

# Sea Surface cooling mechanism during ocean SACZ episodes at Southwestern Atlantic



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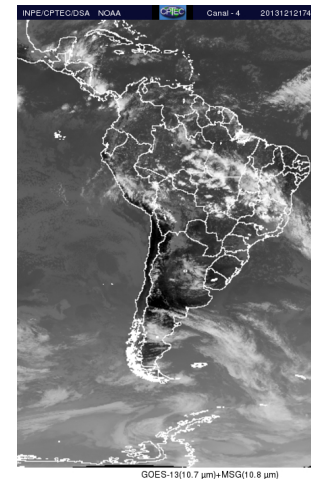
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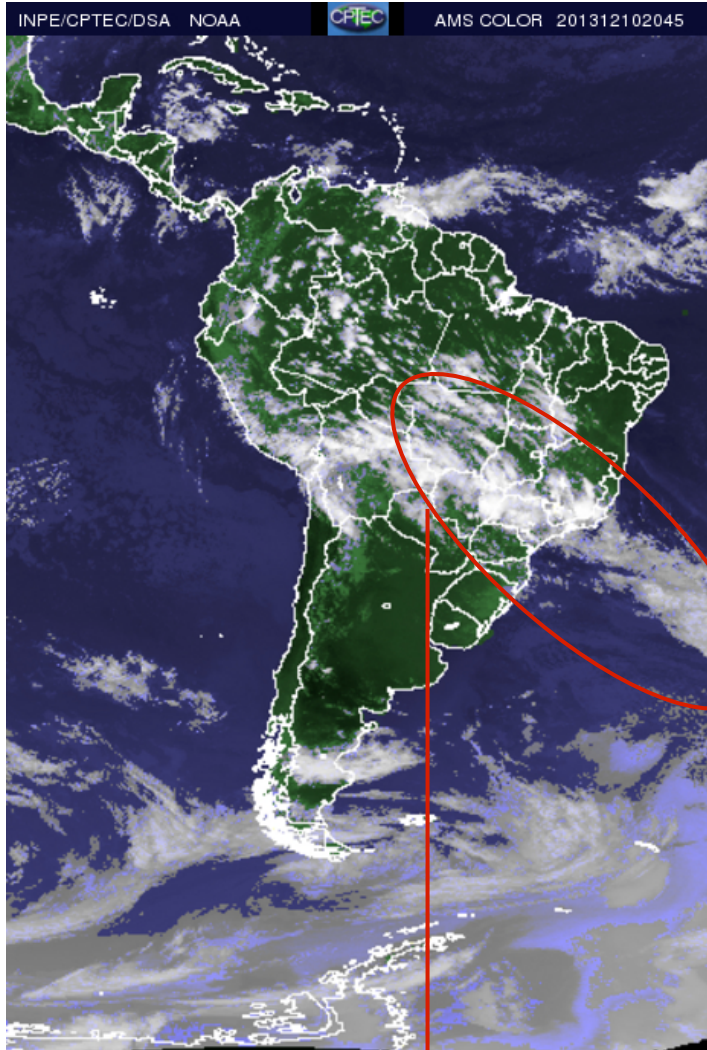
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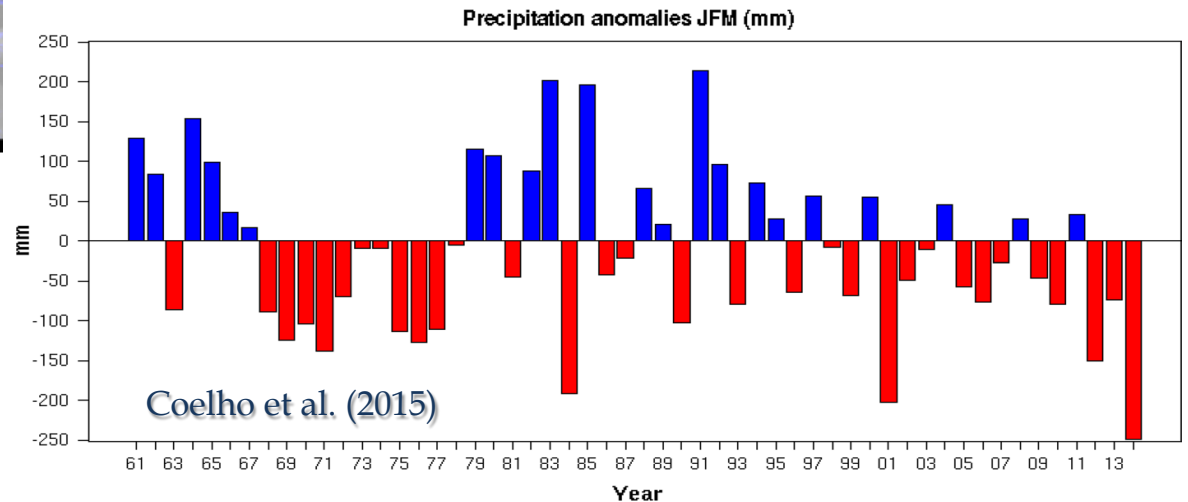
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# Introduction

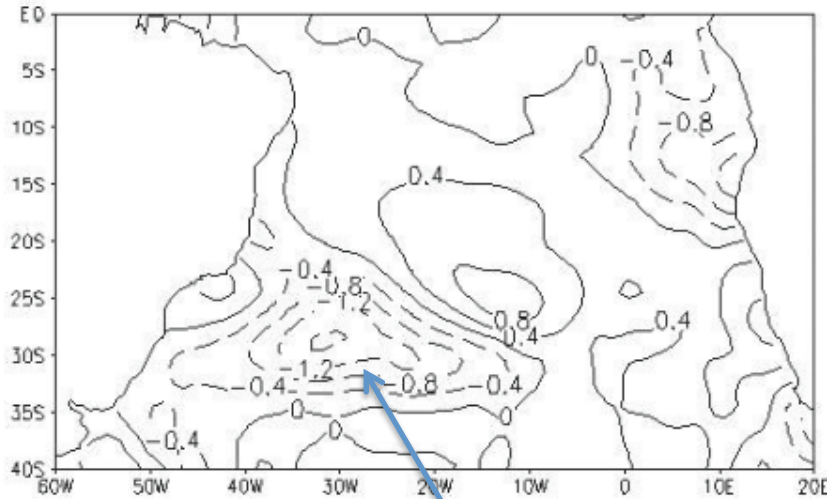
- ✓ SACZ is an atmospheric convective system that forms during the South America summer.
- ✓ It is characterized by a marked convergence region at low levels and by the persistence of a northwest-southeast-oriented cloud band (NW-SE).
- ✓ South American Monsoon System contributes to SACZ.
- ✓ SACZ occurrence is associated to the positive/negative precipitation anomalies over Brazil CW & SE.





# Introduction

Cooling of Ocean Surface (<< TSM) during SACZ episodes.  
(variability on Southwest Atlantic ocean)



**Figura 4** – Diferença entre a média das anomalias de TSM (°C) do período de 16 a 30/01/2003 e 01 a 15/02/2003. (Fonte: NCEP)

Chaves e Satyamurty (2006)

Observational and coupled modeling studies shown negative SST anomalies

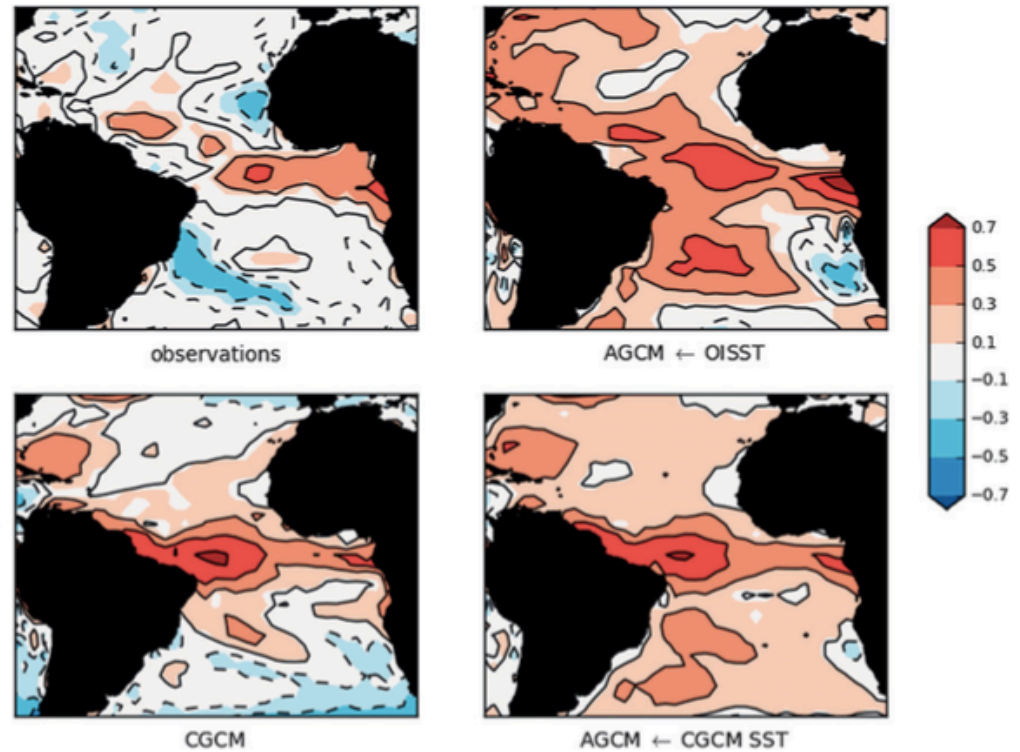


FIG. 1. DJF SST and rainfall ACC maps for (top left) observations, and 10-member ensemble means for (top right) rainfall hindcast from CPTEC AGCM forced with OISST, (bottom left) CPTEC CGCM rainfall forecast, and (bottom right) rainfall forecast from CPTEC AGCM forced with CMSST forecast, with the respective SST fields used to force the AGCM or product of the CGCM itself. Shaded areas depict values statistically significant at the 95% level.

Nobre et al. (2012)





# Introduction



Two feedback mechanisms have been discussed between ....

## SST & SACZ

### 1. Thermodynamic



### 2. Dynamic



(Nobre et al., 2012; Almeida 2007; Nobre et al., 2004; Kalnay, 1986; Chaves and Satyamurty, 2006; ... and few others)





# COAWST components

Atmosphere: **WRF (NCAR)**

Ocean: **ROMS (U. Rutgers)**

Waves: **SWAN (Delft U. Technology)**

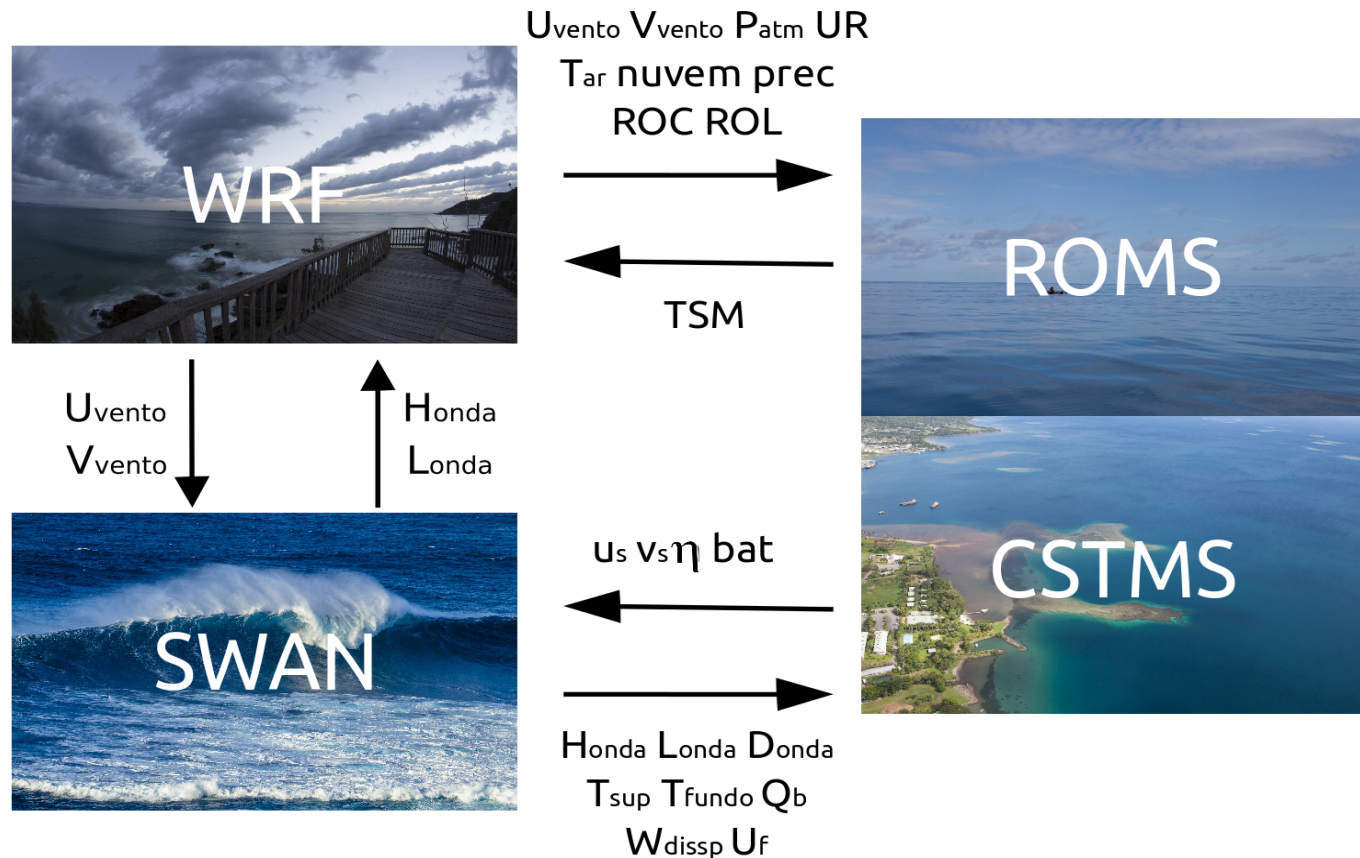
Sediment Transport: **CSTM (USGS)**

Coupler: **MCT (Argonne Nat. Lab.)**

Regridding: **SCRIP (Los Alamos)**

## WRF + ROMS + SWAN

**COAWST  
USGS**  
Many thanks to  
**John Warner**



## Experiments:

- **WRF - WRF solo**
- **COA - WRF + ROMS**
- **COA2 - WRF + ROMS + SWAN**

### Cases:

10/12/2002 a 16/12/2002  
 13/01/2003 a 19/01/2003  
 25/01/2003 a 31/01/2003  
 10/12/2013 a 25/12/2013

### Model's resolution:

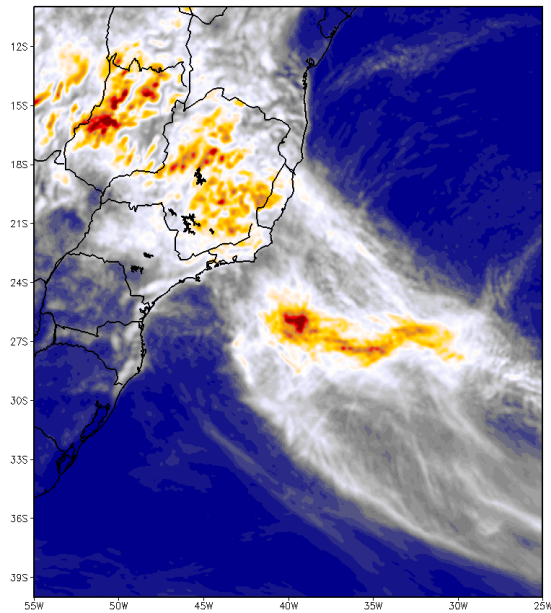
**WRF: 6 km**  
**ROMS: 9 km**  
**SWAN: 9 km**

Experiment	Period	Model	SACZ
1_WRF	10/12/2002 to 16/12/2002	WRF	yes
1_COA	10/12/2002 to 16/12/2002	WRF ROMS	yes
1_COA2	10/12/2002 to 16/12/2002	WRF ROMS SWAN	yes
2_WRF	13/01/2003 to 19/01/2003	WRF	yes
2_COA	13/01/2003 to 19/01/2003	WRF ROMS	yes
2_COA2	13/01/2003 to 19/01/2003	WRF ROMS SWAN	yes
3_WRF	25/01/2003 to 31/01/2003	WRF	yes
3_COA	25/01/2003 a 31/01/2003	WRF ROMS	yes
3_COA2	25/01/2003 to 31/01/2003	WRF ROMS SWAN	yes
4_WRF	10/12/2013 to 24/12/2013	WRF	yes
4_COA	10/12/2013 to 24/12/2013	WRF ROMS	yes
4_COA2	10/12/2013 to 24/12/2013	WRF ROMS SWAN	yes
5_WRF	27/12/2002	WRF	yes



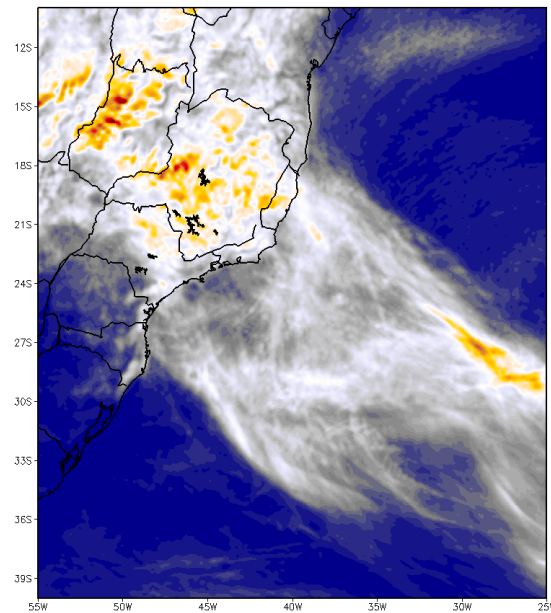
WRF

WRF PRC



COA

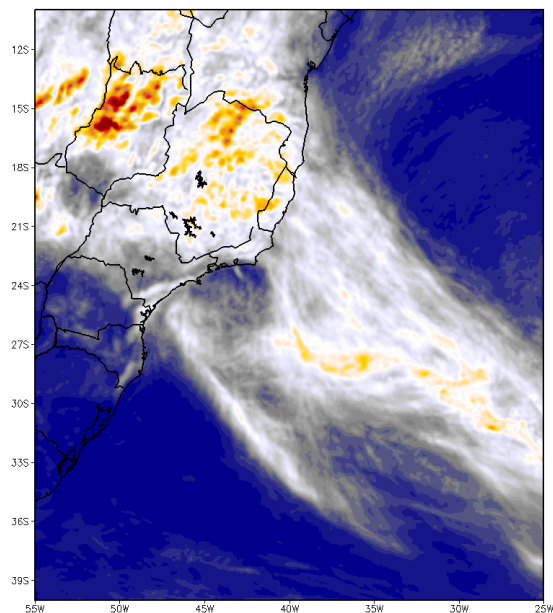
COA PRC



PRC  
mm.day<sup>-1</sup>

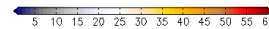
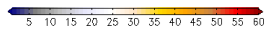
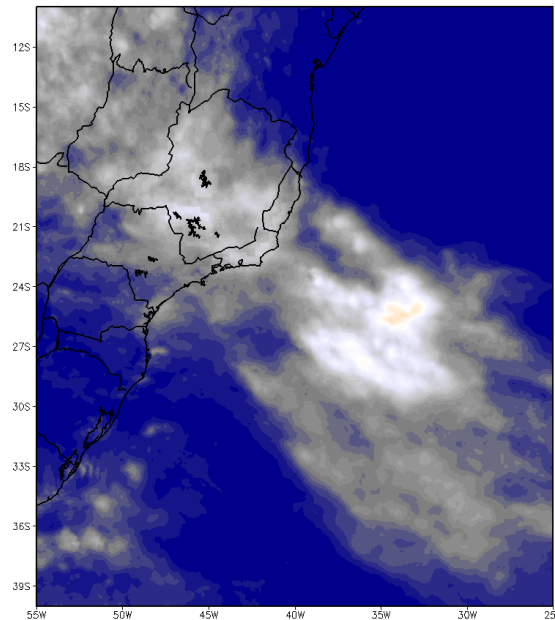
COA2

COA2 SLP



OBS

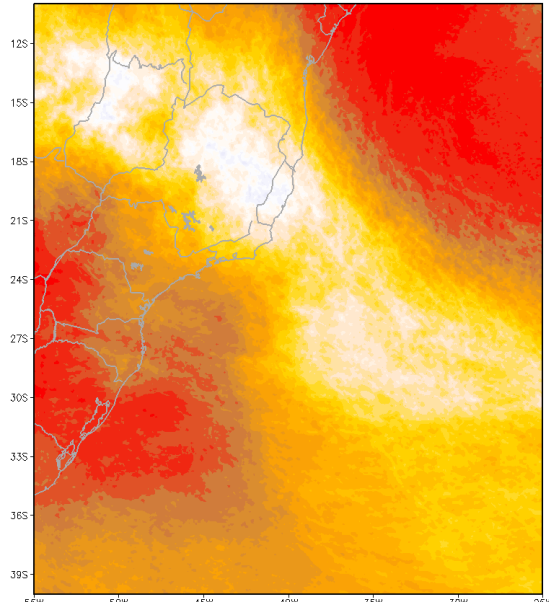
PREC - GSMaP - MVK





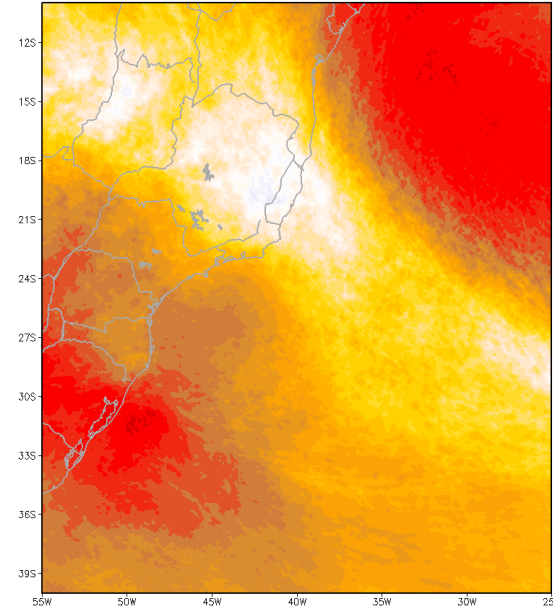
WRF

WRF OLR



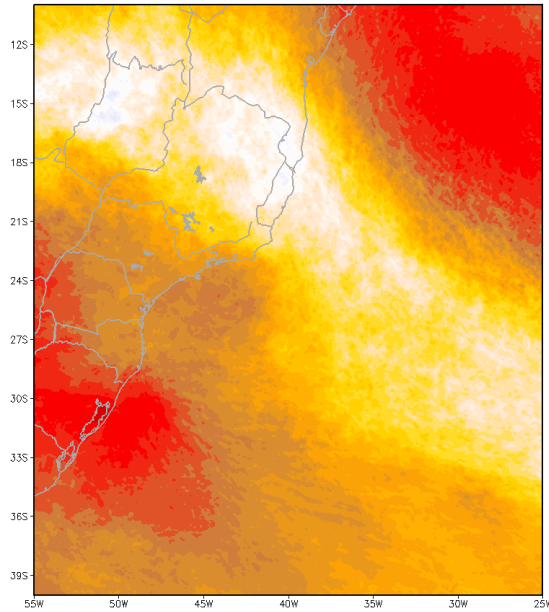
COA

COA OLR



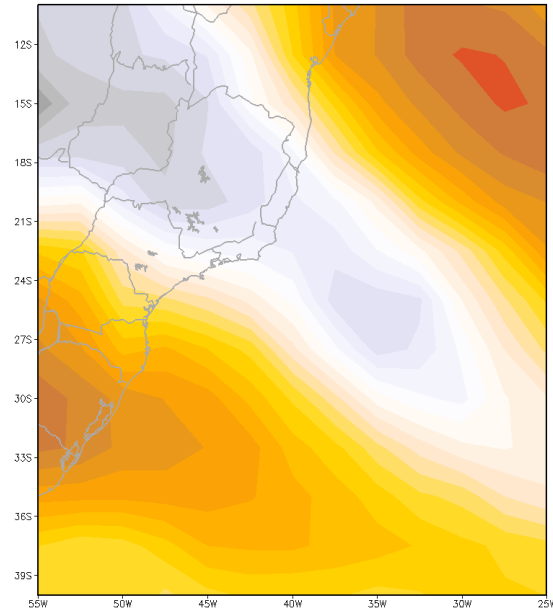
OLR  
W.m<sup>2</sup>

COA2 OLR



OBS

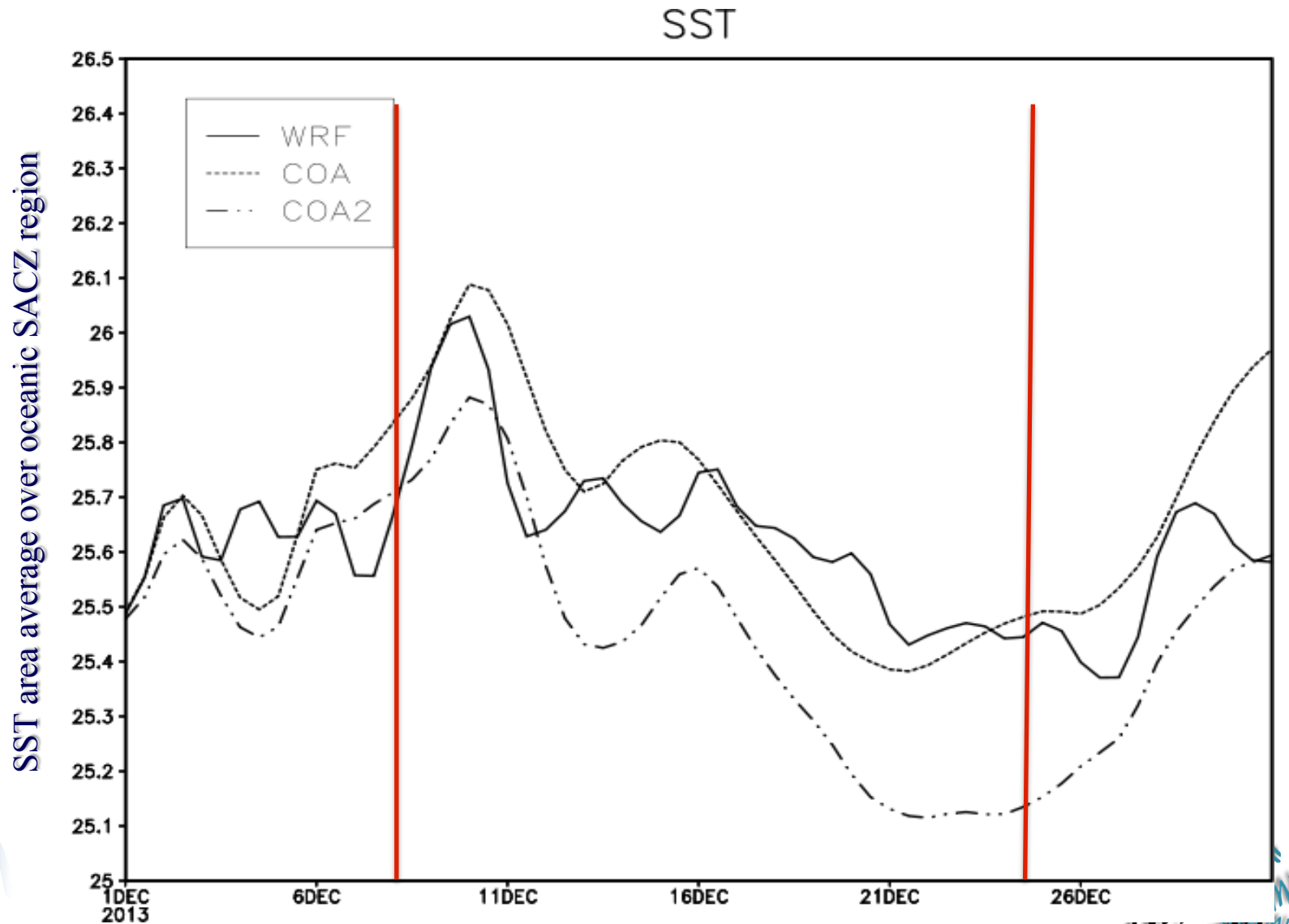
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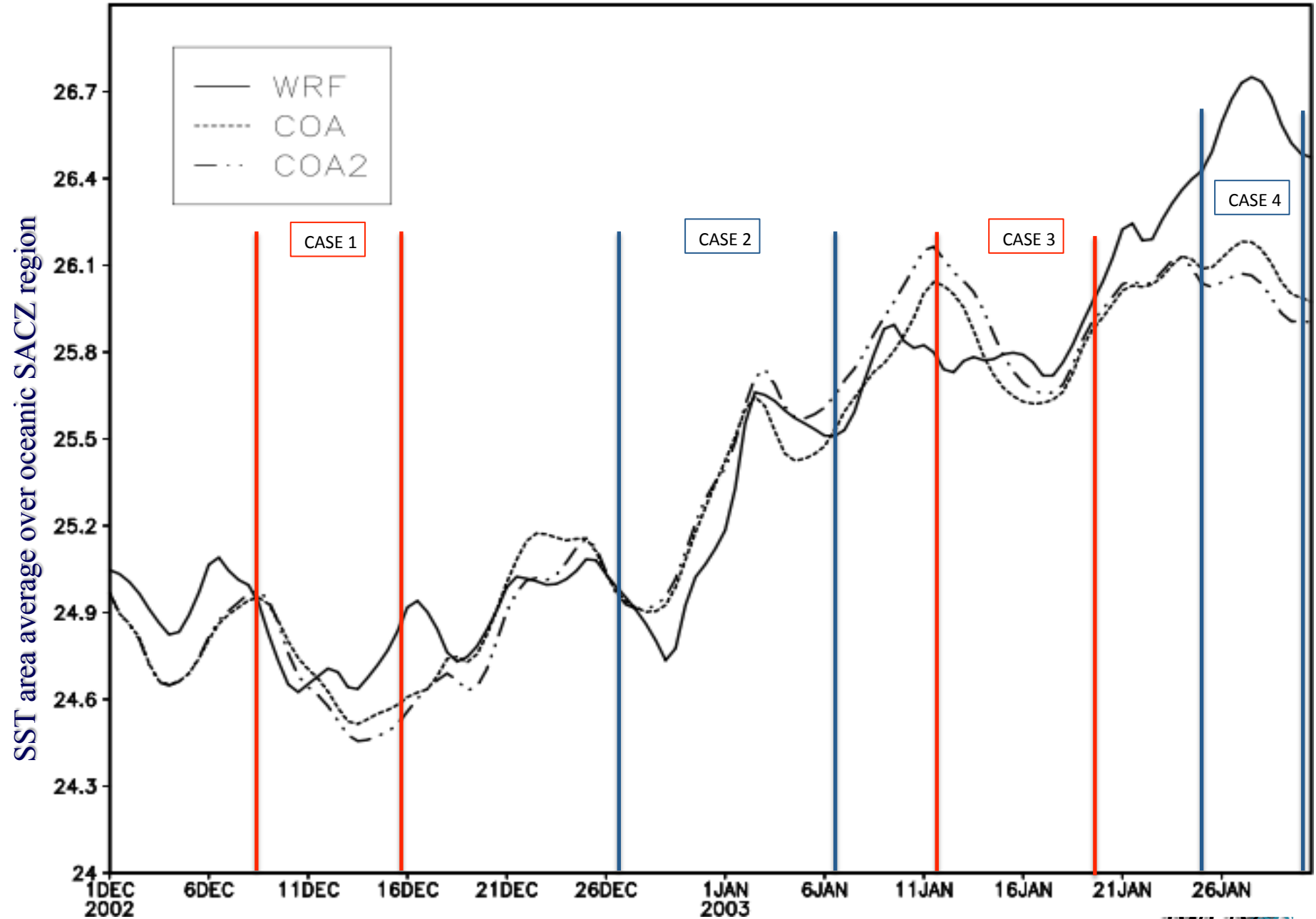
COA2



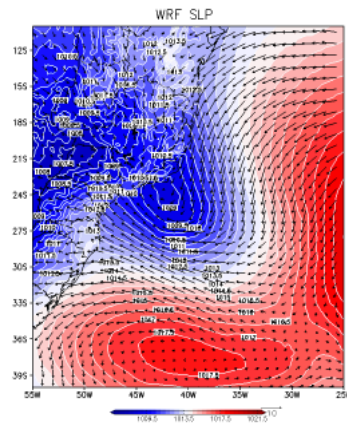
# SST decreases during Oceanic SACZ episodes... (long case with 17 days)



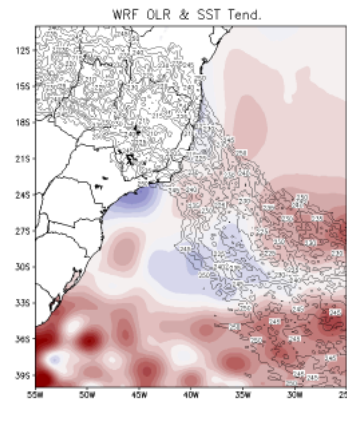
# SST



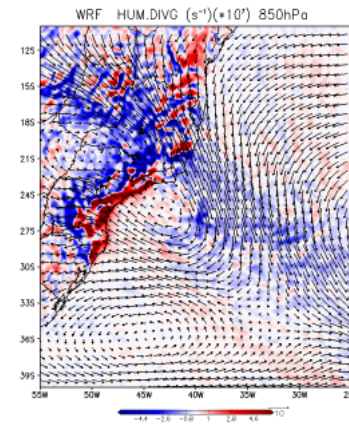




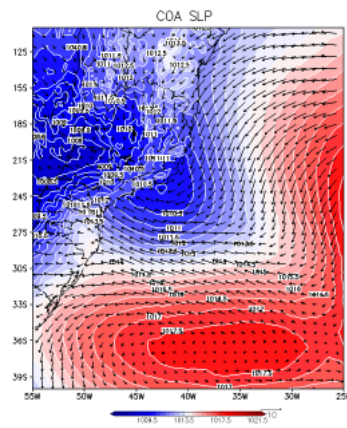
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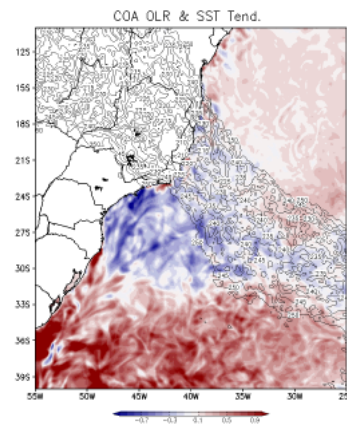
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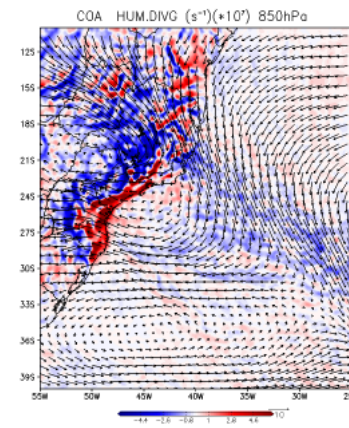
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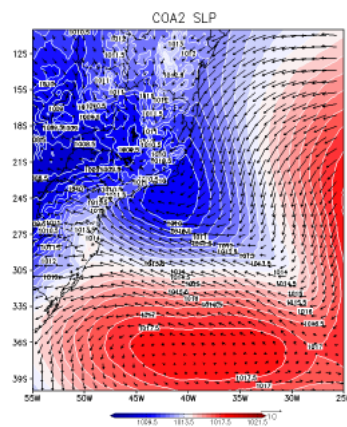
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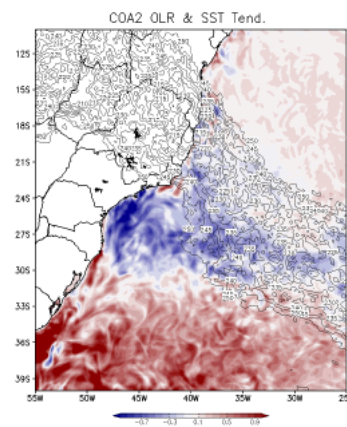
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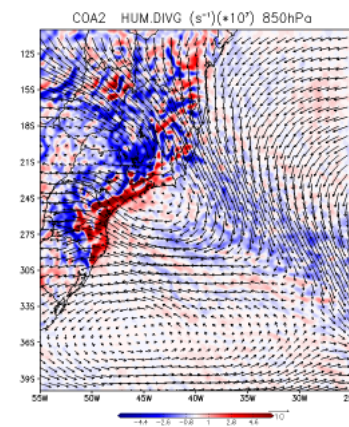
f)



g)



h)

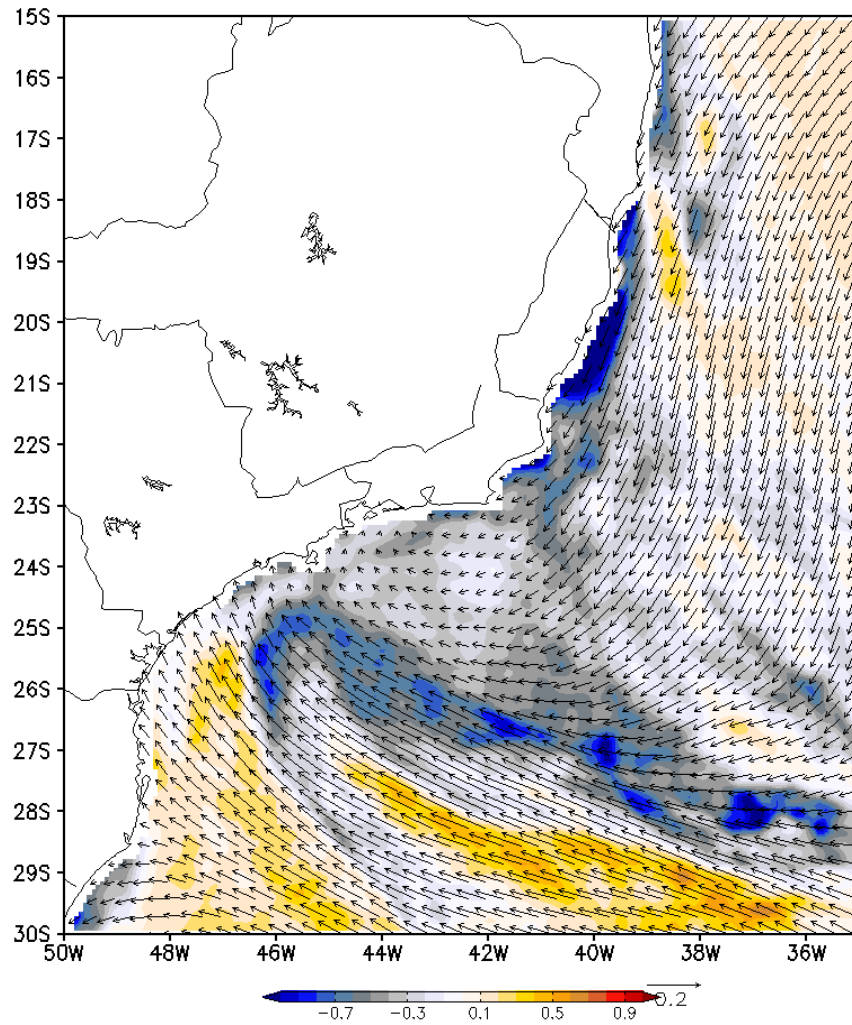


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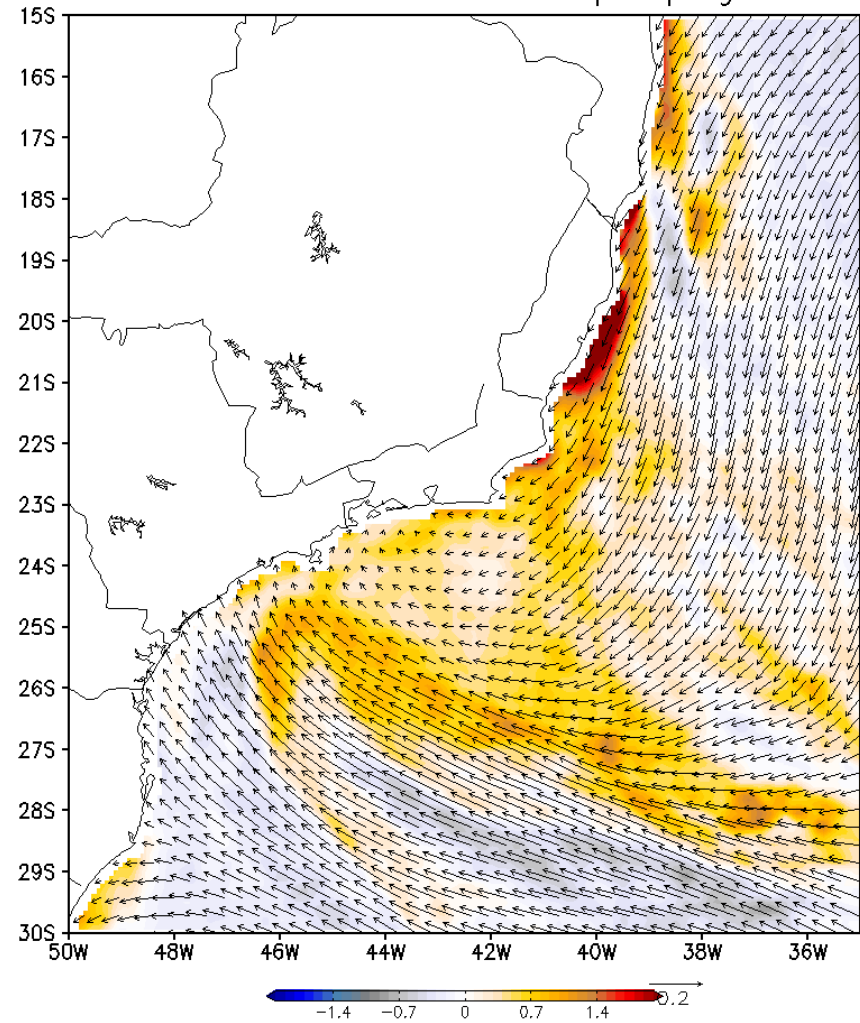




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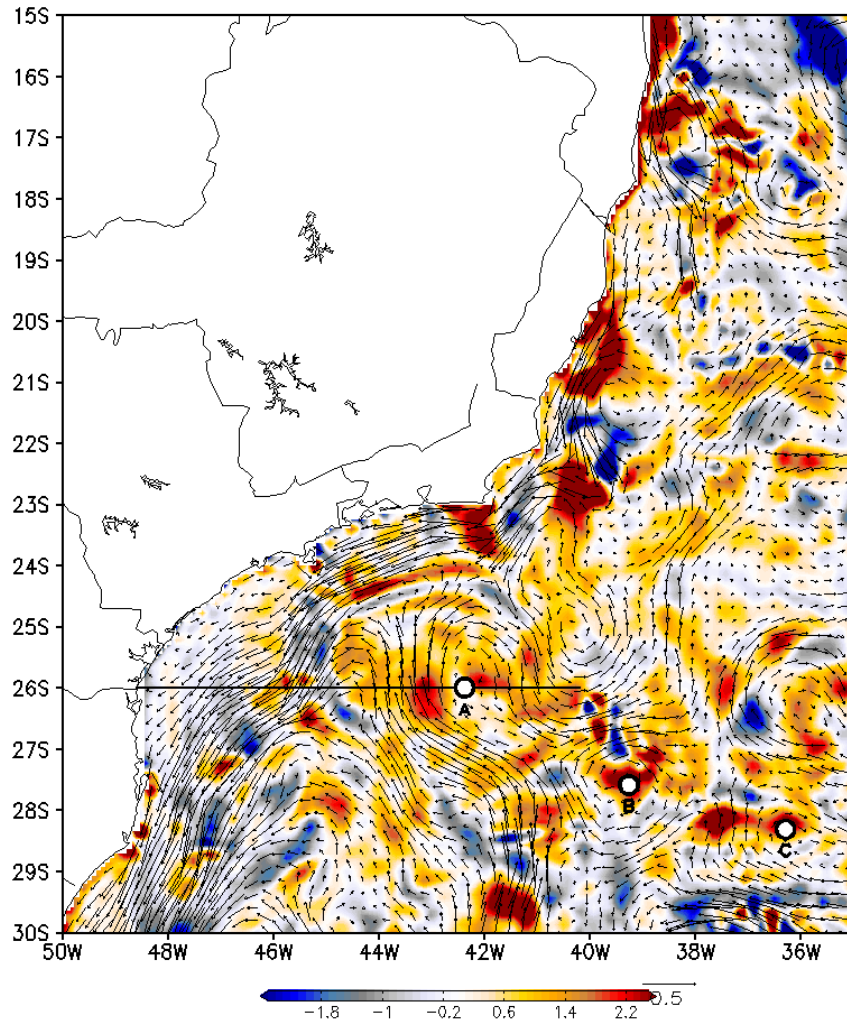
wind stress and Ekman pumping



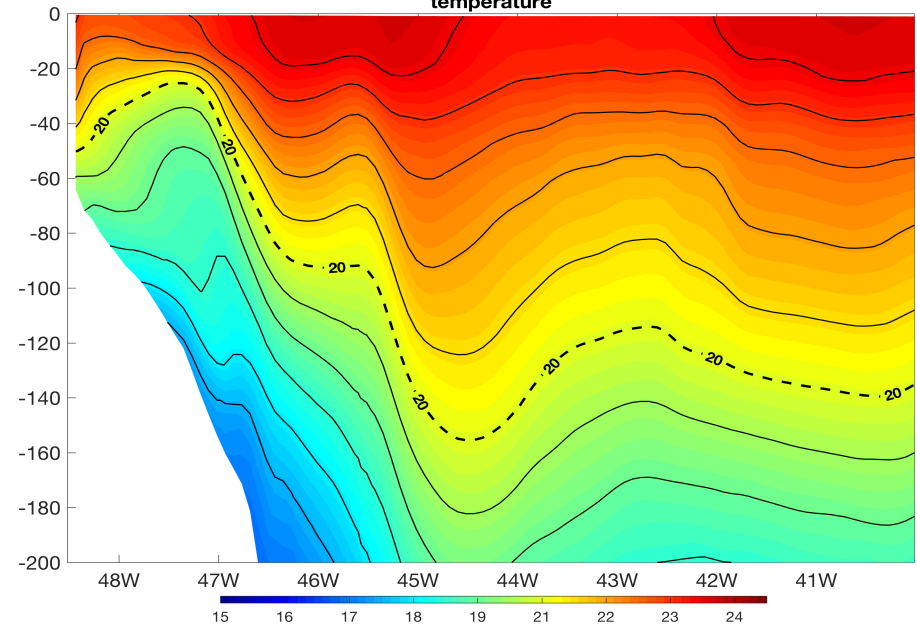




horizontal current and w



temperature

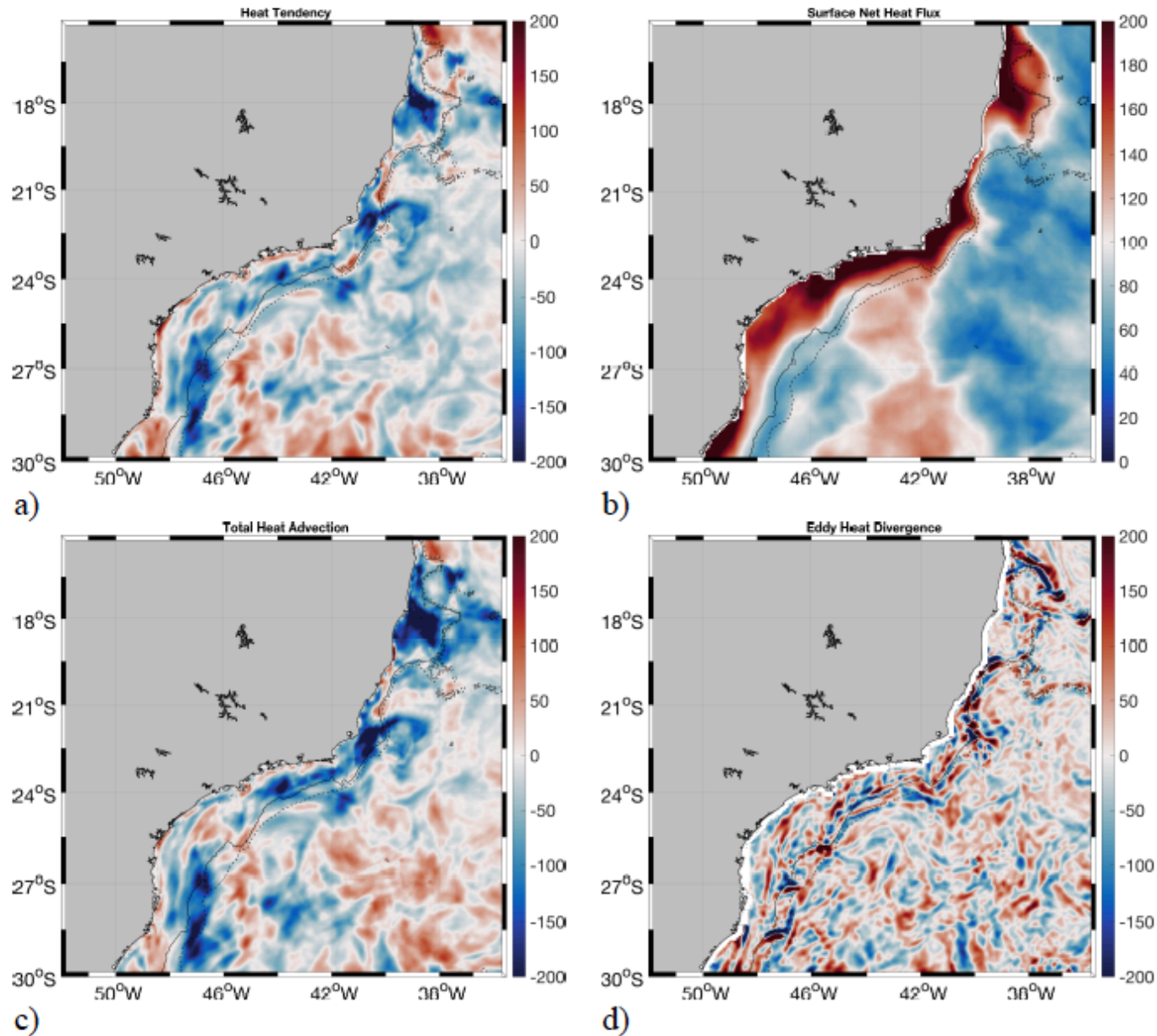




$$\int_{d_1}^{d_n} \int_{-h}^0 \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} dz dt$$

## Mixed Layer Depth (h) Heat budget analysis

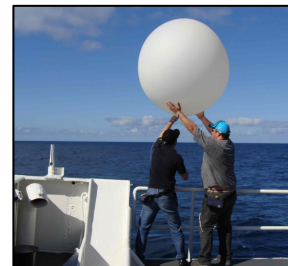
$$= \left\{ \int_{d_1}^{d_n} \frac{Q_{net}}{C_p \rho} - \int_{-h}^0 \left[ U \cdot \nabla_h T + w \frac{dT}{dz} + \nabla \cdot (\overline{U'T'}) + k_h \nabla^2 T \right] dz - \int_{-h}^0 k_v \frac{dT}{dz} \right\} dt$$

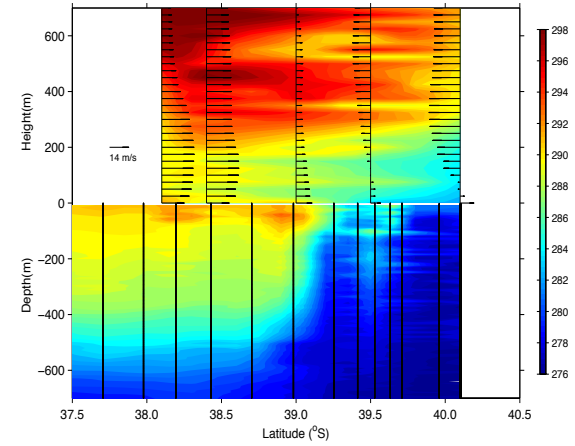
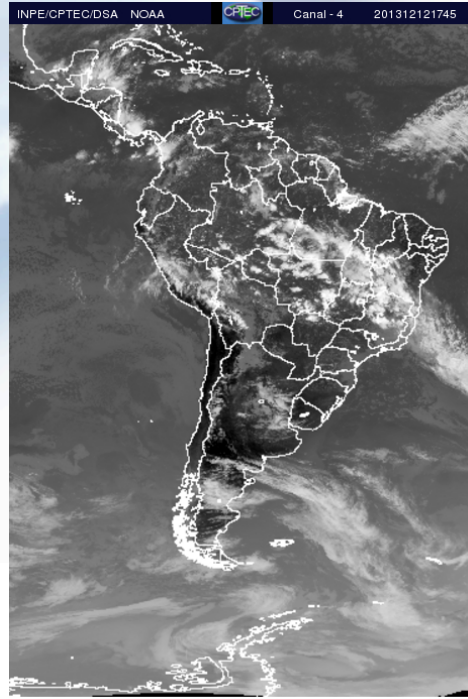


## Final remarks and conclusions... (few of them)

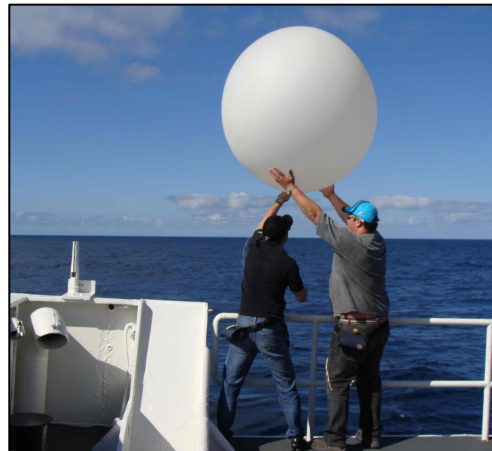


- SACZ does modify sea surface cooling, it down (through dynamics and thermodynamics mechanisms),
- Ocean dynamics contributes to the surface cooling (Ekman pumping, Ekman transport...., Total upwelling...) **at same order** than thermodynamics!!!!
- Our composites revealed an atmospheric cyclonic vortex (striking characteristic of SACZ oceanic) that acts at sea surface, but more at southward of SACZ's position,
- Investigate (considering more cases) **and check this battle** between "Ocean Dynamics x Radioactive Fluxes" and the atmospheric dynamical configuration of oceanic SACZ
- There are room for *in situ* measurements (dream... SACZ's cruise) and integrated studies using models + *in situ* + satellite data
- Pezzi et. al. (2018). Do oceanic SACZ episodes modulate SST via upper-ocean dynamics and thermodynamics? Journal of Climate (under review)





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