

Ecosystem models and forecasts for Chinese coastal seas

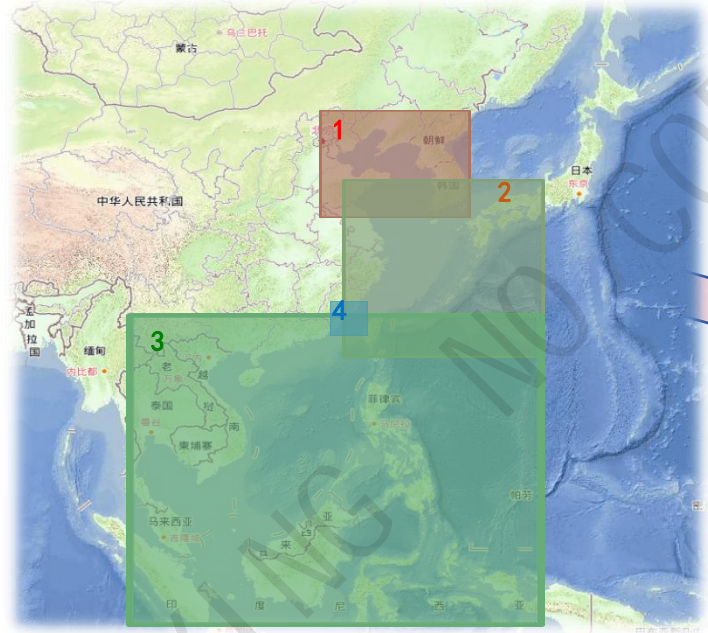
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Marine Ecological Forecasting System

Diagram of forecasting process



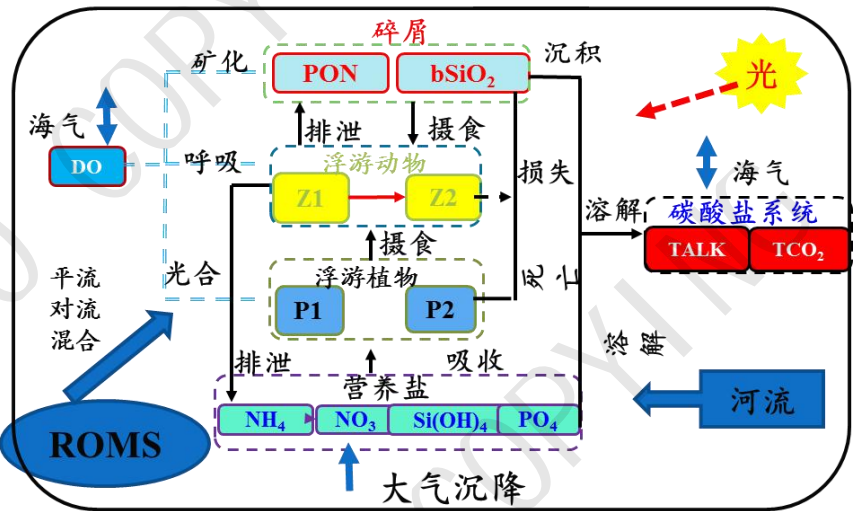
Surface Forcing
GFS/WRF

1. Bohai Sea and Yellow Sea

2. Yellow Sea and East China Sea

3. South China Sea

4. Sansha Bay

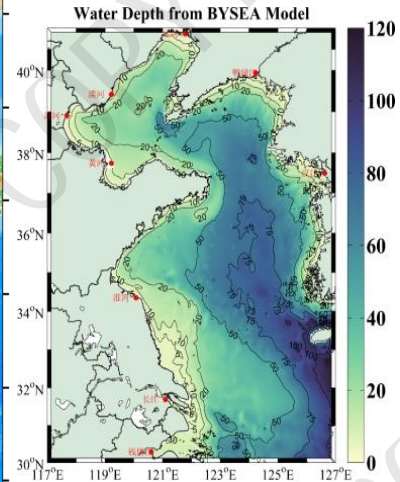
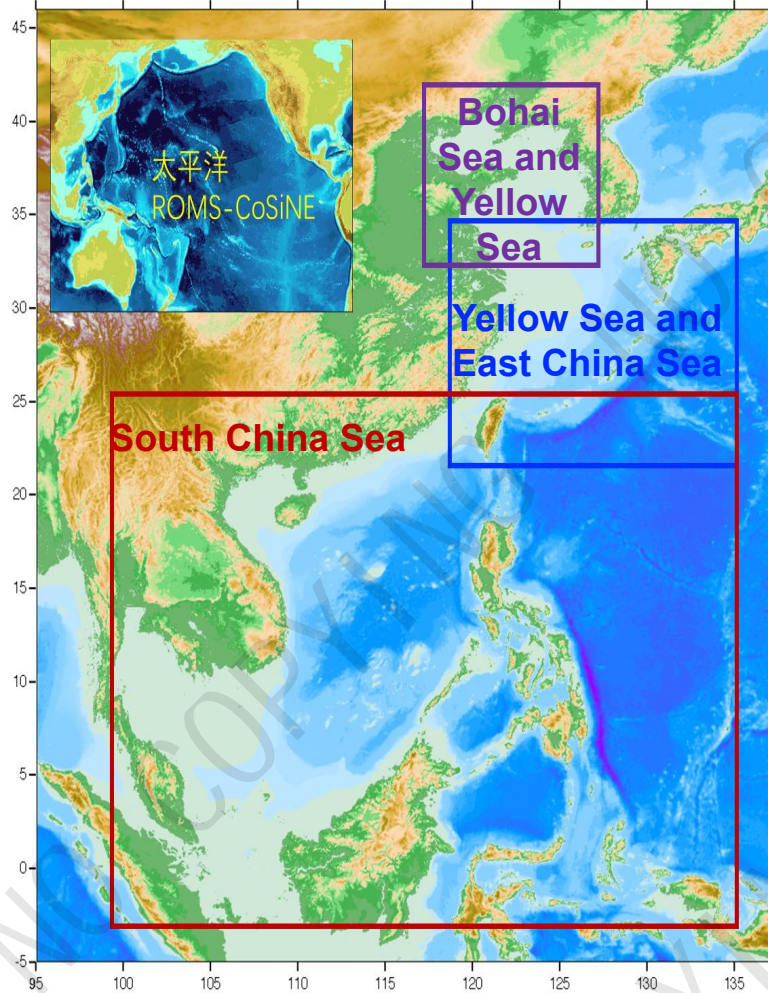


Products

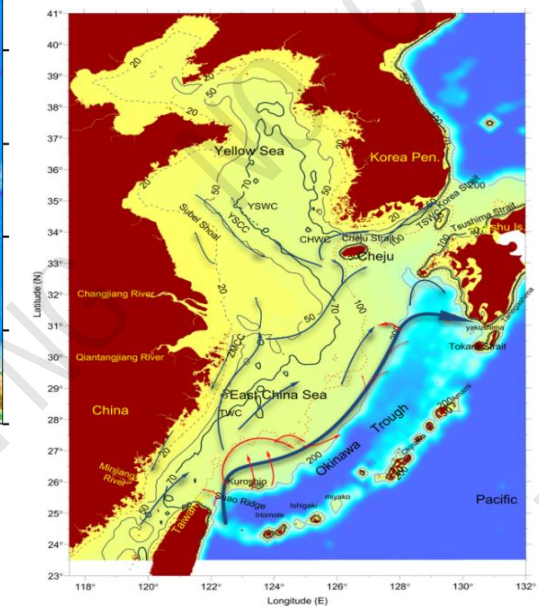
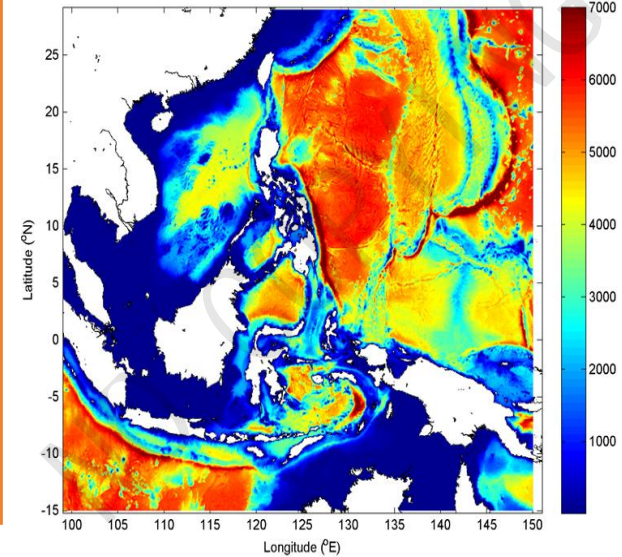
Chl-a, NO₃, NH₄, PO₄, SiOH₄, O₂, pH (visualization & data)

Time scale: 120 h
Layer: 0, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200m

System configuration



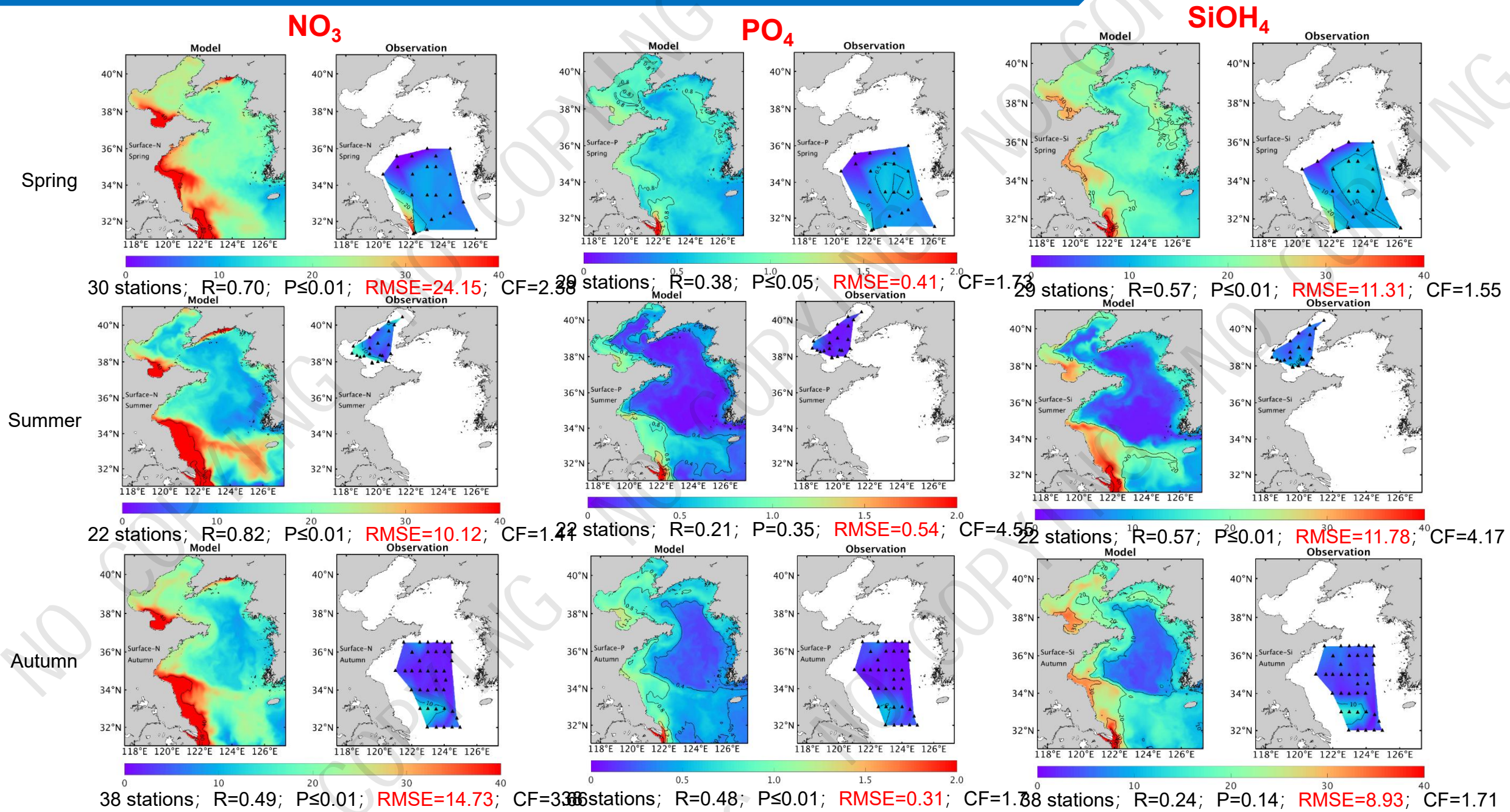
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 - ✓ 29.85 - 41.18° N, 117.27-127.36° E
- ◆ **Horizontal Resolution**
 - ✓ 1/24° * 1/24°, Grid number: 274×249
- ◆ **Vertical Resolution**
 - ✓ 30 Layers
- ◆ **Initial Condition**
 - ✓ WOA13
- ◆ **Forcing:**
 - ✓ **Surface:** WRF/GFS
 - ✓ **Open Boundary:** SODA
 - ✓ **River:** Changjiang, Huanghe, Huaihe
Qiangtangjiang, Yalvjiang, Haihe, Liaohe, Luanhe, Hanjiang
- ◆ **Tide:** 8 major constituents (M2, S2, N2, K2, K1, O1, P1, Q1)



- ◆ **Domain:**
 - ✓ 23.5 - 41.0° N, 117.5 - 132.0° E
- ◆ **Horizontal Resolution**
 - ✓ 1/24° * 1/24°
- ◆ **Vertical Resolution**
 - ✓ 30 Layers
- ◆ **Initial Condition**
 - ✓ WOA13
- ◆ **Forcing:**
 - ✓ **Surface:** WRF/GFS
 - ✓ **Open Boundary:** SODA
 - ✓ **River:** Changjiang, Huanghe, Minjiang,
Qiangtangjiang, Yalvjiang,
Liaohe, Hanjiang
- ◆ **Tide:** 6 major constituents (M2, S2, N2, K2, K1, O1)

- ◆ **Domain:**
 - ✓ -15 - 29° N, 99 - 150° E
- ◆ **Horizontal Resolution**
 - ✓ 1/24° * 1/24°
- ◆ **Vertical Resolution**
 - ✓ 30 Layers
- ◆ **Initial Condition**
 - ✓ WOA13
- ◆ **Forcing:**
 - ✓ **Surface:** WRF/GFS
 - ✓ **Open Boundary:** SODA
 - ✓ **River:** 21 rivers
Zhujiang, Meigonghe, Honghe,
Jiulongjiang, Huangganghe so on
- ◆ **Tide:** 8 major constituents (M2, S2, N2, K2, K1, O1, P1, Q1)

Model validation of bhsbio — NO₃、PO₄、SiOH₄



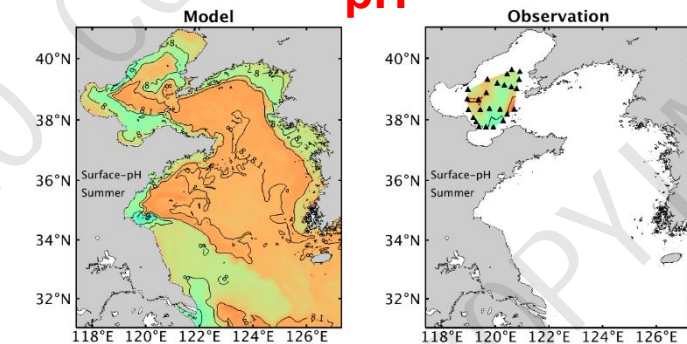
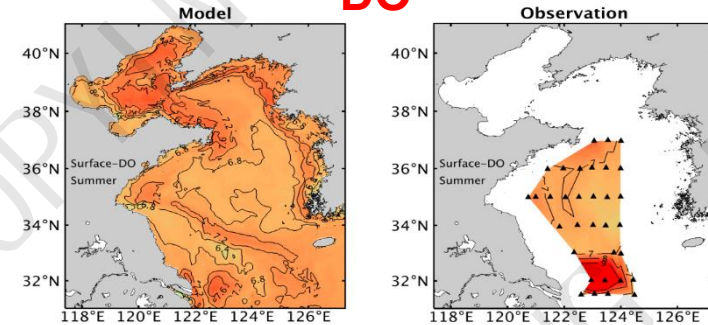
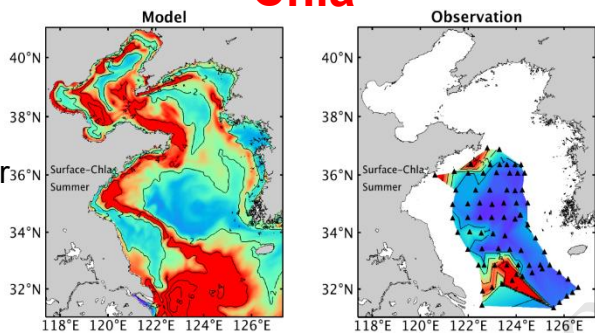
Model validation of bhsbio — Chla, DO, PH

Chla

DO

pH

Summer

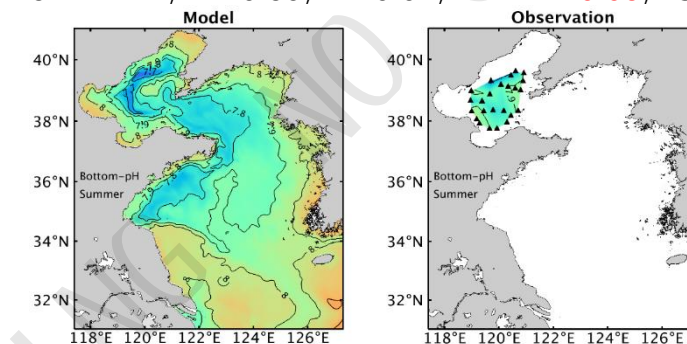
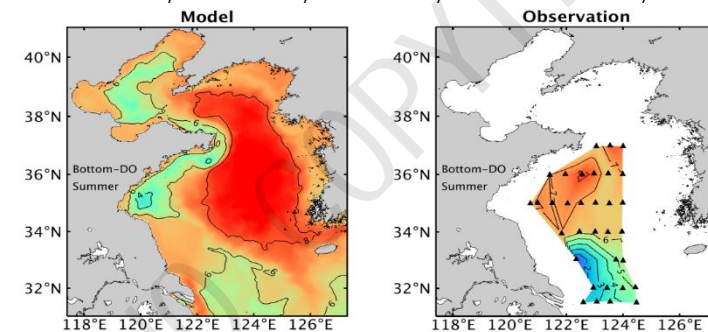
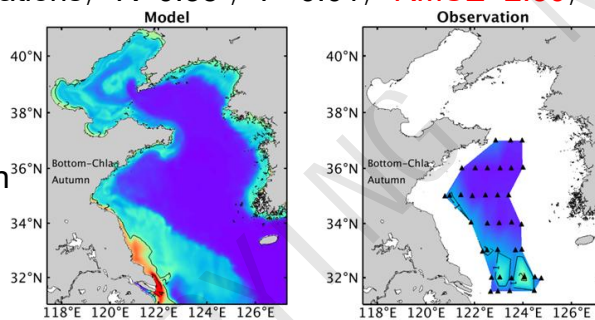


79 stations; $R=0.35$; $P \leq 0.01$; **RMSE=2.50**; $CF=0.99$

33 stations; $R=0.51$; $P \leq 0.01$; **RMSE=1.27**; $CF=0.42$

25 stations; $R=0.59$; $P \leq 0.01$; **RMSE=0.08**; $CF=0.74$

Autumn

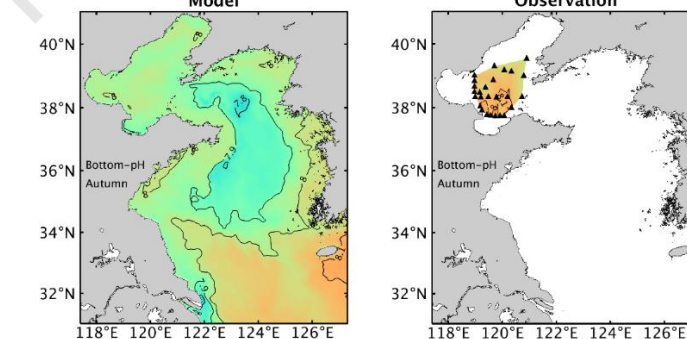
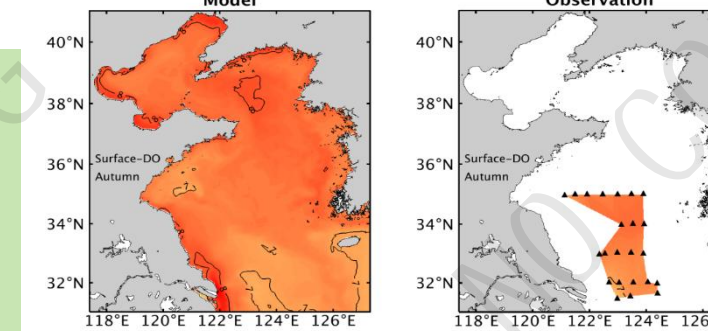


36 stations; $R=0.71$; $P \leq 0.01$; **RMSE=0.40**; $CF=0.63$

33 stations; $R=0.60$; $P \leq 0.01$; **RMSE=2.01**; $CF=0.95$

24 stations; $R=0.69$; $P \leq 0.01$; **RMSE=0.07**; $CF=0.68$

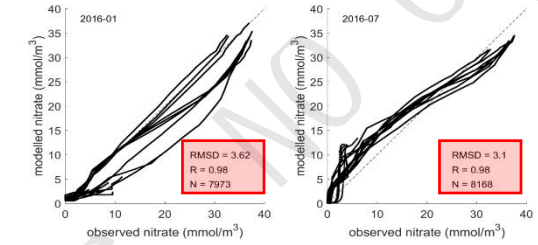
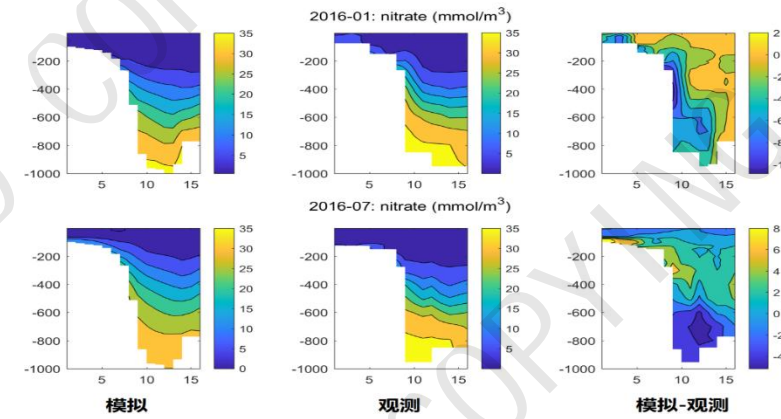
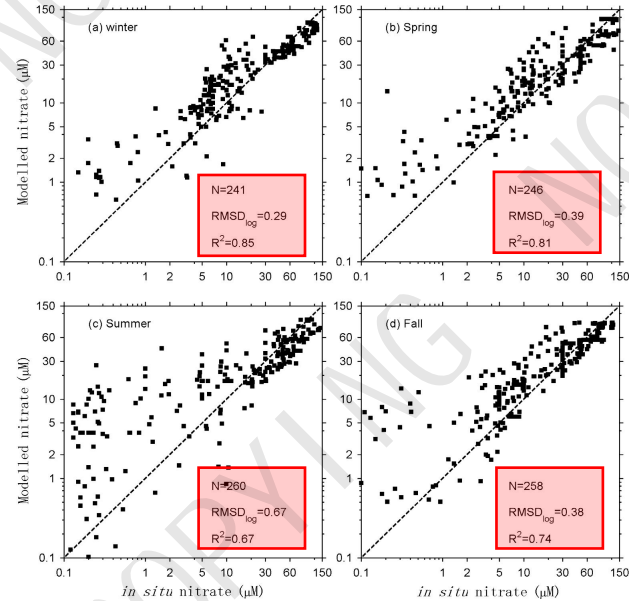
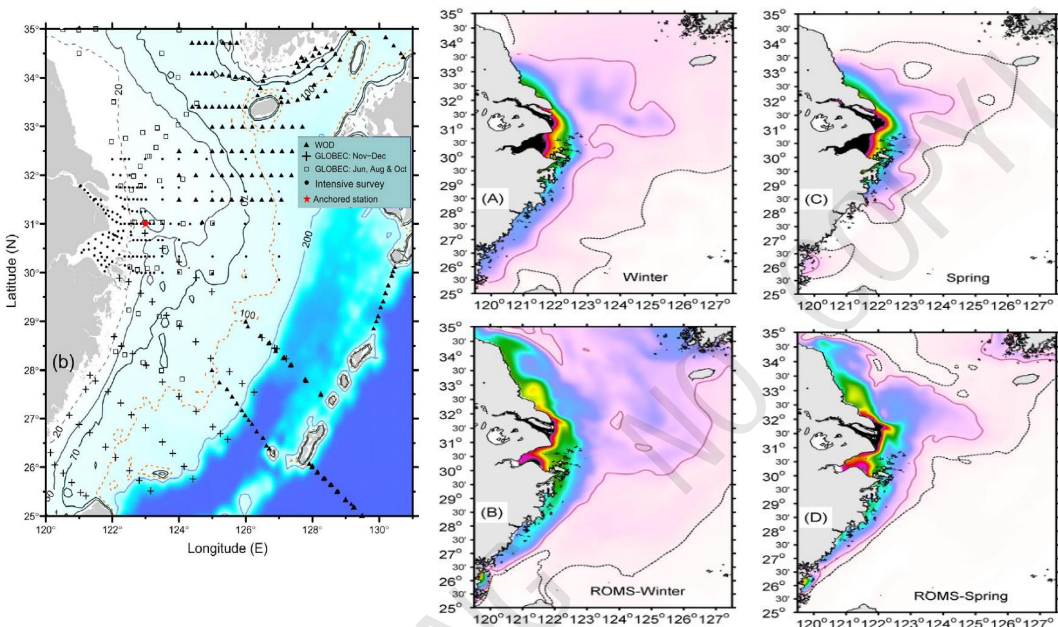
Overall, the simulated nutrients, chlorophyll, DO are agree well with the situ data. These comparisons show that the model is able to reproduce the biogeochemical dynamics in the Bohai Sea and Yellow Sea.



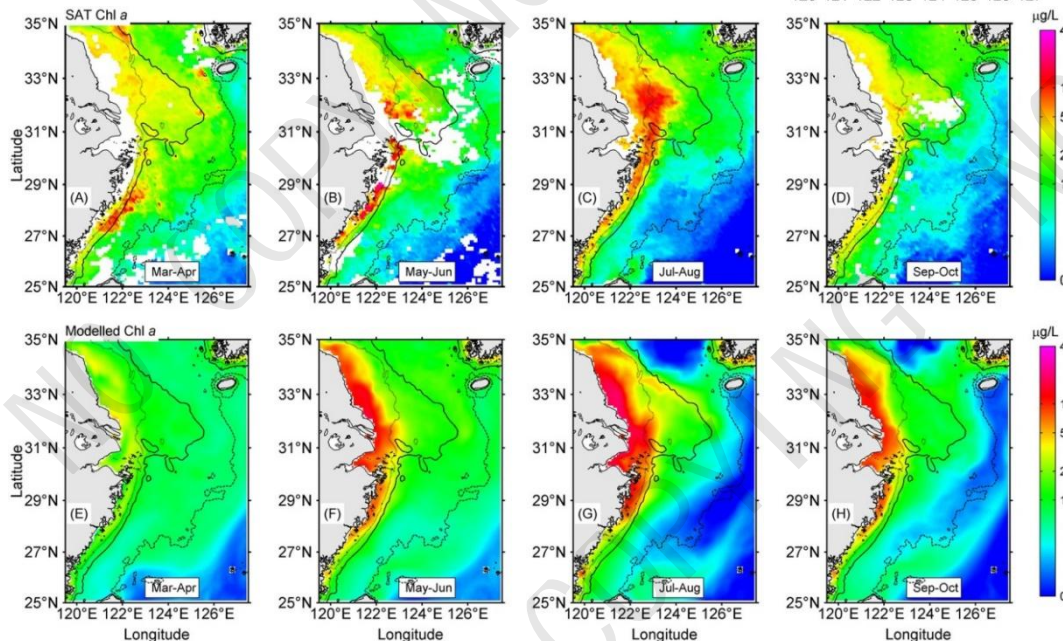
23 stations; $R=0.54$; $P \leq 0.01$; **RMSE=0.28**; $CF=0.85$

26 stations; $R=0.28$; $P=0.16$; **RMSE=0.12**; $CF=2.95$

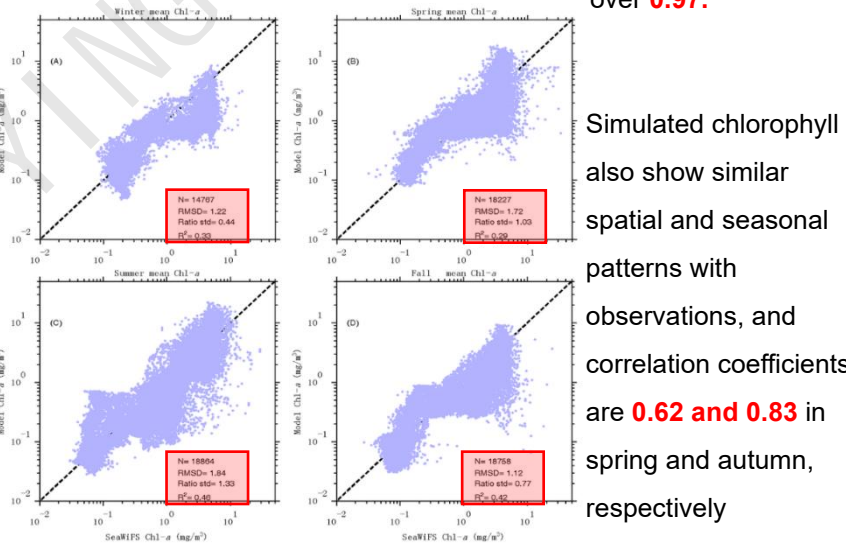
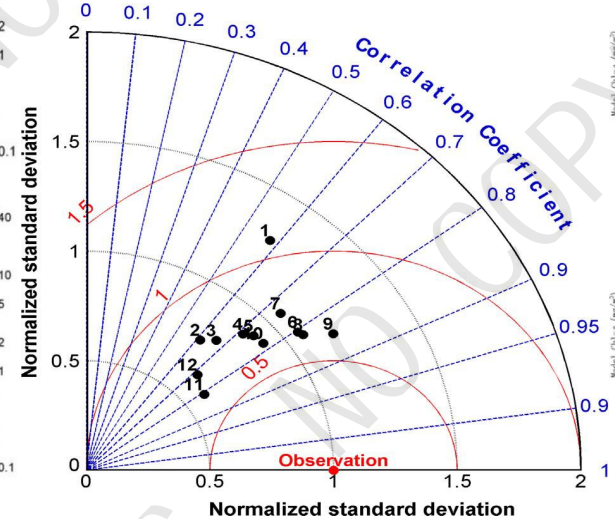
Model validation of ecsbio — NO₃, Chla



At the PN cross-section, the correlation coefficient between simulation and observation reaches over **0.97**.



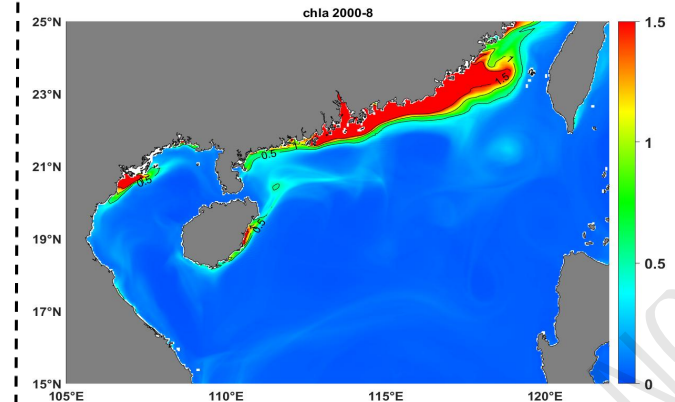
Simulated nitrate are compared with the observed data and agree well with correlation coefficients of **0.85, 0.81, 0.67, and 0.74**, respectively



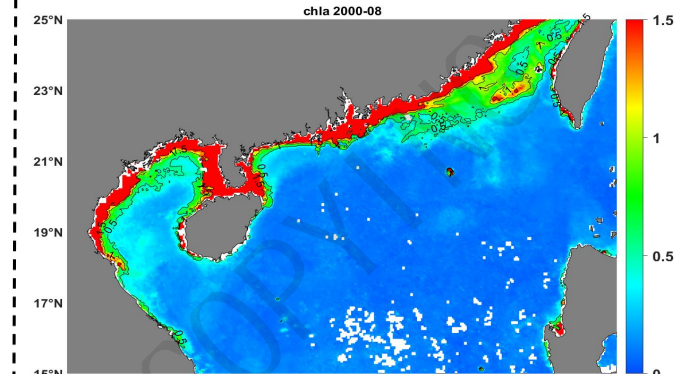
Simulated chlorophyll also show similar spatial and seasonal patterns with observations, and correlation coefficients are **0.62 and 0.83** in spring and autumn, respectively

Model validation of scsbio — Chla

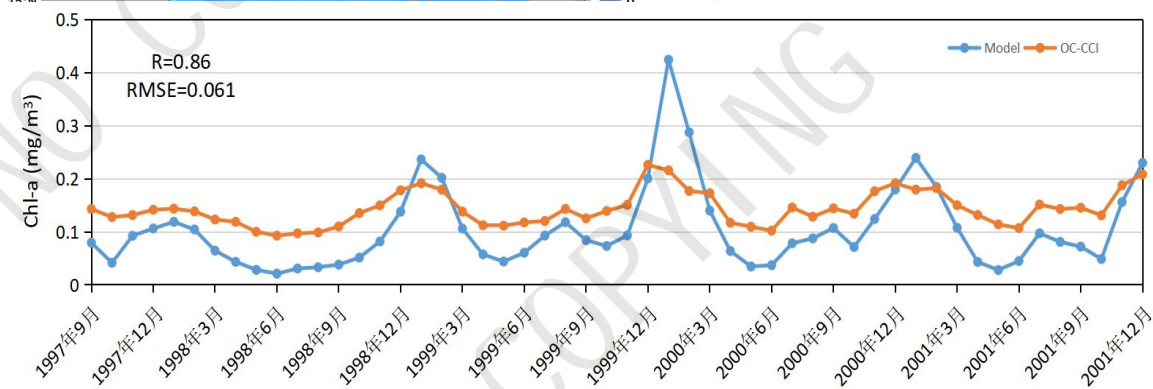
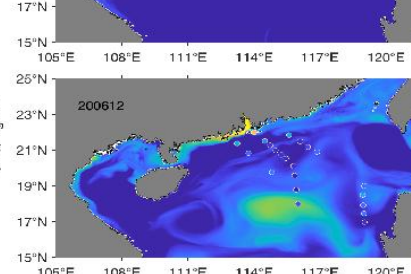
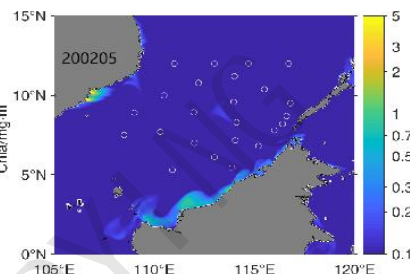
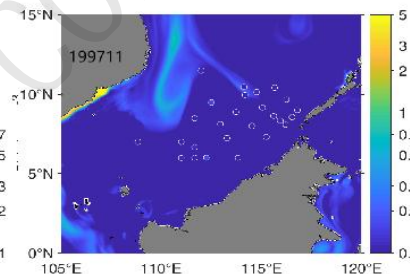
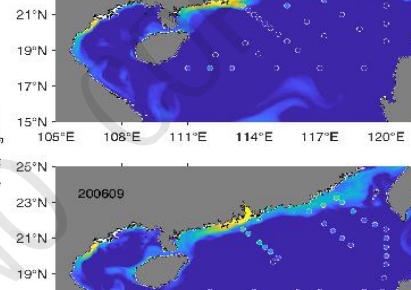
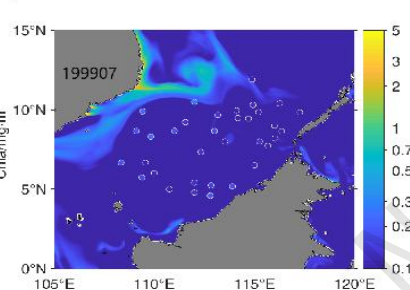
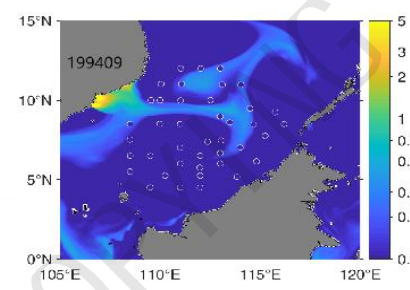
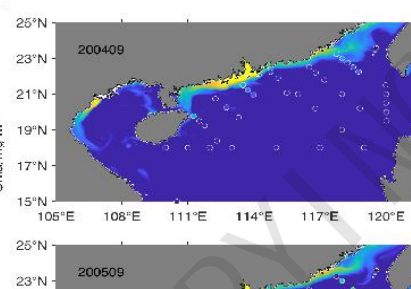
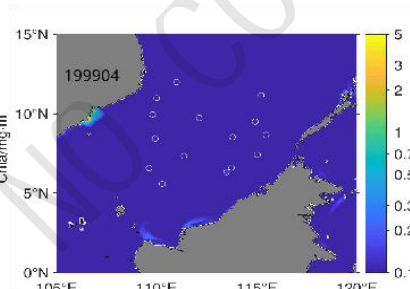
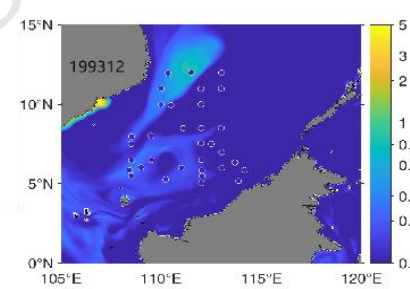
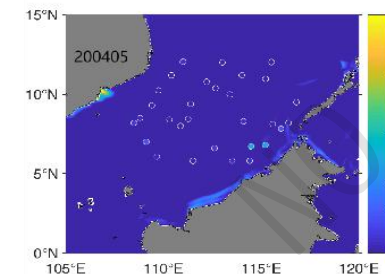
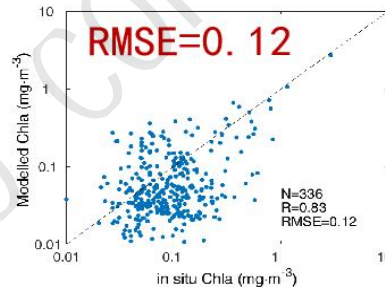
Model



OC-CCI



Surface layer



75m layer : RMSE = 0.17

150m layer : RMSE = 0.07

depth >200m: RMSE = 0.061

Ecological forecasting products



Chlorophyll-a

NH4

NO3

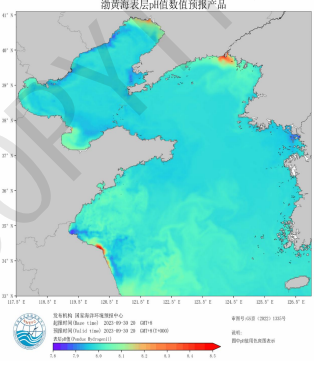
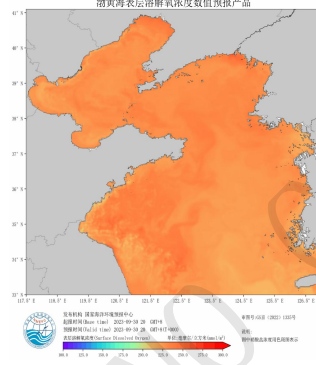
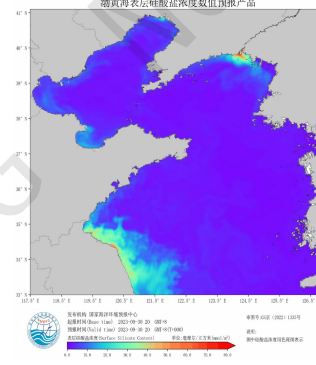
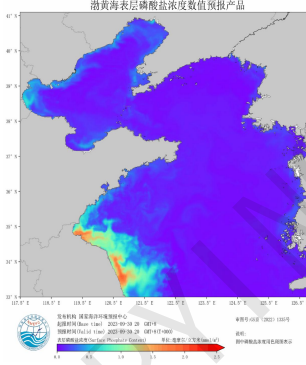
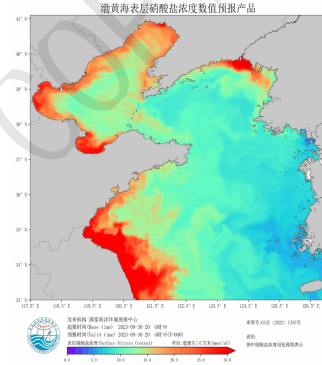
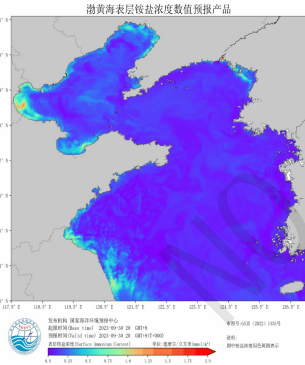
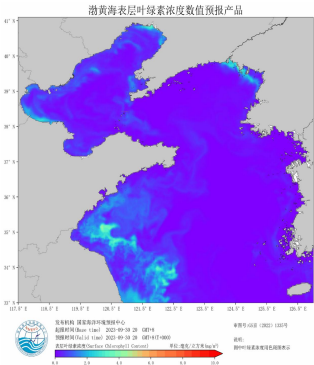
PO4

SiOH4

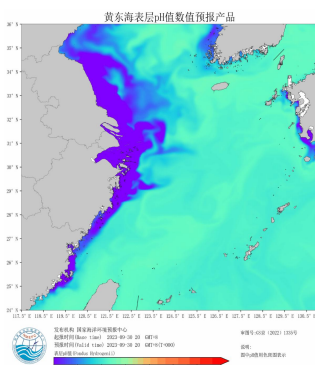
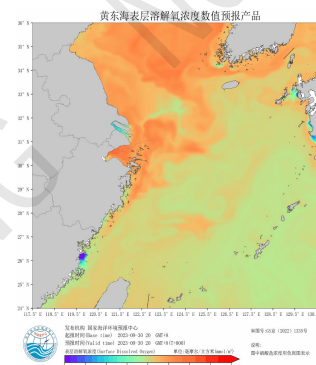
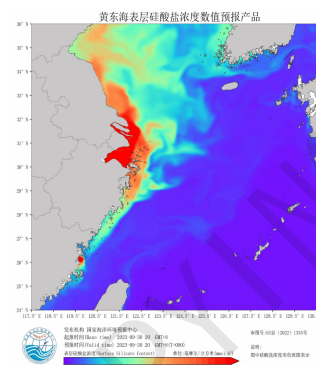
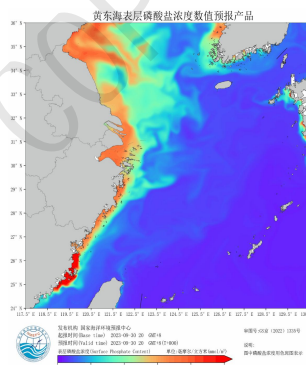
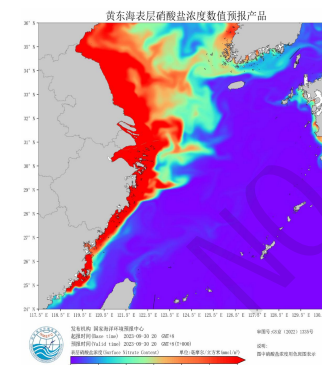
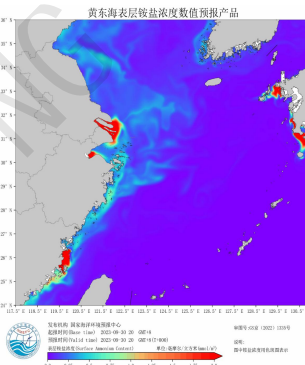
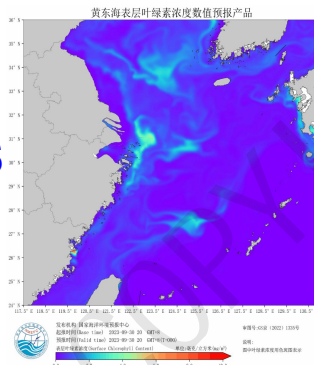
DO

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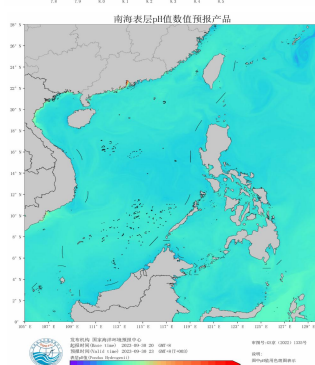
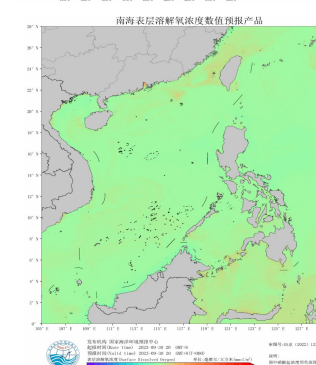
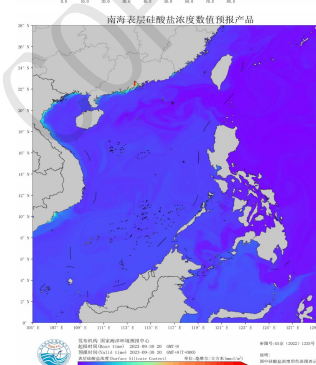
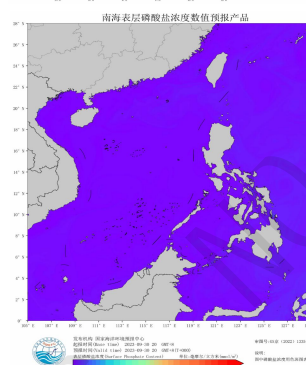
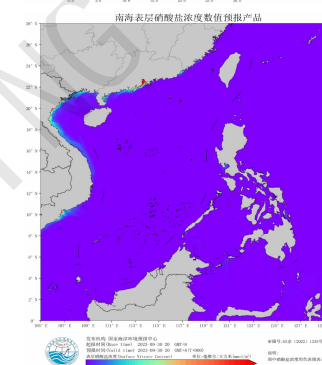
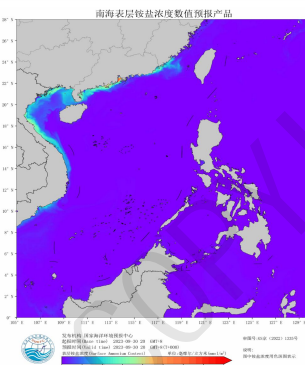
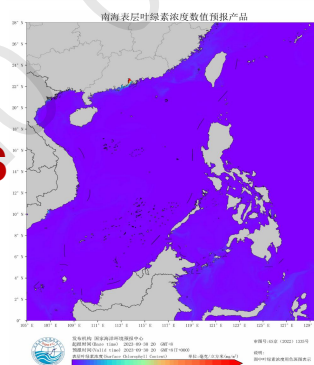
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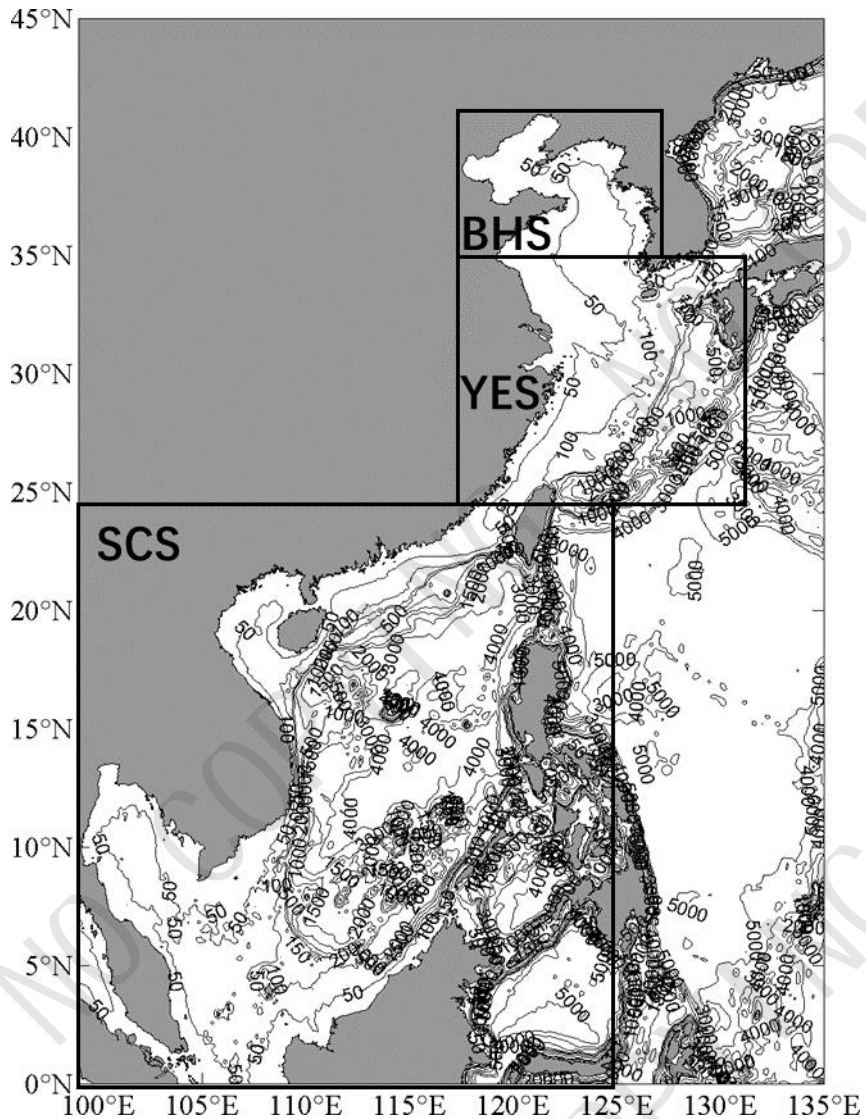
ECS



SCS



Verification and evaluation of forecasting results



(1) bias = $M_n - D_n$ M_n : forecasting results, D_n : Observation data

(2)
$$\text{rmse} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (M_n - D_n)^2}$$

(3) The percentage model bias

$$Pbias = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N (D_n - M_n)}{\sum_{n=1}^N D_n} \times 100$$

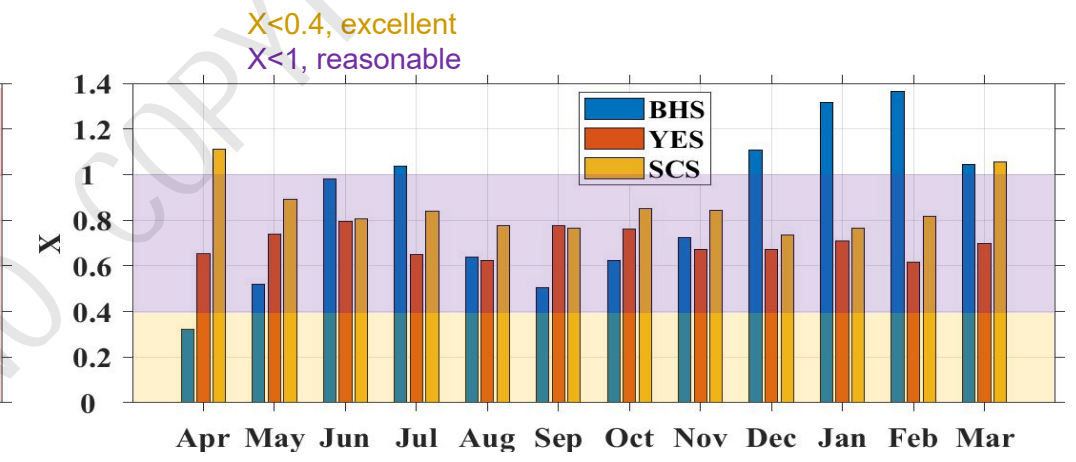
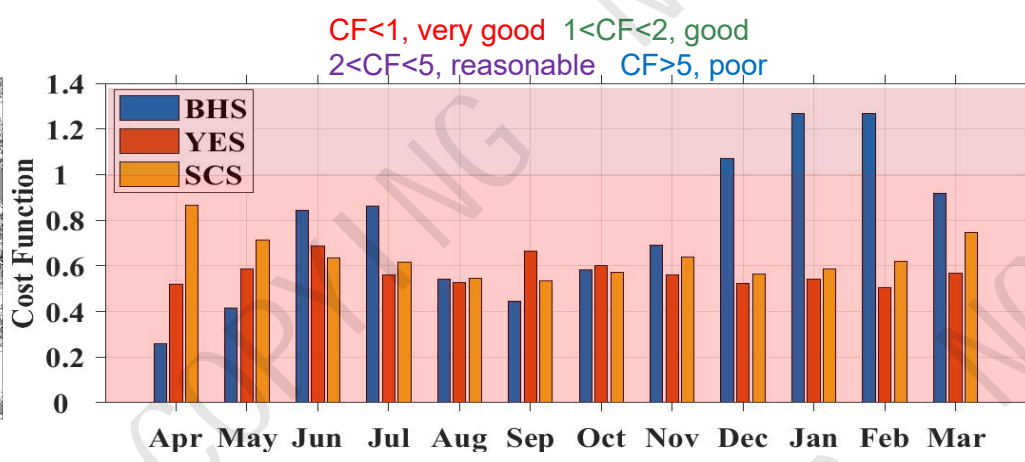
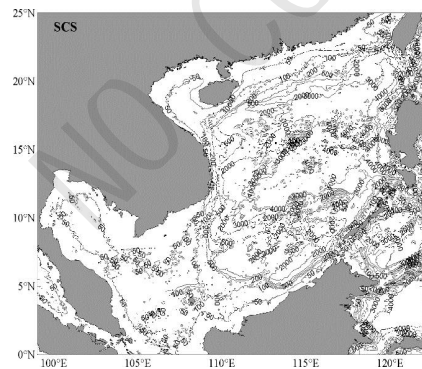
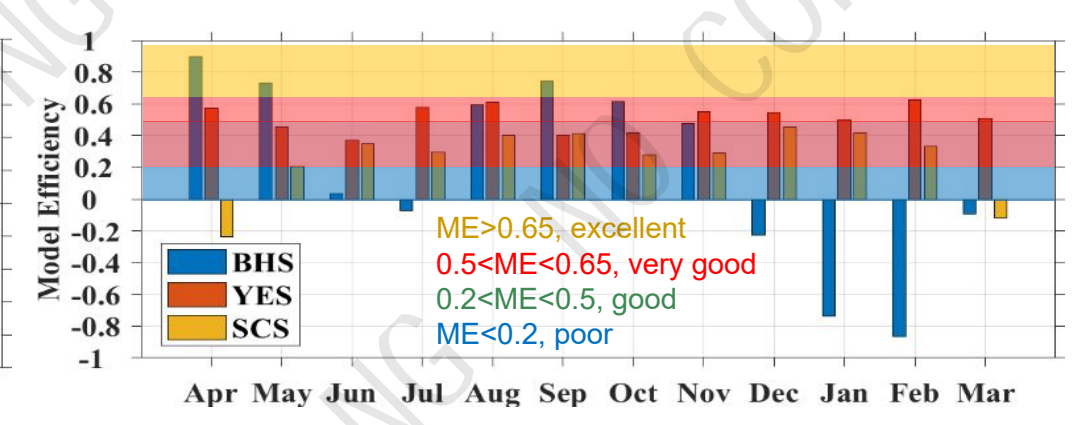
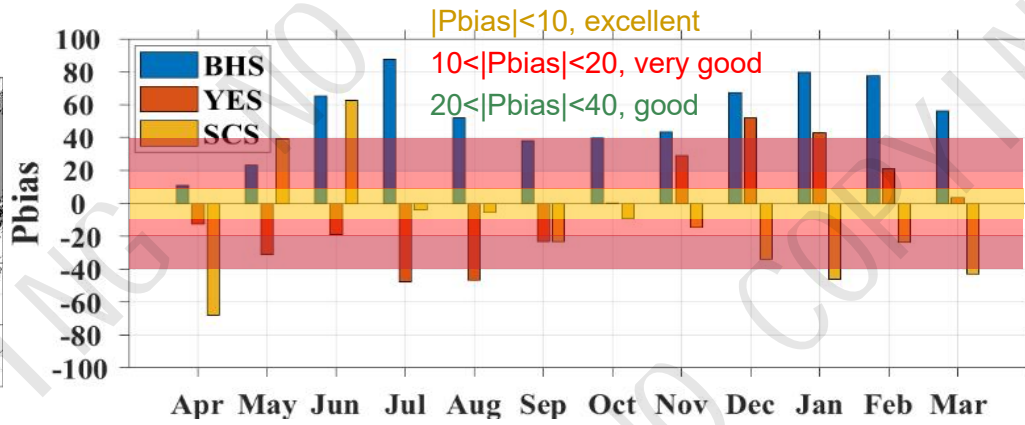
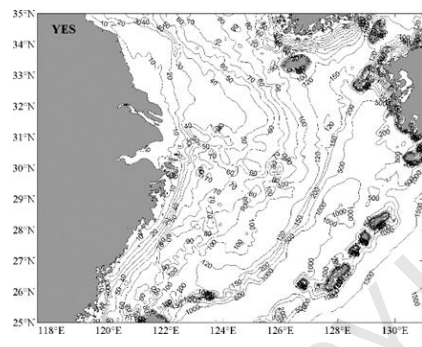
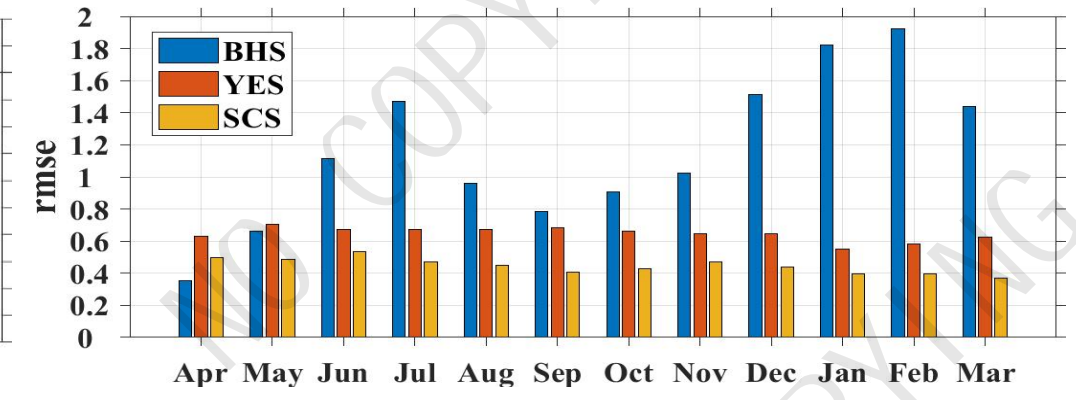
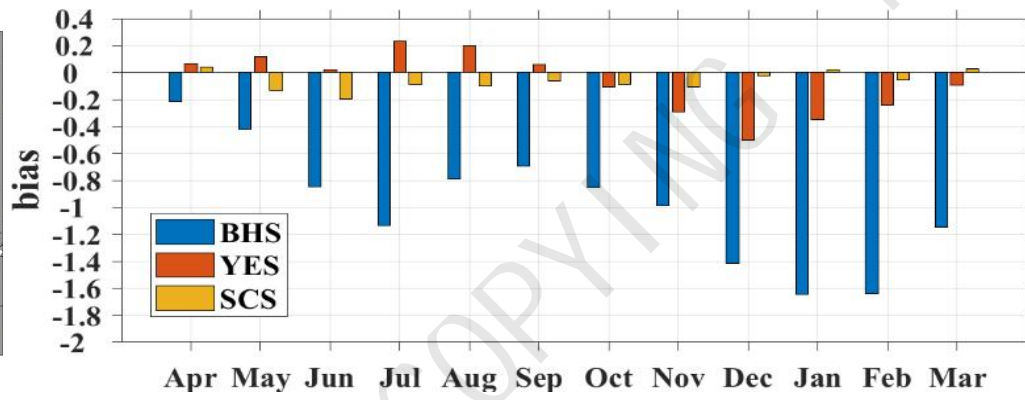
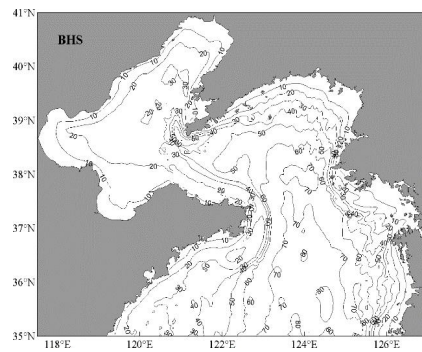
(4) The Nash Sutcliffe Model Efficiency

$$ME = 1 - \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N (D_n - M_n)^2}{\sum_{n=1}^N (D_n - \bar{D})^2}$$

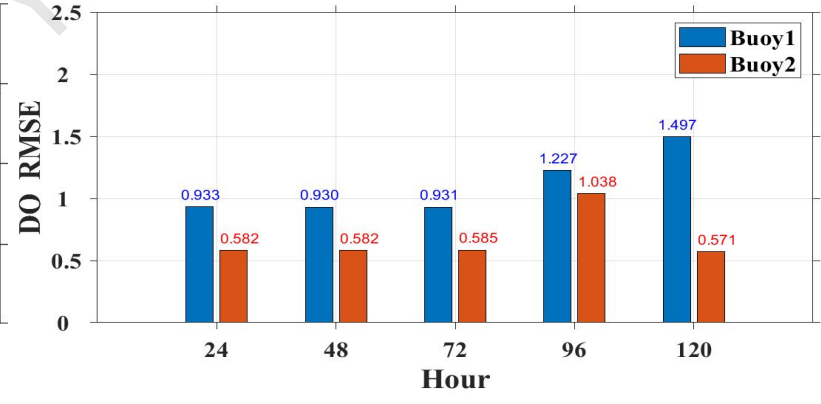
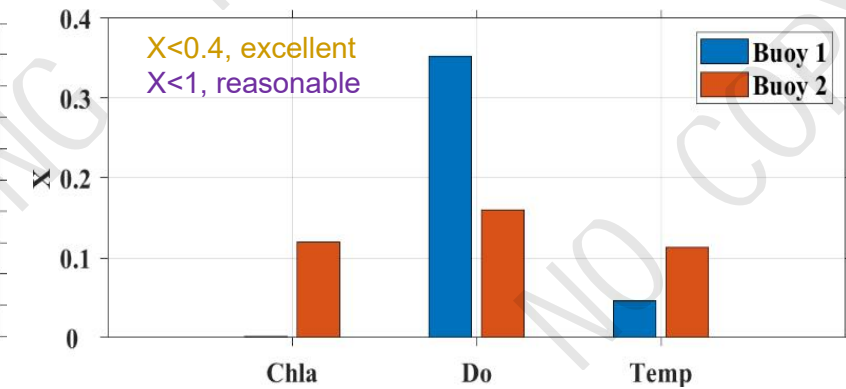
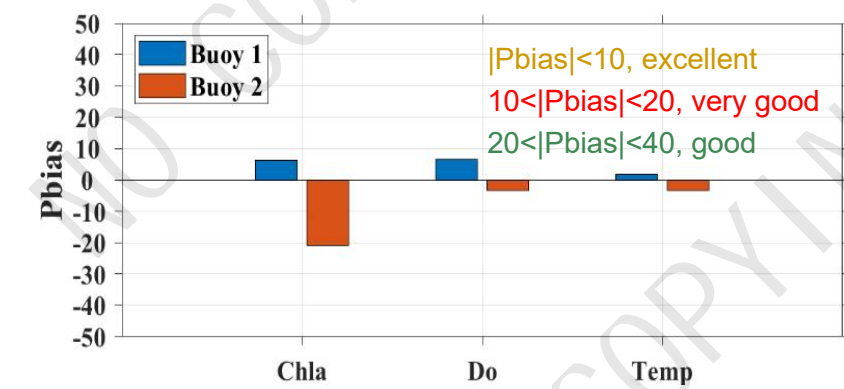
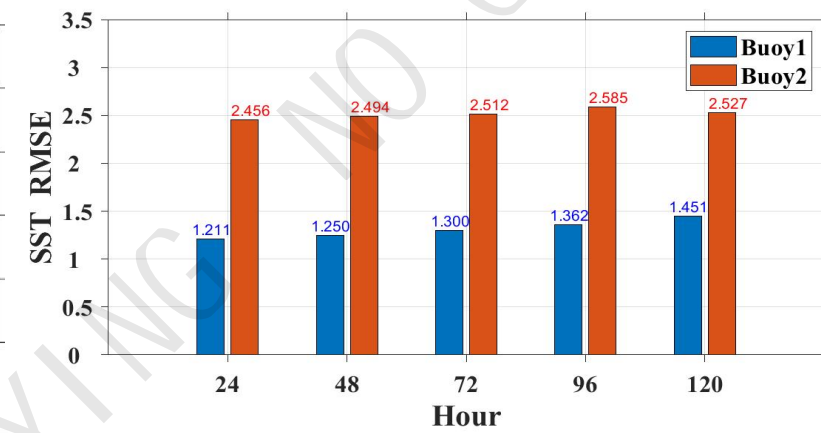
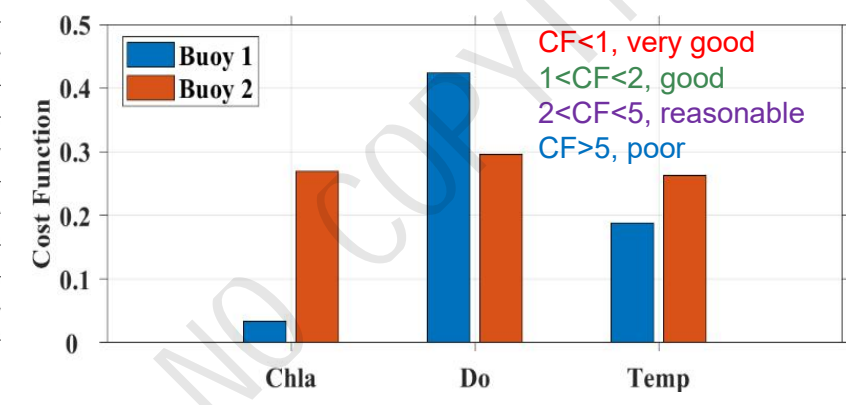
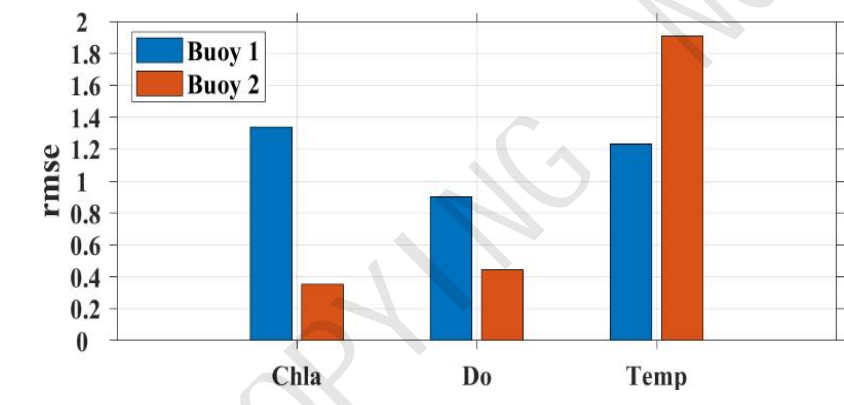
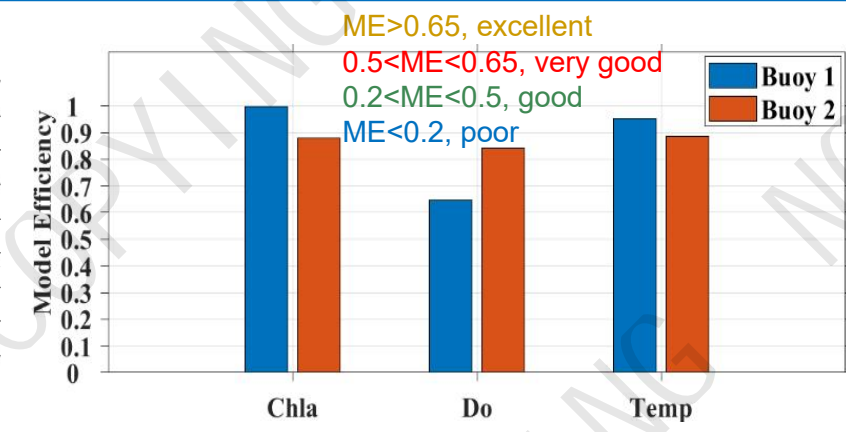
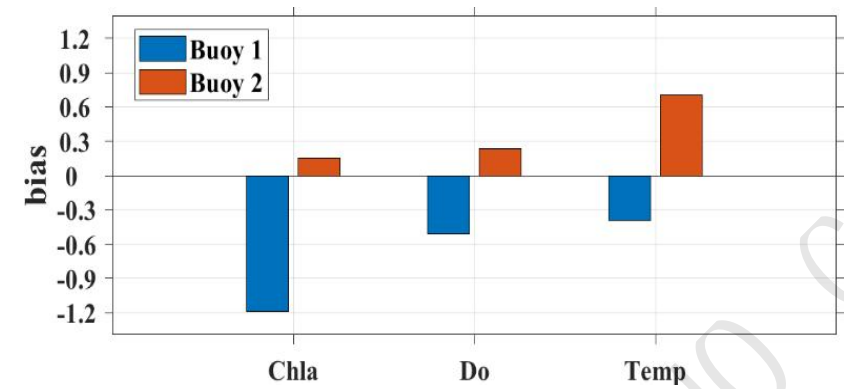
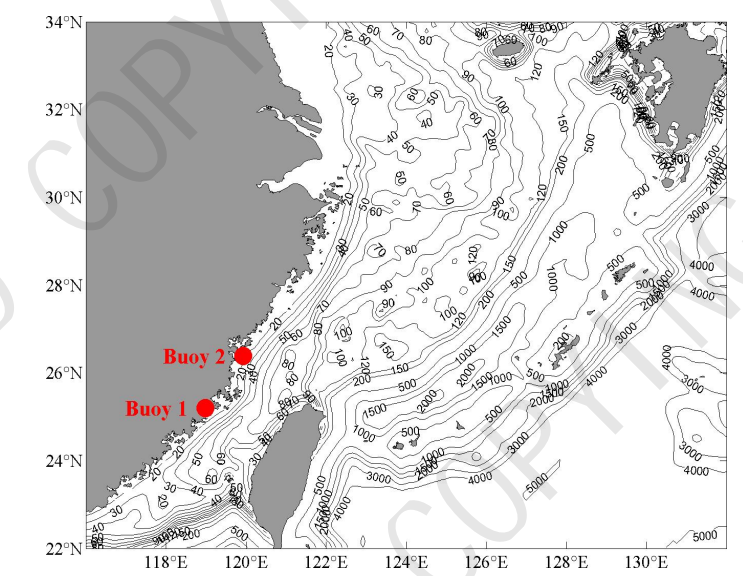
(5) The cost function

$$CF = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{|D_n - M_n|}{\sigma_D}$$

(6) χ function
$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{N\sigma_D^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (D_n - M_n)^2$$



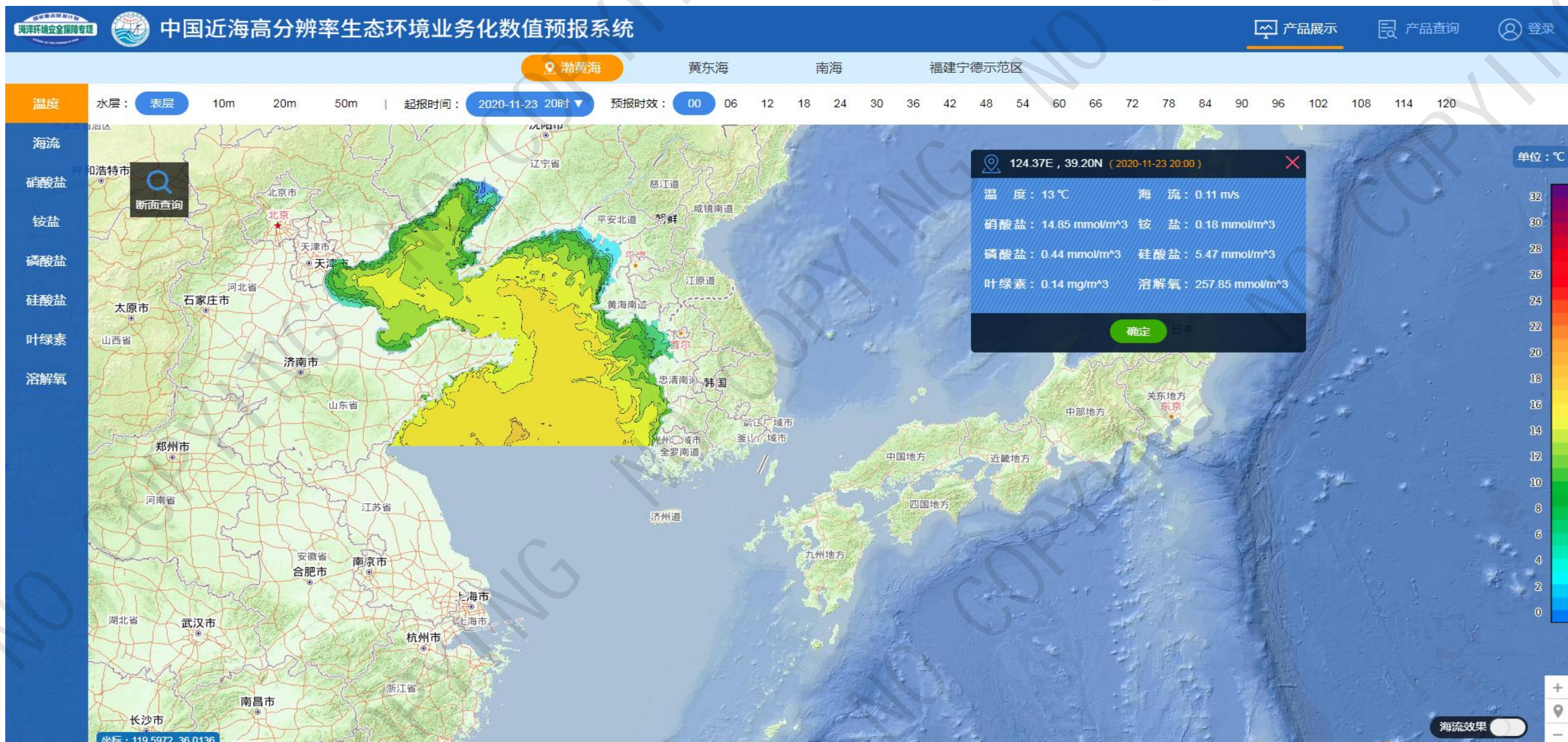
Verification and evaluation of forecasting results — Chla, DO, SST



Platform display

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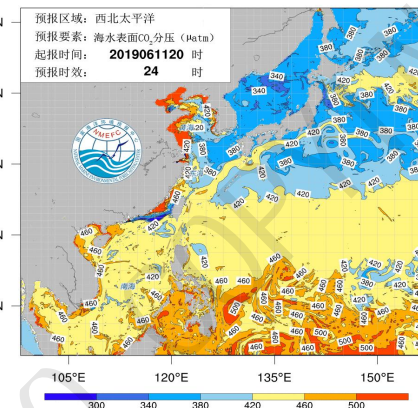
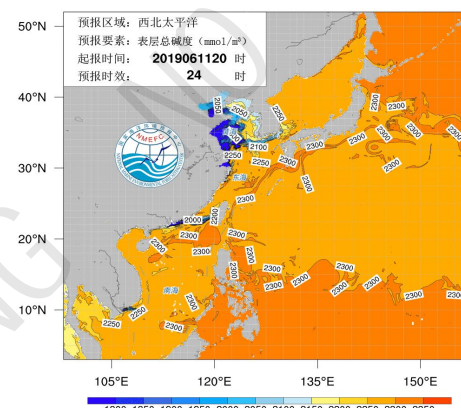
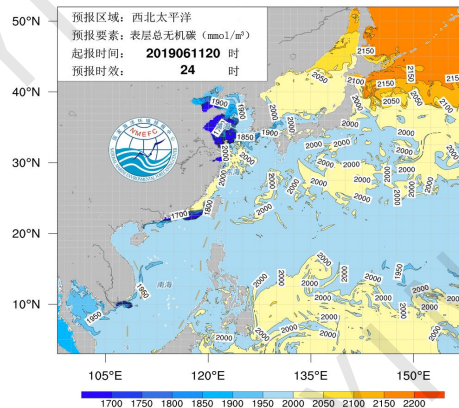
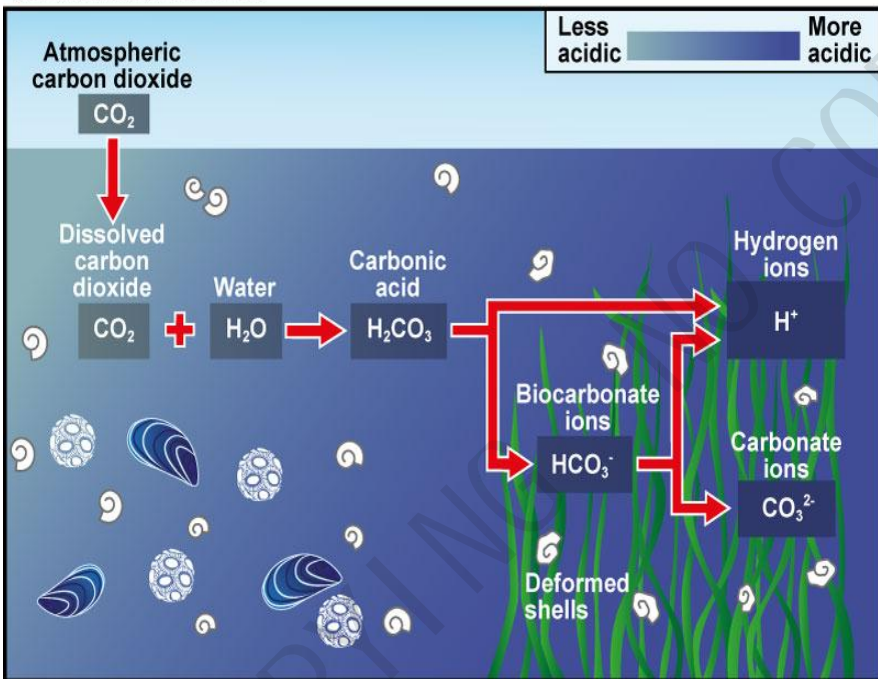
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Application Case: Ocean Carbon Cycle



OCEAN ACIDIFICATION



Using the temperature, salinity, TALK, TIC, PO₄, and SiOH₄ numerical forecast data from the high-resolution ecological environmental operational numerical prediction system, calculations and predictive forecasts for seawater acidity and alkalinity are conducted. The calculation of seawater pH utilizes the Newton method.

$$H_{\text{sws}} = \alpha H / fH$$

αH represents the hydrogen ion activity, and fH represents the activity coefficient of hydrogen ion (H^+). The specific calculation equation is as follows.:

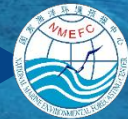
$$\alpha H = \text{TA} - \text{CALk} - \text{BALk} - \text{OH} - \text{PALk} - \text{SiAlk} + \text{Hfree} + \text{HSO}_4 + \text{HF};$$

$$fH = \ln 10 \cdot (\text{TC} \cdot \text{K1F} \cdot \text{H} \cdot (\text{H} \cdot \text{H} + \text{K1F} \cdot \text{K2F} + 4 \cdot \text{H} \cdot \text{K2F}) / \text{Denom} / \text{Denom} + \text{BALk} \cdot \text{H} / (\text{KBF} + \text{H}) + \text{OH} + \text{H})$$

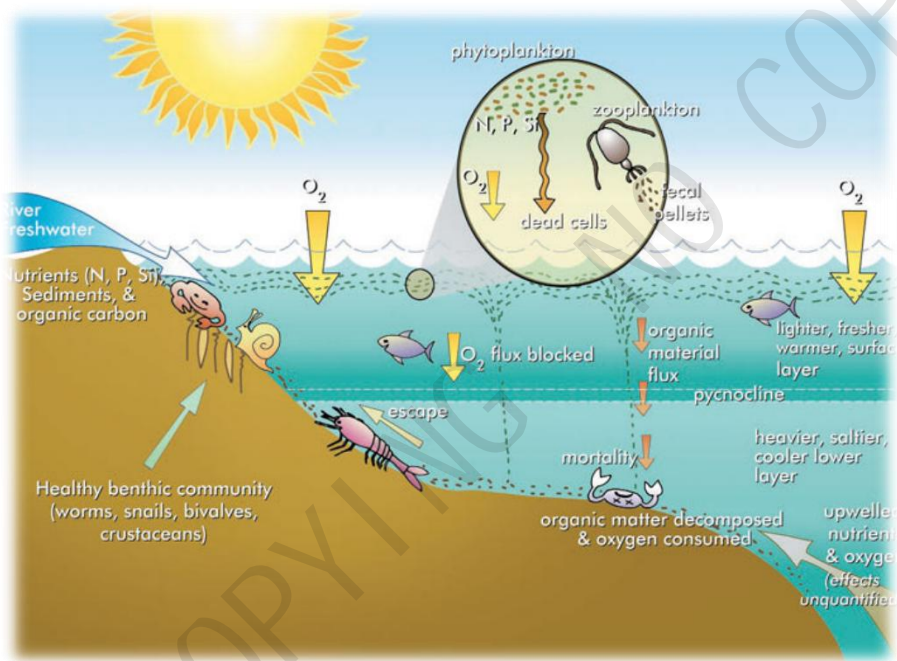
TA represents the total alkalinity, TC represents the total inorganic carbon.
 $\text{CALk} = \text{TC} \cdot \text{K1} \cdot (\text{H} + 2 \cdot \text{K2}) / \text{Denom}$; $\text{Denom} = (\text{H} \cdot \text{H} + \text{K1} \cdot \text{H} + \text{K1} \cdot \text{K2})$;
 $\text{H} = 10^{-\text{pHx}}$; $\text{BALk} = \text{TB} \cdot \text{KB} / (\text{KB} + \text{H})$; $\text{OH} = \text{KW} / \text{H}$;
 $\text{PALk} = \text{TP} \cdot \text{PhosTop} / \text{PhosBot}$; $\text{SiAlk} = \text{TSi} \cdot \text{KSi} / (\text{KSi} + \text{H})$;
 $\text{PhosTop} = \text{KP1} \cdot \text{KP2} \cdot \text{H} + 2 \cdot \text{KP1} \cdot \text{KP2} \cdot \text{KP3} - \text{H} \cdot \text{H} \cdot \text{H}$;
 $\text{PhosBot} = \text{H} \cdot \text{H} \cdot \text{H} + \text{KP1} \cdot \text{H} \cdot \text{H} + \text{KP1} \cdot \text{KP2} \cdot \text{H} + \text{KP1} \cdot \text{KP2} \cdot \text{KP3}$;
 $\text{Hfree} = \text{H} / \text{FREEtoTOT}$; $\text{FREEtoTOT} = (1 + \text{TS} / \text{KS})$;
 $\text{HSO}_4 = \text{TS} / (1 + \text{KS} / \text{Hfree})$; $\text{HF} = \text{TF} / (1 + \text{KF} / \text{Hfree})$.

KP1, KP2, KP3, KSi, KW, KB, KS, KF are coefficients related to temperature and salinity. TSi and TP represent the silicate and phosphate, respectively. K1 and K2 are the first and second dissociation constants of carbonic acid, specified as follows.
 $\text{K1} = 10^{(A1 - A2 / \text{Tk} - \log(\text{Tk}) \cdot A3 + \text{Salt} \cdot (A4 - \text{Salt} \cdot A5))}$;
 $\text{K2} = 10^{(B1 - B2 / \text{Tk} + \text{Salt} \cdot (B3 - \text{Salt} \cdot B4))}$.
 Tk represents temperature in Kelvin, Salt represents salinity, and the rest are parameter values.

Application Case: Hypoxia Zone

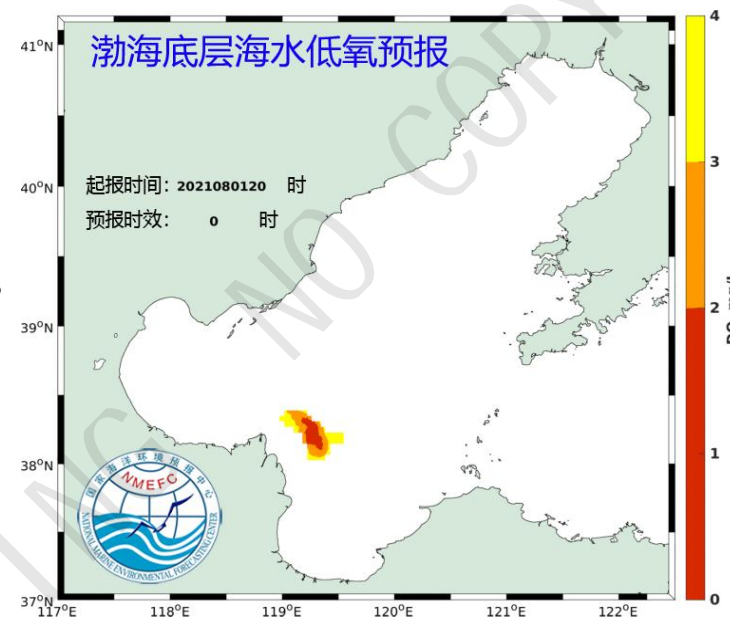
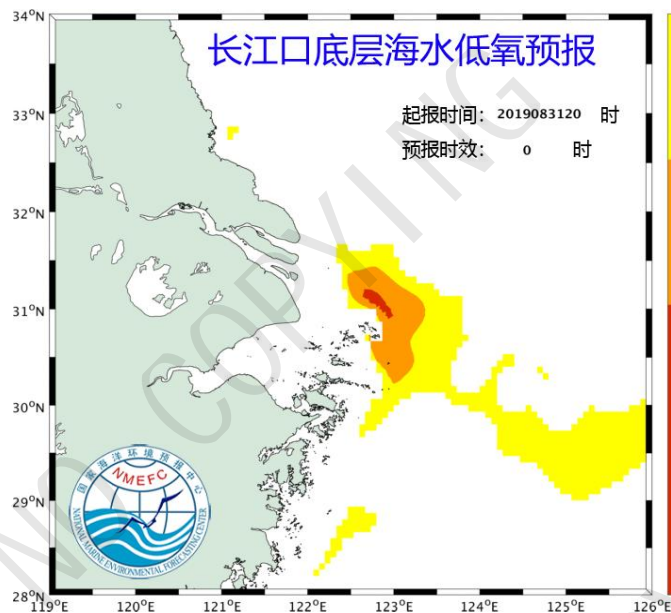


Marine hypoxia process:



Definition of hypoxia: When the concentration of dissolved oxygen in water is less than 3mg/L, it is considered to be hypoxia.

Hypoxia forecasting products



$$Ox_{\min} = \text{minimum}[Ox(i, j, 1), \dots, Ox(i, j, t)], t = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^L A(i, j) * \text{mask}(i, j)$$

$$\text{mask}(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } Ox_{\min} \leq 3.0 \\ 0, & \text{if } Ox_{\min} > 3.0 \end{cases}$$

Hypoxia red alert (DO < 2mg/L)

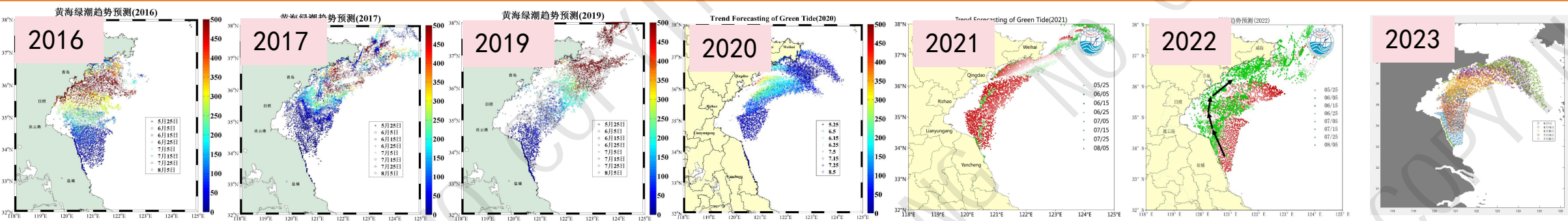
Hypoxia orange alert (2mg/L < DO < 3mg/L)

Hypoxia yellow alert (3mg/L < DO < 4mg/L)

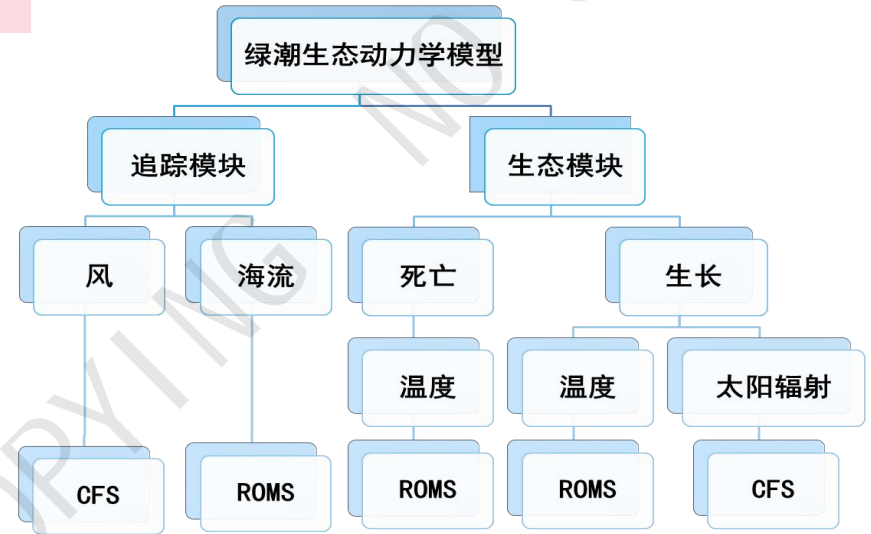
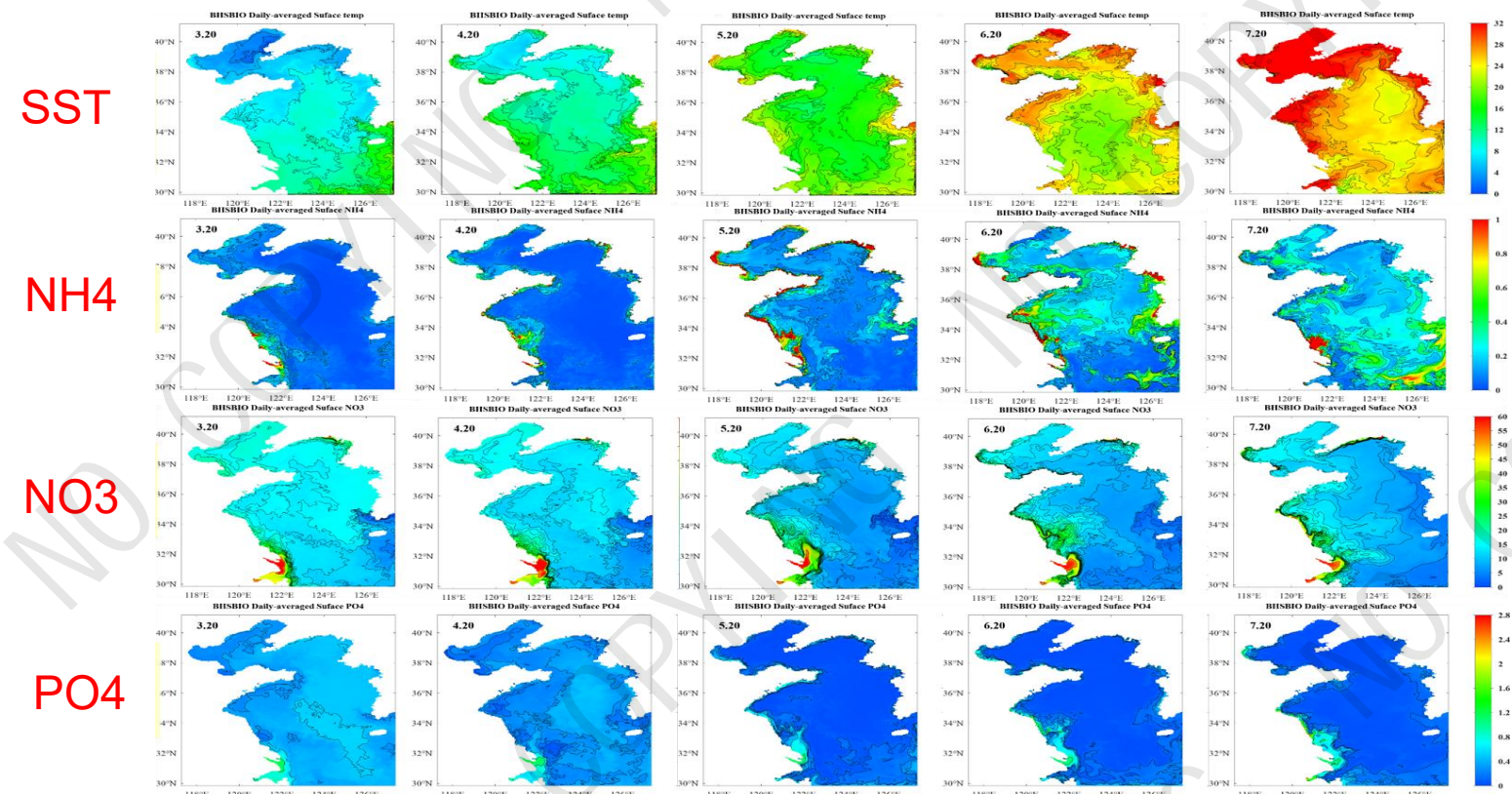
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Application Case: Entermorpha (green tide) in the Yellow Sea



Environmental Element Forecast for March to July 2023



$$\frac{dx}{dt} = R_1 \times v_{cx}(x, y, t) + R_2 \times v_{wx}(x, y, t) \times \cos(\theta - \beta)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = R_1 \times v_{cy}(x, y, t) + R_2 \times v_{wy}(x, y, t) \times \sin(\theta - \beta)$$

$$\frac{dBio}{dt} = G \times Bio - D \times Bio$$

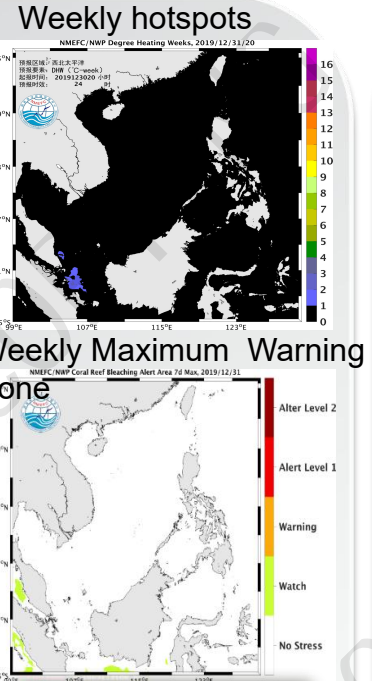
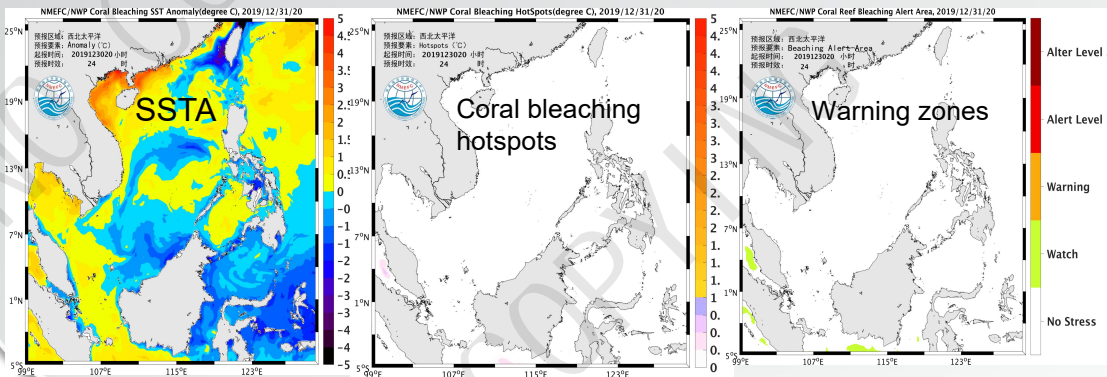
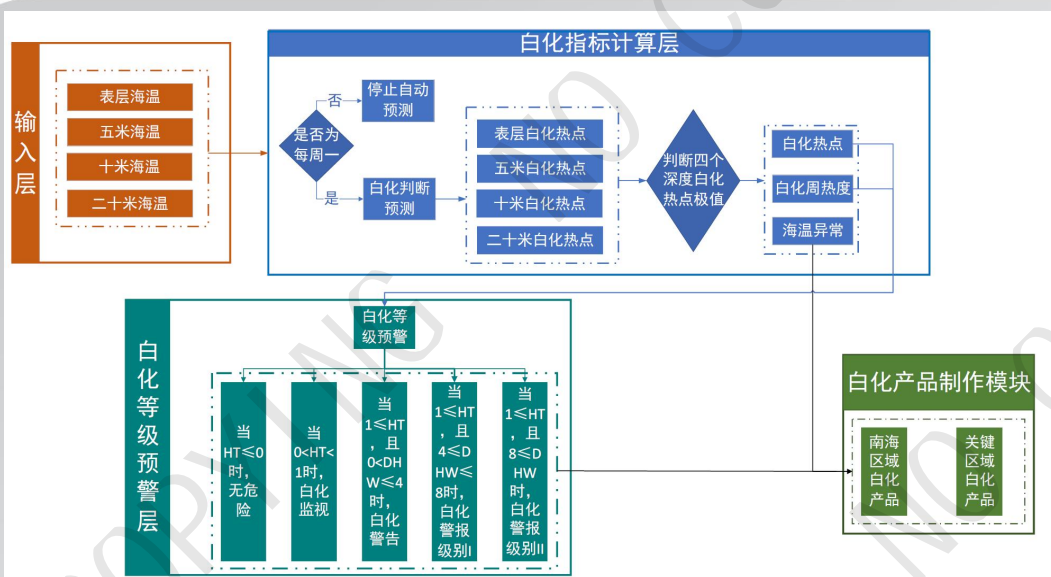
$$G = G_{max} \times f_G(T) \times f(I) \times f(N, P)$$

$$D = D_{max} \times f_D(T)$$

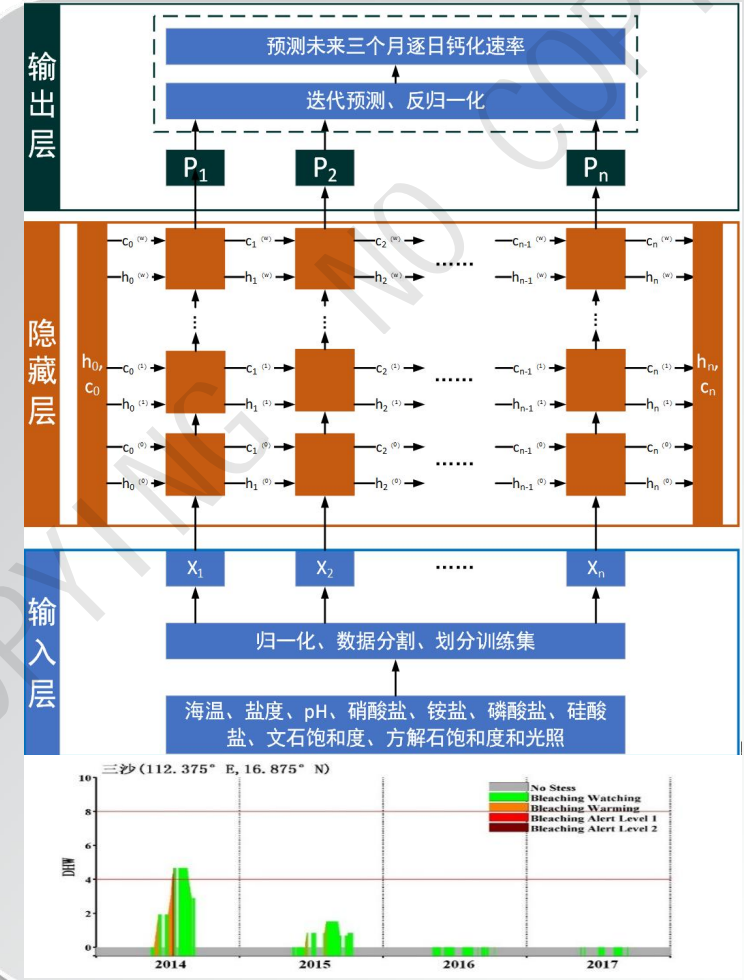
Application Case: Coral Bleaching and Calcification Rates

Based on LSTM deep learning, using ten key elements including sea temperature, salinity, seawater pH, aragonite saturation, and calcite saturation, predictions were conducted for coral bleaching hotspots and coral reef calcification rates.

Coral bleaching prediction



Calcification Rate Prediction



Thank you for
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