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# The SCS Guangdong-Hongkong-Macao Greater Bay Area Oceanographic Analysis and Forecasting System

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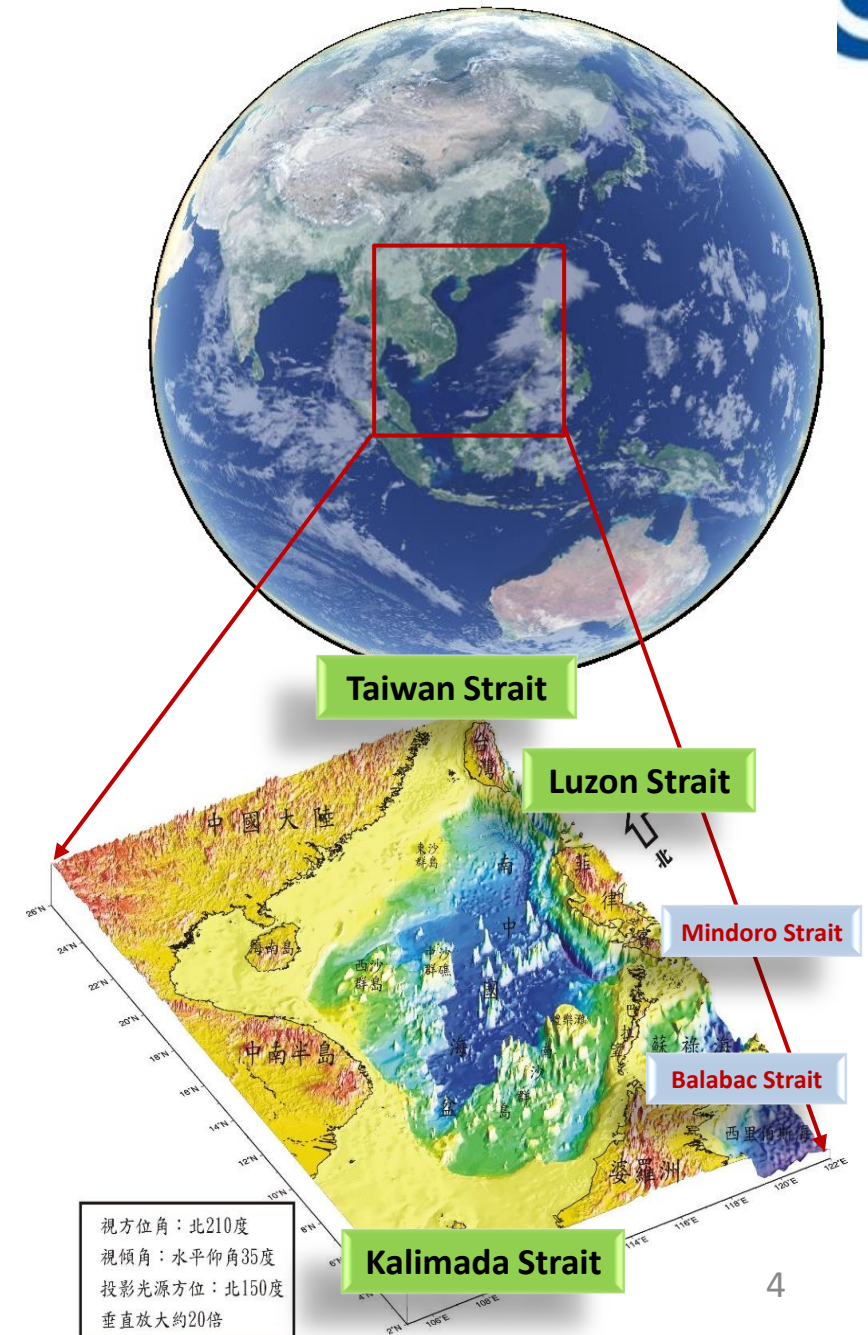
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# 1.1 Introduction to the SCS

- The SCS is semi-enclosed marginal sea, connected with the adjacent seas through several straits.
- The total area is about 3.5 million square kilometers, with the mean depth 1212 m, and the maximum depth 5559 m
- The bathymetry is extremely complex, with numerous islands, reefs, shoals or reefs distributed



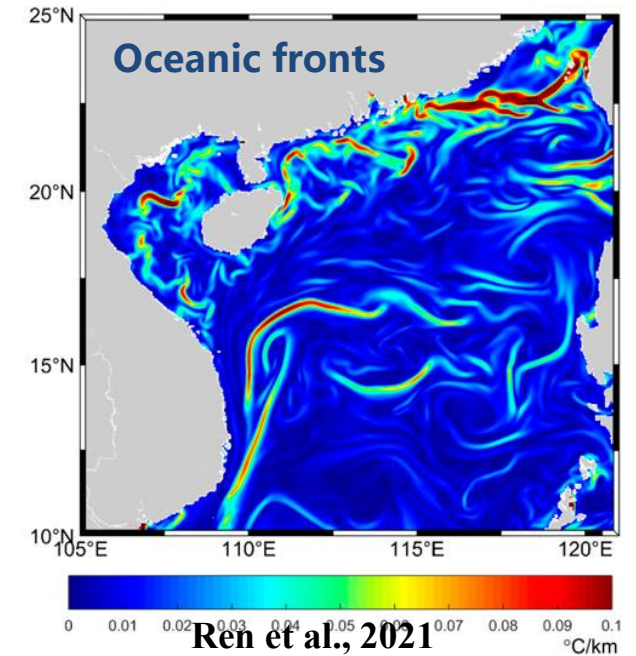
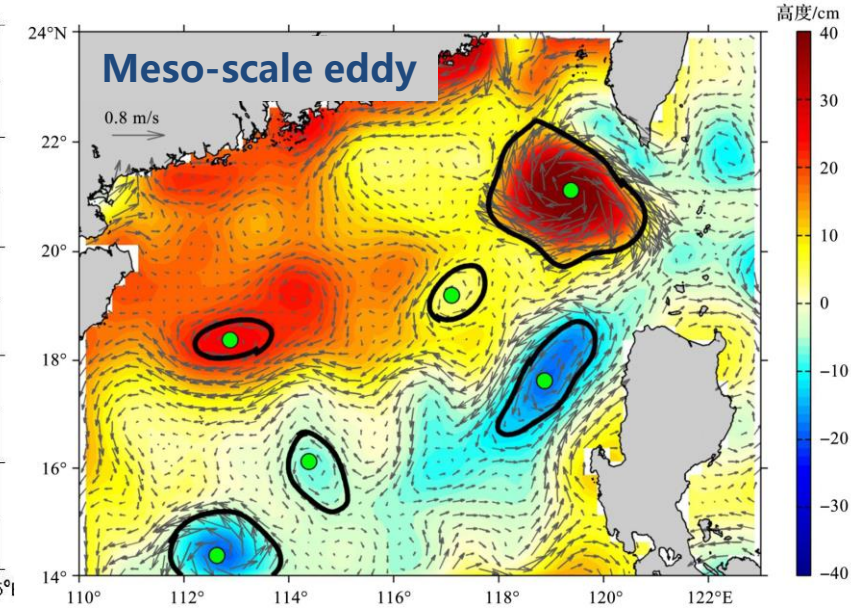
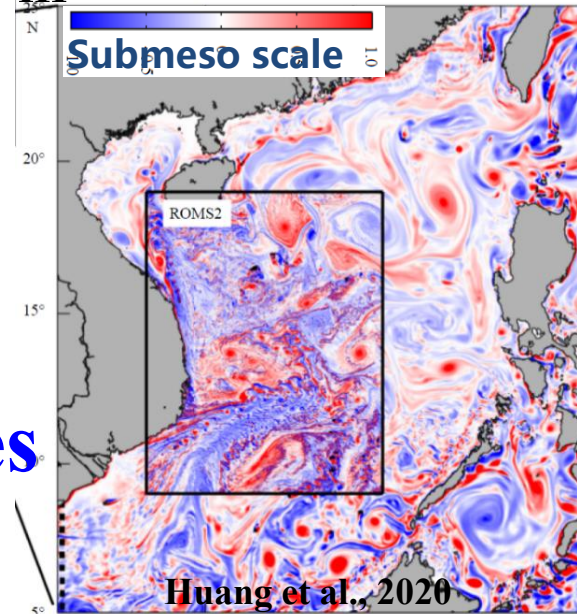
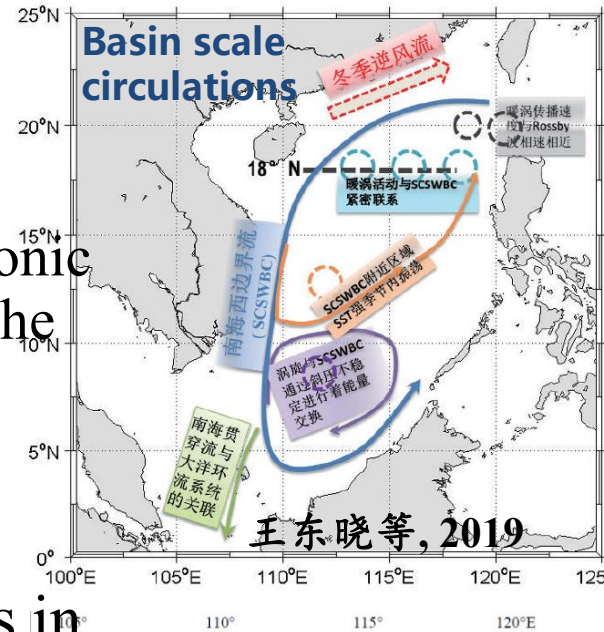


# 1.1 Introduction to the SCS



- **Basin-scale circulations**
  - ✓ Cyclonic in winter, anti-cyclonic in summer
  - ✓ Persistent cyclonic in the NSCS, Cyclonic in winter, anti-cyclonic in summer in the SSCS
- **Mesoscale eddy** activities are obvious and abundant.
- **Submesoscale activities** are ubiquitous in the SCS, can induce strong vertical advection.
- **Oceanic fronts** have been detected as Kuroshio fronts, upwelling fronts, and river plume fronts.

□ **multiscale oceanic structures prevailing in the SCS**



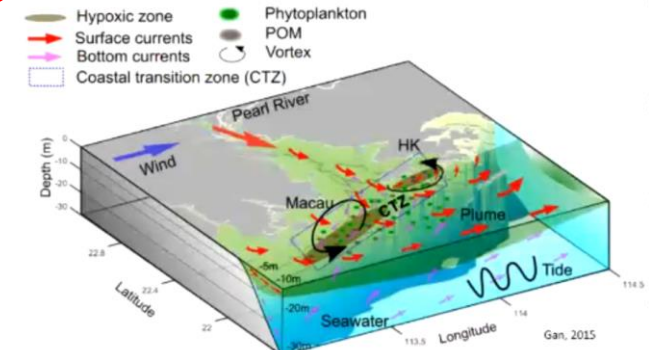
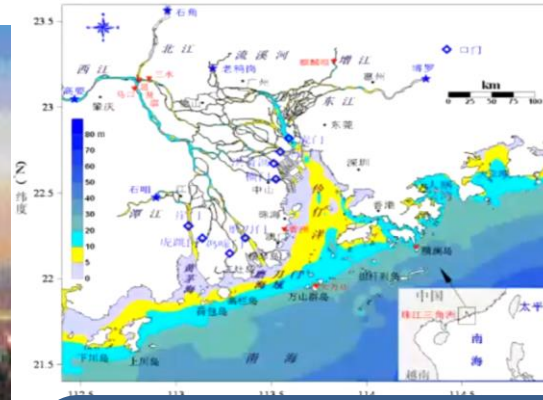


# 1.2 Introduction to the GBA

It is one of the regions with the highest degree of openness and the strongest economic vitality in China. It is the core growth pole of china's economic development, accounting for 12% of China's GDP.



## Guangdong-HongKong-Macao Great Bay Area



### Unique Sea-Land-Air-ecological interaction area

**5 rivers**—Dongjiang, Liuxi, Beijiang, Xijiang, Tanjiang

**8 river mouths**—Humen, Jiaomen, Hongqili, Hengmen, Modaomen, Jitimen, Hutiaomen, Yamen

**800+ islands**—east to Dongsha, facing to Luzon Strait and West Pacific

### 2017 Hato storm surge



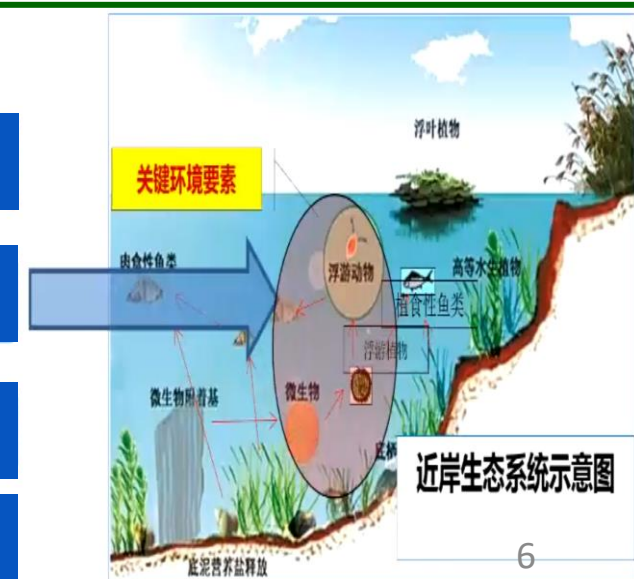
GHM is one of the regions most severely affected by marine disasters, such as the typhoon Hato in 2017.

Pearl River Discharge

Human activities

Natural environments

Ocean dynamics



近岸生态系统示意图



- Frequent human activities
- Intensified development and utilization in coastal zones.



# 1.3 Objectives and Solutions

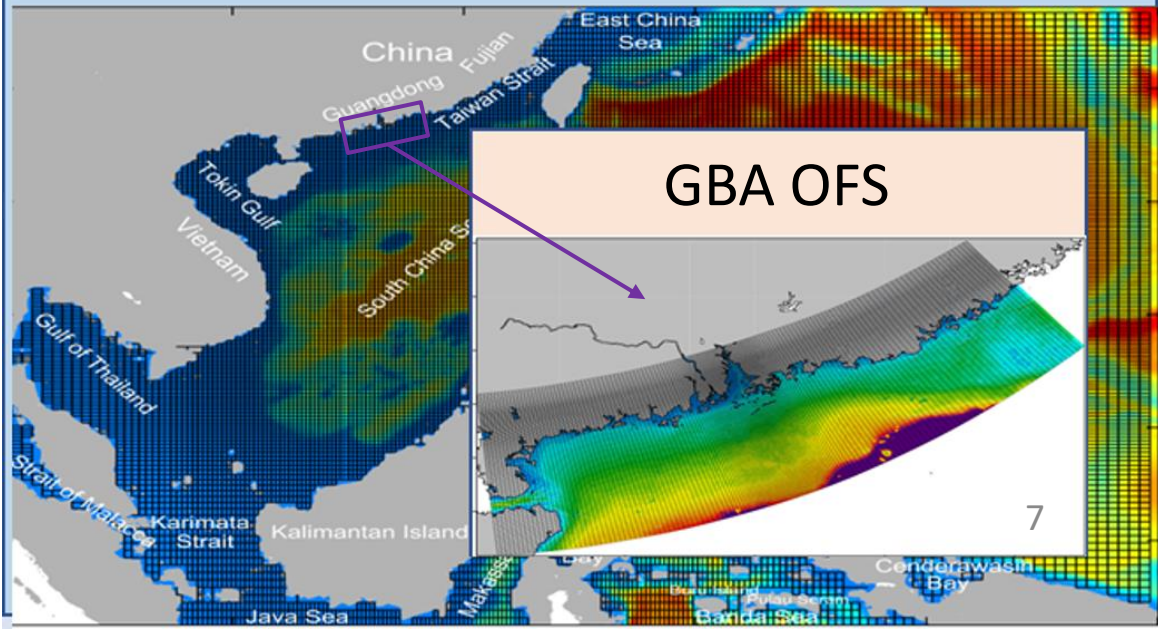
How to efficiently and reasonably simulate, reproduce, and predict three-dimensional ocean dynamic environments of the SCS-GBA with multi-scale dynamic characteristics?



## Ocean Atmospheric Numerical Forecasting System

	台风预报系统	大气预报系统	海流预报系统	海浪预报系统	风暴潮预报系统
数值	WRF	WRF	ROMS	SWAN	SLOSH、ROMS
预报区域					
分辨率/垂直层	4km/41层	36 km、12 km和4 km/41层	250m~1km/30层	250m~1km	100m~250m~1km
预报频次及时效	18/06UTC, 72h	18UTC, 120h	12UTC, 120h	12UTC, 120h	72h, 120h
输出间隔	1h	1h	1h	1h	1h
输出要素	降水、风向、风速、台风路径、强度等	气温、气压、湿度、风、降水	海温、盐度、海流、水位	波高、周期、波向	水位

## SCS Oceanographic Forecasting System







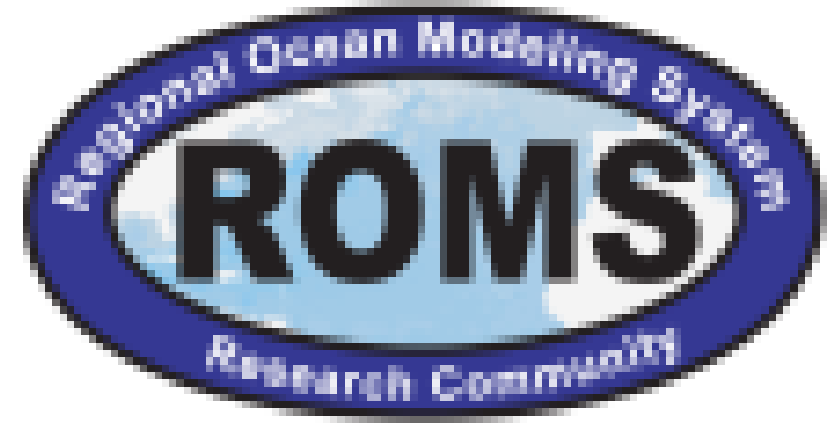
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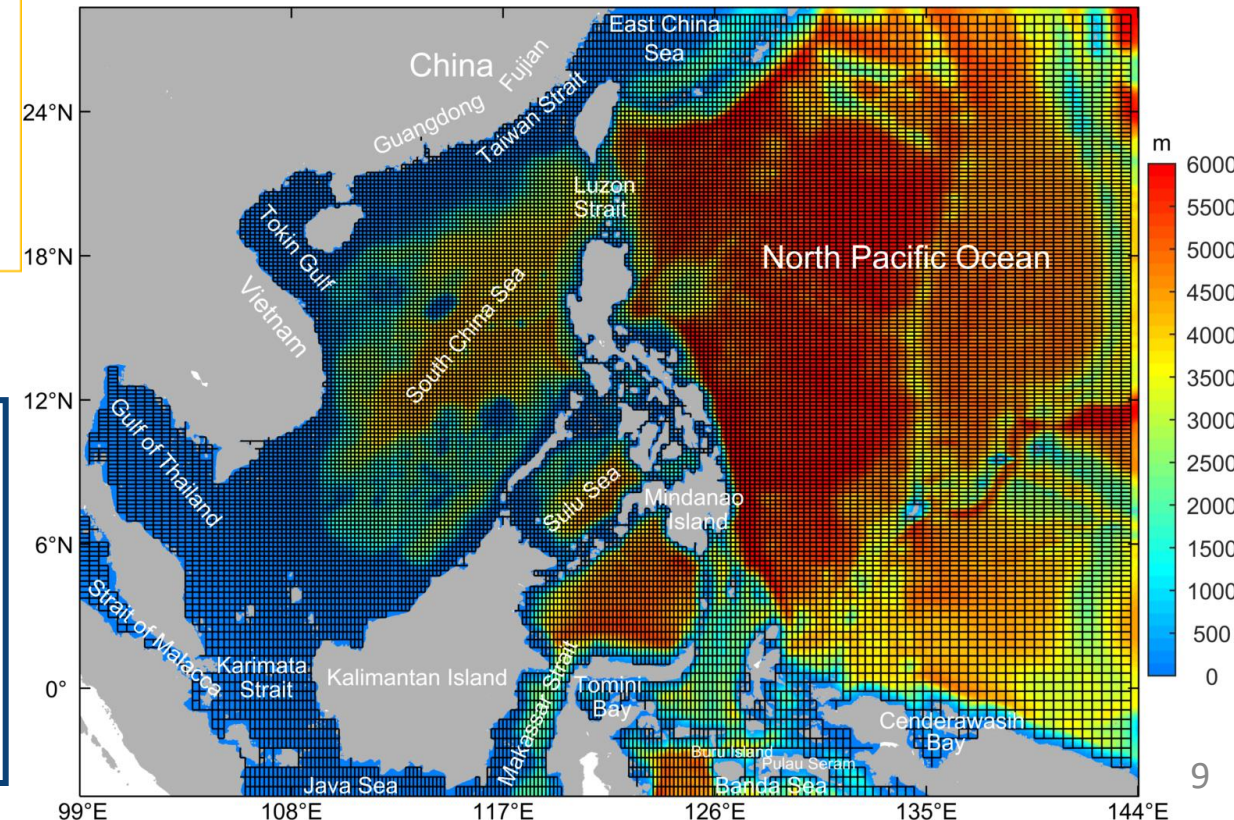
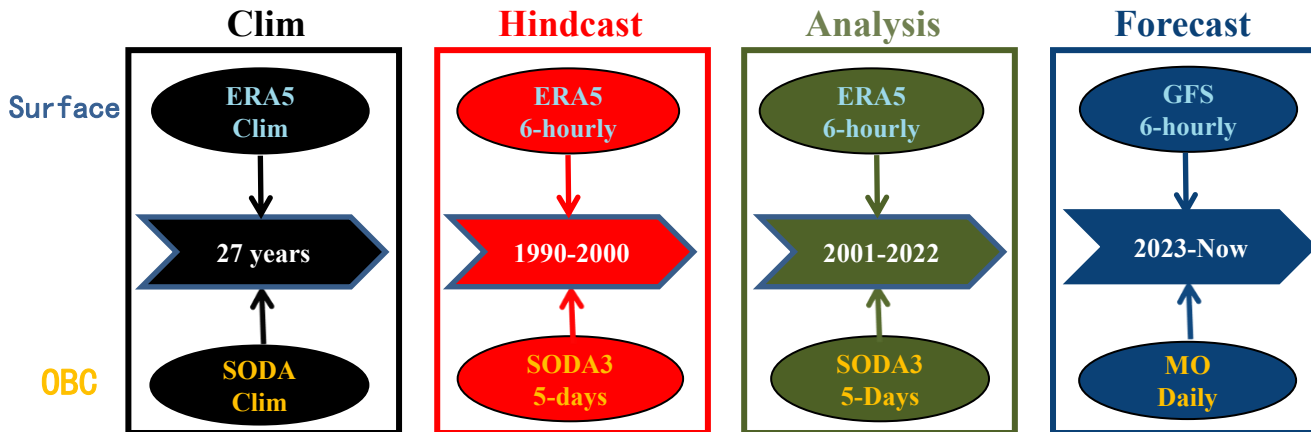


# 2.1 Model settings



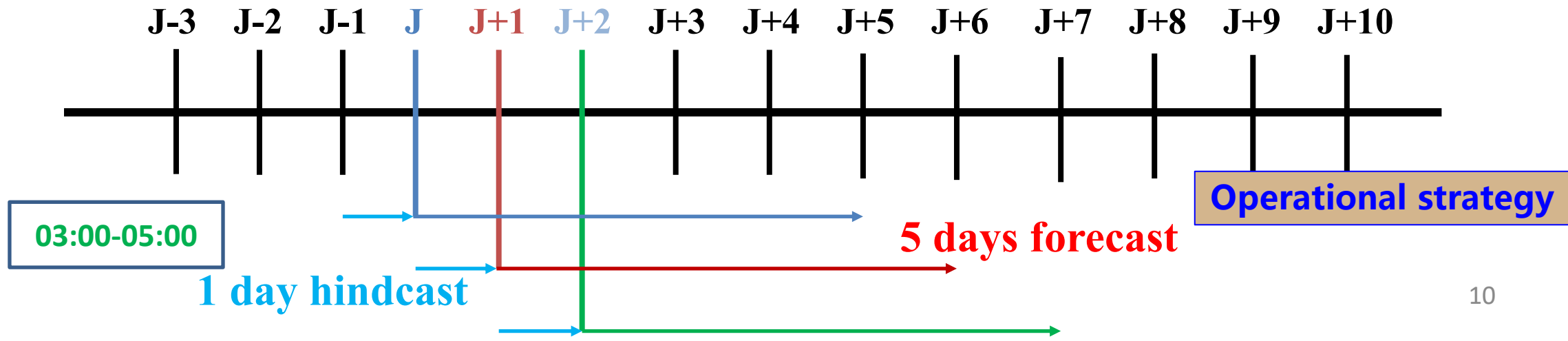
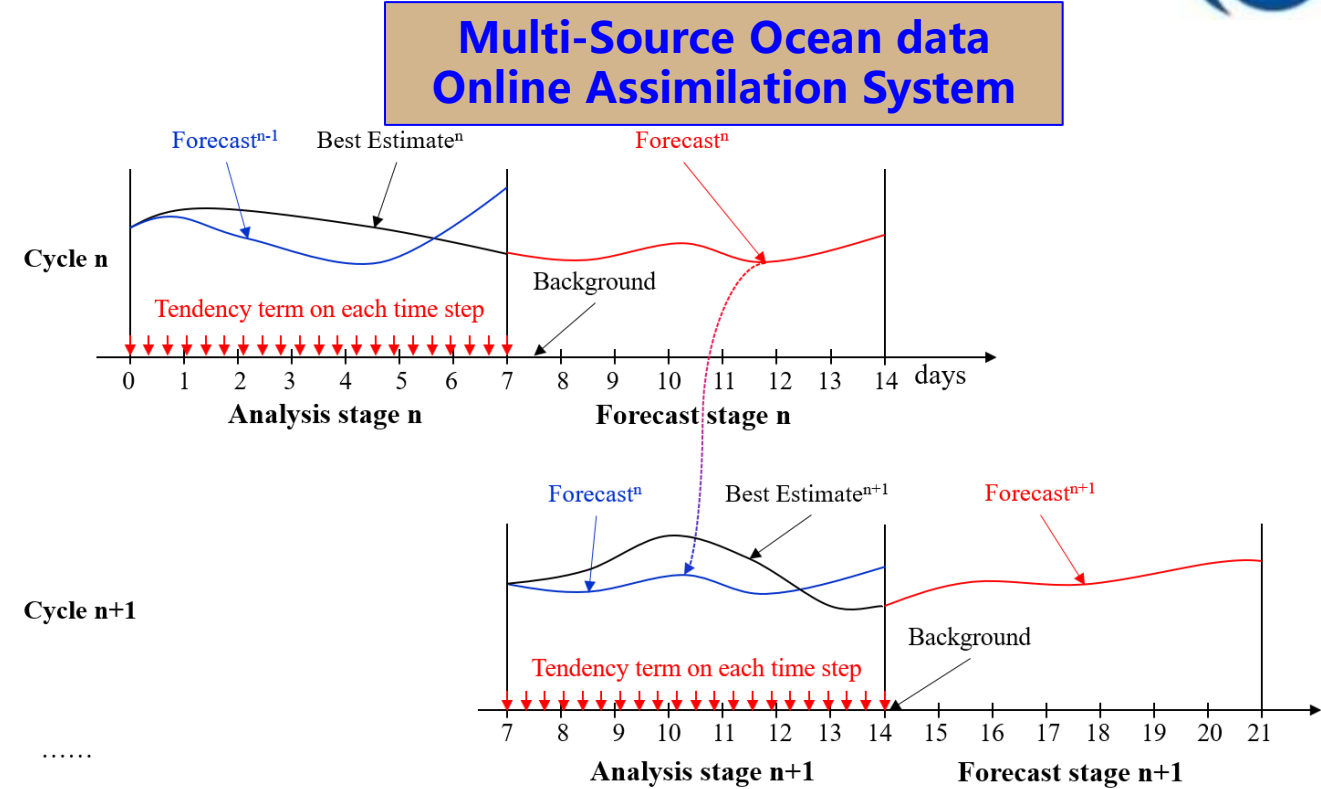
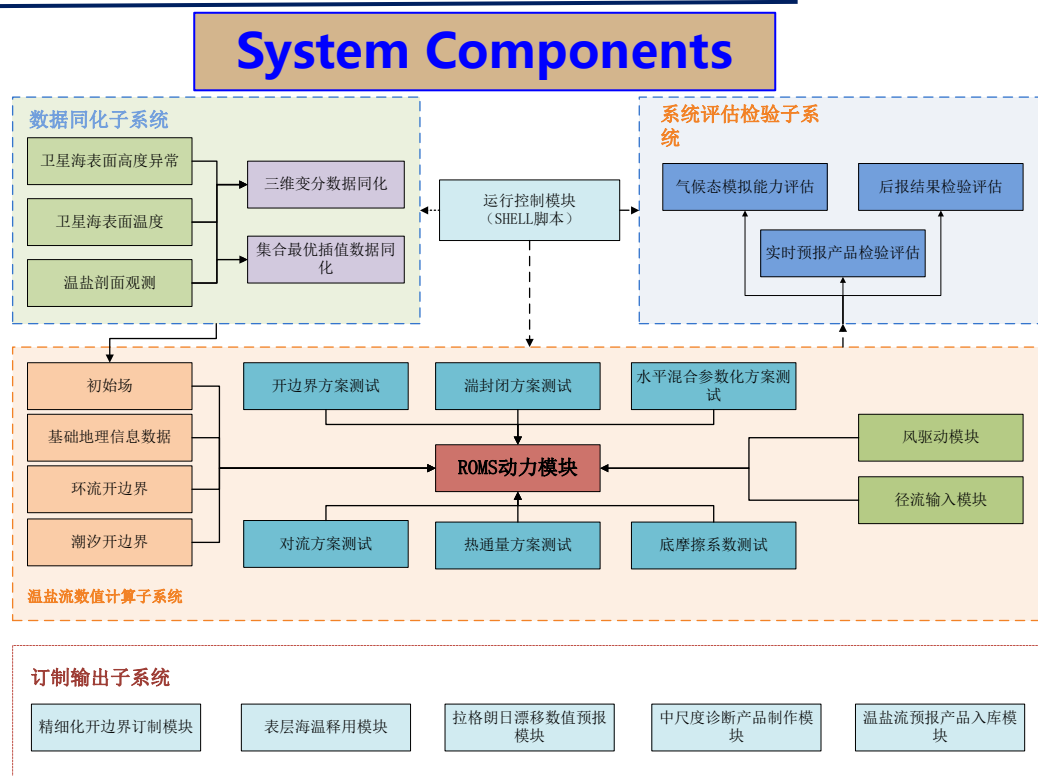
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## Model Run



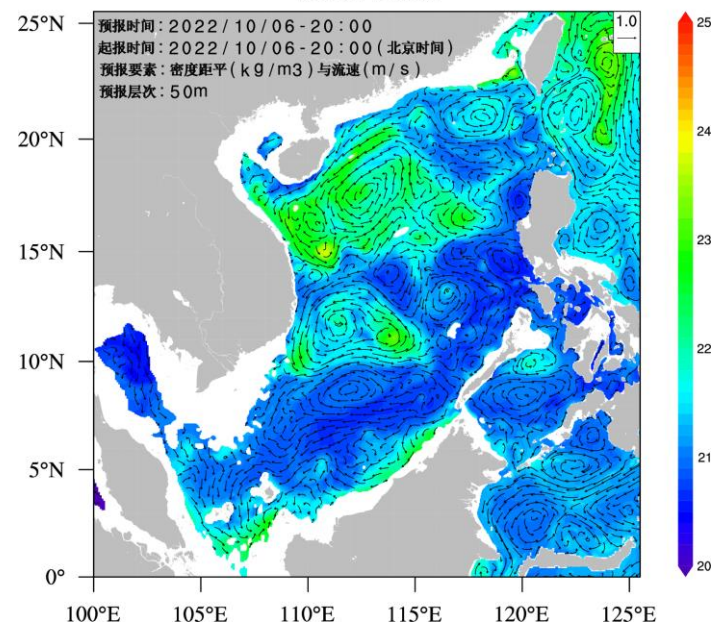
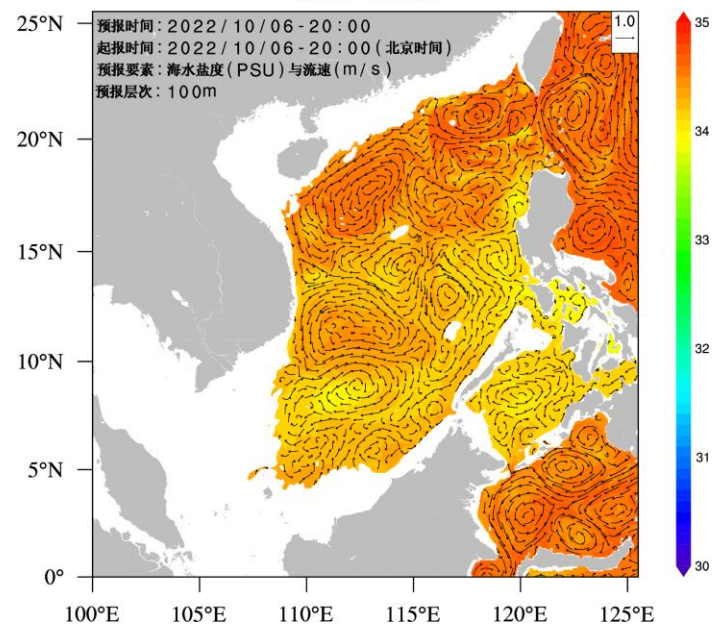
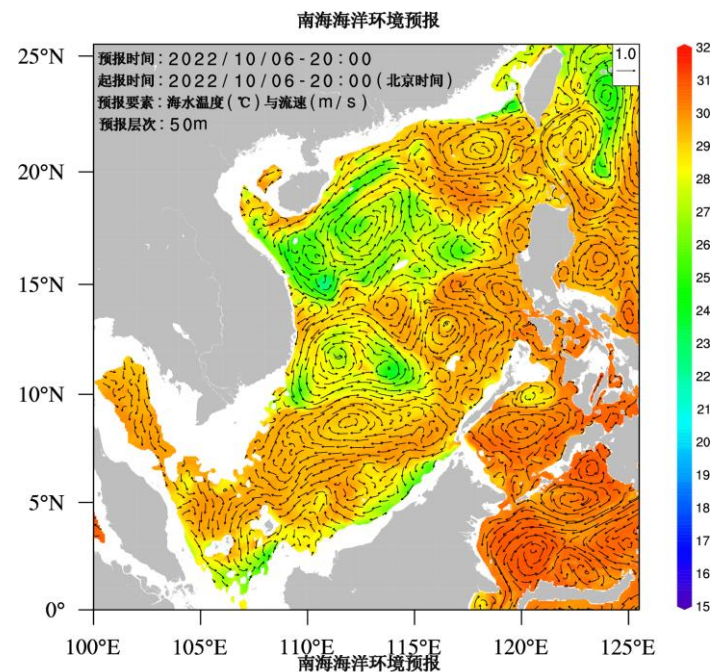
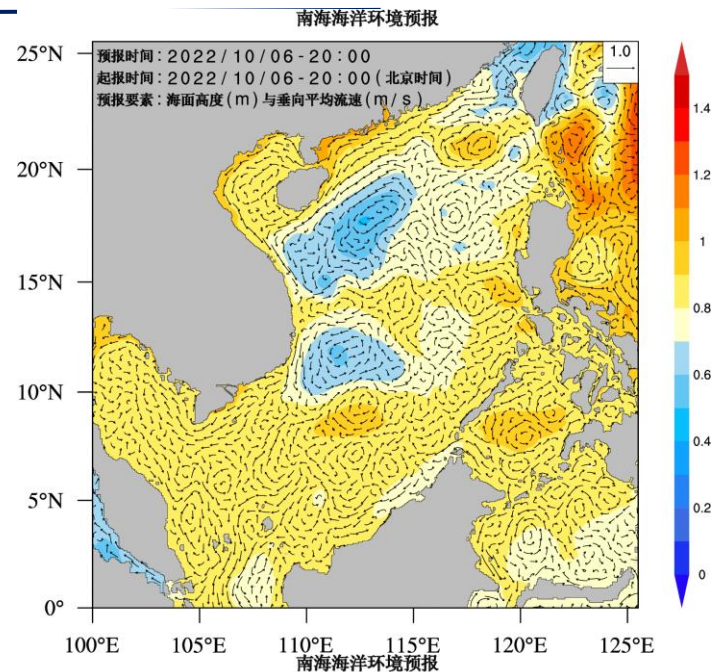


## 2.2 System running flow





## 2.3 Forecasting Products



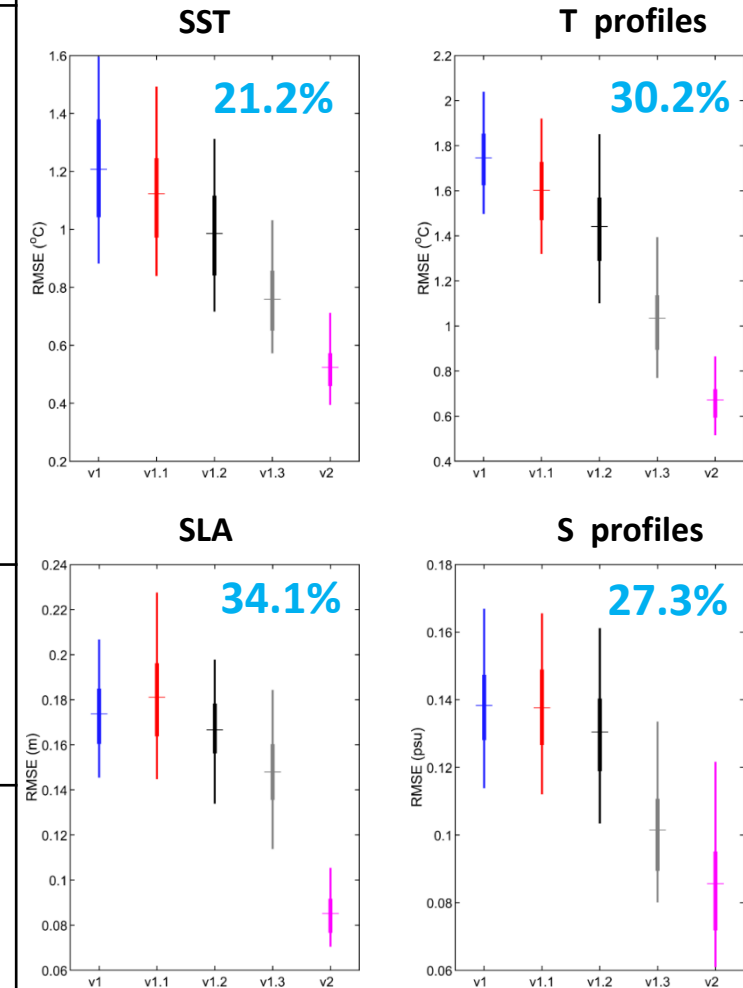


## 2.4 System improvements



### RMSE variations

versions	Settings update in detail
v1→v1.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) ROMS version changed from v3.5 to v4.0;</li> <li>2) <b>land-sea mask redistribution</b>;</li> <li>3) bathymetry substitution of ETOPO1 with GEBCO_2014;</li> <li>4) initial temperature and salinity conditions changed from SODA2.2.4 to GDEMv3;</li> <li>5) open boundary data changed from climatological monthly mean to monthly mean during 1990~2008 with SODA 2.2.4;</li> <li>6) Sea surface atmospheric forcing changed from NCEP R2 to CFSR;</li> <li>7) The <math>dQ/dSST</math> changed from constant to temporally and spatially varying values;</li> <li>8) <b>sea surface atmospheric forcing method changed from direct flux forcing to BulkFormula.</b></li> </ol>
v1.1→v1.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Open boundary data of SODA 2.2.4 monthly mean extended from 2008 to 2010;</li> <li>2) <b>the eastern lateral open boundary moved westward from <math>145^{\circ}</math> E to <math>144^{\circ}</math> E</b>;</li> <li>3) the observed SST data used for the net surface heat flux correction changed from MGDSST to AVHRR;</li> </ol>
v1.2→v1.3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Mean sea level atmospheric pressure effect considered;</li> <li>2) vertical layers increased from 36 to 50, the transform and stretching function changed;</li> <li>3) <b>Tracers advection discrete schemes changed from UCI to AAG</b>;</li> <li>4) OB data changed from SODA 2.2.4 monthly mean to SODA 3.3.1 and 3.3.2.</li> </ol>
v1.3→v2	The MOOAS included.



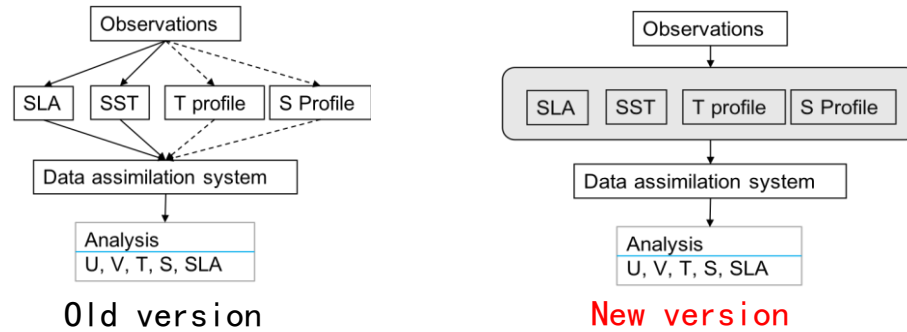


# 2.5 Improvements to EnOI

## Multi-Source Ocean data Online Assimilation System



Assimilate multi-source data simultaneously



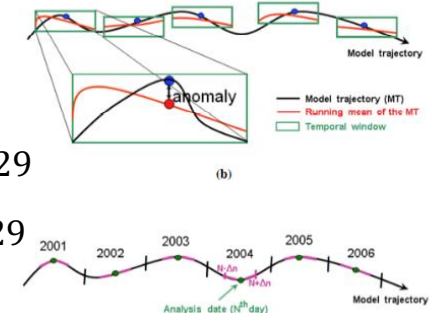
Optimization of background error covariance estimation

Old version  $A'_i = A_i - \text{mean}(A_i)$

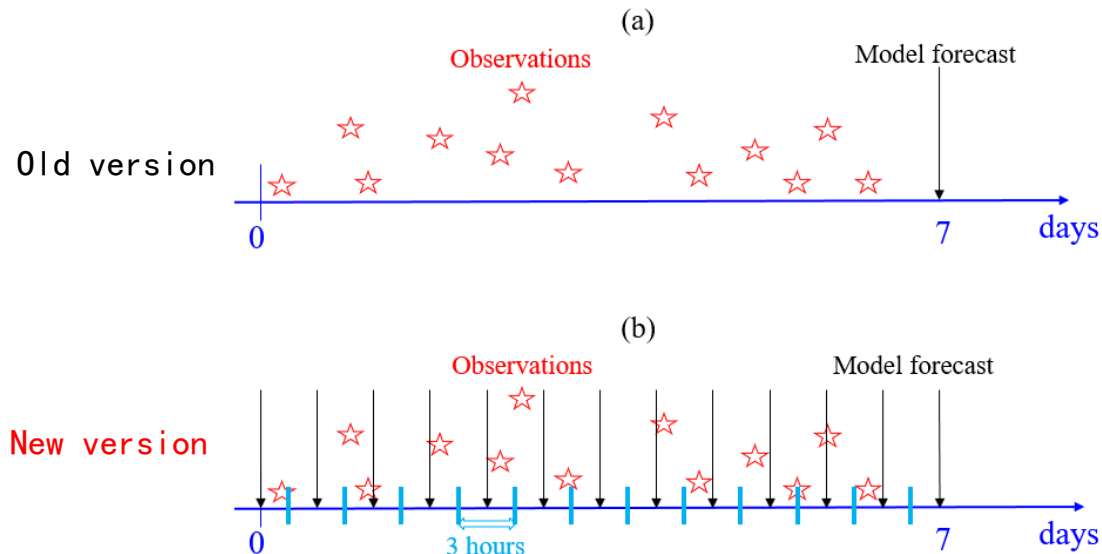
**New version**  $A'_i = A_i - \tilde{A} \quad i = 1, \dots, 29$

$$\tilde{A} = Ha(A_i) \quad i = 1, \dots, 29$$

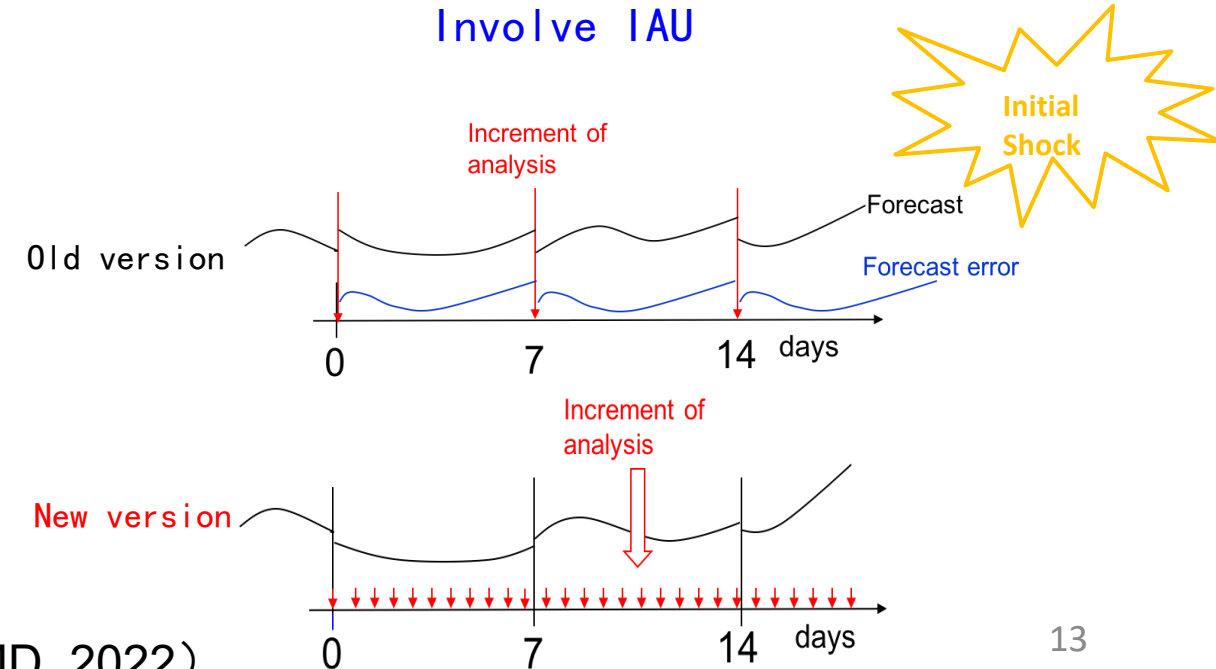
$\tilde{A}$ -Hanning filter



Involve FGAT



Involve IAU



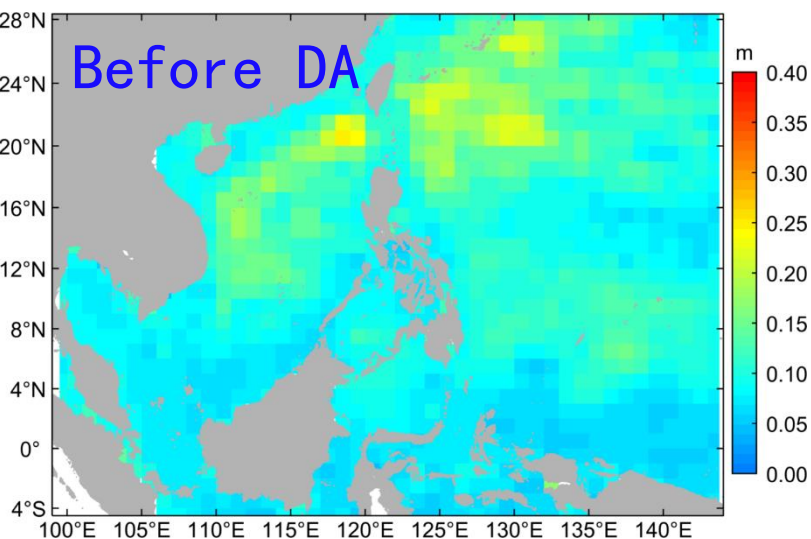
(Zhu et al., GMD, 2022)



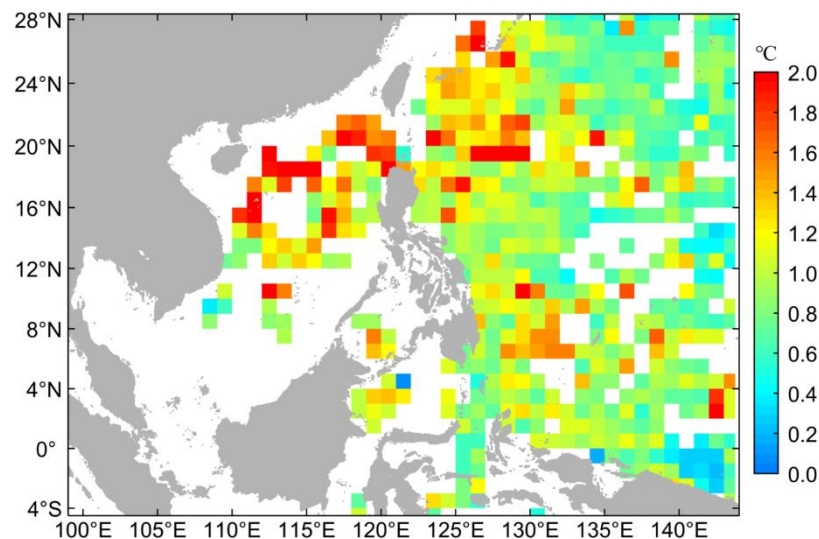
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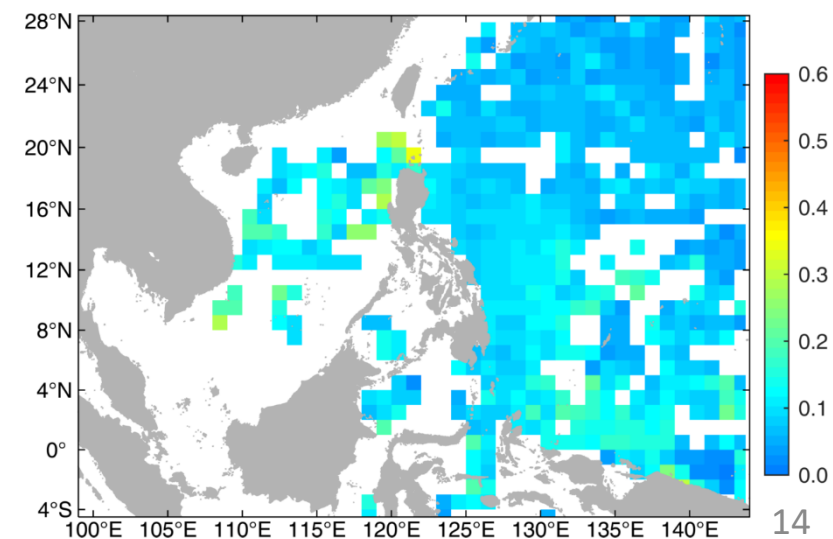
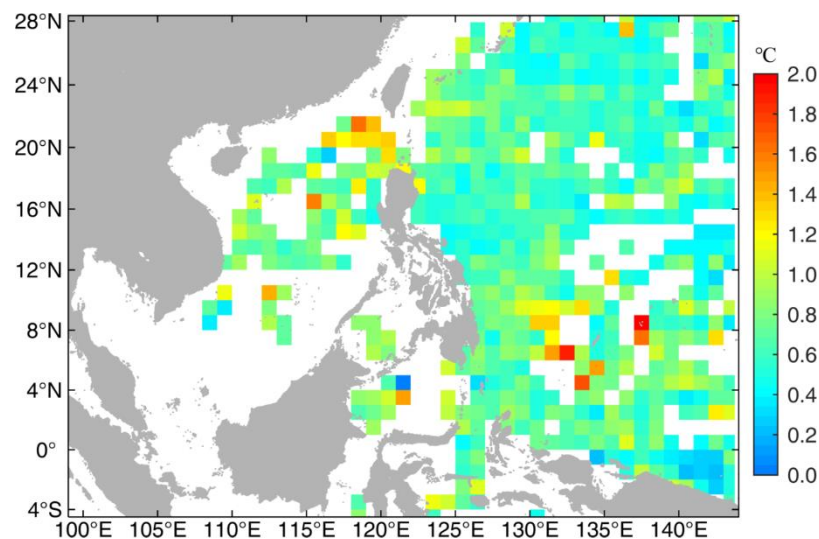
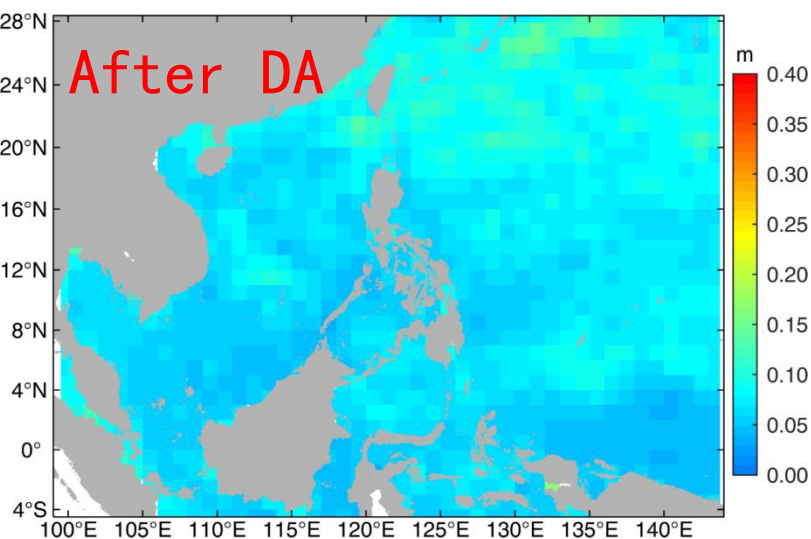
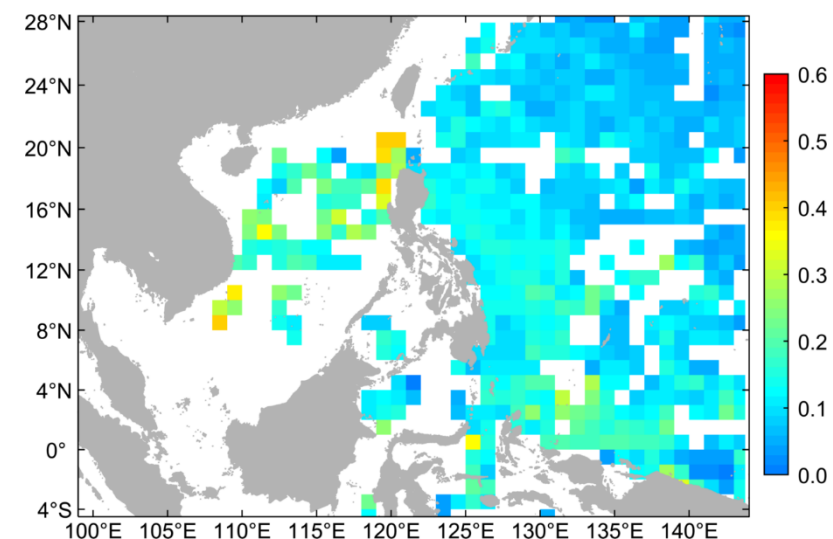
### SLA



### T profile



### S profile

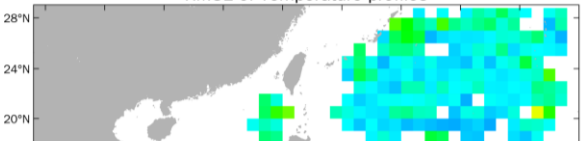




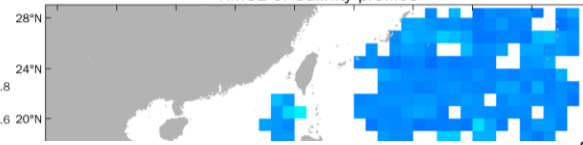
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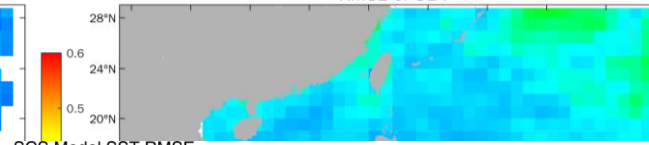
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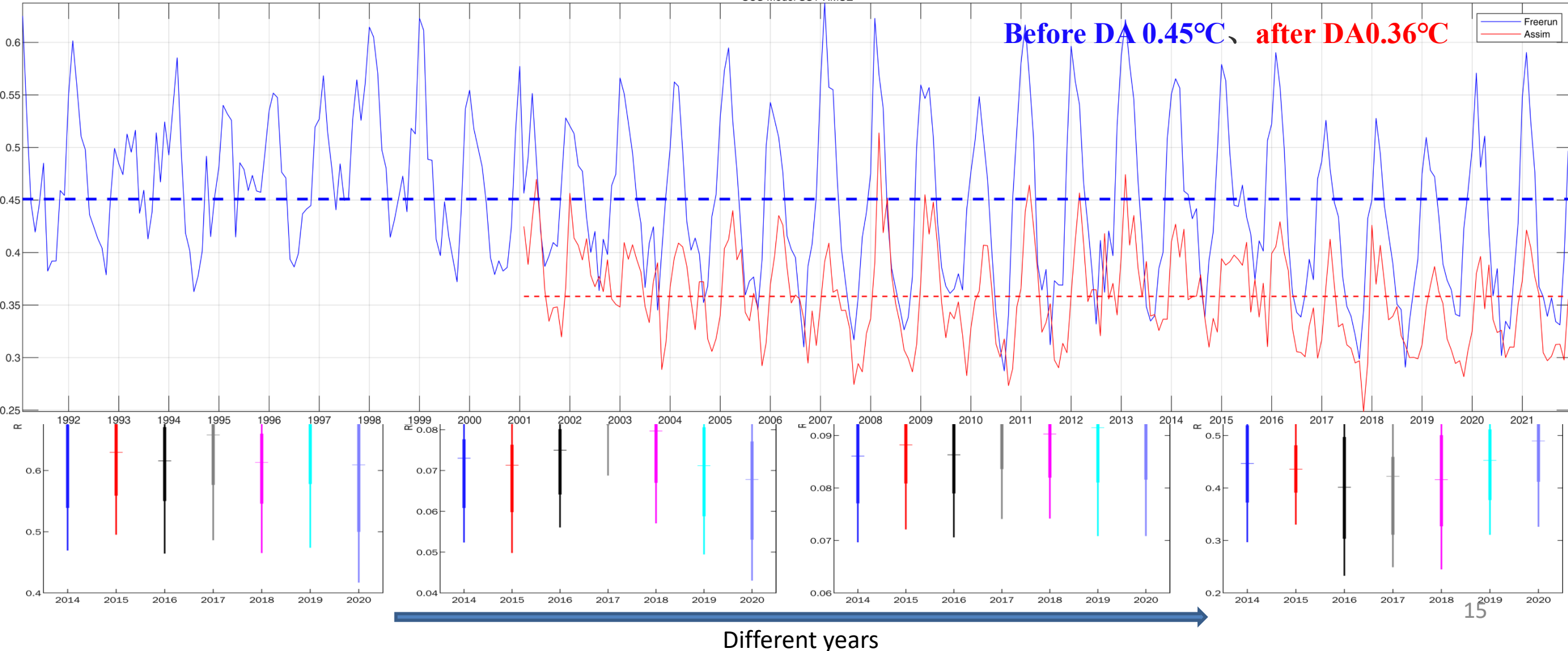
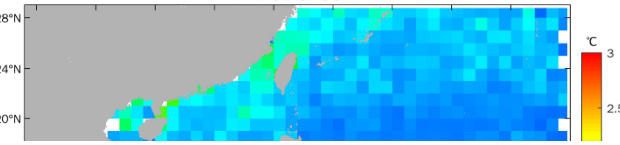
S-profiles



SLA



SST







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# 3.1 System settings

Based on ROMSV4.0

**Model domain:** 19.17-25.1°N, 109.7-119°E

**Hori. Reso.:** 250~1000m

**Vert. Reso.:** 30 layers

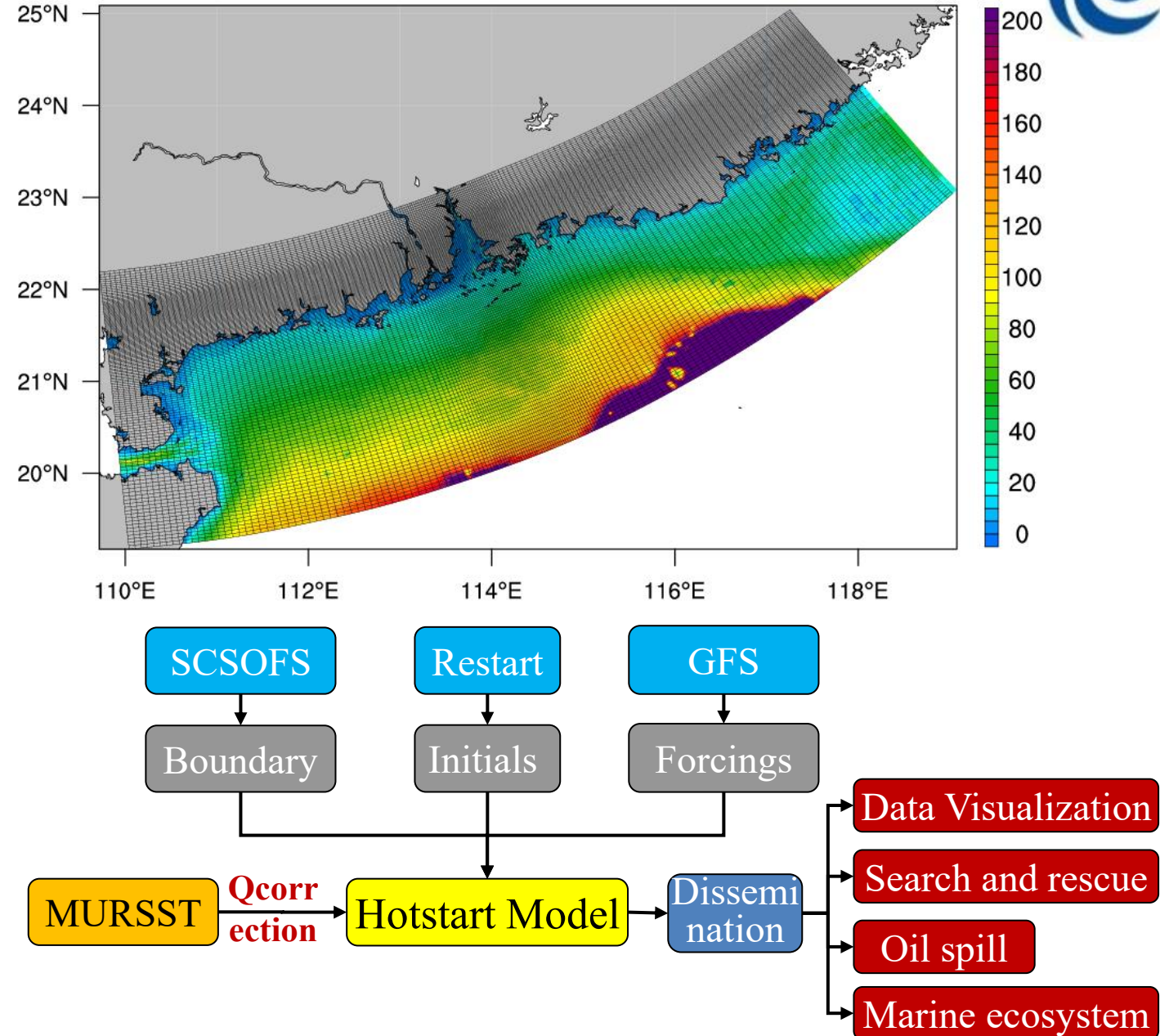
**Bathymetry:** high reso. Multi-beam measurement

**Boundary:** SCSOFS

**Forcings:** GFS at surface

Tides: TPXO9

River discharge: **8 river mouths of Pearl River**

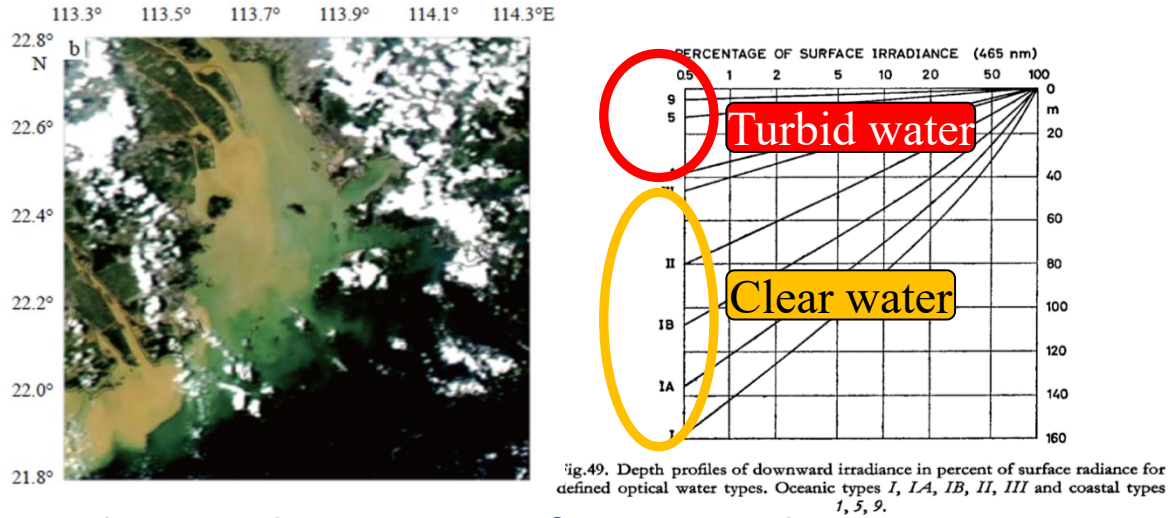




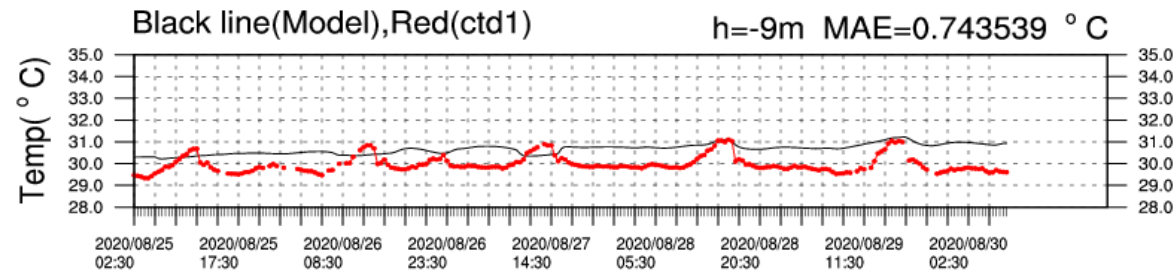
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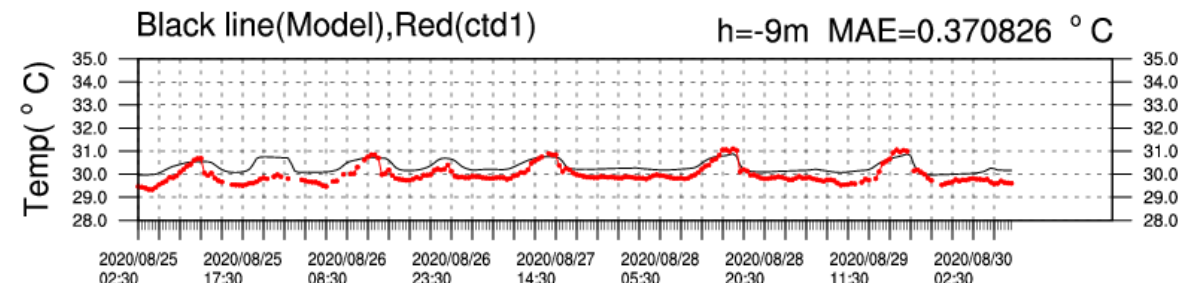
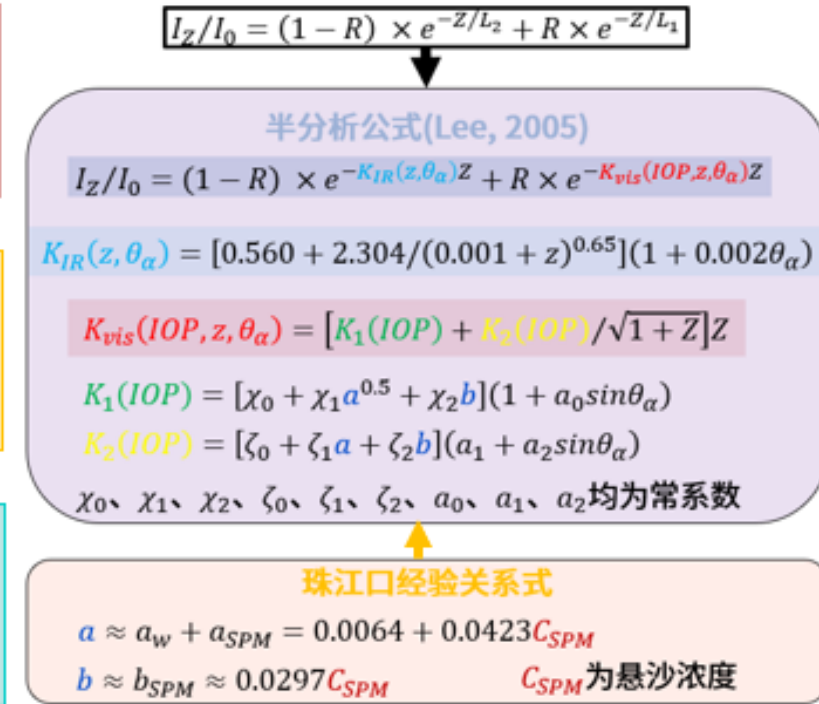
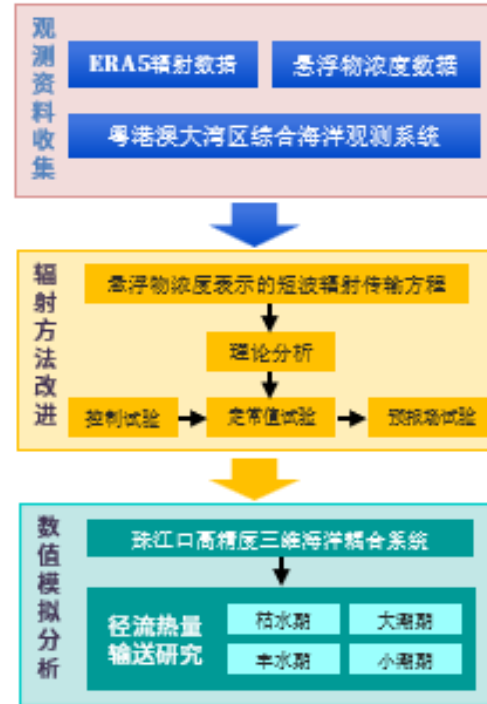
## Shortwave Radiation Penetration



In the nearshore waters of river mouths, rivers carry a large amount of sediment and suspended solids into the ocean. The water near the river mouth is highly turbid, and the impact of shortwave radiation dominating. (Morel & Prieur, 1977)



before



after



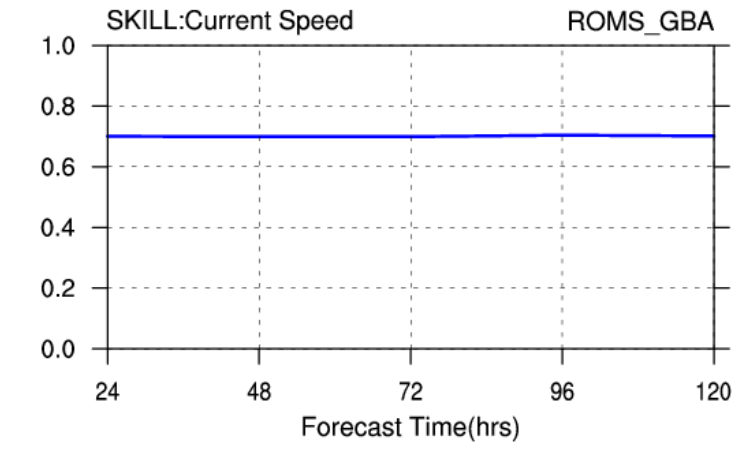
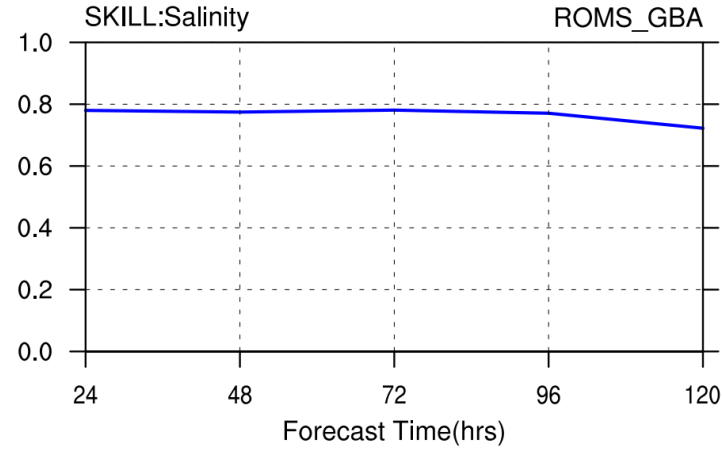
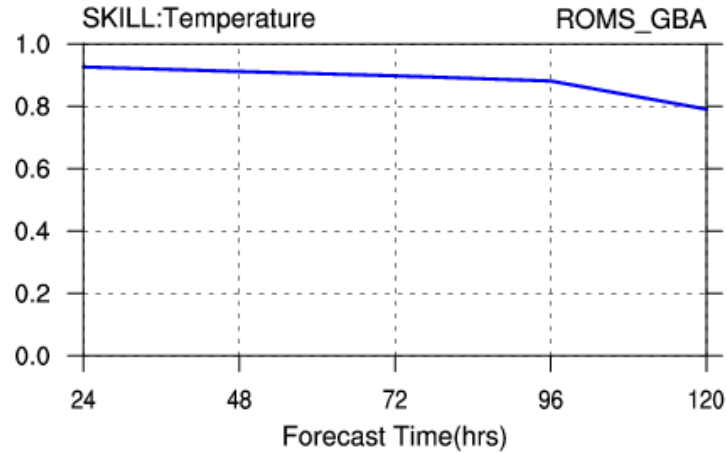
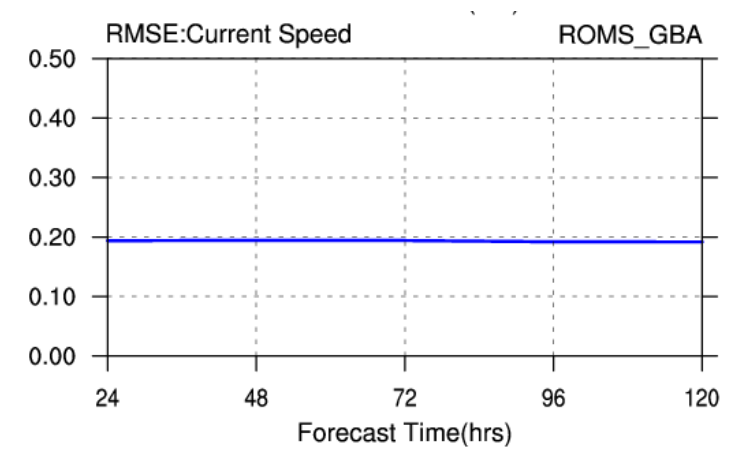
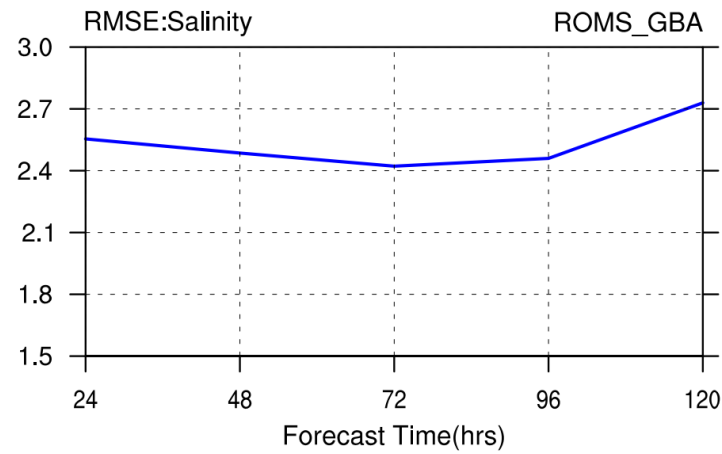
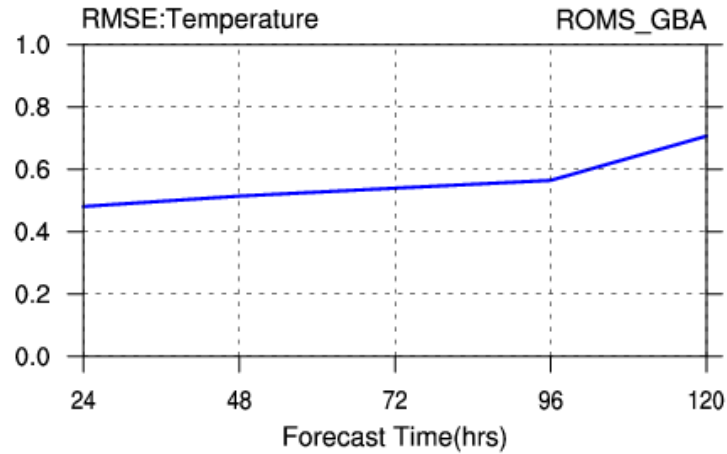
# 3.3 System forecast validation



Temp. (°C)

Salt. (PSU)

Current (m/s)

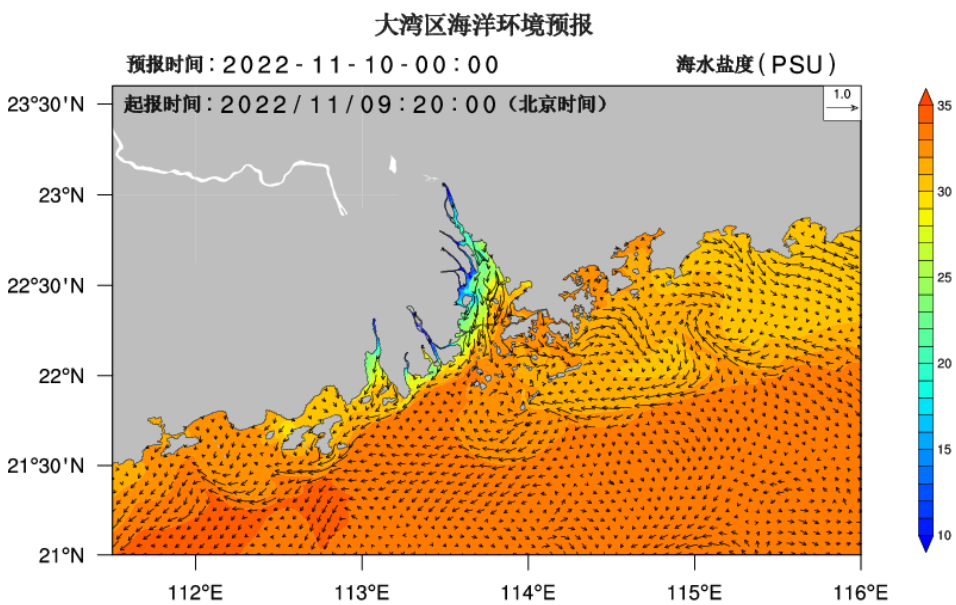
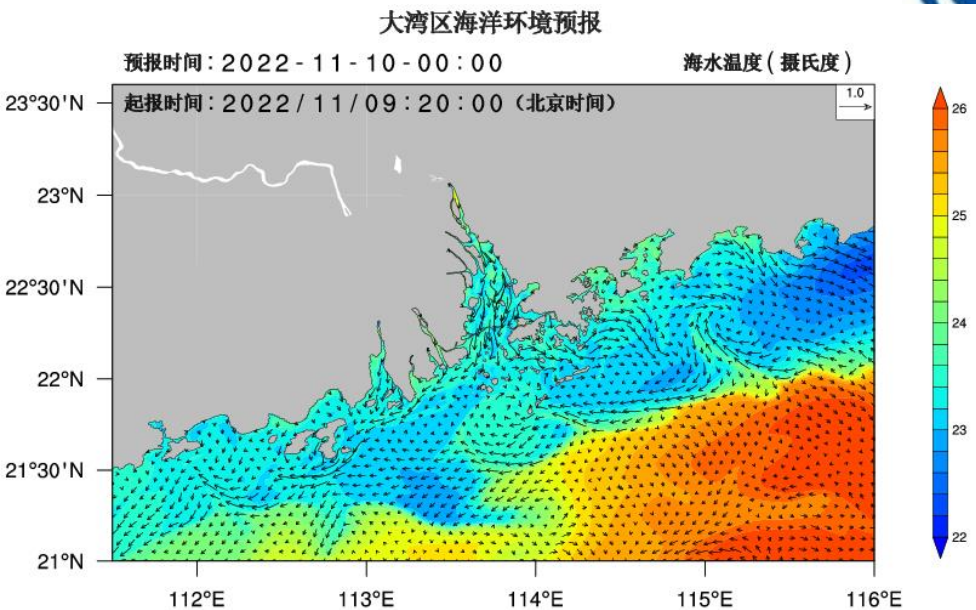
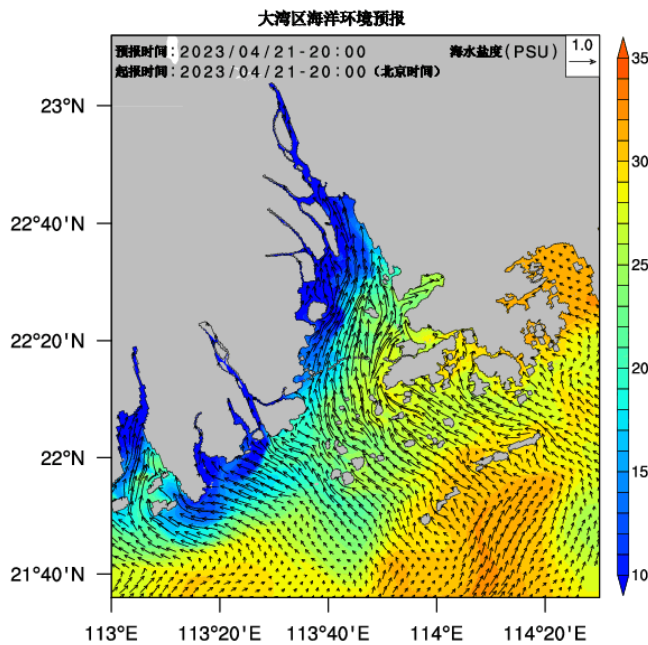
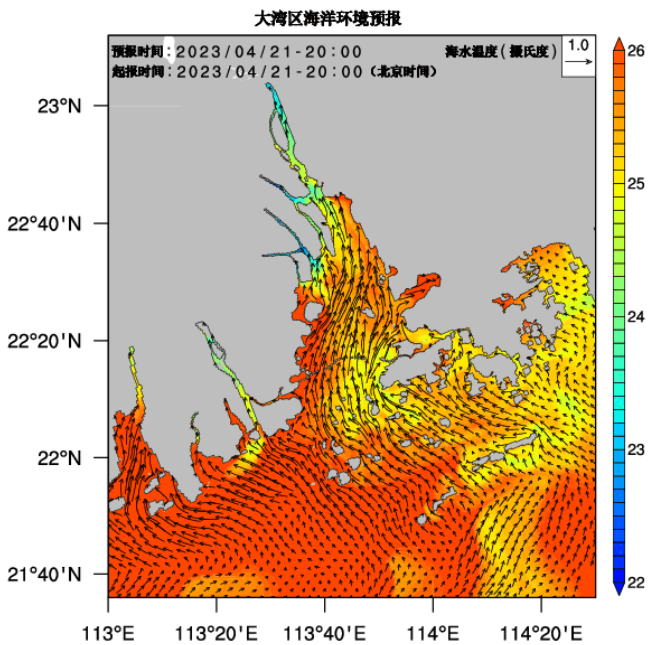




# 3.4 Forecast products



Forecast	Period	Frequence.	Vert. layers
Water temp.	120 hours	One time each day	30
Water Salt.			
Water Current			
Water level			1







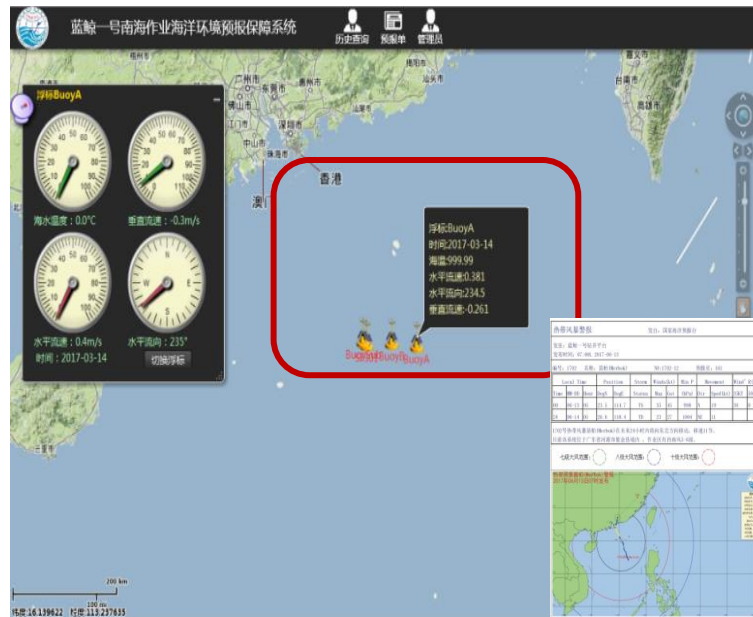
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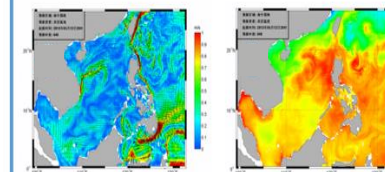
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# 4.1 Trial mining of combustible ice

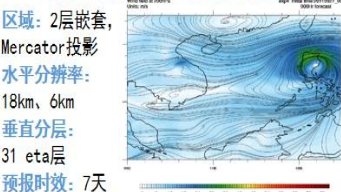


## 中尺度温盐流数值预报系统



- 预报区域:  $-4.5^{\circ} - 28.4^{\circ} \text{ N}$ ,  $99^{\circ} - 145^{\circ} \text{ E}$
- 分辨率: 水平  $1/30^{\circ} \times 1/30^{\circ}$ , 垂向 36 层
- 同化方案: “多源”多变量海洋资料同化系统
- 数据源: TSLA, SST, T/S 剖面资料 (Argo 等)
- 预报时效: 5 天
- 预报产品: 每天发布一次未来 5 天的预报产品
- 预报产品: 海流、海温、海平面高度、海水盐度

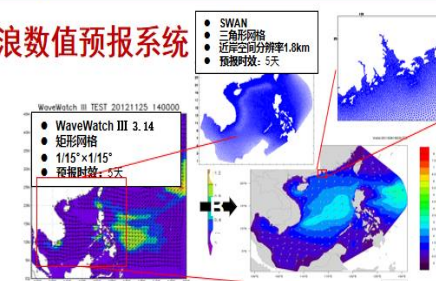
## 中尺度风场数值预报系统



- 区域: 2 层嵌套, Mercator 投影
- 水平分辨率: 18km, 6km
- 垂直分层: 31 eta 层
- 预报时效: 7 天

## 中尺度海浪数值预报系统

SWAN 嵌套模式  
W3 与无结构网格



- SWAN
- 三角形网格
- 近岸空间分辨率 1.8km
- 预报时效: 5 天
- WaveWatch III 3.14
- 矩形网格
- $1/15^{\circ} \times 1/15^{\circ}$
- 预报时效: 5 天

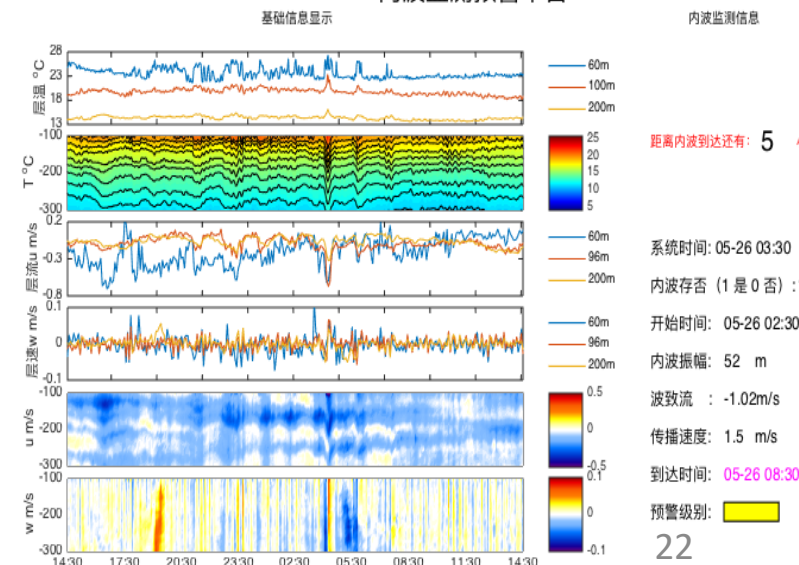
## Task requirements:

- ‘Blue whale 1’ semi submersible platform operational support system
- Marine environment safety guarantee for mining platforms and pipelines

## Forecasting area and elements:

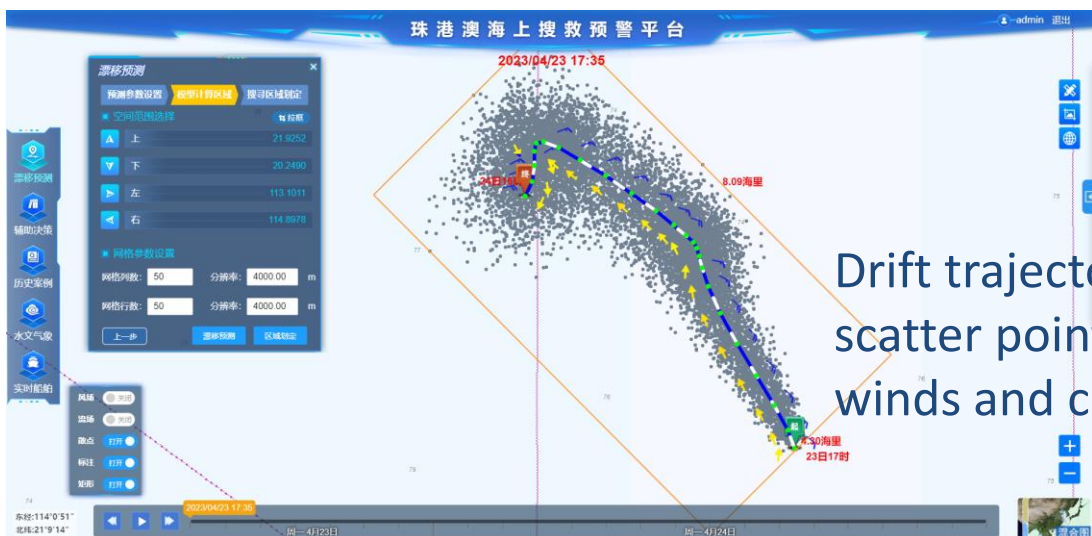
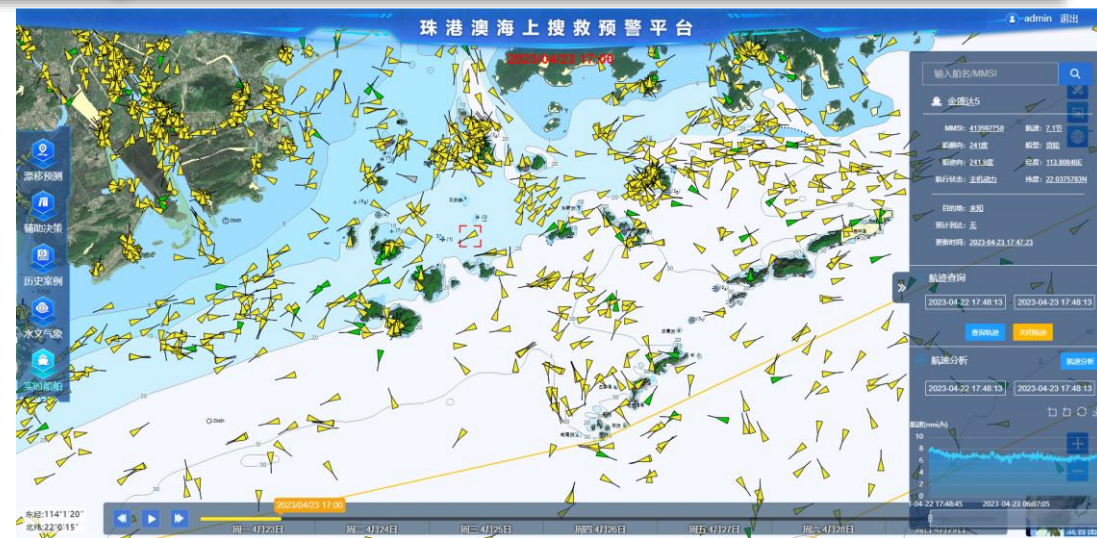
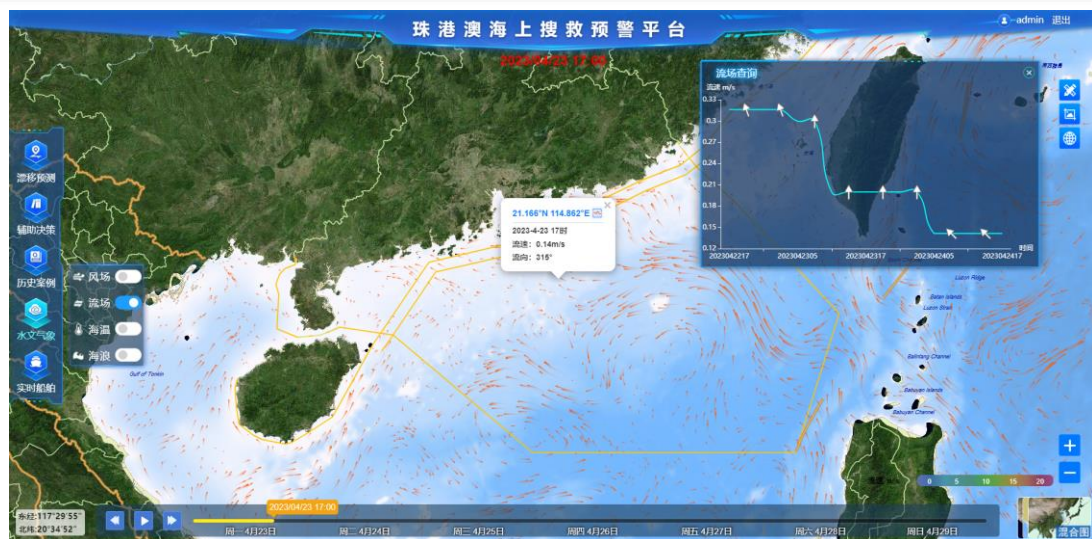
- Shenhui area in the NSCS
- Internal wave, winds, wave, currents, temperature and density

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The platform integrates marine environment forecast data, ship AIS data, search and rescue drift prediction models, and an intelligent decision-making algorithm for maritime search and rescue based on optimal search theory, achieving accurate prediction of the drift trajectory of maritime targets and intelligent assisted decision-making for search and rescue.



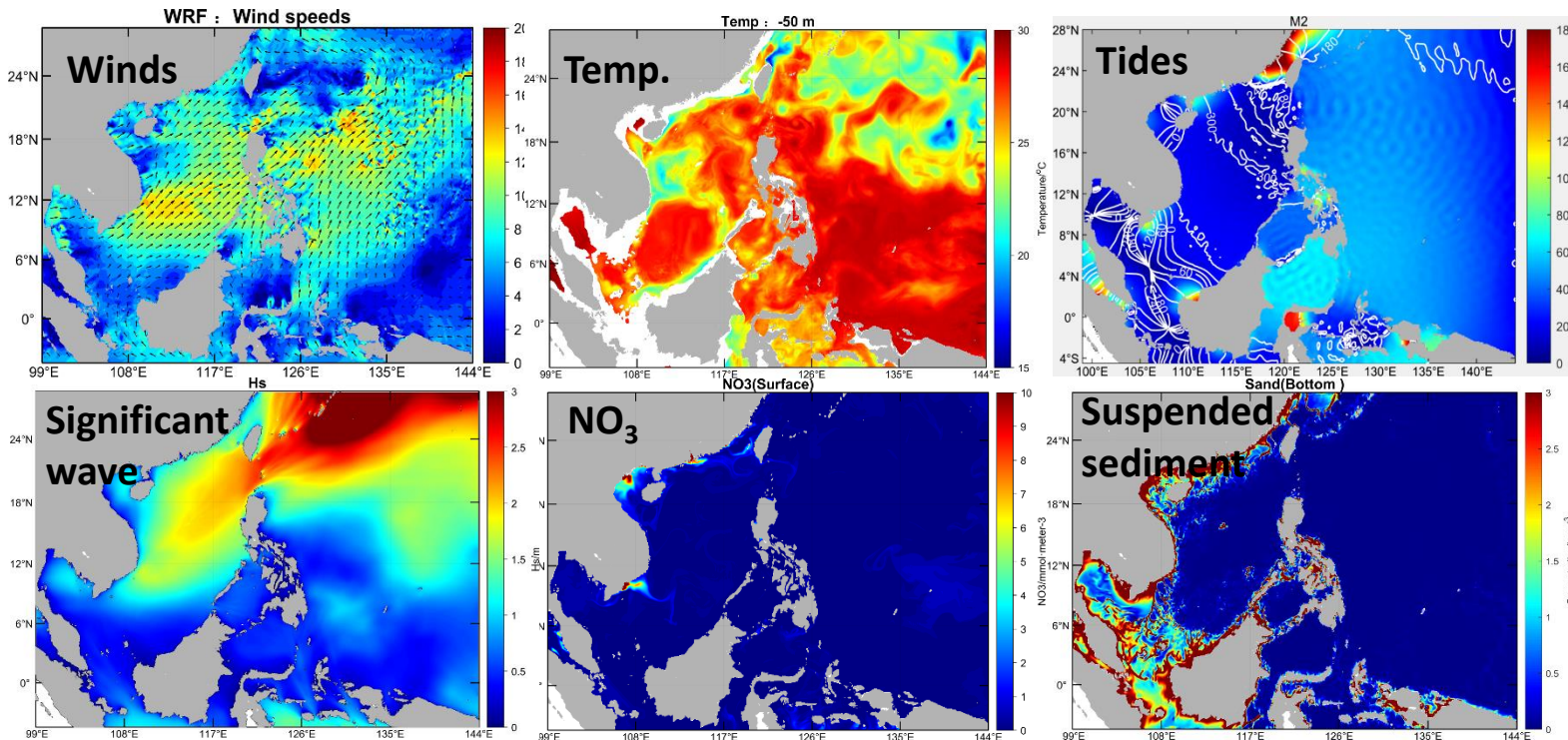
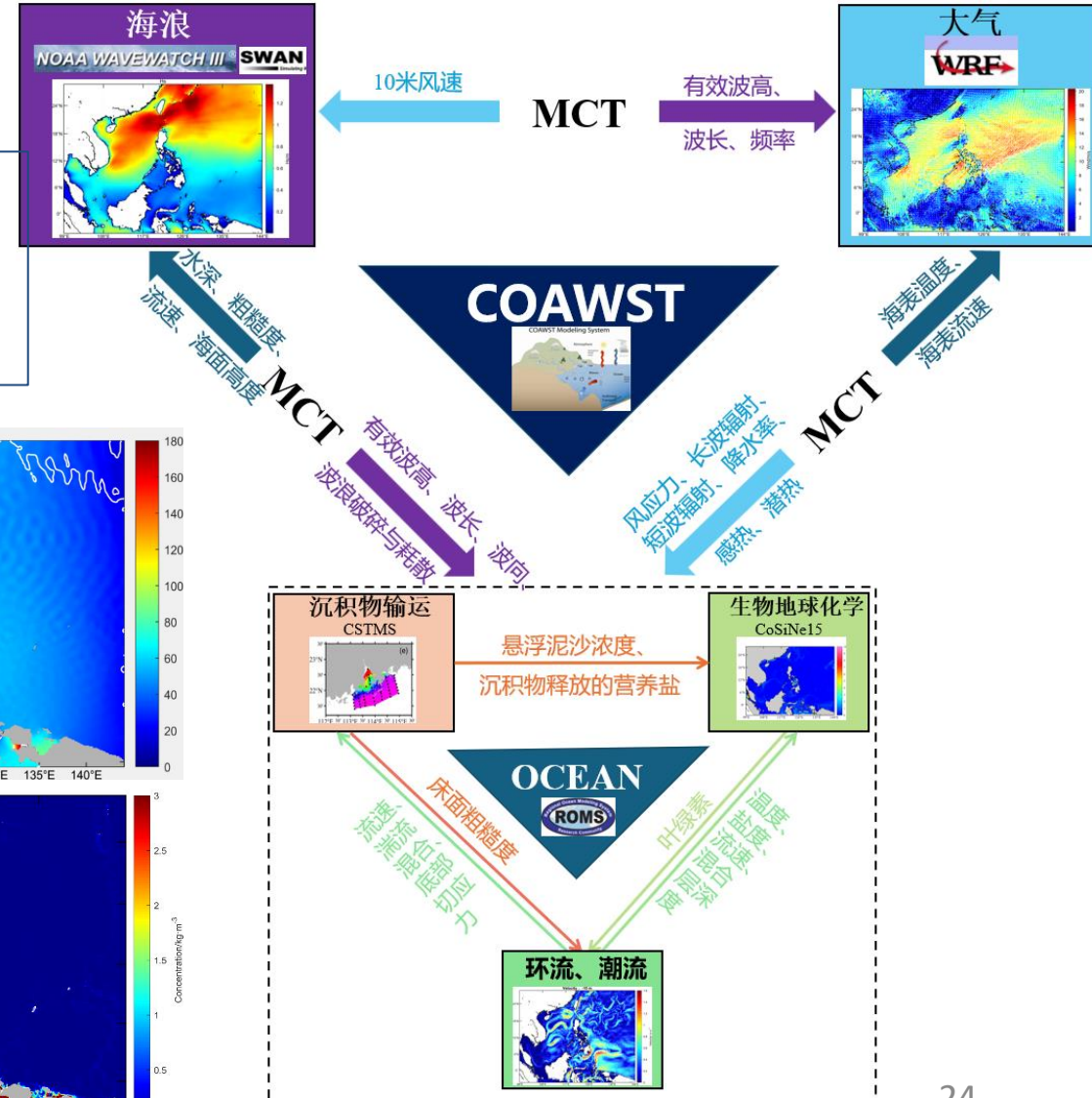


# 4.3 Cross sphere fully coupled numerical model in the SCS



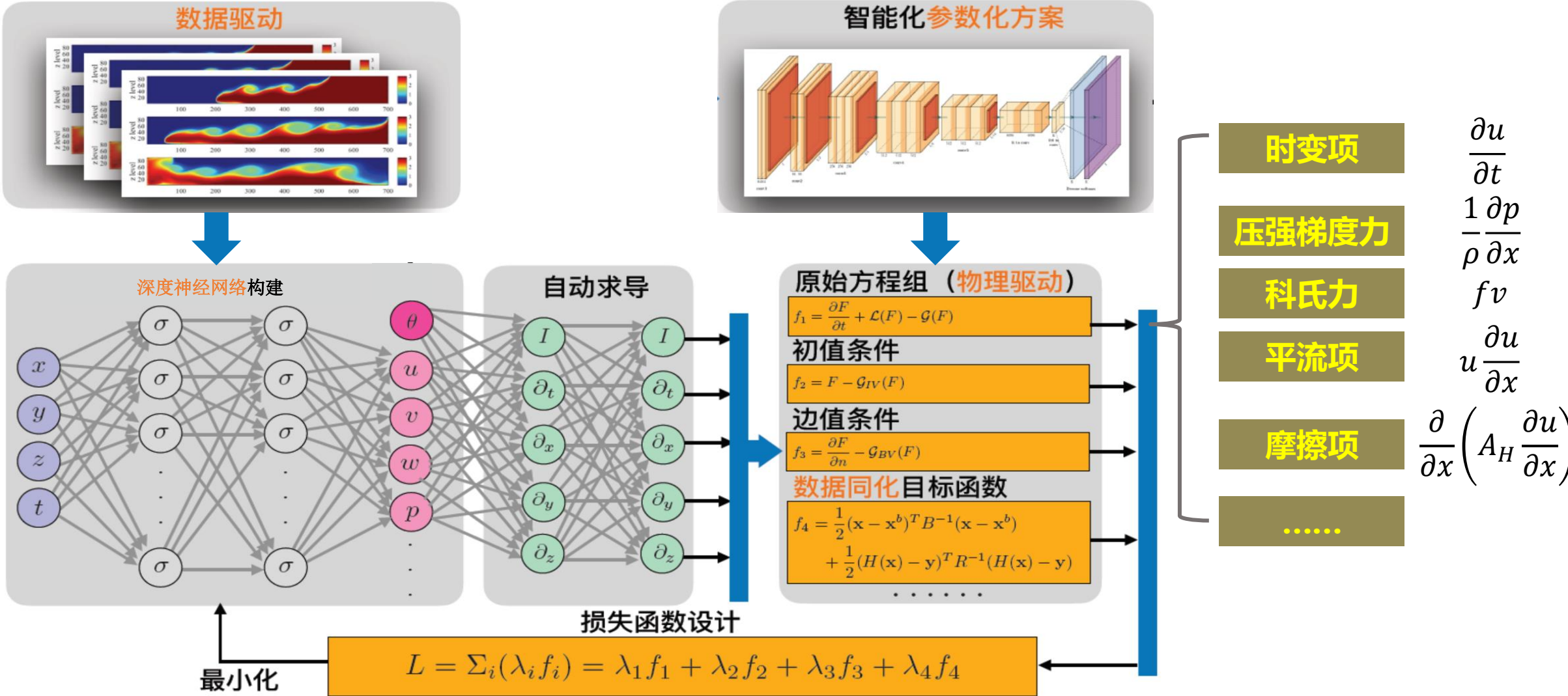
Cross sphere **atmosphere-current-tide-wave-ecology-sediment** fully coupled model in the SCS is constructed based on the COAWST framework.

- ✓ Atmo.- WRF model 30km、10km two layer nesting
- ✓ Ocean-ROMS+CoSiNE model 9km~4km
- ✓ Wave-WW3 model 16km、9km~4km two layers nesting





# 4.4 Data-knowledge coupled intelligent marine forecast model





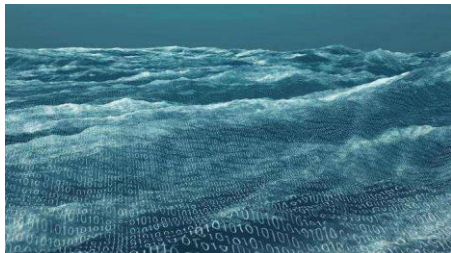
## 4.5 Digital twins of the ocean: concept and framework



**Digital twins** are realistic digital representations of physical assets. **Digital Twin of the Ocean** is a consistent, high-resolution, multi-dimensional, real-time virtual representation of the ocean, combining ocean observations, artificial intelligence, advanced modelling operating on high-performance computers and accessible to all.

### Tasks of a DTO for the GBA

1. Construct a data lake for full lifecycle governance of relevant data



2. Develop data-knowledge coupled marine forecasting techniques



3. Realize online computation and multi-dimensional visualization



4. Set up decision-making services for ecosystem-based management





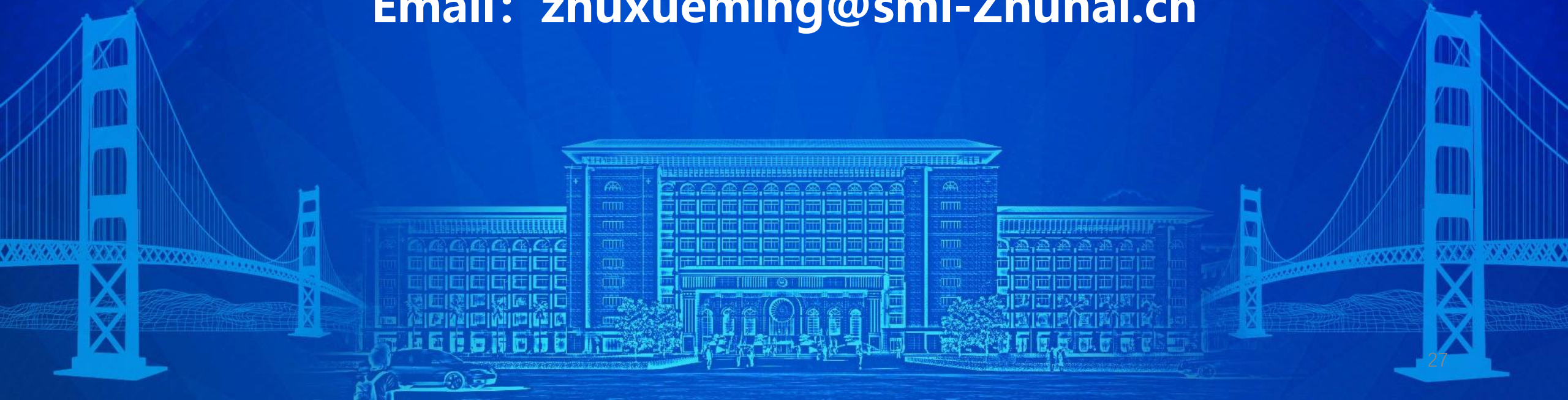


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