



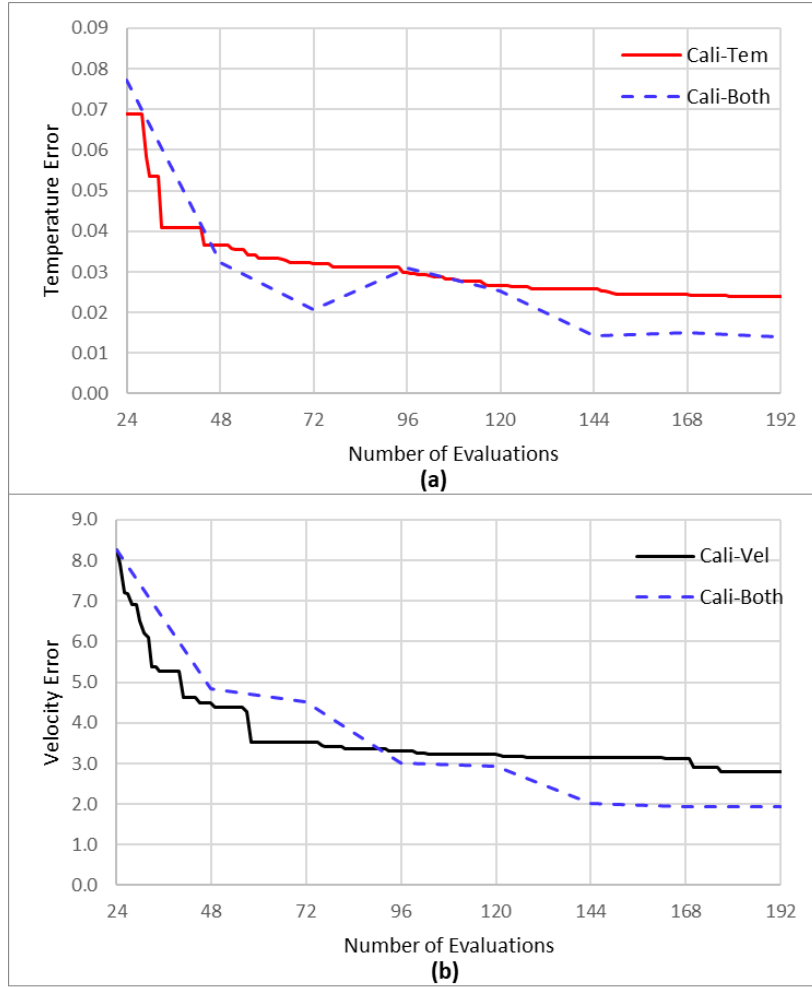
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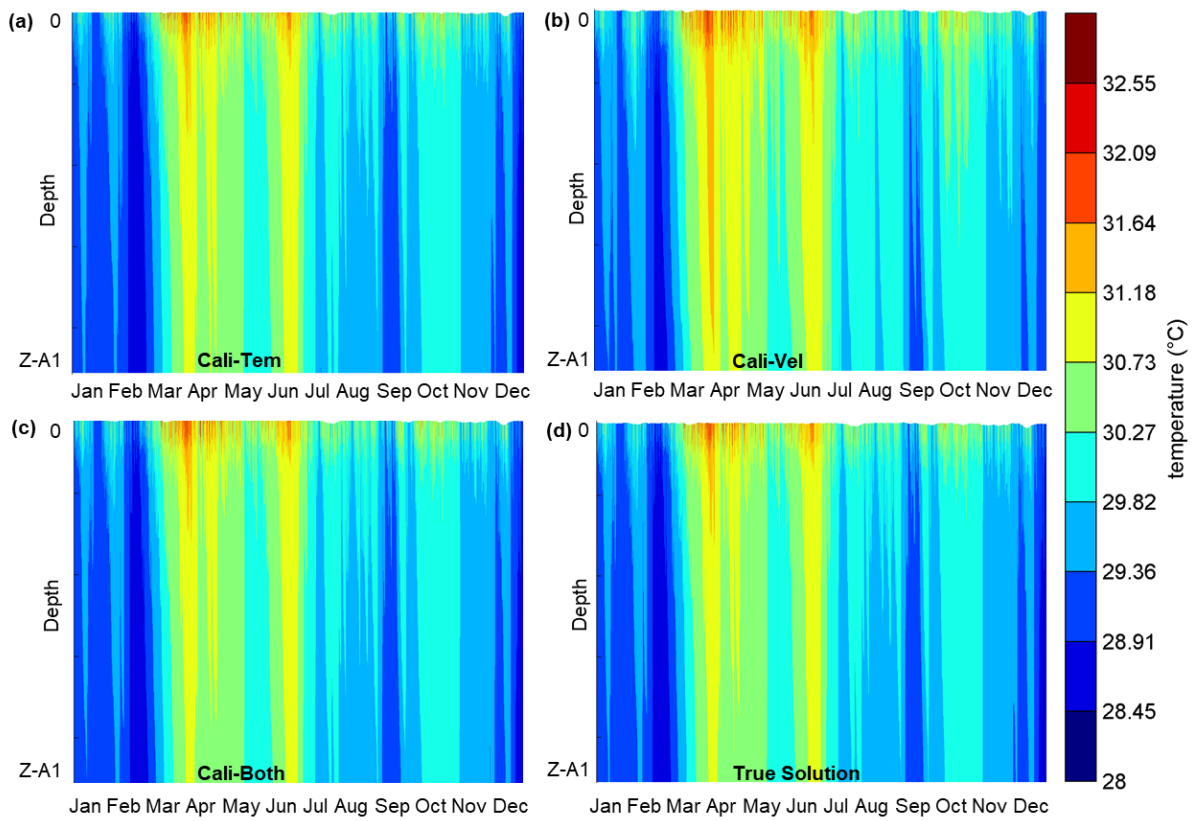
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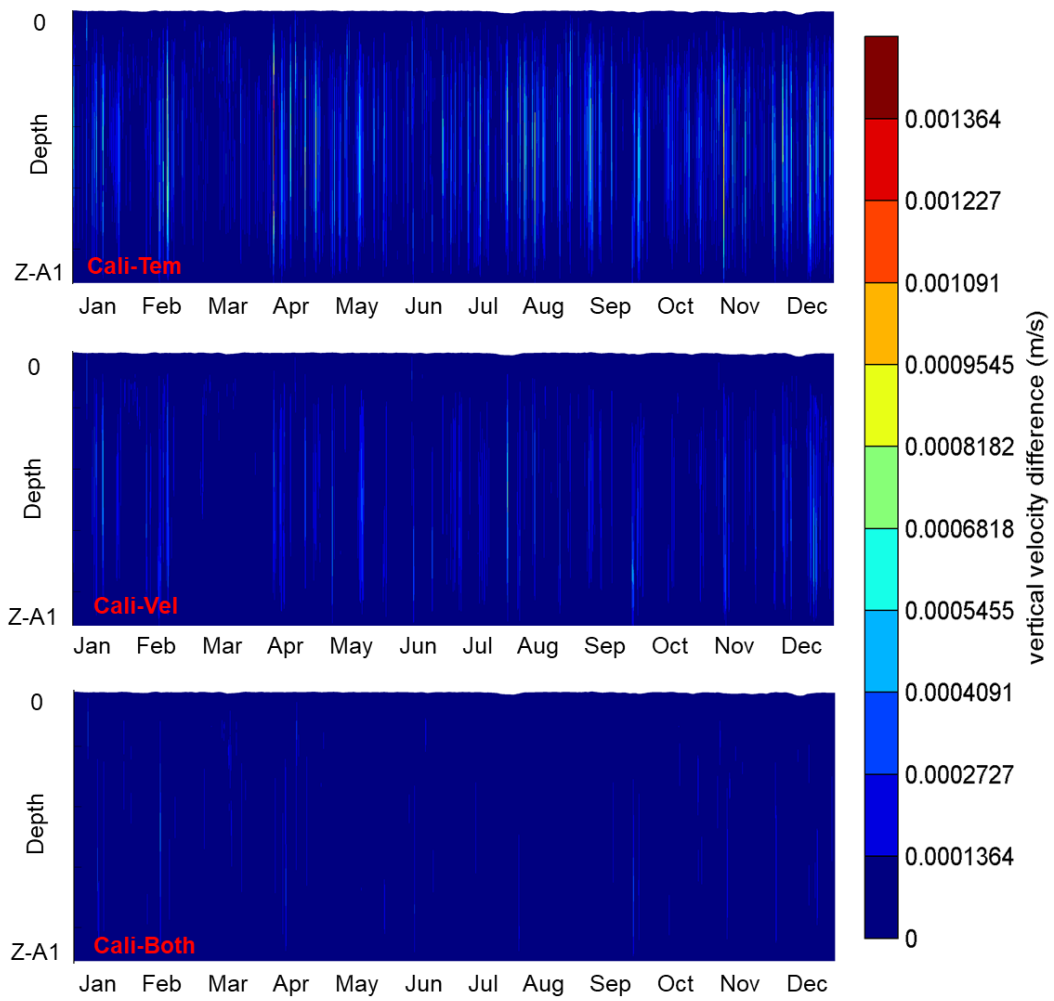
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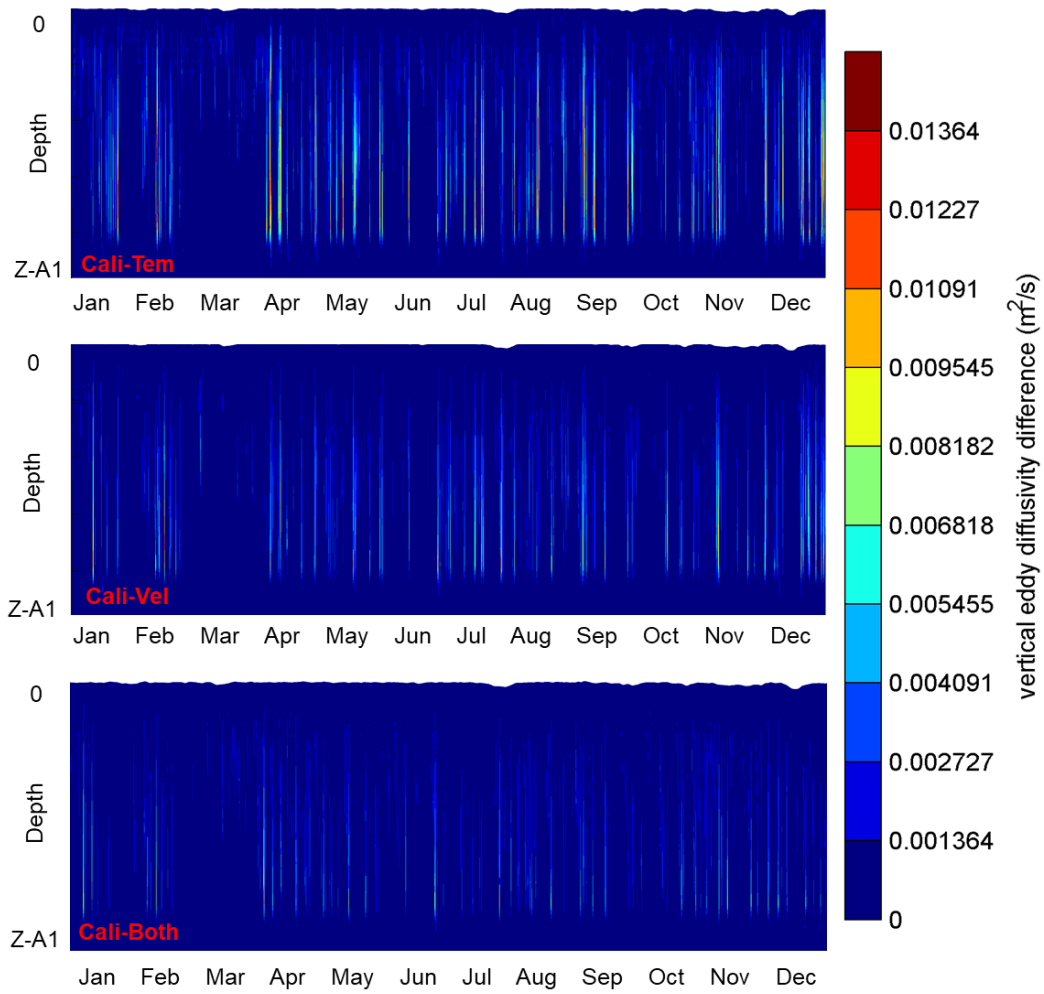
**Figure S1.** Calibration progress plot of PODS in Cali-Tem, Cali-Vel, and Cali-Both scenarios. The best solution found so far in average of three trials is plotted with the number of evaluations. Calibration progress of PODS in the Cali-Tem scenario is plotted in (a), where the temperature error ( $f_{Tem}(\mathbf{X})$  in Eq. (7)) of the best solution found so far is plotted. Calibration progress of the Cali-Vel scenario is plotted in (b), where the velocity error ( $f_{\bar{v}_{el}}(\mathbf{X})$  in Eq. (10)) is plotted. The calibration progress of PODS in the Cali-Both scenario is plotted in (a) and (b) in terms of temperature error and velocity error, respectively, of the best solution found so far based on Eq. (12).



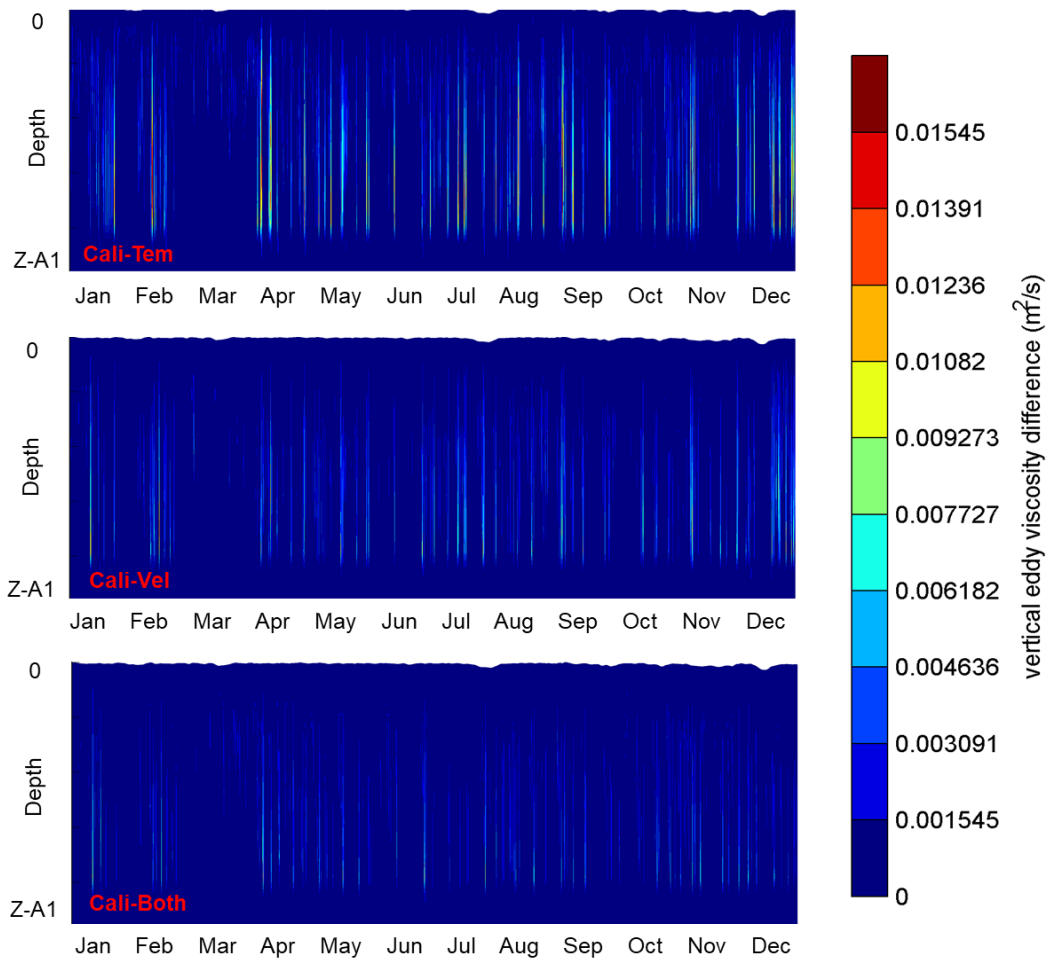
**Figure S2.** The change of vertical temperature profiles at STN. A1 with the change of time. The result of three calibration scenarios (Cali-Tem, Cali-Vel, and Cali-Both) and the True solution is plotted.



**Figure S3.** The absolute vertical velocity error at STN. A1 between the calibrated results (in the Cali-Tem, Cali-Vel, and Cali-Both scenarios) and the true solution. The change of absolute vertical velocity error is plotted with the change of time.



**Figure S4.** The absolute vertical eddy diffusivity error at STN. A1 between the calibrated results (in the Cali-Tem, Cali-Vel, and Cali-Both scenarios) and the true solution. The change of absolute vertical eddy diffusivity error is plotted with the change of time.



**Figure S5.** The absolute vertical eddy viscosity error at STN. A1 between the calibrated results (in the Cali-Tem, Cali-Vel, and Cali-Both scenarios) and the true solution. The change of absolute vertical viscosity error is plotted with the change of time.

**Table S1.** The composite error of each variable and the corresponding parameter configuration of the selected optional solution obtained via PODS in three calibration scenarios (Cali-Tem, Cali-Vel and Cali-Both). True solution ( $\mathbf{X}^R$ ) defined in Table 2 and an initial uncalibrated solution are given for reference. The parameter symbols are defined in Table 2.

		True Solution ( $\mathbf{X}^R$ )	Cali-Tem	Cali-Vel	Cali-Both	Uncalibrated
Composite error of each variable <sup>1</sup>	$f_{Tem}(\mathbf{X})$	0	0.0202	0.0601	0.0108	0.1107
	$f_{\overline{vel}}(\mathbf{X})$	0	5.1945	2.7390	1.8006	10.3358
Computed Parameter Vector ( $\mathbf{X}^*$ )	$\mathbf{v}_H^{back}$ (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	0.5	0.7107	0.5084	0.4516	0.55
	$\mathbf{D}_H^{back}$ (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	0.5	0.1930	0.8427	0.4562	0.55
	$\mathbf{v}_V^{back}$ (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	5.00E-05	3.96E-04	3.40E-05	3.00E-05	2.50E-03
	$\mathbf{D}_V^{back}$ (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	5.00E-05	1.12E-04	6.08E-06	2.98E-05	2.50E-03
	$L_{oz}$ (m)	0.015	0.0110	0.0490	0.0340	0.025
	$H_{Secchi}$ (m)	1	0.5902	1.4147	1.1358	1.05
	$\mathbf{c}_e$ (-)	0.0013	0.0017	0.0013	0.0011	0.0015
	$\mathbf{c}_H$ (-)	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	0.0013	0.0015
	$\mathbf{n}$ (m <sup>-1/3</sup> s)	0.022	0.0229	0.0209	0.0243	0.025

<sup>1</sup>Smaller variable errors ( $f_{Tem}(\mathbf{X})$  (see Eq. (7)) and  $f_{\overline{vel}}(\mathbf{X})$  (see Eq. (10))) are better, and the variable errors of the true solution  $\mathbf{X}^R$  are zero (for both  $f_{Tem}(\mathbf{X})$  and  $f_{\overline{vel}}(\mathbf{X})$ ).