

# Regional Ocean Data Assimilation using DART-ROMS

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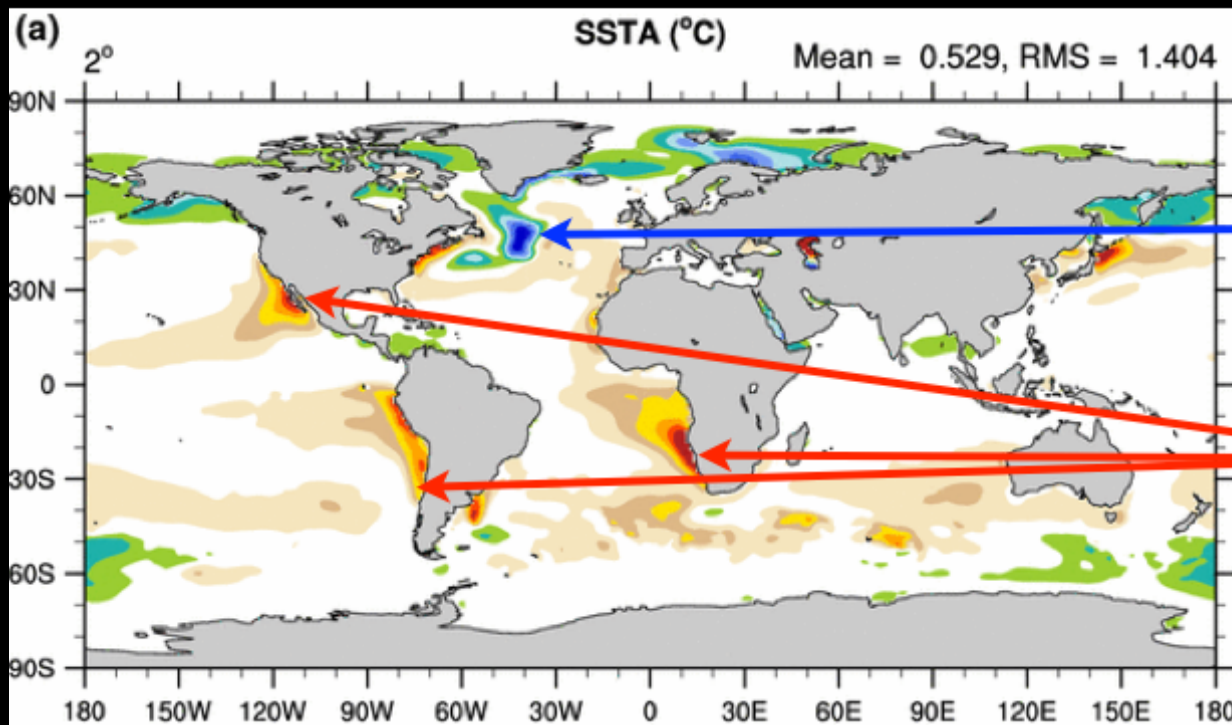
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# Outline

- Motivation
- ROMS implementation in the NW Atlantic (NWA)
- ROMS-DART development
- ROMS-DART in NWA
- Summary and future work

# Why regional models?

## Climate model biases (SST)



Too cold

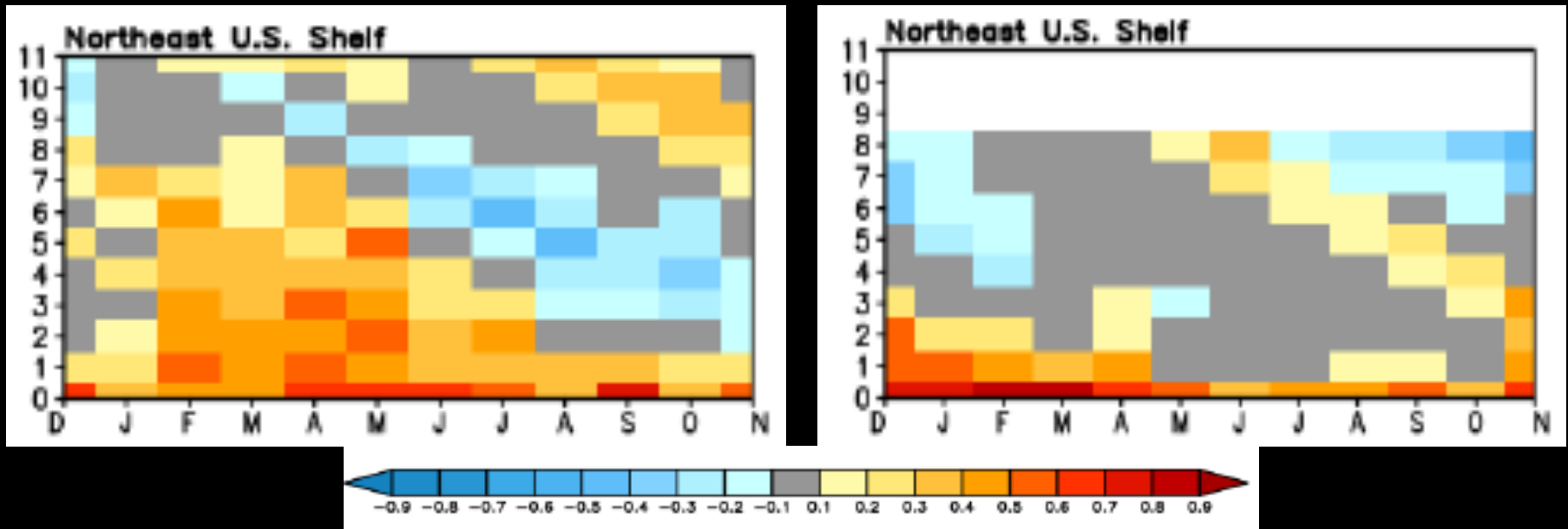
Too warm

# Why Regional Ocean DA?

- Predictability in coastal systems
- Ocean (high-resolution) reanalysis
- Can it help us understand missing dynamics?



# Predictability?



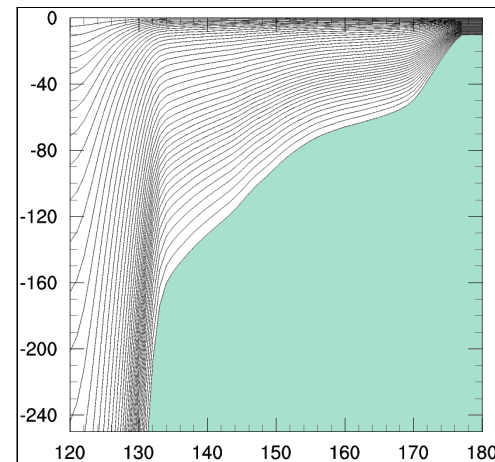
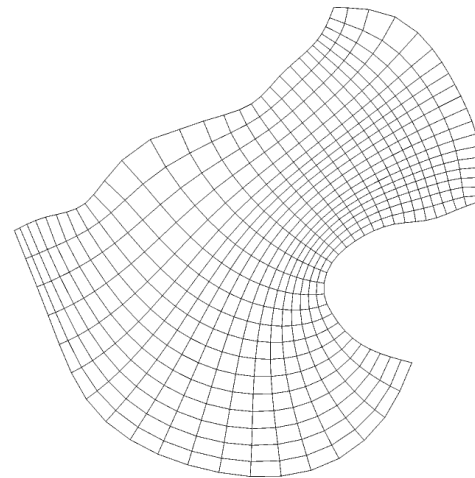
Anomaly correlation coefficient between the predicted and observed SST anomalies for the Northeast U.S. Large Marine Ecosystem from GFDL's CM2.1 Seasonal Forecast system (Delworth et al. 2006) and NCEP's CFSv2 (Saha et al. 2014) seasonal forecast system. The x-axis corresponds to the start month of each forecast, the y-axis corresponds to the lead-time in months (figure courtesy of K. Pegion, Stock et al., in review). Note that correlations are  $< 0.4$  for nearly all starts and leads

# Our Ocean Model

## ROMS

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- Hydrostatic, Boussinesq equations of fluid motion.
- Boundary fitted, orthogonal horizontal coordinates on an Arakawa C-grid.
- Generalized terrain-following vertical coordinate system.
- High-order advection scheme, continuous monotonic reconstruction of vertical gradients.

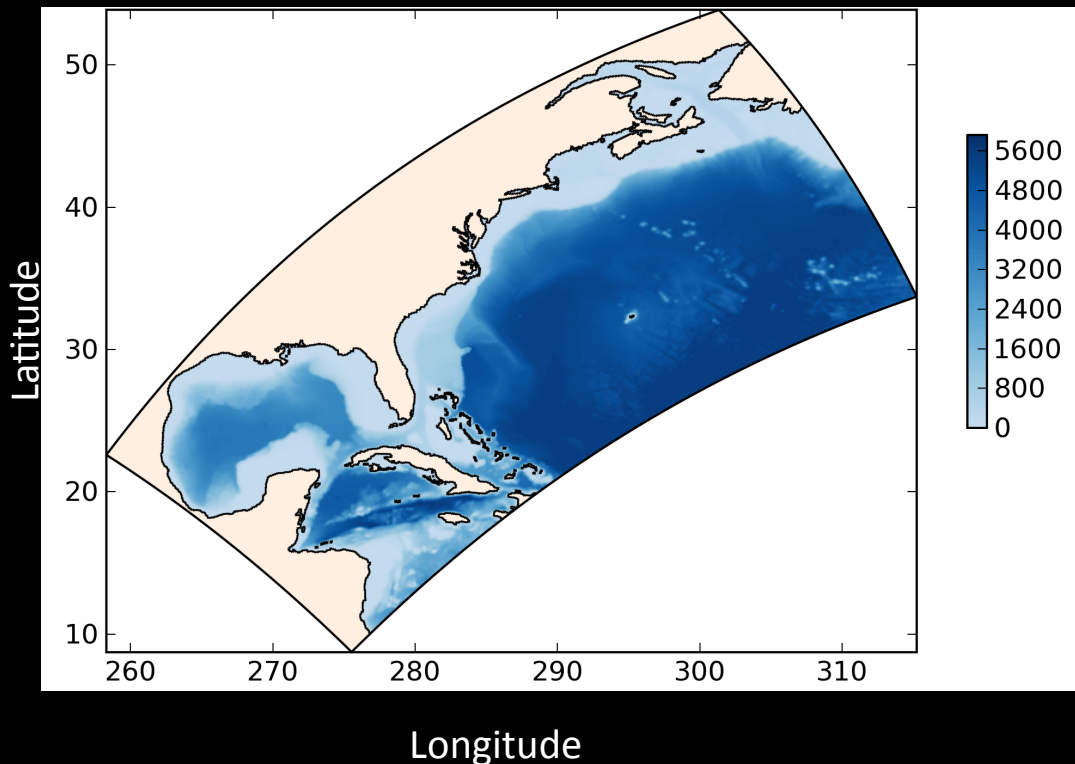


# ROMS: Other Features

- Non-linear free surface
- Bulk Fluxes
- Open boundary conditions
- Vertical mixing: KPP, GLS.
- Sea Ice and ice-shelves
- Bio-geochemistry: COBALT, Fasham, NEMURO and more
- Upper trophic level models (fish, fleets)
- Lagrangian particle tracking
- Tides
- Sediment transport

# ROMS in the NW Atlantic

- **Domain & Bathymetry**



- **Grid**

- horizontal:  $\sim 7$  km
- vertical: 40 s-levels

- **Forcing**

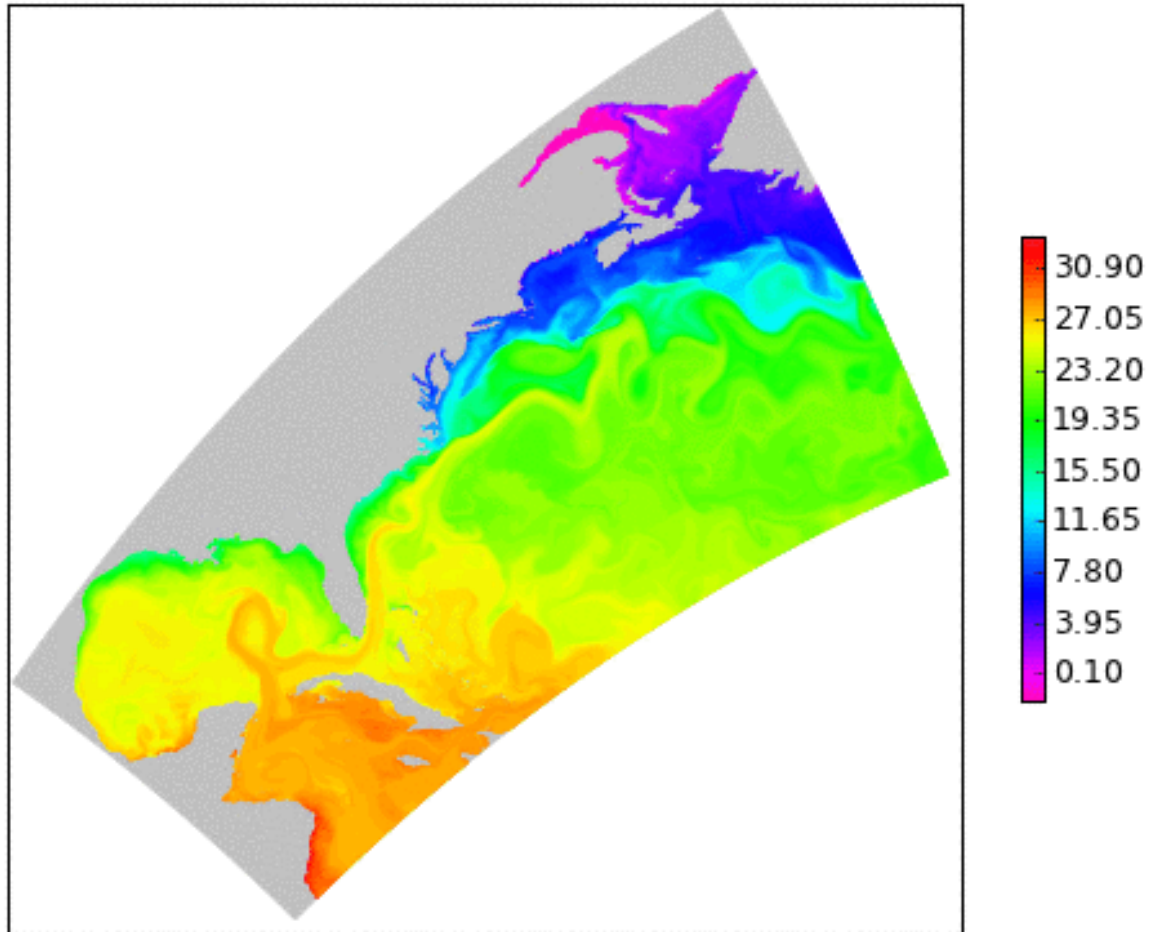
- BC, IC: SODA 2.0.1 or HYCOMM
- Surface : CORE-II or MERRA
- Runoff: Dai & Trenberth
- Tides: TPXO

- **Simulations**

- 50-year hindcast (1958 – 2007)
  - 2011 for DART-ROMS (for now)

# ROMS: Simulated SST

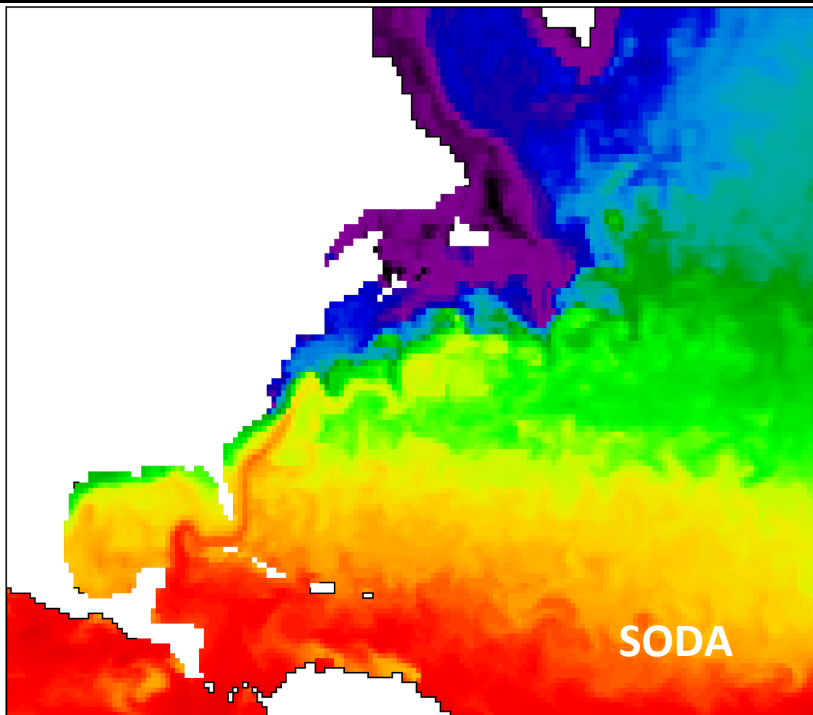
Sea Surface Temperature 01/01/1960



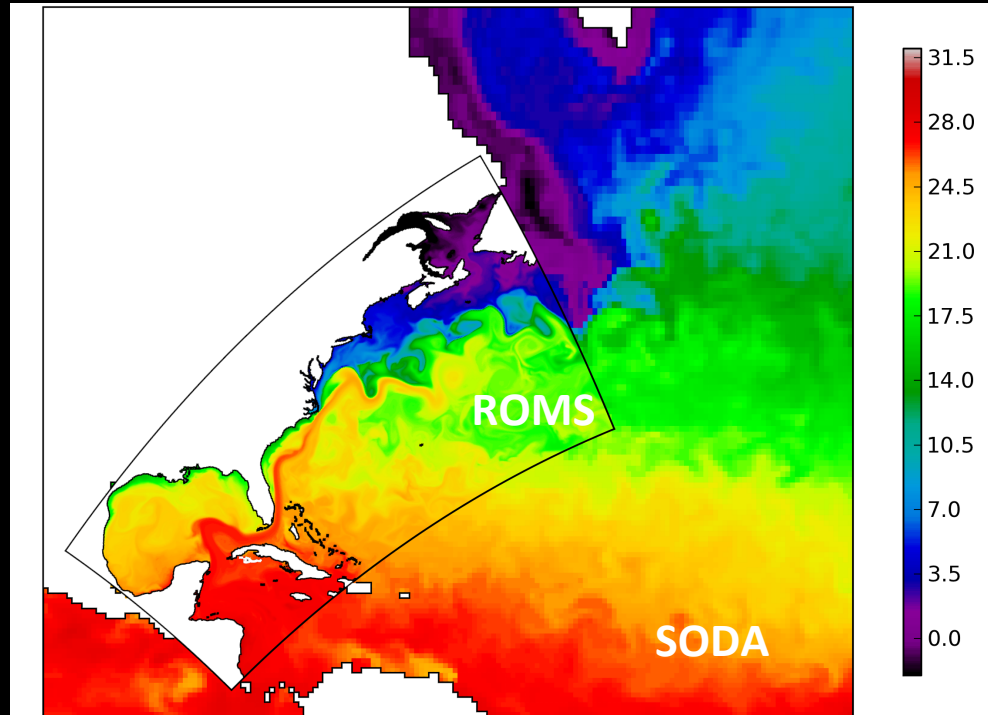
Kang and Curchitser (2013, 2015)

# Regional Models: Boundary Conditions

- 5-Day Mean Sea Surface Temperature



SODA: 0.5 degree

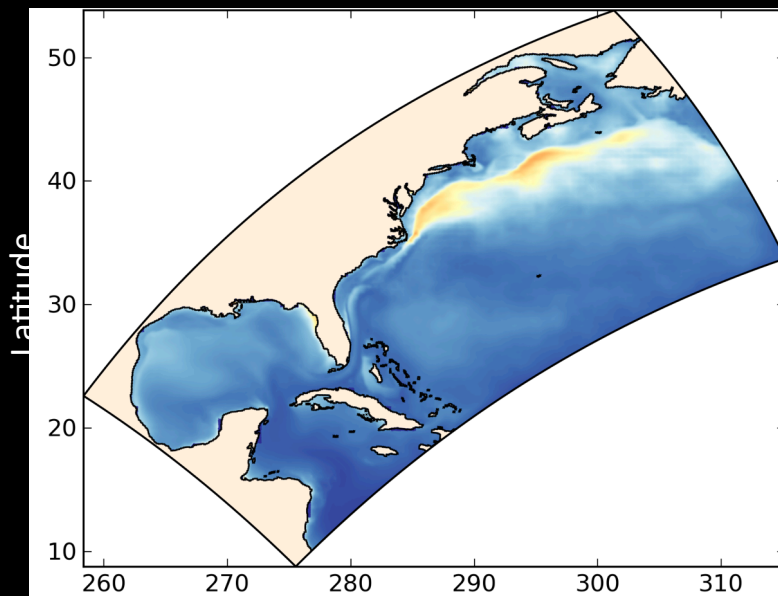


ROMS: 7 km

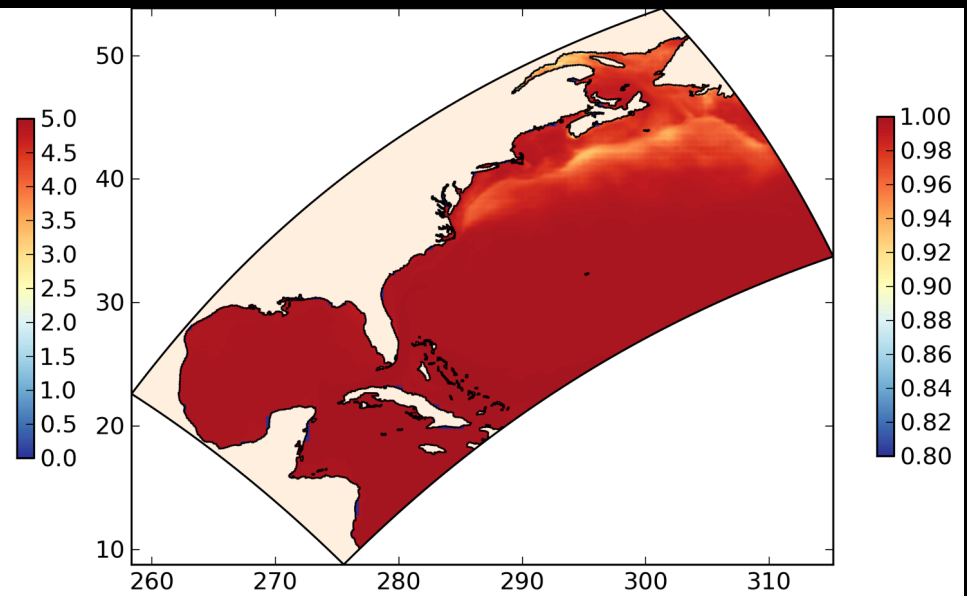
# Model Evaluation

- Compare SST between ROMS and SODA for 1958–2007

## RMS

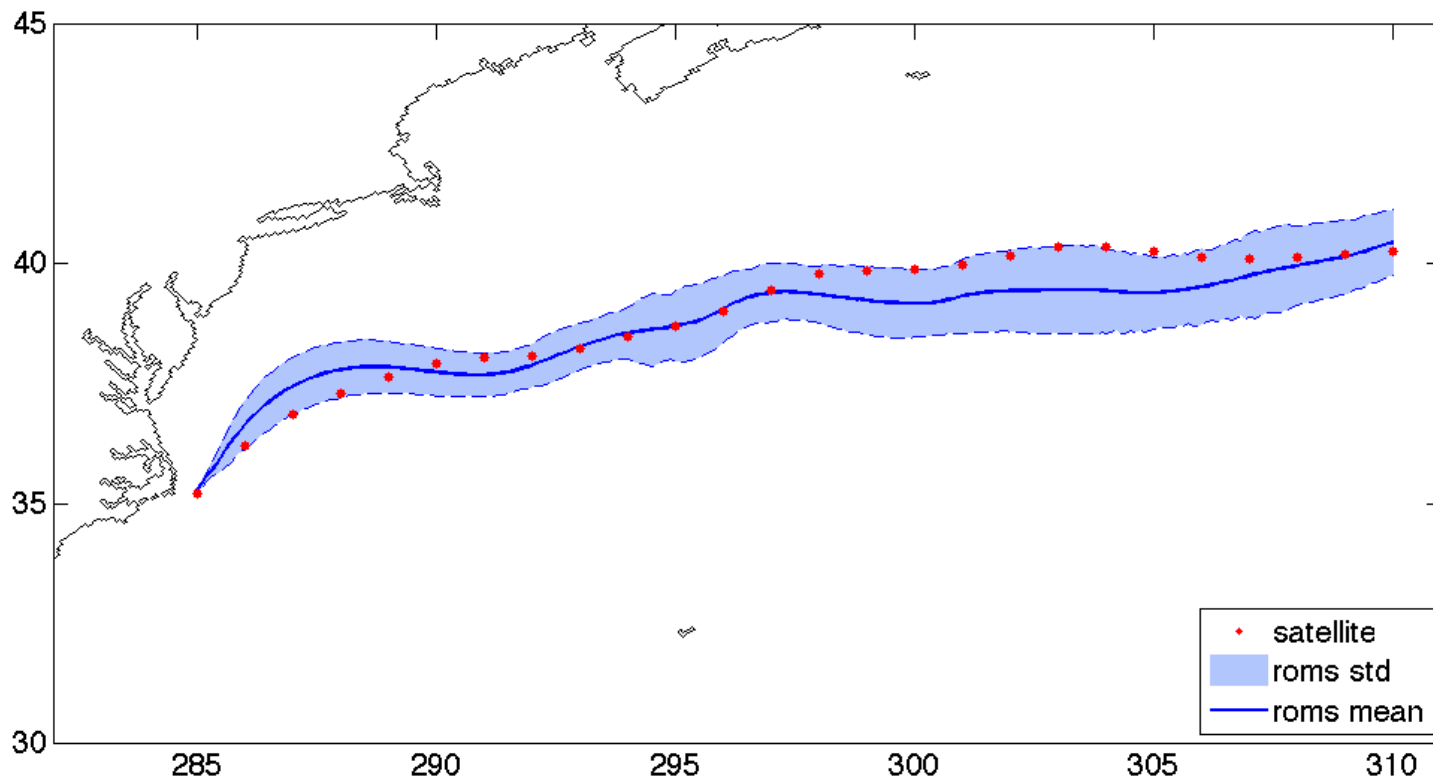


## Correlation Coefficient



# Model Evaluation

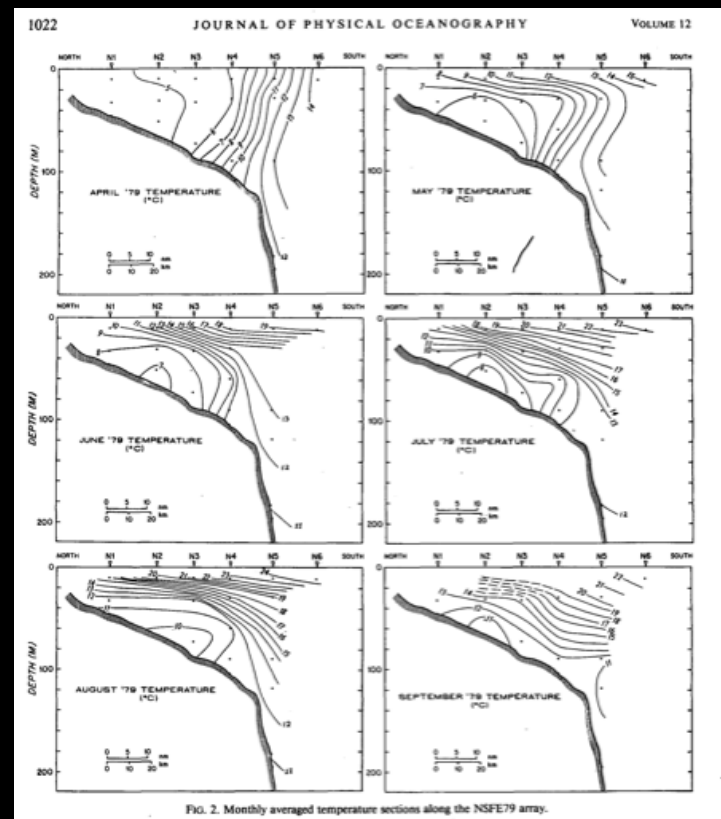
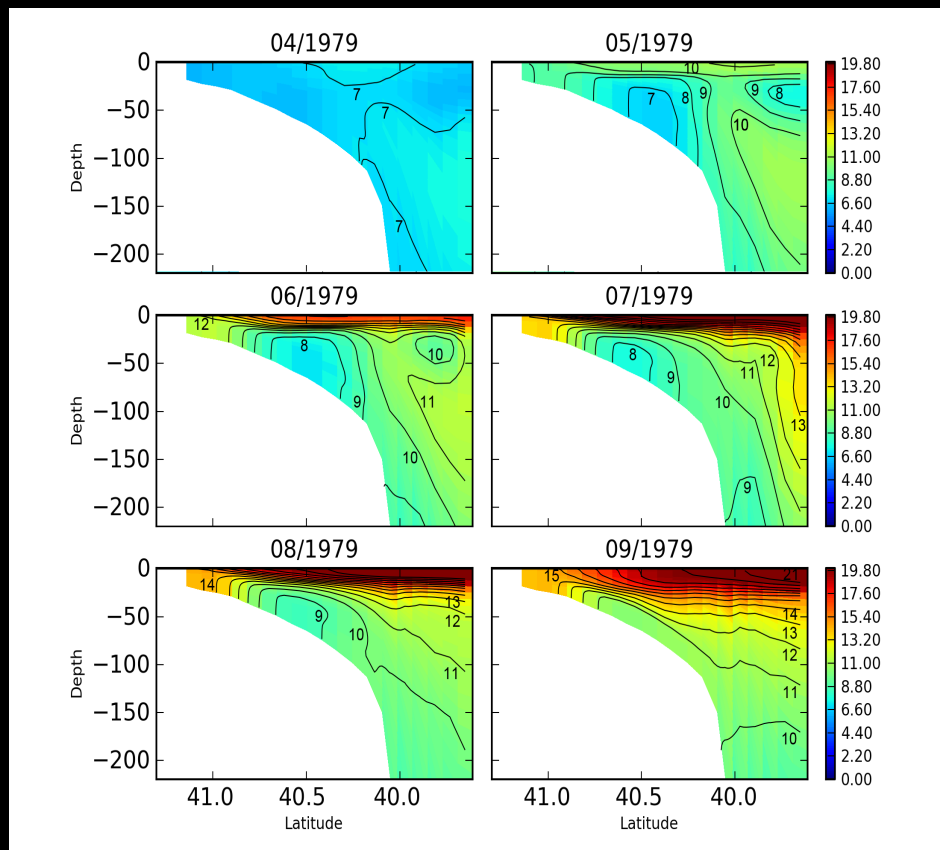
- Compare Gulf Stream path with satellite observation





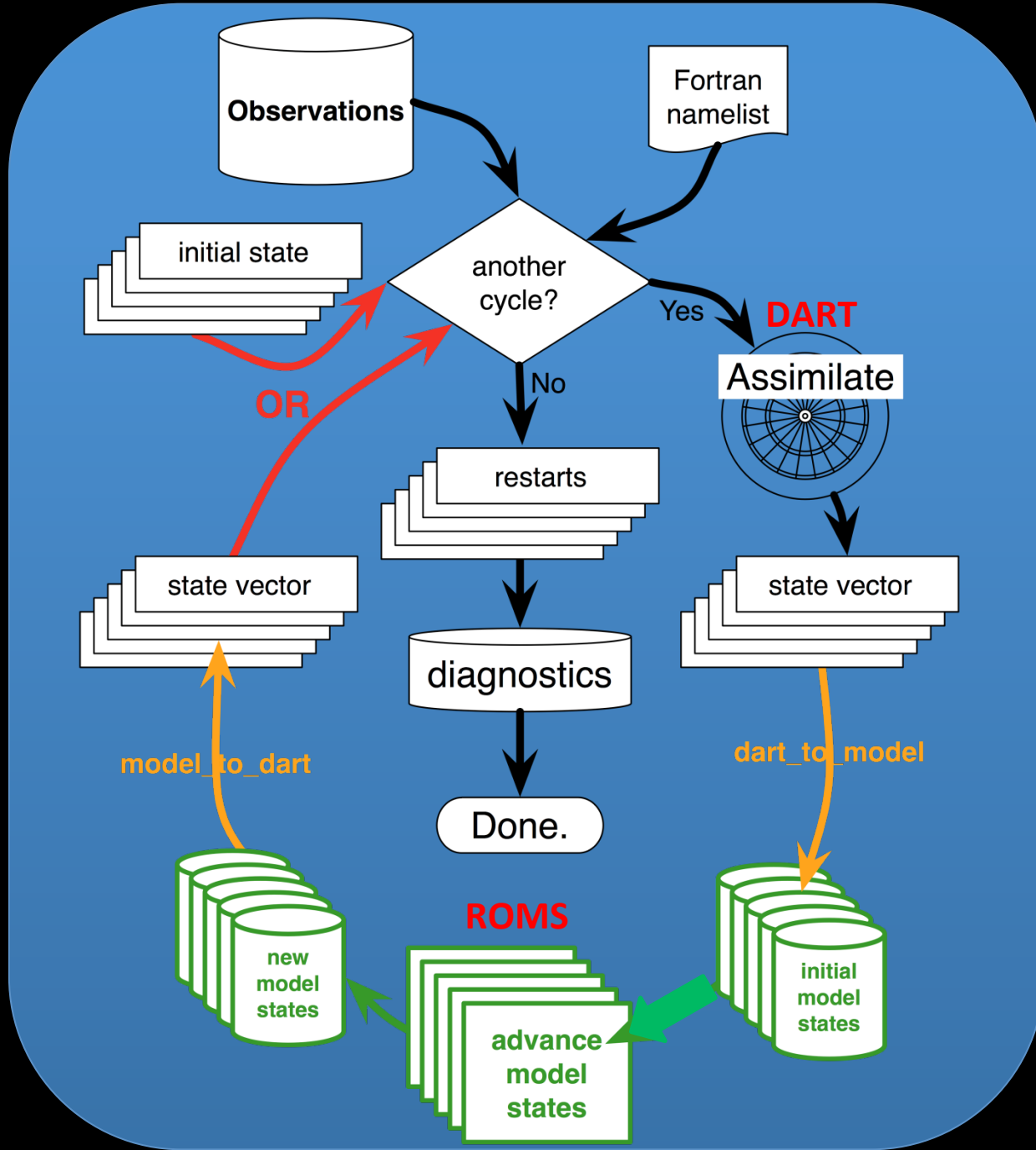
# Model Evaluation

- Comparison with Houghton et al. (1982) Fig 2



# Ensemble data assimilation with DART-ROMS

Example: 5 members



# Ensemble data assimilation with DART-ROMS

## A. ROMS/DART Coupling:

- models communicate via: `roms_to_dart.f90`, `dart_to_roms.f90`
- compile and link DART routines

## B. ROMS:

- 30 initial states (30 ensemble members)
- daily boundary data from global HYCOM
- atmospheric forcing: MERRA 3 hourly data with perturbations

## C. Observations for 2011:

- daily SST from NOAA OI SST
- Temperature and Salinity profiles  
from GTSPP (Argo floats, CTD, XBT, mooring)

## &assim\_tools\_nml

filter\_kind = 2 ensemble Kalman filter

cutoff = 0.02 (half-width) radian, 1

radian=6366km

= 127 km in horizontal

= 200 m in vertical

## &cov\_cutoff\_nml

select\_localization = 1 Gaspari-Cohn function

## &location\_nml

vert\_normalization\_height = 10000.0,

## &model\_nml

NX = 722, !xi grid size at rho points

NY = 362, !eta grid size at rho points

NZ = 40,

hc = 250.0,

vert\_localization\_coord = 3 !3= height (in meters)

## &filter\_nml

ens\_size = 30

inf\_flavor = 2 time and space adaptive **inflation**

inf\_initial = 1.01

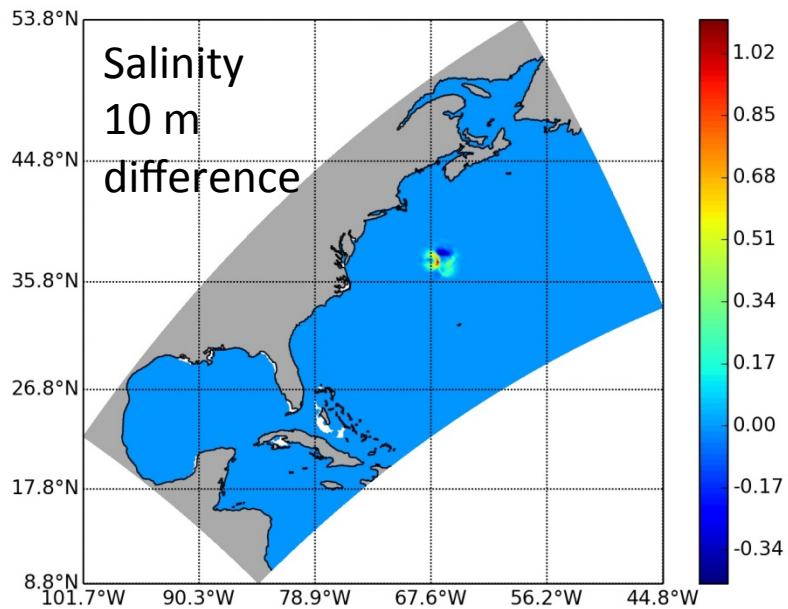
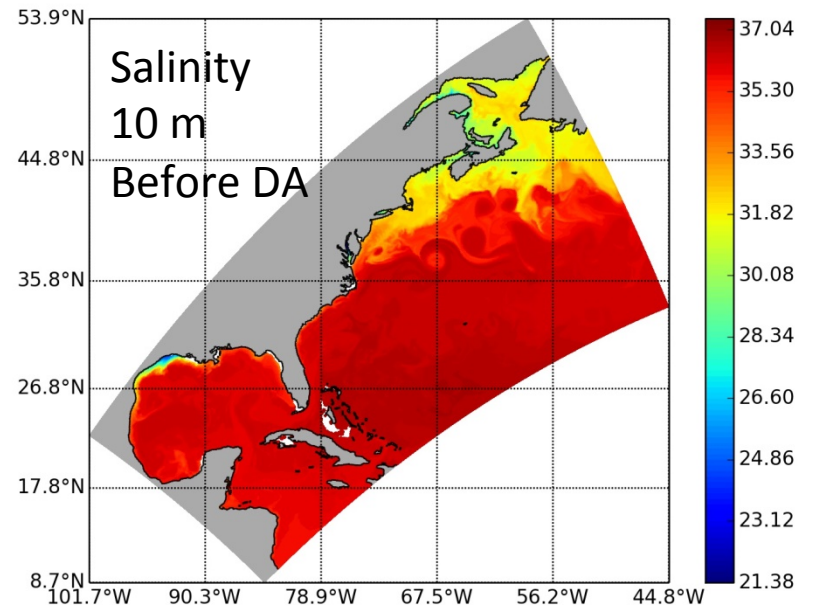
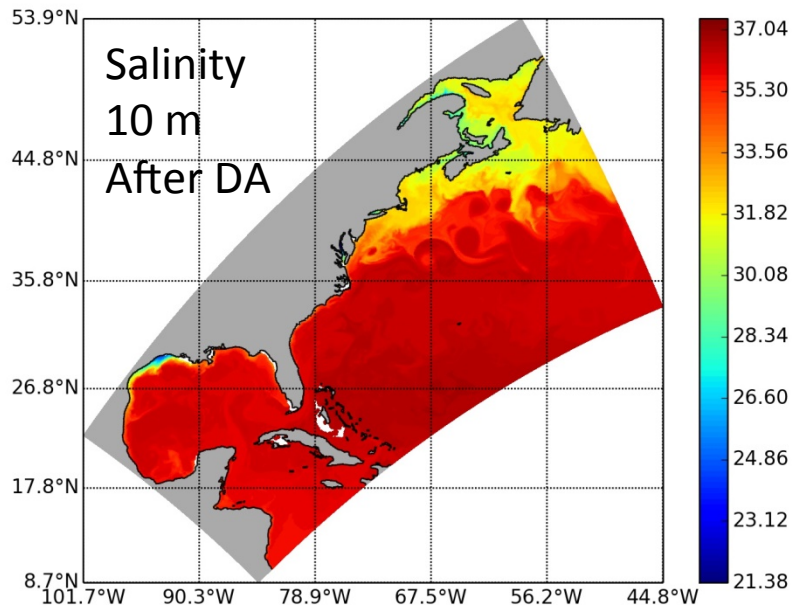
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inf\_damping = 0.9

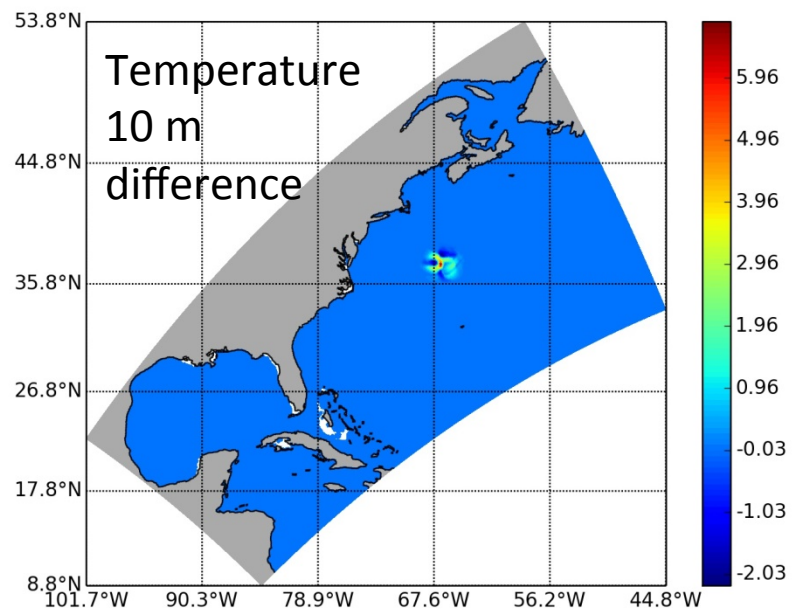
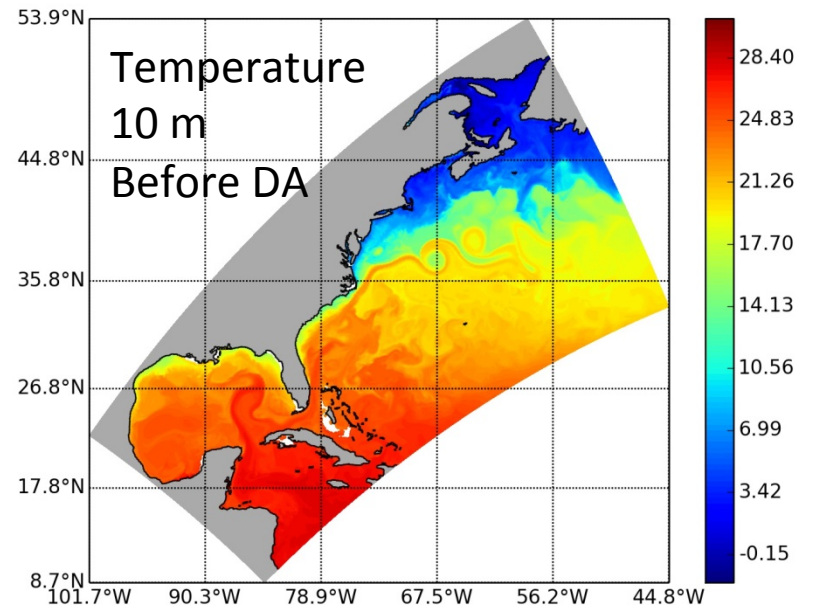
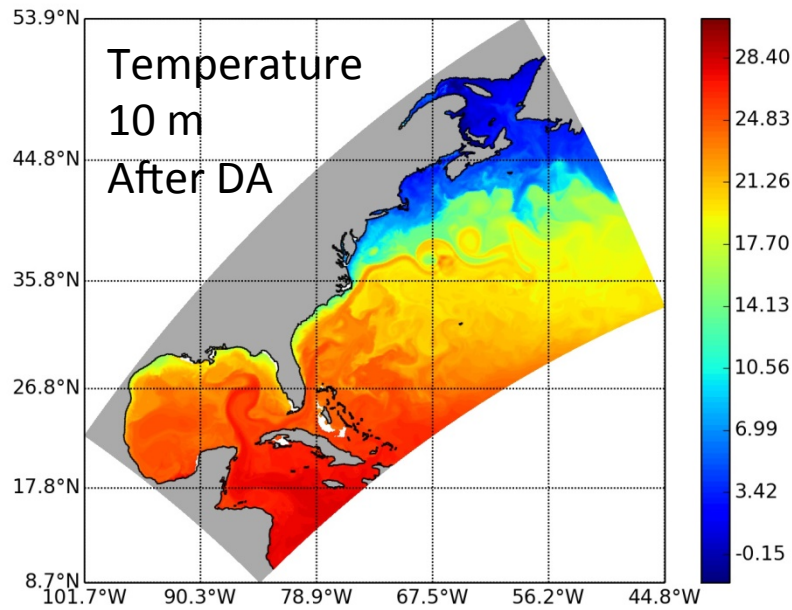
inf\_lower\_bound = 1.00

inf\_upper\_bound = **1.05**

inf\_sd\_lower\_bound = 0.6



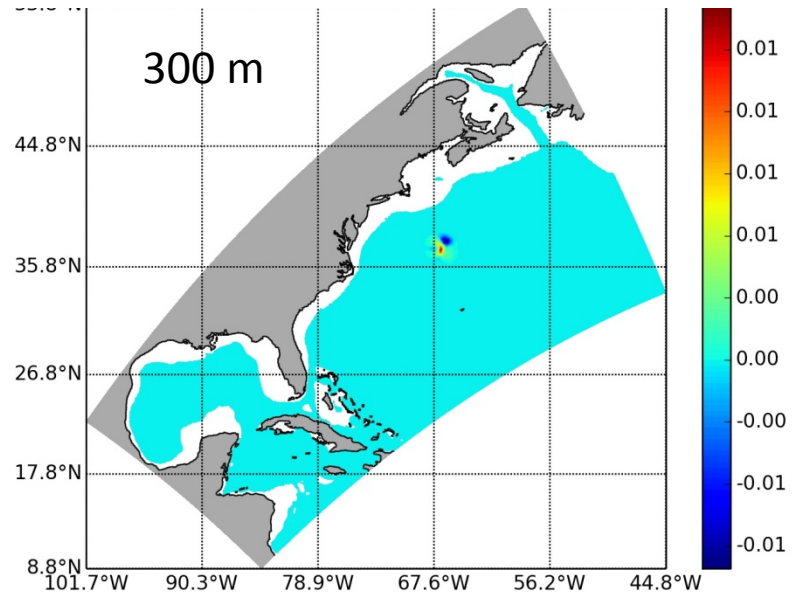
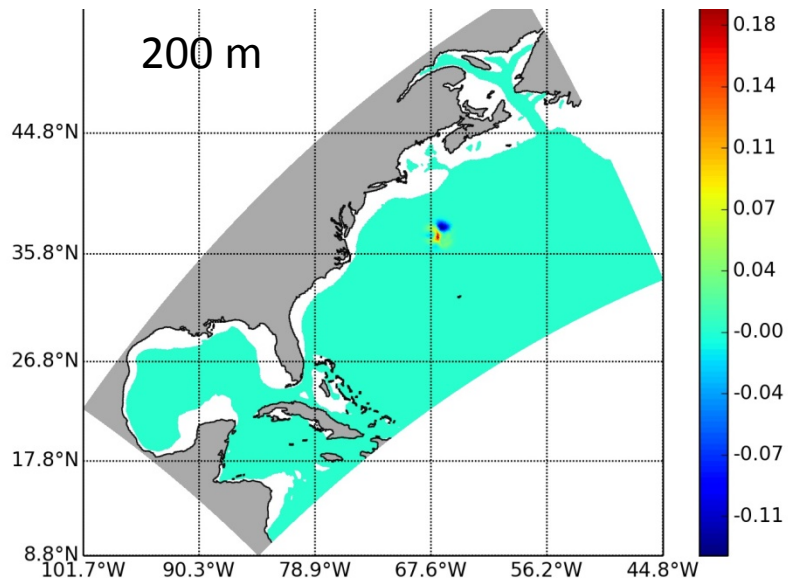
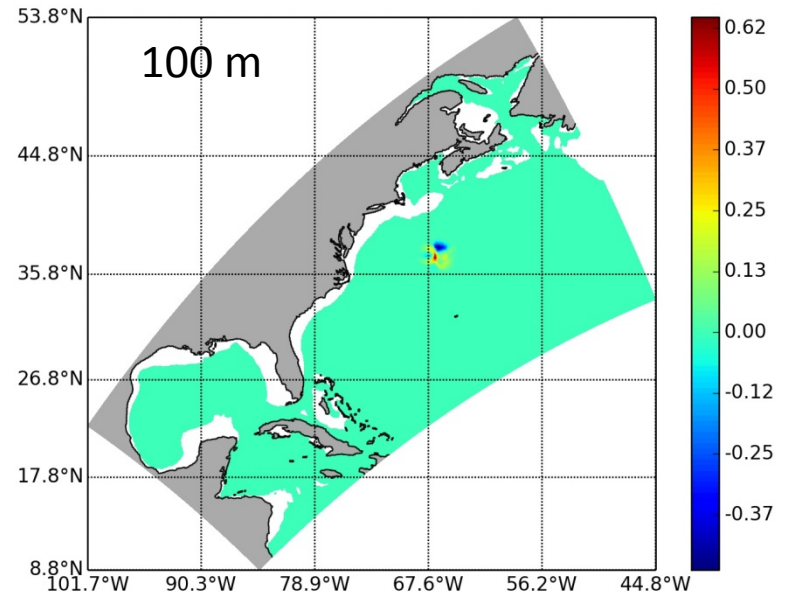
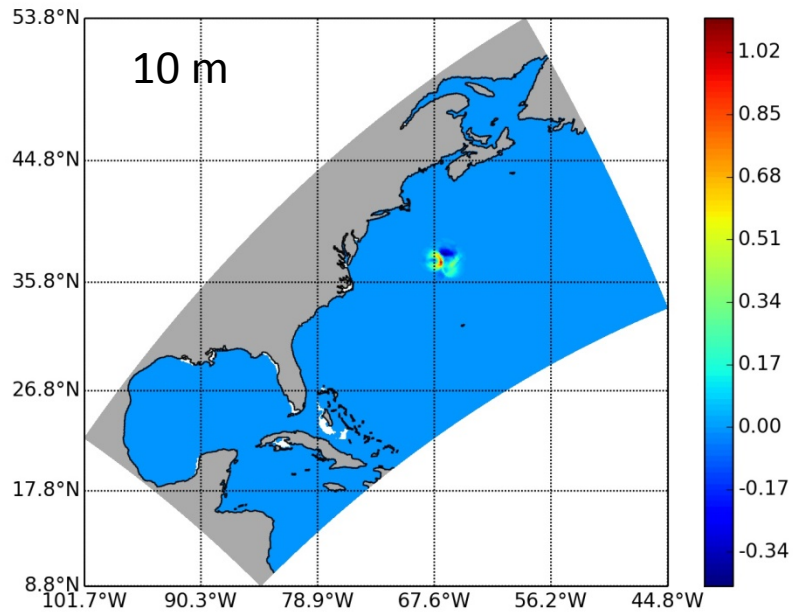
Effect of assimilating a single salinity data point at 5 m depth on salinity



Effect on temperature

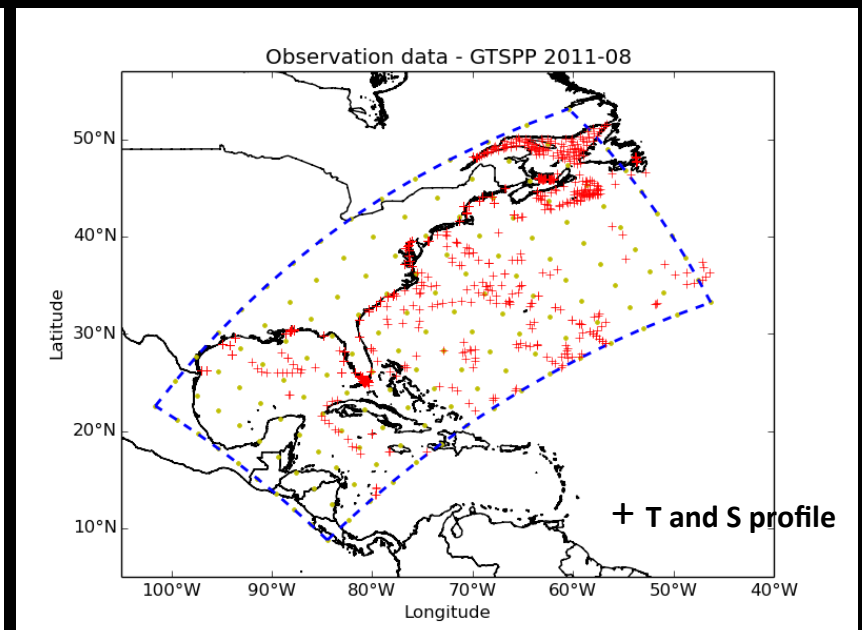
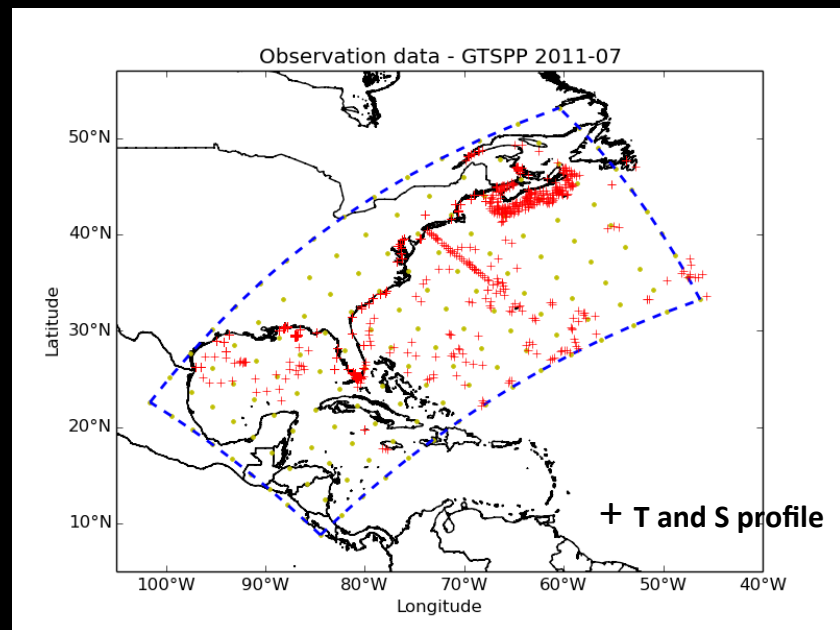
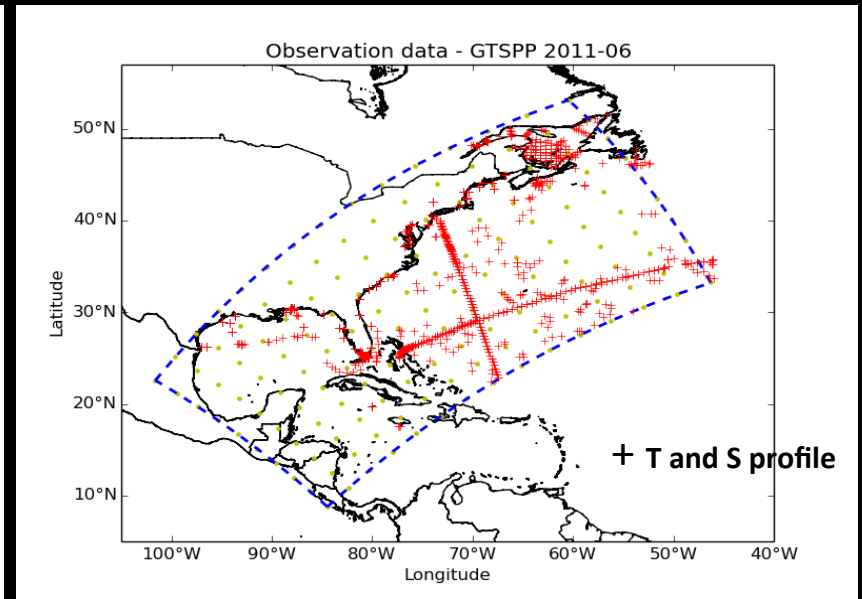
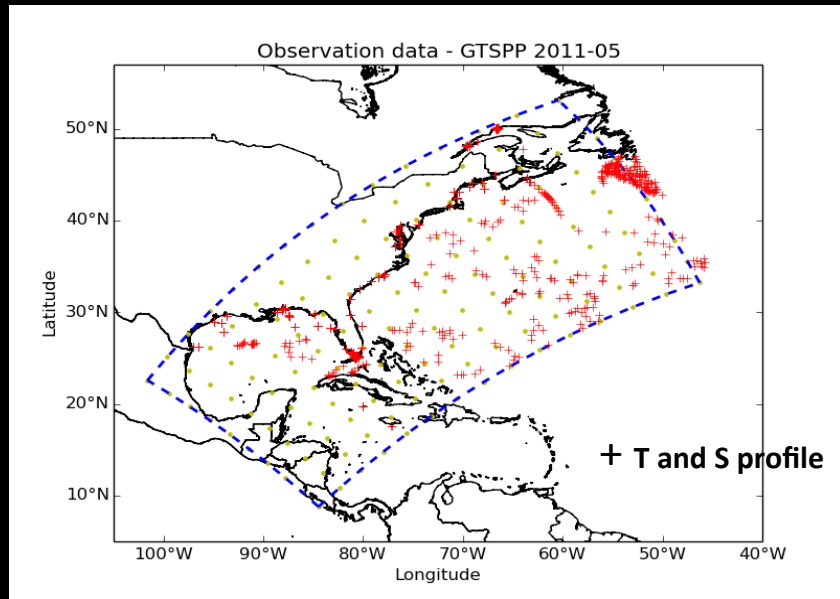


# Adjustment with depth



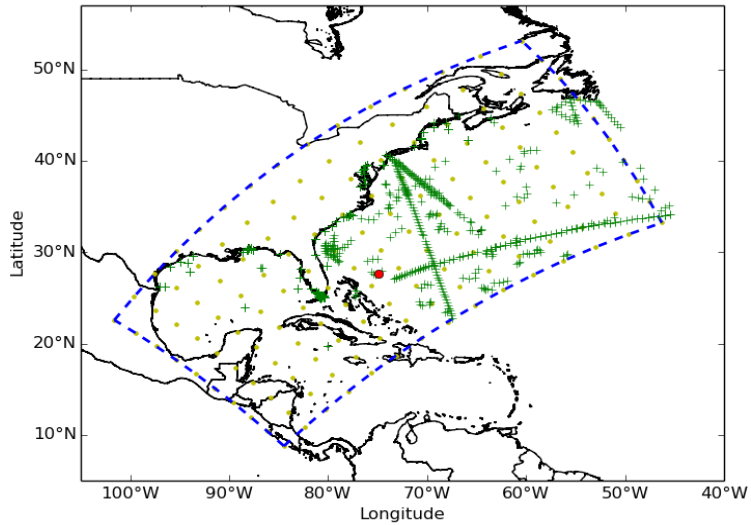


# GTSPPP Profiles

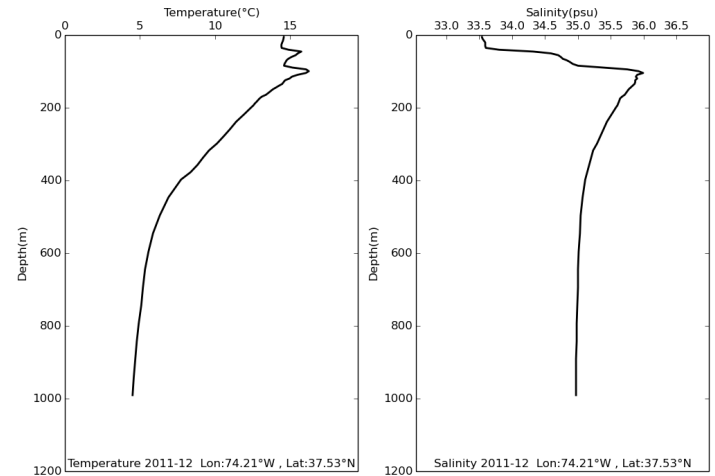
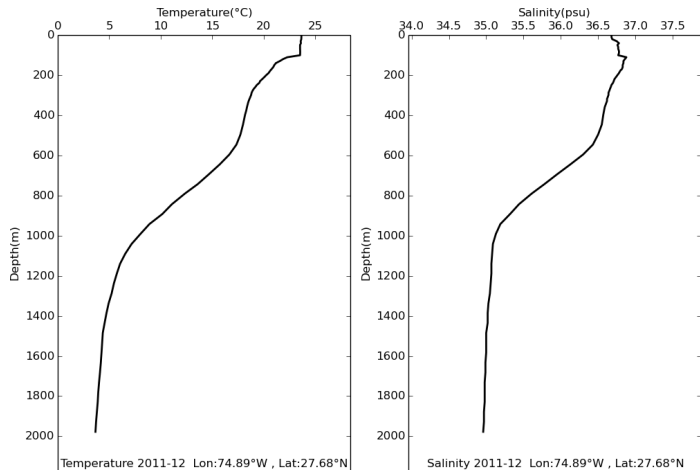
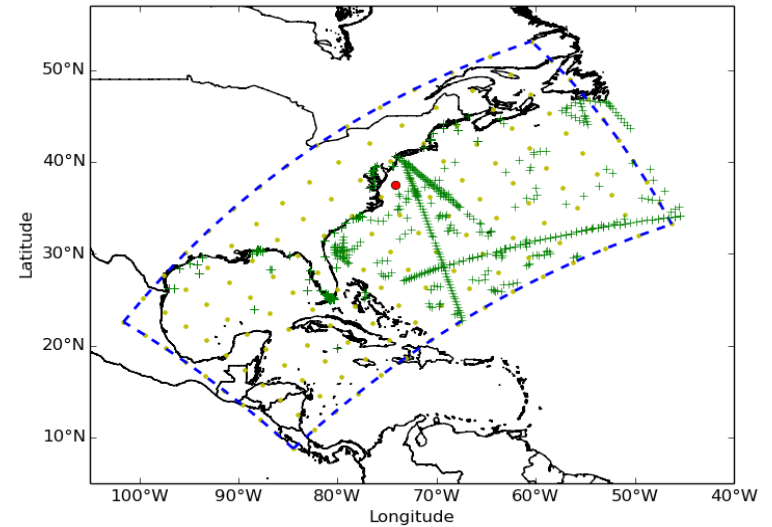


# Sample GTSPP Profiles

Observation data - GTSPP 2011-12



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# Chronology of a simulation

30 different initial condition  
@ Jan 1, 2011



run ROMS for 1 day  
with pert. atm. forcing



30 members  
@ Jan 2

DART assimilate  
SST, T, and S

run ROMS for 1 day  
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30 members  
@ Jan 3

DART assimilate  
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run ROMS for 1 day  
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30 members  
@ Jan 4

DART assimilate  
SST, T, and S



run ROMS for 1 day  
with pert. atm. forcing



30 members  
@ Dec 29

DART assimilate  
SST, T, and S

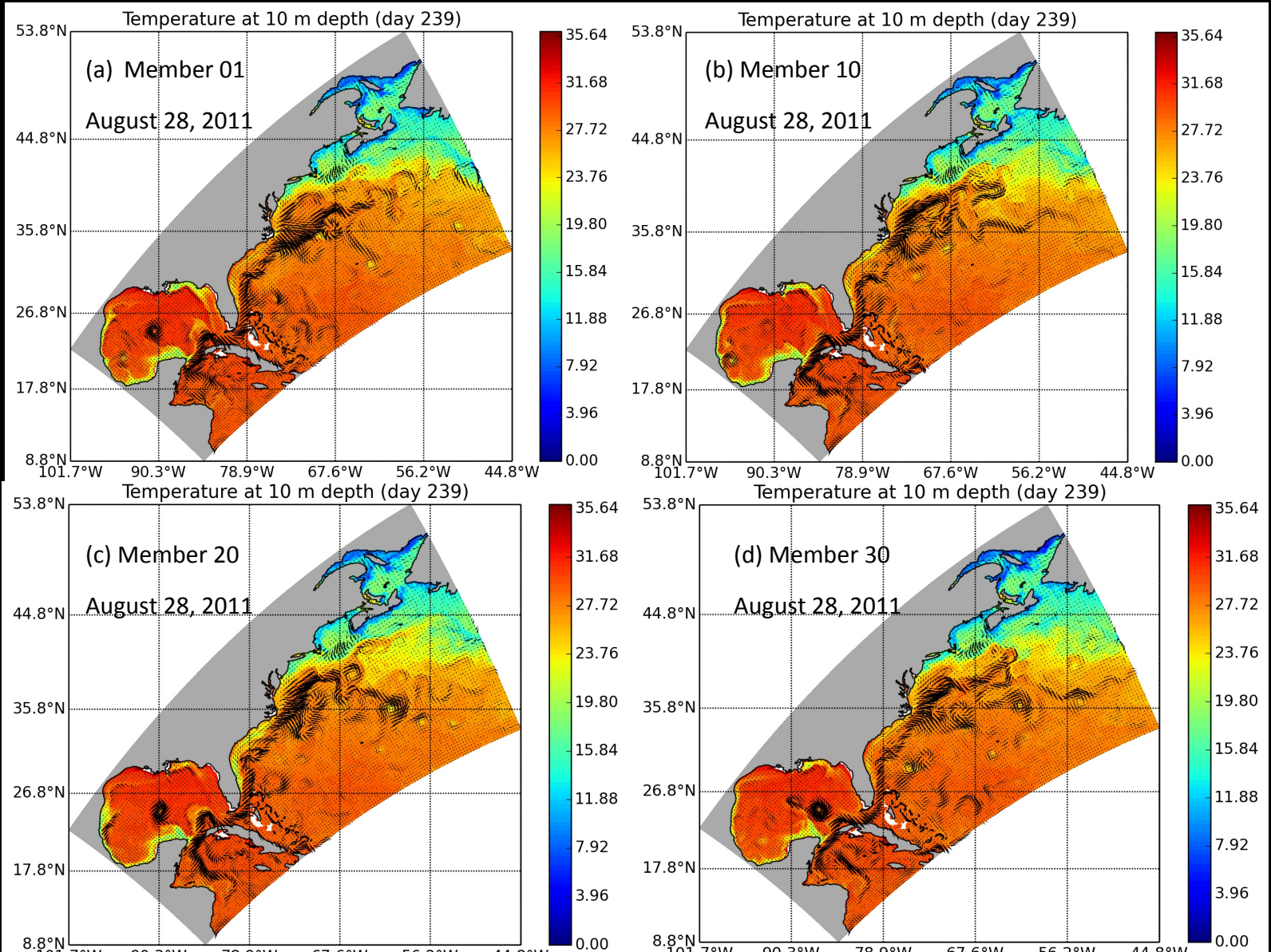
run ROMS for 1 day  
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30 members  
@ Dec 30

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# It runs, but...



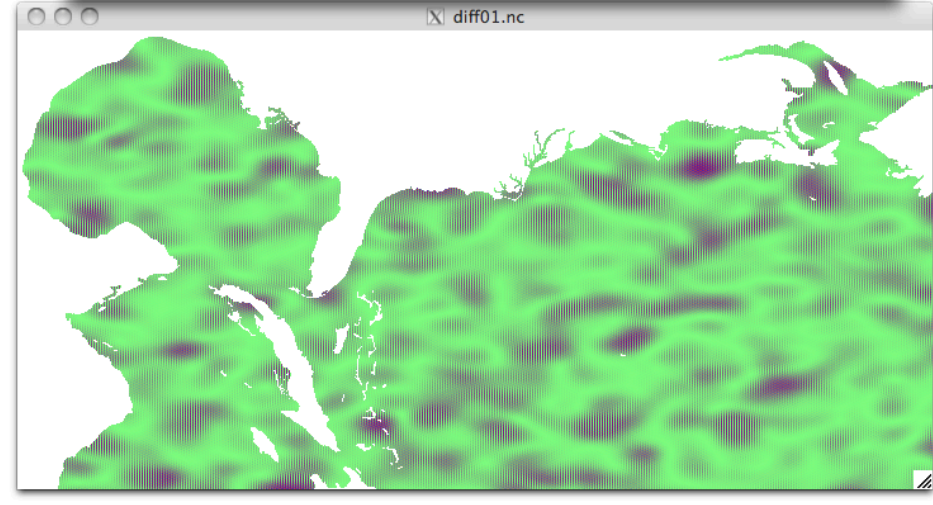
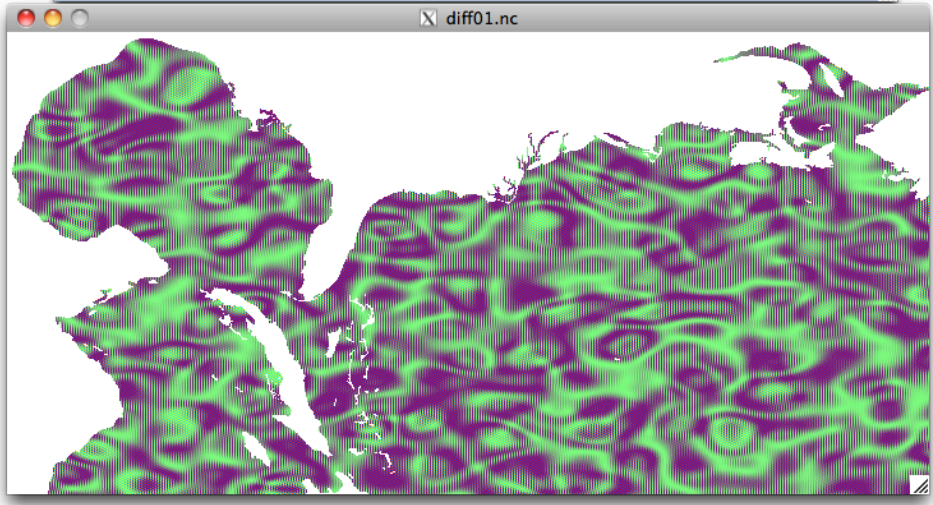
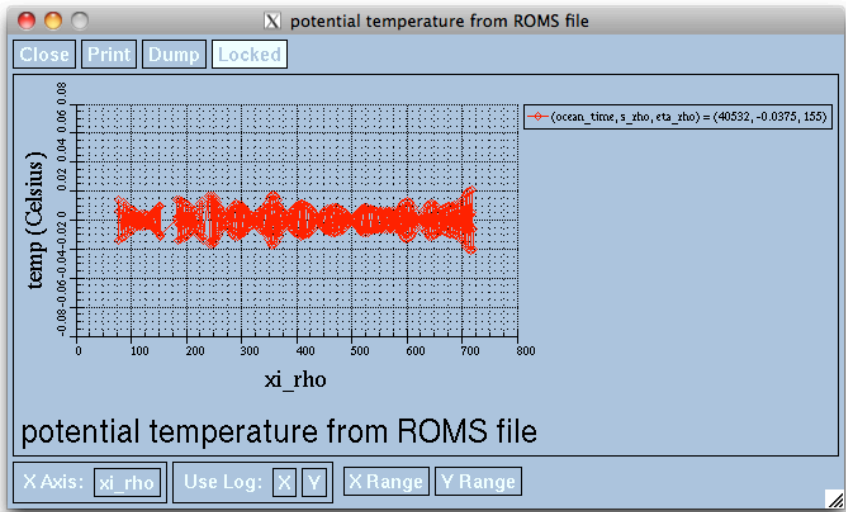
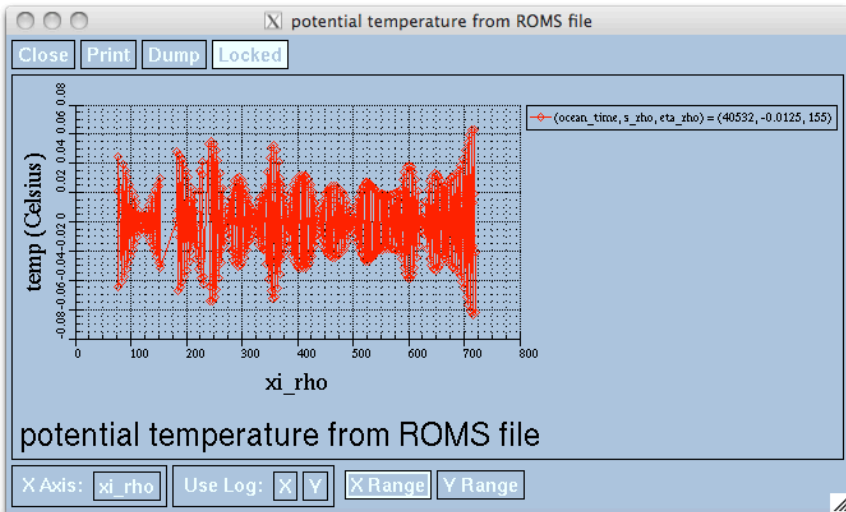
# Iteration #2

- Perturbation of **initial condition**
- Perturbation of **atmospheric forcing** with random noise.
  - It will maintain the ensemble spread and have better background error statistics
- Assimilate **SST data every grid point** (25 km spacing)
  - previous assimilation was done with every 4<sup>th</sup> SST data grid point (100 km spacing)
- Assimilate SST and GTSP profiles from **January to December 2011**
- **Evaluation** of the assimilated product against independent datasets.
  - Calculate ensemble spread, plot multivariate background error covariance



# Perturbation of Initial condition

- Temperature fields in the upper 5 layers were perturbed by adding random fields with 100 km de-correlation length scale and the perturbation fields are vertically correlated.
- Each ensemble member will have slightly different initial condition.

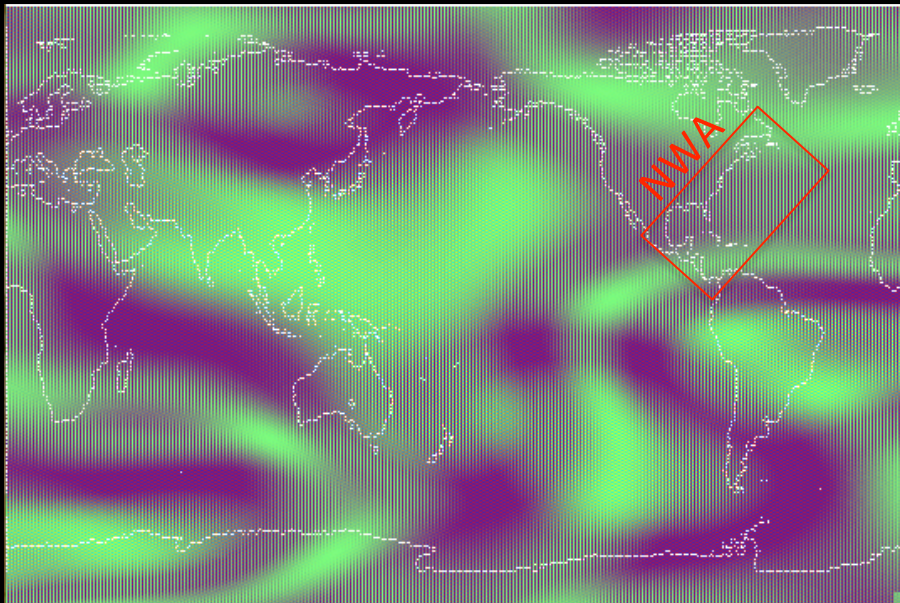




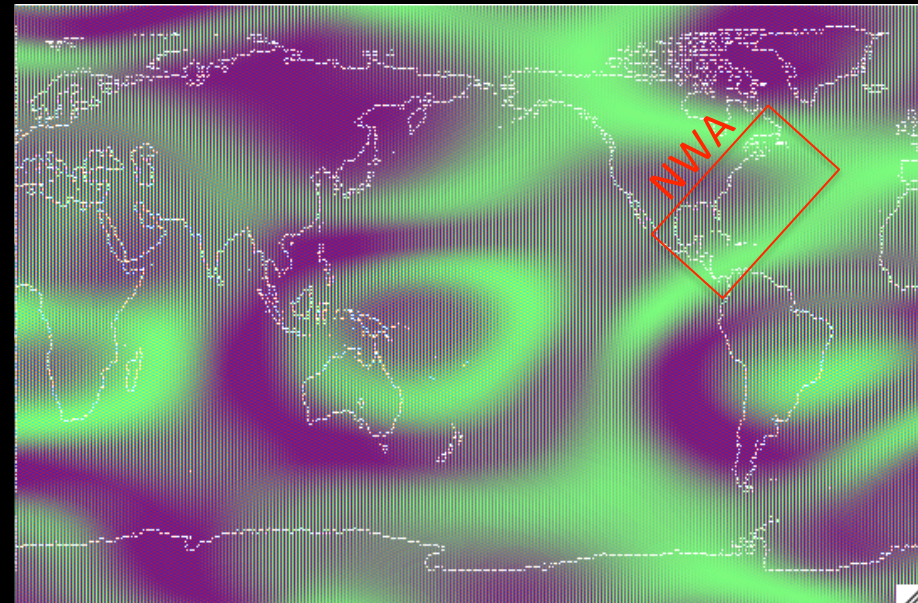
# Perturbation of Atmospheric Forcing

- Atmospheric forcing fields are perturbed by adding random fields with 500 km de-correlation length scale and 5 days de-correlation time scale.
- We perturb U-wind, V-wind, air temperature, and short-wave radiation.
- Each ensemble member will have different atmospheric forcing.

Example of random field (Uwind)



Example of random field (Tair)



# Chronology of a simulation

run ROMS for 10 days (free running)  
with perturbed atmospheric forcing

30 different initial condition  
@ Dec 22, 2010



30 different initial condition  
@ Jan 1, 2011

run ROMS for 1 day  
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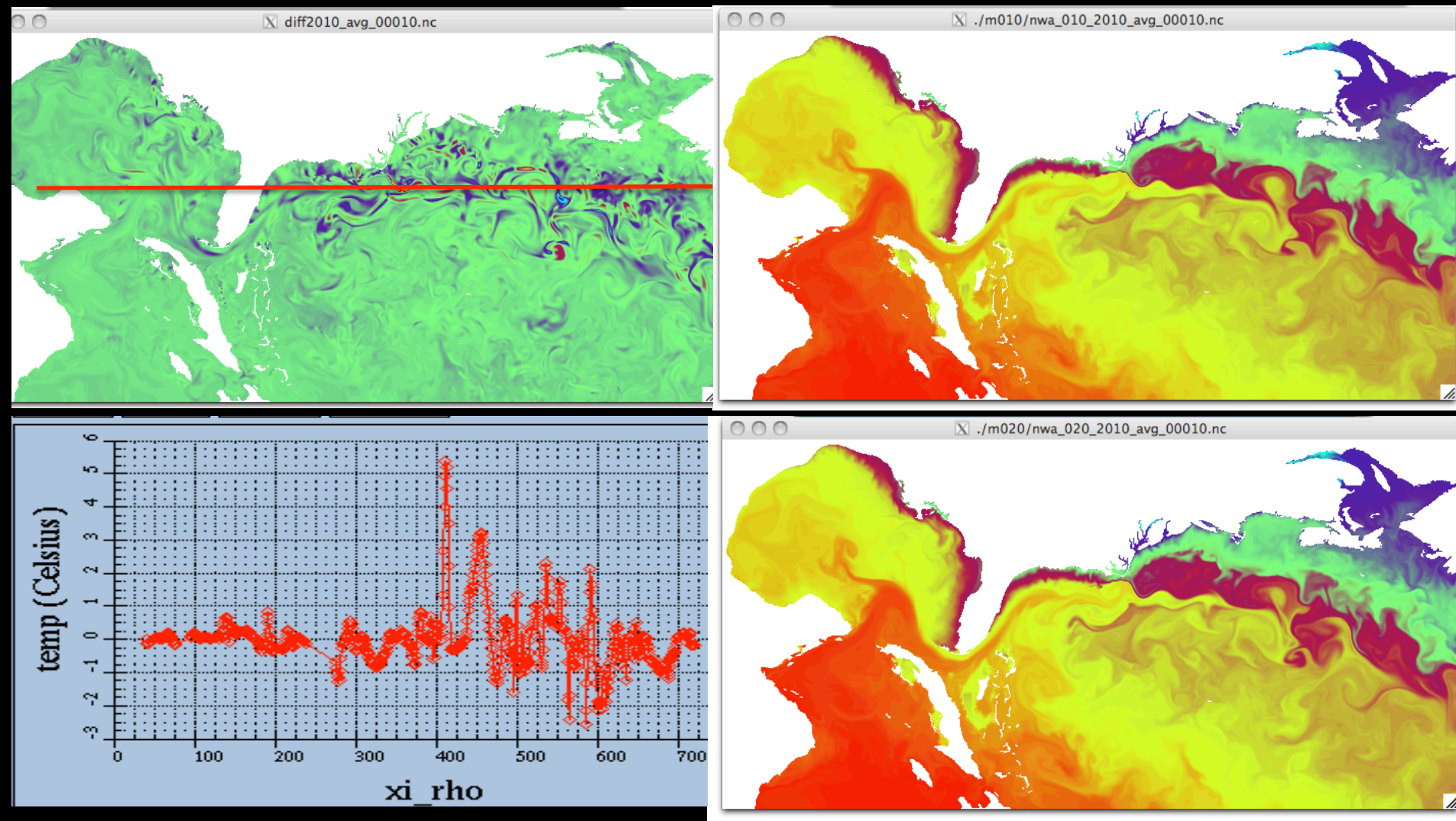
30 members  
@ Dec 30

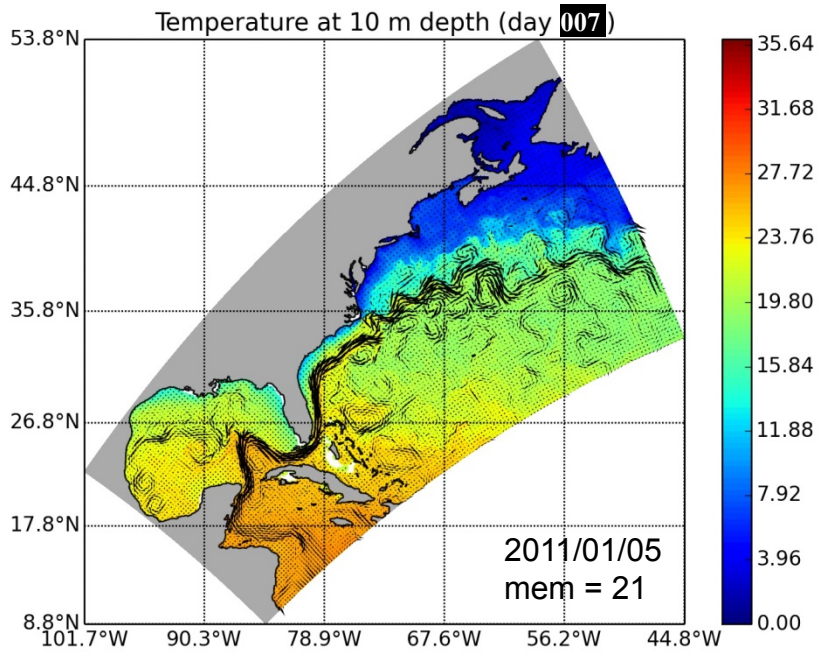
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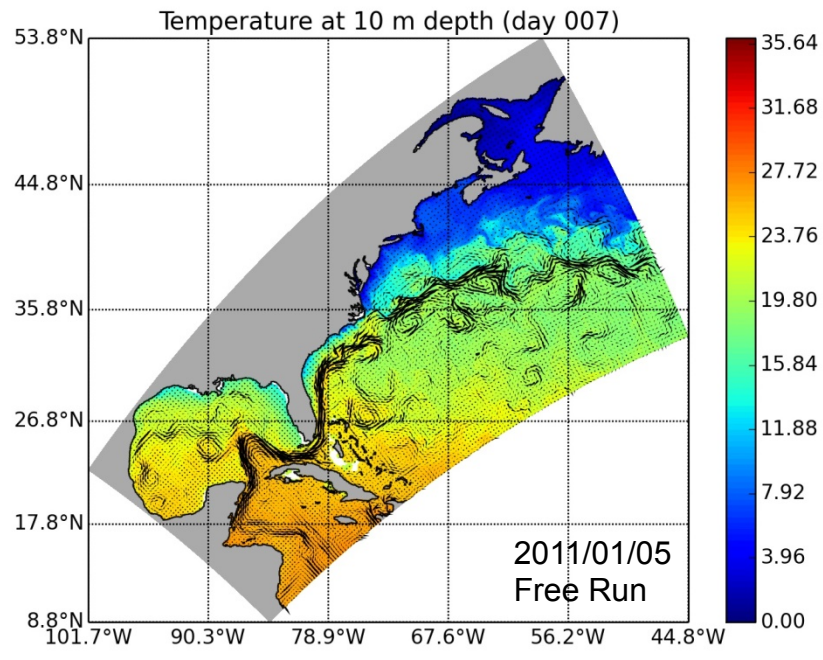
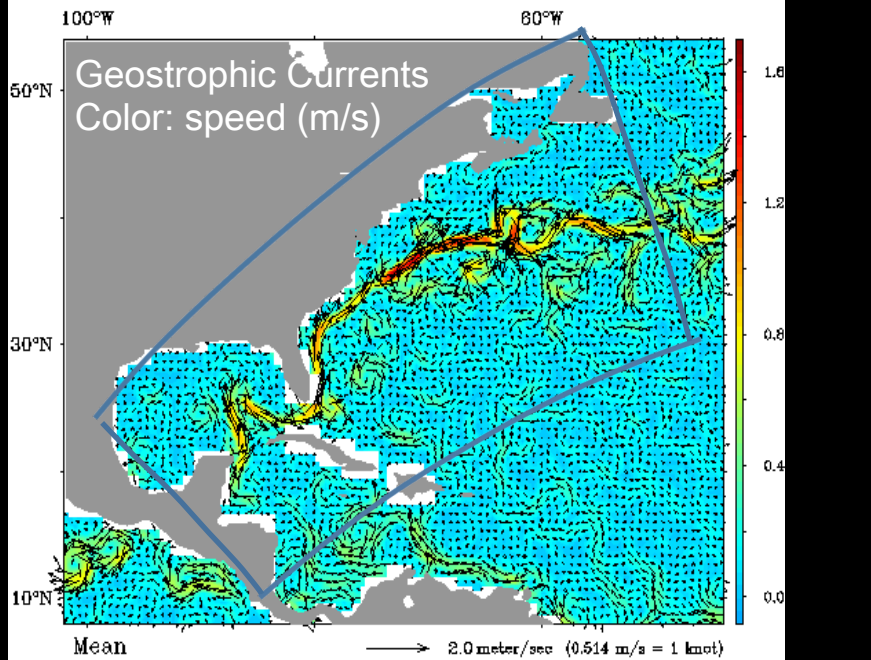
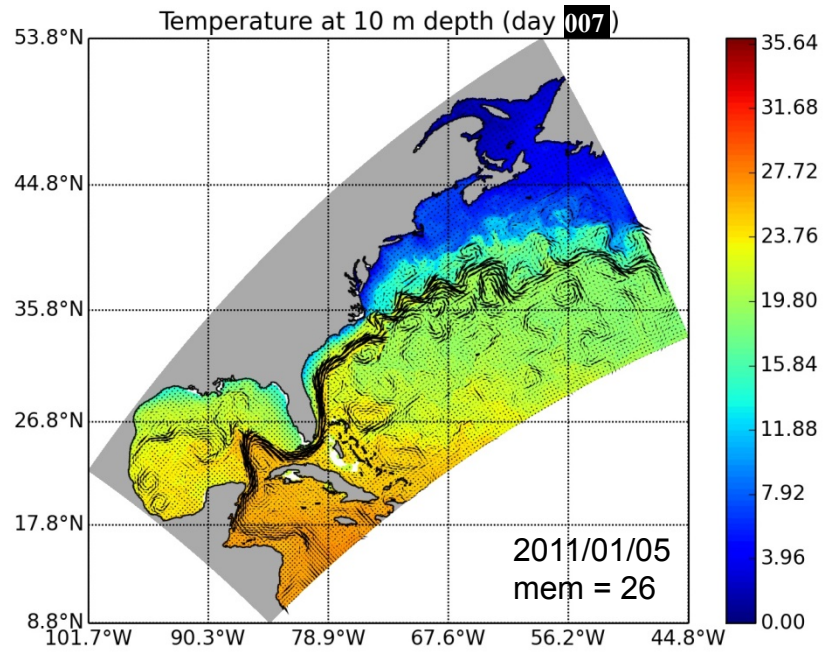
After 10 days of free running, we have initial condition for data assimilation.

# Sea Surface Temperature on January 1, 2011.

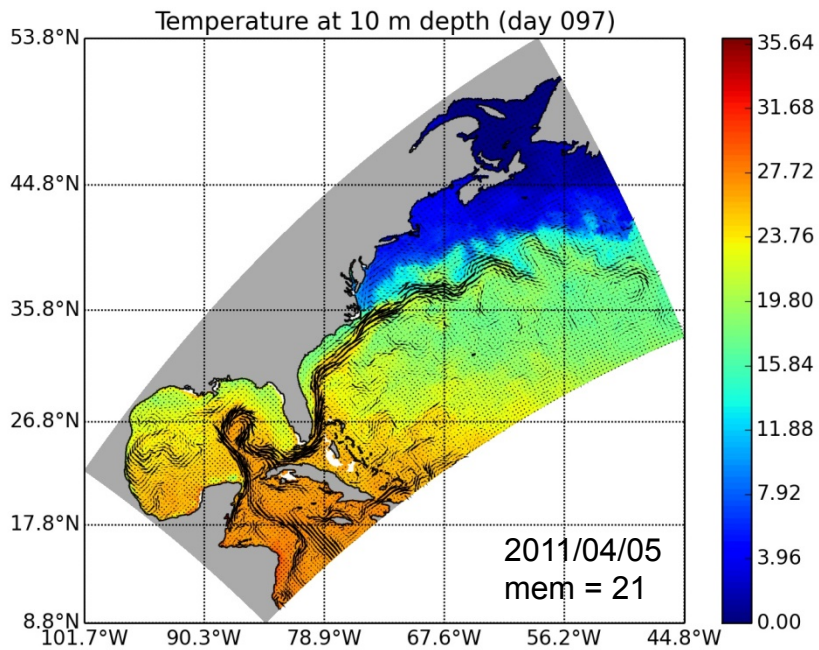




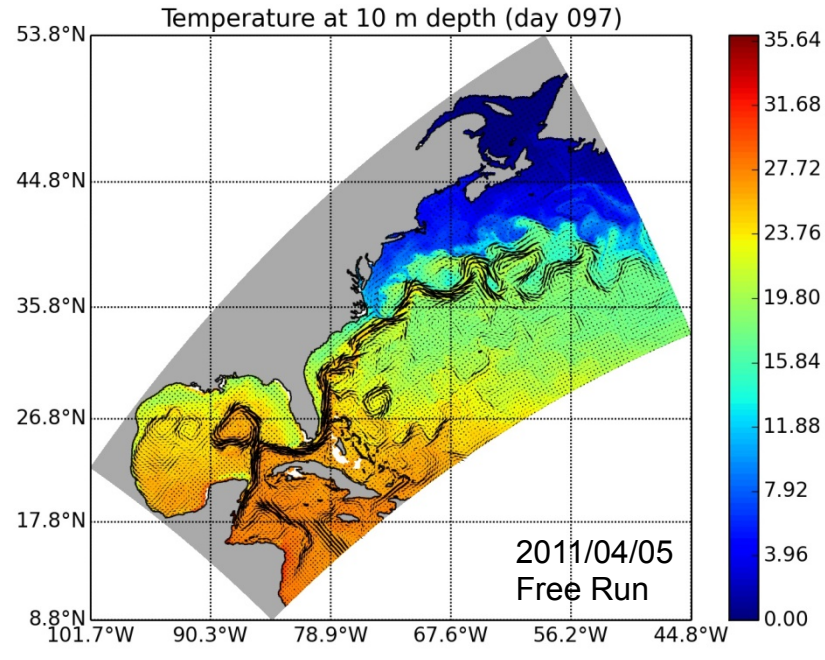
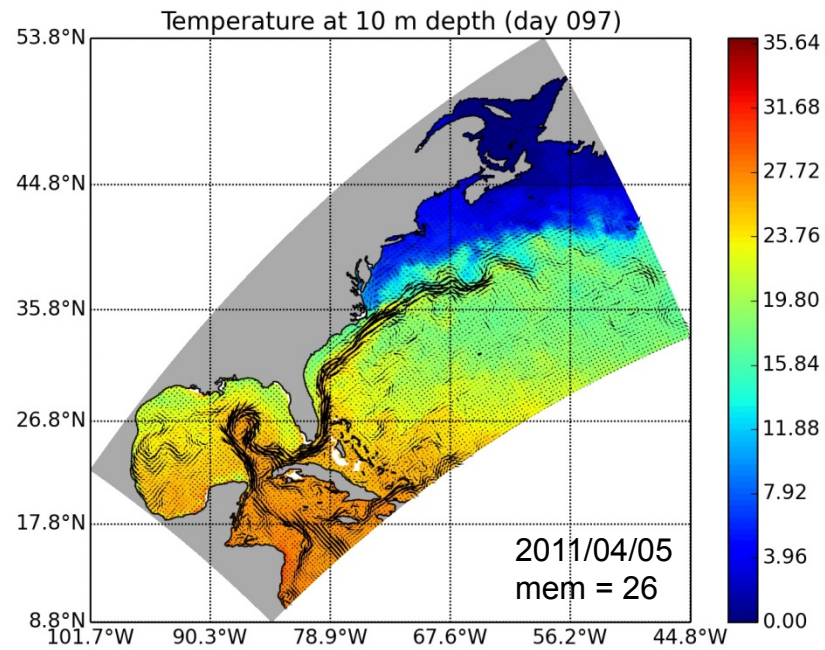
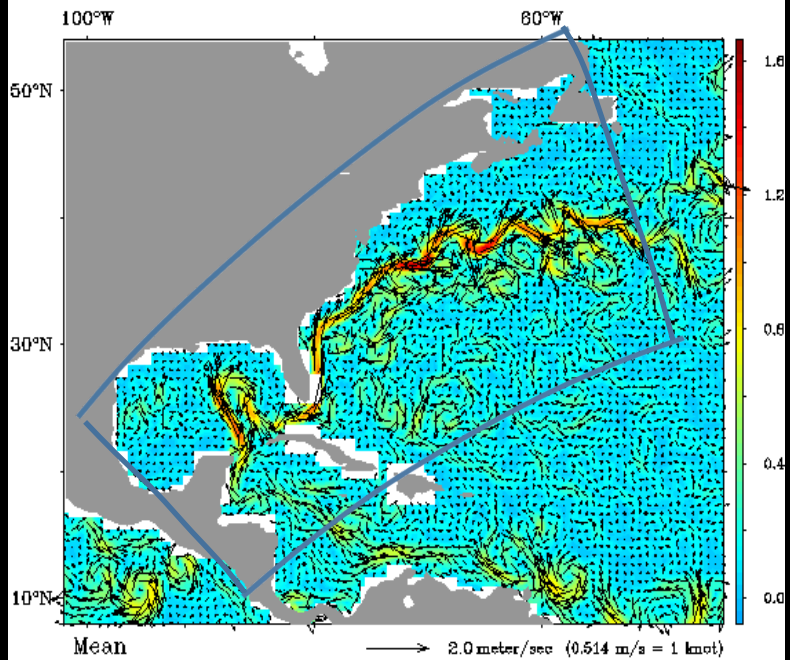
5-Day Interval Ocean Surface Currents (meter/sec)  
Centered on January 6 2011

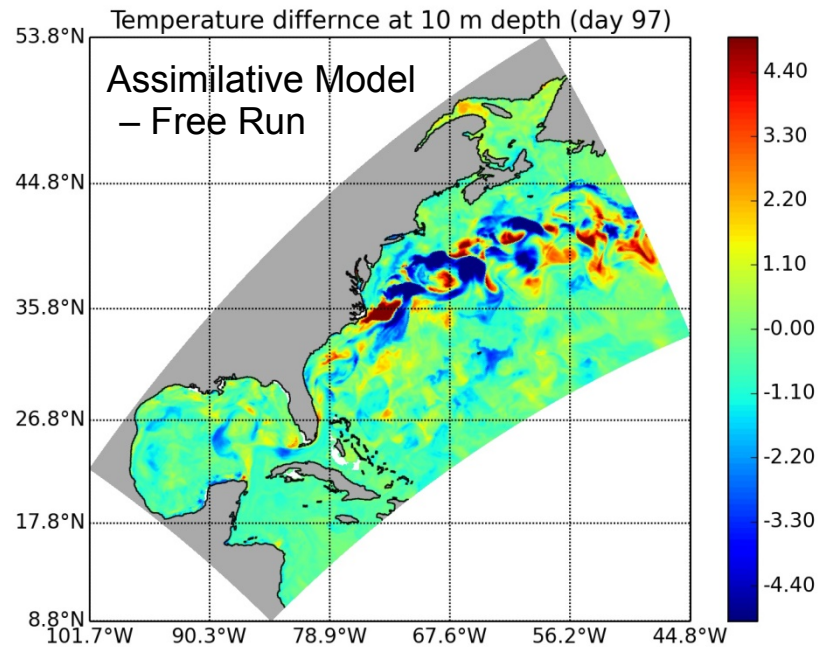
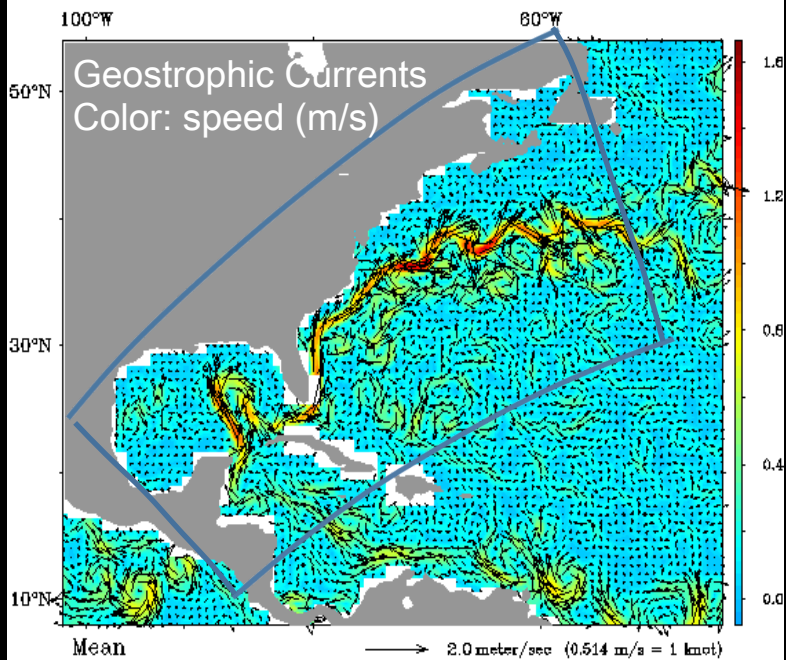
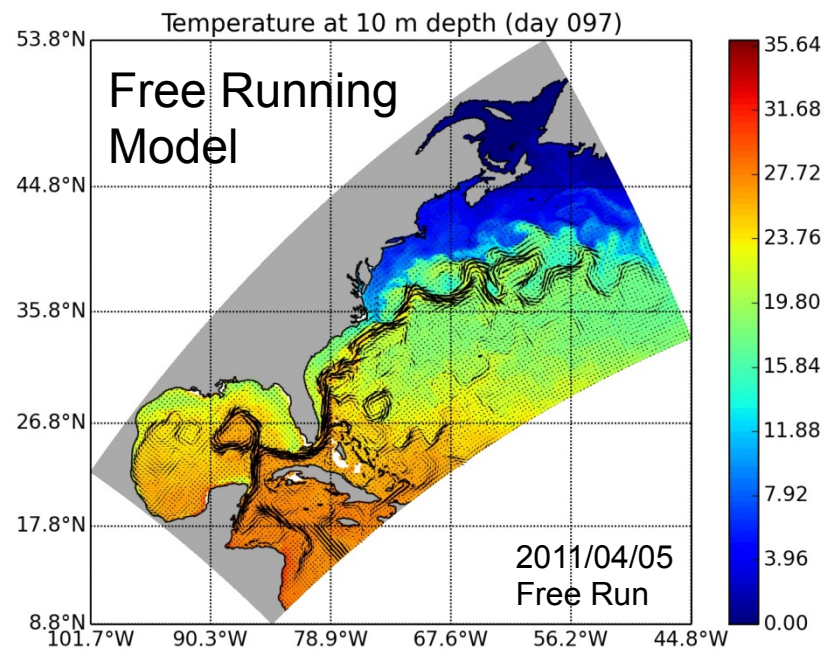
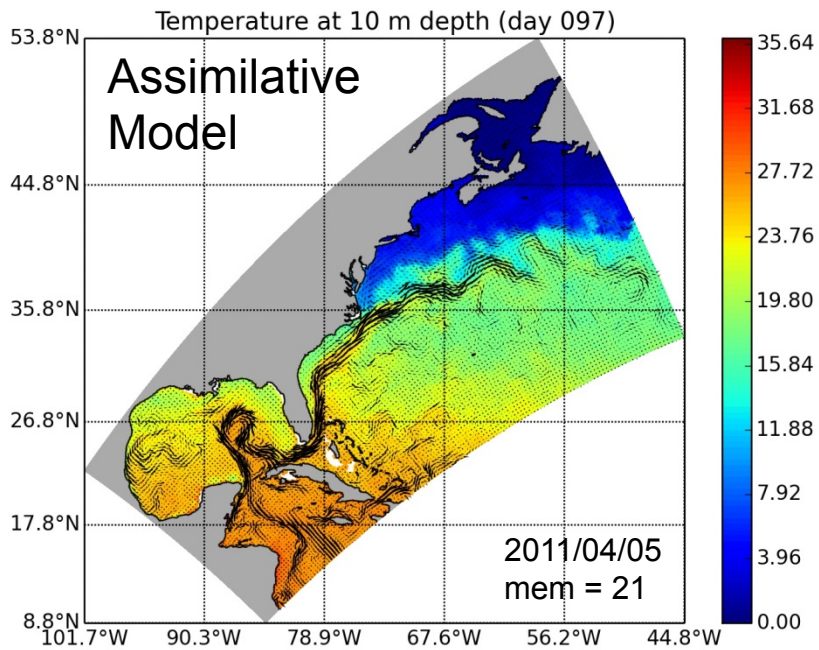




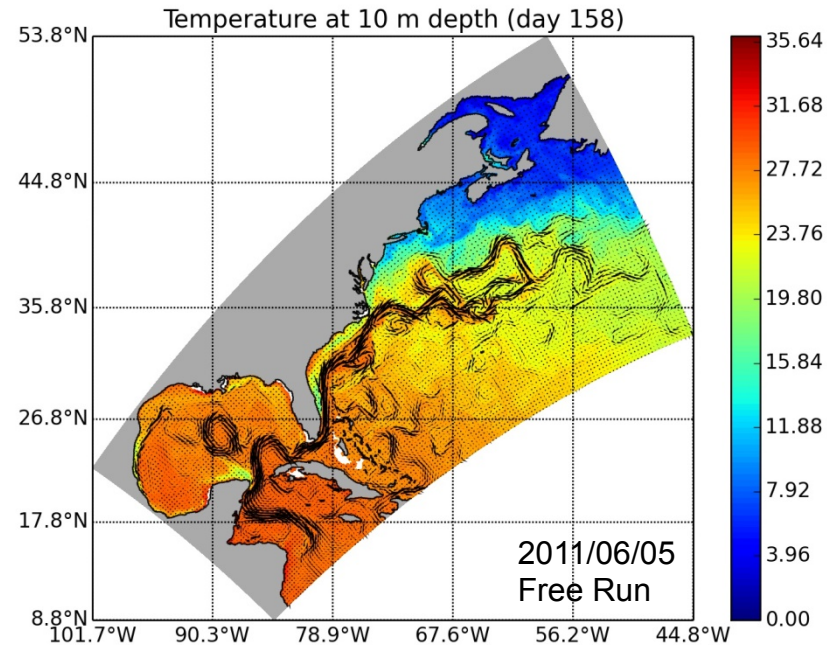
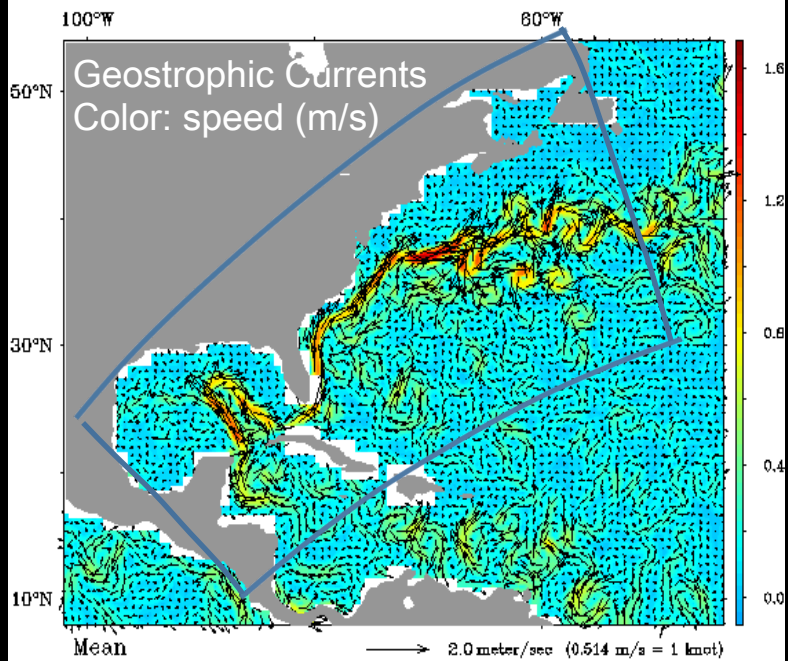
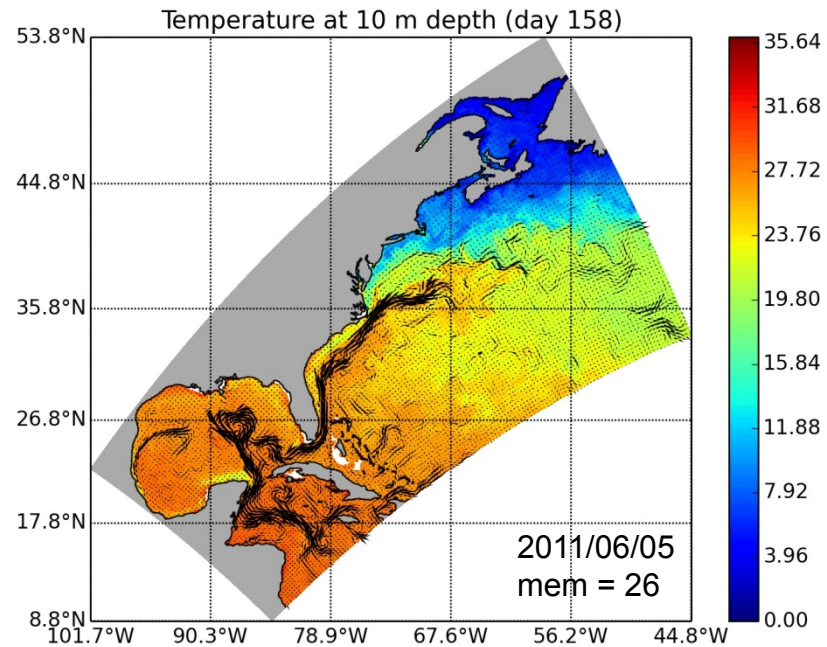
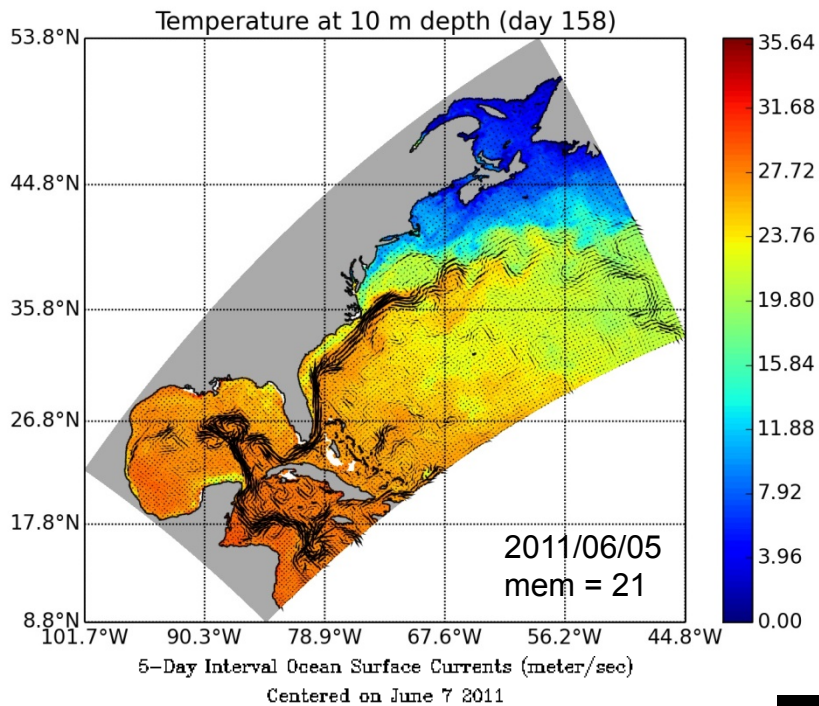


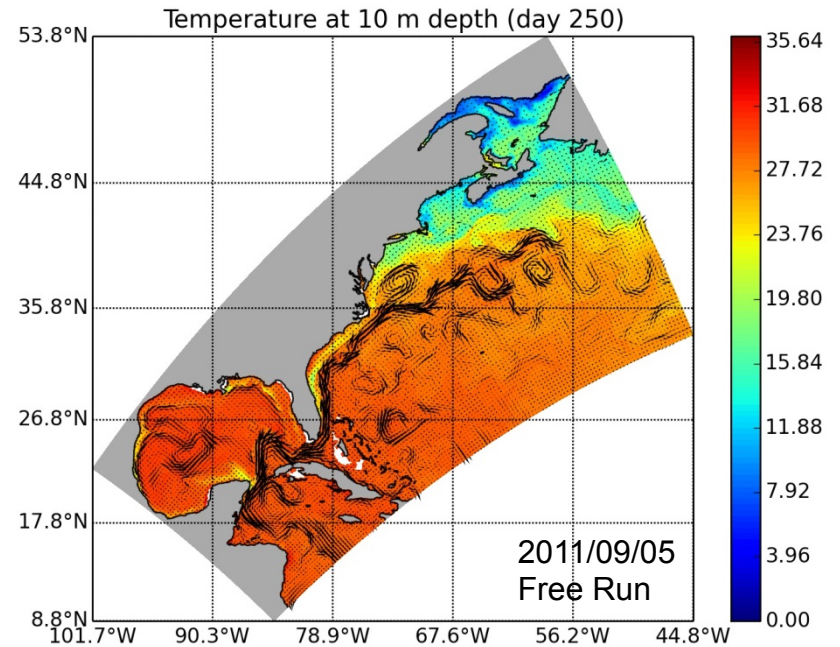
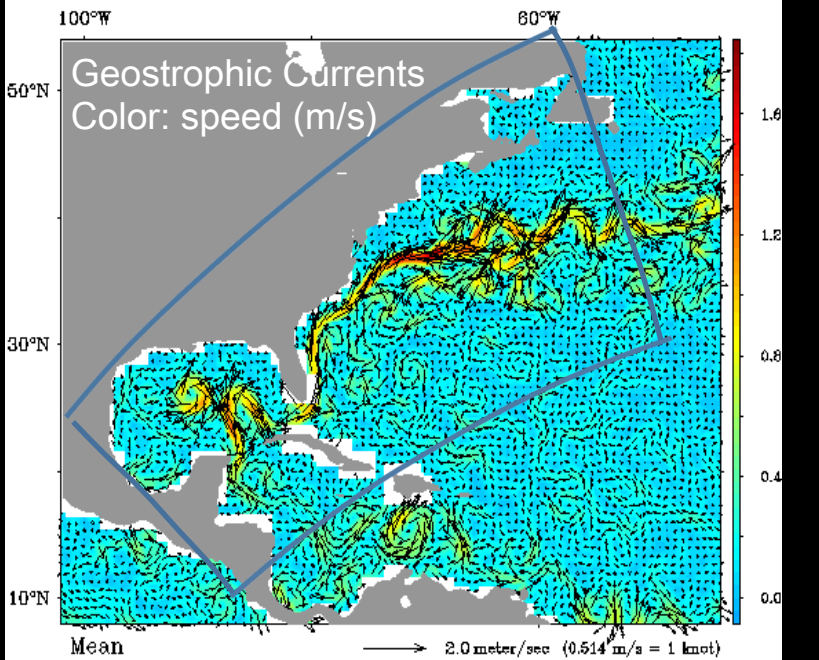
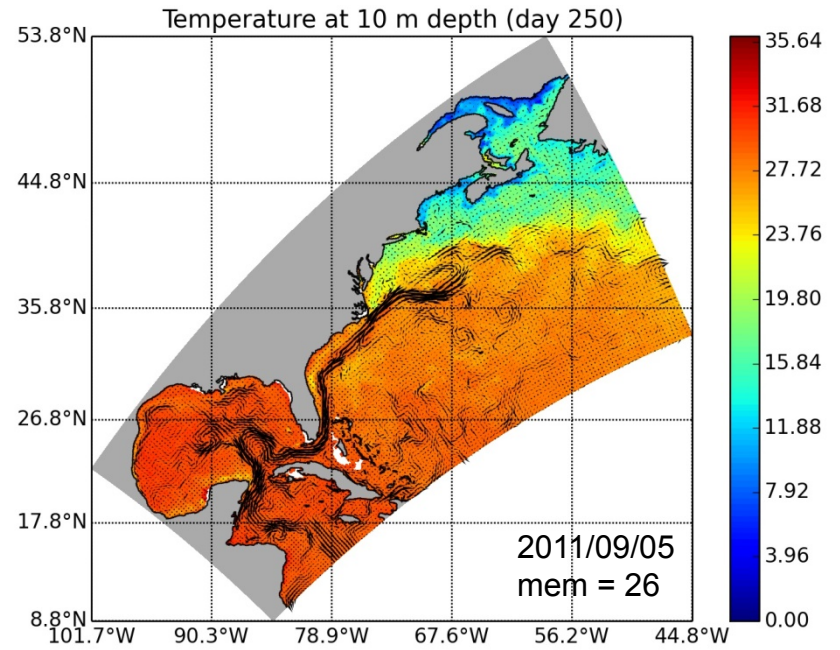
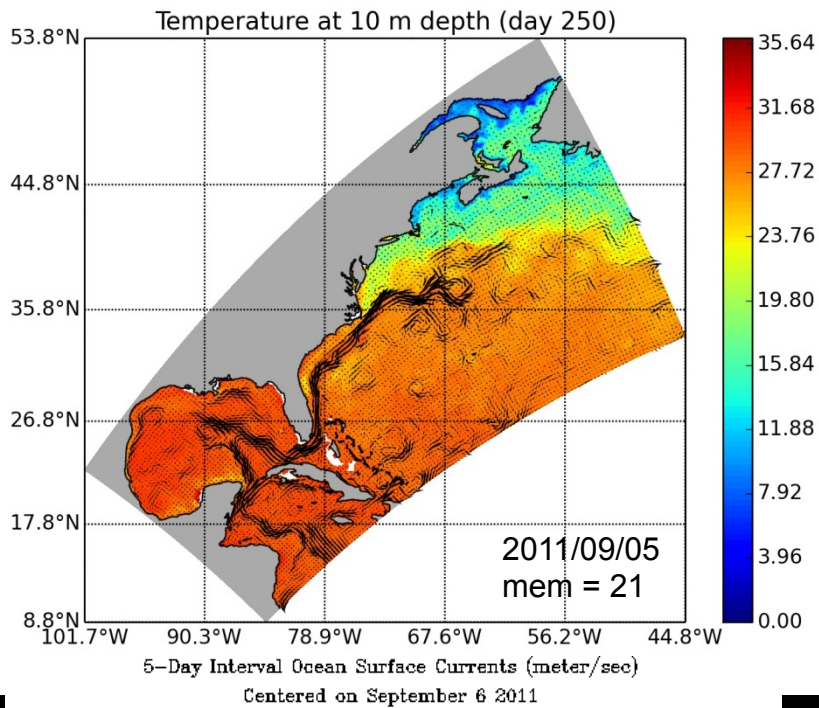
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Centered on April 7 2011



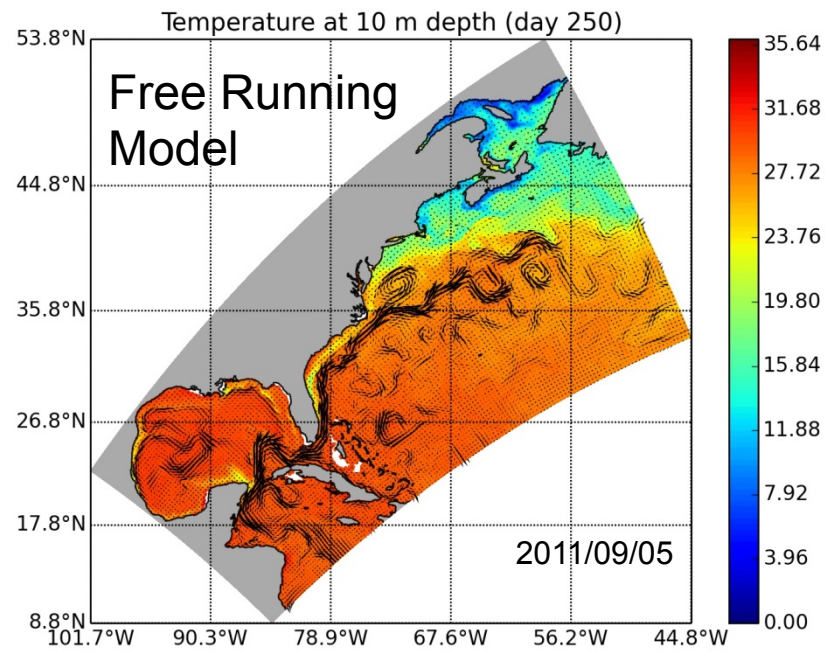
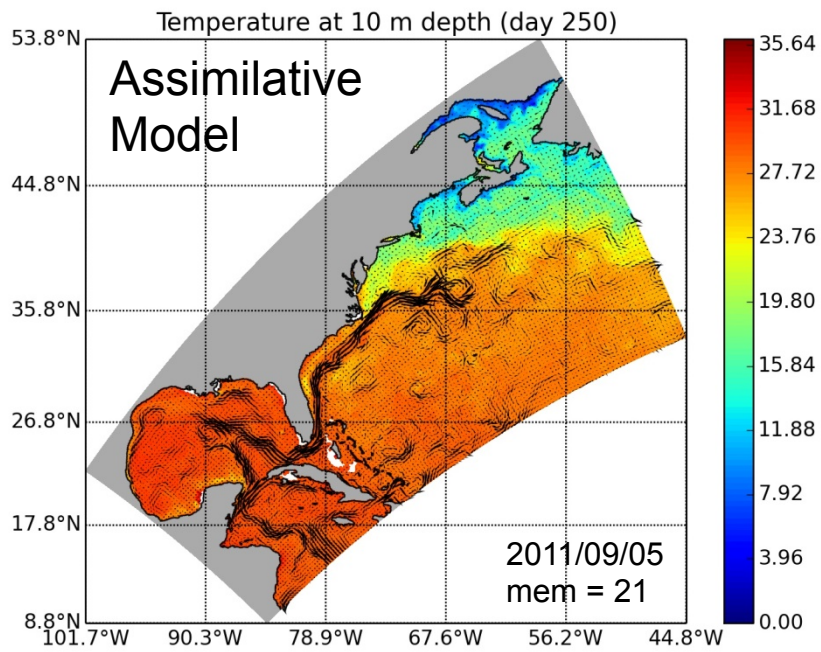




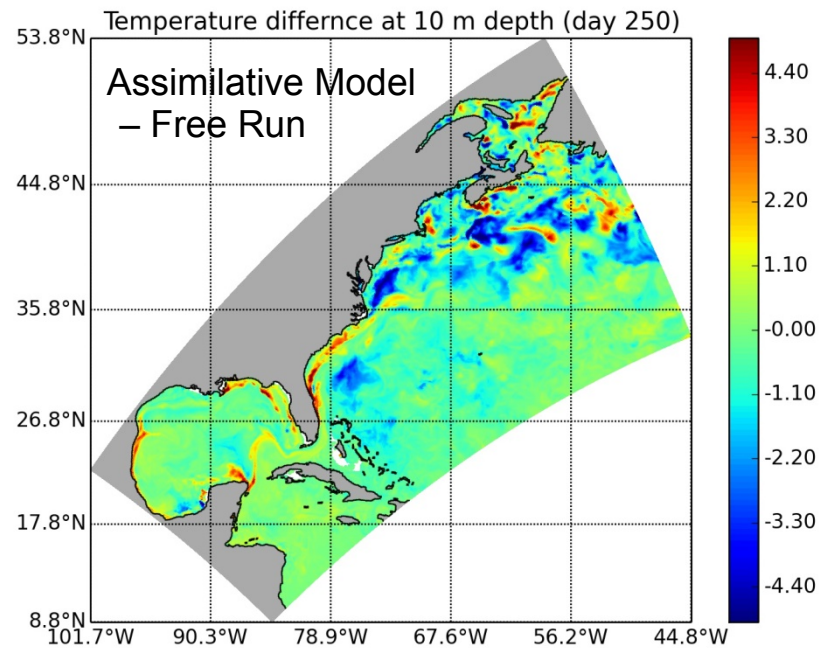
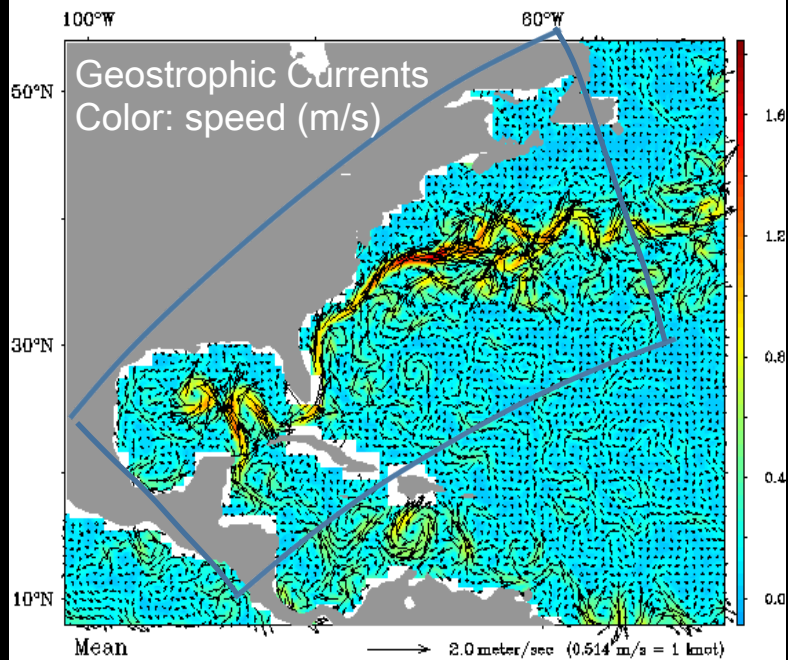


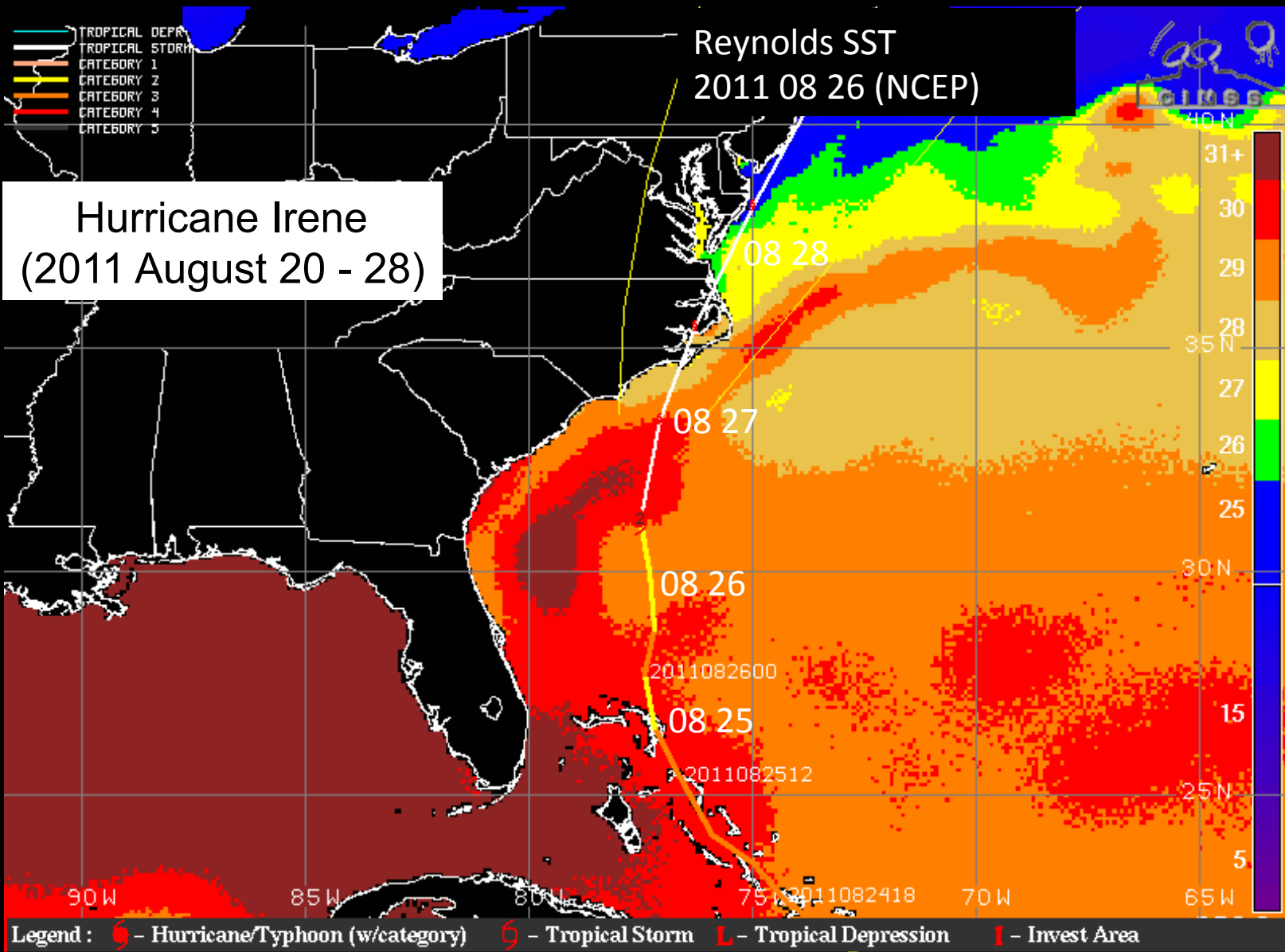




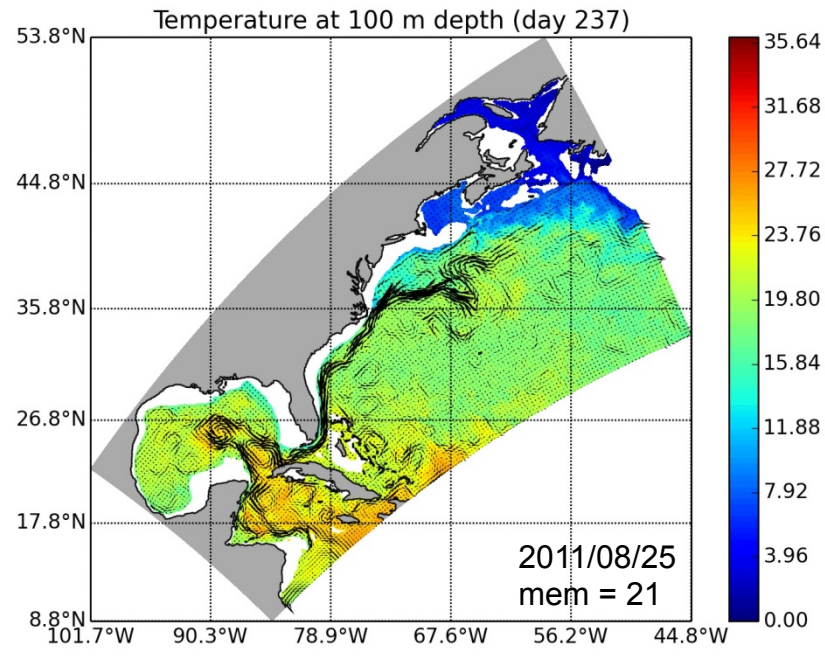
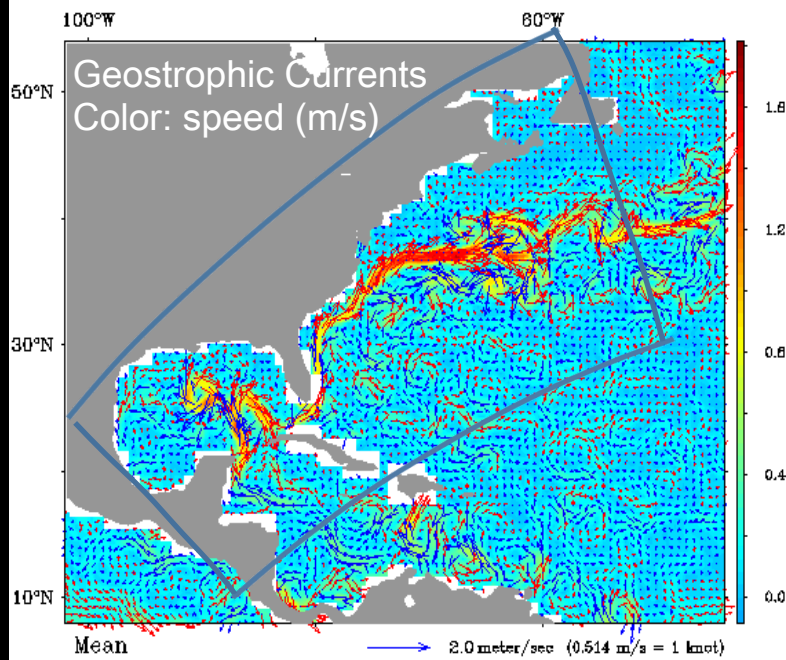
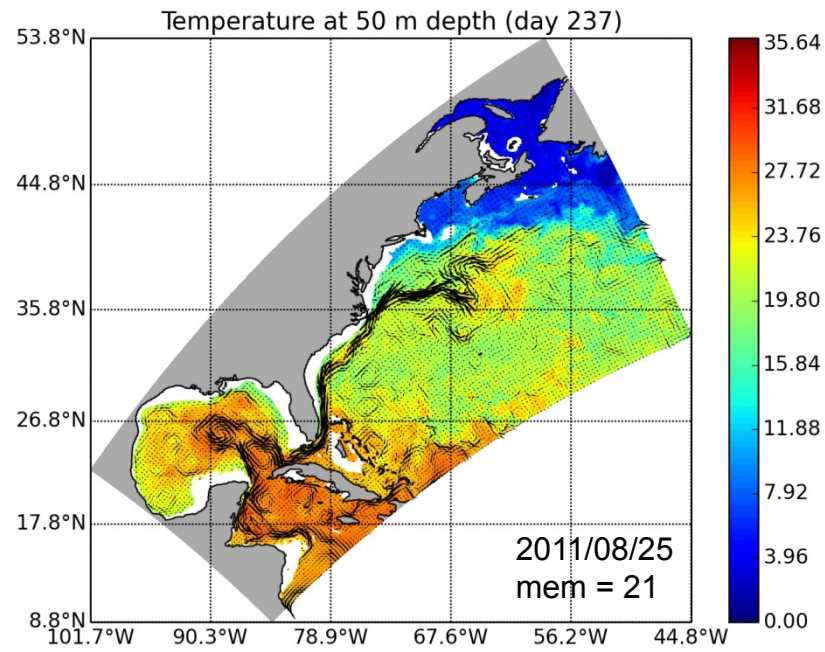
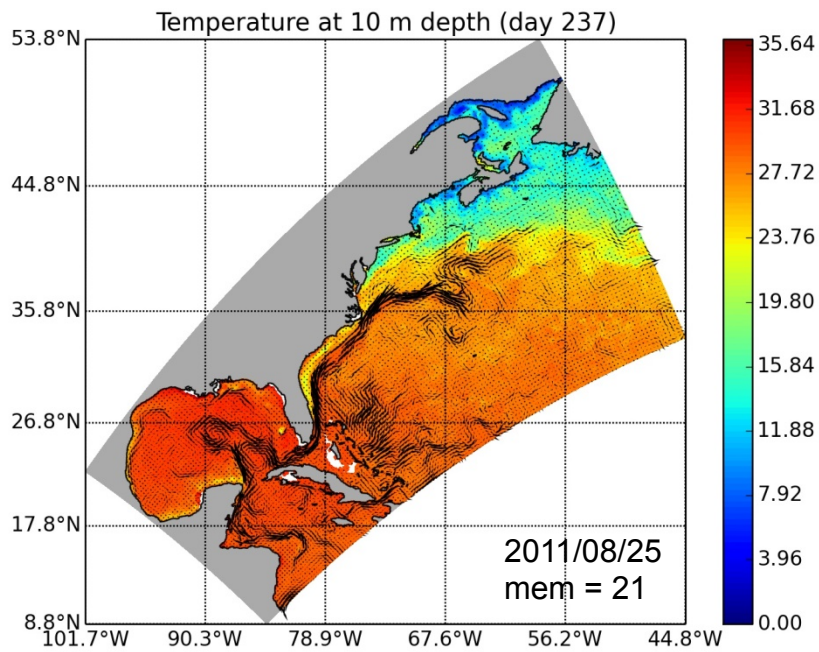


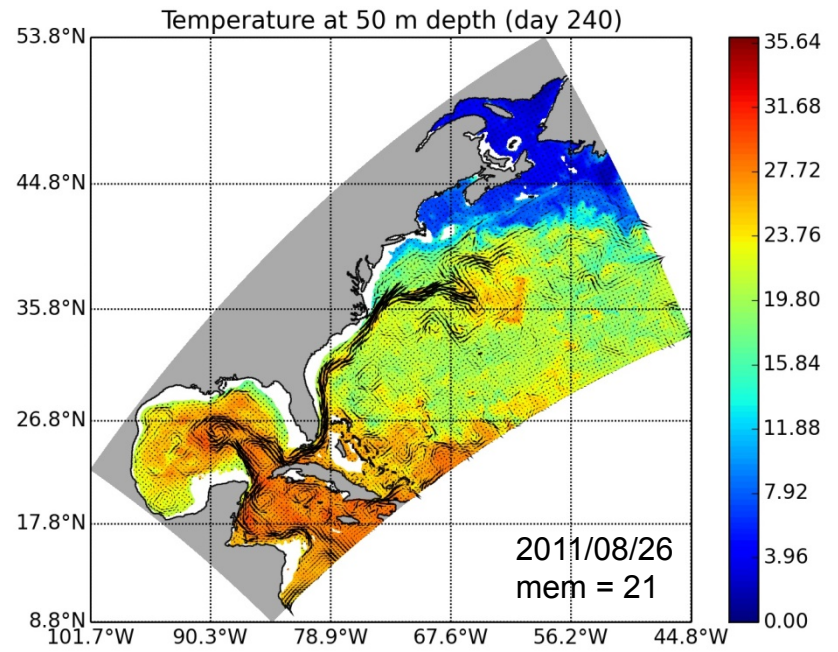
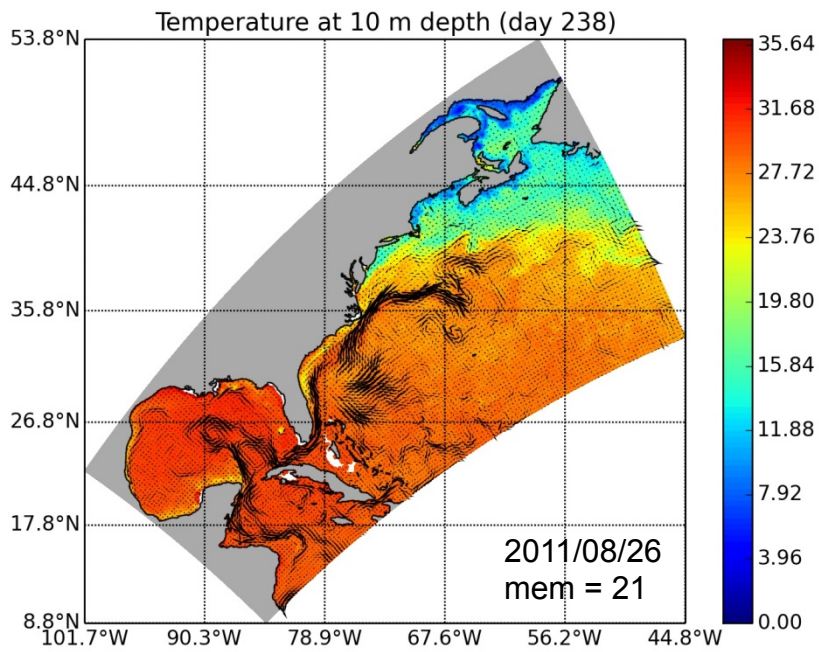
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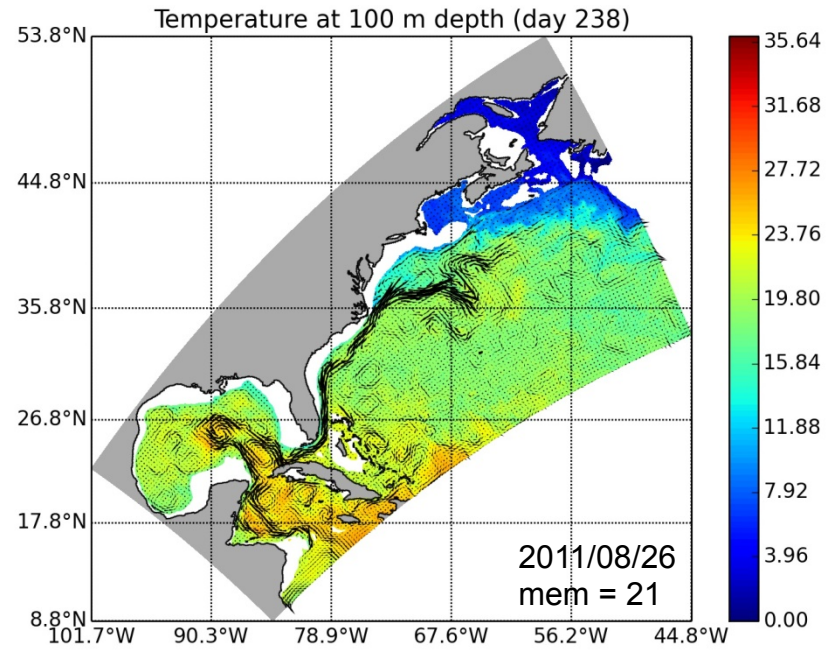
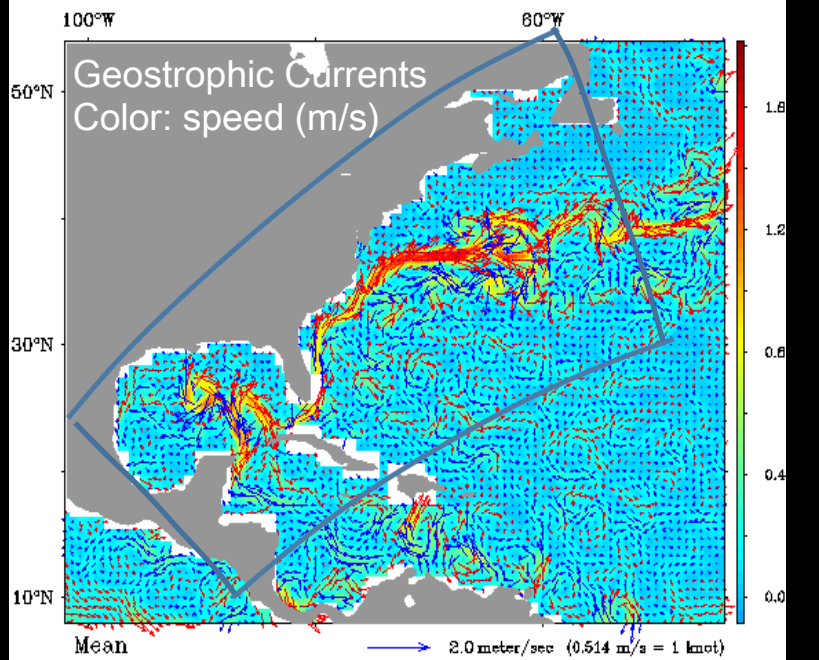




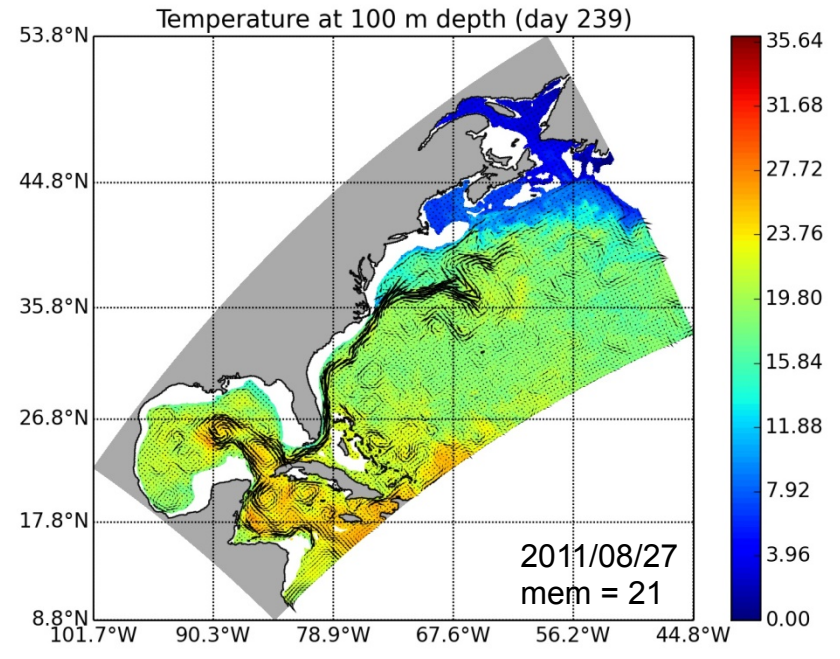
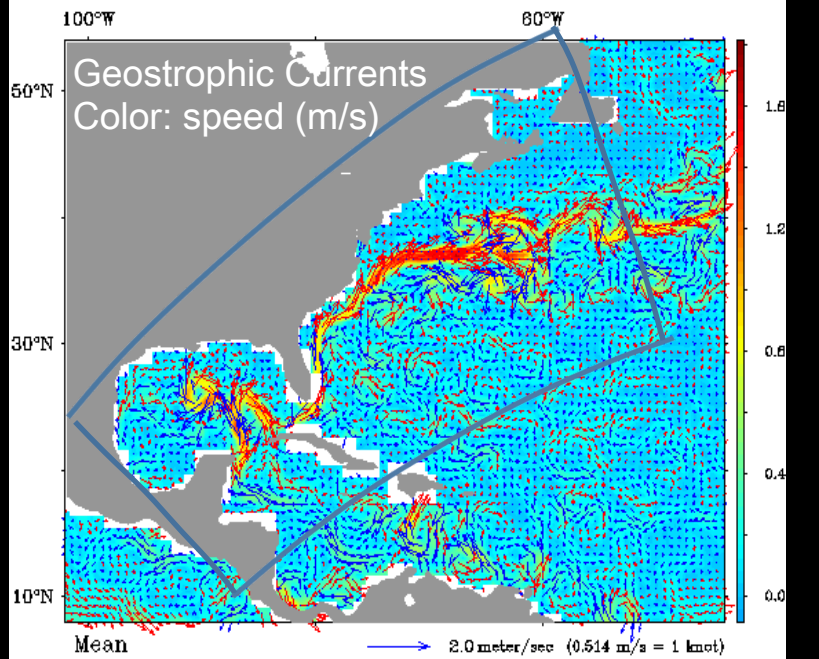
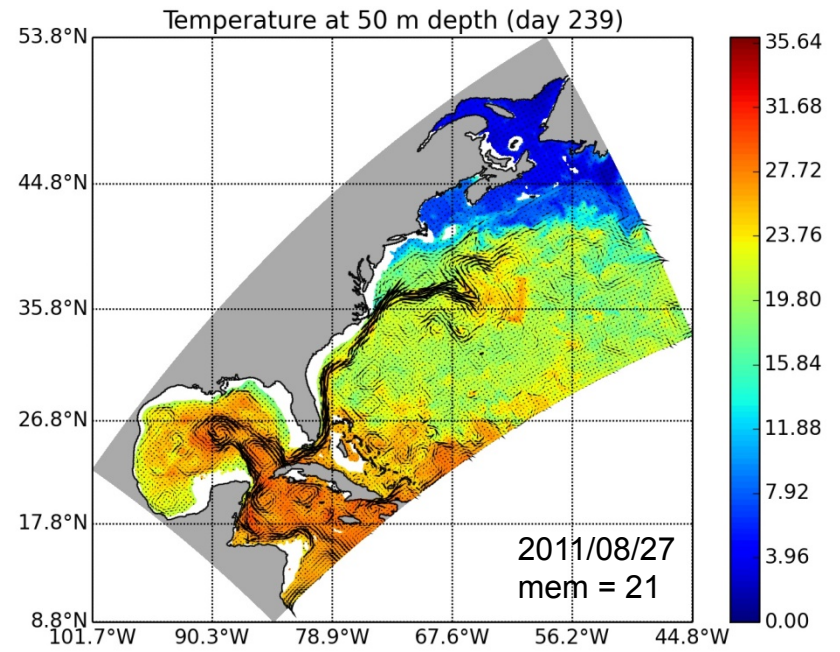
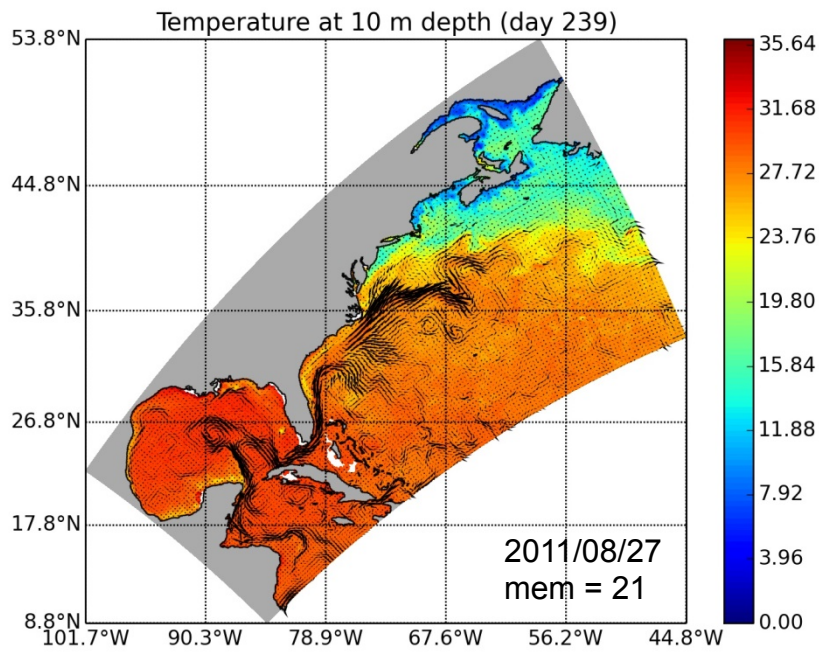


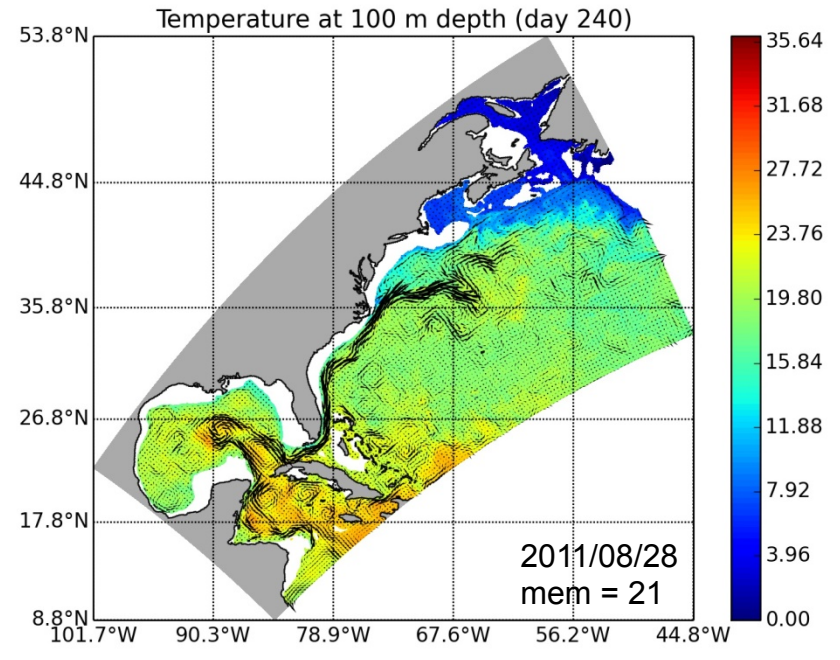
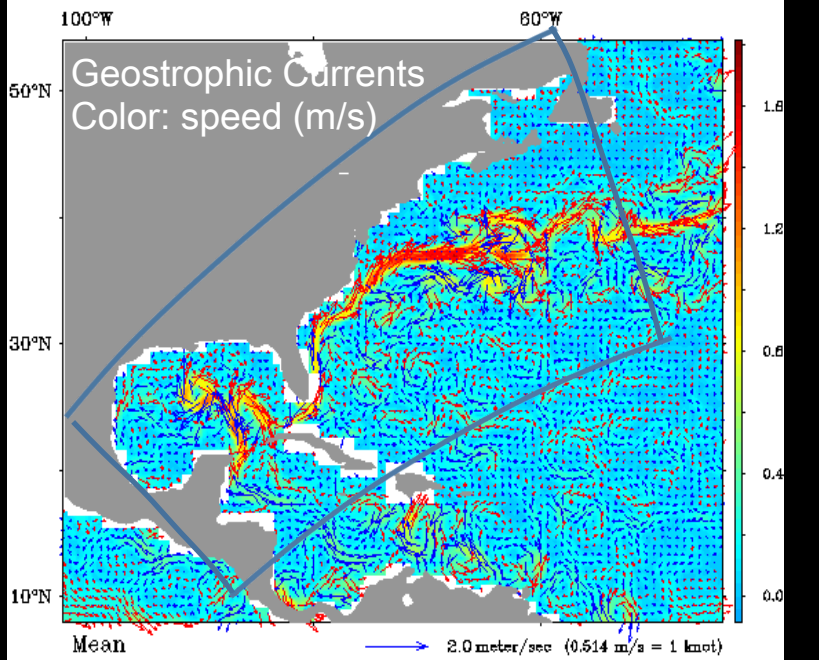
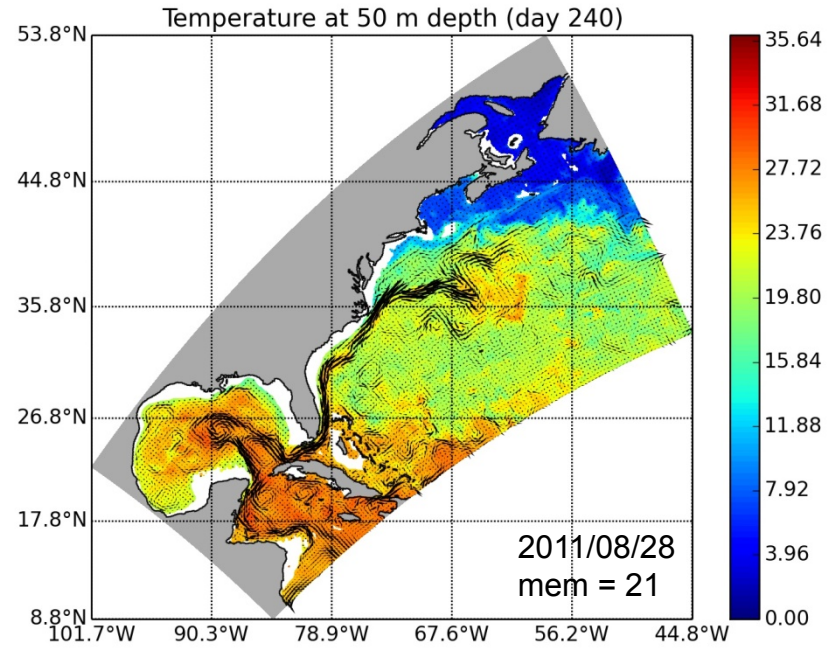
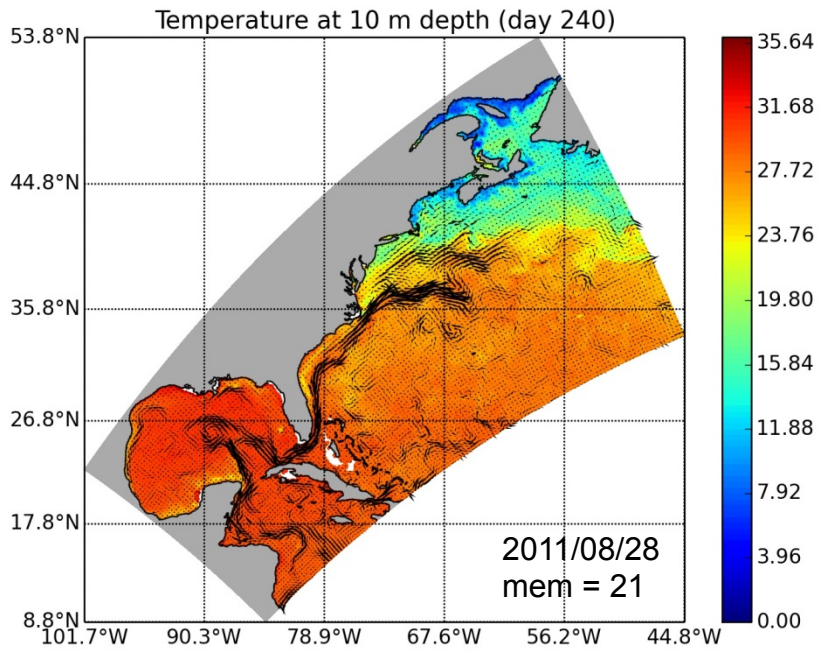


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# Summary

- Implemented regional ocean model (ROMS) within the DART ecosystem
- Assimilated T and S
- Qualitatively promising simulations
- Some next steps:
  - Quantitative assessment of ensemble
  - Work on predictability of NWA
  - Dynamics of events (Hurricanes, GS intrusions...)
  - Assimilate SSH
  - Long-term reanalysis

# Additional Slides

[http://www.image.ucar.edu/DAReS/DART/DART\\_Intro.php#add\\_new\\_model](http://www.image.ucar.edu/DAReS/DART/DART_Intro.php#add_new_model)

## Adding a model to DART - Overview

DART is designed to work with many models *without* modifications to the DART routines or the model source code. DART can 'wrap around' your model in two ways. One can be used if your model can be called as a subroutine, the other is for models that are separate executables. Either way, there are some steps that are common to both paths.

Please be aware that several of the high-order models (CAM and WRF, in particular) have been used for years and their scripts have incorporated failsafe procedures and restart capabilities that have proven to be useful but make the scripts complex - more complex than need be for the initial attempts. Truly, some of the complexity is no longer required for available platforms. Then again, we're not running one instance of a highly complicated computer model, we're running N of them.

### The basic steps to include your model in DART

Copy the template directory and files to your own DART model directory.

Modify the `model_mod.f90` file to return specifics about your model.

This module MUST contain all the required interfaces (no surprise) but it can also contain many more interfaces as is convenient.

[optional step] Modify the matlab routines to know about the specifics of the netCDF files produced by your model (sensible defaults, for the most part.)



# ROMS-DART flowchart (*recipe*)

1. use the `tools` in `observation` folder to create `obs sequence` files.  
use `obs_tools` to combine them
2. get ensemble model restart files (you could simply add random numbers to one file)
- 3. run `roms_to_dart` to convert restart files to dart files, one by one, e.g., `dart.ics.0001`, `dart.ics.0002`,...
4. use `restart_file_tool` to combine the ensemble files into one file, e.g., from `dart.ics.0001`, `dart.ics.0002`,... to `dart.ic.all`
5. edit `input namelist`
6. run filter using `run_filter.csh`
7. run `restart_file_tool` to convert combined dart output in to ensemble files, e.g., from `dart.restart` to `dart.restart.0001`, `dart.restart.0002`,...
8. run `dart_to_roms` to convert each ensemble back to ROMS restart files, (overwrite the initial ones)
- ↶ 9. run ROMS for each member using `advance_model.csh`