

# *Coupled Physical Processes in the Bay of Bengal and Monsoon Air-Sea Interaction*

*“Ocean Mixing and Monsoon (OMM)”*

Programme under the National Monsoon Mission, 2013-2017

*INCOIS NIOT NIO IISc. SAC TIFR Hyderabad IIT Madras IIT BBS*

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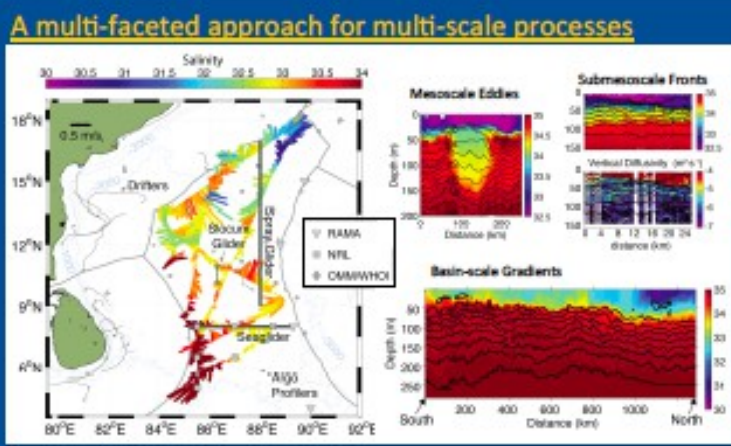
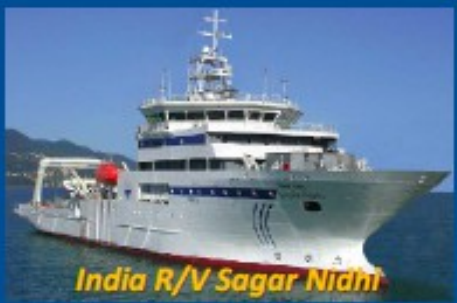




# INDO – US collaborative Project ASIRI-OMM

## Air-Sea Interactions in the Northern Indian Ocean – Regional Initiative (ASIRI) Ocean Mixing and Monsoons (OMM)

Collaborating on establishing a legacy of ocean observations, models, human and technological capacity for improved cyclone and intraseasonal monsoon forecasts



Far left: Salinity and velocity data collected during the 2013 Pilot. Map shows ship track and observational assets, many highlighted below. Subpanels: Salinity sections at different scales highlighting some of the physical features of the Bay of Bengal.

### Training and capacity building

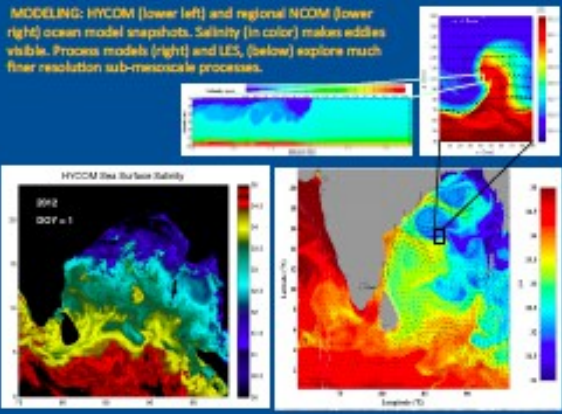


Shipboard training and research on joint cruises: Nov-Dec 2013, June 2014, August 2014 and November 2014



Bay of Bengal Upper Ocean Physics Workshop IISc Bengaluru July 9-21, 2014

### Multi-scale Ocean Modeling



MODELING: HYCOM (lower left) and regional NCOM (lower right) ocean model snapshots. Salinity (in color) makes eddies visible. Process models (right) and LES, (below) explore much finer resolution sub-mesoscale processes.

### Observational Tools



Long term endurance gliders Spray (left) and Seaglider (right) measure subsurface temperature and salinity structure.

Lagrangian float follows density or pressure levels while taking measurements and is remotely programmable.

Turbulent motions are being measured from moorings, CTD rosettes, and autonomous profilers using chipods.

Surface wave-driven wirewalker measures temperature, salinity, currents and optical variables at cm scale resolution.

Air-sea flux mooring measures air-sea exchange of heat, momentum, and freshwater and temperature, salinity, and velocity in the ocean.

Slocum turbulence glider measures microstructure shear and mixing.

### Indian Institutions

Indian Institute of Science, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, National Institute of Ocean Technology, National Institute of Oceanography, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Space Applications Centre, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Indian Institute of Technology Shubaneswar

### United States Institutions

Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Oregon State University, University of Washington, University of Notre Dame, Colorado State University, Columbia University, University of Miami, University of Alaska, US Naval Research Laboratory

# *Main Science Issues/Questions:*

- Pathways, persistence, balance of freshwater
- Physics of thin, fresh upper layer, lateral salinity gradients (fronts)
- Key processes of upper ocean stratification/mixing and balances
- *Consequences of shallow, fresh upper layer and deep, warm subsurface layer for air-sea coupling*
  
- Causes of unique near-surface air-sea gradients
- Surface flux algorithms/parameterisation
- Local atmospheric mixed layer/ABL stability, in relation to shallow-deep transition of organised convection\* (\*aircraft)
- *Air sea fluxes and coupling diurnal to intraseasonal scales*

## *Hypothesis and Approach:*

*Surface fresh layer influences ocean dynamics, thermodynamics, air-sea fluxes and coupling*

**Synthesis of multi-scale observations and models**

## Timeline

## Six Cruises

Sl. No.	Cruises	Chief Scientist	Period	Participants
1.	Roger Revelle	Andrew Lucas Scripps	10-27 Nov, 2013	26
2.	Roger Revelle	Emily Shroyer Oregon State U.	27 Nov-13 Dec, 2013	29
3.	Sagar Nidhi	M. Ravichandran INCOIS	15 Nov-2 Dec, 2013	22
4.	Roger Revelle	Andrew Lucas Scripps	17-28 June, 2014	22
5.	Sagar Nidhi	M. Ravichandran INCOIS	19 Aug-8 Sep, 2014	22
6.	Sagar Nidhi	N. Suresh Kumar INCOIS	24 Nov-13Dec, 2014	17

61 Indian participants on *Sagar Nidhi*, 29 on *Roger Revelle* from: INCOIS NIOT NIO IISc SAC IIT BBS IIT Madras TIFR PRL NRSC NCAOR

**Formal start of project: March 2014 (IISc); September 2014 (INCOIS)**

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Dipanjan Chaudhuri  
Sree Lekha J  
V. Thanga Prakash  
P. Vijay  
Dheeraj Varma  
S. Ganga Prasath

# Surface salinity

16.3 N



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Two-ship work

*Sagar Nidhi Roger Revelle*

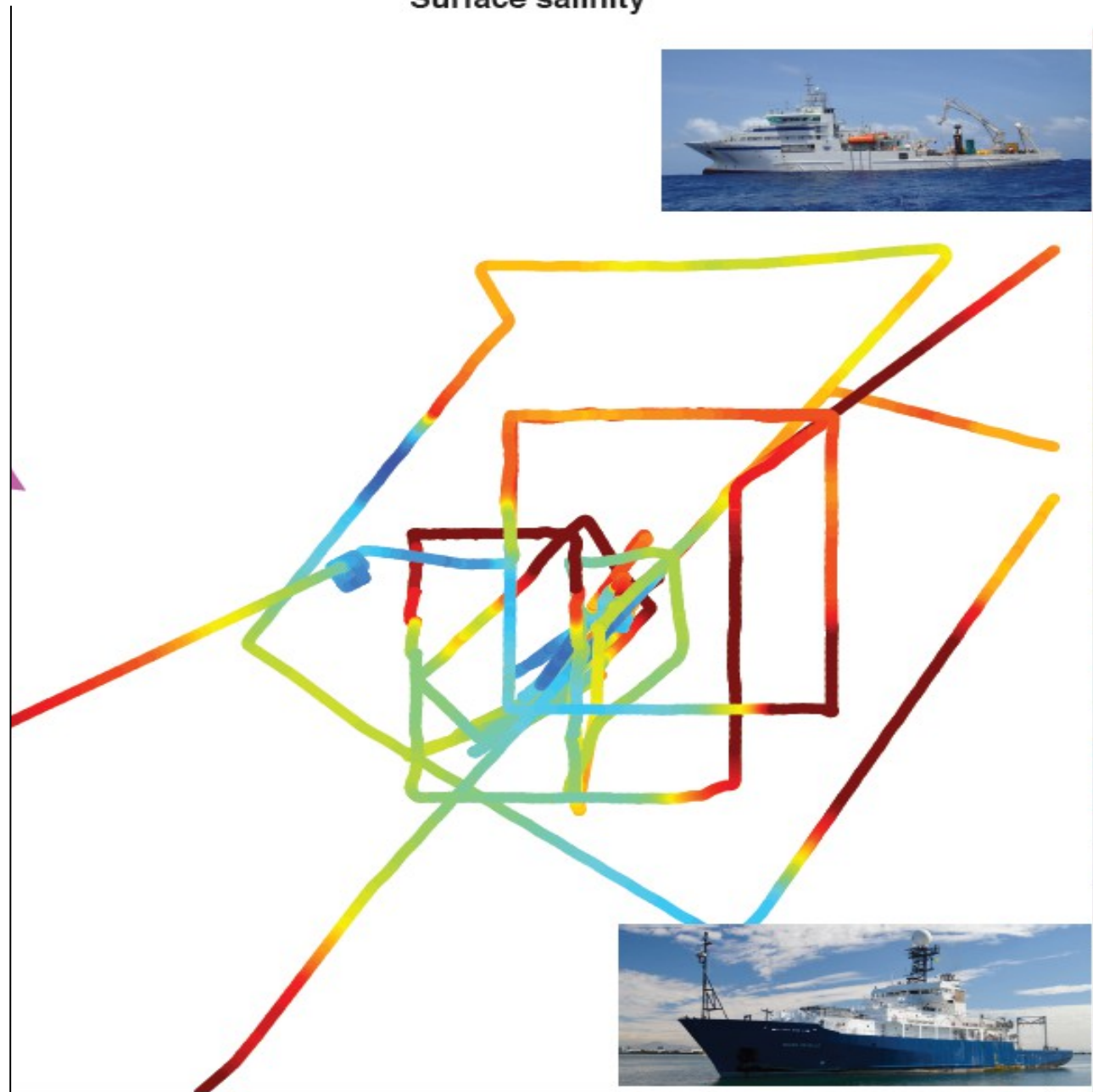
Nov – Dec 2013

15.7 N

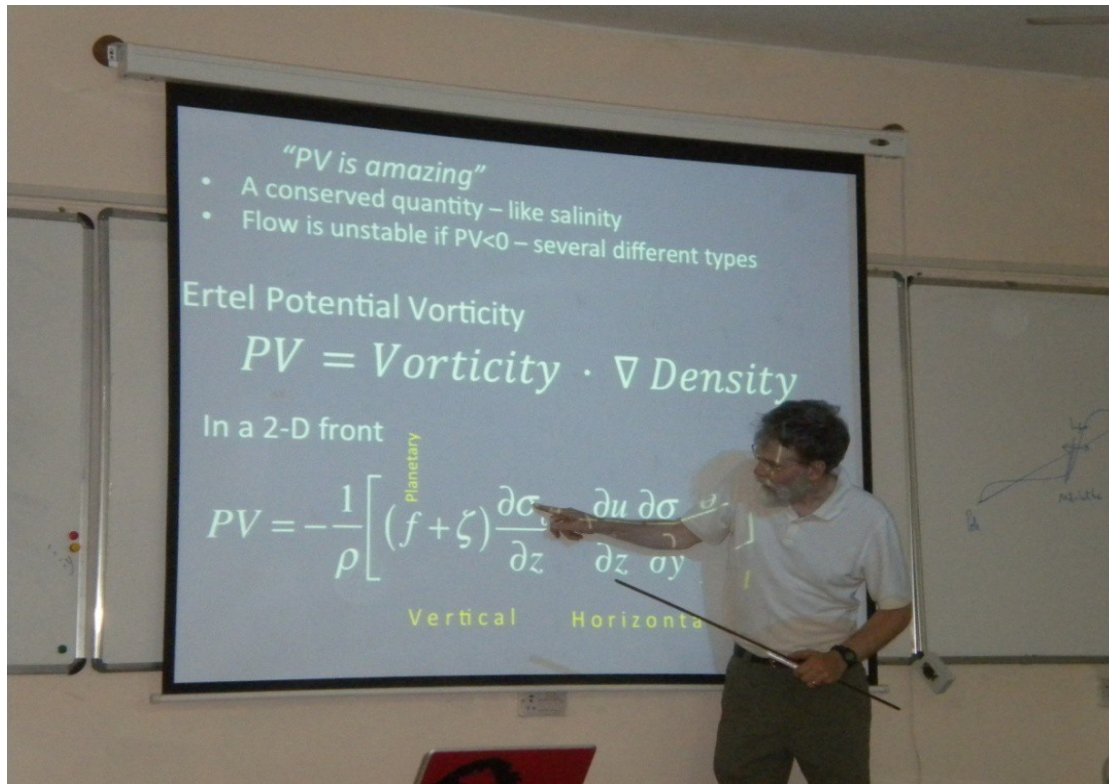
86.7 86.8 86.9 87 87.1 87.2

Longitude

31.5



## Workshop “Bay of Bengal Upper Ocean Physics” IISc. 9-21 July 2014



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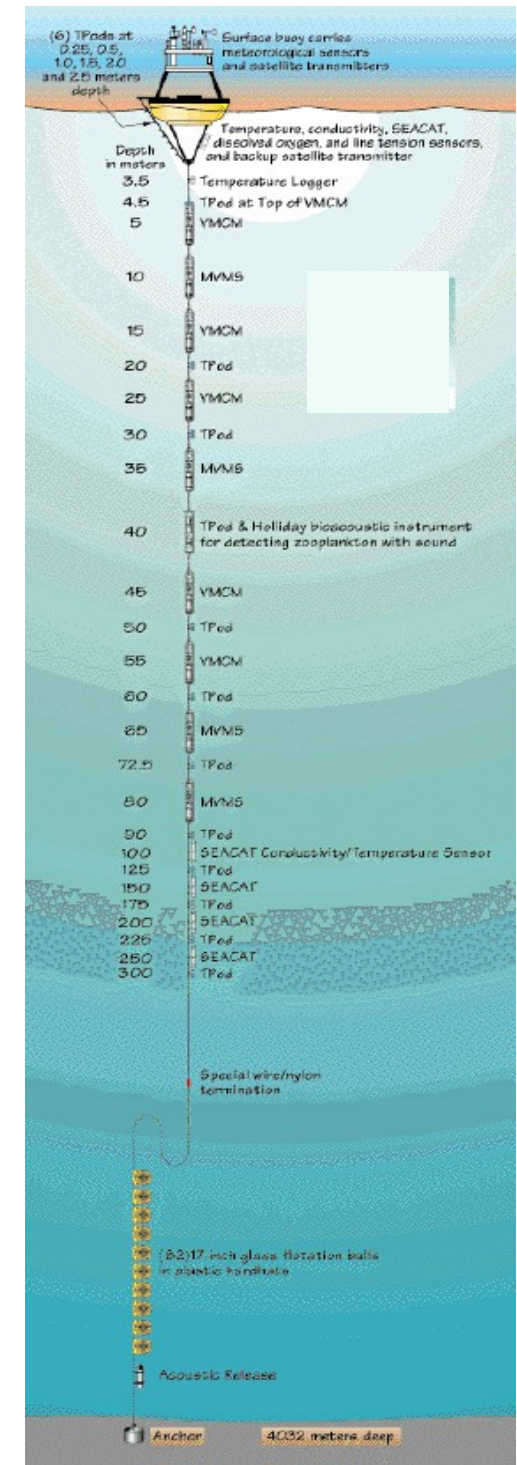
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*18 Participants*



Science/Planning Meeting Chennai. 15-18 December 2014 46 Participants

# WHOI Flux Mooring



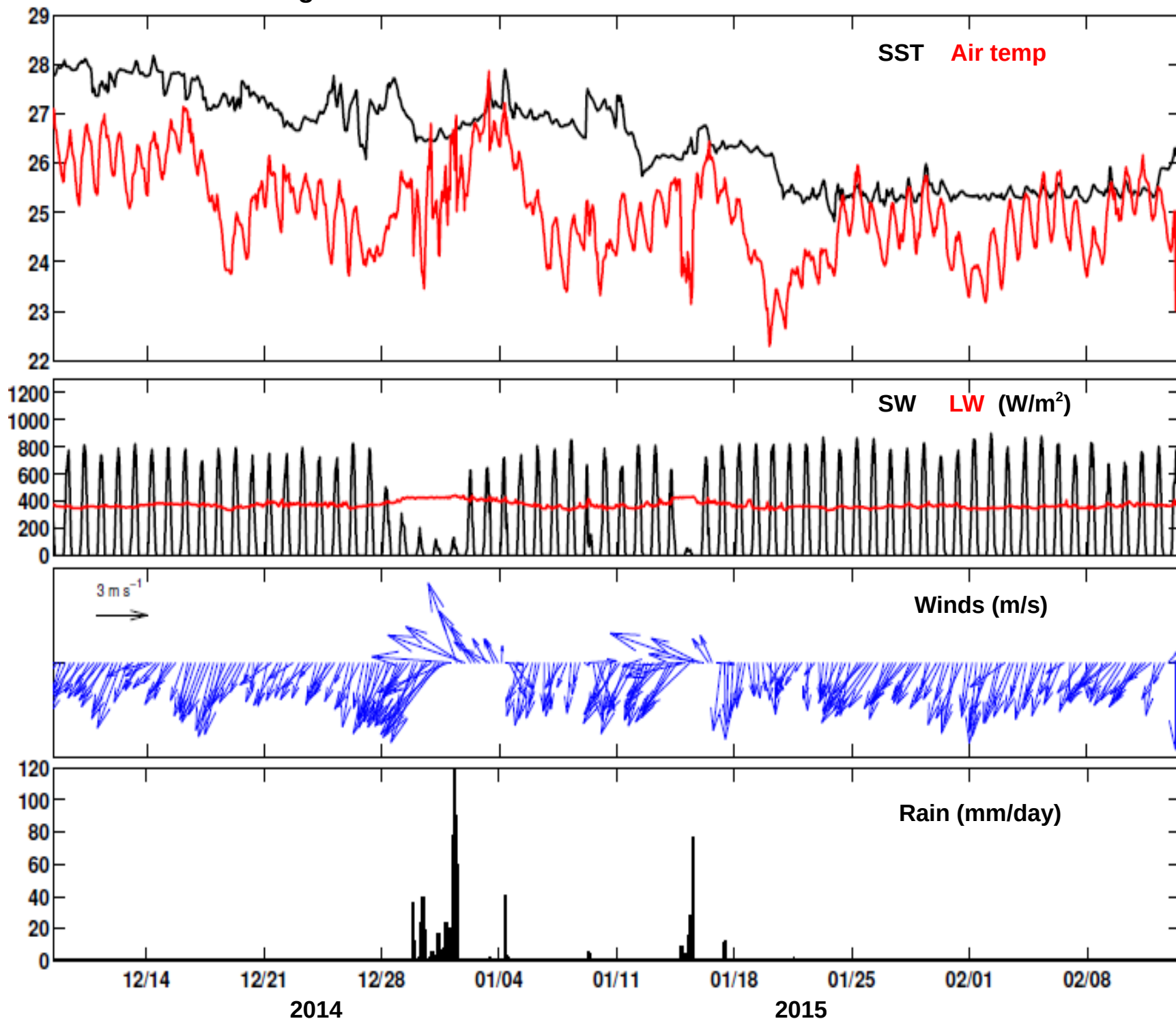
Surface fluxes, minimal flow distortion; subsurface observations with 2-3 m vertical resolution.

Plan: Covariance fluxes for 6 months summer 2016.

WHOI Mooring

18N 89.5E

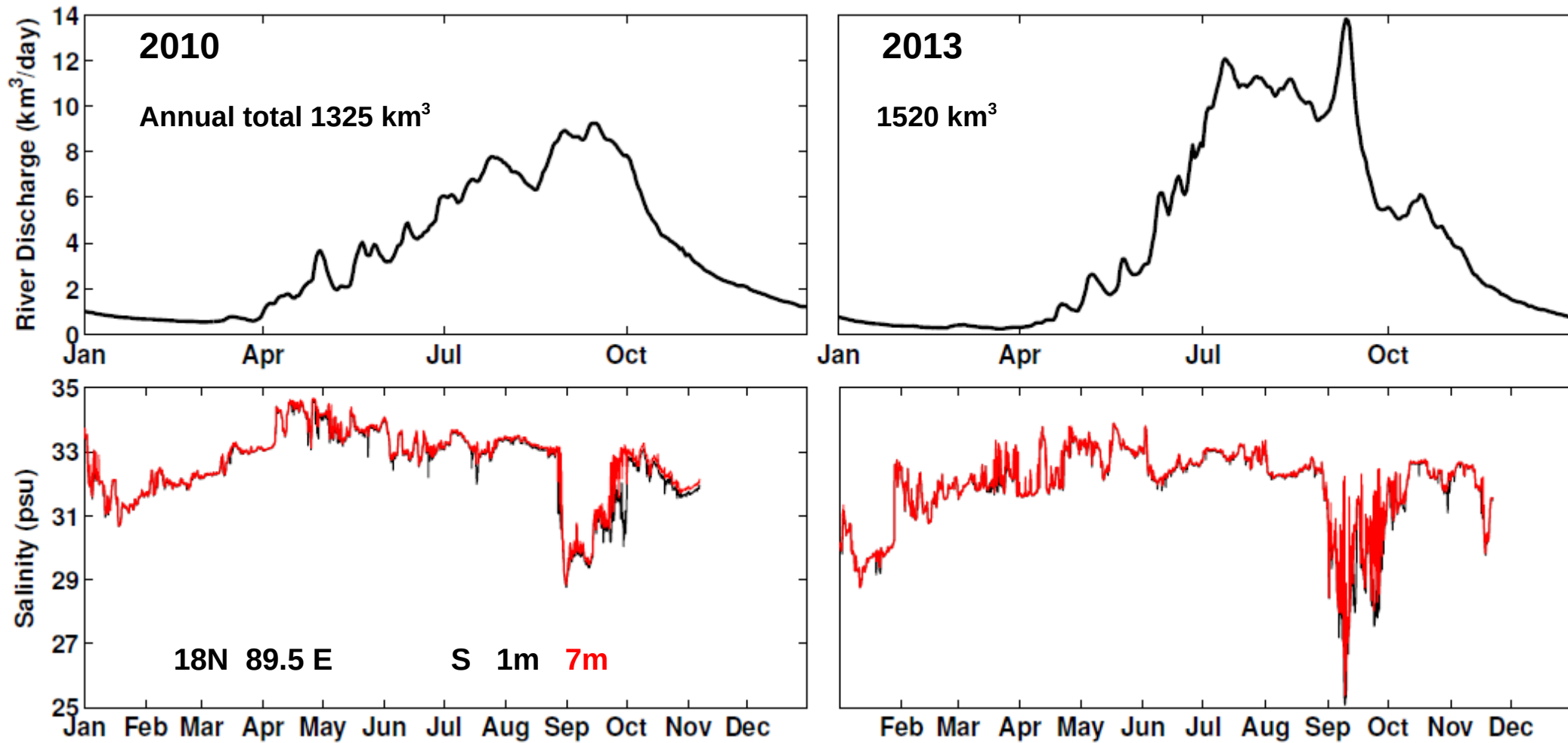
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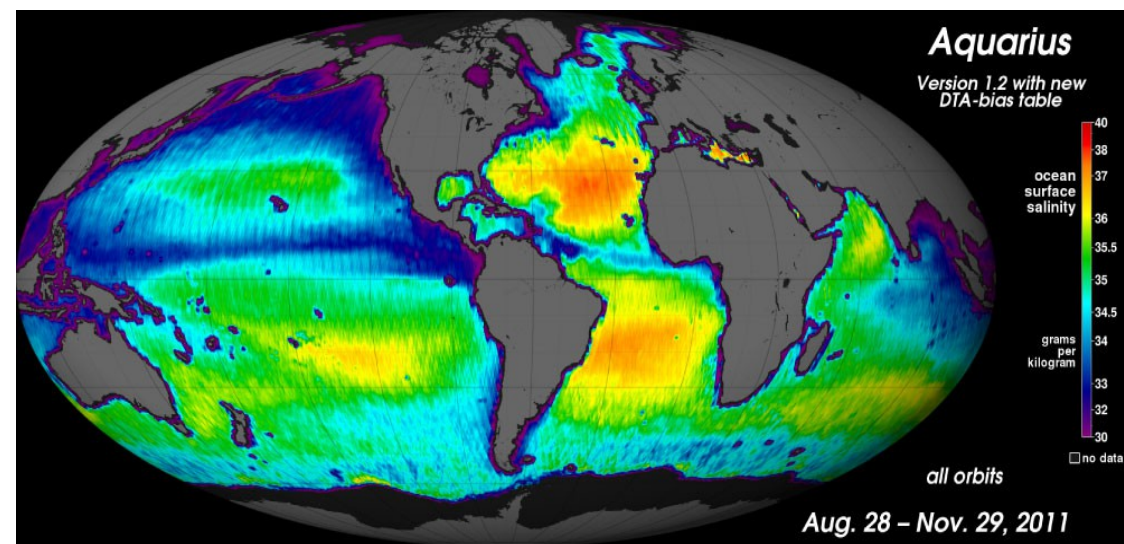
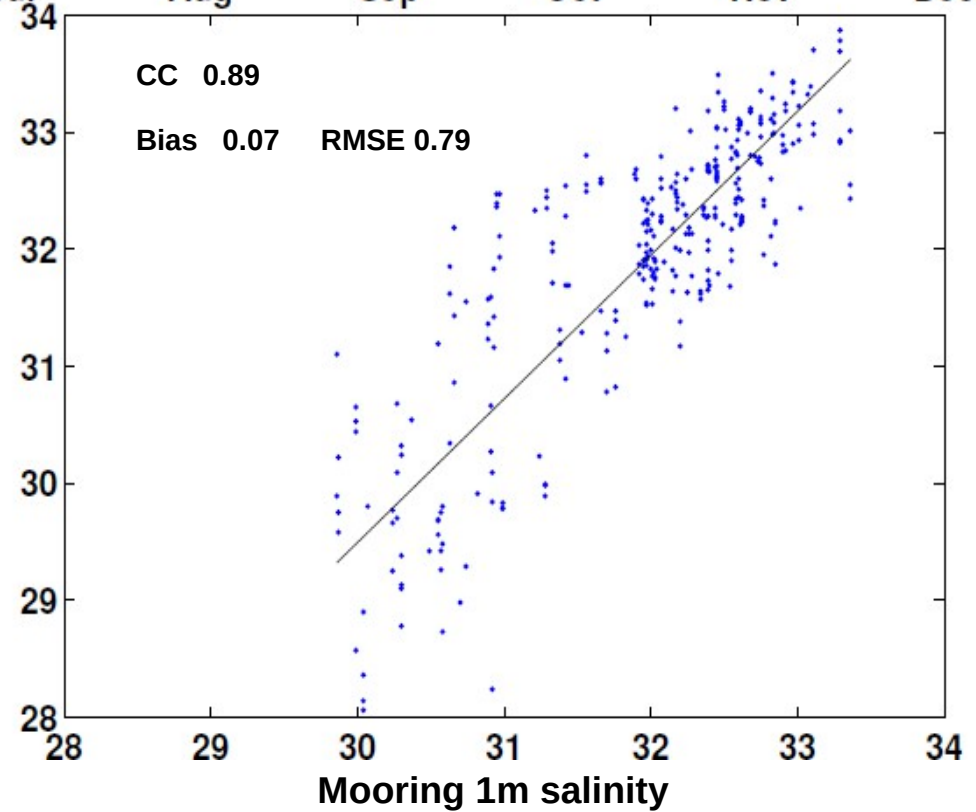
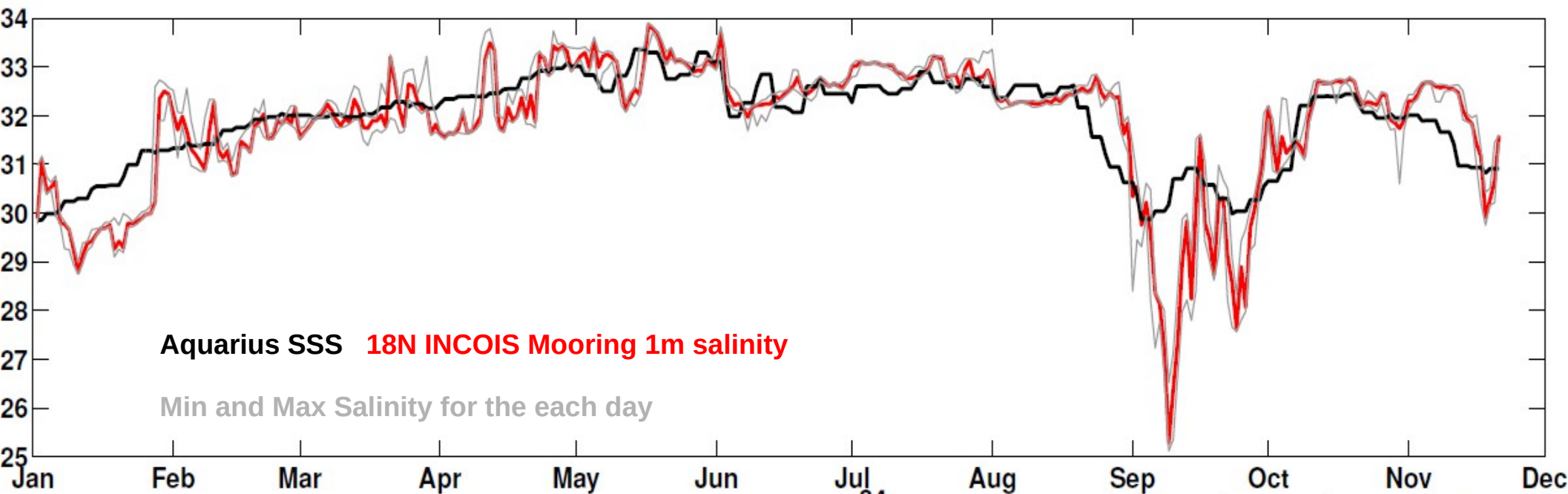
# River water at INCOIS Mooring

## Ganga-Brahmaputra daily river discharge and salinity at 18N 89.5E

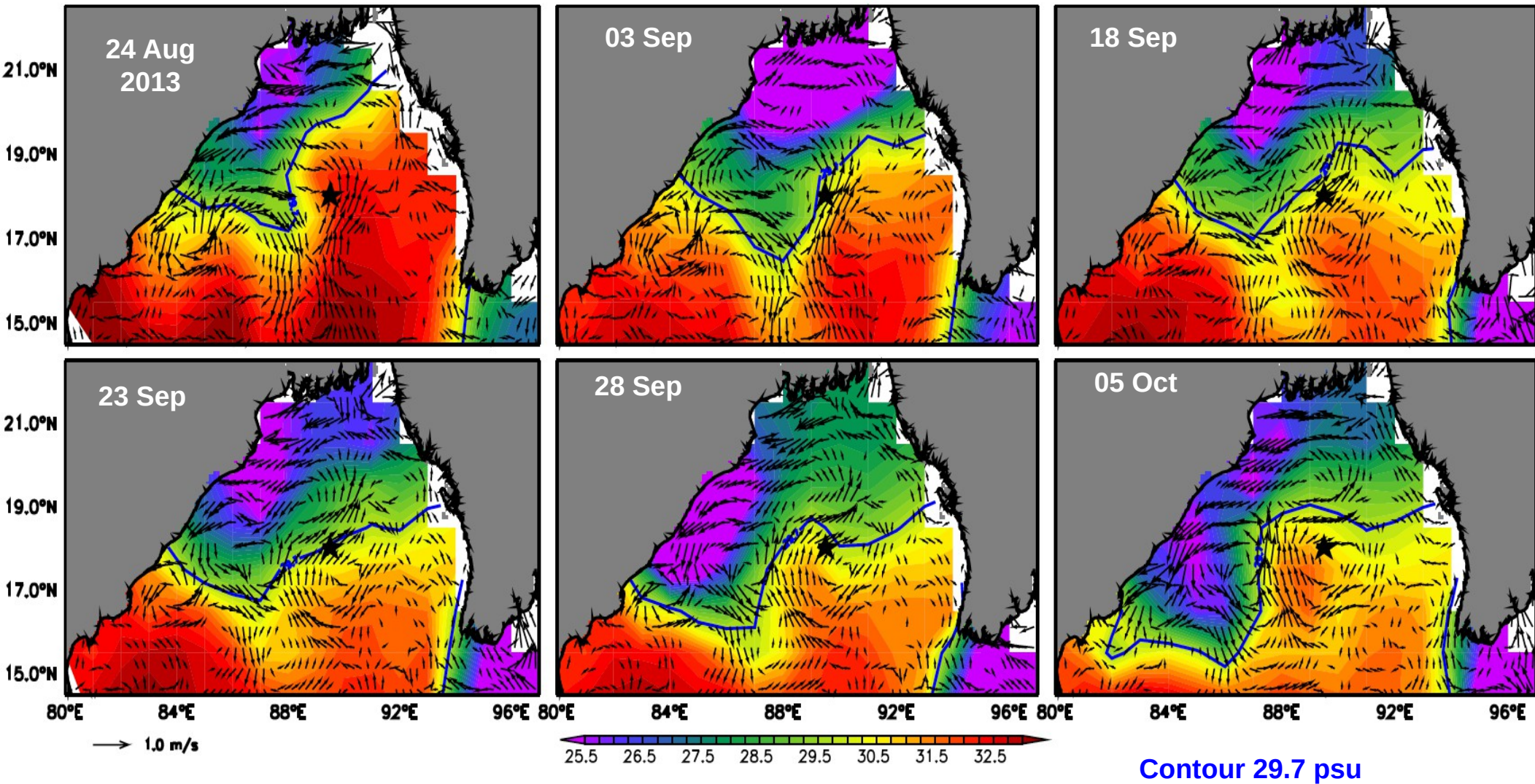


Discharge data courtesy: Bangladesh Univ. Engg. Tech., Fabrice Papa

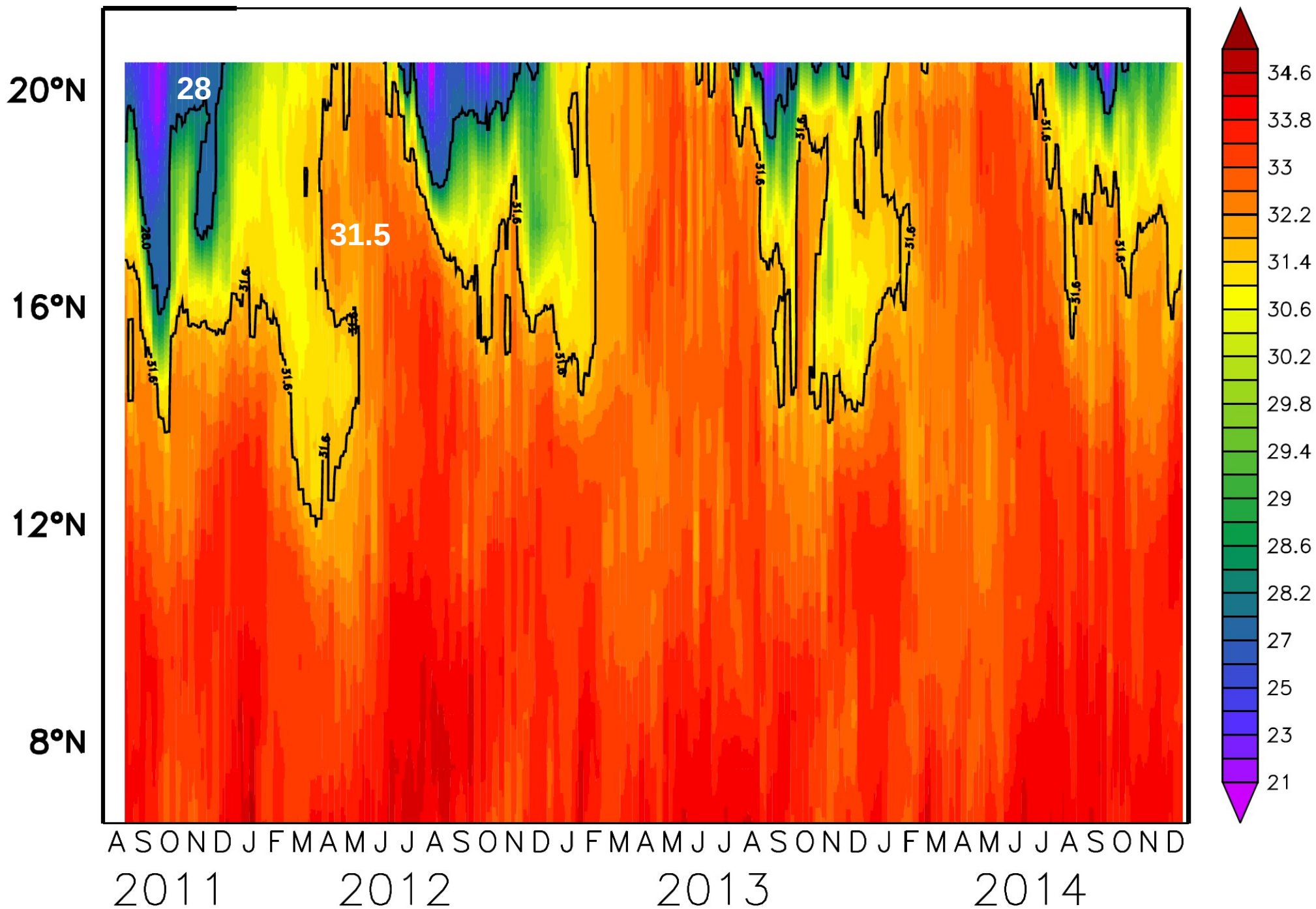
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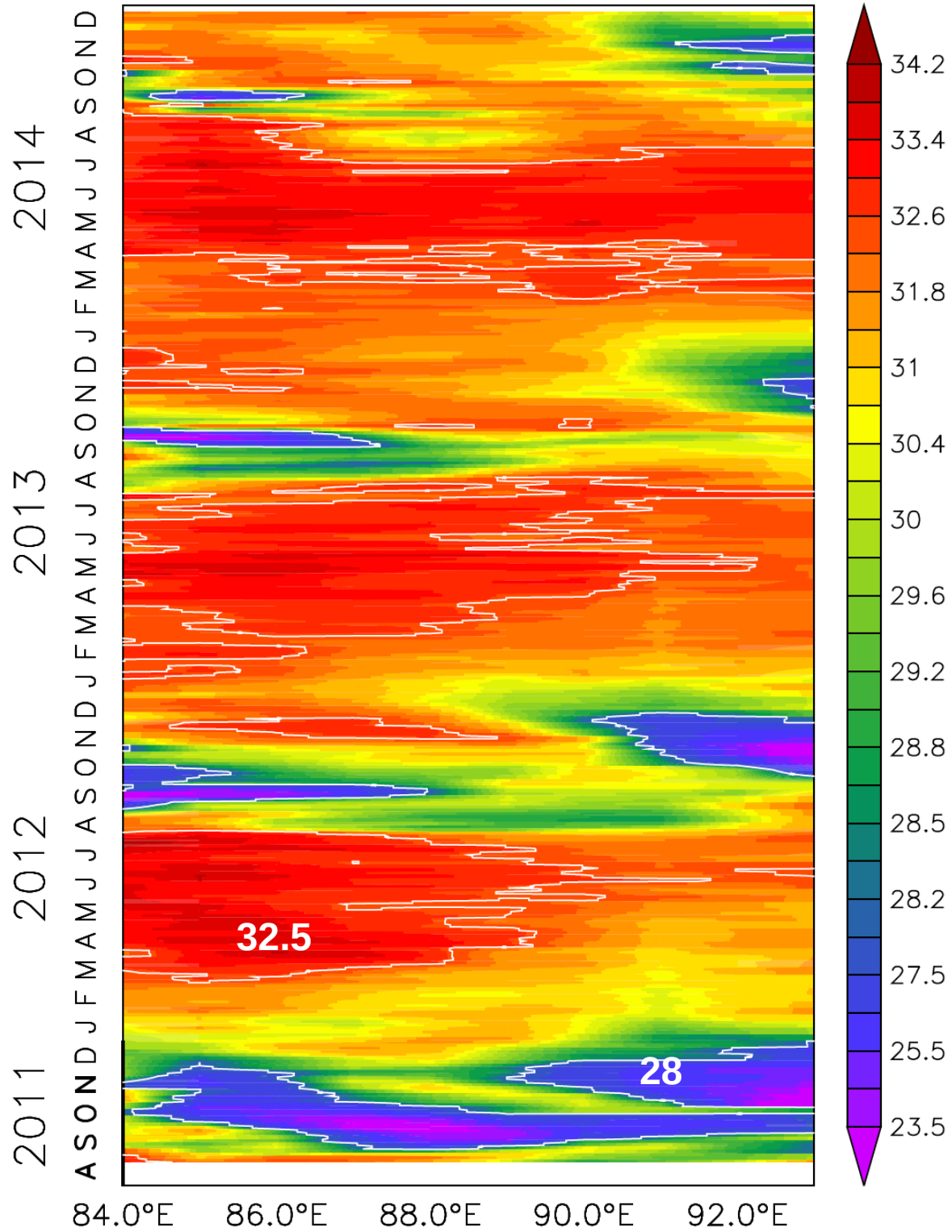


# Pathway of river water: Aquarius SSS and AVISO Geostrophic currents Aug-Oct 2013



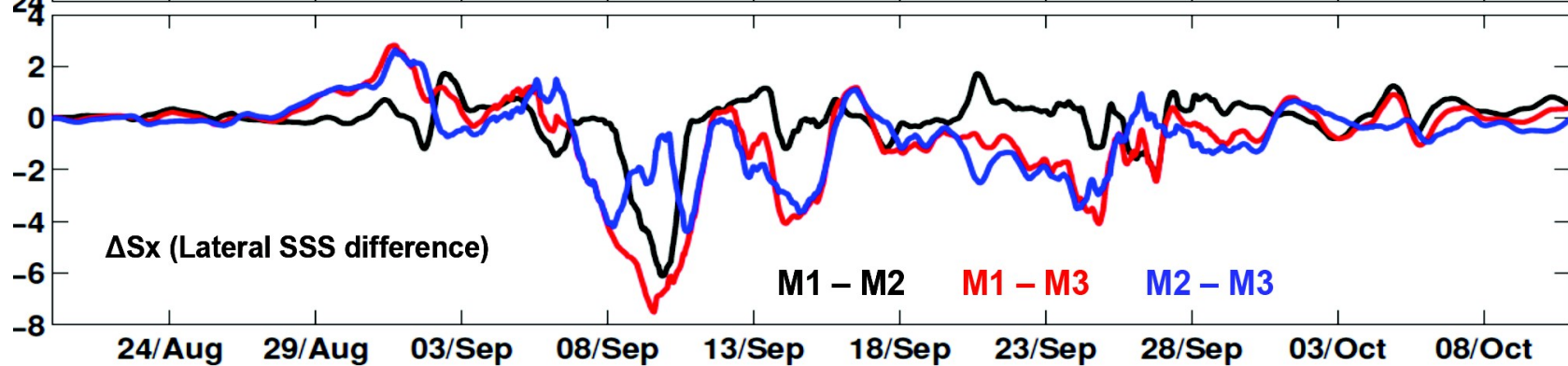
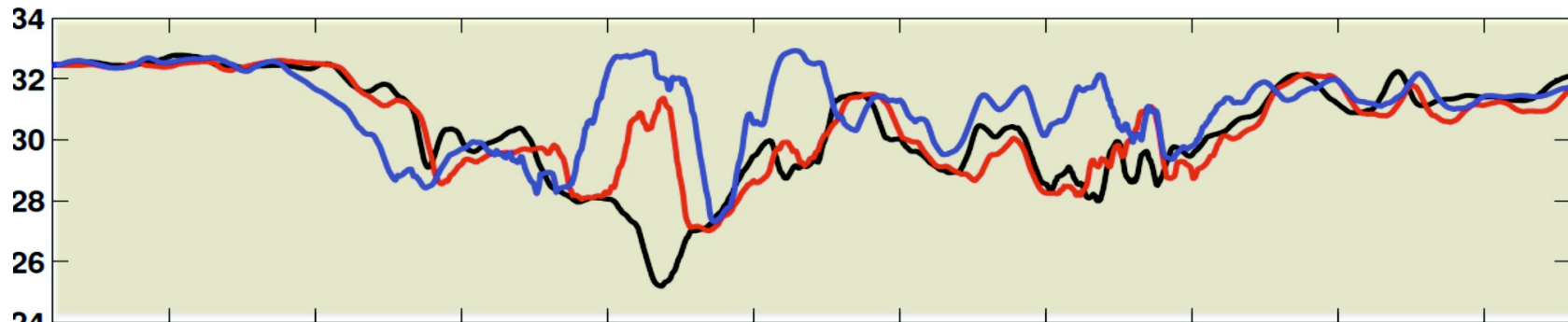
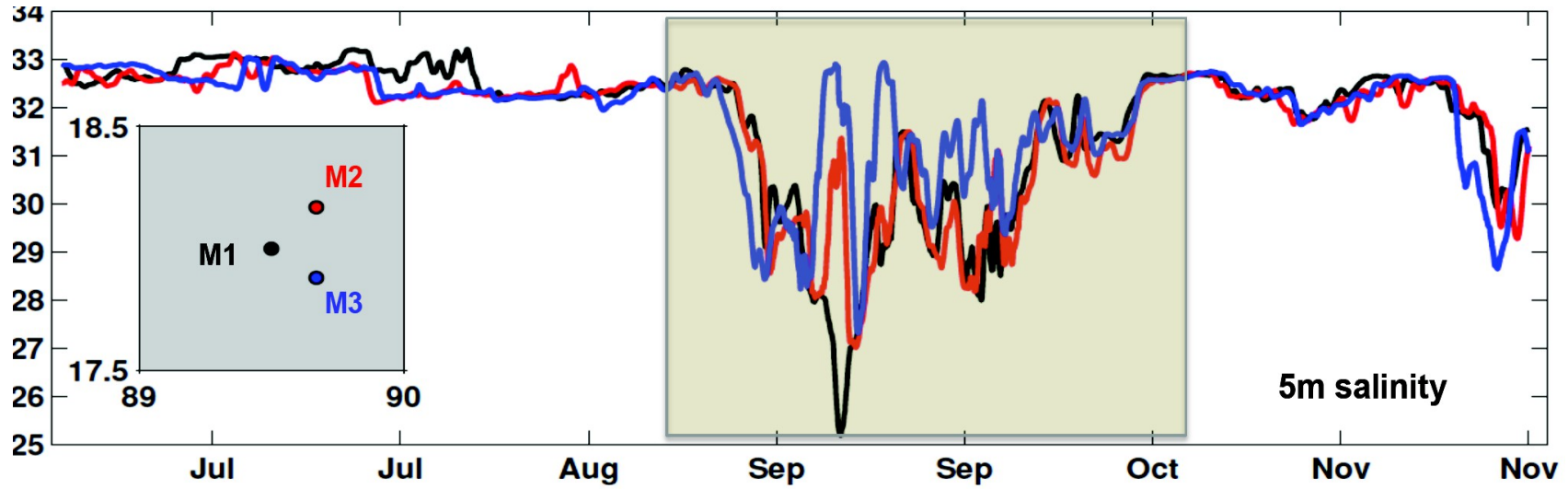
# Aquarius sea surface salinity along 89.5 E



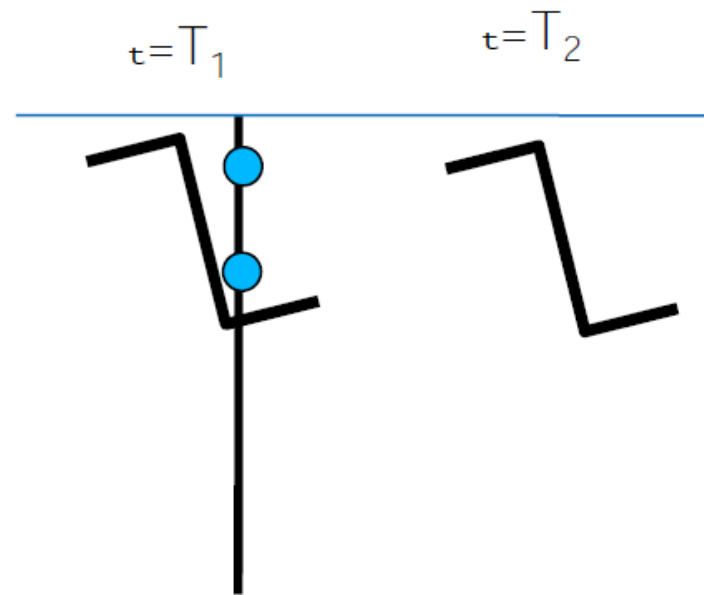


**Aquarius SSS along 18N**

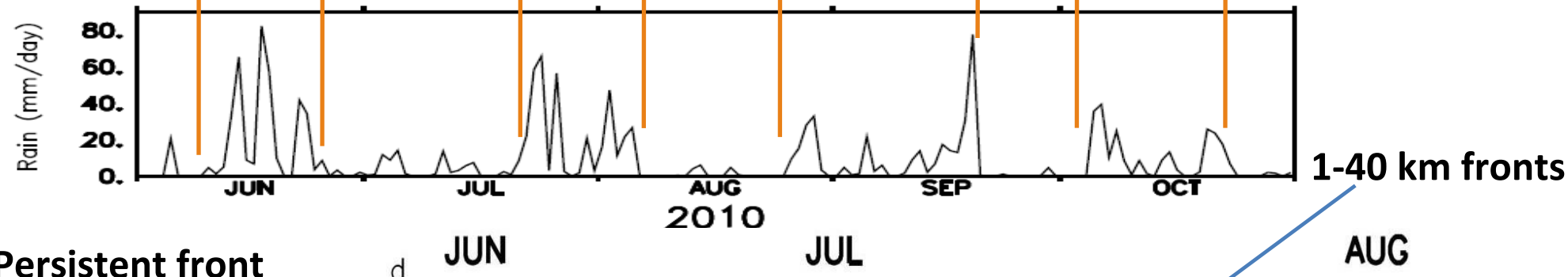
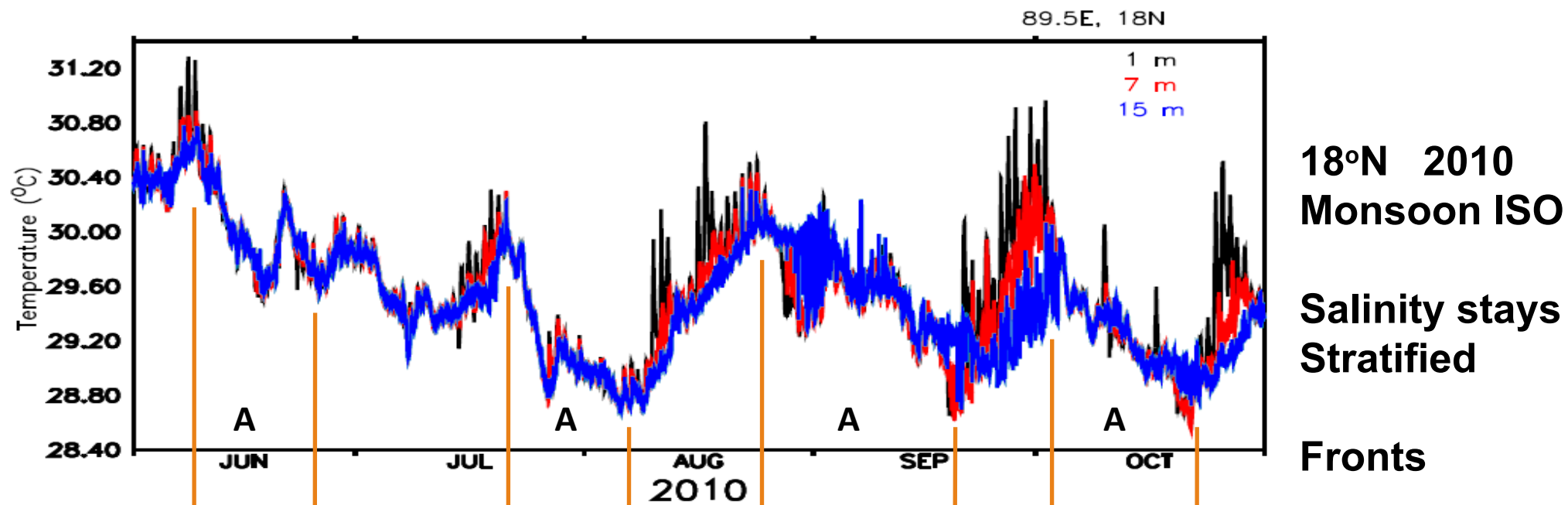
# Small scale salinity gradients BoB Observatory 2013



## G. I. Taylor's "frozen" field hypothesis:

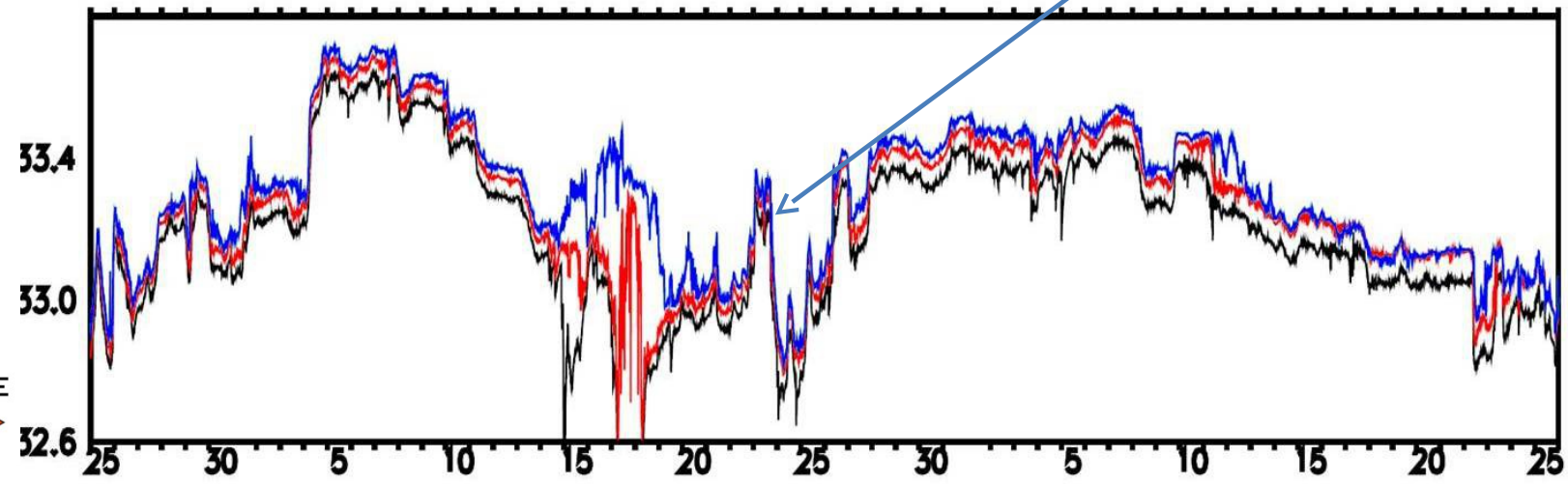
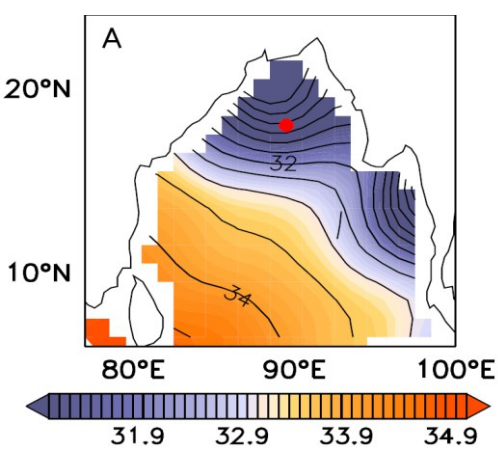


$$dS/dt=0, \quad \text{i.e. } \partial S/\partial t = -u\partial S/\partial x$$



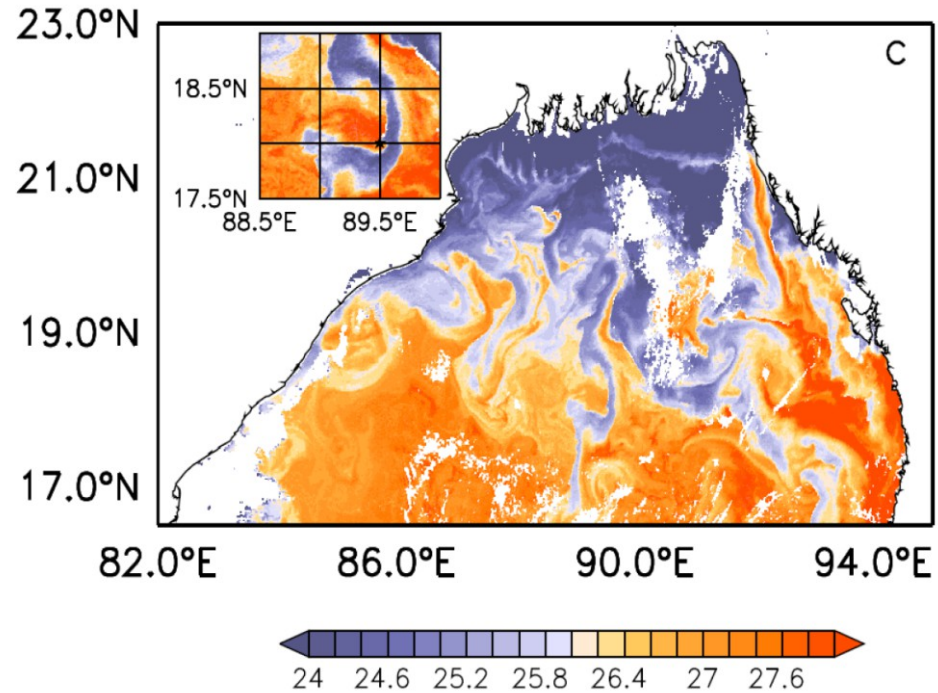
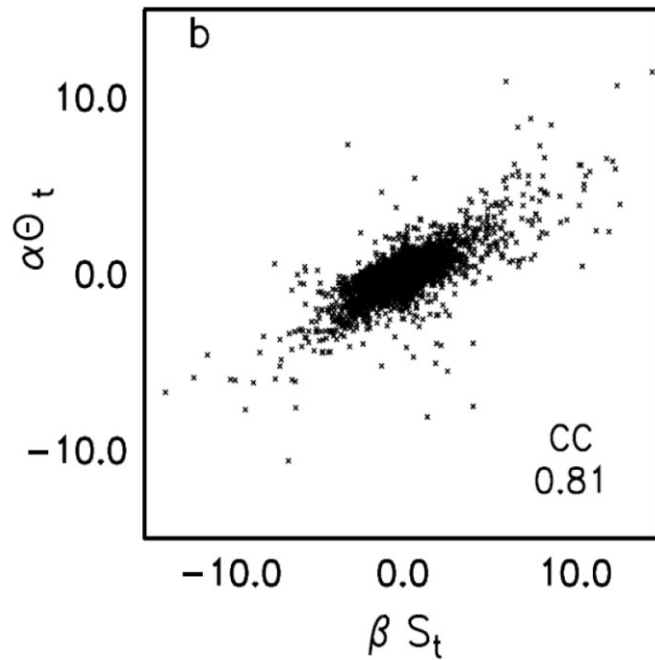
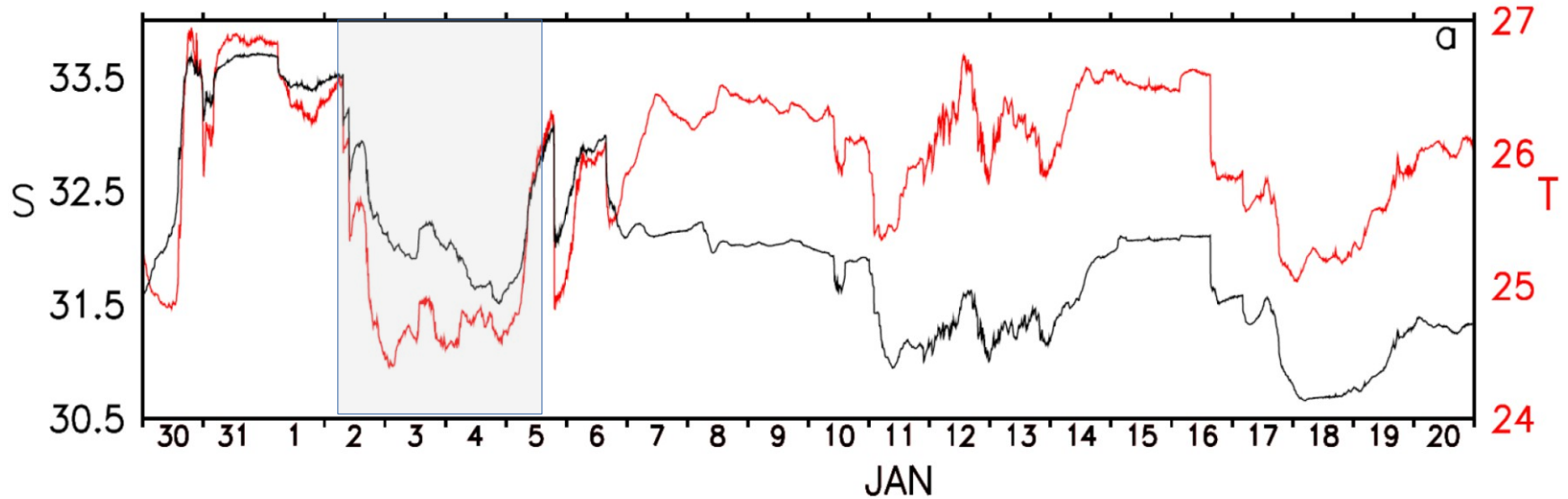
Persistent front

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# Salinity dominated sub-mesoscale (1-20 km) fronts



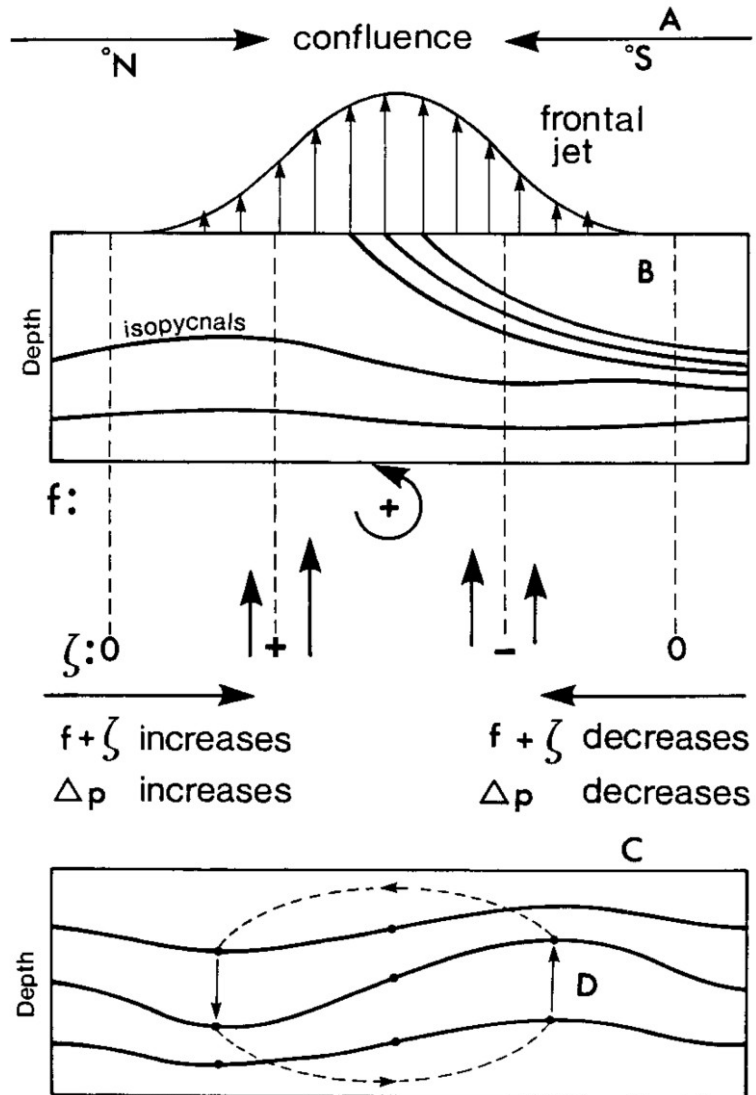
Baroclinic Rossby radius north Bay  $\sim 50$  km;  $1 \text{ psu } \Delta S$  or  $-2.3^\circ\text{C } \Delta \theta$  implies  $0.075 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} \Delta \rho$

# Submesoscale processes

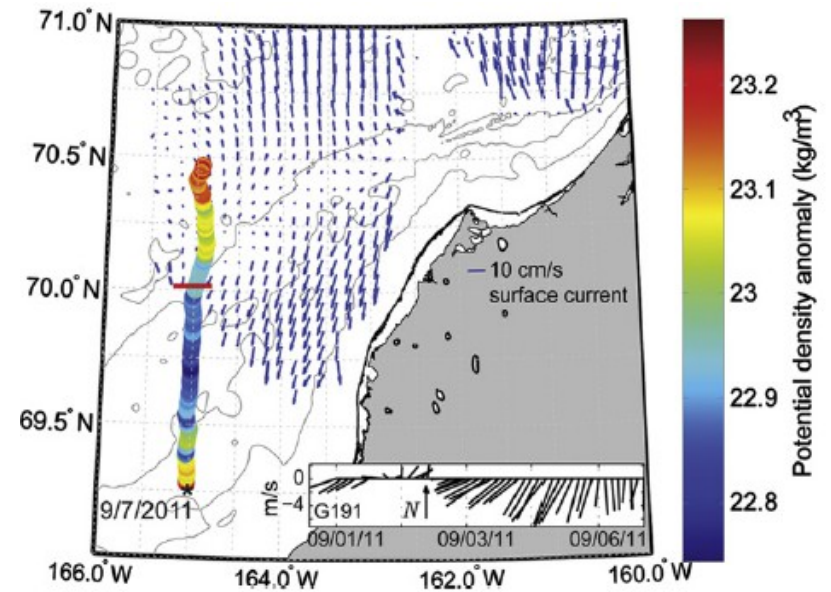
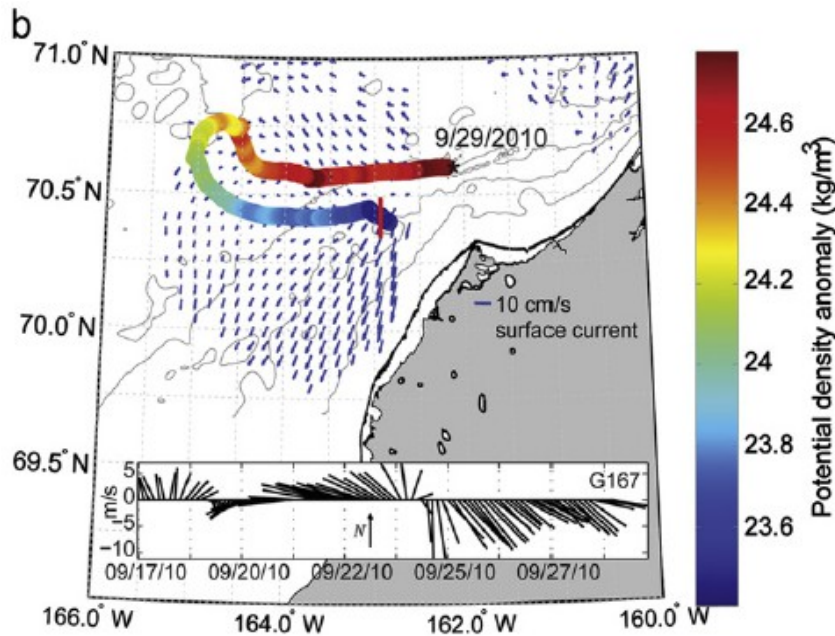
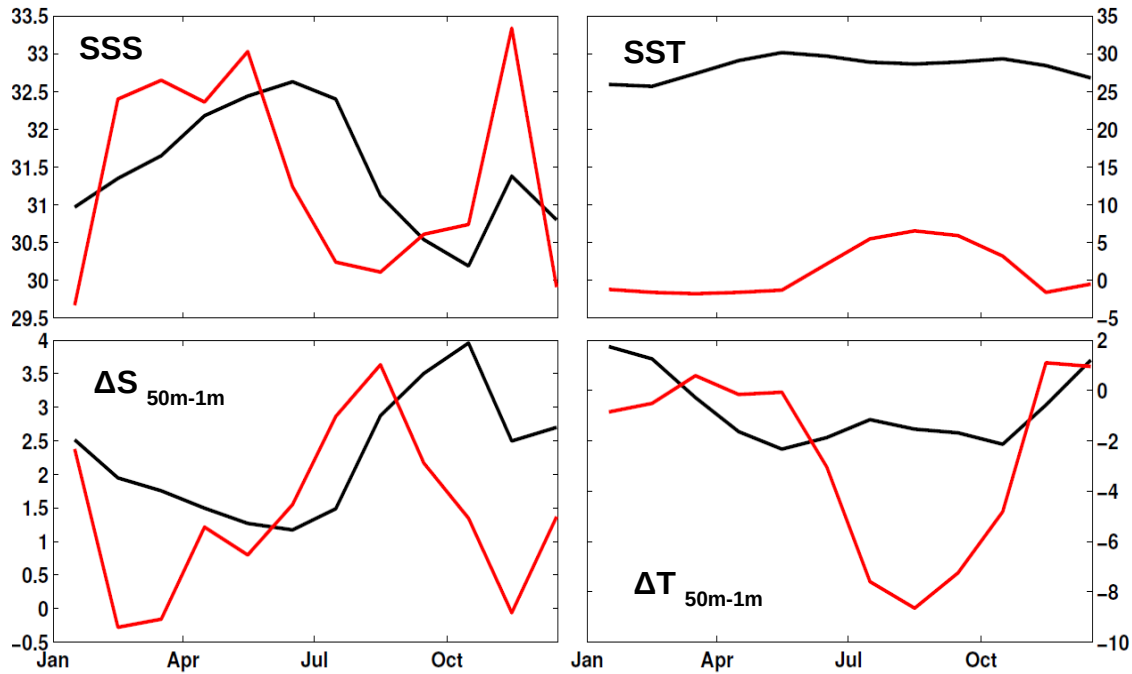
- Distinct from quasi-geostrophic mesoscale processes and internal gravity waves.
- Particularly dominant in the upper ocean due to lateral buoyancy gradients, associated surface frontogenesis, weak stratification, smaller Rossby radii.
- $O(1)$  Rossby and Burger numbers consistent with small PV where horizontal gradients contribute; largely hydrostatic.  
$$U / fL = 1 \text{ and } NH / fL = 1$$
  
leads to bulk  $Ri = U / NH = 1$ .
- What if the horizontal gradients are modified by confluence?

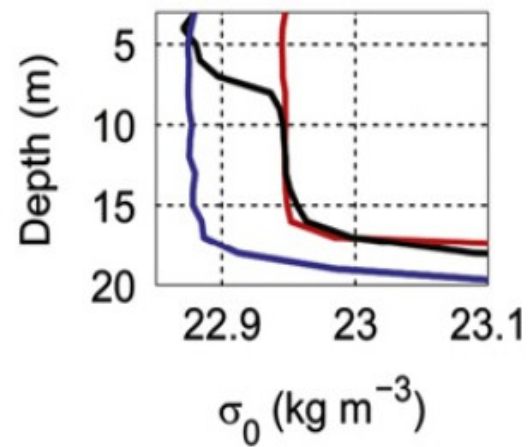
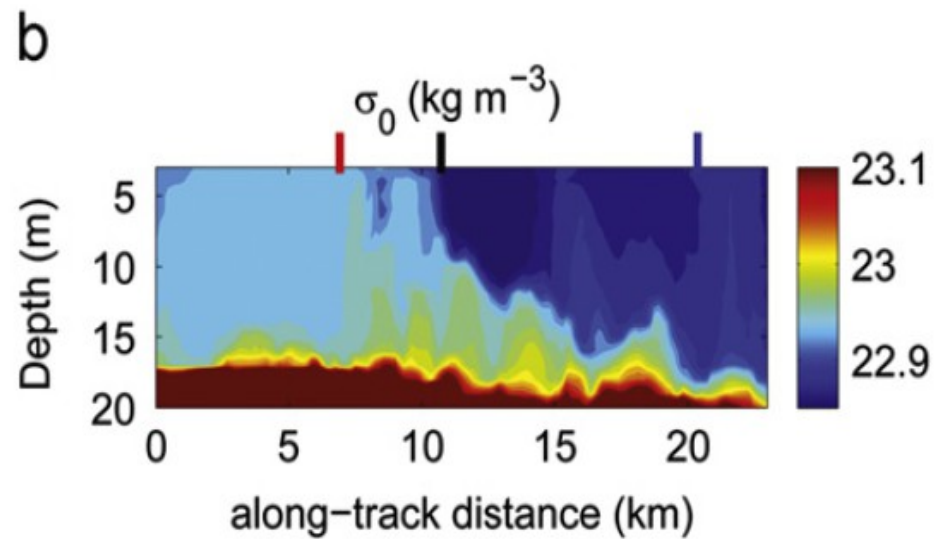
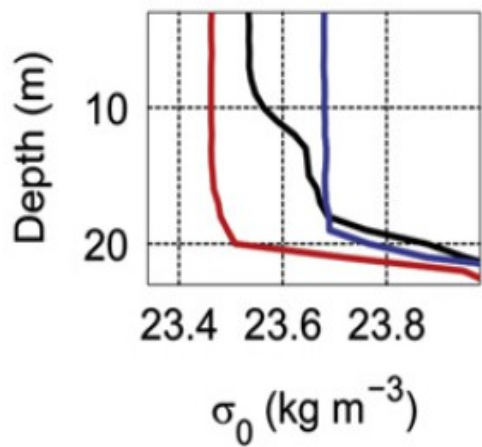
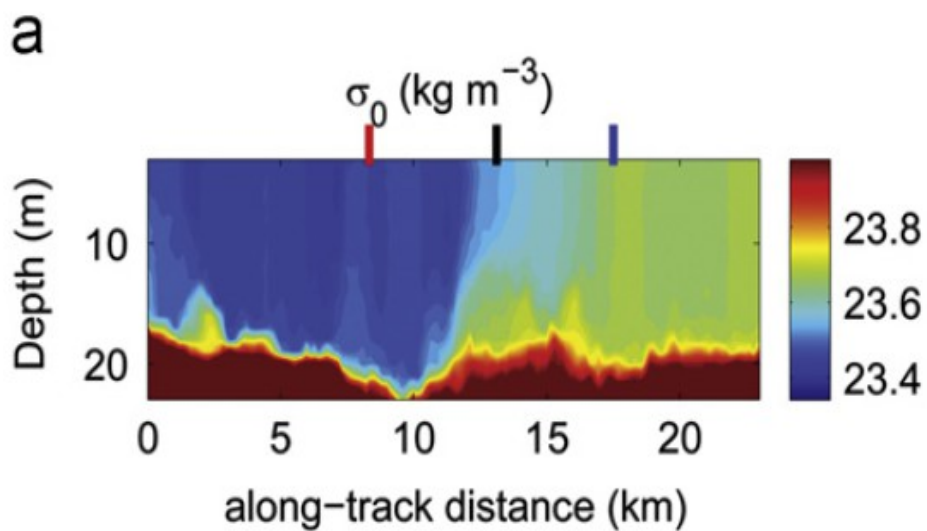
# FRONTS

## Slumping at sub-mesoscale fronts creates stratification



Downwelling on the dense side of the front and upwelling on the less dense side.



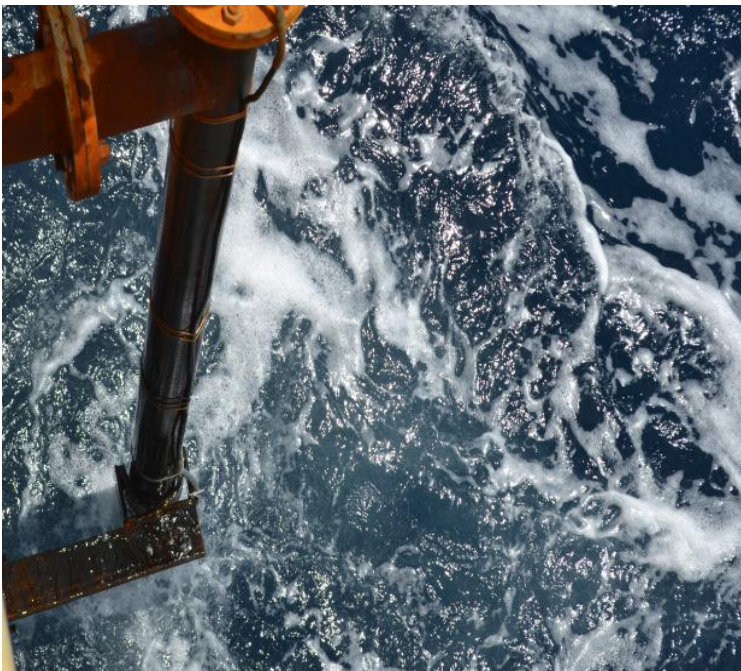


**Slumping at fronts creates shallow stratification**

# OMM Sagar Nidhi Aug-Sep 2014

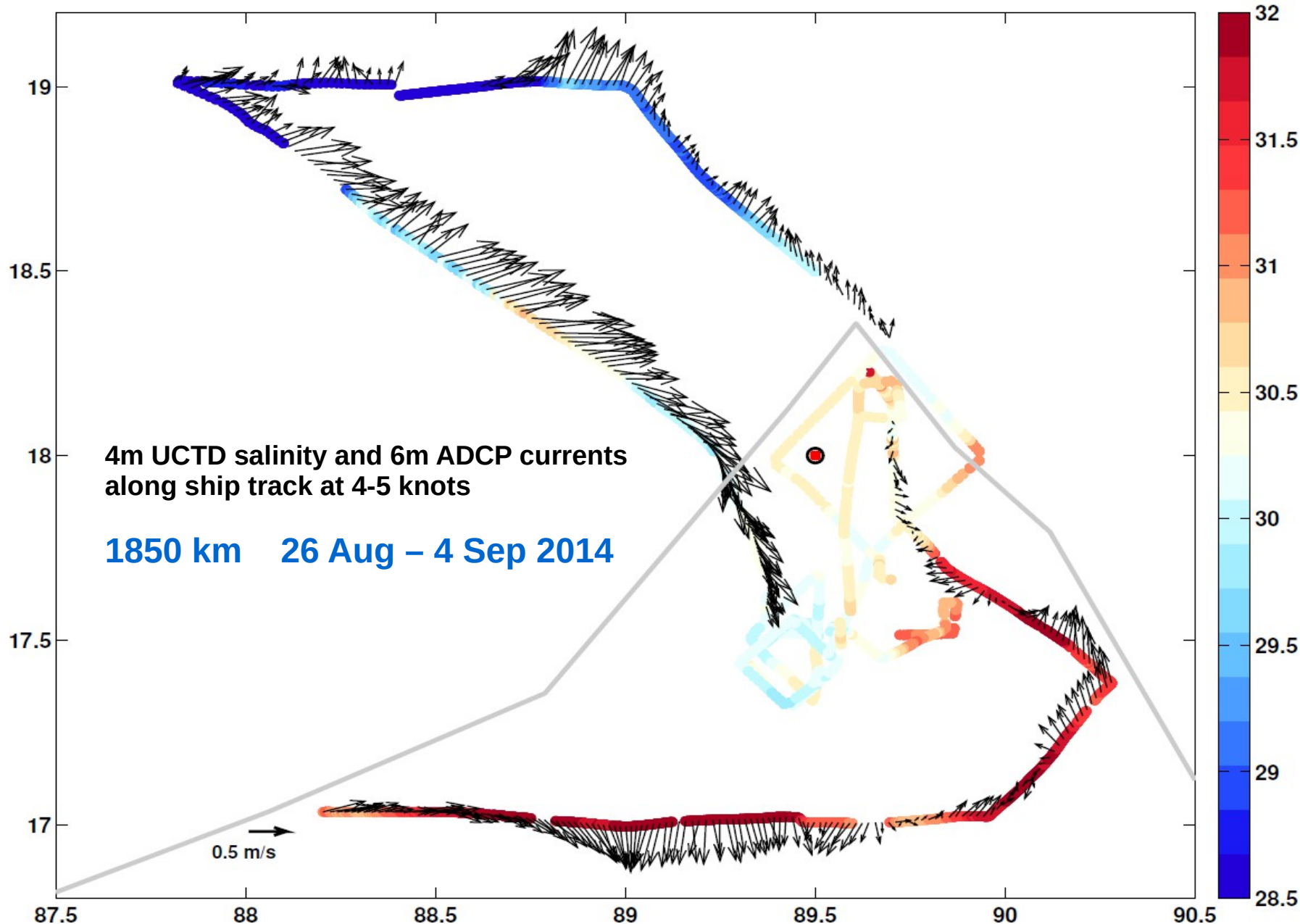
300 kHz over the side Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler (ADCP)

resolution 270 m 2 m, 6-80 m



Underway CTD

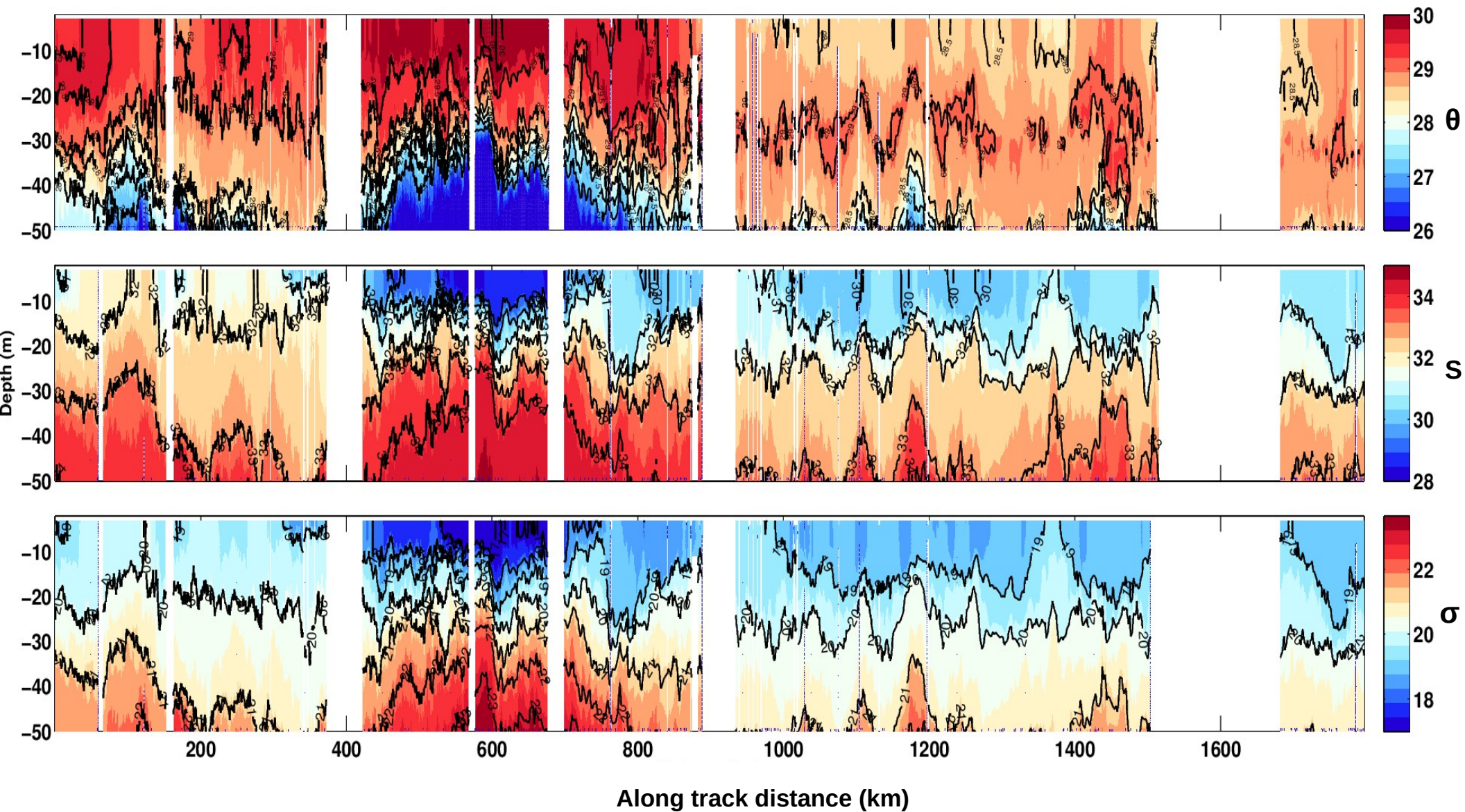




**Summer SN88 cruise track decided in real time based on satellite (SSH, currents, SSS) and model inputs**

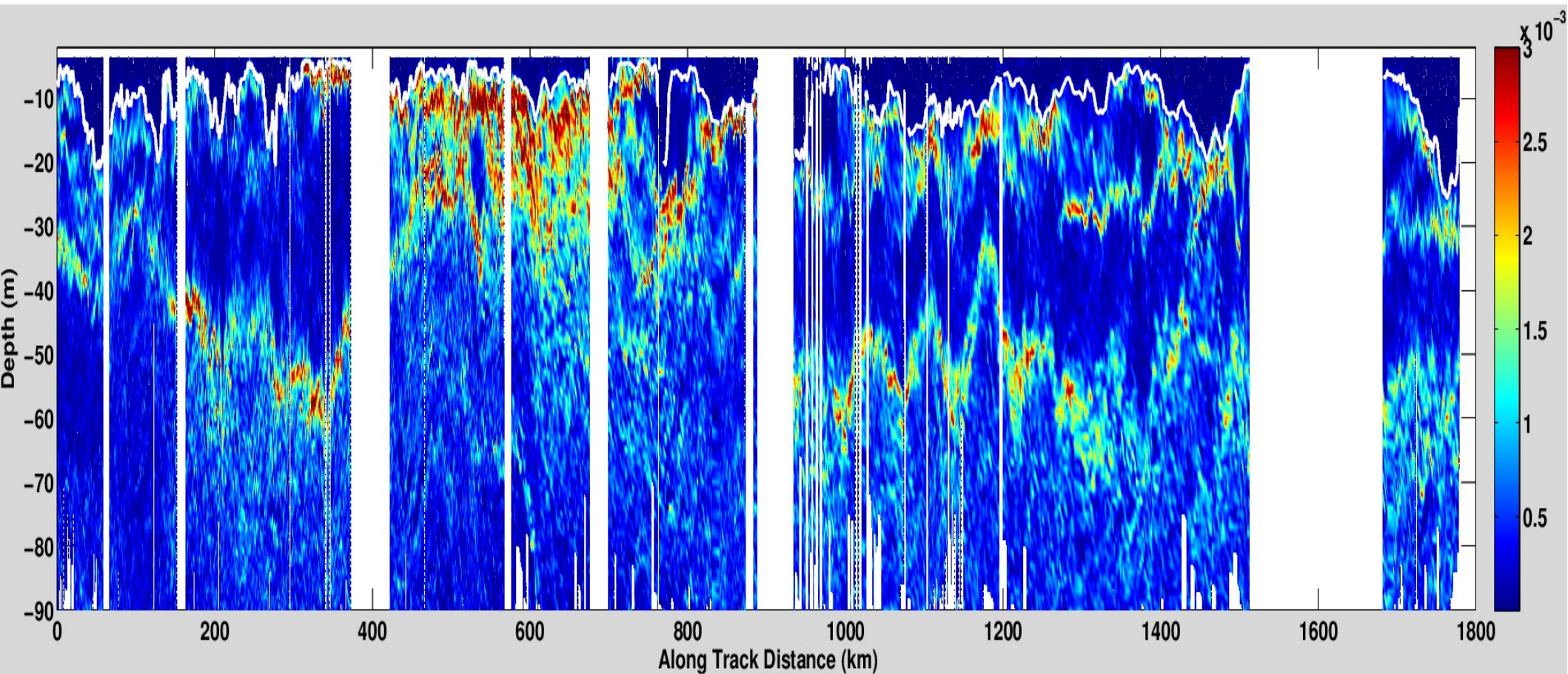
# 1800 km of underway CTD at 4-5 knots; total 1880 profiles

0-560 km : profile every 3 minutes, 470 m horizontal res; 1 m vertical res  
560-1800 km : profile every 10 minutes, 1370 m horizontal res;

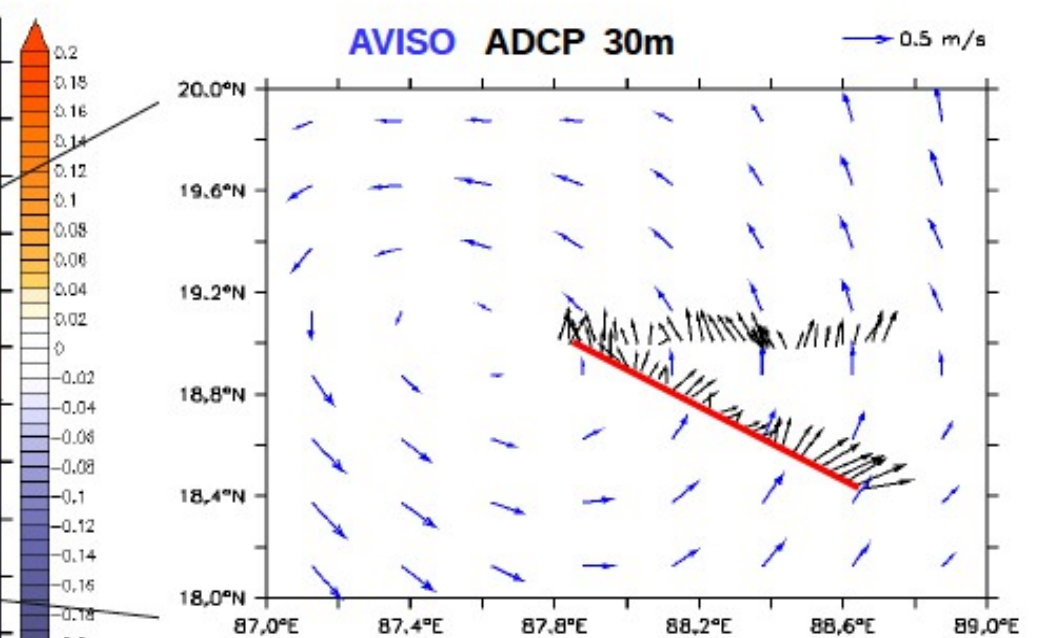
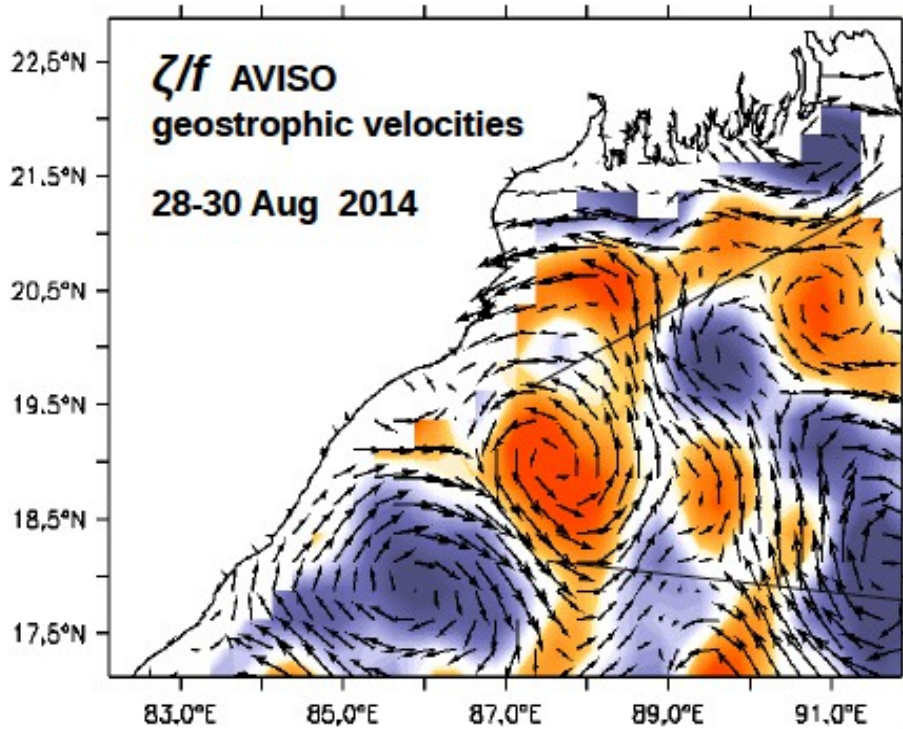




Brunt Vaisala Frequency  $N^2 = -g/\rho (dp/dz)$  ( $1/s^2$ )



Mixed layer depth  $\sigma_{\text{mld}} - \sigma_{4\text{m}} > 0.03 \text{ kg/m}^3$

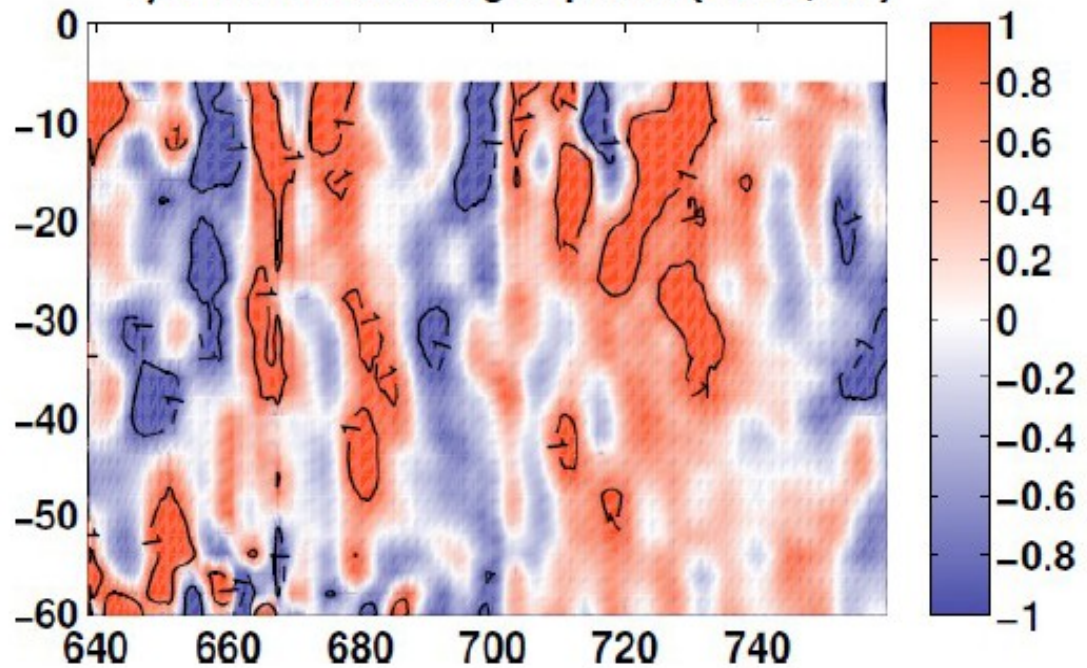


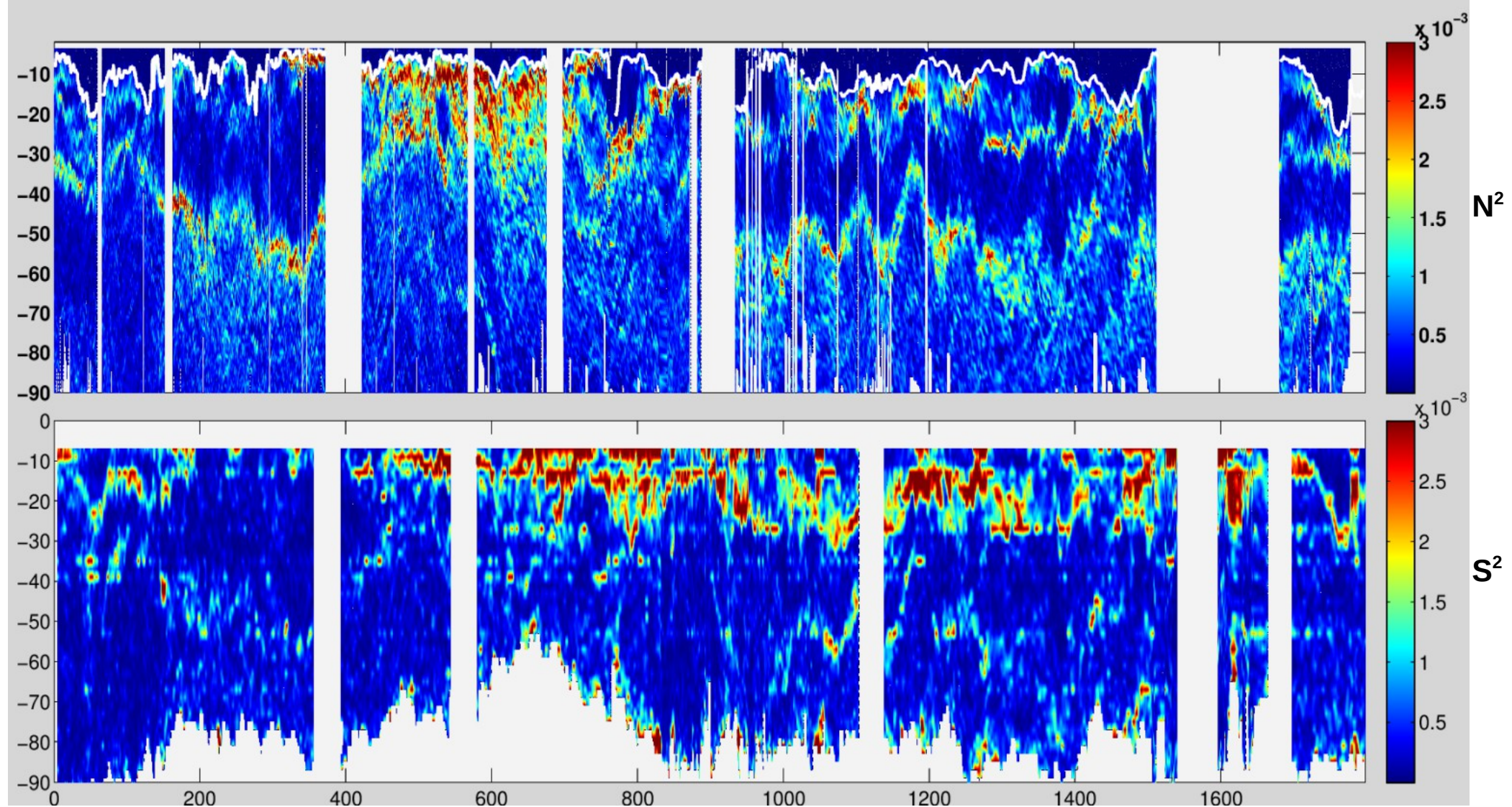
**$\zeta/f$  from ADCP along ship track (above; red)**

**$\zeta/f$**

**O(0.1-0.2) on 100 km scales**

**O(1) on 10-20 km scales**





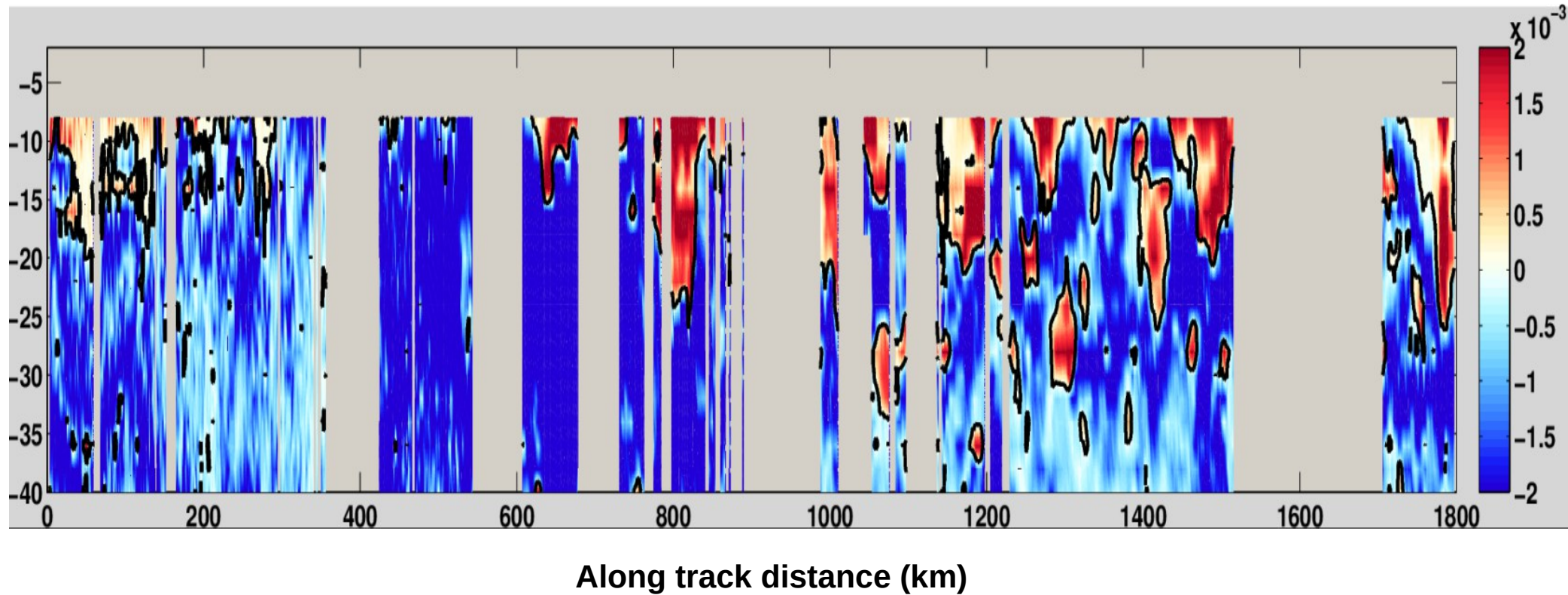
Along track distance (km)

**Brunt Vaisala Frequency**  $N^2 = -g/\rho (d\rho/dz)$   $1/s^2$

**Shear squared**  $S^2 = ((\partial u/\partial z)^2 + (\partial v/\partial z)^2)$   $1/s^2$

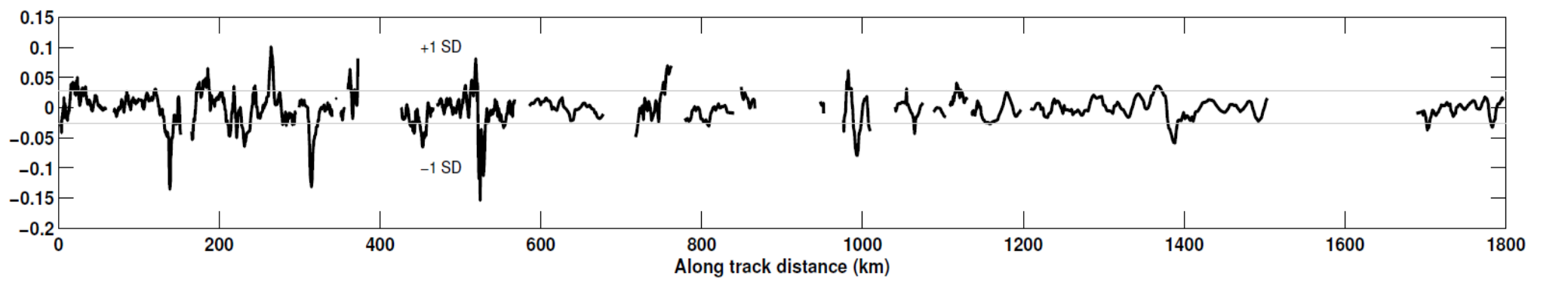
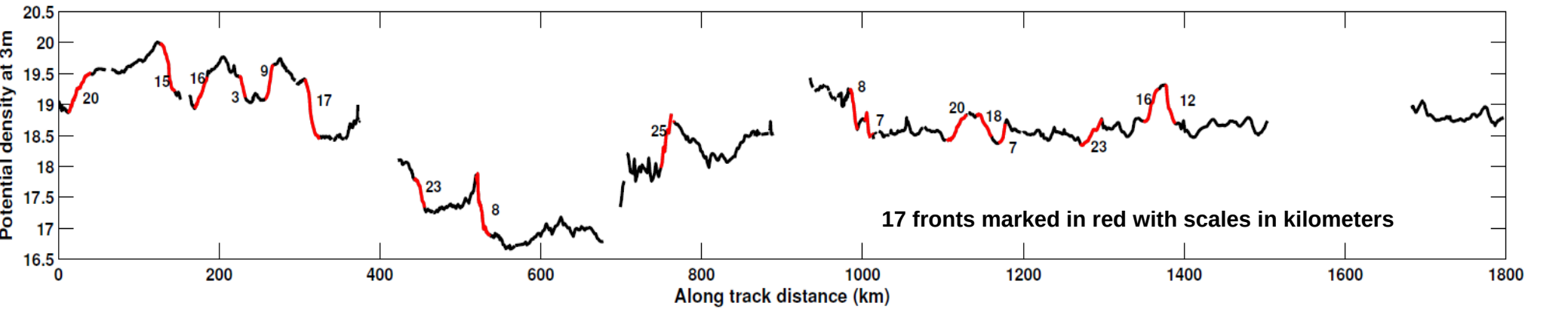
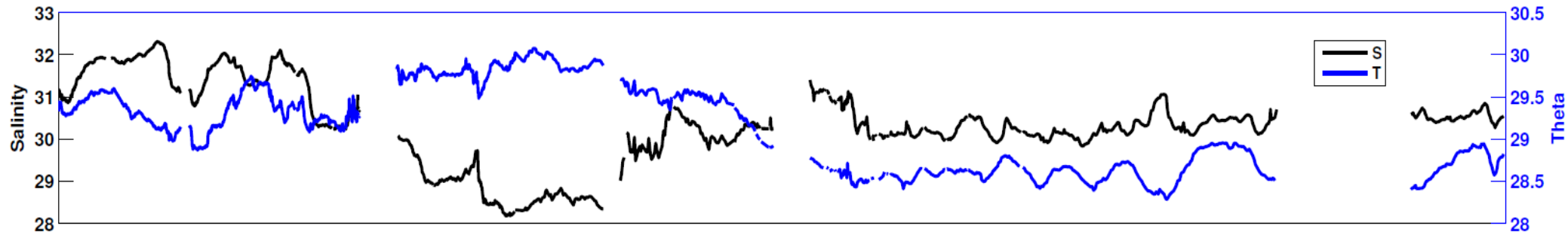
**Mixed layer depth**  $\sigma_{mld} - \sigma_{4m} > 0.03 \text{ kg/m}^3$

**Reduced Shear =  $S^2 - 4N^2$**



**Reduced shear < 0 means Richardson number > 0.25 – stable**

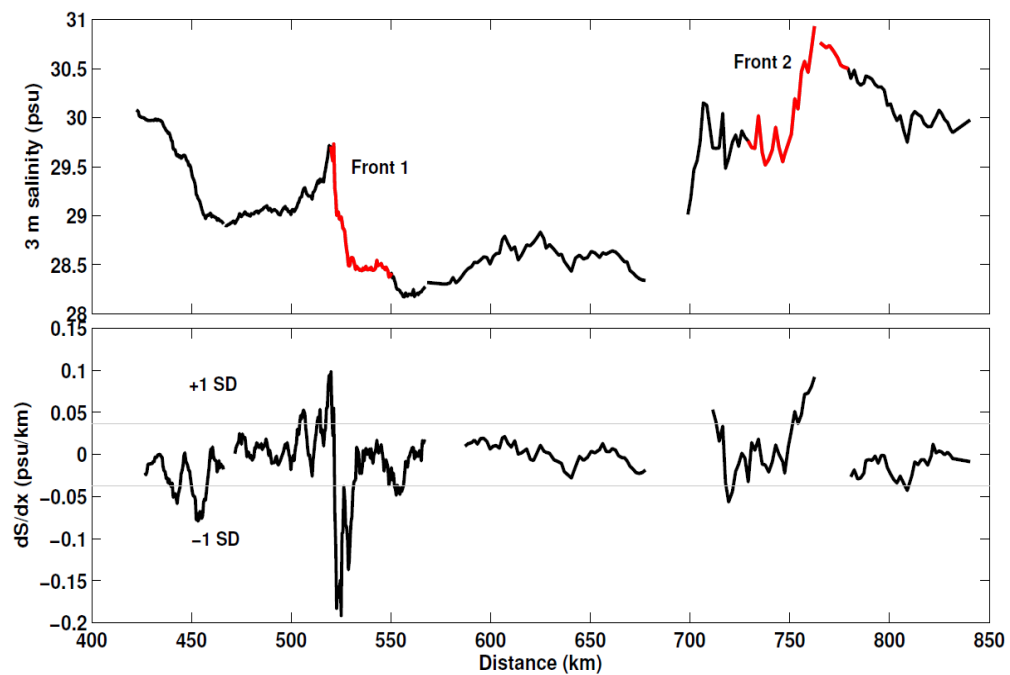
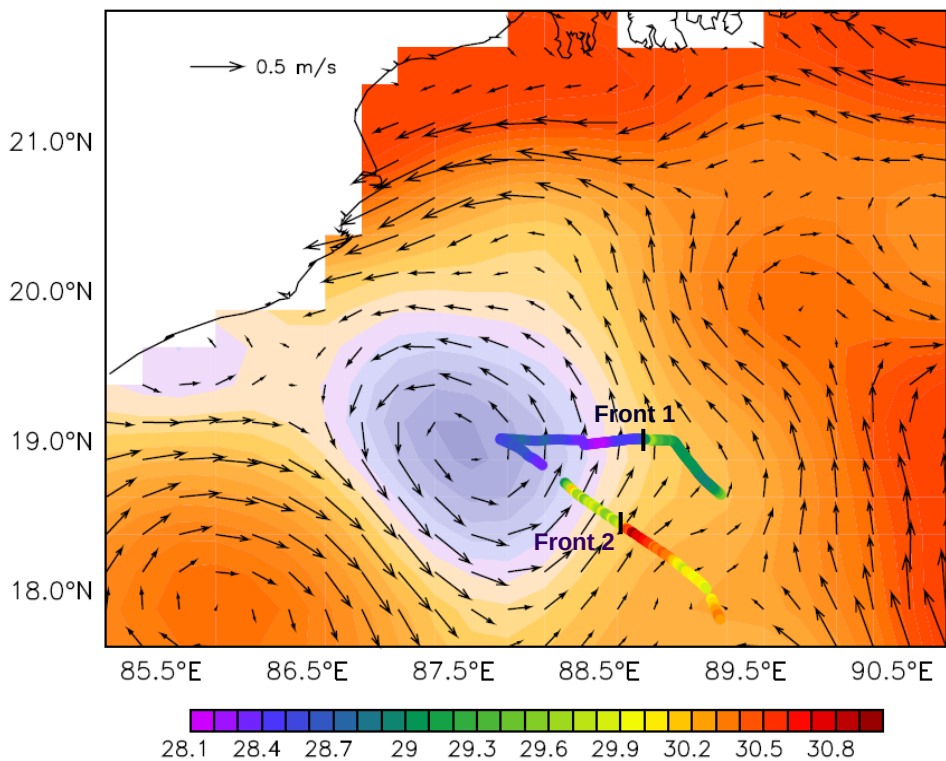
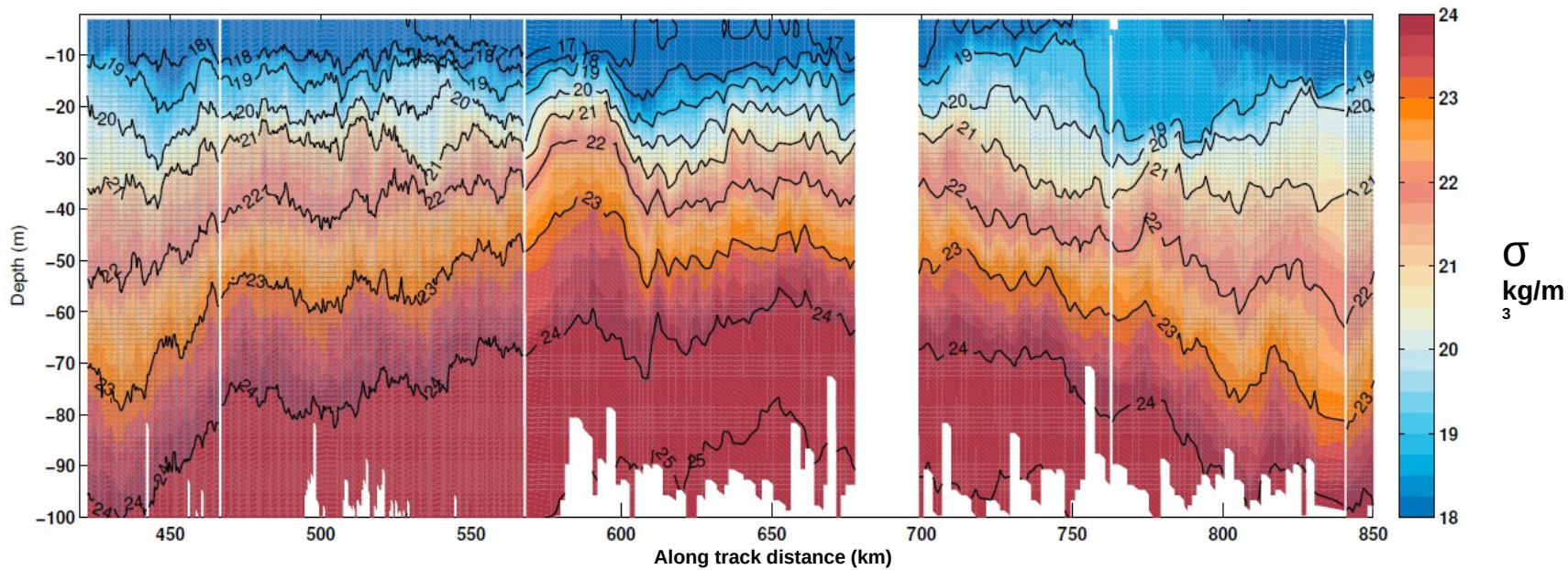
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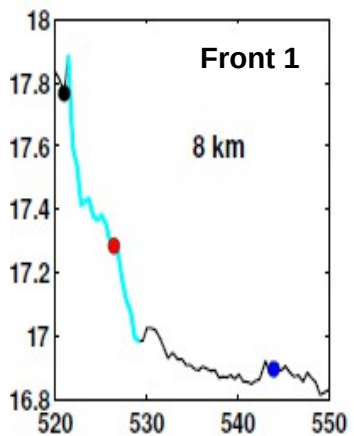
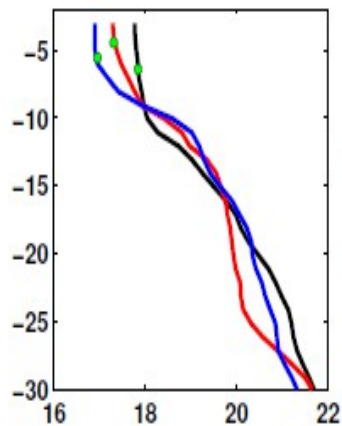
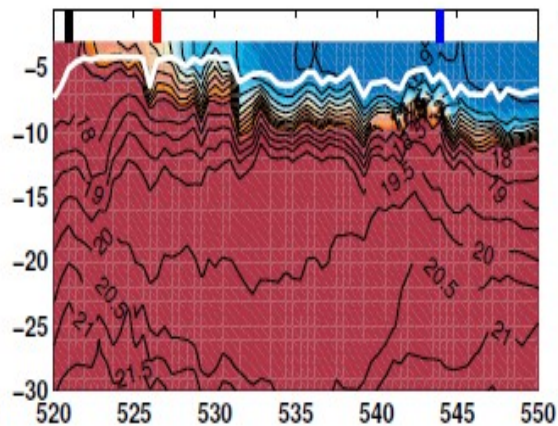
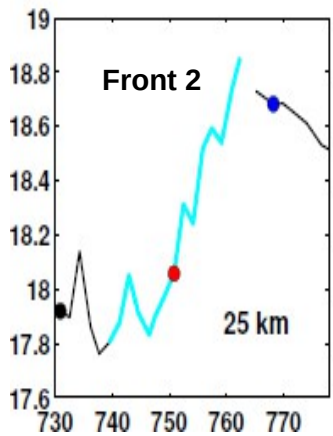
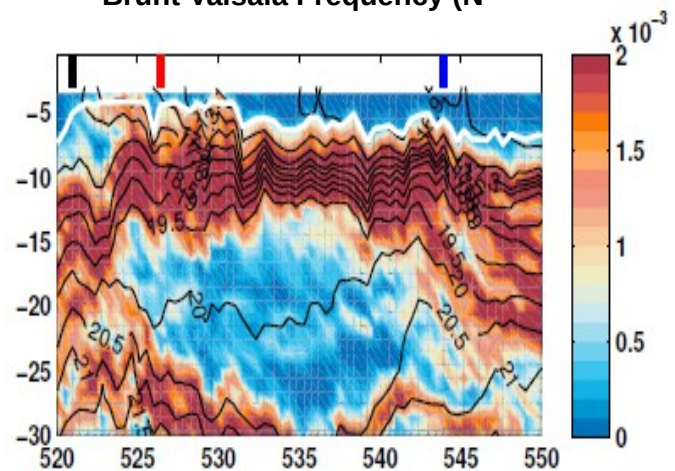
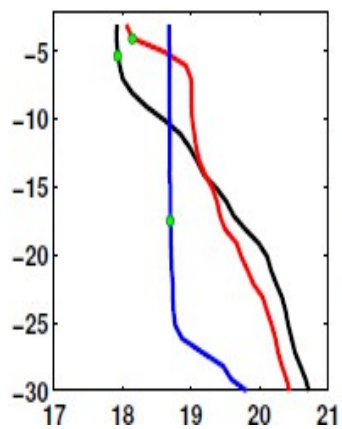
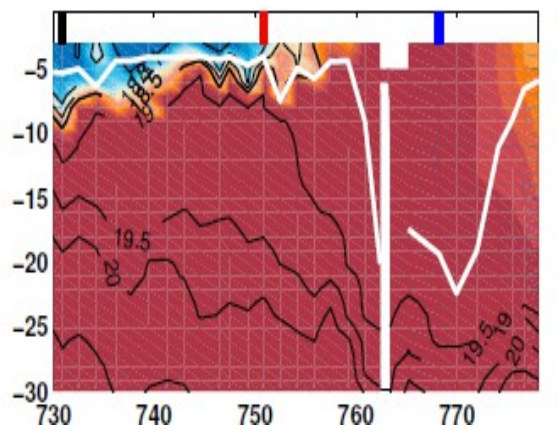
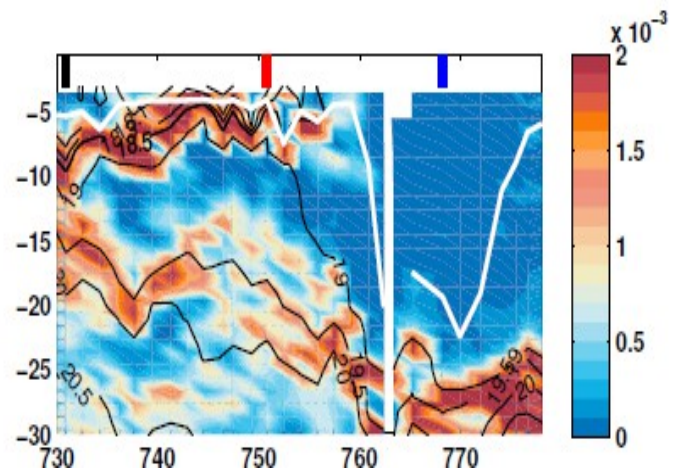
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0.3 < size < 0.5	5	10-20	6
size > 0.5	11	20-25	5

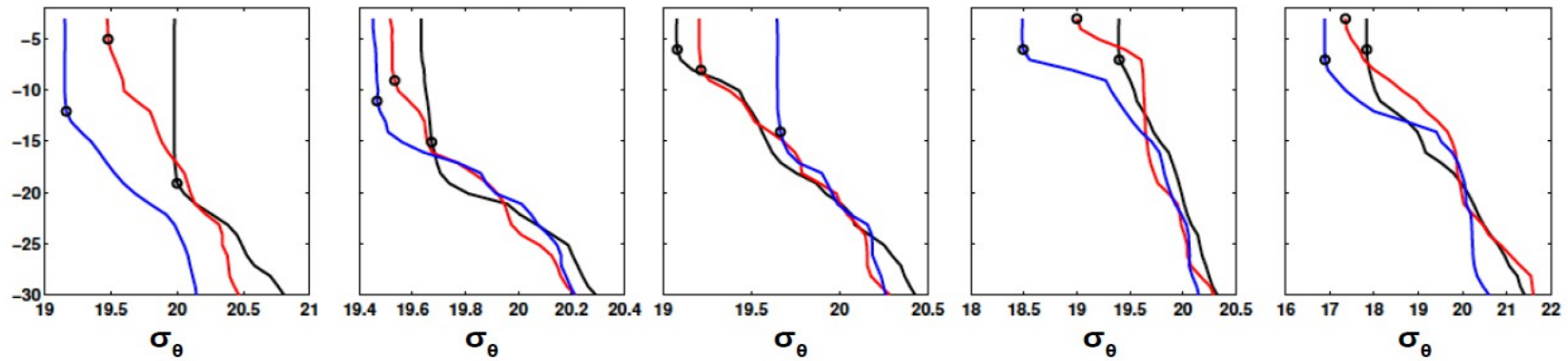
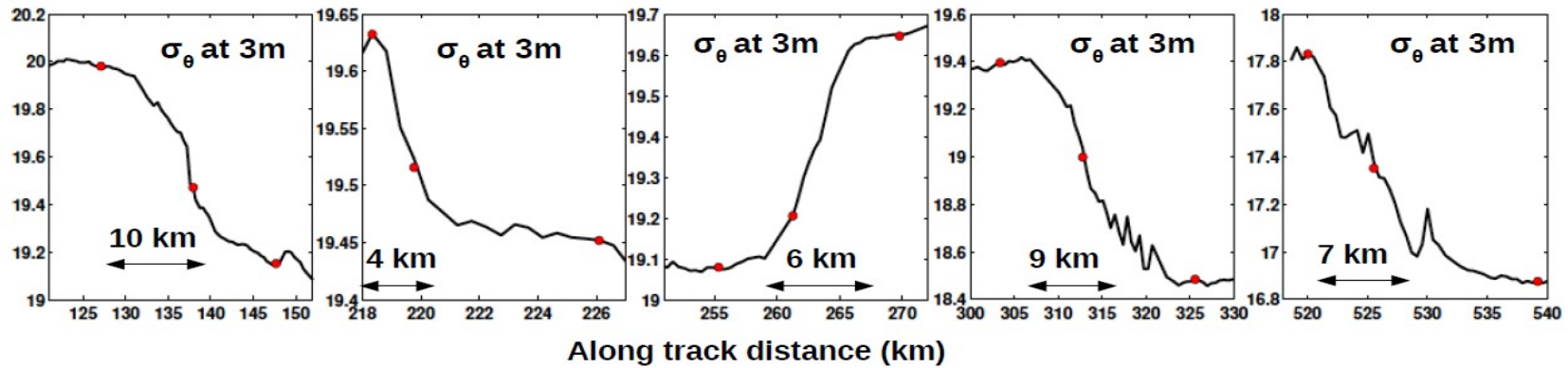
# Signature of an upwelling eddy

28 - 30 August 2014



AVISO SSH, geostrophic currents show cyclonic eddy. 3 m uctd salinity plotted along shiptrack shows fresh water trapped inside the eddy.

**3m  $\sigma_\theta$**  **$\sigma_\theta$  ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ )** **$\sigma_\theta$  ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ )****Brunt Vaisala Frequency ( $\text{N}^2$ )****Distance (km)** **$\sigma_\theta$  ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ )****Distance (km)****Distance (km)**

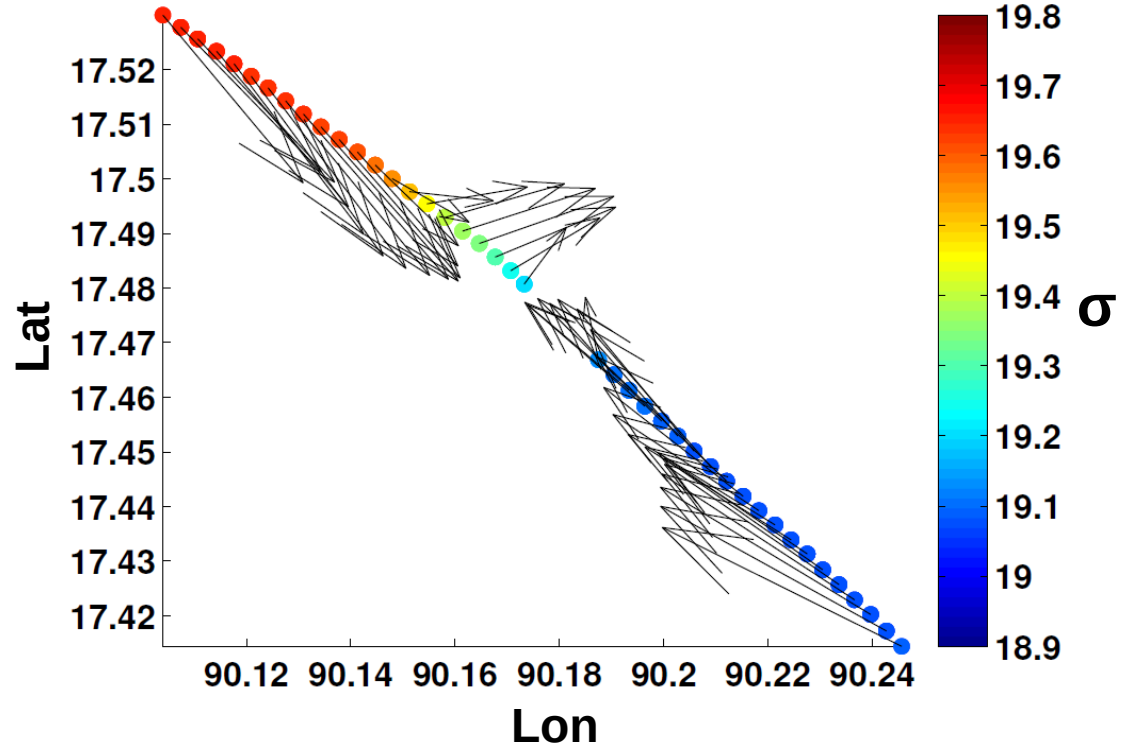
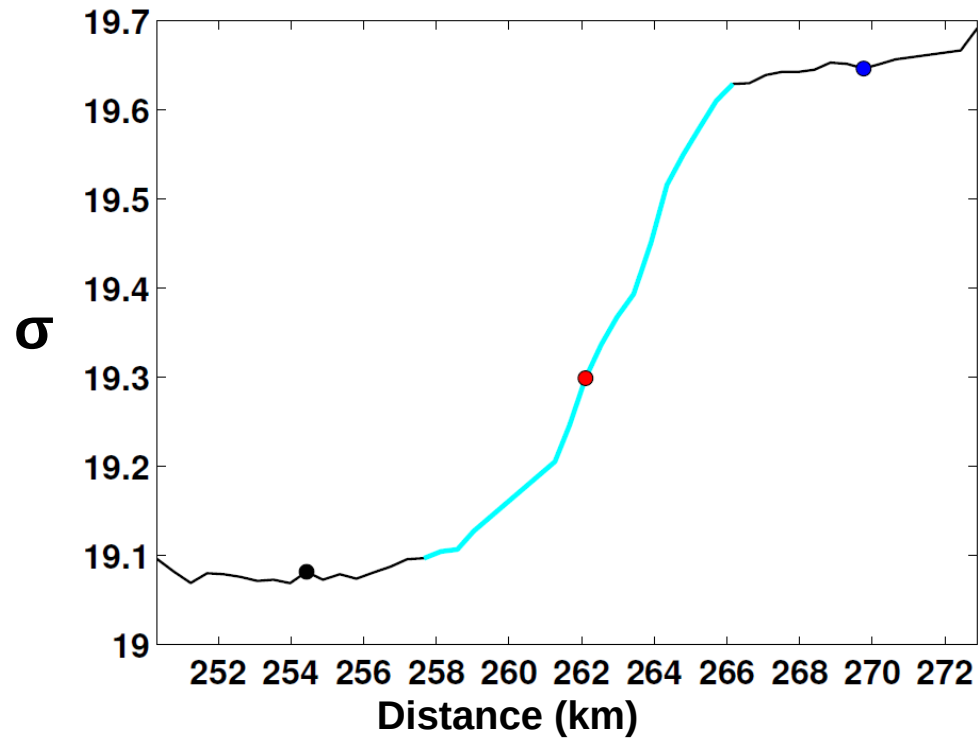


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**Shallow mixed layer under 14 out of 17 large fronts**

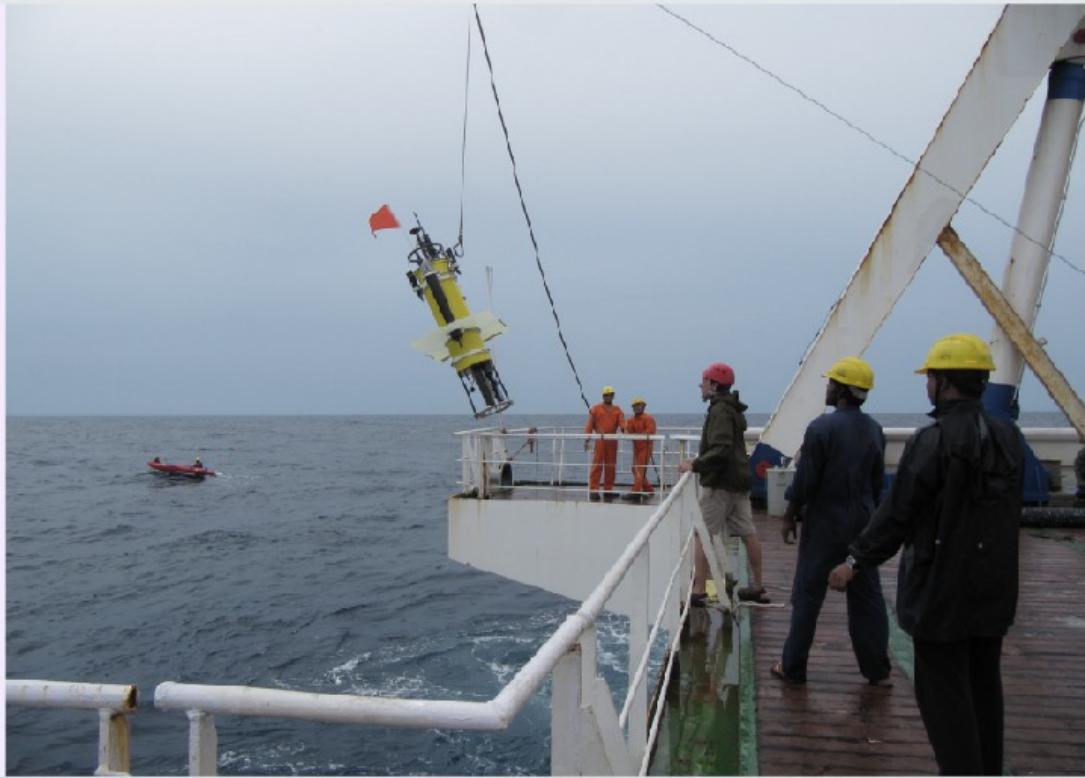
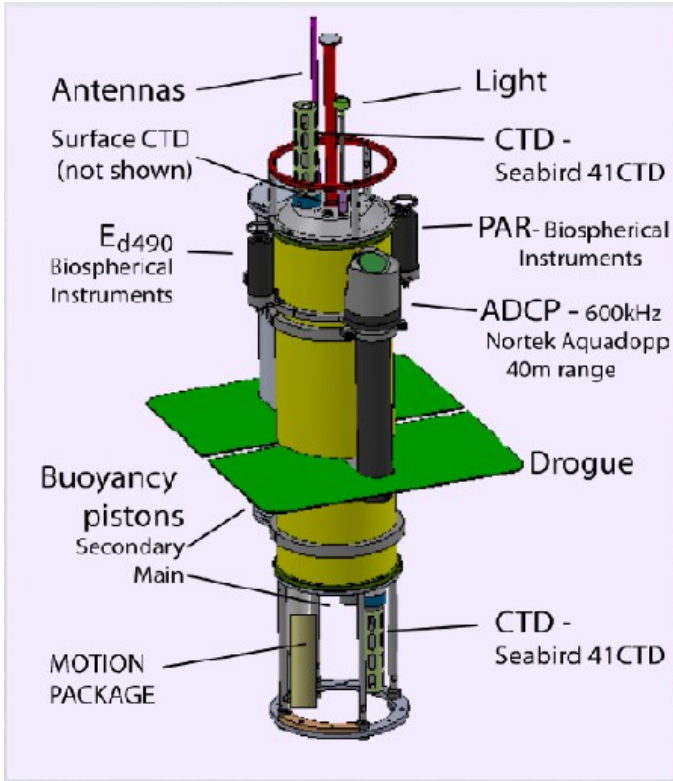


# Dynamics at Fronts

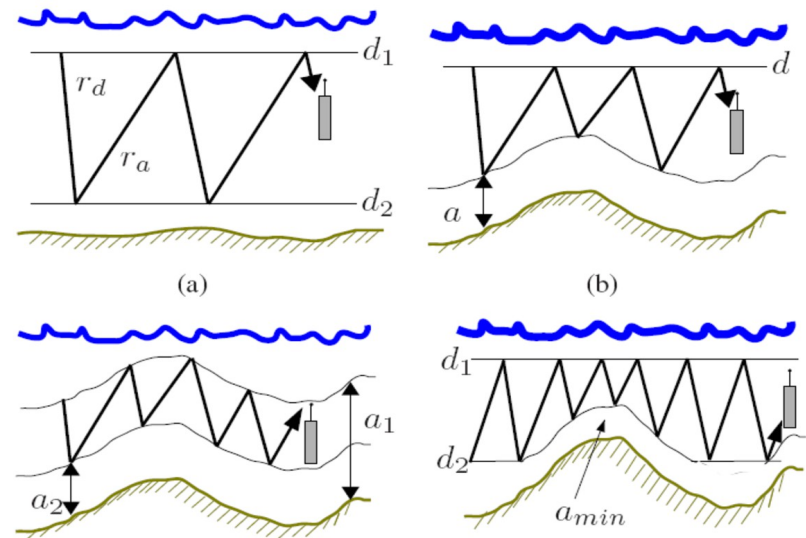


Potential density at 4m and current anomaly at 6m depth

# Lagrangian Float SN88

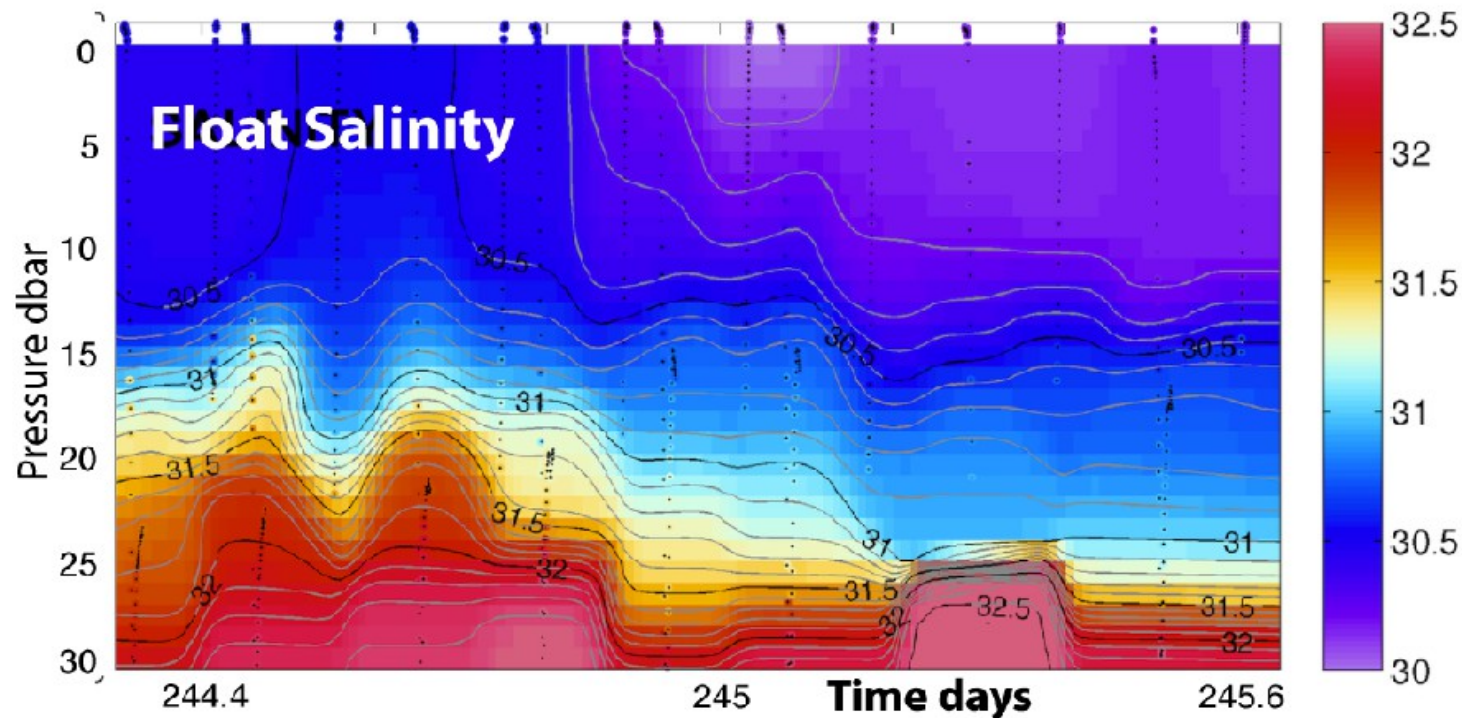
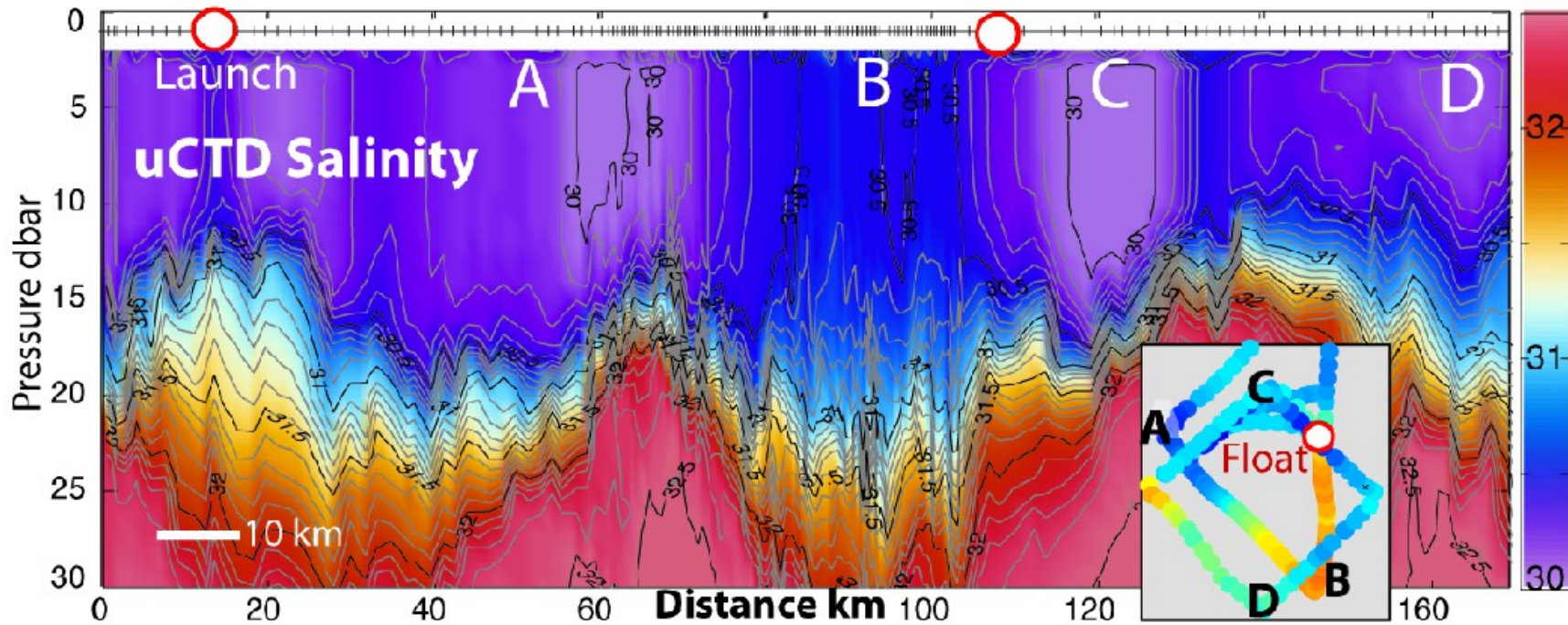


Acceleration package, GPS and Iridium antennas, 3 CTDS, 600 kHz ADCP, PAR,  $E_{d490}$



The Lagrangian Float (APL, U. Washington) has the same density and compressibility as sea water

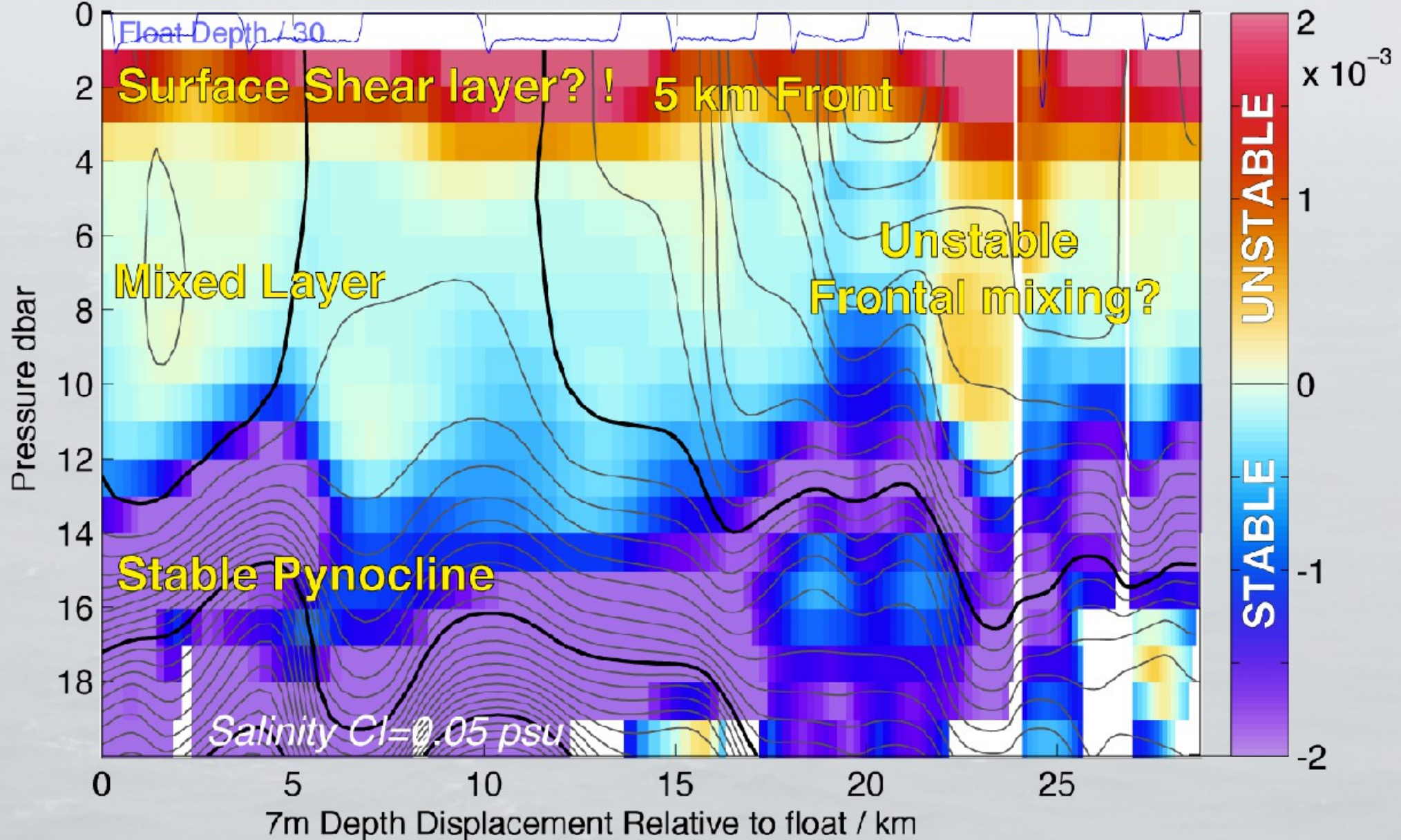
# Float launched near a front and slowly crosses it



# Frontal Section of Shear Instability

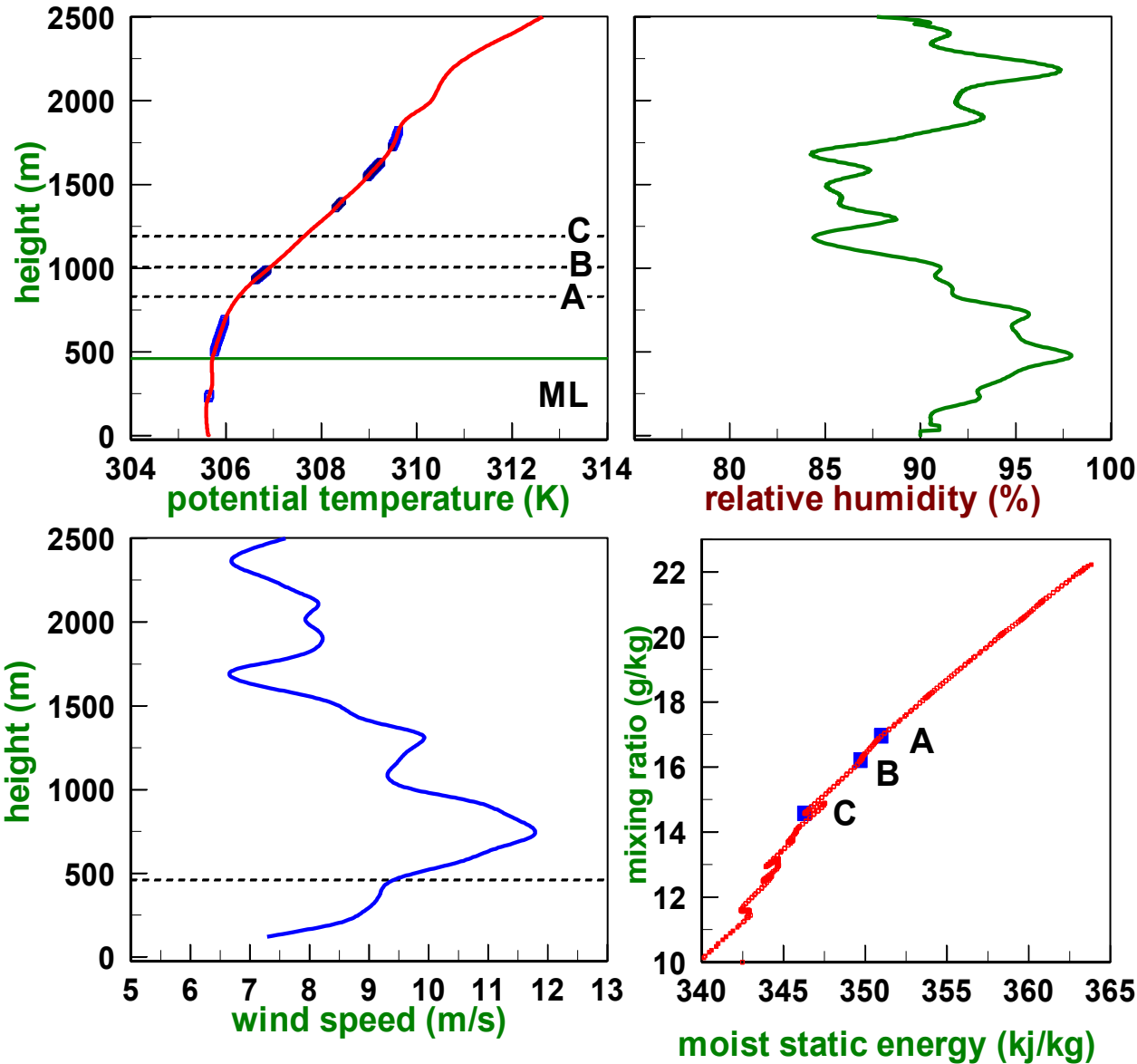
*Distance from integrated velocity*

$$\text{Reduced Shear} = S^2 - 4N^2$$



# Radiosonde

*OMM Cruise SN88  
Sep 02, 1050 IST*



Stratified shear layer (blue regions) may be unstable, leading to vertical mixing. The layers are less than 200 m in size.

Most numerical models may not resolve the unstable layers.

Surface buoyancy  $\sim 0$ , strong shear in the mixed layer

At ML top,  $Ri_g < 1$ , turbulent mixing responsible for SST-Ta  $\sim 0$  ?

# In Progress

## Science:

**Internal waves and tides; inertial oscillations, Ekman flow and vertical momentum transport in the upper ocean**

**Variability of upper ocean stratification and shear from hours to years**

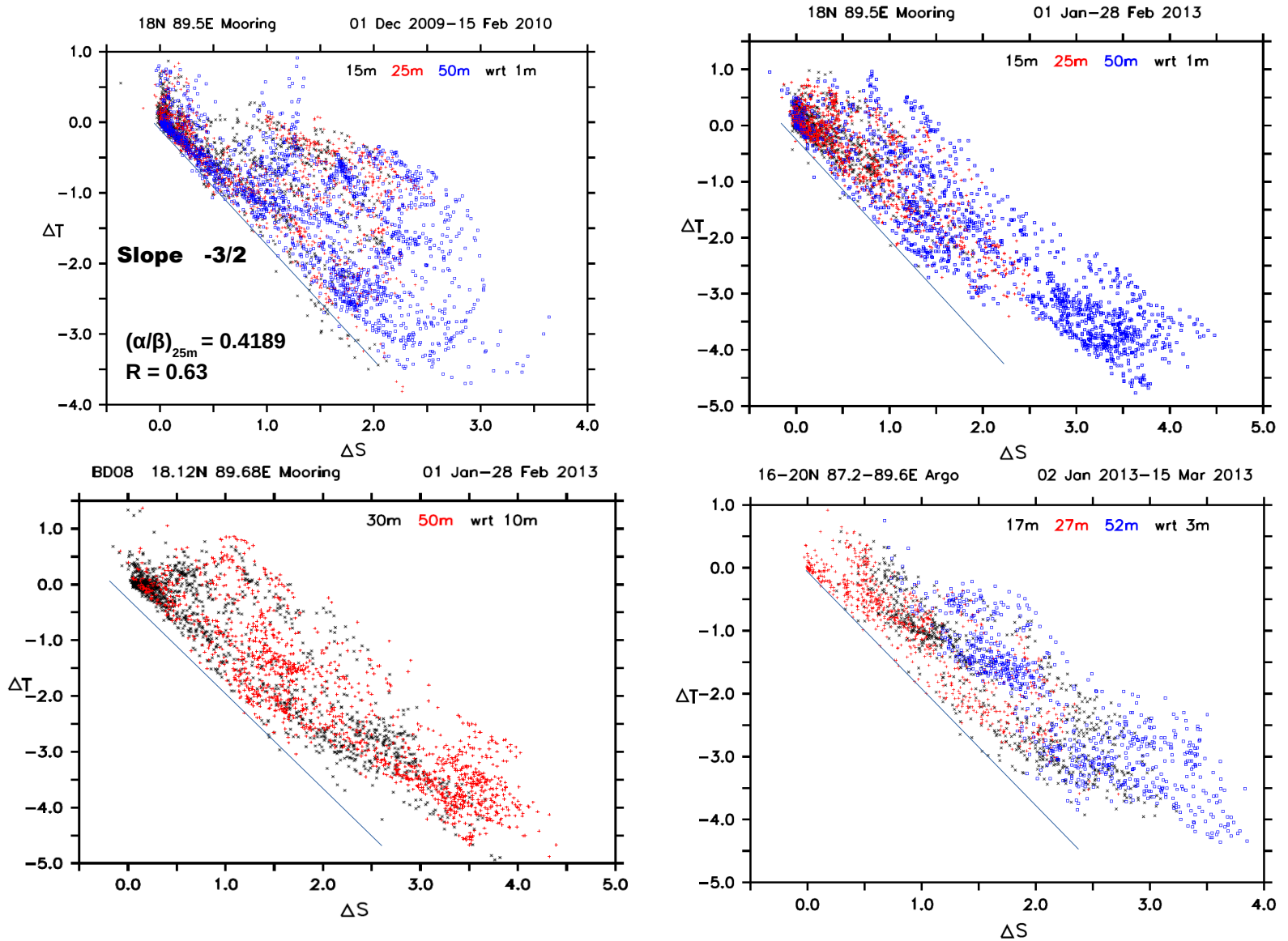
**Turbidity, ocean optics and heat balance**

## Instruments:

**Sea Glider and WHOI Met Sensors ordered**

**Lagrangian float, Wirewalker being ordered**

# Many open problems



**Salinity stratification versus temperature inversion, winter 2010 and 2013**  
**Temperature inversion of 3°C requires a minimum salinity stratification of 2 psu**

## Work Plan upto May 2016

### 4 Cruises:

#### ***Sagar Nidhi Aug-Sep 2015, Roger Revelle Aug-Sep 2015***

River plume along the western boundary, near surface stratification, surface fluxes, atmospheric boundary layer and monsoon air-sea interaction

#### ***Sagar Kanya January 2016***

Upper ocean variability and mixing in the northwest Bay

#### ***Sagar Nidhi April 2016***

Spring western boundary current and deployment of WHOI mooring

**Training of Scientists/Engineers and PhD students on gliders, moorings, Lagrangian float and wirewalker in the US and in India**

e.g. glider deployment, assembly, piloting, communication, software and data analysis; glider control lab at INCOIS Hyderabad.

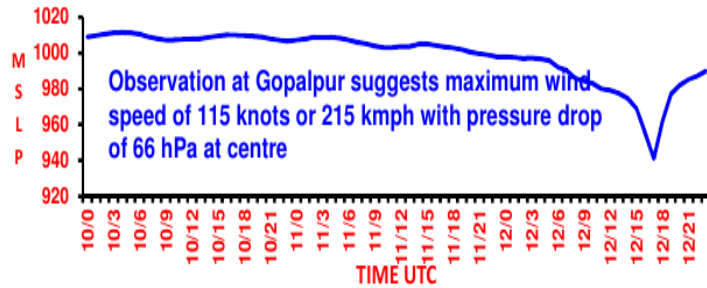
**Training and implementation process models and regional ocean models for interpretation and synthesis. Visits for collaborative science**

**Winter School at INCOIS**



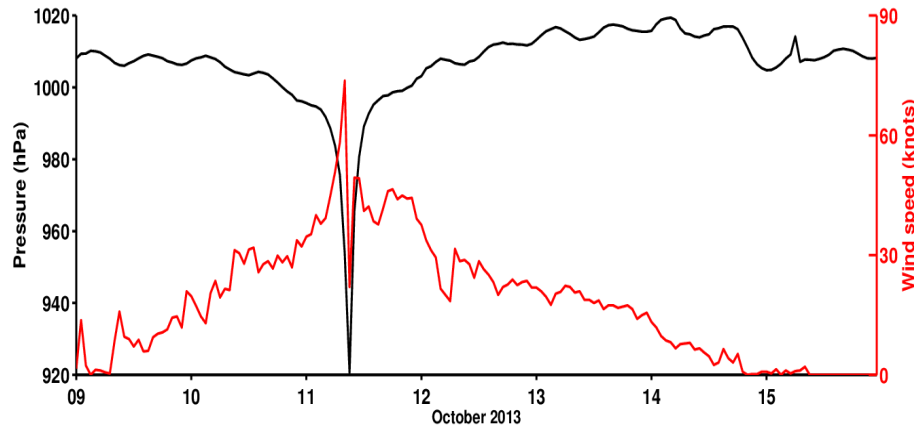
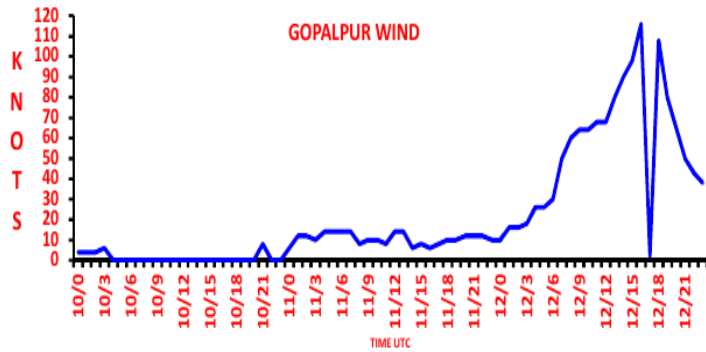
# Cyclone Phailin

GOPALPUR MSLP

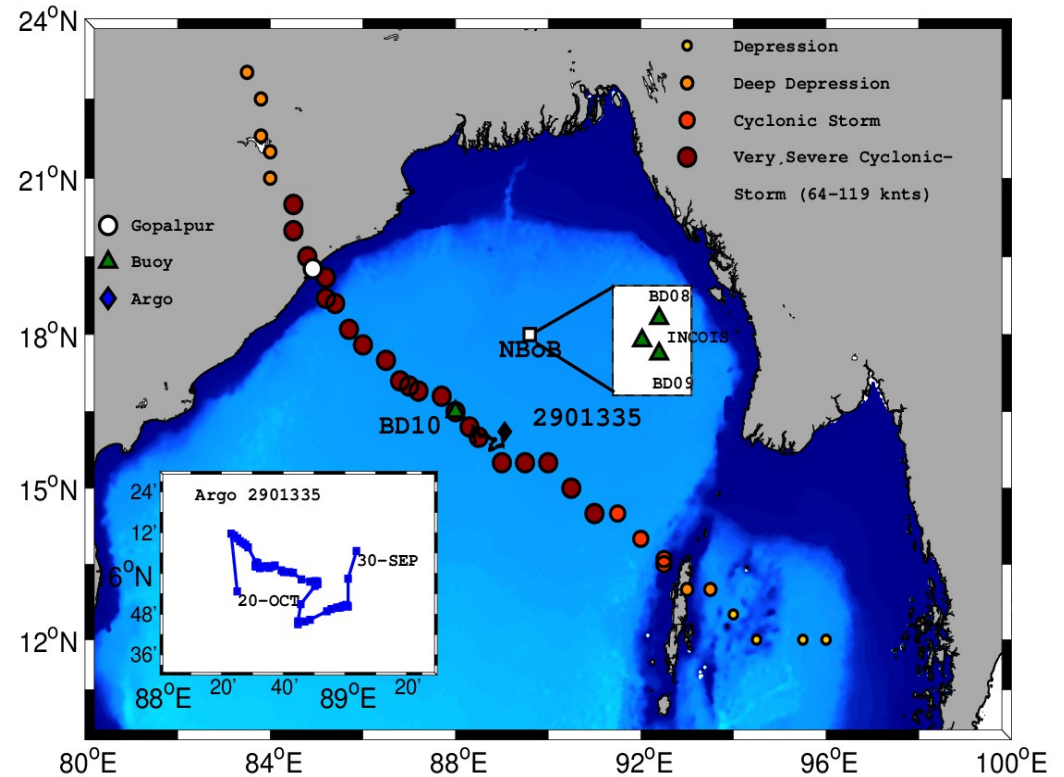


Mean sea level pressure and wind speed at Gopalpur

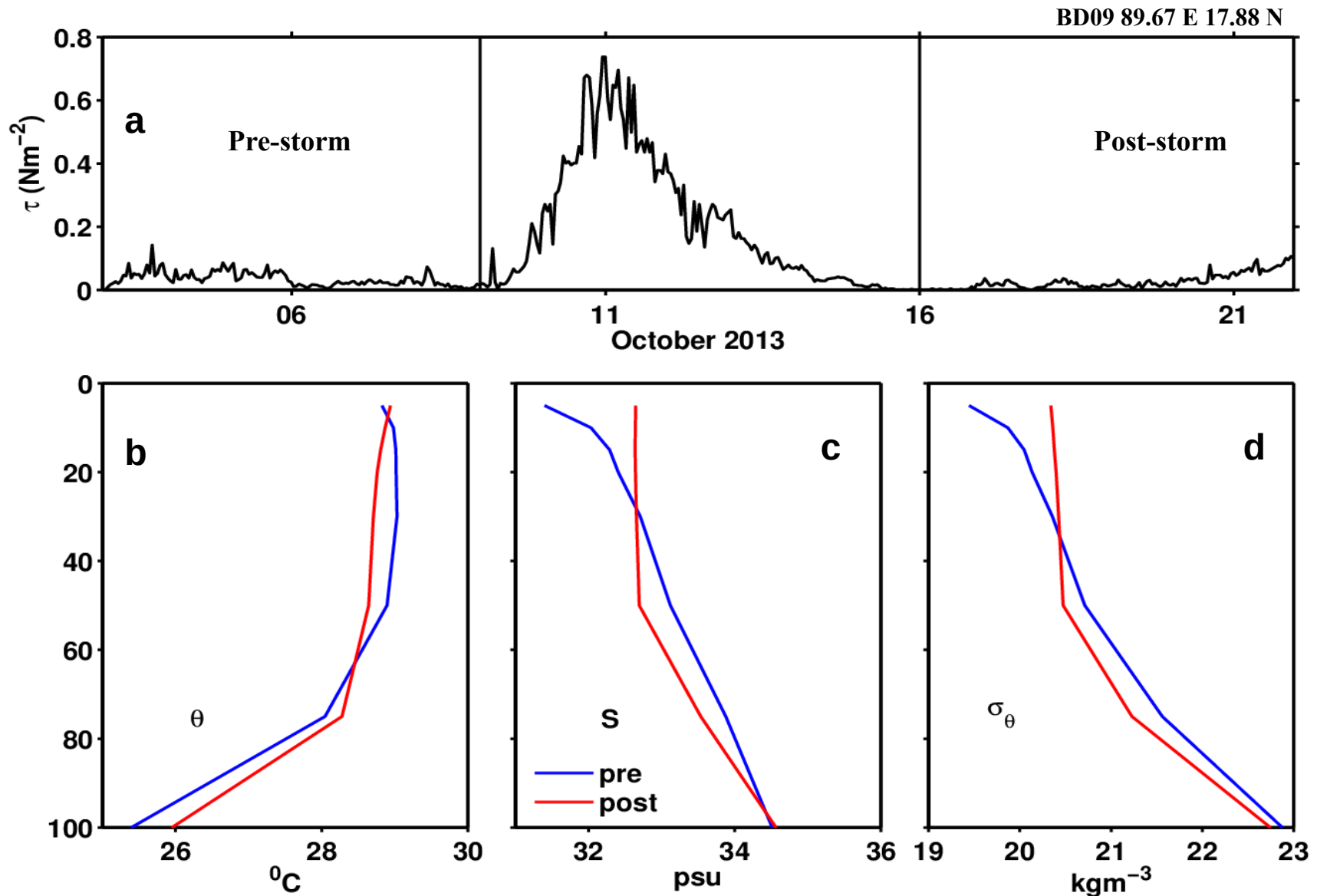
*“Very Severe Cyclonic Storm Phailin: A Report”*  
Cyclone Warning Division IMD Oct 2013



Surface pressure (hPa) and wind speed (knots)  
NIOT Buoy BD10 (88E 16.5N)



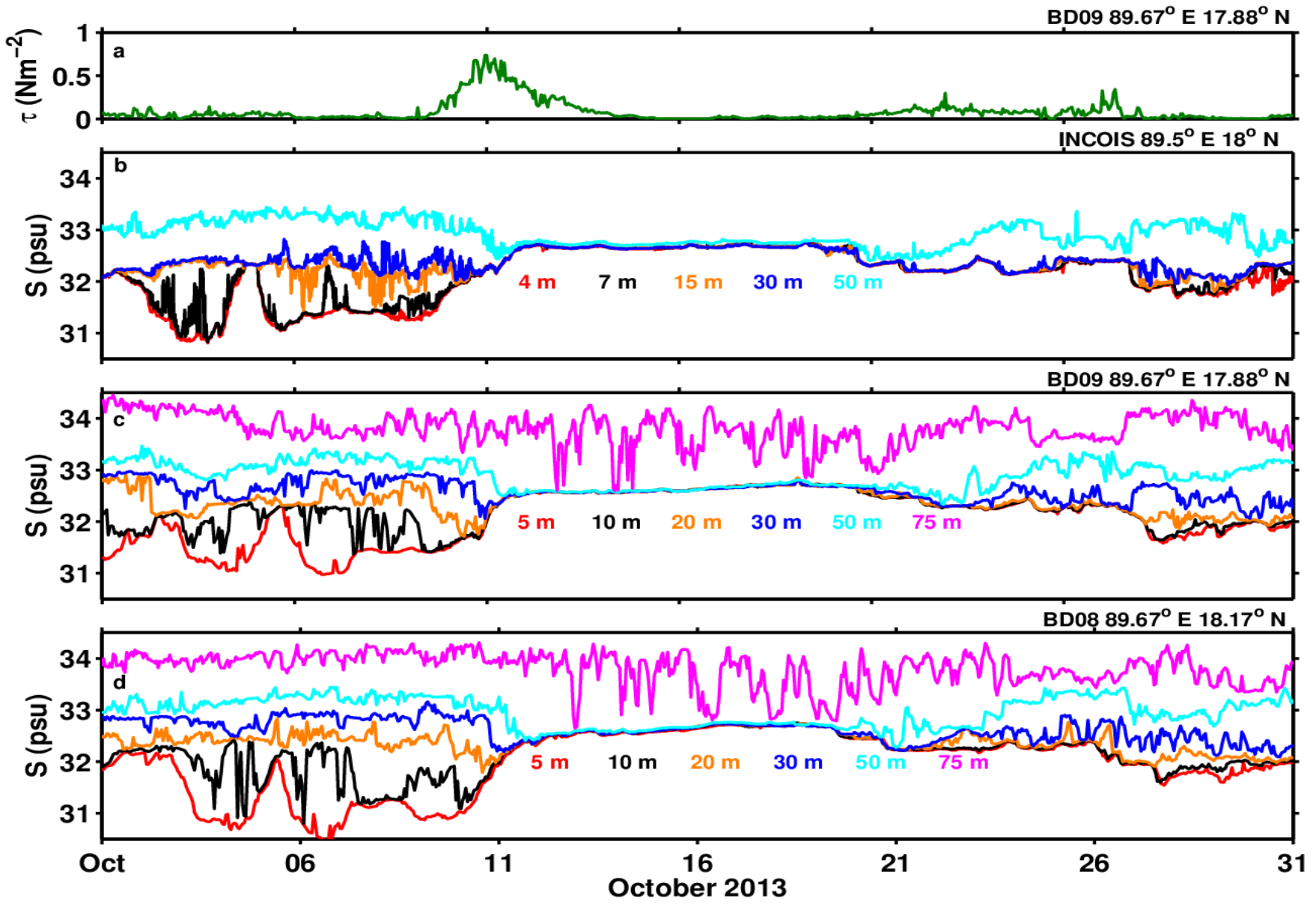
Phailin Track 8-13 October 2013, NIOT mooring BD10.  
NBoB has three moorings at 18N (inset); Argo float  
2901335 30 Sep-20 Oct 2013 (inset)



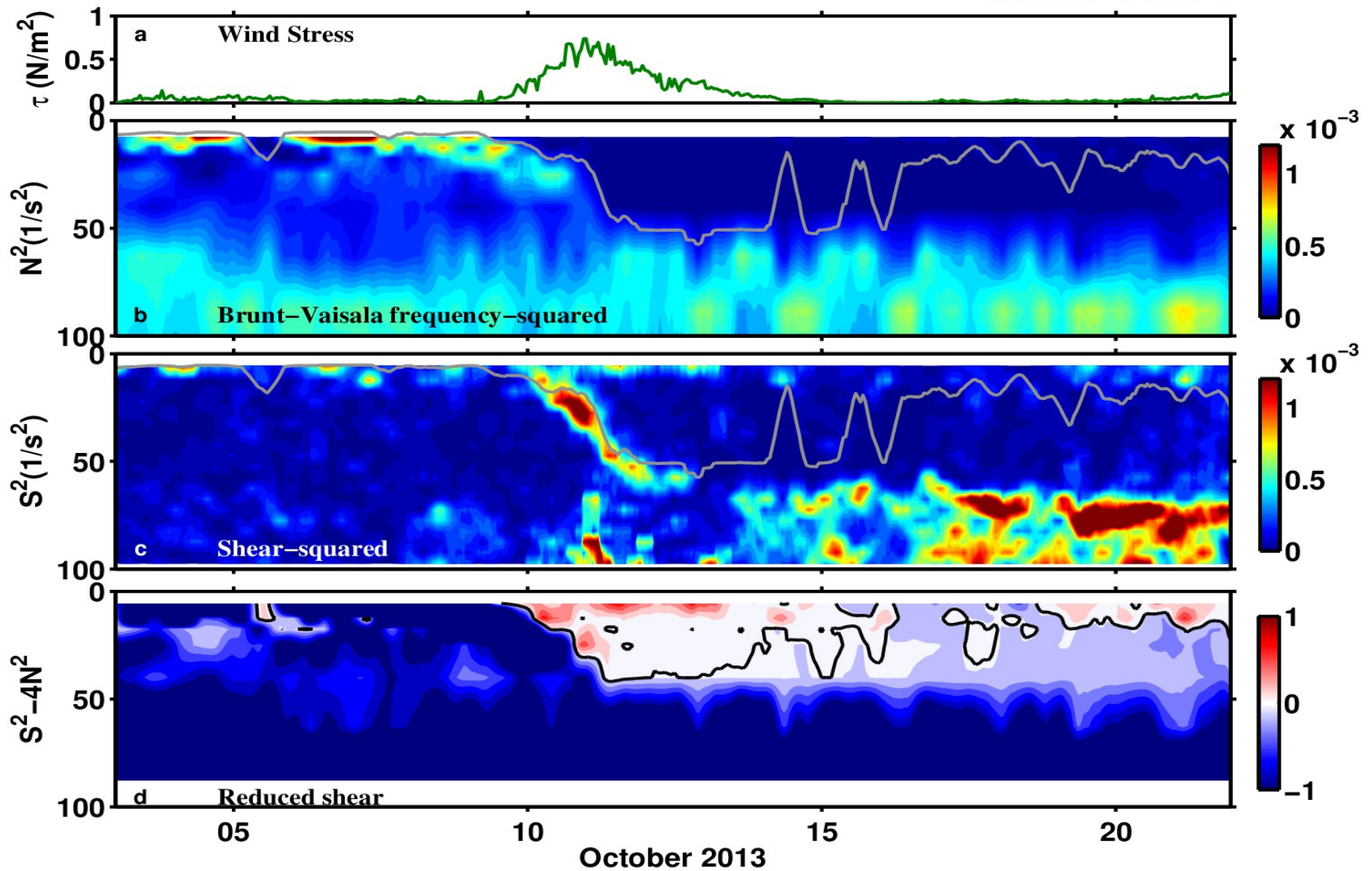
Hourly wind stress from BD09. Profiles of potential temperature, salinity and potential density before (3-8 Oct) and after (16-21 Oct) the storm. SSS increases by 1.6 psu.

*Post monsoon cyclones in the north Bay of Bengal do not cool SST*  
 (Sengupta et al. 2008, Singh et al., 2012, Balaguru et al., 2013, Vincent et al., 2013)

# Vertical mixing: Cyclone Phailin



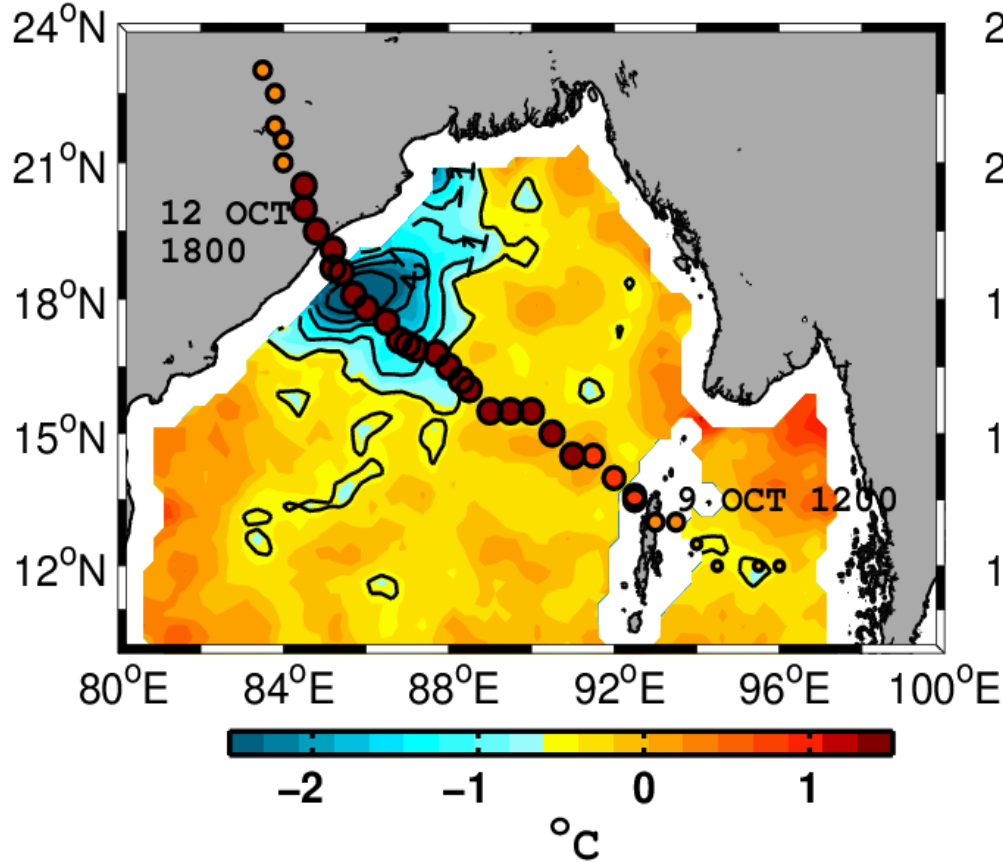
Hourly wind stress and salinity from moorings. SSS increases by 1.5 psu



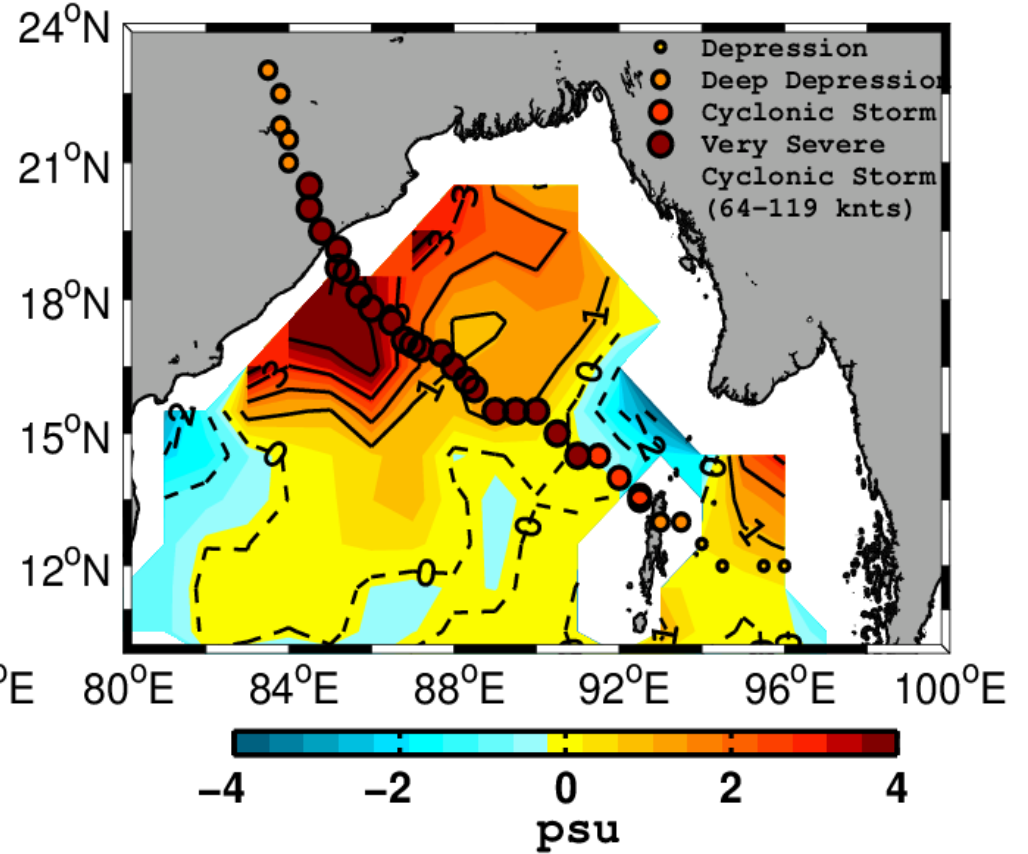
Hourly wind stress, stability ( $N^2 = -(g/\rho)(\partial\sigma_\theta/\partial z)$ ), shear-squared ( $S^2 = ((\partial u/\partial z)^2 + (\partial v/\partial z)^2)$ ), and reduced shear ( $S^2 - 4N^2$ ) from NIOT mooring BD09. Zero reduced shear means Richardson number = 0.25

**Shear induced turbulent mixing deepens mixed layer**

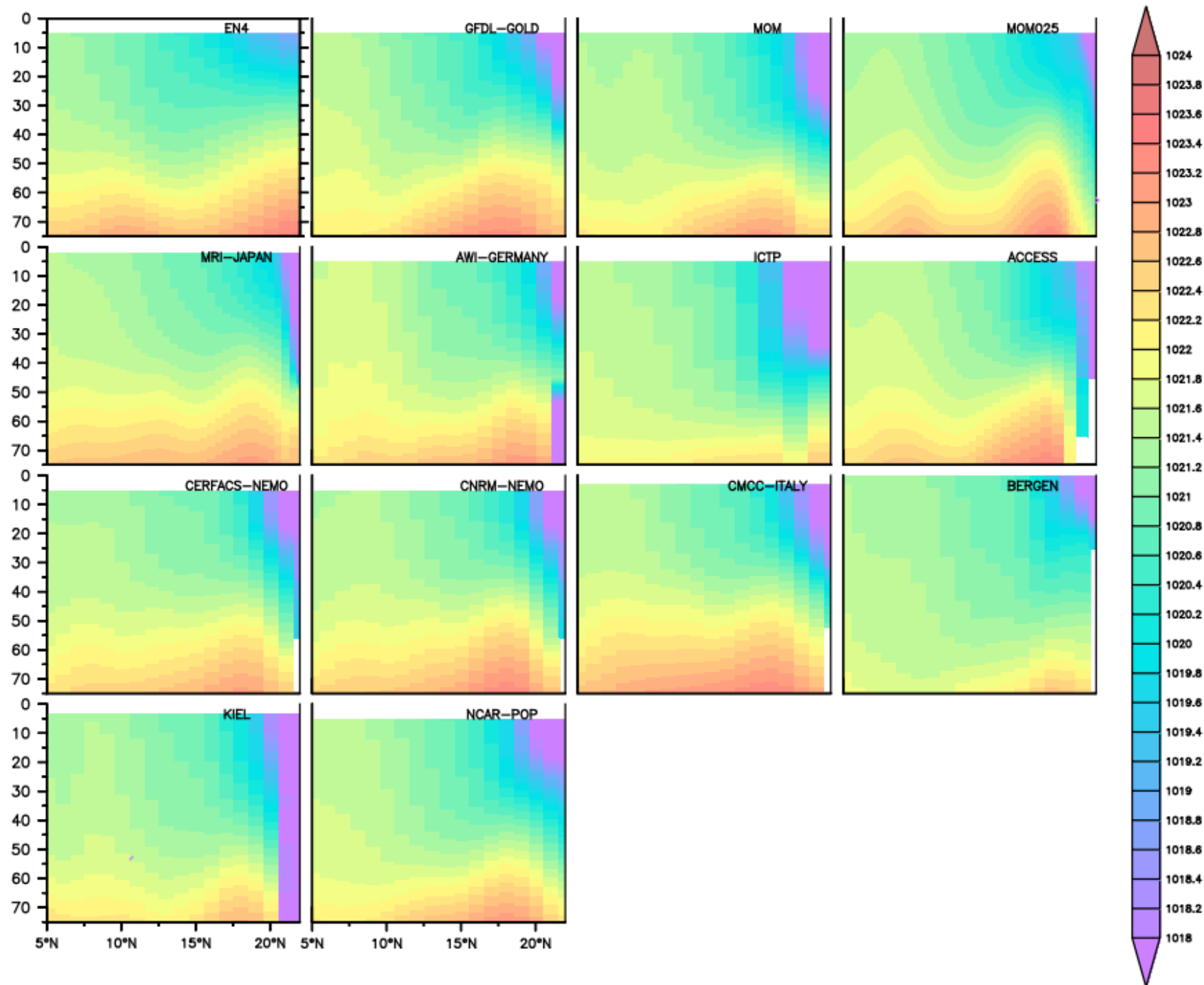
**SST difference (TMI/AMSRE)**



**SSS difference (AQUARIUS)**

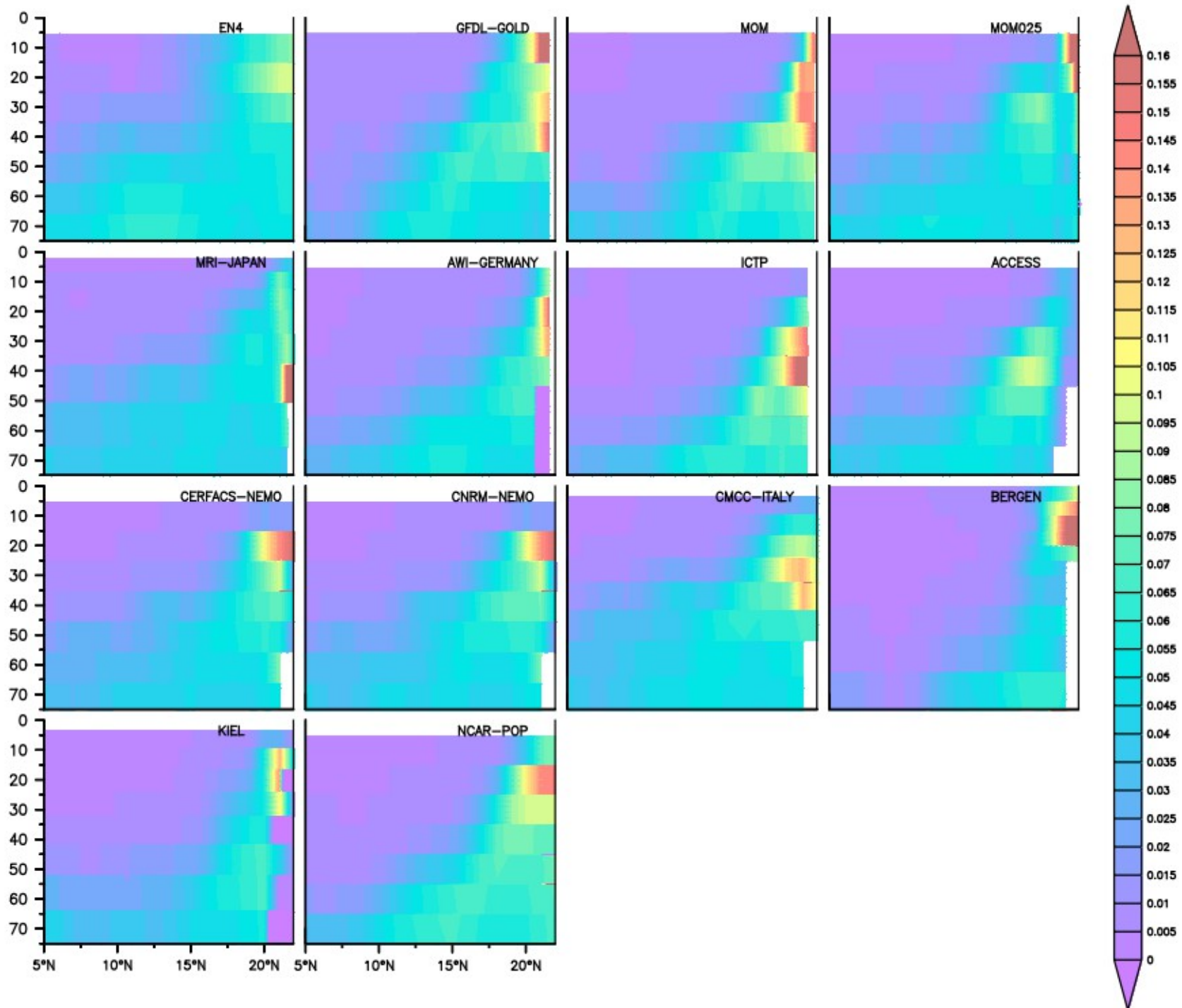


**Post-storm (16-21 Oct) minus pre-storm (3-8 Oct) Microwave SST and Sea Surface Salinity**



mean vertical density profile in mid bay BOB

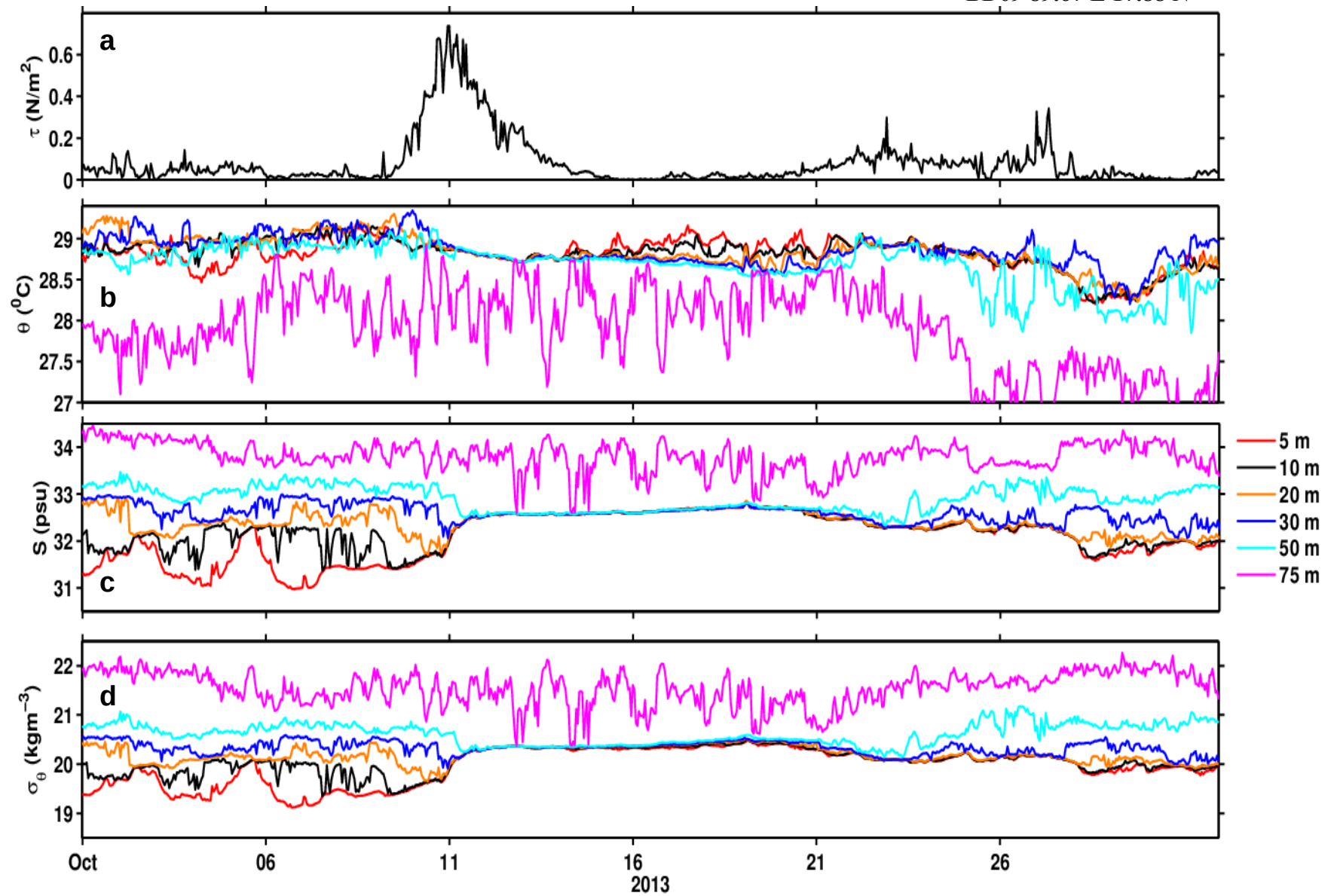
$\rho$  (85-90 E) in Observations (top left) and ocean models forced by CORE II fluxes



$dp/dz$  in Observations (top left) and ocean models forced by CORE II fluxes

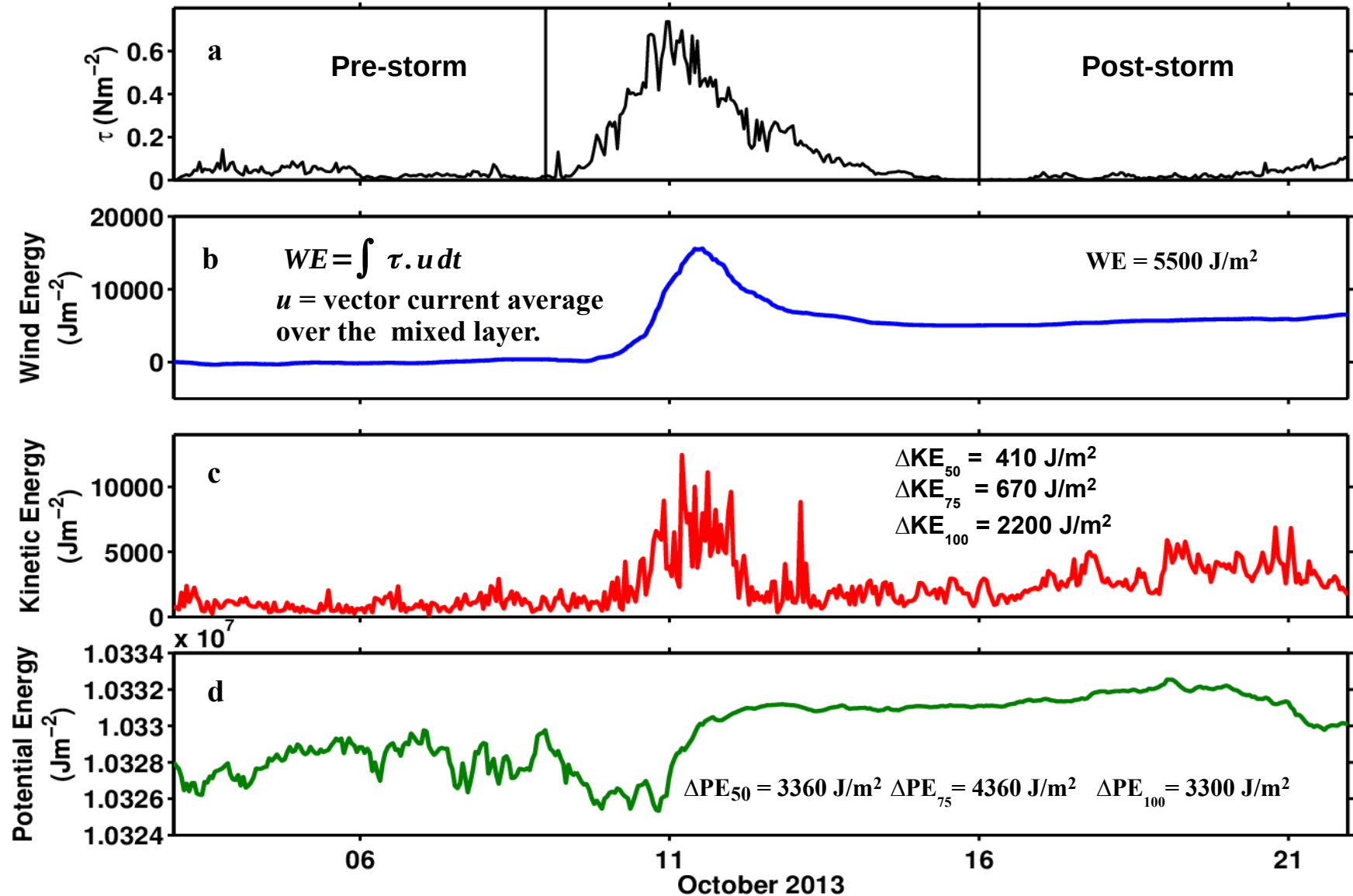






Hourly wind stress, potential temperature, salinity and potential density from NIOT mooring BD09

Storm induced vertical mixing to at least 50 m



Hourly a) wind stress. b) Energy input (WE) from wind to ocean mixed layer. c) Kinetic energy (3-21 October mean current removed) of the upper 100 m. d) Potential energy of the upper 50 m. The change in Wind energy (input of the energy by the wind stress), change in kinetic energy and change in potential energy due to the storm are mentioned in the panels.

Change in wind energy apparently balances change in potential and kinetic energy.

# How does energy get to dissipative scales?

In QG theory cascade is inverse!

Non-dissipative 2-D

**Mesoscales**

$Ro \ll 1, Ri \gg 1$

$L \sim 50-200 \text{ km}$

$D/L \ll 1, \text{ hydrostatic}$

How do energy and properties get fluxed downscale?

**Submesoscales?**

Dissipative 3-D

**Small scales**

$Ro \gg 1, Ri \ll 1$

$L < 100 \text{ m}$

$D/L \sim 1, \text{ nonhydrostatic}$

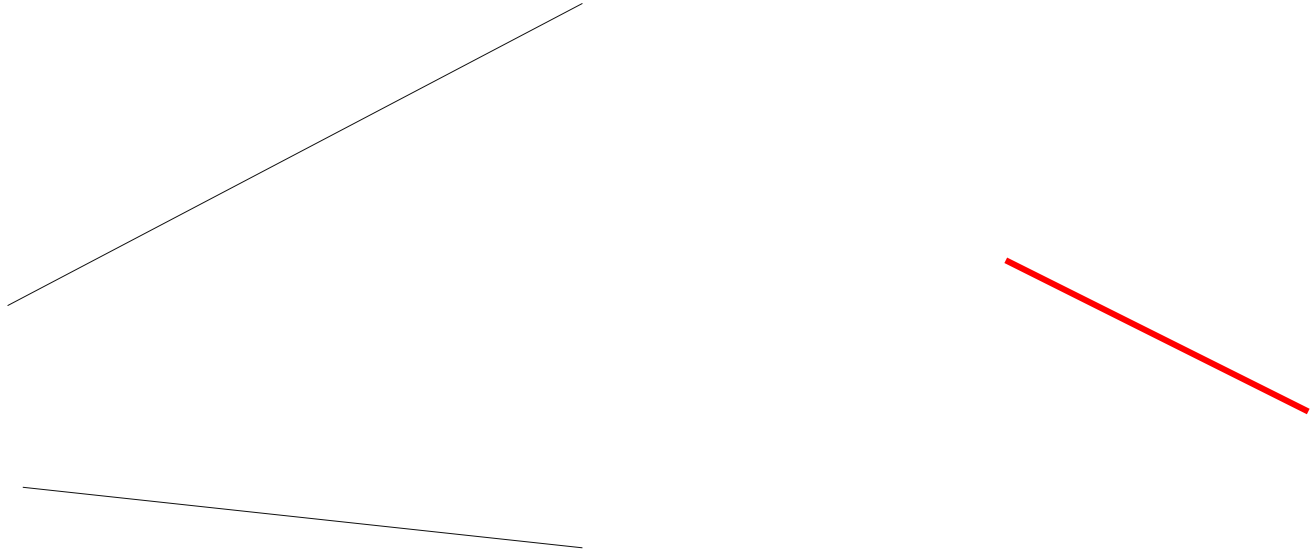
**FRONTS!**

From Amit Tandon

$\zeta/f$  AVISO  
geostrophic velocities

28-30 Aug 2014

AVISO ADCP 30m



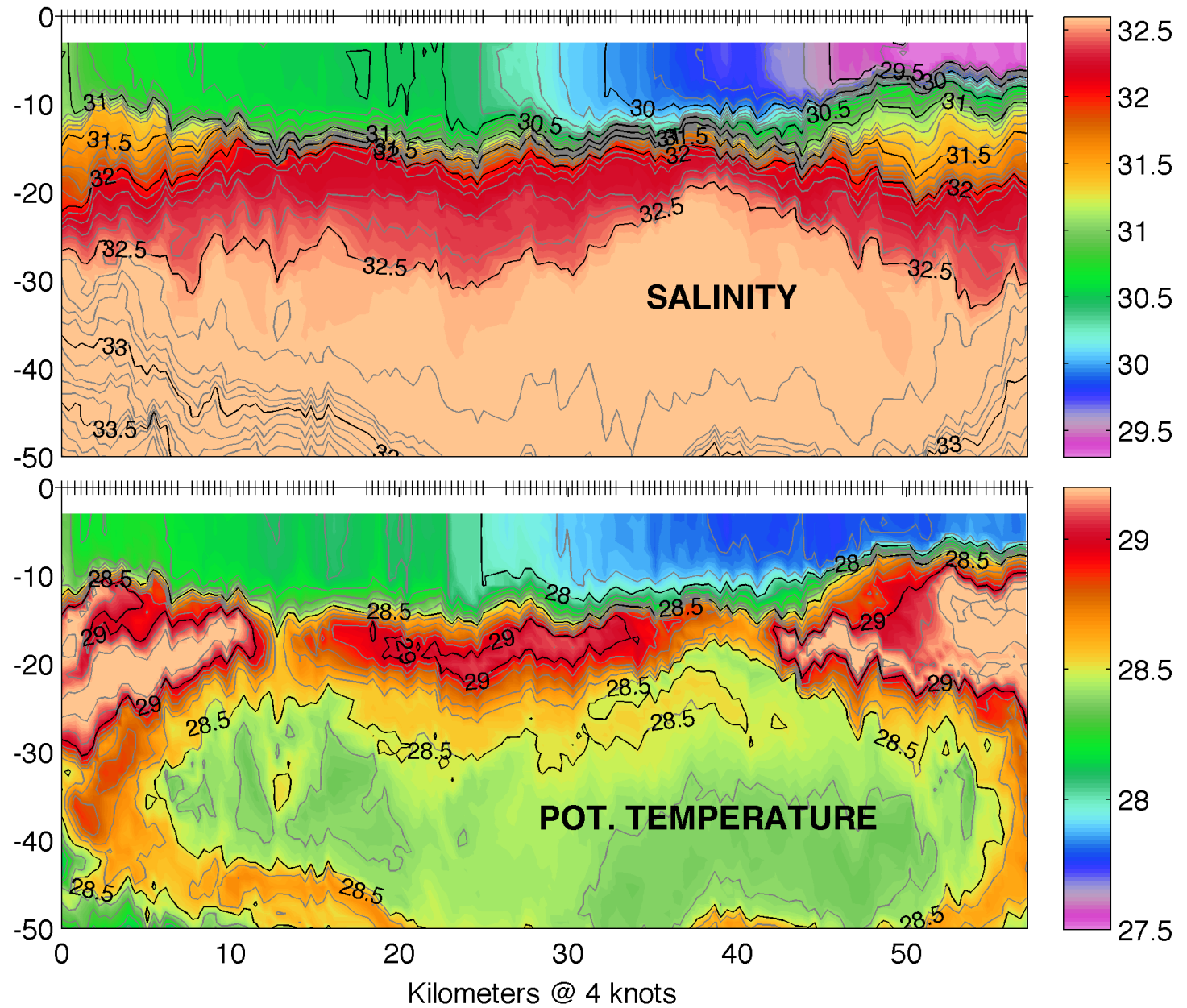
$\zeta/f$  from ADCP along ship track (above; red)

$\zeta/f$

O(0.1-0.2) on 100 km scales

O(1) on 10-20 km scales

# Bay of Bengal: Looking for 1-20 km fronts



Underway CTD *Sagar Nidhi* Nov 2013; resolution 300 m 1 m, 4-100 m



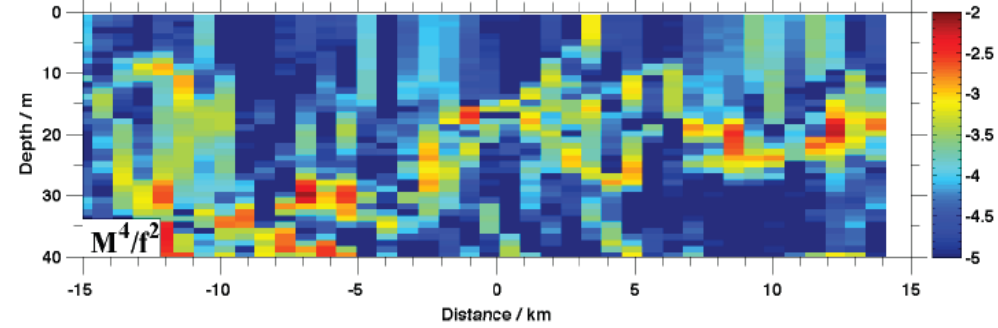
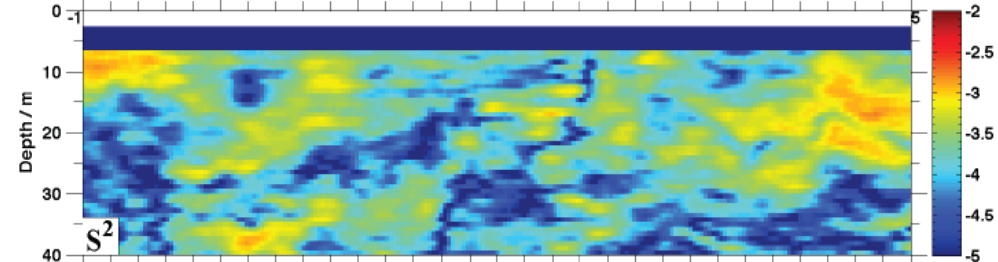
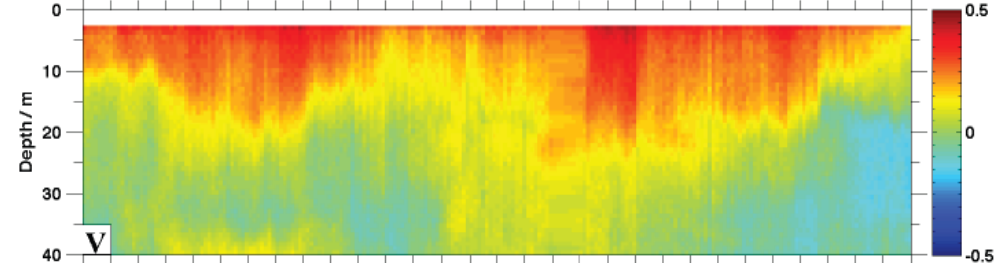
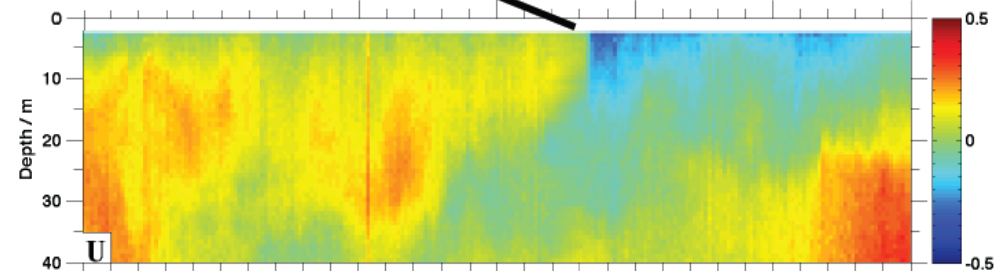
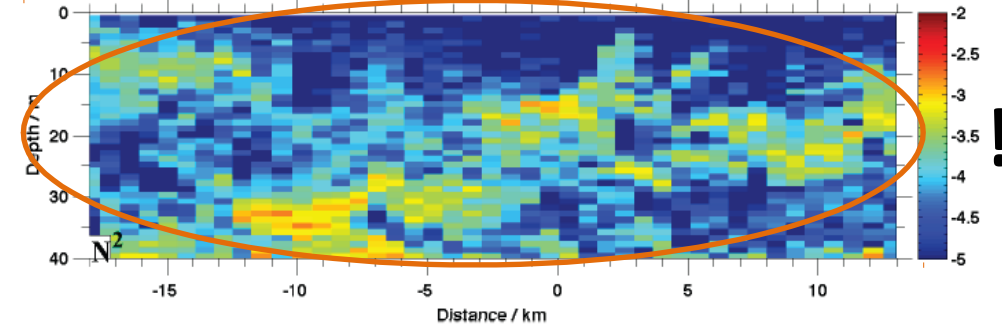
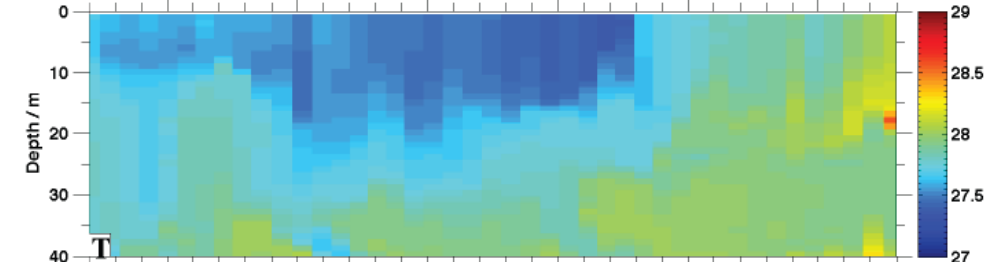
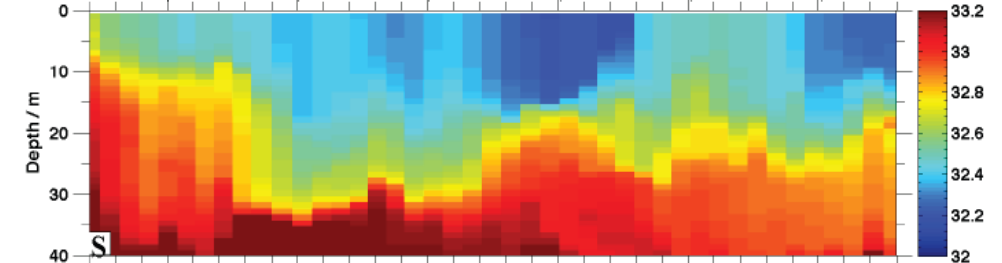
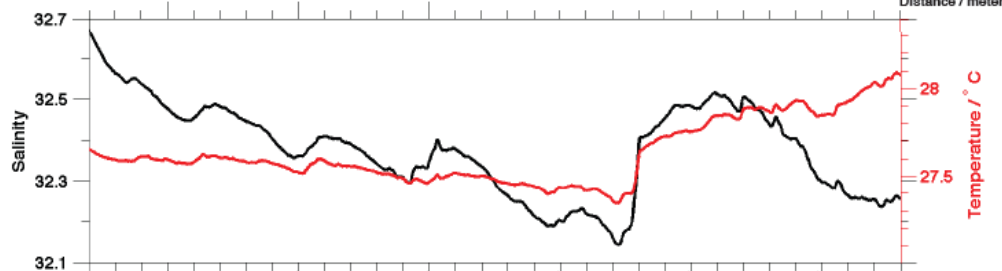
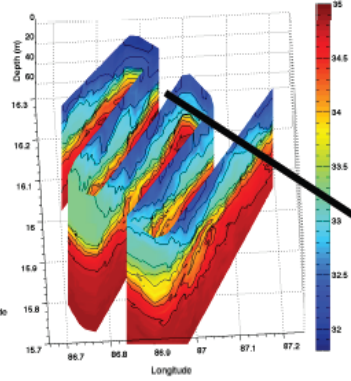
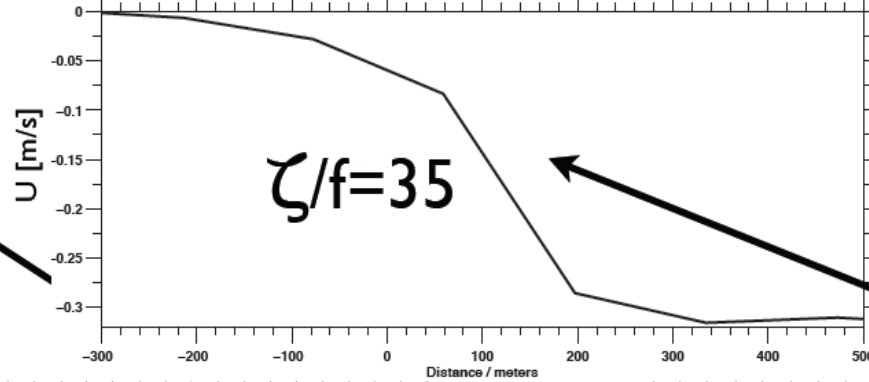
**Discussions onboard Sagar Nidhi Cruise SN082 Nov-Dec 2013**  
**Real-time guidance from remote sensing**

line of the radiator

Revelle Nov 2013

$$\zeta/f=35$$

U [m/s]



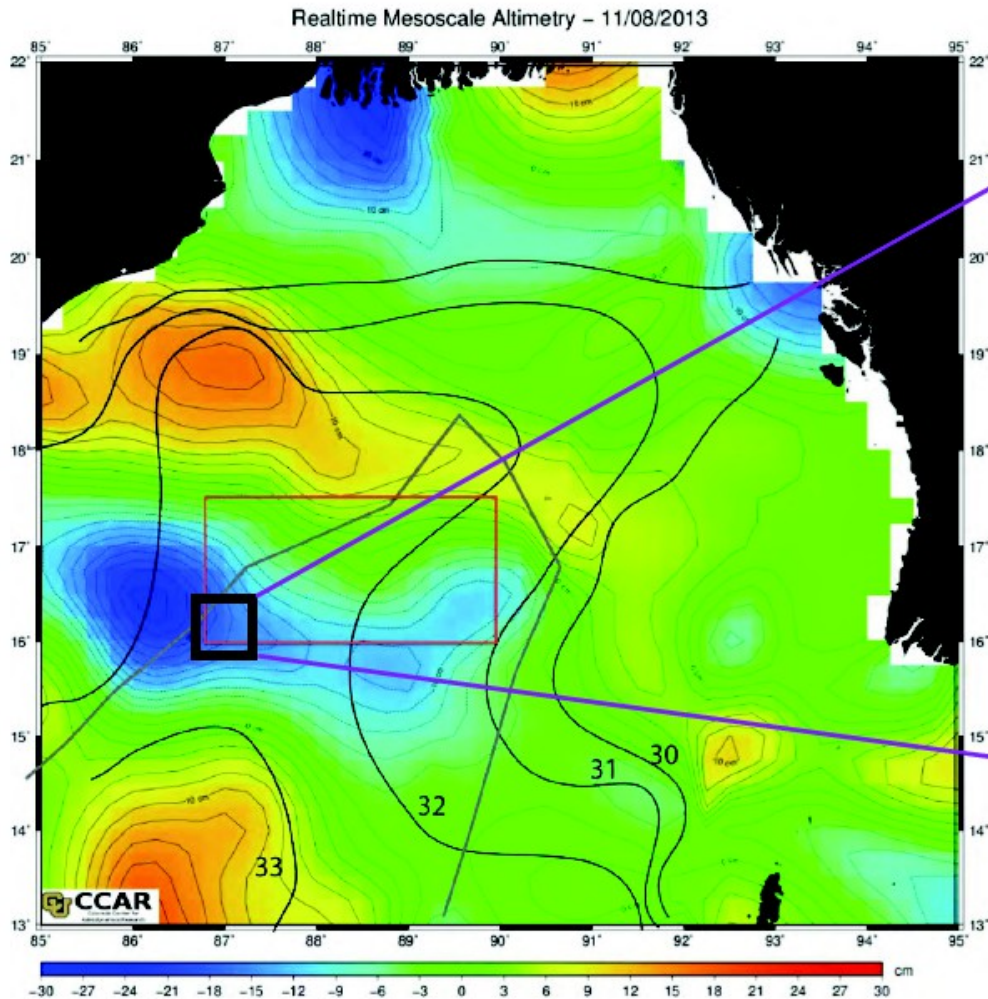
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# Lagrangian Float

**Profiles following density surfaces, endurance upto 100 days on each deployment, remotely programmable.**

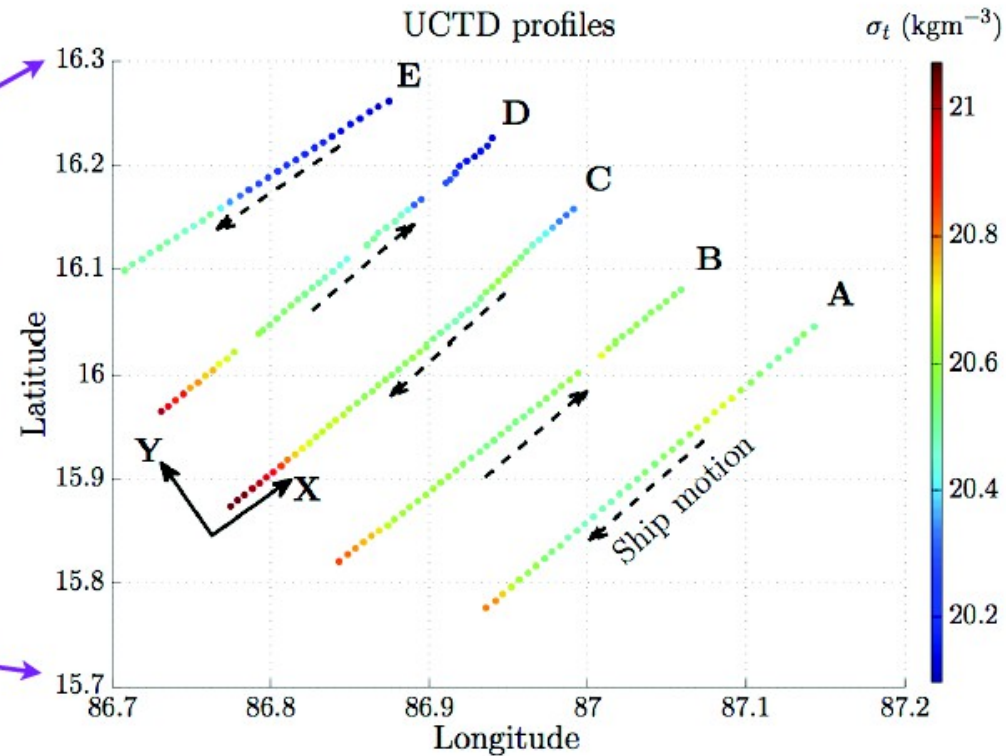


# Leg I: Process study at 16N



- SSHA from CCAR (color)
- + Salinity (thick black lines)
- + EEZ (thick gray line)

## Density averaged over 1-10m

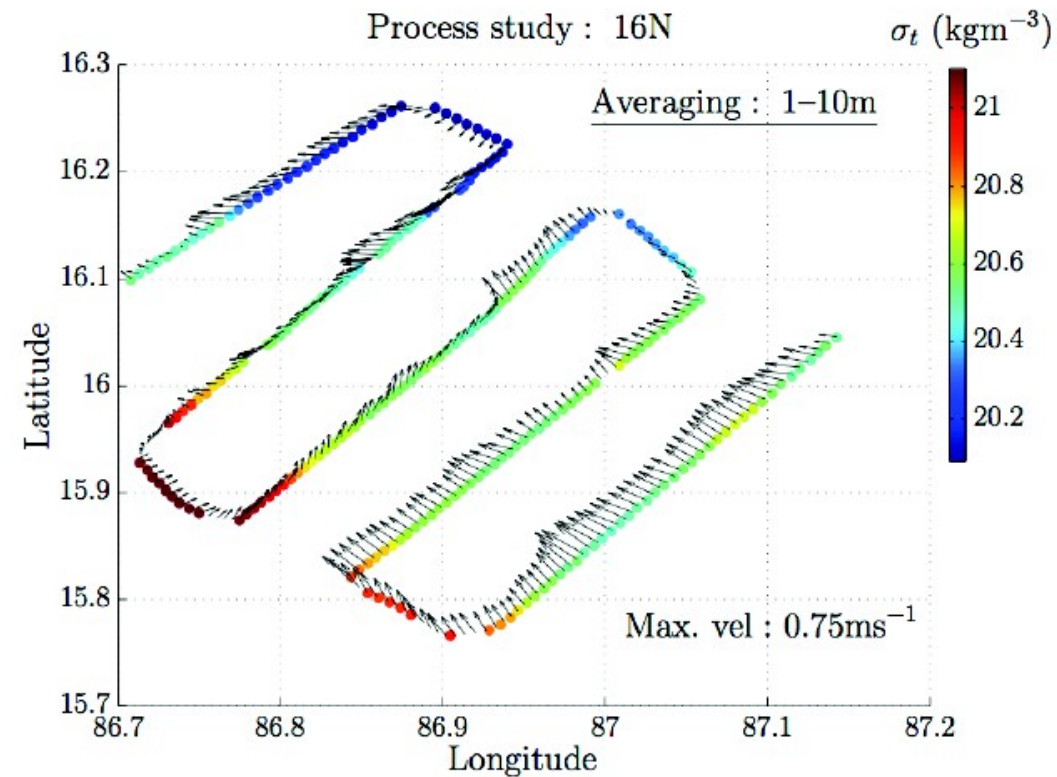


Distance between UCTD profiles:  
0.7-1.0km

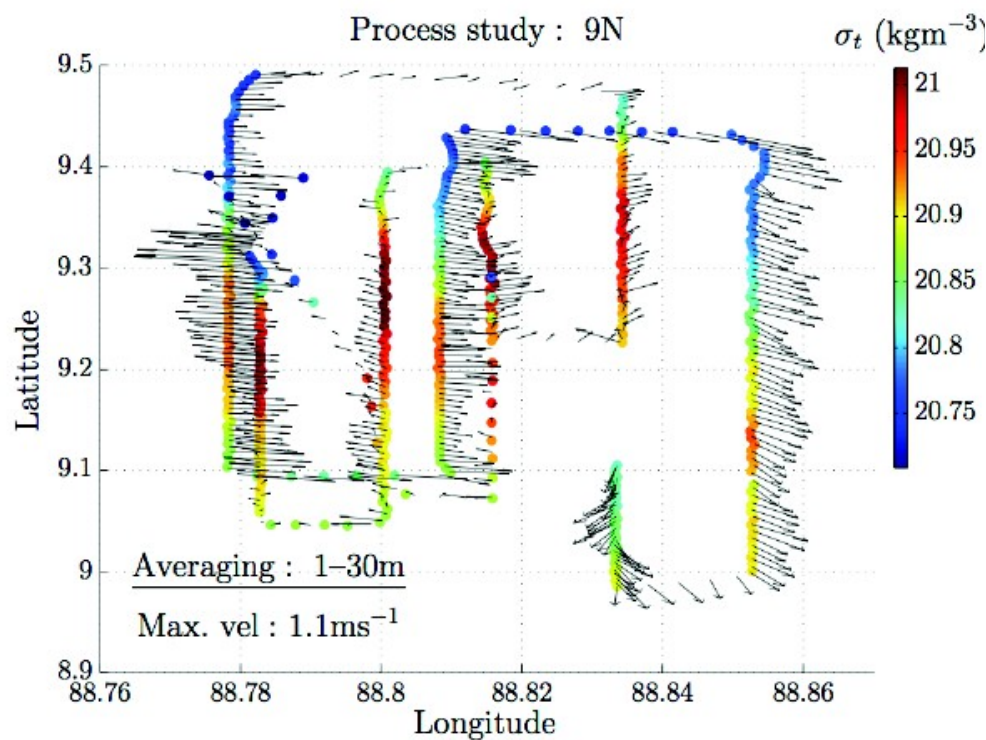
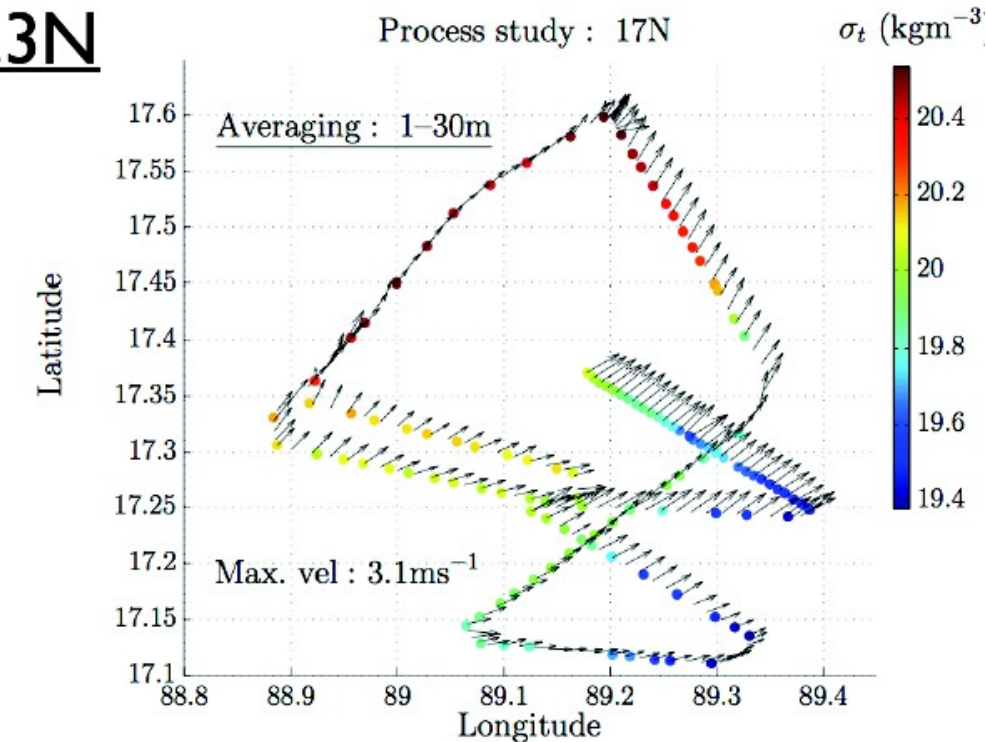
Duration of transects: 4-6hrs

# One-minute currents

# 17.3N



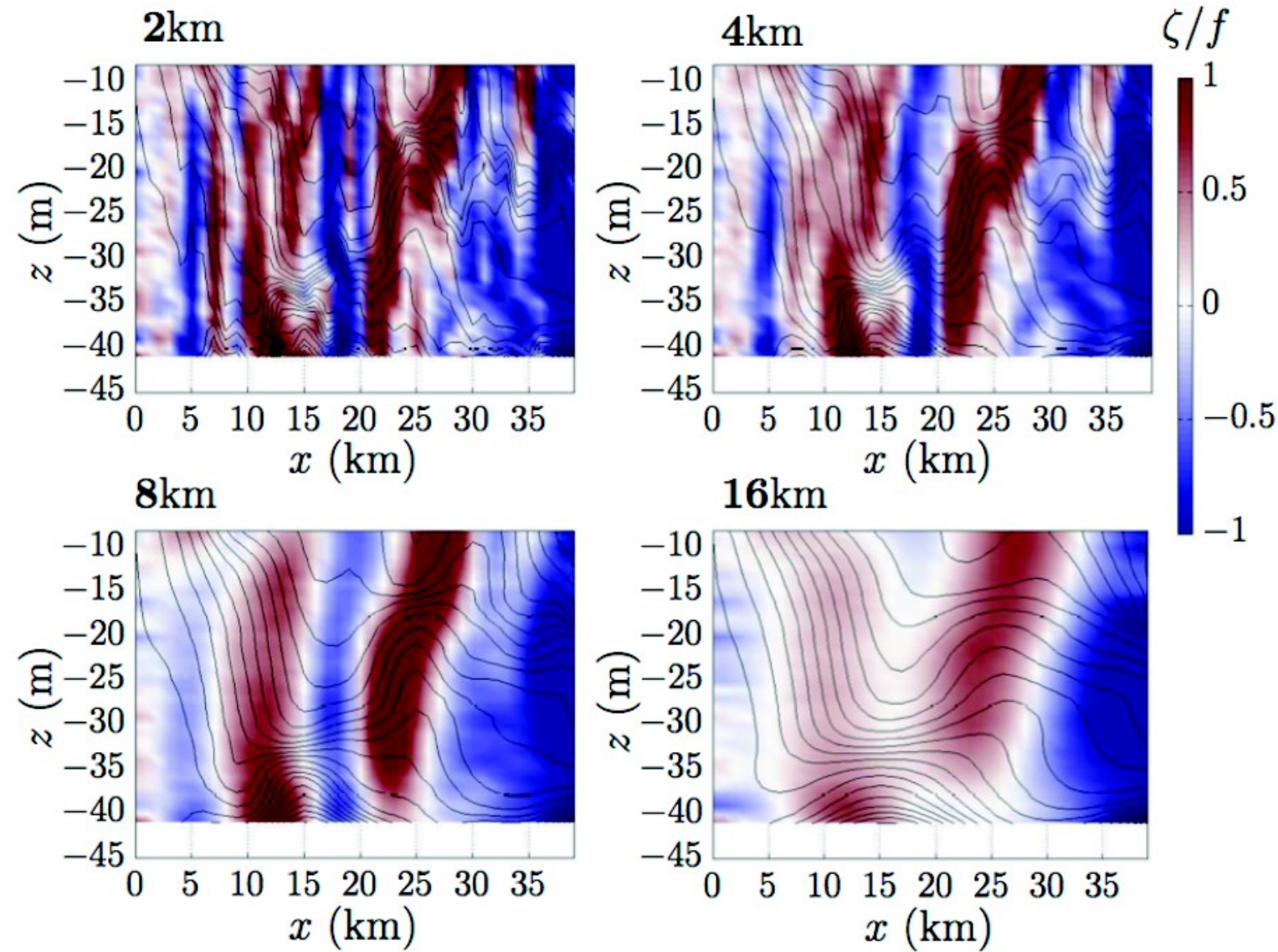
# 16.1N



# 9.2N

# How does vorticity change with scale?

16.1N



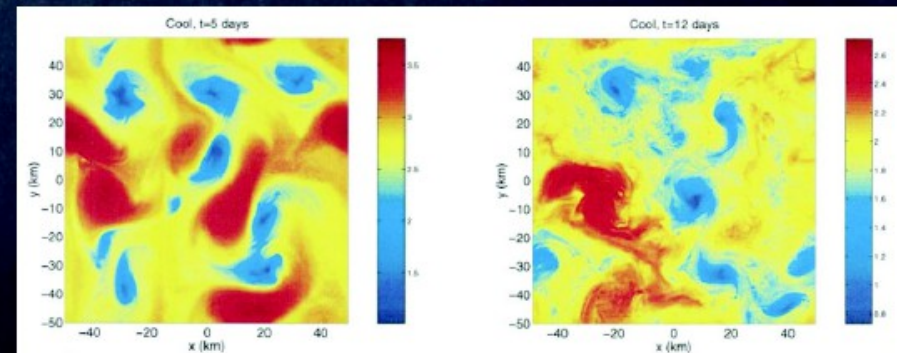
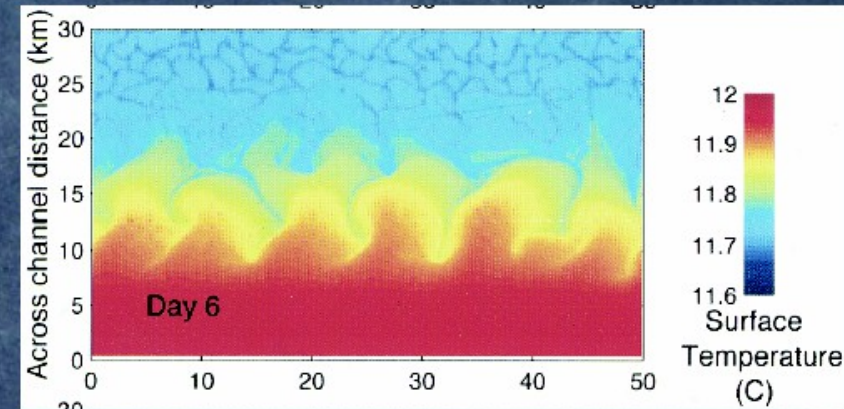
$\zeta/f \sim O(1)$   
at scales  $O(1-10\text{km})$   
is a signature of  
submesoscale  
instabilities

# Generation Mechanisms (forced)

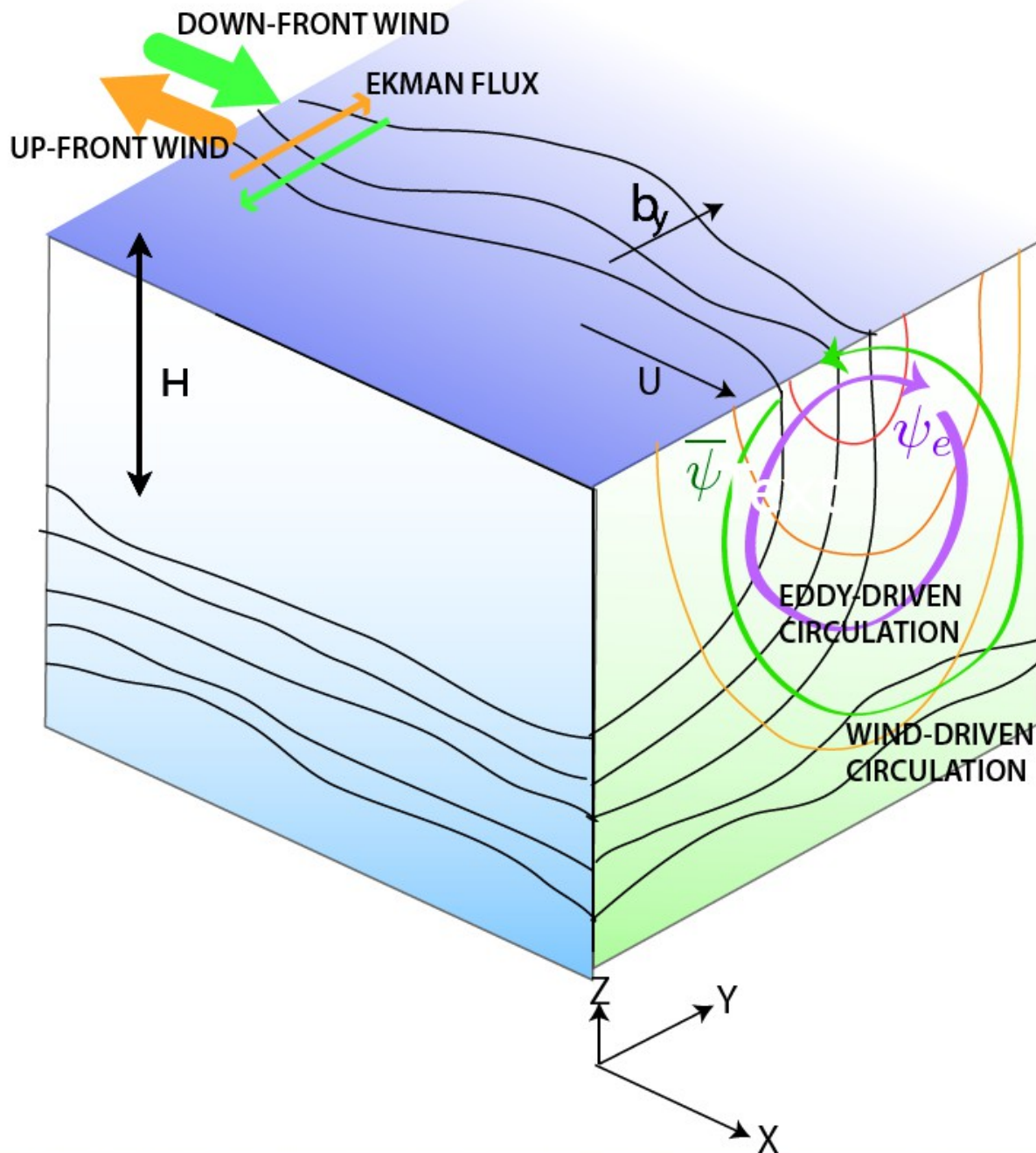
- **Forced instabilities:**  
Submesoscale generation by buoyancy fluxes:

Differential **cooling** generating MLI in 3-d (Haine and Marshall 1998)

Surface **cooling** on mesoscale eddies generating submesoscale baroclinic instability (Legg et al. 1998, Legg and McWilliams 2001);



# In the presence of wind forcing?



# Scaling

Eddy-driven

$$\psi_e \sim 0.06 H^2 \overline{b_y} / f$$

Fox-Kemper et al., 2008

Wind-driven

$$\overline{\psi} \approx -\tau^x / \rho f$$

$$r \equiv \left| \overline{\psi} / \psi_e \right|$$

$$= \tau_0 / (0.06 \rho H^2 \overline{b_y})$$

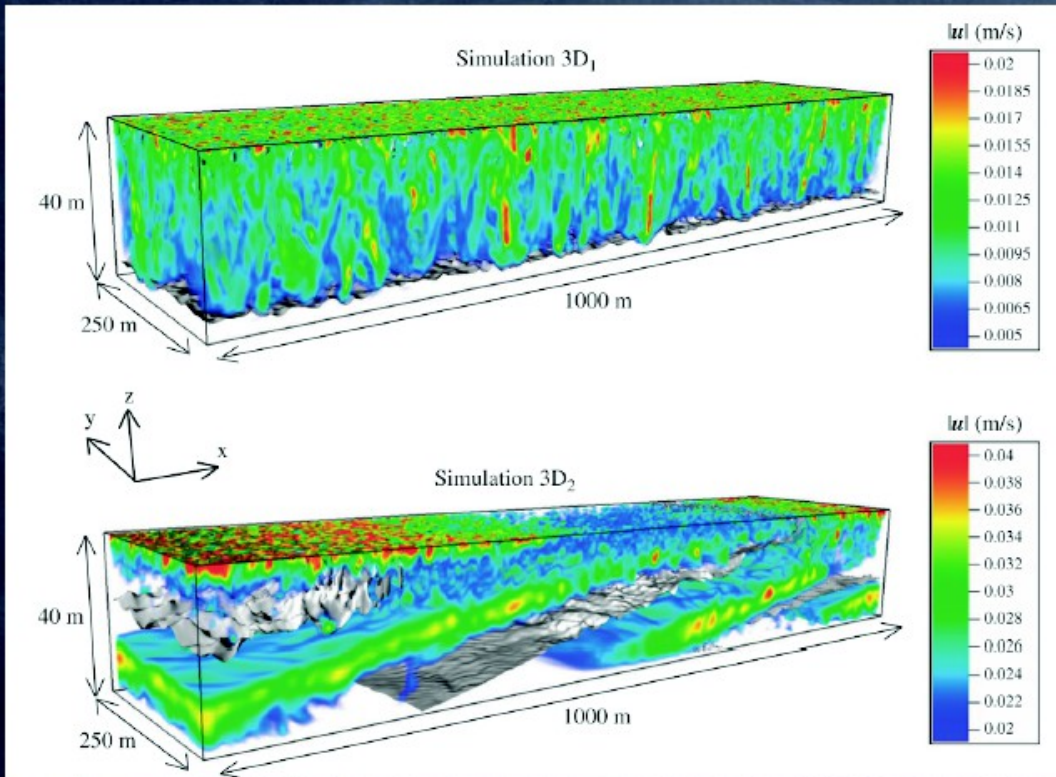
$$r < 1$$

MLE win restratification

$r \geq 1$  wind has pinned the front

**Mahadevan, Tandon, Ferrari (2010)**

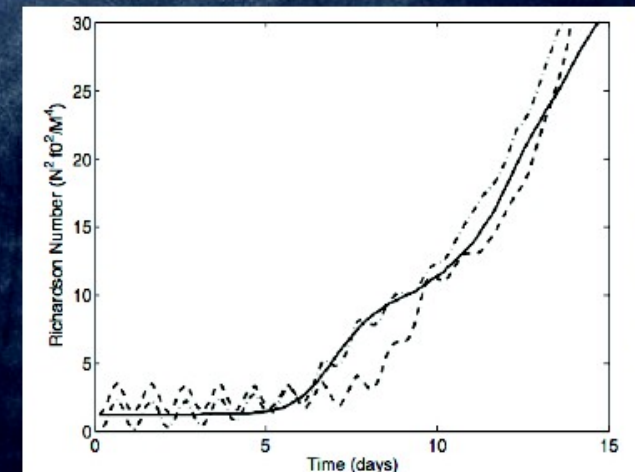
# Forced Generation: Symmetric Instability



- Symmetric instability leads to slantwise convection resetting the PV to zero (Taylor and Ferrari 2010)

## What about MLI?

- On longer time-scales, as the mixed layer re-stratifies and  $Ri > 1$ , ageostrophic baroclinic instability matters and leads to ML eddies.



## 6 Cruises, 1 workshop, 1 Science/Planning Meeting

### Participants in *Roger Revelle* and *Sagar Nidhi* cruises and IISc. Workshop

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**Total**

**56 Participants**

**4 Ph.D. students**

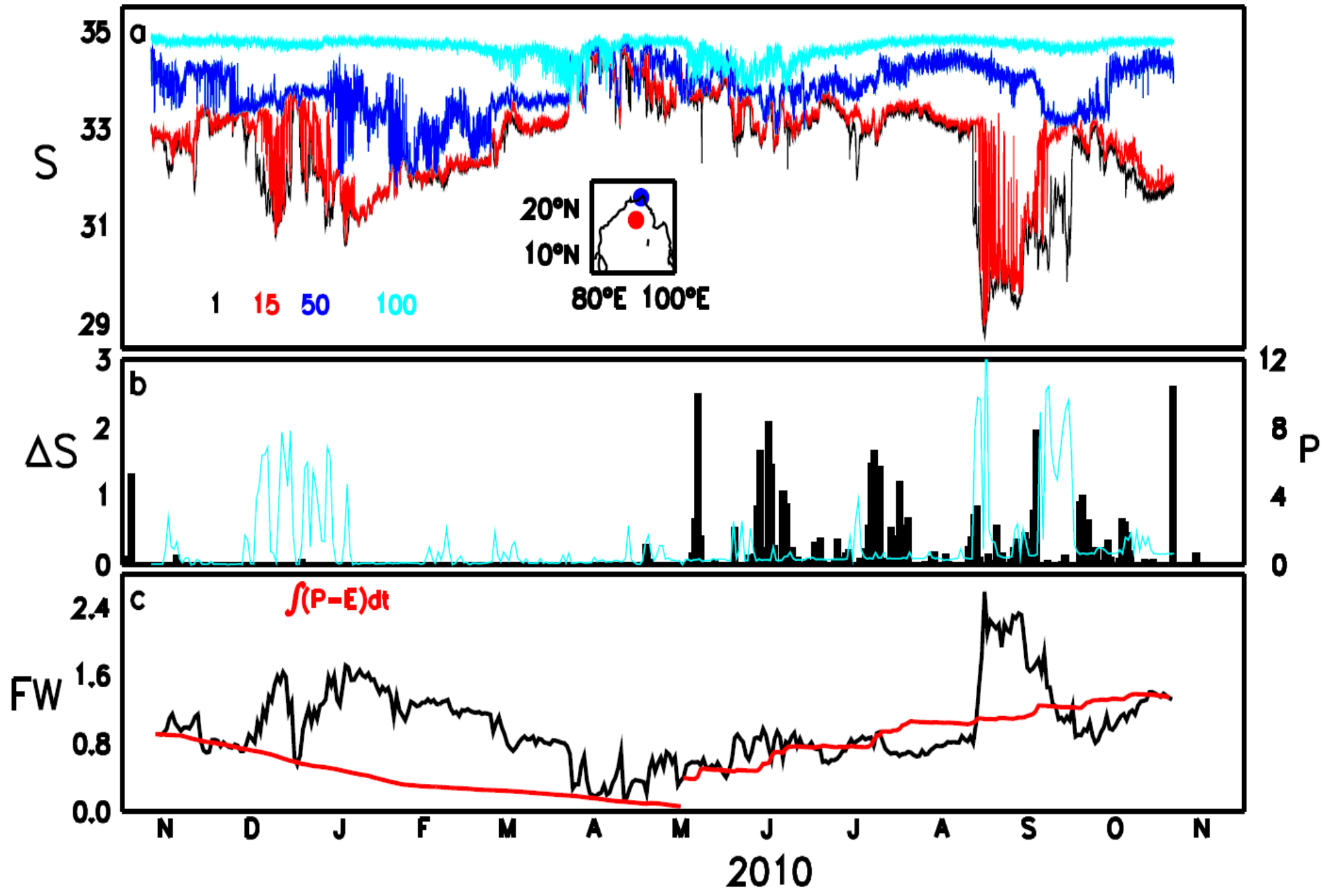
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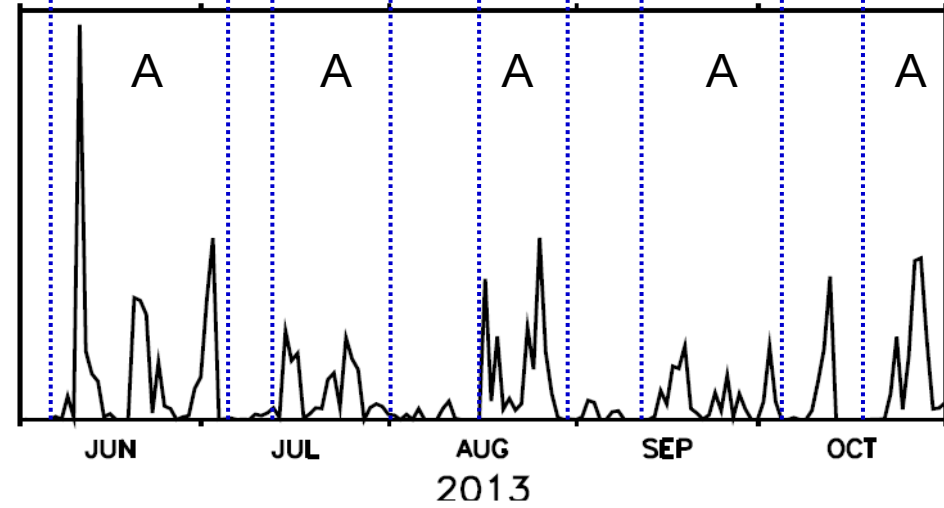
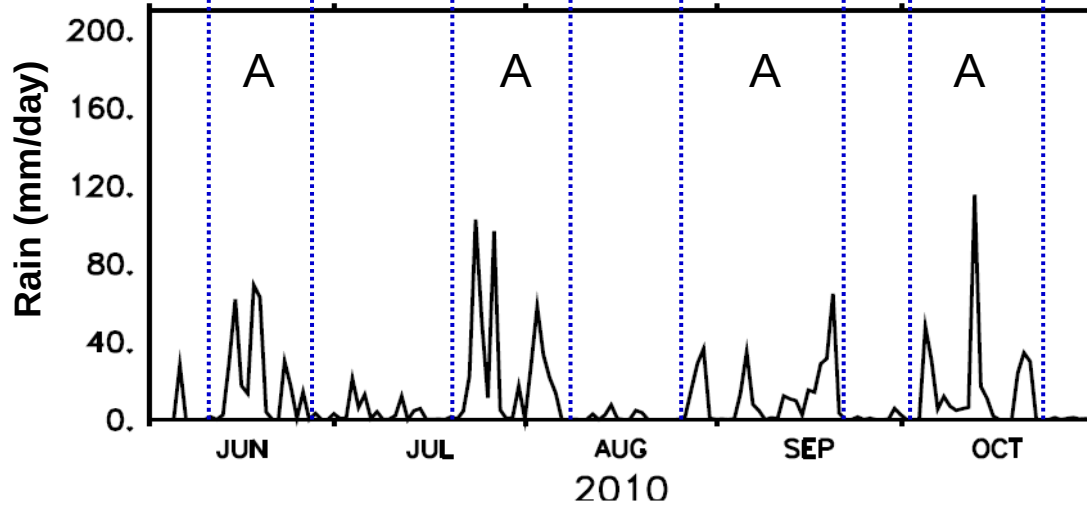
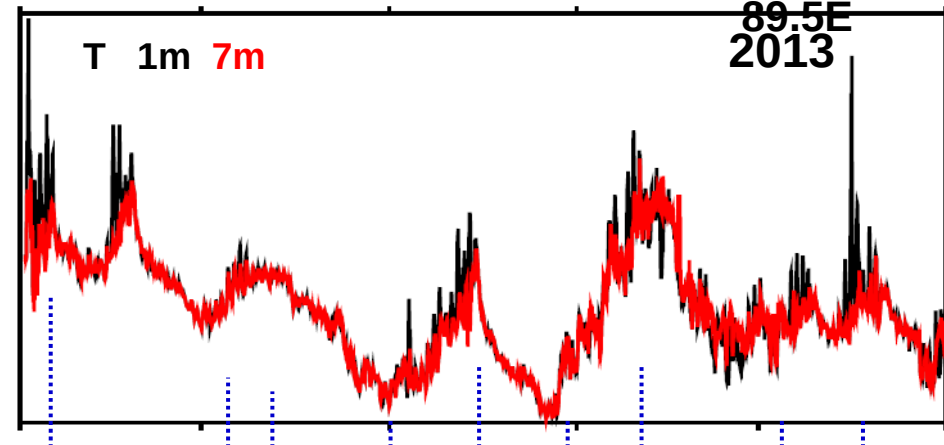
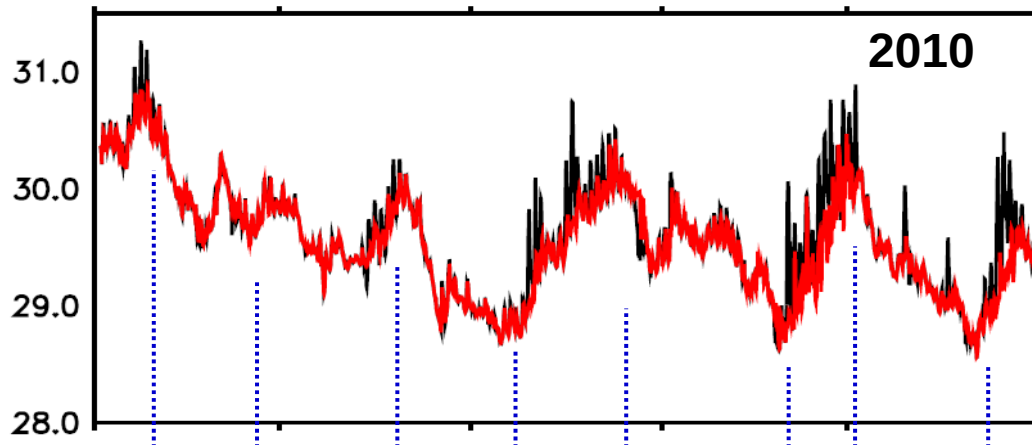
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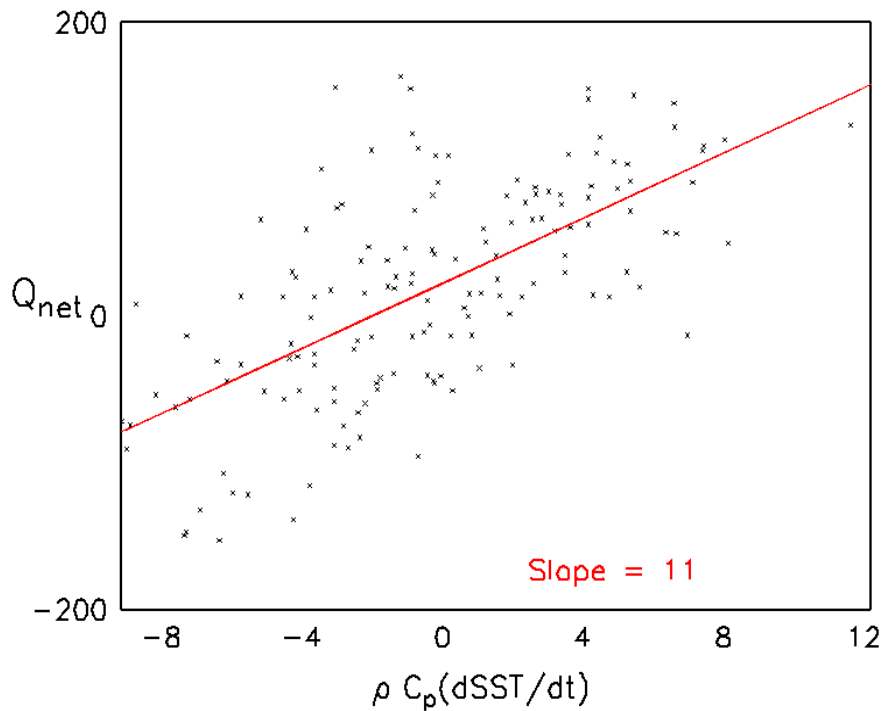






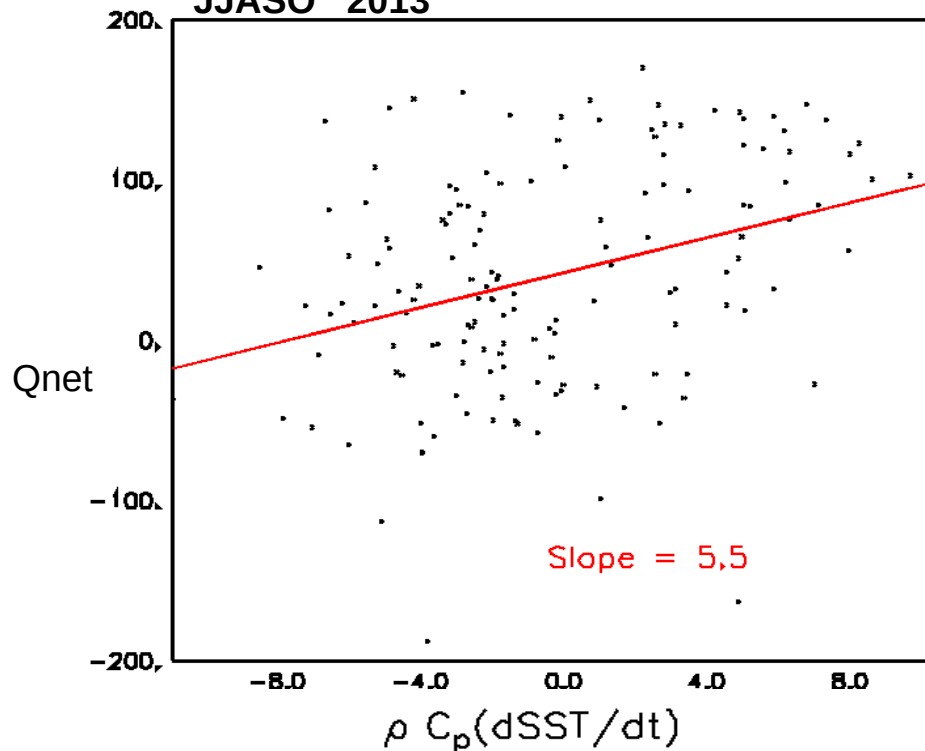
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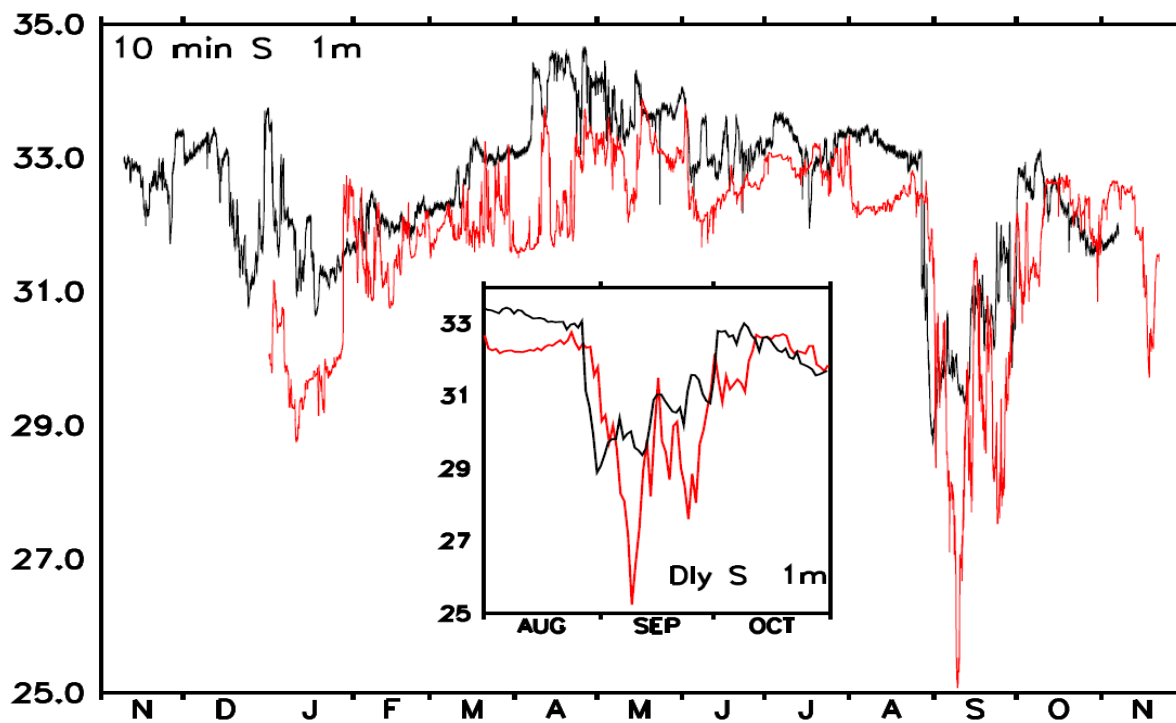


2009-10 **2013**

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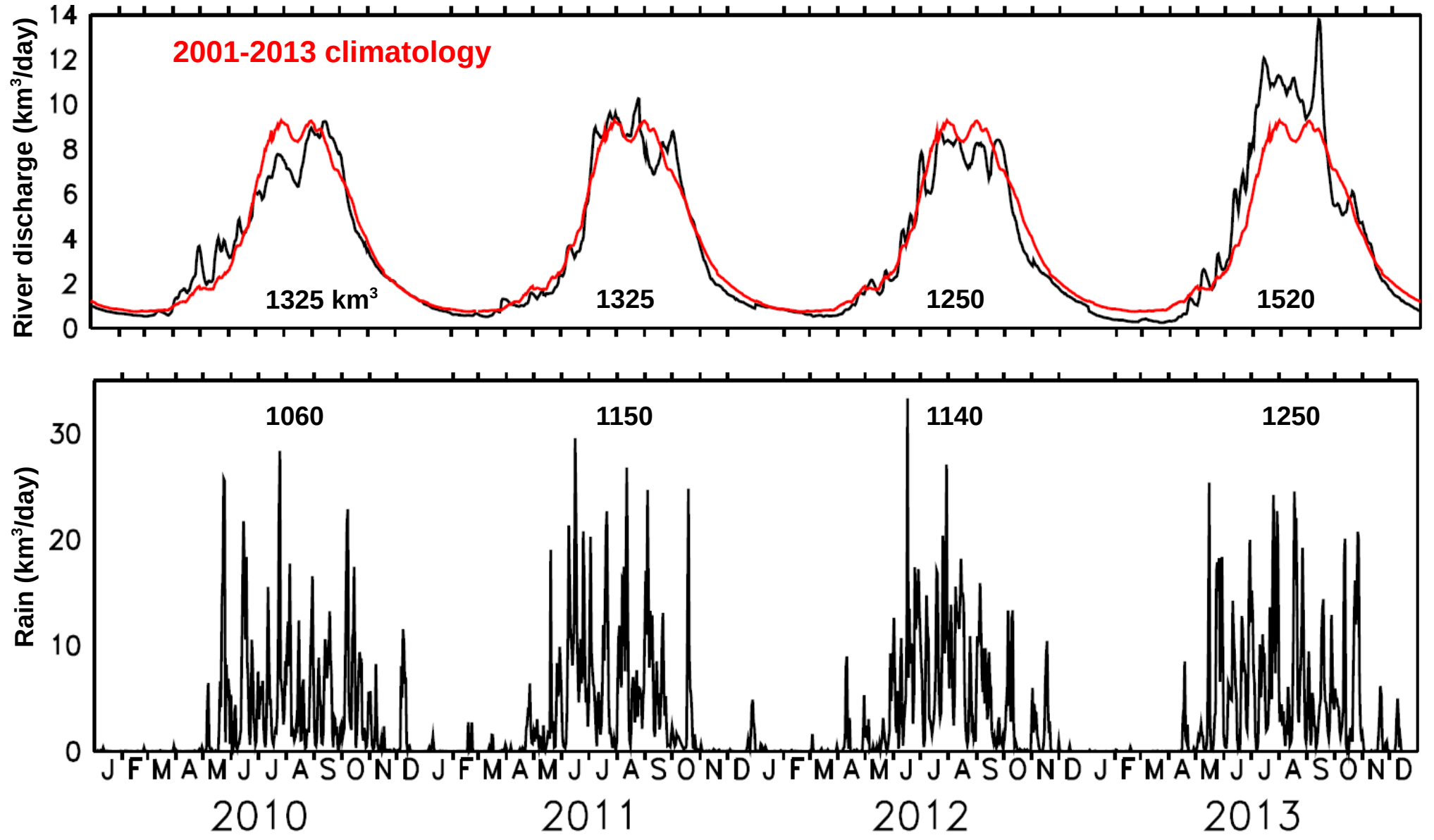


18N 89.5E



Mean  $\Delta S_{15m-1m}$  0.38 **0.7**

# Ganga-Brahmaputra daily river discharge and TRMM daily rainfall average north of 17N



Discharge data courtesy: Bangladesh River Service, Fabrice Papa

## Data:

### *Three moorings 200 km to the right of the cyclone track:*

*NIOT BD09*    89.67° E 17.88° N    hourly data

*NIOT BD08*    89.67° E 18.17° N    hourly data

*INCOIS*        89.5° E 18° N        10 minute data

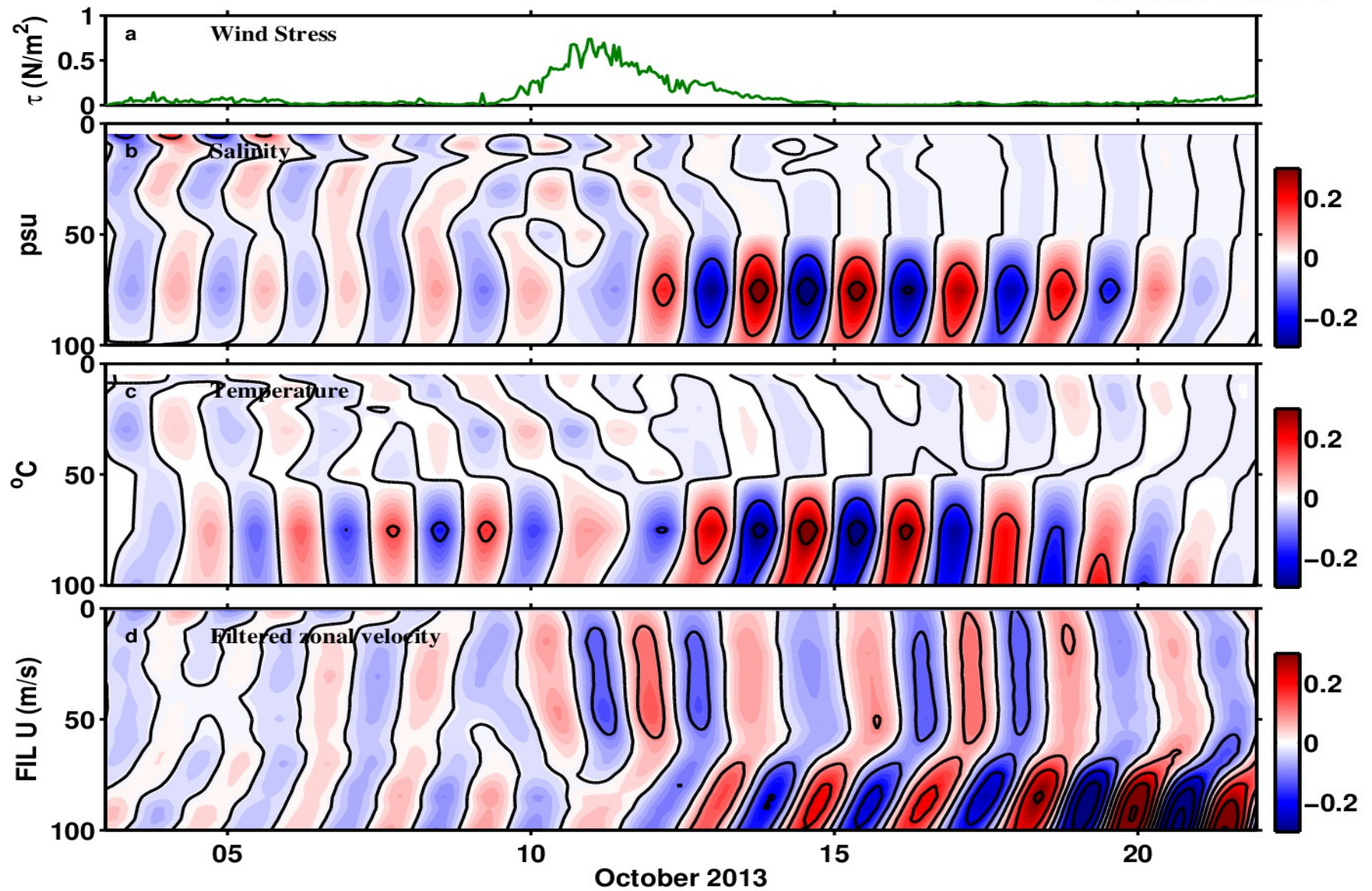
### *One mooring under the cyclone track:*

*NIOT BD10*    88° E 16.5° N        hourly data

*Argo float 2901335*        *3-5 hour sampling*

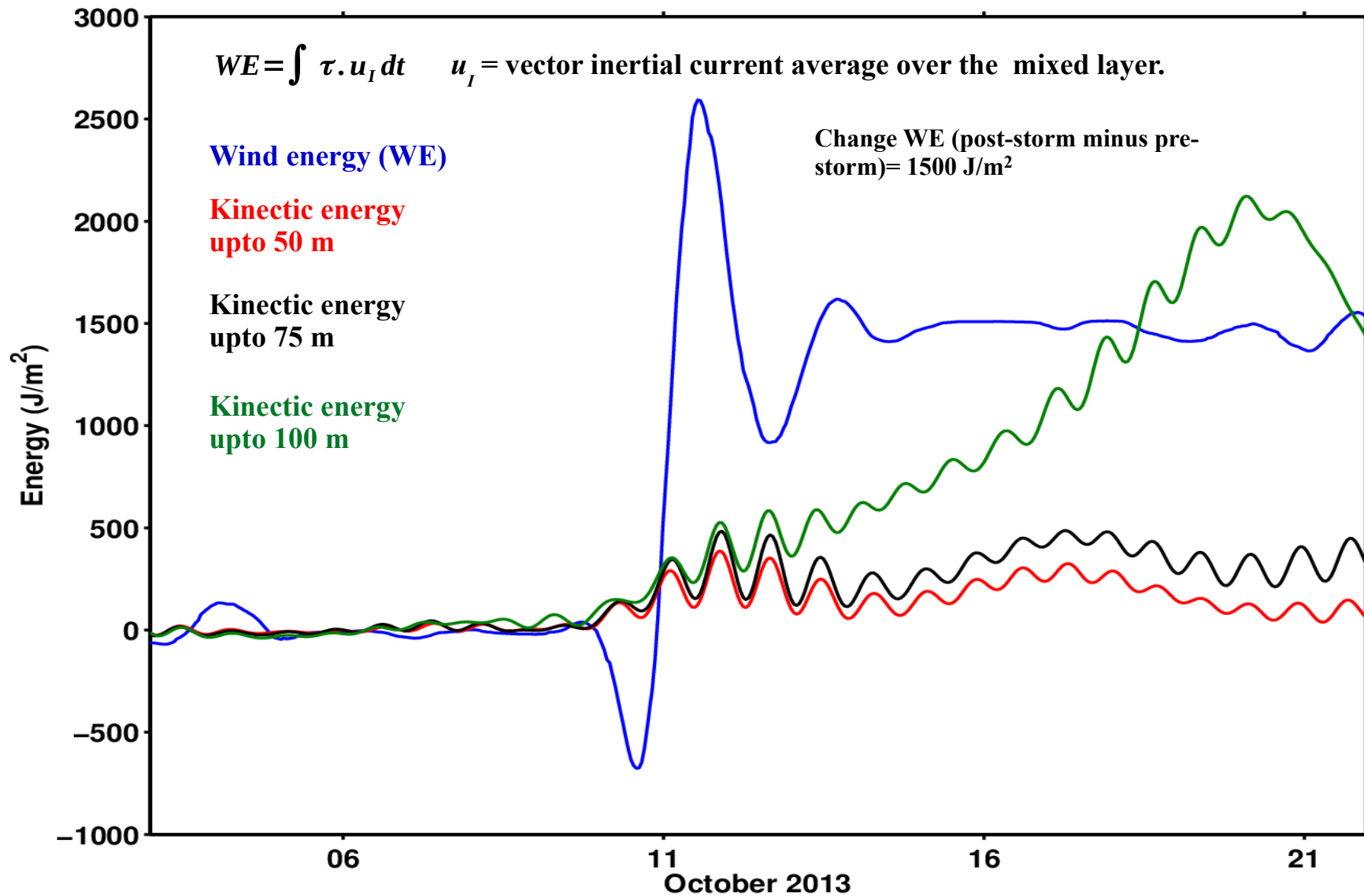
**TMI/AMSRE Merged Microwave SST        0.25° daily**

**Aquarius Sea Surface Salinity            1° daily**



Hourly a) wind stress. Band-passed (30-46 hours) near-inertial b) salinity c) temperature d) zonal velocity from mooring BD09.

Large near-inertial oscillations is present in both salinity and temperature below 50 m. Strong near-inertial signal is present below 50 m but not in the upper 50 m.



**Inertial energy input and change in inertial kinetic energy. Because the intention is to focus on the change in energetics of response to the storm, the initial (3-8 October) wind energy and kinetic energy has been subtracted from the observed record at BD09 from respective quantity.**

Inertial kinetic energy upto 100 m exceeds the inertial wind energy input after 17 October.

# Why might Submesoscales be Important?

They are really there - *the ocean has lots of small-fronts.*  
*Is ignorance bliss?*

***Theory and models suggest:***

An energy sink -

*May allow a proper closure of the ocean's energy budget*

Increased vertical exchange in upper ocean

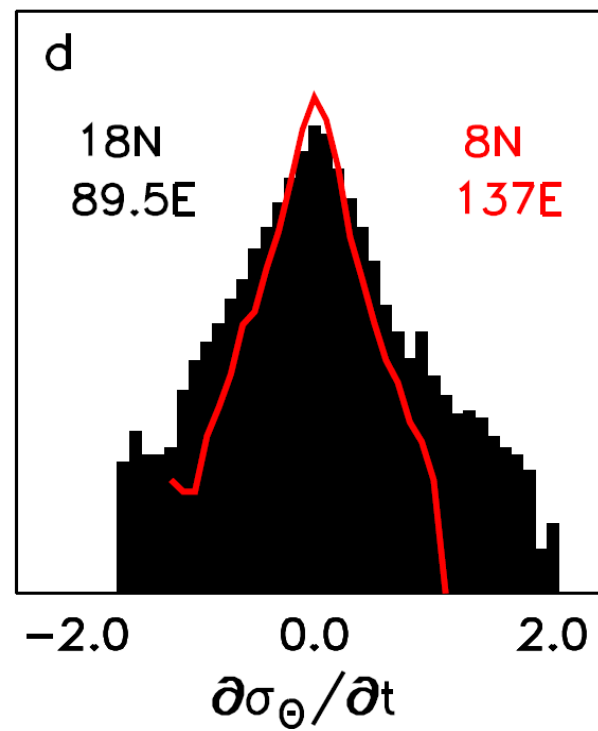
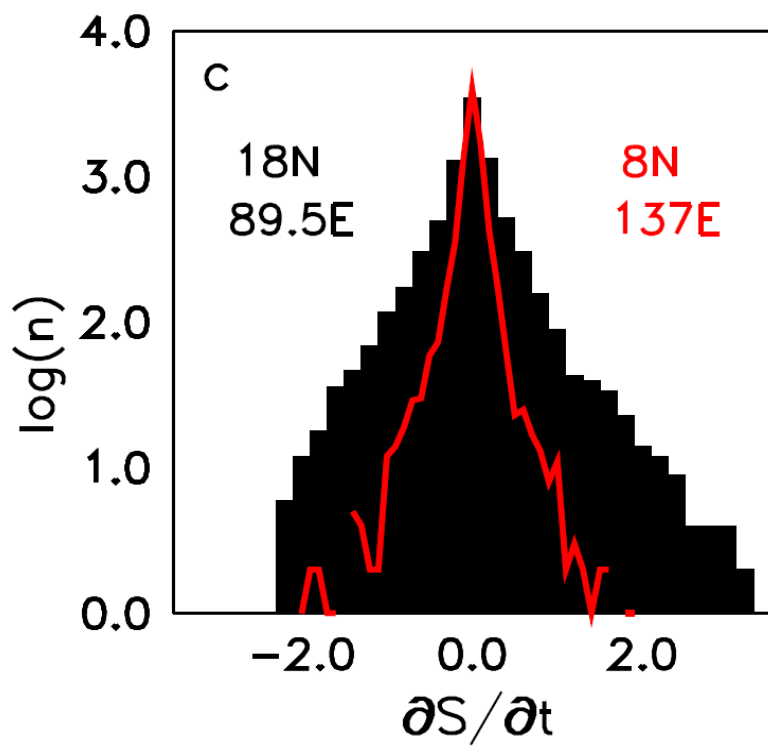
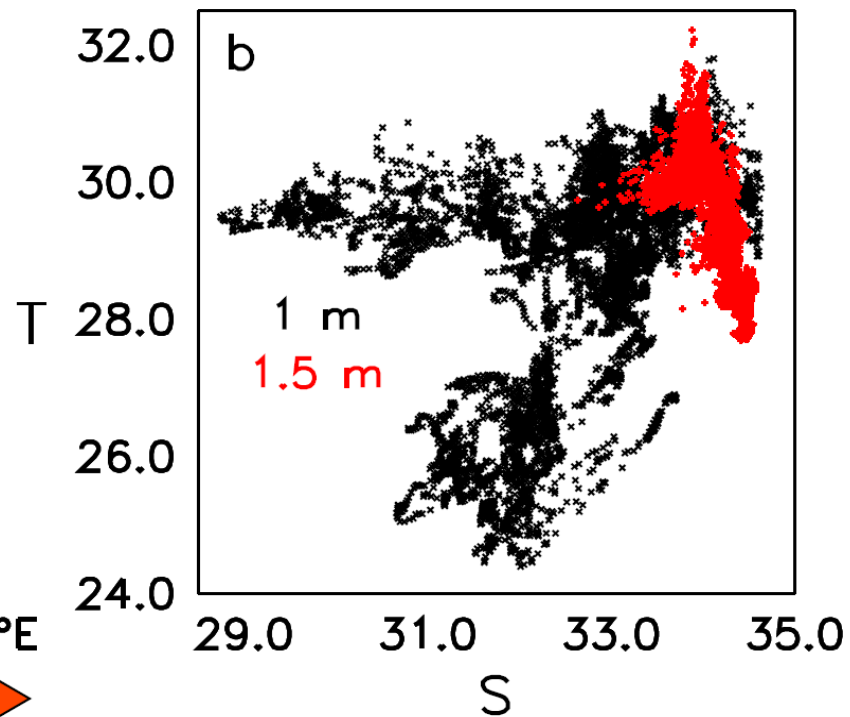
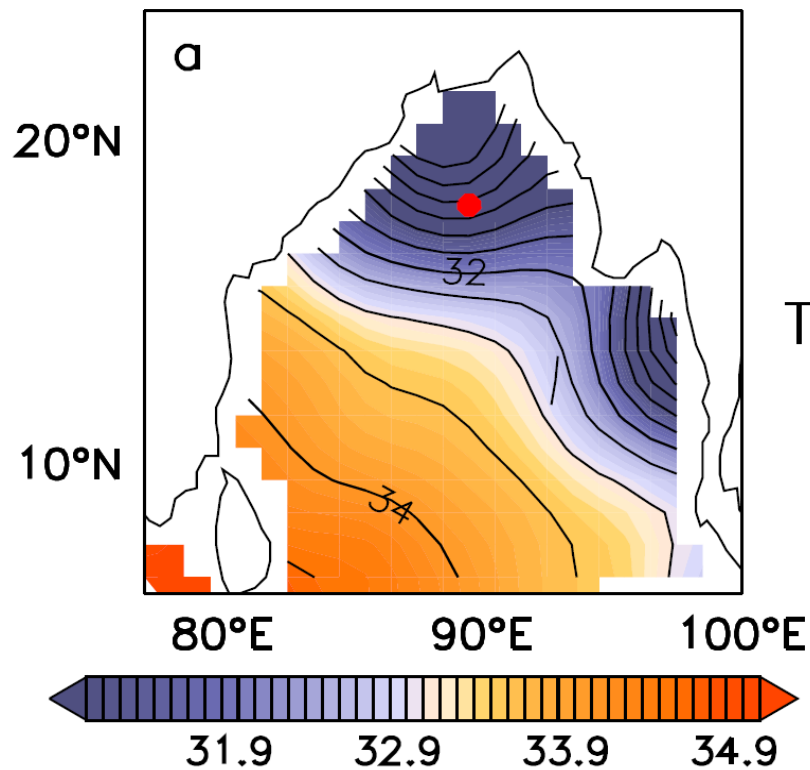
*A big effect on biological productivity*

Increased lateral dispersion

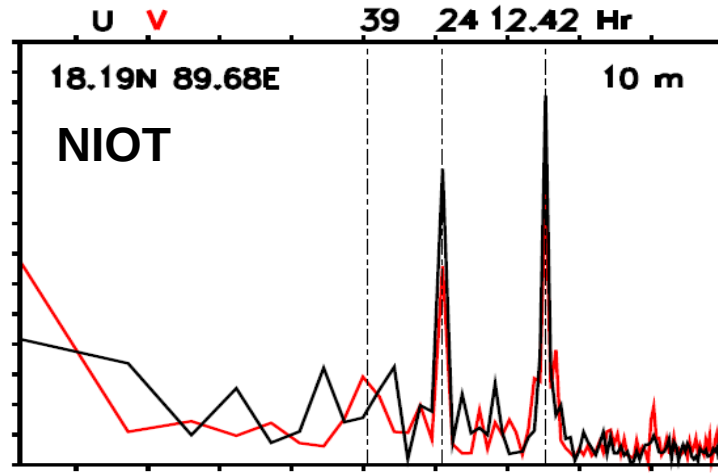
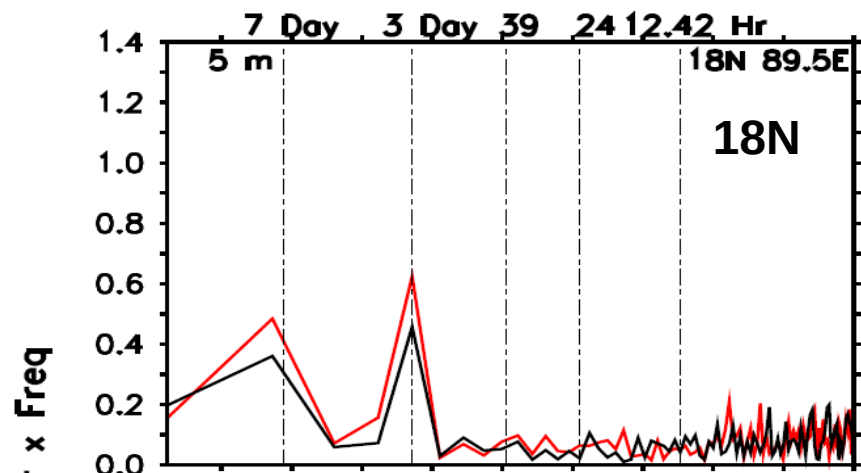
*e.g. How fast does an oil spill spread?*

Lateral stratification of the upper ocean

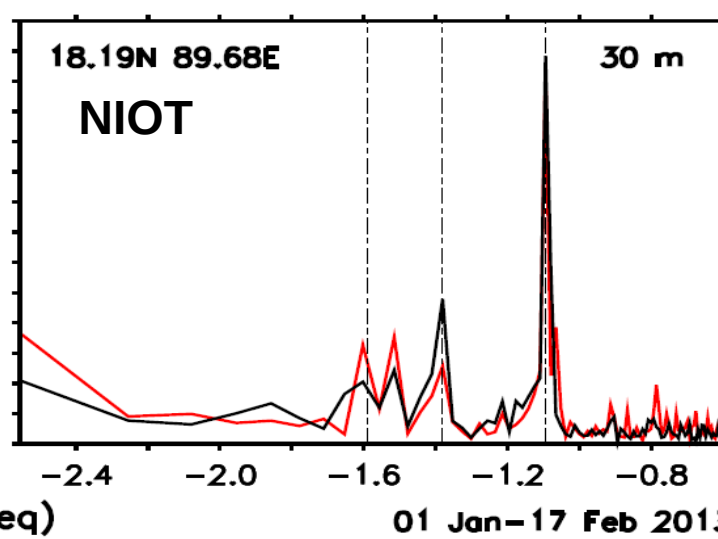
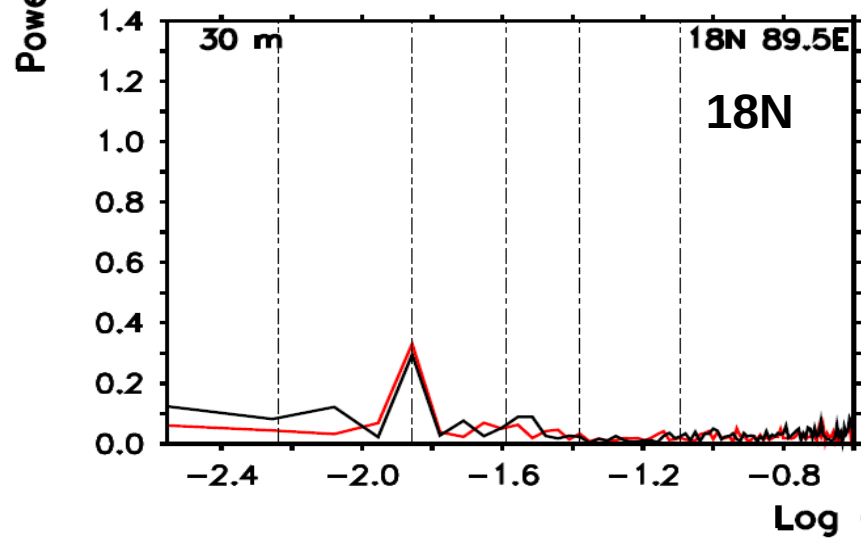
*Shallower mixed layers*







Variance-preserving spectra of currents



Log (Freq)

01 Jan-17 Feb 2013

No semidiurnal tidal peak in velocity (u,v) at the INCOIS mooring at 18N, but significant tidal energy at the NIOT mooring, 27 km away.

