

# Marine Resource Management



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# Physical Science for Marine Resources Management

## What do we mean by Marine Resources?

Living Marine Resources

Tourism, Recreation, Shipping along U.S. Coasts

Arctic ecology, transportation, gas/oil resources

Offshore wind energy

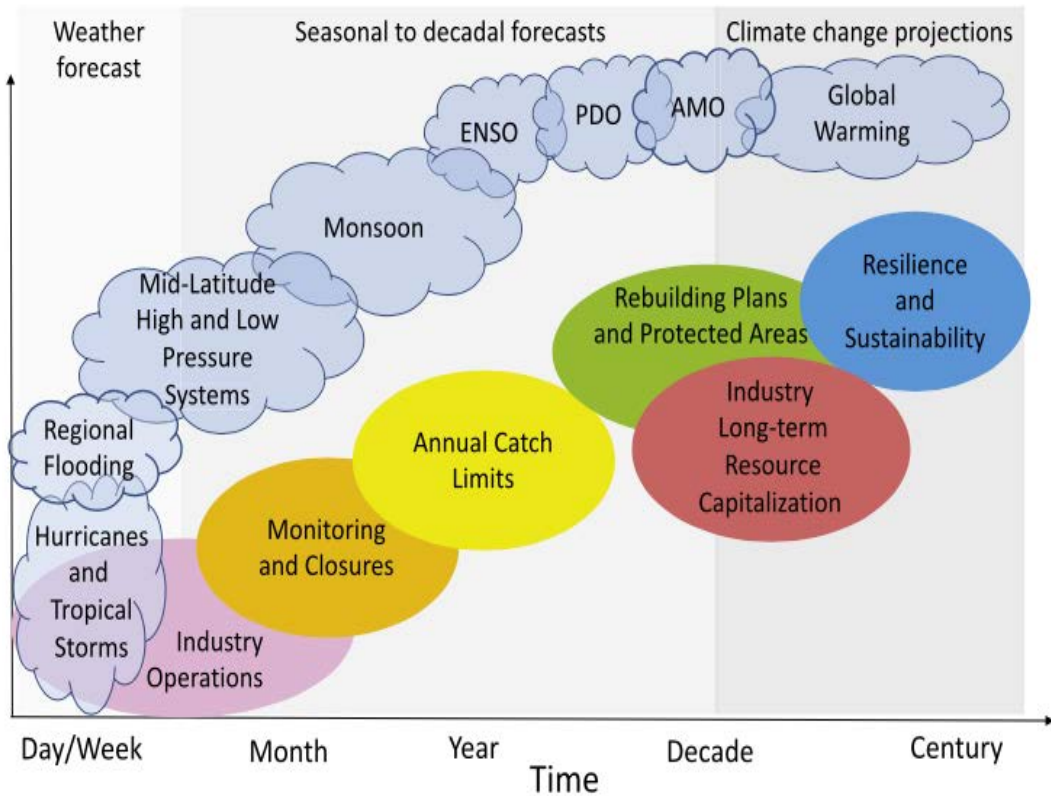
Management of those resources requires:

- Climate information
- Observations and modeling capabilities
- Understanding of physical processes (e.g. air-sea fluxes)



# Understand and Predict Physical Drivers of Living Marine Resources

NOAA National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) needs information for management and planning  
Climate provides an important source of predictability for physical ecosystem drivers in NMFS key areas  
([Capotondi, Jacox, et al. 2019](#); [Jacox, Alexander,..Capotondi, et al., 2020](#))



Climate research in PSL supports prediction and projection of physical ecosystem drivers especially in the Pacific sector:

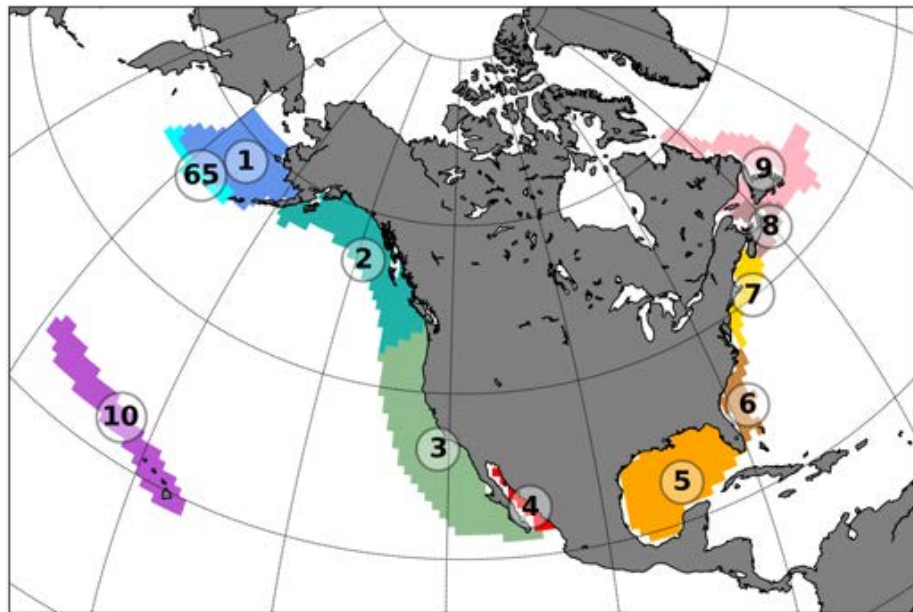
- ENSO pattern diversity can result in different impacts on areas relevant for marine resources ([Capotondi, Sardeshmukh, et al., 2019](#); [Capotondi, Wittenberg,..,McPhaden, 2020](#))
- The PDO results from the superposition of different processes and should not be viewed as a “mode” of variability ([Newman, Alexander...Mantua et al. 2016](#)).

[Tommasi, Stock,..Kaplan,..Delworth,..Alexander,..Saba..Werner \(2017\)](#)

# NMME SST Forecast Skill for US LMEs (Ensemble of NMME models)

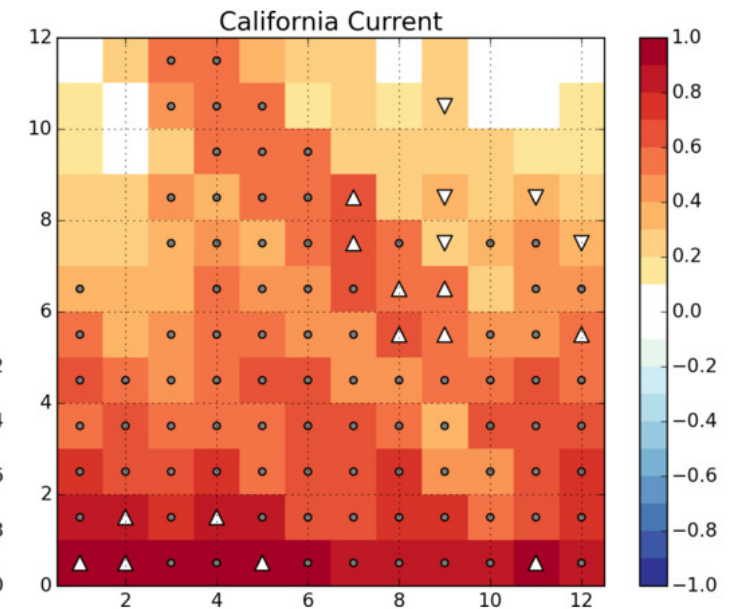
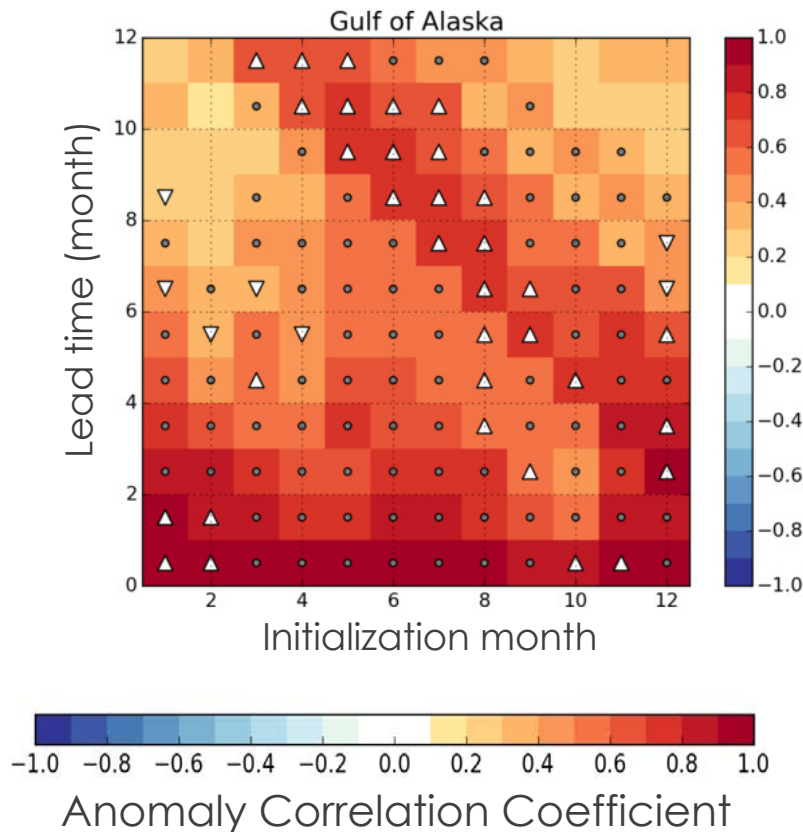
SSTs are important for biology as well as physics

## Large Marine Ecosystem Regions



[Hervieux, G., M. A. Alexander, C.A. Stock, M. G. Jacox, et al., 2017, Climate Dynamics](#)

[Jacox, M., M. A. Alexander, C.A. Stock, G. Hervieux, 2017, Climate Dynamics](#)



Anomaly correlation coefficients:

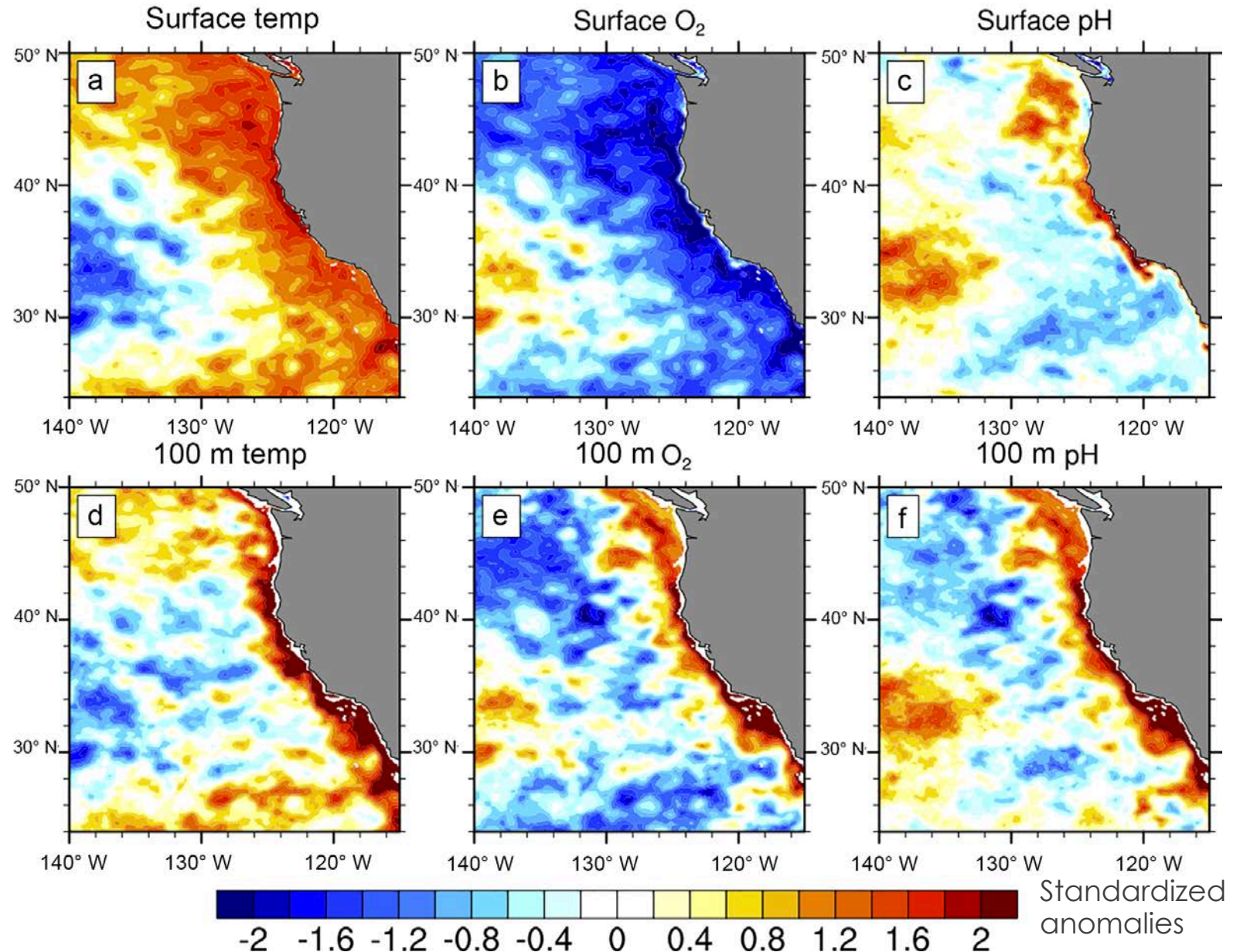
- above 0 at 5% level
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# ENSO influence in the California Current System from a high-resolution Earth System Model

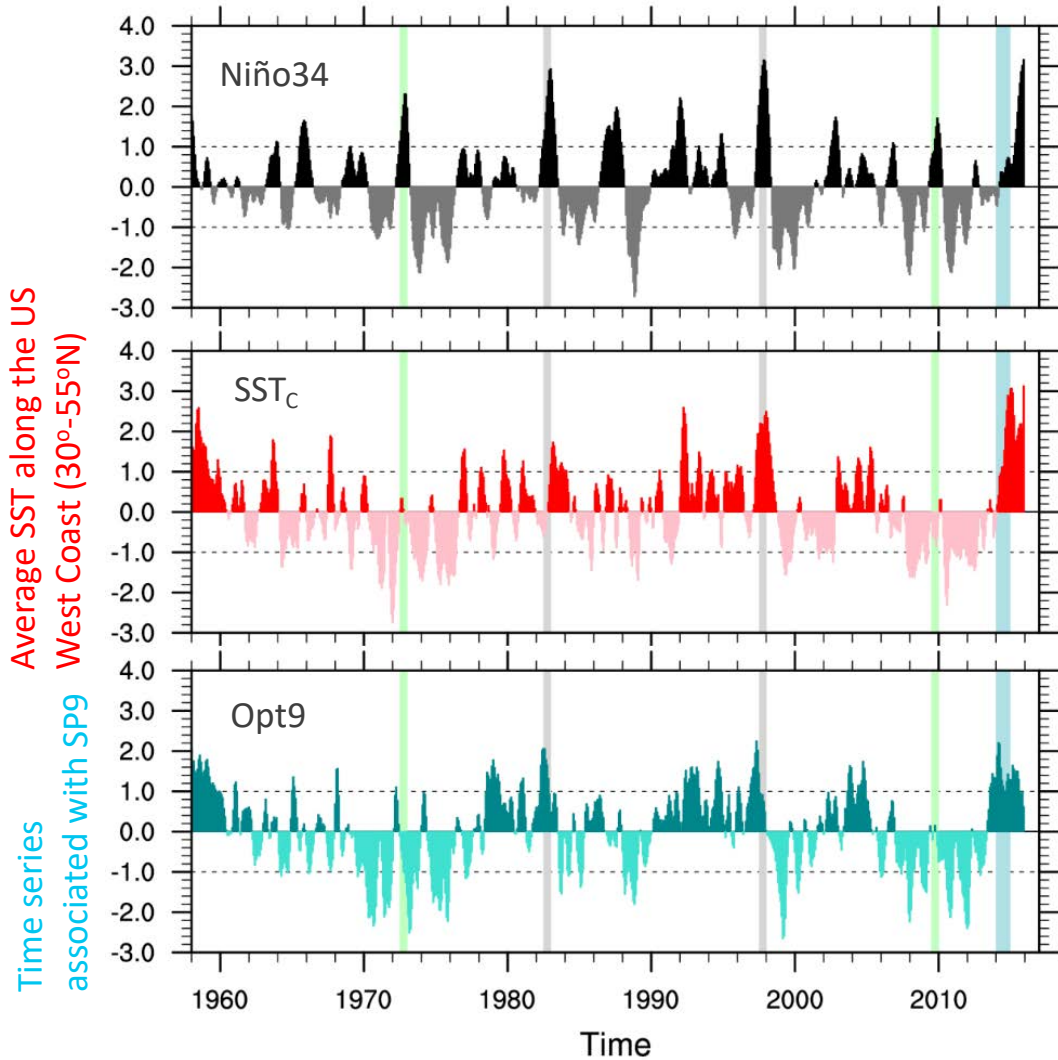
[Turi, G., M. Alexander, N. Lovenduski, A. Capotondi, J. Scott, ..., J. M. Jacox,, \(2018, \*Ocean Sci.\*\)](#)

*Also see:*

[Brady, R. X., N. S. Lovenduski M. A. Alexander, M. Jacox, and N. Gruber, \(2019: \*Biogeosciences\*\)](#)



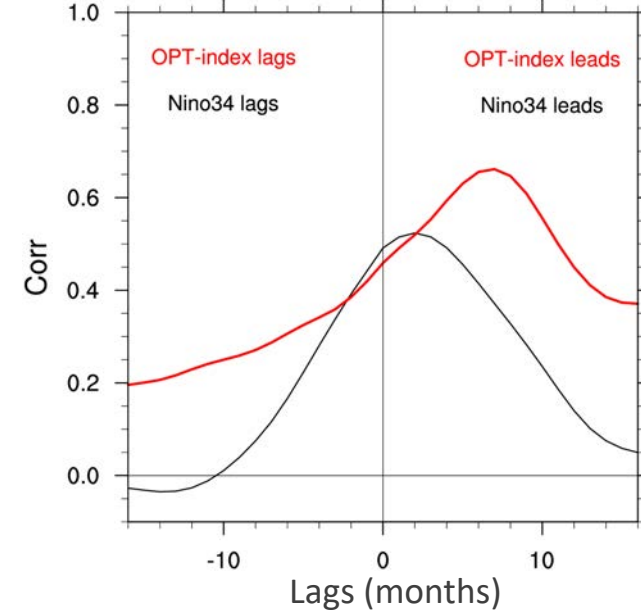
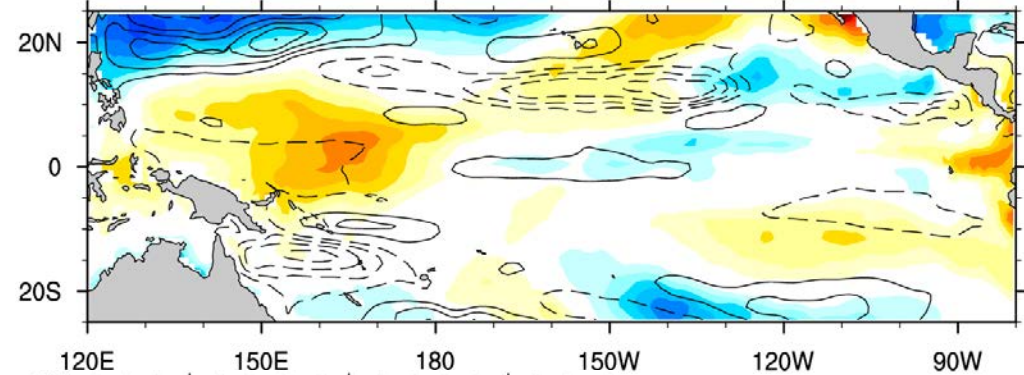
# Which El Niño Flavors are Most Important for US West Coast Marine Warming?



[Capotondi, Sardeshmukh, et al., Sci. Rep., 2019](#)

$$SST_C(t) = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{X}_{opt}(0)$$

SST (shading) and SSH (contours) anomalies most conducive to US West Coast warming at 9 months lead time (**SP9**)

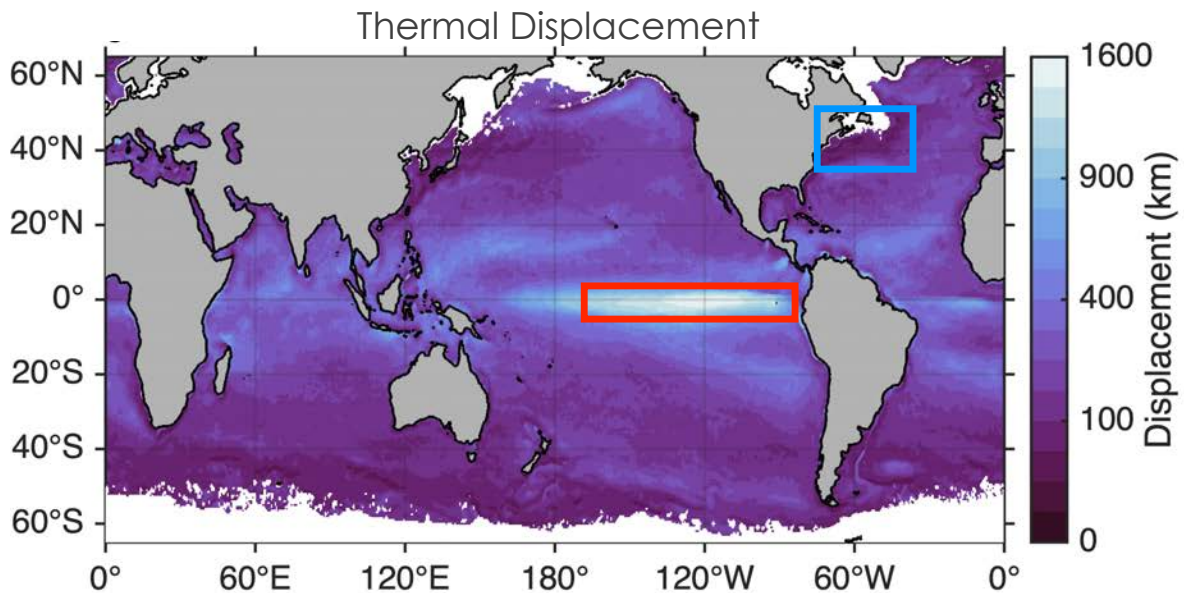
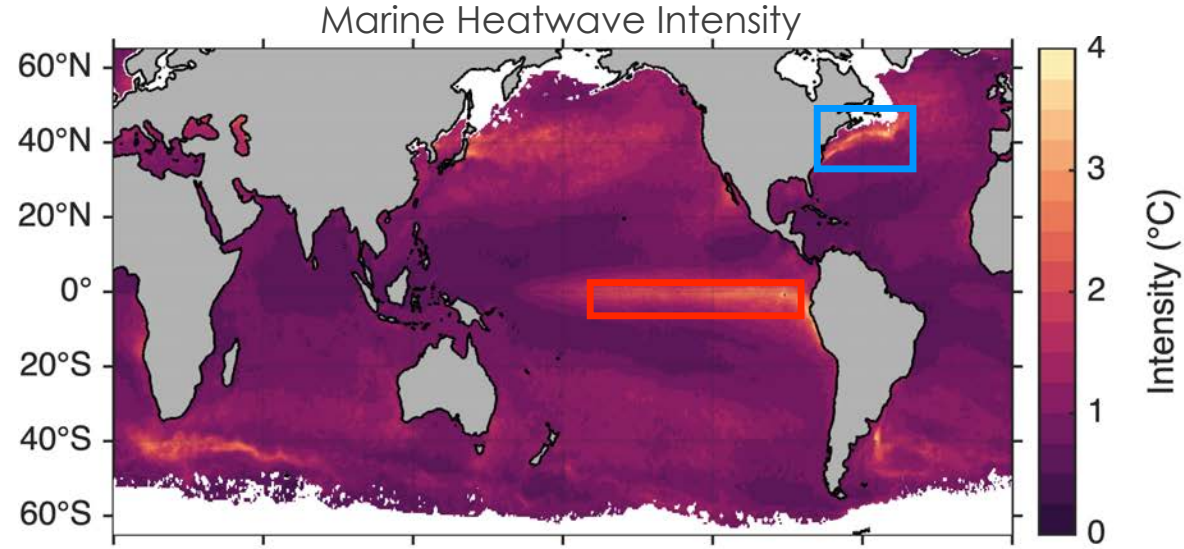


Lag-Correlations between Niño3.4 and SST<sub>C</sub> (black) and Opt9 and SST<sub>C</sub> (red)

Largest corr. with Niño3.4 is about 0.5 with Niño3.4 leading by 2-3 months

Largest corr. with Opt9 is about 0.65 with Opt9 leading by 7 months

# Thermal Displacement as a Fisheries-Relevant Metric for Characterizing Marine Heatwaves



Thermal displacement is the distance that must be travelled to maintain constant SST, a simple proxy for habitat displacement.

Thermal displacements vary from 10s to 1000s of kilometers.

On a global scale, thermal displacement is not significantly correlated with heatwave intensity.

Depending on the regional SST patterns, a given location can be characterized by, for example:

**Intense heatwaves and large displacements**

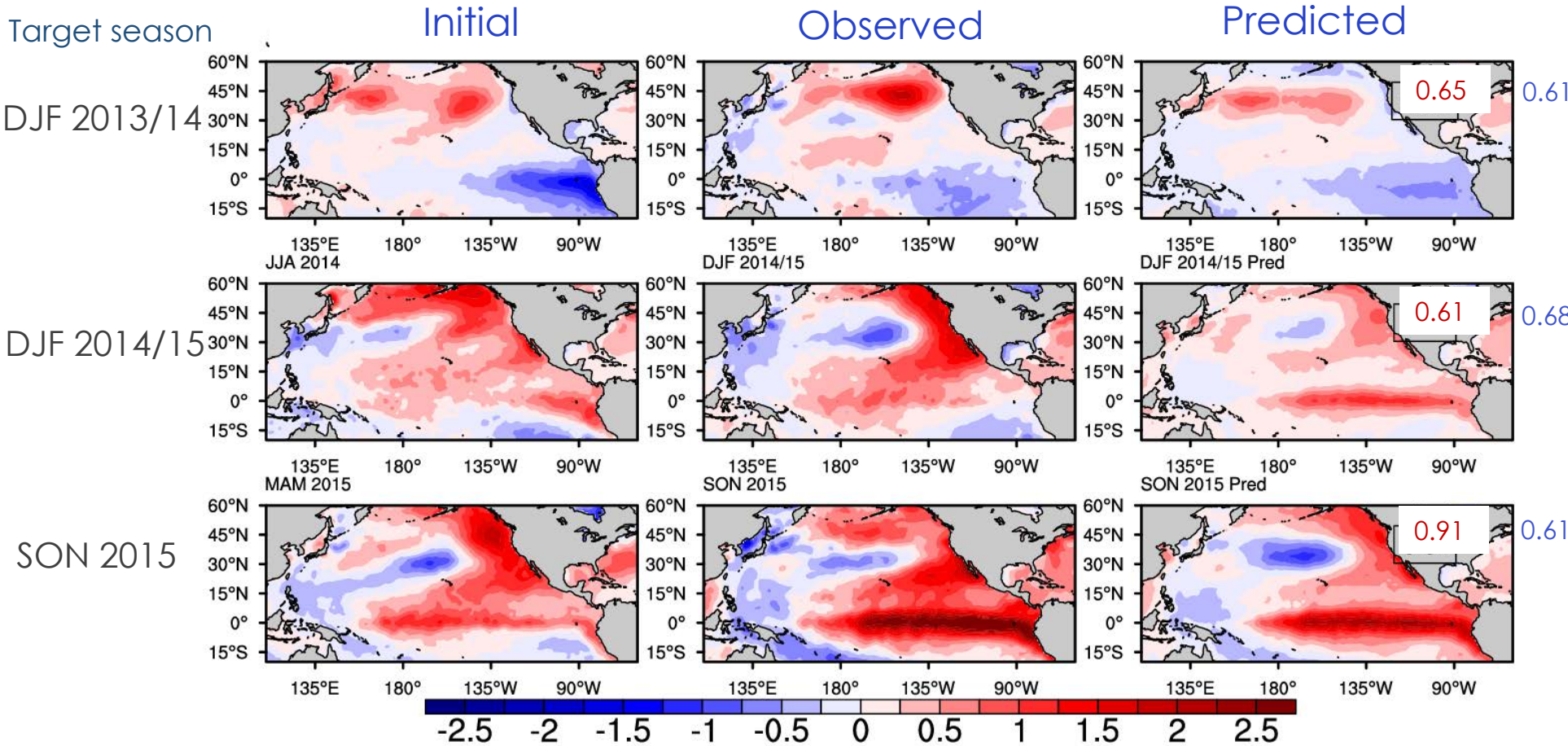
**Intense heatwaves and small displacements**

[Jacox, Alexander, Bograd, and Scott Nature \(2020\)](#)

# Exploring marine heatwaves predictability using LIM

6-month SST LIM predictions

LIM's state vector includes SST and SSH (a measure of upper ocean heat content)



LIM predictions show skill in reproducing both pattern and amplitude relative to damped persistence, especially during the development of the 2015/16 El Nino event

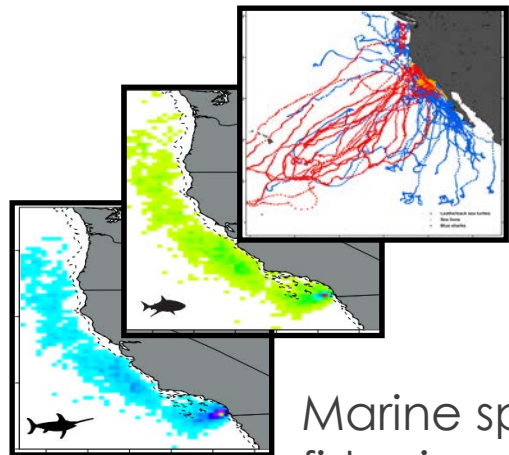
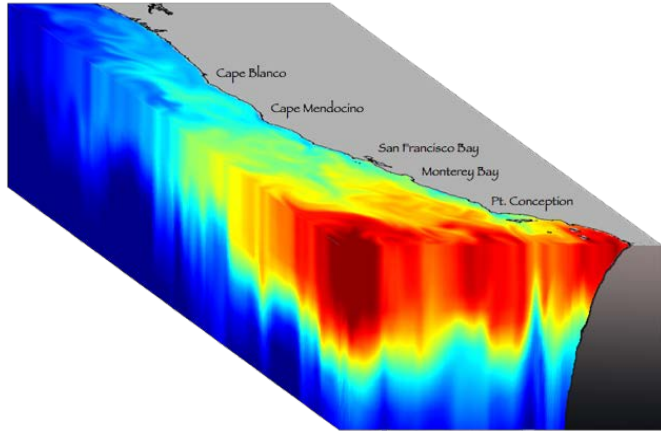
Pattern correlations between predicted and observed: LIM, damped persistence

Capotondi, Newman, et al. JGR Oceans, in prep.



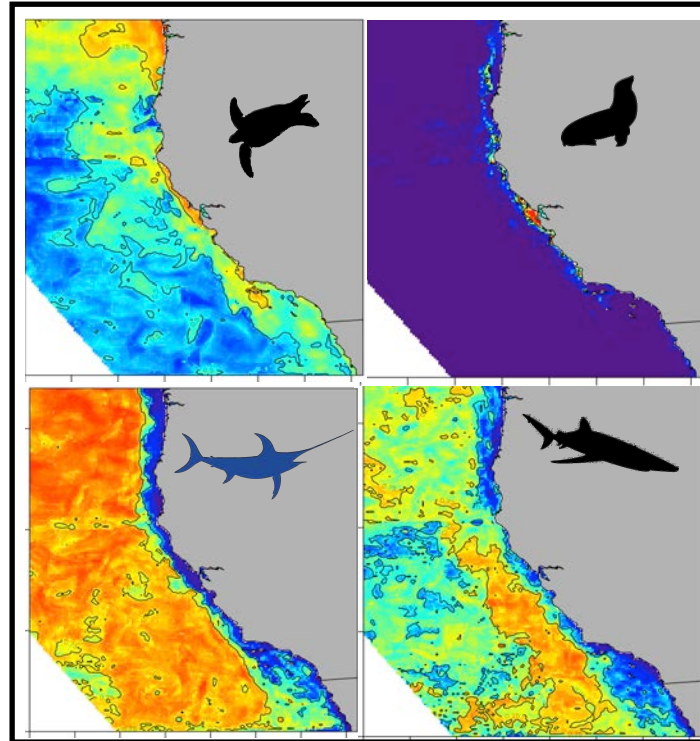
# Ocean Reanalyses and Forecasts to Inform U.S. West Coast Fisheries Management

Ocean model output  
(near real time or forecast)

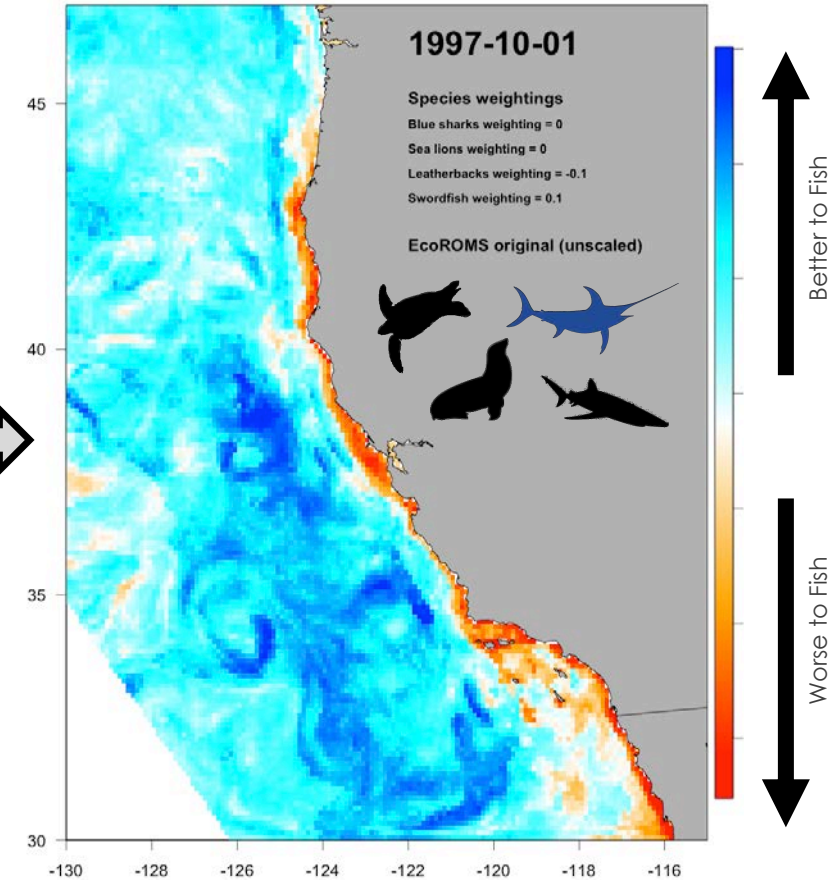


Marine species data (tag tracking, fisheries observers)

Predicted habitat suitability



Integrated fishing suitability



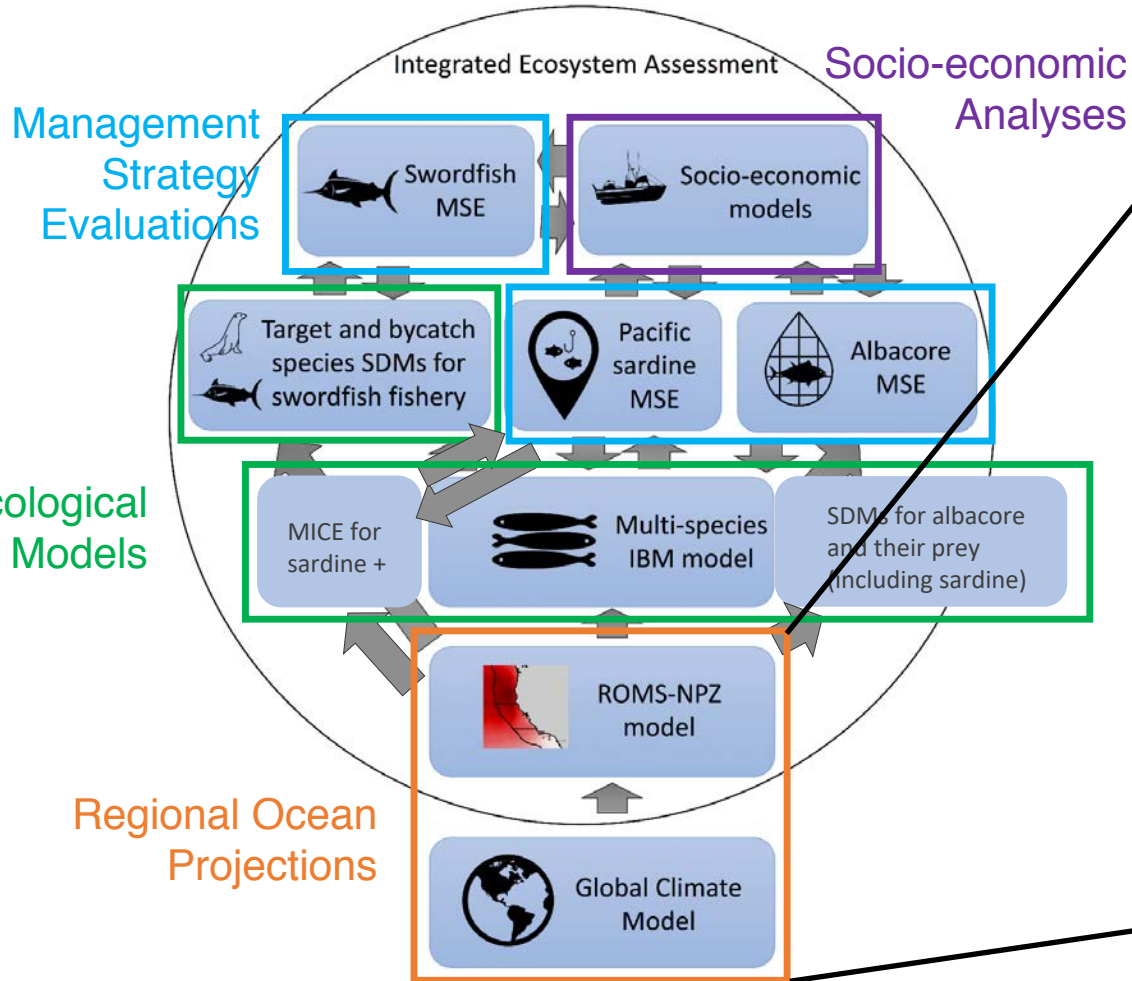
[Welch, ..., Jacox, et al. \(2019\)](#)

[Brodie, Jacox, et al. \(2018\)](#)

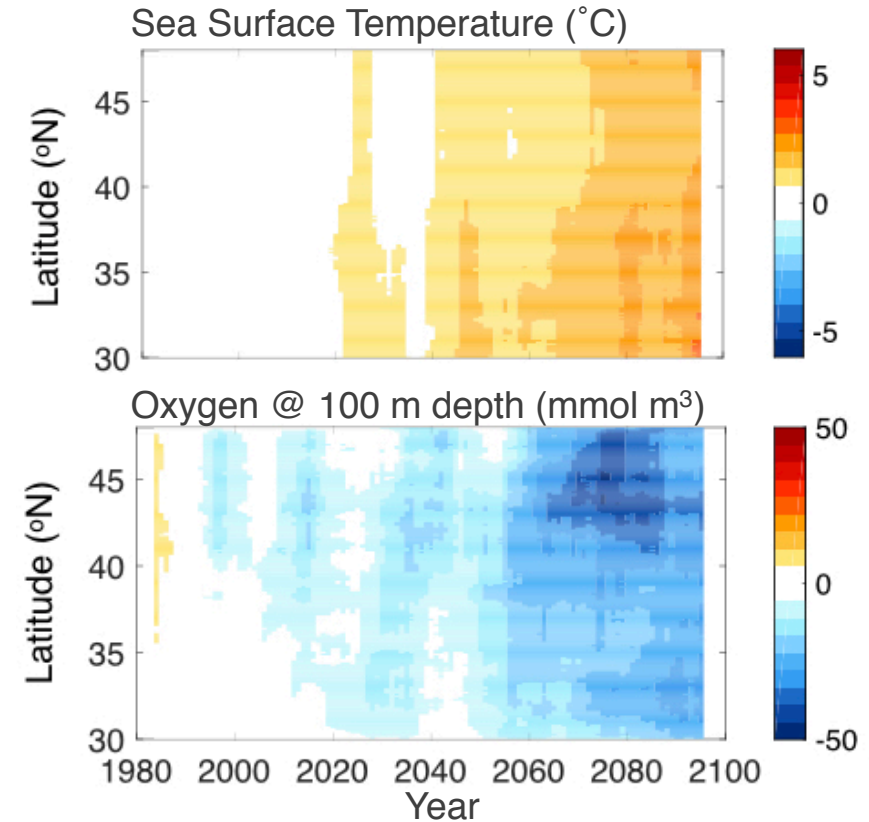
# Climate and Regional Ocean Modeling to Evaluate Climate Change Impacts on Fisheries

Pis: Jacox (PSL/SWFSC), Alexander (PSL), Curchitser (Rudgers), Muhling (UCSC), Rykaczewski (PIFSC), Himes-Cornell (FAO)

Example: The Future Seas project



Projected Future Changes Along the U.S. West Coast



<https://future-seas.com>

Pozo-Buil, **Jacox**,..**Alexander**, Bograd,..Rykaczewski, Stock, 2020

# High-Resolution Modeling of the U.S. East Coast

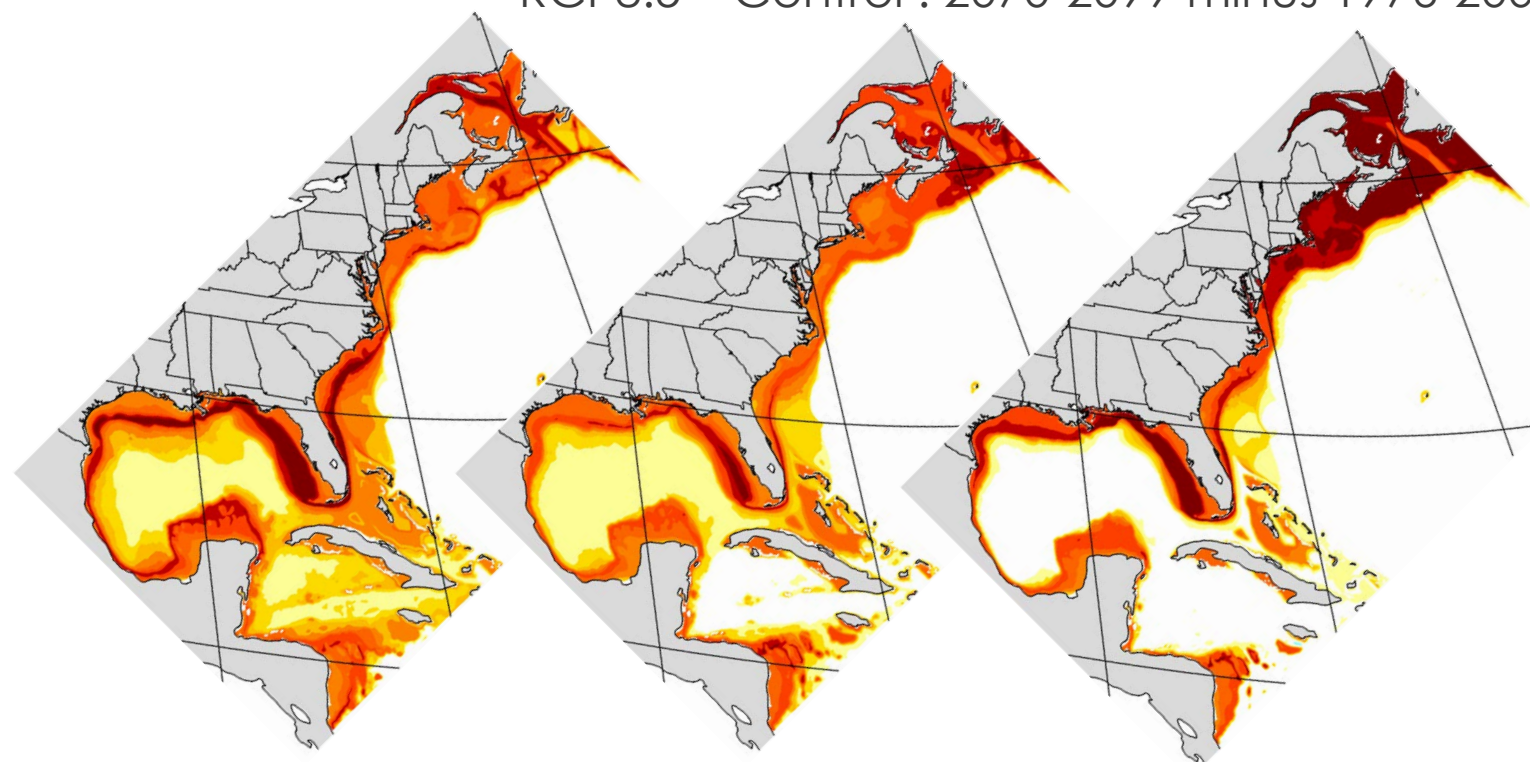
Bottom Temperature difference (°C)  
RCP8.5 – Control : 2070-2099 minus 1976-2005

## Regional Model Simulations:

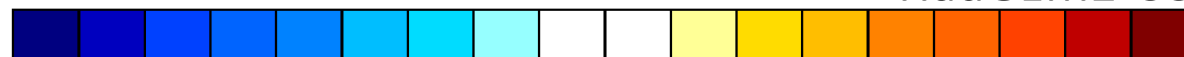
- ROMS: 7 km grid NW Atlantic
- Control hindcast simulation
- future simulations driven by 3 CMIP5 GCMS: GFDL, IPSL, HadGEM2

RCP8.5 forcing: 2070-2099

- Used in studies of potential biogeochemical and ecological changes in the Gulf of Maine. (Seidelecki S., ... **Alexander** et al. & Pershing, A. **Alexander** et al., submitted to *Elementa, Sci.of the Anthropocene*)



GFDL-ESM2M      IPSL-CM5-MR      HadGEM2-CC



-4 -3.5 -3 -2.5 -2 -1.5 -1 -0.5 0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4

[Alexander, M. A., S. Shin, J. D. Scott, et al. \(2020, J. Climate\)](#)

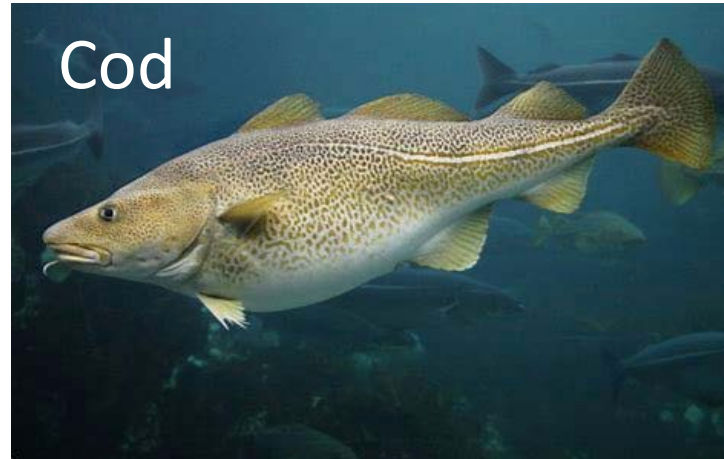
[Shin, S., and M. A. Alexander \(2020, J. Climate\)](#)

# Studies on the Effects of Climate Change on Marine Species

- [Pershing, A, M. A. Alexander et al. \(2015, \*Science\*\)](#) Slow Adaptation in the Face of Rapid Warming Leads to the Collapse of *Atlantic Cod* in the Gulf of Maine
- [Le Bris, A., ..., M. A. Alexander, et al., \(2018, \*PNAS\*\)](#): Climate vulnerability and resilience in the most valuable North American fishery. *Lobster*.

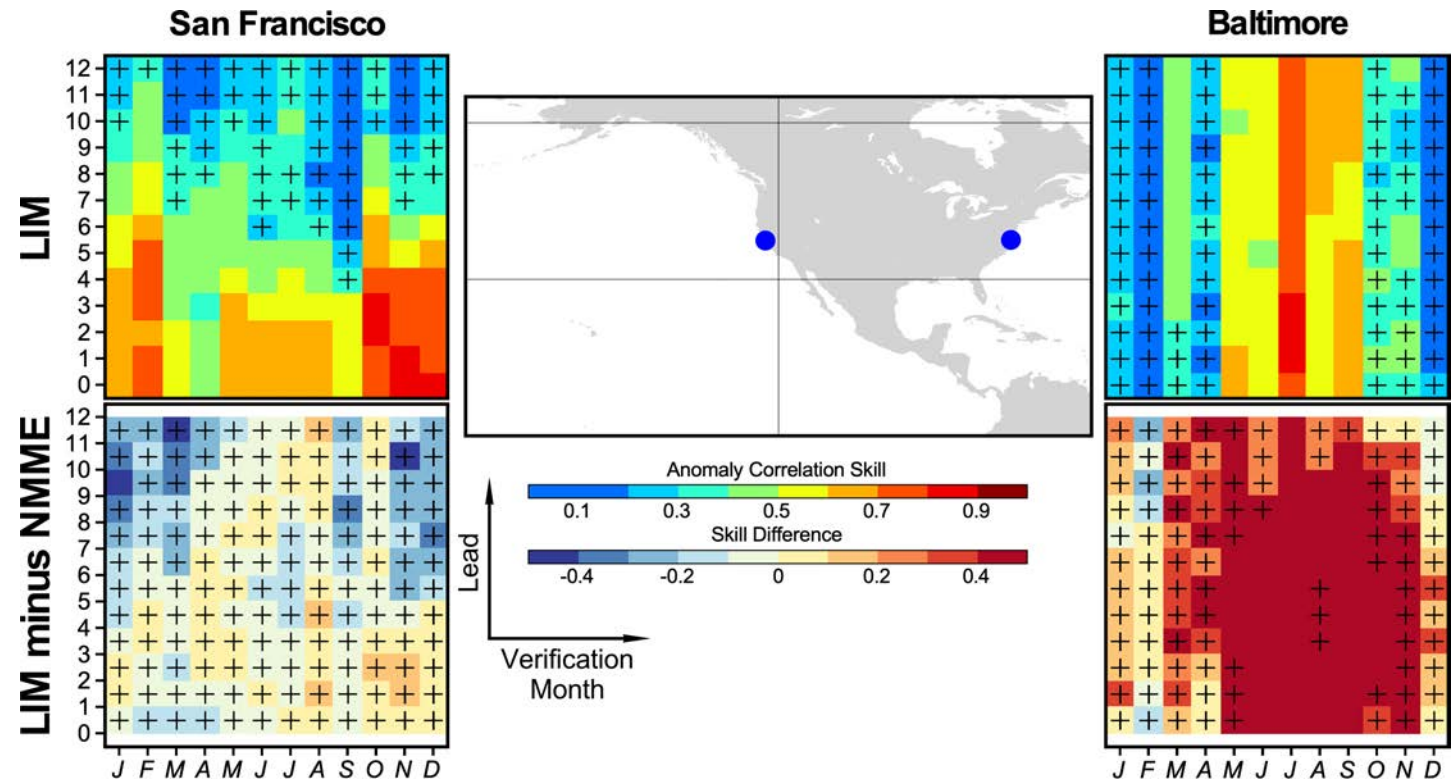
Scenario planning workshops and reports:

- Borggaard, D. L., ..., **M. Alexander**, et al. 2019. *Atlantic Salmon* Scenario Planning Pilot Report. NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 89 p.
- Borggaard, D. L., ..., **M. Alexander**, et al. 2020. *North Atlantic Right Whale* Scenario Planning Pilot Report. NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office



# Predicting changes in sea level and coastal inundation

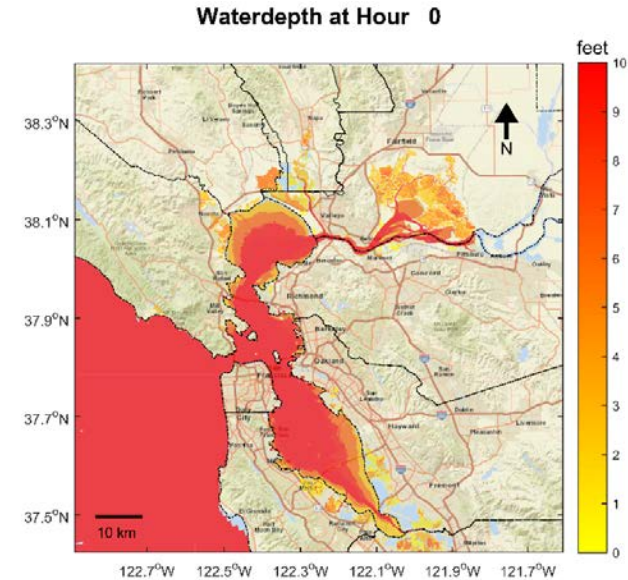
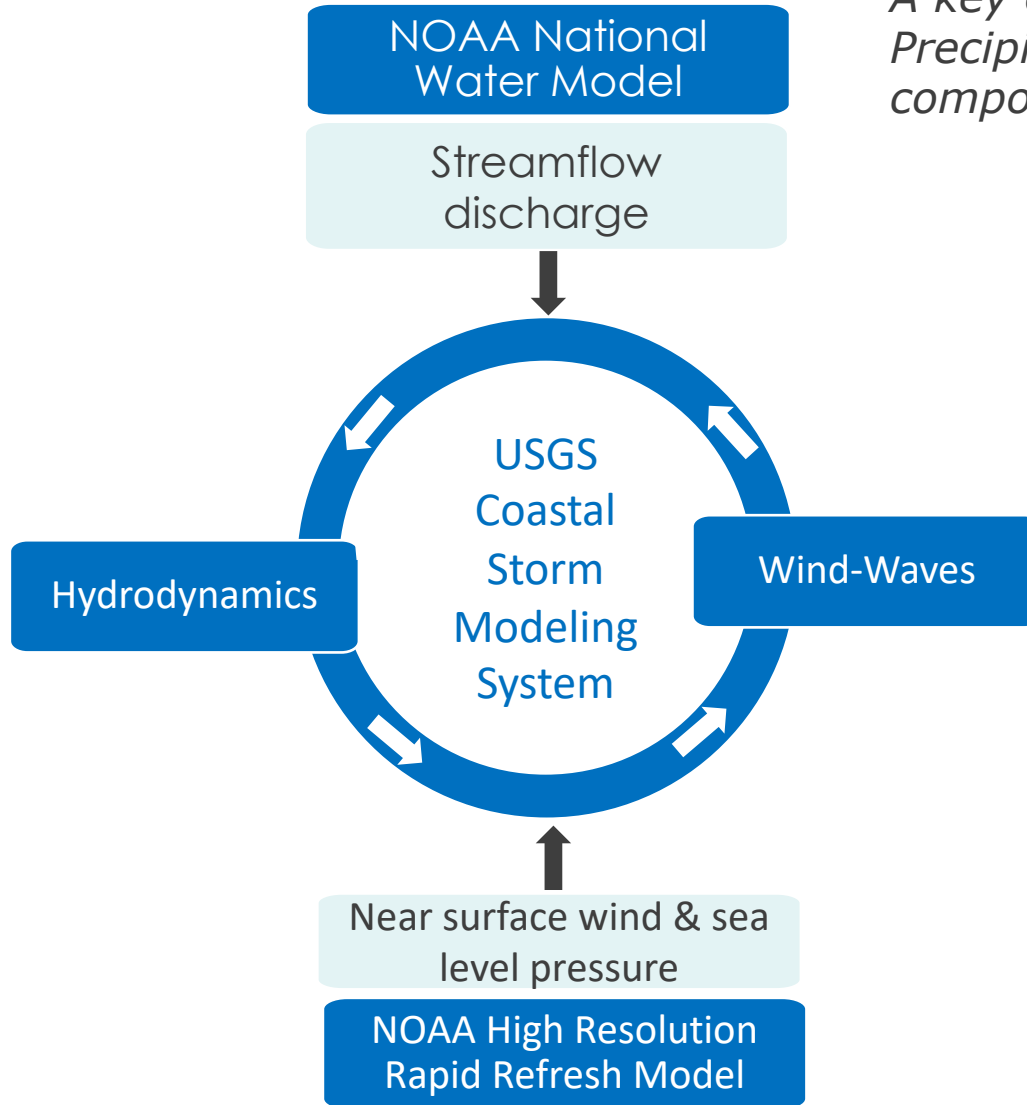
- U.S. Coasts are vulnerable to coastal inundation due to the combined effect of sea level rise and natural sea level variations.
- NMME and LIM show potentially useful skill in sea level predictions.
- PSL part of new NOAA/NASA “RISE” collaboration: to evaluate incorporating seasonal SL predictions (pilot project: San Diego and Charleston) in NOAA products such as Seasonal High Tide Bulletin and Annual High Tide Flood Outlook



Shin and Newman, GRL, 2020

# Hydro-CoSMoS: An Integrated Coastal Flood Forecast System

*A key component of NOAA's Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) system to address compound flooding in the San Francisco Bay area*



Products include:

- Time of first flood
- Flood duration
- Time of peak flood
- Flood potential from wave runup
- Potential products include wave height and levee overtopping potential

# Navigating the Arctic: Coupled Arctic Forecast Systems (CAFS)

High-resolution (9-10 km, 40 vertical levels) 0-10 day forecasts over the Arctic Ocean  
*sea ice thickness/concentration/drift; upper ocean temperature/salinity/currents; meteorology/surface energy budget*

## CAFS provides model guidance for NWS ice forecasts

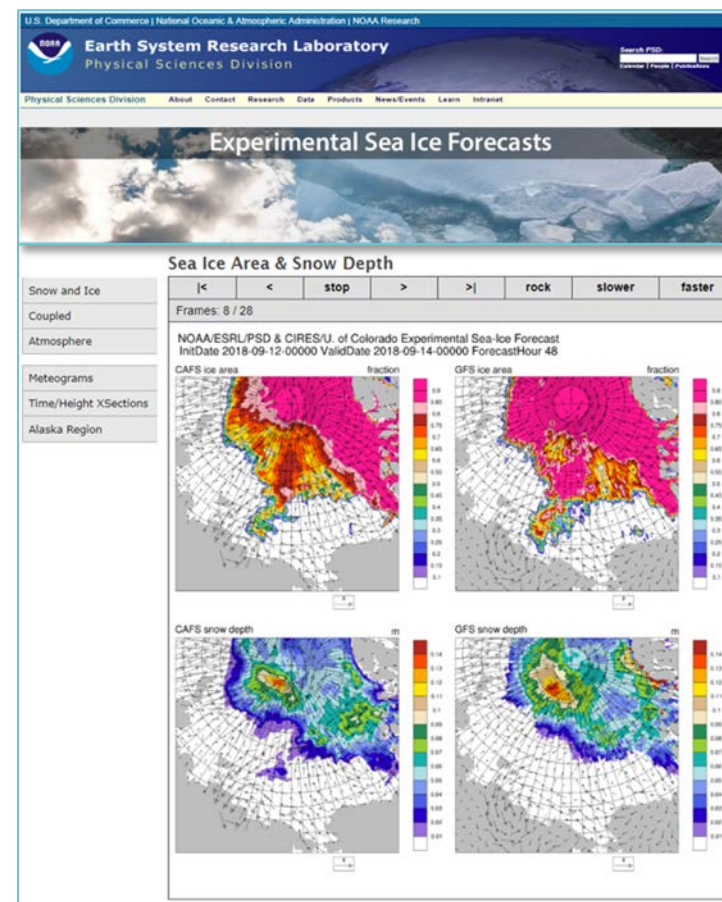
*Users of NWS ice forecasts include*

U. S. Coast Guard, fishermen (crab, cod, etc), tug/barge operators, oil/natural gas tankers, subsistence hunters, research vessels

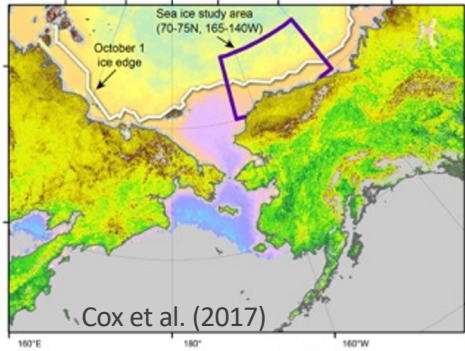
## 2015-2020 Milestones

- 2015-2018: CAFS development and validation
- 2015-2020: Forecasts available daily from PSL
- 2017-2018: NWS-AR SIP product format compatibility (e.g., GIS)
- 2018: autumn-only -> year-round forecasting
- 2018-2020: Guidance for NCEP for UFS development
- 2015-2020: Support: SeaState, ICEX, SODA MOSAic; YOPP, SIDFEx

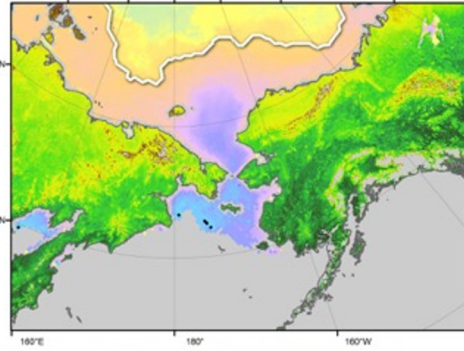
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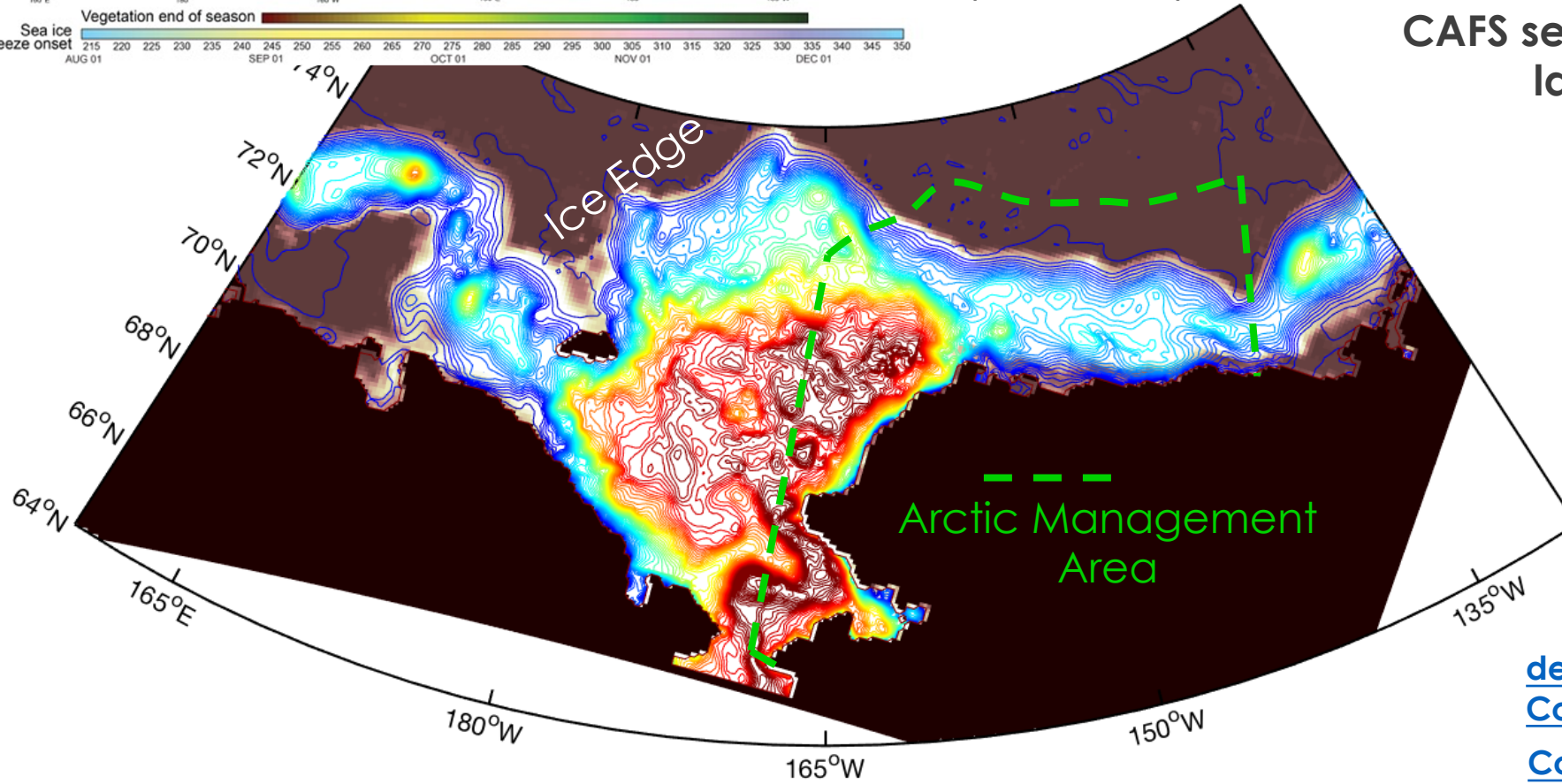
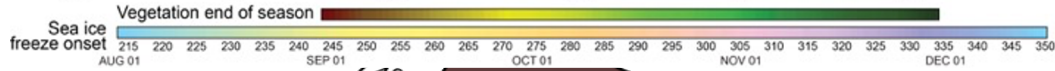
d) End of season, 1982-1999



e) End of season, 2000-2014



- CAFS forecasts can support fishery management in the Arctic region.
- CAFS can help understand impacts on non-fish and endangered species, e.g., polar bears, and shorebirds negatively impacted by more distant food source at ice edge (Arctic cod)



### CAFS sea ice concentration and SST late freeze-up, 11/2017

[de Boer, Cox, et al. \(2019\) Arctic](#)  
[Cox ... Gallagher... \(2019\) GRL](#)  
[Cox et al., \(2017\) BAMS](#)



# Parameterization of turbulent fluxes

$$\text{Sensible Heat : } H_s = \rho_a c_{pa} \overline{w'T'}$$

$$\text{Gas Exchange : } F_x = \overline{w'r'_x}$$

$$\text{Latent Heat : } H_l = \rho_a L_e \overline{w'q'}$$

$$\text{Particle Exchange : } F_n = \overline{w'n(r)'} - w_g \overline{n(r)} + \overline{w_s'n(r)'}$$

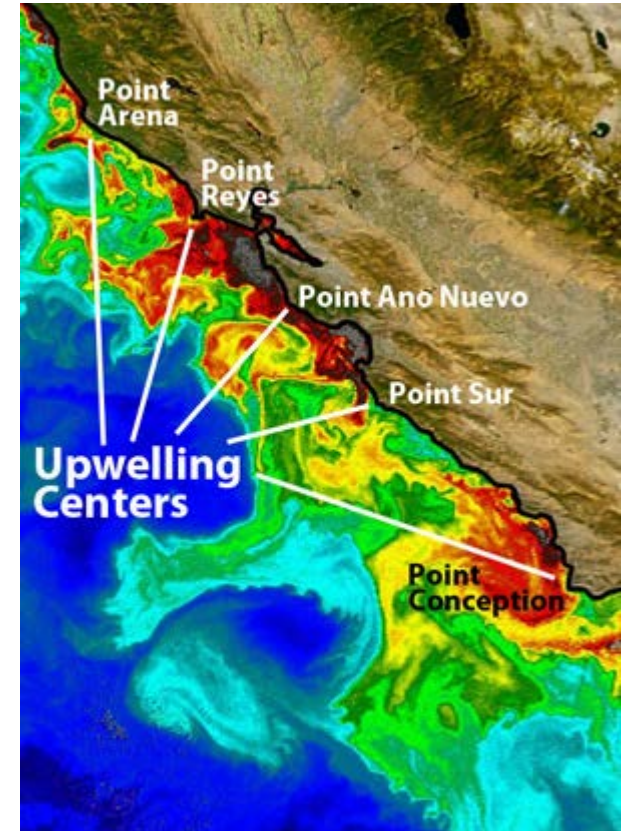
$$\text{Stress : } \vec{\tau} = \rho_a \overline{w'u_x'} \hat{i} + \rho_a \overline{w'u_y'} \hat{j}$$

- Sensible, Latent heat and wind stress influence upper-ocean stratification and currents
- Gas and particle exchange in gaseous or liquid/solid forms controls uptake of, e.g., CO<sub>2</sub>, methane, O<sub>2</sub> by ocean or generation of sea-salt aerosols by whitecaps
- Parameterizations are widely used in modeling studies of both physical and biological systems
- Wind stress parameterizations are used to determine wind stress and wind stress curl in the California Current region, where they control coastal upwelling.

[Blomquist, B., C. Fairall, ...L. Bariteau, JGR, 2017](#)

[Brumer, Zappa, Blomquist, Fairall, et al., GRL, 2017](#)

[Fairall, C., L. Bariteau, ...B. Blomquist, ..S. Pezoa, ..E. Thompson, Front. Mar. Sci, 2020, in prep.](#)



# NOAA Climate Change Web Portal

CMIP5: Maps

CMIP5: Time Series

CESM-LENS: Maps

CESM-LENS: Time Series

Select Data | Make Slideshow | Download Data | Quick Intro | More Details

Variable

Experiment: RCP8.5

Field: Primary Productivity

Shading: Primary Productivity

Contour or vector: Sea Ice %

Reset Field

Model: GFDL-ESM2M, CESM1-BGC

Statistic: Anomaly

Future Climate: Yes

Time Period

Season: January-February-March

21st Century Period: 2006-2055

Region: Arctic

Primary Organic Carbon Production by All Types of Phytoplankton (shading)/ Sea Ice Area Fraction (contour) JFM

CMIP5 GFDL-ESM2M historical climate (1956-2005) 1.E-9 mol m-2 s-1

CMIP5 CESM1-BGC historical climate (1956-2005) 1.E-9 mol m-2 s-1

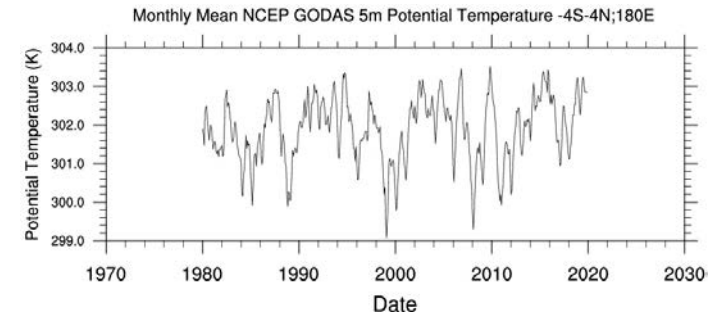
Caption: Primary Organic Carbon Production by All Types of Phytoplankton (shading) with contours of Sea Ice Area Fraction overlaid for GFDL-ESM2M, CESM1-BGC interpolated on a 1x1 grid for the season JFM; **First slideshow:** mean climate from the historical experiment for the period (1956-2005); **Second slideshow:** difference in the mean climate in the future time period (RCP8.5: 2006-2055) compared to the historical reference period (1956-2005); **Third slideshow:** inter-annual (de-trended) standard deviation for the historical reference period (1956-2005); **Fourth slideshow:** ratio of the de-trended variance in the future (2006-2055) divided by the past (1956-2005).

This is a Research and Development Application

<https://psl.noaa.gov/ipcc/>

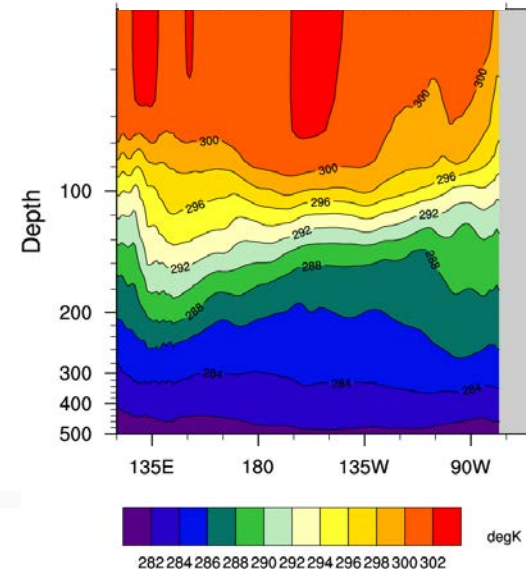
Scott, Alexander, Murray, Swales, and Eischeid, BAMS, 2016

# Web-based Ocean Reanalysis Intercomparison Tool

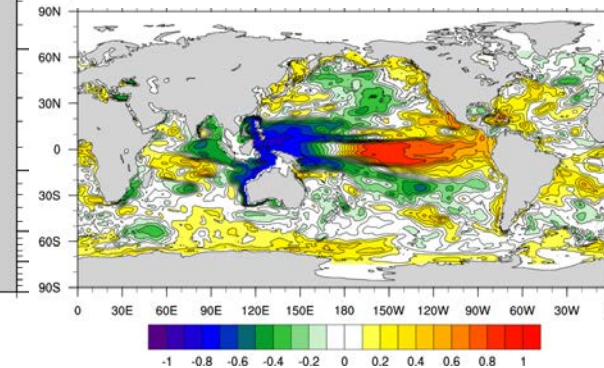


Time series

Vertical sections



Global correlation maps



<https://psl.noaa.gov/data/writ/>

# Service

## NOAA:

Climate-Fishery initiative, Integrated Ecosystem Assessment,  
Expert groups on specific fish species (**Alexander, Jacox**); NOAA Marine  
Task Forces (**Capotondi, Jacox, Dias**); NOAA RISE Pilot Project (**Newman**)

## International:

North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES): Joint PICES/CLIVAR  
working group on “Climate and ecosystem predictability” (**Jacox,**  
**Capotondi**)

UN Decade of the Ocean for sustainable Development (**Cox**)  
Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee (**Persson**)

# Next five years activities

*“Understanding and Predicting the Nation’s Path through a Varying and Changing Climate”*

- **Collaborate with NOAA Fisheries:** newly developed Climate-Fishery initiative
- **Extreme ocean events:** extend understanding to subsurface properties and climate change influence
- **Coastal sea level prediction**
- **Arctic sea ice:** Improve understanding of biological and societal impacts of decreasing sea ice coverage
- **Turbulent flux parameterizations:** Incorporate the effect of surface ocean waves
- **Offshore wind energy:**
  - **Third Wind Forecasting Improvement Project (WFIP3):** Collaborate with DOE partners to improve forecasts for offshore wind energy,
  - **Climate influence on offshore wind resources**
- **Interaction among Marine Resources:** e.g., influence of offshore wind turbines on marine life and fisheries

# Conclusions

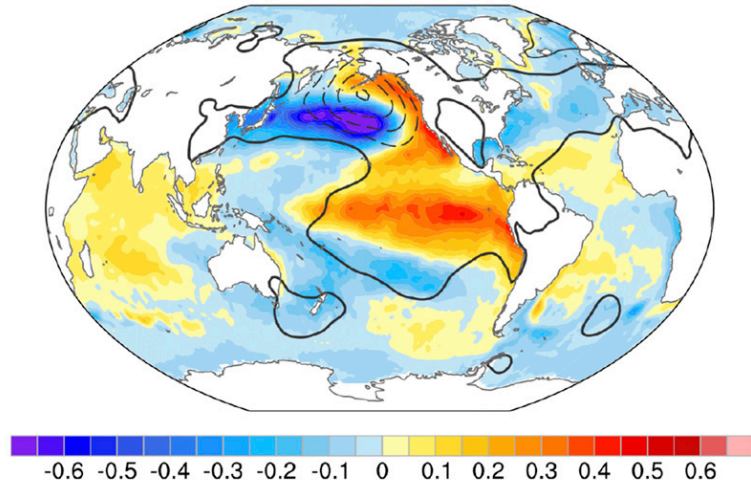
PSL is involved in many activities that are relevant for a broad range of Marine Resources including:

- Understand the processes that affect the ocean physical system
- Collaborate with fisheries experts on determining the impact of the physical ocean system on living marine resources, as well as on coastal sea-level, arctic sea ice, and offshore wind energy
- Use this understanding to provide guidance on how these systems will evolve in future climates

PSL uses its knowledge of the physical system to effectively act as a bridge between physical science and Marine Resources applications.

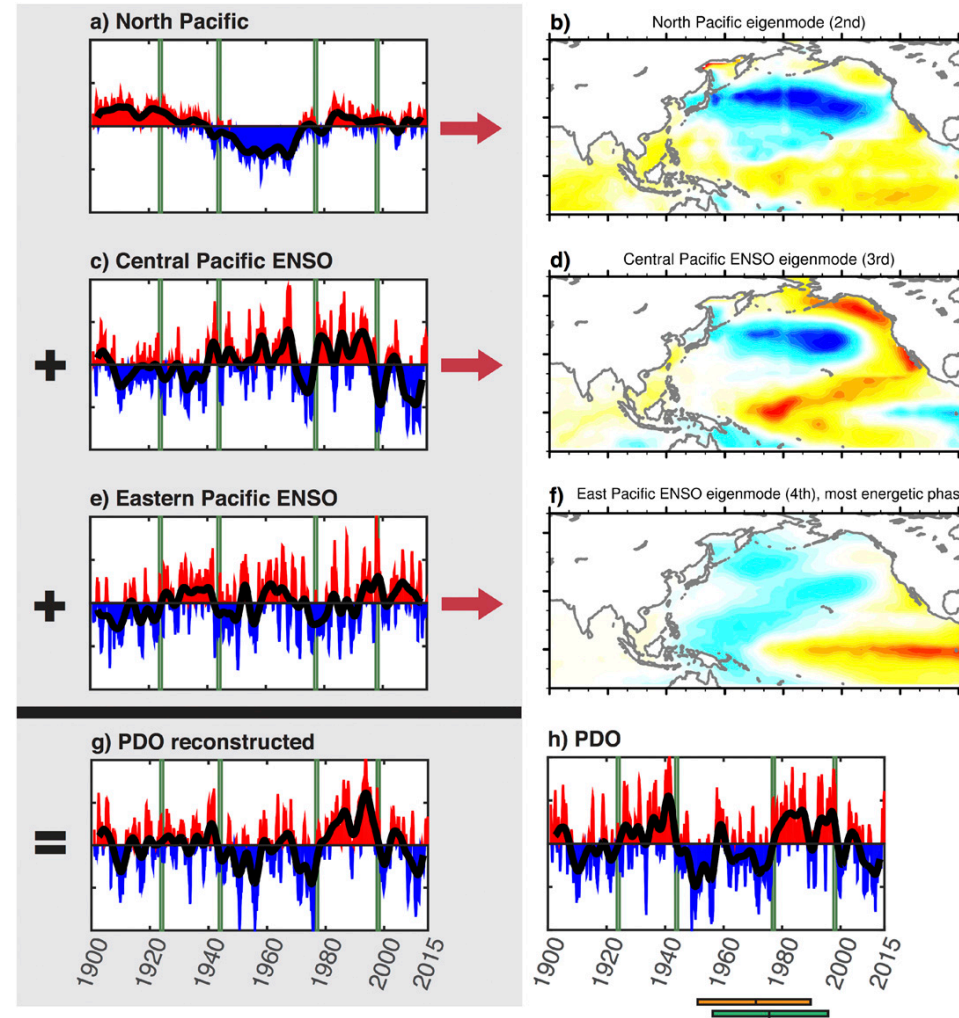
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# Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO)

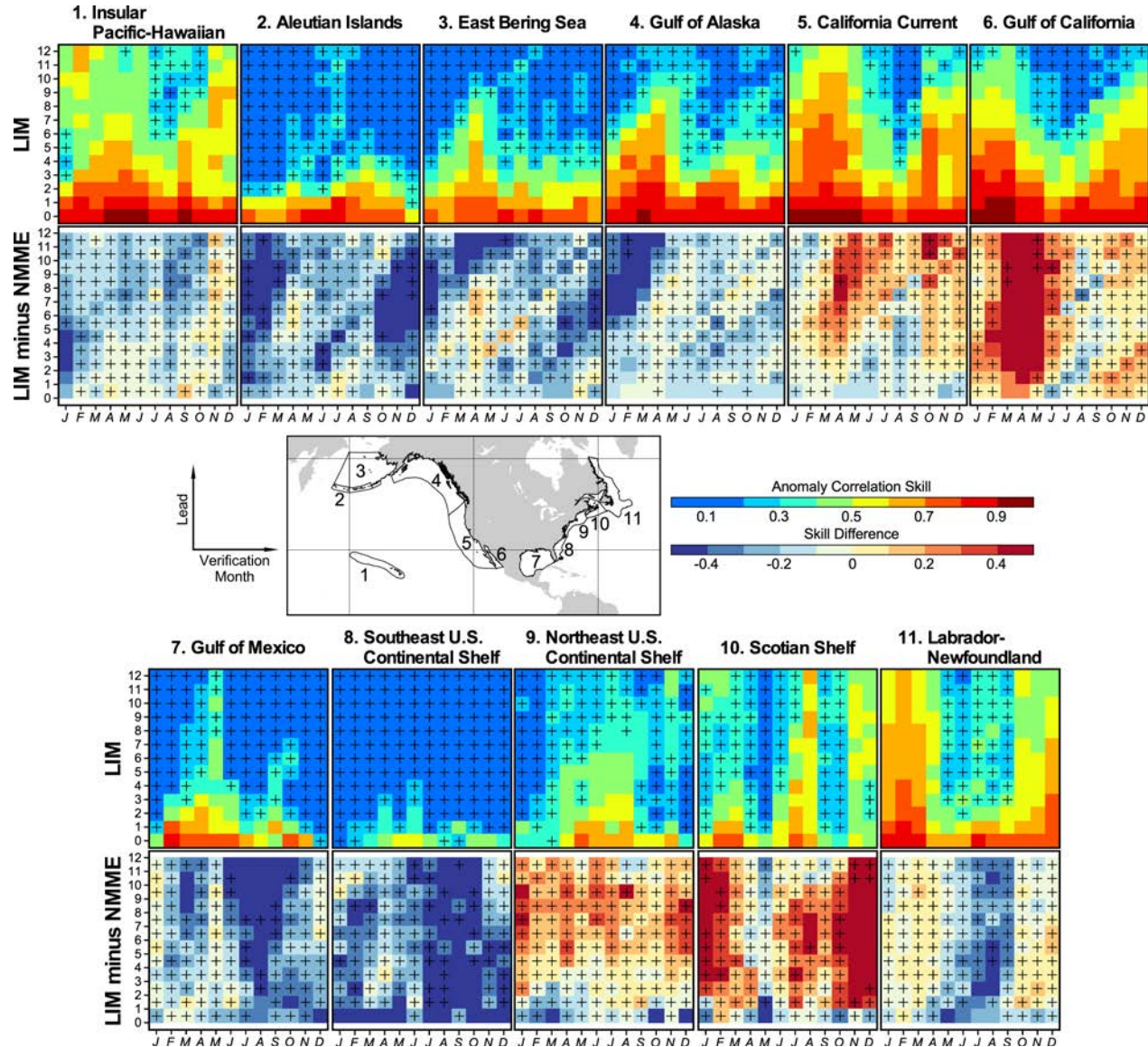


The PDO, defined as the leading empirical orthogonal function of North Pacific SST, has traditionally been regarded as a “mode” of variability. Instead, it should be seen as resulting from the superposition of different processes.

[Newman, Alexander, .....Smith, 2016](#)



# Comparison of LIM and NMME SST forecast skill in the LME regions



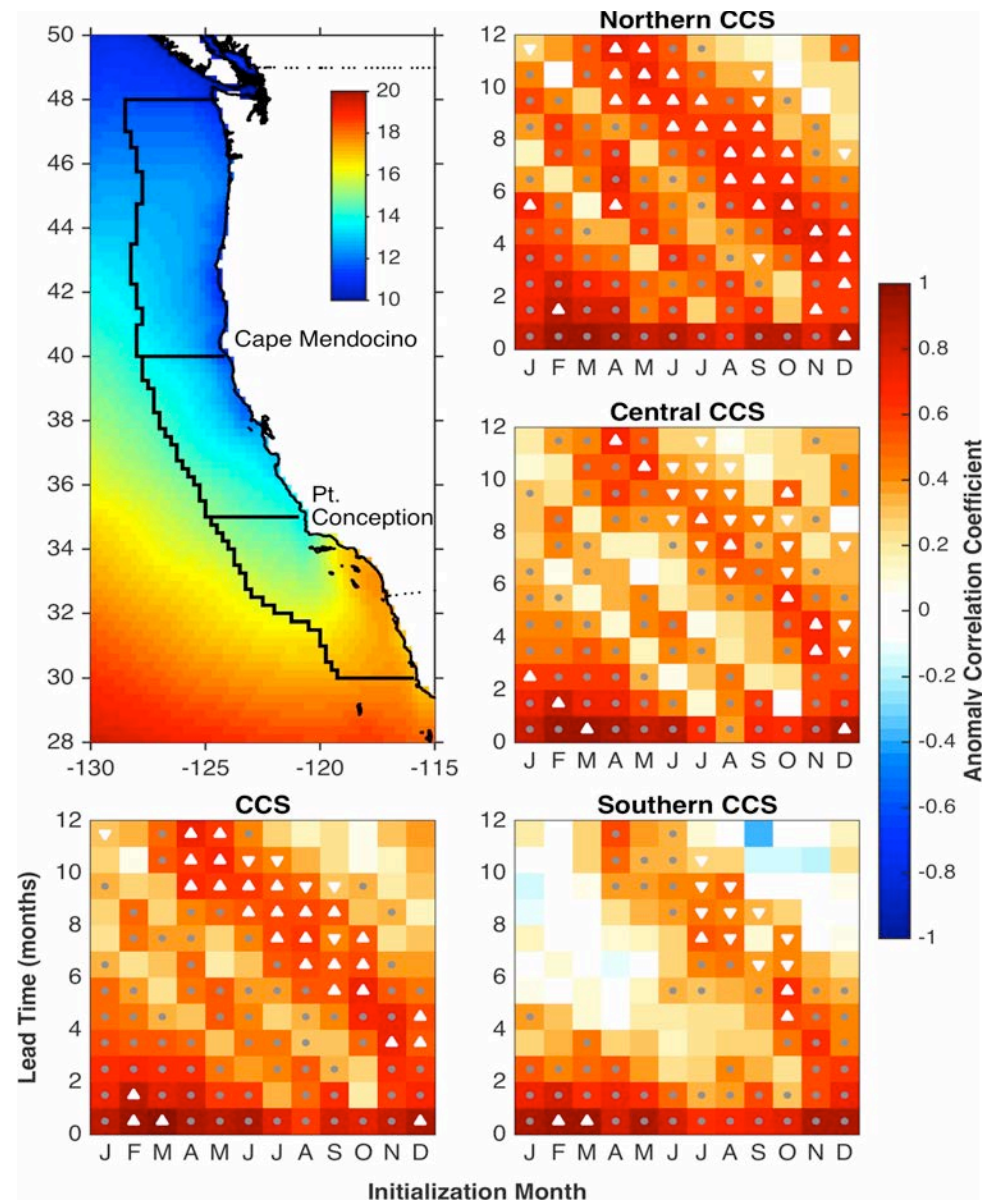


# Hindcast skill (ACC) for 3-sub regions in the California Current LME from CanCM4

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# Understanding Northeast Pacific Marine Heatwave using LIM

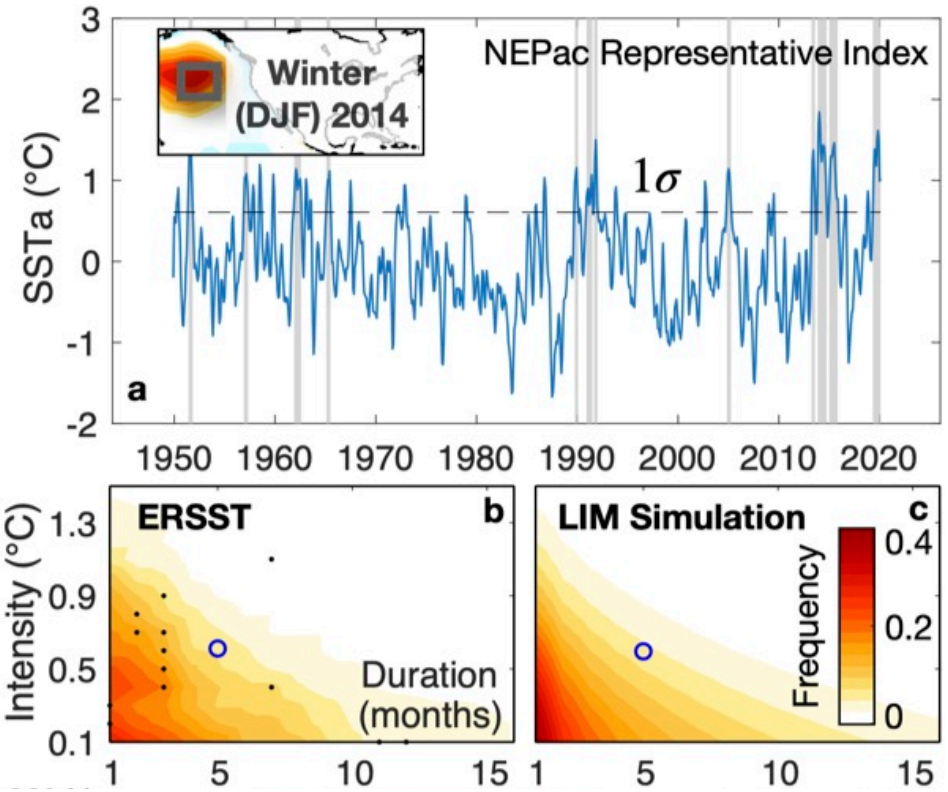
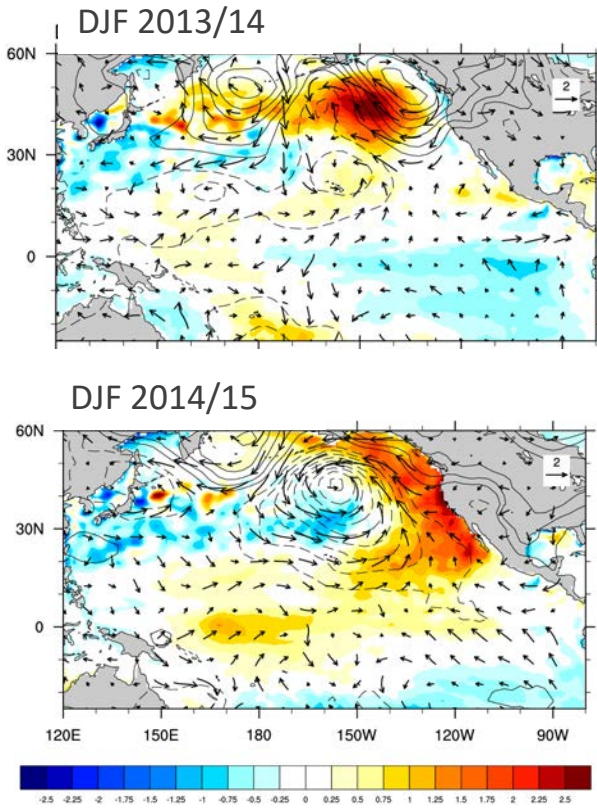
$$dx = Lx dt + Sr (dt)^{1/2}$$

$x$  = state vector

$L$  = matrix encapsulating the predictable system dynamics

$S$  = stochastic forcing amplitude covariance matrix

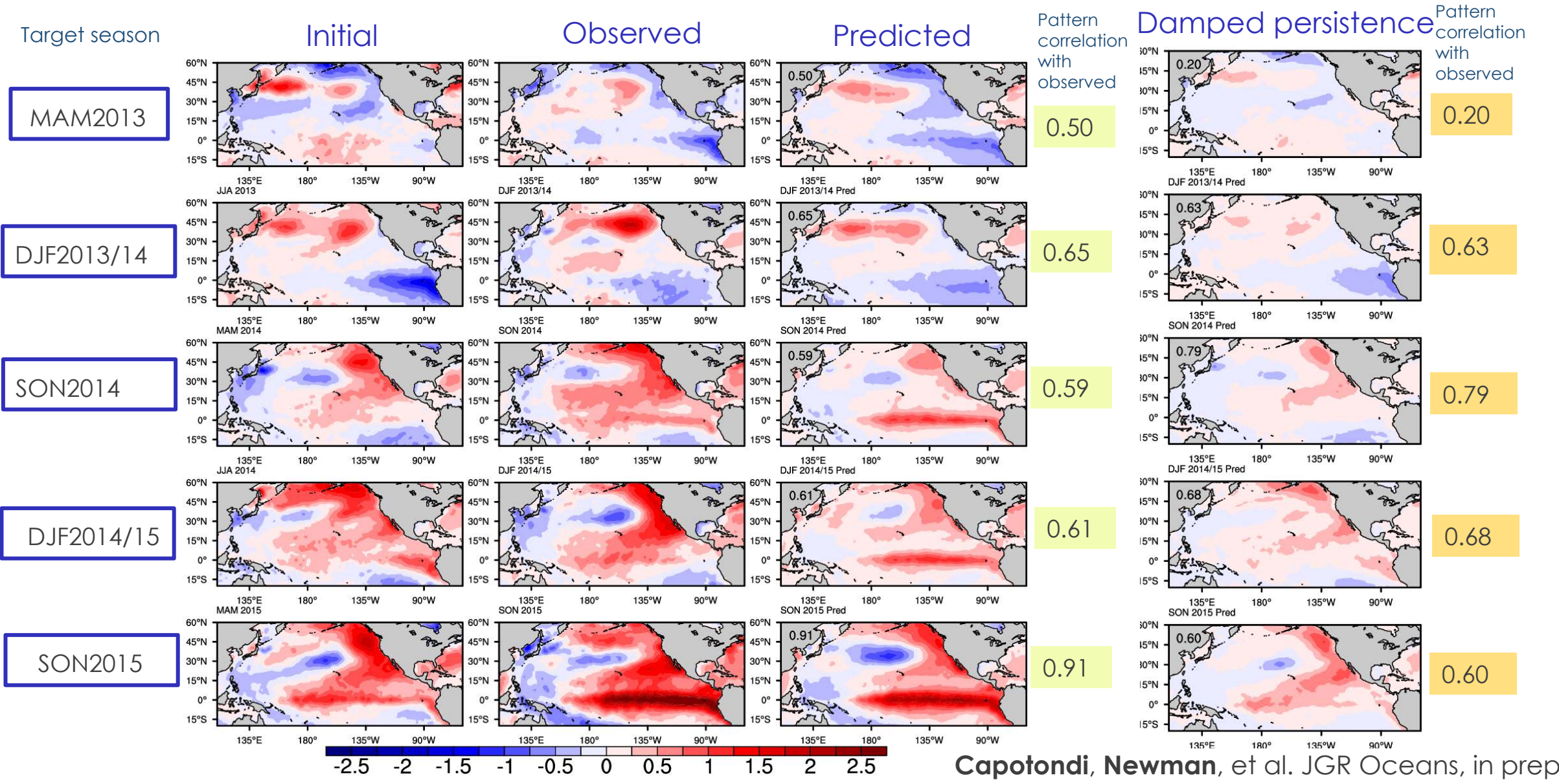
$r$  = random noise vector from  $N(0,1)$



A 35,000-year LIM simulation captures the statistics of the observed warm events. It is used to understand the relationship between warming in the Northeast Pacific and tropical Pacific conditions.

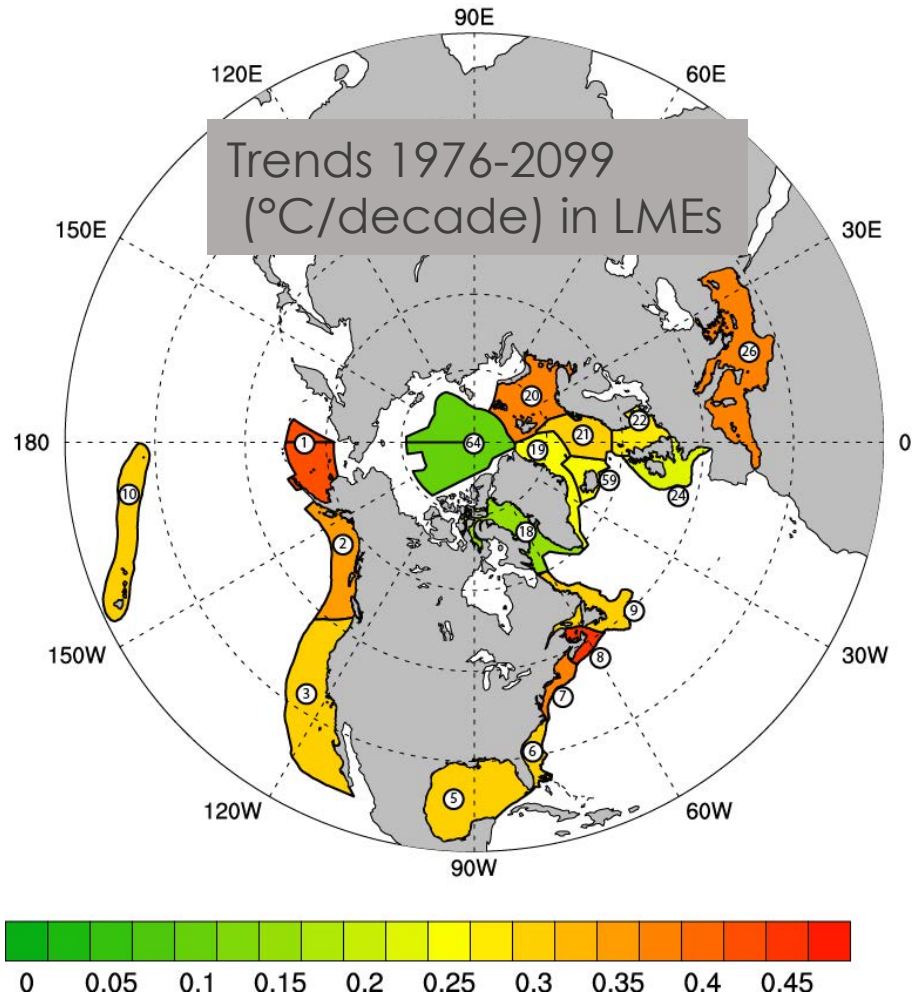
Xu, Newman, Capotondi and Di Lorenzo, 2020, GRL, revised

# 6-Month Lead SST Predictions – LIM vs. Damped Persistence

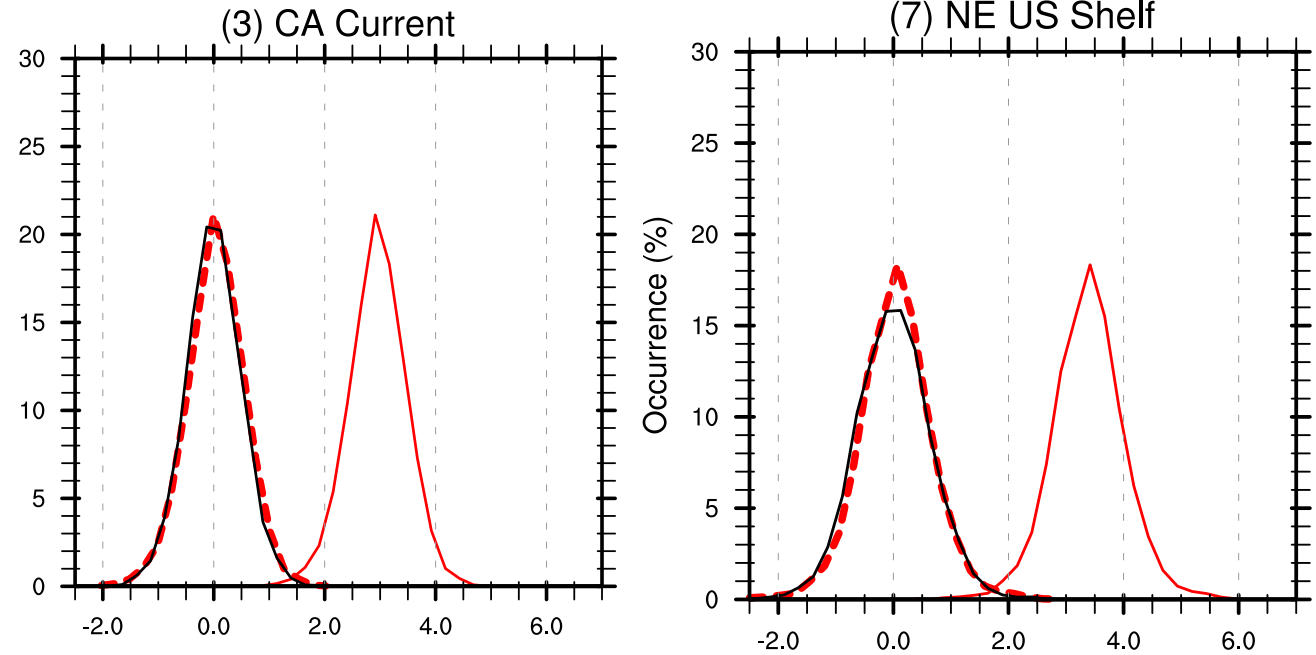


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# SSTs Changes RCP8.5 CMIP5



## Monthly SSTA Histograms



Black:1976-2005

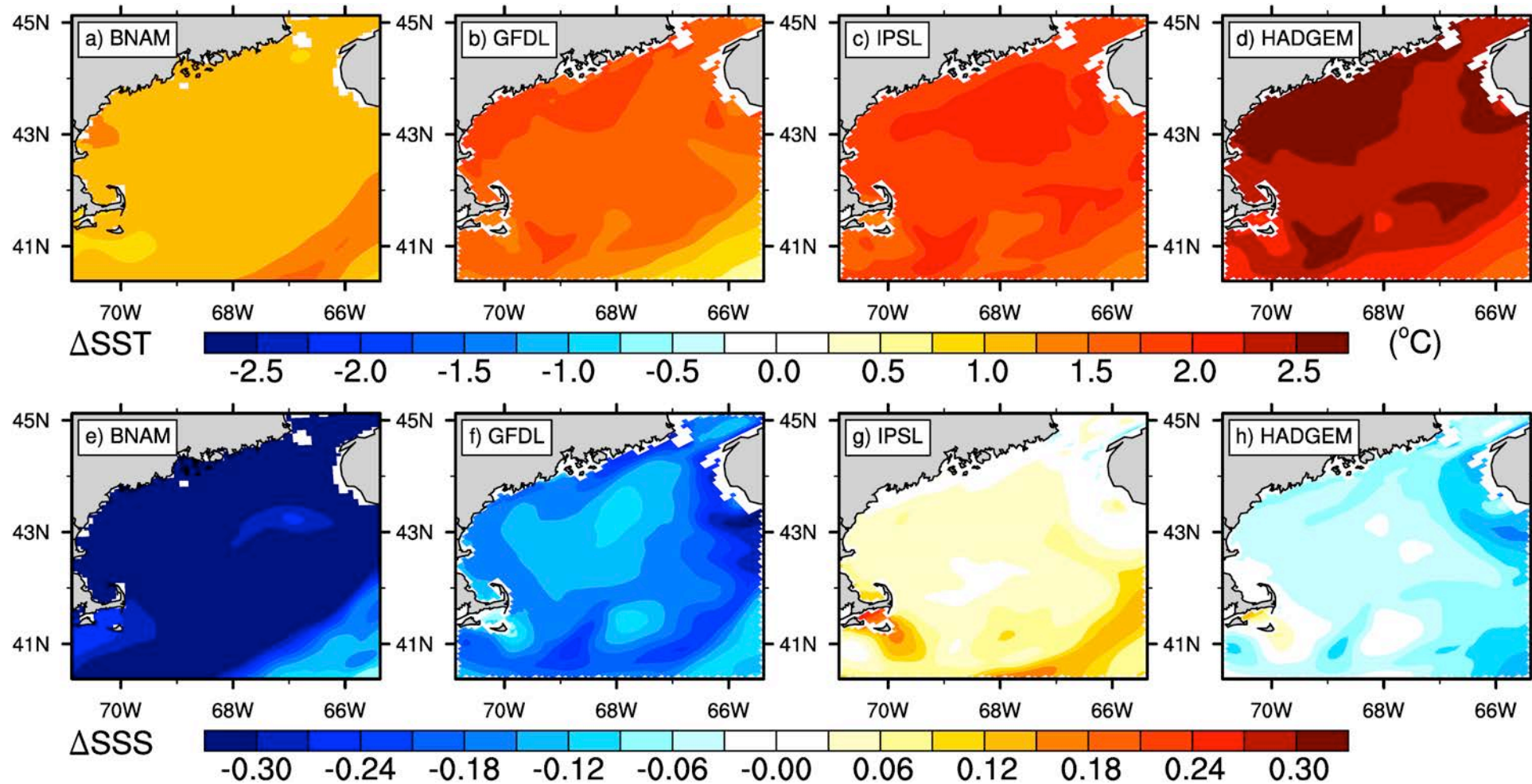
Red Solid 2070-2099 including mean change

Red dashed 2070-2099 mean change removed

SSTs detrended in each 30-year period

[Alexander, Scott, et al. 2018, Elementa Sci Anthro.](#)

# Projected Change in Bottom Temperature and Salinity Gulf of Maine in 2050 from 1976-2005

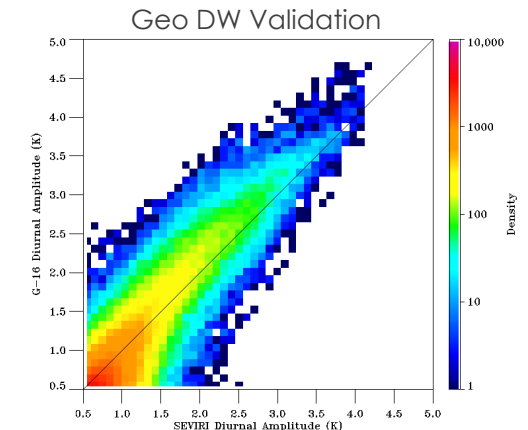
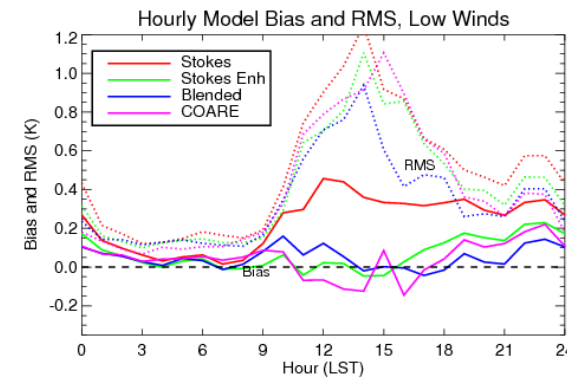
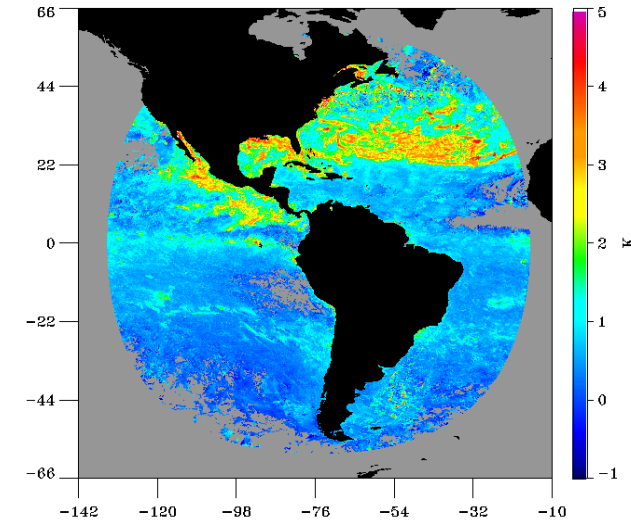


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- Development and validation of diurnal warming models
  - Implemented improved physical model in partnership with NESDIS
  - Transitioned into operational blended SST product and under evaluation at EUMETSAT
- Assessment of product accuracy and uncertainty
  - Validation of diurnal warming amplitudes from geostationary sensors
  - Comparison of scales of spatial variability in ATOMIC

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