The model used is recent version of Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL), an actively evolving unreleased version of code is publically available in the NOAA-GFDL public domain. Modular ocean model version 6 (MOM6) is a hydrostatic, primitive equation, free surface, Boussinesq ocean model with ALE vertical grid remapping to use any kind of vertical coordinates and generalized orthogonal horizontal coordinates. Equations governing ocean dynamics and thermodynamics are discretized on a fixed eulerian grid, with Arkawa C grid defining the horizonatal arrangement of model variables.

## **Model Grid and Domain**

The model setup has a uniform horizontal resolution 0.036 degrees in longitude and 0.036 degrees in latitude and model domain covers the bay of bengal between latitudes 4N to 25N and longitudes 77E to 99E. For simulating with closed boundaries, the area between latitudes 4N and 4.25 N (0.25 latitude thickness) is closed with fake rigid wall. Model topography is based on 1-min resolution ETOPO1 NOAA National Geophysical Data Center. 2009: ETOPO1 1 Arc-Minute Global Relief Model. NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information. dataset with minimum depth of ocean as 5m and maximum depth of 5000m.

The model has 41 vertical levels (HYCOM) with upper 12m having 2 meter spacing and up to 50m having an spacing of 5m. The spacing gradually increases up to 1000m when approaching the depth of 5000m.

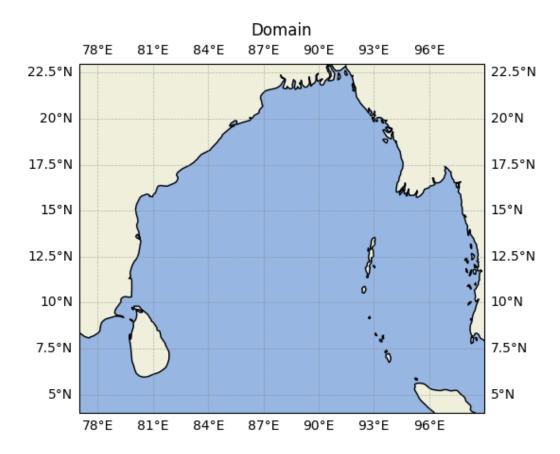


Figure 1: Domain

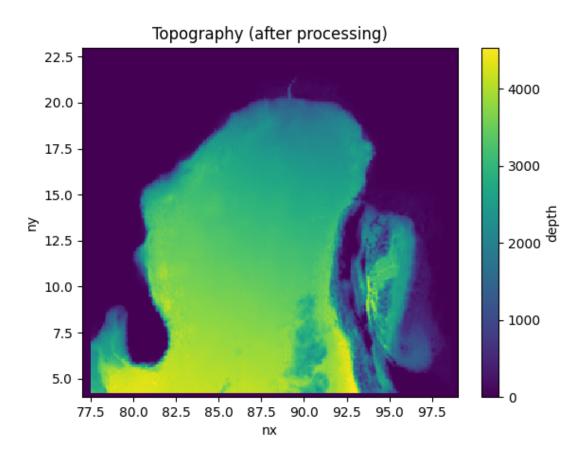


Figure 2: Model Topography

All 4 sides are treated as solid rigid walls among them southern wall is fake rigid boundary. The bottom topography is based on new version of ETOPO (ETOPO version 1).

Field	Data Source	References	Frequency
Air Temperature (K)	ERA 5 Interim reanalysis	The ERA5 Global Reanalysis Hersbach, H. et al. May 2020. QJRMS	daily
Short wave Downward flux (W/m^-2)	ERA 5 Interim reanalysis	The ERA5 Global Reanalysis Hersbach, H. et al. May 2020. QJRMS	daily

Field	Data Source	References	Frequency
Longwave downward flux (W/m^-2)	ERA 5 Interim reanalysis	The ERA5 Global Reanalysis Hersbach, H. et al. May 2020. QJRMS	daily
Specific Humidity	ERA 5 Interim reanalysis	The ERA5 Global Reanalysis Hersbach, H. et al. May 2020. QJRMS	daily
10m U wind (m/s)	ERA 5 Interim reanalysis	The ERA5 Global Reanalysis Hersbach, H. et al. May 2020. QJRMS	daily
10m V wind (m/s)	ERA 5 Interim reanalysis	The ERA5 Global Reanalysis Hersbach, H. et al. May 2020. QJRMS	daily
Precipitation	ERA 5 Interim reanalysis	The ERA5 Global Reanalysis Hersbach, H. et al. May 2020. QJRMS	daily
Runoff flux	Dai, A. 2017	Dai, A. 2017. Dai and Trenberth Global River Flow and Continental Discharge Dataset.	monthly
Sea Level Pressure	ERA5 interim reanalysis	The ERA5 Global Reanalysis Hersbach, H. et al. May 2020. QJRMS	daily

## **Model Physics options**

Among a number of options available in MOM6 the following options are choosed for this model setup, McDougall et al. [2003] nonlinear equation of state has been used, with in situ density as a function of the local potential temperature, salinity and hydrostatic pressure. The tracer advection scheme is the Quicker scheme documented by Holland et al. [1998]. Neutral tracer physics includes Redi neutral diffusion according to Griffies et al. [1998], and Gent-McWilliams stirring according to the Griffies [1998] skew-flux method. Vertical mixing scheme is the KPP scheme of Large et al. [1994] with nonlocal mixing. The coriolis scheme is, *Sadourny, R. [1975]*. The Tidal momentum forcing turned off.

The turbulent heat fluxes (sensible and latent heat flux) and the upward longwave flux are calculated

as a function of model SST. Heat capacity of seawater is assumed to be constant (3992). Temperature and salinity are allowed to evolve freely without any restoration to climatological values.

## **Forcing**

Forcing datasets derived from The ERA5 Global Reanalysis Hersbach, H., Bell, B., Berrisford, P., Biavati, G., Horányi, A., Muñoz Sabater, J., Nicolas, J., Peubey, C., Radu, R., Rozum, I., Schepers, D., Simmons, A., Soci, C., Dee, D., Thépaut, J-N. (2018): ERA5 hourly data on single levels from 1979 to present. Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) Climate Data Store (CDS)., 10.24381/cds.adbb2d47 and observational global runoff data (GRUN) Dai, A. 2017. Dai and Trenberth Global River Flow and Continental Discharge Dataset. Research Data Archive at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, Computational and Information Systems Laboratory. https://doi.org/10.5065/D6V69H1T. . More about the forcing data is listed in the table 1

The model spin up was started with Initial conditions from HYCOM high resolution model output (HYCOM) with SST,U,V currents and SSS from 1 st January 2012. The model is forced by daily climatology derived from ECMWF reanalysis for the period 2012-2013. The sea-ice, land and atmospheric components are turned on for all model runs. The first year (2012) is considered as cold run while the second year model is assumed to be stable.