

# Optimal Spectral Decomposition (OSD) for GTSP Data Analysis

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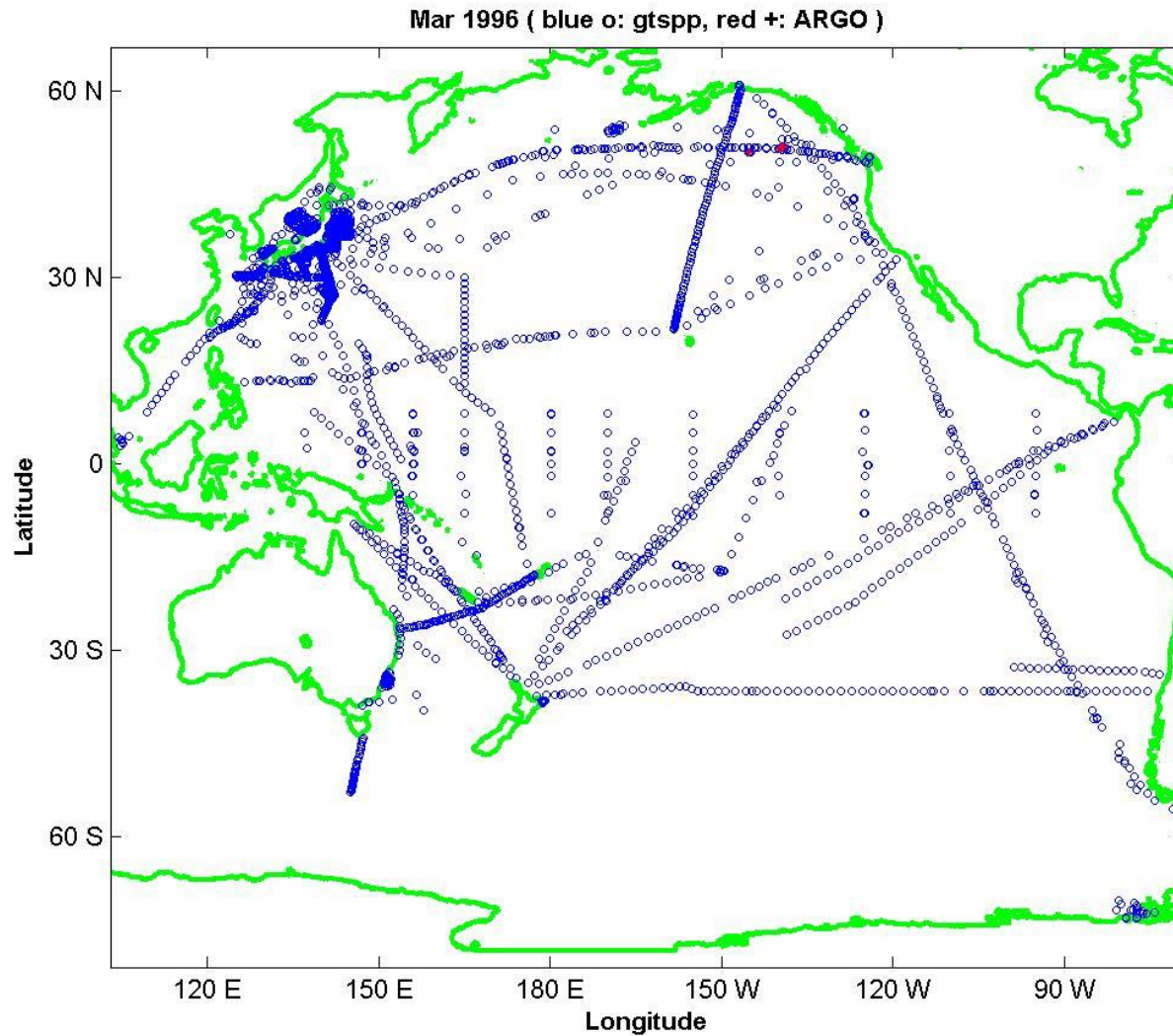
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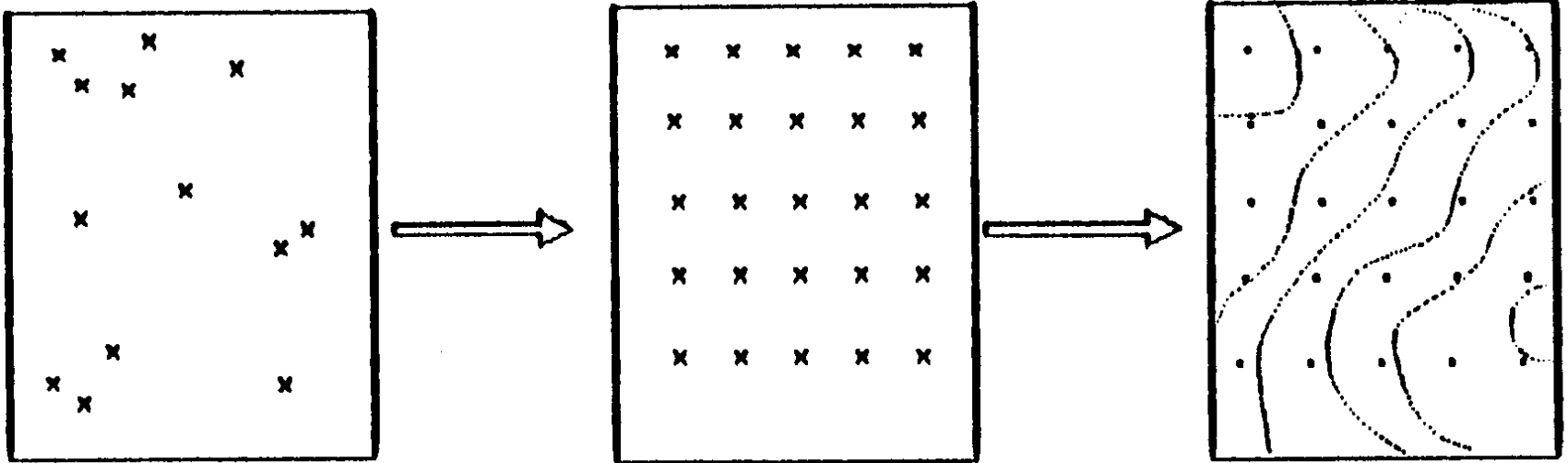
# Observational Data



It is an urgent need to establish  
monthly varying (T, S, u, v)  
gridded dataset from GTSP  
and Argo trajectory data →

Oceanographic and Climate  
Studies

# Ocean Data Analysis



**Classical Method  $\rightarrow$  Fourier Series Expansion**

# Joseph Fourier 1768-1830



Fourier was obsessed with the physics of heat and developed the Fourier series and transform to model heat-flow problems.

# Fourier Series Expansion

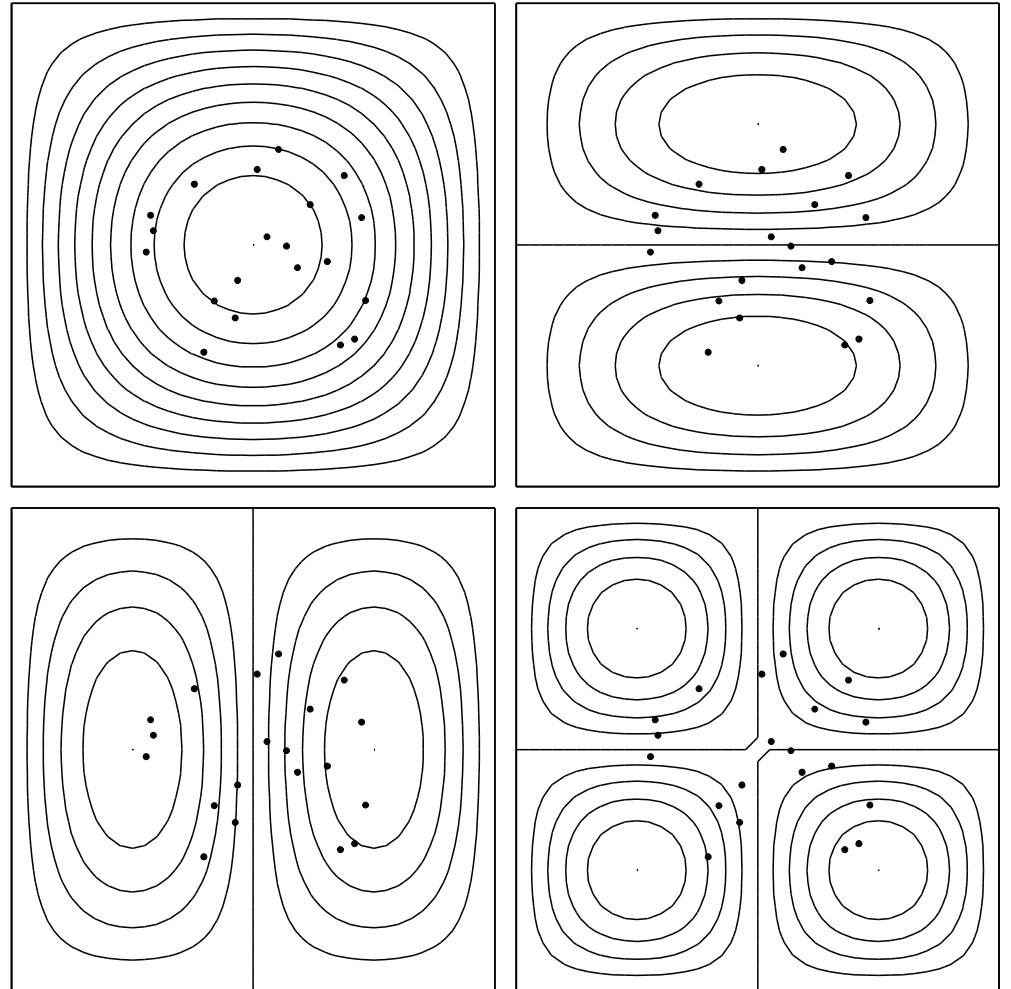
For a rectangular region  $(L_x, L_y)$ , the basis functions are sinusoidal functions.

$$f(x, y) = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} \sin \frac{i\pi x}{L_x} \sin \frac{j\pi y}{L_y} \\ + \sum_i \sum_j b_{ij} \cos \frac{i\pi x}{L_x} \cos \frac{j\pi y}{L_y}$$

For the Dirichlet boundary condition :  $f = 0$  at the boundaries

$$f(x, y) = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} \sin \frac{i\pi x}{L_x} \sin \frac{j\pi y}{L_y}$$

The dots represent the Observations.



# Linear Algebraic Equations for the Coefficients $a_{ij}$

$$f(x_1^{ob}, y_1^{ob}) = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} \sin \frac{i\pi x_1^{ob}}{L_x} \sin \frac{j\pi y_1^{ob}}{L_y}$$

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# Determination of Spectral Coefficients (Ill-Posed Algebraic Equation)

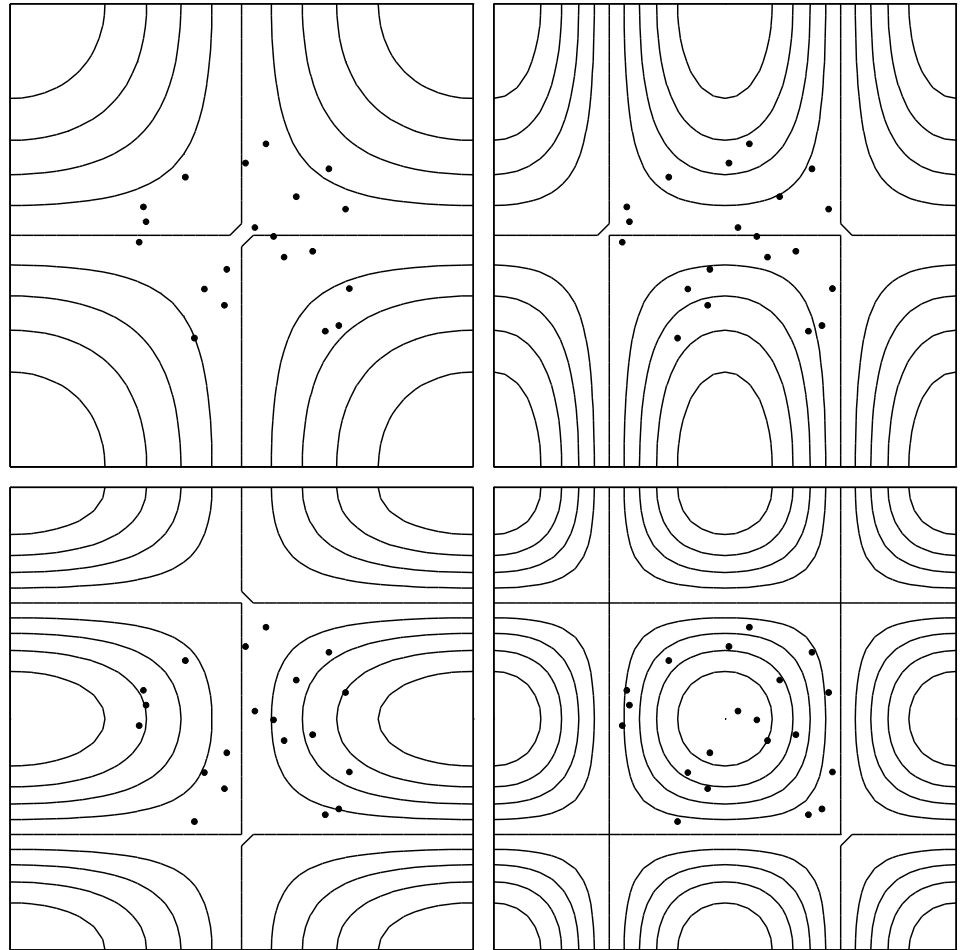
$$\mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{QY},$$

Known  $a_{ij} \rightarrow$  Analyzed Field

$$f(x, y) = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} \sin \frac{i\pi x}{L_x} \sin \frac{j\pi y}{L_y}$$

For the Neumann boundary condition  $n \bullet \nabla f = 0$   
at the boundaries

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For General Ocean Basin →  
Generalized Fourier Series  
Expansion

# Spectral Representation Fourier Series Expansion

$$c(\mathbf{x}, z_k, t) = A_0(z_k, t) + \sum_{m=1}^M A_m(z_k, t) \Psi_m(\mathbf{x}, z_k),$$

$\Psi_m \rightarrow$  Basis functions (not sinusoidal)

$c \rightarrow$  any ocean variable

# Determination of Basis Functions

- (1) Eigen Functions of the Laplace Operator (Data and Model Independent)
- (2) Empirical Orthogonal Functions (Data or Model Dependent)



# Eigen Functions of Laplace Operator $\rightarrow$ Basis Functions (Closed Basin)

$$\Delta \Psi_k = -\lambda_k \Psi_k, \quad \Psi_k|_{\Gamma} = 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, \infty$$

$$\Delta \Phi_m = -\mu_m \Phi_m, \quad \frac{\partial \Phi_m}{\partial n}|_{\Gamma} = 0, \quad m = 1, \dots, \infty.$$

$\Psi_k \rightarrow$  Streamfunction

$\Phi_m \rightarrow$  T, S, Velocity Potential

# Basis Functions (Open Boundaries)

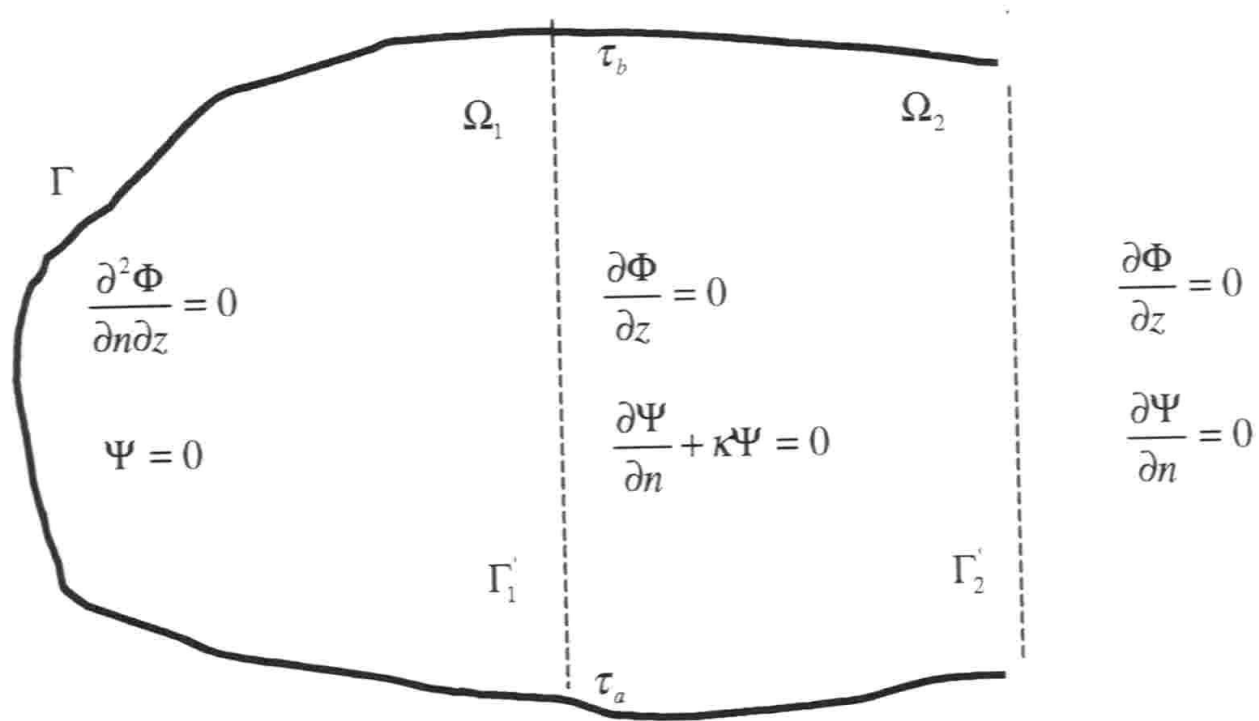
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$$\left[ \frac{\partial \Psi_k}{\partial n} + \kappa(\tau) \Psi_k \right] |_{\Gamma'_1} = 0, \quad \Phi_m|_{\Gamma'_1} = 0,$$

# Boundary Conditions



# Spectral Decomposition

$$u_{KM} = \sum_{k=1}^K a_k(z, t^\circ) \frac{\partial \Psi_k(x, y, z, \kappa^\circ)}{\partial y} + \sum_{m=1}^M b_m(z, t^\circ) \frac{\partial \Phi_m(x, y, z)}{\partial x},$$
$$v_{KM} = - \sum_{k=1}^K a_k(z, t^\circ) \frac{\partial \Psi_k(x, y, z, \kappa^\circ)}{\partial x} + \sum_{m=1}^M b_m(z, t^\circ) \frac{\partial \Phi_m(x, y, z)}{\partial y}$$

$$T(\mathbf{x}, t) = T_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{m=1}^M c_m(t) \Phi_m(\mathbf{x})$$

$$S(\mathbf{x}, t) = S_0(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{m=1}^M d_m(t) \Phi_m(\mathbf{x})$$

# Benefits of Using OSD

- (1) Don't need first guess field
- (2) Don't need autocorrelation functions
- (3) Don't require high signal-to-noise ratio
- (4) Basis functions are pre-determined before the data analysis. They are independent on the data.

# Optimal Mode Truncation

$$J(a_1, \dots, a_K, b_1, \dots, b_M, \kappa, P) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \|u_p^{obs} - u_{KM}\|_P^2 + \|v_p^{obs} - v_{KM}\|_P^2 \right) \rightarrow \min,$$

# Vapnik (1983) Cost Function

$$J_{emp} = J(a_1, \dots, a_K, b_1, \dots, b_M, \kappa, P).$$

$$\text{Prob} \left\{ \sup_{K, M, S} |\langle J(K, M, S) \rangle - J_{emp}(K, M, S)| \geq \mu \right\} \leq g(P, \mu)$$

$$\lim_{P \rightarrow \infty} g(P, \mu) = 0$$

# Optimal Truncation

- Gulf of Mexico, Monterey Bay, Louisiana-Texas Shelf, North Atlantic
- $K_{\text{opt}} = 40$ ,  $M_{\text{opt}} = 30$



# Determination of Spectral Coefficients (Ill-Posed Algebraic Equation)

$$\mathbf{A} \hat{\mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{QY},$$

This is caused by the features of  
the matrix **A**.

# Rotation Method (Chu et al., 2004)

Well-Posed  $\rightarrow$   $\mathbf{SA}\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{SQY},$

The matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  is determined by

$$J_1 = \|\mathbf{A}\|^2 - \frac{\|\mathbf{SQY}\|^2}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \rightarrow \max,$$

# Errors

$$\bar{T}(\mathbf{x}) = T_0 + \overbrace{\sum_{l=1}^{48} D_l \Phi_l(\mathbf{x})}^{\hat{T}} + T'(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = C\Psi_0 + \overbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{24} A_n \nabla \times \mathbf{k} \Psi_n(\mathbf{x})}^{\hat{\mathbf{u}}} + \tilde{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{u}'(\mathbf{x})$$

$T'$ ,  $\mathbf{u}' \rightarrow$  errors

# Noise-to-Signal Ratio → Error Estimation

$$\eta(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \frac{\|\boldsymbol{\alpha}\|_{(P)}}{\|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_{(P)}}$$

$$\eta(T', T - T') \sim 0.1$$

# OSD Applications

- (a) Baroclinic Rossby Waves in the tropical North Atlantic at mid-depth (Argo Trajectory Data)
- (b) Synoptic Current Reversals on the Texas-Louisiana Continental Shelf (Surface Drifting Buoys)
- (c) Monterey Bay Surface Circulation (CODAR)
- (d) Synoptic (T, S) Fields for Pacific

(a) Baroclinic Rossby Waves in  
the tropical North Atlantic at mid-  
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# References

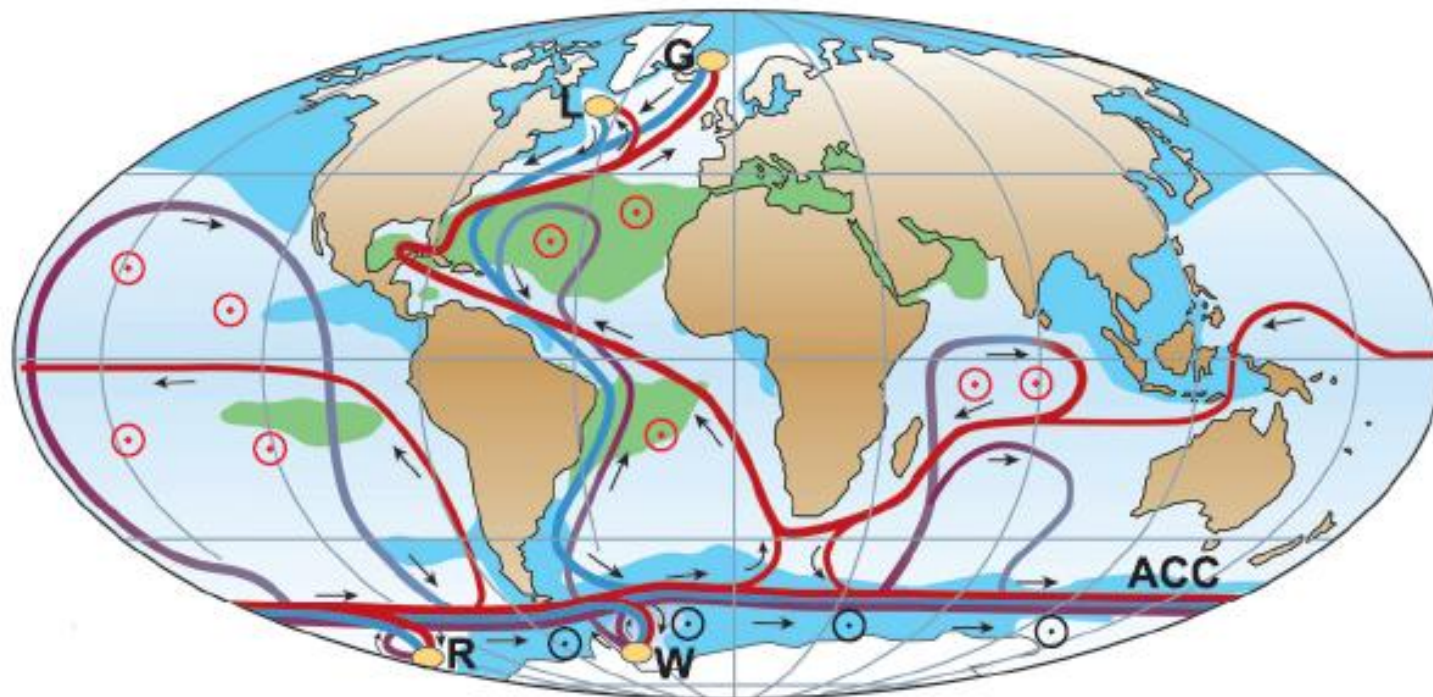
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# Tropical North Atlantic ( $4^{\circ}$ - $24^{\circ}$ N)

Important Transition Zone  $\rightarrow$

## Meridional Overturning Circulation (MOC)

(Rahmstorf 2006)



- Surface flow
- Deep flow
- Bottom flow
- Deep Water Formation

- Wind-driven upwelling
- Mixing-driven upwelling
- Salinity  $> 36 \text{ ‰}$
- Salinity  $< 34 \text{ ‰}$

- L Labrador Sea
- G Greenland Sea
- W Weddell Sea
- R Ross Sea

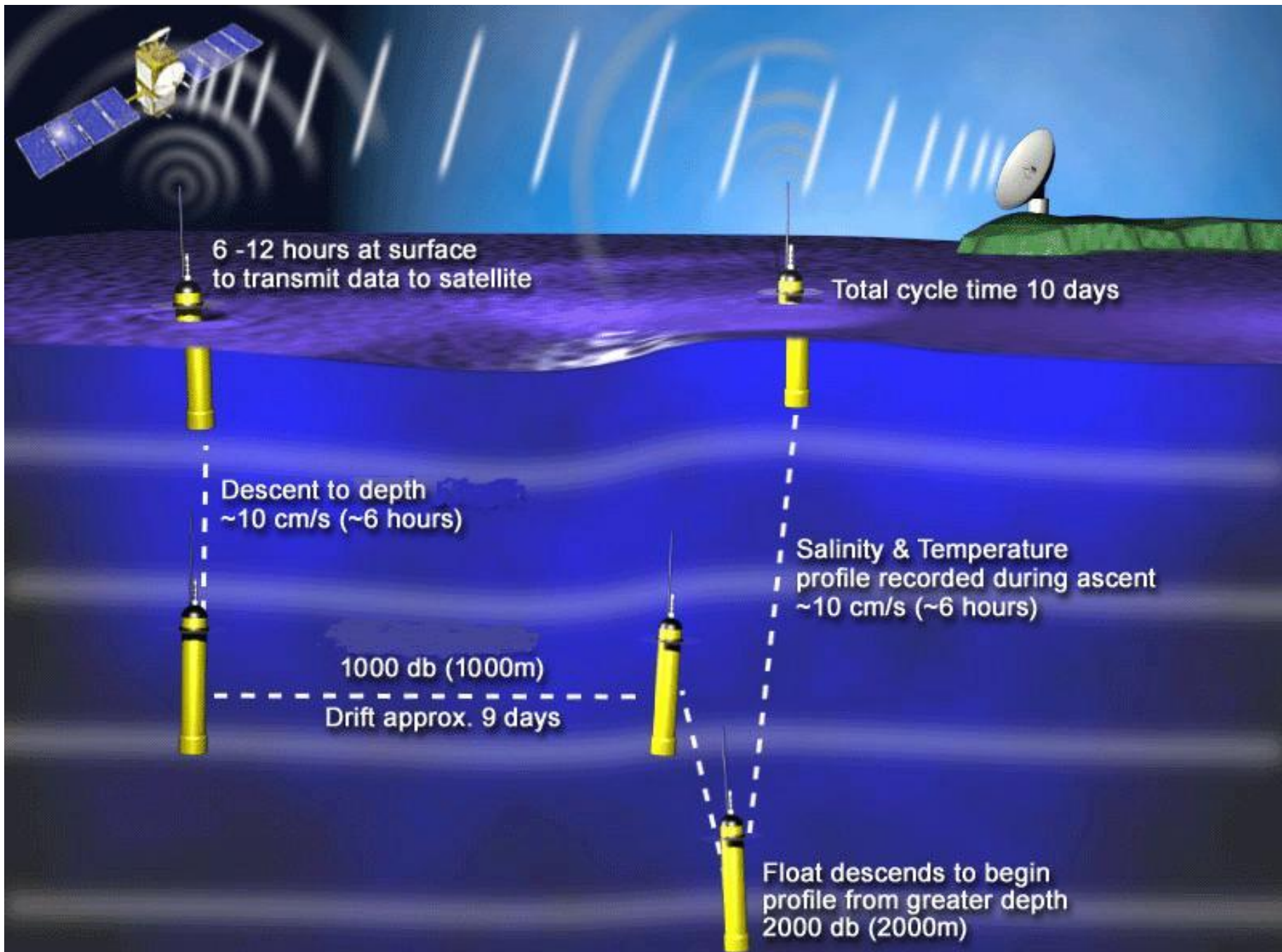


MOC Variation →

Heat Transport Variation →

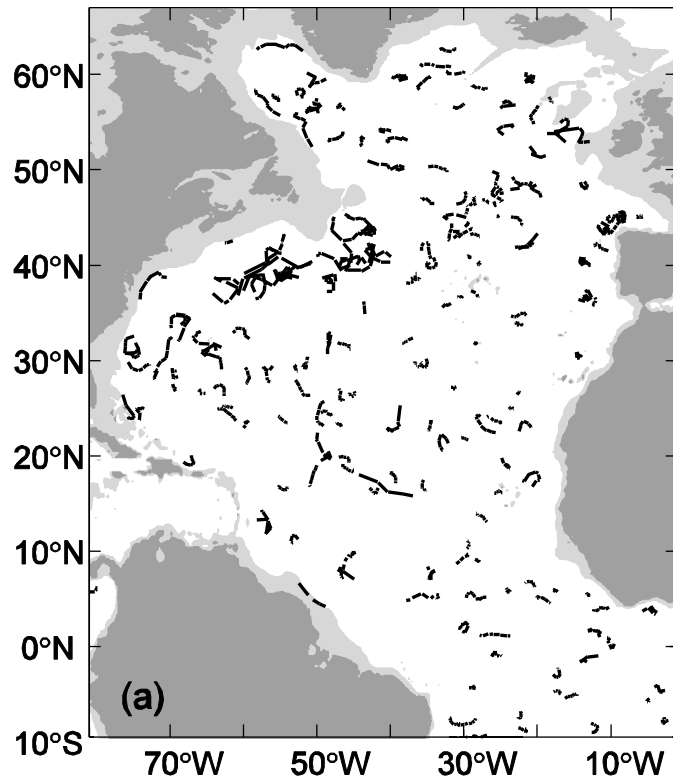
Climate Change

- Are mid-depth ( $\sim 1000$  m) ocean circulations steady?
- If not, what mechanisms cause the change?  
(Rossby wave propagation)

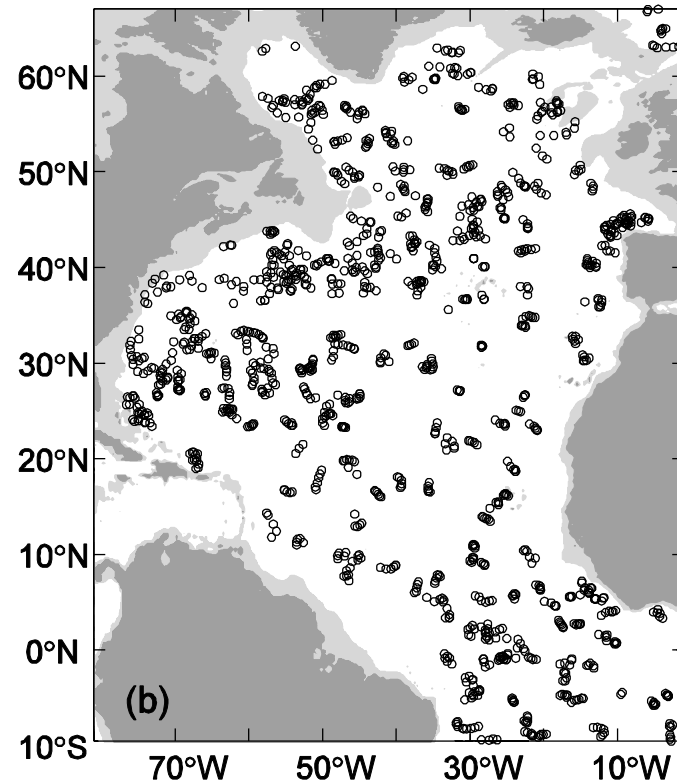


# Argo Observations (Oct-Nov 2004)

(a) Subsurface tracks

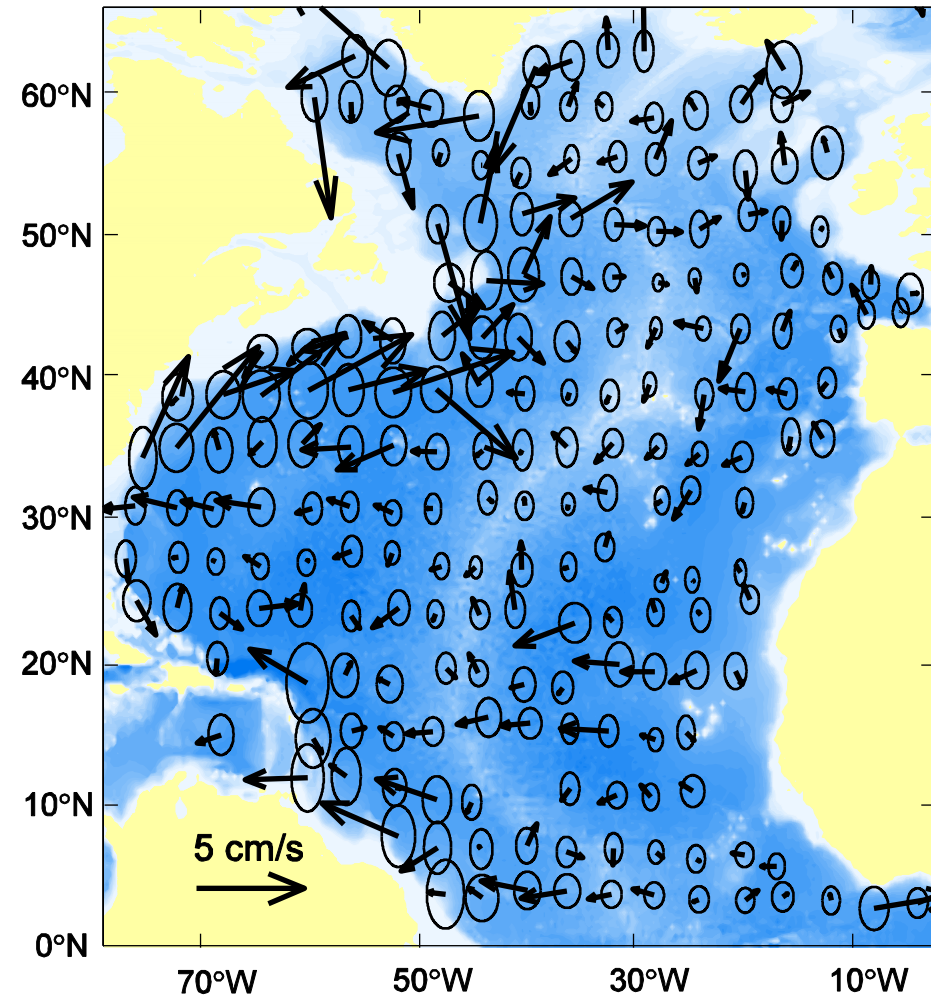
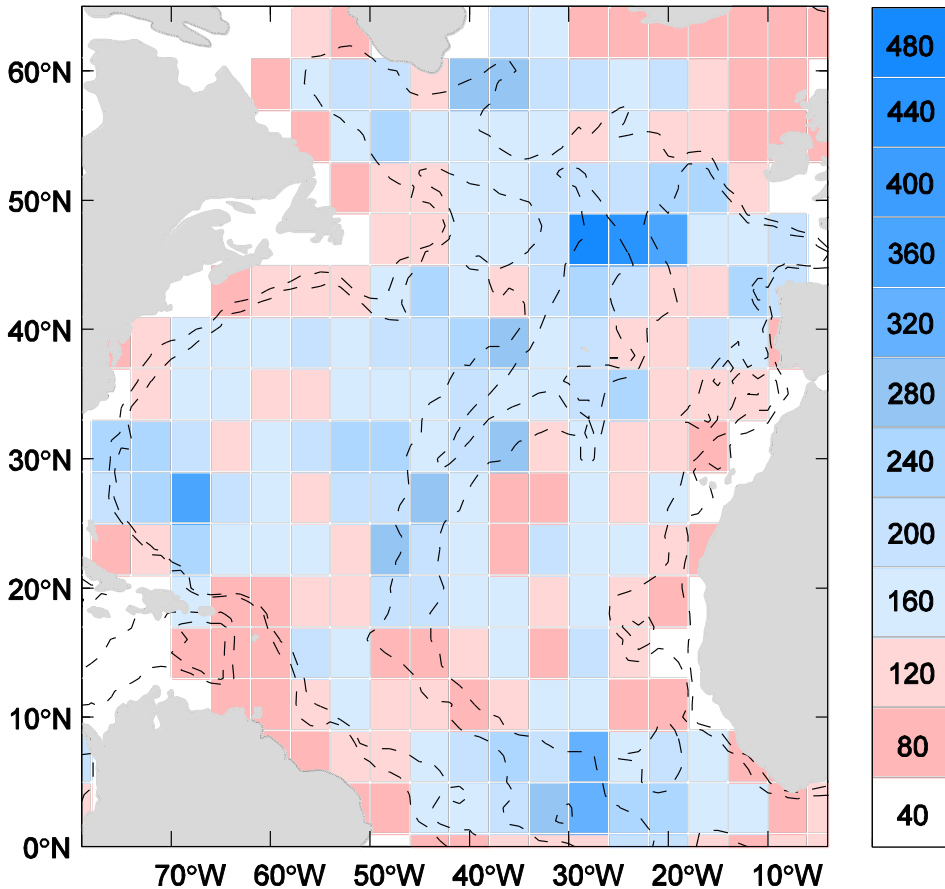


(b) Float positions where (T,S) were measured



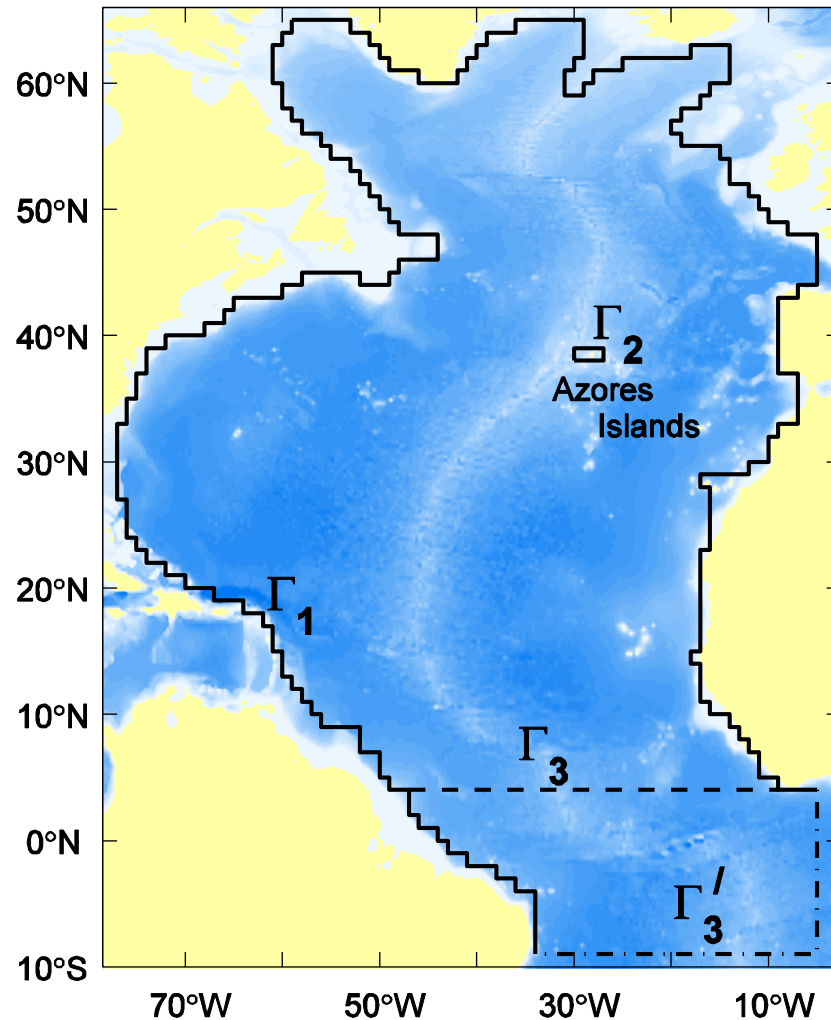
# Circulations at 1000 m estimated from the original ARGO float tracks (bin method)

April 2004 – April 2005



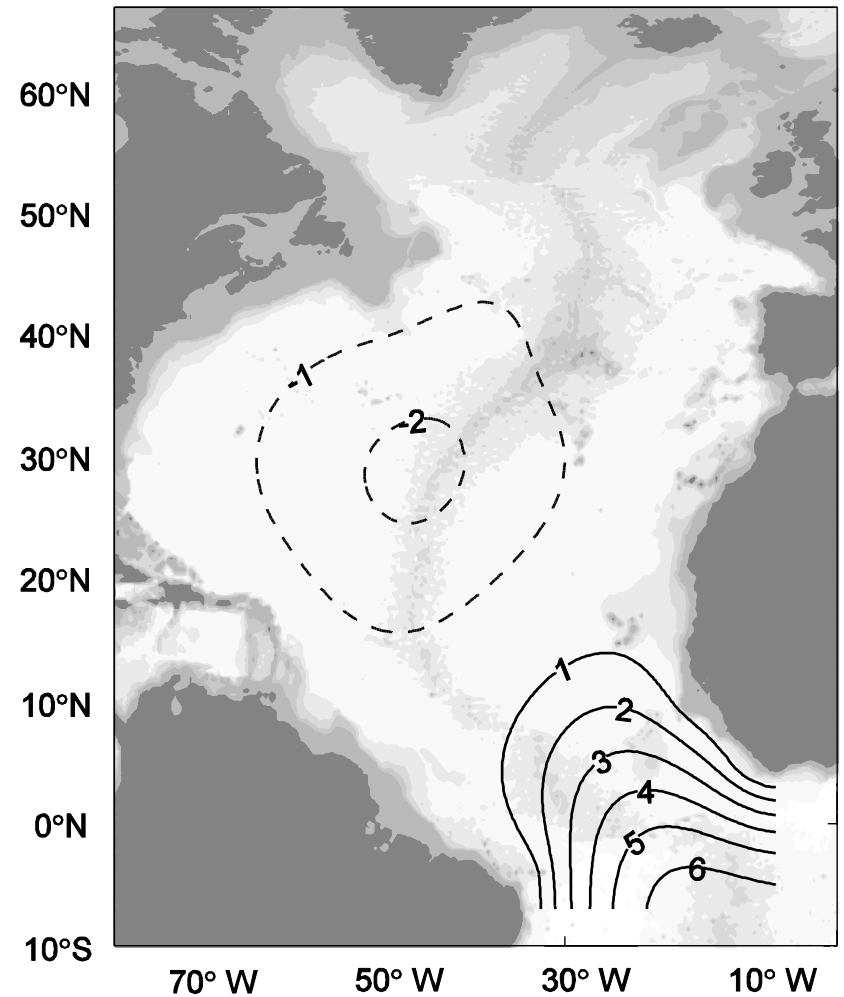
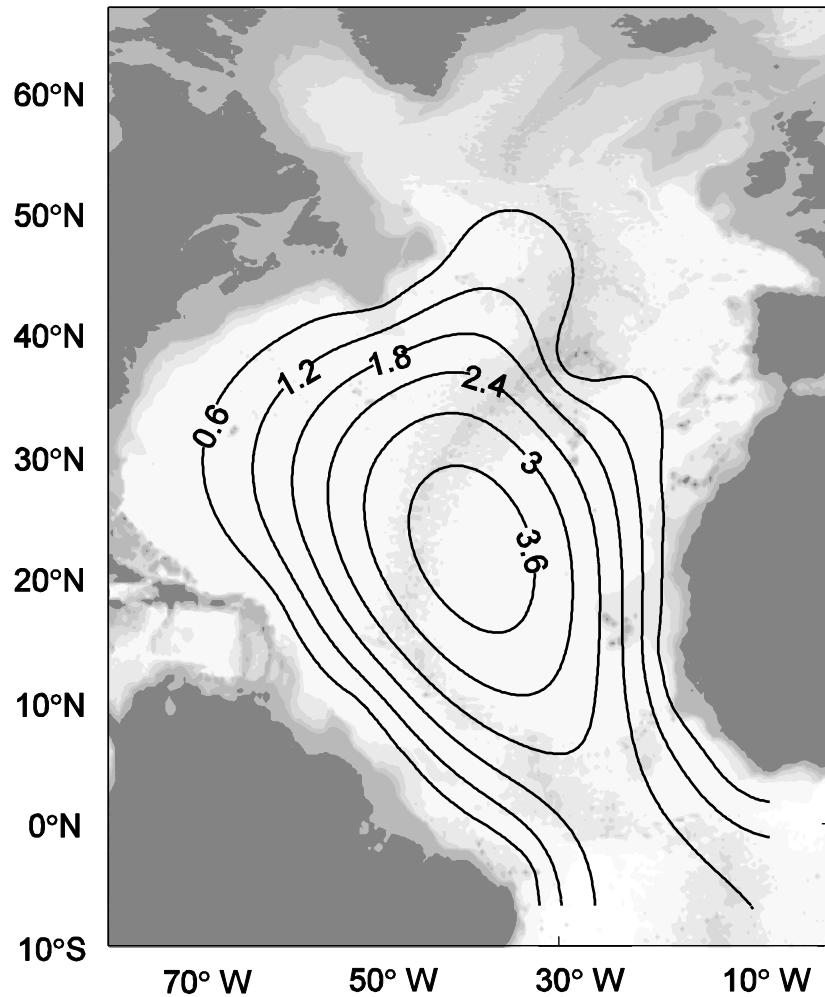
It is **difficult** to use such noisy data into ocean numerical models.

# Boundary Configuration → Basis Functions for OSD



# Basis Functions for Streamfunction

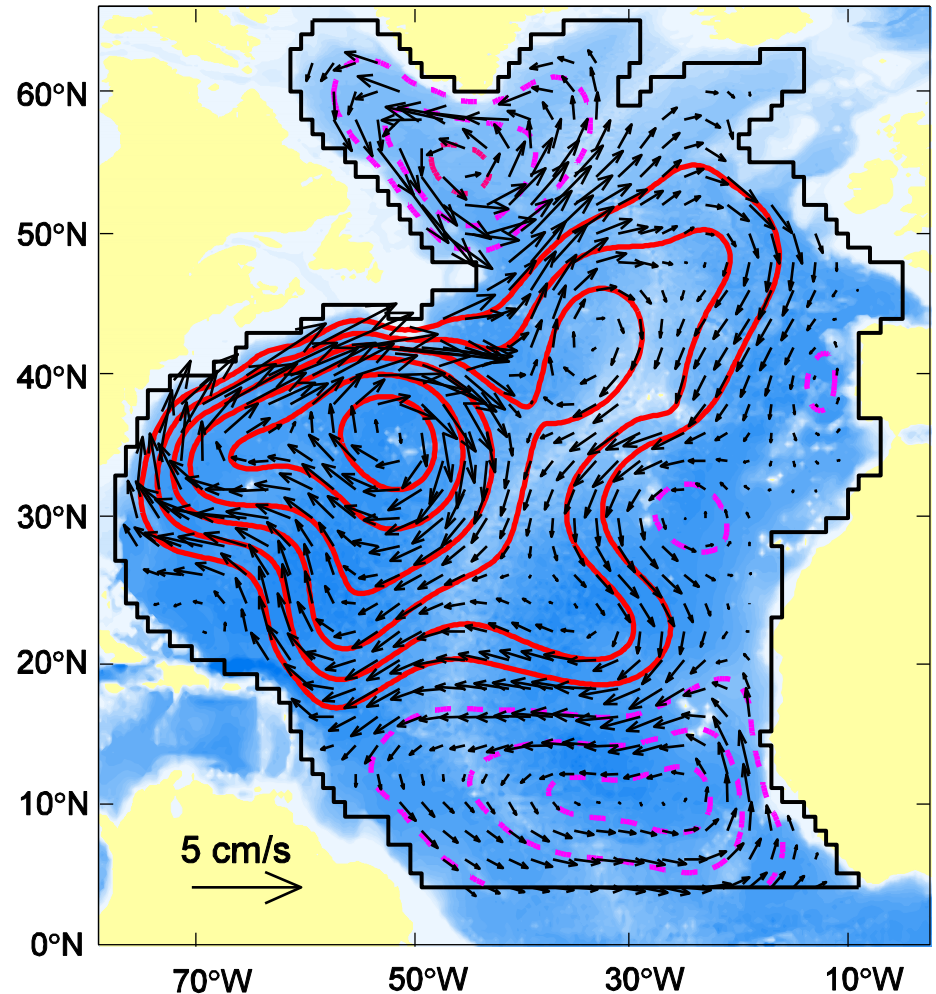
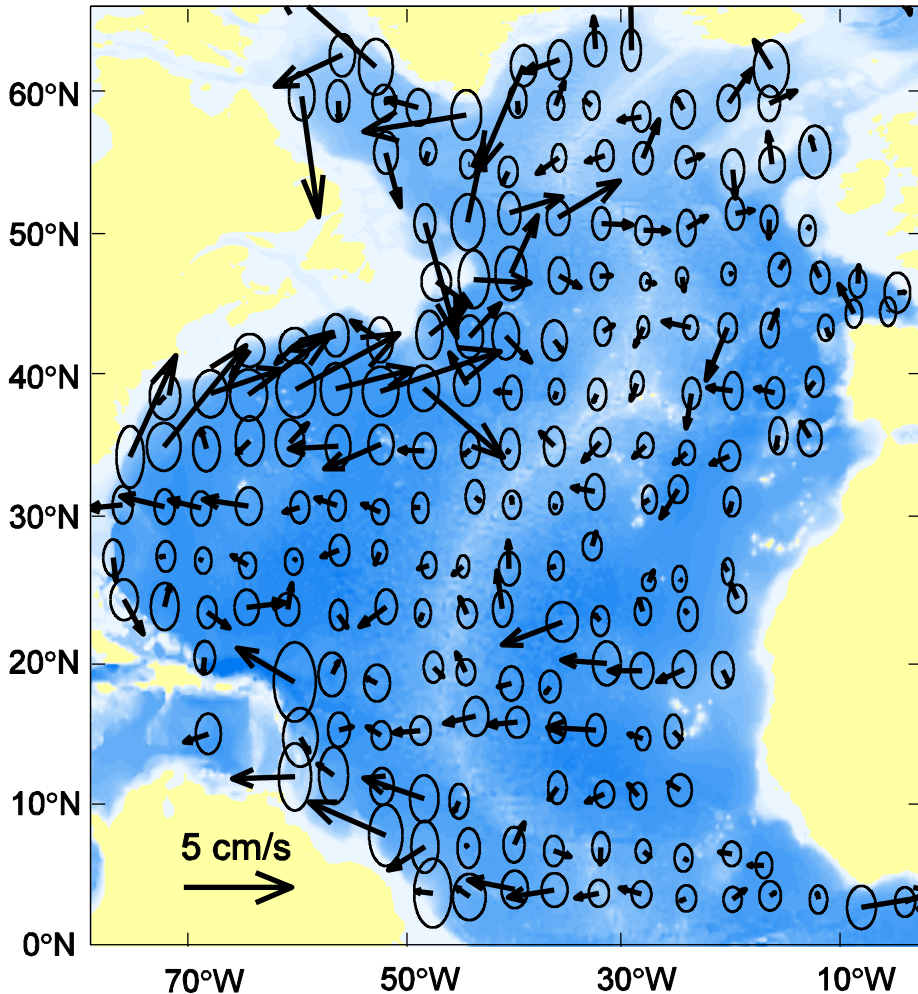
## Mode-1 and Mode-2



# Circulations at 1000 m (March 04 to May 05)

## Bin Method

## OSD





# Fourier Expansion → Temporal Annual and Semi-annual

$$\hat{\psi} \approx \bar{\psi}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) + \psi_1(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, t) + \psi_2(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, t),$$

$$\psi_1(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, t) = \sum_{s=1}^2 A_{\omega_1, s} \cos(\omega_1 t + \theta_{\omega_1, s}) Z_s(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) + \sum_{k=1}^{K_{opt}} B_{\omega_1, k} \cos(\omega_1 t + \vartheta_{\omega_1, k}) \Psi_k(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}),$$

$$\psi_2(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, t) = \sum_{s=1}^2 A_{\omega_2, s} \cos(\omega_2 t + \theta_{\omega_2, s}) Z_s(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}) + \sum_{k=1}^{K_{opt}} B_{\omega_2, k} \cos(\omega_2 t + \vartheta_{\omega_2, k}) \Psi_k(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}),$$

$$T_0 = 12 \text{ months}; \quad \omega_1 = 2\pi / T_0 ; \quad \omega_2 = 4\pi / T_0$$

# Fourier Expansion → Temporal Annual and Semi-annual

$$\hat{T}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, z, t) \approx \bar{T}(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, z) + T_1(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, z, t) + T_2(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, z, t),$$

$$T_1(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, z, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{M_{opt}} C_{\omega_1, m}(z) \cos[\omega_1 t + \chi_{\omega_1, m}(z)] \Xi_m(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, z),$$

$$T_2(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, z, t) = \sum_{m=1}^{M_{opt}} C_{\omega_2, m}(z) \cos[\omega_2 t + \chi_{\omega_2, m}(z)] \Xi_m(\mathbf{x}_{\perp}, z),$$

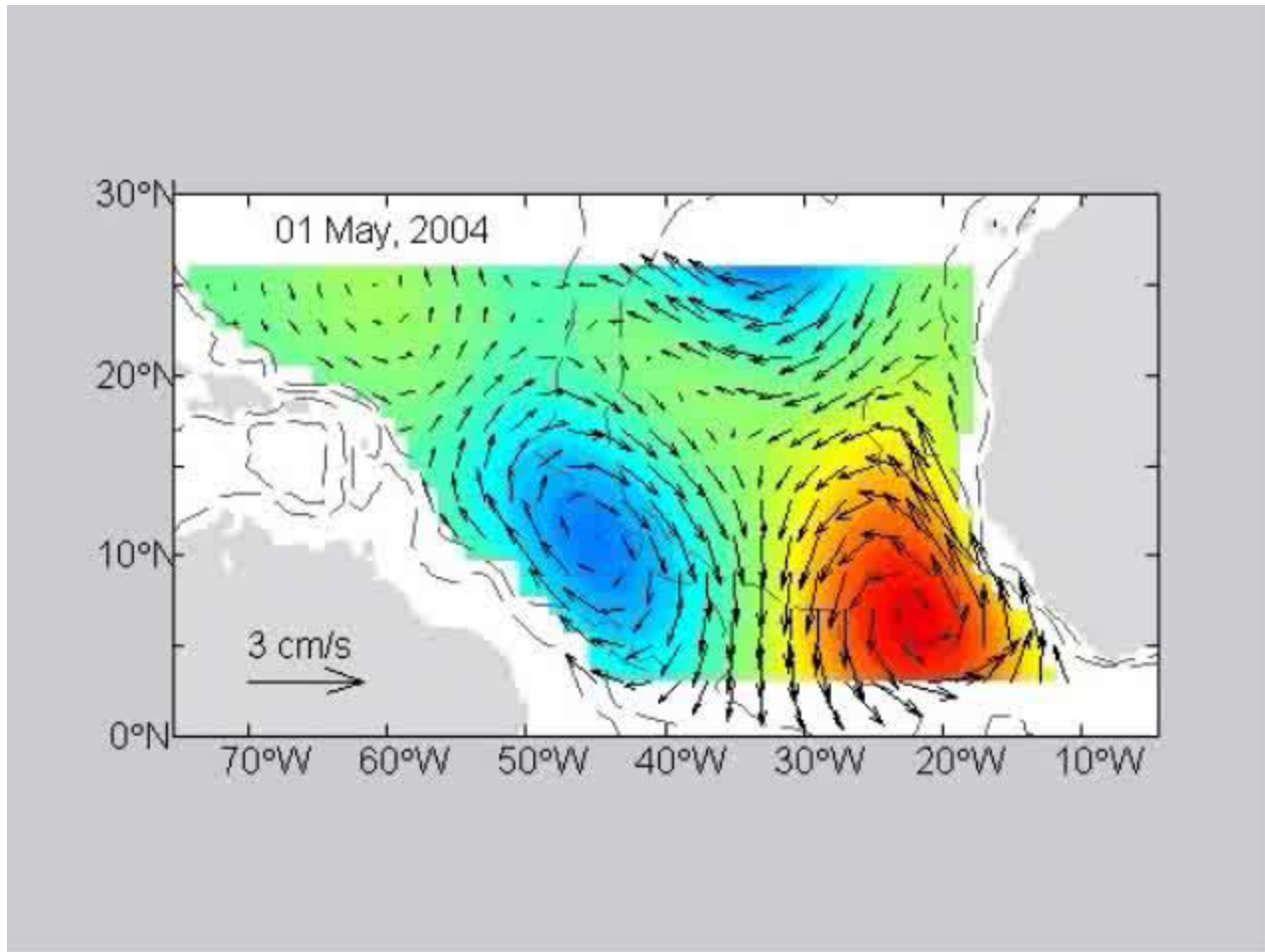
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# Optimization

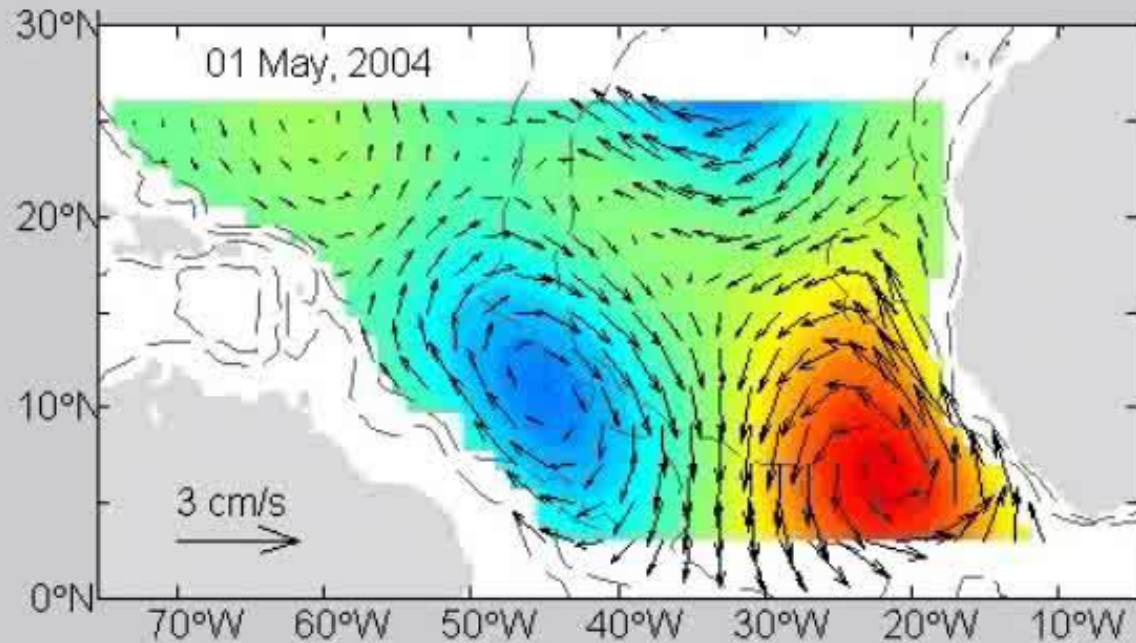
$$J_s = \int_{t_o}^{t_o+T_o} \left[ a_s(t) - \sum_{\omega=\omega_1, \omega_2} A_{\omega,s} \cos(\omega t + \theta_{\omega,s}) \right]^2 dt \rightarrow \min$$

$$I_k = \int_{t_o}^{t_o+T_o} \left[ b_k(t) - \sum_{\omega=\omega_1, \omega_2} B_{\omega,s} \cos(\omega t + \vartheta_{\omega,s}) \right]^2 dt \rightarrow \min$$

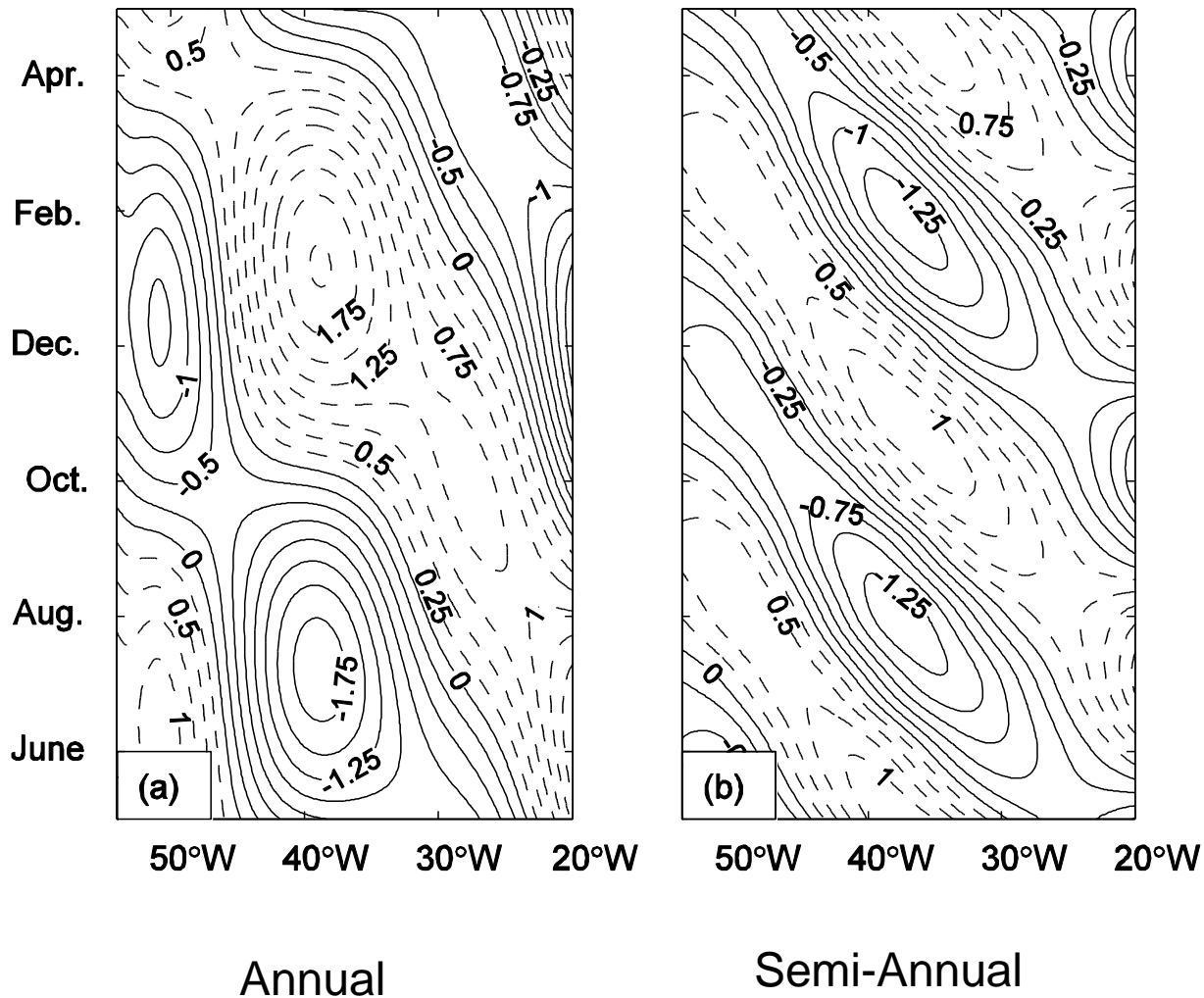
# Annual Component



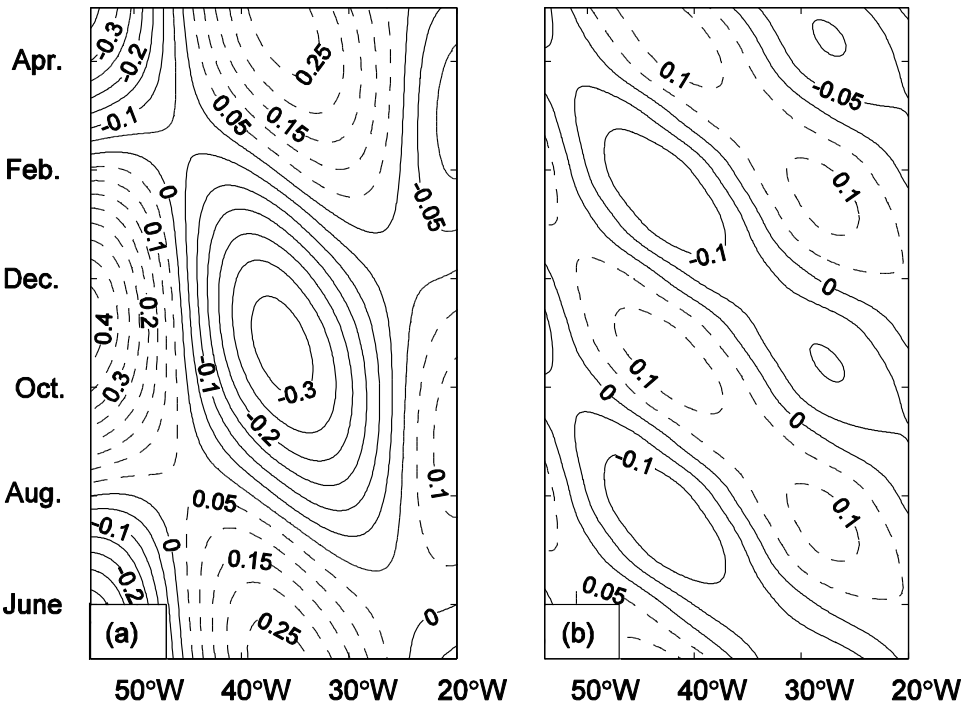
# Semi-annual Component



# Time –Longitude Diagrams of Meridional Velocity Along 11°N



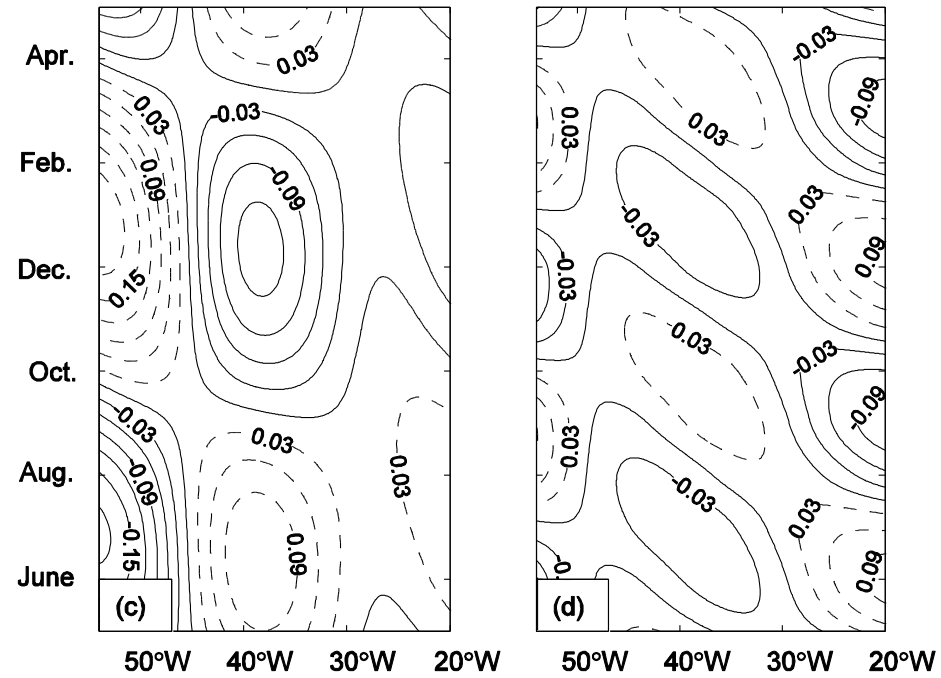
# Time –Longitude Diagrams of temperature Along 11°N



Annual

Semi-Annual

550 m



Annual

Semi-Annual

950 m

# Characteristics of Annual Rossby Waves

	March, 04 – May, 05 float data			March, 04 – May, 06 float data		
Latitude	$c_p$ (cm/s)	$L_1$ (km)	$L_2$ (km)	$c_p$ (cm/s)	$L_1$ (km)	$L_2$ (km)
5°N	12	1200	1100	12	1300	900
8°N	16	2500	1400	12	2100	1100
11°N	14	2200	1400	11	1900	1100
13°N	11	2100	1500	10	2300	1500

Western  
Basin

Eastern  
Basin

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Eastern  
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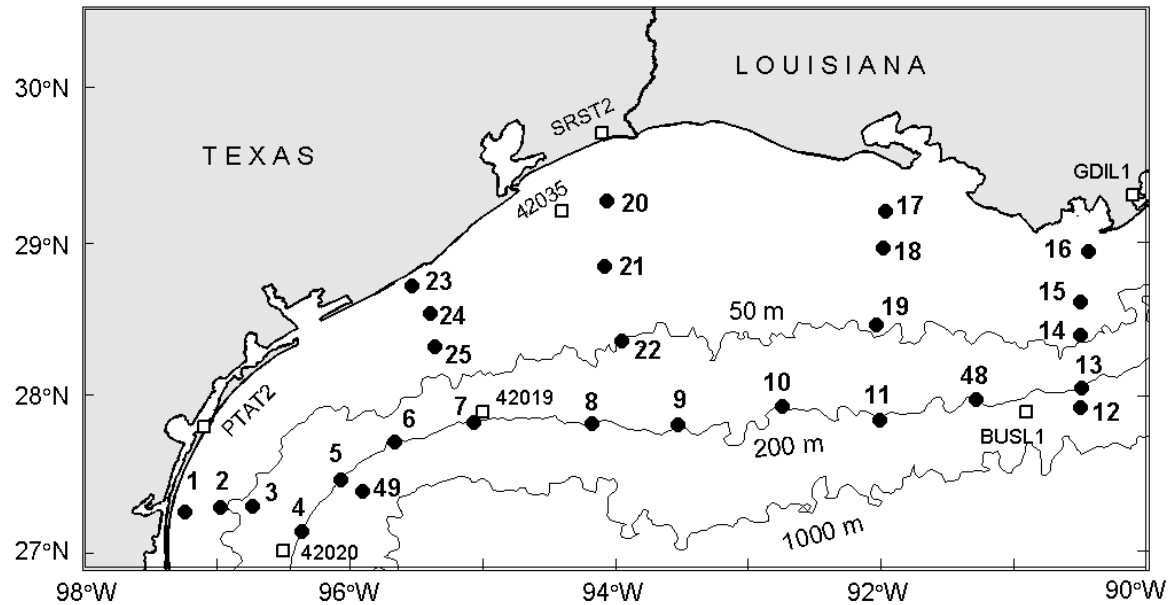


(b) Synoptic Current Reversals on the  
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(Surface Drifting Buoys)

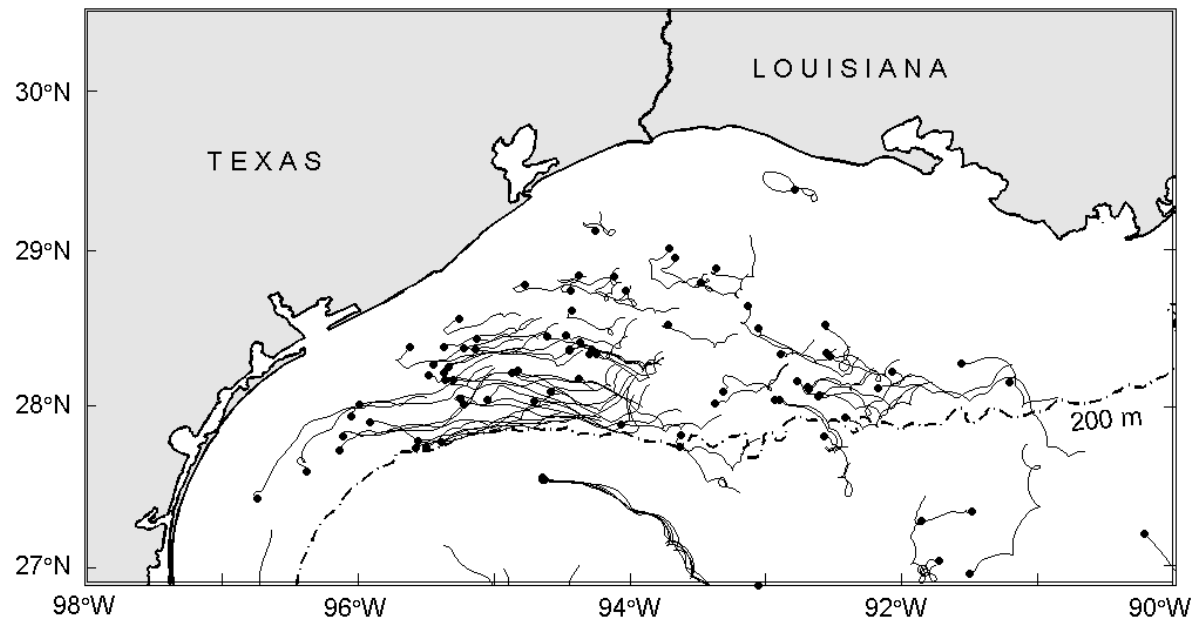
# Ocean Velocity Observation

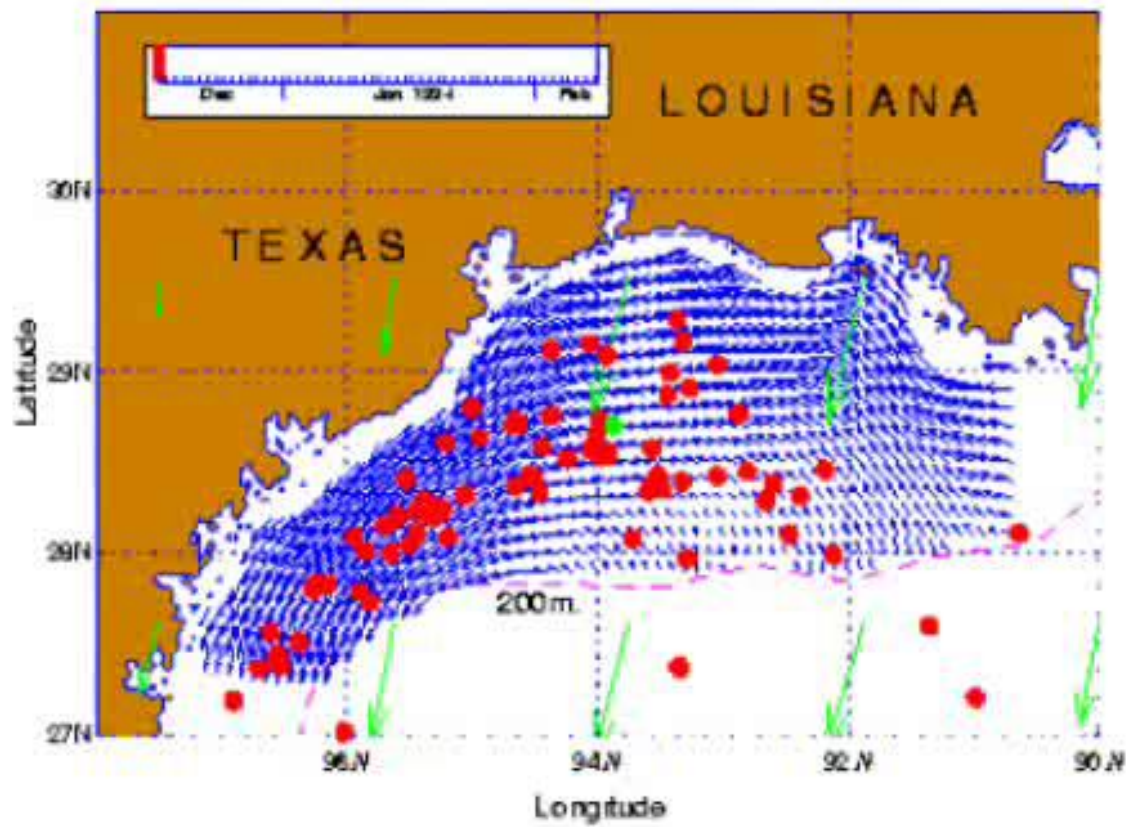
- 31 near-surface (10-14 m) current meter moorings during LATEX from April 1992 to November 1994
- Drifting buoys deployed at the first segment of the Surface Current and Lagrangian-drift Program (SCULP-I) from October 1993 to July 1994.

# Moorings and Buoys



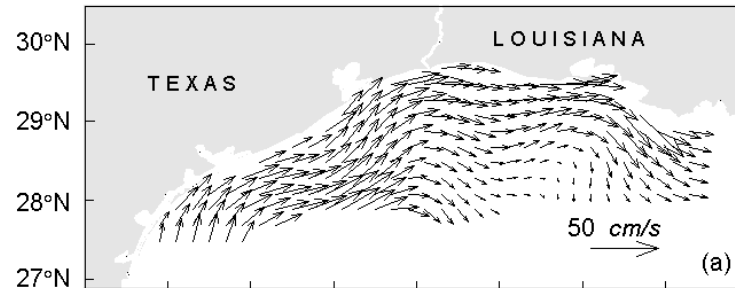
# LTCS current reversal detected from SCULP-I drift trajectories.



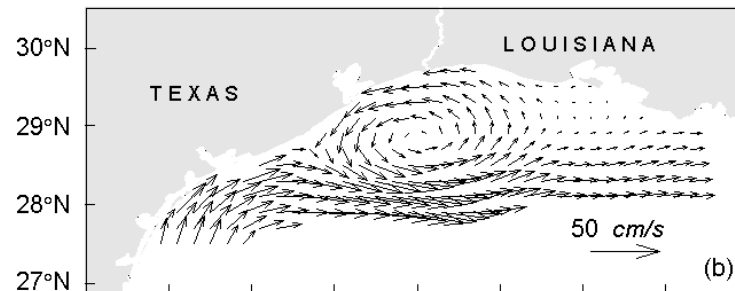


# LTCS current reversal detected from the reconstructed velocity data

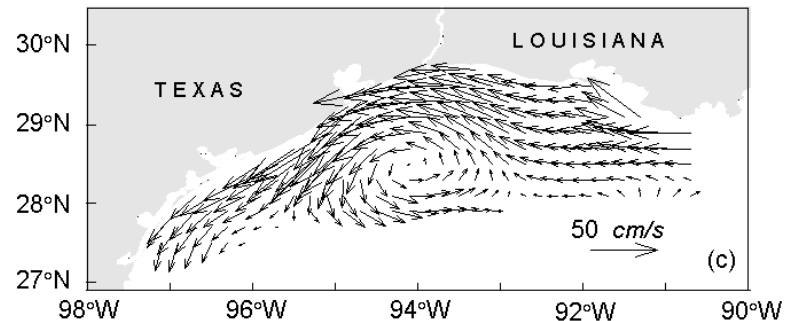
December 30, 1993



January 3, 1994



January 6, 1994



# EOF Analysis of the Reconstructed Velocity Field

EOF	Variance (%)		
	01/21/93-05/21/93	12/19/93-04/17/94	10/05/94-11/29/94
1	80.2	77.1	74.4
2	10.1	9.5	9.3
3	3.9	5.6	6.9
4	1.4	3.3	4.6
5	1.1	1.4	2.3
6	0.7	1.1	0.8

# Mean and First EOF Mode

$$\tilde{\mathbf{u}}(x, y, t) = \bar{\mathbf{u}}(x, y) + A_1(t)\mathbf{u}_1(x, y),$$

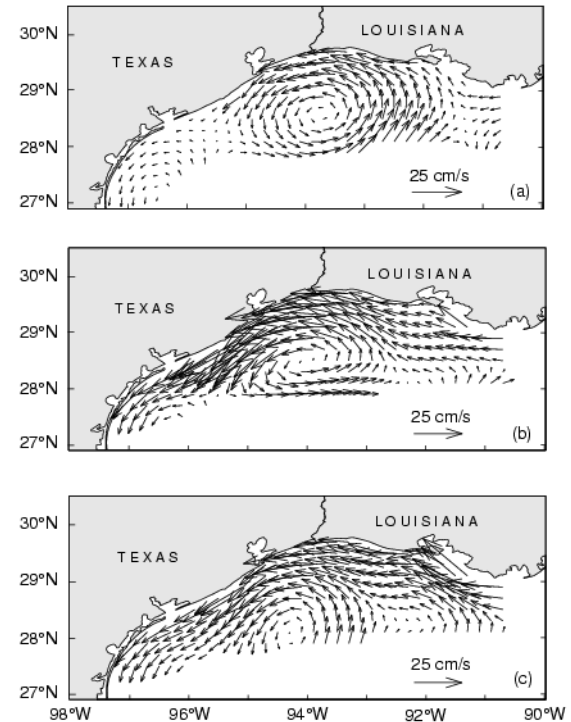


# Mean Circulation

1. First Period  
(01/21-05/21/93)

2. Second Period  
12/19/93-04/17/94)

3. Third Period  
(10/05-11/29/94)

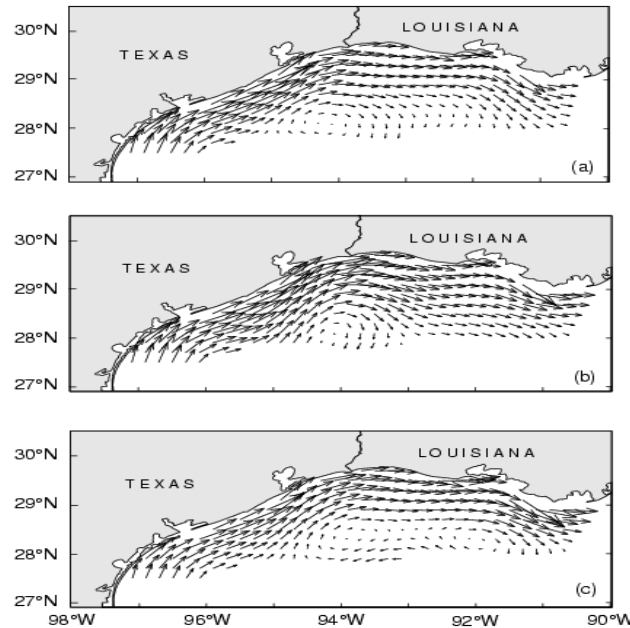


# EOF1

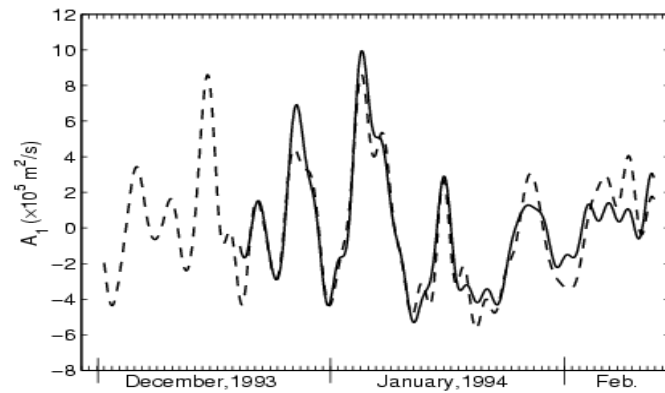
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3. Third Period  
(10/05-11/29/94)



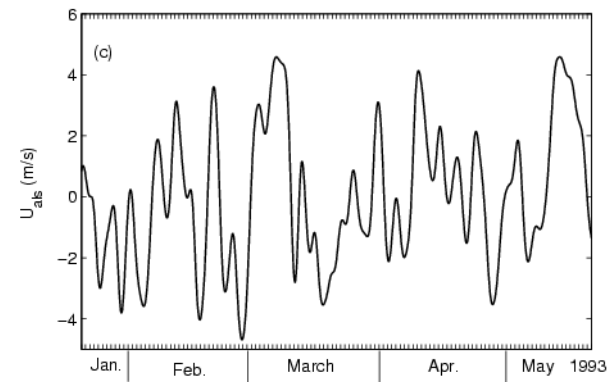
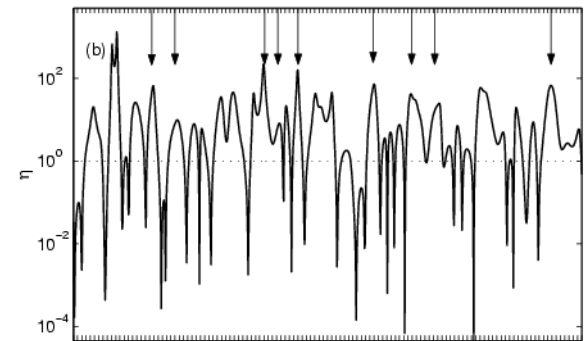
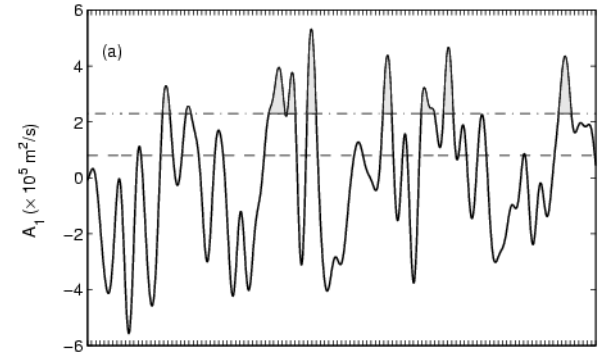
- Calculated  $A_1(t)$   
Using Current Meter  
Mooring (solid)  
and SCULP-1  
Drifters (dashed)



- 8 total reversals observed

$$\eta = A_1^2 / \sum_{n=2}^6 A_n^2$$

- $U_{als} \sim$  alongshore wind

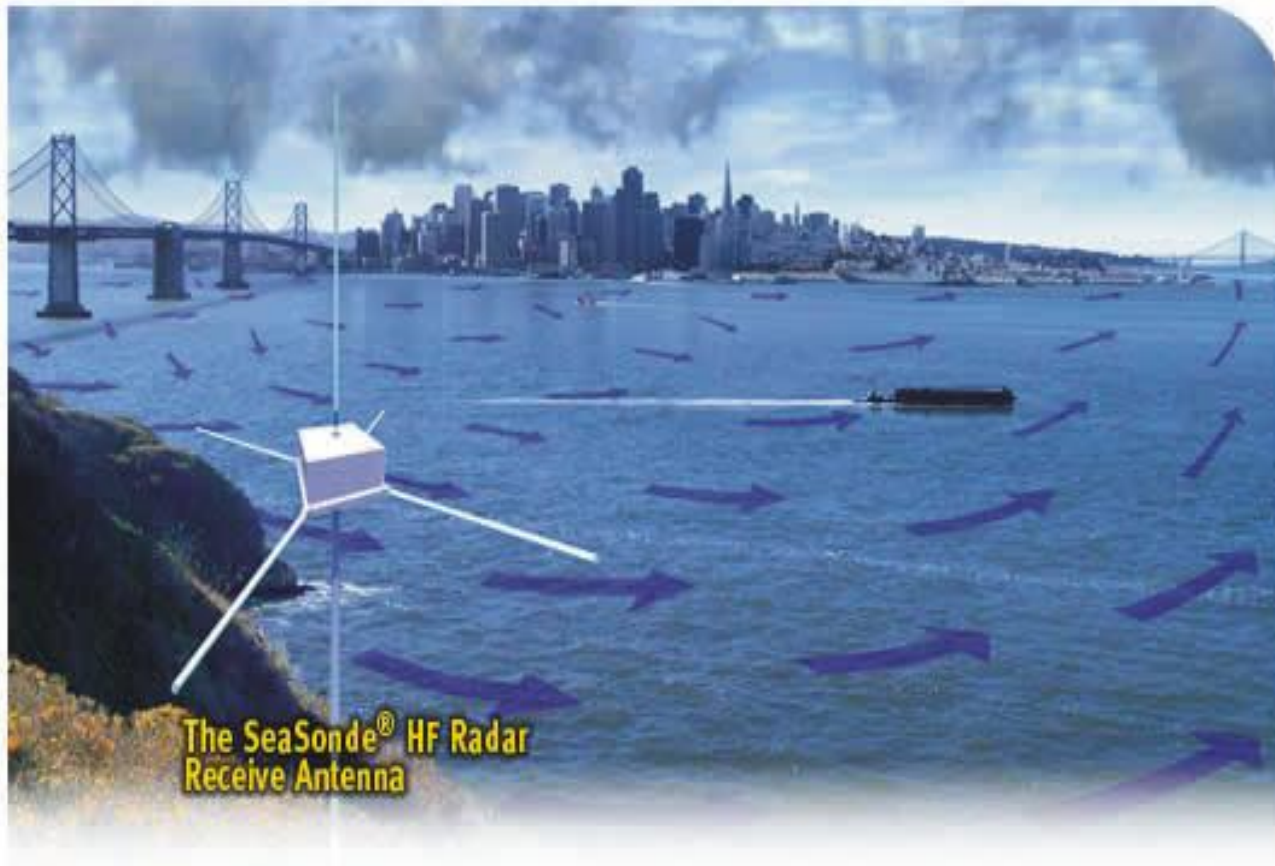


# Results

- Alongshore wind forcing is the major factor causing the synoptic current reversal.
- Other factors, such as the Mississippi-Atchafalaya River discharge and offshore eddies of Loop Current origin, may affect the reversal threshold, but can not cause the synoptic current reversal.

# (c) Monterey Bay Surface Circulation (CODAR)

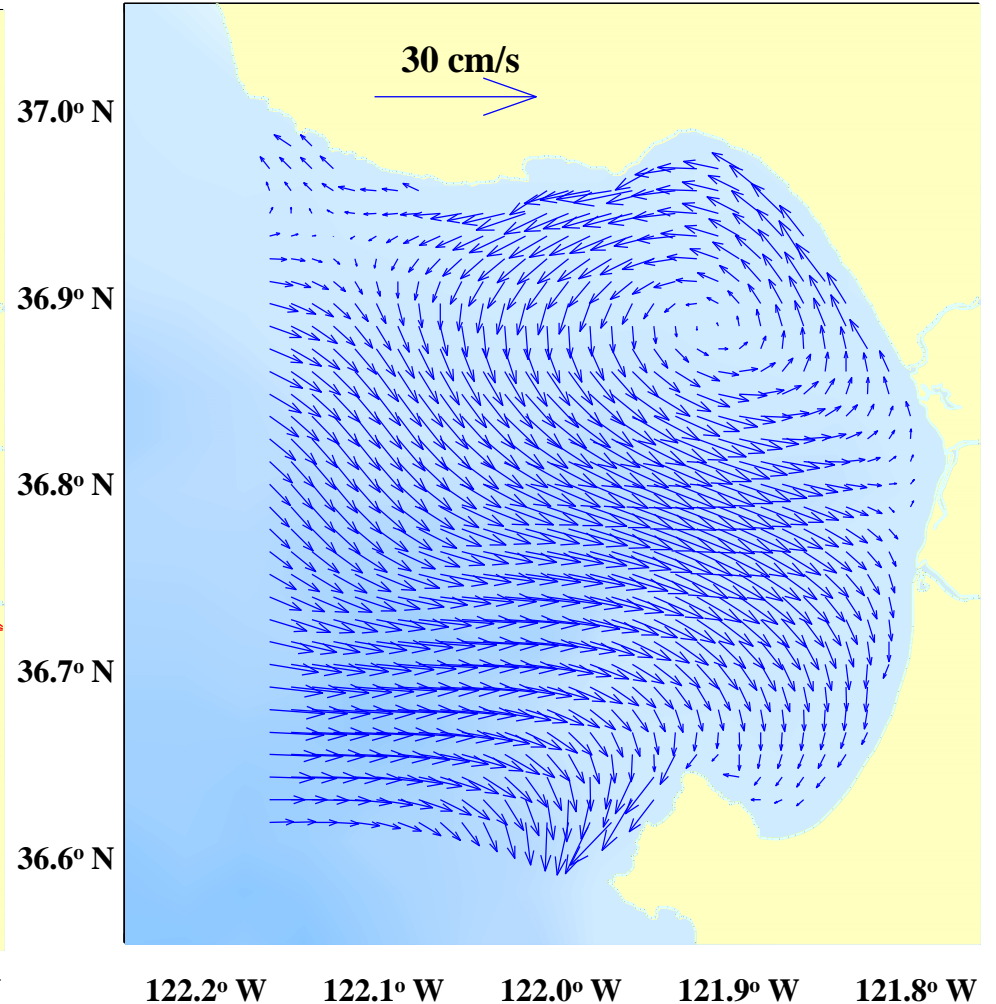
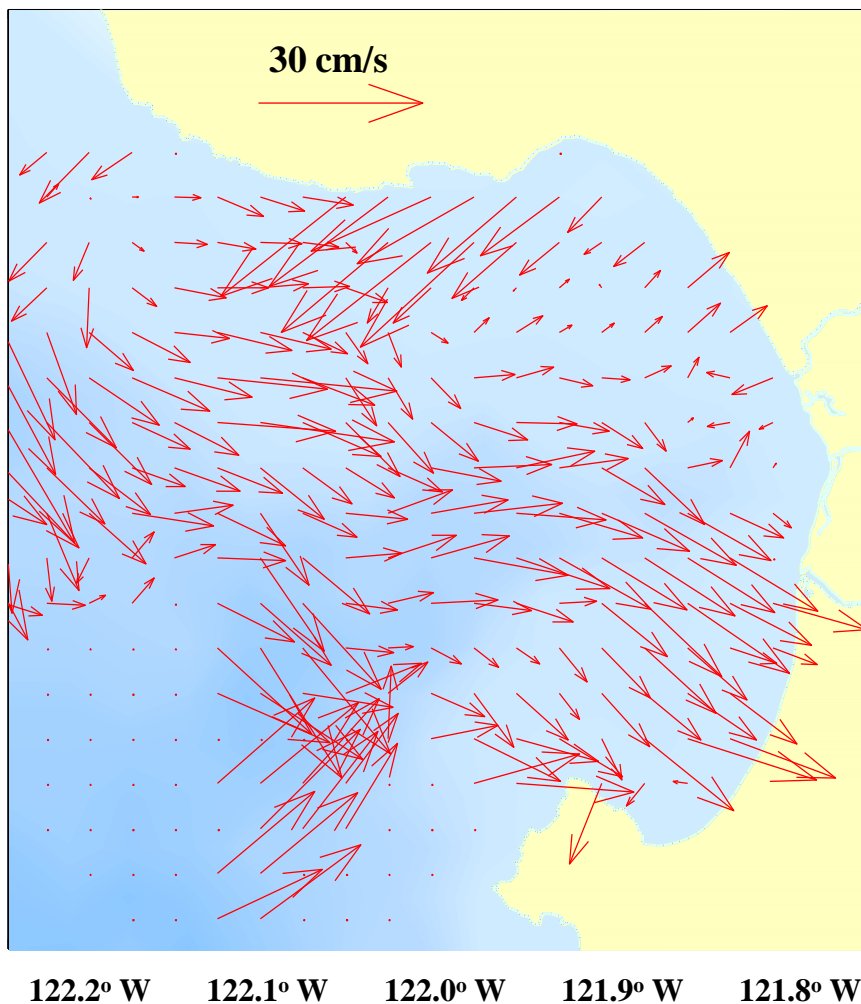
# CODAR



# Monterey Bay





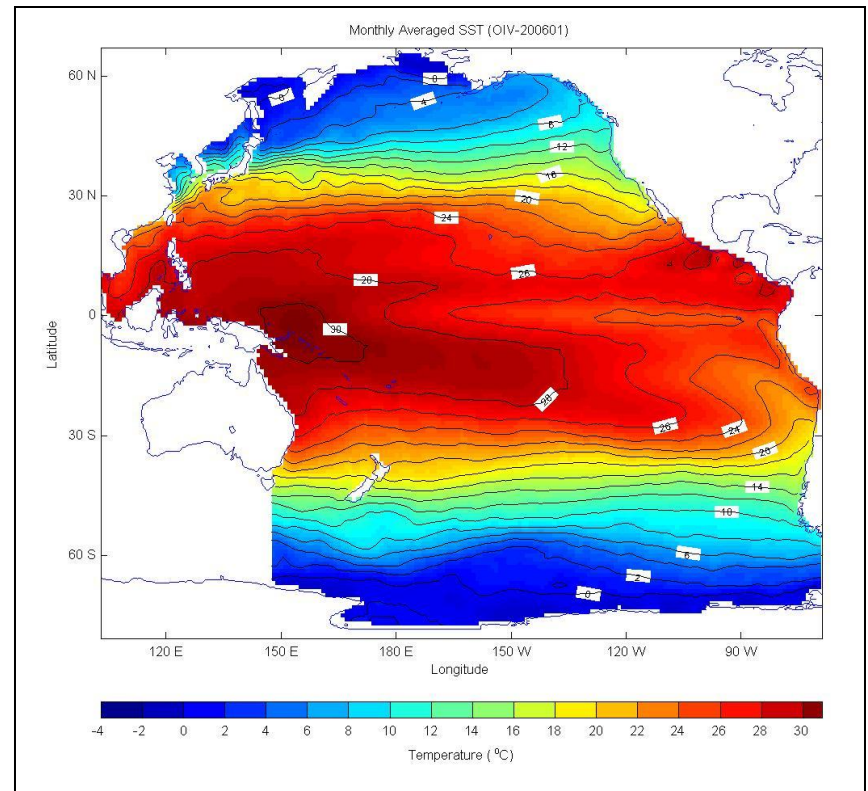
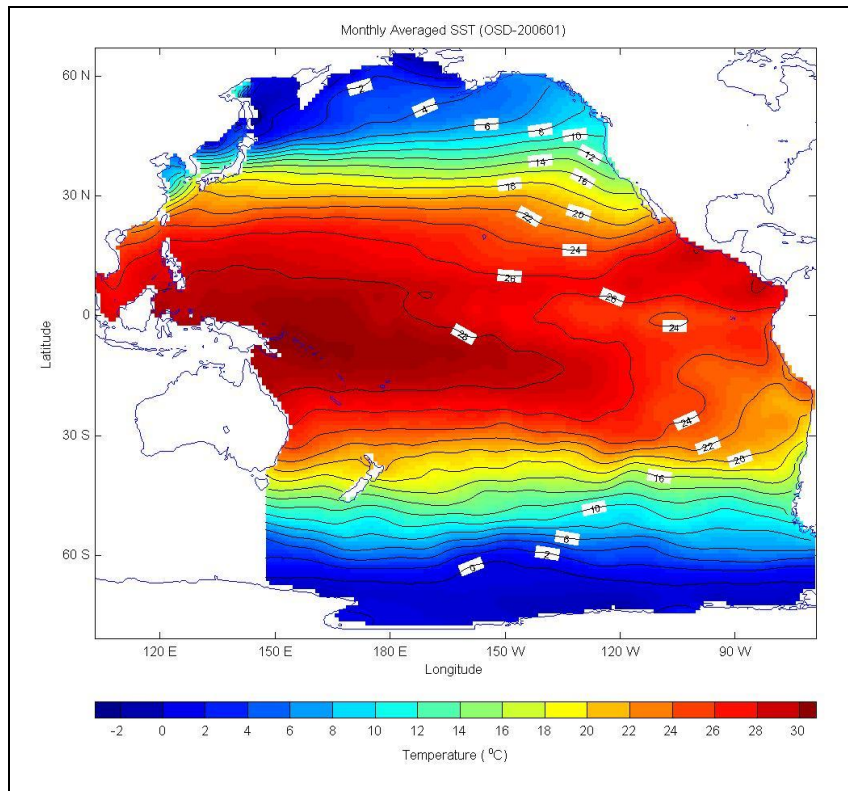


**Place for comments: left - radar derived currents for 17:00 UT December 1, 1999**

**right – reconstructed velocity field.**

# Preliminary Comparison of OSD and OI Mean (1990-2009)

**Visual comparison of the Optimal Spectral Decomposition (OSD)-derived SST (left) to the NOAA Optimally Interpolated (OI) SST (right)**



(d) Temporal and spatial  
variability of Pacific Ocean  
1990-2009

# Monthly Temperature (10 m) in the Pacific Ocean since 1990 (analyzed from GTSP)



# **Monthly Temperature (100 m) in the Pacific Ocean since 1990 (analyzed from GTSP)**



# Monthly Temperature (500 m) in the Pacific Ocean since 1990 (analyzed from GTSP)



# Monthly Temperature (1000 m) in the Pacific Ocean since 1990



# Conclusions

- OSD is a useful tool for processing real-time velocity data with short duration and limited-area sampling especially the GTSP/Argo data.
- OSD has wide application in ocean data assimilation.



## What is next?

It is an urgent need to establish  
monthly varying (T, S, u, v)  
gridded dataset from GTSP  
and Argo trajectory data →

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# Steps for GTSP Data Analysis

- (1) Change the current data format “one file for one profile” into new data format “one file for profiles in a month from January 1990 for individual ocean basin (Atlantic, Pacific, Indian oceans).
- (2) Reconstruct the profile data with the same month and year into grid points using the Optimal Spectral Decomposition (OSD) method.

# 4D Global Velocity Data

Reference + Geostrophic

