

Near-Surface Salinity Stratification Observed By SMOS and Aquarius Under Rainy Conditions

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Research Problem



Rain Effects on SSS

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Research Approach





Model Developed

Rain Impact Model – RIM V1.0

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Salinity @ 0.05 m in time
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Solution Model for Multiple Rain Events
During last 24 Hours
RIM_{SSS} = Sol
$$\left[\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} \left[1 + \frac{R_{12}}{\sqrt{K_{2} * t_{i}}}e^{(-z^{2}/4K_{z}t_{i})}\right]\right) * \left[1 + \frac{R_{22}}{\sqrt{K_{z} * t}}e^{-z^{2}/4K_{z}t_{i}}\right]\right]^{-1}$$

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Model Validation



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SMOS Level 2 Ocean Salinity (SMOS.MIRAS.MIR_OSUDP2)

Spatial Resolution between 30 – 50 Km





SMOS SSS compared to RAIN, HYCOM, and RIM





3D comparison of RIM and the areas with salinity stratification



















BACKUP



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