

# HF Radar Applications for Operational Oceanography Tutorial

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The tutorial course will provide an introduction to the principles and current state of the art technology for High Frequency radar applications. The course will touch upon the following topics:

- **What is an HF Radar?** Principles of operation, data products & state-of-the-art.
- **Operating an HF Radar Network:** What does a network look like and what does it take to manage? How does one process, analyze and visualize the surface current data? How are the products quality controlled?
- **Applications & Case Studies:** How are HF data products currently used in operational oceanography? Case Studies will be shown for recent events including search and rescue operations, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response and Hurricanes Irene and Sandy.

**Proposed Curriculum for the HF Radar Course**

Principles of operation & data products (0.5 hours)

State-of-the-Art in HF radar technology (0.5 hours)

Data visualization & QA/QC (0.5 hours)

Introduction to US National and Global HF Radar Networks (0.5 hours)

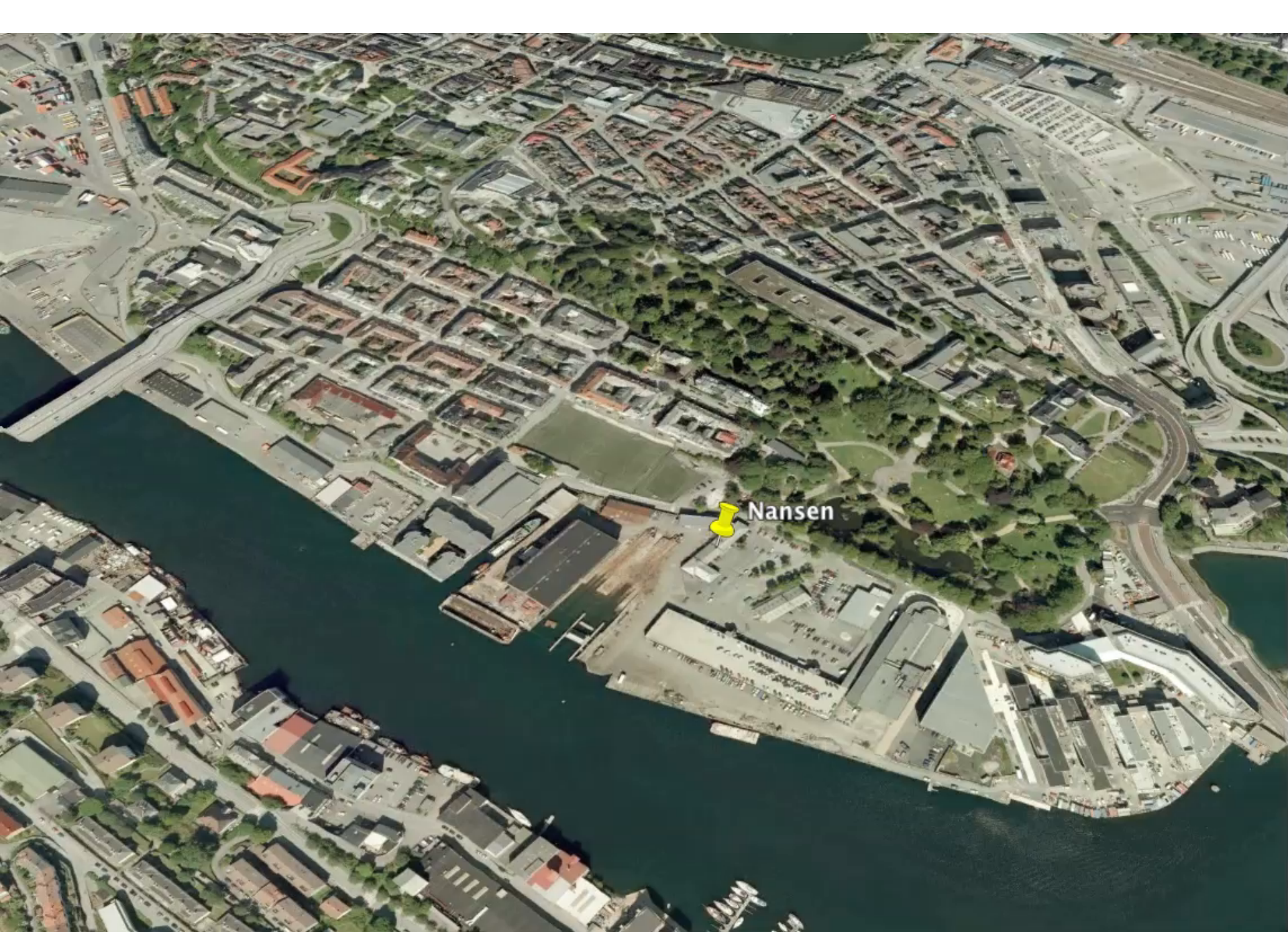
Search and rescue applications (0.5 hours)

Pollution floatables tracking (0.5 hours)

Deepwater Horizon, model validation (0.5 hours)

Storm forecasting (0.5 hours)



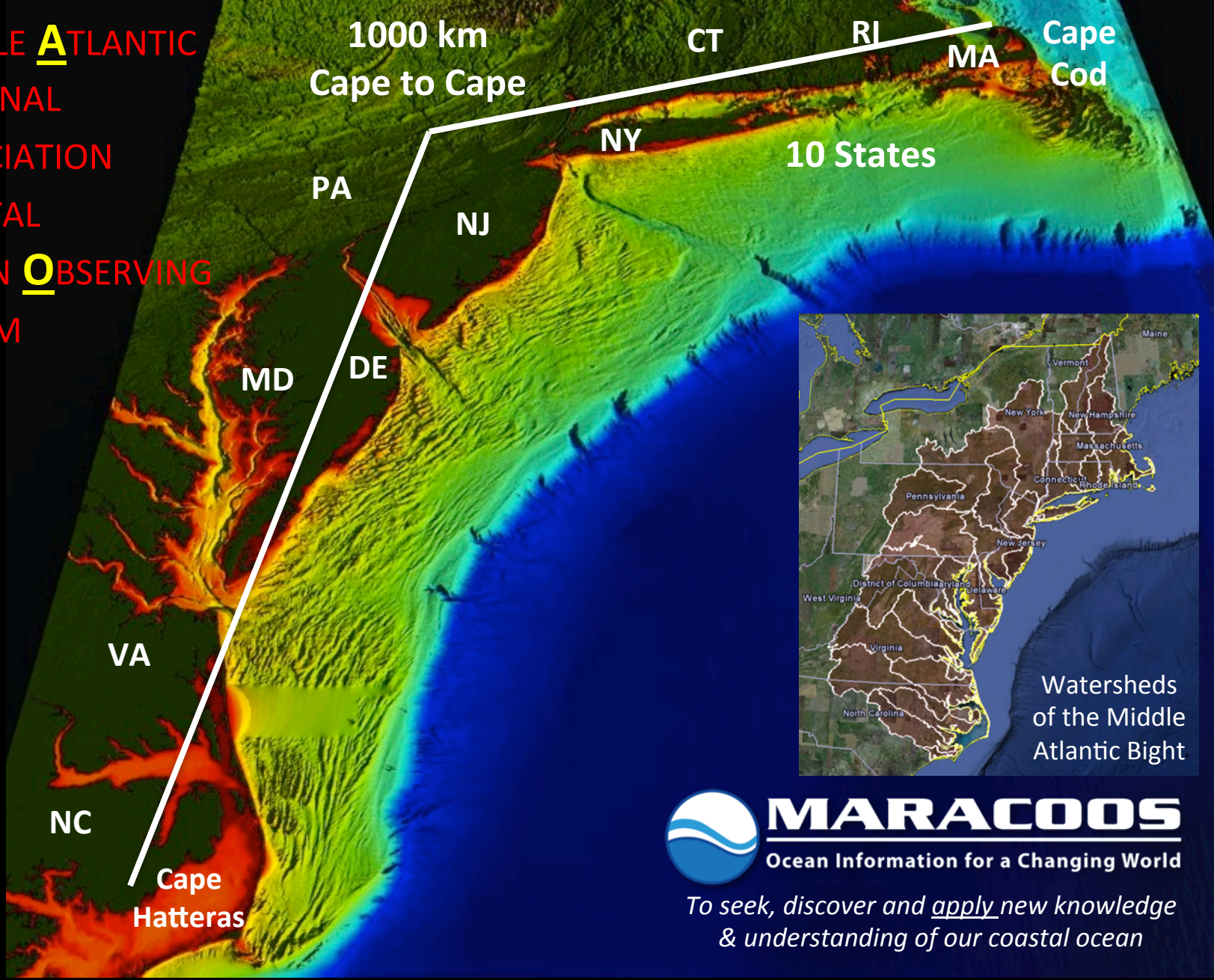


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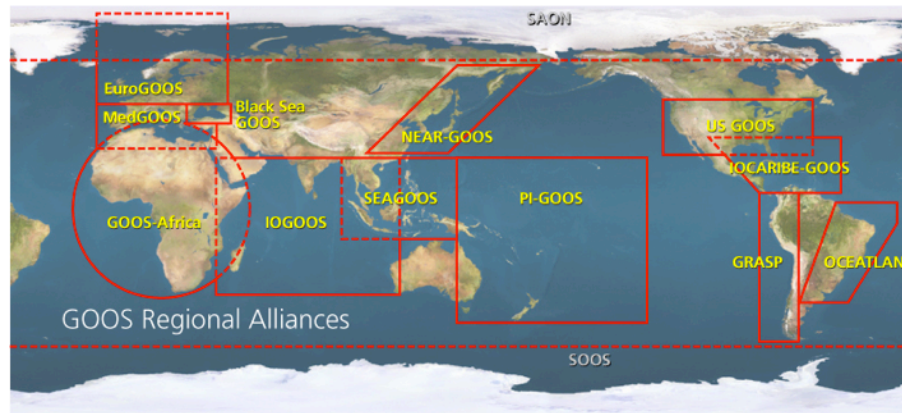
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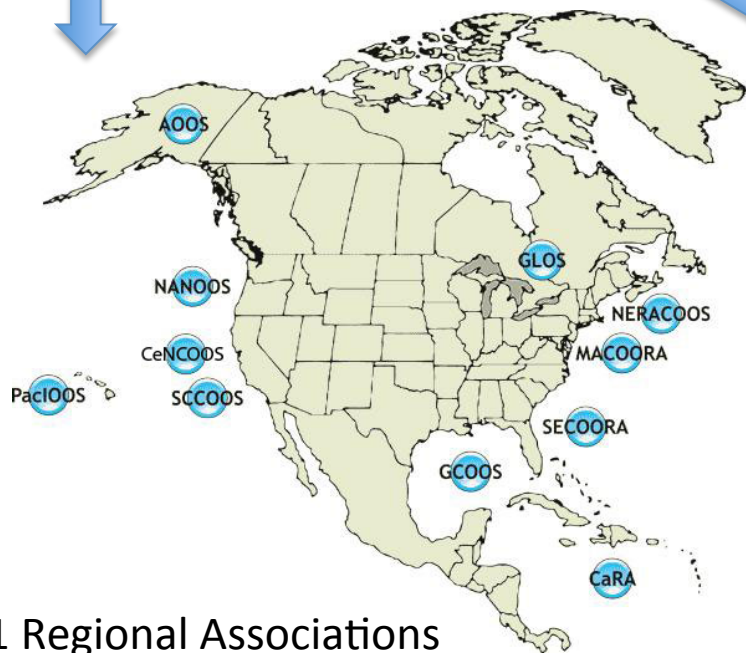


Global Ocean Observing System

Regional Component



National Component



11 Regional Associations



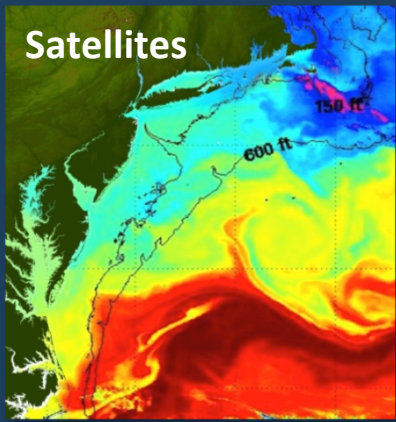
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# Themes and Capabilities

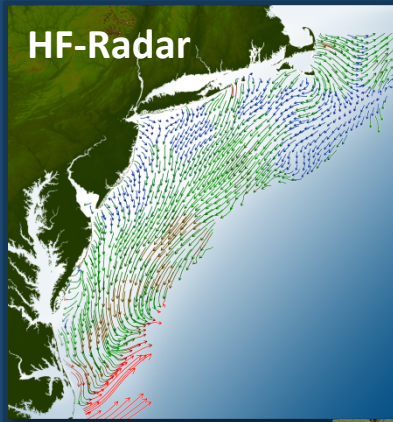
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	Weather Mesonet	HF Radar Network	Statistical STPS Forecast	Satellite Imagery	Glider Surveys	Dynamical Ocean Forecasts
<b>1. Maritime Safety</b>	Operational input to USCG SAROPS	Operational input to USCG SAROPS	Operational input to USCG SAROPS			
<b>2. Ecological Decision Support</b>		Circulation and divergence maps for habitat		SST & Color for habitat	Subsurface T & S for habitat	3-D Fields of T, S, circulation for habitat
<b>3. Water Quality</b>	Winds for transport, river plumes, & upwelling	Surface currents for floatables, bacteria, spill response	Surface currents for floatables, bacteria, spill response	Ocean color for river plumes	Nearshore dissolved oxygen surveys	Surface currents for floatables, bacteria, spill response
<b>4. Coastal Inundation</b>	Weather forecast ensemble validation	Current forecast model validation				Nested forecast ensembles
<b>5. Offshore Energy</b>	Historical analysis & wind model validation	Historical current analysis & wind model validation		Historical analysis surface fronts & plumes for siting	Historical analysis subsurface fronts & plumes	Coupled ocean-atmosphere models for resource estimates



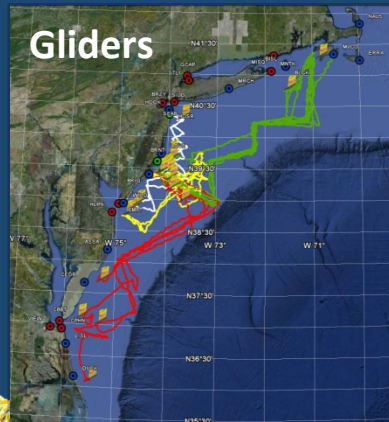
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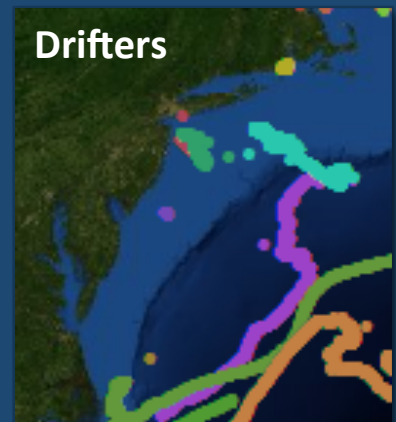
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Gliders

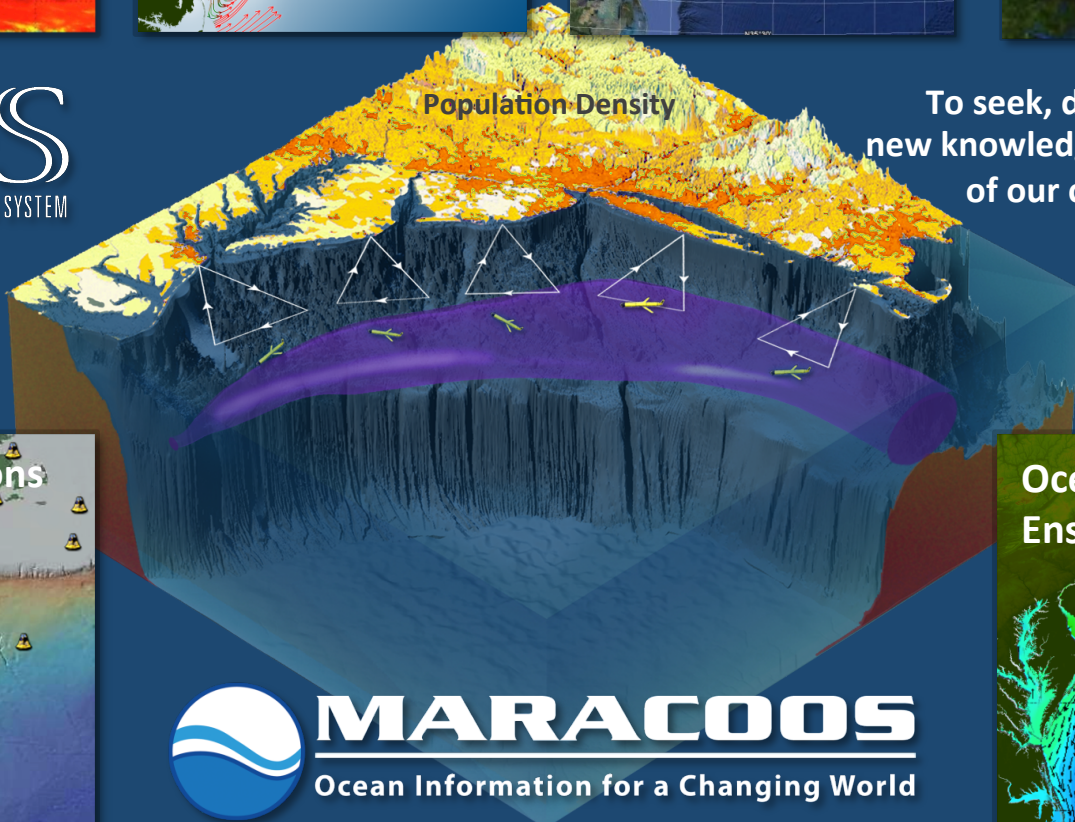


Drifters



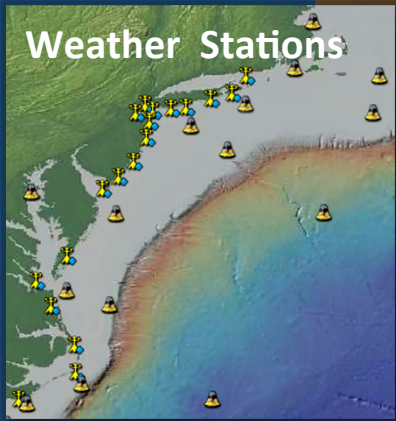
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Population Density

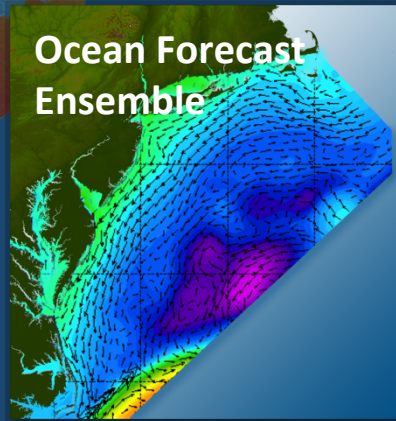


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Weather Stations



Ocean Forecast Ensemble



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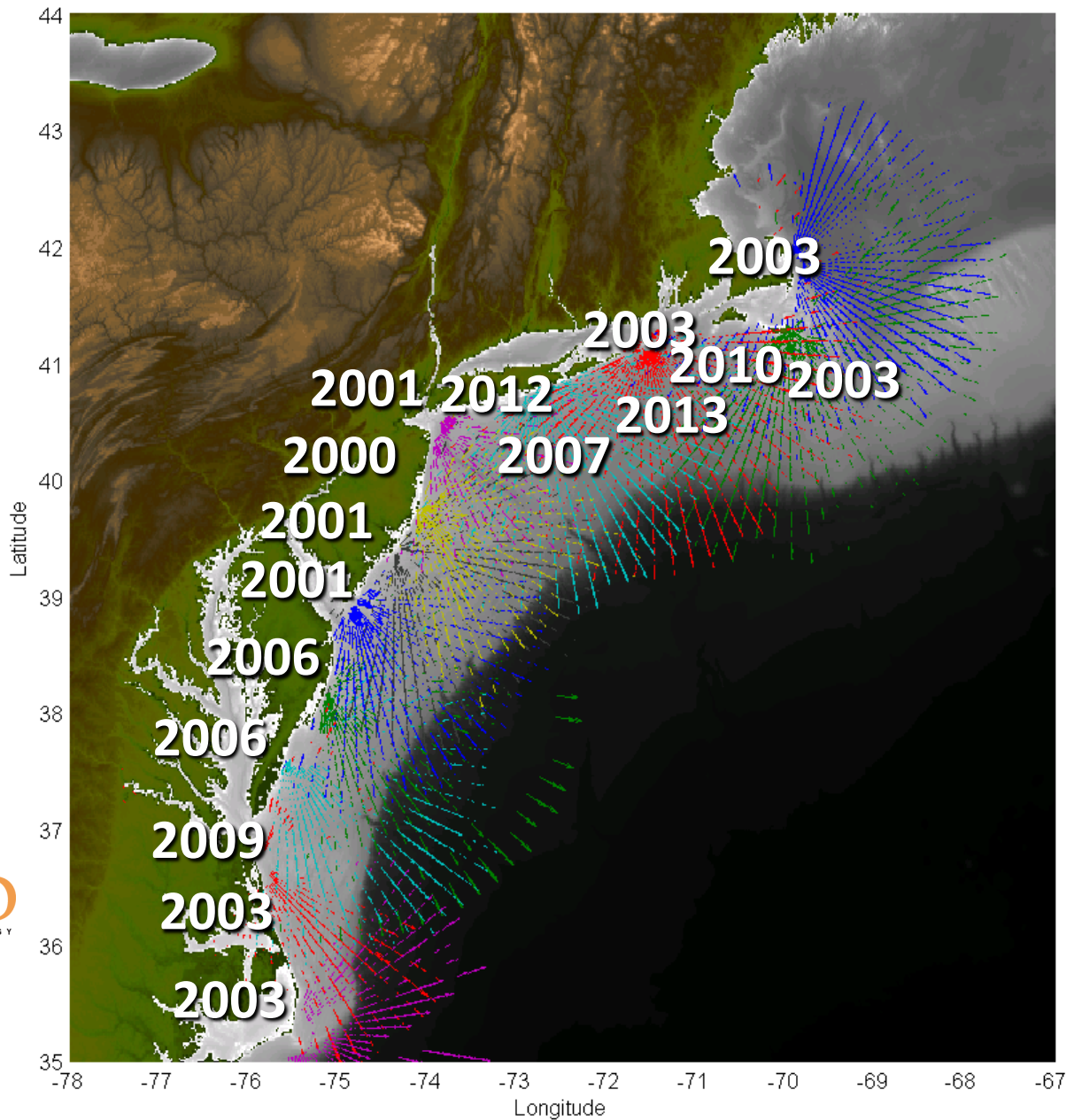
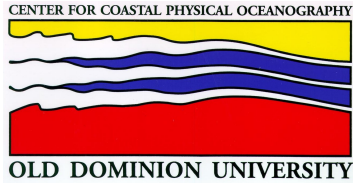
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# MARACOOS HF Radar Network



# LONG RANGE NETWORK





# Nested High Resolution Network



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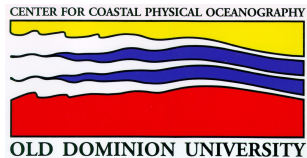
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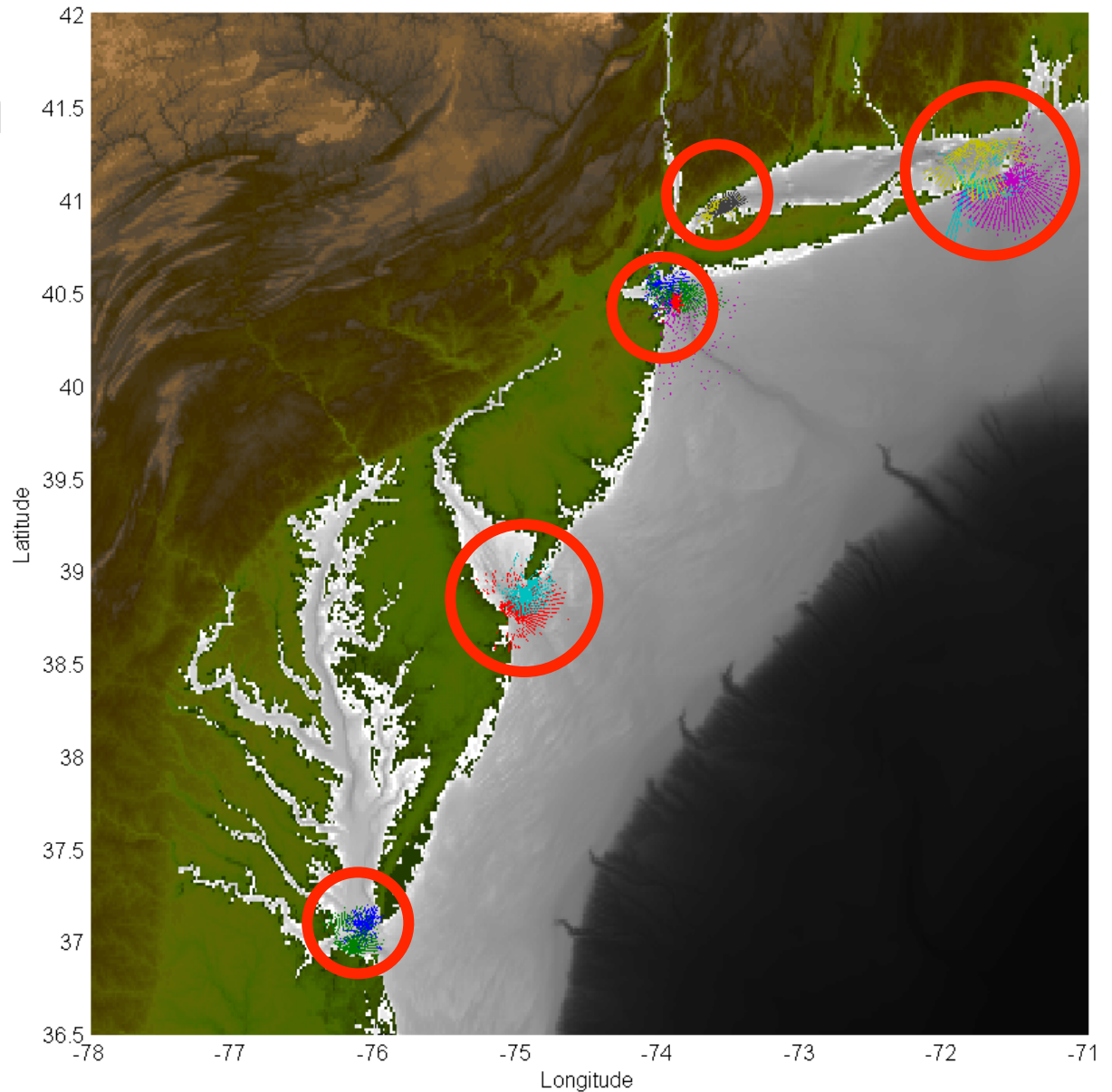
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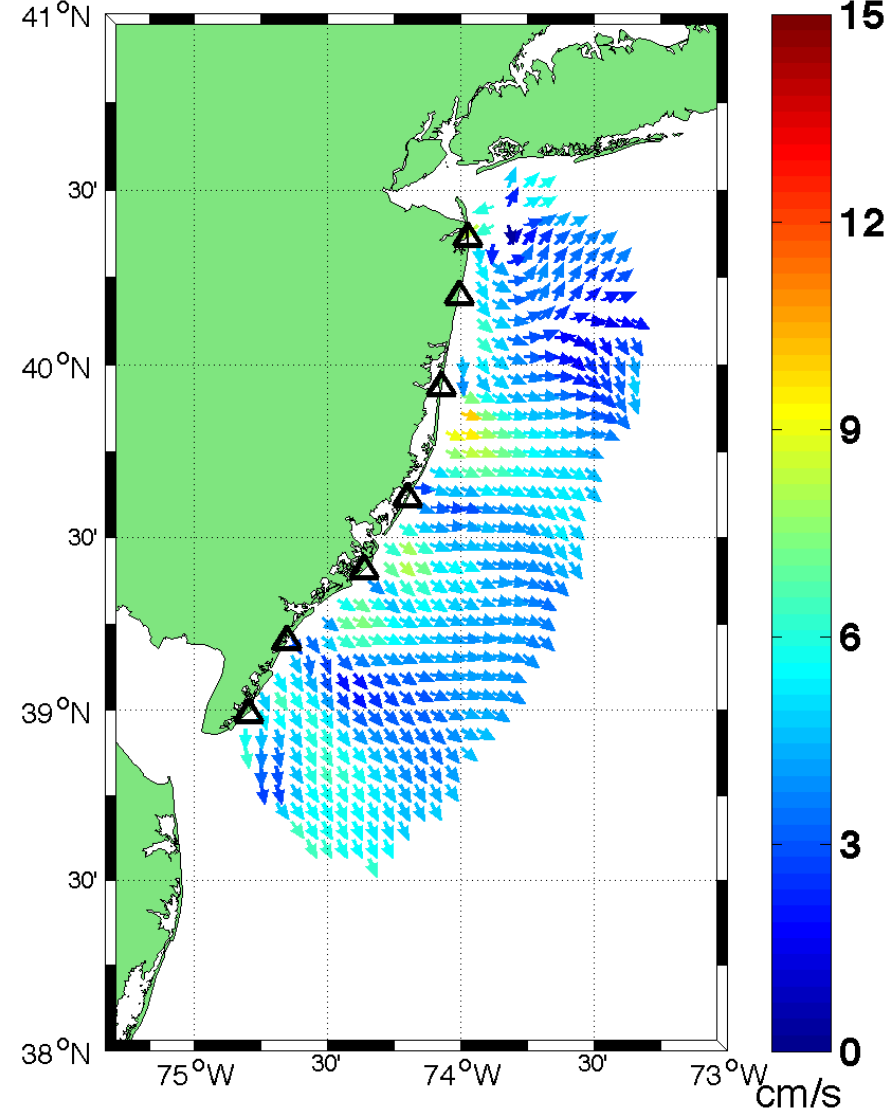
# Standard Range Network

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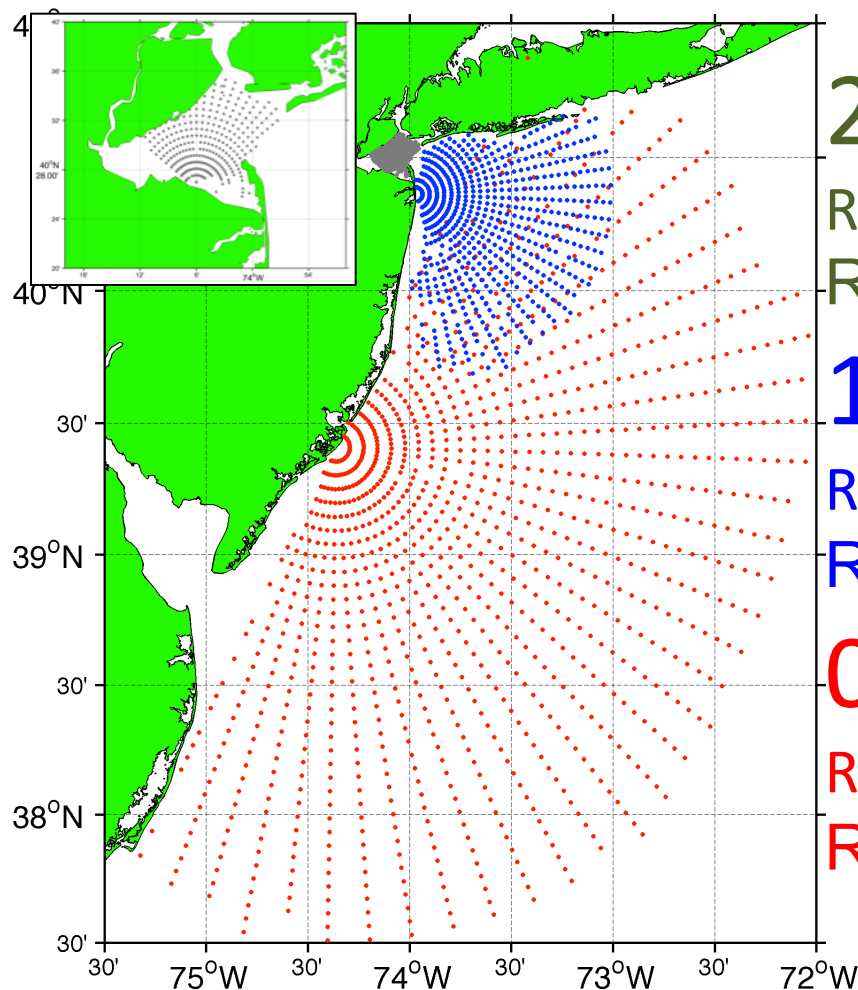
Mean for: Jan 01, 2012 to Dec 31, 2012



NOTE: Data outside color range will be saturated.

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# Surface Current Mapping Capability



**25 MHz**

Radar  $\lambda$ : 12 m Ocean  $\lambda$ : 6 m

Range: 30 km Resolution: 1 km

**13 MHz**

Radar  $\lambda$ : 23 m Ocean  $\lambda$ : 12 m

Range: 80 km Resolution: 3 km

**05 MHz**

Radar  $\lambda$ : 60m Ocean  $\lambda$ : 30 m

Range: 180 km Resolution: 6 km

# CODAR Compact HF Radar Antennas



25 MHz



13 MHz



5 MHz

Combined Transmitter & Receiver

Separate Transmitter & Receiver

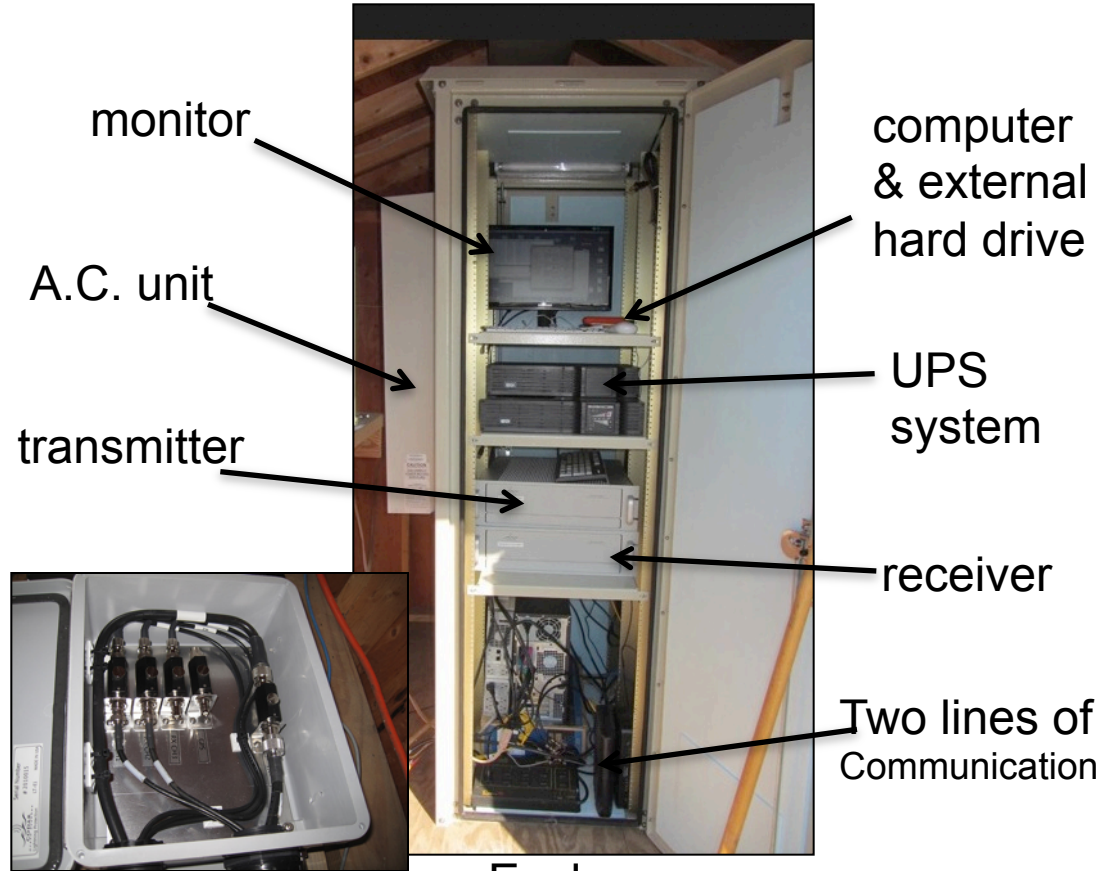


# Standard CODAR Shore Site:

Shed, Enclosure, Tx/Rx, Comms, Power, GPS, AIS



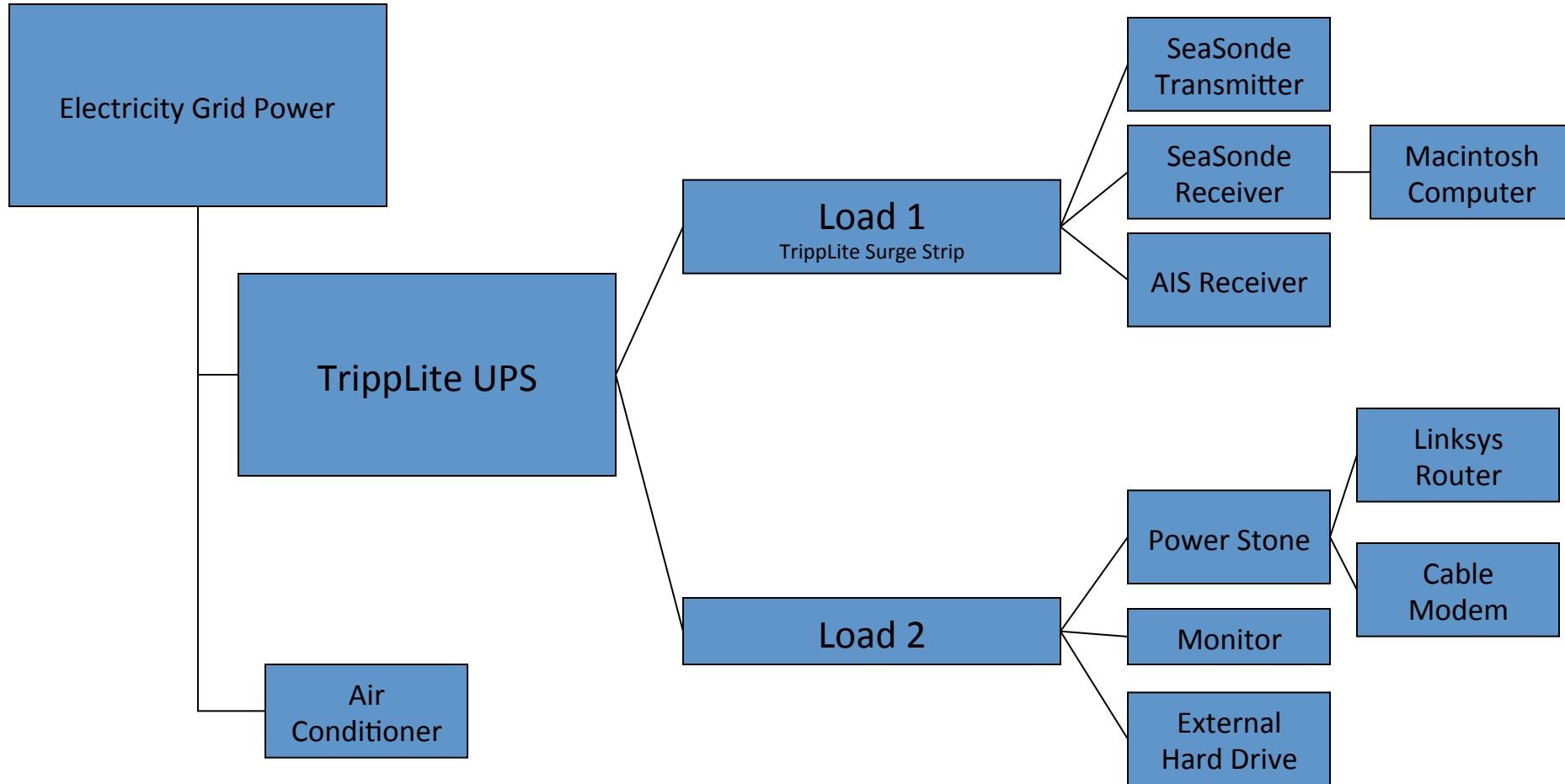
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Lightning Protection

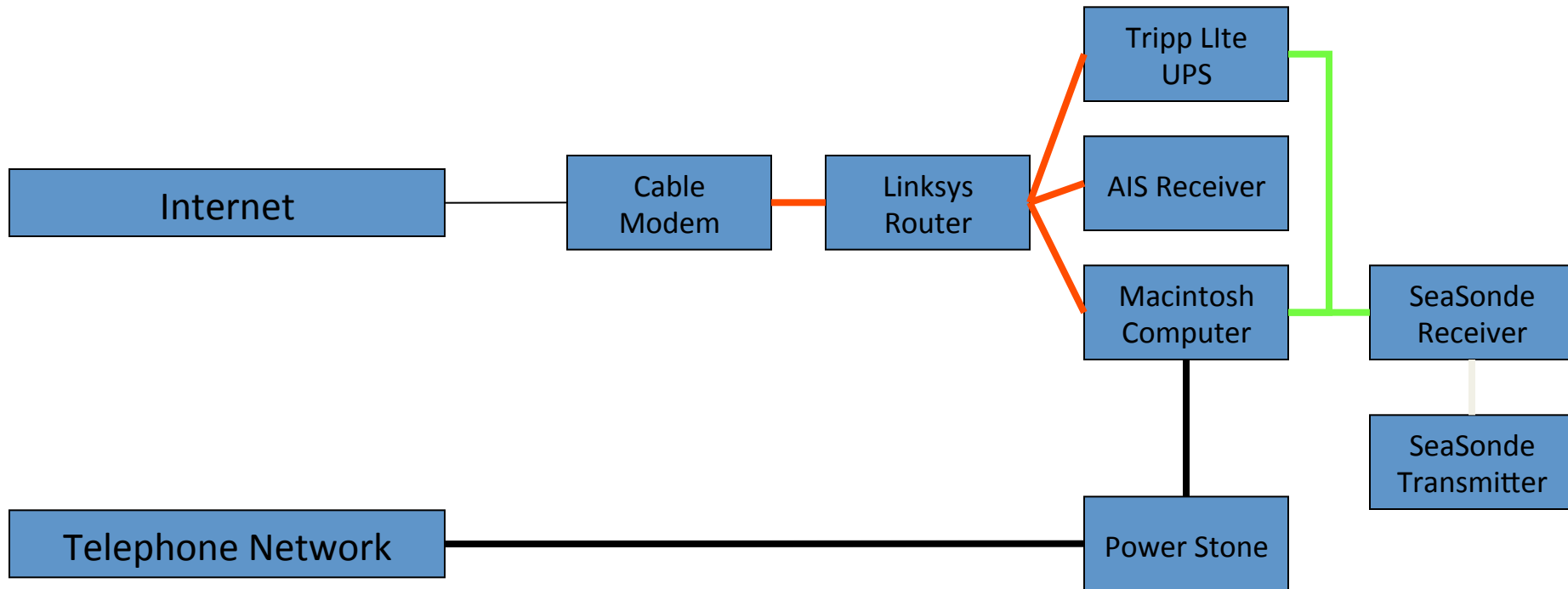
Enclosure

# Loveladies Power Configuration



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# Loveladies Communication Configuration



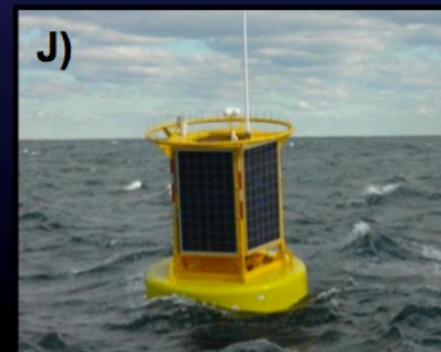
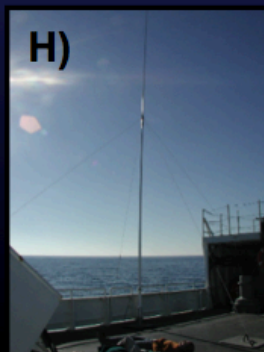
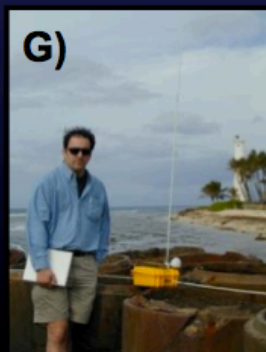
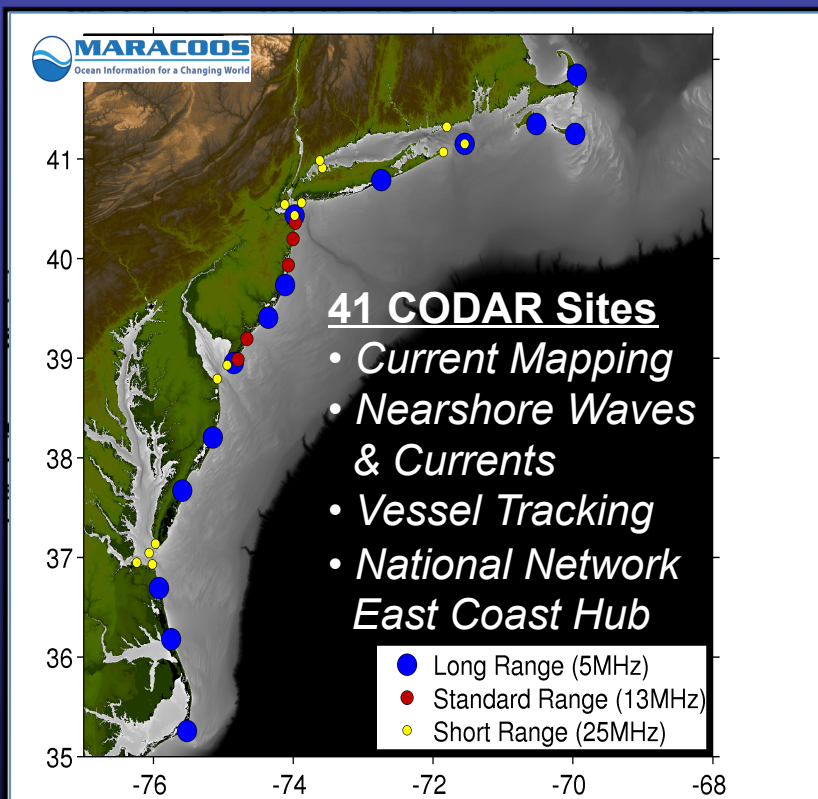
— Telephone

— Ethernet

— USB

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# CODAR HF Radar Network Evolution in the Mid-Atlantic

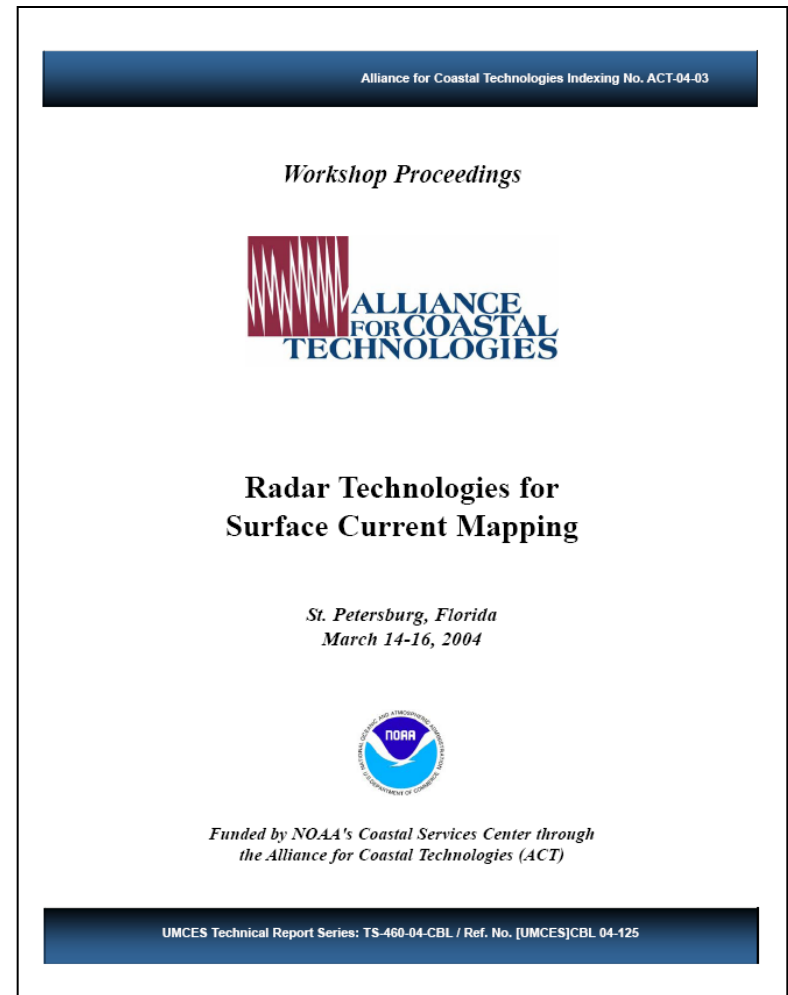
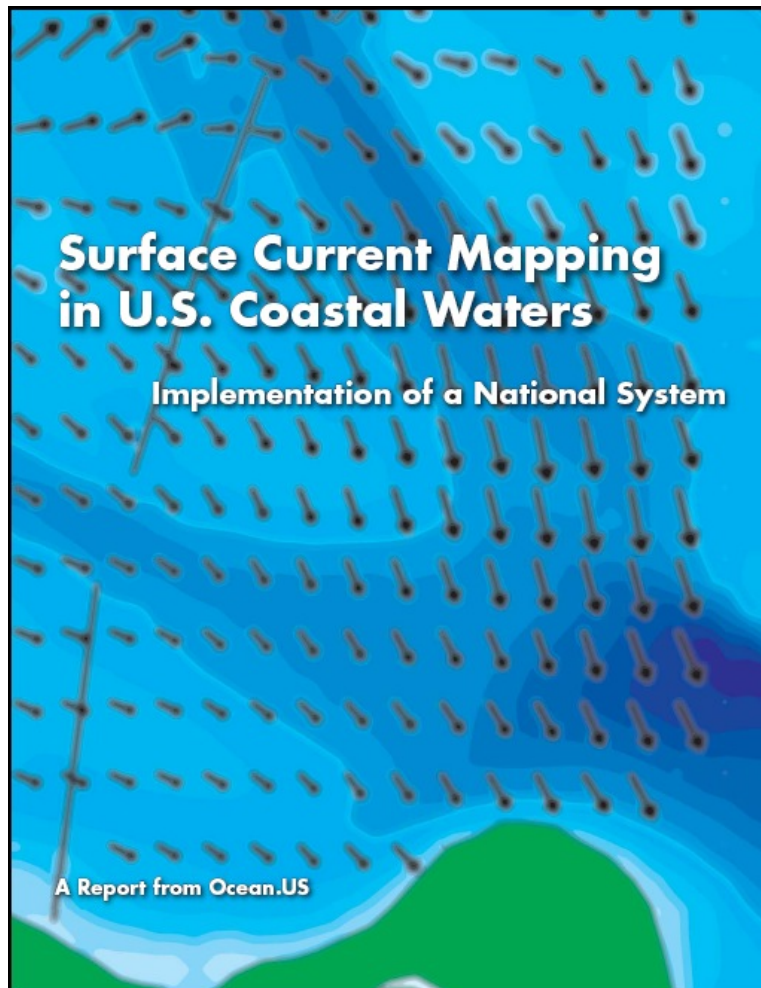


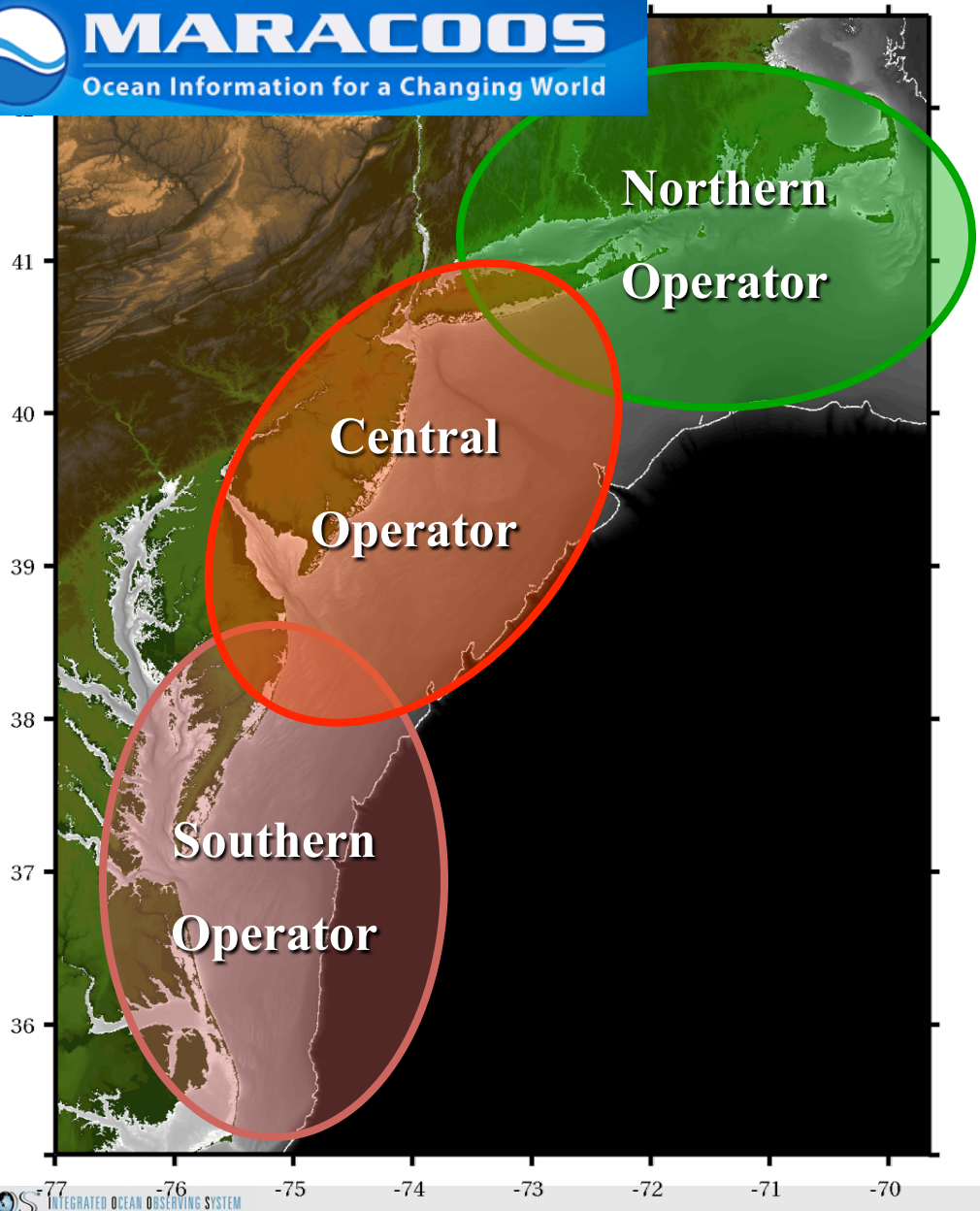
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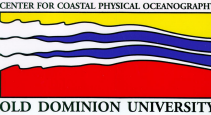


# Surface Current Mapping Initiative





# Management

- Regional Coordinator
  -  **Hugh Roarty**
- Distributed Technicians
  -  **Chris Jakubiak**
  -  **Todd Fake**
  -  **Ethan Handel**
  -  **Teresa Garner**



# HF Radar Training



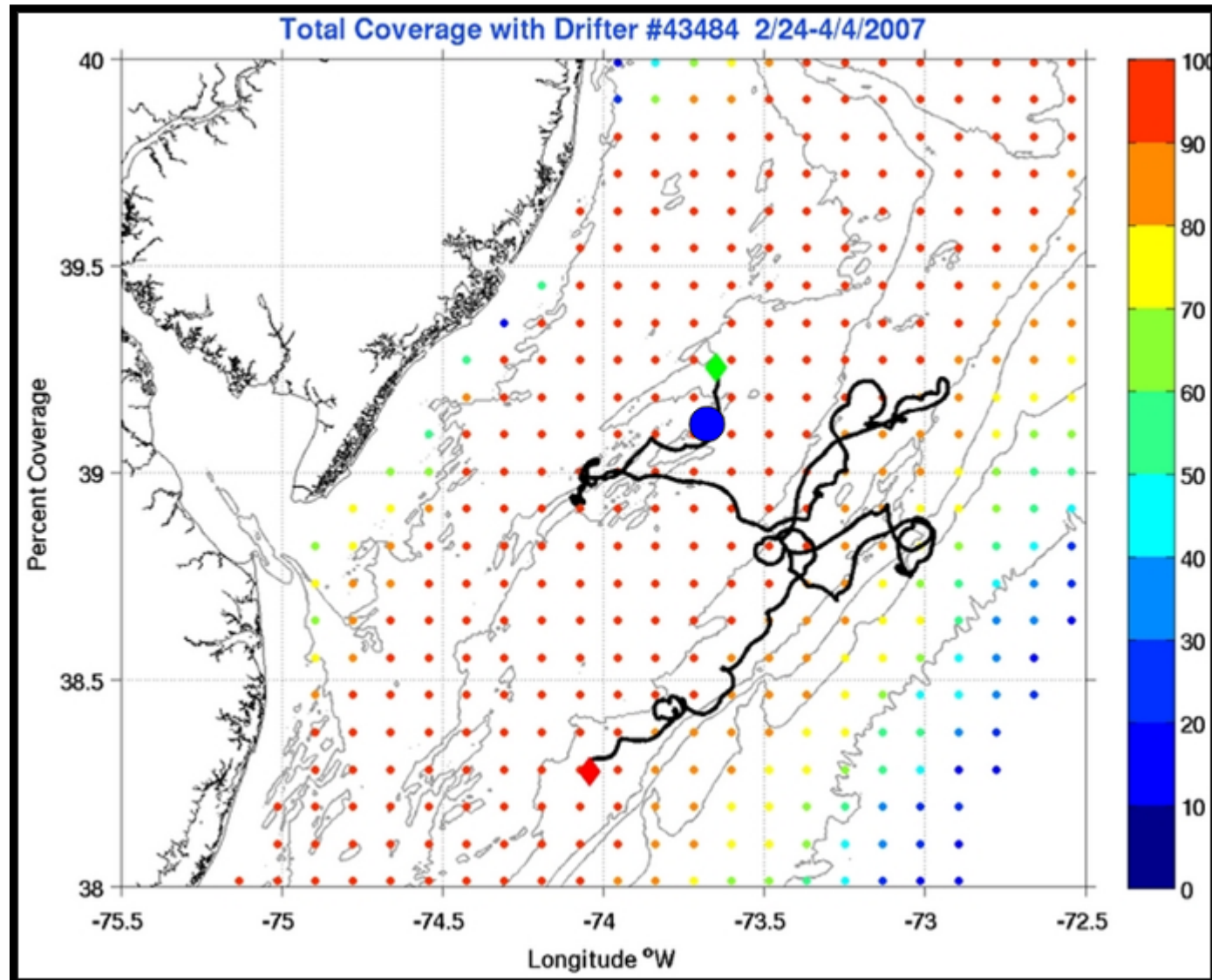
# VALIDATION OF HF RADAR DATA



# Validation of Optimal Interpolation Totals

Feb 24-  
April 4,  
2007

39 days

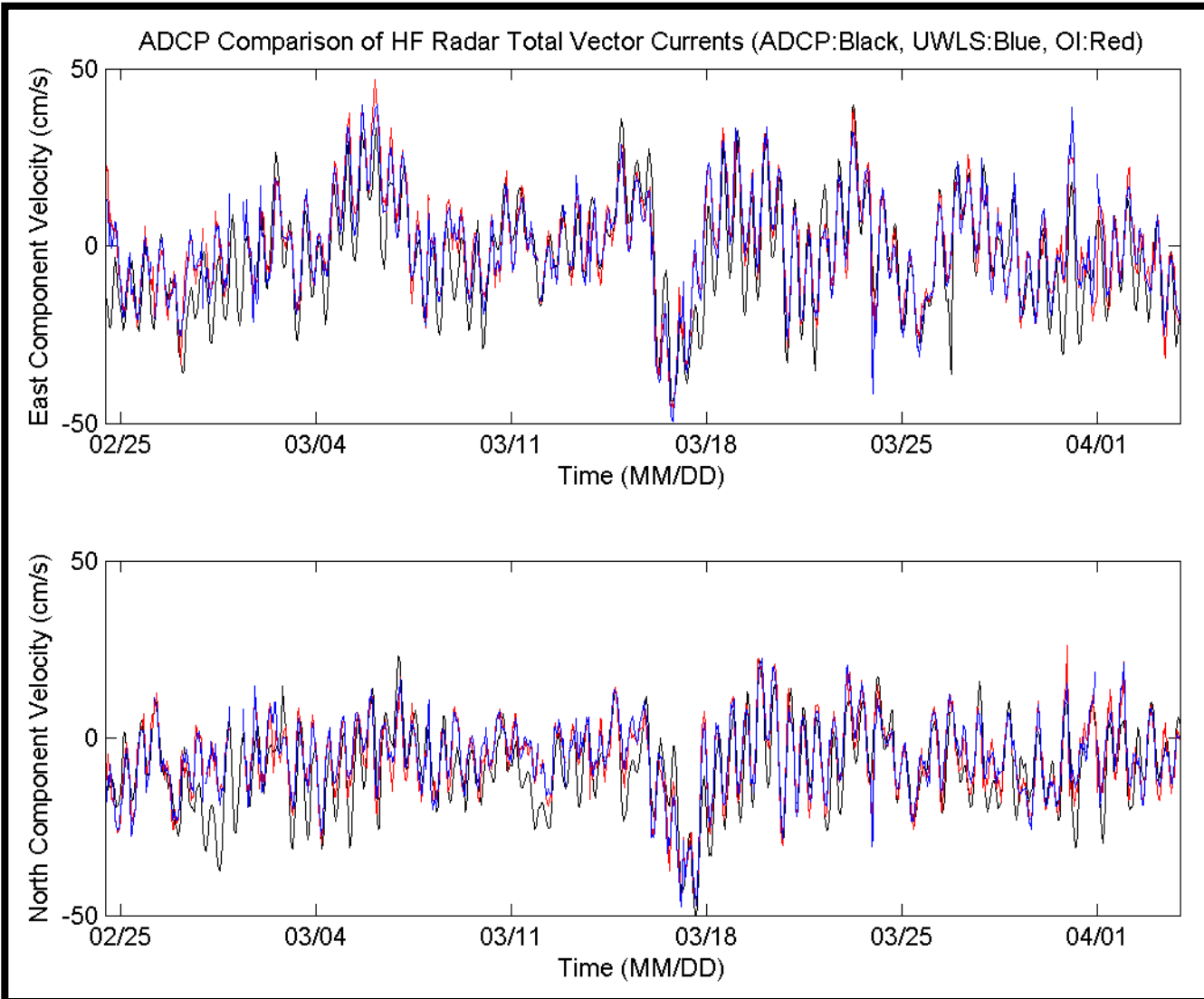


# ADCP *OI* UWLS

## Time Series Comparison



	UWLS	OI
Percent Coverage	93%	95%
RMS U (cm/s)	8.3	8.7
RMS V (cm/s)	7.9	7.5
R <sup>2</sup> U	0.75	0.73
R <sup>2</sup> V	0.63	0.65

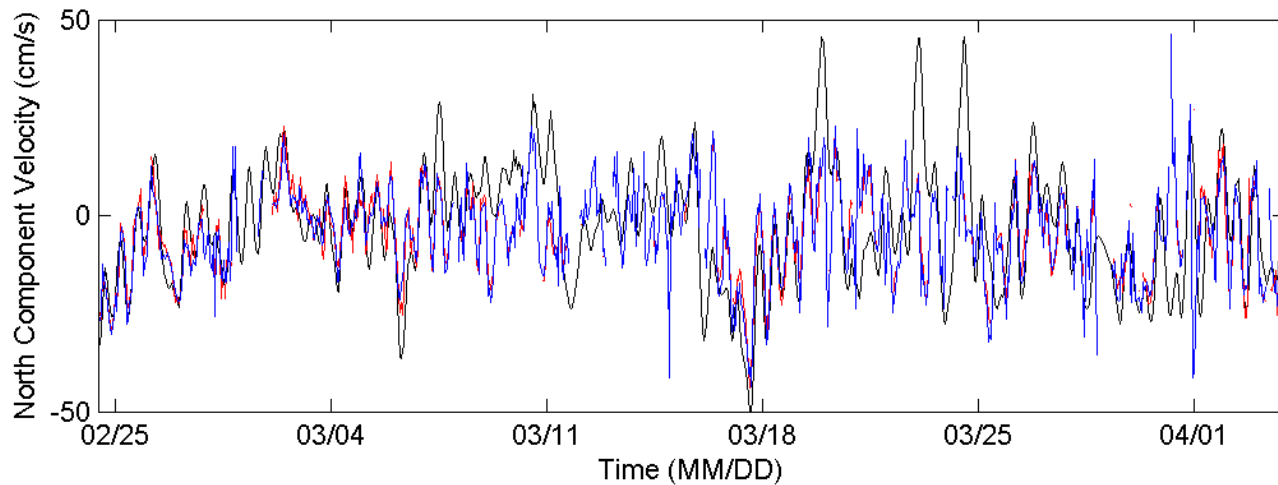
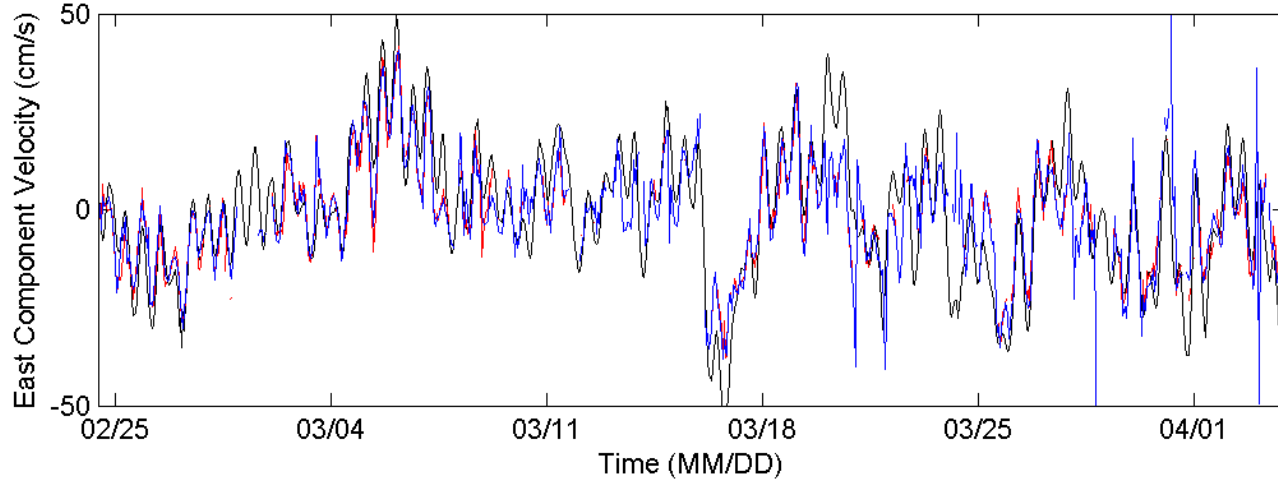




# Drifter OI UWLS



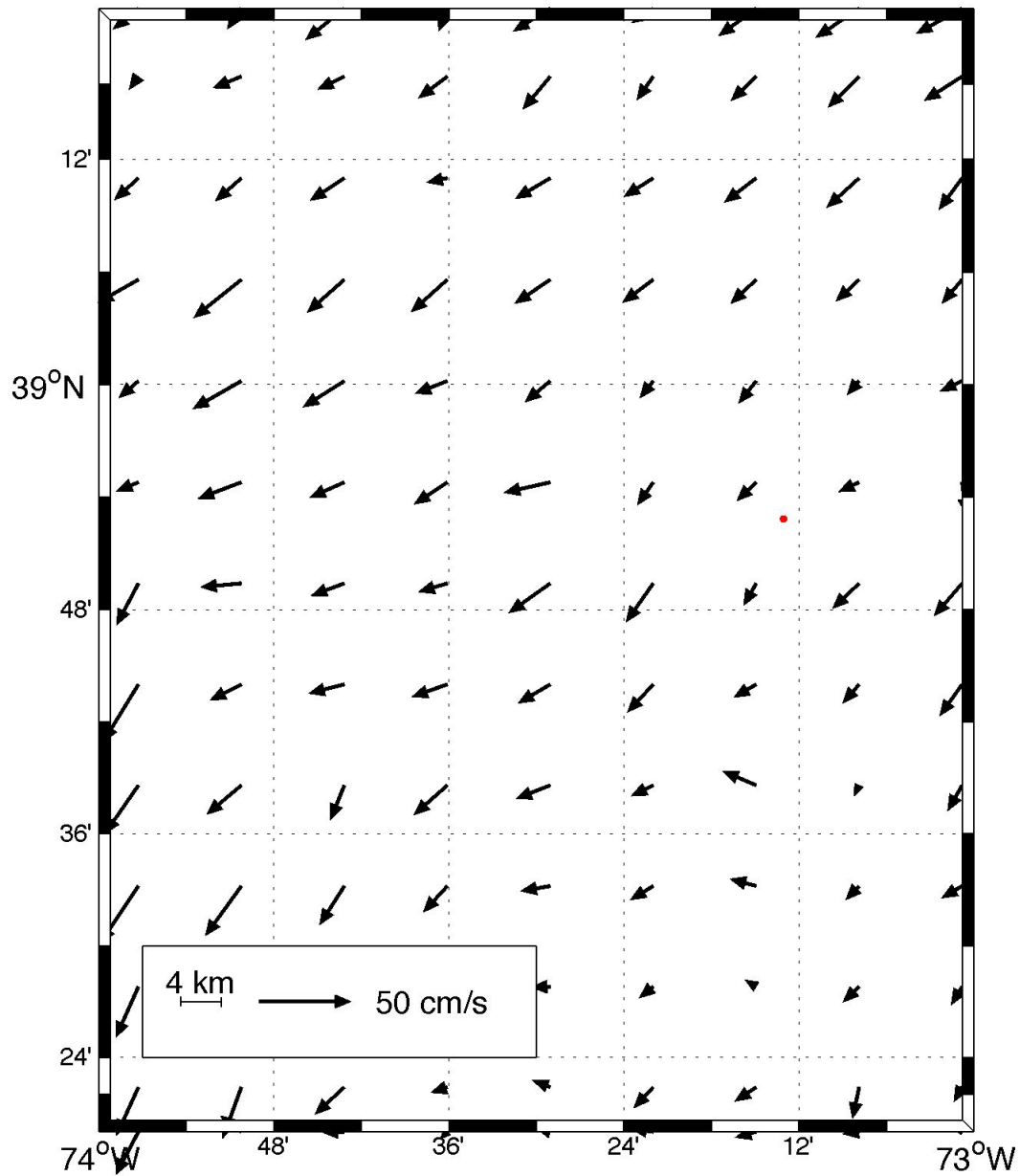
Drifter Comparison of HF Radar Total Vector Currents (Drifter:Black, UWLS:Blue, OI:Red)



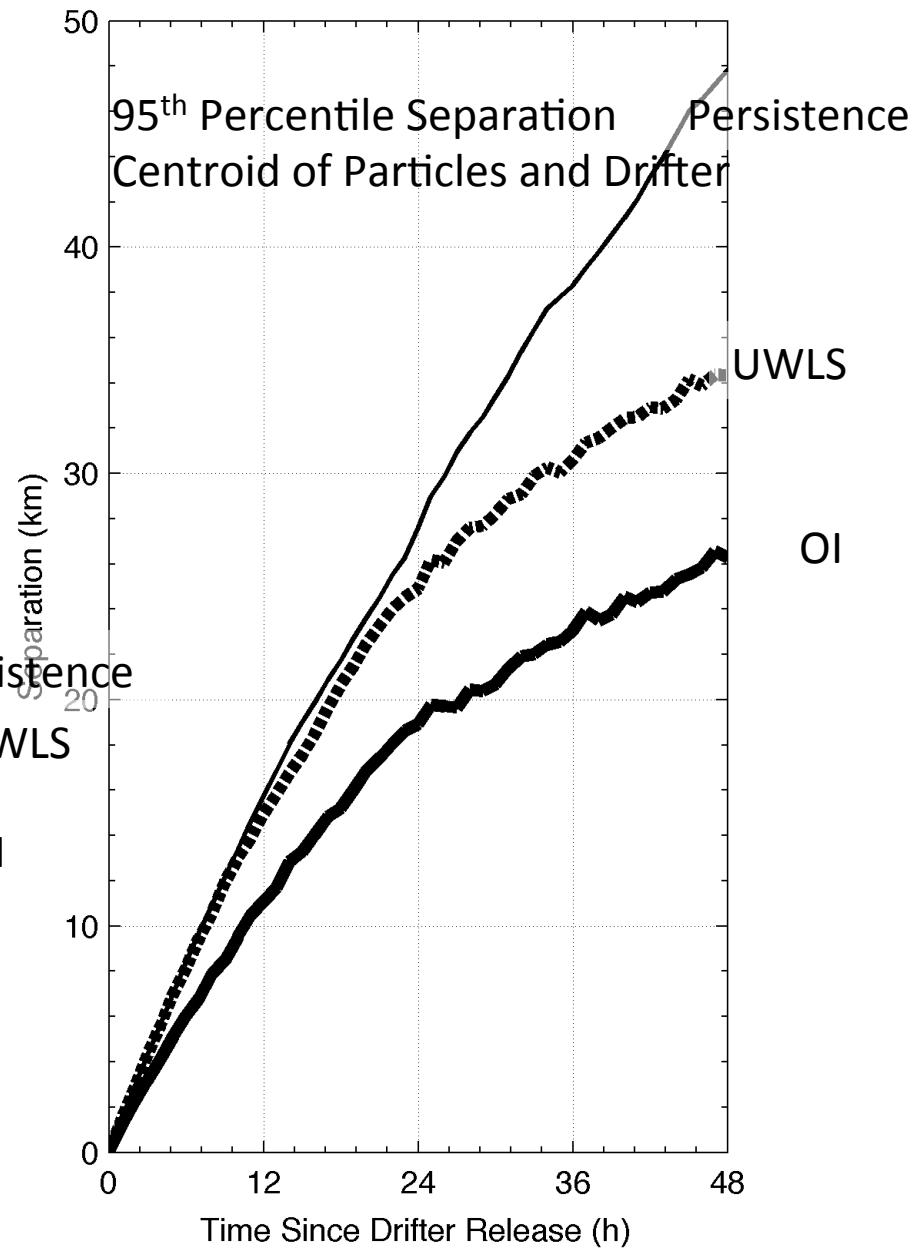
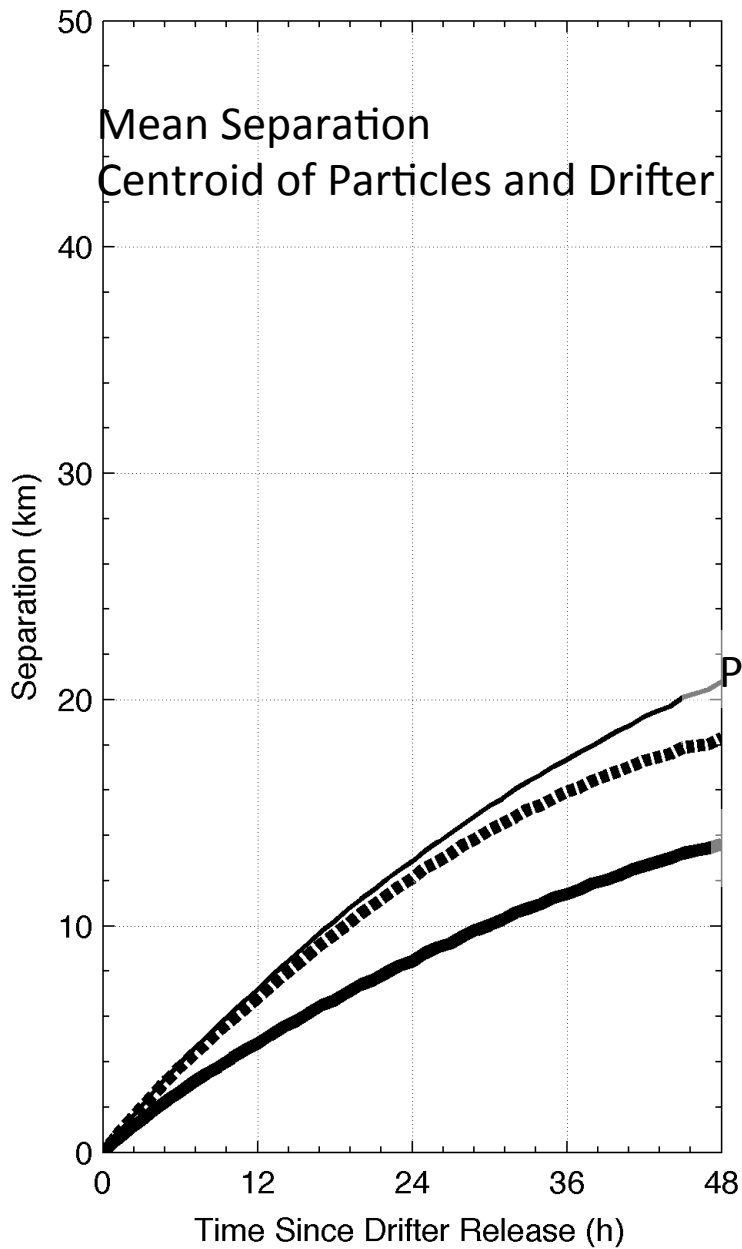
	UWLS	OI
Percent Coverage	53%	65%
RMS U (cm/s)	7.4	8.4
RMS V (cm/s)	9.8	11.8
R <sup>2</sup> U	0.83	0.81
R <sup>2</sup> V	0.58	0.44

OI\_10\_10\_095 Drifter Plot Mar.25,2007 12:00:00

Drifter Separation (km): 9.3e-11

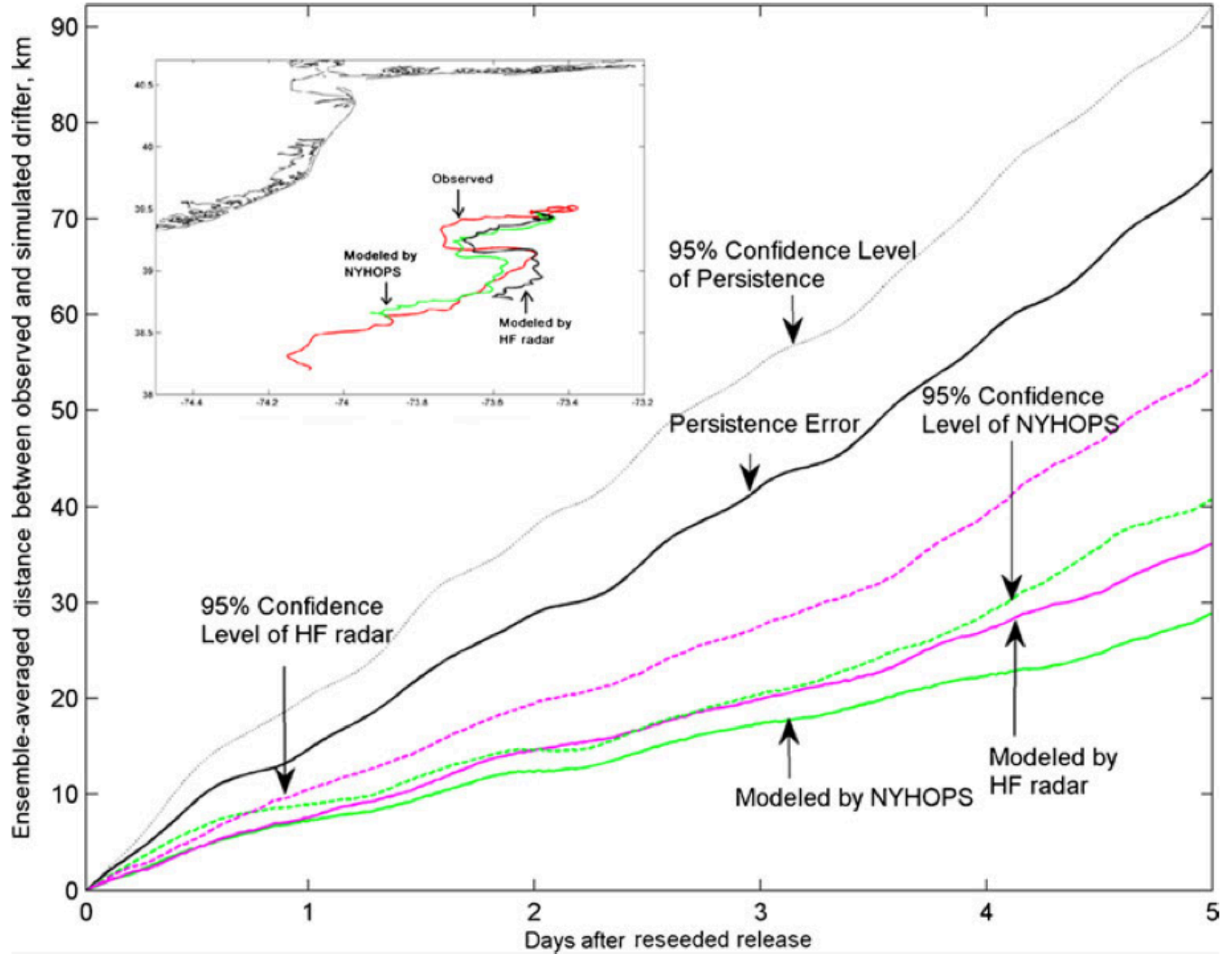






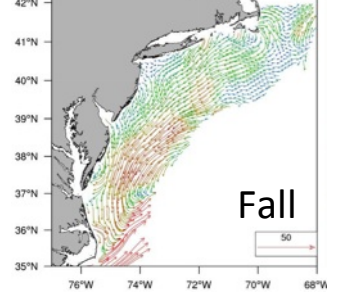
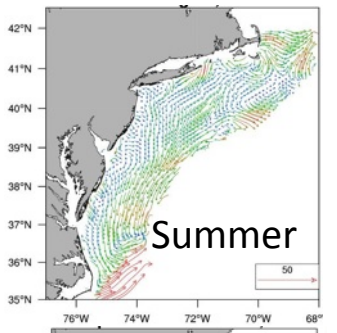
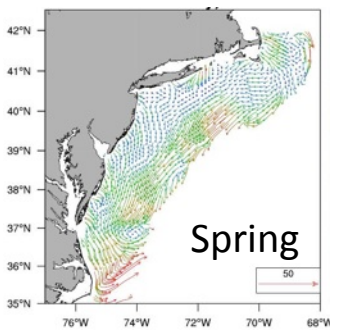
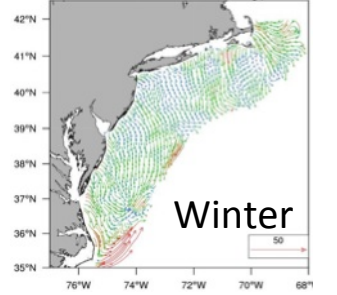
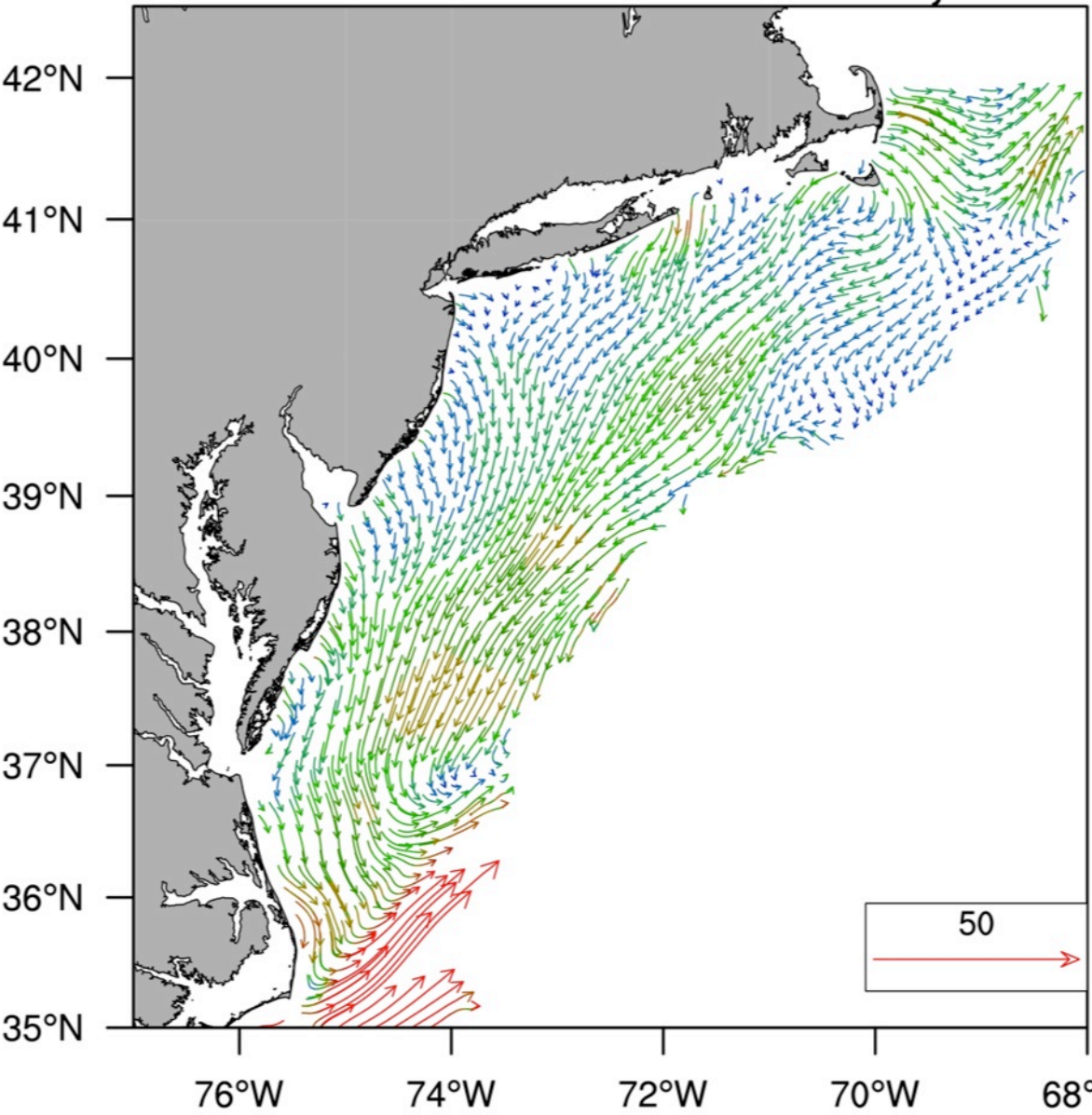
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**Fig. 7** Ensemble-averaged persistence error (*black solid line*) and separation distance between drifter 3 and numerical drifters based on NYHOPS (*green solid line*) and HF radar (*pink solid line*) surface currents as simulated with GNOME; 95 % upper confidence levels for the persistence error (*dotted black line*) and the separation distance of NYHOPS (*pink dash line*) and HF radar (*green dash line*) are also shown, from the “reseeding” experiments described in the text. *Insert* shows the observed drifter 3 trajectory (*red*) and the respective drifter trajectories simulated using surface currents from NYHOPS (*green*) and HF radar (*black*) over that drifter’s complete deployment record



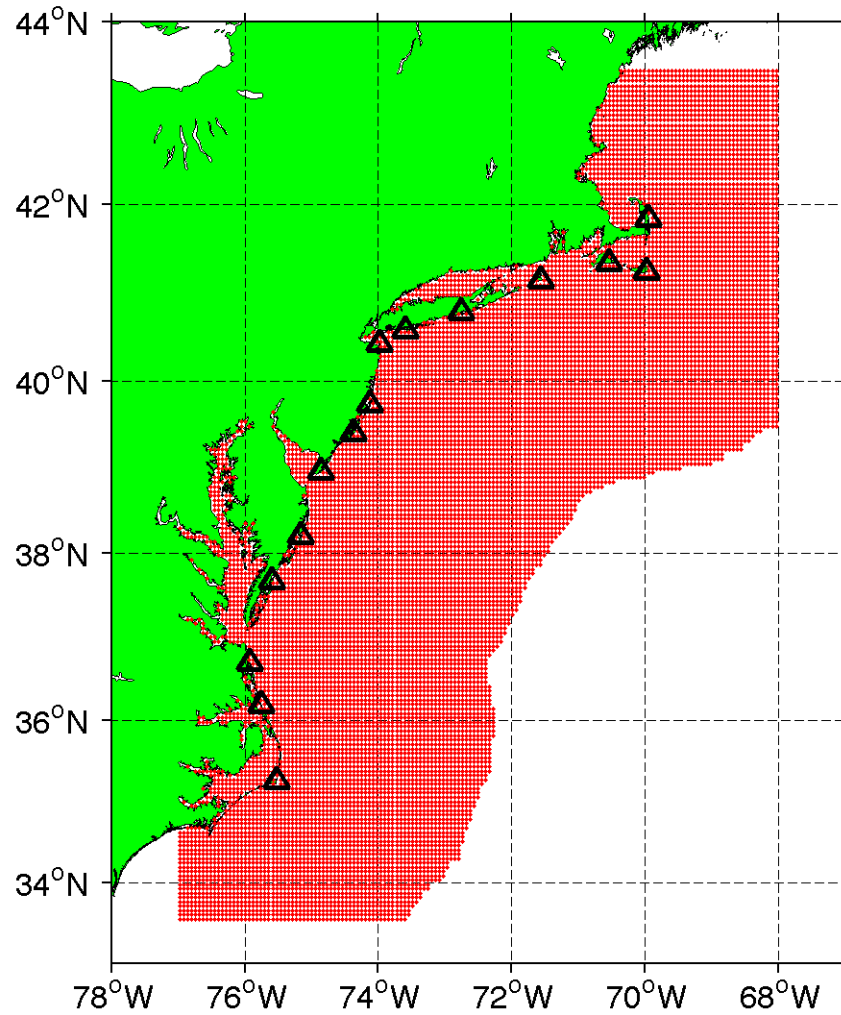
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# MARACOOS Annual Mean Surface Currents (2009)



# PERFORMANCE METRICS





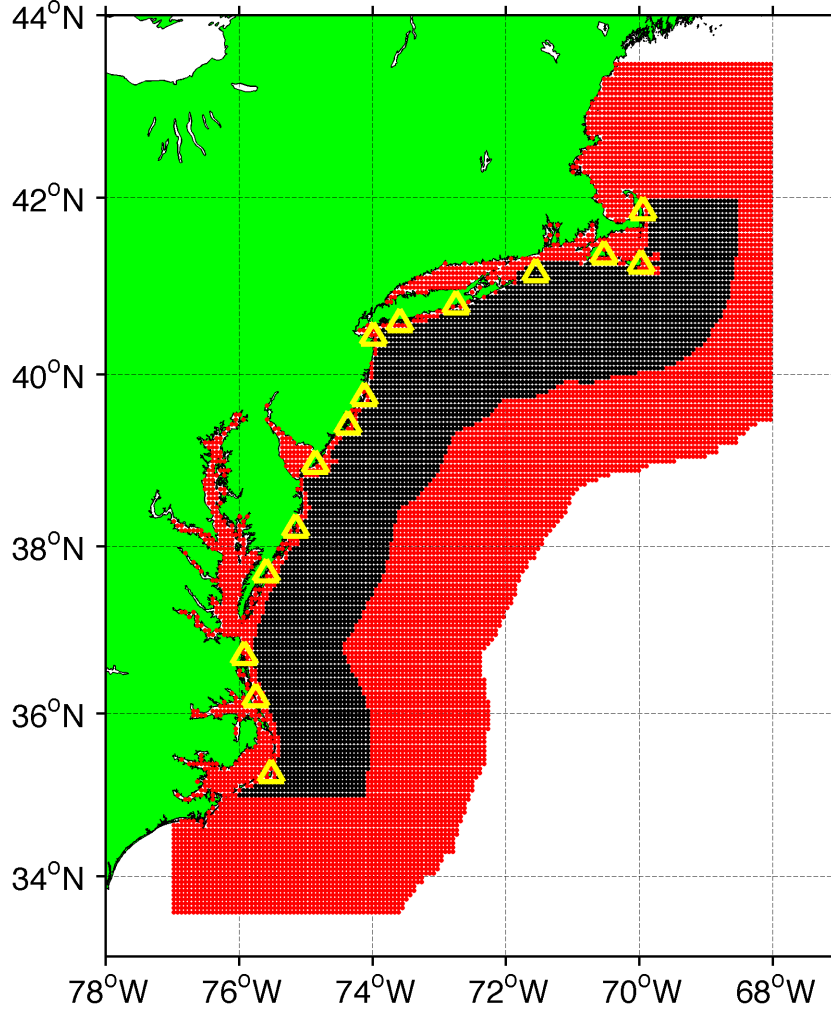
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Grid Points Within 150 km of Coast and Water Depths Greater Than 15 m

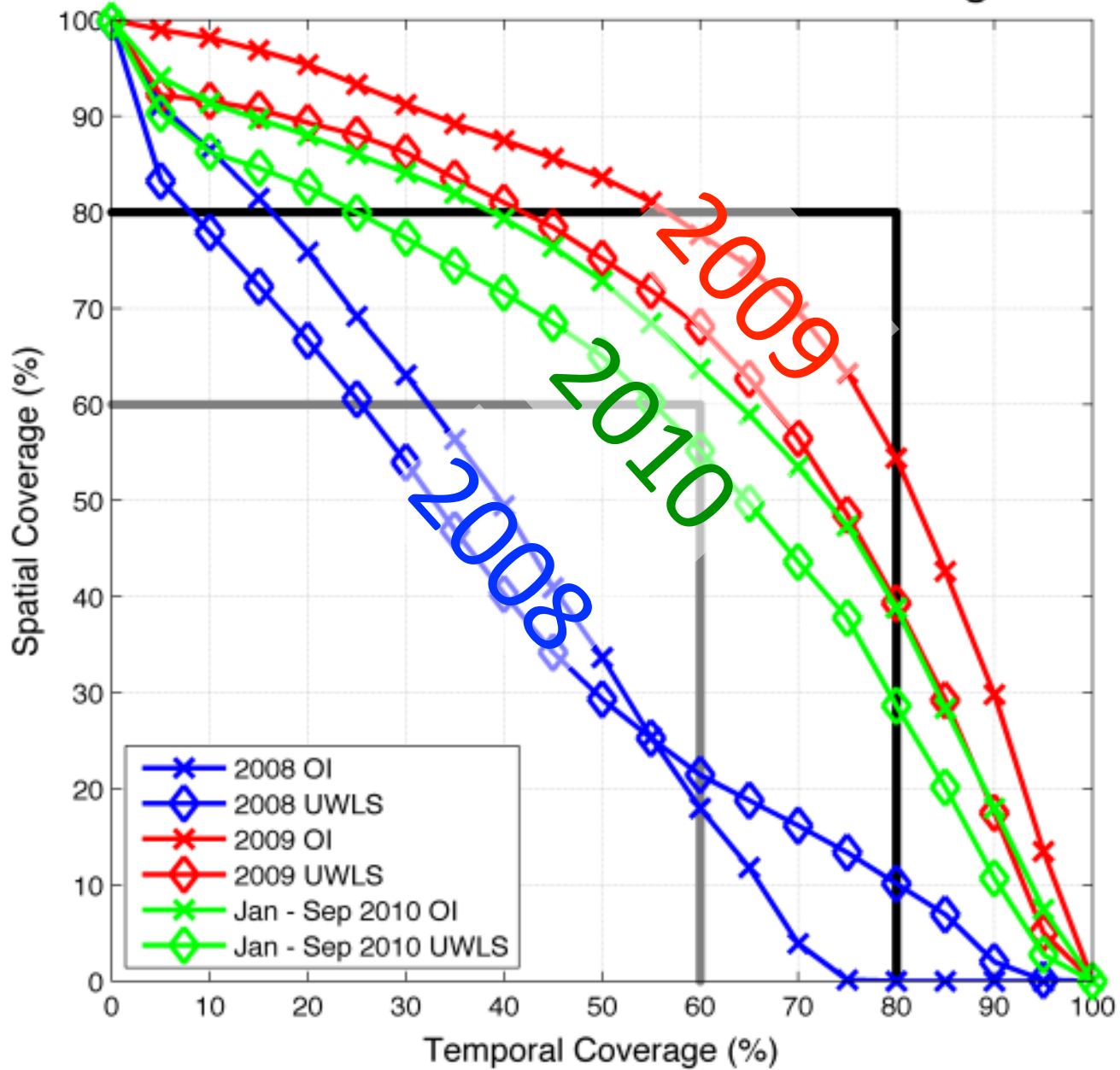


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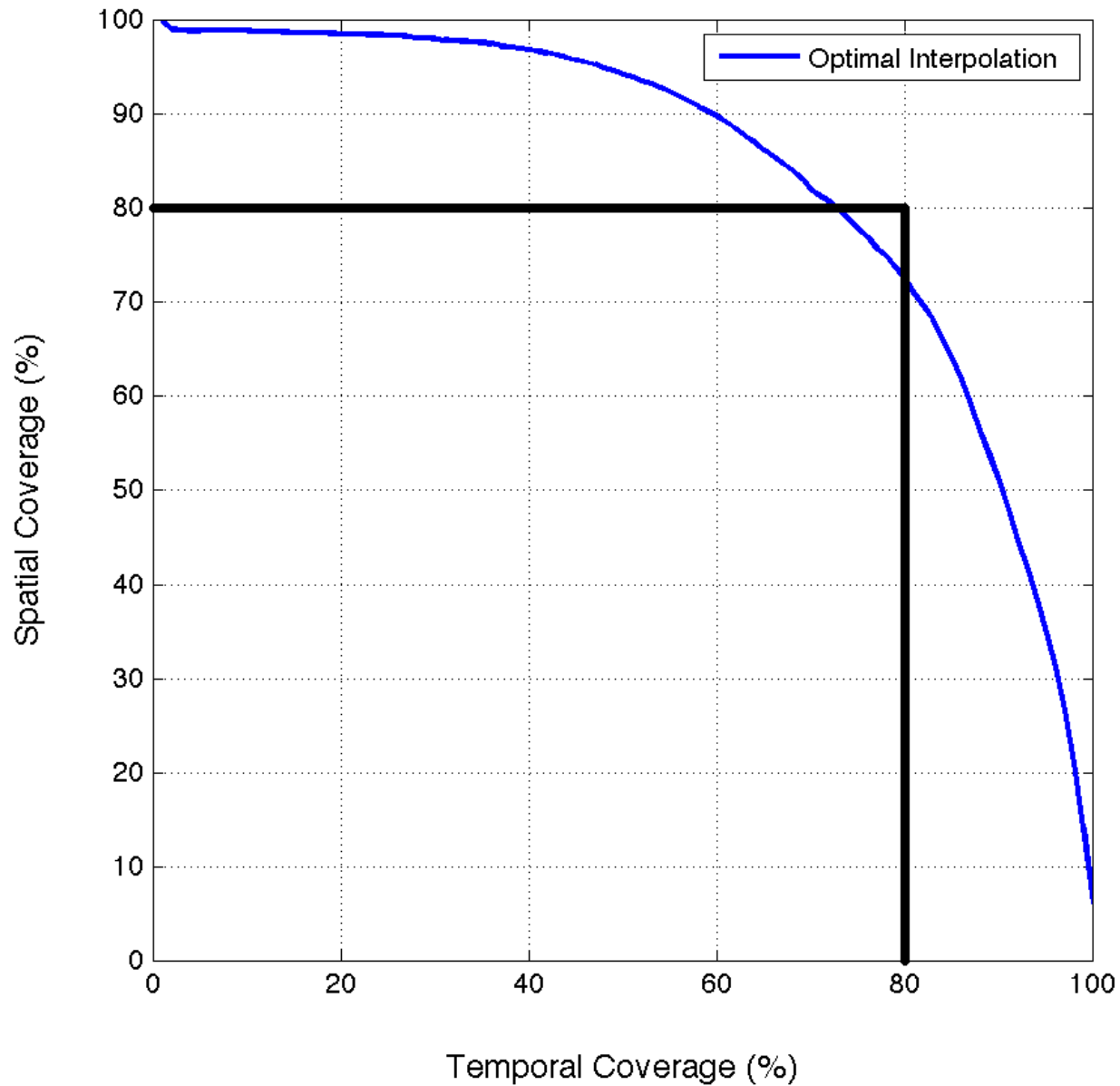
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# MARCOOS HF Radar Data Coverage



# MARACOOS HF Radar Data Coverage from 2011/12/01 00:00 to 2012/05/31 23:00

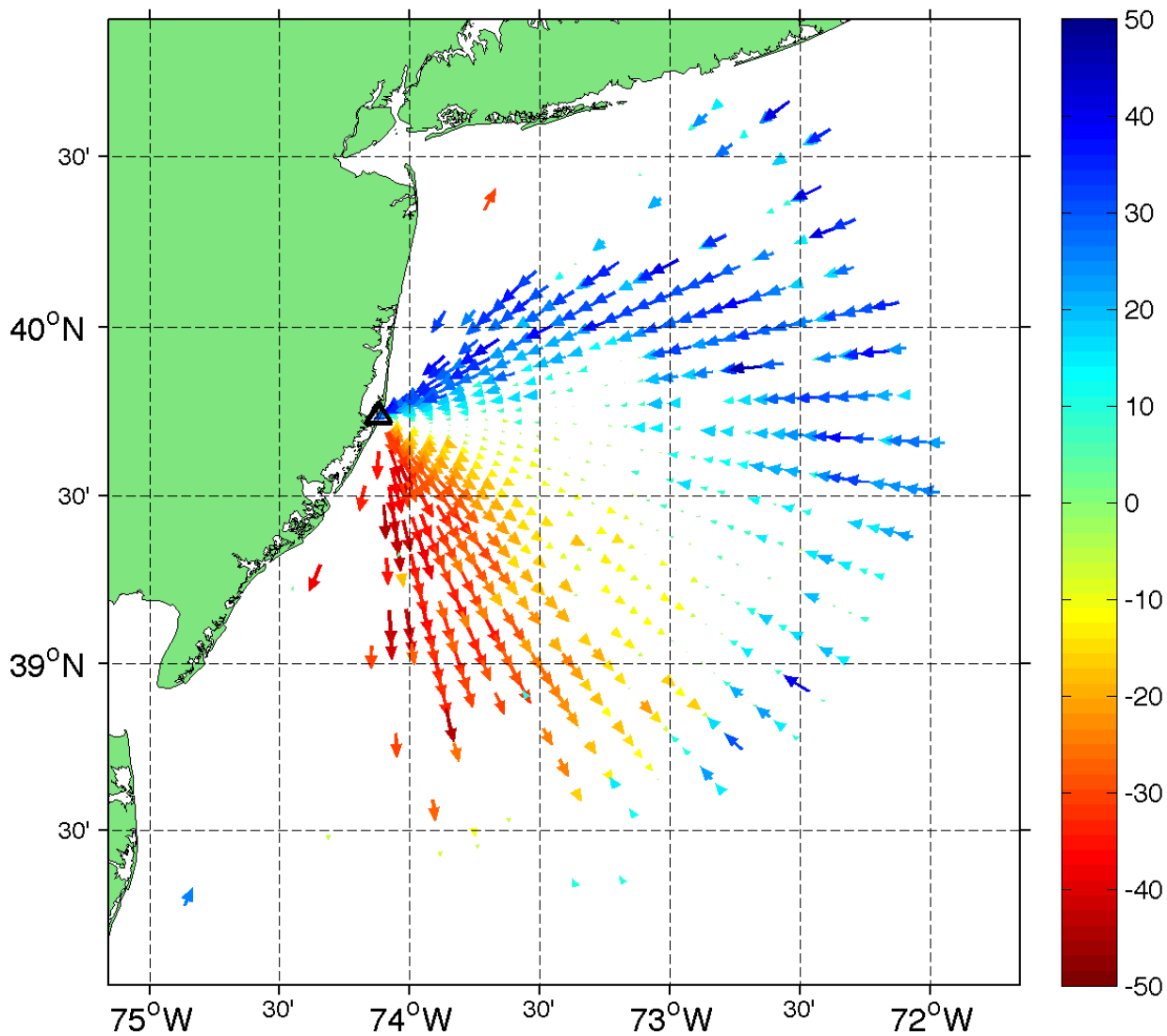




# RADIAL DATA PERFORMANCE



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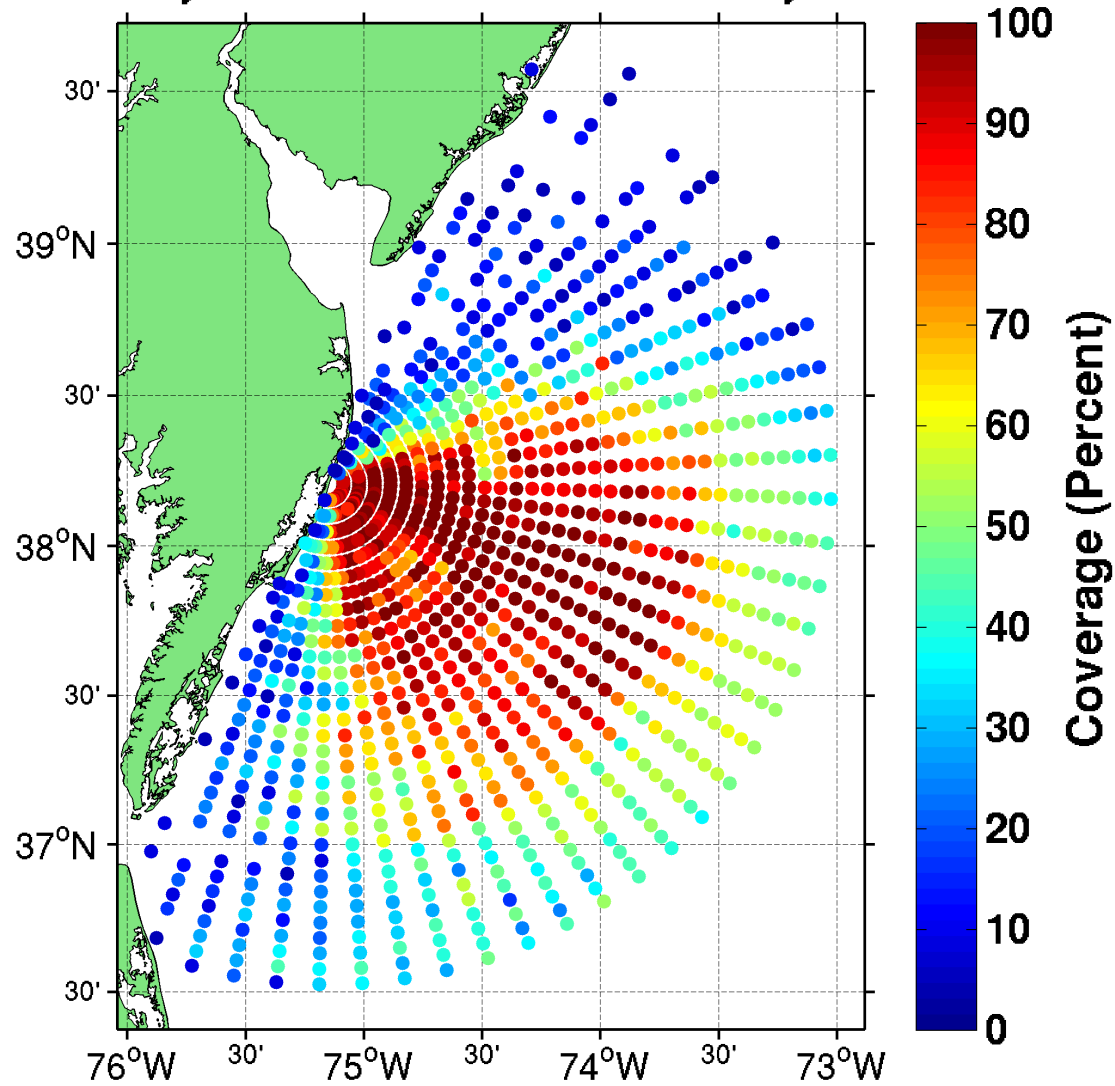


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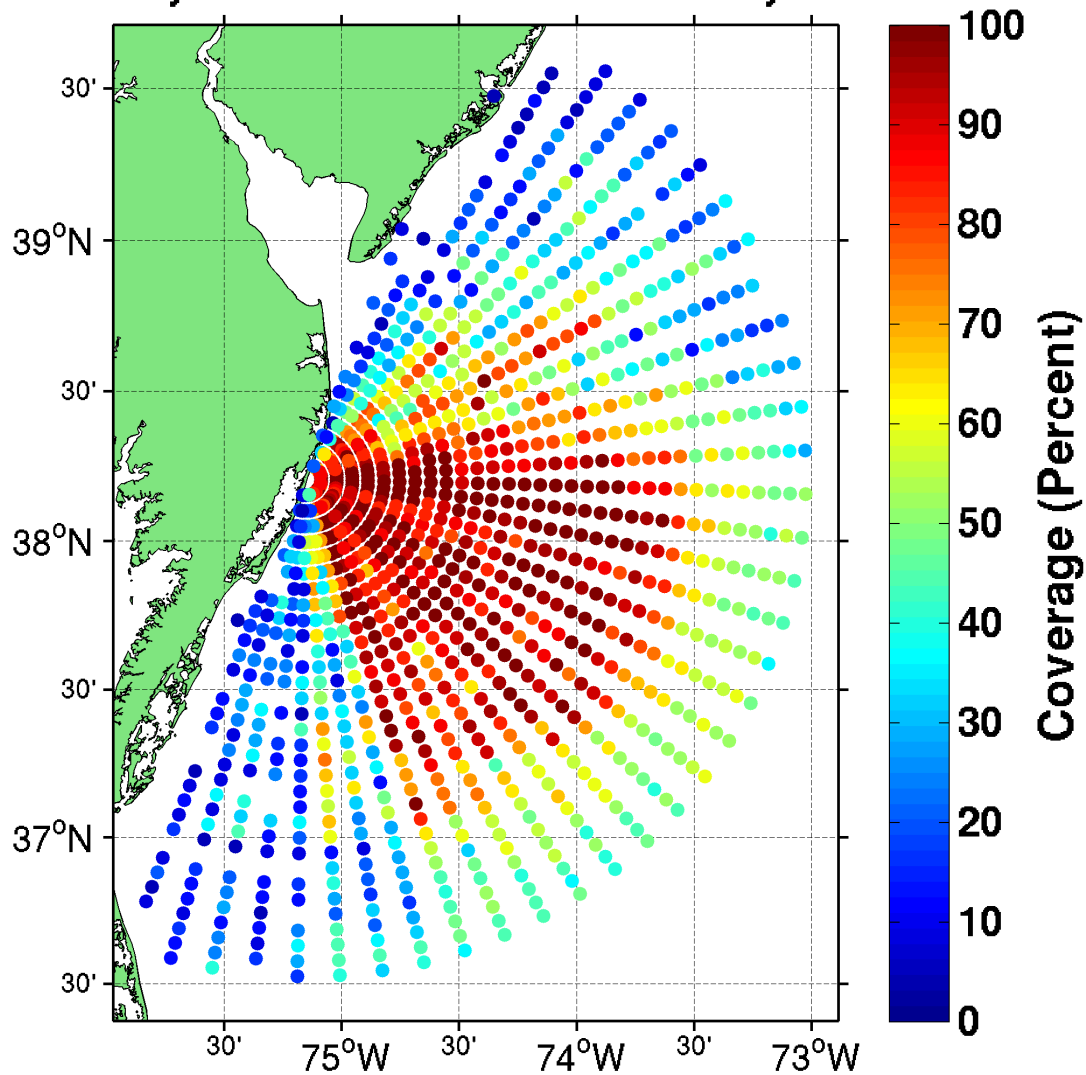
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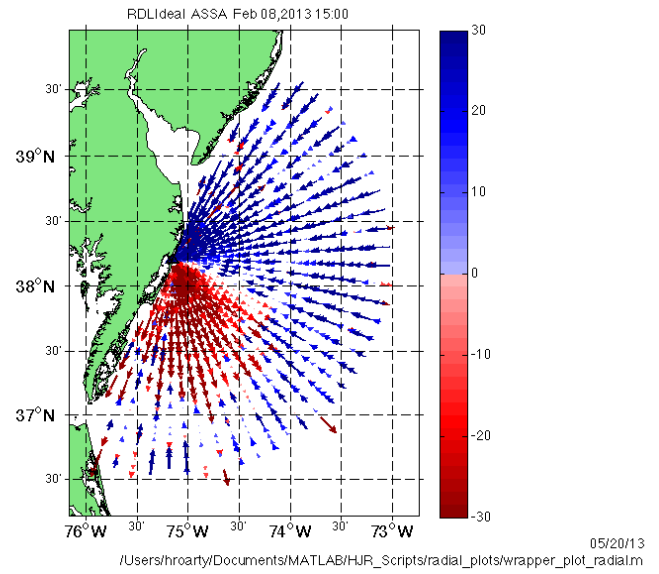
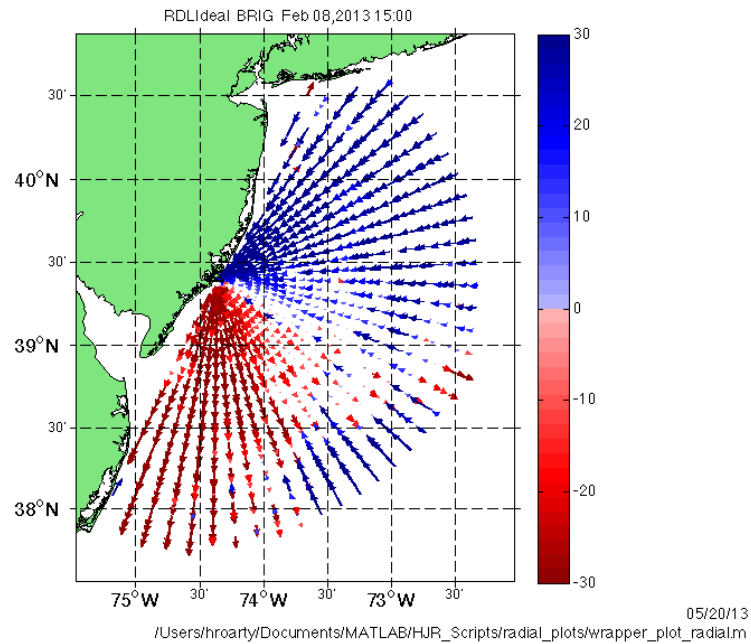
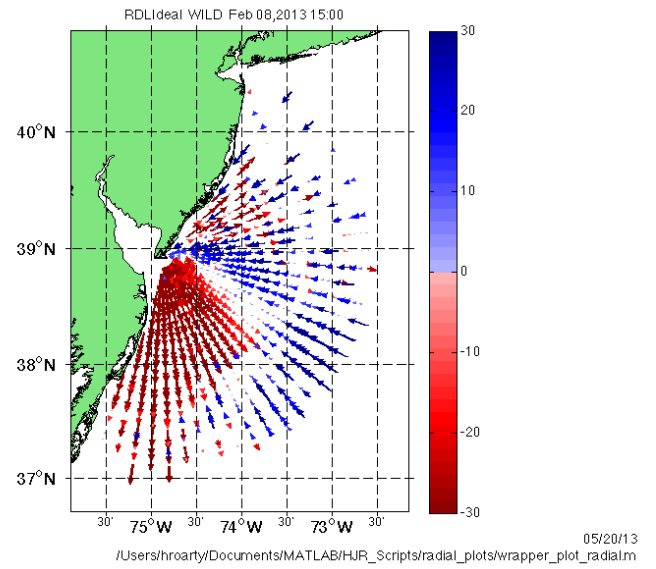
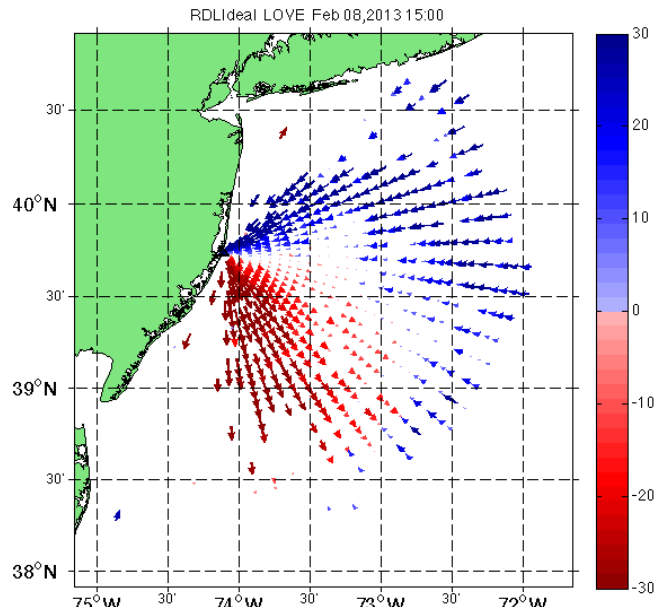
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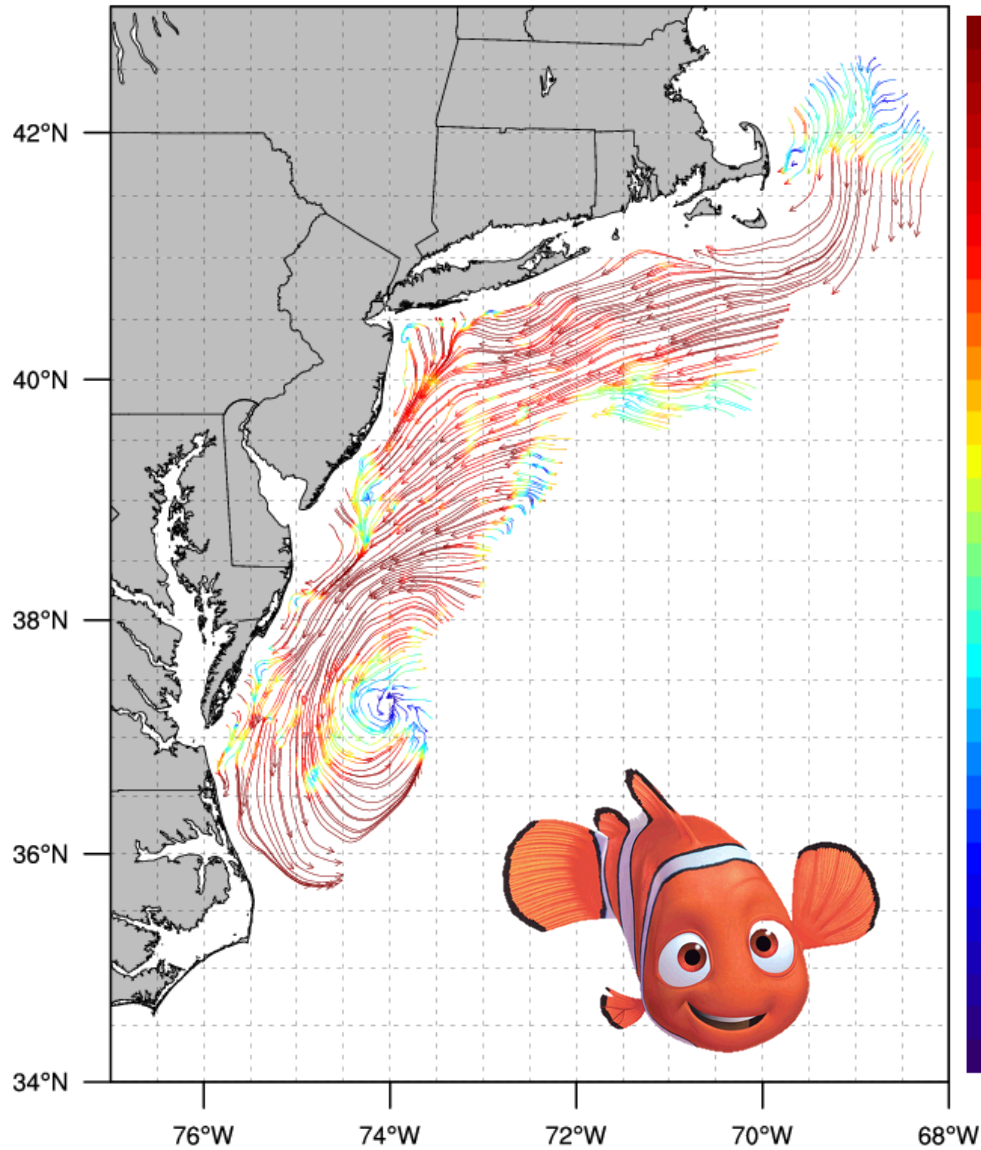
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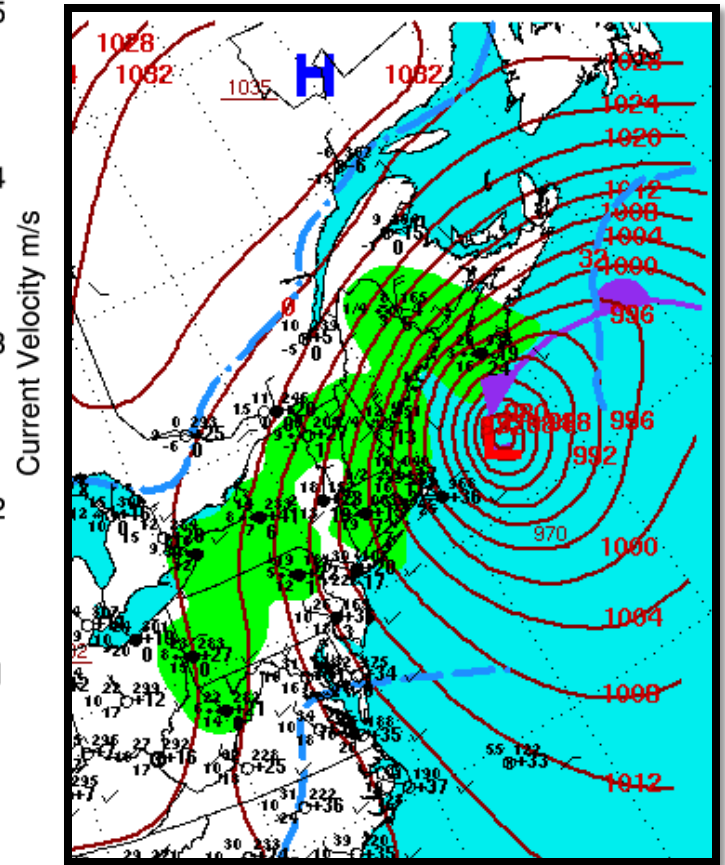




Hourly Surface Current Field (5MHz): 2013-Feb-08 18:00



# Winter Storm Nemo



February 9, 2013

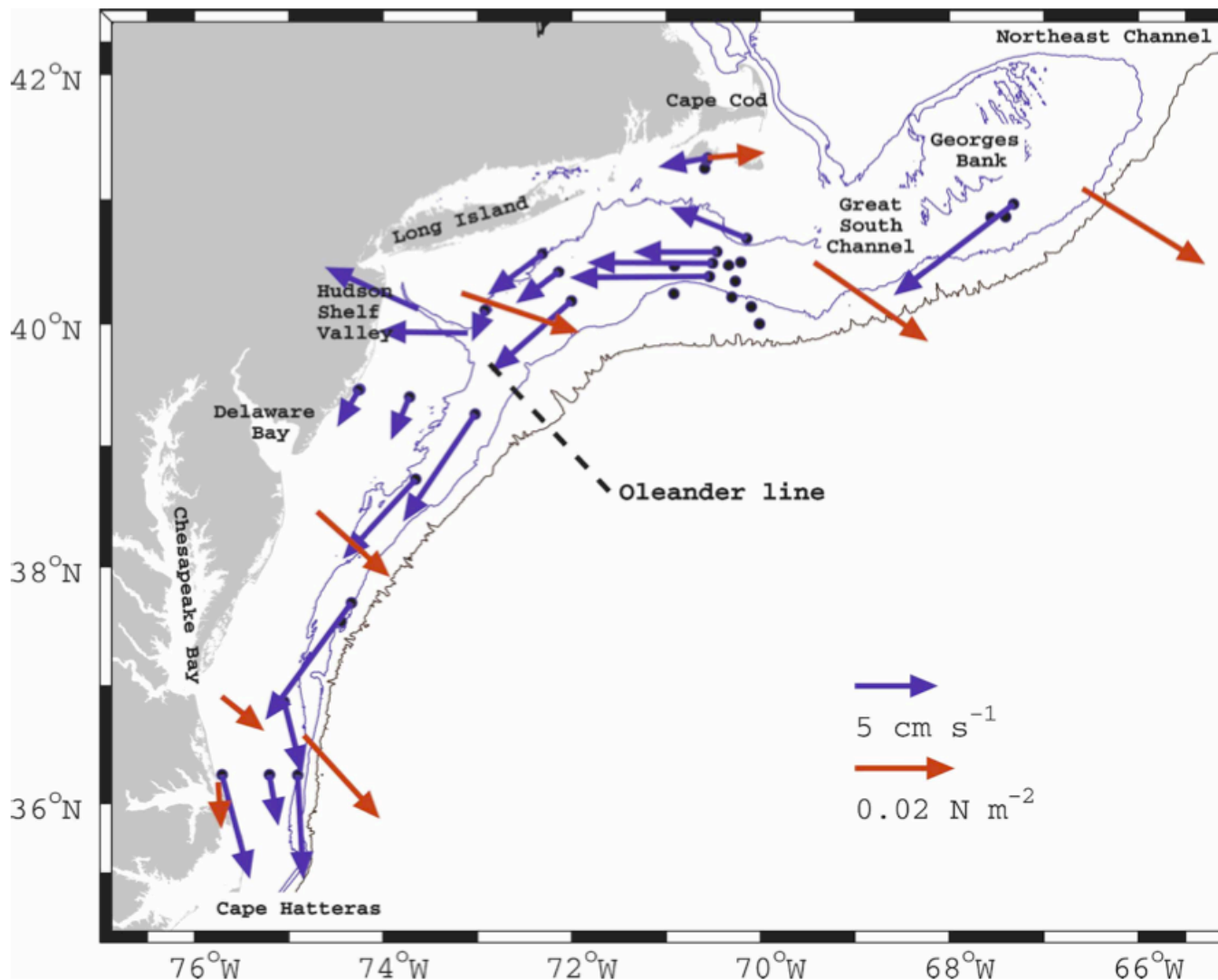


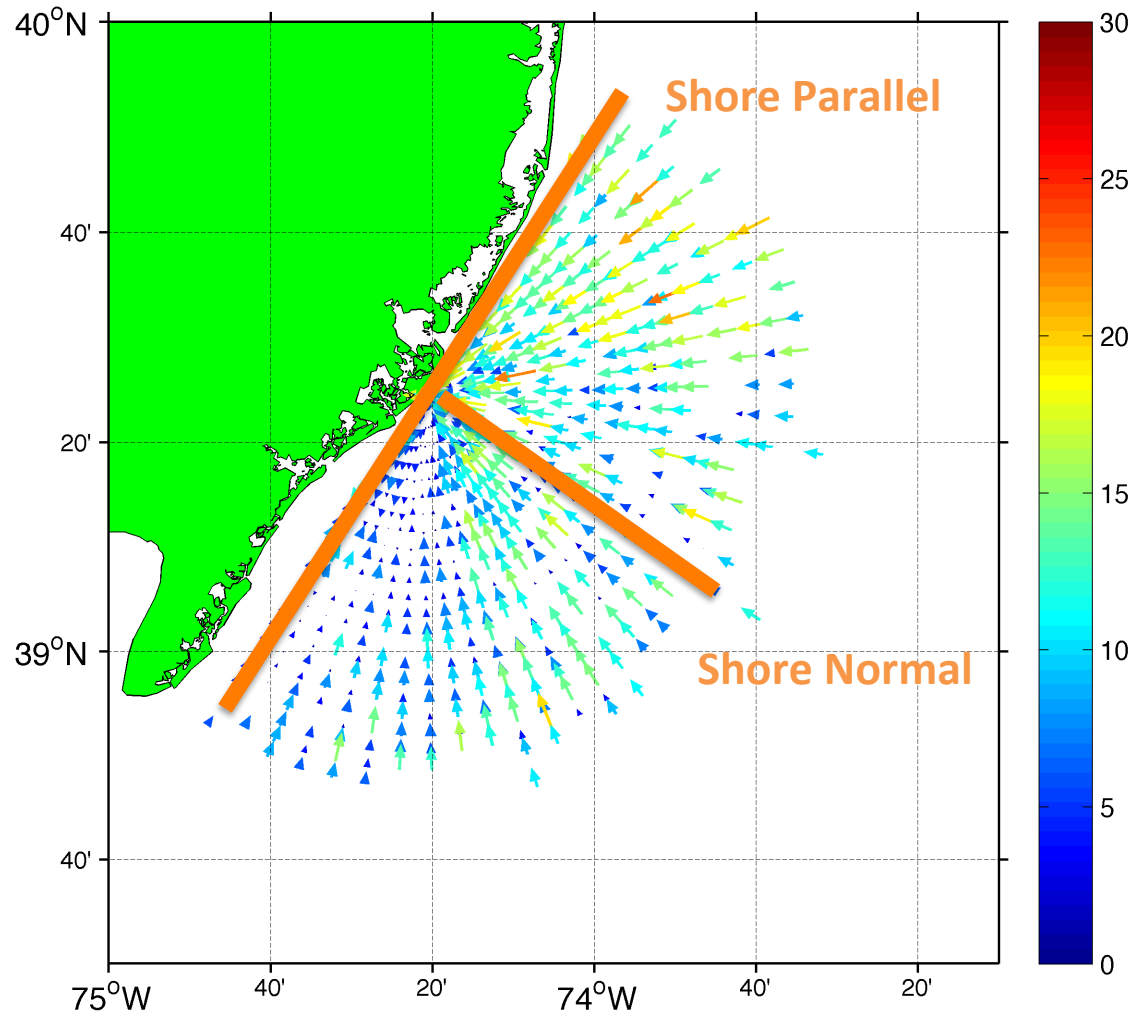
FIG. 1. Map of the Middle Atlantic Bight showing locations of current time series longer than 200 days, mean depth-averaged current vectors (blue), and mean wind stress vectors (red). For clarity, only selected mean current vectors are shown for sites south of Cape Cod and on the southern flank of Georges Bank. The 50-, 100-, and 1000-m isobaths, and the approximate location of the Oleander line (Flagg et al. 2006) are also shown.

# Radial Average Bearing

# Bearing

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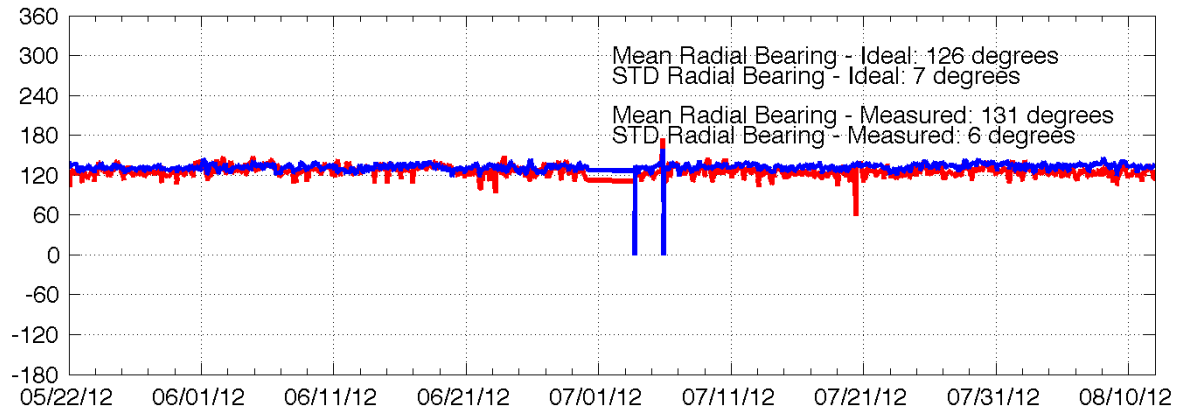
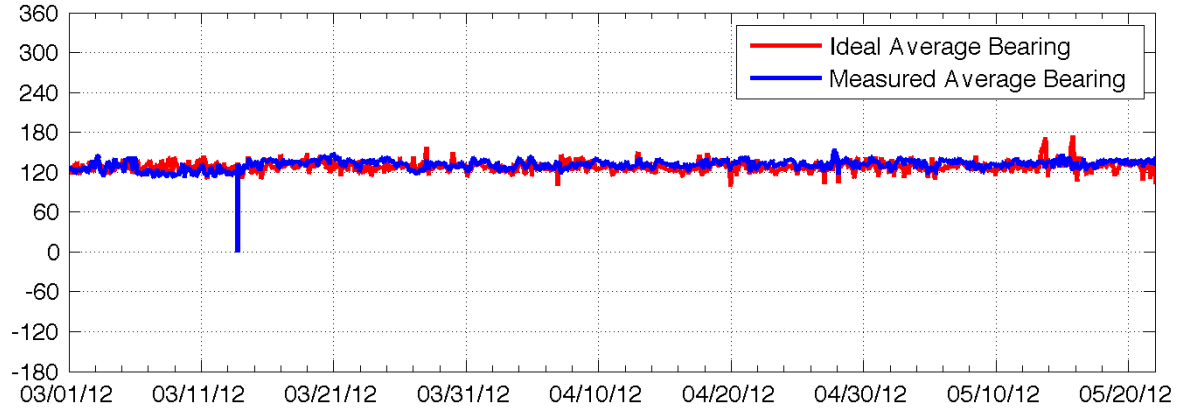
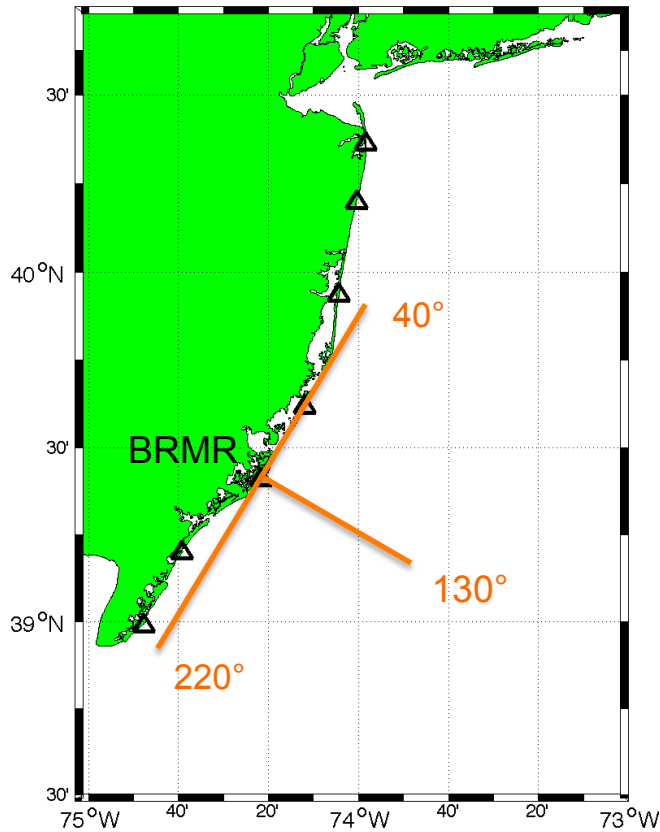
# Comparison Between Measured and Ideal Radials





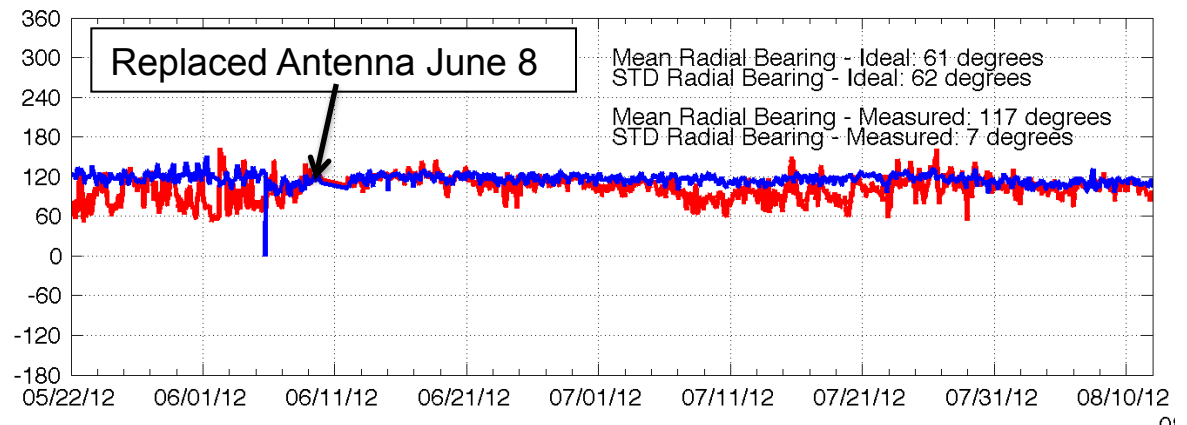
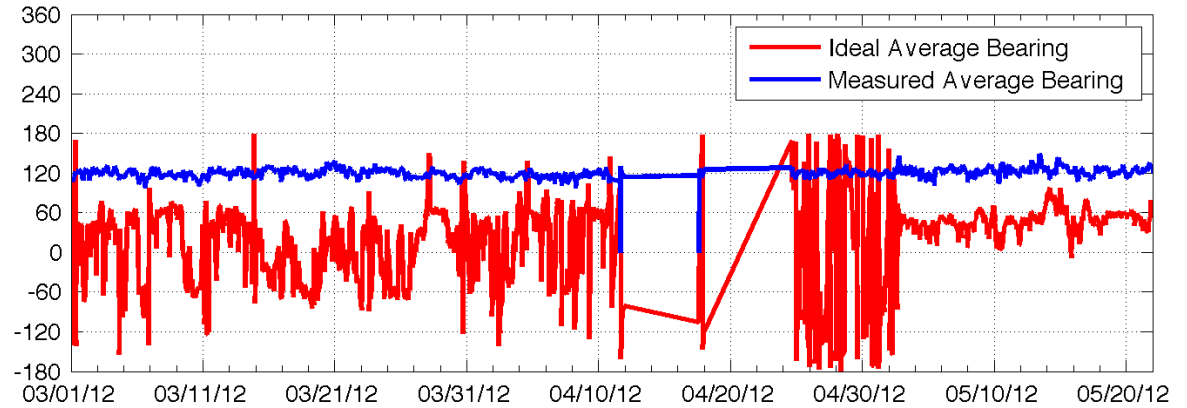
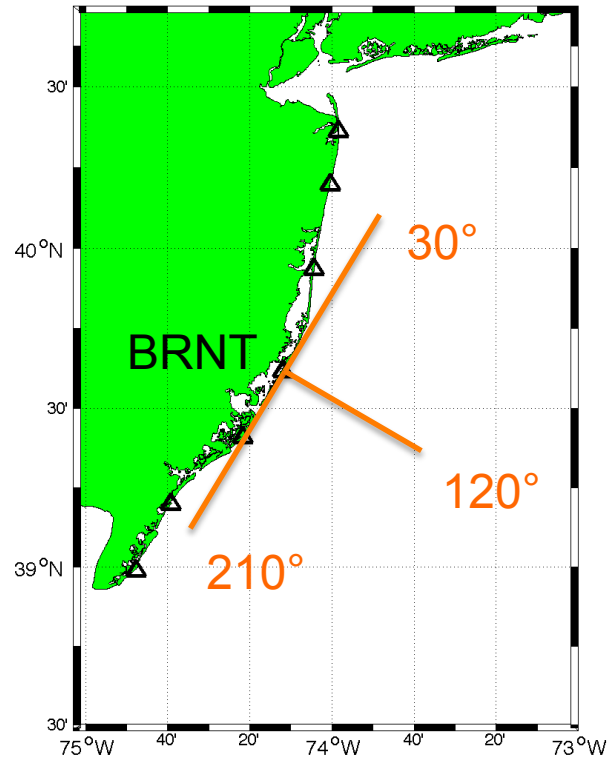
# BRMR Site

### Average Radial Bearing for 13 MHz Codar System at BRMR



# Antenna Problem at BRNT Site

## Average Radial Bearing for 13 MHz Codar System at BRNT



# CENTRAL AGGREGATION



# MARACOOS HF Radar Network Status: Active Systems

Network Home	LR Sites	MR Sites	SR Sites			
Site Code	System Type	Tx Frequency(MHz)	Latitude	Longitude	Latest Radial	Site Link
ASSA	LR	4.55	38.205	-75.1529	✓ RDLI_ASSA_2012_06_14_1800.ruv	
BLCK	LR	4.925	41.1527	-71.5509	✓ RDLI_BLCK_2012_06_14_1800.ruv	
BRIG	LR	4.75	39.4074	-74.3621	✓ RDLI_BRIG_2012_06_14_1800.ruv	
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DUCK	LR	4.537817	36.1803	-75.7501	✓ RDLI_DUCK_2012_06_14_1800.ruv	
HATY	LR	4.537818	35.2572	-75.5199	✓ RDLI_HATY_2012_06_14_1800.ruv	
HEMP	LR	4.513	40.586835	-73.590271	✓ RDLI_HEMP_2012_06_14_1800.ruv	
HOOK	LR	4.537183	40.4332	-73.9838	✓ RDLI_HOOK_2012_06_14_1800.ruv	
LISL	LR	4.55	36.6917	-75.9226	✓ RDLI_LISL_2012_06_14_1800.ruv	
LOVE	LR	4.537183	39.7362	-74.1171	ⓘ RDLI_LOVE_2012_05_22_1500.ruv	
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# Radial Database

- Central location to monitor region
- Automatic reprocessing of totals with new radials



# Administration of the Network by the Operators

## MARACOOS HF Radar Network Administration

Sites Totals People

Info

Sites

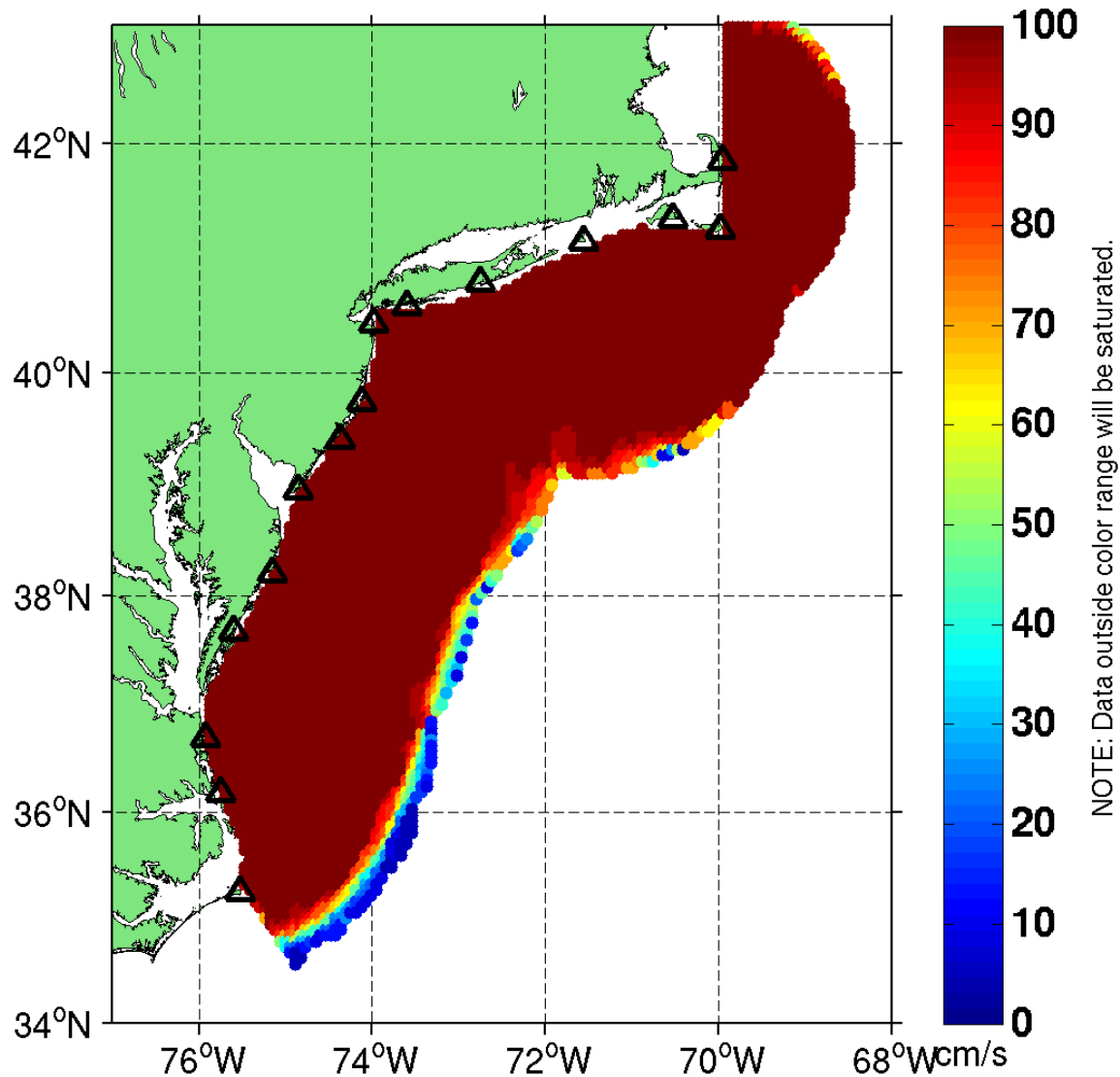
HF Radar Systems Long Range Medium Range Standard Range + New Site

Site	Location	Latitude	Longitude	System Type	Tx Frequency	Status	Mode	Region	Contact	Modify	Delete
ASSA	Assateague, VA	38.2050	-75.1529	LR	4.550 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Kerfoot, J		
BLCK	Block Island, RI	41.1527	-71.5509	LR	4.9250 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Jakubiak, C		
BRIG	Brigantine, NJ	39.4074	-74.3621	LR	4.750 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Handel, E		
CEDR	Cedar Island, VA	37.6729	-75.5923	LR	4.97950 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Garner, T		
DUCK	Duck Island, NC	36.1803	-75.7501	LR	4.5378170 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Muglia, M		
HATY	Cape Hatteras, NC	35.2572	-75.5199	LR	4.5378180 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Muglia, M		
HEMP	Hempstead, NY	40.5868	-73.5903	LR	4.5130 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Handel, E		
HOOK	Sandy Hook, NJ	40.4332	-73.9838	LR	4.5371830 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Handel, E		
LISL	Little Island Park, VA	36.6917	-75.9226	LR	4.550 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Garner, T		
LOVE	Loveladies, NJ	39.7362	-74.1171	LR	4.5371830 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Handel, E		
MRCH	East Moriches, NY	40.7887	-72.7455	LR	4.780 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Handel, E		
MVCO	Martha's Vineyard, MA	41.3498	-70.5268	LR	5.60 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Jakubiak, C		
NANT	Nantucket Island, MA	41.2498	-69.9719	LR	5.350 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Jakubiak, C		
NAUS	Nauset, MA	41.8438	-69.9478	LR	4.780 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Handel, E		
WILD	Wildwood, NJ	38.9877	-74.7931	LR	4.5371830 MHz	Active	Monostatic	MARACOOS	Handel, E		



# MARA OI Coverage, 24 possible hourly maps

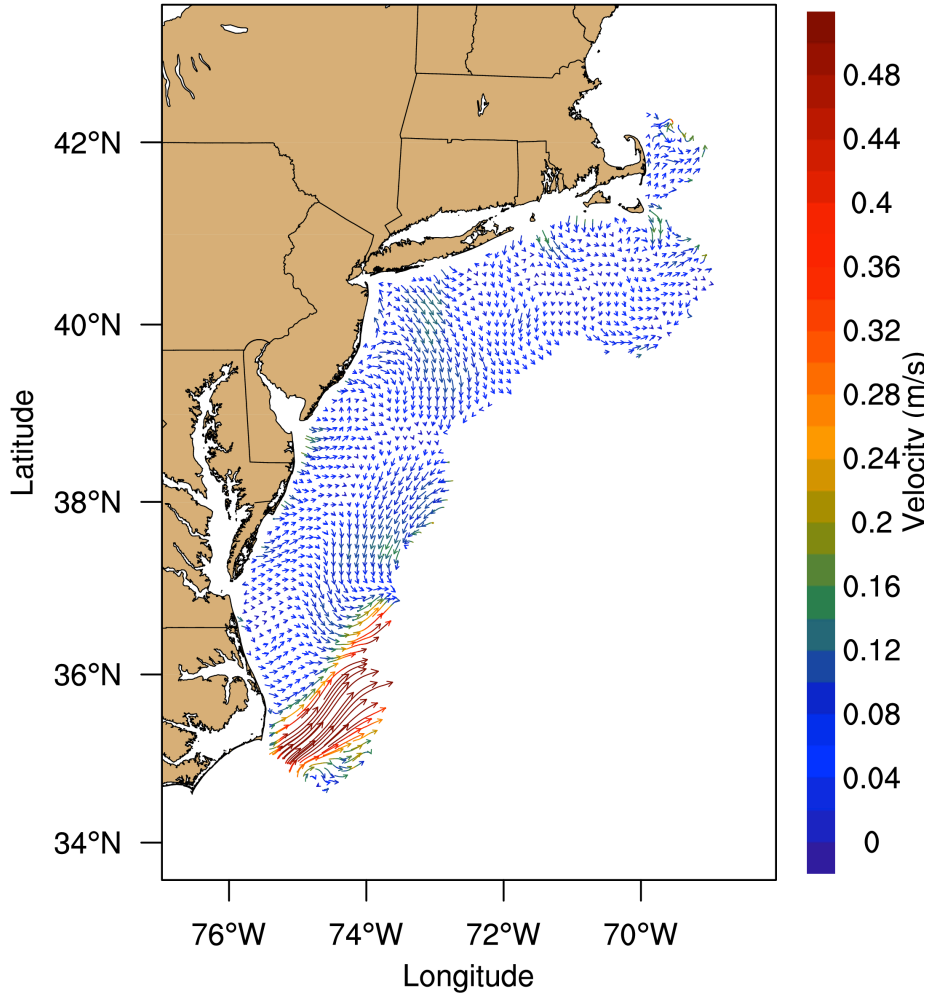
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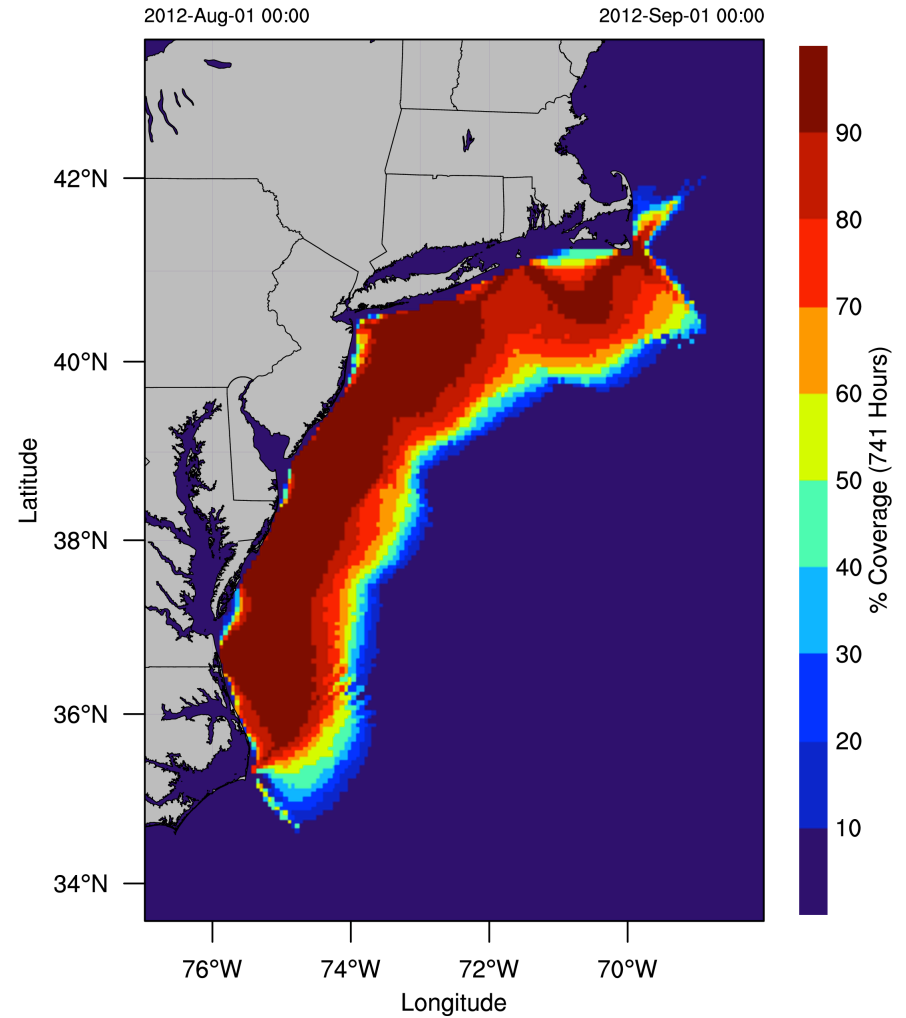
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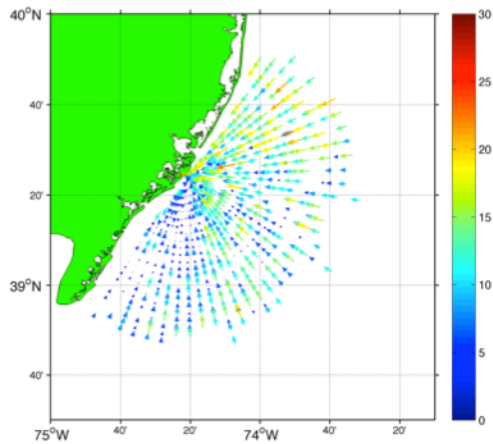
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HF Radar Vector Coverage

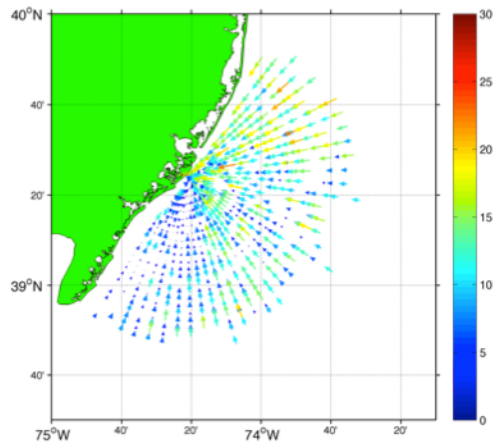


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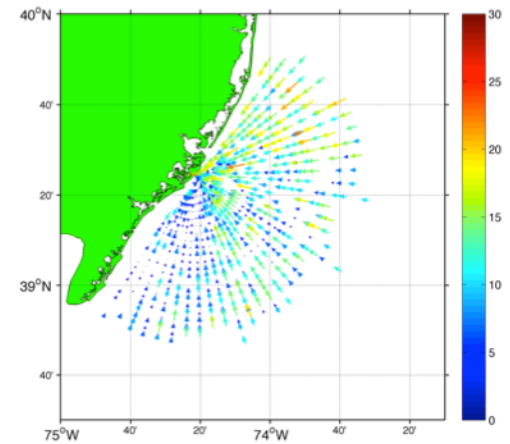
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5 cm/s



RDLi\_BRMR\_2012\_08\_1400

7 cm/s

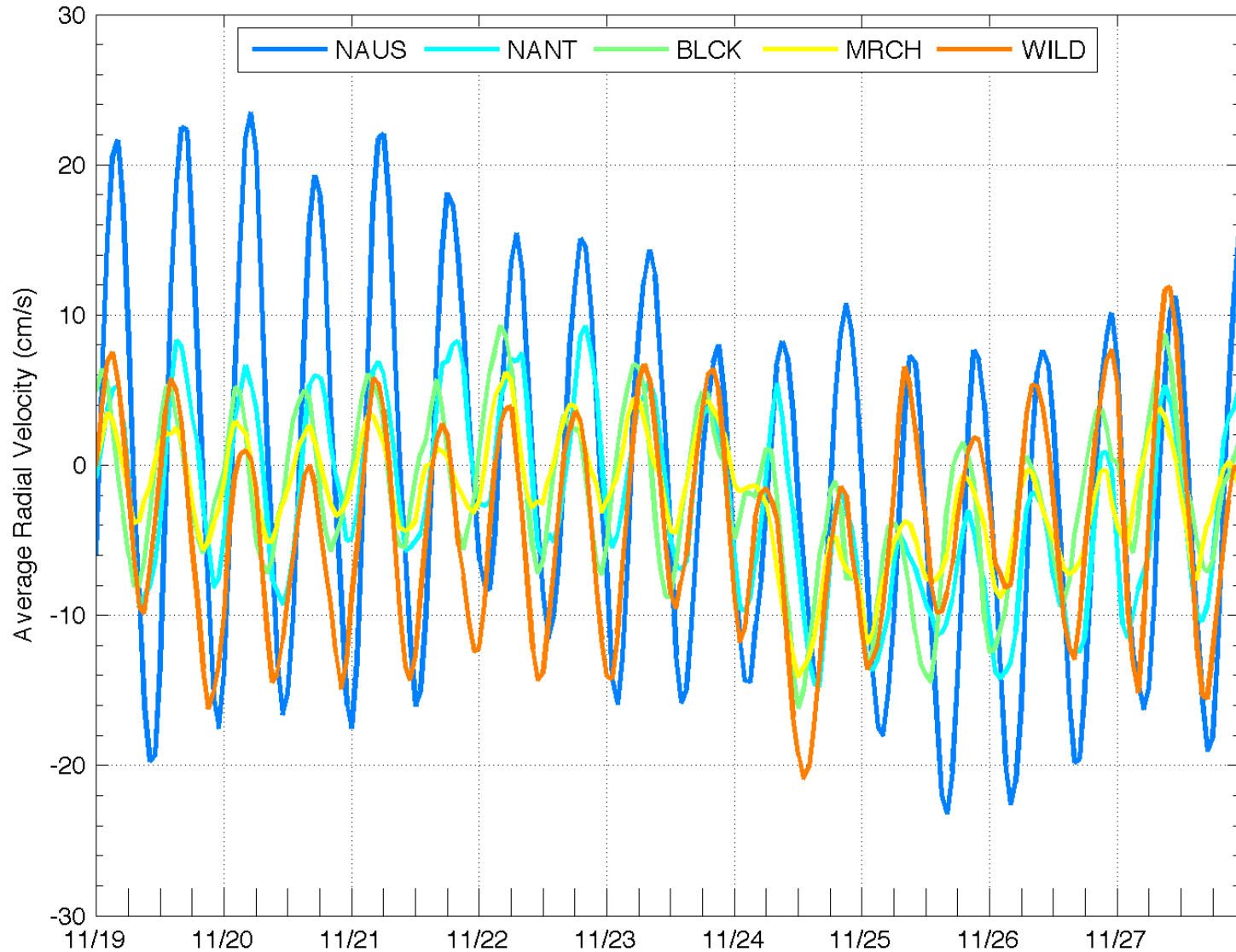


RDLi\_BRMR\_2012\_08\_1500

10 cm/s



Average Radial Velocity for Three Hour Data

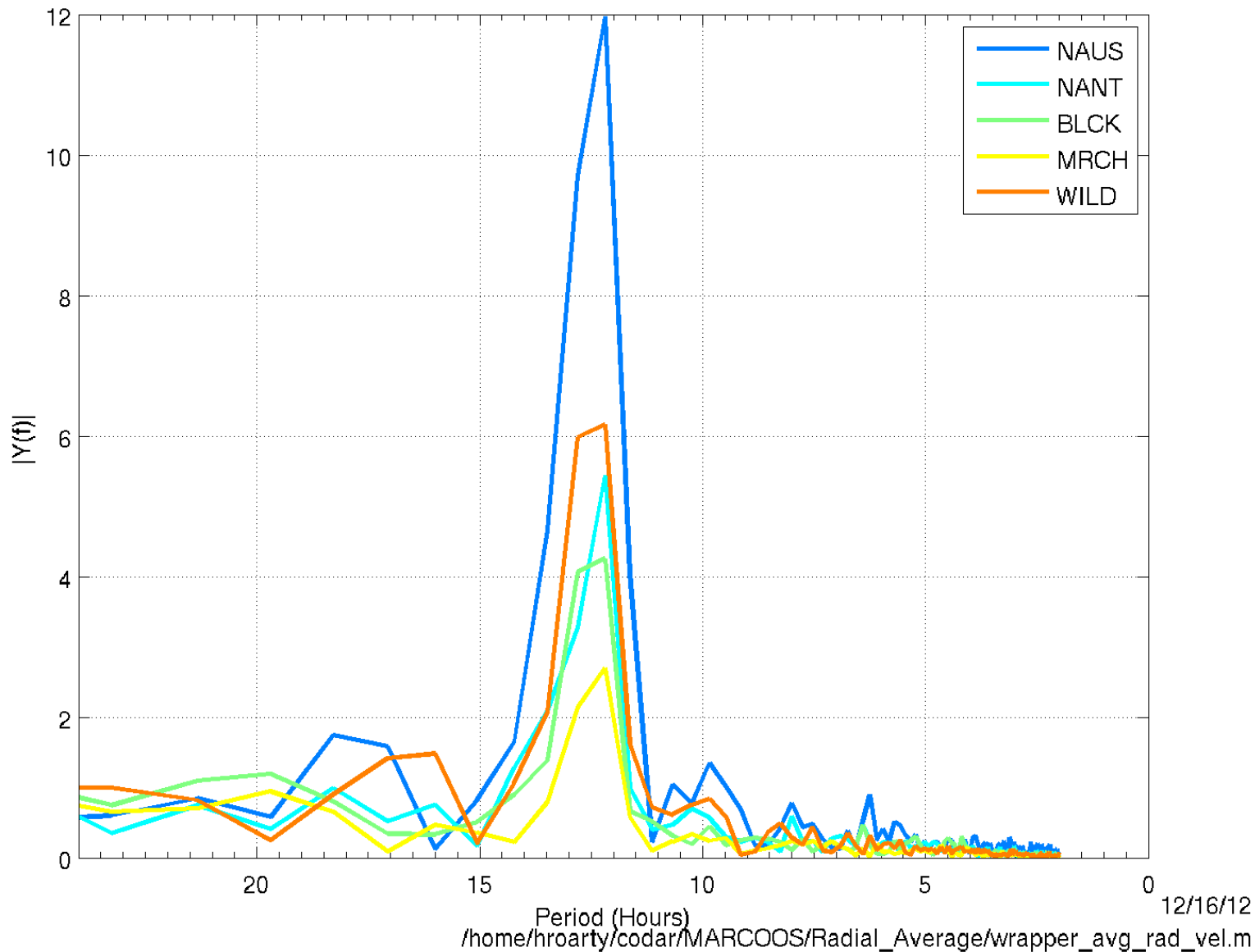


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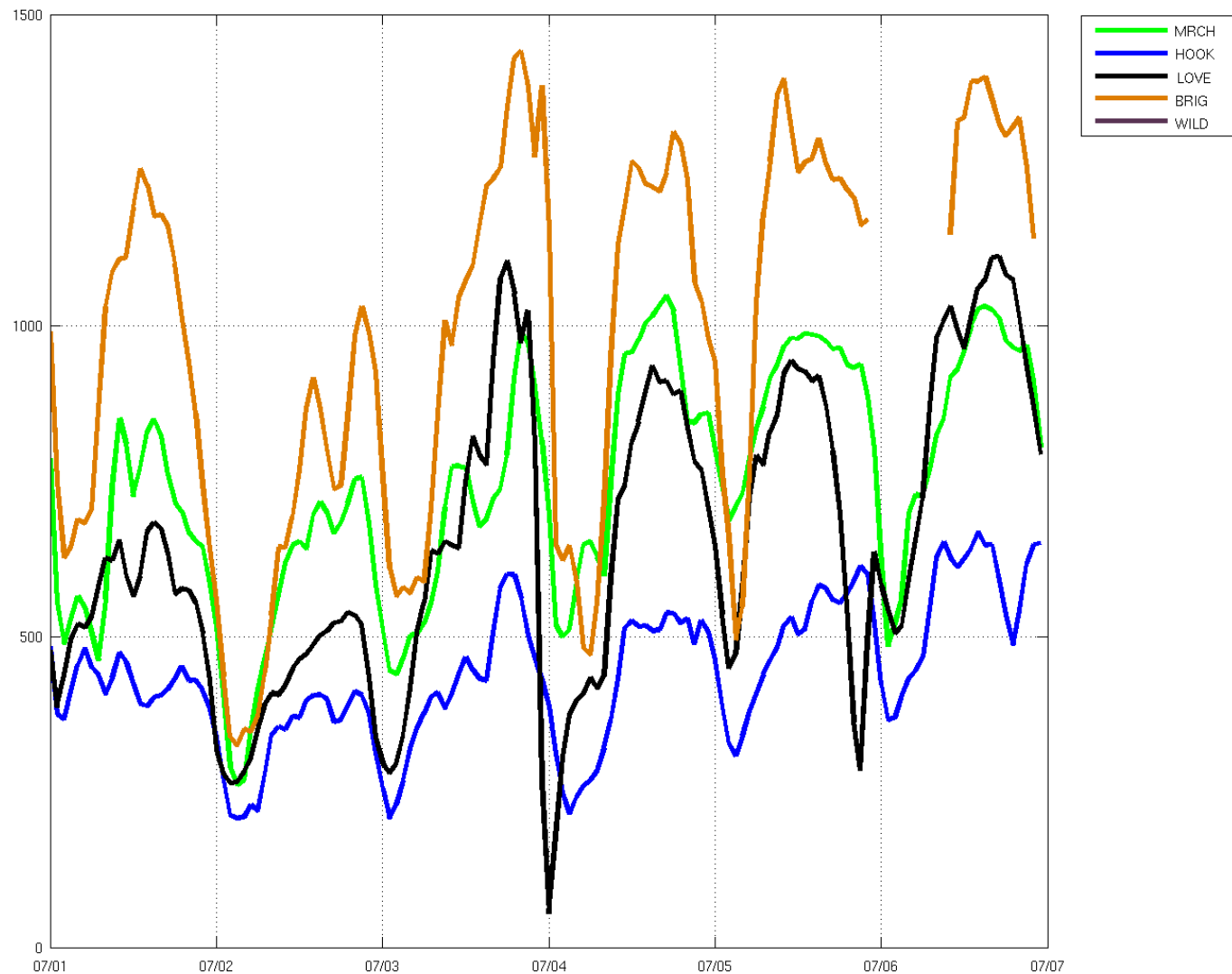
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Single-Sided Amplitude Spectrum of y(t)



# Number of Radials vs. Time

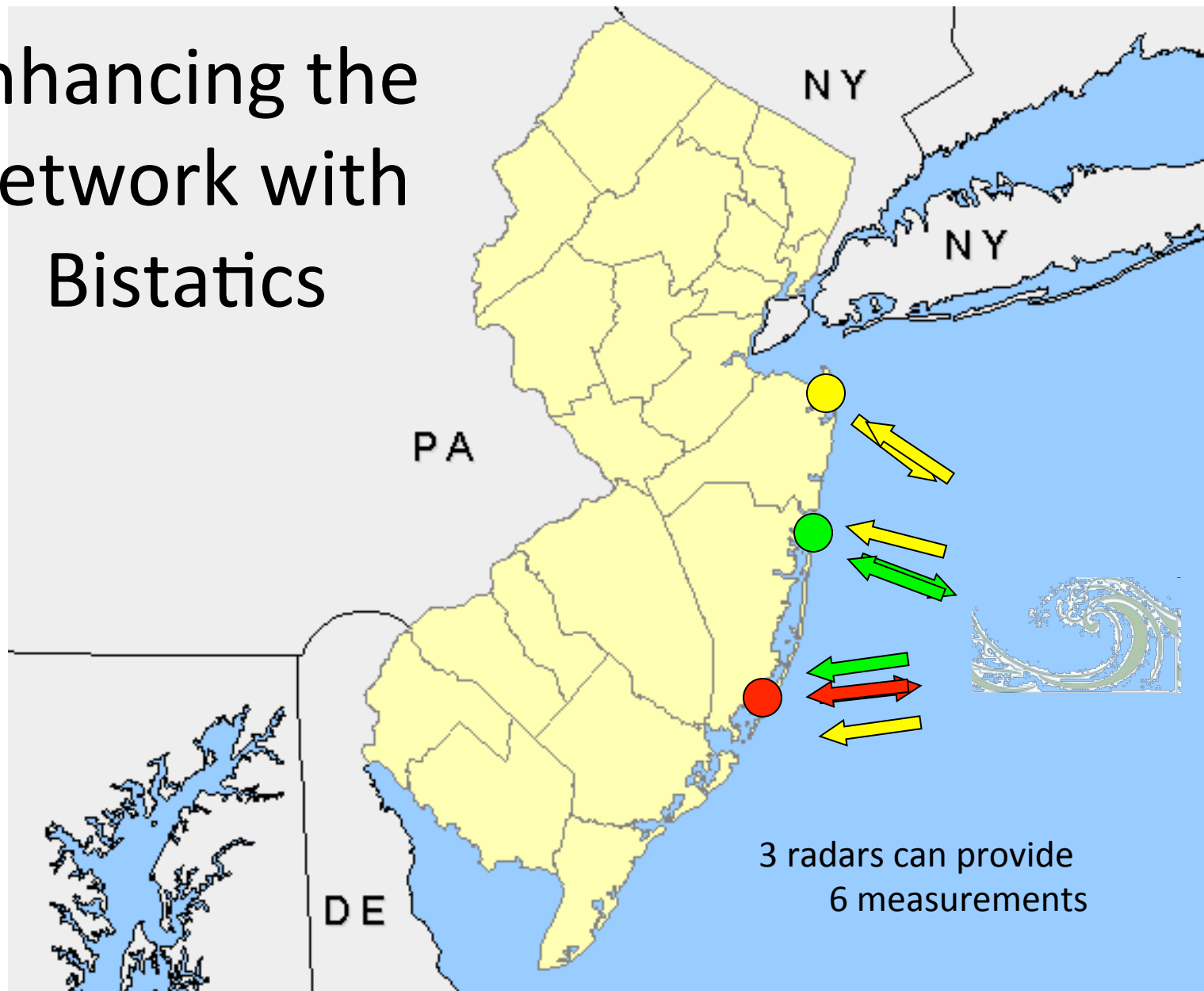


# BISTATICS FOR SURFACE CURRENTS

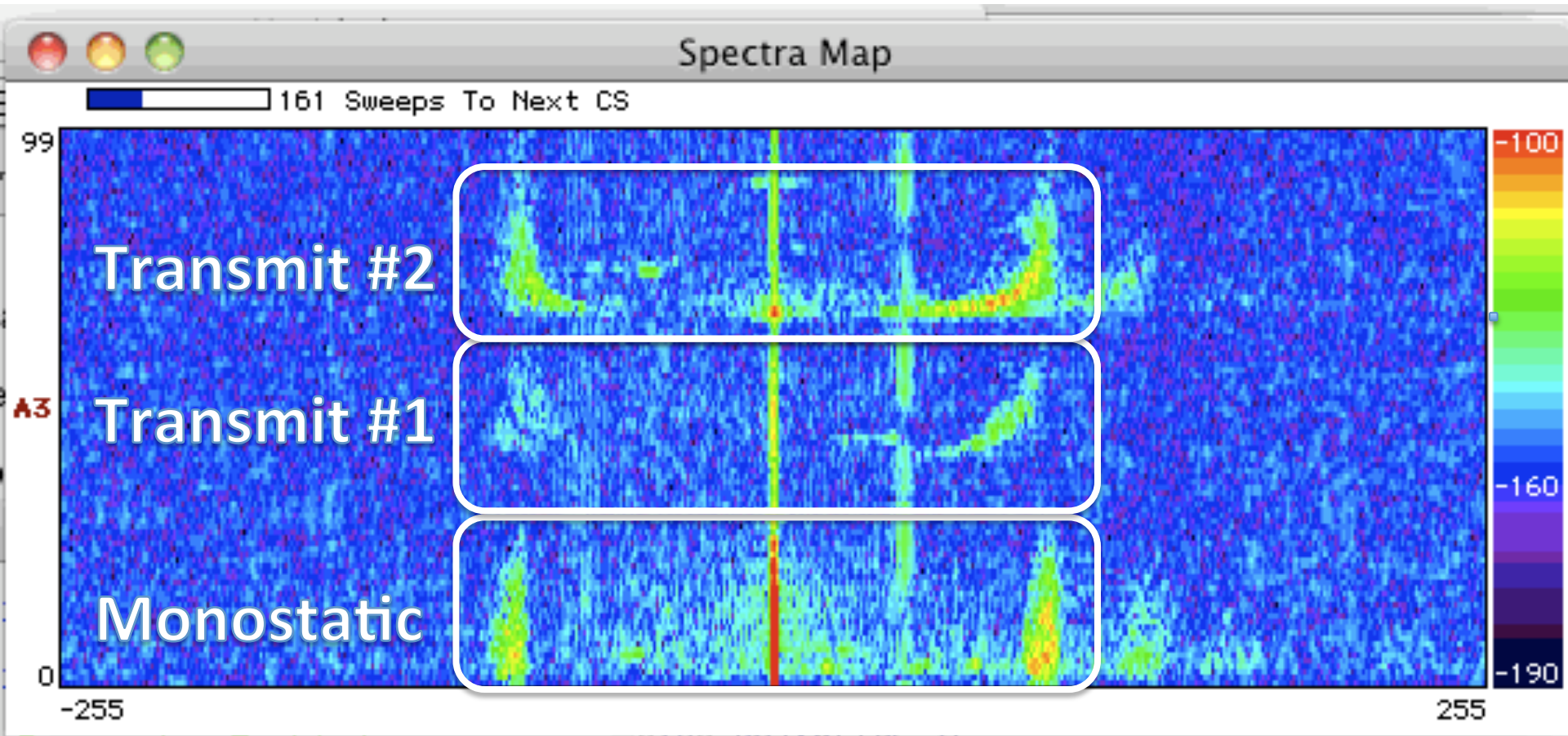




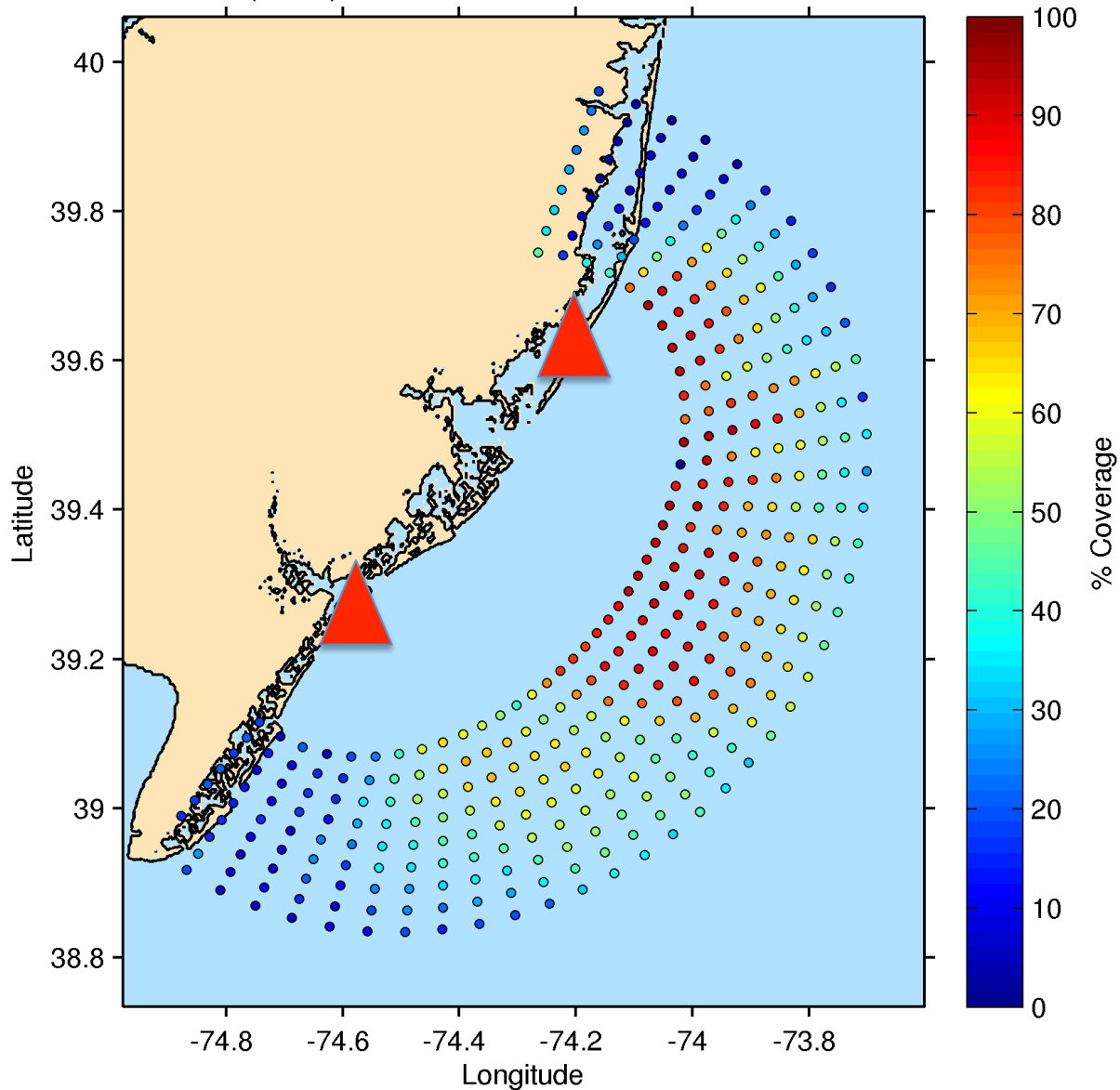
# Enhancing the Network with Bistatics



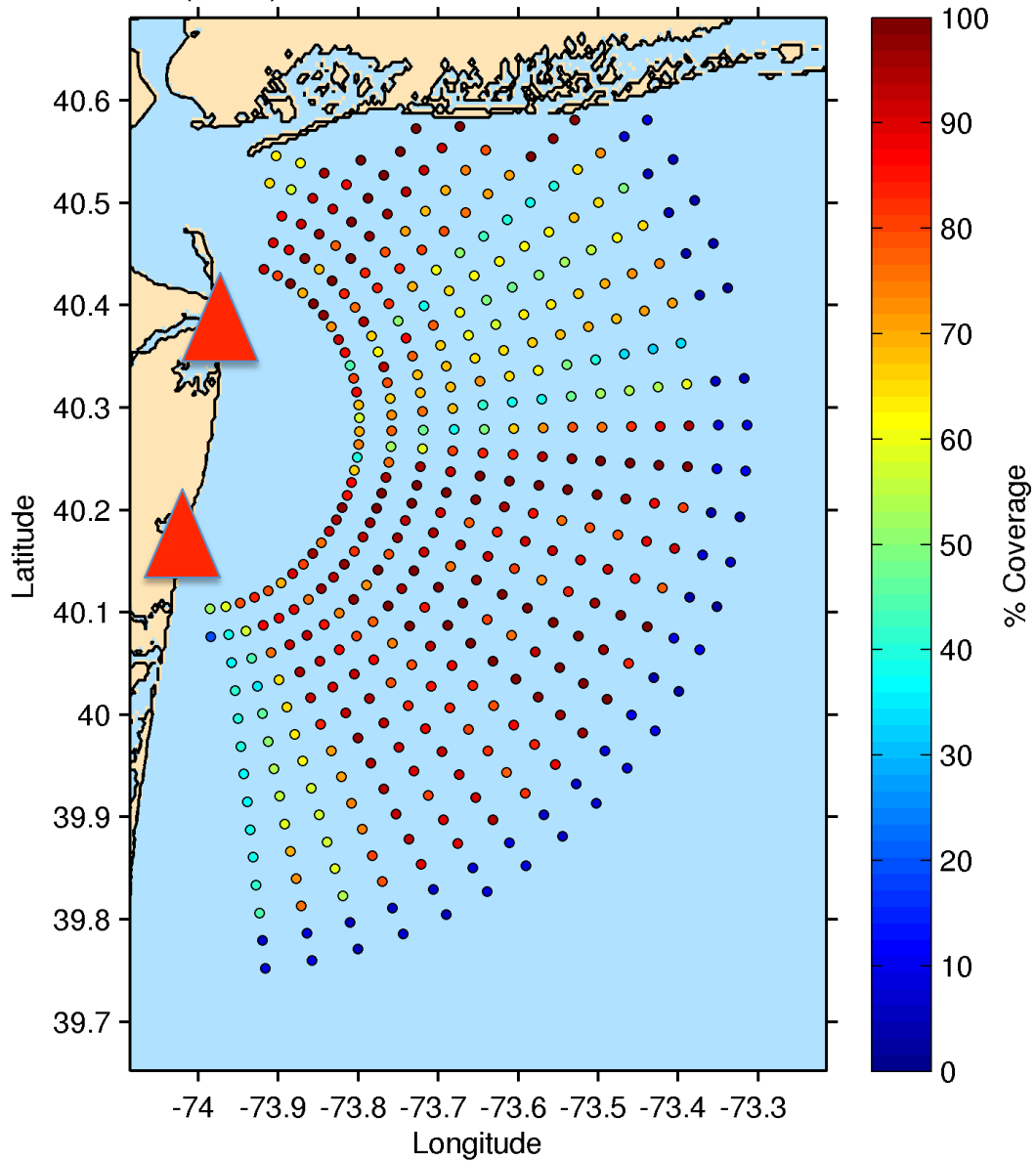
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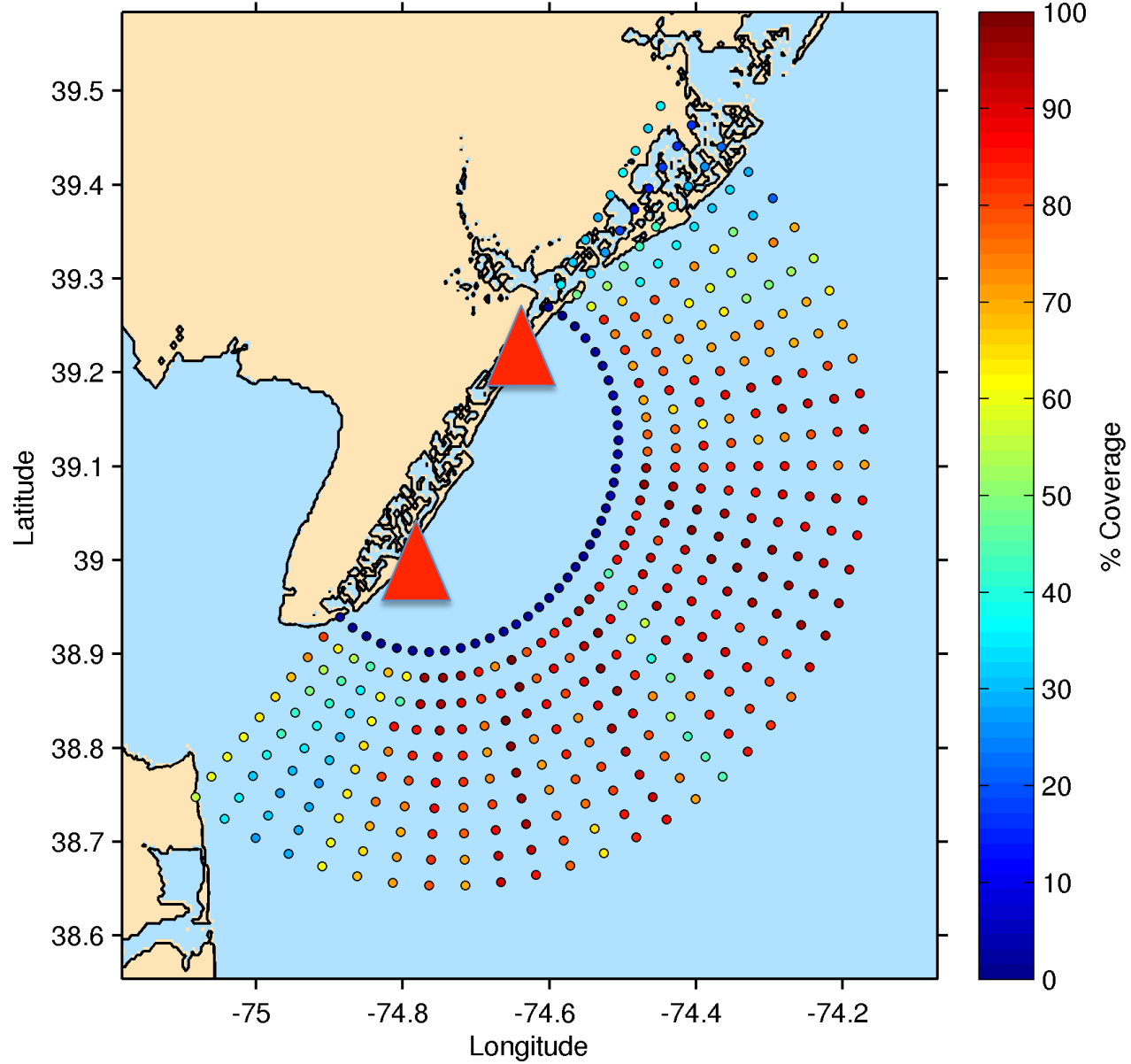


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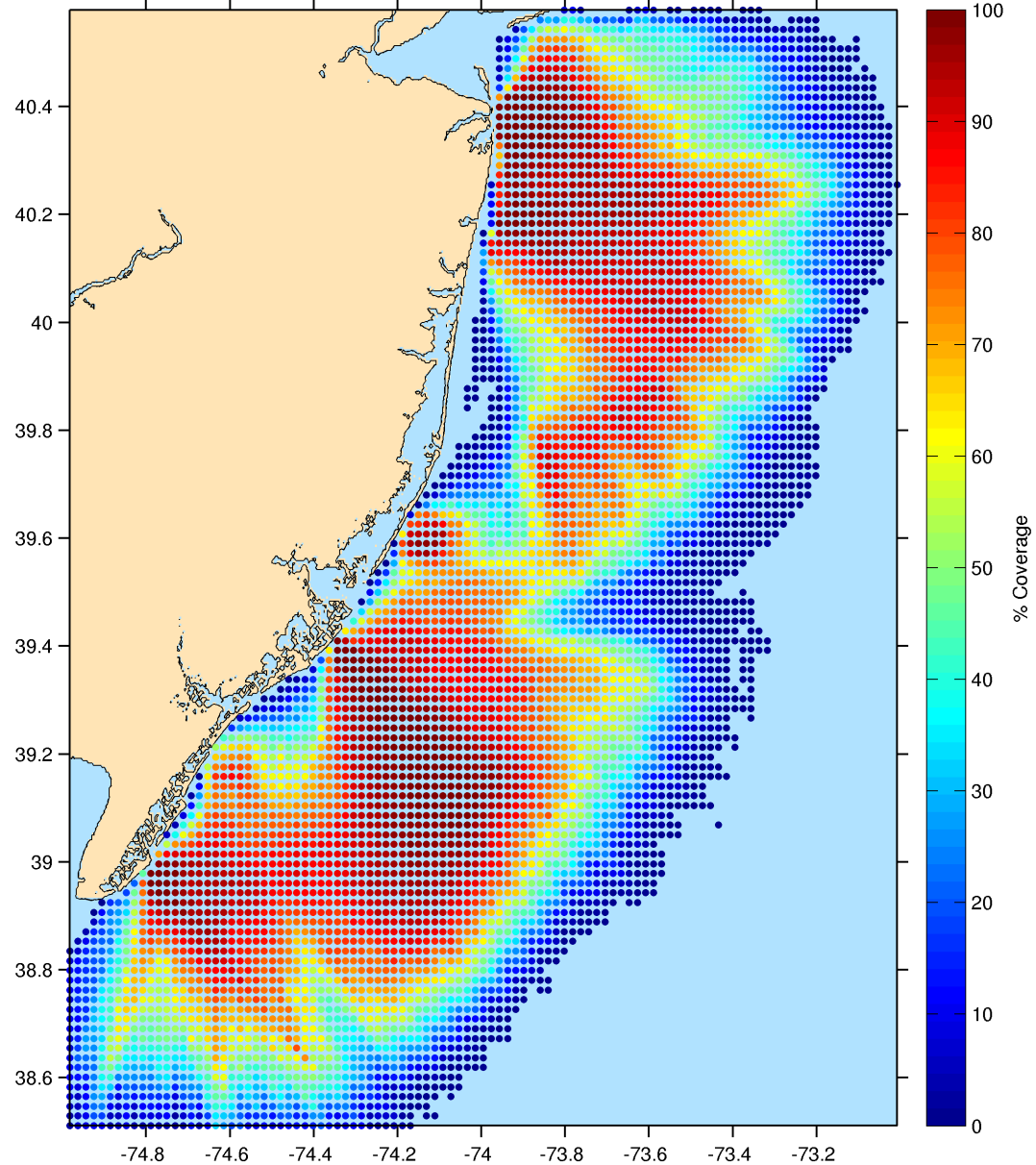
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# Total Surface Currents

Three Weeks

August 30 – September 20, 2013

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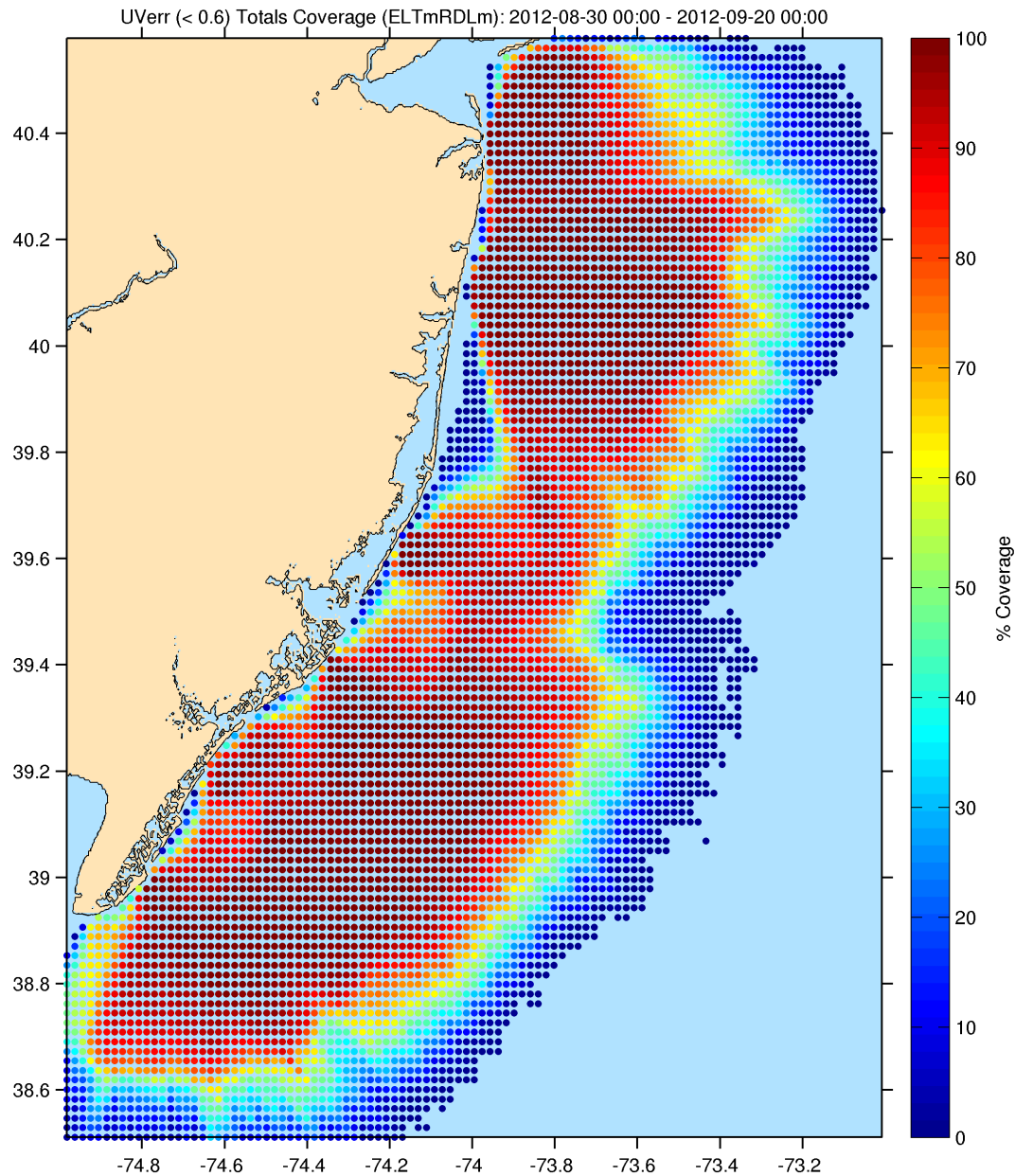


# Total Surface Currents

Three Weeks

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## Radials & Ellipticals



# APPLICATION: SEARCH AND RESCUE



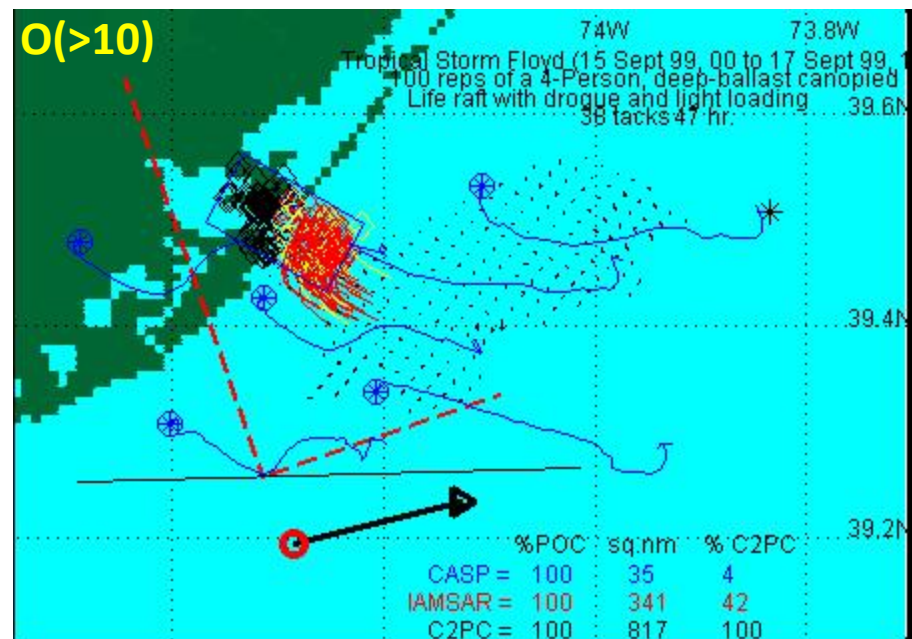
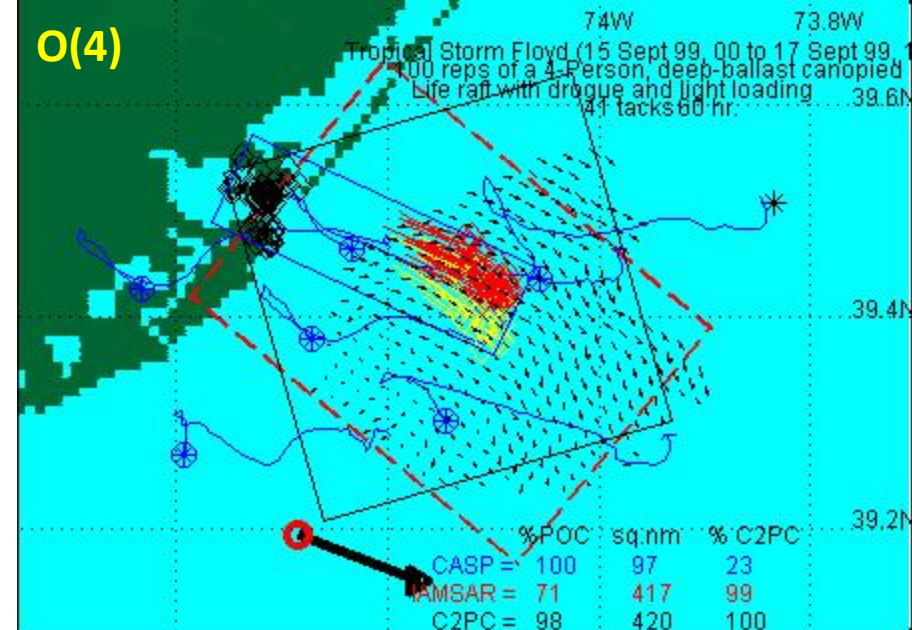
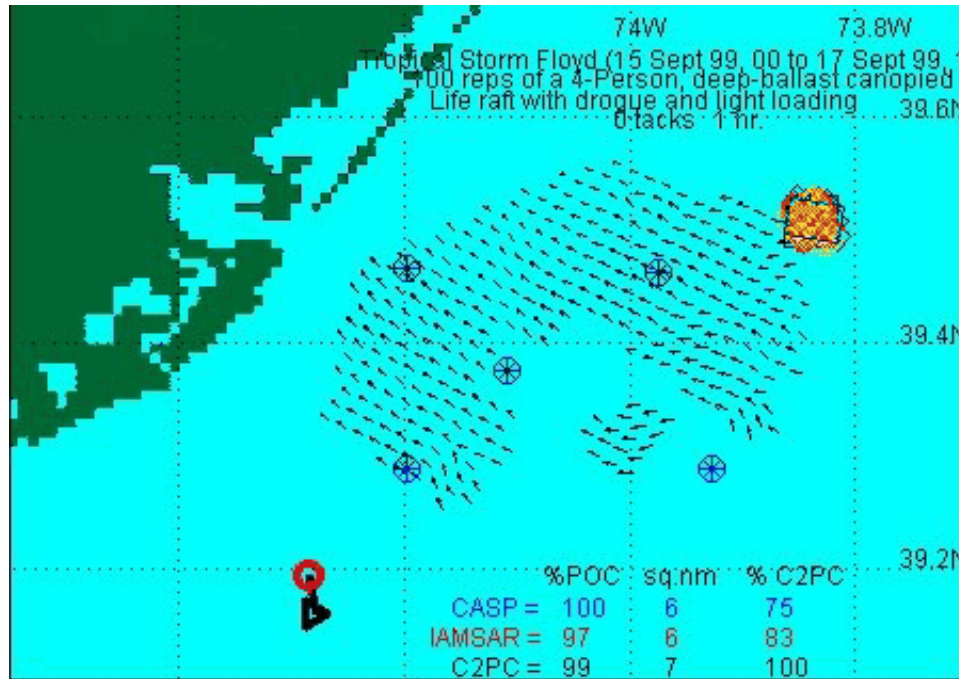


# Application to Search and Rescue

## United States Coast Guard

### Office of Search and Rescue

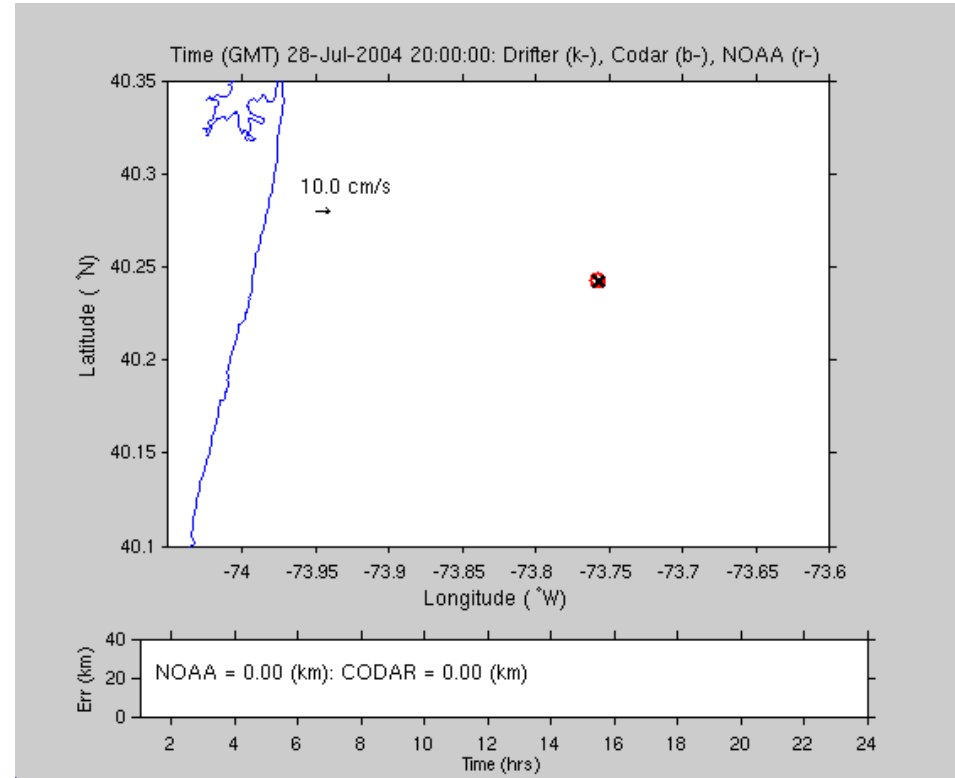
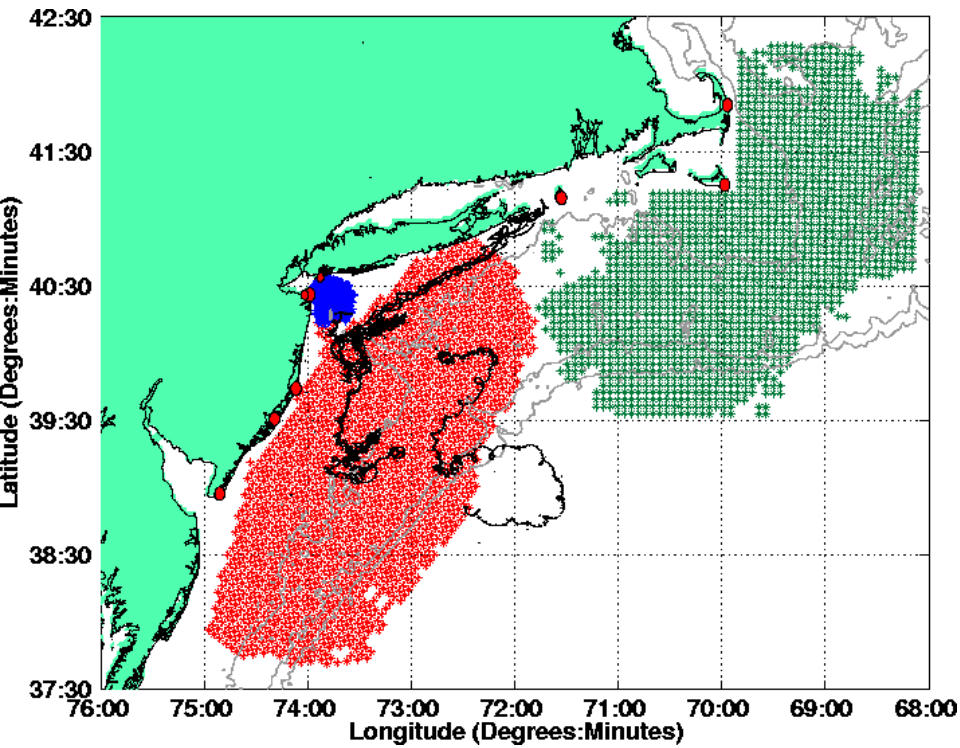
#### Point measurement vs. Field of measurements: Hurricane Floyd Simulation



Search area reduced by factor of 4 (>10)

Courtesy Art Allen, USCG Office of SAR

# Status 2004



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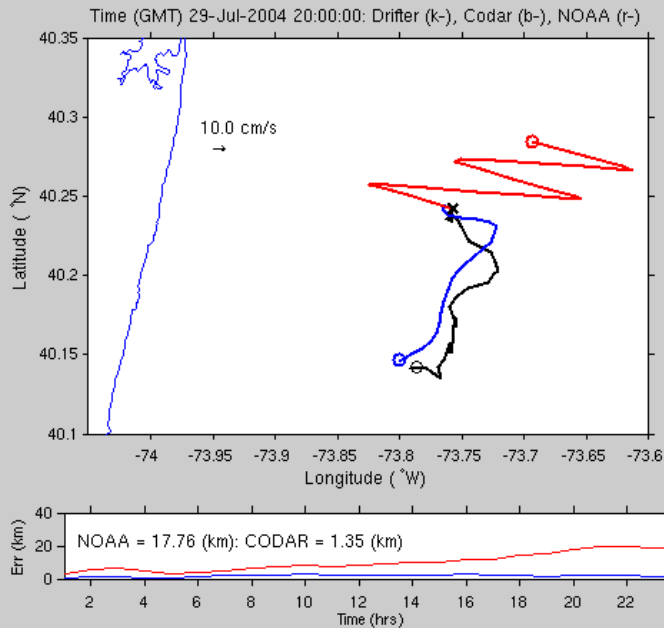
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**INTEGRATION OF COASTAL OCEAN DYNAMICS  
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ESTIMATES INTO THE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPTIMAL  
PLANNING SYSTEM (SAROPS)**

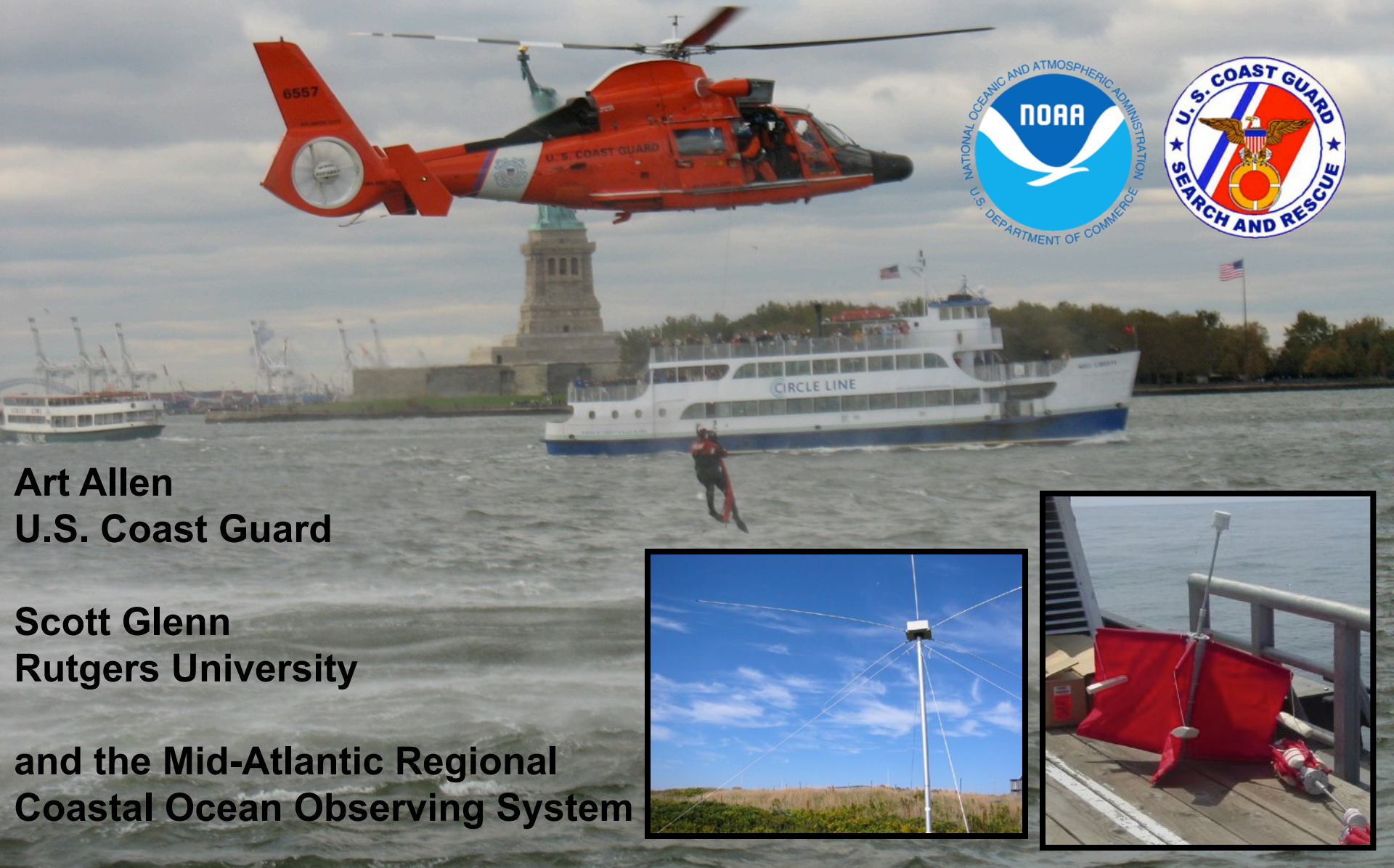


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## Optimizing HF Radar for SAR using USCG Surface Drifters



**Art Allen**  
U.S. Coast Guard

**Scott Glenn**  
Rutgers University

and the Mid-Atlantic Regional  
Coastal Ocean Observing System



# May 4, 2009: After a year of testing, NOAA Announces on U.S. Department of Commerce Website that MARACOOS CODAR is Operational in SAROPS

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### Top News

**NOAA, U.S. Coast Guard: New Ocean Current data to Improve Search and Rescue Activities**  
*Washington (May 4)*—A new set of ocean observing data that enhances the ability to track probable paths of victims and drifting survivor craft should improve search and rescue efforts along the U.S. coast. The data comes from the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®), part of a joint effort among NOAA, the Mid-Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Department of Homeland Security. The new data sets include surface current maps from high frequency radar systems. [\(More\)](#)

**Secretary Locke Sworn in at White House Ceremony by Vice President Biden**  
*Washington (May 1)*—U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke and U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius were sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden in ceremonies at the White House. President Barack Obama also attended the ceremonial swearing-in event in the East Room. "My Cabinet is now full of energetic innovators like Kathleen and Gary. . . I am thrilled to have them by my side as we continue the work of turning our economy around and laying a new foundation for growth that delivers on the change the American people asked for, and the promise of a new and better day ahead," President Obama said. Locke, a key member of the President's economic team, is the department's 36th Secretary, leading its 12 agencies and bureaus and more than 52,000 employees. [\(President's Remarks\)](#)

**Secretary Locke Discusses Trade Promotion Agreement with Colombian Minister for Trade**  
*Washington (May 1)*—U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke hosted a meeting with Colombia's Minister for Trade, Industry and Tourism, Luis Guillermo Plata, at the Commerce Department today. This was the first meeting between Minister Plata and Secretary Locke. The Secretary and Minister Plata reaffirmed the commitment of both governments to move forward on progress towards the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement. The two leaders also underscored the importance of building stronger business ties through activities like joint cooperation in trade capacity-building for small- and medium-sized enterprises and good governance programs. [\(More\)](#)

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U.S. IOOS Goal for 2010-2011: Bring all sustained regional-scale HFR networks up to operational status in USCG SAROPS

3 West Coast Regions for California & Oregon



# Status September 2009

- What is the benefit/value of HF radar data in Coast Guard search tool?



# HF Radar

vs

# HYbrid Coordinate Ocean Model or (HYCOM)

- High Confidence (HF Radar)
  - sigma (1 std dev) = 0.22 knots
  - Tau (half life) = 264 minutes
- Low Confidence (HYCOM)
  - sigma (1 std dev) = 0.37 knots
  - Tau (half life) = 264 minutes
- Number of particles = 5000
- SLDMB 39029

Date

Time

22 July 2009

00 hours

23 July 2009

24 hours

24 July 2009

48 hours

25 July 2009

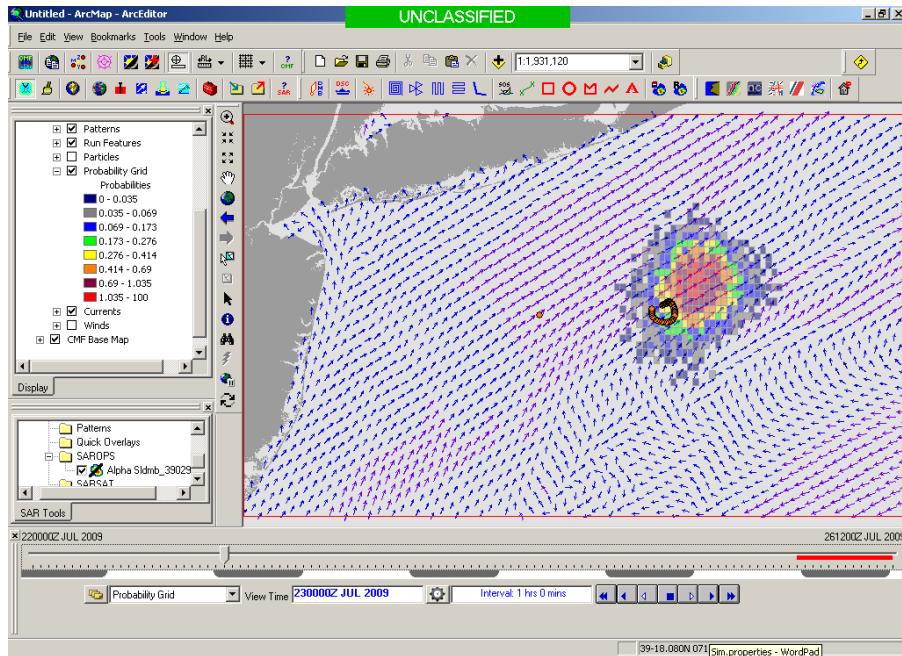
72 hours

26 July 2009

96 hours

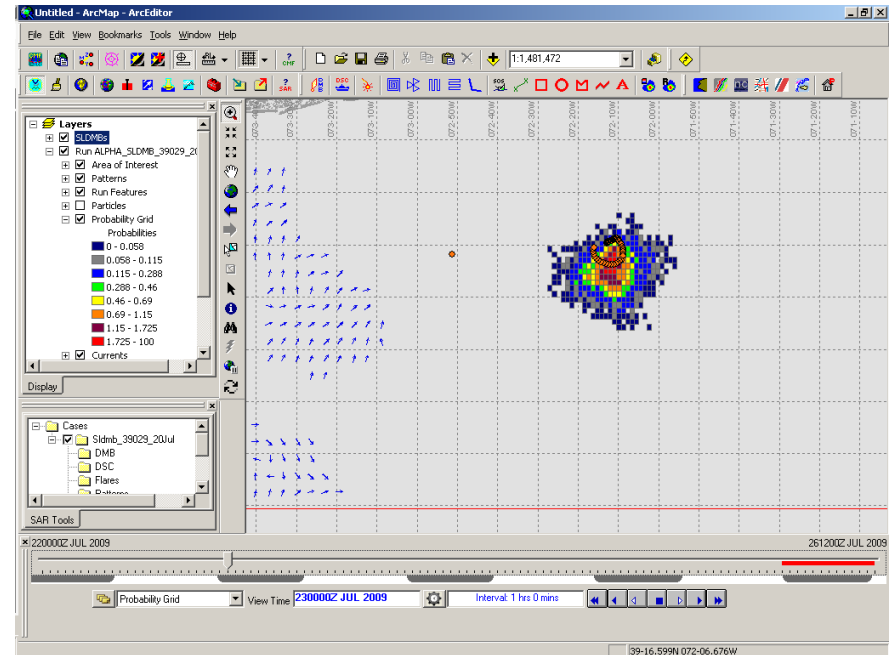


# 24 Hours Into Search



HYCOM

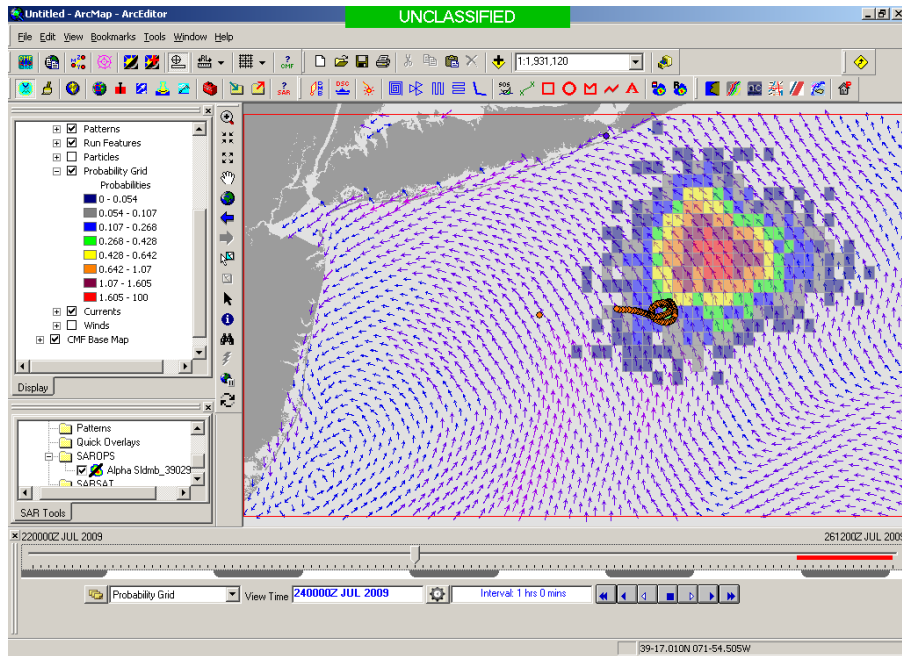
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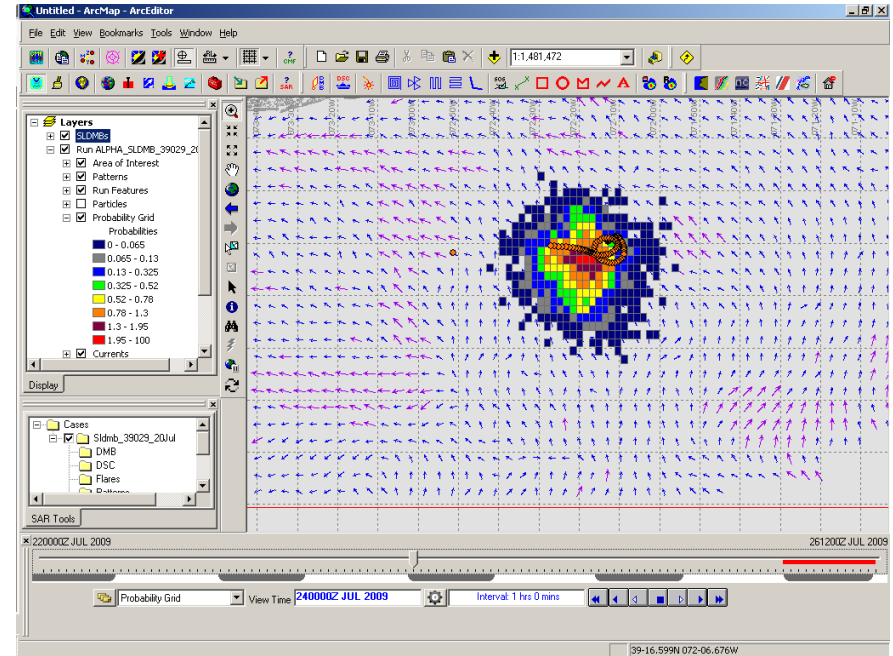
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High Confidence

# 48 Hours Into Search

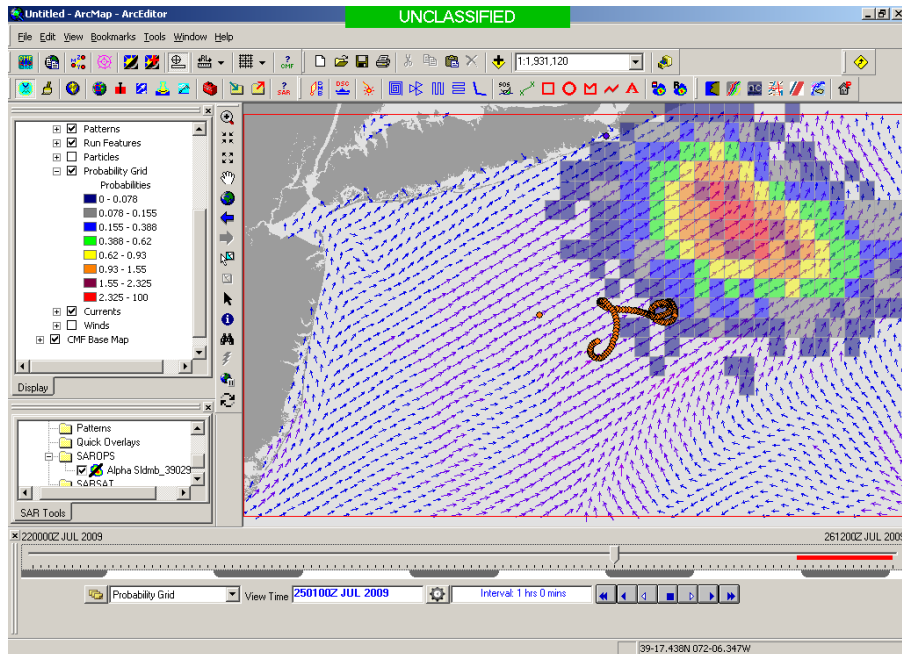


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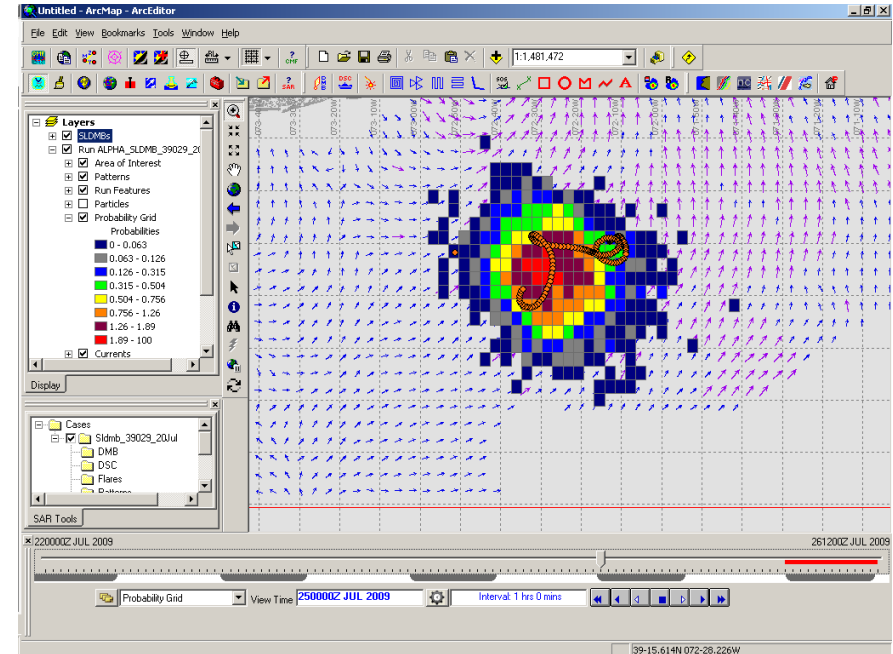


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# 72 Hours Into Search



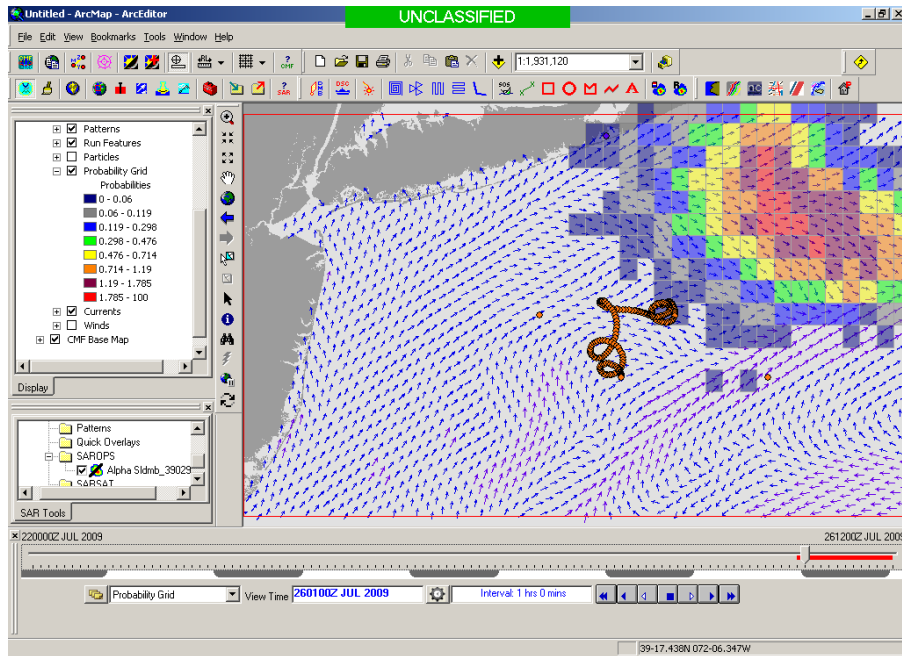
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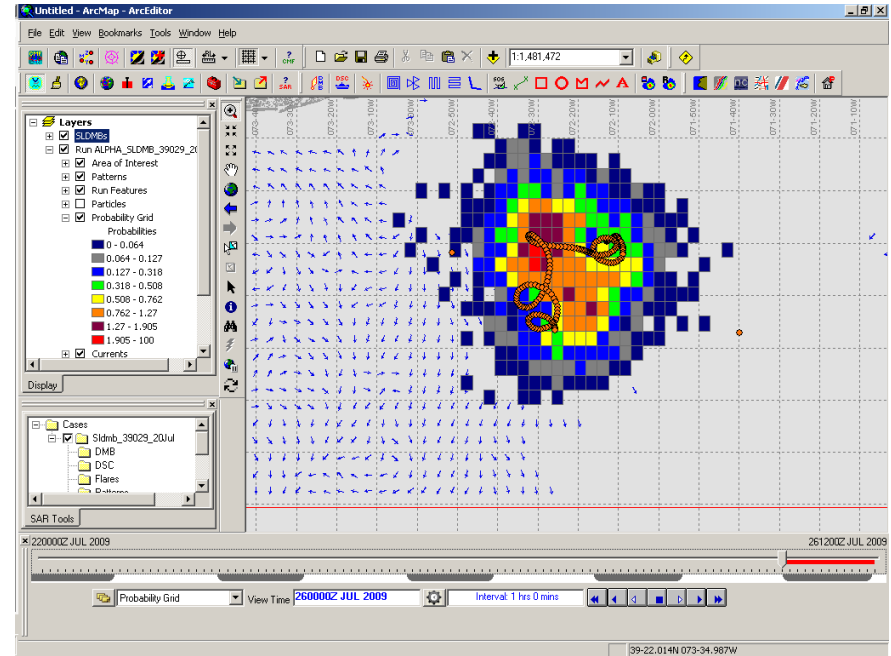
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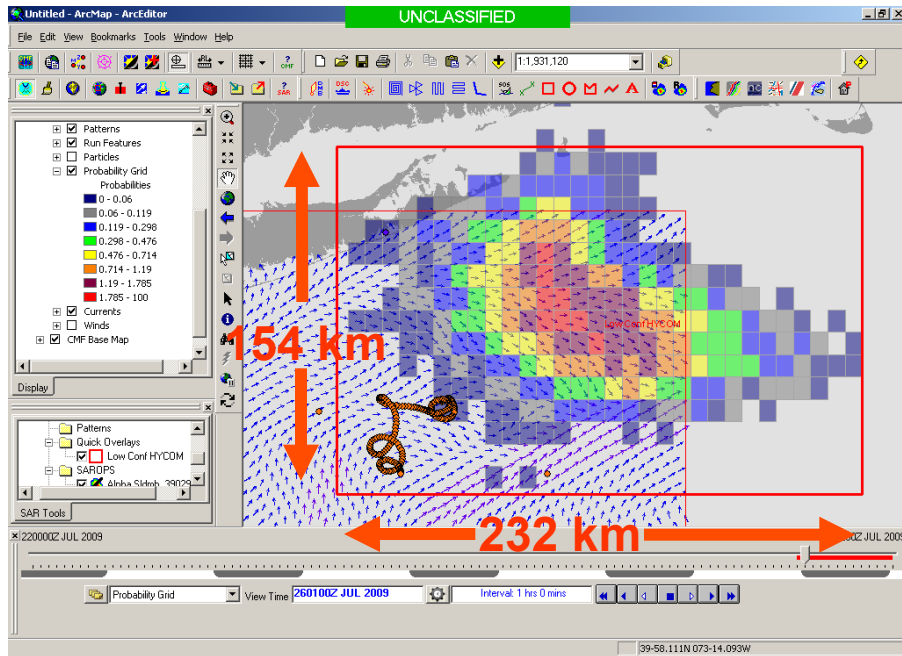


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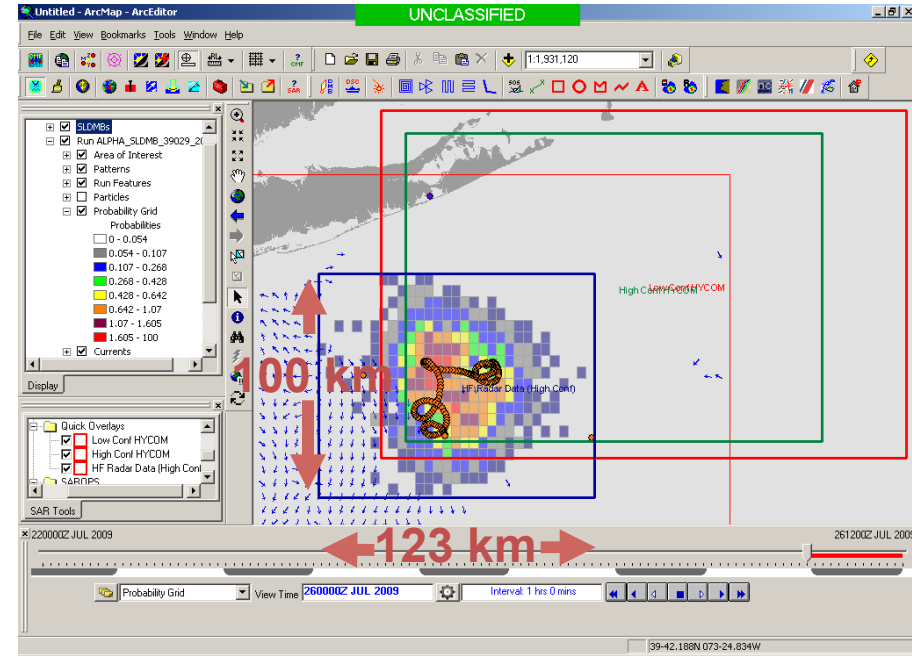
CODAR  
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# Search Area After 96 Hours



HYCOM

36,000 km<sup>2</sup>



CODAR

12,000 km<sup>2</sup>

# HFR Current Mapping Product Development Road Map for Search and Rescue

**First Standard Range Codar deployed on East Coast near Atlantic City, NJ**



**Long Range Network Shown to be Effective in Second Coast Guard SAROPS tool**



**Mid Atlantic HF Radar Network Operational with US Coast Guard**



**"A Plan to Meet the Nations Surface Current Mapping Needs" Implemented**




**Hurricane Floyd Simulation Predicts Factor of 4 Reduction in Search Area Using Field of Currents vs. Point Measurement**

**MARCOOS Establishes First Regional High Frequency Radar Network**



**Radial and Total Sensitivity Study Undertaken to Provide Best Data to Environmental Data Server**



**Standard Range Network Proves to be Useful in Coast Guard Research and Development Pilot Study**



**Optimal Interpolation Combination Method Effective in Filling Spatial Gaps in Mid Atlantic Tests**



**National HF Radar Network Operational with US Coast Guard**



1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

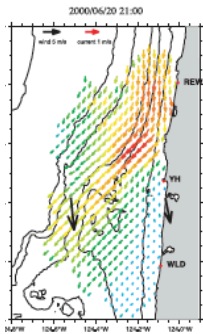
# NATIONAL HF RADAR NETWORK



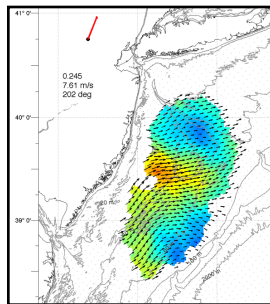
# Development of a U.S. National HF Radar Network

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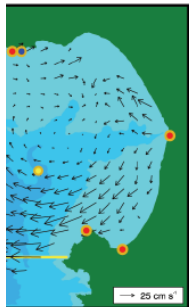
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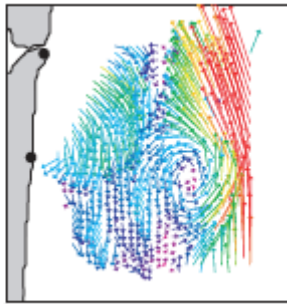
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California



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**Since 2000**

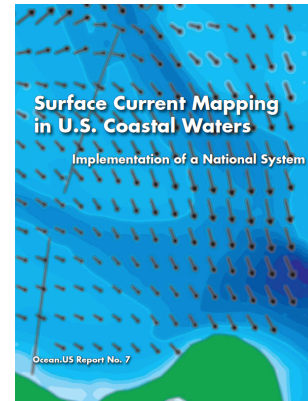
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- HF Radar Developers
- Ocean Scientists

**Since 2004**

*Societal Products*

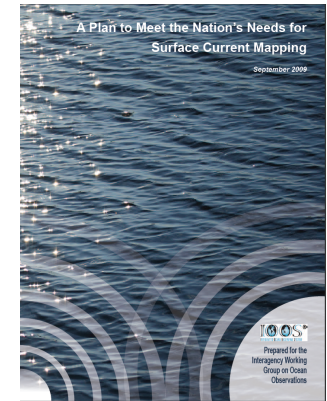


*Technical Expertise*

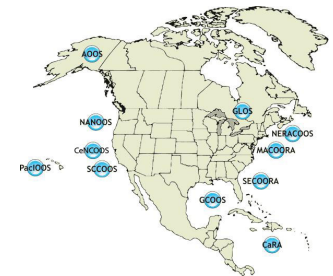


**Since 2007**

*National Coordination*

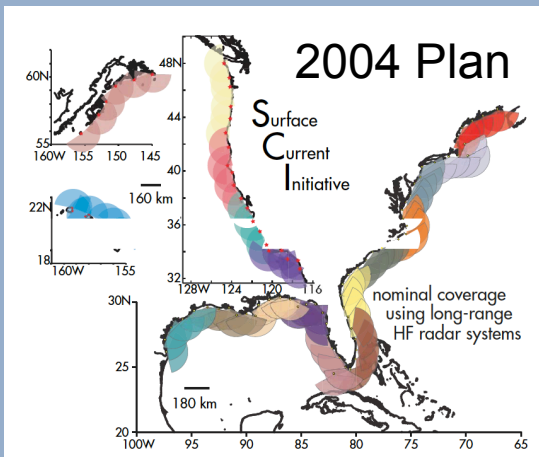
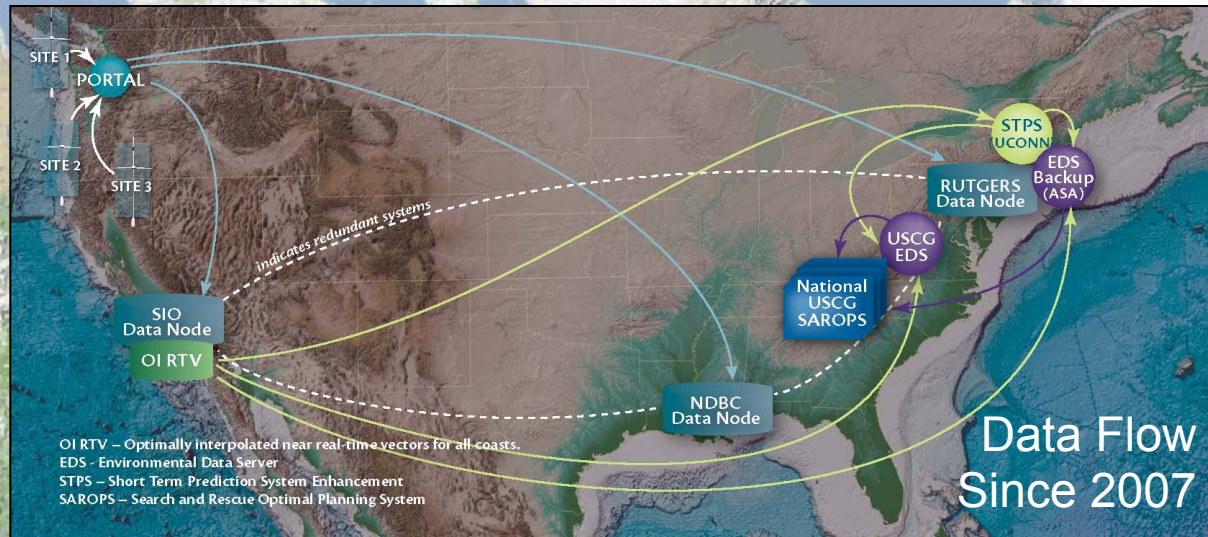


*Regional Implementation*





# U.S. National HF Radar Network





## A Plan to Meet the Nation's Needs for Surface Current Mapping

September 2009

Region	YR1	YR2	YR3	YR4	YR5	Total New	Total Existing	Total at 5-Yr Buildout	Total Acquisition & Deployment (\$K)*	Existing Annual Regional O&M (\$K)*	Total New Annual O&M* (\$K)
Alaska	6	3	4	2	5	20	2	22	\$3,200	\$98	\$371
Caribbean	6	6	6	6	5	29	0	29	\$4,640	\$0	\$539
Pacific Islands	5	6	5	5	5	26	2	28	\$7,800	\$154	\$845
Northeast Atlantic	6	6	3	1	1	17	8	25	\$2,720	\$393	\$316
Mid-Atlantic	10	8	5	0	0	23	29	52	\$3,680	\$1,425	\$427
Southeast Atlantic	6	6	6	6	3	27	12	39	\$8,100	\$813	\$878
Gulf of Mexico	5	4	3	3	2	17	16	33	\$5,100	\$842	\$553
Southern California	3	2	2	2	2	11	31	42	\$1,760	\$1,523	\$204
Central & N. California	4	4	4	4	2	18	32	50	\$2,880	\$1,573	\$334
Pacific Northwest	4	4	4	4	4	20	11	31	\$3,200	\$541	\$371
Totals	55	49	42	33	29	208	143	351	\$39,580	\$7,362	\$4,838

- Technician fully encumbered salary is estimated at \$130,000;
- Purchase and deployment for DF HFRs, LPA HFRs are \$160,000 and \$300,000, respectively.
- Two technicians for each 7 DF HFRs, 4 LPA HFRs, respectively.



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Also in support of oil spill response, NOAA requests a **\$5.0 million** increase to implement the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) **Surface Current Mapping Plan** using high frequency (HF) radar surface current measurements. HF radar provides information vital to oil spill response, national defense, homeland security, search and rescue operations, safe marine transportation, water quality and pollutant tracking, and harmful algal bloom forecasting.

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