

CODAS Shipboard ADCP processing

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- CODAS processing introduction
 - show 10 slides of this ~40-slide presentation
- Switch to the “live” demo
 - slides for the demo are [here](#)

CODAS Documentation is [here](#)

- section for `adcp_database_maker.py` VmDAS [LTA](#)

DATA ACQUISITION

Time, ADCP,
Position,
Attitude

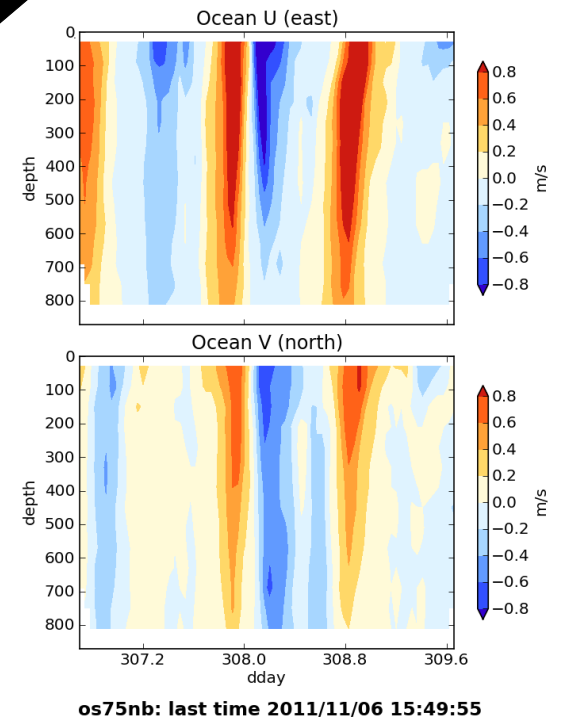
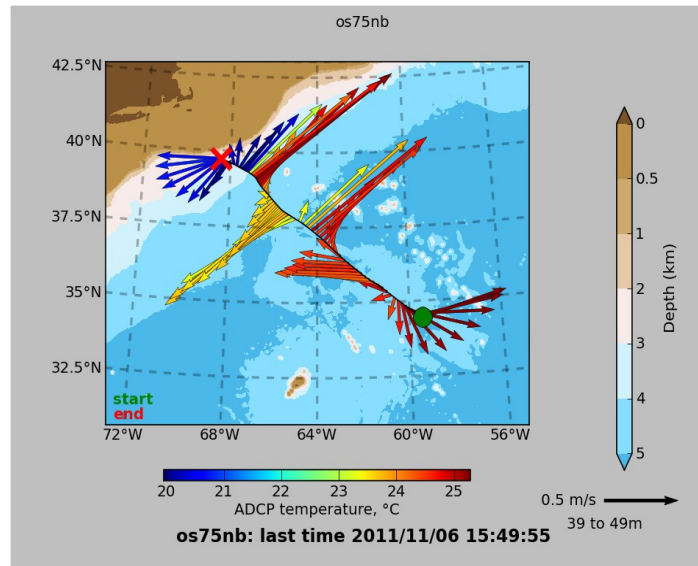
primitive (raw) data

Time
ADCP
Position
Heading

Timestamp,
Write to disk

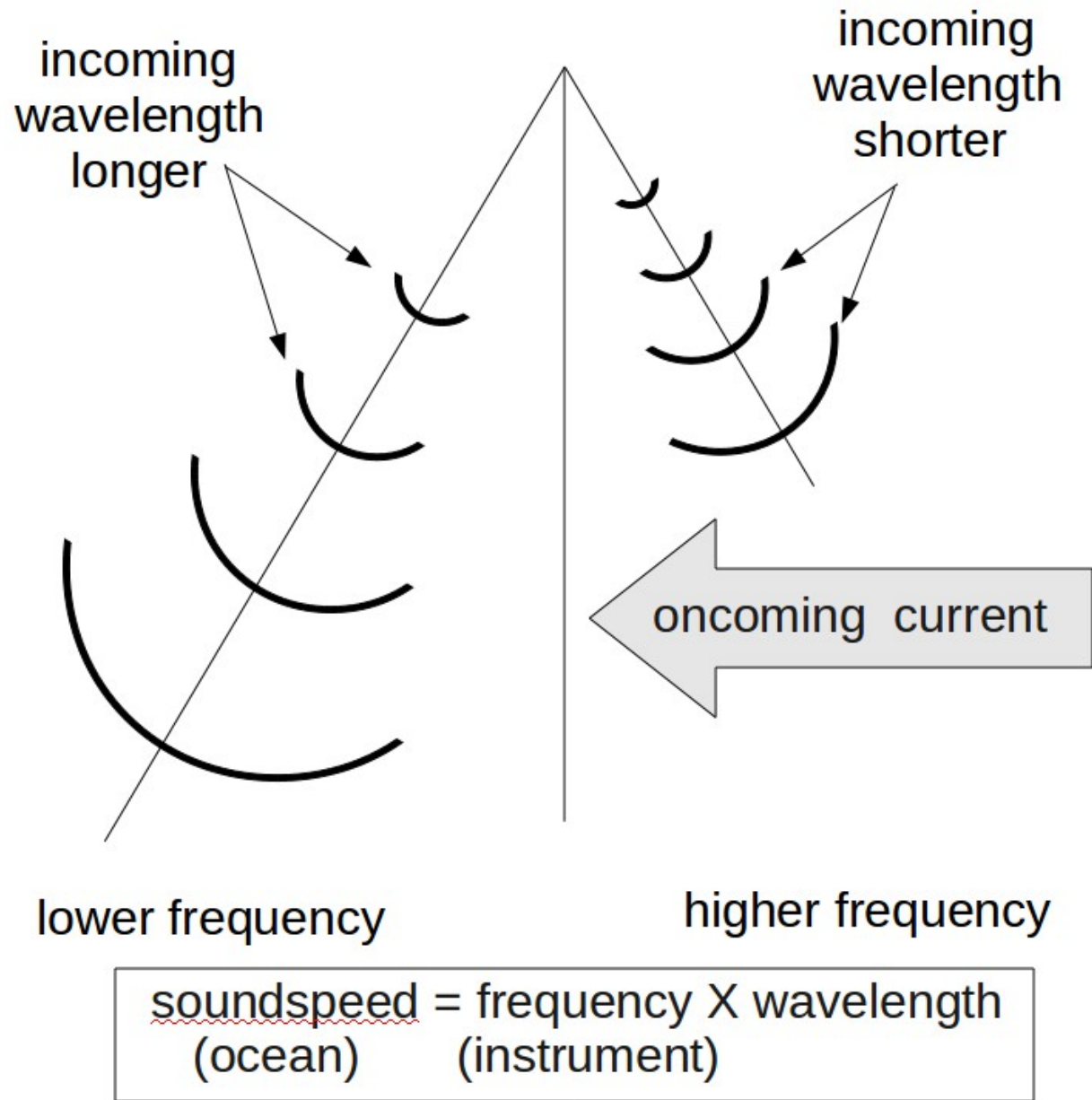
DATA PROCESSING

(Data Products)
(Visualization)



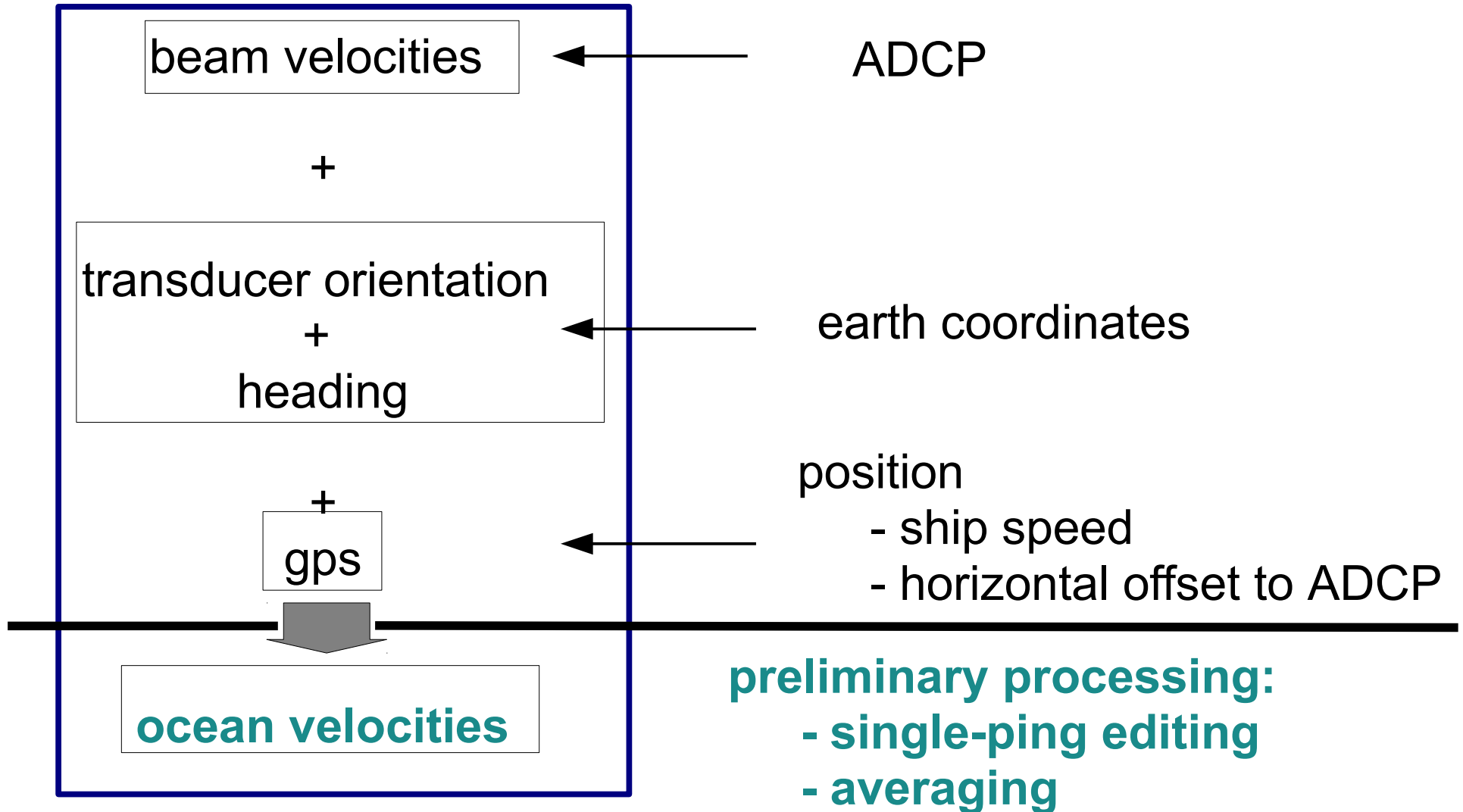
ADCP

Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler



more details: [Calculating ocean currents from ADCP](#)

ADCP: Acquisition, Processing



Calculating ocean currents from ADCP

ADCP: Getting Ocean Currents

Collect Data

Transformations

Doppler to beam
(occurs in the ADCP)

- beam to instrument
- instrument to ship
- ship to earth

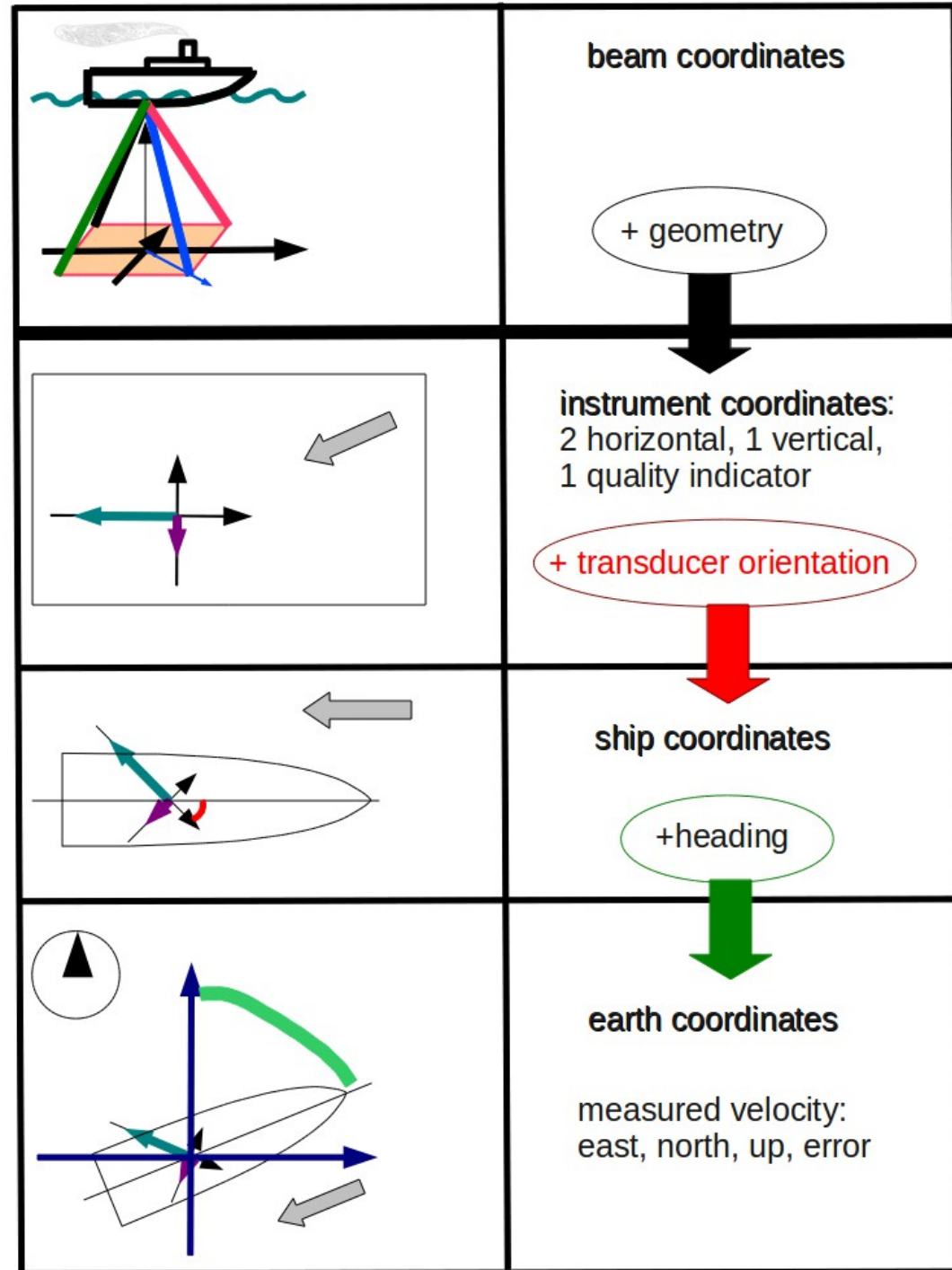
Preliminary Processing

- single-ping editing
- averaging
- remove ship's speed

ADCP

heading

position



“CODAS” ADCP Processing

Goals

- Run on multiple operating systems
 - (Windows,^(*) OSX, Linux)
- Open source, free (Python)

(*) via VirtualBox pre-configured Linux computer

Processing

- Written for ADCP data; Works with most RDI ADCPs ([link](#))
- Balance real-time product with recoverable dataset
- Single-ping (automated) and manual editing
- Calibration diagnostics and visualization tools
- Export in matlab or netCDF format
- [UHDAS + CODAS Documentation](#)

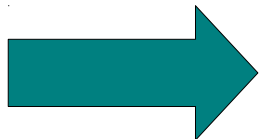
CODAS preliminary processing: 2 flavors

(1) Preliminary processing **single-ping** data

- beam-to-earth coordinates
- single-ping editing (acoustic interference, bottom)
- create averages; save to disk
- format averages into CODAS database

(2) reformat pre-averaged data into CODAS database

- 1980's PINGDATA
 - VmDAS: *.LTA, *.STA
- } (no single-ping editing)



Next: “post-processing steps”

CODAS Processing Overview

UHDAS
single-ping
data



single-ping
processing

CODAS
averages
after
single-ping
editing

VmDAS data

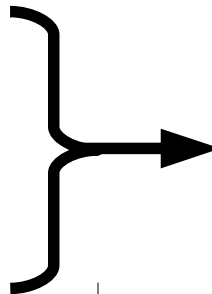
*.LTA, *.STA

reformat LTA averages to CODAS averages



CODAS
Averages

*.ENR
*.N1R, *.N2R
*.VMO



uhdas-style
single-ping
data



single-ping
processing

CODAS
averages
after
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editing

CODAS post-processing:

(1) View figures and logfiles

(2) Fix heading:

- patch gappy but accurate heading correction (if relevant)
- apply time-dependent heading correction

(3) Determine corrections/calibrations, then apply

- remaining transducer angle offset
- scale factor (if relevant)
- transducer-GPS offset (in meters)

(4) Manually edit out bad data ([dataviewer.py](#))

- use thresholds for bulk editing
- graphically select bins or profiles; use Seabed Selector for bottom

(5) check calibrations (angle, scale factor, gps-ADCP offset)

(6) make figures ([web page](#)) export data (matlab, netCDF)

VmDAS Demonstration

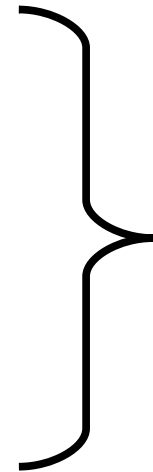
- Point Sur data
 - LTA
 - ENR
 - compare: effect of
 - single-ping editing
 - heading correction
 - transducer angle (calibration)
- Knorr Norwegian Sea
 - compare LTA vs/ ENR
 - show effect of GPS-ADCP offset

The rest of this presentation will be “live”.

- running `adcp_database_maker.py`, showing
 - work flow
 - how to find and apply calibration values
 - transducer angle
 - scale factor
 - ADCP-GPS horizontal offset
 - where this is all documented
 - information about the dataset
 - how to view the data
 - how to process
 - LTA
 - ENR
 - how to make a little web site with figures
 - how to compare LTA and ENR

CODAS preliminary processing

- Editing (single-ping)
 - Acoustic interference
 - Bubbles
 - Below bottom
- Averaging



Automated at-sea processing

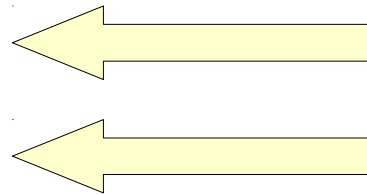
- Fix time-dependent heading correction (eg. if gaps)
- Apply calibrations
 - Rotation
 - Scale factor
 - Horizontal offset between GPS and ADCP (new)
- Manually edit CODAS database averages

**post-processing = Manually,
AFTER AVERAGING**

ADCP Single-ping Editing

The most common causes of error
(addressed by single-ping editing)

- Acoustic Interference
- Bubbles
- Below bottom



Both tend to cause bias towards zero
in measured velocity

ADCP Single-ping Editing

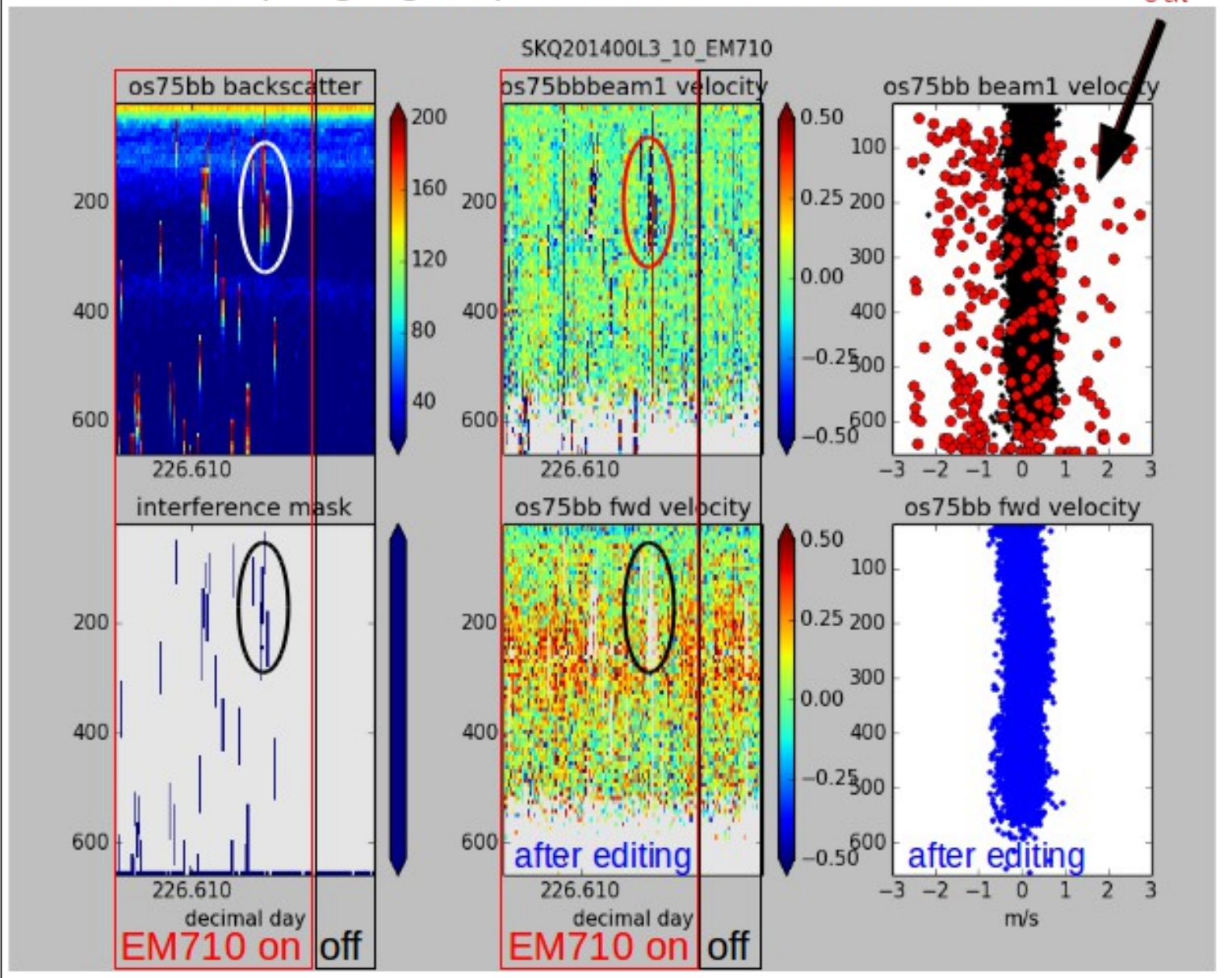
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ADCP Processing: editing out interference

EM710 pinging impact on OS75 broadband

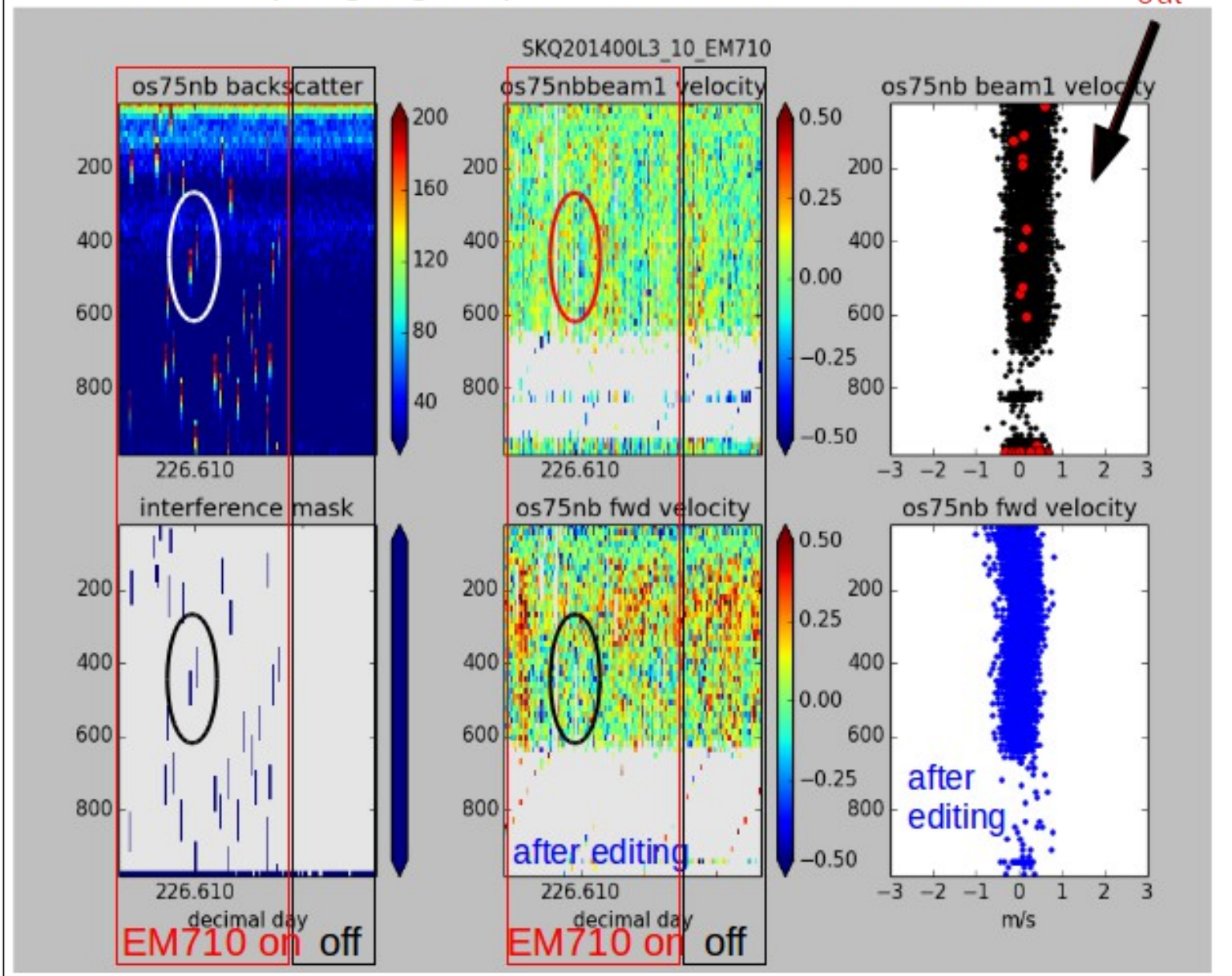
edited
out



ADCP Processing: editing out interference

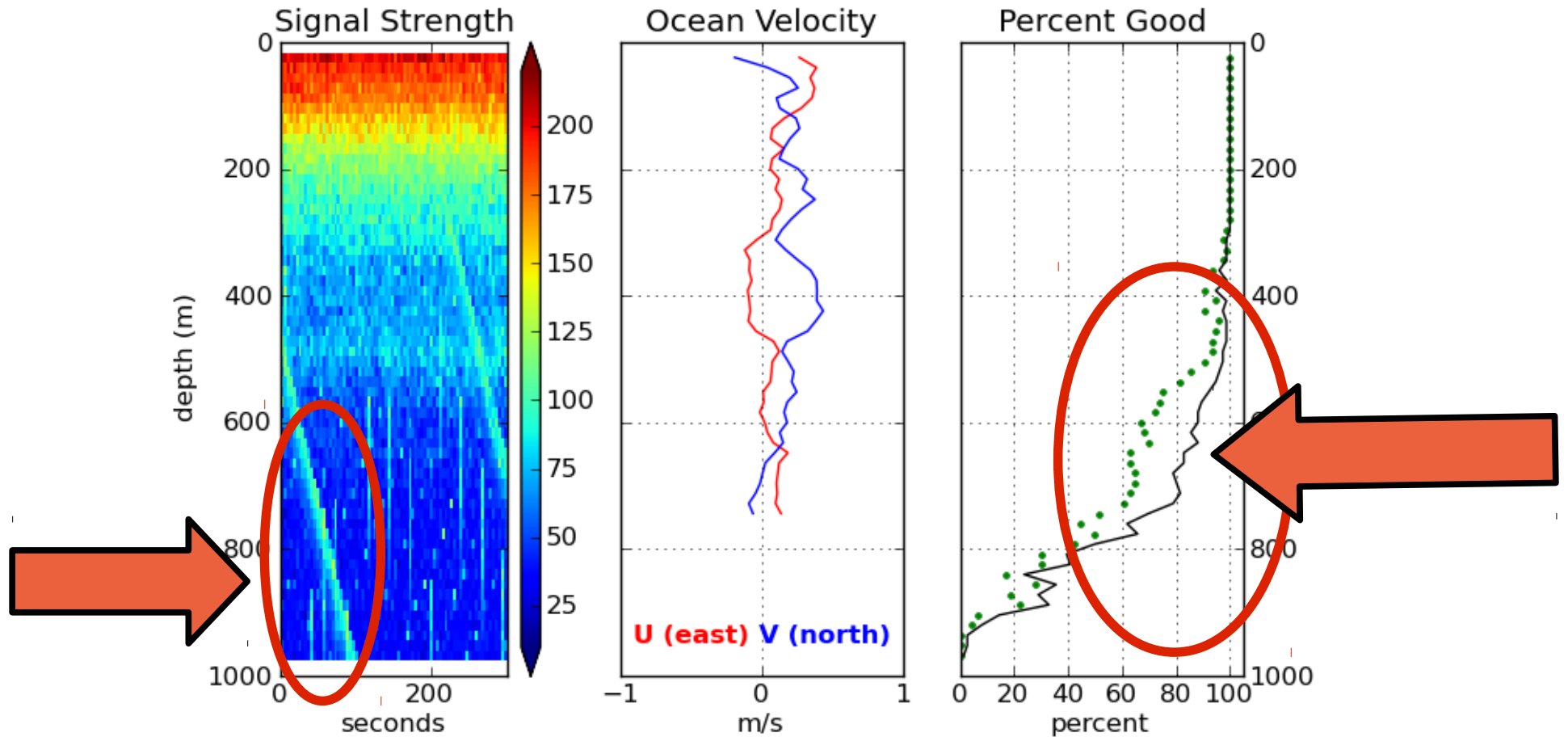
EM710 pinging impact on OS75 narrowband

edited out



ADCP Processing

Singleping editing: acoustic interference



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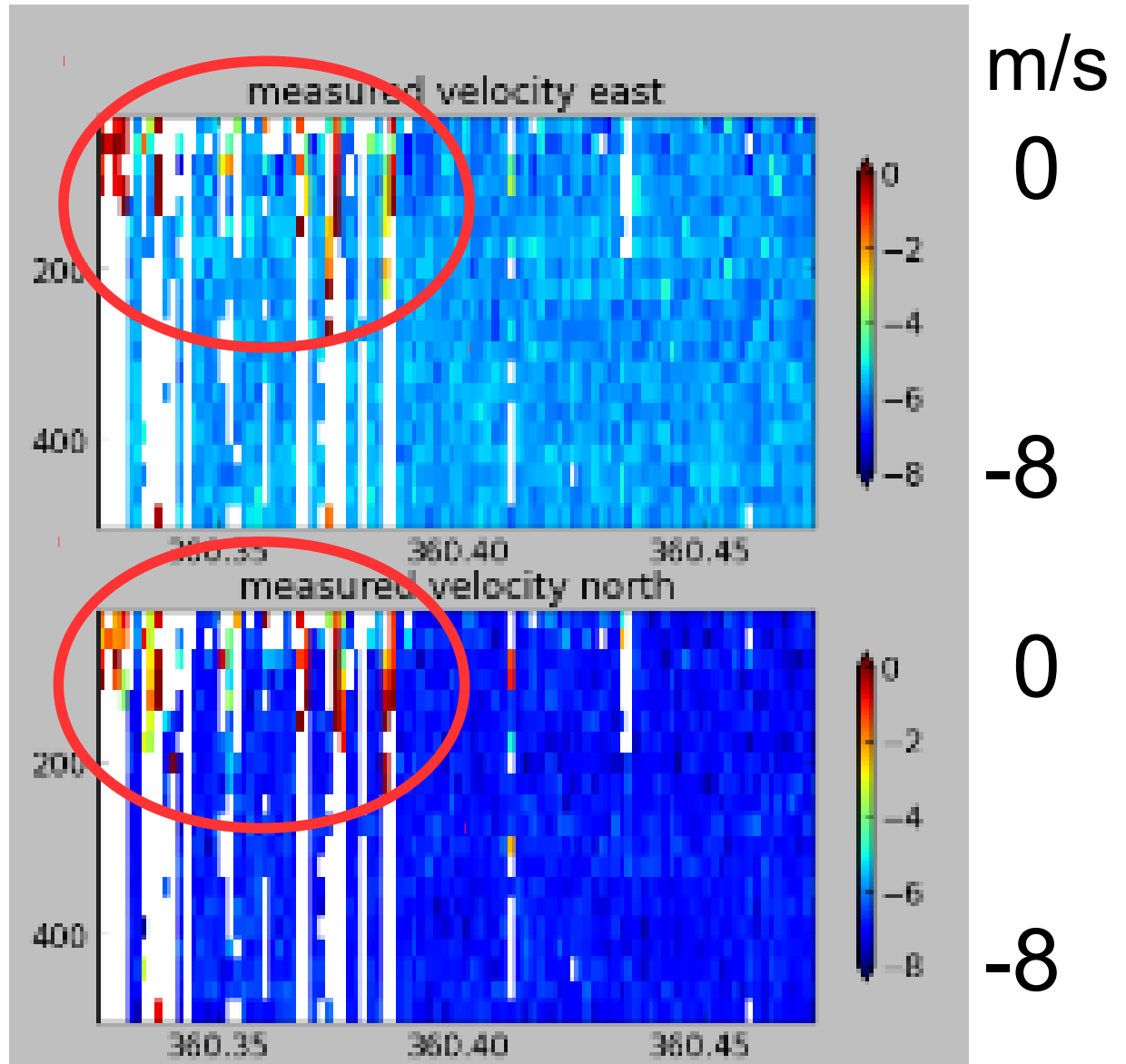
ADCP Data: effect of bubbles

Bubbles:

- short profiles
- strongly biased towards zero

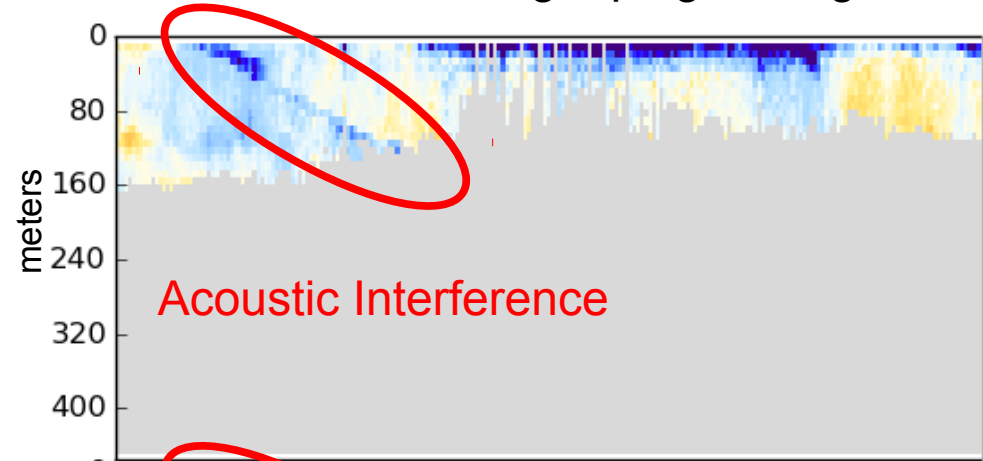
Untreated:

- biased ocean velocities

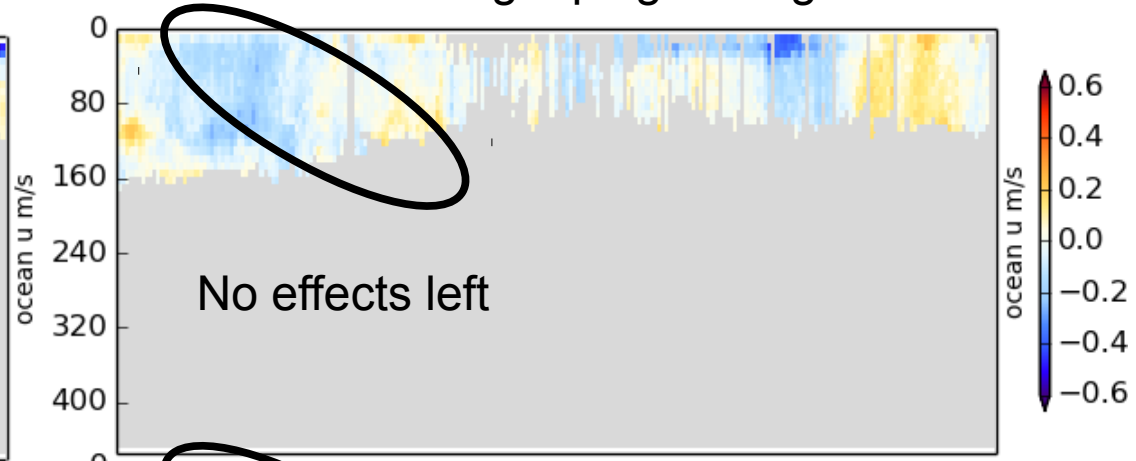


Acoustic Interference

NO single-ping editing



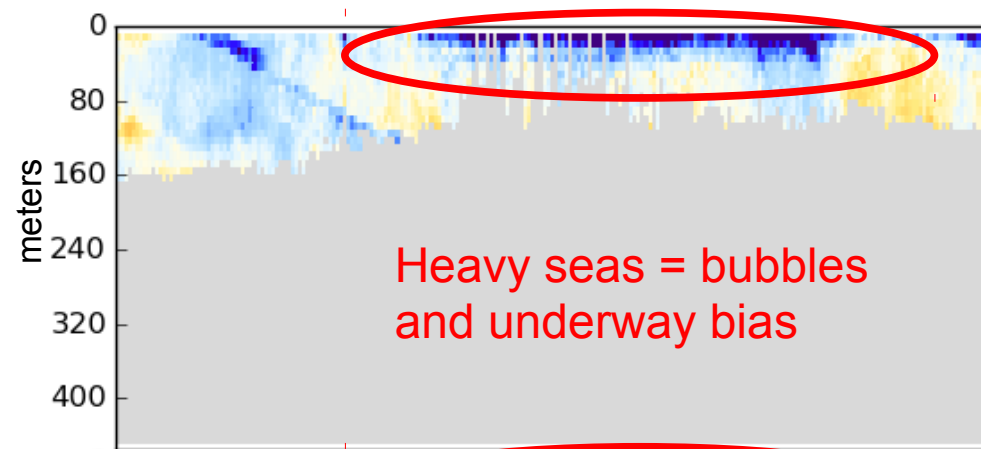
AFTER single-ping editing



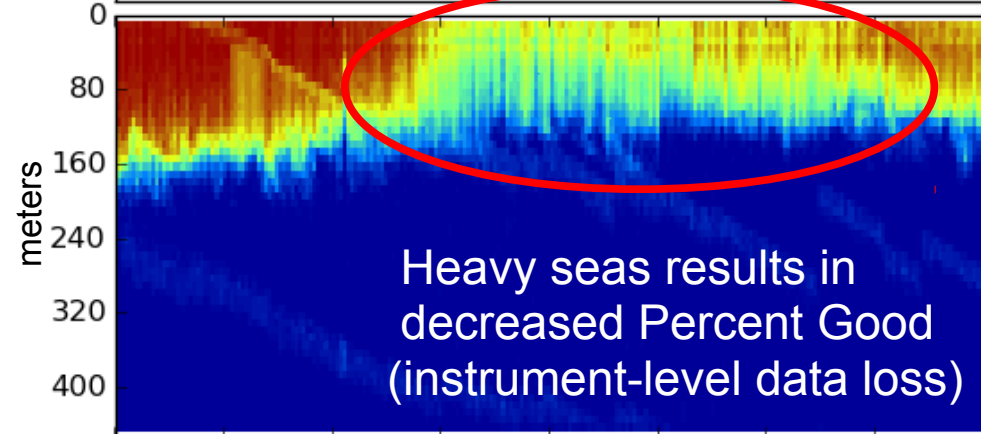
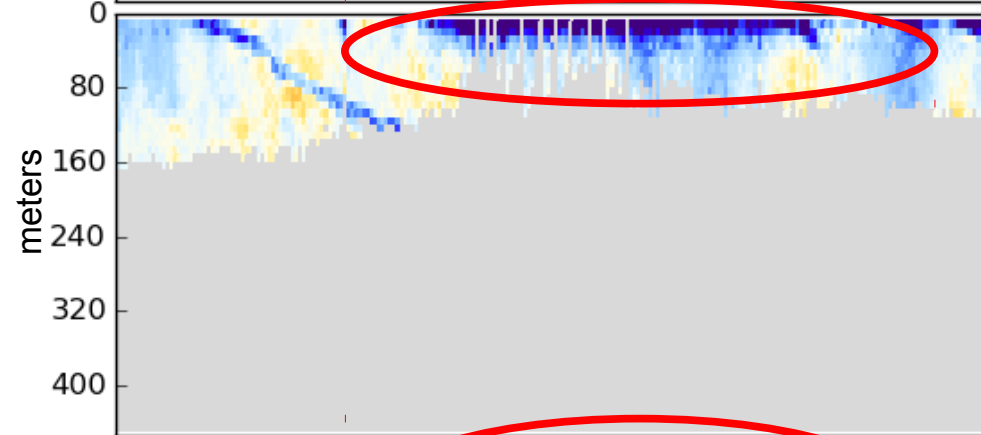
Additional editing
Lower Percent Good

Bubbles and alongtrack bias

NO single-ping editing

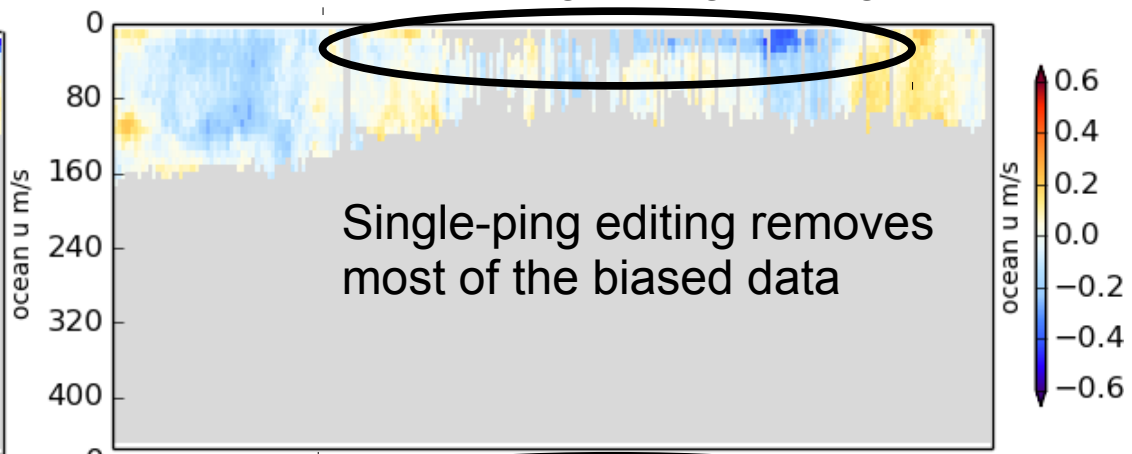


Heavy seas = bubbles
and underway bias

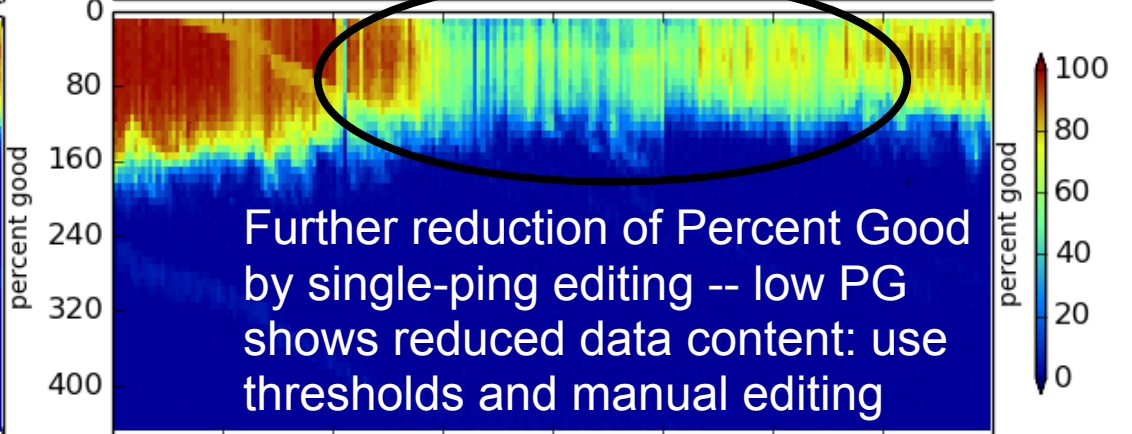
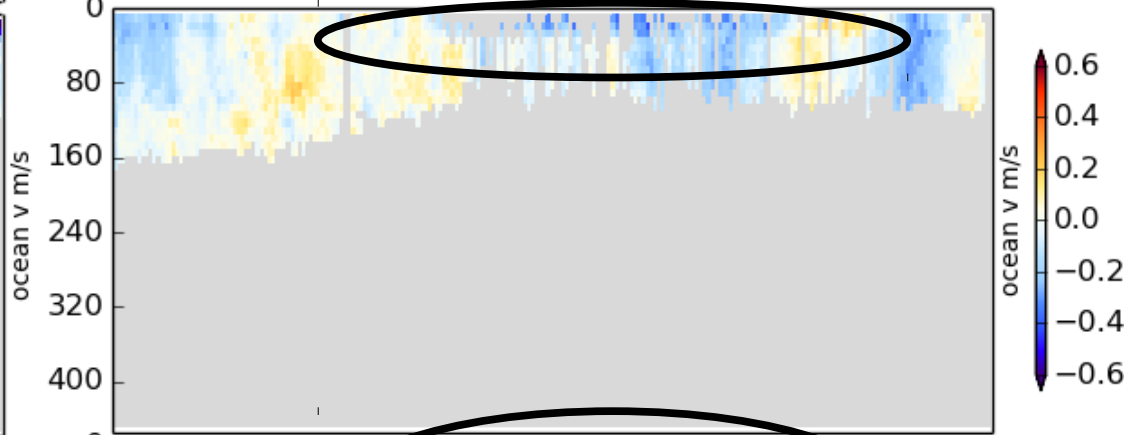


Heavy seas results in
decreased Percent Good
(instrument-level data loss)

AFTER single-ping editing



Single-ping editing removes
most of the biased data



Further reduction of Percent Good
by single-ping editing -- low PG
shows reduced data content: use
thresholds and manual editing

138.2 138.3 138.4 138.5 138.6 138.7 138.8 138.9 139.0

decimal day

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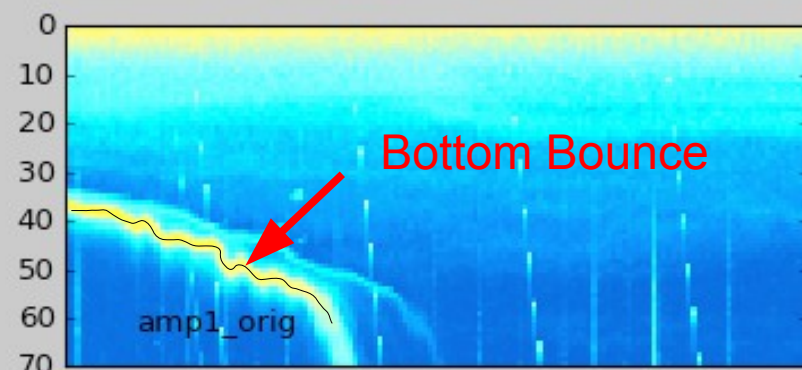
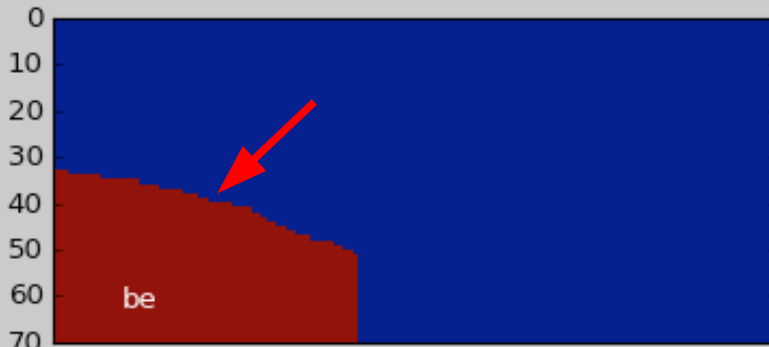
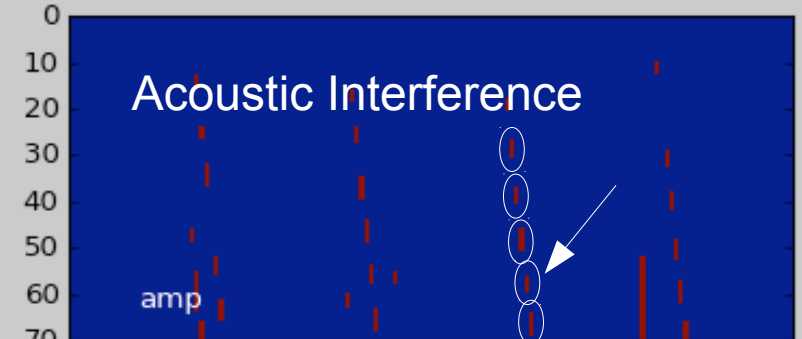
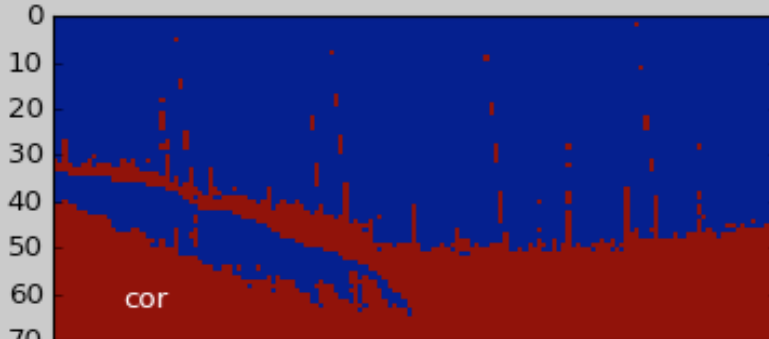
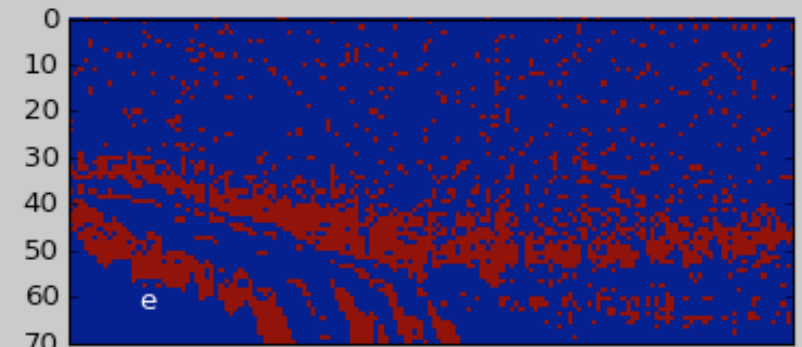
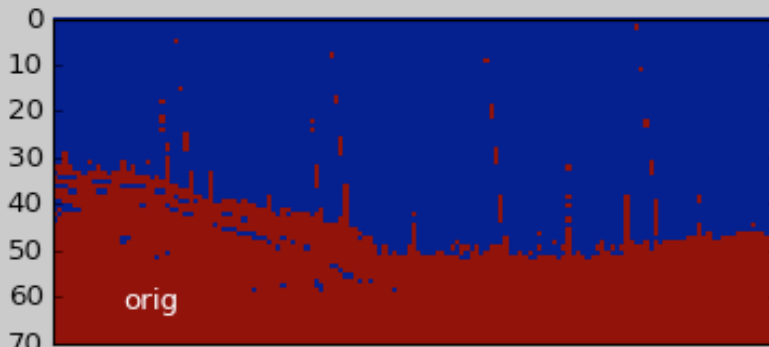
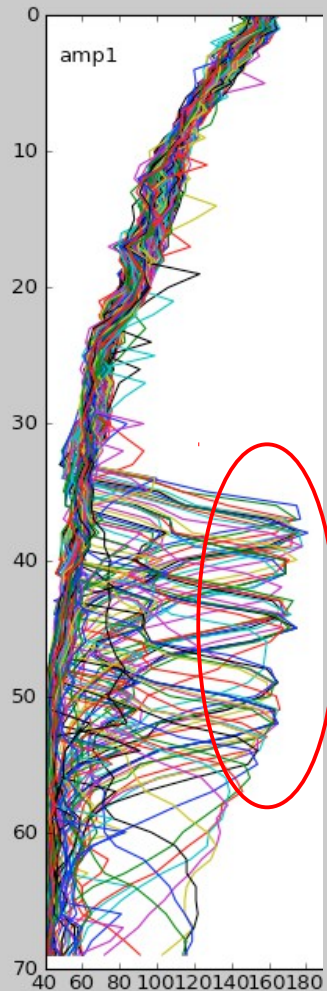
ADCP Single-ping Editing

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- **Below bottom**

Bottom Editing:

- remove acoustic interference, identify maximum amplitude
- calculate region of side-lobe interference
- flag as BAD all data below the bottom or with side-lobe interference



CODAS Post-processing

- Editing (single-ping)
 - Acoustic interference
 - Bubbles
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AFTER AVERAGING



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Manual Editing

- Bottom interference
- Wire interference
- Scattering layers
- Ringing
- Bad shallow PG and underway bias

(see [dataviewer.py](#) documentation)

Post-Processing: Calibration of Averaged Data

(1) Cross-track error (angle error)

- Inaccurate heading (time-varying)
- Incorrect transducer angle (constant)

(2) Alongtrack bias (scale factor)

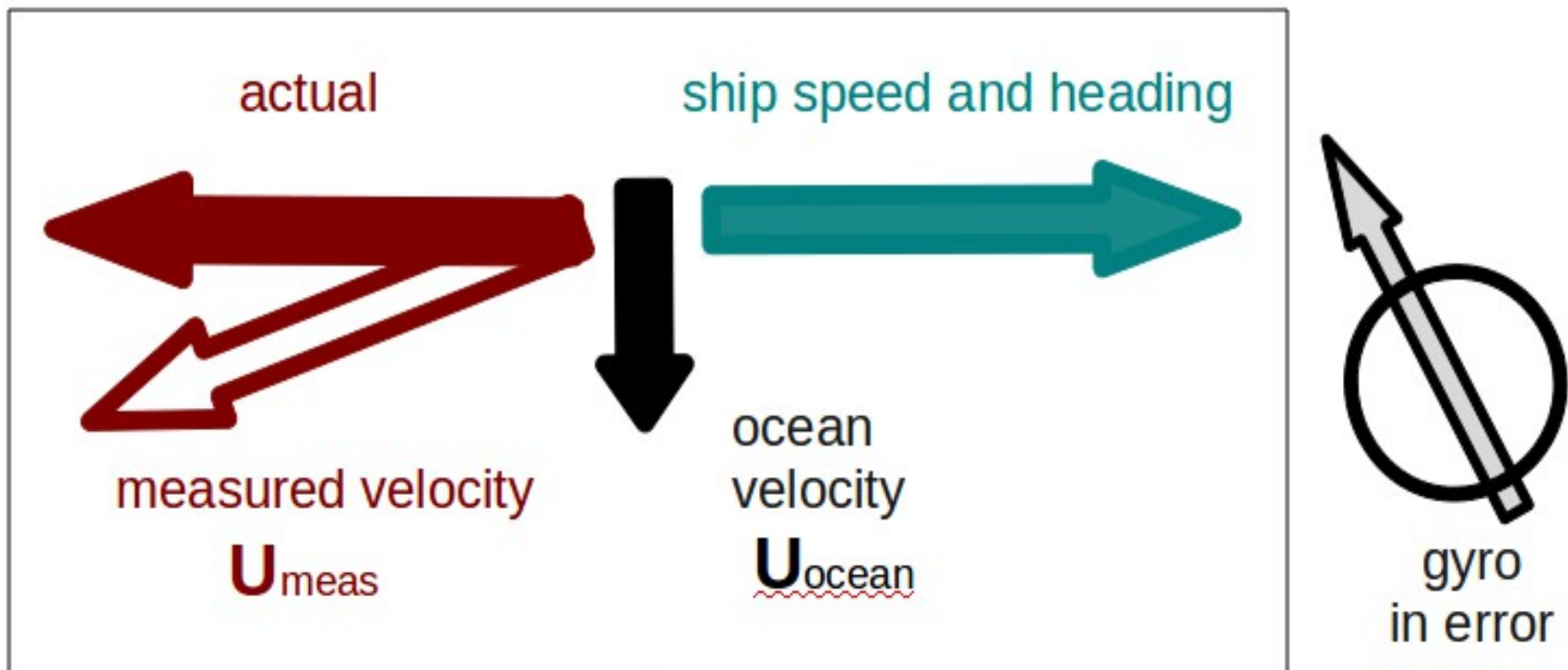
- Soundspeed (single-ceramic transducers only)

(3) Transition Error

- Horizontal offset between GPS and ADCP

Calibration: Angle Error

Cross-track bias in ocean velocity from angle error:
(heading + transducer angle)



Symptom = Cross-Track Error
Cause = incorrect **angle applied**

Angle applied comes from

- Transducer angle (beam “3” clockwise from bow)
- Heading of ship
 - **VmDAS**,
 - “Primary” heading, often no QC message
 - If “Primary” fails, replace with “Secondary”
 - **UHDAS**,
 - Reliable heading for each ping (eg gyro)
 - Heading correction for each averaging period
 - Calculated relative to devices such as Ashtech, POSMV, Seapath, Mahrs, Phins (hopefully w/ QC fields)

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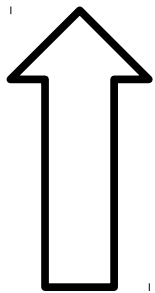
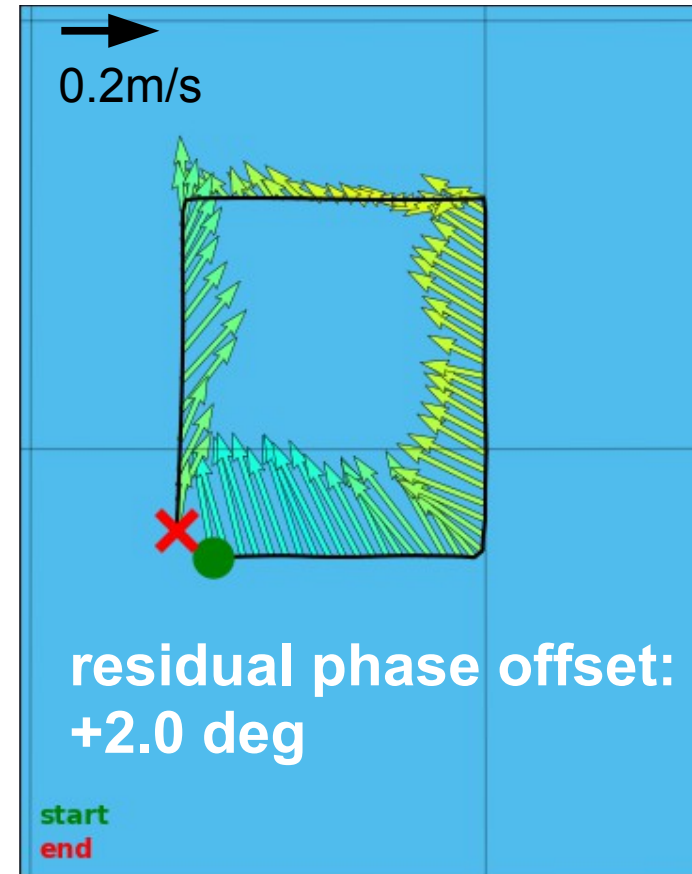
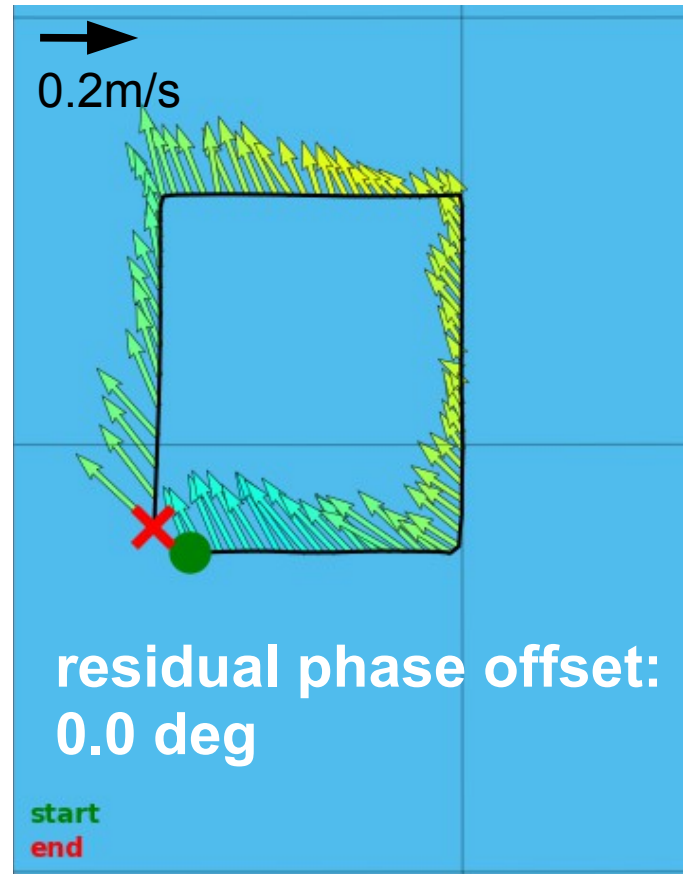
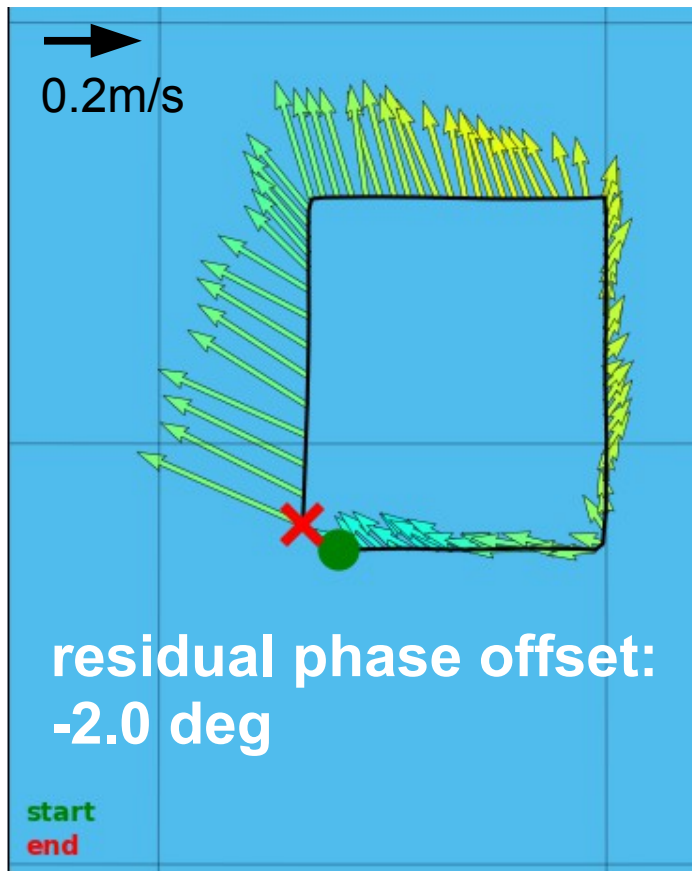
- Transducer angle (beam “3” clockwise from bow)

This is a **constant value** for the whole cruise

Examples of error in transducer angle follow...

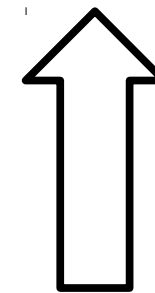
water track phase calibration

1 deg. error = 10cm/s crosstrack error at 10kts



median mean std
-0.0085 -0.0261 0.3742

**Goal: get within
+/- 0.1deg**



median mean std
-2.0020 -2.0186 0.3762

median mean std
1.9925 1.9798 0.3757

Examples of along-track error

Remove during single-ping editing

- Acoustic interference
- Bubbles (underway bias)

Correct after averaging:

- Scale factor (NB150 soundspeed correction)

Calibration: scale factor (alongtrack bias)

Ocean U (original)

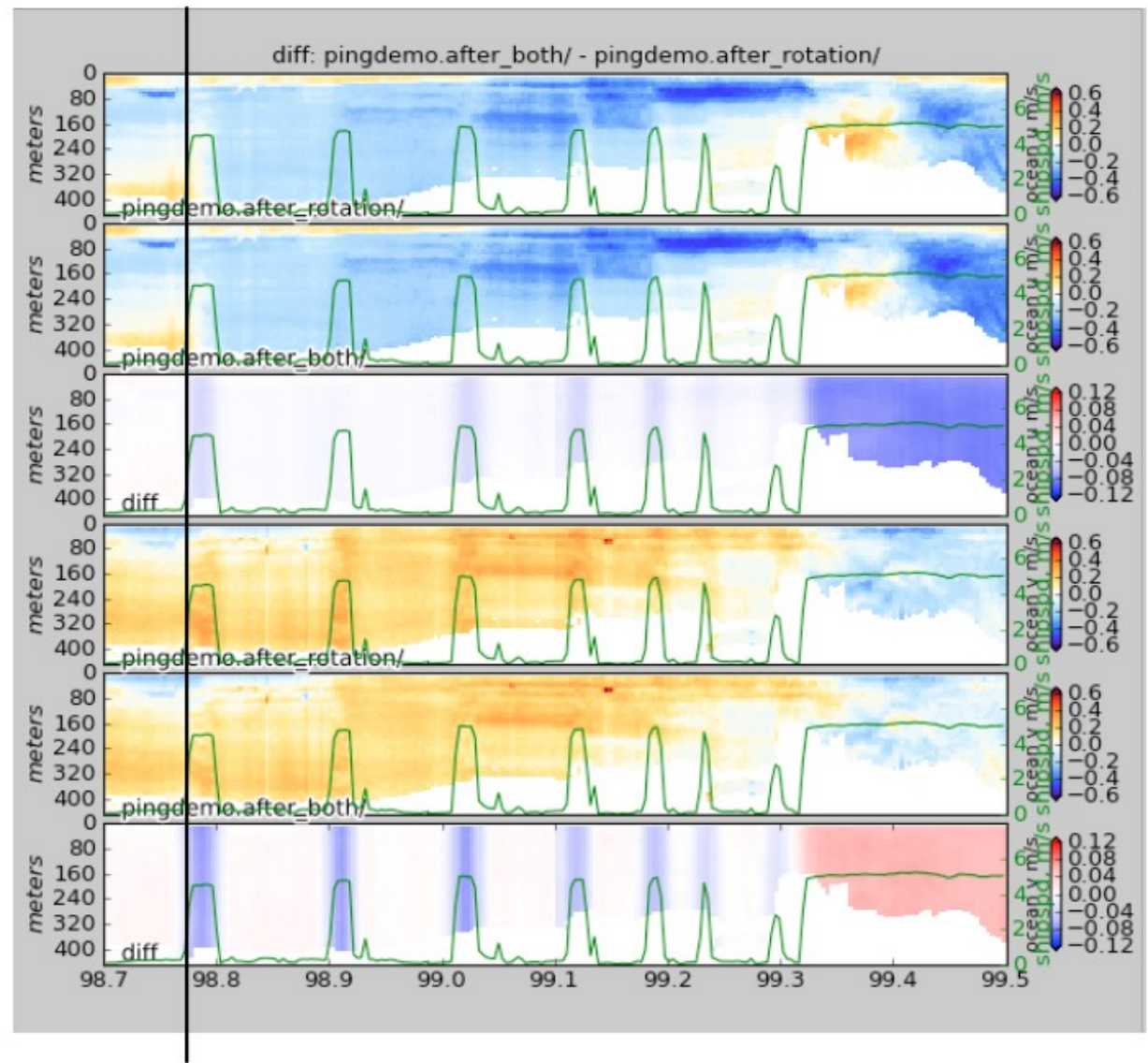
Ocean U (after scalefactor)

Diff: after-before

Ocean V (original)

Ocean V (after scalefactor)

Diff: after-before



Calibration: ADCP-GPS offset

(1) Cross-track error:

- recovery requires accurate heading

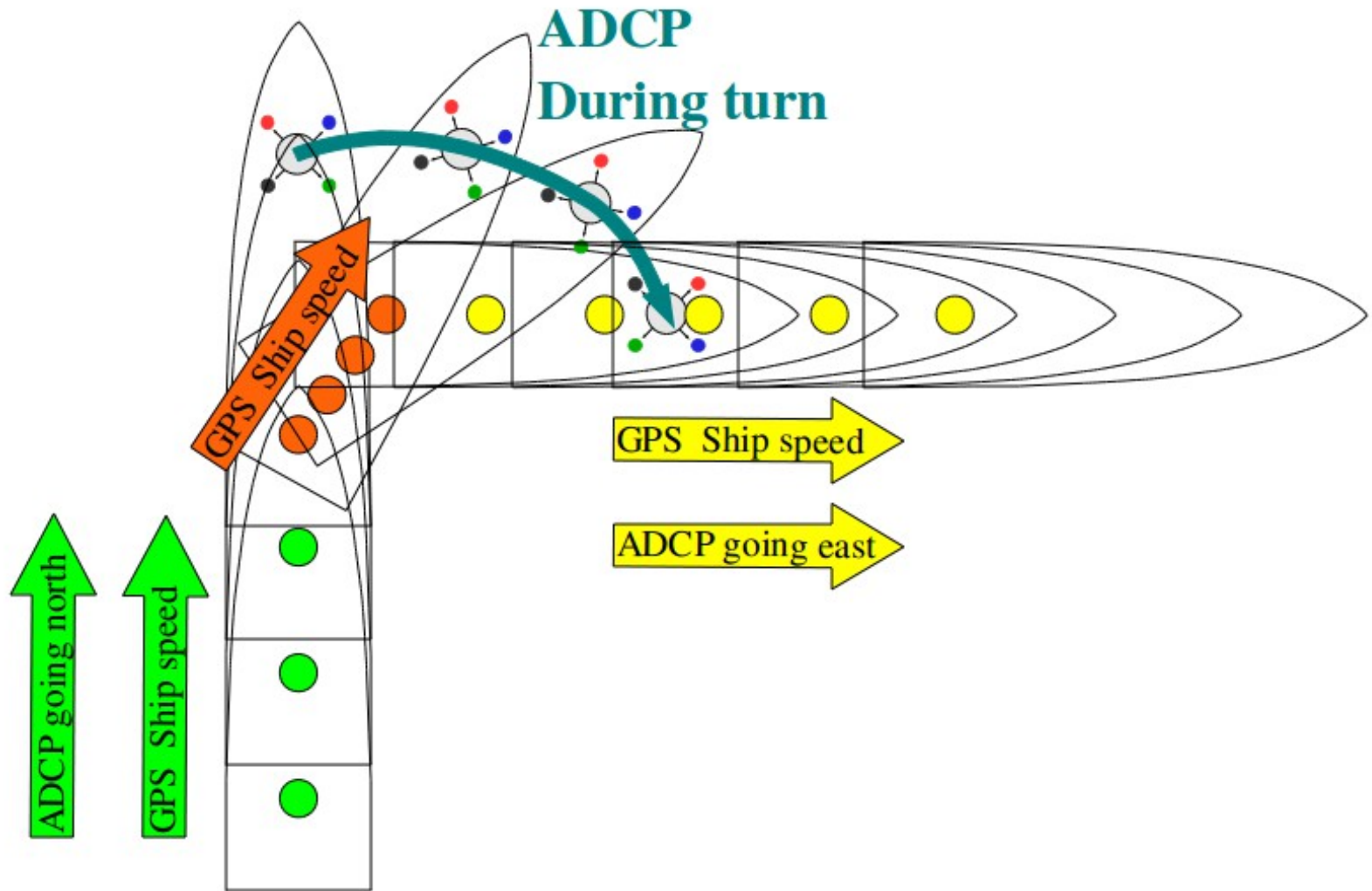
(2) Along-track error:

- may indicate a serious problem
- recovery may be possible, incomplete, ambiguous

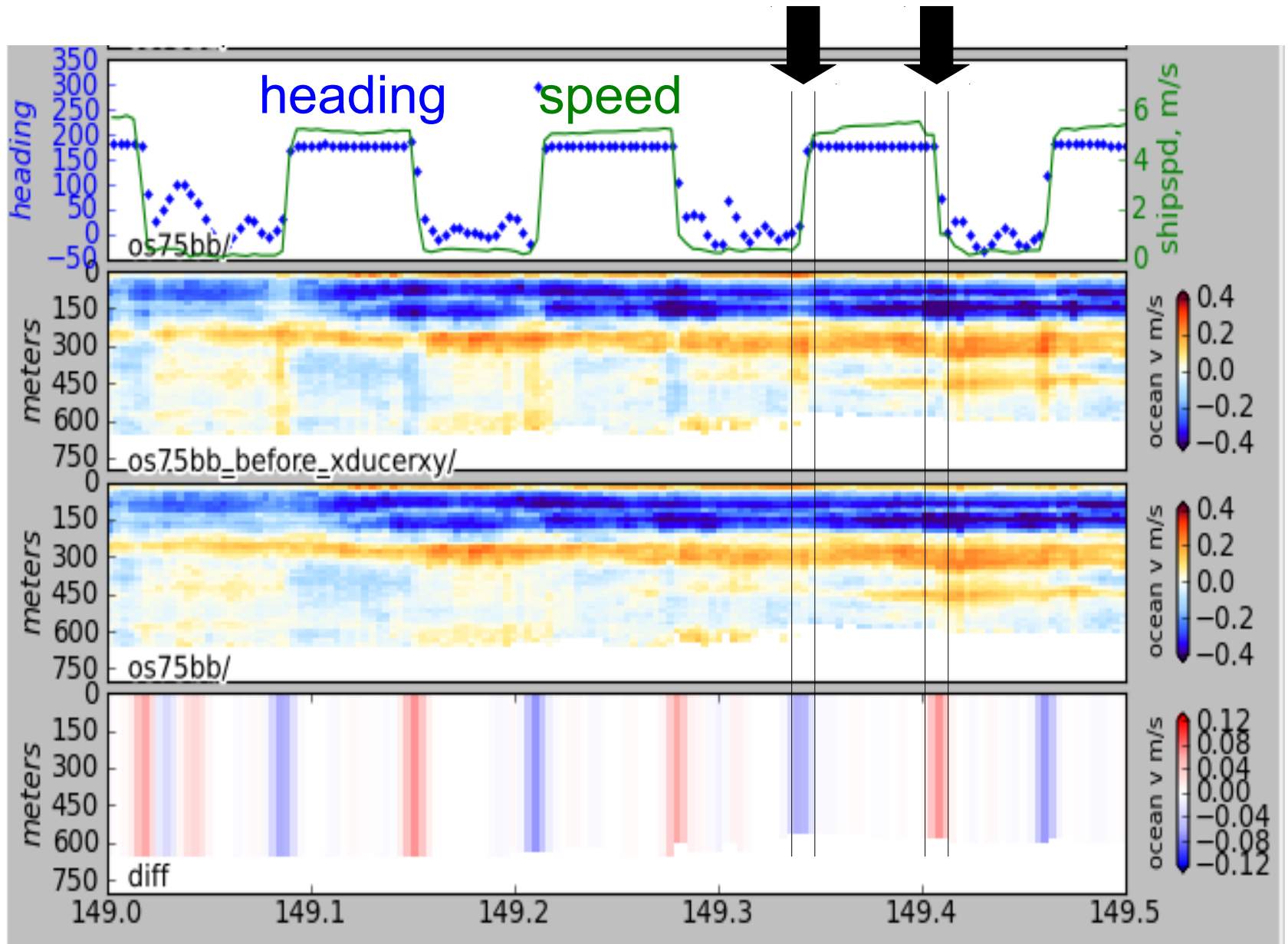
(3) Transition/maneuvering error

- Lag or offset in time or space

Example: offset between ADCP and GPS creates an artifact during maneuvering



Transducer offset from GPS--error occurs: **transition** between on-station and underway



...using
actual
location

...using
shifted GPS
location

difference

Then go do science!