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# 1. Getting Started

## Installing COZOIL for Windows

COZOIL for Windows requires an IBM-compatible 586 or better PC, with 16 MB RAM, 30 MB free disk space on the hard drive, a VGA color monitor, and Microsoft-compatible mouse, running Windows 95.

### To install:

1. Insert the installation CD-ROM.
2. Choose **Run** from the **Start** menu, and type d:setup in the Windows dialog box.
3. Follow the installation instructions on the screen.
4. When installation is complete, you will have a new program group labeled COZOIL for Windows, with an icon for the COZOIL model system. **Close this COZOIL for Windows program group, and use the Reboot facility before running the program.**

### To remove COZOIL from a Windows 95 platform:

1. Delete the entire COZOIL directory.
2. Remove the COZOIL program group.

## About This Guide

This manual covers the following topics:

- Installing COZOIL (Chapter 1)
- An overview of COZOIL and its components (Chapter 2)
- How to specify the environmental data sets required by the models (Chapter 3)
- Running the spill model and displaying model results (chapter 4)
- COZOIL auxiliary tools (chapter 5)
- The COZOIL database (chapter 6)

## 2. The Basics

### About COZOIL

COZOIL is an oil spill model system used to predict the movement and fate of oil spilled in the marine environment.

The COZOIL model system is comprised of several integrated components. The spill model itself predicts the movement of oil on the water surface and the distribution of oil in the environment (evaporated, in the water column, on the shoreline). For these calculations the spill model relies on environmental data such as wind and currents, physical data such as the proximity of shorelines, and chemical data that defines the type of oil. Each of these types of data can be input and edited using the appropriate COZOIL component.

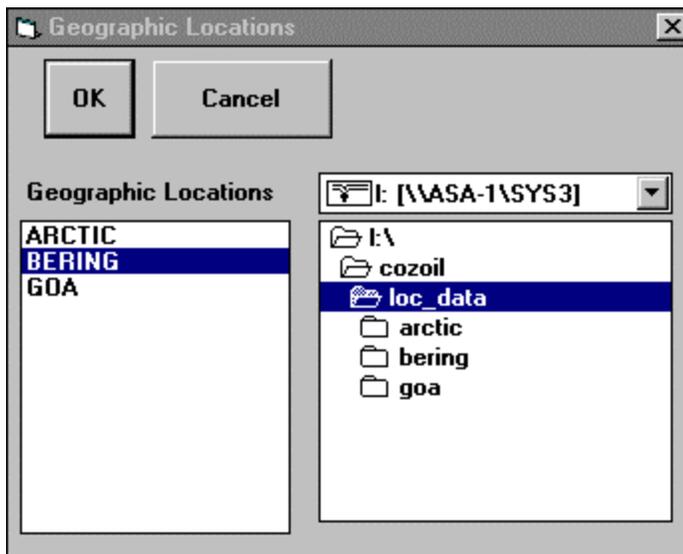
Although land and water is represented by polygons on the screen, the model actually uses a gridded representation of this land and water boundary to determine:

- Whether oil is on land or water
- What is the shoreline type of the land grid cell?
- What is the depth of the water cell?

The grid uses the COZOIL shoreline database to determine the shore type. To display these shore segments, check the **Display Shore Types** menu on under the Data menu.

### Geographic Location

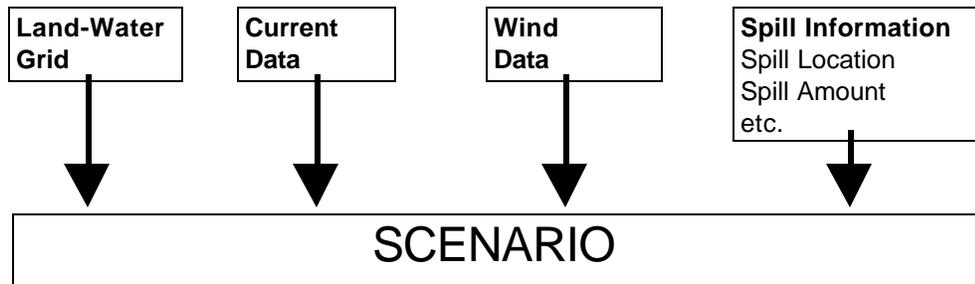
The COZOIL application is specific to a particular geographic location. All data, spill scenarios, and model output are stored within this location. The location consists of an area defined by its outermost longitude/latitude coordinates. The location is given a name and contains a base map depicting land and water. The name of the active location is displayed at the top of the map screen.



COZOIL has three locations. To move between locations, select **Geographic Location** from the **File** menu. The available locations will be listed. Click on the desired location to make it active, and then click on **OK**.

### The Spill Scenario

Spill Scenarios are the means of organizing model data and parameters into unique collections. A spill scenario in COZOIL is a collection of information which defines a model simulation. This information includes a definition of the spill and the environmental data files used in the simulation, saved under a unique scenario name. Typically a scenario specifies the land-water grid, wind file and currents file used in the scenario; and the particulars of the spill itself (date, location, oil type and amount released). Any of the data files which comprise a scenario may belong to a single scenario, or multiple scenarios.

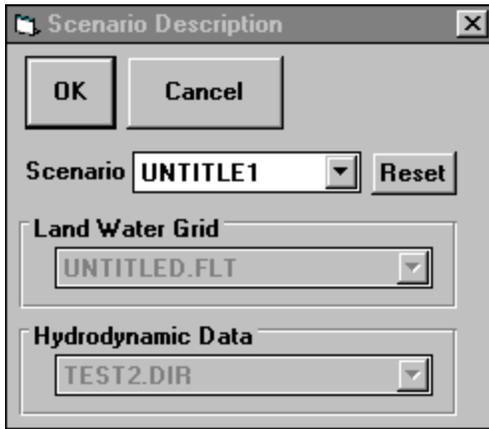


Before a model simulation, a scenario is only the set of forms inputs defining the input data. After the execution of a model simulation, a scenario also has model output associated, which may be displayed. Thus the term “scenario” is used to describe both the inputs and the outputs of a model simulation.

In COZOIL there is always one **active scenario**. The active scenario name is displayed on the toolbar, and the components of the scenario can be viewed in the map window.

There are several options available under the **File** menu for handling scenarios.

- **New Scenario** is used to specify a new spill scenario. For this option, specify the scenario name, and select the land-water and currents grids. Spill simulation parameters will be set under the Model/Run Model menu.
- **Open Scenario** is used to open a previously defined scenario and the results of the spill simulation. The scenario selected becomes the active scenario. Its name is displayed on the toolbar and the simulation output can be displayed in the map window.
- **Save Scenario** is used to save the active scenario. If any editing has been performed on the currents or land-water grid.
- **Save Scenario As** is used to save the active scenario under a different name.
- **Edit Scenario** is used to change the land-water and currents grids associated with the active scenario. Changes made using Edit Scenario are automatically saved.



The **RESET** button is available when a scenario is being opened and a model simulation has been run previously for this scenario. It will reset all of the scenario parameters back to the state that was used when the model simulation was run. This is useful if, for instance, you edit the scenario and change the active grid or edit some parameters without running the model. The reset button will then set the scenario information back to exactly the parameters that were used to produce the model simulations.

## The COZOIL Screen and Toolbar

The standard COZOIL screen consists of three major sections.

- At the top is the standard menu bar:
- Below the menu bar is the COZOIL toolbar. The toolbar contains buttons for various GIS and map functions, and displays the name of the active spill scenario. The toolbar includes buttons to control the display of the active scenario.



Or



Keys which are not active are “grayed out”. The toolbar options are described briefly below.

### Map Buttons

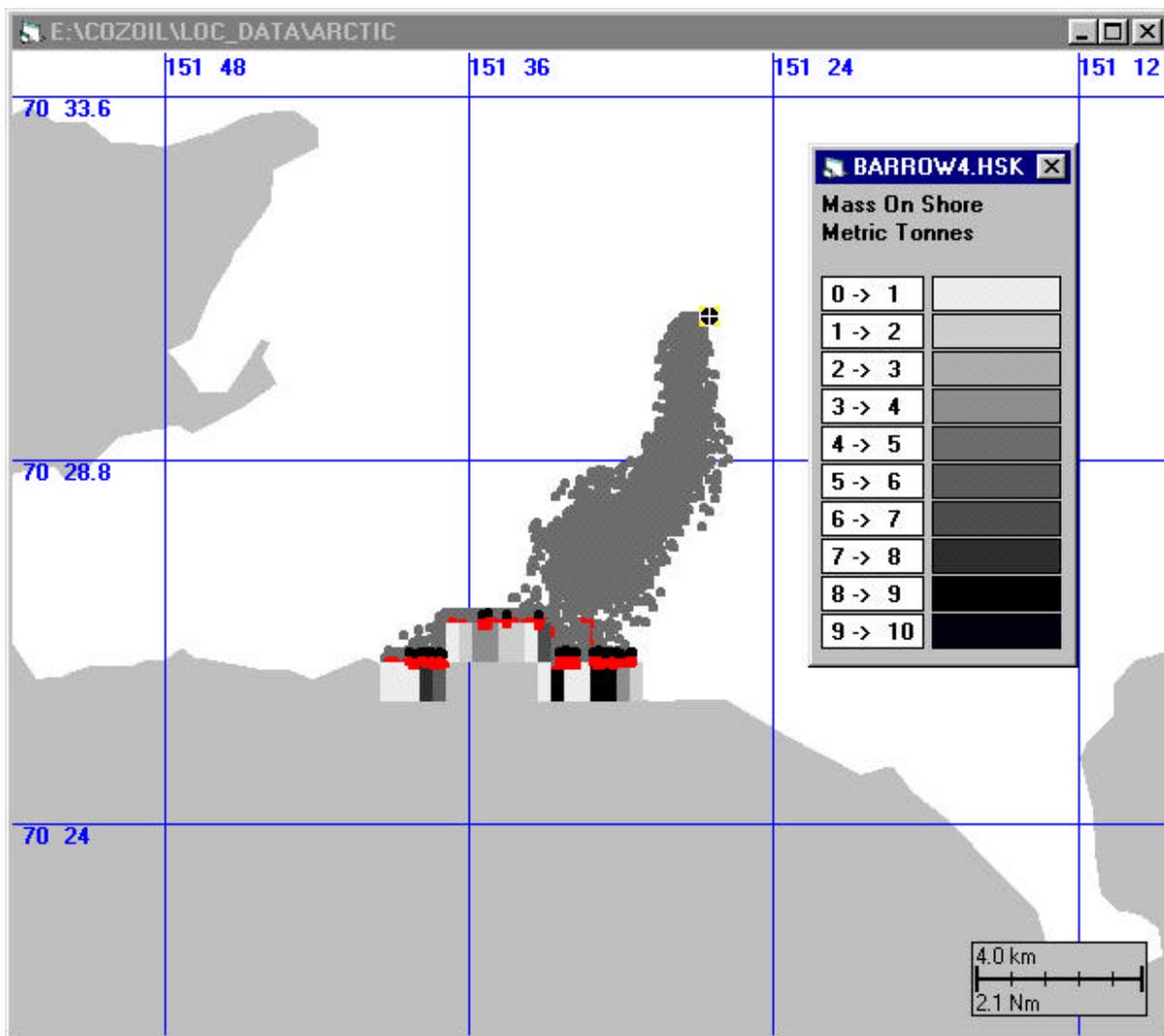
-  To interrogate GIS objects.
-  To create a zoom window.
-  To zoom out to the previous zoom level.
-  To add/edit current vectors.
-  To edit land-water grid cells.
-  To measure distances and areas.

## Oil Spill Animation Buttons

-  Rewinds the spill simulation to the start.
-  Displays the spill simulation in reverse.
-  Displays the spill simulation one timestep at a time.
-  Stops the display of the spill simulation.
-  Displays the spill simulation.

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Displays the time in the simulation being shown. Click on this box to select a particular time.



## Setting the Map View: Zoom Functions

Several Zoom options are available to change the scale of the map display. Using these options the scale of the map can be increased or decreased, and the center of the map display can be shifted. All these options are available under the **Zoom** menu.

Zoom	
<u>C</u> reate Zoom Window	Ctrl+W
Z <u>o</u> om In Previous	Ctrl+I
Z <u>o</u> om <u>O</u> ut Previous	Ctrl+O
<u>U</u> nZoom All	Ctrl+U
<u>P</u> an Point to Point	

To zoom in on an area of the map display:

1. Select **Create Zoom Window** from the **Zoom** menu - OR - click on the Create Zoom Window icon  on the COZOIL toolbar.
2. Move the mouse cross-hair to one corner of the area to zoom into.
3. Hold down the mouse button and drag a box around the area to zoom into.
4. Release the mouse button, and the new zoom window will be created.

To return to a previous zoom window at a larger scale:

1. Select **Zoom In Previous** from the **Zoom** menu.
2. Each time you select **Zoom In Previous**, the zoom window created at a larger scale than the current window will be displayed.

To return to a previous zoom window at a smaller scale:

1. Select **Zoom Out Previous** from the **Zoom** menu - OR - click on the Zoom Out icon on the COZOIL toolbar.
2. Each time you select **Zoom Out Previous** or click the Zoom Out icon, the zoom window created at a smaller scale than the current window will be displayed.

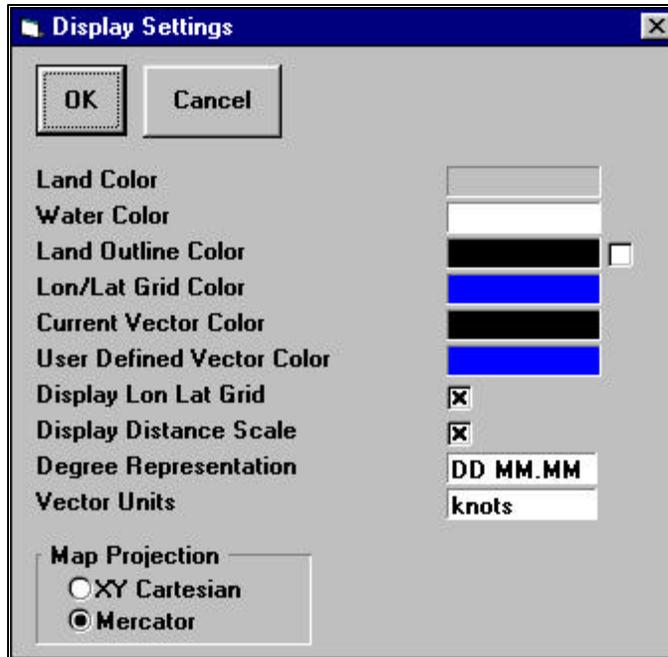
To return to the original map scale:

1. Select **Unzoom All** from the **Zoom** menu.

To re-orient the zoom window:

1. Select **Pan Point to Point** from the **Zoom** menu.
2. Click the mouse cross-hair on the map to set a reference point to move. Then move the cross-hair to a new point on the screen where you want the previous point to be displayed, and click. For example, if an island appears at the lower left of the map display and you want to re-orient the display so the island is in the center, click on the island, move the cross-hair to the center of the display and click again. The window will be redrawn at the same scale with the island in the center.

## Customizing the Map Display



Several options are available to adjust the COZOIL map display. These options include the colors and measurement units used, and the map projection.

Most of the map settings that can be changed are accessed through the **Display Settings** option of the **File** menu. This option brings up a form to:

- select the colors used for land, water, current vectors, and the longitude/latitude grid. To select colors, click on the color box to bring up a color menu.
- Specify whether a longitude/latitude grid is shown on the map. Toggle the field between Yes and No.
- Specify the units longitude and latitude are presented in. Toggle the field between decimal degrees (DD.DD), degrees and decimal minutes (DD MM.MM), and degrees-minutes-seconds (DD MM SS).
- Specify the units current vectors are presented in. Toggle the field between mm/s, cm/s, m/s, and knots.
- Specify whether a distance scale is displayed on the map. Toggle the field between Yes and No.
- Specify whether to use No Projection or a Mercator Projection for the map.

## Measuring Distances & Areas

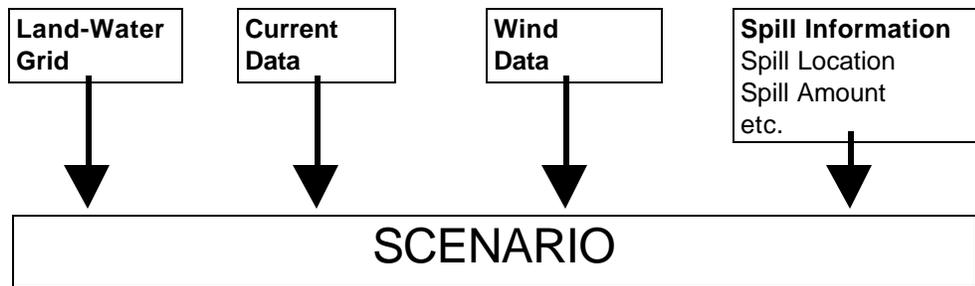
To get the distance between two points, select the Distance Measure icon on the toolbar. Click on the point from which to measure distance. This sets one end of the measurement line. As you move the cursor around, the distance between the set point and the cursor's position is given at the lower left of the map. Clicking again with the left button will start another measurement line segment. The total cumulative distance of all the line segments is displayed on the status bar. *Click with the right mouse button to close the polygon and get the area of the polygon.* Hit escape to exit the distance measurement mode.

### 3. Specifying Environmental Data

#### Overview of Required Data

In this chapter the steps required to create the environmental data files used by the spill models in COZOIL are described. Subsequent chapters present the individual models and describe how to specify the scenario, run the models with the defined inputs, and display the results of these model simulations.

The spill models require several types of input data.



See the appropriate section later in this chapter for complete information on how to specify each type of data.

1. **A land-water grid.** The land-water grid covers all or some part of the base map in the active location. The grid should cover the spill site and the surrounding area of interest (oil which moves outside the grid is not tracked). The land-water grid is used by the models to determine which areas are land and which are water and to determine what type of shoreline (ie. Sandy beach, Rocky shore, etc.) is along a coastline.
2. **Wind time series.** The wind time series provides the model with wind data measured and/or forecast in the vicinity of the spill. The wind data consists of wind speed and direction for a period covering the spill simulation.
3. **A current field.** Current data is provided with COZOIL and is based on the the COZOIL database values. See the COZOIL Database chapter for more details.
4. **The oil characteristics.** COZOIL contains a library defining the characteristics of several standard oil types. If desired, additional oils can be added to this database, or the characteristics of the existing oils can be changed.
5. **The spill scenario.** The spill scenario contains the data that uniquely describe the inputs to a particular simulation to be run. It includes the spill location, spill date/time, type of oil, amount spilled and length of release, and specifies the land-water grid, wind data, and currents used in the simulation. Spill scenarios are saved with a user-defined name and the model results are given the same name (with a different extension). Defining the spill scenario is described in Chapter 4.

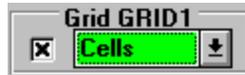
## Land-Water Grid

In order to run a spill simulation, you must have a land-water grid to define what is land, what is water, and what are the characteristics of the shoreline. The grid is a square mesh of individual cells covering the area of interest. Each cell in the land-water grid is classified as either land, water, or coastal. Each coastal cell has a code that indicates what shoreline type is dominant in the grid cell. Each water cell has a value that indicates the depth of the water in that cell. Each cell is the same size (in degrees), although they may not appear that way on the screen based on the latitude and the map projection. The maximum grid size is 250 by 250 cells.

### Displaying a Land-Water Grid



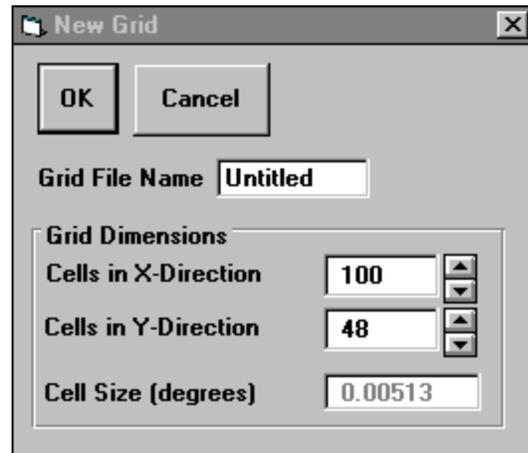
The name of the selected land-water grid is displayed in the data tool bar (Use **Edit Scenario** in the **File** menu to change the selected land-water grid). Select **Cells** to display the grid cells and check the display box to the left on.



### Creating a Land-Water Grid

The land-water grid is created by the following sequence of steps:

1. Select **Create Grid** from the **Data** menu.
2. While holding down the left mouse button, drag a box on the map defining the area to be covered by the grid.
3. Enter a name for the grid file and the number of grid cells in the X (east-west) and Y (north-south) directions. There can be a maximum of 250 grid cells in each direction; the minimum is 1 cell.
4. Click **OK** to save the grid.



A land-water grid will automatically be created for the area selected. When the process is complete, you may automatically include this new grid as part of your Active Scenario. See the previous section, Displaying a Land Water Grid or how the display this new grid.

Examine your newly created grid closely to be sure the delineation of land and water is appropriate for your model simulation. As an example, make certain the cell size is small enough to resolve narrow inlets as water cells and that small islands are flagged as land. If the grid is not appropriate, remake it using a larger or smaller cell size or edit the grid to change the classification of individual cells.

Shoreline types will also be assigned to each coastal cell from the COZOIL database of shore types. An interpolation method is used to determine the closest shoreline segment to each

coastal cell and the type of that segment is assigned to the cell. To display these actual shore segments, check the **Display Shore Types** menu on under the Data menu. Depth data is also interpolated from the COZOIL database.

## Editing a Land-Water Grid

Any existing grid can be edited to change:

- the depth of water cells
- the shore type of coastal cells.



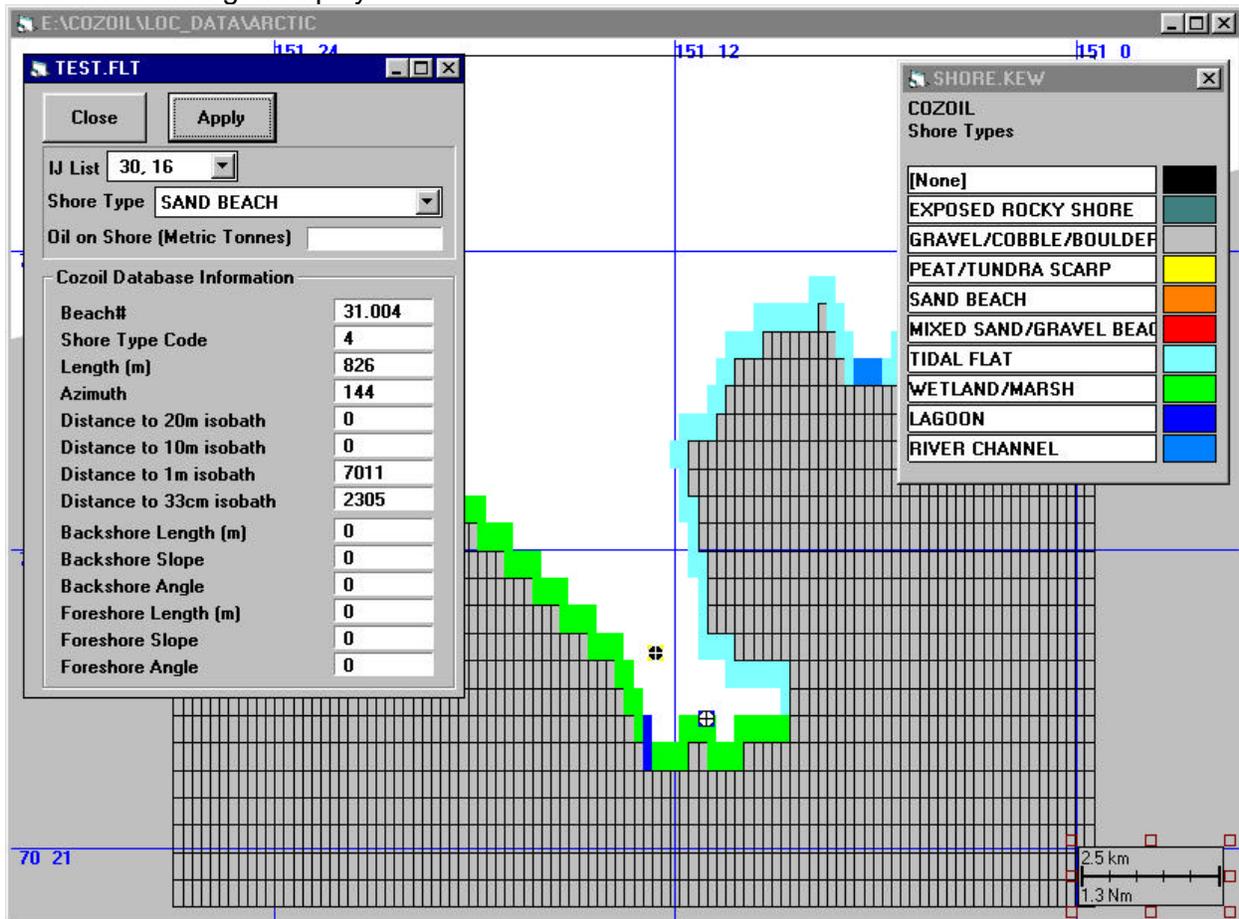
From the data tool bar, select the cell classification that you wish to view.

You may choose:

- Cells
- Depths

Editing cannot be used to increase or decrease the area covered by the grid or the number of grid cells. To change either of these parameters requires creating a new grid.

With the desired grid displayed:



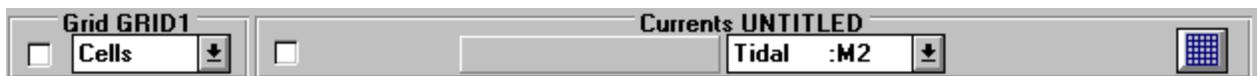
1. Select **Edit Land-Water Grid Cell** from the **Data** menu, or click on the Edit Grid Cell icon on the toolbar.
2. It is often helpful to zoom in on the area being edited.
3. Click in any cell of the grid. Hold down the CTRL key to select multiple grid cells.
4. Use the cell edit window to edit the characteristics of the cell. Click Apply to apply the new type to the cell(s). If more than one cell is selected, then Apply will alter the characteristics of all the selected cells.
5. If a water cell is selected, then you may also edit the depth of the cell.
6. Once all editing is complete, select **Save Scenario** under the **File** menu. You will be prompted to save your changes to the grid.

## Currents

Current data is required to run a spill simulation; the model will not run without a current field. Current data is provided and is based on the data in the COZOIL database. However, the COZOIL database lacked information such as phase (ie. when is high tide) and direction. So, current fields were generated based on the current speed stored at each shore segment. A vector was generated and assumed to be parallel to the shoreline. **This data has no phase information and has artificial direction information.** Tidal period was also obtained from the COZOIL database and the system will suggest which tidal period to use based on the location of the spill site and the tidal period in that region.

A current sketching tool is provided so that these currents may be edited manually. These currents can then be **spread** over the area of interest to create a rough estimate of the current field. **The current painting capability is designed as a temporary measure to pictorially represent general current features. It does not replace hydrodynamic model output, and can lead to the description of flow patterns which are clearly not mass conserving.**

The name of the current file that is loaded with the active scenario is shown on the data tool bar.



## Types of Currents

The COZOIL currents have two components:

- M2 tidal currents (two high tides a day, period approximately 12.4 hours)
- K1 tidal currents (one high tide a day, period approximately 23.9 hours)

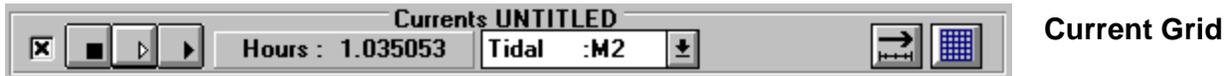
Tidal currents are time-varying currents caused by the ebb and flood of the tide. The vectors that are entered are assumed to be max flood stage. By setting the time of high tide in the spill form, the model will initialize at different times in the tidal cycle. However, the COZOIL database does not have current direction so direction of high tide is not known. So, setting the high tide time will

affect the point in the tidal cycle that the simulation begins, but it is artificial as we do not know the true direction of maximum flood (only assumed) and no phase information is available.

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## Viewing Current Data

The current vectors in any currents file can be displayed. To display a current field it must be specified as part of the active scenario. Use **Edit Scenario** in the **File** menu to change the selected current file for the active scenario.



### Display Vectors

### Component

### Display Current Scale

- To specify the current component to be viewed, select from the list of current types. Check the display box to the very left on to view the current vectors on the map. Use the Play buttons to animate/step the current vectors in time. The time label will give the time in hours into the animation.
- To display the current **grid**, check the grid icon to the right of the tool bar on.
- Click the Scale icon to bring up the Scale Window



This window may be used to scale the presentation of the current vectors on the map. It does not change the actual current values.

To scale the size of the displayed current vectors, click on the up/down arrows at the bottom of the window to increase/decrease the vector size. The vector to the left of the up/down arrows shows the size that a current vector will be displayed on the map. The velocity of this vector is shown at the bottom right of the window. Its units depend on the Vector Units setting under the **Display Settings** option of the **File** menu. Once the representative arrow is of the desired size, click on **Apply** to change the display scale of the currents on the base map. This does not change the value of the data, only its representation.

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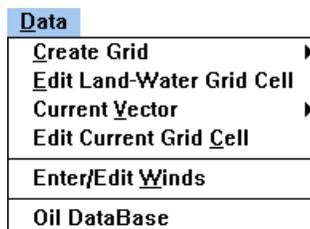
## Editing a Currents Grid

Any existing grid can be edited to change the designation of individual cells as land or water. Editing cannot be used to increase or decrease the area covered by the grid or the number of grid cells. To change either of these parameters requires creating a new grid.

To edit a currents grid it must be specified as part of the active scenario and it must be displayed.

With the desired grid displayed:

1. Select **Edit Current Grid Cell** from the **Data** menu.



2. Click in any cell of the grid to toggle its designation from water to land or from land to water. Continue to toggle grid cells until the grid has been adjusted to your satisfaction.
3. Once all editing is complete, select **Save Scenario** under the **File** menu. You will be prompted to save your changes to the grid.

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### Adding/Editing Current Vectors

Currents are entered into the currents grid as vectors, which are displayed as arrows whose length represents the speed of the current. The vectors point in the direction the current is moving.

To add current vectors to a currents grid follow the steps below:

1. Select the type of current to be added (M2 or K1).
2. It is often helpful to zoom in on the currents grid or some portion of the grid before entering current.
3. Select **Current Vector** from the **Data** menu, then select **Add Current Vector**; or click on the Add Current Vector icon on the toolbar.
4. Tidal currents are specified at maximum flood. The tide is assumed to be rectilinear, i.e., ebb tide is the opposite of flood tide.
5. Position the cross-hair cursor in any grid cell to anchor the current vector in that cell. Depress the mouse button and drag the cursor away from the anchor point to draw a vector defining the current speed and direction. The speed and direction (in degrees clockwise from North) of the vector are displayed at the bottom left of the map window. Release the mouse button to set the end of the vector when the desired speed and direction are displayed.

Note that as the mouse is moved over current grid cells, the value for the current vector in that cell will be displayed in the status section at the bottom of the screen.

6. To edit an existing vector, click on the existing vector position and draw in a new vector. This will replace the previous vector. Note that as you move the mouse over grid cells that contain vectors, the exact speed and direction of each vector is displayed in the status bar on the bottom of the screen.

A right-click on any current grid cell will allow entry of the current vector values exactly. This allows the user to enter exact values for specific cells.

7. Repeat steps 5 & 6 to enter as much data as you have available. Optimally the data will establish the basic flow pattern.

When done, save your changes. Select **Save Scenario** from the **File** menu to save changes.

If the grid is only partially filled with currents and not suitable for use by the spill model, the final step is to fill the empty grid cells based on the vectors just entered. See **Filling the Current Field** section.

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## Filling the Current Field

Two utilities are provided to fill the current field with the user-input current vectors. The **Spread** option interpolates/extrapolates your input currents to empty cells; the **Smooth** option spatially smooths the differences between the current vectors. Additionally, the **Smooth** operation constrains the flow so that no flow occurs across a closed boundary (i.e., land). Thus, after smoothing, a current grid cell with two closed boundaries will not have any associated current.

The **Spread** option should always be selected to fill empty cells. It should be done first. The **Smooth** option is generally done once to create a more uniform current field.

It is often helpful to display your input currents and the **Spread/Smooth** currents in different colors. Use **Display Options** in the **File** menu to change the vector colors.

To **Spread** current vectors over a grid:

1. Select **Current Vector** from the **Data** menu, then select **Spread Vectors**.
2. The user-defined vectors will be used to interpolate/extrapolate current vectors into empty grid cells.

To **Smooth** current vectors in a grid:

1. Select **Current Vector** from the **Data** menu, then select **Smooth Vectors**.
2. To smooth only the interpolated/extrapolated vectors and leave the user-defined vectors unchanged, select **Only Interpolated Vectors**. To smooth all the current vectors in the grid, select **All Vectors**.

When done, select **Save Scenario** from the **File** menu. You will be prompted to save the changes. The completed grid contains background and/or tidal currents saved in a file with a DIR extension. This file can now be used in a spill simulation.

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## Currents Display Options

- To change the units speed. Select **Display Settings** from the **File** menu. Click on the units box to the right of Vector Units to toggle through the options available.
- To change the color of your input current vectors. Select **Display Settings** from the **File** menu. Click on the color box to the right of User Defined Vector Color and select the desired color.

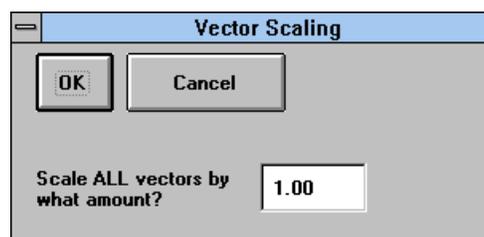
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## Scaling Current Data

Once a current field has been entered, the magnitude of all the current vectors in the field can be increased or decreased by a constant scale factor.

To scale a current field it must be specified as part of the active scenario and the current component to be scaled must be selected.

From the **Data** menu select **Current Vector** and then **Scale Vectors**. In the Vector Scaling window, enter the scaling factor to be applied to all current vectors. For example, a factor of 1.20 will increase the magnitude of all current vectors in the selected current component by 20%. To decrease the magnitude of the vectors, enter a number less than 1.0.



## Winds

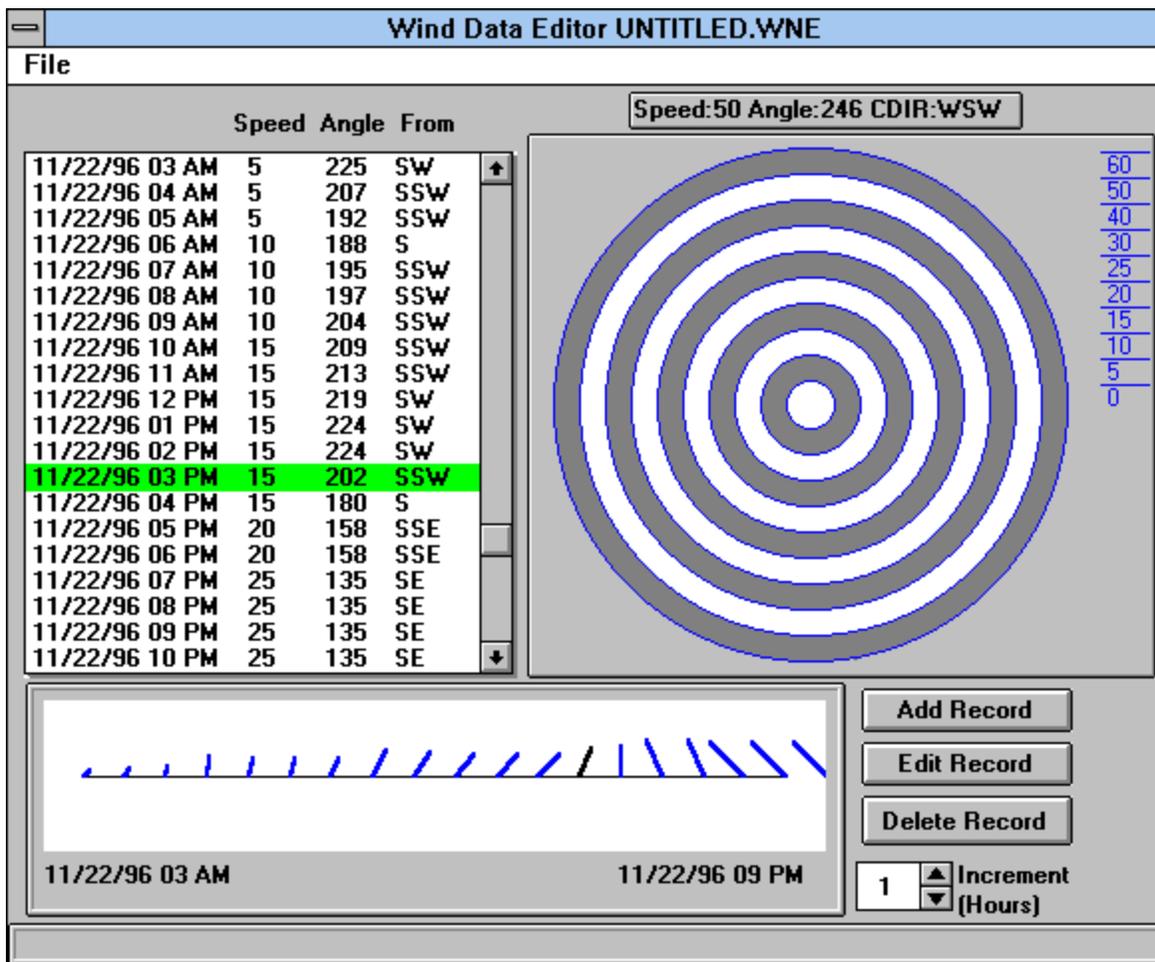
The wind data required for a model simulation consists of a series of wind speeds and directions covering the time period being modeled. COZOIL contains a Wind Data Editor to facilitate the task of entering wind data.

Alternatively, the user may select **Climatological Wind** to run the model with and a wind time series will be generated automatically based on the average wind speed for the month of the spill in that region. The system will find the COZOIL shore segment nearest to the spill site to get the average wind speed and standard deviation and use a Poisson distribution to create a wind time series.

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## The Wind Data Editor

The Wind Data Editor contains tools to input and display wind data. A “dart board” is used to input wind speed and direction with a simple “point and click” technique. Alternately speed and direction can be manually entered. A time increment setting is available so that wind data do not need to be input at hourly intervals. To view the data in the wind file a listing of each wind speed and direction entered is provided, and a stick plot showing the wind data is presented.



The dart board is the quickest way to enter wind data. The rings of the dart board correspond to different wind speeds (in knots), increasing in speed away from the center. The direction from which the wind is blowing is indicated by the clockwise angle (0 to 360 degrees) around the rings of the dart board. As you move the mouse around the dart board, the wind speed and direction corresponding to the mouse's position are displayed in the text box above the dart board. Clicking the mouse on the dart board adds a wind record to the wind file.

The wind data you enter is assumed to follow the meteorological convention: the direction is the direction FROM WHICH the wind is blowing. The stick plot which displays the wind data follows the oceanographic convention: the direction is the direction TOWARD WHICH the wind is blowing.

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## Entering Wind Data

The following steps describe the process of creating a new wind file.

1. Start the Wind Data Editor by selecting **Enter/Edit Winds** from the **Data** menu.

2. Select **New File** from the Wind Data Editor's **File** menu. Enter a name for the wind file and set the start date and time for the new file. Clicking in the box for the date/time entry brings up a calendar from which the date and time can be selected. The default coordinates for the wind station will be the center of the map.

To use the calendar click on the desired year, month and day of month on the calendar display. To select the current day's date, click on the **Today** button located below the monthly calendar. Use the up/down arrows to the right of the hour and minute boxes at the bottom of the calendar to select the time the wind record is to begin. Click on **OK** to save the selected date/time and return to the New Wind File window.

3. Set the time Increment (in hours) at which data will be entered. At the lower right of the Wind Data Editor window is the Increment box with up/down arrows to increase/decrease the increment. The time increment is the duration that each wind speed/direction entry will last. For example, a 6 means that each wind observation is valid for the next six hours. At any point while entering wind data, the time increment can be changed. Therefore you can enter known hourly wind data (Increment equals 1) for a period of time.

4. Enter wind speed and direction records by either clicking on the dart board, or selecting the **Add Record** button. This will allow manual entry of wind values

To use the dart board, place the mouse on the dart board at the desired wind speed and direction, and click. Each click of the mouse on the dart board generates one entry in the time series. The wind data entry is added to the table to the left of the dart board and to the stick plot graph at the lower left of the Wind Data Editor window.

5. When all data have been entered, select **Save File** from the **File** menu to save the file. The table and the stick plot will clear.
6. Exit the Wind Data Editor by selecting **Exit** from the **File** menu.

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## Editing Wind Data

The following steps describe the process of changing an existing wind file. Existing wind data entries in the file can be changed and new wind records can be added to the end of the file.

1. Start the Wind Data Editor by selecting **Enter/Edit Winds** from the **Data** menu.
2. Select **Open File** from the Wind Data Editor's **File** menu. Select the name of the wind file to be edited. Click **OK** to continue.
3. To change existing wind data entries:
  - Scroll through the wind record listing to the date and time for which wind data will be changed. Click on the data entry to be changed (it will be highlighted).
  - To use the dart board to change the wind speed and direction, place the mouse on the dart board at the desired wind speed and direction, and click. The speed and direction corresponding to the mouse's position are shown in the text box below the dart board.
  - To change data by typing the speed and direction, double click on the entry to be edited (or highlight the entry and select **Edit Record**).
4. To add more wind data to an existing wind record:
  - Scroll to the end of the wind record listing.
  - Add wind records by clicking on the dartboard or by using the Add Record button.
5. When all changes have been made, select **Save File** from the **File** menu to save the file. The table and the stick plot will clear.
6. Exit the Wind Data Editor by selecting **Exit** from the **File** menu.

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## Importing Wind Data

A wind data file can be created in the ASW format (see Appendix) using a text editor and imported into COZOIL for use in the spill models.

To import an ASW wind file:

1. From the **Data** menu select **Enter/Edit Winds**.
2. From the **File** menu of the Wind Data Editor select **Import ASW File**.
3. Select the file to be imported.

## The Oil Database

COZOIL contains a library defining the characteristics of several types of oil. The standard oils are:

- gasoline
- diesel
- light crude oil
- medium crude oil
- Prudhoe Bay crude
- heavy crude oil
- Bunker C (fuel oil #6)
- JP-4 (fuel oil #1)

The parameters stored in the oil database affect the spreading, evaporation, and mousse formation algorithms of the COZOIL fates routines during spill simulations.

Any of the parameters can be changed. New oils may also be added to the database. Oil data are stored by geographic location, so any changes made to the oil database are specific to the oil database in the geographic location active when making the changes.

Oil Database	
Oil DataBase	MEDIUM CRUDE OIL
Oil Name	MEDIUM CRUDE OIL
Density (gm/cm**3)	0.837
Viscosity (cP)	33.000
Interfacial Tension (dyne/cm)	30.000
Maximum Water Content (%)	70.000
Initial Boiling Point (K)	384.200
Gradient of Curve	494.210
Evaporation Constant A	8.000
Evaporation Constant B	12.550

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## Oil Characteristics

The oil database contains a name and eight parameters identifying each oil. The oil parameters are used by the spill models to characterize each oil's behavior. Each type of data in the oil database is described below.

**Oil Name** - a unique name up to 20 characters long to identify the oil.

**Density** - the density of the whole, unweathered oil (gm/cm<sup>3</sup>).

**Viscosity** - the dynamic viscosity of the oil at 25EC (cP).

**Interfacial Tension** - the oil-water interfacial tension (dyne/cm).

**Maximum Water Content** - the maximum water content of emulsified oil (%). Enter 0 if the oil does not emulsify.

The final four parameters are used to define the evaporation characteristics of the oil. These parameters are inputs for Mackay=s evaporative exposure approach used to model evaporation.

**Initial Boiling Point** and **Gradient of Curve** - Determine these values for the oil by plotting the oil's liquid (not vapor) temperature in degrees Kelvin versus the fraction of oil

condensed (the modified distillation curve). If only the vapor temperature is available for the distillation curve, a rough approximation of the liquid temperature can be obtained by adding 30° C to each vapor temperature. Enter the initial boiling temperature (degrees K) for the first parameter and the slope of the distillation curve for the second parameter.

**Evaporation Constants A and B** - These values are determined by plotting  $\ln(H)$  versus  $T_B/T$ . The relationship between H and  $T_B$  is

$$\ln(H) = A - B * (T_B/T)$$

where

H = Henry=s Law constant

$T_B$  = Boiling temperature (K)

T = Ambient temperature (K).

Values of A = 6.3 and B = 10.3 generally provide reasonable results for most oils.

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## Editing an Oil

The name and parameters defining any oil already in the database can be changed. The parameters are described in the previous section ***Oil Characteristics***.

To edit an oil:

1. Select **Oil DataBase** from the **Data** menu.
2. Click in the first field of the Oil Database window to display the list of available oils. Select the oil to be edited.
3. Click on the field containing the property to be changed. Any of the parameters, including the oil name, can be changed. Enter the desired value. TAB or click to move to a new field.
4. Repeat step 3 to change all desired properties.
5. To save changes and exit the Oil Database window, either click **OK** at the top of the window or press the ENTER key after entering data in a field. To exit without saving changes, click on **Cancel** at the top of the window.

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## Adding an Oil

To add a new oil to the database you must specify the parameters defining the oil's characteristics. Default values are provided based on the previous oil listed. The oil parameters are described in the section ***Oil Characteristics***.

To add a new oil:

1. Select **Oil DataBase** from the **Data** menu.
2. Click on **New Oil** at the top of the Oil Database window. This will fill the fields Oil Database and Oil Name with the name ANew Oil≡. The other fields will contain the values for the oil which was listed when **New Oil** was selected.

Property	Value
Oil DataBase	New Oil
Oil Name	New Oil
Density (gm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.837
Viscosity (cP)	33.000
Interfacial Tension (dyne/cm)	30.000
Maximum Water Content (%)	70.000
Initial Boiling Point (K)	384.200
Gradient of Curve	494.210
Evaporation Constant A	8.000
Evaporation Constant B	12.550

3. Click in the Oil Name field and replace the name ANew Oil≡ with the name of the new oil to be entered. No check is performed to verify that this name is different from other names in the oil database. Therefore, unless you mean to have two oils with the same name, be certain to enter a unique name.
4. Move to each of the fields containing the values to be changed. Enter the desired value TAB or click to move to a new field.
5. Repeat step 4 to change all desired properties.
6. To save changes and exit the Oil Database window, either click **OK** at the top of the window or press the ENTER key after entering data in a field. When you save the changes, the name in the Oil Name field is added to the list of oils in the Oil Database. To exit without saving changes, click on **Cancel** at the top of the window.

## 4. Running the Oil Spill Model

The **COZOIL trajectory and fates model** tracks the surface movement of oil and determines the oil's distribution in various environmental compartments: water surface, atmosphere, water column, and shoreline. The model has specific focus on the oil-shoreline interaction and algorithms are included that combine oil information, shore type, wind speed/direction, and tidal information to provide analysis on how the oil interacts with the shoreline.

### Quick Start

There are a number of simple steps to running a new spill simulation.

1. From the **File** menu, select the **New Scenario**, type the scenario name.
2. From the **Model** menu, select the spill site on the map.
3. From the **Model** menu, select the Run Model option.
4. Fill in all the appropriate values on the spill form tab windows (see **Specifying the Input Data** section for more details). Be sure to select a land-water grid, current grid, and wind file. See the **Specifying Environmental Data** chapter for information on how to create these files.
5. Click the **Run Model** button and let the model run the simulation. The **Simulation Complete** message box will let you know that the model is complete.
6. Use the tools on the top toolbar to view the results.

### Specifying the Input Data

The input data required by the spill trajectory model includes a land-water grid, a wind time series, a current field, and a spill scenario that describes the conditions of the spill. The first three of these types of input and the steps involved in specifying the files are described in detail in Chapter 3. Specifying the spill conditions is described below.

The spill scenario is the information that uniquely describes the conditions of the spill simulation. Included in the spill scenario are such data as the spill location, amount and type of oil spilled, environmental conditions, and various model parameters.

Two steps are involved to specify the spill scenario. The first locates the spill site, and the second specifies the rest of the scenario information.

To set the spill location:

1. From the **Model** menu, choose **Select Spill Site**.
2. Position the mouse cursor on the map over the spill site. The coordinates of the cursor are displayed in degrees at the lower right of the map window, and change as the cursor is moved about the map. Click when the mouse is positioned on the site of the spill.

To specify the spill scenario:

From the **Model** menu, choose **Run Trajectory Model**.

Set the scenario name at the top right of the window, or select an existing scenario to fill the form with the values used for that scenario. Specify a new name if you don't want to replace the existing scenario with the new simulation.

The Trajectory Model window contains three tabs: one each to specify scenario information, environmental data, and model parameters. Both the scenario information and environmental data tabs must be filled out to completely specify the spill scenario. The model parameters tab controls certain model variables for the simulation, but does not specify spill specific information. The fields in each tab are described below.

Once the necessary input data has been specified and the spill scenario has been defined, the model can be run. While still in the Trajectory Model window, click on the **Run Model** button at the top of the Spill Information form.

A separate process with its own window will display a tabular output of the oil mass distribution in the environment as the simulation proceeds. When the simulation is complete, view the model output as described further in this chapter.

Scenario Information:

The screenshot shows the 'Trajectory Model' window with the 'Scenario Information' tab selected. The window title is 'Trajectory Model'. At the top, there are buttons for 'Close' and 'Run Trajectory Model', and a 'Scenario Name' dropdown menu set to 'test2b'. The 'Scenario Information' tab contains the following fields and options:

- Description:** A text input field containing 'description'.
- Latitude:** Two input fields containing '59' and '22.17956', followed by a 'N' label.
- Longitude:** Two input fields containing '154' and '2.86848', followed by a 'W' label.
- Spill Start Time:** A date and time input field containing '4/30/97 10:00:00 AM'.
- Oil Spill Amount:** An input field containing '10000.0', a unit dropdown menu set to 'Barrels', and a spill type dropdown menu set to 'MEDIUM CRUDE OIL'.
- Spill Duration:** An input field containing '0.0' and a label 'Hours'.
- Model Duration:** An input field containing '48.0' and a label 'Hours'.
- Number of Stochastic Runs:** A spin box containing the value '1'.

On the right side of the form, there are radio button options for specifying coordinates: 'DD.DD' (unselected), 'DD MM.MM' (selected), 'DD MM SS' (unselected), and 'UK OS' (unselected).

Description - an optional description of the scenario.

Latitude, Longitude - the spill location. These coordinates correspond to the spill site selected using the mouse, and can be adjusted here. To the right is the option to specify the latitude and longitude in decimal degrees (DD.DD), degrees and decimal minutes (DD MM.MM), or degrees-minutes-seconds (DD MM SS).

Spill Start Time - the date and time the spill starts. Click in the field to bring up a calendar on which to specify the date and time. To use the calendar click on the desired year, month and day of month on the calendar display. To select the current day's date, click on the **Today** button located below the monthly calendar. Click on **OK** to save the selected date/time and return to the Trajectory Model window.

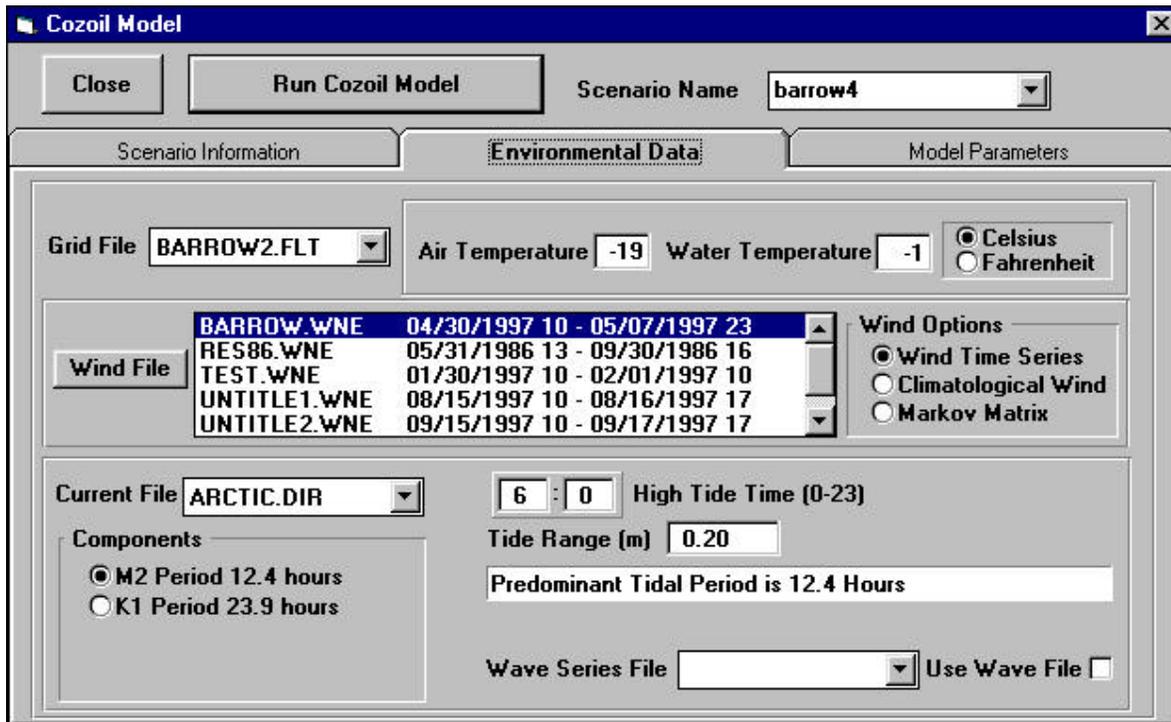
Oil Spill Amount - is followed by three fields to specify the amount spilled, the units of the amount spilled, and the type of oil spilled, respectively.

Spill Duration - the length of time (hours) that oil is being released at the spill site. An instantaneous spill (all oil released at once) has a spill duration of 0.

Model Duration - the length of the spill simulation (hours), i.e. how long the model will make a prediction for.

Number of Stochastic Runs – If this is specified as more than 1, the COZOIL will run in stochastic mode and, based on randomizing climatological wind information, will produce a probability table of where the oil will impact land.

### Environmental Data



Air Temperature/Water Temperature - average air/water temperature over the length of the simulation. This is retrieved from the COZOIL database.

Grid File - specifies the land-water grid to be used in the simulation.

Wind File - the wind data file to be used in the simulation. The list includes the names of all available wind files, and the beginning and ending times of each wind record. To run the simulation with climatological wind, toggle the **Use Climatological Wind** option. To run the simulation (stochastic only) with a markov matrix, toggle the **Markov Matrix** option. Click the **Wind File** button to access the Wind Data Editor to edit or create wind files.

Current File - specifies the currents to be used in the simulation. Next select the current components (tidal and/or background) to be used in the simulation. The default value will automatically be set by finding the tidal period for the region of the spill. The database is searched to find the shoreline reach nearest to the spill and the period is used from that reach.

Remember that COZOIL tidal currents have vectors for maximum flood stage. The time of high tide entered here allows the model to phase these currents for the oil spill calculations. Time of high tide is the time when the water elevation is the maximum.

Tide range may manually be entered. The default value is retrieved from the COZOIL Database. The database is searched to find the shoreline reach nearest to the spill and the range is used from that reach.

#### Model Parameters:

The screenshot shows the 'Cozoil Model' software window. At the top, there are buttons for 'Close' and 'Run Cozoil Model', and a 'Scenario Name' dropdown menu set to 'barrow4'. Below this are three tabs: 'Scenario Information', 'Environmental Data', and 'Model Parameters'. The 'Model Parameters' tab is active and contains several input fields and checkboxes. On the left, there are six input fields: 'Model Time Step (min)' with value 60, 'Output Time Interval (min)' with value 60, 'Horizontal Diffusion(m\*\*2/s)' with value 3.00, 'Number of Spillets' with value 100, 'Wind Factor (%)' with value 3.50, and 'Wind Angle (degrees)' with value 0. On the right, there are two sections: 'RCPWAVE Parameters' with checkboxes for 'Run RCPWAVE' (checked), 'Write RCP Output File to Disk' (checked), and 'Include Diffraction Effects' (checked); and 'Entrainment Algorithm' with radio buttons for 'Mackay' (selected) and 'Audunson'.

Model Time Step - the time step for model calculations (minutes).

Output Time Interval - the time interval at which model calculations are saved (minutes). It should be a multiple of the model time step.

Horizontal Diffusion - controls the random horizontal component of the oil's movement (m<sup>2</sup>/s).

Number of Particles - the number of individual spillets used to represent surface oil.

Wind Factor - the wind drift factor (%).

Wind Angle - the angle oil moves relative to the wind (degrees).

Spreading Coefficient - controls the rate of surface slick spreading (/sec).

*Note:* The animation sequence will be re-displayed to the currently selected output time when the map is redrawn. To turn off the animation, click on the **Rewind** button to set the simulation to the very beginning.

Mousse Coefficient - controls the rate of emulsification.

Minimum Thickness - controls the minimum thickness to which oil can spread (mm).

Run RCPWAVE – Run the model with/without wave calculations. (see technical manual)

Entrainment Algorithm – Select which entrainment algorithm to use. (see technical manual)

## Viewing Trajectory Model Results

Once a model simulation is complete, the spill trajectory can be viewed at any time as an animation sequence. The output from a model simulation is saved as part of a scenario. The name of the active scenario is displayed on the toolbar.

If the scenario was run with the Number of Simulations greater than 1, the model was run in stochastic mode and animations are not available.

Select the scenario to be displayed. The name of the active scenario is shown at the center of the top toolbar. To select a different scenario for display, use **Open Scenario** under the **File** menu to open an existing scenario. The five buttons to the right of the scenario name on the toolbar control the display of the spill animation. Use the buttons on the toolbar to start, stop and rewind the animation.

Rewind the animation to the start of the simulation.

Display the animation in reverse.

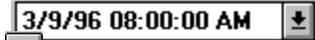
Step through the animation, one time step at a time.



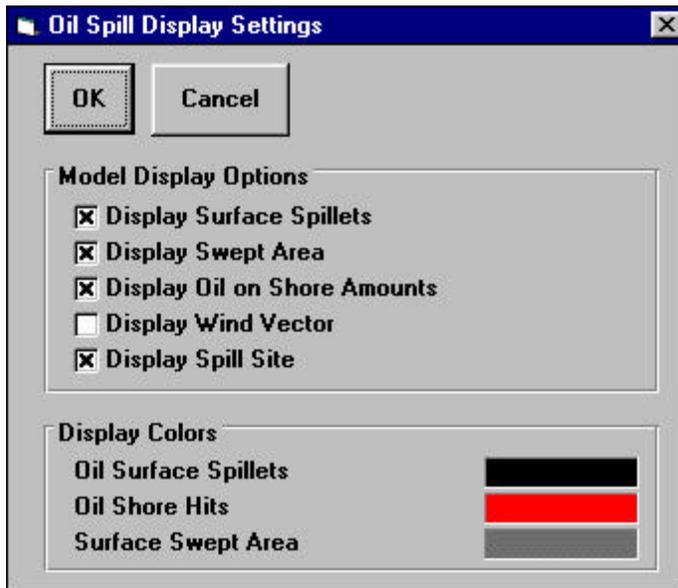
Stop the animation sequence.



Run the animation sequence.

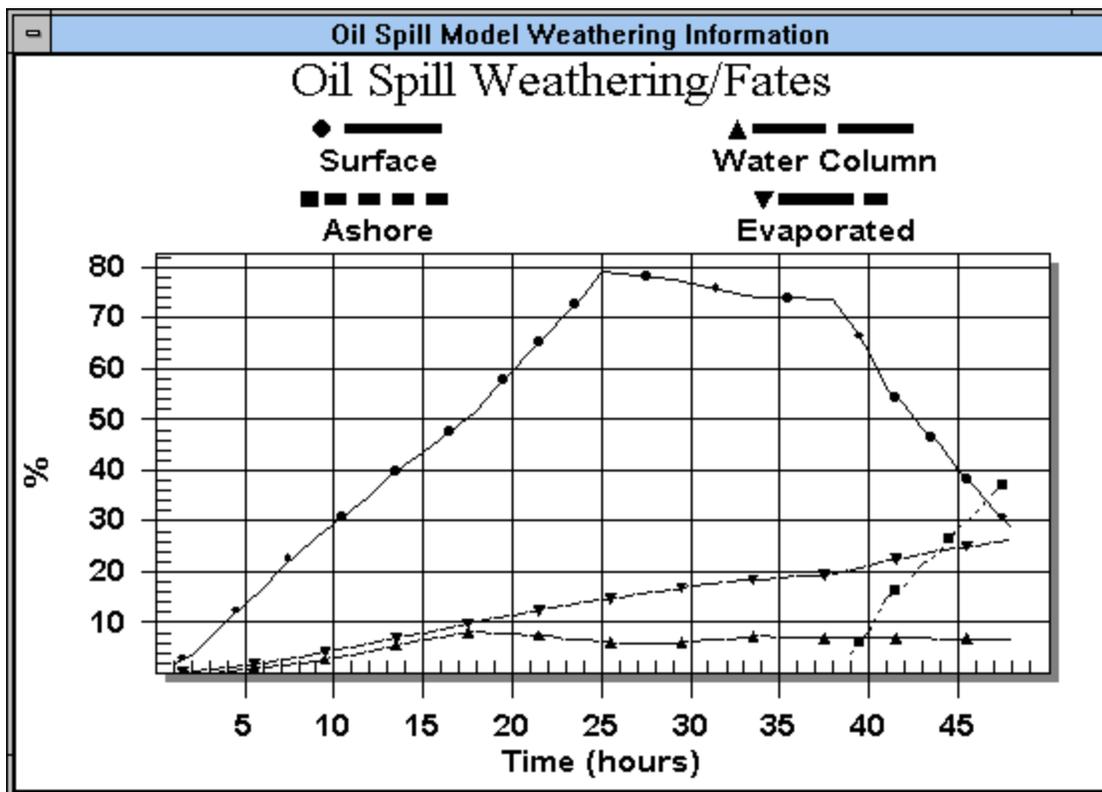


The simulation date and time corresponding to the animated trajectory display are given at the right side of the toolbar. As the spill animation progresses, the date and time are updated accordingly. To display a particular time during the simulation, select from list of available simulation times.



From the main menu, use the **Oil spill Display Settings** window to set the oil spill colors and display options for trajectory animations.

## Displaying the Oil Mass Balance



The oil's distribution in the environment over the period of the simulation can be displayed graphically. From the **Model** menu select **Fates Calculations**.

**Fates Listing** will create an ASCII file of the fates information.

**Fates Graph** will display a window with a graph showing the mass of oil on the water surface, in the atmosphere (evaporated), in the water column (dispersed), and on the shoreline. The x-axis of the graph is the time into the simulation; the y-axis is the oil mass %.

Double clicking, or right-clicking, on this graph brings up customization options for the graph presentation, printing, and data export options.

This data is stored in a dBase file in the **FATES** directory under the location and may be important to other applications such as Access or Excel for further analysis.

**Oil-Shore Output** provides a summary listing of the shoreline impacts.

## Exporting Model Results to Other Applications

The trajectory model output file is written in a standard dBase file format for use by other applications. This data is stored in a dBase file in the **TRAJ** directory under the location with a filename of *scenario.DBF*. It may be used by other applications such as Access or Excel for further analysis.

A listing of this file is available under the **Trajectory Table** option of the Model menu. The file includes data for each spilllet at every output interval. The data given in the file are:

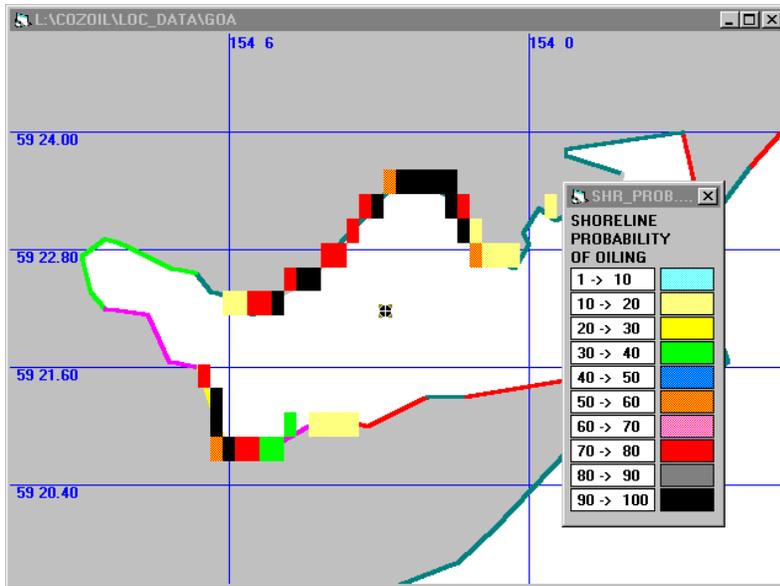
- Time – time into the simulation (hours).
- DateTime – the calendar date (month/day/year) and hour (24-hour time).
- ParticleID – an identifying number for the spilllet. This number is not necessarily a unique identifier because when spilllets combine with other spilllets, go totally ashore, or move outside the model grid, their ID number can be re-used and the particle ID array is compressed.
- Longitude – the spilllet longitude location (decimal degrees). A negative value is used to denote west longitude.
- Latitude – the spilllet latitude location (decimal degrees). A negative value is used to denote south latitude.
- Oil Mass – spilllet mass (metric tons).
- Thickness – spilllet thickness (meters).
- Radius – spilllet radius (meters).
- Viscosity – spilllet dynamic viscosity (centiPoise).
- Status – a code indicating the status of the spilllet (0 = ashore, 1 = water surface, 2 = in ice (not used), 3 = outside model grid).

## Displaying Stochastic Results



When a scenario is selected that was run in stochastic mode, then this toolbar will be available instead of the animation controls. Select the check box and select either **Impact Probability** or **Amount Ashore** to display the color coded probability grid on the map.

A text listing of the stochastic output is also available under the **Model** menu.

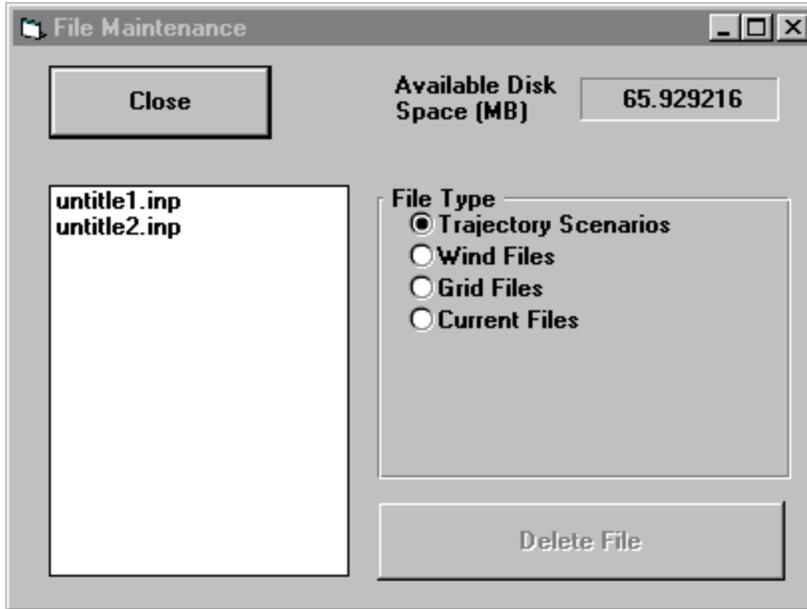


Spillet Information	
Prev	Next
I	47
J	29
ITYPE	5
Probability	100
Viscosity	22434.86
Foreshore Surface Oil	2.50137
Foreshore Sediment Oil	2.79587
Backshore Oil	0
Oil in Groundwater	4.592793
Oil In Surf Zone	2.978725E-03

Probability grid cells may be clicked to obtain more detailed information.

## 5. COZOIL Tools

### Deleting COZOIL Files



To delete unwanted files created by COZOIL, select **File Maintenance** from the **Tools** menu. This brings up the File Maintenance window. Select the type of file to be deleted and all existing files of that type will be listed. From the list select the file to be deleted and then click on the **Delete File** button. You will be asked to verify that you really want to delete the selected file.

### Color Keys/Legends



To edit a color key, double-click on one of the color key divisions and the Legend editor will activate.

The Legend Editor allows the user to edit the:

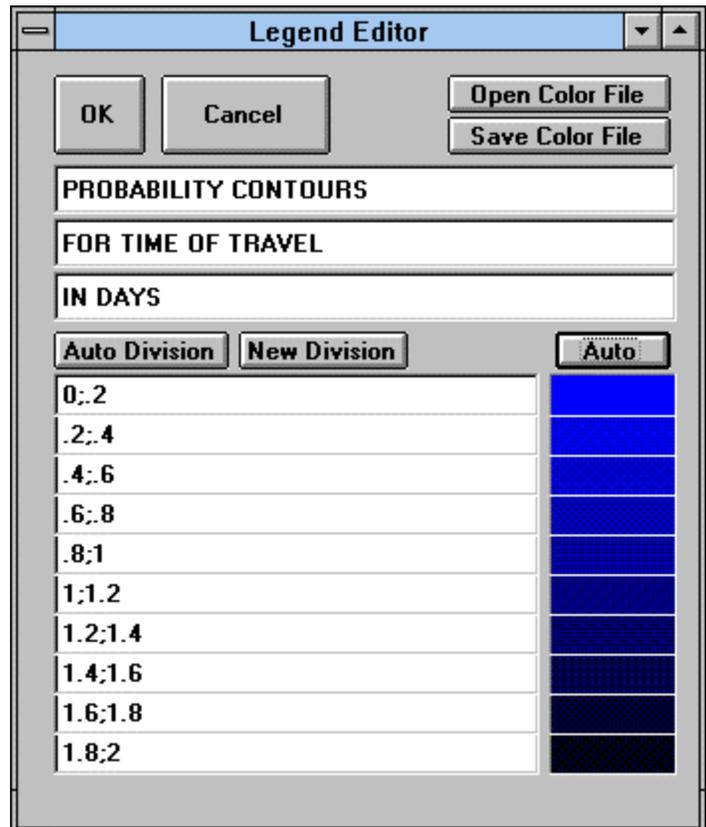
- titles
- each division's name and color.

Click **New Division** to add a new division. Double-click on an existing division to delete the division.

You may open existing and save color combinations with the **Open Color File** and **Save Color File** buttons.

The **Auto** button may also be used to create a new color combination.

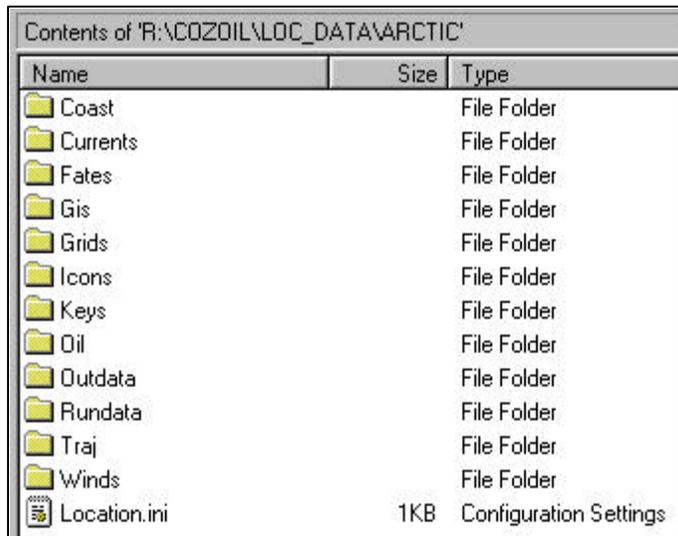
If the legend contains number ranges, (i.e., 0;2 2;4), then the **Auto Division** button allows you to set the first number and the very last number and create an even set of ranges between these two numbers.



## 6. The COZOIL Database

The COZOIL interface and model use the COZOIL database extensively to obtain environmental conditions for the region of the spill in the appropriate time of year. This contract did not edit or change the original COZOIL database in any way.

The directory structure for each location (Arctic, Bering, Goa) in COZOIL is as follows:



Name	Size	Type
Coast		File Folder
Currents		File Folder
Fates		File Folder
Gis		File Folder
Grids		File Folder
Icons		File Folder
Keys		File Folder
Oil		File Folder
Outdata		File Folder
Rundata		File Folder
Traj		File Folder
Winds		File Folder
Location.ini	1KB	Configuration Settings

The COZOIL database files reside in the Coast directory and are:

- Arc\_def.del
- Arc\_fech.txt
- Arc\_lagn.del
- Arc\_shor.del
- Arc\_temp.del
- Arc\_tide.del
- Arc\_type.del
- Arc\_wind.del

(Replace Arc\_ with Goa\_ for Gulf of Alaska and Ber\_ for the Bering Sea.)

Exact descriptions of these files may be obtained by reviewing the original COZOIL documentation. The way this information is used is summarized below.

### Coastline

The Arc\_shor.del file contains the segments and sub-segments for the location. These data are in ASCII format and are not polygonized. ASA used ArcInfo to process these data so that land polygons may be represented on the map. The Arc\_shor file is loaded at initialization and the segments may be plotted on the map and color coded by shoreline type. Note that the resolution of the data is less than satisfactory in certain areas.

### Shoreline Characterization

Similar to the original COZOIL, a grid system is used to characterize land/water, shoreline type, and depth. The original COZOIL created a 25x25 grid "on-the fly"; COZOIL 97 uses a predetermined grid that automatically interpolates shore types and depths from the Arc\_shor

file. Shoreline cells are assigned the type of the nearest coastal segment in the COZOIL database. Characteristics are used for each shoreline type based on the COZOIL values.

The grid may be up to 250x250 cells and the interface allows the user to create, review, and edit grids for use by the model. Islands are easily incorporated in the grid. The format of this grid is the ArcView grid export format (HDR/FLT format). This allows grids to also be created and edited within ArcView.

### **Depths**

Using the distance offshore values for 1m, 10m, and 20m, the grid creation process determines the depths of the water cells in the grid. Cells beyond the 20 m bathymetry contour are given the default depth value specified by the user.

### **Tidal Range**

Tidal range is automatically retrieved from the Arc\_tide.del file. The database is searched to find the shoreline reach nearest to the spill site and the range is used from that reach. The user may override this value in the model input form.

### **Currents**

The Arc\_tide.del file contains tidal current velocity, amplitude and period for each segment. Similar to the original COZOIL, a current grid was created and values for coastal cells (water cells beside land) were obtained from the database. However, the COZOIL database lacks information such as phase (timing of high tide) and direction. Therefore current fields were generated based on the current speed stored for each shore segment. A vector was generated and assumed to be parallel to the shoreline (following the original COZOIL). **These data have no phase information and have artificial direction information.** Tidal period was also obtained from the COZOIL database and the COZOIL interface suggests which tidal period to use based on the location of the spill site and the tidal period in that region.

The coastal cell current values were interpolated over the entire grid field. **However, there is no offshore current information and these data are not reliable.**

### **Winds**

The user has two options for wind data:

- Create a wind time series manually,
- Use climatological mean wind speed and direction from the database to generate a wind time series statistically.

The database is searched to find the shoreline reach nearest to the spill and the wind values (mean wind speed and direction, and standard deviation of the wind direction from Arc\_wind.del) are used from that reach for the month of the spill.

### **Air Temperature and Water Temperature**

The database is searched to find the shoreline reach nearest to the spill and the temperature values (from Arc\_temp.del) are used from that reach for the month of the spill. The user may override these values.

### **Wind Fetch**

The database is searched to find the shoreline reach nearest to the spill and the wind fetch values (from Arc\_temp.del) are used from that reach for the month of the spill.

### **Input File**

The COZOIL interface creates an input file called "Scenario".INP in the RUNDATA directory under the location directory. This file contains the input parameters for the spill.

An example listing is:

```
[COZOIL]
Scenario=test1
Description=description
Spill Lon=-154.068336011064
Spill Lat=59.1785182315071
Start Year=97
Start Month=4
Start Day=30
Start Hour=10
Start Minute=0
Release Duration=6
Amount Spilled=10000
Simulation Length=24
Number Of Wind Files=1
Climatological Wind=0
Current File=GOA.DIR
Current Components=1
High Tide=6
High Tide Minute=0
Tide Range=4.42
Grid File=SAMPLE.FLT
Oil Name=MEDIUM CRUDE OIL
Oil Units=5
Air Temp=2
Water Temp=4
ldeltat=60
out_intvl=60
ddxy=3
nsp_rls=100
wspil_min=10
wndfactor=3.5
wndangle=0
C_spread=150
thkmin=.0001
c2_mousse=.000002
Nsim=1
Make DBF=-1
Nearest Segment=50.071
Fetch1=10.41
Fetch2=72.66
Fetch3=128.38
Fetch4=0
Fetch5=0
Fetch6=0
Fetch7=0
Fetch8=.89
Wind Speed=1.29
Wind Direction=145
Wind Standard Deviation=85
Windfile1=ZERO_WND.WNE
Wnd1lon=-158.522170509435
Wnd1lat=57.6442738233146
```

# **APPENDIX**

# .ASW Import Wind File Format

line 1:	station latitude	(decimal degrees)	Real *4
line 2:	N or S	(is latitude North or South)	Character *1
line 3:	station longitude	(decimal degrees)	Real *4
line 4:	E or W	(is longitude East or West)	Character *1
line 5:	description of data	(optional, can be blank)	Character *80
line 6:	year, month, day, hour wind record start	(leave a space between each)	Integer *2
line 7:	year, month, day, hour wind record ends	(leave a space between each)	Integer *2
line 8:	station height, units	(height at which measurements made, in meters and units of wind file, supports KNOTS & M/S )	Integer *2, character
line 9:	year, month, day, hour, direction, speed X  X X end	(Direction, 0 <sup>B</sup> -360 <sup>B</sup> , Speed in m/sec)	Integer *2

Example

```
53.4144134521484
N
5.50178252160549E-03
W
DEMONST.WNE
96 3 9 7
96 3 11 15
10 KNOTS
96 3 9 7 22 15
96 3 9 8 22 15
96 3 9 9 68 15
96 3 9 10 68 15
96 3 9 11 112 15
96 3 9 12 112 15
```

# SHRCHAR3.DAT Shoreline Characteristics File Format (in COZOIL\location\COAST directory)

## ASCII file

Line	Variable	Comments	Variable type
1	Shoretype name	e.g., marsh, rocky shore	Character *20
2	Maximum oil thickness (mm) on beach for oil with kinematic viscosity = 0-30, 30-2000, >2000 cSt	3 values, leave a space between each	Real*4
3	Foreshore length(m), foreshore angle, backshore length (m), backshore angle	4 values, leave a space between each	Real *4
4	Fraction of oil partitioned to groundwater, specific yield of sediment, porosity of sediment, 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile grainsize (m), fractional organic carbon content of sediment	5 values, leave a space between each	Real *4

Repeat these four lines for each shoreline type.

Example

```

EXPOSED ROCKY SHORE
0.5 2.0 2.0
35 14.0 15 16.9
0. .9 .00001 .000001 .001
GRAVEL/COBBLE/BOULDER
2.0 9.0 15.0
40 6.3 15 5.8
.05 .14 .16 .16 .001
    
```

**.WAV Offshore Wave Input File Format**  
(in COZOIL\location\CURRENTS directory)

Unformatted sequential access file

Line	Variable	Comments	Variable type
1	Wave_tide	True if file contains tide height, False otherwise	Logical*1
2	Wave height (m), wave period (sec), wave direction (from North), wave duration (hrs), [tide height (m)]	4 [or 5] values	Real*4

Repeat line 2 for duration of wave record to span length of simulation.

# .MKV Markov Matrix File Format

(in COZOIL\location\WINDS directory)

## ASCII file

Line	Variable	Comments	Variable type
1	First day and last day of year for which data are valid, hourly interval of original data from which matrix derived	3 values, leave a space between each	Integer
2	Maximum wind speed (m/s) in each of 5 speed bins	5 values, leave a space between each	Real*4
3	Probability that next wind vector will be from state J, given that present vector is from state I (I = row number = present wind state, J = column number = subsequent state)	41 values, leave a space between each	Real *4

Repeat line 3 for each direction/speed bin (for a total of 41 times). See the original COZOIL User's Manual (Reed et al., 1988) for a complete description of how a Markov matrix is generated.

### Example

```

1 366 1
  2.00  4.00  6.00  8.00 15.00
.1538 .1538 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0769 .0769 .0000 .0000
.0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0769 .0000
.0000 .0000 .0000 .0769 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000
.0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0769
.0769 .0000 .0000 .0000 .2308
.0138 .3825 .0968 .0092 .0000 .0092 .1659 .0507 .0000
.0000 .0000 .0276 .0184 .0046 .0000 .0000 .0138 .0092
.0000 .0000 .0000 .0046 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0046
.0046 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0046 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0092
.1060 .0230 .0000 .0000 .0415
.0000 .1203 .4023 .0902 .0113 .0038 .0376 .0902 .0226
.0000 .0000 .0000 .0038 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000
.0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000
.0000 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0075 .0000 .0000 .0000 .0000
.0526 .1165 .0414 .0000 .0000

```

| The first row of the matrix. The 41  
| values are the probabilities of the  
| subsequent wind speed/direction  
| for wind currently from the North  
| in the first (< 2 m/s) speed bin.  
| The second row of the matrix.

| The third row of the matrix.

**.DIR Currents Input File Format**  
(in COZOIL\location\CURRENTS directory)

Unformatted direct access file

Line	Variable	Comments	Variable type
1	File record length, Number of records in file (including header), Number of cells in E-W direction in currents grid, Number of cells in N-S direction in currents grid, Sequence number, Number of u,v velocity pairs in record (NVREC)	6 values. Minimum file record length is 12.	Integer*2 (all)
2	Currents grid cell size in E-W direction, Currents grid cell size in N-S direction, Currents grid cell origin in E-W direction	In degrees longitude  In degrees latitude  In degrees longitude	Real*4 (all)
3	Currents grid cell origin in N-S direction, Number of tidal constituents, Tidal constituent name 1, 2, 3*	In degrees latitude  In degrees latitude  3 possible values	Real*4  Integer*2 Character*2 (all)
4	Tidal constituent name 4,5,6,7,8,9*	6 possible values	Character*2 (all)
1 for each non-tidal component	Background current name		Character*10
1 for each grid cell with current data	Sequence number, Grid cell number in E-W direction (I), Grid cell number in N-S direction (J), Grid cell flag (1=water), Currents in grid cell as U,V pairs (in cm/sec) with tidal components first in list		Integer*2 (all)

\*Tidal constituent name must be one of the following 2-character names:

M2, S2, K1, O1, N2, P1, K2, Q1, MF.

The following lines of code are used to read the .DIR file:

```
READ(NCHYDR,REC=1) NRECL,NDMAX,IMAXC,JMAXC,NSEQ,NVREC
```

```
READ(NCHYDR,REC=2) DLONG,DLATC,OLONG  
READ(NCHYDR,REC=3) OLATC,NTIDE,(CTIDE(N),N=1,3)  
READ(NCHYDR,REC=4) (CTIDE(N),N=4,NINE)
```

```
NONTID = NVREC - NTIDE*2
```

```
NDREC = 4
```

```
IF (NONTID.GE.1) THEN
```

```
  DO N=1,NONTID
```

```
    NDREC = NDREC + 1
```

```
    READ(NCHYDR,REC=NDREC) CBAK(N)  
  ENDDO  
ENDIF
```

```
NDREC = 4 + NONTID      ! 4 + NONTID lines of header
```

```
DOWHILE (NDREC.LT.NDMAX)
```

```
  NDREC = NDREC + 1
```

```
  READ(NCHYDR,REC=NDREC) ISEQ0,I,J,IFLG0, (IU(N),IV(N),N=1,NVREC)
```

```
ENDDO
```

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

COZOIL is an oil spill trajectory and fates model developed for use by the Minerals Management Service (MMS) in Alaskan coastal waters. It simulates the movement and weathering of oil spills on open water and in the surf zone, with an emphasis on shoreline interactions. The present effort updates the original COZOIL model (Reed et al., 1988), and puts the model on a Windows platform to facilitate entering model parameters and viewing model results.

This Technical Manual presents an overview of the oil properties and environmental data used in the model, the gridding system supported, and the implementation of oil fates algorithms. Details are provided to explain differences between the updated Windows version of COZOIL and the original COZOIL. This document does not describe the rationale for the processes and algorithms selected for inclusion in the original COZOIL. For such information the reader is referred to the original documentation (Reed et al., 1988). A full description of the user-interface to run COZOIL is provided in the COZOIL User's Manual.

COZOIL for Windows contains several major components: both deterministic and stochastic oil trajectory and fates models; a Graphical User Interface (GUI) to enable the user to manipulate inputs, run the model, and view outputs; an oil database with capabilities to enter and edit oil properties used by the model; and environmental databases (winds and currents) which store and allow the user to manipulate the physical forcing data for model simulations. The extensive environmental data collected in earlier phases of COZOIL development (Gundlach et al., 1990a,b,c) is accessed by the user interface when a spill scenario is specified; appropriate values for the spill time and location are selected from the database.

COZOIL was developed to be a powerful tool for investigating the fate of spilled oil in coastal environments. It can be used to quantify the environmental fate of both real spills and hypothetical spills. COZOIL has been tested and validated in hindcast simulations of the *Amoco Cadiz* spill (Reed et al., 1988) which resulted in heavy shoreline oiling and for which fairly good observational data exist.

## 1.1 Physical Fates Model

The physical fates model estimates the mass distribution of oil on the water surface, on shorelines, in the water column and in the atmosphere. Processes simulated include surface spreading, slick transport, entrainment into the water column, and evaporation. Surface slicks interact with shorelines, depositing and releasing material according to shoreline type and environmental conditions (stage of tide, waves).

The model is designed to simulate fates of crude oils and petroleum products. For modeling purposes, crude oils and petroleum products are represented by surface "spillets", which are very thin circular patches of floating oil. Each surface spillet initially

represents an equal fraction of the total oil mass spilled, and is weathered (physical and chemical characteristics change) as the model simulation proceeds.

## **1.2 Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

The model system is implemented on an IBM/PC type computer (486 or greater) with VGA color monitor running Windows 95. A user-friendly, map-based, graphical user interface enables the user to view and enter data, run the model, and view model output. The main window of the GUI is a map of the application area. Geographical data (e.g., currents, grids) and model output are mapped and animated on the color screen and may be printed. Tabular information may also be viewed.

## **1.3 Environmental and Properties Databases**

COZOIL requires both environmental and oil property data as input. Each element of the environmental database is geographically referenced. The following types of data are included: coastline, bathymetry, shoreline characteristics, currents, winds, fetch, and air and water temperatures. The system provides data storage and easy access for each of three geographic areas: Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea, and the Arctic (Beaufort and Chukchi Seas) (Figure 1.1). The complete COZOIL database (Gundlach et al., 1990a,b,c) is stored by location (Gulf of Alaska, Bering, Arctic) in the COAST sub-directory and is sub-sampled for the required information when the spill scenario is defined. The data system has a user-friendly interface to allow viewing and editing of data via pull-down menus and mouse-driven selections.

The updated COZOIL uses a latitude-longitude grid on which to define environmental data and perform transport calculations. The coastline is defined by the COZOIL shoreline segments. Shoreline types are projected onto the grid from the extensive COZOIL database of shoreline segments when a land-water grid is created for the spill area. For a single spill simulation, the user either supplies a wind time series or selects "Climatological Winds" in the user interface to generate a time series based on the mean wind statistics. For a stochastic spill simulation, the user selects either "Climatological Winds" or "Markov Matrix" to generate statistical winds. Gridded tidal currents generated from the COZOIL database are supplied for each geographic region. The user also specifies information about the spill itself (time, location, oil type, amount spilled). The oil database supplies oil parameters required by the model.

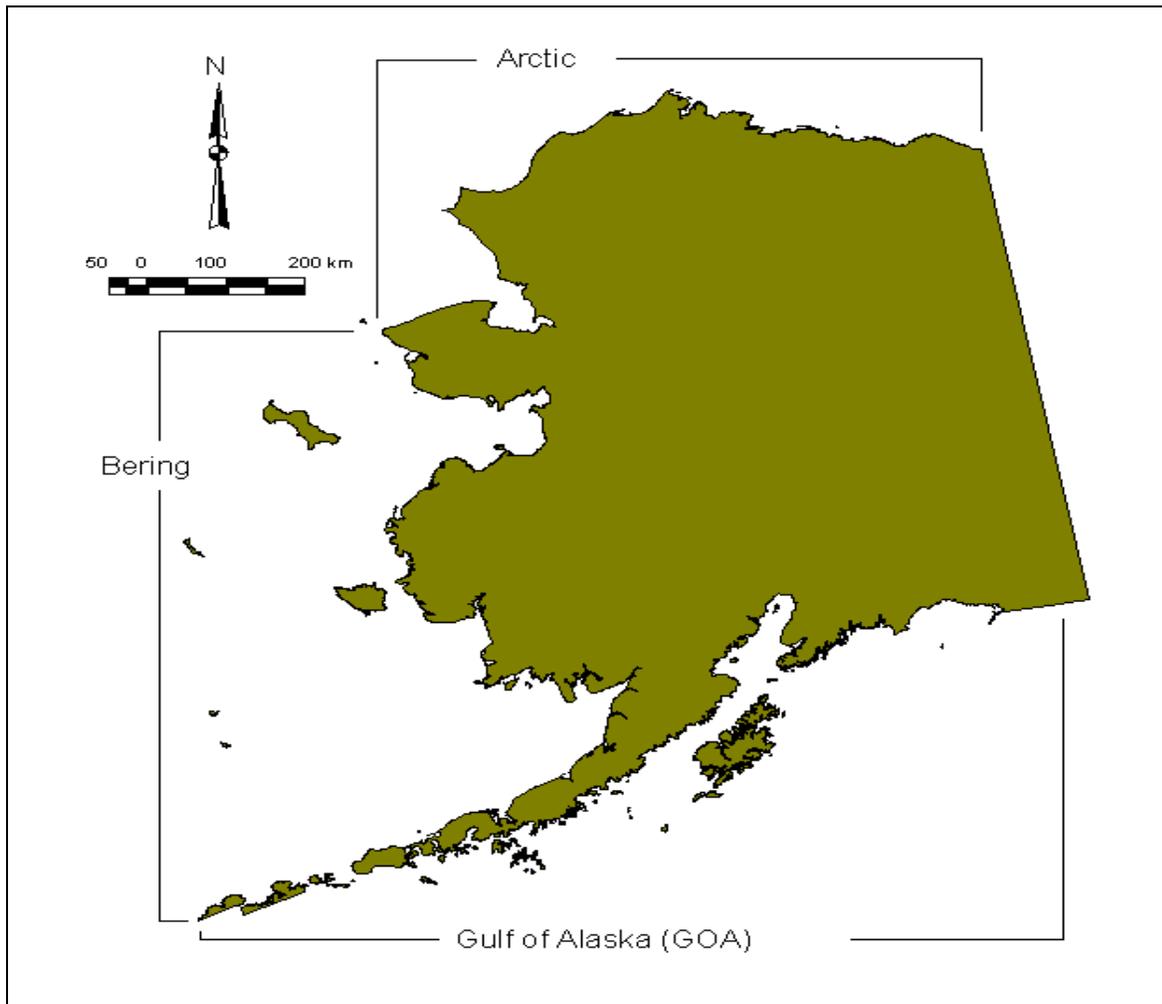


Figure 1.1 The three geographic regions covered by COZOIL.

#### 1.4 Differences between the Original and Updated Versions of COZOIL

For the most part, the updated COZOIL is identical to the original COZOIL. Serious efforts were made to incorporate all the functionality of the original COZOIL in the new Windows version. The new interface requires the same parameters as used by the original, plus allows the user to specify a number of other parameters formerly hard-coded in the COZOIL source code. These additional parameters default to the original hard-coded or database values if not changed by the user. The user interface greatly simplifies the process of setting up the model grid, specifying shoreline parameters and currents, and tracking model simulations. The output of COZOIL has been greatly enhanced to include colorful graphics for easy visualization of model results, and dBase files for compatibility with other systems, in addition to retaining much of the original text output.

A major change to the original COZOIL was adding the ability to include islands in the model domain. To do this the code was restructured to use solely a gridded representation of the area of interest. Reach data is projected onto the grid, and calculations are no longer done by reach. This change resulted in many modifications to the model code but should be largely transparent to the user.

To facilitate working with the COZOIL source code, much of the model code was “cleaned up”. For example, model inputs were grouped together in a small set of subroutines to make input data easier to track. The same process was followed for model outputs. The code itself was updated in many places to use more recent Fortran constructs. In some cases subroutines from the original COZOIL were split apart to simplify the calling sequence or to form new subroutines dealing with the same process. Most of the functionality of the original COZOIL was maintained, including the oil weathering and beaching algorithms, the use of RCPWAVE to calculate a nearshore wave field and to provide input for calculation of longshore currents, and the oil forcing mechanisms (winds, waves, currents).

The updated COZOIL includes the same weathering processes as the original and for all processes except evaporation, uses the original algorithms to define the processes. The evaporation algorithm was changed to update COZOIL with an algorithm which more realistically reproduces observed evaporation, and for which the input oil parameters are more readily available. The new algorithm uses a “whole oil” approach, as compared to the “distillation cuts with associated molecular weight” approach used in the original COZOIL. The evaporation algorithm is fully described in Section 3.2.2; the required oil parameters are discussed in Section 2.5.

The ability to create and track subsurface particles was removed from the COZOIL code. The original COZOIL created a small number (10) of subsurface particles and tracked their movements. However, nothing further was done with these particles; they had no interaction with either the surface spilllets or shoreline, and consequently had no effect on model results. Future developments should consider implementing a complete three-dimensional particle tracking scheme.

## 2. DATA

The COZOIL/Windows user interface provides tools for the creation and modification of land-water grids, wind data, and oil parameters. The gridded tidal currents supplied for each geographic region can be modified using the tools supplied by the interface.

### 2.1 Grids

In order for the model to predict the trajectory and fate of oil for a particular area, the map of that area must be represented in such a way that the model can interpret the various geographical features.

The division of the environment into discrete "areas" for the purpose of numerical modeling is attained through the gridding process. The study area in which the model is to operate is divided into discrete cells on a grid, each having some desired characteristic. The most fundamental grid for COZOIL is the land-water grid. A rectangular-based grid system defines the boundary between land and water, the shoreline characteristics of each coastal cell, and the bathymetry in the gridded area.

Figure 2.1 shows a section of a typical COZOIL land-water grid. The outlined boxes at the bottom of the figure show the discrete size of the cells that represent the land-water boundary. Along the shoreline, coastal cells are color-coded by shoreline type. In this example a key is also shown identifying the different shoreline types.

The user defines the boundaries of the overall grid, and the number of cells in the X and Y (east-west and north-south) directions. The grid generation routine then automatically parses the land and water sections of the outlined area. Each cell that intersects a COZOIL coastal segment is defined as a coastal cell with the characteristics of that segment.

The smaller the minimum grid size, the finer the definition of the coastline in the area. There is a finite limit, however, to the number of grid cells COZOIL can manage (250 by 250). In general, the grid system for any particular trajectory simulation should be only large enough to contain the area covered by the trajectory, and of the smallest possible grid size to get the best definition of the coastline.

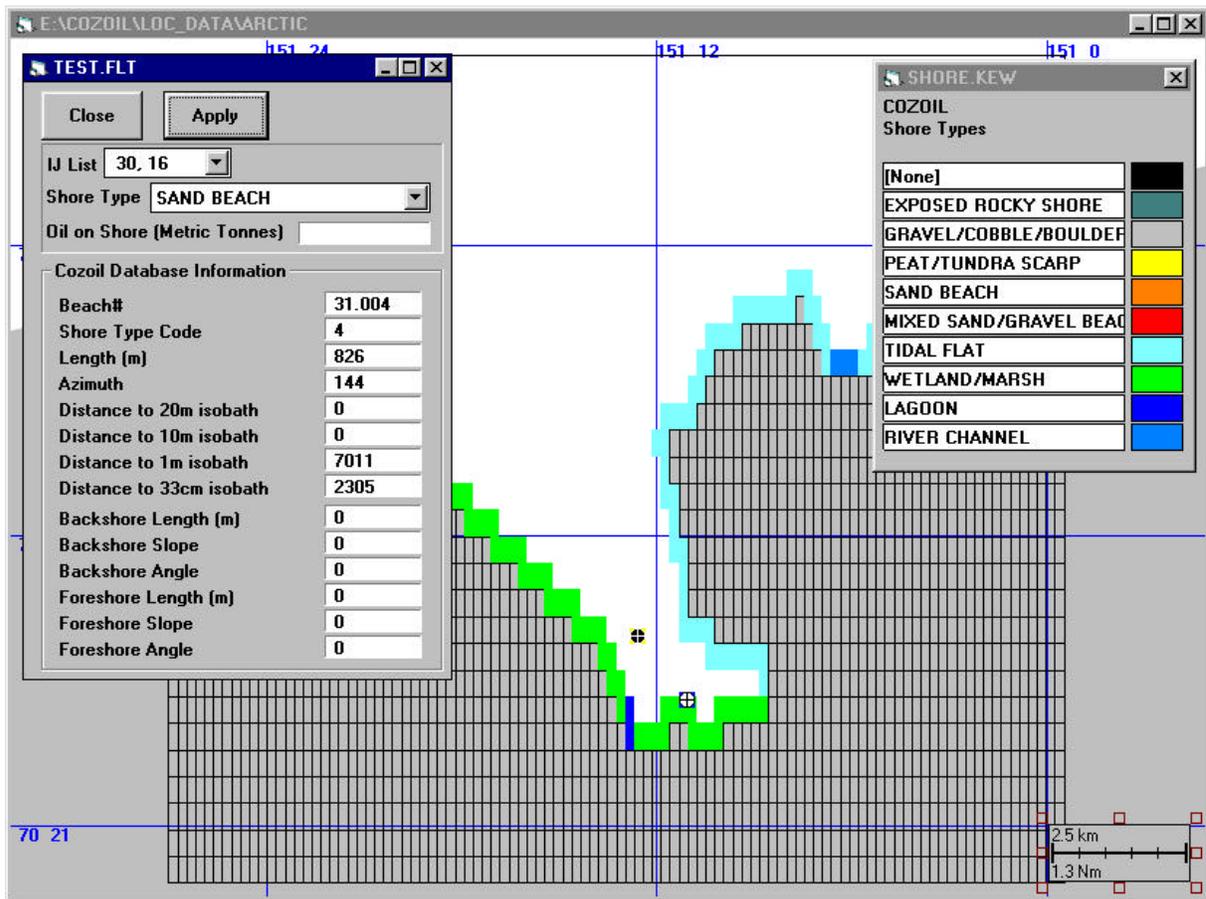


Figure 2.1 Example COZOIL land-water grid .

The grid system is defined by two files created by COZOIL/Windows in a standard ArcView format: a header file (ASCII) which defines the grid dimensions and location, and a data file (binary) which defines land and water, and assigns shoreline types to coastal cells and depths to water cells. The header file has a “HDR” extension, and the data file has a “FLT” extension. The land-water grid is structured as a standard square grid with maximum dimensions of 250 by 250 cells. The user may edit the grid to change the land-water designation, the shoreline type, or the water depth of individual cells.

When a grid is created, the interface automatically generates a companion “SEG” file. This file contains specific shoreline characteristics (e.g., shoreline type, backshore length and angle) for each coastal cell in the grid. The COZOIL model uses these data in calculating the oil-shoreline interactions. If no data are available for a particular coastal cell, the model uses the default values for that shoreline type (taken from the SHRCHAR3.DAT file – see the User’s Manual for more information). If the user edits the land-water grid, and either changes the shoreline type of an existing coastal cell, or creates new coastal cells, the edited/added cells will have the default characteristics for their shoreline type.

The fates model uses the land-water grid to determine whether oil is on land or water, and for shoreline type information. Beyond the limits of the defined grid, the model system "knows" nothing about the wind, current, or other physical features. Model processes are undefined outside of the grid boundary.

Shoreline typing is based on the extensive shoreline segment data generated in an earlier phase of this study (Gundlach et al., 1990a,b,c). The shoreline interaction model in COZOIL uses this shore specific information to simulate oil stranding and retention (see Section 3.3).

## 2.2 Winds

Wind forcing is extremely important in predicting the trajectory and weathering of surface oil. Wind observations are typically available as time series taken at specific locations. Such wind time series are used for deterministic model simulations.

The preferred wind record is a wind time series (**.WNE** file) sampled at hourly intervals at the site of the spill. This record would include the exact speed and direction of the wind at the spill site for every hour of the simulation. If a wind time series is not available for the spill site itself, the next best source of information is a coastal wind station close to the spill site, such as a local airport. It may be important to consider local topographic effects at the wind station. Large hills or mountains in the vicinity of the coastal wind stations can limit the representativeness of the wind data for large areas.

Winds are represented in the COZOIL system by single point (station) time series records. The model assumes a uniform wind field over the study area. Since study areas are generally expected to be small (e.g., 100 km alongshore and 1-20 km offshore), spatial variability in the wind field generally will be difficult to resolve from typically available data.

For stochastic simulations COZOIL can use either a zeroth or first-order Markov process to generate winds. For a zeroth order process COZOIL uses the mean and standard deviation of the wind speed and direction from the database to generate winds. The wind speed is drawn from a Poisson distribution; wind direction is assumed to be uniformly distributed. The procedure neglects autocorrelations in the wind record. To generate a zeroth order wind time series for use by the model, select the "Climatological Winds" option when specifying the spill scenario.

To generate winds using a first-order Markov process, the user must supply a Markov matrix (**.MKV** file). The Markov matrix provides the probability of winds in each of eight directional bins for each of five speed bins plus a bin for calm conditions based on the wind's speed and direction the previous time interval. The matrix is thus a 41x41 array of probabilities of the wind's speed and direction given its previous speed and direction. This allows a more realistic time series to be generated since correlations between speed and direction are maintained, and wind speed and direction distributions are more

accurately represented.

## 2.3 Currents

Gridded tidal currents are provided for each of the three geographic regions of COZOIL. The gridded data were generated from the COZOIL database of tidal current by coastal segment. The database provides no information on direction which has been assumed to be shore parallel. These currents can be used as-is in model simulations, or edited using the appropriate COZOIL tools described in the User's Manual. If the land-water designation of individual cells is changed or current vectors are added/adjusted, the current field should be re-generated by first spreading the data to fill in missing values and then smoothing the current field. The spreading algorithm generates a simple average of the neighboring grids to the north, south, east and west and the diagonal grids to the northeast, southeast, southwest, and northwest. The averaging occurs in a series of passes through the grid. First only those grids with eight neighboring values are filled with the average. The next pass fills grids with the average of seven neighboring values, the third pass with the average of six neighboring values, and so on, until the final pass fills grids with one neighbor. At the conclusion of this process all grids are filled. The method works best when the specified vectors are distributed throughout the area of interest, particularly along the boundaries.

Once the data have been interpolated onto grids, it is possible to smooth the fields beyond what the interpolating function naturally does. An option allows smoothing of the entire grid including the directly entered data, or smoothing of only the interpolated values. Here a four point neighbor weighting algorithm is applied multiple times as follows:

$$\theta_i^{m+1} = \alpha \theta_i^m + \frac{(1-\alpha)}{4} (\theta_E^m + \theta_W^m + \theta_S^m + \theta_N^m)$$

where

$\alpha$	=	weighting factor (0.75 when the entire grid is smoothed) (0.0 when just interpolated values are smoothed)
$\theta_i$	=	value at grid point i
$\theta_E, \theta_W, \theta_S, \theta_N$	=	grid neighbors of grid point i to the east, west, south, and north, respectively
m	=	number of smoothing passes.

## 2.4 Waves

Two types of waves are calculated in the model: an offshore wave and a wave field that includes refraction, diffraction, and phase transformations. The offshore wave is assumed to apply at the open boundary of the model grid and supplies the boundary condition for the wave field calculations. Both types of waves are calculated and used exactly as was done in the original COZOIL. Full documentation of the equations implemented for wave calculation is presented in the original documentation (Reed et al., 1988) and is summarized briefly here.

The offshore wave can either be calculated internally from the wind record, or be read in from a wave time-series file specified by the user. The wave is defined by its height, period, and direction of propagation. If the wave is to be calculated internally, the model uses the shallow-water, wave forecasting equations recommended by the Shore Protection Manual (CERC, 1984).

Refraction, diffraction, wave height, and phase transformations are computed using a modified version of the CERC linear wave propagation model RCPWAVE (Ebersole et al., 1986). Discussion of the theory and algorithms used by RCPWAVE is given by Ebersole et al. (1986) and Reed et al. (1988).

## 2.5 Oil Database

The oil properties database includes physical-chemical parameters for several oils. The oils included in the standard database are generic light, medium, and heavy crudes, Prudhoe Bay crude, gasoline, diesel, JP-4, and Bunker C (#6 heavy fuel oil). These crude and refined products exhibit the range of weathering processes for most oils. Specific crude and refined product analyses can be entered to define specific oil characteristics.

The standard source for physical and chemical parameters describing crude and refined oil products is Environment Canada's A Catalogue of Crude Oil and Oil Product Properties (Whiticar et al., 1992). This volume undergoes yearly updating, and is available in both text

and electronic formats. The information is also available through an Internet URL @ <http://www.etcentre.org/spills>. The following information on oil properties is extracted from the above reference. A short description is given for each of the physical and chemical parameters below.

### 2.5.1 General Parameters

A series of general oil-related parameters are required to run COZOIL. Parameter values can be obtained from the Canadian catalog. In the following sections each required parameter is defined.

#### API Gravity

The most commonly used descriptor of oil properties is the API gravity. The API gravity value is inversely proportional to the oil's density. While COZOIL does not use the API gravity directly, the API value for a particular oil or product is useful as a parameter to compare oils. It is defined as

$$\text{API(g)} = \frac{141.5}{\Delta} - 131.5$$

with

$$\Delta = \rho_0 / \rho_w$$

where

- $\rho_0$  - density of oil @ 60°F
- $\rho_w$  - density of water @ 60°F.

Typical API gravity values are shown in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 Typical API(g) values for various oils and oil products.

<b>Oil/Oil Product</b>	<b>API(g)</b>
Naptha	49 - 67
Gasoline	58 - 68
Kerosene	34 - 45
Arabian Light	32 - 33
#2 Fuel Oil	30 - 32
Iranian Heavy Crude	30 - 31
10W30 Crankcase Oil (used)	28
Prudhoe Bay Crude	27
Cold Lake Bitumen	10

### **Density**

Density is defined as the mass of a unit volume of oil at a specified temperature. Although specified as a constant the oil density is a function of temperature and weathering (Mackay, 1985) and has units of  $\text{g/cm}^3$ . COZOIL uses density and not API gravity in the model calculations.

### **Dynamic Viscosity**

Viscosity is a measure of a fluid's resistance to flow. It is also a function of temperature and weathering (Mackay, 1985) and has units of centi-poise (cP).

### **Interfacial Tension**

Interfacial tension is the force of attraction between the molecules at the interface of two dissimilar fluids. The property is important for spreading and emulsification formation. It is a function of weathering and has units of dyne/cm.

### **Emulsion Water Content**

A water-in-oil emulsion (colloquially named "chocolate mousse") is a stable emulsion of small droplets of water incorporated in oil. Oil spilled on a water surface may form stable water-in-oil emulsions which can have very different characteristics than the parent oil.

Not all oils form stable emulsions. The tendency for a crude oil to form a water-in-oil emulsion is measured using a test method based on a rotating oscillating flask apparatus. An oil and water mixture is agitated and the fraction of oil that forms an emulsion is determined by measuring the height of the unemulsified oil and comparing it to the original height of the oil.

The water content of the emulsion is calculated by measuring the height of the emulsion, subtracting the height of the oil that has been emulsified, then dividing this value by the total height of the emulsion. It has units of percent.

### Minimum Thickness

The minimum thickness is an estimate of the end state of the spreading process. Once the oil in a spilllet has reached the minimum thickness, the model assumes that no more spreading of oil in that spilllet will occur. This is an inexact estimate, and ignores much of the dynamics of the actual spreading process. The assumed minimum thickness for several different oils is given in Table 2.2.

Table 2.2 Assumed minimum oil thickness for selected oils.

Oil	Minimum Thickness
Diesel	0.001 mm
light crude	0.001 mm
med. Crude	0.01 mm
heavy crude	0.10 mm
Bunker C	0.10 mm

### 2.5.2 Evaporative Exposure Parameters

Evaporation is one of the more important weathering processes that affect oil in the environment. A well documented analytical approach is used in COZOIL to predict the volume fraction of oil evaporated. The approach is based on the evaporative exposure concept (Stiver and Mackay, 1984). The following evaporative exposure parameters are contained in the oil database:

- $T_o$  - Initial boiling point (K)
- $T_G$  - Gradient of modified distillation curve
- A - Dimensionless constant
- B - Dimensionless constant.

$T_o$  and  $T_G$  are the y-intercept and slope, respectively, obtained by linearly regressing a specific oil's boiling point temperature versus the volume fraction distilled.

A and B are dimensionless constants determined as the y-intercept and negative slope, respectively, obtained from a linear regression of the natural log of Henry's Law constant versus the boiling temperature.

Details on the use of these parameters are found in Section 3.2.2. The parameters

defining Prudhoe Bay Crude are given in Table 2.3.

Table 2.3 Parameters defining the characteristics of Prudhoe Bay crude.

<b>GENERAL PARAMETERS</b>	
Density (gm/cm <sup>3</sup> )	0.899
Dynamic Viscosity (cP)	35.3
Solubility (mg/L)	29.2
Oil-Water Interfacial Tension (dyne/cm)	20.
Emulsion Water Content (%)	70.
Minimum Thickness (mm)	0.001
Viscosity Weathering Constant	10.
<b>MACKAY EVAPORATIVE EXPOSURE</b>	
Initial Boiling Point (K)	430.6
Gradient of Distillation Curve	722.
A	4.5
B	10.1

### 3. OIL TRAJECTORY AND FATES ALGORITHMS

COZOIL predicts the surface trajectory of spilled oil while maintaining a mass balance of the fate of the oil (weathering) with a particular emphasis on shoreline interactions. Spills may be either instantaneous or continuous releases. The spill is initially represented by a number of particles, termed spilletts, each of which represents an equal fraction of the total oil spilled.

Spilletts in open water are advected in response to wind and current forcing with trajectory (path) and final destination of the oil. Section 3.1 describes the advection algorithms. At the same time, the oil evaporates, spreads, is entrained into the water column, emulsifies and interacts with the shore in coastal regions. Together these processes affect the physical-chemical state of the oil and its distribution/degradation in the environment and are termed the weathering (or fate) of the oil. The COZOIL fates algorithms are detailed in Section 3.2, and shoreline interaction is described in Section 3.3.

#### 3.1 COZOIL Transport Algorithms

Advection and diffusion are physical processes which move and diffuse oil from one location to another due to the combined action of wind, waves, and tides. The advection process is modeled using a Lagrangian formulation. The diffusion process is modeled using a random walk formulation. Both are described in the following sections.

As one of the fundamental hypotheses defining the COZOIL spill model, it is assumed that the oil spill can be divided into a number of discrete masses (spilletts) and can be treated as Lagrangian particles, each representing some known mass of oil. The vector position of an oil particle at time  $t$  is denoted as  $\mathbf{X}_t$  and defined as

$$\mathbf{X}_t = \mathbf{X}_{t-1} + \Delta t \mathbf{U}_{oil}$$

where

- $\Delta t$  - time step (sec)
- $\mathbf{X}_{t-1}$  - position of surface slick at  $t-1 = t - \Delta t$
- $\mathbf{U}_{oil}$  - slick velocity (m/sec).

The total particle velocity,  $\mathbf{U}_{oil}$  (m/sec), is defined as the vector sum of the advective and dispersive velocity components:

$$\mathbf{U}_{oil} = \mathbf{U}_t + \mathbf{U}_w + \mathbf{U}_{ls} + \mathbf{U}_{disp}$$

where

- $U_t$  - velocity component due to tidal currents (m/sec)
- $U_w$  - velocity component due to wind and waves (m/sec)
- $U_{ls}$  - velocity component due to longshore currents (m/sec)
- $U_t$  - velocity component due to dispersive processes (m/sec).

### 3.1.1 Advection Due to Tidal Currents

The original COZOIL used the database of tidal current data by beach segment to calculate a gridded tidal current field each time a new simulation was run. This process is now externalized. For each geographic region a gridded current field has been generated from the tidal current database. Tidal currents are assumed to be shore-parallel and the tidal period is maintained. Phasing information was not included in the database and thus is not incorporated.

The advective velocity component due to tidal currents,  $U_t$ , is determined from the gridded current data by interpolation. The interpolation is based on a weighting scheme of the four nearest points of the velocity grid from the oil particle location shown in Figure 3.1. The actual interpolation algorithm is

$$\bar{U} = \frac{\bar{U}_{I,J} A_{I+1,J+1} + \bar{U}_{I+1,J} A_{I,J+1} + \bar{U}_{I,J+1} A_{I+1,J} + \bar{U}_{I+1,J+1} A_{I,J}}{A_{I,J} + A_{I+1,J} + A_{I,J+1} + A_{I+1,J+1}}$$

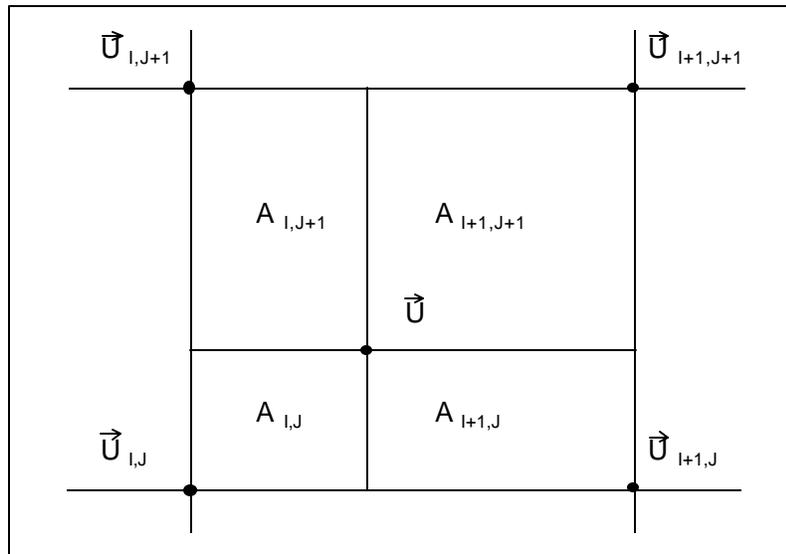


Figure 3.1 Area weighting scheme for velocity interpolation.

### 3.1.2 Advection Due to Wind and Waves

The sea surface drift current is a major component affecting the movement of surface oil. The drift current includes the effects of both wind induced shear and wave induced transport which are related to the wind speed and direction.

The drift rate is the ratio of oil drift speed relative to the wind speed. Drift velocities due to a wind,  $u_{wc}$  and  $v_{wc}$  (m/sec), toward the east and north, respectively, are

$$u_{wc} = C_1 u_w$$

$$v_{wc} = C_1 v_w$$

where

$u_w$  - east component of wind speed (m/sec)

$v_w$  - north component of wind speed (m/sec)

$C_1$  - drift factor (%).

The drift factor,  $C_1$ , is constant (Lange and Hufnerfuss, 1978), where  $C_1$  varies between 1.0 and 4.5%, based on observations. Values of 3-3.5% are most often used for moderate winds in open water areas. Lower values are often used in enclosed and semi-enclosed embayments. The default value in the model is 3.5%, consistent with the original COZOIL.

The drift angle is the angle the oil drifts clockwise (to the right in the northern hemisphere) of the wind direction.

Drift velocities due to wind,  $u_{wd}$  and  $v_{wd}$  (m/sec), toward the east and north, respectively, are

$$u_{wd} = u_{wc} \cos \theta + v_{wc} \sin \theta$$

$$v_{wd} = -u_{wc} \sin \theta + v_{wc} \cos \theta$$

where

$u_{wd}$  - drift velocity due to wind (m/sec) toward the east

$v_{wd}$  - drift velocity due to wind (m/sec) toward the north

$\theta$  - constant drift angle (deg).

Various researchers have measured a wide range of drift angles (from 0 to 13 degrees) based on laboratory and field experiments and spill hindcasts (Stolzenbach et al., 1977). The default value in the model is 0. It can be adjusted if necessary to align model results with observations.

### 3.1.3 Advection Due to Longshore Currents

The advective velocity component due to longshore currents,  $\mathbf{U}_{ls}$ , is active (non-zero) only in the surf zone. Longshore currents are calculated for each nearshore grid cell according to the modified Longuet-Higgins radiation stress equation (CERC, 1984):

$$\mathbf{U}_{ls} = 20.7 \text{ m } (g H_b)^{0.5} \sin 2\alpha_b$$

where

$m$  - beach slope

$g$  - acceleration due to gravity

$H_b$  - breaker height

$\alpha_b$  - angle between breaker crest and shoreline.

The breaker height and angle are generated by RCPWAVE. A complete discussion of RCPWAVE is given in the original COZOIL technical documentation and is not repeated here.

### 3.1.4 Advection Due to Dispersion

The horizontal dispersion velocity,  $\mathbf{U}_{disp}$ , accounts for the dispersive processes below the scale of resolution of the input current field. For a discussion of these dispersive

processes see Okubo and Ozmidov (1970). Dispersion is modeled using a random walk diffusion process.

The slick diffusive velocities,  $u_{dd}$  and  $v_{dd}$ , (m/sec), in the east and north directions, respectively, can be defined (Bear and Verruijt, 1987) as

$$u_{dd} = \gamma \sqrt{\frac{6D_x}{\Delta t}}$$

$$v_{dd} = \gamma \sqrt{\frac{6D_y}{\Delta t}}$$

where

$D_x$  - horizontal dispersion coefficient in east - west direction ( $m^2/sec$ )

$D_y$  - horizontal dispersion coefficient in north-south direction ( $m^2/sec$ )

$\Delta t$  - time step (sec)

$\gamma$  - random number (-1 to +1 ).

The horizontal dispersion coefficients,  $D_x$  and  $D_y$  are usually equal. Following are some typical values:

<u>Environment</u>	<u>Dispersion Coefficient</u>
Highly energetic open environment	> 10 $m^2/sec$
Medium energy levels	5 - 10 $m^2/sec$
Low energy levels (enclosed estuary)	2 - 3 $m^2/sec$

### 3.2 COZOIL Fates Algorithms

The COZOIL trajectory and fates model integrates the trajectory algorithms (Section 3.1) with a series of fates algorithms simulating what happens to the oil as it weathers. The fate processes simulated are spreading, evaporation, entrainment, emulsification, and shoreline interactions. These calculations make possible a mass balance calculation which tracks the fraction of oil on the surface, in the water column, in the atmosphere, stranded onshore and transported out of the spill area over the life of the spill.

#### 3.2.1 Spreading

Spreading determines the areal extent of the surface oil, which in turn influences its rates of

evaporation, dissolution, dispersion and photo-oxidation, all of which are functions of surface area. Spreading results from both turbulent diffusion and the balance among the forces of gravity, inertia, viscosity, and surface tension.

For many years Fay's (1971) three-regime spreading theory was widely used. Mackay et al. (1980a,b) modified Fay's approach and described the oil as thin and thick slicks. Their approach used an empirical formulation based on Fay's (1971) terminal spreading behavior. They assumed the thick slick feeds the thin slick and that 80-90% of the total slick area is represented by the thin slick.

The rate of change of the surface area of the slick for thick slick spreading (Mackay et al., 1980a,b),  $\tilde{A}_{tk}$  ( $m^2/sec$ ), is defined as

$$\tilde{A}_{tk} = \frac{dA_{tk}}{dt} = K_1 A_{tk}^{1/3} \left( \frac{V_m}{A_{tk}} \right)^{4/3}$$

where

- $\tilde{A}_{tk}$  - surface area of slick ( $m^2$ )
- $K_1$  - spreading rate constant (1/sec)
- $V_m$  - volume of surface slick ( $m^3$ )
- $t$  - time (sec).

Sensitivity analyses of this algorithm led to the discovery that the solution was affected by the number of spilllets used. The following formulation was derived to normalize the solution under differing numbers of surface spilllets (Kolluru, 1992).

The rate of change of the surface area of an individual spillet,  $\dot{A}_{tk}$  ( $m^2/sec$ ), is given by

$$\dot{A}_{tk} = \frac{dA_{tk}}{dt} = K_1 A_{tk}^{1/3} \left( \frac{V_m}{A_{tk}} \right)^{4/3} \left( \frac{R_s}{R_e} \right)^{4/3}$$

where

- $A_{tk}$  - surface area of individual spillet ( $m^2$ )
- $K_1$  - spreading rate constant (1/sec)
- $V_m$  - volume of oil in individual spillet ( $m^3$ )
- $R_s$  - radius of individual spillet (m)
- $R_e$  - effective radius of surface slick (m).

The effective radius of the surface slick,  $R_e$  (m), is given by

$$R_e = \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \right) \sum_{n=1}^N A_{tk} \right]^{1/2}$$

where

- $A_{tk}$  - surface area of individual spillet ( $m^2$ )
- $N$  - number of spilletts used to represent surface slick.

### 3.2.2 Evaporation

Evaporation can result in the transfer of 20-40% of spilled oil from the sea surface to the atmosphere, depending on the type of oil (Gundlach and Boehm, 1981). The rate of evaporation depends on surface area, thickness, vapor pressure and mass transport coefficient, which in turn are functions of the composition of the oil, wind speed and temperature. As oil evaporates, its composition changes, affecting its density and viscosity as well as subsequent evaporation. The most volatile hydrocarbons (low carbon number) evaporate most rapidly, typically in less than a day and sometimes in under an hour (McAuliffe, 1989). As the oil continues to weather, and particularly if it forms a water/oil emulsion, evaporation will be significantly decreased. Evaporation models assume the oil to be well-mixed within the slick. For thick, viscous slicks, the well-mixed assumption is not valid, and virtually fresh oil may remain for several days or even weeks, trapped within viscous oil-water emulsions.

A schematic of the evaporation process is shown in Figure 3.2.

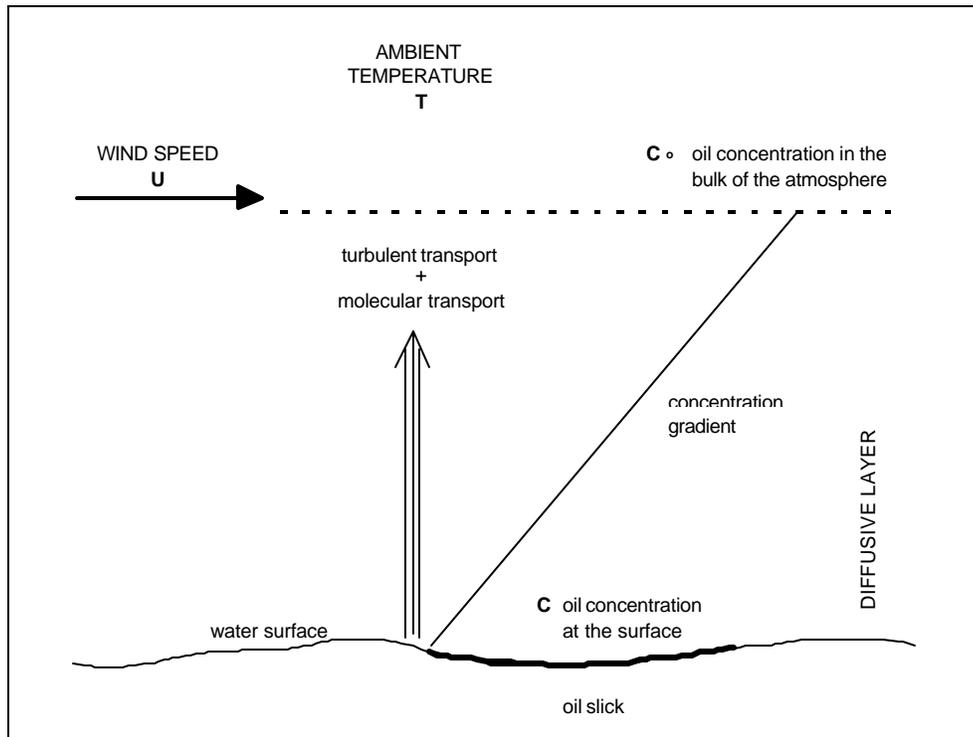


Figure 3.2 Schematic diagram of the evaporation process.

The evaporative exposure model (Stiver and Mackay, 1984) is an analytical approach to predict the volume fraction evaporated. It uses distillation data to estimate parameters needed for the analytic equation.

The fraction evaporated,  $F_v$ , is defined as

$$F_v = \frac{\ln [1+B (T_G / T) \theta \exp (A - BT_0 / T)]}{[T / BT_G]}$$

where

- $T_0$  - initial boiling point of the modified distillation curve (K)
- $T_G$  - gradient of the modified distillation curve
- $T$  - environmental temperature (K)
- $A, B$  - dimensionless constants (for "typical" crude oils  $A = 6.3$ ,  $B = 10.3$ )
- $t$  - time (sec)
- $\theta$  - evaporative exposure.

The evaporative exposure,  $\theta$ , is given as

$$\theta = \left( \frac{K_m A t}{V_o} \right)$$

where

- $K_m$  - mass transfer coefficient (m/sec)
- $A$  - slick area (m<sup>2</sup>)
- $t$  - time (sec)
- $V_o$  - volume of oil spilled (m<sup>3</sup>).

Distillation data ( $T_0$ ,  $T_G$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$ ) for many crude oils are available in Environment Canada's oil catalog (Whiticar et al., 1992). These data can also be estimated according to the following procedures.

### Estimation of $T_0$ and $T_G$

$T_0$  (y-intercept or initial boiling point) and  $T_G$  (slope or gradient) are obtained by plotting (linearly regressing) boiling temperature ( $T_B$ ) versus volume fraction distilled ( $F_v$ ) for a particular oil. The relationship between  $T_B$  and  $F_v$  is shown in Figure 3.3 and is described as

$$T_B = T_0 + T_G F_v$$

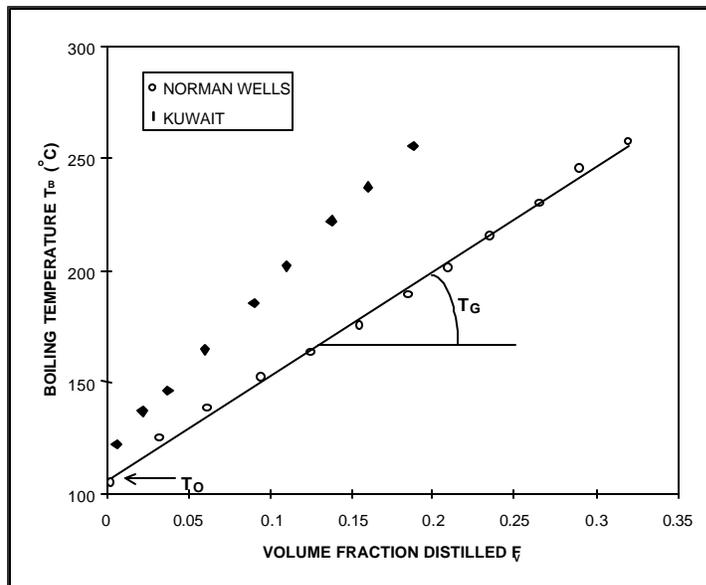


Figure 3.3 Relationship of boiling point temperature to fraction evaporated (Stiver and Mackay, 1984).

## Estimation of A and B

A (y-intercept) and B (slope) are obtained by plotting the natural log of Henry's law constant, H, against boiling temperature ( $T_B$ ) as shown in Figure 3.4. Henry's law constant, H, is defined as the ratio of the concentration of oil in vapor phase to liquid phase. It is obtained from laboratory based evaporation experiments and is defined as a dimensionless constant:

$$H = PV / RT$$

where

- P - vapor pressure of oil (atm)
- R - universal gas constant
- T - ambient temperature (K)
- V - volume of oil ( $m^3$ ).

H is often given in units of  $atm \cdot m^3/mole$ . It is divided by RT to nondimensionalize it. The relationship between H and  $T_B$  is

$$\ln H = A - B \left( \frac{T_b}{T} \right)$$

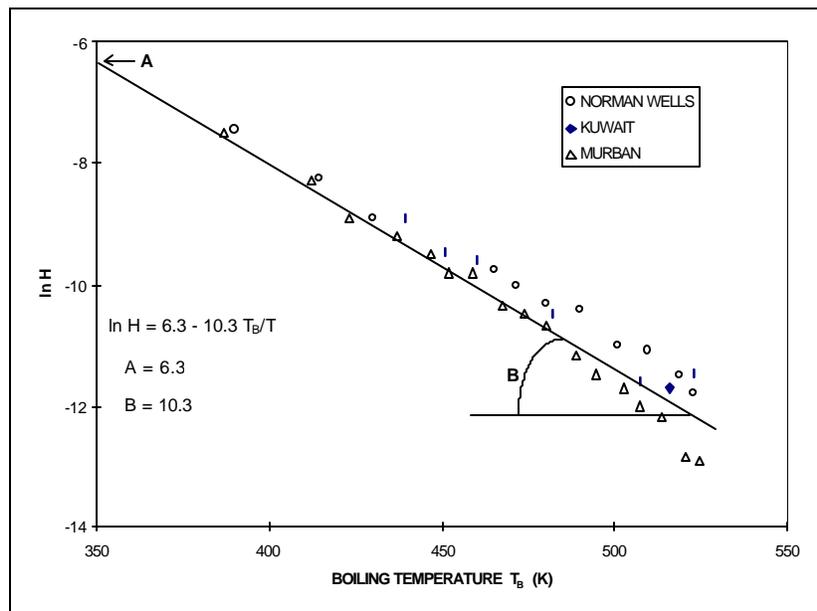


Figure 3.4 Relationship of Henry's law constant to boiling point temperature (Stiver and Mackay, 1984).

### 3.2.3 Entrainment

As oil on the sea surface is exposed to wind and waves, it is entrained or dispersed into the water column. Entrainment transports small (macroscopic) particles of oil into the water column where they further degrade and dissolve or disperse, or rise back to the surface. The increased surface area represented by these droplets increases the rates of dissolution and photo-oxidation (Wheeler, 1978). Entrainment is strongly dependent on turbulence and is greater in areas of high wave energy. Breaking waves are the primary source of energy for entrainment. Figure 3.5 presents a schematic of the entrainment process.

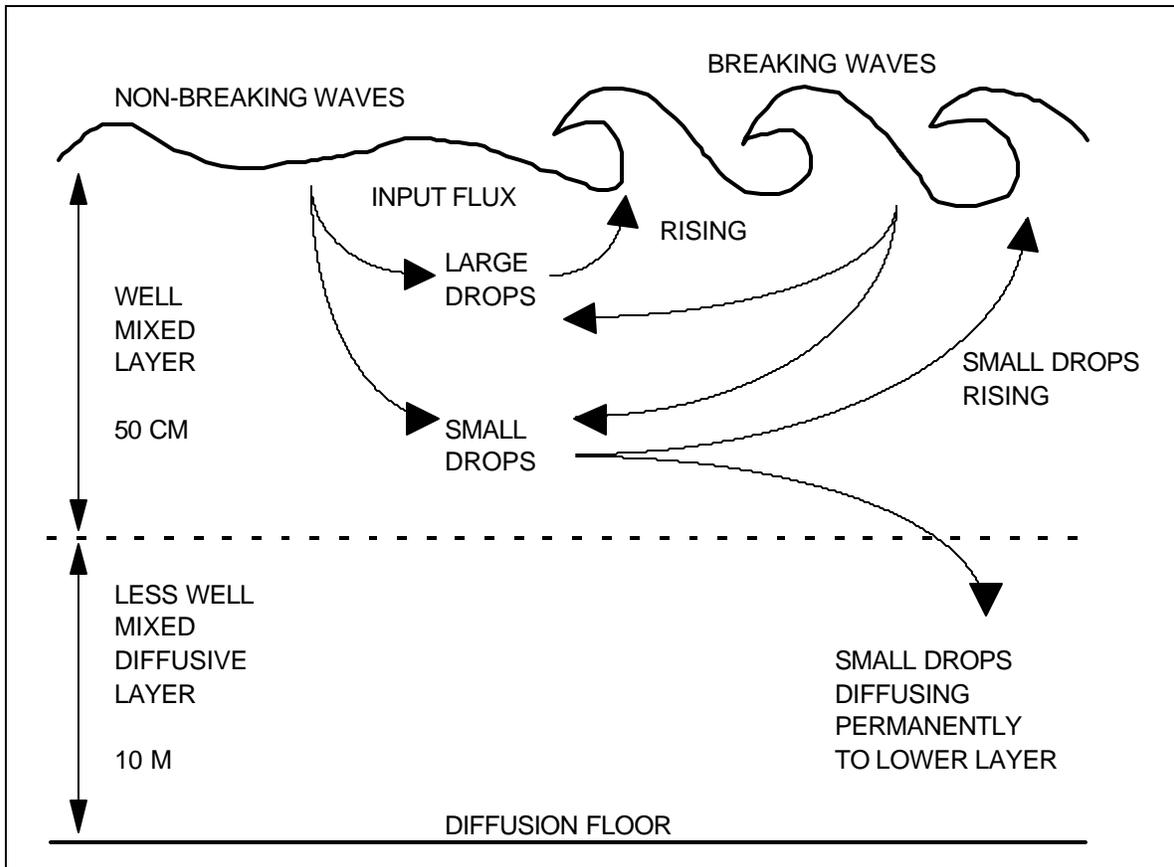


Figure 3.5 Schematic diagram of entrainment process (Mackay et al., 1980a).

Two options are available in COZOIL for simulating entrainment: one developed by Mackay et al. (1980a,b) and a second developed by Audunson (1979) and modified by Spaulding et al. (1982).

The Mackay et al. (1980a,b) algorithm gives a mass transfer rate (per hour) of

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{0.11m(1+W)^2}{1+50\mu^{0.5}\delta\sigma}$$

where

- m - mass of spilllet (mt),
- W - wind speed (m/sec),
- $\mu$  - dynamic viscosity of oil (cP),
- $\delta$  - slick thickness (m),
- $\sigma$  - oil/water interfacial tension (dyne/cm).

The modified Audunson entrainment algorithm predicts a mass transfer rate (per day) of

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{0.4mW^2 e^{-0.5t}}{W_o^2}$$

where

- m - mass of spilllet (mt),
- t - time (days) since spilllet release,
- W - wind speed (m/sec),
- $W_o$  - reference wind speed (8.5 m/sec).

### 3.2.4 Emulsification

The formation of water-in-oil emulsions, or mousse, depends on oil composition and sea state. Emulsified oil can contain as much as 80% water in the form of micrometer-sized droplets dispersed within a continuous phase of oil (Wheeler, 1978; Daling and Brandvik, 1988). Viscosities are typically much higher than that of the parent oil. The incorporation of water also dramatically increases the oil/water mixture volume.

Although many studies have been undertaken, the emulsification process is still poorly understood. The formation tendency and stability of water-in-oil emulsions appears to be a function of the oil's asphaltene and wax content (Bobra, 1991). Refined products typically do not form stable water-in-oil emulsions due to the absence of surface active materials (Payne and Phillips, 1985a,b).

Emulsion formation is a result of surfactant like behavior of the polar and asphaltene compounds. These compounds are stabilized in many crude oils by the aromatic solvents.

As aromatics are depleted due to weathering, asphaltenes begin to precipitate. Precipitated asphaltenes reduce the surface tension of the oil-water interface and initiate the emulsification process.

Water enters the oil phase by the disruption or deformation of the oil-water interface. Deformation of the interface may take place due to turbulence, capillary ripples, Rayleigh-Taylor instability and Kelvin-Helmholtz instability. Water droplets in the oil phase are

stabilized by the precipitated asphaltenes. The emulsification process is shown schematically in Figure 3.6.

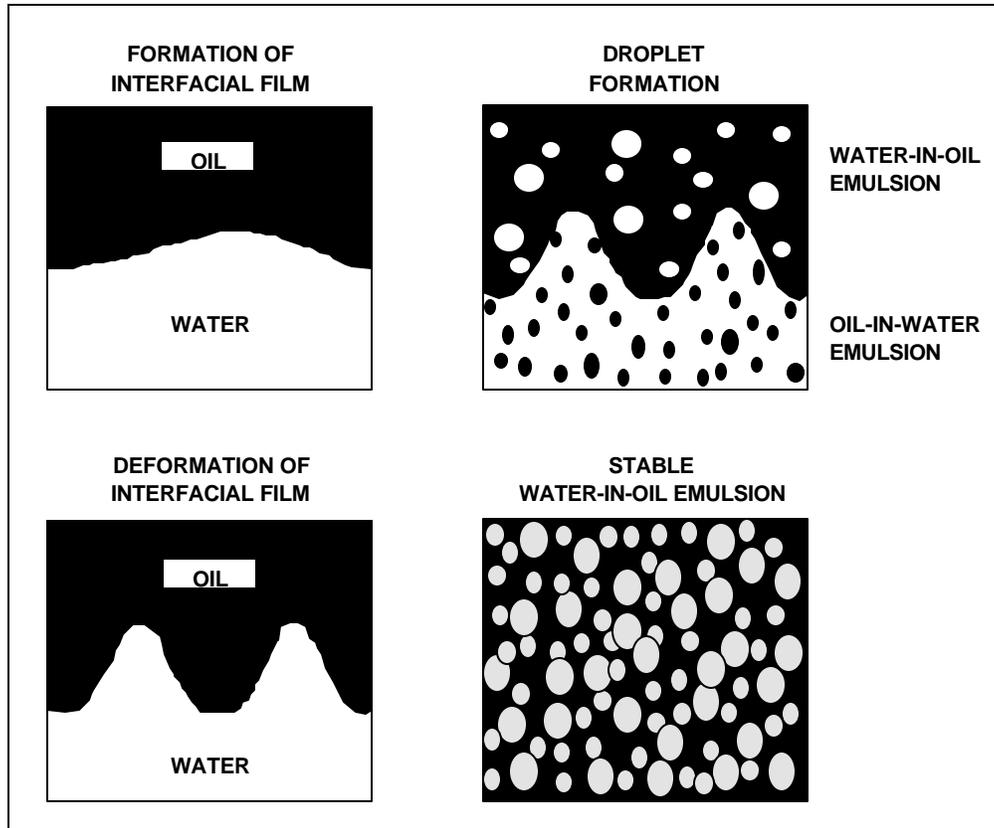


Figure 3.6 Schematic diagram of the emulsification process.

The exponential rise mousse formation algorithm is presented by Mackay et al. (1982). The rate of water incorporated into oil,  $\bar{F}_{wc}$  ( $\text{sec}^{-1}$ ), is given as

$$\bar{F}_{wc} = \frac{dF_{wc}}{dt} = C_1 U_w^2 \left( 1 - \frac{F_{wc}}{C_2} \right)$$

where

- $U_w$  - wind speed (m/sec)
- $C_1$  - empirical constant:  
 $2 \times 10^6$  for emulsifying oil  
0 for others
- $C_2$  - constant controlling the maximum water content:  
0.7 for heavy fuel oil and crude oil  
0.25 for home heating oil
- $F_{wc}$  - maximum fraction of water in oil (oil characterization input value).

The viscosity of the emulsified oil,  $\mu$  (cP), is given as

$$\mu = \mu_0 \exp\left(\frac{2.5F_{wc}}{1 - C_0 F_{wc}}\right)$$

where

- $\mu_0$  - initial oil viscosity (cP)
- $F_{wc}$  - maximum fraction of water in oil
- $C_0$  - emulsification constant ( $\approx 0.65$ ).

The effect of evaporation on viscosity is given by

$$\mu = \mu_0 \exp(C_4 F_v)$$

where

- $\mu_0$  - initial oil viscosity (cP)
- $C_4$  - constant:
  - 1 - for light fuels
  - 10 - for heavy fuels
- $F_v$  - fraction evaporated from surface slick.

The exponential rise approach developed by Mackay et al. (1982) has been used for many years by oil spill modelers. It was derived from laboratory data and works well only for heavy crude oils.

### 3.3 COZOIL Shoreline Algorithms

The fate of spilled oil that reaches the shoreline depends on characteristics of the oil, the type of shoreline, and the energy environment. Even when beached, oil will continue to weather. However, several additional processes become important: refloatation, penetration into the substrate, and retention/transport in the beach-groundwater system. Erosion of oiled substrate from the beach may also occur. These coastal processes have been parameterized in COZOIL, as discussed in the following sections. They are shown schematically in Figure 3.7.

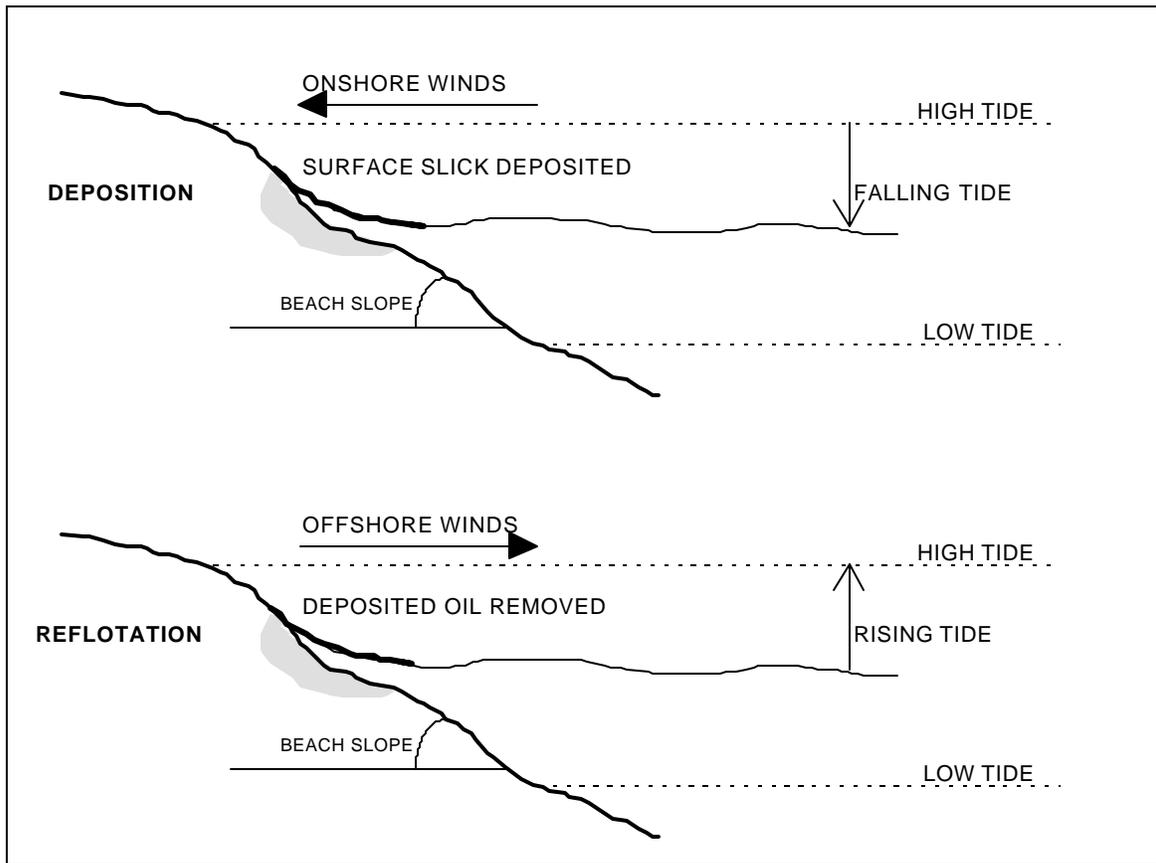


Figure 3.7 Schematic diagram of shoreline interaction.

The amount of oil which can be deposited onshore is a function of the area of the shore exposed to tide and wave action. COZOIL defines a beach width and angle (slope) for each type of shoreline, which is then used in the calculation of exposed area. Default values for each of the three geographic regions covered by COZOIL are given in Table 3.1. These values are taken from the appropriate COZOIL shoreline characteristics handbook for each region (Gundlach et al., 1990a,b,c).

Table 3.1 Default beach width and angle by shore type and geographic region.

Geographic Region	Shore Type	Foreshore		Backshore	
		Width (m)	Angle	Width (m)	Angle
Arctic	1. Exposed rocky shore	25	11.2	30	8.1
	2. Gravel/cobble/boulder	15	10.0	25	3.5
	3. Peat/tundra scarp	30	32.4	30	32.4
	4. Sand beach	20	3.2	35	1.4
	5. Mixed sand/gravel	20	6.1	25	2.2
	6. Tidal flat	80	0.4	80	0.4
	7. Wetland/marsh	35	3.6	20	2.1
Bering Sea	1. Exposed rocky shore	25	11.2	30	8.1
	2. Gravel/cobble/boulder	50	4.7	15	11.1
	3. Peat/tundra scarp	55	2.2	15	0.2
	4. Sand beach	50	4.9	45	0.3
	5. Mixed sand/gravel	40	4.9	30	3.4
	6. Tidal flat	80	0.4	80	0.4
	7. Wetland/marsh	35	3.3	25	5.3
Gulf of Alaska	1. Exposed rocky shore	35	14.0	15	16.9
	2. Gravel/cobble/boulder	40	6.3	15	5.8
	3. Peat/tundra scarp	55	2.2	15	0.2
	4. Sand beach	155	2.3	45	4.3
	5. Mixed sand/gravel	50	5.7	20	5.3
	6. Tidal flat	140	0.4	30	1.0
	7. Wetland/marsh	35	3.3	35	5.3

### 3.3.1 Deposition on Foreshore Surface

An oil slick which has contacted the shoreline may deposit oil on the foreshore if the water level (tide height plus wave setup and runup) does not exceed the foreshore height associated with that reach. First, the model checks to determine that an empirical “holding thickness” (Table 3.2) (CSE/ASA/BAT, 1986; Gundlach, 1987) has not been exceeded for the coastal cell in which contact has occurred. When the tide is falling, the ratio of the newly exposed beach face to the onshore/offshore radius of the slick determines the fraction of the slick which is deposited, if the holding thickness has not been reached.

Table 3.2 Maximum surface oil thicknesses for various beach types as a function of oil viscosity (CSE/ASA/BAT, 1986).

Shore Type	Oil Thickness (mm) by Oil Type		
	Light (<30 cSt)	Medium (30-2000 cSt)	Heavy (>2000 cSt)
1. Exposed rocky shore	0.5	2	2
2. Gravel/cobble/boulder	2	9	15
3. Peat/tundra scarp	0.5	2	2
4. Sand beach	4	17	25
5. Mixed sand/gravel beach	2	9	15
6. Tidal flat	3	6	10
7. Wetland/marsh	6	30	40

Example oil types are:

- Light - kerosene, gasoline, diesel fuel
- Medium - medium to light crude oils and light bunkers
- Heavy - heavy bunker oils, heavy and weathered crude

Oil deposited on a previously clean foreshore carries with it the characteristics of the parent slick (i.e., viscosity, density). As additional oil comes ashore at the same location, whether from the same or another spilllet, the oil on the foreshore surface takes on the weighted average values of the above characteristics. If, for example, a mass of new oil is added which equals 10 percent of the mass already present, then the new characteristics will be 10/110, or about 9 percent those of the new oil, and 91 percent those already present. This represents an assumption of complete mixing and is consistent with assumptions made elsewhere in the model.

### 3.3.2 Deposition on Backshore

If the water height exceeds the input foreshore height, then a slick in contact with the shoreline will deposit oil on the backshore. As on the foreshore, the fraction of the slick which is deposited is determined by the ratio of newly exposed backshore to slick width and is again limited by a maximum holding thickness.

### 3.3.3 Entry Into Sediment/Groundwater System

Observational evidence from several major oil spills (particularly the *Arrowin* Canada and the *Amoco Cadiz* in France) indicates that oil, in association with the groundwater within beaches, may persist for several years. Vandermeulen and Gordon (1976) reported observations of oil associated with groundwater resulting from the *Arrowoil* spill Nova Scotia. An estimate of the general level of oil released from the sediments was presented, indicating runoff losses in the part-per-billion range. Self-cleaning of incorporated oil was estimated to take as much as 170 years indicating the possible long-term nature of the problem.

Study of the *Amoco Cadiz* oil spill indicated that numerous beaches and tidal flats contained polluted groundwater long after the beach surface was free of oil. A survey in August 1986, 8.5 years after the spill, revealed that contaminated ground water still was present in some sheltered (and very soft) mudflat areas and associated with remaining cleanup trenches. On beaches, in contrast to mudflats, the most common areas for oil-contaminated groundwater to be found were at the base of the beach (slightly above the toe of the beach) or along the upper part of the low-tide terrace. These areas generally conformed to the surface waters of the zone of saturation. On mudflats, oil was incorporated within the soft, water-saturated sediments wherever substantial surface concentrations of oil had occurred.

The processes governing oil incorporation and movement within beach sediments and groundwater are not fully understood. However, by utilizing a series of formulations originally developed to predict fluid transport through land-based groundwater systems, it is possible to develop a computer-simulation model depicting penetration into beaches and subsequent removal or flushing of oil from this system.

The two concepts of wettability and capillarity are relevant here. Relative to oil, water is a "wetting fluid" [i.e., the adhesive forces between the fluid and the sediment exceed the cohesive forces within the fluid (Convery, 1979)]. Wettability is a relative term, defined technically as a balance among the relevant surface tension forces. A pressure difference exists across the interface between two immiscible fluids in a porous medium. The curvature of the interface reflects the magnitude of this pressure difference, called the capillary pressure. This pressure is a measure of the tendency of the sediment to draw in the wetting fluid (water) and to repel the nonwetting fluid (oil).

Three different regimes of fluid saturation can be distinguished (Convery, 1979). At very low saturations, the wetting fluid exists as *pendular rings* around grain contacts within the porous medium. These rings of fluid are completely isolated from one another, except perhaps for a thin film of wetting phase that coats the grain surface. This film, present at extremely low saturations, occurs on surface adsorption sites on the sediments. The film has a monomolecular thickness and may be continuous or discontinuous. Hydraulic

pressures cannot be transmitted through the wetting fluid in the pendular regime, since it is not continuous. In our analysis, the wetting fluid is water and the nonwetting fluid is oil.

If the saturation of the wetting phase increases, the pendular rings expand and coalesce, so that flow of the wetting phase is possible. Coincidental with this development is a decrease in the saturation of the nonwetting phase. This saturation regime is labeled funicular. The phase distribution and flow behavior of fluids in the funicular regime are complex and are strongly a function of the saturation history of the porous medium.

With increasing saturation of the wetting phase, the nonwetting phase eventually becomes discontinuous. Commonly, droplets of the nonwetting phase become isolated in the larger pores of the medium. The nonwetting phase is in a condition of insular saturation. Nonwetting phase droplets become mobile only if a pressure discontinuity exists across them within the wetting phase to force them through capillary restrictions. Otherwise, the droplets are immobile and remain trapped within the pores. The insular drops will impede flow of the wetting phase to some extent.

For implementation in COZOIL only two regimes, the pendular and the insular, occurring at the foreshore surface in the presence of oil and in the zone of saturation, are used (Figure 3.8). This neglects some interfering complexities, such as pore blockage by oil in the funicular regime, allowing the characteristics of the oil to control flow computations at the foreshore surface and water to control within the beach.

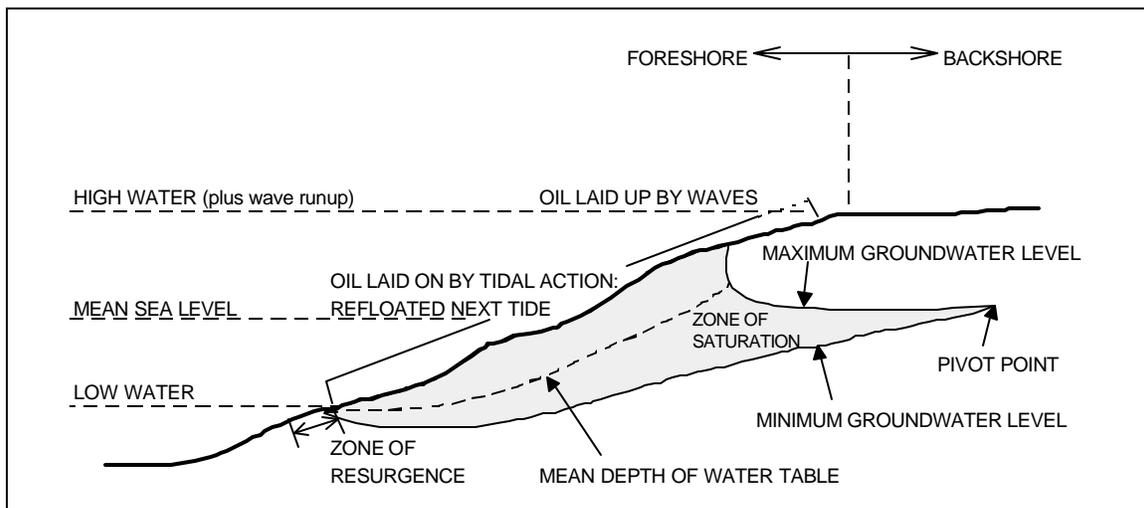


Figure 3.8 Schematic diagram of the beach groundwater system.

In the present analysis, it is assumed that oil deposited on the beach foreshore may enter the sediment/groundwater system in two ways—the first by direct penetration and the second by transport in wave overwash. The second process assumes that waves breaking and overwashing oil on the foreshore will carry with them dissolved and particulate (“water-accommodated”) oil. This water-accommodated oil is assumed to travel into the sediments with, and at the same rate as, the water itself.

### 3.3.4 Direct Penetration of Oil into Sediments

The flow of oil from a surface deposit into the underlying sediments is approximated by Darcy's law:

$$v_p = \frac{\rho g \rho \left( \frac{dh}{dl} \right)}{\mu}$$

where

- $v_p$  - flow velocity (m/sec)
- $\rho$  - intrinsic permeability of the sediment ( $m^2$ )
- $g$  - gravitational acceleration ( $m/sec^2$ )
- $\rho$  - oil density ( $kg/m^3$ )
- $\mu$  - dynamic viscosity ( $N\text{-sec}/m^2$ )
- $\frac{dh}{dl}$  - pressure head gradient (m/m).

The intrinsic permeability is computed with an equation from Krumbein and Munk (1943):

$$\rho = 7.6 \times 10^{-10} (MG)^2 e^{-1.31\sigma}$$

where

- MG - mean grain size (mm)
- $\sigma$  - inclusive graphic standard deviation ( $\phi$  units).

The depth of penetration during a time-step  $\Delta t$  is then, to first order,  $v_p \Delta t$ . The mass flux  $Q$  is:

$$Q = A \rho v_p \Delta t$$

Here,  $A$  is the surface area covered with oil.

### 3.3.5 Removal of Surface Oil by Wave Overwash

Observations by Owens et al. (1983, 1987) suggest that wave exposure is an important parameter for oil removal from the beach surface. An expression is therefore required for the rate at which oil is removed from the parent slick on the foreshore and carried into the underlying sediments or returned to the active surf zone by wave action. Since this process has not been parameterized in the literature, COZOIL uses the hypothesis that the governing variables are wave-breaking velocity  $V_b$ , exposed oil surface area  $A$ , oil viscosity  $\mu$  and density  $\rho$ , and turbulent diffusivity in the surf zone  $D_v$ . Then the mass-transfer coefficient will be a function of the dimensionless groups:

$$R_e = \frac{\rho V_b L}{\mu}$$

$$S_c = \frac{\mu}{\rho D_v}$$

where  $R_e$  and  $S_c$  are the Reynolds and Schmidt numbers, respectively. The characteristic length  $L$  is taken as the square root of the exposed area  $A$ . The velocity of water falling from the crest of a breaking wave of height  $H_b$  onto the beach is:

$$V_b = \sqrt{2gH_b}$$

if frictional losses are neglected. The associated turbulent diffusivity is:

$$D_v = \frac{H_b^2}{T}$$

where  $T$  is the wave period (Harris et al., 1962). Based on an empirical relationship (Thibodeaux, 1977, 1979), the mass transfer coefficient for relatively insoluble high density ( $\rho > 1$ ) substances can be approximated by:

$$h = 0.36 \left( \frac{\rho V_b L}{\mu} \right)^{0.8} \left( \frac{\mu}{\rho D_v} \right)^{0.33} \frac{D_v}{L}$$

This equation is an empirical relationship developed for relatively low Reynolds number flows on river bottoms. Surf zone Reynolds numbers are considerably higher, such that this formulation appears to give unreasonably high removal rates. The rate coefficient, 0.36, was therefore replaced by 0.0001 in COZOIL based on observed oil removal rates (Gundlach, 1987). The actual mass removal rate is then:

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \rho h A$$

The mass removed from the oil on the foreshore surface by wave overwash is not all carried into the groundwater. Some fraction is carried back into the surf zone with the retreating wave. Lacking empirical values for these partitioning coefficients, the model database supplies a set of default values based on Reed et al. (1988) (Table 3.3) and allows the user to alter them (in the shoreline characteristics file) if desired.

Table 3.3. Default values for partitioning of oil removed from the beach face by the action of waves. The oil removed is partitioned among the beach groundwater and the surf zone surface in the given proportions.

	Shore Type						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Exposed Rock	Cobble	Eroding Peat Scarp	Sandy Beach	Gravel Beach	Tidal Flat	Marsh
Groundwater	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.01
Surface	1.00	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.99	0.99

### 3.3.6 Removal from the Sediment/Groundwater System

Oil which has penetrated the surface sediments and remains above the mean water table (Figure 3.8) may be removed to the surf zone if the beach is subject to erosion by the present wave field. A basic assumption here is that the presence of the oil will not appreciably alter erodability of the beach sediments. Following Sunamura and Horikawa (1974), COZOIL incorporates a dimensionless erosion/accretion parameter  $G_o$ :

$$G_o = \frac{\left(\frac{H_o}{L_o}\right) \tan \rho^{0.27}}{\left(\frac{D_{50}}{L_o}\right)^{0.67}}$$

where

- $H_o$  - deep-water wave height (m)
- $L_o$  - deep-water wave length (m)
- $\rho$  - offshore bottom slope
- $D_{50}$  - size of 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of sediment sample (m).

Beach erosion is assumed to occur for  $G_o > 18$ , accretion for  $G_o < 4$ , and equilibrium in between. [Note that CERC (1984) introduces some errors relative to the original document in reporting these limiting values.]

### **3.3.7 Evaporation**

Oil deposited on the foreshore or backshore is evaporated using the evaporative exposure model of Stiver and Mackay (1984) as described in Section 3.2.2. The surface area of the oil exposed for evaporation is defined by the area of the beach face oiled instead of by the radius of the surface spilllet.

### **3.3.8 Reflotation**

Oil on the beach face (foreshore surface) or on the backshore which has not penetrated the sediments may be refloated on a rising tide. As oil is refloated from the foreshore surface, it is combined with an existing spilllet if one is present at that coastal location. In this case, the characteristics of the spilllet become the mass-weighted characteristics of the spilllet plus the newly refloated oil. If a spilllet does not exist at the coastal cell where refloation is occurring, a new spilllet may be formed.

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