



Coupled Ocean-Acoustic Adjoint Sensitivity: Implications for Coupled DA

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- Motivation and Background
- Introduction to Models and their DA Components
- Forward Model and DA Coupling Infrastructure
- Initial Coupled Adjoint Sensitivity Test
- Conclusions/Future Work

.. Meteorological Observations..

“Meteorology enjoys more observational data than oceanography”

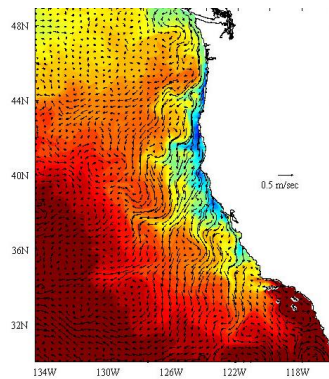
Let us illustrate that...



Motivation & Approach

Ocean Model Data Assimilation (DA) System (variational method)

ocean analysis

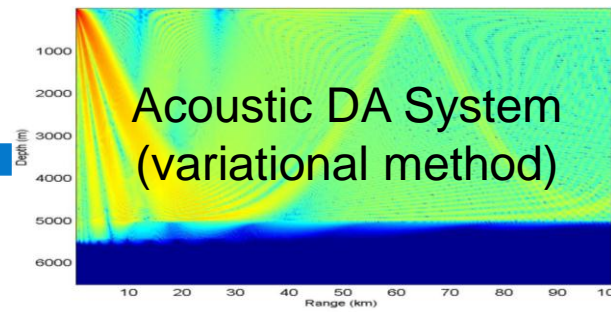


ocean observations
(T , S , u/v , SSH)

NO ACOUSTIC OBS

**NO FEEDBACK OF
T/S ADJUSTMENTS
TO OCEAN MODEL**

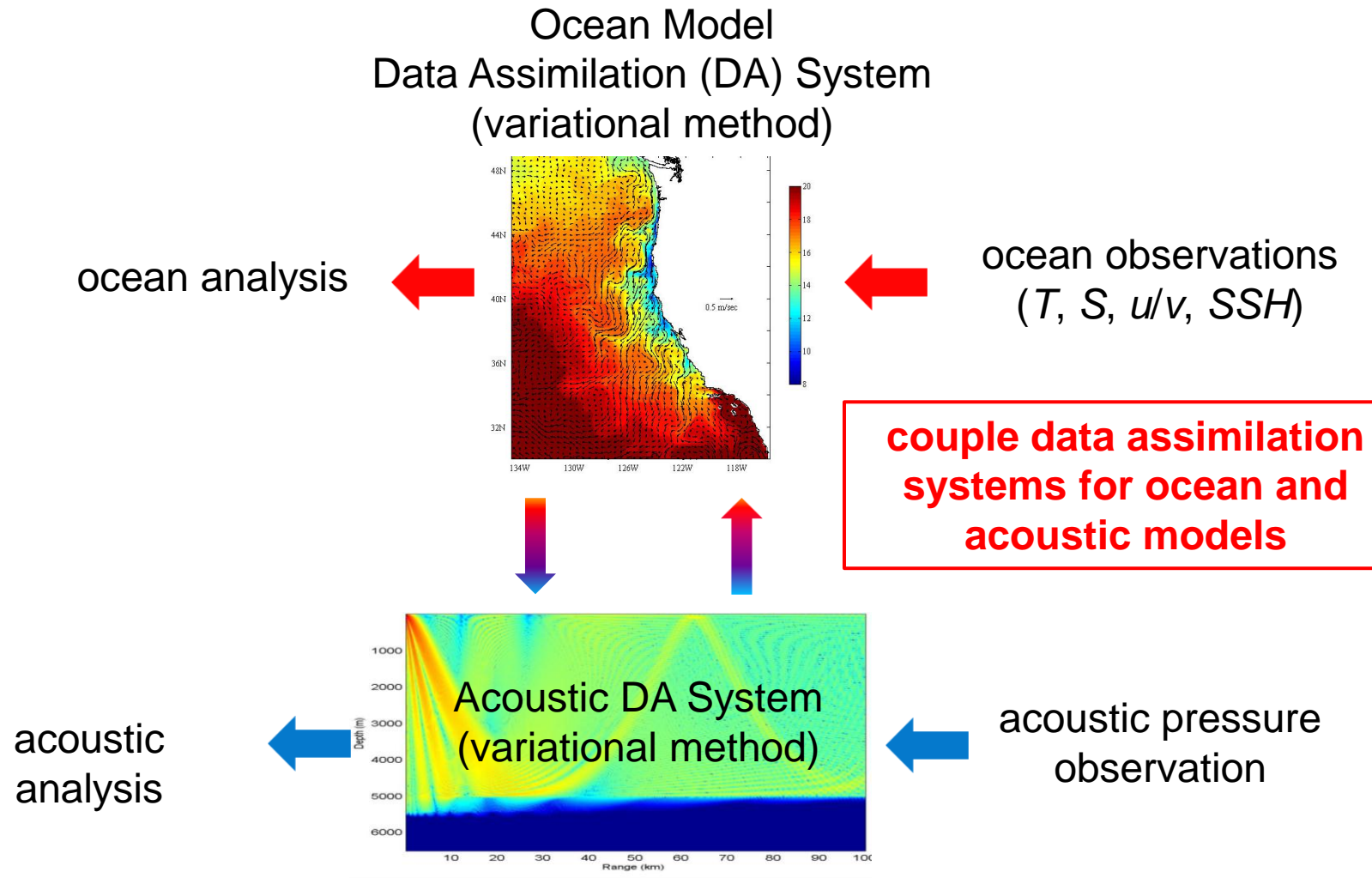
acoustic
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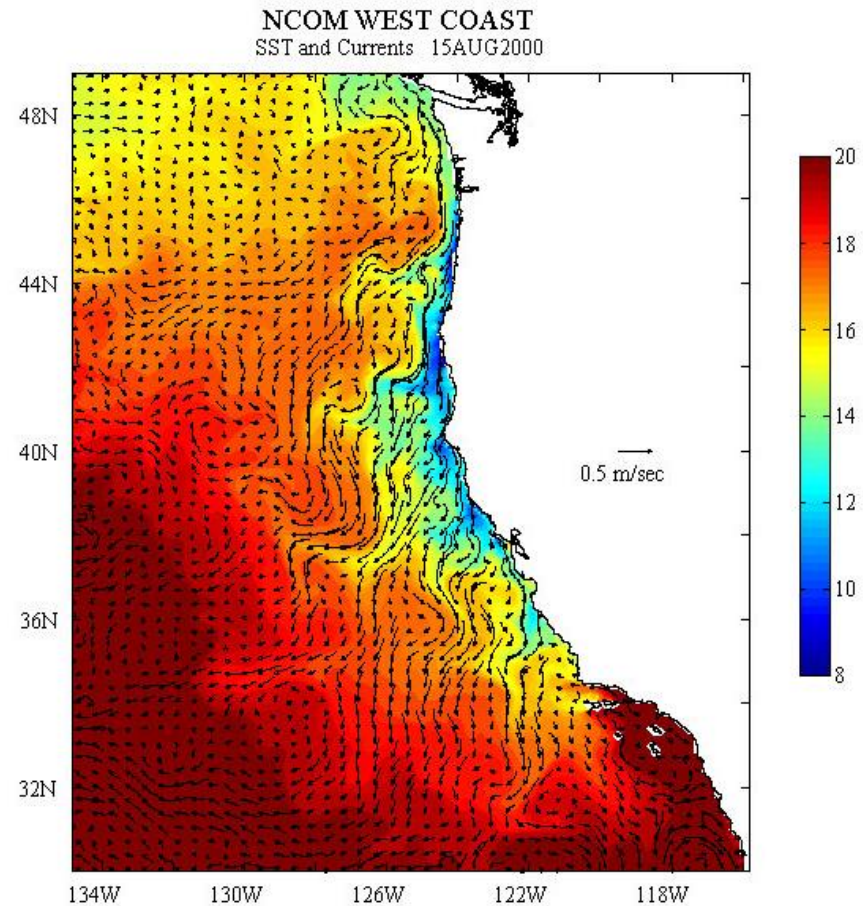
acoustic pressure
observation



Motivation & Approach



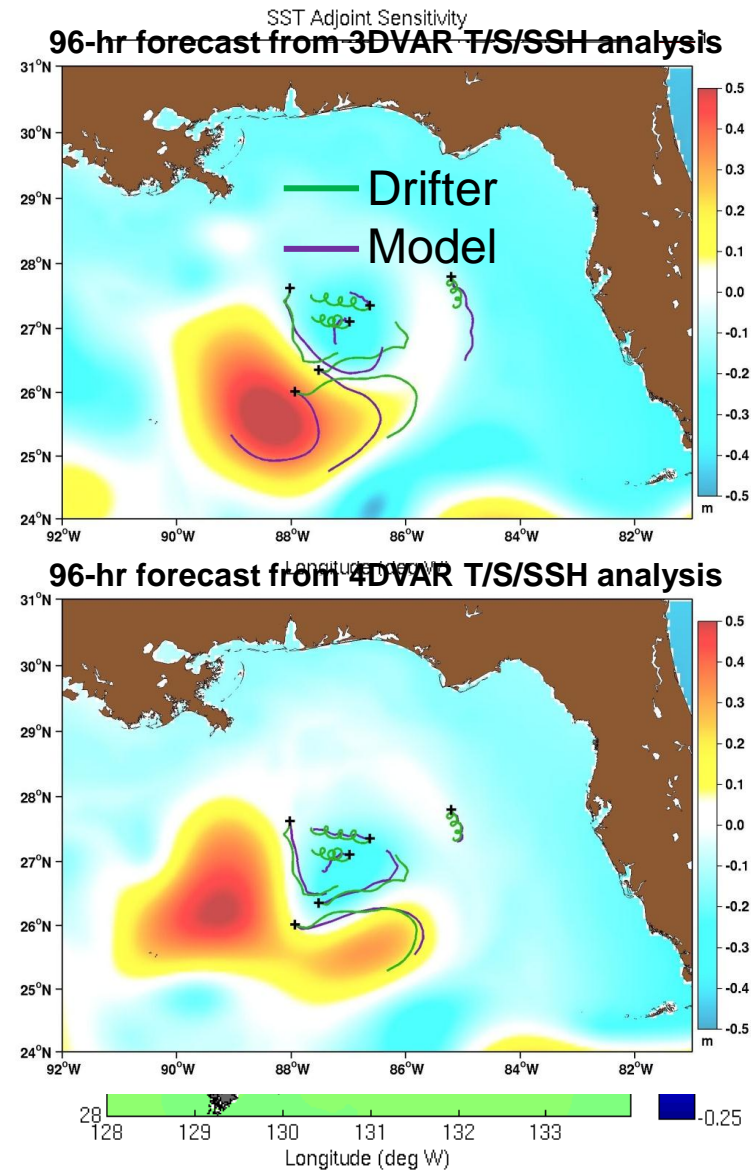
- Navy Coastal Ocean Model (NCOM; Martin 2000)
 - Currently Navy's operational regional model
 - Uses Arakawa-C grid (horizontal) and sigma-Z grid (vertical)
 - Computes time-evolution of 3D fields of **temperature**, **salinity**, ocean **velocity**, and **sea surface height**



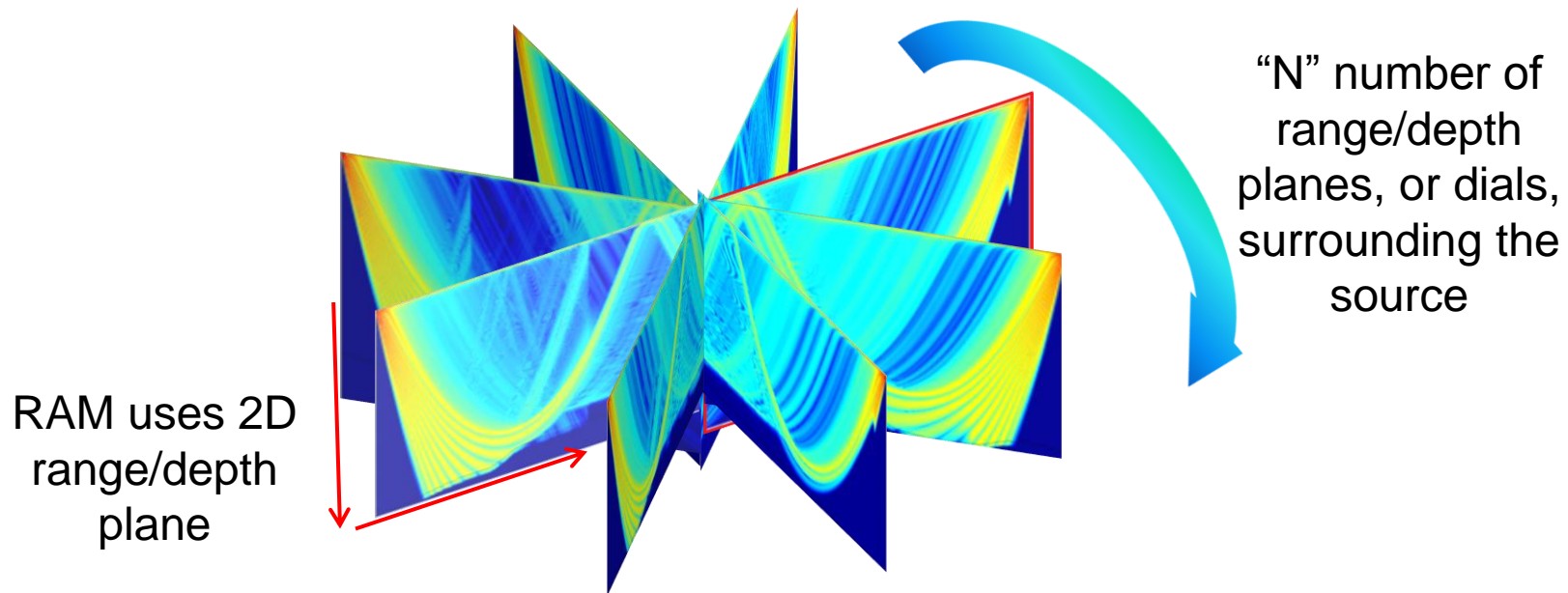
Ocean Model (DA Component)

NCOM-4DVAR (Ngodock & Carrier, 2014)

- Based on in-direct representer method for 4DVAR
- Weak-constraint capable
- Adjoint (AD) and Tangent Linear (TL) models based on dynamical core of NCOM
- Currently in transition to operations at the Navy's Oceanographic Office



- Range-dependent Acoustic Model (RAM; Collins 1994)
 - Navy's operational acoustic propagation model
 - Simulates acoustic pressure along 2D range/depth plane from environmental inputs (sound speed), source location/depth/frequency

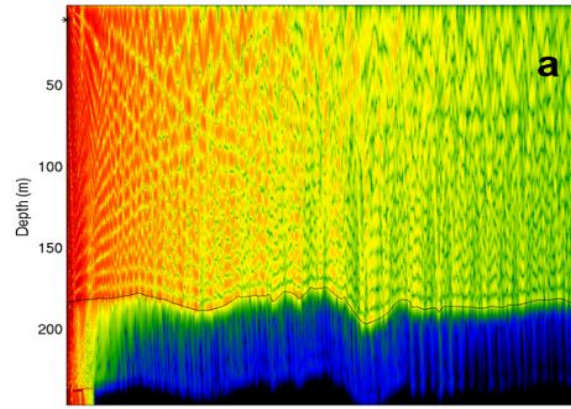


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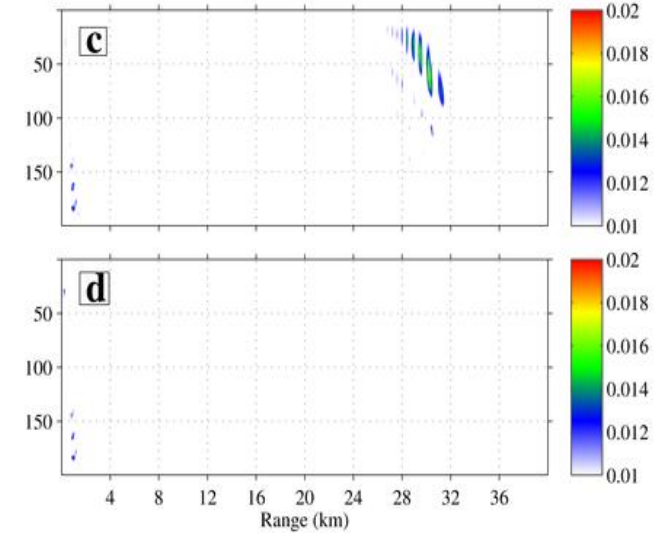
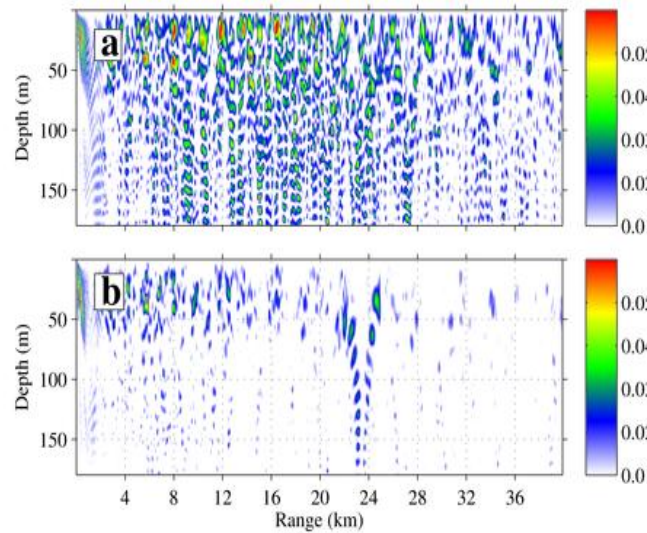
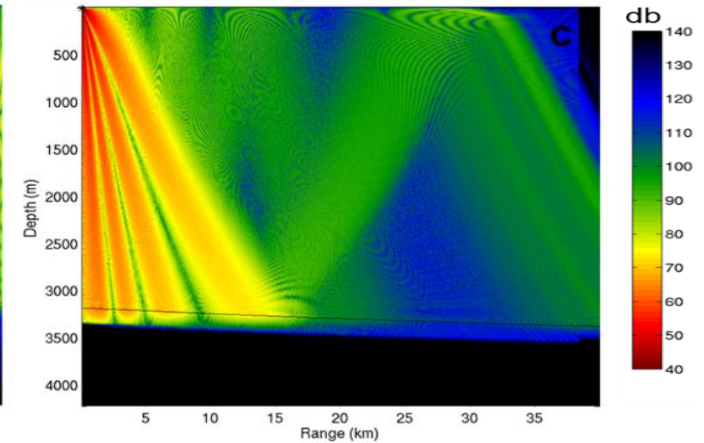
RAM-VAR (Ngodock et al, 2016)

- Weak-constraint capable
- AD and TL models based on RAM forward operator
- Assimilates observations of acoustic pressure

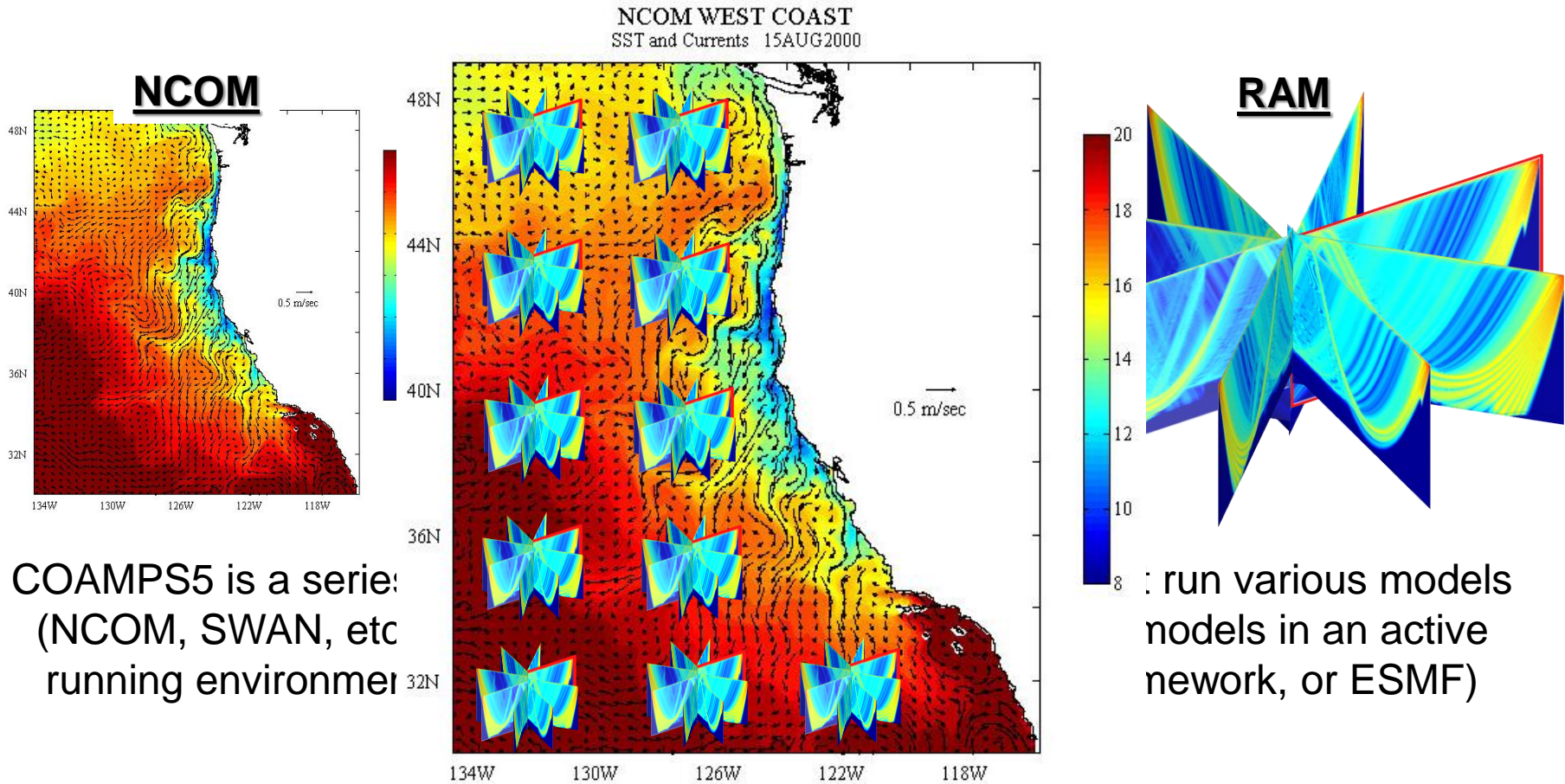
Shallow Radial



Deep Radial



Methodology (Forward Coupling)



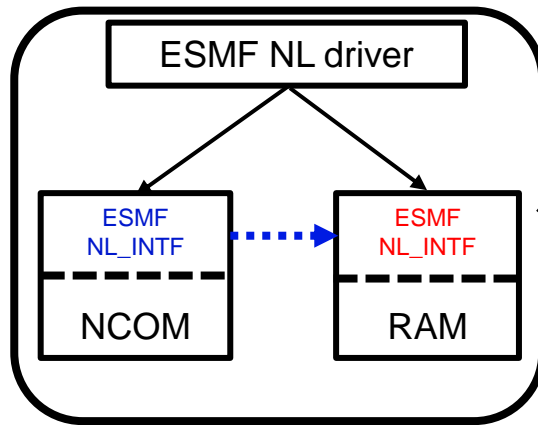
COAMPS5 is a series
(NCOM, SWAN, etc
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BENEFIT

The acoustic model can be run anywhere in the NCOM domain, at any time, for any acoustic frequency, and as often as needed by the operational modelers

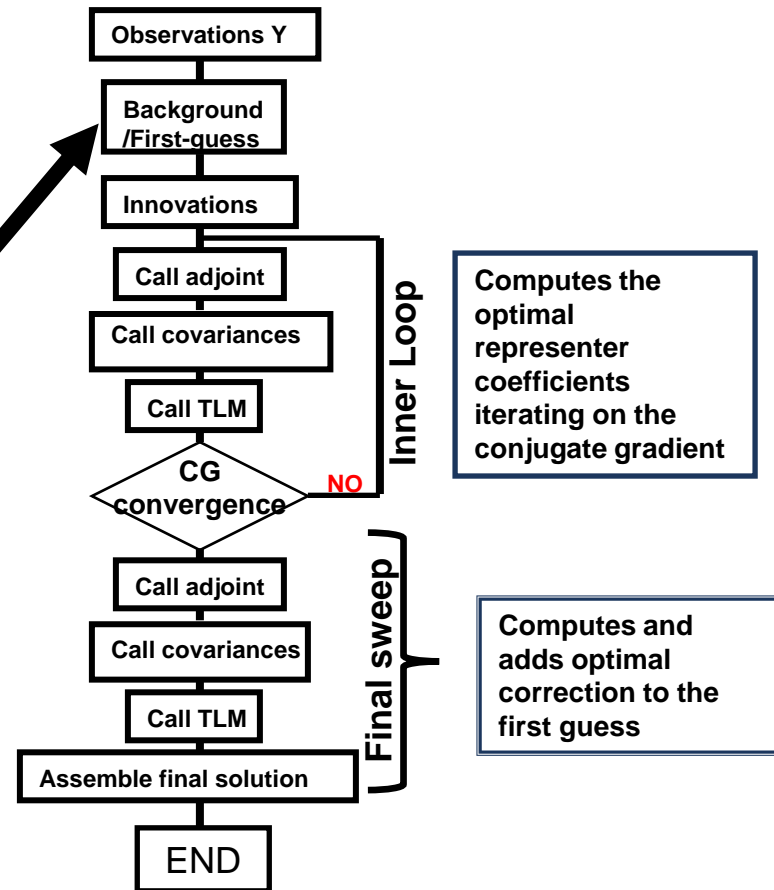
Building the coupled NCOM-RAM 4DVAR

$$\hat{u}(x, t) = u_F(x, t) + \sum_{m=1}^M \hat{\beta}_m r_m(x, t)$$



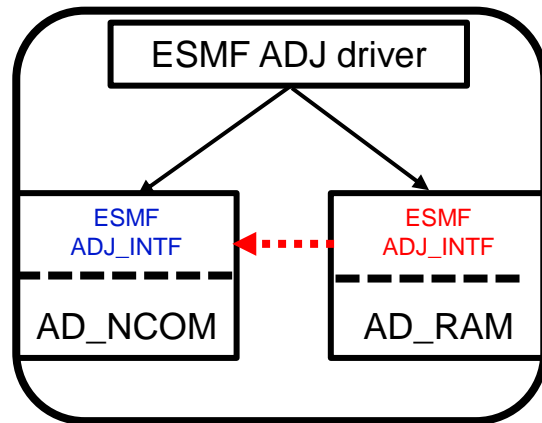
Forward models are coupled

Communication is one-way
(RAM acts as a variable
transform for ocean fields)



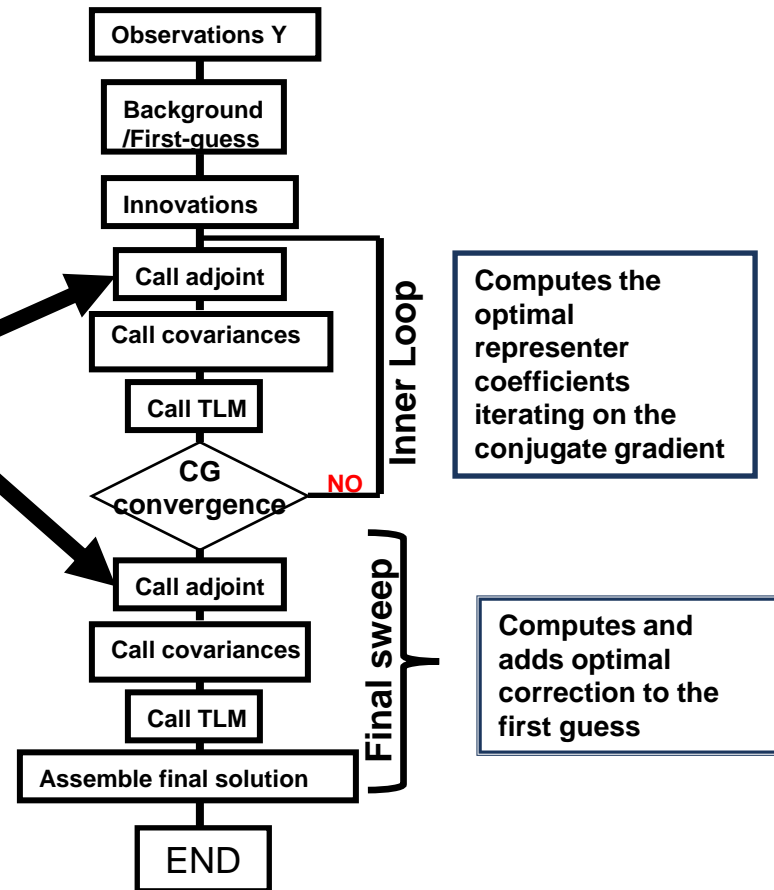
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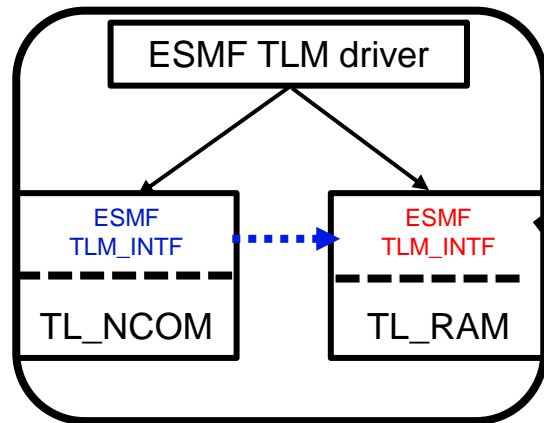
Adjoint models are coupled

Communication is one-way (adjoint communication is **reversed**; adjoint updates to T/S are passed from RAM to NCOM)



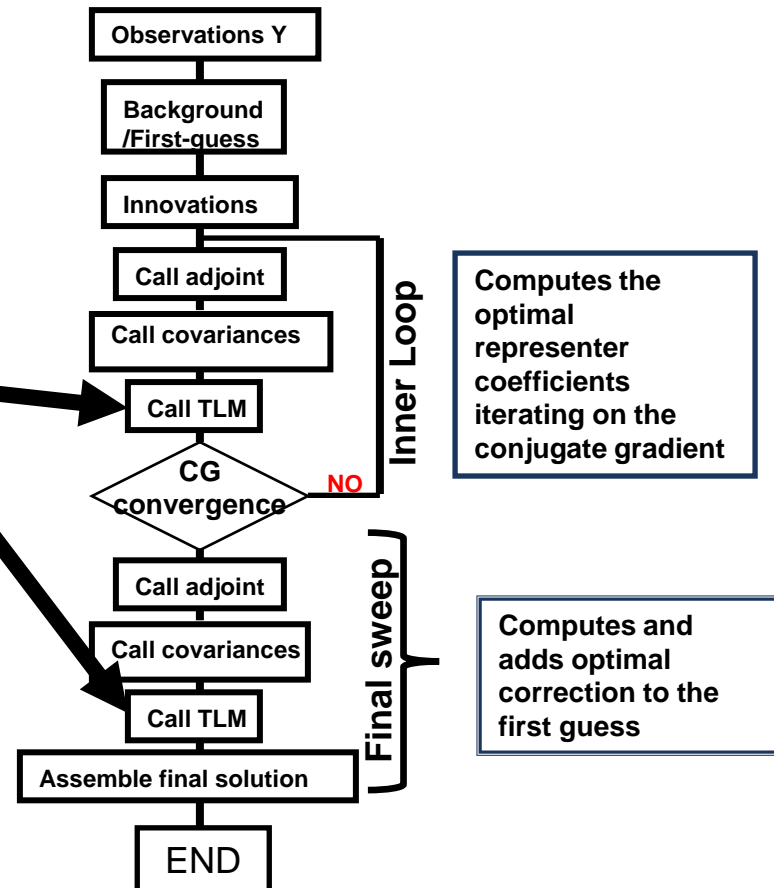
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Forward models are coupled

Communication is one-way
(TLM communication matches
that of the NL models)



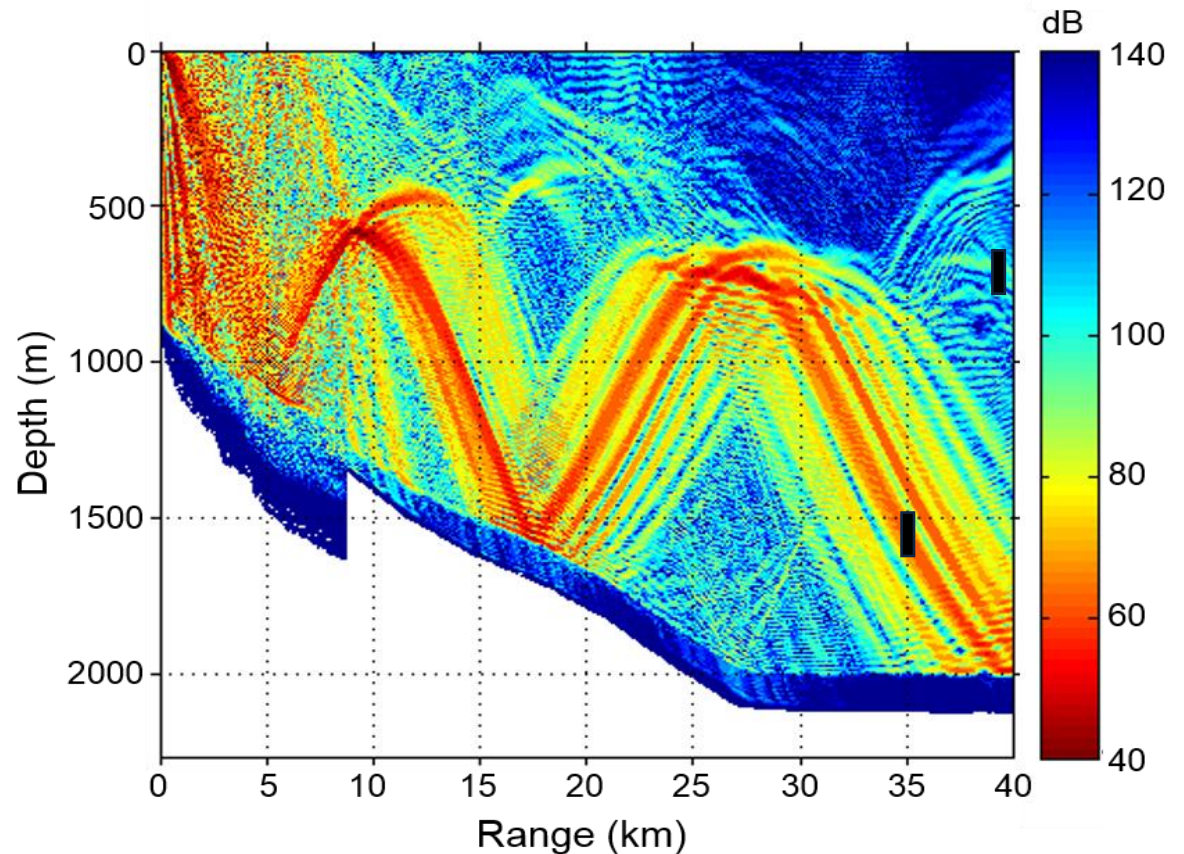
Adjoint Sensitivity Results (Along Plane)

Examine adjoint sensitivity of
acoustic pressure to

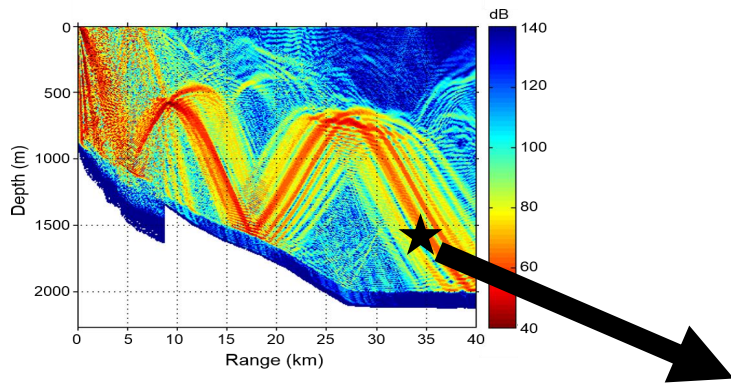
- Sound Speed
- Temperature
- Salinity

Along the 2D range depth plane
(300 Hz, source at 10 m depth)

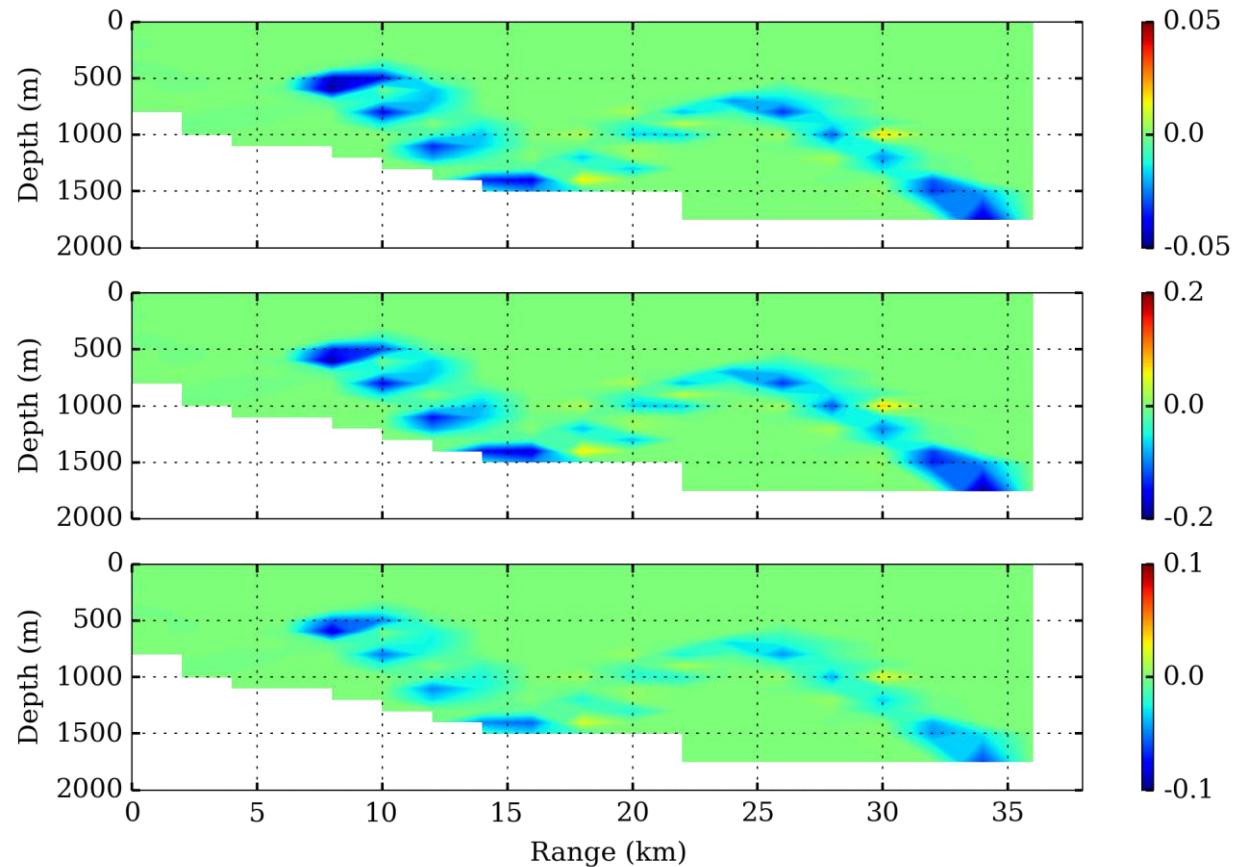
Range plane near Kuroshio
current



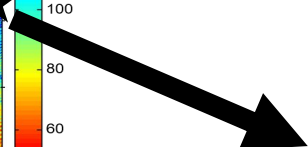
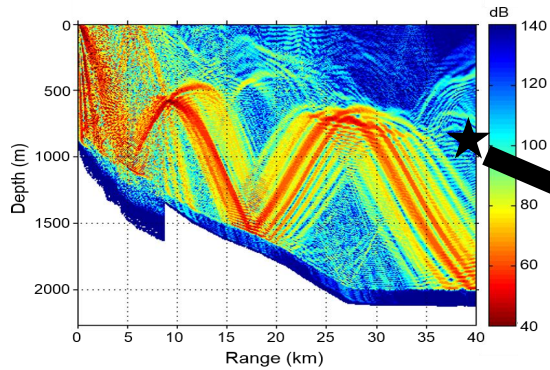
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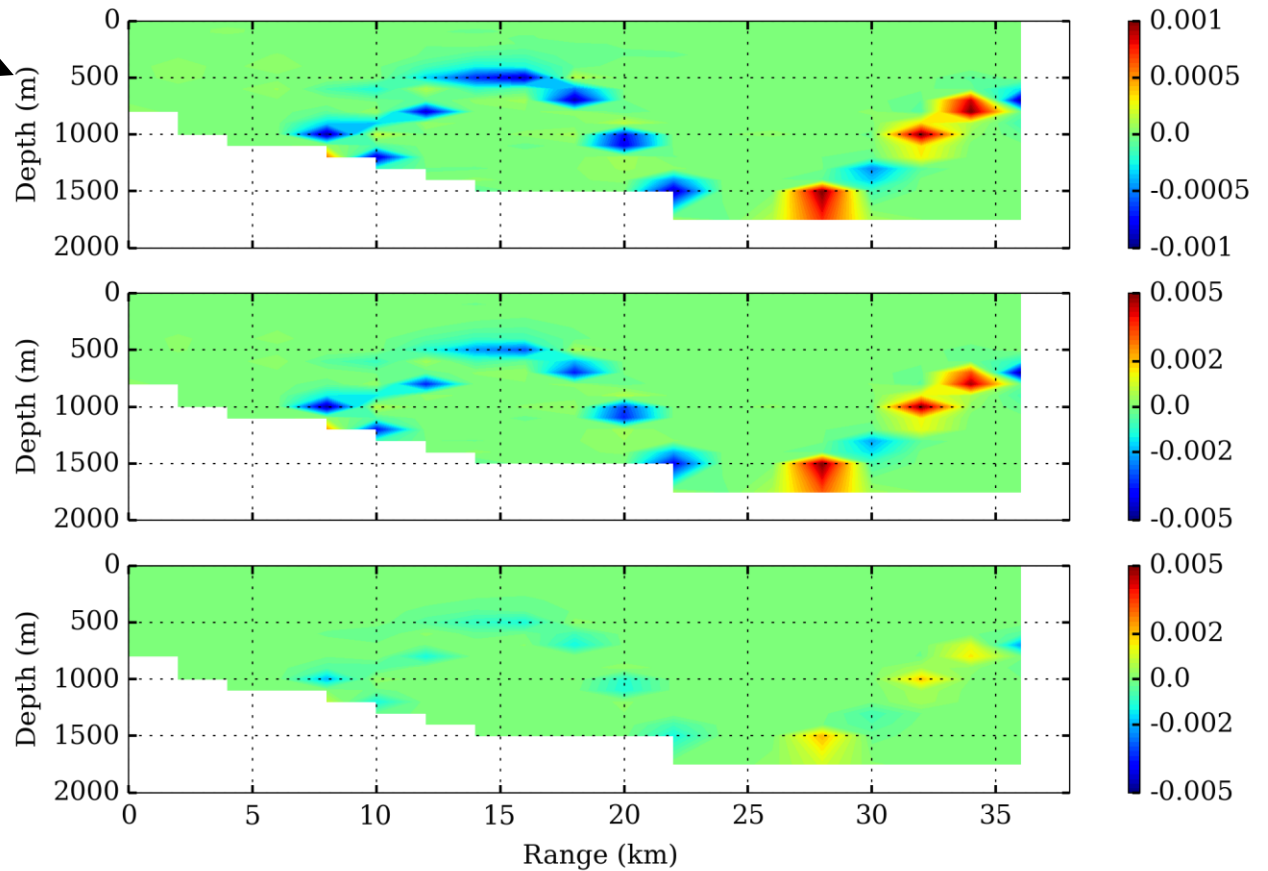
Examine adjoint sensitivity of acoustic pressure at 35 km range
1500-1600 m depth



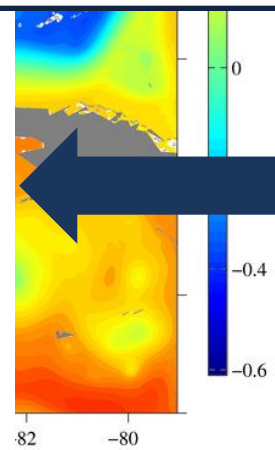
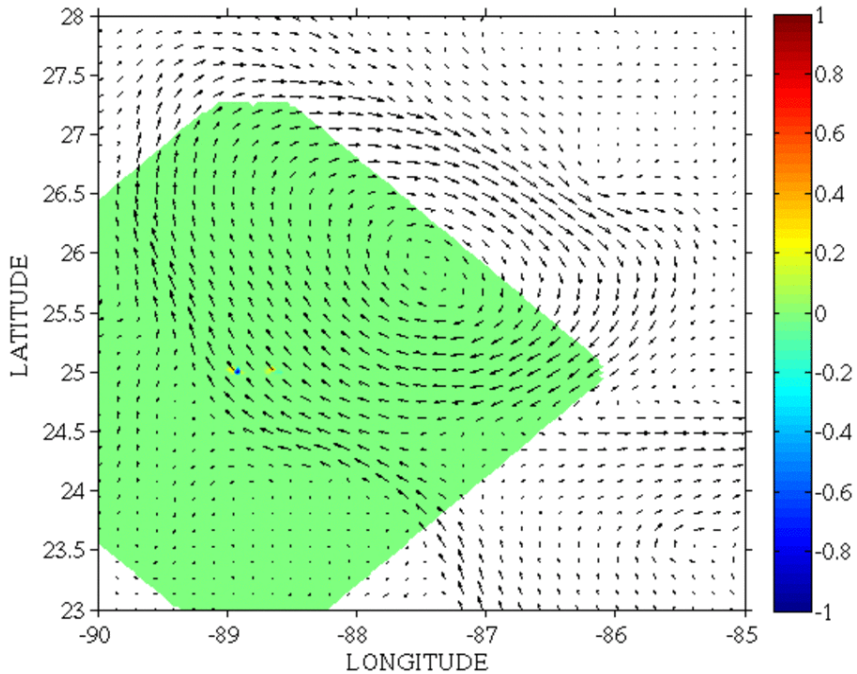
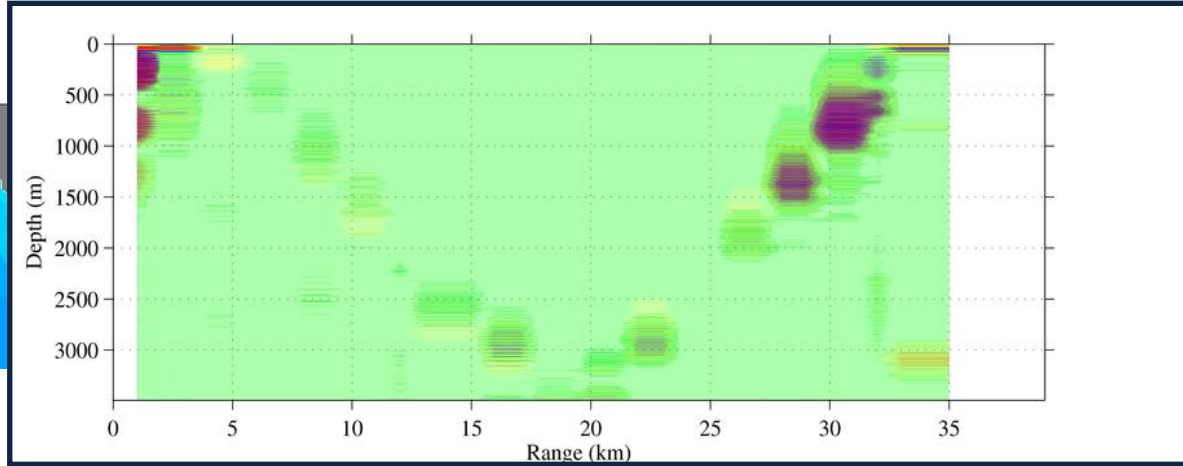
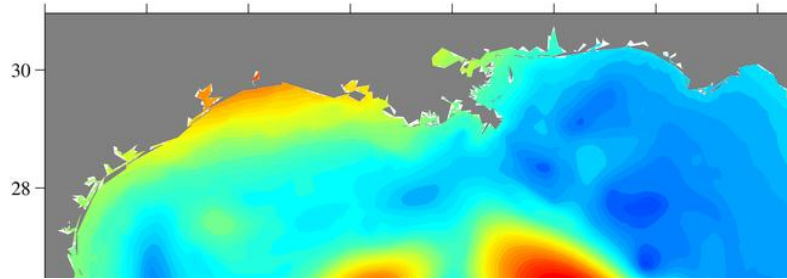
Adjoint Sensitivity Results (Along Plane)



Examine adjoint sensitivity of
acoustic pressure at 38 km range
650-750 m depth



Feedback to Ocean Adjoint



Impulse forcing on RAMI adjoint at 35 km every 2.5 m from 10 m to 50 m depth

NCOM adjoint run from 16 June to 6 June, 2015

Adjoint sensitivity can be used in adaptive sampling to improve forecast accuracy

Implications for Ocean DA

- Location of acoustic pressure observations are vital
 - If located within waveguide, acoustic pressure sensitivity to sound speed (and, thus, T/S) is high
- Coupling to ocean adjoint spreads information in 4D, beyond acoustic range/depth plane
 - Acoustic sensitivity can be used for adaptive sampling (acoustic and T/S)
- Acoustic pressure is non-unique
 - Many combinations of T/S will produce same acoustic signature
 - Constrained minimization should help