Implementation of the NRL Coupled Ocean Data Assimilation (NCODA) system in HYCOM

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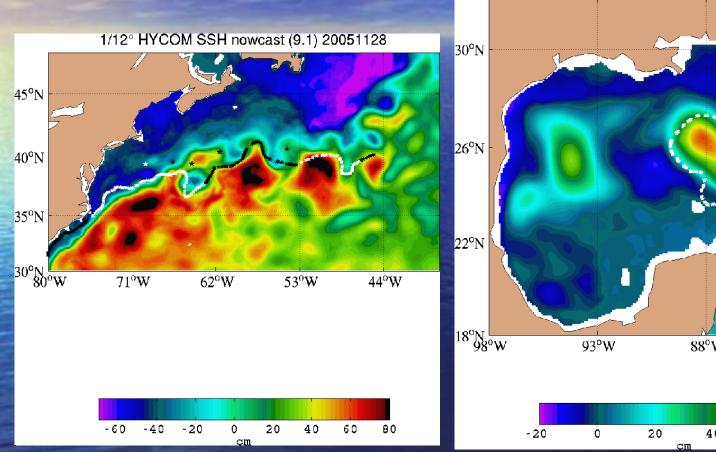
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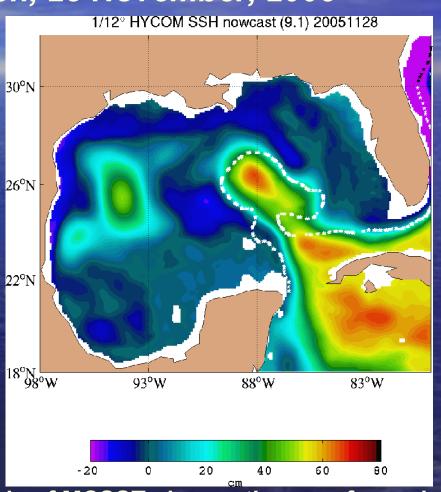
Present system

- 1/12° Atlantic (28°S to 70°N)
- Running in near real-time (on Wednesday)
 - . Assimilates the satellite altimeter analysis from the MODAS operational system at the Naval Oceanography Office (NAVOCEANO)
 - . Mean SSH from the 1/12° MICOM (ECMWF)
 - . Vertical projection via the Cooper and Haines technique (1996, JGR)
 - . FNMOC/NOGAPS atmospheric forcing
 - . Relaxation to the MODAS SST analysis
- 10 day hindcast, 14 day forecast
- Automated scripts run the system from the preprocessing of the forcing fields to the post processing of the results
- Participating in the MERSEA model inter-comparison

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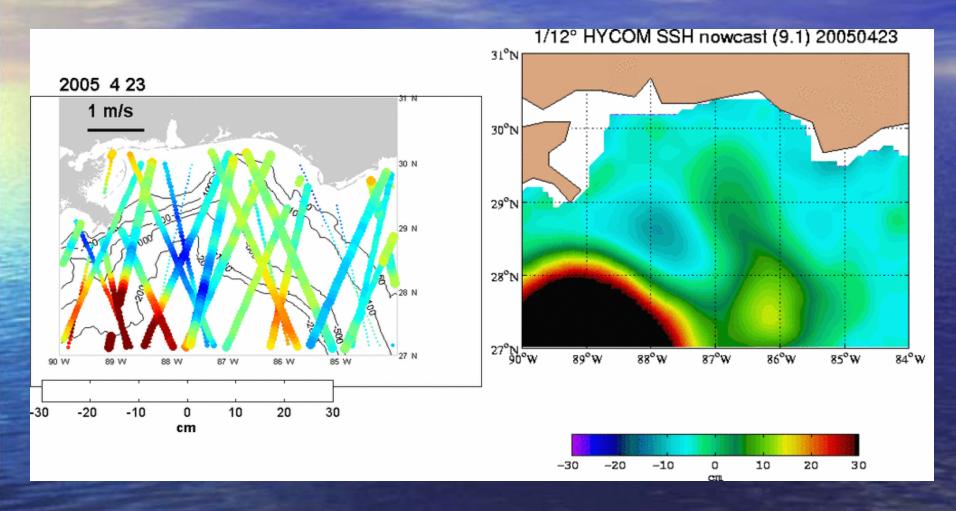
1/12° Atlantic HYCOM SSH in Gulf Stream region, 23 November, 2005



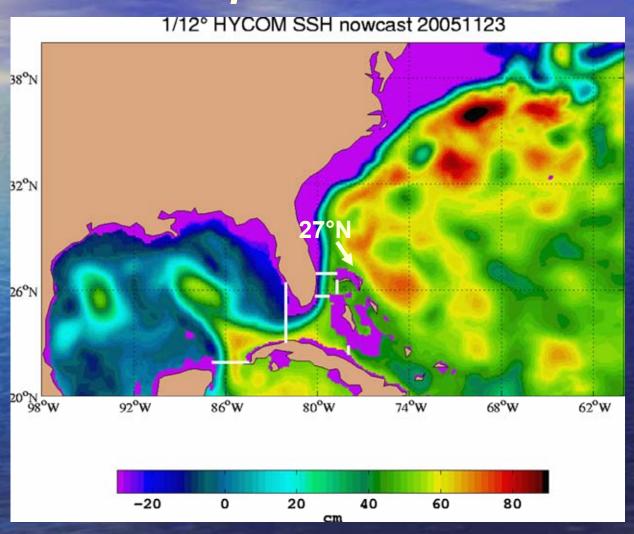


White/black line is the frontal analysis of MCSST observations performed at NAVOCEANO. Black line represents data more than four days old.

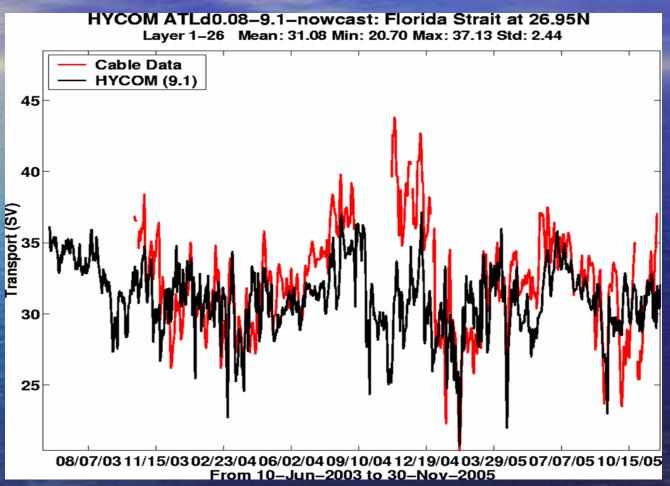
1/12° Atlantic HYCOM SSH in Gulf of Mexico region (SEED)



Transport sections



Florida Current transport at 27°N



Cable data: http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/phod/floridacurrent/

GULF OF MEXICO MODEL CONFIGURATION

- Horizontal grid: 1/12° (258 x 175 grid points, 6.5 km spacing on average)
- 18°N to 31°N
- 20 vertical coordinates
- Bathymetry: 5m coastline
- Surface forcing from FNMOC/NOGAPS
- Monthly river runoff
- Nested Boundary:
 relaxation to the 1/12° Atlantic HYCOM T, S, U
 and V along open boundary, (no assimilation
 in these experiments)

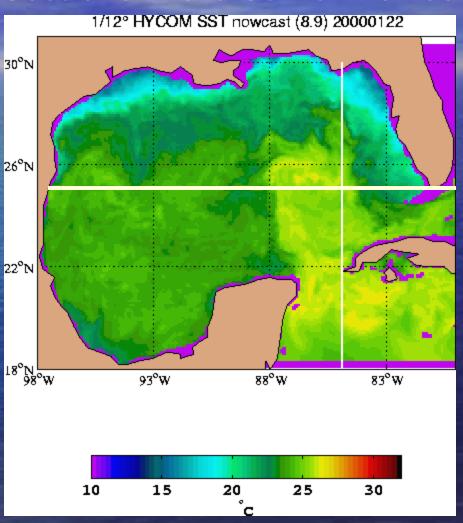
HYCOM/NCODA coupling

- HYCOM to 3D z-grid
- NCODA analysis
- Use the NCODA analysis of T, S to create a new restart file. Let hybgen move the interfaces

or

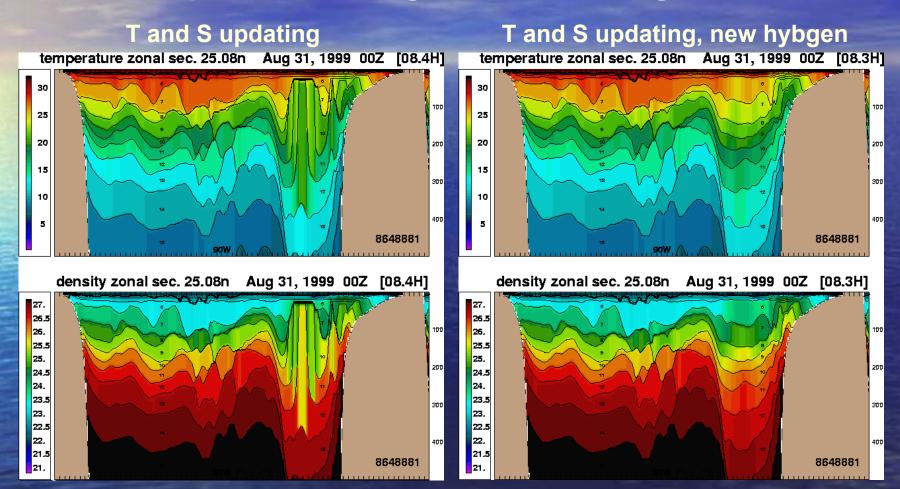
- Use the NCODA analysis of T, S and layer pressure to create a new restart file.
- A new analysis every day in these experiments

Sections in the Gulf of Mexico



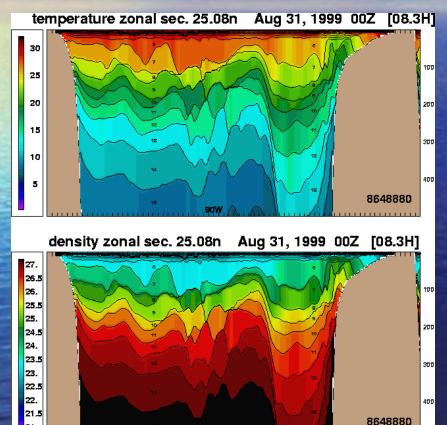
25.08°N

T and ρ section along 25.08°N, 31 August 1999

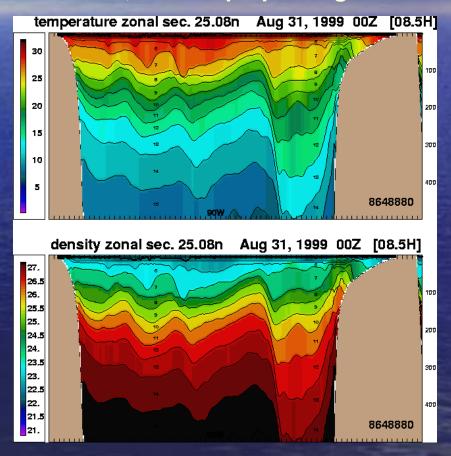


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T and S updating, new hybgen

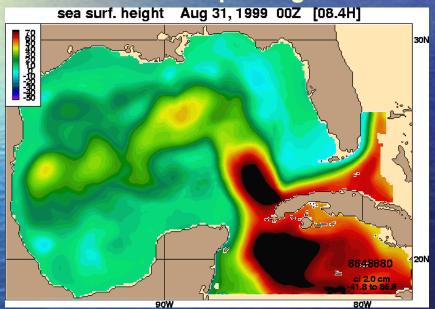


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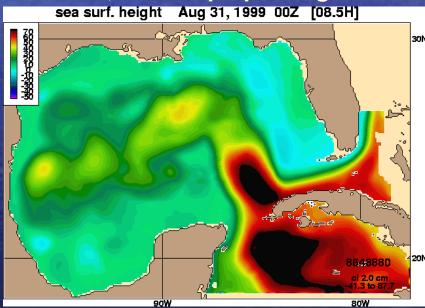


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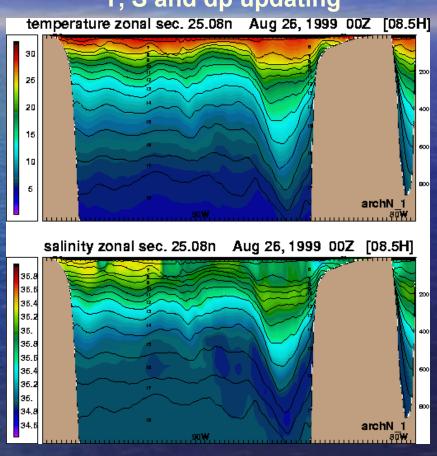


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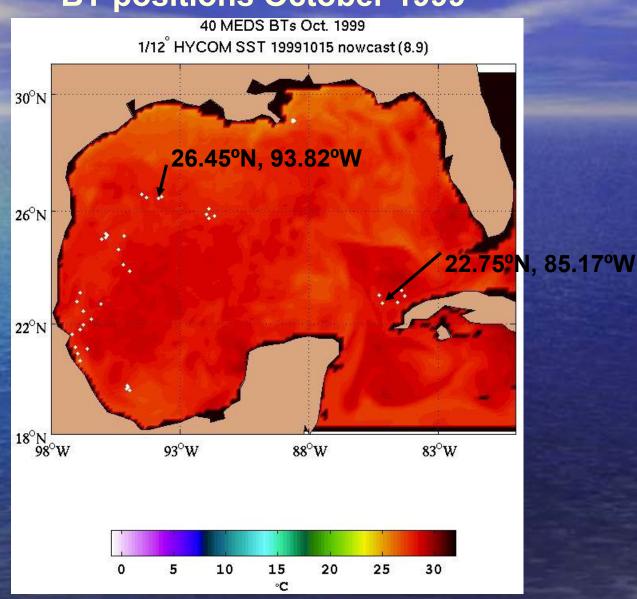


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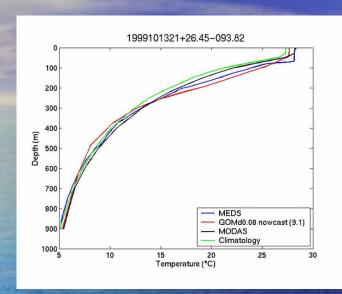


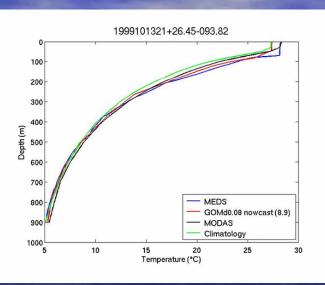


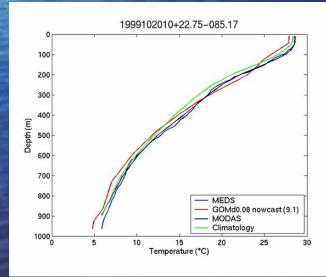
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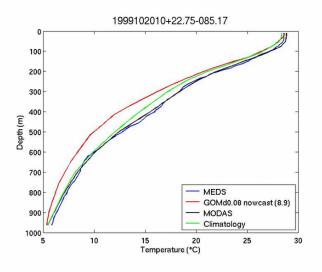


BT comparison October 1999

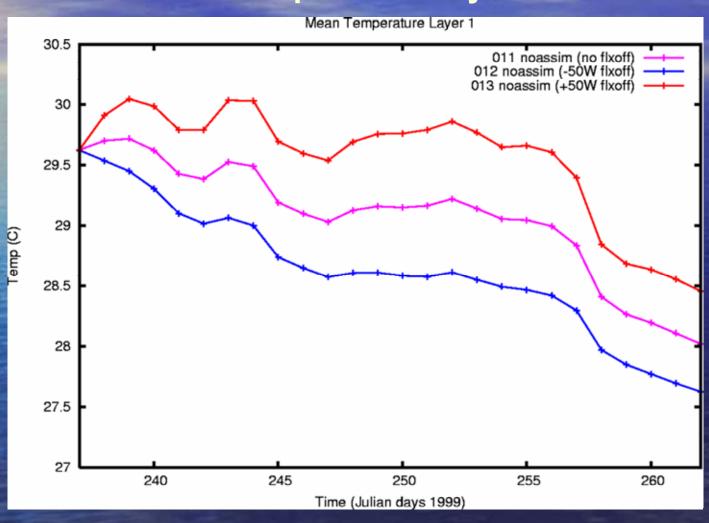




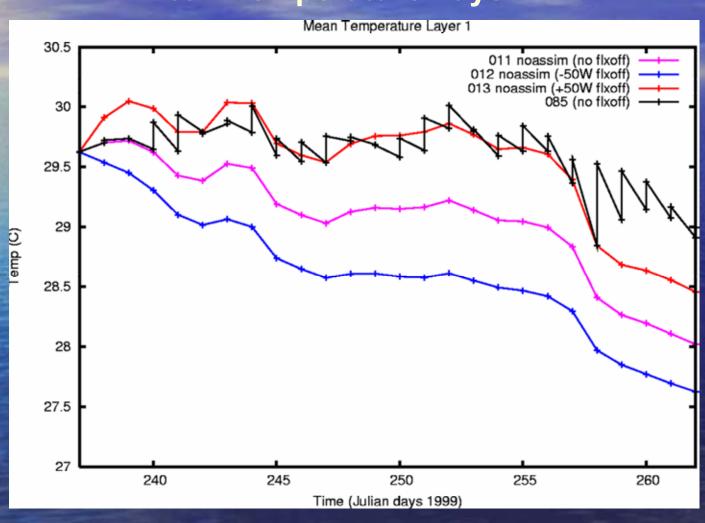




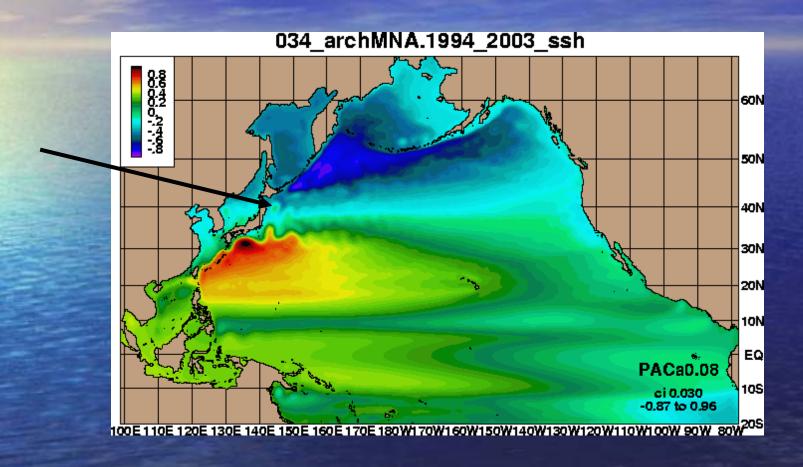
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1/12° PACIFIC HYCOM Mean SSH 1994 – 2003

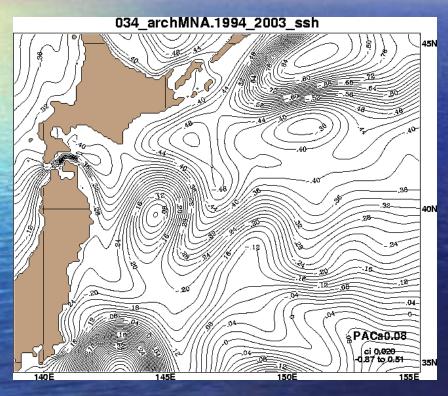


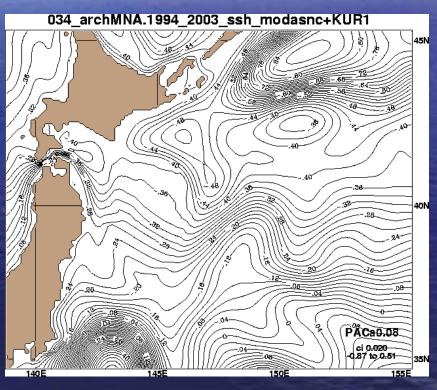
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Mean SSH 1994 - 2003

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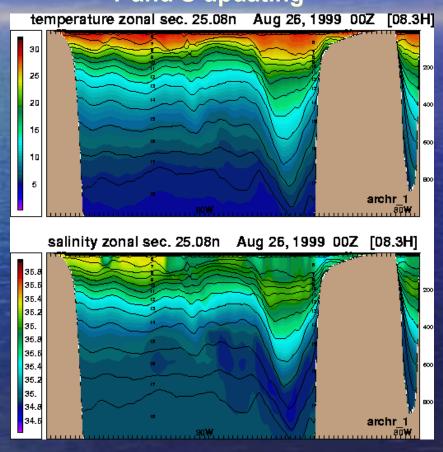
Future

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- NCODA in 1/12° Atlantic HYCOM
- 1/12° Global HYCOM assimilation

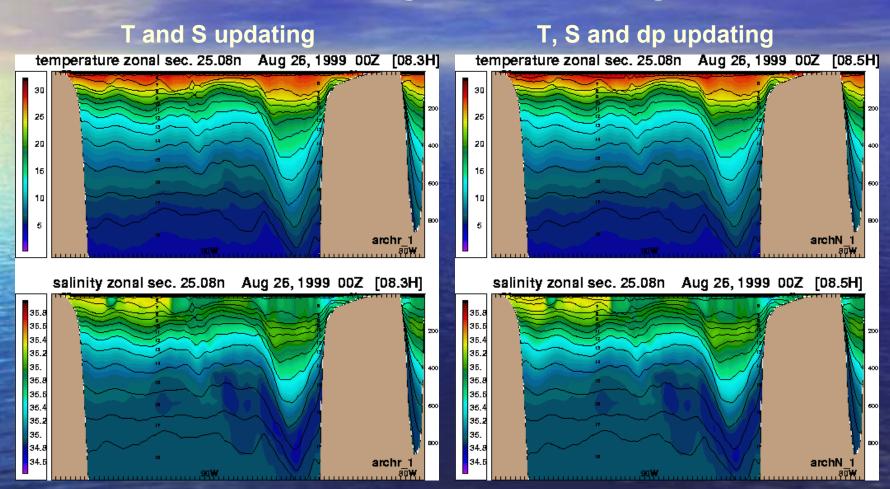
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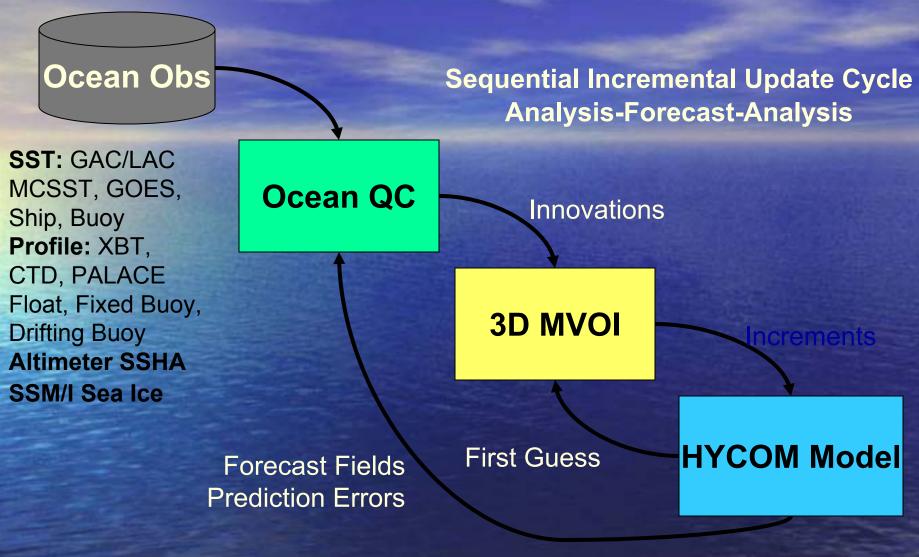
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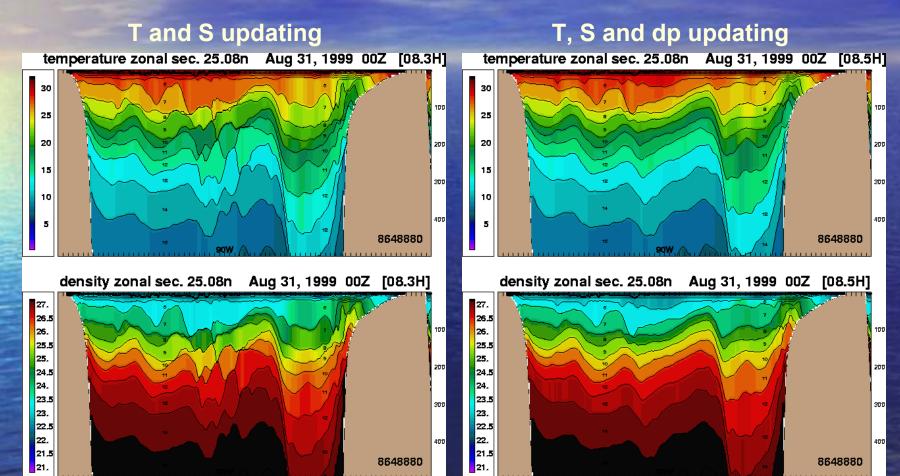


NRL Coupled Ocean Data Assimilation (NCODA)



MVOI - simultaneous analysis 5 ocean variables temperature, salinity, geopotential, velocity (u,v)

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