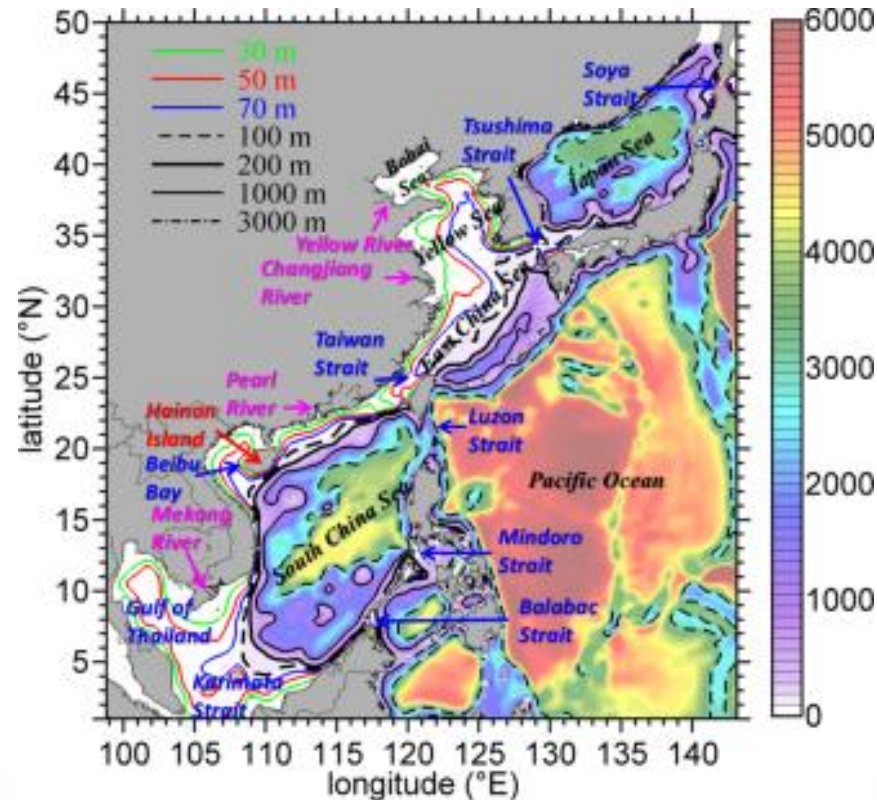


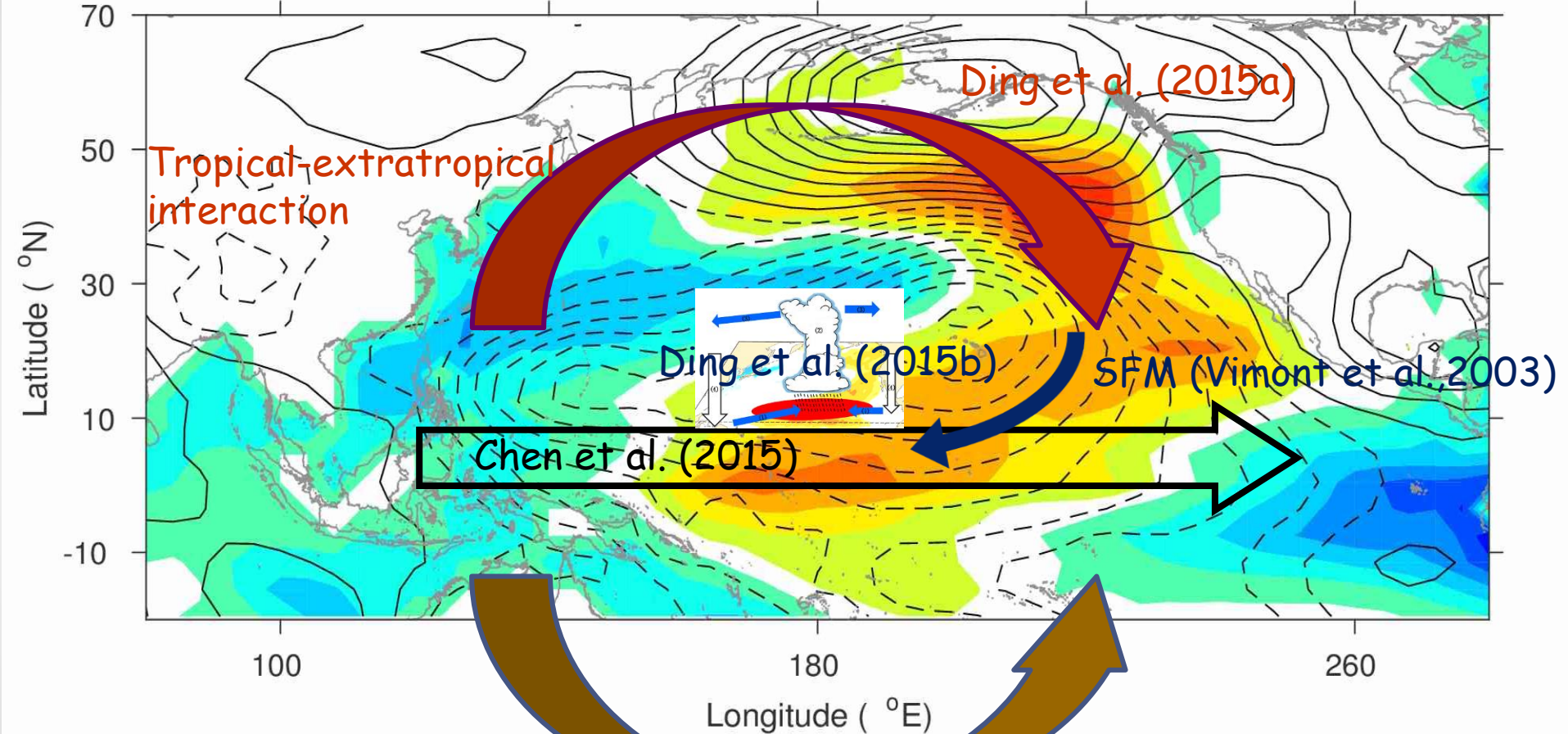
# Ocean-atmospheric interaction in the South China Sea



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- Distinct ocean-atmospheric interaction between northern and southern SCS
- Impacts of river discharge parameterization in the global coupled model system
- Operational nowcast/forecast system in the Western Pacific

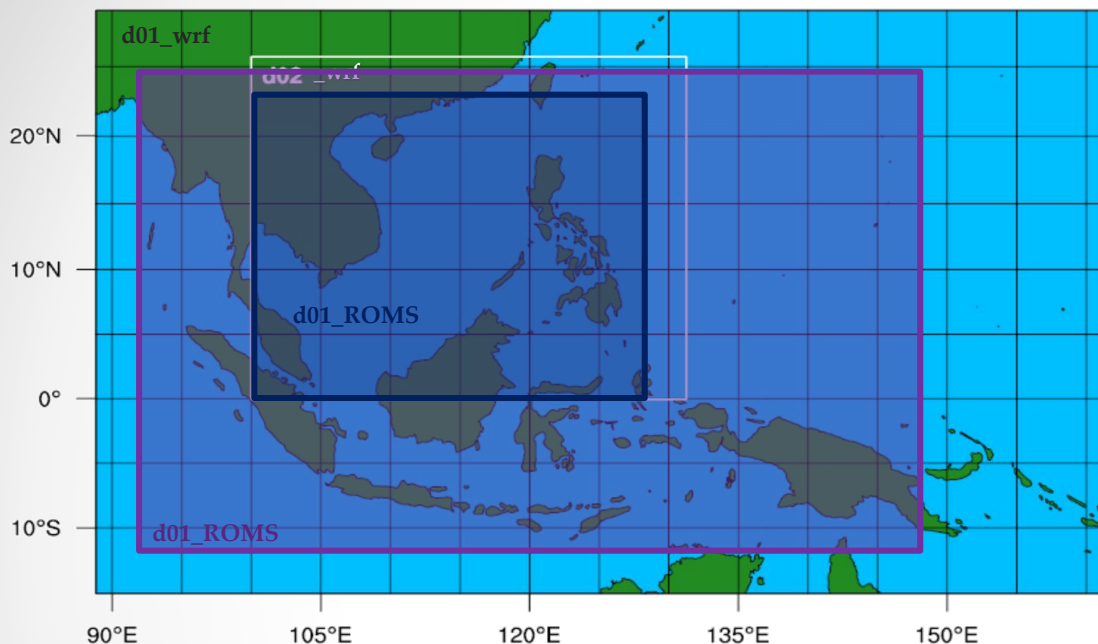
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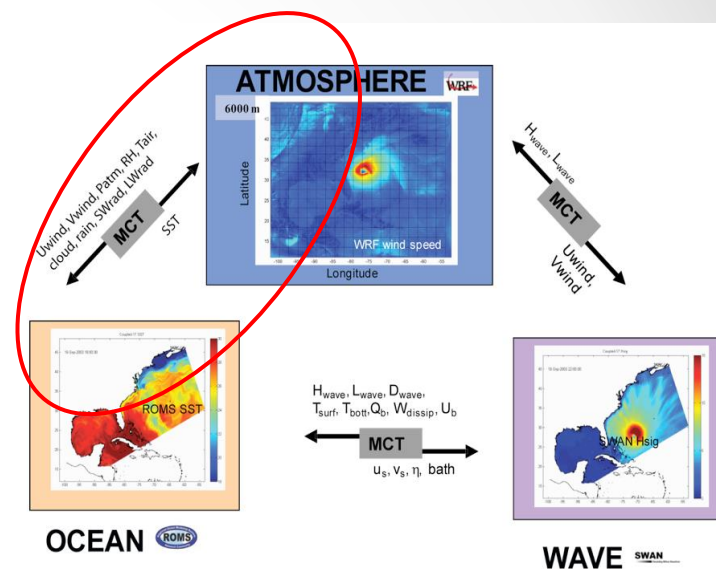
Tropical-extratropical interaction

Ding et al. (2015c); Ding et al. (2016), Zhang et al. (2014a,b)

# Distinct ocean-atmospheric interaction between northern and southern SCS



Model ran for 1 year (2016)



## Weather Research and Forecasting Model (WRF)

Horizontal Resolution: Domain 1 =36km, Domain 2 =12km

Vertical : 36 levels

Data:

1. Geography: [http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/src/wps\\_files/geog\\_complete.tar.bz2](http://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/src/wps_files/geog_complete.tar.bz2)
2. Initial and boundary : NCEP FNL Operational Model Global Tropospheric Analyses, continuing from July 1999 (ds083.2)

## Regional Ocean Modeling System (ROMS)

Horizontal Resolution:

Domain 1 : 26~27 km

Domain 2 : 8~9 km

Vertical : 36 levels

Data:

1. geography : ETOPO2
2. Initial and boundary : HYCOM

## Atm. dominates SST variation

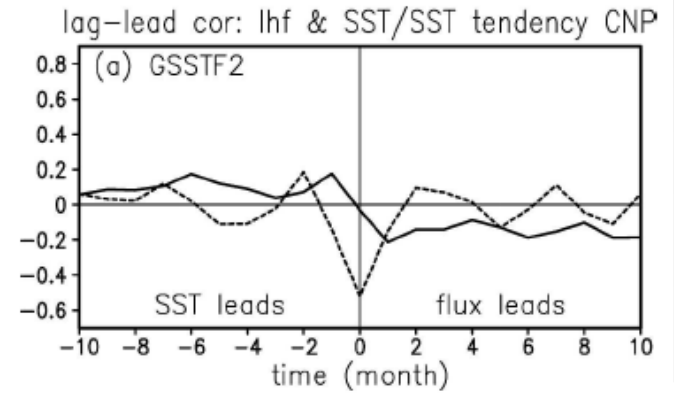
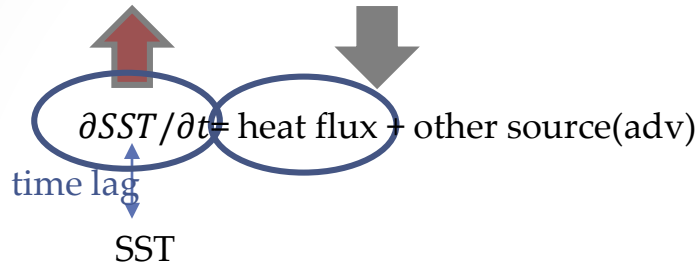
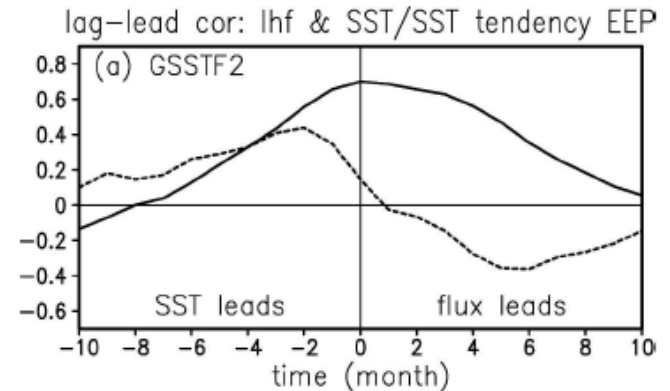
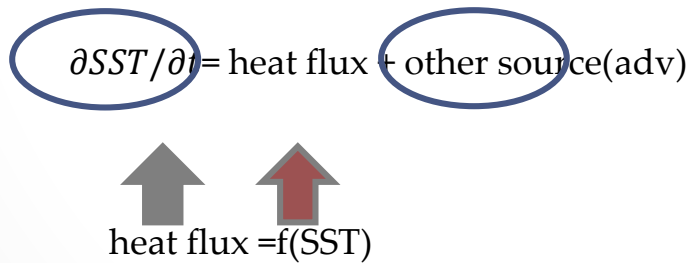


FIG. 9. Lag-lead correlation of latent heat flux–SST (solid curves) and latent heat flux–SST tendency (dashed curves) calculated based on area means in the central North Pacific region

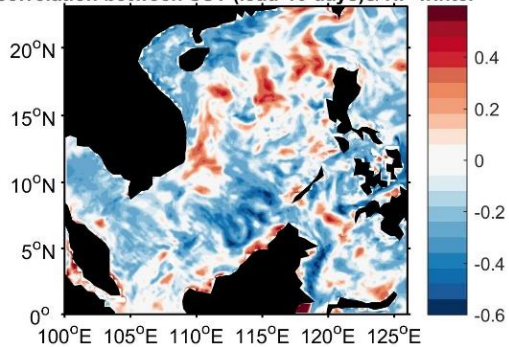
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## Correlation \_ SST lead

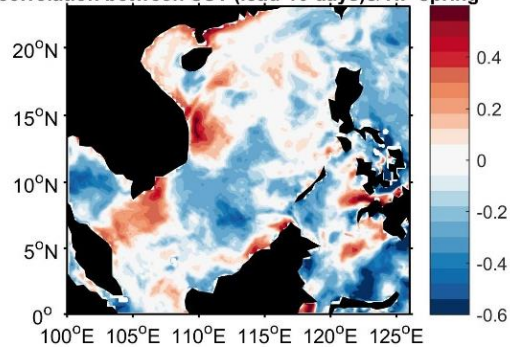
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correlation between SST (lead-10 days)& HF-winter



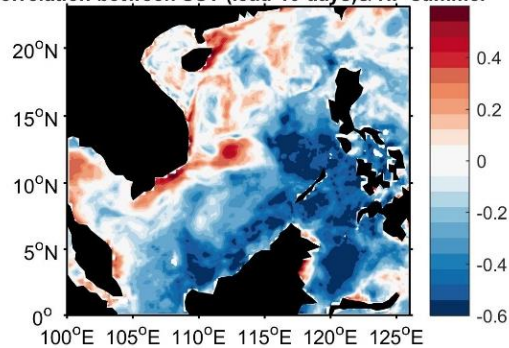
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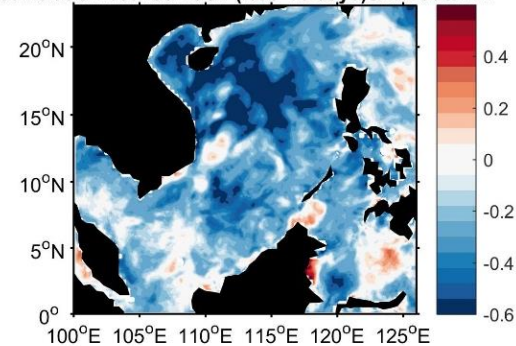
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autumn

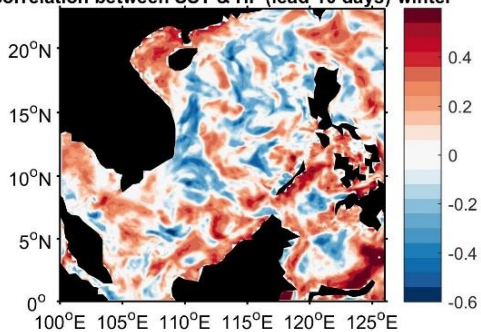
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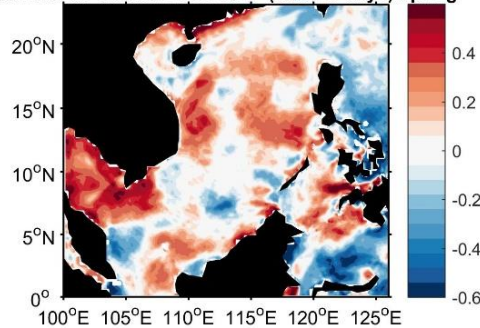
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correlation between SST & HF (lead-10 days)-winter



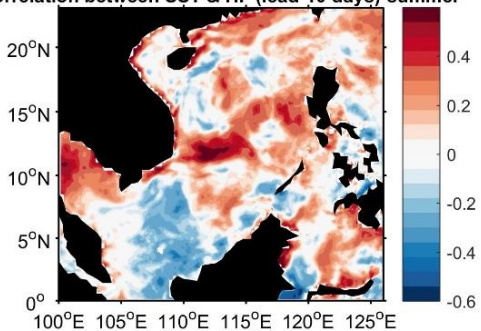
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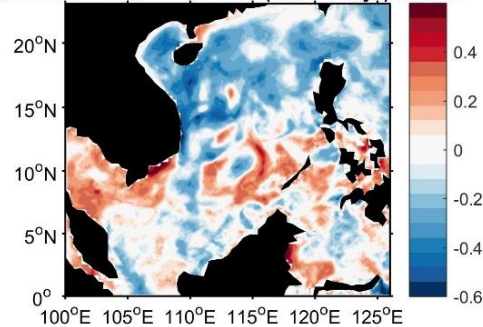
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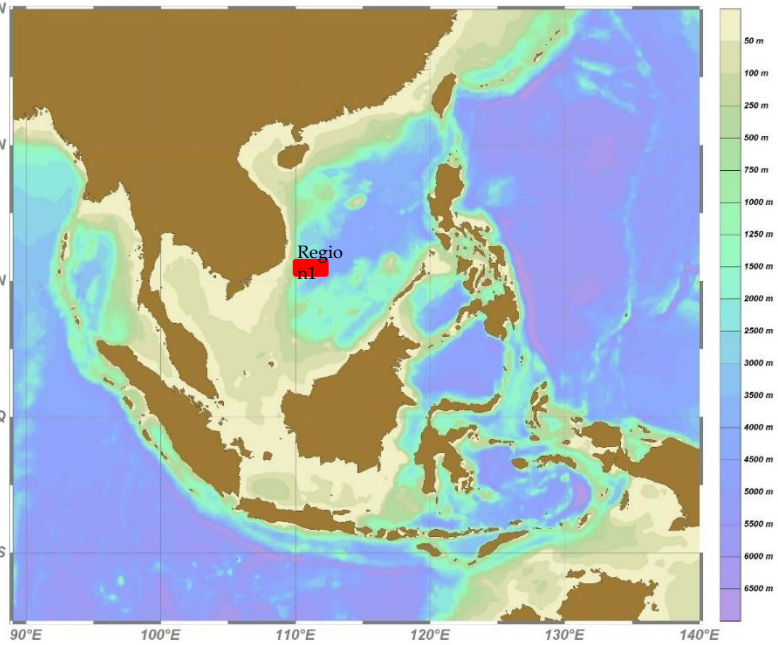
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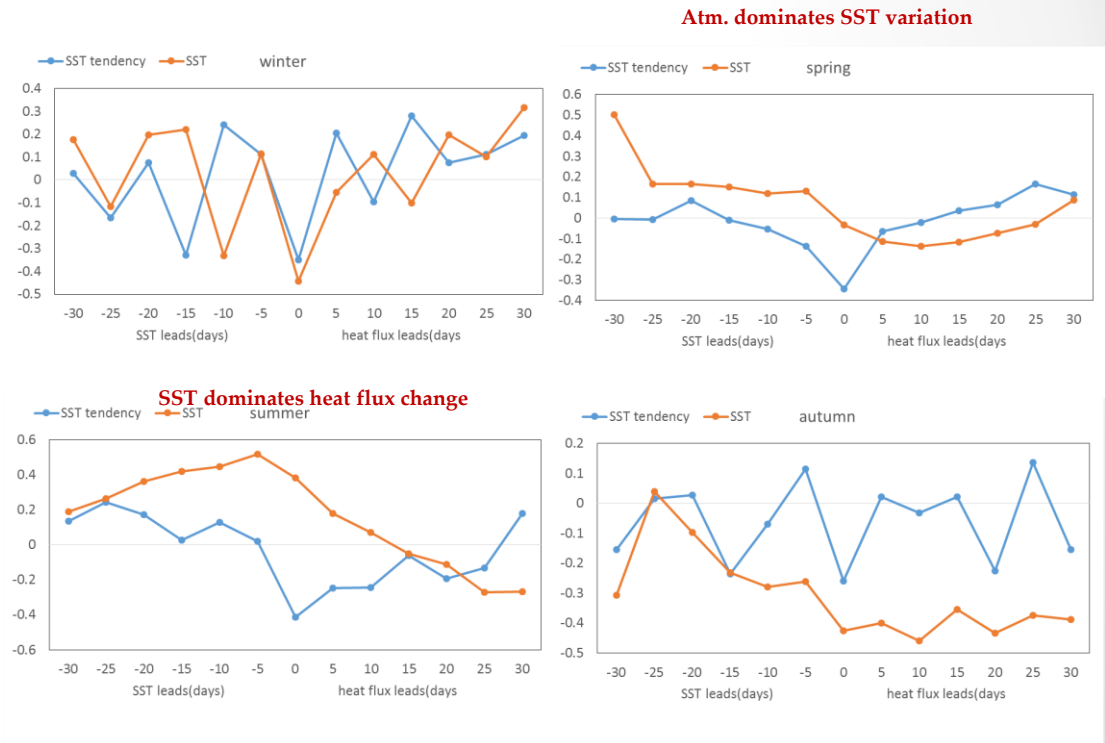
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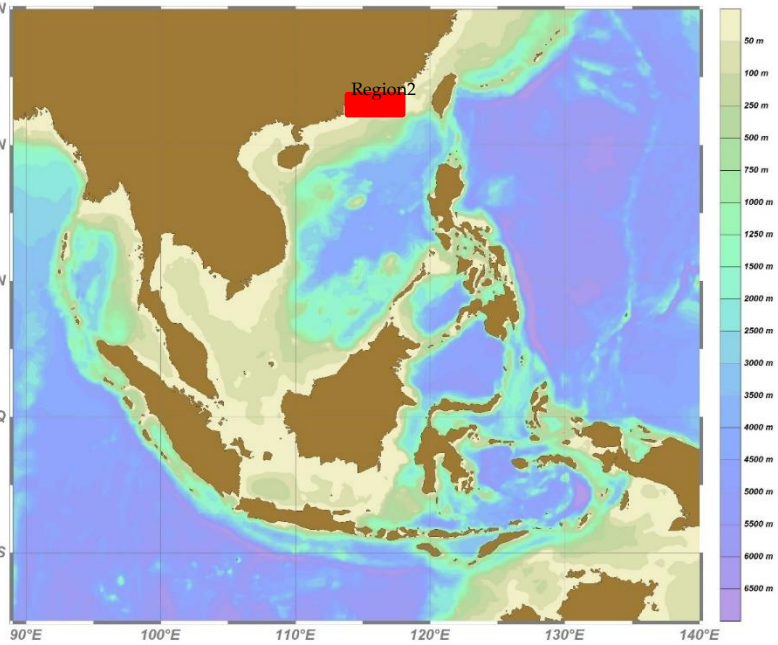
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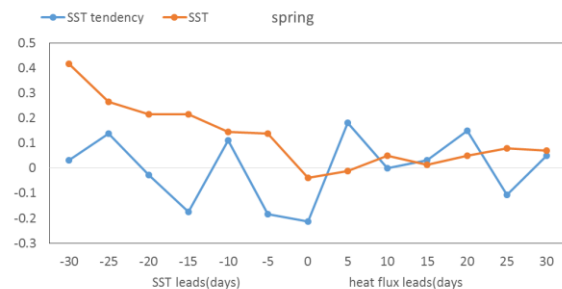
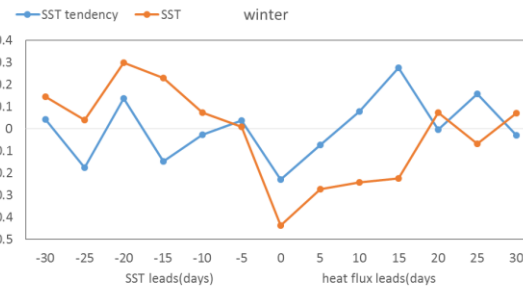
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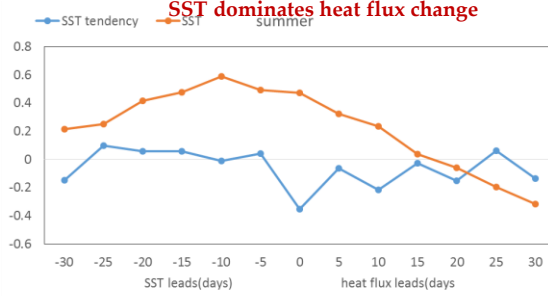
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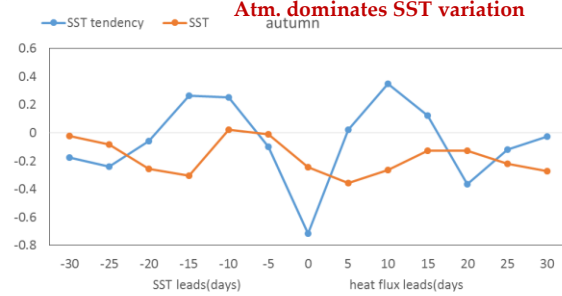
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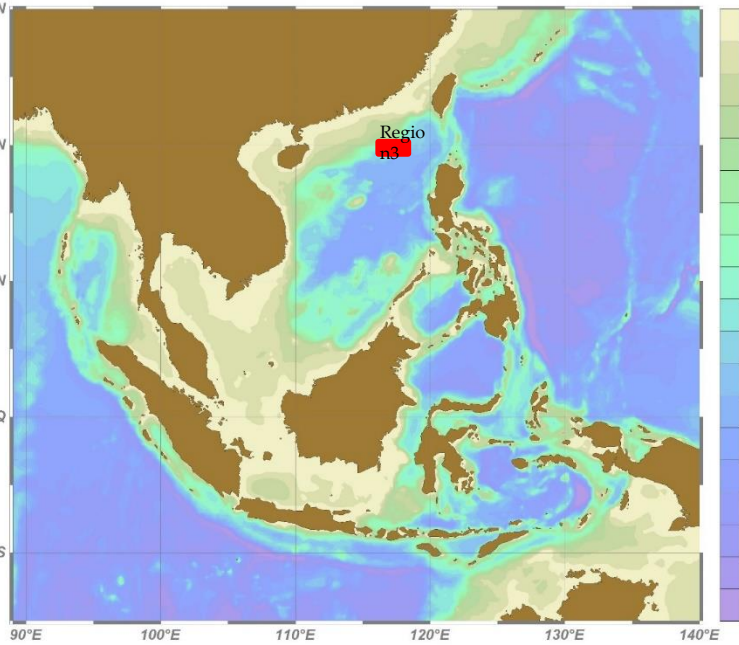


**SST dominates heat flux change**



**Atm. dominates SST variation**

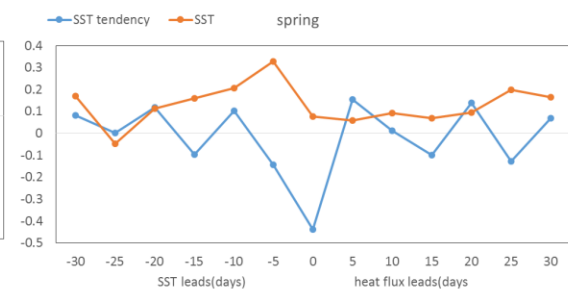
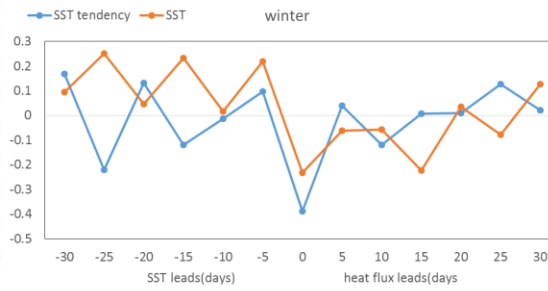




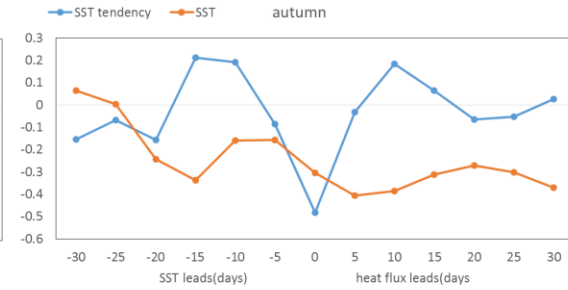
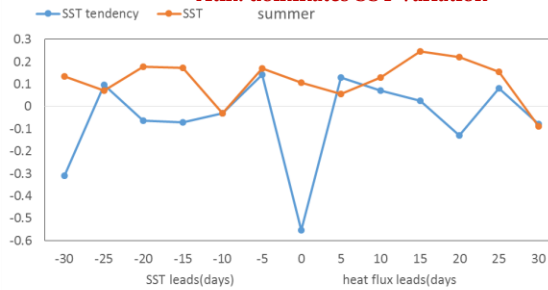
### Region 3 (northern SCS)

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#### Atm. dominates SST variation



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# Interactions of river discharge parameterizations with the Madden-Julian oscillation in the CESM

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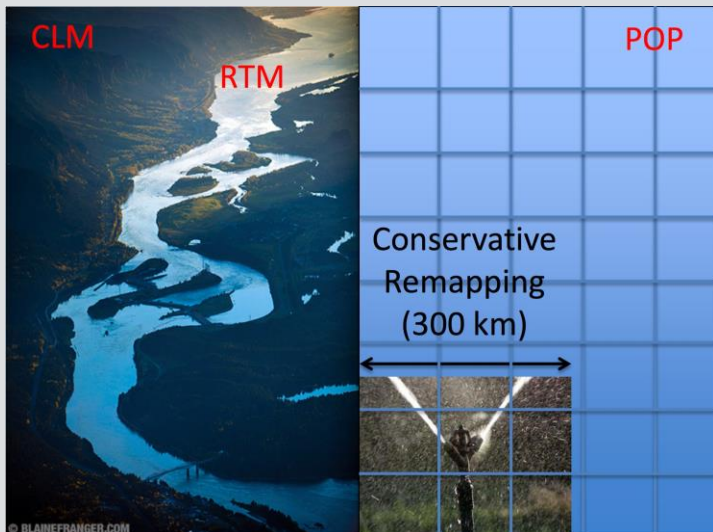
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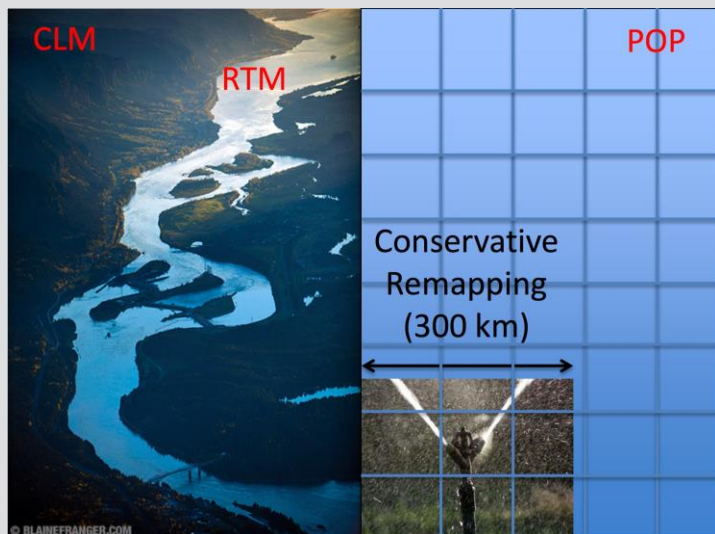
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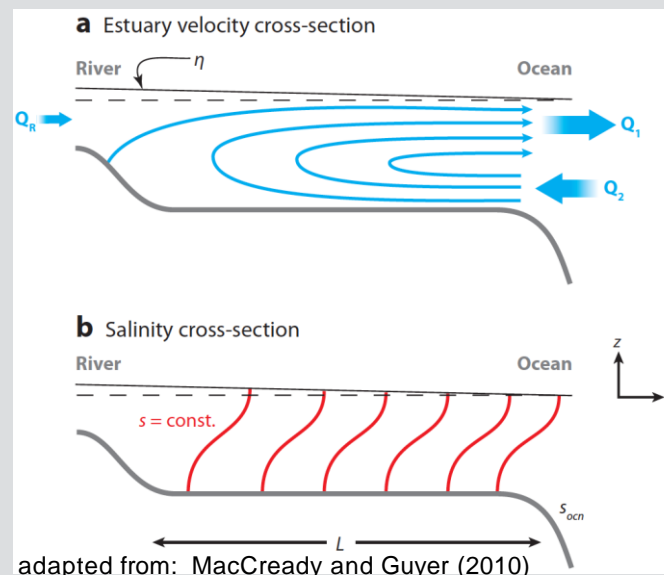
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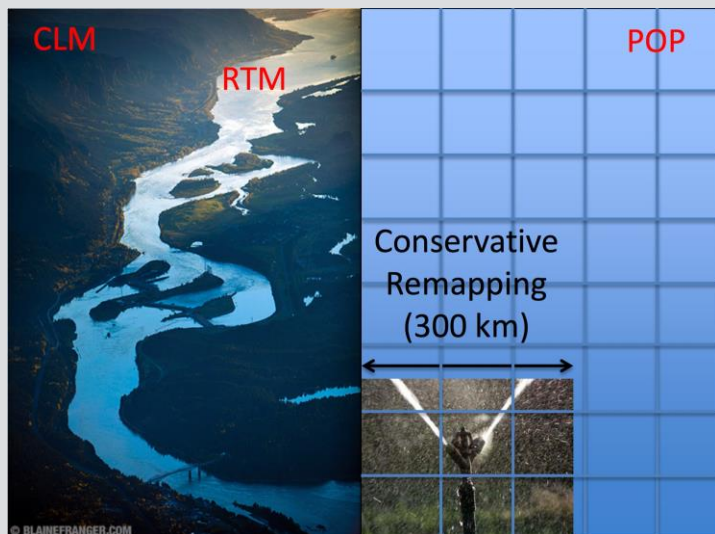
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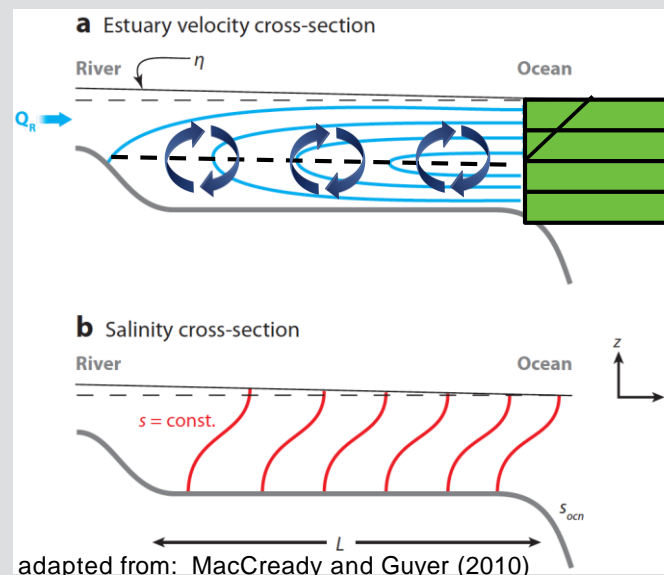
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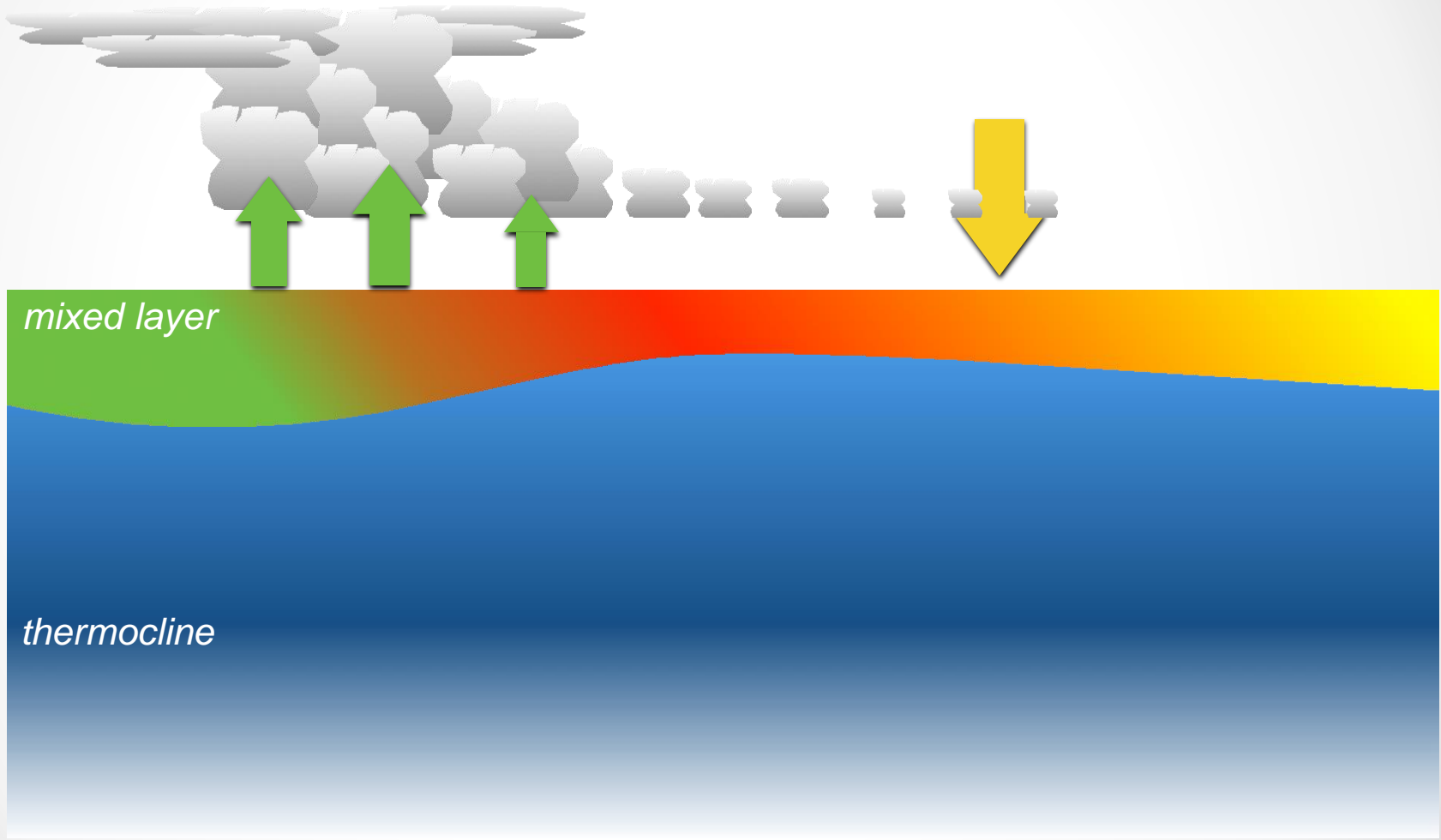
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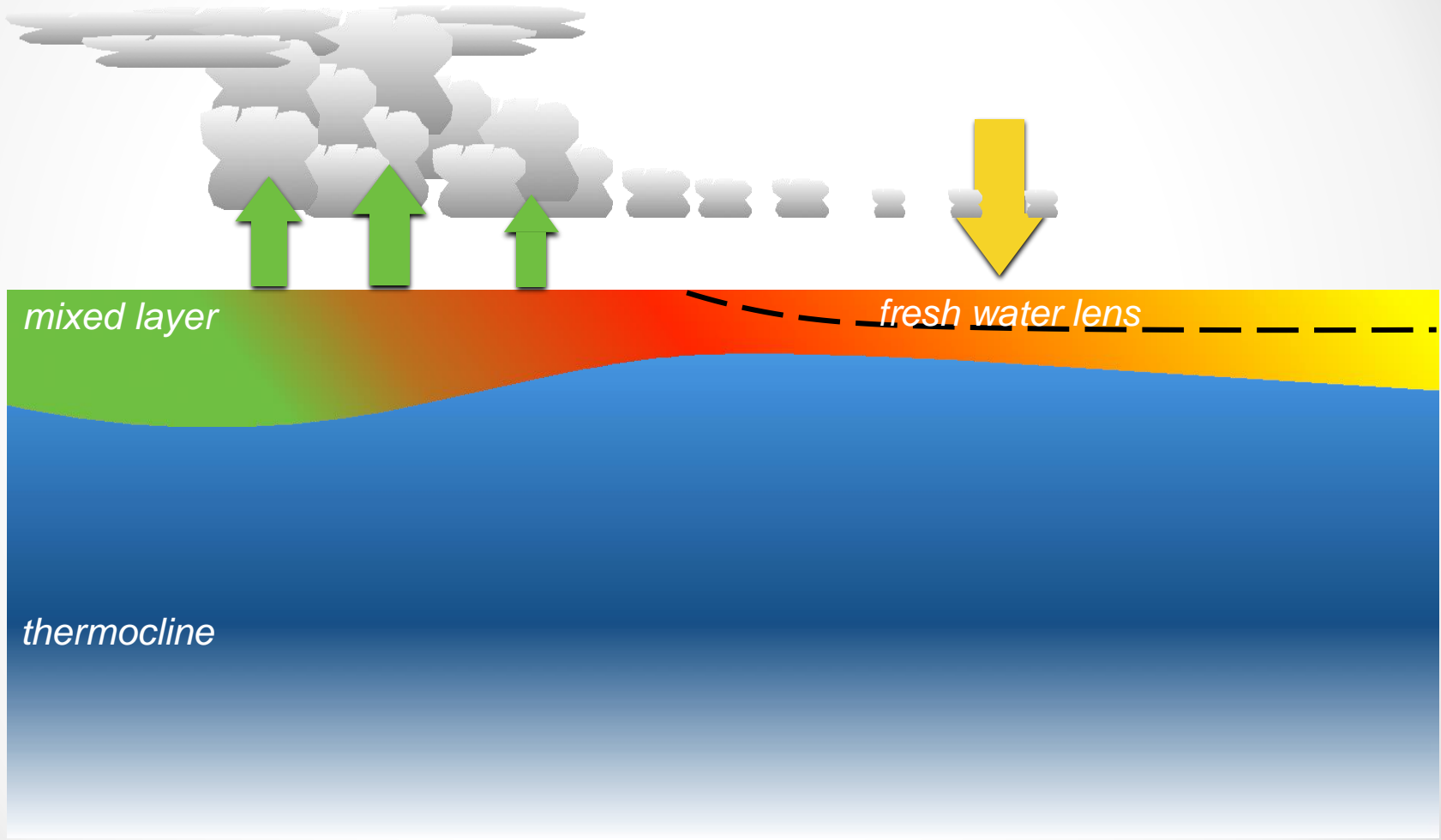
adapted from: MacCready and Geyer (2010)

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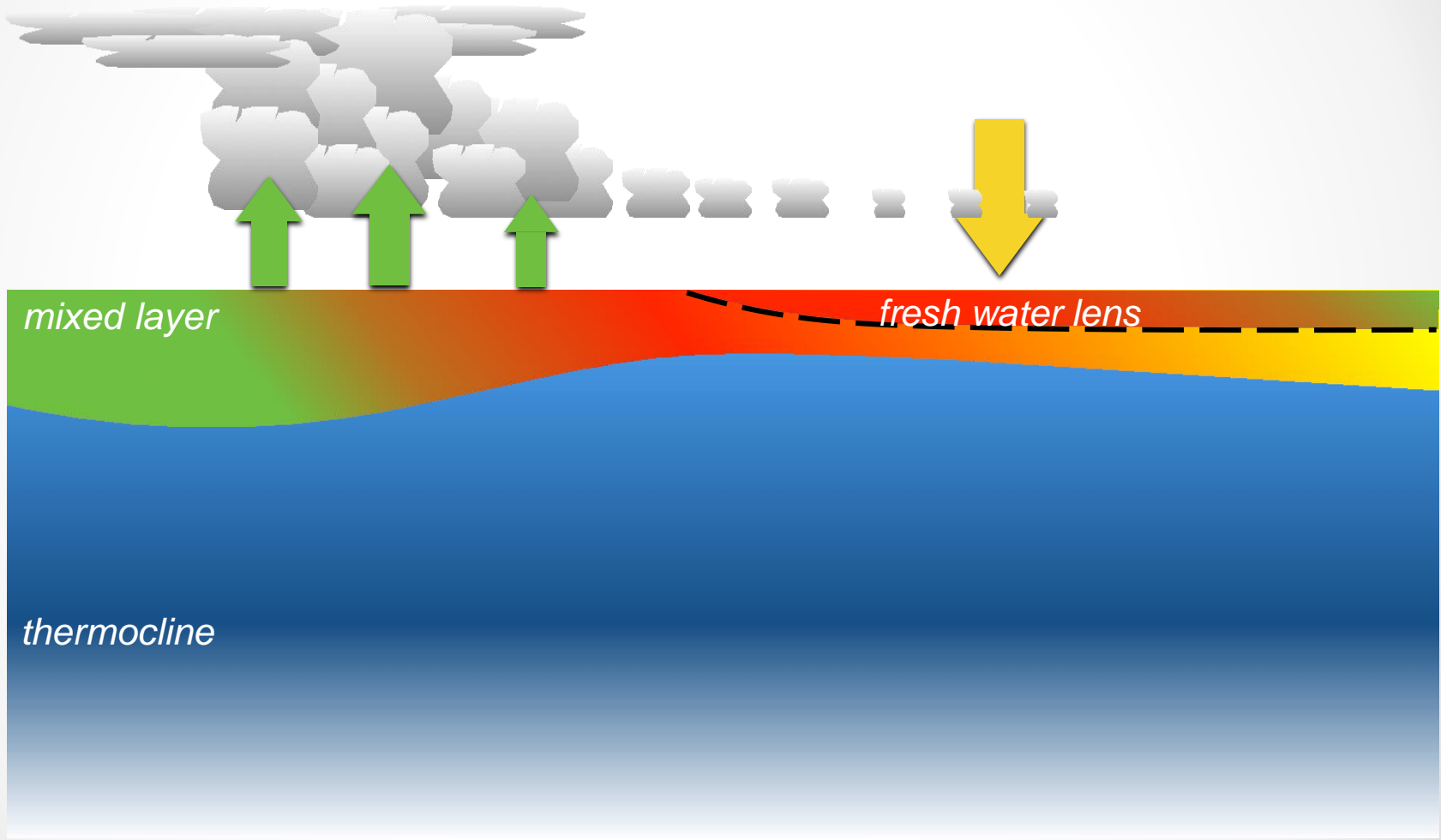
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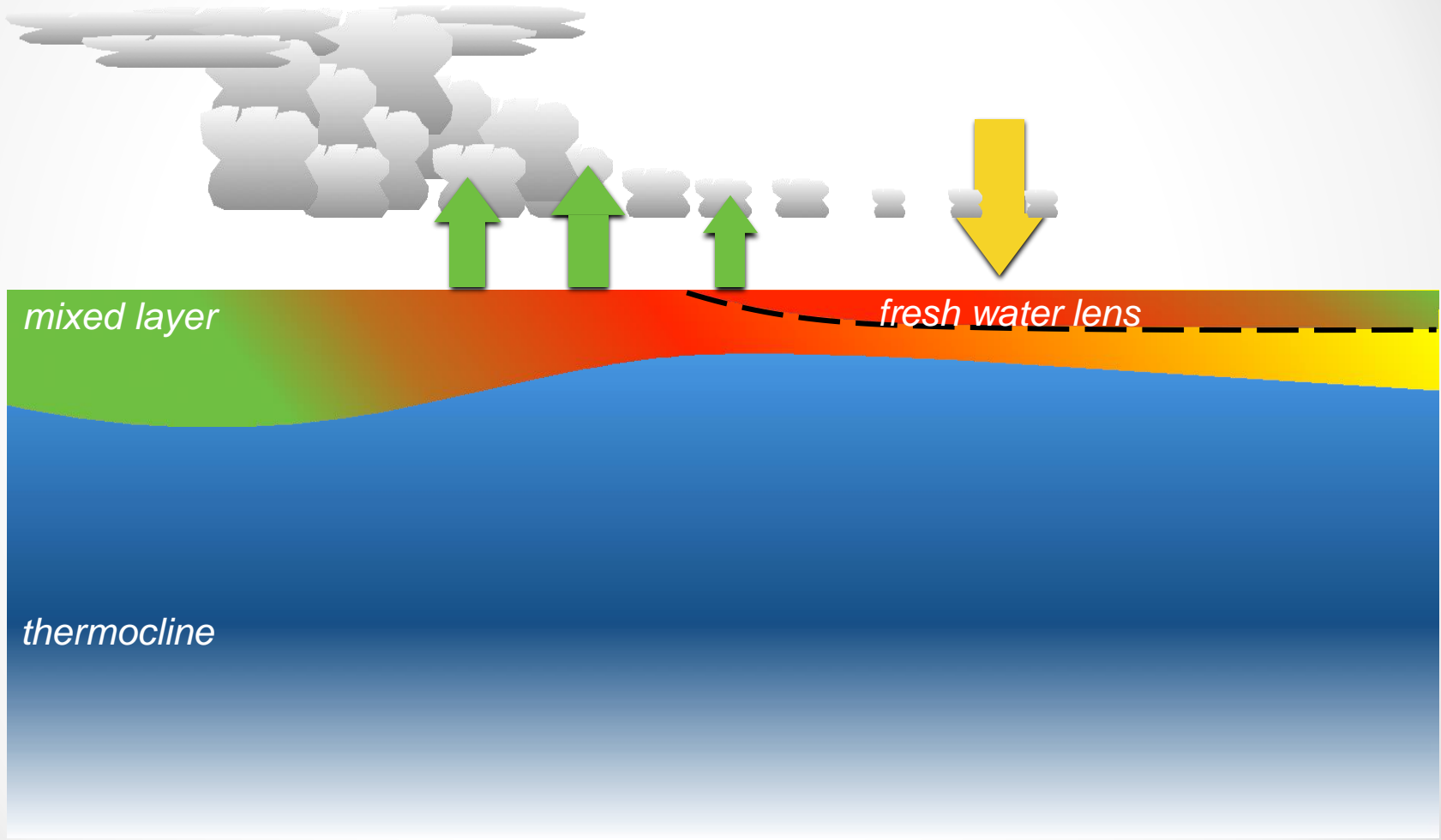
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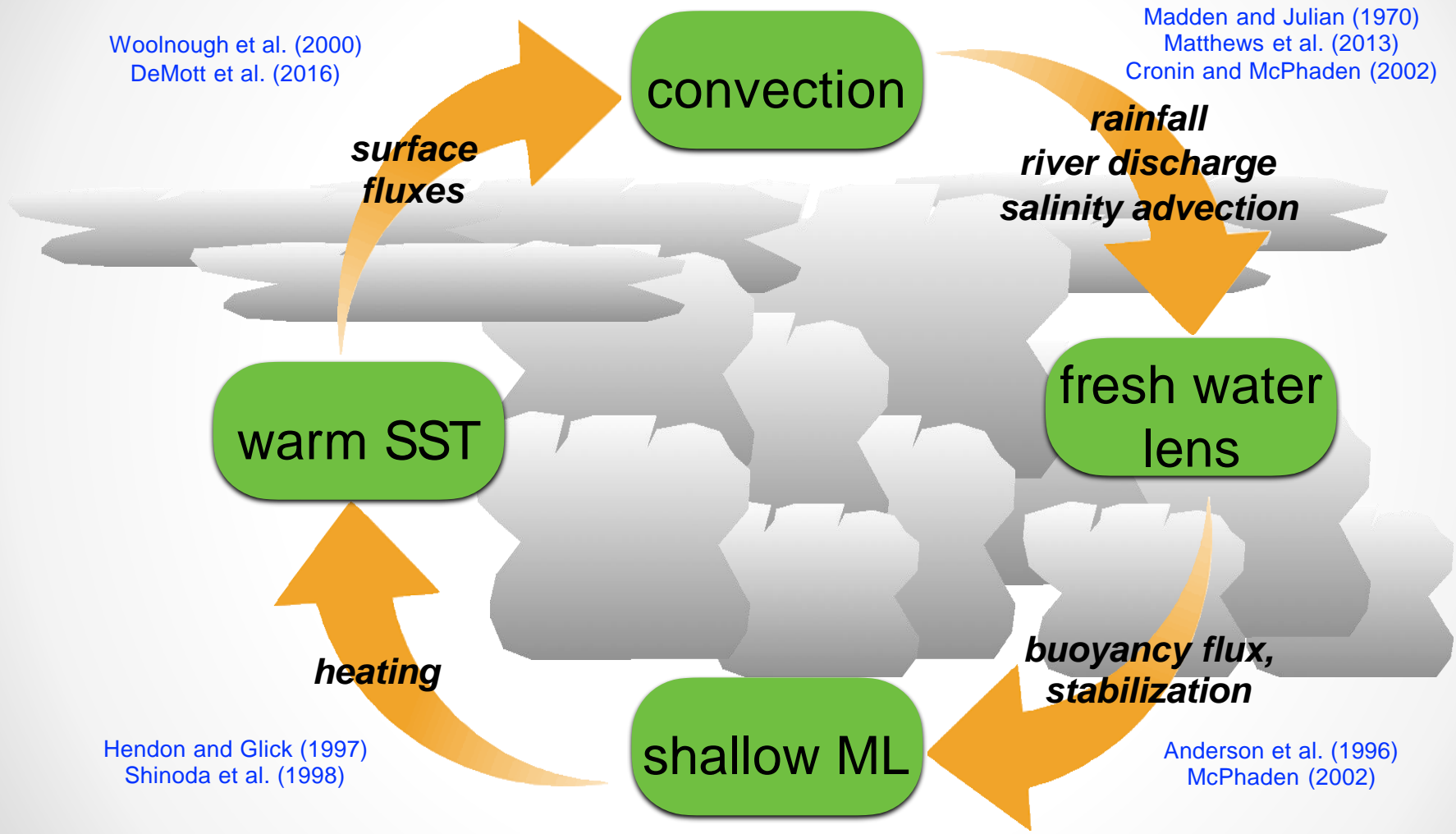
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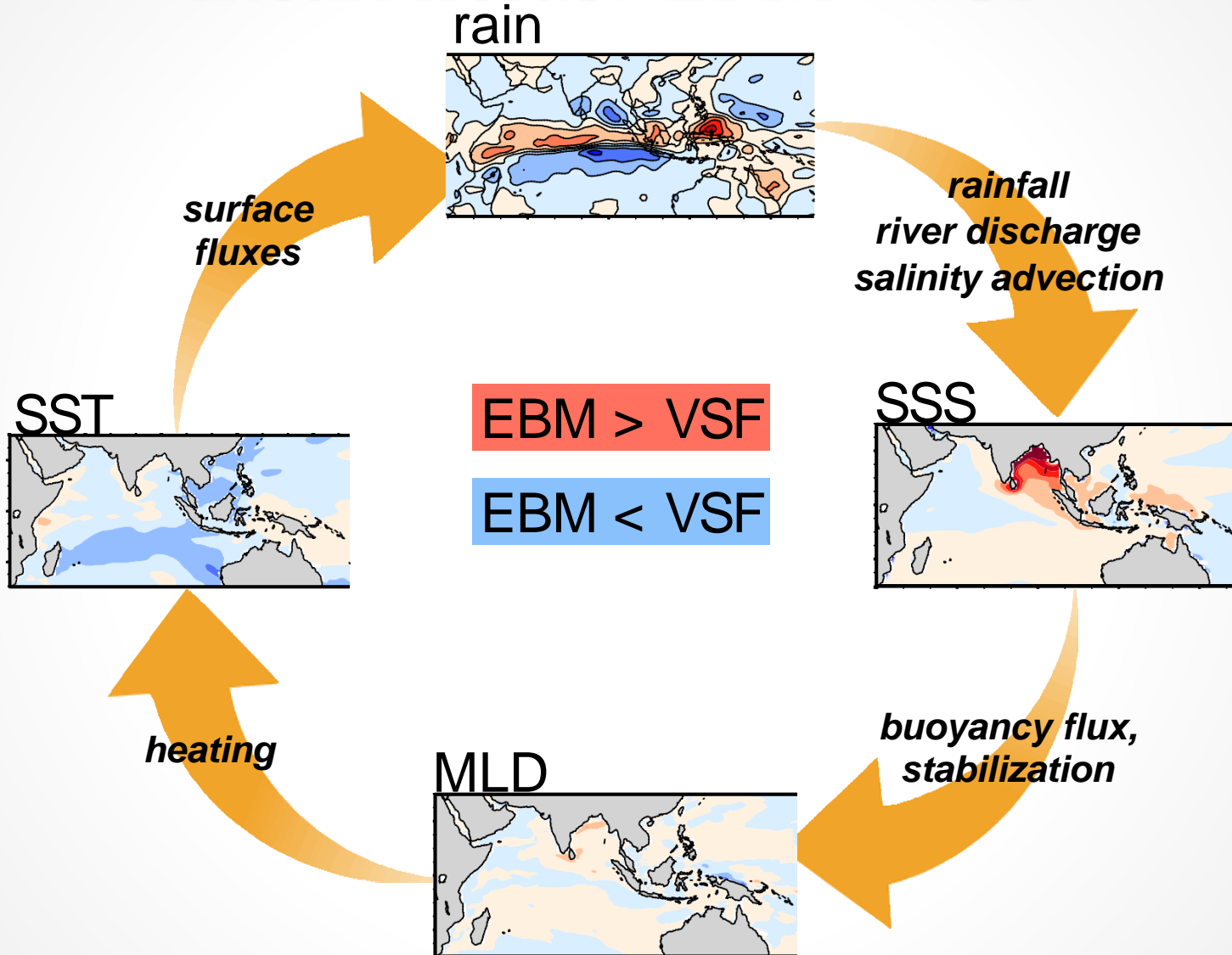
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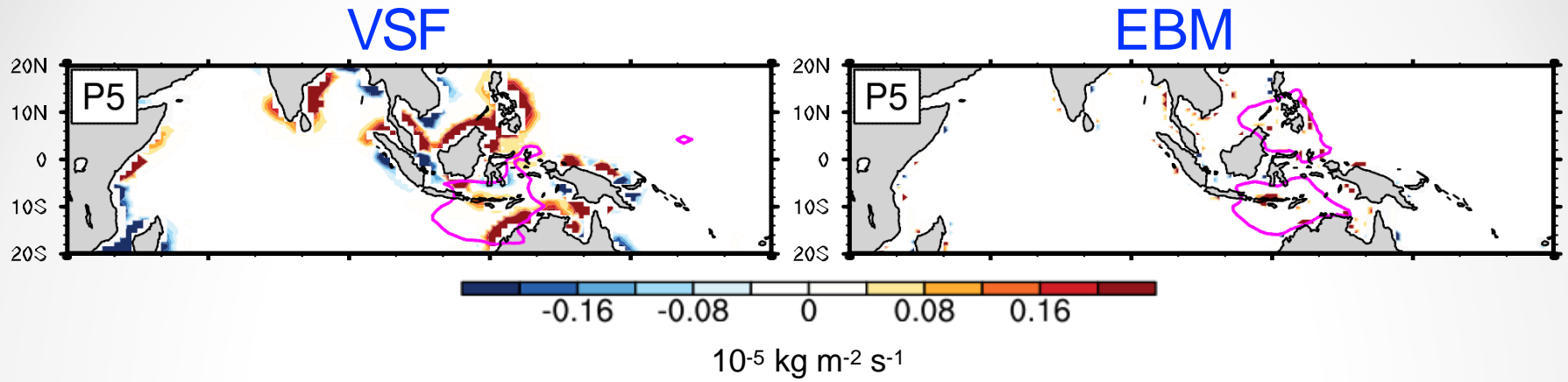
# river discharge-convection interactions



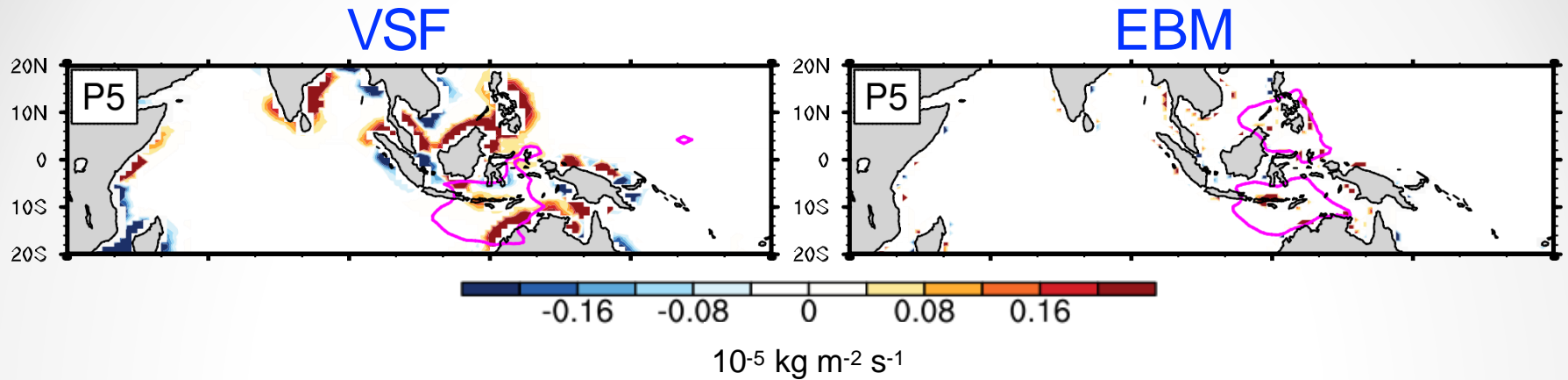
# mean fields: EBM - VSF



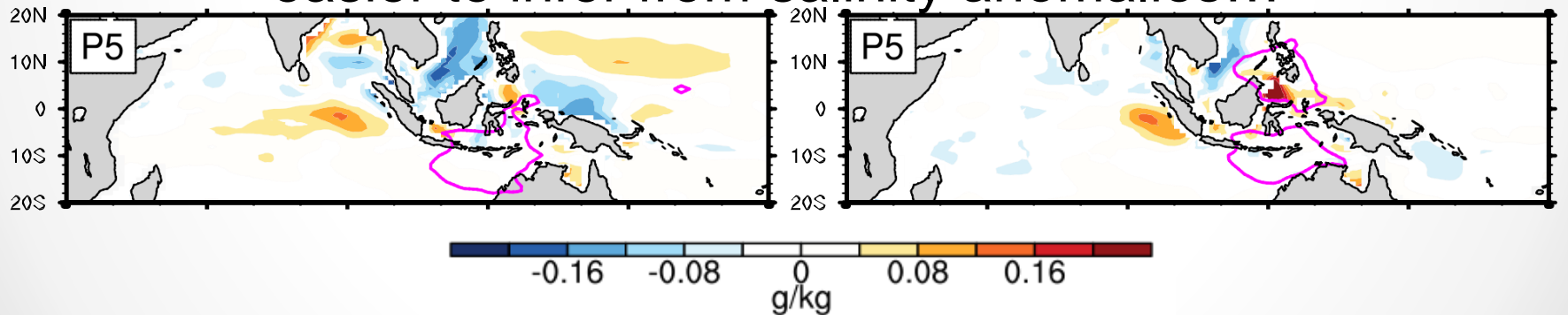
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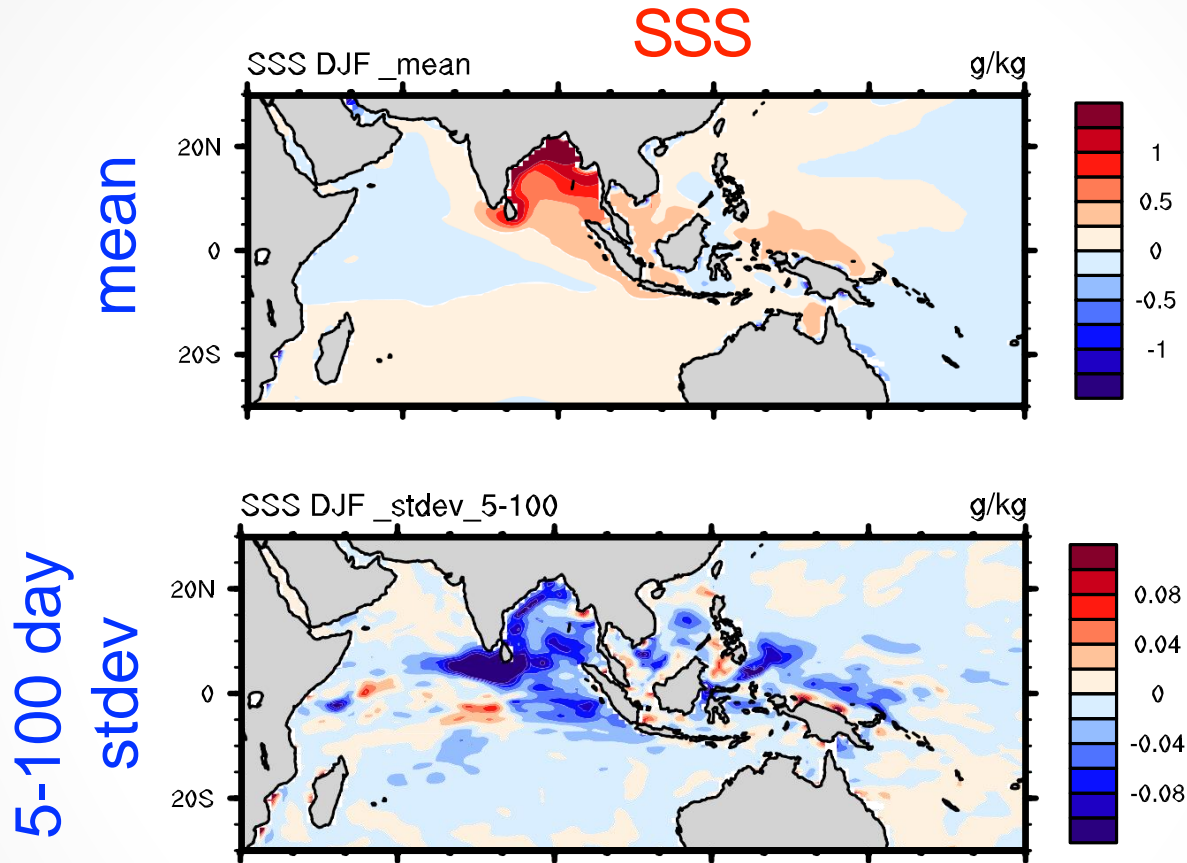
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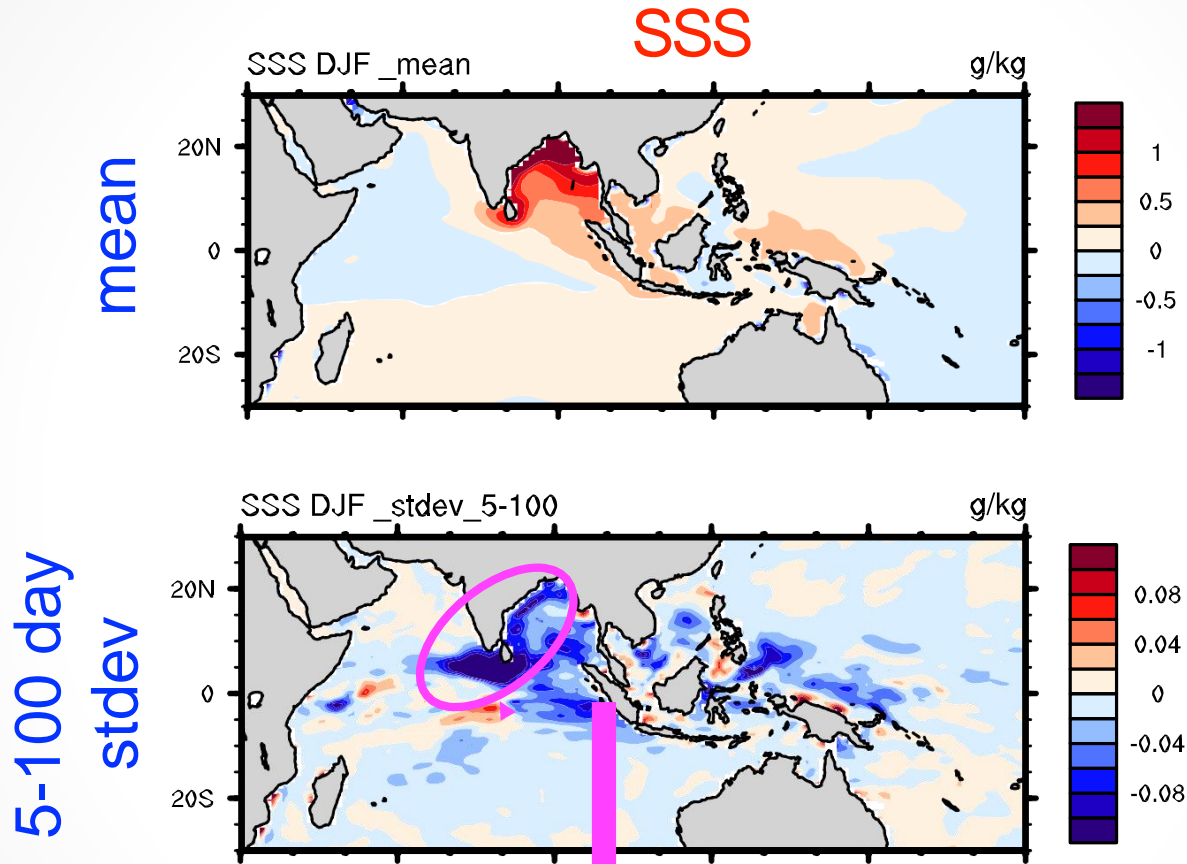
runoff in EBM is hard to see!  
easier to infer from salinity anomalies...



# salinity impacts: EBM - VSF



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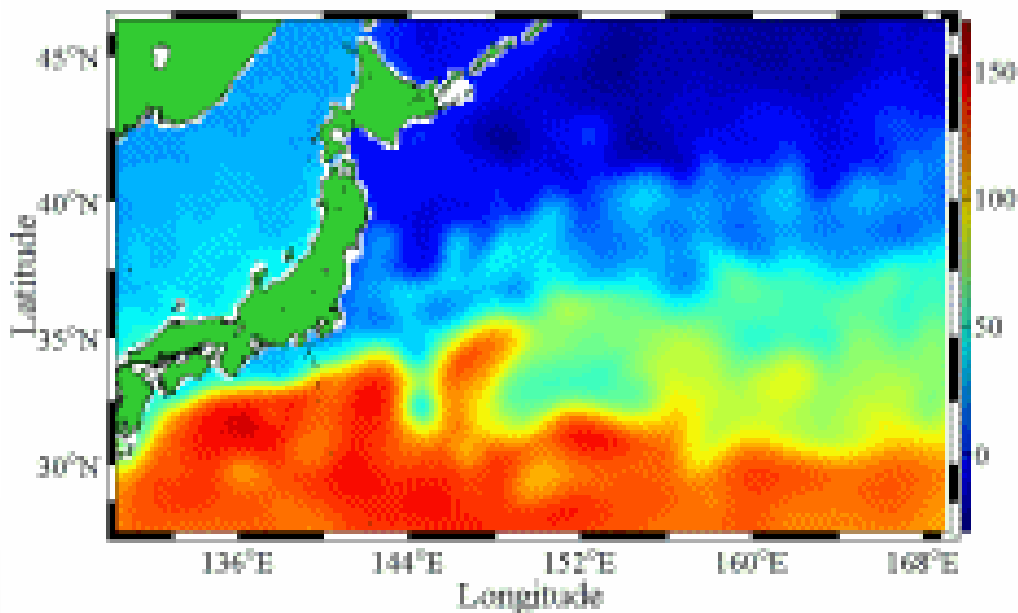


VSF: salinity advection originating from Ganges River discharge

# Real time ocean nowcast system

<http://140.112.68.33/>

day 355, of model year 12,  $H_{max}-H_{min}=185\text{cm}$ ,  $V_{max}=77\text{cm/s}$



# Taiwan Multi-scale Community Ocean Model (TIMCOM)

**NPB (North Pacific Basin) Domain:**

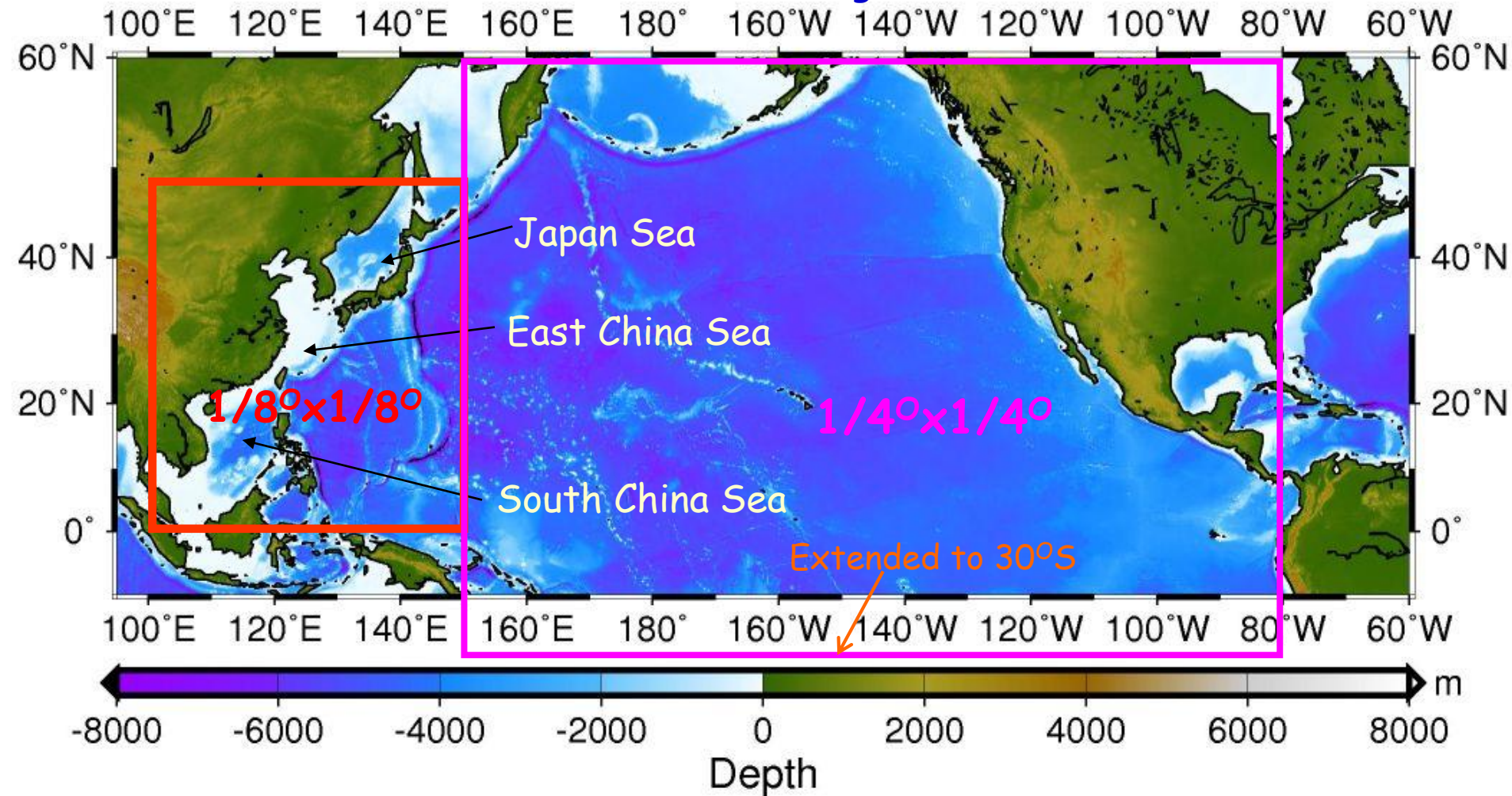
30°S to 60°N and 150°E to 80°W

grid resolution 1/4°

**TAI Domain:**

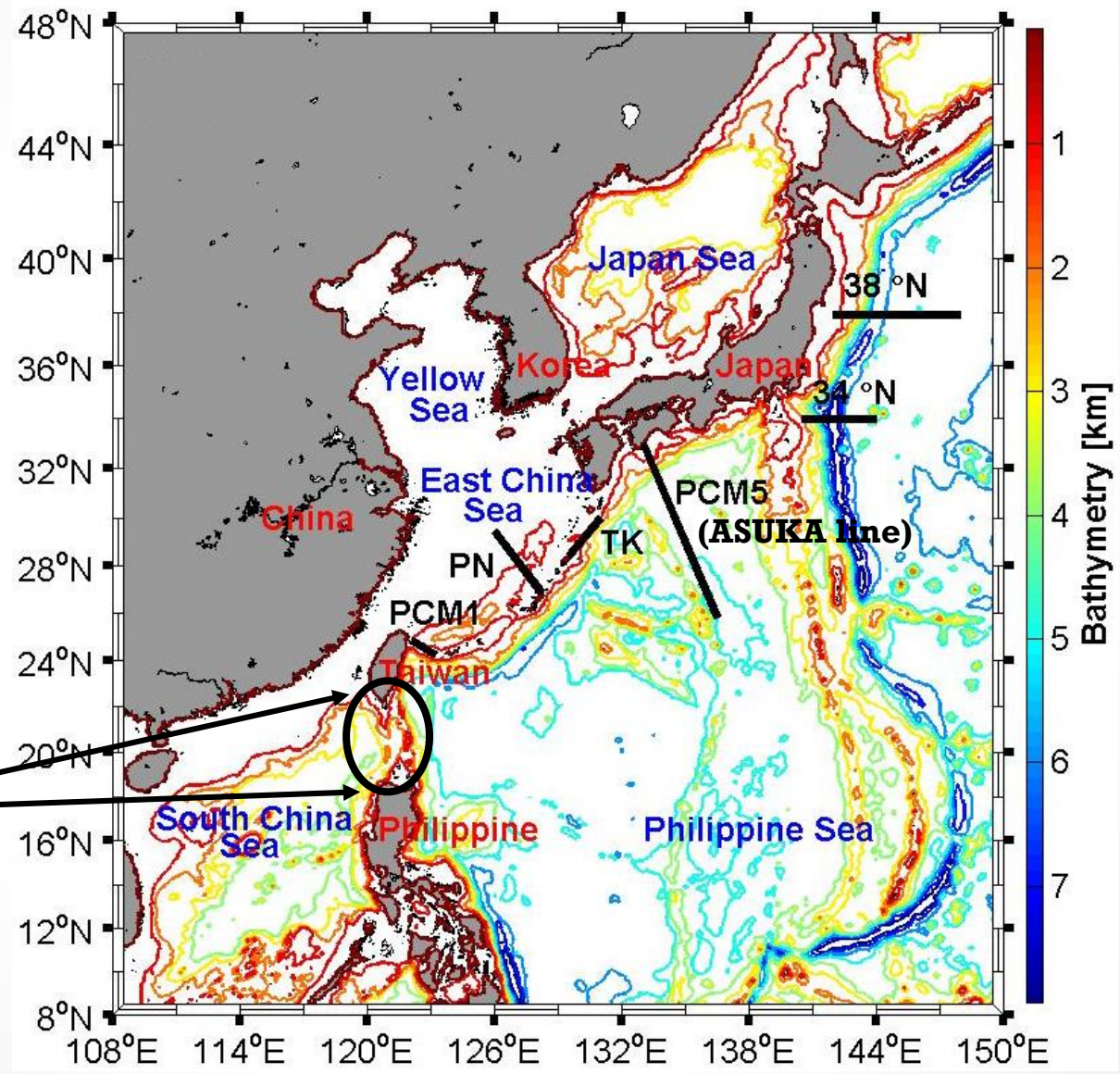
0° to 50°N and 100°E to 150°E

grid resolution 1/8°



- 4<sup>th</sup> order accurate, Z-level, free surface
- Mixed Arakawa "a" and "c" grids
- The control volume equations include fluxes of the conservation of momentum, heat and salt across control volume faces.
- Bathymetry:
  - Interpolated from unfiltered ETOPO2 depth data
- The vertical resolution ~ linear-exponential stretched grid, 26 layers
- Varying latitude and uniform longitude grid (Mercator grid).
- Surface forcing:
  - NCEP GFS atmospheric state
  - Use 1/12° HYCOM global model for the initialization.
- The northern boundary is closed. Insulated bottom, with non-slip conditions parameterized by a nonlinear bottom drag.
- Sub-grid scale vertical mixing is parameterized by eddy diffusivity/viscosity using a modified Richardson number based approach based on Pacanowski and Philander (1982)

# TAI domain bathymetry and observations

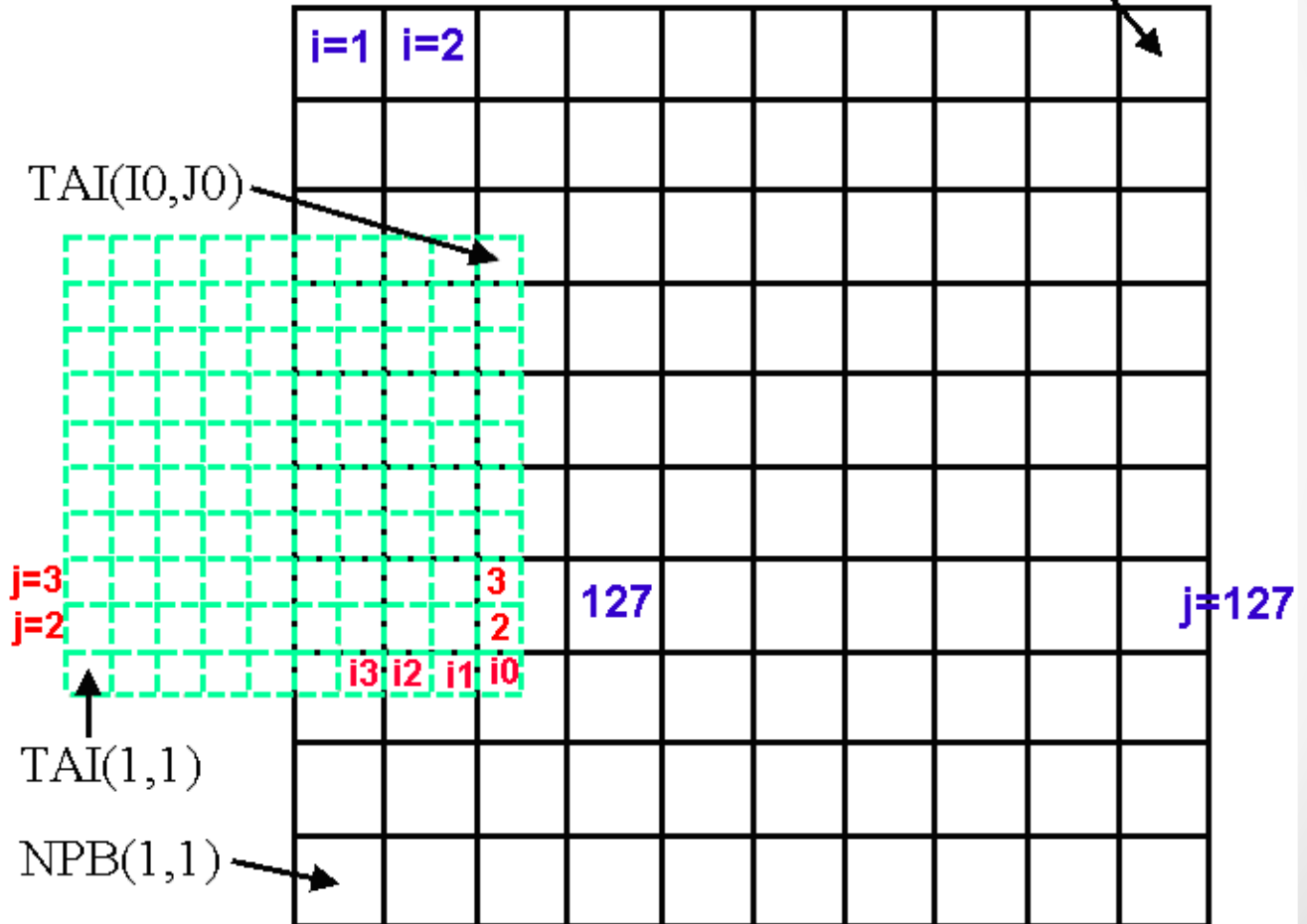


The Luzon and Taiwan Straits, the SCS

# Multiple-domain Coupling

**NPB** : The eastern domain North Pacific Basin (coarser)

**TAI** : The western domain Taiwan Area (finer)  $NPB(I_0, J_0)$



# TAI to NPB

**UTAI**: the cell face velocity  $U$  of the TAI domain.

**UWNPB**: the intermediate cell face velocity  $U$  at west interface for the boundary cell (purple square) in the NPB domain

$$U_{WNPB}(2, K) = 1/2 \times (U_{TAI}(I3, 2, K) + U_{TAI}(I3, 3, K))$$

**$U_{NPB}(1, 127, K)$** : the final cell face velocity  $U$  at west interface for the boundary cell (purple square) in the NPB domain

$$U_{NPB}(1, 127, K) = [FLT1 \times U_{WNPB}(2, K) + FLT2 \times (U_{NPB}(1, 127, K))]$$

**FLT1/FLT2**: time filter, where  $FLT1 = FLT2 - 1$

**U2TAI**: the cell center velocity  $U$  of the TAI domain.

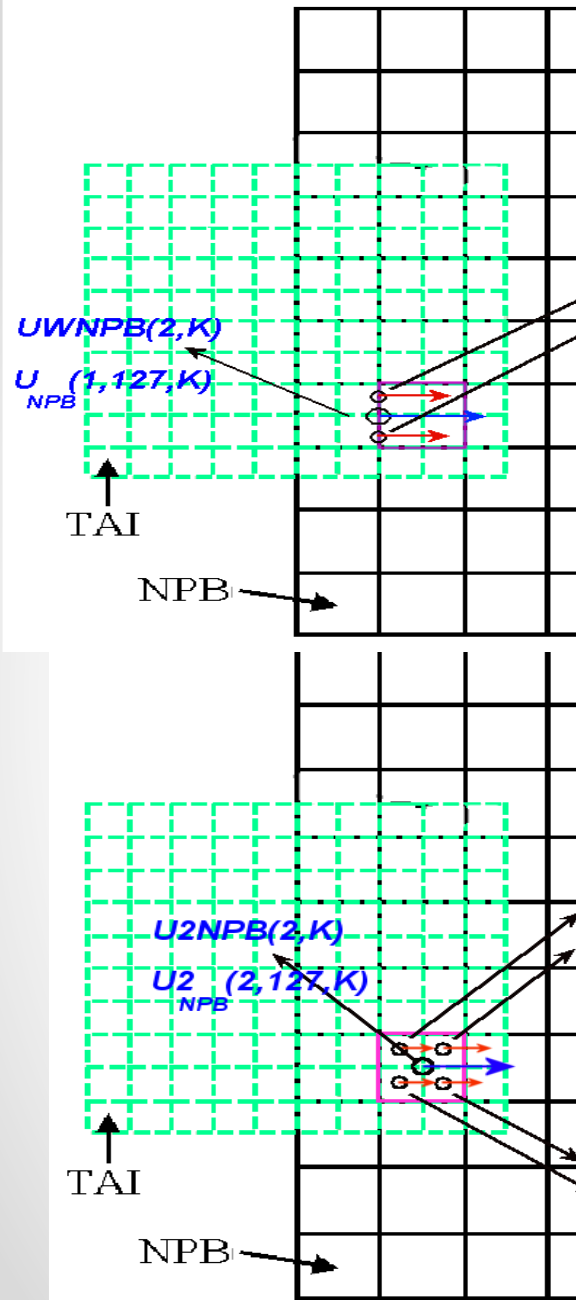
**U2WNPB**: the intermediate cell center velocity  $U$  in the NPB domain

$$U_{2NPB}(2, 127, K) = U_{2NPB}(2, 127, K) + dU$$

where  $dU = U_{2NPB}(2, K) - U_{1NPB}(2, 127, K)$

**$U_{2NPB}(1, 127, K)$** : the final cell center velocity  $U$  in the NPB domain

$$U_{2NPB}(2, K) = 1/4 \times (U_{2TAI}(I2, 2, K) + U_{2TAI}(I2, 3, K) + U_{2TAI}(I1, 2, K) + U_{2TAI}(I1, 3, K))$$



# NPB to TAI

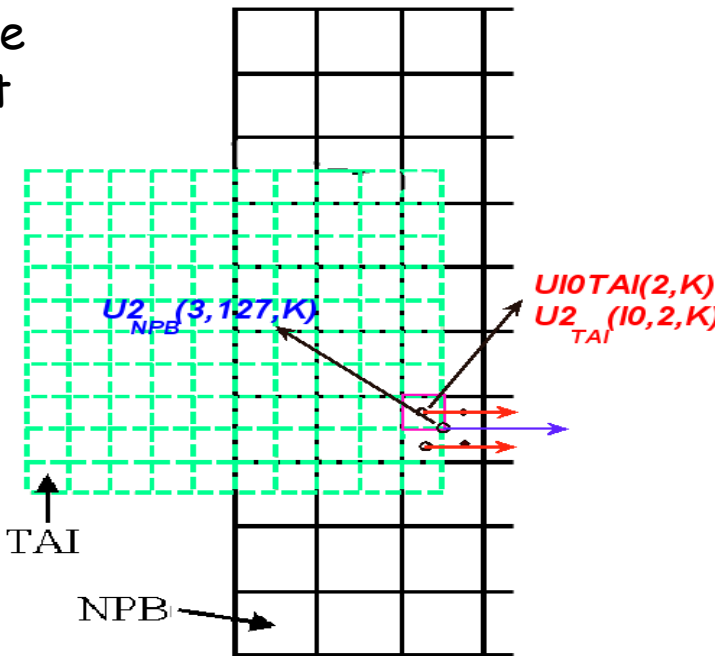
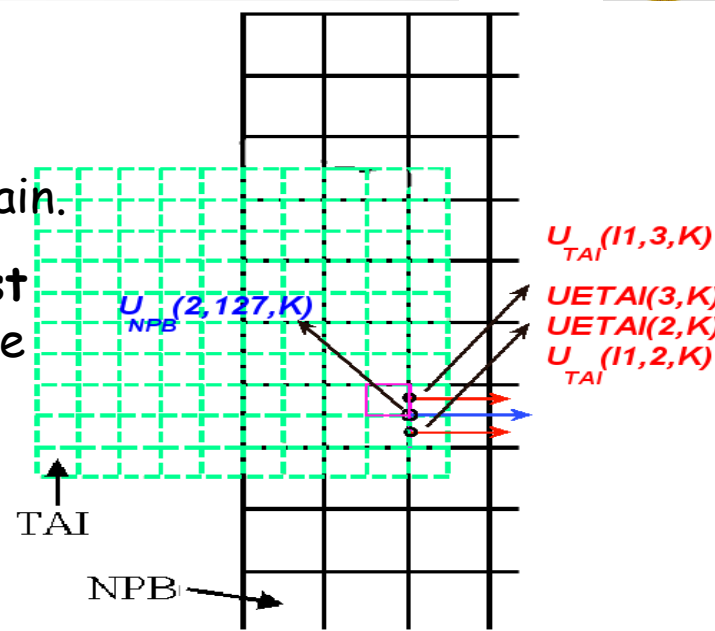
$U_{NPB}$ : the boundary face velocity  $U$  of the NPB domain.

$UETAI$ : the intermediate cell face velocity  $U$  at east interface for the boundary cell (purple square) in the TAI domain

$$UETAI(2, K) = U_{NPB}(2, 127, K)$$

$$UETAI(3, K) = U_{NPB}(2, 127, K)$$

$U_{TAI}(I1, 2, K)$ : the final cell face velocity  $U$  at east interface for the boundary cell (purple square) in the TAI domain. It is essentially the same as  $UETAI$  but the land masks are imposed to ensure conservation.



$UIOTAI$ : the intermediate cell center velocity  $U$  in the TAI domain

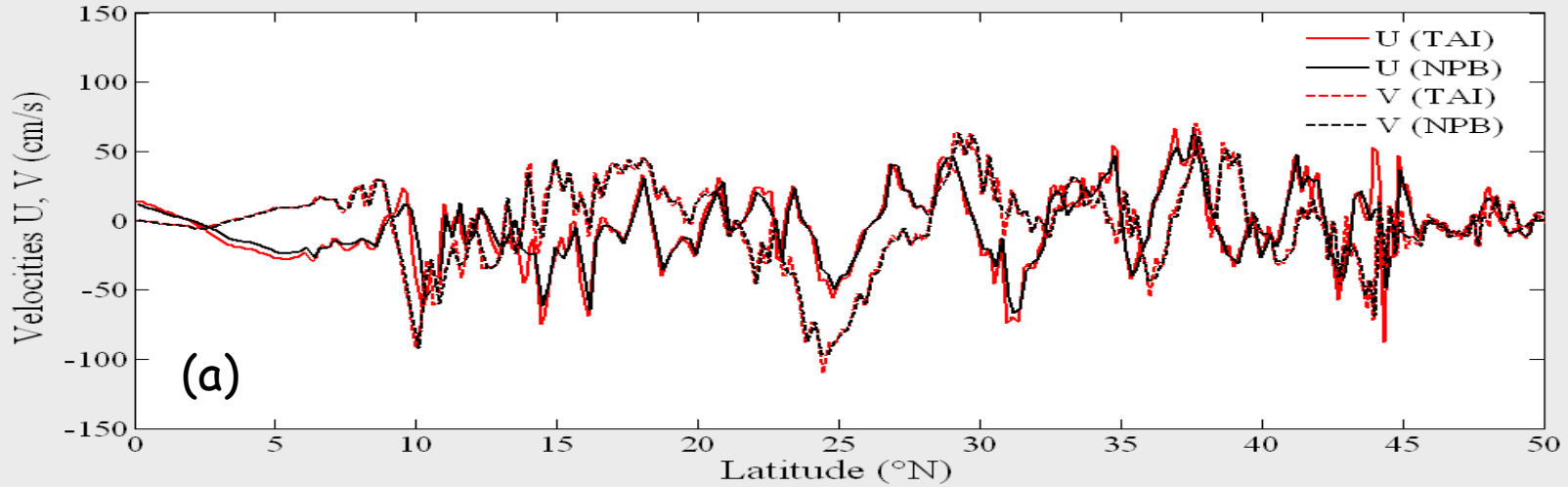
$$UIOTAI(2, K) = U2_{NPB}(3, 127, K)$$

$U2TAI$ : the final cell center velocity  $U$  in the TAI domain  $U2_{TAI}(I0, 2, K) = UIOTAI(2, K)$

# Comparison of the surface

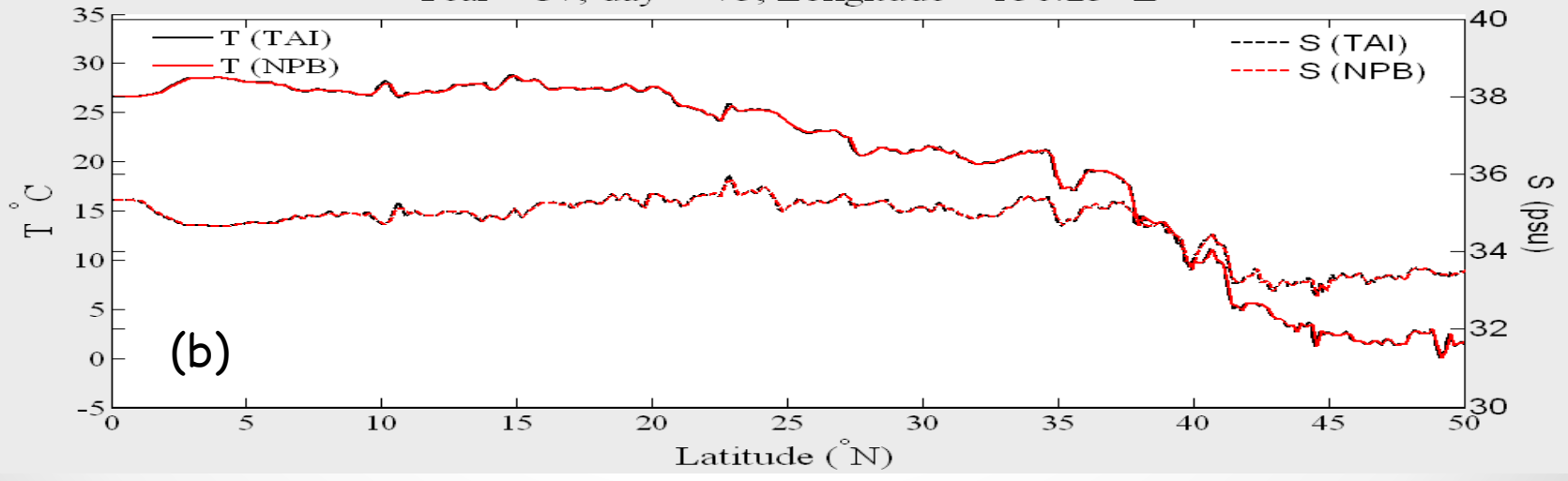
## (a) velocities and (b) temperature/salinity at the interface of TAI and NPB

Year = 37, day = 75, Longitude = 150.25 °E



(a)

Year = 37, day = 75, Longitude = 150.25 °E



(b)



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