

The Climate Ocean and Sea Ice Model (COSIM) project Computational and Theoretical Science Divisions

## Biogeochemistry in Los Alamos COSIM: High Latitudes Processes

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## TALK OUTLINE

- •A bit of general COSIM background leading to the new emphasis
- •High latitude deficiencies particularly painfully for biogeochemists
- •Samples problems: chlorophyll, photochemistry, DMS
- •So...winterize biogeochemical ocean models beginning from sulfur
- •Show demonstration of capability for ice algae in CICE
- •Quarterly maps for the pan-Arctic situation, local time series
- •New collaborations needed, and planning









## BACKGROUND



•COSIM founded on POP and CICE

•Performance, portability, fine resolution -LANL codes now the core of CCSM

•Biogeochemistry relatively new -global ecosystems, trace gases

•All agree high latitudes are the next wave

•Warming fastest, understudied -ice loss/change, sensitive biota

#### Comparison with SeaWiFS Chlorophyll



OS



Dimethyl Sulfide (nM) Year 33, LM86 Piston Velocity

DMS in Trace Gas Module







Kettle Data Base













## WINTERIZE GEOCYCLING

•Interest originates with pigment, DMS and photochemistry problems

•Elect to improve polar S cycle first

•Develop code for new organisms, ecosystems and processes

•Note high latitudes clearly are the next wave for all of COSIM



## TODAY'S EXAMPLE: ICE ALGAL DEMO

- •CICE is global in the sense that ice simulated both hemispheres
- •But we will focus here on Arctic -timely and biology simpler
- •Demonstration of capability only at this point
- •Work from landfast models -Arrigo, Lavoie (Denman), Jin (Deal)
- •Relatively well documented, convergent, between them inclusive
- •Skeletal layer only and decoupled from POP
- •Key inputs: CICE radiative transfer, hv and Si limits, melt removal
- •Key results: cryobiology driven by light, snow cover and melt rate







### Ice Thickness

## Feb May Aug Nov

Units -meters









Snow Cover

## Feb May Aug Nov

Units -Meters









Ice Algae

Feb May Aug Nov

### Nitrogen, Millimoles/m2





#### Pole

#### Barrow





## **ON TO COLLABORATIONS**

•Framework is ready

DMS (nmol/l) 4 6 8 10 12 14 16

DMSP (nmol/l) 10 20 30 40 50 60

Chl.a

58°N, 166°W

2

3

**MR01 AV7** 

Chl.a (µg/l)

DMSPD

2 4

▼Seafloor

•Harvest data, guidance, assistance

•Several groups have S and other results

•Build 1st regional DMS ice model

•Multielemental basis has to be strong



Water column Bering All data courtesy Deal IARC

Offshore Barrow, Landfast

## HIGH LATITUDE BIOGEOCHEMISTRY PLANS

### •NEAR TERM:

- •Read up on Walsh, Arrigo foundation models and all data sets
- •Add N limitation and a sulfur mechanism within CICE
- •MEDIUM TERM:
- •Link to POP geocycling and CICE radiative transfer
- •LONGER:
- •Expand to include Antarctic
- Include high latitude specialists in biogeochemical POP
- •Ultimately systems simulations of (bi) polar geochemical change



## EXTRAS 1



### **Plankton Dynamics**

Rates

$$V_{p} = 0.6(1.066^{T}) (1-4)d^{-1}$$

$$J(z) = \frac{V_{p}\alpha I(z)}{(V_{p}^{2} + \alpha I(z)^{2})^{1/2}}, \quad \frac{-dI(z)}{dz} = (k_{w} + k_{p}Chl)$$

$$SMS(N_{p}) = (1-\gamma_{1})J(z)[Q_{1} + Q_{2}]N_{p} - G_{1} - \mu N_{p}$$

$$SMS(N_{z}) = \gamma_{2}(G_{1} + G_{2} + G_{3}) - (\mu_{2} + \mu_{5})N_{z}$$

$$Q_{1} = N_{n}e^{-\psi N_{r}} / (K_{1} + N_{n})$$

$$Q_{2} = N_{r} / (K_{1} + N_{r})$$

$$G_{1} = gN_{z} \frac{P_{j}C_{j}}{K_{3} + \sum p_{k}C_{k}}, \quad j,k = 1...3$$

Fasham et al. 1990, 1993 Sverdrup, Johnson & Fleming 1942

Enzyme, predator-prey and other kinetic types

System SMS (other P, Z, B, DOM, POM with sedimentation) Then other elements carbon, silicon, phosphorus, iron... And what about steady states?

Conserve atoms but not energy...

Compensation 
$$I_{c} = I \text{ for photosynthesis} = respiration, typically \sim 0.1P_{max}$$

$$P_{gross} = P_{max}I/(I_{1/2} + I)$$

$$V_{p} = \alpha I_{1/2}, V_{p} = 3d^{-1}, \alpha = 0.03(1/dw/m^{2}) I_{1/2} = 100w/m^{2}, I_{c} \sim 20w/m^{2}$$
Attenuation 
$$I(z) = I_{o}e^{-(k_{w} + k_{p}Chl)z}, k_{w} = 0.03m^{-1}, k_{p} = 0.03(1/mg/m^{3}) \overline{I_{o}} = 100w/m^{2}, z(c) = 50m$$

$$\overline{I_{D}} = \frac{1}{D} \int_{0}^{n} I_{o}e^{-kz}dz, \frac{I_{o}}{Dk}(1 - e^{-kD}) \text{ average to } D$$
Criticality 
$$D_{cr} = \frac{I_{o}}{I_{c}k} \text{ if } kD_{cr} >> 0, D_{cr} \sim 150m$$
Mixing must remain  $for net growth$ 

#### Landfast Ice Conceptual Models



Fig. 1. Sea ice growth model. Separate terms represent the temperatures (degrees Celsius) of the air  $(T_a)$ , upper sea ice or snow surface  $(T_o)$ , sea ice interior  $(T_i)$ , and lower sea ice surface  $(T_f)$ , which is also equivalent to the freezing point of seawater. H and  $h_s$  refer to the thicknesses of the sea ice and snow (meters), respectively, while the conductive flux of heat through the sea ice is denoted by  $F_c$ , and the flux of heat from the seawater by  $F_w$ . The thermal conductivity of sea ice and snow are denoted by  $k_i$  and  $k_s$ , respectively. By convention, all fluxes into the sea ice, such as  $F_w$ , are positive, and all fluxes out of the ice sheet, such as  $F_c$ , are negative.

Arctic



**Figure 2.** Schematic of the different layers at the base of the ice (light gray). Ice algae (dark gray) are found in the skeletal layer.

#### Landfast Ice Chlorophyll Profiles

#### Antarctic

#### Arctic





Fig. 10. (a) Vertical chlorophyll a profiles from congelation ice cores collected in McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, during 1988 am 1989, and simulated vertical chlorophyll a distributions assuming that (b) g(z)=0 throughout the congelation ice or (c) that g(z)=iin the upper layers of the congelation ice and g(z)=0 in the lower layers.

Fig. 3. Observed (a) ice temperature and (b) ice-algae distribution in sea ice at IARC site in 2002.



Fig. 6. Time series of simulated temperature,  $T_I(z)$ , and brine salinity,  $S_b(z)$ , profiles in congelation ice. Figures 6a and 6b correspond to run 2 (mean temperature) and Figures 6d and 6e to run 11 (high temperature). Figure 6c is time series of observed sea ice temperature profiles measured with a copper canstantan thermistor chain in McMurdo Sound, Antarctica,

Fig. 7. Time series of simulated sea ice salinity,  $S_i(z)$ , and brine volume,  $V_b(z)$ , profiles in sea ice. Figures 7a and 7b correspond to run 2 (mean temperature) and Figures 7c and 7d to run 11 (high temperature).



### Assimilation to DMSP





Fig. 2. Schematic representation of the three pathways of DMSP biosynthesis from methionine (after Hanson and Gage, 1996; Gage et al., 1997; Kocsis et al., 1998; Summers et al., 1998).

Fig. 1. Schematic representation of the processes involved in the assimilatory sulphate reduction and biosynthesis of DMSP. No attempt has been made to represent stoichiometries. Explanation is given in the text. This figure is extracted from references discussed in the text and from Quispel and Stegwee (1983) and Salisbury and Ross (1992).

Phaeocystis DMSP as f(S)



Fig. 3. DMSP content of *Phaeocystis* sp. cells growing exponentially in batch cultures. Cells were adapted to the salinities for at least five generations. Values are means of duplicate cultures; range is indicated.





## **Some Biogeochemical POP History**

- •Earth System Modeling became COSIM focus
- •Global change begins with CO2 but loops back onto all of ecology and elemental cycling
- •Hence biogeochemistry unavoidable
- •Mainstays have been fine grids, Fe fertilization, and the climate active trace gases



# **POP Physics Simulations**







#### Simulation of a La Niña to El Niño Transition





### Initial Southern Hemisphere Patch Positions and Iron Background (µM)



/am/nearstore1/vol/vol2/ice-bio/spchu/1280\_18tracer/bf.set/movies/patch/mfp1.11 b.74461.nc



## Phytoplankton at 20 days ( $\mu$ M N )





tr10d+tr3d

### pCO<sub>2</sub> Distribution 20 days after Fertilizations



Seasonal surface DMS (nmol)







#### DMSmodel vs DMSkettle

×

#### **Statistical**





80

40

120

160



NOR

LANL

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

n

-0.2

-0.4

-0.6

-0.8

-1

PAR

HAD

-160

×

-120

-80

40

HAM

### Aerosol Sulfate from DMS Fluxes, Off Line in CAM



## Gene Function

TIGR role category	Total genes
Amino acid biosynthesis	37,118
Biosynthesis of cofactors,	25,905
prosthetic groups, and carriers	
Cell envelope	27,883
Cellular processes	17,260
Central intermediary metabolism	13,639
DNA metabolism	25,346
Energy metabolism	69,718
Fatty acid and phospholipid metabolism	18,558
Mobile and extrachromosomal element functions	1,061
Protein fate	28,768
Protein synthesis	48,012
Purines, pyrimidines, nucleosides, and nucleotides	19,912
Regulatory functions	8,392
Signal transduction	4,817
Transcription	12,756
Transport and binding proteins	49,185
Unknown function	38,067
Miscellaneous	1,864
Conserved hypothetical	794,061
Total number of roles assigned	1,242,230
Total number of genes	1,214,207



## EXTRAS 2

# ANIMATE GROWTH





Ice Algae

Feb Mar Apr May

### Nitrogen, Millimoles/m2









Ice Algae

## May Jun Jul Aug

### Nitrogen, Millimoles/m2





# NH Si LOGICAL

#### Silicon in the Water Column (mmole/m2)









August 1982

November 1982





#### Silicon in the Skeletal Layer (mmole/m2)









August 1982







# GLOBAL SI LOGICAL

#### Silicon in the Water Column (mmole/m2)



#### February 1982

May 1982 .

August 1982

November 1982





Silicon in the Skeletal Layer (mmole/m2)



February 1982



August 1982



November 1982



May 1982 .

# **EXCEL Line Plots**



Algal Nitrogen - mmoles/m2 Snow Thickness - m Ice Thickness - m

Data - dashed Model - solid

Barrow - Thick Resolute - Thin Pole - Grey tone

Blooms are solar initiated Melt terminated

Resolute Low Snow Case Singular - Coastal?

## OLDER

### Iron control over a quarter of the planet



#### Iron and Phytoplankton in SOFeX Simulation







## MOTIVATION



## Prochlorococcus gene conservation

