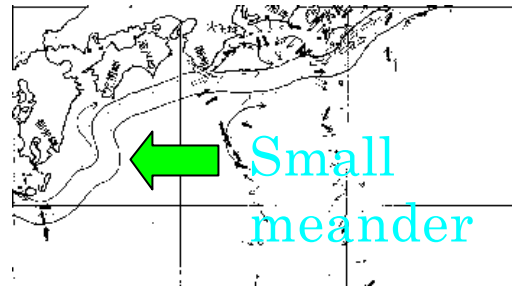
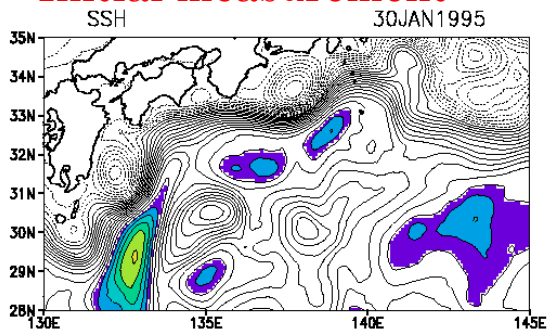


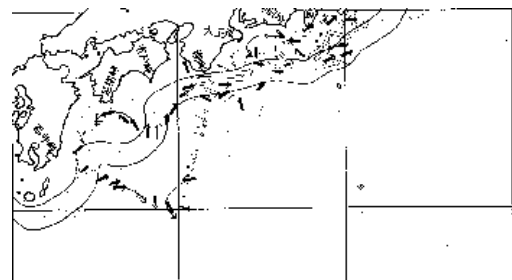
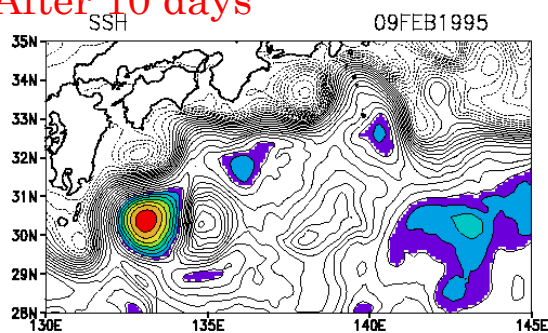
Left side: Model of sea height
(Feb. onwards shows prediction results)

Right side: Observation results from Japan Coast Guard, etc. (from the Oceanographic Prompt Reports)

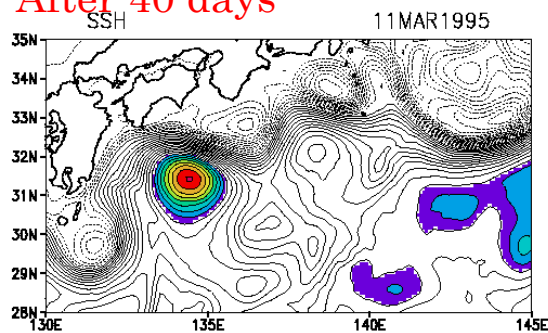
Initial measurement



After 10 days



After 40 days



After 70 days

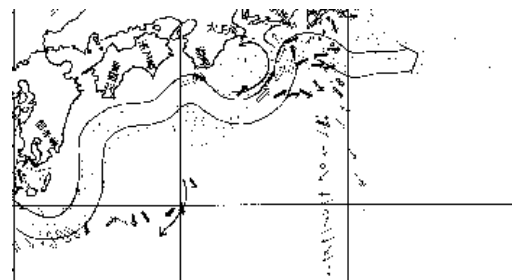
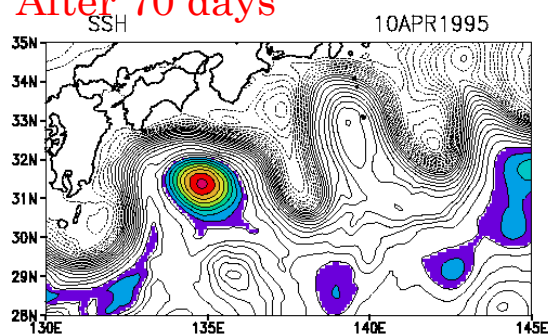


Fig. 2(b) Kuroshio Meander Simulation Example 2 (April 1995)

The simulation of the meandering path formed in 1995 yielded similar results. In both fig. 2(a) and 2(b) the small meander of the Kuroshio was observed initially off the southeast of Kyushu, and this meander is considered to be the trigger for the transition to the meandering path.