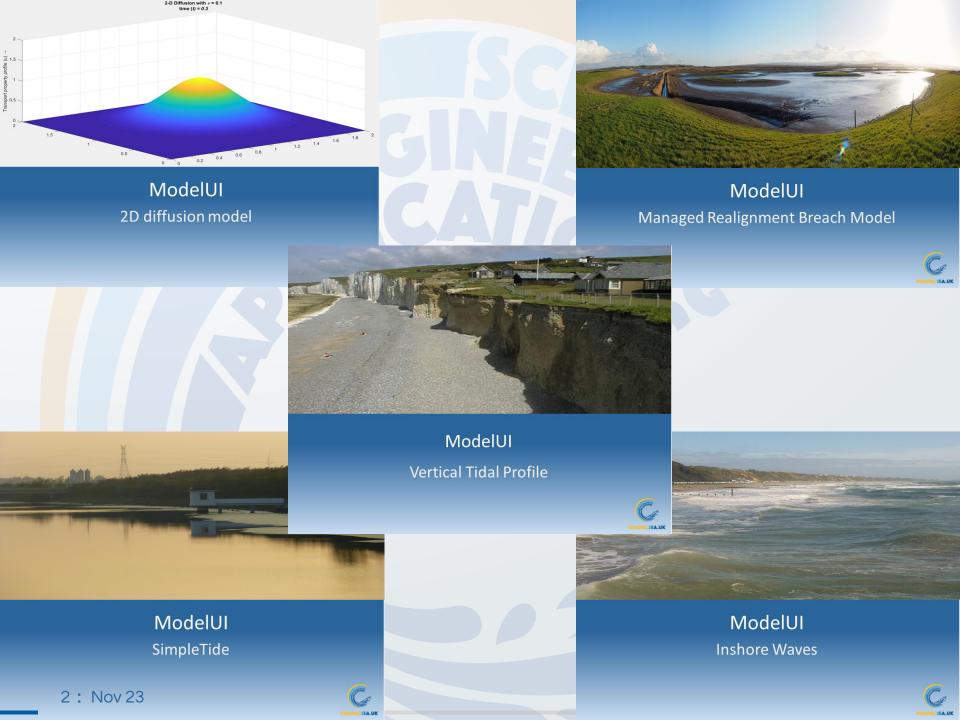


Introduction to the muitoolbox

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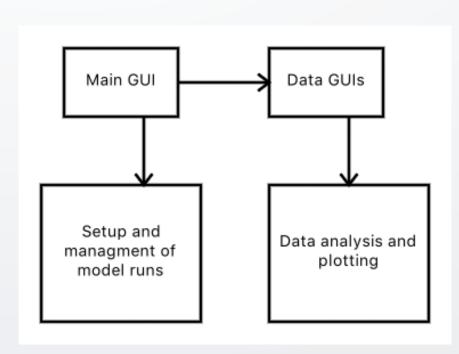
Concept

- A standard modelling interface to enable rapid model prototyping.
- Provides a User Interface (UI), management of model runs and a range of utilities, including plotting.
- Can easily be adapted. Depending on complexity of model may only need to write input definition and some code to call the new model.
- Can also extend GUI to add tabs and additional menu options.



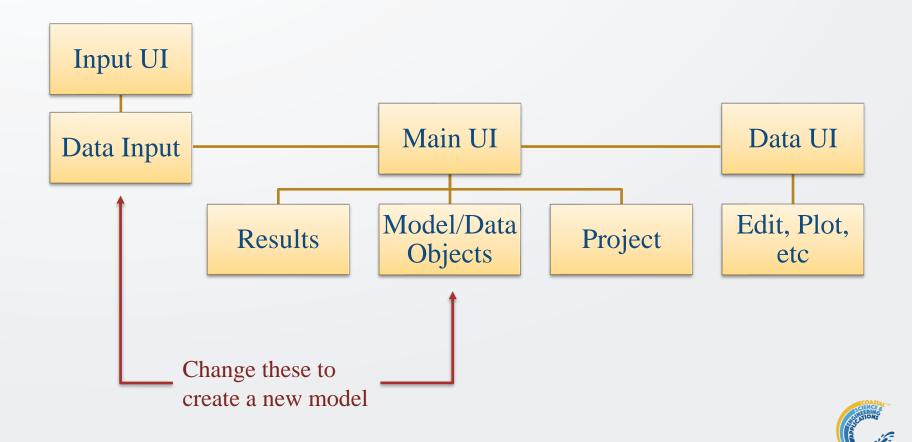
Common interface

Use the same underlying class interfaces

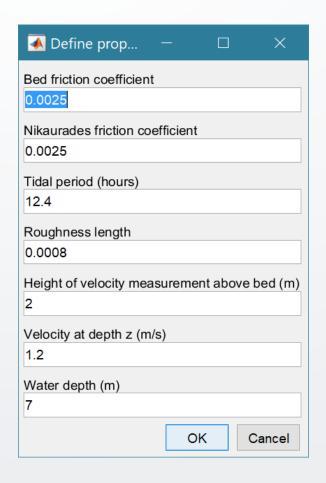


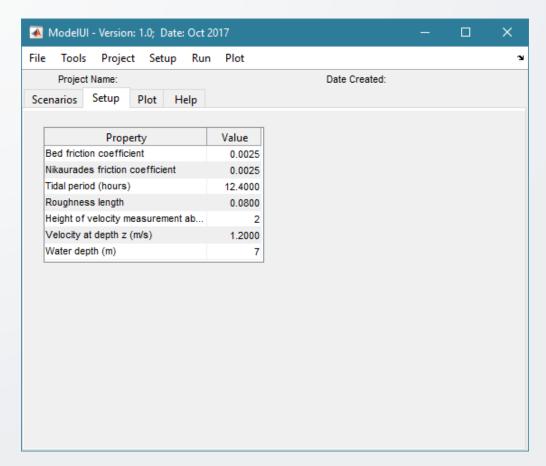


ModelUI Structure



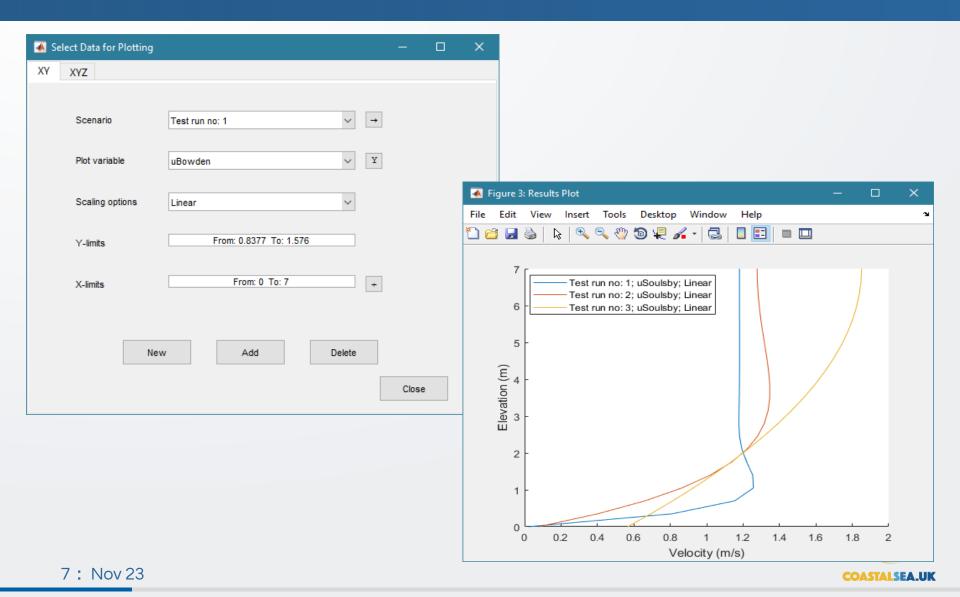
Input UIs and Tab display generated automatically







Plotting, Editing and Derived output as part of UI











Demonstration models in the ModelUI App

ModelUI handles model outputs that vary in any combination of variable, v, and dimensions x, y, z and t.

Models provided in the ModelUI App illustrate different types of application:

- Vertical Tidal Profile: simple x-v data set
- SimpleTide: time data (t-v and no x, y, z)
- 2D diffusion: variable in x, y, t (can also include z for 3D case)

Other Apps illustrate a wide range of applications

- Data analysis CoastalTools, SedTools
- Models Asmita, ChannelForm, WaveRayModel, CSTmodel
- Analysis ModelSkill
- Design MRBreach

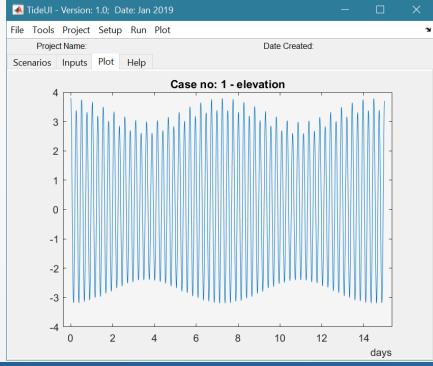


Summary

- The *muitoolbox* can handle multiple variables, with multiple dimensions: e.g. time and x, y, z.
- It is available as Open Source
- Same site as ASMITA and CoastalTools www.coastalsea.uk
- Manuals with worked examples available for all demonstration models and Apps







Getting Started

Model to generate a simple tidal time-series



Simple tidal signal model

Existing function to compute a tidal water level time series using main constituents scaled to required tidal amplitude.

Function name: *simple_tide.m*

Input is a structure for:

duration, time interval, mean tidel level, tidal amplitude, elevation phase, velocity amplitude, velocity phase, and amplitudes for M2, S2 and O1 tidal constituents

Output is a structure for

time, elevation, vertical velocity and horizontal velocity



Install toolboxes and copy templates

Download and install *dstoolbox* and *muitoolbox* (see next slide)

Create a new working folder

Copy ~BlankAppFolders.zip file from .../muitoolbox/muitemplates

Unzip the contents into the working folder

Copy following templates from .../muitoolbox/muitemplates folder:

Source	Rename as
UseUI_template.m	TideUI.m
ParamInput_template.m	TideParams.m
Model_template.m	TideModel.m

Note:

UseUI_template.m allows the UI to be customized

UseModelUI_template.m uses ModelUI as the user interface and requires ModelUI_App to be installed

Installing the Toolboxes

The toolboxes can be installed using the

Add-Ons>Manage Add-Ons option on Home tab of Matlab™

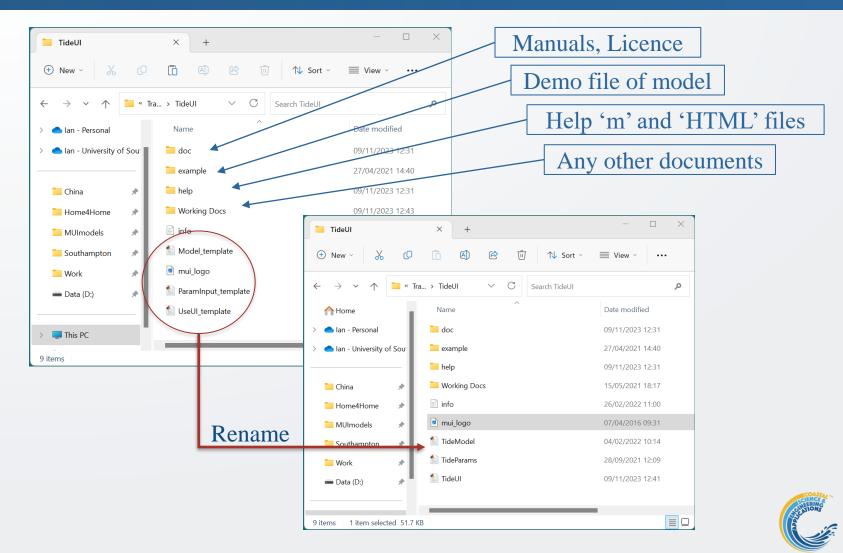
Alternatively, right-click the mouse on the 'mltbx' files and select install.

All the folder paths are initialised upon installation and the location of the code is also handled by MatlabTM.

The location of the code can be accessed using the options in the Manage Add-Ons UI (option on Home tab)



App folder structure (using ~BlankAppFolders.zip and template files)

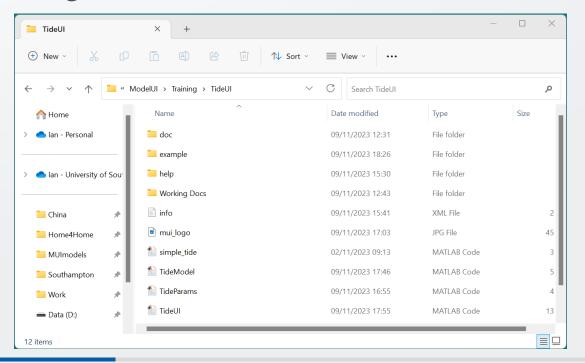


Add model to Working Folder

The model file can be found in the Working Docs folder extracted from the *~BlankAppFolders.zip* file.

Move 'simple_tide.m' up to the working folder.

The working folder should now look like this:





UseUI_template.m >> TideUI.m

To change the Class name throughout the file:

In classdef select UseUI_template

Editor tab>Find

'replace with': *TideUI* > Replace All

Sections of code that need editing are indicated by comments such as: % << Edit to classname

For this application the following functions need to be edited:

- setMUI
- setMenus and setTab
- setTabProperties and setTabActions
- setupMenuOptions
- runMenuOptions



setMUI

- Replace *Model_template* with *TideModel*
- Replace *ParamInput_template* with *TideParams*
- Delete unwanted Plot and Stats UIs
 - For TideUI only {'2D'} and {'General'} are needed



setMenus

The setMenus function defines the menu structure in the UI. These are in order from left to right on the UI



Sample code for Setup menu to define menu lists, callback functions and separators (if required):

Top level menu name

Sub-menu list %% Setup menu ------Level 1 menu.Setup(1).List = {'Import Data', 'Input Parameters', 'Run Parameters', 'Model Constants'}; Cell array of callback functions menu.Setup(1).Callback = [{'gcbo;'},repmat({@obj.setupMenuOptions},[1,3])]; %add separators to menu list (optional - default is off) {'gcbo'} passes control to next menu level menu.Setup(1).Separator = {'off','off','off','on'}; %separator precedes item • functions pass control to other functions in **TideUI** % submenu for Import Data (if these are changed need to edit % loadMenuOptions to be match) This adds menus to Level 2 menu.Setup(2).List = {'Load','Add','Delete','Quality Control'}; menu.Setup(2).Callback = repmat({@obj.loadMenuOptions},[1,4]); load data from a file

Note that at each level List, Callback and Separator cell arrays must be the same size



setTabs

Default code shows the definition of 4 tabs and two sub-tabs on the Stats tab.

```
function [tabs,subtabs] = setTabs(obj)
        %define main tabs and any subtabs required. struct field is
        %used to set the uitab Tag (prefixed with sub for subtabs).
        %Order of assignment to struct determines order of tabs in
        figure.
        %format for tabs:
        % tabs.<tagname> = {<tab label>,<callback function>};
        %format for subtabs:
        % subtabs.<tagname>(i,:) = {<subtab label>,<callback
        function>};
        %where <tagname> is the struct fieldname for the top level
        tab.
        tabs.Cases = {' Cases',@obj.refresh}; % << Edit tabs to suit
        model
        tabs.Inputs = {'Inputs',@obj.InputTabSummary};
        tabs.Plot = {' Q-Plot ',@obj.getTabData};
        tabs.Stats = {' Stats ',''};
        subtabs.Stats(1,:) = {' Descriptive ',@obj.setTabAction};
        subtabs.Stats(2,:) = {' Extremes ',@obj.setTabAction};
        %if subtabs are not required eg for Stats
        % tabs.Stats = {' Stats ',@obj.setTabAction};
        % subtabs = [];
```

For the TideUI application the Stats sub-tabs are not required and can be deleted (highlighted text). The text below then needs to be *Uncommented* to include just the top-level Stats tab



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end

setTabProperties

Defines where model input parameters are displayed.

- Replace *ParamInput_template* with *TideParams*
- Delete second line (highlighted) but not cell end bracket



setTabActions

Defines bespoke behaviour of tabs (if required)

For the TideUI application the Stats sub-tabs are not required (highlighted text) and need to be replaced with 'Stats'



setMenuOptions

Edit calls for setup menu

```
function setupMenuOptions(obj,src,~)
%callback functions for data input
switch src.Text
        case 'Input Parameters' % << Edit to call Parameter Input class
                Paraminput template.setInput(obj);
                %update tab display with input data
                tabsrc = findobj(obj.mUI.Tabs, 'Tag', 'Inputs');
                InputTabSummary(obj,tabsrc);
         case 'Run Parameters' % << Edit to call Data Import class
                Paraminput template.setInput(obj);
                %update tab display with input data
                tabsrc = findobj(obj.mUI.Tabs, 'Tag', 'Inputs')
                InputTabSummary(obj,tabsrc);
        case 'Model Constants'
                obj.Constants = setInput(obj.Constants);
        end
end
```

- Replace ParamInput_template with TideParams
- Delete Run Parameters case (highlighted)



runMenuOptions and Help

Edit calls for run menu

```
function runMenuOptions(obj,src,~)
%callback functions to run model
switch src.Text
case 'Run Model' % << Edit to call Model class
Model_template.runModel(obj);
case 'Derive Output'
obj.mUI.Manip = muiManipUI.getManipUI(obj);
end
end
```

• Replace *Model_template* with *TideModel*

Help

Note that model name is in lower case



Test the UI

In the Command Window type:

>>TideUI;

You should now have a working GUI!

It just does not do anything yet!!



ParamInput_template >> TideParams.m

To change the Class name throughout file:

In classdef select ParamInput_template

Editor tab>Find

'replace with': *TideParams* > Replace All

Sections of code that need editing are indicated by comments such as: % << Edit to classname

As a minimum the following needs to be edited:

• Class properties (next slides)



TideParams.m – setting the class properties

Edit highlighted text to define model variables



Model Input Parameters

Variable	Description
Duration	duration (days)
Tinterval	time interval for simulation (mins)
z0	mean tide level to ordnance datum (mOD)
TidalAmp	tidal elevation amplitude (m)
ElevPhase	phase of elevation (ie k.x) (rads)
VelocityAmp	tidal velocity amplitude (m/s)
VelocityPhase	phase of velocity (ie k.x+phi) (rads)
aM2	M2 tidal amplitude (m)
aS2	S2 tidal amplitude (m)
aO1	O1 tidal amplitude (m)



TideParams.m - properties

```
properties (Hidden)
        %abstract properties in muiPropertyUI to define input parameters
        PropertyLabels = {'Duration (d)', 'Time interval (mins)'...
                         'Mean tide level (mOD)',...
                         'Tidal amplitude (m)',...
                         'Elevation phase (deg)',...
                         'Velocity amplitude (m/s)',...
                         'Velocity phase (deg)',...
                         'M2 tidal amplitude (m)',...
                         'S2 tidal amplitude (m)',...
                         'O1 tidal amplitude (m)'};
        %abstract properties in muiPropertyUI for tab display
       TabDisplay
                        %structure defines how the property table is displayed
end
properties
                        %duration (days)
        Duration
                        %time interrval for simulation (mins)
        Tinterval
        70
                        %mean tidel level to ordnance datum (mOD)
                        %tidal elevation amplitude (m)
       TidalAmp
        ElevPhase
                        %phase of elevation (ie k.x) (rads)
       VelocityAmp
                        %tidal velocity amplitude (m/s)
                       %phase of velocity (ie k.x+phi) (rads)
       VelocityPhase
        aM2
                        %M2 tidal amplitude (m)
                        %S2 tidal amplitude (m)
        aS2
        aO1
                        %O1 tidal amplitude (m)
end
```



Test the Data Input

In the Command Window type:

>>TideUI;

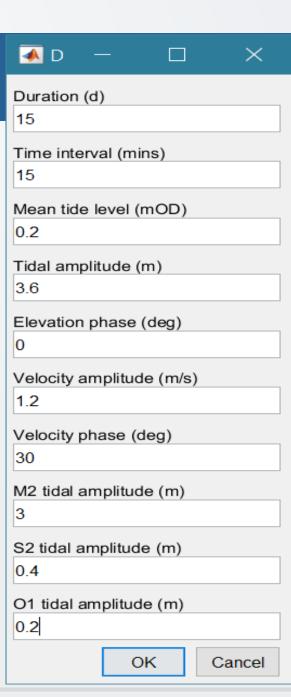
In the model UI select

Setup>Input Data>Model Data

Enter some data

See the input data on the *Inputs* tab

But it still does not do anything!



Model_template >> TideModel.m

To change the Class name throughout file:

In classdef select Model_template

Editor tab>Find

'replace with': *TideModel* > Replace All

Sections of code that need editing are indicated by comments such as: % << Edit to classname

As a minimum the following functions need to be edited:

- runModel
- modelDSproperties



Model Output Parameters

Name	Description	Label	Units
h	Elevation	Elevation (mOD)	mOD
uV	Vertical velocity	Vertical velocity (m/s)	m/s
uН	Horizontal velocity	Horizontal velocity (m/s)	m/s

```
simple_tide returns a struct with fields:
```

results.t – time (s)

results.z – elevation relative to datum (mAD)

results.dz – vertical velocity (m/s)

results.u – horizontal velocity (m/s)



TideModel - runModel function

Modify template as follows:

- handle to input parameters class
- call to simple_tide model
- format model time data
- convert model output to a cell array of variables (first cell is time so exclude in assignment)
- assign to dstable
- add additional meta data
- assign results to catalogue

```
% Model code <<INSERT MODEL CODE or CALL MODEL>>
inp = mobj.Inputs.TideParams;
res = simple tide(inp);
%now assign results to object properties
modeltime = seconds(res.t); %durataion data for rows
modeltime.Format = 'd':
% Assign model output to a dstable using the defined dsproperties meta-data
%each variable should be an array in the 'results' cell array
%if model returns single variable as array of doubles, use {results}
res = struct2cell(res);
dst = dstable(res{2:end},'RowNames',modeltime,'DSproperties',dsp);
% Save results
%assign metadata about model
dst.Source = metaclass(obj).Name;
dst.MetaData = sprintf('Model run for %d days',inp.Duration);
%save results
setDataSetRecord(obj,mobj.Cases,dst,'model');
getdialog('Run complete');
end
```

TideModel - modelDSproperties function

Modify template as shown:

A 'dstable' requires the properties being saved to be defined by a set of 'dsproperties'. The *dsproperty* structure has fields for the **Variables**, the **Row** (usually time) and any other **Dimensions**. Each of these has a substructure with fields for the Name, Description, Unit, Label, and Format. The cell arrays assigned to this set of fields must be the same size for each of the top-level fields. In the example, Variables has a length of 3, whereas Row has a length of 1 and Dimensions is empty.

```
function dsp = modelDSproperties(~)
        %define a dsproperties struct and add the model metadata
        dsp = struct('Variables',[],'Row',[],'Dimensions',[]);
        %define each variable to be included in the data table and any
        %information about the dimensions, dstable Row and Dimensions can
        %accept most data types but the values in each vector must be unique
        %struct entries are cell arrays and can be column or row vectors
        dsp.Variables = struct(...
                 'Name',{'h','uV','uH'},...
                 'Description', {'Elevation', 'Vertical velocity', ...
                 'Horizontal velocity'},...
                 'Unit',{'mAD','m/s','m/s'},...
                 'Label', {'Elevation (mOD)', 'Velocity (m/s)', 'Velocity (m/s)'},...
                 'QCflag',{'model','model',);
        dsp.Row = struct(...
                 'Name',{'Time'},...
                 'Description',{'Time'},...
                 'Unit',{'d'},...
                 'Label',{'Time (d)'},...
                 'Format', {'d'});
        dsp.Dimensions = struct(...
                 'Name',{''},...
                 'Description',{"},...
                 'Unit',{''},...
                 'Label',{''},...
                 'Format',{''});
```

Test the model

In the Command Window type:

>>TideUI;

In the model UI select

Setup>Input Parameters

- Enter some data
- See the input data on the *Inputs* tab

Run>Run Model

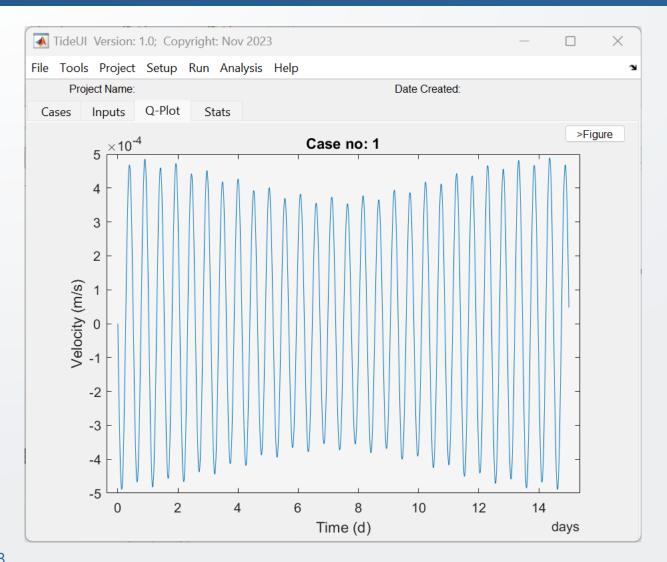
• When prompted, give the run a name

View the elevation results on the Plot tab

Use Analysis>Plots menu to produce a range of plots



View model output on Q-Plot tab





Extension to load data

Copy dataimport_format_template from muitemplates folder Rename as tideui_import.m

To change the function name throughout the file:

In function definition select dataimport_format_template

Editor tab>Find

'replace with': tideui_import > Replace All

For this application, the following functions need to be edited:

- getData
- readInputData
- setDSproperties



getData and readInputData

Edit the default template

- see next slide
- depends on format of data in source file

 format specification to read each line of data

```
function dst = getData(~,filename)
        %read and load a data set from a file
        [data,~] = readInputData(filename);
        if isempty(data), dst = []; return; end
        %set metadata
        dsp = setDSproperties;
        %code to parse input data and assign to vardata
        mdat = datetime(strip(data{1},''''));
        mtim = datetime(strip(data{2},'''));
        myDatetime = mdat + timeofday(mtim);
        % concatenate date and time
        myDatetime = myDatetime-myDatetime(1);
        myDatetime.Format = dsp.Row.Format;
        vardata = data(3:end); %sorted data to be loaded
        %load the results into a dstable
        dst = dstable(vardata{:},'RowNames',myDatetime,'DSproperties',dsp);
end
%%
function [data,header] = readInputData(filename)
        %read tidal elevation data.
        dataSpec = '%s %s %f %f %f';
        nhead = 1; %number of header lines
                                                                 %see muniferactions
        [data,header] = readinputfile(filename,nhead,dataSpec);
end
```

setDSproperties

File with data/time, elevation, vertical and horizontal velocity

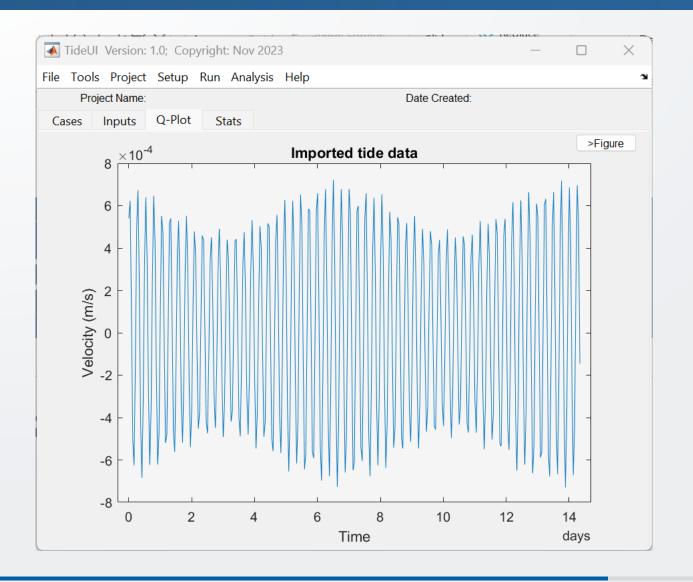
```
'25-Feb-2021 18:48:25' -1.837334321
                                           0.000540367 1.171610719
    '25-Feb-2021 19:48:28' 0.461551034 0.00062233 1.303652003
    '25-Feb-2021 20:48:31' 1.901327587 0.000107269 0.170780697
    '25-Feb-2021 21:48:34' 1.113827552 -0.000504548
    '25-Feb-2021 22:48:37' -1.120475837
                                           -0.000625049
    '25-Feb-2021 23:48:40' -2.63027956 -0.000137237
    '26-Feb-2021 00:48:42' -1.927763534
                                         0.000496039 1.180937215
    '26-Feb-2021 01:48:45' 0.374372426 0.000673248 1.476039141
   '26-Feb-2021 02:48:48' 2.141164923 0.000224011 0.416908491
11 '26-Feb-2021 03:48:51' 1.730517596 -0.000431979
   '26-Feb-2021 04:48:54' -0.466715683
                                          -0.000683858
   '26-Feb-2021 05:48:57' -2.409765832
                                           -0.000305181
   '26-Feb-2021 06:49:00' -2.335701996
                                           0.000338036 0.739100401
    '26-Feb-2021 07:49:03' -0.401768487
                                           0.000638966 1.356647671
   '26-Feb-2021 08:49:05' 1.498951651 0.000323759 0.643711489
    '26-Feb-2021 09:49:08' 1.55153561 -0.000295575
   '26-Feb-2021 10:49:11' -0.266670605
                                          -0.000623502
                                           -0.000346935
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   '26-Feb-2021 12:49:17' -2.339672147
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27 '26-Feb-2021 19:49:37' -1.210929512
                                         0.000551152 1.181384669
   '26-Feb-2021 20:49:40' 0.813034747 0.000473432 0.980188919
29 '26-Feb-2021 21:49:43' 1.640434003 -5.29146E-05
30 '26-Feb-2021 22:49:46' 0.506451483 -0.000519703
   '26-Feb-2021 23:49:49' -1.474859704
                                           -0.000482495
32 '27-Feb-2021 00:49:52' -2.386048095
                                           2.26506E-05 0.169092436
   '27-Feb-2021 01:49:54' -1.323259896
                                           0.00051867 1.211804771
34 '27-Feb-2021 02:49:57' 0.757771272 0.000539377 1.175733998
   '27-Feb-2021 03:50:00' 1.945620644 6.52023E-05 0.076709123
   '27-Feb-2021 04:50:03' 1.159529012 -0.000463751
                                          -0.000562907
   '27-Feb-2021 05:50:06' -0.859262976
   '27-Feb-2021 06:50:09' -2.261345459
                                           -0.000153082
                                                          -0.341431726
   '27-Feb-2021 07:50:12' -1.816347742
                                           0.000374009 0.806515498
40 '27-Feb-2021 08:50:15' -0.031833089
                                           0.000528517 1.116103852
```

```
function dsp = setDSproperties()
         %define the variables in the dataset
         %define the metadata properties for the demo data set
         dsp = struct('Variables',[],'Row',[],'Dimensions',[]);
         %define each variable to be included in the data table and any
         %information about the dimensions, dstable Row and Dimensions can
         %accept most data types but the values in each vector must be unique
         %struct entries are cell arrays and can be column or row vectors
         dsp.Variables = struct(...
                   'Name'.{'h'.'u'.'v'}....
                  'Description', {'Elevation', 'Vertical velocity', 'Horizontal velocity'},...
                  'Unit',{'mAD','m/s','m/s'},...
                  'Label',{'Elevation (m)','Velocity (m/s)','Velocity (m/s)'},...
                   'QCflag',{'data','data','data'});
         dsp.Row = struct(...
                   'Name',{'Time'},...
                  'Description',{'Time'},...
                  'Unit',{'d'},...
                  'Label',{'Time'},...
                  'Format', {'d'});
         dsp.Dimensions = struct(...
                  'Name',{''},...
                   'Description', {"},...
                  'Unit',{"},...
                  'Label',{"},...
                   'Format',{''});
```

end



View imported data on Q-Plot tab





Alternative is to set up a new data class

The *DataImport_formatfiles_template* is a class that uses the *dataimport_format_template* and allows the user to select from multiple format files that handle different file formats. Simply rename the file and classdef and edit the file list to match the new *import_format_file* names.

OR

The *DataImport_template* is a template for a new data import class. To use this option, rename the file, classdef and object calls where indicated (% << Edit to classname). Then edit the readInputData and setDSproperties functions, as shown for the *input_format_file* option above.

In both cases, edit call in the main UI to the new class name

function loadMenuOptions(obj,src,~)
%callback functions to import data
classname = 'muiUserData';

e.g. in TideUI edit highlighted text to <data import classname>



Converting the model to an App

Matlab provide the tools need to package models as an App. The default template structure is designed to make this easy to do. The main steps are as follows:

- 1. Edit the info.xml and create project file (*.prj)
- 2. Create the project help files and related utilities
- 3. Draft a manual pdf format (if required)
- 4. Add documentation index
- 5. Package App



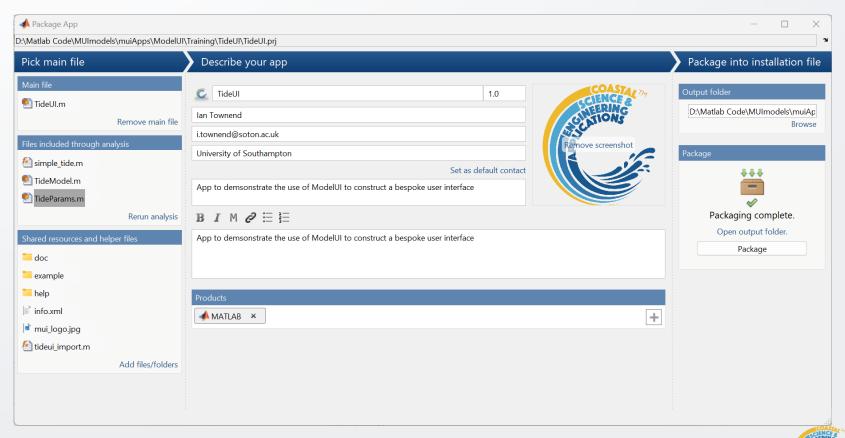
Creating an App Package (step 1)

From the working folder

- In 'info.xml' file change 'ModelUI' to App name e.g., 'TideUI'
- Add project file:
 - On Matlab Apps tab select Package App.
 - Complete the form to describe the App.
 - Select the main file ('TideUI'). This will populate the Files included list.
 - Scroll down to shared resources and add
 - o 'doc', 'help' and 'example' folders
 - o info.xml
 - o mui_logo.jpg
 - o tideui_import.m
 - From the Files included list delete everything except the App specific classes and functions (in this case just keep TideModel.m,
 TideParams.m and simple_tide.m). To do this select files and left-click mouse and select remove.

Creating an App Package (step 1)

The package UI should now contain the following files:



Help (1) – files in *help* folder (step 2)

Online documentation is defined in the 'm' files to be found in the 'help' folder. When *published*, html files with same name are created in the 'html' sub-folder.

- Edit the name of the file model_template.m to the model class name in lower case (tideui.m in this case).
- Edit the other file names to replace 'model' with some model specific name (e.g., 'tui' in this case).
- Edit the content of each file to document the model. The text and layout in the templates provide some indicative content.
 - for details of the markup format see: Matlab Help > Publishing Markup
 - for details of how the online help is configured see: Matlab Help > Display Custom Documentation
- In each help file edit references to the manual and example folder, replacing 'xxx' with the help prefix (e.g., 'tui' in this case).
- From the Matlab Publish tab, publish the files to the 'html' sub-folder.

To add a pdf manual, create a pdf with the same name as the App model class (*TideUI* in this case) and place it in the App 'doc' folder.



Help (2) – files in *htm*/folder (step 2)

In .../help/html folder

- Change file names of 'xxx_example_folder.m' and xxx_open_manual.m', replacing xxx with help prefix (e.g. 'tui' in this case)
- In these files:
 - update the function name to match the file name.
 - change the *appname* = 'ModelName' to the name of the model/App ('TideUI' in this case).
 - In the xxx_open_manual.m file model modify *fpath* to the correct file name for the manual (e.g., 'TideUI manual.pdf').
- In 'helptoc.xml' file change all *.html file names to the help file names (e.g., 'tui_menus') and the labels to the App name (e.g., 'TidalUI'):

<tocitem target="tidalui.html">TidalUI



Help (3) - related utilities (steps 2 and 3)

If a manual is to be included (e.g.; to explain use cases and document the basis of the model, etc), this needs to be placed as pdf file in the *doc* sub-folder. The file name must be as defined in the xxx_open_manual.m, e.g.

'TideUI manual.pdf'

Add a demo project mat file to the 'example' folder.

• Note: if the folder is empty, it is not installed as part of the App

Draft a manual to document how the App works and the background information on the model implementation



Create the App (steps 4 and 5)

Once help files have been setup and edited

Set Matlab environment path to include the working folder.

- Add documentation index using:
 >> builddocsearchdb('<full path name>\help\html')
- Build app by opening project file and selecting the 'Package' button.
- Install App.

The App should now be available to run from the Matlab APPS tab

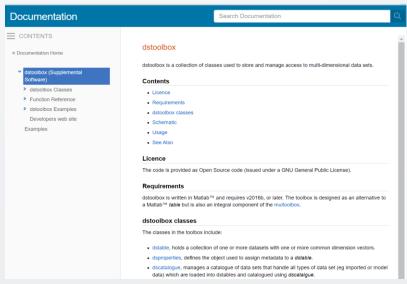


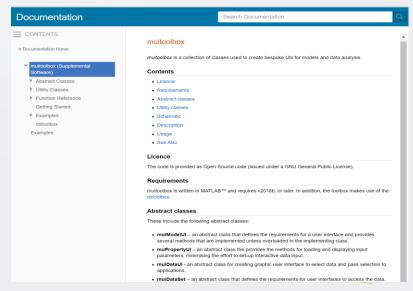
Further information

Toolboxes and Apps can be downloaded from

www.coastalsea.uk

When dstoolbox and muitoolbox are installed, further documentation can be accessed using the MatlabTM Supplemental Software documentation.





The dstoolbox

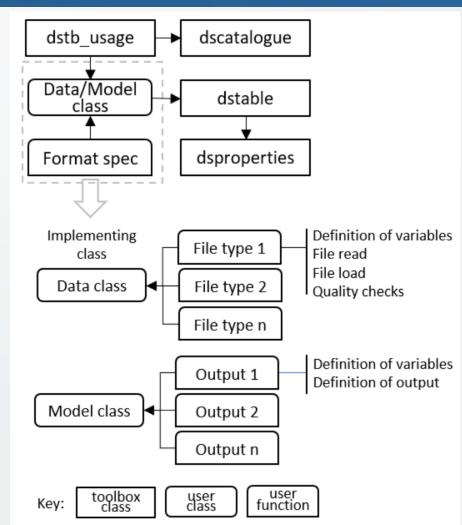
The *dstoolbox* is designed to store and manage multidimensional data sets, including meta-data of the variables and all dimensions and manage access to a collection of classes that hold data sets using a catalogue.

In the schematic outline *dstb_usage* is a class to illustrate how *dstable*, *dsproperties* and *dscatalogue* are used.

Data are loaded into a *dstable* with relevant metadata added to the table and made accessible using *dsproperties*. Each time a class adds data a record is added using *dscatalogue*.

The 'Format Spec' user functions, shown in the upper part of the figure, are implemented with functions, indicated by 'File Type' and 'Output Type', shown in the lower part of the figure.

These define the meta-data of the data set being saved (and any input parameters, or details needed to read and load data from a file, depending on the application).





The muitoolbox

The purpose of the *muitoolbox* is to minimise the effort in creating or prototyping an interface for a model or data analysis tool.

Creating a new model requires 3 components to be defined, namely the interface (ModelUI in the above illustration), one or more classes to manage the input of model parameters (if required) and the classes to hold imported data, or running a model and storing the output.

Central to this is the holding of input data in the Inputs property and accessing the data via the Cases property. In this context, Cases comprise a record of each Case and a dataset. The records are held in the Catalogue property and the dataset (an instance of the data or model class) in the DataSets property of *muiCatalogue*.

Each data or model class stores the dataset in the Data property, with additional information held in the RunData property (e.g. holding input parameters of a model run).

Any type of dataset can be stored in the Data property but when using the dstoolbox multidimensional data sets can be stored using *dstable* and a full set of meta-data attached using *dsproperties*.

The overall architecture and the properties that provide the links between one class and another are shown in the flow chart below

