

The Adaptive Ecosystem Climatology (AEC)*

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NOAA Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological
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EPA Gulf Ecology Division

BOEM Gulf of Mexico Region



Decision-making needs and tools

NOAA

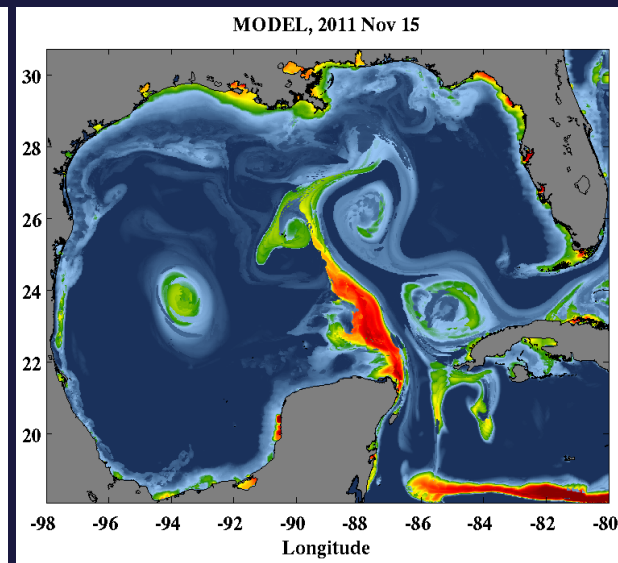
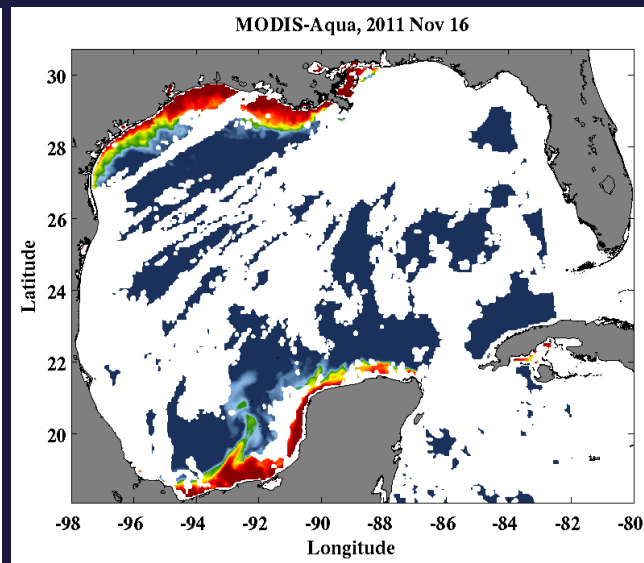
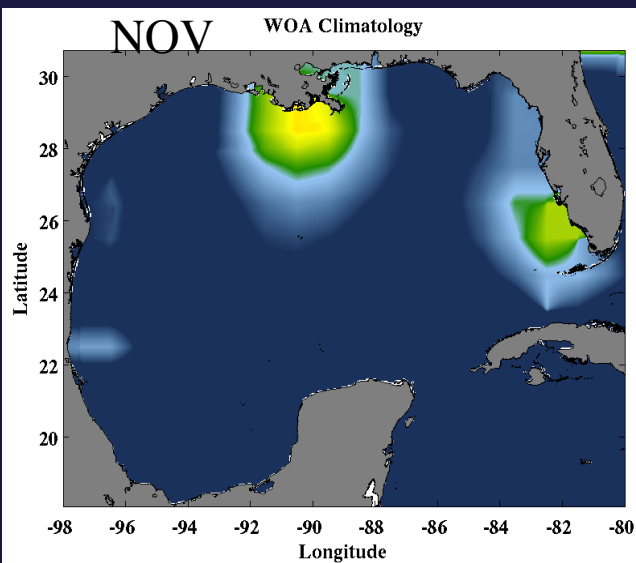
- ecosystem based management tools – models need temperature, salinity, plankton fields for initial conditions

EPA

- GoM hypoxia model – needs open boundary conditions

BOEM

- environmental sensitivity and marine productivity assessments in relation to potential impacts of offshore energy development



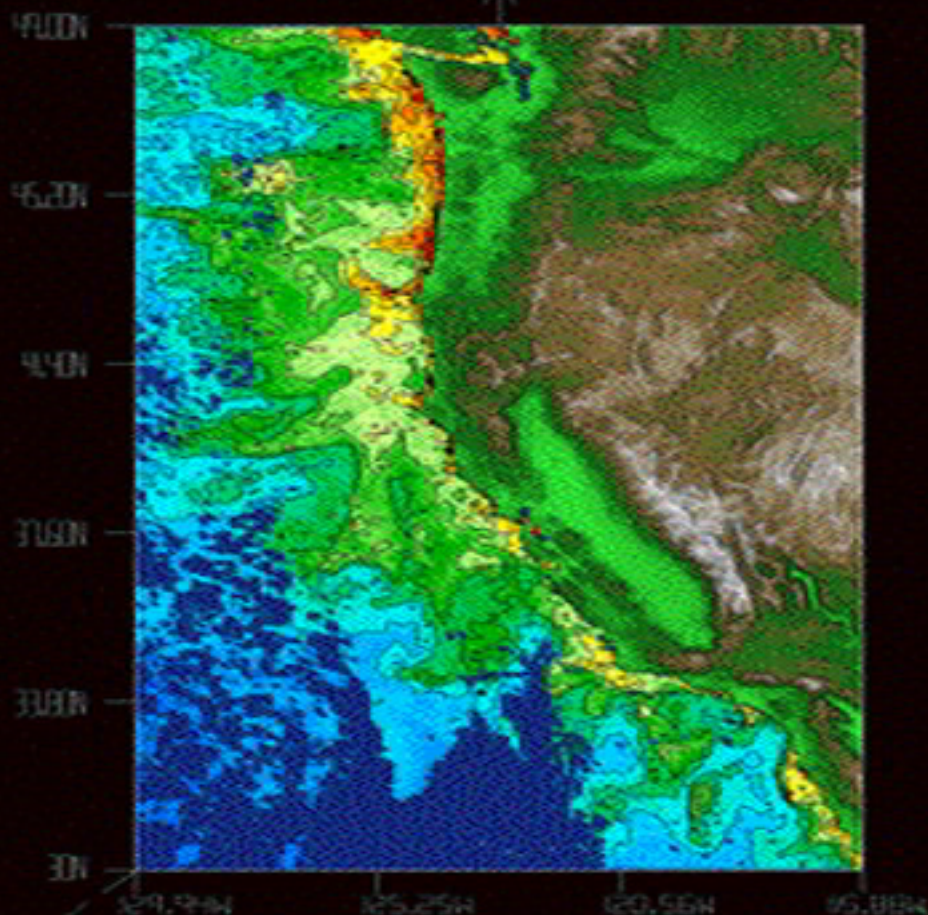
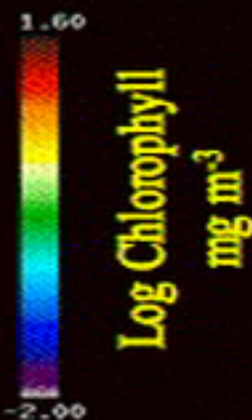
in-situ climatologies

Earth Observations

Models

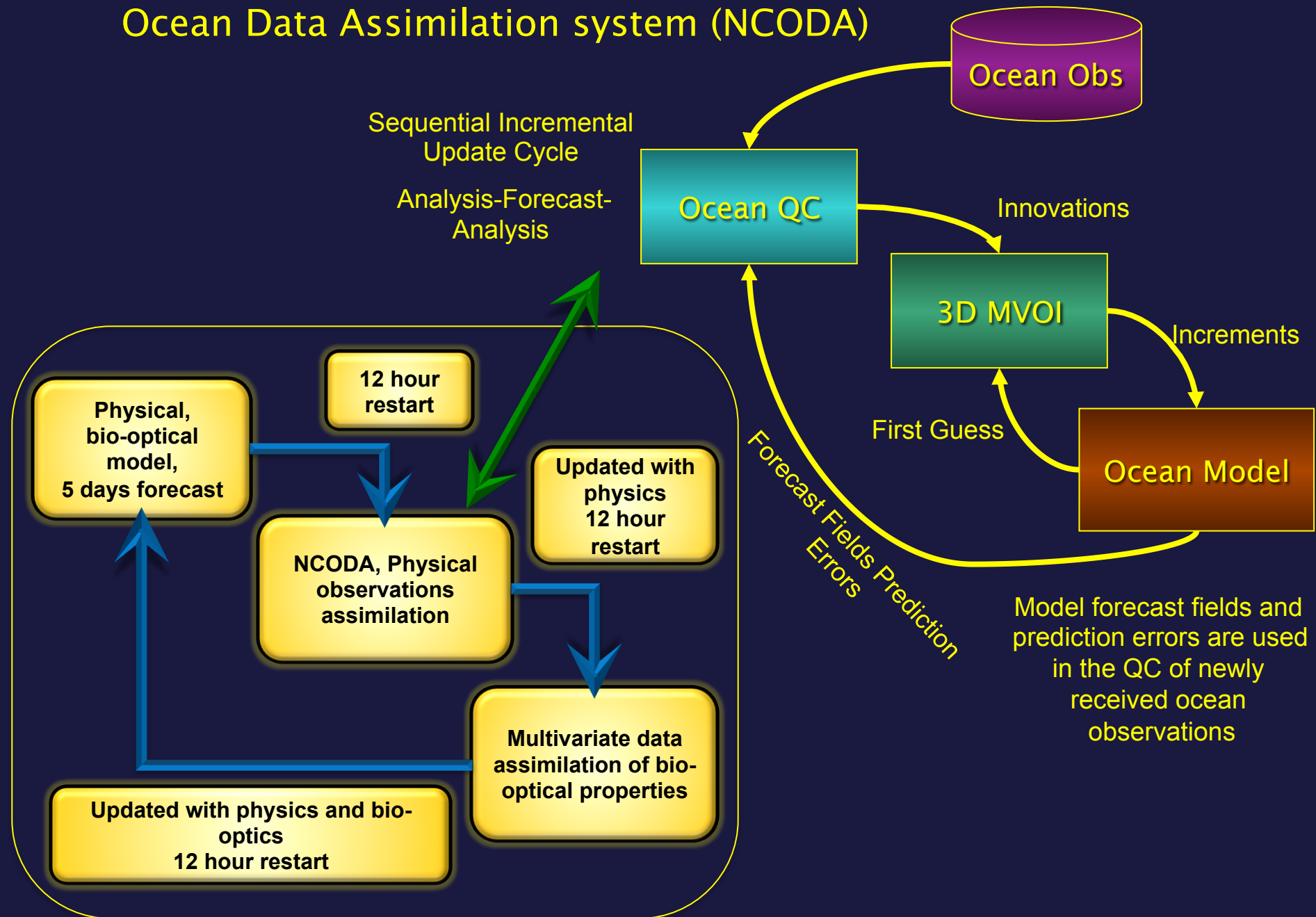


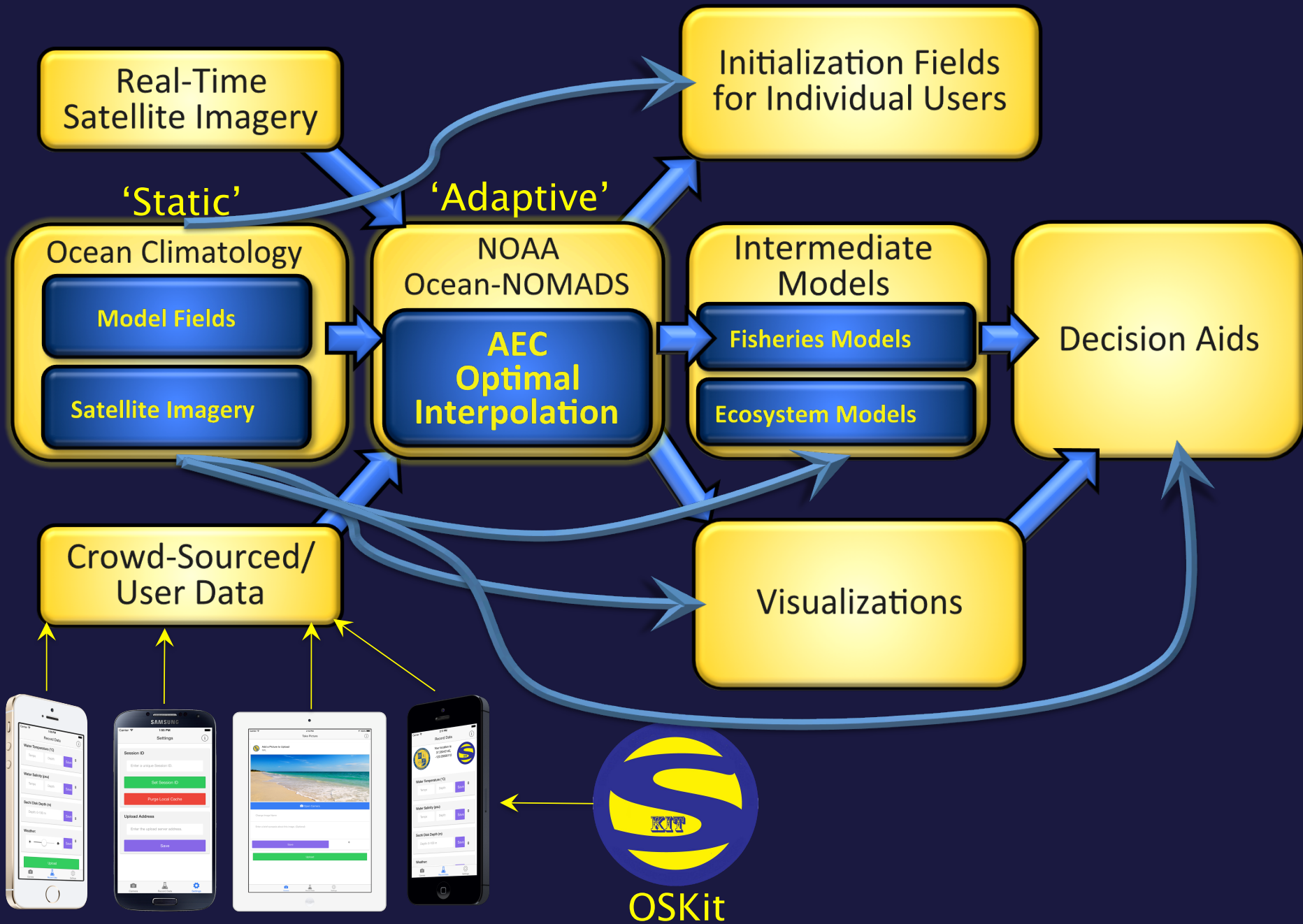
U.S. West Coast Bio-Physical Coupling



MODIS Chlorophyll
August 28, 2005

Data Assimilation example using NRL's Coupled Ocean Data Assimilation system (NCODA)





Long-term Earth Observations (MODIS aqua)

MMDDYYYY



Long-term Coupled Bio-physical Simulation Model Run

(biological, chemical, optical, and physical variables)

MMDDYYYY



Static Climatology

Jan01-Dec31 (366 days)

MMDD

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Nov Oct Dec



SEC

New observational data
(remote-sensing and/or *in situ*)

one or more variables

MMDDYYYY

Aug 31, 2015

Initial
approximation
"first guess"

MMDD

Aug 31

+

Forecast/nowcast/hindcast

AEC product

MMDDYYYY

Aug 31, 2015

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Gulf of Mexico (available)

18-30°N x 79-98°W

MODIS Aqua (2003-2013)

1 km resolution

- Chlorophyll
- Sea Surface Temperature

NCOM-COSINE Model (1980-2012)

4 km resolution

- Chlorophyll
- Phytoplankton groups
- Zooplankton groups
- Temperature
- Salinity
- Water velocity (U,V)

Blended EO/Model in prep.

USWEST (available soon)

29-53°N x 115-135°W

MODIS Aqua (2003 – 2016)

1 km resolution

- Chlorophyll
- Sea Surface Temperature

NCOM-COSINE Model (1999-2006)

9 km resolution (4 km in prep)

- Chlorophyll
- Phytoplankton groups
- Zooplankton groups

USEAST

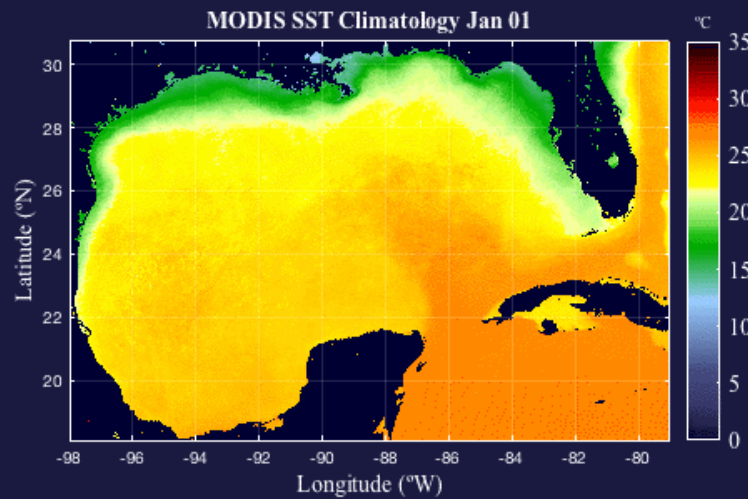
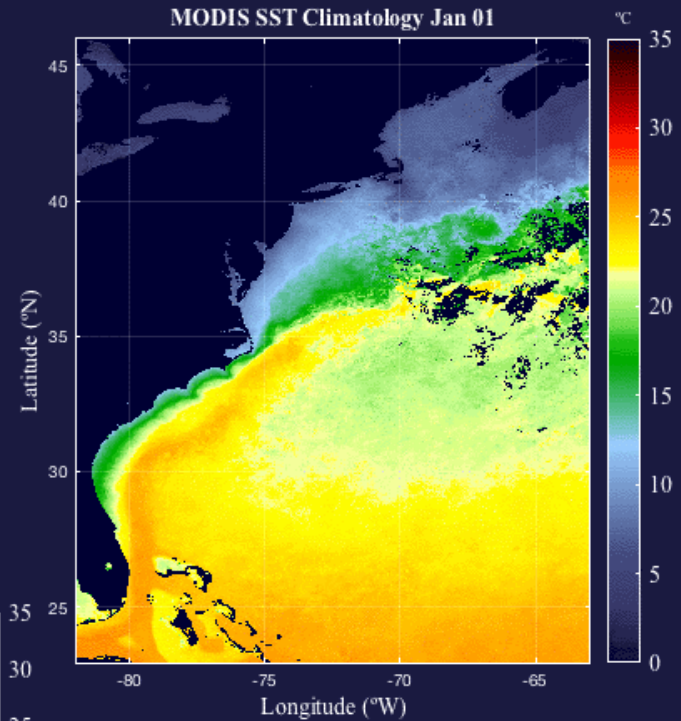
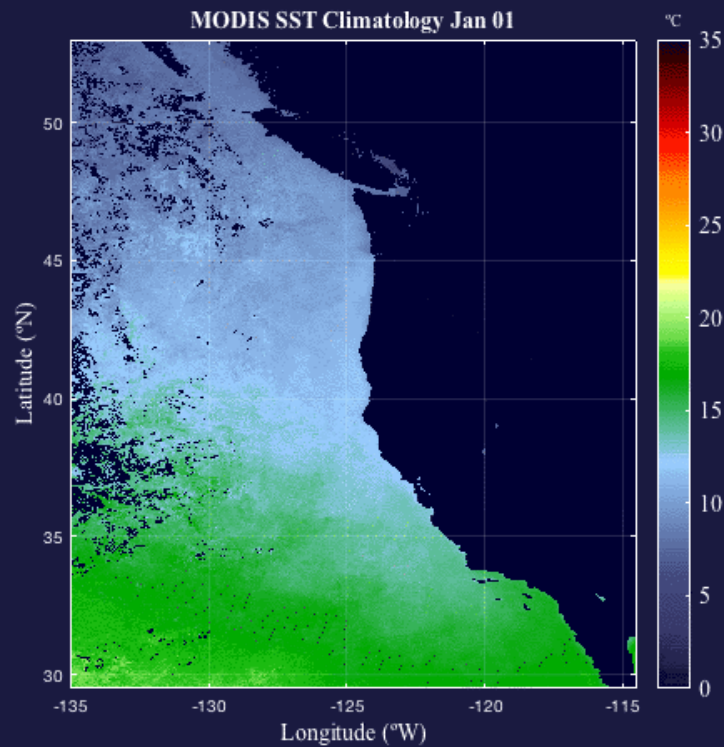
24-46°N x 64-82°W

MODIS Aqua (2003 – 2016)

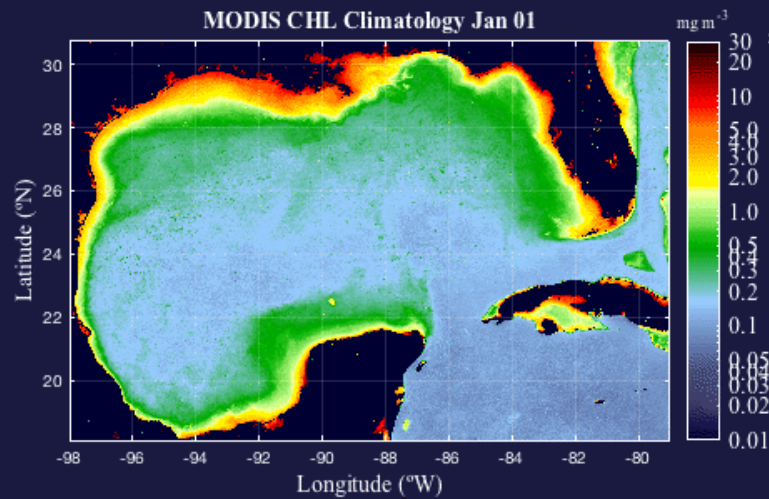
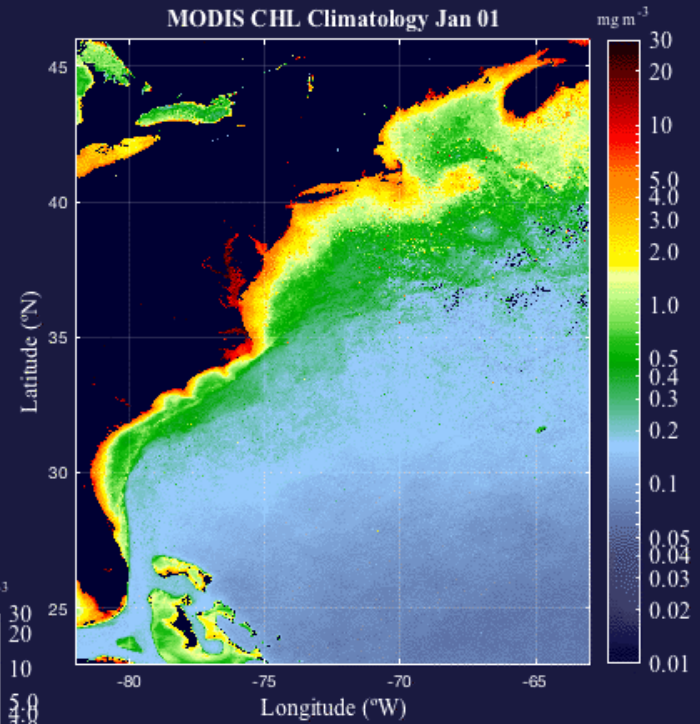
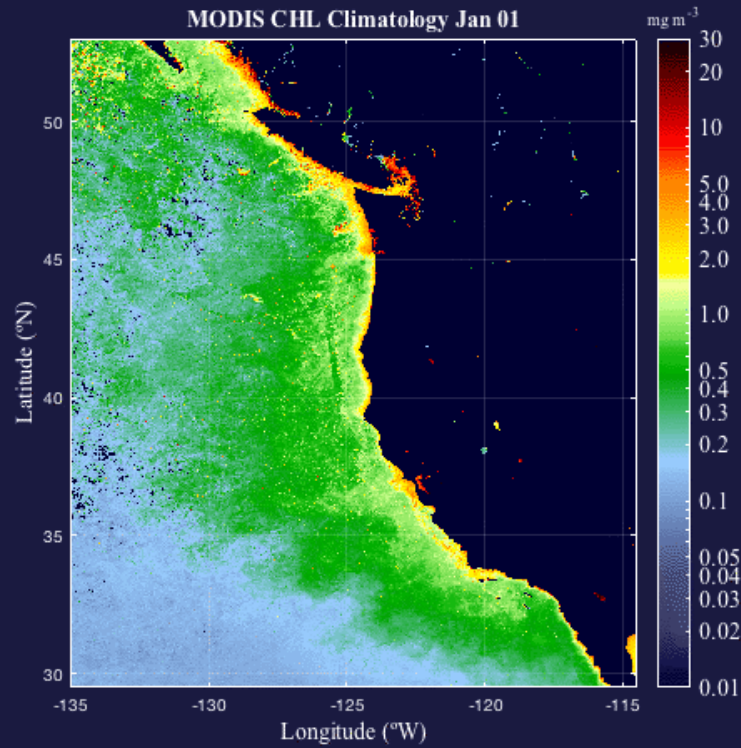
1 km resolution

- Chlorophyll
- Sea Surface Temperature

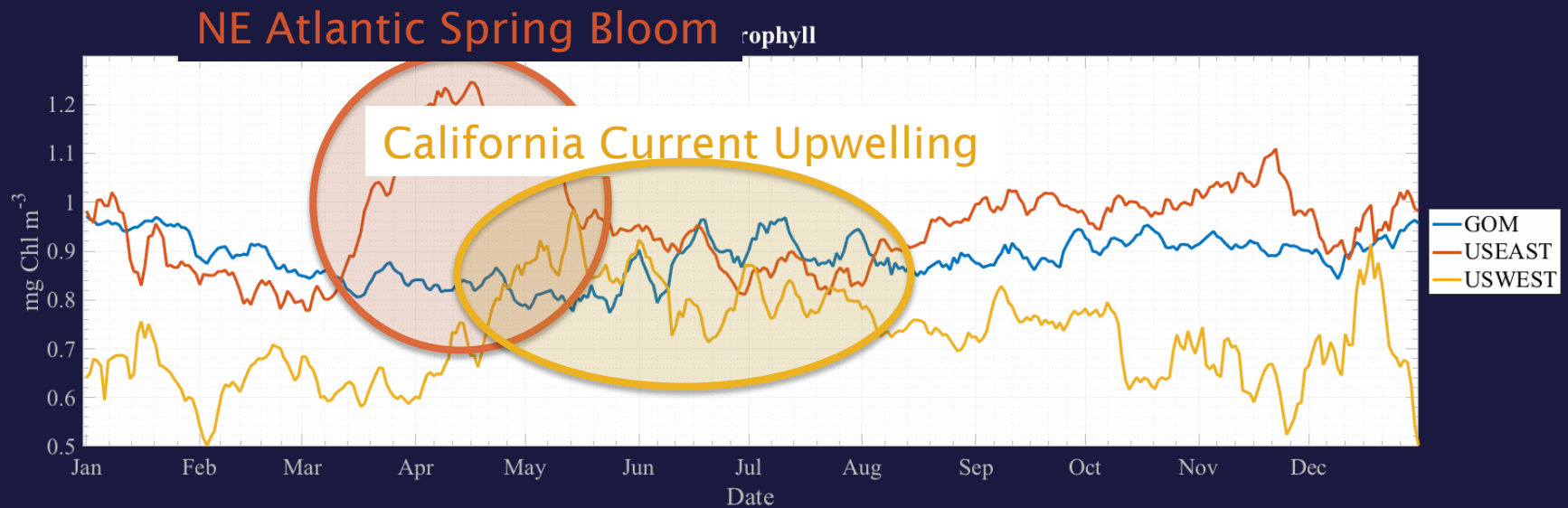
EO SST Climatology



EO Chlorophyll Climatology

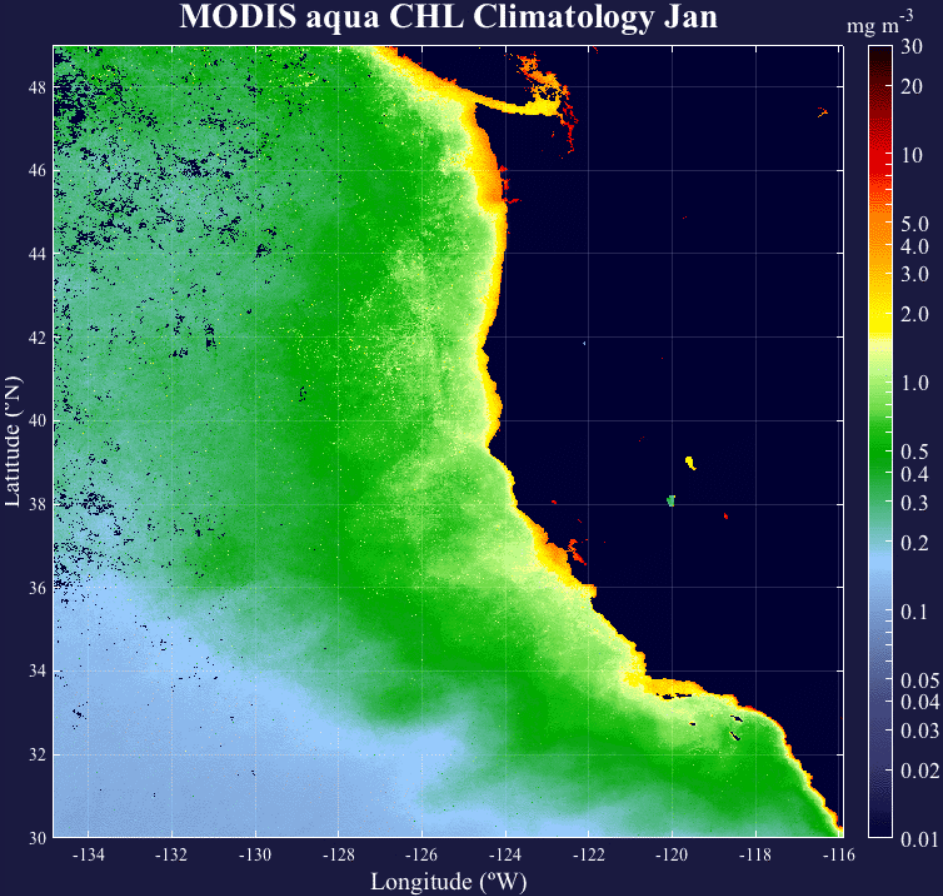


EO Whole Domain Climatology



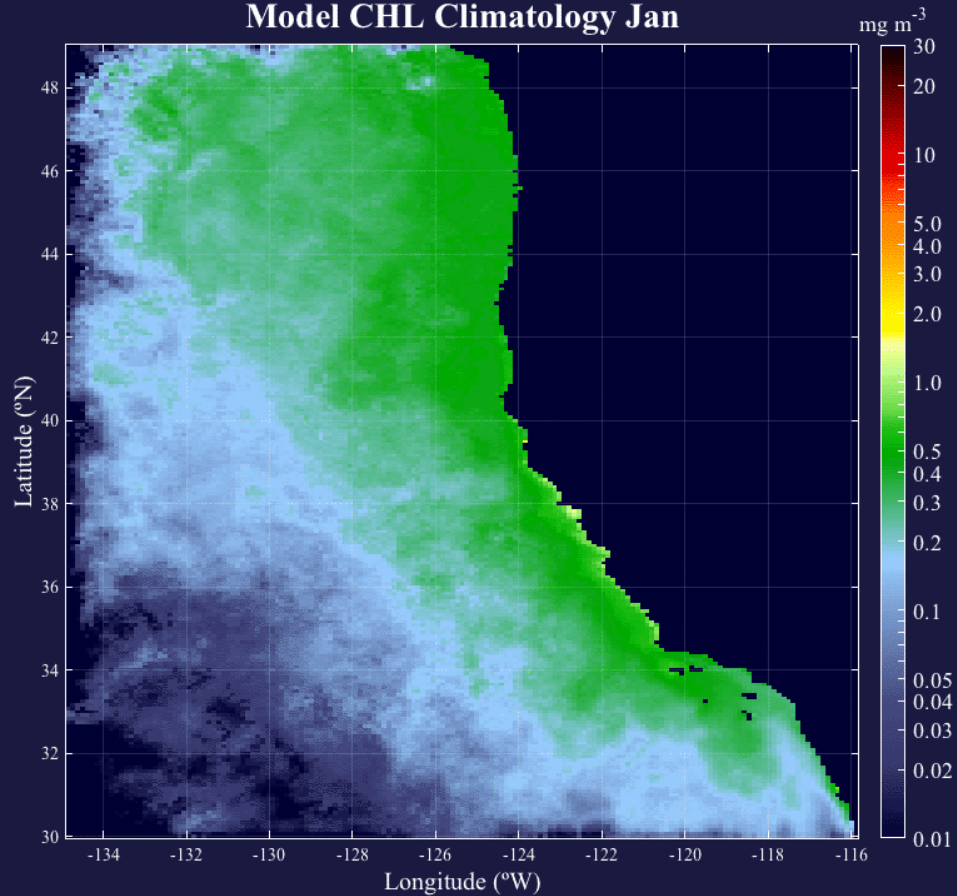
Model and EO Monthly Chlorophyll Climatologies

MODIS aqua CHL Climatology Jan



2003-2016

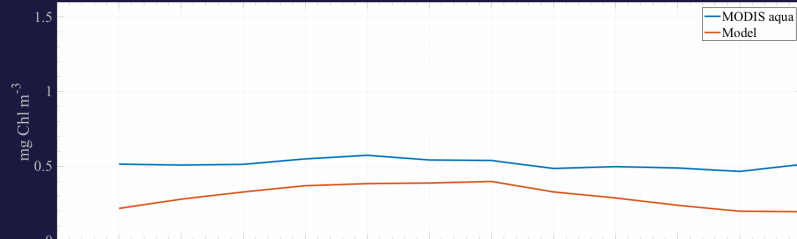
Model CHL Climatology Jan



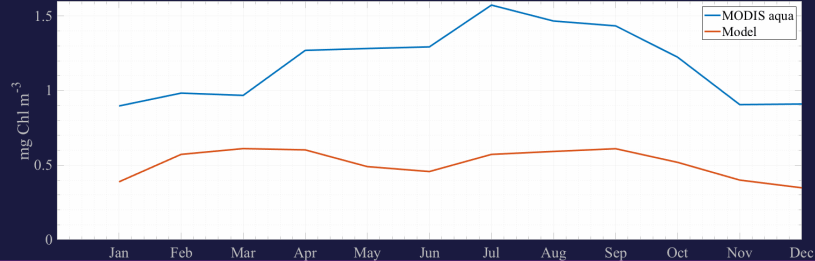
1999-2006

Will continue to 2018

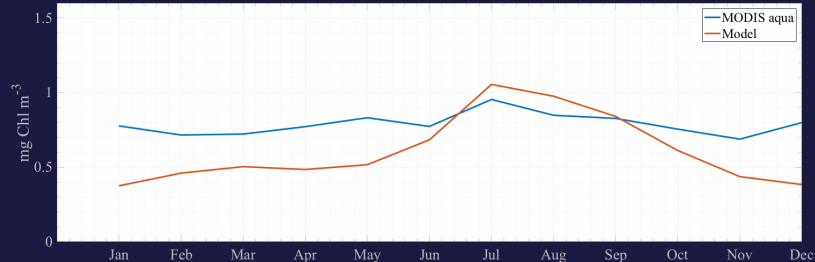
Chlorophyll 49 to 30°N; -135 to -115°W



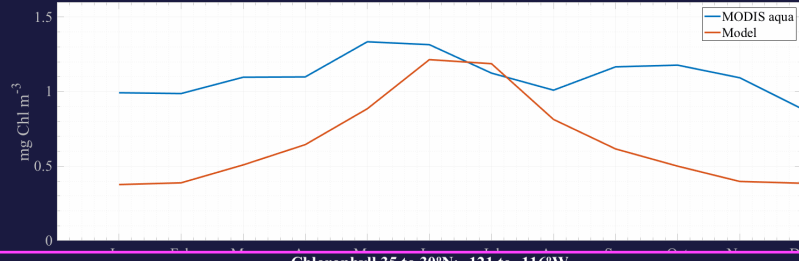
Chlorophyll 49 to 45°N; -129 to -124°W



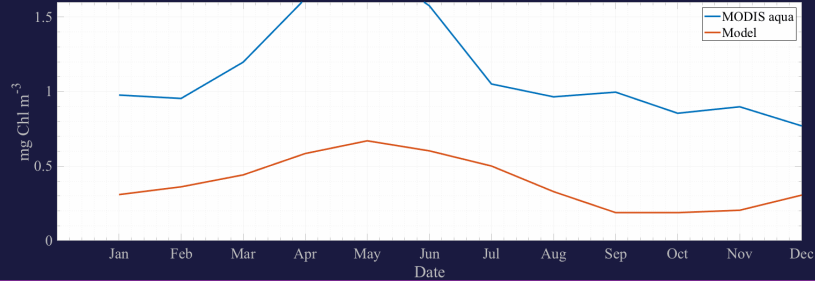
Chlorophyll 45 to 40°N; -129 to -124°W



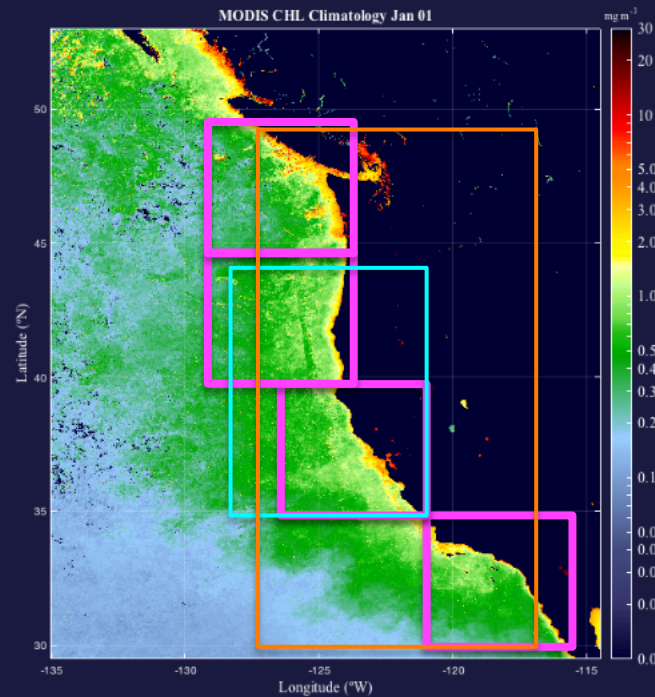
Chlorophyll 40 to 35°N; -126 to -121°W



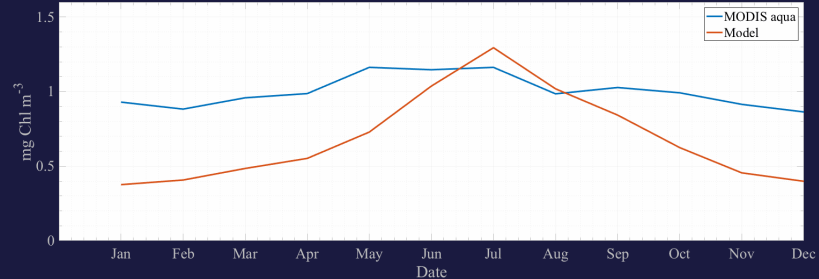
Chlorophyll 35 to 30°N; -121 to -116°W



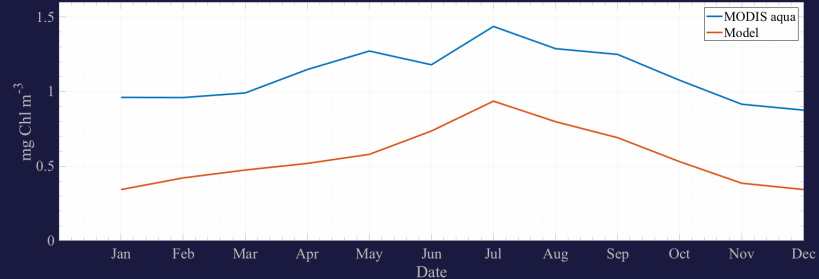
MODIS CHL Climatology Jan 01



Chlorophyll 44 to 35°N; -127 to -121°W



Chlorophyll 49 to 30°N; -127 to -117°W



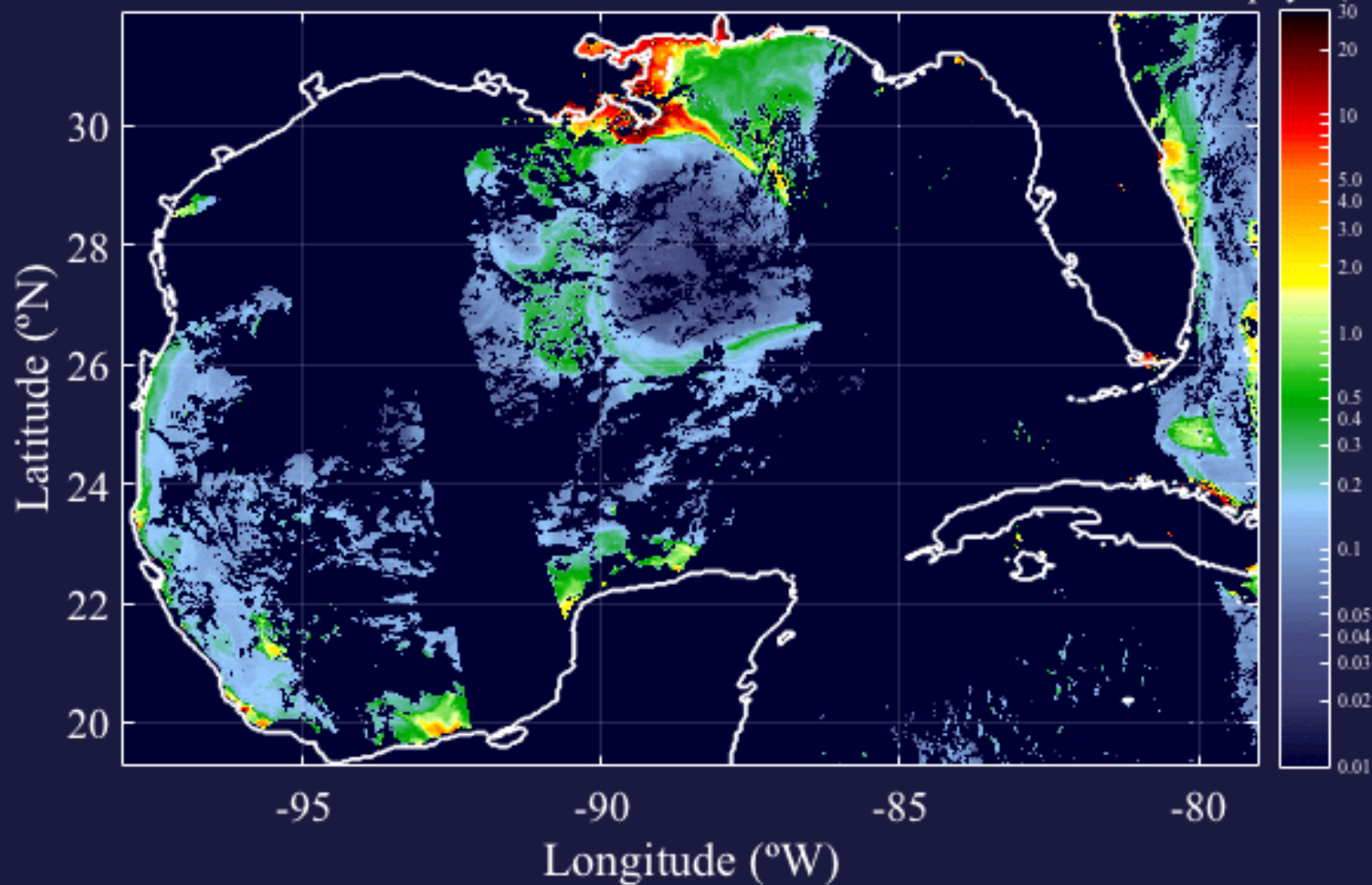


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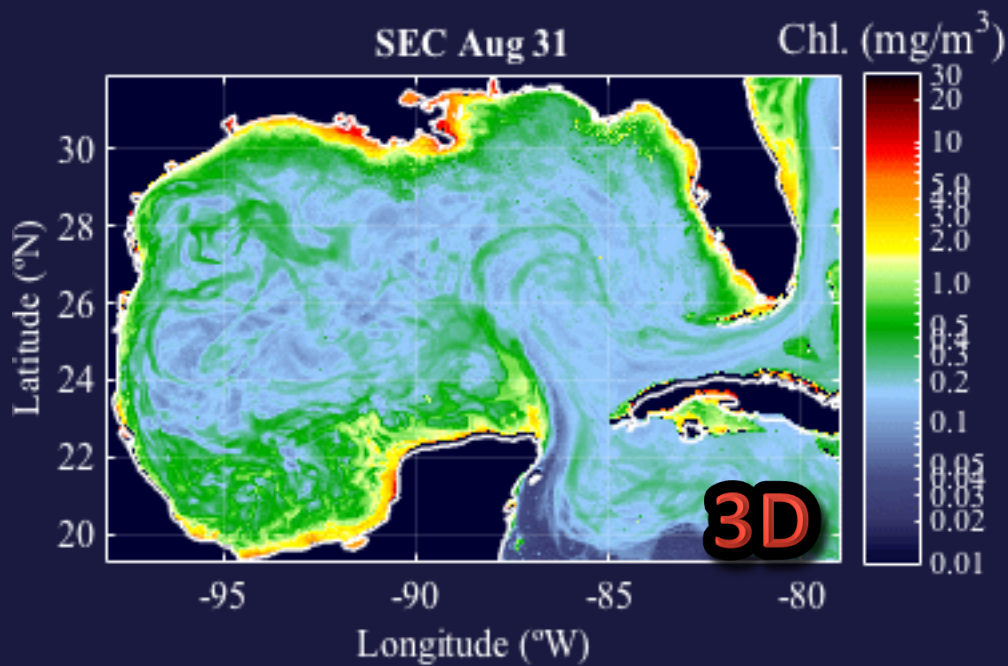
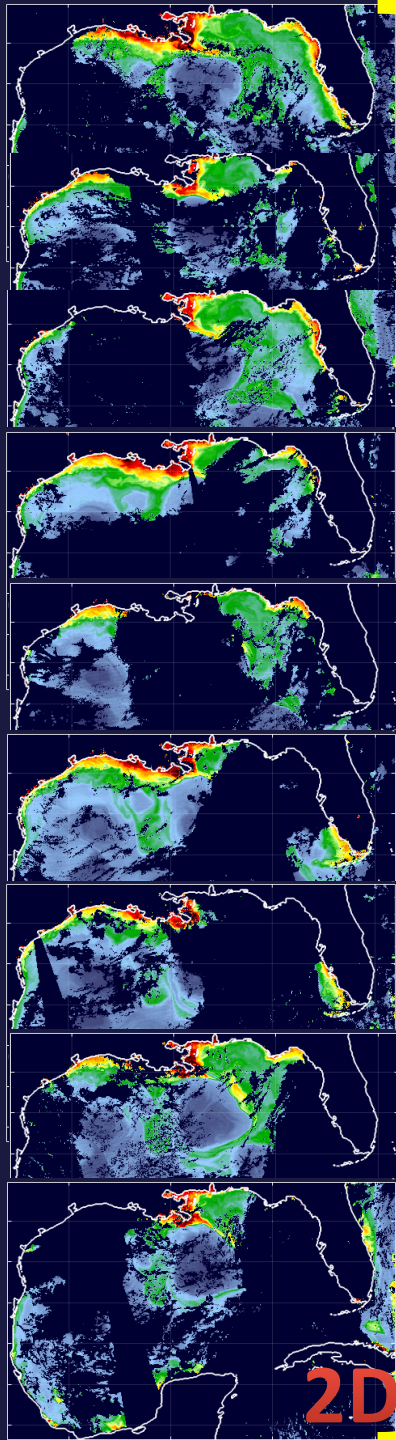
Daily EO Aug 31, 2015

Log_{10} Total Chlorophyll (mg m^{-3})

Chlorophyll (mg/m^3)



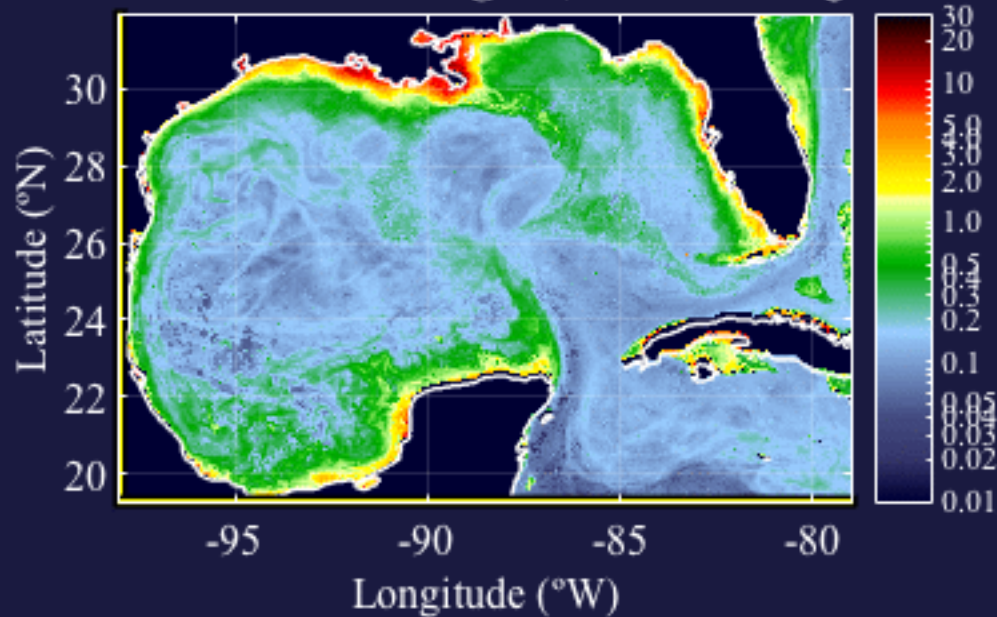
Daily EO (Chlorophyll) Aug 23-31, 2015



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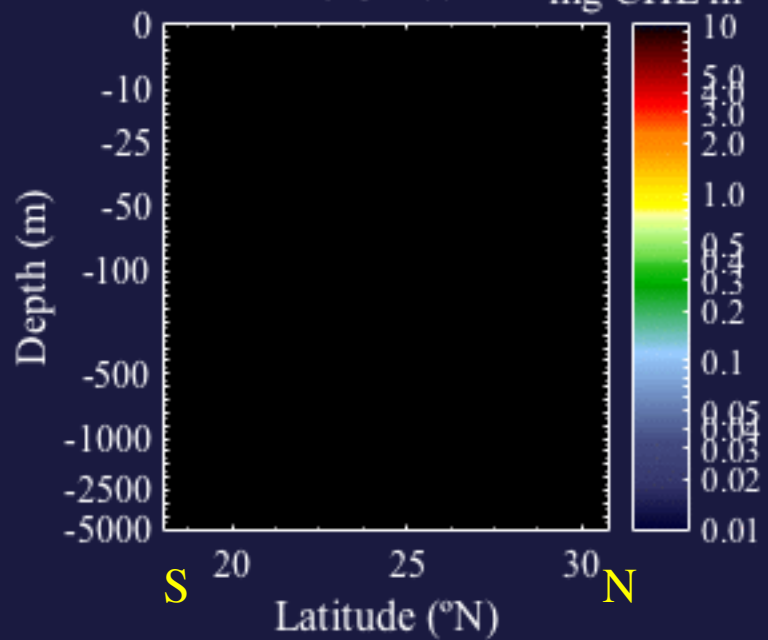
AEC Aug 31, 2015

mg CHL m⁻³



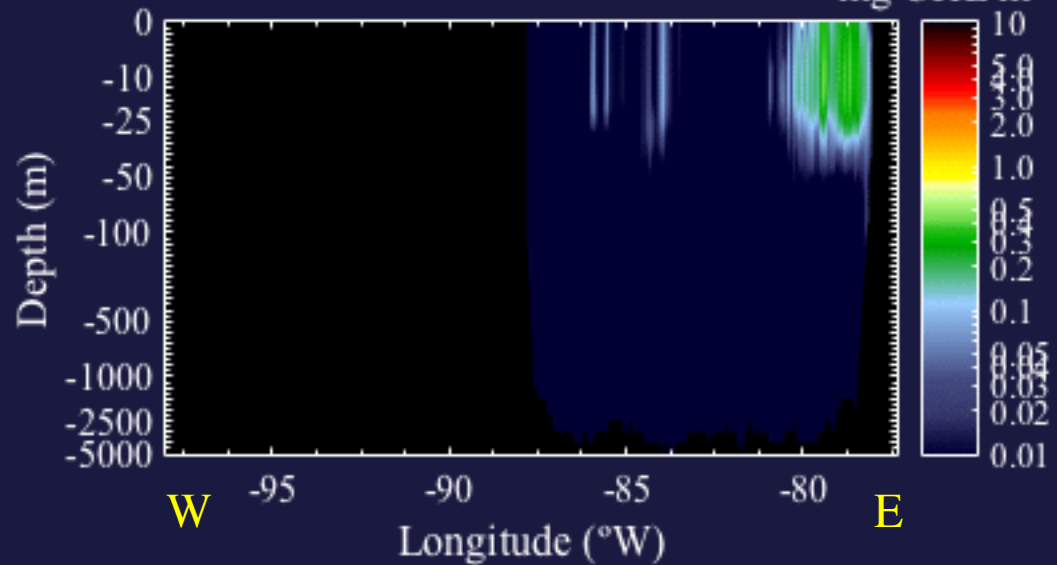
-98 °W

mg CHL m⁻³



18.09 °N

mg CHL m⁻³

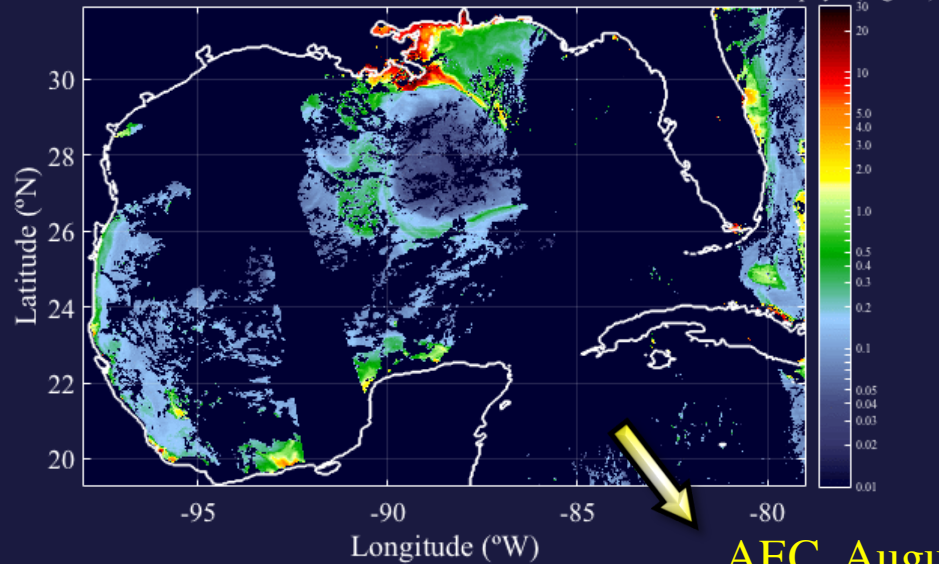


Summary

Earth Observation August 31, 2015

Log₁₀ Total Chlorophyll (mg m⁻³)

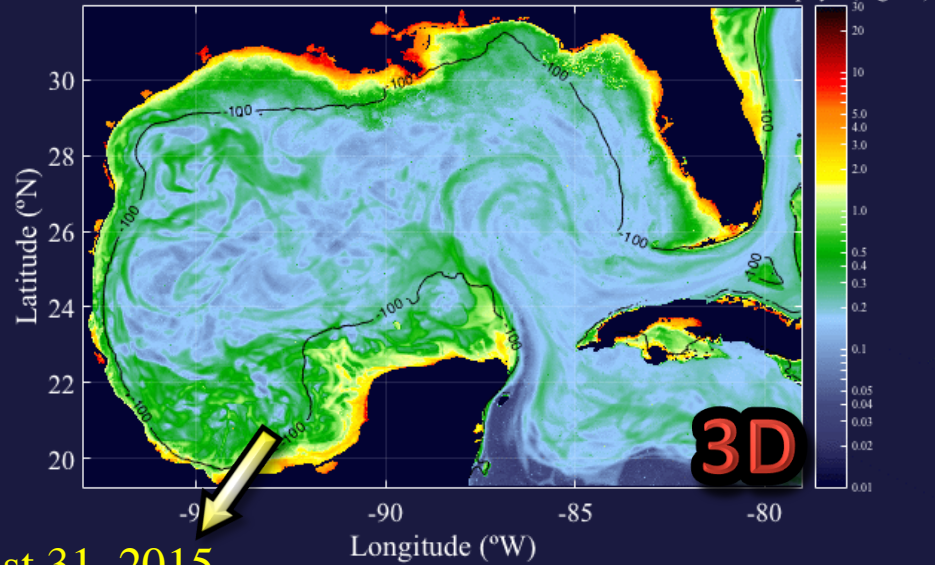
Chlorophyll (mg/m³)



SEC August 31

Log₁₀ Total Chlorophyll (mg m⁻³)

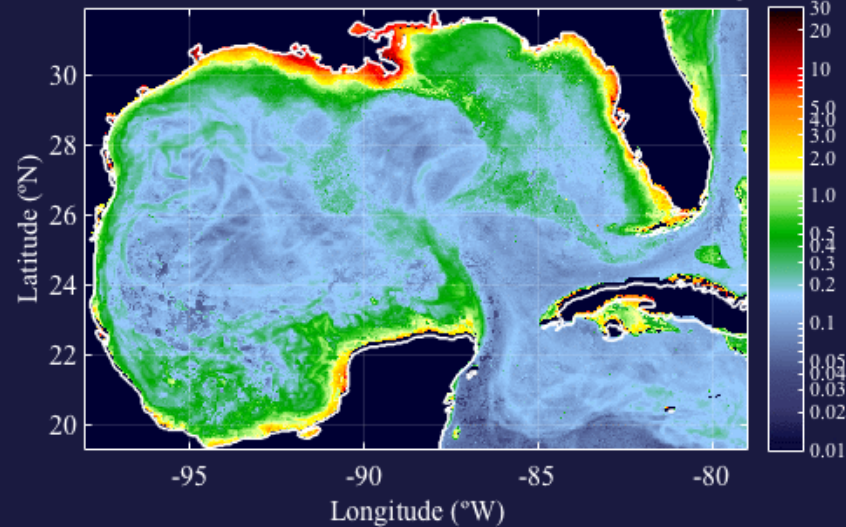
Chlorophyll (mg/m³)



AEC August 31, 2015

AEC Aug 31, 2015

mg CHL m⁻³

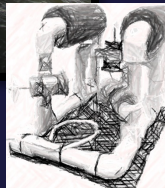
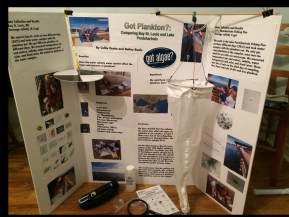
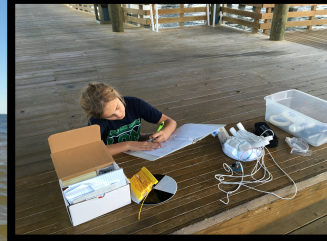




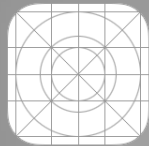
Web portal current status:

- Change in the physical location of the OceanNOMADS server and data storage from Stennis Space Center, MS to Nashville, TN
- Automated AEC tools are being converted from fortran/Matlab to python scripts

Crowdsourcing:



AEC



Secchi



HydroColor



Phyto



Deep Sea ID



GoPro



World Regist...



EyeOnWater



OSKit

Oskit App:

iPad

8:11 PM

83%

Record Data



Session ID:
SilverSpring2016



Water Temperature (°C)

Temperature: 0-40°C

Depth: 0-100 m

Save

0

Water Salinity (psu)

Temperature: 0-40°C

Depth: 0-100 m

Save

0

Secchi Disk Depth (m)

Depth: 0-100 m

Save

0

Weather:

Save

0

Upload

Connection Status: OK

 Camera

 Record Data

 Settings



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Naval Research Laboratory Gulf of Mexico Adaptive Ecosystem Climatology (AEC)

The Naval Research Laboratory Adaptive Ecosystem Climatology (AEC) combines an ocean model with Earth observations to provide a synoptic view of the typical (climatic) state of the ocean for every day of the year. The current version of AEC (beta4) is a research-quality product constructed for the Gulf of Mexico. The AEC comprises two sets of climatological mean fields: one derived from a coupled biophysical model simulation and one derived from satellite observations. The model-based daily climatology is derived from a 33-year simulation (1980–2012) of a 4-km resolution, coupled biophysical ocean model that uses the Navy Coastal Ocean Model (NCOM)

hydrodynamics and the Carbon Silicate Nitrogen Ecosystem (COSINE) marine biochemistry. The model assimilates altimetry data and satellite sea surface temperature from the Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR). It is forced by boundary conditions prescribed by the 1/8° Global NCOM, and by atmospheric fluxes prescribed by NASA's Modern Era Retrospective-Analysis for Research and Applications (MERRA). The satellite daily climatology provides chlorophyll concentration and sea surface temperature derived from the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) level-1 data processed at 1-km resolution and spanning the period 2003–2013. Each calendar day in the climatology represents a 5-day rolling average centered on that day, with data from all 11 years included. Thus, the value at each pixel is an average of up to 55 individual data values.

AEC beta4 netCDF files contain (Model): sea surface elevation, ocean temperature, salinity, eastward and northward currents, along with phytoplankton, diatoms, micro-zooplankton, and meso-zooplankton distributions at standard depths through the water column; (Satellite): sea surface temperature and sea surface chlorophyll.



Coverage area for the Naval Research Laboratory's Gulf of Mexico Adaptive Ecosystem Climatology.

Product	Grid/Scale	POR	Model Cycle	Output Time Step	Access
Model-based climatology	1/25°	1 year climatology	1 day	1 day	TDS agg , TDS files , ERDDAP 2D , ERDDAP 3D
Satellite-based climatology	1/100°	1 year climatology	1 day	1 day	TDS agg , TDS files , ERDDAP



[ERDDAP](#) > [griddap](#) > Make A Graph

Dataset Title: **AEC Model Climatology 3D**

Institution: Naval Research Laboratory, Stennis Space Center, MS (Dataset ID: AEC_gomex_model_climo_3d)

Information: [Summary](#) | [License](#) | [FGDC](#) | [ISO 19115](#) | [Metadata](#) | [Background](#) | [Data Access Form](#)

Graph Type:
X Axis:
Y Axis:
Color:

Dimensions **Start** **Stop**

time (UTC) specify just 1 value →

depth (m) specify just 1 value →

latitude (degrees_north)

longitude (degrees_east)

Graph Settings

Color Bar: Continuity: Scale:
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 Draw the land mask:

Redraw the Graph (Please be patient. It may take a while to get the data.)

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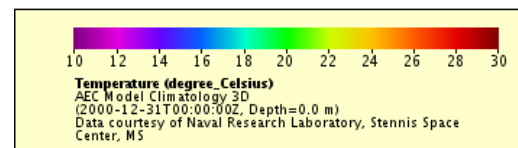
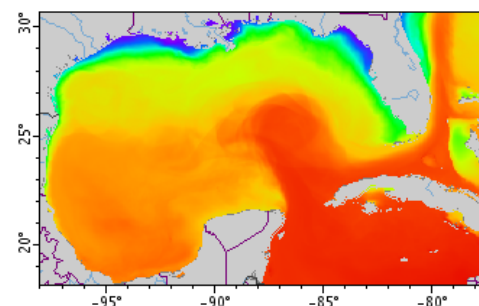
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or view the URL: http://ecowatch.ncddc.noaa.gov/erddap/griddap/AEC_gomex_model_climo_3d.htmlTable

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Click on the map to specify a new center point.

Zoom:



Things You Can Do With Your Graphs

Well, you can do anything you want with your graphs, of course. But some things you might not have considered are:

- Web page authors can [embed a graph of the latest data in a web page](#) using HTML tags.
- Anyone can use ERDDAPs [Slide Sorter](#) to build a personal web page that displays graphs with the latest data (or other images or HTML content), each in its own, draggable slide.



[ERDDAP](#) > [griddap](#) > Data Access Form ?

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☒ time (Forecast time for ForecastModelRunCollection, UTC) ?	2000-12-31T00:00:00Z	1	2000-12-31T00:00:00Z	366	1 day (even)
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☒ latitude (degrees_north) ?	30.73087	1	30.73087	349	0.0363196 (uneven)
☒ longitude (degrees_east) ?	-77.36	1	-77.36	517	0.04 (even)

Grid Variables (which always also download all of the dimension variables)

- ☒ water_temp (Temperature, degree_Celsius) ?
- ☐ water_u (U Velocity, m/s) ?
- ☐ water_v (V Velocity, m/s) ?
- ☐ salinity (psu) ?
- ☐ sphy (Small Phytoplankton, micromoles N/L) ?
- ☐ diatoms (micromoles N/L) ?
- ☐ mezoo (Mesozooplankton, micromoles N/L) ?
- ☐ mizoo (Microzooplankton, micromoles N/L) ?

File type: .htmlTable - View a .html web page with the data in a table. Times are ISO 8601 strings.

[more info](#)

Just generate the URL:

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Submit (Please be patient. It may take a while to get the data.)

- .asc - View OPeNDAP-style comma-separated ASCII text.
- .csv - Download a comma-separated ASCII text table (line 1: names; line 2: units; ISO 8601 times).
- .csvp - Download a .csv file with line 1: name (units). Times are ISO 8601 strings.
- .csv0 - Download a .csv file without column names or units. Times are ISO 8601 strings.
- .das - View the dataset's metadata via an OPeNDAP Dataset Attribute Structure (DAS).
- .dds - View the dataset's structure via an OPeNDAP Dataset Descriptor Structure (DDS).
- .dods - OPeNDAP clients use this to download the data in the DODS binary format.
- .esriAscii - Download an ESRI ASCII file (lat lon data only; lon must be all below or all above 180).
- .fgdc - View the dataset's FGDC .xml metadata.
- .graph - View a Make A Graph web page.
- .help - View a web page with a description of griddap.
- .html - View an OPeNDAP-style HTML Data Access Form.
- ✓ .htmlTable - View a .html web page with the data in a table. Times are ISO 8601 strings.
- .iso19115 - View the dataset's ISO 19115-2/19139 .xml metadata.
- .json - View a table-like JSON file (missing value = 'null'; times are ISO 8601 strings).
- .mat - Download a MATLAB binary file.
- .nc - Download a NetCDF-3 binary file with COARDS/CF/ACDD metadata.
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- .ncml - View the dataset's structure and metadata as an NCML .xml file.
- .odvTxt - Download time,lat,lon,otherVariables as an ODV Generic Spreadsheet File (.txt).
- .tsv - Download a tab-separated ASCII text table (line 1: names; line 2: units; ISO 8601 times).
- .tsvp - Download a .tsv file with line 1: name (units). Times are ISO 8601 strings.
- .tsv0 - Download a .tsv file without column names or units. Times are ISO 8601 strings.
- .xhtml - View an XHTML (XML) file with the data in a table. Times are ISO 8601 strings.**
- .geotif - View a grayscale GeoTIFF .tif file (for lat lon data; lon must be all below or all above 180).
- .kml - View a Google Earth .kml file (for lat, lon data only).
- .smallPdf - View a small .pdf image file with a graph or map.
- .pdf - View a standard, medium-sized .pdf image file with a graph or map.
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- .png - View a standard, medium-sized .png image file with a graph or map.
- .largePng - View a large .png image file with a graph or map.
- .transparentPng - View a .png image file (just the data, without axes, landmark, or legend).



NCEI Ocean NOMADS

THREDDS Data Server

Catalog http://ecowatch.ncddc.noaa.gov/thredds/catalog/aec_model/catalog.html

Dataset: AEC Model/AEC.beta4.GOM5i0.04.0000123100.nc

- *Data size:* 231.6 Mbytes
- *ID:* AEC_model/AEC.beta4.GOM5i0.04.0000123100.nc

Access:

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Dates:

- 2014-09-23T18:33:02Z (**modified**)

Viewers:

- [Godiva2](#) (browser-based)
- [NetCDF-Java ToolsUI](#) (webstart)

☒ Auto-zoom on select

 NCEI Ocean NOMADS

 AEC.beta4.GOM5i0.04.0000123100.nc

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..... Salinity

..... Temperature

..... U Velocity

..... V Velocity

..... Small Phytoplankton

..... Diatoms

..... Mesozooplankton

..... Microzooplankton

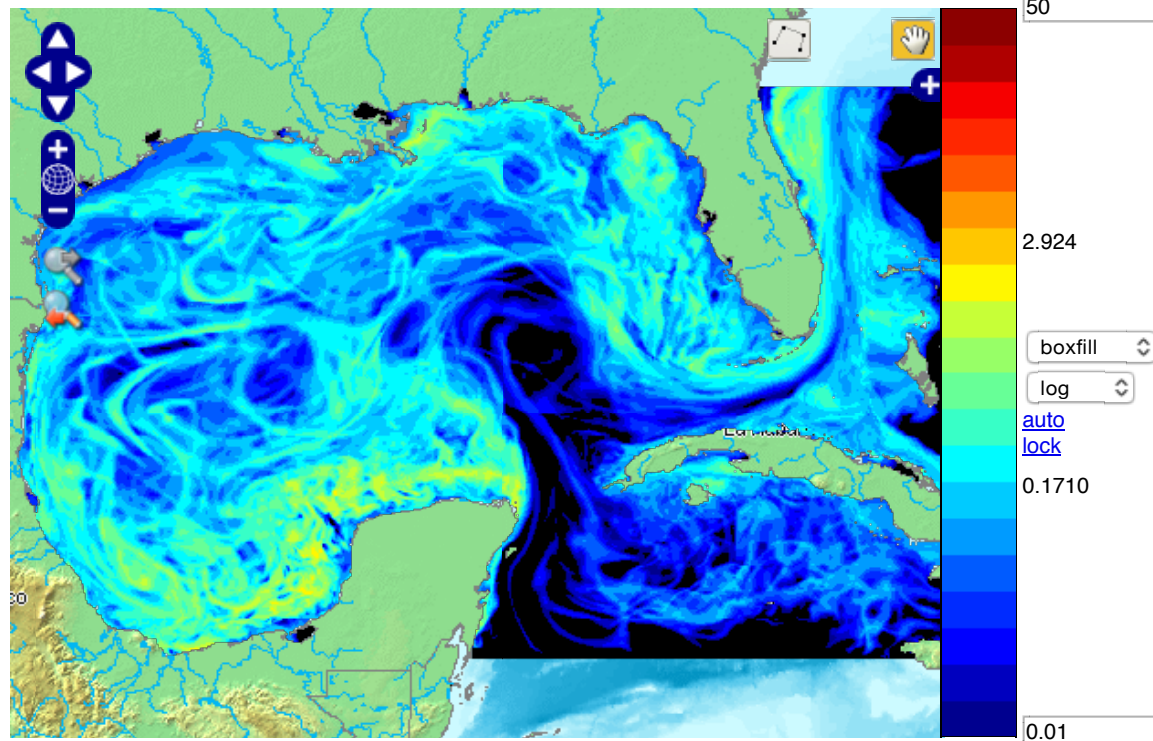
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> Small Phytoplankton
Units: micromoles N/L

Height (m):

Date/time: 31 Dec 2000 UTC [first frame](#) [last frame](#)

December, 2000						
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[Fit layer to window](#)



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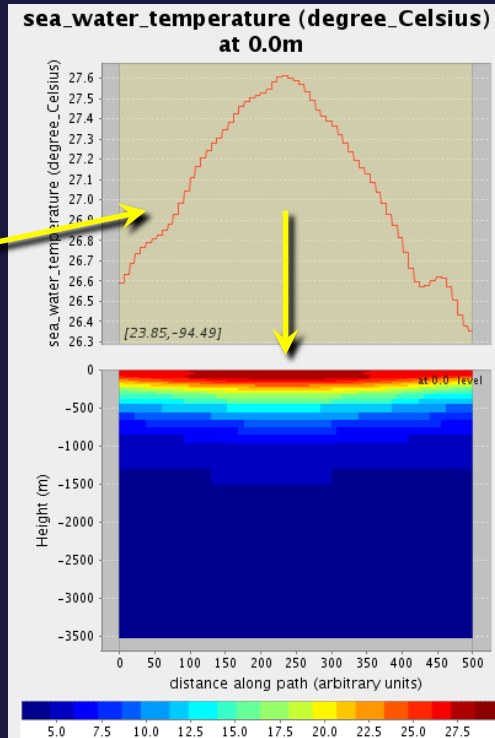
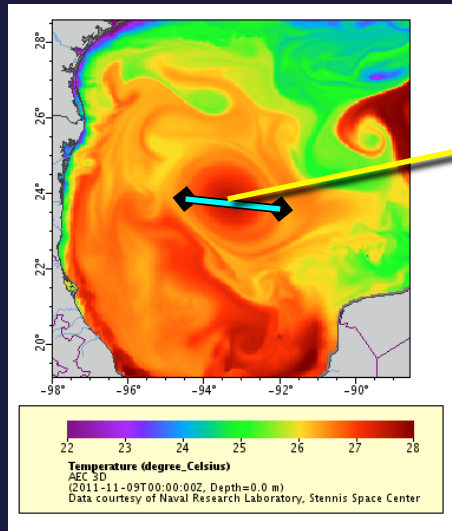
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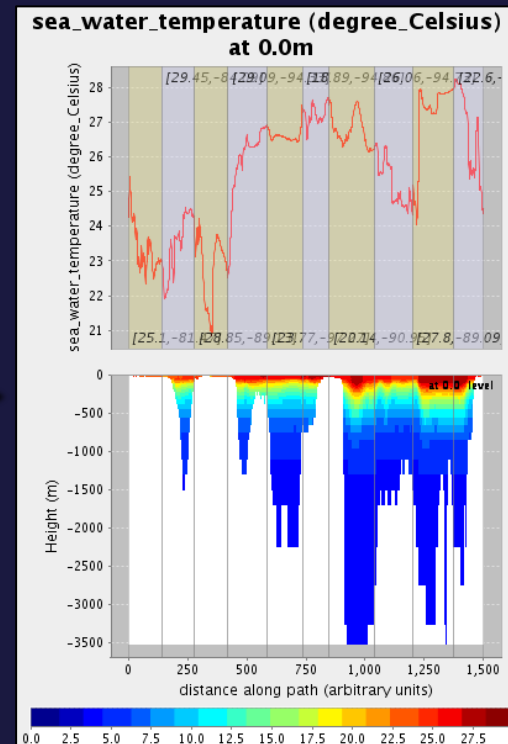
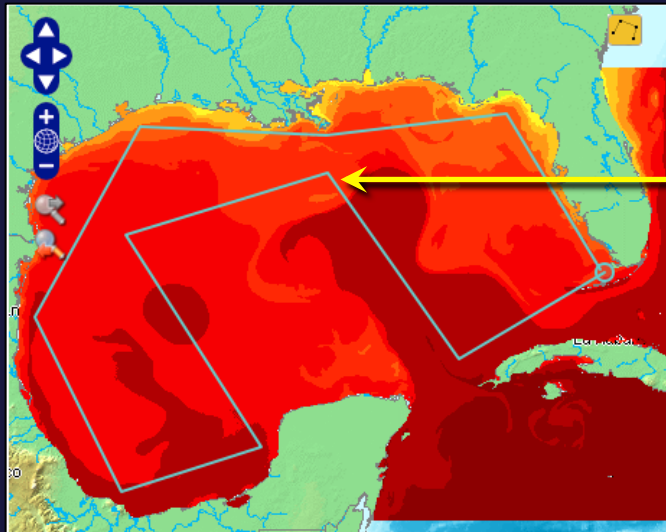
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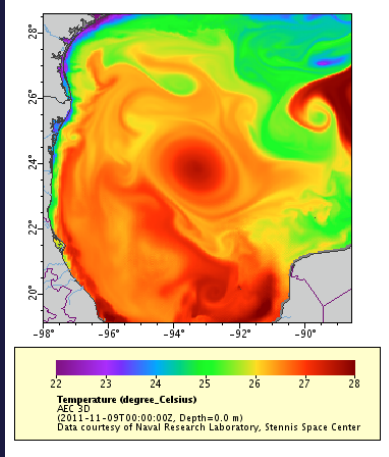
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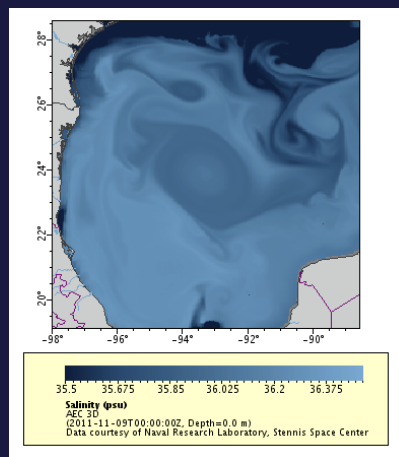
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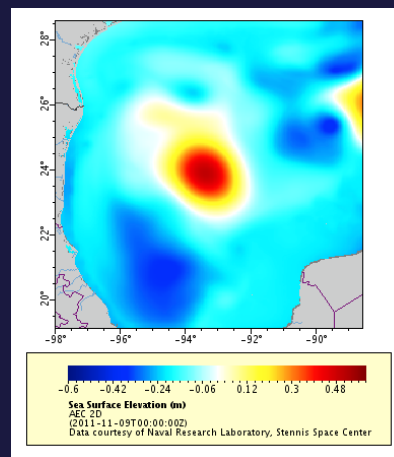
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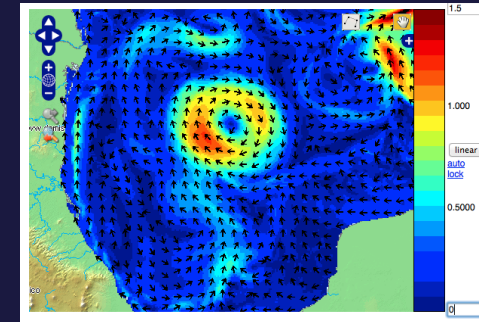
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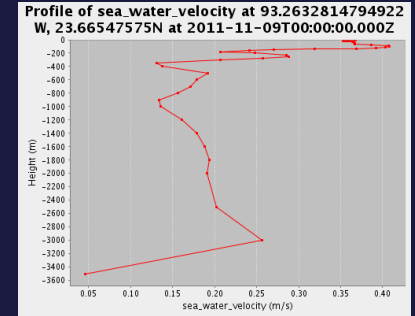
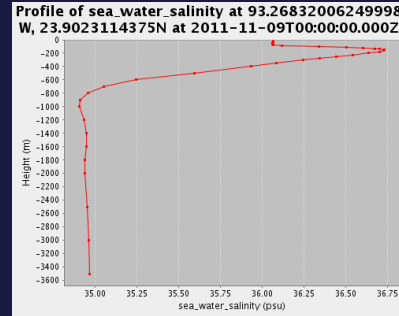
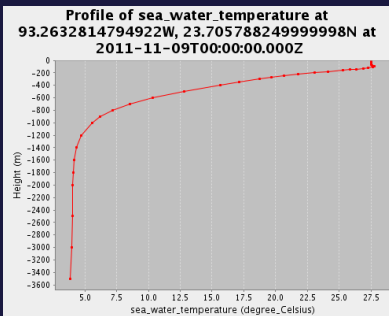
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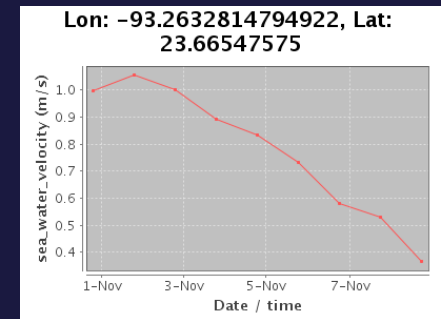
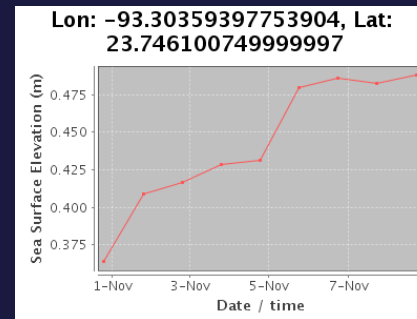
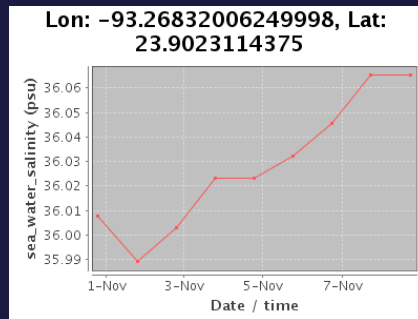
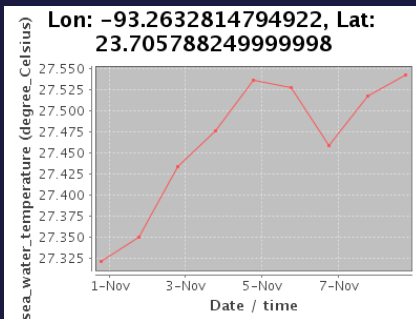
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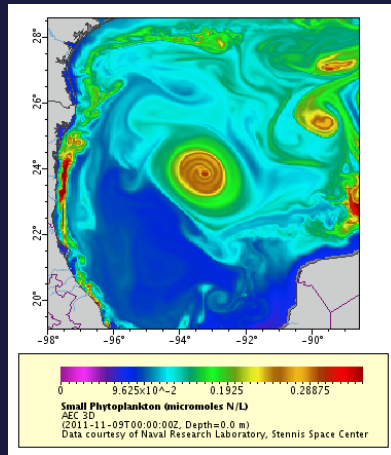
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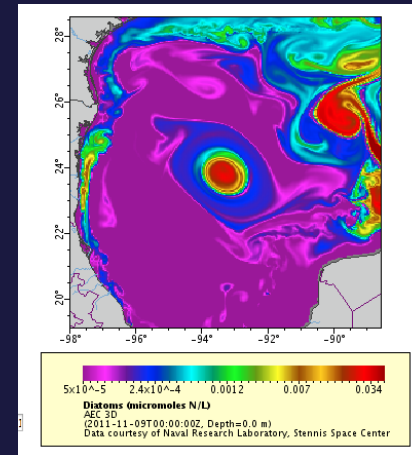
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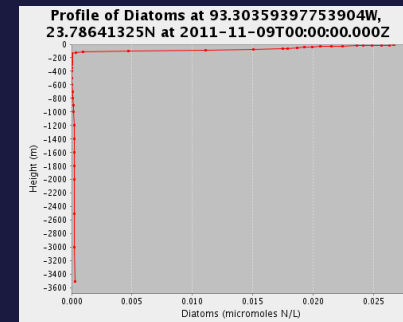
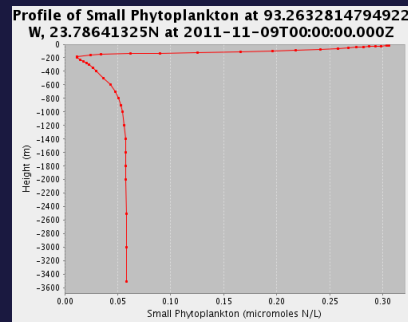
Small Phytoplankton



Diatoms



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