ODYSEA

Ocean Dynamics and Surface Exchange with the Atmosphere

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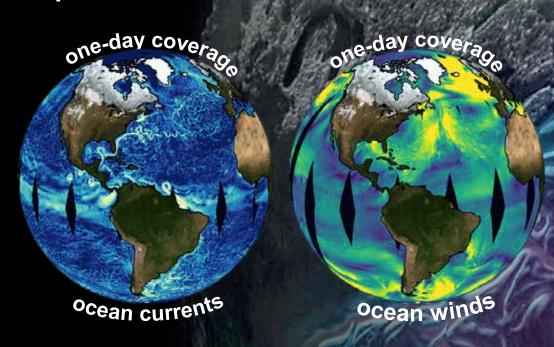
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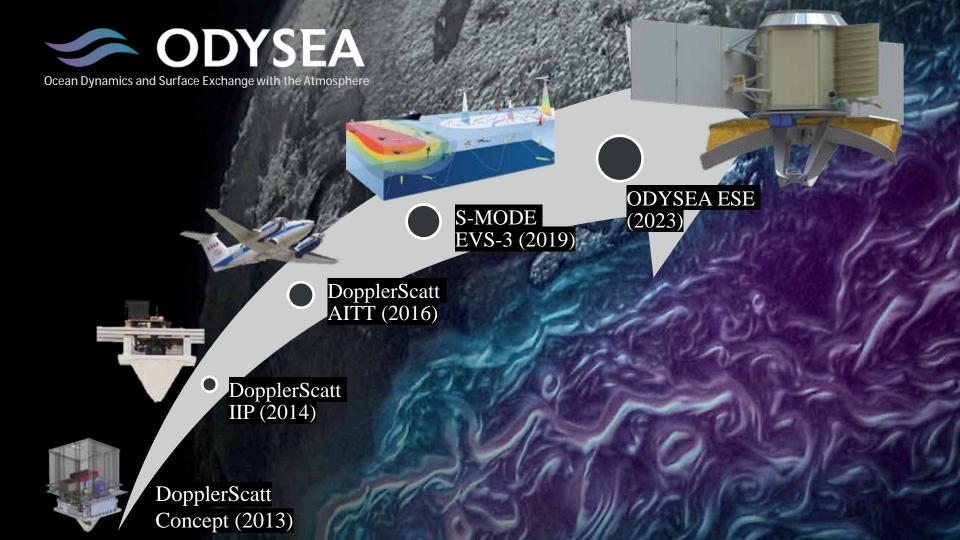




ODYSEA will provide the first daily, simultaneous, global measurements of surface currents and winds at unprecedented resolution.



ODYSEA is one of four Earth System Explorer missions selected into a competitive phase A by NASA. Two will be selected in 2025 for flight in 2030 and 2032.







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ODYSEA's Ka-band Doppler Scatterometer

Provides the **first-ever** global measure of total surface currents. Includes simultaneous ocean vector winds with improved resolution for coupled air-sea science and applications closer than ever to the coast.

Earth System Explorer proposed to NASA with strong support from CNES (+ US Space Force)

Ocean Vector Winds

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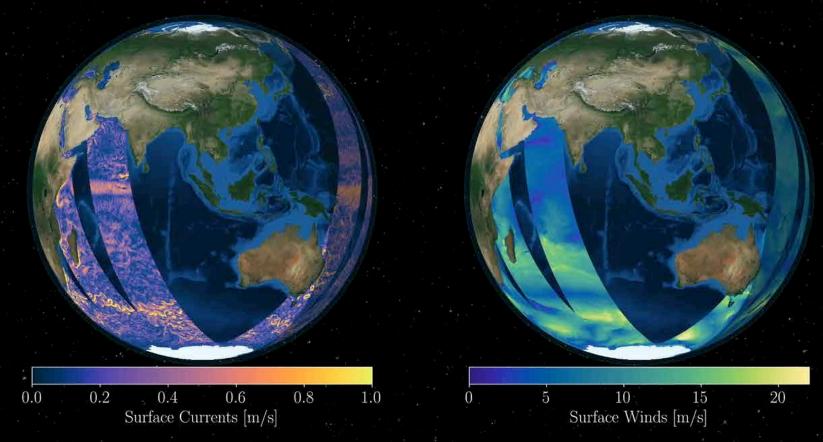
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5 km postings 1700 km swath

Total Surface Currents

What can we do with winds and currents?

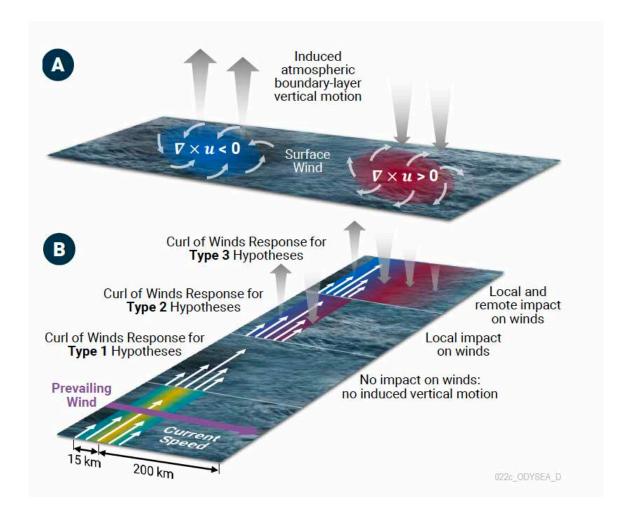
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2 science objectives

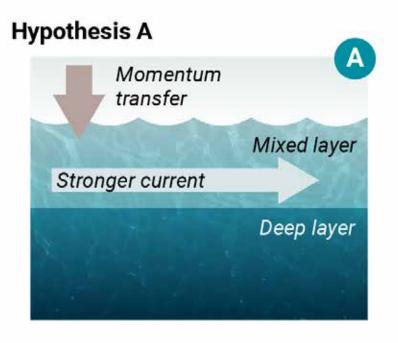
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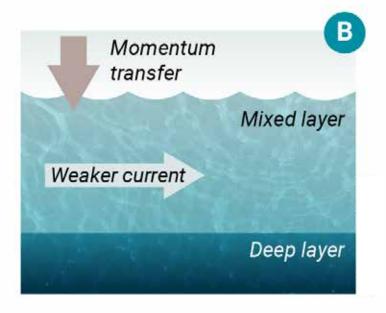
Science Objective 1: Competing hypotheses of wind—current coupling



Science Objective 2:

Hypothesis: High stratification implies faster surface currents ... or the opposite

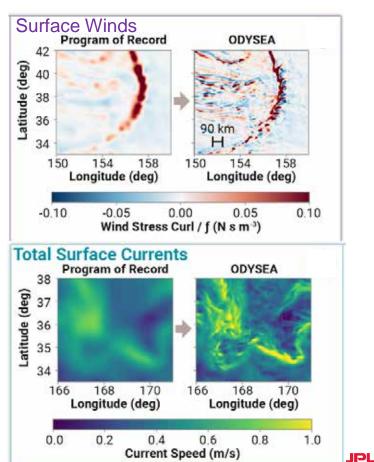








- Near real time winds and currents
- Storm evolution, surface waves, maritime safety, debris transport
- Support NOAA, Navy, Coast Guard Search and Rescue, Mercator Ocean international







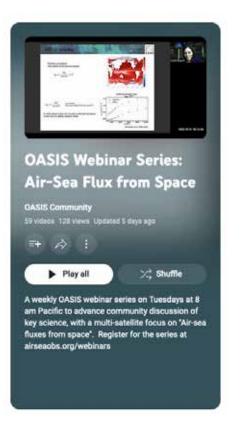
How can you get involved?

- Test science ideas using the ODYSEA simulator (https://odysea.ucsd.edu)
- 2. Let us know if you want to be an early adopter
- 3. Join the discussion:

OASIS Grand Idea #2: Air-Sea Fluxes from Space Webinar Tuesdays at 8 am PT, 11 am ET, 5 pm CFT

Sign up from the OASIS web site: https://airseaobs.org/

Find previous recordings on youtube







Backup







ODYSEA Schedule and Input Needs

ODYSEA is in competed phase A, with a step 2 proposal due in March 2025.

