



JMA operational ocean prediction system - MOVE/MRI.COM

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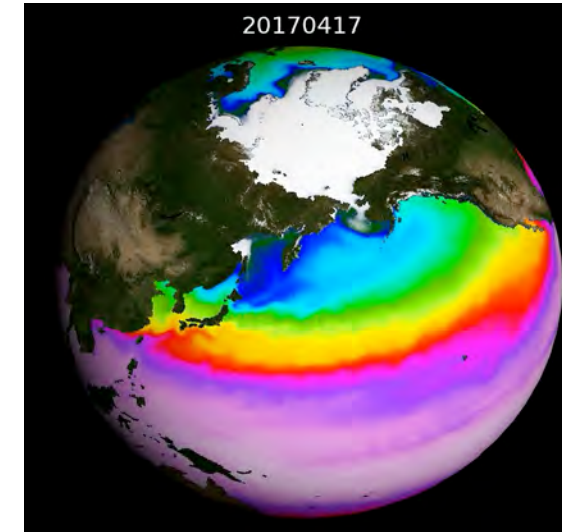


Overview of JMA operational systems



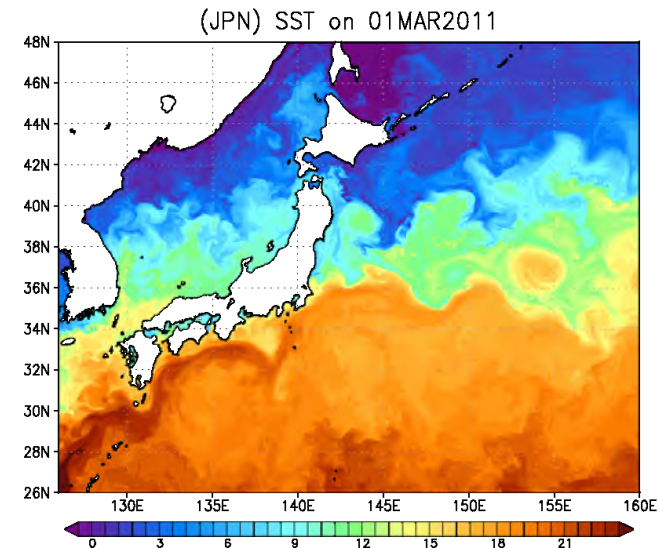
Global System - MOVE/MRI.COM-G3

- To monitor global ocean conditions and initialize a coupled atmosphere-ocean model for subseasonal-to-seasonal prediction.



Regional System – MOVE/MRI.COM-NP/JPN

- To monitor and predict coastal and open ocean around Japan, including the meandering of the Kuroshio, the intrusion of the Oyashio, and sea level rise in the coastal areas.



- **Analysis model (G3A)**

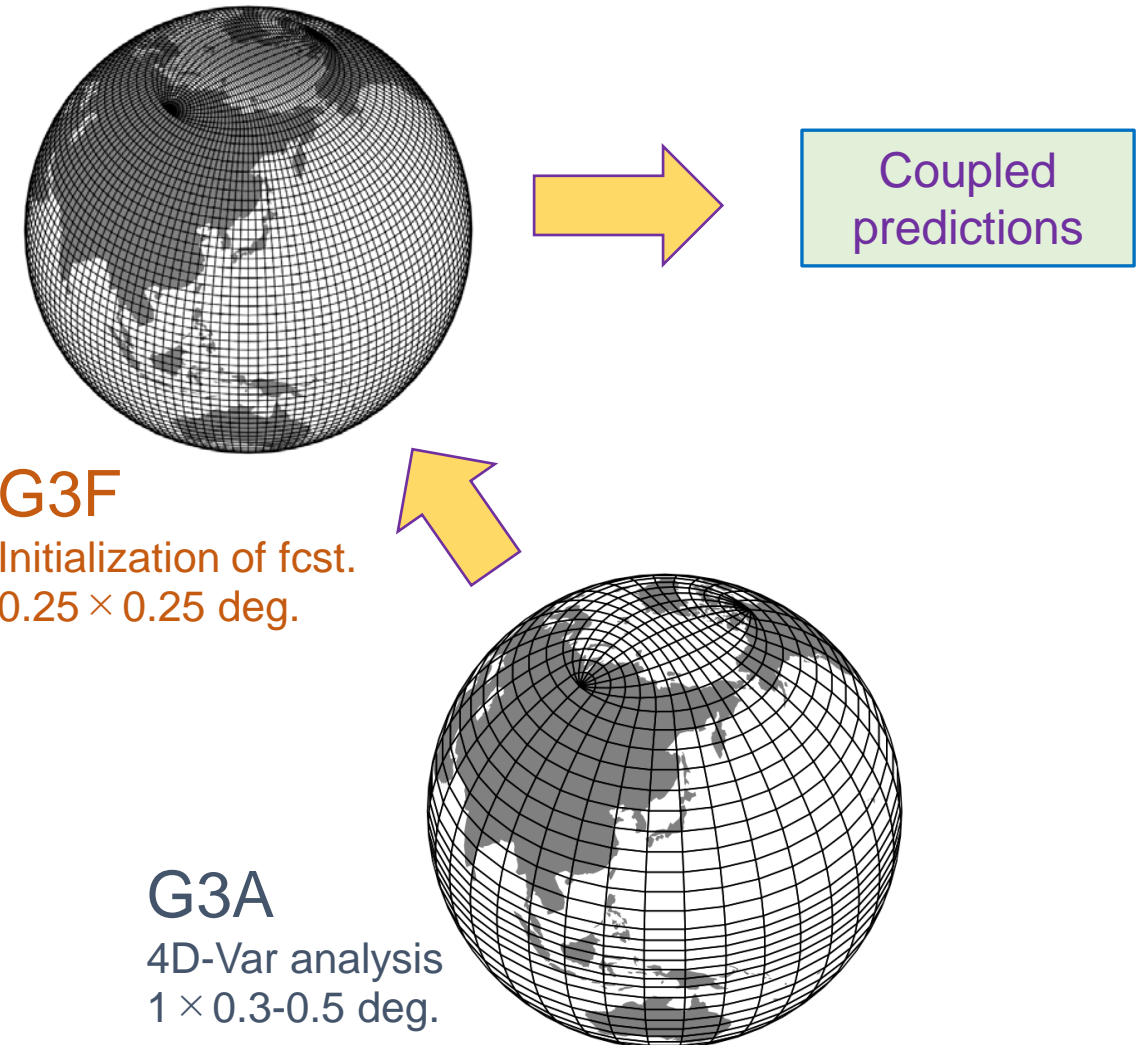
- Resolution: $1^\circ \times 0.3-0.5^\circ$
- Global tripolar grid coordinate
- In-situ TS profiles, satellite altimetry data, and SST objective analysis are assimilated through 4D-Var.
- Sea Ice: 3D-Var

- **Forecast model (G3F)**

- Resolution: $0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$
- Global tripolar grid coordinate
- Constrained to TS fields of G3A by IAU downscaling
- Sea Ice 3D-Var (the same as G3A)

- You can find the details in Fujii et al. (2023), *Frontier in Climate* (DOI:10.3389/fclim.2022.1019673)

◆ MOVE/MRI.COM-G3 (Global System)



★ JMA Seasonal Prediction System Updated in Jan. 2022

◆ JMA/MRI-CPS3

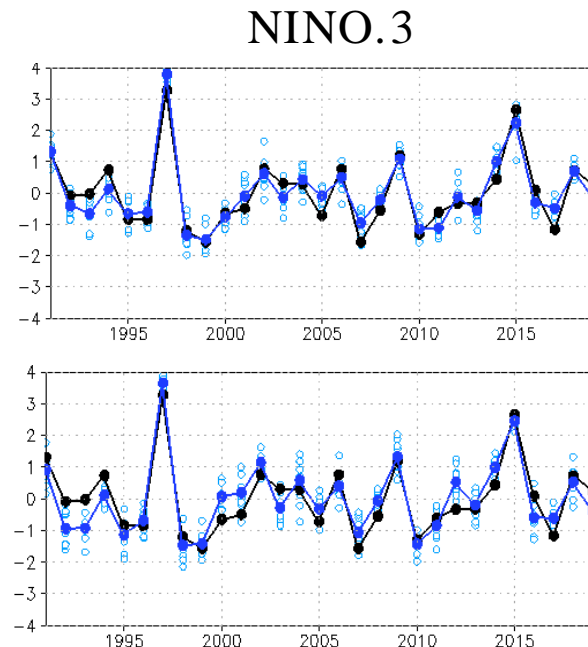
- Atmospheric Model: TL319L100 (GSM2003) ~55km
- Ocean Model: 0.25 ° × 0.25 ° L60 (MRI.COM v4.6)
- Initial Condition: JRA-3Q for atmosphere
MOVE/MRI.COM-G3 for ocean
T, S, SSH (4D-Var) sea-ice (3D-Var)
- Forecast Period: 6 months
- Ensemble: 5-members per day × 11 LAF

New System

CPS3

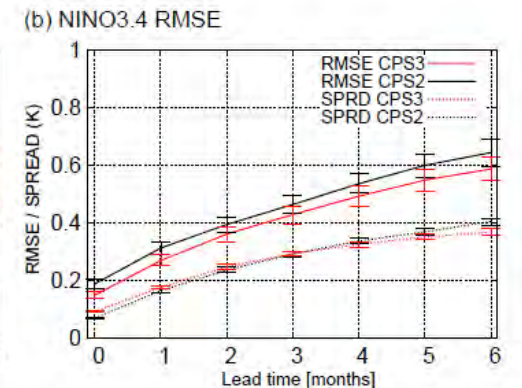
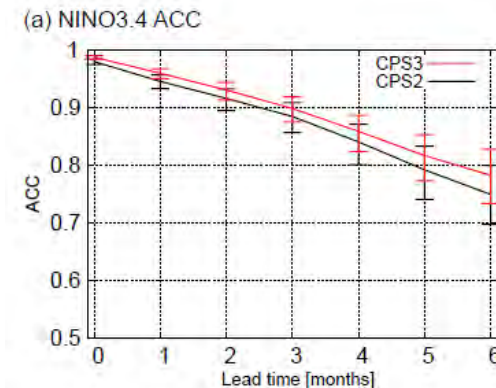
Old System

CPS2



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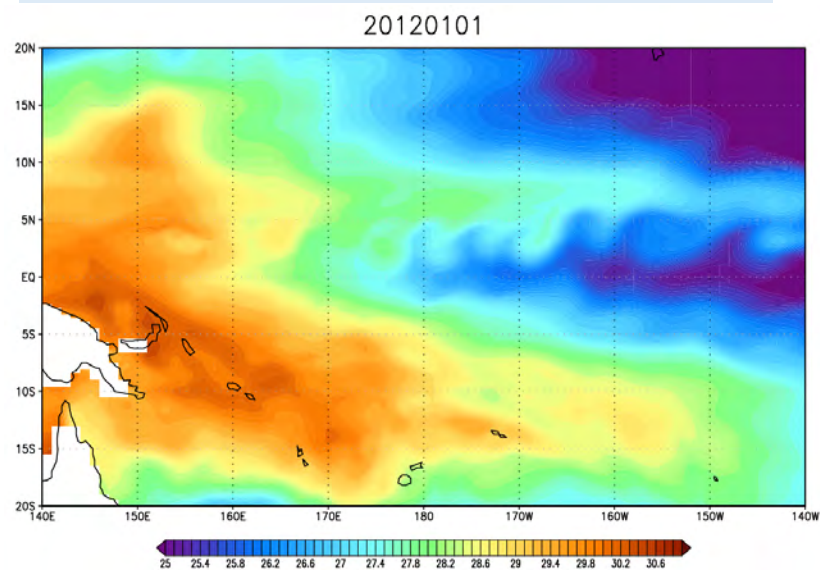
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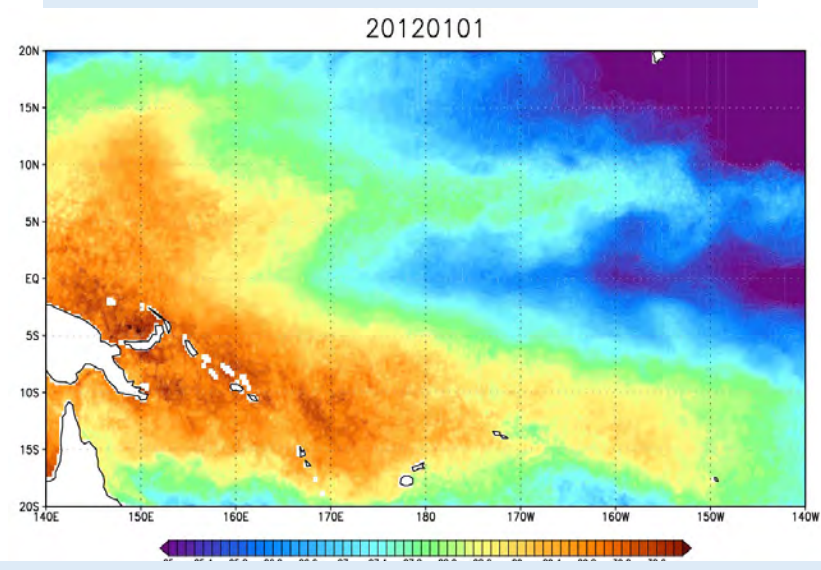
Hirahara et al. (2023) JMSJ

★ Representation of Tropical Instability Waves

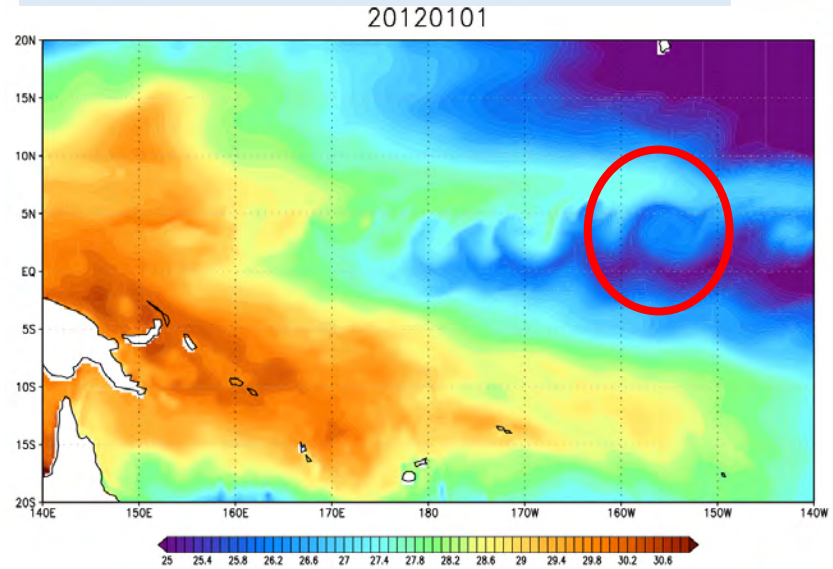
G3A-4DVar SST ($1^\circ \times 0.3-0.5^\circ$)



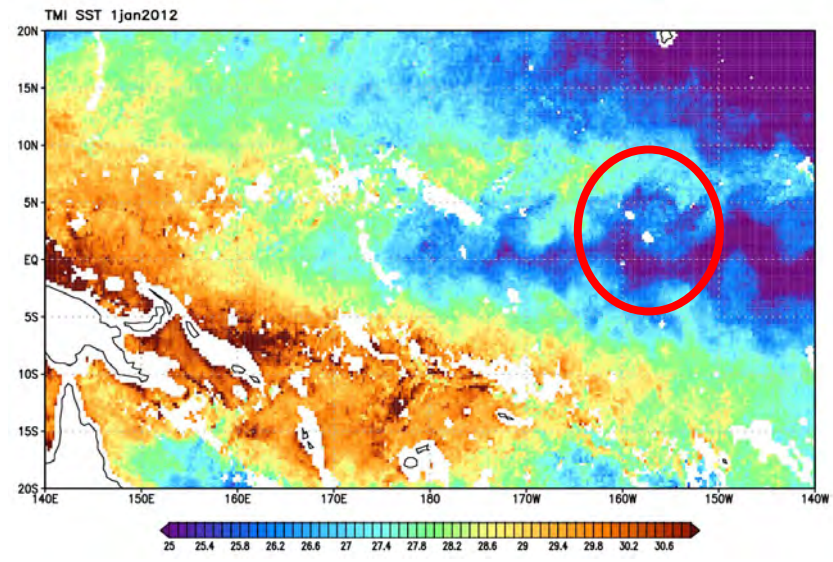
MGD-SST ($0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$)



G3F-IAU SST ($0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$)



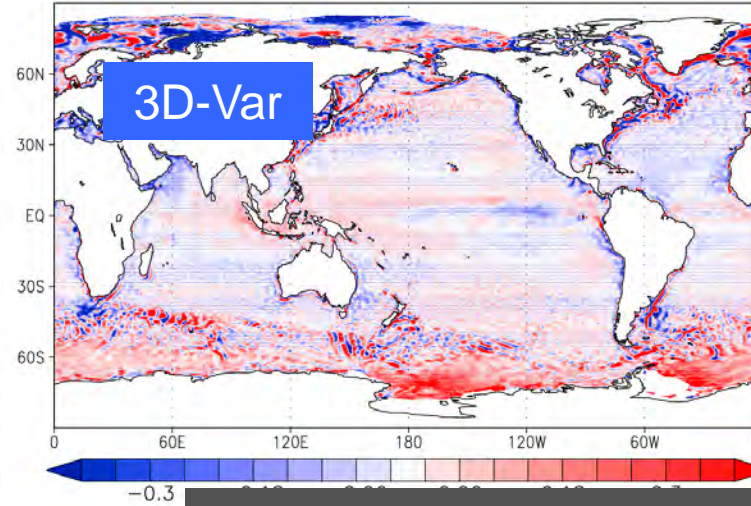
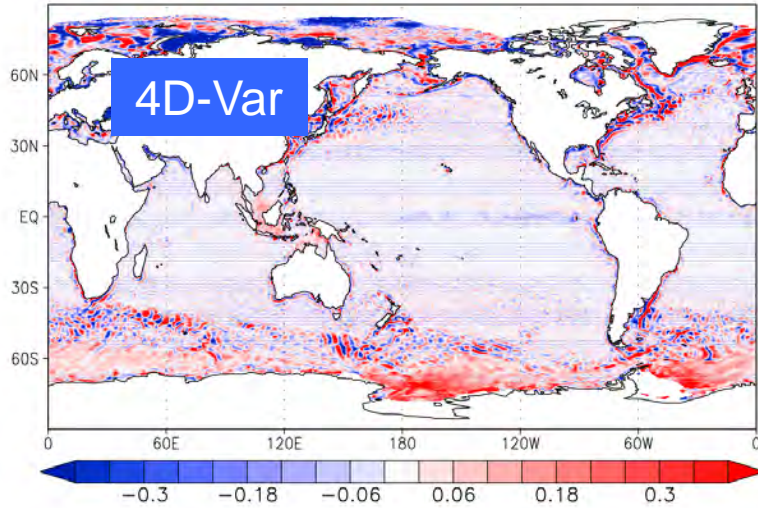
TRMM Microwave Imager ($0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$)



- Tropical Instability Waves (TIWs) are not clear in MGD-SST due to smoothing property of optimum interpolation.
- In contrast, DA systems reproduce SST variation associated with TIWs reasonably thanks to dynamical interpolation using forward and adjoint models.

★ Capacity to reduce data-misfits effectively (Comparison with assimilated data)

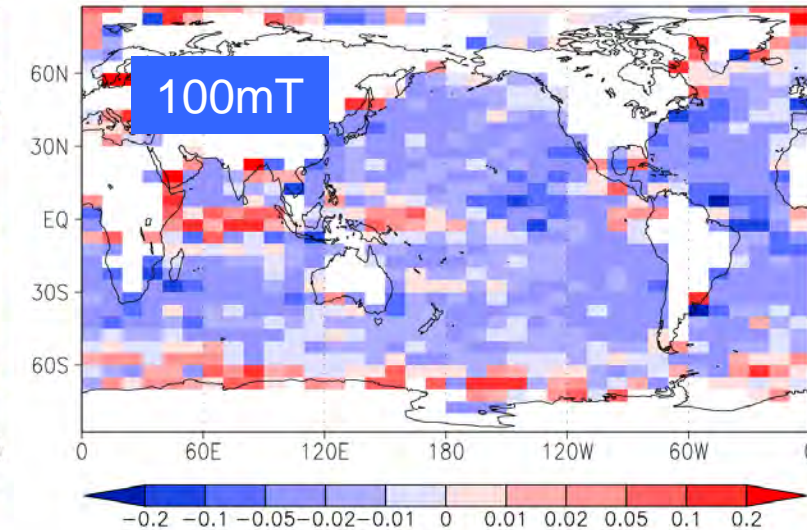
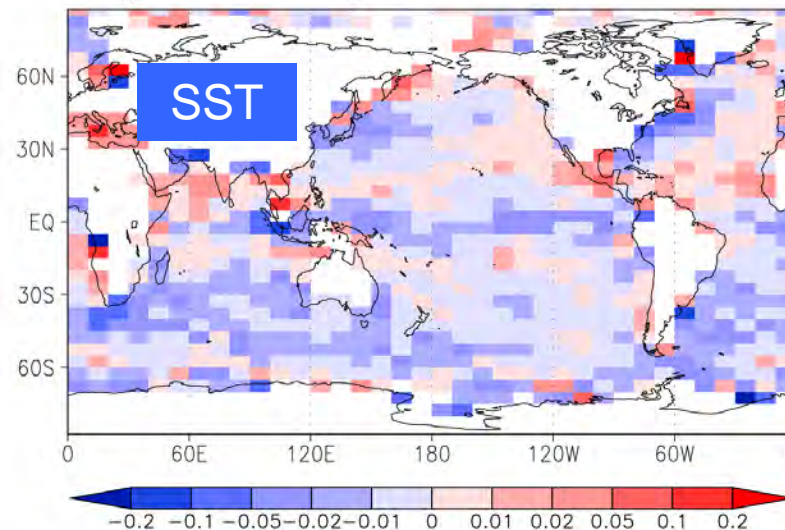
Bias from the objective SST analysis



- 4D-Var effectively reduces the SST bias from the objective SST analysis which is assimilated, compared with 3D-Var.

- RMSDs from assimilated Argo data are also generally reduced by 4D-Var.
- Thus, 4D-Var more effectively reduces the data-misfits.

Difference of RMSDs from assimilated Argo data (4D-Var – 3D-Var)



Blue: 4D-Var is better



Regional System - MOVE/MRI.COM-NP/JPN



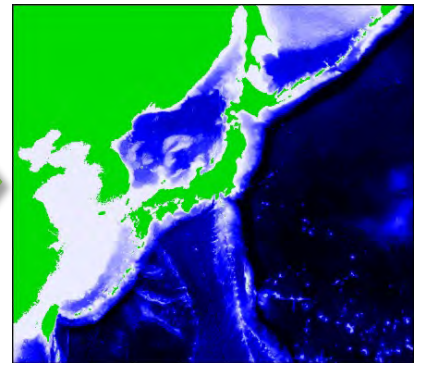
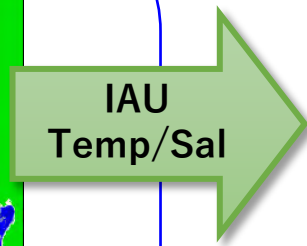
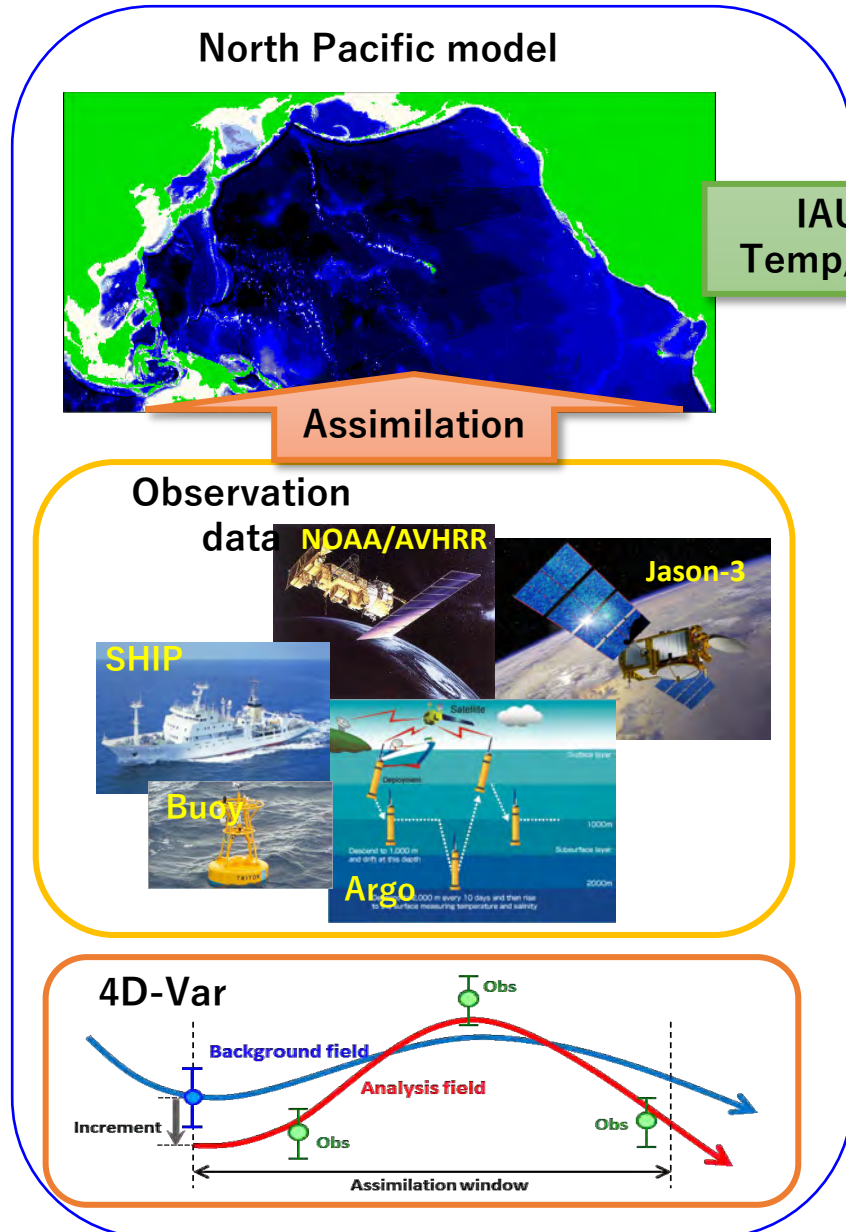
Analysis model - MOVE/MRI.COM-NP

- Domain: North Pacific (15°S-65°N, 100°E-75°W)
- Resolution: 10km (1/9° x 1/11°)
- In-situ TS profiles, satellite altimetry data, and SST objective analysis are assimilated through 4D-Var
- Sea Ice: A simplified filter

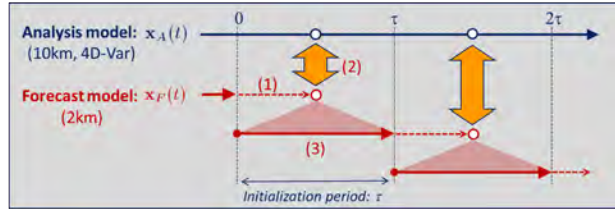
Forecast model - MOVE/MRI.COM-JPN

- Domain: Japan Area (20-52°N, 117-160°E)
- Resolution: 2km (1/50° x 1/33°)
- Tide/SLP including
- Initialized with MOVE-NP through IAU downscaling
- 30-day forecast for NP area
- 11-day forecast for Japan-area

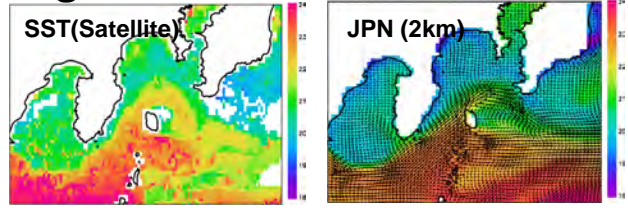
➤ You can find the details in Hirose et al. (2019), *Ocean Dynamics* (DOI: 10.1007/s10236-019-01306-x)



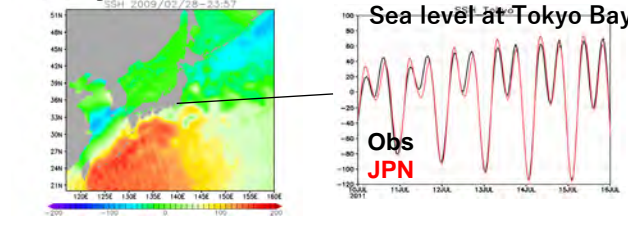
Incremental method (IAU)



High resolution



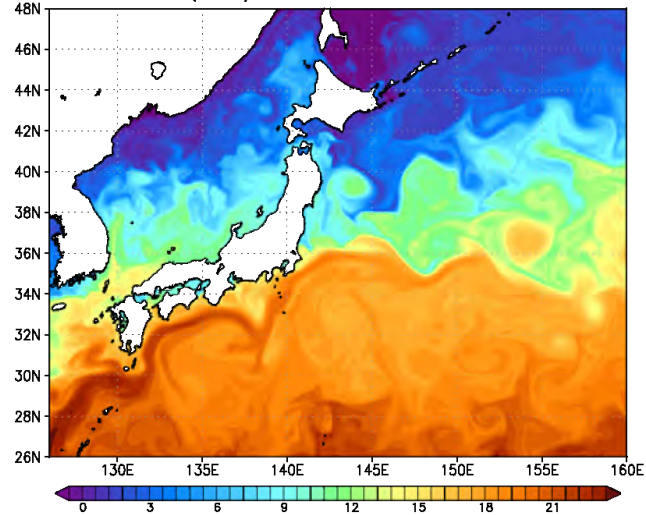
Apply Tidal potential



★ The JMA regional system has been updated since Oct 2020

SST (4D-Var Model)

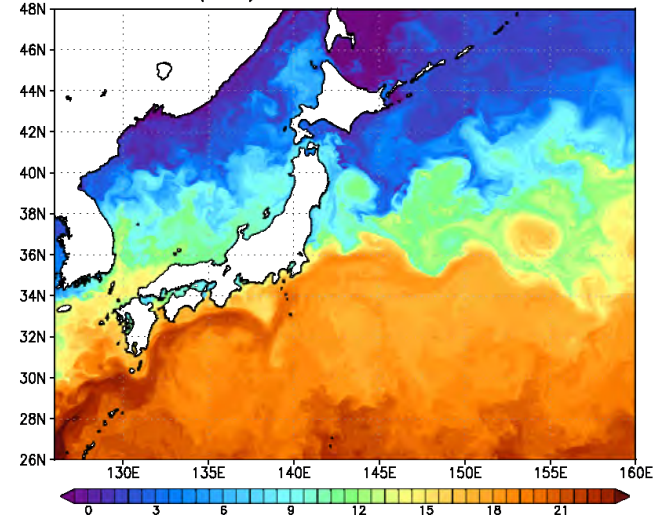
(NPR) SST on 01MAR2011



😊 Mesoscale variability is well analyzed by the 4D-Var scheme.

SST (Japan-Area Model)

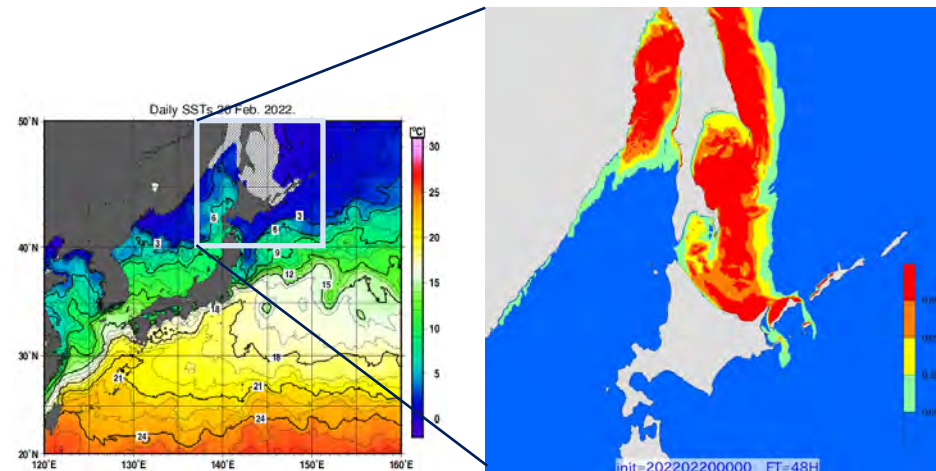
(JPN) SST on 01MAR2011



😊 Fine-scale structures are additionally resolved

MOVE/MRI.COM-JPN has been used for **sea-ice prediction in the Sea of Okhotsk** since December 2021.

Sea-ice concentration





Products and Services

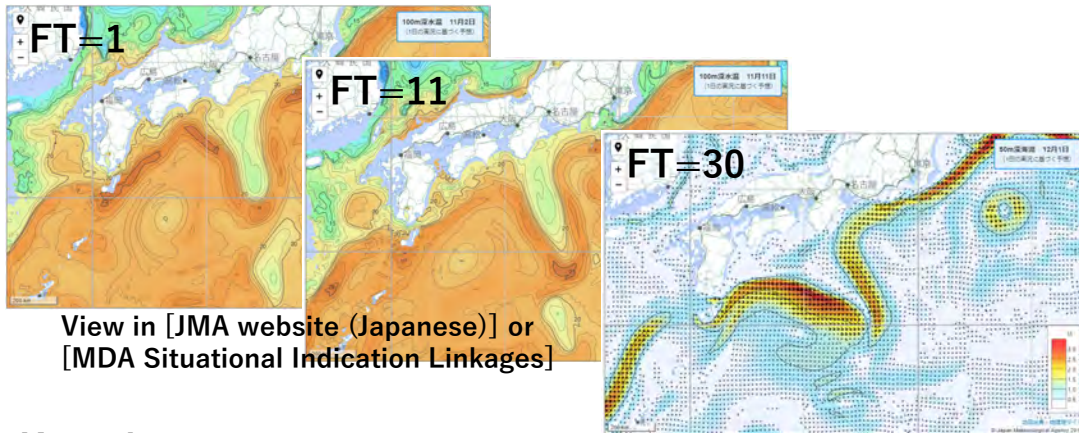


Ocean Products

Analysis & Forecast data

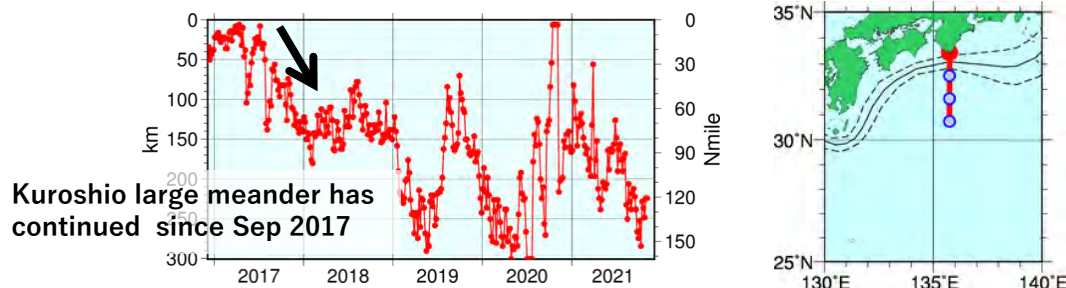
- SST, subsurface temperature
- Ocean currents
- Sea ice concentration(Okhotsk Sea)
- Tropical Cyclone Heat Potential (TCHP)

Forecast results



View in [JMA website (Japanese)] or [MDA Situational Indication Linkages]

Kuroshio axis position



Kuroshio large meander has continued since Sep 2017

Data Service

Analysis & Forecast data

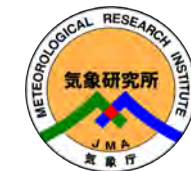
- NEAR-GOOS (only Analysis)
- Japan Meteorological Business Support Center

Users

- Japanese citizens, organizations, researchers
- Fisheries Research Agency, Japan Coast Guard, etc.
 - University of Tokyo, JAMSTEC, etc.



Development for future system update

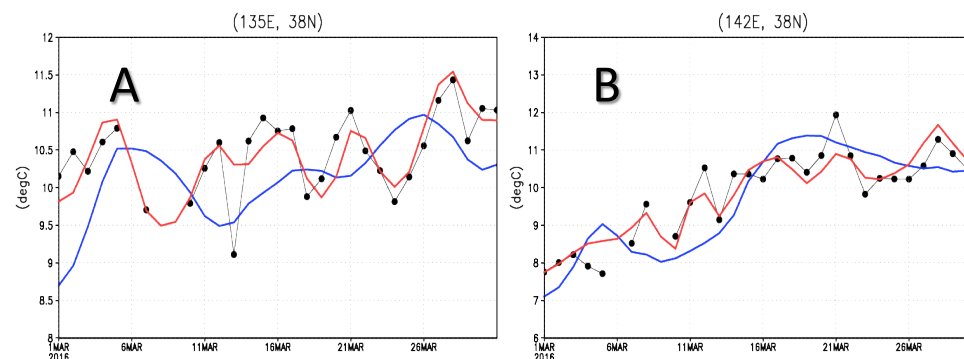
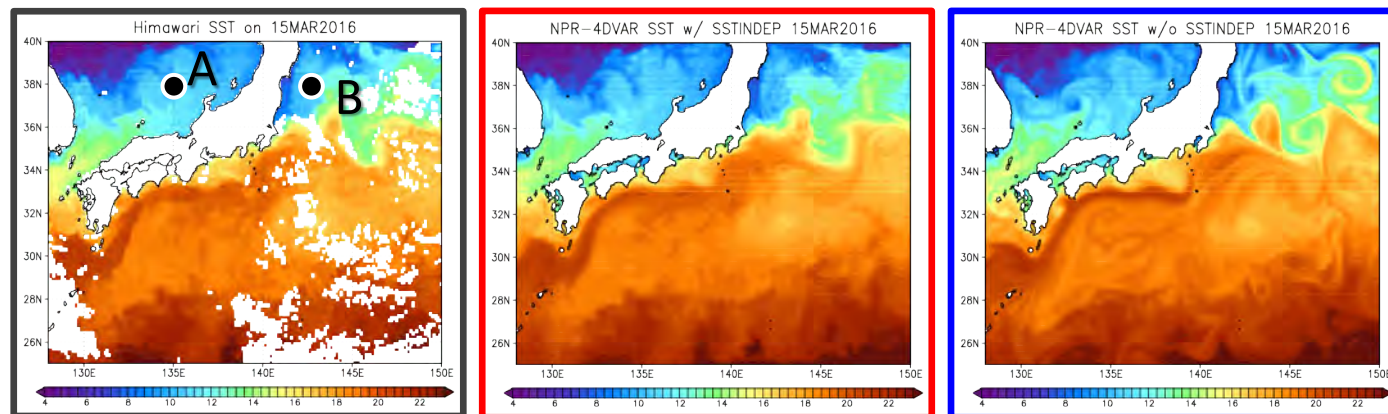


◆ New 4D-Var scheme for assimilation of high-resolution satellite SST

- Daily SST increments are added to the control variables in the new 4D-Var scheme
- Test experiments with a North Pacific 4D-Var system
 - **“NEW”** experiment
 - Himawari/AHI SST as well as altimeter SLAs and in-situ TS profiles are assimilated with the NEW scheme
 - **“OLD”** experiment
 - Same obs data are assimilated with the original 4D-Var scheme

◆ New global ocean 4D-Var system with a resolution of $0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$

◆ New weakly coupled DA system with the oceanic 4D-Var scheme



Himawari SST
NEW
OLD



Plans for digital twins and AI/ML



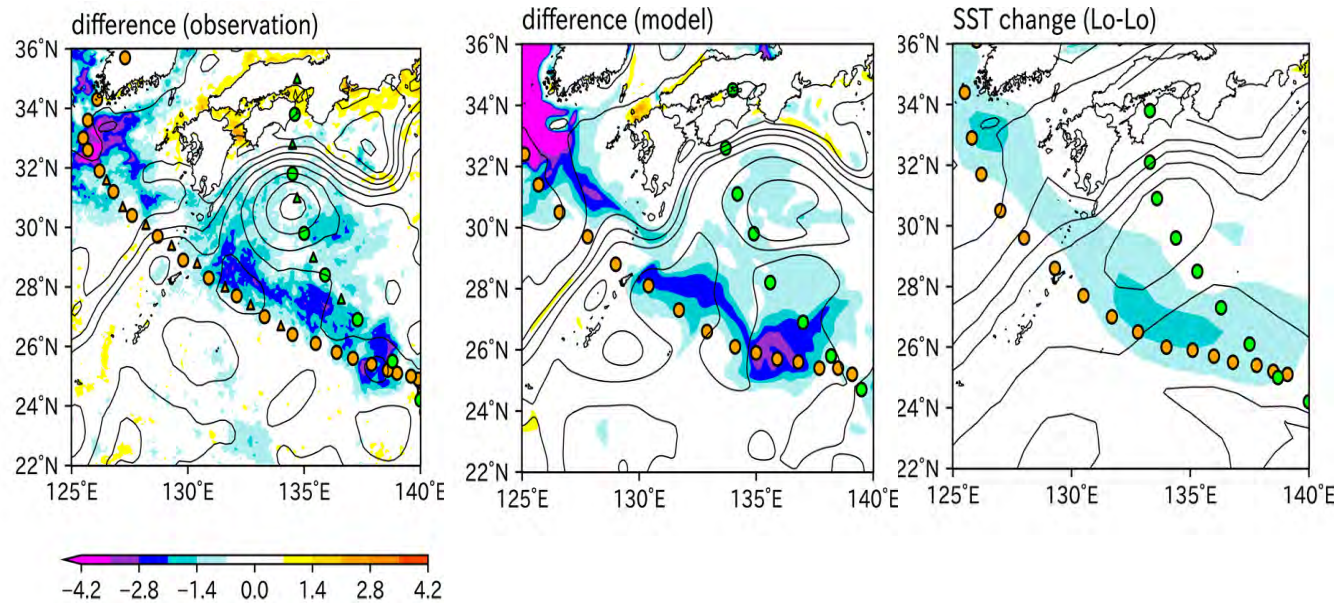
- **digital twins**
 - JAMSTEC DIAS server
- **AI/ML**
 - downscaling (e.g., from regional scale to harbor scale)
 - surrogate modeling for time-consuming processes



Relationship and communalities with NWP groups



- **Collaboration with NWP groups**
 - Some pilot studies on the impact of ocean coupling
 - Typhoon prediction in the northwestern North Pacific
 - Heavy rainfall prediction around Japan



SST changes after typhoon passing (°C)
- observation (left)
- high-resolution CGCM result (middle)
- low-resolution CGCM result (right)

Kawakami et al. (2022) JGR-Oceans



OP-DCC interactions, best practice approaches



- **OP-DCC interactions**

- DCC-Atlas will become a good communication tool to connect ocean prediction systems over the world.

- **Best practice approaches**

- We have much interest in a best practice for societal benefit of high-resolution regional system.

Sharing information and experience will make it possible to develop ocean operational system more efficiently!