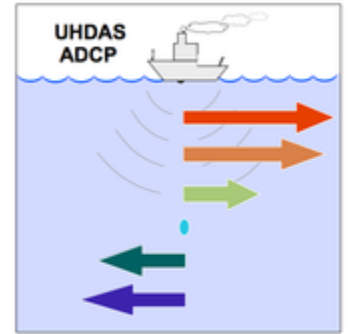


# UHDAS



Maximizing the quality of  
Shipboard ADCP  
ocean current data

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**OCN 664 Oceanographic Instrumentation and Technology**

# Overview

- 1) What is “shipboard ADCP”?
- 2) How is SADCAP data used?
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# Keeping in mind

- Who are the users we are supporting?
- Why are we making these decisions?

We want

- software to be
  - reliable (starts up, predictable)
  - robust (handles problems without failing)
  - maintainable (move forward as libraries change)
- data to be
  - as close to science-ready as feasible (for an automated system)
  - immediately useful
  - useful in the future

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# **ADCP: Getting Ocean Velocity**

**A**coustic (it pings along beams at a frequency)

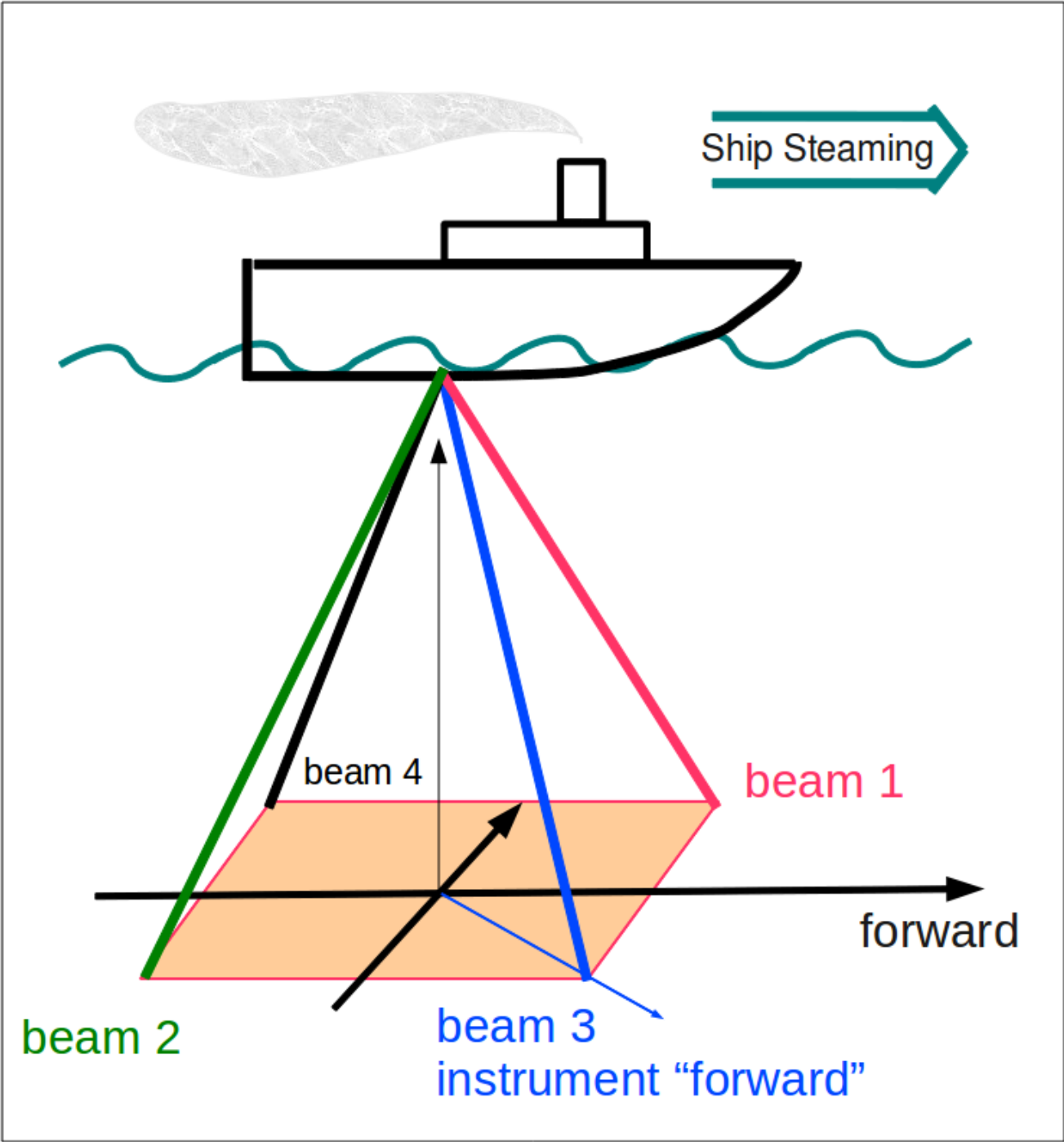
**D**oppler (uses frequency shift to get velocity along the beam)

**C**urrent (include many more steps to get ocean velocity)

**P**rofiler (listen for the return in small chunks of time to create a vertical profile)

More detail is contained in the [UHDAS/CODAS Documentation](#)

# Shipboard ADCP cartoon



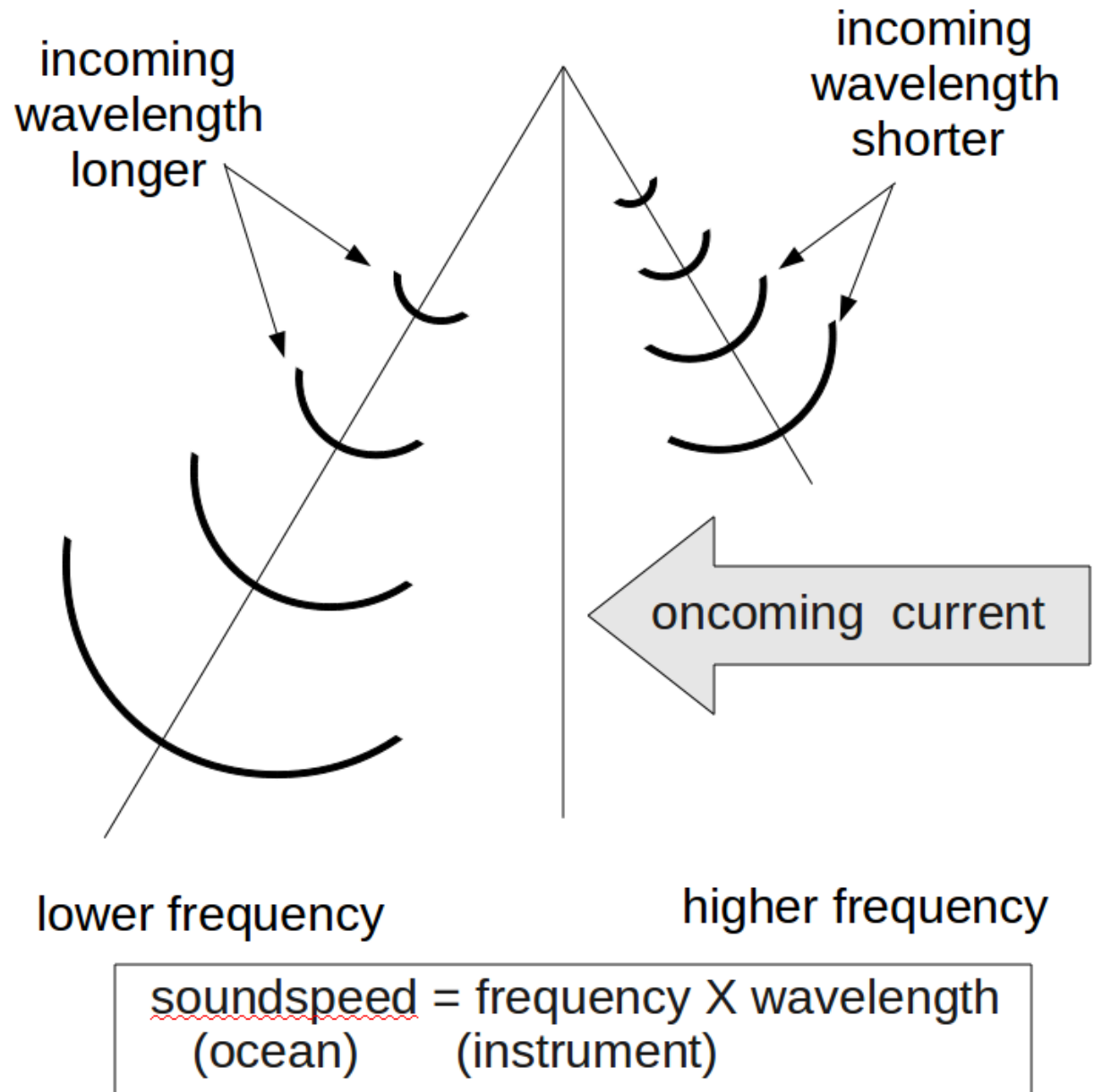
# Acoustic

Vessel-mounted ADCPs are historically made by Teledyne R.D.Instruments  
older technology = 4 ceramic “hockey pucks”  
newer technology = phased array

frequency (kiloHertz)	wavelength	resolution (narrowband bin size)	range
38	4cm	32m	1200m
75	2cm	16m	700m
150	1cm	8m	300m
300	.5cm	4m	80m

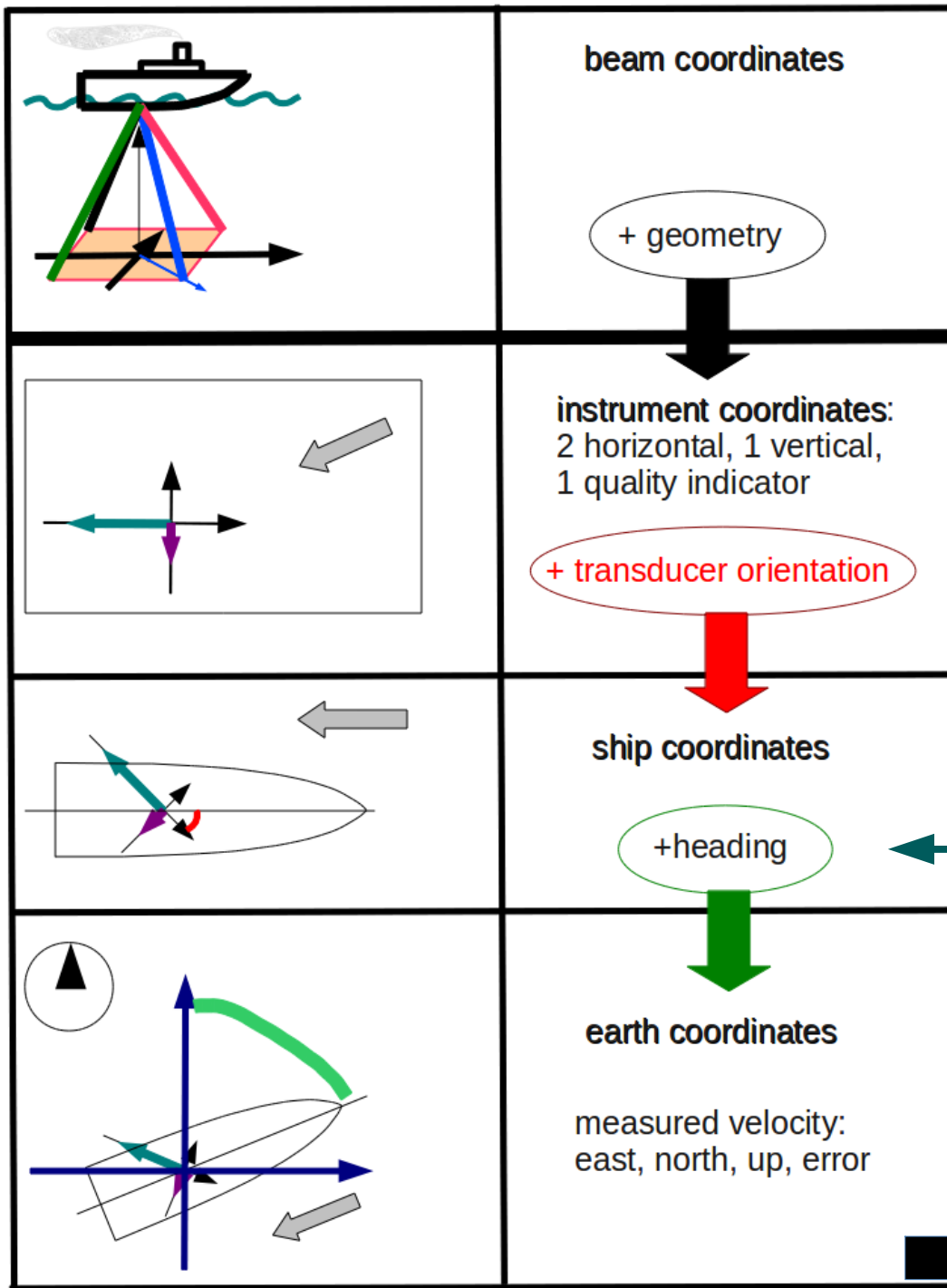
# ADCP

## Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler



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





Transformations  
resulting in

- horizontal
- measured velocity
- in earth coordinates

← calibration values

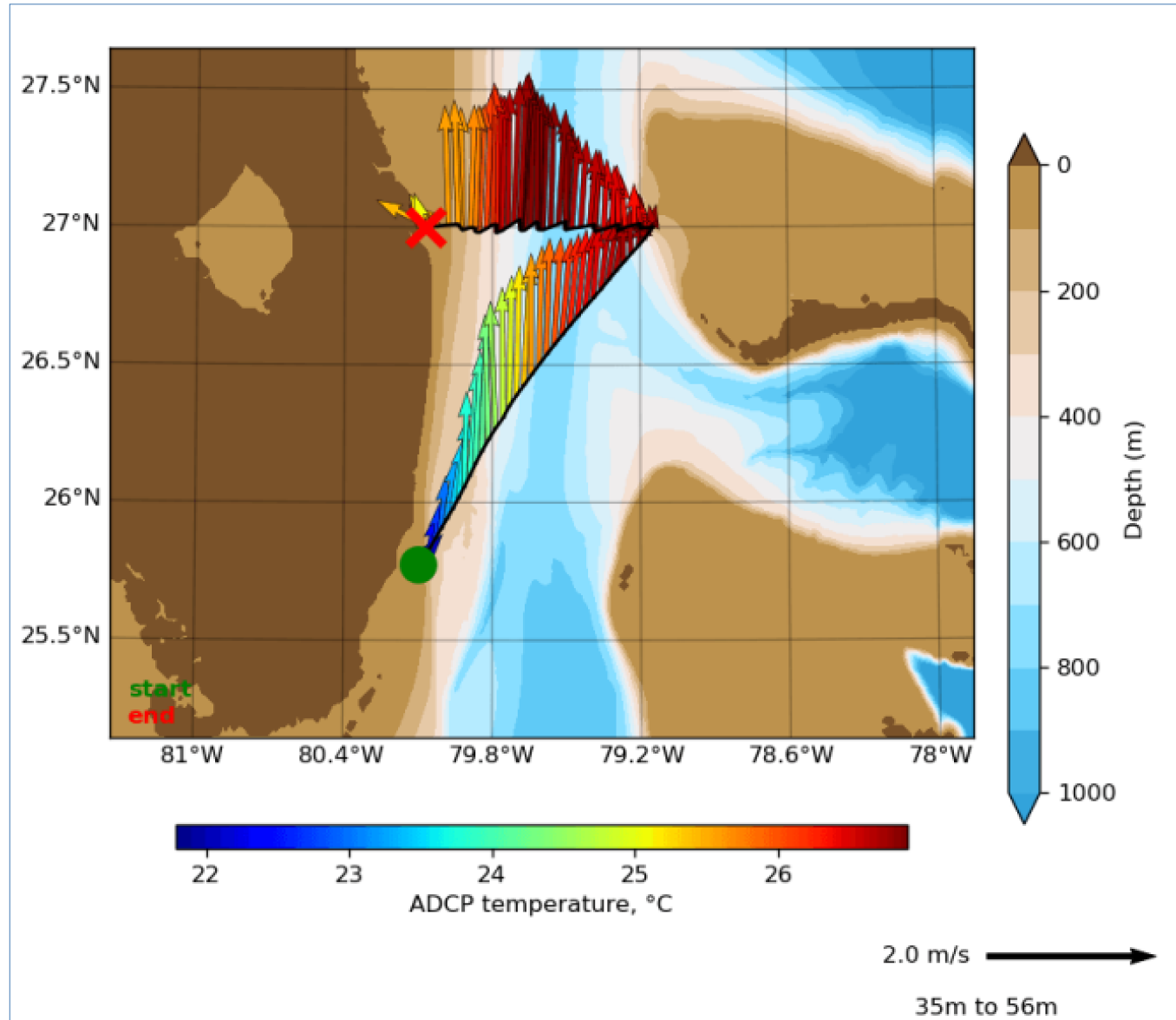
← accurate heading

Then add ship  
speed from GPS  
to get **ocean currents**

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

# ADCP data to ocean currents

Time,  
ADCP  
Position  
Attitude

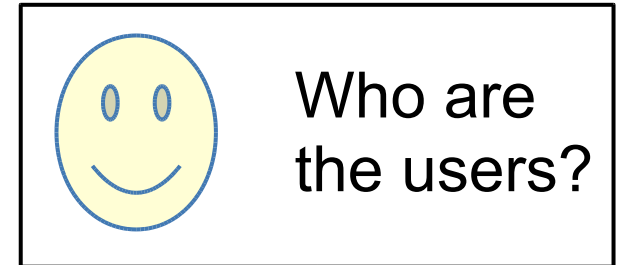


primitive data

ocean velocities

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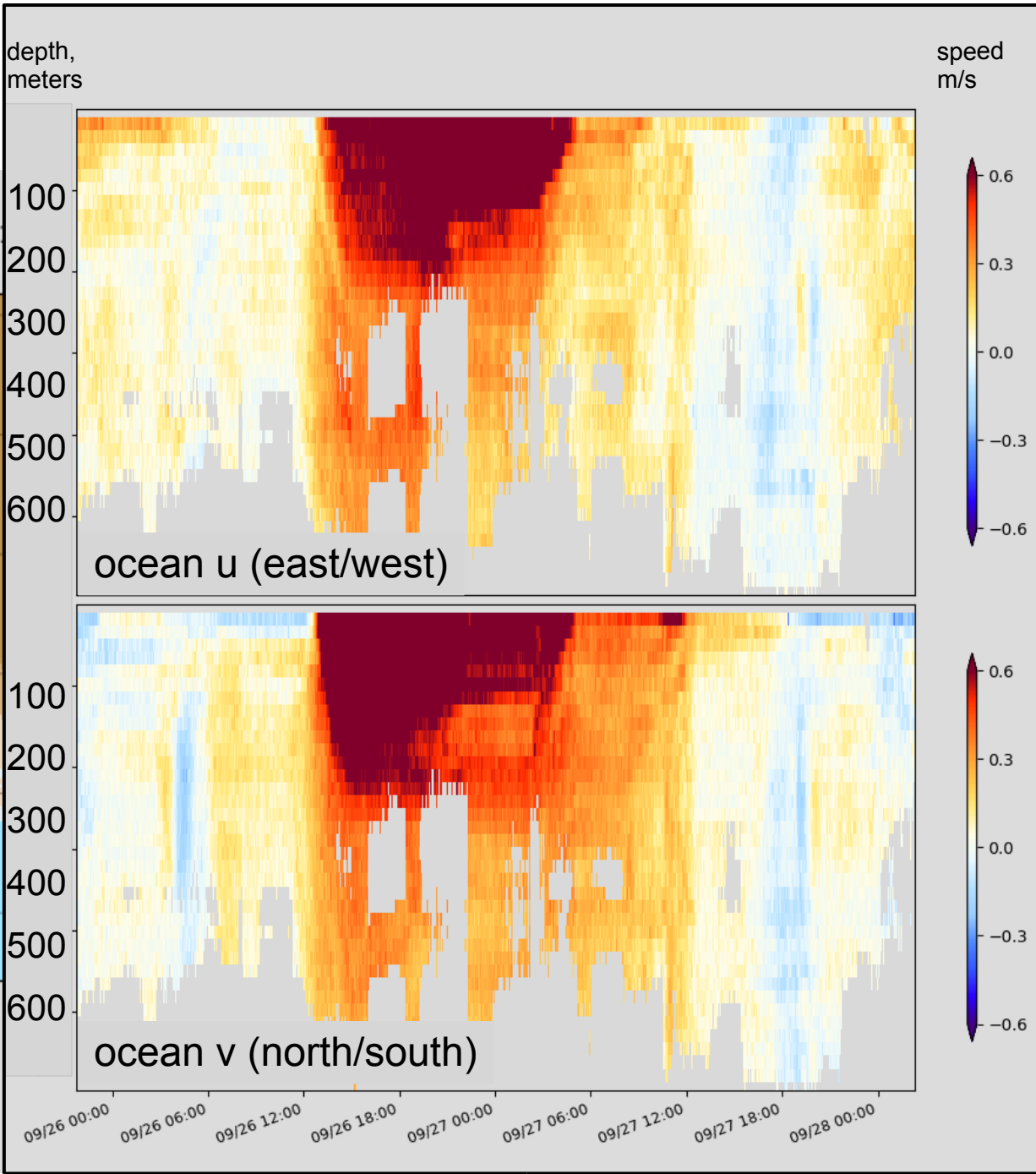
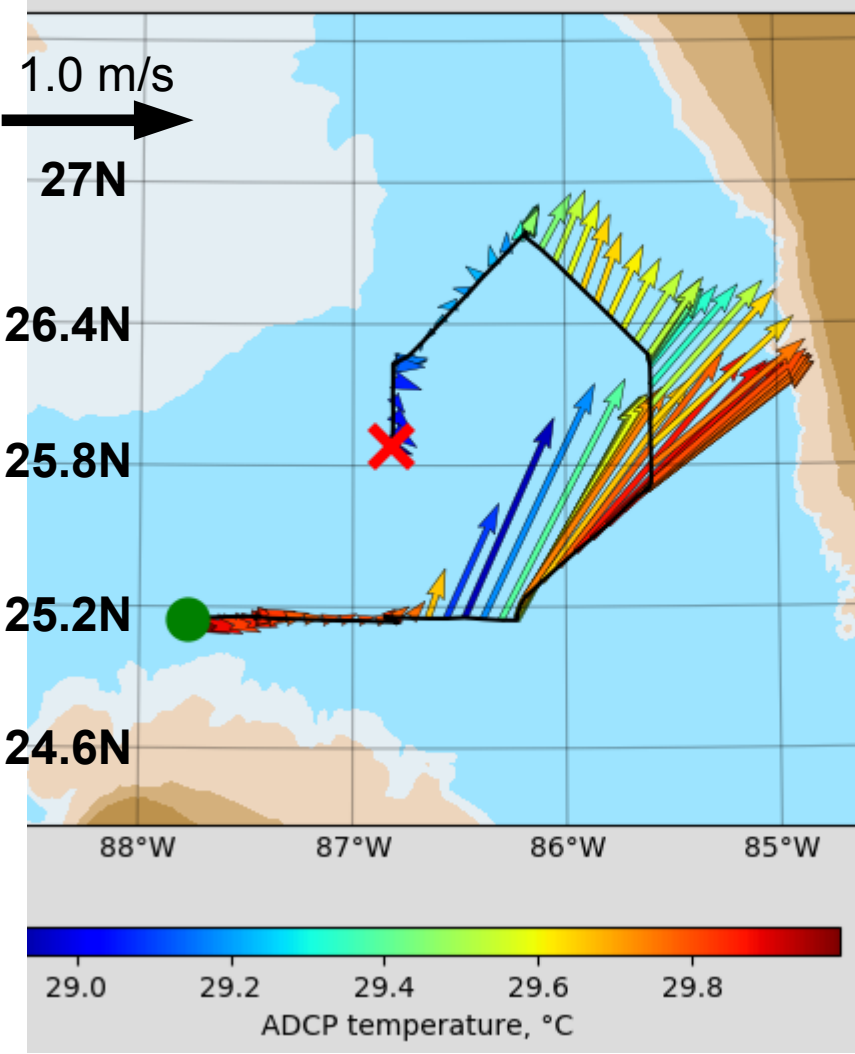
(University of Hawaii Data Acquisition System)

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# R/V Pelican Mooring cruise, Gulf of Mexico

Donohue, PE20-06

Ocean currents 35m-175m



# Operational uses of shipboard ADCP data

at sea:

- operations, eg:
  - currents for over-the-side work (moorings, CTD)
  - backscatter levels for targeted biological sampling
  - currents for ROV operators
- dynamic sampling, eg:
  - where is the front?
  - when did we cross the front?
  - which direction will the instrument drift after deployment?

# Scientific relevance of shipboard ADCP data

- **backscatter (even if uncalibrated)**
- **process studies:**
  - ocean physics, eg. context for small-scale mixing studies
  - ocean features, eg. deep eddies
- **time series**
  - dedicated, on station (HOT, BATS)
  - transects: Drake Passage, Bermuda to New Jersey
  - after the fact: equatorial Pacific (servicing TAO moorings)
- **comparison with satellites**

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# Maximizing quality of SADCPC ocean current data

- collect good quality data
  - collect it properly
  - process components to meaningful data
  - get it working well, keep it working well
  - support the users at all stages
  - support the use of the data in the future
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How does UHDAS address these aspects?



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# Acquisition: Basic Requirements:

- Control ADCP settings
  - Acquire ADCP data
  - Acquire ancillary data
    - Position
    - Attitude (heading)
  - Timestamp incoming data
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- **collect good quality data**

- ADCP installation (free of bubbles, no electrical interference)
- reliable and accurate heading and position

- **collect it well**

- good timestamps, good acquisition practices
- multiple feeds, record QA messages, use checksums
- be able to return to known-working parameters

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# Data Processing and access to data products

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## automated processing (“preliminary processing” at sea)

- single-ping editing prior to averaging
- provide data products for immediate and future use (at-sea web site)
- Goals:
  - Data should be useful for science and operations
  - Data should be as close to "final" as possible (for an automated system)
  - Require minimal post-processing for science

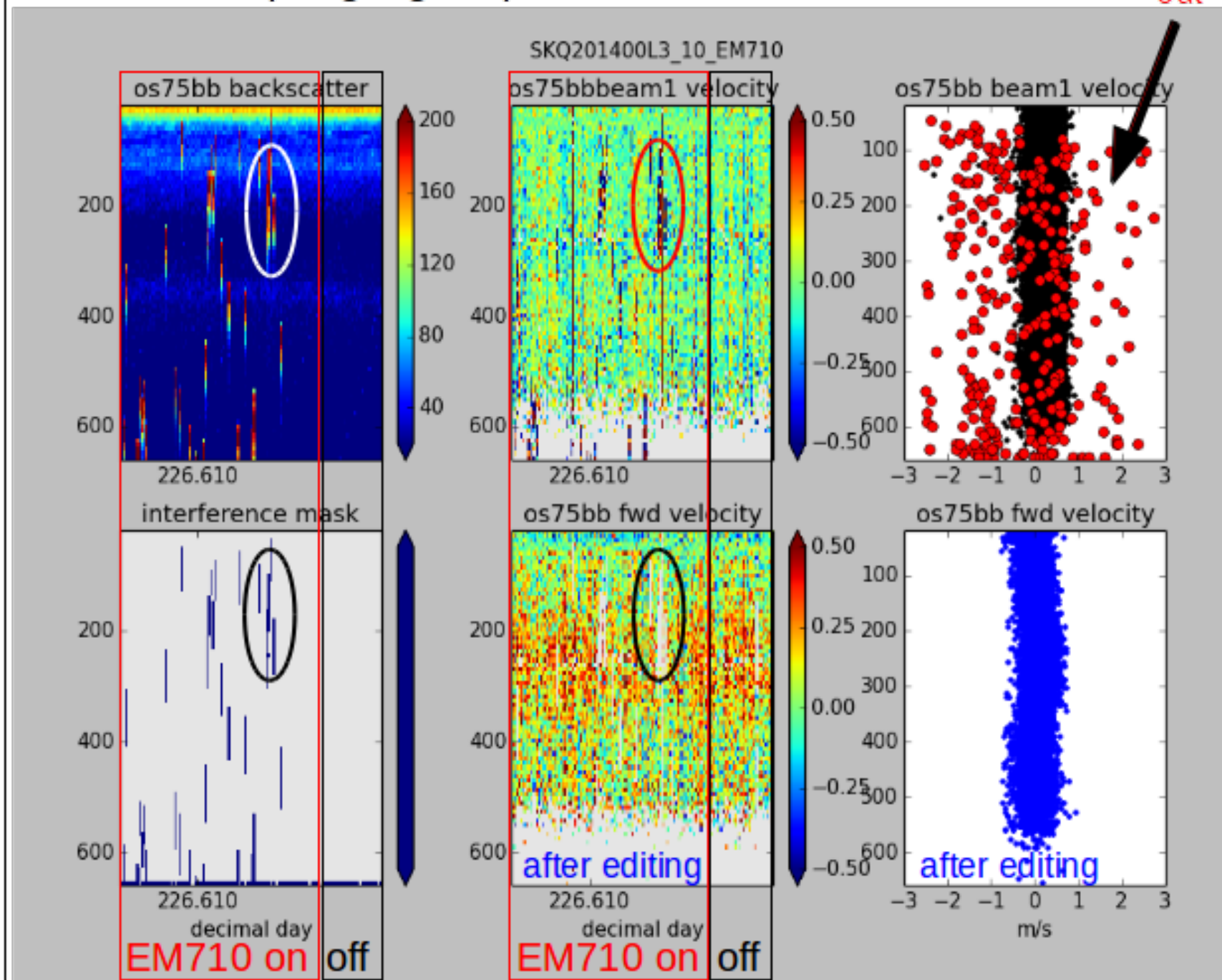
## after the cruise

- provide software and support
- goal:
  - ease of post-processing
  - reprocessing if necessary (new algorithms, different feeds)
- discovery/evaluation in the future

# CODAS single-ping editing based on acoustic interference

## EM710 pinging impact on OS75 broadband

edited  
out



# Monitoring

## - on ship:

- via [web site on ship](#) (science and diagnostic figs)
- documented [here](#)

## - on land:

- automated daily emails to UHDAS Team
- monitoring [dashboard](#) with
  - cruise status
  - links to figures, diagnostic files
- Ticketing system (internal): first pass at identifying problems:
  - notifies the UHDAS team of a problem
  - mechanism for tracking problems – eg, based on
    - cruise, ship, instrument
- UHDAS Team provides feedback to technicians on the ship

# UHDAS: Troubleshooting and feedback

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- problems with ADCP instrument
- problems with data acquisition:
  - computer: timestamps are bad
  - serial (or UDP) NMEA feeds glitchy or fail
    - switch to another feed for at-sea processing
  - quality of ancillary data is poor
    - can the shipboard technicians do anything?
- problems with preliminary processing:
  - a bug, or timestamp problems
  - change in calibration (instrument replacement)
  - bad beam

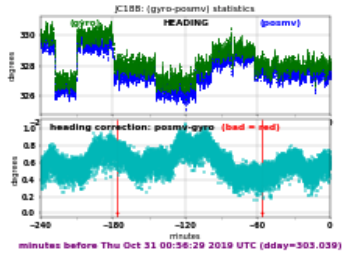
# At-sea web site overview

[HOME](#)

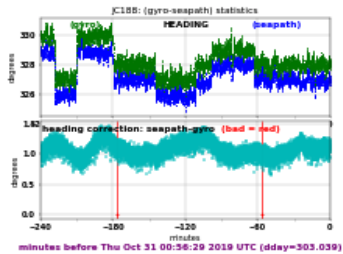
Monitoring: click opens a new figure

Attitude Devices

- posmv-gyro comparison ([thumbnail](#))



- seapath-gyro comparison ([thumbnail](#))

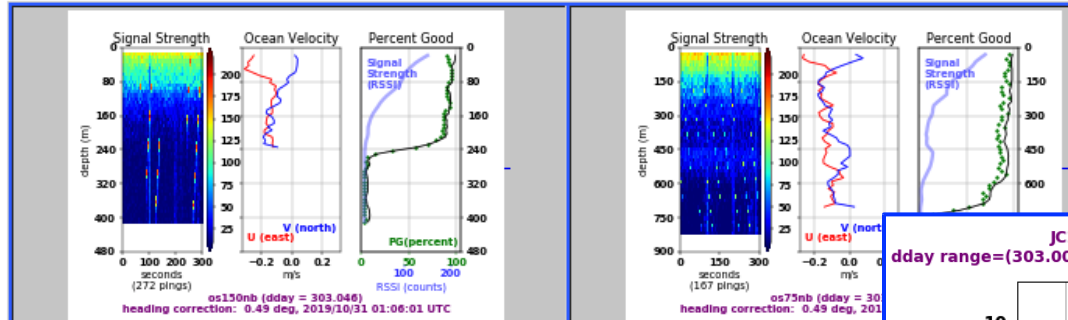


Bridge plots:

- surface vector :
  - [day](#)
  - [night](#)
- kts and direction profile:
  - [day](#)
  - [night](#)
- kts E/N + scattering [profile](#)

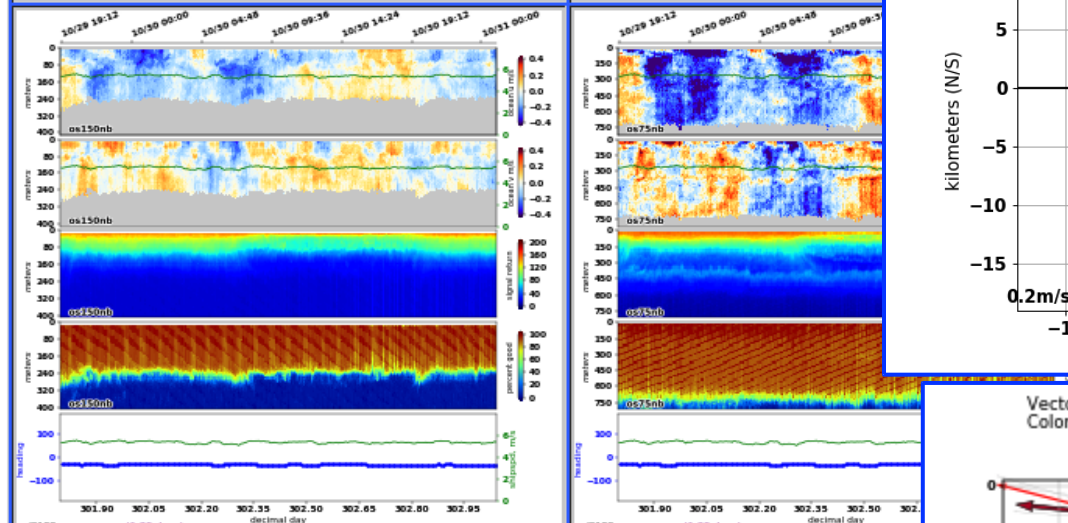
Diagnostic Plots

## ADCP Thumbnails



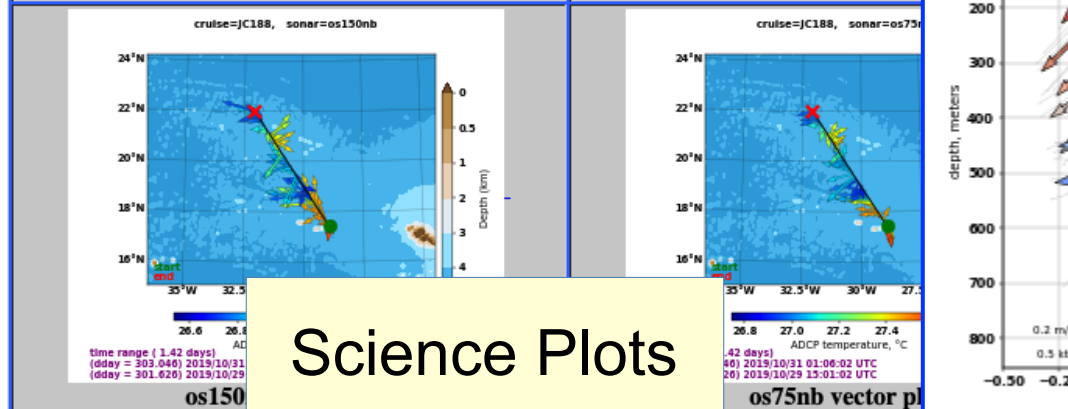
os150nb 5-minute profile

os75nb 5-minute profile

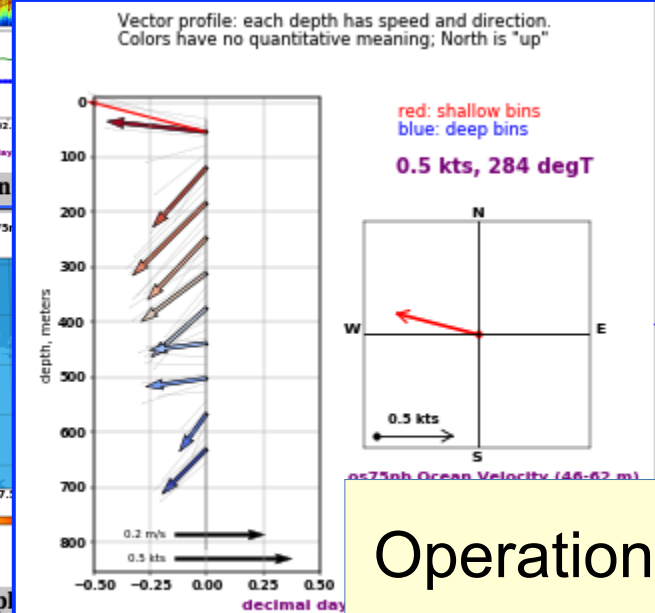
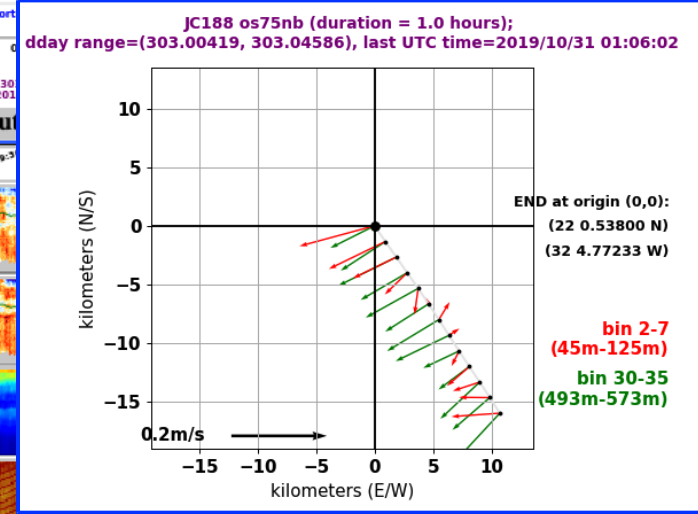
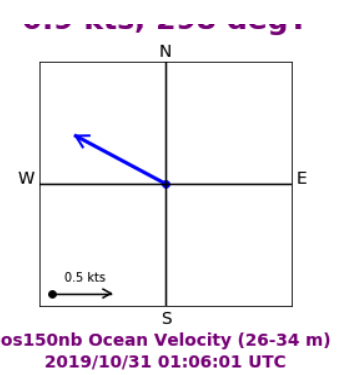


os150nb hi-resolution (time)

os75nb hi-resolution



Science Plots



Operations



letters	ship name	figures	last email	cruise name	status	daily report	daily email	OS	last update
ae	Atlantic Explorer	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	Pierside_PostAE2016	logging	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Apr-23
ar	Neil Armstrong	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	ar47	(not logging)	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-May-30
at	Atlantis	<a href="#">figs</a>	210d	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	16.04	2018-Aug-02
bh	Blue Heron	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01
en	Endeavor	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-May-30
hly	Healy	<a href="#">figs</a>	43d	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-May-30
hs	Hugh Sharp	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-May-30
km	Kilo Moana	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	km2012	logging	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-May-25
lg	L.M.Gould	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2018-Dec-23
mgl	M.G.Langseth	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	16.04	2017-Aug-15
np	N.B.Palmer	<a href="#">figs</a>	1d 6hr	nbp2010a	logging	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2018-Dec-19
oc	Oceanus	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Apr-23
pe	Pelican	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	PE21_06_Fugro_ADCP	(not logging)	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01
rr	Roger Revelle	<a href="#">figs</a>	0hr	RR2002a	(not logging)	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01
skq	Sikuliaq	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	SKQ202014S	logging	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-May-02
sp	R.G.Sproul	<a href="#">figs</a>	3hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	14.04	2015-Mar-25
sr	Sally Ride	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01
sv	Savannah	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-May-30
tt	Thomas G. Thompson	<a href="#">figs</a>	17d	TN384	logging	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Apr-25
ws	Walton Smith	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01



- NSF funds the Academic Research Fleet ships;
- NOAA funds the NOAA ships;
- Various institutions or projects fund the “other” ships

#### NOAA ships

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dy	Oscar Dyson	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01
ex	Okeanos Explorer	<a href="#">figs</a>	205d	EX-Transit-2020-03-23	logging	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Jan-14
fh	Ferdinand Hassler	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	14.04	2017-Jan-17
gu	Gordon Gunter	<a href="#">figs</a>	35d	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-May-30
hb	Henry Bigelow	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01
nf	Nancy Foster	<a href="#">figs</a>	3d	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-May-30
pc	Pisces	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	PC2020_atpier_october	logging	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01
rb	Ron Brown	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	RB2006	logging	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01
rl	Reuben Lasker	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01
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sh	Bell Shimada	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01



We also have some science funding to process SADCP data, eg. GOSHIP

[Monitoring Page \(link\)](#)

#### other UHDAS ships

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fk	Falkor	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-May-25
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kb	Kristine Bonnevie	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	KB2020620	logging	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	14.04	2017-Mar-09
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ps	Point Sur	<a href="#">figs</a>	6hr	(not set)		<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-May-30
ukdy	Discovery	<a href="#">figs</a>	8hr	DY120	logging	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01
ukjc	James Cook	<a href="#">figs</a>	8hr	JC209	(not logging)	<a href="#">dir</a>	<a href="#">email</a>	18.04	2020-Aug-01



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# **data stewardship**

- support the archive process
- help make the data findable
- provide software and support to users

# UHDAS: supporting the users

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- Technicians (operationally useful, easy)
- Scientists (good data; free software)
- Managers
  - data managers (predictable, documented)
  - ship operations (monitored, useful displays)
  - funding (happy scientists, techs, ship ops)

Kilo Moana (45N)  
off the Oregon Coast:  
internal tide beam,  
energy downward  
(phase upward) below 600m

60m-1280m

upper ocean velocities



126.3°W 126°W 125.7°W 125.4°W 125.1°W

10.8 11.0 11.2 11.4

ADCP temperature, °C

