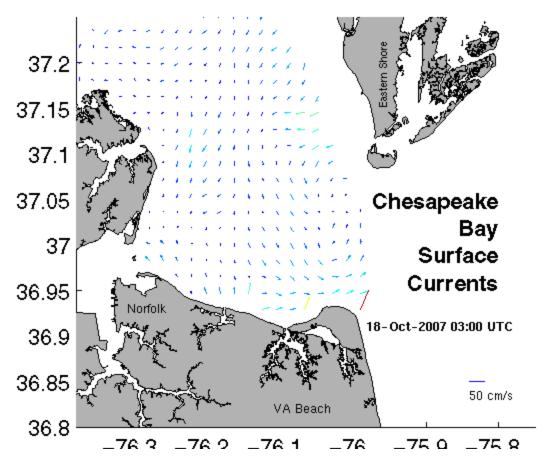
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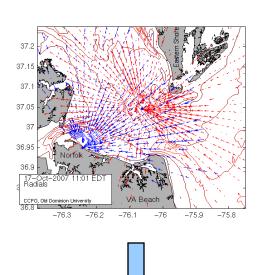


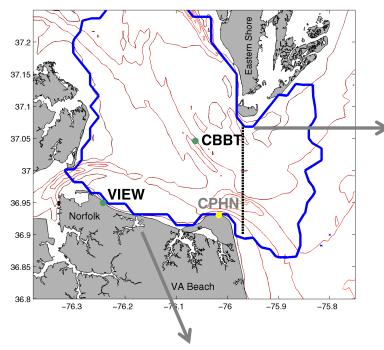


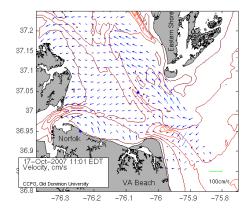




## Study Area & Antenna Sites









#### AT OUR FIELD SITES

25.4 MHz CODAR Standard Range
Antennas with co-located Tx/Rx
MiniMac Field Computers
Cell phone/Cable modem connections

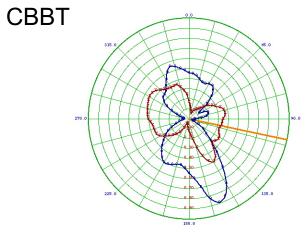


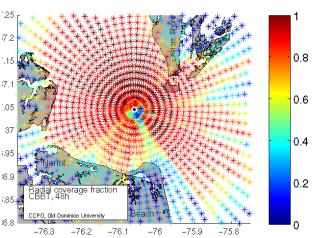


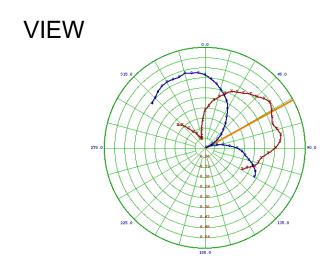


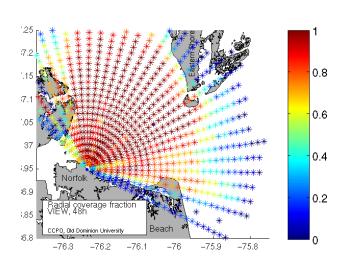
### Antenna Patterns

# Radial Coverage

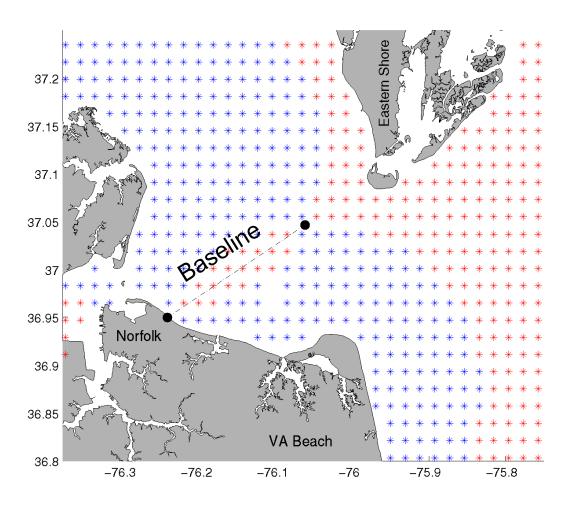








## **Grid for Total Current Vectors**



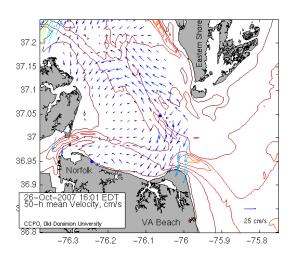
2 km Grid courtesy of CORDC National Network

Preserves orthogonality

Red points fail stability angle requirements

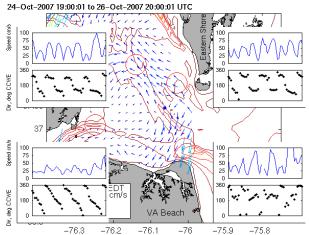
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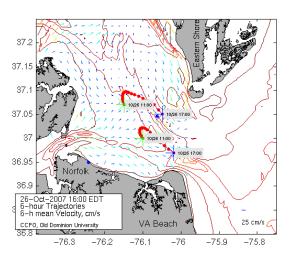
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#### Sub-tidal Flow

#### **Time Series**





**Trajectories** 

## Some Q/C Considerations

- Totals
  - GDOP/HFR-Progs Matlab toolbox error estimates
- Radials
  - Codar spatial and temporal variability statistics within the radial file
- Both
  - Visual outliers (check neighboring vectors / apply filter)

# Data Validation by Comparison

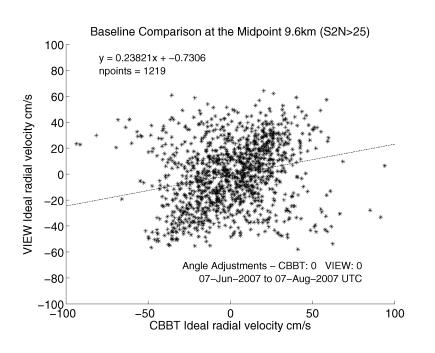
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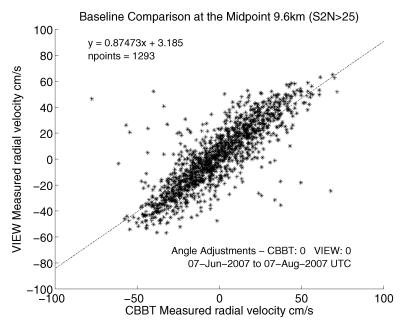
Tide

Moored ADCP

Towed ADCP

# **Baseline Comparisons**

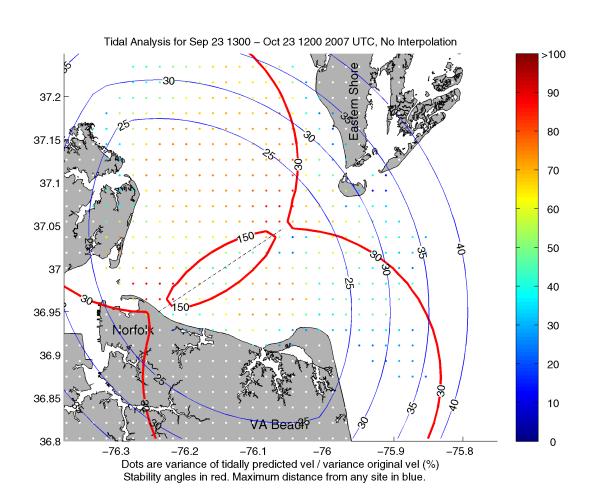




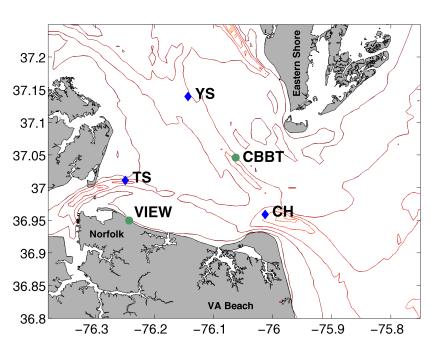
Ideal antenna patterns

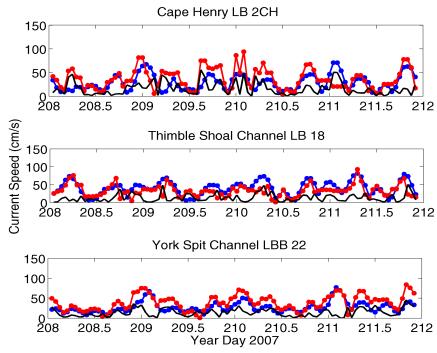
Measured antenna patterns

# Tidal Analysis



# Moored ADCP Comparison



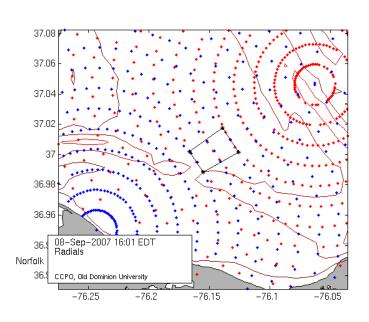


#### **Difference Statistics**

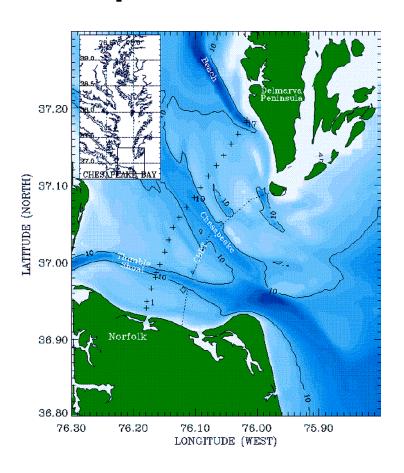
<u>Site</u>	<u>Mean</u>	S.Dev
Cape Henry	16.2	14.0
Thimble Shoals	13.2	11.2
York Spit13.9	10.0	

Red line = CODAR
Blue line = NOAA ADCP
Black = |NOAA-CODAR|

## **Towed ADCP Comparisons**



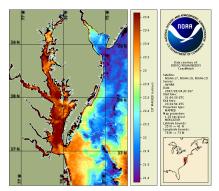
Intensive study at the baseline



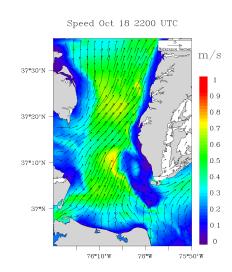
& comparison with monthly Bay Mouth cruises

## **Future Plans**

- Incorporate data into GIS; map with other regional spatial data
- Normal Mode Analysis
- Continue to work with trajectories/ plume tracking
- Model comparisons
- Web page development where totals and time series are freely available for download
  - Shipping channels
  - Ocean View beaches



AVHRR SST Daily Composite, September 24, 2007 from NOAA Coastwatch



ChesROMS model output

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