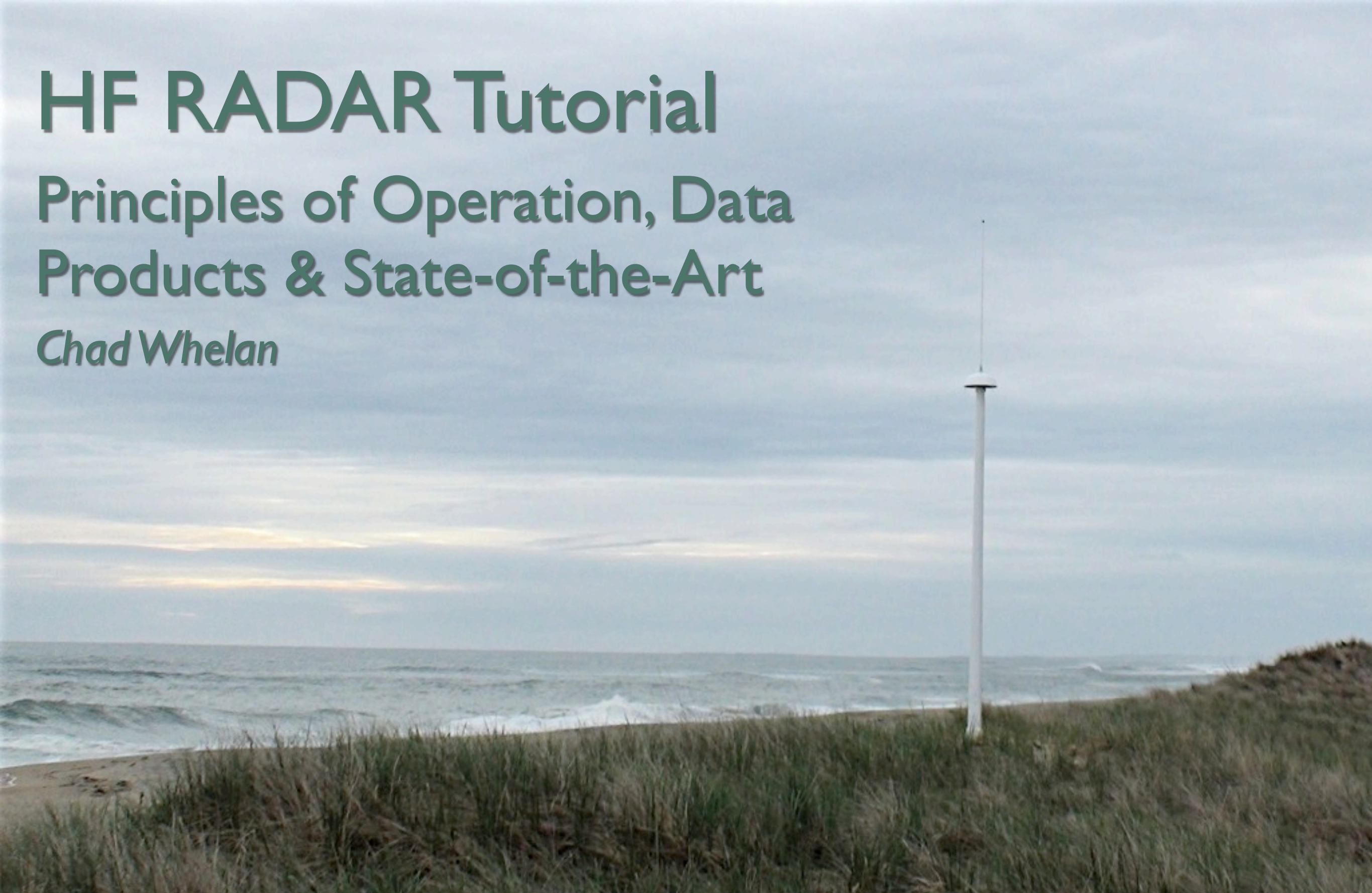


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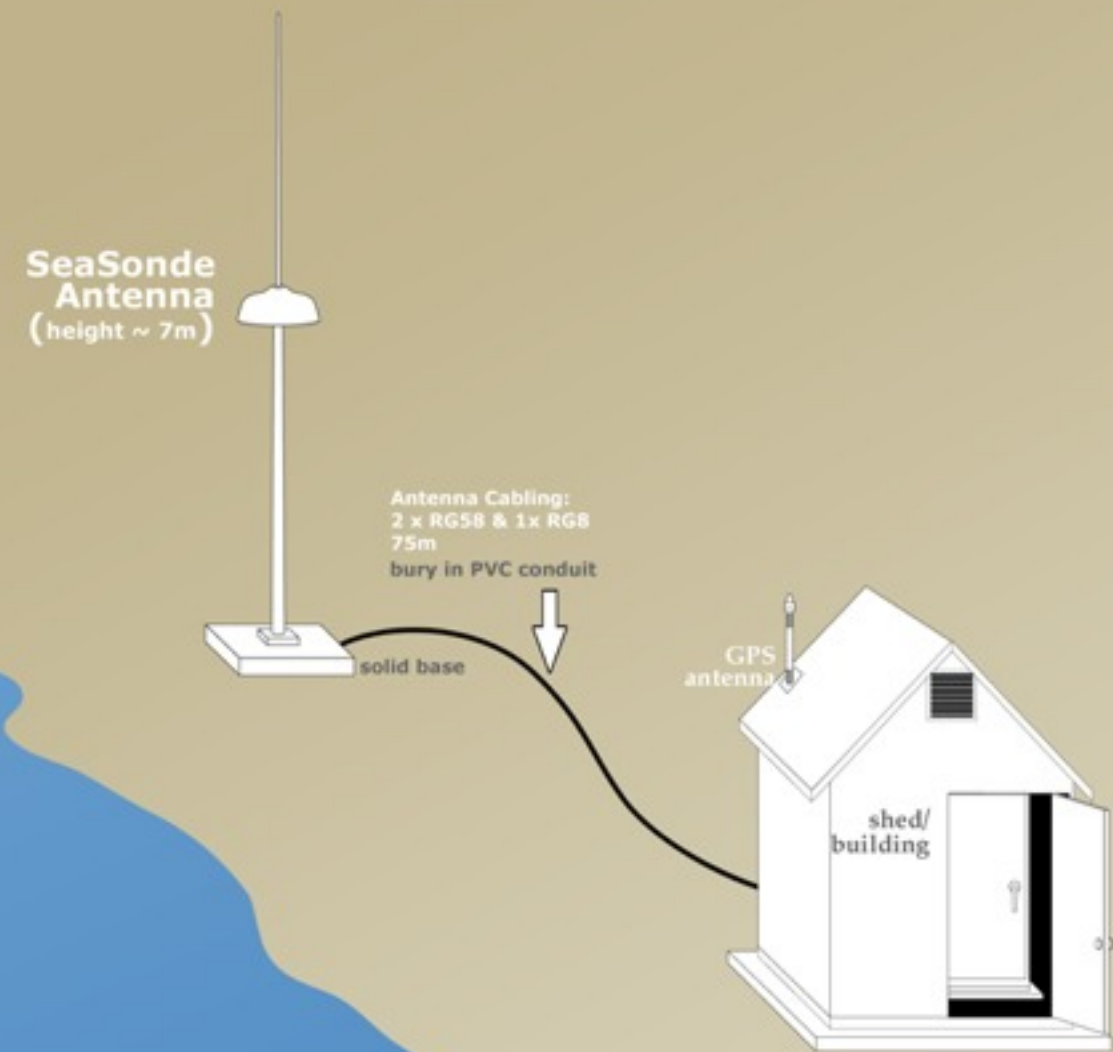
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SeaSonde Site Layout

Climate-Controlled Shelter
with Power, Communications

> 11 MHz:
Single T/R antenna



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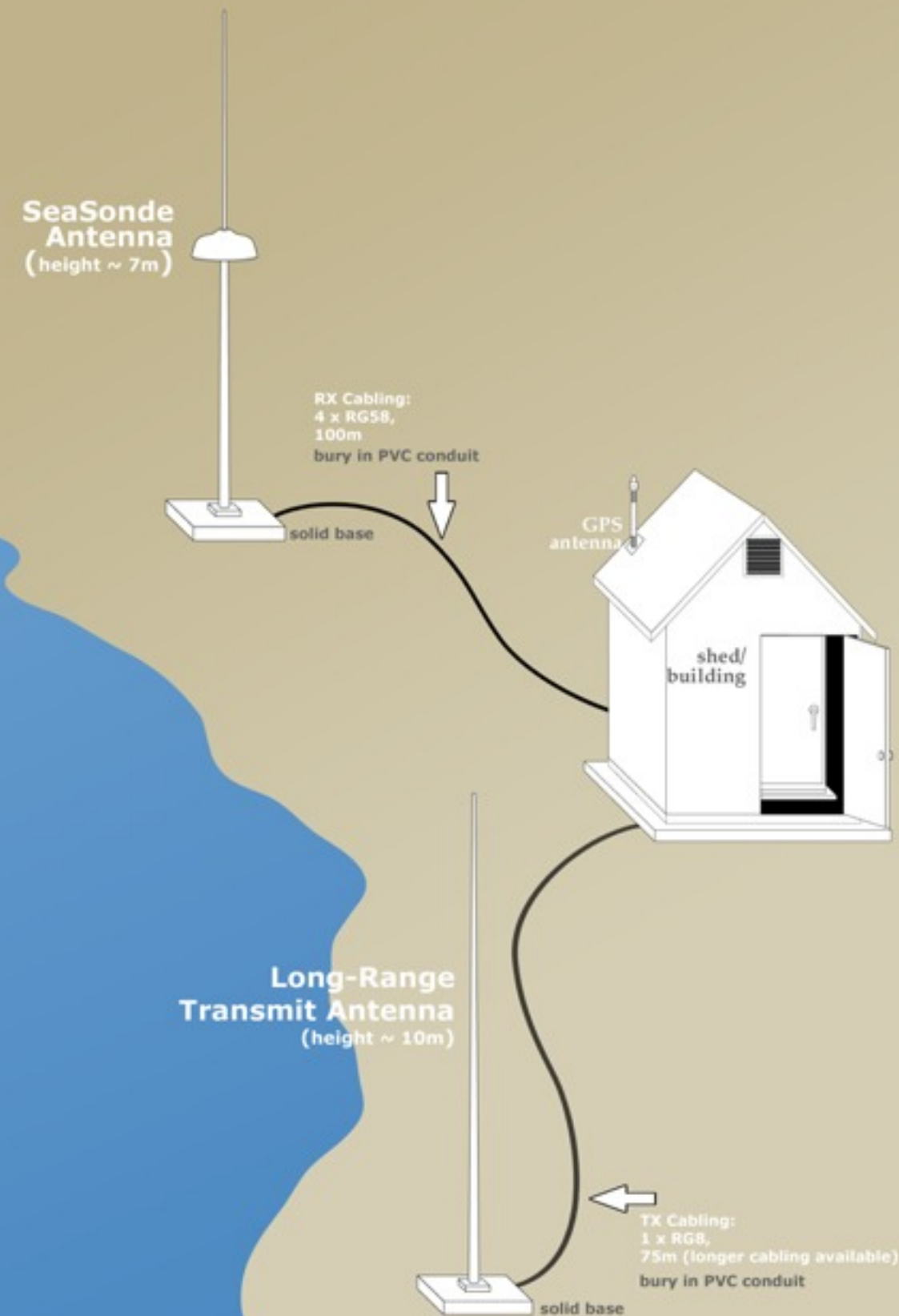
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> 11 MHz:
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Separate T & R antennas



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SeaSonde is a Doppler Radar

Measures velocity of
target towards or away
from the Radar

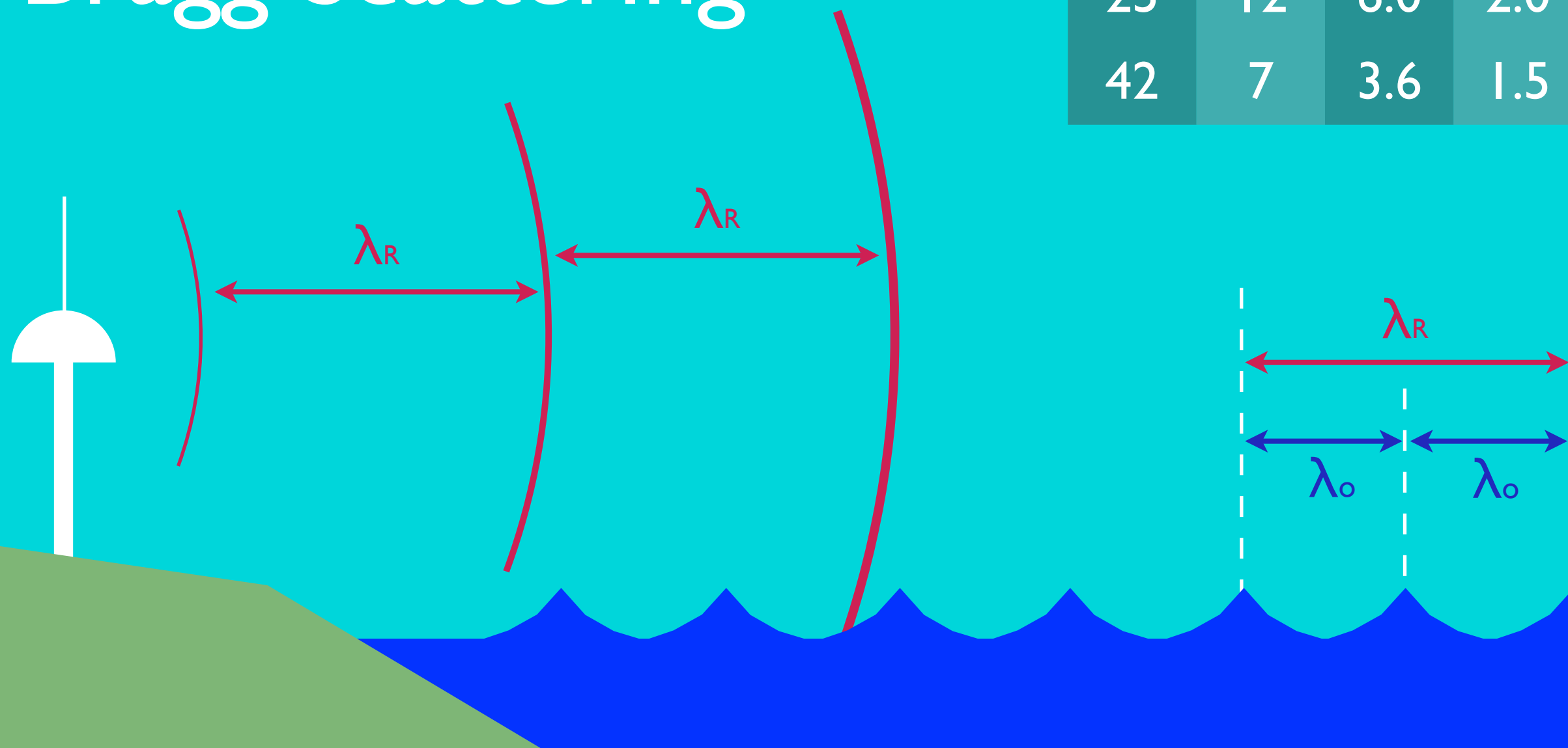


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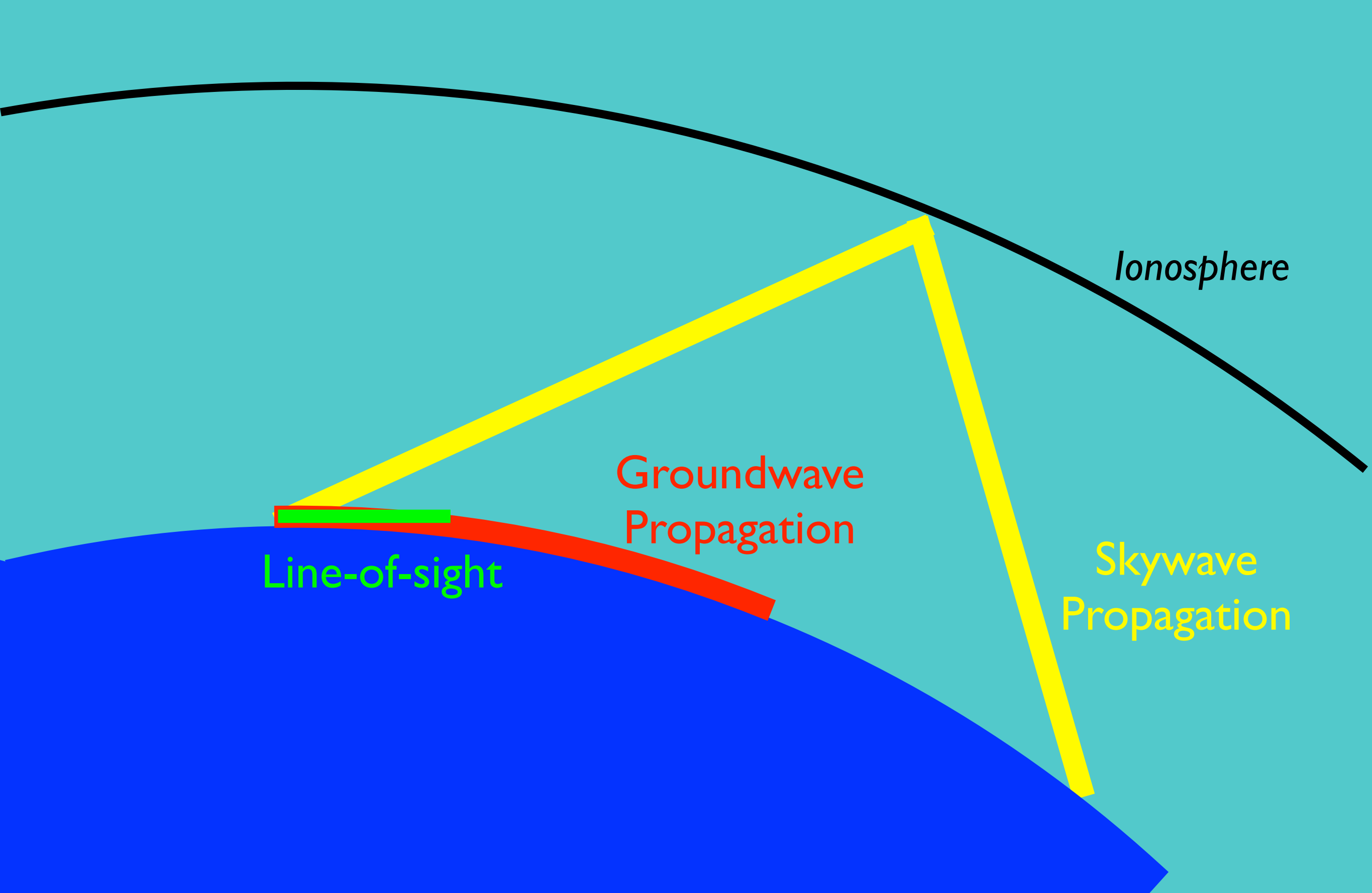
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13	23	11.5	2.7
25	12	6.0	2.0
42	7	3.6	1.5



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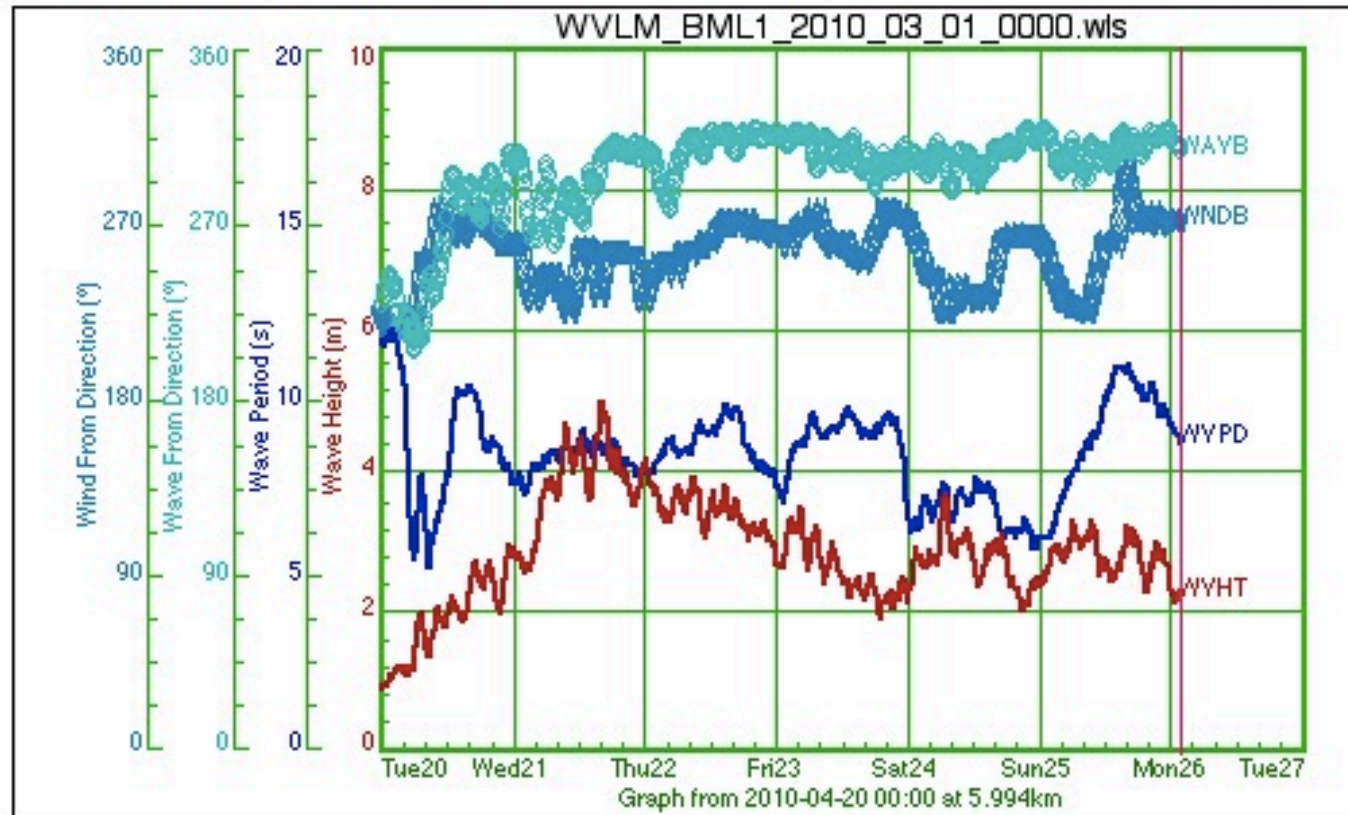
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SEA SURFACE CURRENTS AND WAVES

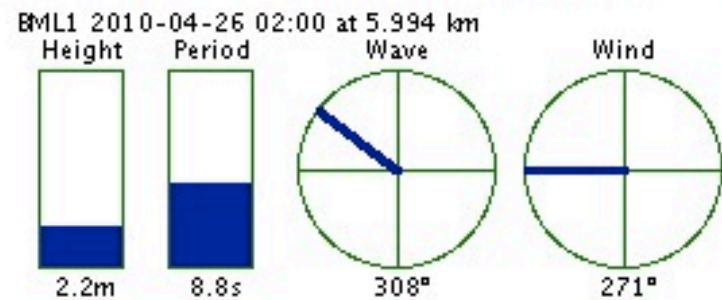
Real Time Plots Wave Plots Weekly Movies Nat'l Map of Currents Sensor Specs User Tools

HF Radar Derived Wave Height and Direction- Bodega Bay, CA

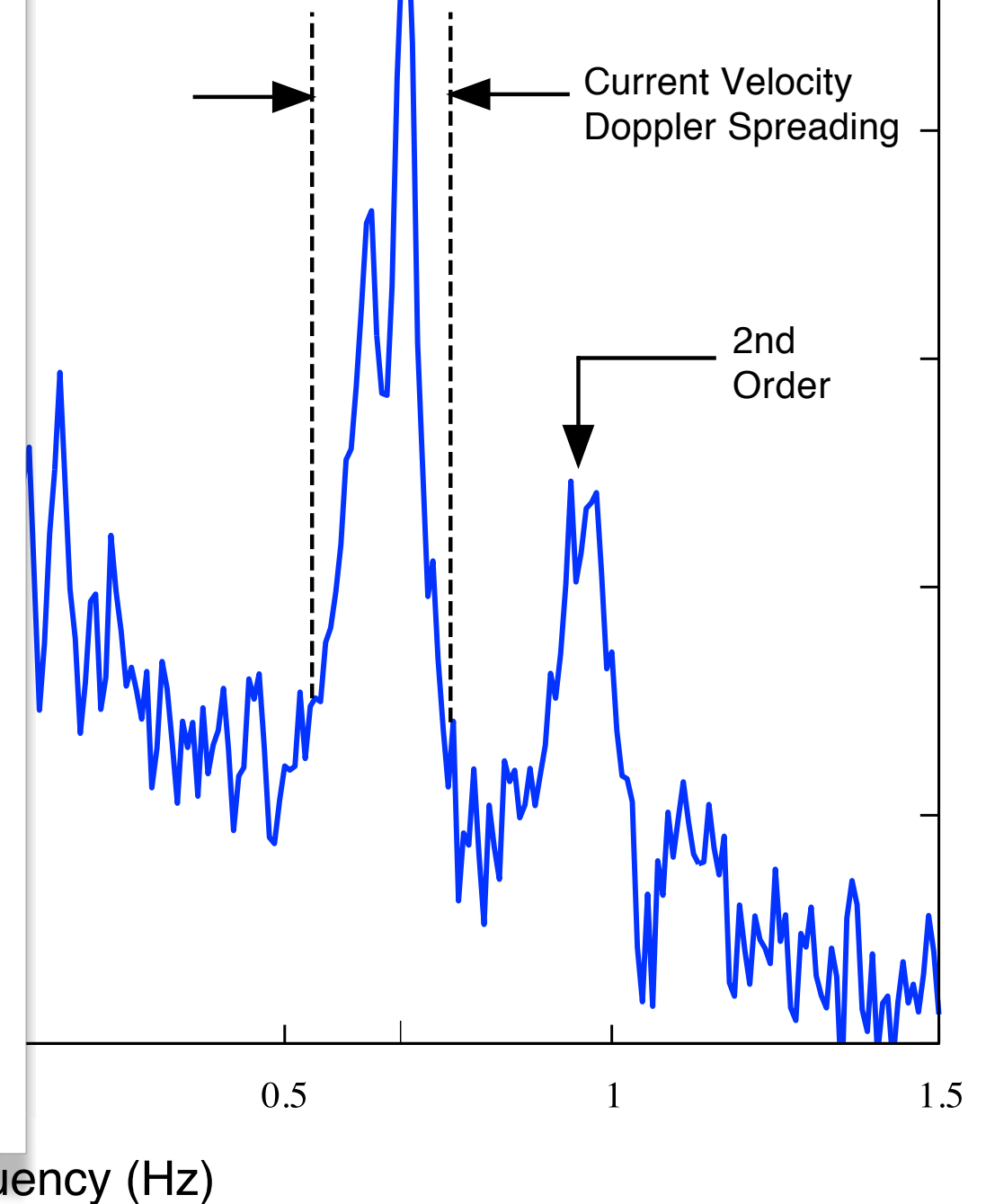
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Wave height is in meters, measurements are ~ 2-18 km (~1-11 miles) offshore.



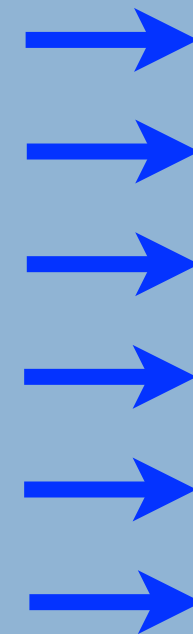
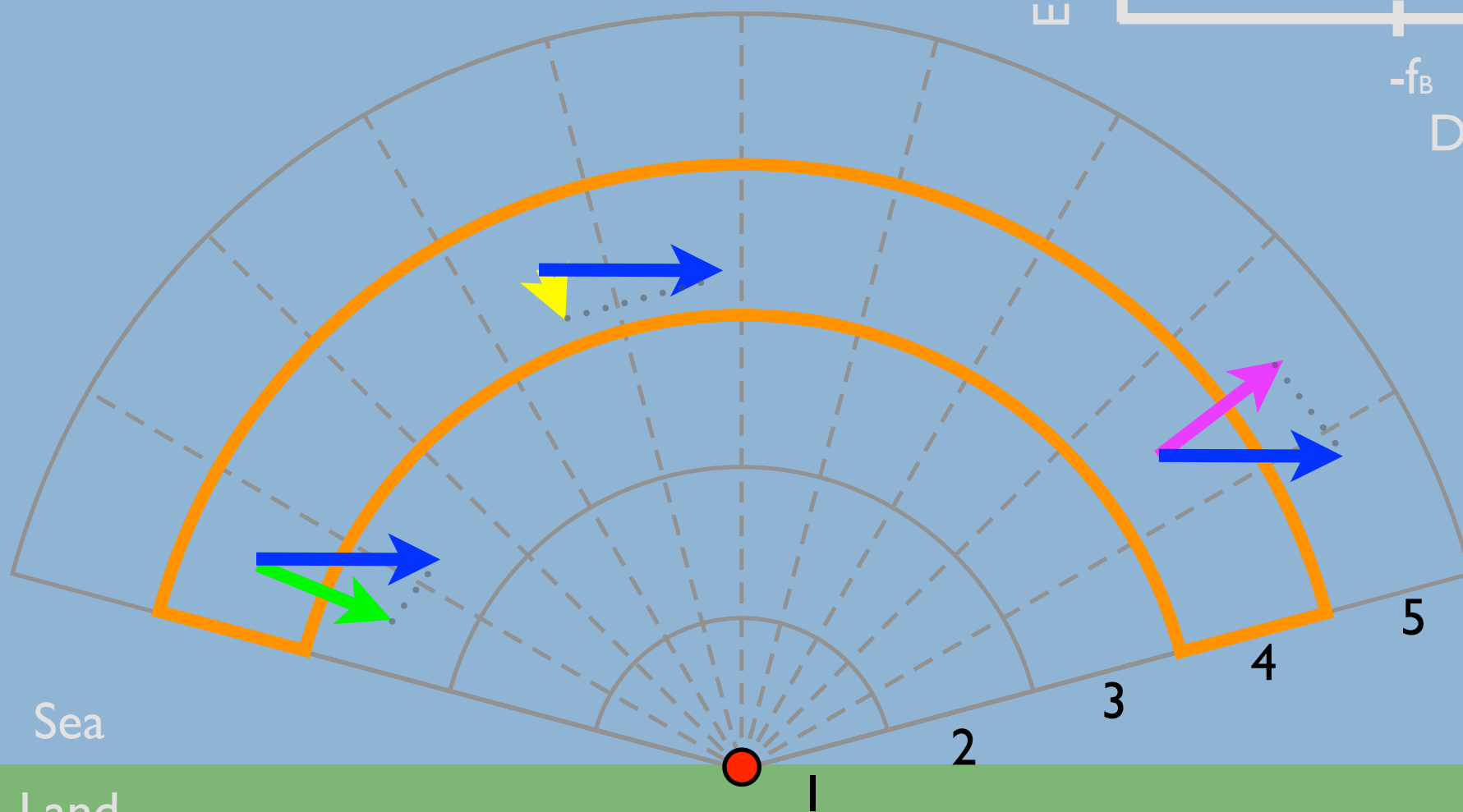
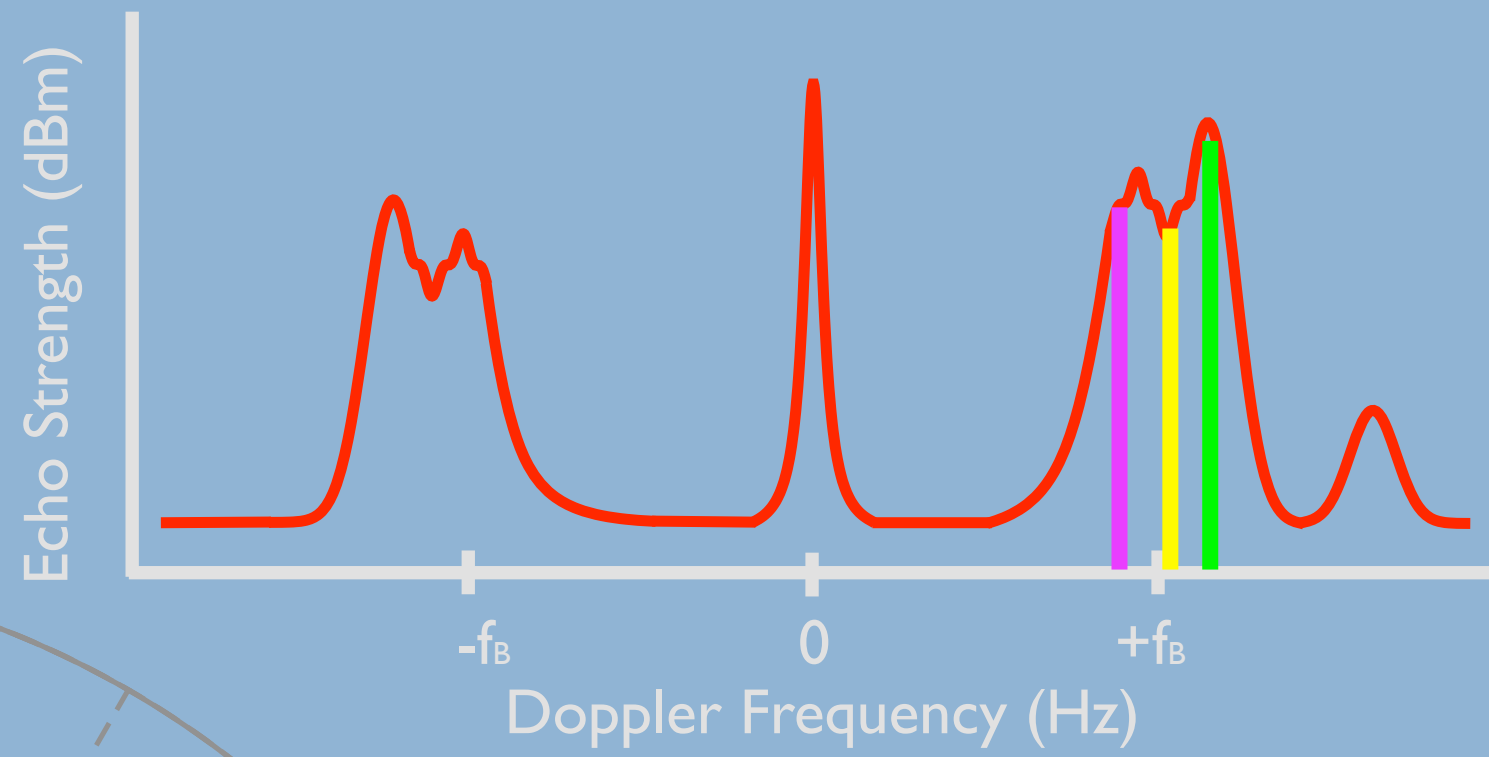
Bragg Waves
Approaching



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Radial Currents

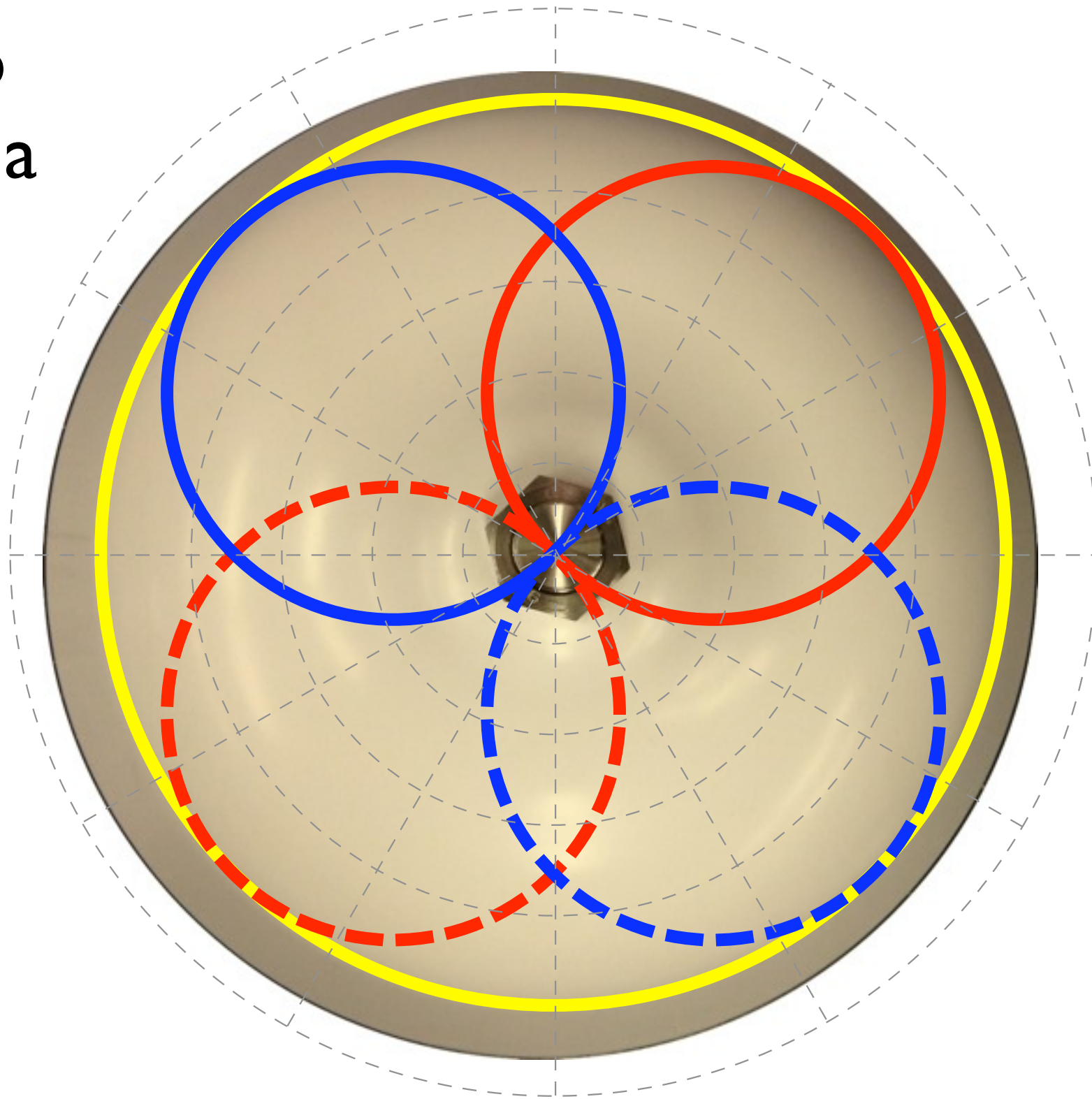


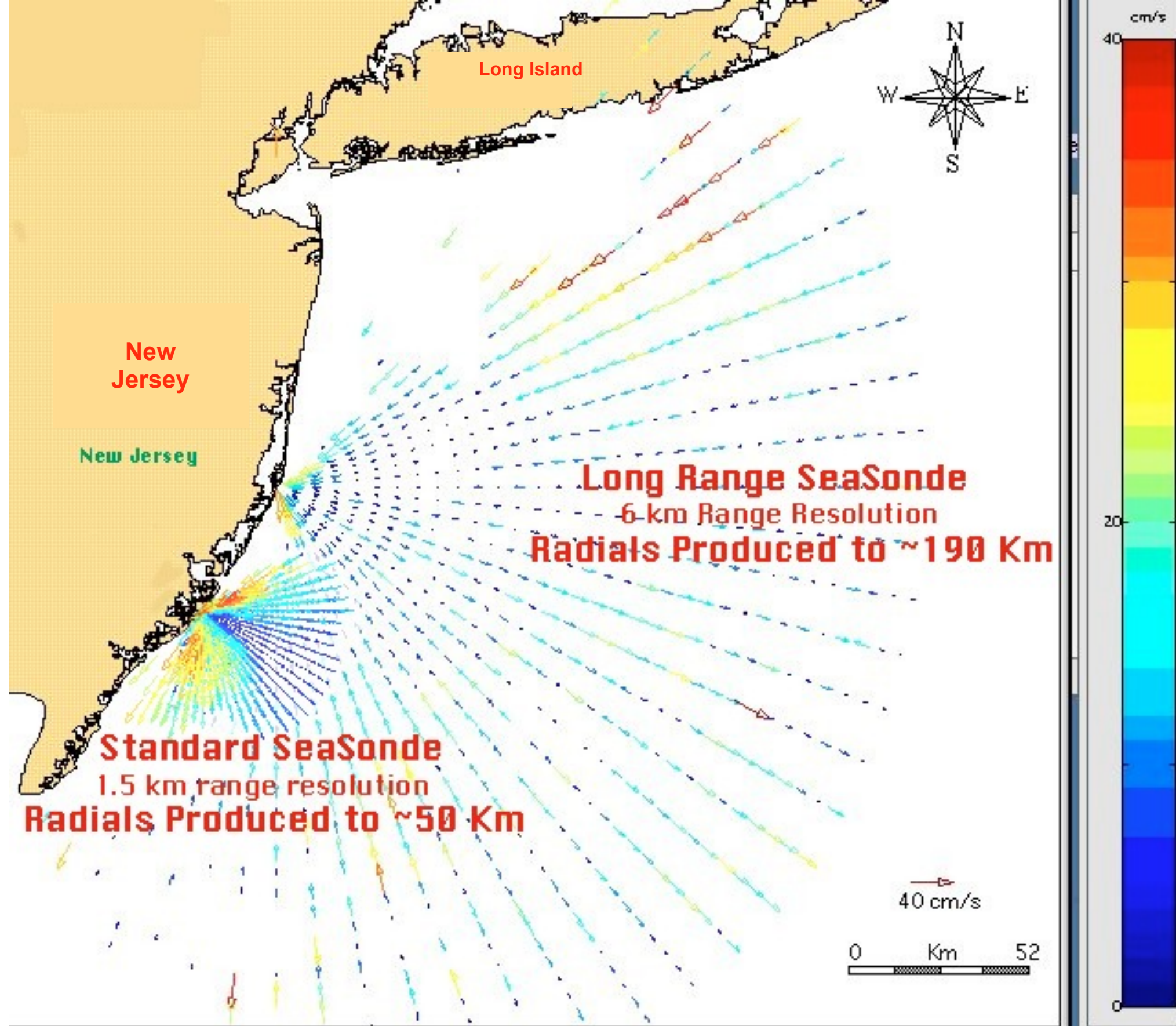
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- *3 co-located antennas*
- *Unique combination of amplitude & phase for each antenna = 6 parameters for each bearing*
- *MUSIC Direction Finding on each Doppler bin*





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Considerations for Choosing Frequency

Freq. (MHz)	Ants	Radar λ (m)	Ocean λ (m)	Current Depth (m)	Max Speed (m/s)	Range (km)	Range Res. (km)	Sat. $H_{1/3}$ (m)
4.5	2	67.3	33.6	2.0	6.5	160-220	3-6	25
5.3	2	57.0	28.5	2.0	6.0	150-200	6	24
9.3	2	32.2	16.1	1.6	4.5	90-130	3-6	19
13.5	1	22.2	11.1	1.3	3.7	60-90	3	13
16.2	1	18.6	9.3	1.0	3.4	45-65	1.5	11
24.5	1	12.2	6.1	0.7	2.8	30-50	1	7
26.2	1	11.4	5.7	0.6	2.7	25-45	1	6
39.3	1	7.6	3.8	0.3	2.2	15-25	0.3	3
42.3	1	7.1	3.6	0.3	2.1	15-25	0.3	3



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Factors Affecting Performance

HF Radio Noise Sources

- Man Made Broadcasts

- Natural Sources (Auroral, Lightning, etc.)

Shallow Water

Local Wave Climate

- Fetch Limitations

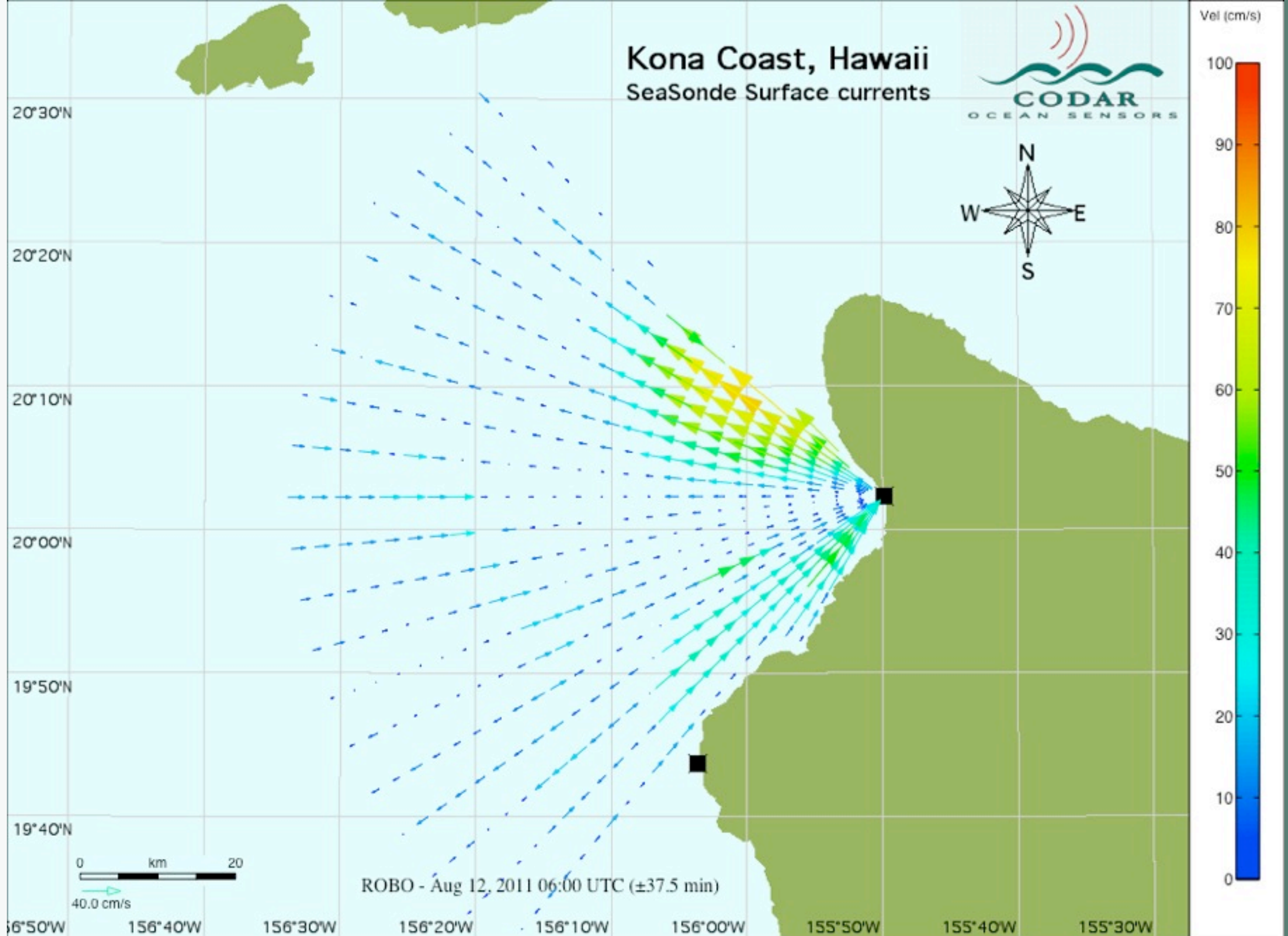
- Saturation at Higher Frequencies

Very Strong or Very Weak Range of Currents

Site Conditions (Antenna Interactions, Propagation Loss)

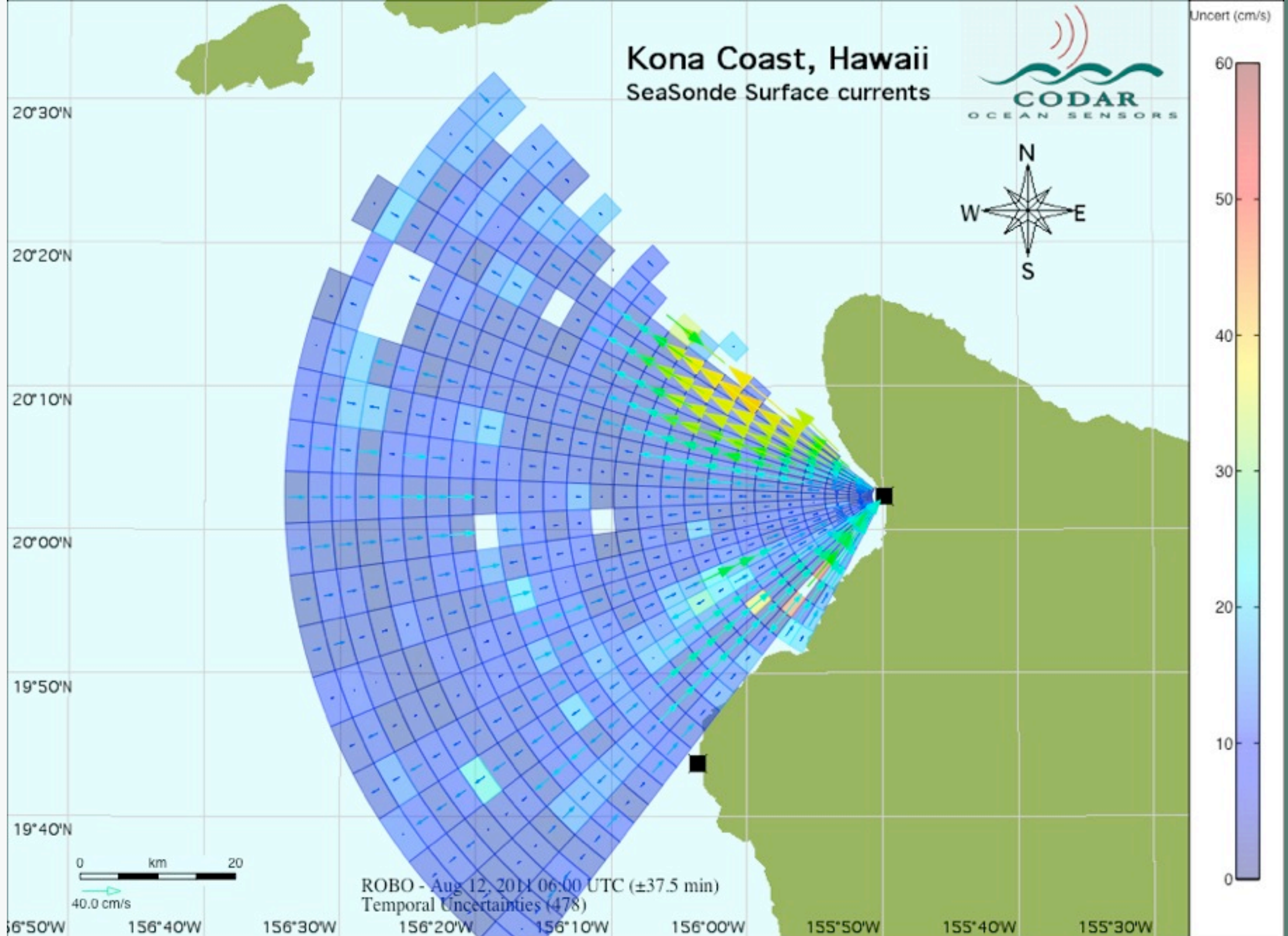
Salinity





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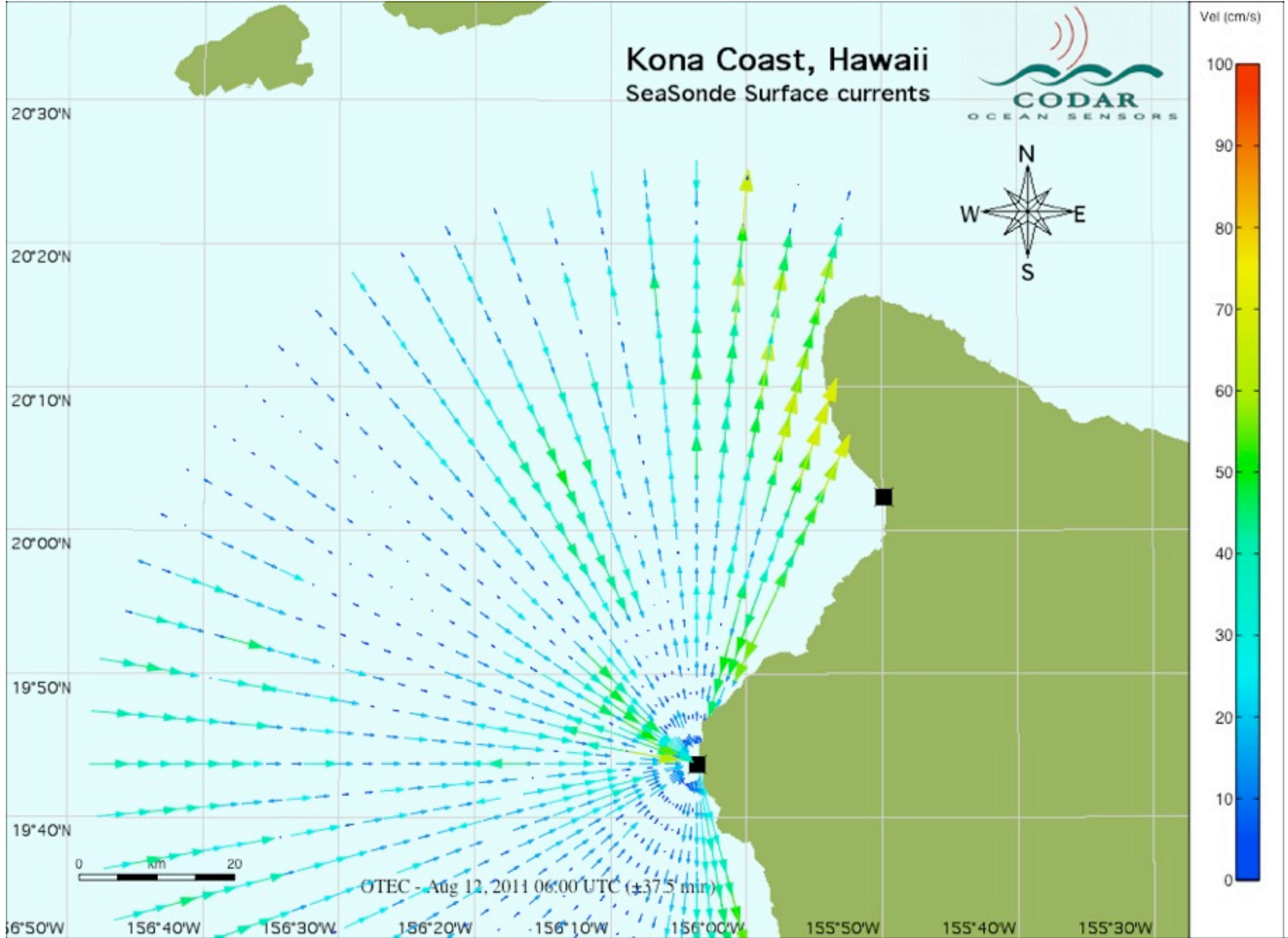
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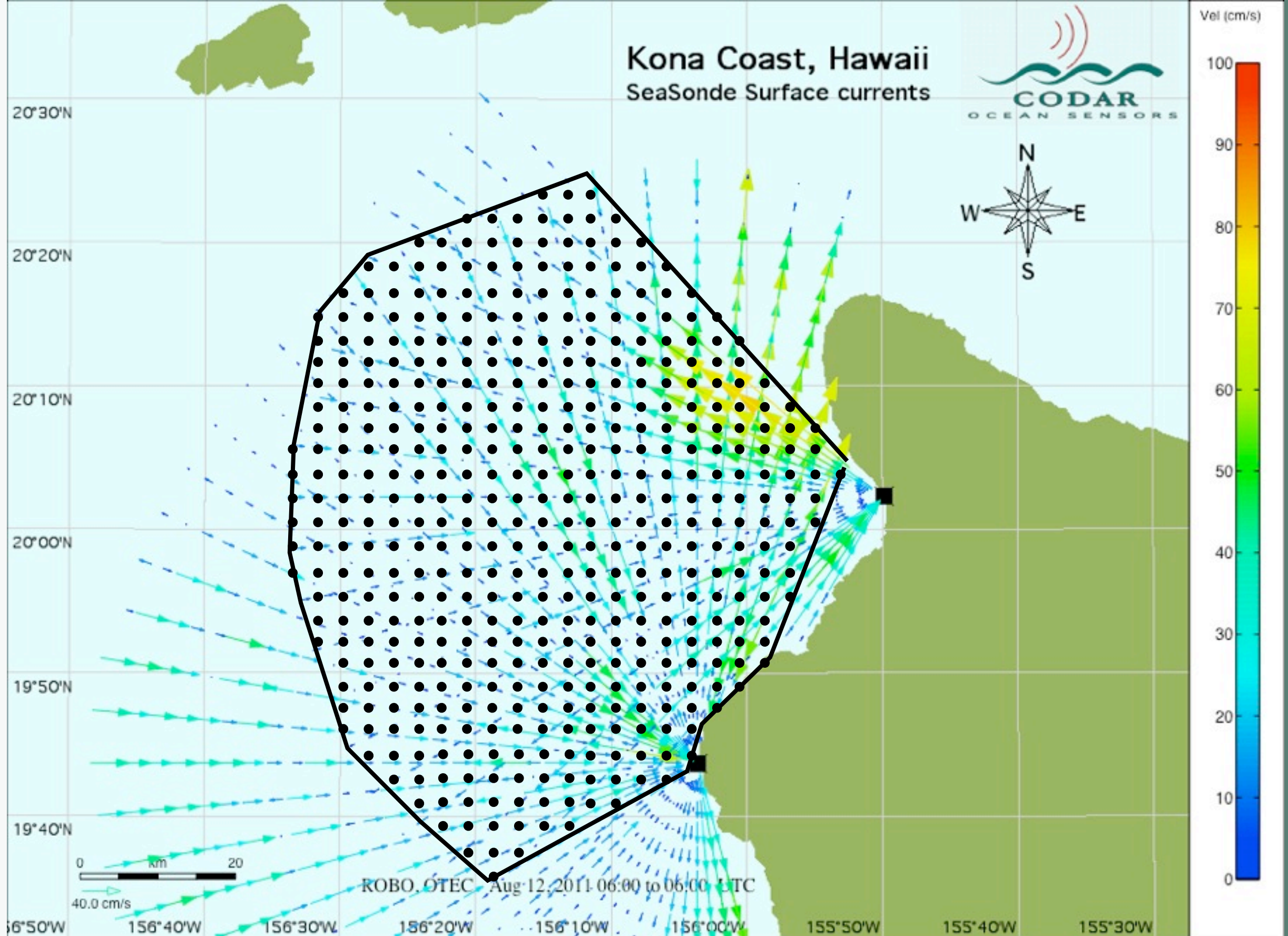
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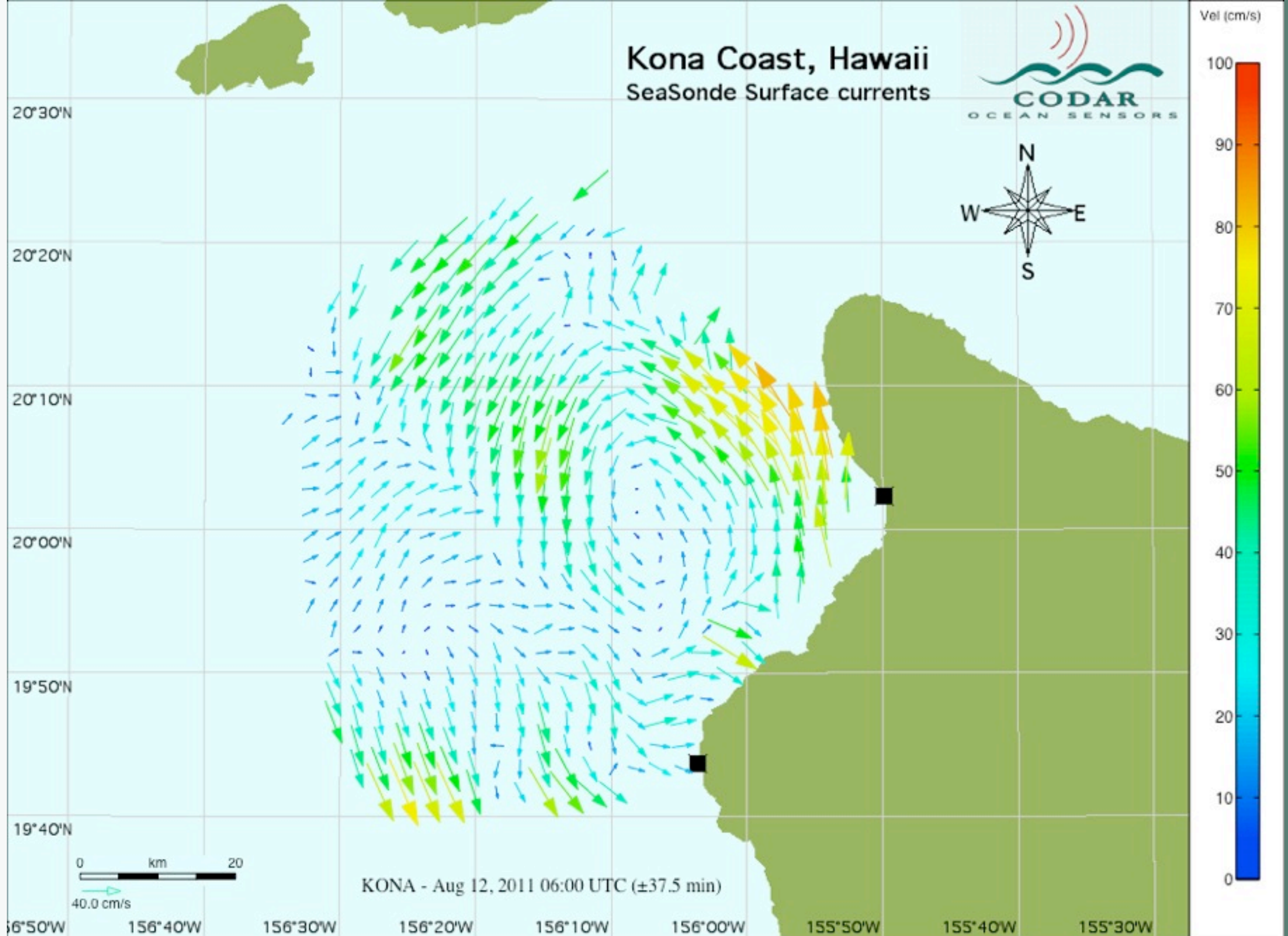
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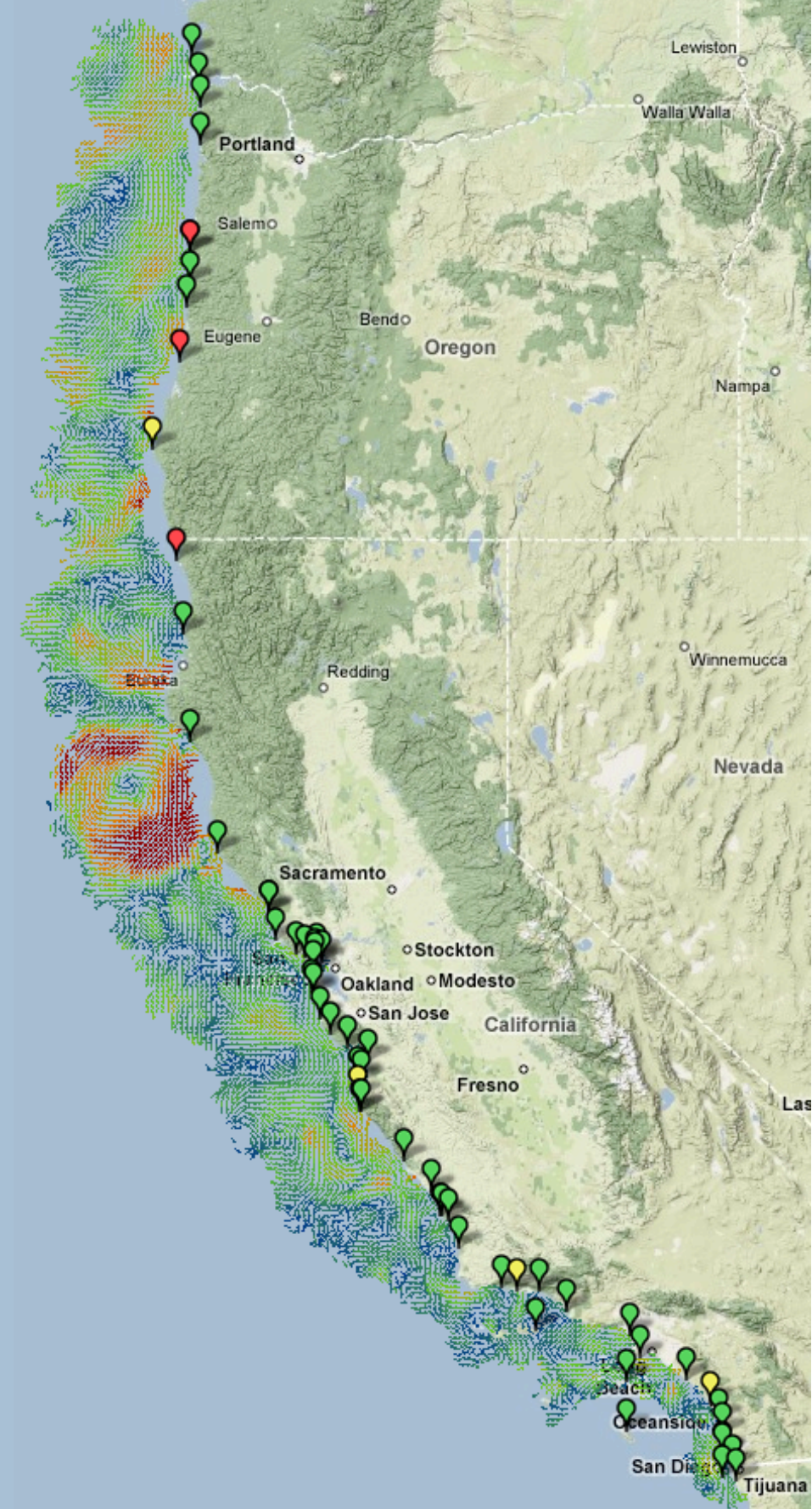
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Case Study: U.S. West Coast

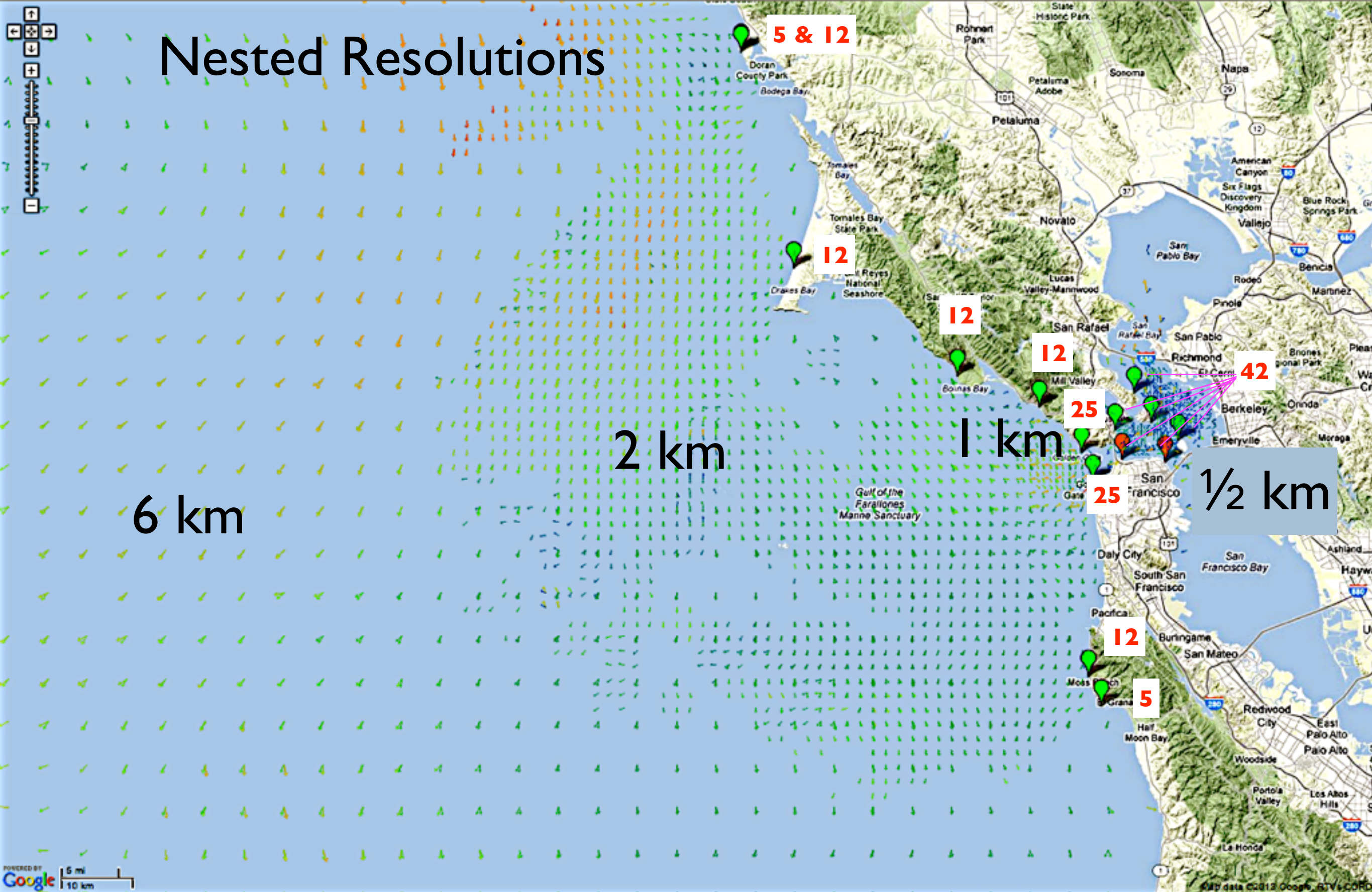
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- Mixed frequencies: 5, 13, 25, 42
- Nested Resolutions
- >2000 km of coastline covered



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Alerts

Nothing To Report (for 1 hour 46 mins).

Site RATH

RATH Strathmere, NJ Rutgers-BPU 13MHz CODAR Site
SeaSonde Standard Range
Located [39°11.921'N, 074°39.151'W](#), **Bearing** 198.0° NCW
CF 13.450000 MHz, **BW** -49.630 kHz, **GPS Alignment** 26300.0 us
Blanking 668.8us with **Pulse Shaping** with **Blank Delay** 8.6 us
Site Time 2013-06-09 10:33:05 UTC

Radials

2013-06-09 09:00 UTC
Meas ± 37.5 min.



2013-06-09 09:00 UTC
Ideal ± 37.5 min.

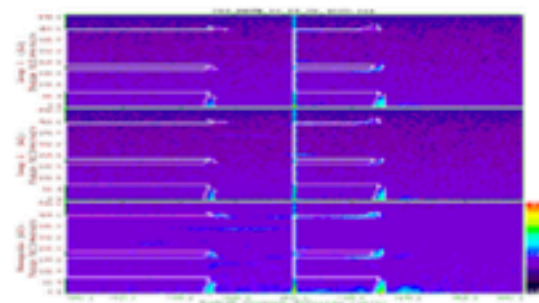


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Meas -25.2 hr.

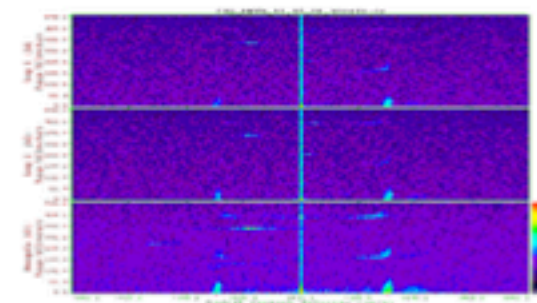


Spectra

2013-06-09 10:20 UTC
CSS covers ± 7.5 min.



2013-06-09 10:24:29 UTC
CSQ covers +4.0 min.



SeaSonde Radial Site RATH

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2013-06-09
10:36:08 GMT

Status

Site

Details

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Radials

SeaSonde Standard Range

Ellipticals

Located [39°11.921'N,074°39.151'W](#), **Bearing** 198.0° NCW

Waves

CF 13.450000 MHz, **BW** -49.630 kHz, **GPS Alignment** 26300.0 us

Spectra

Blanking 668.8us with **Pulse Shaping** with **Blank Delay** 8.6 us

Diags

Site Time 2013-06-09 10:35:05 UTC

Logs

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Nothing To Report (for 1 hour 48 mins).

Archives

Receiver

Settings

SeaSonde Receiver•SSRX-USB-AWGIII-02011336

CODAR Advanced Waveform Generator III

Firmware Version 3.10 May 5, 2012 **Timing** 633A **Acquisition** 9301

Running for 10 hours 18 minutes and 33.0 seconds

Chassis Temperature is 29.1 °C

Humidity 50% with a **Dewpoint** of 1.2°C

Power Supplies are good at +5.1V, -5.0V and +12.2V

Transmitter

Power 33 Watts Forward, 0 Watt Reflected, **VSWR** 1.1:1

Chassis Temperature 27.0 °C

Amplifier Temperature 31.0 °C

Power Supplies are good at +5.0V and +24.2V

Data

Logging Range Series at 180 ranges by 512 sweeps.

Logging CrossSpectra at 359 ranges by 512 dopplers

Logging CrossSpectra at 359 ranges by 512 dopplers at 8.0x rate

Logging CrossSpectra at 359 ranges by 256 dopplers at 4.0x rate

Logging CrossSpectra at 359 ranges by 128 dopplers at 2.0x rate

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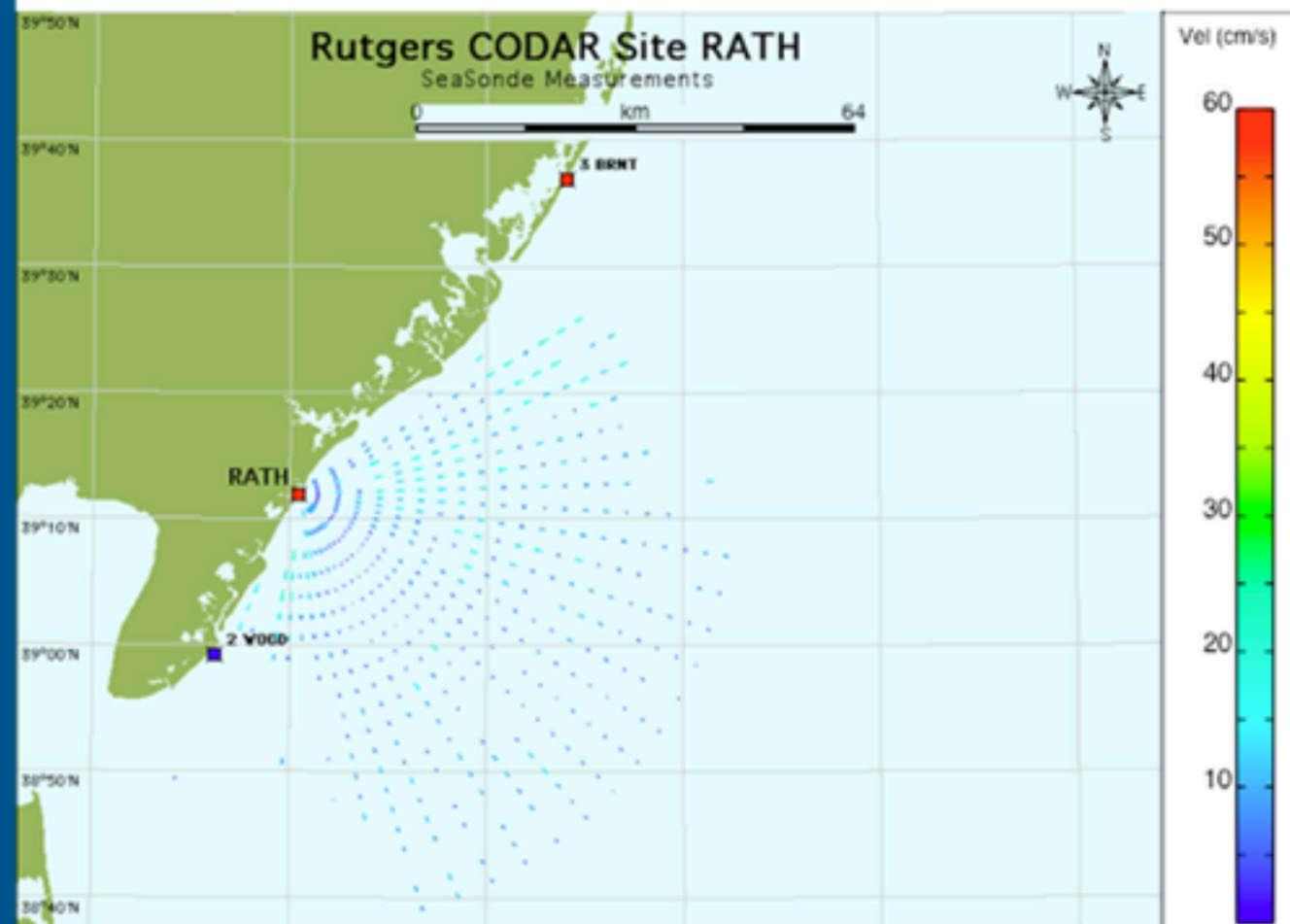
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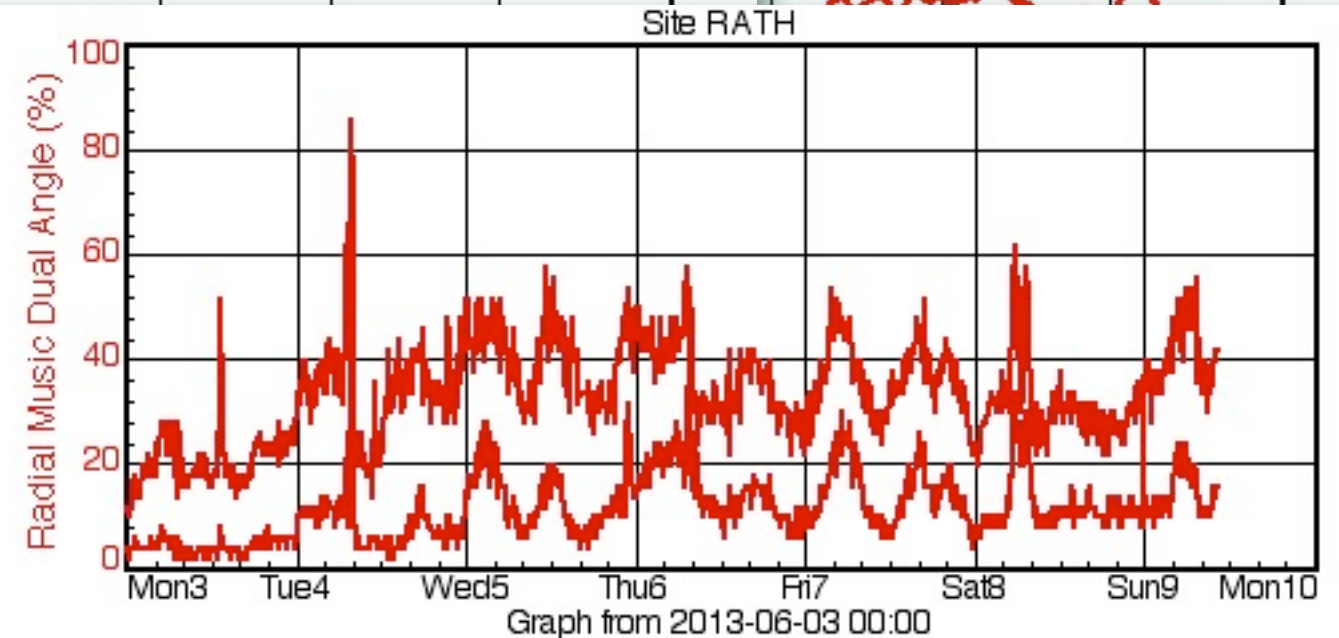
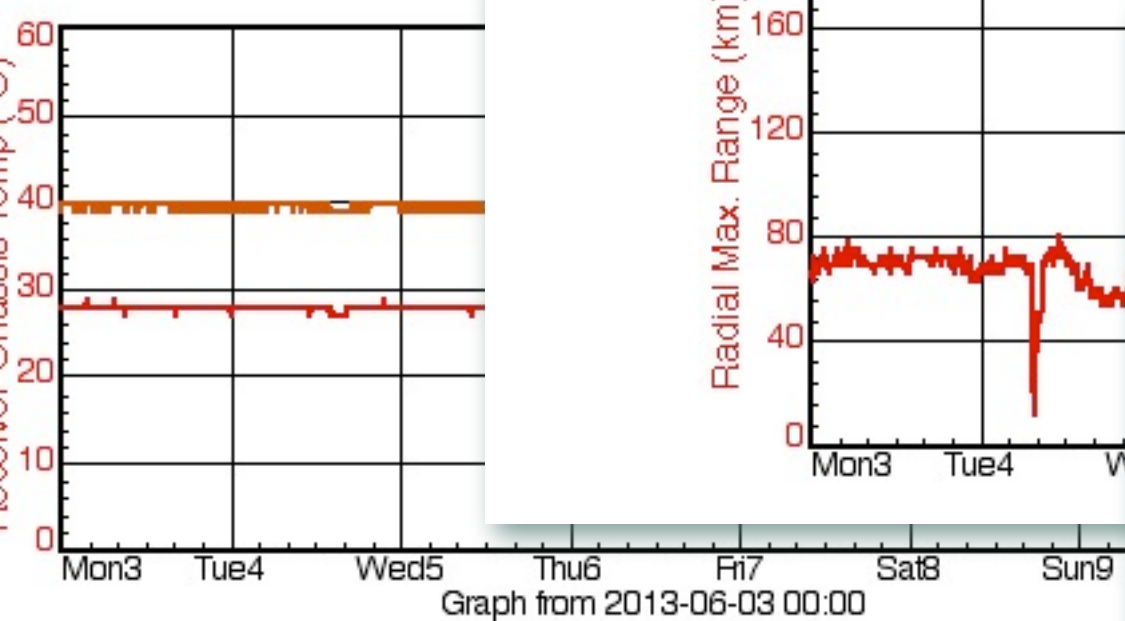
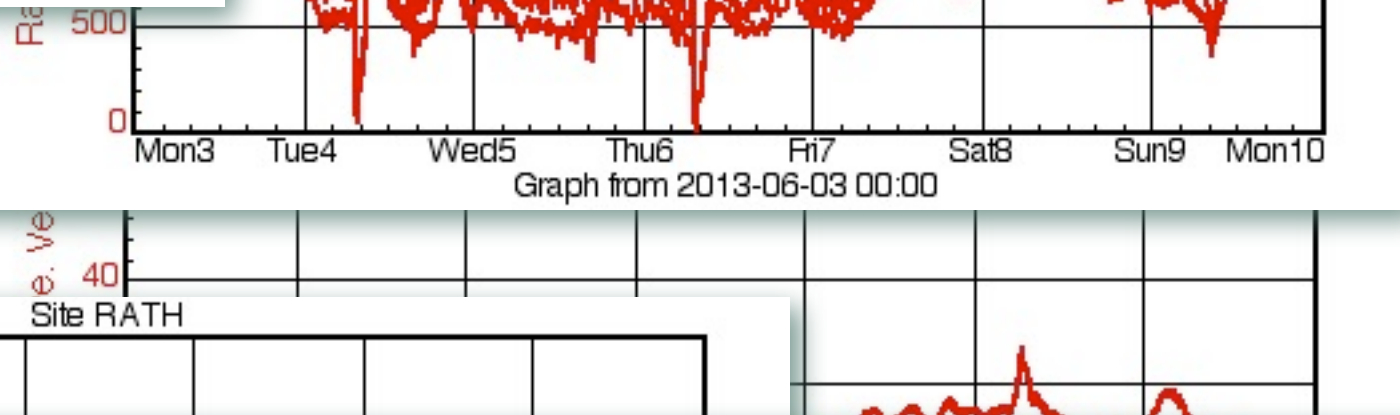
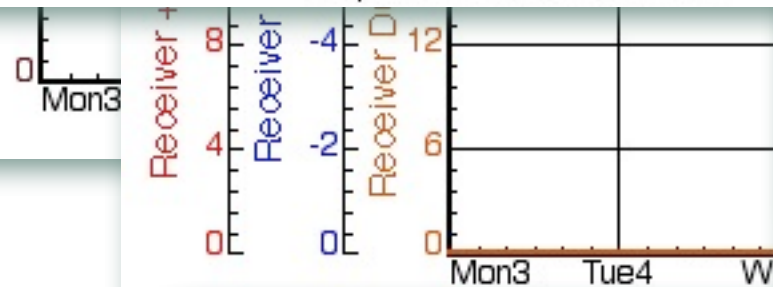
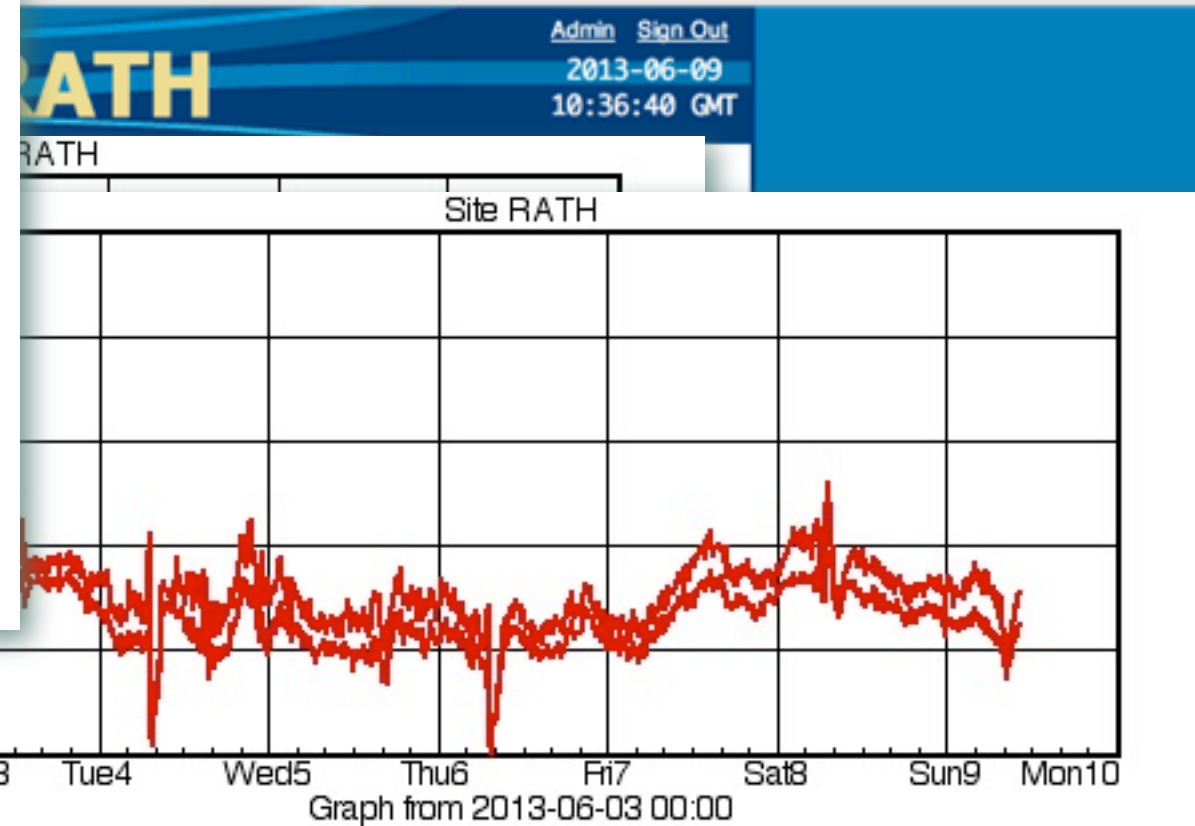
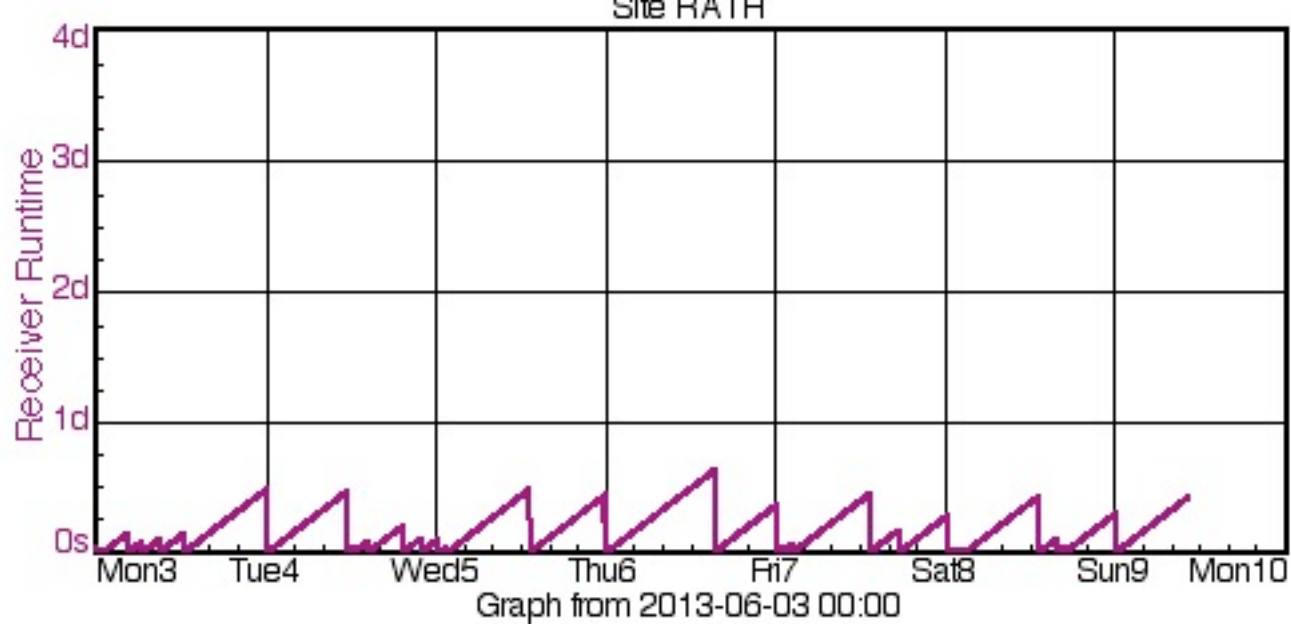
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PORTUS

A SeaSonde-centered marine information system

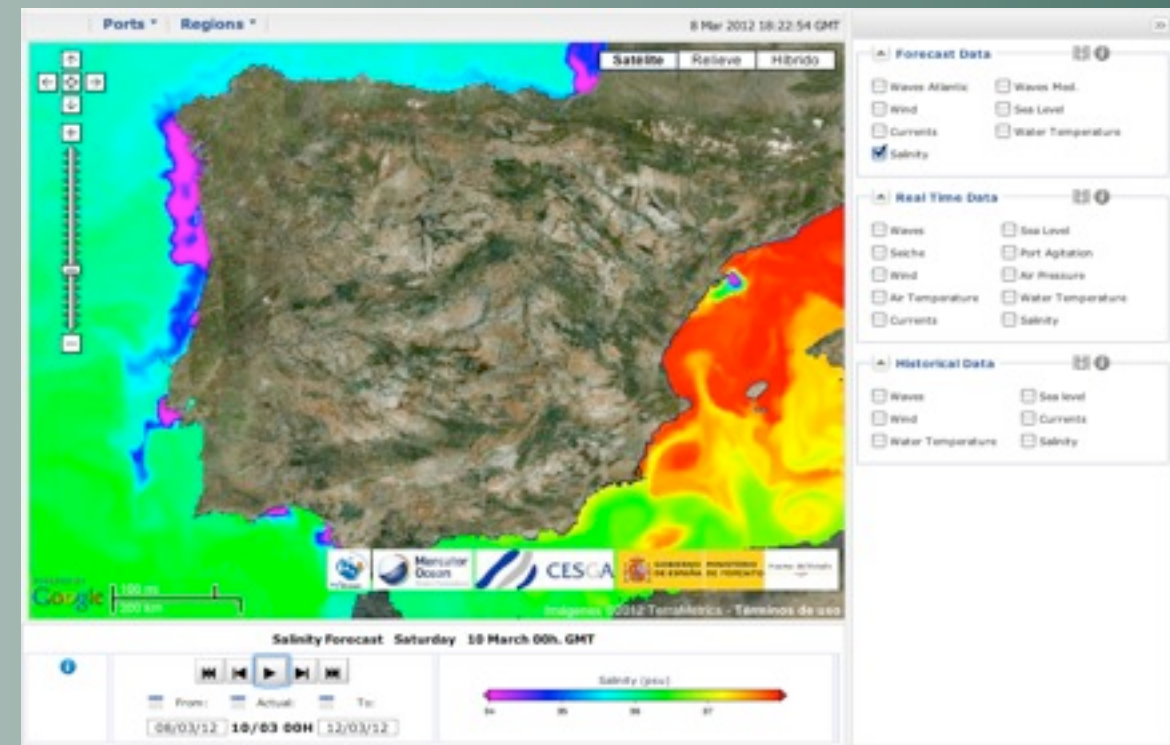
The main aim of PORTUS is to enhance the utility and usability of SeaSonde HF radar data

PORTUS provides a multi-user, easy-to-use geographical interface to foster HF radar data use and data sharing

PORTUS is also able to manage and integrate data from other measurement instruments and models and fuse them with SeaSonde



Surface currents in Algeciras Port



MyOcean Salinity Model in PORTUS



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General PORTUS features (I)

Reliable and efficient data storage and data management

Powerful and user friendly Google maps based web interface



Dubai SeaSonde HF radar data in PORTUS



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General PORTUS features (II)

3. Seamless importation and integration of all surface currents and waves data into third party IT systems



Formats:
Codar, ASCII, GRIB,
netCDF, Data Layers,
Kml, Kmz

Protocols:
OPeNDAP
FTP
WMS

4. Extra monitoring and reporting tools to track systems status and the physical medium status



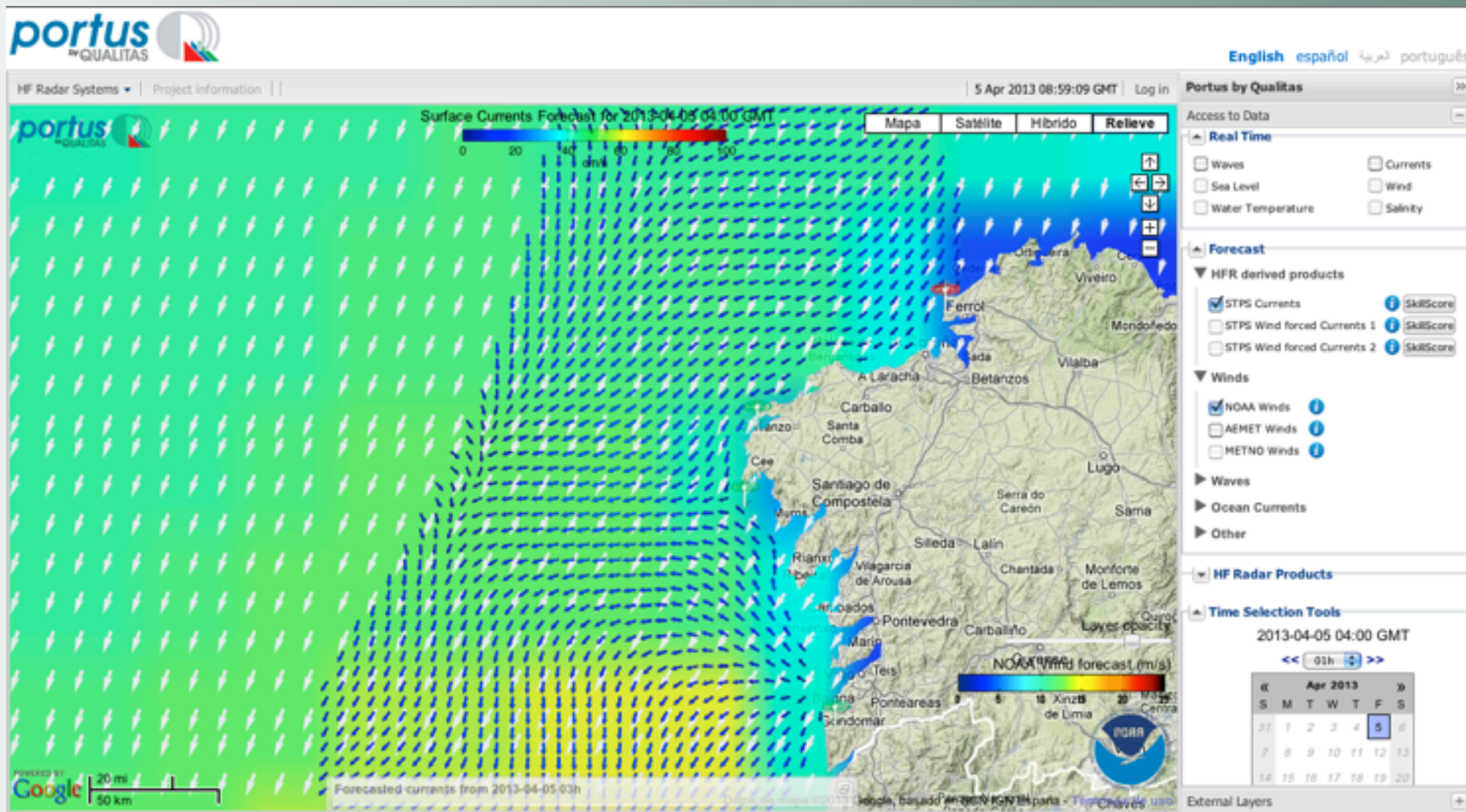
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General PORTUS features (III)

5. Value added data products based on SeaSonde: STPS

- Surface Currents Short Term Prediction System
- Data fusion with third party observations and models



STPS based on NOAA modeled winds and SeaSonde measured currents

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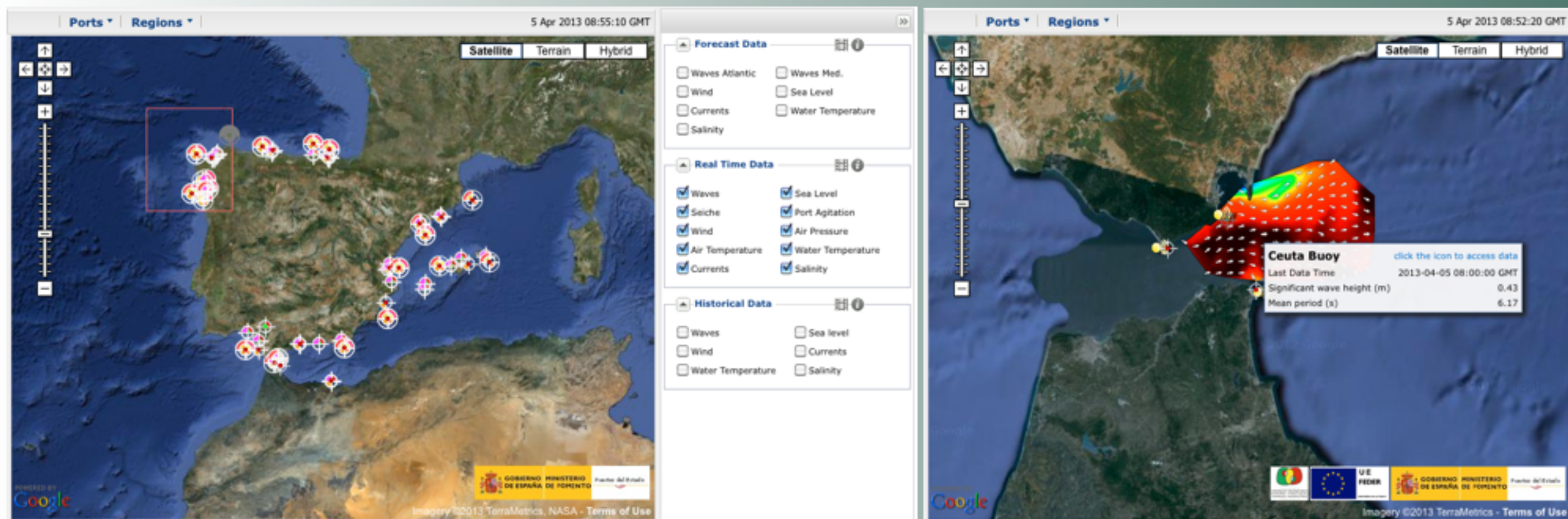
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General PORTUS features (IV)

6. Value added data products based on SeaSonde: OPEN

- 25h average, divergence, convergence maps
- Comparison with models (currents, waves, SST, etc.)



Spanish National Ports and Harbours Authority (PdE) buoy network (left) and Gibraltar Strait HF Radar System in its Portus Marine Information System



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SHARE® & Multi-Static

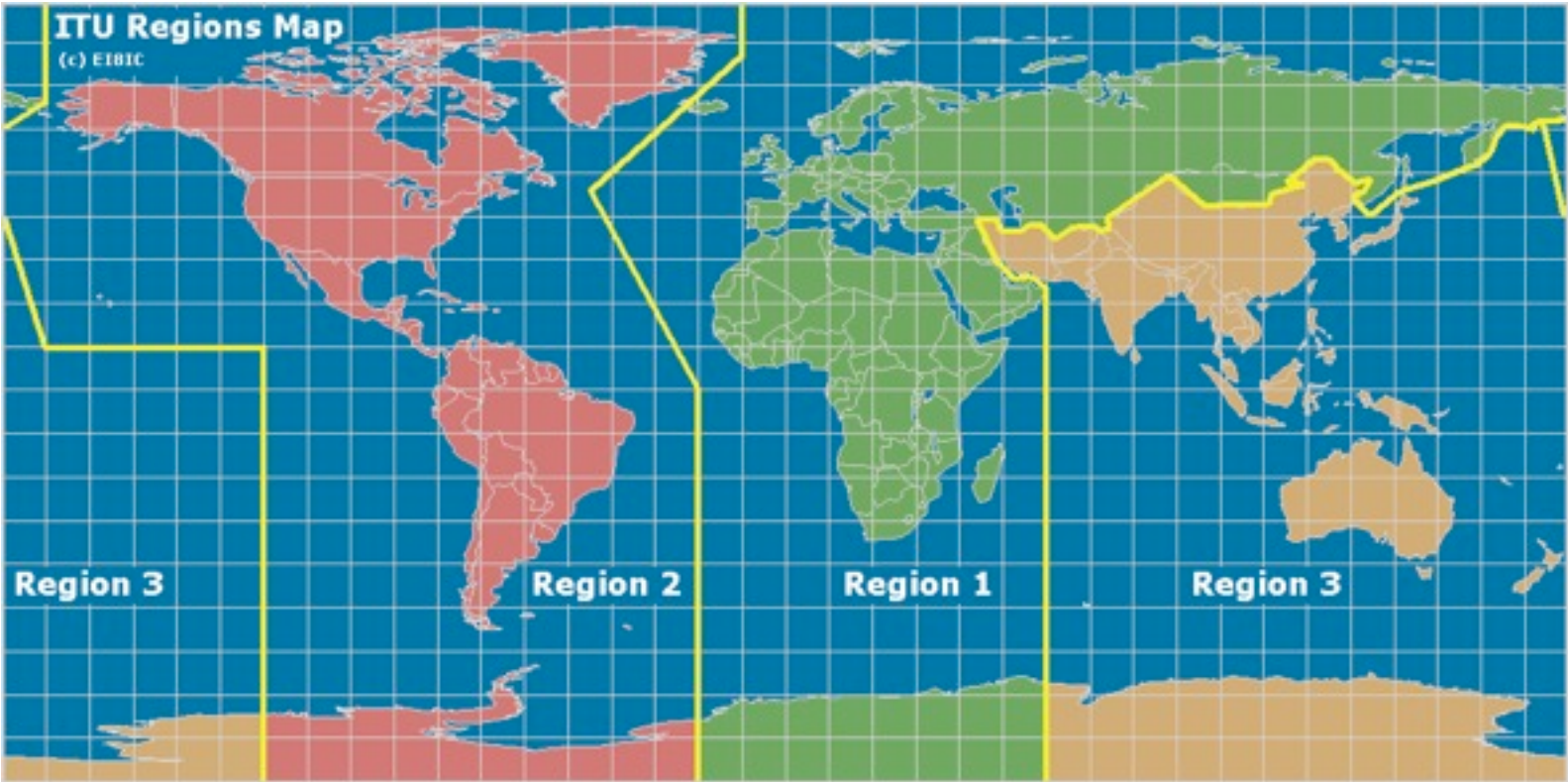


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ITU Ocean Radar Frequency Allocations (kHz)

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3
4 438 - 4 488	4 438 - 4 488	4 438 - 4 488
5 250 - 5 275	5 250 - 5 275	5 250 - 5 275
9 305 - 9 355	No allocation	9 305 - 9 355
13 450 - 13 550	13 450 - 13 550	13 450 - 13 550
16 100 - 16 200	16 100 - 16 200	16 100 - 16 200
24 450 - 24 600	24 450 - 24 650	24 450 - 24 600
26 200 - 26 350	26 200 - 26 420	26 200 - 26 350
39 000 - 39 500	No allocation	39 500–40 000
42 000 - 42 500	No allocation	No allocation



Modulation Multiplexing

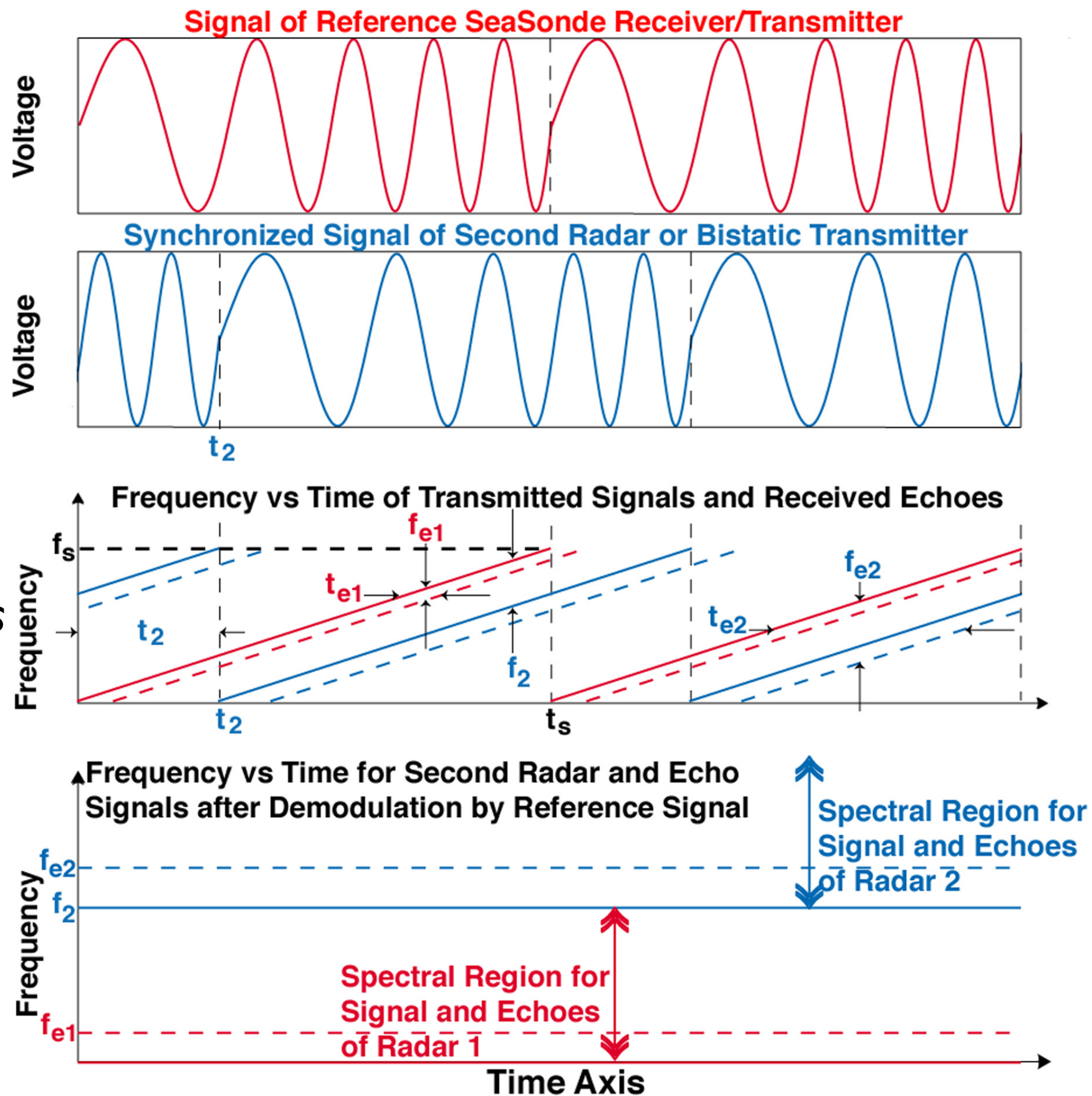
Share Bandwidth

Multiple Systems can sweep through same band without interfering

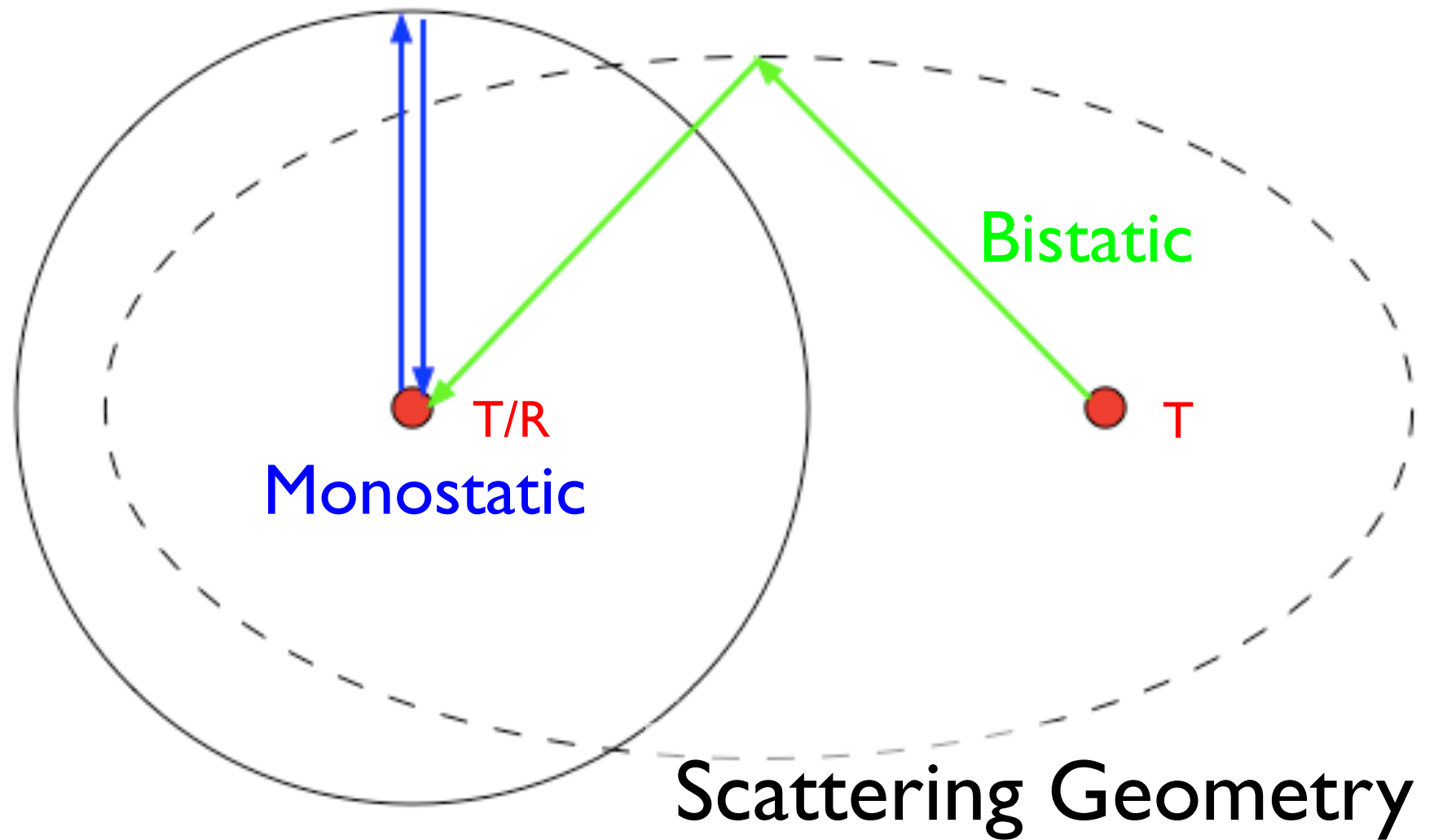
Multistatic Operation

Use Sea echo from another's site's transmission (requires 10^{-11} precision oscillator)*

**CODAR-patented GPS-disciplined oscillator waveform works worldwide*



Multi-Static

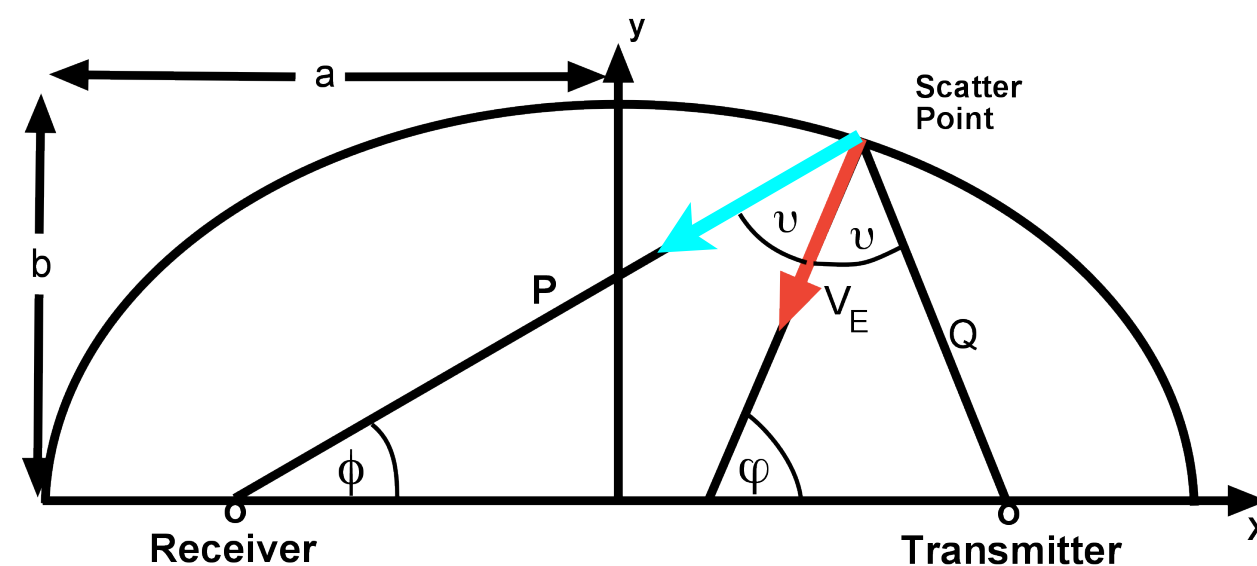
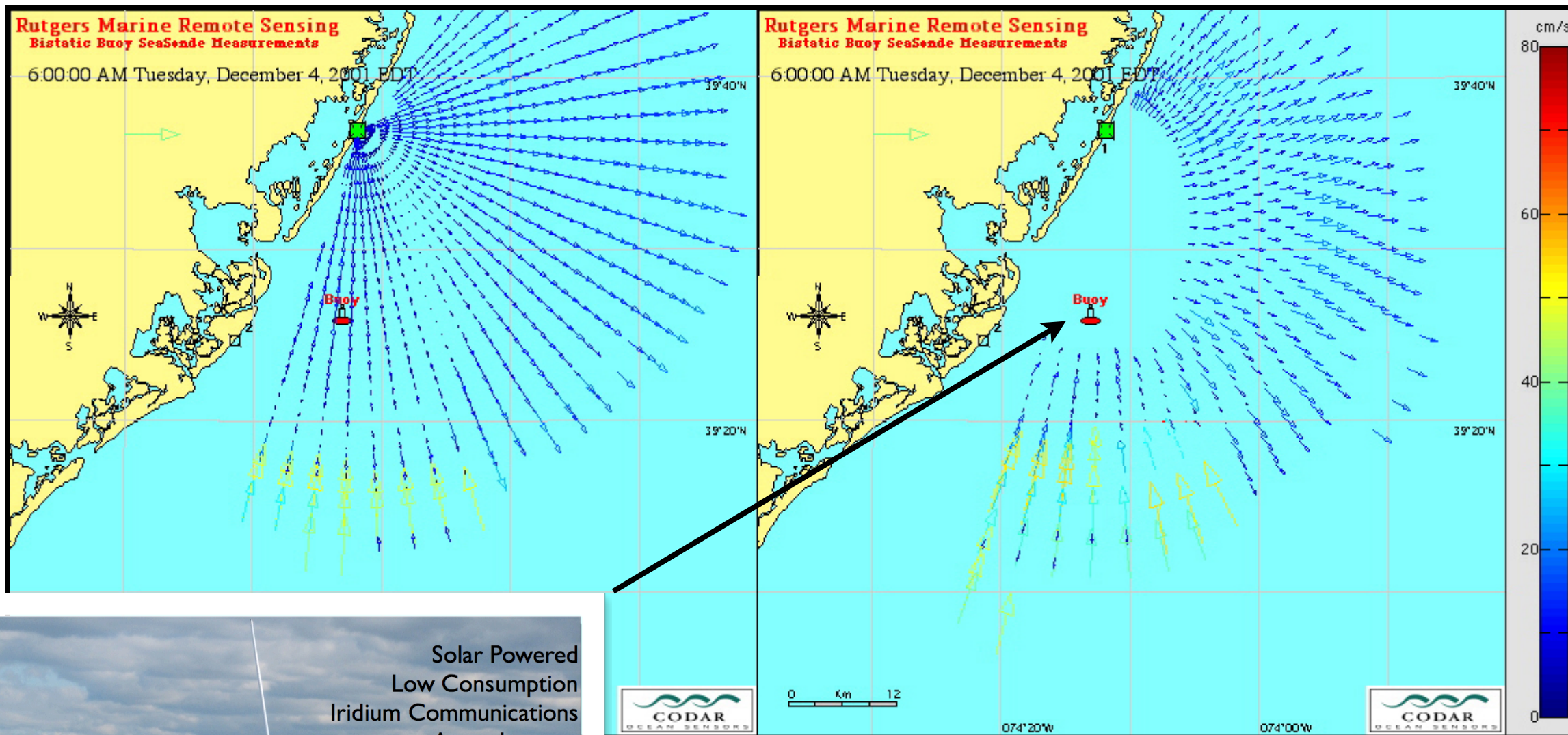


Receive signals and sea echo coherently from multiple other SeaSondes



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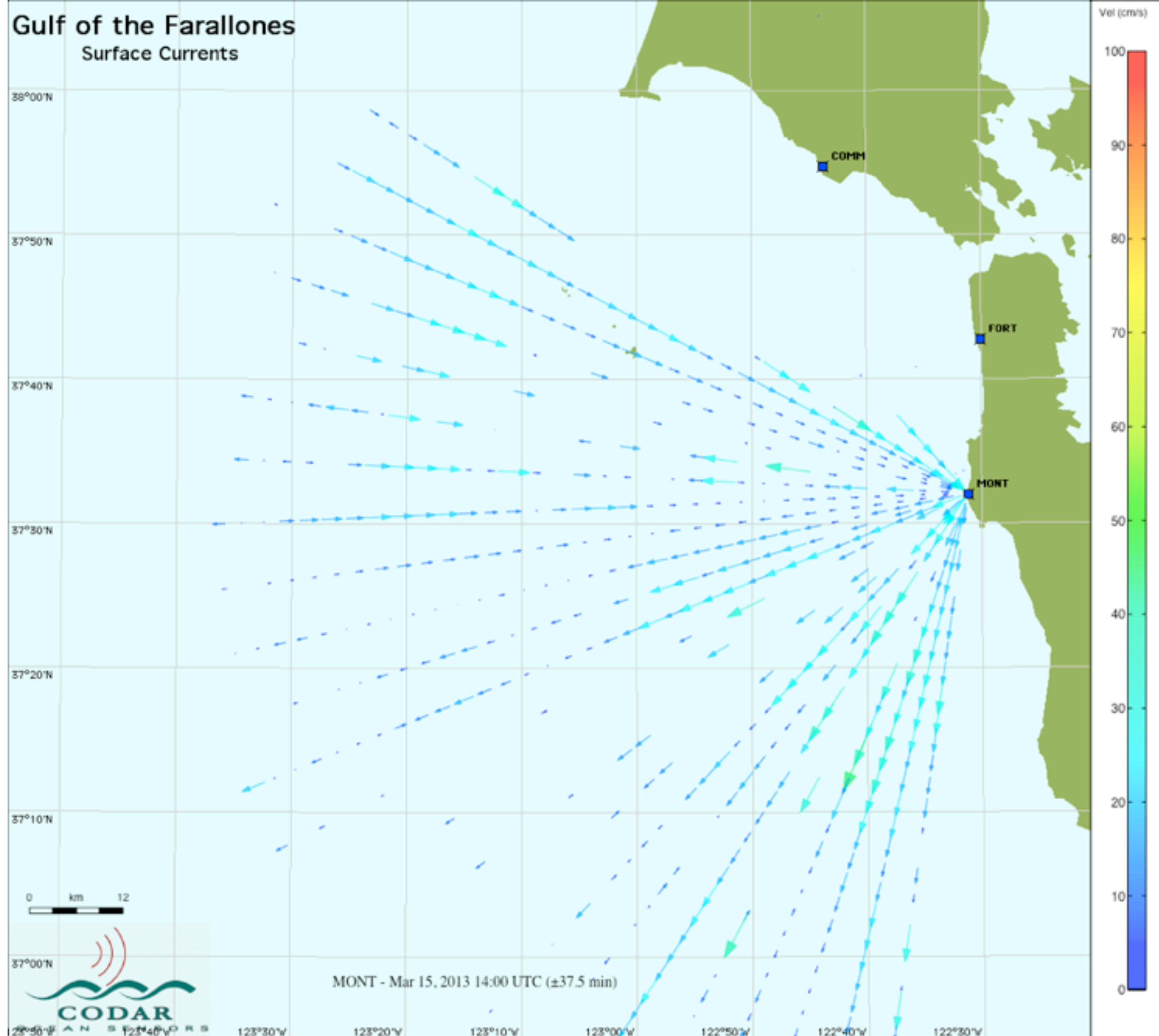
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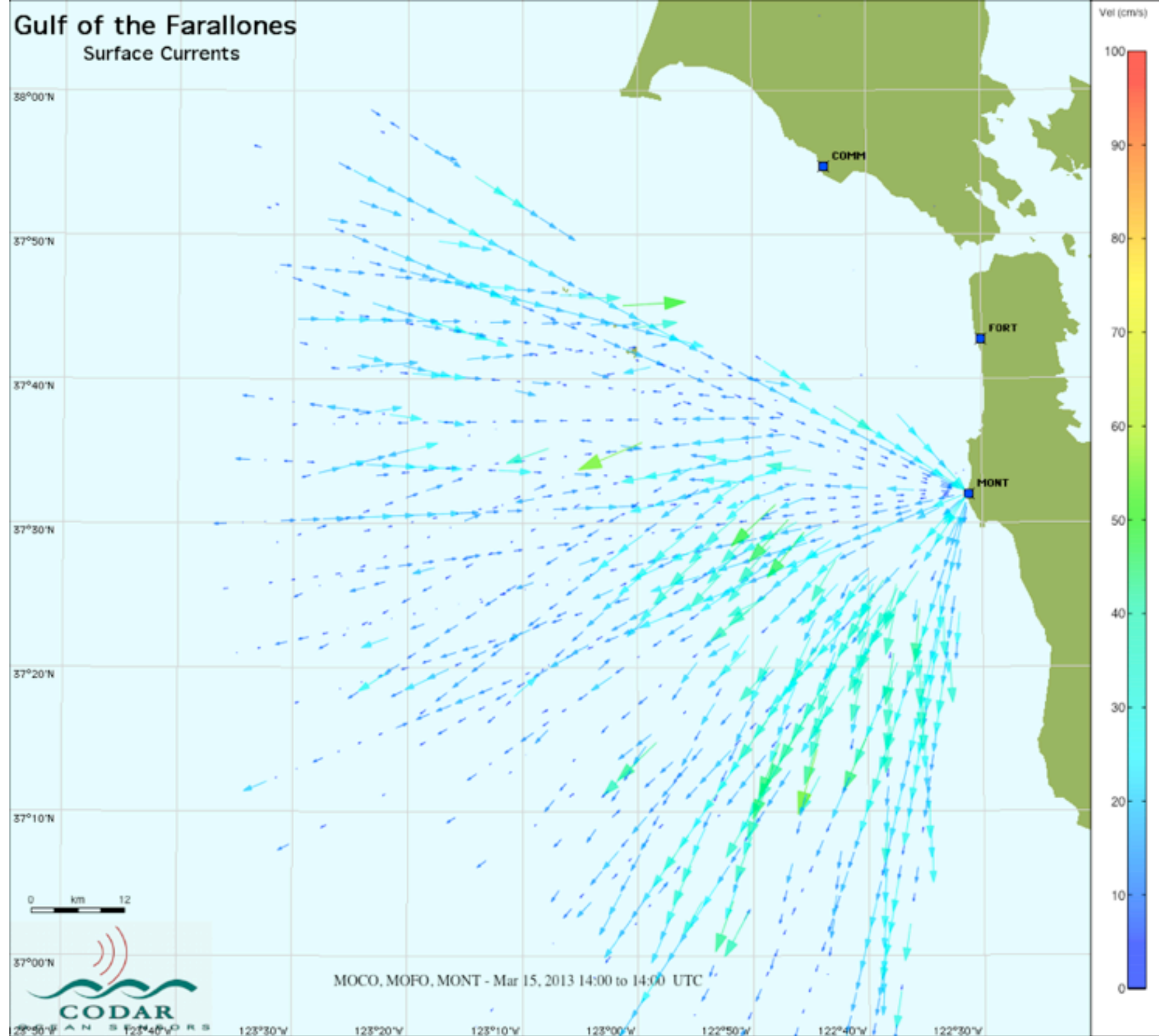
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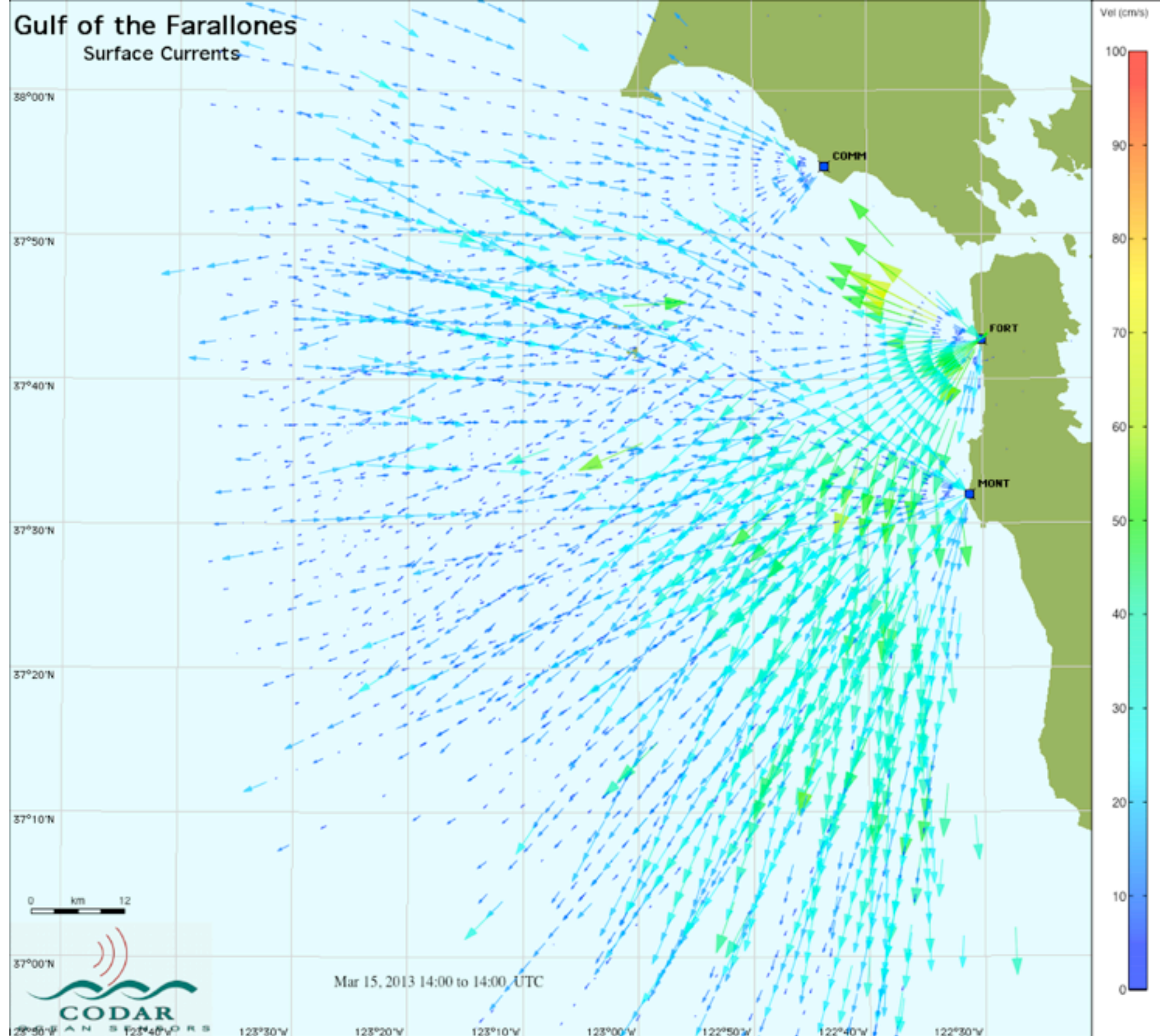
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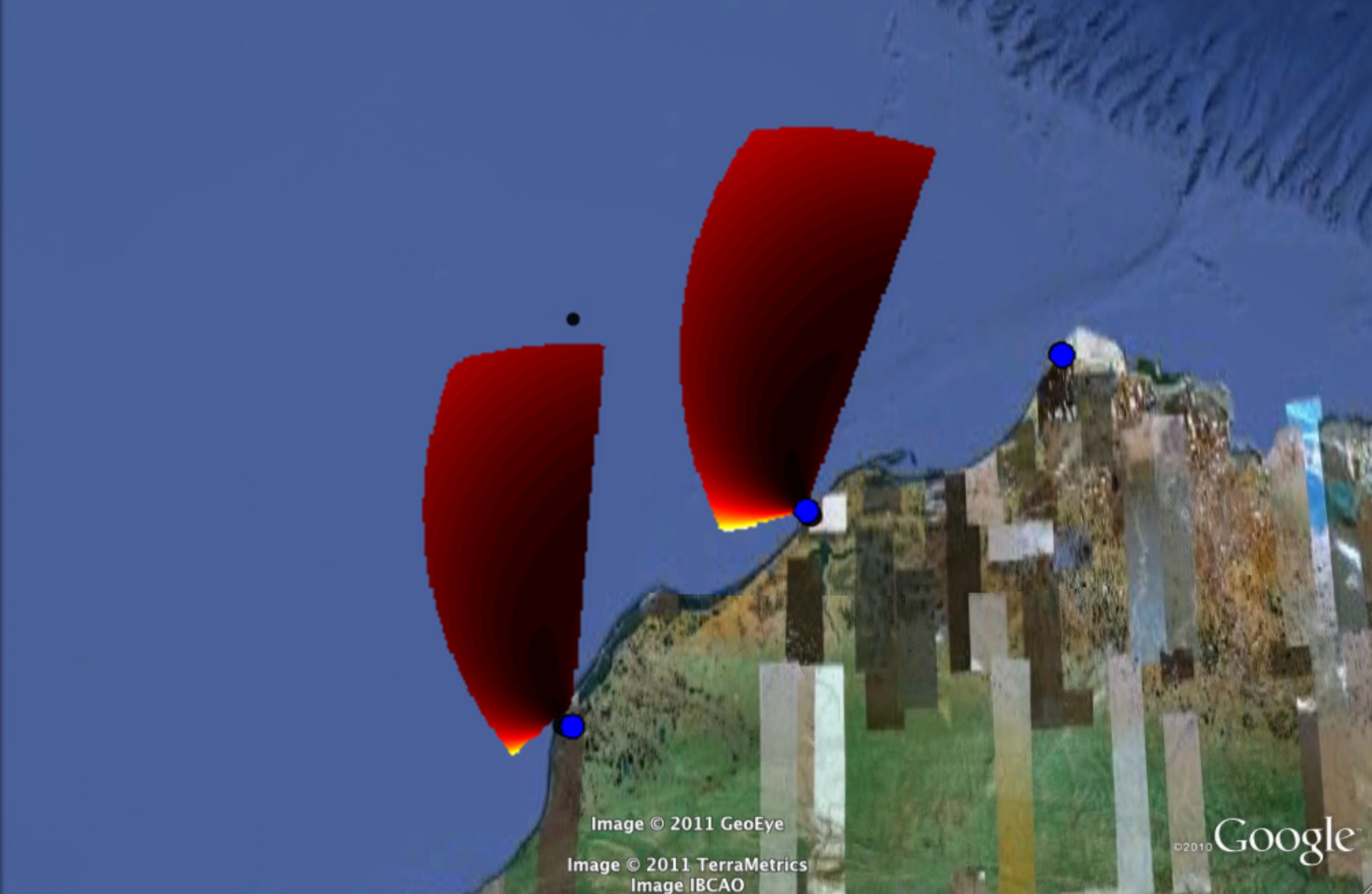
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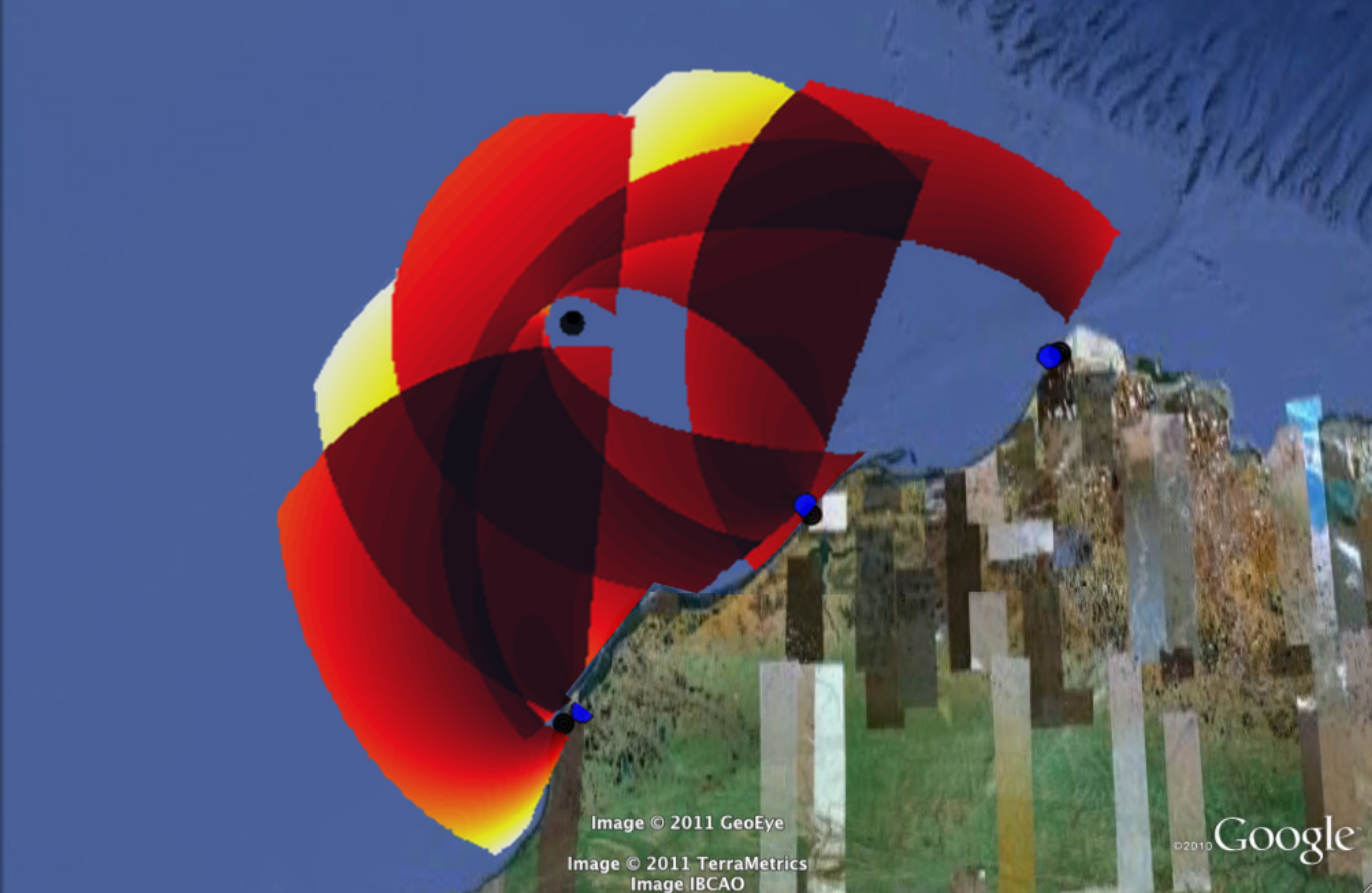
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Open Mode Analysis



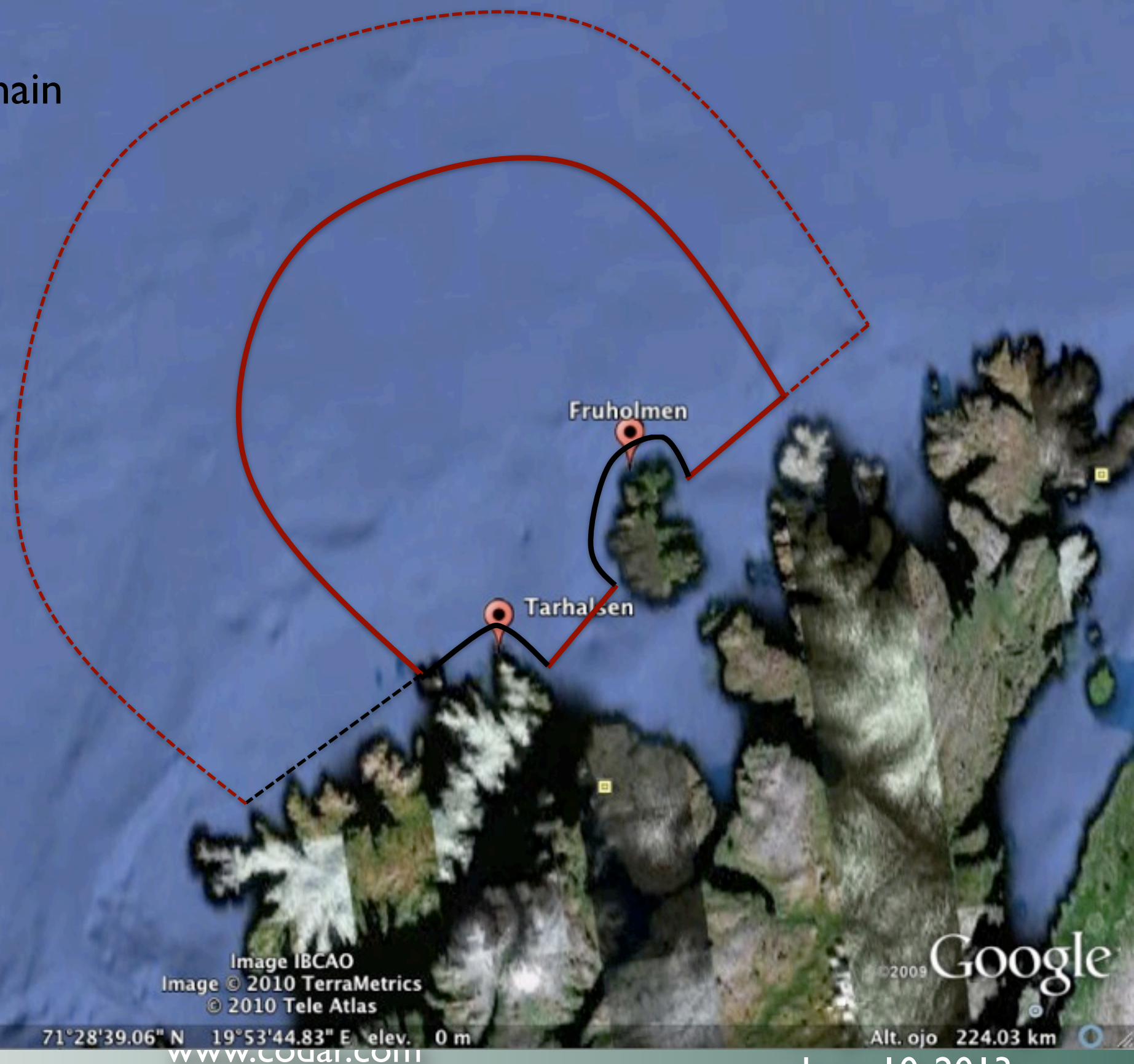
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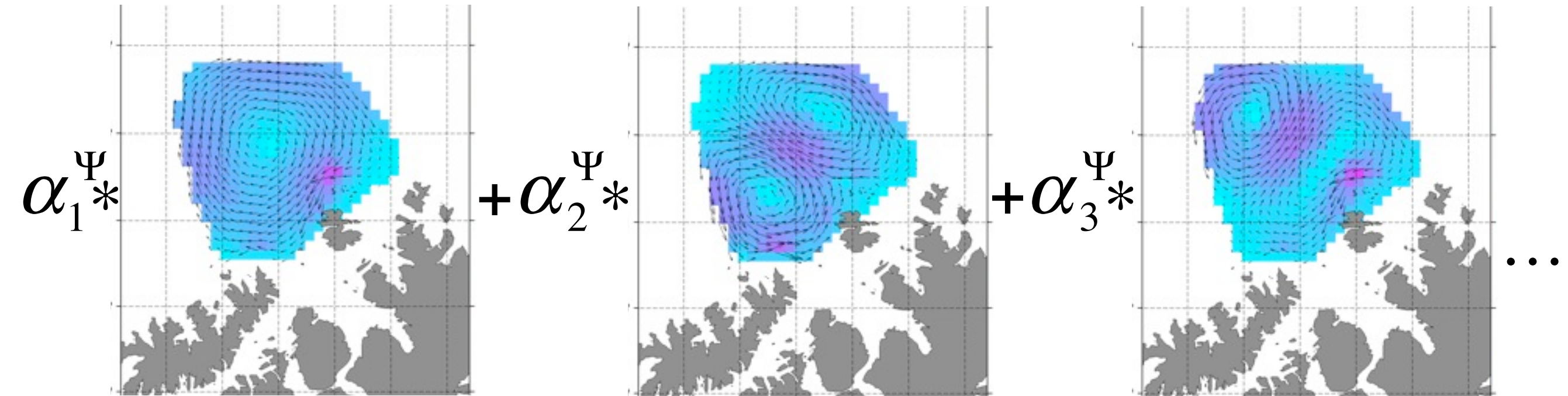
OMA domain
Data filled in the domain

----- 75 Km range
——— 55 Km range

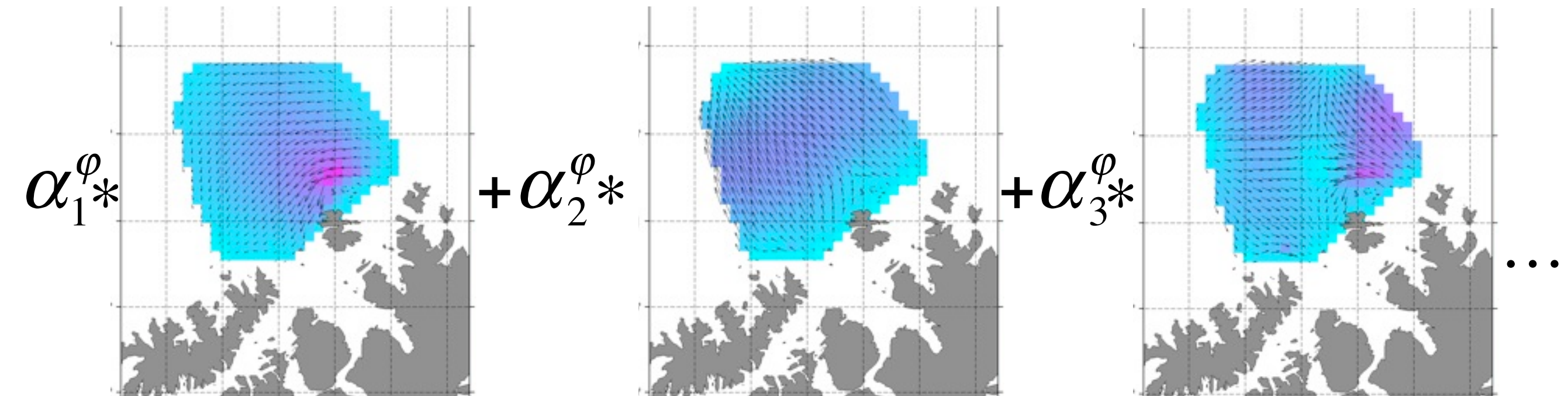
Red: open
boundary
Black: closed
boundary



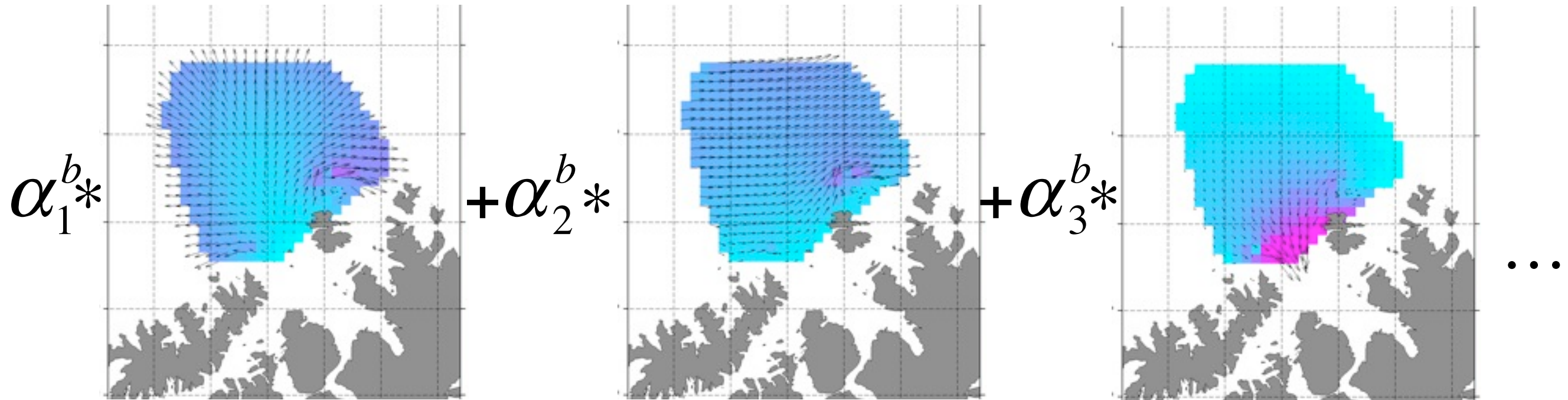
Non-divergent Modes ψ_i (Dirichlet)



Non-rotational Modes φ_i (Neumann)



Boundary Modes φ_i^b (Flow in and out the domain)



Any current field can be expanded in the interior and boundary modes:

$$\vec{u} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i^{\Psi} \hat{k} \times \nabla \Psi_i + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i^{\varphi} \nabla \varphi_i + \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha_i^b \nabla \varphi_i^b$$

OMA Current field construction:

Minimizing a cost function to determine the ideal combination of modes which gives the **best fit to available measurement data (i.e radial vectors)**

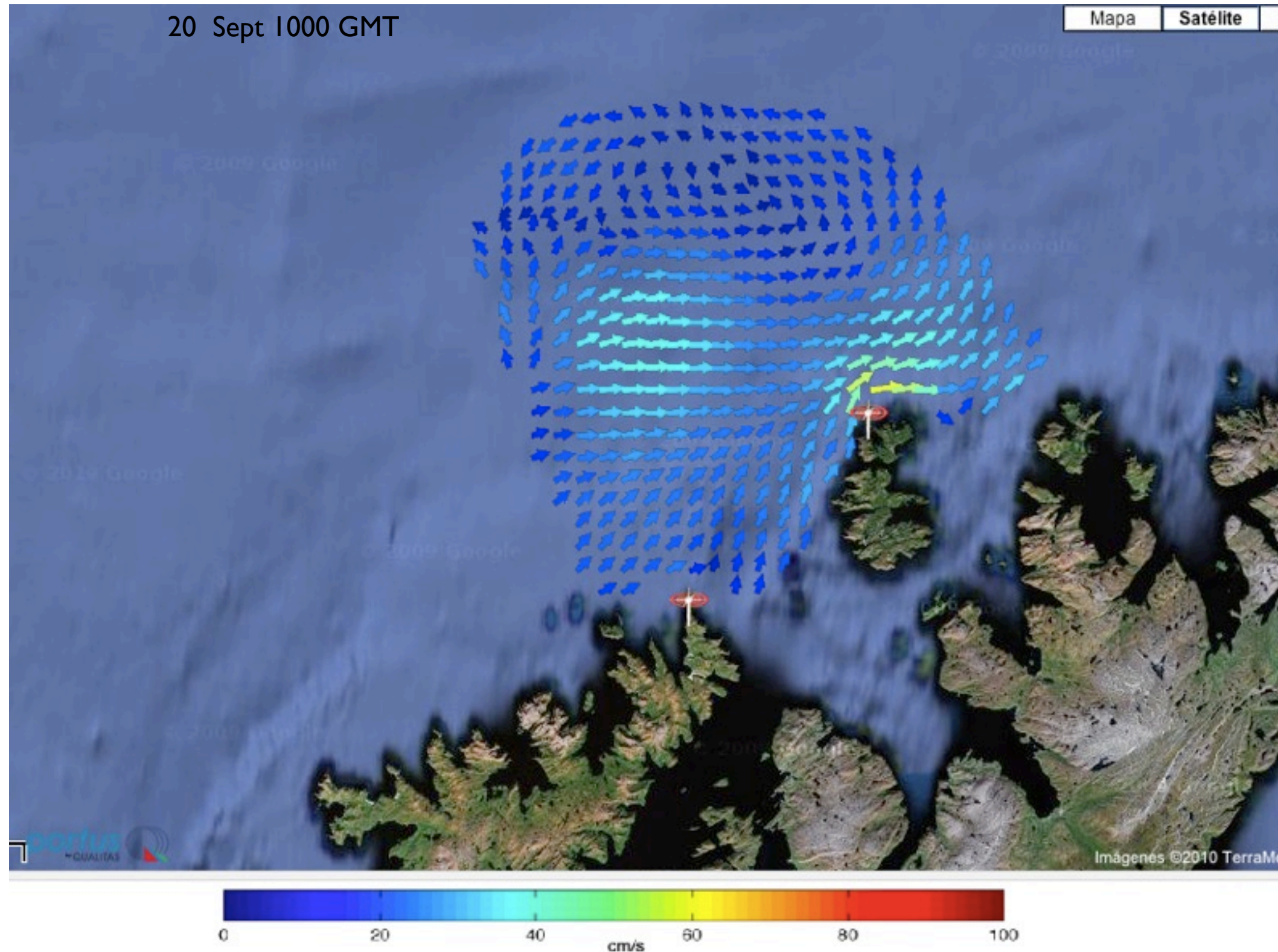
Kaplan, D. M., and F. Lekien. "Spatial Interpolation and Filtering of Surface Current Data Based on Open-boundary Modal Analysis." *Journal of Geophysical Research*, Vol. 12, C12007, 1-20 (2007)



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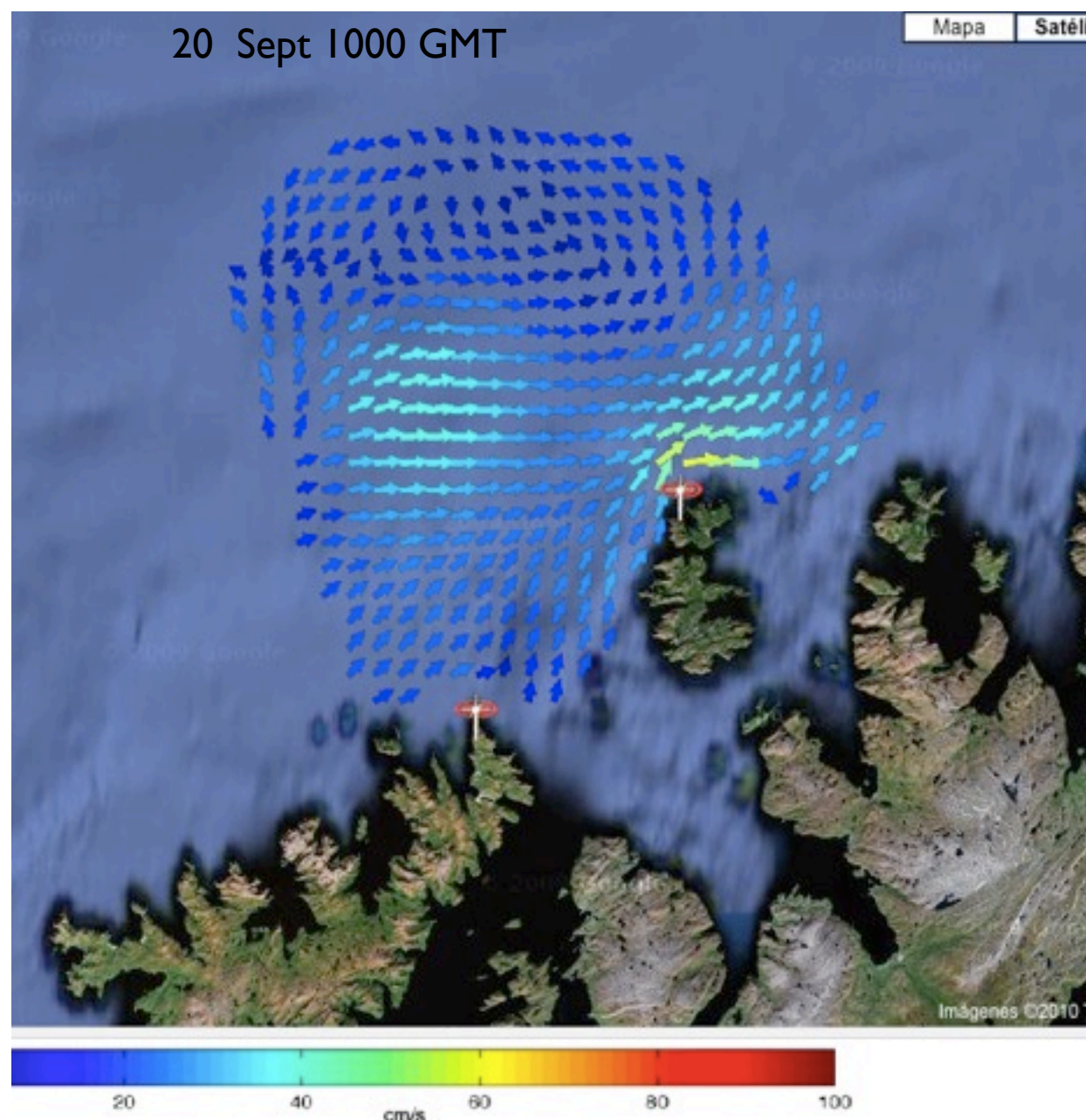
OMA reconstructed fields from radials



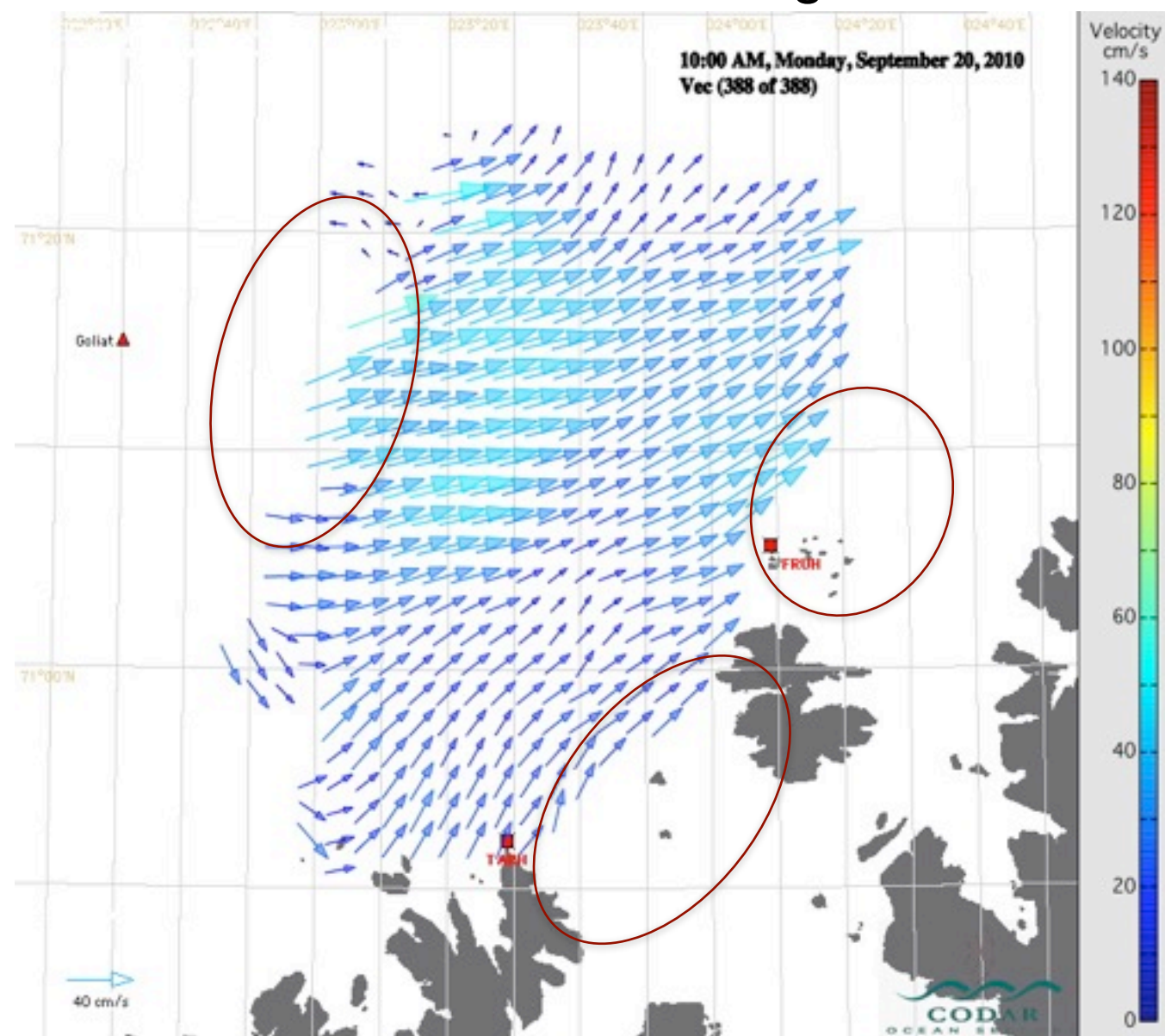
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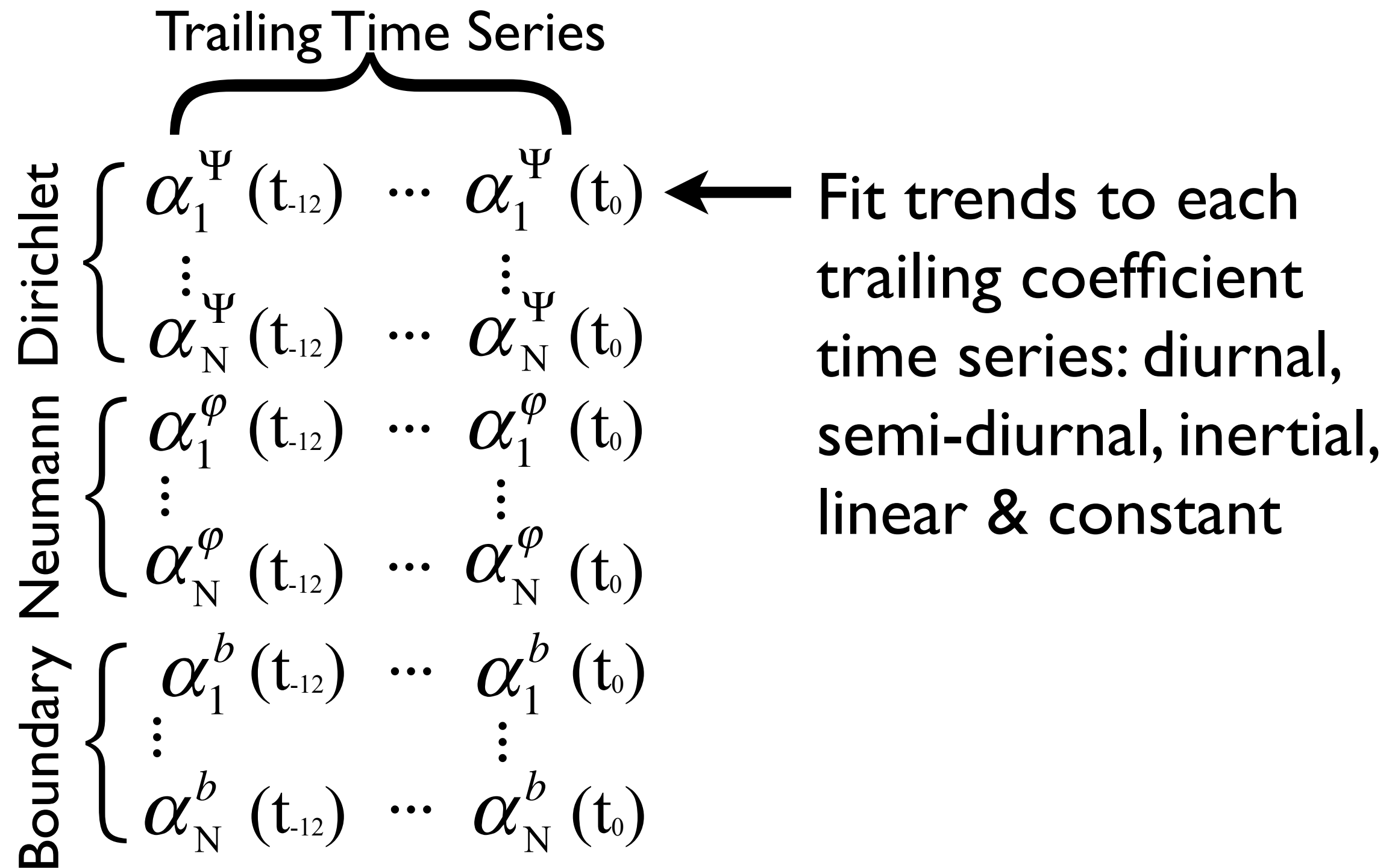
Standard LS LOCAL combining method



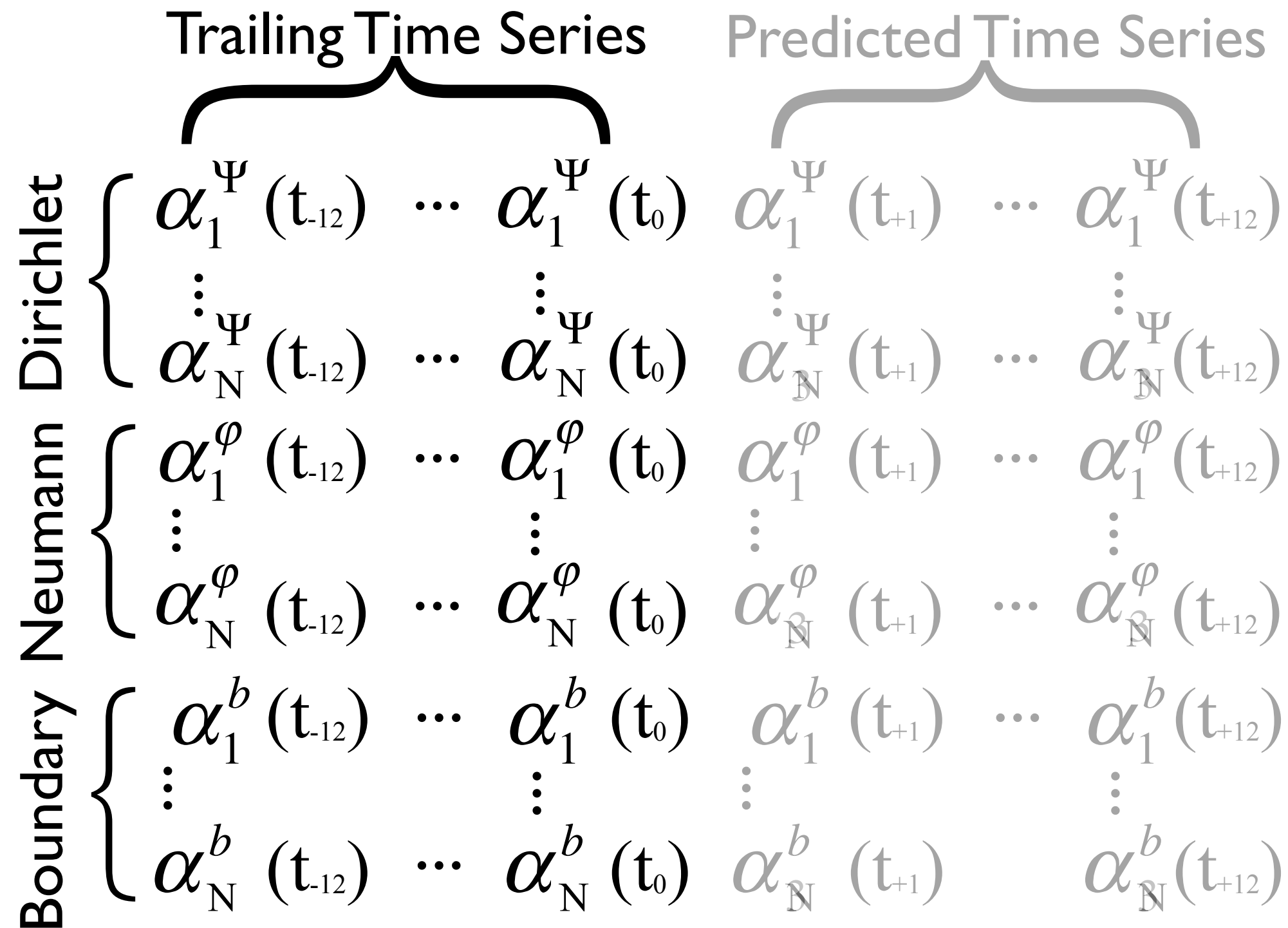
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Short Term Predictions from Mode Coefficients



Short Term Predictions from Mode Coefficients





Tusen Takk!



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