

# Ocean observation to increase predictability in climate change adaptation: status of scientific studies and challenges in Asia and Pacific

**Fangli Qiao, Zhenya Song, Jingsong Guo**

**First Institute of Oceanography, SOA, China**

**Nov 17, 2015 DaNang, Viet Nam**



# **Outline**

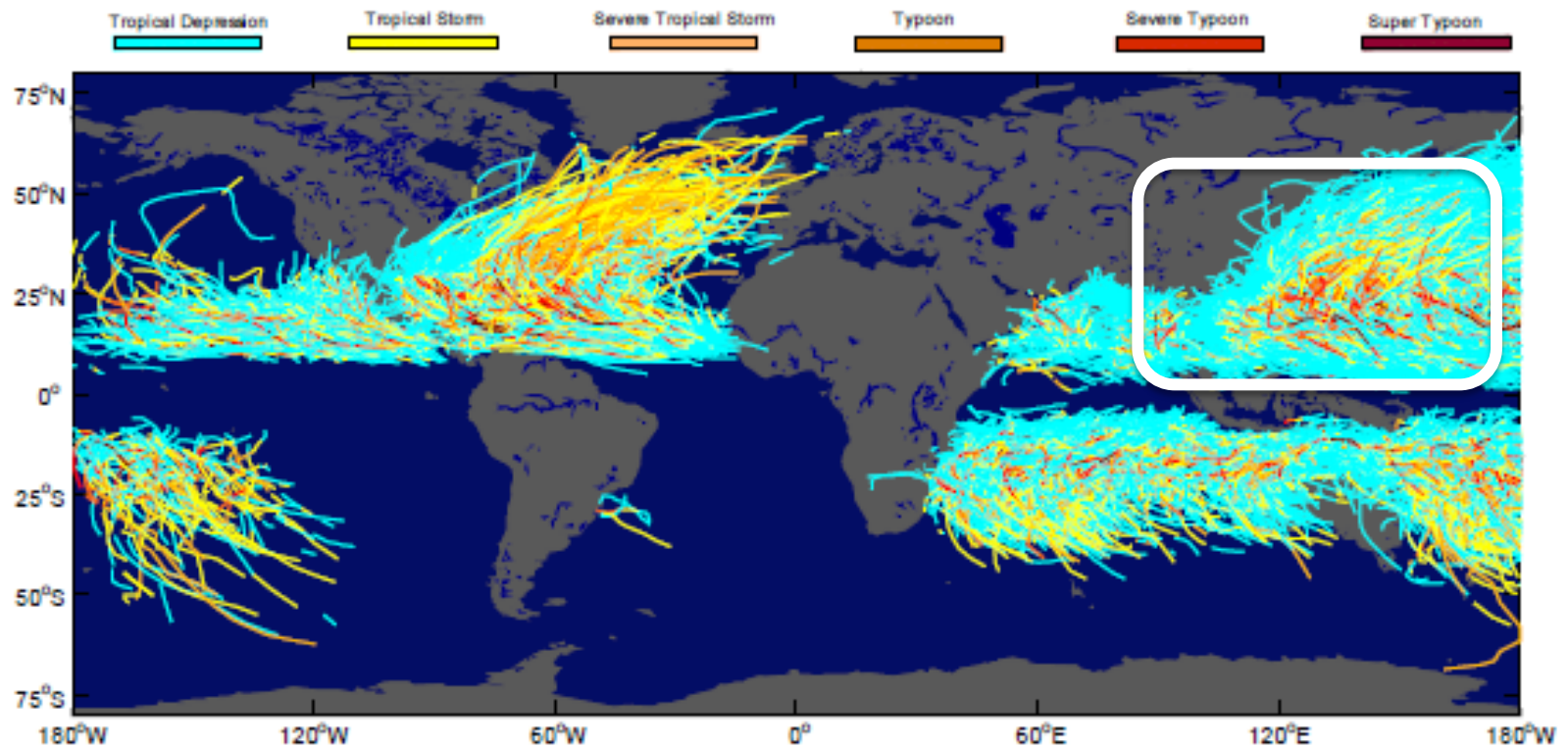
- 1. Where are we**
- 2. Development of advanced models**
- 3. Joint observation and DA**
- 4. Summary**



# **1. Where are we?**



(1) Attacked by marine hazards such as Typhoon frequently



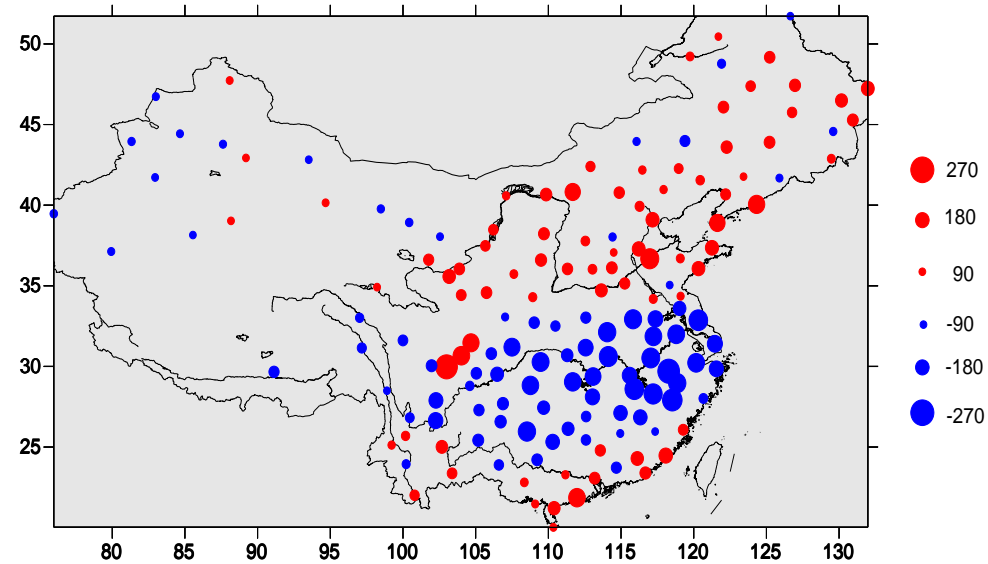
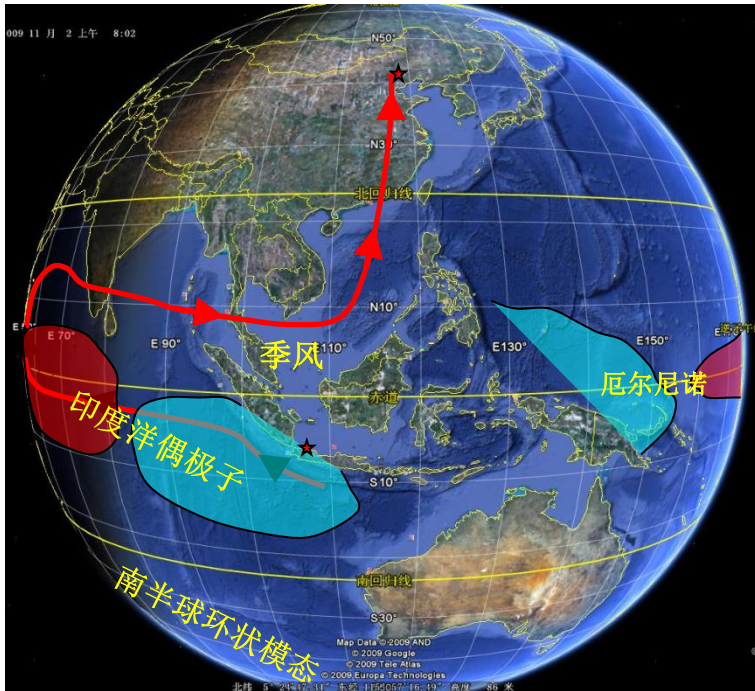


➤ Haiyan attacked the Philippines in Nov 2013, with 6201 dead and 11.8M affected

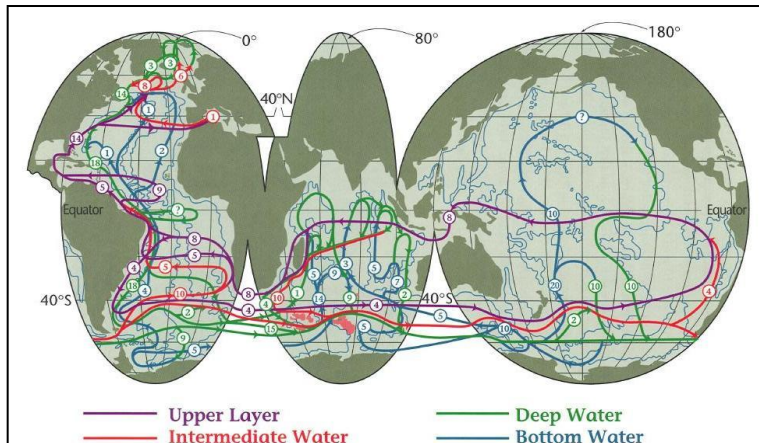




## ➤ The relationship with Asian Monsoon

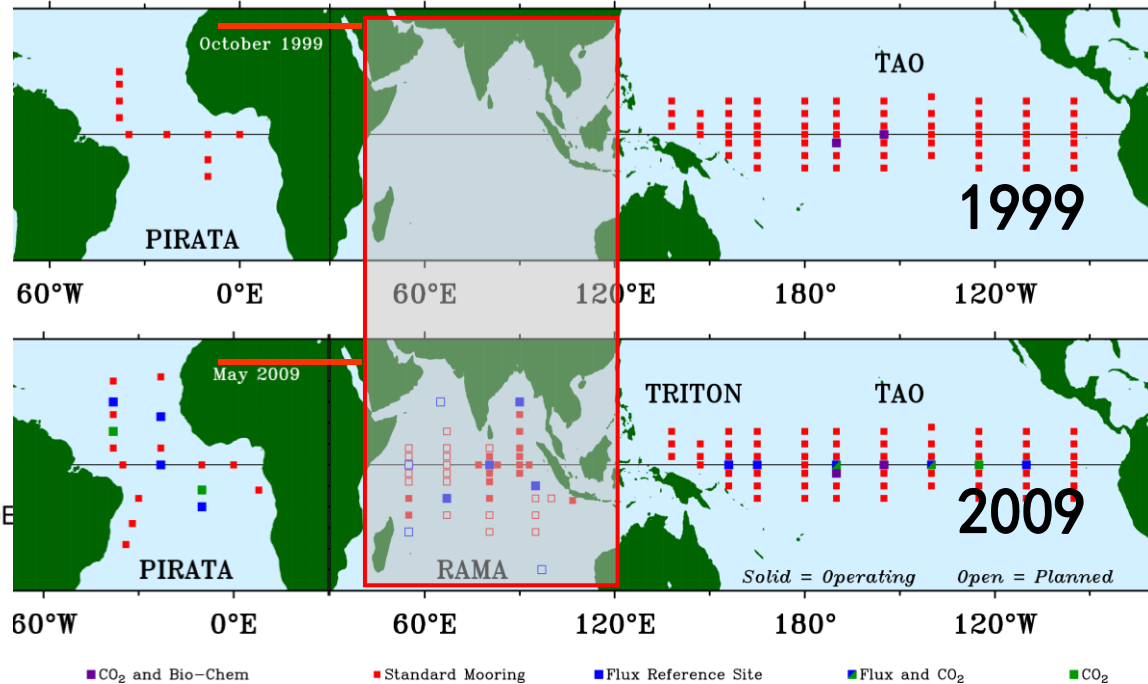
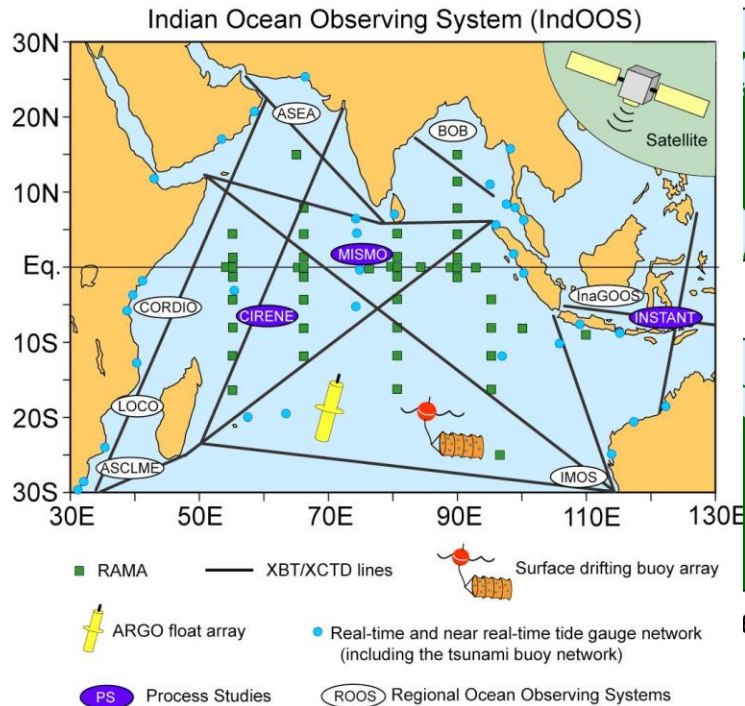


✓ Strong monsoon: More rain in south and north China, while less rain along Changjiang River





## (2) Observation



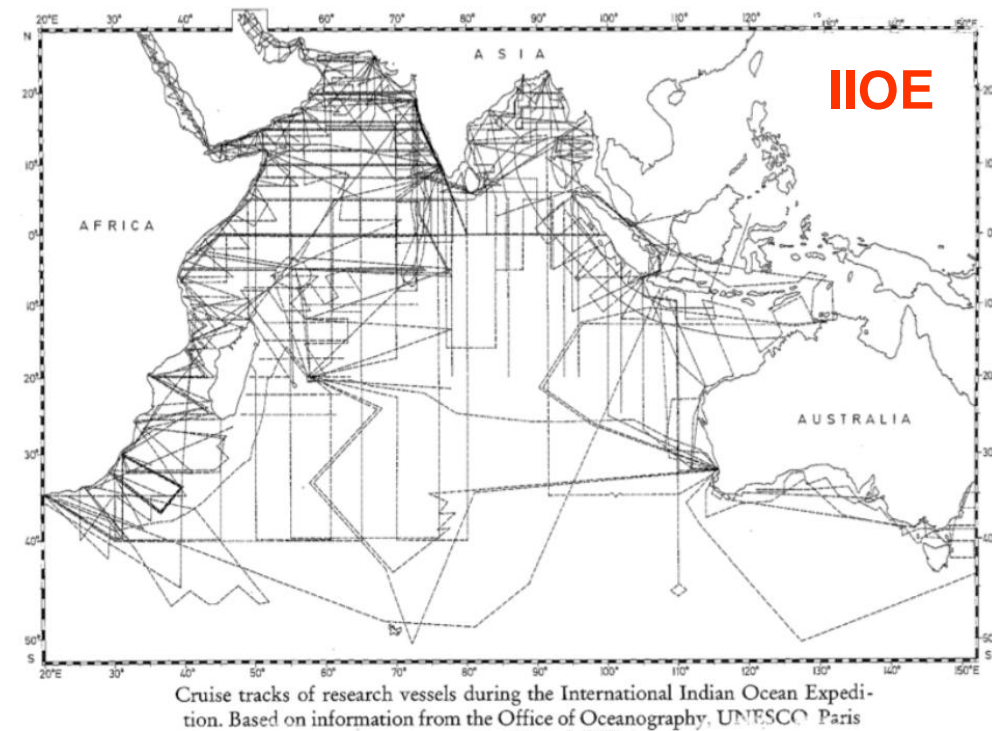




United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization

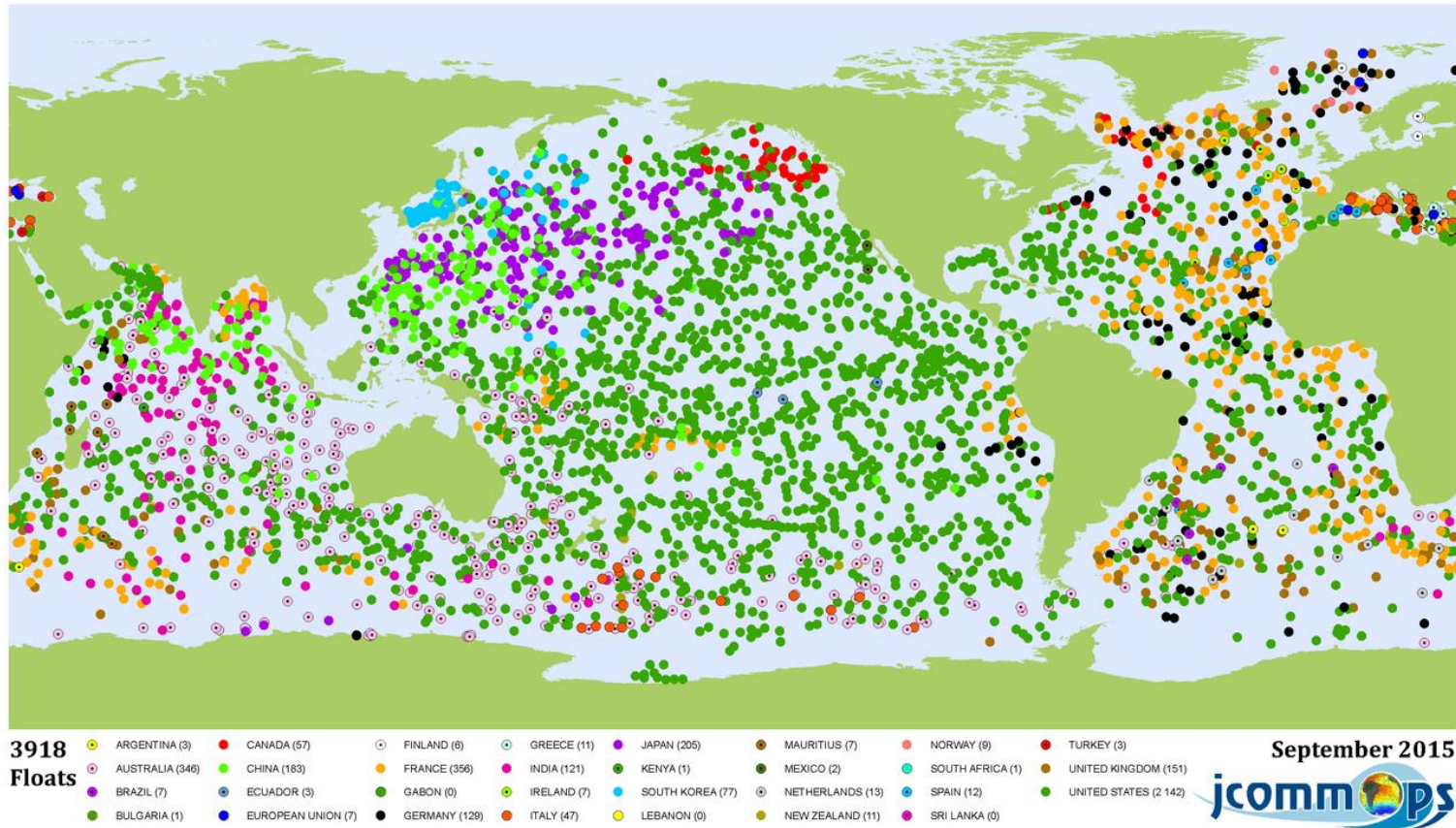


## ➤ Planning for the Indian Ocean Expedition 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Initiative (IIOE-2, 2015-2020)





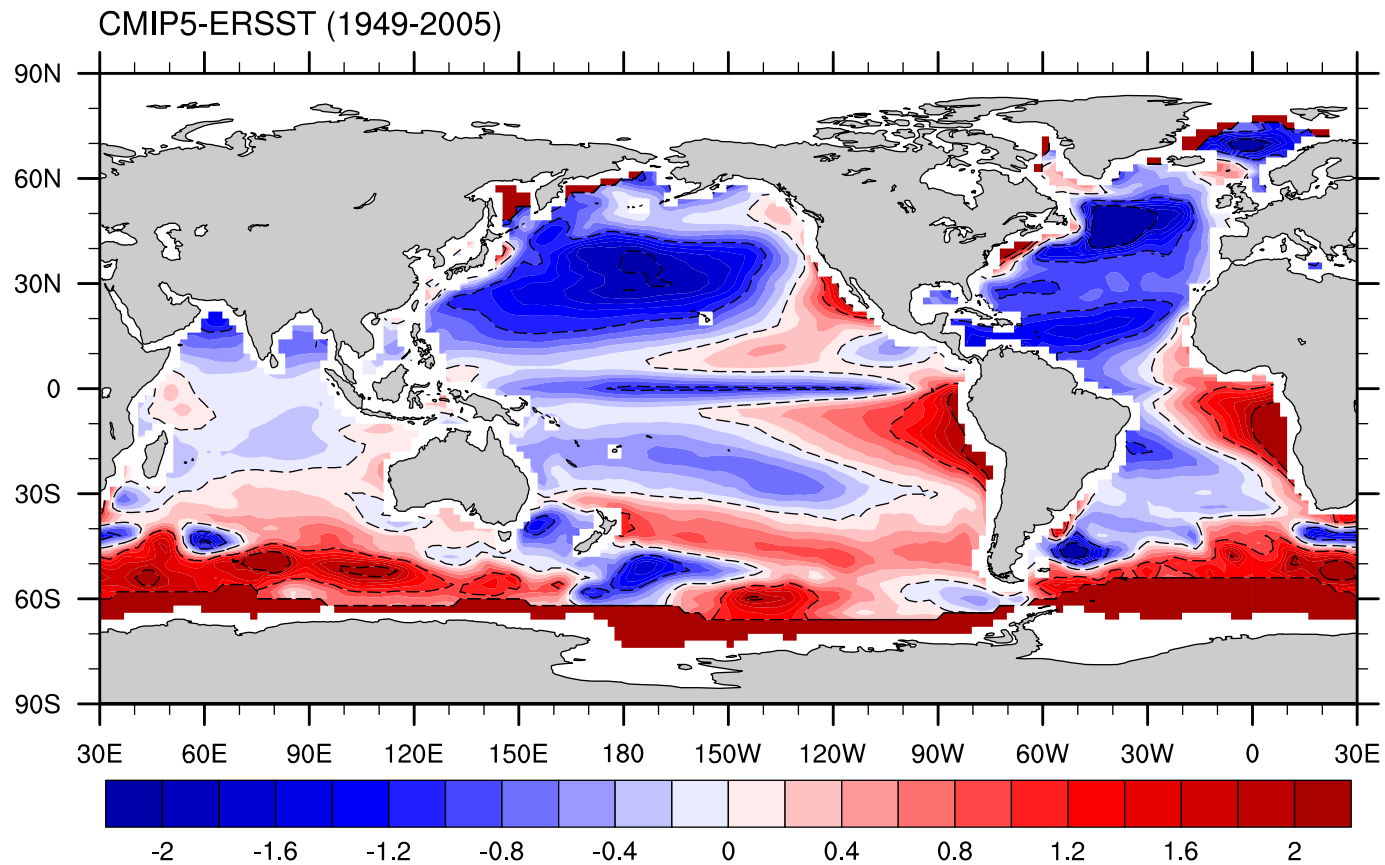
# ARGO



**However, ocean monitoring network for marine hazards and climate change is still urgently needed.**

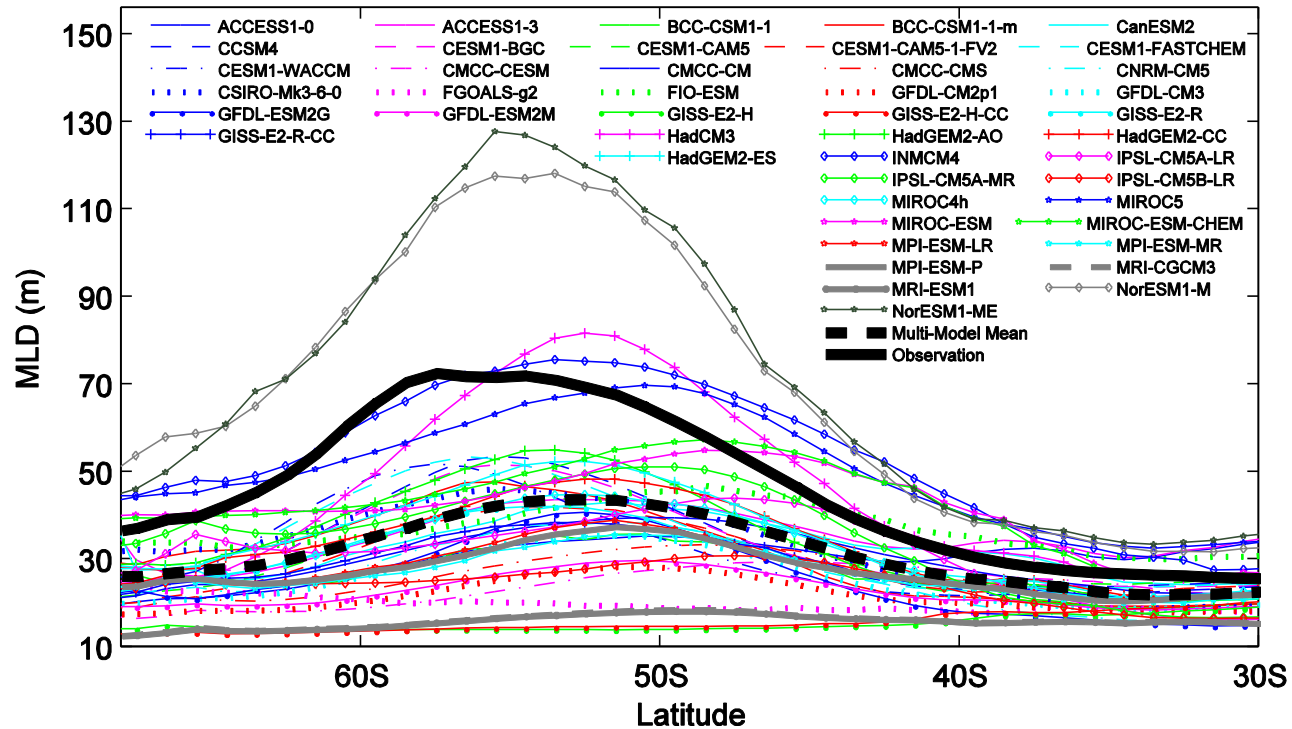


### (3) Climate models of CMIP5: Double ITCZ and SST





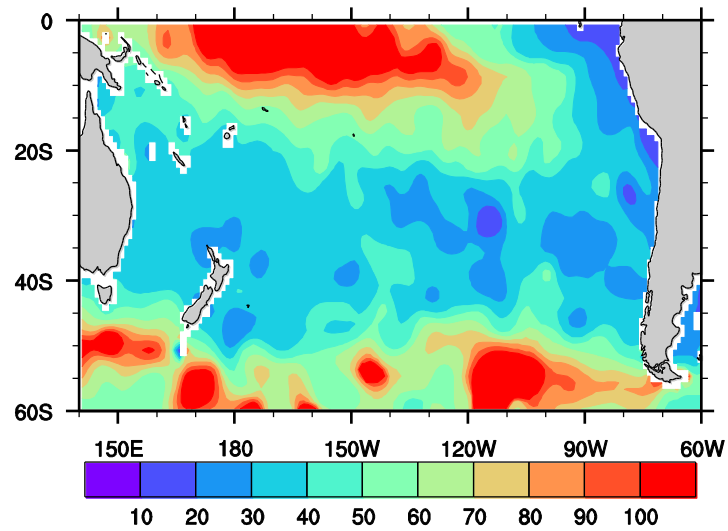
# MLD in CMIP5 models



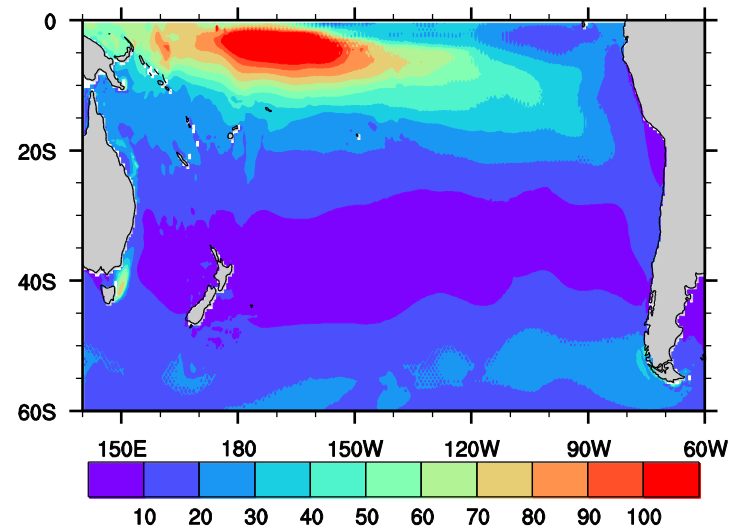
Huang et al, 2014, JGR



## MLD in OGCM



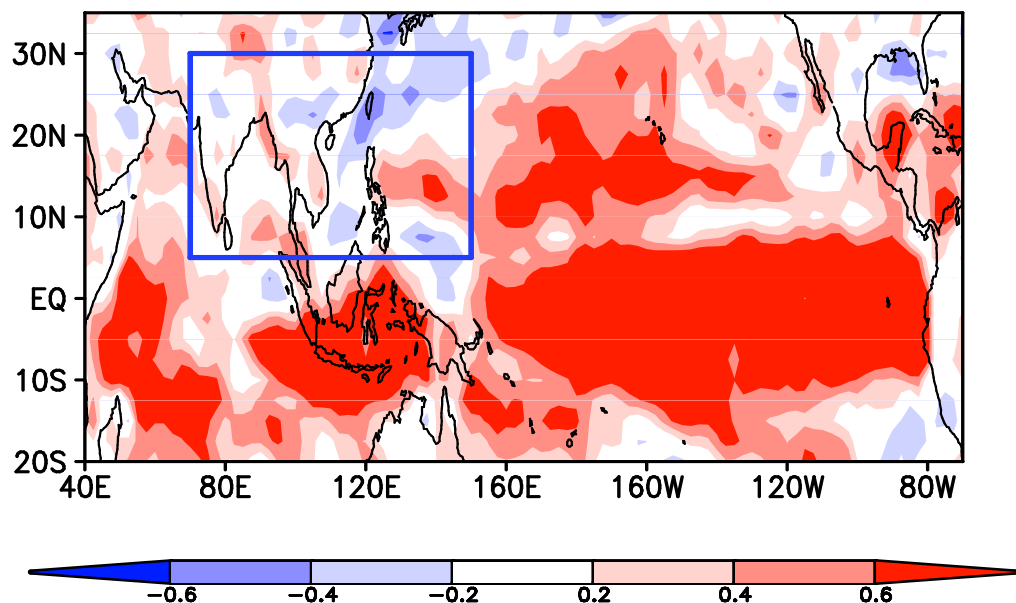
✓ Observation



✓ Model from POM



➤ For Asian Monsoon area



- 25 CMIP5 models
- ☐ Rainfall
  - ☐ Too late for Monsoon onset
  - ☐ Asian summer monsoon too weak while northwest Pacific monsoon too strong

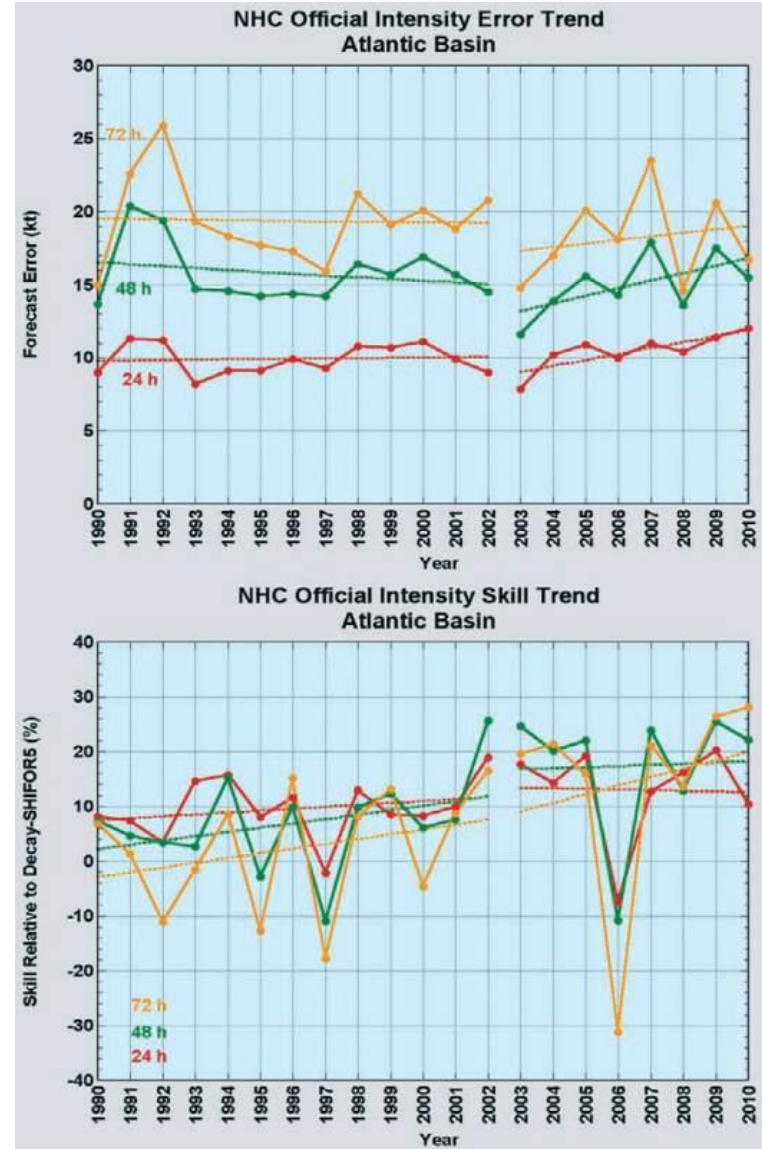
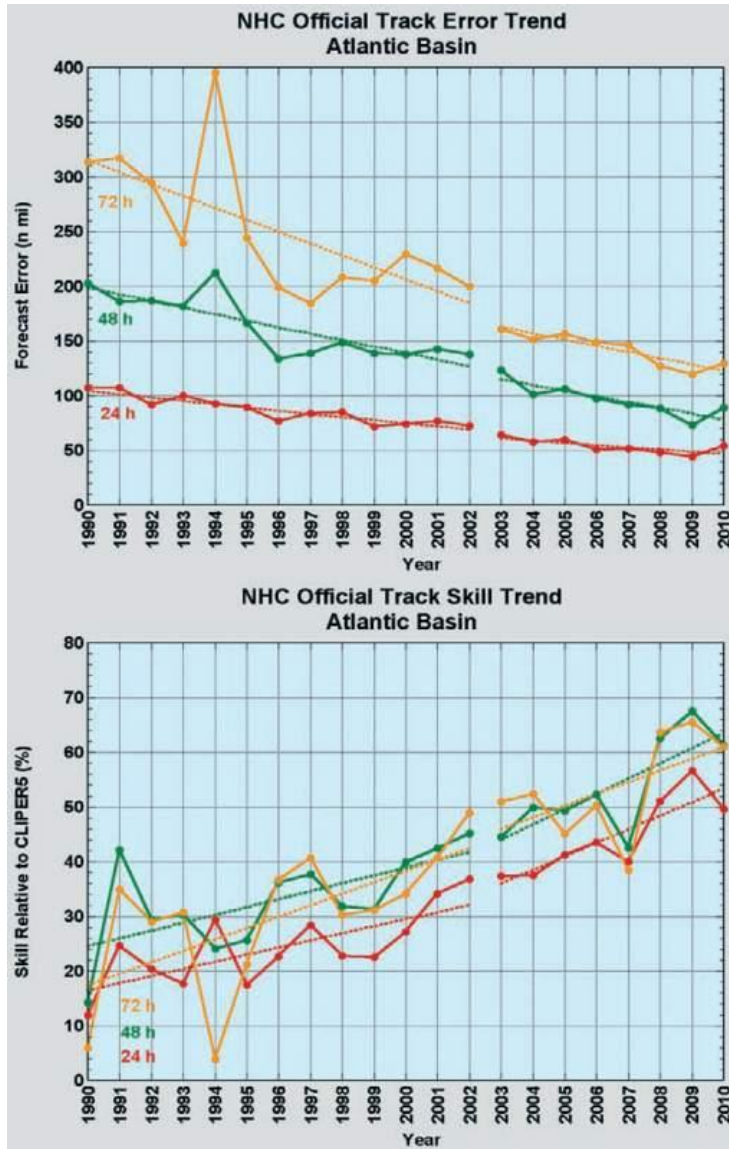
✓ Prediction skills of 5 AGCMs  
(Wang et al, 2004)

Sperber et al, 2012, CD



# ➤ Typhoon/Hurricane

Rappaport et al, 2012, BAMS





## **2. Development of advanced numerical models**



# (1) Theory of surface wave-induced mixing

$$B_v = \alpha \iint_{\vec{k}} E(\vec{k}) \exp\{2kz\} d\vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( \iint_{\vec{k}} \omega^2 E(\vec{k}) \exp\{2kz\} d\vec{k} \right)^{1/2}$$

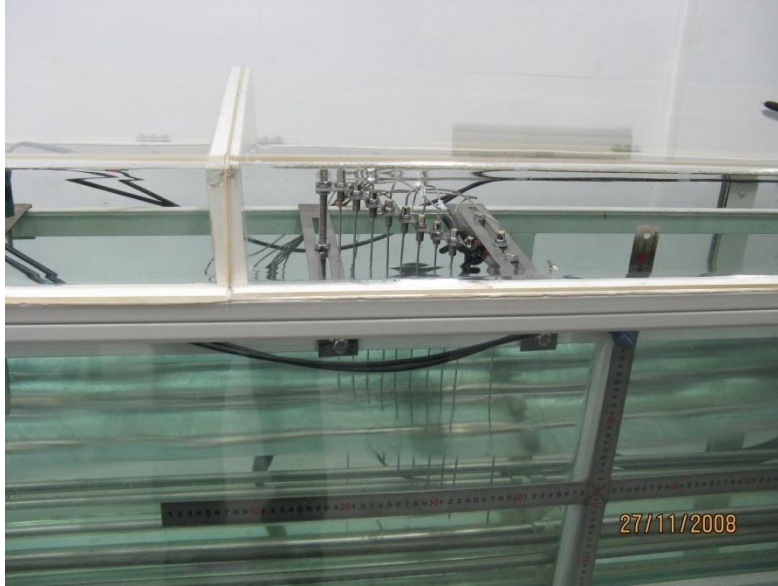
**E(K) is the wave number spectrum which can be calculated from a wave numerical model. It will change with (x, y, t), so B<sub>v</sub> is the function of (x, y, z, t).** **Qiao et al, 2004, 2010, 2015**

**If we regard surface wave as a monochromatic wave,**

$$B_v = \alpha A^3 k \omega e^{(-3kz)} = \alpha A \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Stokes Drift}}}{u} e^{(-3kz)},$$

**B<sub>v</sub> is wave motion related vertical mixing instead of wave breaking.**





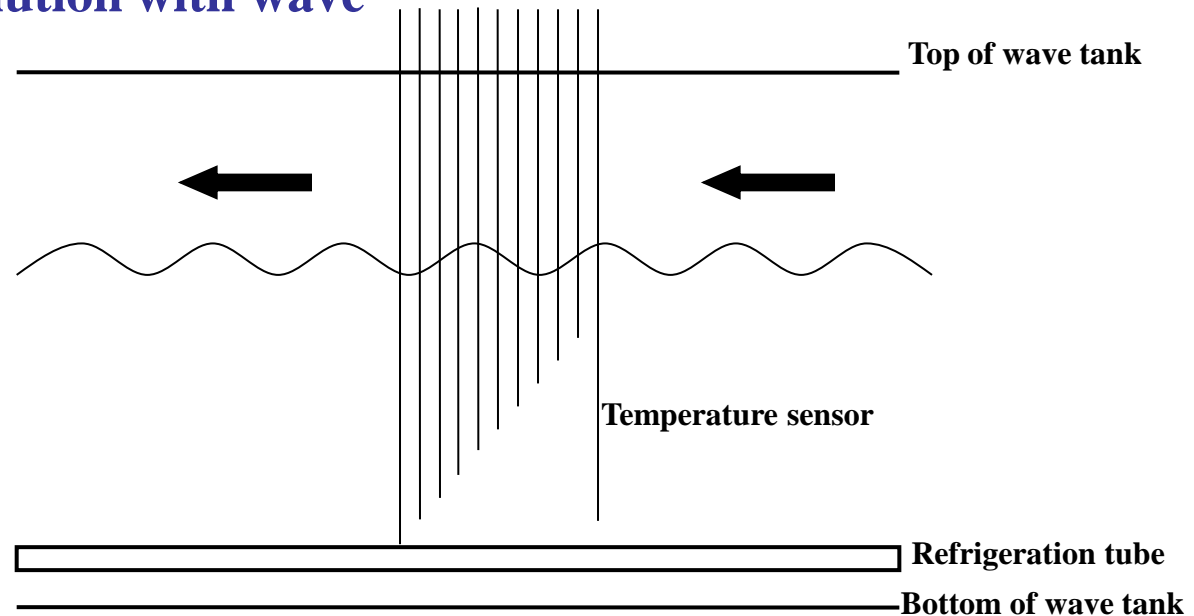
## Laboratory experiments:

Wave tank: 5m in length with height of 0.4m and width of 0.2m.

To generate temperature gradient through bottom cooling of refrigeration tubes, and temperature sensors are self-recorded with sampling frequency of 1Hz.

(1) Temperature evolution in natural condition

(2) Temperature evolution with wave

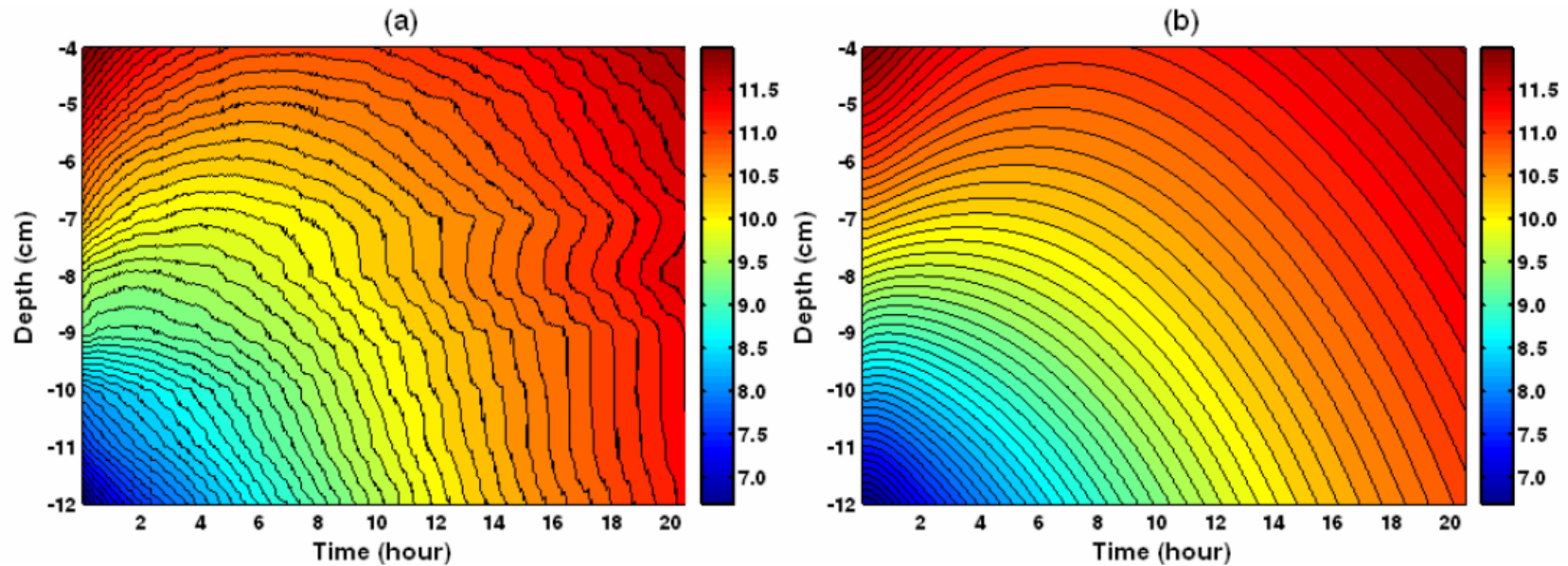




# Experiment results without and with waves

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( k_z \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)$$

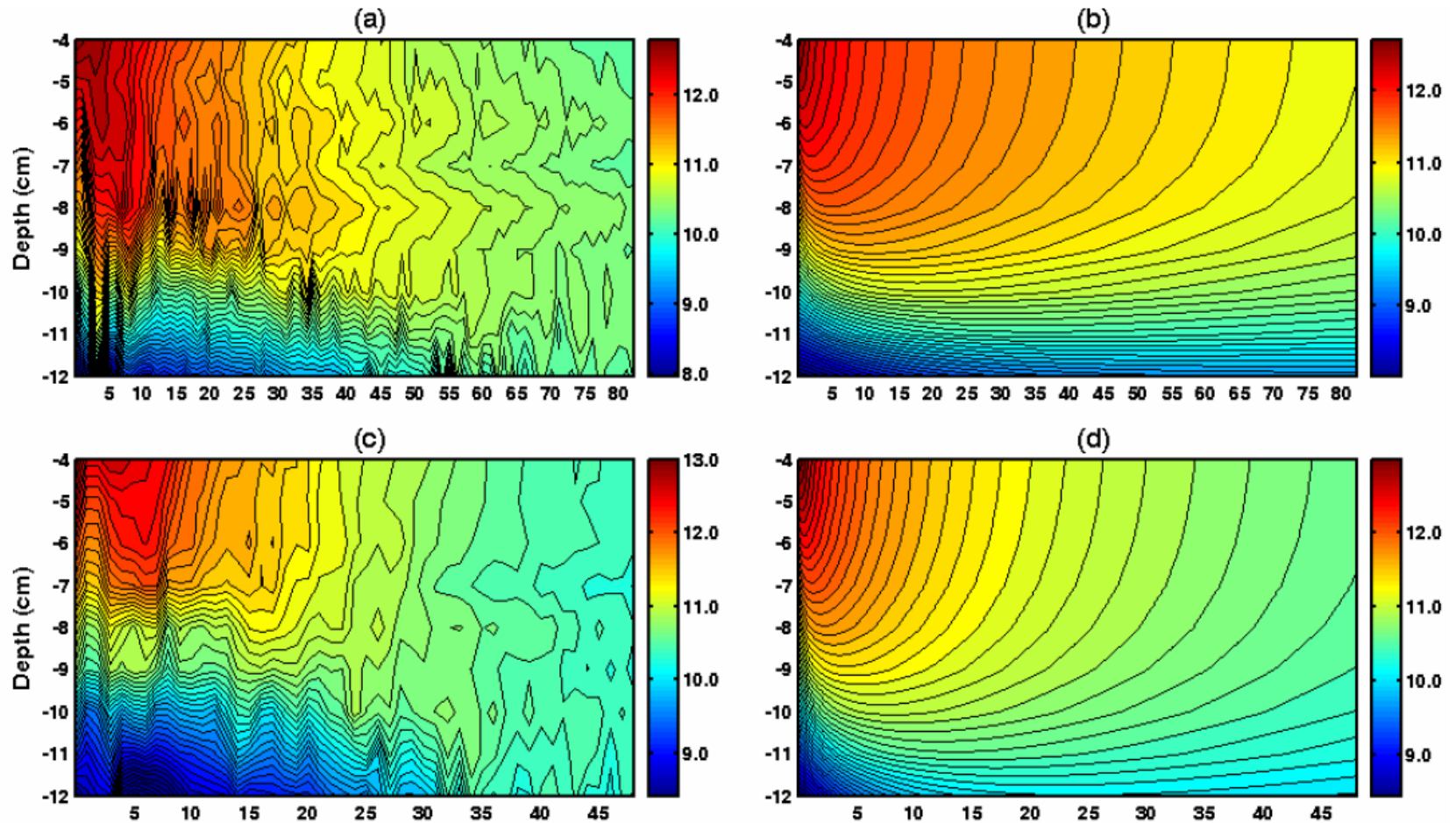
$$k_z = k_0 + Bv$$



Evolution of water temperature without waves.  
(a) Observation; (b) simulation.



# Simulation results with waves



Evolution of water temperature with waves. Left: observation; right: simulation; (a,b) 1.0cm, 30cm; (c,d) 1.0cm, 52cm;



## (2) Improvement of ocean models

**3-D coastal circulation model** (Special Issue on JGR, 2006 at <http://www.agu.org/journals/ss/CHINASEAS1/> )

We apply Bv into:

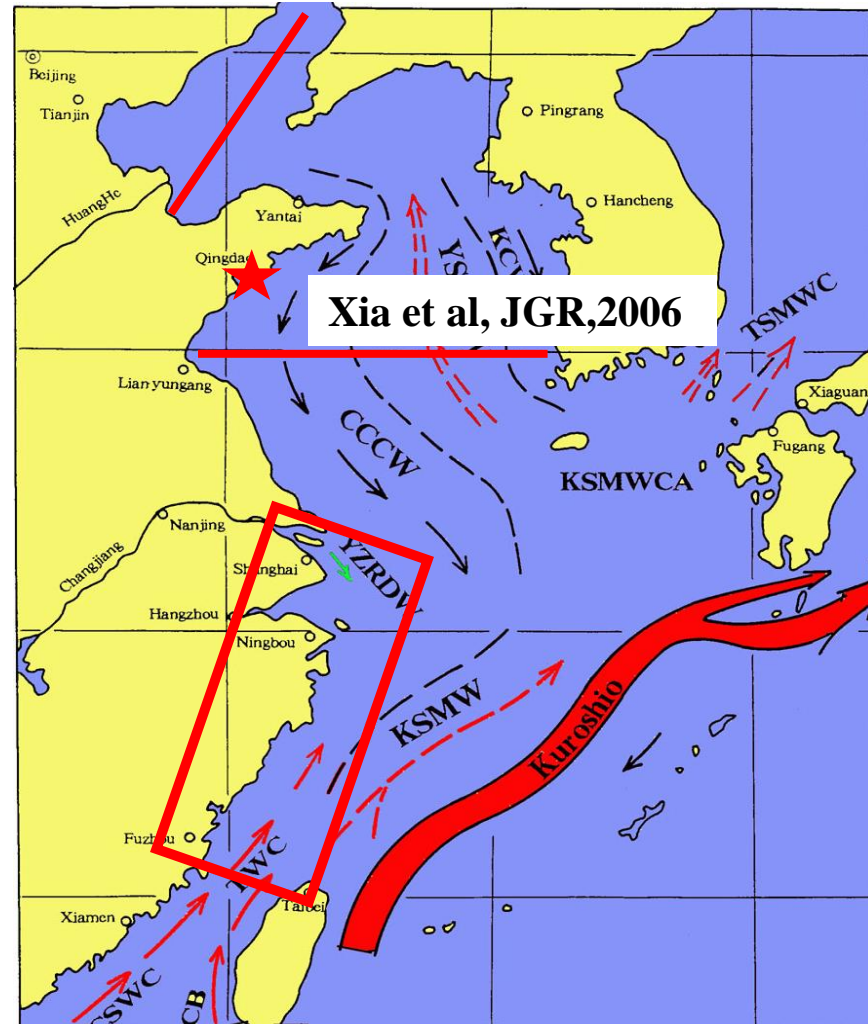
Bohai Sea

Yellow Sea

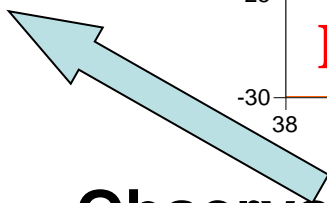
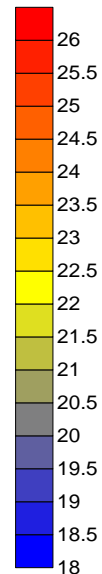
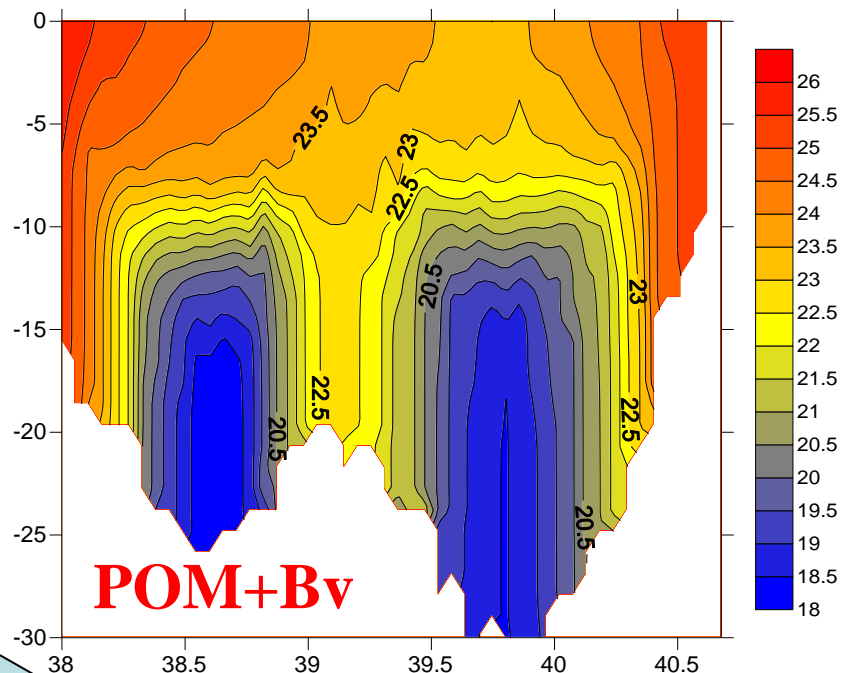
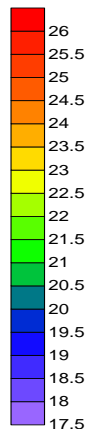
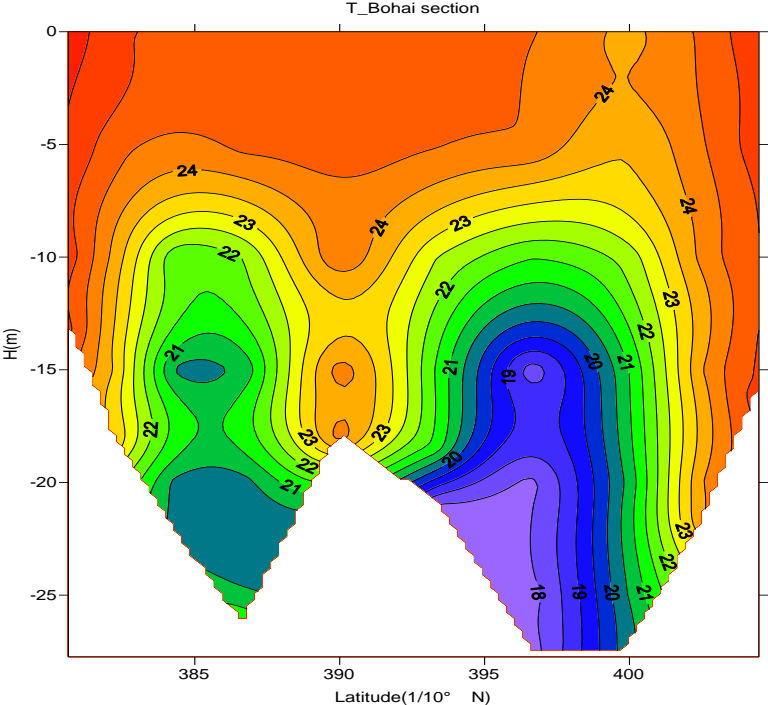
East China Sea

And

South China Sea

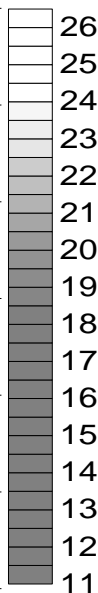
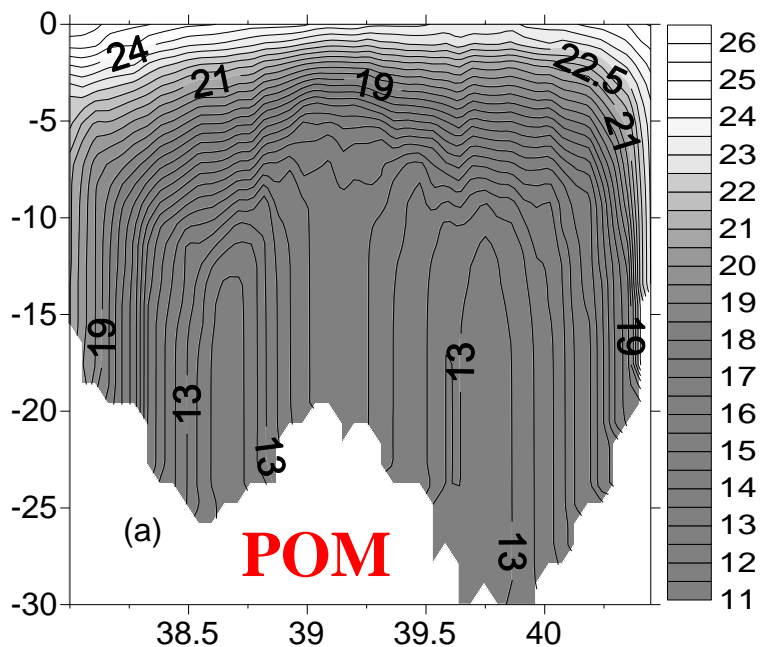




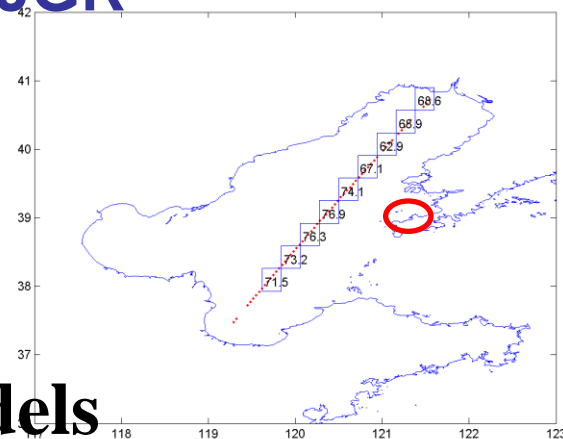


**Observation in summer**

**Lin et al, 2006 JGR**

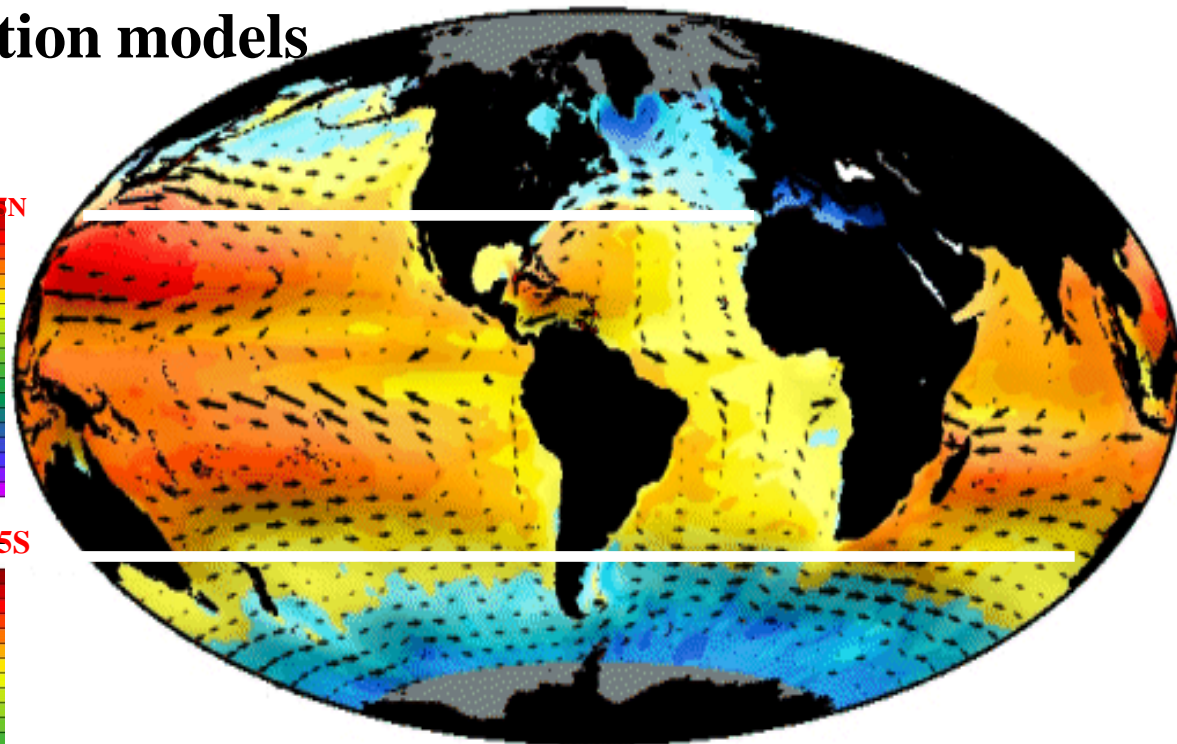


**3-D coastal models**



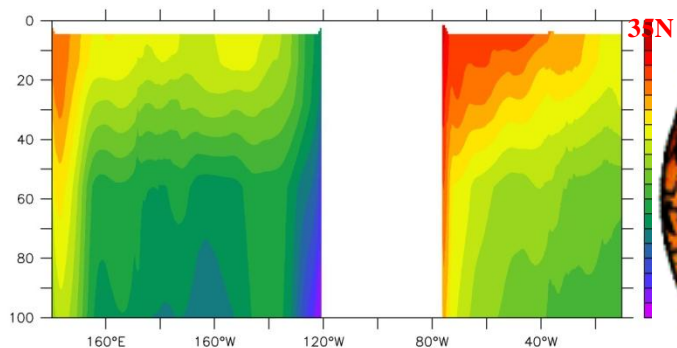


# 3-D global ocean circulation models

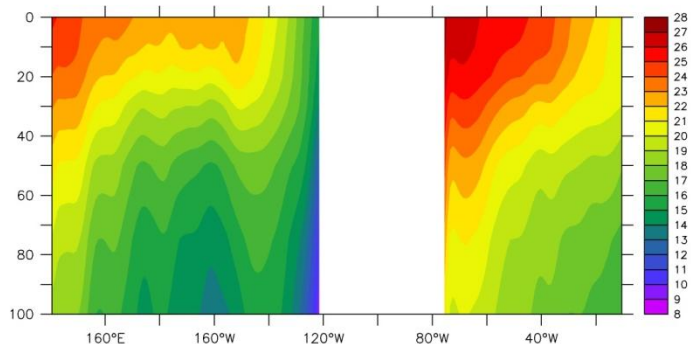
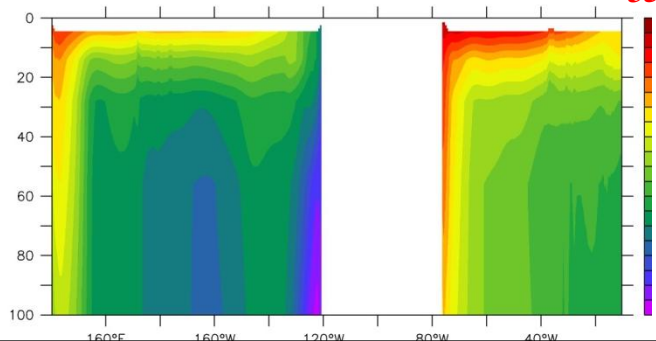


Pacific

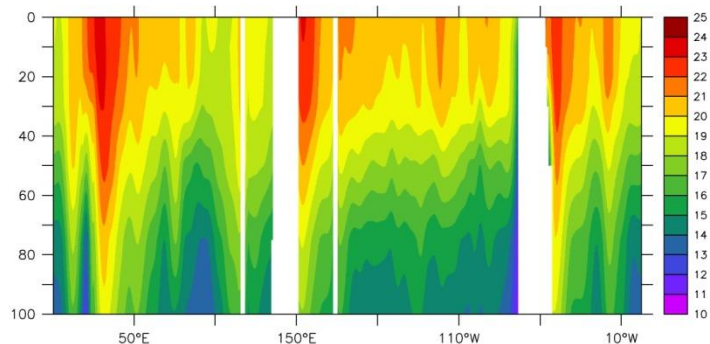
Atlantic



35S



Along 35N transect in Aug.



Along 35S transect in Feb.

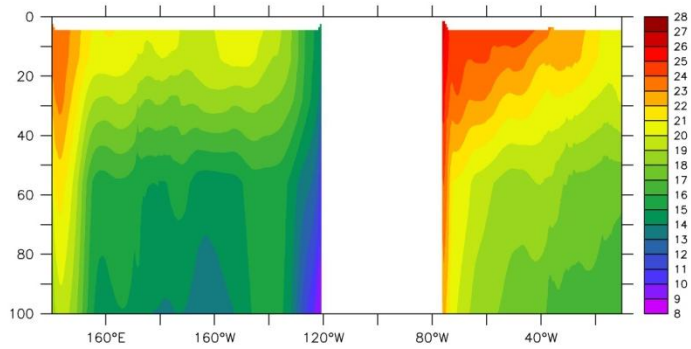
World Ocean Atlas



# Vertical Temperature Distributions

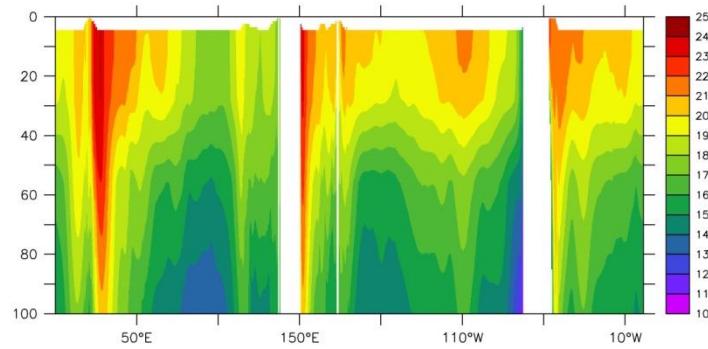
**Pacific**

**Atlantic**

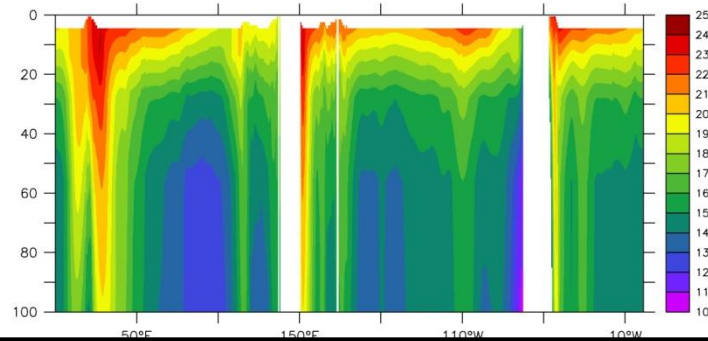
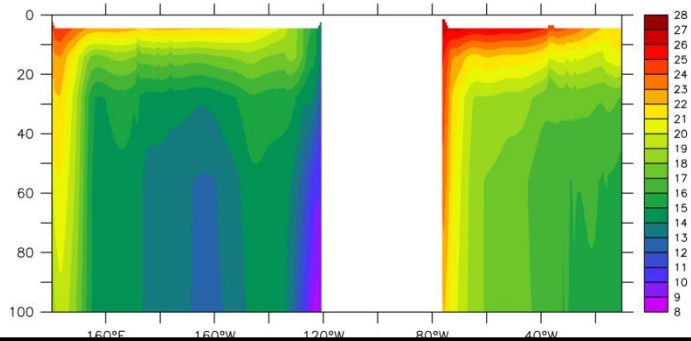


**Indian**

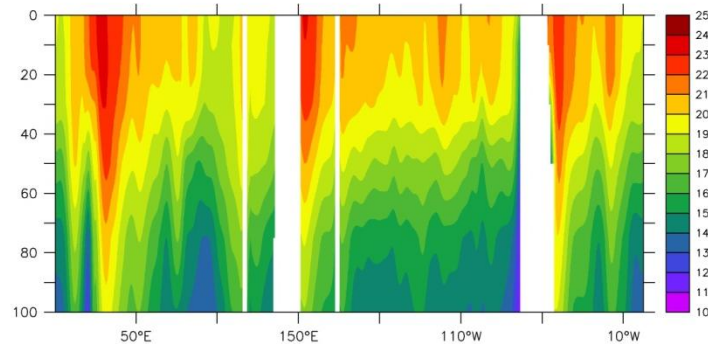
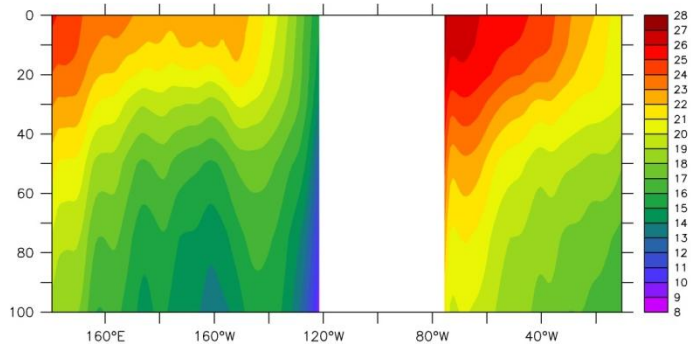
**Pacific Atlantic**



**With  
wave-induce mixing**



**Without  
wave-induce mixing**

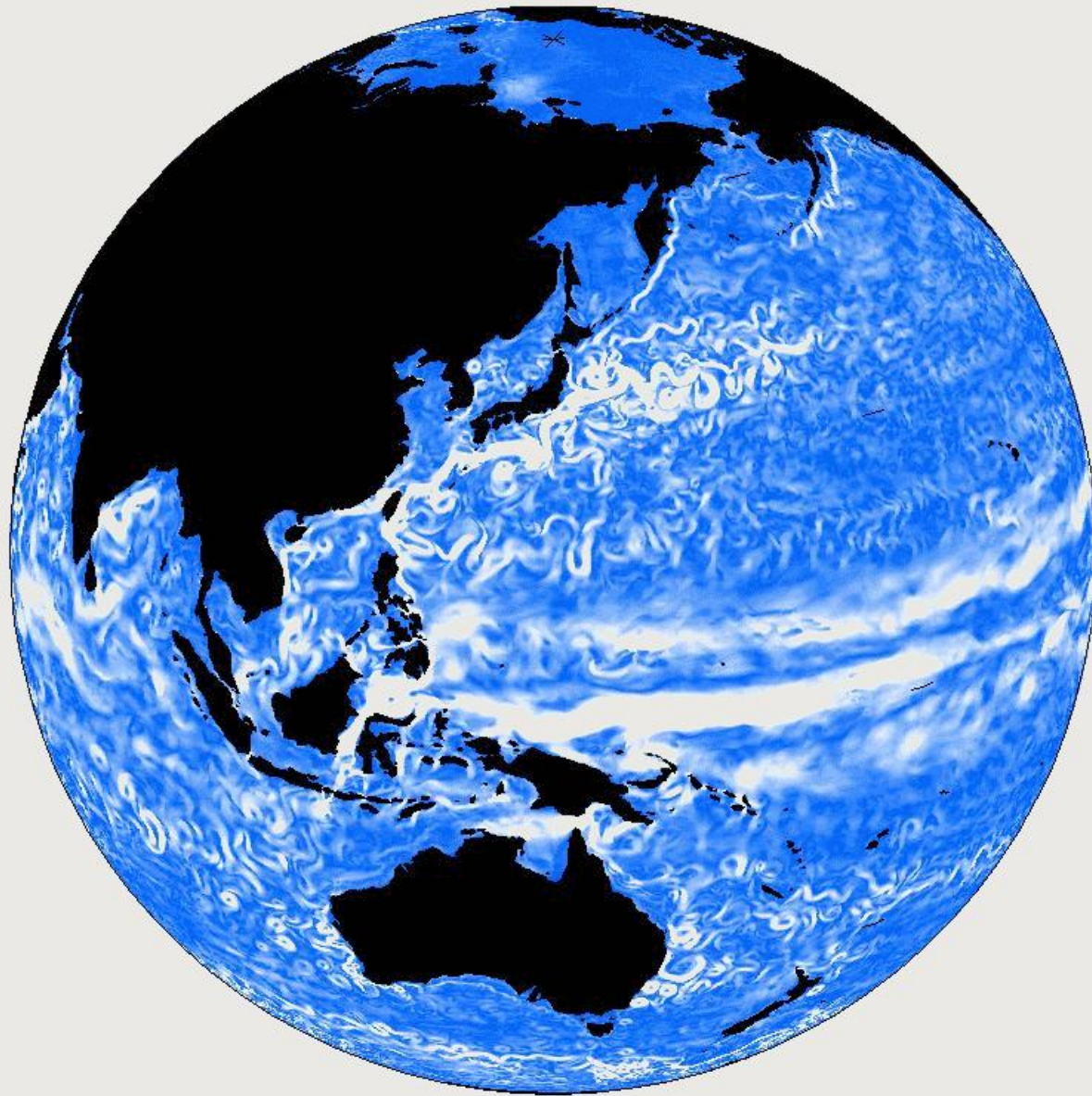


**World Ocean Atlas**

**Along 35N transect in Aug.**

**Along 35S transect in Feb.**

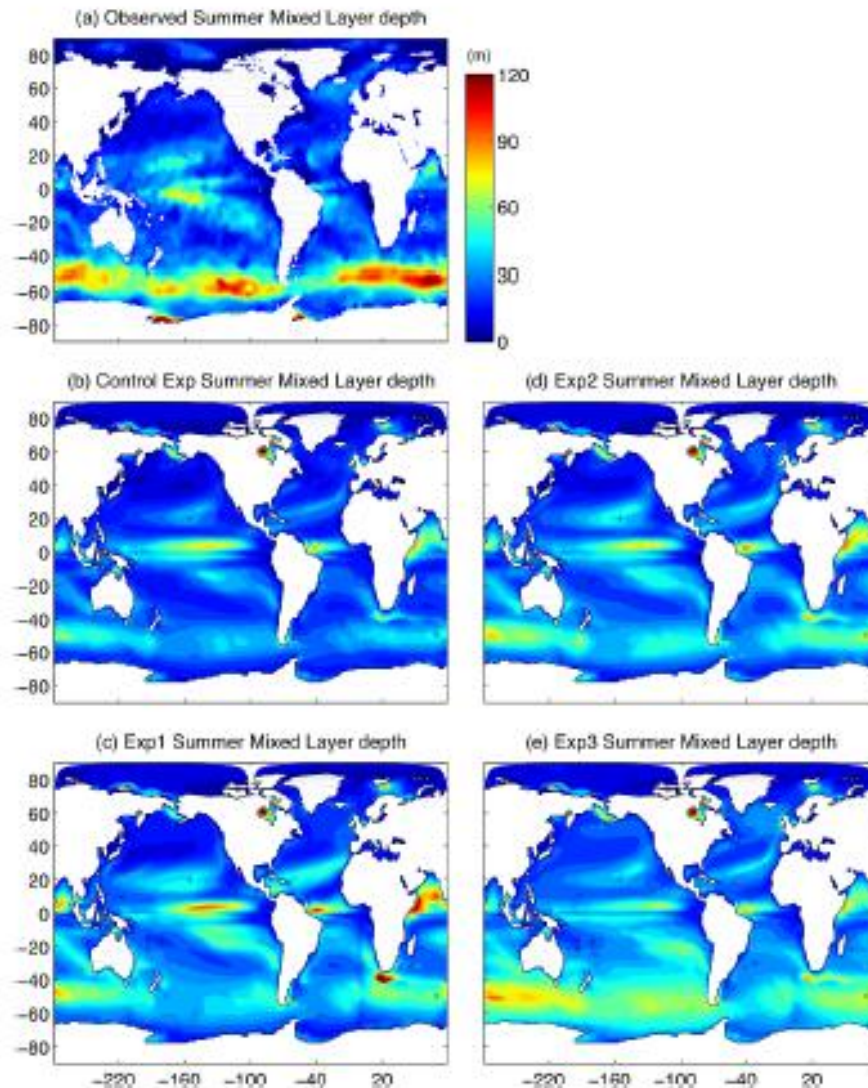




**FIO wave-tide-circulation coupled model 0.1X0.1**



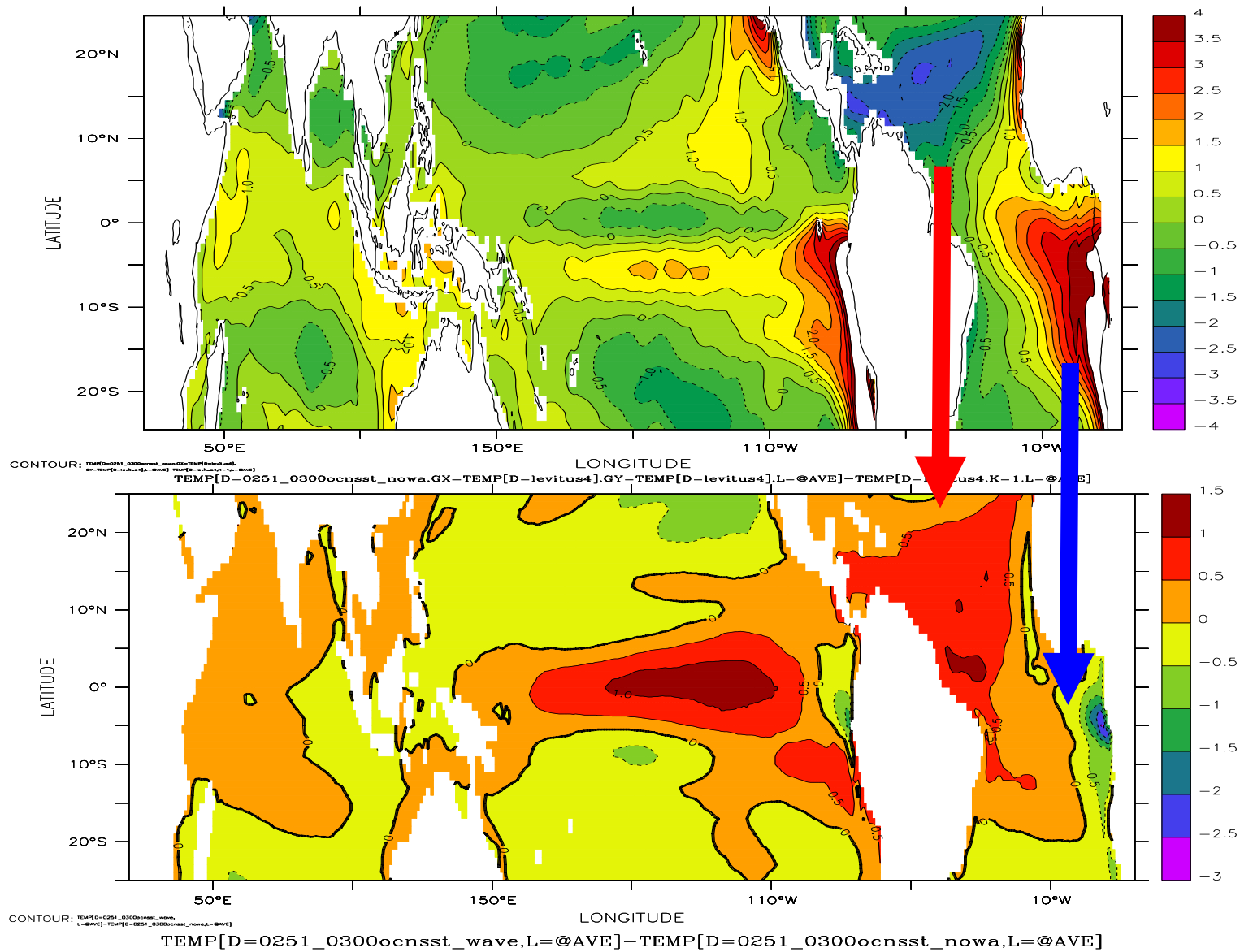
### (3) Improvement of climate models



Summertime oceanic mixed layers are biased shallow in **both the GFDL and NCAR climate models** (Bates et al. 2012; Dunne et al. 2012, 2013).

**This scheme (Qiao et al., 2004) has most impact in our simulations on deepening the summertime mixed layers**, yet it has minimal impact on wintertime mixed layers.





50a averaged SST (251-300a).

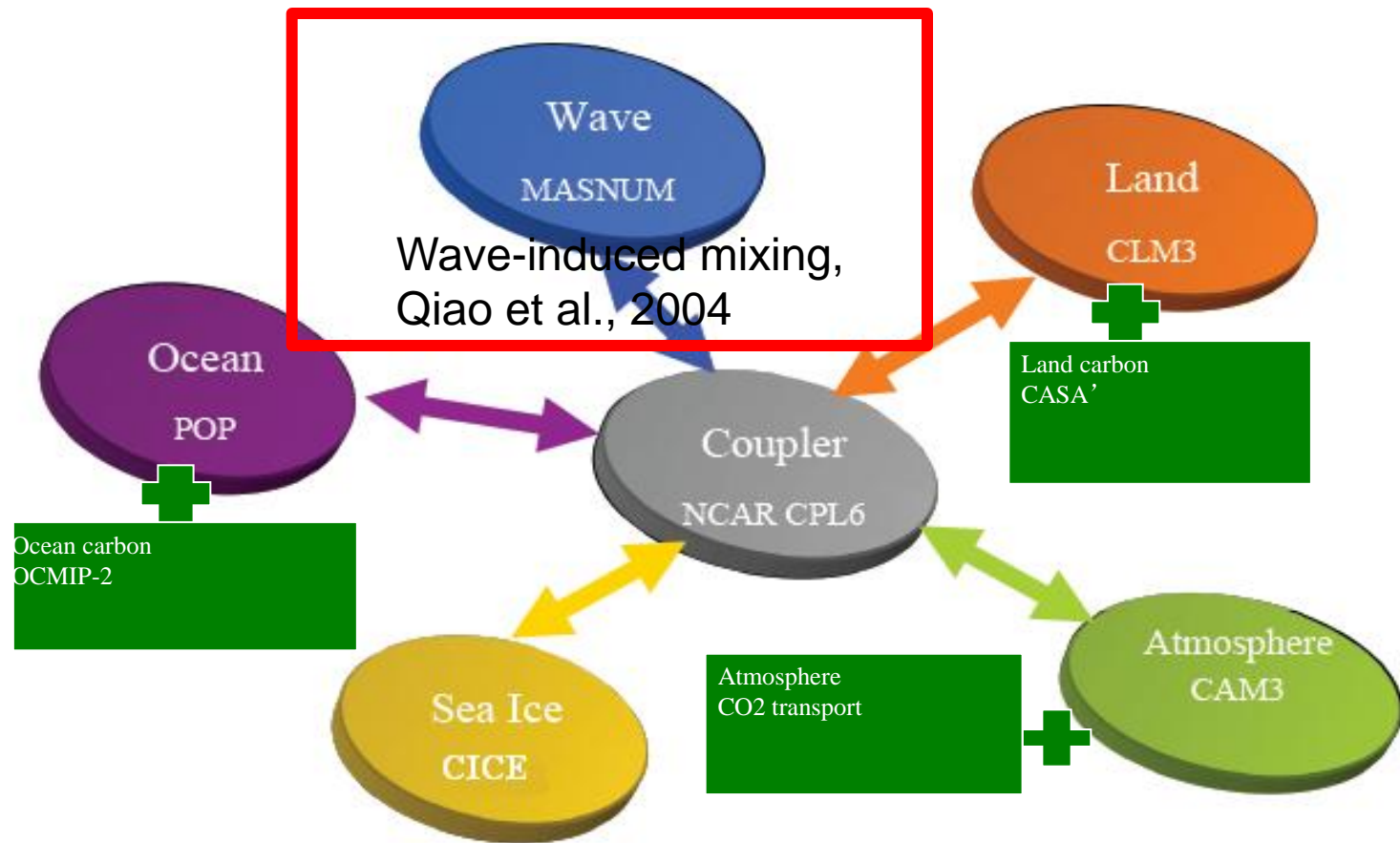
Up: Exp1-Levitus, Down: Exp2-Exp1

Exp1: CCSM3 without Bv

Exp2: with Bv



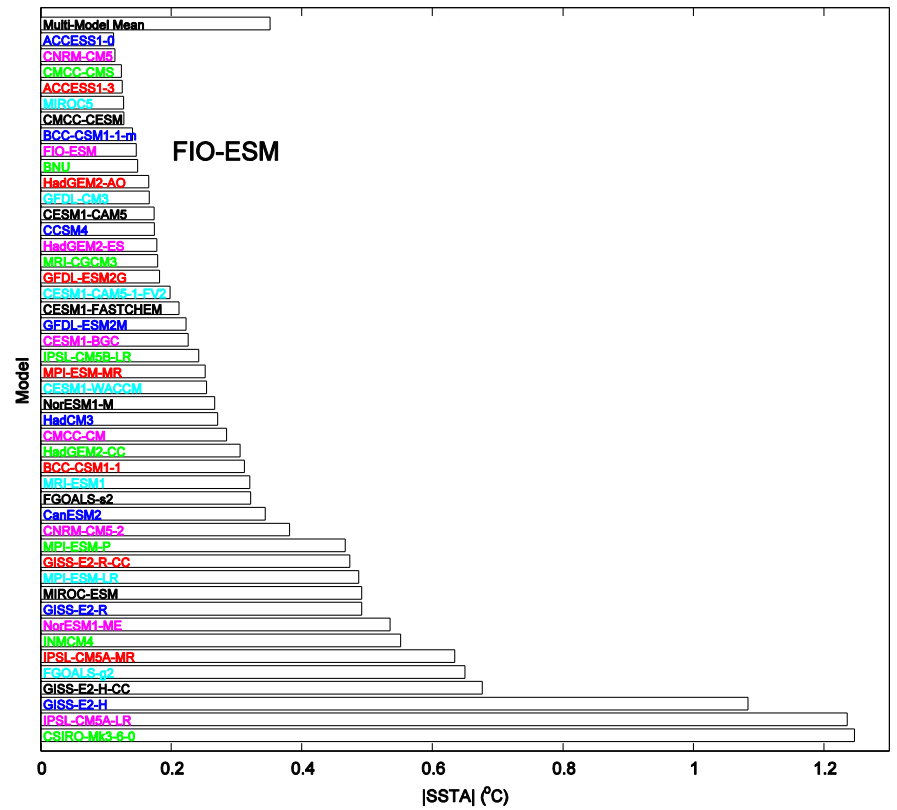
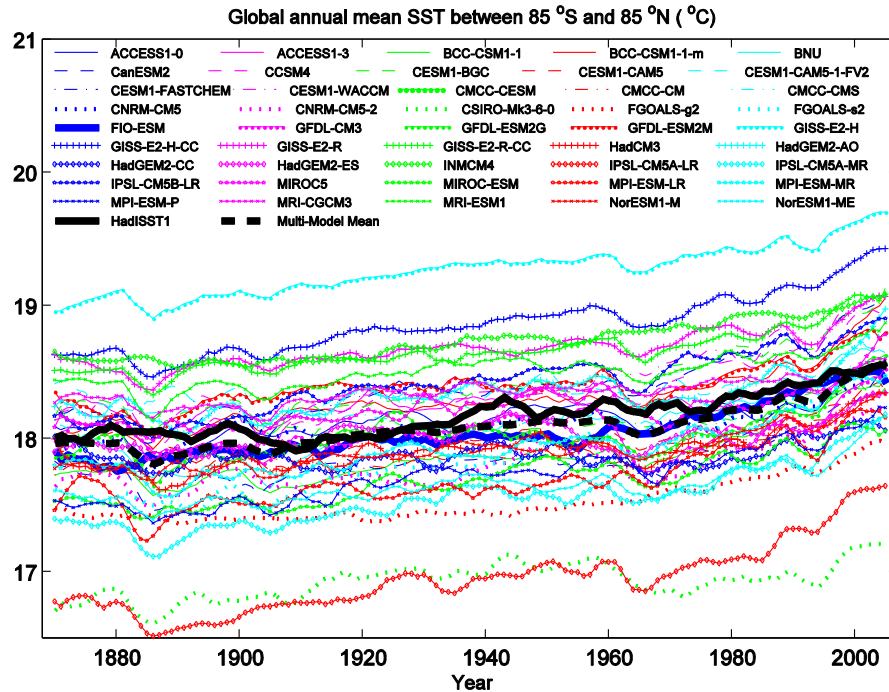
# FIO-ESM for CMIP5



Framework of FIO-ESM version 1.0



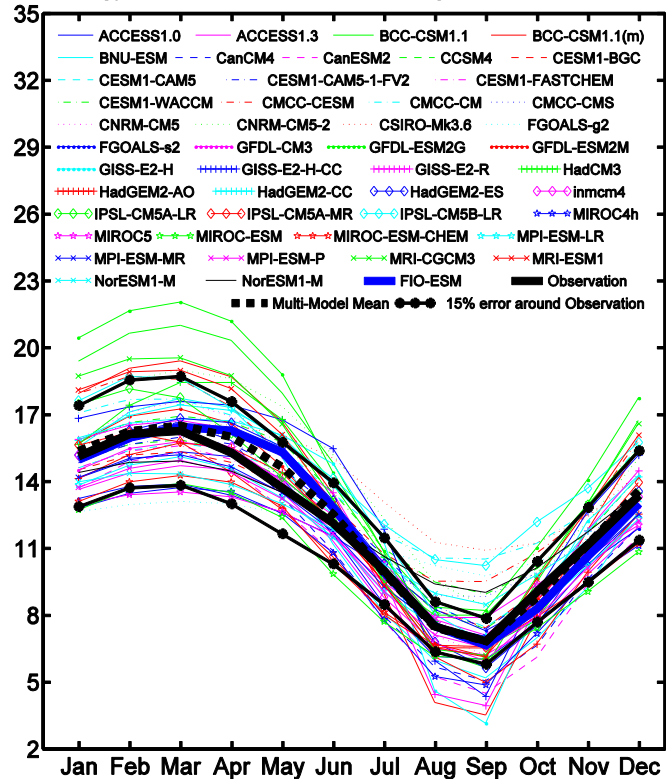
# SST absolute mean errors for 45 CMIP5 models



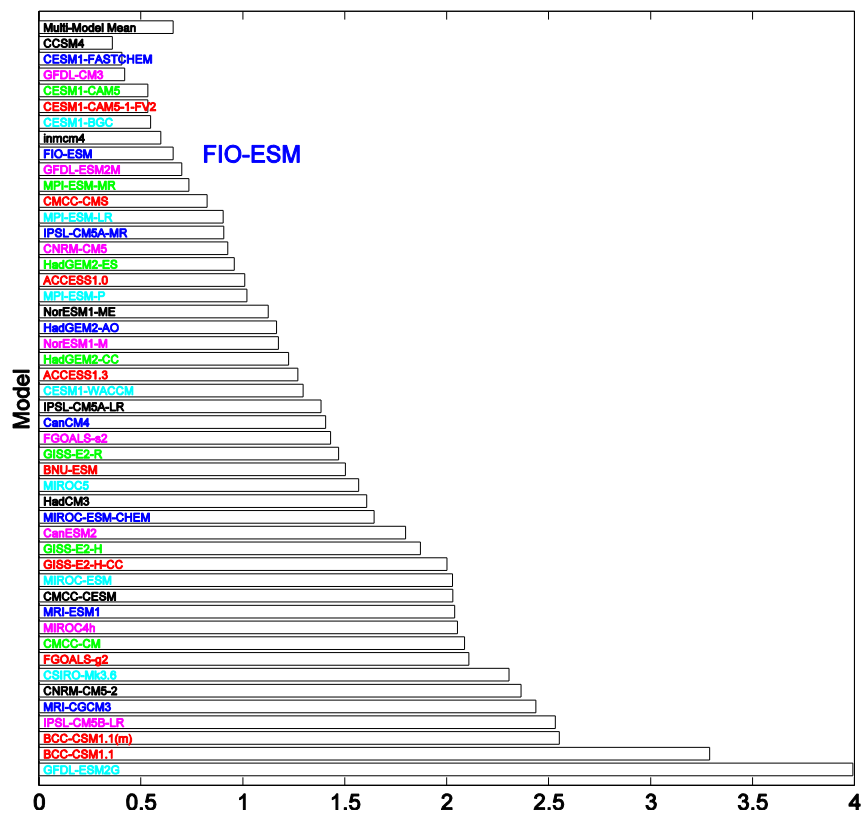


# Sea ice annual cycle in Arctic

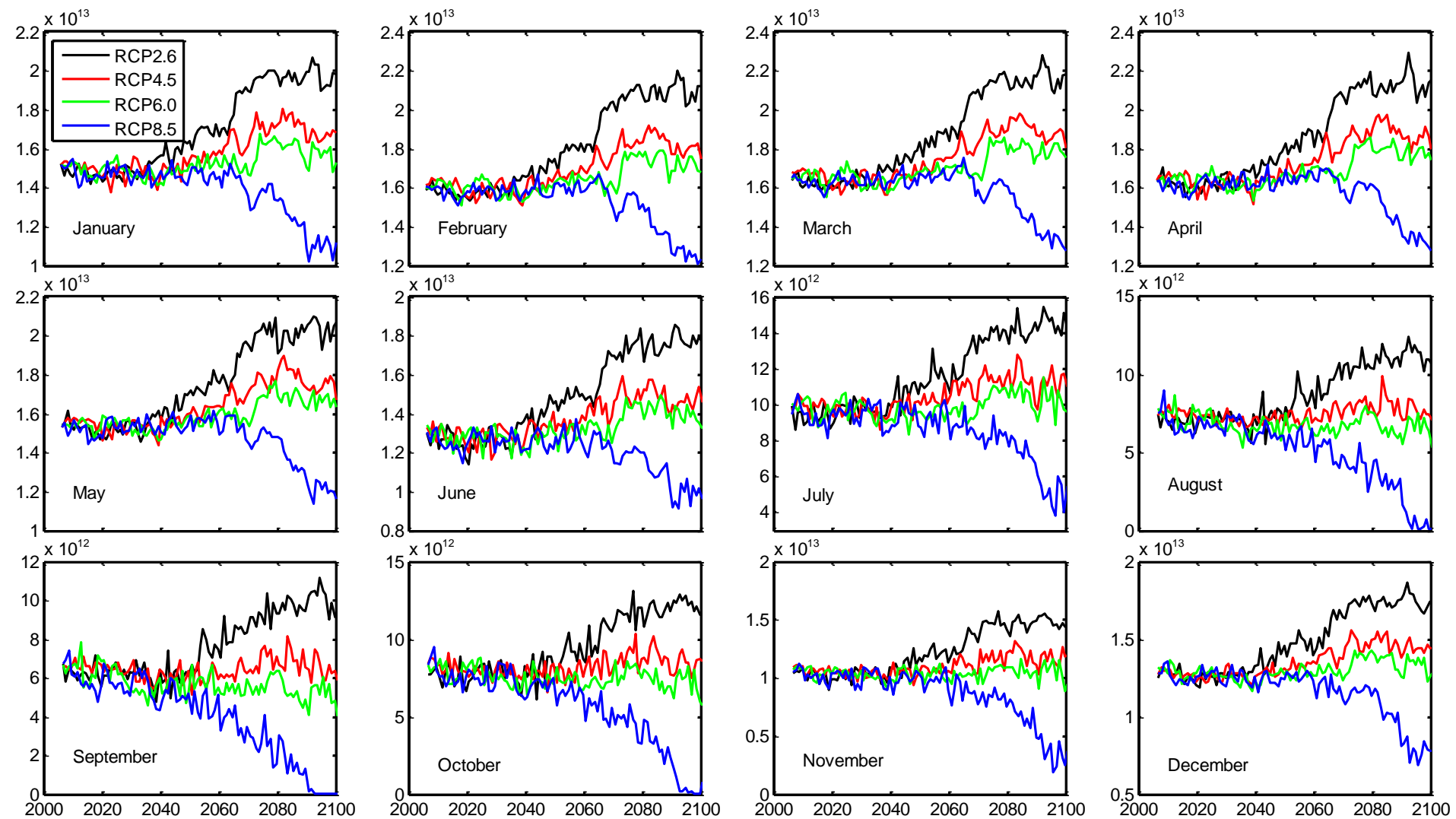
Climatology of Arctic Sea Ice Extent during 1979-2005 (million km<sup>2</sup>)



The Absolute Mean Error of Arctic Climatological Sea Ice Extent during 1979-2005 (million km<sup>2</sup>)





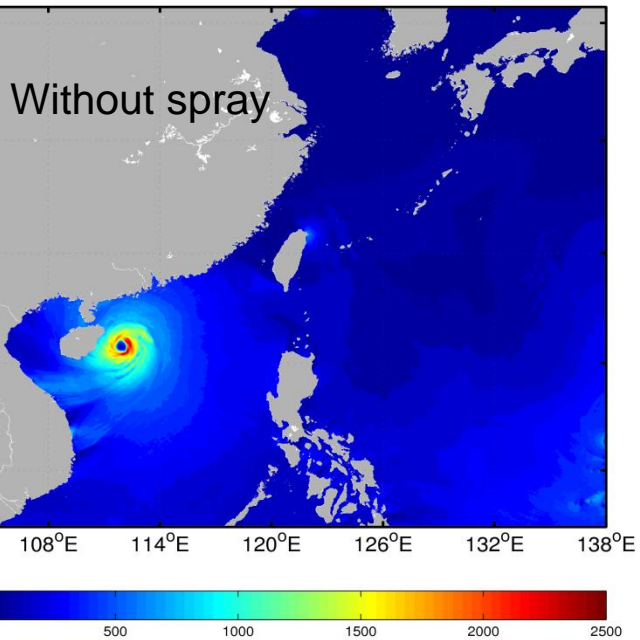


**Time series of Arctic sea ice extent from RCP run.**

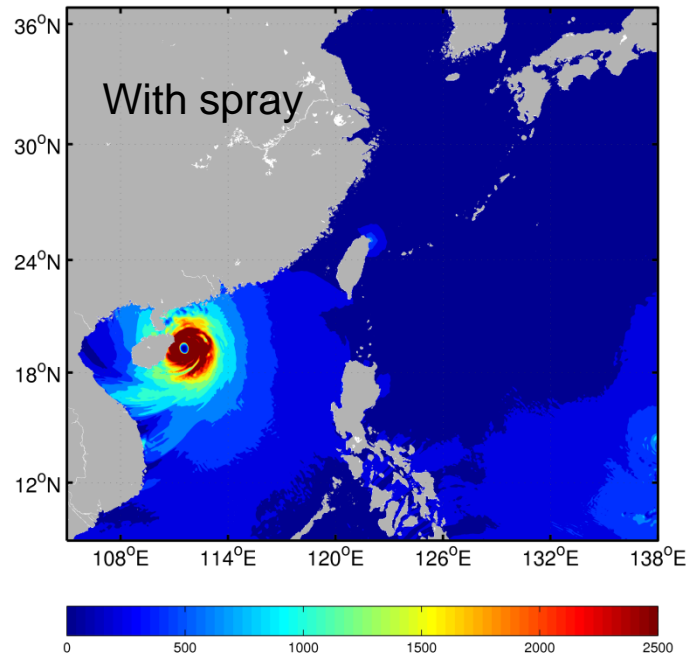
**Unit:  $\text{m}^2$**



forecast time:2014-07-18-00

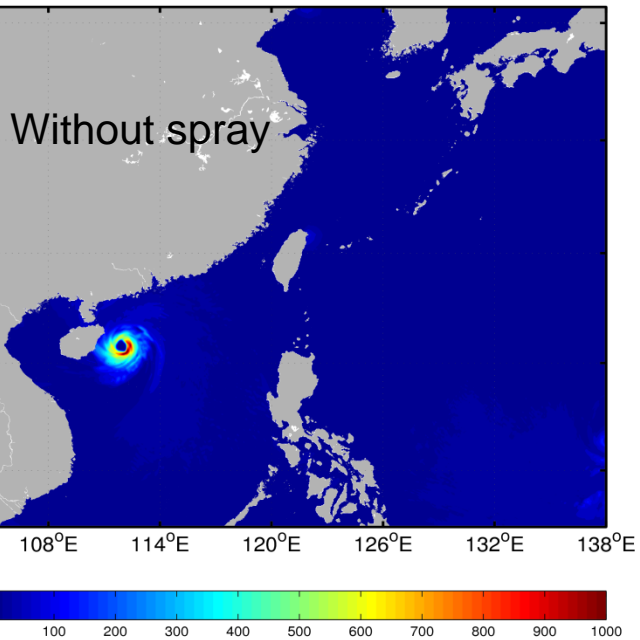


forecast time:2014-07-18-00

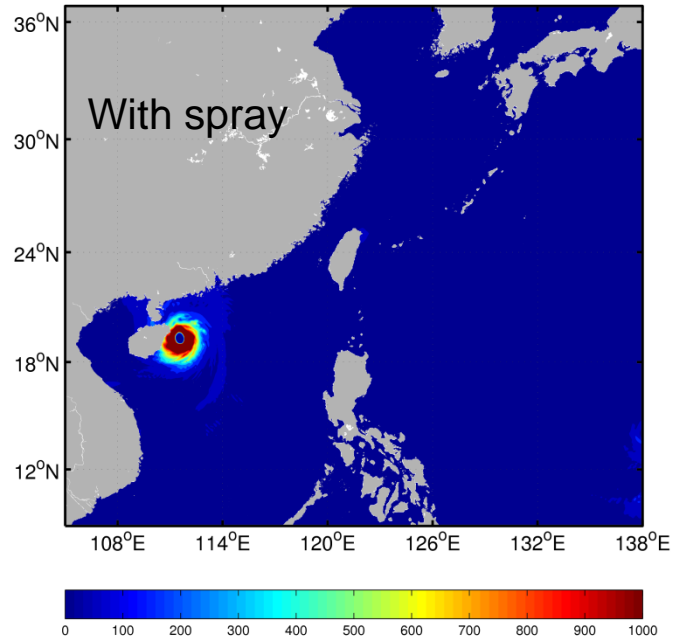


Latent HF

forecast time:2014-07-18-00

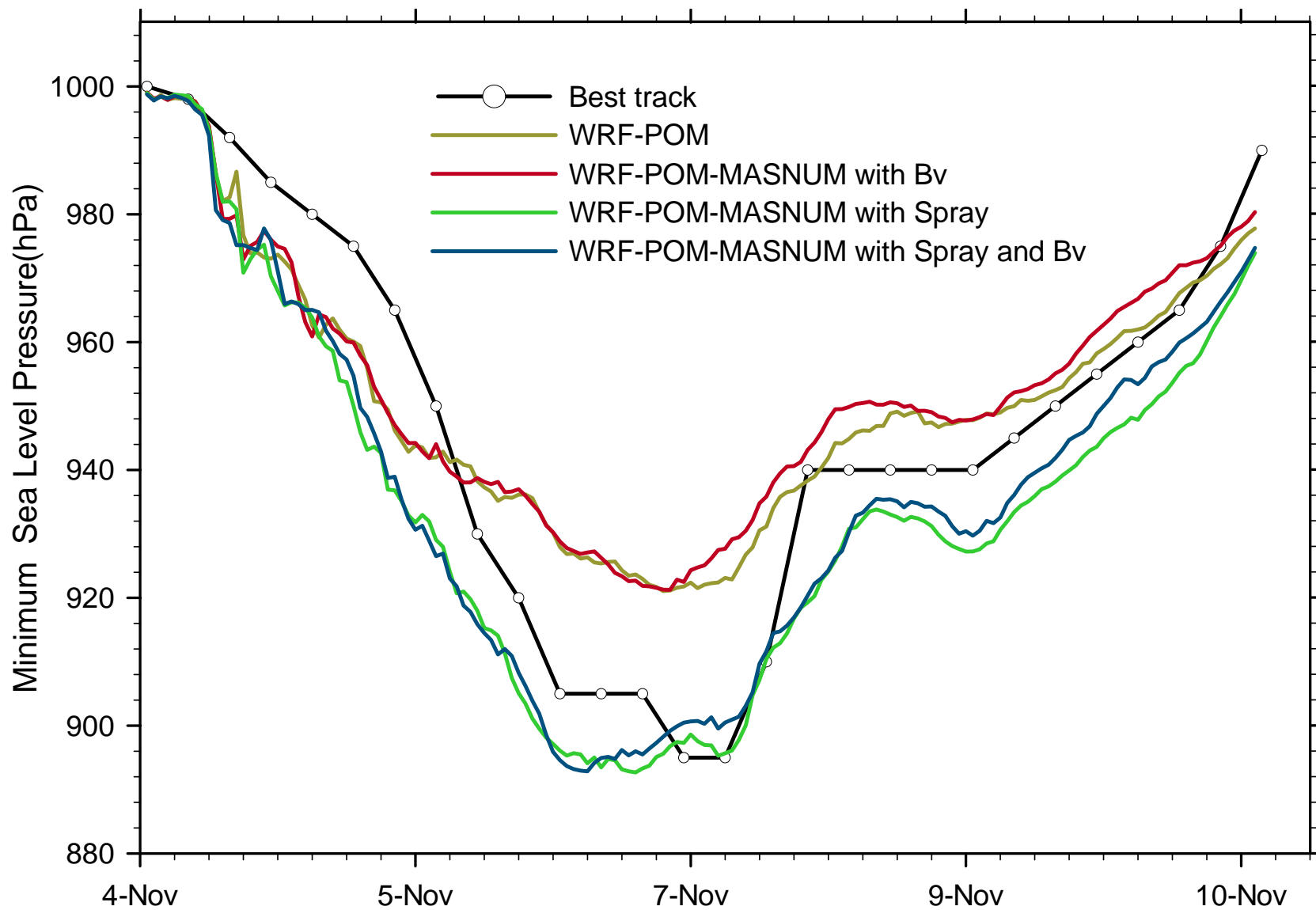


forecast time:2014-07-18-00



Sensible HF







### **3. Joint observation and DA**

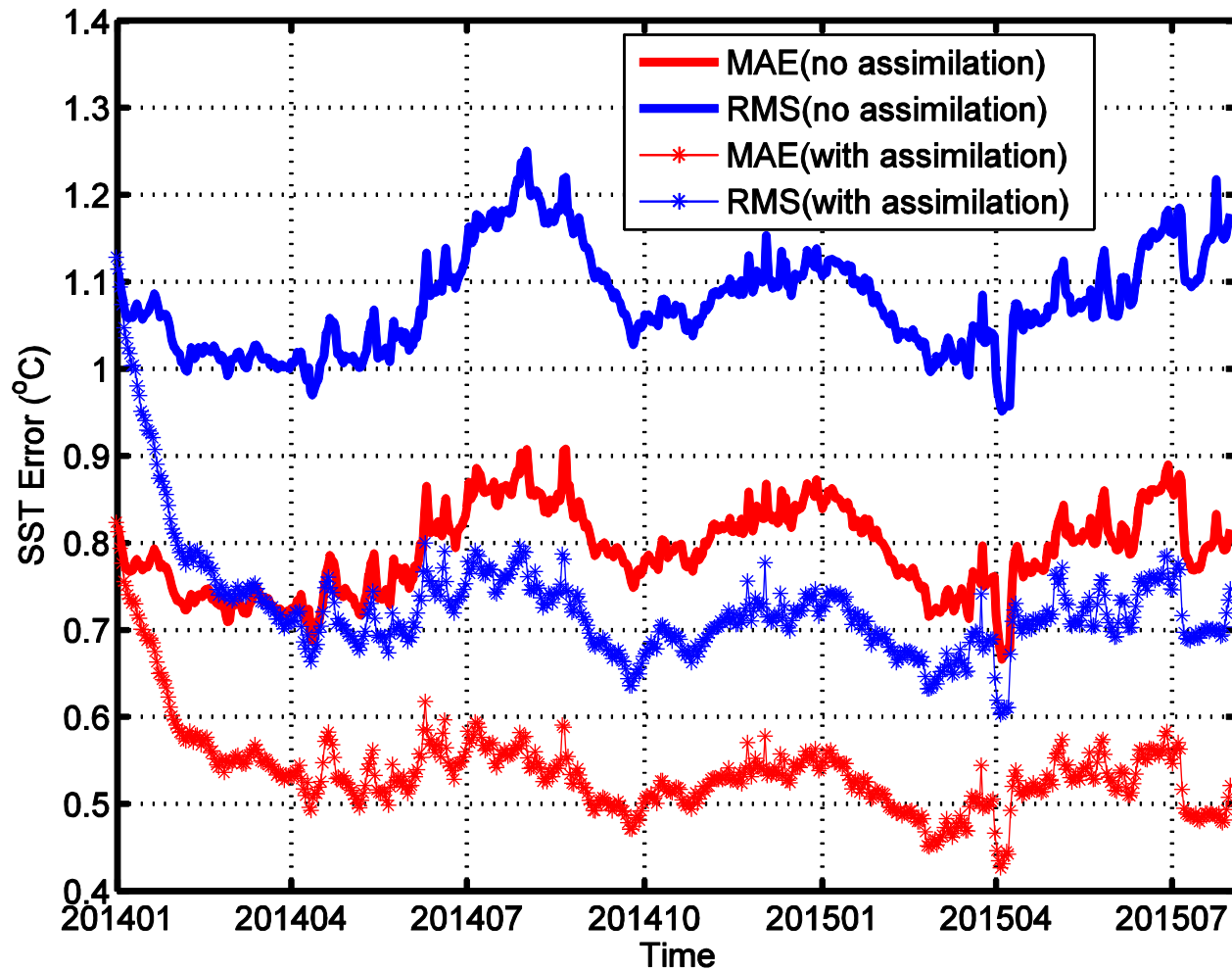


# DA

## SST, SLA, Argo

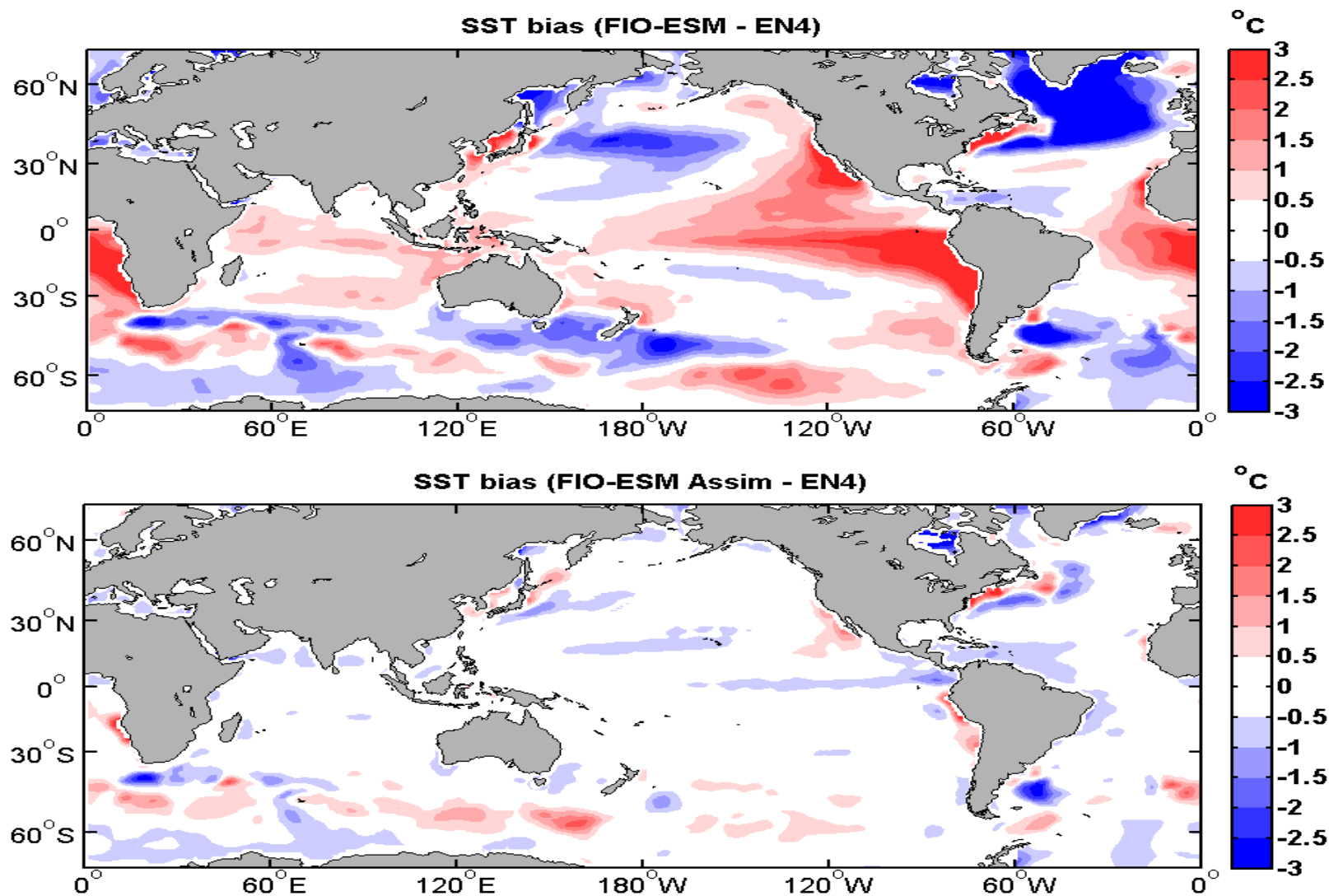
RMS

AME





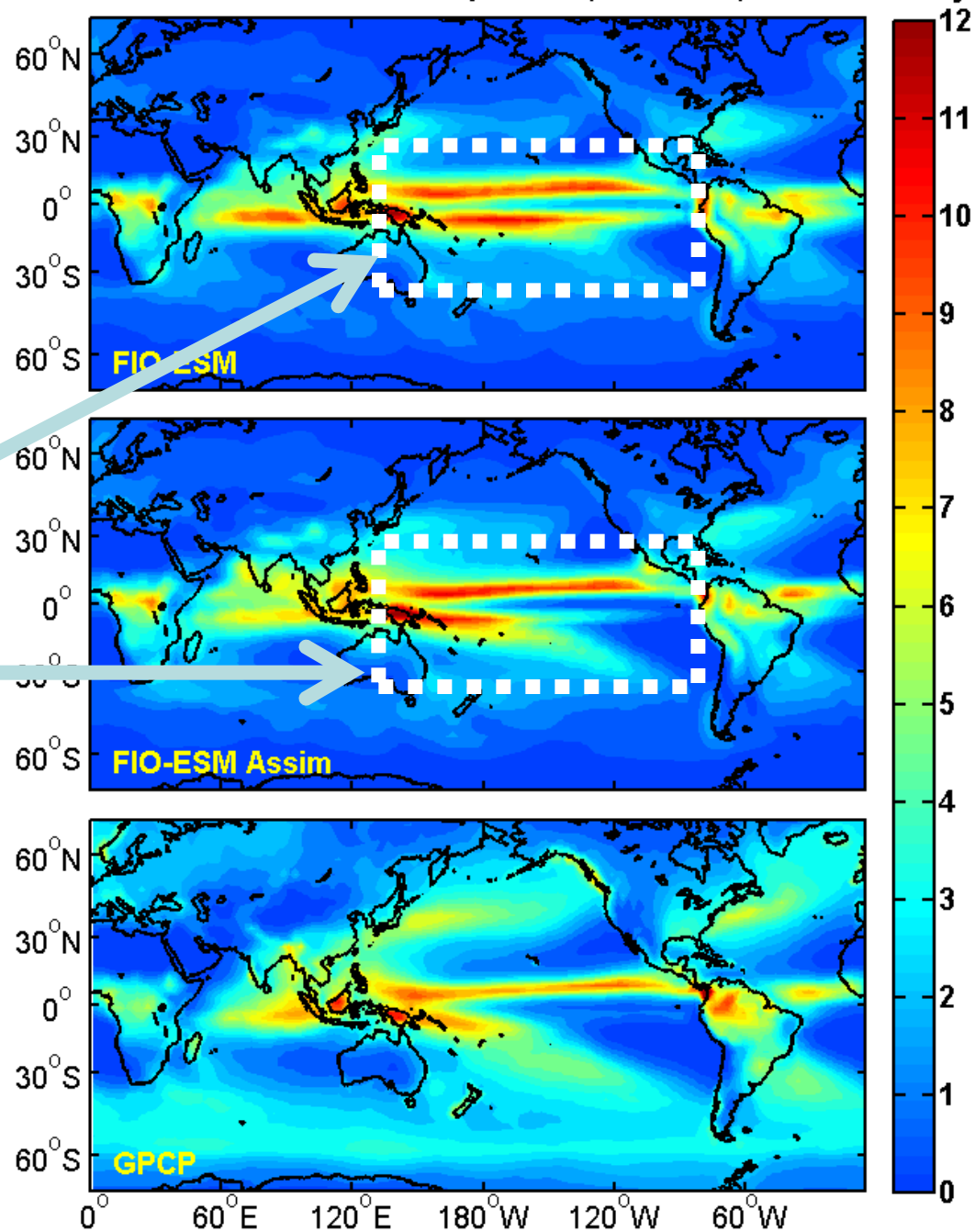
# DA of FIO-ESM (1992-2014)





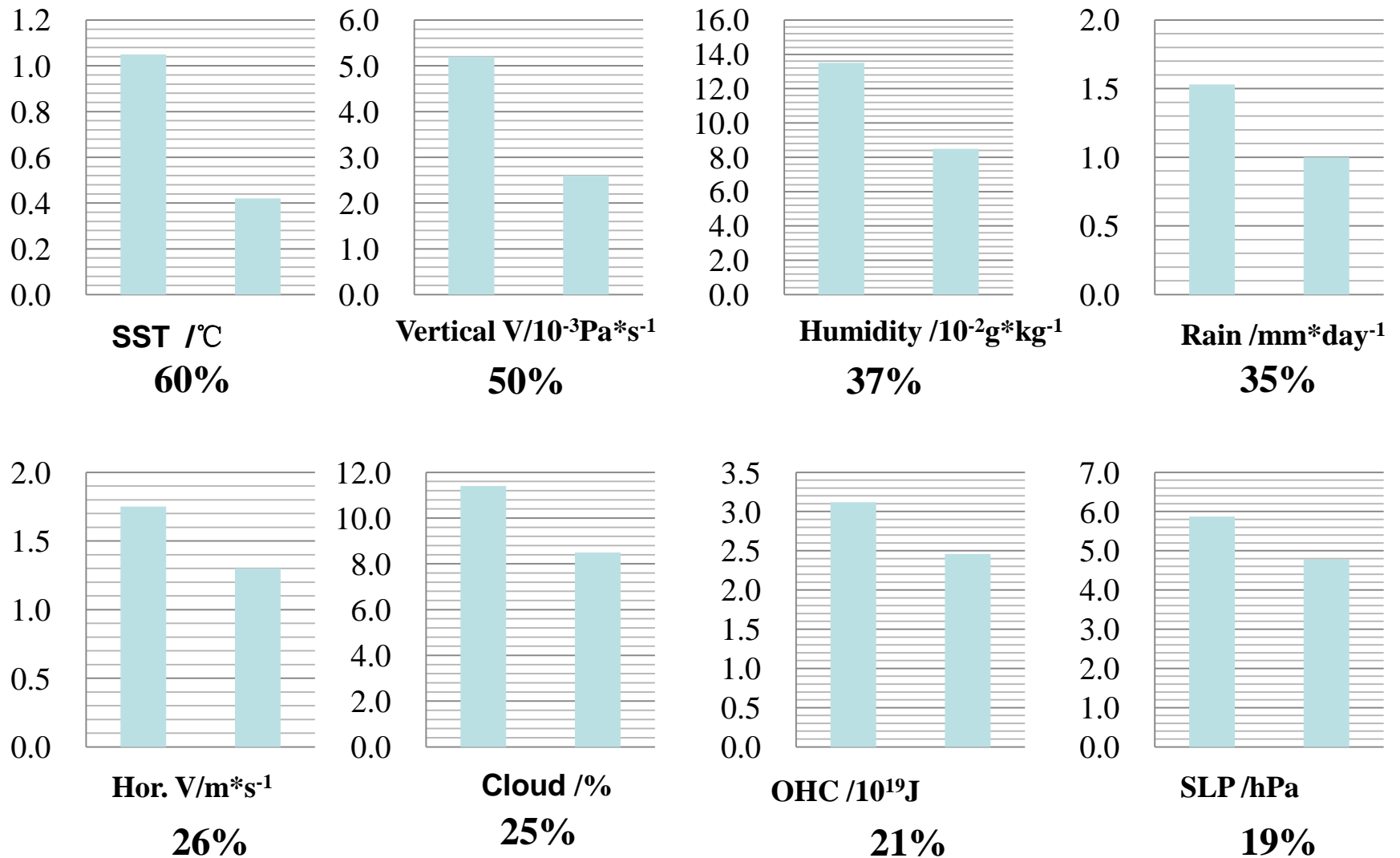
Annual Mean Precipitation (1992-2013)

mm/day





# RMS errors with and without DA







United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



IOC Sub-Commission for the  
Western Pacific  
(WESTPAC)

## (3) IPOVAI 2015-2020



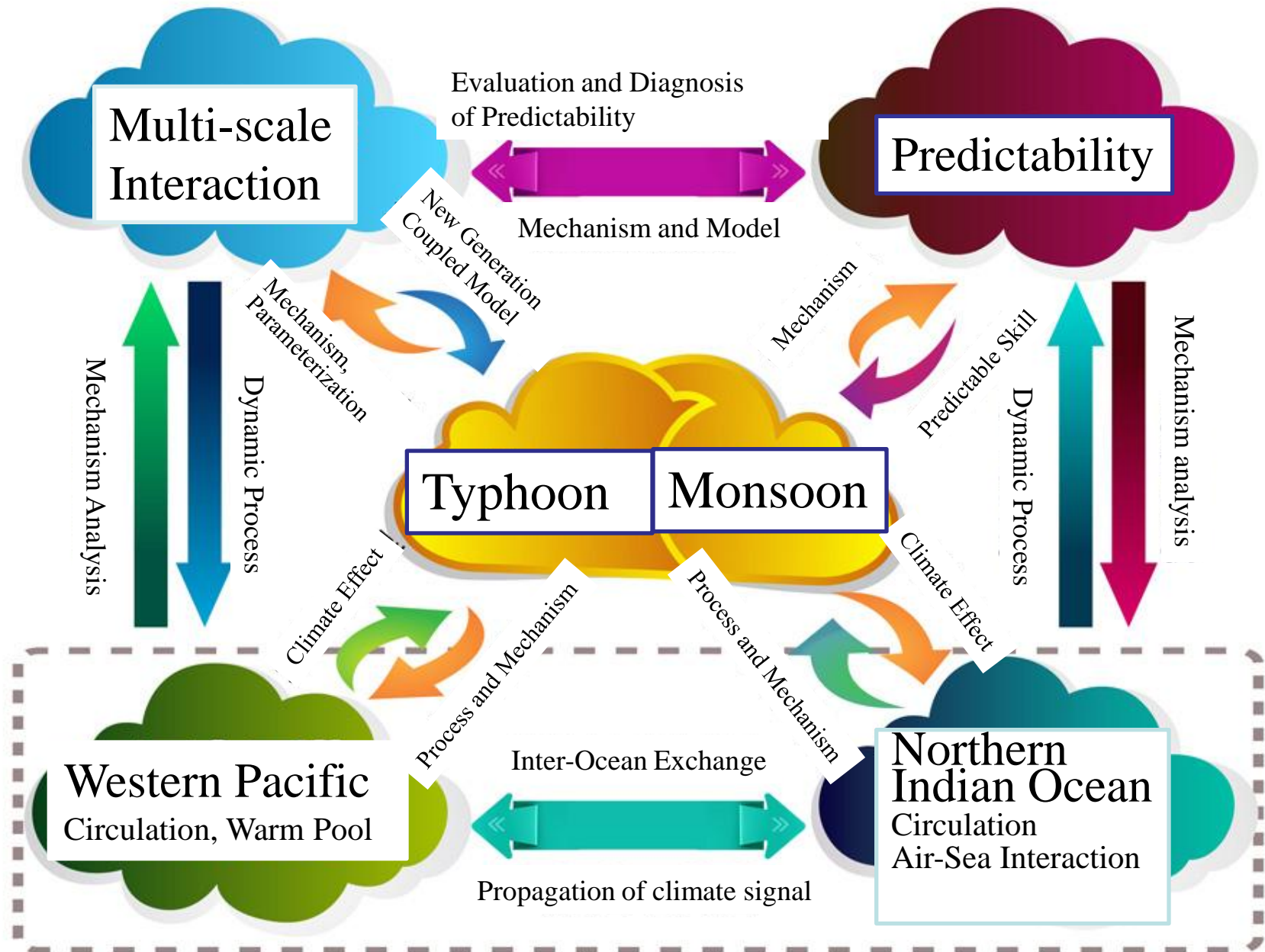
# Indo-Pacific Ocean Environment Variation and Air-sea Interaction IPOVAI Project Proposal

**Dr. Prof. Fangli Qiao**

**First Institute of Oceanography, SOA, China**

**11-13 May 2015 , Phuket, Thailand**







## 4. Summary

- ❑ We have identified the key role of surface wave in ocean and climate models, and coupled models with surface wave have been successfully developed. We would like to share the knowledge;
- ❑ No one nation can afford ocean observations. We need joint efforts, “**Indo-Pacific Ocean Environment Variation and Air-sea Interaction**” (IPOVAI) is open and welcome participants.



A photograph of a sailboat on the ocean during the 'golden hour' of sunset or sunrise. The large, light-colored sail is fully deployed and catches the low sun, creating a warm, golden glow. A person is visible on the deck, silhouetted against the bright light. The water is dark with white foam from the boat's wake. A semi-transparent dark red banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text 'Thanks for your attention' in white.

**Thanks for your attention**