

ACCESS-OM3, Australia's next-generation ocean - sea ice - wave model

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What is ACCESS-OM3?

Australia's next-generation ocean - sea ice wave model suite, under development

- Upgrades ACCESS-OM2 to state of the art
- **Regional and global configurations**
- Multiple resolutions •
- Open development, freely available
- To be used in next-generation climate and Earth system models ACCESS-CM3 and ACCESS-ESM3 for CMIP7

Ocean: upgraded to MOM6

- **ALE vertical coordinate**
 - Arbitrary vertical coords
 - **Reduced numerical mixing** •
 - No vertical CFL limit •
- (Angus Gibson)

CICE6 floe size/thickness distribution

(Noah Day)

- Ice shelf cavity circulation Wetting/drying; grounding line retreat
- **C-grid:** narrower straits
- Fast BGC: long tracer timestep
- **Regional configurations**
- **Improved tides**

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Sea ice: upgraded to CICE6

- Joint floe size / thickness distribution: represents wave-ice breakup
- Landfast ice
- **Depth-resolved ice BGC**

Surface waves: WW3 added

- State of the art surface wave model
- 2-way coupling with ocean and sea ice: surface wave mixing, sea ice interaction



New coupler: NUOPC (not OASIS3-MCT)

Modular plug-and-play design

Architecture

- Components interact via "cap"
- Cap provides standard data structures and interfaces to model execution routines (init, run, finalize)
- Supports hierarchical development, e.g. easily replacing models with prescribed data
- Parallel regridding of coupled fields
- Hub-and-spoke: model components • communicate via CMEPS mediator
 - Used in CESM3, UFS, etc
 - Supports exchange grids for accurate flux calculations

ACCESS-NRI have built a UM NUOPC cap for ACCESS-CM3 and ACCESS-ESM3



Development progress and plans



- All components under active development
 - We're tracking the latest CESM model component versions
- Focusing on MOM6-CICE6 1° as initial testbed, aiming for ACCESS-CM3, -ESM3 for CMIP7



More information

Click "watch" to be kept up to date: ACCESS-OM3 codebase:

- github.com/COSIMA/access-om3 see wiki! **ACCESS-OM3 configurations:**
- github.com/COSIMA/MOM6-CICE6
- github.com/COSIMA/MOM6-CICE6-WW3
- github.com/COSIMA/CICE6-WW3

Contributions welcome!

- Model evaluation metrics, parameter advice
- Test runs, bug reports, wiki contributions

