

Met-Ocean data sets: climate, reanalysis, forecast and in situ data

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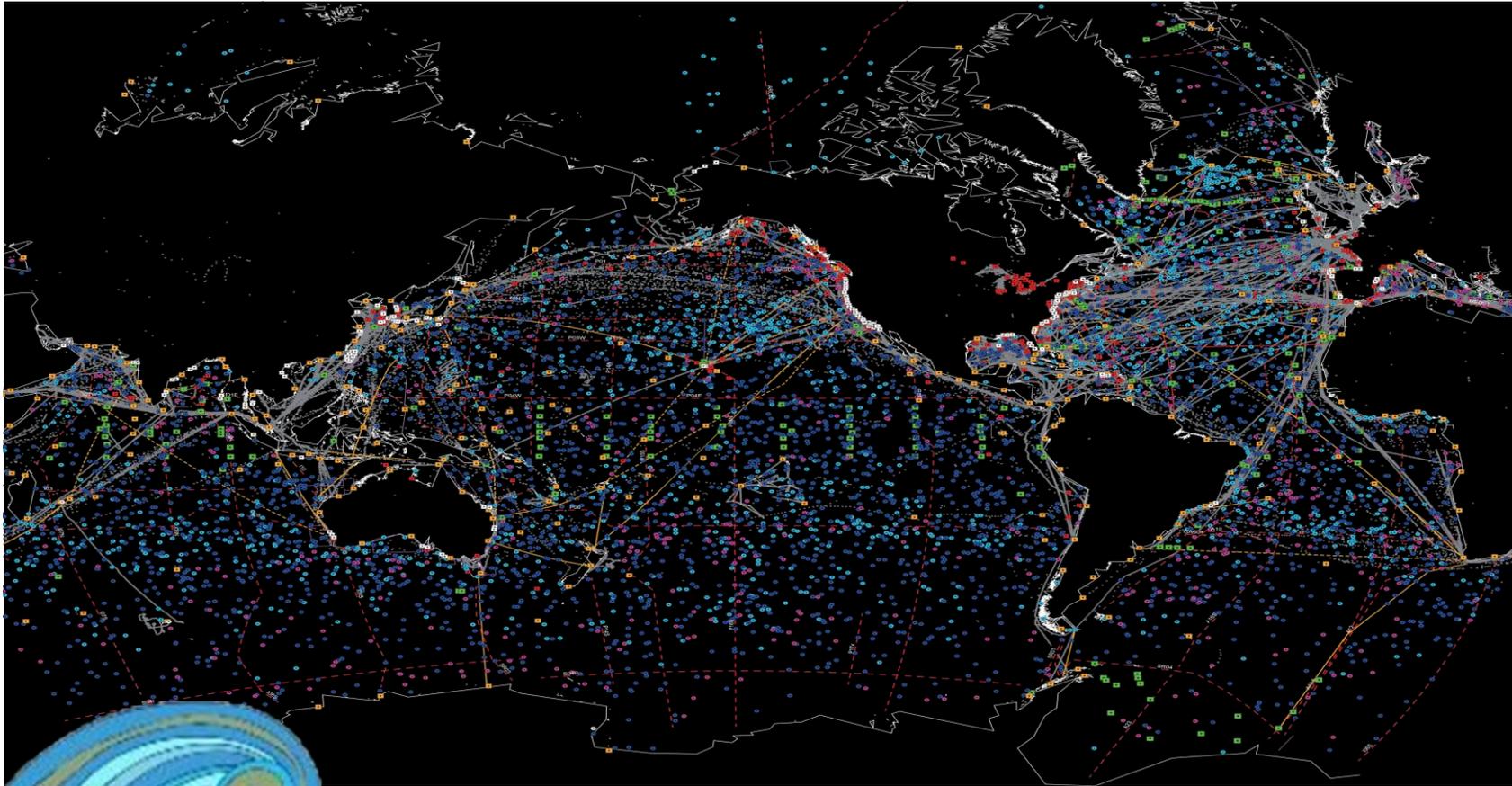
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Metocean data

Meteorology and ocean physics data. Part of the Earth System data.



Ocean observing system report card 2021

At present a quite complete observing system (in situ and remote).

Not evenly distributed obs, fewer back in time.

We need a long and reliable record for:

✓ Climate change

✓ Ocean health

✓ Forecast and warning

Metocean data types (products)

Numerical Models

Hindcasting

Nowcasting

Forecasting

Past

Present

Future

Data Assimilation = Model + Observations

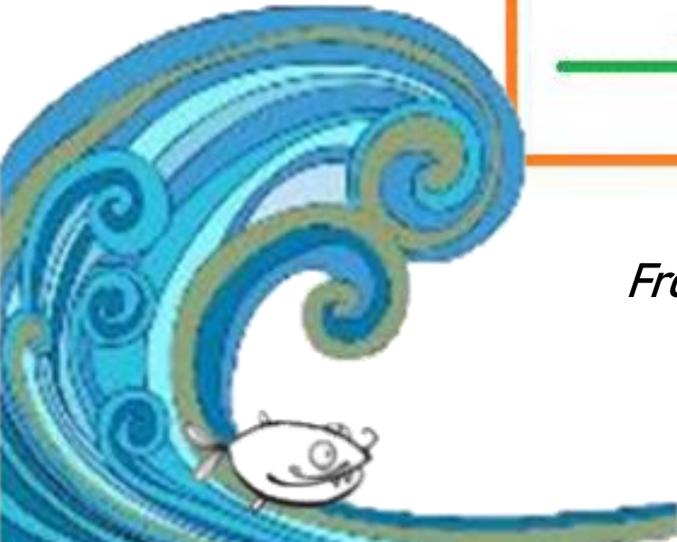
Re-Analysis

Analysis

Past

Present

From Siva Reddy PhD Thesis (2015) DOI:10.13140/RG.2.1.4459.4326



Metocean data types (level of processing)



Level 0

- Unprocessed instrument data

Level 1

- Data processed to sensor unit

Level 2

- Derived geophysical variables (same resolution and location as L1)

Level 3

- Georeferenced data (gridded fields)

Level 4

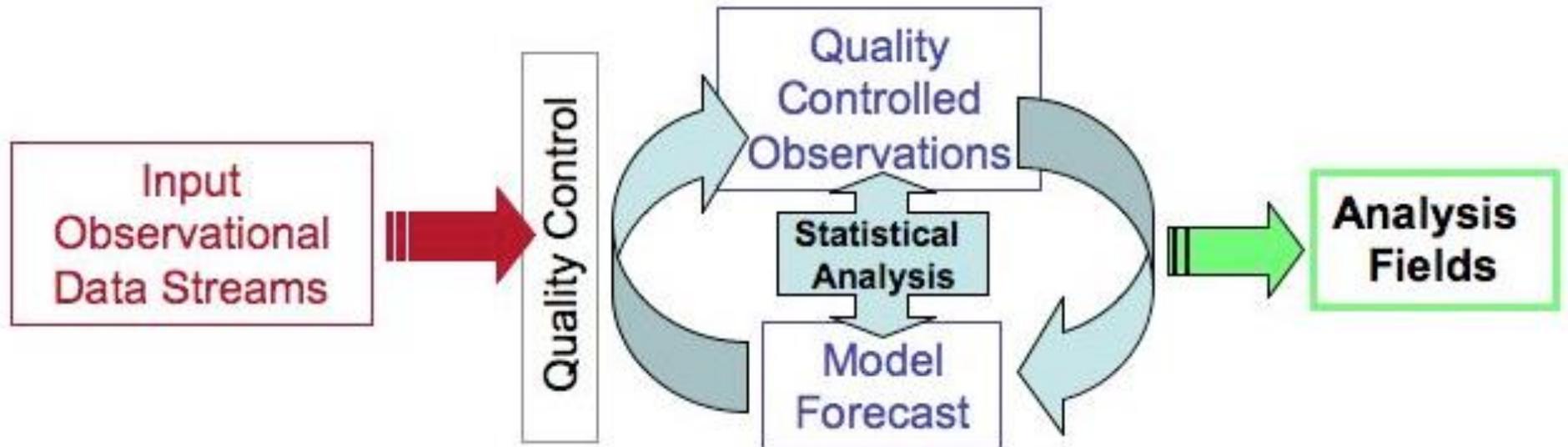
- Model output or results from analysis of multiple lower level products, missing data gaps filled

Re/analysis products

An **analysis** is a snapshot of the **state of the ocean** at any given time. It is done using **model data and observations** to provide a best fit produced **on the fly**.

An oceanographic **reanalysis** consists in modelling the **state of the ocean** over a long period of time (several years) while correcting it with the **best available past observations**.

From the Blue Book Copernicus for a Sustainable Ocean



From E Kalnay, www2.atmos.umd.edu

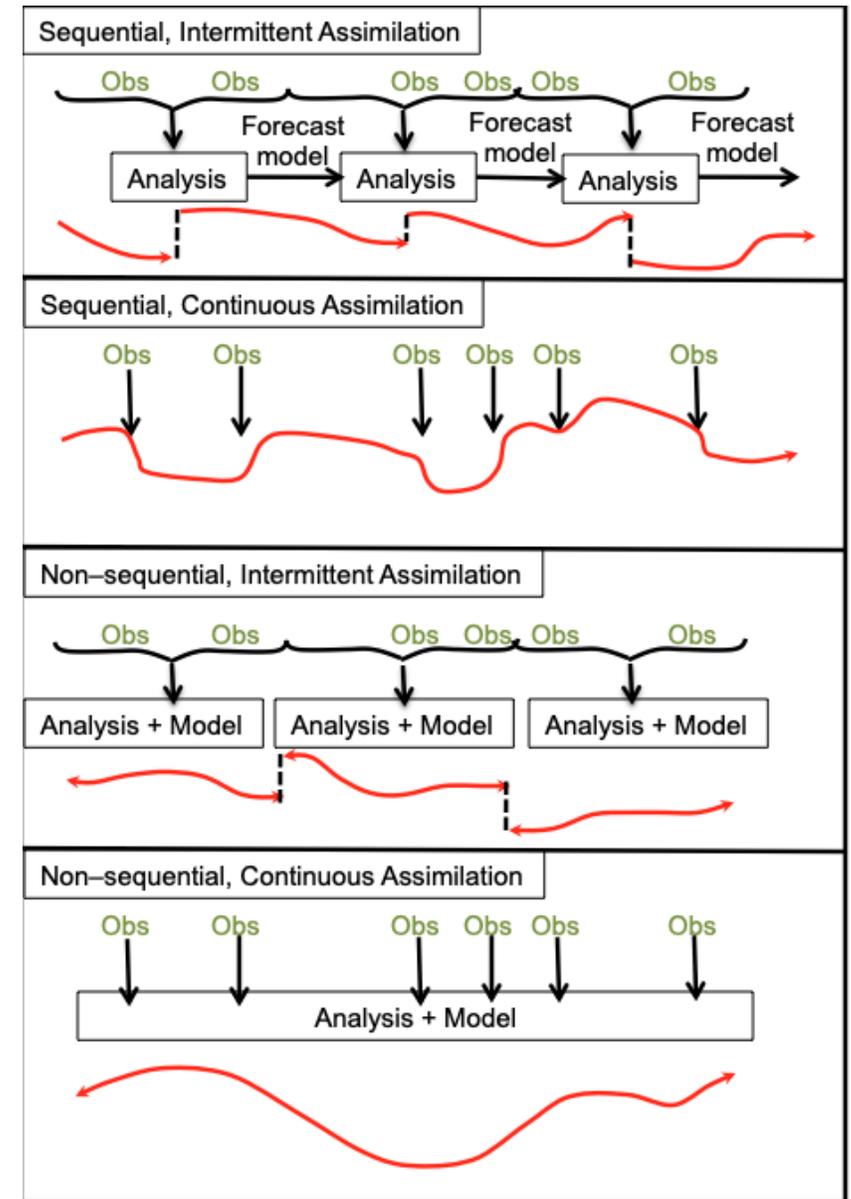


Re/analysis products

All **past observations** are reprocessed keeping the numerical model and assimilation techniques “**frozen**” (without changes).

The result is an **analysis consistent in time**: a **reanalysis**.

However, **changes in observing system/platforms** may generate “**jumps**” in the reanalysis.

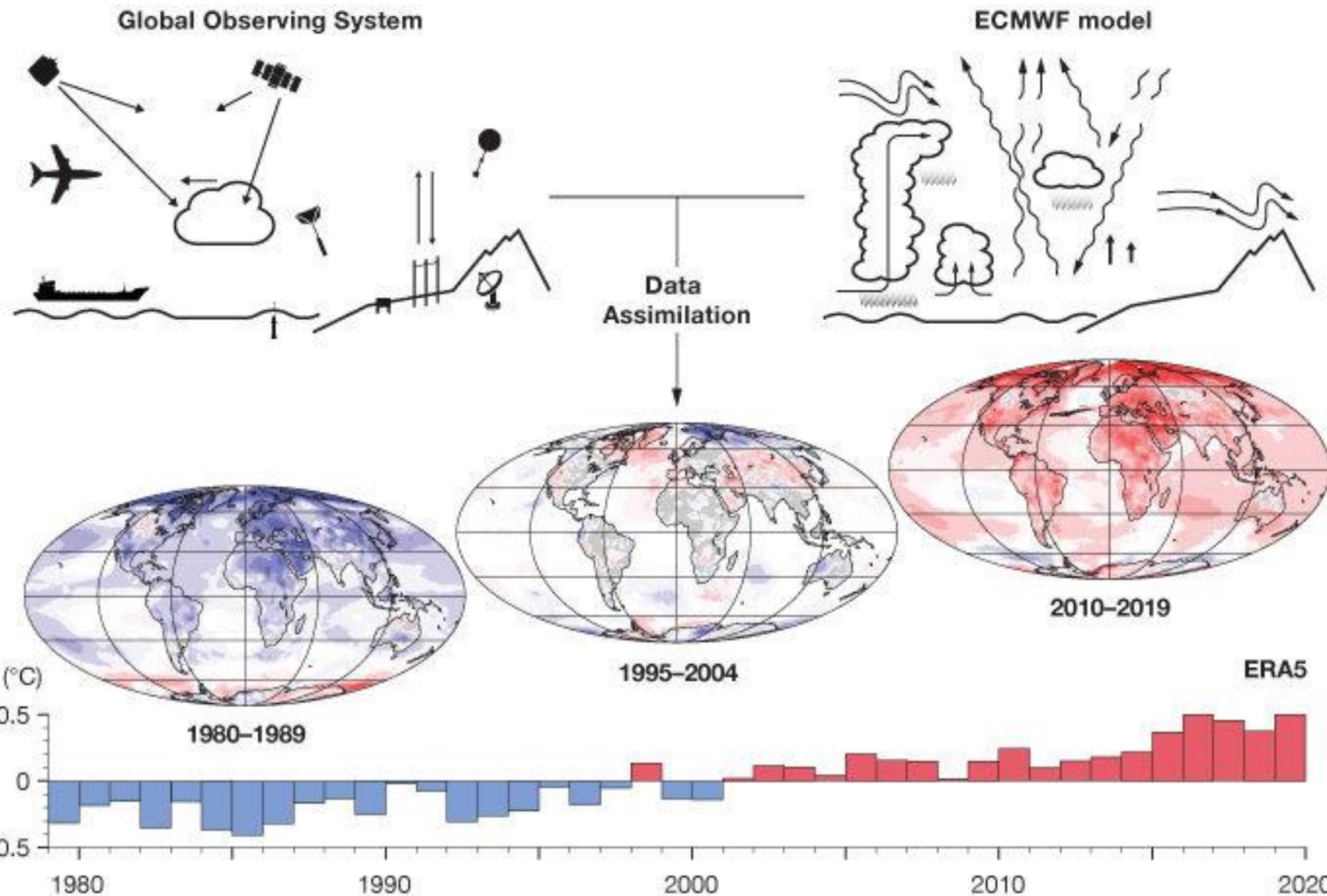


Representation of four basic strategies for data assimilation as a function of time. Observations are made at different times and arrive at irregular times. Intermittent assimilation of observations induces step changes in the model analysis (red line) while continuous assimilation of observations gives smoother changes in the model analyses
<https://confluence.ecmwf.int/display/FUG/Section+2.5+Model+Data+Assimilation%2C+4D-Var>.

Re/analysis data

Reanalysis data provide the most complete picture currently possible of past weather and climate.

'Maps without gaps'.



Re/analysis data: uncertainty

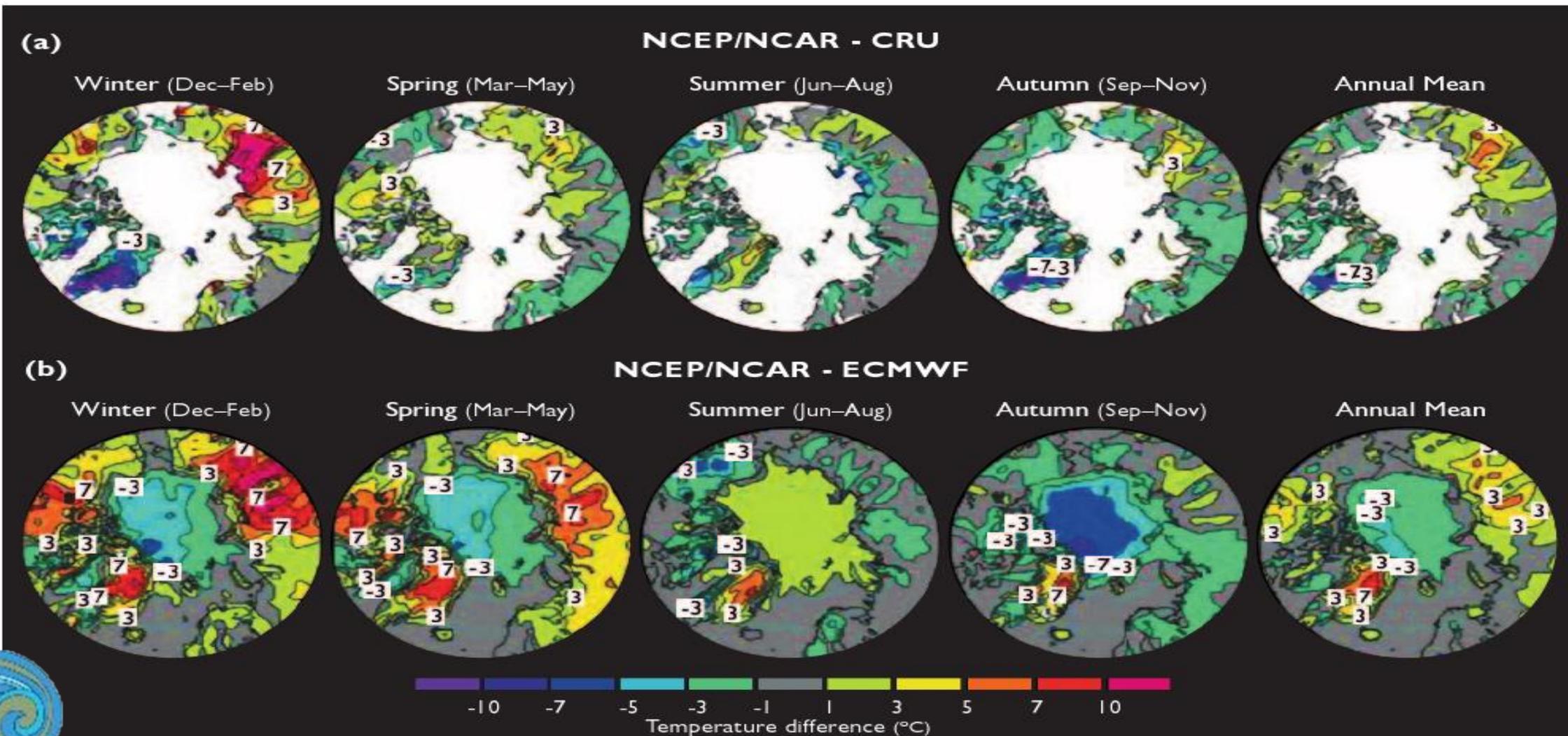


Fig. 4.2. Seasonal and annual mean differences in surface air temperature (a) between the NCEP/NCAR reanalysis and the CRU dataset for the period 1961 to 1990 and (b) between the NCEP/NCAR and the ECMWF reanalyses for the period 1979 to 1993.

Re/analysis data: uncertainty

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Ocean: Web-based Reanalysis Intercomparison Tool: Monthly Maps

Please email us or post comments to the [Reanalysis.org](#) wiki page with any issues, suggestions or comments. The latest updates and issues for the page are available.

Plot monthly maps or vertical cross-sections from different reanalysis datasets as well as differences between reanalyses. Means, anomalies and climatology.

Dataset 1: NOAA GODAS **Dataset 2:** UNL SODA3 ERAI

Variable: Potential Temperature

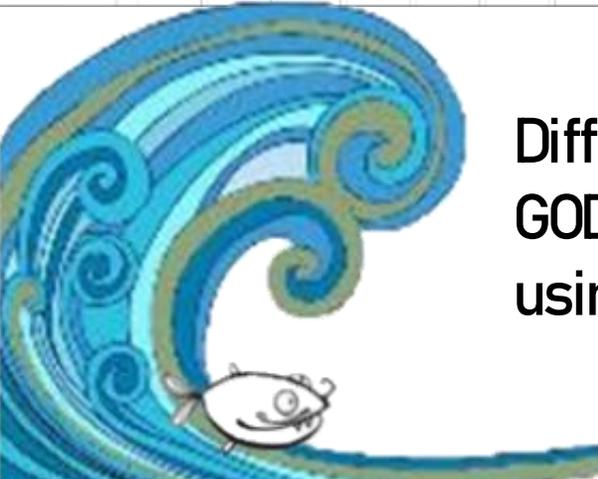
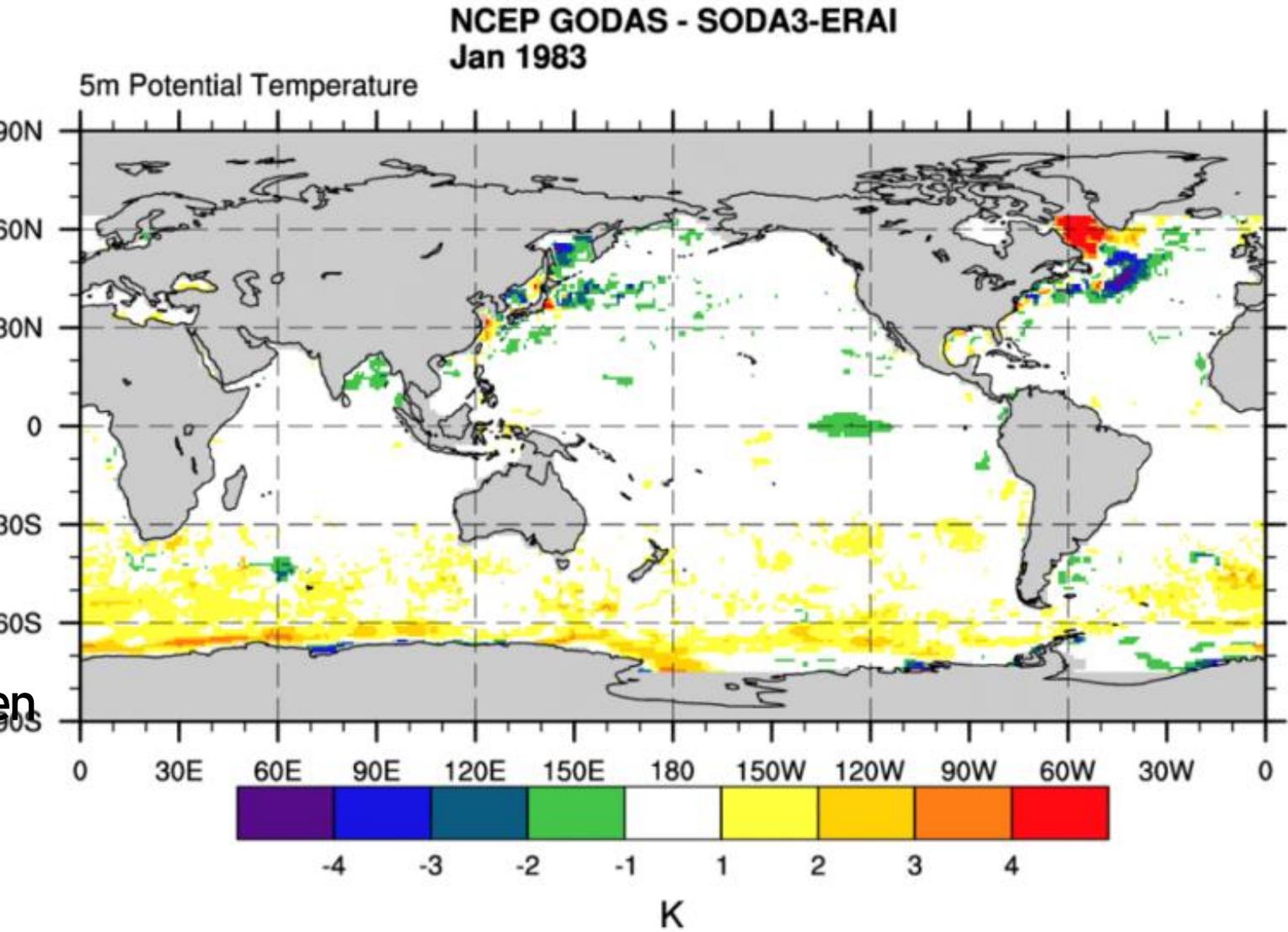
Enter years for composites (from 1 to 20): the LAST month.

OR

Enter year range (limit 50 years). Year should correspond to last month of season. DJF 1982-83 entered as 1983 to 1983.

1st Year of range to last year of range: 2001

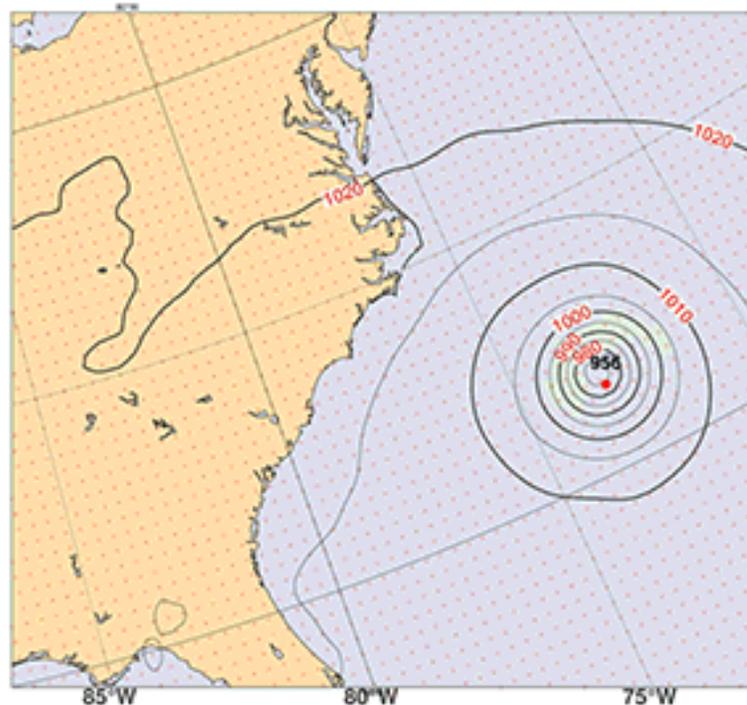
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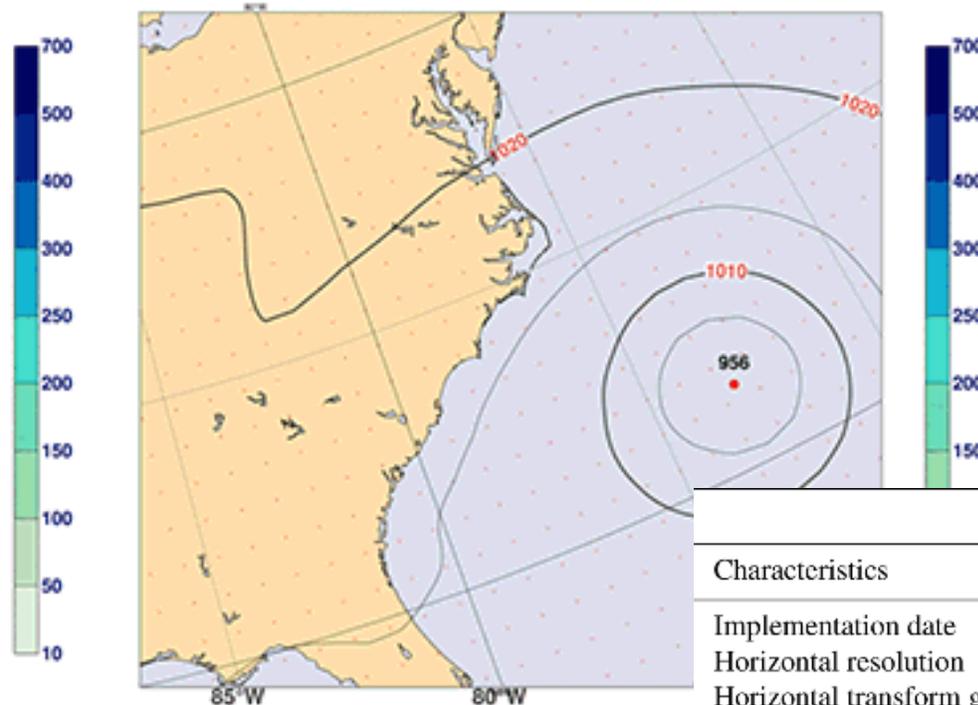
Differences between
GODAS and SODA3
using NOAA WRIT

Reanalysis data: improving accuracy

Florence Thu 13 Sep 2018, 01 UTC for ERA5



Florence Thu 13 Sep 2018, 01 UTC for ERA-Interim



From:
<https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/media-centre/news/2018/ecmwfs-era5-reanalysis-soon-extend-back-1979>

	ERA5	ERA-Interim
Characteristics		
Implementation date	8 Mar 2016	12 Dec 2006
Horizontal resolution	$T_L 636$ (~ 31 km)	$T_L 255$ (~ 79 km)
Horizontal transform grid ^a	$0.3^\circ \times 0.3^\circ$	$0.75^\circ \times 0.75^\circ$
Vertical resolution	137 levels up to 0.01 hPa	60 levels up to 0.1 hPa
Temporal resolution	Hourly	6-hourly
IFS cycle ^b	41r2	31r2
Period covered	1950–now	1979–now
Reference	Hersbach and Dee (2016)	Dee et al. (2011)
Resource requirements		
CPU time (s)	3130	350
Main memory (MB)	5800	530
Disk storage (GB)	450	5.8



From Hoffman et al. (2019) <https://acp.copernicus.org/articles/19/3097/2019>

Reanalysis data: Strengths and limitations

Reanalysis data are often used to represent the "true state of the atmosphere/ocean according to observations."

Key strengths:

- The data are multivariate, spatially and temporally complete, and gridded
- The data combine information from many sources (observations and models)
- The data set is physically and dynamically coherent, according to the models used

In actual fact, reanalysis combines inaccurate and incomplete observations with imperfect models, using methods and procedures that are technically and scientifically complex.

Key weaknesses:

- Changes in the observing system can cause changes in mean errors
- Mixing observations with models tends to violate conservation properties
- Uncertainties in the reanalysis data are difficult to understand and quantify



Reanalysis

Reanalysis data are according to observations

Key strengths:

- The data are multivariate
- The data combine information
- The data set is physical

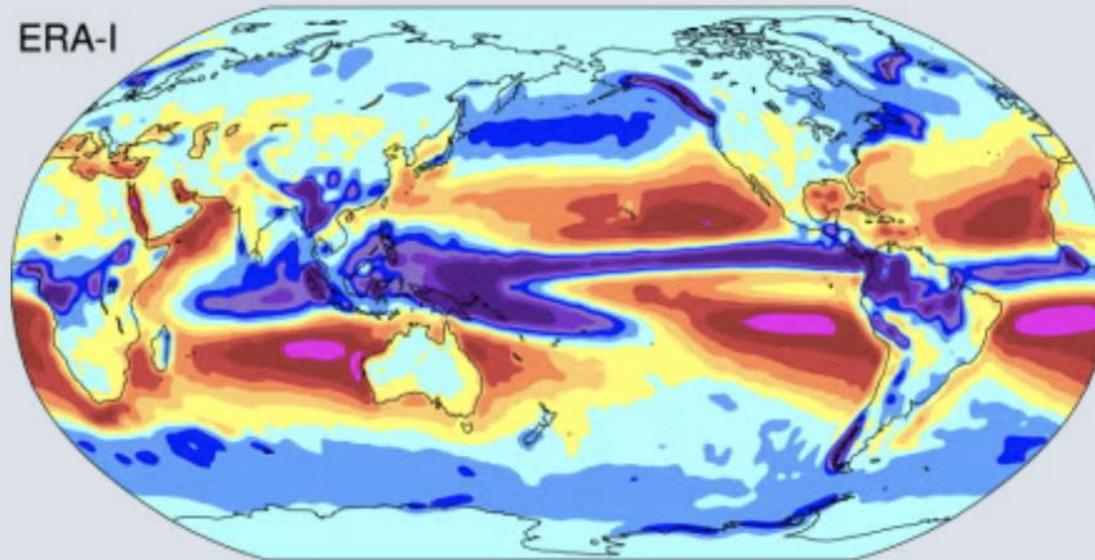
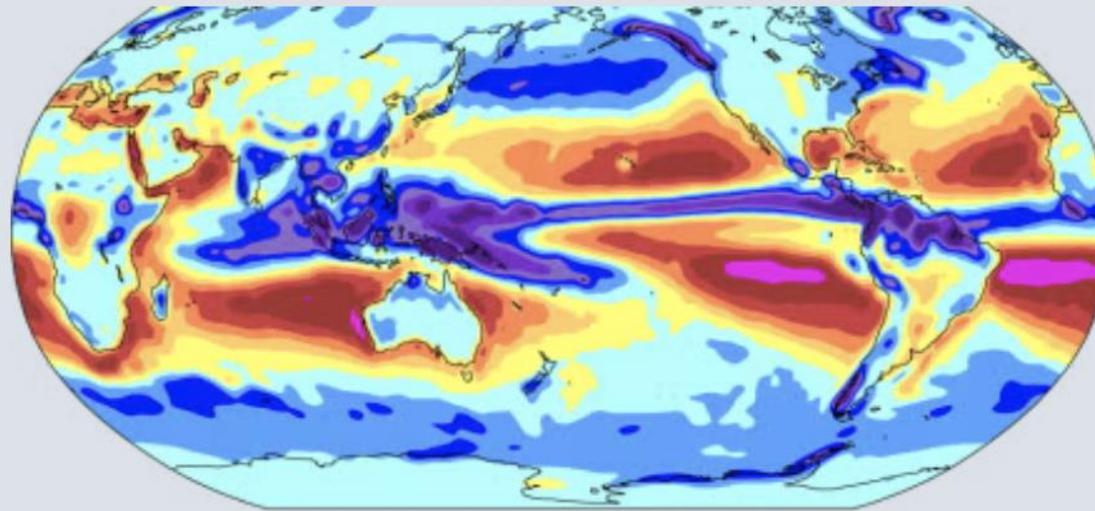
In actual fact, reanalysis models, using methods

Key weaknesses:

- Changes in the observations
- Mixing observations with
- Uncertainties in the reanalysis



Dee (<https://climate>)



Evaporation minus Precipitation in MERRA (top) and ERA-Interim (bottom) based on Trenberth et al. (2011). (Contributed by J Fasullo)

Observations

atmosphere/ocean

used

Observations with imperfectly complex.



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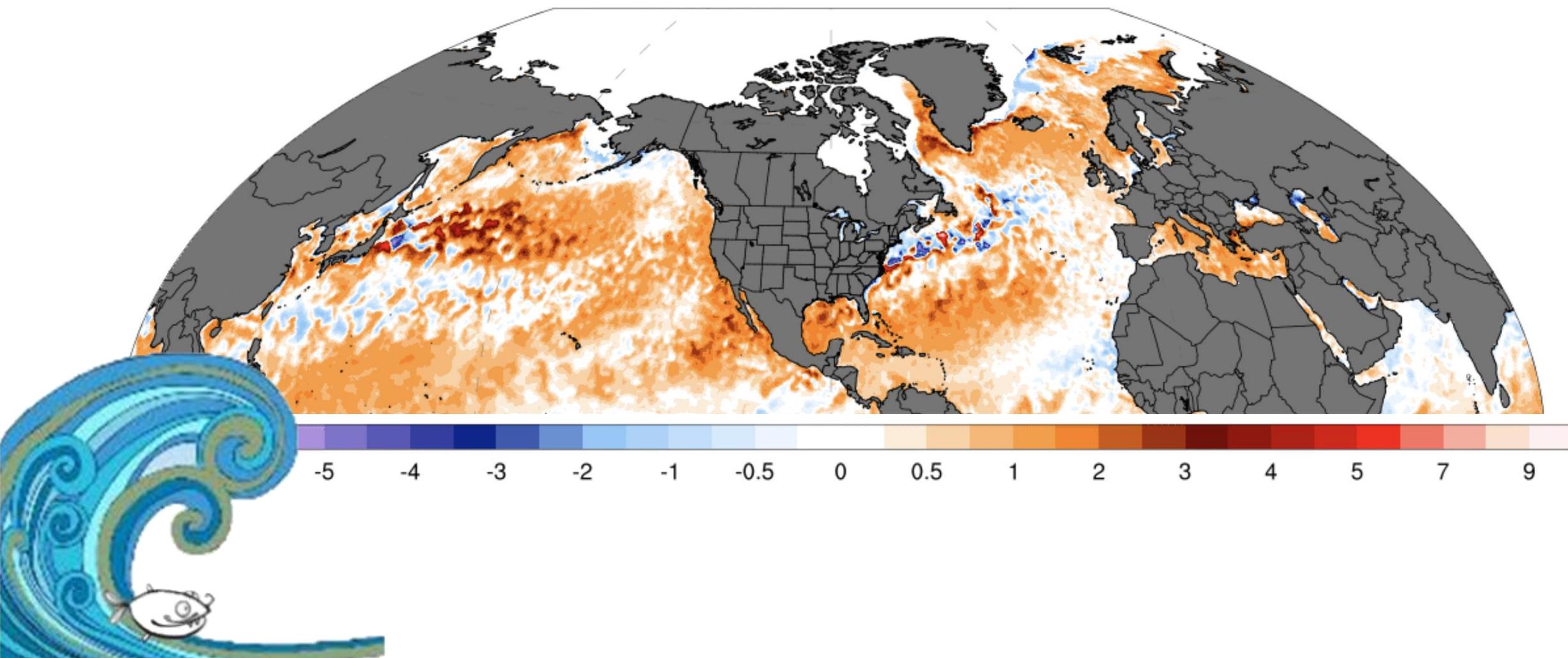
Re/analysis data: examples of applications

NOAA OISST V2.1 SST Anomaly ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) [1991-2020 baseline]

Sun, Jan 25, 2026

ClimateReanalyzer.org

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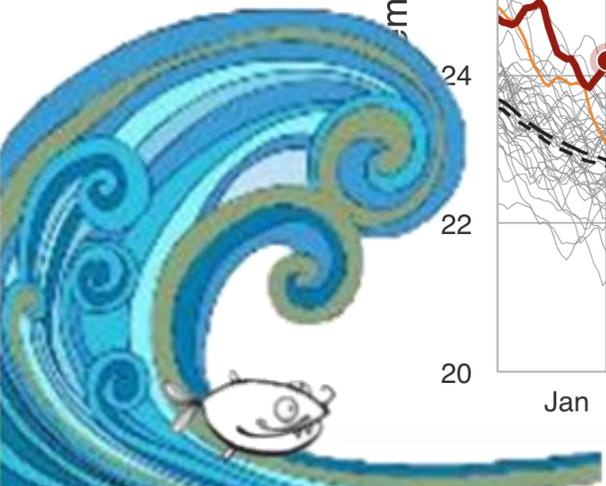
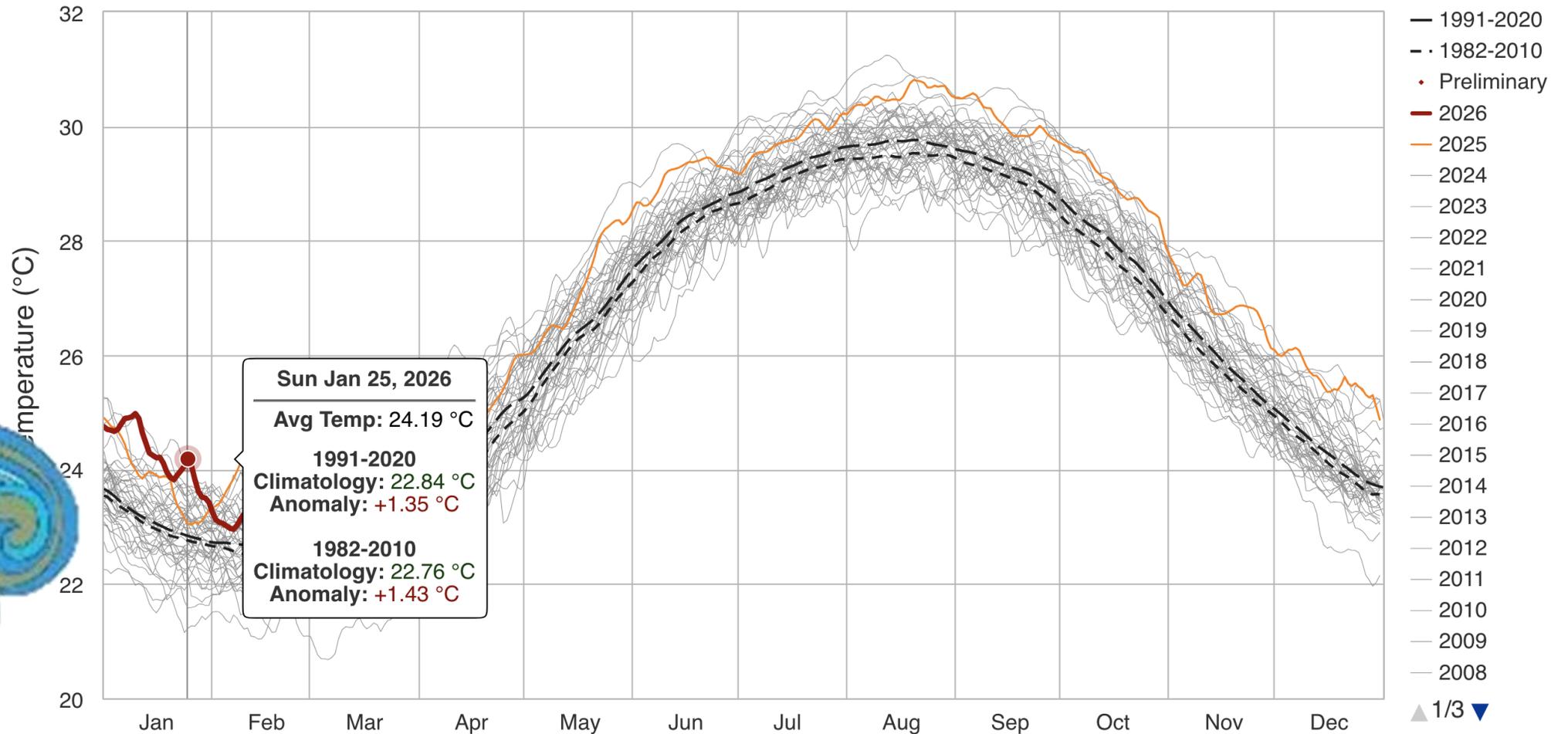
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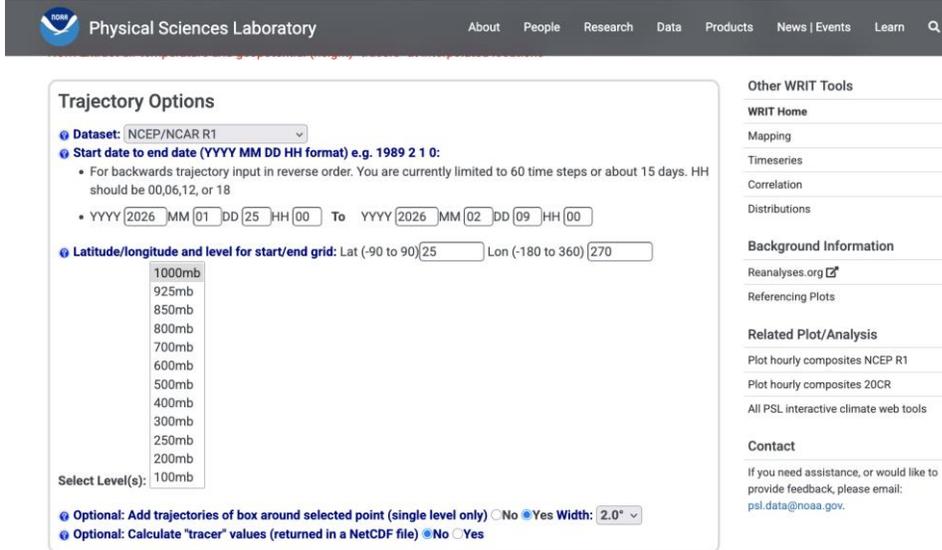
Daily SST, Gulf of Mexico (20–30°N, 82–98°W)

Export Chart

Dataset: NOAA OISST V2.1 | Image Credit: ClimateReanalyzer.org, Climate Change Institute, University of Maine



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Trajectory Options

Dataset: NCEP/NCAR R1

Start date to end date (YYYY MM DD HH format) e.g. 1989 2 1 0:
• For backwards trajectory input in reverse order. You are currently limited to 60 time steps or about 15 days. HH should be 00,06,12, or 18
• YYYY [2026] MM [01] DD [25] HH [00] To YYYY [2026] MM [02] DD [09] HH [00]

Latitude/longitude and level for start/end grid: Lat (-90 to 90) [25] Lon (-180 to 360) [270]

1000mb
925mb
850mb
800mb
700mb
600mb
500mb
400mb
300mb
250mb
200mb
100mb

Select Level(s): 1000mb

Optional: Add trajectories of box around selected point (single level only) No Yes Width: 2.0°

Optional: Calculate "tracer" values (returned in a NetCDF file) No Yes

Plot Options:

Markers drawn for every 6 hours: No Yes

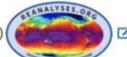
Select region: Custom

Map type (non-default): Polar Stereographic Cylindrical Equidistant

US State Boundaries Drawn: No Yes

Lat1 to Lat2 (S-N) 0 to 60
Lon1 to Lon2 -100 to 0

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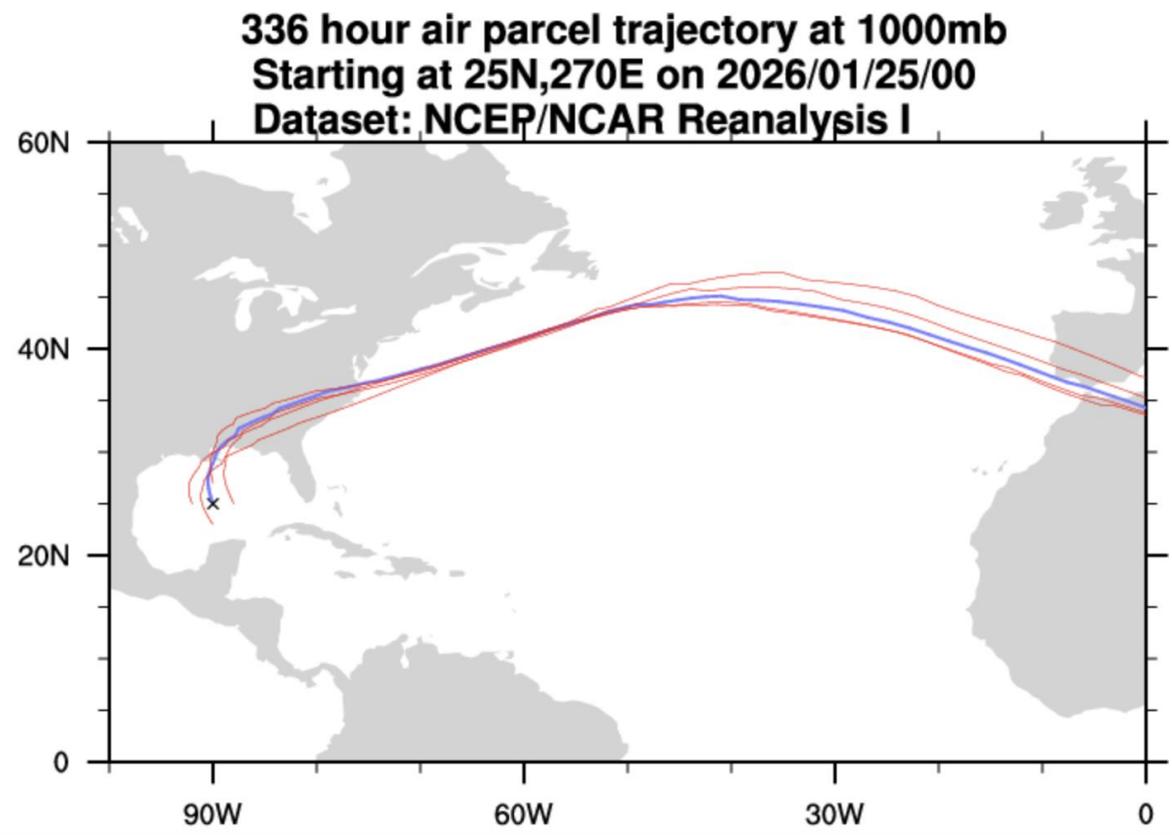


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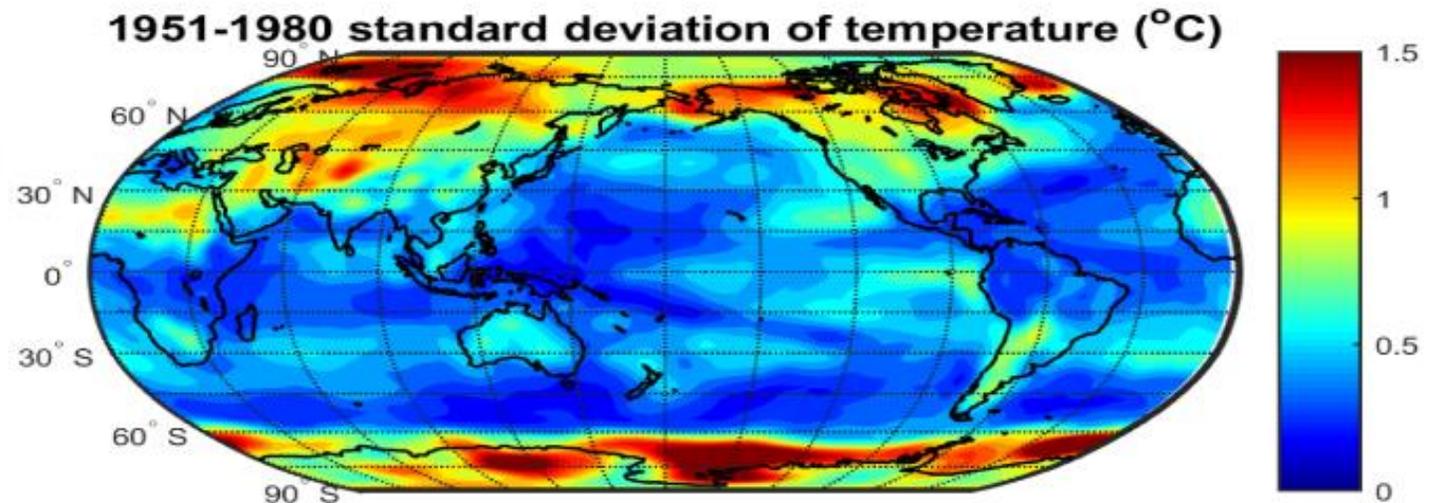
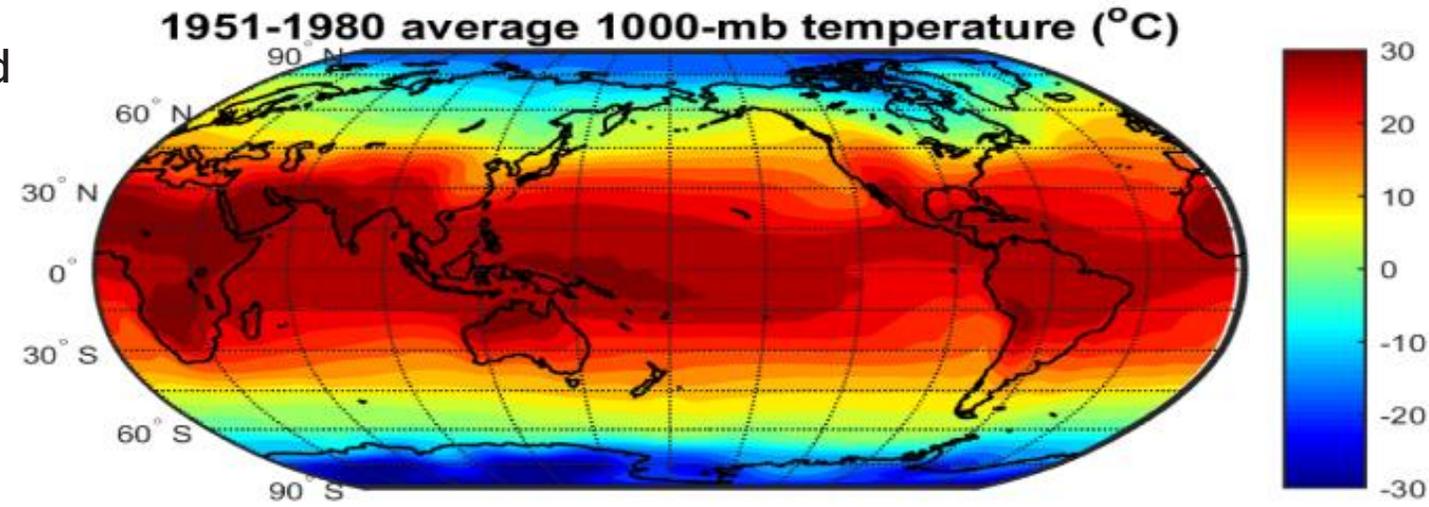


Climatology data

Climate is the statistical ensemble of states occurring in the system Atmosphere-Ocean-Solid Earth in a period of several decades (Monin, 1979).

Climate may be defined as the multivariate, multiple-time probability distribution of status of the ocean-ice-atmosphere system (North et al. 1982).

Climate normals: Period averages computed for a uniform and relatively long period comprising at least three consecutive ten-year periods (WMO No-1203). Climate includes arithmetic **mean**, but it can also include values such as the **standard deviation**, percentile points, number of exceedances of a threshold or **extreme values**.

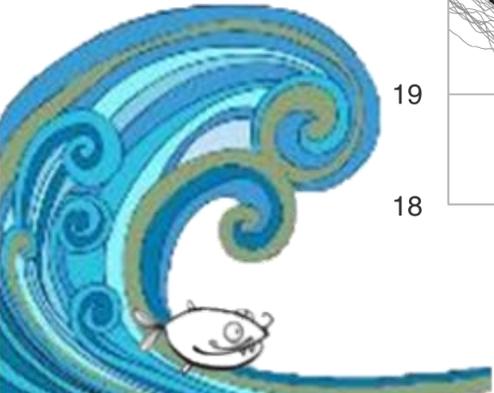
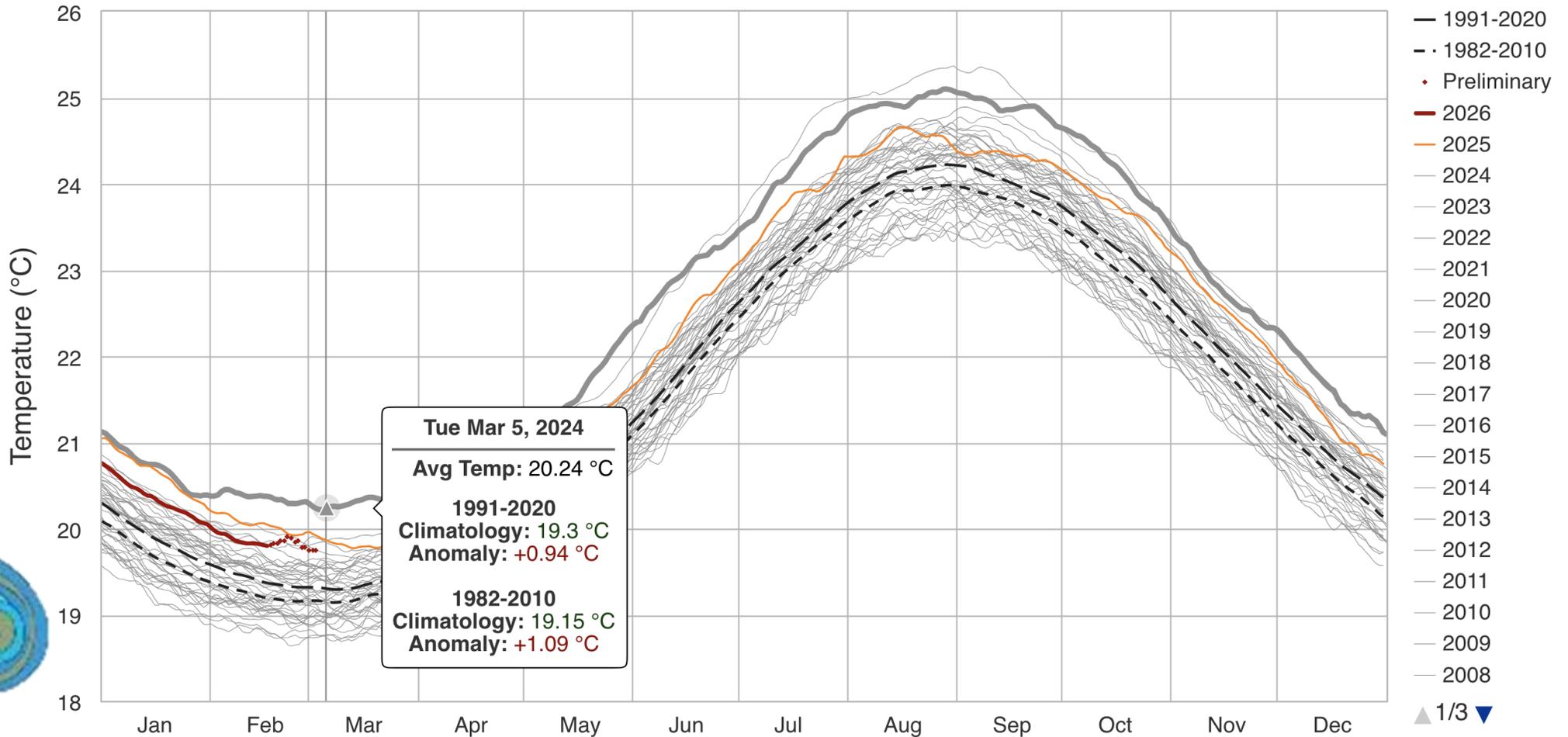


Climatology from reanalysis

Daily SST, North Atlantic (0–60°N, 0–80°W)

Dataset: NOAA OISST V2.1 | Image Credit: ClimateReanalyzer.org, Climate Change Institute, University of Maine

Export Chart



Climatology from reanalysis

NOAA OISST V2.1 SST Anomaly (°C) [1991-2020 baseline]

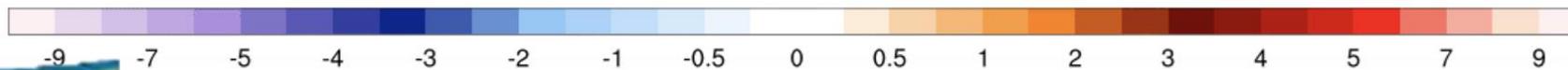
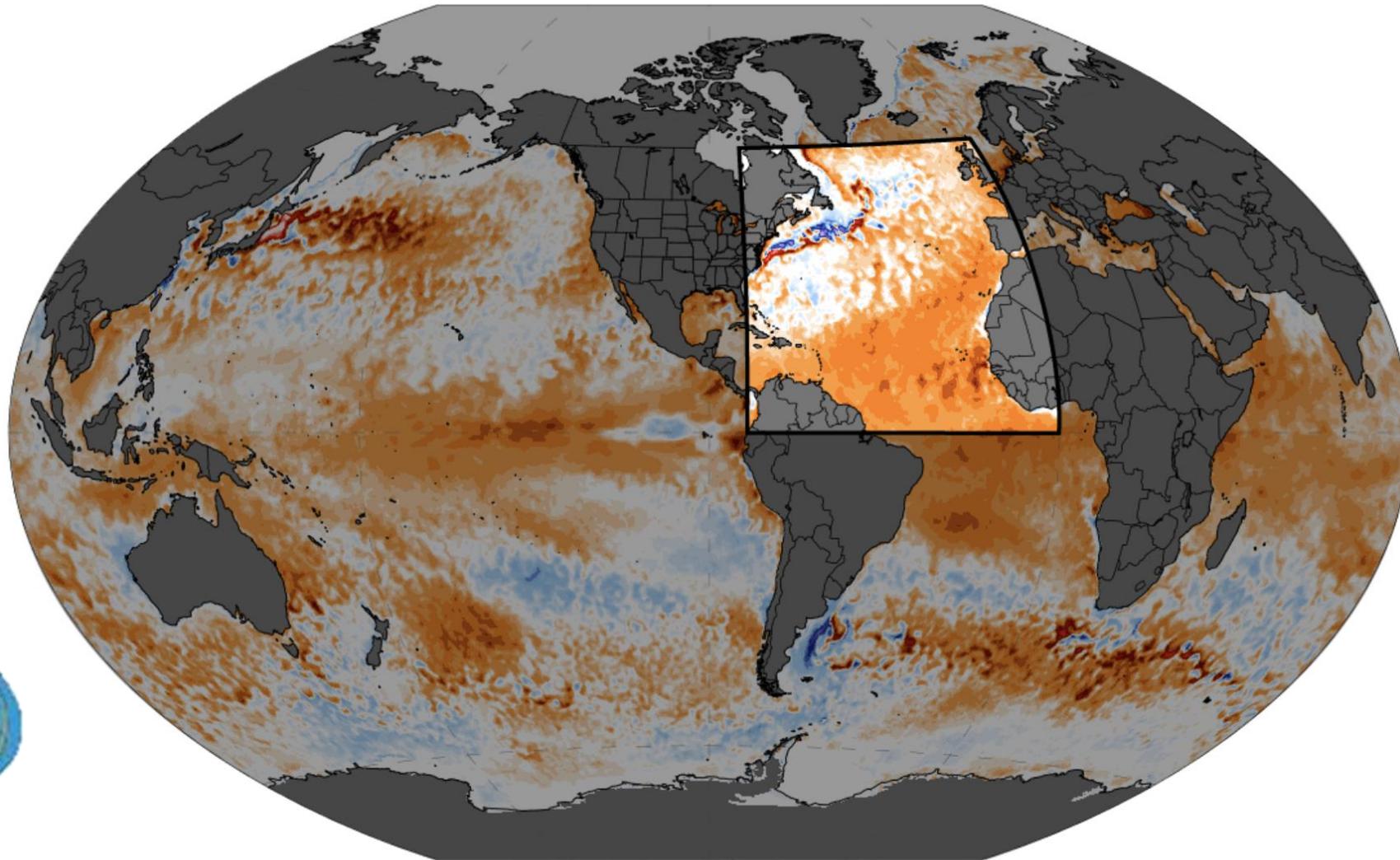
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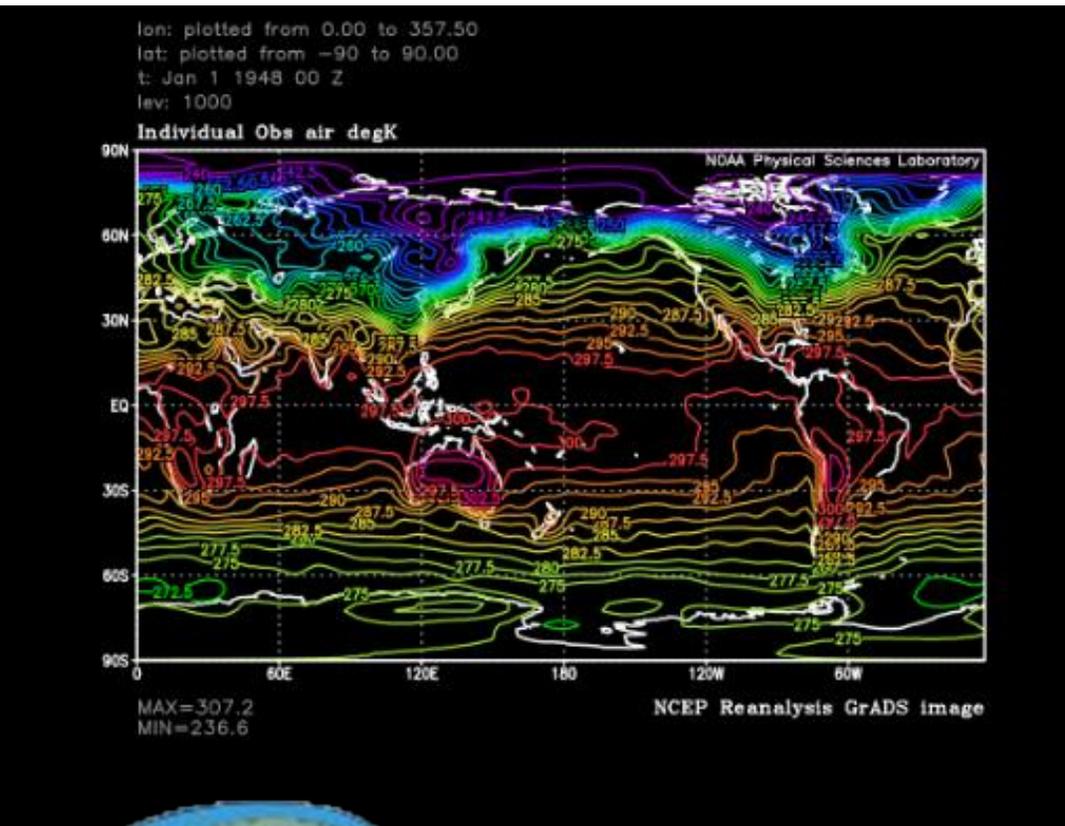


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Air temperature at Surface
(January 1st 1948)
Resolution $2.5^\circ \times 2.5^\circ$

<https://psl.noaa.gov/data/gridded/data.ncep.reanalysis.html>

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Brief Description:

- NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis 1

Temporal Coverage:

- 4-times daily, daily and monthly values for 1948/01/01 to present
- Long term monthly means, derived from data for years 1981 - 2010

Spatial Coverage:

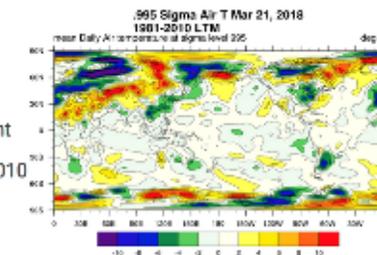
- Global Grids

Levels:

- 17 Pressure level and 28 sigma levels. N/A

Update Schedule:

- Daily



We have separated the data documentation into seven sections:

- Pressure level
- Surface
- Surface Fluxes
- Other Fluxes
- Tropopause
- Derived Data
- Spectral Coefficients

Usage Restrictions:

- None

Detailed Description:

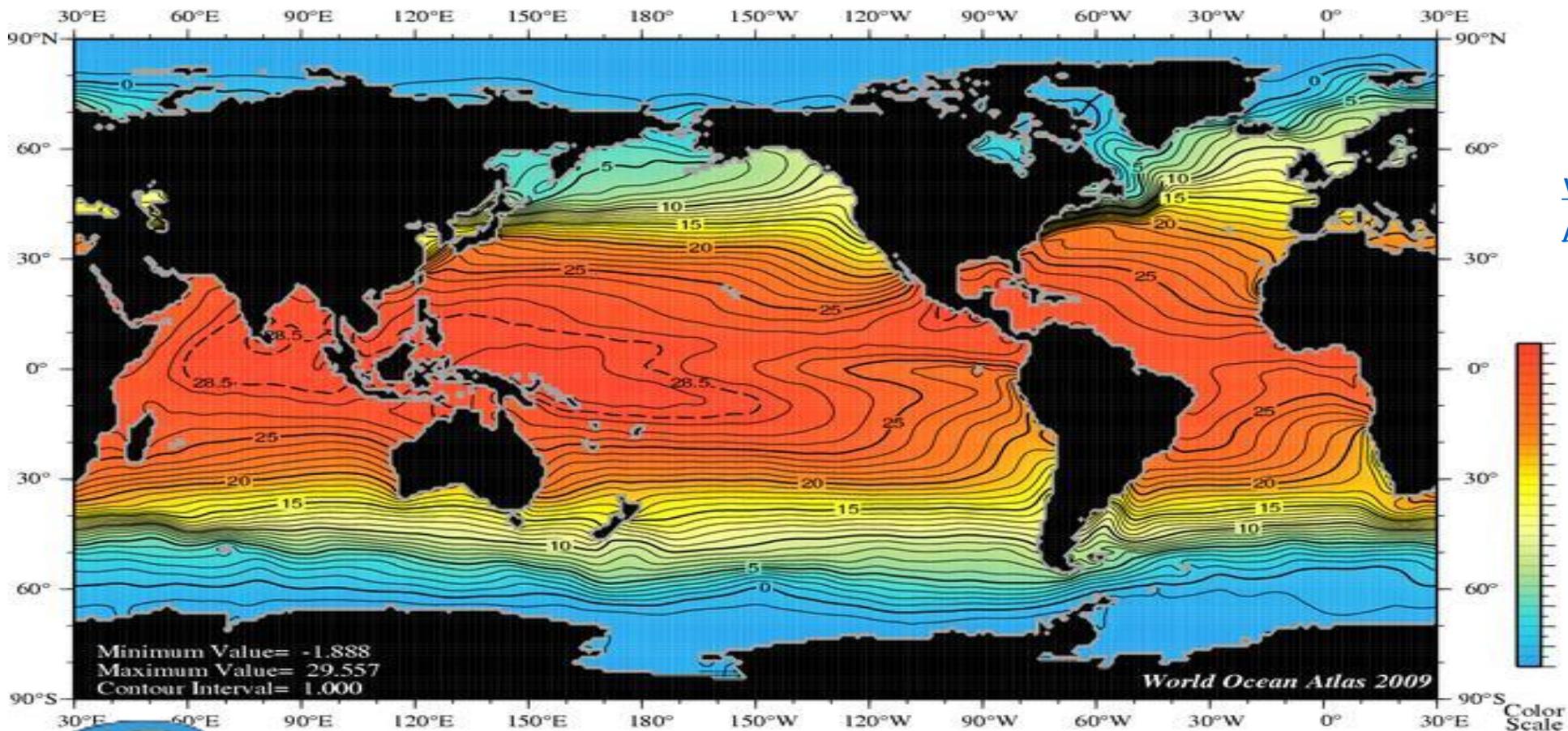
- The NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis 1 project is using a state-of-the-art analysis/forecast system to perform data assimilation using past data from 1948 to the present. A large subset of this data is available from PSL in its original 4 times daily format and as daily averages. However, the data from 1948-1957 is a little different, in the regular (non-Gaussian) gridded data. That data was done at 8 times daily in the model, because the inputs

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<http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/data/reanalysis/reanalysis.shtml>

World Ocean Atlas 2009 (WOA09)

Annual temperature [°C] at the surface.

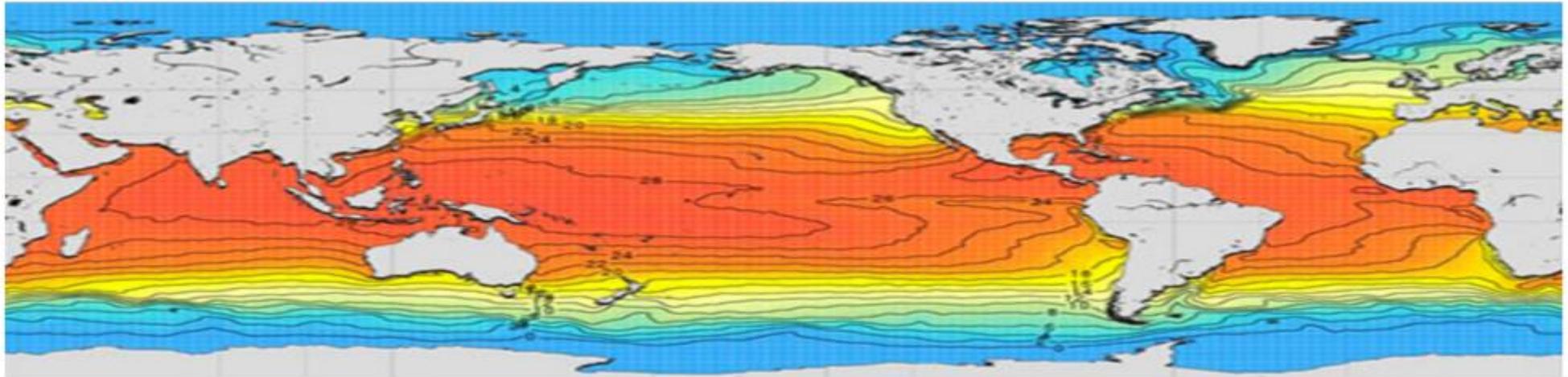


www.nodc.noaa.gov/OC5/WOA09/pr_woa09.html



World Ocean Atlas 2009 (WOA09) is a set of objectively analyzed (1° grid) climatological fields of in situ temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, Apparent Oxygen Utilization (AOU), percent oxygen saturation, phosphate, silicate, and nitrate at standard depth levels for annual, seasonal, and monthly compositing periods for the World Ocean. It also includes associated statistical fields of observed oceanographic profile data interpolated to standard depth levels on both 1° and 5° grids.

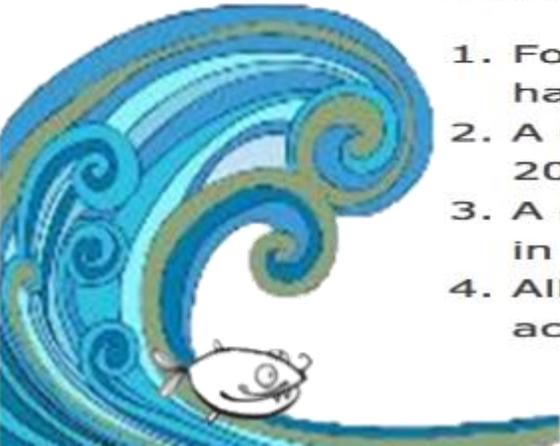
WORLD OCEAN ATLAS 2018 (WOA18)



The *WOA18* updates previous versions of the World Ocean Atlas to include approximately 3 million new oceanographic casts added to the World Ocean Database and renewed quality control.

This final version of WOA18 published in July, 2019 is replacing a prereleased version made available in September, 2018. The changes between the versions include:

1. For the first time the Animal mounted pinniped temperature profiles (APB) have been added improving coverage in high latitude areas.
2. A different Expendable Bathythermograph (XBT) correction (Cheng et al., 2014) has been employed.
3. A double XBT correction has been detected in pre-release version and fixed in final version.
4. All temperature and salinity climatological fields were re-calculated to account for these adjustments.



World Ocean Atlas 2023 (WOA23)

Table 1b. Number of casts in the WOD product series

Dataset	NCEI (1974) ¹	NCEI (1991) ²	WOA 1994	WOD 1998	WOD 2001	WOD 2005	WOD 2009	WOD 2013	WOD 2018	WOD 2023
OSD ³	425,000	783,912	1,194,407	1,373,440	2,121,042	2,258,437	2,541,298	3,115,552	3,233,155	3,256,037
CTD ⁴	n/a	66,450	89,000	189,555	311,943	443,953	641,845	848,911	1,089,421	1,132,680
MBT ⁵	775,000	980,377	1,922,170	2,077,200	2,376,206	2,421,940	2,426,749	2,425,607	2,426,301	2,426,245
XBT	290,000	704,424	1,281,942	1,537,203	1,743,590	1,930,413	2,104,490	2,211,689	2,334,267	2,360,444
MRB ⁶	n/a	n/a	n/a	107,715	297,936	445,371	566,544	1,411,762	1,656,204	1,277,591
DRB	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	50,549	108,564	121,828	251,712	245,592	272,872
PFL	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	22,637	168,988	547,985	1,020,216	2,215,341	2,748,011
UOR	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	37,645	46,699	88,190	88,190	127,544	127,574
APB	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	75,665	75,665	88,583	1,713,132	1,871,303	2,056,367
GLD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	338	5,857	103,798	1,665,453	2,968,167
Total casts	1,490,000	2,535,163	4,487,519	5,285,113	7,037,213	7,900,368	9,155,099	13,190,569	16,864,581	18,625,988
Plankton	n/a	n/a	n/a	83,650	142,900	150,250	218,695	242,727	245,059	245,059
SUR ⁷	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,743	9,178	9,178	9,289	9,289	9,289

¹ Based on statistics from *Climatological Atlas of the World Ocean* (Levitus, 1982).

² Based on NODC Standard Product: Global ocean temperature and salinity profiles (2 disc set) ([NCEI Accession 0098058](#)).

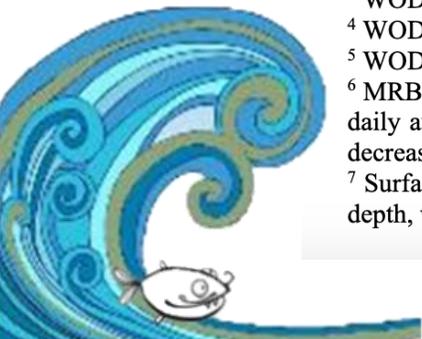
³ WOD23 OSD dataset includes data from 179,616 low-resolution CTD and 1,708 low-resolution XCTD casts.

⁴ WOD23 CTD dataset includes data from 12,741 high-resolution XCTD casts.

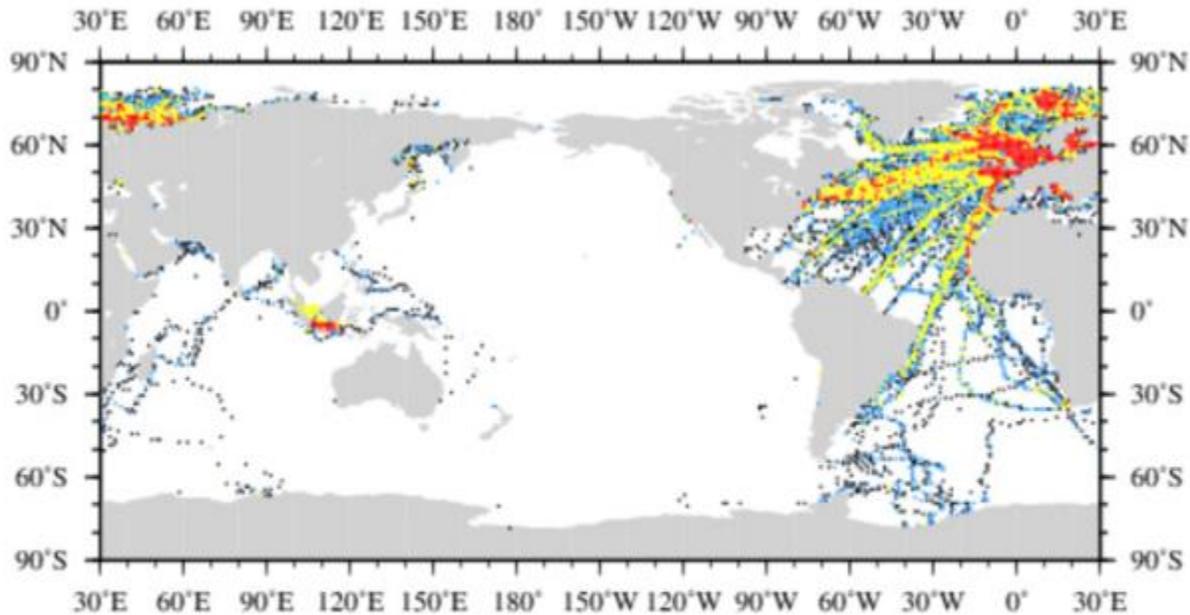
⁵ WOD23 MBT dataset includes data from: 2,340,323 MBT, 80,200 DBT and 5,659 Micro-BT casts.

⁶ MRB data submitted under [NCEI Accession 0063240](#) in WOD18 were recorded at the 15-min interval; in 2021 those data were re-converted as daily averages, the daily average profiles matched with the first unique station number each day, and the extra stations were removed, hence total of MRB record counts in WOD23 decreased.

⁷ Surface data are represented differently from cast (profile) data in the database – all observations in a single cruise have been combined into one “cast” with zero depth, value(s) of variable(s) measured, latitude, longitude, and Julian year-day to identify data and position of individual observations.



<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/world-ocean-database-select/dbsearch.html>

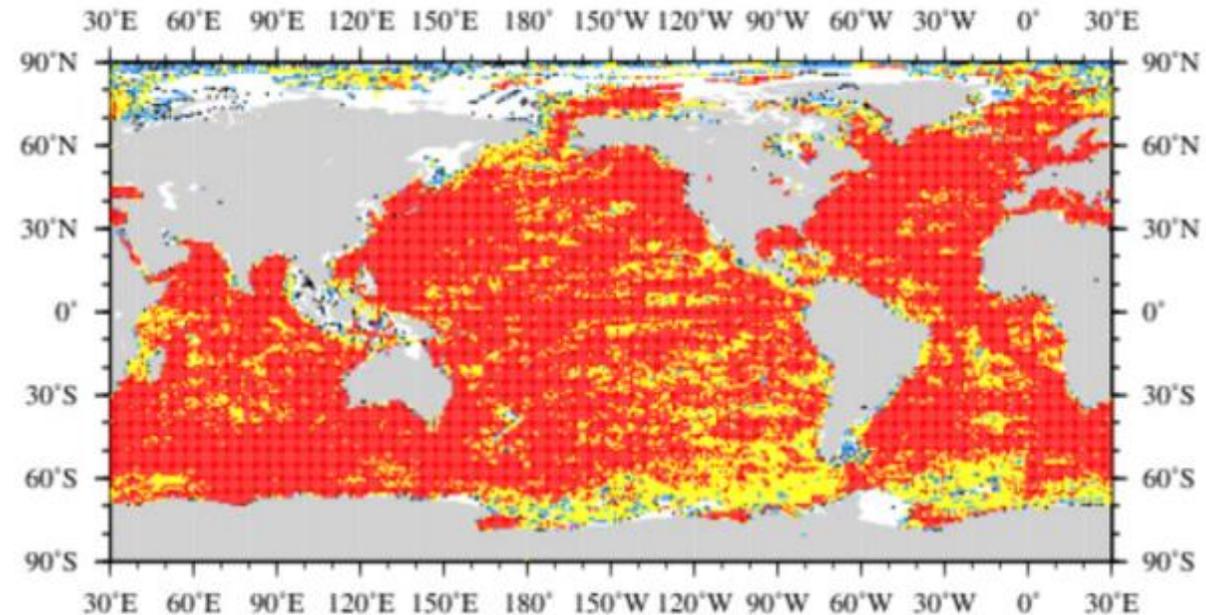


Casts per one-degree box (142448 casts)

Scale of number of casts



NOAA NODC Ocean Climate Laboratory
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Casts per one-degree box (481177 casts)

Scale of number of casts



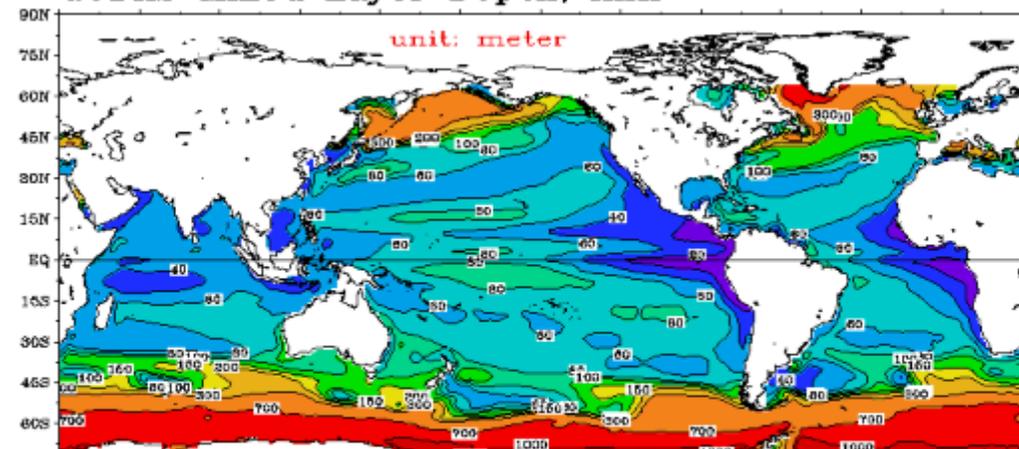
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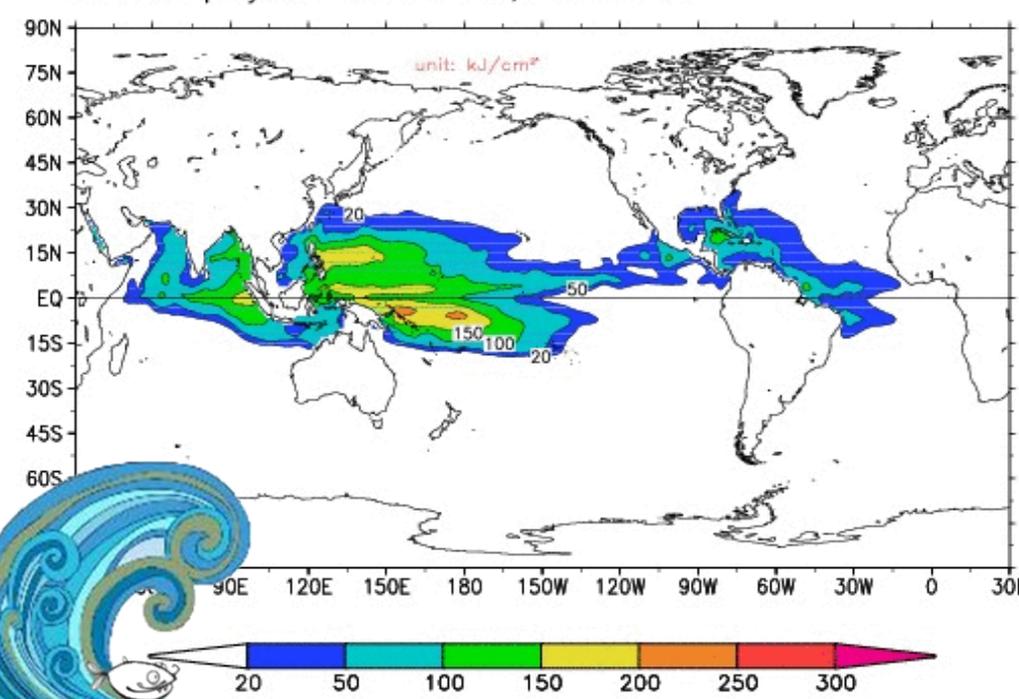
1910-1920

2010-2020

GODAS Mixed Layer Depth, Ann



GODAS Trop Cyclone Heat Potential, 2021 Jul 17



https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/GODAS/



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NCEP Global Ocean Data Assimilation System (GODAS)

GODAS depends on continuous real-time data from the Global Ocean Observing System. This project is to deliver routine ocean monitoring products, and is being implemented by CPC in cooperation with [NOAA Global Ocean Monitoring and Observing \(GOMO\)](#).

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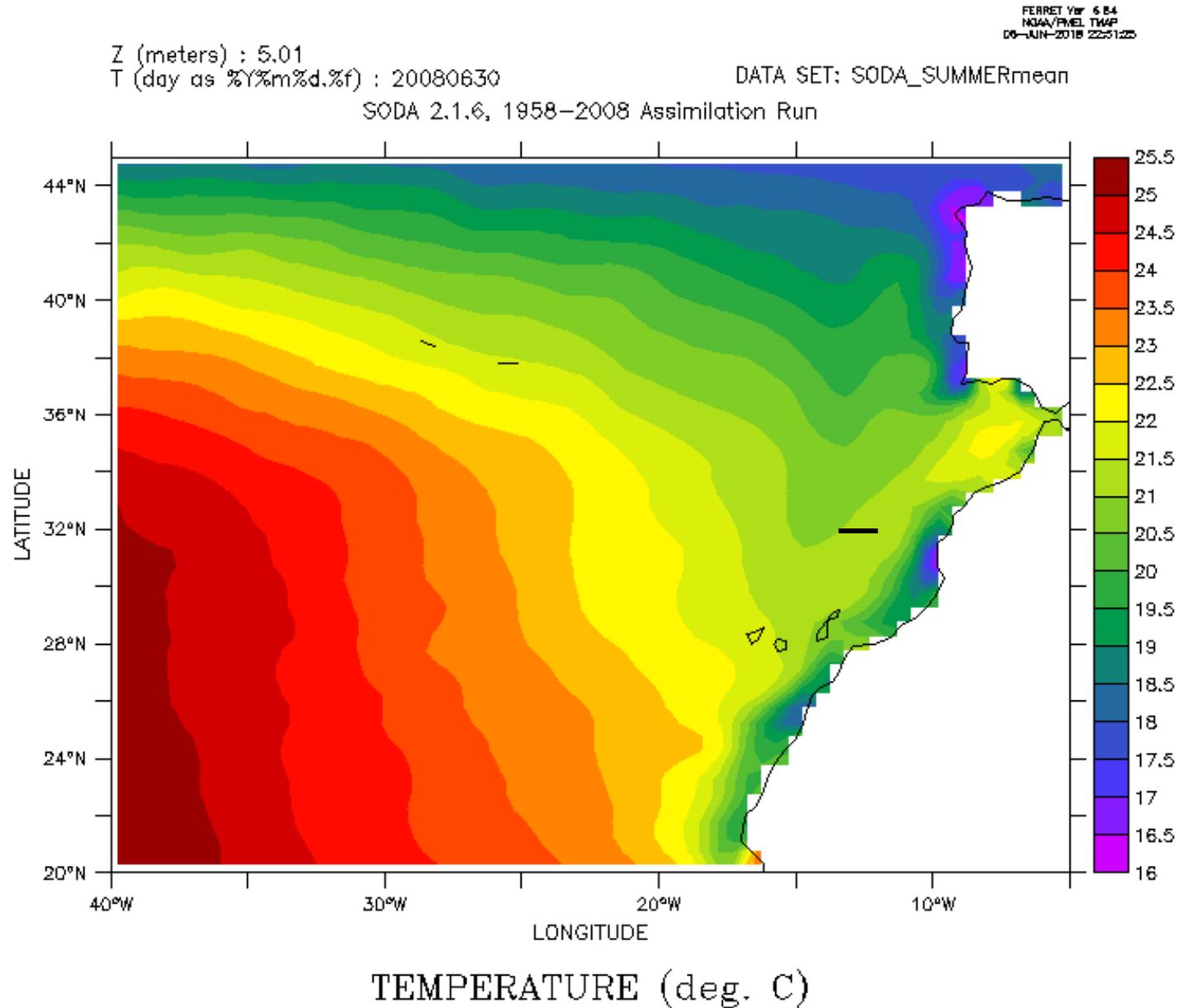
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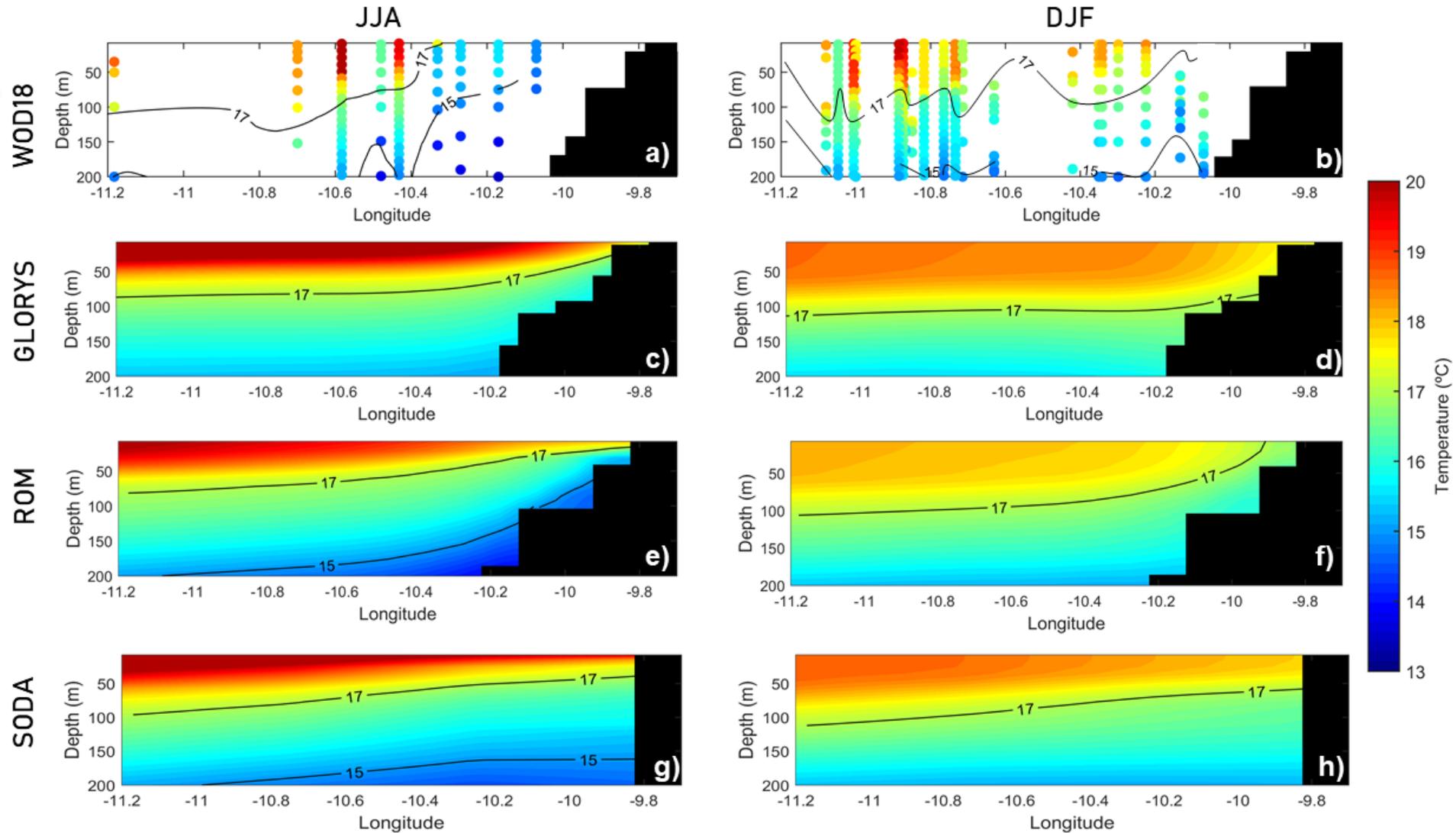
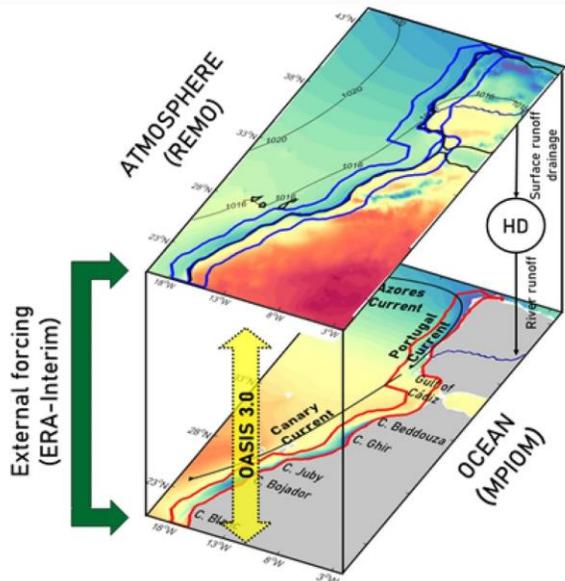
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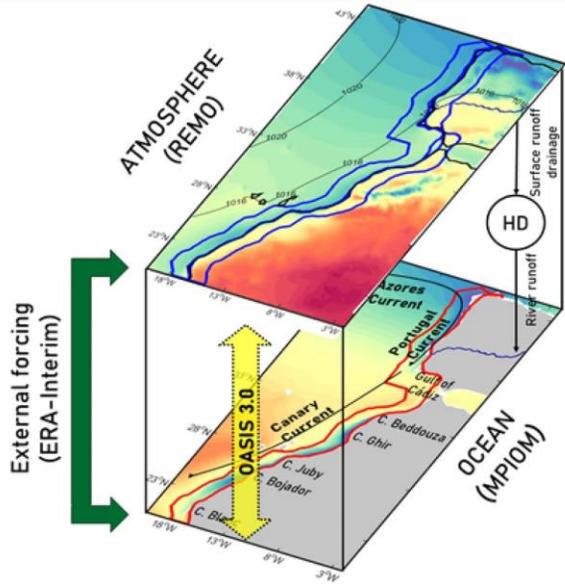
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Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) transect for JJA (left) and DJF (right) in Cape Ghir (1980–2012) for WOD18 (a, b), GLORYS (c, d), ROM (e, f) and SODA (g, h). Vázquez et al. (2021)



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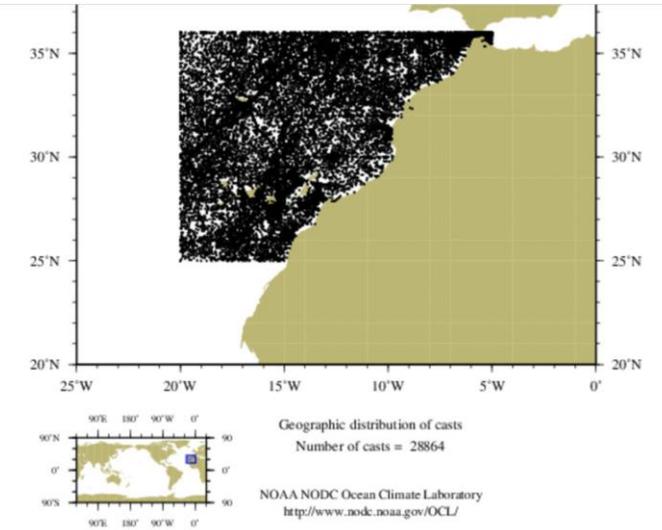
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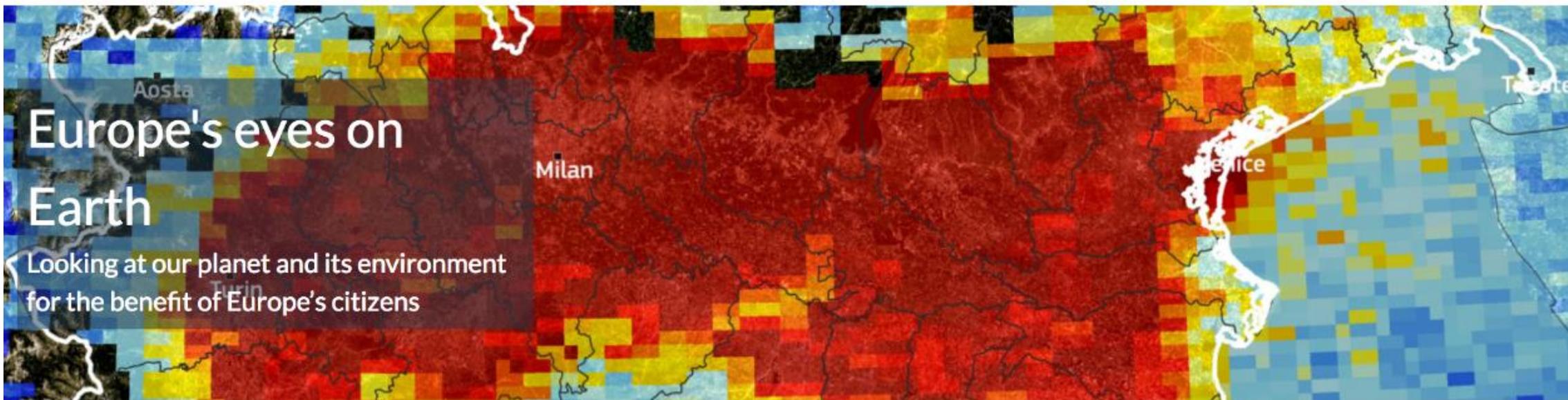
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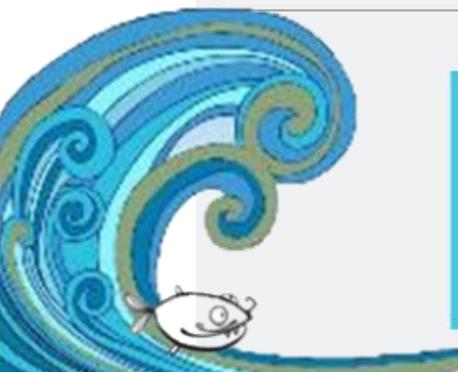
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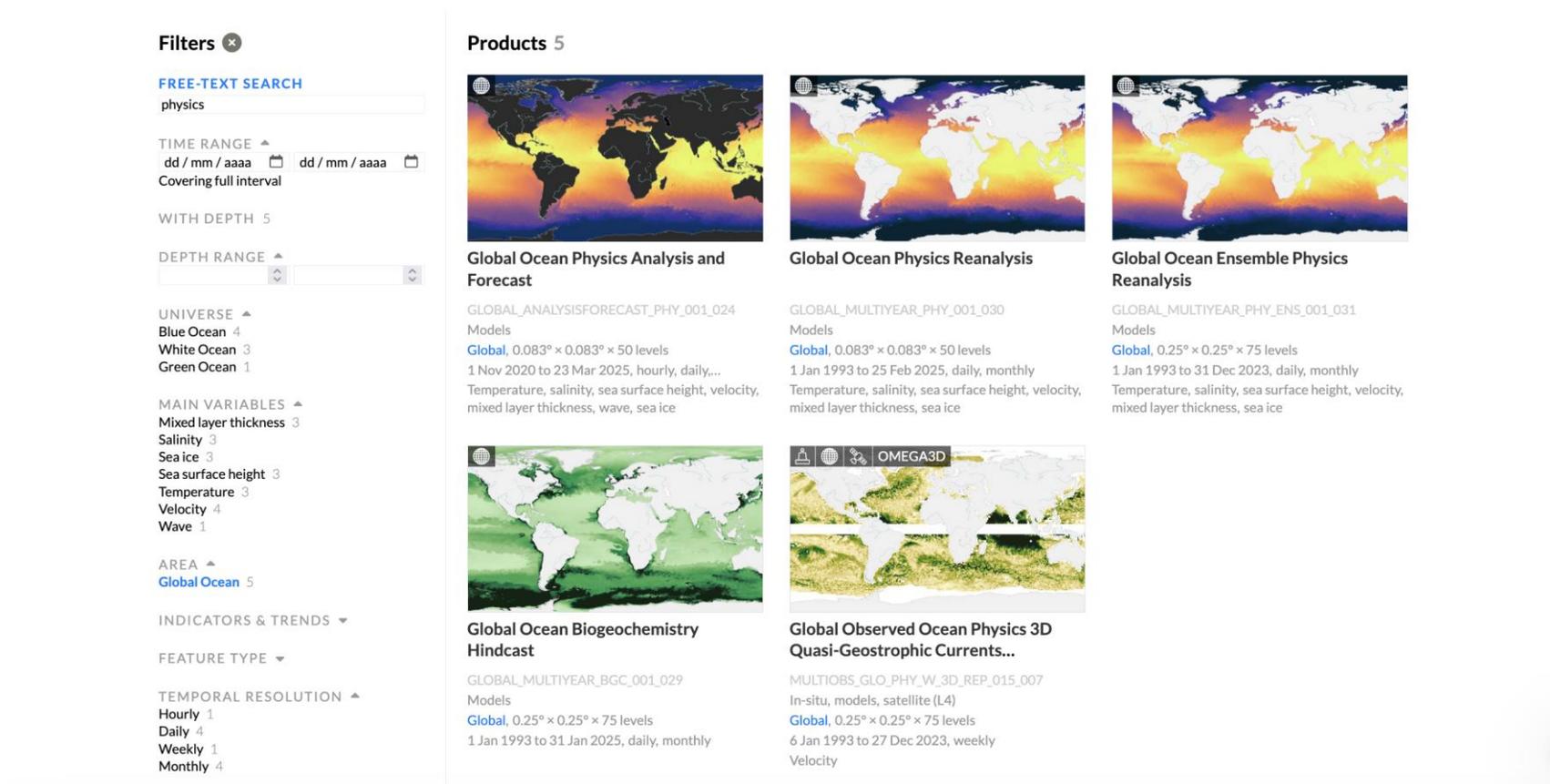
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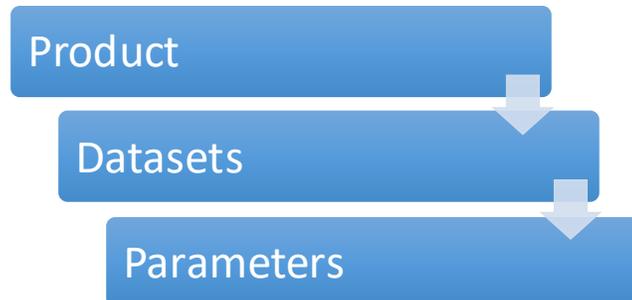
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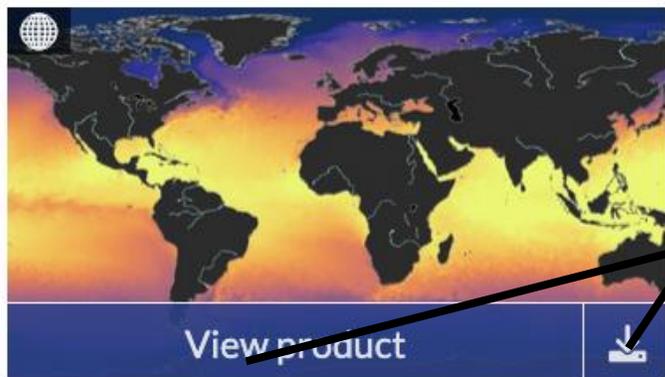
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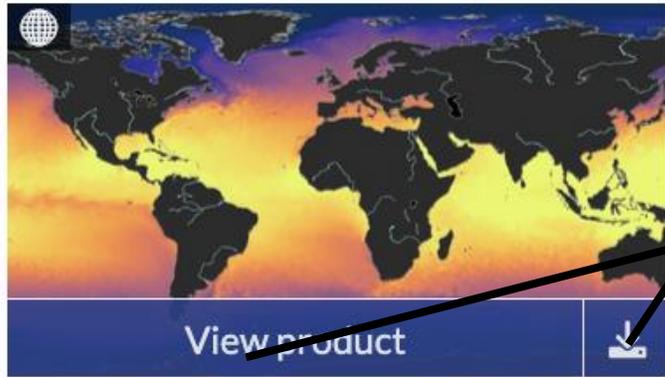
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Full name	Global Ocean Physics Analysis and Forecast
Product ID	GLOBAL_ANALYSISFORECAST_PHY_001_024
Source	Numerical models
Spatial extent	Global Ocean · Lat -80° to 90° · Lon -180° to 179.92°
Spatial resolution	0.083° × 0.083°
Temporal extent	1 Nov 2020 to 23 Mar 2025
Temporal resolution	Hourly · Daily · Monthly
Elevation (depth) levels	50
Processing level	Level 4
Variables	Sea water potential temperature (T) · Sea surface temperature anomaly (SST) · Sea water potential temperature at sea floor (TOB) · Sea water salinity (S) · Sea water potential salinity at sea floor (S) · Sea surface height above geoid (SSH) · Change in sea surface height due to change in air pressure (SSH) · Tidal sea surface height above mean sea level (SSH) · Eastward sea water velocity (UV) · Northward sea water velocity (UV) · Sea surface wave stokes drift x velocity (UV, VSDXY) · Sea surface wave stokes drift y velocity (UV, VSDXY) · Upward sea water velocity (UV) · Surface sea water x velocity (UV) · Surface sea water y velocity (UV) · Surface sea water x velocity due to tide (UV) · Surface sea water y velocity due to tide (UV) · Ocean mixed layer thickness defined by sigma theta (MLD) · Sea ice thickness (SIT) · Eastward sea ice velocity (SIUV) · Northward sea ice velocity (SIUV) · Surface snow thickness (SNOW) · Age of sea ice (SIAGE) · Sea ice albedo (SIALB) · Sea ice surface temperature (IST) · Cell thickness · Change in sea floor height above reference ellipsoid due to ocean tide loading · Global average sea level change due to change in ocean mass · Global average steric sea level change · Model level number at sea floor · Ocean dynamic sea level · Sea binary mask · Sea floor depth below geoid · Sea ice area fraction · Sea ice speed · Sea water pressure at sea floor
Feature type	Grid
Blue markets	Polar Environment Monitoring · Policy & Governance · Education · Public Health & Recreation · Science & Innovation · Extremes & Hazards & Safety · Coastal Services · Natural Resources & Energy · Trade & Marine Navigation
Projection	Equirectangular
Data assimilation	Sea Level · Sea Ice Concentration and/or Thickness · SST · In-Situ TS Profiles
Update frequency	Daily - 12:00 UTC; 15th day of month at 12:00 UTC · Monthly
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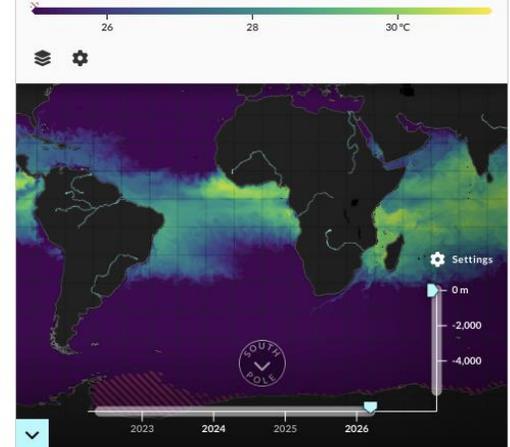
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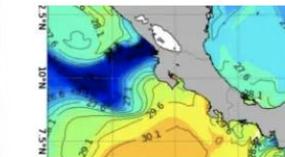


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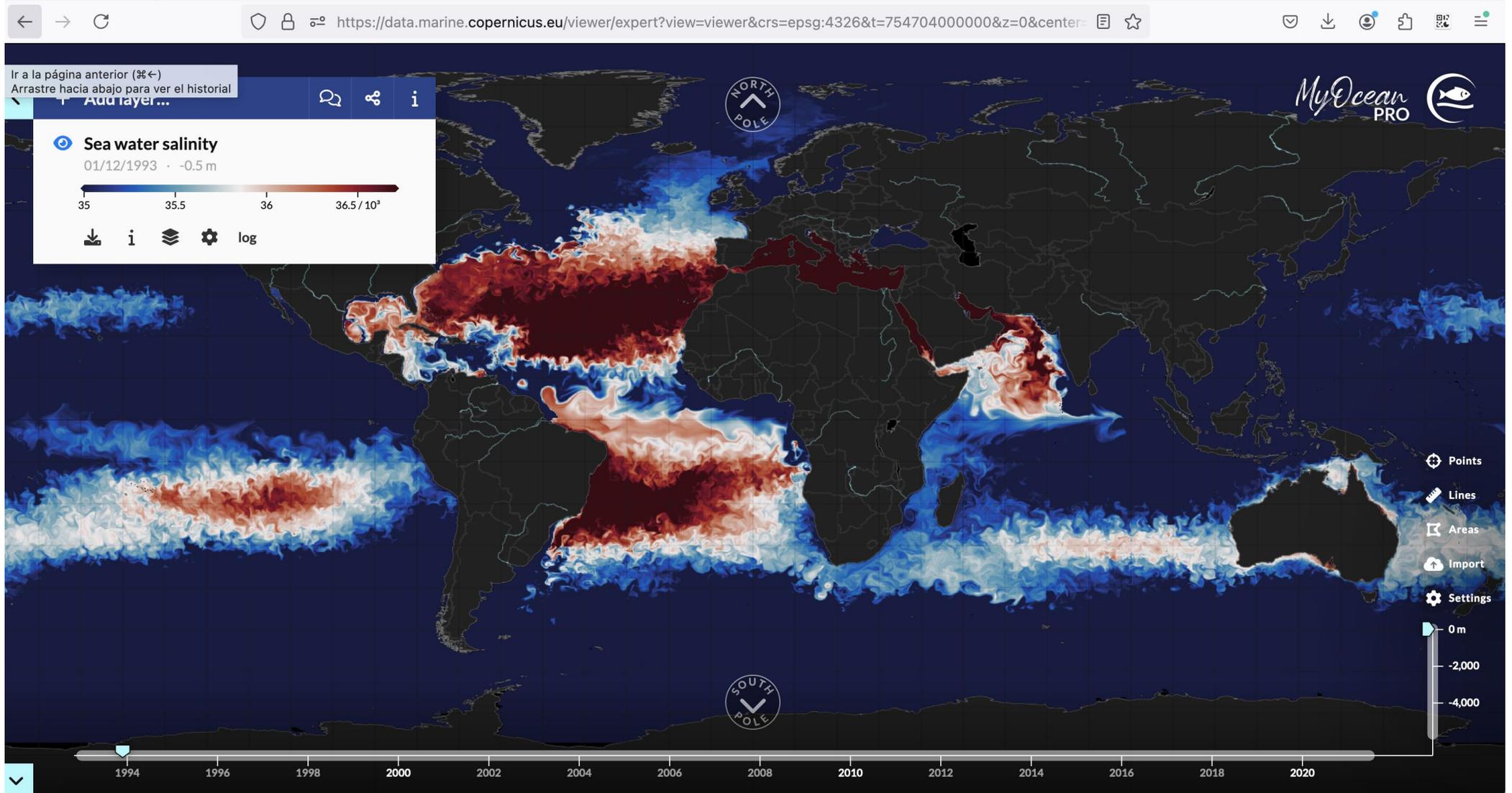
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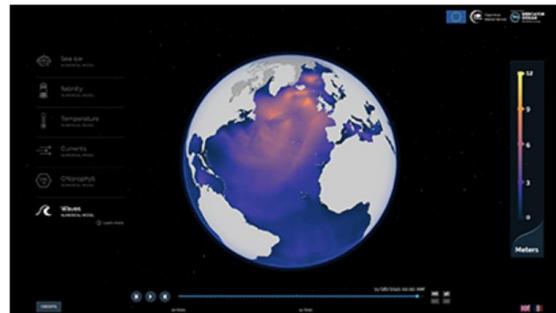
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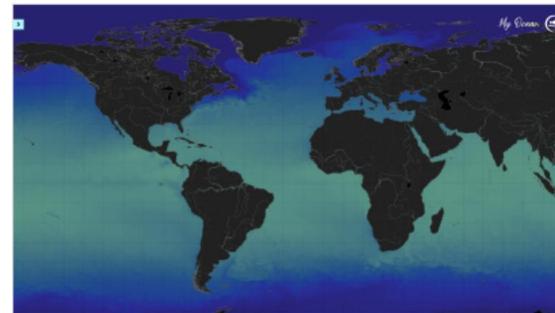
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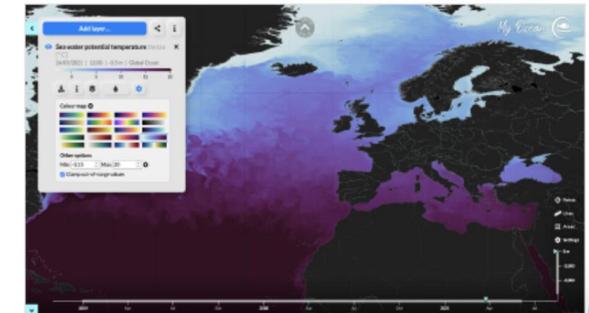
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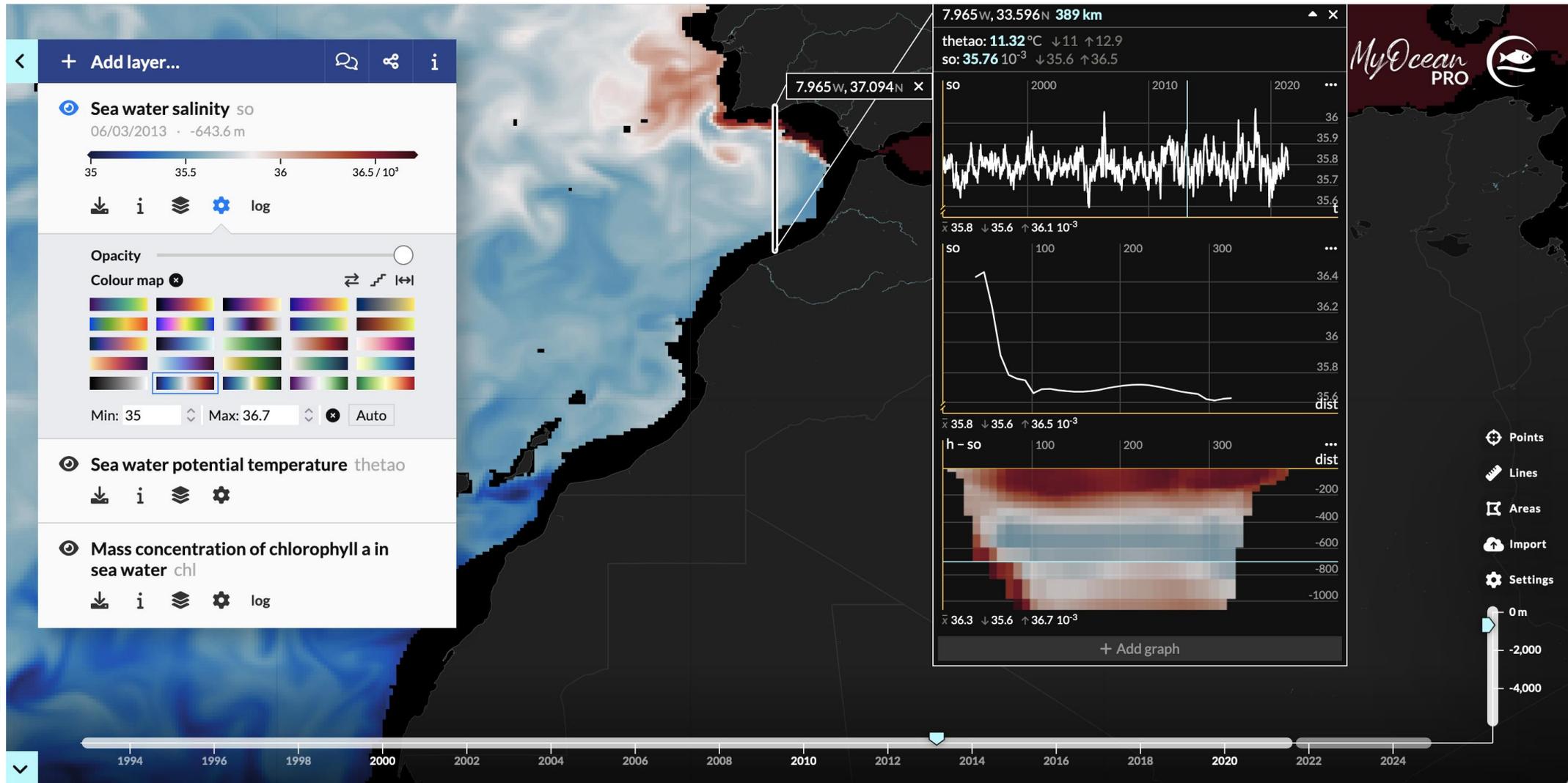
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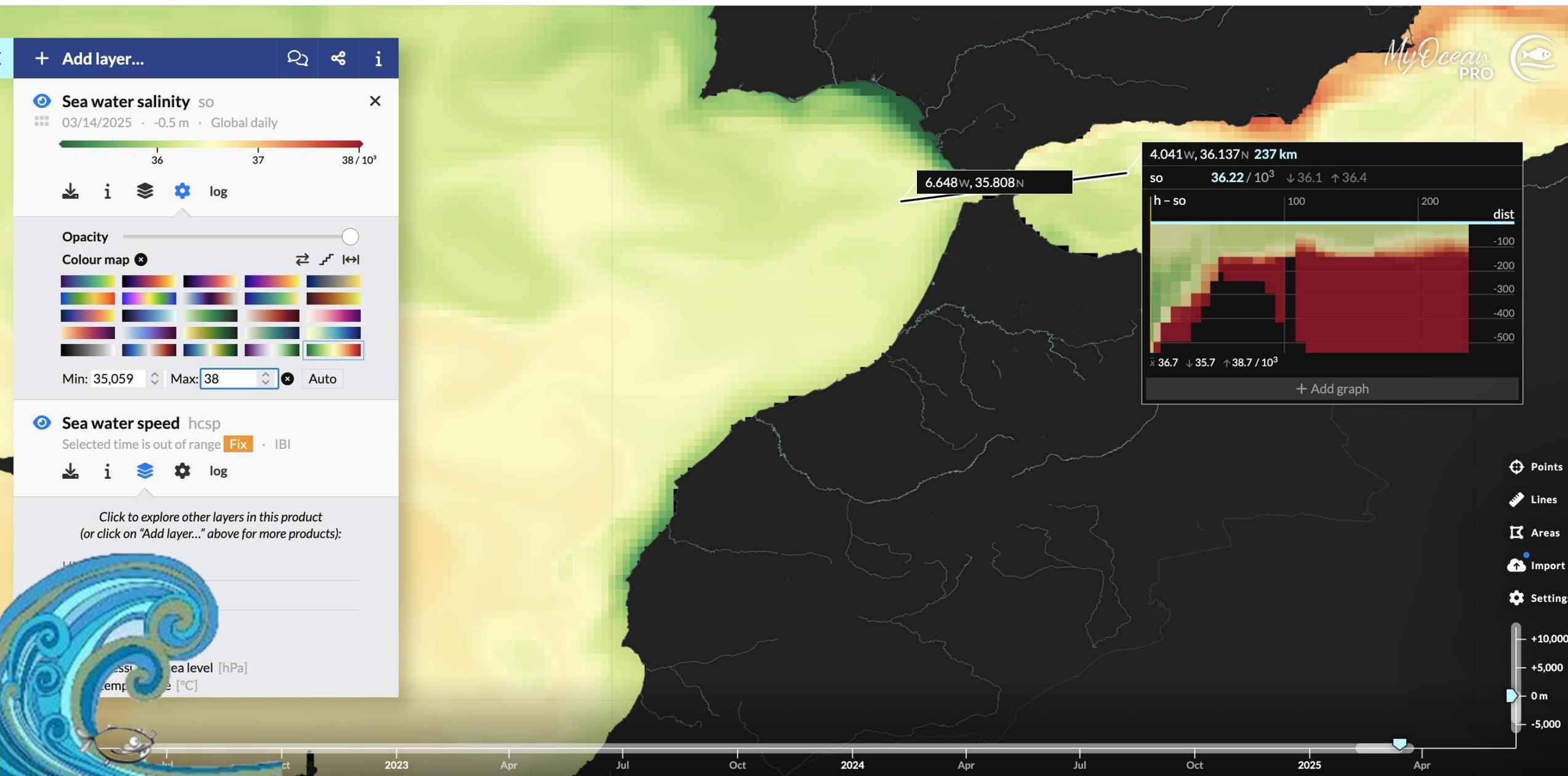
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1.2	19/09/2017	All	Addition of static and monthly datasets – Reformatting to follow new template	E. Fernandez	L. Nouel
1.3	26/04/2018	II.3	Addition of Information on SSH	C. Derval	C. Derval
1.4	18/01/2019		Addition of a new dataset of 3 merged : general circulation, tides & waves	S. Law Chune	C. Derval
1.5	19/11/2019		Addition of new datasets for instantaneous data	M. Tressol	
1.6	01/07/2020	IV	Nomenclature description & FTP download behaviour.	M. Tressol	C. Derval
1.7	03/05/2021		10D forecast for SMOC	C. Derval	C. Derval

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Number of vertical levels	1	
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CHANGE RECORD

Issue	Date	§	Description of Change	Author	Validated By
1.0	23/09/2016	All	Creation of the document for CMEMS V2.3	M. Drevillon	Y. Drillet
2.0	19/10/2016		Correction after review	J. M. Lellouche	Y. Drillet
2.1	01/01/2019	SI,	Merging of the document to include SMOC dataset	S. Law Chune	Mercator Ocean

1.2 Executive summary

The quality of the Global high resolution system and GLO_HR products has been assessed using one year of the hindcast. The headline results for each of the variables assessed are as follows.

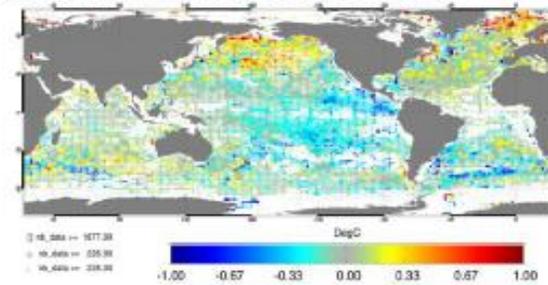
1.2.1 Temperature and salinity

The systems description of the ocean water masses is very accurate on average and departures from in situ observations rarely exceed 0.5 K and 0.1 psu. In the thermocline, RMS errors reach 1 K and 0.2 psu. In high variability regions like the Gulf Stream or the Agulhas Current, or the Eastern Tropical Pacific, RMS errors reach more than 2 K and 0.5 psu locally.

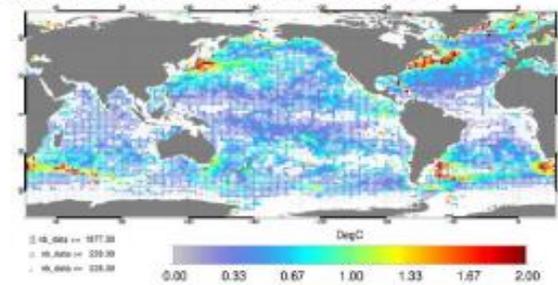
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variable	Region	Type of metric	MERSEA/GODAE classification	Reference observational dataset
3D temperature	Global, and regional basins	Residual Error=obs-model Time evolution of RMS error on 0-500m Vertical profile of mean error.	CLASS4	CMEMS: CORIOLIS T (z) profiles
3D salinity	Global, and regional basins	Residual Error=obs-model Time evolution of RMS error on 0-500m Vertical profile of mean error.	CLASS4	CMEMS: CORIOLIS S(z) profiles
Sea level anomaly (SLA)	Global, and regional basins	Residual Error=obs-model Time evolution of RMS and mean residual error	Data assimilation statistics	CMEMS: On track AVISO sla observations from Jason3, Saral AltiKa and Cryosat
Sea surface height	At tide gauges (Global but near coastal regions)	Residual Error=model-obs Time series correlation and RMS error	CLASS4	Tide gauges sea level time series from GLOSS, BODC, Imedea, WOCE, OPPE and SONEL
Sea Surface Temperature SST	Global, and regional basins	Residual Error=obs-model Time evolution of RMS and mean error	Data assimilation statistics	CMEMS: OSTIA SST

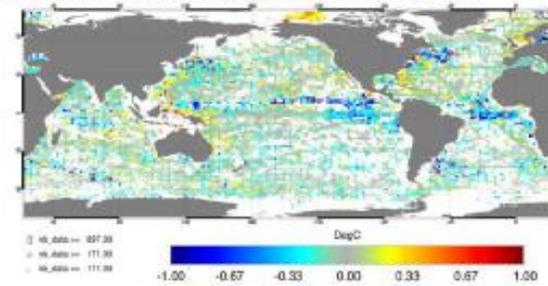
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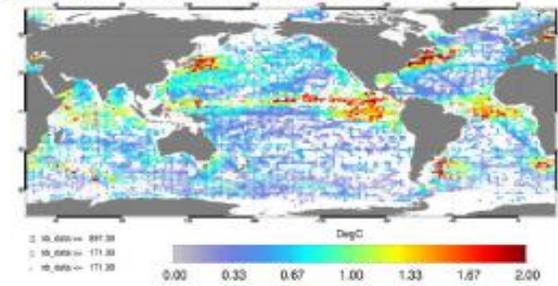
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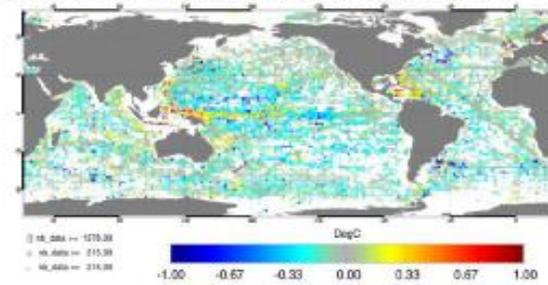
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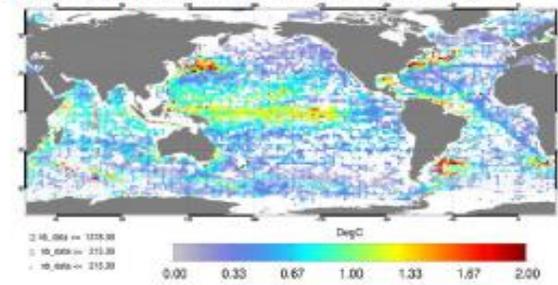
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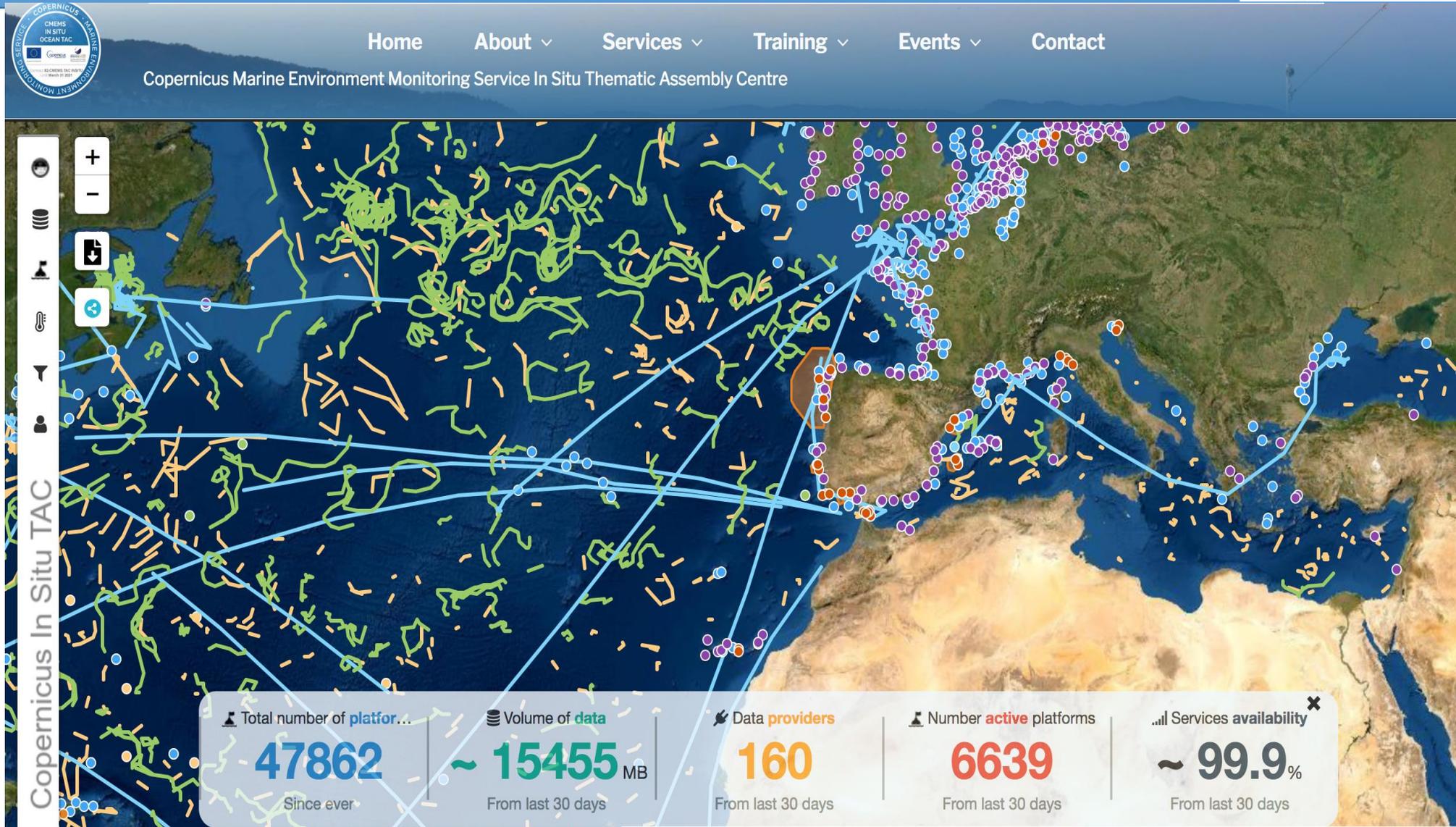
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f) TEMP RMS OBS-MODEL 100-300 m 2015



Assessment metrics for different variables, using a large set of observations and reference climatologies

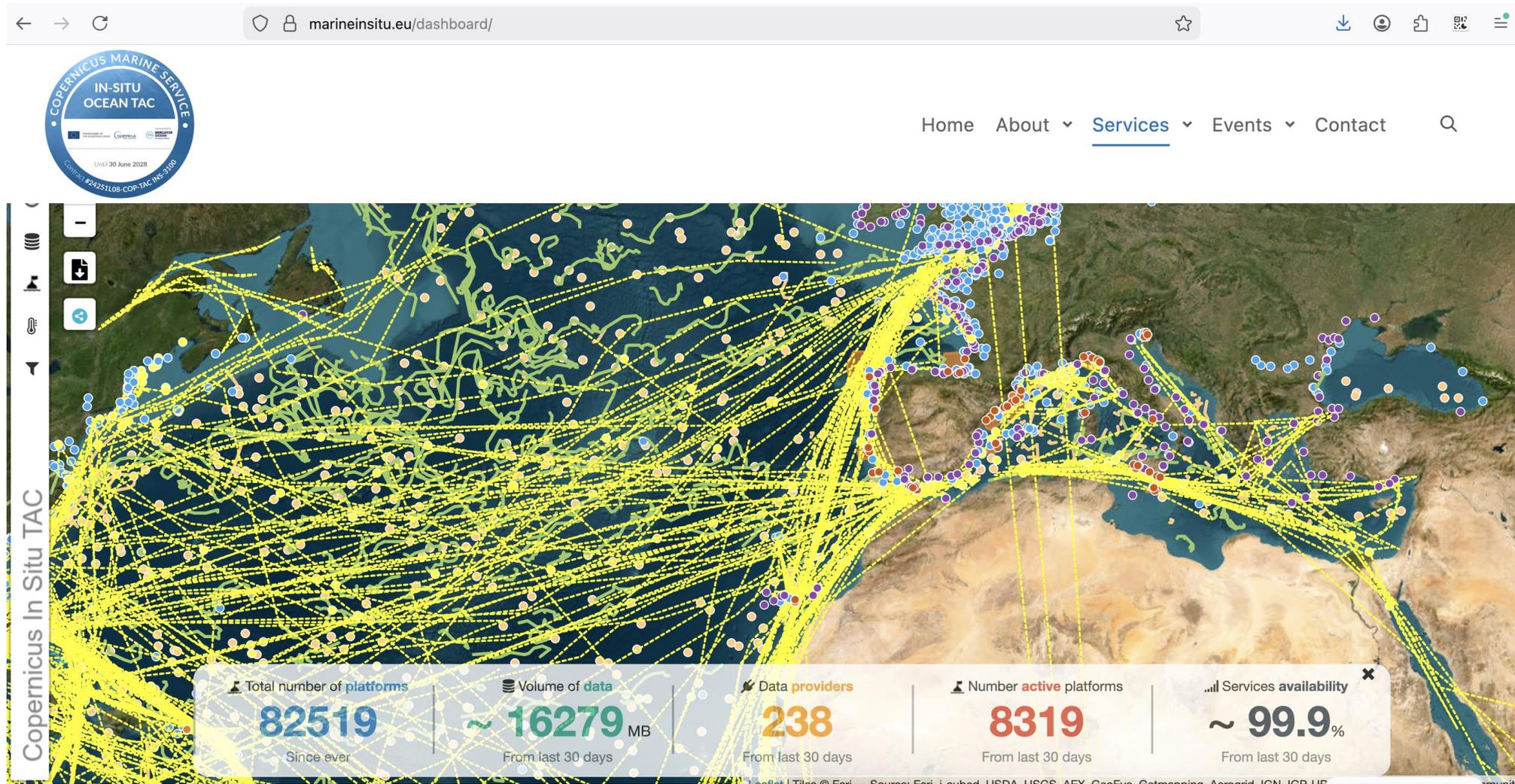


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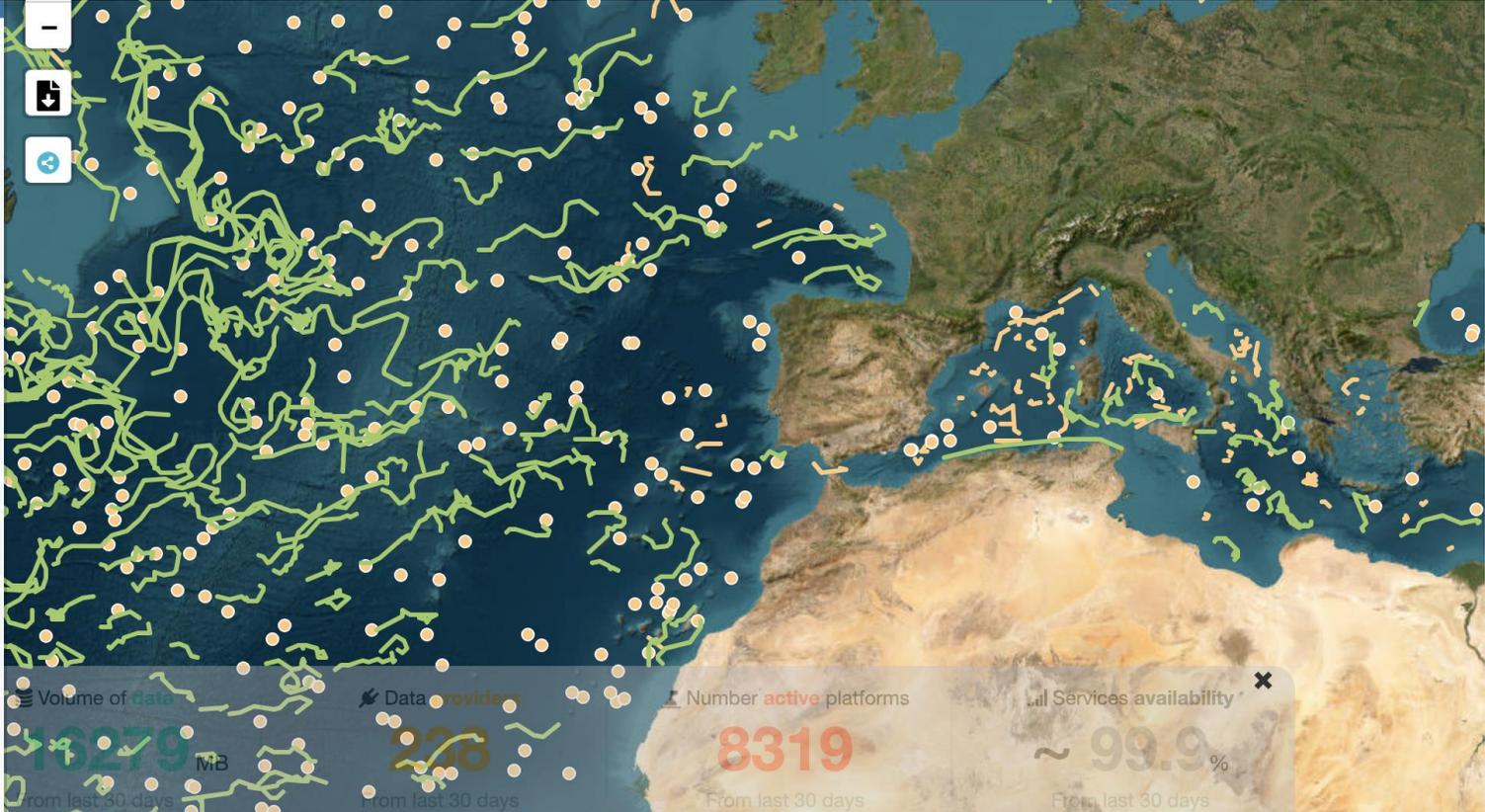
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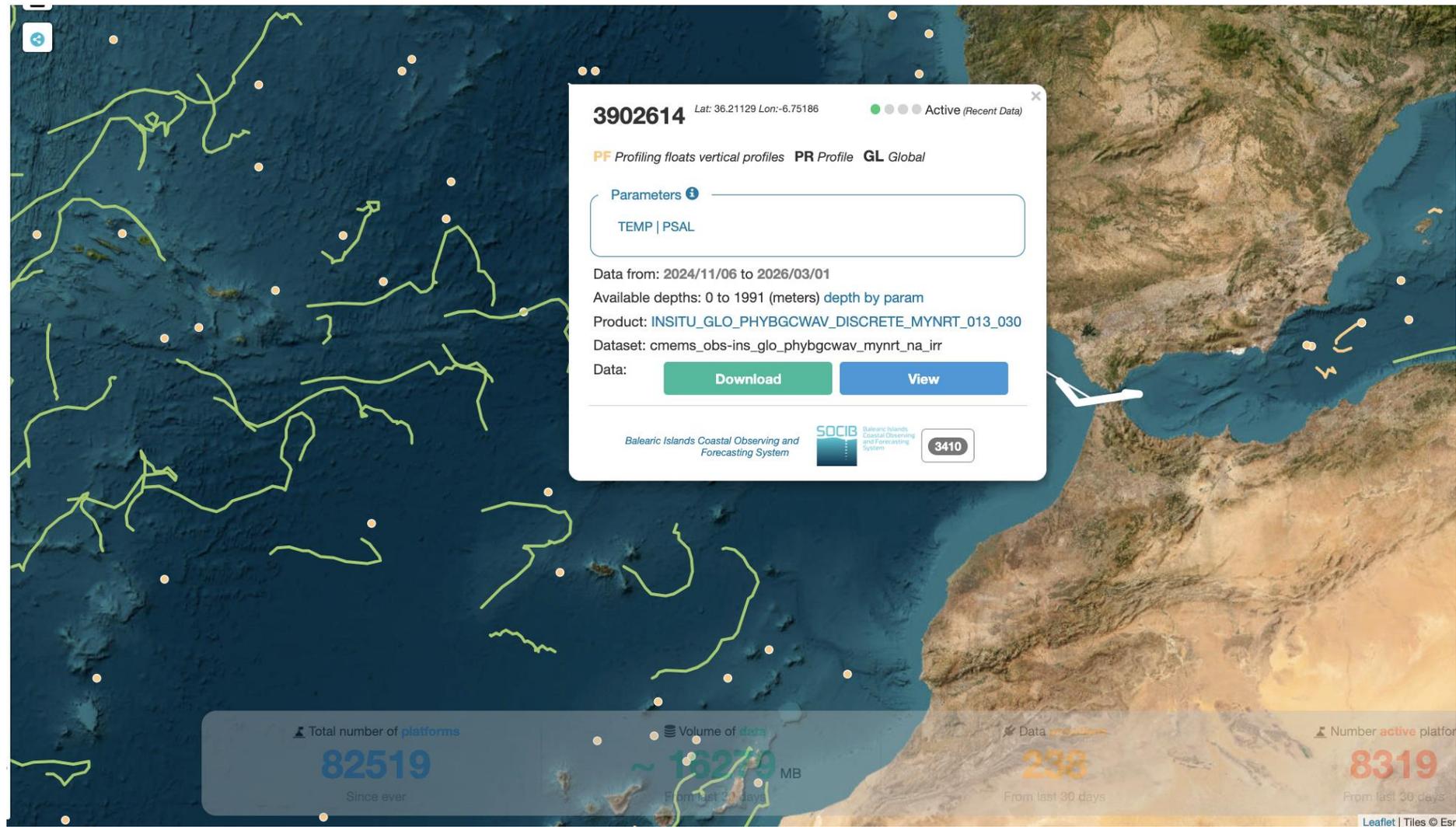
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Volume of data: 16279 MB from last 30 days
Data providers: 228 from last 30 days
Number active platforms: 8319 From last 30 days
Services availability: 99.9% From last 30 days

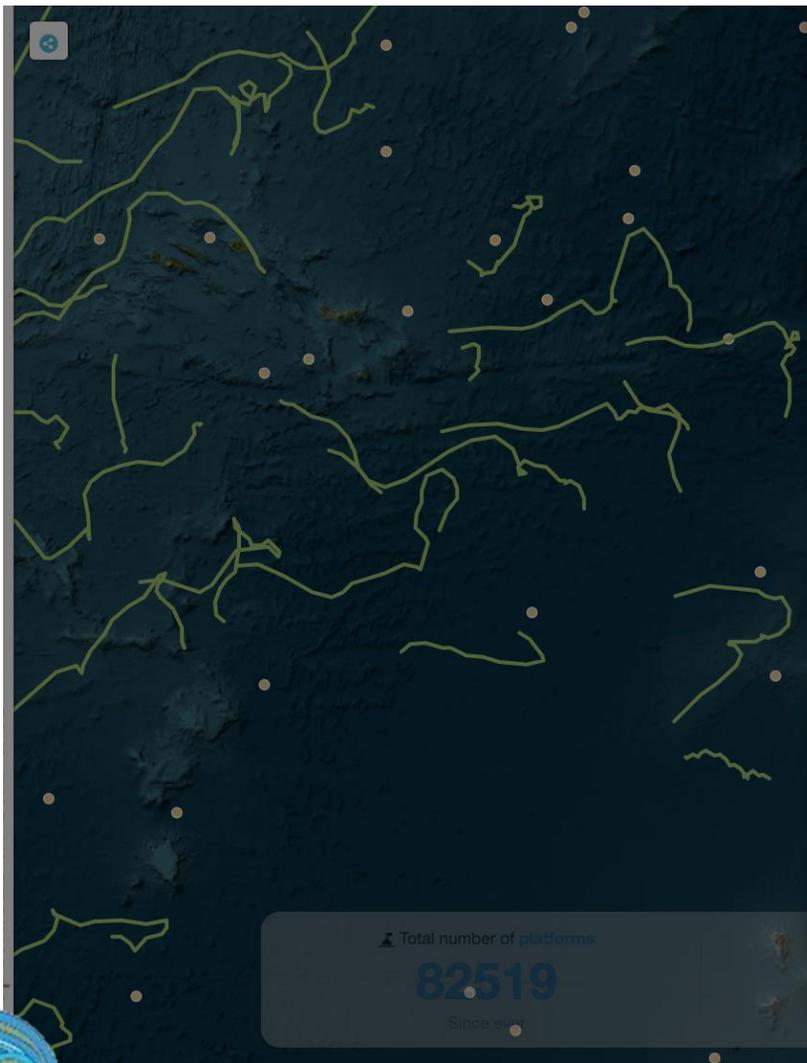
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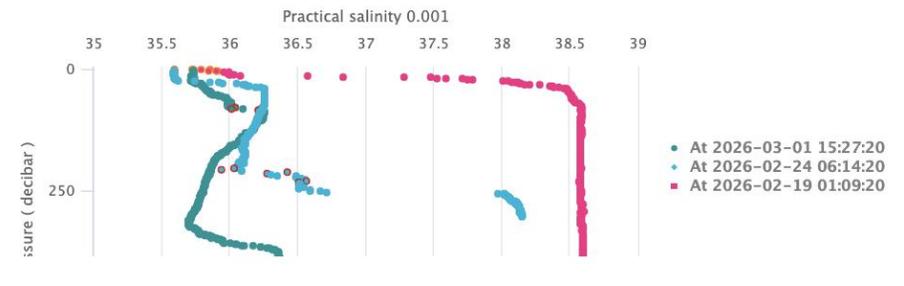
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Practical salinity 0.001



Legend:

- At 2026-03-01 15:27:20
- At 2026-02-24 06:14:20
- At 2026-02-19 01:09:20



Selecting observation platforms

IN SITU TAC ORGANIZATION Leader: Ifremer / France



Management & Operations 7 Regions

Global: Ifremer / France
Arctic: IMR / Norway
Baltic: SMHI / Sweden
NWS: BSH / Germany
IBI: Puertos del Estado / Spain
MED: HCMR / Greece
Black Sea: IOBAS / Bulgaria

Scientific Expertise Cross Cutting

Product Quality: Oceanscope-PdE-IMR
Multi Year: SOCIB-OceanScope-PdE
BGC assim.: IMR

System Evolution

HF Radar: AZTI-CNR-SOCIB
Carbon Data: UIB
BGC assessment: IMR-HCMR-SYKE
Monitoring: SOCIB-PdE-HCMR

Multiple platforms

International and regional organizations

NRT (Near Real Time) products

REP (Reprocessed) of delayed mode products

Figure 2.1 : The In Situ TAC components.

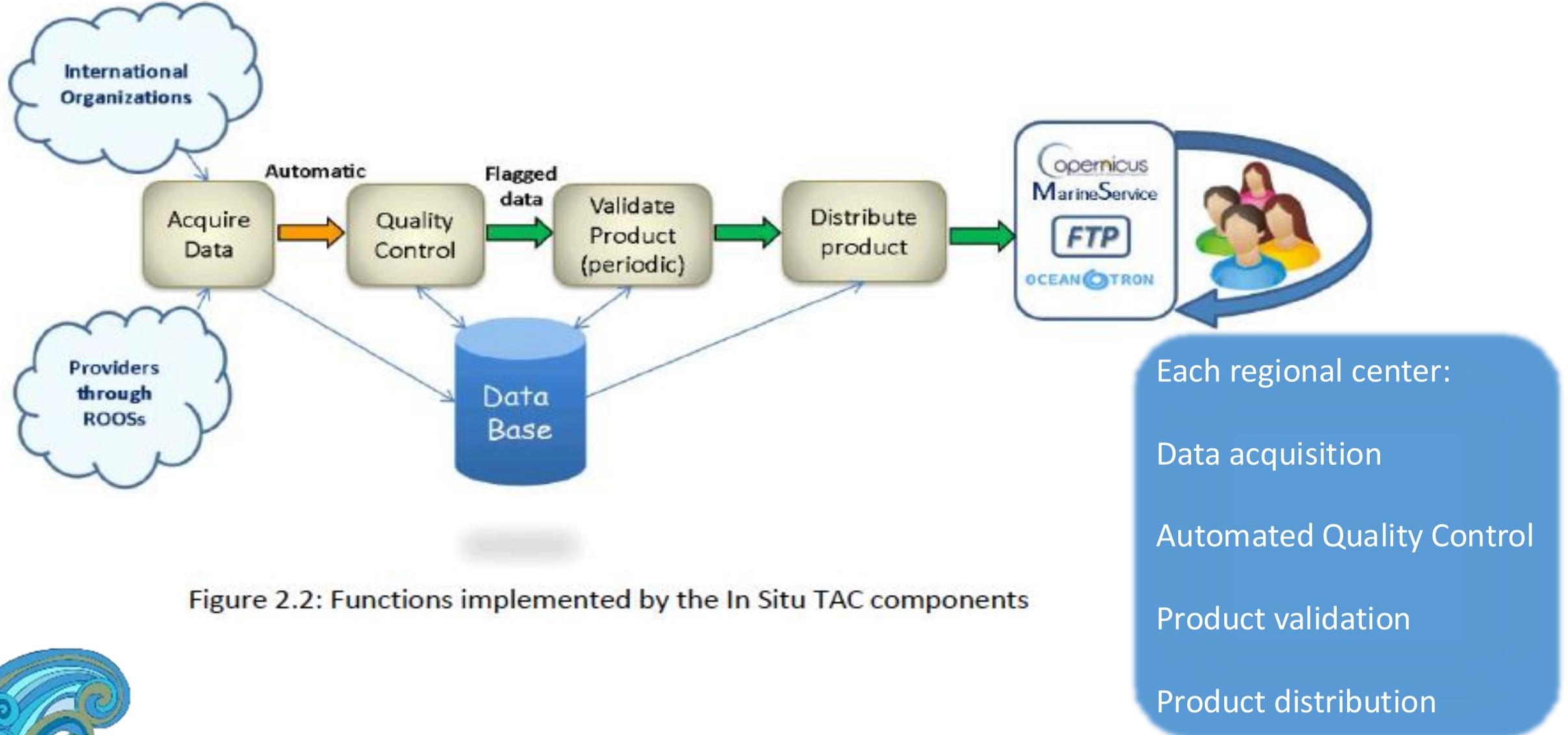


Figure 2.2: Functions implemented by the In Situ TAC components

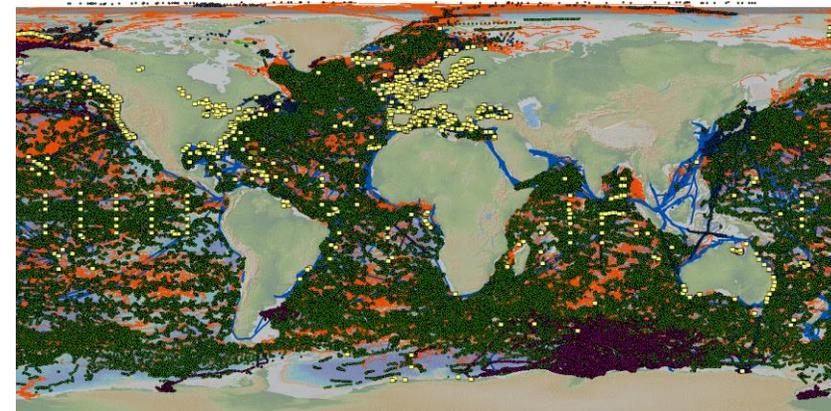
STEP 1: Automated NRTQC

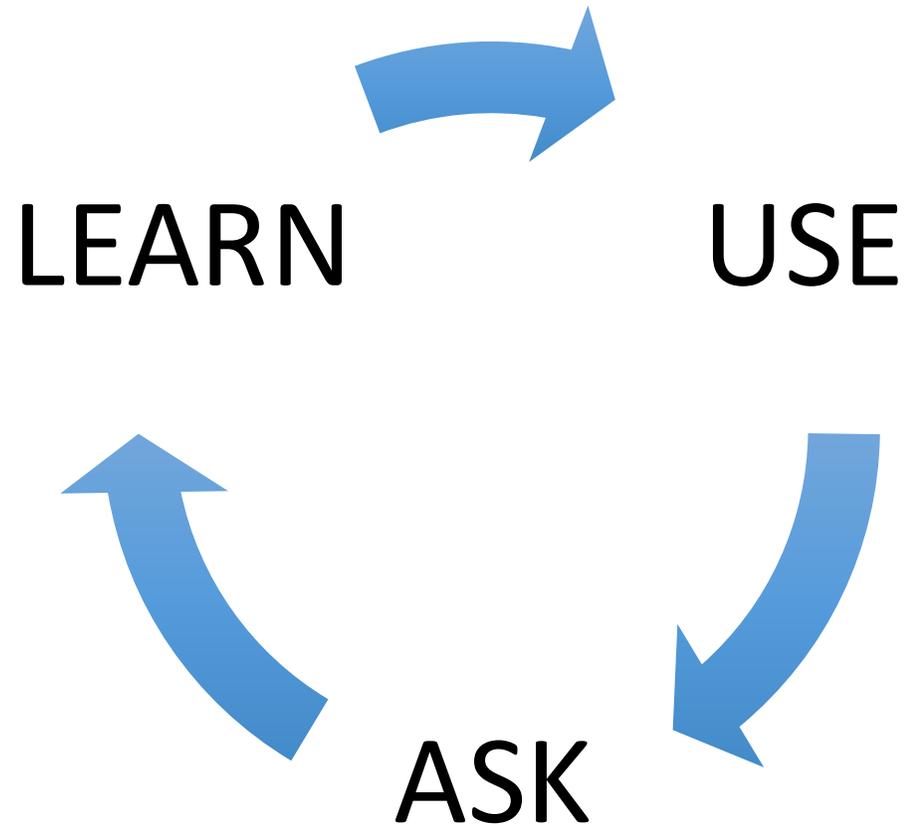
STEP 2: REP: Area dependent metrics, including

1. Visual quality control.
2. Comparison to a reference climatology.
3. Objective analysis and residual analysis.
4. Assessment of drifter data.

Code	Meaning	Comment
0	No QC was performed	-
1	Good data	All real-time QC tests passed.
2	Probably good data	These data should be used with caution
3	Bad data that are potentially correctable	These data are not to be used without scientific correction.
4	Bad data	Data have failed one or more of the tests.
5	Value changed	Data may be recovered after transmission error.
6	Value below detection/quantification	The level of the measured phenomenon was too small to be quantified/detected by the technique employed to measure it. The accompanying value is the quantification/detection limit for the technique or zero if that value is unknown
7	Nominal value	-
8	Interpolated value	Missing data may be interpolated from neighbouring data in space or time.
9	Missing value	-

Table 4 Quality control flags.





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