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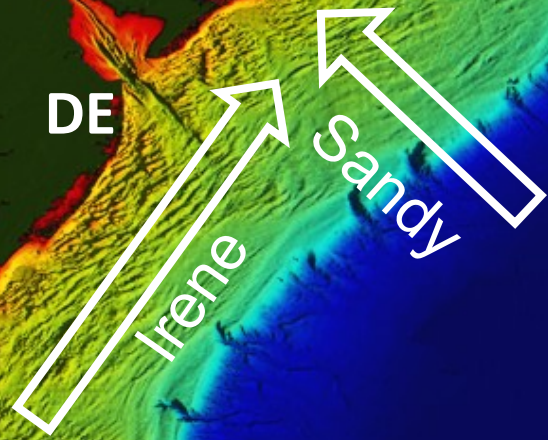
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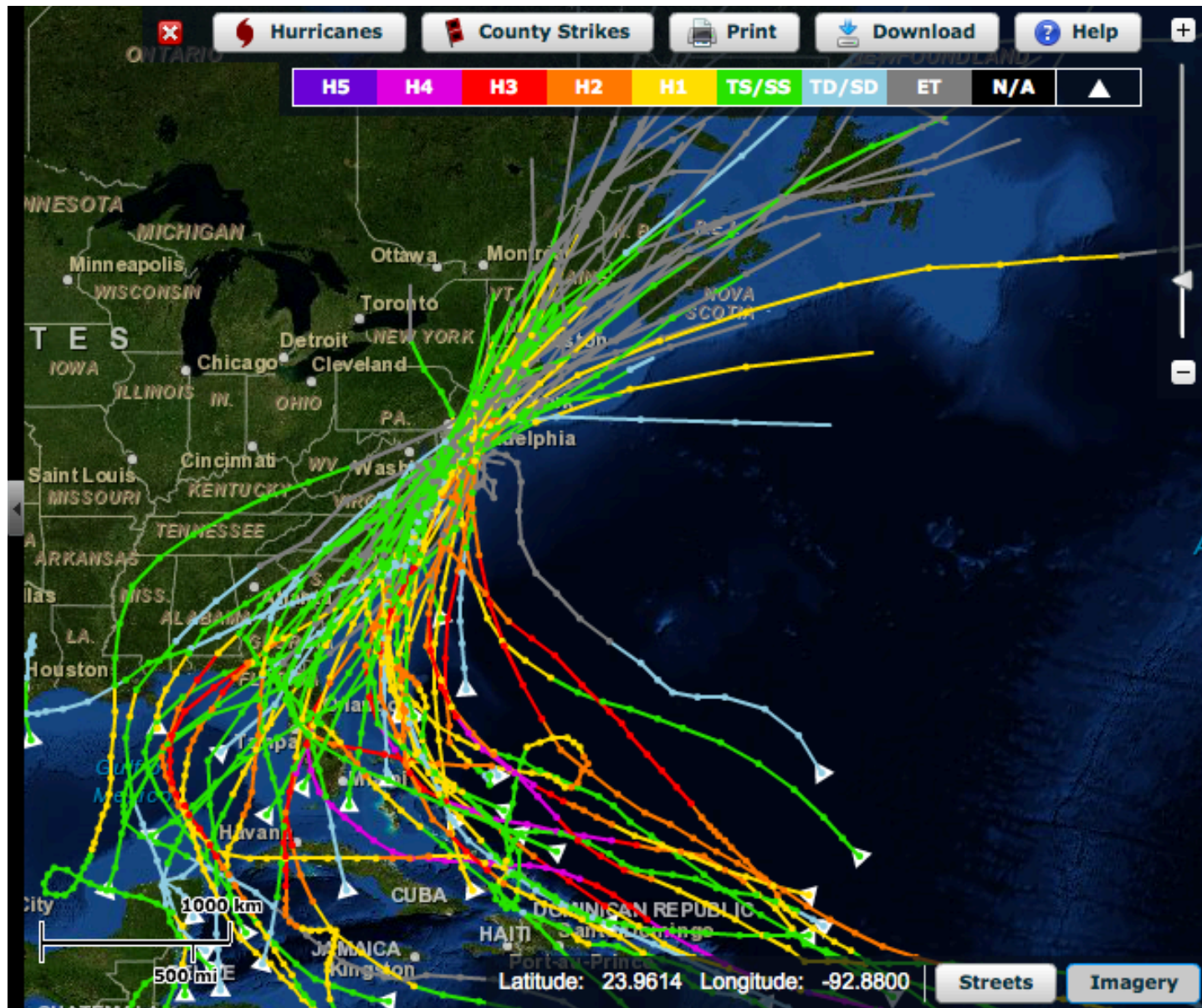
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# U.S. IOOS Responds to Hurricanes Irene and Sandy



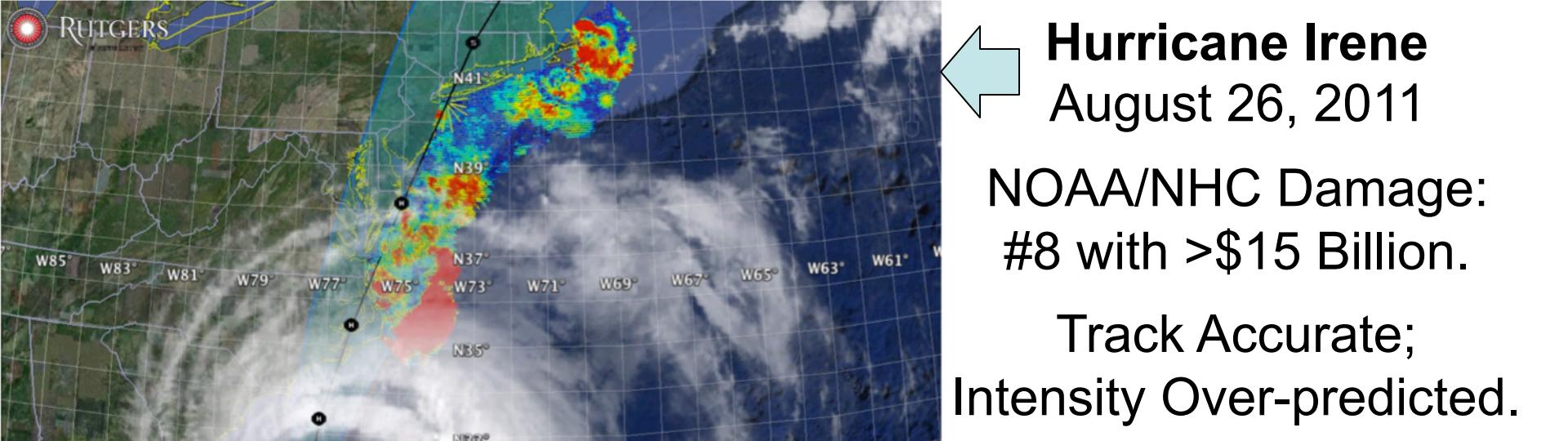


# Historical Hurricane Tracks within 65 nm of Atlantic City, NJ



Primary  
Approach:  
Alongshore  
from  
Southeast







# Hurricane Irene in the News:

- Track accurately forecast days in advance.
- Intensity was over-predicted.

The Miami Herald > Weather >

## Hurricanes

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HURRICANE SEASON

## Intensity remains a big gap in storm science

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The  blew it on predictions of Irene's wind speed — and it wasn't the first time — but new research aims to bring intensity forecasting up to the increasing standards of track forecasts

BY CURTIS MORGAN

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The New York Times

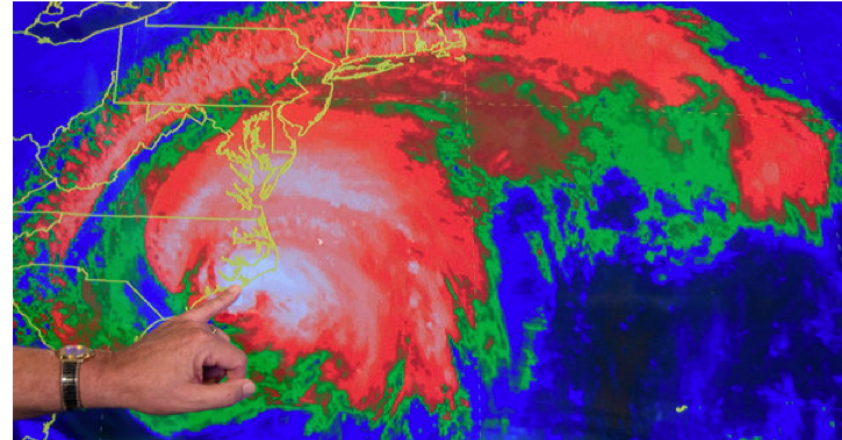
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## Challenges in Predicting the Intensity of Storms



Andy Newman/Associated Press

Scientists say that it is much easier to accurately predict what path a hurricane will take.

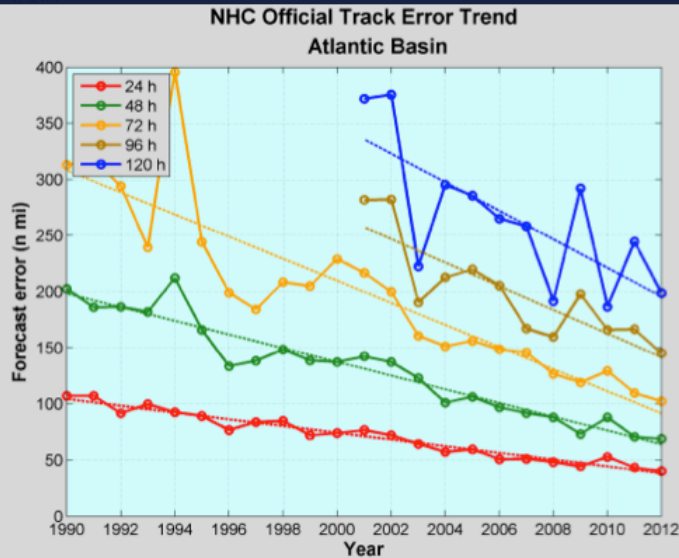
By HENRY FOUNTAIN

Published: August 27, 2011



# Report from National Hurricane Center: Track Error & Skill

## Atlantic Track Error Trends



Error  
Reduction  
since 1990

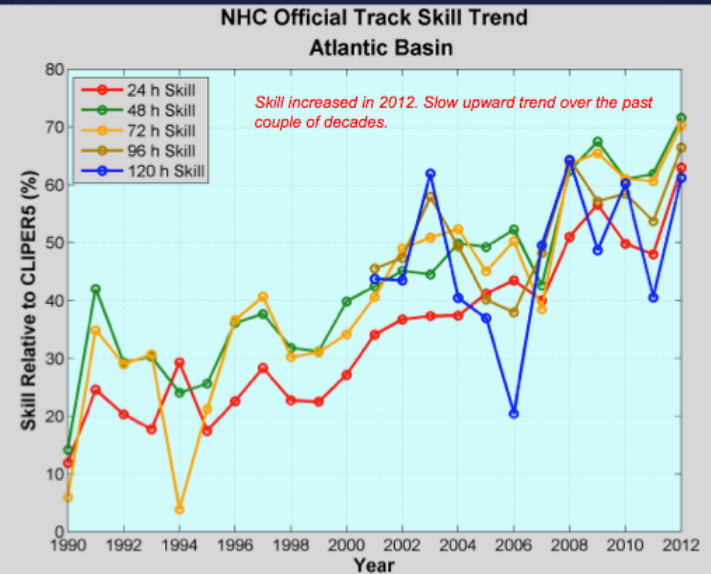
72 h: 67%

48 h: 65%

24 h: 58%

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## Atlantic Track Skill Trends



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Reduction in forecast track error & Increase in forecast track skill over the last 2 decades.

*Significant Drivers – Improvement in Global Forecast Models*  
*- Super-Ensemble*

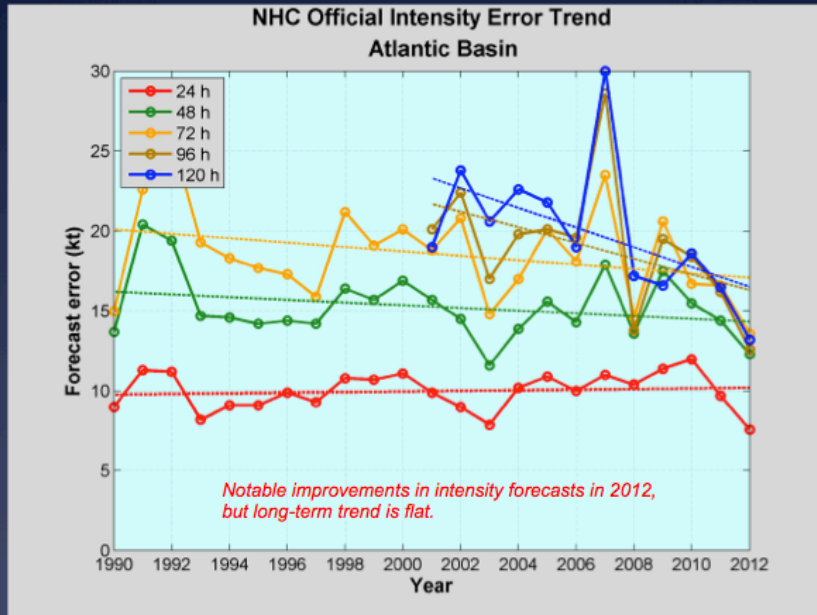


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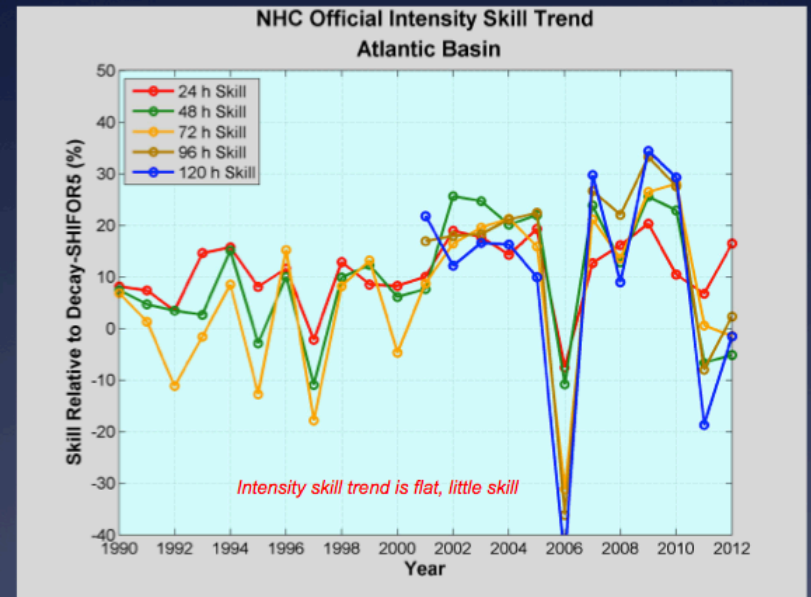


# Report from National Hurricane Center: Intensity Error & Skill

## Atlantic Intensity Error Trends



## Atlantic Intensity Skill Trends



“Long-term trend is flat.”

“Skill trend is flat, little skill.”

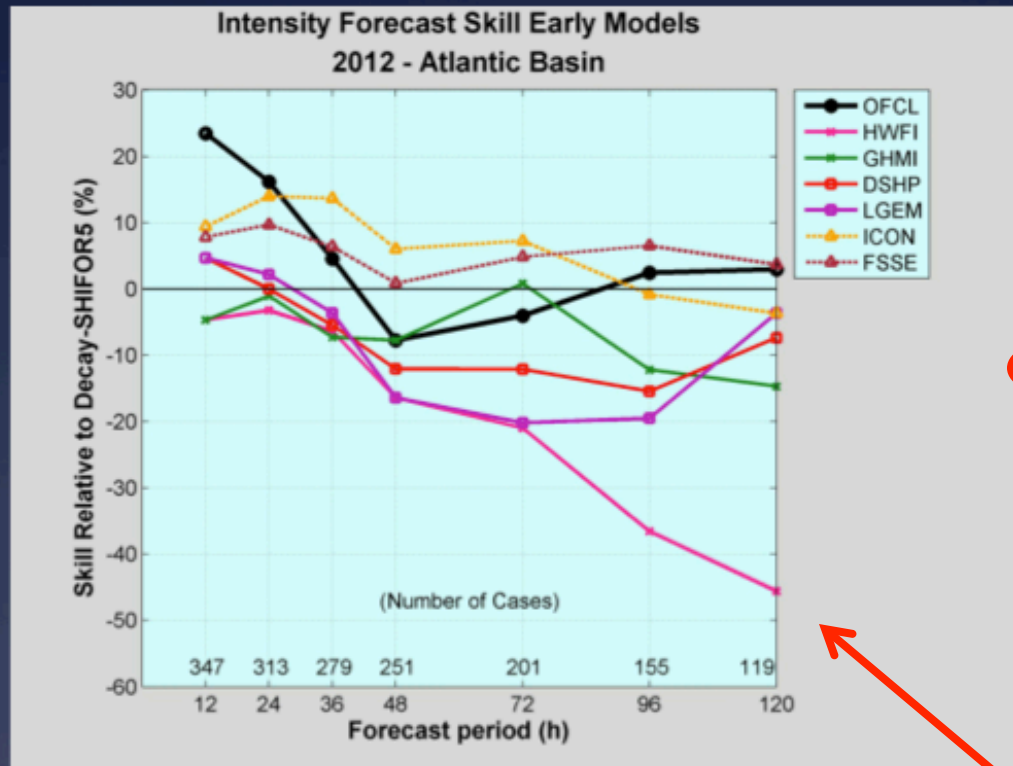


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# Report from National Hurricane Center: Intensity Skill in 2012

## 2012 Intensity Guidance



Official forecasts had skill early, but little or no skill at 36 h and beyond.

FSSE and ICON were the best models.

DSHP and LGEM were not skillful in 2012.

HWRF was the worst model.

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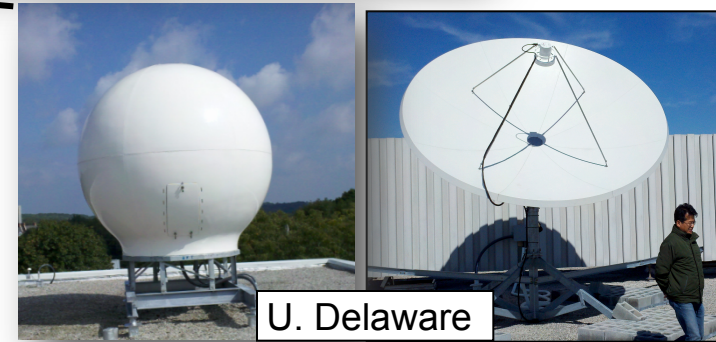
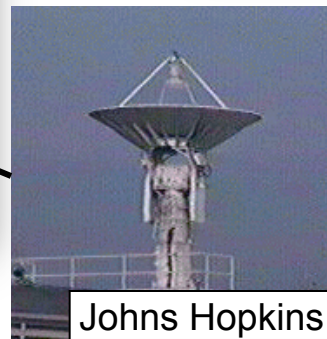
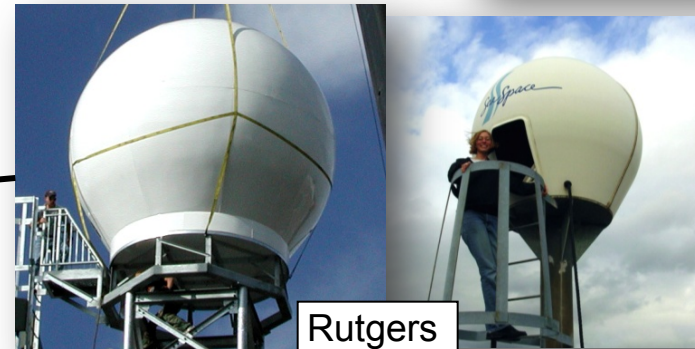
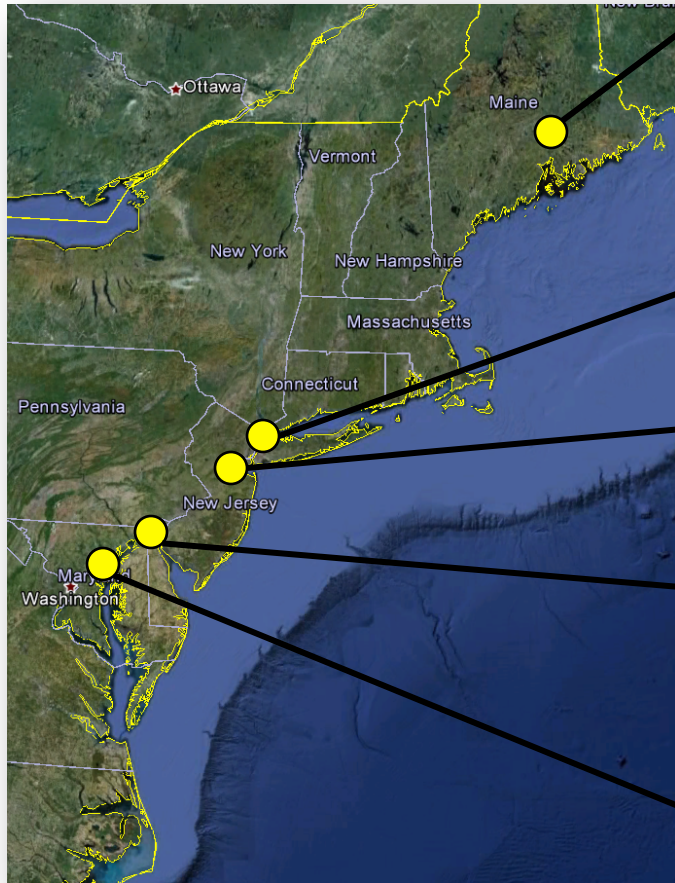
Adding the ocean model reduced skill!

Production Suite Review: December 4, 2012



# Real-Time Satellite Ground Stations in the Northeast U.S.

Satellites: NPP, Terra, Aqua,  
NOAA Polar Orbiters, Metop &  
GOES





# Mid-Atlantic Bight HF Radar Network

1000 km  
Cape to Cape

## Mid-Atlantic HF Radar Network

16 Long-Range CODARs

8 Medium-Range CODARs

17 Short-Range CODARs

41 Total

Triple Nested, Multi-static, Multi-use  
Industry Partner: CODAR Ocean Sensors



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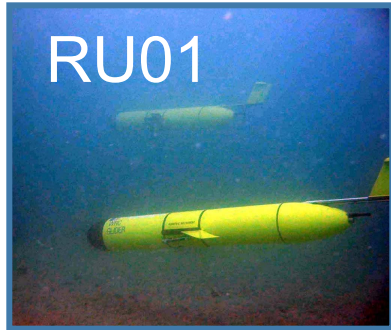
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Eye alt 1344.10 km



# Rutgers Glider Network



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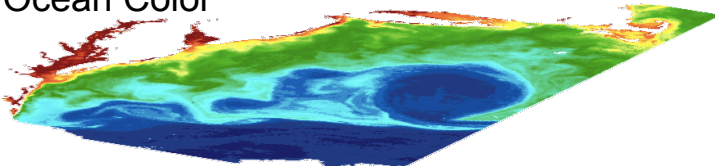


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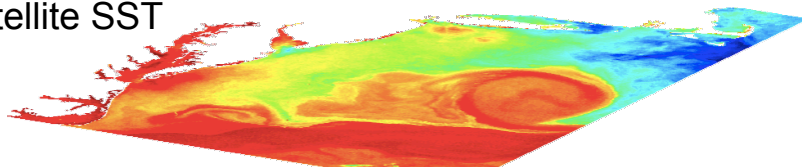


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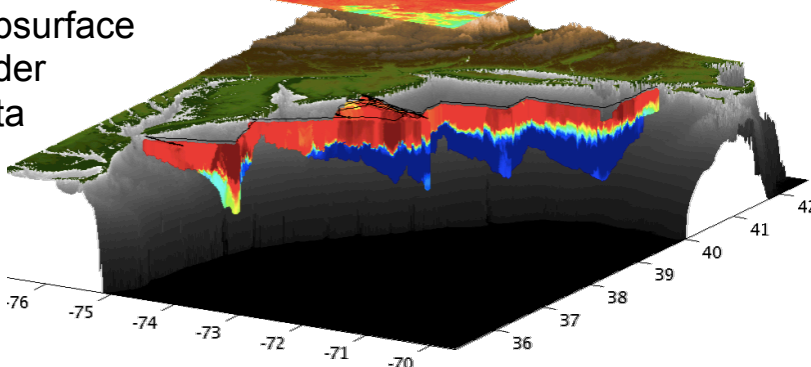
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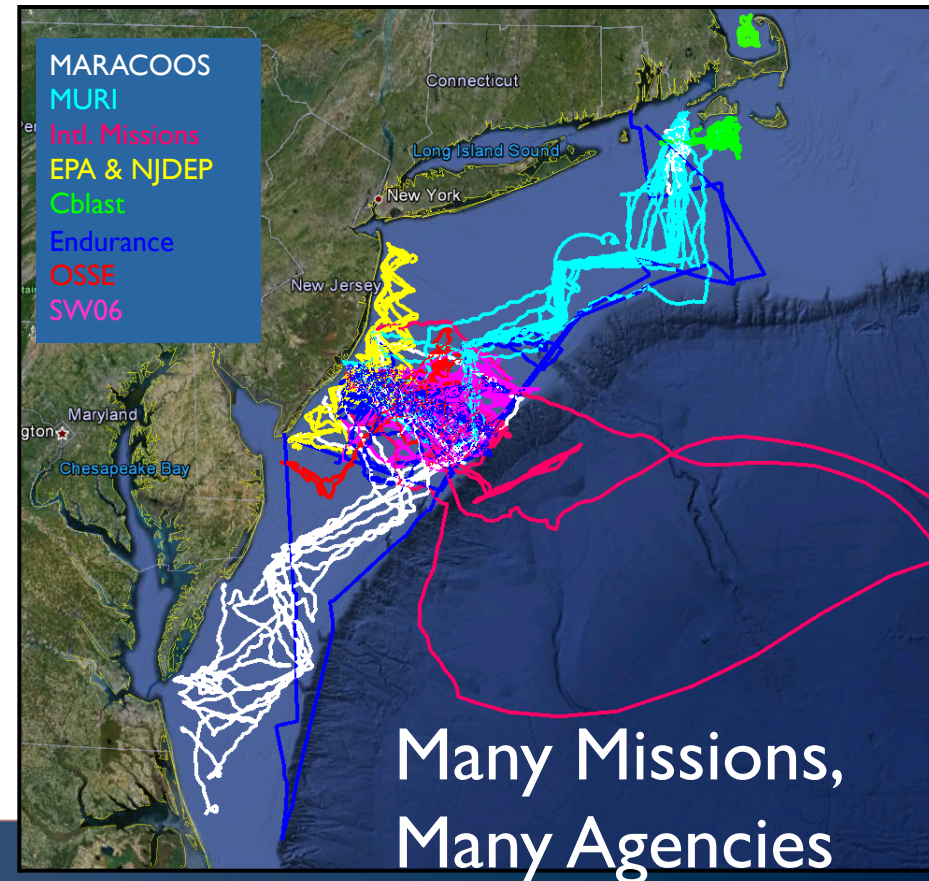
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Subsurface  
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Data



Industry Partner: Teledyne Webb Research

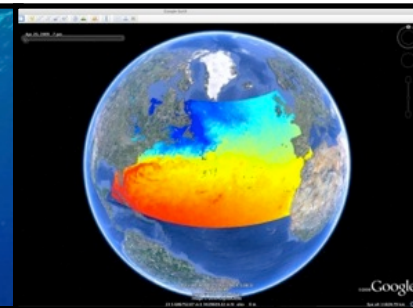
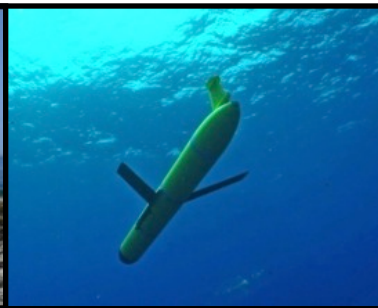


Many Missions,  
Many Agencies



# MARACOOS Operations Center

## Rutgers University - Coastal Ocean Observation Lab



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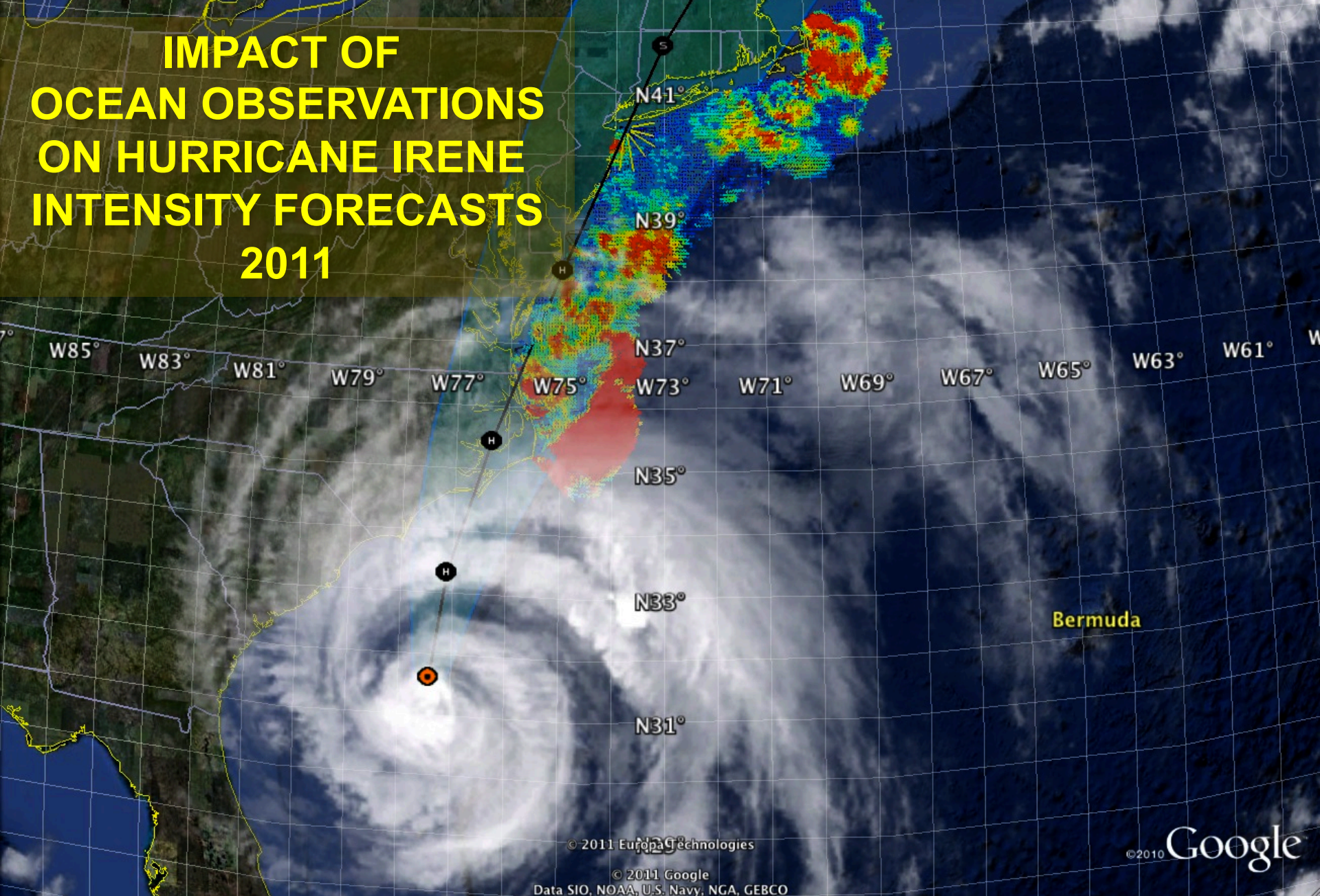
CODAR Network

Glider Fleet

3-D Forecasts



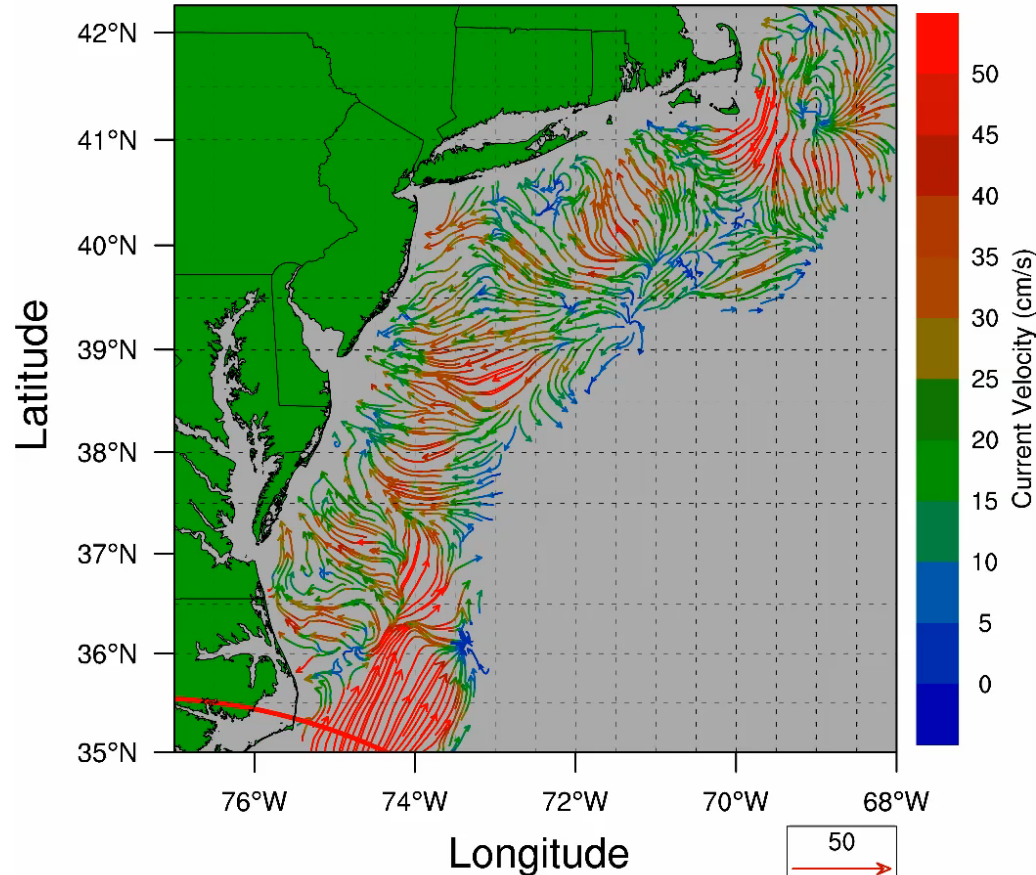
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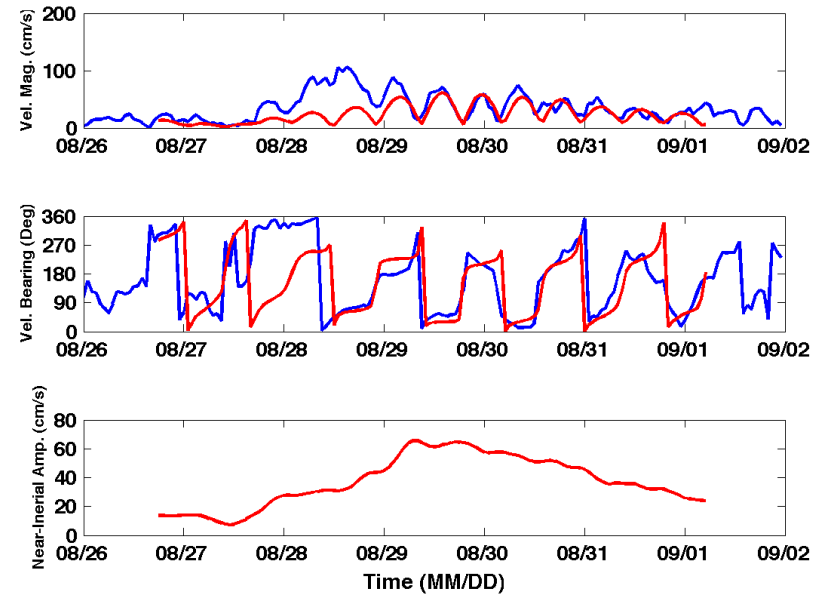
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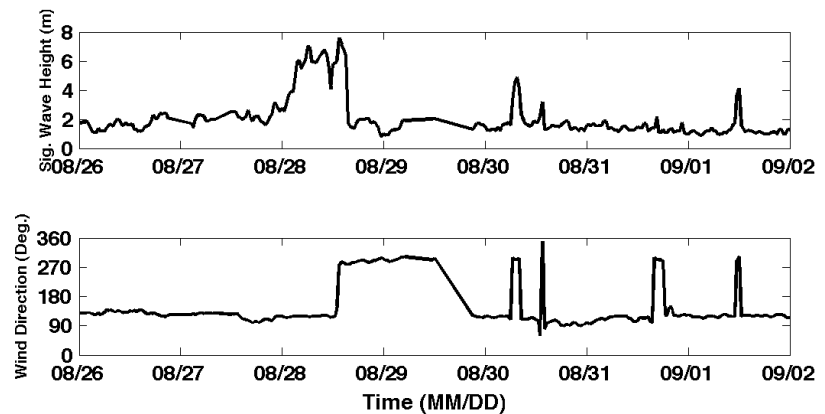


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Total Current Near-Inertial Current



## Wave & Wind Direction Time Series

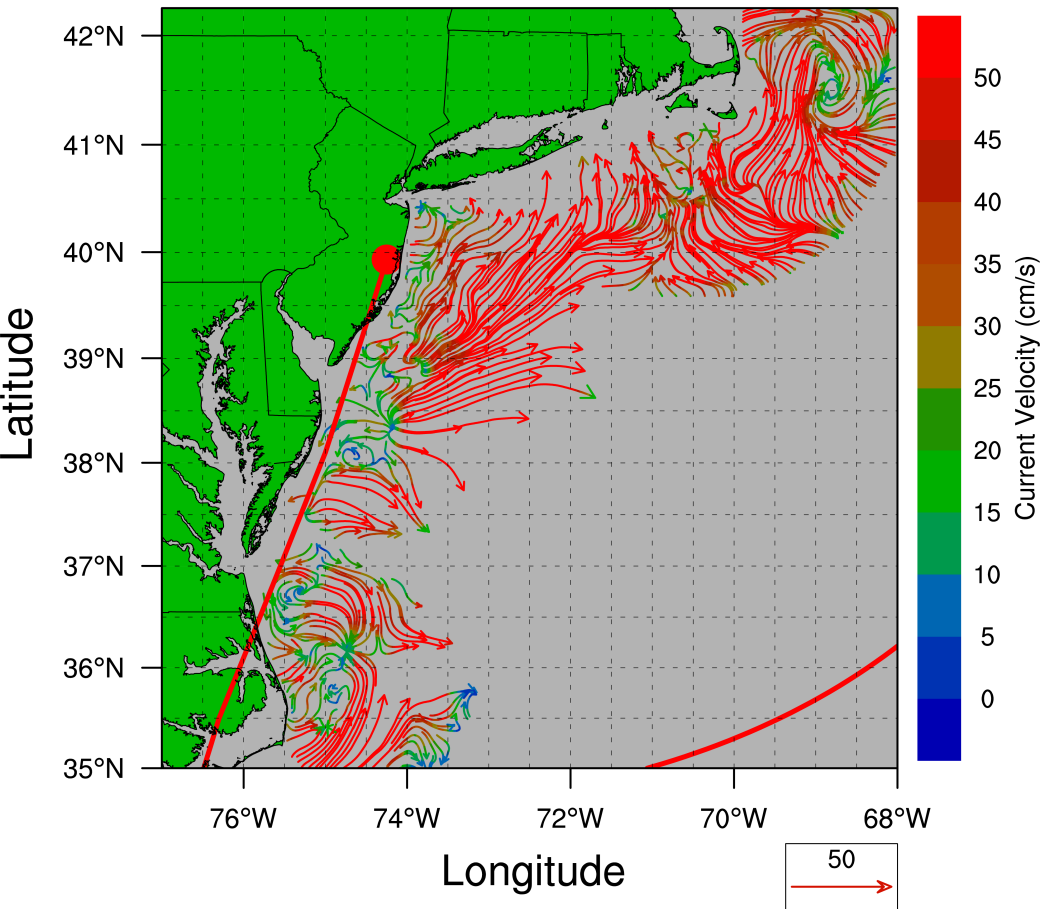


Eye crosses NJ mid-day on Aug 28



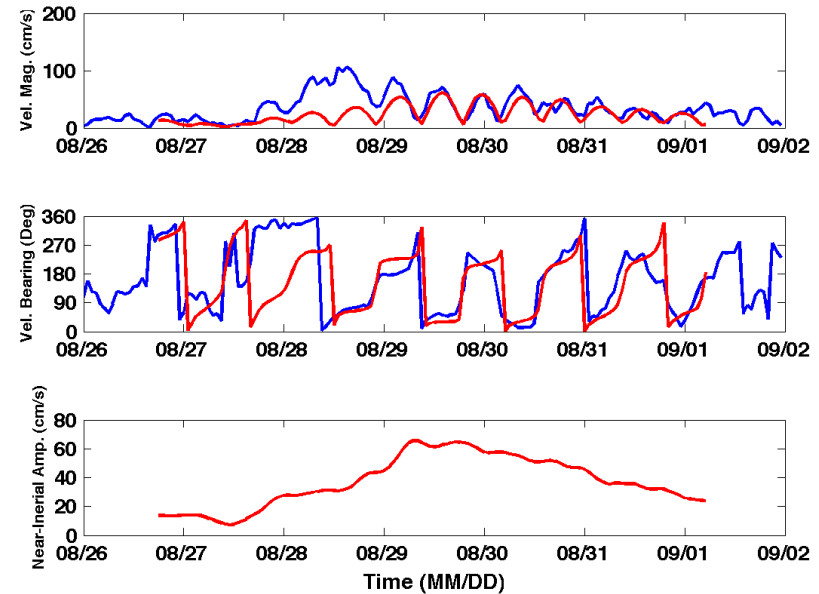
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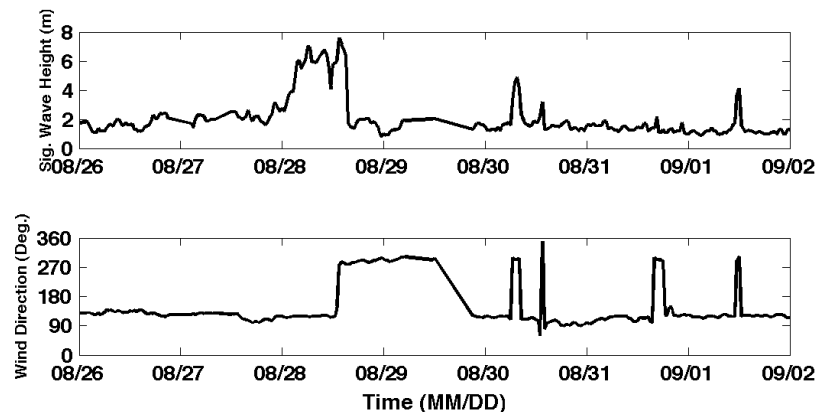


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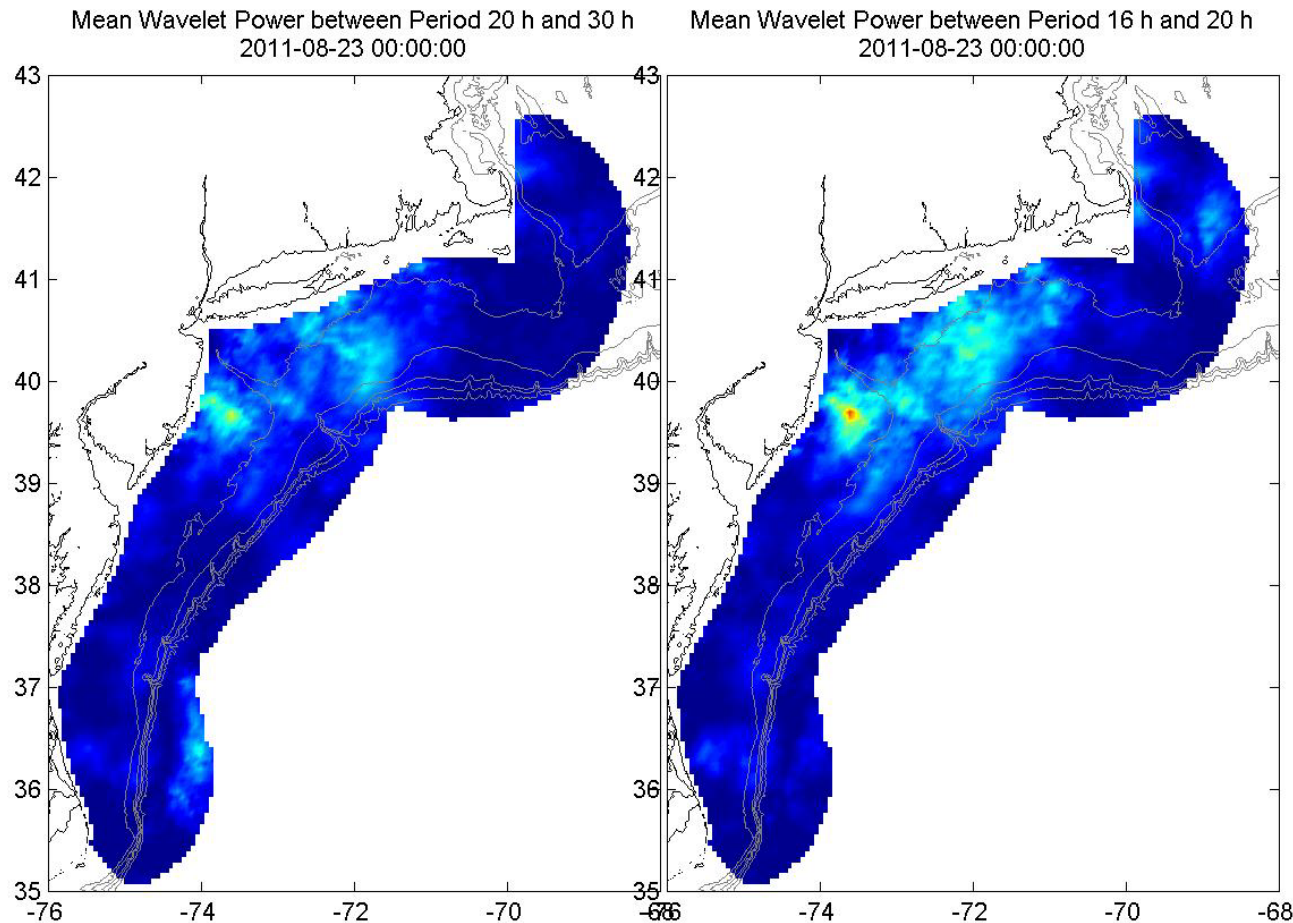


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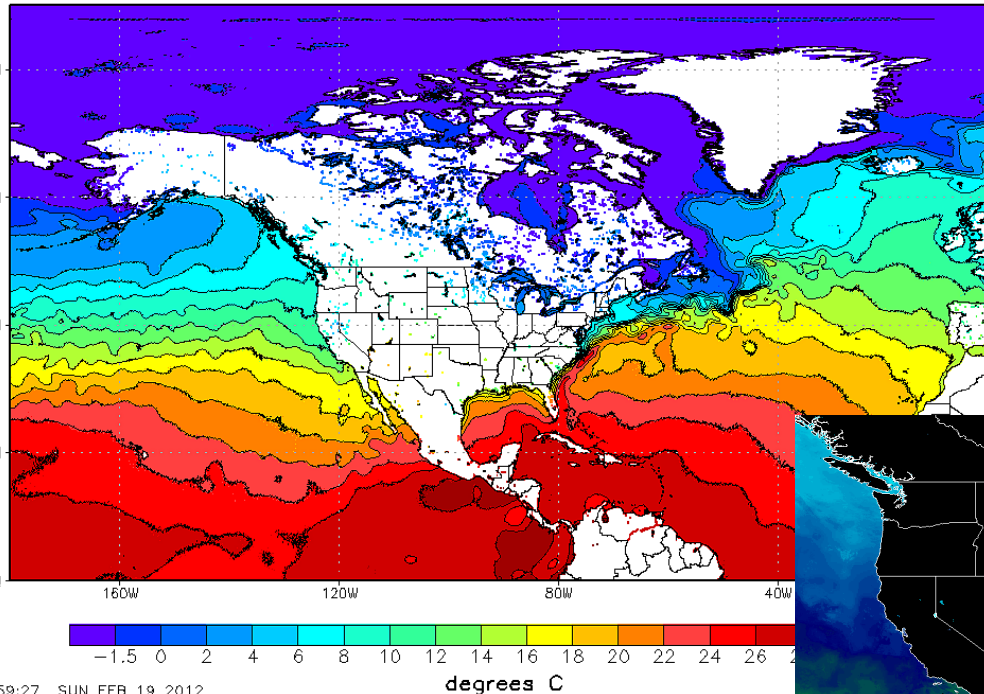
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## Inertial Response



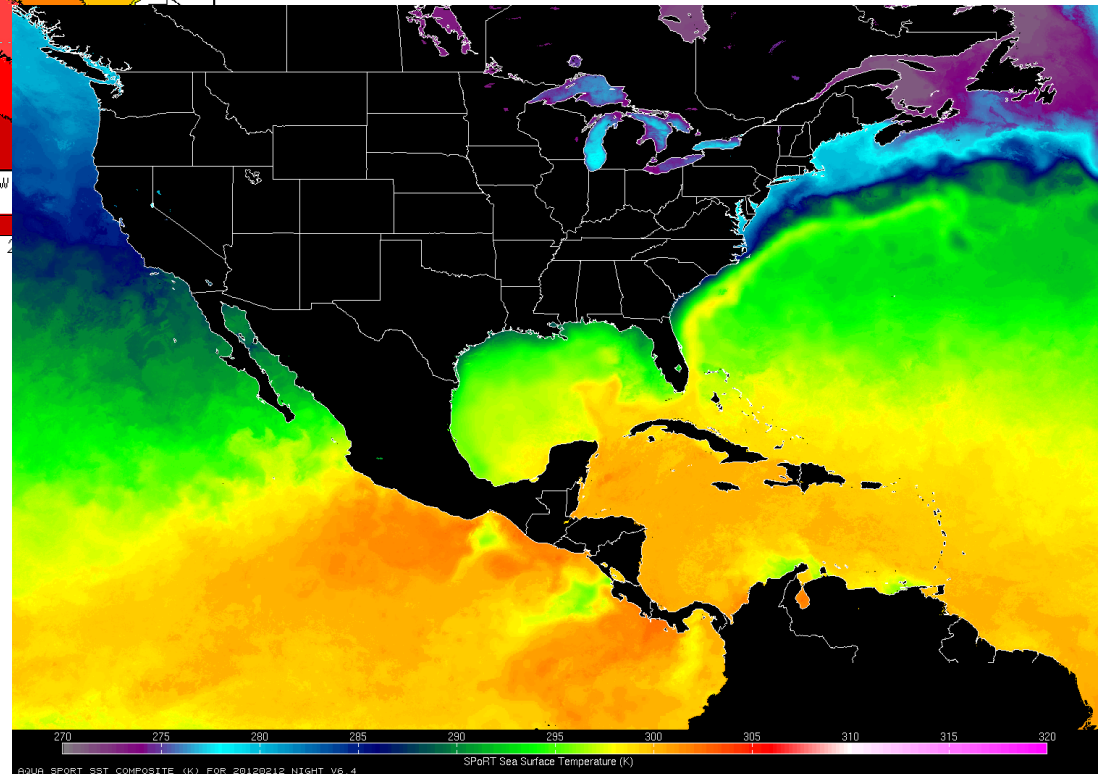


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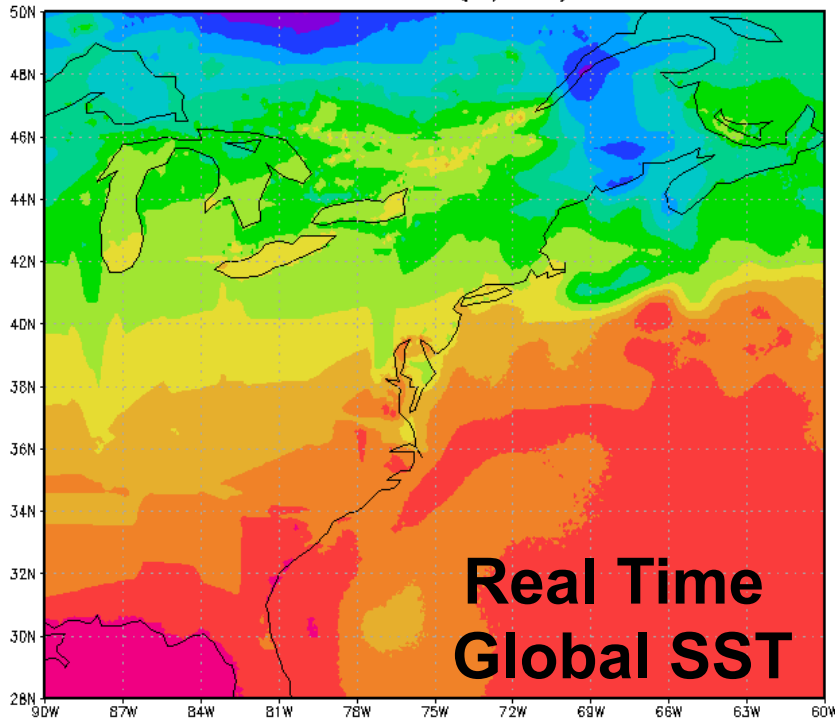
**Real-Time Global (RTG)**  
Smooth Data in Space

**Short Term Prediction  
Research & Transition  
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Smooth Data in Time



# MARACOOS SST Product for Offshore Wind

RTG HR SST (C) 08/27

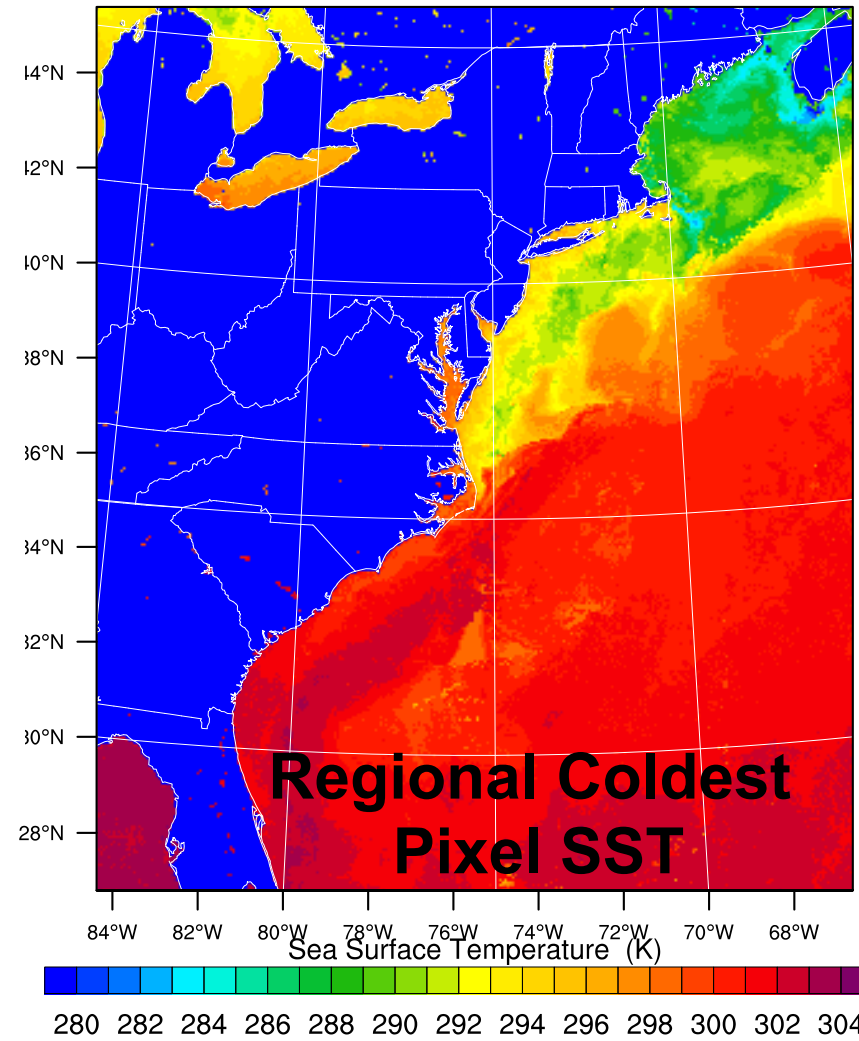


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**MARACOOS Regional SST**  
= Coldest Dark Pixel  
Composite of Local AVHRR  
+ SPoRT + RTG

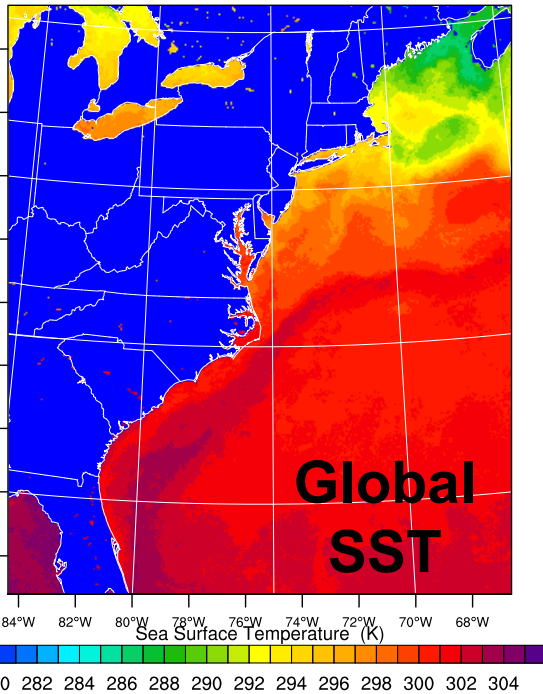
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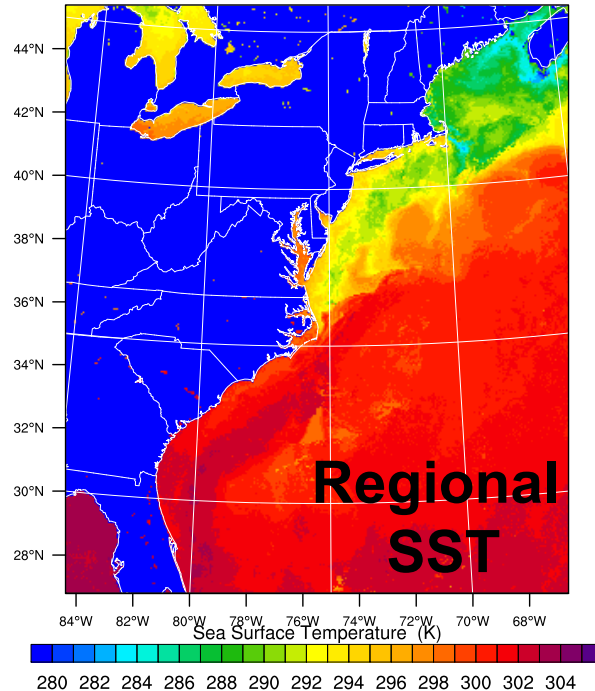


# Post-Hurricane Irene Sea Surface Temperatures

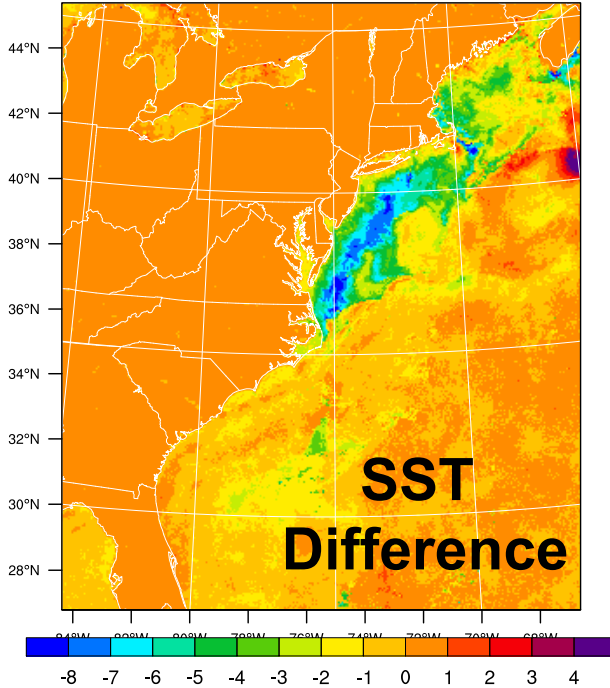
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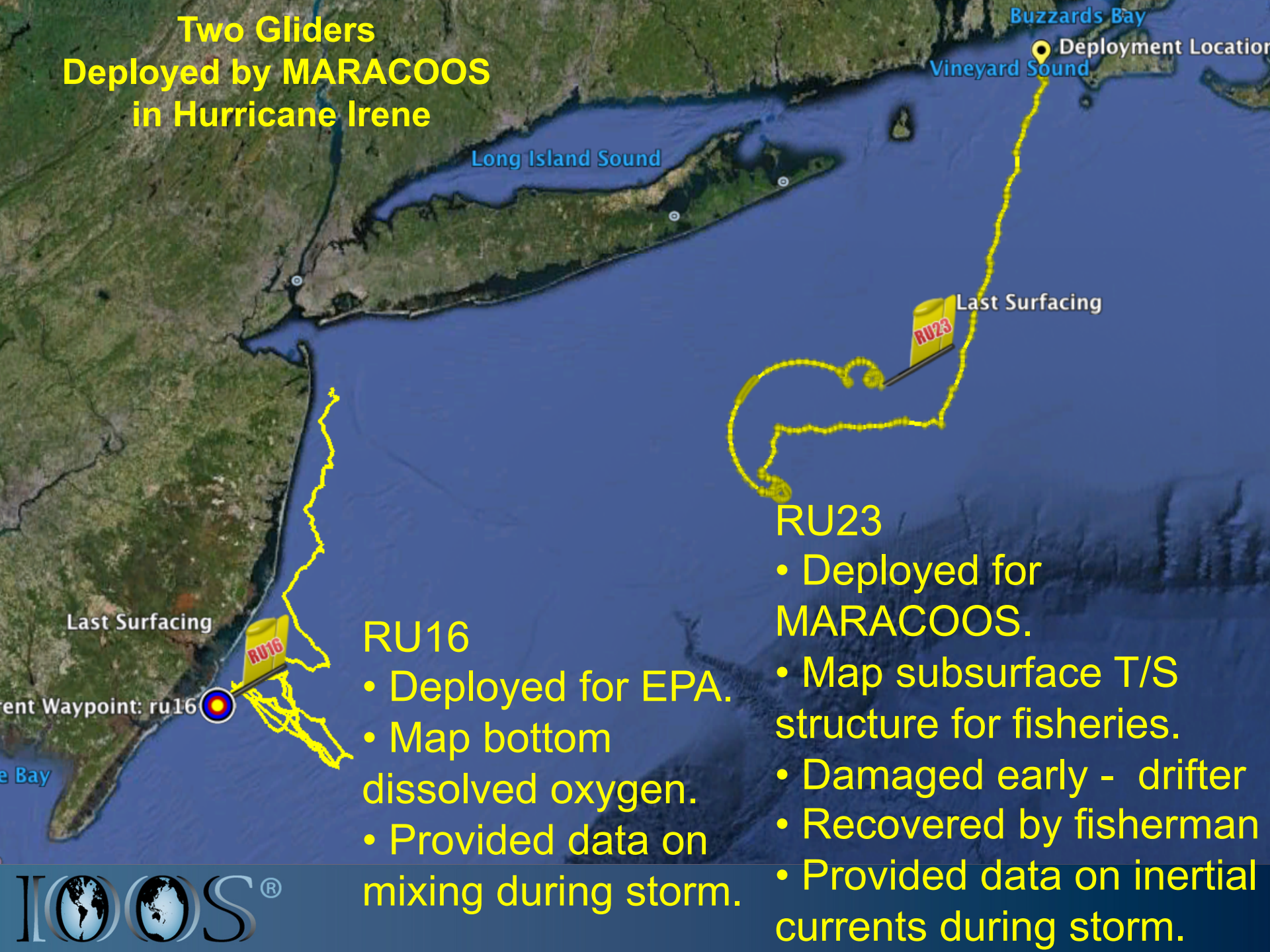


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But when did the 6C - 10C Cooling occur?

# Two Gliders Deployed by MARACOOS in Hurricane Irene



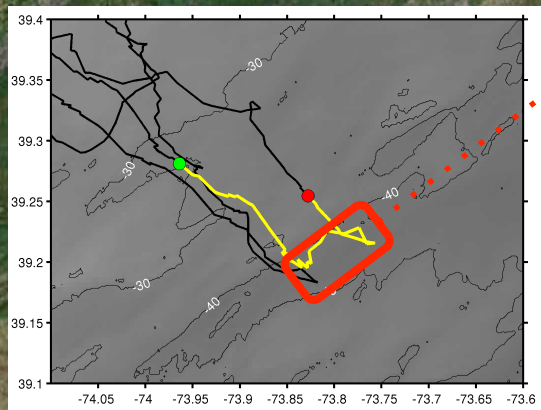
## RU16

- Deployed for EPA.
- Map bottom dissolved oxygen.
- Provided data on mixing during storm.

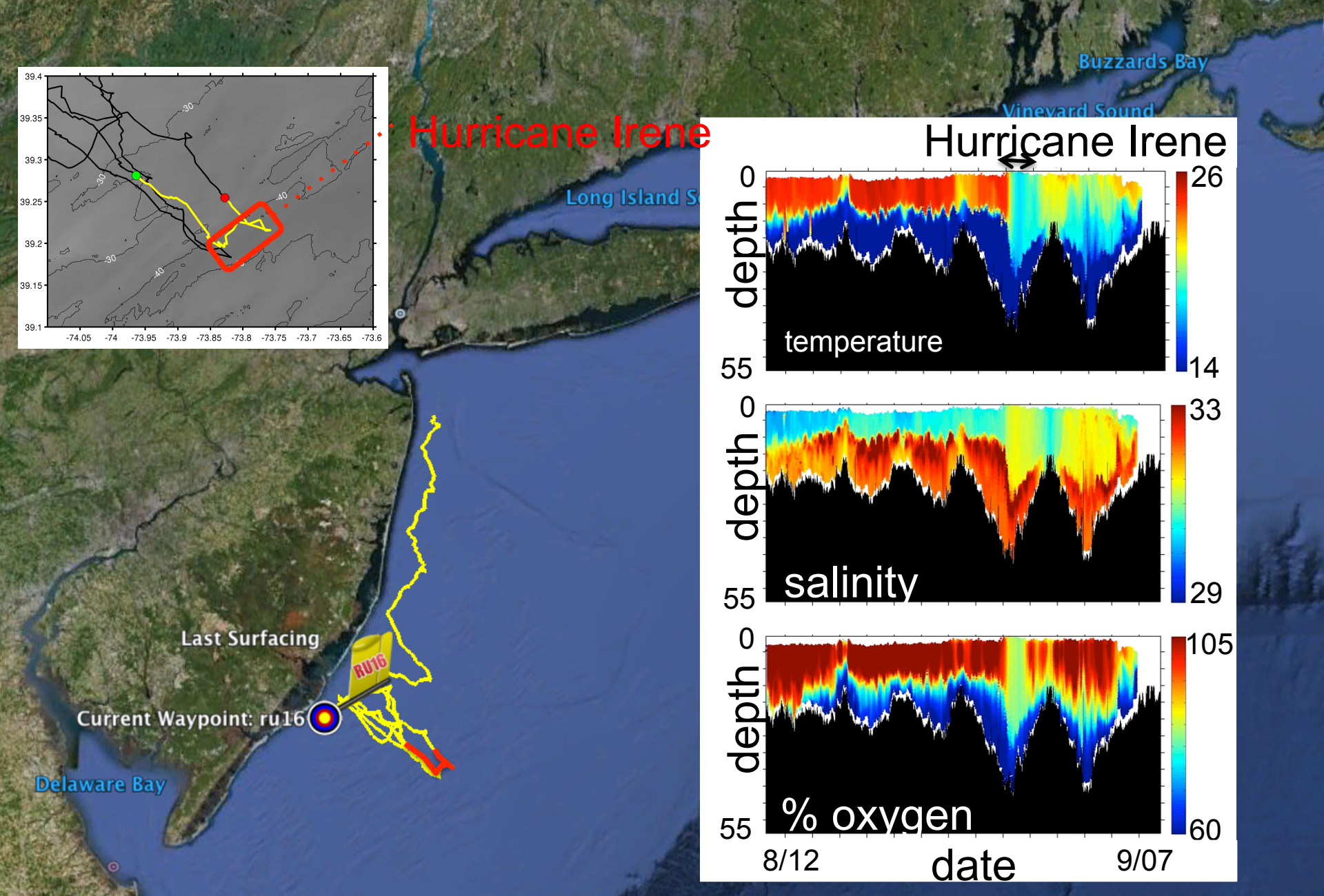
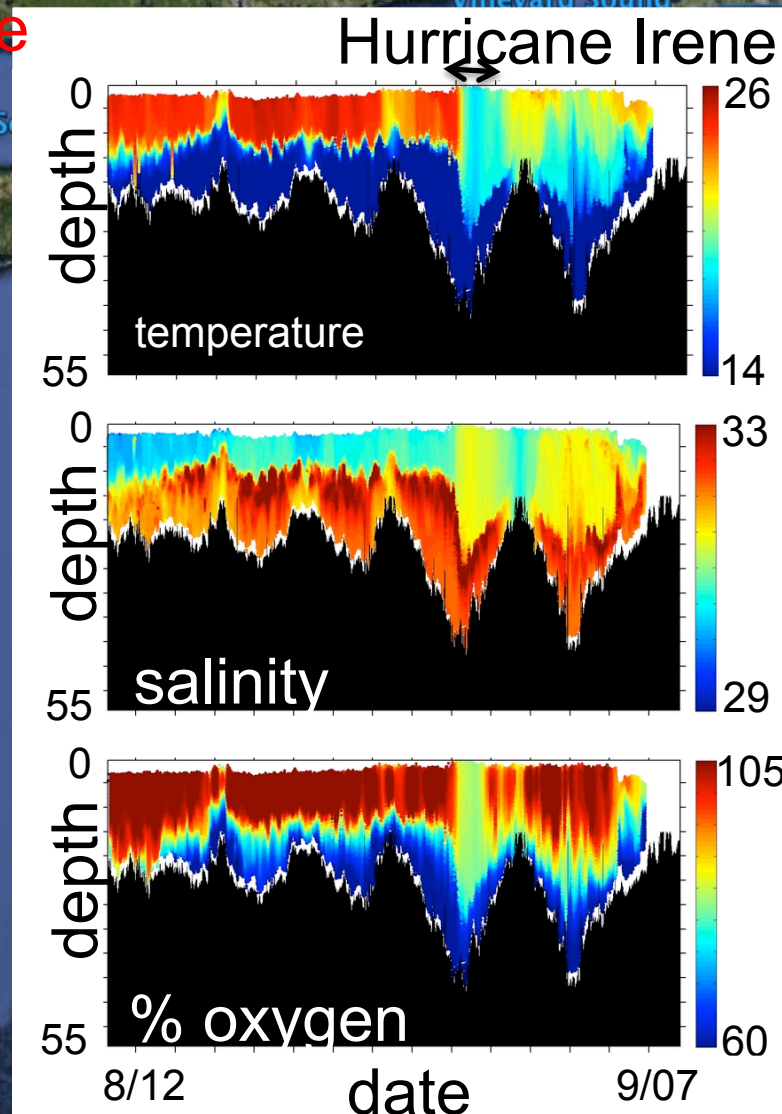
## RU23

- Deployed for MARACOOS.
- Map subsurface T/S structure for fisheries.
- Damaged early - drifter
- Recovered by fisherman
- Provided data on inertial currents during storm.



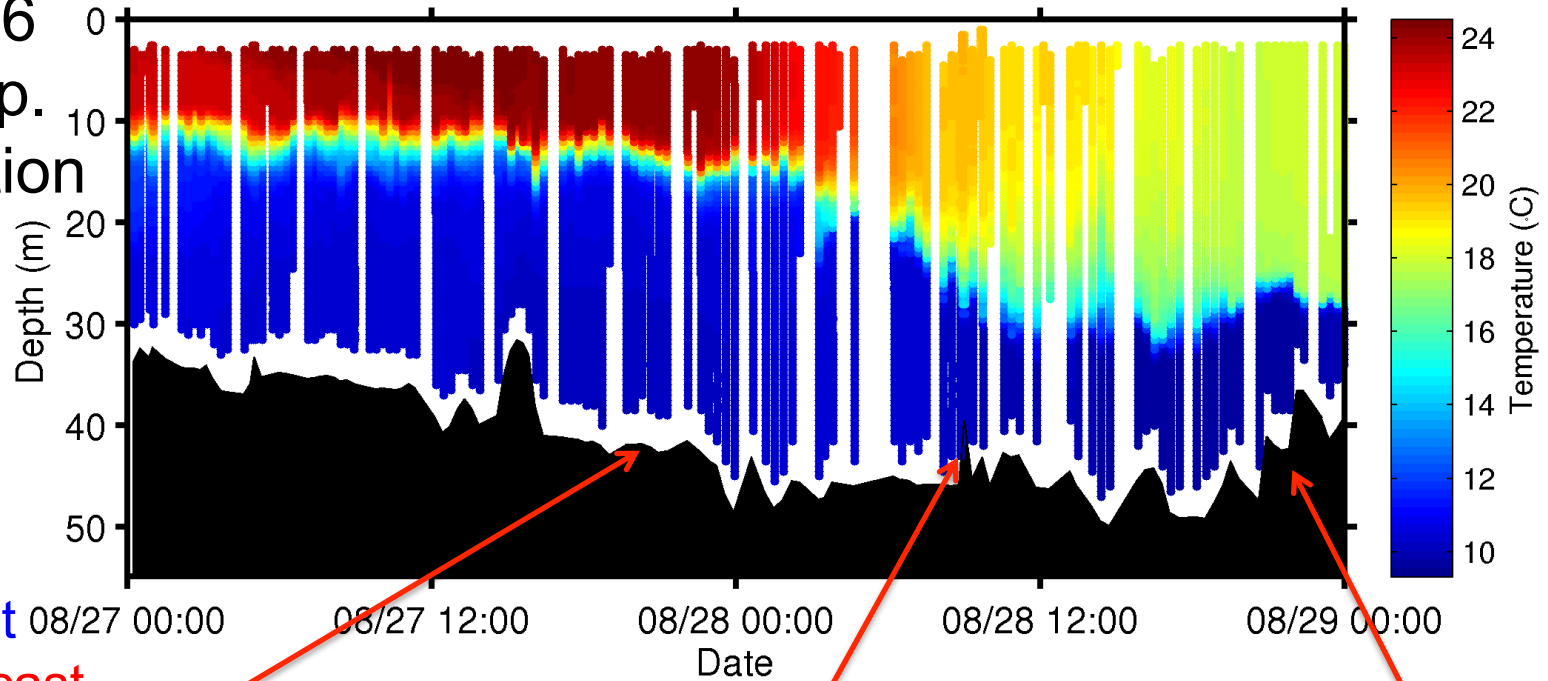


Hurricane Irene

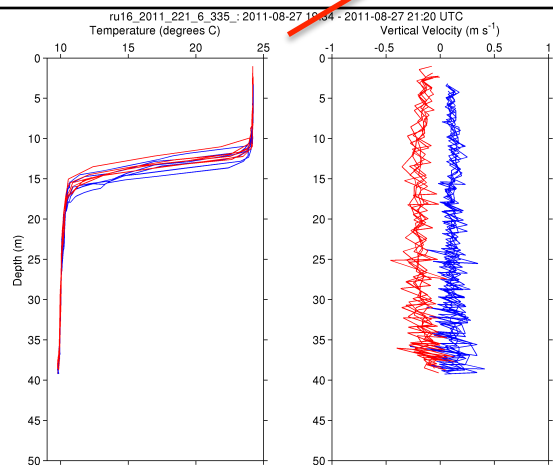


# RU16 Temp. Section

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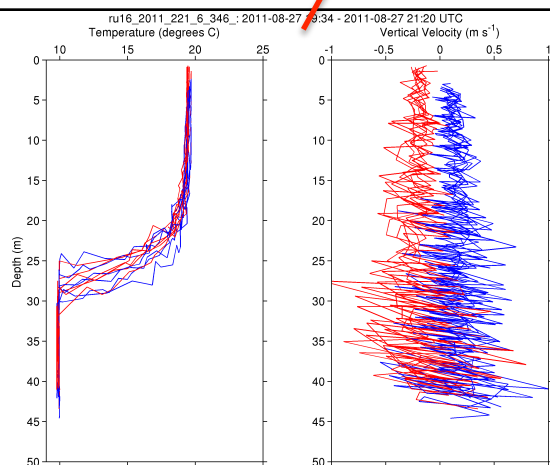


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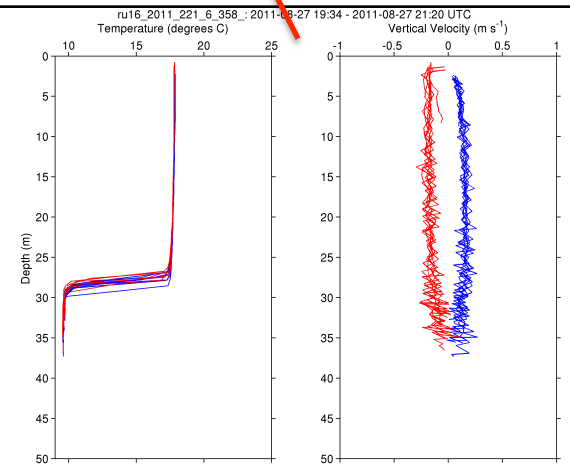
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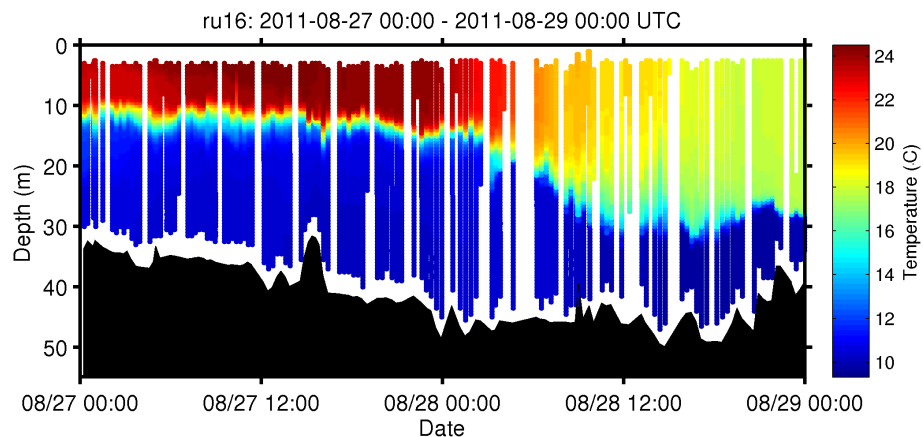
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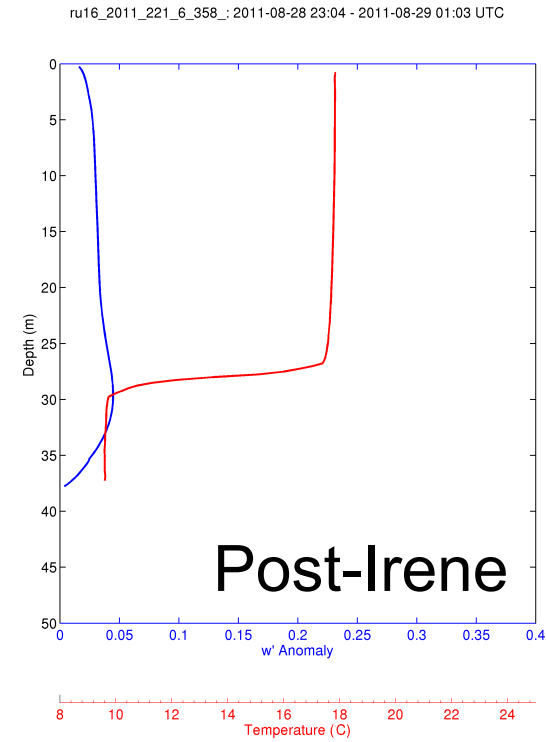
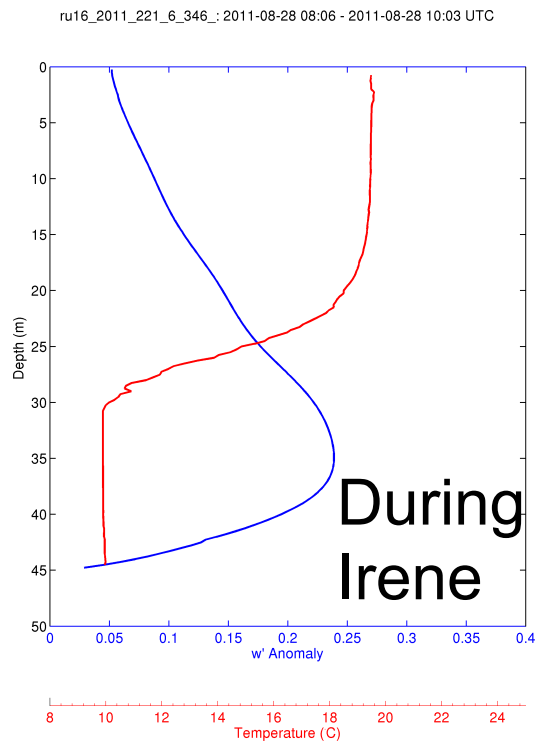
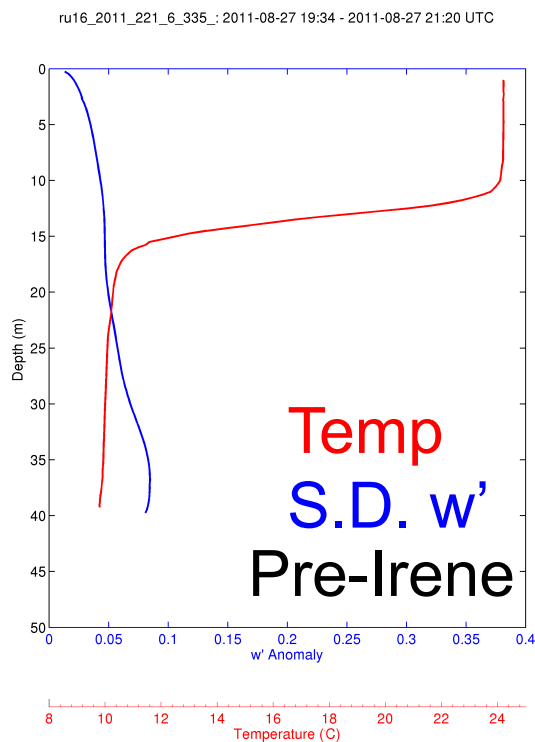
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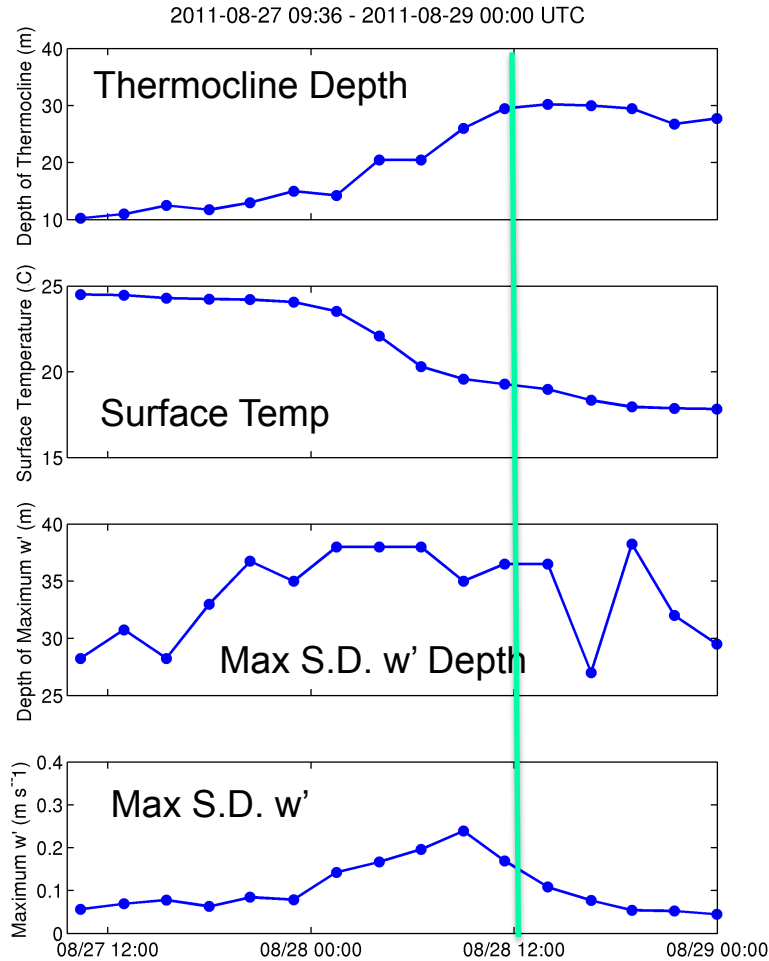


For Each 2-hour Segment:

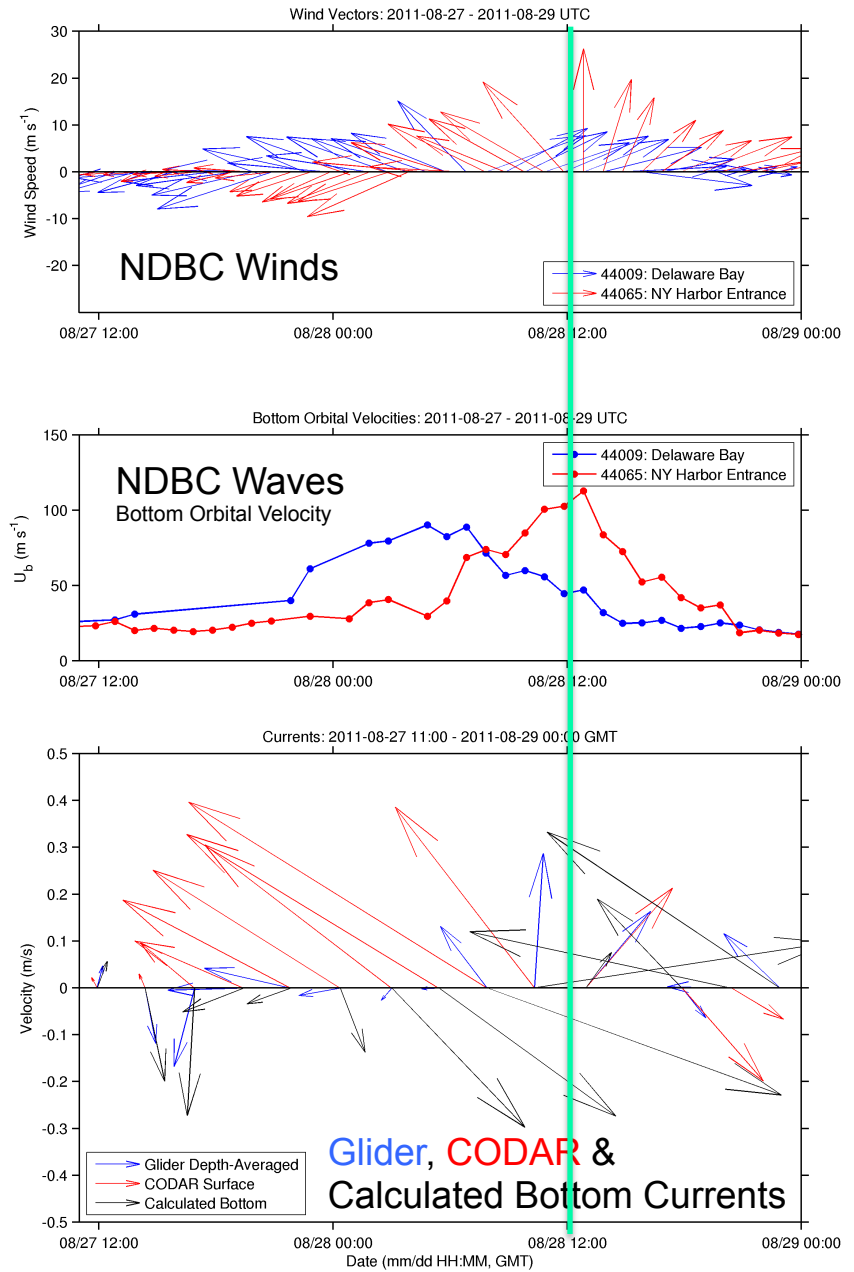
- 1) Calculate the Average Temperature Profile
- 2) Calculate the Vertical Velocity Standard Deviation Profile and Smooth Vertically.



# MARACOOS Network Observations: Hurricane Irene

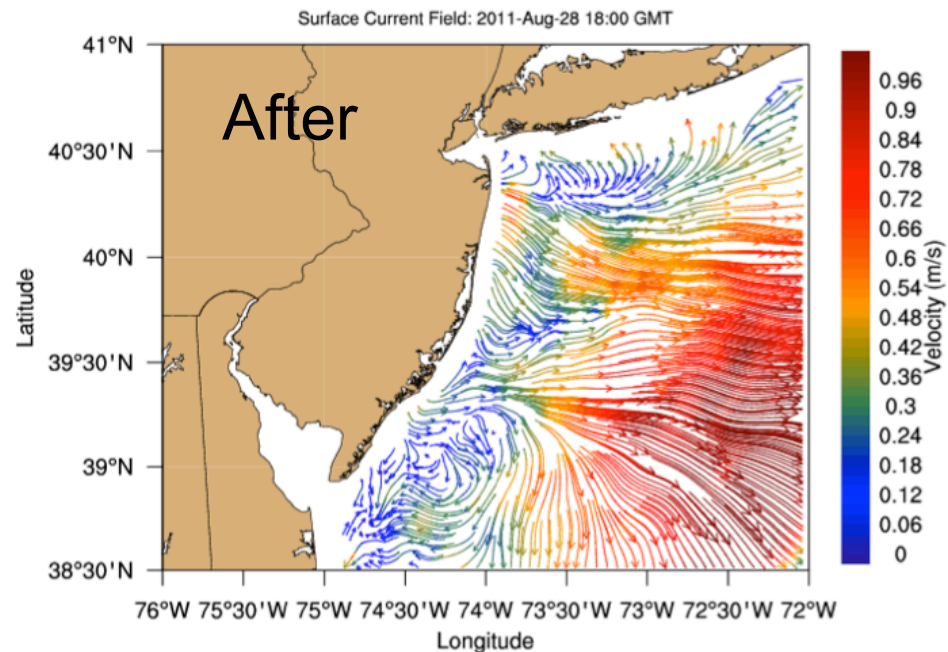
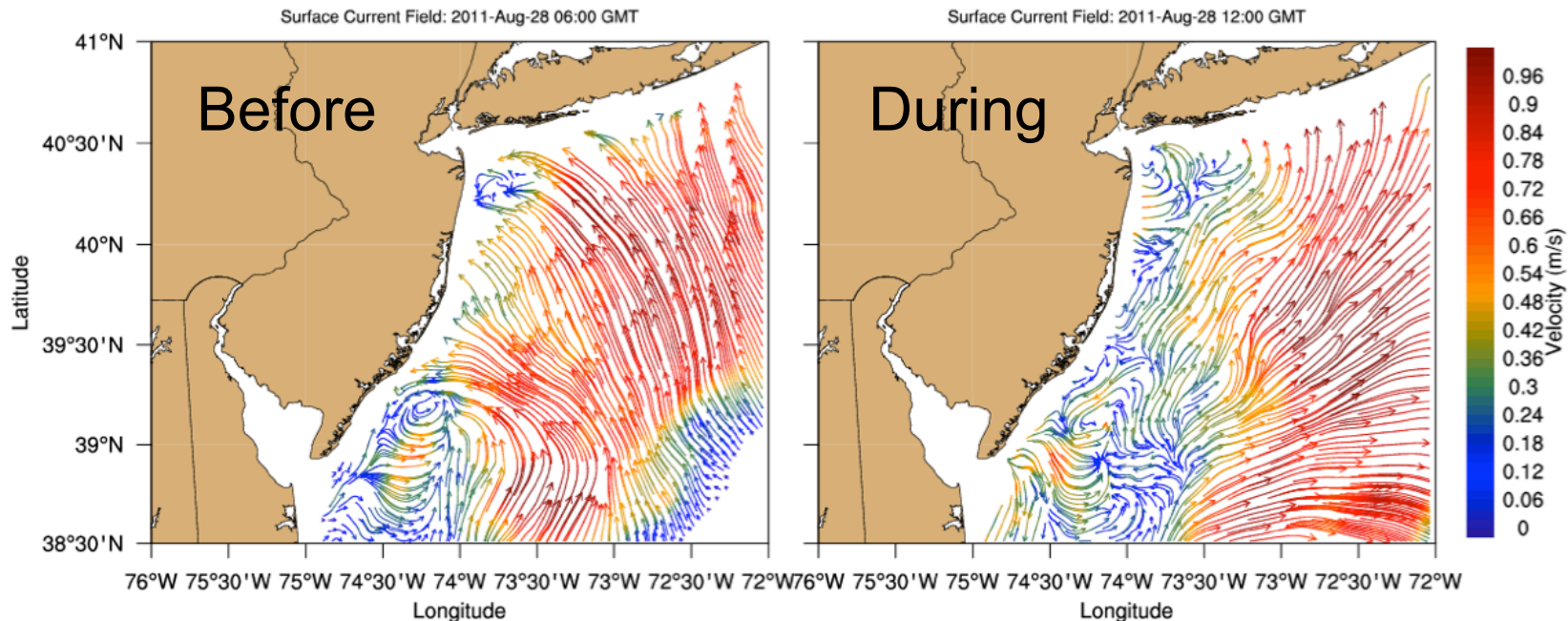


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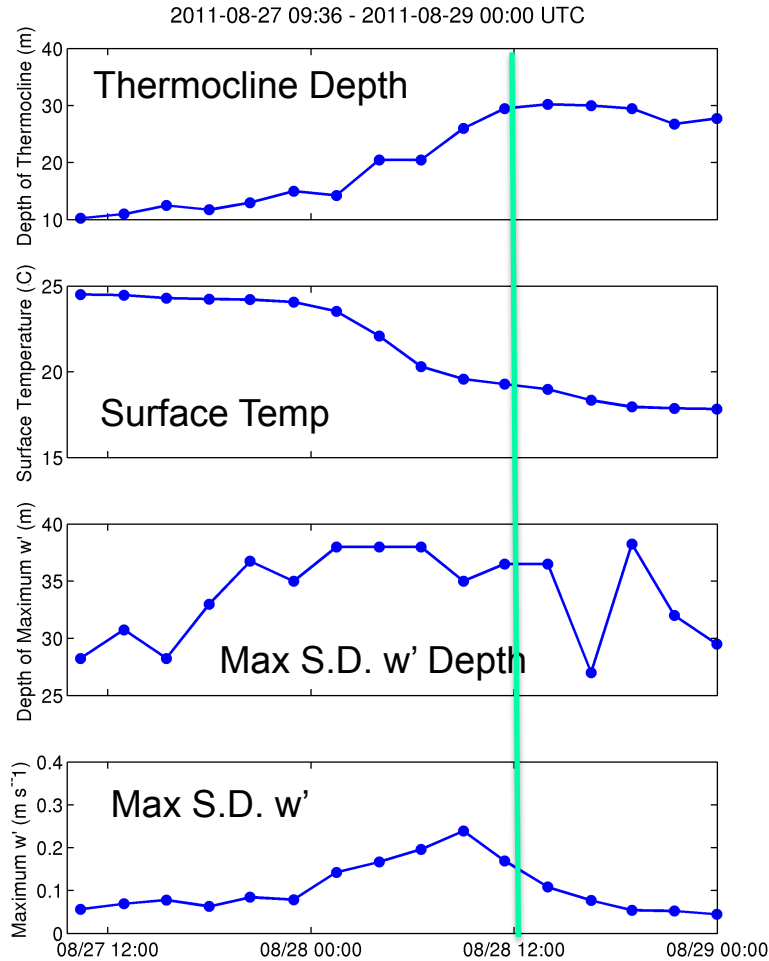




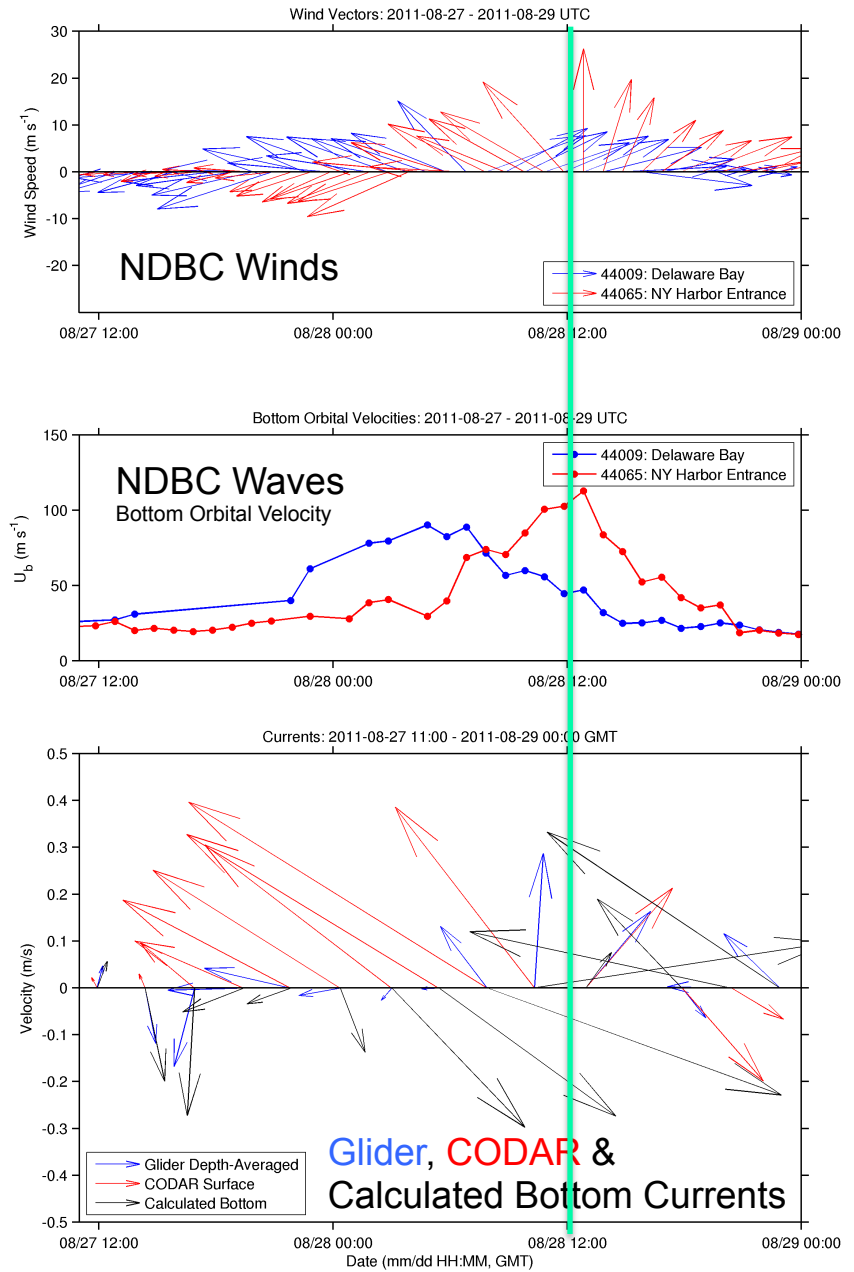
# CODAR Surface Currents Near the Eye of Irene



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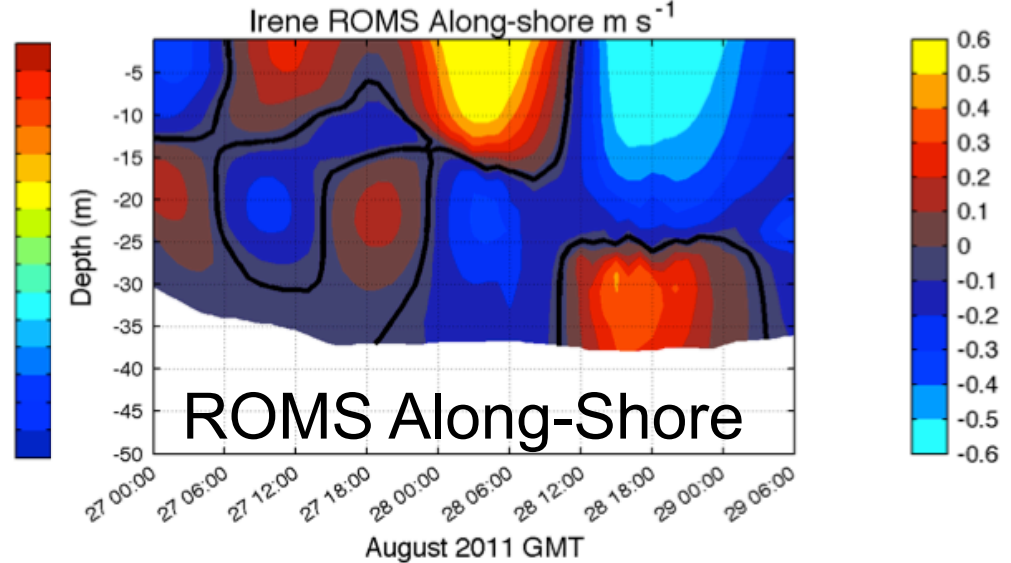
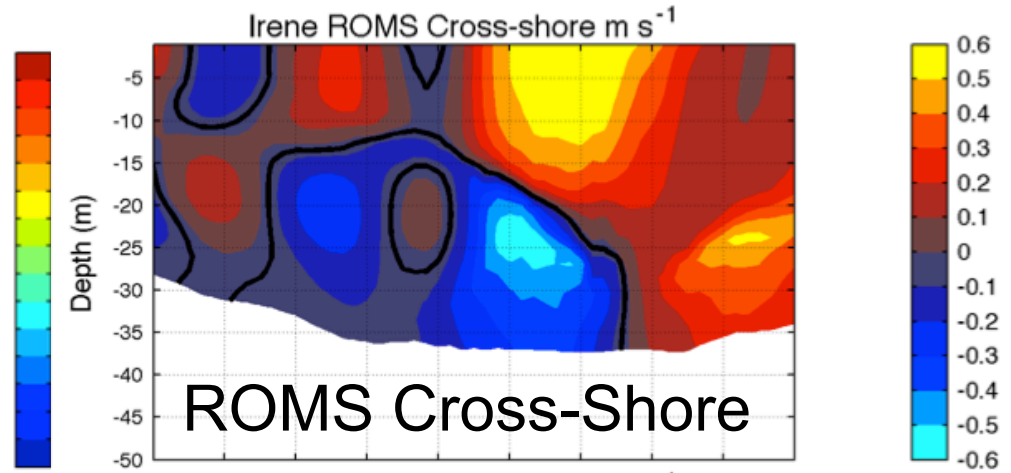
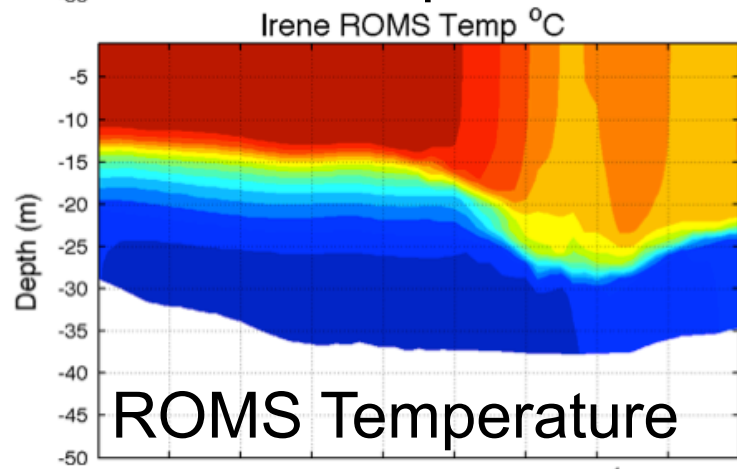
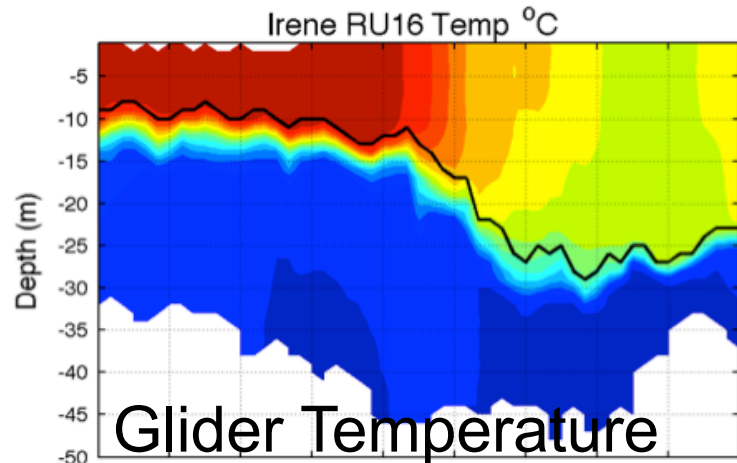


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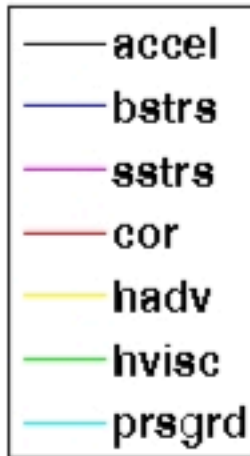
# ROMS Model results for Hurricane Irene



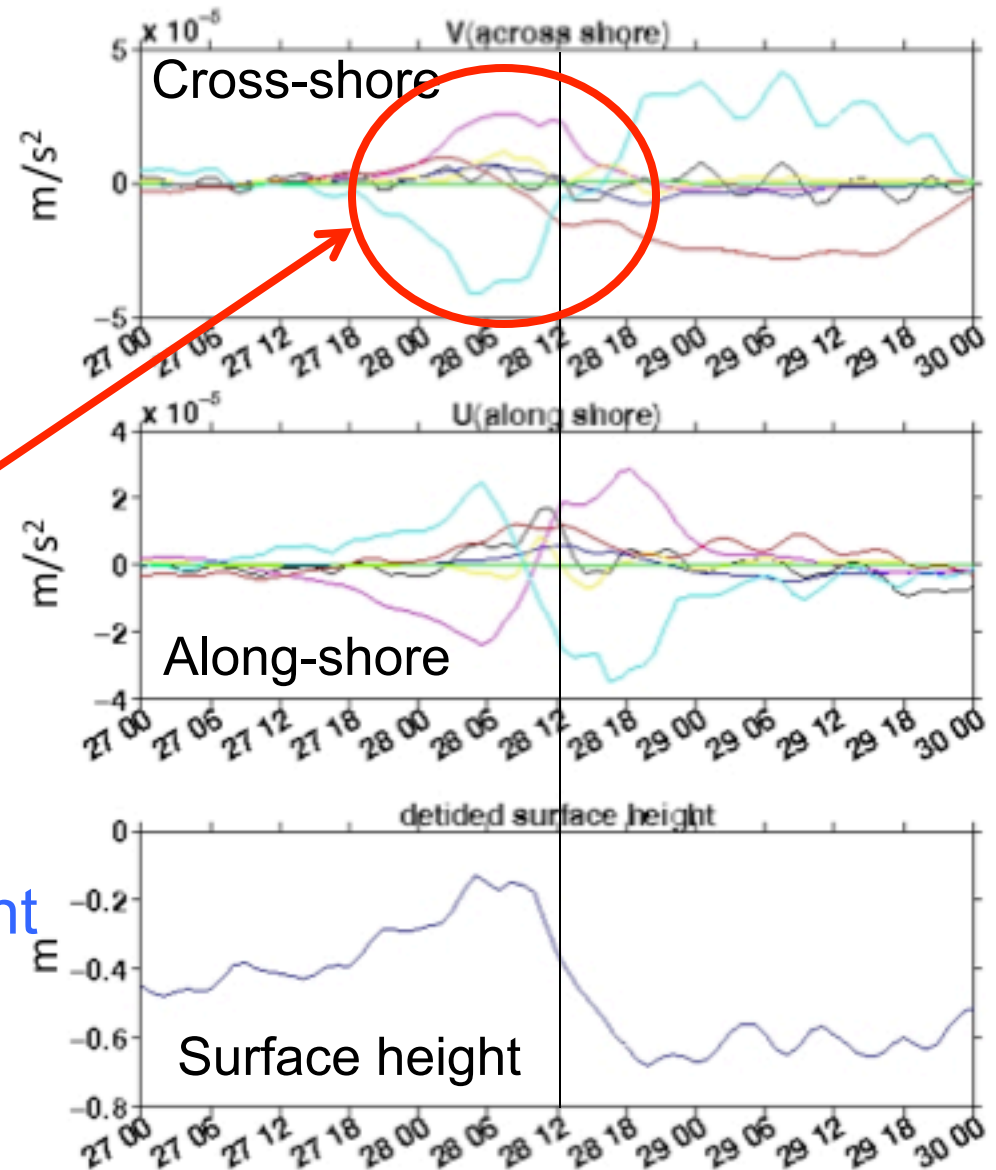
+ onshore, +north

# ROMS Momentum Balance in Hurricane Irene

+ onshore, +north



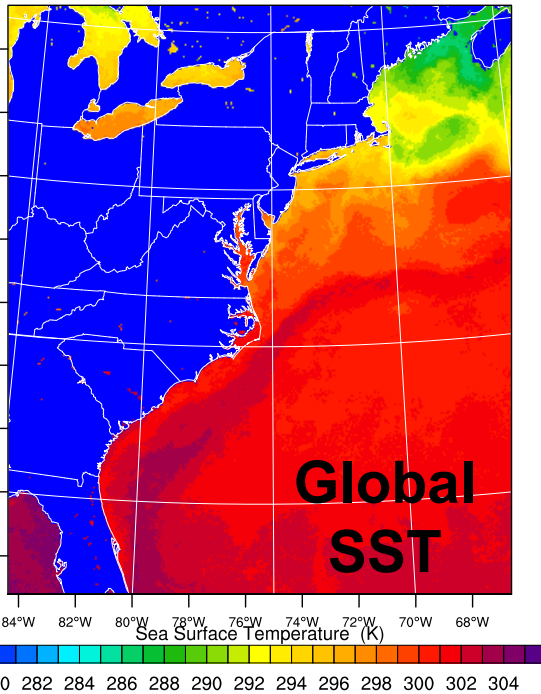
On-Shore **Wind Stress**  
Persists longer than the  
Off-shore **Pressure Gradient**



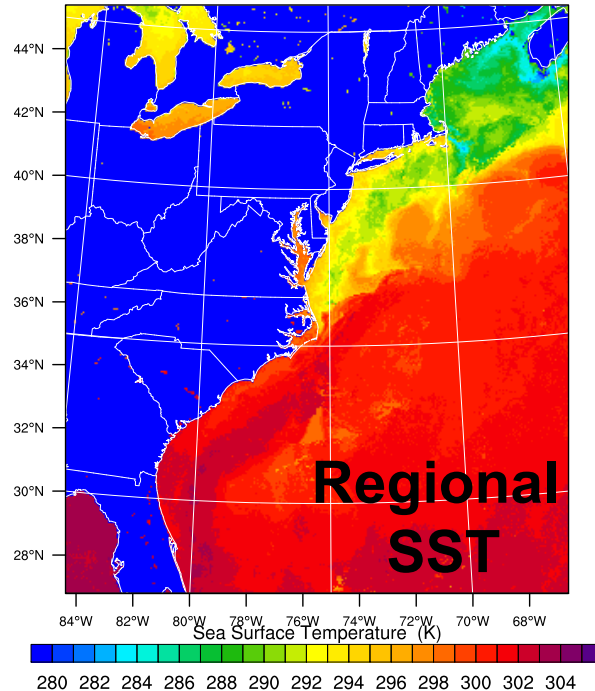


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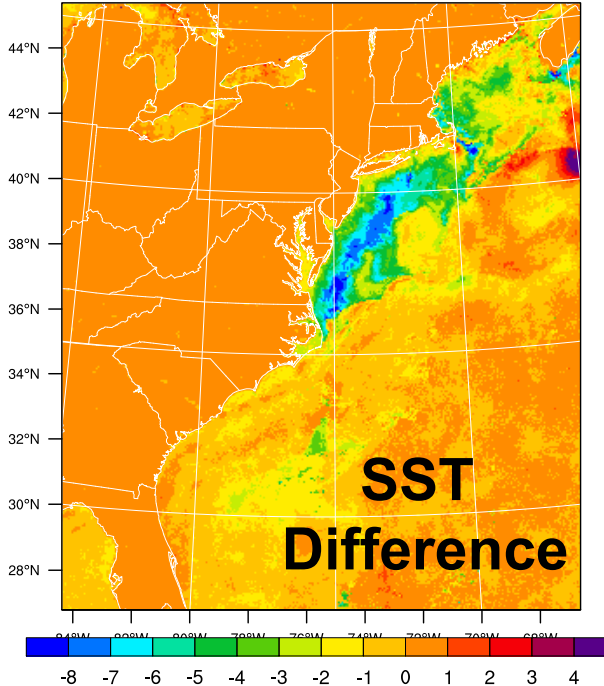
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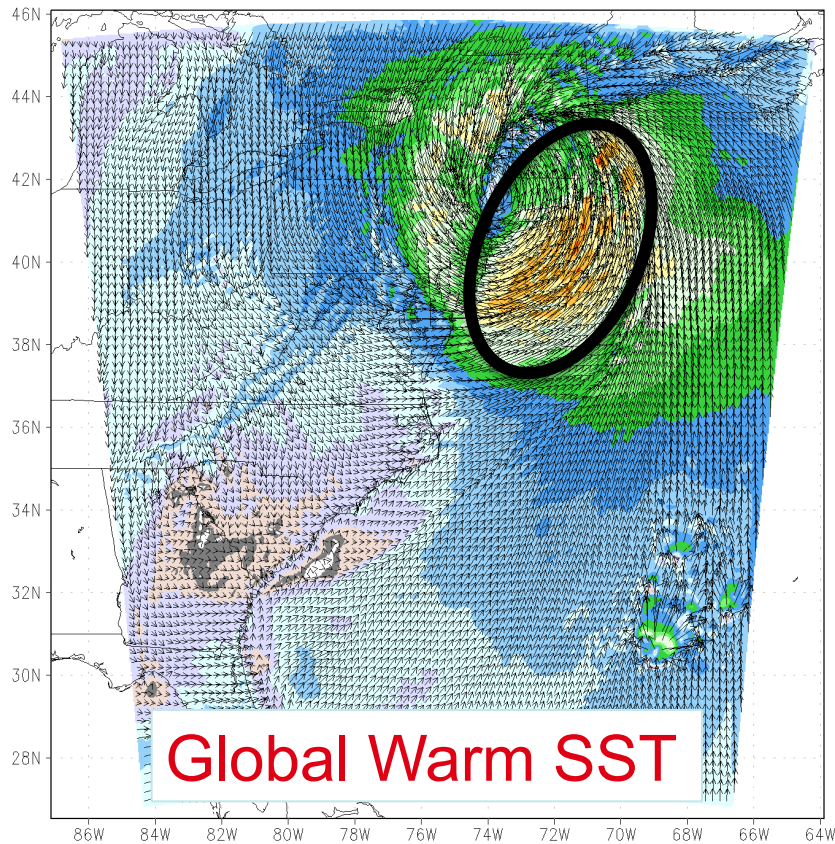


The 6C -10C Cooling occurred:

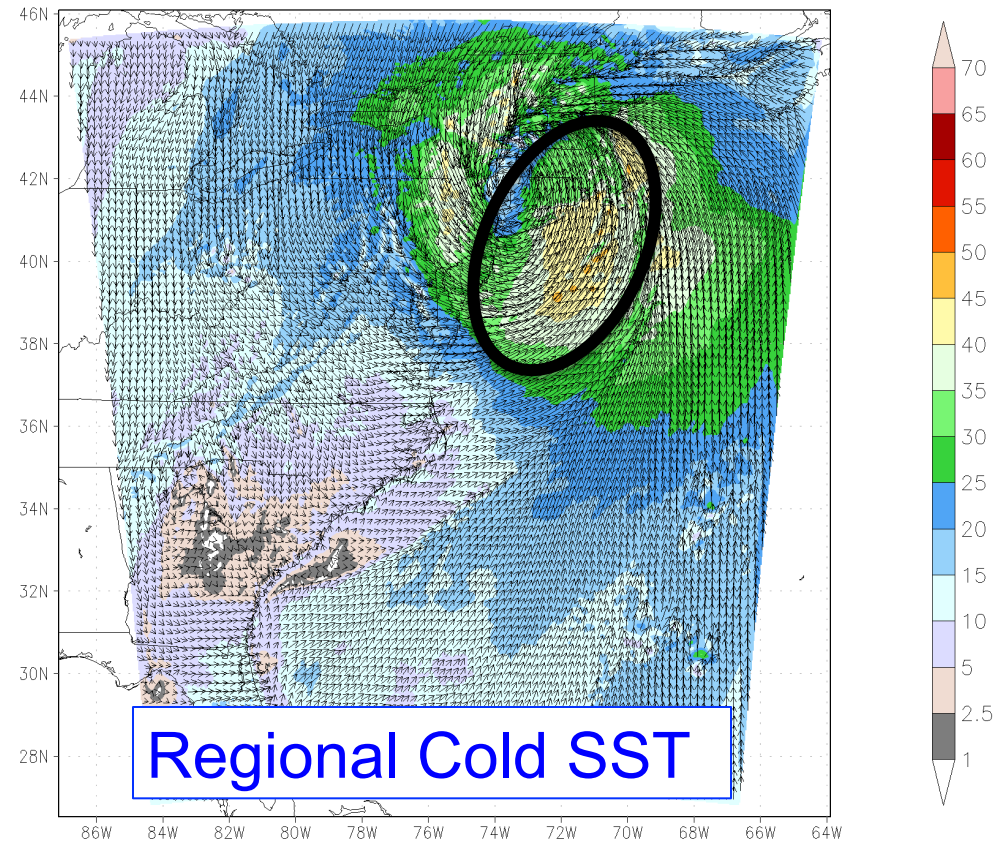
- With the outer wind bands
- Before the eye passed over

# Hurricane Irene SST Sensitivity Hindcast

Wind Speed at 10 m [kts]

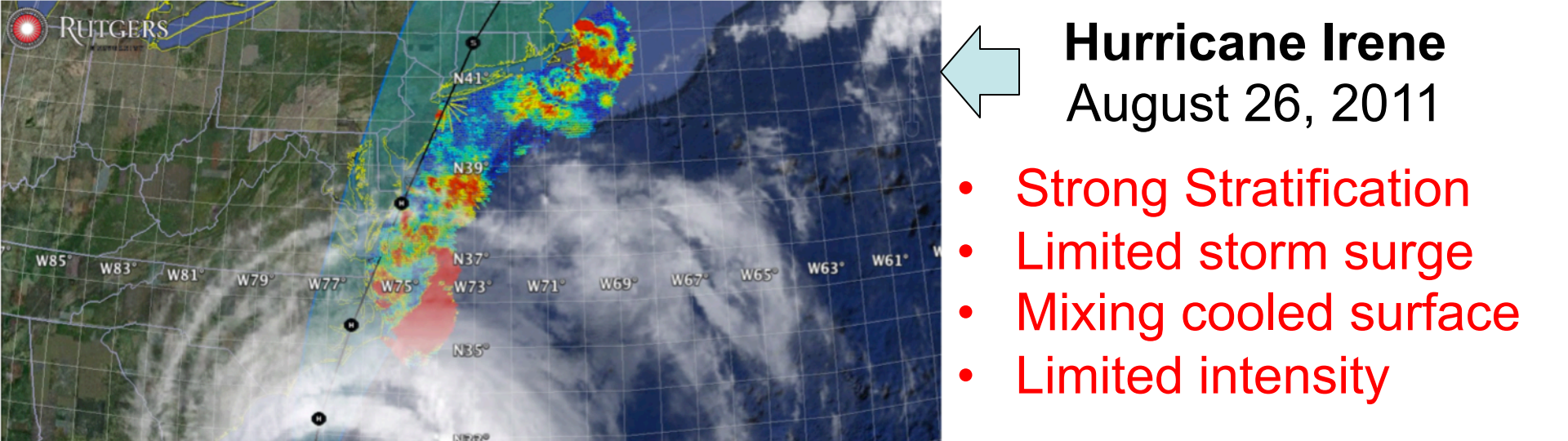


Wind Speed at 10 m [kts]



Maximum Wind Speed Skill Score	Official Forecast	<i>Warm SST Hindcast</i>	Warm SST + OML Model Hindcast	<i>Cold SST Hindcast</i>
<i>RMS Error (knots)</i>	9.43	7.13	7.09	3.61





# First Warning for Hurricane Sandy: Monday, Oct 22, 1-week prior to landfall

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** Re: [hftp-telecon] Telecon this week

**Date:** Mon, 22 Oct 2012 15:18:18 -0400

**From:** Louis Bowers <bowers@marine.rutgers.edu>

**To:** Scott Glenn <glenn@marine.rutgers.edu>

**CC:**

If you take the medium range models at face value, 30th thru 1st, historic storm, starting from to-be Sandy. Winds hurricane force, 6" + of rain, extreme coastal flooding. Or, it could miss completely.

Louis Bowers

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 22, 2012, at 3:11 PM, Scott Glenn <[glenn@marine.rutgers.edu](mailto:glenn@marine.rutgers.edu)> wrote:

Big storm coming.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 22, 2012, at 2:59 PM, Louis Bowers <[bowers@marine.rutgers.edu](mailto:bowers@marine.rutgers.edu)> wrote:

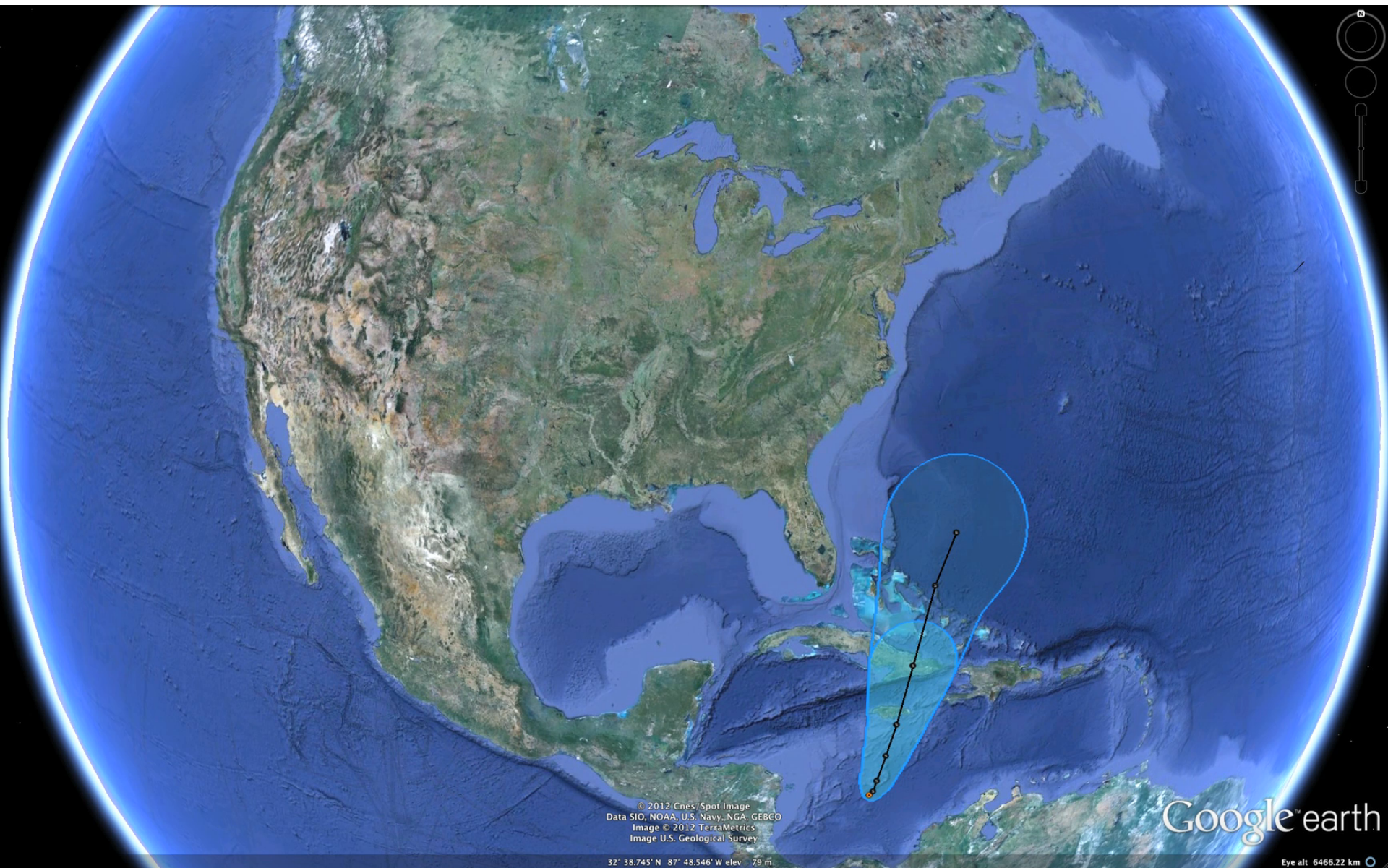
Might get a chance to test out our forecasting early next week, could be a whopper of a coastal storm.

Louis Bowers

Sent from my iPhone



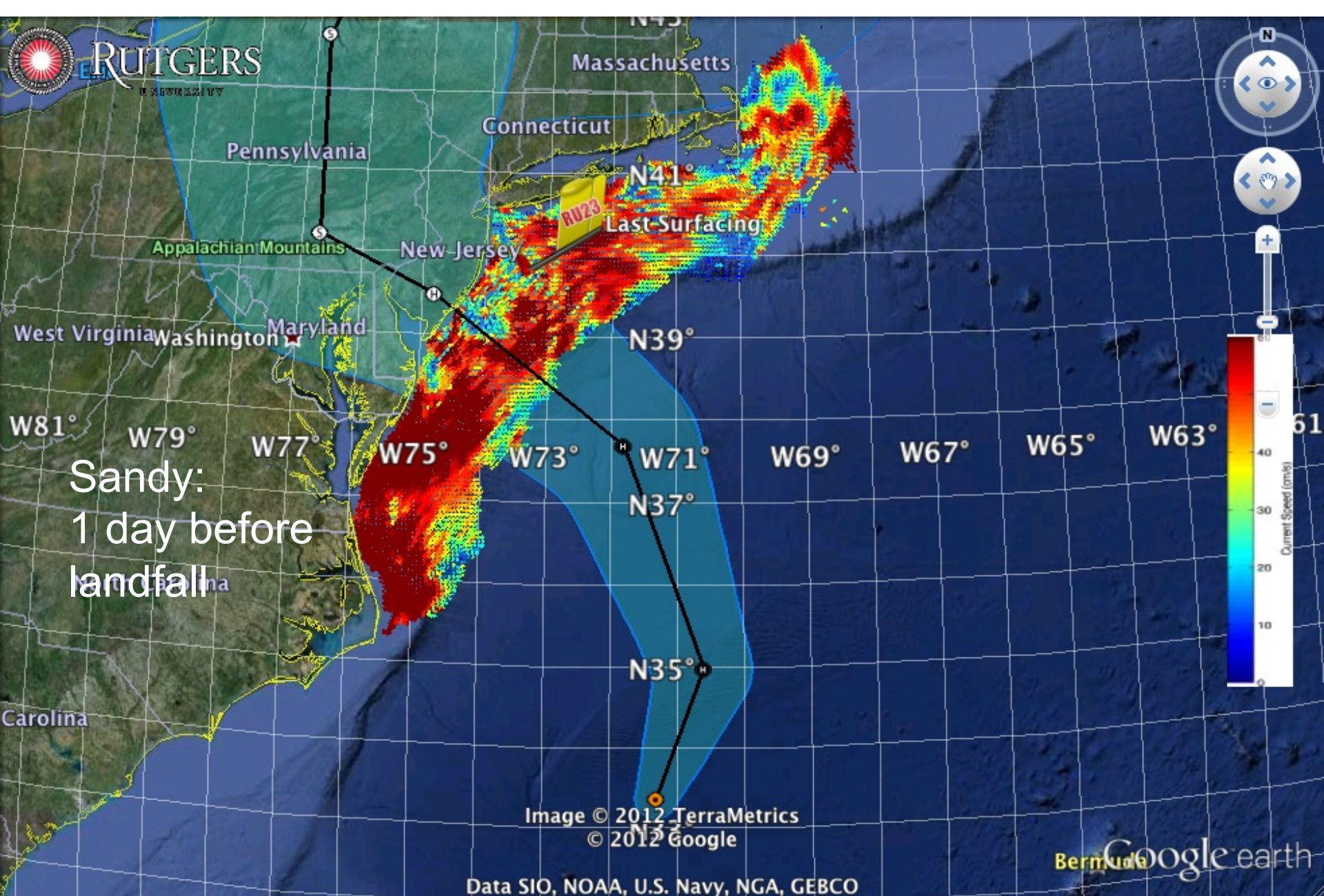
# Hurricane Sandy: 5 Day Track Uncertainty Cone



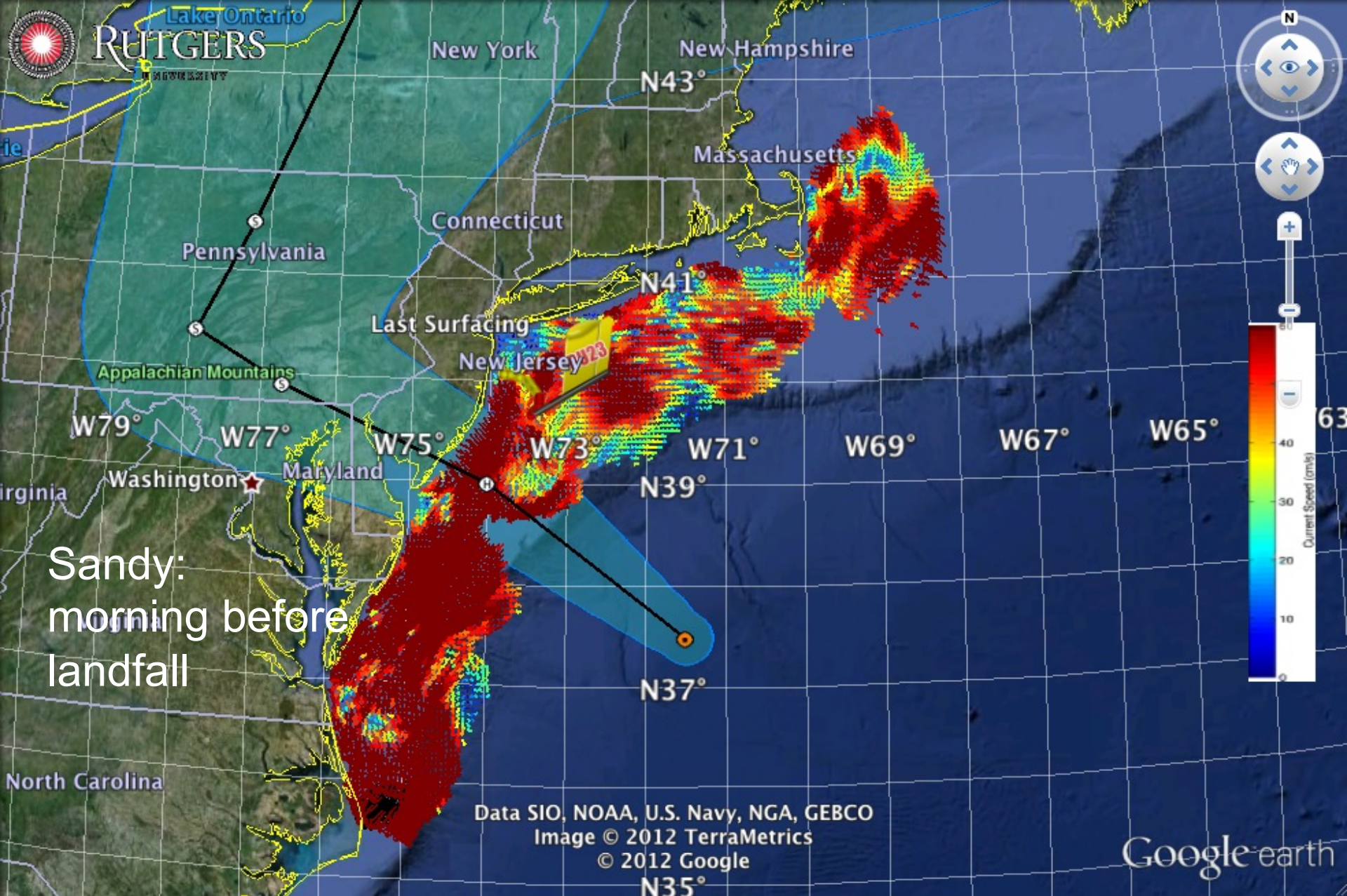




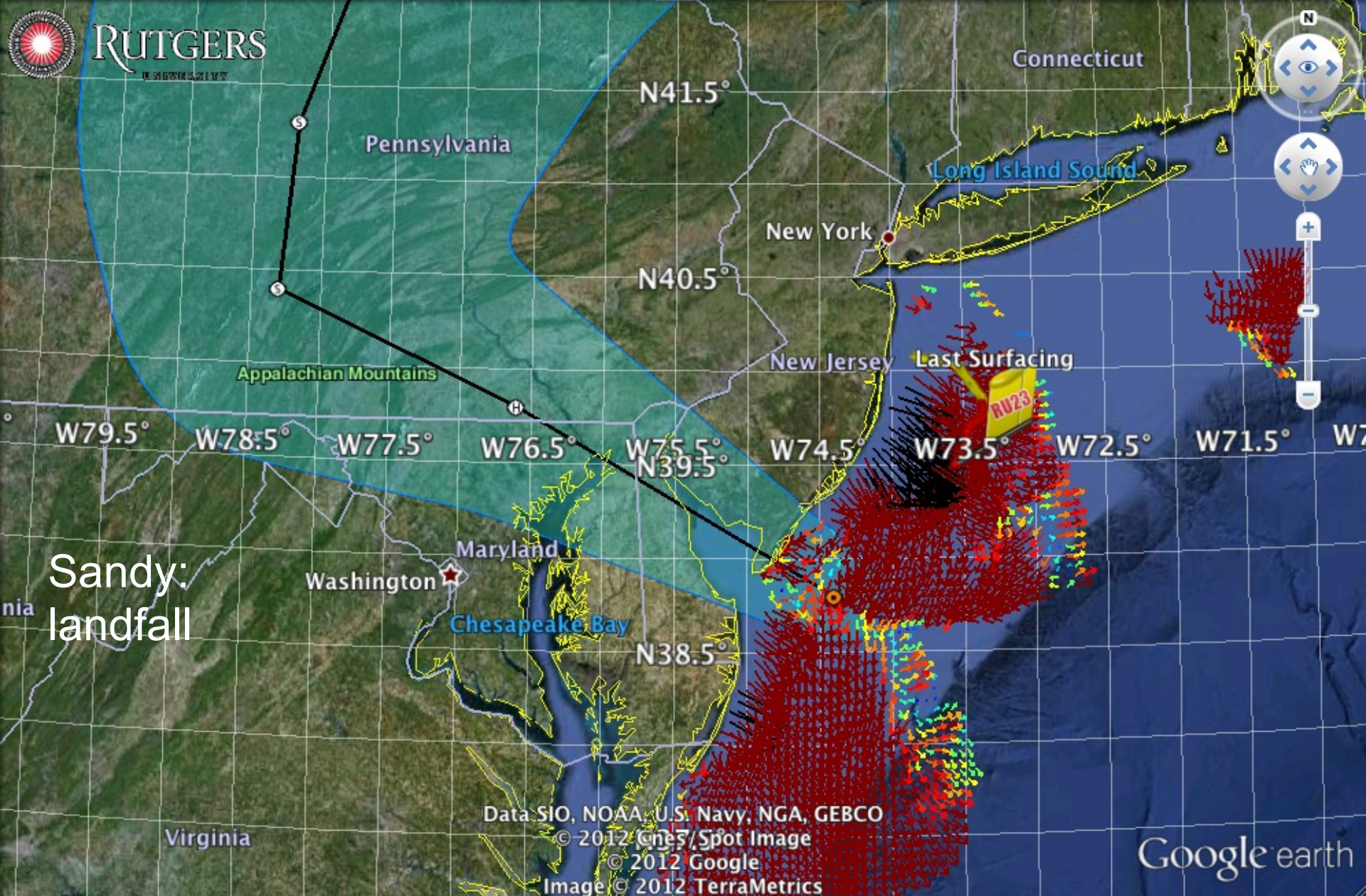










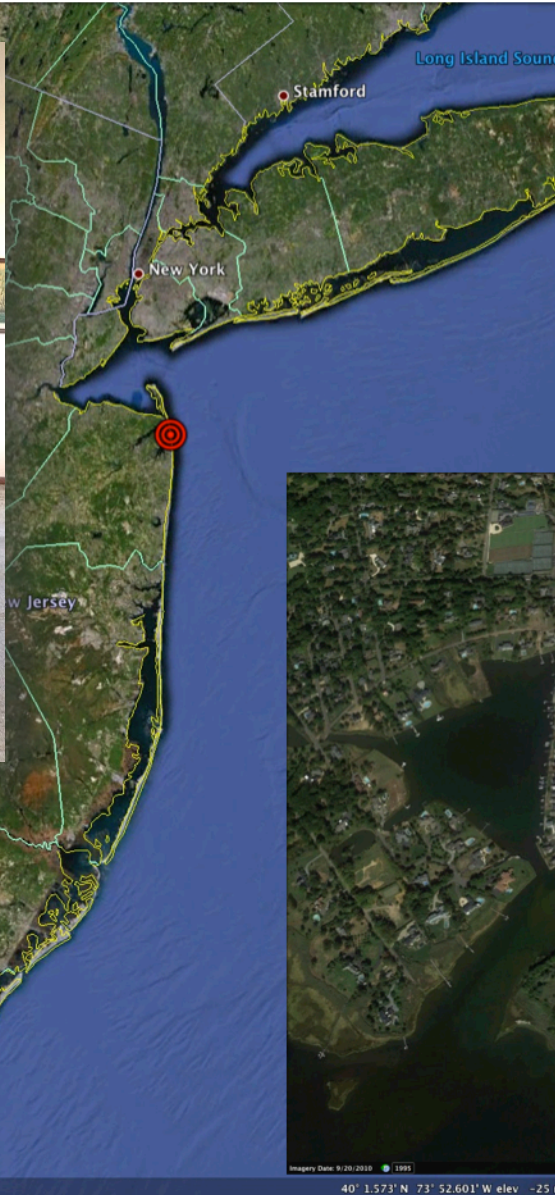




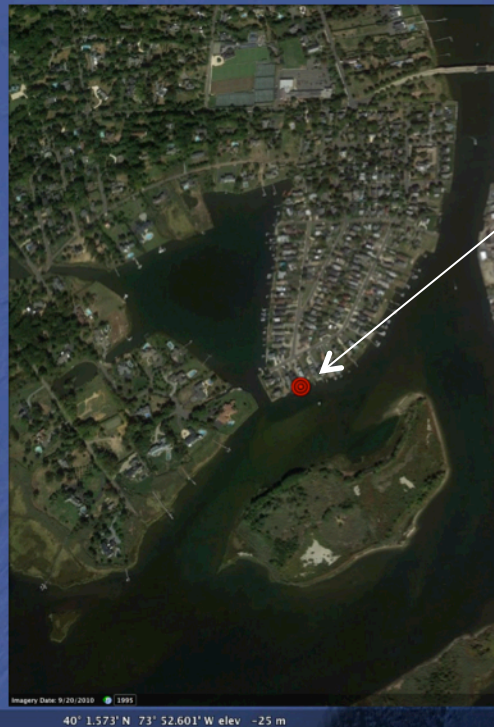
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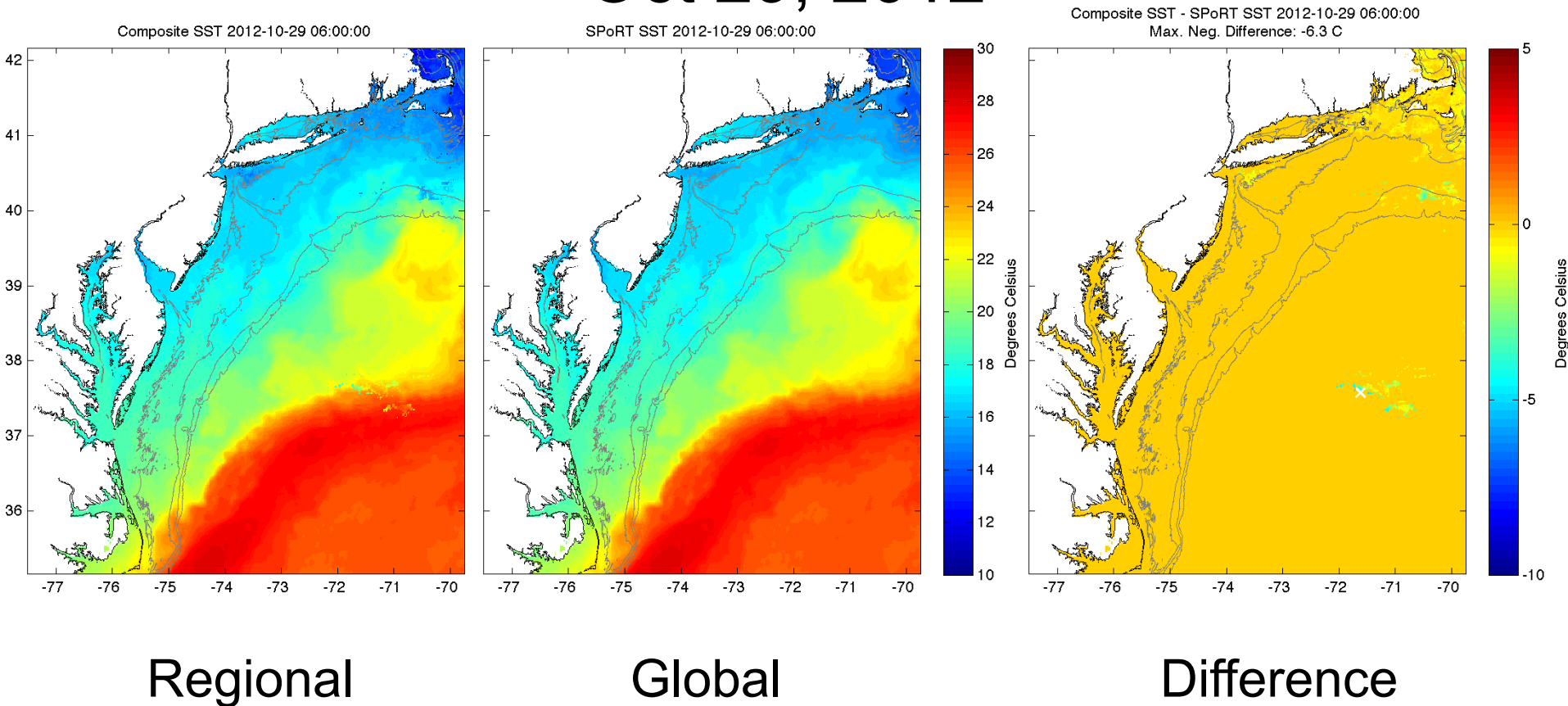


HF Radar  
Shed floats  
0.85 km  
across barrier  
island & river



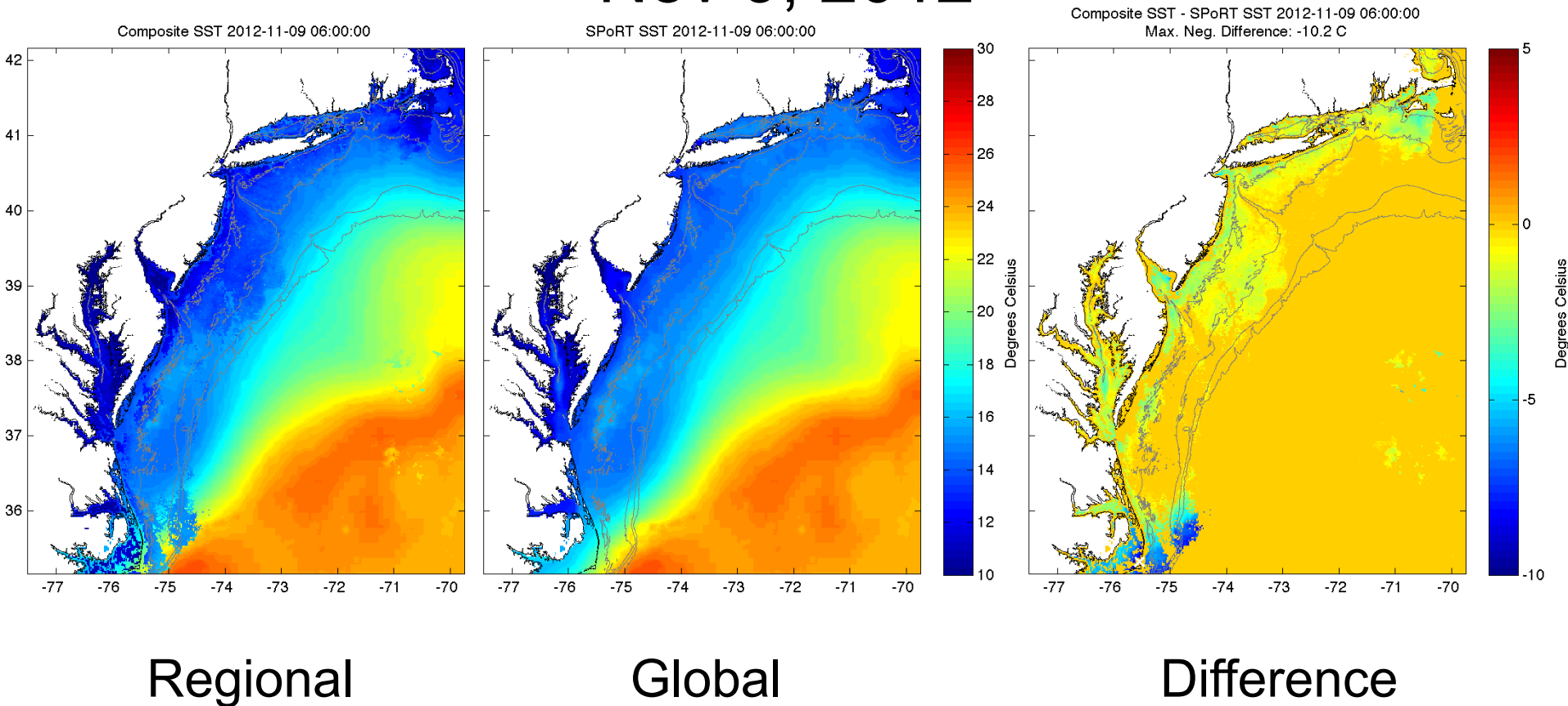


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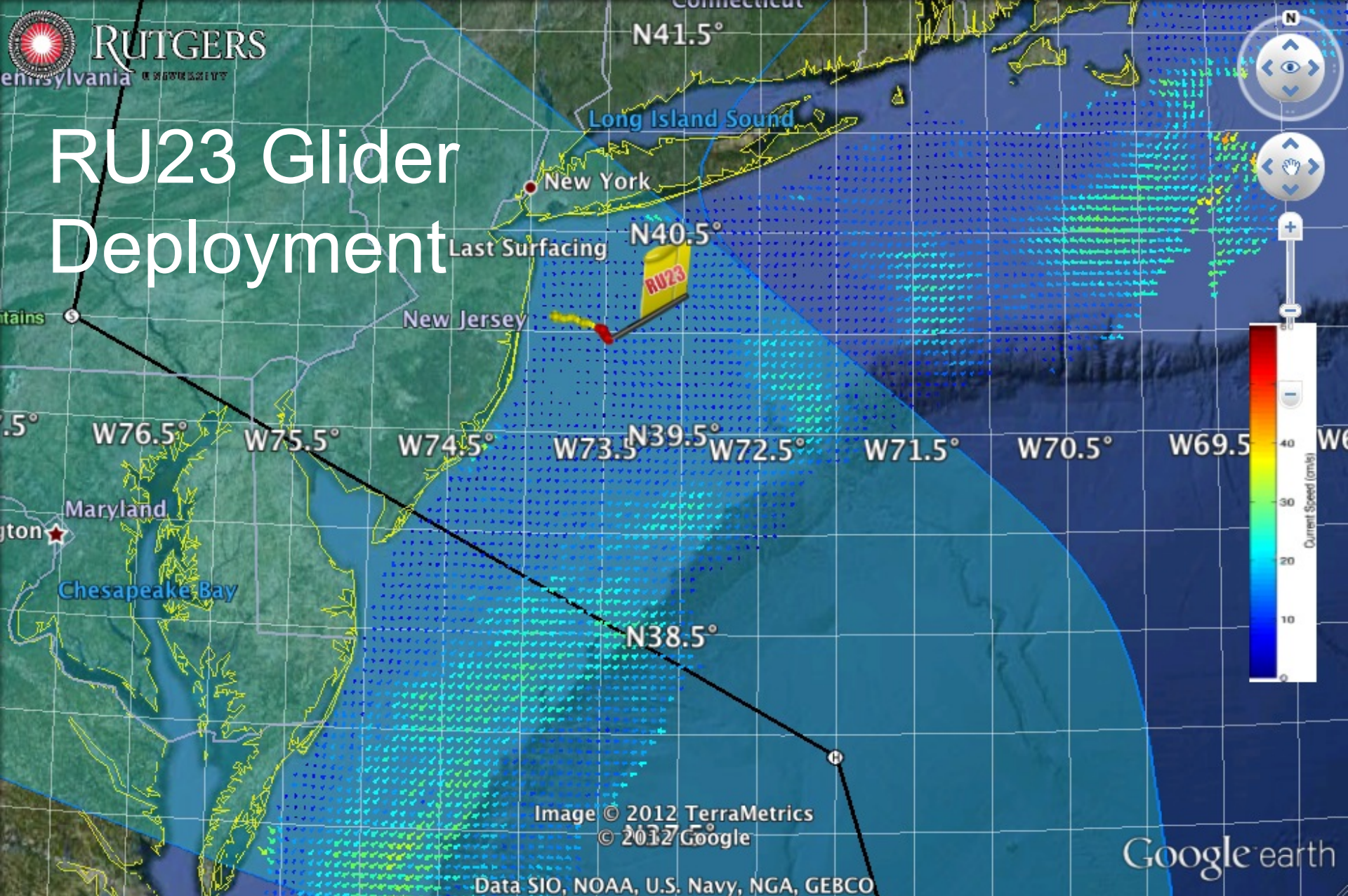


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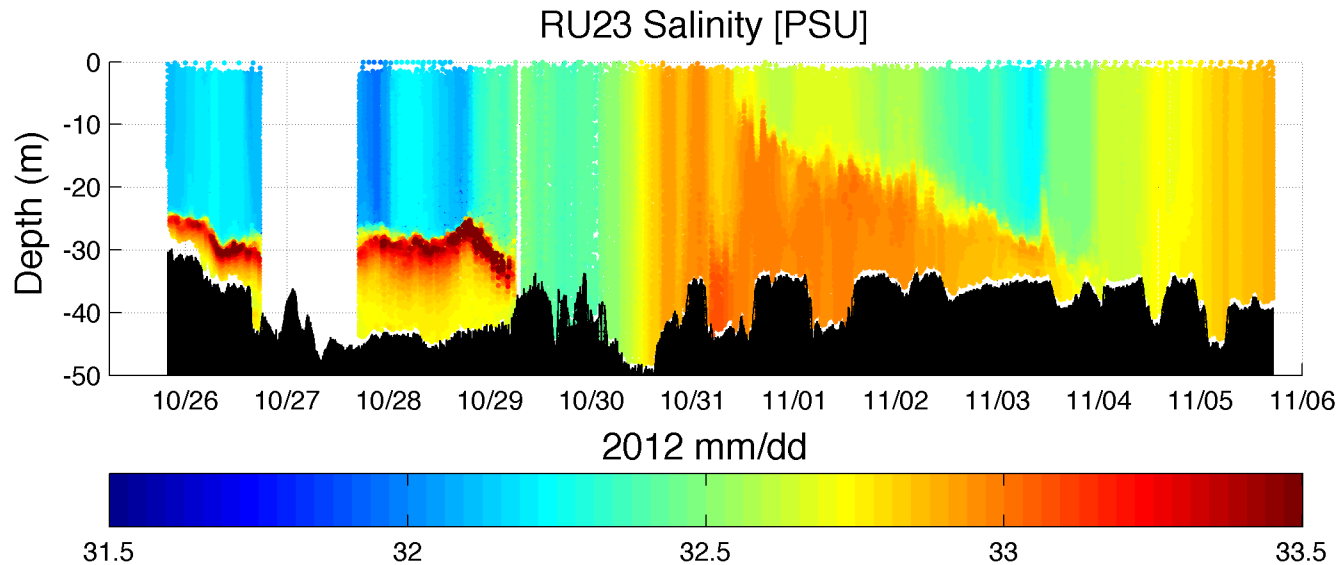
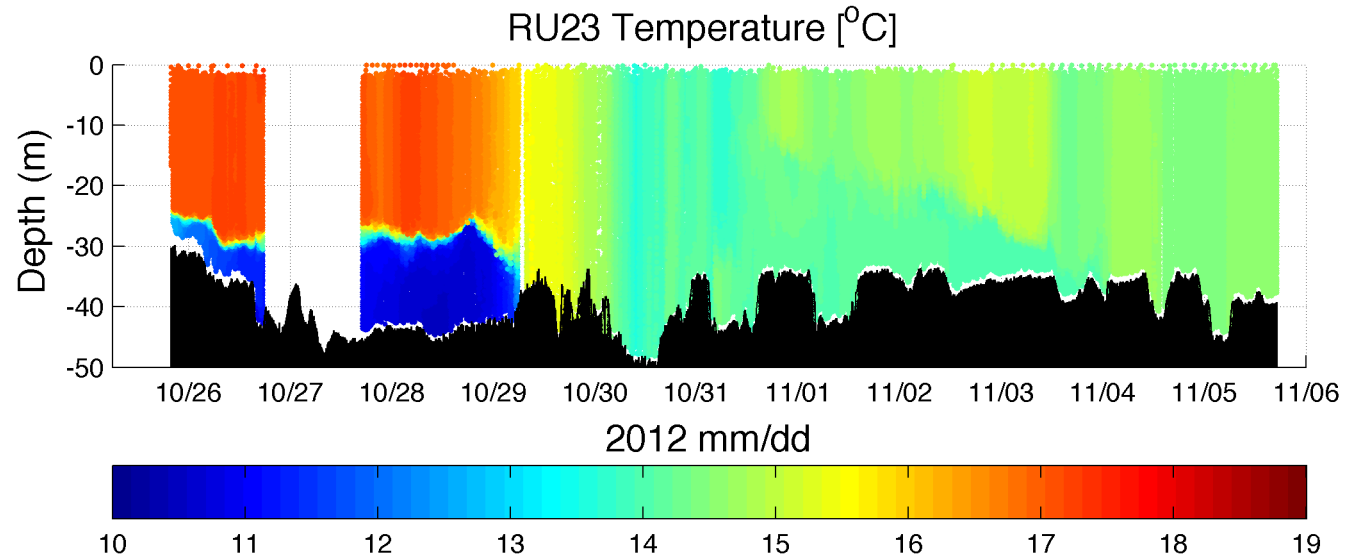
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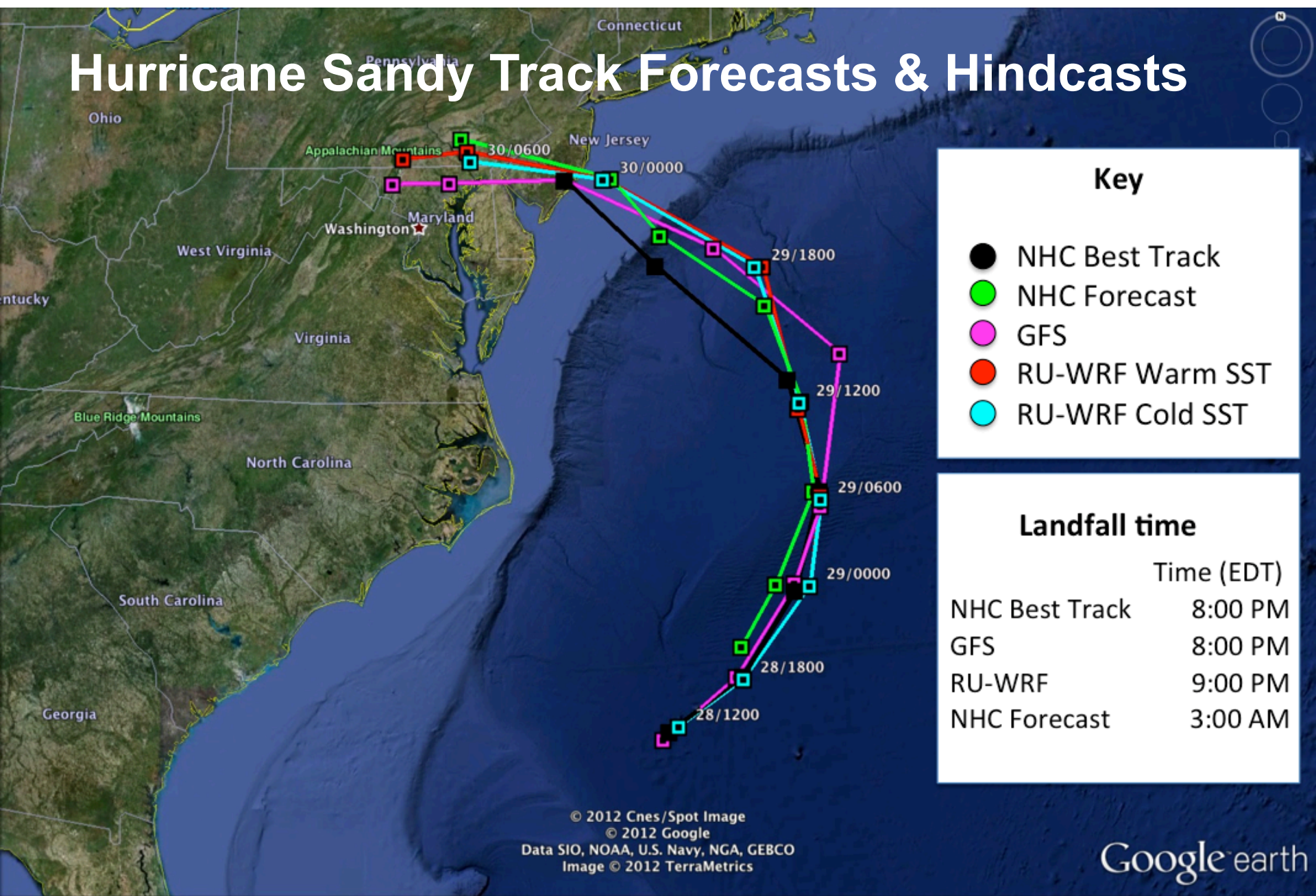


# Glider RU23 Temperature and Salinity Section





# Hurricane Sandy Track Forecasts & Hindcasts

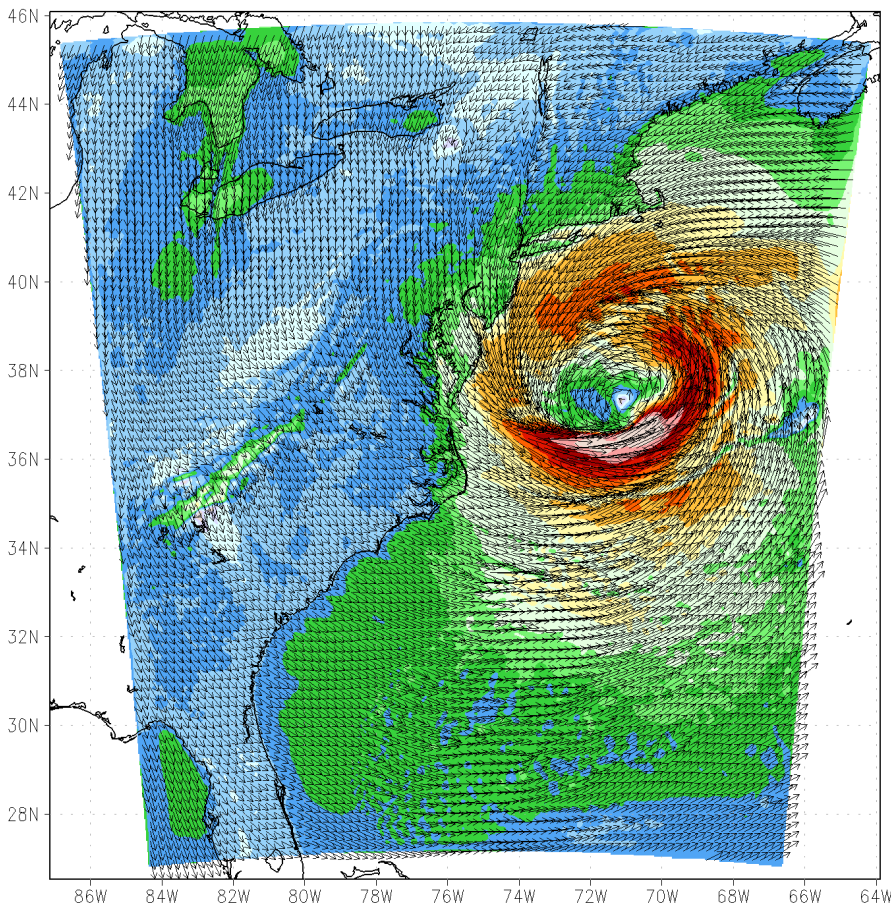




# Hurricane Sandy Hindcast: SST Sensitivity

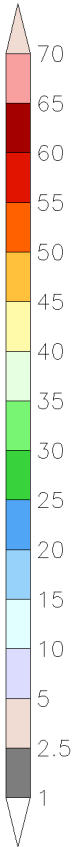
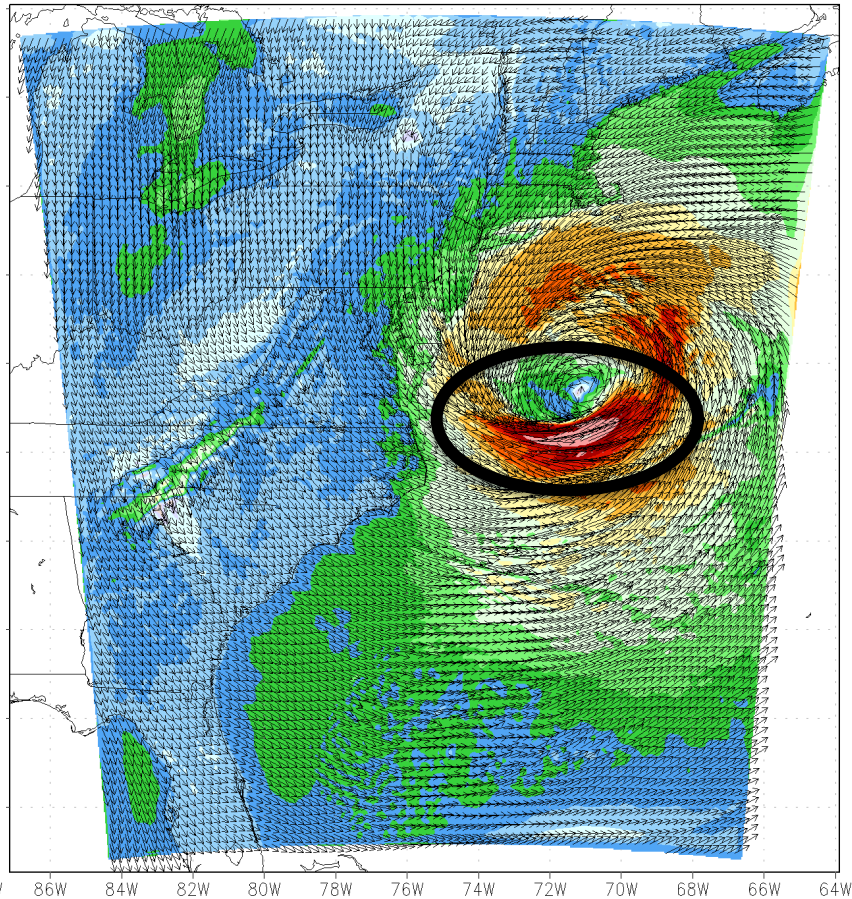
## Warm SST

Wind Speed at 10 m [kts]



## Cold SST

Wind Speed at 10 m [kts]



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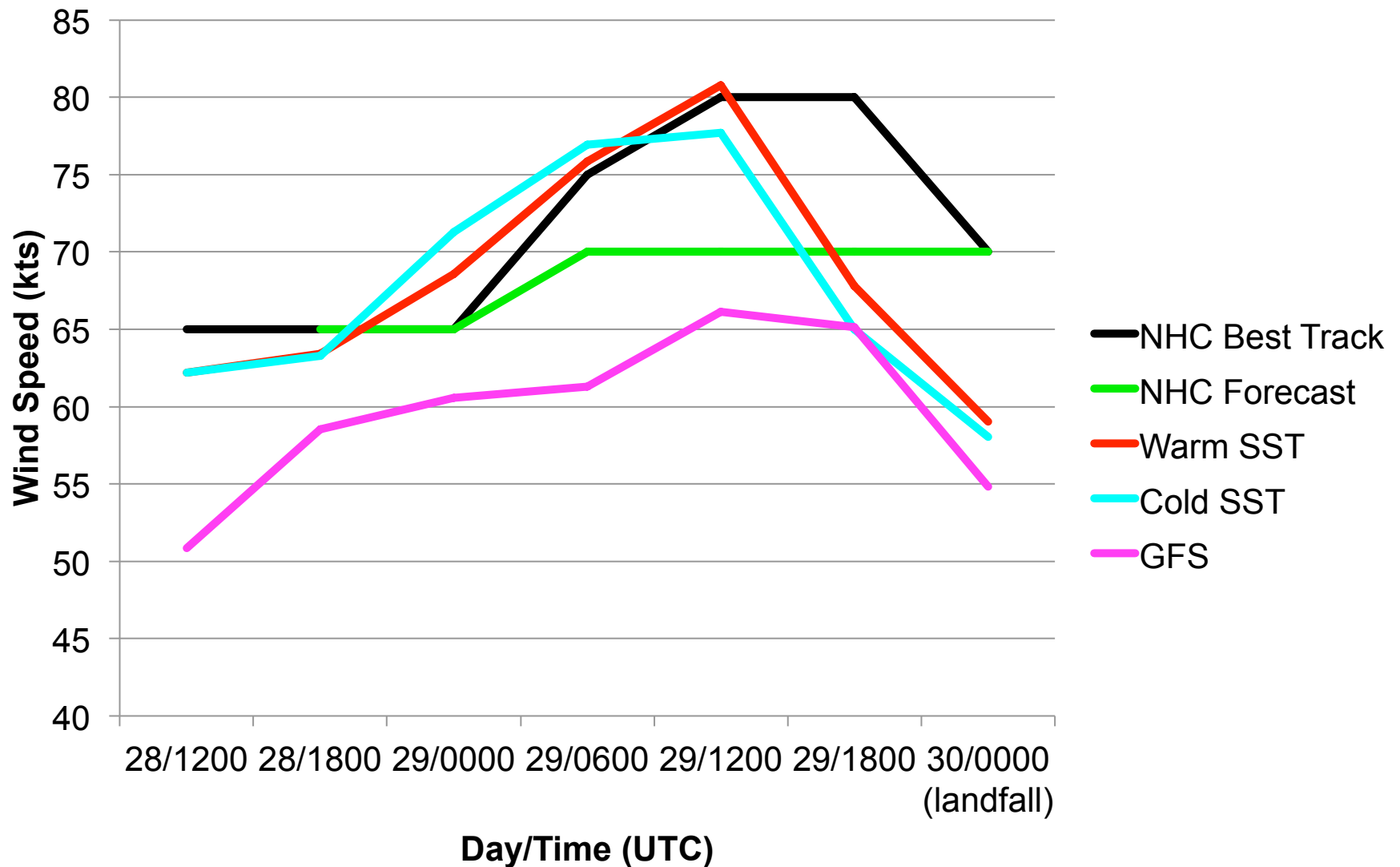
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# Hurricane Sandy Hindcast: Intensity

## Maximum Sustained 10m Wind Speed (kts)



# Storm Surge Forecast at Peak



Urban Ocean Observatory at the Center for Maritime Systems

Present  
Conditions

NYHOPS  
Forecast

NJ Coast  
(CMN)

Storm  
Surge

Mobile  
Stations

CMS  
Partners

Data &  
Time Series



## Storm Surge Warning System

### Plot Series or Download Data

Station:    
Stations are listed from North to South

Start Date:

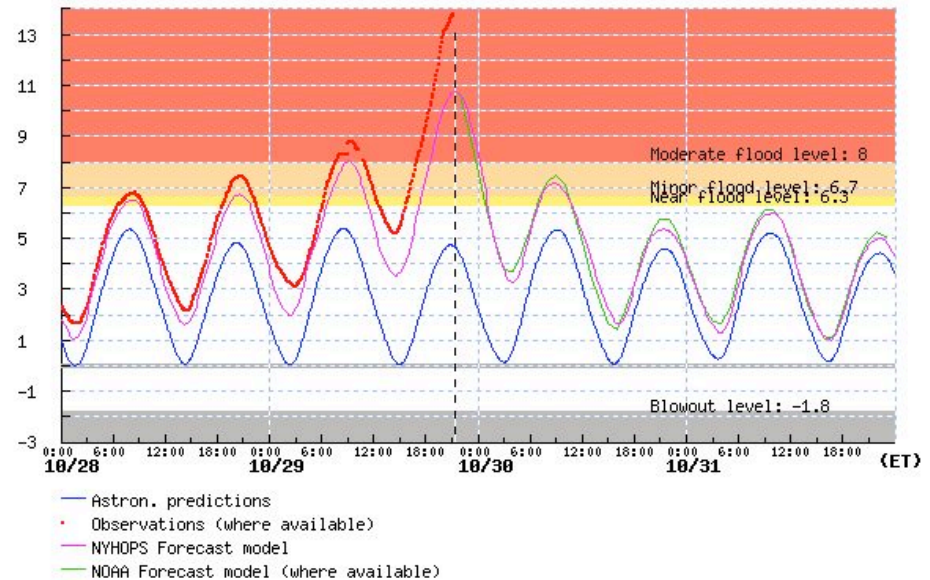
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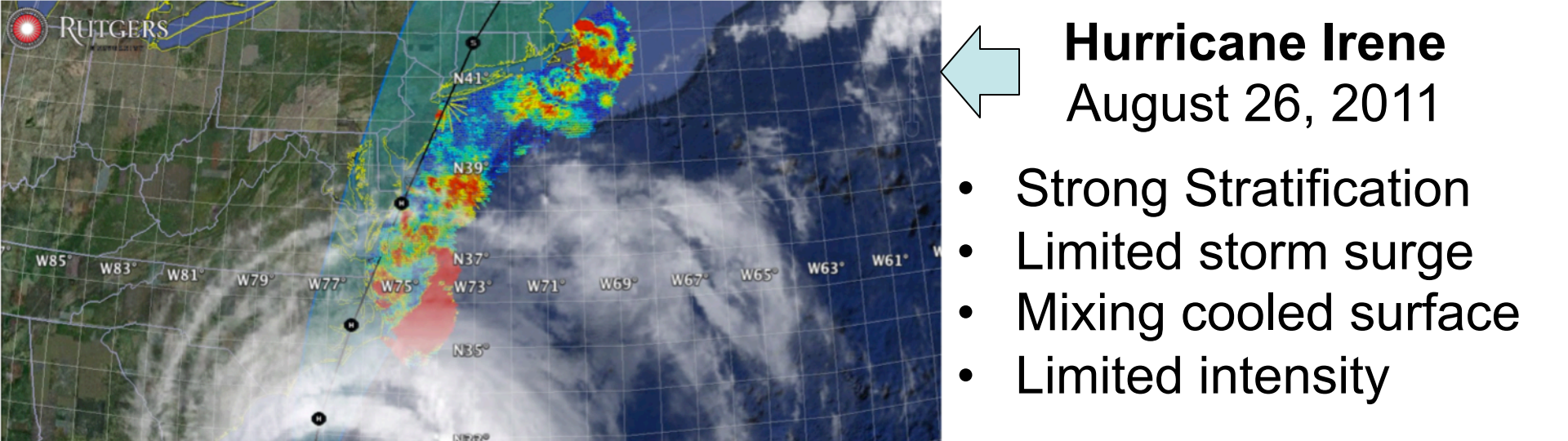
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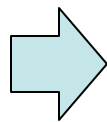
The Battery NY - Water level relative to MLLW (ft)



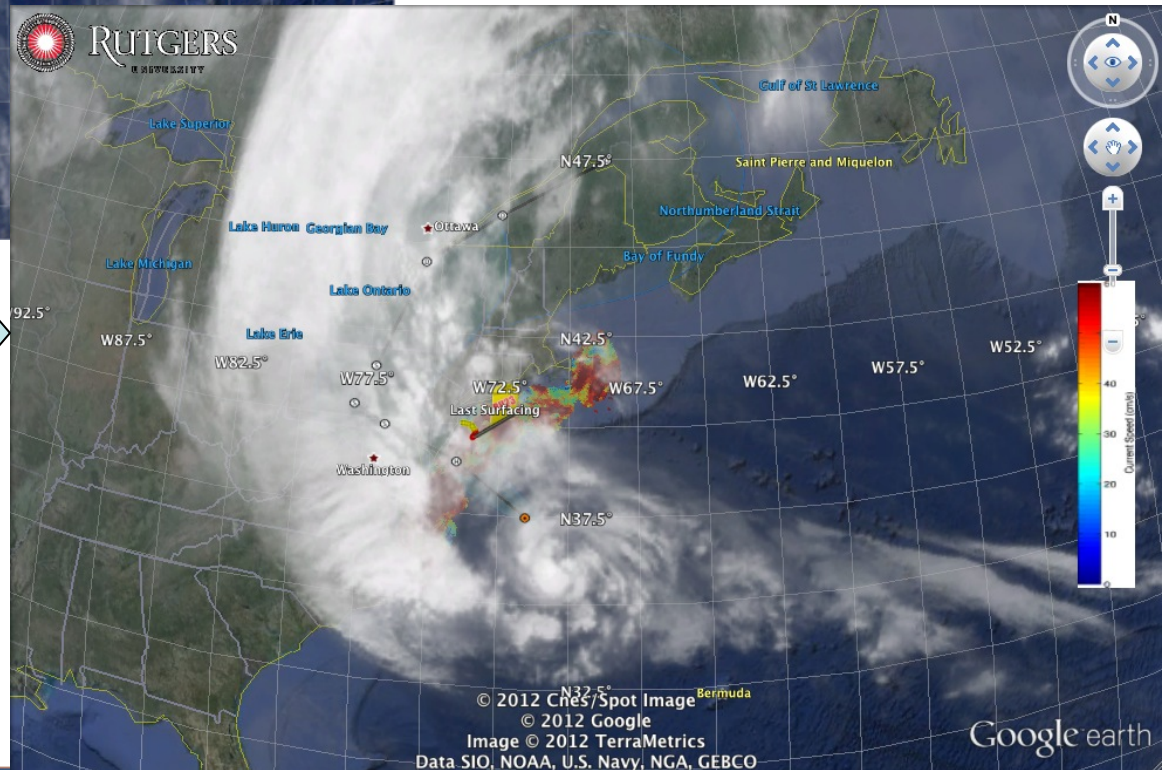




## Hurricane Sandy October 29, 2012



- After fall transition
- Single layer ocean
- No mixing/cooling
- No escape for surge







## Response Summary:

- 1) Sandy was a disruptive event.
- 2) IOOS was there before, during and after.
- 3) IOOS made a difference.





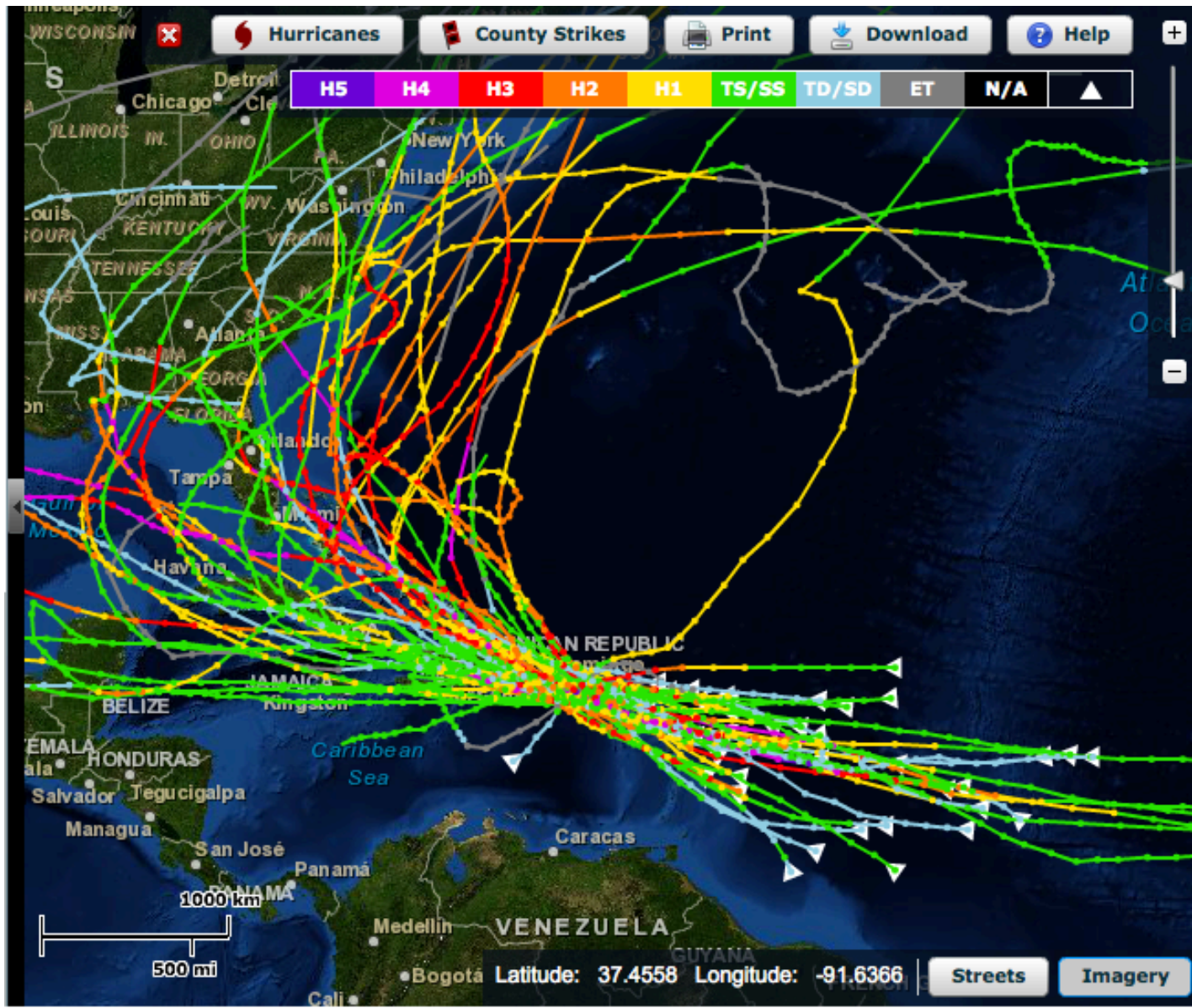
# North Atlantic Storm Pathway: Hurricane Intensity Forecast Improvement Initiative

*5 regions: CARA, GCOOS,  
MARACOOS, NERACOOS,  
SECOORA*



- *Filling gaps in operational hurricane monitoring, including the National Glider Network and Depth-Resolving Ocean Buoy Network.*
- *Upgrade coastal observing networks.*
- *The development of improved regional-scale ocean forecast models.*
- *A suite of complementary, coupled, real-time, ocean-atmosphere, forecast models.*

# Historical Hurricane Tracks within 65 nm of Puerto Rico



Primary  
Approach:  
From East



# U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System Caribbean Regional Association-CaRA

## First CarlCOOS Glider Deployment

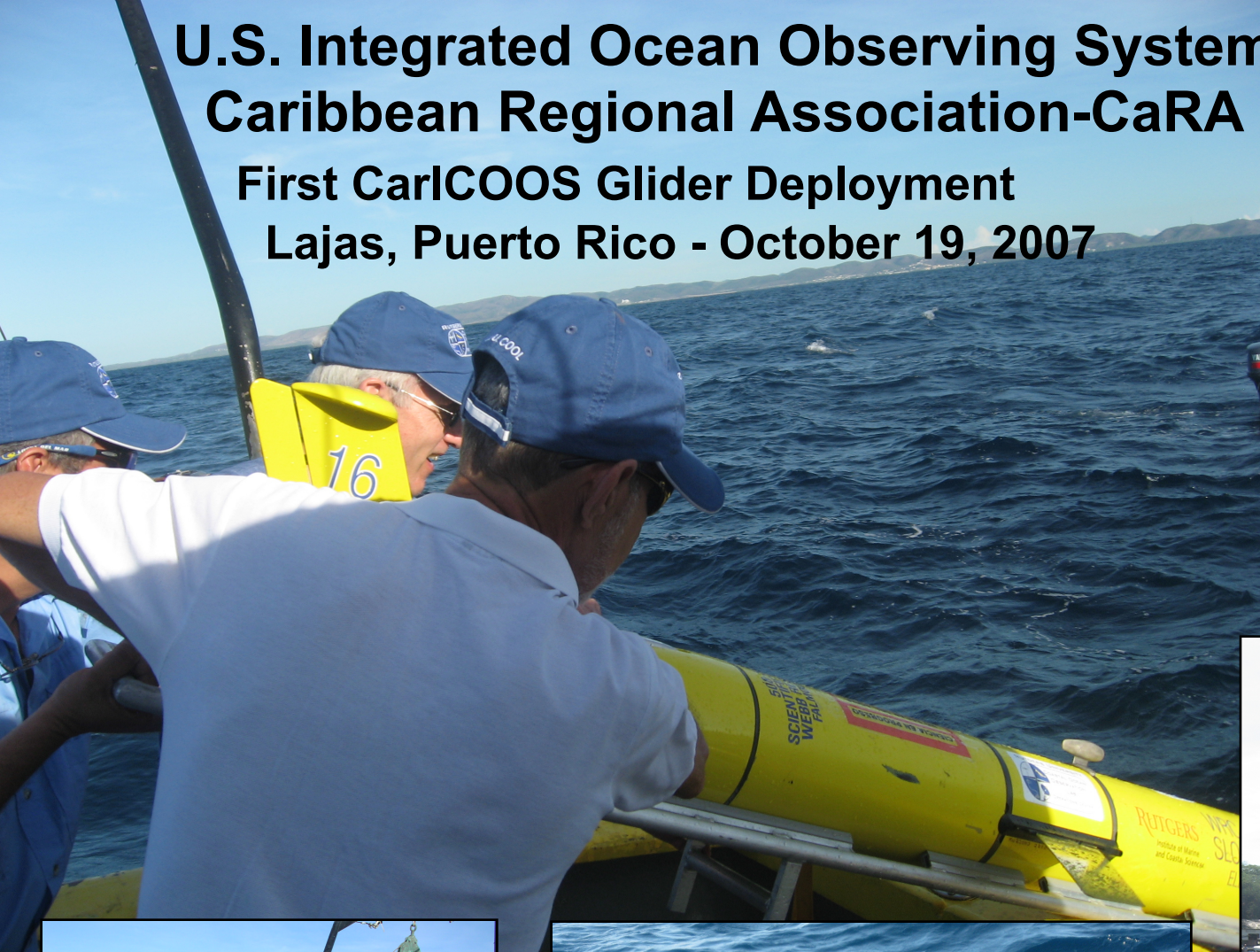
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**Rutgers – Lee Kerkhof,  
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Dave Chapman**





# HFR emplacements on the Mona Passage



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