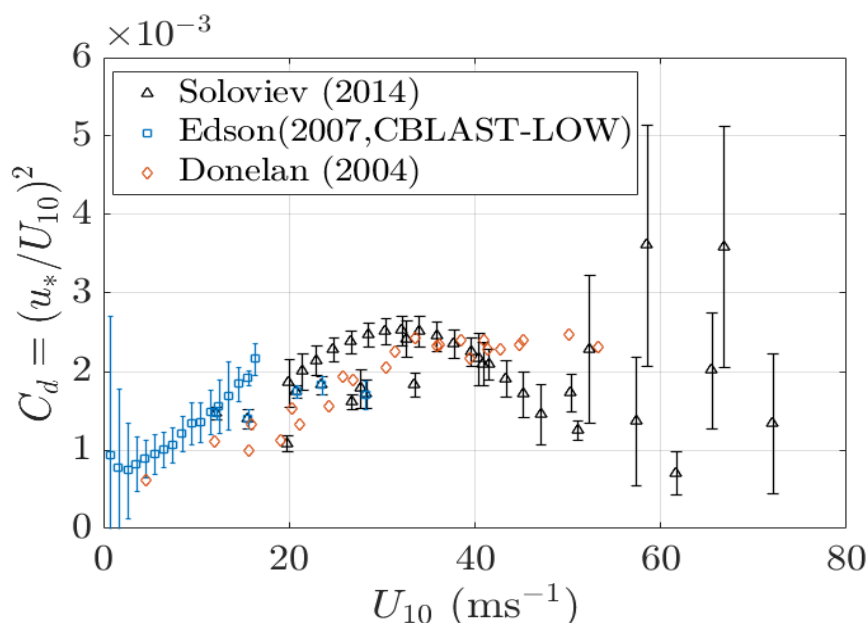


SAR 10 m “wind speed”



Radar backscatter measured by ASAR

# Measurements: from literature



**Soloviev (2014):** A collection of measurements from Powell (2003), Black (2007, CBLAST-Hurricane), Bell (2012), Jarosz (2007), Holthuijsen (2012)

**Edson (2007):** CBLAST-LOW

**Donelan (2004):** Laboratory measurements in a wave tank (15m long x 1m wide x 1m high)

# Motivation (1)

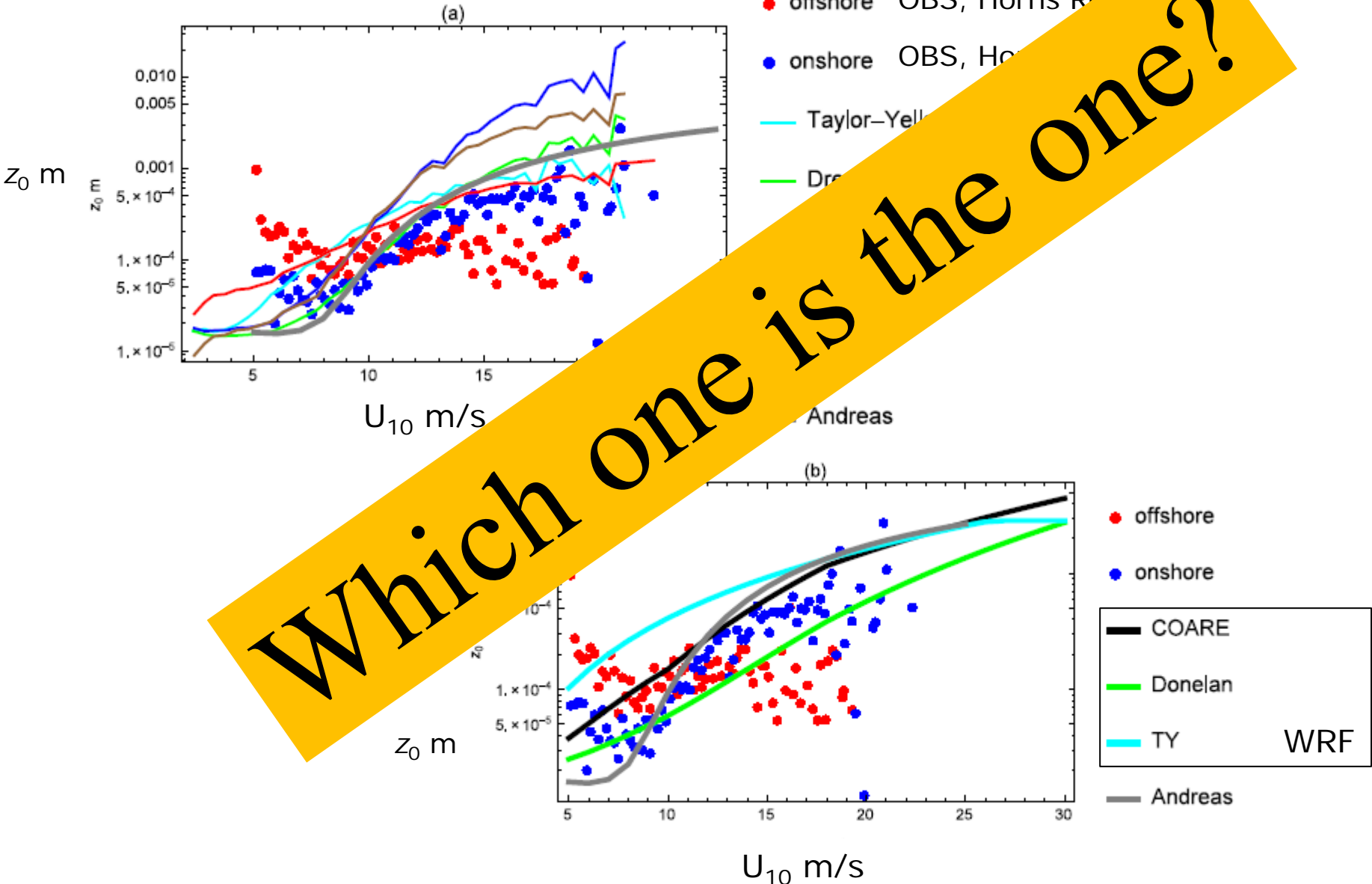




# Motivation (2)

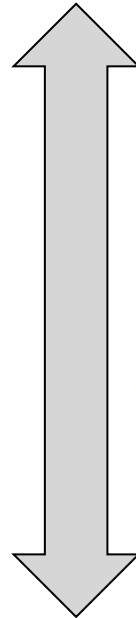
| Schemes               | $z_0$  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <i>Charnock</i>       | $z_0 = \alpha u_*^2 / g$   |
| <i>Drennan et al</i>  | $z_0 = 3.35 H_s (u_* / c) \dots$   |
| <i>Fan et al.</i>     | $z_0 = \alpha u_*^2 / g + 0.11 \nu / u_* \dots$ $a = \frac{0.023}{1.0568 U_{10}}$ $b = 0.012 U_{10}$   |
| <i>Liu et al.</i>     | for $0.35 < c < 1.0$<br>$z_0 = \dots (u_*^{3/2})^{1-1/\omega} (0.03 c_p / u_* \exp(-0.14 c_p / u_*))^{1/\omega}$<br>$\alpha = 17.61^{1-1/\omega} 0.008^{1/\omega}$<br>where $\omega = \min(1, a_{cr} / (\kappa u_*))$ , with $a_{cr} = 0.64 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ |
| <i>Oost et al</i>     | $z_0 = \frac{50}{2\pi} L_v \left(\frac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{4.5} + 0.11 \nu / u_*$  |
| <i>SWA</i>            | $z_0 = z \exp(-u_* / U_{10})$<br>$u_* = 0.239 + 0.0433 \left( (U_{10} - 8.271) + \sqrt{0.12(U_{10} - 8.271)^2 + 0.181} \right)$  |
| <i>Taylor-Yelland</i> | $z_0 = 1200 H_s (H_s / L_p)^{4.5}$   |

TOO MANY OPTIONS!





## JANSSEN SCHEME



$$u_* = \sqrt{C_d} U_{10}$$

$$C_D = \left( \frac{\kappa}{\ln(z/z_0)} \right)^2$$

$$\tau_{tot} = \rho_a u_*^2$$

$$z_0 = \frac{0.01 u_*^2}{g \sqrt{1 - \tau_w / \tau_{tot}}}$$

$$\tau_w \begin{cases} \tau_{wl} = \rho_w \int_{\sigma_{min}}^{\sigma_c} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sigma^2 \beta_g(\sigma, \theta) N(\sigma, \theta) d\theta d\sigma \\ \tau_{wh} = \rho_w \int_{\sigma_c}^{\sigma_{max}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sigma^2 \beta_g(\sigma, \theta) N(\sigma, \theta) \left(\frac{\sigma_c}{\sigma}\right)^6 d\theta d\sigma \end{cases}$$

with

$$\beta_g(\sigma, \theta) = C_\beta \sigma \frac{\rho_a}{\rho_w} \left( \frac{u_*}{c} \right)^2 \cos^2(\theta - \theta_w)$$

$$\begin{cases} C_\beta = \frac{J}{\kappa^2} \lambda \ln^4 \lambda, & \lambda \leq 1 \\ \lambda = \frac{g z_0}{c} \exp(\kappa c / |u_* \cos(\theta - \theta_w)|) \end{cases}$$

# The Wave Boundary Layer Model

Conservation of momentum :

$$\vec{\tau}_{tot}(z) = \vec{\tau}_t(z) + \vec{\tau}_w(z) = constant \quad \vec{\tau}_w(z) = \rho_w \int_{\sigma_{min}}^{\sigma_z} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \beta_g(\sigma, \theta) \sigma^2 N(\sigma, \theta) \frac{\vec{k}}{k} d\theta d\sigma$$

$$\beta_g(\sigma, \theta) = C_\beta \sigma \frac{\rho_a}{\rho_w} \left( \frac{u_*^l}{c} \right)^2 \cos^2(\theta - \theta_w) \quad \text{--Wave growth is proportional to the local turbulent stress}$$

Conservation of kinetic energy:

$$\frac{d}{dz} (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{\tau}_{tot}) + \frac{d\Pi}{dz} + \frac{d\Pi'}{dz} - \rho_a \varepsilon = 0$$

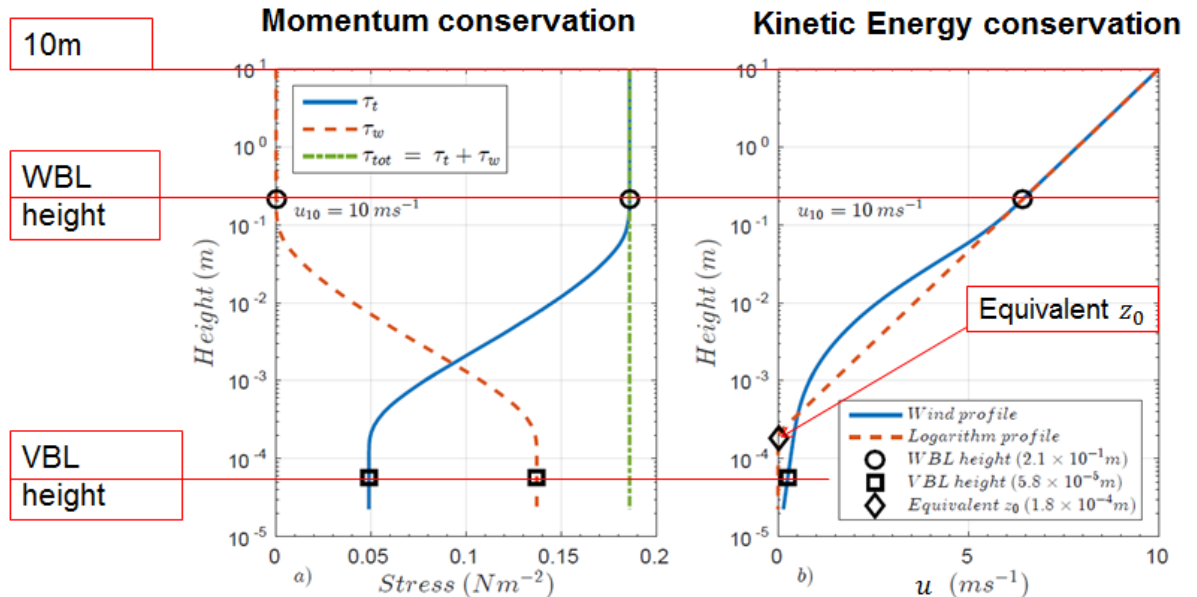
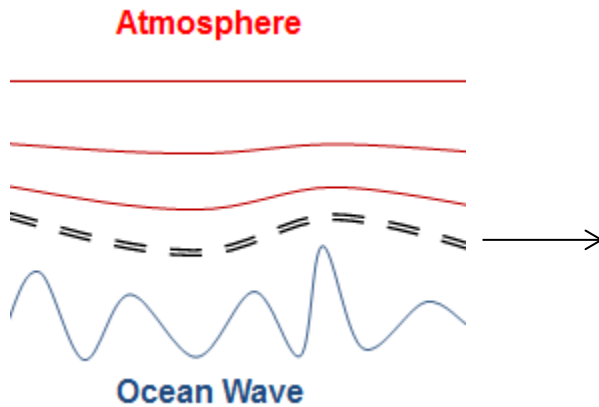
Wave-induced energy flux

$$\Pi(z) = \int_{\sigma_{min}}^{\sigma} \tilde{F}_w(\sigma) d\sigma \quad \tilde{F}_w(\sigma) = \rho_w \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \beta_g(\sigma, \theta) g \sigma N(\sigma, \theta) d\theta$$

$$\frac{d\vec{u}}{dz} = \left[ \frac{\delta}{z^2} \tilde{F}_w \left( \sigma = \sqrt{g\delta/z} \right) + \frac{\rho_a}{\kappa z} \left| \frac{\vec{\tau}_t(z)}{\rho_a} \right|^{\frac{3}{2}} \right] \times \frac{\vec{\tau}_t(z)}{\vec{\tau}_t(z) \cdot \vec{\tau}_{tot}} \quad \text{--Wind profile in the wave boundary layer}$$

# The Wave Boundary Layer Model

WRF



Du, J., Bolaños, R., and Larsén, X. (2017a). The use of a wave boundary layer model in SWAN. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, pages 1063–1084.

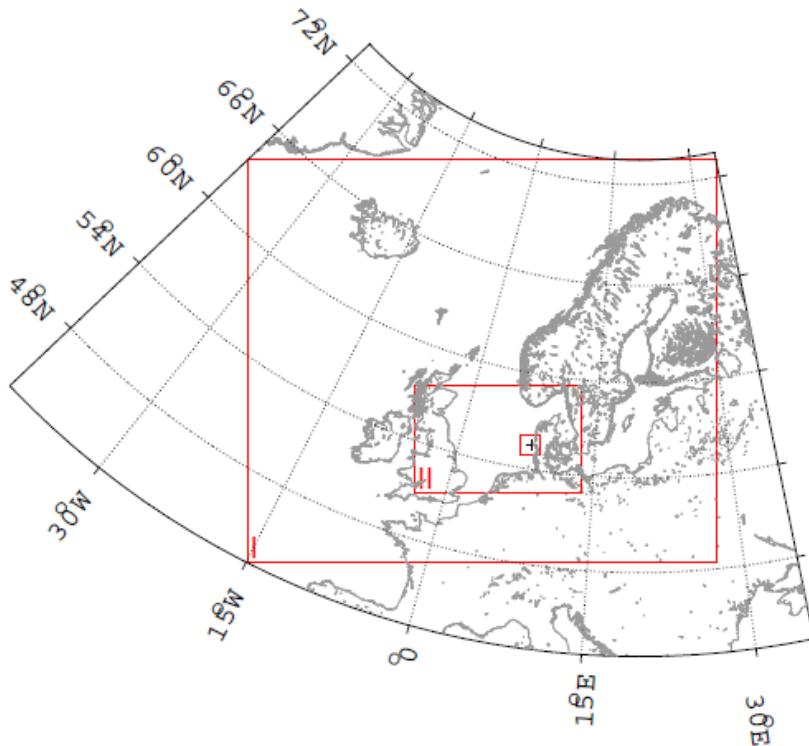
SWAN

# Model setup

Two-way online  
 Nested 9-3-0.6km  
 30 hours for each run

**WRF:**  
 CFSR+OISST  
 77 vertical sigma levels  
 MYNN 3.0 PBL scheme  
 RRTM long and short wave radiation  
 Kain-Fritsch cumulus scheme (domain I)  
 Corine land use

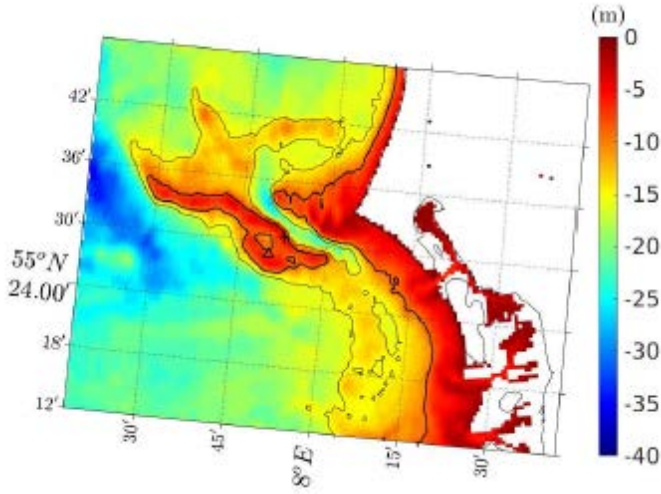
**SWAN:**  
 1/8 arc-minute bathymetry data  
 Initiated 24h before the simulation  
 Close boundary for open sea  
 36 directional bins.  
 0.03 Hz < f < 10.05 Hz (KOM and WBLM)  
 0.03 Hz < f < 0.57 Hz (JANS)



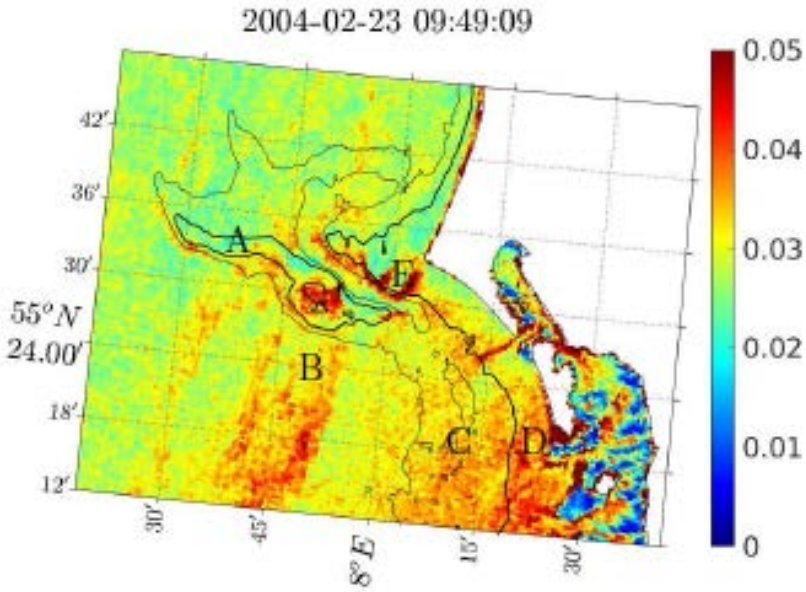
# Model performance

Cases are chosen to emphasize the conditions: storm and/or coastal

Example case 1: 2004-02-22 – 2004-02-24 (coastal, moderate to strong wind)



bathymetry



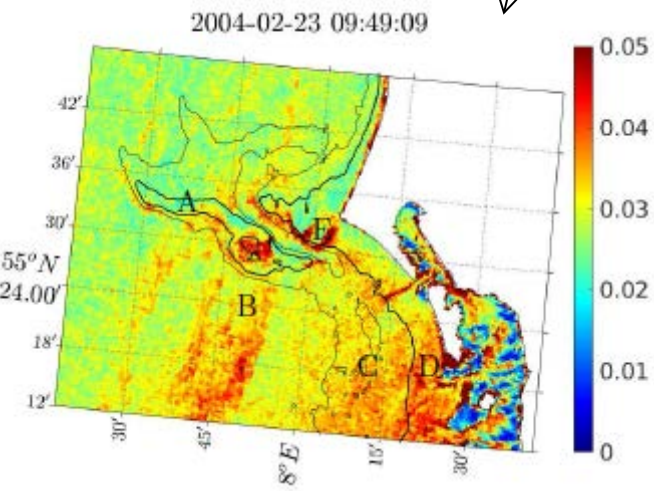
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# Model performance

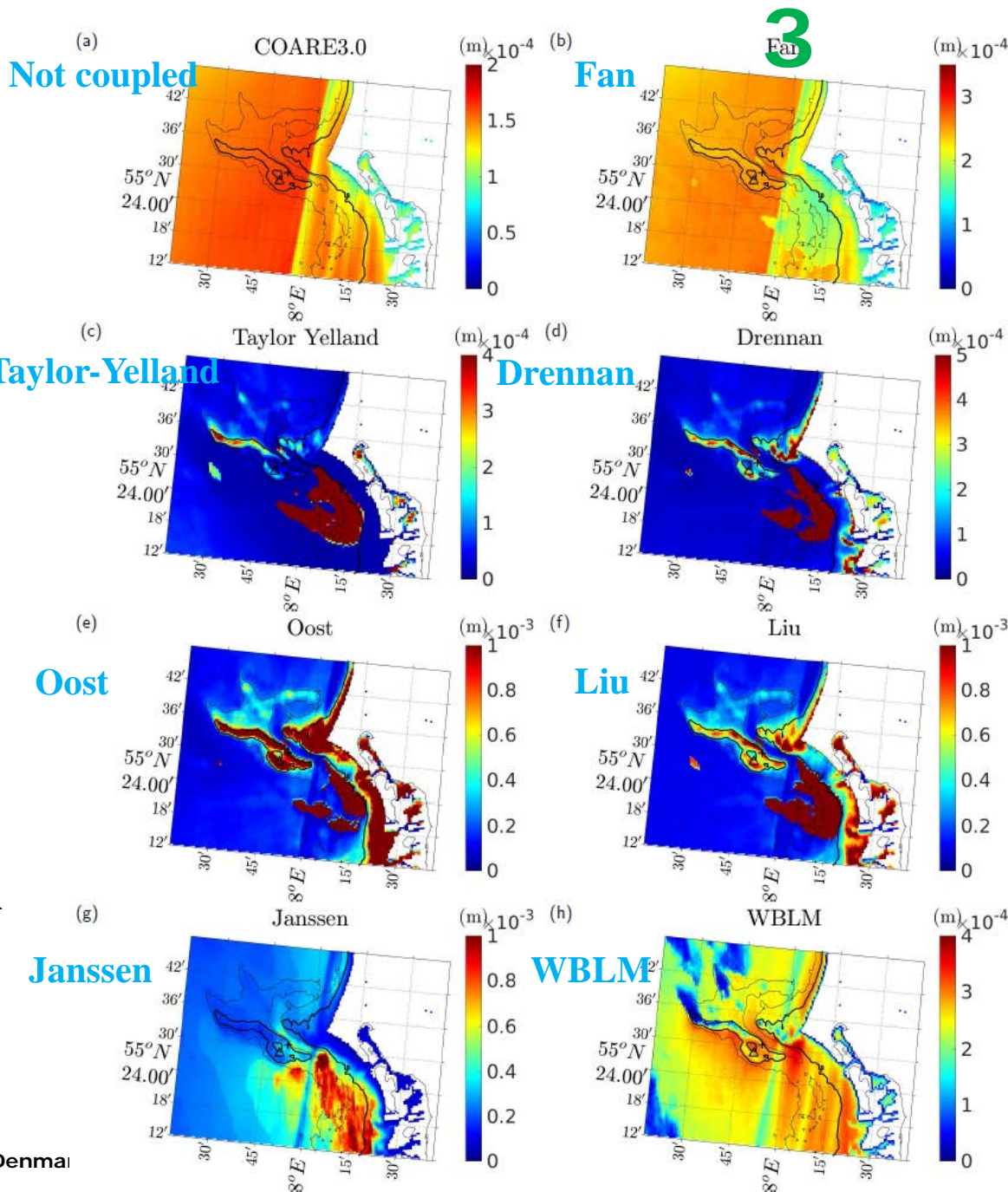
## Roughness length

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Wind vector



Radar backscatter measured by ASAR

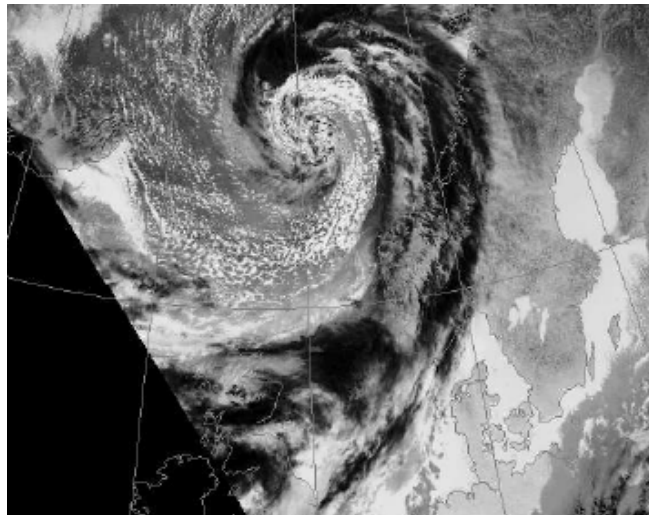




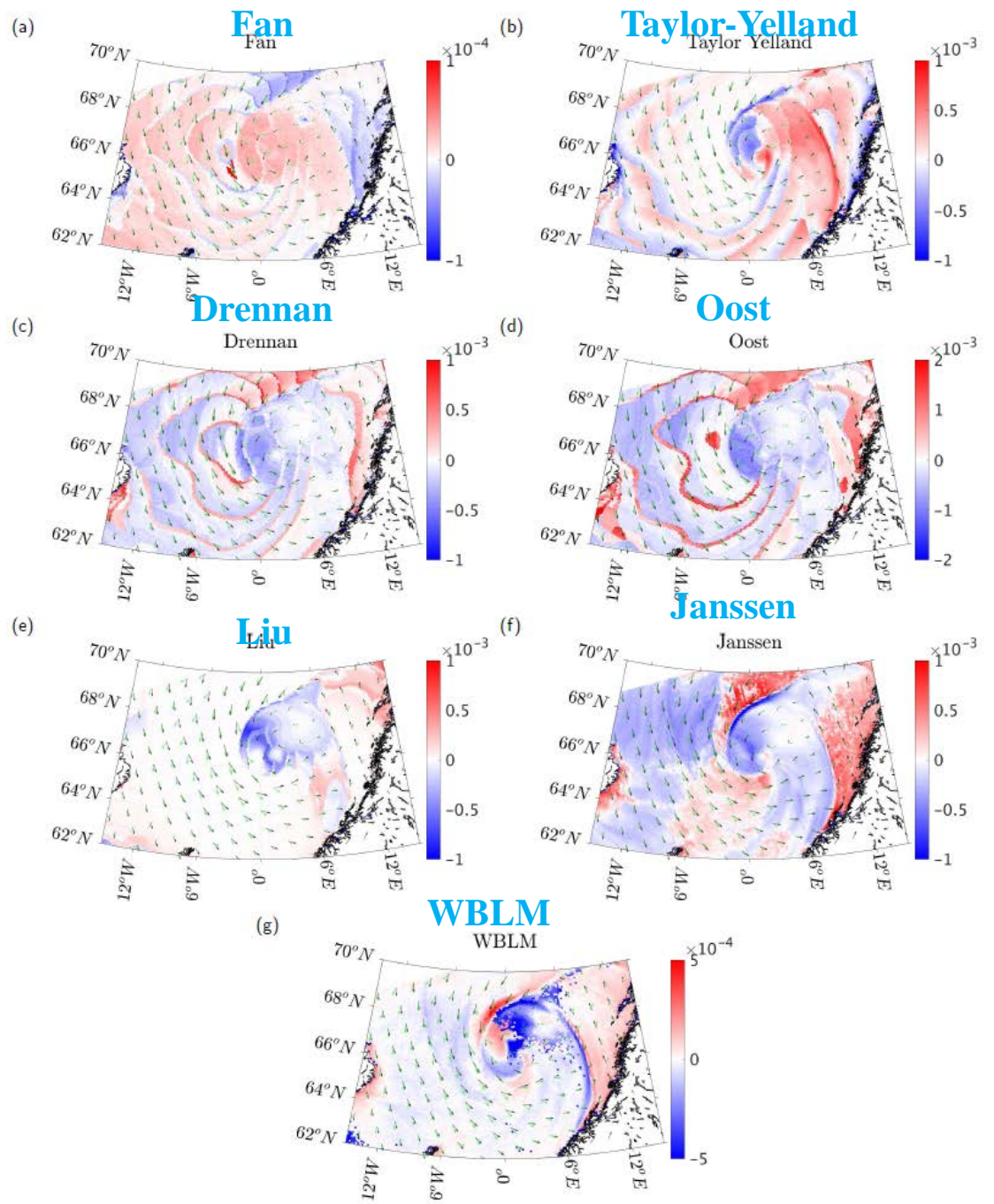
# Model performance

Drag coefficient  
difference:

coupled - uncoupled



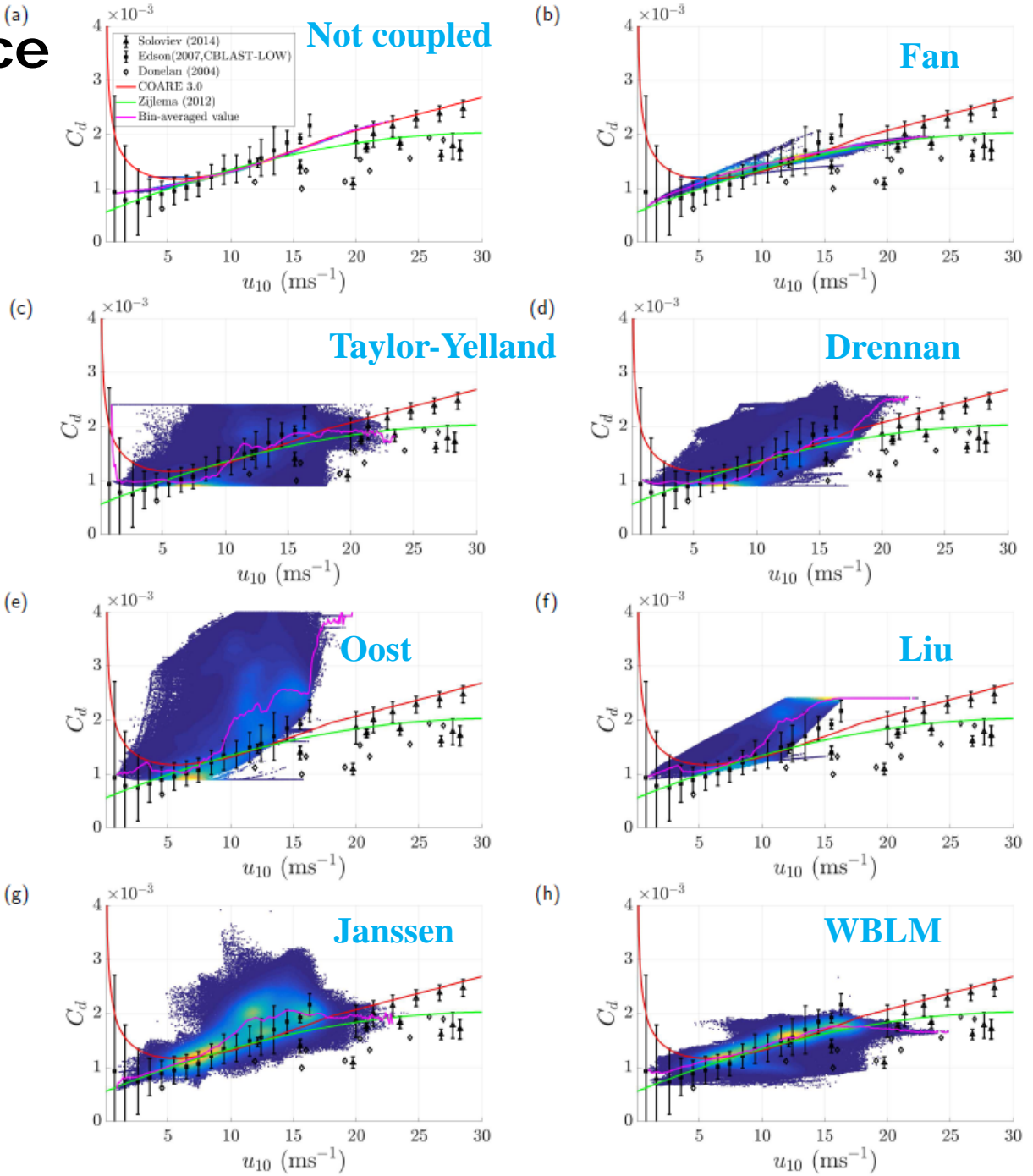
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# Model performance

Drag coefficient  $\nu s. U_{10}$

Whole domain III,  
entire period

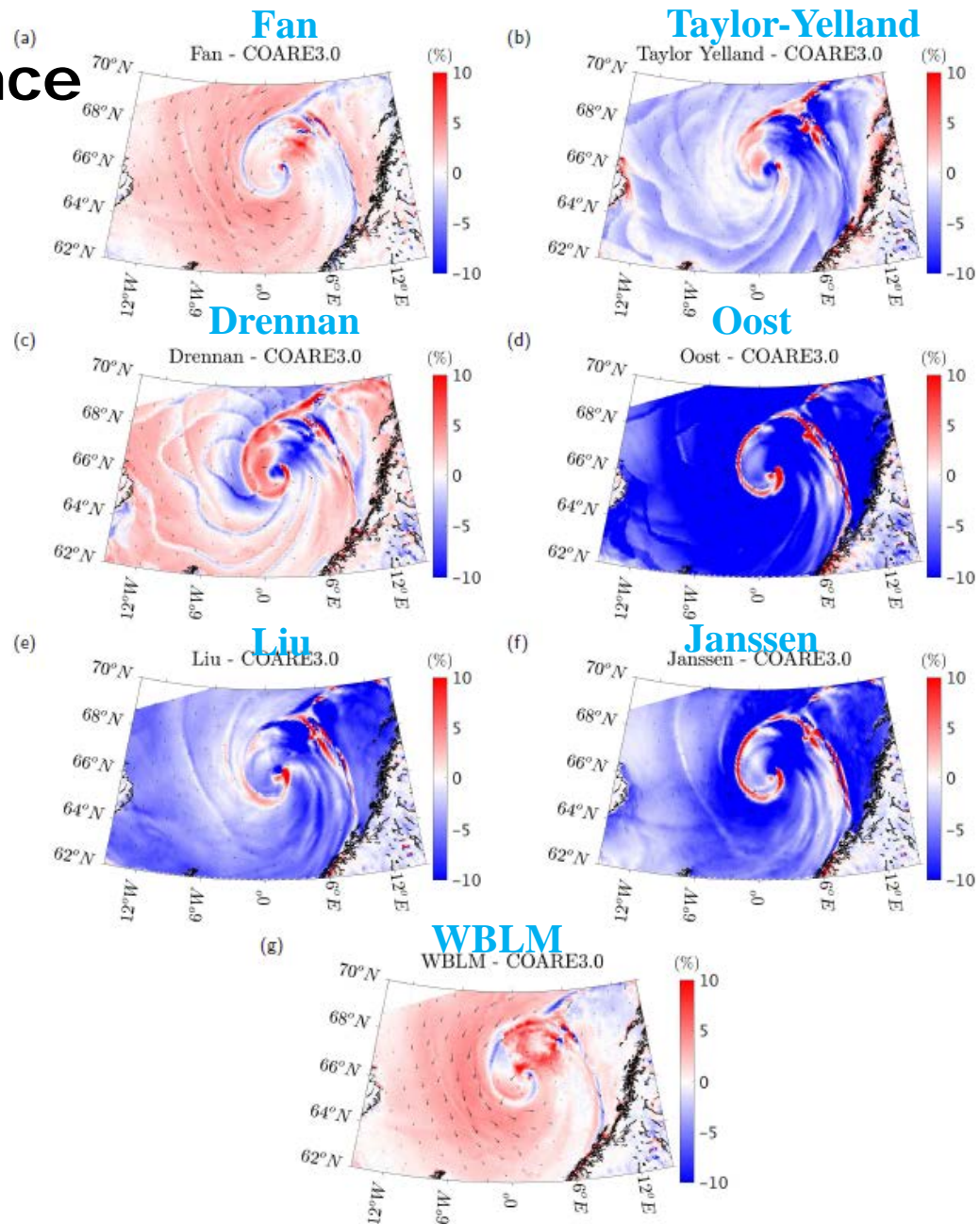


# Model performance

$$\Delta U_{10}/U_{10} \text{ (\%)}$$

Between coupled and not-coupled

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## Discussion and summary

- Coastal wind-wave relations are more complicated than for open sea conditions
- Existing modeling approaches are of limited use during storm conditions
- Tests of  $z_0$  -parameterizations to couple atmospheric models and wave models are inconclusive
- A Wave Boundary Layer Model (WBLM) is implemented in SWAN, using conservations of momentum and turbulence kinetic energy to be coupled to WRF
- WBLM outperforms the other schemes in coastal and stormy conditions

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