

MAB-SWOT: The US East Coast crossover

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MAB-SWOT Overview

- Complementary platforms:
 - ▣ Spray underwater gliders (Todd)
 - ▣ CPIESs array (Andres)
 - ▣ Moored ADCP (Muglia)
 - ▣ HF Radar (Seim/Muglia)
- Hydrographic Measurements:
 - ▣ Upper ocean, mobile: gliders
 - ▣ Full-depth, fixed: CPIES
- Velocity Measurements:
 - ▣ Upper ocean, mobile: gliders
 - ▣ Upper ocean, fixed: ADCP
 - ▣ Surface, broad-scale: HF radar



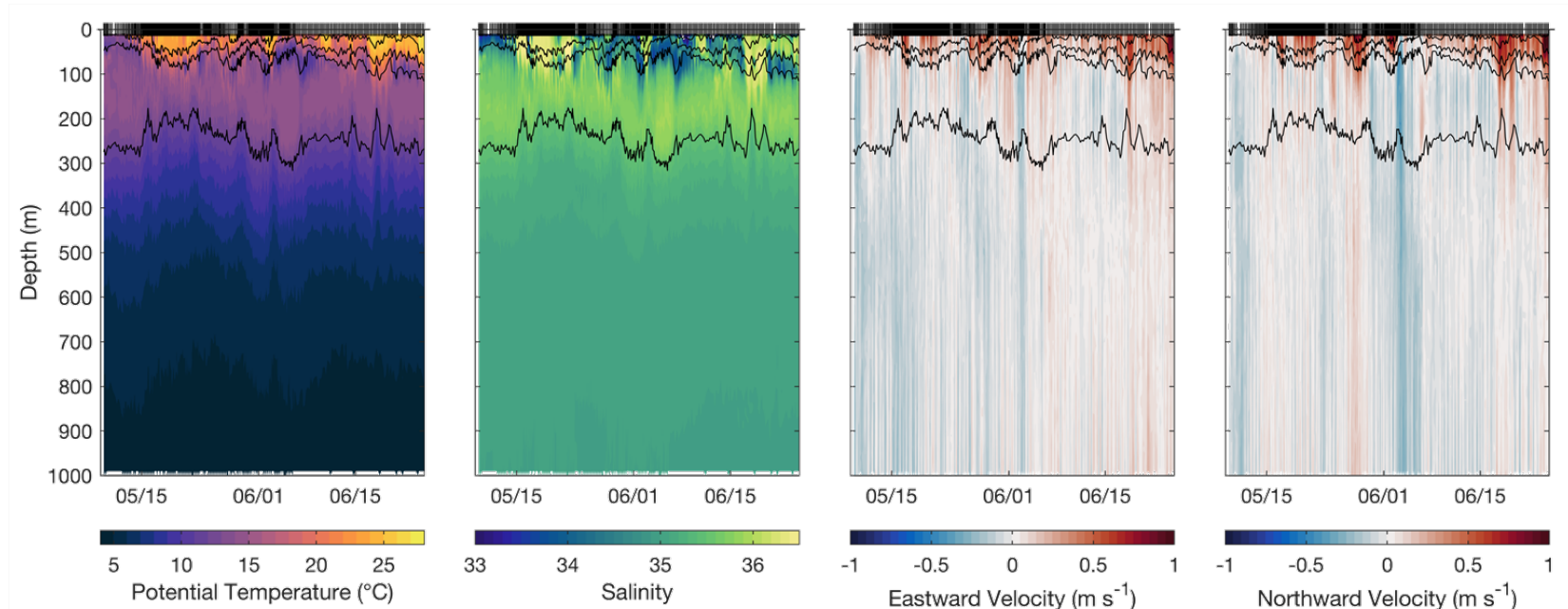
Gliders + CPIESs: A Virtual Full-Depth Mooring

- Upper ocean T,S + full-depth acoustic travel time + bottom pressure
→ Hydrography and SSH (steric / baroclinic + mass loading / barotropic)
- Array of CPIESs → Geostrophic currents
- Geostrophic current + upper ocean absolute currents → **Absolute Currents**
(Geostrophic + Ageostrophic)

CPIESs: Jan 2023-June 2024

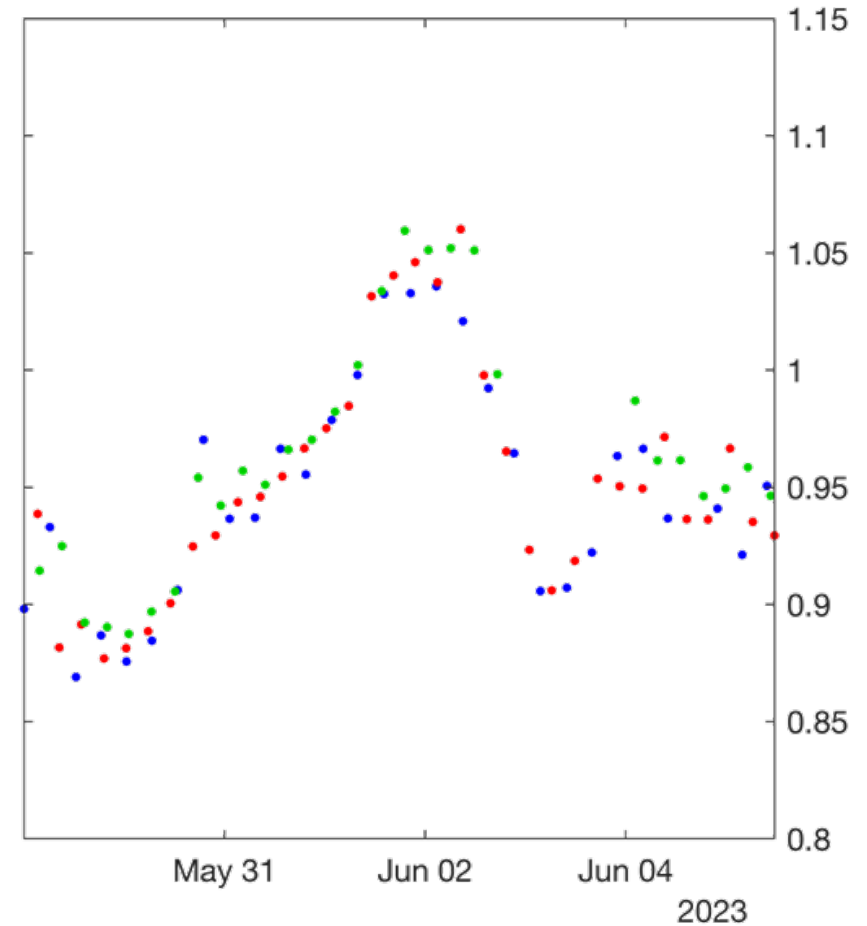
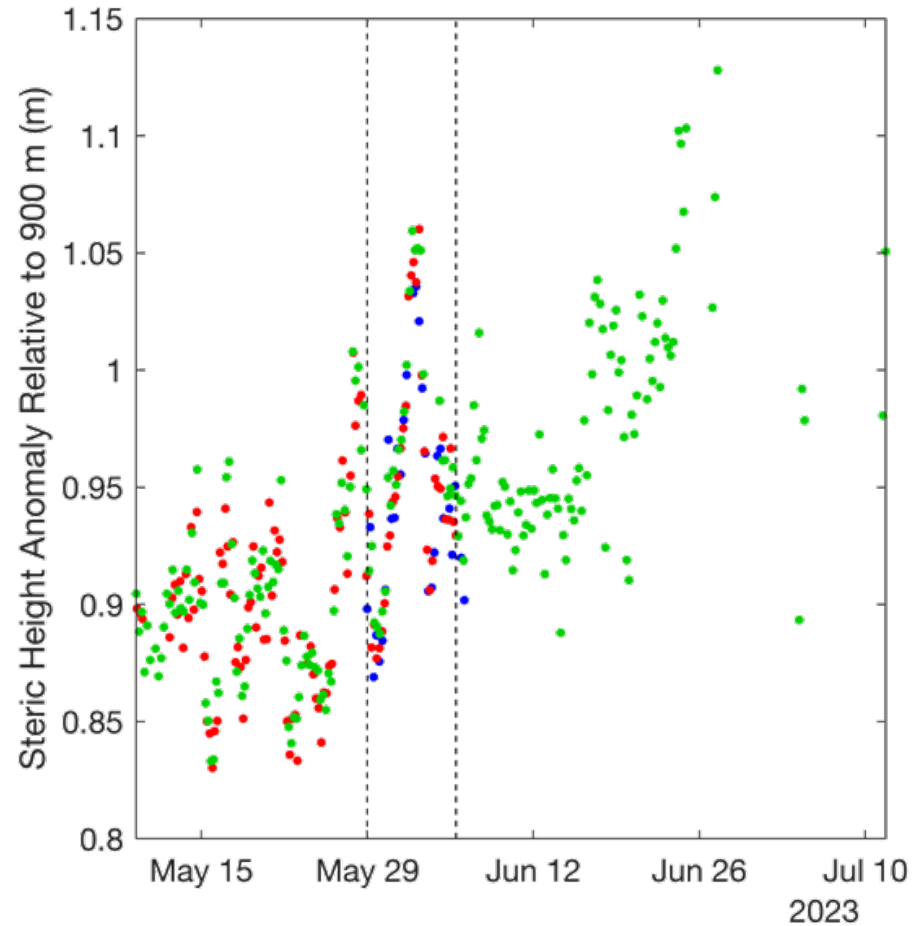
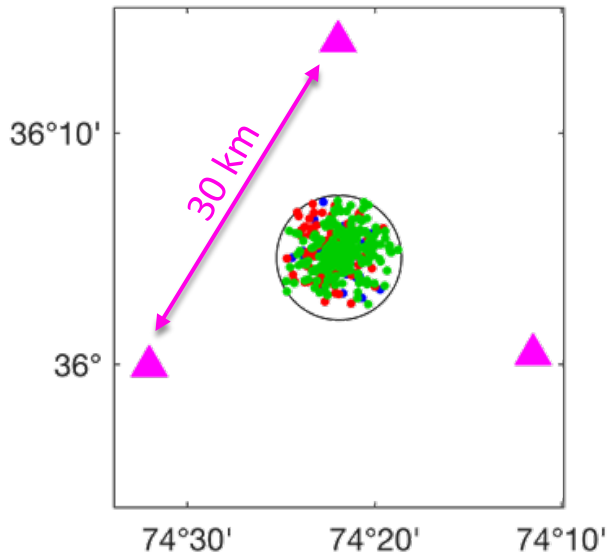


Gliders: Mar 2023-July 2023 (SWOT) + 6x per year Gulf Stream missions



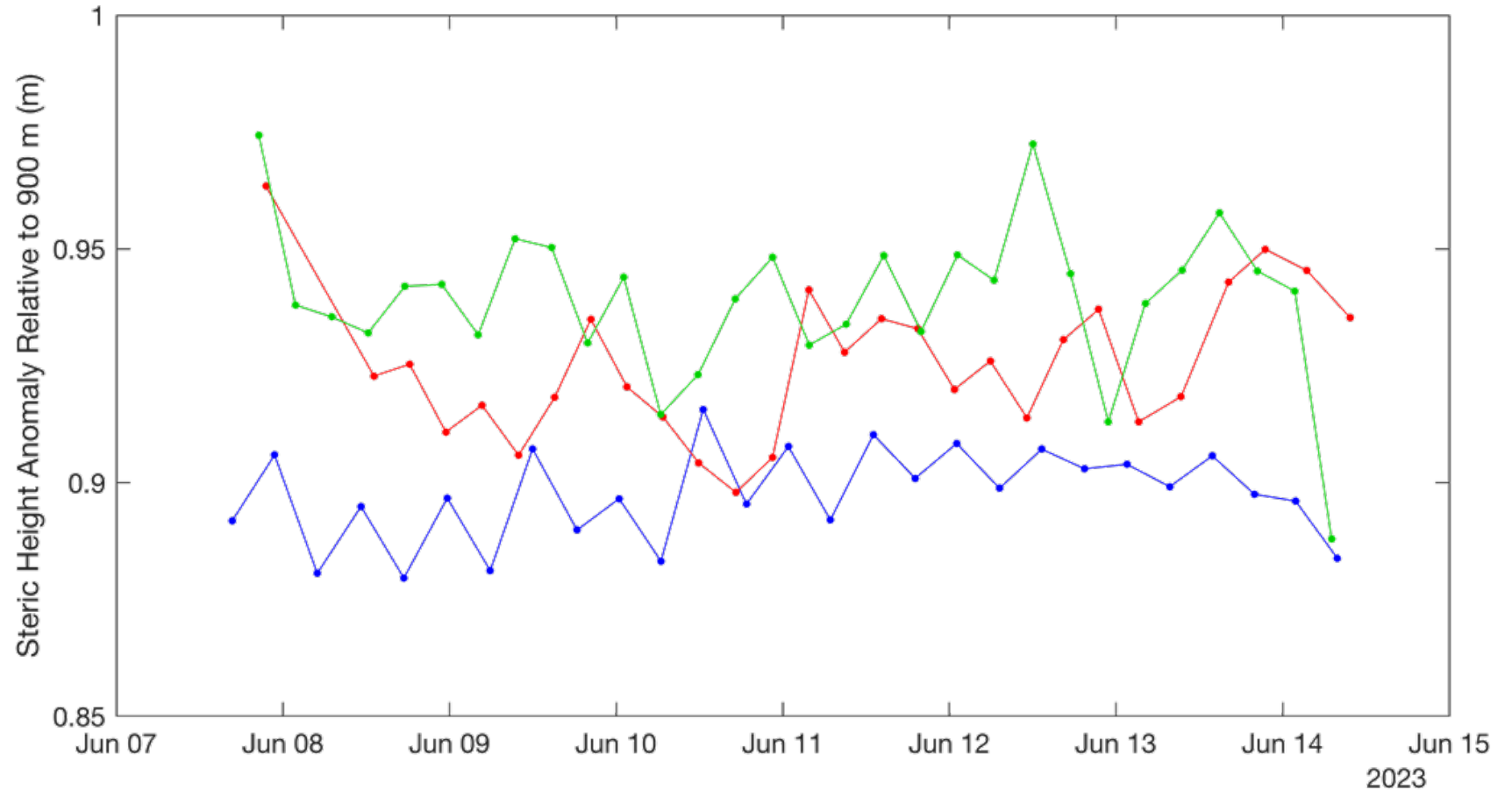
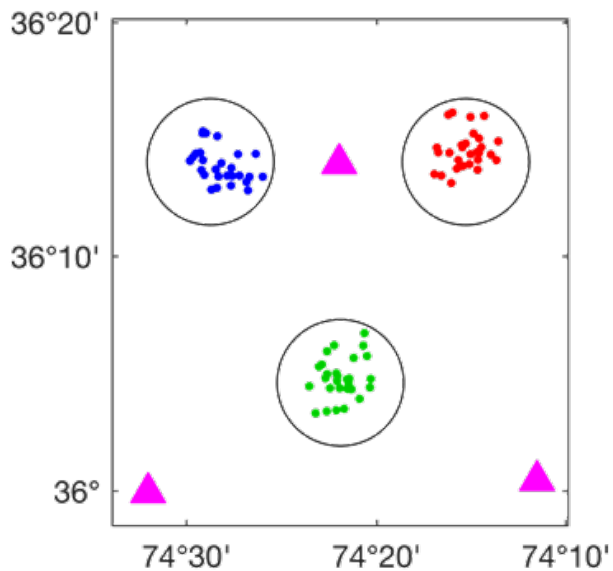
Glider-based Steric Height at Center of CPIES Array

- Frequent estimates of steric height within 5 km of center of CPIES array.
- Three concurrent gliders for 1 week during meander event.



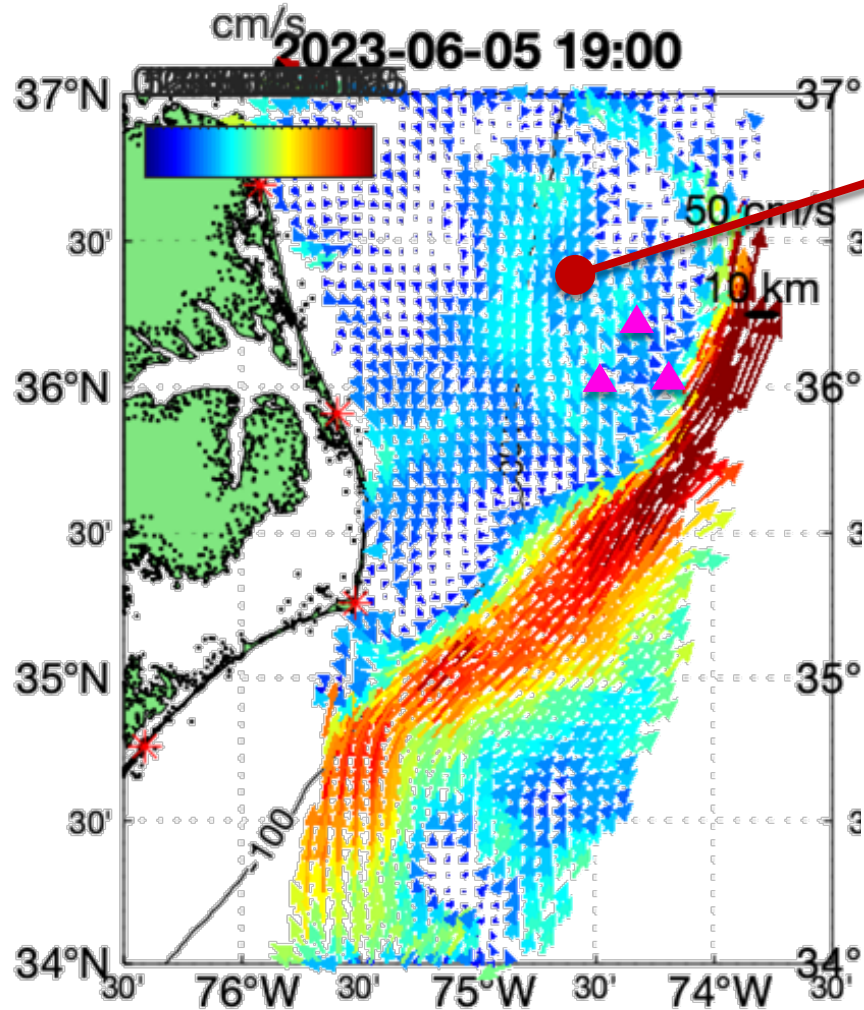
Glider-based Steric Height Gradient

- Three gliders separated by ~20 km for 1 week to estimate gradients.
- O(0.05)-m steric height increase toward southeast as expected for Gulf Stream.

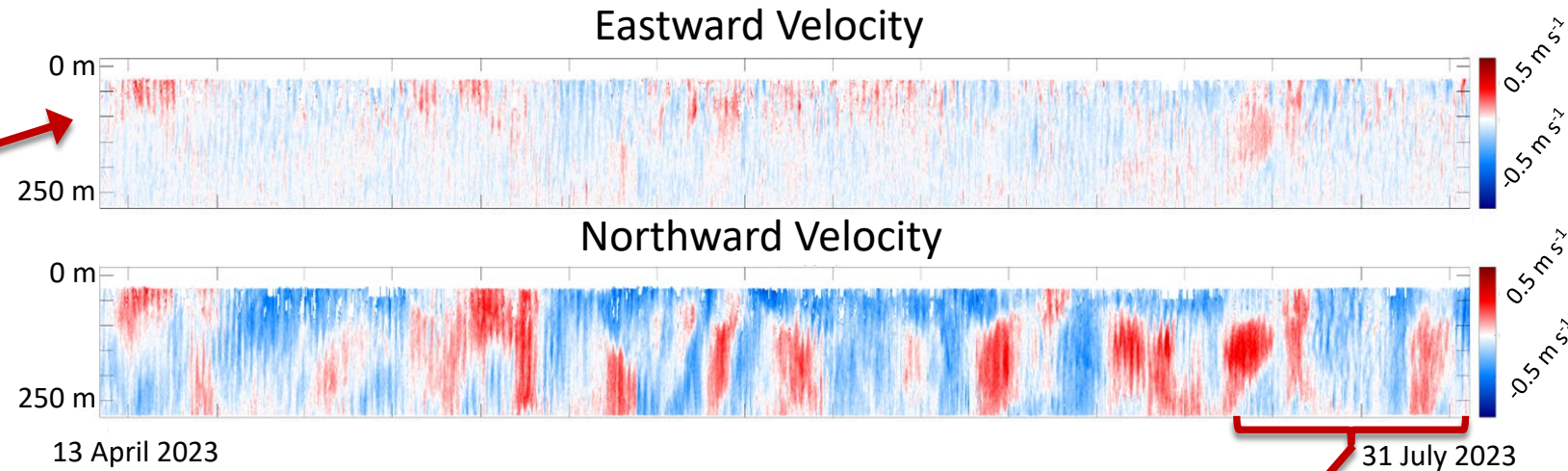


Radar and Acoustic Doppler Velocity Measurements

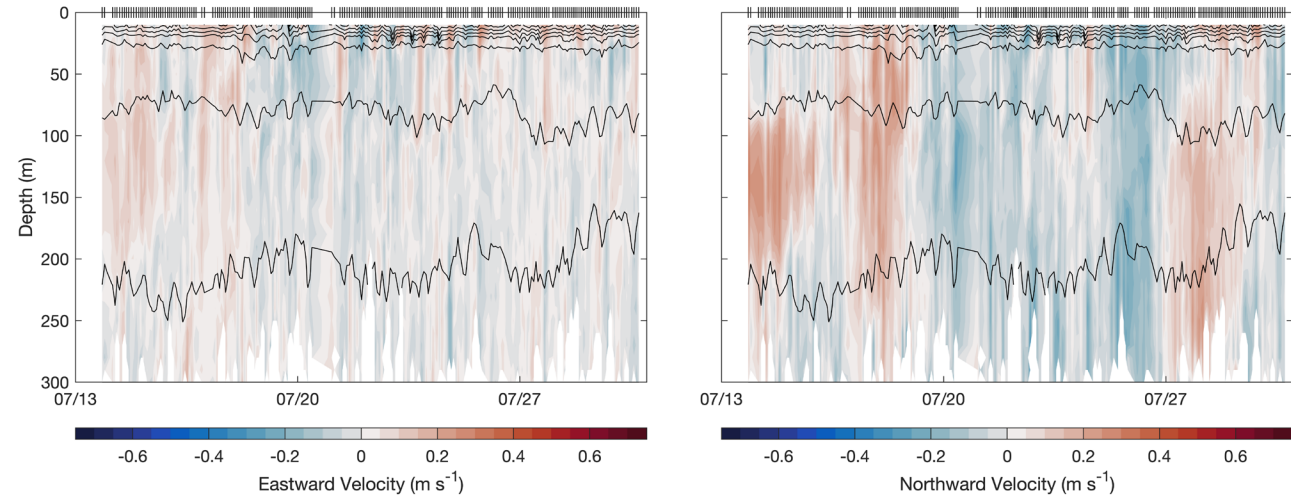
Shore-based HF Radars



Moored ADCP on Upper Continental Slope



Co-located Glider Sampling



MAB-SWOT Future Plans

