Modélisation end-to-end

des écosystèmes marins

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Marine ecosystems: A dual perspective



Lower trophic levels

Upper trophic levels



Biogeochemistry









The different levels of interactions



An example of E2E interactions: Trophic cascade



Cascade in the Northern Atlantic ocean



Another example of E2E interactions: Biomixing



End-to-end ecosystem models: lower trophic levels



(after Fasham et al., 1990)

- 4+ Compartments
- Coupled to various cycles (carbon, oxygen, DMS ...)
- Nutrients are transported by ocean circulation
- Monod/Quota/Mechanistic formalisms
- No representation of the higher trophic levels

End-to-end ecosystem models: Upper trophic levels



MACROES

A MACRoscope for Oceanic Earth System Studies

PI: Olivier Aumont, LPO, Brest

- 7 participating labs, about 20 researchers involved
- The total budget is about 4 M€, 1.2M€ supported by ANR.
- A 4 years project: From 2010 to 2013

Cliotop, February 2010

MACROES: The objectives

Main Objective:

> Better understand/predict the integrated dynamics of marine ecosystems within the context of overfishing and global change

• 3 scientific questions :

> What is the role of reciprocal interactions and of biodiversity on the functioning and structure of marine ecosystems (including physics)?

> What is the response of marine ecosystems to global environmental changes, including governance strategies?

> How to characterize these changes with synthetic indicators which have a meaning for communication and management?

MACROES : The tools (1)

Inter-operable databases



MACROES: The tools (2)

Spatial

database

Models :



MACROES: MDST



CLIOTOP (CLimate Impacts on Oceanic TOp Predators) is based on a worldwide comparative approach among regions, oceans and species to identify, characterise, monitor and modelthe key processes involved in the dynamics of oceanic ecosystems.

The MDST (Model and Data Sharing Tool)

is one of the major tools that CLIOTOP is developing to help the implementation of the comparative approach at the global scale. The results internationnal MDST from an collaborative effort. It provides the opportunity to visualize, overlay, combine and extract various types of spatially explicit data and numerical models outputs from different origins in the world. Access to the data can be open or restricted and is submitted to the CLIOTOP data sharing policy.

To date, the MDST includes :

Available data

- fisheries data of major exploited species over the whole historical period
- archival tagging data of emblematic predators
- satellite derived environmental data
- outputs from numerical models for physics biochemistry and ecosystems

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The MDST has been developped in the framework of the CLIOTOP Working Groups thanks to the financial support of the following funded projects :



PROJECTS



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http://vmmdst-proto.mpl.ird.fr/MDST/

The LTL model: PISCES



The UTL model: APECOSM

- Mass and energy are conserved
- Size is structuring opportunistic trophic interactions



- Size & temperature are controlling metabolism (DEB theory) using simplifications
- The ecosystem is divided into 3 Open Ocean Pelagic Communities (OOPC)

Depth distribution is constrained by light, oxygen, food and temperature



• Each OOPC is divided into n size-classes which are user defined

MACROES: NEMO-PISCES-APECOSM



From COPEPOD-2005 zooplankton database

From NEMO-PISCES-APECOSM



Night/day Ratio





PISCES and APECOSM: The limitations

The major drawback of this model is that it is a Monod Model

• No variable Redfield ratios, co-limitations are not correctly modeled

Mesozooplankton is highly unrealistic

- No life stages, no vertical migration at all scales
- Mortality is a closure term

No biodiversity

- In each size class, all individuals are supposed adults
- All individuals have identical feeding behaviors (visual, tactile, ...)

Isolated communities

- No exchange between the communities
- No difference between adults and juveniles
- No schooling/swarming

MACROES: The scientific program



The methodological developments: Biogeochemistry

Mostly all models do exist currently but ...

- > To be predictive, there is a need to be mechanistic
- > The different levels of biodiversity need to be accounted for

PISCES, the biogeochemical model

> Adopt the DEB formalism for the biogeochemical model PISCES

This choice will allow to have a consistent theoretical framework for the whole ecosystem

• APECOSM, introduce some description of the biodiversity

Species are defined by their maximum size Their parameters depend on this max size Then, potentially add alternative communities



The methodological developments: The problems

For all the methodological developments that are planned

two main difficulties :

The increasing complexity of the models:

- ✓ Tuning the models becomes an extremely difficult "game"
- ✓ Understanding the behavior of the models is tricky
- \checkmark The cost of the models can become prohibitive

The lack of data

- \checkmark Obvious problem which is recurrent for all modeling exercise
- ✓ Even more acute for mid-trophic levels
- ✓ Acoustic/optical data (LEMAR, others). Ongoing discussion with P. Brehmer.

The methodological developments in economy

Effort dynamics model (EDM)

- > The EDM will be a **dynamic and explicit spatial model**
- > The EDM will be designed to produce mid-term scenarios (up to 15 years)
- > The EDM will take into account **governance conditions** defining access to resources

Catch-effort trade model

- » A data and demand analysis to define the relevant market for tuna products
- > A demand function econometric model will be designed and the parameters estimated to be used in the CET model



Network of the model

Climate change and ocean acidification



1) Analyze the impact of global changes in an uncoupled mode



2) Analyze the retroactions between the different levels



Marine ressources and governance

Percentage of stocks assessed Climate Climate Climate Fishing Fishing

1) Simulate the past 50 years without fishing pressure



2) Simulate the past 50 years with fishing pressure



3) Simulate the past 50 years with fishing pressure and tuna market

<mark>S</mark>ynthesis

Integrated dynamics along most probable CO2 and governance scenario(s)



This last step should be more considered as a demonstration of the capabilities of the system

Definition of a Synthetic Indicator Panel

> Select appropriate indicators for monitoring and detecting unusual trends, tipping points or non reversible climate-related or fishing induced changes

- > Difficult task that will require the input from all participants
- > Input from CLIOTOP community ?

Macroes : The community



Academic fields



19 researchers+11 positions funded by MACROES A total of 500 people.month

One of the biggest challenge of the project is to bring people from very different communities on a same project to create an interdisciplinarity community