NorESM/BLOM going towards high[er] resolution

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Global Scale NorESM setups

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Ocean/ice: $2^{\circ} -> 1^{\circ} -> 1/4^{\circ} -> 1/8^{\circ}$ Atmosphere/land: $2^{\circ} -> 1^{\circ} -- -> 1/4^{\circ}$

Global CESM-HR (1/4° atm/lnd 1/10° ocn/ice) data available locally

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Local scale in the ocean

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Re-entrant channel, double periodic, 1D-column

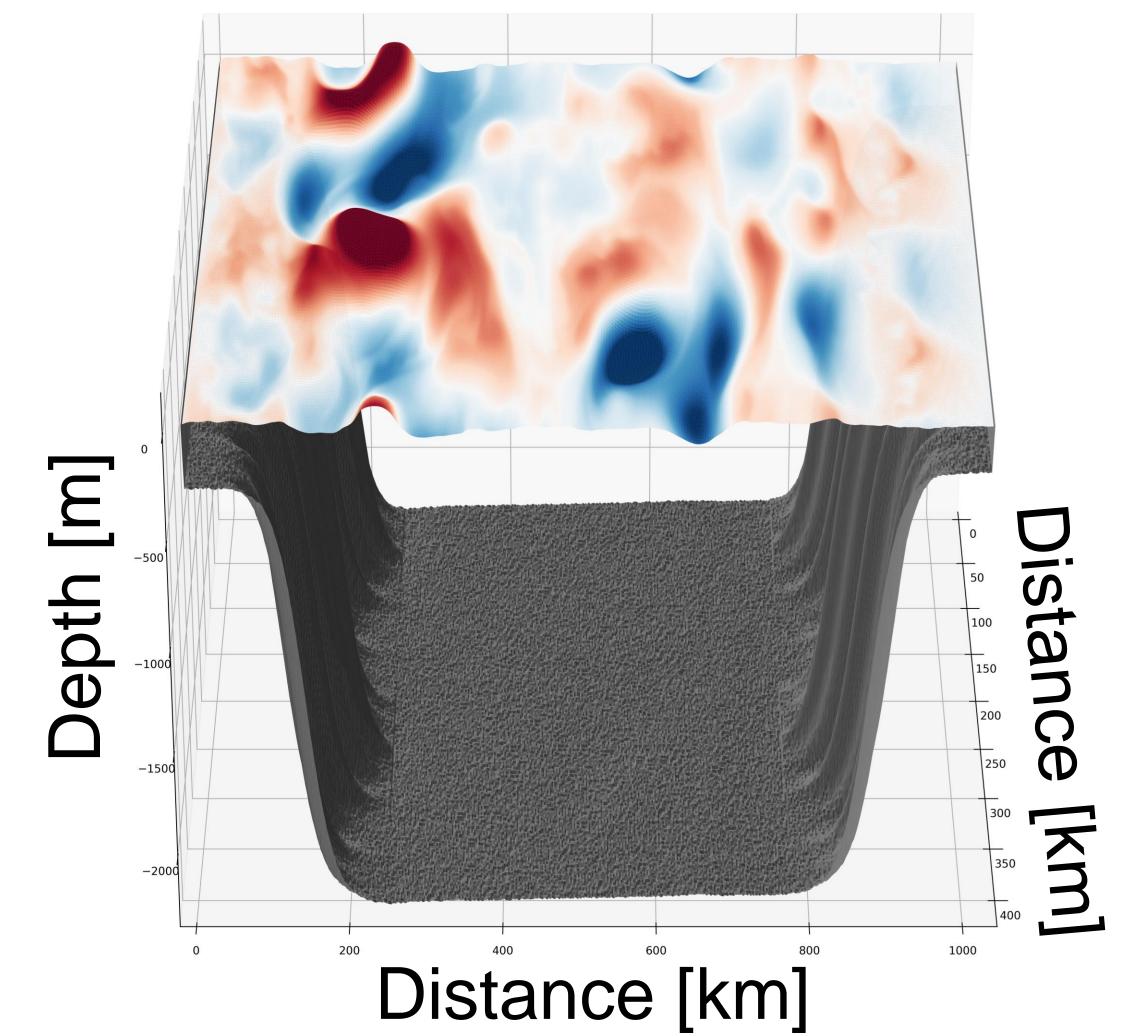


Figure 1. Example of instantaneous SSH anomalies (scaled) and bottom bathymetry in BLOM re-entrant channel setup.

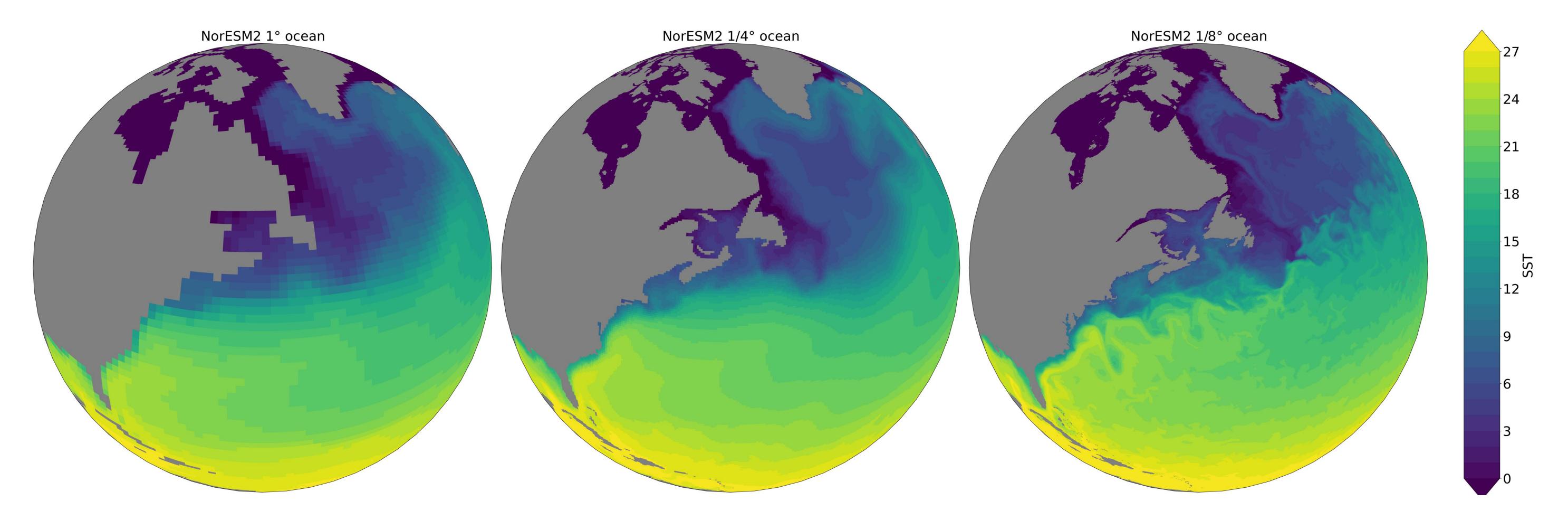
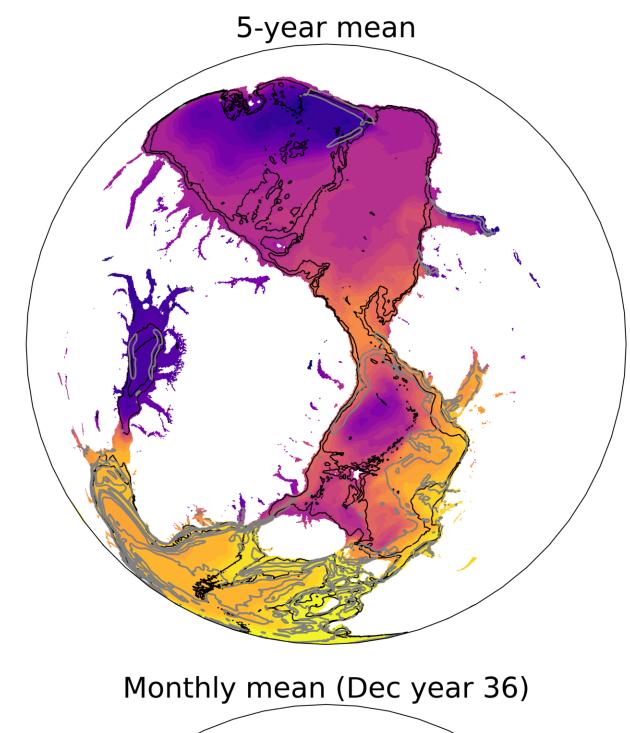
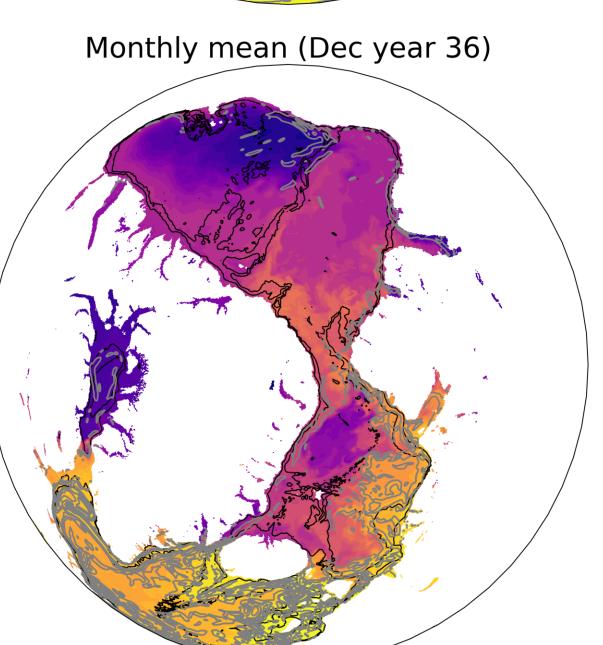


Figure 2: daily mean SST in the North Atlantic in 3 different ocean simulations under the same (1°) atmosphere

New science opportunities

- Hierarchy from process resolving ocean to fully parameterized ESM
- 1/4° atmosphere
 - Tropical storms
- 1/8° and higher ocean
 - Eddy dynamics
 - Air-sea interaction
 - hfreq diagnostics needed





Challenges ahead

Arctic temperature stratification is biased due to part of the inflow being reflected towards the central Arctic

Similar behavior is seen in CESM-HR.

Figure 3. 5-year mean (top) and January mean (bottom) potential temperature at 400 meters depth. Black contours show 1000 and 2000 m depths, gray contours show kinetic energy.





