

High Resolution Circulation Features along Indian Coast using HF Radar Derive Surface Currents

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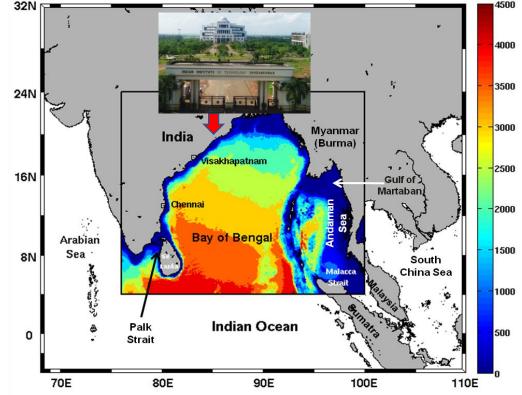
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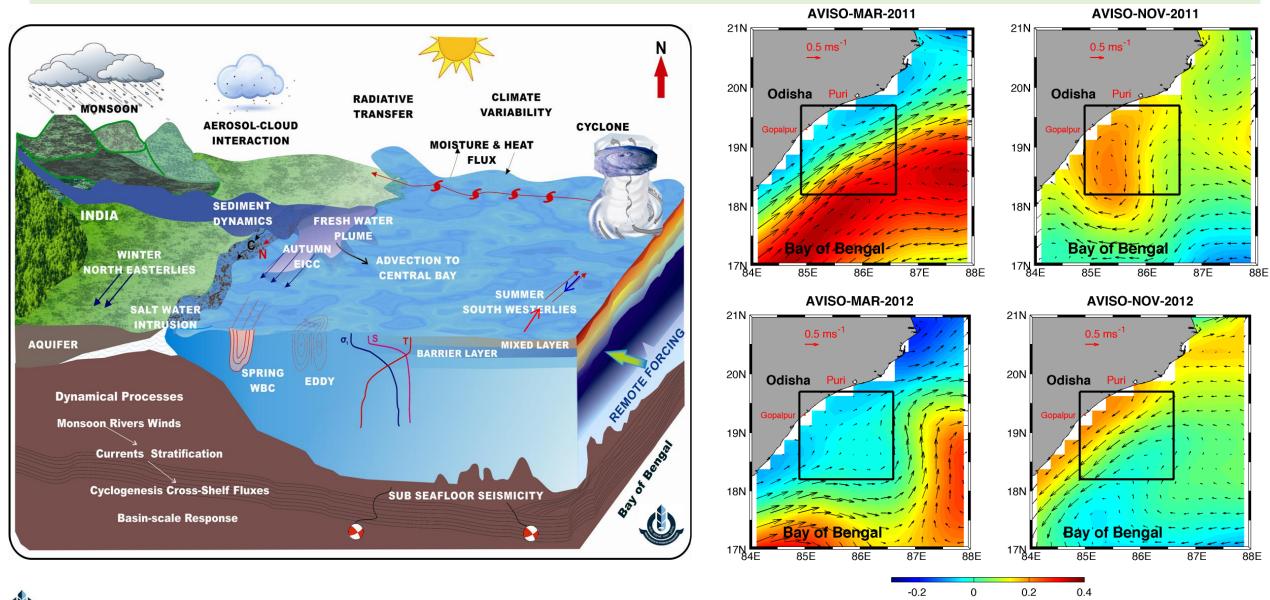


Outline

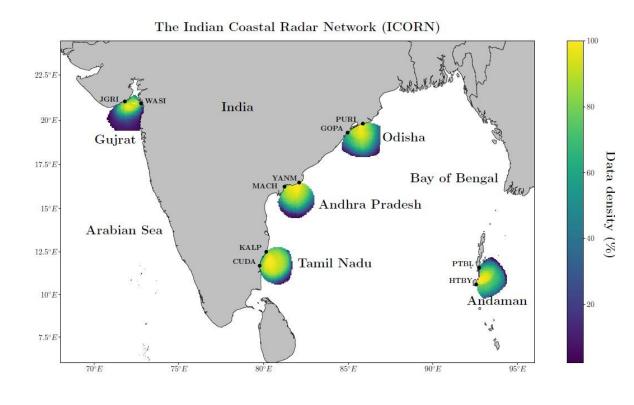
- Coastal Circulation of Indian Coast
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- Summary



Air-Sea Processes and Coastal Currents in Bay of Bengal (BoB)



Indian Coastal Radar Network (ICORN)



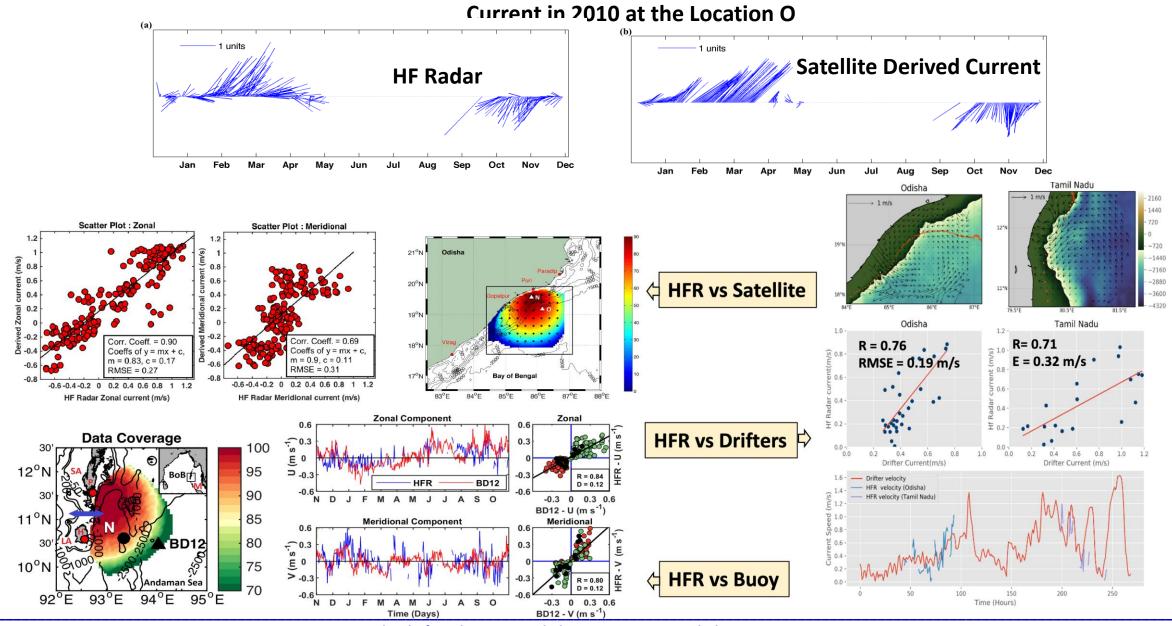
Operating Parameter	Values		
Operating Frequency	4.4 MHz		
Band Width	25 KHz		
Radar Wavelength (λ)	68 m		
Maximum Range	200 km		
Range Resolution	6 km		
Temporal Resolution	1 hour		
Spatial Coverage	200 km		
Data availability	Since 2009		

(source: Jena et al., 2019)

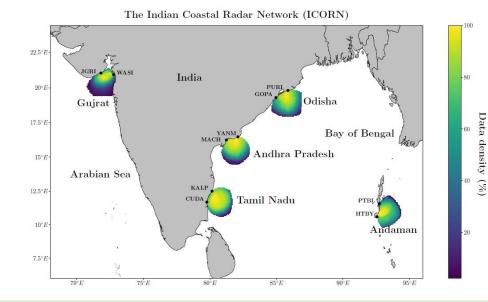
Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Govt. of India

- Stations are maintained by National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, India
- Data is provided by Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, India

Validation of HR Radar Current

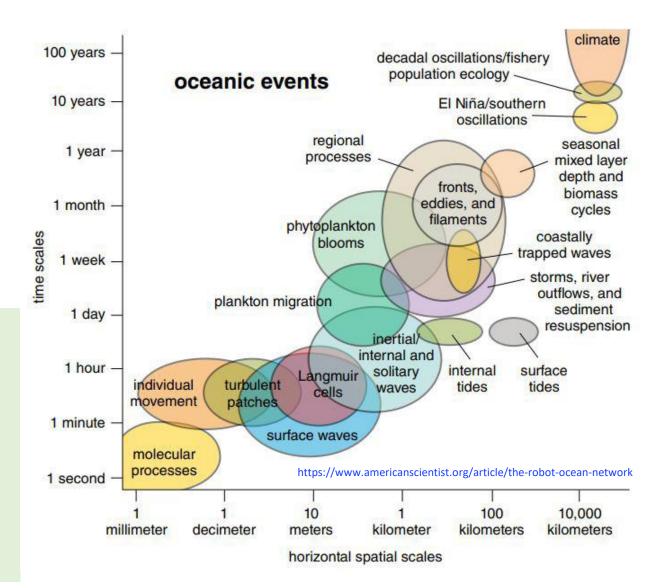


Multiscale Applications of HF radar current



Applications of HF radar current

- a. Extracting Tidal Currents along Indian Coast
- b. Finding the nature of tidal asymmetry at the Indian coast.
- c. Quantification on of Eddy-Tide-Current Interactions
- d. Monitoring mechanism of the mesoscale coastal processes.



On the nature of tidal asymmetry in the Gulf of Khambhat

72°E

71°E

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73°E

GUJARAT

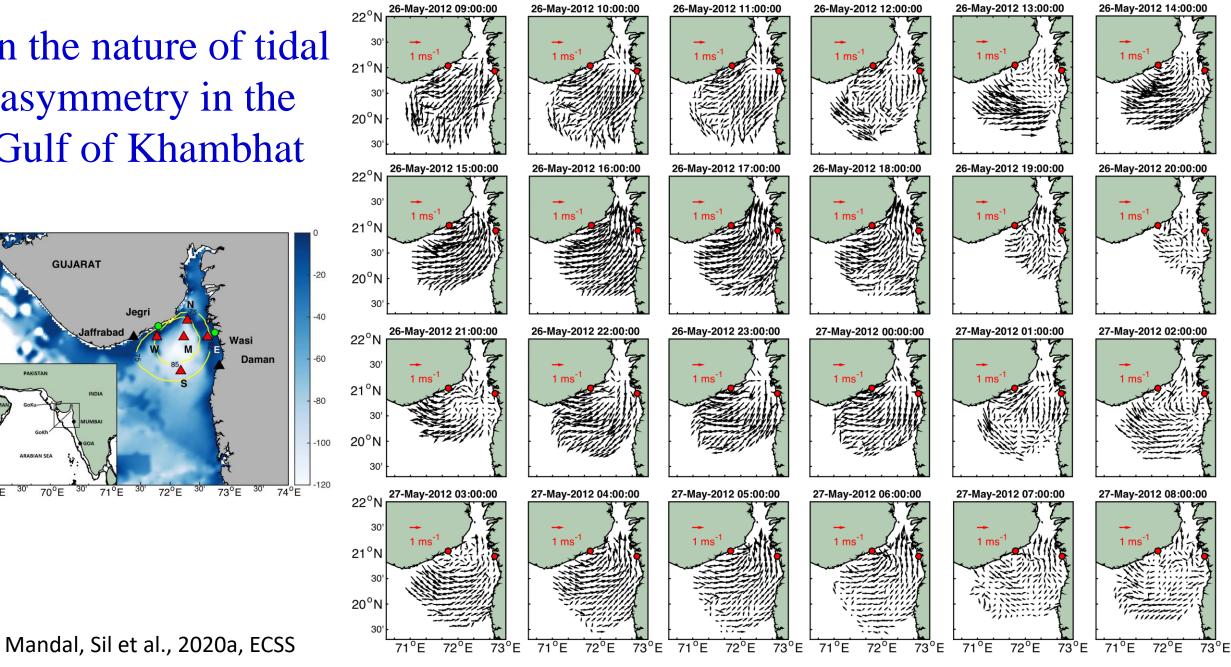
70°E

 $22^{\circ}N$

20°

19⁰N

69°E



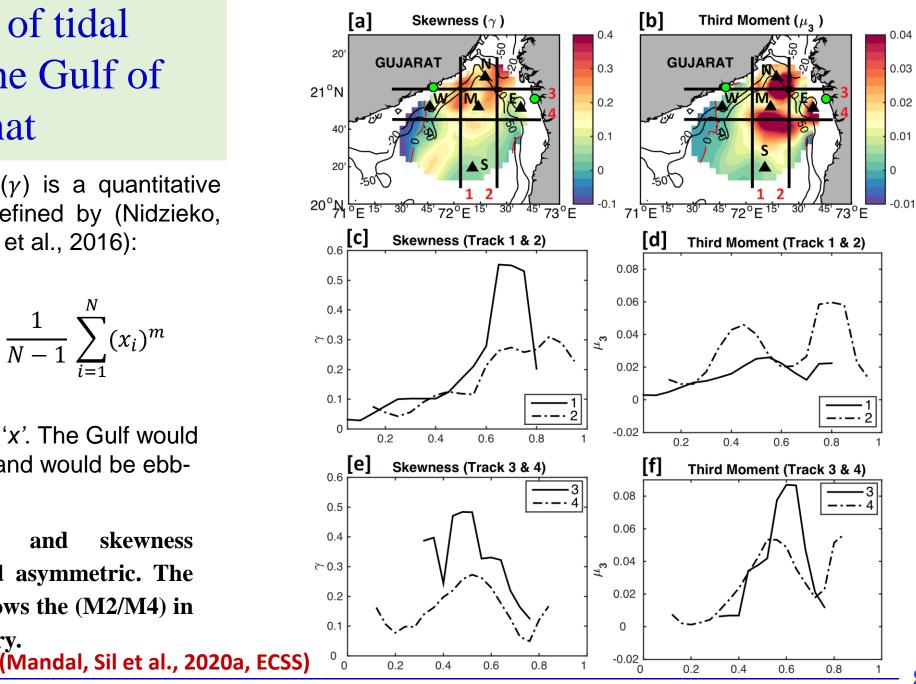
On the nature of tidal asymmetry in the Gulf of Khambhat

Typically, the skewness (γ) is a quantitative measure of asymmetry as defined by (Nidzieko, 2010; Song et al., 2011; Gong et al., 2016):

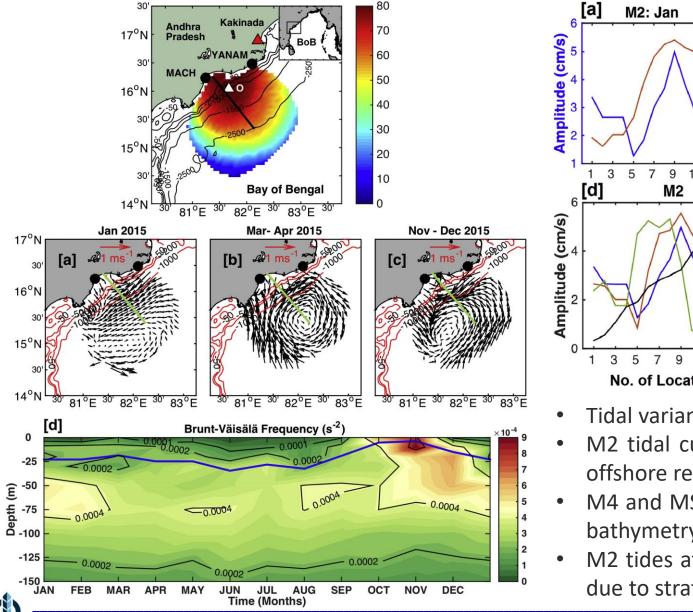
$$\gamma = \frac{\mu_3}{{\mu_2}^{3/2}} \text{ where } \mu_m = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i)^m$$

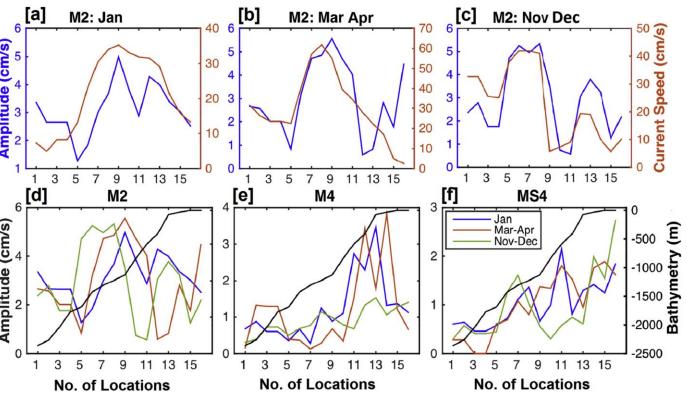
Current velocity is denoted by 'x'. The Gulf would be flood asymmetric, if $\gamma > 0$, and would be ebb-dominant, if $\gamma < 0$.

Positive asymmetry factor and skewness characterize the Gulf as flood asymmetric. The (M2/S2/MS4) combination follows the (M2/M4) in contributing towards asymmetry.



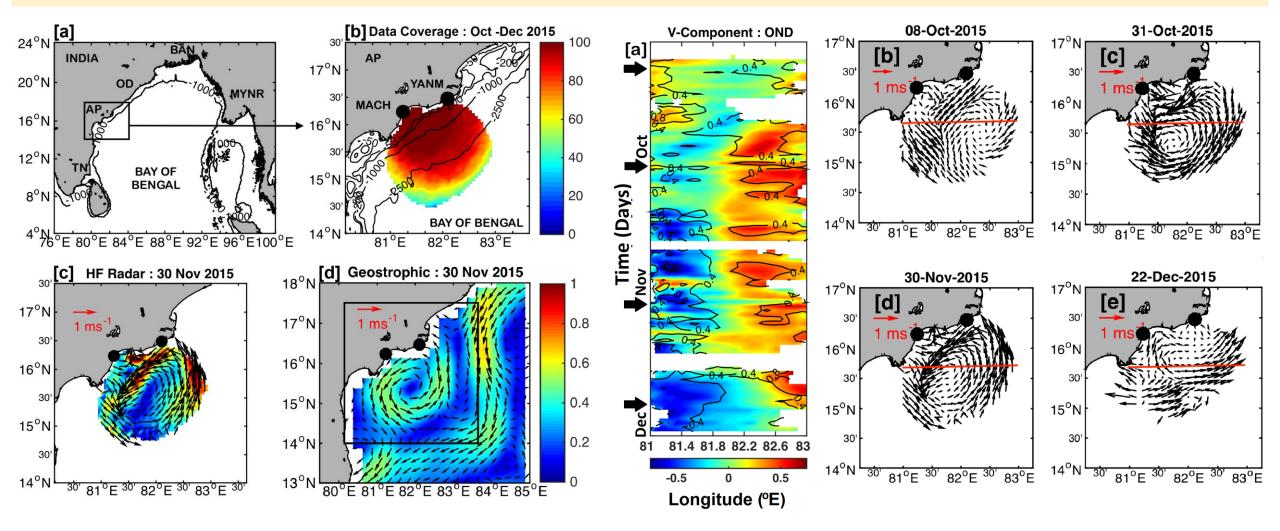
Seasonal variation of tidal currents





- Tidal variance is about 40–70% of the total current variability.
- M2 tidal currents get amplified by the seasonal mean flow in the offshore regions.
- M4 and MS4 constituents amplify with non-linear interactions with bathymetry.
- M2 tides attain maximum amplitudes during November–December due to stratification. (Mandal, Sil et al., 2020b, ECSS)

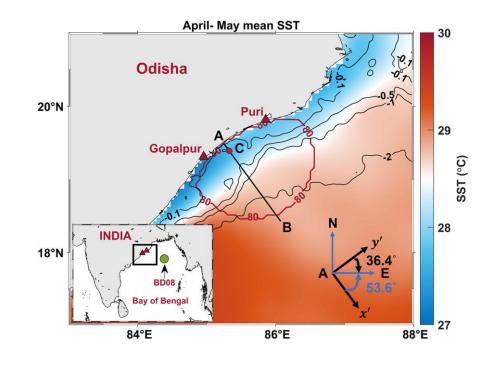
Characteristics of a Coastal Mesoscale Eddy



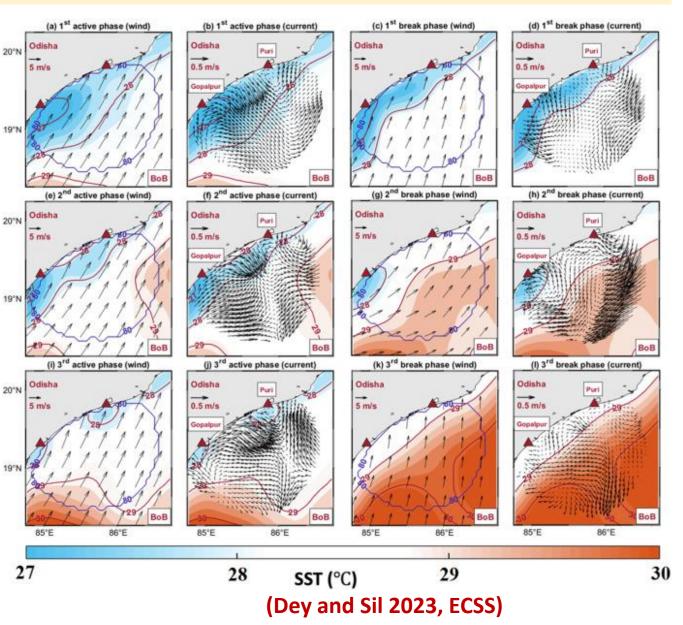
• HFR captured the westward propagation of a coastal mesoscale cyclonic eddy ($R_0 = 0.6-1.2$) in the western Bay of Bengal.

(Mandal, Sil et al., 2019 DAO)

Spatio-Temporal Variability of Coastal Upwelling



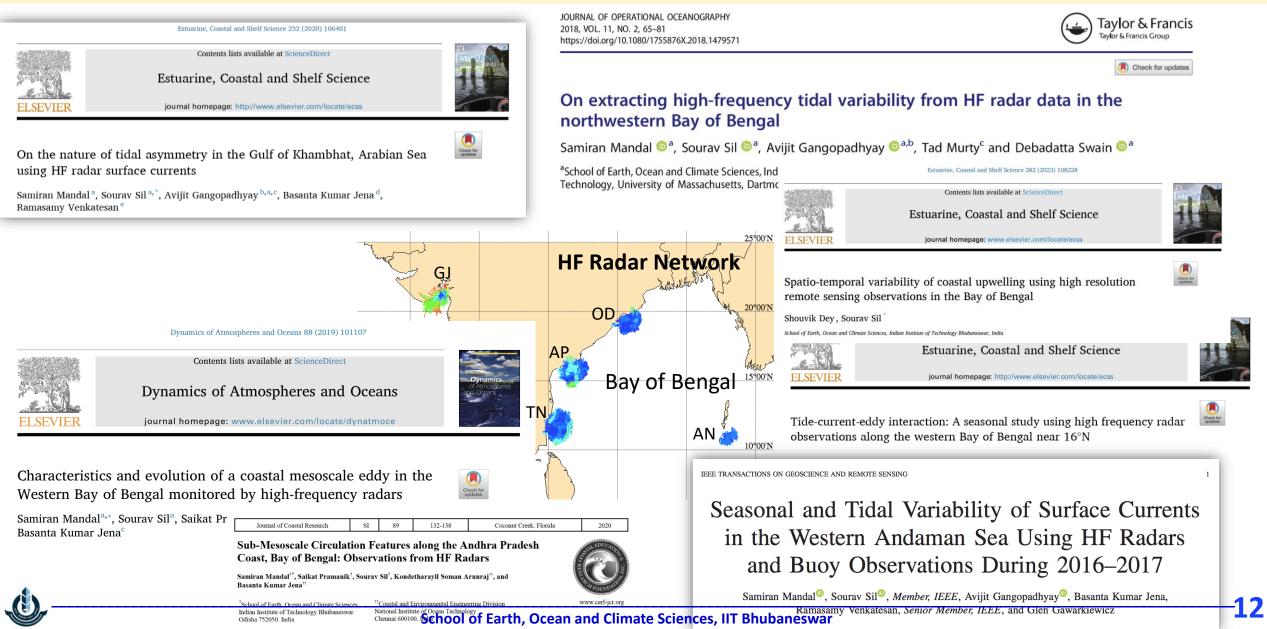
- Upwelling is characterized by three active (~10 days) and break phases (~5 days).
- Upwelling signature is seen maximum up to *** 40–135 km from the coast.
- Feedback between wind and SST are responsible for of active and break phases.





Publications: Application of HF radar total Currents

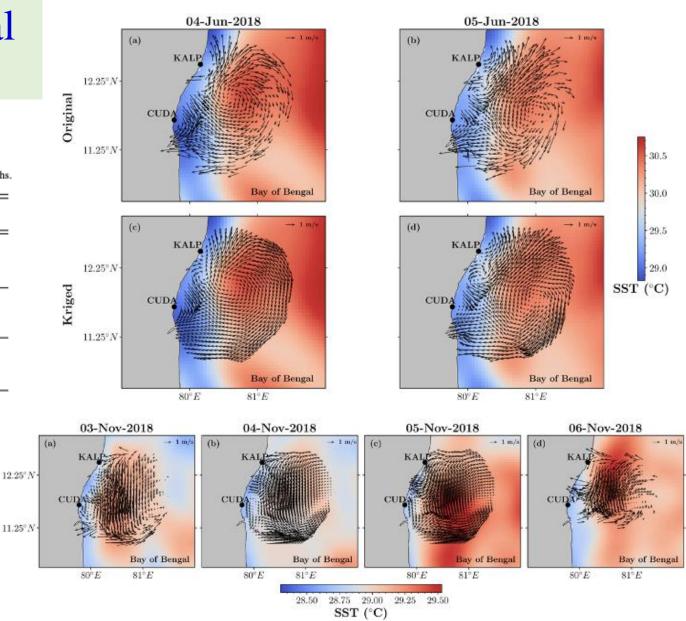
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Gap Filling with Spatio-Temporal Kriging for Data Assimilation

Month	Component	Total points	LOOCV points	% of points	RMSE (m/s)	Correlation	p-value
February	Zonal	1944	204	10.49	0.048	0.99	$< 10^{-4}$
	Meridional				0.047	0.98	$< 10^{-4}$
June	Zonal	1941	237	12.21	0.092	0.96	$< 10^{-4}$
	Meridional				0.091	0.95	$< 10^{-4}$
November	Zonal	1889	241	12.76	0.080	0.97	$< 10^{-4}$
	Meridional				0.094	0.96	$< 10^{-4}$

TABLE III: Summary of the LOOCV statistics performed on 10% of the data from a 7-day period of each of the three months.



(Deogharia and Sil 2023, IEEE-JOE)

- The product-sum with exponential marginal models for both space and time found to the best
- The error is less than 10 cm/s



Summary

• The HF Radar plays a vital role on monitoring the coastal circulations, which are important in social benefits

 Challenge: Model are not efficient at the coastal region as comparative to open ocean due to complexity in shallow bathymetry and availability of air-sea fluxes.

• Data assimilation is a good option, subject to the performance coastal models.



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