

Surface Current Mapping in the Lower Chesapeake Bay

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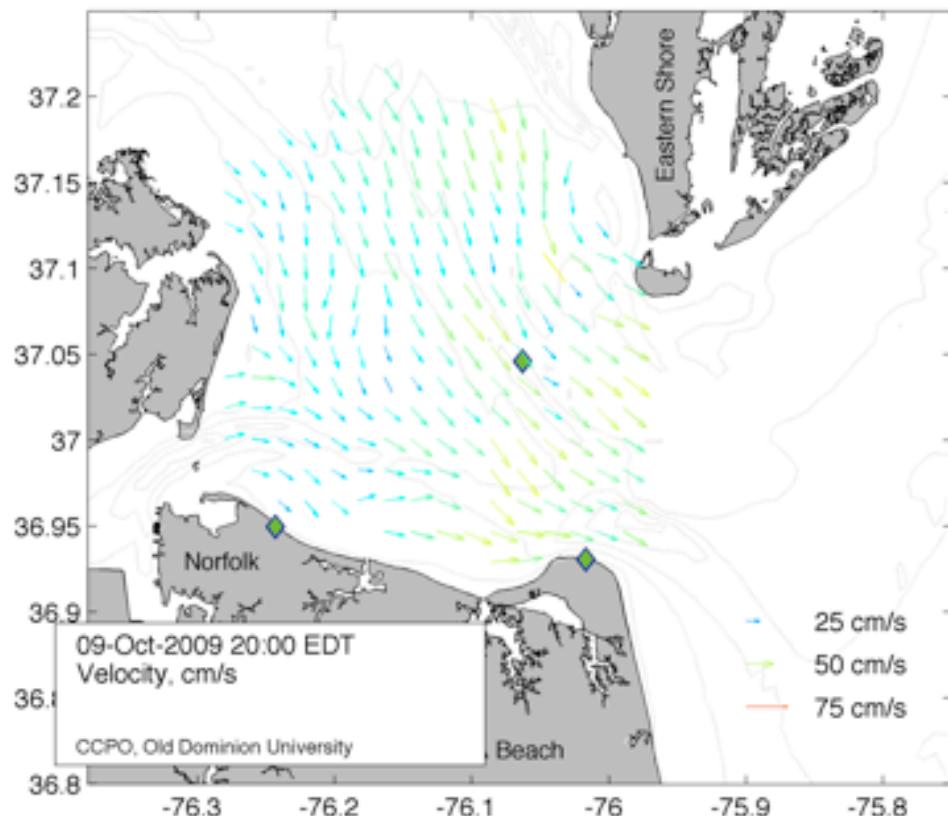
- Introduction to HFRADAR
- Local & Regional Data Coverage
- Applications
 - Data/Model Comparisons
 - Assimilation
 - Coast Guard Search & Rescue
 - Pollutant Tracking
- Validation
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- Summary & Future Work



HFRADAR: Introduction

Basic operation of a CODAR system

HFRADAR Mapping: A Unique Perspective on Currents



Land-based antennas

Use Doppler principles to observe surface velocities

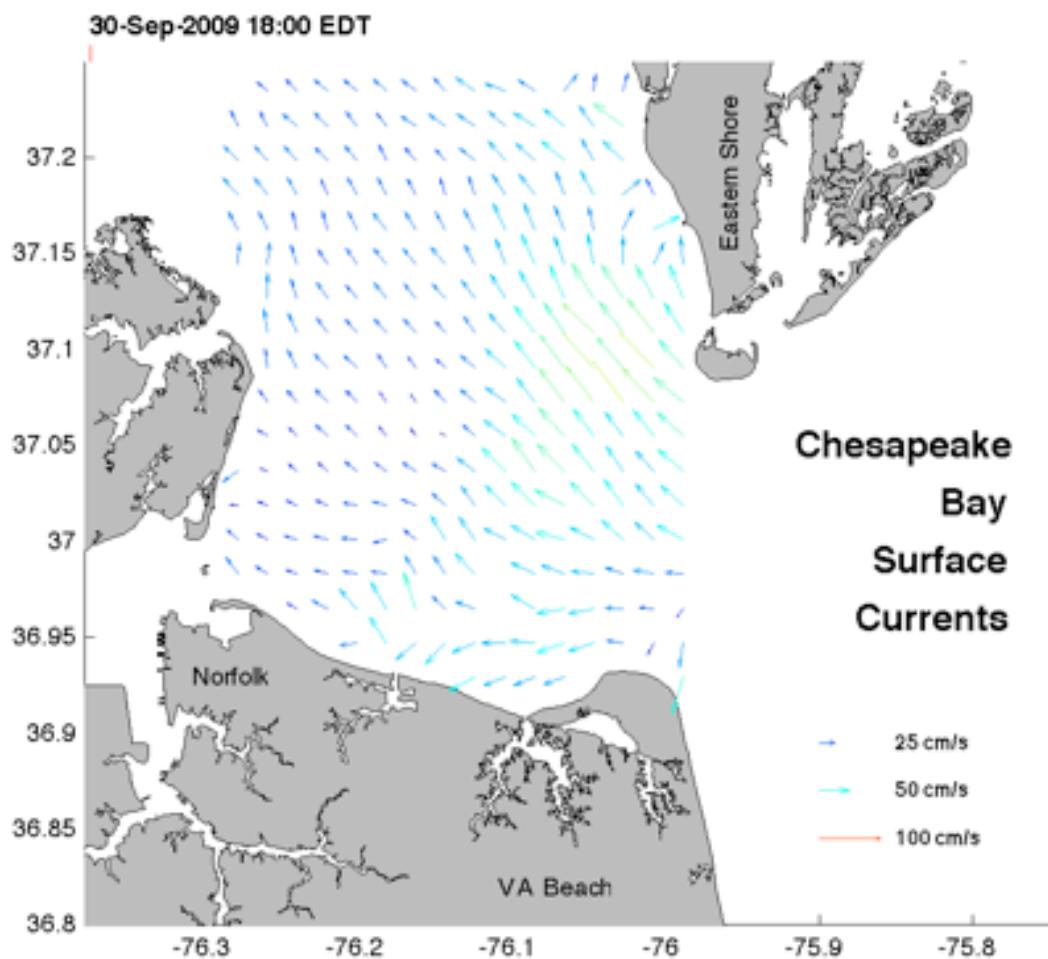
Sites normally set up to relay hourly output in near real-time.

Spatial coverage dependent on geometry / placement of antennas

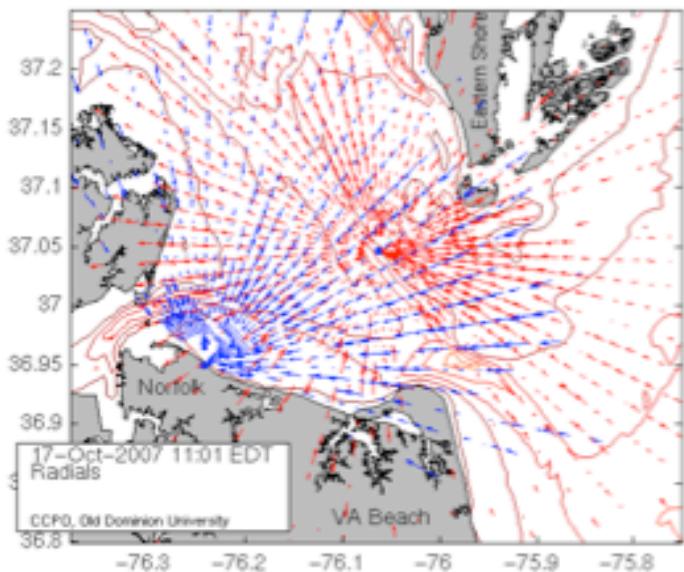
Ranges for single antennas:

Standard Range (25MHz): up to 40 km

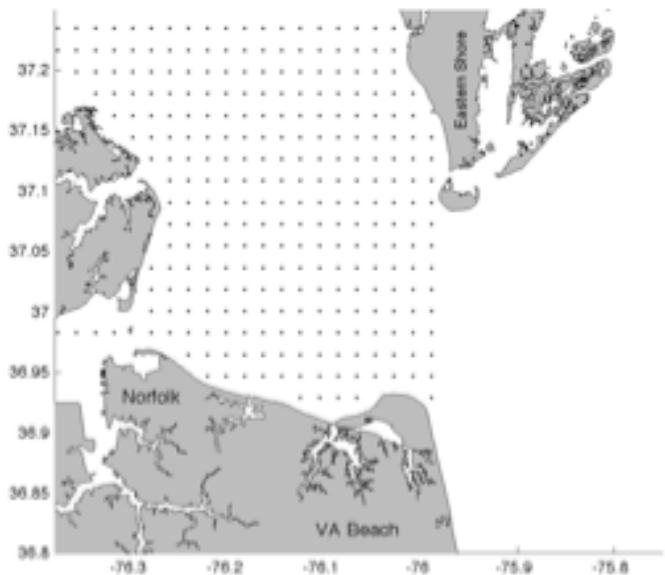
Long Range (5MHz): up to 200 km



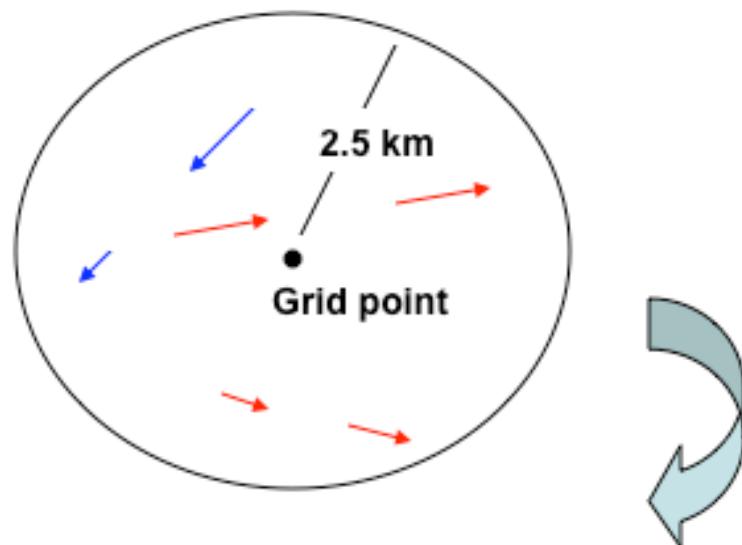
Radial Current Velocities



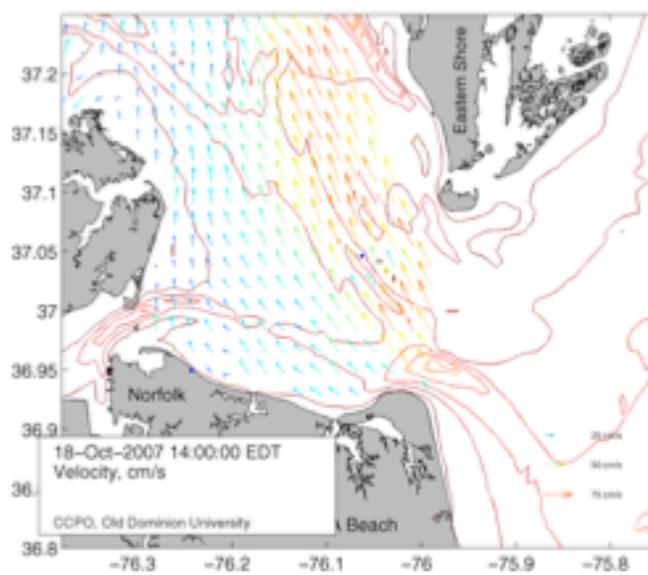
+ Grid



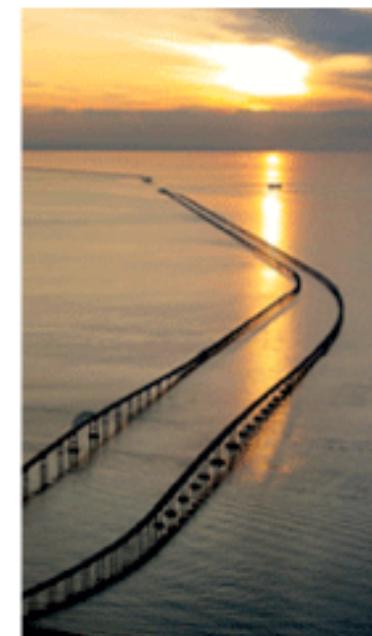
Around each grid point...
Combine Radial Vectors (Least Squares Average)



Total Current Velocities



HF RADAR SITE LOCATIONS IN THE LOWER CHESAPEAKE



LOCAL FIELD SITES

25.4 MHz CODAR Standard Range

antennas with co-located Tx/Rx

Cell phone modem connections

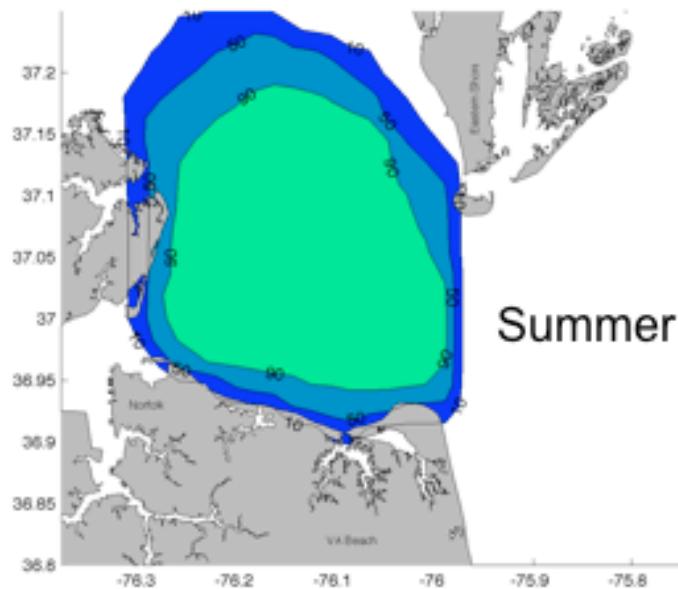
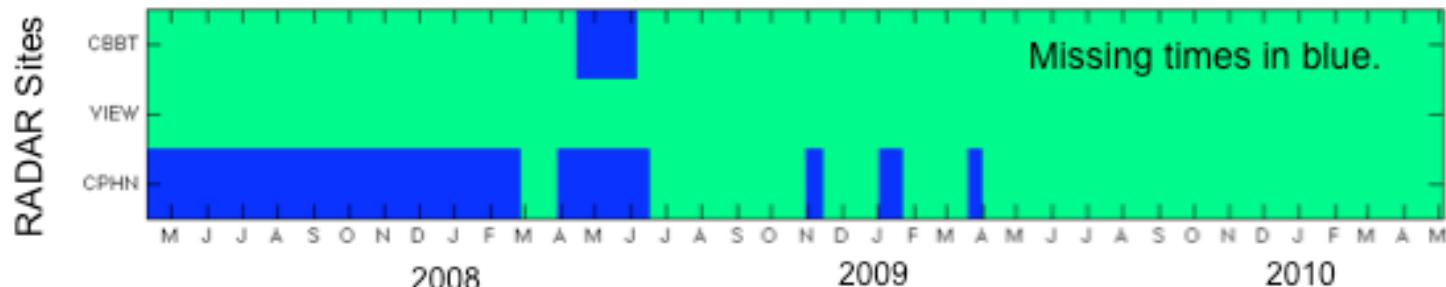
Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT)



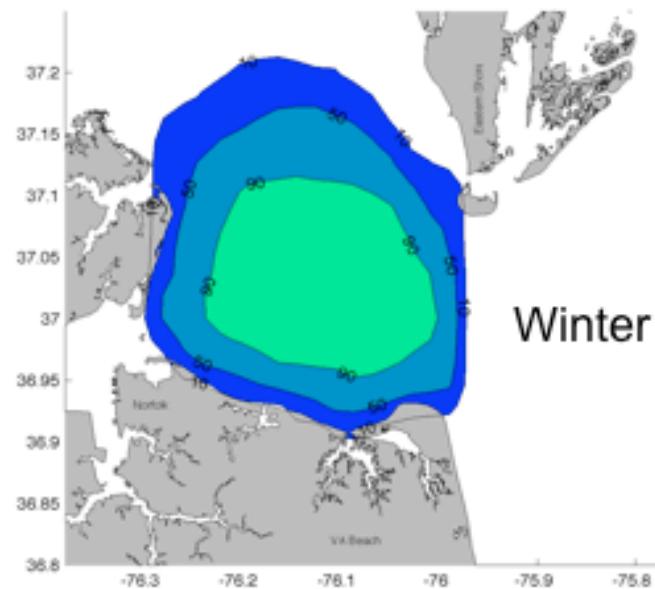
Ocean View Community Beach (VIEW)



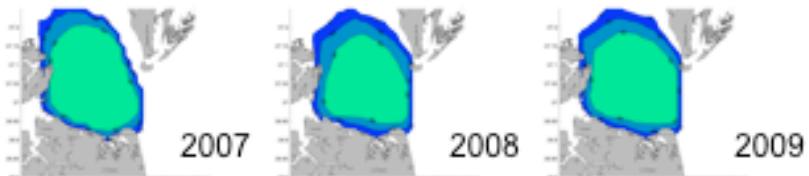
Chesapeake Bay Data Coverage



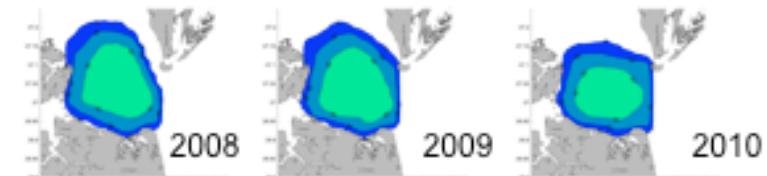
Summer



Winter



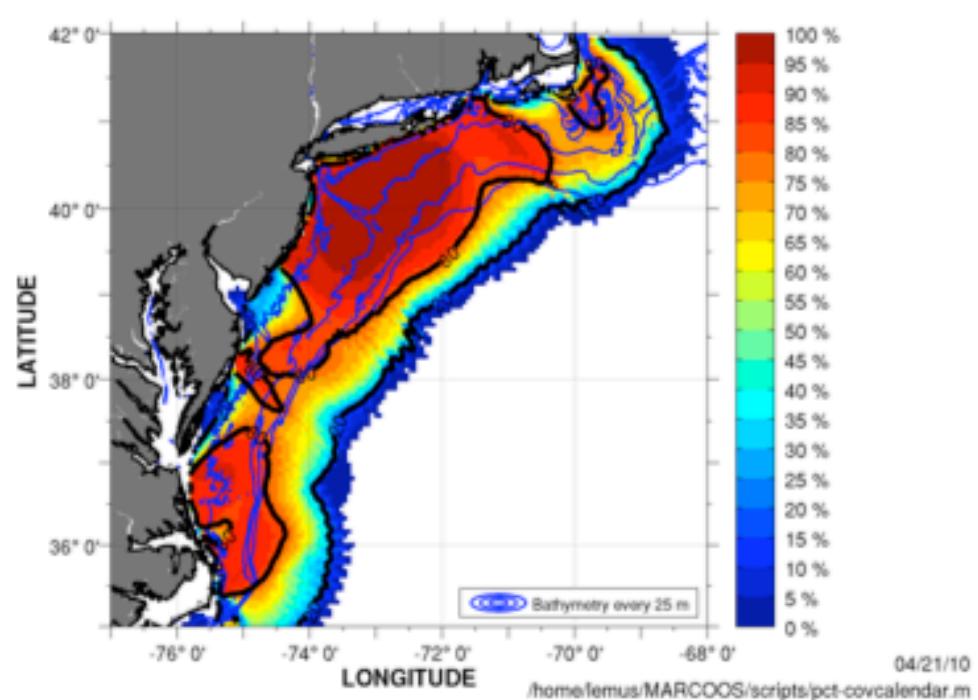
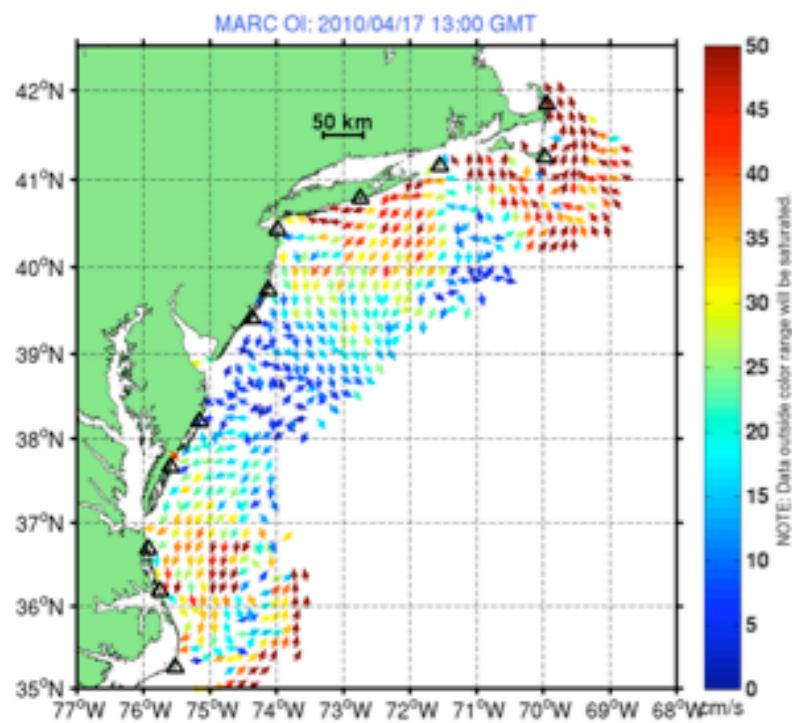
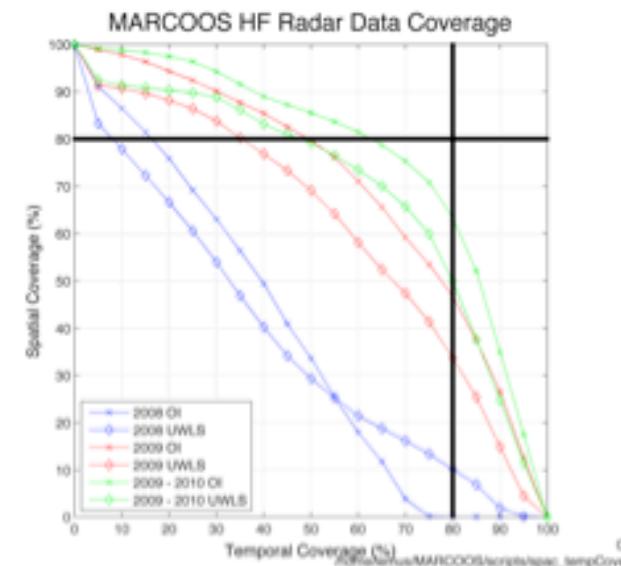
2009



2010

90% Coverage shown in green.

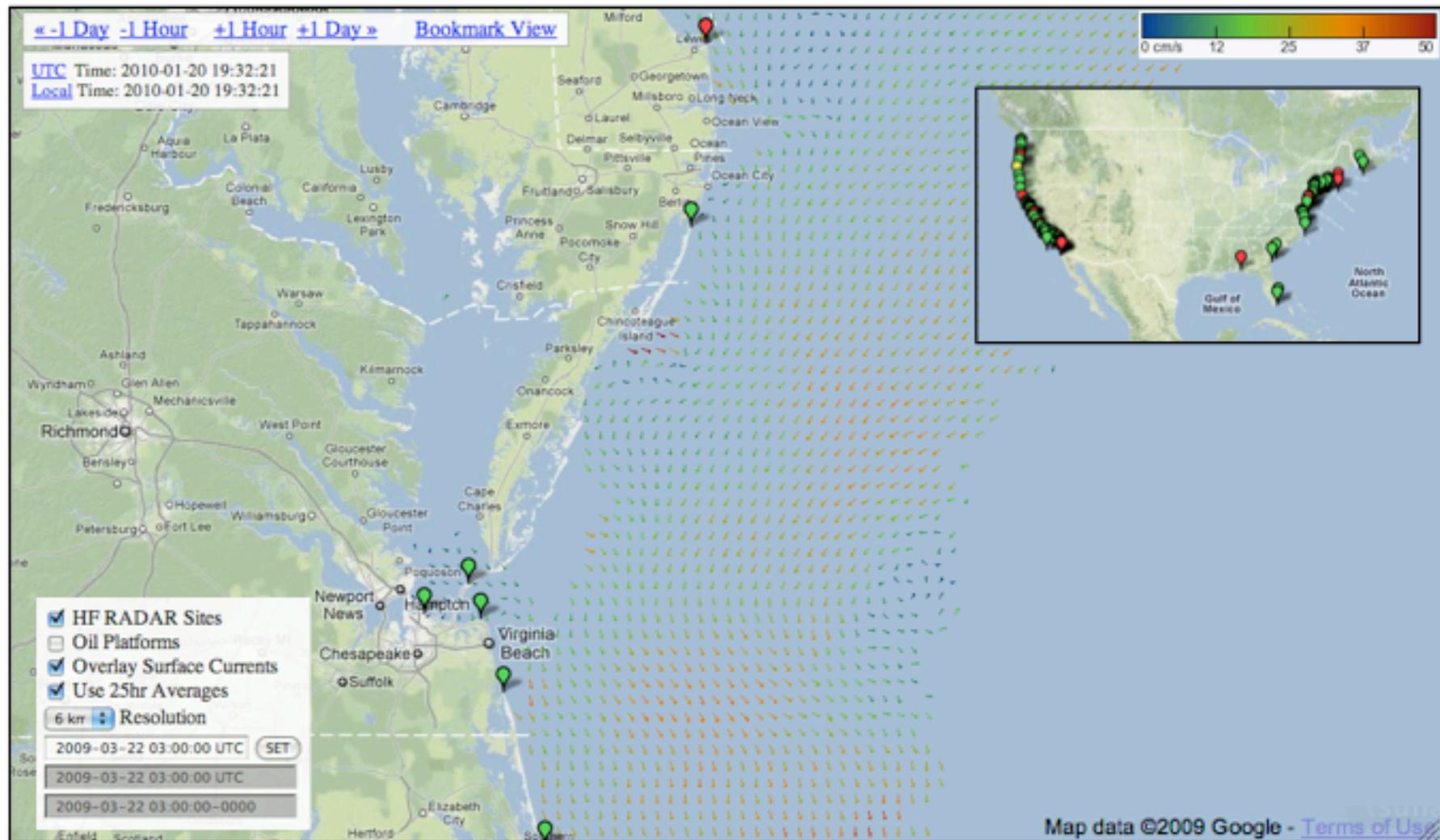
Regional Offshore Data Coverage



MACOORA
Mid-Atlantic Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association

http://marine.rutgers.edu/~codaradm/hfr_viewer.php

HFRADAR National Network



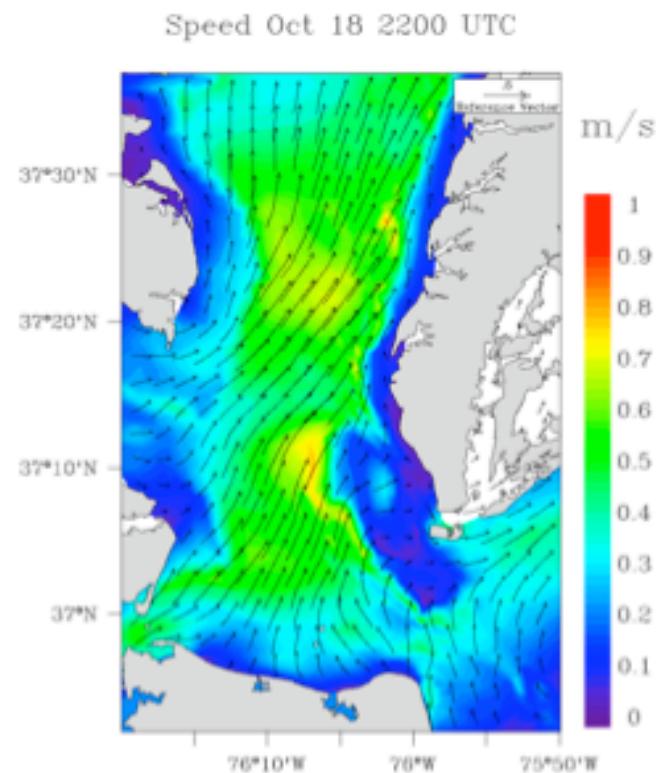
<http://cordc.ucsd.edu/projects/mapping/maps>

A photograph of a beach scene under a blue sky with white clouds. In the center, a tall, thin metal pole stands vertically. A horizontal crossbar extends from the top of the pole. Four diagonal cables are attached from the base of the pole to the crossbar, forming a diamond shape. In the background, the ocean is visible with a distant cargo ship on the horizon. On the sandy beach in the foreground, there are a few people: one person in a red and white striped shirt on the left, and two people sitting close together on the right. A small yellow object, possibly a toy or a piece of debris, hangs from one of the cables on the right side.

Application Examples

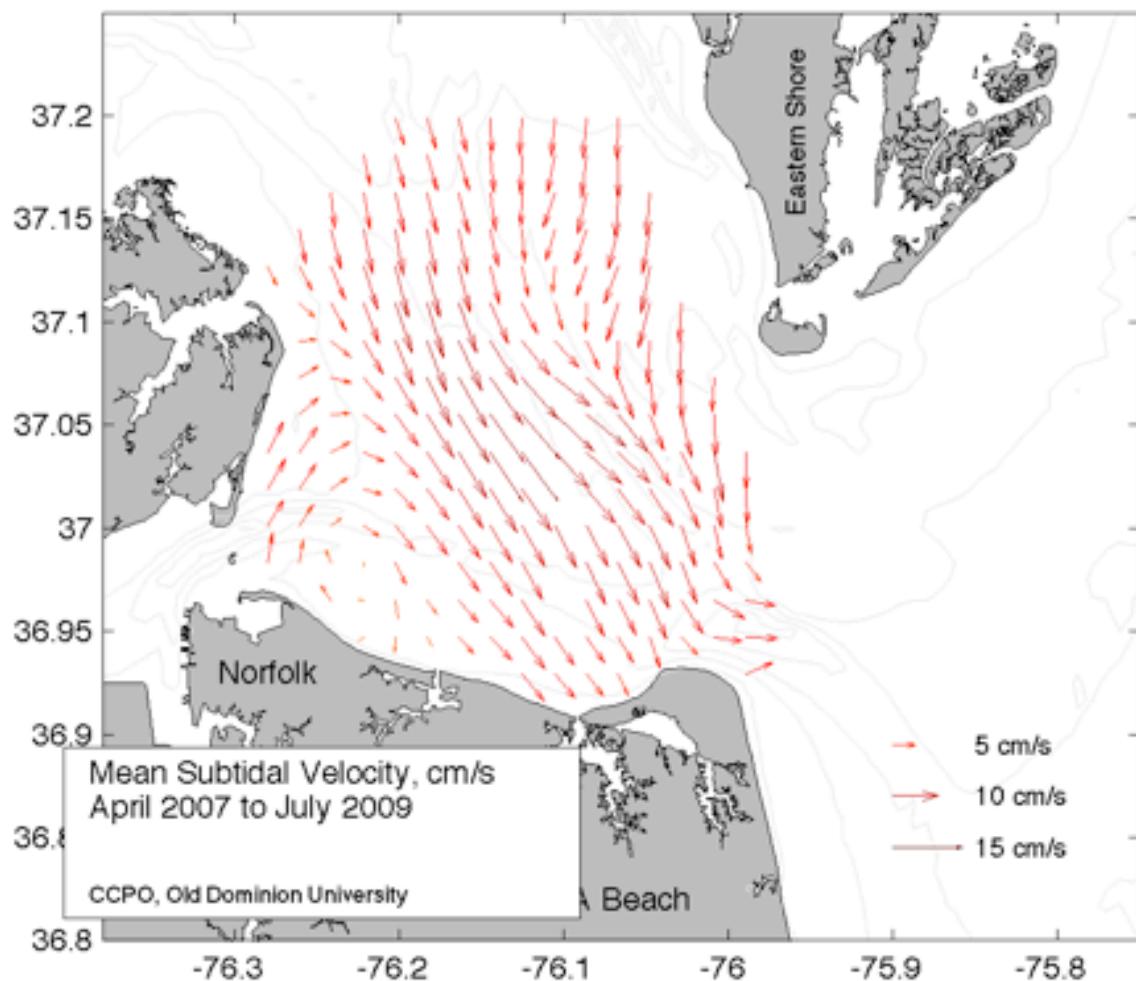
Modeling Applications

- Comparison of model output with current observations
- Data Assimilation
 - Short Range HFRADAR data
Steven Institute, NYHOPS
 - Long Range Totals
Rutgers, ROMS

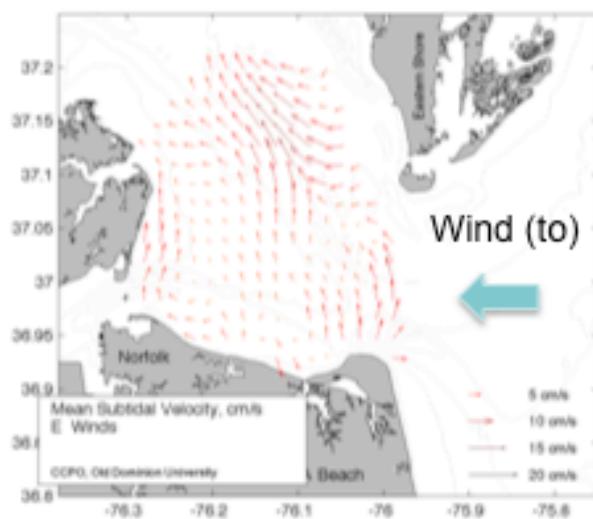
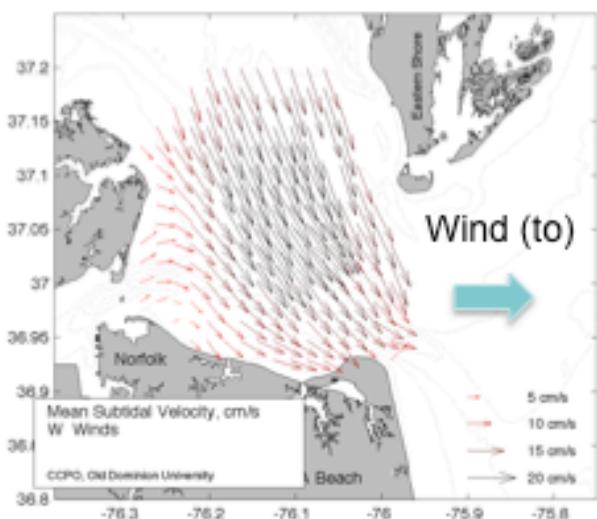
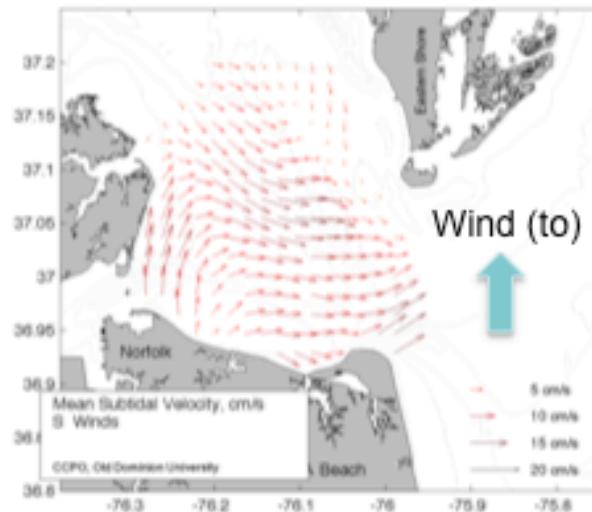
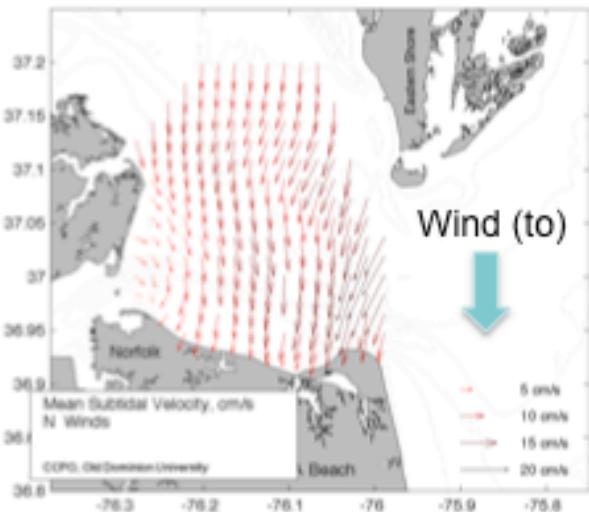


ChesROMS model output

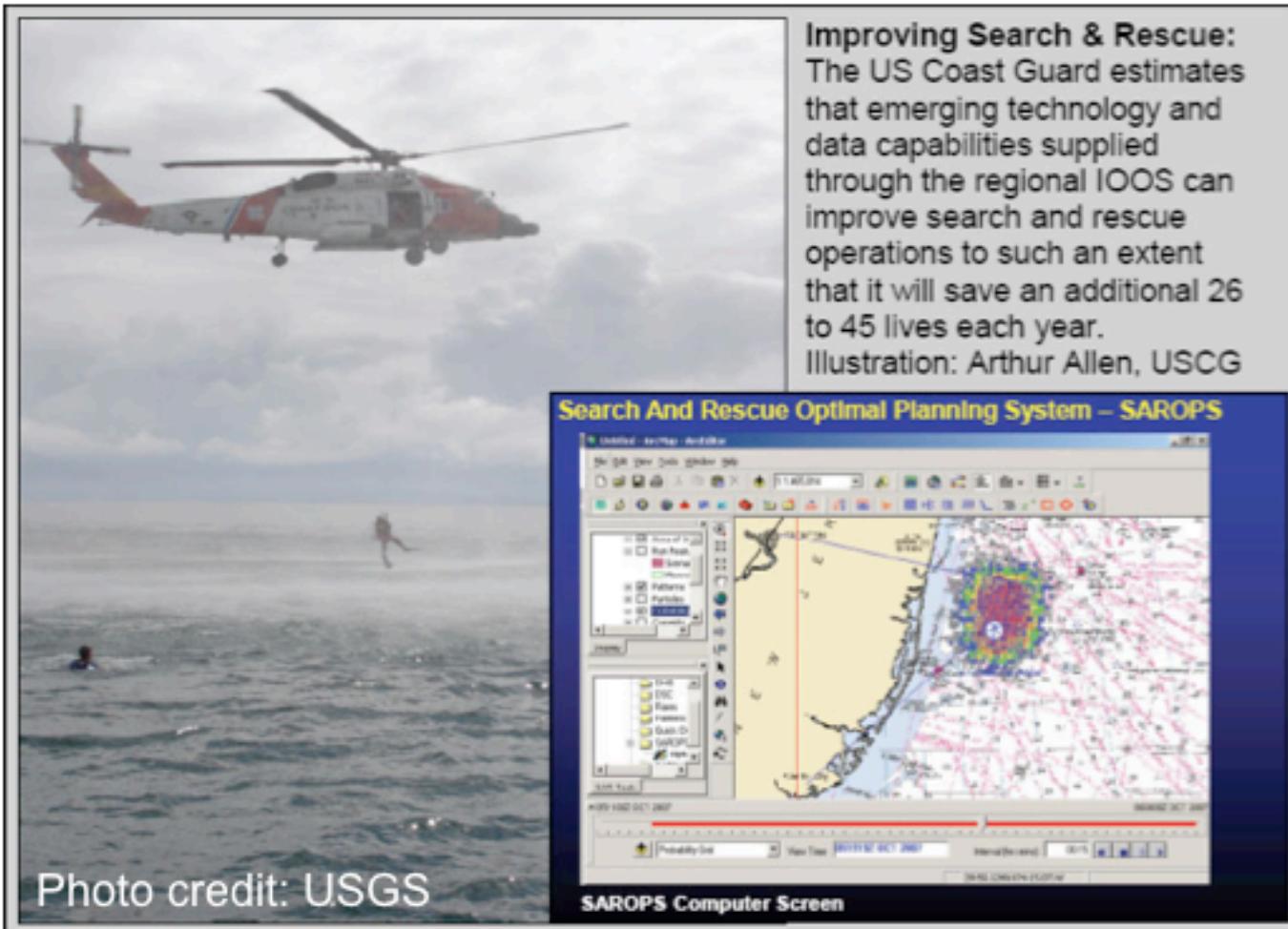
Mean Surface Circulation



Wind Responses

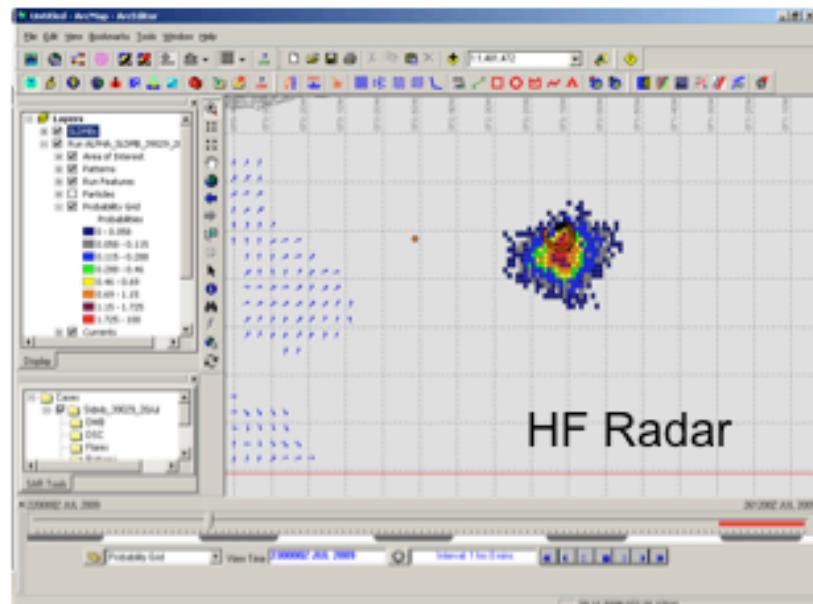
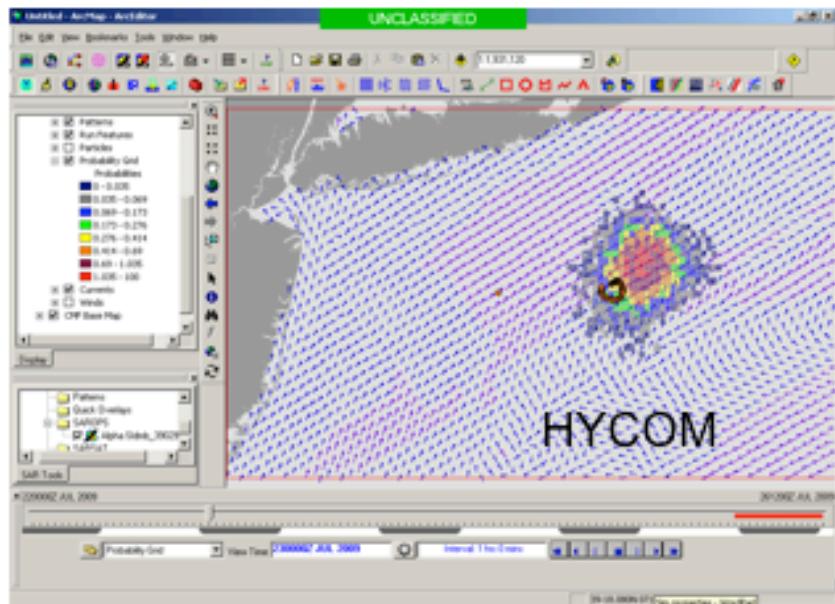


Coast Guard Search & Rescue

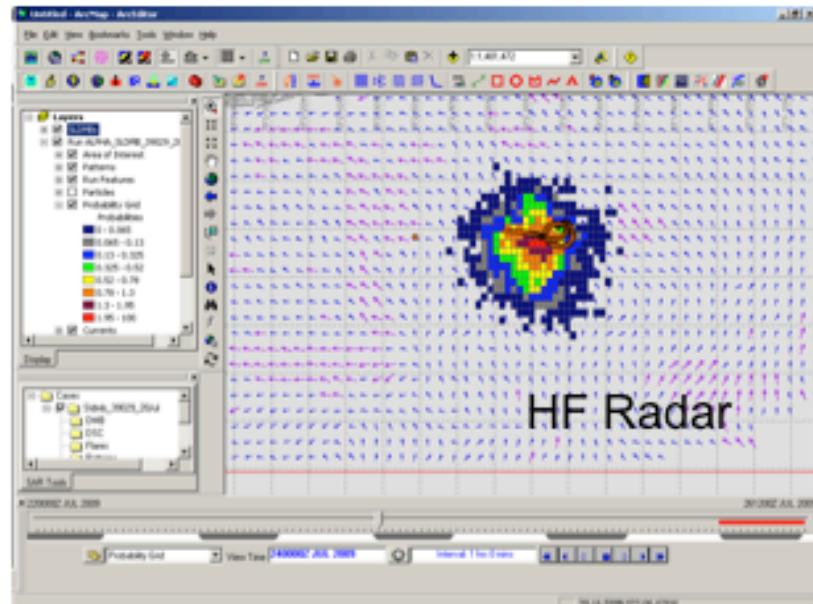
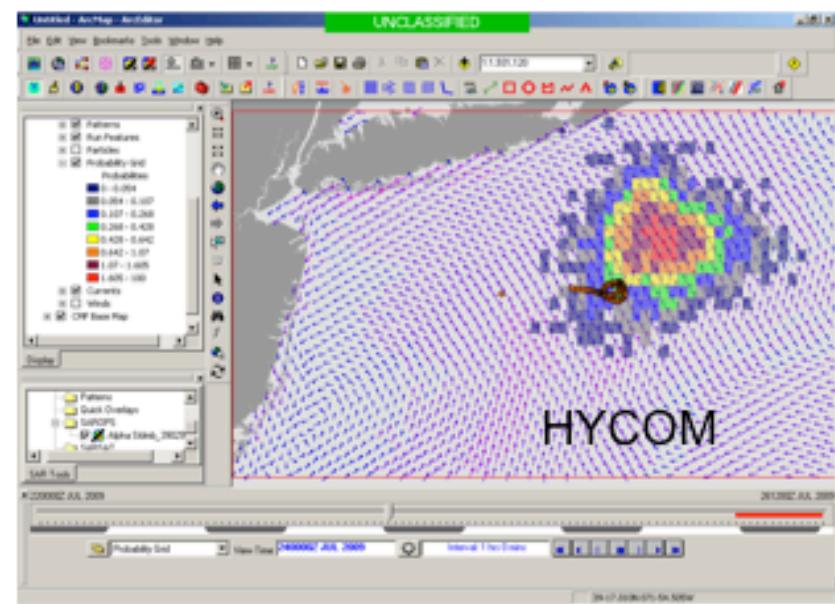


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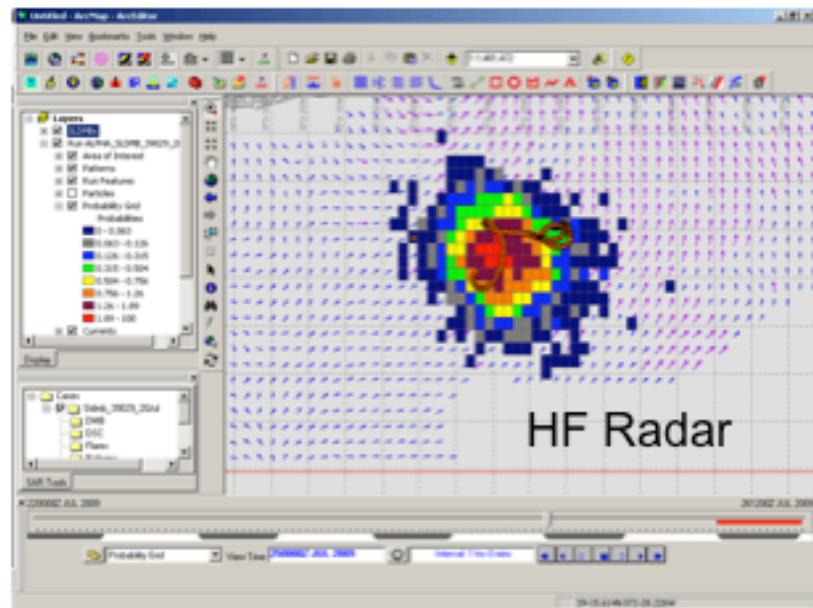
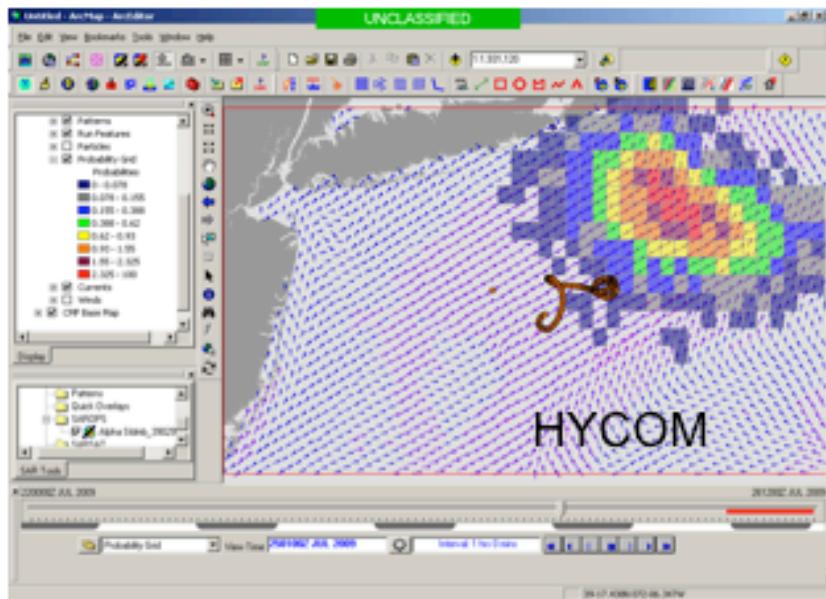
24 Hours Into Search



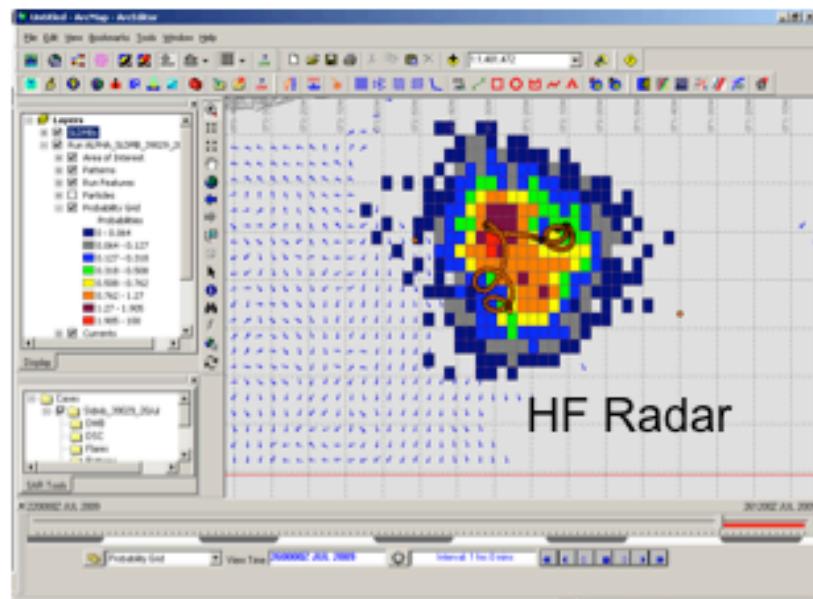
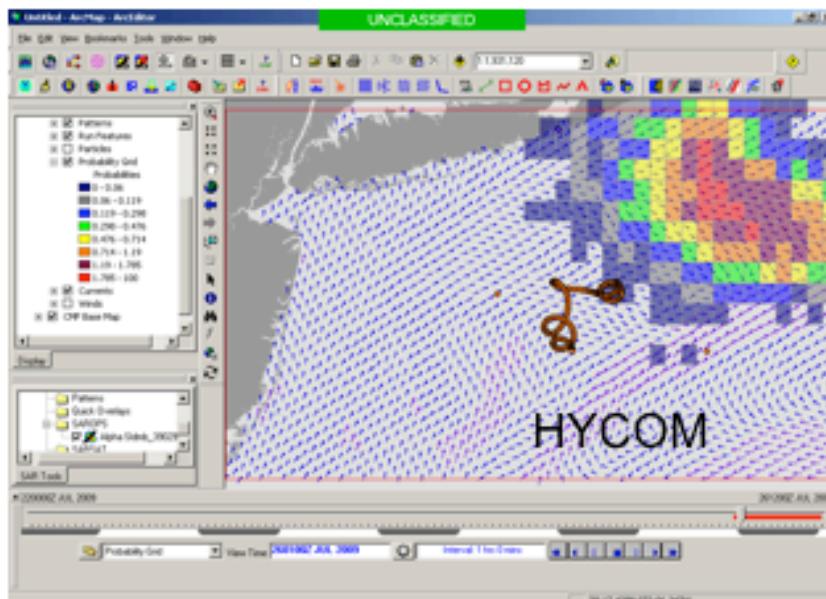
48 Hours Into Search



72 Hours Into Search



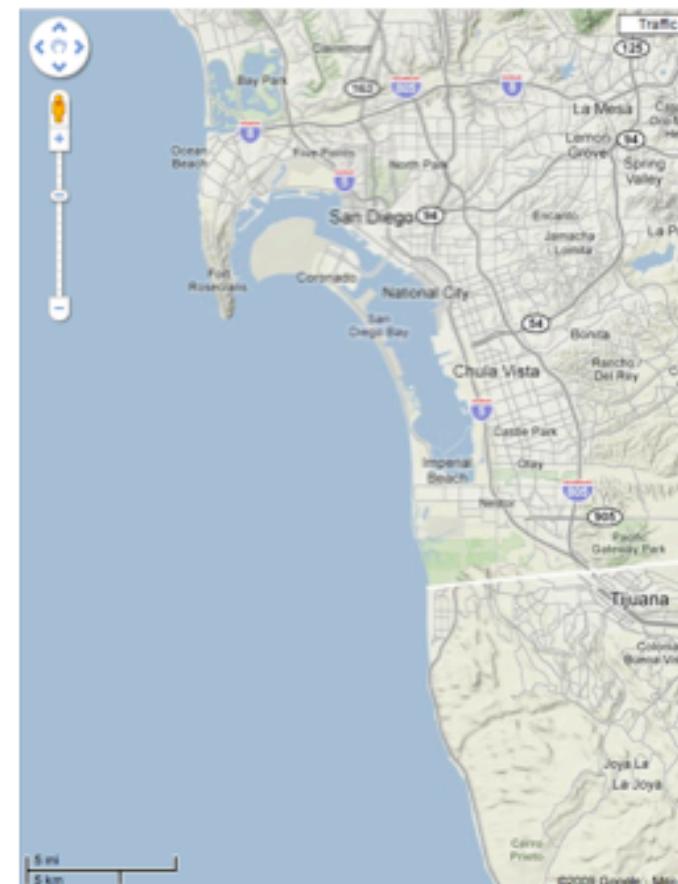
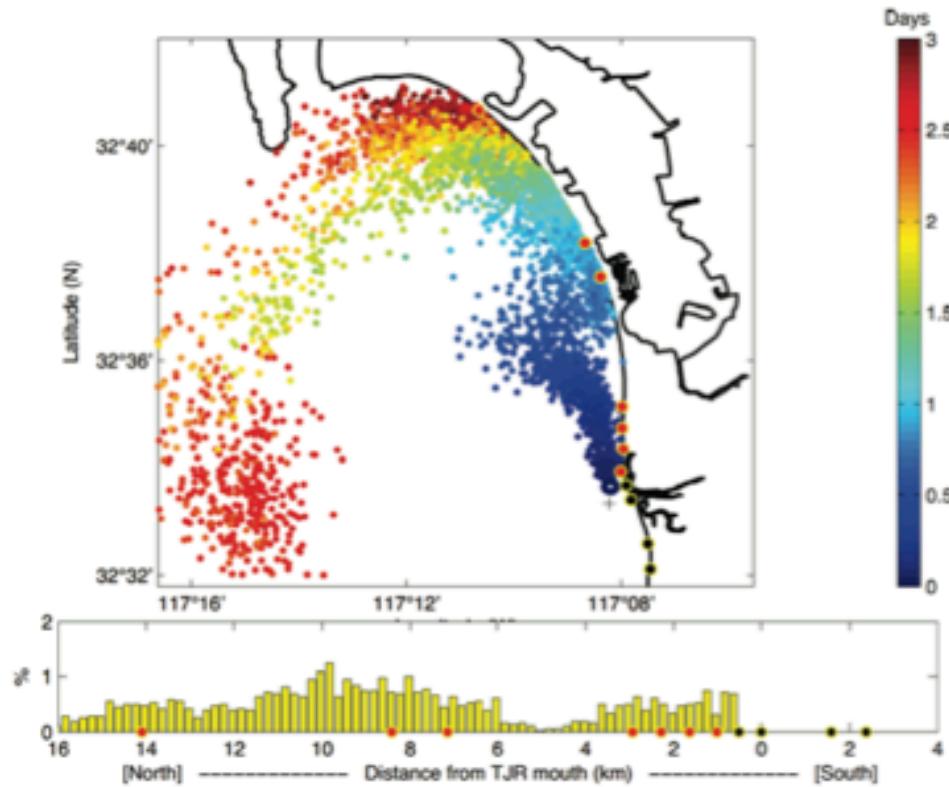
96 Hours Into Search



Water Quality Applications

Investigate sources of bacteria and pathogens that lead to beach closures

Assessing Coastal Plumes in a Region of Multiple Discharges: The U.S.-Mexico Border Sung Yong Kim, Eric J. Terrill and Bruce D. Cornuelle
Environ. Sci. Technol., 2009, 43 (19), pp 7450–745



Sample of Publications

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- Wilkin, J. L., H. G. Arango, D. B. Haidvogel, C. S. Lichtenwalner, S. M. Glenn, and K. S. Hedstrom (2005), A regional ocean modeling system for the Long-term Ecosystem Observatory, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 110, C06S91, doi:10.1029/2003JC002218.
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- Kurapov, Alexander L., et al, The M2 Internal Tide off Oregon: Inferences from Data Assimilation, *Journal of Physical Oceanography*, August 2003, vol. 33, pp. 1733-1757.

* All of these are available at <http://www.codar.com>

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Data Quality

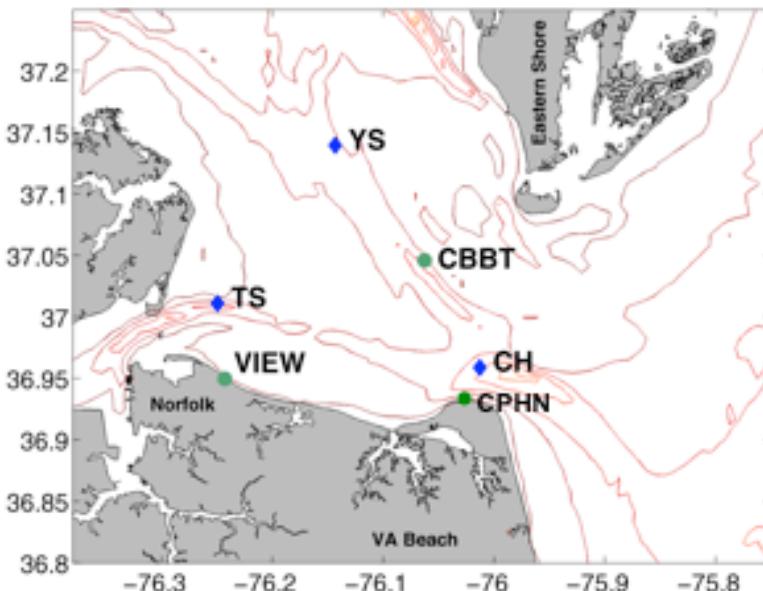
Data Validation

- Baseline (consistency between antennas)
- Tidal analysis
- ADCP Comparisons
 - Real-time using NOAA PORTS data
 - City of Norfolk mooring off of Ocean View beach

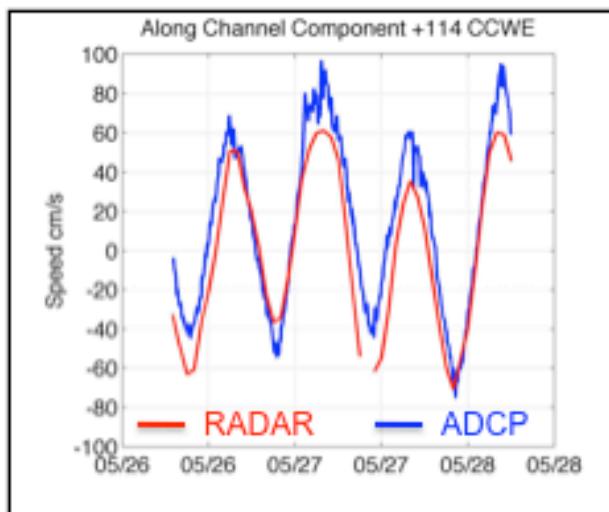


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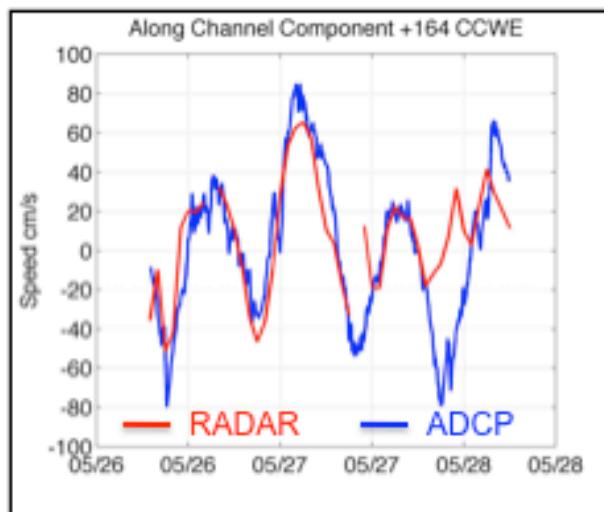
Comparisons with NOAA PORTS Doppler Current Profilers



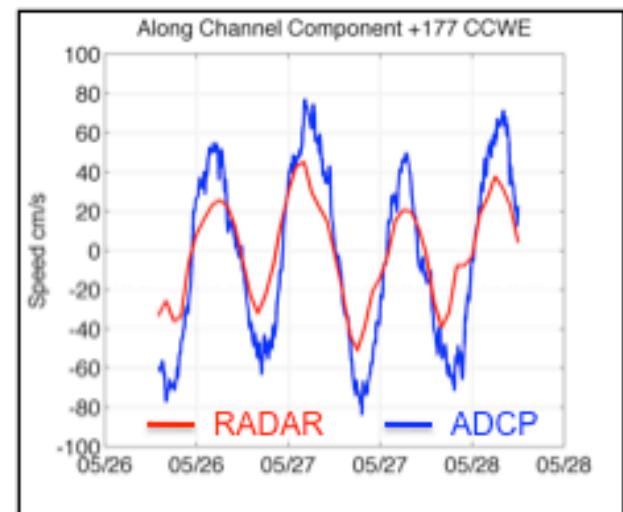
York Spit (YS)



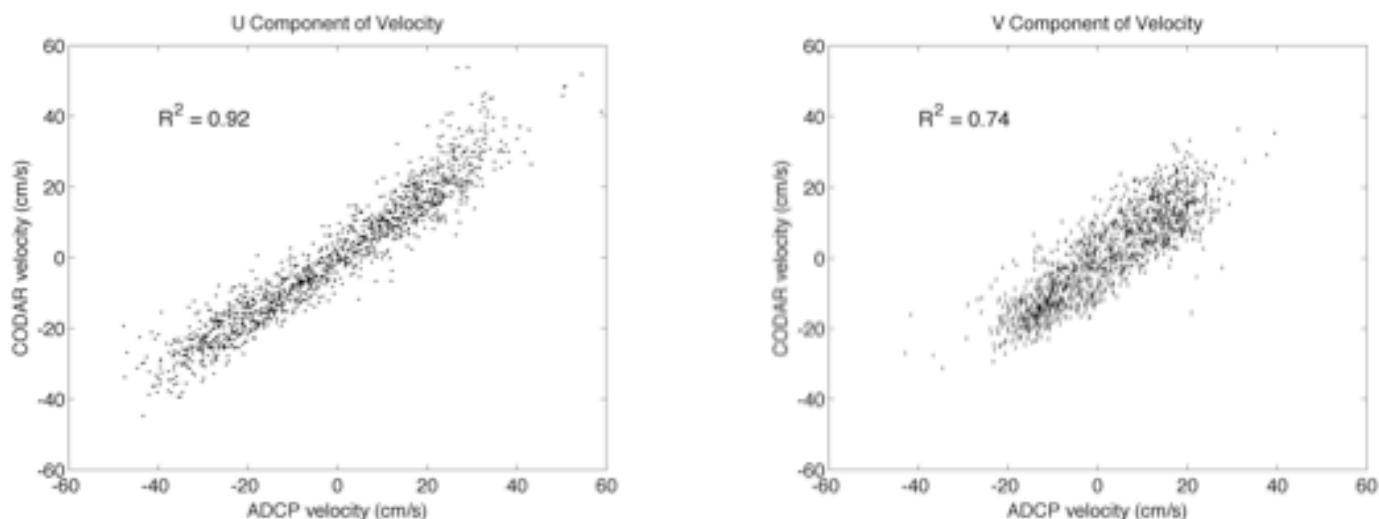
Cape Henry (CH)



Thimble Shoals (TS)



Comparisons with AWAC Current Profile Data



Scatter plots of ADCP data versus CODAR data for U and V velocity components during AWAC deployment 7 (Nov 13 2007 19:00 - Mar 7 2008 12:00 UTC).

Deployment	5	7	8	9
Start Date	3/9/07	11/13/07	3/12/08	7/8/08
End Date	7/6/07	3/7/08	7/7/08	11/7/08
Npoints	1606	1345	659	2727
Mean (U)	-4.64	-1.04	-5.84	-5.01
Mean (V)	-0.29	1.21	-0.7	3.65
RMS (U)	10.57	6.19	13.09	11.74
RMS (V)	9.3	6.93	10.74	11.35

Mean and root-mean-square statistics for the difference in velocity between the Doppler profiler and CODAR in U and V components for four deployment periods.



Data Access

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HFRADAR surface current data in the lower Chesapeake Bay (April 2007-present) are available through ODU and the data may be transferred in a variety of formats (i.e. text, MAT files, NetCDF).

<http://www.ccpo.odu.edu/currentmapping>

National data including the lower Chesapeake Bay 2km grid are available via Thredds server in NetCDF format (OPENDAP,WCS,NetcdfSubset,WMS) :

<http://hfrnet.ucsd.edu:8080/thredds/catalog.html>

Regional offshore OI (optimal interpolated) data are also available via Thredds server in NetCDF format (OPENDAP) :

[http://tashtego.marine.rutgers.edu:8080/thredds/cool/codar/cat_totals.html?
dataset=macoora6km_codar](http://tashtego.marine.rutgers.edu:8080/thredds/cool/codar/cat_totals.html?dataset=macoora6km_codar)

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Ongoing & Future Work

- Collaborate with modelers to improve forecasting capabilities for various applications
- Continue QA/QC efforts
- Outreach to local groups
- Product development
- And?? We are open to input from the community!



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