



# A JEDI Based Ocean Sea Ice Data Assimilation System for the UFS

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**SOCA: Sea-ice, Ocean, and Coupled Assimilation**

# Who is JCSDA?



## Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation

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





# Who is JCSDA?

## JCSDA PROJECTS

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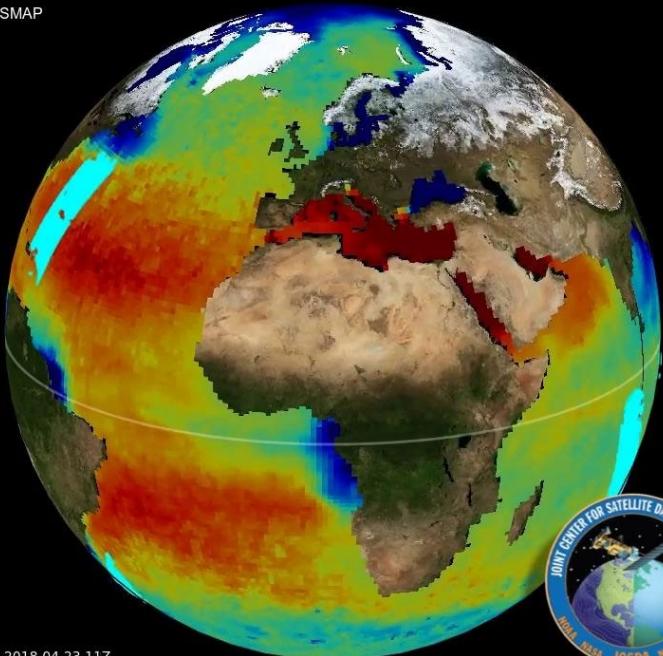
OBSERVATIONS	ALGORITHM & INFRASTRUCTURE	APPLICATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UFO</li><li>• CRTM</li><li>• Diagnostics</li><li>• Observation database</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DA Algorithms (OOPS)</li><li>• B Matrix (SABER)</li><li>• Infrastructure</li><li>• Coupling Methodology</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marine (<b>SOCA</b>)</li><li>• Land</li><li>• Atm. Constituents</li><li>• NWP (starting 2021)</li></ul>

Sea ice Ocean Coupled Assimilation



# SOCA (Sea-ice, Ocean, and Coupled Assimilation)

SSS  
SMAP



- **marine data assimilation**  
(ocean, sea ice, coupled, ...)
- **Built within JEDI system**  
(Joint Effort for Data Assimilation Integration)
- **Coupled DA**  
for use with NOAA's UFS, NASA's GEOS



# JEDI framework

## Goals

- Next-generation **unified DA** system
- Increase **R2O/O2R** transition rate (academia/operations)
- Increase **science productivity** and **code performance**

Overview of JEDI:  
<https://doi.org/10.25923/rb19-0q26>

## Strategy

- **Modular code** for flexibility, robustness and optimization
- Mutualize **model-agnostic** component across:
  - **Applications** (atmosphere, ocean, NWP,...)
  - **Model & grids** (operational/research, regional/global)
  - **Observations** (past, current and future)
- Collective reduction of entropy



# SOCA: Interface to JEDI

## What we interface with JEDI

- **MOM6 (Travis & Guillaume)**
- **CICE6 (Jong Kim)**
- **ROMS (Hernan Arango)**
- **Observation operators**  
(within UFO)
- **Background error covariance**  
(using SABER)

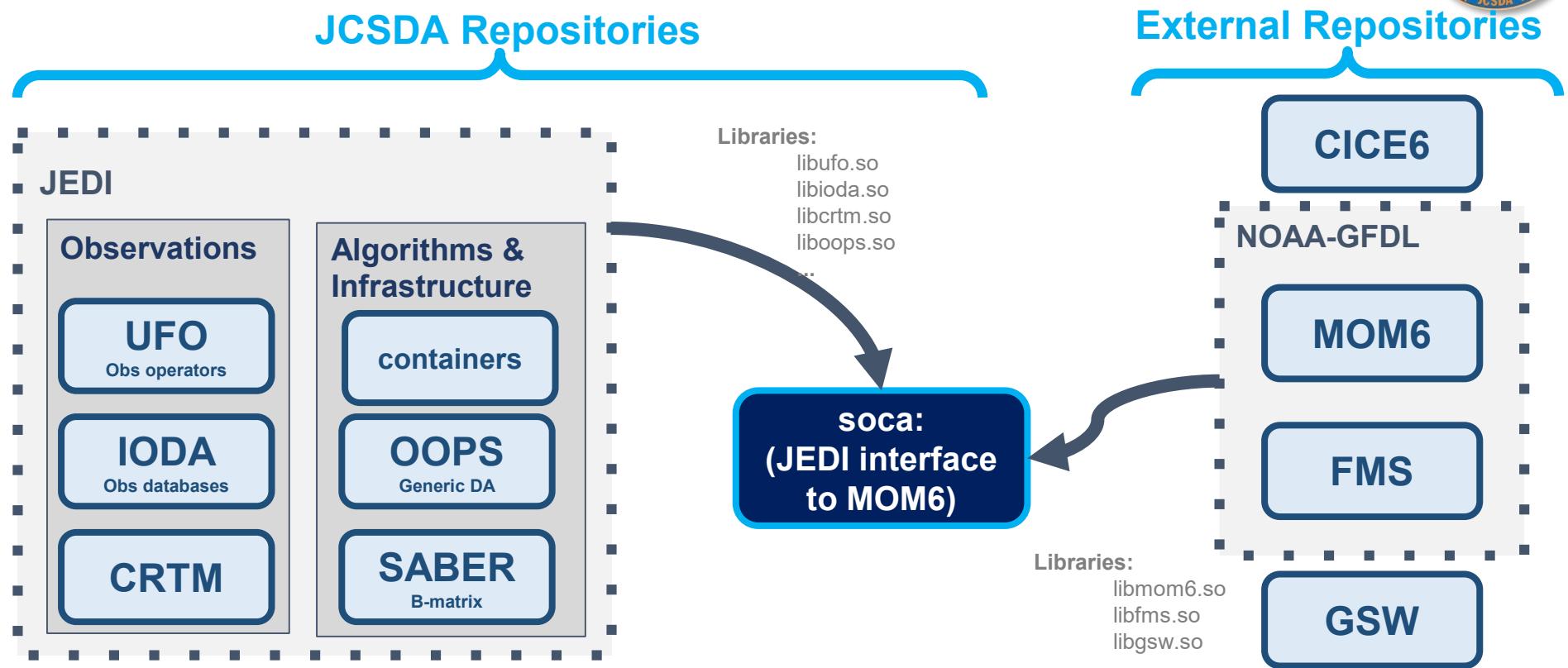
## What we get from JEDI

Generic applications:

- **DA algorithms** 3DVAR, 3DFGAT, “4DVAR”, Hybrid-EnVAR, LETKF
- **$h(x)$** : Advance MOM6 over a time window and simulate observations using the generic UFO's.
- **Perturbation of initial conditions**: B-matrix randomization.
- **Forecast**: Advance of MOM6 over a time window, driven by OOPS.
- ...



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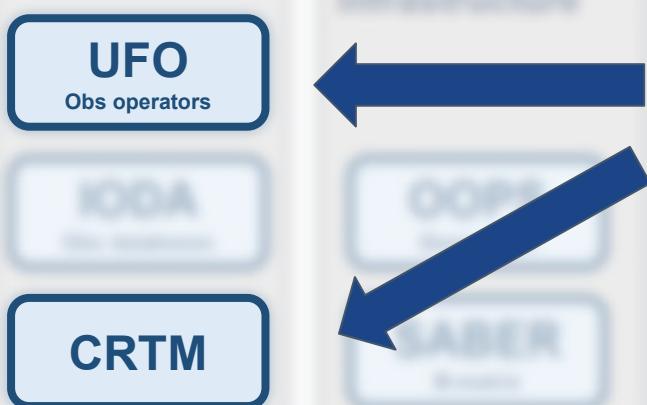




# SOCA: Interface to JEDI

## UFO: Unified Forward Operators

- SST/SSS retrievals
- insitu T/S
- altimetry  
(Absolute Dynamic Topography)
- sea-ice fraction/thickness
- SST/SSS direct assimilation  
GMI/SMAP brightness temperatures using CRTM





# SOCA: Interface to JEDI

## UFO: Generic Quality Control

- quality control filters  
(track check, background check, buddy check, ...)
- thinning  
(Gaussian temporal / spatial ...)
- variational bias correction  
(in development by JEDI team)

no coding required, just configuration files!



# SOCA: Interface to JEDI

## OOPS: Assimilation methods

- 3DVAR & 3D Hyb-EnVAR
- 3DVAR-FGAT
- EDA
- LETKF
- 4D Hybrid EnVAR
- 4DVAR

SOCA Implementation at  
NOAA/EMC (NG-GODAS)



**OOPS**  
Generic DA



# SOCA: Interface to JEDI

## SABER: System Agnostic Background Error Representation

BUMP: (Background error on Unstructured Mesh Package)

calculation and application of univariate or multivariate correlation / localization

**SABER**  
B-matrix



# SOCA

## Ongoing activities



# OSSEs at NOAA/CPC

Jieshun Zhu

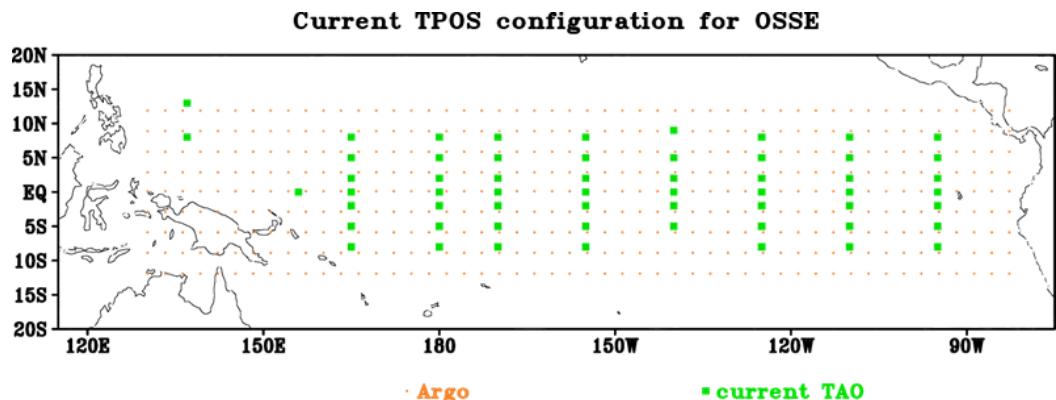
CPC/NCEP/NOAA and  
ESSIC / UMD, College Park

## Ocean observing system simulation experiments (OSSEs)

- Current configuration of in-situ observations (e.g., TAO, Argo)
- Proposed configurations by the TPOS 2020 project

**DA system:**  $1^{\circ}$  MOM6 + **Marine JEDI 3DVar**  
**Atmospheric forcing:** daily from Nature run  
**Synthetic Obs. sampling:** TAO/Argo with current configurations; from Nature run

- *TAO is sampled every 24 hours (vs. 10min in reality)*
- *Argo is sampled every 3x3 box every 10 days within TP*



# Biogeochemistry assimilation

Xiao Liu (NOAA/EMC)

- SOCA/Marine JEDI DA
- BLING coupled to MOM6
- Chlorophyll tracers
- ocean color observations from VIIRS and MODIS

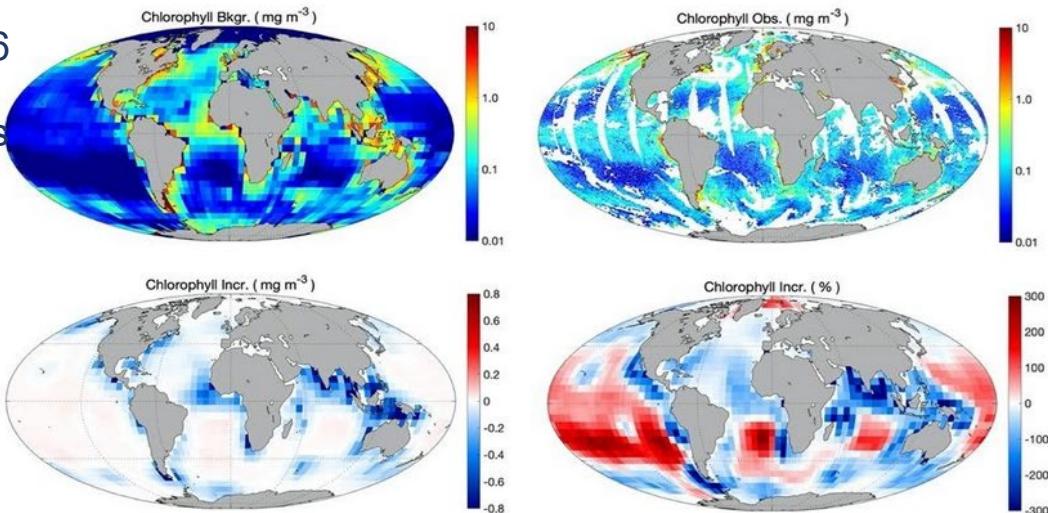
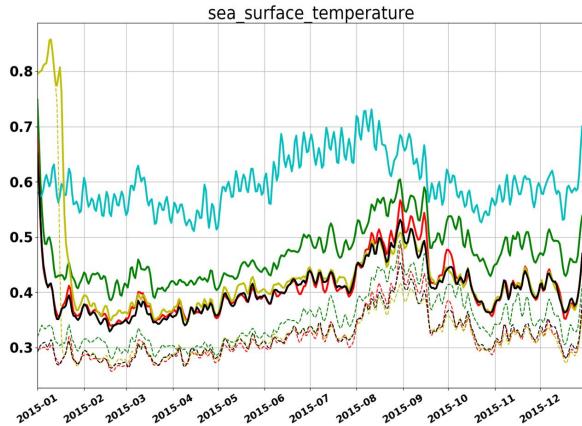


Figure 2. (upper panels) Simulated “background” chlorophyll in MOM6-BLING and Level-2 chlorophyll derived from NOAA-20/VIIRS imagery on 2018/04/15 used to create chlorophyll analysis; (lower panels) chlorophyll increments calculated based on the 3DVAR scheme in JEDI, shown as the absolute and percentage increments, respectively.

# Multiple Implementations of SOCA

JCSDA/EMC/GMAO



**UFS-3DVAR-02**

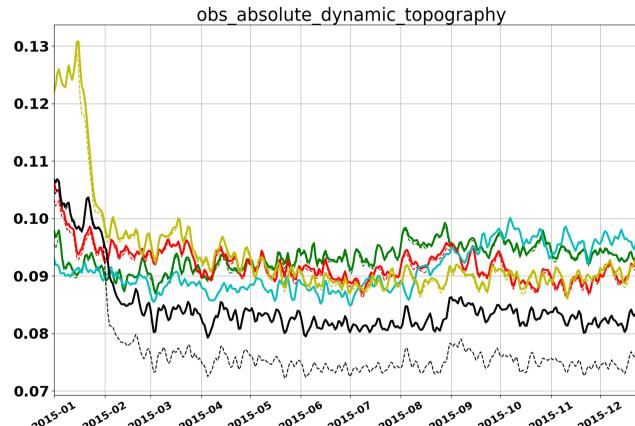
**GEOS-3DVAR-02**

**M6S2-3DVAR-02**

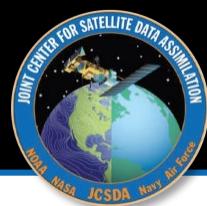
**M6S2-3DVAR-03-beta**

## Several Implementations:

- **Unified Forecast System**
  - NG-GODAS
  - HAFS
  - WCDA (Sergey Frolov)
- **Goddard Earth Observing System**
- **MOM6-SIS2**



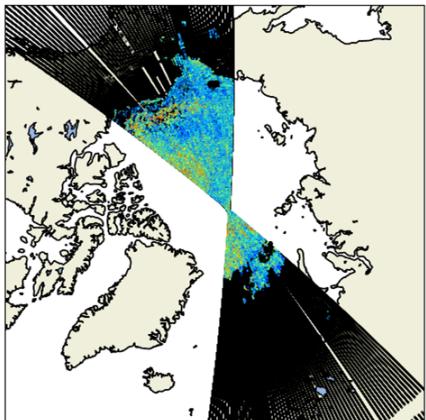
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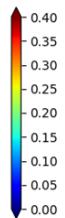
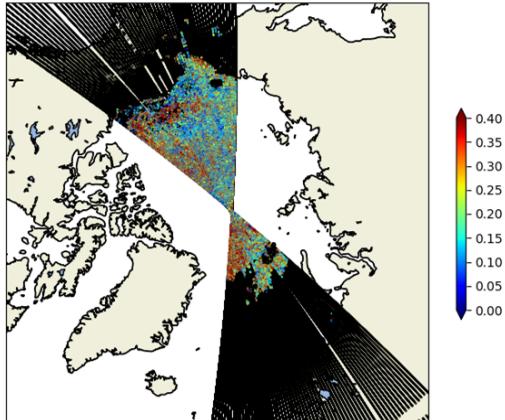
Min-Jeong, Bin Zhao, Guillaume, Jong Kim (GMAO/JCSDA/EMC)

## Sea ice Freeboard [m]

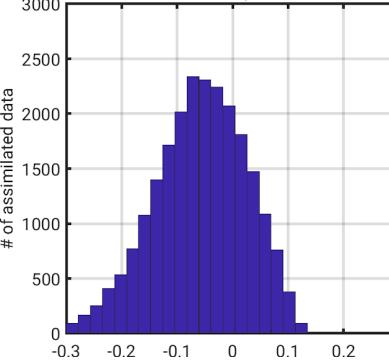
L2 Cryosat-2 Observations



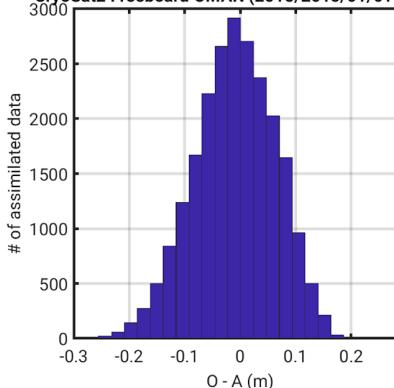
GEOS background



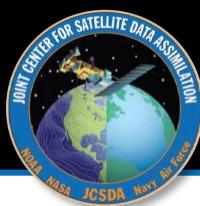
CryoSat2 Freeboard OMBG (2015/2015/01/01-01/07)



CryoSat2 Freeboard OMAN (2015/2015/01/01-01/07)

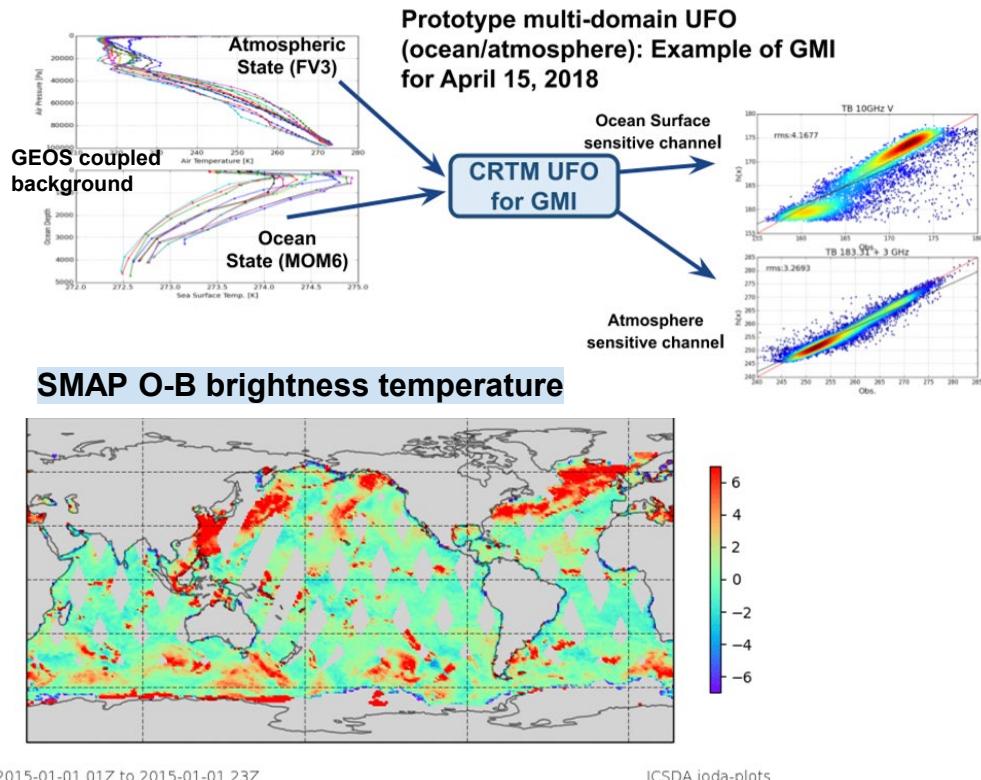


# Radiance Assimilation in GEOS



Hamideh Ebrahimi (JCSDA)

- direct assimilation of MW brightness temperatures
    - SST (**GMI**)
    - SSS (**SMAP**)
  - using CRTM with 2 domains (atmosphere & ocean)



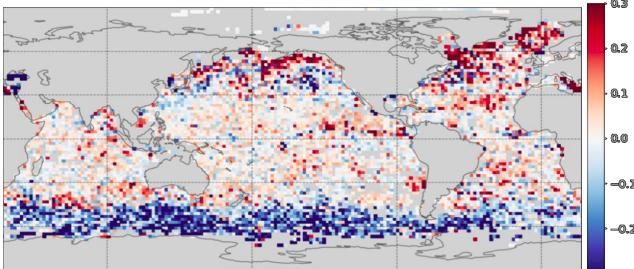
# AI Salinity Retrievals from SMAP

Francois Chabannes, Hamideh Ebrahimi (JCSDA)

OSE for JPL SSS and ML SSS

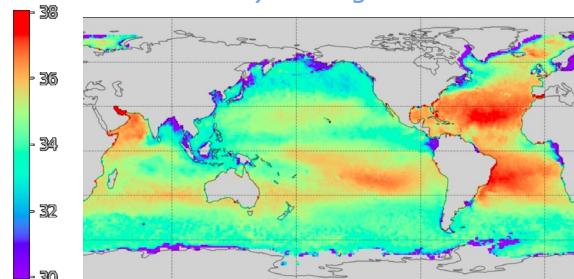
Comparison of the 24 hour forecast at insitu  
salinity above 5 m depth

ML RMSD(obs-bkg) - JPL ombg rmsd

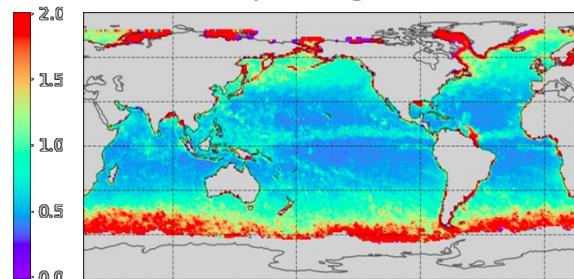


JPL retrieval :

*SSS - Monthly Average*

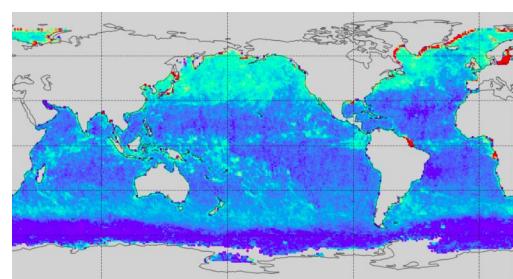
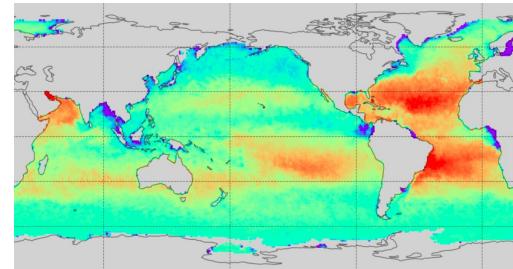


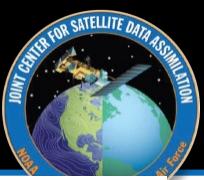
*STD - Monthly Average*



ML retrieval :

initial 321,728 weekly binned samples  
sanity checked with the Rain-Filtered RSS  
product



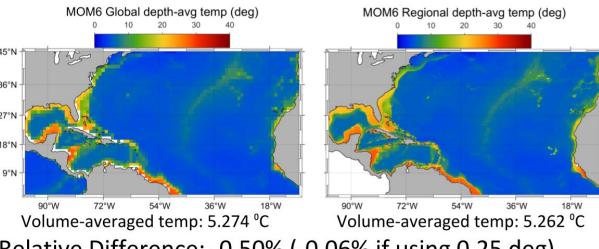


# Regional Marine DA

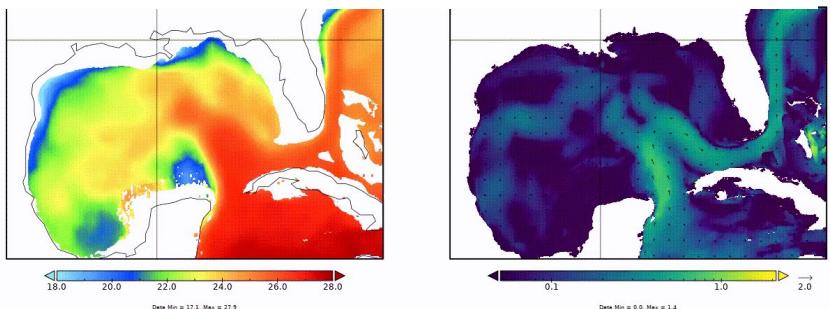
Kriti Bhargava, Travis Sluka, Guillaume Vernieres, Hernan Arango and EMC marine DA group (JCSDA/EMC/Rutgers)

- Initialization of the marine component of the EMC Hurricane Analysis and Forecast System (HAFS)
- Based on the MOM6 interface to JEDI (SOCA)
- Development and support of the **ROMS'** interface to JEDI (Hernan Arango)

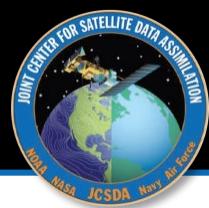
Downscaling application in JEDI  
(Yi-Cheng Teng NOAA/EMC)



1/25 degree GoM MOM6 model run tests (Travis Sluka JCSDA)



# Next Generation GODAS (NG-GODAS)



## JEDI Based Initialization of the Marine component of the UFS

**JEDI-GODAS**

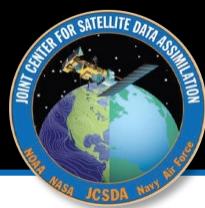


# JEDI-GODAS: First implementation

- 1 degree **Unified Forecast System**: MOM6-CICE6 Data Atmosphere ([GEFS Forcing](#)) provided by **EMC**
- Data Assimilation: **JEDI** based 3DVAR provided by the **JCSDA** with contributions from **EMC** and the **GMAO**
- Ready by March 31, 2021

*Model resolution and DA algorithm constrained by the available compute resources for a 40 year reanalysis*

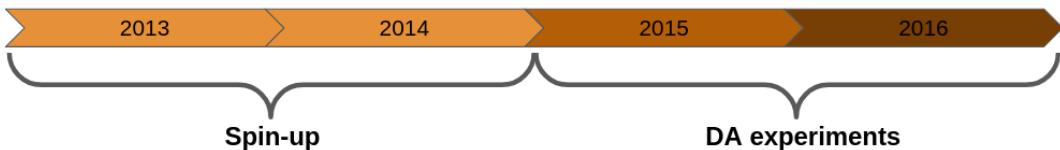
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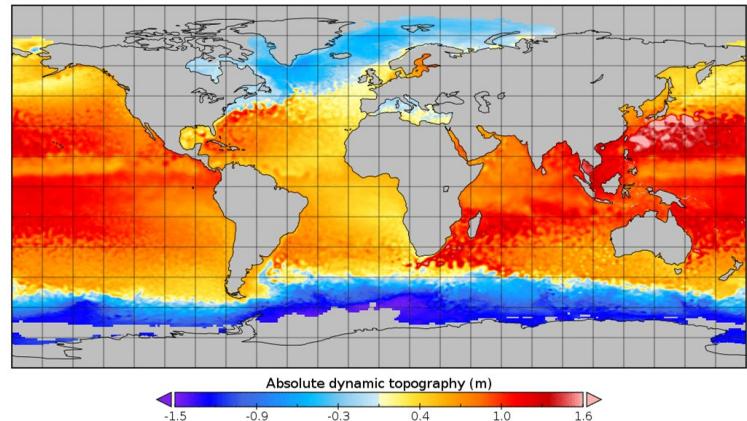
- Reference experiment**
- Observation subset**
- DA algorithm (3DVAR and Hybrid EnVAR)**
- Covariance modeling**
- Preliminary results**

# JEDI-GODAS: Development/Testing

- 3DVAR with parametric background error and balance operators
- Sanity check for covariance modeling: 3D Hybrid EnVAR (LETKF for perturbation)
- Observations:
  - In situ: Argo (T,S), Conductivity TD (T,S), XBT (T), TAO (T), PIRATA (T,S), RAMA (T,S), Ship tracks (SST)
  - Satellite retrievals
- 24H DA window

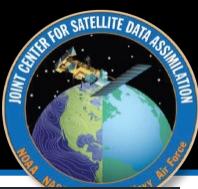


Experiment	Configuration	UFS	MOM6-SIS2	GEOS
Baseline/h(x)/spin-up	Forced only, no DA	Done	Done	In progress (spinup only)
Benchmark-01	Ocean only, 3DVAR	✗	Done	✗
Benchmark-02	Ocean only, 3DVAR	Done	Done	In progress (~ year 2)
Benchmark-03	Ocean & Sea-ice	In progress	In progress	In progress

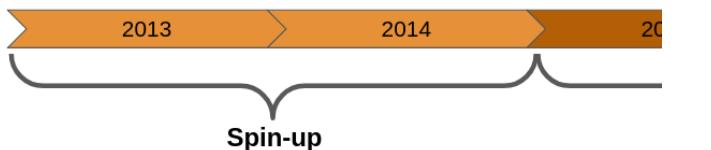


**Due mid-March 2021**

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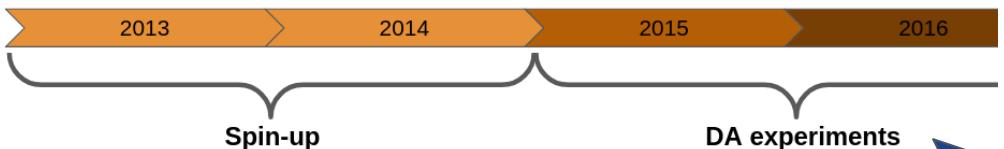
A table showing the status of various experiments across different configurations and models.

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Benchmark-03	Ocean & Sea-ice	In progress	In progress

A screenshot of a GitHub repository page for `JCSDA-internal/soca-science`. The repository is private, has 18 issues, 3 pull requests, and is connected to ZenHub. The latest release is `benchmark.02`, released by `travissluka` on Dec 7, 2020. The release notes mention results for 3DVAR, LETKF, and Hybrid-3DEnVAR modes. Assets include `obsspace_diags.benchmark.02.pptx` (12.6 MB), Source code (zip), and Source code (tar.gz).

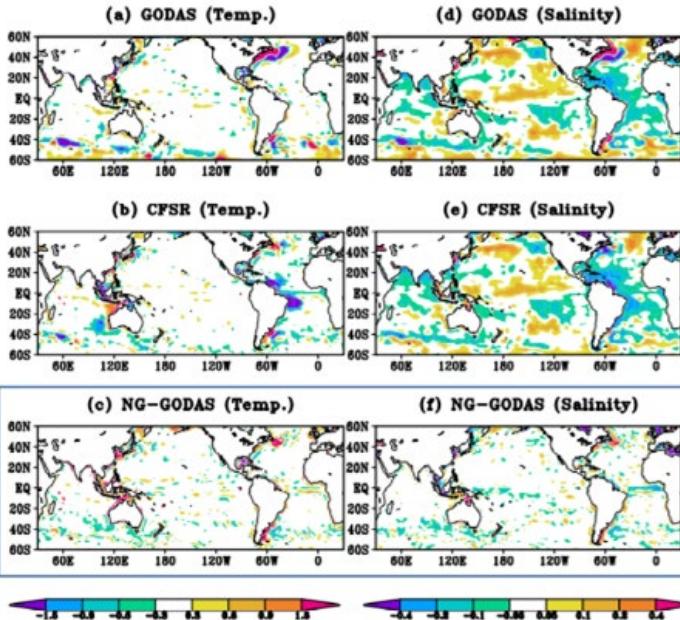
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- Sanity check for covariance modeling: Hybrid EnVAR
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  - In situ: Argo (T,S), Conductivity TD (T,S), XBT (T), (T,S) , Ship tracks (SST)
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Mean Diff. w.r.t EN4 during 2015–2016: 0–300m



NG-GODAS  
Benchmark-02

Analysis by **JieShun Zhu, CPC**



# JEDI-GODAS: Observations

Observation	Data Provider	Sensor/Satellite	Count/24hrs	% used
Sea Surface Temperature (IR)	<a href="#">GHRSSST</a> (L3)	AVHRR - NOAA19	200,000	96
		AVHRR - METOPA	220,000	96
Sea ice concentration	EMC (Robert Grumbine) L2	SSMIS - F18	3,700,000	16-20
Sea ice thickness	<a href="#">GIOMAS</a> L4	N/A	63,319	20-30
Absolute Dynamic Topography	<a href="#">NESDIS RADS</a> L2	Jason-2	48,000	70
		Cryosat-2	46,000	70
		Sentinel 3A	43,000	70
In situ T&S	<a href="#">WOD</a>	Argo, CTD, XBT, TAO, RAMA, PIRATA, ...	50,000	85-99

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and pre-  
QC'ed*

**1.1M - 1.3M  
observations per  
24 hour cycle**

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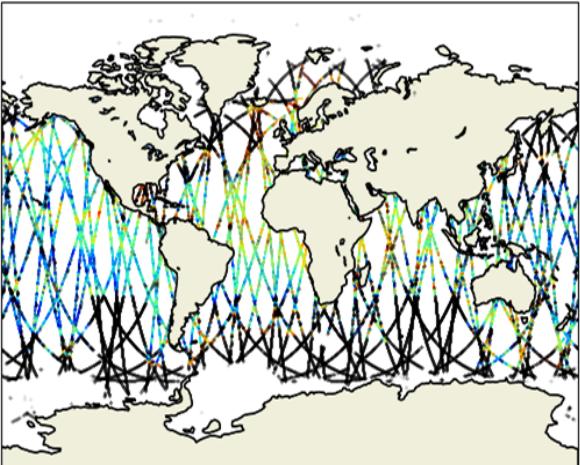
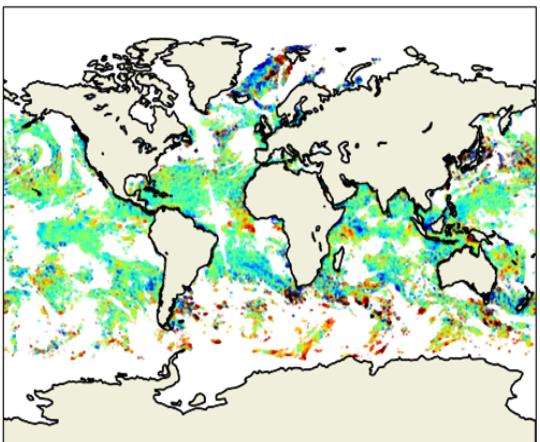
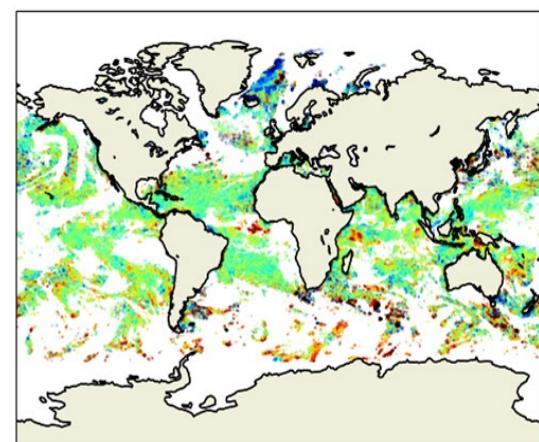
# JEDI-GODAS: Observations

## Spatial Coverage, 24 hour window

NOAA-19  
Obs-Background [K]  
2015-12-31 12Z

METOPA  
Obs-Background [K]  
2015-12-31 12Z

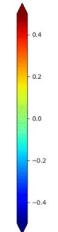
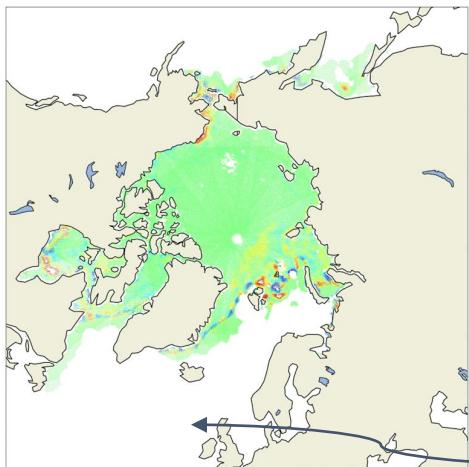
Jason-2, Cryosat-2, Sentinel 3A  
Obs-Background [m]  
2015-01-01 12Z



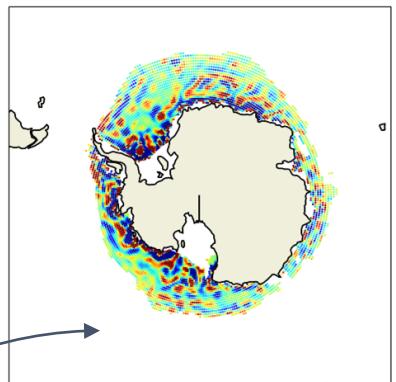
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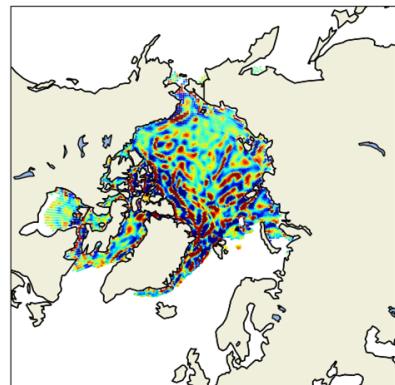
SSMI ice concentration  
Obs-Background  
2015-12-15 12Z



● Rejected ice observations

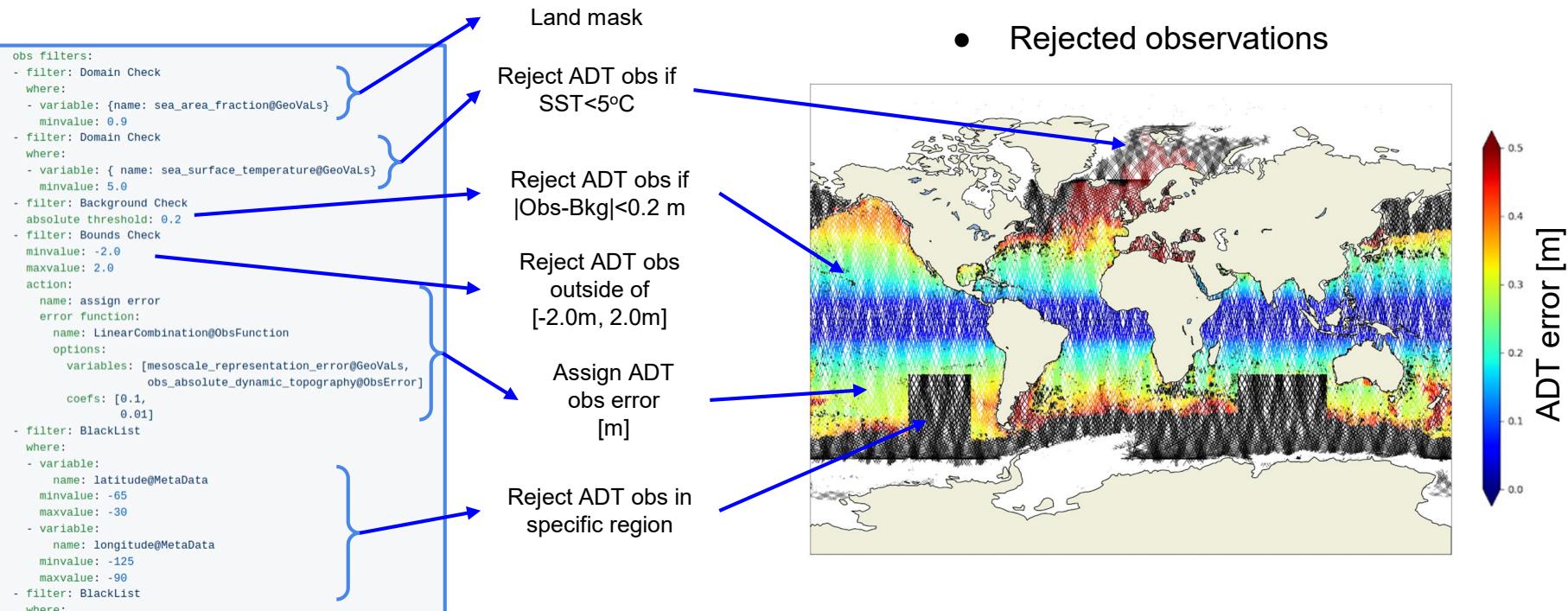


GIOMAS ice thickness  
Obs-Background [m]  
2015-12-15 12Z



# JEDI-GODAS: Observations

## Generic Quality Control: No coding!



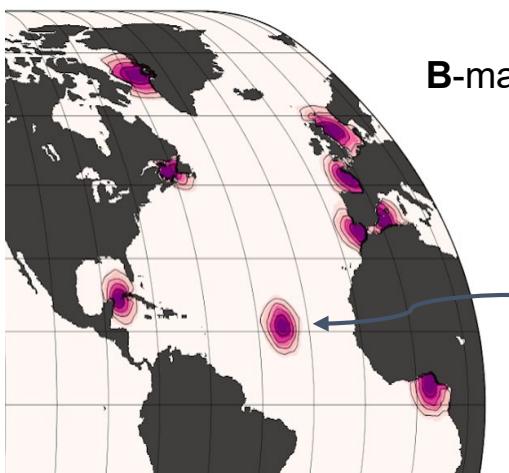
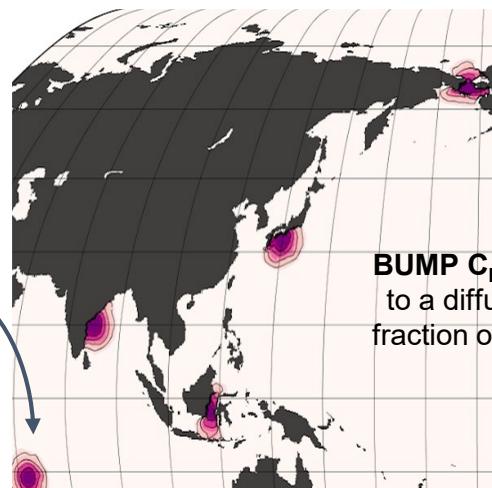
# JEDI-GODAS: Covariance Modeling

## Static Covariance Model

$$B = K F_h^{\frac{1}{2}} D_p D_f C_v^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathbf{C}_h C_v^{\frac{1}{2}} {}^T D_f D_p F_h^{\frac{1}{2}} {}^T K^T$$

**B**-matrix on **Unstructured Mesh Package**  
(BUMP, Benjamin Menetrier)

Impulse response of  $\mathbf{C}_h$  to dirac delta functions

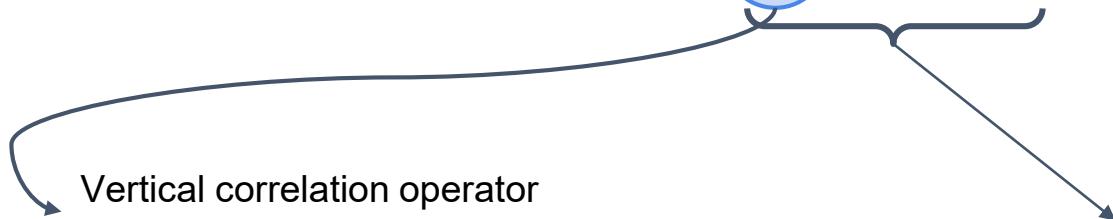




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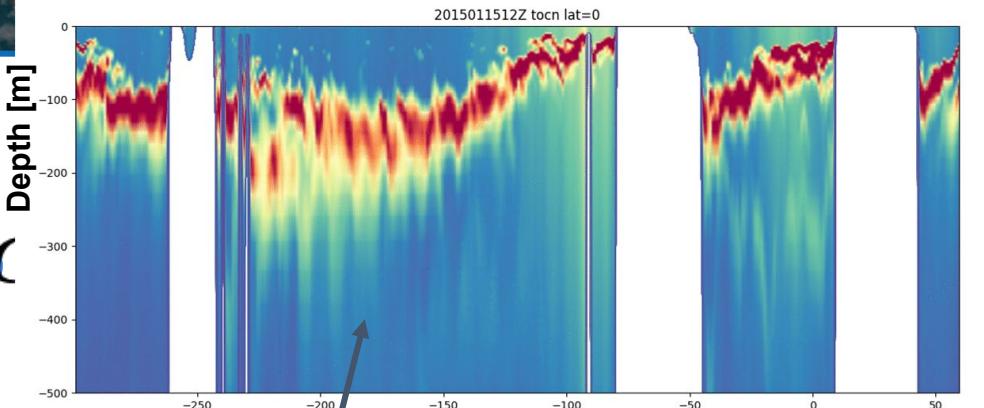
**3D Correlation operator could be handled by BUMP**

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$$B = K F_h^{\frac{1}{2}} D_p D_f C$$



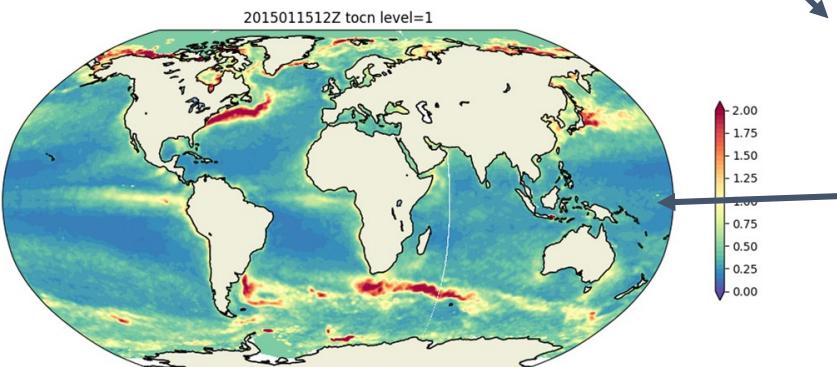
Parametric standard deviation of the background error

### Ocean:

- Temperature
  - Based on  $dT/dz$  Below mixed layer
  - Climatology of SST obs - background within mixed layer (Hybrid-GODAS, Travis Sluka)
- Unbalanced Salinity, currents

### Sea ice:

- Ice concentration
- Ice thickness

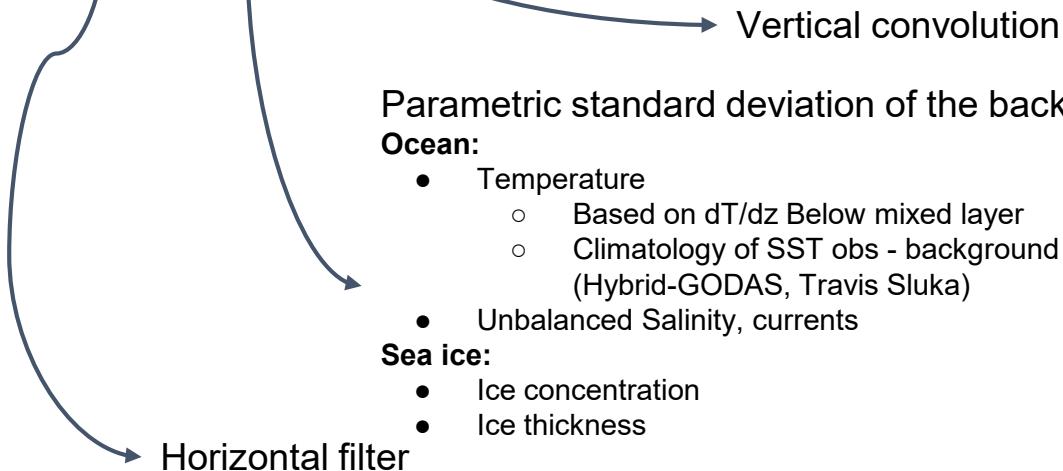




# JEDI-GODAS: Covariance Modeling

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*Weaver et al, 2006*

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*Troccoli and Haines, 1999*

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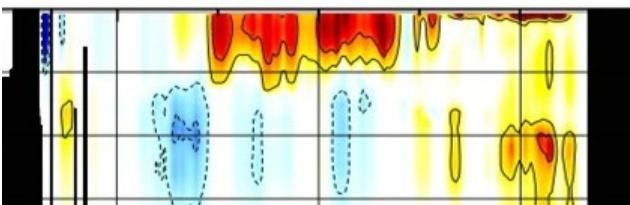
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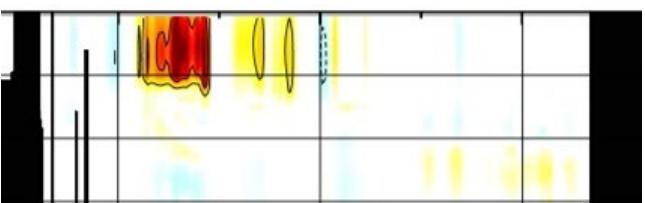
Application example:  
Altimeter assimilation

Multivariate increment for T and S using balance operators in the B-matrix

Temperature increment at 0N



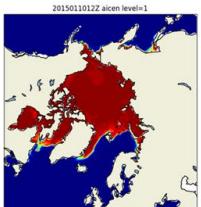
Salinity increment at 0N



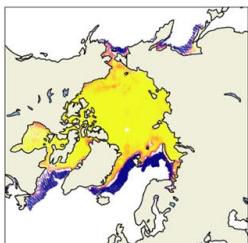
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## Hybrid Covariance Model

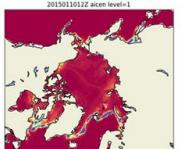
Ice concentration  
Background



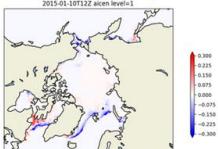
L2 Ice concentration  
observations (SSMI/SSMIS)



Spread



EnVAR increment  
(20 members)



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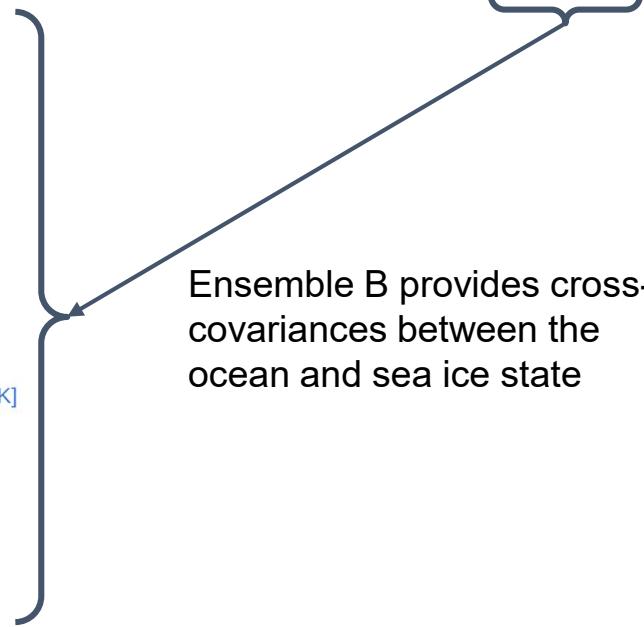
Ice concentration

Sea surface height [m]

Sea surface temperature [K]

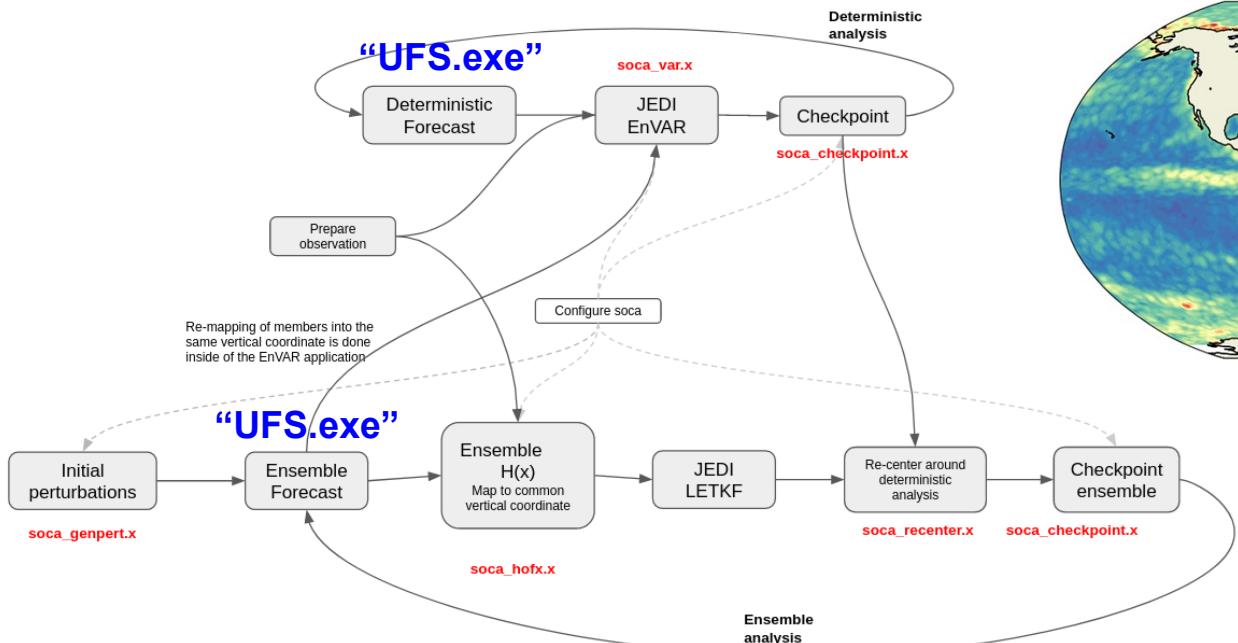
Sea surface salinity [psu]

$$B = \alpha B_{static} + \beta B_{ens}$$

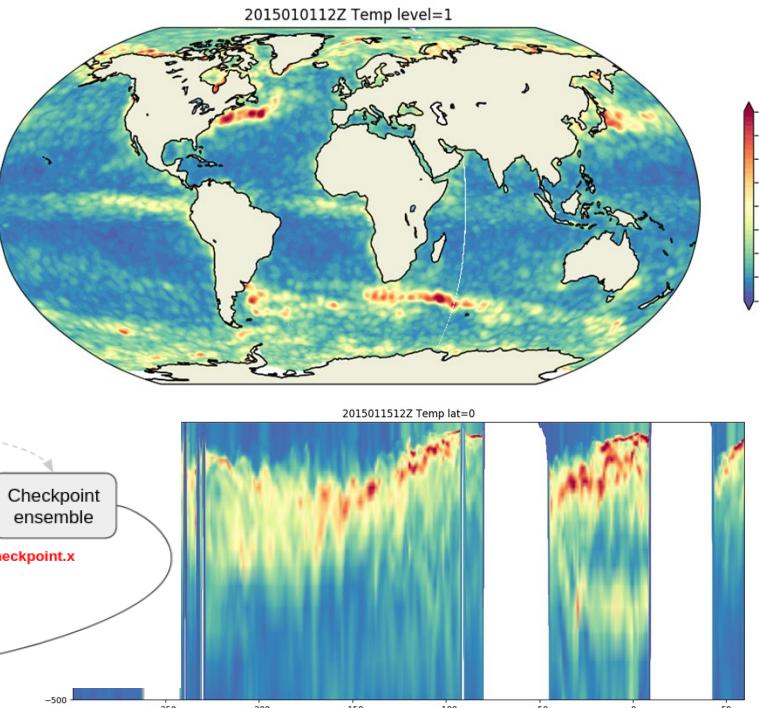


# Hybrid EnVAR with LETKF perturbations

3D Hybrid EnVAR workflow, consistent with the GSI implementation.  
Currently used as benchmark for the development of the 3DVAR



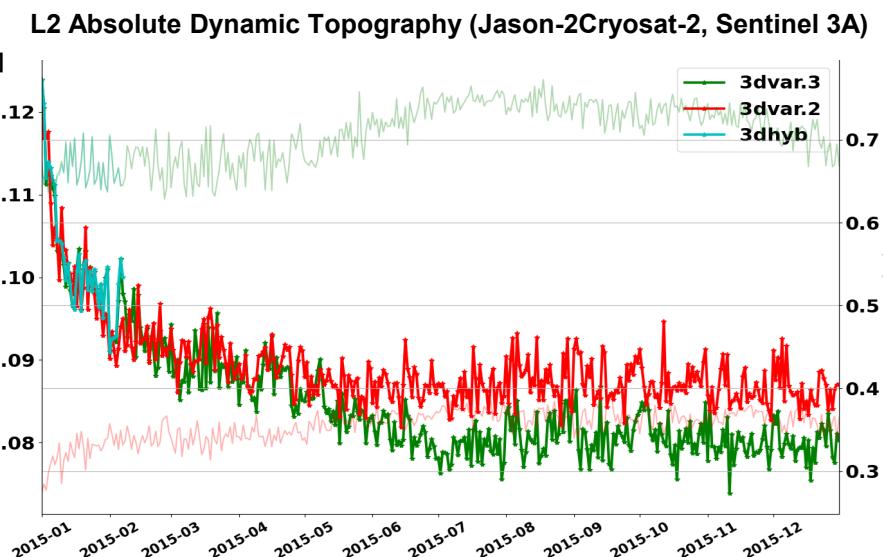
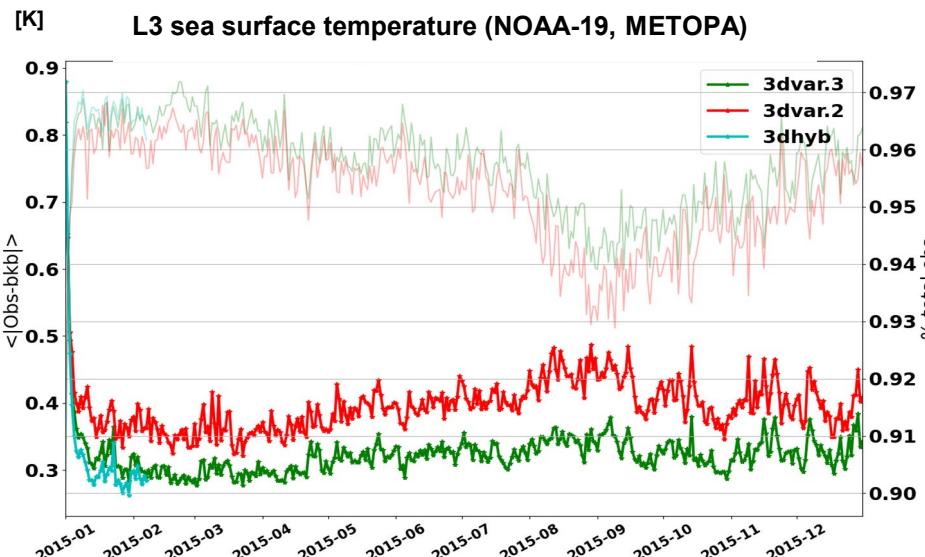
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# JEDI-GODAS: Preliminary Results

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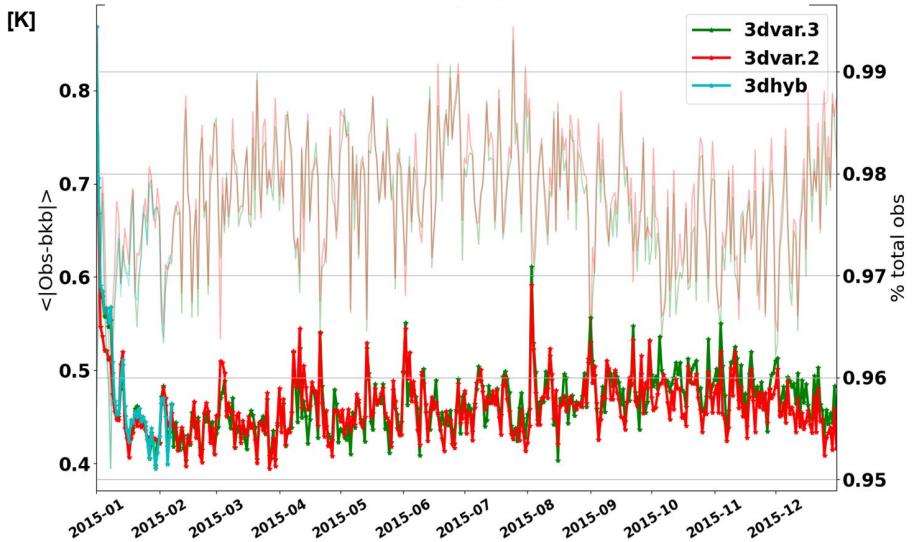




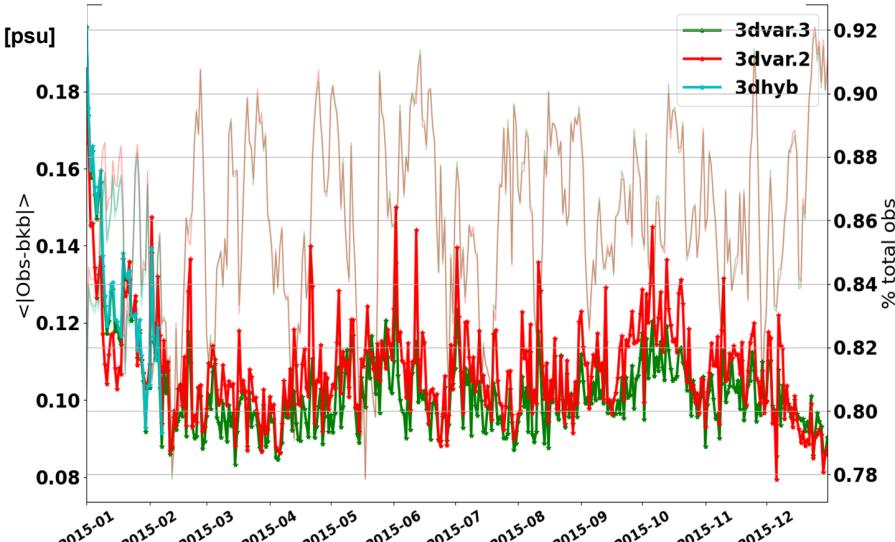
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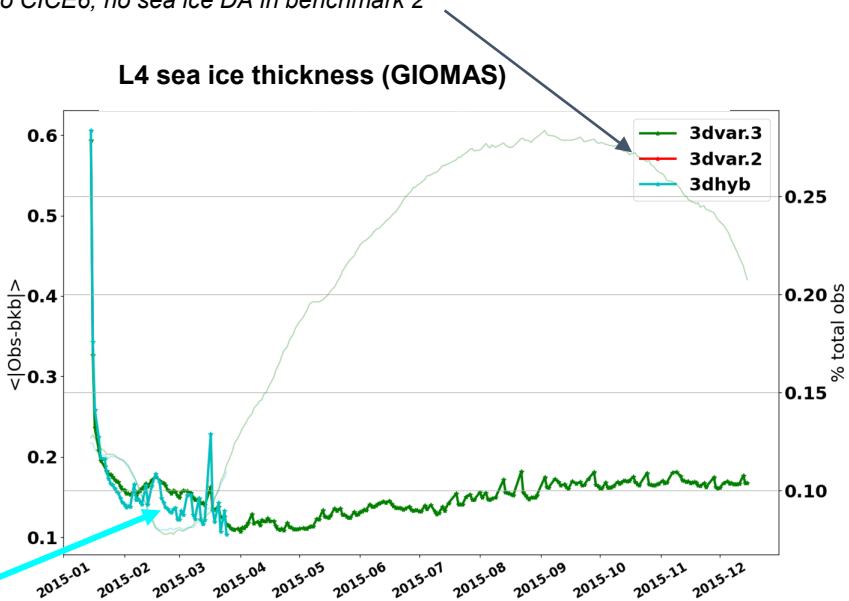
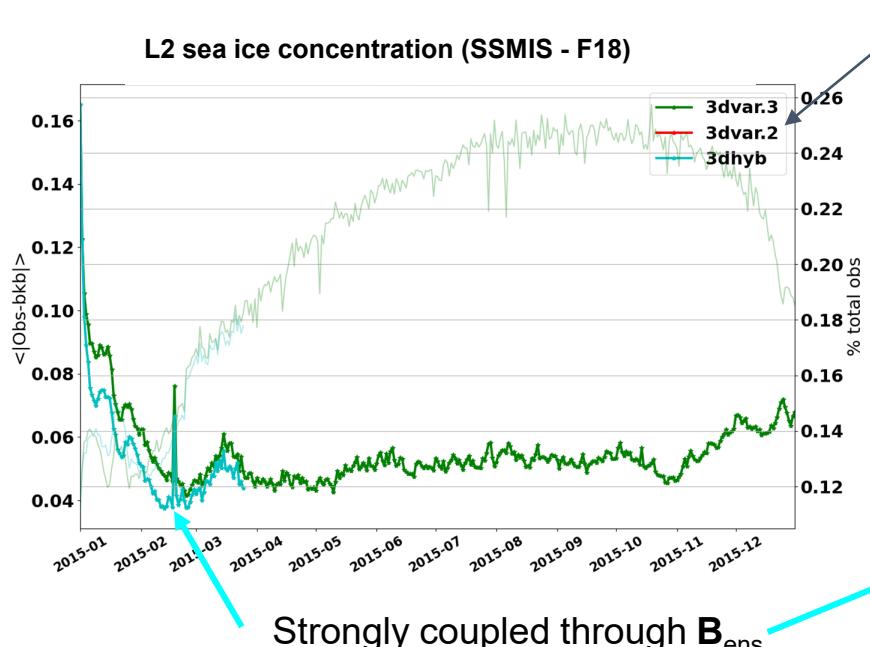


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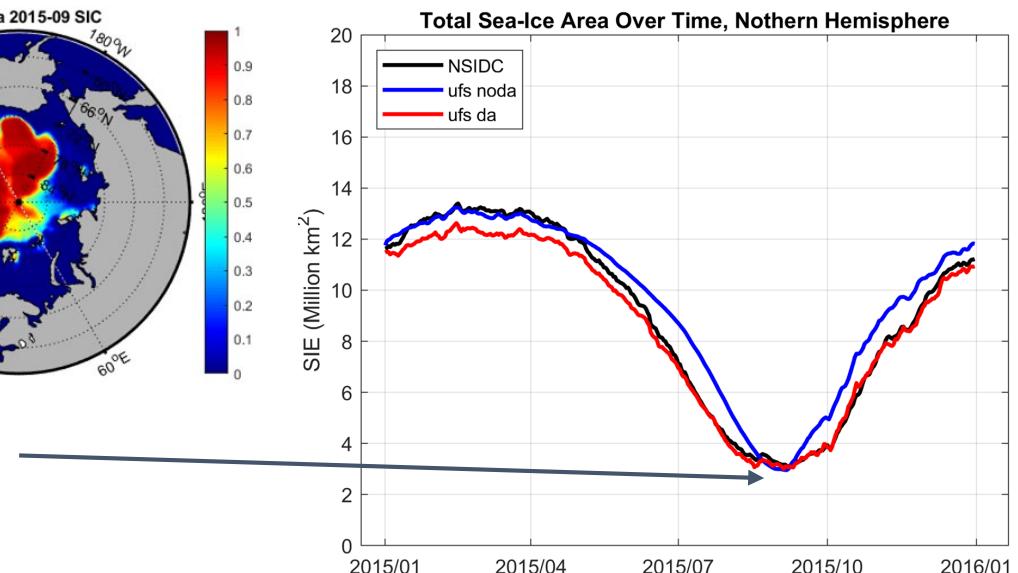
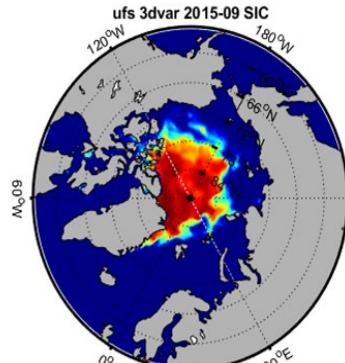
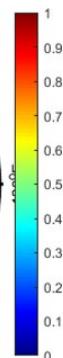
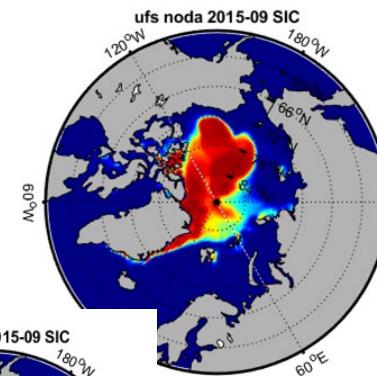
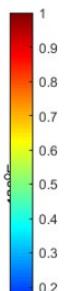
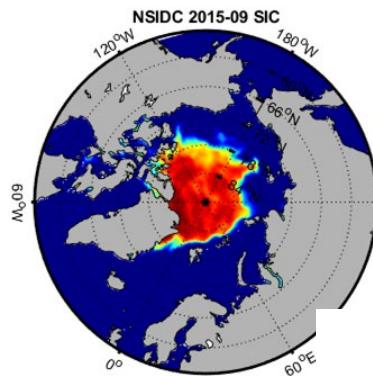
## Antarctic sea ice MAE of Obs-Bkg for ice concentration and thickness

Switch from CICE5 to CICE6, no sea ice DA in benchmark 2



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## Arctic sea ice extent

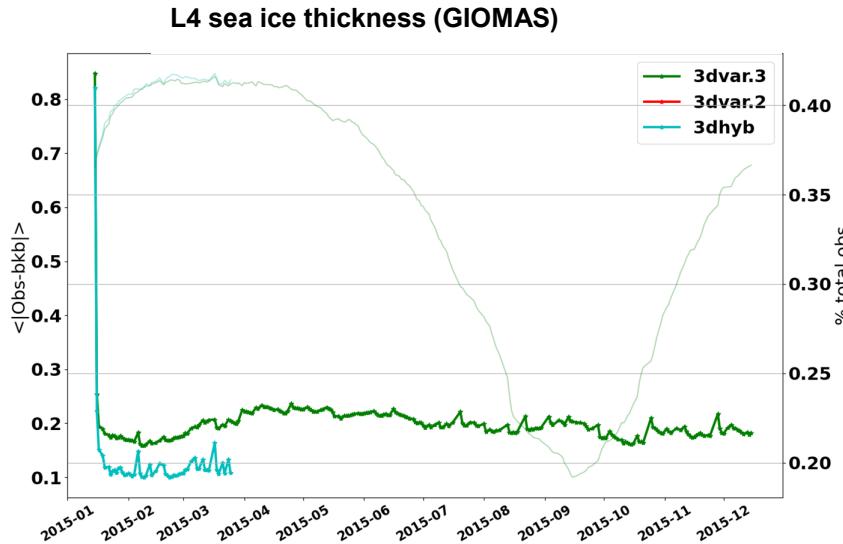
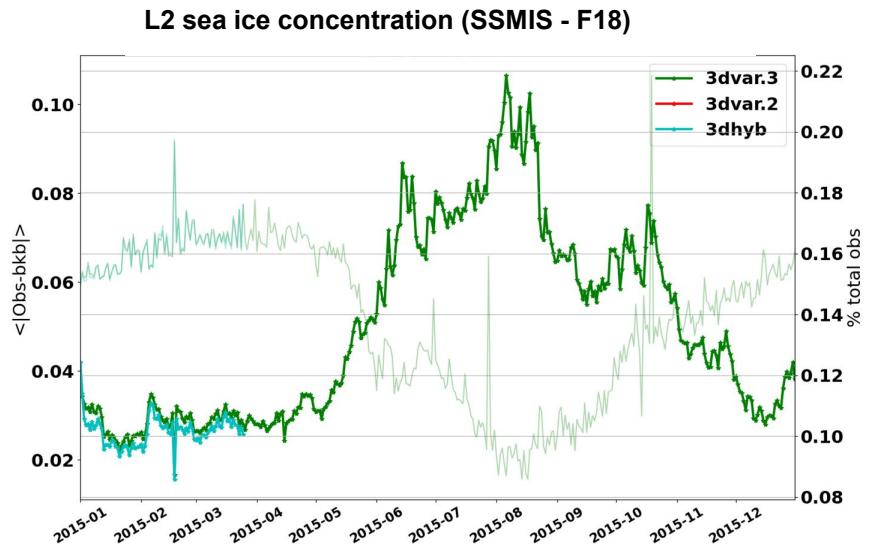


Analysis and figures: **Yi-Cheng Teng (EMC)**



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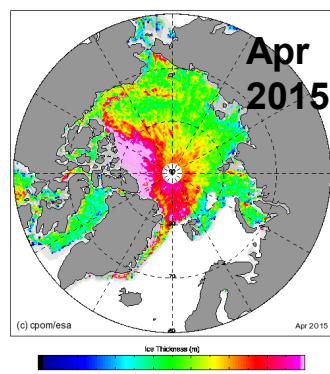
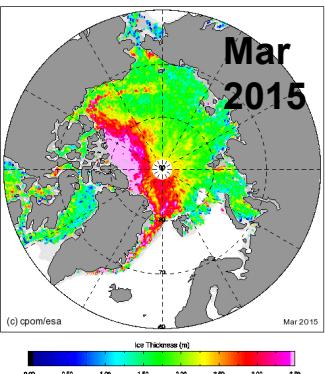
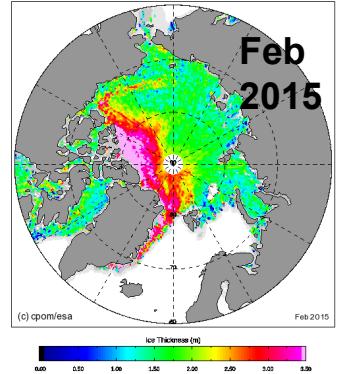
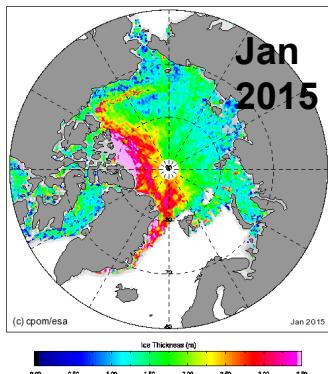
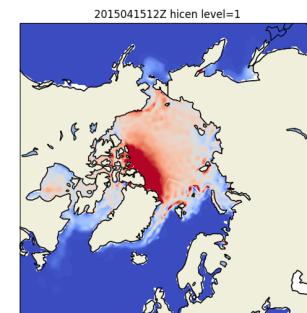
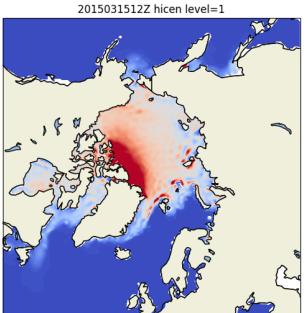
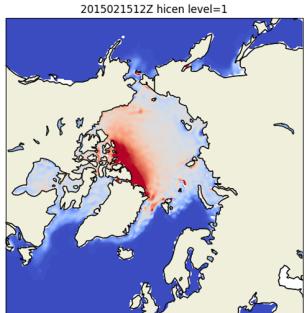
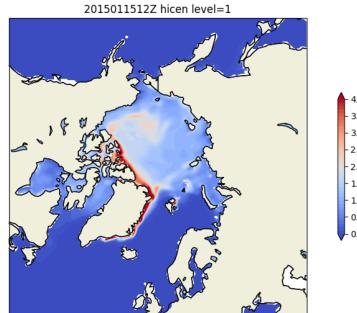
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## Arctic sea ice thickness

Qualitative comparison with [ESA CPOM Cryosat-2 monthly thickness](#)

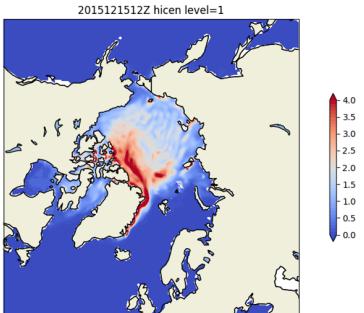
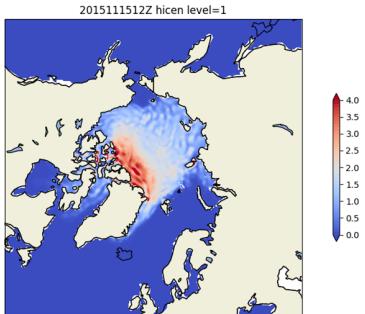
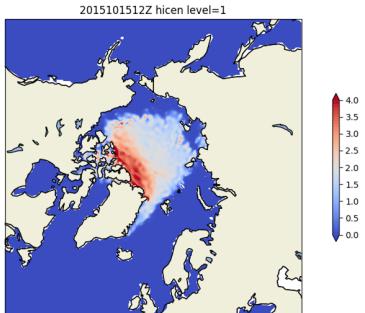


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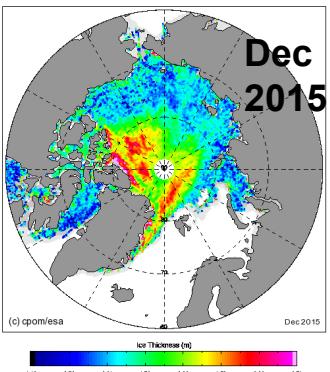
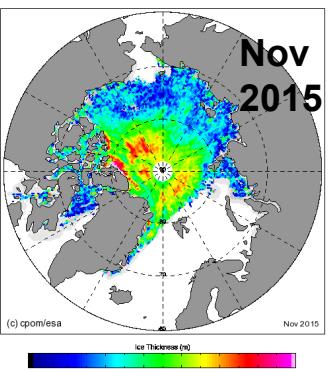
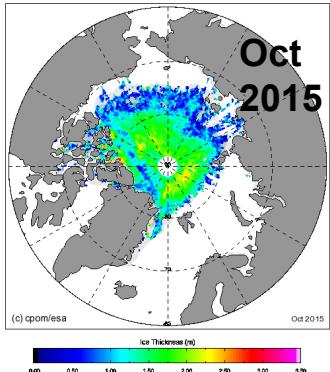
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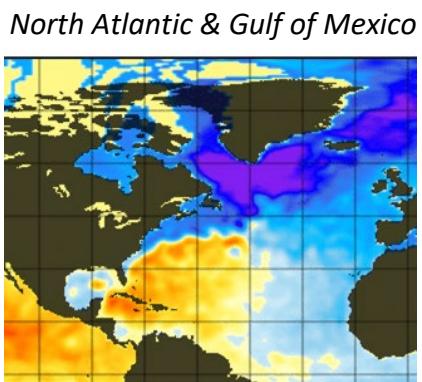
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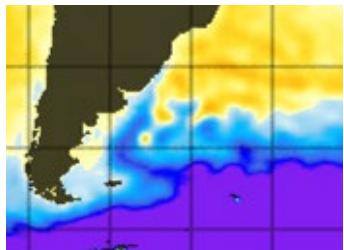


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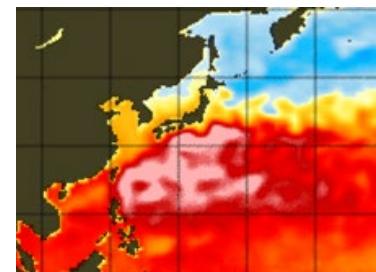
Background SSH (06/24/2016) vs objective analysis of ADT (AVISO), offset adjusted visually.



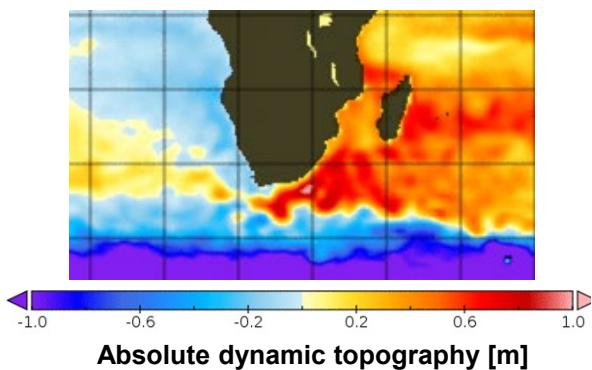
*Falkland Current*



*Kuroshio, large meander state*



*Agulhas Current*



*Experiment shown is for MOM6-SIS2, not the UFS*



# What's Next? Questions?

- Ocean sea ice reanalysis for CPC and EMC (**NG-GODAS**)
- Other applications of SOCA/Marine JEDI:
  - S2S initialization ( $\frac{1}{4}$  degree)
  - Regional MOM6 for HAFS
- More observations through careful OSE
- DA algorithm refinement (4D)