Arctic Basin Hydrography ...& some circulation

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Large-scale,
Pacific-Arctic focus

Warming
Freshening?

Ice Retreat & Upper Ocean Warming



SSTs from monthly mean AVHRR (Reynolds et al)

> National Weather Service Environmental Modeling Center

Summer SST Anomaly

(relative to 1982-2006 mean)







- Natural see-saw?
- Recent pan-arctic warming

Three Questions



Pan-Arctic Ice-Ocean Modeling and Assimilation System (PIOMAS) Jinlun Zhang, Univ. of WA



POP (Parallel Ocean Program) ocean model, v. 1.4

No assimilation in this study

Atmos forcing: NCEP

45°N

North

Pole

30 vertical levels (5 m resolution in upper 30 m)

22 km resolution (average); 3 grid pts across Bering St.

BESTMAS:

10 km resol. in Beaufort/Chukchi; 20 pts across Bering St.

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Inflow from global model

Summer Upper Ocean Heat Balance



Summer Ocean Heating



pathway unchanged, but stronger

see Shimada et al., GRL 2006

F_{surf} = 70-80% of ocean surface warming



Summer Ice Mass Balance



∠h_{bot0} = Ice melt from ocean dynamics July '07



- warm SST
- strong advec



Next Question: What is the FATE of summer ocean heat?



contours: Salinity

Krishfield et al. J. Tech. 2008

The "Near-Surface Temperature Maximum" (NSTM) ...a LOCAL Tmax layer, as opposed to...

"summer Pacific Water" (sPW)

ITP data from 2007-2008: NSTM survives through the winter!

Data are sparse: What can we learn about the NSTM from a <u>model</u>?



Recent winter survival of the NSTM: WHY?

NSTM contains Alaska 70°N 2001 <u>2002</u> enough heat to Beaufort melt up to 1 m Gyre 🔍 Russia sea ice ice e**d**a 90 E Three factors: 1.) Thinner, <u>looser ice cover</u> allows more summer heating <u>2005</u> 2004 2006 2.) Increasing Beaufort Gyre stratification suppresses surface mixing 3.) Increasing Beaufort Gyre downwelling <u>2007</u> <u>2008</u> <u>2009</u> December T_{max} (C) -1.8 -1.6 -1.4 -1.2 -1.0 -0.5 0 2

Validation: model vs. ITP NSTM



Pacific Water





1.) sPW enters the Beaufort Gyre near NW Alaska, but...

2.) Model's <u>resolution/mixing is not adequate to maintain</u> <u>a sPW layer</u> at 70-100 m depth.

The future?



Measuring Upper Ocean Warming





Atmos. moisture transport is the major source of FW ...ie,

- 1) storms \rightarrow arctic drainage basins
- 2) rivers \rightarrow ocean $(ocean \leftrightarrow sea ice)$
- ocean/sea ice \rightarrow North Atl. Ocean 3)

Consider all the FW inputs



How it stacks up: Ocean water mass structure in the Beaufort Sea



Getting the right stratification: The effect of "<u>background mixing</u>"



"Typical" K_{diff} ≅ 0.1 cm²/s; Need to reduce mixing to levels 10 times less! ...it's ok: sea ice suppresses mixing! (D'Asaro & Morison, 1992) ...for now, anyway: (Rainville & Woodgate, 2009)

FWC = Vertical integral of FW



Units: meters Sea ice melt: ~1 or 2 m/yr



"The Arctic is the freshest ocean!"

FWC \cong factor * steric height



DH: The zonal mean view

Figure 2



Nordic Seas "potential well"

Ocean circulation pathways



FWC: <u>Seasonal</u> changes

PROSHUTINSKY ET AL.: BEAUFORT GYRE FRESHWATER RESERVOIR





There's 2 seasonal maxima:

<u>June/July</u>: FWC peak #1 from ice melt → upper layer freshening

<u>Nov/Dec/Jan</u>: FWC **peak #2** from **Ekman convergence**

→ upper layer deepening

FWC: Interannual variability



The SHEBA FW anomaly: A model study

- Mackenzie River fed FW into the Beaufort Gyre, <u>as</u> <u>observed</u>, forced by:
- anomalously strong fall SE'lies (i.e., strong BG)
- 2007: another strong summer/fall BG anticyclone!

Future of the BG anticyclone?

Longer term pan-Arctic Ocean FWC

...anomalies

Steele & Ermold, 2007



Polyakov et al. (2008):

Downward trend \rightarrow 1990s

Arctic Ocean getting SALTIER! Why?

Arctic FW & the North Atlantic Oscillation



The Beaufort Gyre in the 2000's



The Longer-Term Future?



The arctic will freshen but when?!

Factors influencing Arctic Ocean circulation

sea ice thinning & retreat

vertical momentum flux changes (currents, waves, mixing)

- surface warming (ice melt, tracer, density)
- vertical FW flux changes? (density)
- changes in the global hydrologic cycle
 - incr. FW input (density)
 - > altered Pacific-Atlantic ∆SSH? (OMG!)

Arctic Ocean circulation modeling: What's new?

- numerical improvements (e.g, resolution)
- better forcing (e.g., atmos. reanalyses)
- new tracers and diagnostics (e.g., biology!)

Thank You

The arctic "sea ice refuge" Lincoln Sea "Switchyard" project, 2009

The Changing Arctic: Observation and Model Study

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OUTLINE

The observed changes in the Arctic
Feedback mechanisms
Model culling and projections of future Arctic Sea ice condition

Surface Air Temperature Anomaly for 2001-2005

Annual temperatures increases for 2001-2005 relative to 1951-1980

Average surface temperature anomaly (°C) -0.8 -0.4 -0.2 0.2 0.4 0.8 1.2 1.6 2.1

Insufficient data

Hansen et al., Global Temperature Changes, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 103, 2006.

Warming is unequivocal – IPCC AR4

Annual Mean Surface Temperature Linear Trend



Greenland Total Melt Area: 1979-2009







University Bremen



Arctic September Sea Ice Extent



NH Sea Ice Extent

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The Evolution of Multiyear Ice



Satellite Data (QuickScat)

From Ron Kwok (JPL)

Atmosphere



Evolution of Sea Ice Thickness

http://stratus.astr.ucl.ac.be/textbook/chapter3_node12.xml



Zhang and Rothrock, 2001

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THE FEEDBACKS

2 *a* : the partial reversion of the effects of a process to its source or to a preceding stage

b: the transmission of evaluative or corrective information about an action, event, or process to the original or controlling source; *also*: the information so transmitted Merriam-Webster Dictionary

A system exhibiting **positive feedback**, in response to perturbation, acts to increase the magnitude of the perturbation.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Positive_feedback

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Arctic Climate System Feedbacks

Teleconnection and circulation pattern change

Arctic Atmosphere Warming

Global Warming



Arctic amplification

Reduction of Arctic Sea Ice



Sept Sea Ice Extent

Surface albedo decrease => less sunlight being reflected from surface



Heat releases to atmosphere in the fall.

Ocean Absorbs More Heat



JAS SST Anomaly















JAS Sea Surface Temp Anomaly Relative to 1982-2006 mean



NOAA Arctic Report Card

Recent (2002-2008) Central Arctic Fall Temperature Anomalies Greater Than $+5^{\circ}$ C

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Oct to Dec; 2002 to 2005



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Vertical Cross Section of Temp Anomaly

Oct. – Dec. 2002-2008



Leading EOF (19%) shown as regression map of 1000mb height (m)

The Arctic Oscillation (AO) Northern Annular Mode (NAM)





Arctic Oscillation & Dipole Anomaly

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Wang et al, 2009; Overland and Wang, 2010

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Seasonal Mean PC Series



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The Progress of Climate Models



Model Components



Source of Projection Uncertainties



p: 11.0°C Model Culling



Boe et al. 2009

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p: 11.0°C



NH Sept Sea Ice Extent



Wang and Overland 2009

September Sea Ice Extent



Wang and Overland, 2009



Seasonal Cycle of Sea Ice Extents

OBS

IPSL

10

10

8

12

8

CCSM3

CNRM

ECHO-G

Miroc(med)

UKHadgem1

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^{#1 Wed Jul 07 14:48:31 2010 UTC} <u>p: 11.0°C</u> Monthly Sea Ice Extent over Chukchi Sea



2050

<u>Mean Sea Ice Concentration over the Chukchi Sea</u>

65-80N, 180-157W



DECADAL MEAN ICE EDGE under A1B scenario



CCSM3



Buoy drift and Ice Concentration



Ice Export Faster

STEADY AS SHE FLOWS

In 1896, Fram became the first vessel to have ridden the Transpolar Drift Stream – one of the Arctic's ice currents. This year, Tara was the second, making the journey in less than half the time. The Transpolar Drift Stream is pushed along by westerly winds, while the other major ice current in the Arctic is the clockwise-circulating Beaufort Gyre, generated by the rotating winds created by a high-pressure atmospheric system





Return to previous Arctic conditions is unlikely

Record temperatures across Canadian Arctic and Greenland, a reduced summer sea ice cover, record snow cover decreases and links to some Northern Hemisphere weather support this conclusion

Arctic Report Card 2010





Atmosphere

Arctic climate is impacting mid-latitude weather, as seen in Winter 2009-2010

Sea Ice

Summer sea ice conditions for previous four years well below 1980s and 1990s

Ocean

Upper ocean showing year-to-year variability without significant trends

Land

Low winter snow accumulation, warm spring temperatures lead to record low snow cover duration

Greenland

Record setting high temperatures, ice melt, and glacier area loss

Biology

Rapid environmental change threatens to disrupt current natural cycles

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The AO and Weather Pattern



Courtesy of J. Wallace
Toward producing reanalysis wind field over the Chukchi/Beaufort Seas via data assimilation and analysis nudging

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Introduction

- When performing long-term regional simulations, techniques must be used to constrain the model and maintain numerical stability.
- Data assimilation and analysis nudging are two powerful methods for improving model performance.
- Data assimilation introduces observed, high resolution information into the model simulation, increasing accuracy.
- Analysis nudging constrains the model solution and prevents errors from growing too large.

Model Configuration

Horizontal Grid Spacing: 10 km

49 vertical levels

test periods:

Jun 30 – Aug 30



A little about data assimilation

• Assume:

 $T_m = 18^{\circ} C$ (model temperature)

 $T_o = 21^{\circ}C$ (observed temperature)

 T_t true temperature, but we don't know...

• Assume:

 $\sigma_m = 2^{\circ} C \text{ (model error)}$

 $\sigma_o = 1^{\circ} C$ (observational error)

 $\sigma_m \& \sigma_o$ are uncorrelated

• T will be corrected as:

$$T = a T_m + b T_o$$

• The most straightforward way to decide a & b is to minimize the mean square error of T:

 $E[(T-T_t)^2] = E[(a(T_m-T_t)+b(T_o-T_t))^2] = a^2\sigma_m^2 + b^2\sigma_o^2$ $\sigma_o^2 \qquad \sigma_m^2$

$$a = \frac{b}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_m^2} \qquad b = \frac{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_m^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma_m^2}$$

Model Errors

- Several model background errors (BEs) are tested, including
 - CV3 (default)
 - CV5 (customize)
 - 2-month simulation, no diurnal cycle (sfc_2mo-static)
 - 2-month simulation, with diurnal cycle (sfc_2mo-var)
 - 1-year simulation, no diurnal cycle (sfc_1yr-static)
 - 1-year simulation, with diurnal cycle (sfc_1yr-var)

Surface Observation

- Available/Total: 119/195 stations
- Once hourly (most of them)



The effects of BE



Speed-RMSE

QuikSCAT Winds & Errors

- Ocean surface winds at 10 m height retrieved using observation data from NASA/JPL's SeaWinds scatterometer
- Data is available from 19 July 1999 through 21 November 2009
- Temporal resolution: multiple times daily
- Spatial resolution: 12.5 km
- Different Wind speed errors are tested
 - 1 m/s (qscat_err1)
 - 4 m/s (qscat_err4)

QuikSCAT Winds



QuikSCAT Winds





110 120 130 140 150 160 170 180 190 200 210 220 230 10 20 30 40 80 90 100

180 190 200 210 220 230

The effects of Data Errors



Speed-RMSE

Comparisons between Reanalysis (left) and WRF 1-yr Simulation without Assimilation and Nudging (right)



Analysis Nudging

- Analysis nudging continually guides model solution towards existing reanalysis to prevent errors from growing too large, which is very necessary for a regional climate modeling.
- WRF contains two 3-D analysis nudging options:
 - Gridpoint nudging each gridpoint is nudged toward input dataset
- Spectral nudging only nudges coarser scales; better allows smaller-scale model information to be retained

Assimilation + Spectral Nudging

Aug09 case W RMSVE



Final Configuration

- Data assimilation of:
 - Surface stations
 - Radiosondes
 - QuikSCAT
 - MODIS profiles
 - COSMIC profiles
- Spectral nudging of all vars / levels
- Updated surface condition:
 - CMC snow depth analysis
 - AMSR-E sea ice analysis

Mesoscale Modeling – sea breeze

Unique environmental conditions:

- Continuous solar radiance
- Greater Coriolis effect

Strongest sea breeze (+mountain breeze) occurs late evening due to continuous solar radiance



Mean diurnal variation of V and U

Wind fields along a north-south cross section were analyzed to show the averaged diurnal variation of U and V at different distance from the shoreline, negative values signify north and east winds





Sea Breeze Diurnal Variation in Idealized Simulation

latitude = $70^{\circ}N$



Beyond Wind Field Reanalysis

Why downscaling, not just GCM?



10-yr (Oct.94-Sep.04) annual mean precip.(m/yr)

(Zhang et al 2007, GRL)

Snow Cover in CCSM3 (left) and Downscaling (right)







Projected (2010-19) and Hindcast (1994-04) Glacier Mass Balance



WATER BALANCE OF AN ARCTIC COASTAL WETLAND, BARROW, ALASKA: END-OF 21ST CENTURY PROJECTIONS

Anna K. Liljedahl et al 2011 (in preparation)





FUTURE INVERSION CLIMATE IN ALASKA DURING 21 CENTURY

Year

FURTURE CONTRIBUTION OF GLACIER RUNOFF TO FRESHWATER DISCHARGE INTO GOA

ongoing project...

Downscaling Domain



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