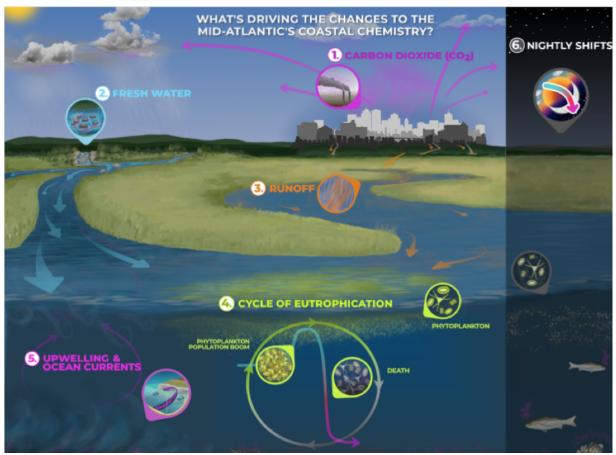
# Glider-based observations of seasonal carbonate chemistry dynamics in Mid-Atlantic shellfishery management zones

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## **Drivers of MAB Acidification**



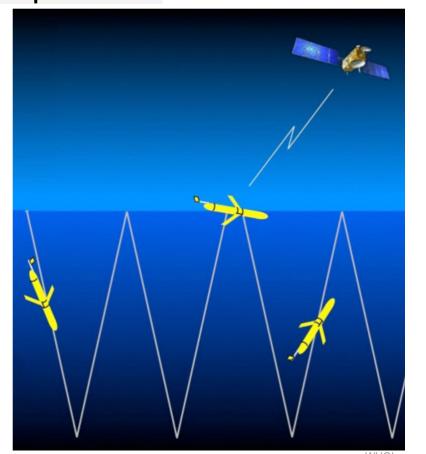
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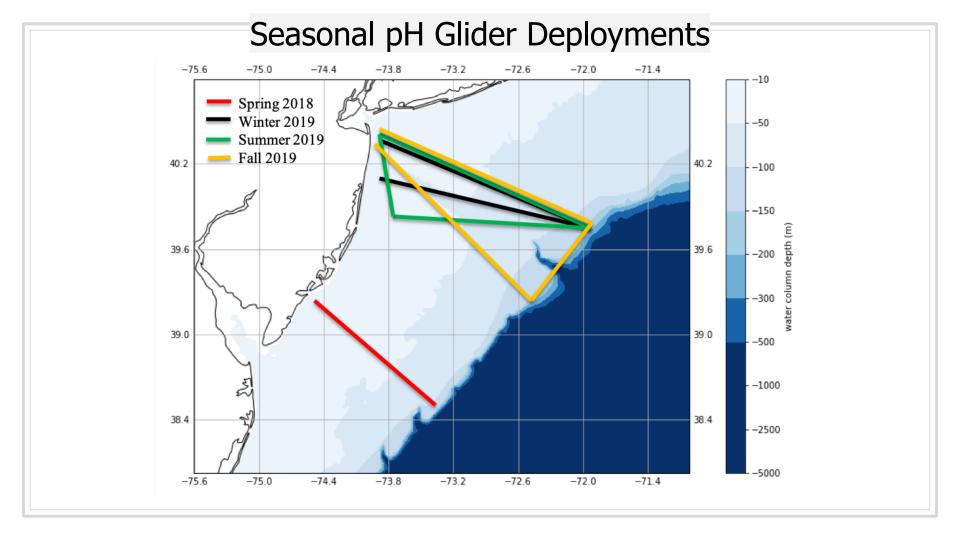
## pH Glider Development pH sensor integrated Deep-Sea DuraFET profiling with pumped CTD pH sensor MODIFICATION Power/Data Connector ISFET Sensor and External Reference Electrode **Glider Payload Bay** Slocum Glider INTEGRATION ECO puck-Aanderaa optodepH sensor

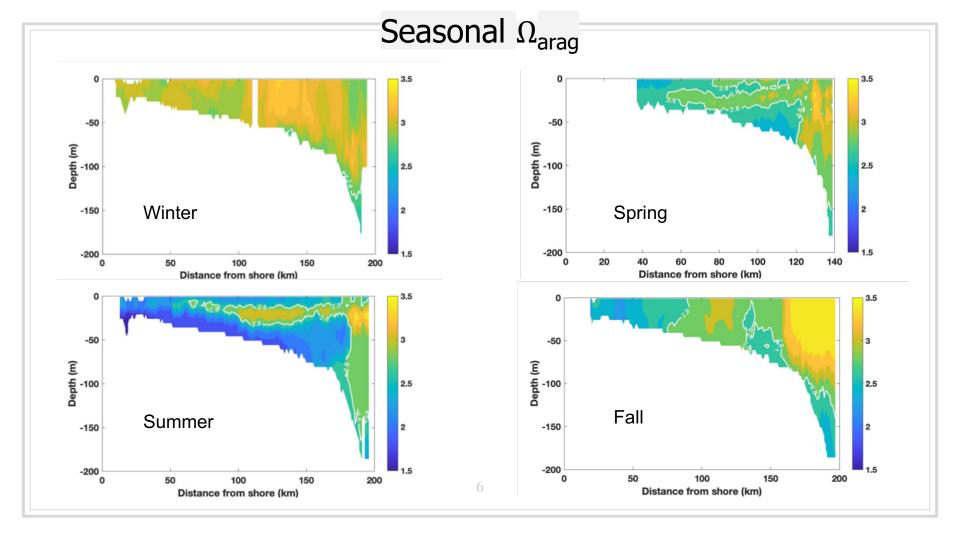
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# Slocum Glider Operations

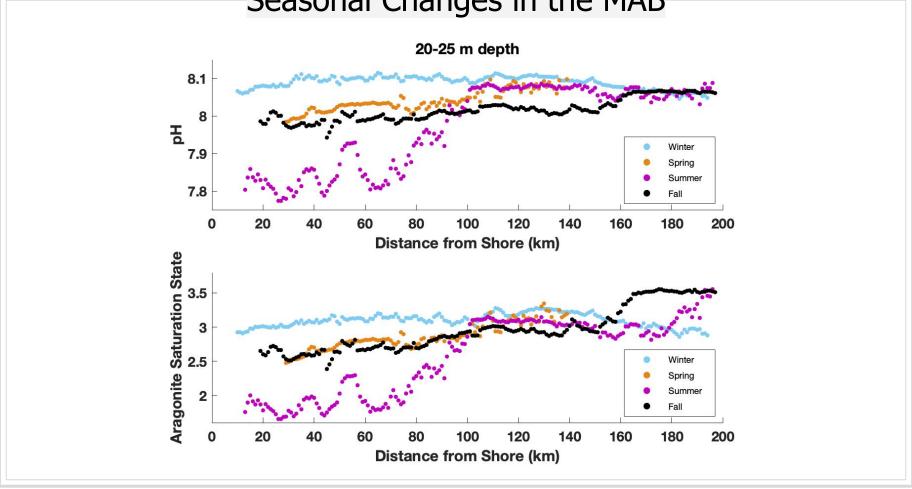
- 30-60 day deployments
- Horizontal speed: 20 km/day
- Vertical profiling: 10-15 cm/s
- Sampling frequency: 0.5 Hz
- Measurements every 20-30 cm vertically
- pH, conductivity, temperature, depth, chlorophyll, oxygen



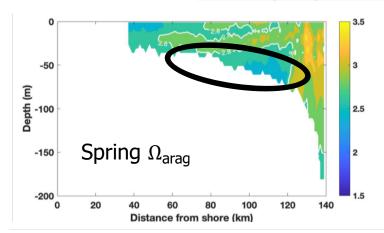




# Seasonal Changes in the MAB



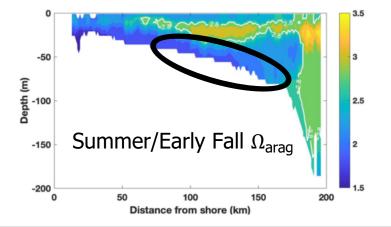
## Scallop Spawning Season Conditions



- Average pH: 8.014
- Average  $\Omega_{araq}$ : 2.73



\$486 million!



- Average pH: 7.906
- $\blacksquare$  Average  $\Omega_{arag}$ : 2.17

## **Future Work**

- Larval scallop experiments
  - pCO<sub>2</sub> (410 ppm, 600 ppm, 1200 ppm)
  - Food concentration (aquaculture standard, ¼ standard)
  - Mortality rate, growth rate, lipid accumulation
- Modeling work
  - Larval dispersal in MAB



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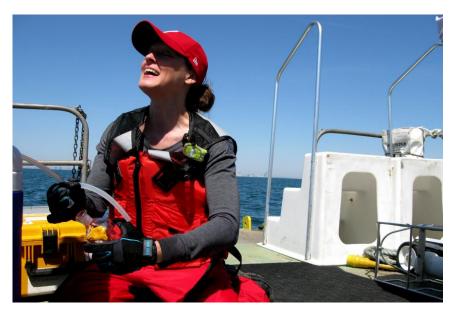


# Lessons I've Learned

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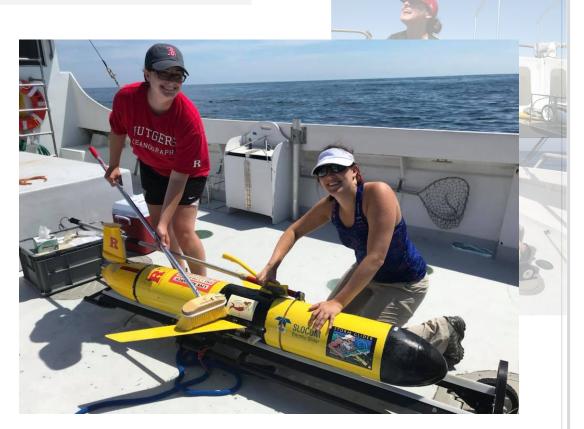
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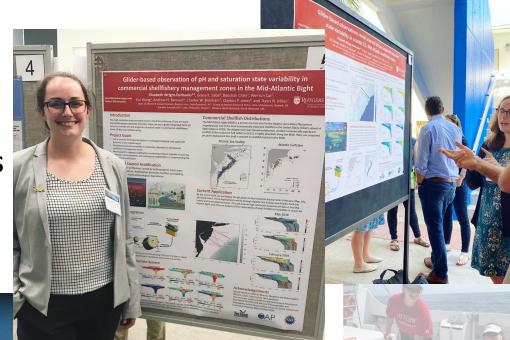
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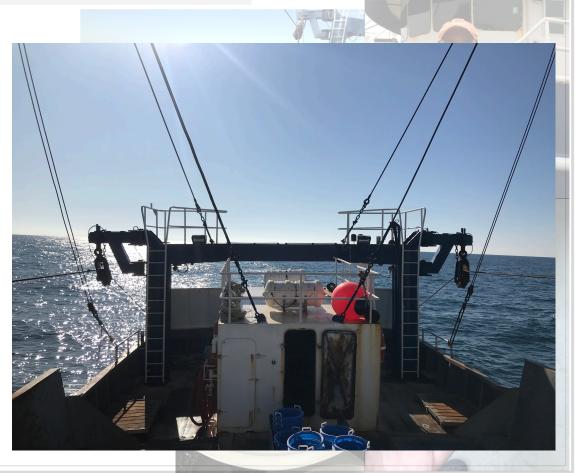
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