

Large Marine Environement Biogeochemical evolution whithin the next century

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Large Marine Ecosystems (LME) – Presentation



- 65 large regions.
- ~200,000 km² from coastal to outer boundary margin.
- Characterized by 1 bathymetry, 2 hydrography, 3 productivity , 4 – trophically dependent population

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- Developed by NOAA for conservative purpose
- 95% of fisheries;
- Objective : enabling Ecosystem-based Management

Modelling approach : NEMO-MEDUSA



- "Intermediate complexity" plankton ecosystem model.
- Variable C : N in exported organic matter.

Two simulations available – 2 Ocean grid resolutions.



Does the higher resolution improves the LMEs biogeochemistry ??

LME Ecological evolution with Climate change ??

Finer grid resolution improve the dynamic...







Current – Obs – AVISO



... But, is the biogeochemistry also improved with the grid resolution in the LME ??

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• Biogeochemistry is closest to Obs at finer resolution



Continue with ORCA025

Evaluation of NEMO-MEDUSA (ORCA025)



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Physical changes between 2000 and 2090 decades.





- SSS change following E-P
- SST increase everywhere up to 6°C
- Decrease of MLD Deep Water Formation zone

Biogeoch. changes between 2000 and 2090 decades.



δChl - - 2090-2000 (μg-C l⁻¹)



-0.2 -0.15 -0.1 -0.05 0 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2

- Decrease in DIN up to 65% in N-Atl
- Chl gen^{al} decrease except around S-Ocean
- Increase of Arctic subsurface PP Decrease in N-Atl ~50%

Changes in time of seasonal Maximum



- Maximum Chl occurs 1-2 month earlier in N-Hemisphere
- No change to 1 month later in S-Hemisphere

Conclusion

- Confirmed that increased resolution improve LME biogeochemistry results.
- MEDUSA's results in LME are realistic.
 But slight nutrient underestimates in low-medium latitudes
 - slight nutrient overestimates in high latitudes
 - Chl underestimates everywhere.
- Evolution within Climate change shows
 - General surface DIN decrease in all LME (~ 50%)
 - idem with surface Chl (up to 50%) except in Antarctic regions
 - subsurface PP increase in Arctic regions
 - Max Chl accurs 1 to 2 month earlier in N-Hemisphere.

iii Obrigado !!!

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