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# Integrating SWOT data into a deep learning model for real-time high-resolution prediction of ocean surface currents

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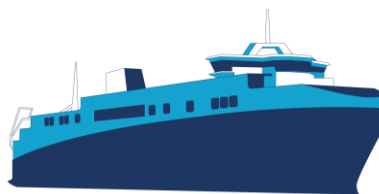




# AMPHITRITE

OCEAN DATA INTELLIGENCE

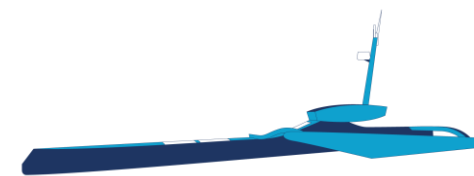
- Provide high-resolution ocean data, in a real-time manner, to make the right decision at sea
  - AI is used to fuse multiple satellite data
  - Applications:



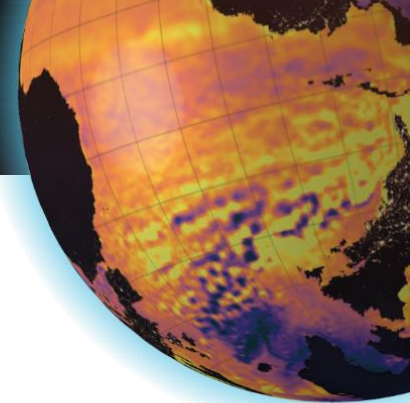
Green Shipping



Defense

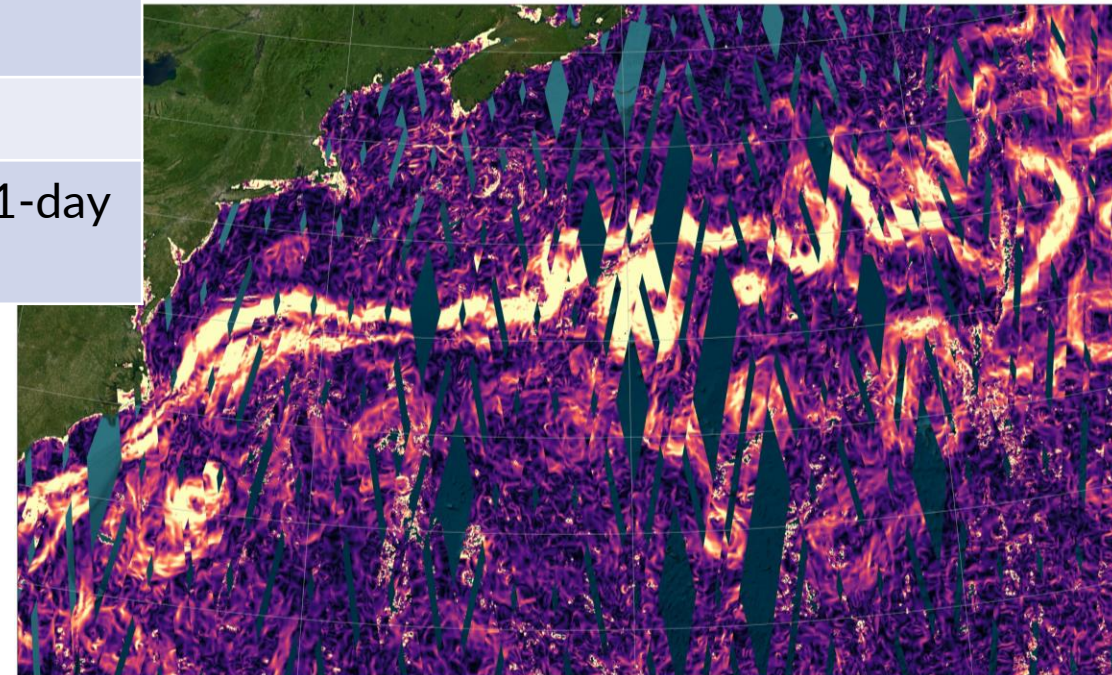


Environment

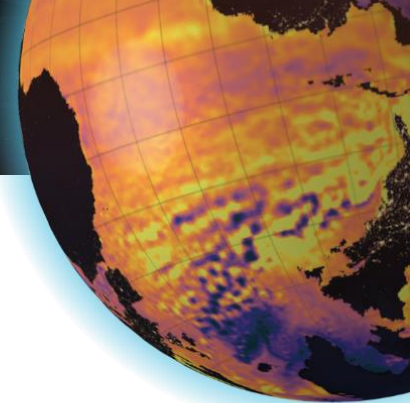


# SWOT vs Nadir

Nadir	SWOT
Multiple satellites	1 satellite
Many years of data	~1 year of data
Spatially sparse	120km swath
Effective resolution: 65km	Effective resolution: 15km
High temporal frequency	Low temporal frequency (21-day repeat orbit)

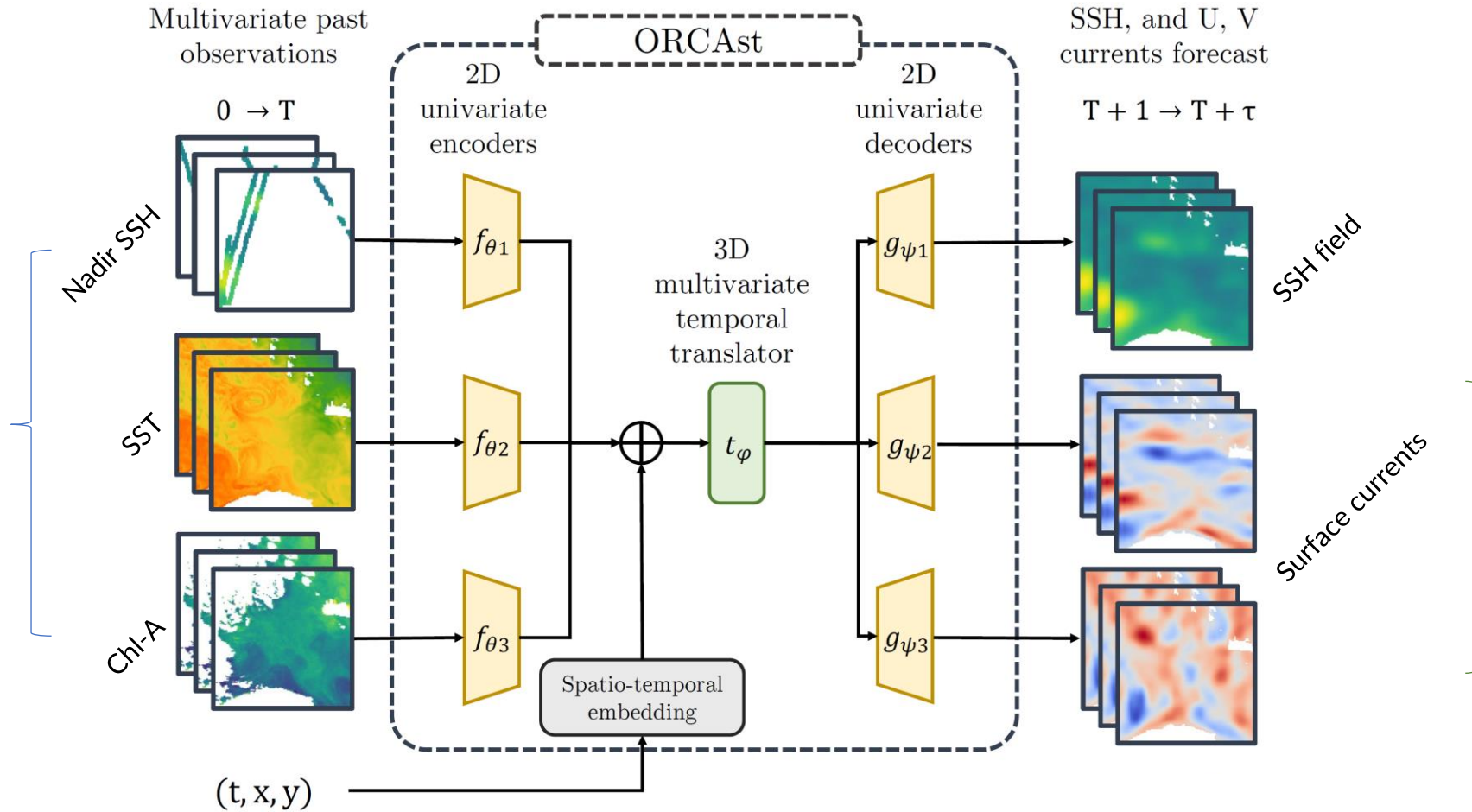


Credits: AVISO

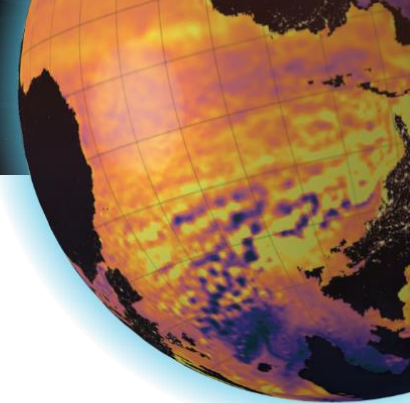


# Our model architecture

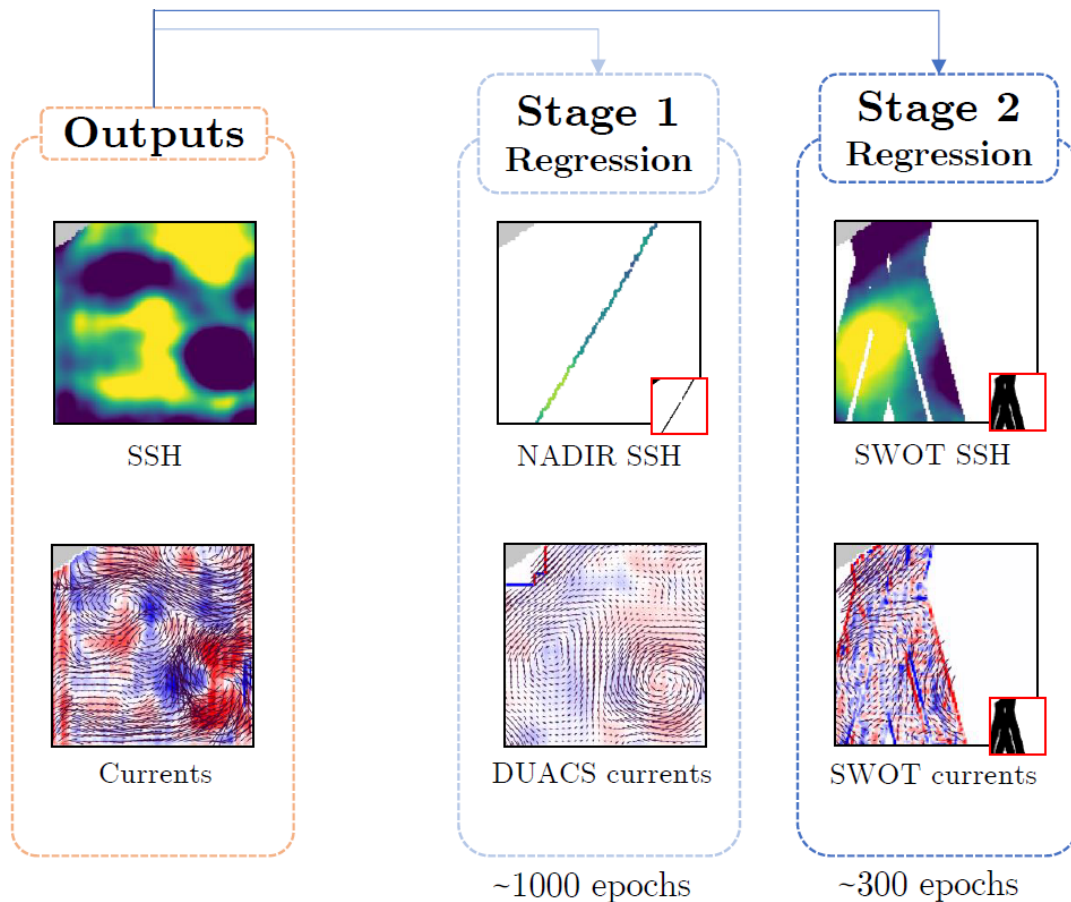
Inputs: Satellite observations



Outputs: 2D reconstructed surface currents

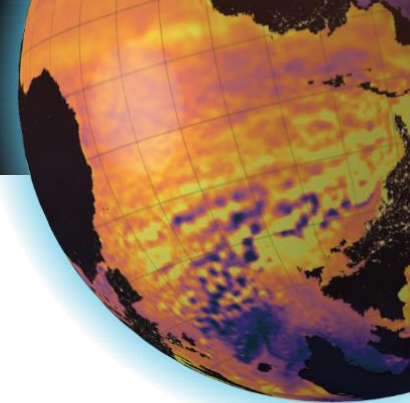


# Multi-stage training strategy



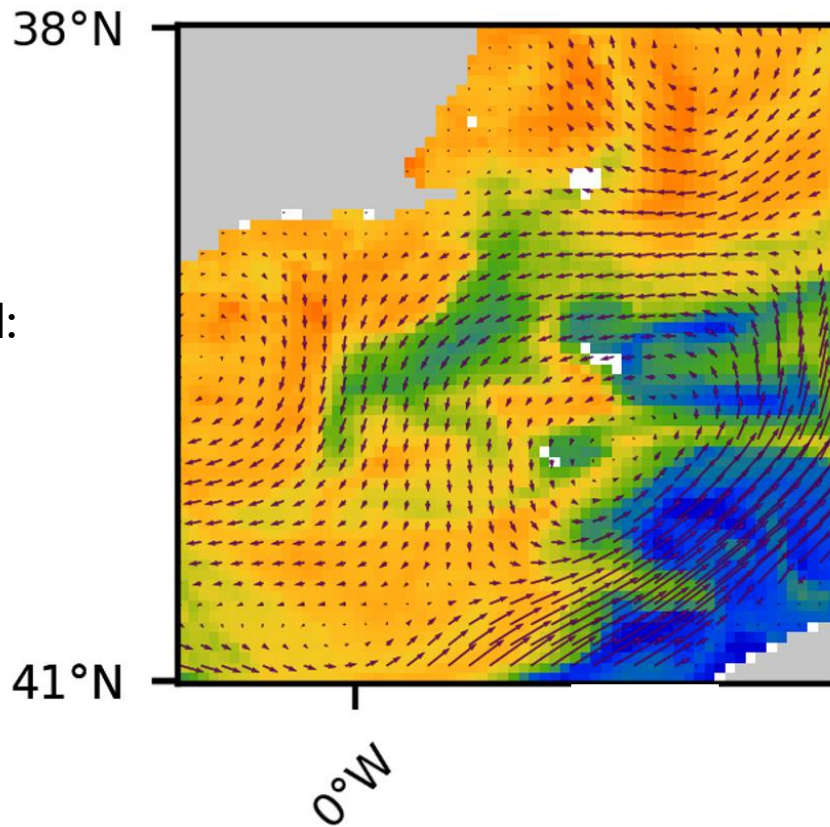
- Stage 1: Nadir and AVISO/DUACS as targets
- Stage 2: SWOT as targets

Data used as targets changes in the different training stages.

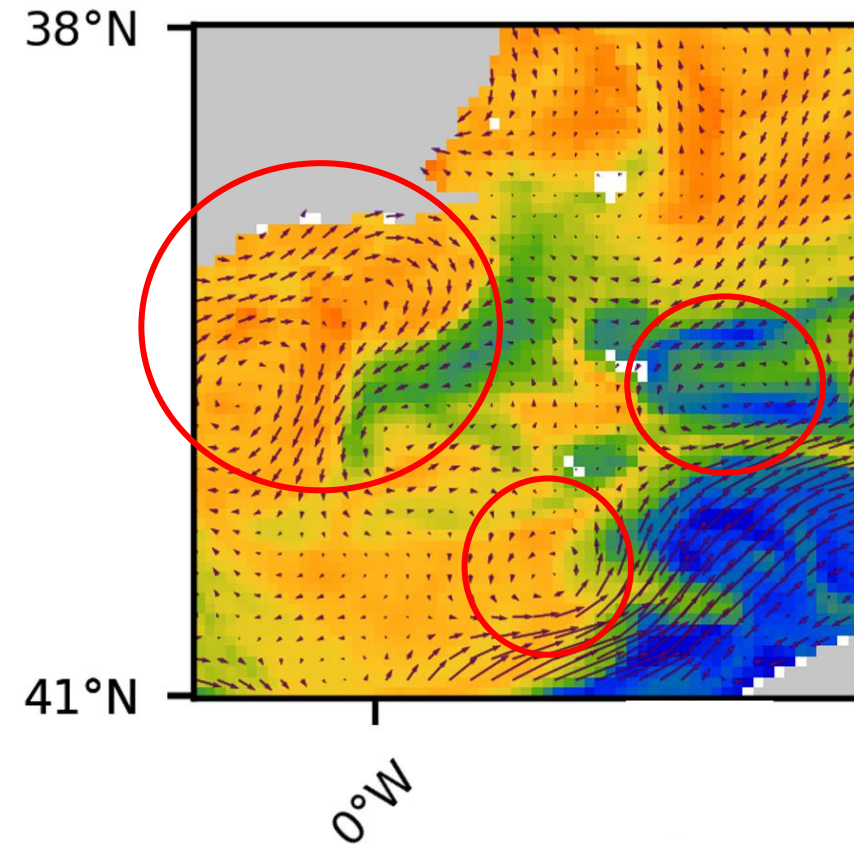


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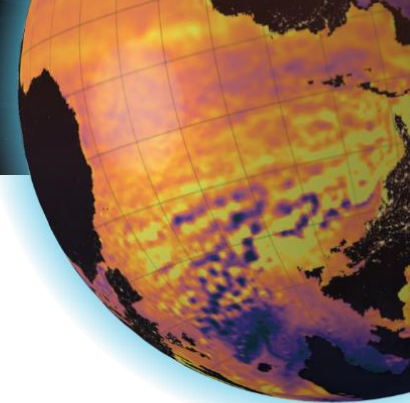
Background:  
L3 SST



Before training with SWOT

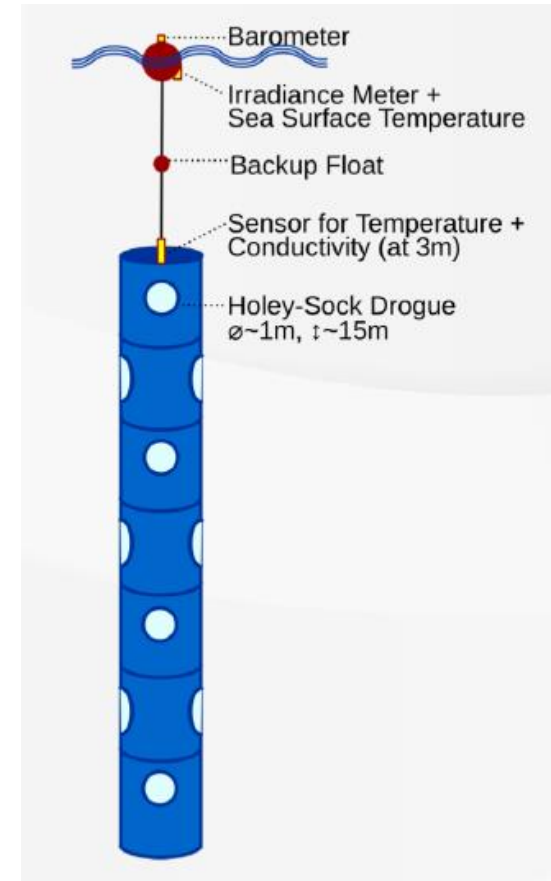
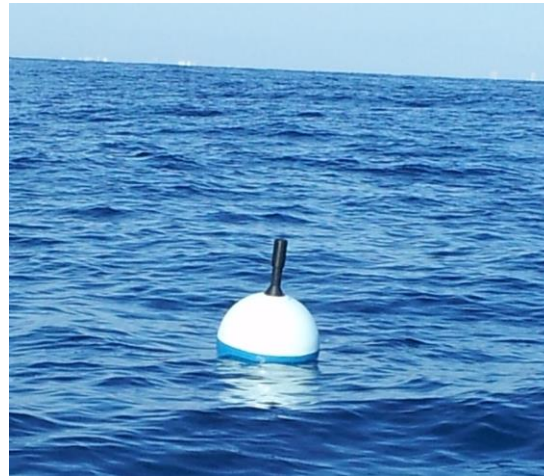


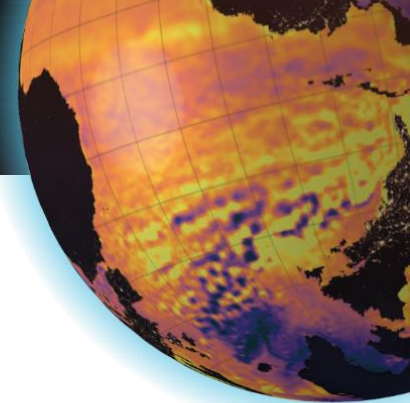
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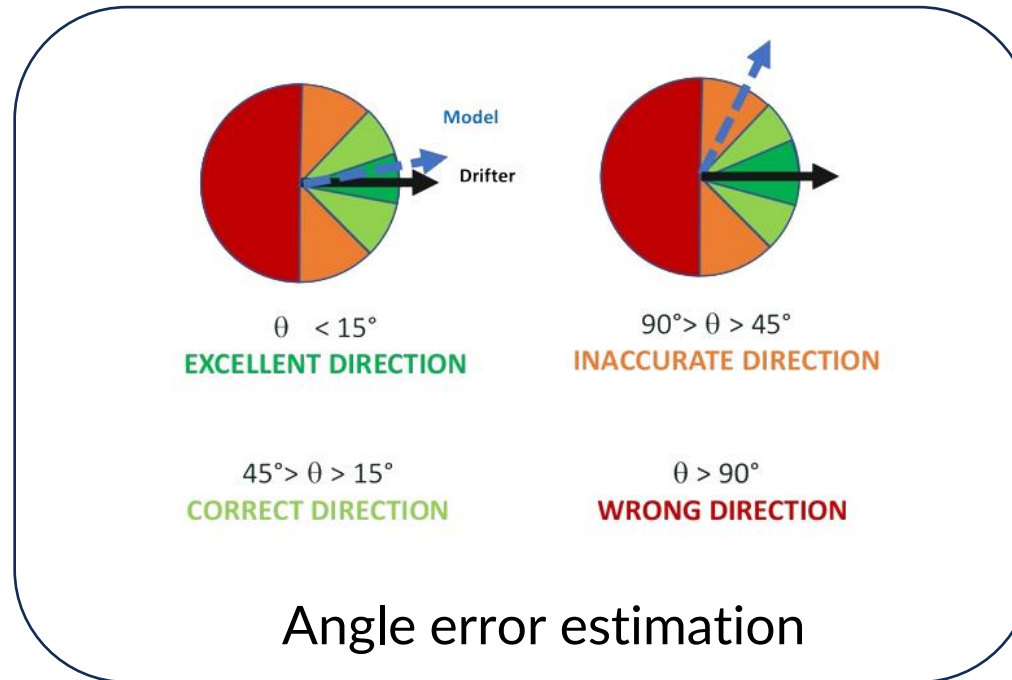
# Evaluation process

We compare our output currents with currents measured by **drifter buoys**.

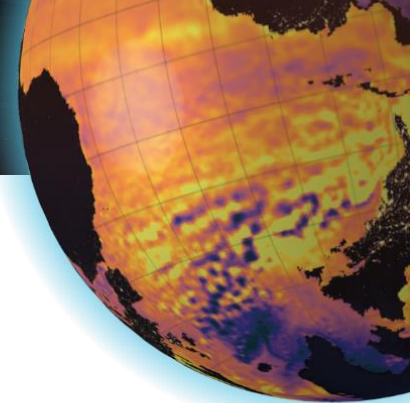




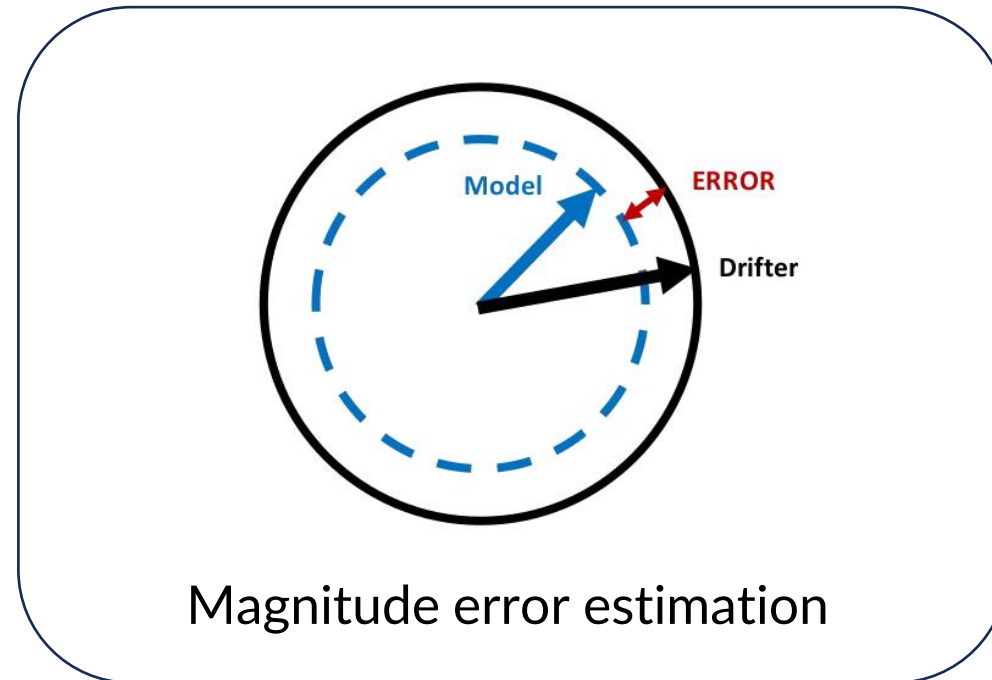
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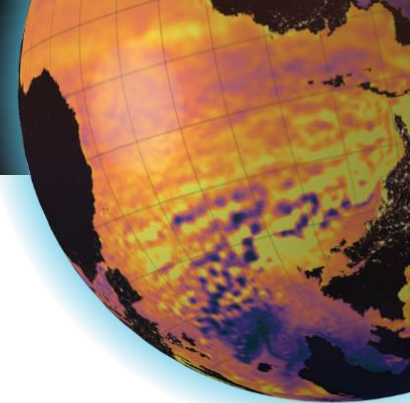






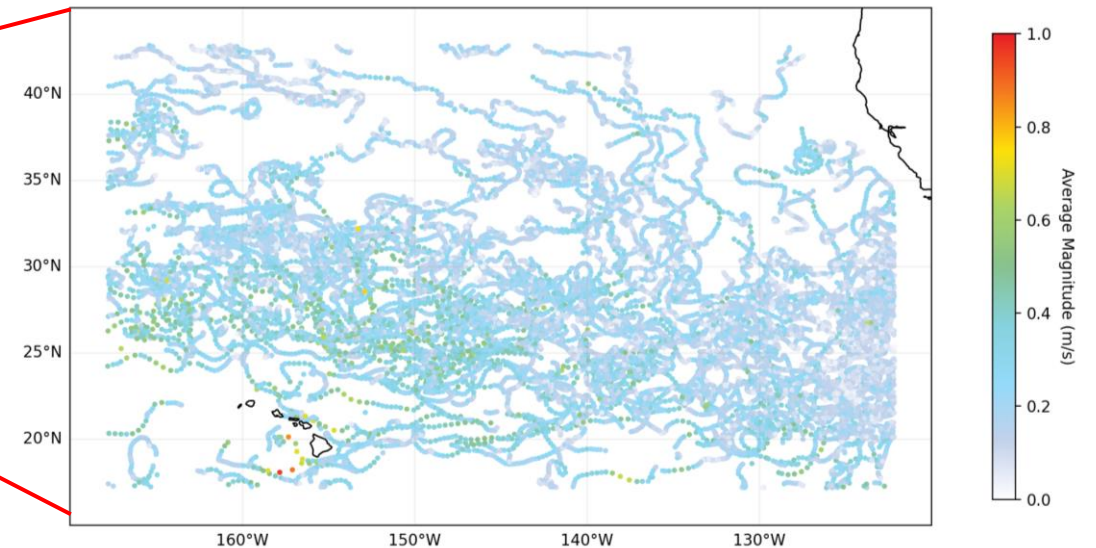
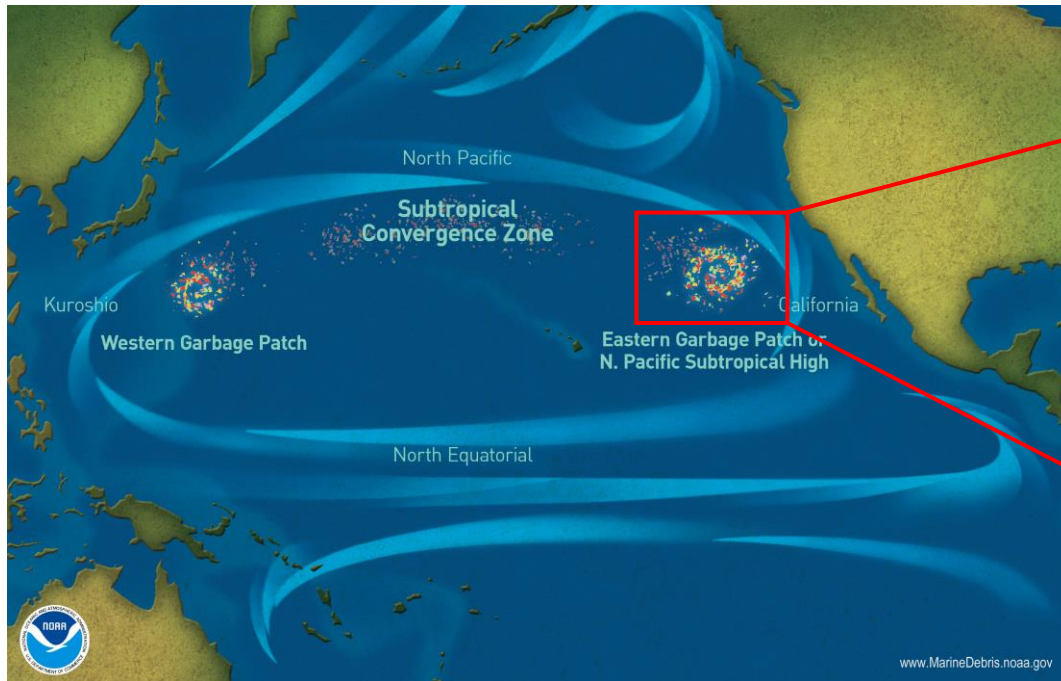
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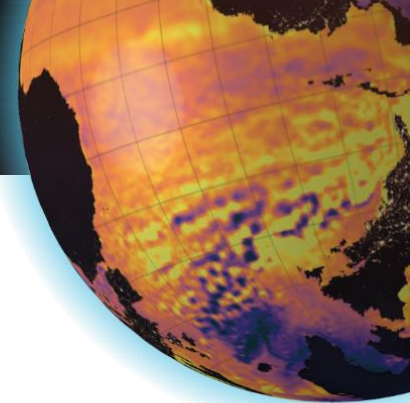


# Results in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch

## THE OCEAN CLEANUP

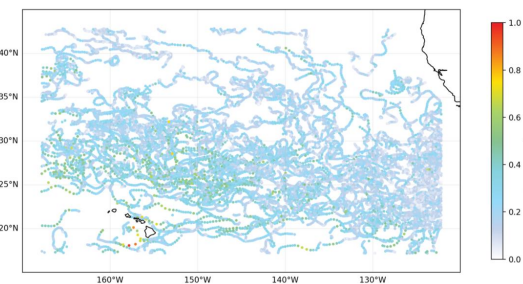
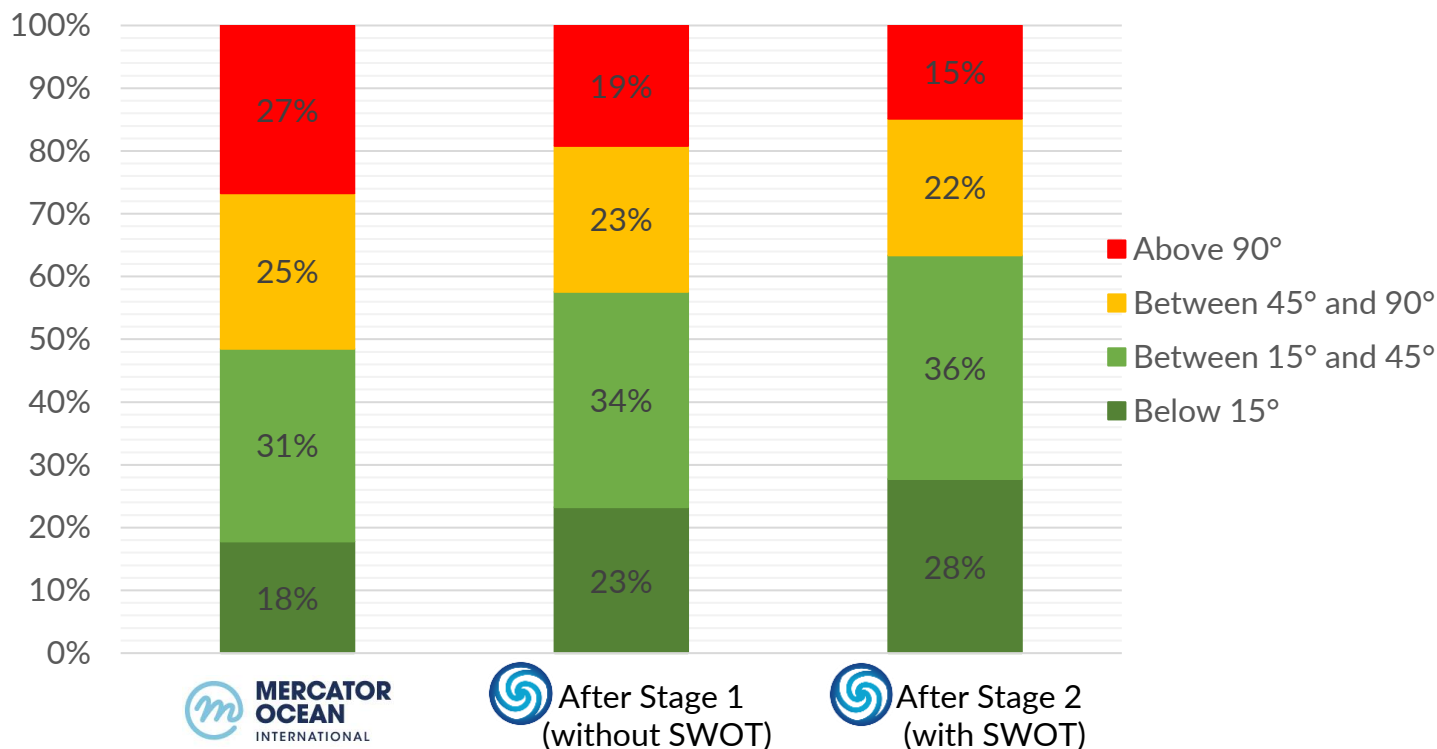


Drifter data between March and September 2024



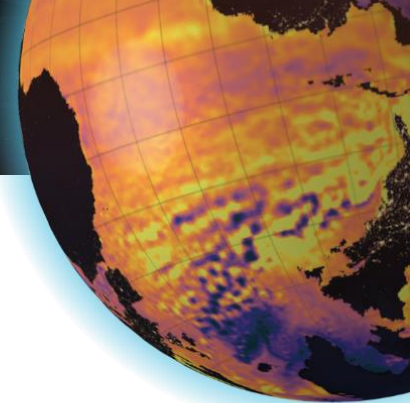
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Angle error



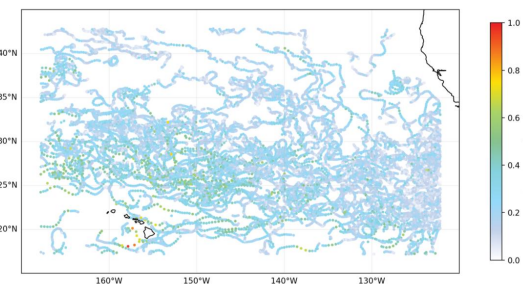
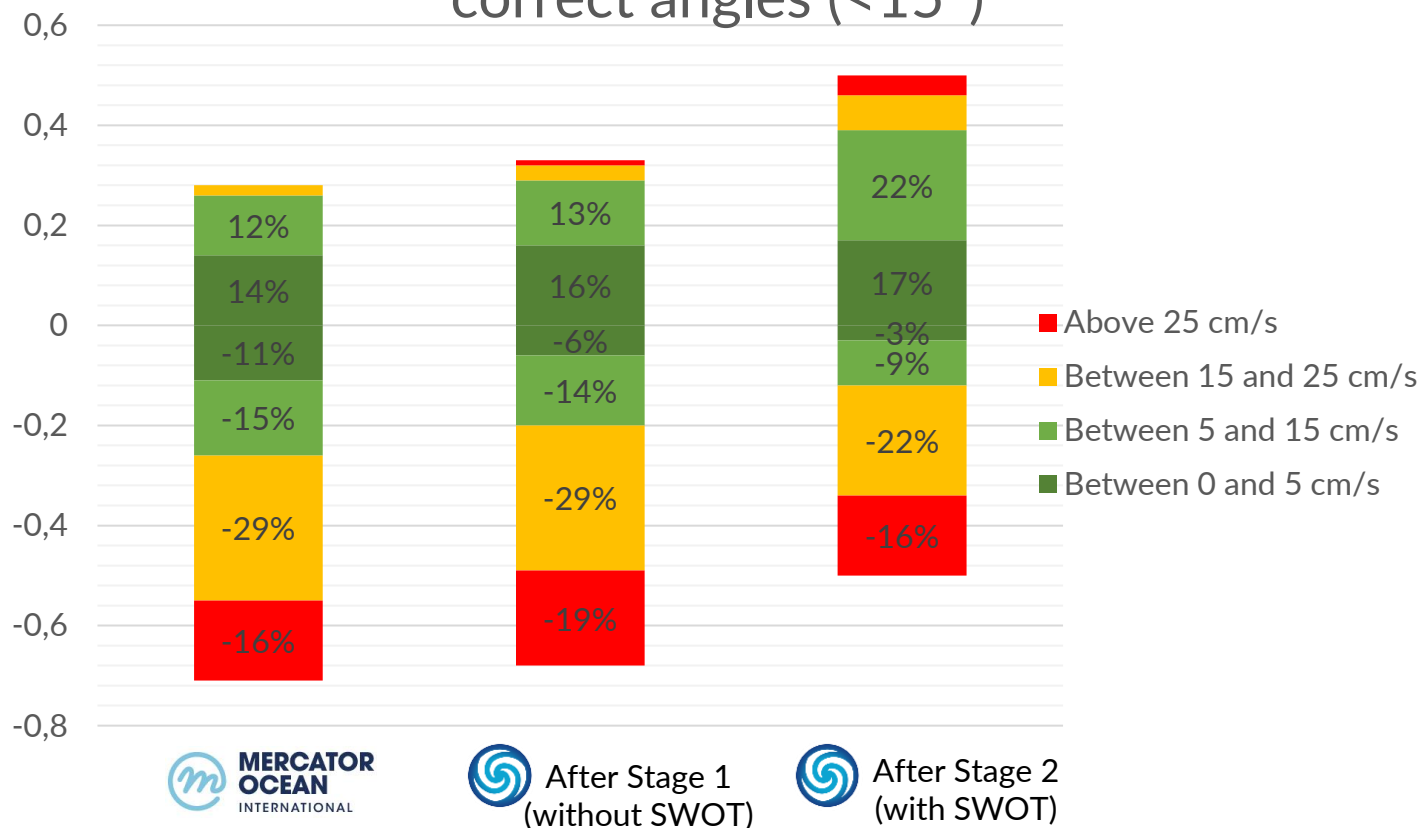
Evaluation done with drifter data between March and September 2024

Training with SWOT data as targets gives us more accurate predictions.



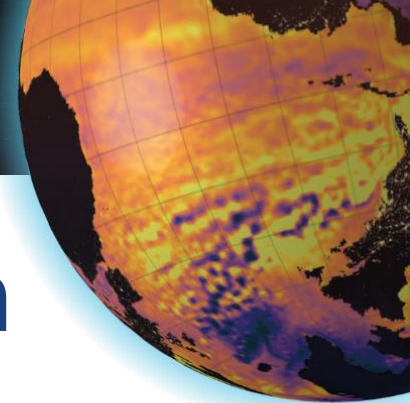
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Magnitude error, computed on correct angles ( $<15^\circ$ )

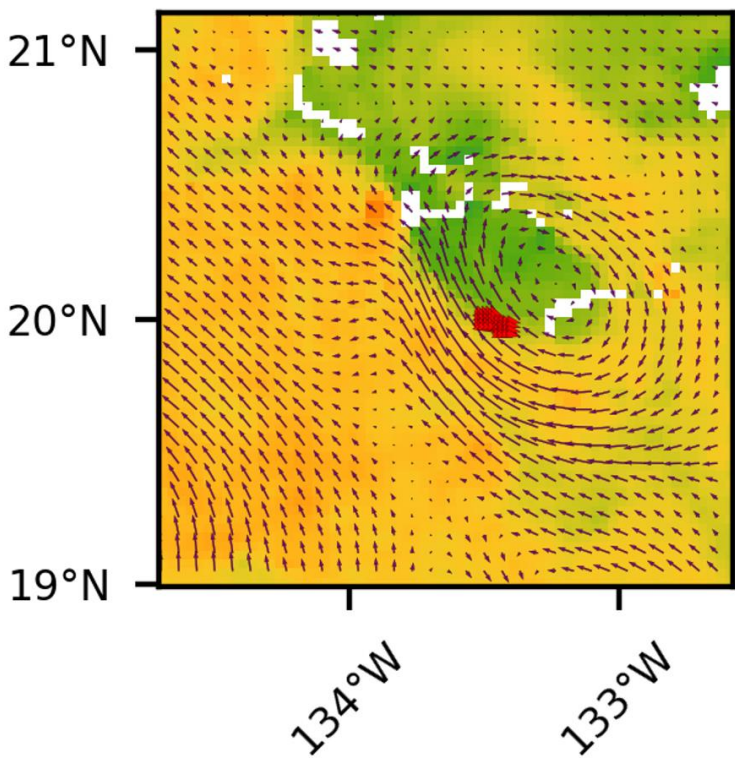


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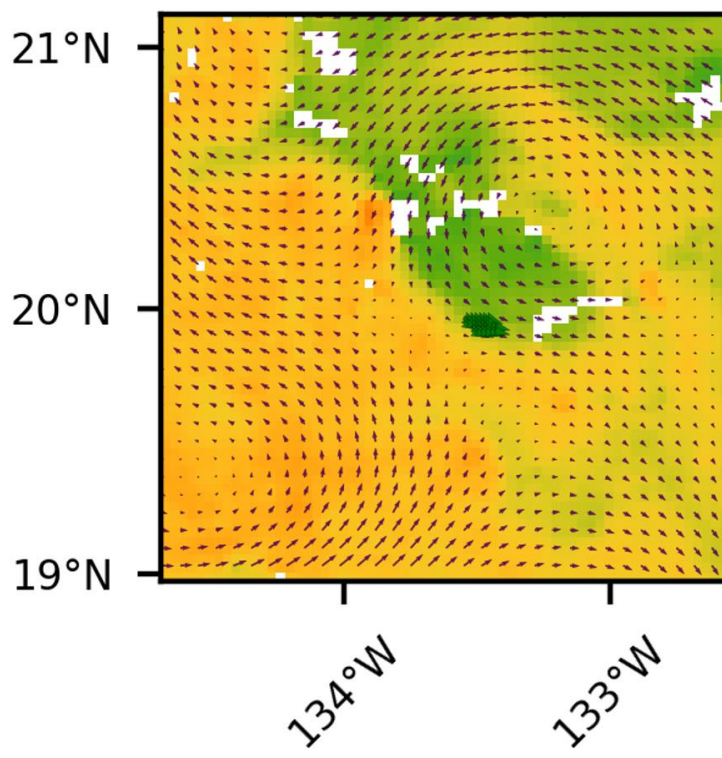
Training with SWOT data as targets alleviates the magnitude underestimation bias.



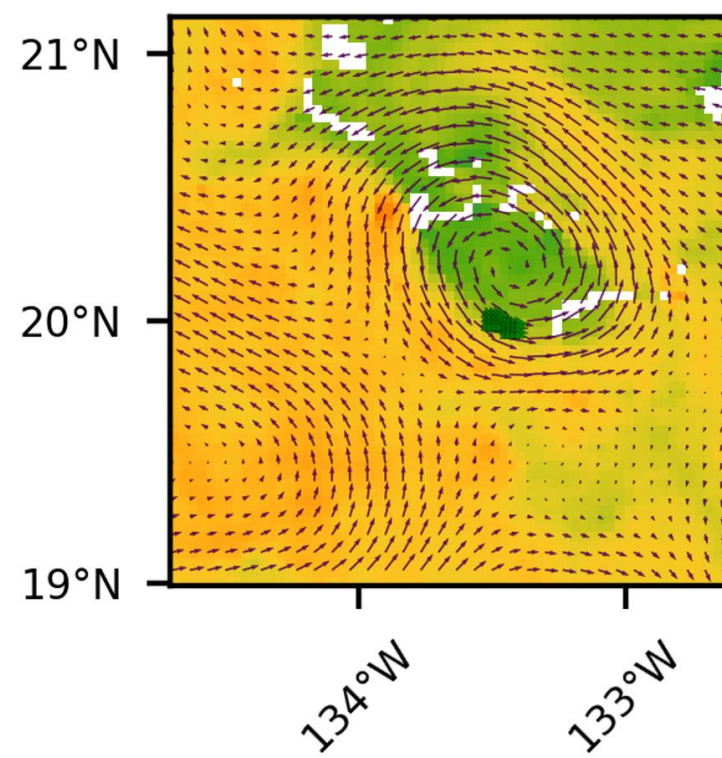
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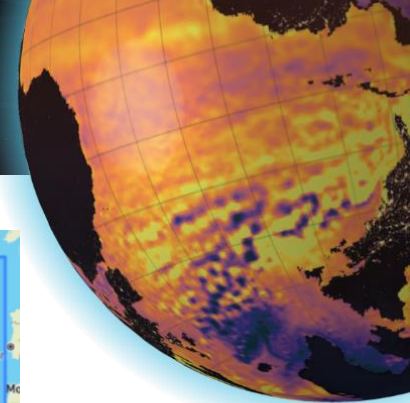
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Stage 1 (without SWOT)



Stage 2 (with SWOT)

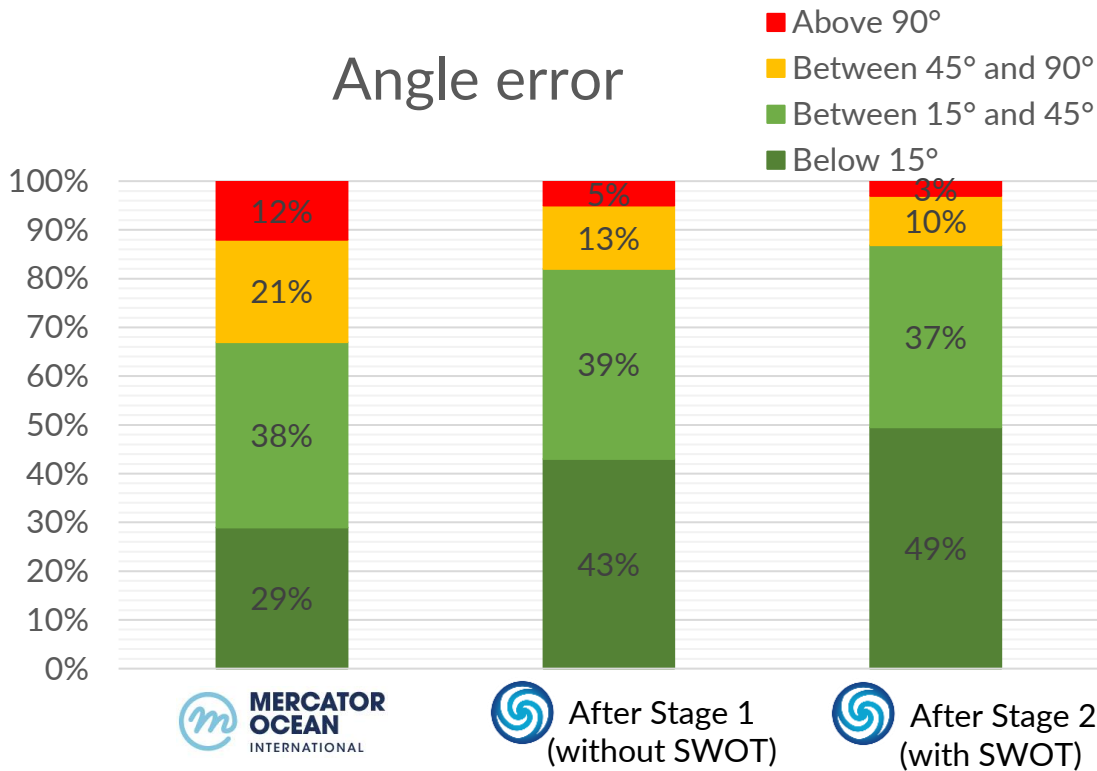


# Results in the North Atlantic

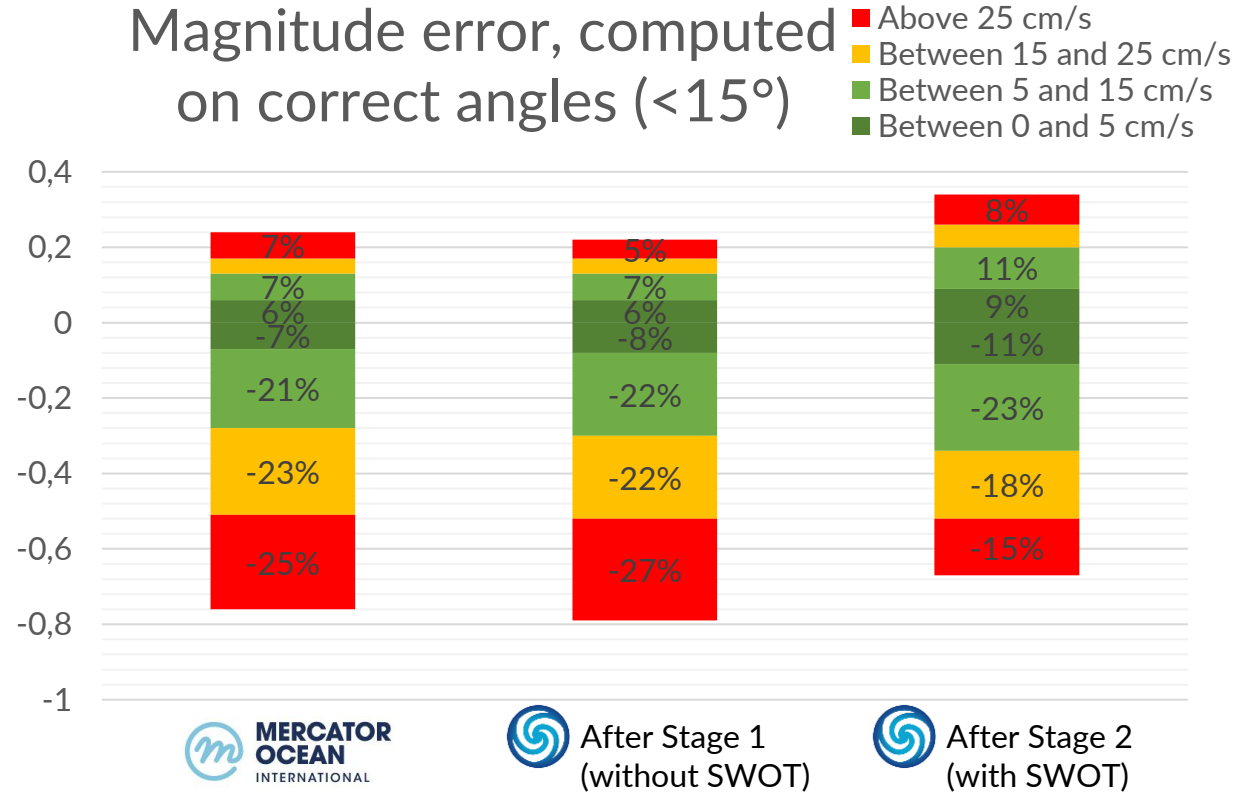


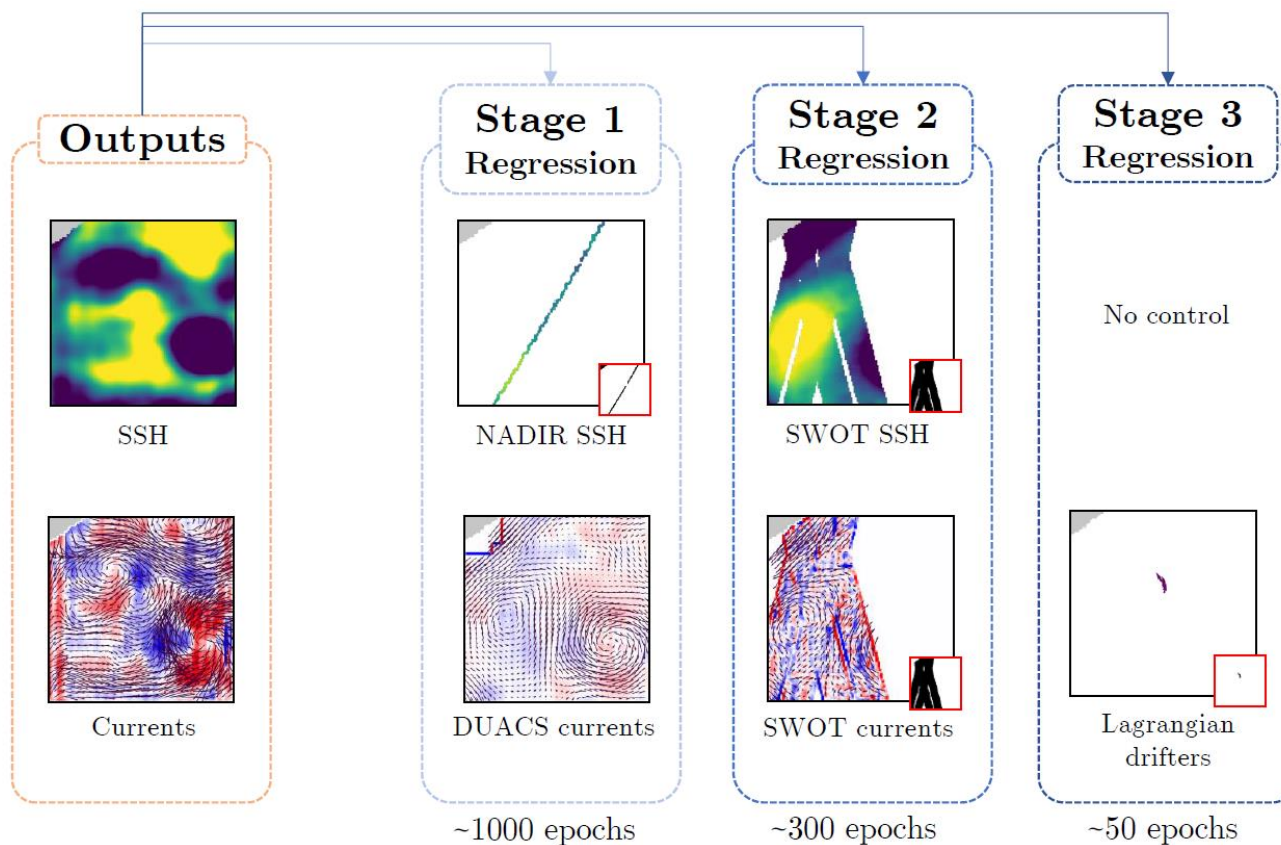
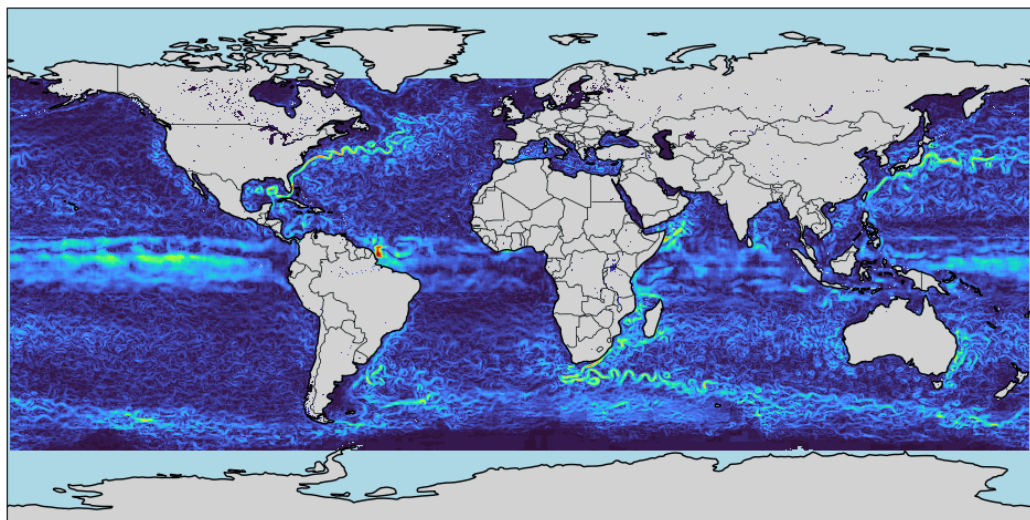
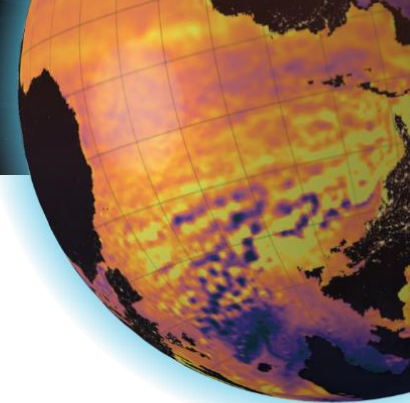
After being trained with SWOT data as targets, both angle and magnitude performance are improved.

## Angle error



## Magnitude error, computed on correct angles (<15°)





- Training with Nadir, SWOT... and drifters
- Not just nowcasts but 7-day forecasts
- Global model with state-of-the-art performance!

→ Inès Larroche, Thursday morning, Room IV