



# Regional MOM6 in CESM: Progress, ongoing work, next steps

*Dan Amrhein, Gustavo Marques, Keith Lindsay,  
Helen Kershaw, Manish Venumuddula, Mike Levy,  
Alper Altuntas, Fred Castruccio, Susan Wijffels,  
David Nicholson, Enrico Milanese, Ashley Barnes,  
Helen Macdonald, Giovanni Seijo, & Aidan Janney*



## Cyberinfrastructure for Sustained Scientific Innovation (CSSI)



Accelerate regional ocean + carbon cycle + Earth system model setup

Make **data assimilation** radically easier + useful for model tuning

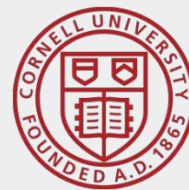
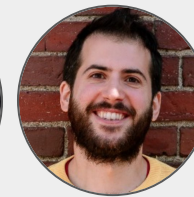
Build a **broad and sustainable community** around these tools

# After ~18 months, a growing collaboration!

---



NCAR



Australian  
National  
University



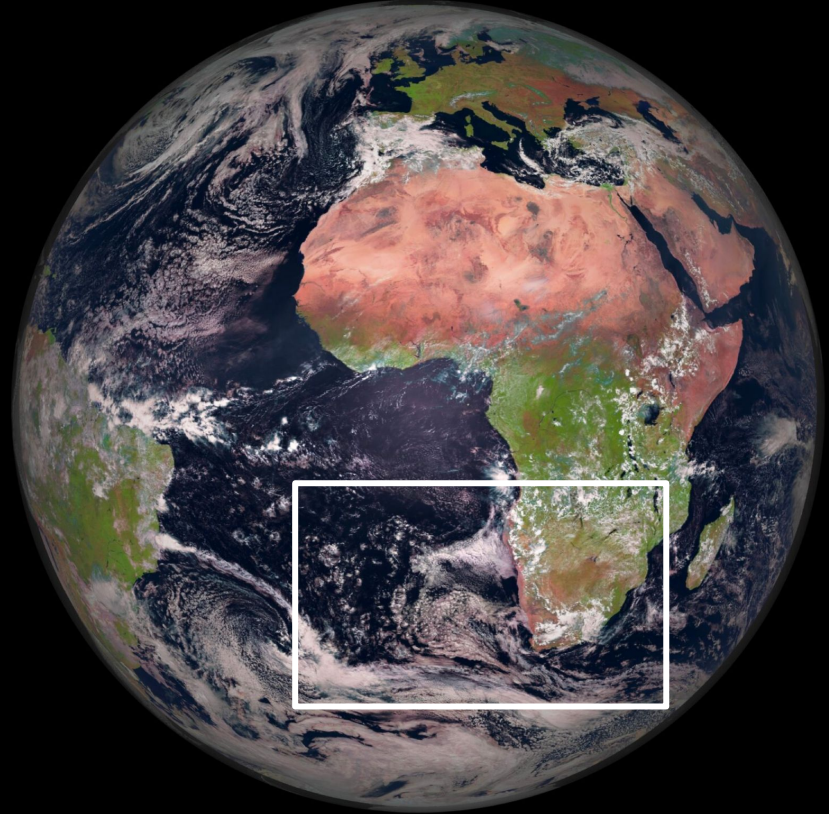
COSIMA

# Why model ocean regions in an Earth system model?

Powerful infrastructure for case  
management, interpolation, long  
simulations, and coupling

Open, rapid development

Options for resolution, vertical grids





# Why model ocean regions in an Earth system model?

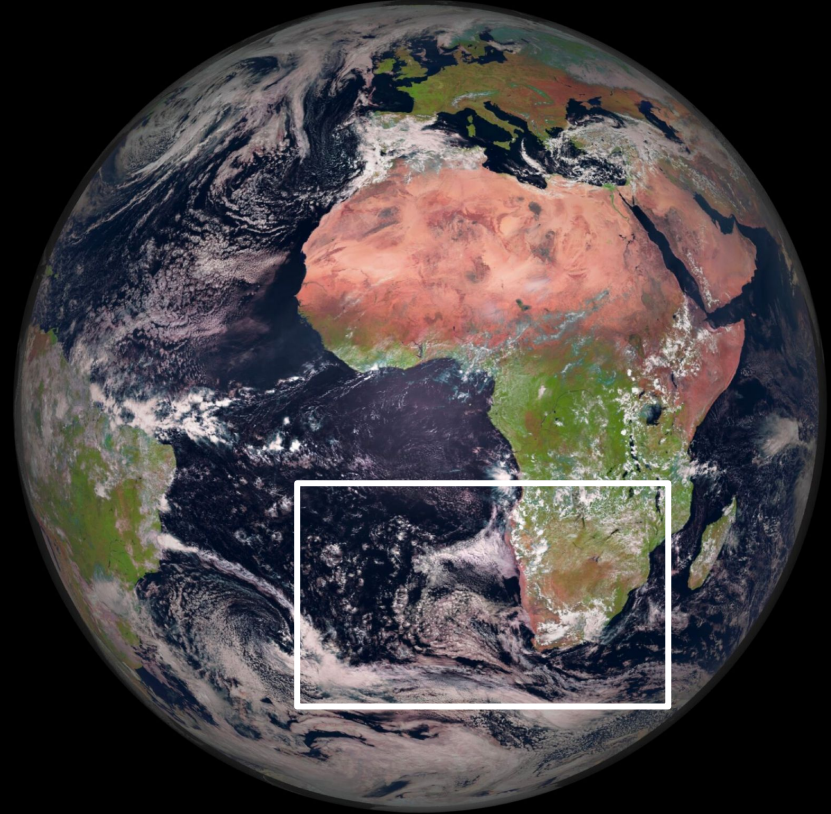
Powerful infrastructure for case management, interpolation, long simulations, and coupling

Open, rapid development

Options for resolution, vertical grids

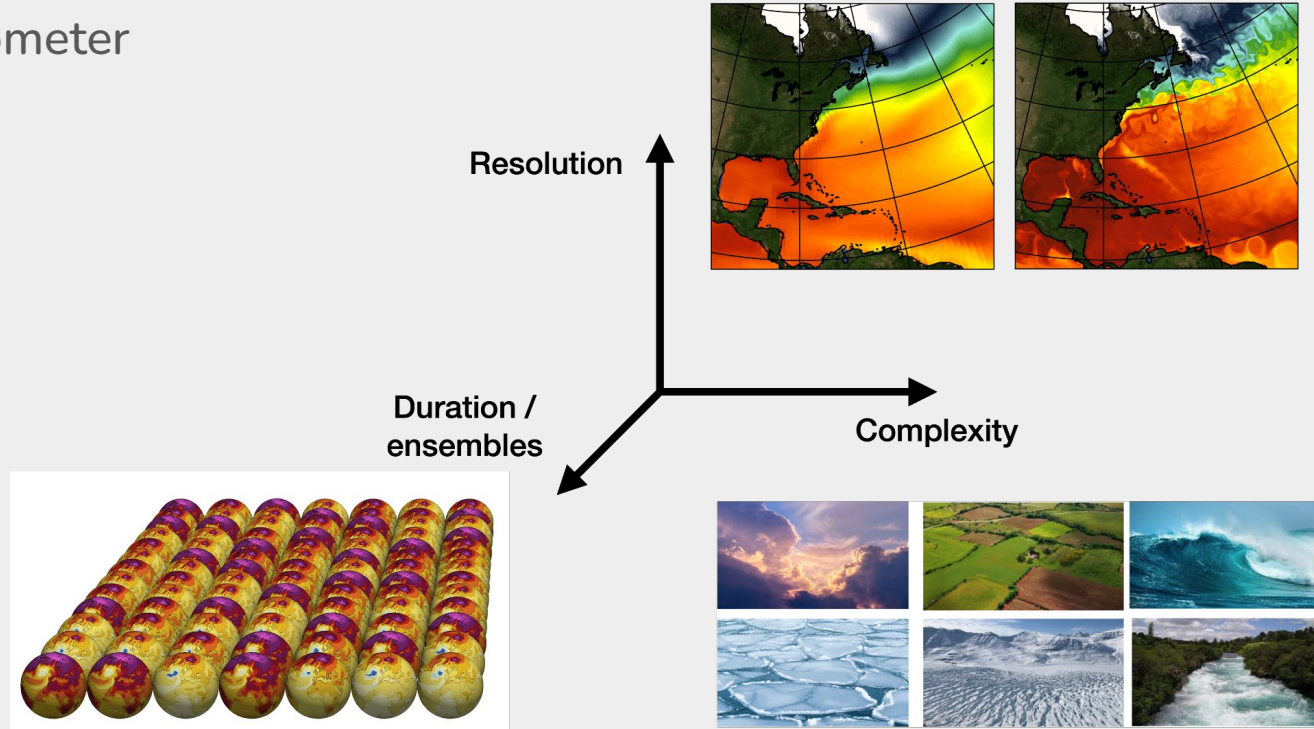
Climate change impacts are often unresolved by global models

Regional modes can be fit for purpose



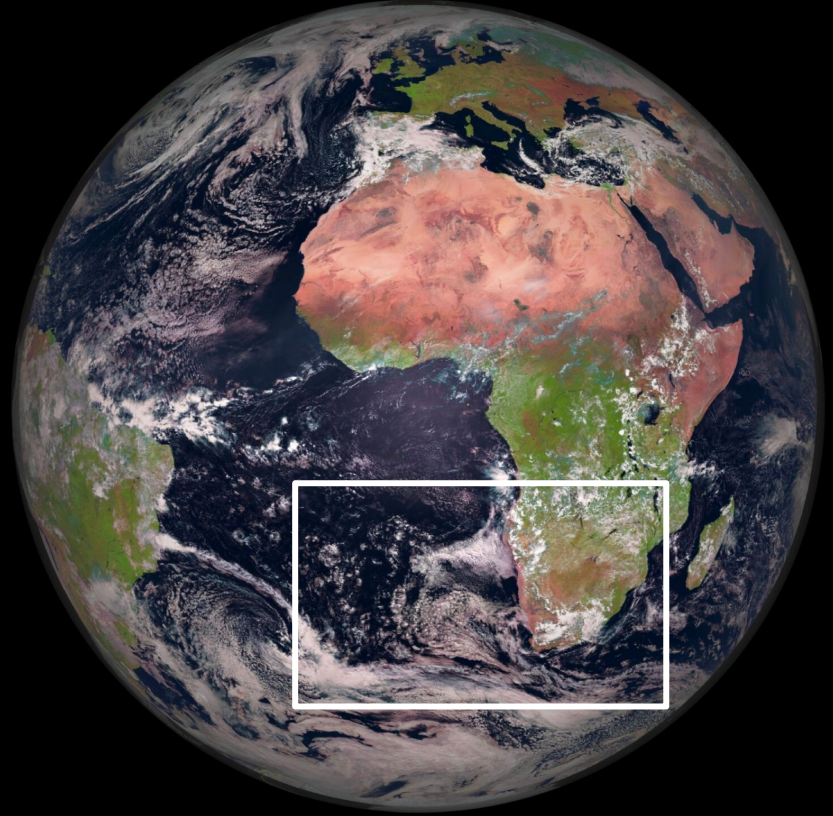
# Why model ocean regions in an Earth system model?

A shortcut to kilometer  
scales!



Regional modeling is  
important!

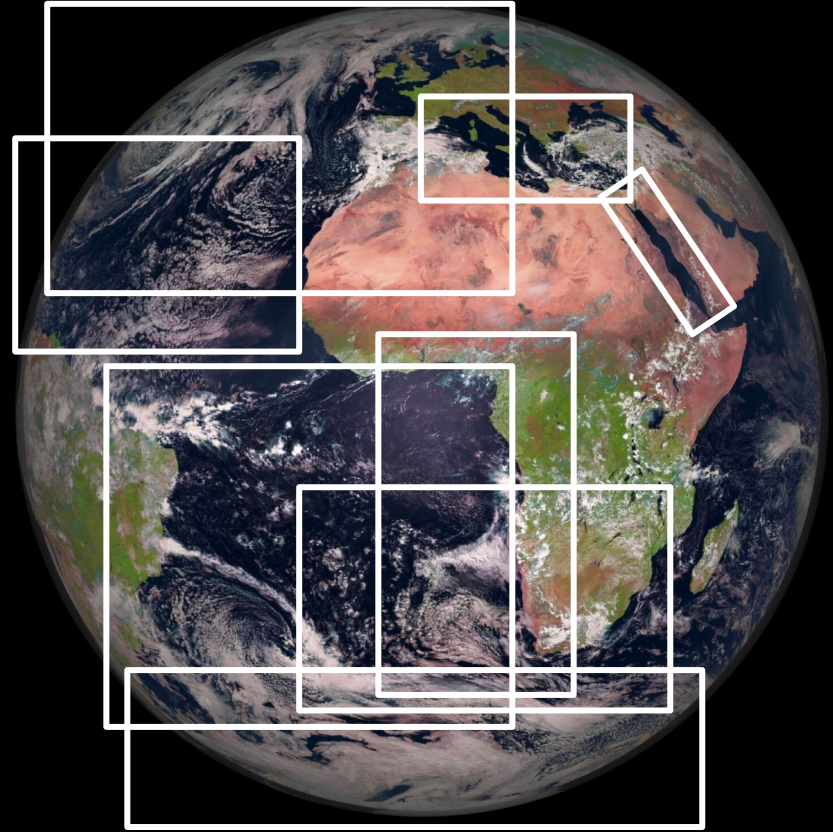
We want to support a  
growing community.



Regional modeling is  
important!

We want to support a  
growing community.

But how can we support a  
proliferation of regional  
domains?





# We aim to accelerate *regional ocean model generation and tuning for purpose*

regional\_model\_nbd.ipynb

Python 3 (ipykernel)

Set up CESM / MOM6 / MARBL

```
[ ]: # Define bounds for a regional domain
    # Generate regional ocean grid
    # Extract lateral boundary conditions from (e.g.) a large ensemble simulation
```

Set up data assimilation

```
[ ]: # Define desired observations (including hypothetical obs for experimental design)
    # Download and stage observations for this region and time period
    # Define DART namelist options
```

Save this configuration for reproducibility

```
[ ]: # Define other xml options, etc.
    # Save experiment options
```

Run high-resolution regional CESM or CESM-DART and analyze output

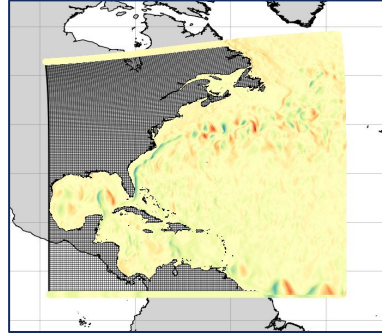
```
[ ]: # Fire up DASK
    # Plot state-space metrics of interest (e.g., carbon uptake)
    # Plot observation-space metrics of interest using DART tools
```

Iterate to develop a scientifically useful model configuration!



# Major work packages

Reproducing  
scientifically  
validated setups



Integrating with  
data for carbon  
cycle science



Advancing data  
assimilation  
capabilities

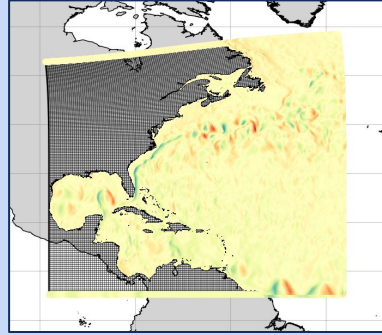


A Jupyter  
frontend to tie it  
all together!



# Major work packages

Reproducing  
scientifically  
validated setups



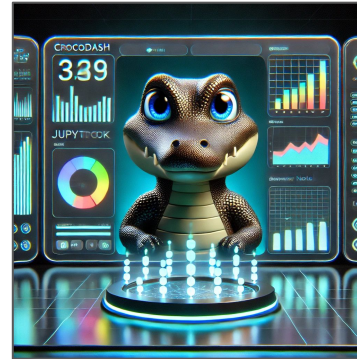
Integrating with  
data for carbon  
cycle science

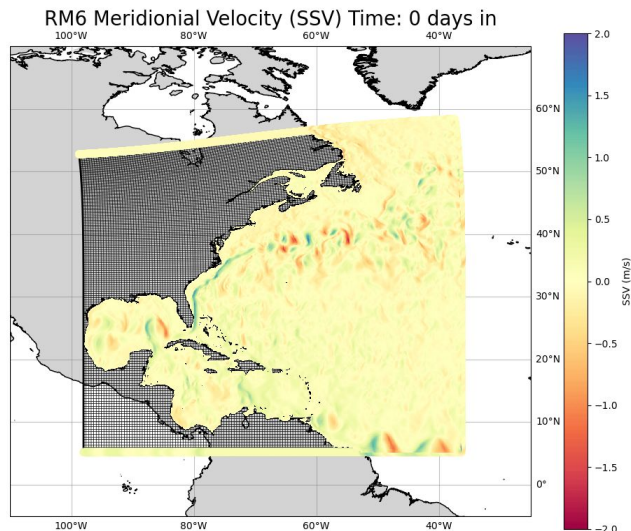


Advancing data  
assimilation  
capabilities



A Jupyter  
frontend to tie it  
all together!





## Hypotheses:

1. CESM-MOM6 recovers previous results...

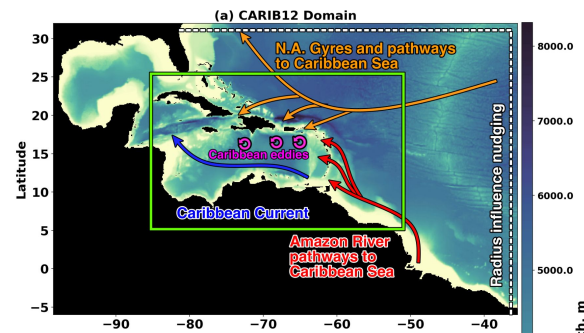
2. ...including in a streamlined workflow!

## A high-resolution physical–biogeochemical model for marine resource applications in the northwest Atlantic (MOM6-COBALT-NWA12 v1.0)

Andrew C. Ross<sup>1</sup>, Charles A. Stock<sup>1</sup>, Alistair Adcroft<sup>1</sup>, Enrique Curchitser<sup>2</sup>, Robert Hallberg<sup>1</sup>, Matthew J. Harrison<sup>1</sup>, Katherine Hedstrom<sup>3</sup>, Niki Zadeh<sup>1</sup>, Michael Alexander<sup>4</sup>, Wenhao Chen<sup>5</sup>, Elizabeth J. Drenkard<sup>1</sup>, Hubert du Pontavice<sup>5</sup>, Raphael Dussin<sup>1,6</sup>, Fabian Gomez<sup>7,8</sup>, Jasmin G. John<sup>8</sup>, Dujuan Kang<sup>9,2</sup>, Diane Lavoie<sup>10</sup>, Laure Resplandy<sup>11,12</sup>, Alizée Roobaert<sup>13</sup>, Vincent Saba<sup>14</sup>, Sang-Ik Shin<sup>4</sup>, Samantha Siedlecki<sup>15</sup>, and James Simkins<sup>2</sup>

## CARIB12: a regional Community Earth System Model/Modular Ocean Model 6 configuration of the Caribbean Sea

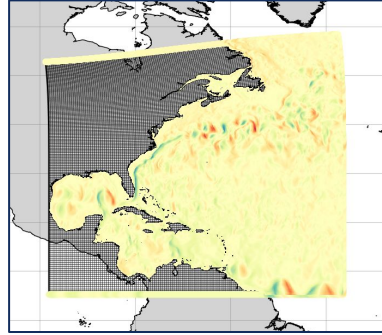
Giovanni Seijo-Ellis<sup>1</sup>, Donata Giglio<sup>1</sup>, Gustavo Marques<sup>2</sup>, and Frank Bryan<sup>2</sup>





# Major work packages

Reproducing  
scientifically  
validated setups



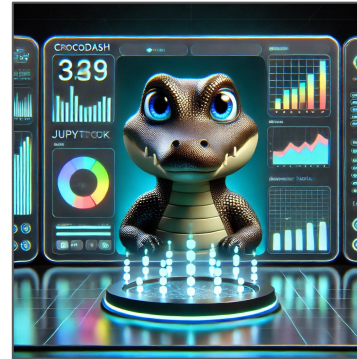
Integrating with  
data for carbon  
cycle science



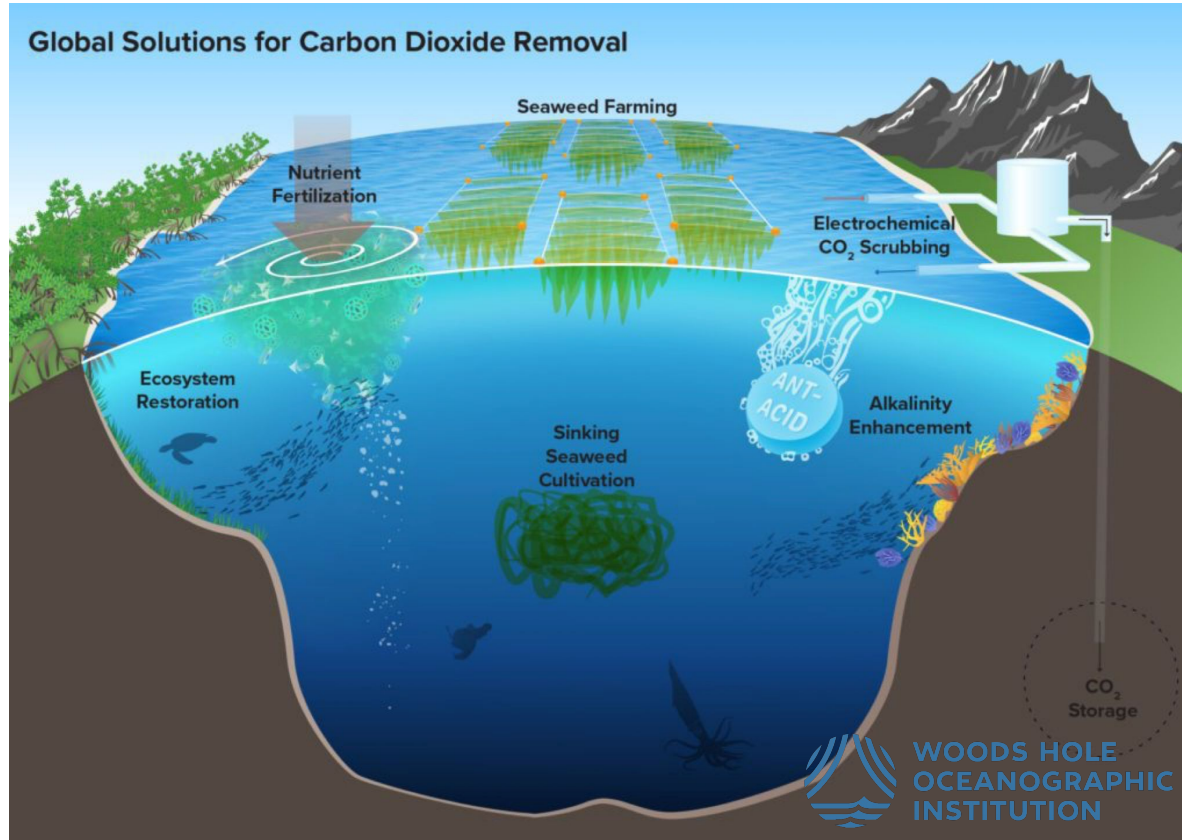
Advancing data  
assimilation  
capabilities



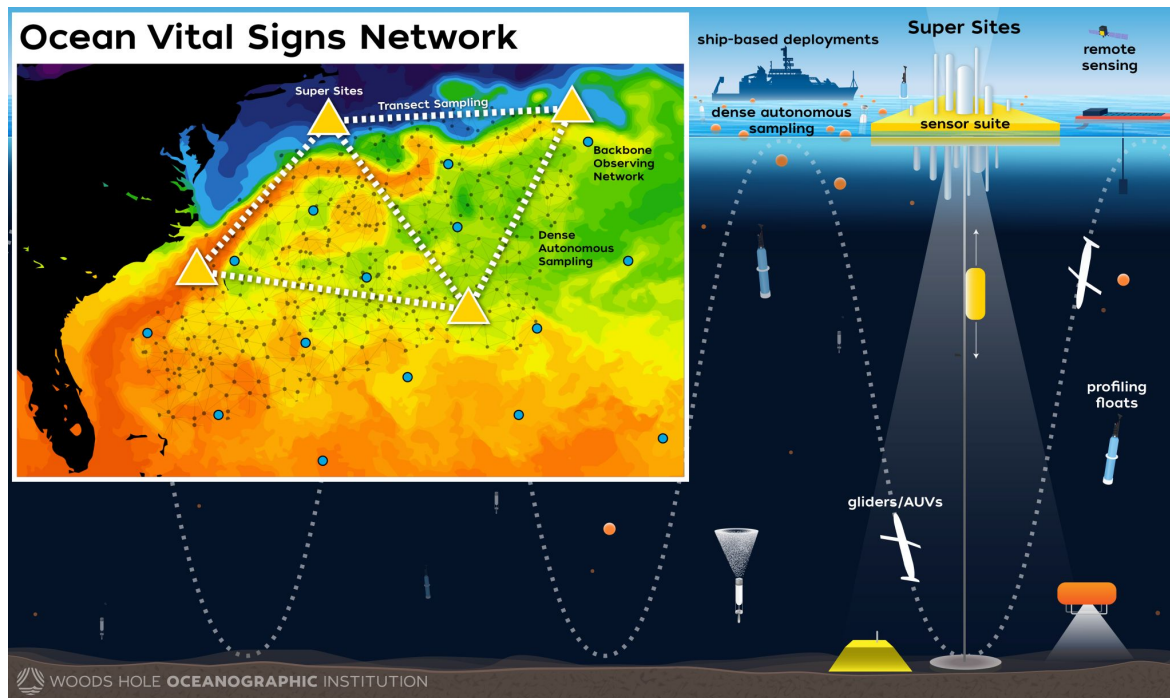
A Jupyter  
frontend to tie it  
all together!



# A motivating use case: Marine carbon dioxide removal (mCDR)



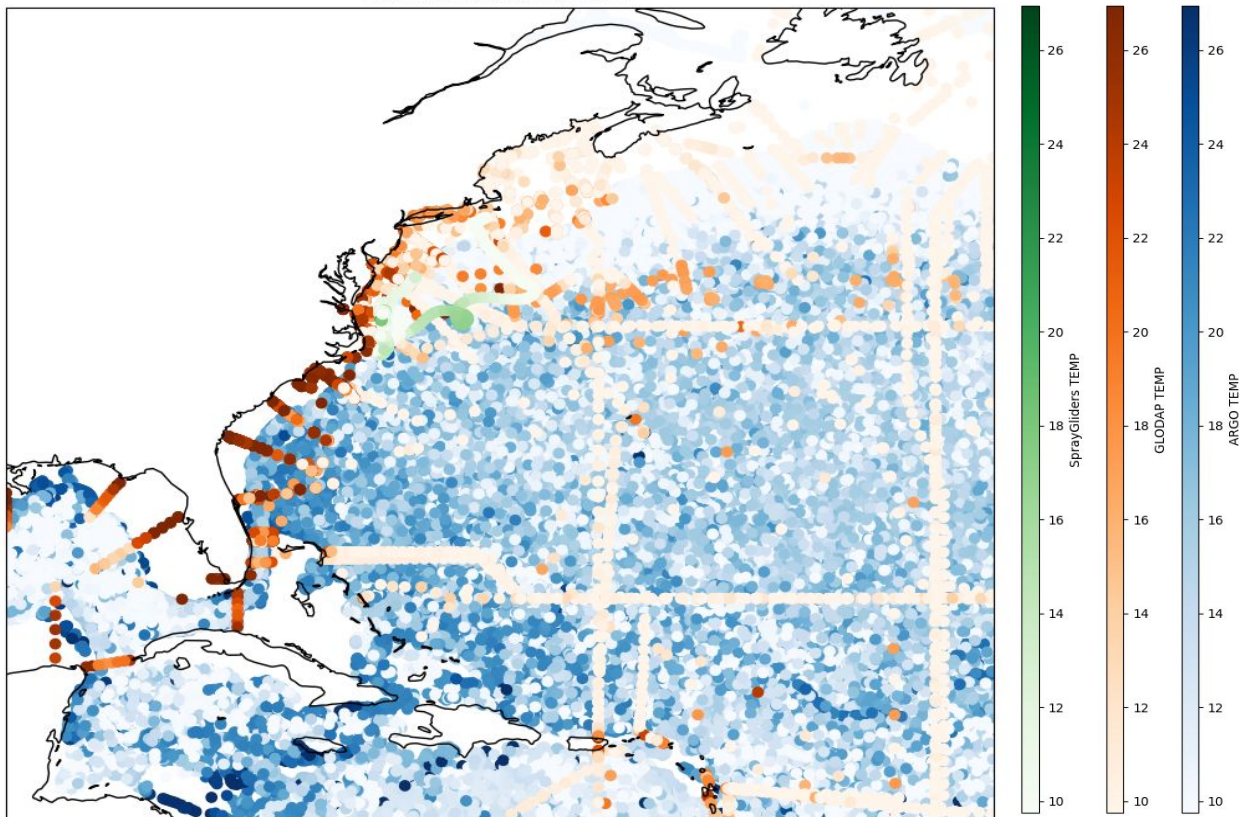
## A prerequisite: Better understanding of regional carbon cycling



**WOODS HOLE  
OCEANOGRAPHIC  
INSTITUTION**



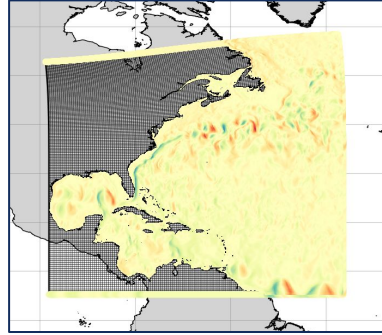
**CrocoLake:** A novel interface to **continuously-updated** oceanographic observations in **parquet** format for **near-real-time data assimilation**.





# Major work packages

Reproducing  
scientifically  
validated setups



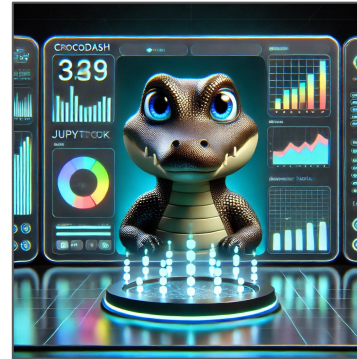
Integrating with  
data for carbon  
cycle science



Advancing data  
assimilation  
capabilities

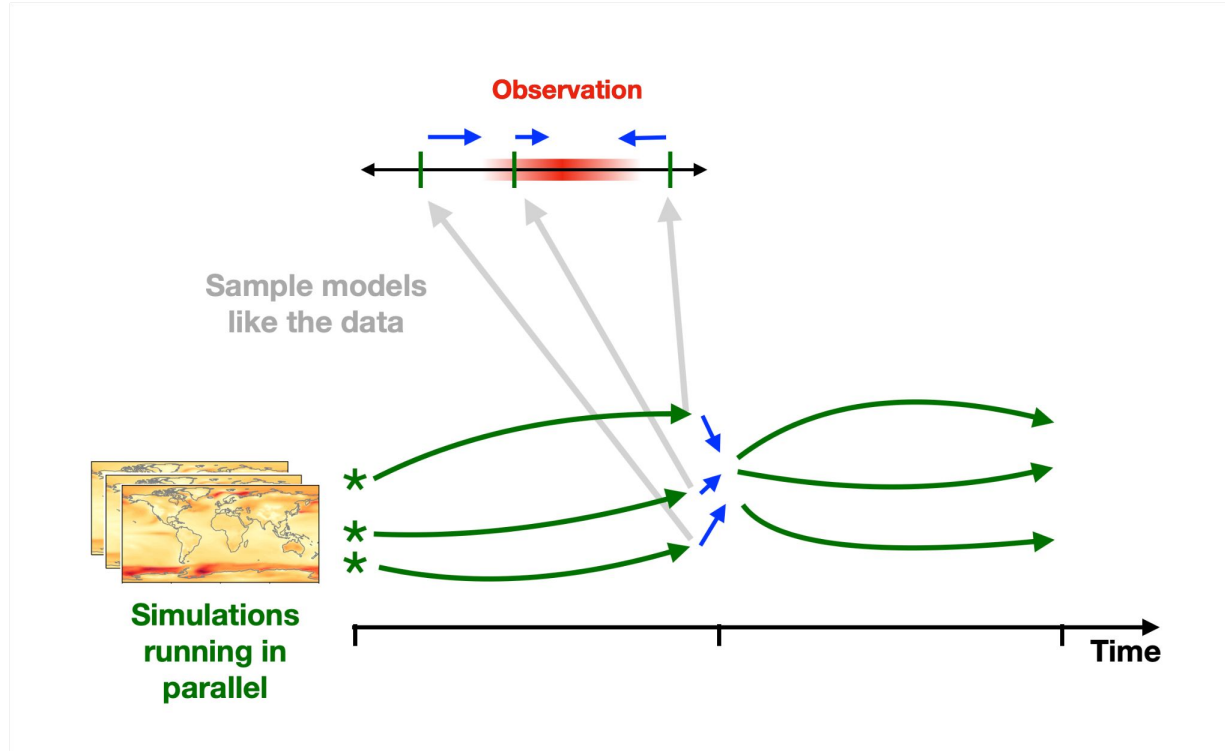


A Jupyter  
frontend to tie it  
all together!



# Ensemble data assimilation (DA):

Ingesting data for initialized prediction and model improvement



## Manipulating Observation Sequences

Here are some examples of how to use pyDARTdiags to read, modify, and write observation sequences

On this page

Manipulating Observation Sequences

Visualizing Observation Sequences

Diagnostics



Remove Observations



Finding Duplicates in a Observation Sequence



Join Observation Sequences

## Visualizing Observation Sequences

Examples of visualizing observation sequence data.



Geographic Plot of Observations to look at QC

## Diagnostics

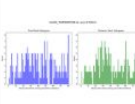
Examples of the diagnostic tools available in the library.



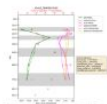
Possible vs. Used Observations



Grand Statistics



Rank Histogram



Plot Profiles

pyDARTdiags: Python frontends for powerful Fortran-based DA codes



NCAR | DART



DART interfaces exist for (nearly) every component model in CESM.

## Manipulating Observation Sequences

Here are some examples of how to use pyDARTdiags to read, modify, and write observation sequences

On this page

Manipulating Observation Sequences

Visualizing Observation Sequences

Diagnostics



Remove Observations



Finding Duplicates in a Observation Sequence



Join Observation Sequences

## Visualizing Observation Sequences

Examples of visualizing observation sequence data.



Geographic Plot of Observations to look at QC

## Diagnostics

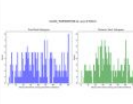
Examples of the diagnostic tools available in the library.



Possible vs. Used Observations



Grand Statistics



Rank Histogram



Plot Profiles

pyDARTdiags: Python frontends for powerful Fortran-based DA codes



NCAR | DART



DART interfaces exist for (nearly) every component model in CESM.

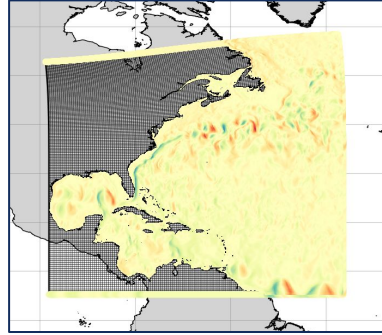
Recent milestone: Multi-instance CESM capabilities for regional MOM6.





# Major work packages

Reproducing  
scientifically  
validated setups



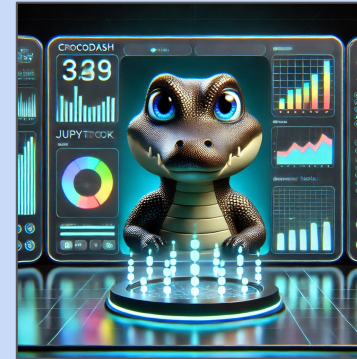
Integrating with  
data for carbon  
cycle science



Advancing data  
assimilation  
capabilities



Manish's talk,  
up next!



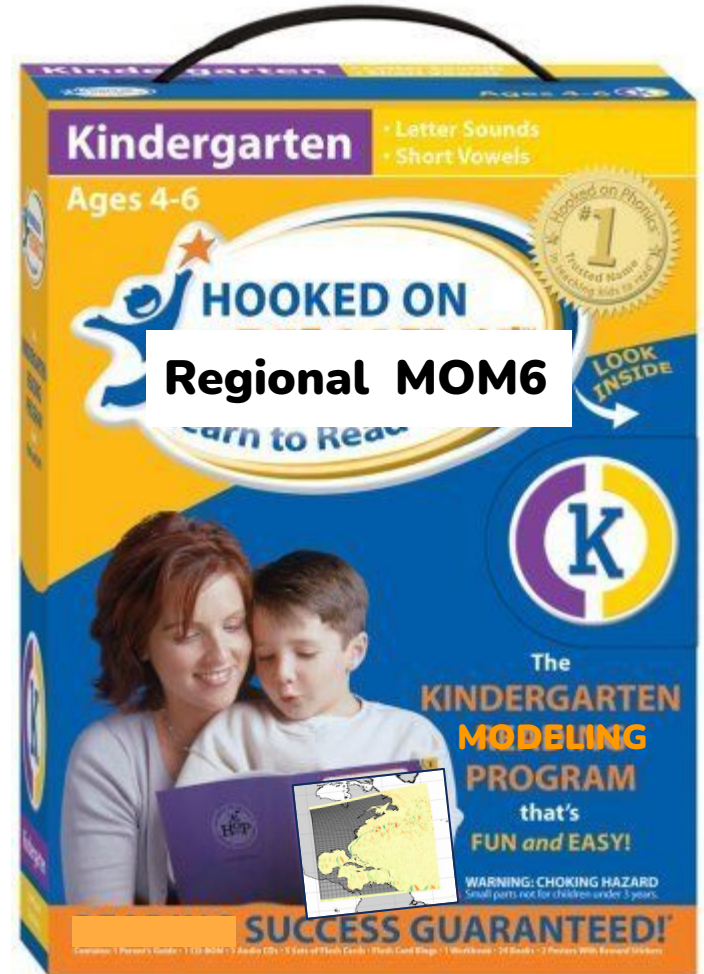
# What's next?

How do we get people hooked into a collaborative project?

Hosting an **initial community workshop**  
**13-17 October at NCAR**. Travel funds are available for 20 students / early careers.

- MOM6 introduction
- CrocoDash for regional modeling
- Git and collaborative workflows
- Hackathon: new domains, vertical coordinates, etc.
- ...

Please email [damrhein@ucar.edu](mailto:damrhein@ucar.edu) to be included in future announcements or be involved with planning!



# What's next?

Hosting an **initial community workshop**  
**13-17 October at NCAR**. Travel funds are  
available for 20 students / early careers.

Building a **gallery** of use cases and  
notebooks

Advancing regional BGC (MOM6-MARBL)

Hiring a **SIParCS intern** on reproducibility  
and code correctness for summer '25

Check out our **repos** and reach out with  
questions!

<https://github.com/CROCODILE-CESM>  
[damrhein@ucar.edu](mailto:damrhein@ucar.edu)

