

Variability of the Black Sea hydrodynamics and biogeochemistry system.

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Enviromental resources: marine Goods and Services

> The capacity to deliver Goods and Services depend on Environmental status

Goods and Services

- Fisheries
- Biodiversity
- Tourism
- Carbon sequestration

• ... Environmental status

Physics

Circulation and mixing of water masses.

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Carbon sequestration

Environmental status

• Hydrodynamics

Chemistry and Biology

Cycles of the basic elements of life: Carbon, Nitrogen , Oxygen, Phosphorus, Silicate

Transport and transformation

- Inorganic (nutrients)
- Living (planktons)
- Detrital (dead cells, faeces)

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Carbon sequestration

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Dynamic system

→ Physical and biogeochemical characteristics are variables in Space and Time

Multi-decadal: from 1960 to present

External forcings:

- Atmospheric conditions
- Riverine inputs

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Benthic habitat destruction



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A computer software to reproduce the dynamics of the Black Sea ecosystem



3D mechanistic model

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Management tools & Environmental Policies

3D

Mode

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A quasi enclosed basin The Bosphorus Strait





→ Large riverine inputs: fresh water and nutrients



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Northwestern Shelf

- Shallow (<120 m)
- Rich in nutrients
- Rich ecosystem



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Northwestern Shelf

- Shallow
- Rich in nutrients
- High biodiversity

Central basin

- Deep (>2000m)
- Poor in nutrients



Circulation



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→ No mixing between surface and deep waters. → No oxygen below 200 m



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Small active volume + Large influence Area = Sensitivity to changing external forcings

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Vertical profiles → Diagnostics



Vertical profiles \rightarrow Diagnostics \rightarrow Spatial variability



Mixed Layer Depth



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Mixed Layer Depth





seasonal distribution


Vertical profiles \rightarrow Diagnostics \rightarrow Spatial variability



Mixed Layer Depth



Correct the bias induced by uneven distribution



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DIVA detrending analysis

Correct the bias induced by uneven distribution

→ Montlhy climatologies of MLD and CCC



Temporal variability



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To build a hydrodynamic model you need ...

- Domain: Bathymetry, open boundaries.
- State variables: Temp., Sal., Currents, Elevation, Internal turbulence
- Hydrodynamic equations
- External forcings: River flows, Atmospheric conditions



Model experiment

Objective: Relate the variability of the Black Sea structure to the variability of atmospheric conditions



Long term simulation with realistic forcings: 1960-2000

Model Diagnostics

- Surface
 - Sea surface temperature (SST)
- Water column
 - Mixed layer depth (MLD)
 - Cold intermediate layer Cold content (CCC)
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Sea Surface Temperature anomalies Model VS Satellite (1985-2000)



The model allows to go back in time



SST respond to large teleconnection patterns with various temporal scales













The model allows to go underwater



CIL cold content : Model VS Profiles

Vertical profiles (DIVA detrending)



The model allows to go underwater



Rim Current intensity

Kinetic energy





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Kinetic energy





Atmospheric regimes

38 years = 468 monthly anomalies classified in 6 patterns (Self Organizing Maps analysis)



107 months (23%) C:-0.06

59 months (13%) C:-0.10

T:-0.15









Air temperature anomaly - [°C]

C:0.09

T:0.61

-0.8 -0.6 -0.4 -0.2 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 Ω (Capet et al. 2012, Deep-Sea Research II)

68 months (15%)

Rim current & winds regime





Anti-Cyclonic patterns



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Rim current & winds regime

Cyclonic patterns

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Anti-Cyclonic patterns

Atmospheric Anomalies









How times the patterns appears in a two year ?





⁽Capet et al. 2012, Deep-Sea Research II)

Conclusions (Hydrodynamics)

Conclusions (Hydrodynamics) -1/3

- The 3D model reproduces the variability of hydrodynamics with accuracy.
 - Surface variability validated with satellite data.



Internal variability validated vith vertical profiles.



Conclusions (Hydrodynamics) - 2/3

 The Rim current intensity regulates the sensitivity of the Black Sea structure to air temperature.



Conclusions (Hydrodynamics) - 3/3

 The longer persistence of atmospheric anomalies brought the System further from its average state



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What is hypoxia?



Why does hypoxia occurs ?

(Capet et al. 2013, Biogeosciences)



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Seasonal Hypoxia

Oxygen exchange with Atmosphere



Seasonal Hypoxia



(Capet et al. 2013, Biogeosciences)

Seasonal Hypoxia in the BS-NWS







1978



1974







(Capet et al. 2013, Biogeosciences)
Recovery ?



Oxygen records (World ocean atlas, Seadatanet, Black Sea Comission data)

Hypoxic records (<62 mmol O/m³)



Studying Hypoxia with a 3D model

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36 State variables





Biogeochemical role of the sediment layer



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Model validation

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Model Validation : Point-to-point

Merged by months \rightarrow validation of the seasonal cycle



Interannual Model-Data comparison



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Interannual variability

The H-index

An Index to quantify the intensity of hypoxia as an environmental pressure on ecosystems

The H-index express the spatial extension of hypoxia..

.. modulated by the duration of hypoxia



Interannual variability of Hypoxia



Interannual variability of Hypoxia



What are the drivers of this interannual variability ?

Interannual variability of Hypoxia



Can we exploit this knowledge for management purposes ?

Hypoxia response to N discharge



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These average atmospheric conditions are not valid anymore



Hypoxia response to N discharge







The cost of warming



Economical cost 24 % reduction of nutrient loads

Conclusion (Hypoxia)

Conclusion (Hypoxia) – 1/3

Hypoxia is still ongoing in the Black Sea NWS

Monitoring should be focused on the area, months and depth of known hypoxia occurence



Conclusions (Hypoxia) – 2/3

Hypoxia is intensified by year-to-year accumulation of organic matter in the sediments



Systems with decreasing N \rightarrow Inertia in the recovery process Systems with increasing N \rightarrow Increase of the H/N ratio

Conclusion (Hypoxia) – 3/3

Climate impacts almost as much as eutrophication.



Nutrient reduction policies must account for realistic climatic scenarios

General Conclusions

 The physical model reproduces the variability of the Black Sea internal structure and allows to investigate its sensitivity to atmospheric conditions

 The biogeochemical model allowed us to untangle the complex dynamics of hypoxia and to evidence the specific impact of its main drivers
General Conclusions

- 3D biogeochemical models are essential to understand to complex dynamics of marine ecosystems, in which physical, chemical and biological processes are intimately interconnected
- As such these models are indispensable to allows a sustainable management of the goods and services provided by marine ecosystems and to assess to which extent these are endangered by the synergestic impacts of environmental pressures.

Thank you for your attention ... and questions !

SST anomalies Model VS Satellite (1985-2000)











T and S profiles: Central Basin







Nitracline in the open basin



Role of the sediments layer in biogeochemical budgets on the shelf





Deposition Interval

Time during wich bottom stress is generally lower than the resupsension thresold



Benthic environmental conditions







Validation in the Open basin : Oxygen, Nitrate



Validation in the Open basin : Oxygen Temporal





Interannual variability of Hypoxia

(1) High nitrogen riverine discharge enhance the influx of organic matter to bottom waters (2) High sedimentary organic carbon content enhances the benthic oxygen consumption.

(3) Warm springs

reduce the ventilation and set summer bottom temperature. (4) Warm summers

extend the duration of the stratified period.





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Recovery ?





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Benthic Model

Benthic remineralisation Remineralised content (in mmolC/m²/s) **Resuspension** sedimenting variables = [fast C stock] . K_{fC} . $f(T^{\circ})$ in particulate form (POM, Diatoms) + [slow C stock] . K_{sc} . f(T°) due to bottom stress W_{POC} is given by Calibrated functions compute from from currents and Cmin and Nmin, the fluxes of **Oxygen**, aggregation model (mainly) waves. ODU, DIC, Ammonium, Nitrate, Silicate, according to benthic conditions Fast remin. C stock Slow Slow remin. S Stock 2D Sed. remin Fast Variables remin. N/C ratio

Application : dynamique de l'hypoxie sur le plateau continental Nord Ouest







Oxygen solubility





The case of Hypoxia



Organic matter accumulates in the sediments

$$C(y+1) = C(y)(1 - \beta(y)) + \alpha(y) \cdot N(y)$$
(8)

$$\beta(\mathbf{y}) = \beta_0 \cdot Q^{T_s^*(\mathbf{y})} \tag{9}$$

$$\alpha(y) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_{\mathrm{Si}:\,\mathrm{N}} \cdot (\mathrm{Si}(y) : \mathrm{N}(y)) \tag{10}$$





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