ORCA-LIM preliminary results of the AOMIP spin up experiment



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AOMIP Atmospheric Forcing

- NCEP/NCAR daily surface air temperatures, and sea level pressure
- monthly climatological surface relative humidities, cloud fractions, and precipitation rates

AOMIP Bulk formulas

Surface fluxes of heat, freshwater and momentum

Relaxation towards PHC SSSs during the first 11 years

ORCA2-LIM (global domain, roughly 2 ° × 2 ° resolution)

LIM sea ice model

- 3-layer snow-ice model
- 2 level ice-thickness distribution
- Viscous-plastic rheologyglobal set of parameters

ORCA2 ocean model

- OPA 8.2 in a global configuration
- Primitive equations, free surface
- z-coordinate; 30 vertical levels
- level 1.5 turbulence closure



Simulated Ice extent in 1978



March

September



Annual mean ice thickness

AOMIP forcing 1978

Standard forcing



NUMBER OF STREET

Sea ice drift in 1978





Annual mean surface salinity





Oceanic surface currents



March 1978



September 1978

Annual mean salinity at 500 m







Annual mean temperature at 500 m





Oceanic currents at 500 m





1978