

**Extension of coastal oceanography
to polar environmental sciences**

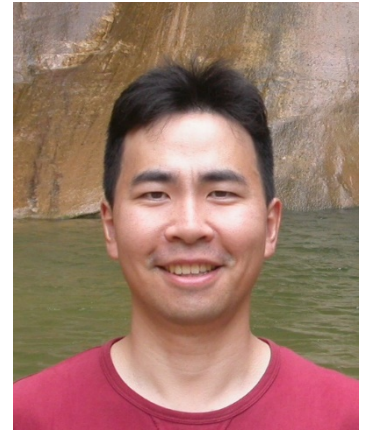
연안해양 연구의 극지 해양환경 연구로의 확장

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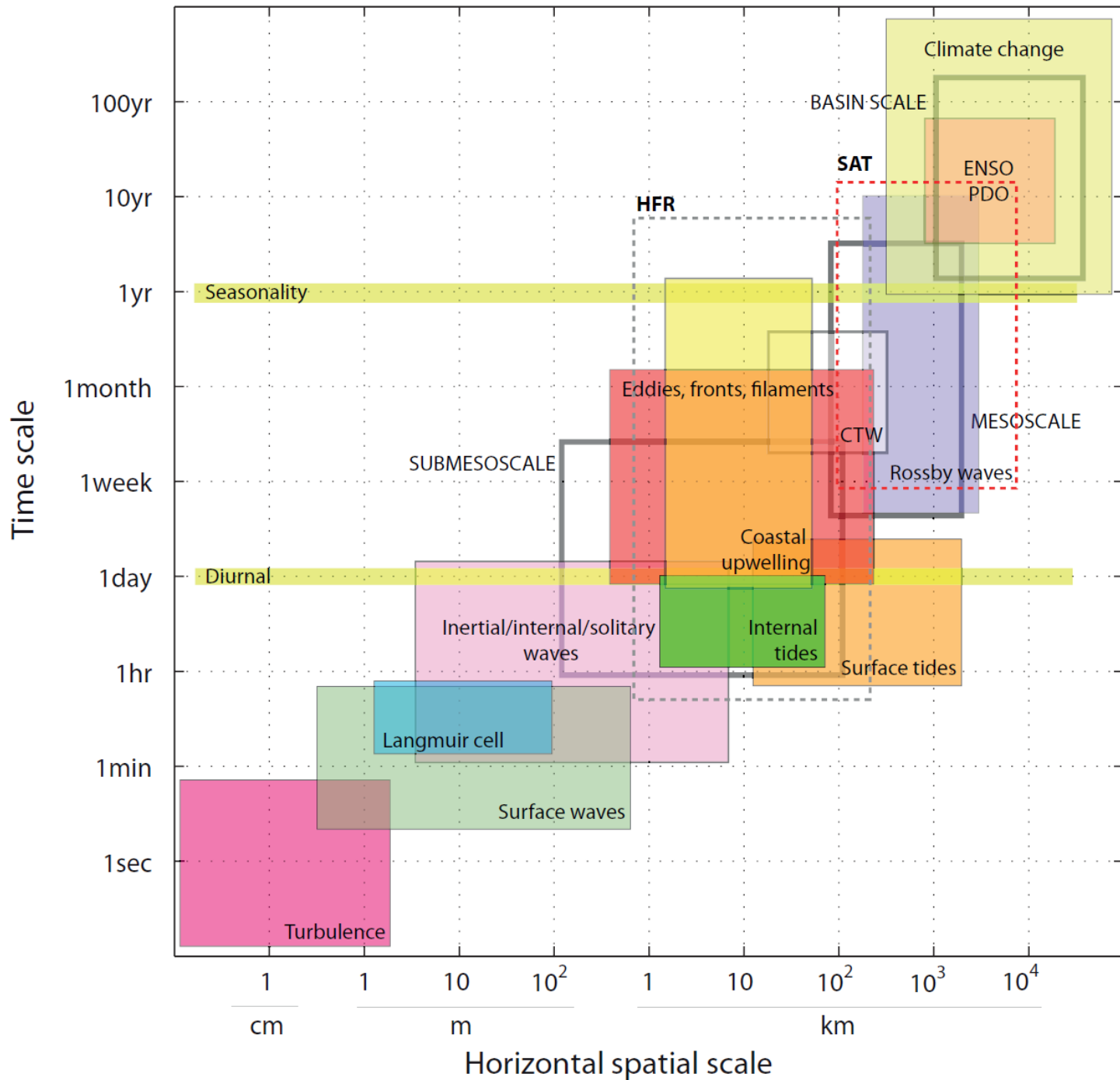
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 - Air-sea and air-sea-land interactions
 - Mesoscale and submesoscale eddies
 - Environmental sensing using acoustic and electromagnetic sensors
 - Environmental big data analysis and mining
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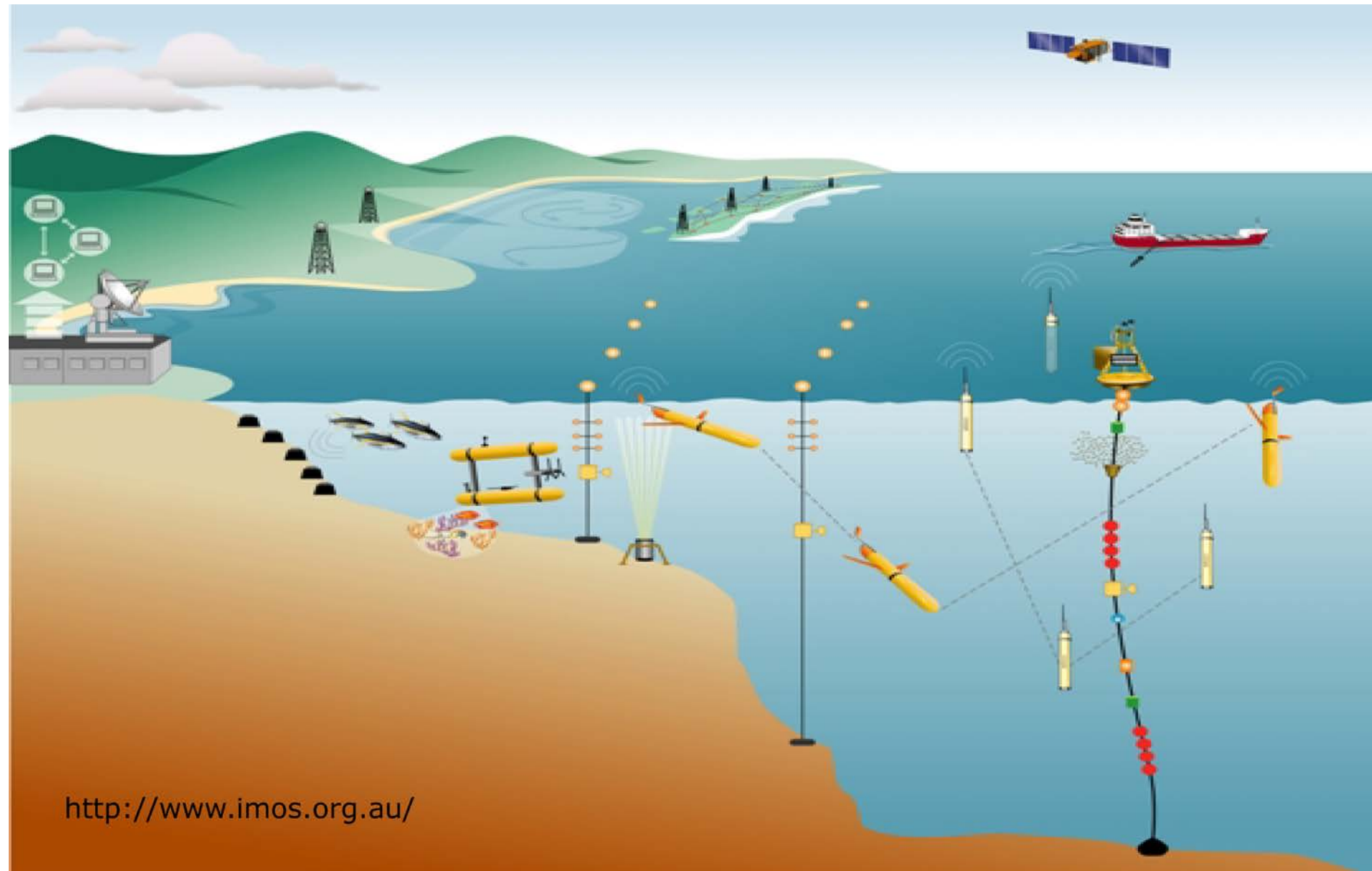
Classic ways to study ocean physics

- Experimental and theoretical studies
- Numerical simulations
- Observations

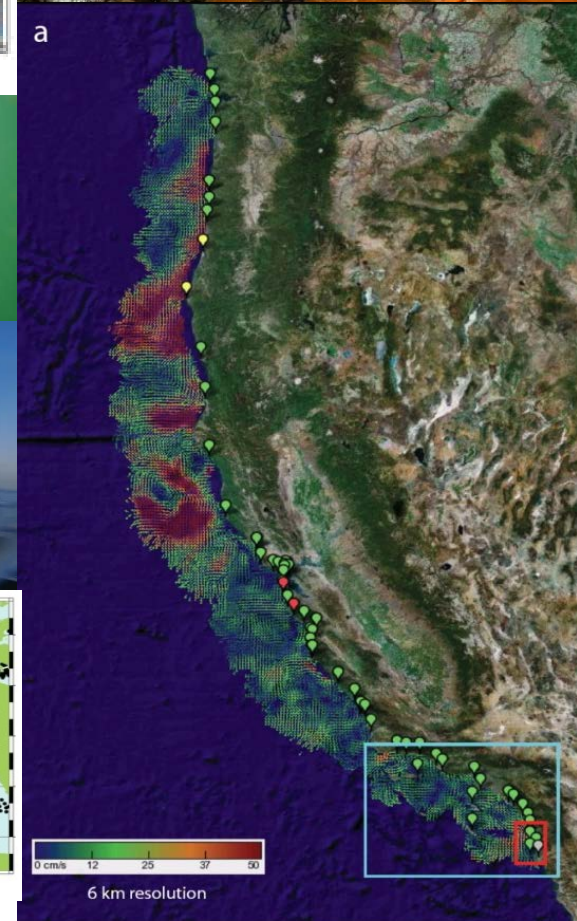
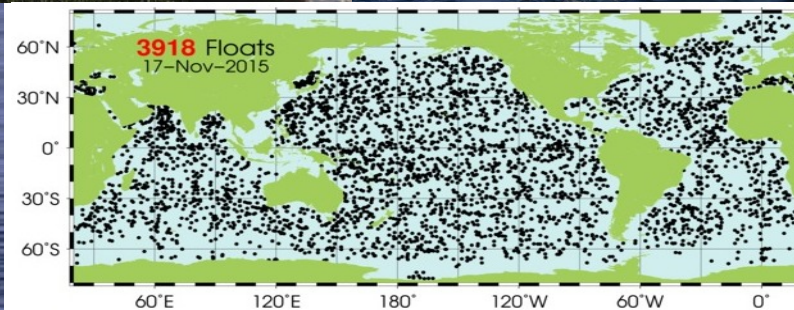
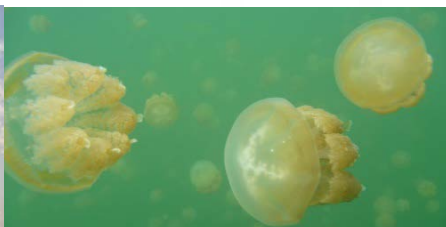
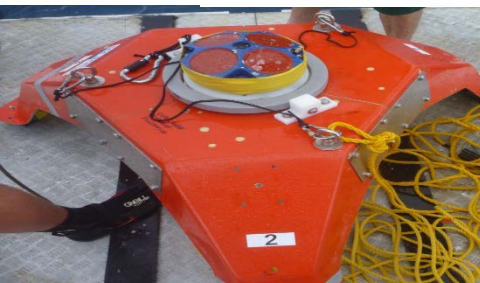
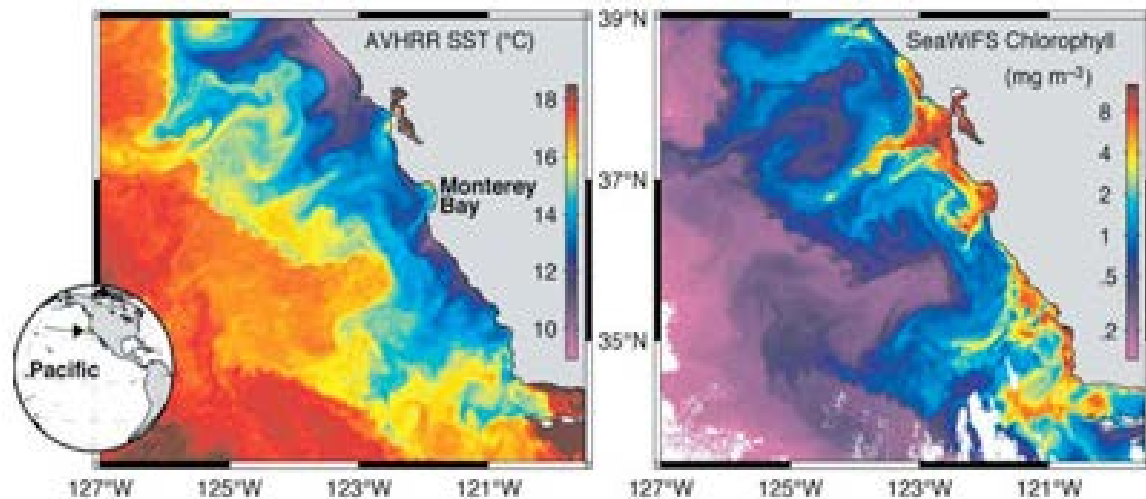
"The chief source of ideas in oceanography comes, I think, from **new observations**... On the whole, when it comes to the phenomenology of the ocean, there are more discoveries than predictions. **Most theories are about observations that have already been made.**" - Henry Stommel (NAS 1959; National Medal of Science)



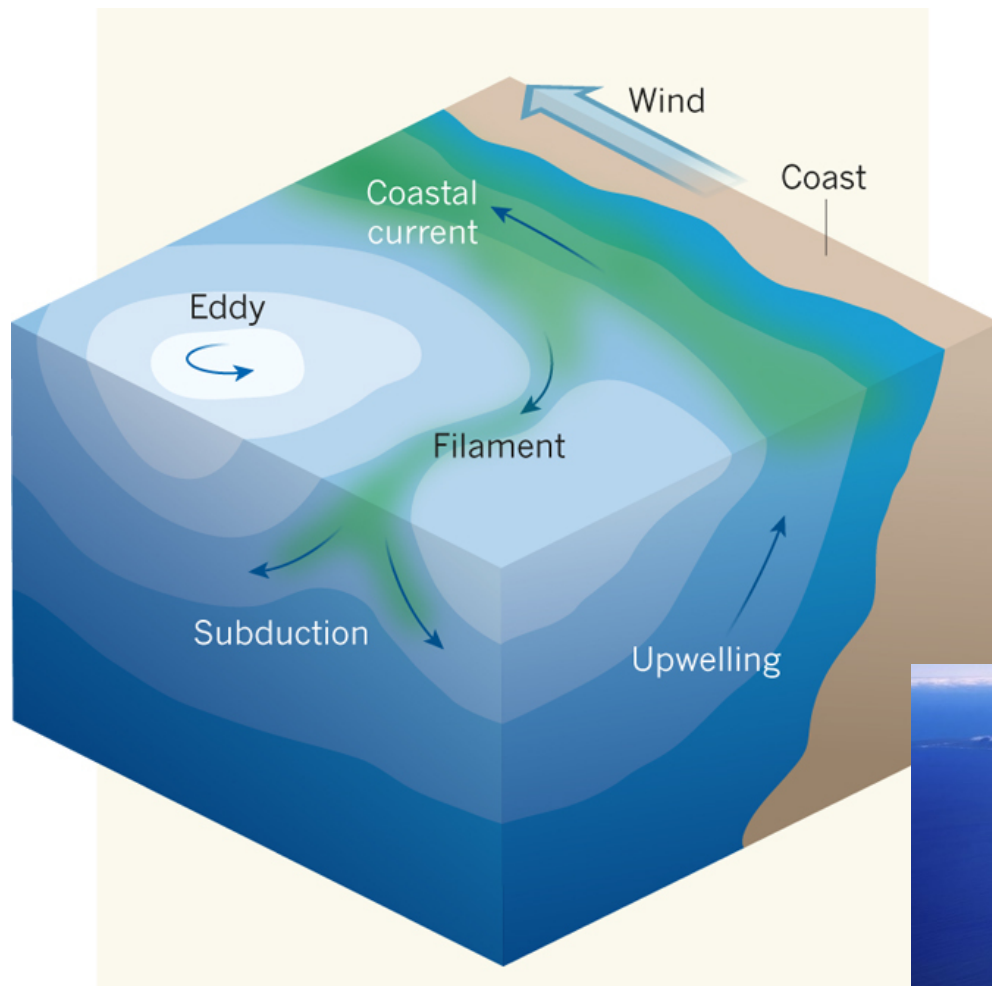
Coastal ocean observing system (COOS)



Ocean sensing and BIG data



Boundary layer flows: At air-sea-land interfaces



(A. Mahadevan, Nature 2014)

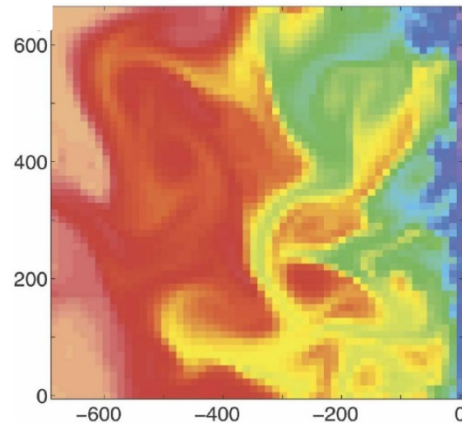
(An aerial image of red tide)



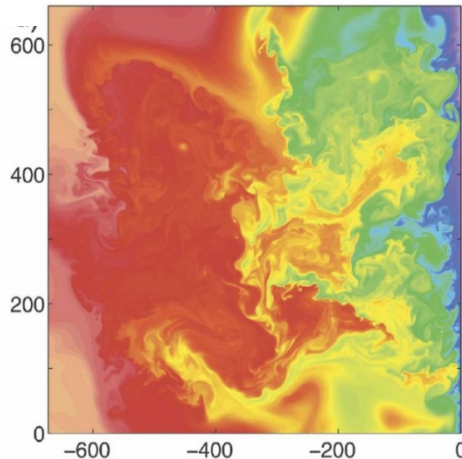
Submesoscale processes

- **O(1) Rossby number** [$Ro = \zeta/f$]
- A horizontal scale smaller than the first baroclinic Rossby deformation radius; **O(1-10) km**
- Frequently observed as **fronts, eddies, and filaments**

12km resolution

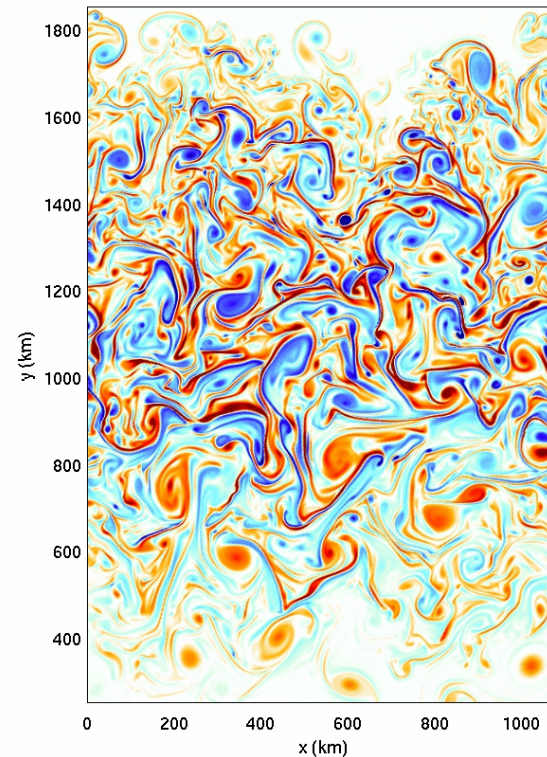


0.75km resolution



Simulations on mesoscale
and submesoscale grids
(SST)

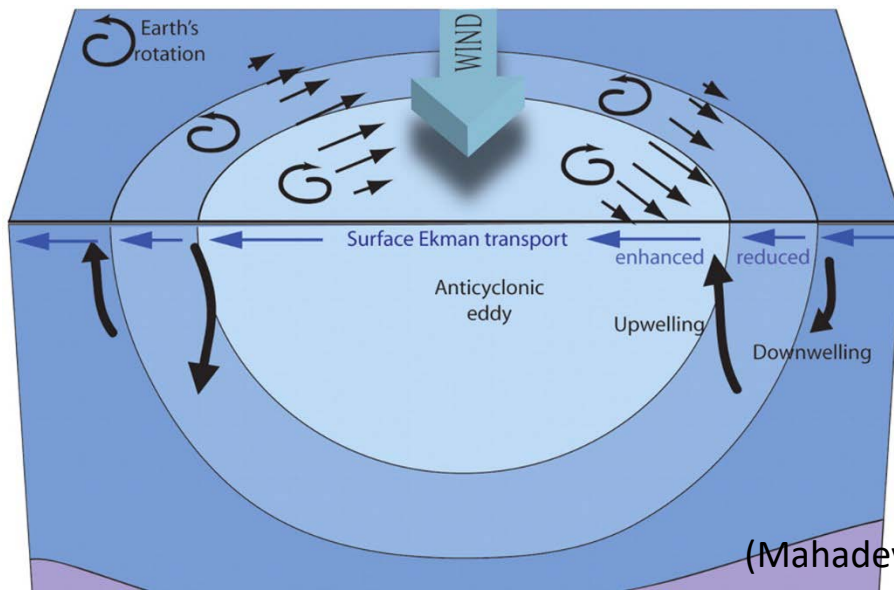
surface oceanic vorticity : day=495



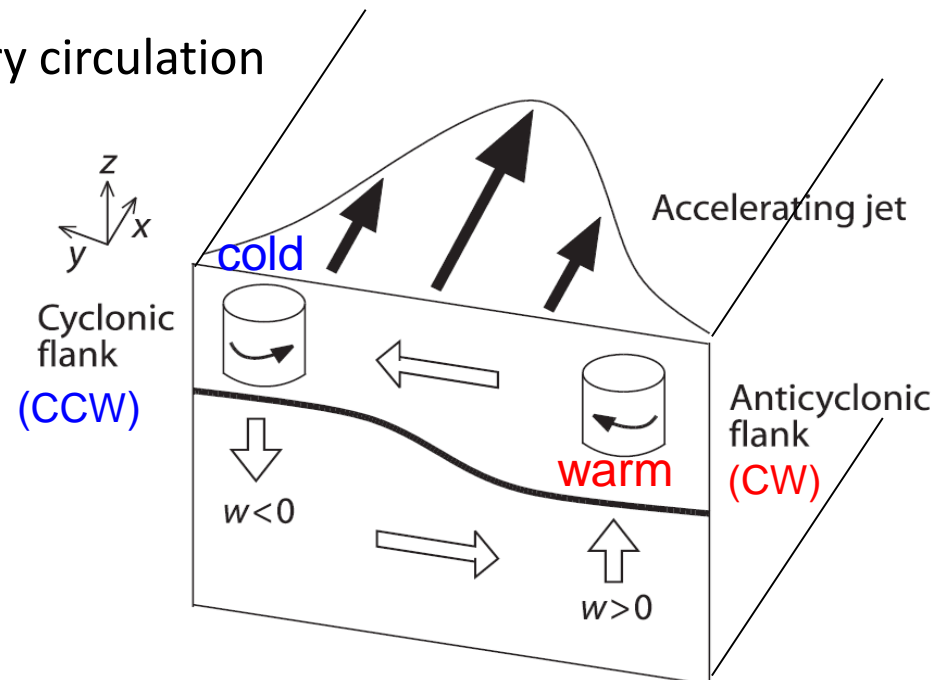
(Courtesy of X. Capet and P. Klein)

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- A horizontal scale smaller than the first baroclinic Rossby deformation radius; $O(1-10)$ km
- Frequently observed as fronts, eddies, and filaments
- Contribute to the vertical transport of **oceanic tracers, mass, and buoyancy** and **rectify the mixed-layer structure and upper-ocean stratification**
 - e.g., vertical frontal scale secondary circulation

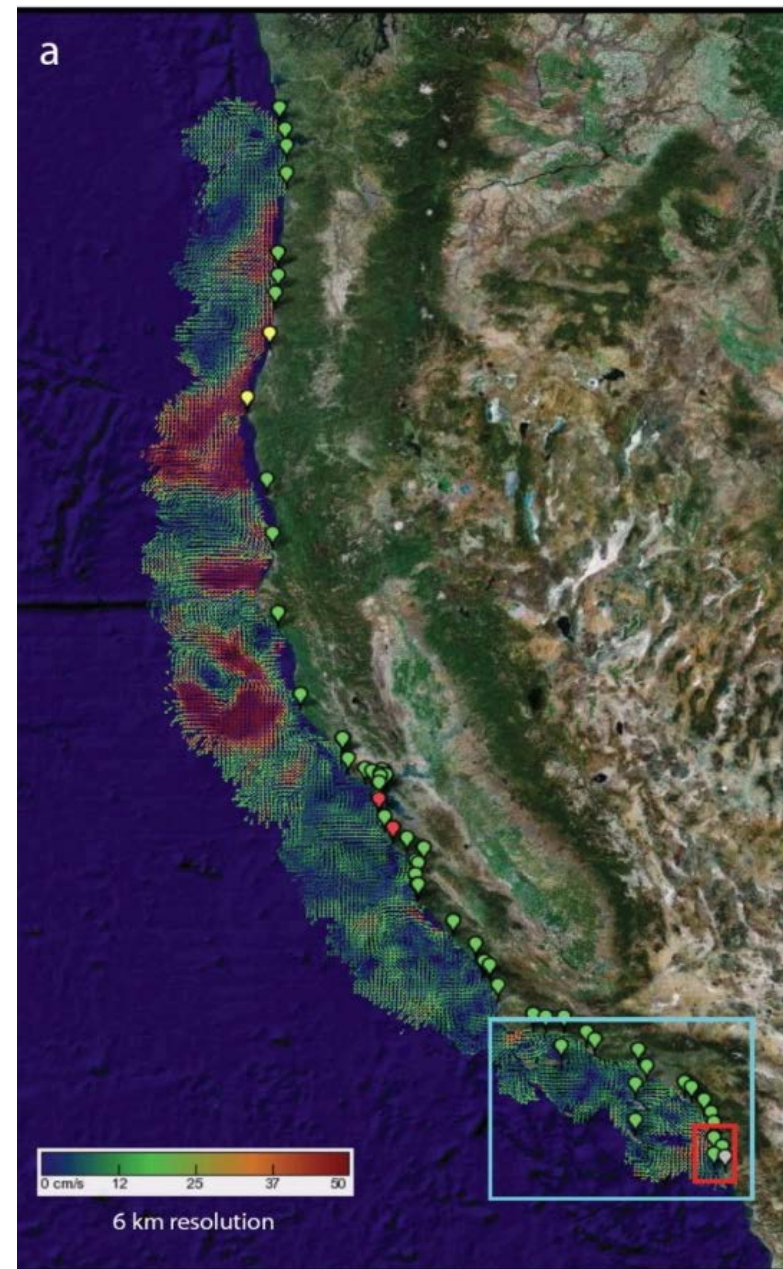
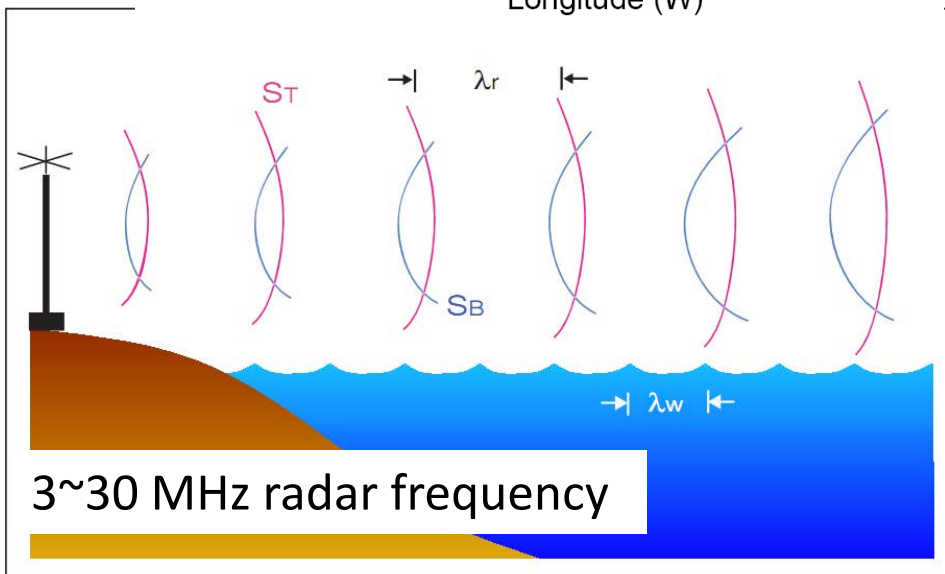
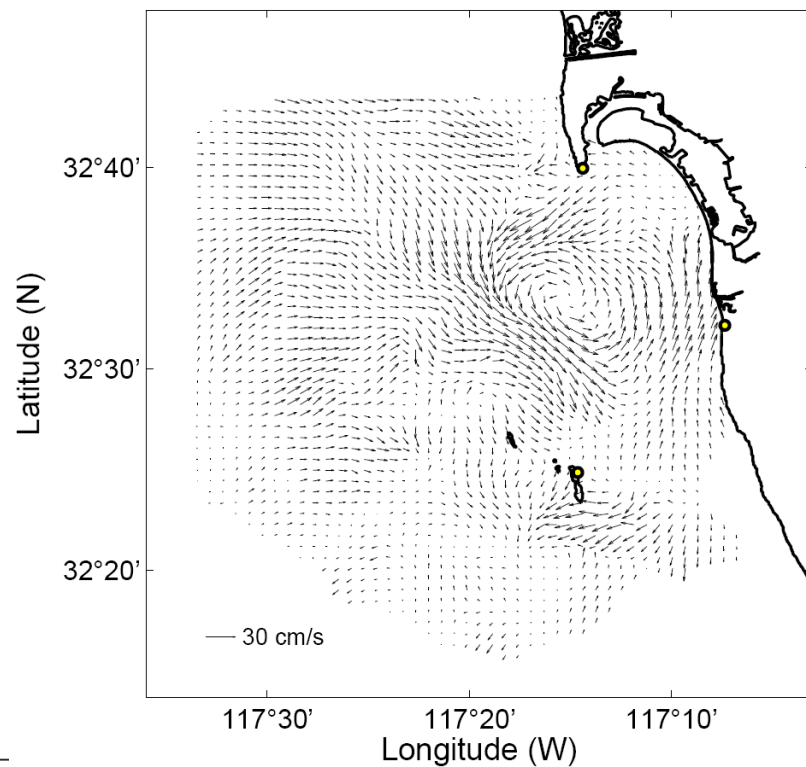


(Mahadevan et al, Science, 2008)

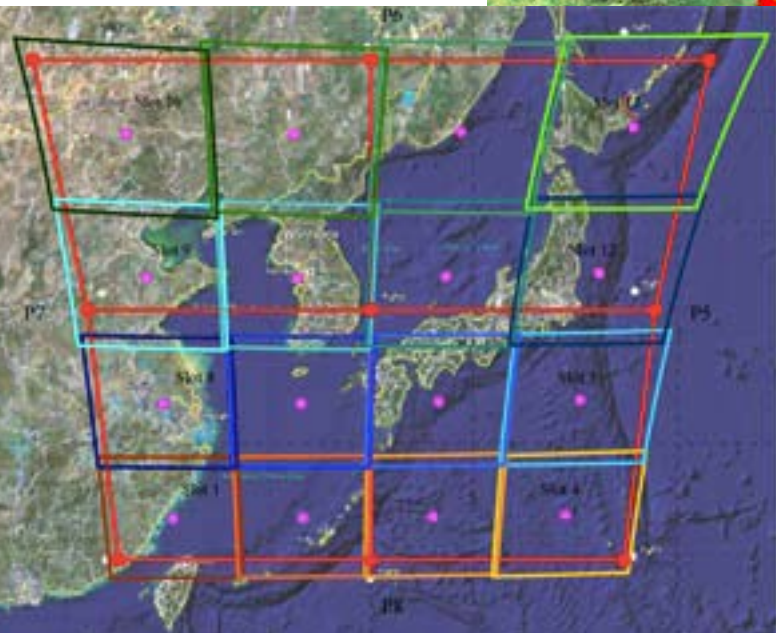
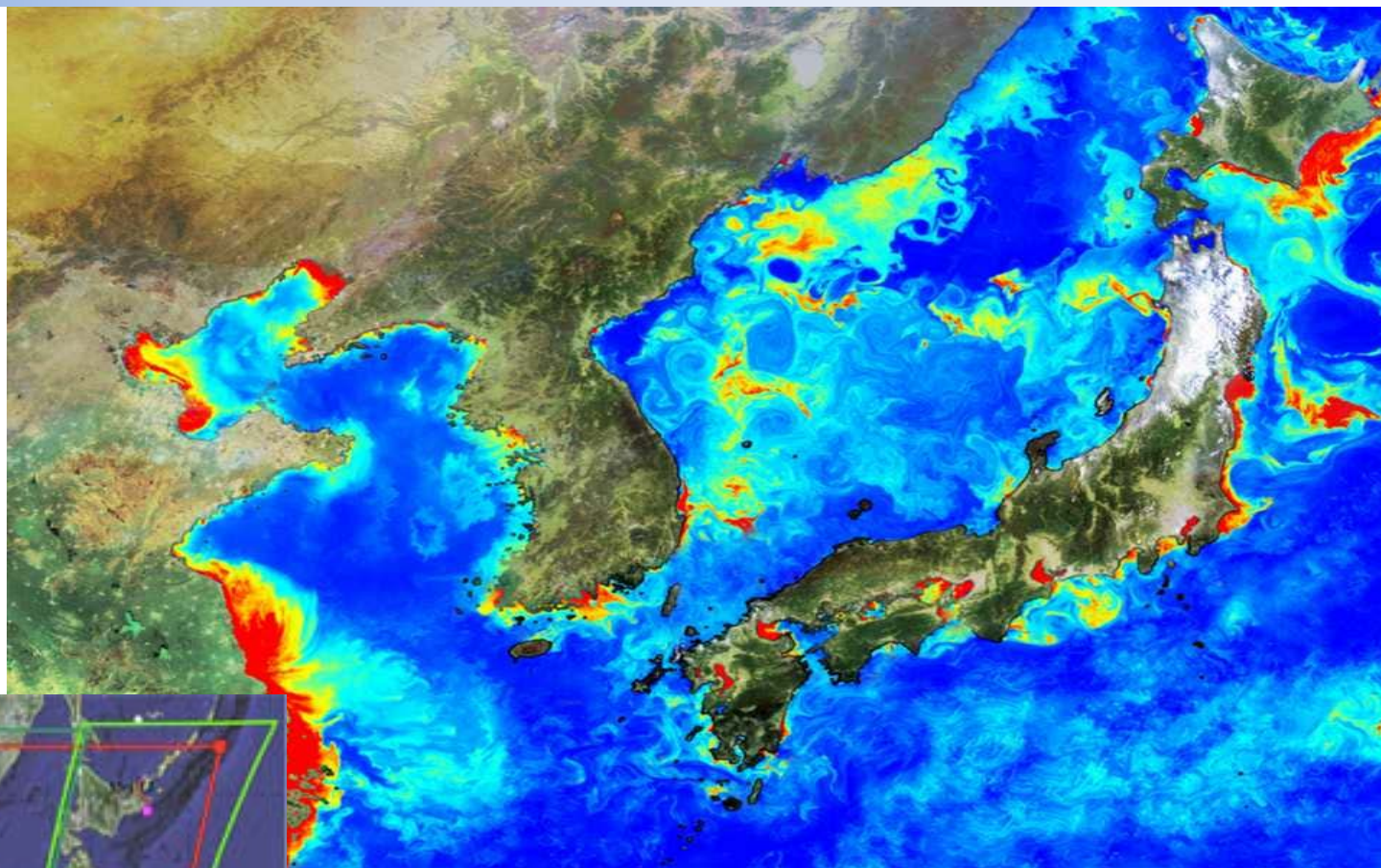


(Williams and Follows, 2003)

Remote sensing – High-frequency radars



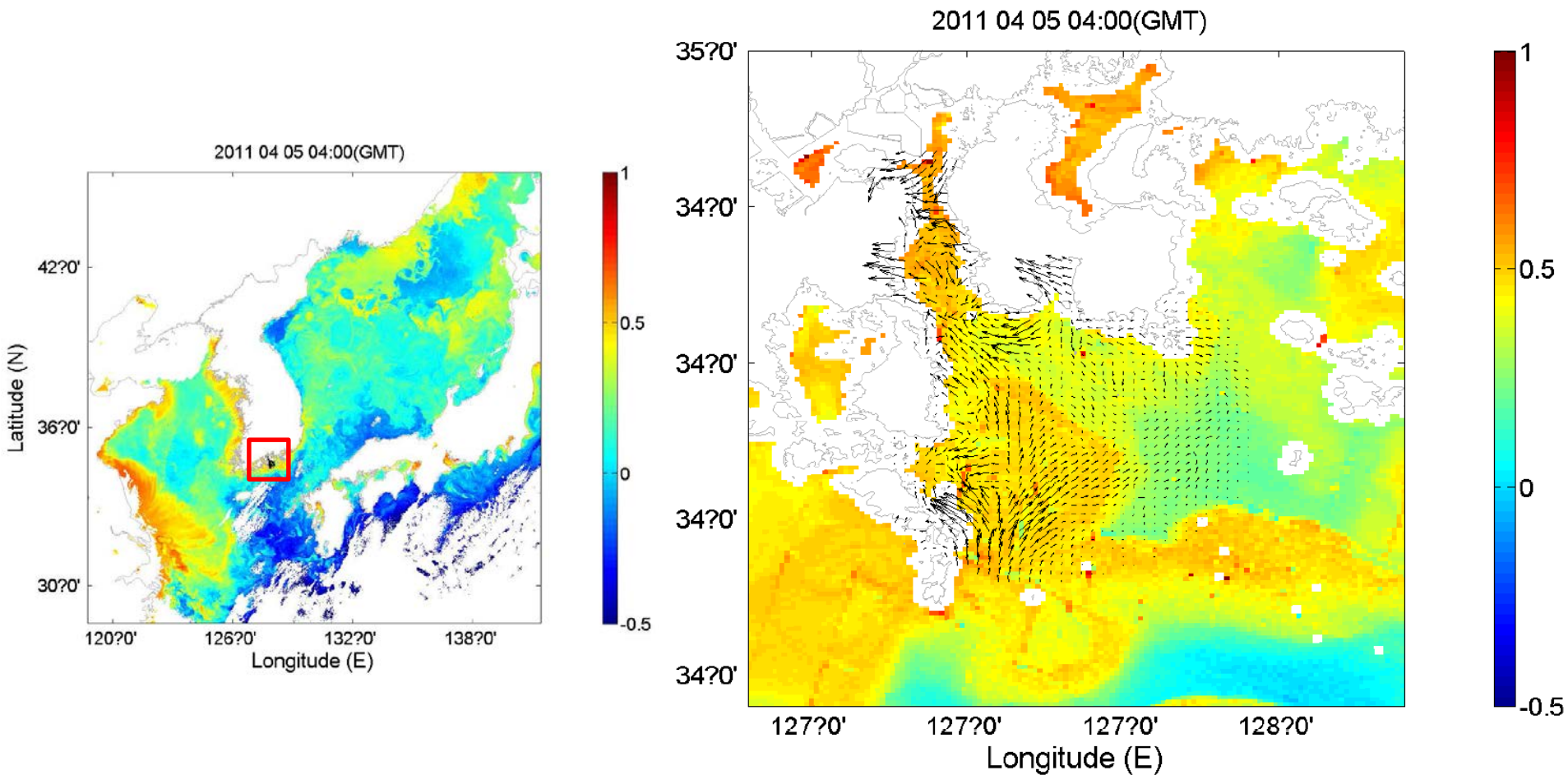
Remote sensing – Geostationary Ocean Color Imagery



(0.5 km and hourly; GOCI @ KOSC)

Submesoscale process studies

- have benefited from primarily idealized numerical models and theoretical frameworks because they require the use of high-resolution observations of less than one hour in time and $O(1-10)$ km in space.



How can we identify a system?

- Governing equations

$$F = ma = m \left(\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \right)$$



$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla p + \nu \nabla^2 \vec{v} + \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \vec{g} - 2(\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{v})$$

The movement
of fluid depends

upon:

↑
pressure

↑
viscosity

↑
gravity

↑
rotation

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- A statistical relationship between inputs and outputs

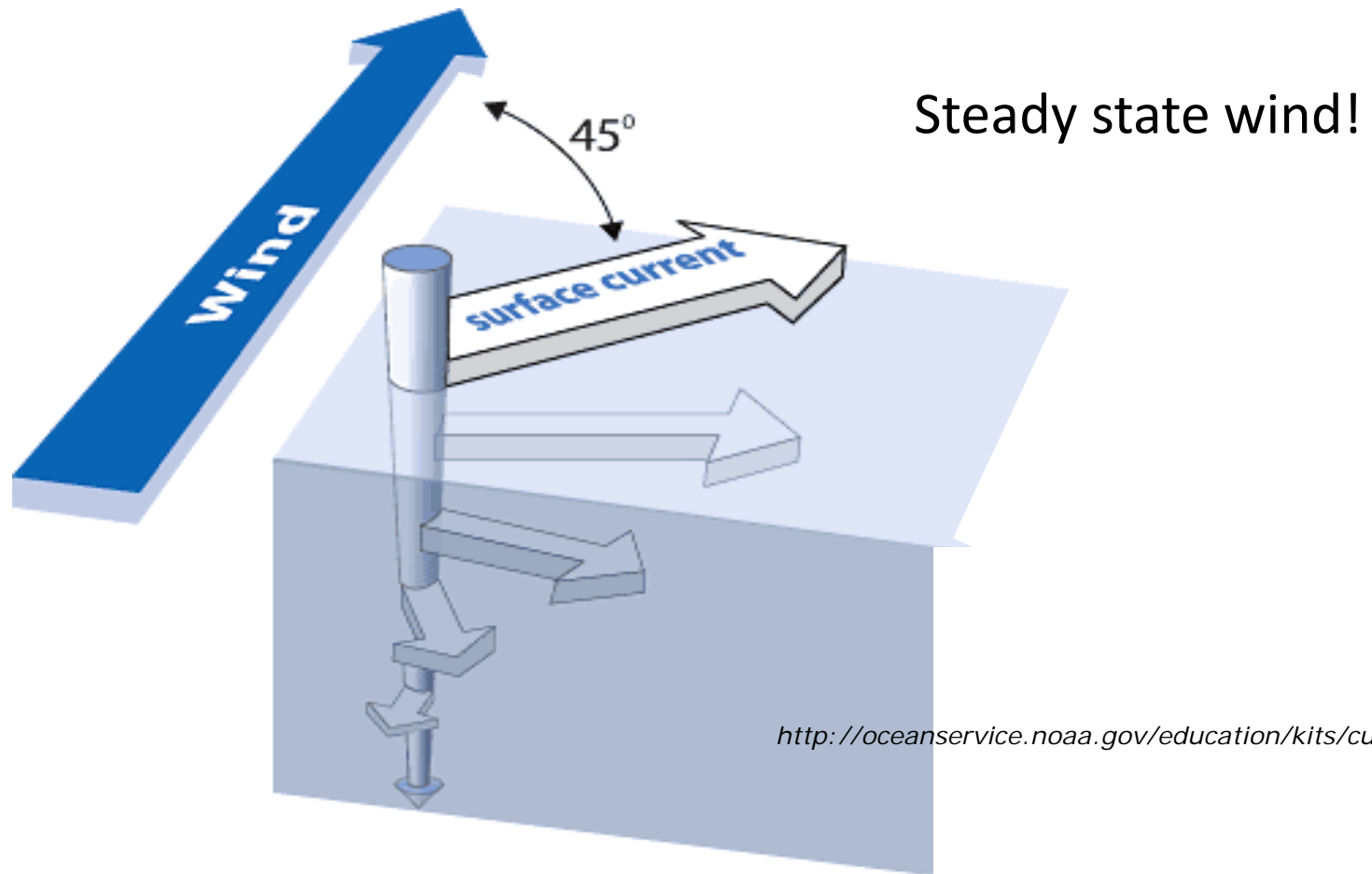
- Transfer function or response function

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(z, \omega) = \mathbf{H}(z, \omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}(\omega) \quad \mathbf{u}(z, t) = \int_{t'} \mathbf{G}(z, t - t') \boldsymbol{\tau}(t') dt',$$

- Examples of a linear 'ocean' system using two approaches

Isotropic ocean responses

- “In the Northern Hemisphere, the **wind-driven current** at the very surface will be directed **45° to the right of the wind direction.**”
(Phys. Oceanogr. 101; Ekman 1905)



Linearized (momentum) equations – isotropic case

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - f_c v &= \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{1}{\partial z} \left(\mu \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + f_c u &= \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{1}{\partial z} \left(\mu \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{u} = u + iv \quad \boldsymbol{\tau} = \tau_x + i\tau_y$$

Then, Fourier transform

$$\lambda^2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}(z, \omega) = \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\mathbf{u}}(z, \omega)}{\partial z^2},$$

$$\text{where } \lambda = \sqrt{i(\omega + f_c) / \nu},$$

ν = Depth independent eddy viscosity

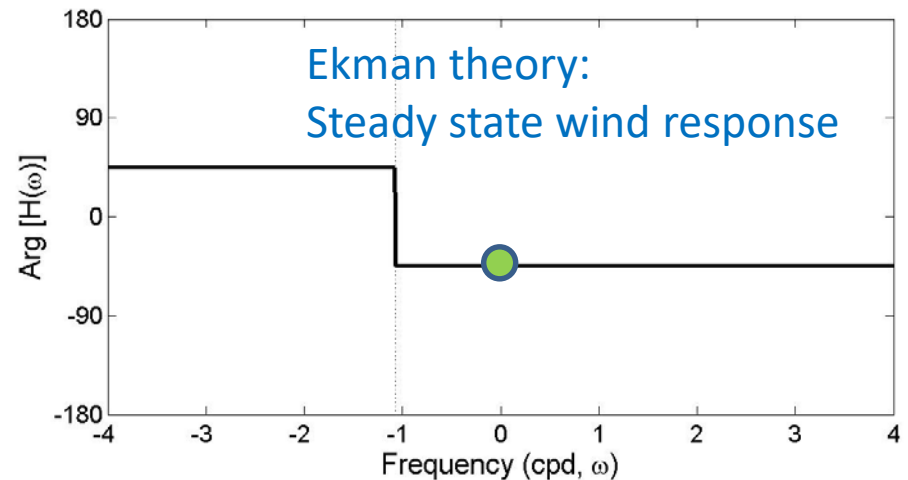
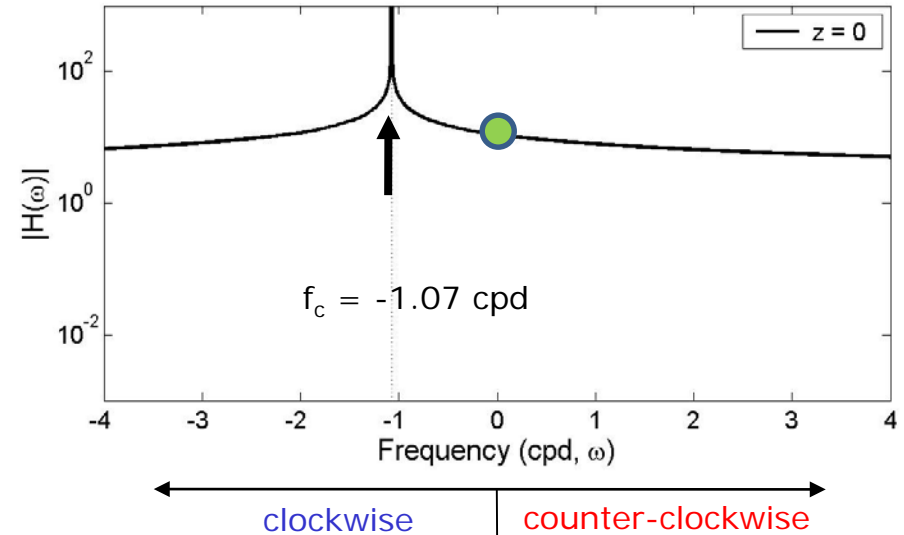
With BCs (finite or infinite depth)

$$\left. \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{u}}(z, \omega)}{\partial z} \right|_{z=0} = \frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}(\omega)}{\rho \nu}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{u}}(z, \omega)|_{z=-\infty} = 0,$$

$$\mathbf{H}(z, \omega) = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{u}}(z, \omega)}{\hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}(\omega)} = \frac{e^{-\lambda z}}{\lambda \rho \nu},$$

(Gonella, DSR 1972)

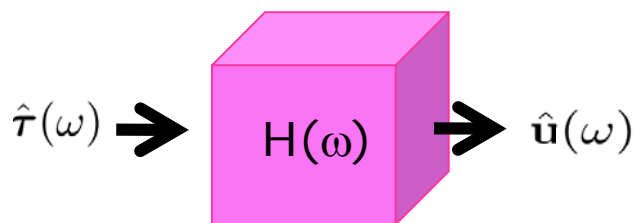
Wind-current relationship at 32°N



(Kim et al, JPO 2009)

Statistical linear relationship

- A statistical framework to represent the link between wind and currents in the frequency and time domains.
- Isotropic analyses and models.

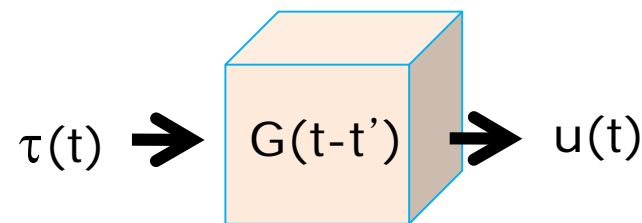


Transfer function

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}(z, \omega) = \mathbf{H}(z, \omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}(\omega)$$

$$\mathbf{H}(z, \omega) = \left(\langle \hat{\mathbf{u}}(z, \omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}^\dagger(\omega) \rangle \right) \left(\langle \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}(\omega) \hat{\boldsymbol{\tau}}^\dagger(\omega) \rangle + \mathbf{R}_a \right)^{-1}$$

\mathbf{R}_a : Regularization matrix



Response function

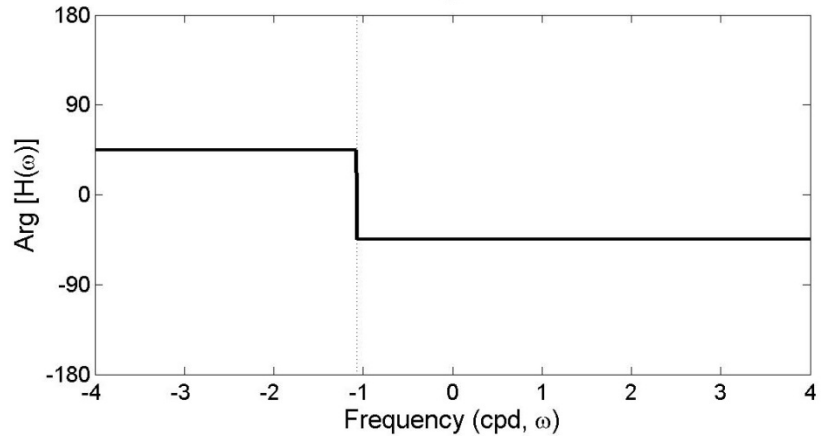
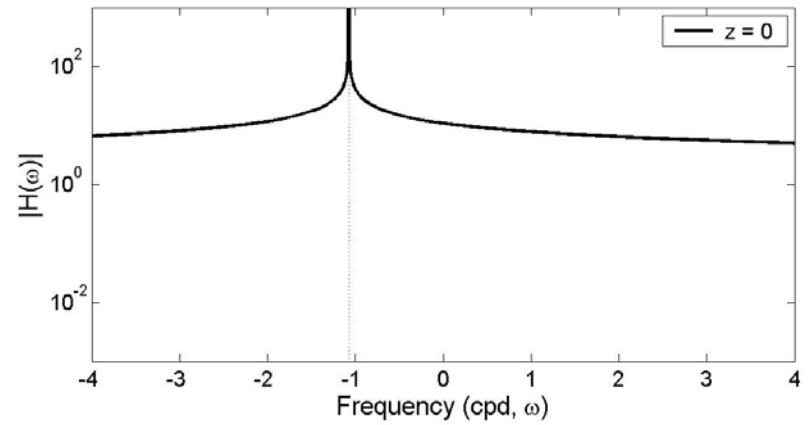
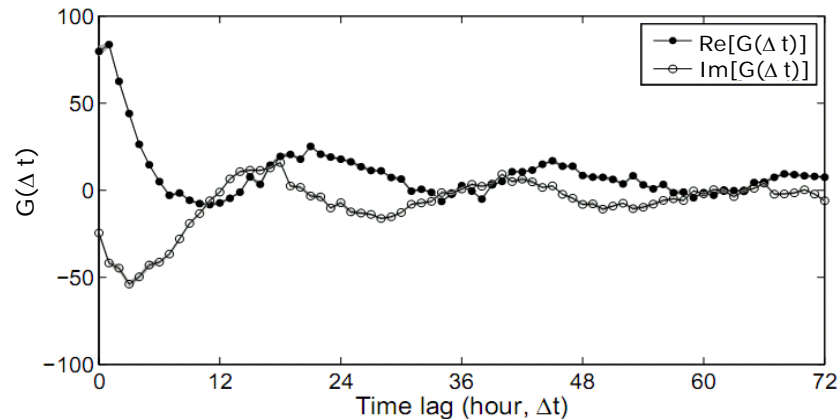
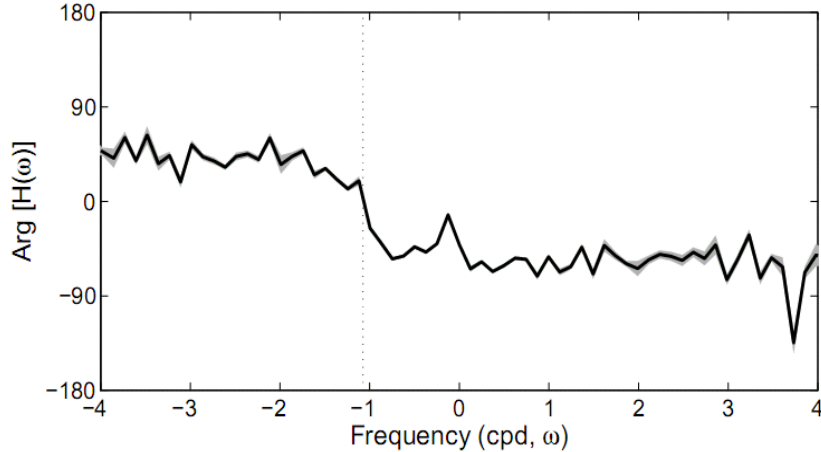
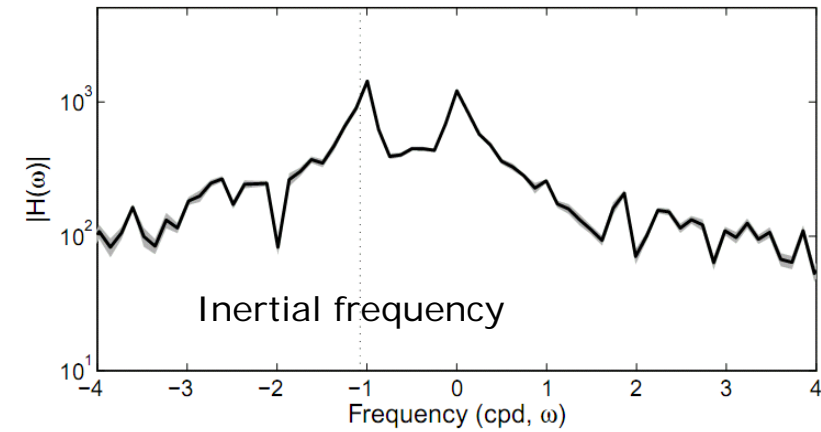
$$\mathbf{u}(z, t) = \int_{t'} \mathbf{G}(z, t - t') \boldsymbol{\tau}(t') dt',$$

$$\mathbf{G}(z, t) = \left(\langle \mathbf{u}(z, t) \boldsymbol{\tau}_N^\dagger(t) \rangle \right) \left(\langle \boldsymbol{\tau}_N(t) \boldsymbol{\tau}_N^\dagger(t) \rangle + \mathbf{R}_b \right)^{-1}$$

$\boldsymbol{\tau}_N$: N -hour advanced time lagged wind stress

\mathbf{R}_b : Regularization matrix

Wind transfer function and response function



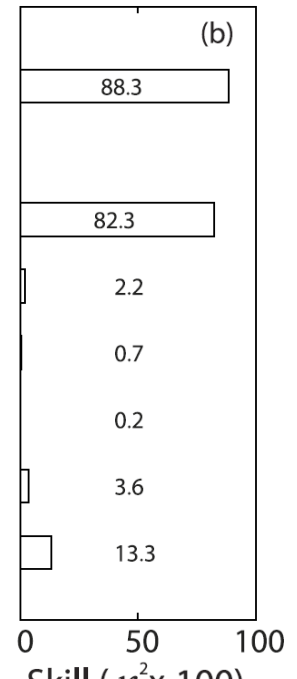
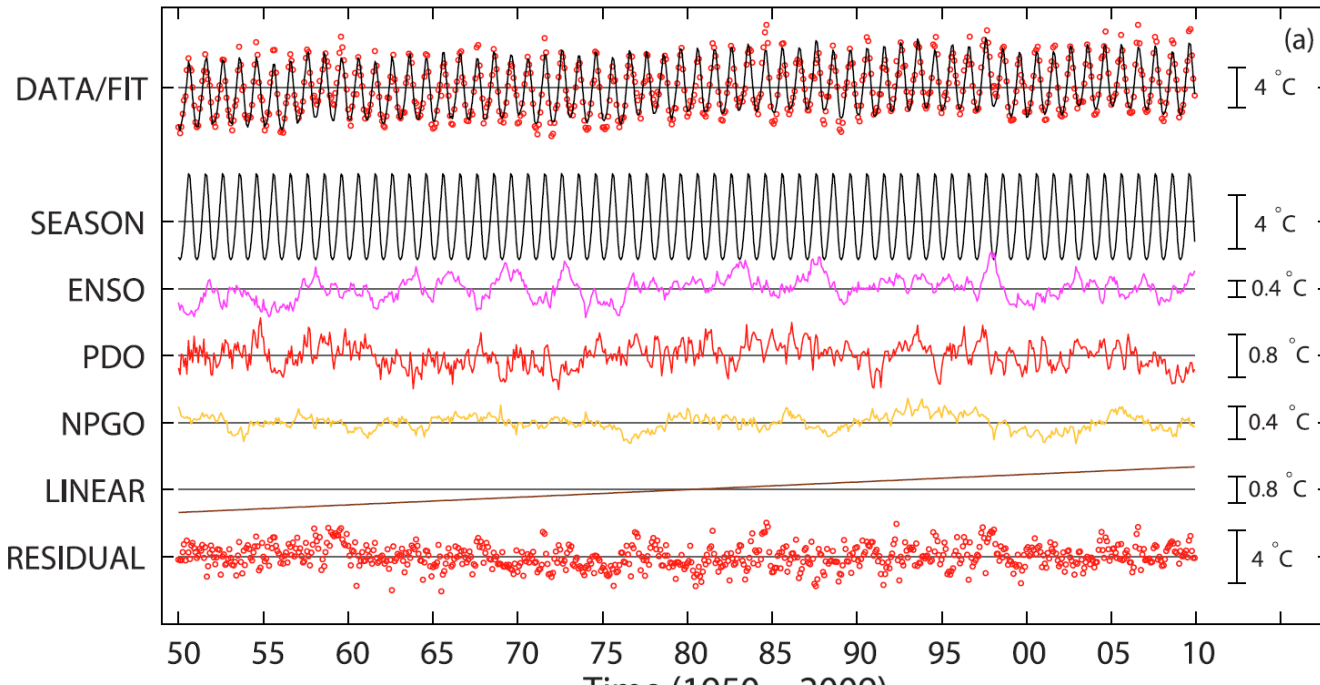
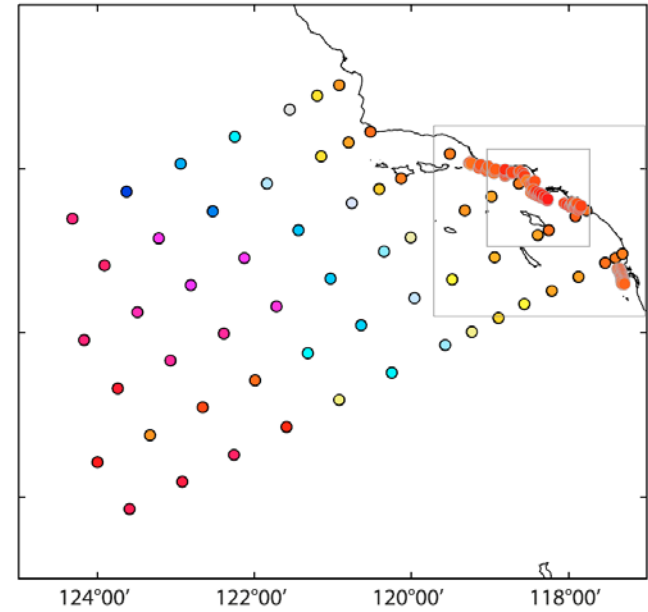
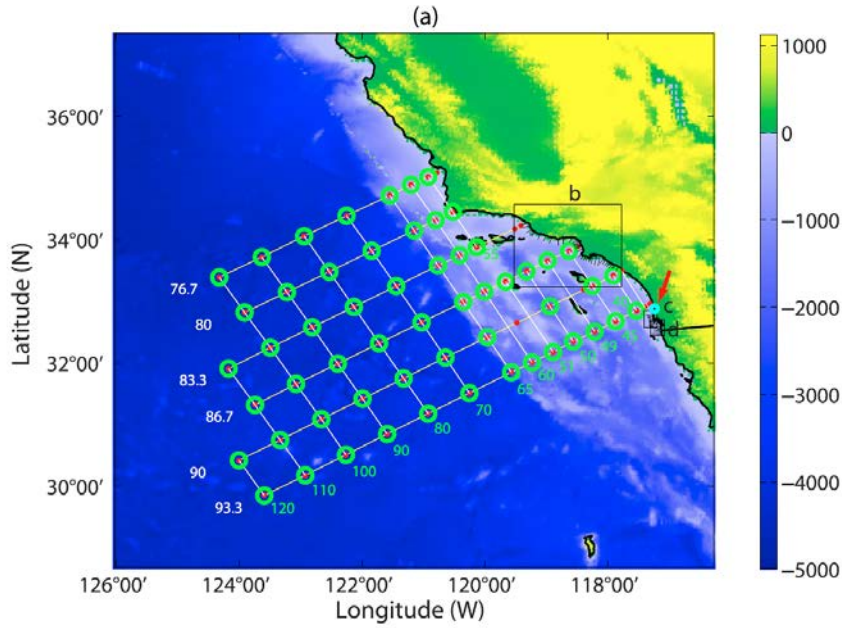
$$\mathbf{u}(z, t) = \int_{t'} \mathbf{G}(z, t - t') \boldsymbol{\tau}(t') dt',$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}(t') = \delta(t' - \alpha) \quad (\tilde{\alpha} > 0)$$

$$\mathbf{u}(z, t) = \mathbf{G}(z, t - \alpha)$$

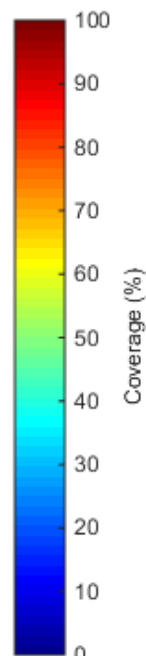
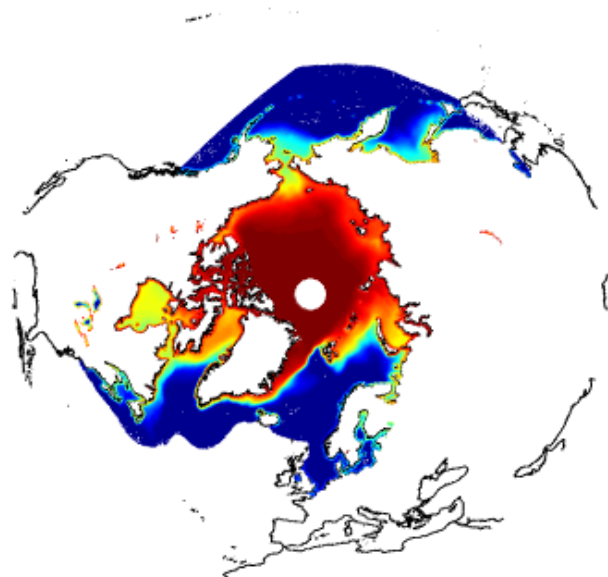
(Kim et al, JPO 2009)

Long-term data analysis – CTD data w/ season and climate indices



Long-term data analysis – sea ice coverage w/ AOI

Spatial Coverage of Sea ice, 1987-2013



1st EOF(18.58%) regression map

