

# Autolocalization techniques for ocean modelling using OpenDA

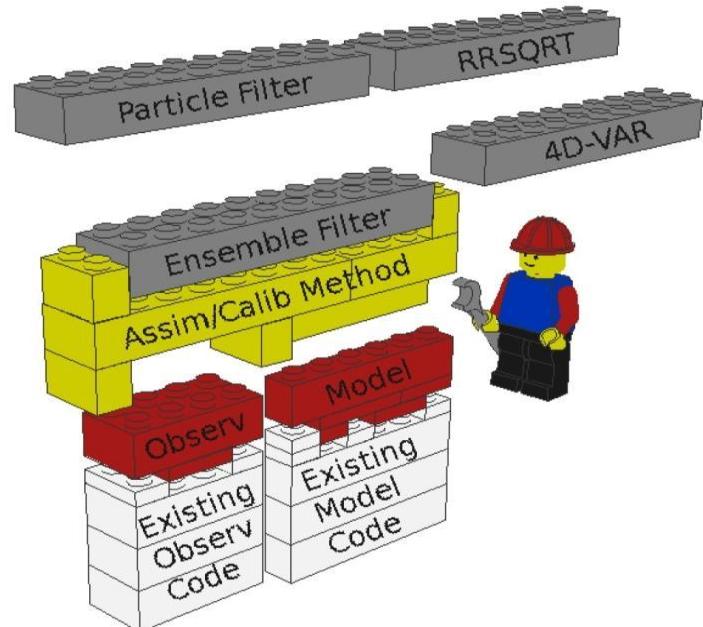
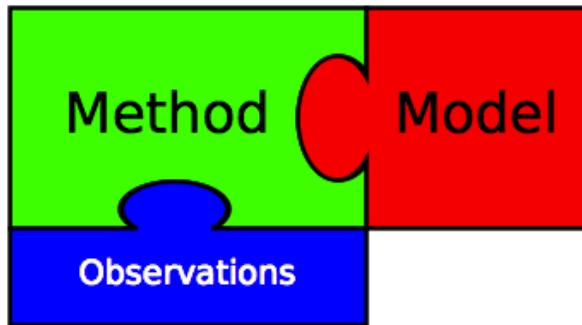
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# Outline

- OpenDA
- Ensemble methods and localization
- Automatic localization techniques
- Experiments with NEMO model

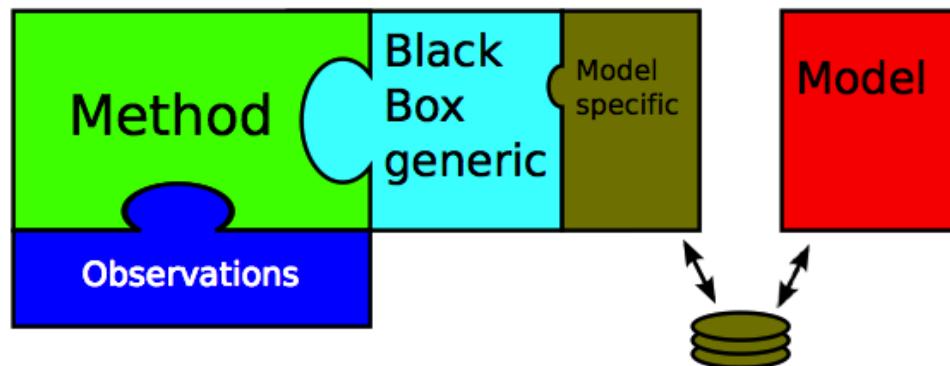
# OpenDA: framework for Data Assimilation

- Content:
  - Set of interfaces that define interactions between components
  - Library of data-assimilation algorithms
  - DA philosophy
  - Building blocks only need to be implemented once



# OpenDA: framework for Data Assimilation

- Black box coupling
- Model needs proper restart functionality
- + Easy to implement
- + No change to model code
- - Restart/file overhead
- - localization might be difficult to implement



# Localization

- Ensemble Kalman methods:

$$\hat{\mathbf{P}}_k^f = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \mathbf{x}_{k,i}^f - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^f \right) \left( \mathbf{x}_{k,i}^f - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^f \right)^T$$

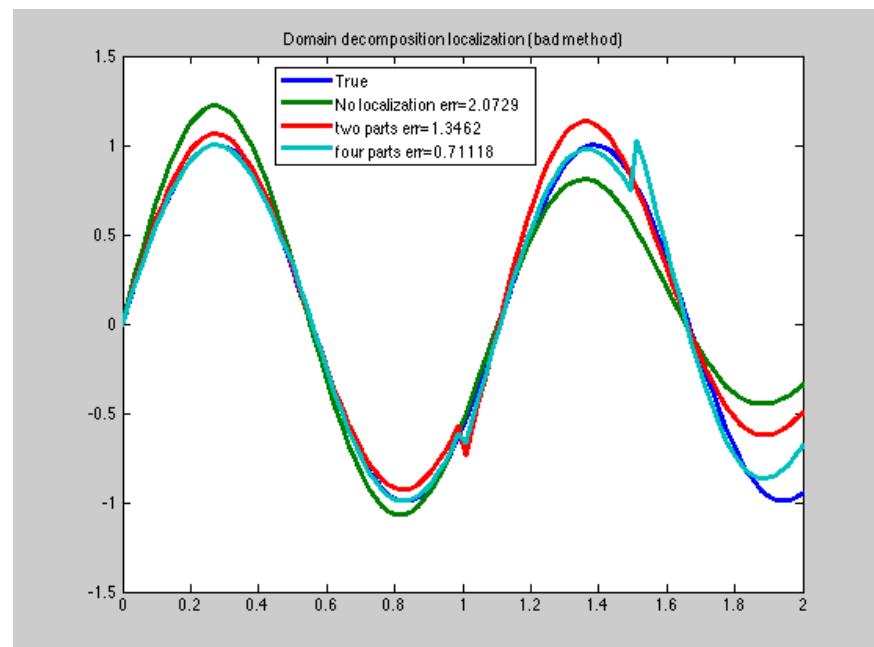
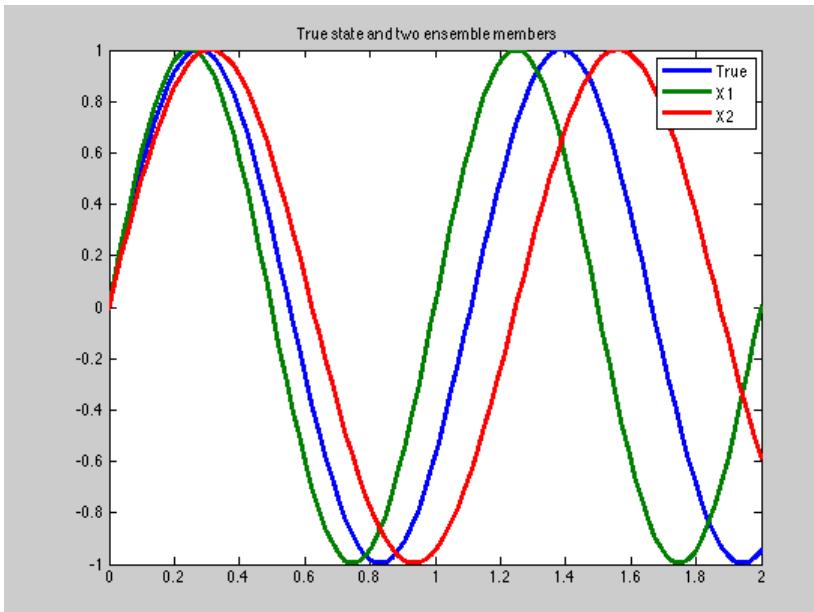
$$\mathbf{K}_k = \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k^{xh} \left( \hat{\mathbf{P}}_k^{hh} + \mathbf{R}_k \right)^{-1}$$

- Analyzed ensemble is given by:

$$\mathbf{x}_{k,i}^a = \mathbf{x}_{k,i}^f + \mathbf{K}_k \left( \mathbf{y}_{k,i}^s - \mathcal{H}_k(\mathbf{x}_{k,i}^f) \right), i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

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- Ensemble is set of “basis” vectors for representing errors and update



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- Structural underestimation of errors
- Spurious correlations

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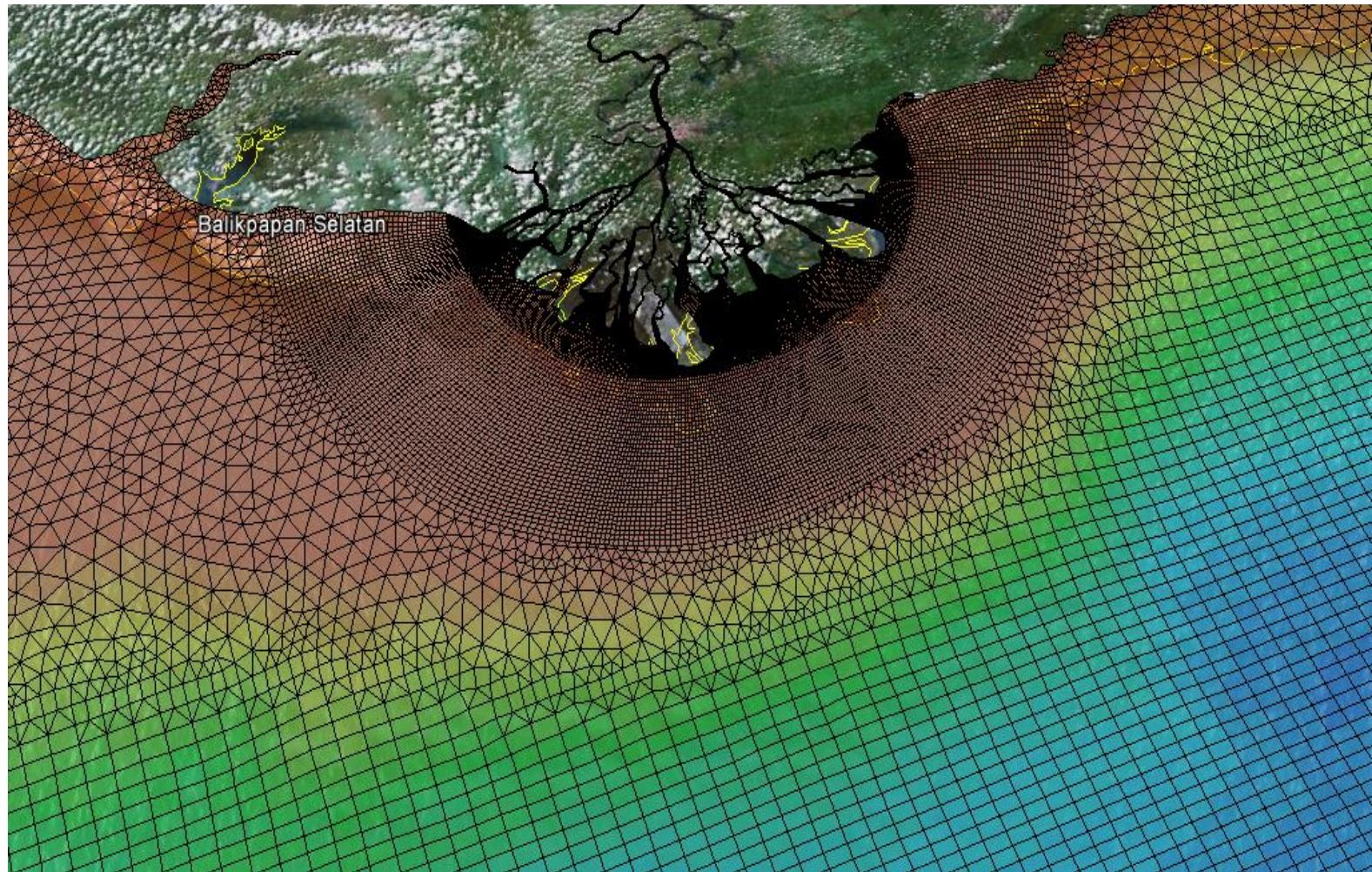
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- How to determine  $\beta_{xy}$  ?
- Is distance a good measure?
- What is the location of state variables

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Source:wikipedia

# Localization



Source:deltas

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  - Assume elements from gain matrices are drawn from distribution containing the “true” gain matrix.
  - Minimize:

$$\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{N_g} \sum_{k=1, k \neq j}^{N_g} (\alpha_i k_{i,k} - k_{i,j})}.$$

- Too much computational work for real time application
- Good for investigating good selections of weights

# Auto Localization

- Zhang and Oliver 2011:
  - Create ensemble ( $N_B$ ) of gain matrices based on the initial ensemble using bootstrapping
  - Estimation of variance of each element of the gain matrix

$$\hat{\sigma}_{k_{i,j}}^2 = \frac{\sum_{m=1}^{N_B} (\hat{k}_{i,j,m}^* - \bar{k}_{i,j})^2}{N_B}$$

- Ratio between mean and variance

$$\hat{C}_{v_{i,j}}^2 = \frac{\hat{\sigma}_{\theta_{i,j}}^2}{\bar{k}_{i,j}^2}$$

- Localization weights

$$\beta_{i,j} = \frac{1}{1 + (1 + 1/\sigma_\alpha^2 \hat{C}_{v_{i,j}}^2)}$$

- Balance parameter (Zhang and Oliver 2010)  $\sigma_\alpha^2 = 0.36$

# Coupling NEMO into OpenDA

- Namelist File:
  - NemoNamelistFileWrapper
  - Edit namelist file after each analysis step.
- Restart.nc
  - NemoRestartFileWrapper
  - Modifying data at analysis step
- nemo\_exchangeitem
  - Input and Output exchange items interface

# NEMO-OpenDA

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<openDaApplication xmlns="http://www.opendata.org">

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    <algorithm className="org.opendata.algorithms.kalmanFilter.EnKF">
        <workingDirectory>algorithm</workingDirectory>
        <configString>enkf.xml</configString>
    </algorithm>

    <resultWriter className="org.opendata.resultwriters.NetcdfResultWriter">
        <workingDirectory>.</workingDirectory>
        <configFile>enkf_.nc</configFile>
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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<blackBoxStochModel xmlns="http://www.opendata.org".....>
<modelConfig>
    <file>./nemoModel.xml</file>
</modelConfig>
<vectorSpecification>
    <state>
        <vector id="ub"          />
        <vector id="vb"          />
        <vector id="tb"          />
        <vector id="sb"          />
        <vector id="sshb"         />
        <vector id="un"          />
        <vector id="vn"          />
        <vector id="tn"          />
        <vector id="sn"          />
        <vector id="sshn"         />
    </state>
    <predictor>
        <subVector id ="pointssh0101.none"
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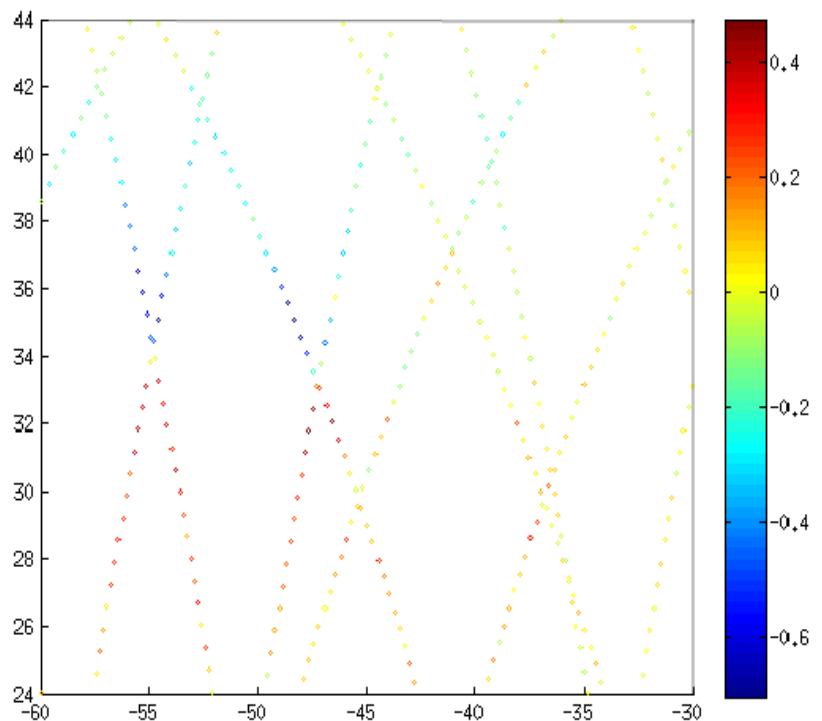
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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<noosObserver xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">

    <timeSeries id="pointssh0101" status="use" standardDeviation="0.06">
        pointssh0101.noos
    </timeSeries>
    <timeSeries id="pointssh0199" status="use" standardDeviation="0.06">
        pointssh0199.noos
    </timeSeries>
</noosObserver>

=====
# Timeseries
=====
# Location      : pointssh0101
# Position       : (-2.045543,57.361939)
# Source         : observed
# Timezone       : GMT
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200801010000    -0.8300
200801010010    -0.8800
200801010020    -0.9100
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# Experiment Setup



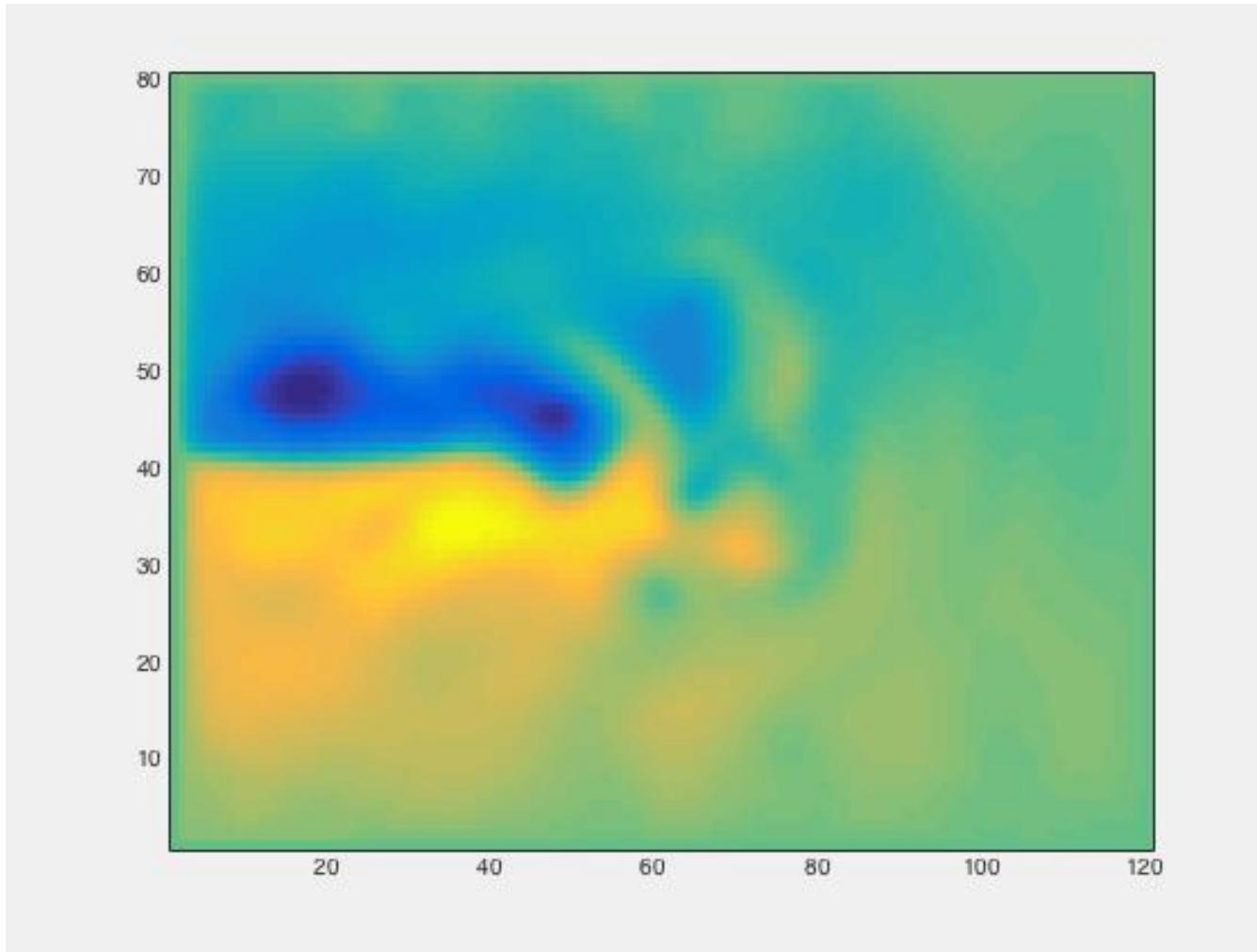
## Medium Case Benchmark

- Free run 40 years.
- State vector includes:  
(ub,vb,tb,sshb,un,vn,tn,sshn)

## Ensemble Kalman filter

- 30/100 Ensemble members
- SSH observations. ENVISAT, Jason-1
- Analysis: 2 days

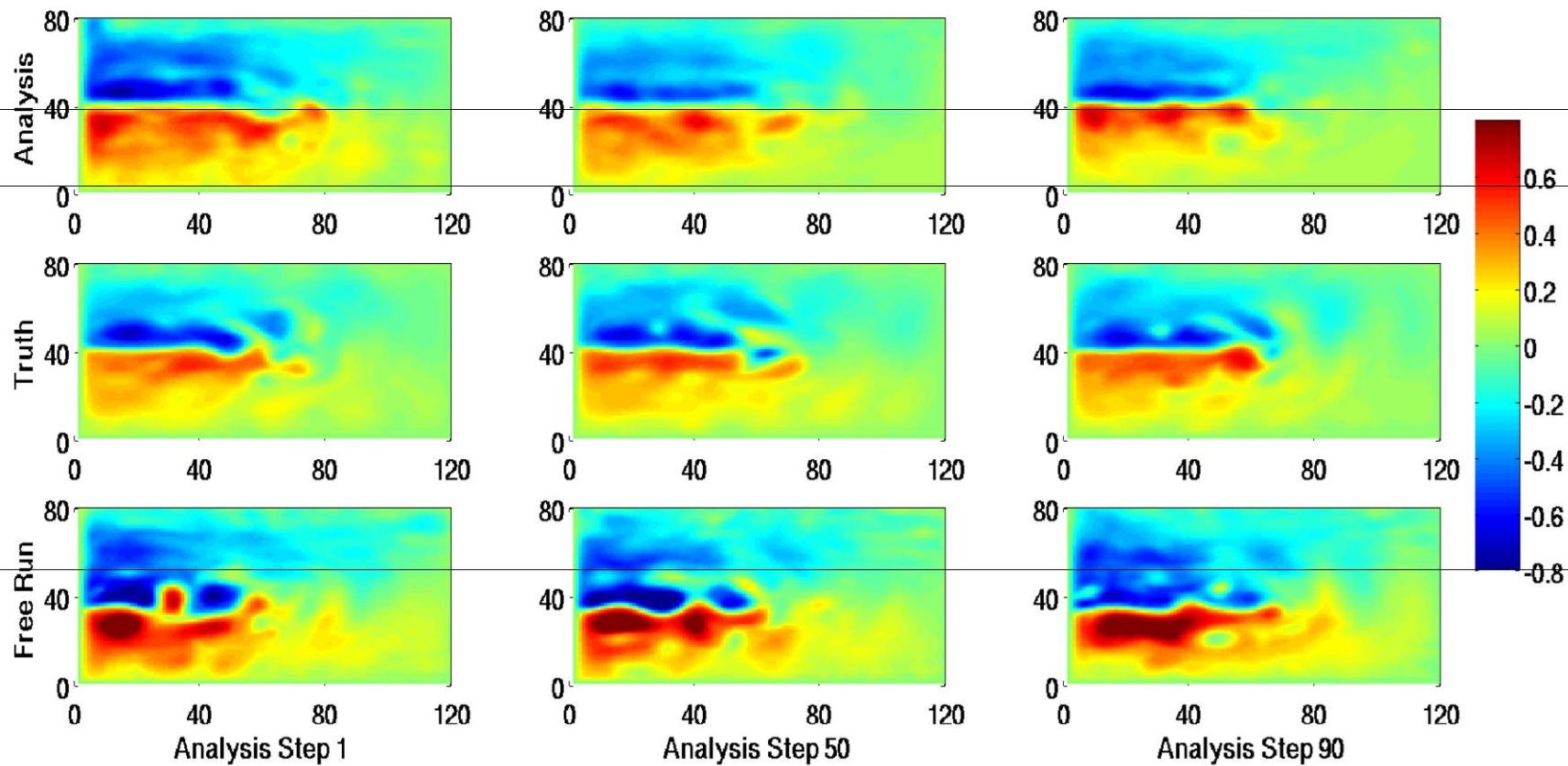
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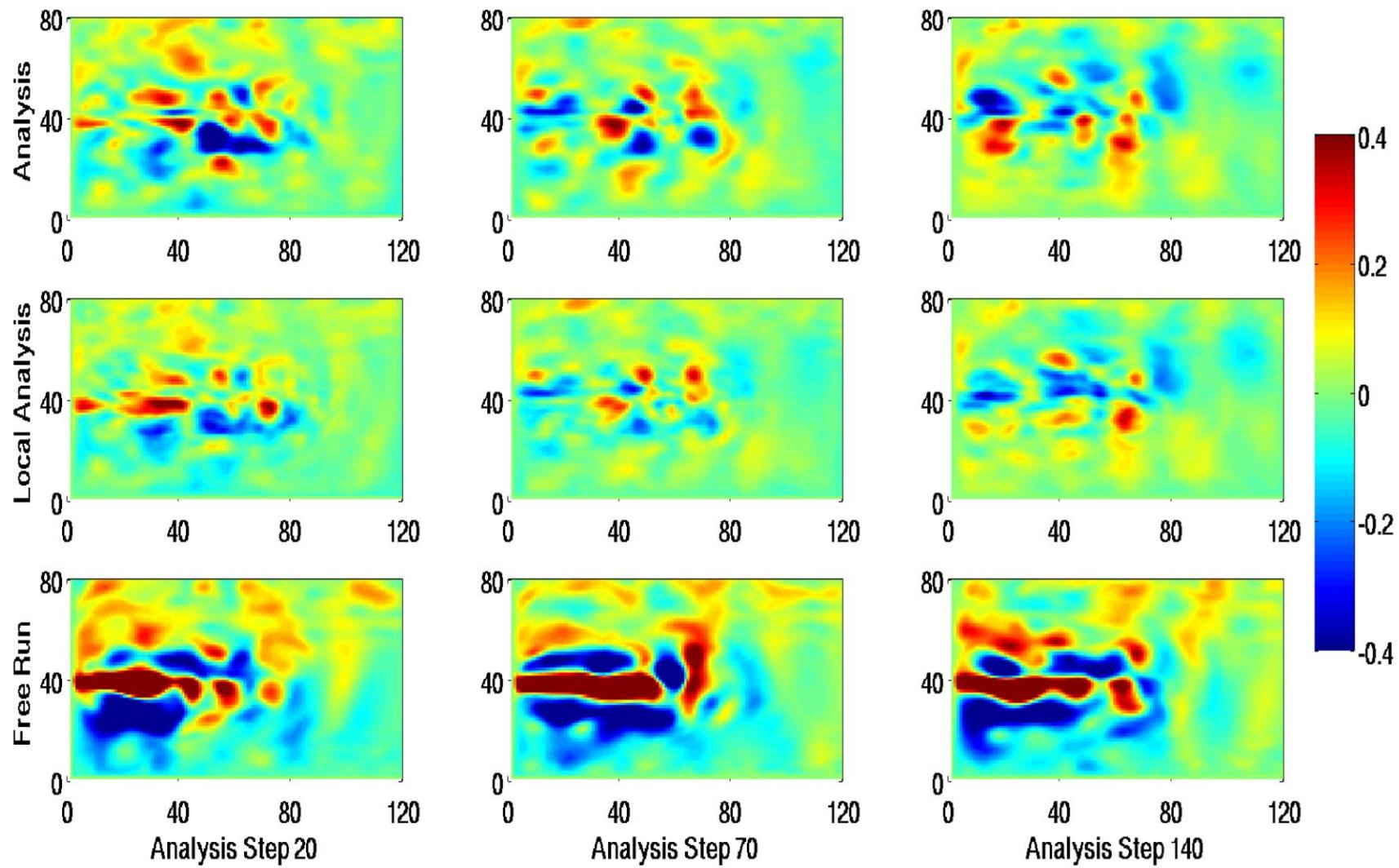


# Results

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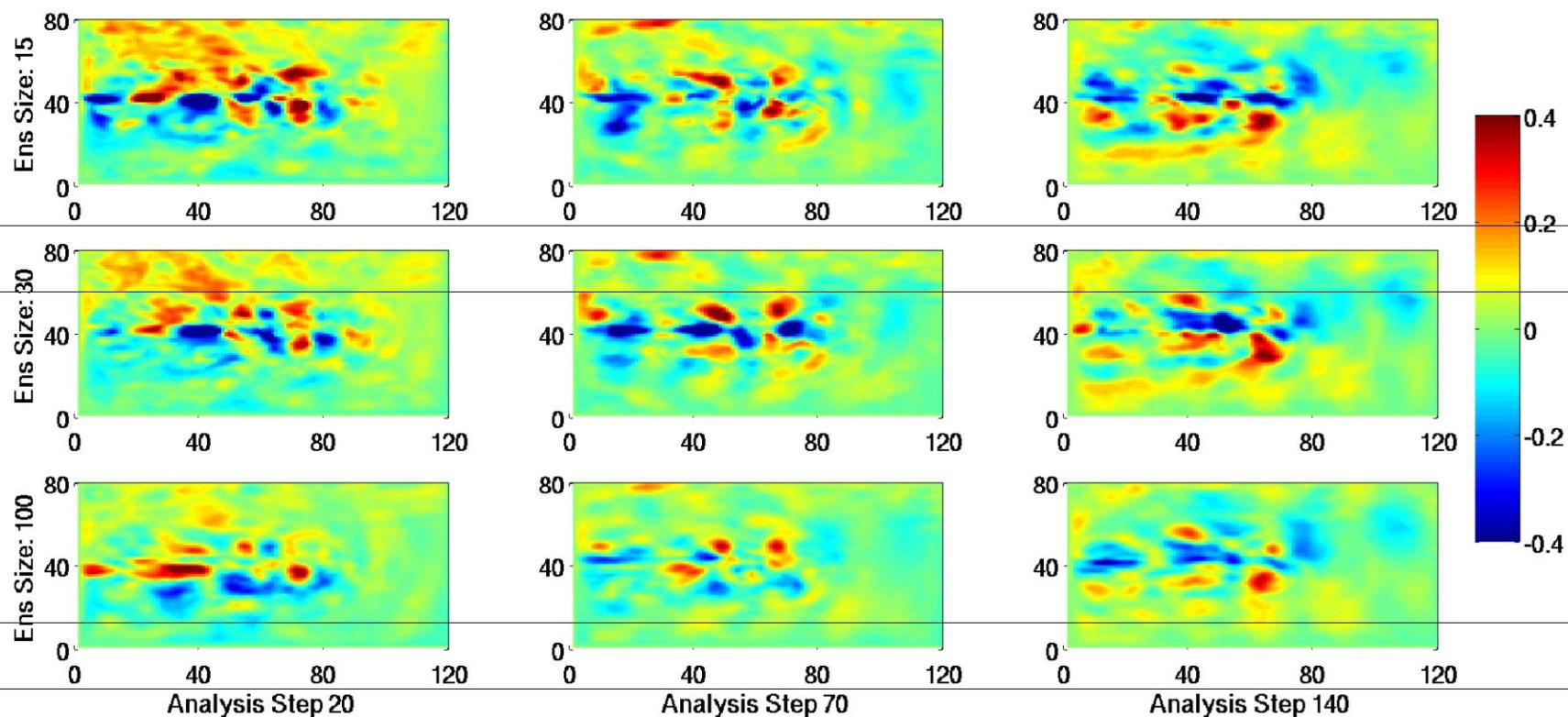
- Assimilating SSH every 2 days
- Assimilation period: 1 year





## Medium Case Benchmark Results

- Localization improves results
  - Limitation: No. of observation



# Summary

- NEMO-OpenDA framework is established.
- Localization is not trivial to implement
- Auto localization seems promising
- Next steps:
  - More experimenting
  - Combine auto localization with normal localization

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