

The Effect of Input Resolution for Atmospheric Models on Storm Surge Simulation

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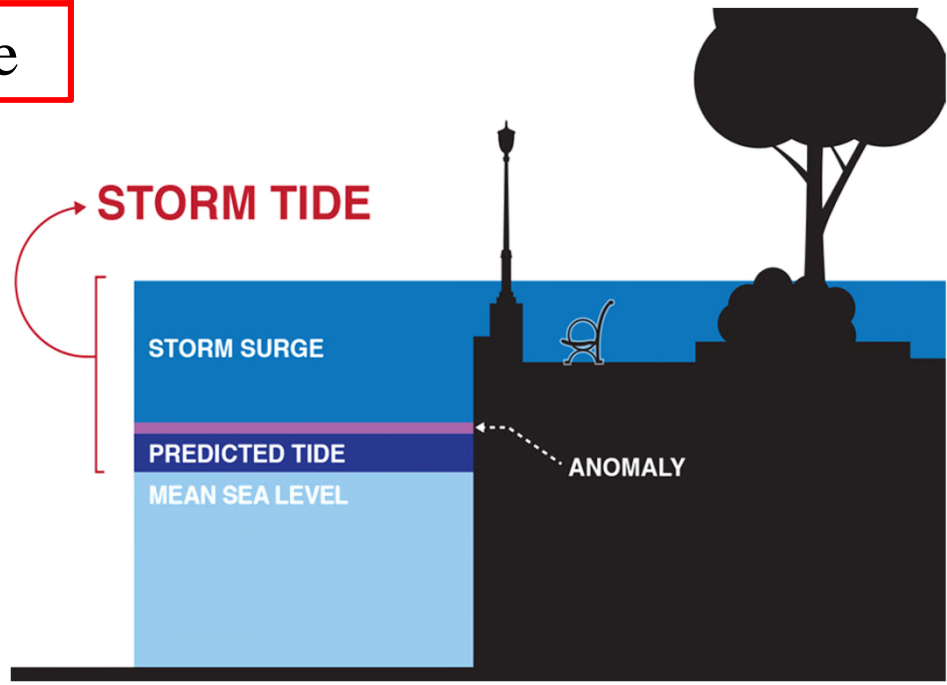
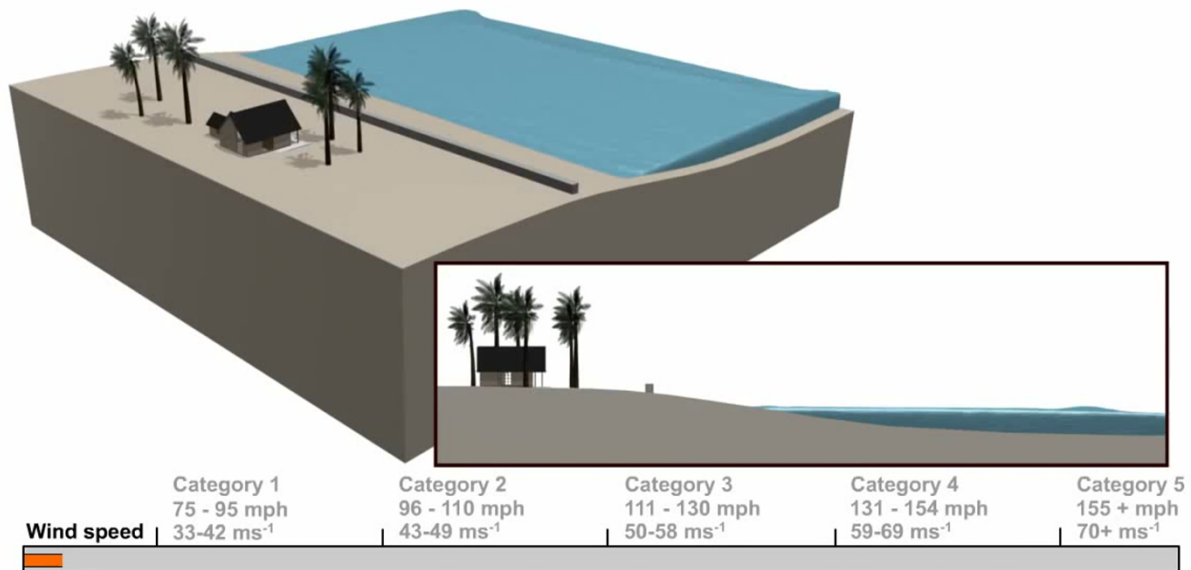
Storm Surge

Tropical cyclones present major hazards (extreme winds, rainfall and **storm surges**) for coastal areas, and they respond to climate change.

Storm surge is the abnormal rise in seawater level during a storm, measured as the height of the water above the normal predicted astronomical tide.

$$\text{Total Water Level} = \boxed{\text{Storm Surge} + \text{Astronomical Tide}} + \text{Waves} + \text{Freshwater Input} = \boxed{\text{Storm Tide}}$$

Hurricane Intensity Scale (Storm Surge)



NOAA. What is storm surge? National Ocean Service website, <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/stormsurge-stormtide.html>, 10/10/17.

Recent Storm Surge Events in West Pacific

Under the scenario of global warming and sea level rise caused by climate change in the future, the potential occurrence of severe storms has increased in the last decade and battered those countries at the edge of the Northwest Pacific.

2018/08 Jebi



<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-45419771>

2018/09 Mangkhut



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2025/08 Kajiki

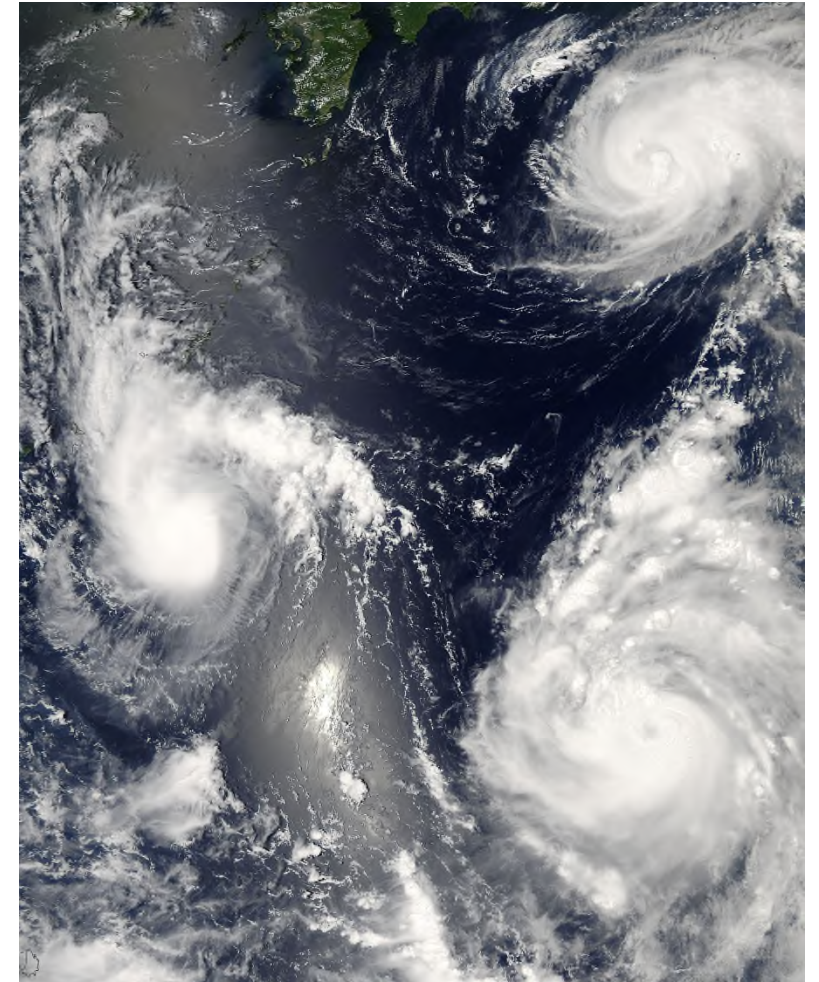


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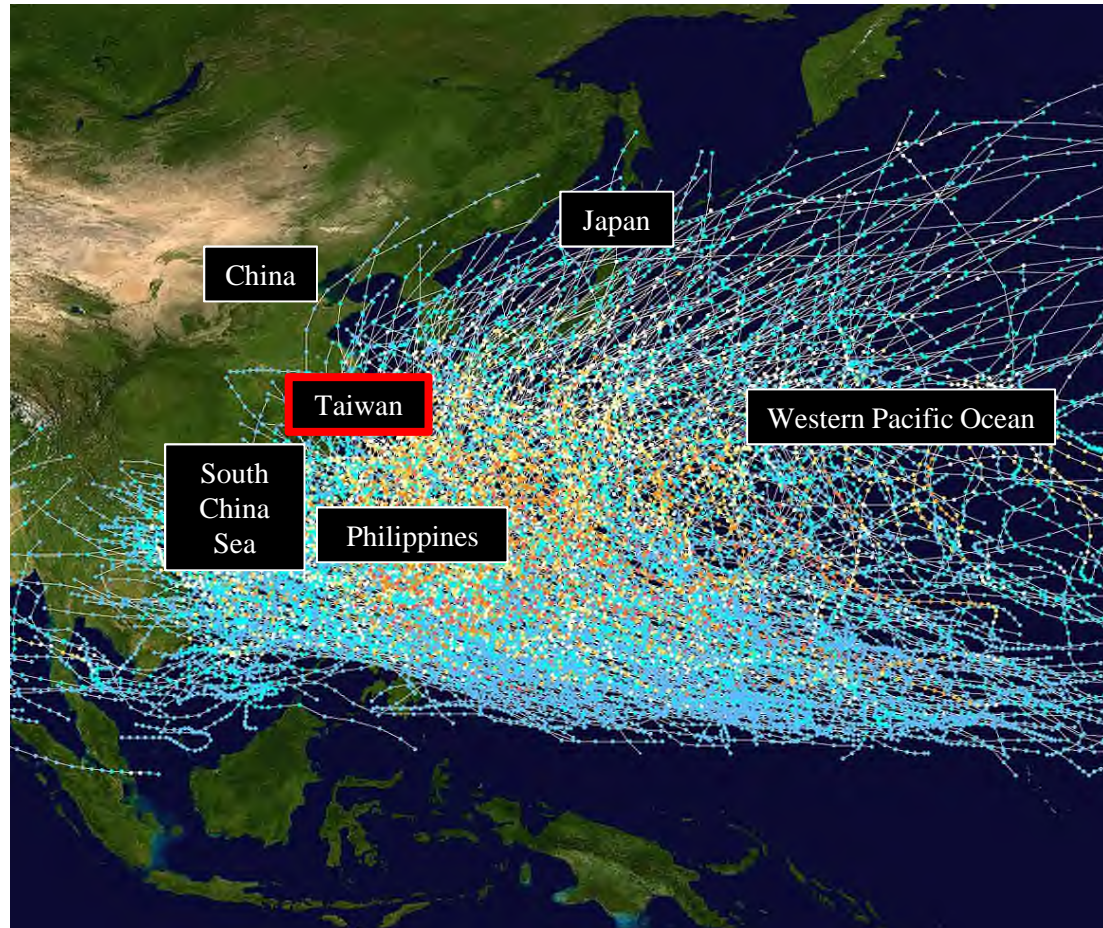
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Schmaltz, J. (2006, August 9). *Pacific Typhoons* [Satellite image]. NASA Visible Earth. NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Retrieved from Visible Earth website.

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Tracks of all tropical cyclones in the northernwestern Pacific Ocean between 1980 and 2005. The right boundary is the International Date Line. Created using WikiProject Tropical cyclones/Tracks

2018/08 Jebi



関西空港の滑走路は5日にも冠水が続いた

<https://www.bbc.com/japanese/45416985>

2018/09 Mangkhut



<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/society/article/2164344/super-typhoon-mangkhut-hongkongers-warned-be-ready-saturday>

2018/07 Maria



More than 30,000 fish farming cages in Sandu Town, Ningde City, were destroyed.

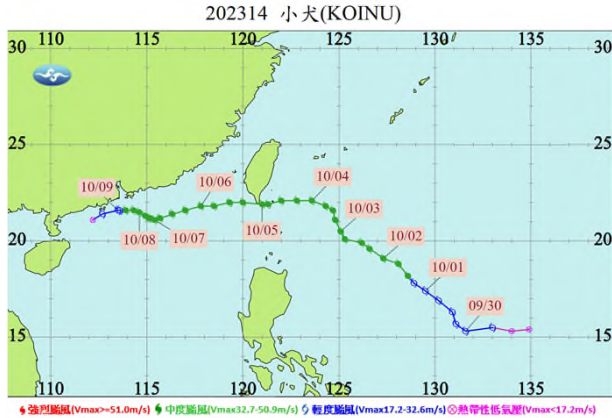
<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-asia-china-44809623/typhoon-maria-wreaks-havoc-in-east-china>

2019/10 Hagibis



台風 19 号による JR 東日本管内の設備等の主な被害状況について
https://www.jreast.co.jp/press/2019/20191013_ho01.pdf

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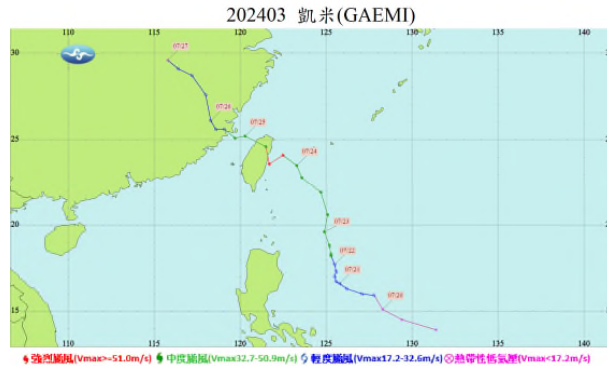


Lowest pressure: 930 hPa
 Max 1-minute sustained wind : 220 km/h



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Cat-4 Typhoon GAEMI (2024)

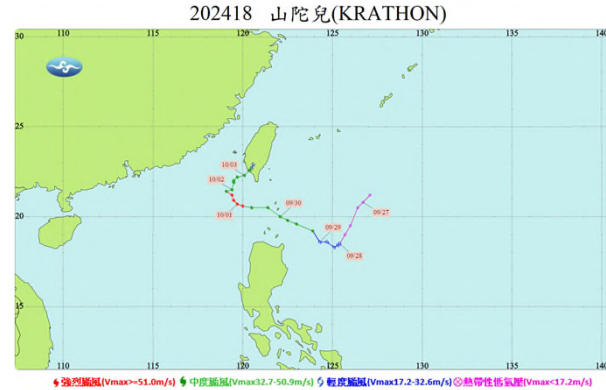


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 Max 1-minute sustained wind : 230 km/h

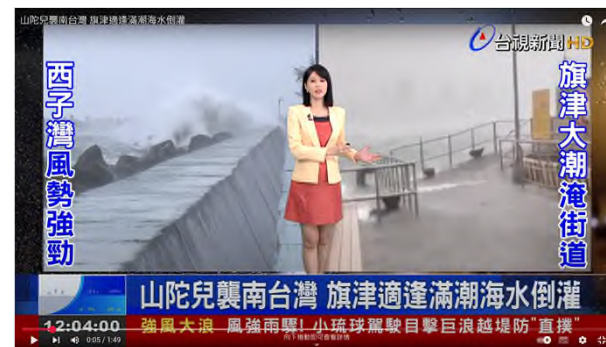


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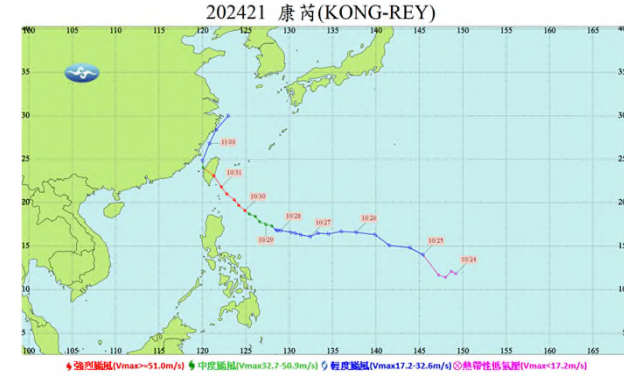


Lowest pressure: 920 hPa
 Max 1-minute sustained wind : 240 km/h



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Cat-5 Typhoon KONG-REY(2024)



Lowest pressure: 915 hPa
 Max 1-minute sustained wind : 240 km/h



<https://youtu.be/Z31fgmMWk20?si=-kK2iDZVQVRagVSN>

Operational Storm Surge Forecast System in CWA, Taiwan (Cornell Multi-grid Coupled Tsunami Model – Storm Surge)

Nonlinear Shallow Water Equations on the Spherical Coordinate

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{R \cos \varphi} \left\{ \frac{\partial P}{\partial \psi} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} (\cos \varphi \cdot Q) \right\} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{R \cos \varphi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \left(\frac{P^2}{H} \right) + \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \left(\frac{PQ}{H} \right) + \frac{gH}{R \cos \varphi} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \psi} - fQ + F_{\psi}^b = - \frac{H}{\rho_w R \cos \varphi} \frac{\partial P_a}{\partial \psi} + \frac{F_{\psi}^s}{\rho_w}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{R \cos \varphi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \left(\frac{PQ}{H} \right) + \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \left(\frac{Q^2}{H} \right) + \frac{gH}{R} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \varphi} + fP + F_{\varphi}^b = - \frac{H}{\rho_w R} \frac{\partial P_a}{\partial \psi} + \frac{F_{\varphi}^s}{\rho_w}$$

- Solve shallow water equations on **both spherical and Cartesian coordinate systems**
- **Explicit leapfrog Finite Difference Method** for stable and high speed calculation
- **Multi/Nested-grid system** for multiple shallow water wave scales
- **Moving Boundary Scheme** for inundation
- **High-speed efficiency**

• Moving Boundary Scheme

Moving boundary scheme was also introduced in COMCOT to model the run-up and run-down. The instant "shoreline" is defined as the interface between a dry grid and wet grid and volume flux normal to the interface is assigned to zero.

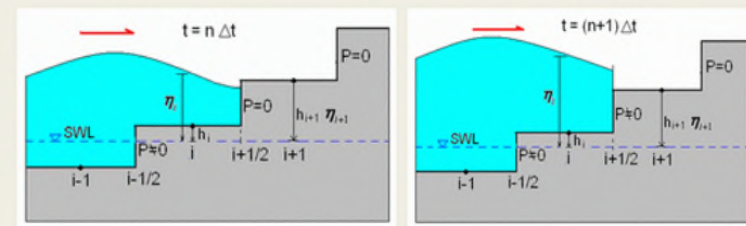
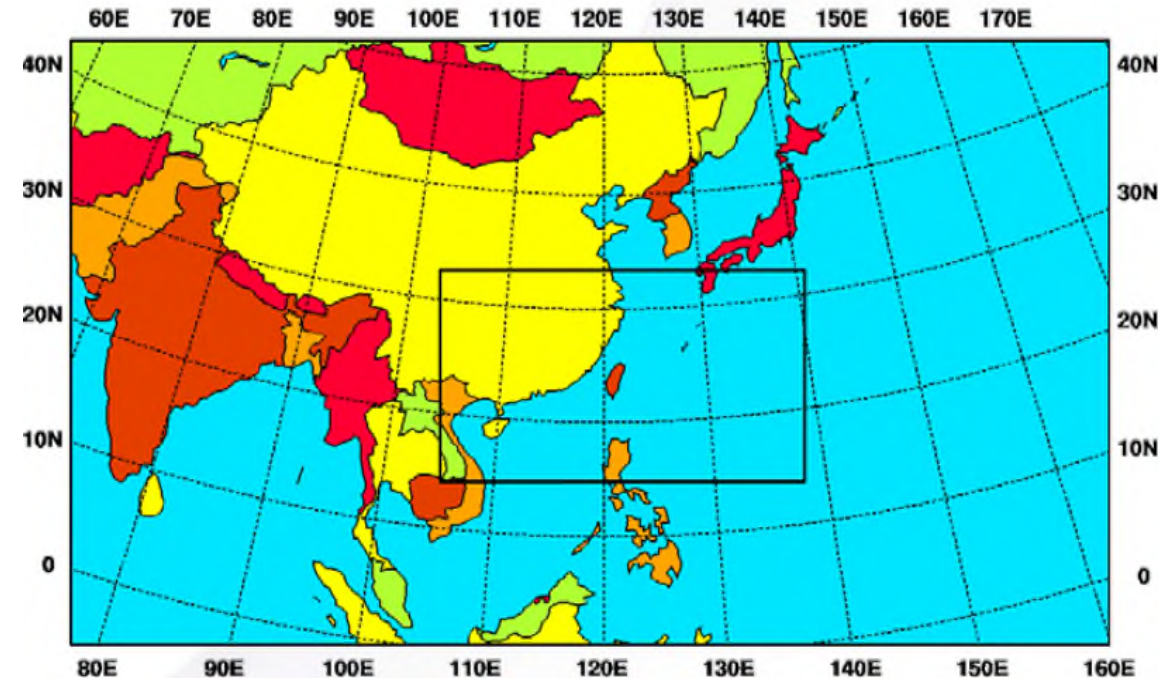


Fig.02 Moving Boundary Scheme

Meteorological Input: the Atmospheric Dynamic Models

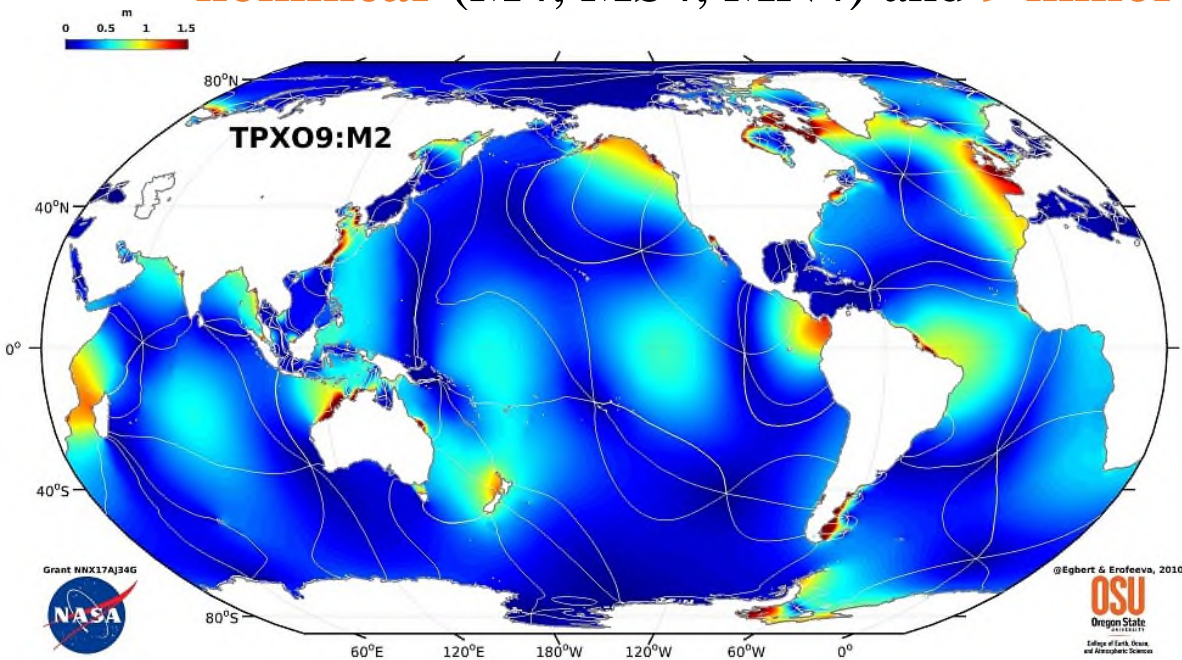
- TWRP-2.0
(Typhoon Weather Research and Forecasting model)
- Lambert projection.
- Operates four times daily, at 00/06/12/18 UTC.
- The initial field comes from hybrid ensemble variational data assimilation with partial cycle strategy, and optimized with spatial filtering method to blend large-scale information from global analysis fields.
- The boundary conditions are provided by forecast data from the NCEP and ECMWF.



TWRP-2.0	Domain 1	Domain 2
Resolution	15 km	3 km
X Grid Points	661	1158
Y Grid Points	385	673
Central Longitude	118.59	121.75
Central Latitude	27.07	24.13

Tide Coupling with TPXO Model (USA OSU TOPEX/POSEIDON Global Tidal Model)

TPXO9-atlas-v2 (Egbert & Erofeeva, 2002) applies a generalized inverse method by fitting the observation and **linear shallow water equations** in the **least square** sense (Egbert et al., 1994), and it provides **1/30-degree** resolution in the computational domain, with **eight linear primaries** (M2, S2, N2, K2, K1, O1, P1, Q1), **two long-period** (Mf, Mm), and **three nonlinear** (M4, MS4, MN4) and **9 minor** harmonic constituents.

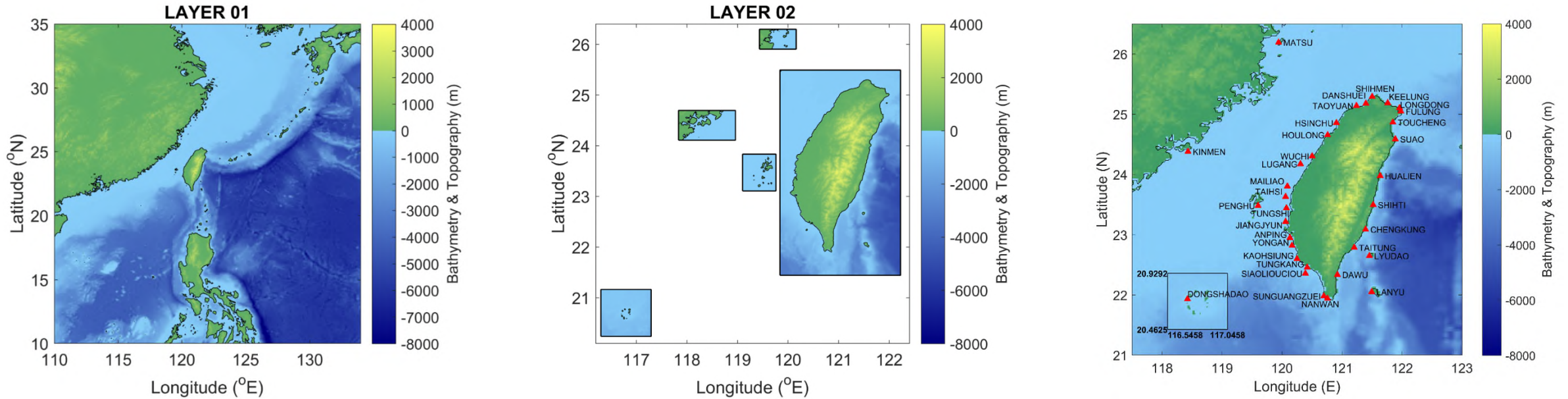


The partial tide component at time t for a constituent frequency ω at location x can be calculated by the following formula (Egbert & Erofeeva, 2002):

$$h(t, x) = pu(t, x) \cdot \text{Re}[h(x) \exp\{i[\omega(t - t_0) + V_0(t_0) + ph(t, x)]\}]$$

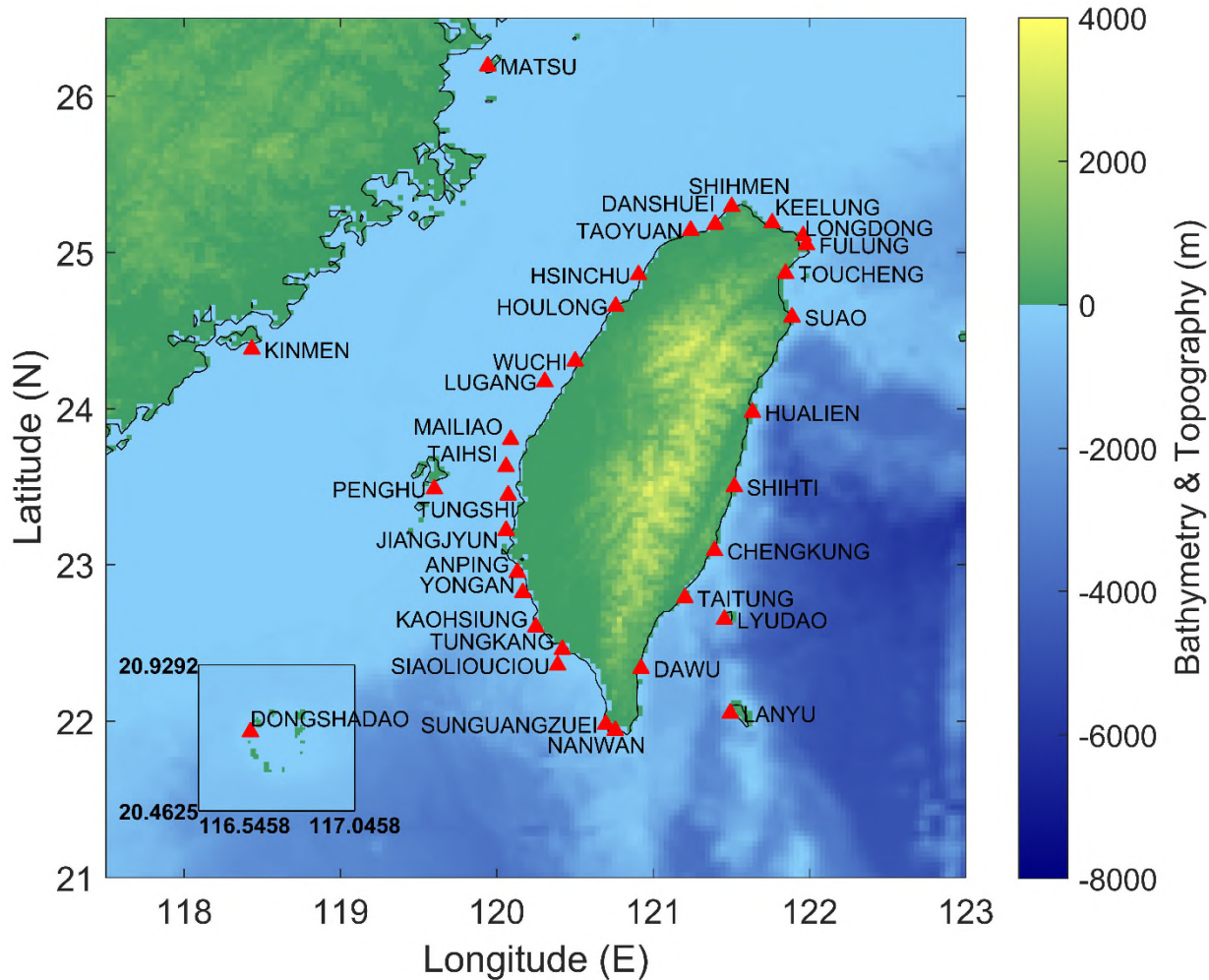
where $V_0(t_0)$ is the astronomical argument for the constituent at time t_0 , $pu(t, x)$ and $ph(t, x)$ are nodal corrections. The amplitude will be $|h|$ and the phase will be $\text{atan}\left(\frac{-\text{Im}(h)}{\text{Re}(h)}\right)$.

Numerical Sets for Current Forecast System



Layer ID	Domain	Array Size	Bathymetry Database	Resolution
LAYER-01	(110.00-134.00, 10.00-35.00)	361 * 376	ETOPO	4 arc-min
LAYER-02-A	(119.80-122.25, 21.40-25.50)	144 * 244	GEBCO	2.0 km
LAYER-02-B	(119.09-119.80, 23.05-23.89)	80 * 88	GEBCO	1.0 km
LAYER-02-C	(117.80-118.99, 24.09-24.70)	136 * 72	GEBCO	1.0 km
LAYER-02-D	(119.39-120.19, 25.84-26.35)	88 * 48	GEBCO	1.0 km
LAYER-02-E	(116.29-117.31, 20.19-21.23)	120*112	GEBCO	1.0 km

Numerical Gauge Set



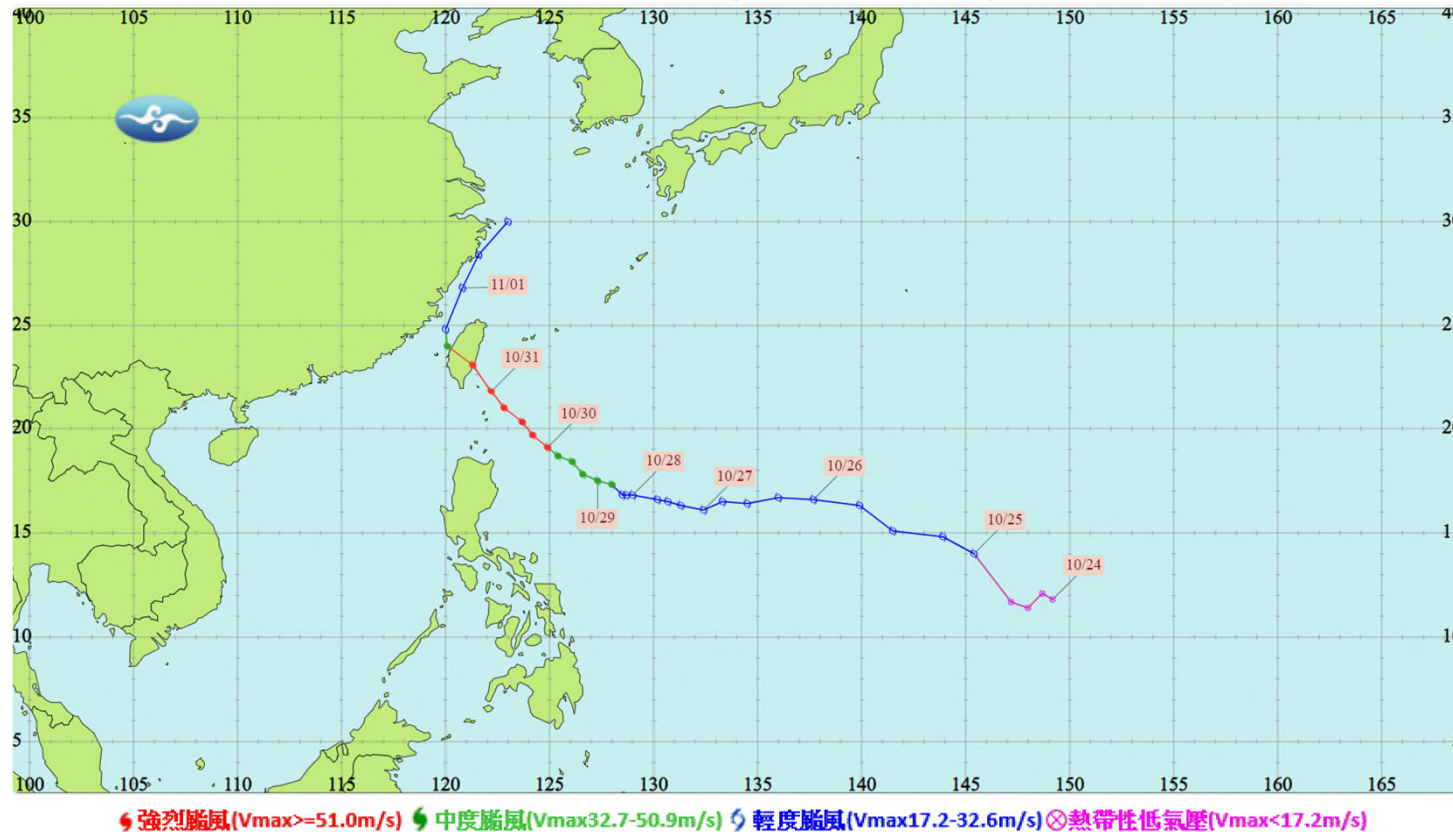
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2	基隆	1516	KEELUNG	121.75	25.16
3	福隆	1826	FULONG	121.95	25.02
4	頭城	1236	TOUCHENG	121.86	24.90
5	蘇澳	1246	SUAO	121.86	24.59
6	花蓮	1256	HUALIEN	121.61	23.96
7	石梯	1566	SHITI	121.50	23.49
8	成功	1276	CHENGKUNG	121.37	23.08
9	台東	1586	TAITUNG	121.19	22.79
10	大武	1596	DAWU	120.89	22.33
11	綠島	1676	LUDAO	121.46	22.66
12	蘭嶼	1396	LANYU	121.49	22.06
13	石門	1206	SHIHMEN	121.51	25.28
14	淡水	1102	DANSHUEI	121.42	25.18
15	桃園	1116	TAOYUAN	121.23	25.12
16	新竹	112	HSINCHU	120.91	24.85
17	後龍	113	HOULONG	120.77	24.65
18	梧棲	1436	WUCHI	120.53	24.29
19	鹿港	1146	LUGANG	120.42	24.08
20	麥寮	1456	MAILIAO	120.16	23.79
21	台西	1156	TAISI	120.14	23.62
22	東石	1162	TUNGSHI	120.14	23.44
23	將軍	1176	JIANGJUN	120.08	23.21
24	安平	1471	ANPING	120.18	22.98
25	永安	1786	YONGAN	120.20	22.82
26	高雄	1486	KAOHSIUNG	120.29	22.61
27	東港	1186	TUNGKANG	120.44	22.46
28	東沙島	198	DONGSHADAO	116.69	20.70
29	塭廣嘴	1496	SUNGUANGZUEI	120.71	21.99
30	南灣	1196	NANWAN	120.75	21.95
31	小琉球	1386	SIAOLIOUCHIOU	120.38	22.35
32	澎湖	1356	PENGHU	119.58	23.56
33	金門	1956	KINMEN	118.43	24.41
34	馬祖	1926	MATSU	119.94	26.16

Research Background and Motivation

- Current System Limitations
 - **15-km resolution** TWRP-2.0 atmospheric data is used for Central Weather Administration's COMCOT-SS forecast system.
 - Forecast accuracy for complex terrain and local meteorological phenomena requires improvement.
- Advantages of High-Resolution Data
 - **3-km resolution** enables more accurate capture of terrain effects on wind fields
 - Enhanced description of mountain blocking effects and canyon wind speed amplification phenomena

Case Study of Typhoon KONG-REY

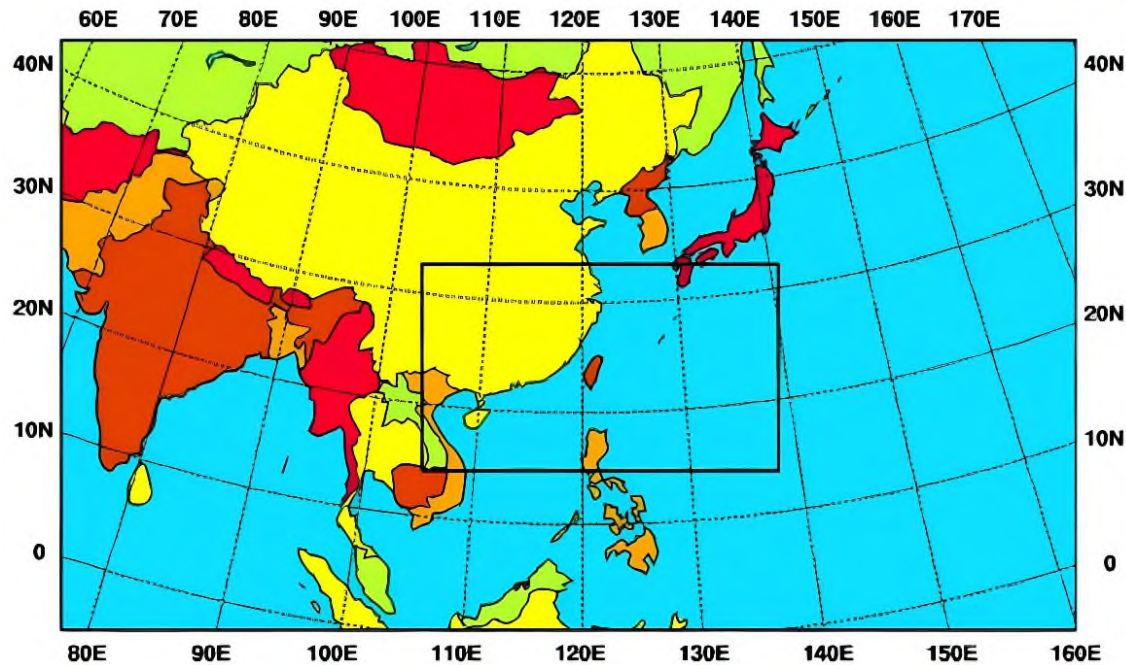
202421 康芮(KONG-REY)



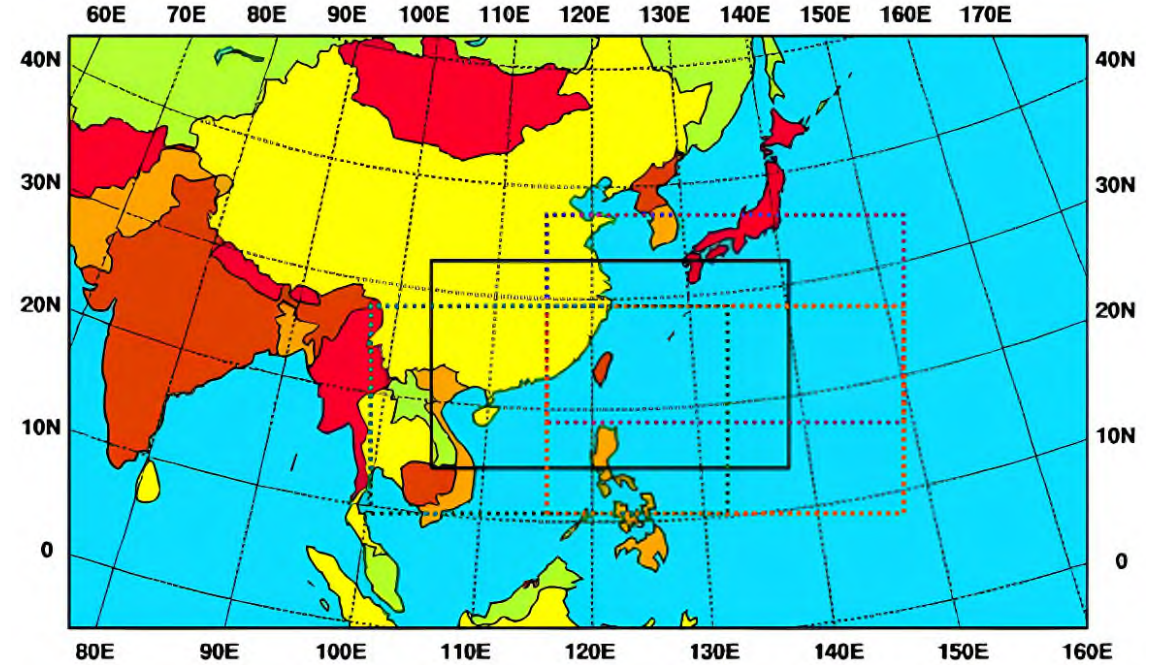
1. First strong typhoon to make landfall in late October in recorded history
2. Storm radius reached 320 km, largest in nearly 30 years
3. Significant terrain interaction effects

System Design and Data Source Selection

WRF_D vs TWRF System Comparison



WRF_D



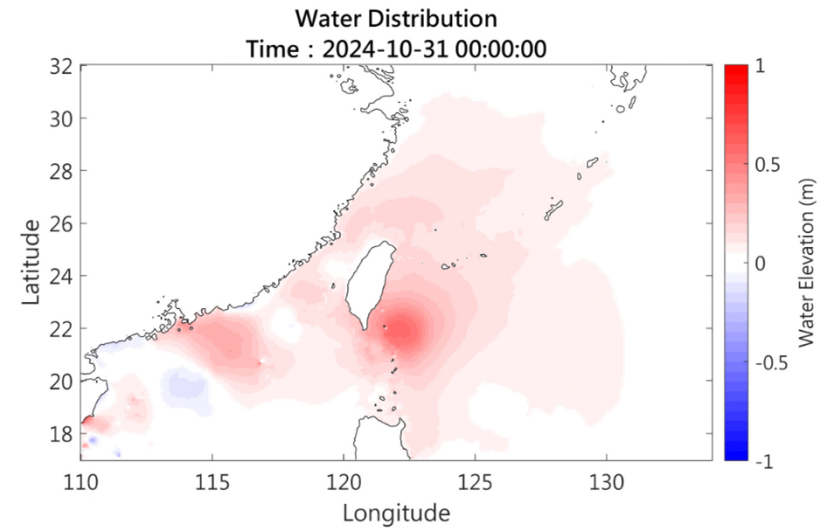
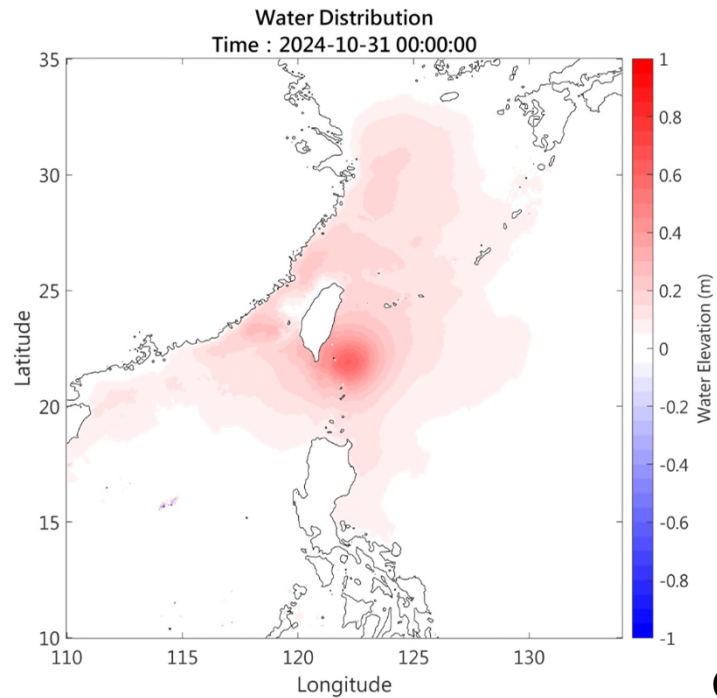
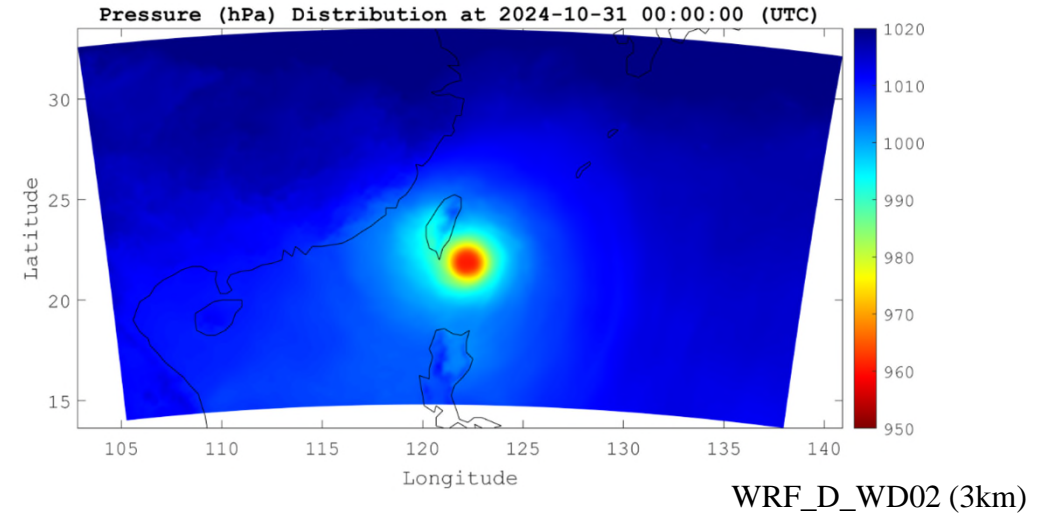
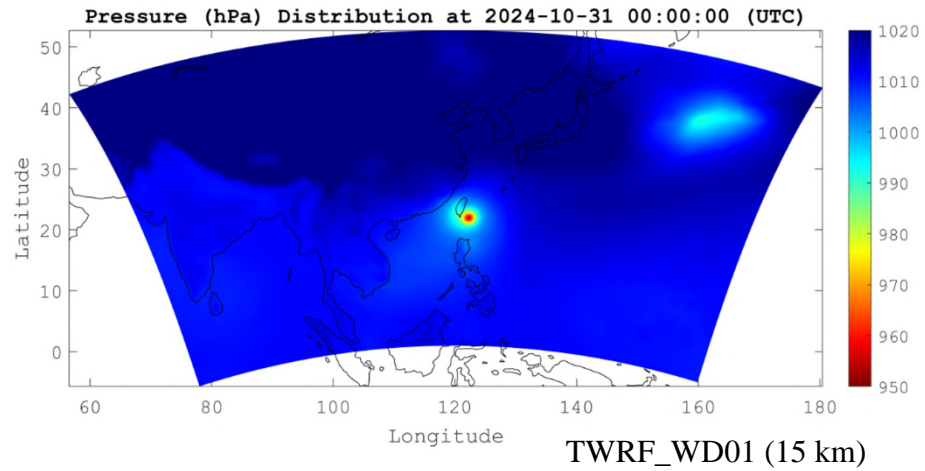
TWRF

1. WRF_D's fixed computational domain design better suits operational requirements
2. TWRF's dynamic computational domain increases operational workflow complexity
3. Considerations for data coverage completeness and predictability

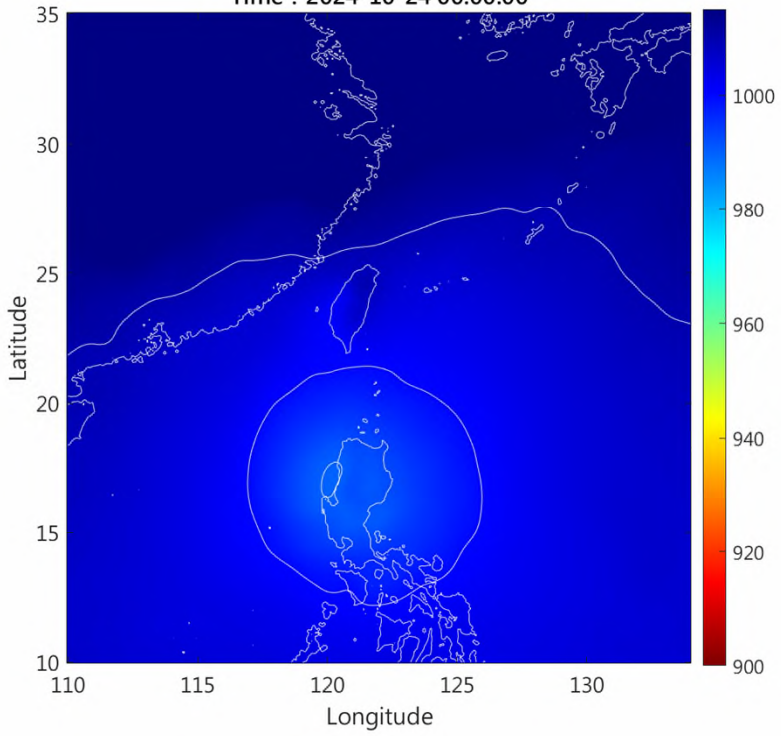
Evaluation of Atmospheric Input Enhancement (TWRF)

- **Analysis Field** (Initial Field) modeling
 - "best estimate" atmospheric state at a given time
 - Incorporates data assimilation from multiple observation sources
 - Updated every 6 hours with full data assimilation cycle
- **Forecast Field** (Predicted Field) modeling
 - Contains accumulated forecast errors that grow with lead time
 - Reflects real operational forecast conditions used in actual warnings
 - Subject to model physics limitations and initial condition uncertainties
- Operational **Timeliness Assessment**

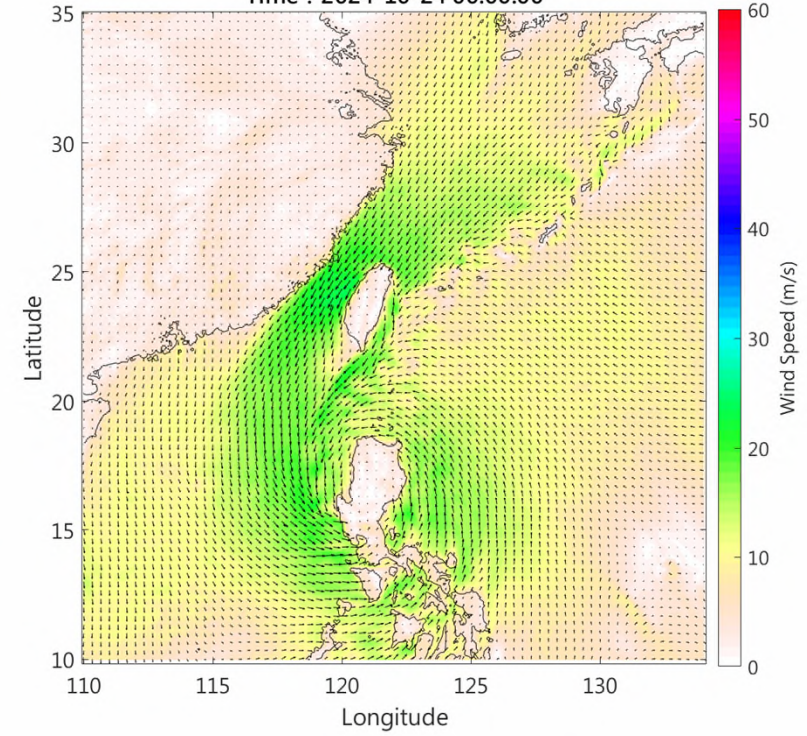
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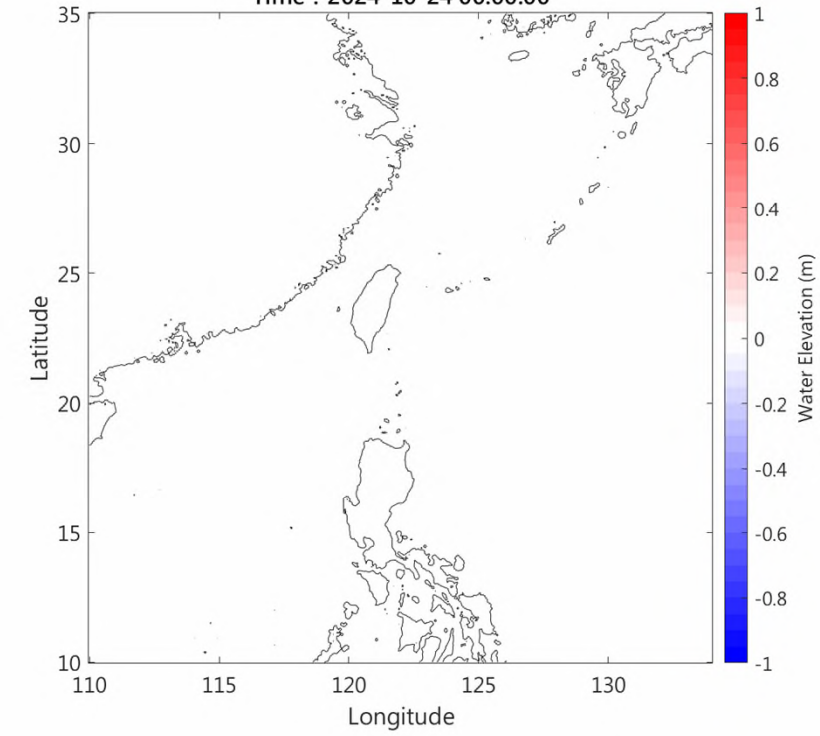
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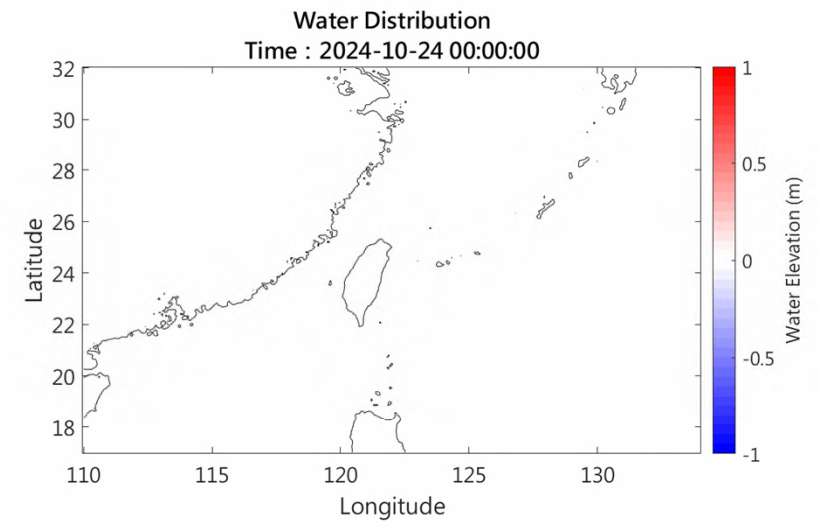
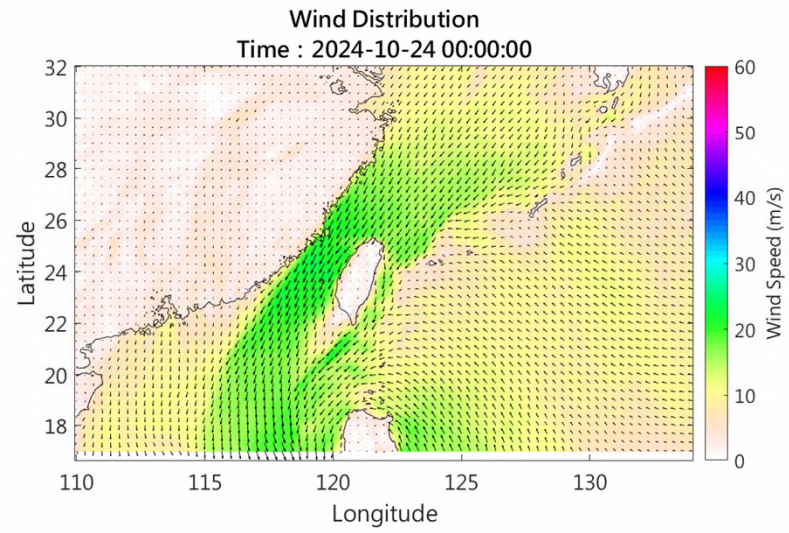
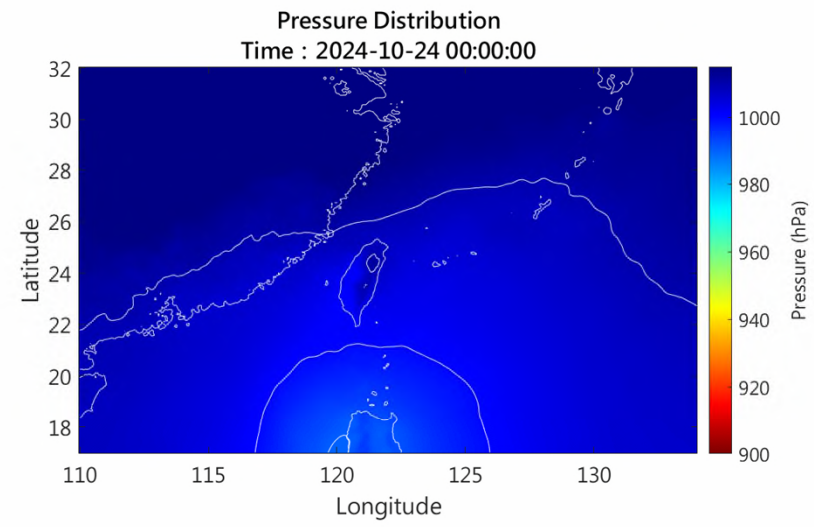
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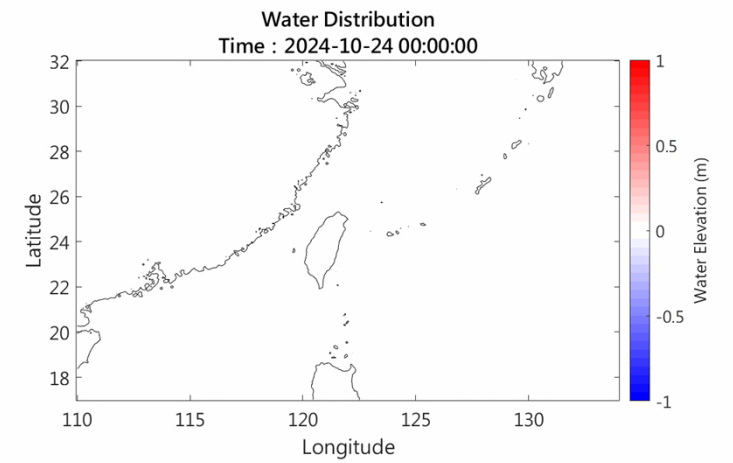
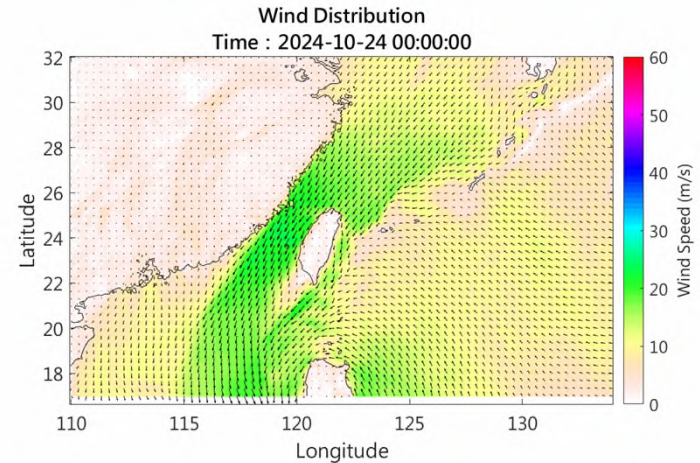
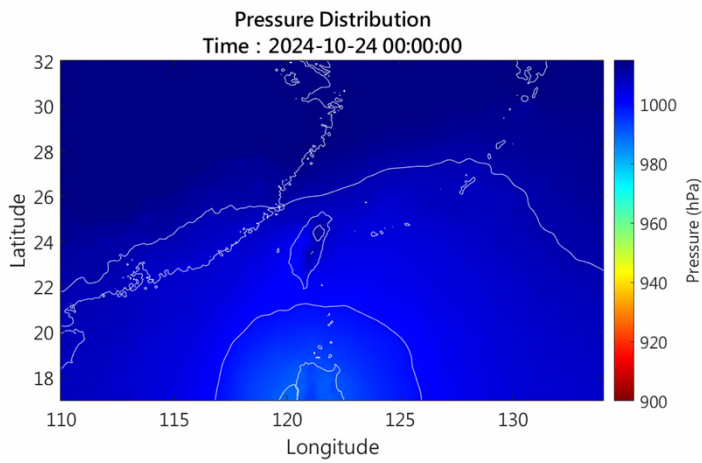
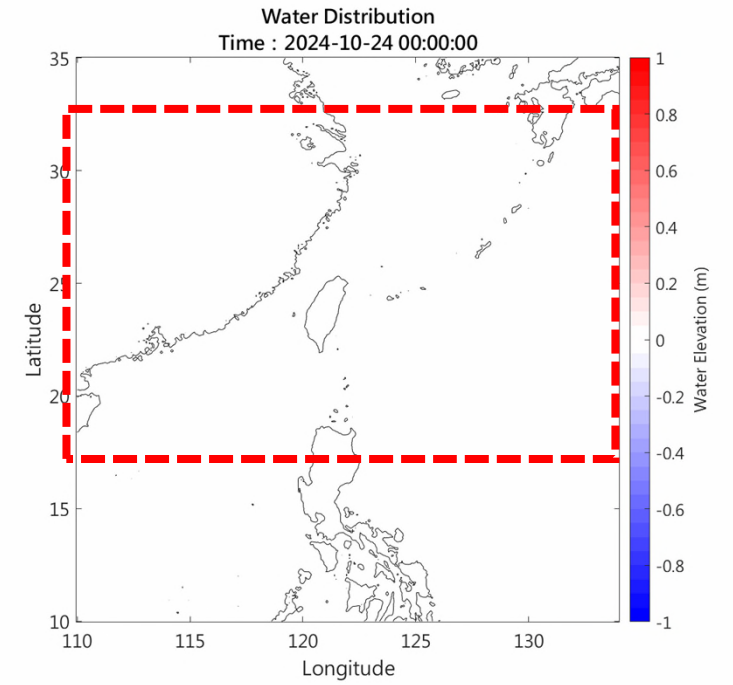
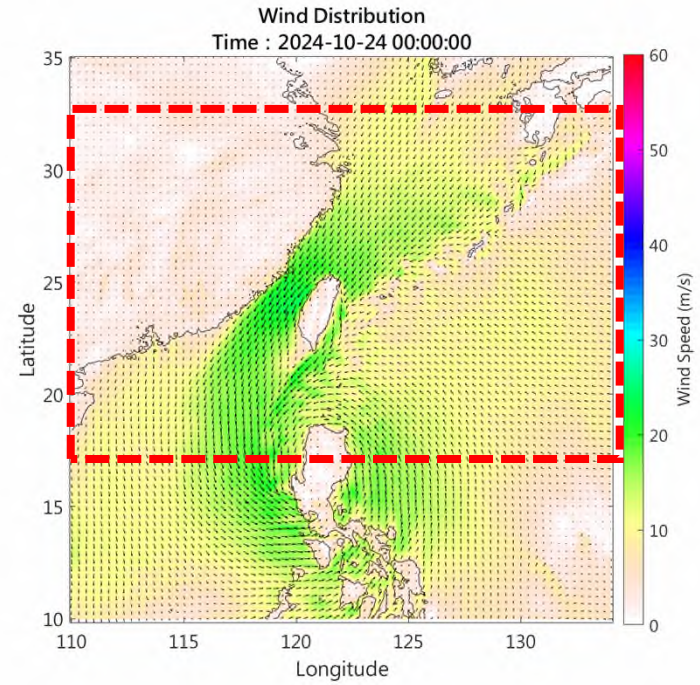
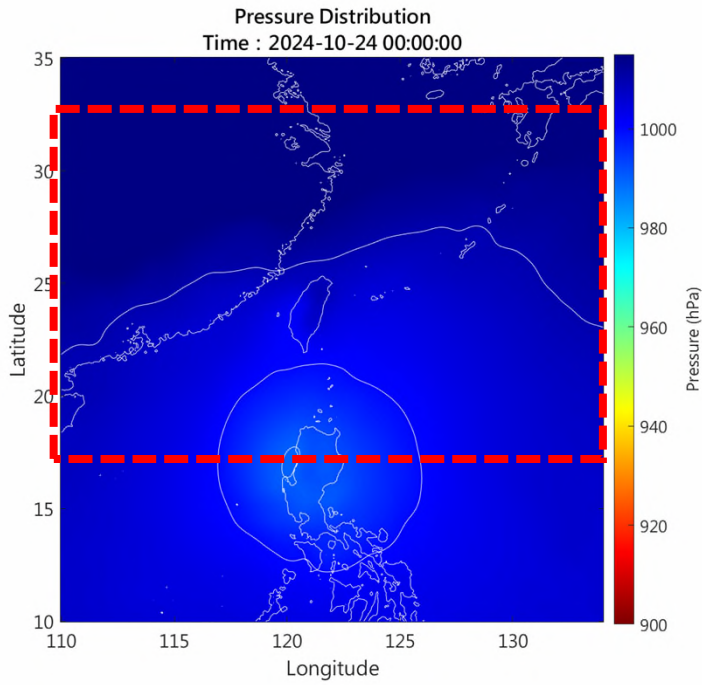
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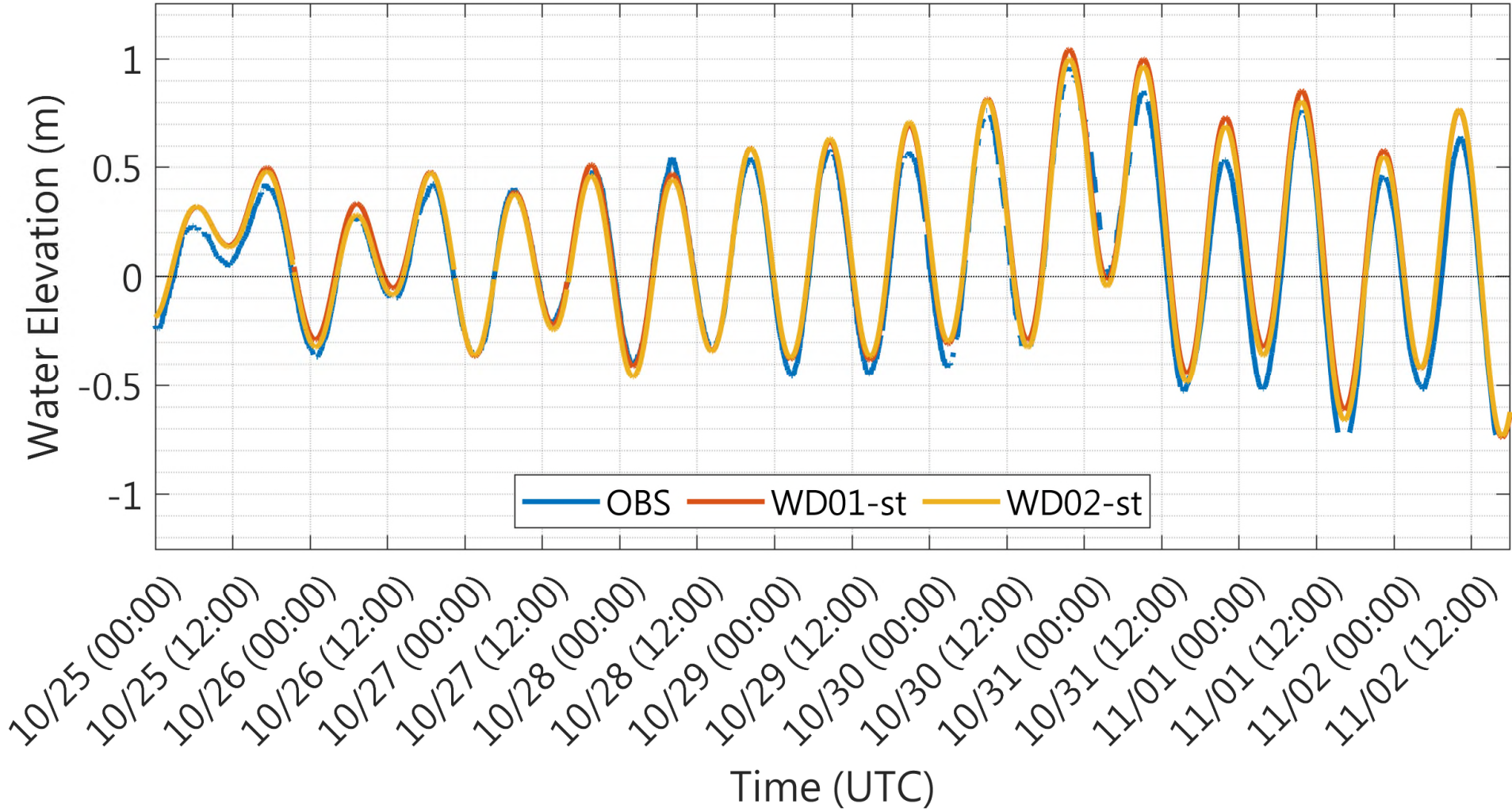
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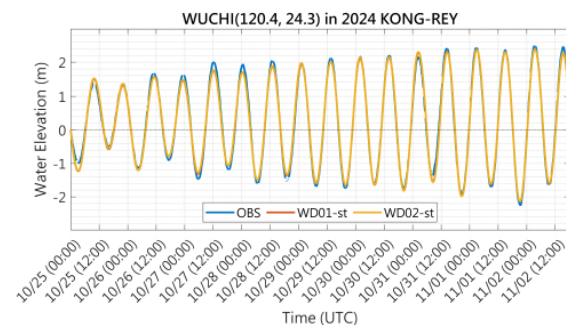
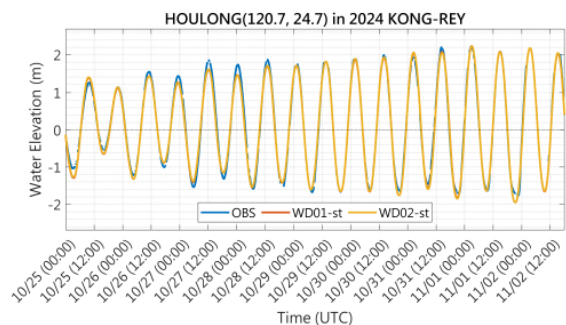
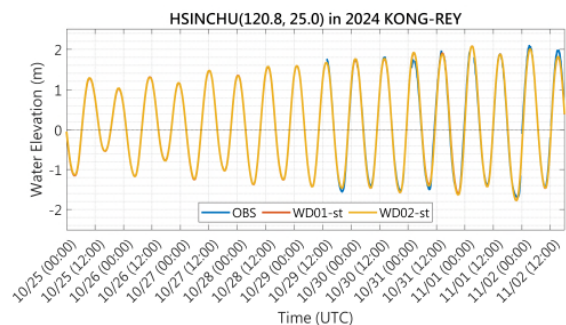
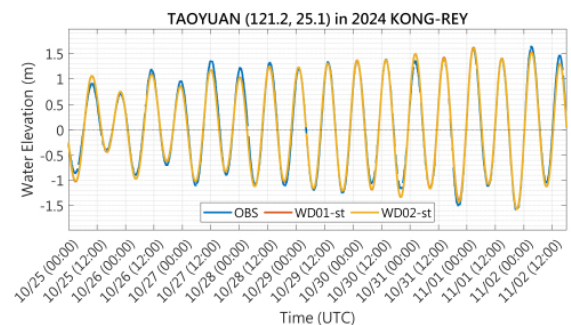
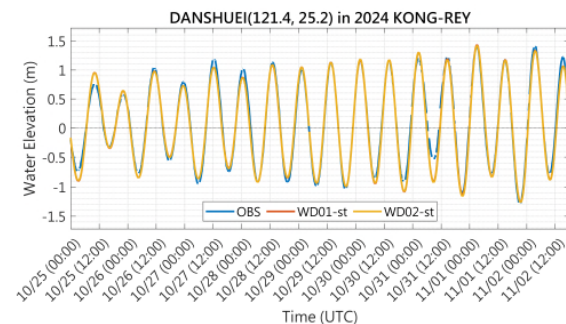
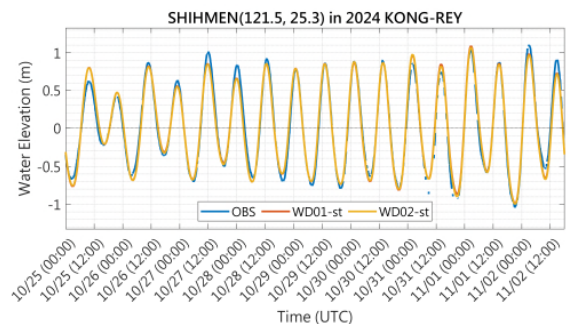
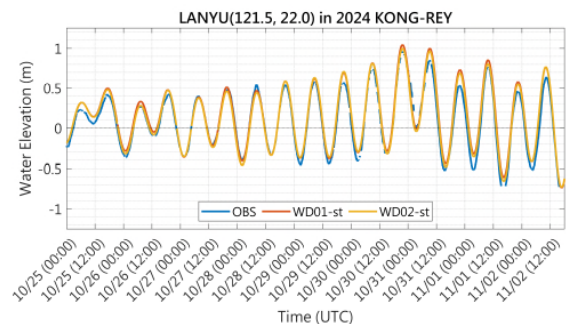
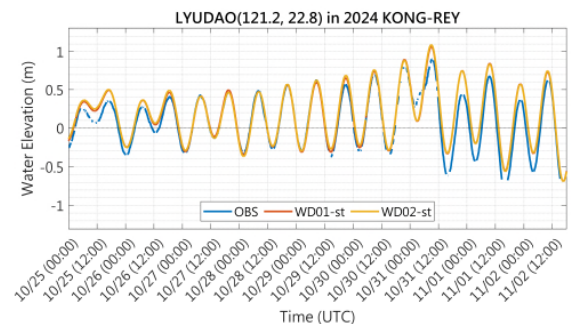
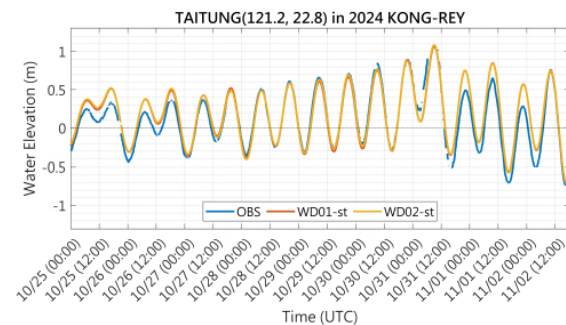
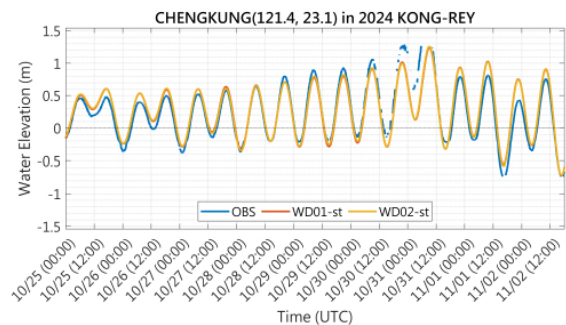
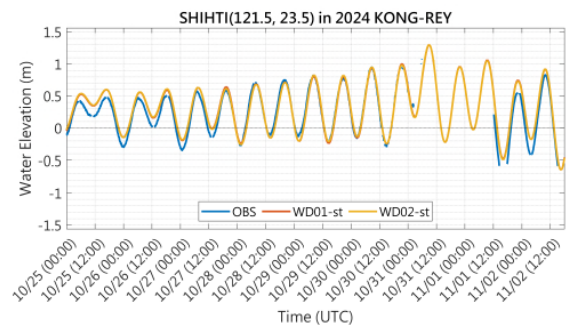
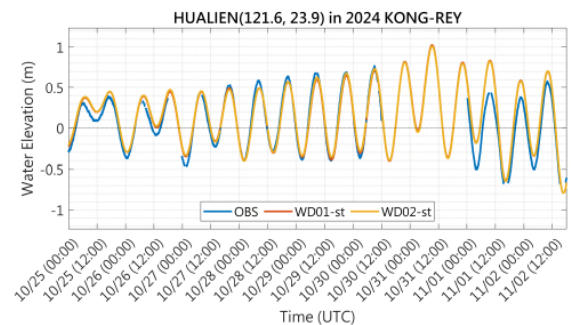
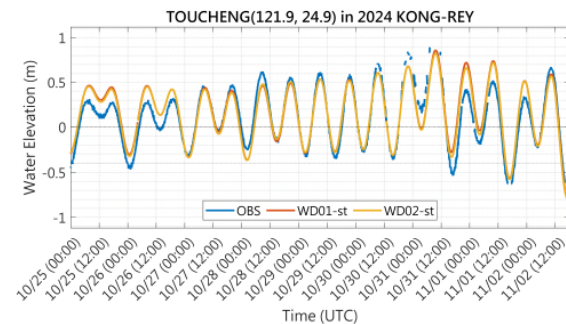
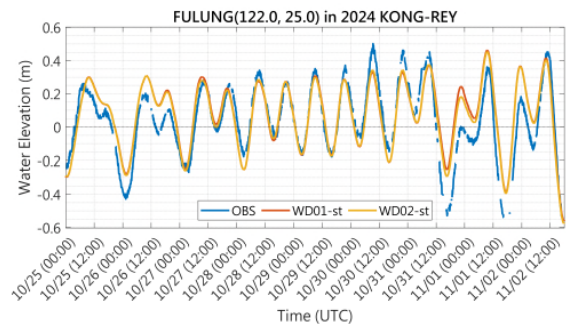
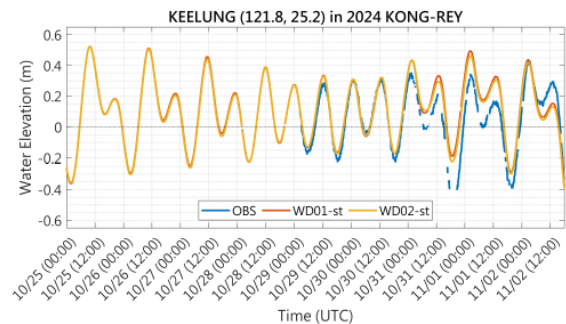
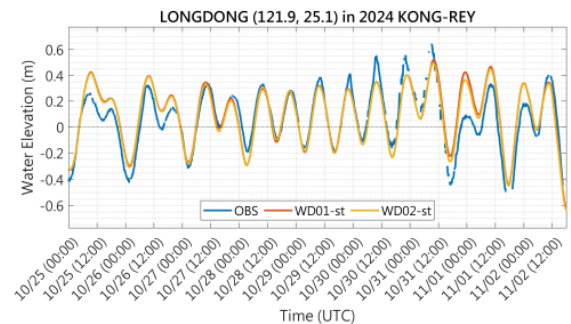


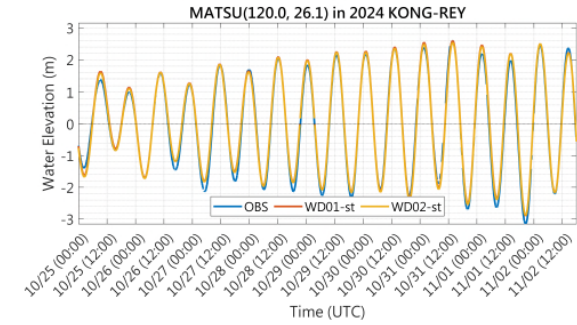
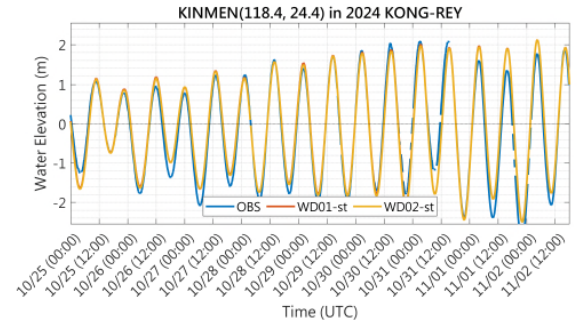
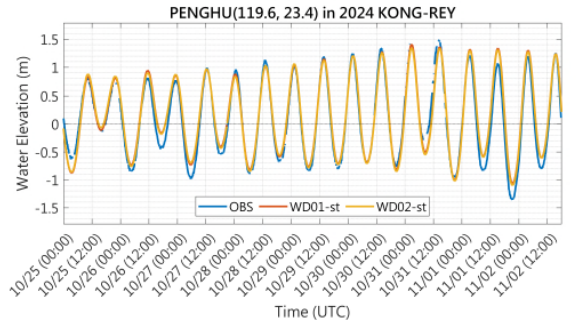
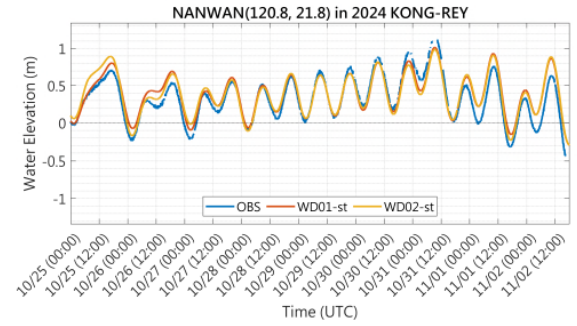
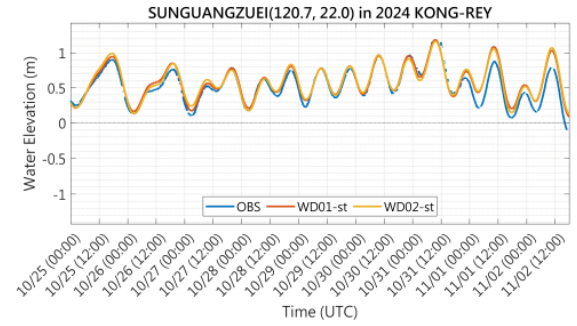
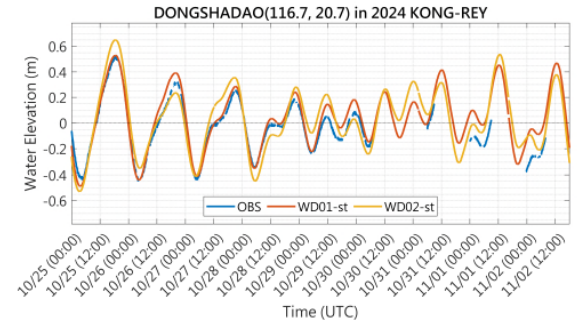
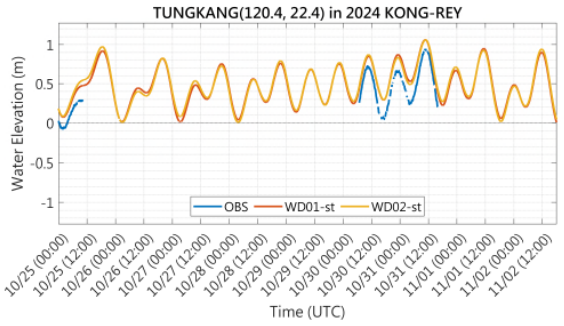
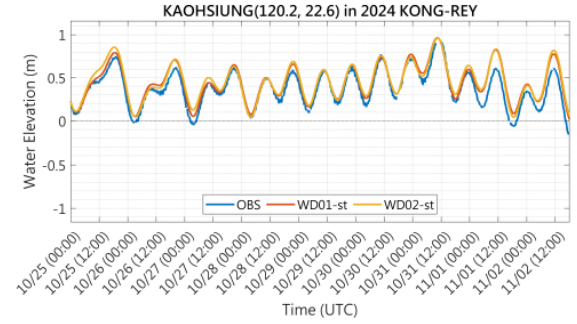
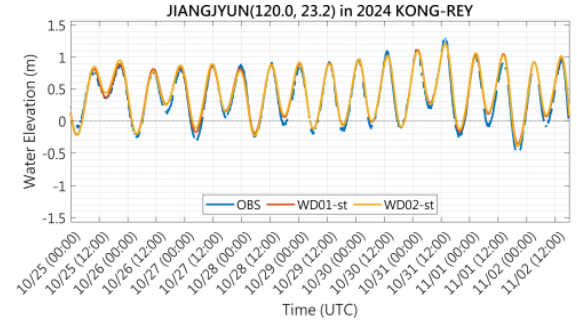
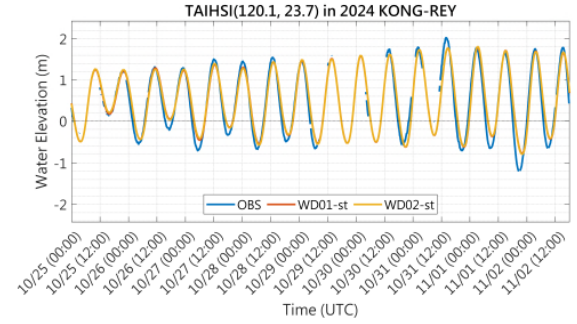
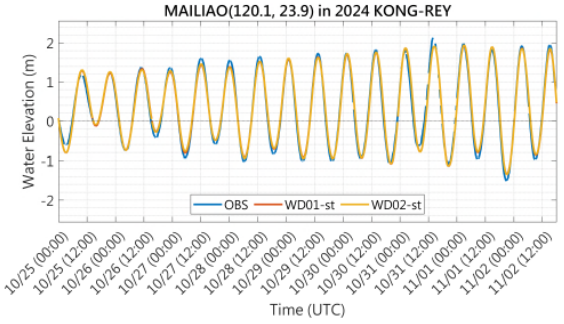
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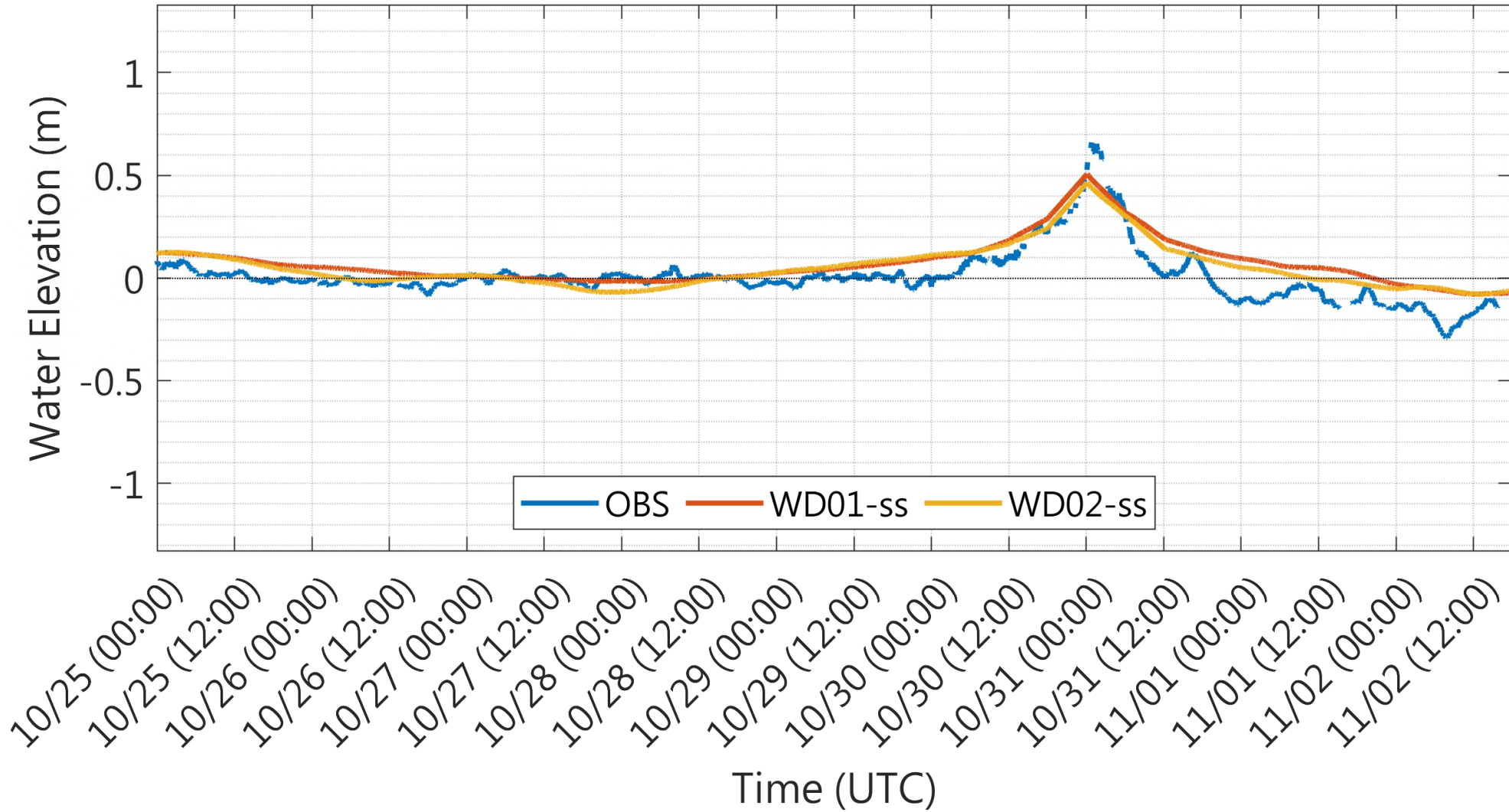
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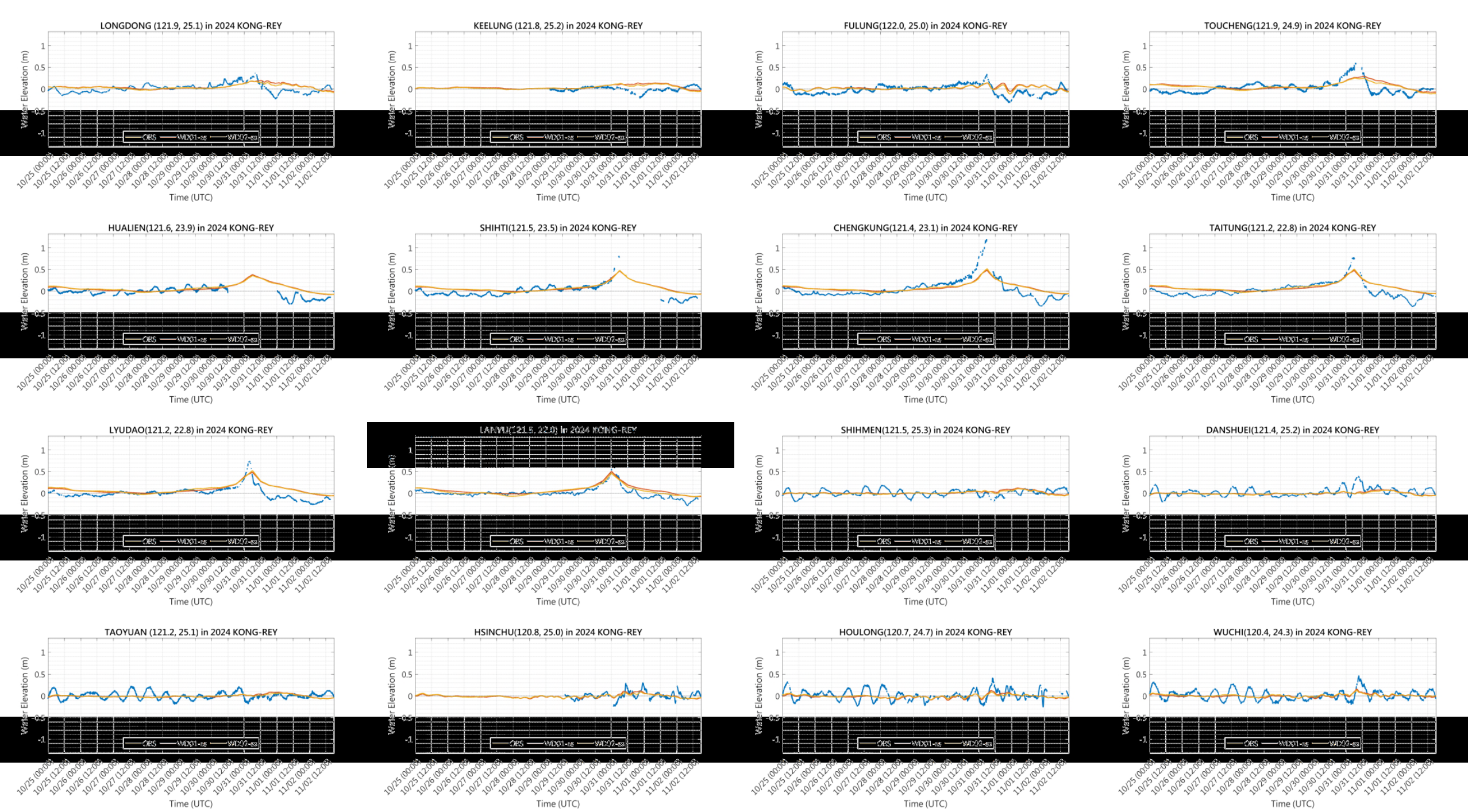




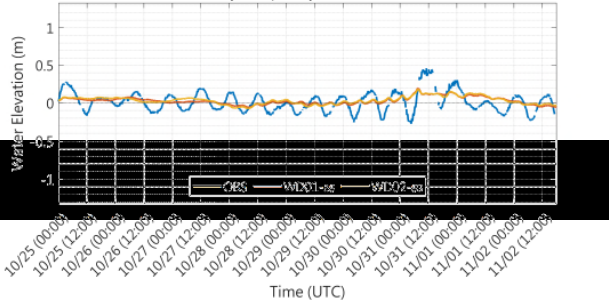


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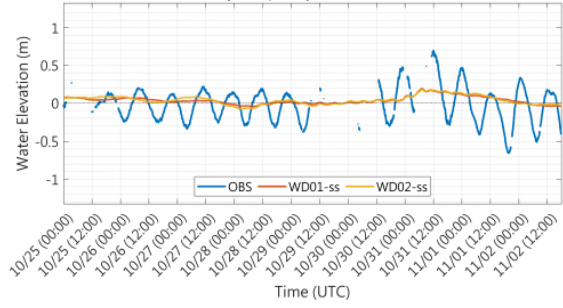




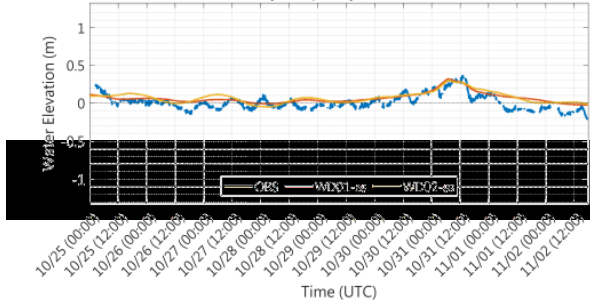
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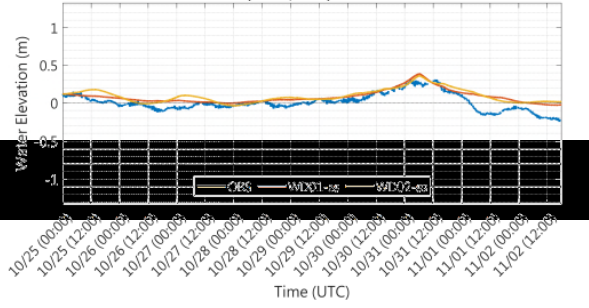
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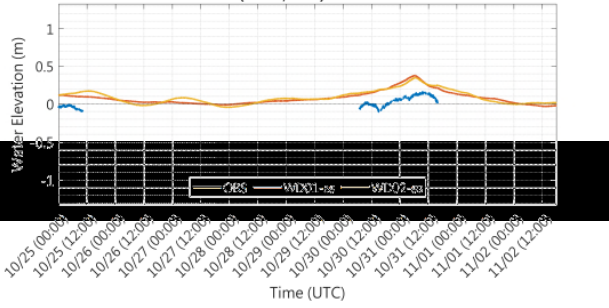
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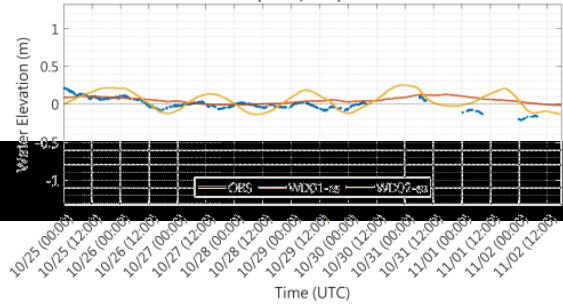
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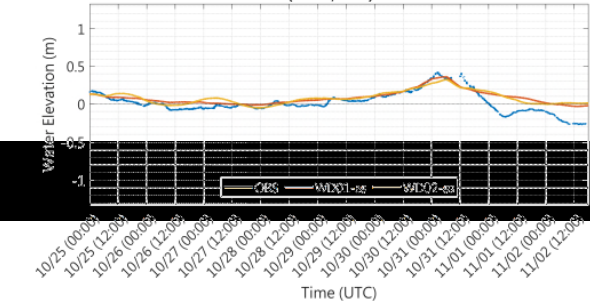
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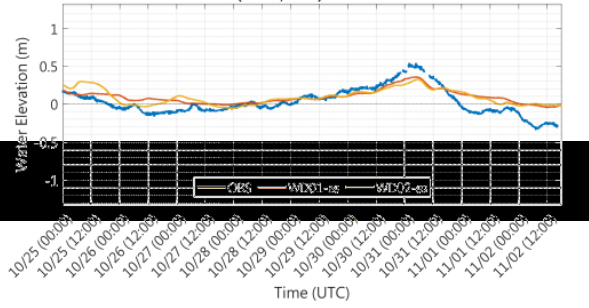
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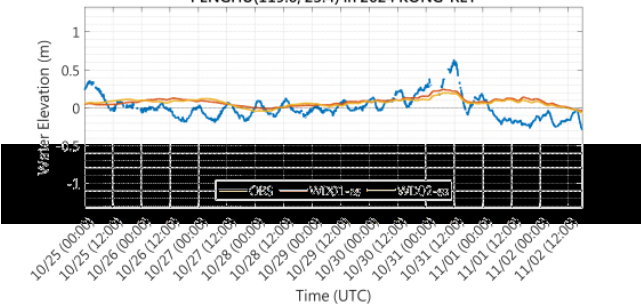
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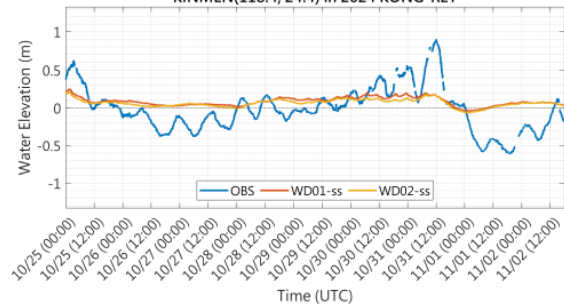
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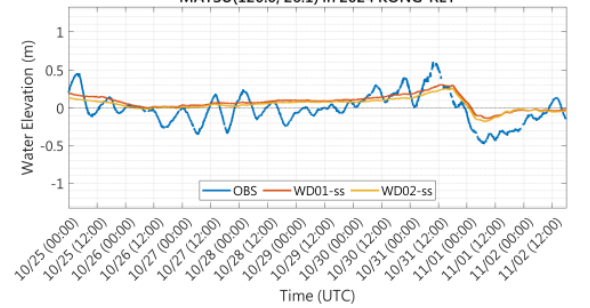
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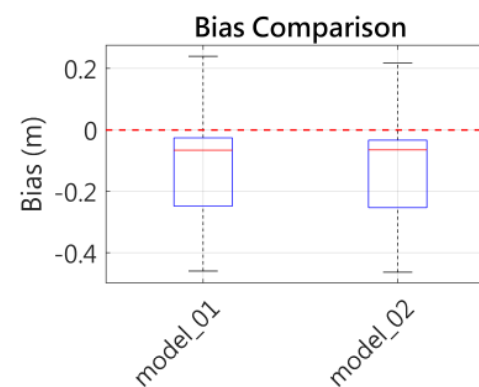
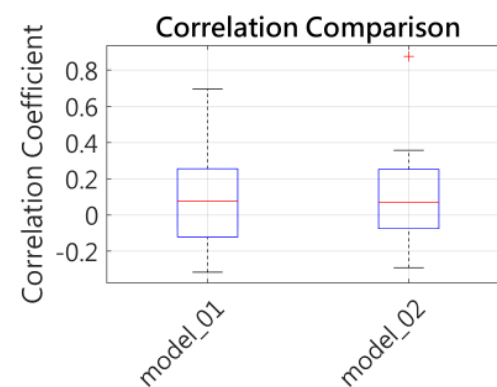
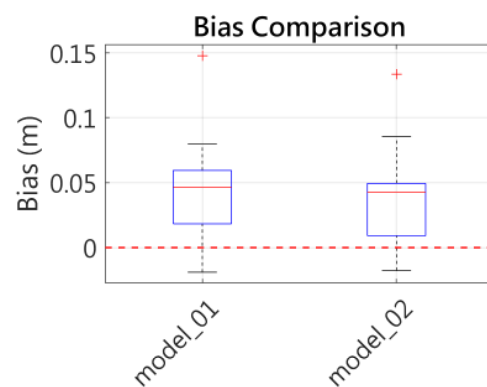
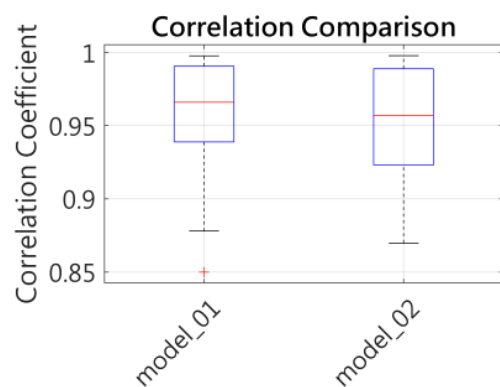
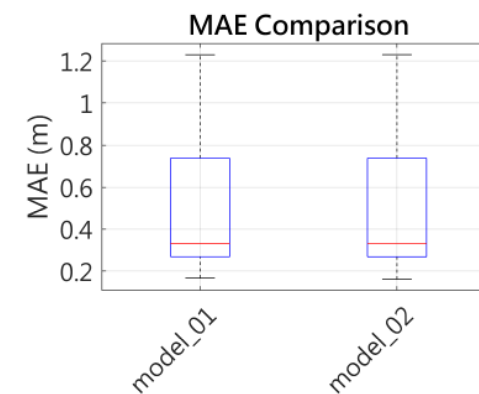
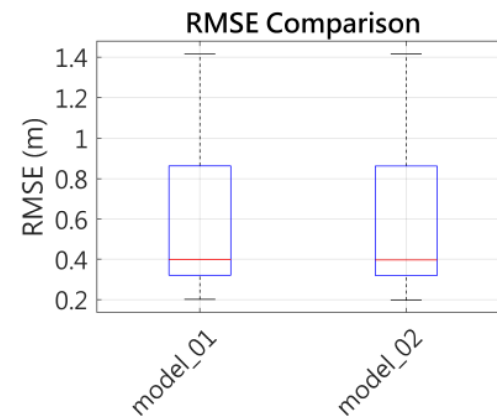
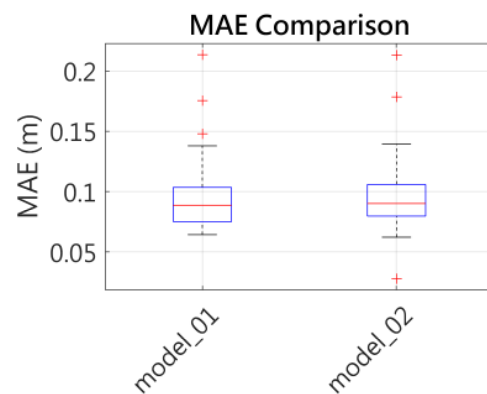
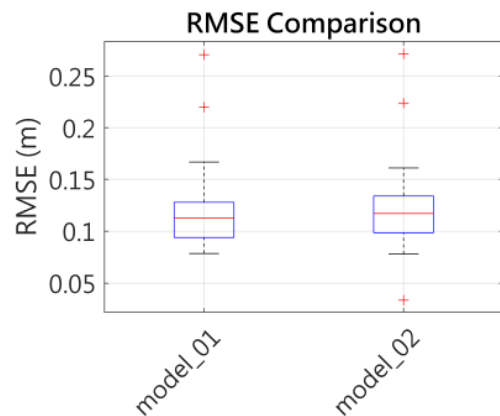
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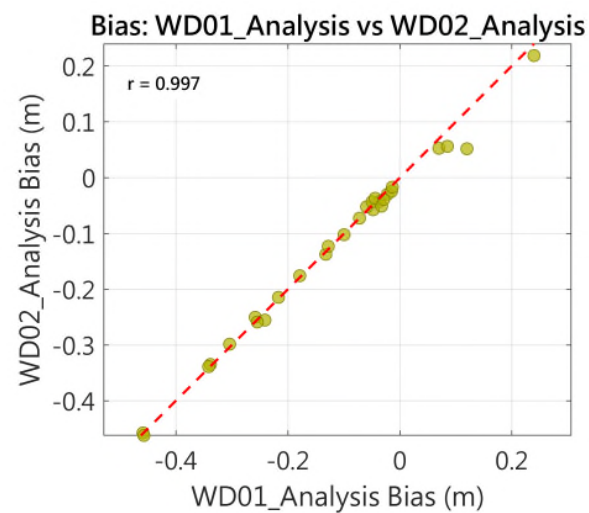
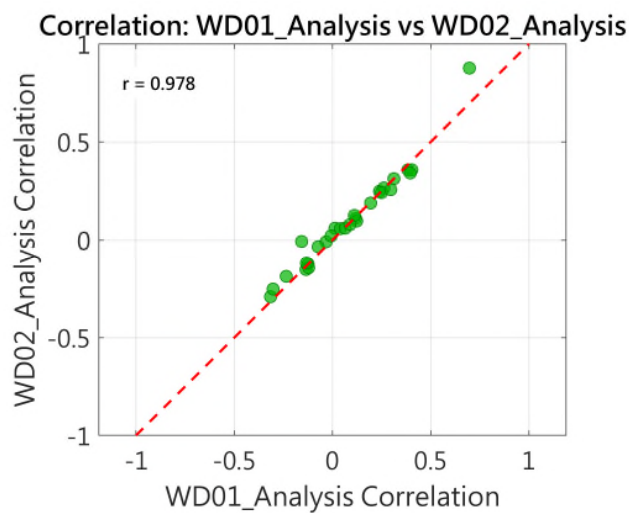
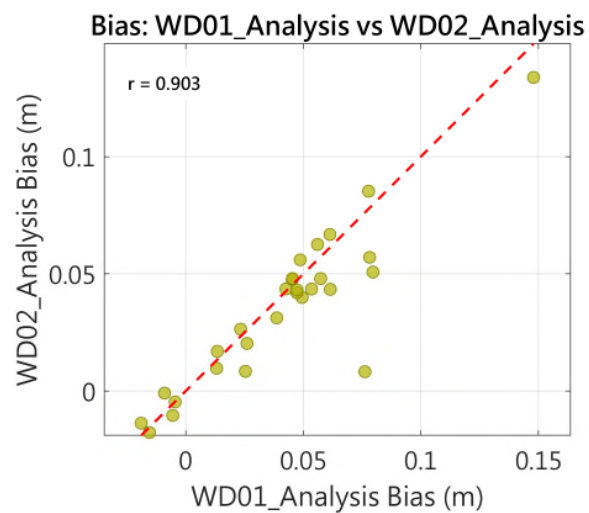
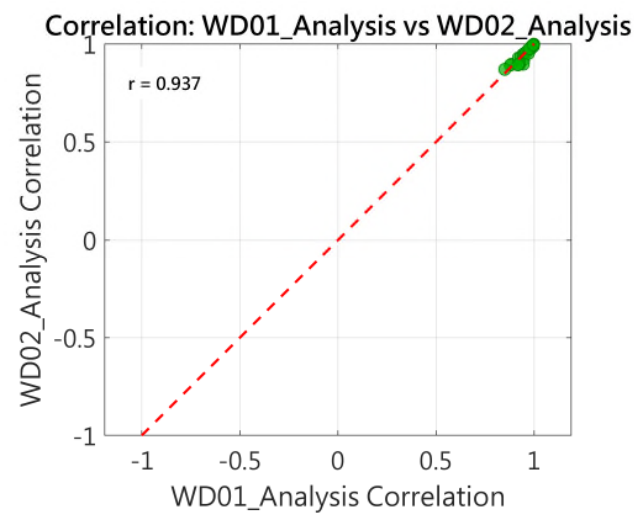
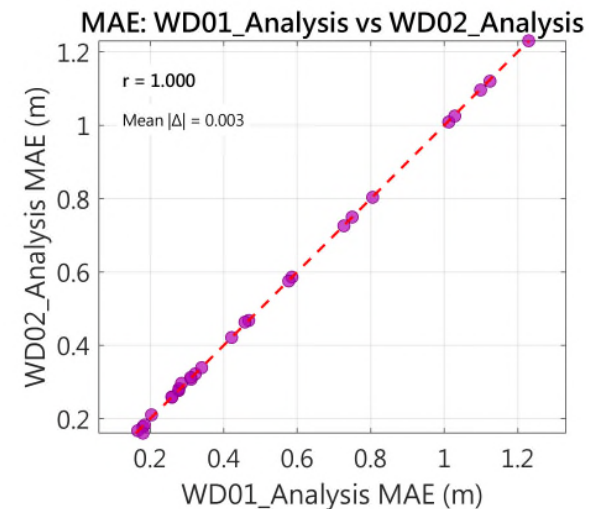
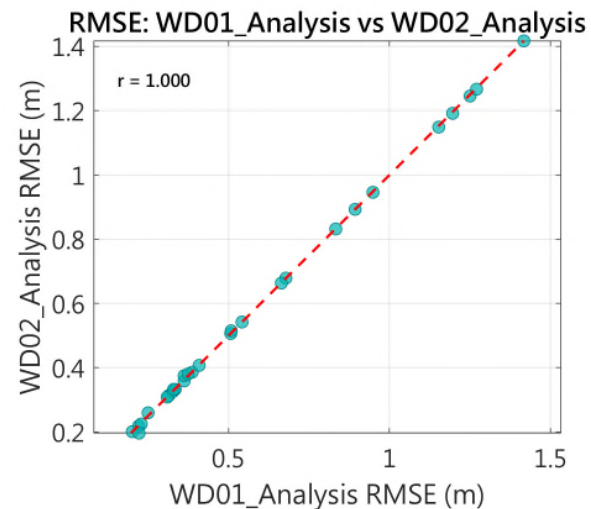
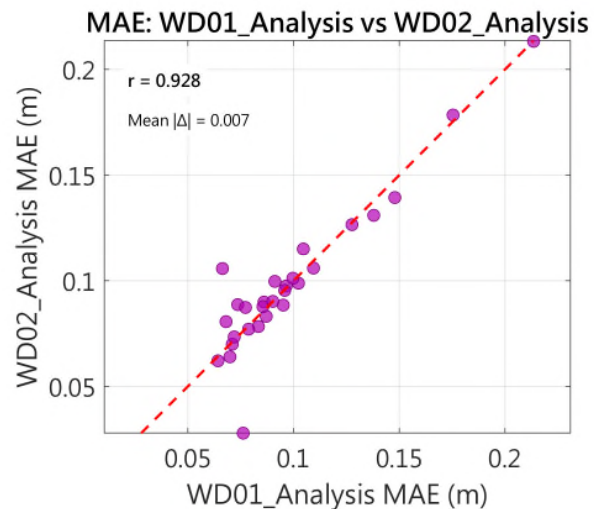
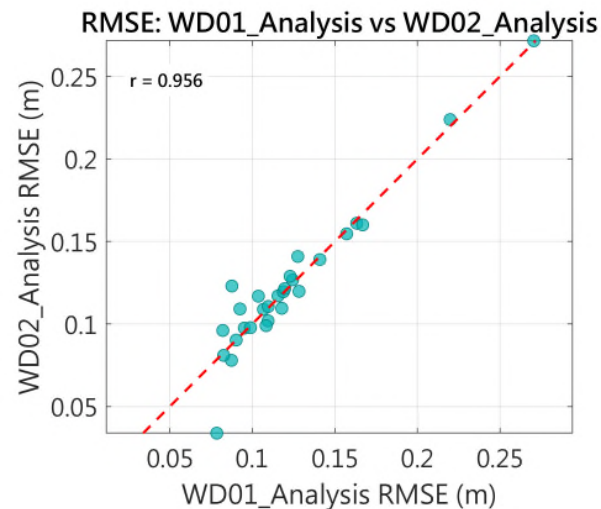
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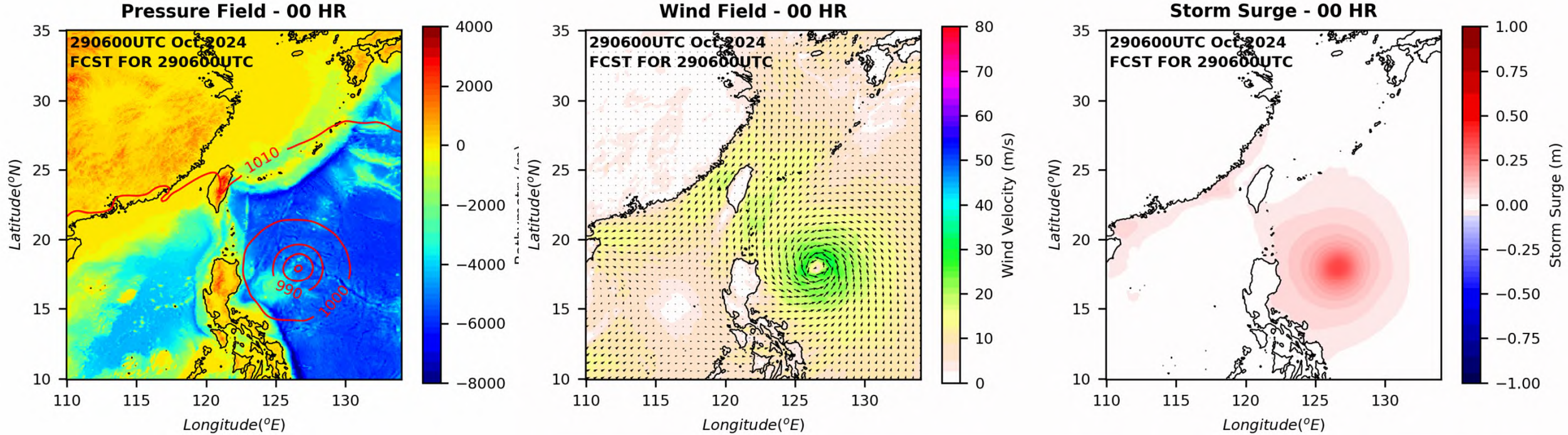
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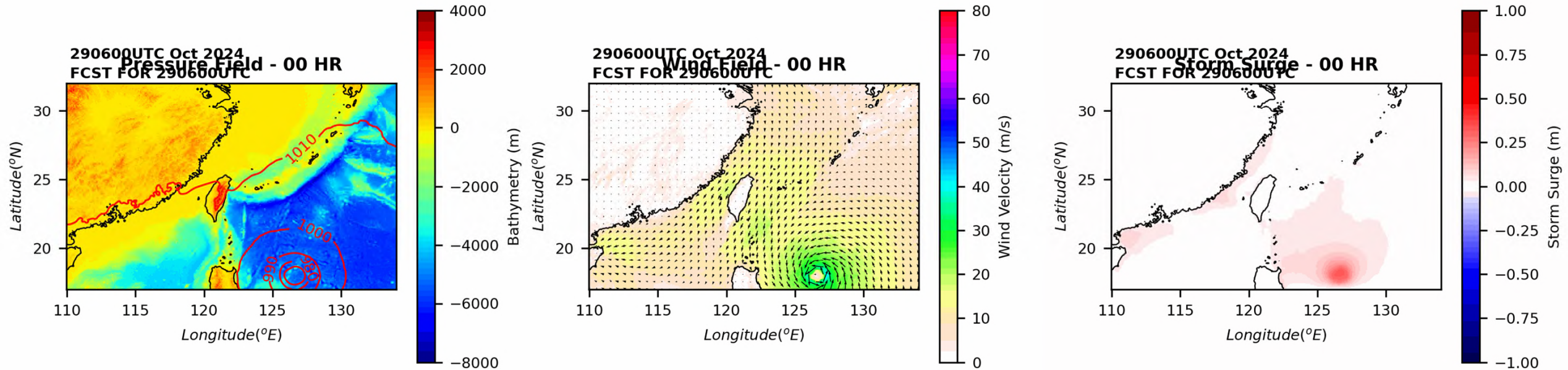
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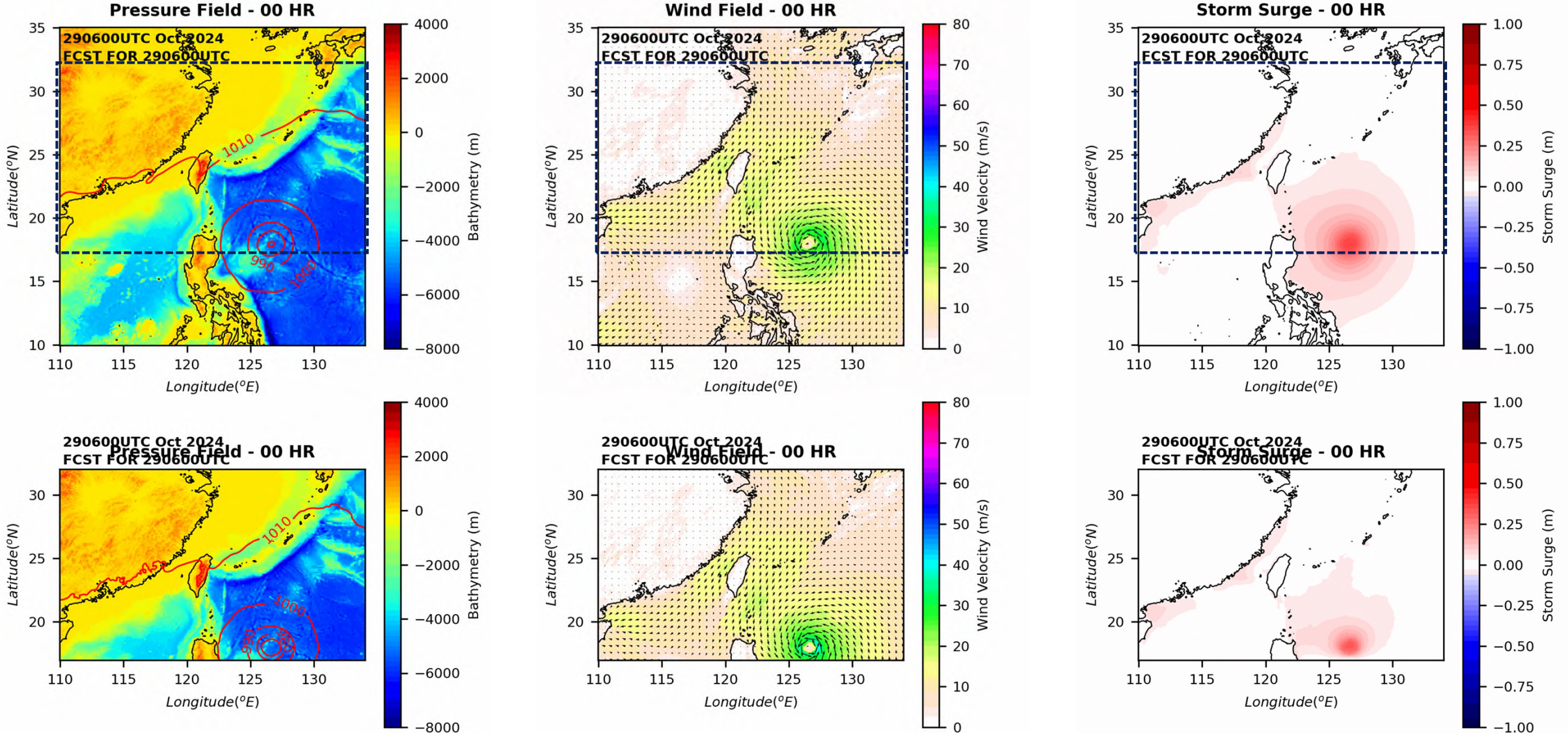
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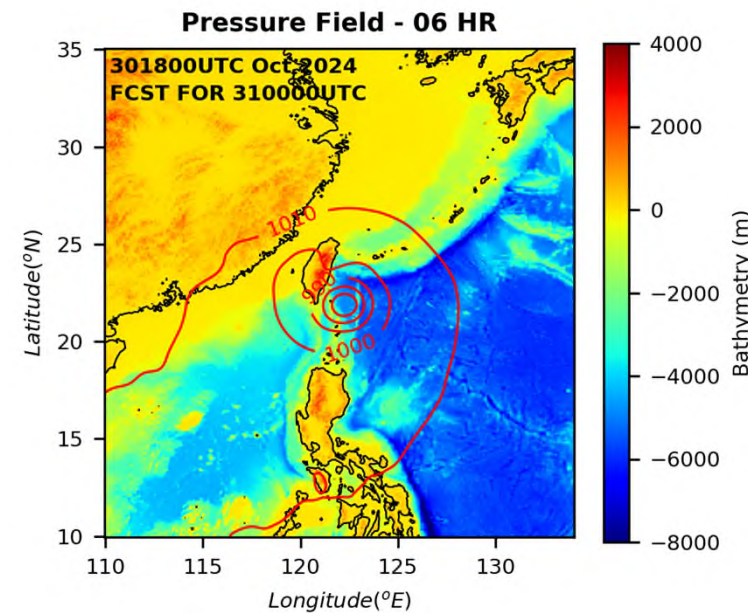
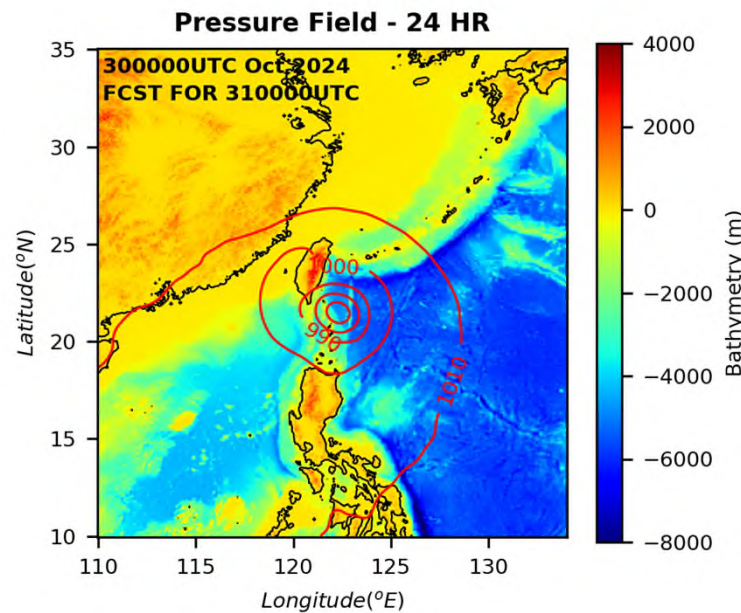
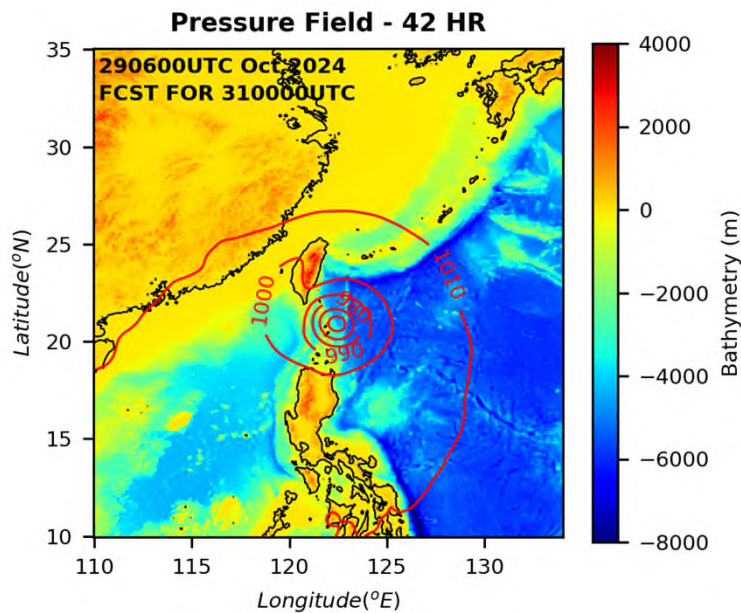


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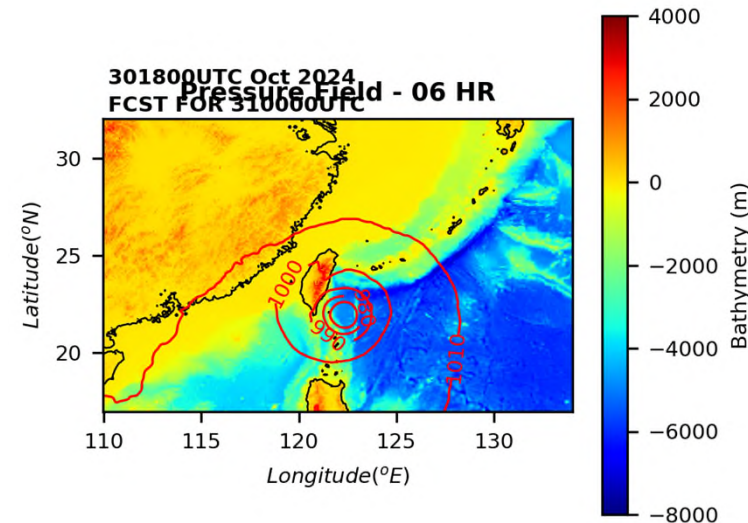
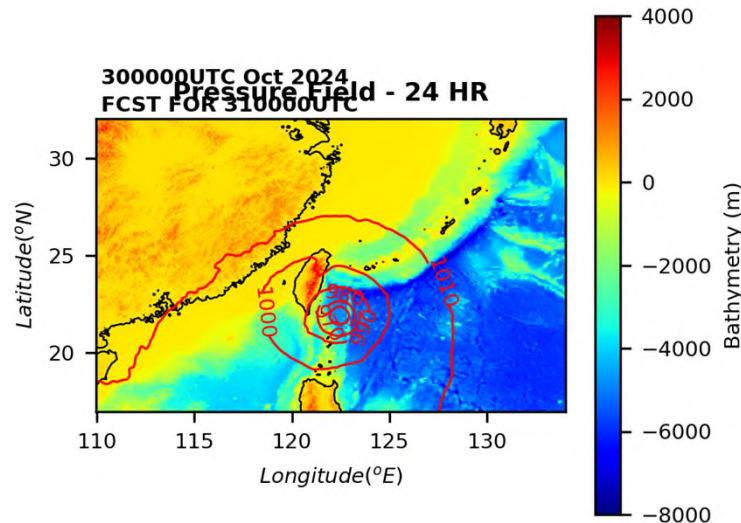
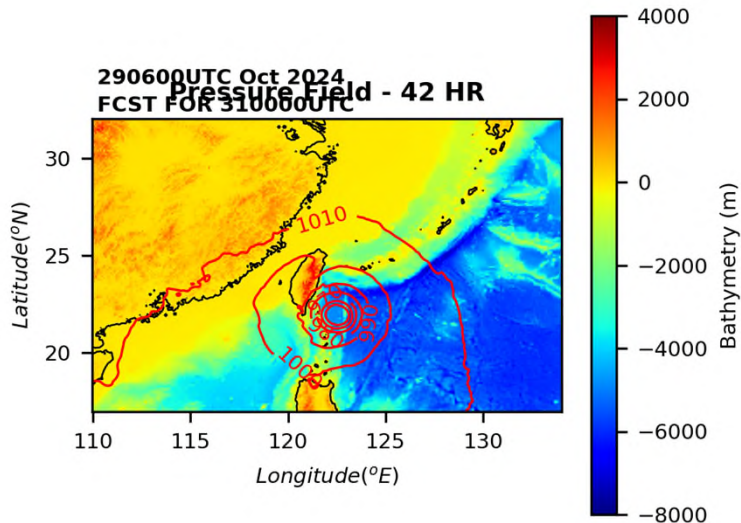
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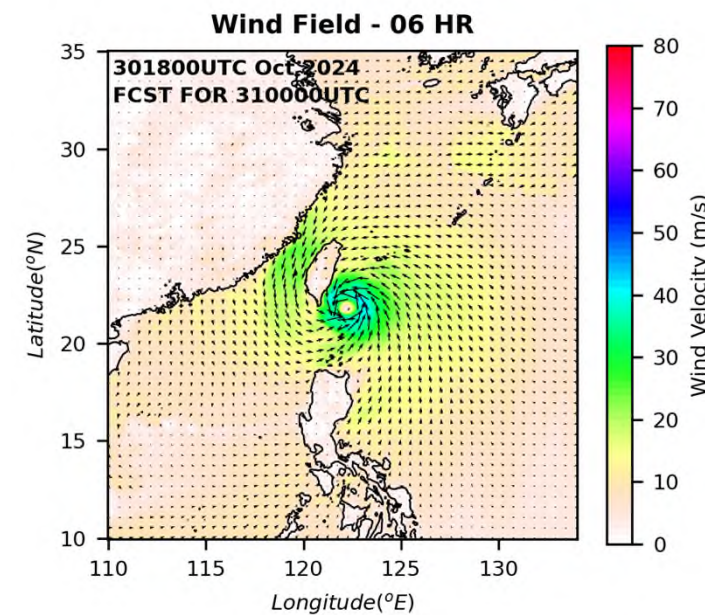
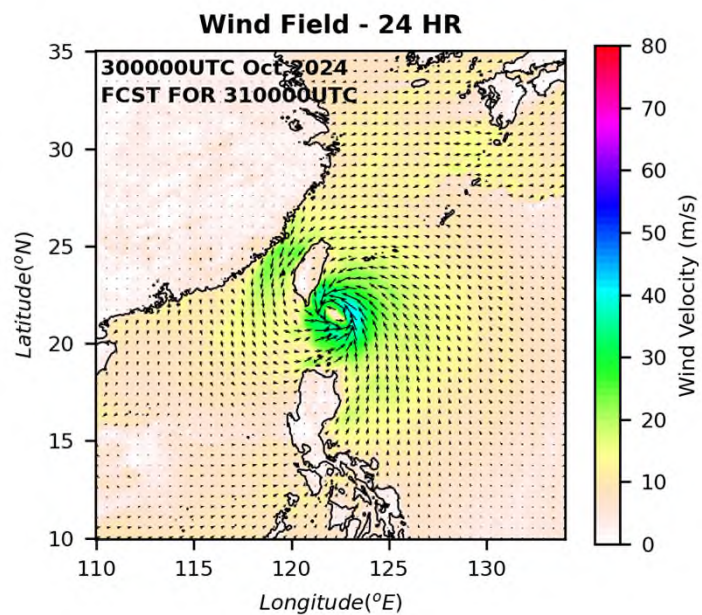
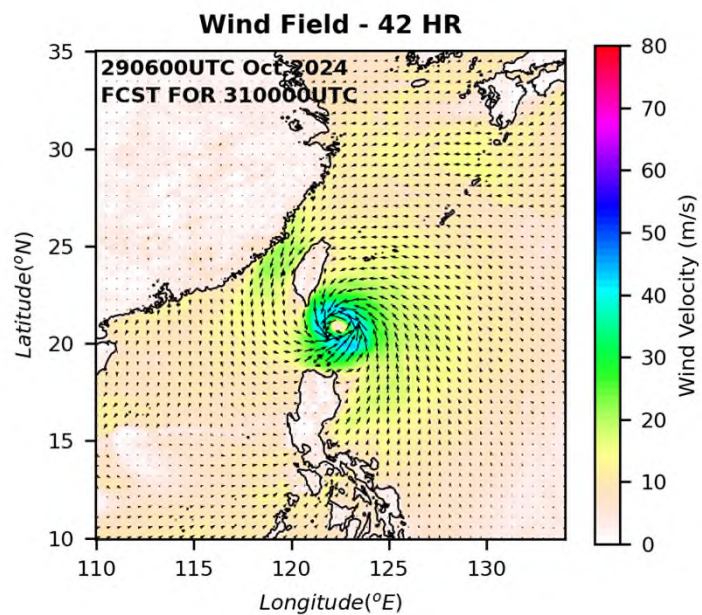


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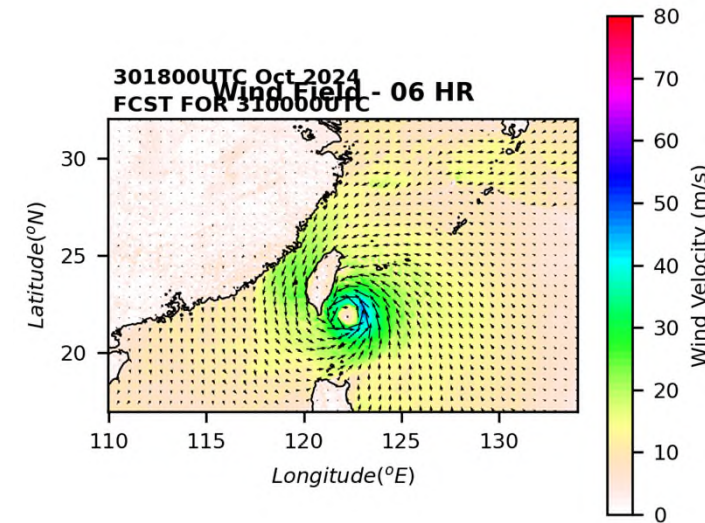
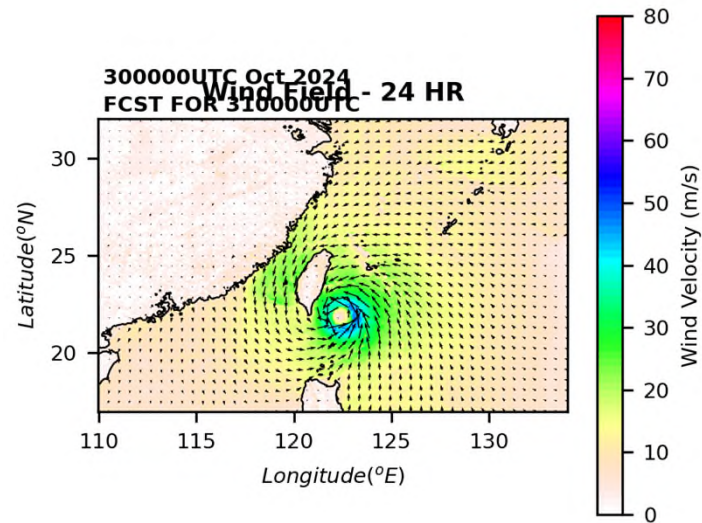
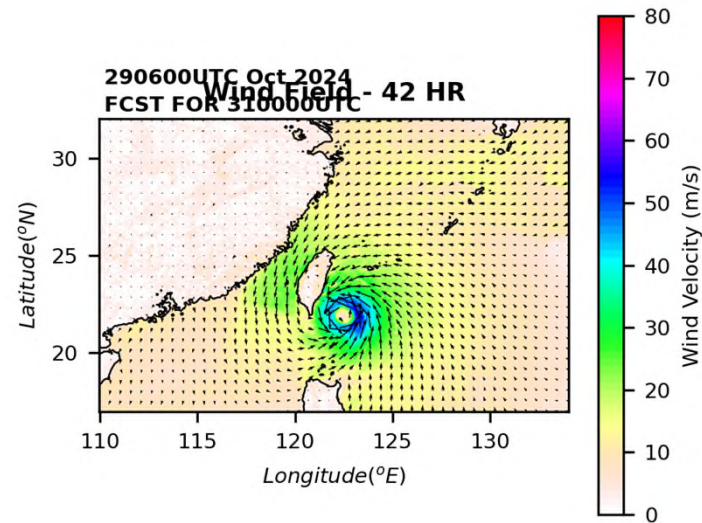
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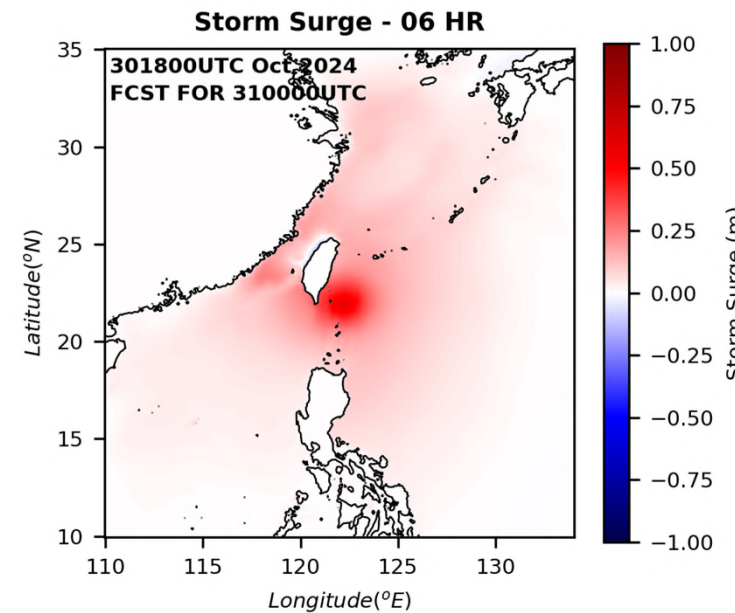
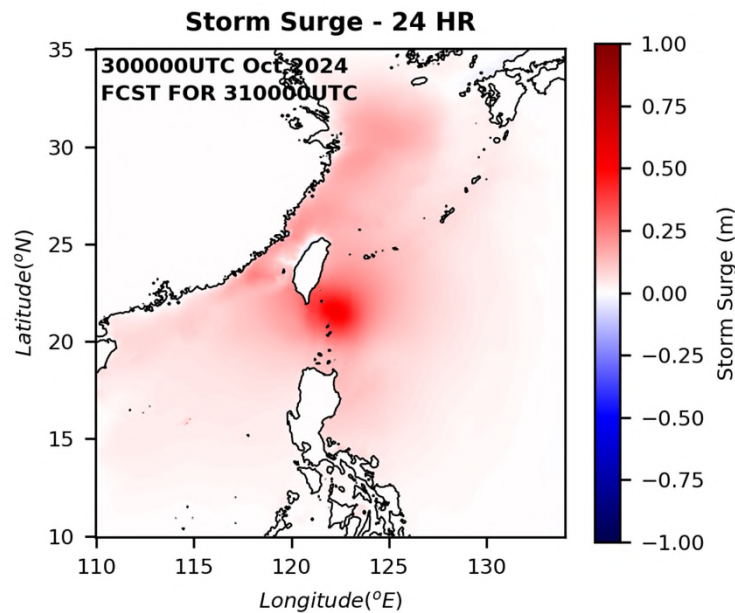
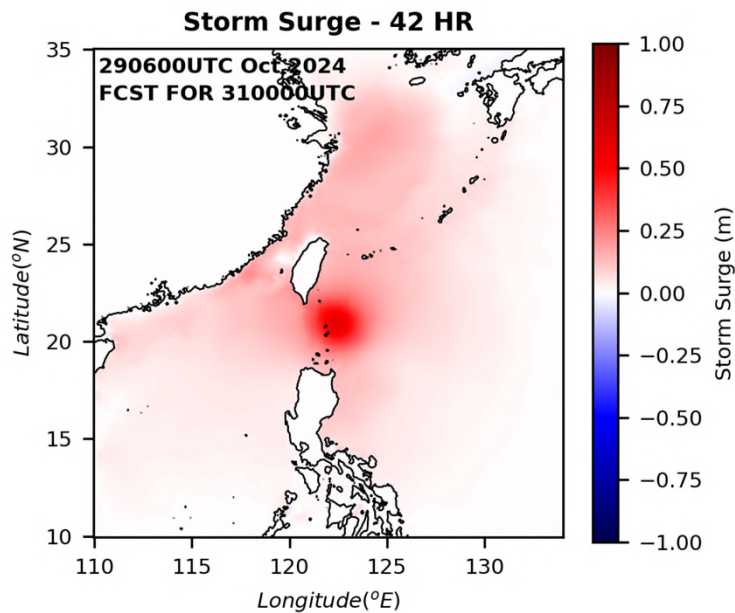


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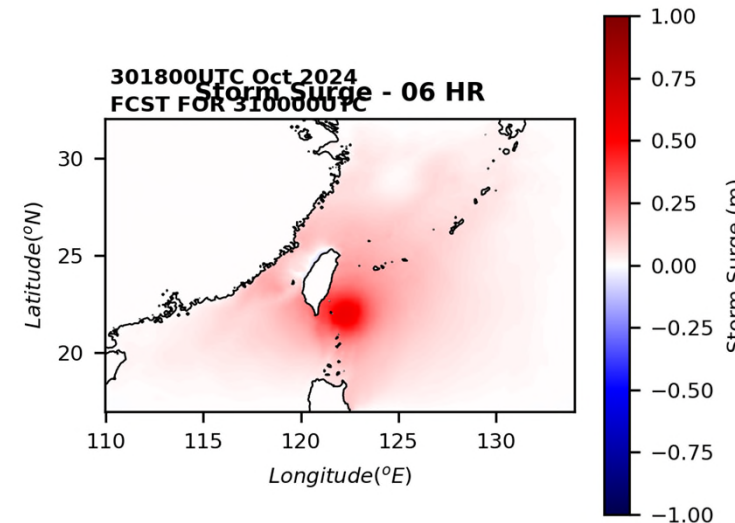
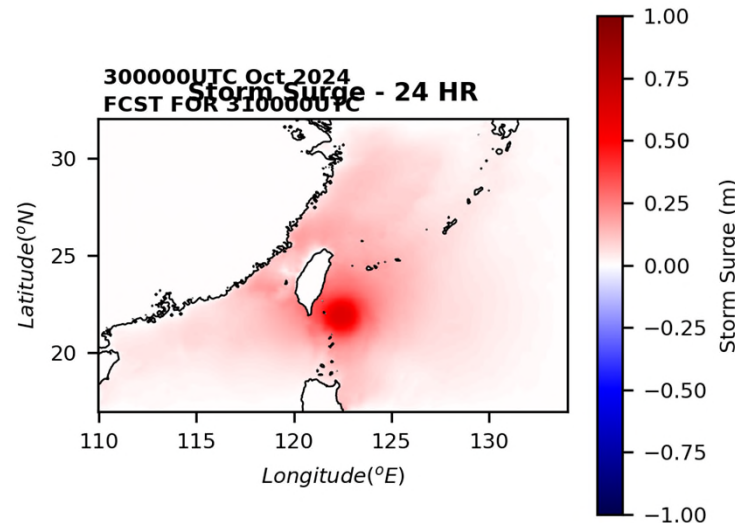
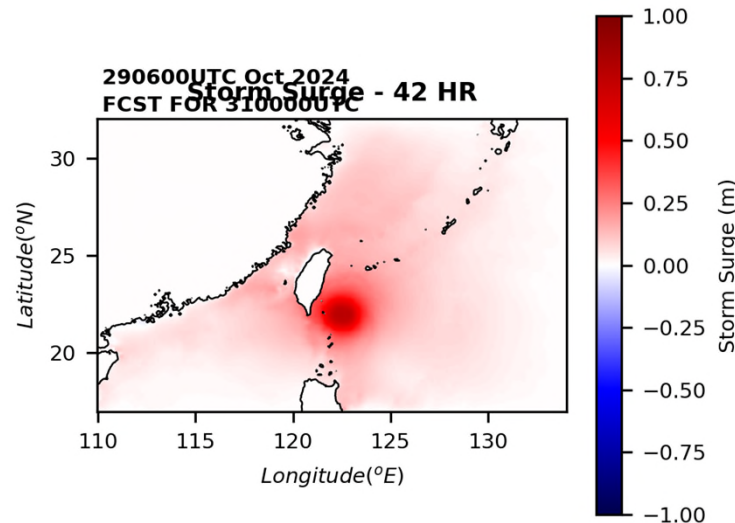
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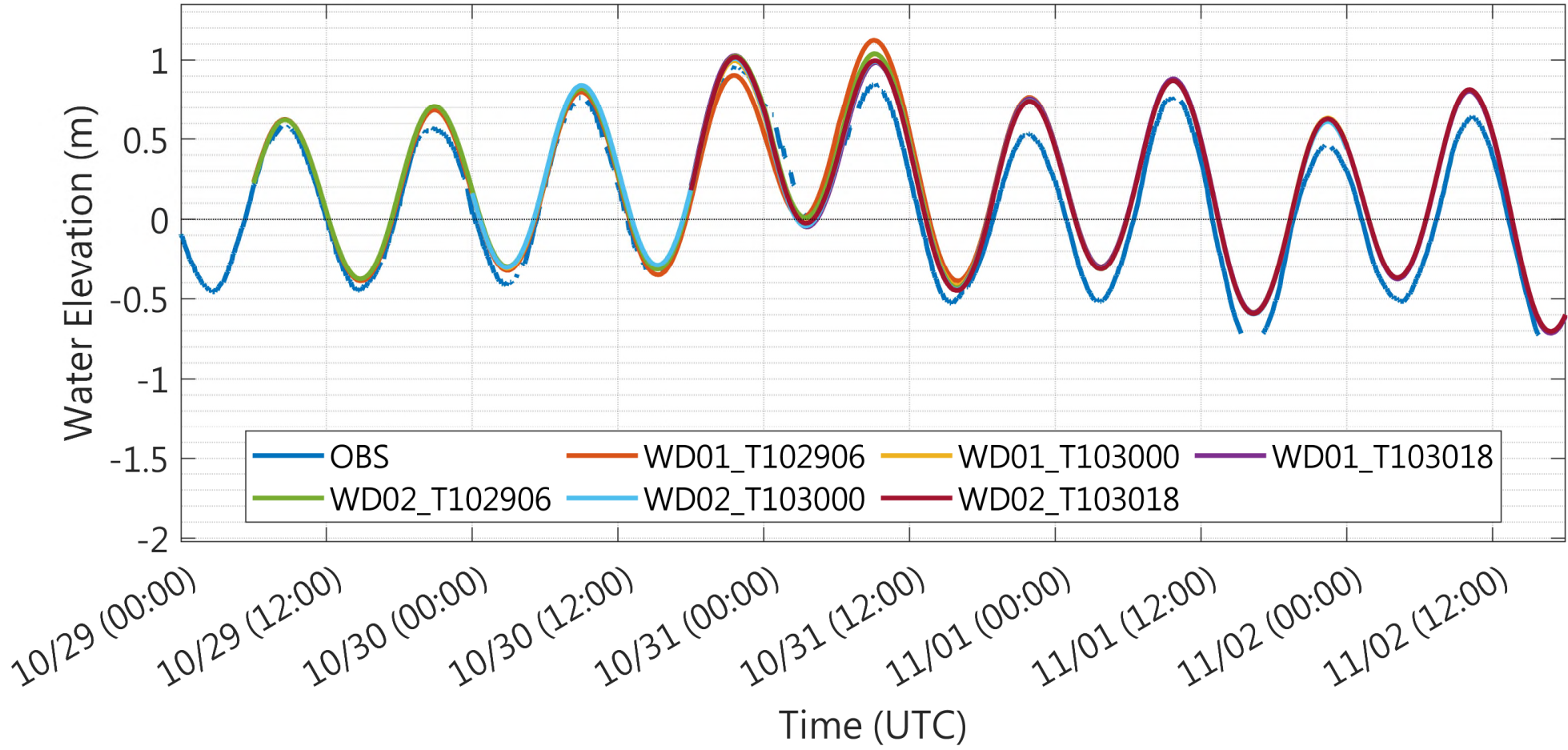
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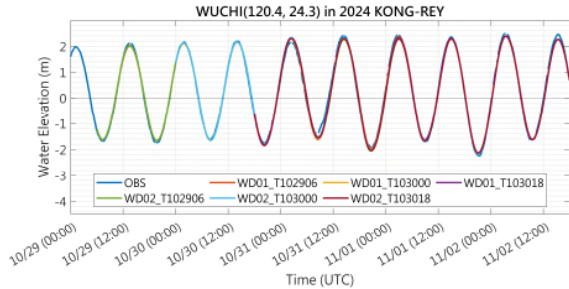
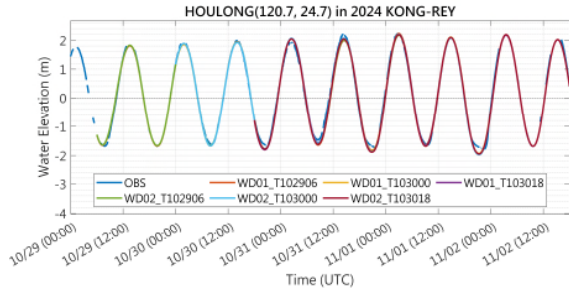
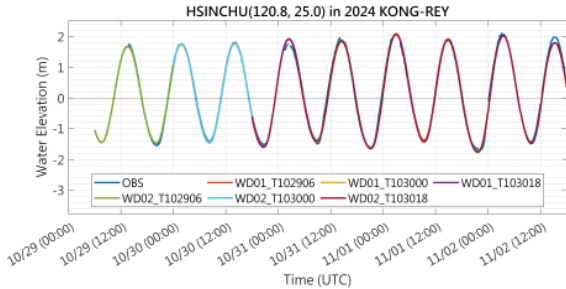
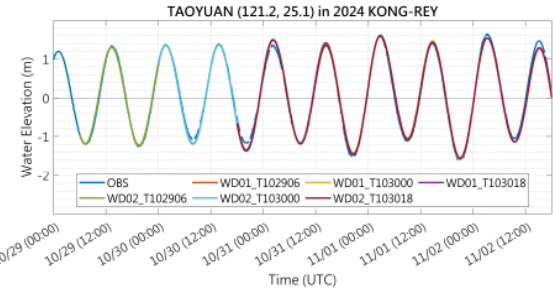
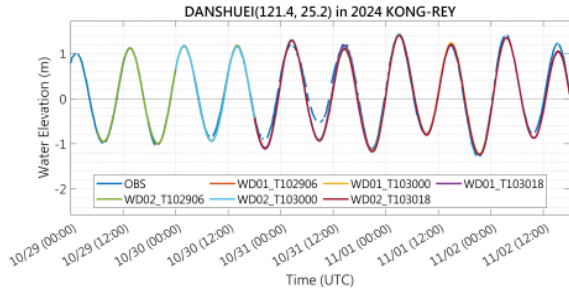
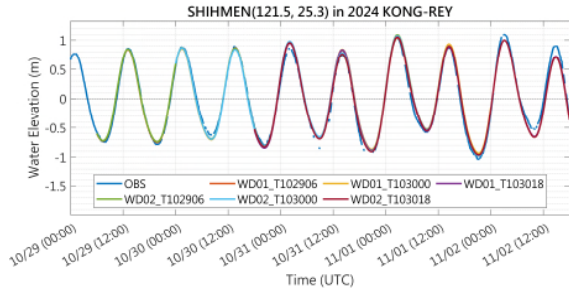
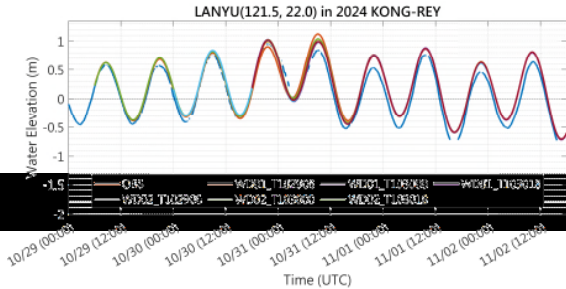
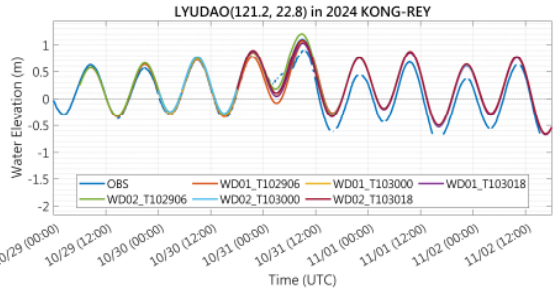
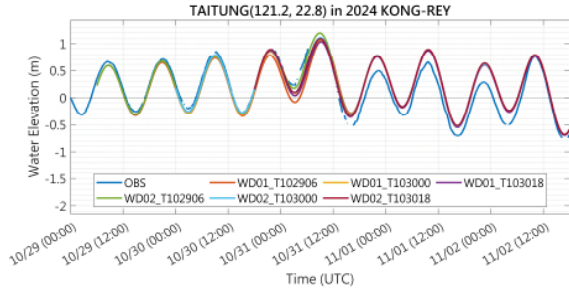
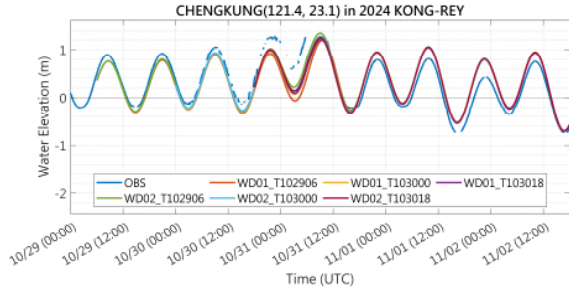
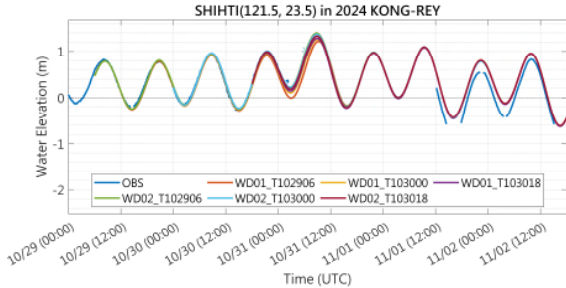
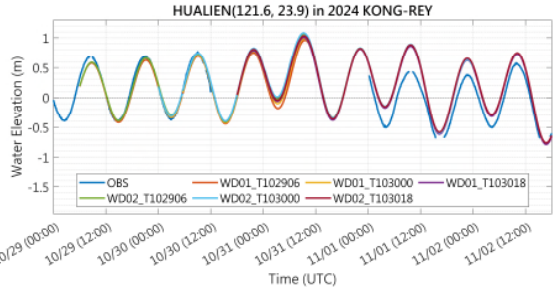
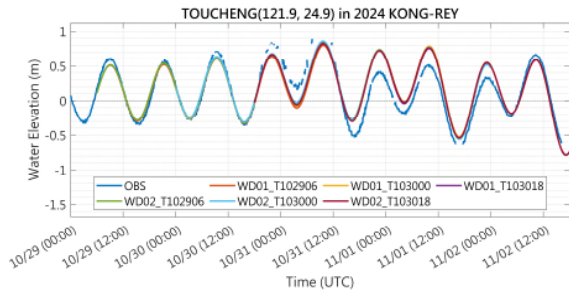
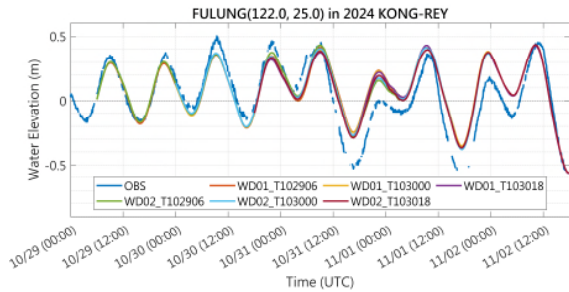
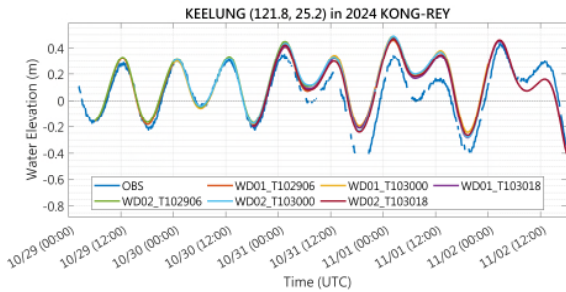
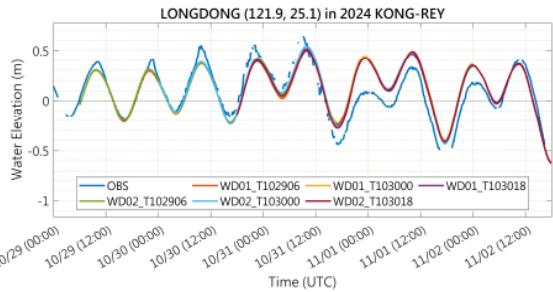


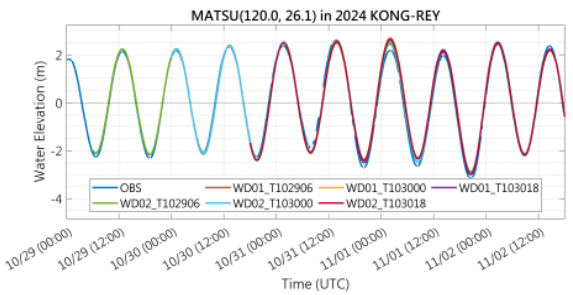
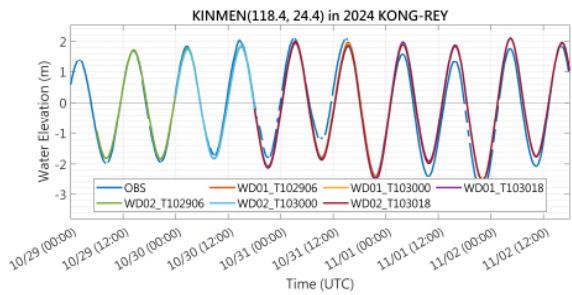
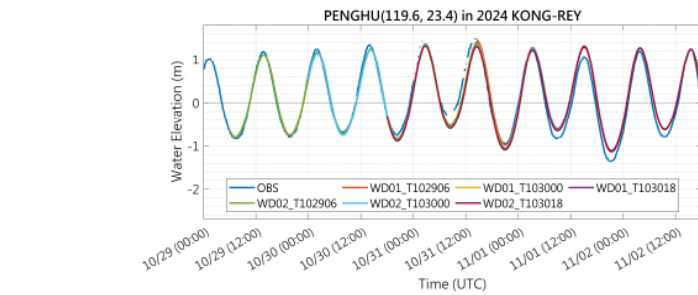
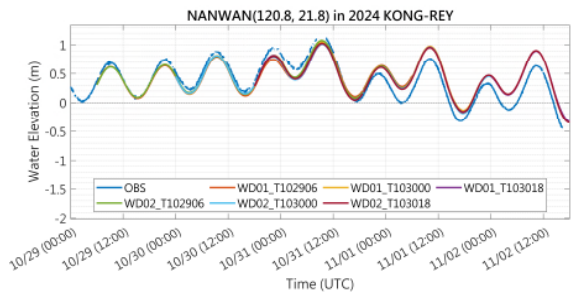
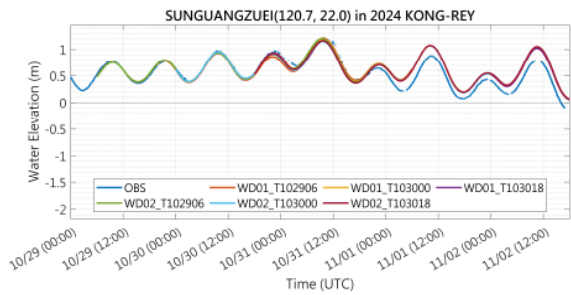
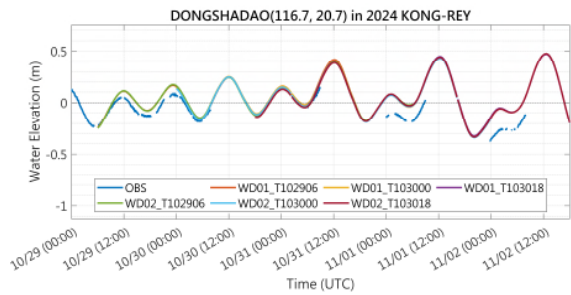
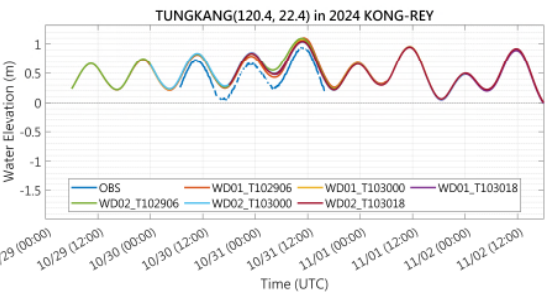
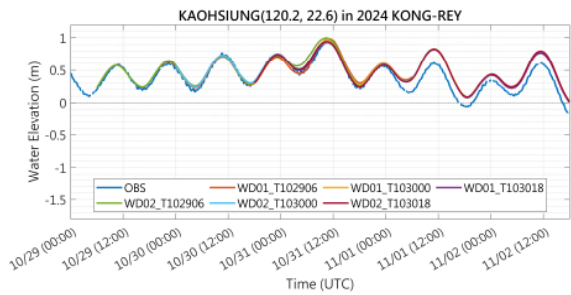
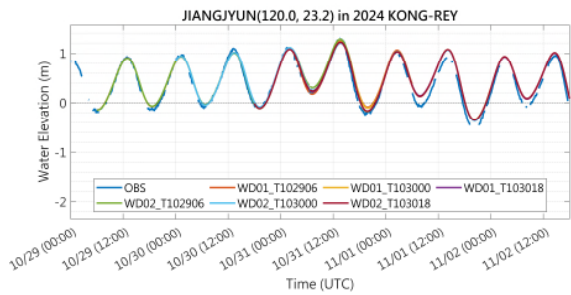
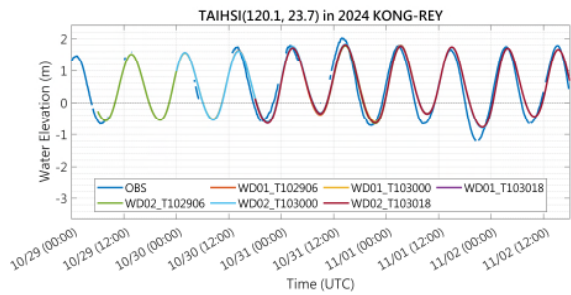
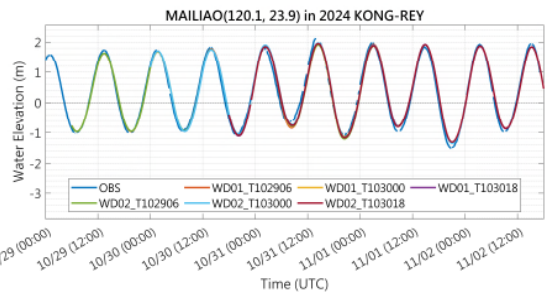
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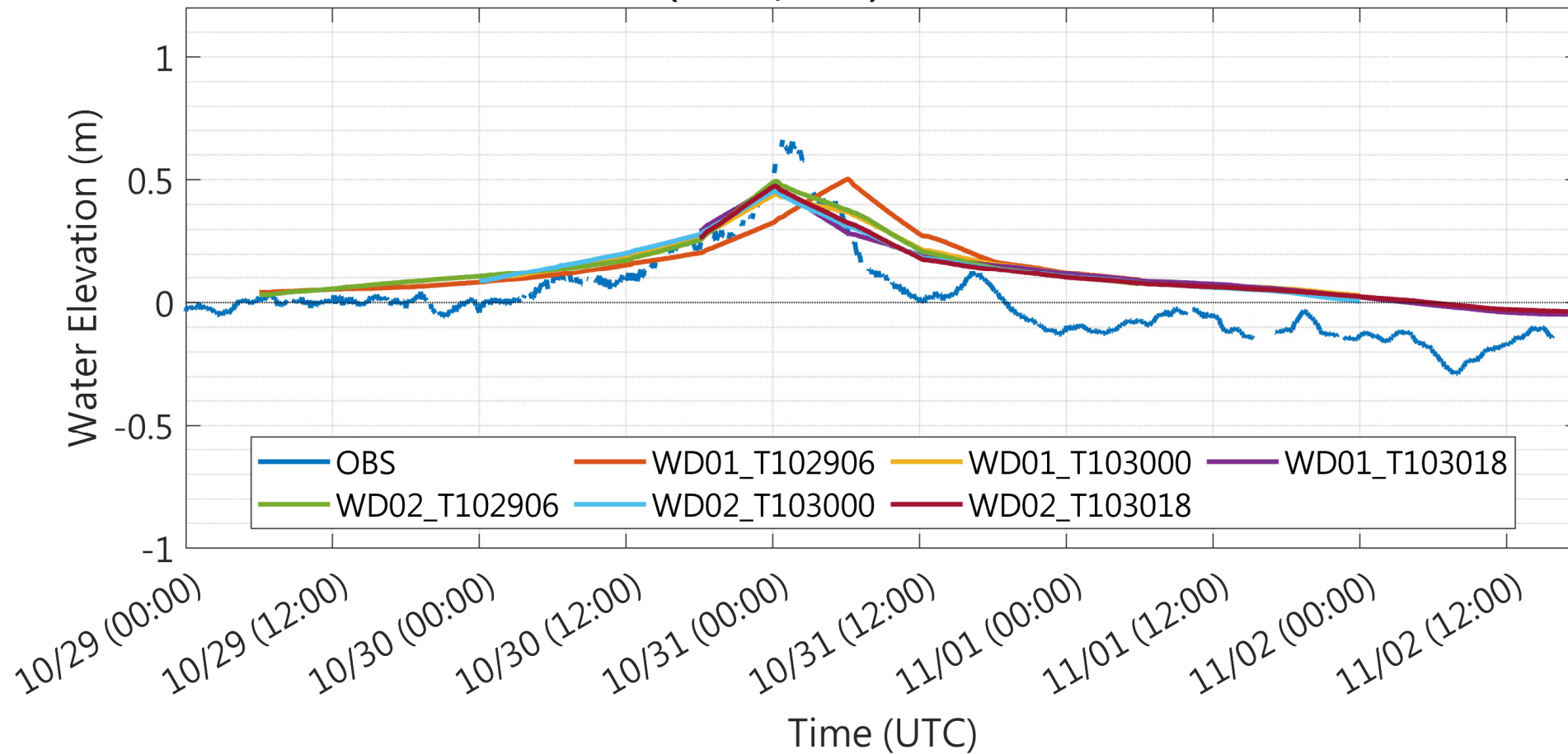
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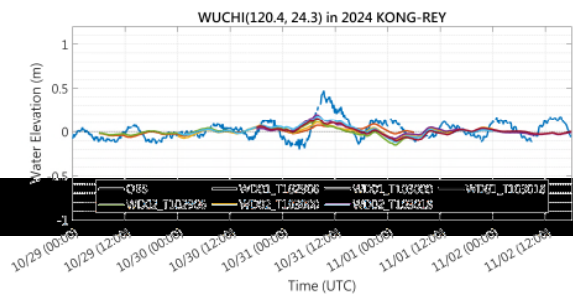
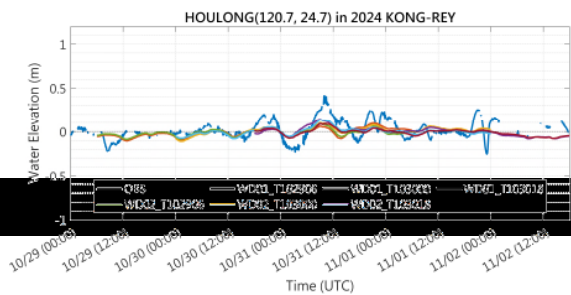
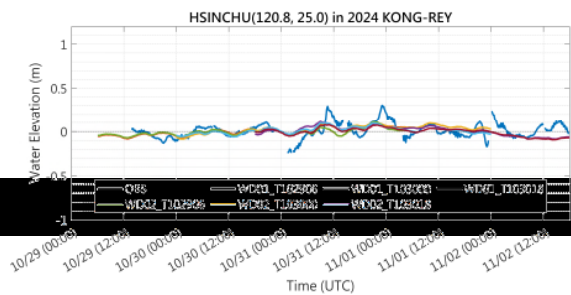
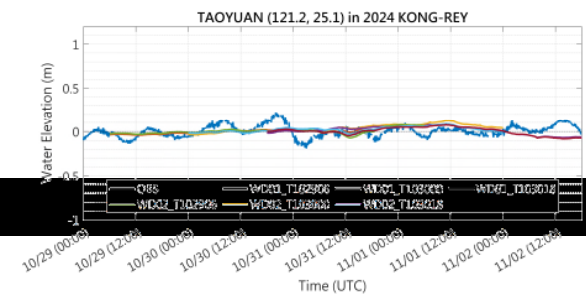
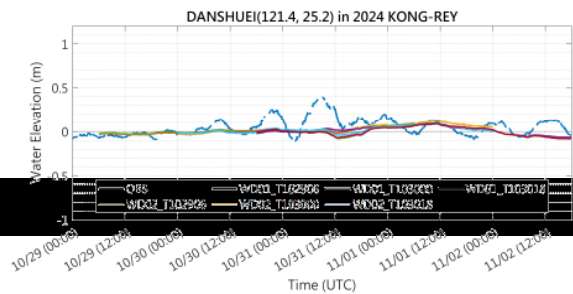
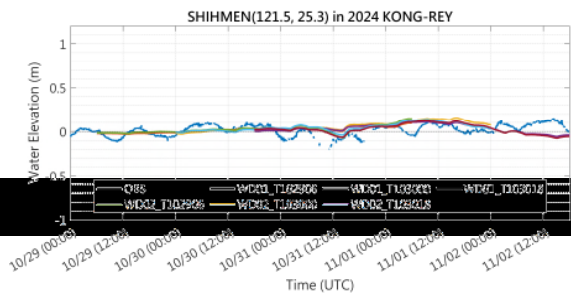
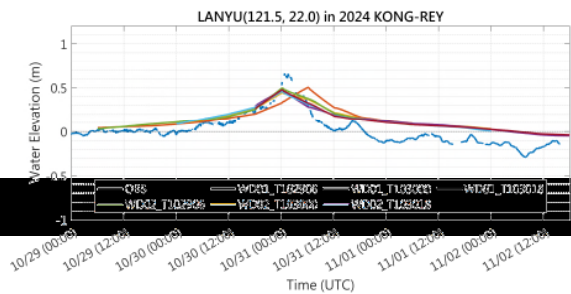
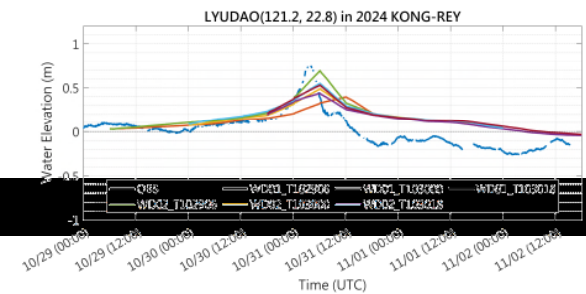
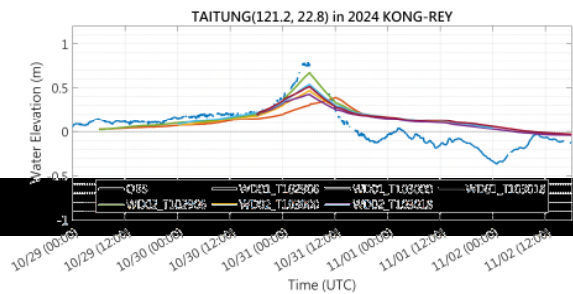
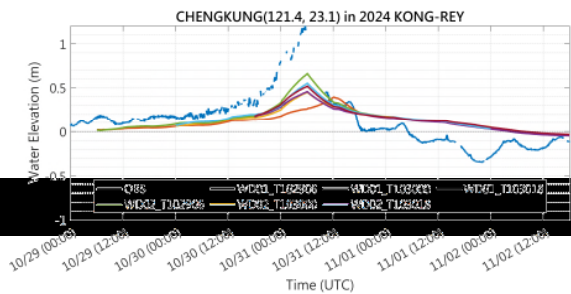
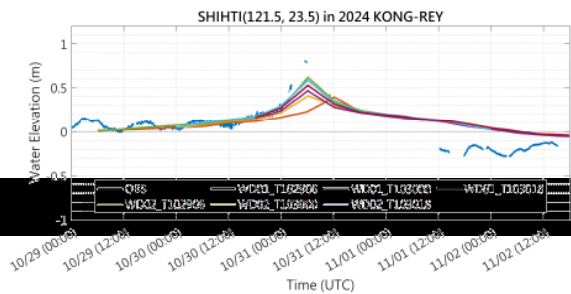
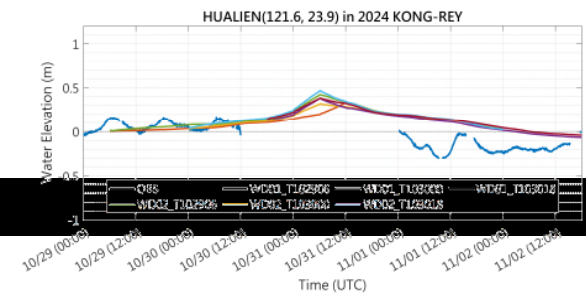
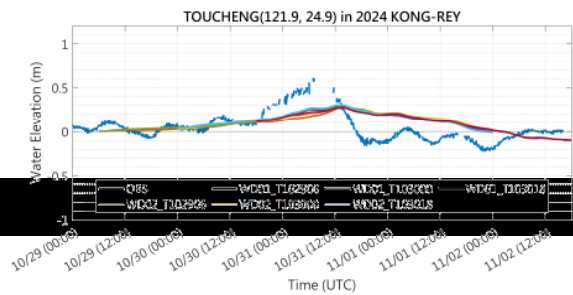
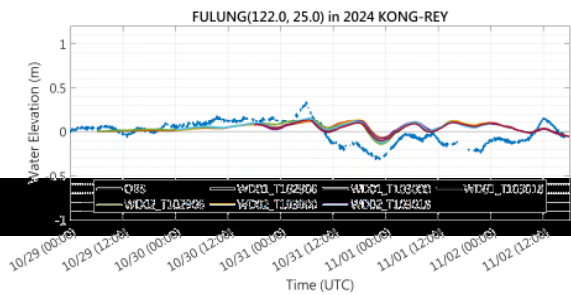
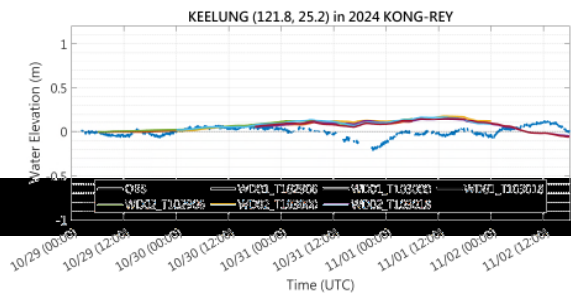
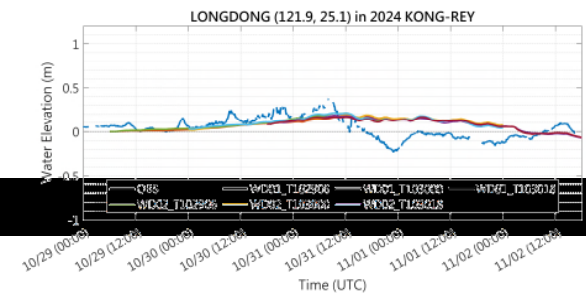


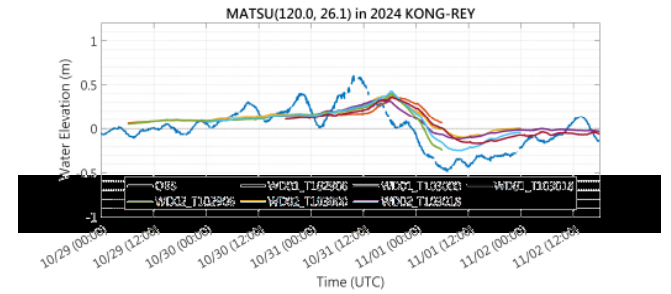
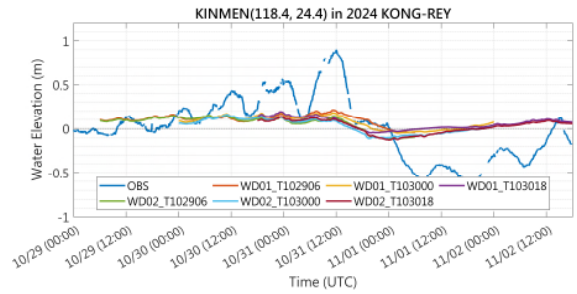
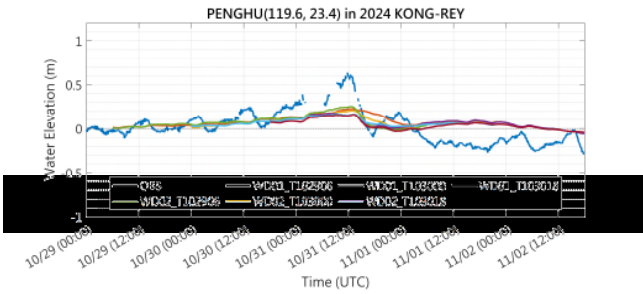
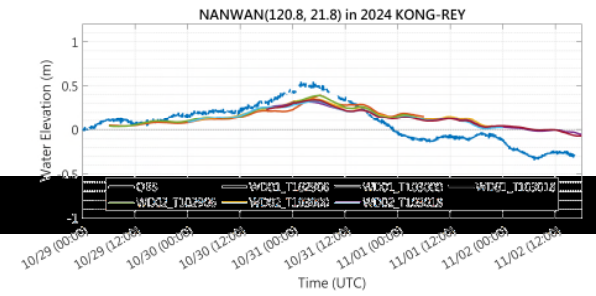
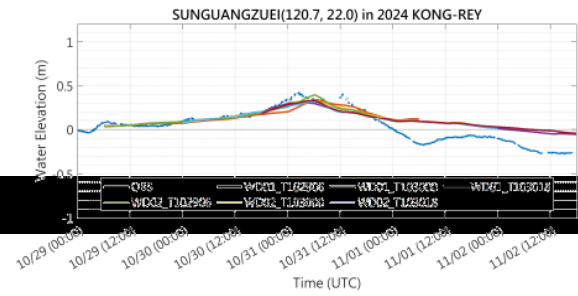
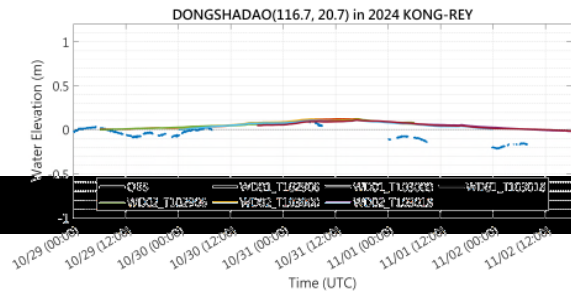
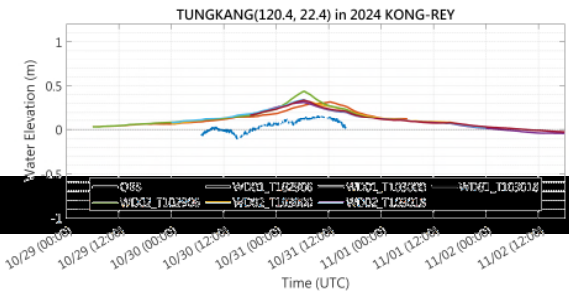
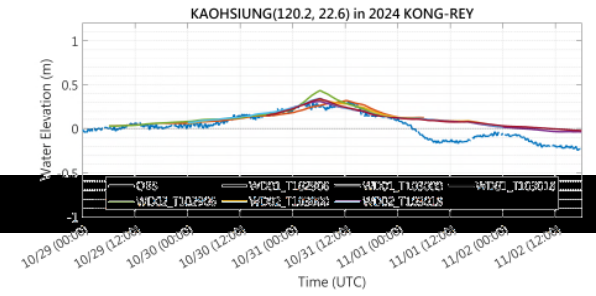
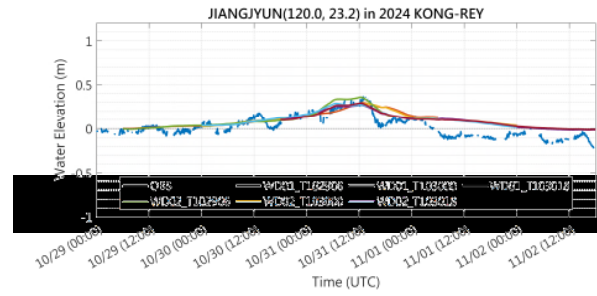
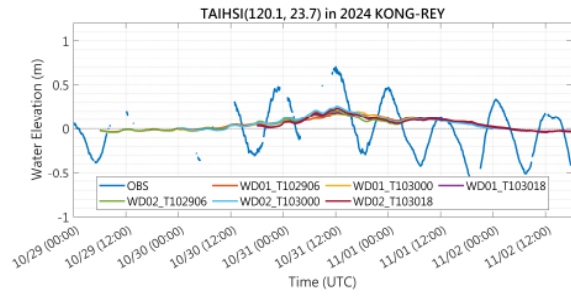
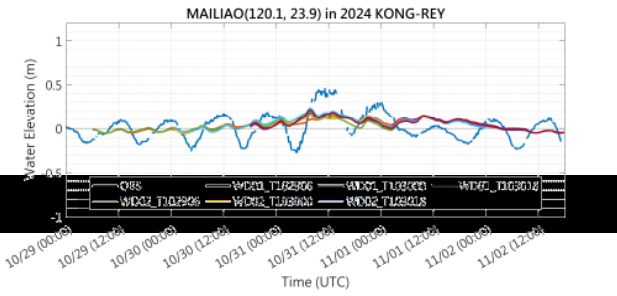




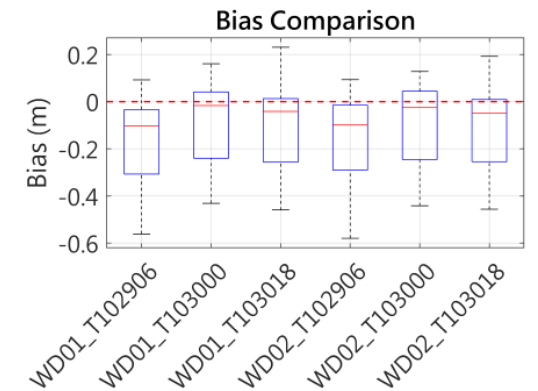
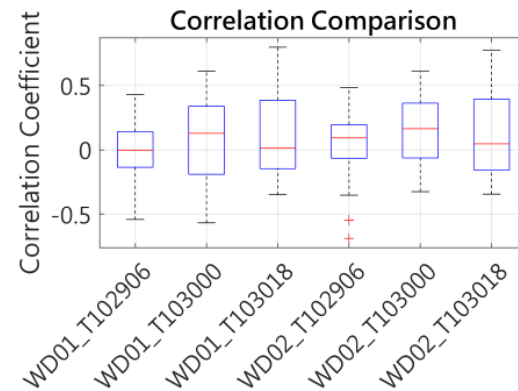
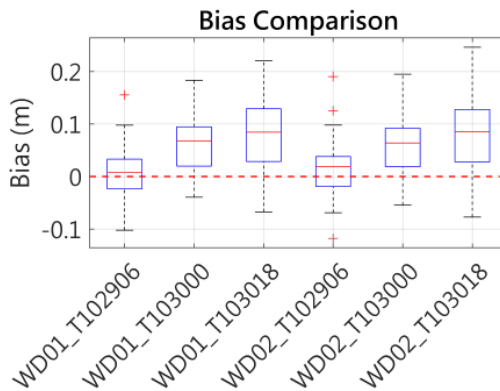
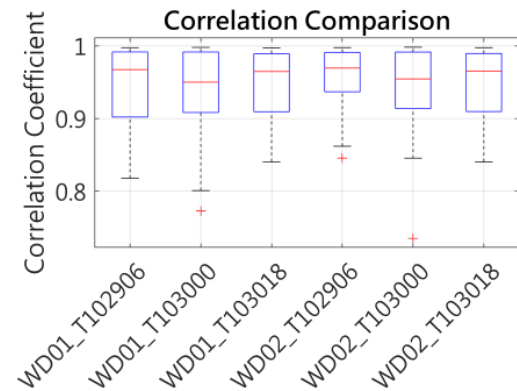
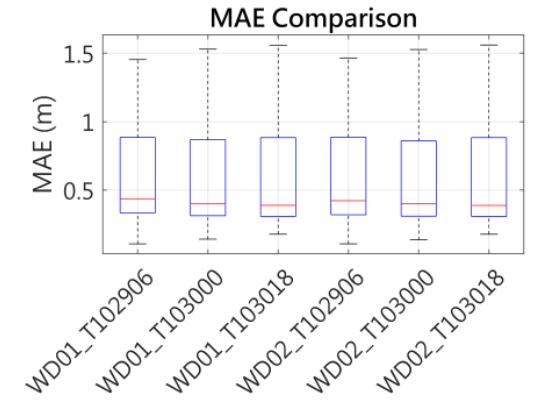
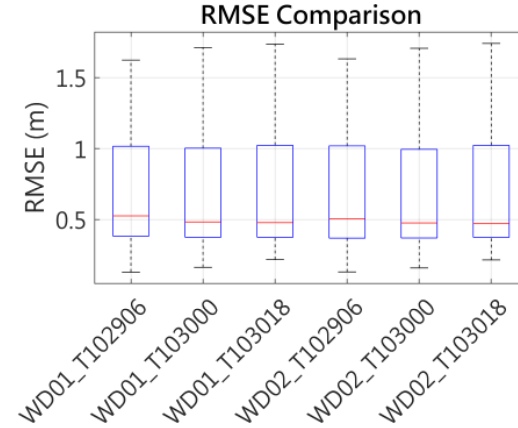
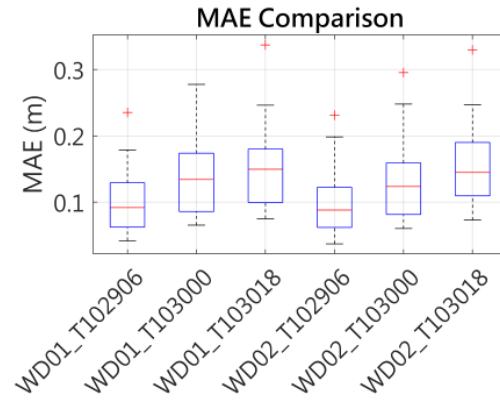
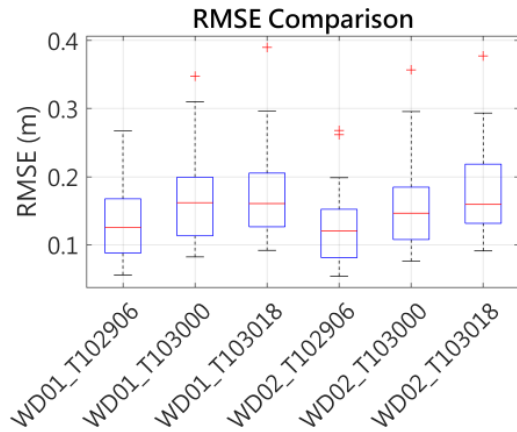
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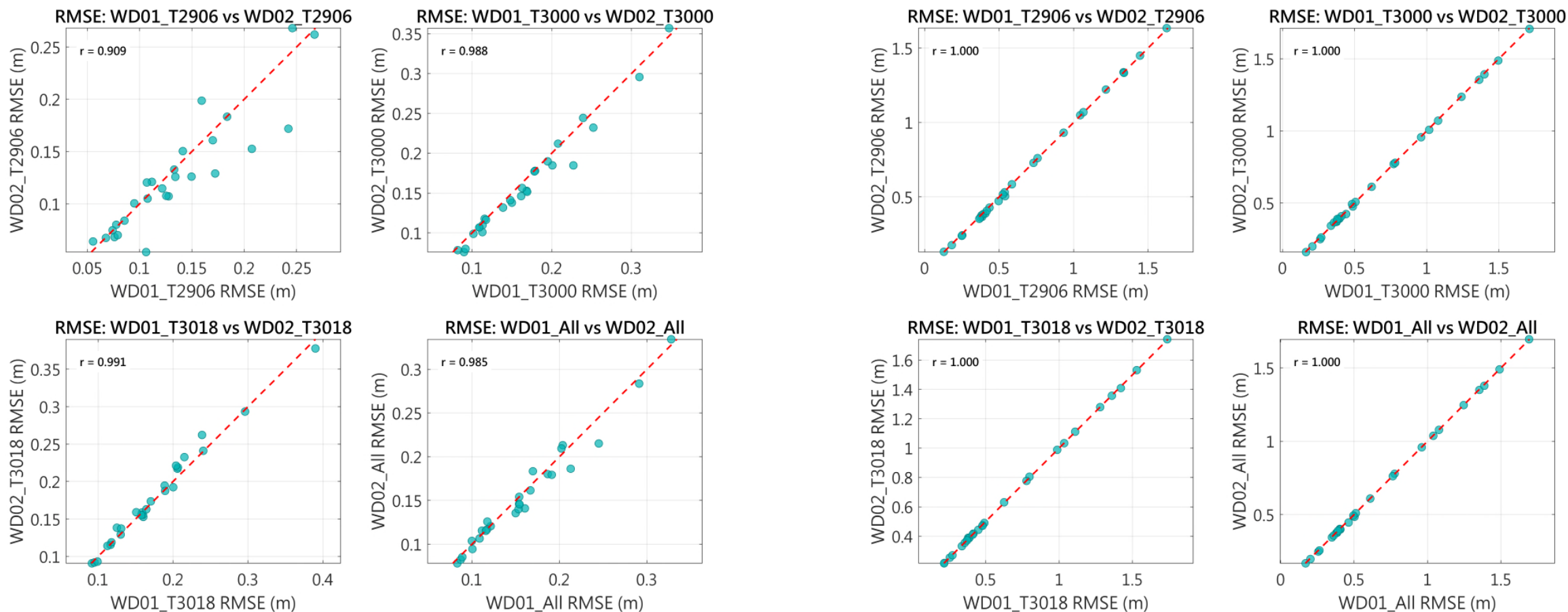
Statistical Parameter Comparison



總水位 (Storm Tide)

暴潮水位 (Storm Surge)

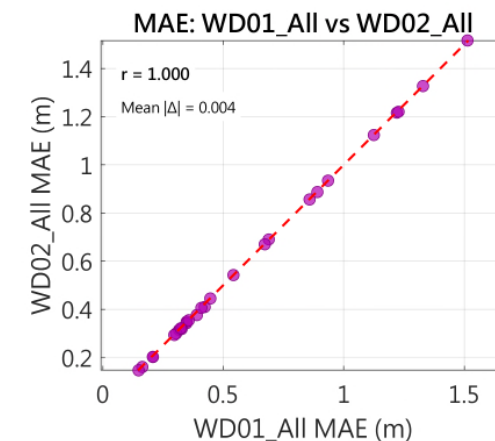
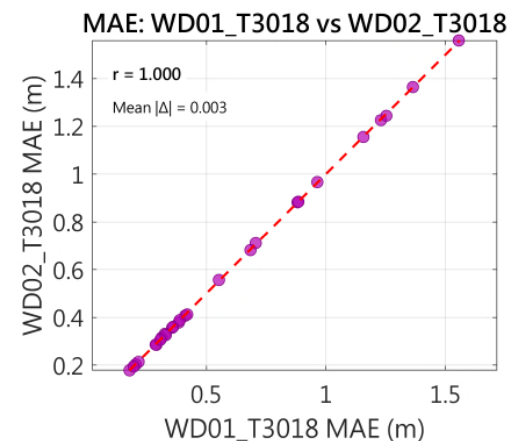
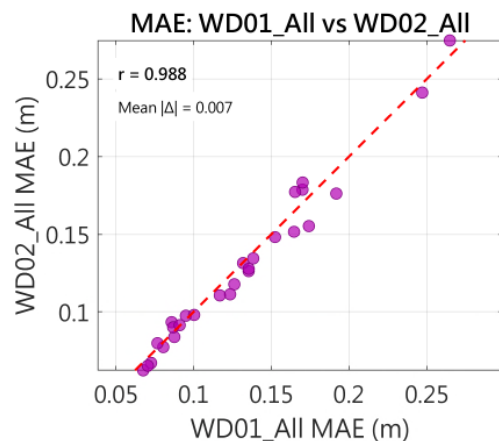
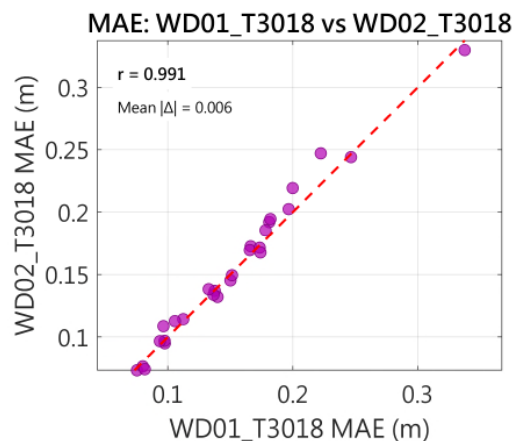
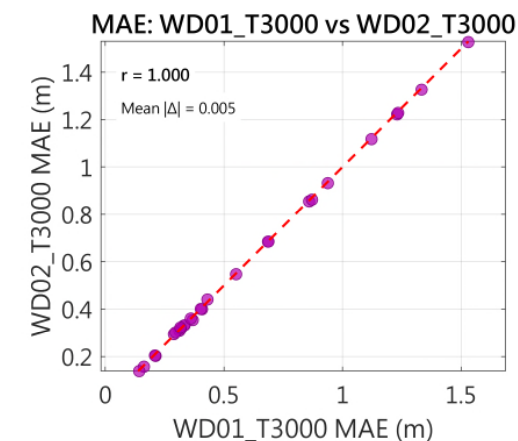
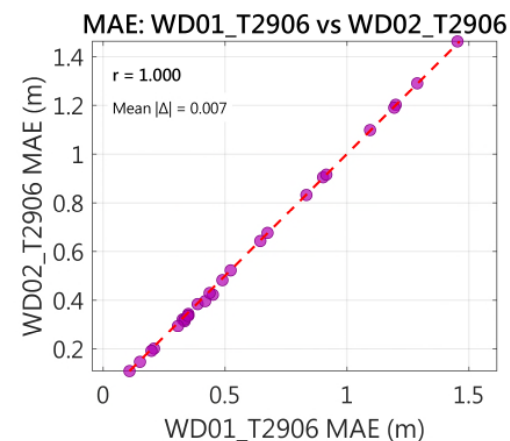
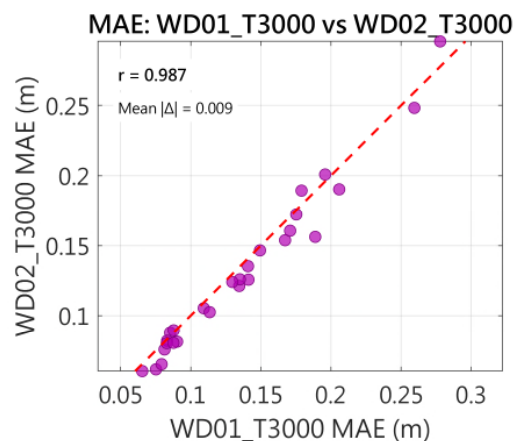
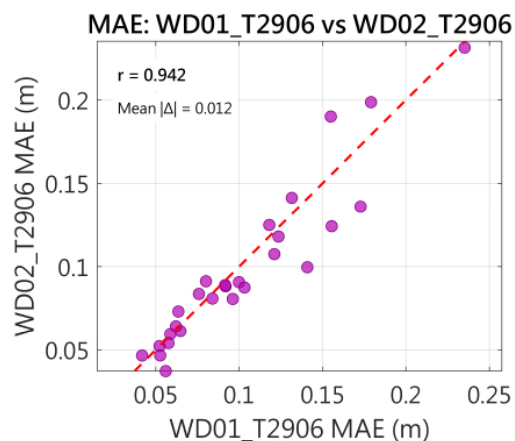
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總水位 (Storm Tide)

暴潮水位 (Storm Surge)

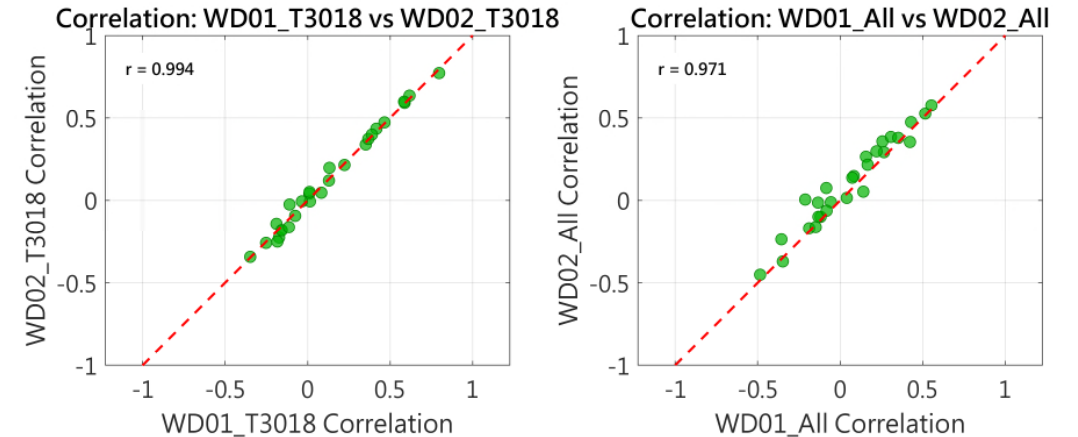
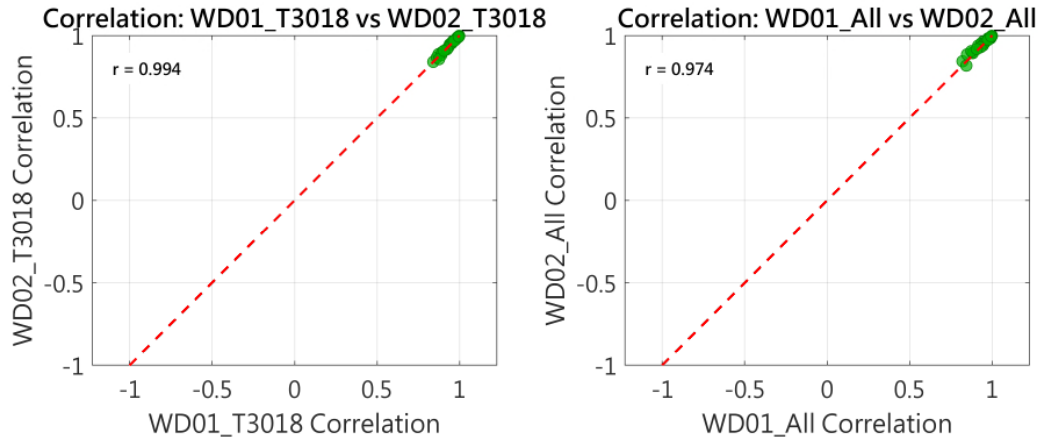
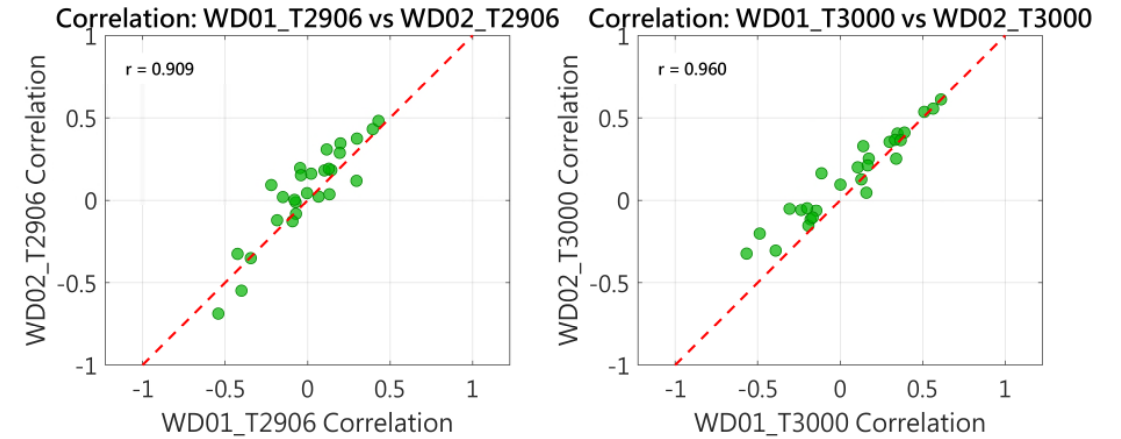
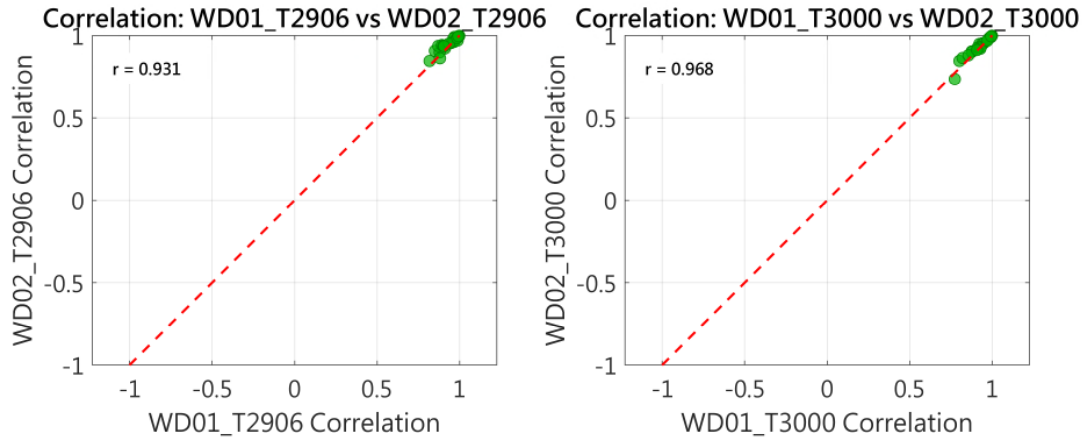
Forecast Mean Absolute Error Comparison



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暴潮水位 (Storm Surge)

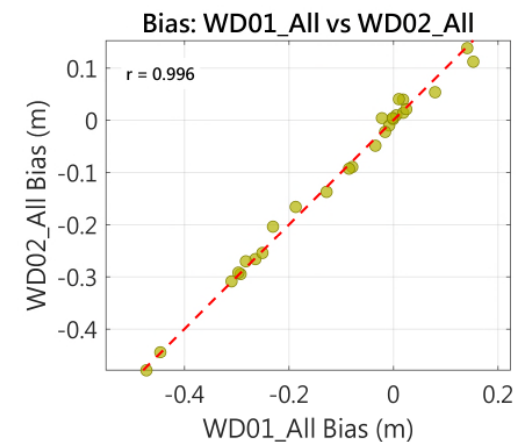
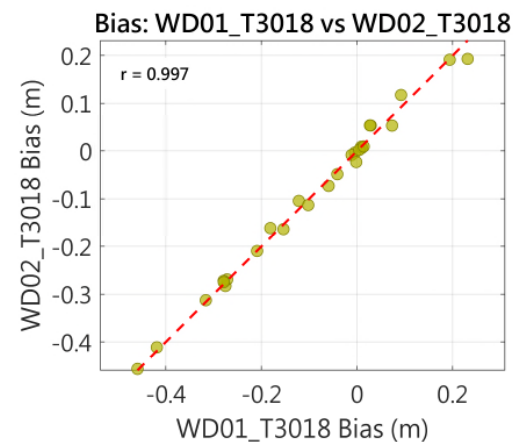
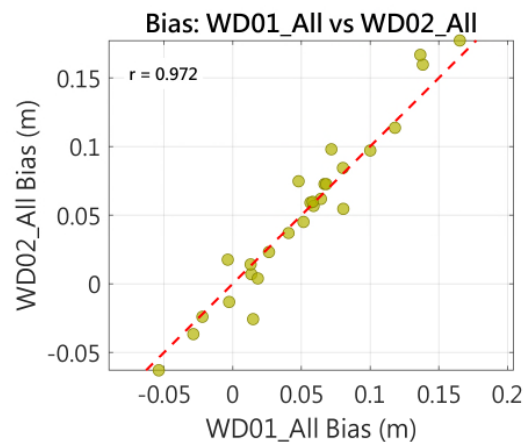
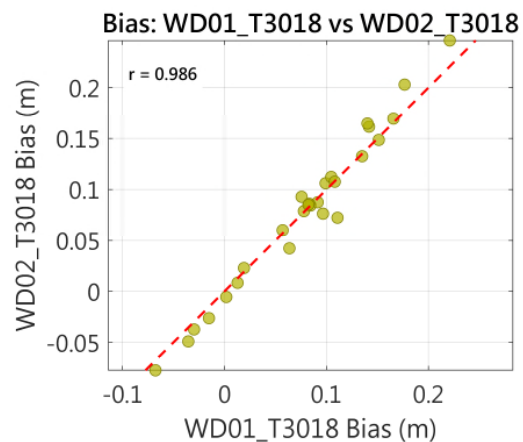
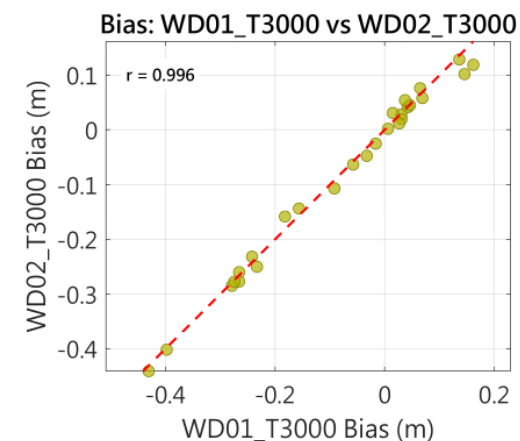
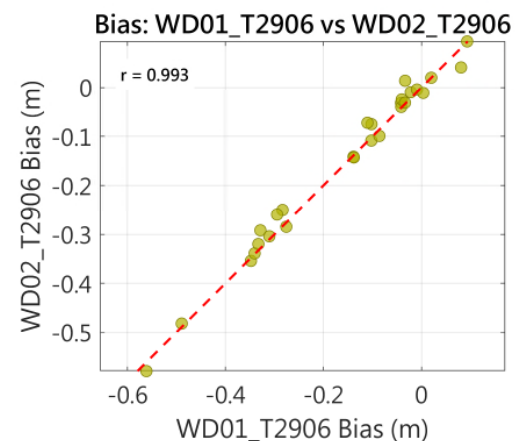
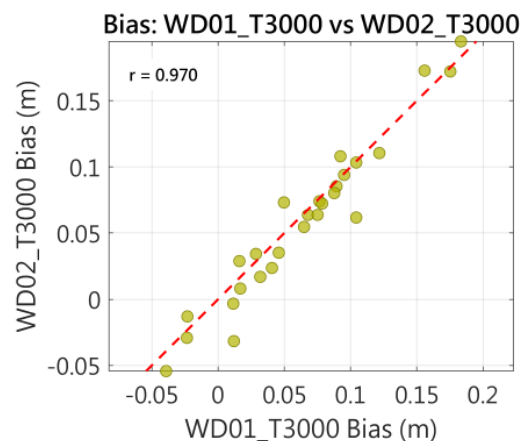
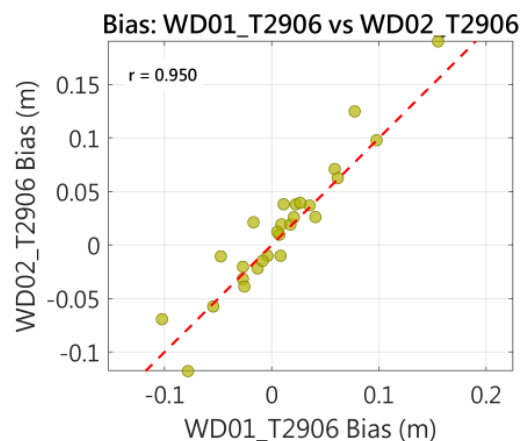
Forecast Correlation Coefficient Comparison



總水位 (Storm Tide)

暴潮水位 (Storm Surge)

Forecast Bias Comparison



總水位 (Storm Tide)

暴潮水位 (Storm Surge)

Operational Testing and Evaluation of the Improvement

WD_{ID}	CPU#	Conversion	Tidal BC	COMCOT	Post Process	Total
1	16	14	<1	16.11	6.96	37.07
1	32	14	<1	15.83	7	36.83
2	8	45.6	<1	16.6	5	68.2
2	16	45.3	<1	14.64	5	65.94
2	32	45.34	<1	12.12	4.92	62.48

Is Higher Resolution Atmospheric Model Data Recommended for Storm Surge Forecasting?

Answer: Conditionally Yes, with Important Caveats.

- **Modest but positive** improvements in forecast accuracy, marginal improvement in critical metrics.
- **Operationally feasible** - WD02 takes 1.5x longer than WD01 but remains within acceptable timing
- **Limited impact** on storm surge prediction - two resolutions perform almost identically for pure storm surge forecasting. Astronomical tide dominance dilutes meteorological field difference impacts.
- **Benefits vary by conditions** - improvements not uniform across all meteorological situations.