
JEDI-based data assimilation for the UFS marine components

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(With help from numerous JCSDA, NOAA, and NASA in-kinds)



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Who is JCSDA?

Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation (JCSDA):

Interagency partnership dedicated to improving and accelerating use of research and operational satellite data in weather, ocean, climate and environmental analysis and prediction systems



Marine DA in-kinds
and collaborators

What is SOCA: Sea-ice, Ocean, and Coupled Assimilation

Overall Goals:

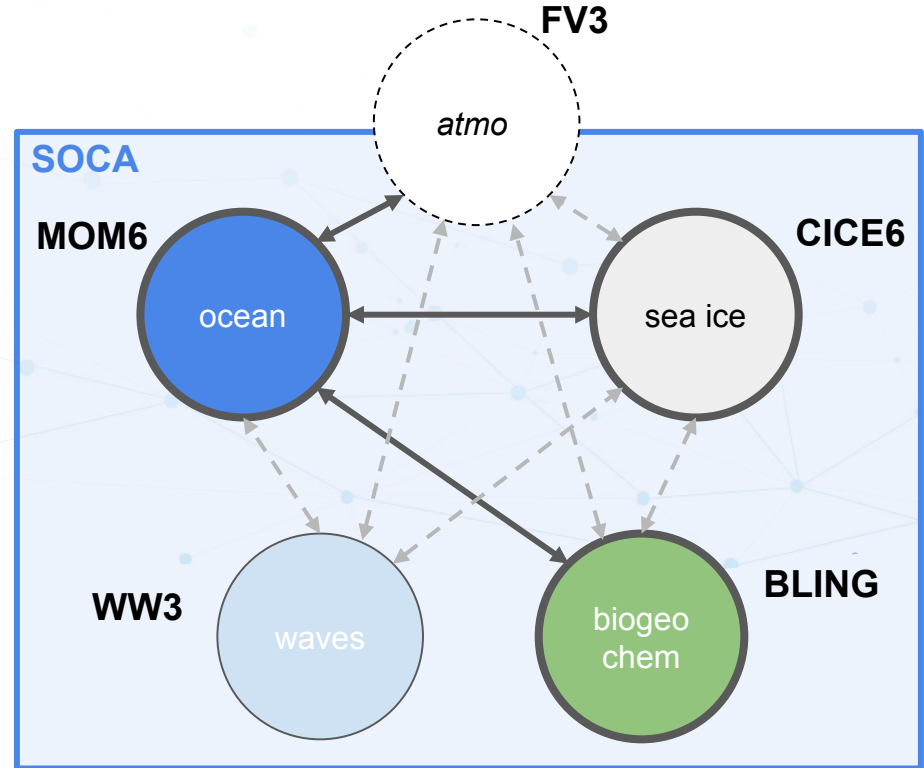
- 1. Provide a “menu of marine DA options” based on JEDI**
for operational DA implementation at NOAA / NASA, and use by the community, focusing on the marine UFS components.
- 2. Consolidate DA development efforts and code sharing**
share components across models (i.e. steal from the atmosphere people!)
- 3. Accelerate marine DA R2O and innovation**
Advance “coupled assimilation” methods. Engage community development

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The components of SOCA

we are developing data assimilation for:

- **ocean (MOM6)**
- **sea ice (CICE6)**
- **ocean biogeochemistry (BLING)**
- **air-sea interactions**
- **waves (Wavewatch3)**
(insufficient resources to focus on waves at this time,
any volunteers??)



SOCA: targets for NOAA/NASA

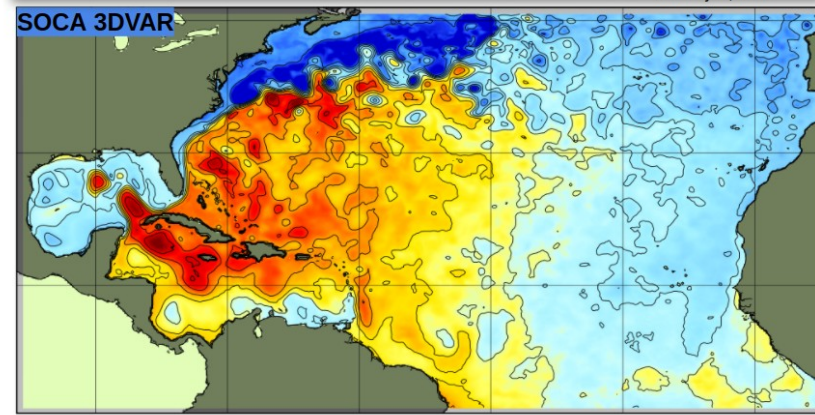
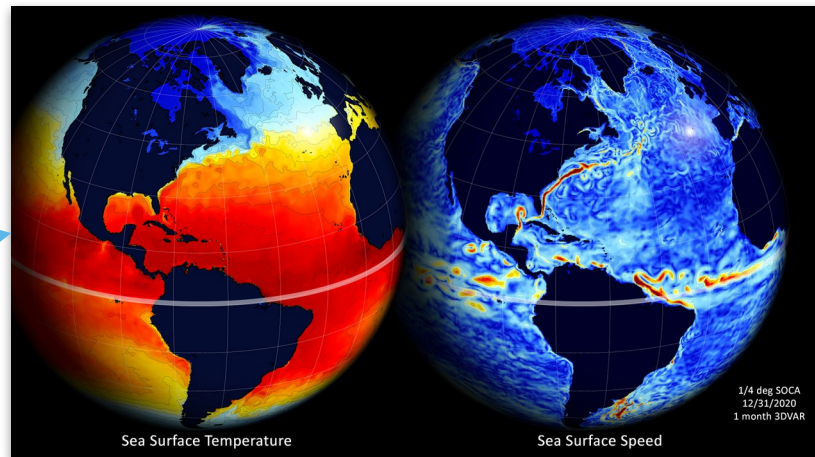
Global DA

1/4 degree ocean/ice initialization

- **NOAA NG-GODAS** ✓
(40 year 3DVAR reanalysis on AWS)
- **NOAA GFSv17 / GEFSv13**
(initialized using Hybrid LETKF-EnVAR)
- **NASA GEOS**
In development for next GEOS system

Regional DA

- **NOAA 1/12 deg HAT10 regional**
with eventual benefits for HAFS initialization



SOCA: developing a “menu” of ocean/ice DA options

Working now

- 3DVAR
- 3DVAR-FGAT
- LETKF
- Hybrid LETKF-EnVAR ★
(target for NOAA operations)
- Hybrid EDA-EnVAR

2023

- 4DLETKF / 4DEnVAR
- SOCA/UFS supported in JCSDA Skylab

2024

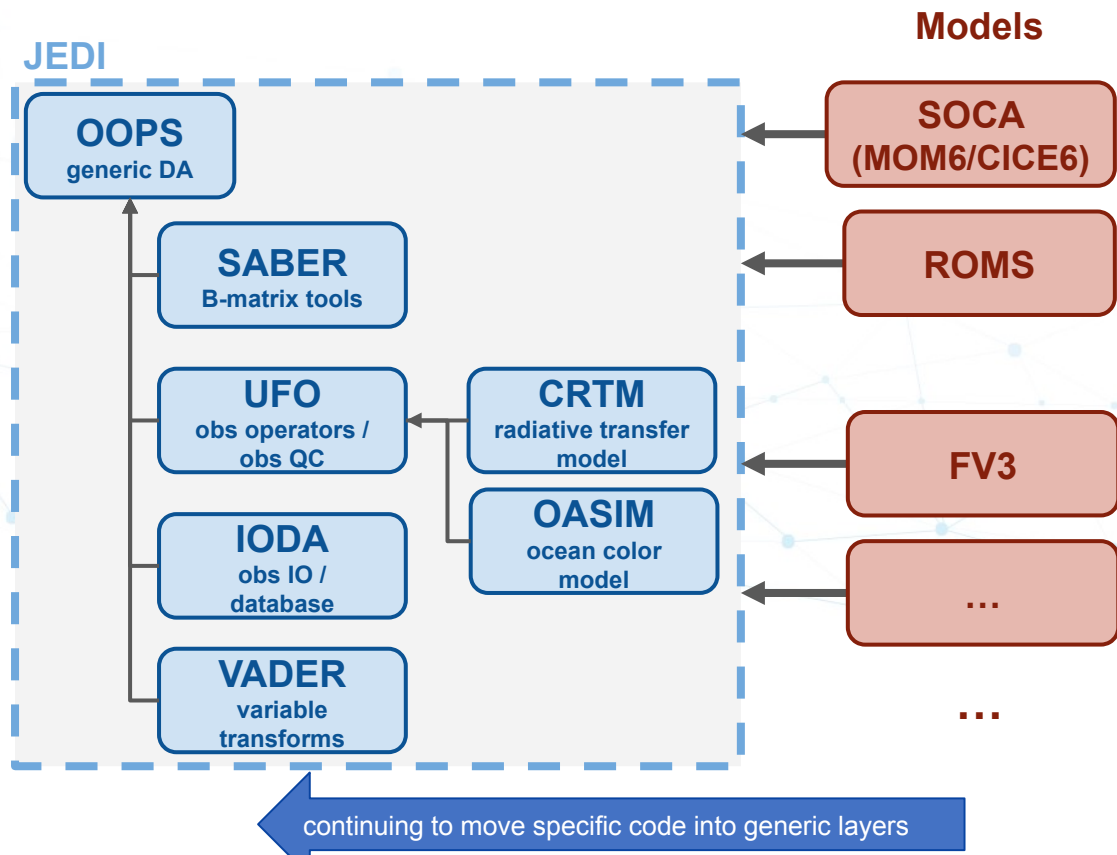
- 4DVAR
- coupled multi-component covariance
- future JEDI methods
(e.g. particle filter)

in progress

SOCA: Built on JEDI

JEDI: Joint Effort for Data assimilation Integration

- A model and component agnostic toolkit
- The ocean DA community is small, any common JEDI parts we use that were developed by other groups (i.e. atmosphere DA) is a win!
- A common DA system for all UFS components will accelerate coupled DA science

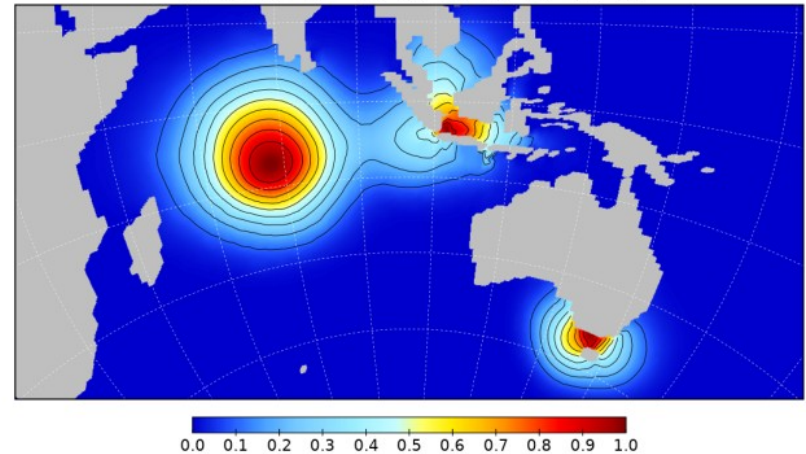


JEDI: example of common components used by SOCA

Examples of generic JEDI components used
(with no, or minimal, coding on our part!)

- **SABER** - static B model.
Able to simulate a diffusion operator
(normally ocean specific, and difficult to
implement correctly), but faster!

SABER - emulating a diffusion operator

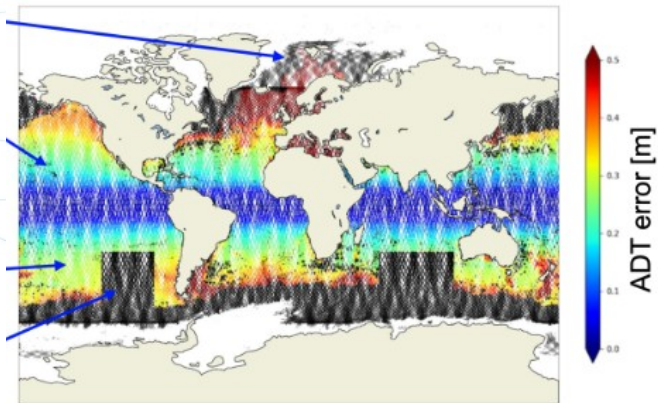


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- **UFO**- Forward operators and QC filters



land mask →

remove if bkg too cold →

O-B check →

gross bounds check →

obs error inflation →

remove troublesome regions →

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obs filters:
- filter: Domain Check
  where:
  - variable: {name: sea_area_fraction@GeoVaLs}
    minvalue: 0.9
- filter: Domain Check
  where:
  - variable: { name: sea_surface_temperature@GeoVaLs}
    minvalue: 5.0
- filter: Background Check
  absolute threshold: 0.2
- filter: Bounds Check
  minvalue: -2.0
  maxvalue: 2.0
- filter: Perform Action
  action:
  name: assign error
  error function:
  name: LinearCombination@ObsFunction
  options:
  variables: [mesoscale_representation_error@GeoVaLs,
              absolute_dynamic_topography@ObsError]
  coefs: [1.0, 1.0]
- filter: BlackList
  where:
  - variable:
    name: latitude@MetaData
    minvalue: -65
    maxvalue: -30
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    minvalue: -125
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SOCA: Highlight on adoption at NOAA/EMC

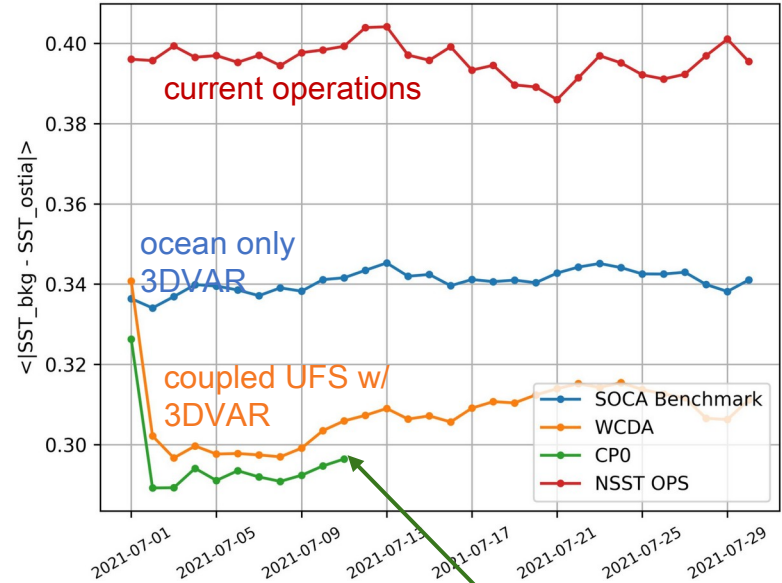
NOAA/EMC using SOCA for GFSv17/GEFSv13

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- atmo DA is existing GSI (i.e. not JEDI)

The current weakly coupled EMC testbed results so far are very encouraging

- Foundation temperature is increasingly better
- GSI's AVHRR radiance O-B improves when SST foundation improves
- Ocean current slightly better defined

SST compared with OSTIA



Hybrid EnVAR w/ static ens: Status as of 07-11-2023.
Hybrid EnVAR with 30 offline members

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AVHRR NOAA-18, channel 3 <|Obs-Bkg|> from GSI/CRTM

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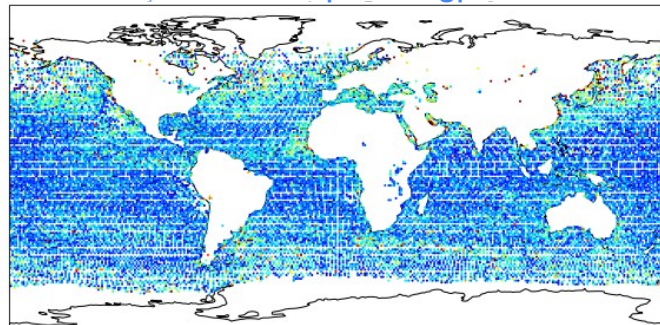
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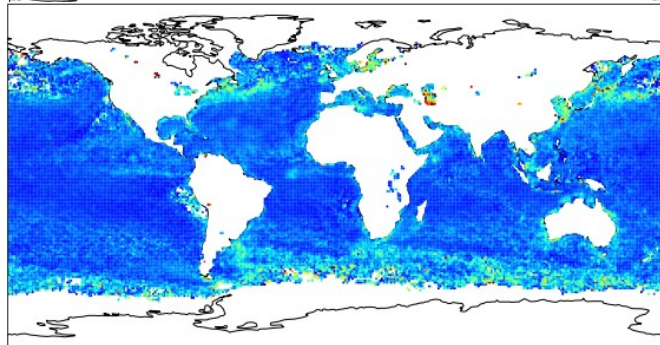
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GFS



WCDA test
(GSI+JEDI/SOCA)



- More obs passed the GSI QC
- Smaller O-B almost everywhere

(G. Vernieres, NOAA/EMC)

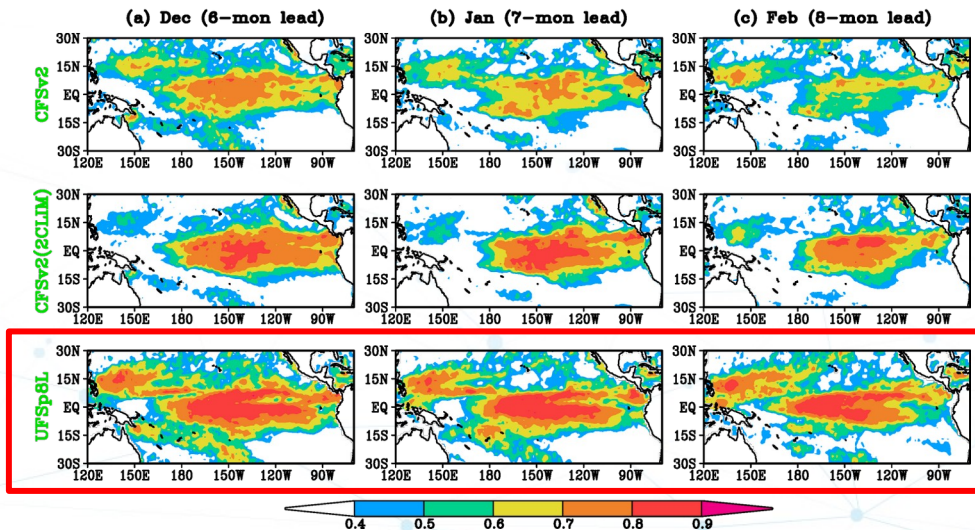
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NOAA/CPC performing experiments with UFSp8

- ENSO hindcast experiments with UFSp8
- initialized with SOCA ocean/ice DA (called GLORe here)

The UFSp8 initialized with GLORe has better ENSO forecast than the current operational system (CFSv2)

SST Predictive Skill (May ICs, 1982–2021): Correlation



	ATM. model	ATM. resolution	OCN./ICE model	OCN./ICE resolution	ATM. IC	OCN. IC	ICE IC
CFSv2	Spectral GFS	T126 (~100km) L64	MOM4 +SIS	1/2deg	CFSR	CFSR	CFSR
UFSp8L	FV3+Thompson microphysics+...	C96 (~100km) L64	MOM6 +CICE6	1deg	CFSR	GLORe	GLORe

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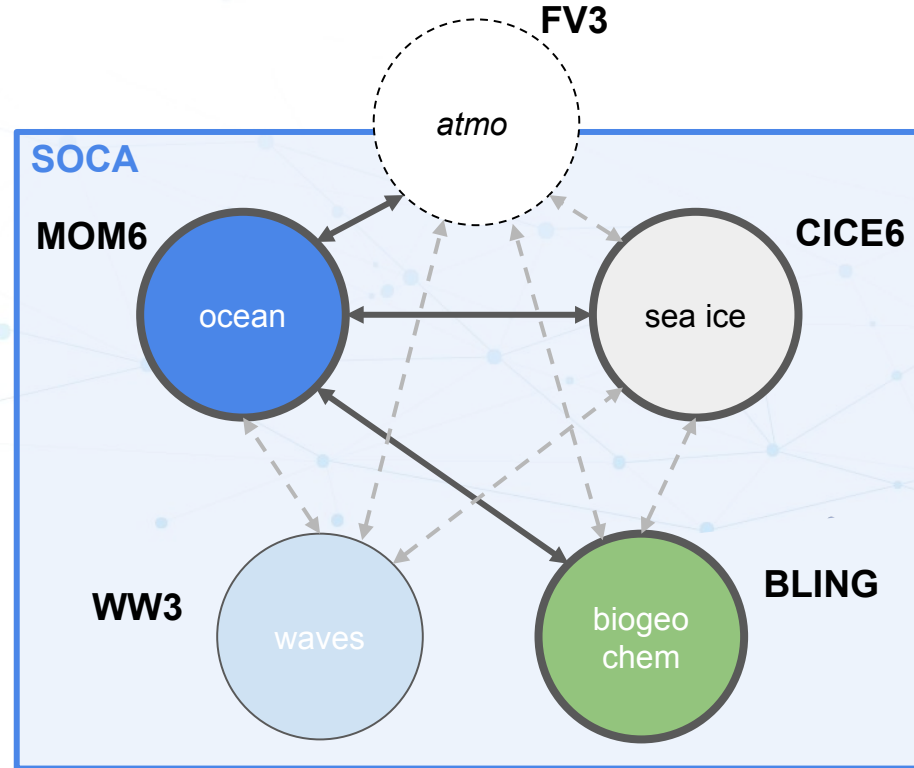
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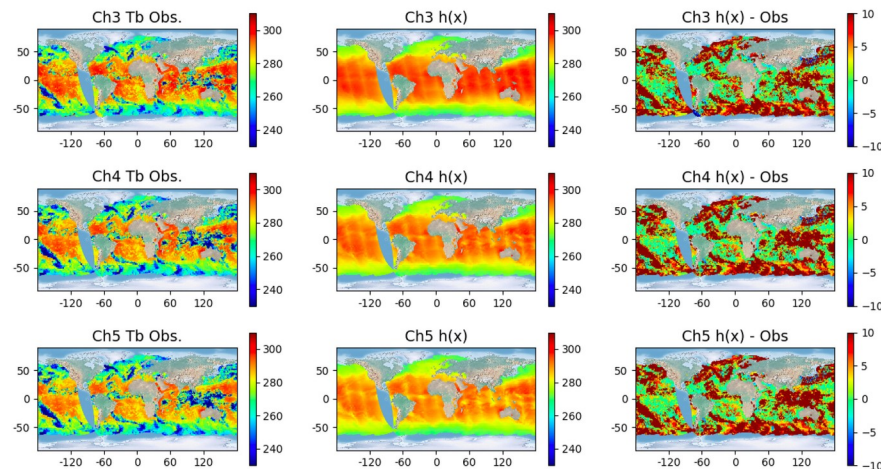
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CRTM: SST sensitive IR channels



• AVHRR METOP-A (Dec 15, 2020), 24 hour window, GEOS (C360 atmosphere, 1/4 degree ocean),

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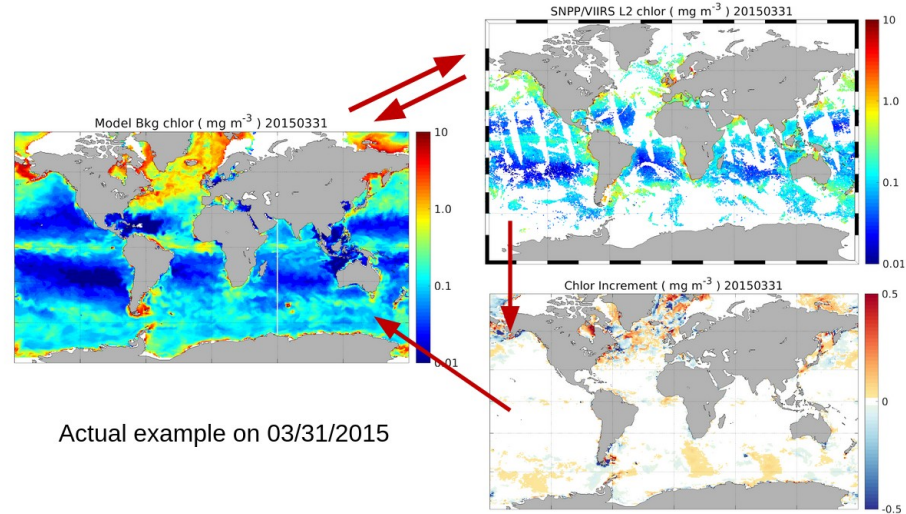
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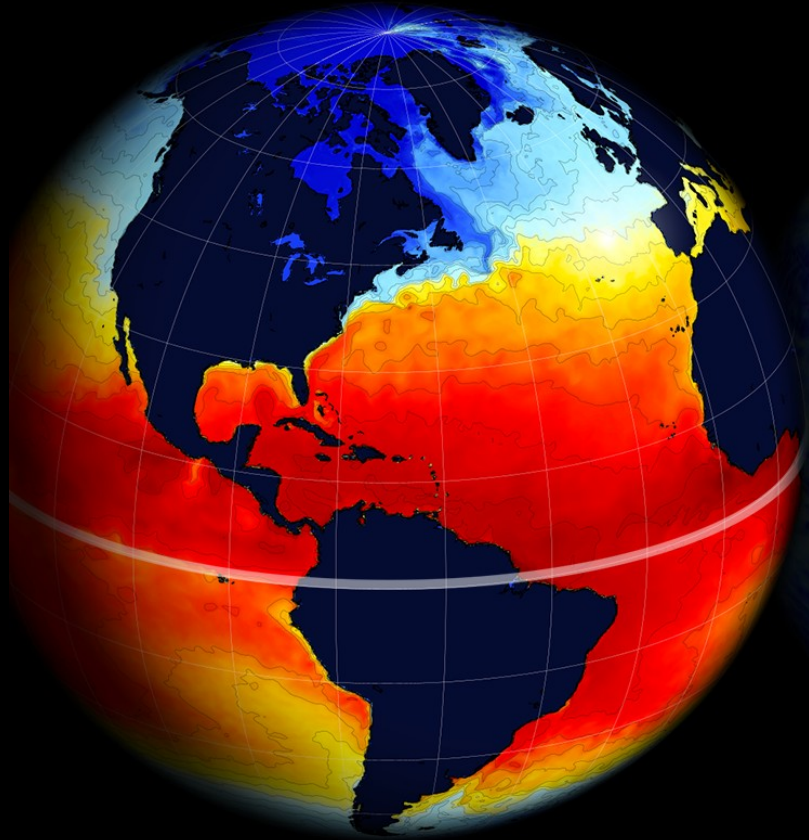
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OASIM: Ocean Color DA

3DVARational daily chlorophyll analysis (01/01/2015-03/31/2015)



(H. Ebrahimi, X. Liu NOAA/EMC)



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