

Introduction to the 12-year dataset and plans for exploiting new products

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Introduction to the 12-year dataset

▶ 12 years (2002-2014) of global maps of:

Geostrophic velocities Ekman velocities at 0m and 15m Combined Geostrophic+Ekman at 0m and 15m Stokes drift (from the WaveWatch-III model)

Temporal resolution:

3-hourly

Spatial resolution:

(in a few days...)

Native 1/8° resolution for the geostrophic component Native ¼° for the Ekman component and the combined Geostrophic+Ekman Reinterpolated on the GlobCurrent 1/10° grid

Global Drifter validation datasets (1993-2014)

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An error estimate is also provided

Ocean Surface Current (OSC) Definition

Simplified decomposition from GlobCurrent Technical Note #2

$$U_{osc} = u + \underbrace{\sqrt{2}}_{\rho_0(f+\omega)\delta} e^{z/\delta} \left[\tau_e^x \cos(\frac{z}{\delta} - \frac{\pi}{4}) - \tau_e^y \sin(\frac{z}{\delta} - \frac{\pi}{4}) \right]$$

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underlying flow upper wind stress driven flow
$$U_{geo} \quad U_{ekman}$$

$$V_{geo} \quad V_{ekman}$$

$$T_e = \text{Effective Wind Stress}$$

$$\delta = \text{Ekman depth}$$

$$f = \text{planetary vorticity}$$

$$u = \partial_x v geost - \partial_y u geost$$

The Geostrophic and Ekman components at a glance

The geostrophic currents

They are derived applying the geostrophic approximation on multimission maps of Sea Level Anomalies (SLA) and adding the mean geostrophic currents U_{MDT}, V_{MDT}.

$$U_{geos} = U_{MDT} - \frac{g}{f} \frac{\partial SLA}{\partial y} \qquad V_{geos} = V_{MDT} + \frac{g}{f} \frac{\partial SLA}{\partial x}$$

SLA: We use the latest version of the daily, global, ¼° multimission maps from the SSALTO DUACS production chain, and the regional 1/8° maps for the Mediterranean Sea

 U_{MDT} , V_{MDT} : The mean currents from the CNES-CLS13 MDT solution are used A regional MDT is used in the Mediterranean Sea

Fully described in:

□Rio, M-H, S.Mulet, N. Picot (2014): Beyond GOCE for the ocean circulation estimate: Synergetic use of altimetry, gravimetry and in-situ data provides new insight into geostrophic and Ekman currents. Geophysical Res. Letter

□Rio, M-H, A. Pascual, P.-M. Poulain, M. Menna, B. Barceló, J. Tintoré (2014) : Computation of a new Mean Dynamic Topography for the Mediterranean Sea from model outputs, altimeter measurements and oceanographic in-situ data. Ocean Sci., 10, 731–744, 2014 <u>www.ocean-sci.net/10/731/2014/</u> doi:10.5194/os-10-731-2014

The Geostrophic and Ekman components at a glance

The Ekman Currents

They are produced 3-hourly, globally, at ¼° resolution, at two different depths: surface and 15m

They are based on a 2-parameter (β , θ) empirical model: $\vec{u}_e(z) = \beta(z) \vec{\tau} e^{i\theta(z)}$ $\vec{\tau}$ being the wind stress vector

We use 3-hourly wind stress maps from the ERA INTERIM reanalysis

Update of the model described in: Rio, M-H, S.Mulet, N. Picot (2014): Beyond GOCE for the ocean circulation estimate: Synergetic use of altimetry, gravimetry and in-situ data provides new insight into geostrophic and Ekman currents. Geophysical Res. Letter



The altimeter Sea Level Anomaly (SLA) maps



Altimeter Mission characteristics				
Orbit inclination	Repetitivity	Equatorial inter- tracks distance		
66°	10 days	315 km		
98.5°	35 days	80 km		

Impact the spatial coverage capability: Spatial coverage limited to 66°N/S for TP/Jason , 82°N/S for ERS/Envisat

Impact the spatial and temporal resolution capability



Multi-mission merging to obtain gridded maps of altimeter data. Final resolution of gridded products depends on the number of satellites flying at the same moment and their orbit characteristics



The Mean Dynamic Topography (MDT)

The CNES-CLS13 MDT



The CNES-CLS13 MDT

First Guess = MSS - Geoid OPTIMALLY FILTERED



-50-45-40-35-30-25-20-15-10-5 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50

The CNES-CLS13 MDT



The GOCE only MDT (First Guess)



The CNES-CLS13 mean geostrophic currents



The Mediterranean mean geostrophic currents



Wind-driven Ekman

$$u_{e} = \pm \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{\rho(f+w)D_{e}} e^{\frac{\pi}{D_{e}}z_{e}} *\tau_{e} *\cos(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{D_{e}}z)$$

$$v_{e} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{\rho(f+w)D_{e}} e^{\frac{\pi}{D_{e}}z} *\tau_{e} *\sin(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{D_{e}}z)$$



Model

Rio et al, 2014

Wind stress from ERA INTERIM

Altimetric velocities calculated using the GOCE MDT to reference the SLA (no drifter information)

 $\vec{u}_{buoy} - \vec{u}_{alti}$

β and θ are estimated through least square fit by month and 4° boxes
 At 15m depth using SVP Drifting buoys flagged as DROGUED by the SD-DAC
 At the surface using the Argo float surface velocity dataset

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RESULTS: β , θ parameters

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Northern Hemisphere: solid line Southern Hemisphere: dashed line Surface: circles 15m depth: triangles

Angle at the surface lower than 45°

- Ekman theory assumes constant vertical viscosity profile. Not true in the real ocean

The Ekman currents: Confidence level



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ALL PARTY

% VAR explained by the Surface model V2 vs V1



% VAR explained by the Surface model V2 vs V1



Estimating the Ekman Depth

Definition

$$DE_{\beta} = -\frac{15}{\ln(\beta(z=15m)/\beta(z=0m))}$$

Ekman depth based on amplitude decrease of the currents with depth

$$DE_{\theta} = \frac{15*180.0}{\pi^*(\theta(z=15m) - \theta(z=0m))}$$

Ekman depth based on the rotation of the currents with depth

In the Southern Ocean, *Lenn and Chereskin (1999)* found a rotation depth scale that exceeds the e-folding scale of the speed by about a factor of 3, resulting in a current spiral that is compressed relative to predictions from Ekman theory.

Same order of magnitude has also been noted on the few occasions where the Ekman balance has been observed in the open ocean, mostly at Northern Hemisphere midlatitudes (*Price et al. 1987; Chereskin andRoemmich 1991; Wijffels et al. 1994; Chereskin 1995; Price and Sundermeyer 1999*).

Estimating the Ekman Depth



Rapport

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GlobCurrent products Error Estimates

Dataset of drifting buoy velocities available for validation

➤The SVP-type drifter validation dataset has been updated for validating the GlobCurrent products. The original data have been downloaded from the Surface Drifter – Data Assembly Center at AOML (<u>http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/phod/dac/dacdata.php</u>). They cover the period January 1993 - December 2014.

Two distinct files are provided for **drogued and undrogued** SVP-type drifters Included colocated wind stress, geostorphic currents, Ekman currents, wind slippage (Rio, 2012)



➢Also a dataset of Argo floats derived surface velocities , with collocated fields of wind stress, geostrophic and surface Ekman currents is available, covering the period 1997-2014

Wind Slippage Impact on undrogued drifters



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GlobCurrent products Error Estimates

Root Mean Square differences between 0m depth Argo floats velocities and the GlobCurrent surface velocities





GlobCurrent products Error Estimates

Root Mean Square differences between the 15m depth SVP drifter velocities and GlobCurrent 15m velocities





Validation of the GlobCurrent Om currents: **Comparison to OSCAR and Mercator currents**

The OSCAR (Ocean Surface Current Analysis Real-Time) NOAA product

- Geostrophic currents based on AVISO data (with the old CNES-CLS09 MDT) see K. Dohan's talk tomorrow!
- Ekman current using variable eddy viscosity and NCEP winds
- -5 days mean, 1/3°

-averaged value over the top 30 m of the solution

The Mercator-Ocean surface velocities

-first level (0.5m) from the 1/12° operational model (with assimilation)

Comparison to Argo surface velocities for the year 2013

Year 2013: 74973 (72436) velocities*	RMS (cm/s) Bracket: lat >3		
	U	V	
GC Geostrophic	19.4 (18.5)	17.2 (16.6)	
GC Geostrophic + Ekman	15.9 (14.9)	15.5 (14.9)	
OSCAR	19.2 (17.8)	17.6 (16.7)	
Mercator (1/12°)	19.3 (19.1)	19.0 (19.0)	

*Unfiltered velocities: contain Geos, Ekman, Stokes, inertial oscillations, tidal current...

Validation of the GlobCurrent Om currents: Comparison to OSCAR and Mercator currents

EKE GC-0m

EKE OSCAR



EKE BUOY

EKE MERC



Validation of the GlobCurrent 15m currents: Comparison to OSCAR and Mercator currents

Comparison to 15m depth SVP velocities for the year 2013

Year 2013: 525818 (510319) velocities *	RMS (cm/s) Bracket: lat >3		
	U	V	
GC Geostrophic	14.5 (13.6)	14.3 (13.6)	
GC Geostrophic + Ekman	13.5 (12.5)	13.6 (12.9)	
OSCAR	28.3 (13.4)	14.1 (13.2)	
Mercator (1/12°)	16.9 (16.4)	16.2 (16.0)	

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Validation: Comparison to OSCAR and Mercator currents

EKE GC-15m

EKE OSCAR



EKE BUOY

EKE MERC



Future improvements

✓ Cyclo-geostrophy contribution -> talk from P. Penven tomorrow morning
 ✓ Dynamical interpolation of altimeter maps of SLA -> talk from C. Ubelmann tomorrow afternoon

✓ Improved regional Mean Dynamic Topography / mean geostrophic velocities using high resolution SAR Doppler velocity information – ongoing work

Mean of ENVISAT ASAR Ascending path radial velocities (2009-2011)



✓ Improved Ekman current calculation – ongoing work

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TEST1 $\vec{u}_e = \frac{\beta}{H_{mld}} \vec{\tau} e^{i\theta}$
Boyer-Montégut
climatology
TEST2 $\vec{u}_e = \frac{\beta}{f} \vec{\tau} e^{i\theta}$
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TEST5: Winds > 4 m/s

TEST6: Removal of Stokes drift from Argo surface velocities

RESULTS: SURFACE MODEL



no impact of introducing the local vorticity w (red vs green)

 negative impact of introducing effective wind stress (green vs purple)
 negative impact of introducing the Mixed Layer Depth in winter / positive in summer (blue vs black)

negative impact of removing Stokes drift (light blue)

Percentage of variance explained by different surface Ekman model formulations (Black circle = f0; Blue line= f0 MLD; Red line= f; Green line=f+w; Purple line=Eff WS; Kaki line=Wind>4m/s; Light blue line=Stokes).

RESULTS: 15m MODEL



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$$\vec{u}_{ek}(z) = \frac{\beta(z)}{H_{mld}^a(f+w)^b} e^{i\theta(z)} \vec{\tau}^c$$

$$H_{mld} \text{ from th} Boyer-Mont monthly climatology}$$

(a,b,c) maximizing the % of variance explained by the model?

*De Boyer Montégut, C., G. Madec, A. S. Fischer, A. Lazar, and D. Iudicone <u>(2004)</u>, Mixed layer depth over the global ocean: an examination of profile data and a profile-based climatology, J. Geophys. Res., 109, C12003. <u>doi:10.1029/2004JC002378</u>,

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a $\epsilon[0,1]$; b $\epsilon[0,1]$; c $\epsilon[0,1]$

	a	b	c	B (10-3)	θ		Criteria	
		S	Surfac	e model		%varu	%varv	Rc
NH	0.2	0.4	0.6	1.9 10-2	-36	32	19	0.51
SH	0.1	0.4	0.6	1.3 10-2	33	42	26	0.6
GLOB	0.2	0.4	0.6	1.9 10-2	+-35	37	22	0.55
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NH	0.3	1	0.9	6.4 10-5	-57	7.0	6.0	0.25
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GLOB	0.3	0.9	0.9	1.7 10-4	+-56	8.4	7.5	0.28

Ralph and Niiler (1999) worked on 1503 15m drogued drifters deployed in the **tropical Pacific between March 1987 and December 1994**. They found for optimal model (for the speed only) the triplet (a=0.23, b=0.58, c=1.16).





Future Improvements: Ekman in the Mediterranean Sea

Personal communication from M. Menna and P.-M. Poulain Work from the JPO 2002 paper has been updated

Winds: NCDC blended daily 0.25° grids Different drifters in the Med Sea for the period 2002-2014

Drifter Type	β	R ² (%)	Ν
CODE	$0.008 \exp(-18^{\circ}i)$	10	74498
SVP drogued	0.003exp(-33° <i>i</i>)	2	22805
SVP undrogued	$0.01 \exp(-18^{\circ}i)$	17	39648
SVP unknown	0.006exp(-34° <i>i</i>)	6	63217

Conclusion

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The Oscar velocities

Analytical solution for shear: geostrophic balance, steady Ekman, thermal wind shear (SST horizontal gradient).







OSCAR equations

Horizontal viscosity: related to 10m wind W

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{W}|}{\mathbf{W}_1}\right)^{\mathbf{b}}$$

if $|W| \ge 1 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$: $W_1 = 1 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ if $|W| < 1 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$: A = a

Equatorial area: $a=8.10^{-5} \text{ m}^2.\text{s}^{-1}$; b=2.2Global: $a = 2.8510^{-4} \text{ m}^2.\text{s}^{-1}$ et b=2.0





OSCAR equations

$$U'(z) = \frac{\sinh\left(\frac{H+z}{\hbar_{e}}\right)\tau}{\underbrace{\sinh\left(\frac{H}{\hbar_{e}}\right)}{v_{\tau}'}} A + \frac{2\sinh\left(\frac{H+z}{2\hbar_{e}}\right)\sinh\left(\frac{z}{2\hbar_{e}}\right)\hbar_{e}^{2}\nabla\theta}{\cosh\left(\frac{H}{2\hbar_{e}}\right)} A + \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{H+z}{2\hbar_{e}}\right)\cosh\left(\frac{z}{2\hbar_{e}}\right)}{v_{\theta}'} A + \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{H+z}{2\hbar_{e}}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{H+z}{2\hbar_{e}}\right)} A + \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{H+z}{2\hbar_{e}}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{H+z}{2}\right)} A + \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{H+z}{2}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{H+z}{2}\right)} A + \frac{\cosh\left(\frac{H+z}{2}\right)} A + \frac{\cosh\left(\frac$$

$$U'(z = 0) = \frac{\tau}{A}$$
$$U'(z = -H) = 0$$

Plans for exploiting new products











IMPACT OF INTRODUCING NEW PARAMETERS – SURFACE MODEL



IMPACT OF INTRODUCING NEW PARAMETERS – 15m MODEL

a $\epsilon[0,1]$; b $\epsilon[0,1]$; c $\epsilon[0,1]$

V-NH

1.0

U-SH

Green: a; Red: b; Black: c