### Coupled California Reanalysis Downscaling at 10km (CCaRD10)

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# Purpose

- Most of the downscalings made so far utilize SST from large scale analysis.
  - SST analysis is available in 2.0 degree to 0.5 degree resolutions, not sufficiently high enough for high resolution downscaling
  - Although high resolution SST analysis becoming available in recent years (POES-GOES Blended analysis), it is very difficult to obtain very high resolution SST in earlier years.



Point-for-point comparison with RTG\_HR shows S.D. of 0.45 K Comparison with Reynolds <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>° daily OI has S.D. of 0.65 K

# Importance of high resolution coastal SST

- The understanding of the effect of small scale detail in SST on coastal atmospheric analysis/forecast is still insufficient.
- The small scale ocean analysis, SST, temperature, salinity and currents are important for ecological study as well as for fishery and other applications.

# Possible impacts

- Impacts on reanalysis:
  - Near coast temperature, cloudiness, inversion
  - Sea breeze circulation.
  - Precipitation, storm strength
- Impacts of global warming:
  - Global warming leads to intensification of coastal ocean upwelling. (A. Bakun, Science, 1990)
  - Boundary current intensity and meandering.
  - Gulf of California SST and monsoon. Effect of other fine scale gulf (Red sea, Mediterranean sea, Bay of Bengal, etc).





### Possible troubles with coupled integrations

- Stability of ROMS
- How the lateral boundary condition works for ROMS
- Systematic error and flux correction.

# Experiments

- 1. Uncoupled integration with climatological atmospheric forcing.
  - a. Importance of initial condition and spin-up
  - b. Systematic error
- 2. Uncoupled integration with RSM forcing
  - a. Monthly mean or daily mean
  - b. Systematic error and flux correction
- 3. Coupled integration (with daily coupling)
  - a. Systematic error and flux correction
  - b. Systematic error in salinity

## Initial condition

- Simple Ocean Data Assimilation (SODA) analysis is used (Carton et al. 2000), available from <a href="http://www.atmos.umd.edu/~ocean/">http://www.atmos.umd.edu/~ocean/</a> .
- 20-levels, 2x2.5 / 0.5x2.5 degree resolution. 1958-2001. ERA-40 wind used.
- No special spin-up required. Accurate horizontal and vertical interpolation is necessary. The ocean initial state near the coast is found to be critical.
- Complex coast line needs to be avoided. At least 5 consecutive straight grid alignment if necessary.
- Small lakes and narrow bays causes instability.

- SODA reanalysis
- NCEP NCEP SST
- MQC monthly mean forcing
- DQC daily mean forcing
- CPL RSM-ROMS coupled model

All the result are within 1996 and 2001. Inner domain (133W-106W, 22N-48N) *Note: Bugs in the program. These results are tentative.* 



Surface Averaged Kinetic Energy (cm2/s2)













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#### C temperature Om (Degree)



### Jun-Jul-Aug SSH







#### Correlation RMSE NCEP 0.835 0.48 MQC 0.547 0.83 lacksquareDQC 0.589 0.88 lacksquareCPL 0.641 0.78

### Impact on atmosphere



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# Conclusions

- RSM and ROMS are coupled.
- Parallel coupling is now working, saving wall clock time (but requires more nodes).
- The simulated ocean is reasonable. Analysis is still in progress.
- The impact of coastal SST on atmosphere is significant at some locations.
- We observed a large scale anomalous wind circulation due to much more intense cold SST at the coast, which is caused by the enhanced upwelling.
- More works are needed to examine the impact of coupling on downscaling.

### Surface Currents JJA







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