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Data Set: EMEC TETS Regular Gridded Sub-set

Dataset User Guidance

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The Dataset

License details for the dataset are listed in the included Annexes.

Summary Description

1. This document provides information to assist the use of time series data extracted from:
 - 1.1. Locations within a regional-scale 3-D hydrodynamic model developed using the Open Telemac-Mascaret tools (<https://gitlab.pam-retd.fr/otm/telemac-mascaret/>).
 - 1.2. Stored as a .mat -v7 version matlab file (see https://uk.mathworks.com/help/matlab/import_export/mat-file-versions.html).
2. Data comprises modelled velocity and surface elevation predictions:
 - 2.1. Extracted from the Open Resource Model v1.0 regional model.
 - 2.2. On a regular 20m resolution grid across the European Marine Energy Centre's Tidal Energy Test Site, Orkney, UK.
 - 2.3. Interpolated from the unstructured model mesh onto the regular grid using Barycentric weighting.
 - 2.4. Evenly distributed sigma layer representation is retained in the vertical.
 - 2.5. Data are stored in 12 hour sets with 1 minute sampling.
 - 2.6. Time stamps and mesh coordinates are provided in the datasets.
3. Users should check upon data download that they are using the most up to date versions. If in doubt, please contact the Data Creator/s as listed in the full item record of the data repository.
4. Originating Project/s
 - 4.1. The datasets have been extracted and made available via the IAA CES UP:STREAM project.

Data Access

The data are currently being served through the University of Edinburgh Research DataSync portal.

The public link to the data is password protected; the guest user password is `ormguest`

This password will be valid through to the 31st December 2025.

MATLAB Data: Variables, Description and Units

The extracted data are stored as a collection of MATLAB variables and structures. Model field predictions are held row-wise in time (increasing rows representing increasing time and samples), and column-wise in space as a flattened vector of the 2-D or 3-D fields.

Fields

Variable	Dimensions	Description and [Units]
<i>globalAttributes</i>	Structure	Data structure with summary information for dataset
<i>rect</i>	Structure	Lower left and upper right corners and resolution of rectangular grid
<i>dateTimeStr</i>	[nrecs]	Date/time stamp as formatted string [YYYY-mm-dd HH:MM:SS]
<i>dateNum_python</i>	[nrecs]	Time stamps in days since the python default epoch
<i>dateNum_matlab</i>	[nrecs]	Time stamps in days since the matlab default epoch
<i>nrecs</i>	[1]	Number of time records per field
<i>nx</i>	[1]	Number of points along x-coordintate
<i>ny</i>	[1]	Number of points along y-coordinate
<i>nlayers</i>	[1]	Number of vertical layers [nz]
<i>gridx</i>	[nx*ny]	Geospatial X coordinates of the data extraction
<i>gridy</i>	[nx*ny]	Geospatial Y coordinates of the data extraction
<i>bathy</i>	[nx*ny]	Water depth relative to mean sea level (+ve upward) [m]
<i>surfElev</i>	[nrecs,nx*ny]	Time series of surface elevation relative to mean sea level [m]
<i>u_depAvg</i>	[nrecs,nx*ny]	Time series of depth average eastward component of velocity [m/s]
<i>v_depAvg</i>	[nrecs,nx*ny]	Time series of depth average northward component of velocity [m/s]
<i>vel_east</i>	[nrecs, nx*ny*nz]	Time series of eastward velocity component at sigma layer depths [m/s]
<i>vel_north</i>	[nrecs, nx*ny*nz]	Time series of northward velocity component at sigma layer depths [m/s]
<i>vel_up</i>	[nrecs, nx*ny*nz]	Time series of upward velocity component at sigma layer depths [m/s]
<i>z</i>	[nrecs, nx*ny*nz]	Time series of sigma layer depths relative to mean sea level (+ve upward) [m]

NOTE:

- The multi-dimensional data have been flattened into a vector for every time record, *i.e.* 2D data are vectors of length $nx * ny$, and 3D data are vectors of length $nx * ny * nz$.
- These can be unpacked using the *reshape* command in either python (numpy) or matlab where the dimensions are given by the fields *nx*, *ny*, and *nlayers*.
- The number of records in the gridded data is $nrecs = modelRecordsPerFile/2$, *i.e.* half a day per file.
- *modelRecordsPerFile* is given in the global attributes (see table below).

Global Attributes

Attribute	Description and [Units]
<i>title</i>	Brief description of dataset
<i>creation_date</i>	Date the extraction file was created
<i>contact</i>	Name and/or e-mail address for point of contact regarding the data
<i>institution</i>	Institution where data file where generated
<i>modelSolver</i>	Numerical solver used to generate the model
<i>modelConstruct</i>	Unique identifier for model construct that data are extracted from
<i>modelConstructVers</i>	Version of model construct used
<i>modelType</i>	Type of numerical model
<i>modelFiles</i>	Model output files used to generate gridded data
<i>modelTimeStep</i>	Model time step used
<i>modelSamplePeriod</i>	Data sampling period of stored model output
<i>modelRecordsPerFile</i>	Number of time records in each time series
<i>modelLayersNum</i>	Number of model layers used in construct
<i>modelLayerType</i>	Type of layer definition used in model construct
<i>matlabFileFormat</i>	Matlab *.mat file format version
<i>CRS</i>	Coordinate Reference System [Name, EPSG]
<i>vertDatum</i>	Vertical datum used for modelled and gridded data
<i>information</i>	Information relevant to dataset not captured elsewhere

Item/s:

Data format is matlab version v7.

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These regional model data extracts design to reduce that data volume while retaining the full 3D information content of the underlying regional model output. The data are interpolated onto a regular rectangular grid covering the European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) Tidal Energy Test Site (TETS) where the ORM regional model has been optimised for resource assessment.

The file naming convention is:

e.g. for the file

where:

Gridded Region = EMEC-TETS,
Model Construct ID = ORMv1.0,
Gridding Description = 3D-GRIDDED-20m,
Date Stamp = 20140701,
Time Coverage = 0000-1159,
Dataset Version = v1.0
File Extension = mat

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