

Recent developments at ACCESS-NRI: from Global to regional ocean modelling

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COSIMA

The Consortium for Ocean-Sea Ice Modelling in Australia

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ACCESS-NRI and COSIMA + ANCOMS:

Technical team and scientific community

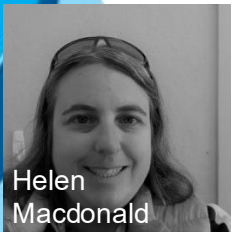
ACCESS-NRI is funded to develop and maintain Australia's Earth system model capability.

- **5 software engineers** in ocean-ice-wave-BGC development team for **ACCESS-OM3**
- plus **1 software engineer** Regional & Coastal Oceans Modelling Team
- plus a **release team** and **model evaluation and diagnostics team**

ACCESS-NRI draws on **COSIMA** as a Community Working Group providing **scientific leadership** on ocean, sea ice & BGC model components & configurations.



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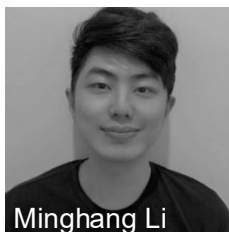
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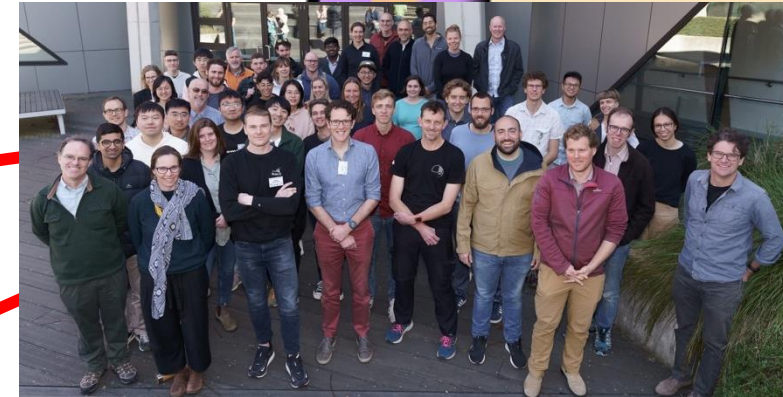
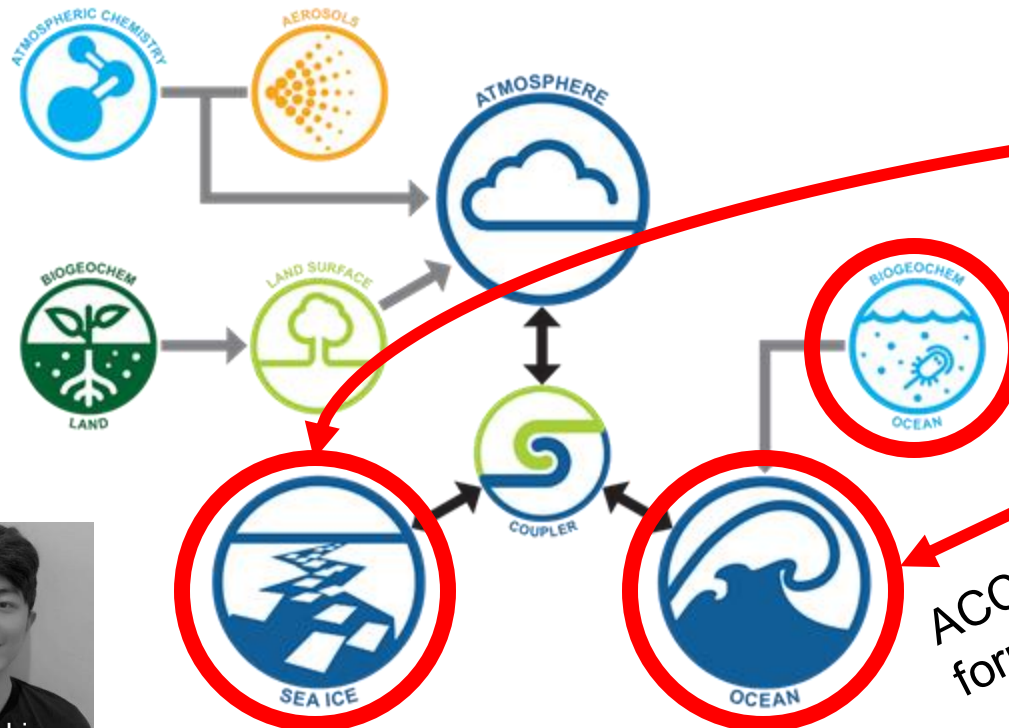
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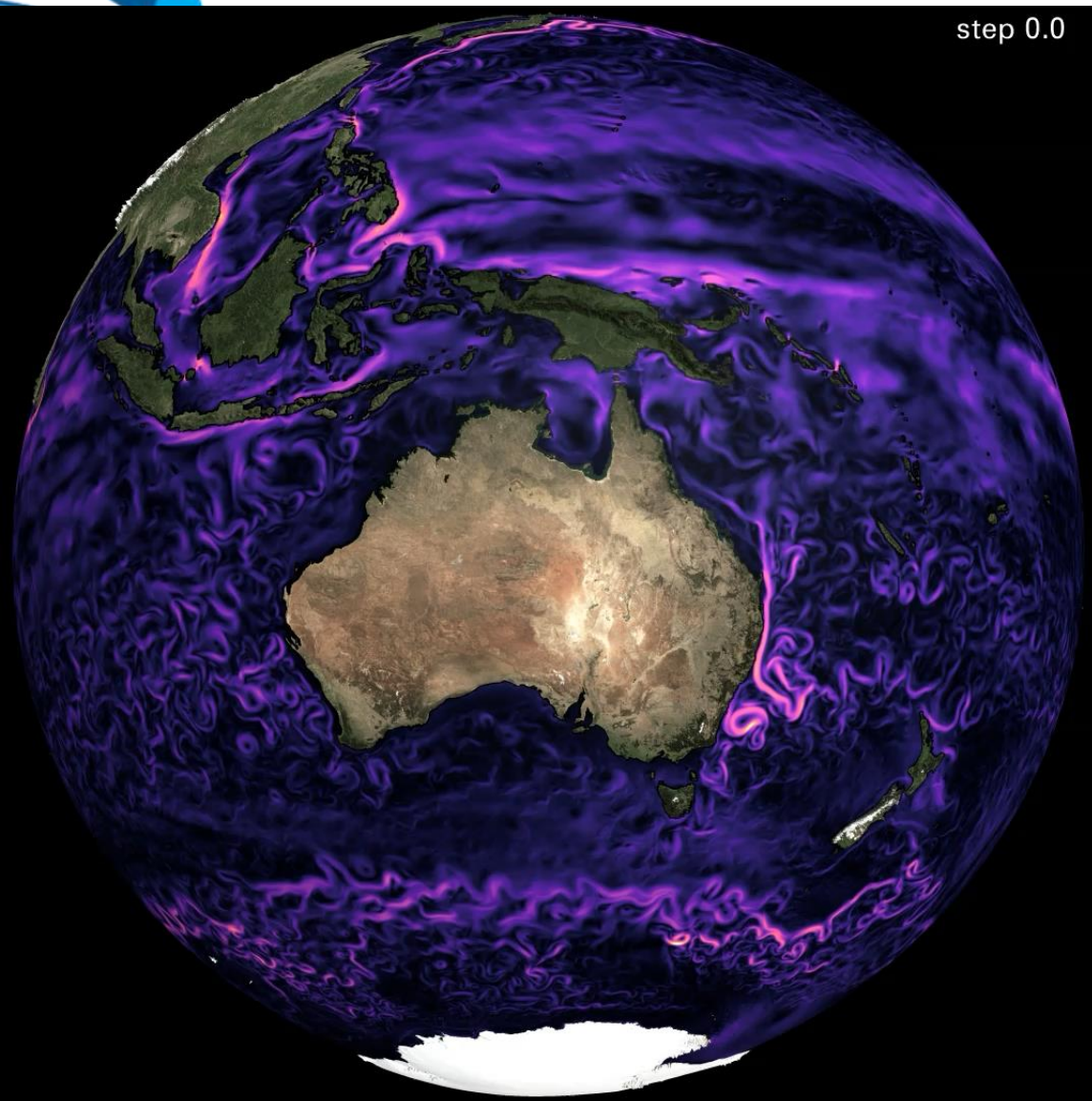


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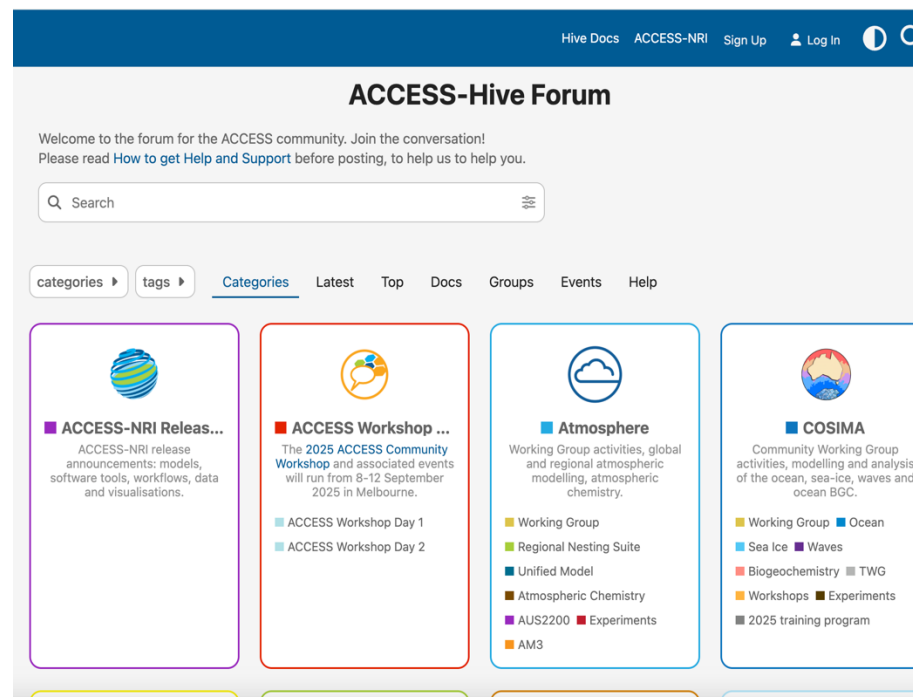


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The ACCESS-NRI infrastructure



Reproducible
Version controlled
Centrally managed
Lowered barrier to entry
Supporting community building




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ACCESS-NRI Releases...
ACCESS-NRI release announcements: models, software tools, workflows, data and visualisations.




ACCESS Workshop ...
The **2025 ACCESS Community Workshop** and associated events will run from 8-12 September 2025 in Melbourne.

- ACCESS Workshop Day 1
- ACCESS Workshop Day 2



Atmosphere
Working Group activities, global and regional atmospheric modelling, atmospheric chemistry.

- Working Group
- Regional Nesting Suite
- Unified Model
- Atmospheric Chemistry
- AUS2200
- Experiments
- AM3



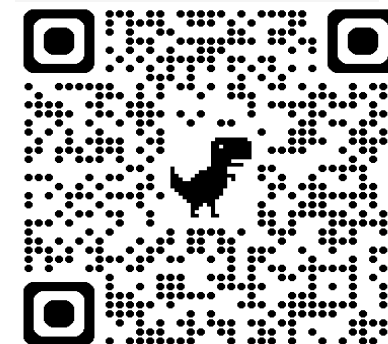
COSIMA
Community Working Group activities, modelling and analysis of the ocean, sea-ice, waves and ocean BGC.

- Working Group
- Ocean
- Sea Ice
- Waves
- Biogeochemistry
- TWG
- Workshops
- Experiments
- 2025 training program



ANCOMS
Regional and Coastal ocean modelling

Regional MOM6 ROMS
Any and all models



Now maintained
by ACCESS-NRI

ACCESS-OM2 – COSIMA’s current workhorse

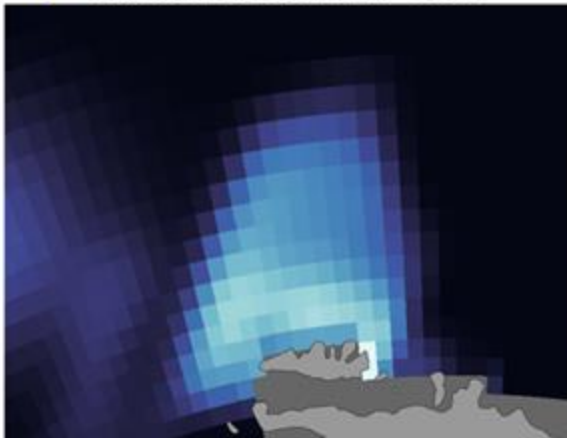


- A global ocean - sea ice model, using MOM5 and CICE5
- 1°, 0.25°, 0.1° configs, with optional WOMBAT BGC, optionally coupled to CICE5 BGC

Obsolescent model components,
circa 2012, 2015

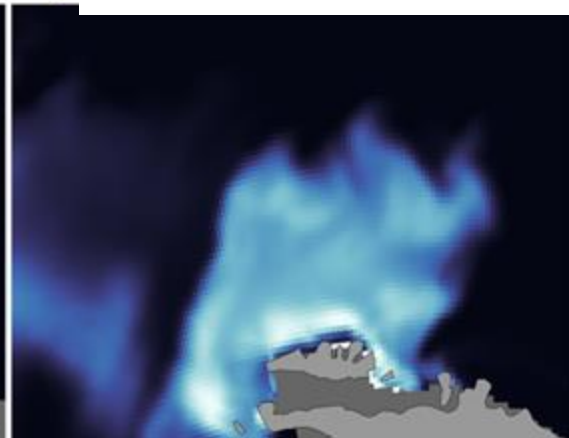
ACCESS-OM2

- ▶ not eddy-resolving
- ▶ 1° horizontal grid
360 × 300 cells, 24–111 km
- ▶ 50 z* levels
 $\Delta z = 2.3\text{--}220\text{ m}$
- ▶ fast and cheap
~ 24min/yr, 0.1 kCPU hr/yr
on 252 PEs, dt=5400 s
- ▶ used in ACCESS-CM2



ACCESS-OM2-025

- ▶ eddy “permitting”
- ▶ 0.25° horizontal grid
1440 × 1080 cells, 6.0–27.8 km
- ▶ 50 z* levels
 $\Delta z = 2.3\text{--}220\text{ m}$
- ▶ fairly fast, less cheap
105 min/yr, 4.5 kCPU hr/yr
on 1824 PEs, dt=1800 s
- ▶ used in ACCESS-CM2-025

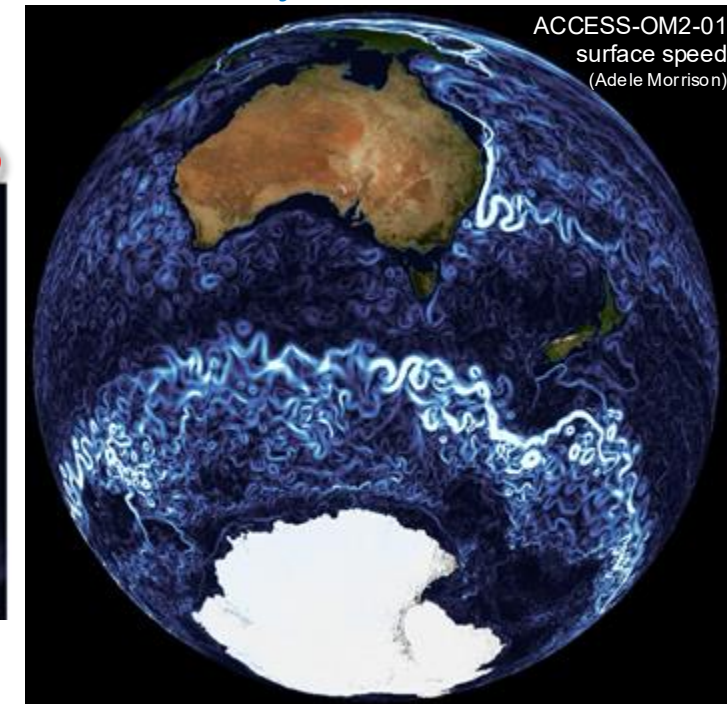


ACCESS-OM2-01

- ▶ eddy-rich
- ▶ 0.1° horizontal grid
3600 × 2700 cells, 2.2–11.1 km
- ▶ 75 z* levels
 $\Delta z = 1.1\text{--}198\text{ m}$
- ▶ slow, expensive
9 hr/yr, 55–65 kCPU hr/yr
on 5096 PEs, dt=600 s
- ▶ in Bluelink OceanMAPS4



- Community shares code, output (>550Tb, >240 users) and analysis scripts
- >90 papers in 5 years, with collectively ~2000 citations



ACCESS-OM2-01
surface speed
(Adele Morrison)

New capabilities of **ACCESS-OM3** vs **ACCESS-OM2**

MOM6-CICE6-WW3

MOM5-CICE5

- **All components at the forefront of international modelling** under active development with a large community (whereas ACCESS-OM2 components are now legacy code)

MOM6

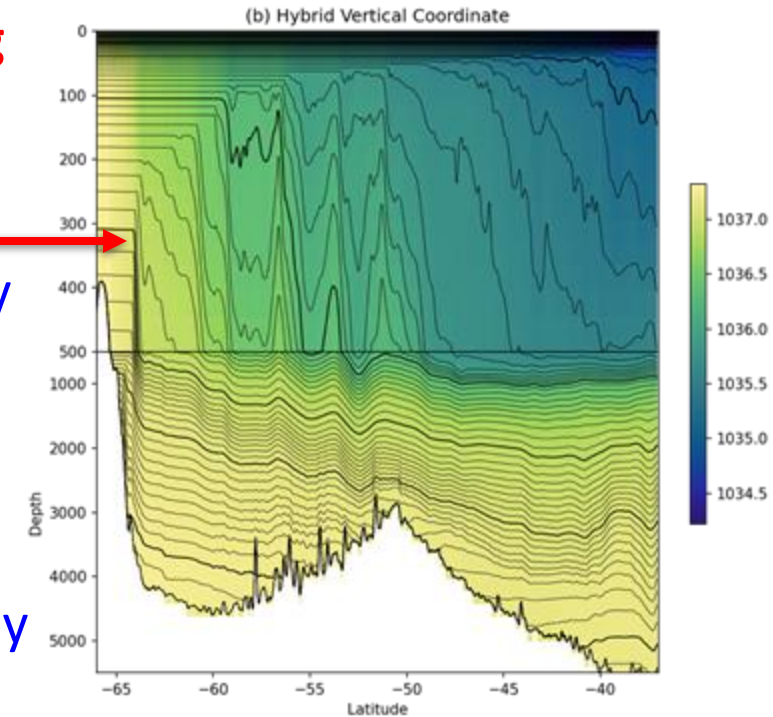
- **ALE vertical coordinates**, supporting **hybrid coordinates**, reducing spurious diapycnal mixing & improving topography
- **Circulation in cavities** under ice shelves
- **Wetting/drying** – e.g. ice sheet retreat, shoreline change
- **No vertical CFL constraints** on velocity or tracers
- **C-grid** for narrower channels and better & easier topography
- **Regional domains** (1-way nested open boundaries)
- **Tides** in both global and regional configurations
- **Cheap tracers**: ~10x longer tracer timestep (e.g. for BGC)

CICE6

- **Sea ice floe size distribution** (to represent pancake ice, etc.)
- **Landfast ice; C-grid**
- **Advanced, depth-resolved sea ice BGC**

WW3

- **Surface waves** (surface wave mixing, sea ice interaction, etc.)

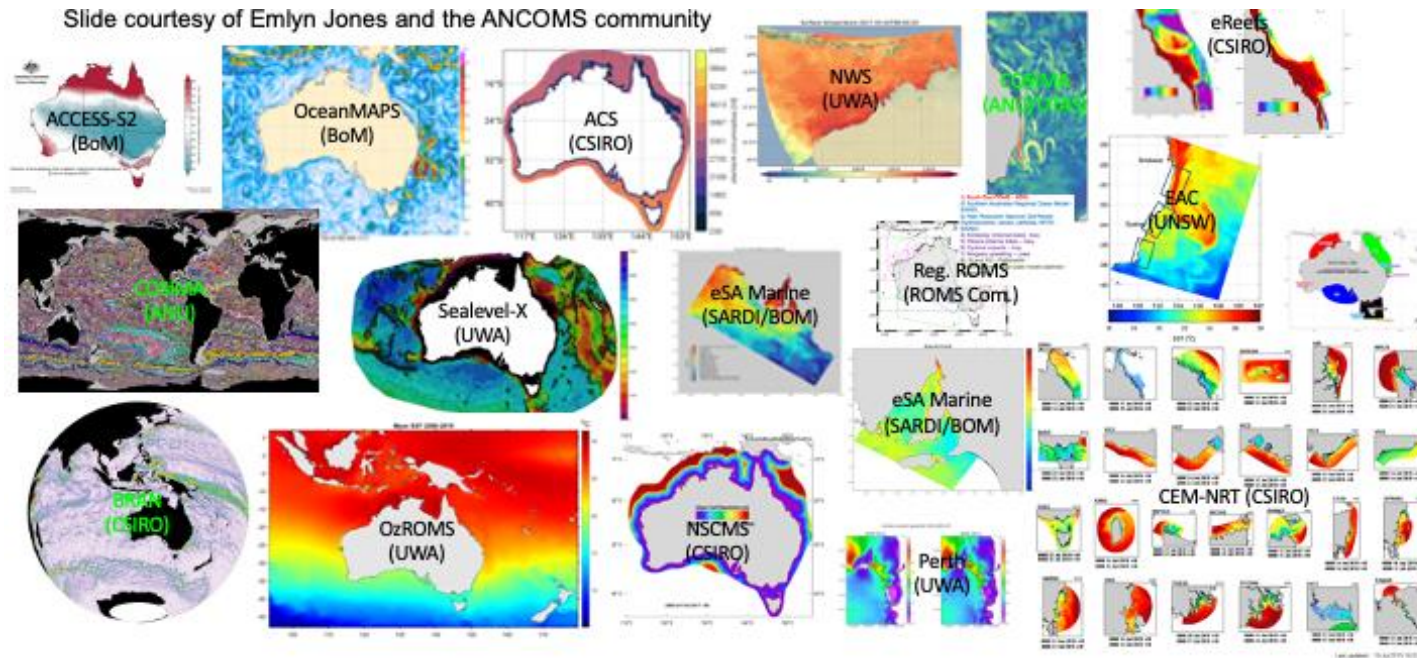


Élie Dumas-Lefebvre & Dany Dumont

ACCESS-OM3 configurations: progress and plans

	100km	25km	8km	4km
MOM6-CICE6	Running; test and tune	Released (beta)	Prototype	Eventually
MOM6-CICE6-WOMBAT	Running; test and tune	Running: test and tune	Maybe	Probably Not
MOM6-CICE6-WW3	Running; test and tune	To do	Maybe	Probably Not
CICE6-WW3	?	To do	Probably Not	No
rMOM6-CICE6-iceshelfs-Panan				Running; test and tune
rMOM6-SuperAus				Prototype

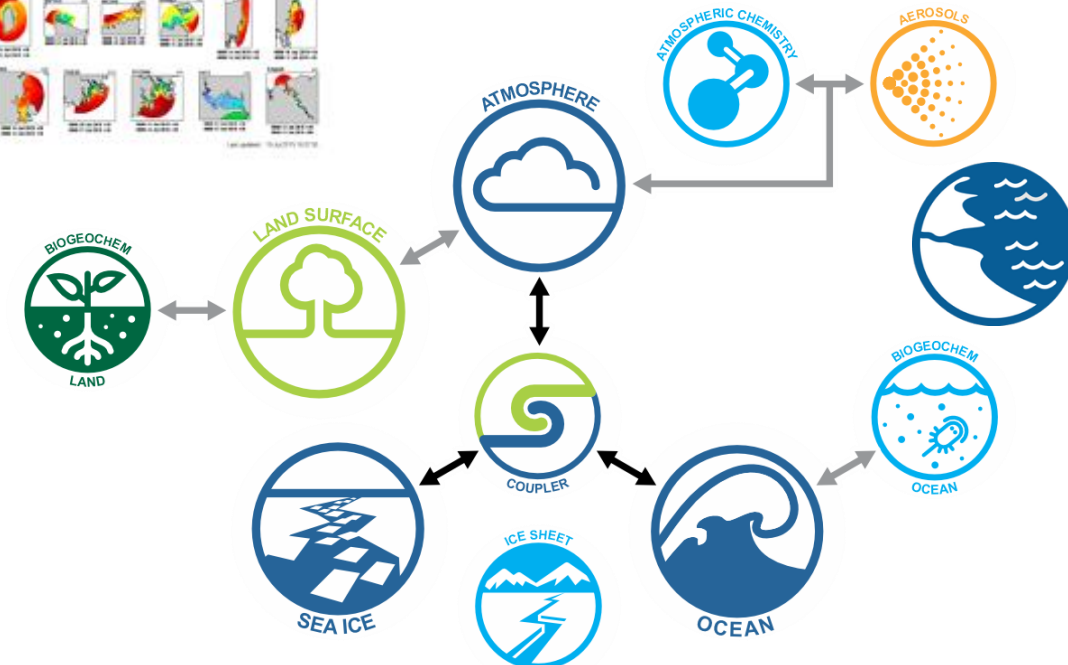
Supporting global through to coastal ocean research



Diversity in processes and scales means we are not converging on a single model.

Goals

- 1) Recipes or scripts to support large variety of regional and coastal models
- 2) Tutorials and shared workflows or configurations



CoastRI

<https://www.coastri.org.au>

CoastRI will be built on collaboration across a number of NCRIS capabilities including:

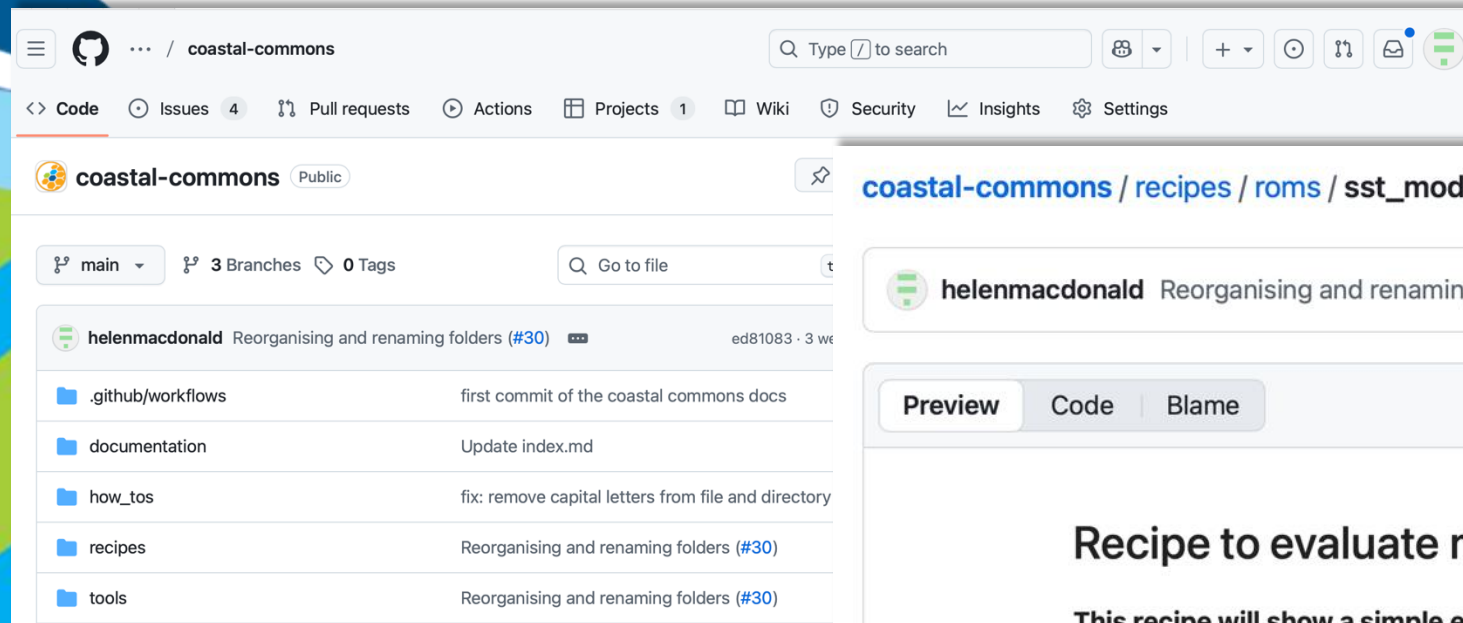


Seed funding for 6 initial projects:

Project 1: Assessing the viability of establishing a coastal ocean modelling commons ...

Shared scripts

Reducing double-up and lowering the barrier of entry



coastal-commons / recipes / roms / sst_model_evaluation.ipynb



helenmacdonald Reorganising and renaming folders (#30)

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History

Preview

Code

Blame

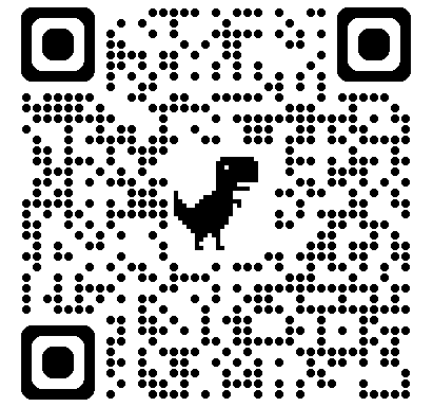
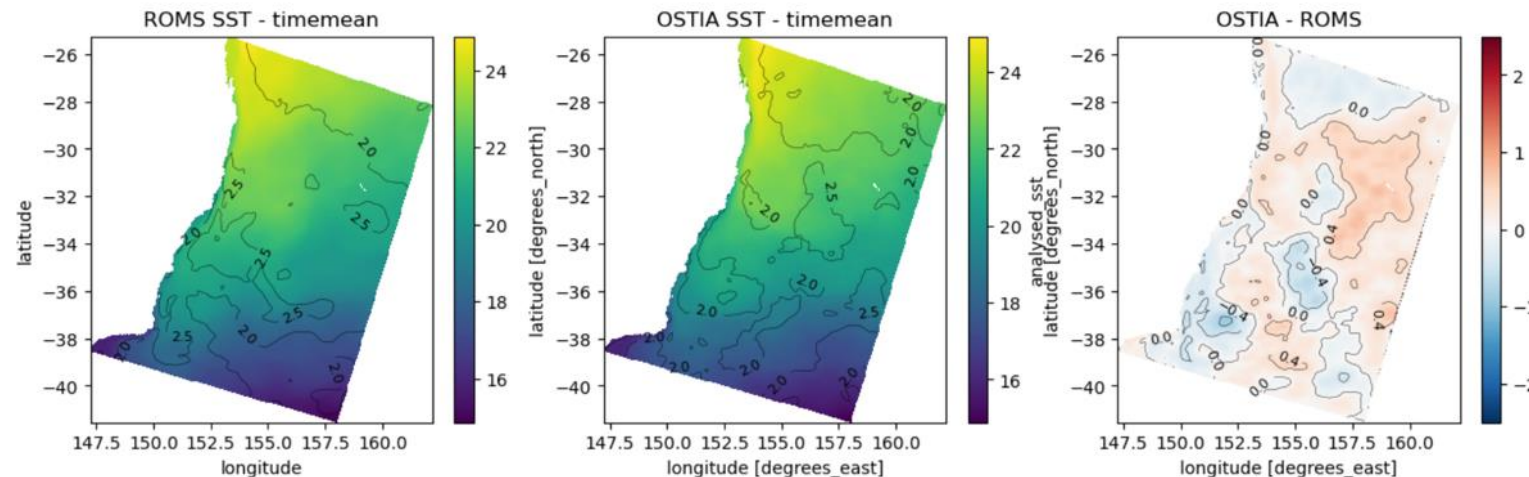


Raw



Recipe to evaluate model SST with satellite image product

This recipe will show a simple example onto how to evaluate the model SST over a satellite image. In this example, the satellite image product chosen is OSTIA, but it can be applicable to any dataset. Examples for the timemean and seasonal cycle will be given

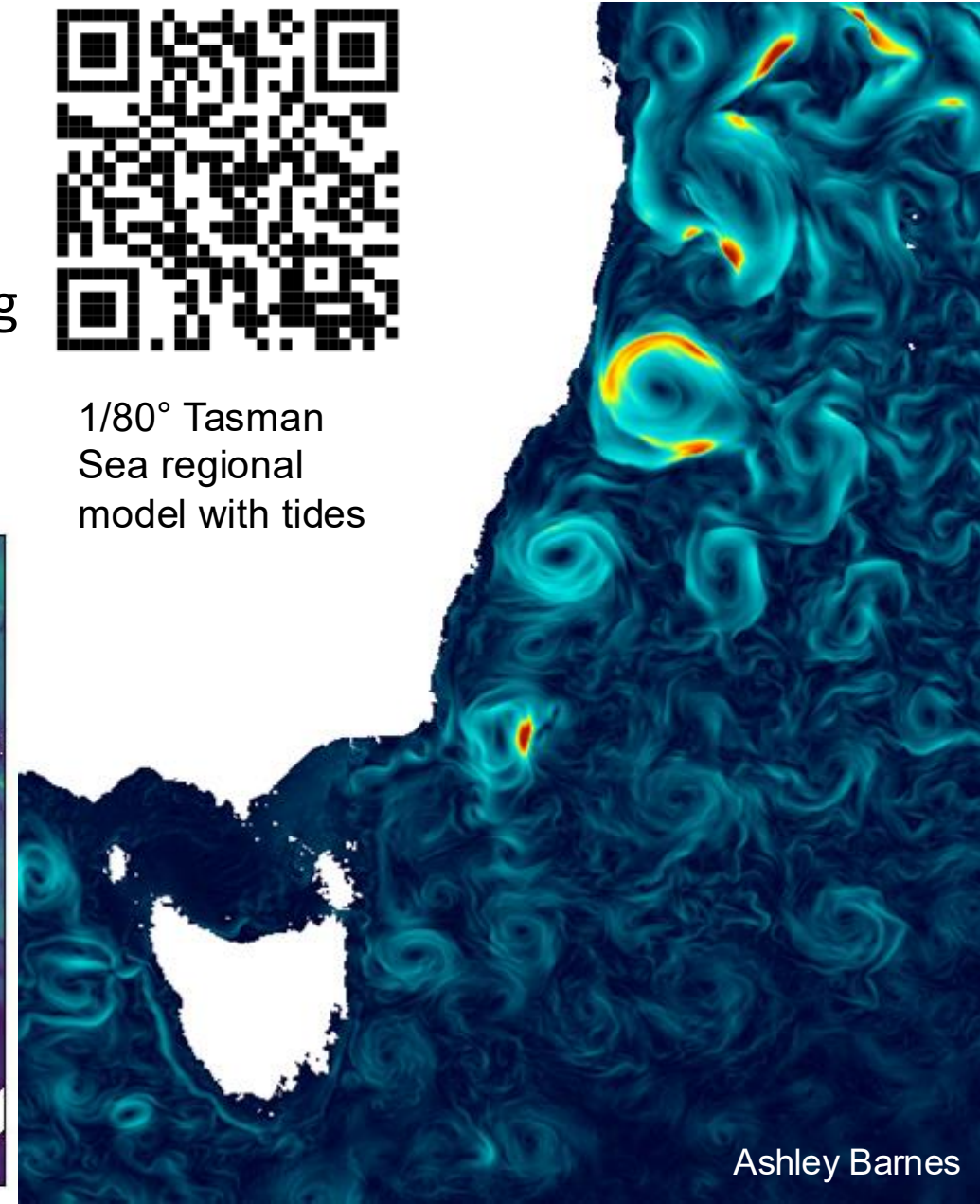
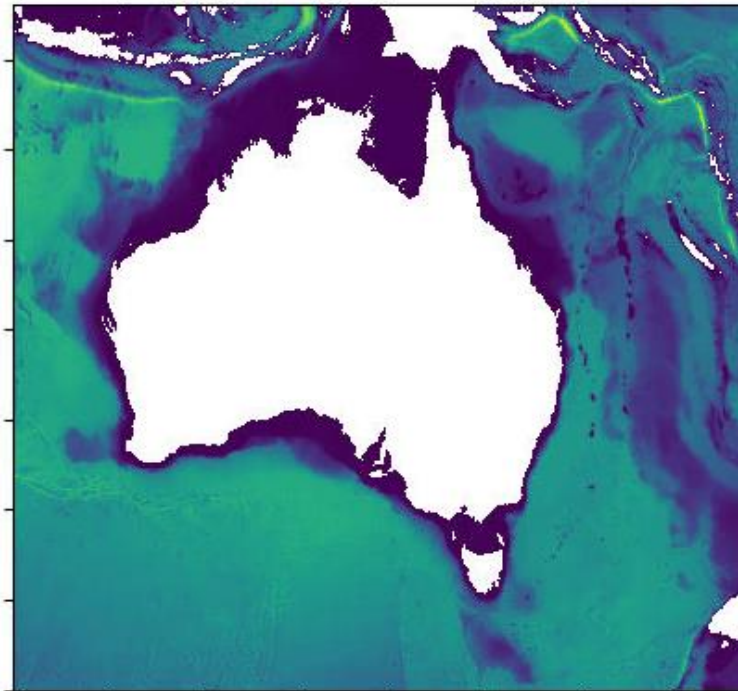
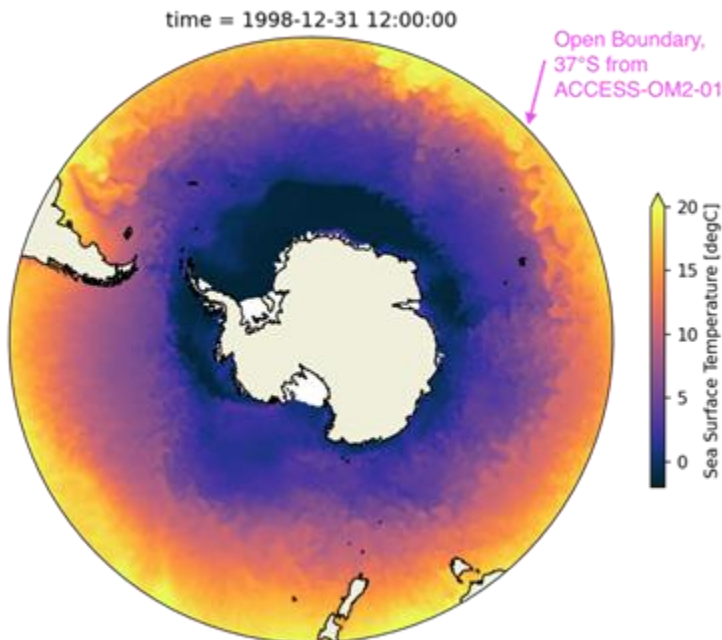


User-friendly MOM6 regional model configuration package

- github.com/COSIMA/regional-mom6
- **Python package to set up a regional MOM6 config**, including grids, surface and boundary forcing, initial conditions, bathymetry, tidal forcing
- Development led by Ashley Barnes, ANU
- Being setup to run on ACCESS-NRI infrastructure

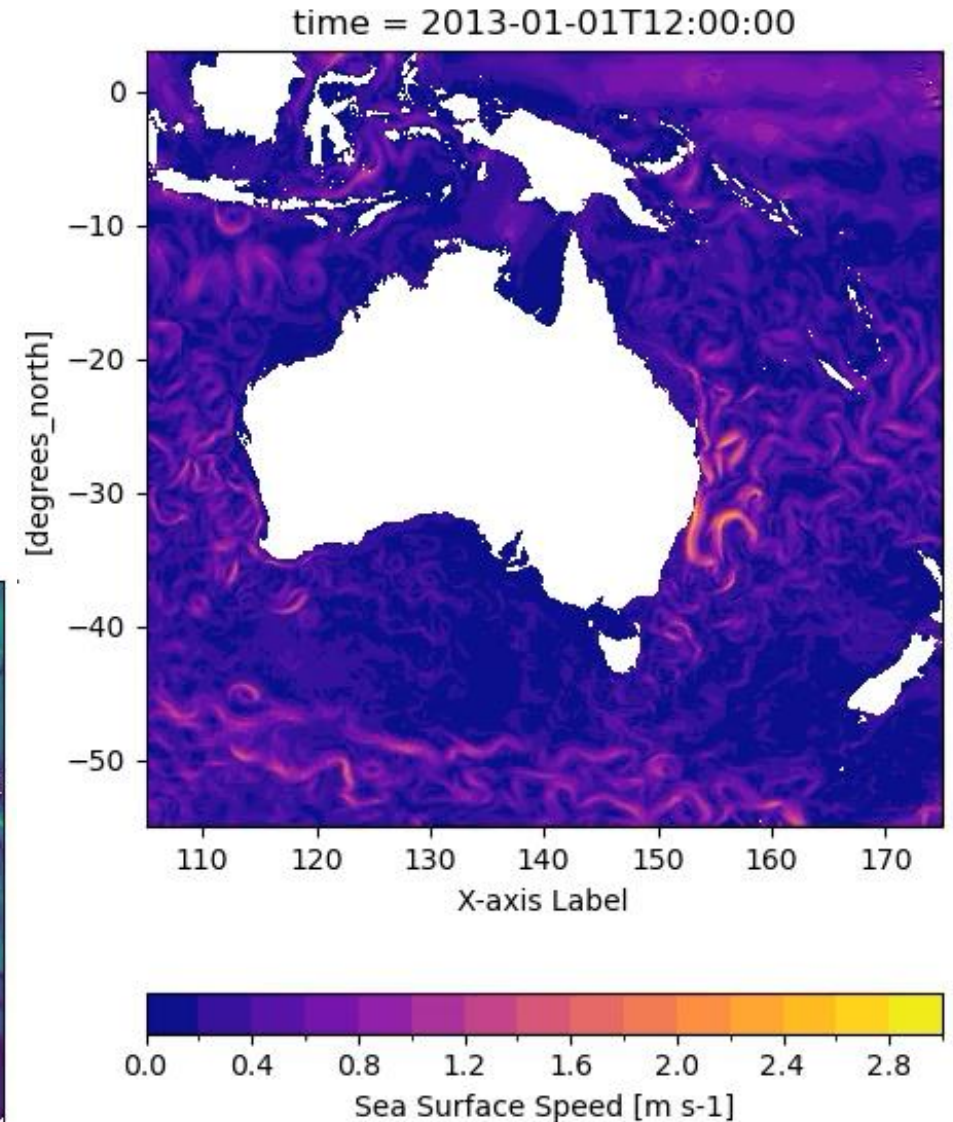
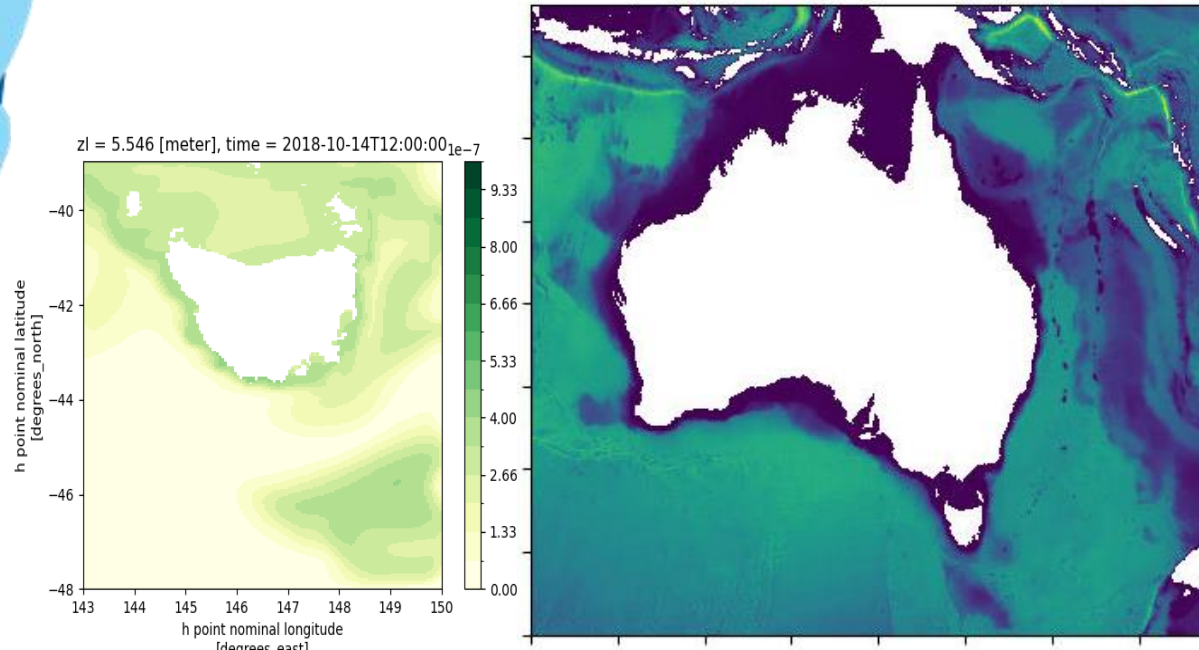


1/80° Tasman
Sea regional
model with tides



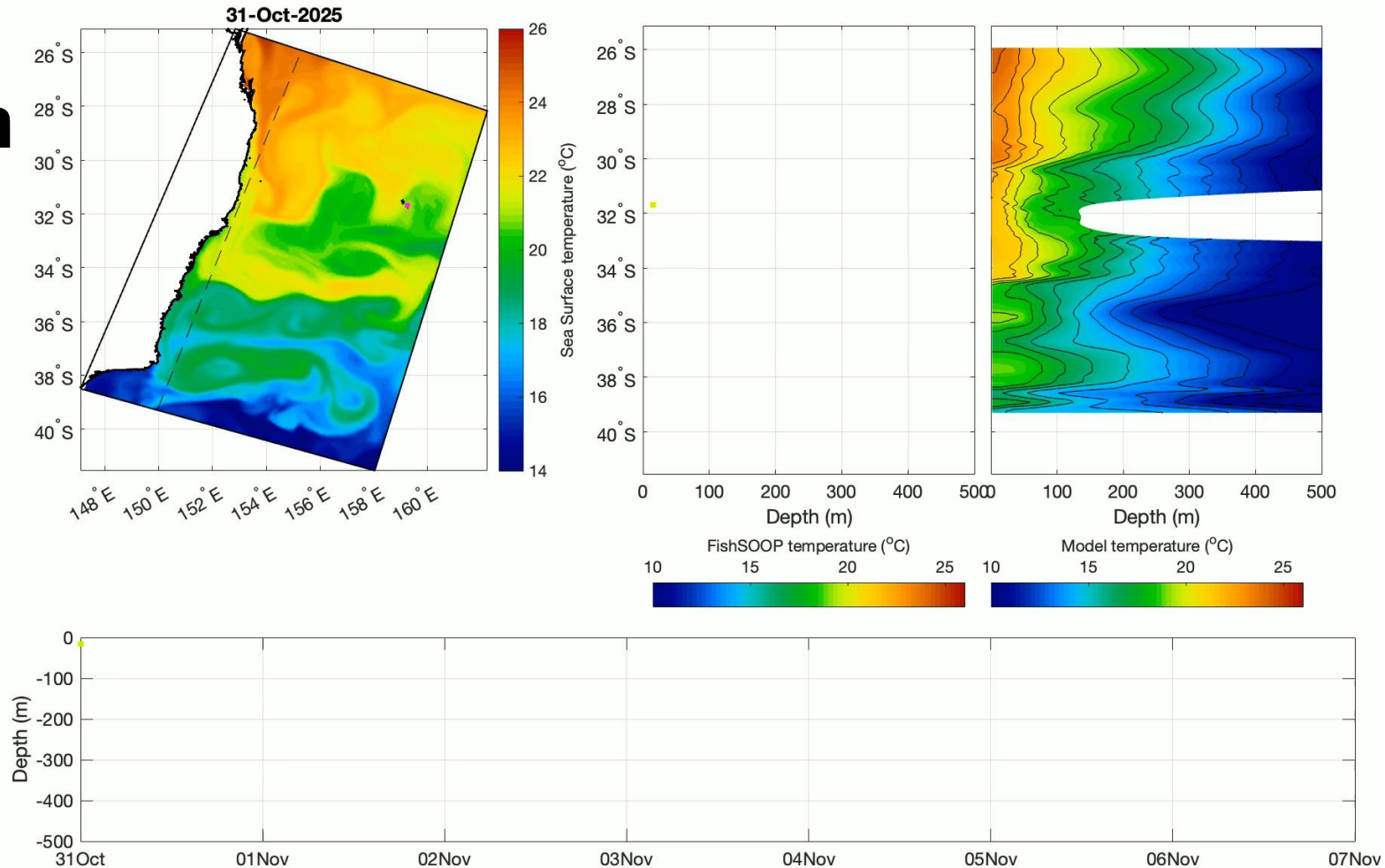
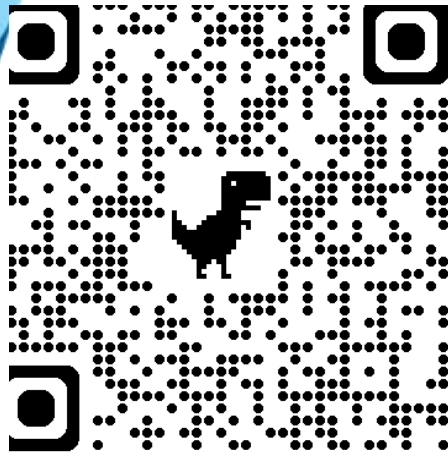
Super-regional Australian model

- 5 km resolution
- Have >6-month run
- Output + config files will be available for nesting strategies
- WOMBAT BGC works in regional MOM6



ROMS – EAC configuration

- ROMS EAC and upwelling configs shared via GitHub
- Potential to share other configurations from ROMS and other model codes
- We welcome contributions and feedback



Running the upwelling example

From Gadi, you need to run these commands:

```
module use /g/data/vk83/prerelease/modules;  
module load payu/dev  
mkdir -p ~/ancoms-roms  
cd ~/ancoms-roms/  
payu clone -B release-upwelling+testcase https://github.com/ACCESS-Community-Hub/roms-con  
cd upwelling+testcase  
payu run
```

Running the EAC example

Note these instructions assume you have already created your ancoms-roms folder and have payu loaded (as above). These are the commands

```
cd ~/ancoms-roms/  
payu clone -B dev-eac4km_barra-ecmwf https://github.com/ACCESS-Community-Hub/roms-configs  
cd eac4km_barra-ecmwf  
payu run
```


Summary

- ACCESS-NRI is a research infrastructure supporting numerical models, code and ancillaries
- Infrastructure for Community collaboration
- Global configurations developed
- Now have seed funding in the regional and coastal space

Get involved!

- Try running the uploaded scripts and configurations
- Upload your own scripts and configurations
- Join the community

