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Operational Wave Modelling

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The Ocean Wave Forecast Model **NCOF**

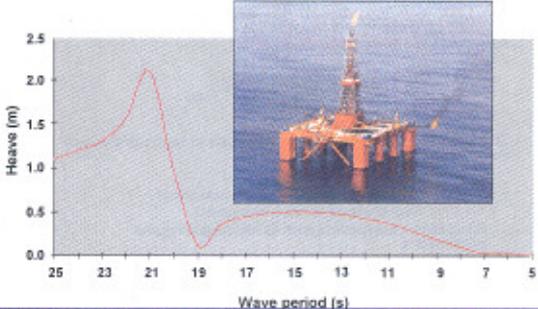
Applications:

- Ship routing
 - avoid high waves
- Nearshore waves
 - Coastal Engineering/Flooding
- Swell prediction: Offshore supply and construction
 - Heavy-lift barges
 - Cable laying
- Hindcast analysis
 - Revisit specific events



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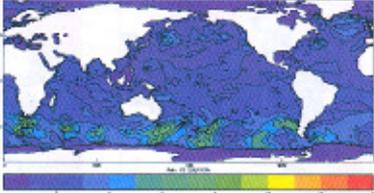
Sedco Explorer: Vessel Heave Response **NCOF**



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Global Model **NCOF**

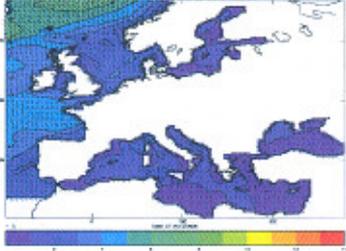
- 60km grid
- 5 day forecast (updated twice daily)
- Forcing from hourly 10m Global NWP winds
- Daily ice edge from satellite data
- Depth dependent group velocity
- Refraction
- Bottom friction
- Great circle turning



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European Model **NCOF**

- 35km grid
- 2 day forecast (updated twice daily)
- Forcing from hourly 10m Global NWP winds
- Open boundaries from global wave model
- Soon to be replaced with 12km NAE

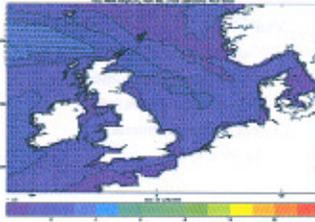


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UK Waters Model

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- 12km grid
- 2 day forecast (updated four times daily)
- 5 day forecast without currents (updated twice daily)
- Forcing from hourly UK NWP winds and time-varying currents
- Global model produces boundary conditions

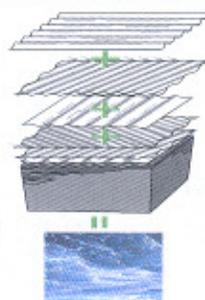


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Wave Model Formulation

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- The wave energy spectrum
- Linear superposition of surface gravity waves for a range of frequency and direction
- Phase-averaged – no information on individual crests and troughs



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Wave Model Formulation

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- Operational wave model predicts the offshore wave energy spectrum via energy balance equation

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + c_g \nabla E = S_{ref} + S_{in} + S_{diss}$$

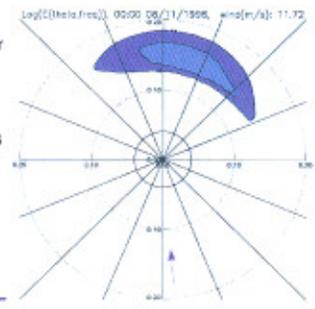
- The wave model represents the sea state in terms of the two-dimensional energy spectrum $E(f, \theta)$
- Input – Wind forcing, linear and exponential growth
- Transfer – Nonlinear wave-wave interactions
- Dissipation – phenomena such as wave breaking and whitecapping
- 2nd Generation wave model – parameterise the non-linear effects

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The Ocean Wave Forecast Model

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- Wave energy is specified for 13 logarithmically spaced frequencies and 16 directions at each gridpoint
- Wave periods in the range 3 seconds to 25 seconds are represented

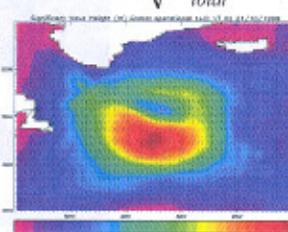


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Ocean Wave Forecast Model Output

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- Outputs
- Significant wave height
- Wave period (peak and up crossing)
- Wave direction (mean)
- Swell / windsea separation
- 2d spectra $E(f, \theta)$ output at designated points
- 1d spectra $E(f)$ output at every gridpoint

$$SWH = 4\sqrt{E_{total}}$$


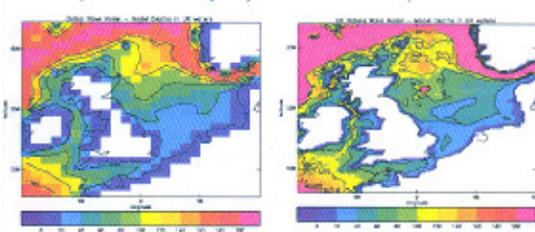
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Offshore wave model limitations: bathymetry

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- Bathymetry plays an important role in the evolution of ocean waves
- Good representation of bathymetry is essential for realistic predictions



Global Wave model bathymetry UK Waters Wave model bathymetry

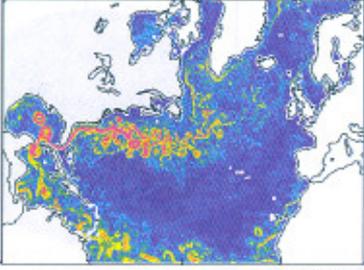
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Wave current interactions

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North Atlantic wave model with ocean model currents
 Demonstrated impact of currents on the wave energy spectrum.
 Noticeable affect on sea state and long-period swell
 Refraction by current eddies, local wave heights increased
 non-local effects also seen on east coast North America
 High resolution global ocean currents later

North Atlantic FOAM
 12km Surface currents 0-100cm/sec



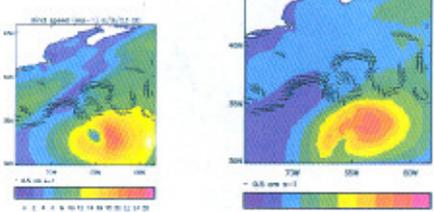
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Forecast total wave height, day 2 (with currents).

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Wind Wave height

Total wave height (m) 5/9/13 00



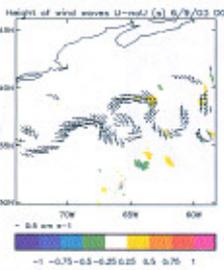
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Forecast total wave height (with - without currents).

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The Gulf Stream currents caused a maximum increase of 1m (20%) in the significant wave height.
 The largest changes are within the current; no non-local effects.

Height of wind waves H-signif (m) 6/9/13 00



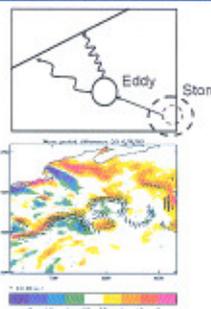
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A possible explanation for the patterns

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According to Dysthe (2001) the bending of waves χ by currents of vorticity ζ is

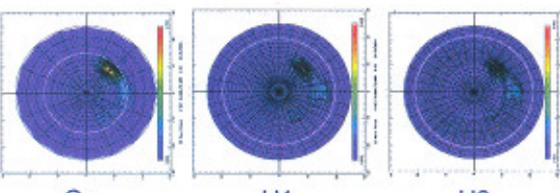
Higher frequency (short period) waves are bent more by an eddy.



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Frequency Diversity

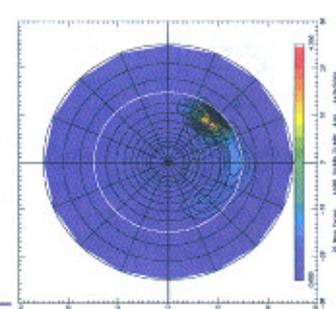
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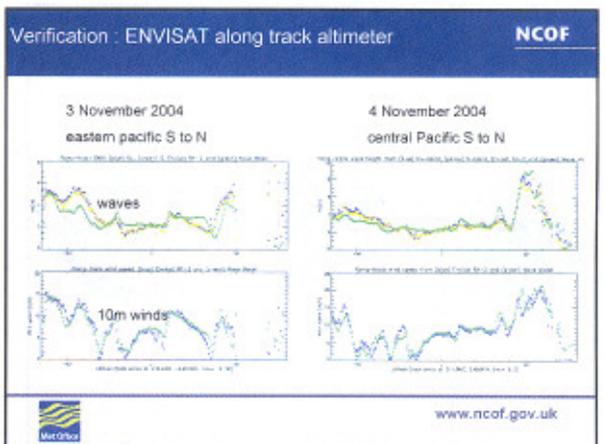
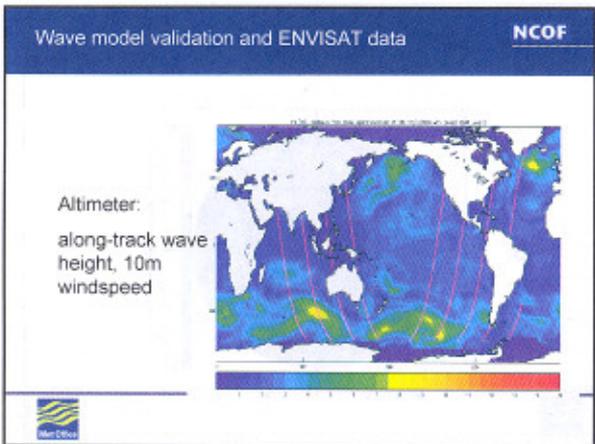
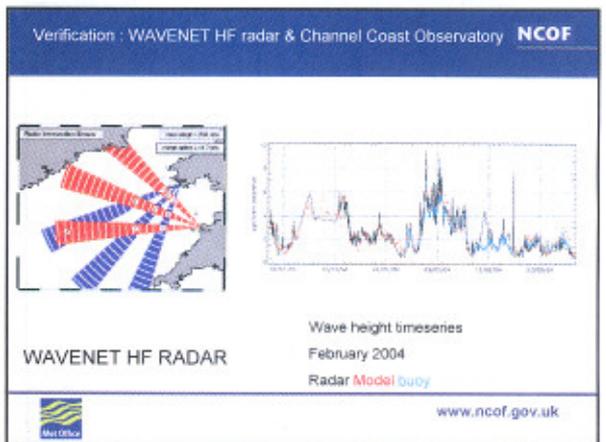
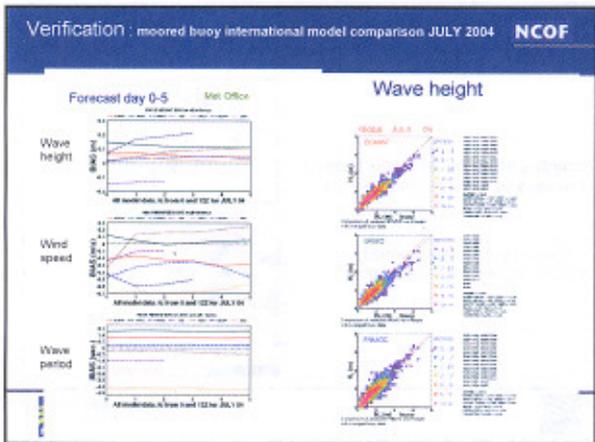
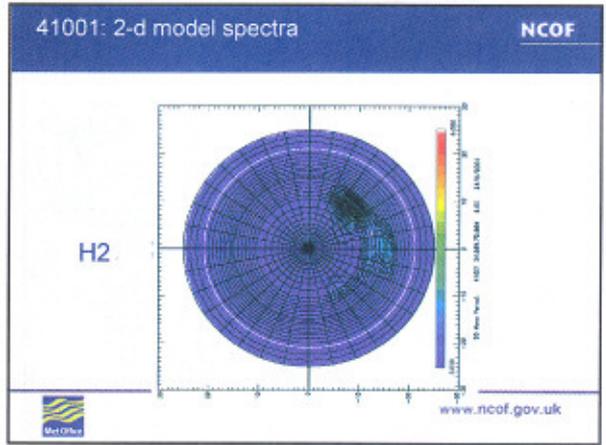
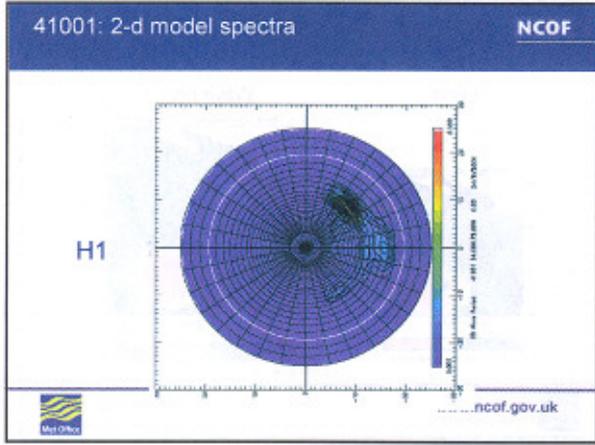
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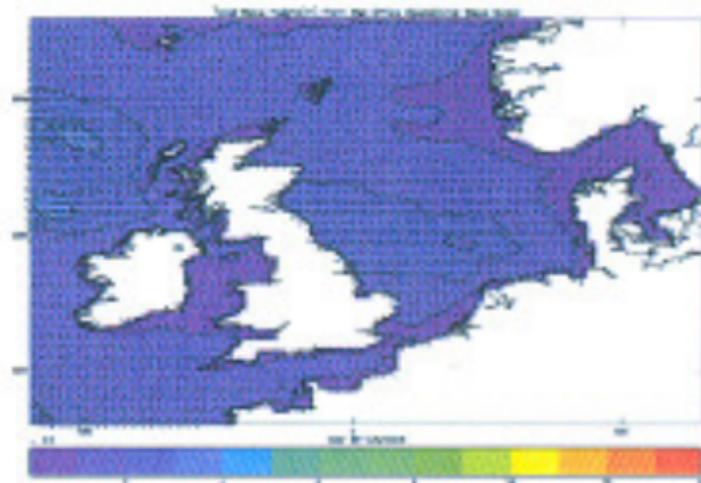


- The Met Office runs three operational ocean models
 - Global, European, UK Waters
 - Output Wave Height, Period and Direction.
- 2nd Generation Spectral model
 - Performs well, cost-effective, flexible
 - Off-shore waves
- Verification an important part of the process
 - Monitoring satellite and buoy data



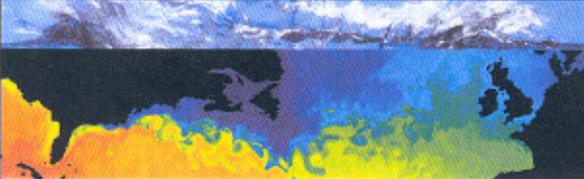
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NCOF Deep ocean modelling activities
Adrian Hines, Craig Donlon
Visit of Dr Glory Shu and Dr Jason Yu
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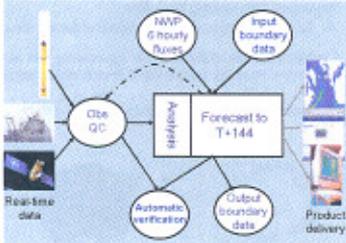
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FOAM

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Forecasting the open ocean: the FOAM system **NCOF**

FOAM = Forecasting Ocean Assimilation Model

- Operational real-time deep-ocean forecasting system
- Daily analyses and forecasts out to 6 days
- Low resolution global to high resolution nested configurations
- Relocatable system deployable in a few weeks
- Hindcast capability (back to 1997)



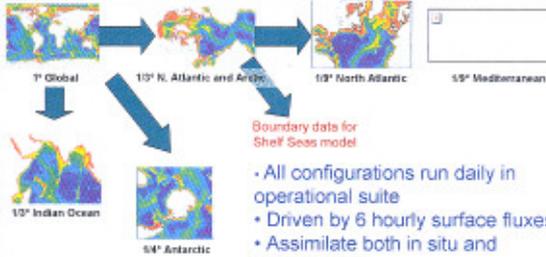
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FOAM system **NCOF**

- Ocean model
 - Z-level, primitive equation model
 - Same code as used in Hadley Centre climate models
 - Rigid lid
 - Kraus-Turner + K-profile vertical mixing
 - Simple advective sea-ice model
 - Flow Relaxation Scheme at open boundaries for nested models
- Operational system
 - Run daily on 7 NEC SX6 processors
 - Responsibility of operational teams; 7-day operator support
 - Boundary data provided to operational Shelf Seas model
 - Automated verification system running at T+7 days

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FOAM configurations run in operational suite **NCOF**



Boundary data for Shelf Seas model

- All configurations run daily in operational suite
- Driven by 6 hourly surface fluxes
- Assimilate both in situ and satellite data
- Data delivered to Navy each day

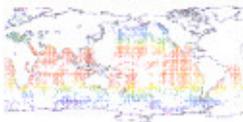
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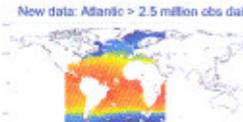
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- All FOAM configurations assimilate a range of data:
 - Temperature and salinity profiles including Argo floats
 - Satellite altimeter Sea Surface Height
 - In situ and satellite Sea Surface Temperature
 - New generation of satellite SST products being tested
 - Sea-ice concentration
- OI type scheme based on Analysis Correction scheme of Lorenc et al. (1991).
 - One analysis performed at midnight each day using observations from the previous day.
 - Analysis increments are nudged into the model during the following 24 hours.

Improved satellite SST data
Current SatSST data: c. 3000 obs daily



New data: Atlantic > 2.5 million obs daily



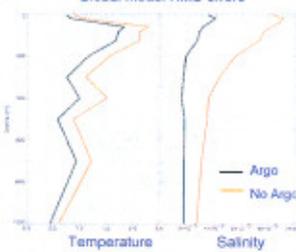
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Data assimilation – impact of Argo

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- Impact assessed in 4 1/2 year hindcast runs
 - 1° Global, 1/3° N. Atlantic & Arctic, 1/9° N. Atlantic configurations
 - Assimilating T, S profiles and SST
 - Runs repeated with Argo data withheld
- Clear demonstration of impact of Argo

Global model RMS errors



Temperature Salinity

Argo float distribution November 2005



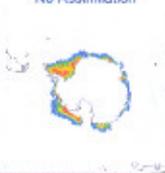
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Sea-ice data assimilation

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- A system for assimilating sea-ice concentration data into FOAM has been developed with funding from ESA
 - Assimilation improves representation of the ice, especially the ice edge
- A scheme for the assimilation of ice velocity has also been developed which adapts the stresses on the ice to match observations

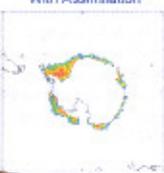
No Assimilation



Gridded Observations



With Assimilation



Ice Concentration

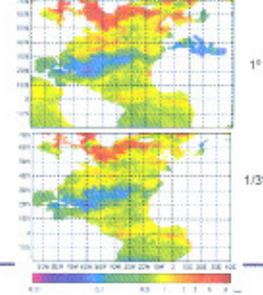
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Ecosystem modelling

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- Development of open ocean water clarity capability
 - Hadley Centre Ocean Carbon Cycle model (HadOCC) has been coupled with the FOAM system
 - FOAM-HadOCC running at 1°, 1/3° and 1/9° resolution
 - Assessment of initial year-long integrations underway
 - Ocean colour data assimilation scheme (developed by NOCS) implemented and testing commenced

FOAM-HadOCC Surface Chlorophyll (mg m⁻³) for 6th June 2003



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New ocean model: transition to NEMO

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NEMO is the Nucleus for European Modelling of the Ocean

- It is an ocean modelling framework that includes an ocean model, sea-ice model, and various peripheral software

NEMO will deliver a unified shelf seas / deep ocean model system

- Increased efficiency through effort focused on a single system
- A state of the art, well structured code that is easy to maintain
- Easier collaboration
 - Collaborative approach will provide more rapid development
 - Shorter lead times for pull through of developments to operations

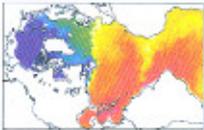
Overall transition to NEMO expected to complete by 2008

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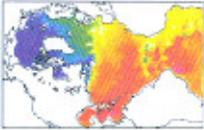
Progress with NEMO

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- Hindcast system set up
 - 1/3° North Atlantic and Arctic configuration
 - Interfaces to NWP surface fluxes, data assimilation scheme, open boundary data
- Assessment of hindcast results underway
 - After 6 months integration fields are similar at large scale to equivalent UM run
 - Significant differences at smaller scales
- Initial tests of NEMO for shelf seas
 - Initial test configuration covering UK shelf
 - Developments delivered by European partners within Merssea Integrated Project
 - S-coordinate code tested
 - Explicit free surface code tested
 - Next step is a basic tidal simulation



FOAM-UM



FOAM-NEMO

Temperature at 100m depth

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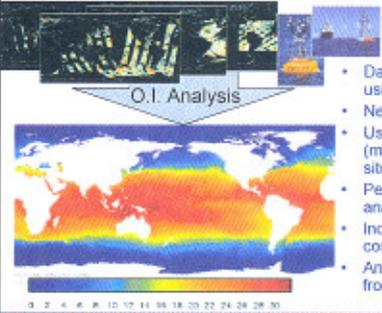
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Sea surface temperature: OSTIA



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OSTIA Operational Sea surface Temperature and sea Ice Analysis NCOF



- Daily 1/20° global analysis using optimal interpolation.
- Near real time.
- Using GHRSSST-PP satellite (microwave & IR) and in situ data.
- Persistence based analysis.
- Includes satellite bias correction.
- Analysis results available from www.ghrssi-pp.org

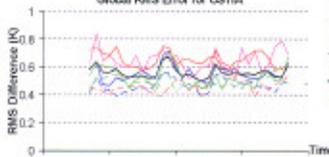


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Validation : Regular Inter-comparison & validation NCOF

- Comparison with other analyses.

Global RMS Error for OSTIA

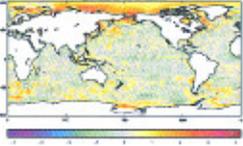


RMS Difference (K)

Time

North Atlantic R.M.S.(K)	North Pacific R.M.S.(K)
South Pacific R.M.S.(K)	South Atlantic R.M.S.(K)
Mediterranean R.M.S.(K)	Southern Ocean R.M.S.(K)
Indian R.M.S.(K)	Global Average R.M.S.(K)

OSTIA – NWP SST (20 Jan 2006)



- RMS error less than 0.8K in all areas in Dec 05.



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Met Office Shelf Seas Ecosystem Modelling

John Siddorn

Met Office, Exeter,
9th May 2006

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POLCOMS
Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory Coastal-Ocean Modelling System

3D baroclinic model

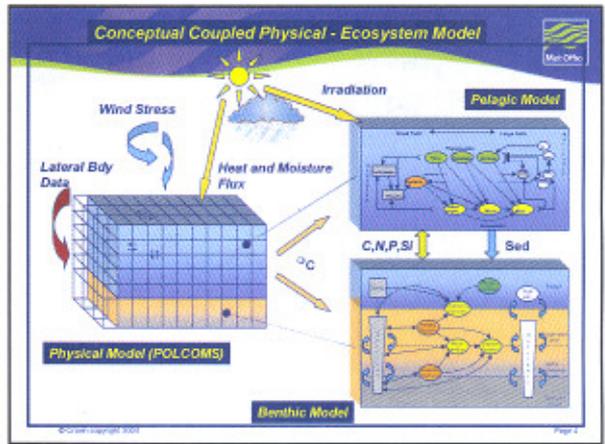
- Arakawa B grid, hybrid S-coordinates in vertical
- Piecewise Parabolic Method advection
- Horizontal pressure gradients, improving performance over steep topography

ERSEM
European Regional Seas Ecosystem Model

Bulk Biomass Functional Group Model (FGM)

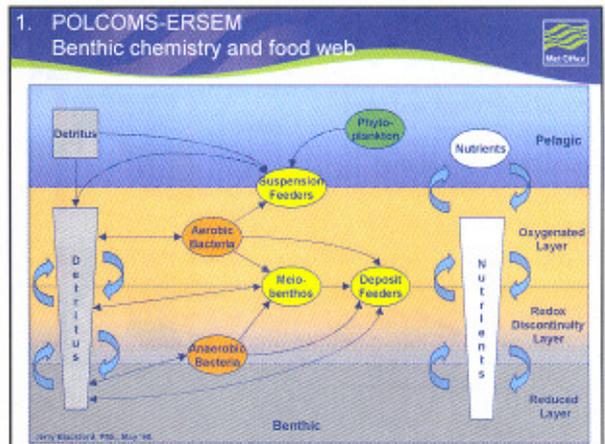
- Divides the ecosystem into aggregated groups representing basic functional roles (production, consumption and decomposition).
- Subdivided into size classes to create a foodweb.
- Physiological processes and population dynamics are described by fluxes of carbon or nutrients between functional groups.

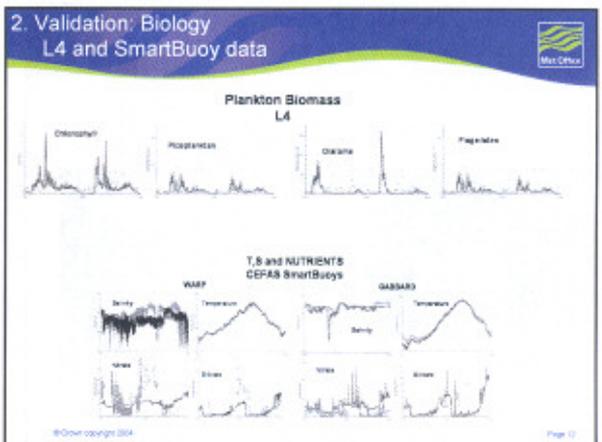
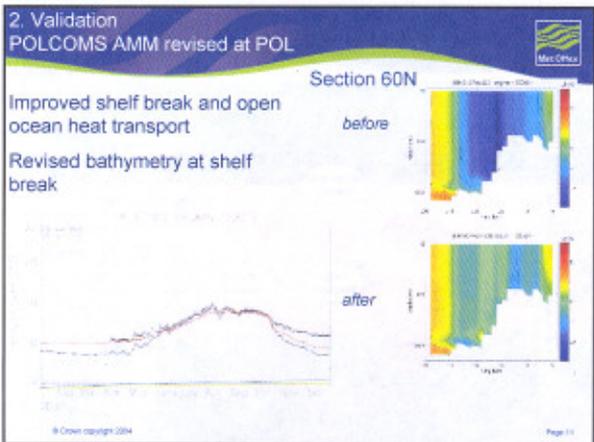
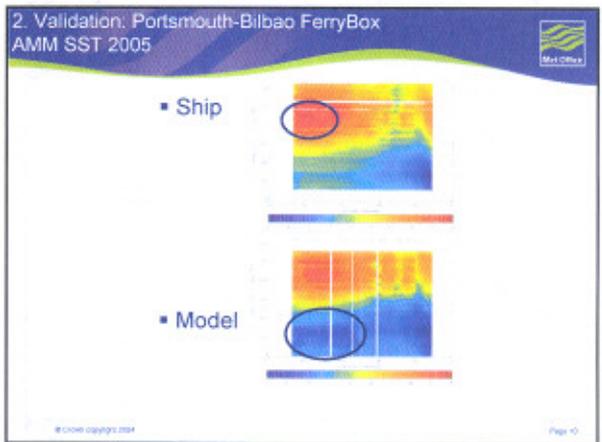
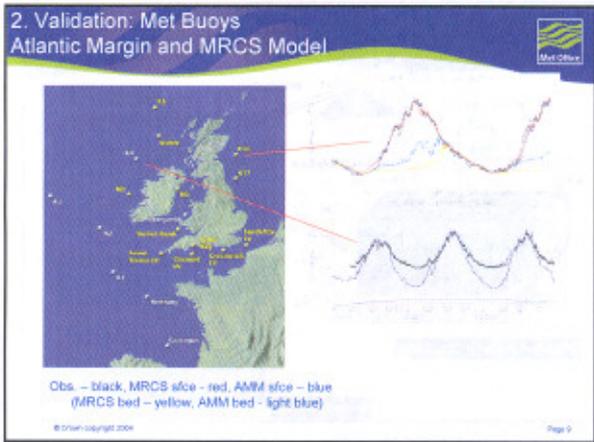
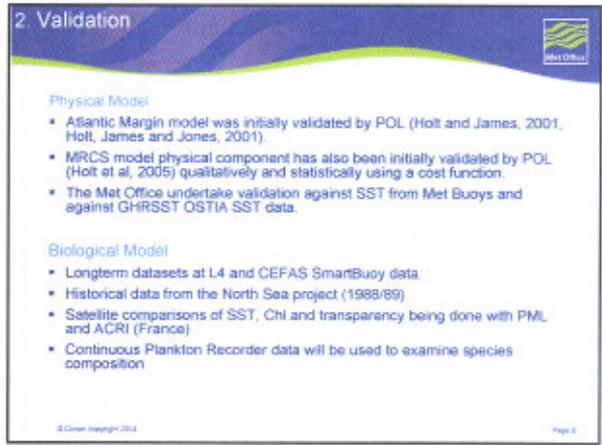
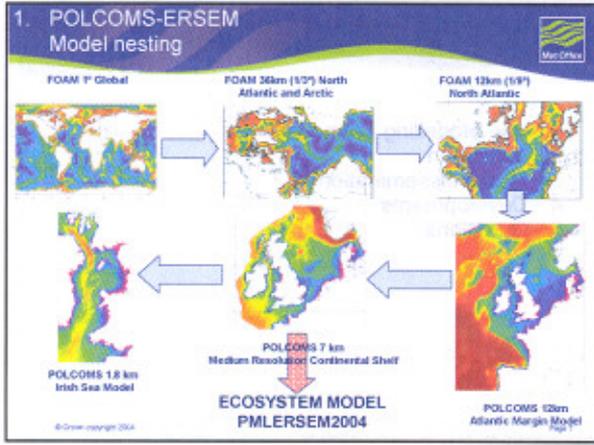
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2. Validation

Satellite transparency data

MRCS waters too clear
→ early blooming?

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3. Ecosystem Model dissemination

MRCS
POLCOMS-
ERSEM data
to users
(EA, FRS,
SEPA,...)
via MCEIS
web pages

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3. Ecosystem Model dissemination

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/hcof/mrccs/browser.html>

- Running semi-operationally as 7 day hindcast
- Hindcast available freely on web site as contoured maps at surface, 10 m, 50 m and bottom and as several cross sections
- Forecast is presently being tested and methodology evaluated
- Will move to a 5 day forecast soon

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4. Developments

Five Day Forecasts

Forecasts qualitatively agree

Chlorophyll

2 day Forecast 28 May 2005 Hcst - Fcst 28 May 2005

SST

But significant differences, especial around fronts and boundaries!!

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4. Developments

Biological Data Assimilation

PML are developing Ensemble Kalman Filter data assimilation systems for ERSEM to improve out algal bloom prediction capability.

Climatology

Model error growth is constrained with EnKF across all variables

EnKF

Assimilation works in hindcast mode with real data.

Example Ria de Vigo 1992

Assimilated data is chlorophyll
Model output data is nitrate.

Allen et al. Ann. Geophys 2003
Torres et al. Journal of Marine Systems 2006

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4. Developments

"Fuzzy Logic" approach to HABs

- Functional group output from ecosystem model – no species information
- "Fuzzy logic" type approach. This combines information from the hydrodynamic and ecosystem models to provide risk maps of bloom occurrence.

A hypothetical example:

Species A is a dinoflagellate that is:

- 1) toxic at biomass above 100 mg-C/m³
- 2) has maximum growth at 15°C, and none > 20°C and < 10°C
- 3) Only occurs in brackish waters

Risk Prediction for Dinoflagellate A

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Questions?



AN OVERVIEW OF NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION AT THE MET OFFICE
Clive Wilson, Manager Mesoscale Model Development & Diagnostics

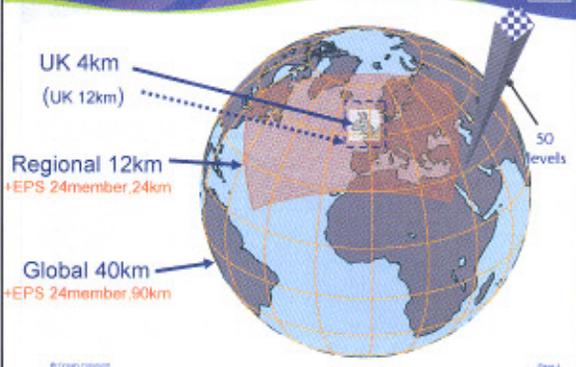
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Introduction

- The Met Office has had a 'Unified model' since early 1990s
- Same basic formulation is run for everything from climate scale to convective scale
- Global and regional modelling on 0-6 day timescale
 - Global model and developments in recent years
 - UK mesoscale model, UK 4km
 - North Atlantic-European model, African model
 - Ensemble forecasts

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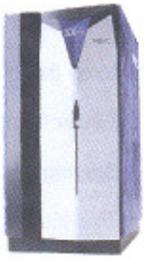
Unified Model Formulation

DYNAMICS	PHYSICS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-hydrostatic formulation • Semi-Lagrangian advection • Semi-implicit time integration • Horizontal staggering : C grid • Vertical Staggering : Charney-Philips • Height Co-ordinate • Revised Levels transition from terrain following to height following • reduced diffusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Cloud/Radiation: Edwards-Slingo • Mixed phase precipitation with prognostic ice/water • Boundary Layer revised with non-local mixing in unstable conditions and entrainment • Surface Exchange : MOSES2 • Convection including a shallow convection scheme and convective momentum transports • Sub-Grid Orography: data based on GLOBE 1km smoothed to remove grid-scale forcing

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Supercomputers for NWP and Climate

- NEC SX6 Operational since April 2004
 - Twin 15 node system
 - 1.86 TFlop
- March 2005 Upgrade
 - Additional 4 SX6 nodes
 - Plus 16 node NEC SX8
 - 4.08 TFlop



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Operational Supercomputer Use

Two computer halls for resilience

- (A) SX8-M16 + SX8-M15 ; (B) SX8-M19

A single model restricted to 4 SX8 nodes (6 SX6 nodes)

- Allows Parallel running of Global and UK suites
- Reduced efficiency as processor numbers increase

Planned User Allocations

- NWP Production -15%
- NWP R&D -30%
- Climate -55%

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Verification: Comparisons of Weather Services

Northern Hemisphere:
3 day Surface Pressure Forecasts
12month rolling average

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Improving NWP Performance: NWP Index

36month rolling average for a basket of verification measures

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Global Model Developments

Global Model Developments – 3D-Var

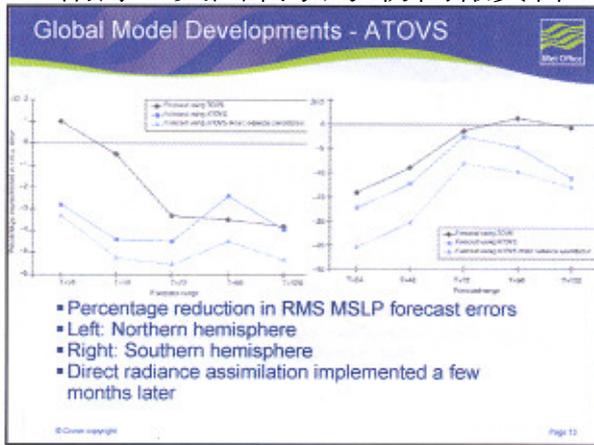
- Introduced in 1999
- More flexible, portable and maintainable code
- Easier to introduce new observation types
- Staging post for moving to 4D-Var
- Trial indicated forecast improvement, particularly in tropics and southern hemisphere

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Global Model Developments - ATOVS

- Introduced with 3D-Var in 1999
- Replaced 1-d TOVS retrievals
- Comprises AMSU-A and AMSU-B data on NOAA-15 (and later satellites)
- Forecast accuracy increased 20% in southern hemisphere and 5% in northern hemisphere
- Tropical cyclone forecast tracks improved

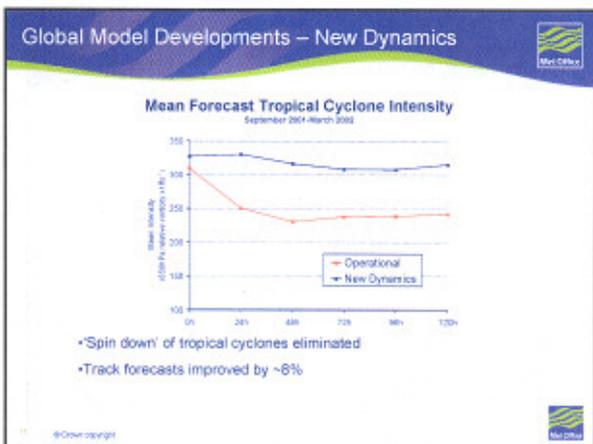
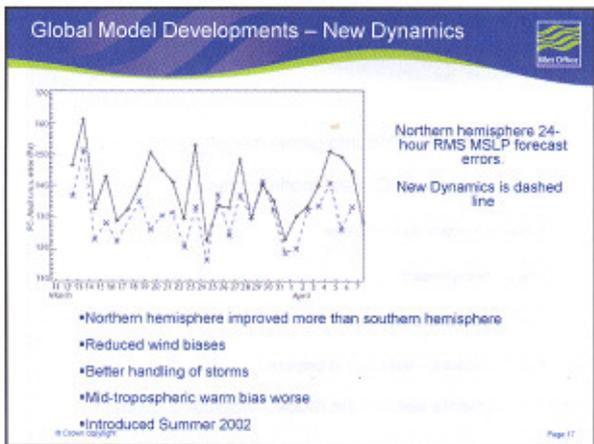
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- ### Global Model Developments – New Dynamics
- Dynamics changes**
 - Non-hydrostatic model with height as the vertical co-ordinate
 - Chamey-Philips grid staggering in the vertical (potential temperature is on the same levels as the vertical velocity)
 - C grid staggering in the horizontal (u-component is east-west staggered from temperatures and v-component north-south staggered)
 - Semi-Lagrangian advection scheme
 - Semi-implicit time scheme
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- ### Global Model Developments – New Dynamics
- Physics changes**
 - Edwards-Slingo radiation scheme with non-spherical ice spectral files
 - Large scale precipitation with prognostic ice microphysics
 - Vertical gradient area large-scale cloud scheme.
 - Convection with CAPE closure, momentum transports and convective anvils
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- ### Global Model Developments – New Dynamics
- Physics changes - continued**
 - Boundary-layer scheme which is non-local in unstable regimes
 - Gravity-wave drag scheme which includes flow blocking
 - GLOBE orography dataset
 - MOSES (Met Office Surface Exchange Scheme) surface hydrology and soil model scheme
 - Non-sequential physics coupling
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Global Model Developments - AIRS

- Atmospheric Infrared Sounder (AIRS)
- New generation of high-spectral-resolution infrared sounders mounted on polar-orbiting satellites
- Many more channels (~50 used)
- New method of data receipt (timeliness)
- More accurate radiative transfer model (ECMWF/MF collaboration)
- More use of data over land
- Introduced May 2004

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Global Model Developments - AIRS

RMS errors for T+24 500hPa height
Left: northern hemisphere, right: southern hemisphere
Blue: satellite upgrade

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Global Model Developments – 4D-Var

- Minimise 'guess' state's departure from observations and from background at T-3
- ~50 iterations needed, so computationally costly
- Introduced October 2004

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4D Variational Data Assimilation

- ~50 iterations needed, so computationally costly

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Global Model Developments – 4D-Var

- Northern hemisphere 500 hPa height RMS error during trial
- Left: T+24. Right: T+48
- Red: 3D-Var control. Blue: 4D-Var trial
- Much better fit of observations to background
- Improvements particularly in storm track regions and on occasions when errors were large

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Global Model Developments – HadGEM1 Physics

- Introduced early 2005 into global model
- Bring into line with Climate model physics
 - New Boundary layer scheme
 - New microphysics
 - Increase Saharan albedos
 - CAPE closure – reduction in timescale
- Improvements seen in the model's tropical circulation

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Global Model Developments – MODIS winds

- Atmospheric motion vectors / cloud track winds used for many years
- Geostationary satellites cannot see high latitudes
- AMV production now possible from MODIS instruments on Terra and Aqua satellites
- Introduced in early 2005

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Global Model Developments – MODIS winds

- Forecast error growth for a trial case – 500 hPa winds
- Left: control. Right: trial with MODIS data

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Global Model Developments – MODIS winds

Location of used satwinds, all levels, 12z 24 February 2005

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Global Model Developments – Resolution increase

- Implemented December 2005
- Horizontal
 - $0.5625^\circ \times 0.375^\circ$ (~40km over UK)
 - 48% increase in horizontal
- Vertical
 - 38 to 50 levels
 - Most extra levels in stratosphere
 - 'Lid' raised from 39km to 63km

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Enhanced Resolution Global Model

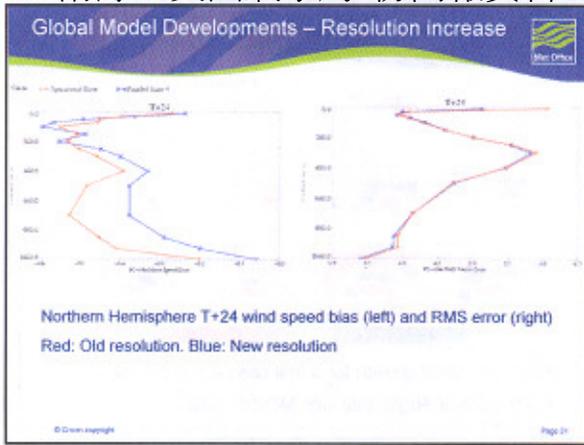
	N216 38L	N320 50L
Grid points	432 (EW) x 325 (NS)	640 (EW) x 481 (NS)
Resolution: Mid-lat	~60 km	~40 km
Equator	93 km	63 km
Time-step	20 min	15 min

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Global Model Developments – Resolution increase

- Improved fit to observations in 4D-Var (particularly stratospheric ATOVS)
- Improved short-range forecasts
- Reduced wind biases in extra-tropics
- Improved stratosphere
- Increased levels of eddy kinetic energy
- Deeper tropical cyclones
- Improved tropics – MSLP, 850 winds, precipitation
- More rapid error growth
- Mixed signal for tropical winds
- Southern hemisphere performance v. observations poorer in one trial

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Global Model Developments – The Future

- March 2006
 - Convection and boundary layer scheme changes
 - Optimisation of use of AIRS data (which had to be temporarily removed in December 2005)
- 70 levels in 2007
- MetOp satellite
 - Launch July 2006

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Global Model Developments – The Future

- MetOp
 - Additional ATOVS
 - Infrared Atmospheric Sounding Interferometer (IASI)
 - ~300 channels will be used c.f. ~50 for AIRS
 - Radio Occultation
 - Refraction of radio signals between MetOp and GPS satellites – pressure, temperature
 - ASCAT
 - Twin swathe scatterometer

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Data Assimilation Developments

- Global 4DVAR operational: October 2004
- Regional 4DVAR operational: March 2006
 - Next steps:
 - More use of satellite data
 - Better incremental physics
 - Assimilation of Cloud and Precipitation observations
- Surface Analyses
 - Global 1.5m temperature and humidity analysis => updating of soil moisture estimates: Introduced September 2005
 - IGBP vegetation data used in all configurations
 - Next steps
 - Improved representations of time-varying surface fields, such as snow cover

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Limited area & Fine scale Model Configurations

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UK Mesoscale Model

- Current operational mesoscale 12km 38 levels
- 4km version of model (whole UK domain) also now run routinely
 - 3D-Var, 38 level (to be increased to 75)
 - Mass flux restricted convection scheme (allows much explicit convection)
 - Prognostic rain (allows advection)
- High resolution trial model includes 12km, 4km and 1km nested

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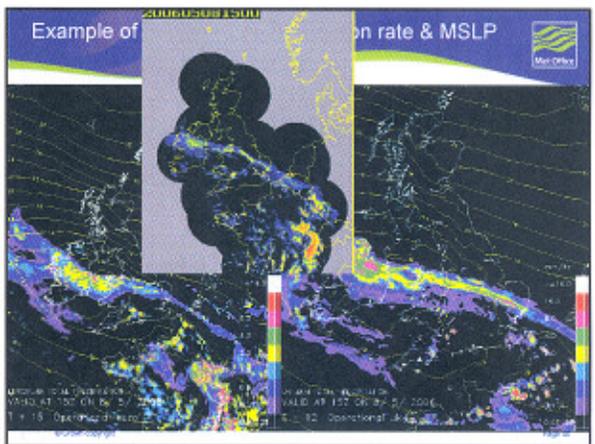
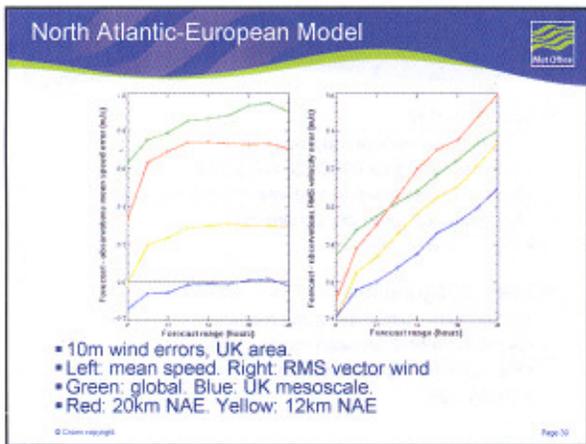


North Atlantic-European Model

- 12km resolution (0.11° x 0.11°)
- 36-hour forecast
- Aim to produce better forecasts for NW Europe
- Will replace 12km UK mesoscale model when performance matched
- Change to 4D-Var in March 2006 has provided major improvement

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Other Regional Models – Africa (20km)

- Support through Voluntary Cooperation Programme WMO
- Web products available (password)
- Aim to give African NMSs access to state-of-the-art NWP

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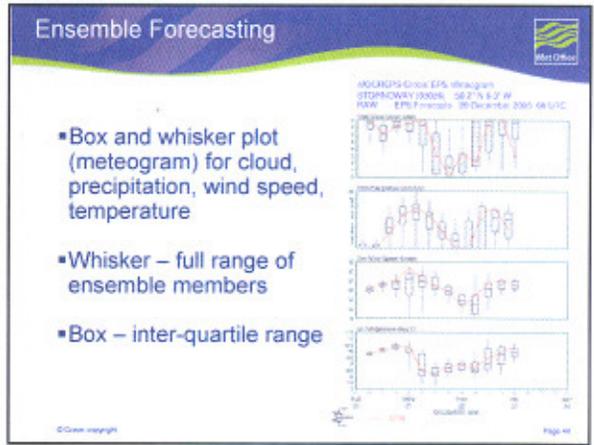
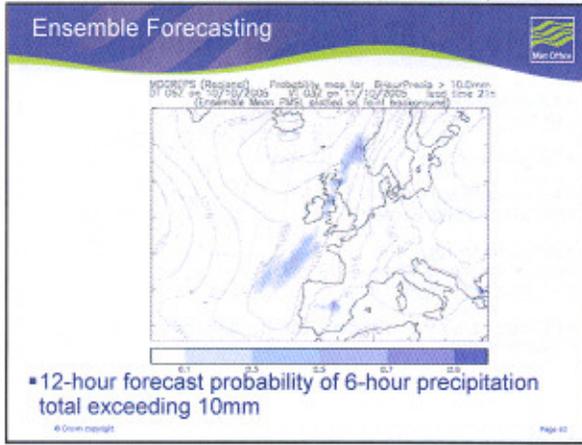
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Ensemble Forecasting

- New venture for the Met Office
- Complement ECMWF 3-10 day ensembles
- Emphasis on short range (0-3 days), high resolution regional capability
- Global ensemble run to provide LBCs
- Global
 - 90km, 24 members, 72 hours, 4D-Var
- Regional
 - 24km, 24 members, 36 hours, start from 6 hour global forecast

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Summary

- ### Summary
- Global model
 - Continuous work on upgrades
 - New satellite data (ATOVS, AIRS, IASI, AMVs)
 - New data assimilation systems (3D-Var, 4D-Var)
 - New science (physics, dynamics)
 - Higher resolution
 - Other configurations
 - 12km, 4km, 1km mesoscale models
 - North Atlantic-European mode
 - Relocatable regional models
 - Ensembles
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