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## Effects of Desalination on Hydrodynamic Process in Persian Gulf

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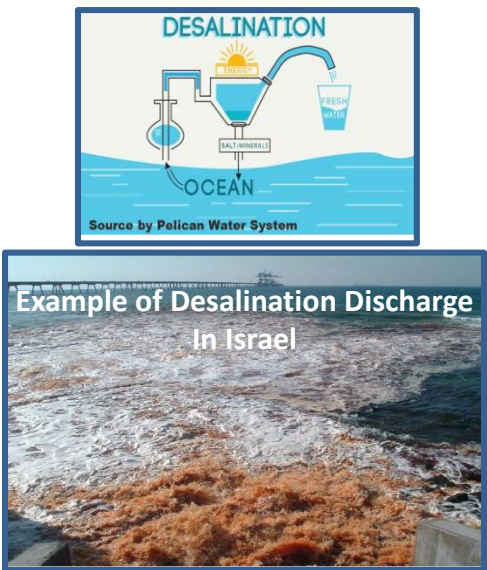
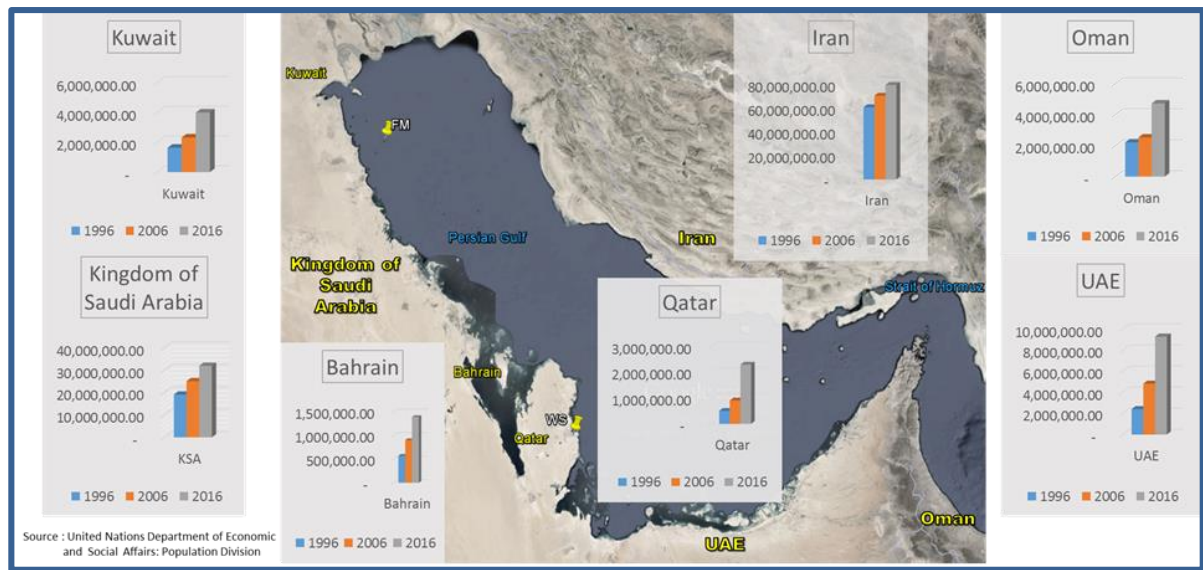
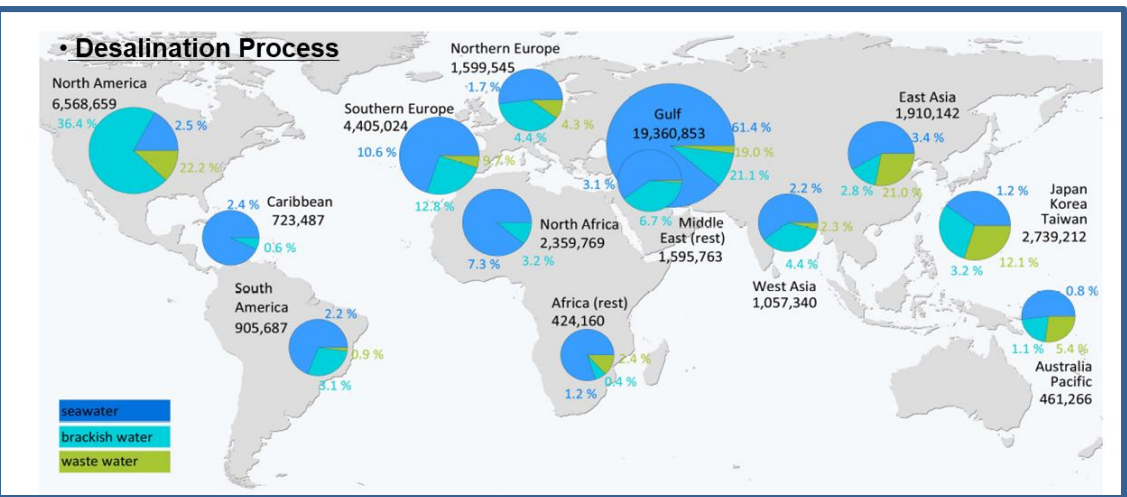
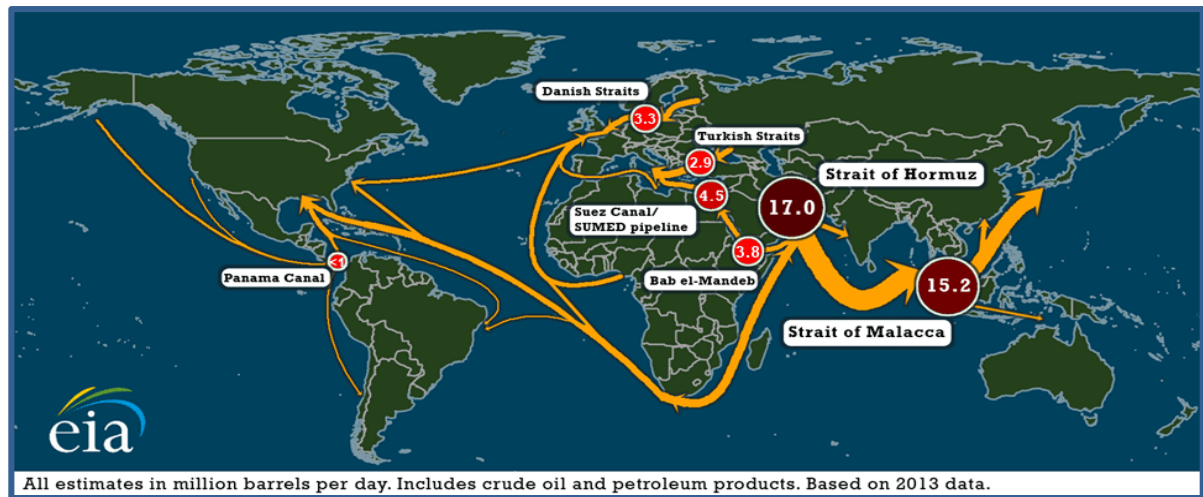
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# BACKGROUND





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## Main Concerns

### Other Impacts

#### Chemicals

Hopner and Windelberg (1997)  
Von Medeazza (2005)

#### Economic Issue

Purnama et al. (2005)  
Sheppard et al. (2010)

#### Land and Energy Uses

Al Barwani and Purnama (2008)  
Bleninger and Jirka (2010)  
Bleninger and Jirka, 2010  
: Plant's location and production rate  
Effluent recirculation back to intake  
Produce low quality and efficient

### Concentrate Discharge

#### At or Near Point of Discharge

Von Medeazza (2005)  
Cooley et al. (2006)  
Lattemann and Hopner (2008)  
Dupavillon and Gillander (2009)

#### Salinity & Temperature increase

Mickley (1995): Sali (15%) / 5-15°C  
Talavera and Ruiz (2001): 5 ppt (10m),  
2.5 ppt (20m), 1 ppt (30m)  
Einav et al. (2002): 4 ppt  
Purnama et al. (2005): 0.06 ppt  
Verdier (2011): high 2 ppt and more  
Talavera and Ruiz (2011): 2 ppt  
Dawoud and Al Mulla (2012): 0.005-0.01 ppt  
Uddin (2014): 0.06 ppt  
Alosari and Pokavanich (2017): 2 ppt, 3°C

#### Intake Water System

Cooley et al. (2006)  
Lattemann and Hopner (2008)  
Lattemann (2010)



### Modeling Study

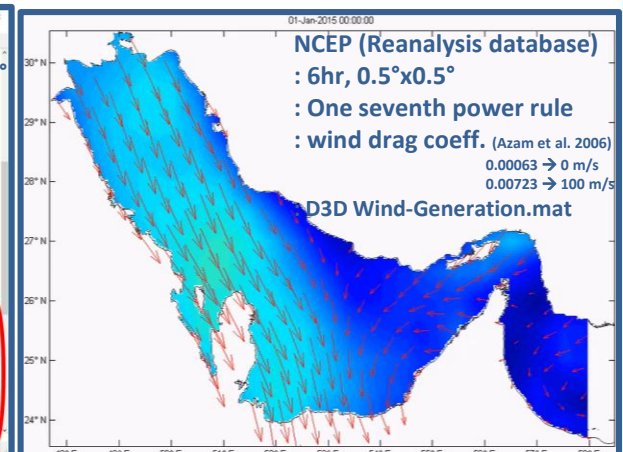
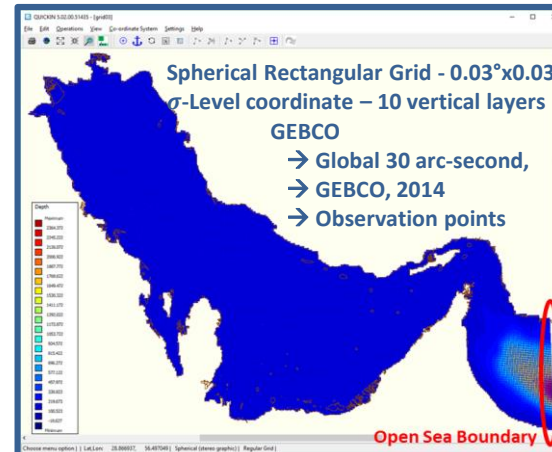
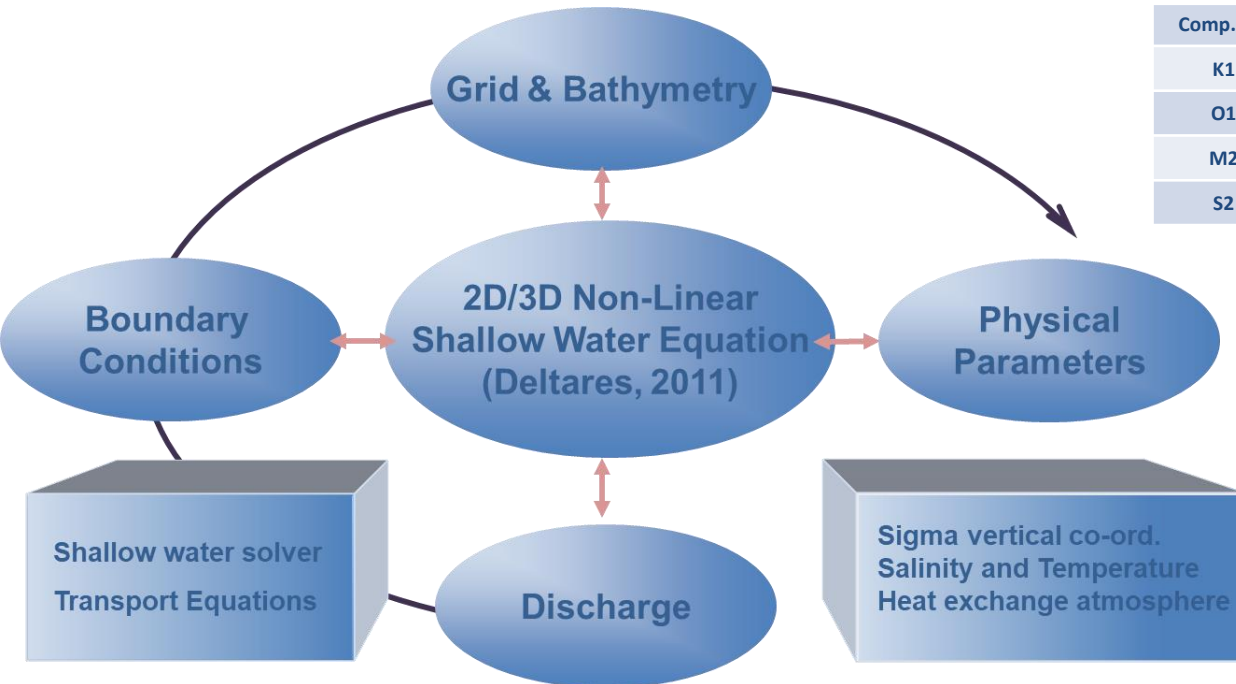
#### Modeling Study

Purnama et al. (2005): Math. Model  
Bleninger (2006)  
Bleninger & Jirka (2010): Delft3D+COMIX  
Al Barwani and Purnama (2008)  
: Math. model  
Rodrigo et al. (2011): Physical model  
Alosari and Pokavanich (2017): Delft3D

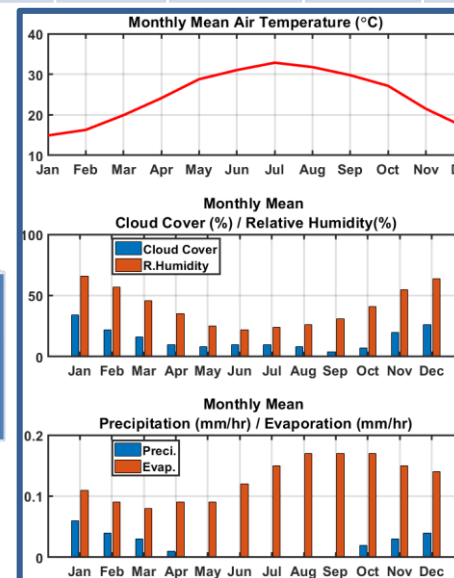
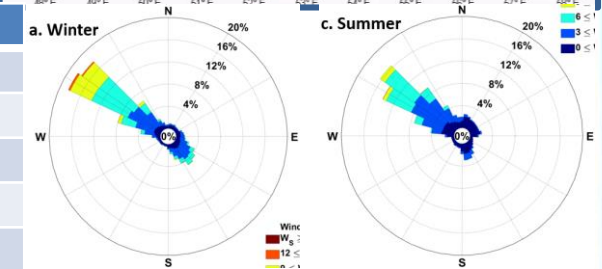


# MODELING SYSTEM

## DELFT3D-FLOW Hydrodynamic Module



Location	Open-Sea Boundary A		Open-Sea Boundary B	
Comp. Set	Amp(m)	Phase(°)	Amp(m)	Phase(°)
K1	0.383	340.19	0.386	339.77
O1	0.201	347.16	0.206	342.36
M2	0.657	158.33	0.675	156.87
S2	0.253	189.92	0.261	189.13

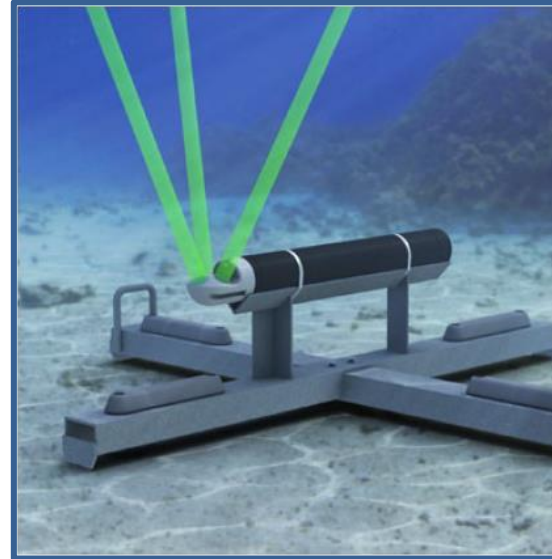
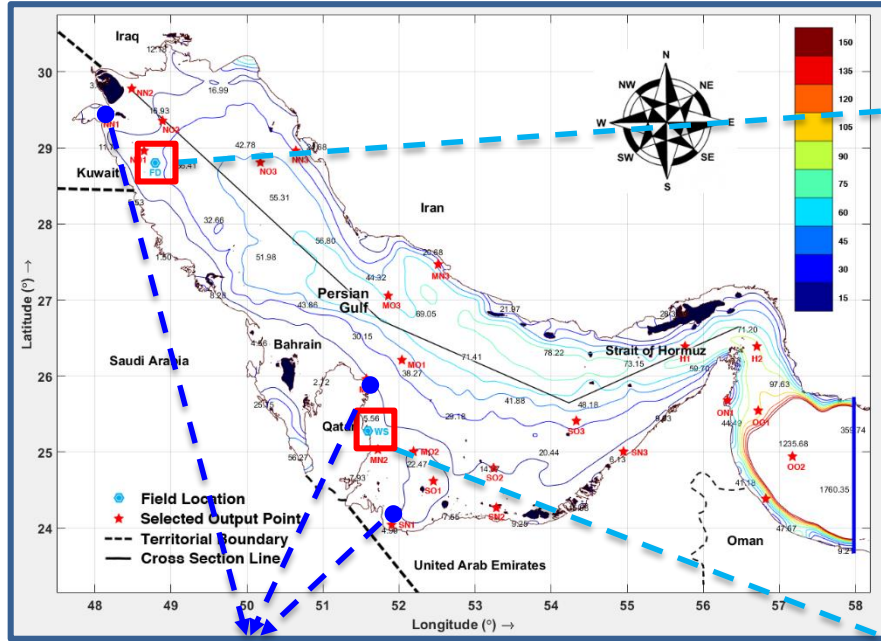


Gravity	Roughness (Manning)	Background horizontal viscosity / diffusivity
9.81 m/s <sup>2</sup>	U: 0.018 / V: 0.01	15 m <sup>2</sup> /s / 15 m <sup>2</sup> /s
Water Density	Water Surface Area	Secchi depth
1026 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	2.4e+11 m <sup>2</sup>	2 m
Air Density	Sky cloudness	Dalton / Stanton
1 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	0%	0.001



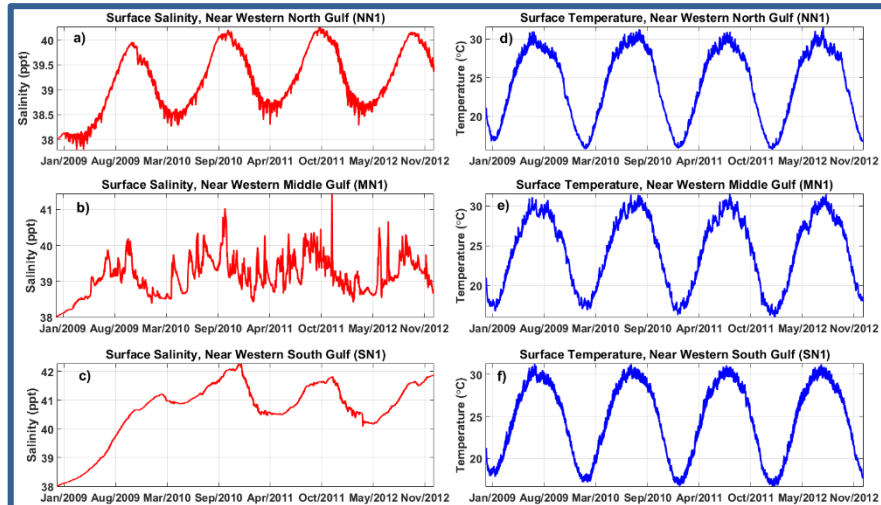


# MODELING SYSTEM Model Validation



## Field Deployment #1 ADCP-bottom framed

- TAMUG Microstructure Group, in 2013
- 28.85°, 48.79° (Lat/Lon), offshore Kuwait
  - Currents (m/s) / Temperature (at bottom, °C)
  - Jan, 17<sup>th</sup> to Apr, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013
  - Depth of field deployment: 25-26 m
  - 3 min data intervals

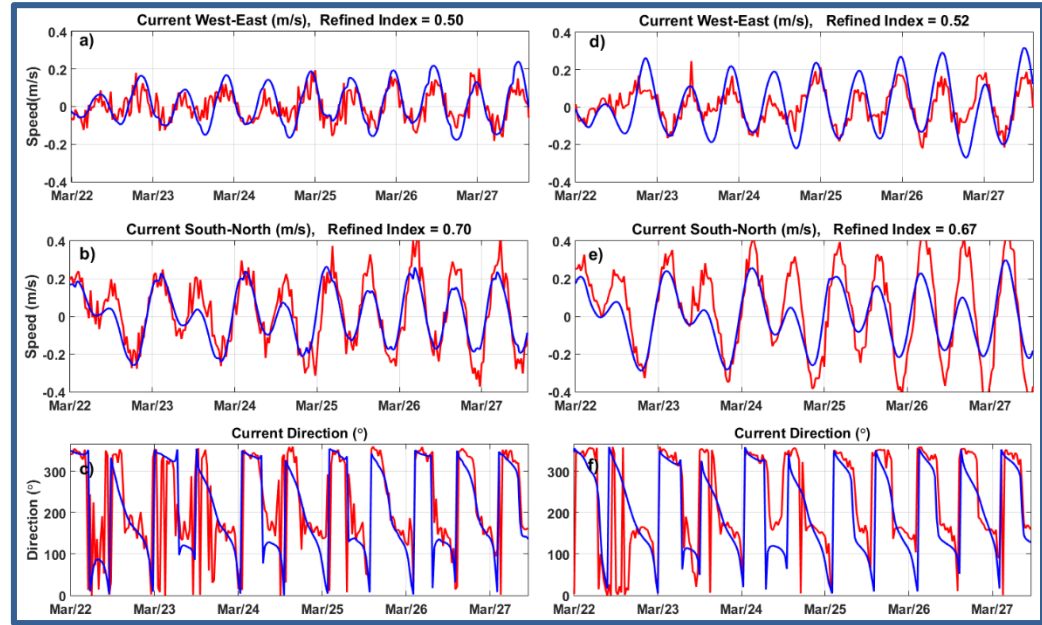
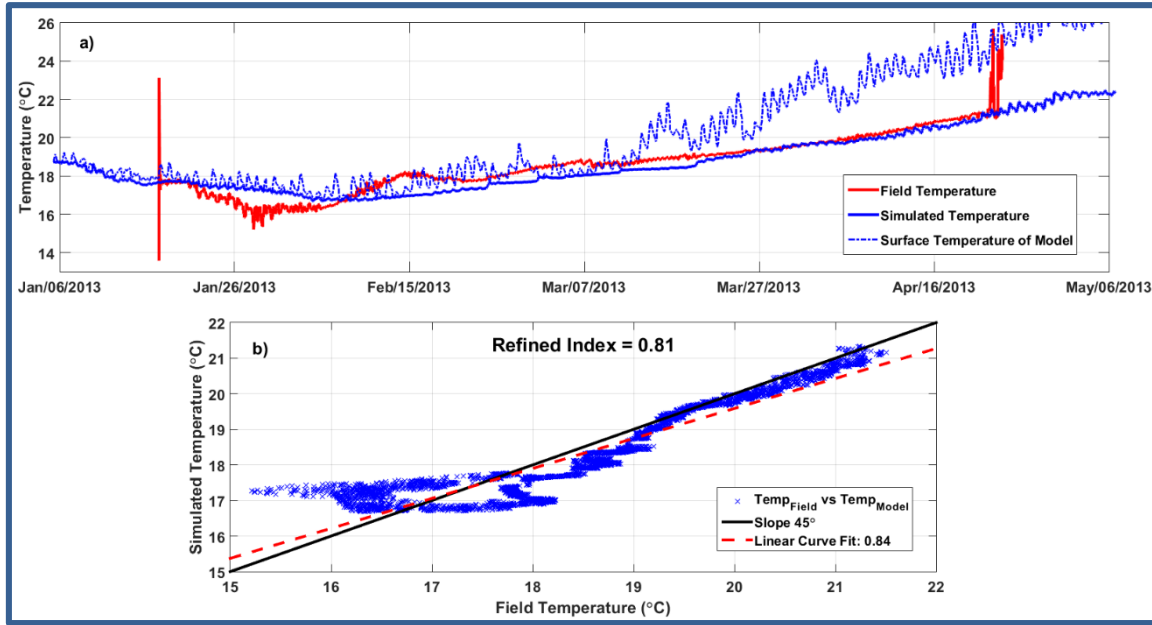


## Weather Station #2 Historic data for OTBD

- Doha International Airport weather station
- 25.33°, 51.52° (Lat/Lon)
  - Wind Speed (m/s) / Direction (°)
  - Jan, 17<sup>th</sup> to Apr, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013
  - Elevation: 10 m



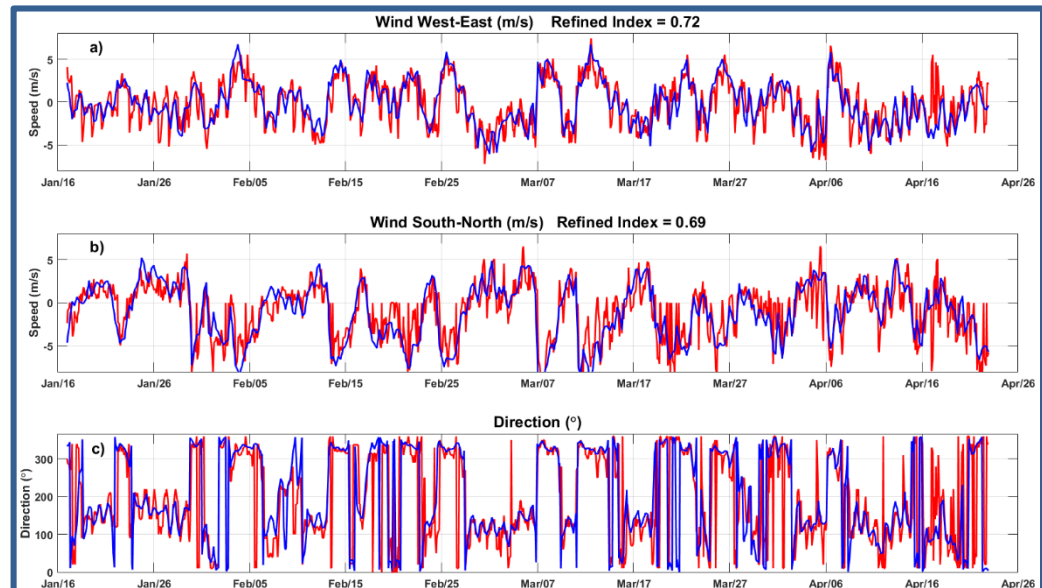
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## Refined Index of Agreement (Wilmott et al. 2012)

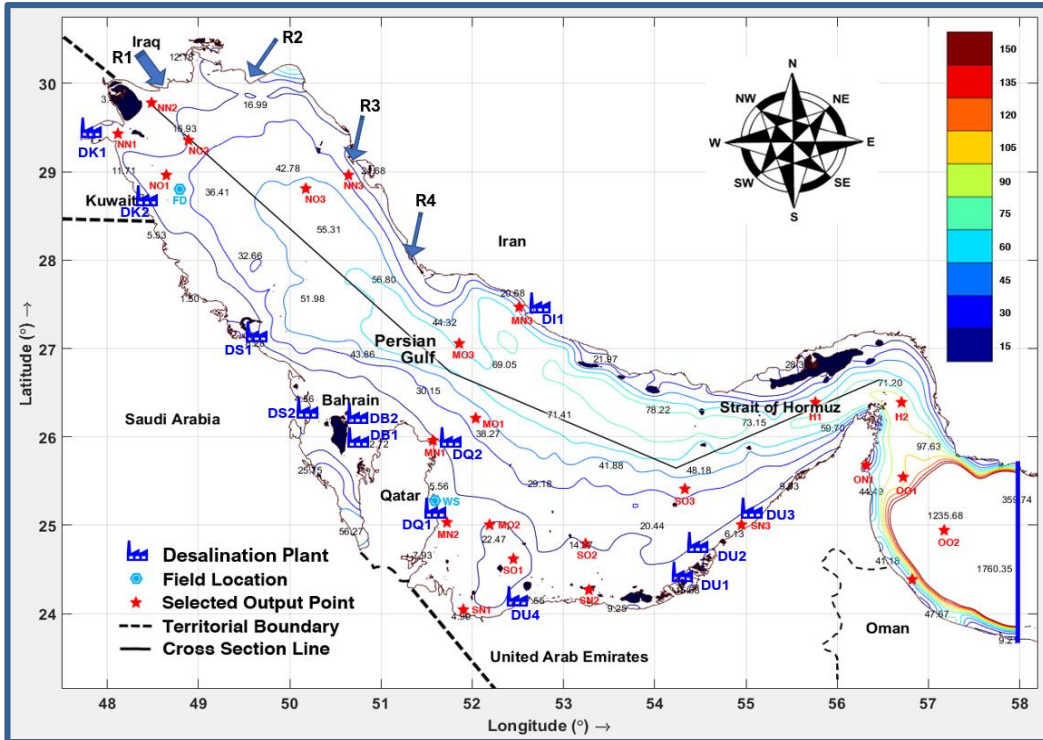
$$d_r = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |P_i - \bar{O}| + |O_i - \bar{O}|}{\sum_{i=1}^n (|O_i - \bar{O}| + |O_i - \bar{O}|)} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |P_i - O_i|}{2 \times \sum_{i=1}^n |O_i - \bar{O}|}$$

R.I	Temperature at bottom	Current Speed (Bottom Layer)		Current Speed (Middle Layer)		Wind Speed	
		U	V	U	V	U	V
0.81	0.81	0.50	0.70	0.52	0.67	0.72	0.69





# MODELING SYSTEM Desalination Process



## Parameterize Desalination Process

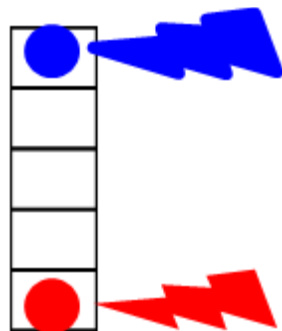
1. Same point of in-out discharge  
: Due to the grid resolution
2. Operating continuously during the simulation time period  
: Unclear when the plants open and close the water gate at in-out discharge points
3. Difficult to define the ambient water conditions at intake points  
: Outfall discharge is specified by the relationship

Type	$\Delta$ Salinity(ppt)	$\Delta$ Temperature ( $^{\circ}$ C)
MSF	10	10
MED	15	10
RO	44.8	1

month-by-month model runs  $\rightarrow$  approx. estimation of monthly mean intake / re-simulate the model

4. According to the tendencies (Bleninger et al., 2010)  
MSF/MED with positive buoyant plume  
RO with negative buoyant plume

## Incorporate Physical Process of Desalination, in the Modeling



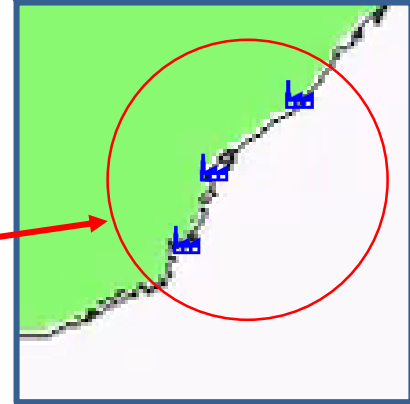
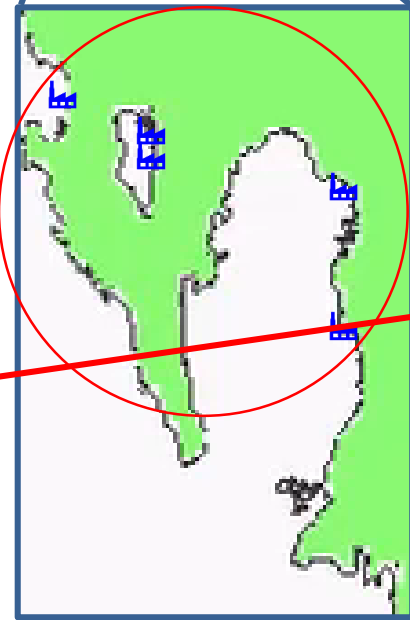
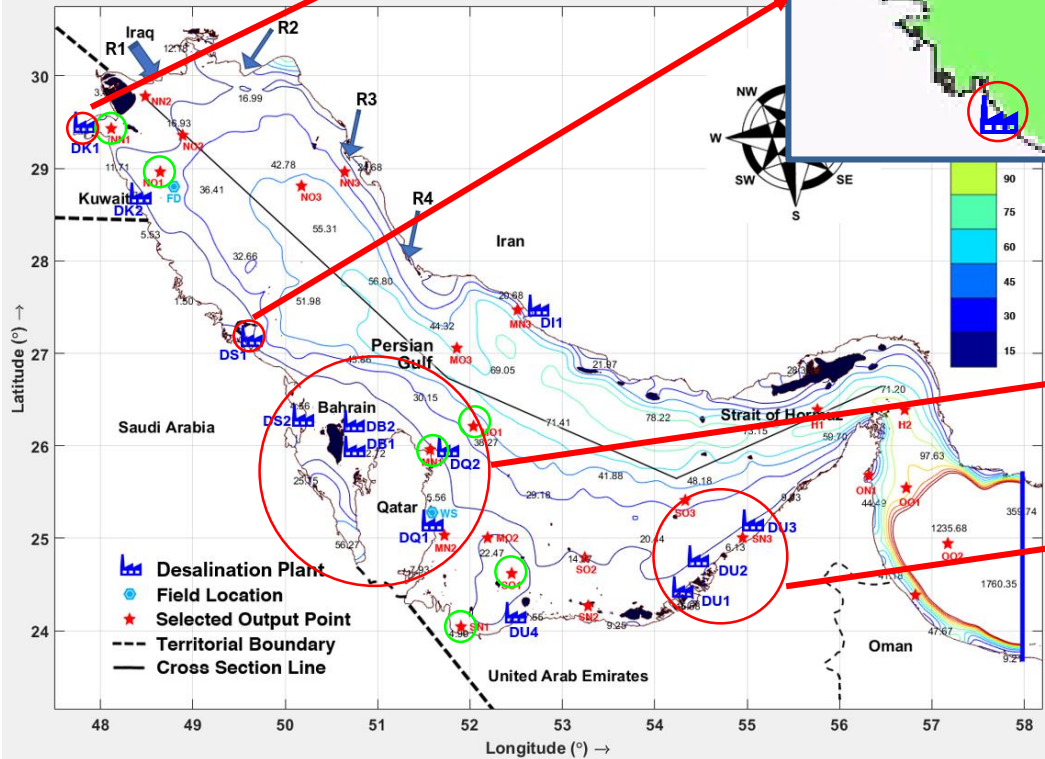
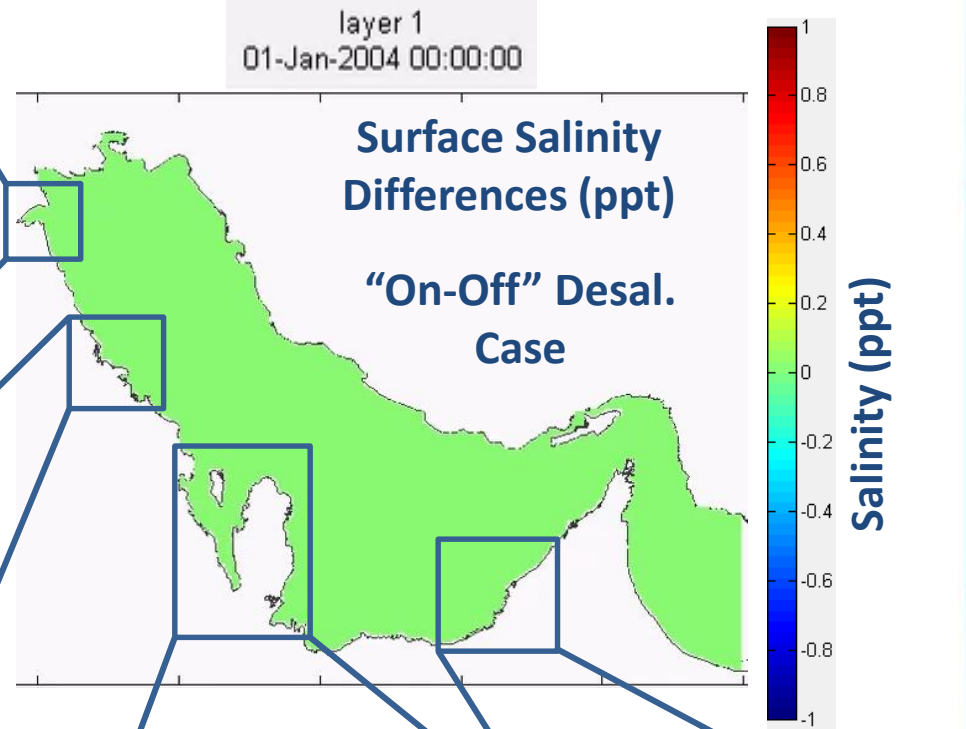
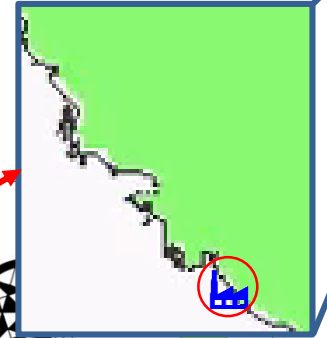
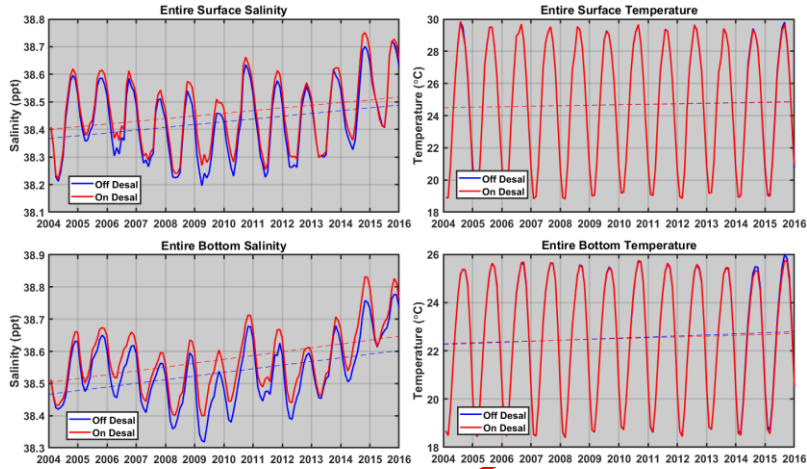
Source and Sink  $f(\text{time})$

flow rate ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ )      Investigate  
salinity (ppt)              Desalination Data  
temperature ( $^{\circ}$ C)        Elhakeem (2015)



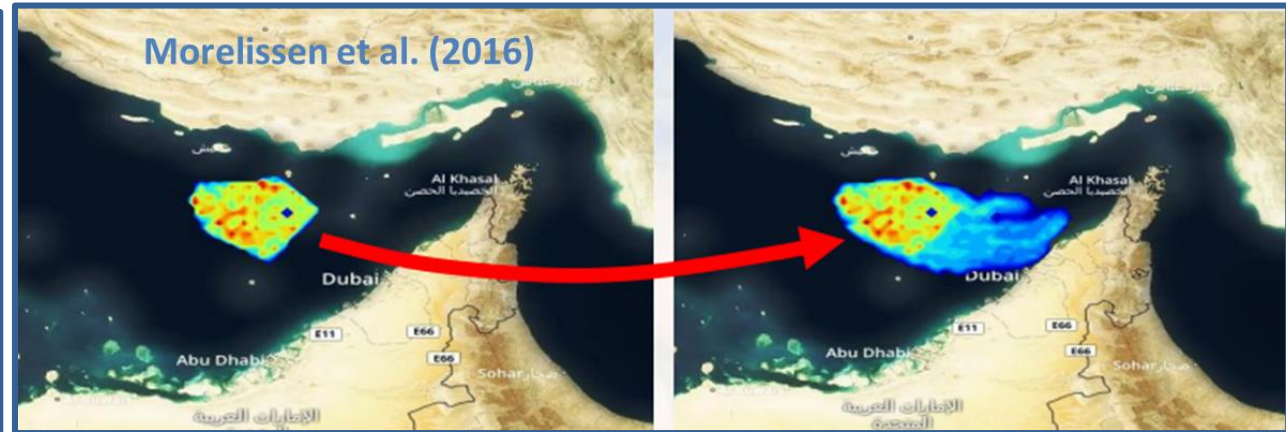
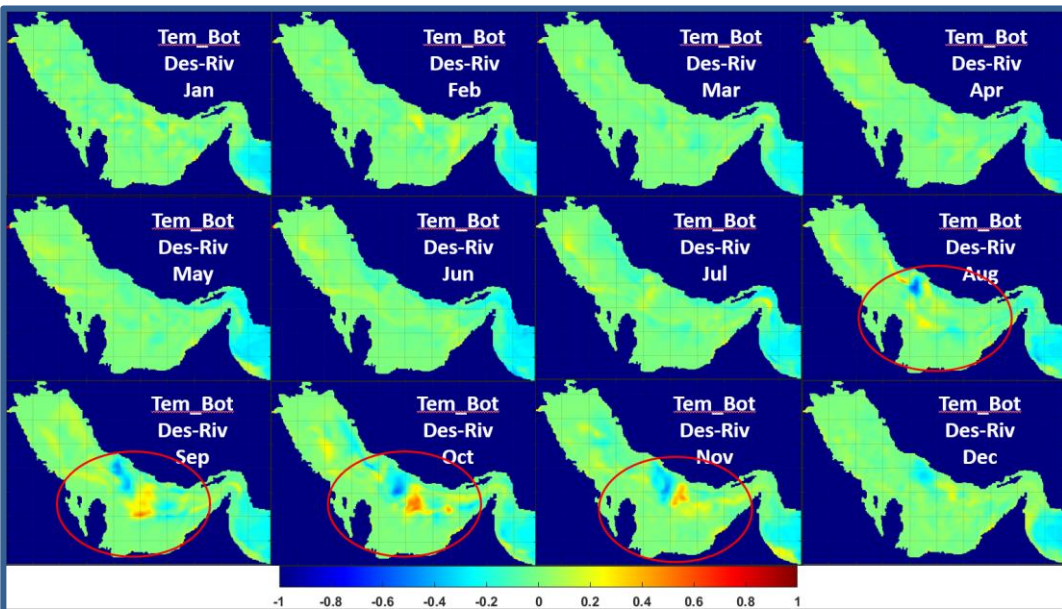
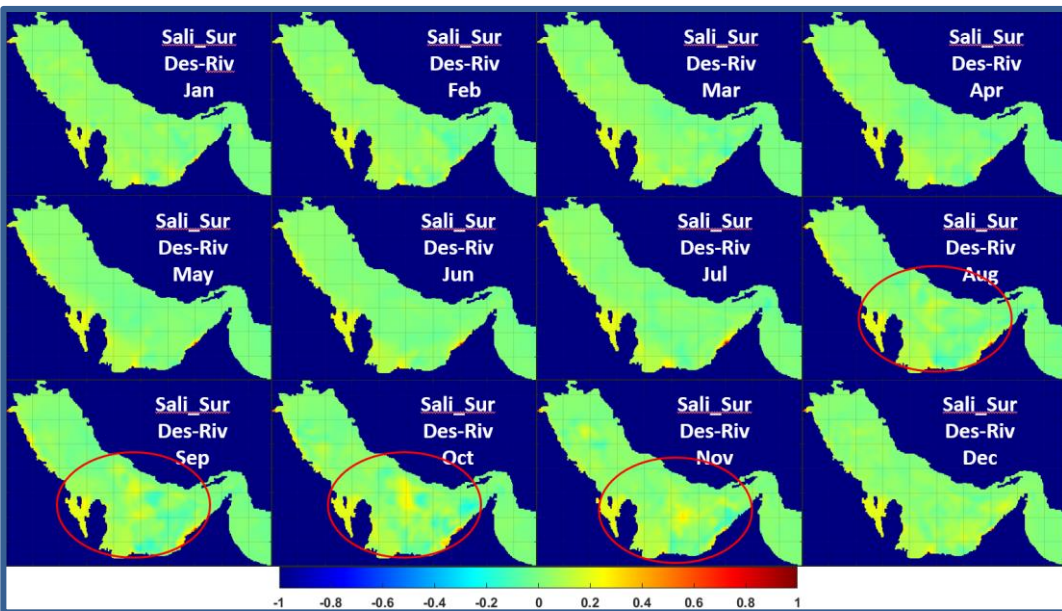


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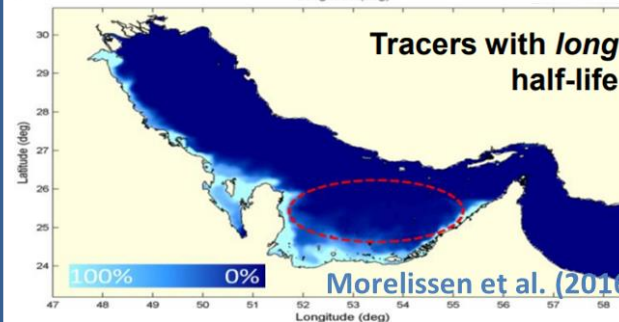
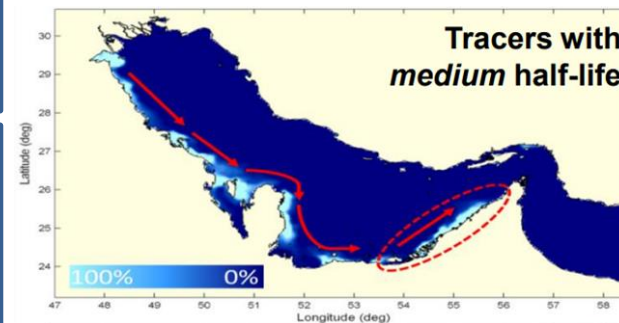


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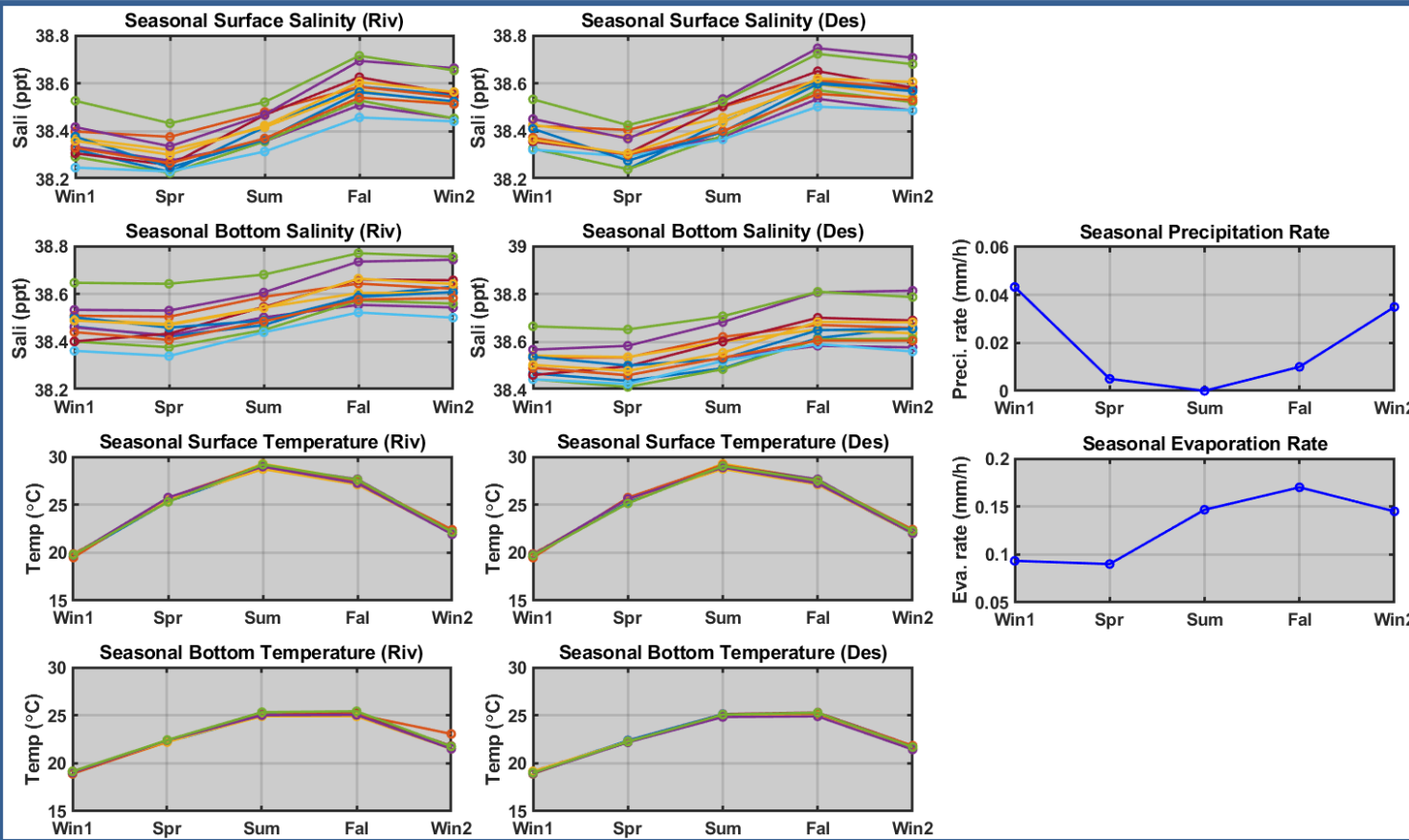


## High increase in Red Circle Why?

- No discharge pipes of desalination plants
- Likely due to the various physical process...
- In similar line with the finding of Morelissen et al. (2016)
- : Depictions of the Gulf circulation, pollutant tracer, spreading of harmful algae blooms, oil spills
- : Tracer residence time is high in the vicinity around the red circle
- due to Gulf circulation, evaporation, thermohaline process, IOSW inflows
- No specific time, but...
- High rate of evaporation in summer and fall lead to increased salinity and temperature



# MODEL RESULTS



	Eva. Flux (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	Eva. Rate (m/yr)
Winter	133.15	1.68
Spring	156.62	1.98
Summer	203.92	2.57
Fall	191.14	2.41
Mean	163.60	2.06

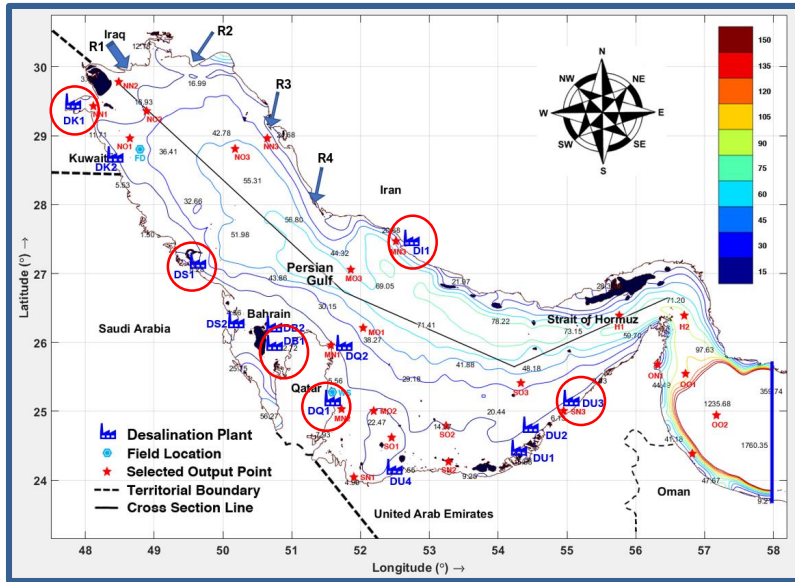
## Annual mean evaporation

- 1.44 m/yr (Privett, 1959)
- 1.8 m/yr (Kämpf and Sadrinasab, 2006)
- 2.0 m/yr (Hastenrath and Lamb, 1979)  
(Meshal and Hassan, 1986)
- 2.09 m/yr (Elhakeem et al., 2015)





# MODEL RESULTS



	Country	Plant (Location)	Max. $\Delta$ Salinity	Max. $\Delta$ Temperature
1	Kuwait	Al-Doha (DK1)	0.84 ppt (Surface)	2.74 °C (Bottom)
2	Saudi Arabia	Jubail (DS1)	3.41 ppt (Bottom)	1.94 °C (Bottom)
3	Qatar	Ras Funats (DQ1)	1.16 ppt (Surface)	0.86 °C (Bottom)
4	Bahrain	Sitra (DB1)	0.88 ppt (Bottom)	0.48 °C (Bottom)
5	UAE	JabalAli (DU3)	4.21 ppt (Bottom)	1.60 °C (Surface)
6	Iran	Asaluy (DI1)	0.43 ppt (Bottom)	4.32 °C (Bottom)

## Negative impacts in marine ecology

### + Growth, egg production

Dana and Lenz, 1986/Burchett et al. 1989

Brown, 1997/Boeuf and Payan, 2001

Purnama et al. 2005 / Dupavillon and Gillander 2009

### + Salinity and temperature increase

Mangroves: Salinity → sensitive to salinity change (high risk on survival)

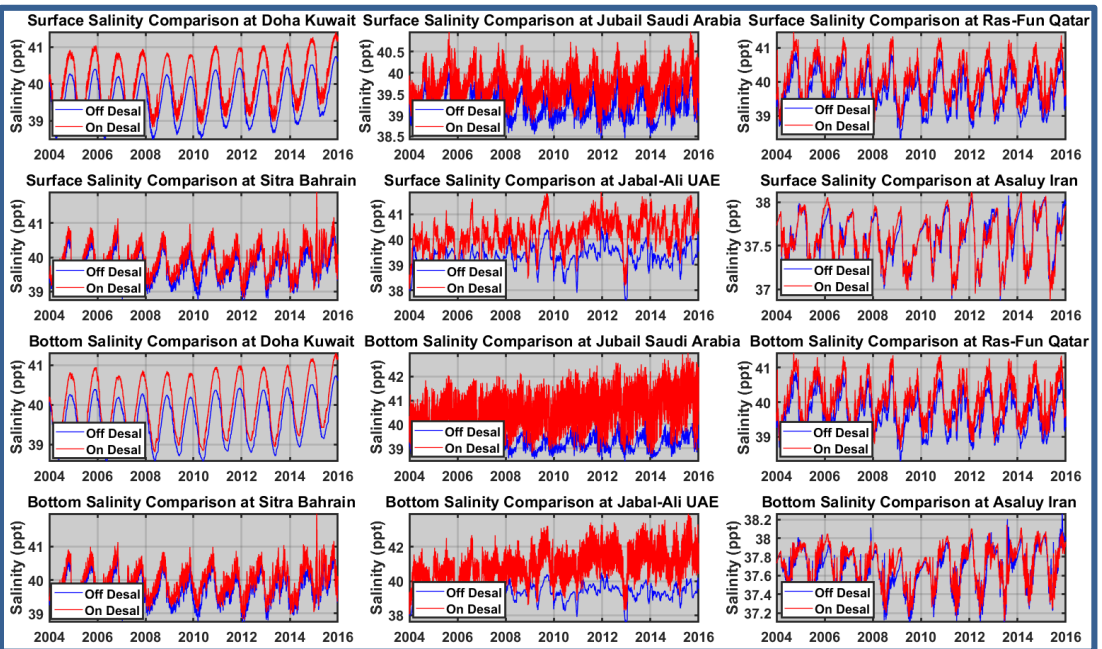
Corals: Temperature → sensitive to temperature change (deadly impact)

Fish: potential high risk of growth and eggs production

Mollusks (like cuttlefish)

→ size and weight by 3 ppt increase

→ survival by 6 ppt increase



# SUMMARY AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

## 1. Provide a dependable solution “Fresh water”, but...

- Arabian/Persian Gulf → Biggest user, Gulf climate, future availability of surface and groundwater
- Environmental concerns from high saline effluence from desalination
- Need to engage in long-term planning and management/ evaluate the environmental effects

## 2. Develop the Desalination Process in Modeling System

- Use the Delft3D-FLOW / Model runs “OFF-Desalination” and “On-Desalination”
- Parameterization of in-out desalination water cycle in modeling system
- A total of 76 desalination plants → along the Gulf coast in modeling system

## 3. Evaluate the Environmental Effects

- Important perspective how the effluent affects the Gulf environment. (1-2 ppt, 1-3°C increase)
- Total 76 desalination plants → salinity ↑(global gulf), temperature (locally, 0.2-1.0°C ↑)
- Seasonal characteristics → evaporation and precipitation (Highest level of salinity in Fall)
- Potential threat on the marine environment and ecosystem (Max. 4.21 ppt, 4.32°C increase)
- Provide a “worst case” scenario

## 4. Future Desalination

- High reliance on desalination in the Gulf → Update desalination information
- Need a near field model to simulate the dilution and mixing problems
- Incorporate effect of climate change, updated diffusion mechanism, and future desalination process



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# Questions or Comments



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