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## Linking Hydrographic Data Acquisition and Processing to Ocean Model Simulations

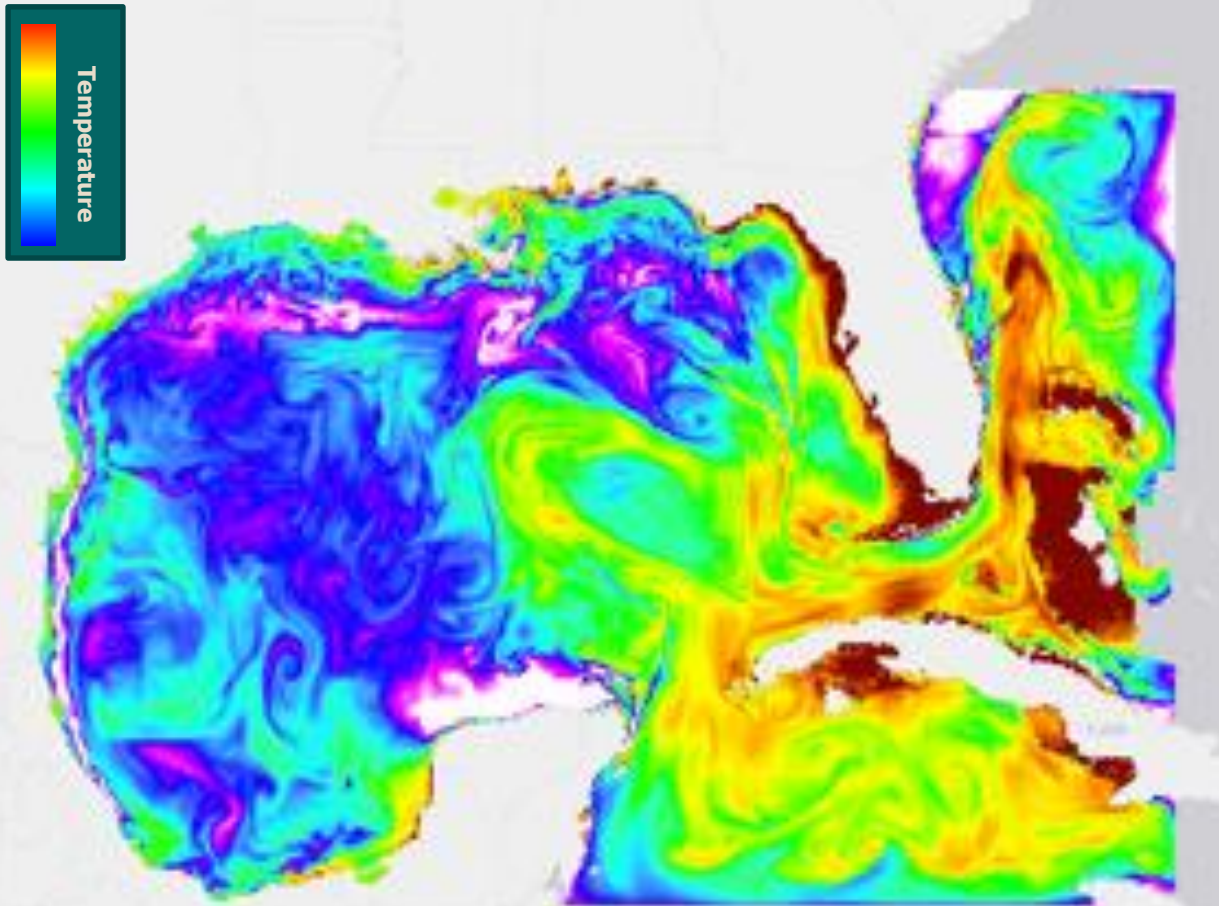
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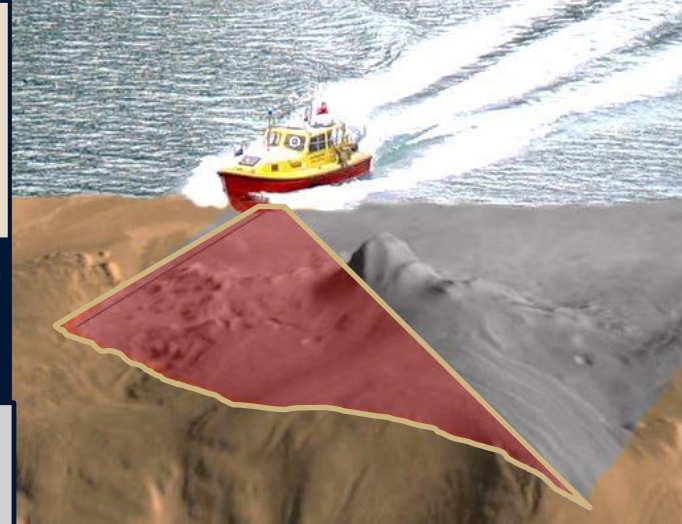
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# Ocean Modelling

## Simulating the Ocean Environment



Gulf of Mexico



### Model Output

Tides  
Currents  
Temperature  
Salinity

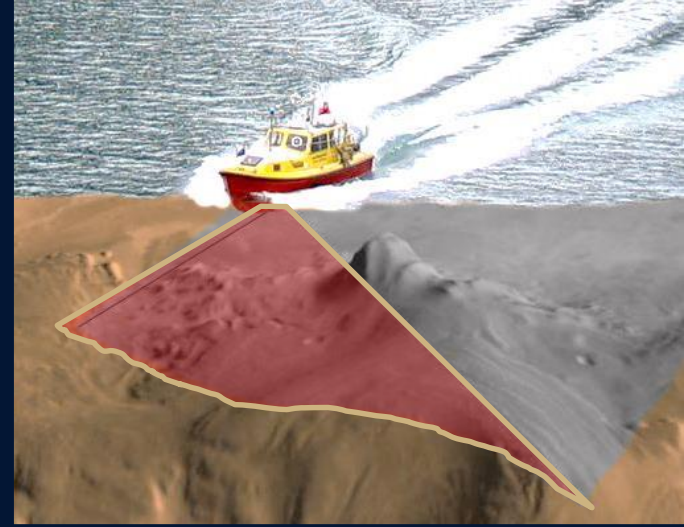
### Model Input

Bathymetry  
Coastline  
Seafloor Roughness  
Sediment Distribution

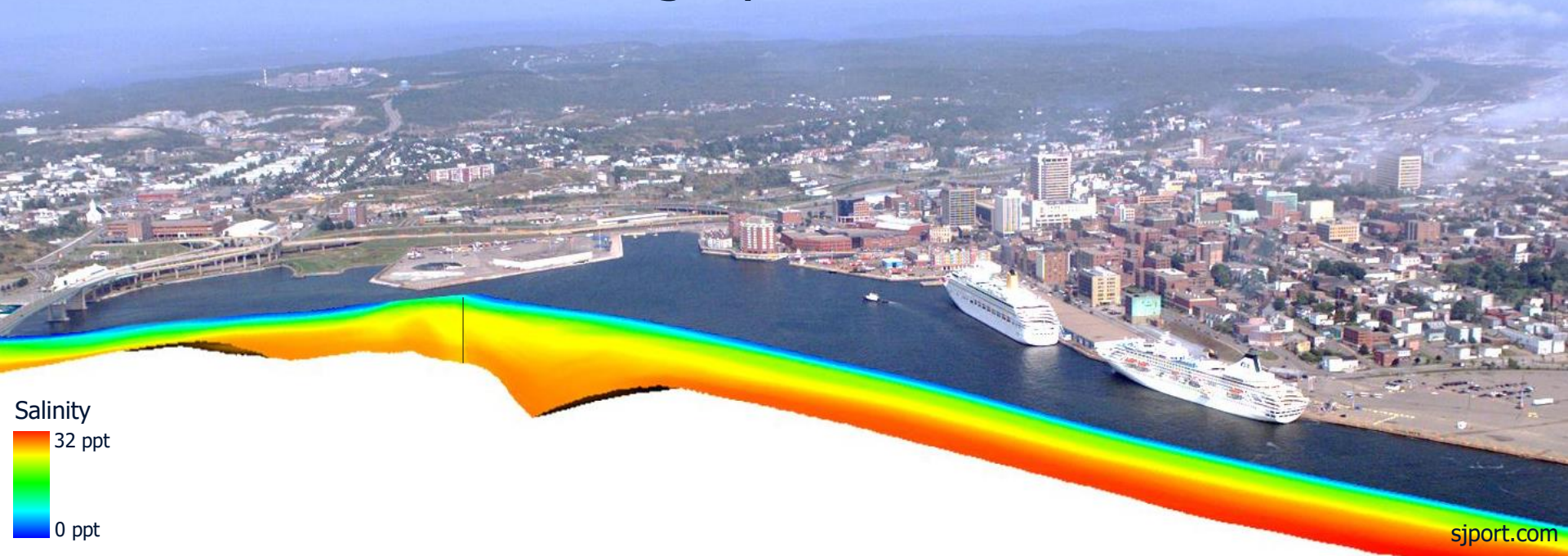


How can ***Ocean Modelling*** data be used to assist **Ocean Mapping**?

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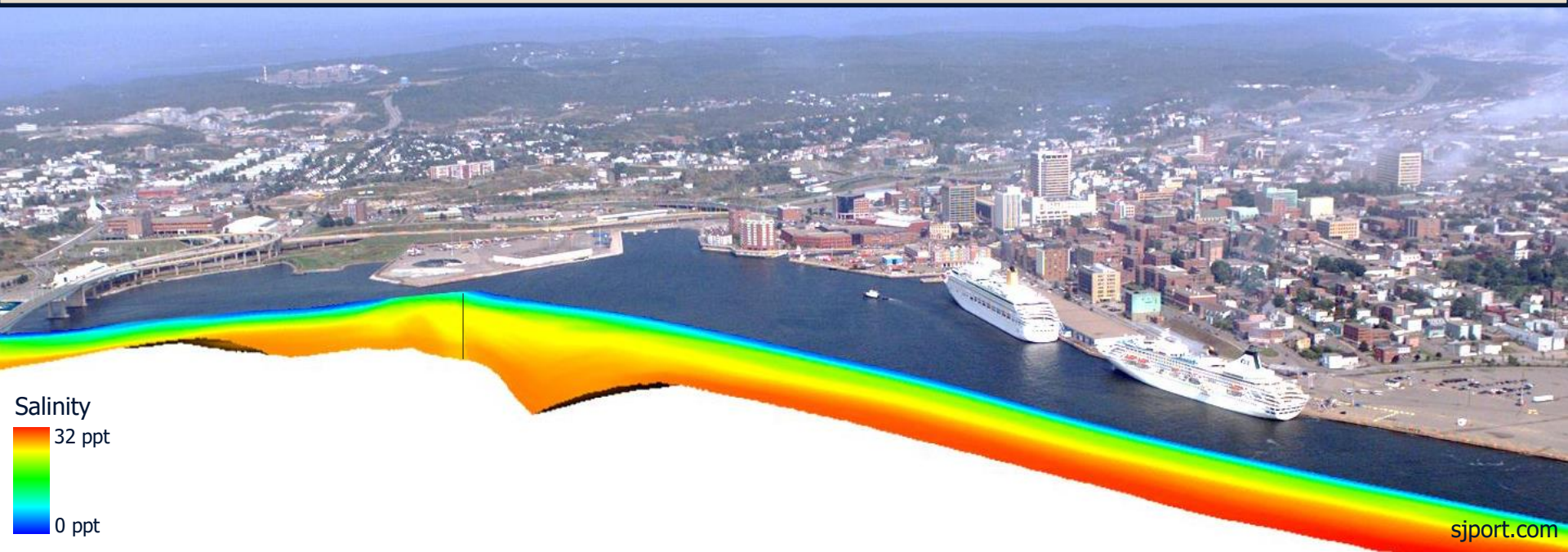


## The Integration of the Hydrographic and Physical Oceanographic Sciences



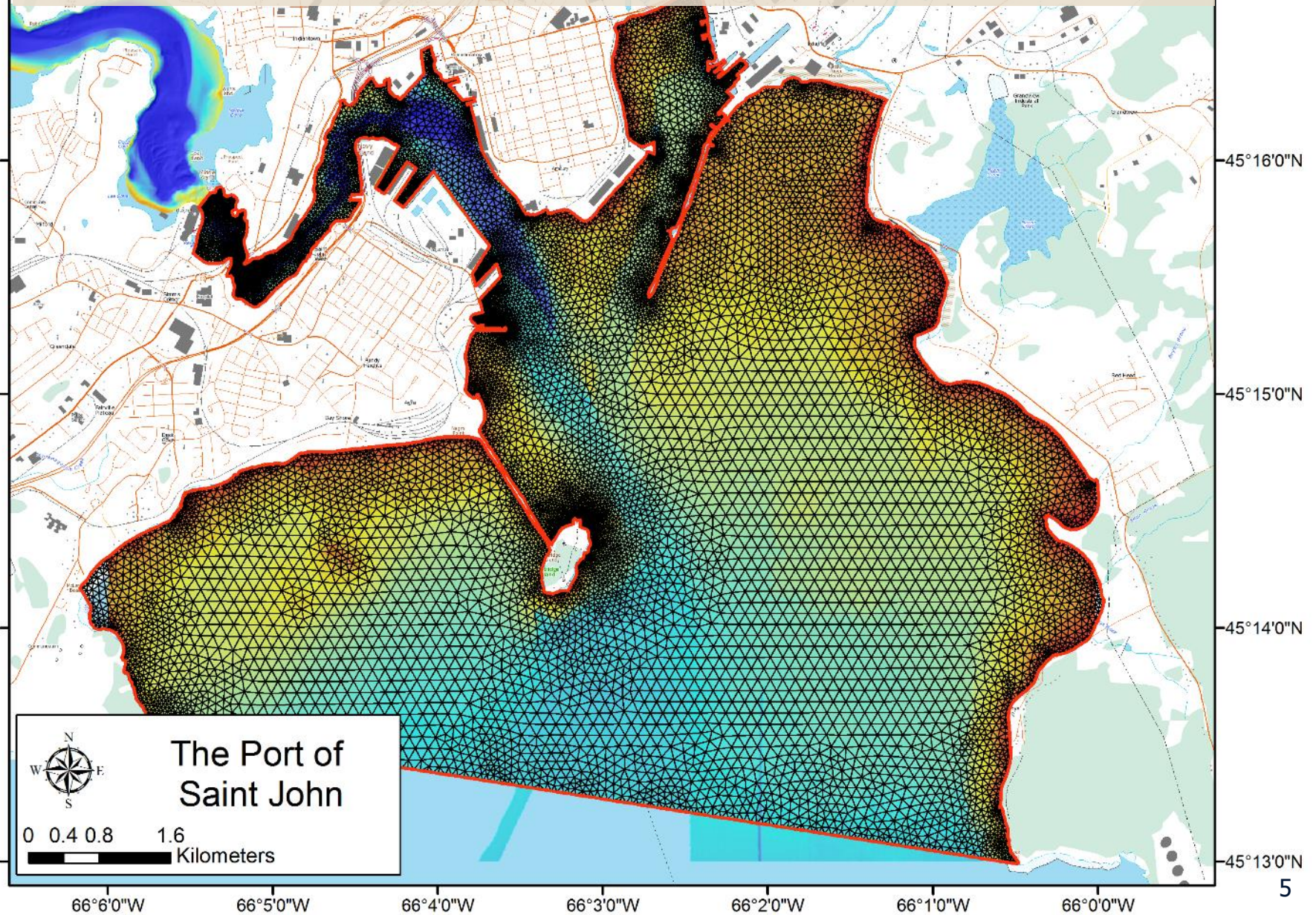
## Ocean Modelling in a Complex Estuary

*Test Case: Port of Saint John, New Brunswick*



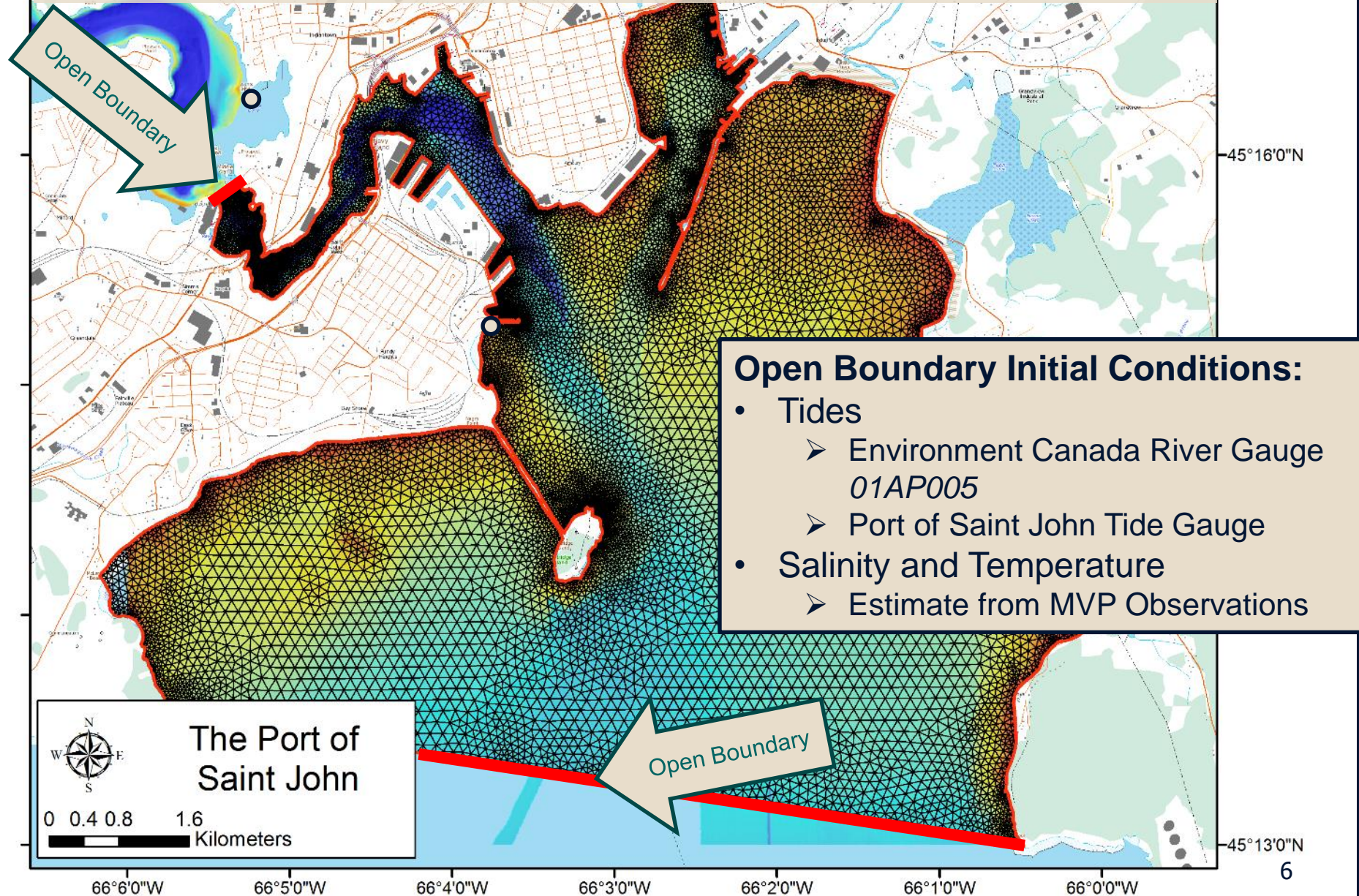


# Hydrodynamic Model Development

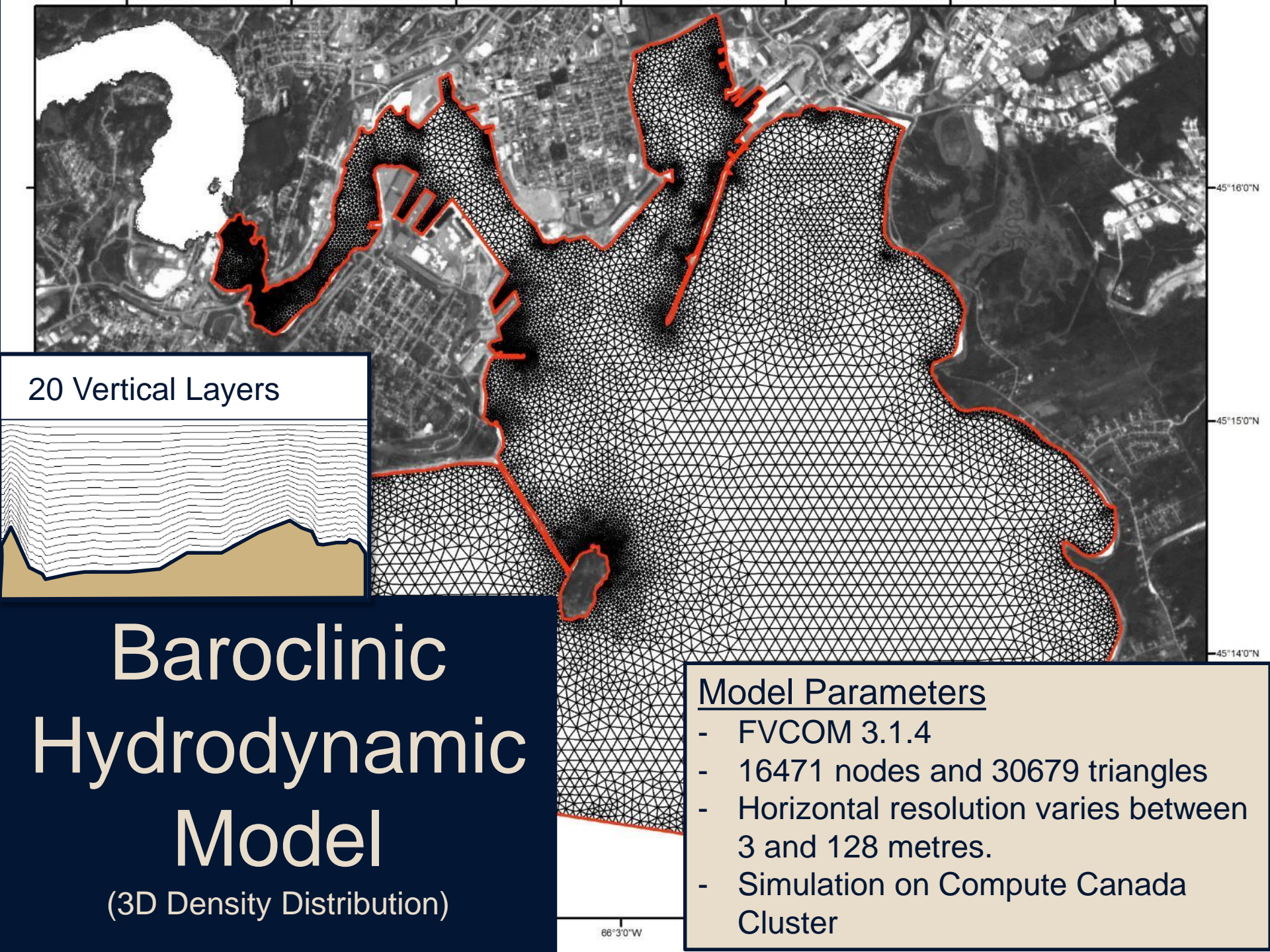




# Hydrodynamic Model Development







20 Vertical Layers

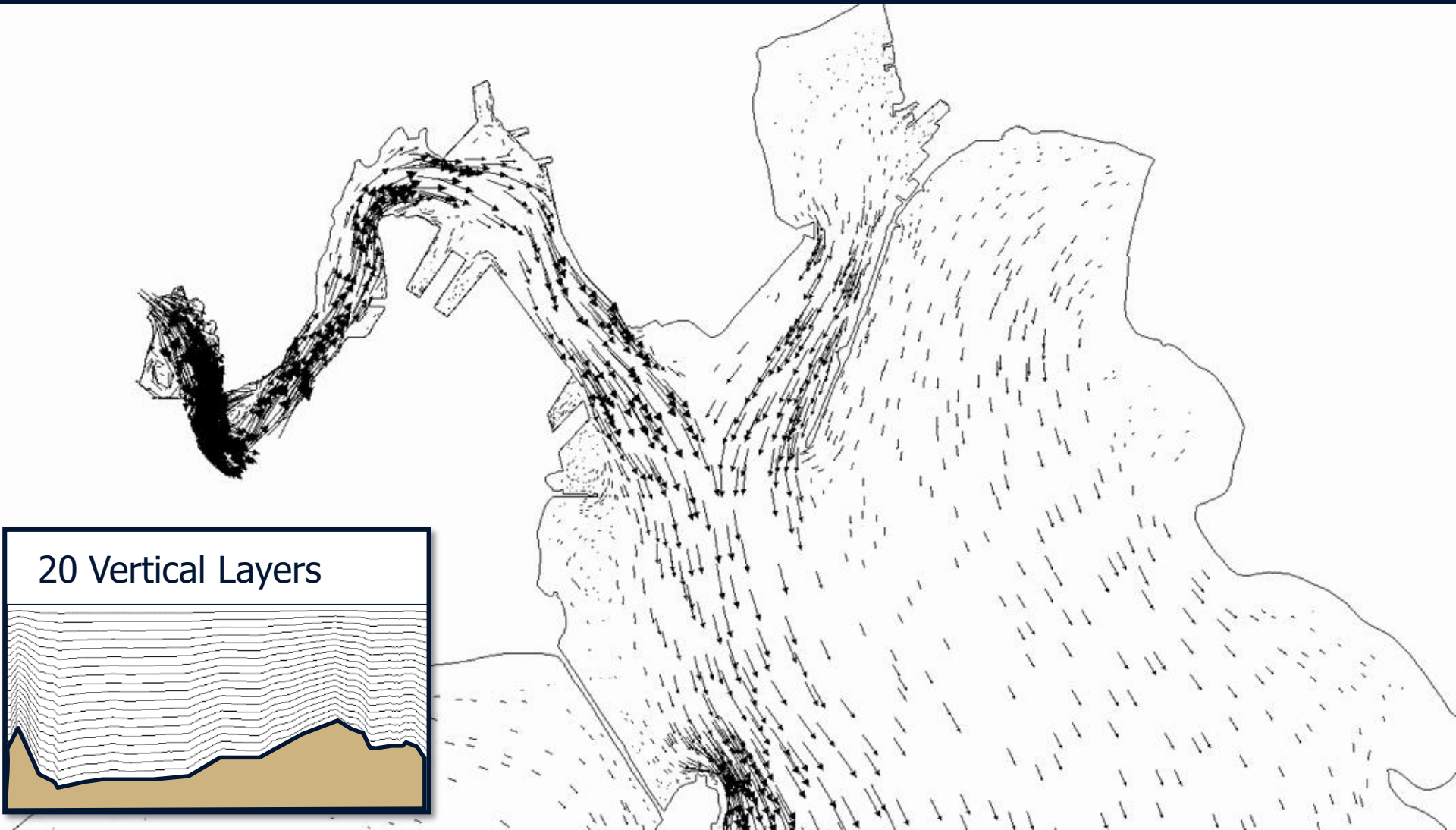
# Baroclinic Hydrodynamic Model

(3D Density Distribution)

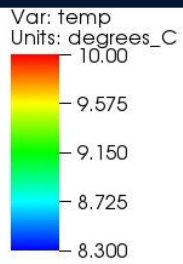
## Model Parameters

- FVCOM 3.1.4
- 16471 nodes and 30679 triangles
- Horizontal resolution varies between 3 and 128 metres.
- Simulation on Compute Canada Cluster

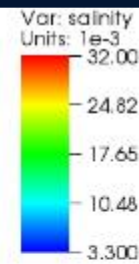
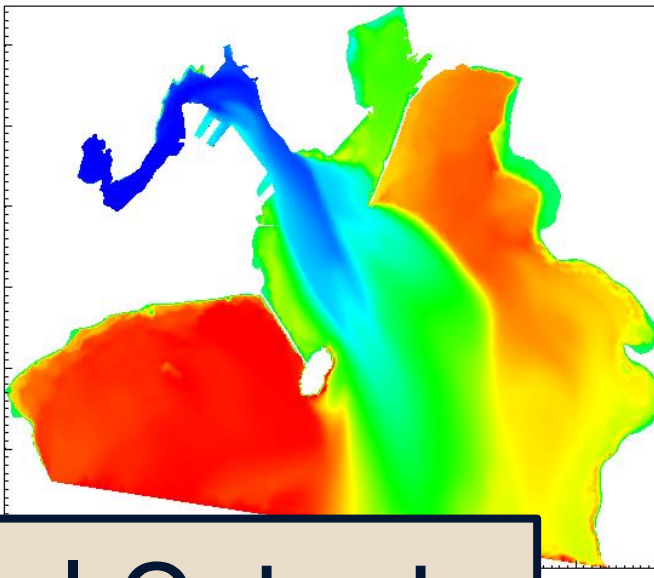
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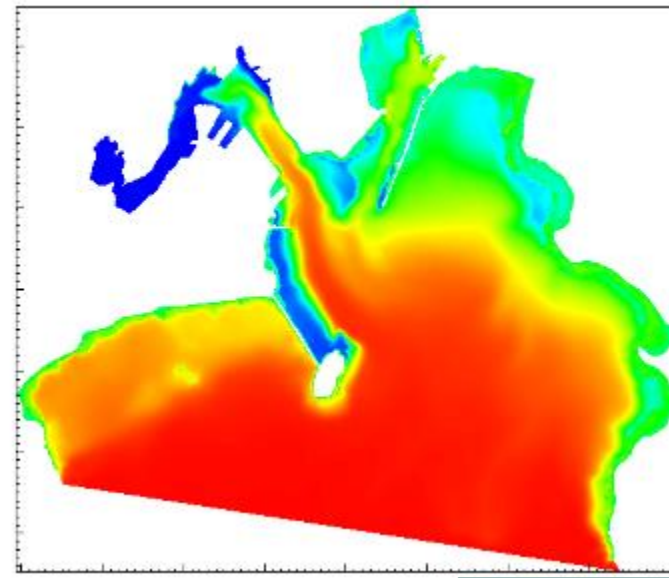




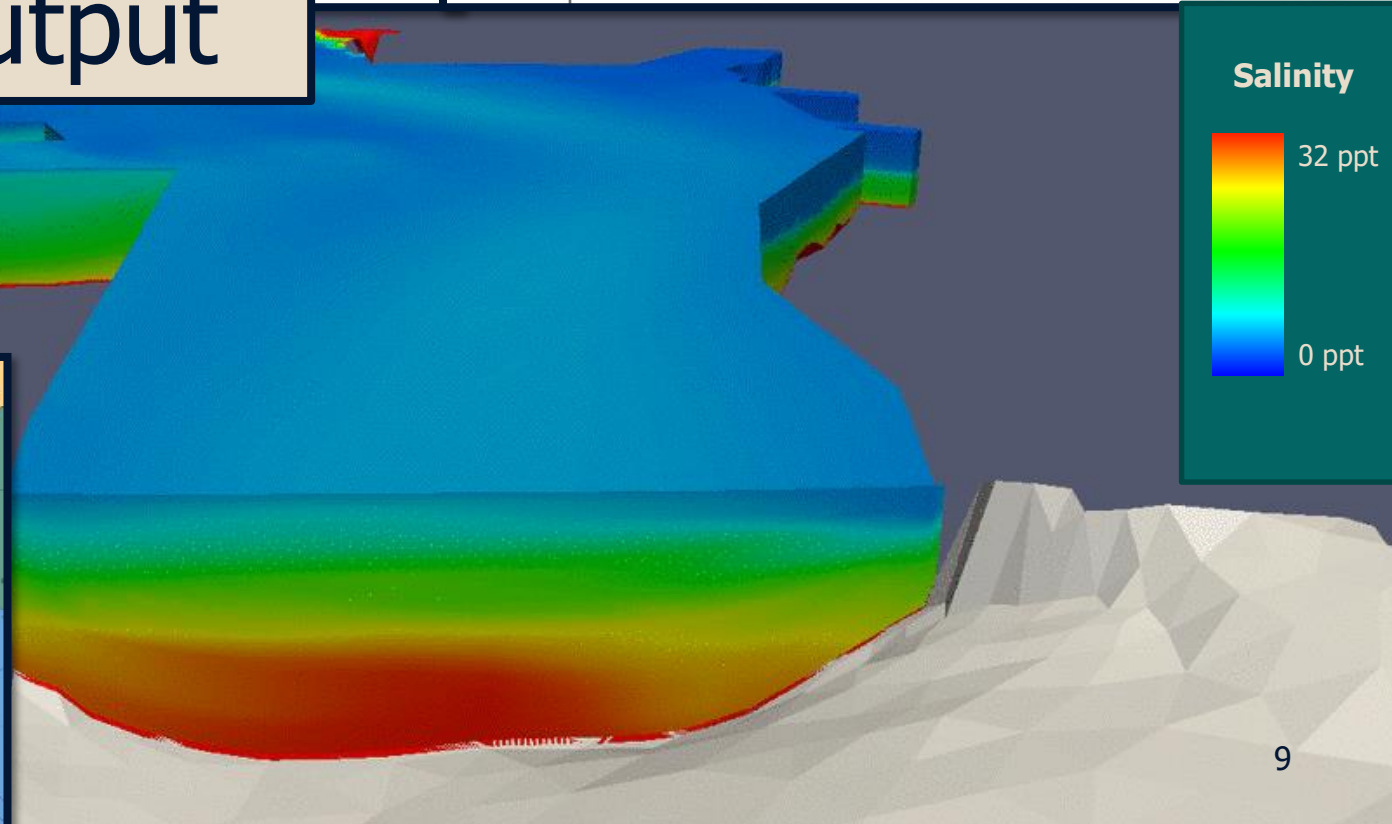
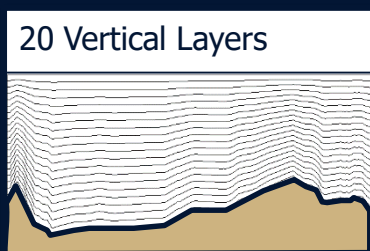
Temperature  
at the Surface



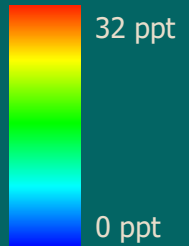
Salinity at  
the Seabed



# Model Output



Salinity





# Ocean Modelling & Hydrography

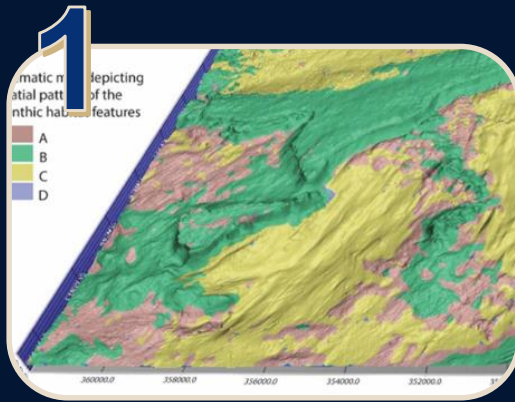
Time	Presentation
Wednesday 14 h 00 - 14 h 20	<i>Canada's Continuous Vertical Datum (CVD)</i> Marlene Jeffries, Canadian Hydrographic Service
Thursday 09 h 10 - 09 h 30	<i>Dynamic Information in Support of Safe and Efficient Navigation in Canada.</i> Louis Maltais, Canadian Hydrographic Service



## Canadian Hydrographic Service Model Derived Products

- Vertical Datum (CVD)
- Tides and Currents (OPP)

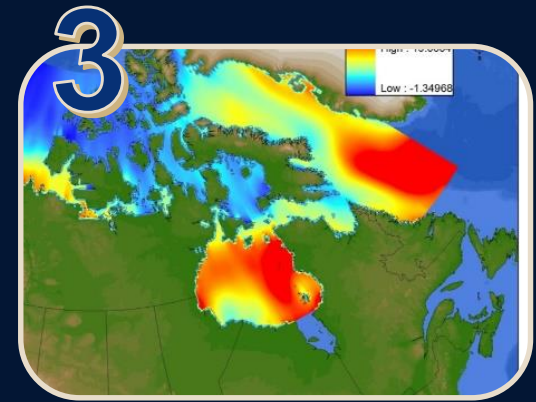




Habitat Mapping



Data Sharing



Crowd Sourced Bathymetry

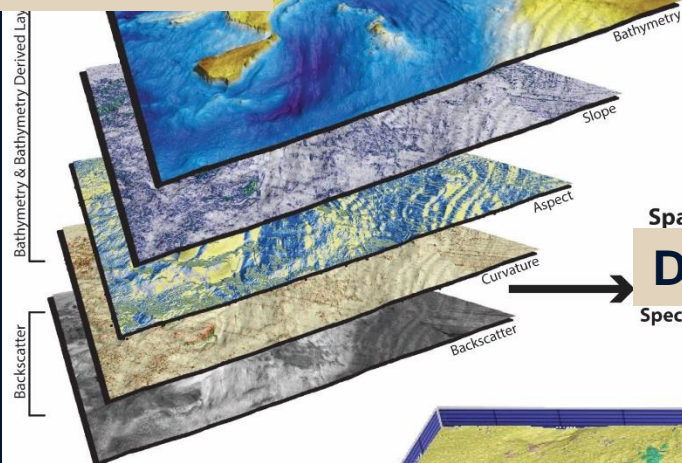
Current Research

# WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW

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# Bay of Fundy Habitat Mapping + Oceanographic Modelling

Seafloor remote sensing data



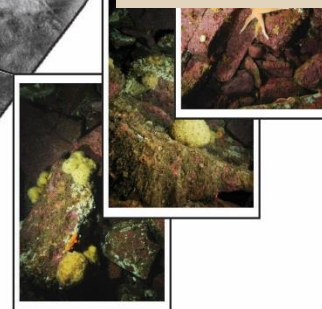
Spatial Integration of Data Sets

**Data Analysis**

Species/ Community/ Habitat modeling

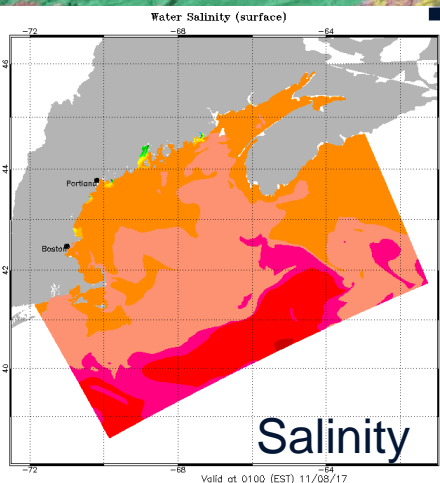
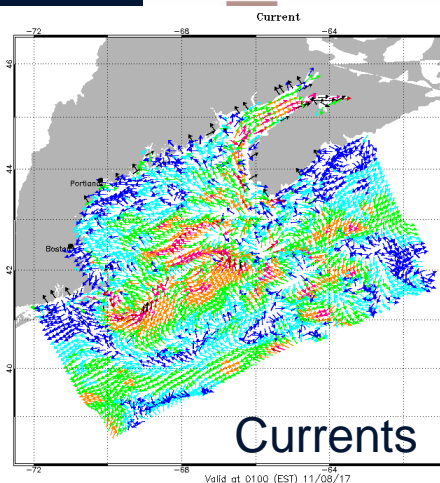
In situ sample (biological/chemical) from core

*In situ* seafloor sample data (i.e. Ground Validation)

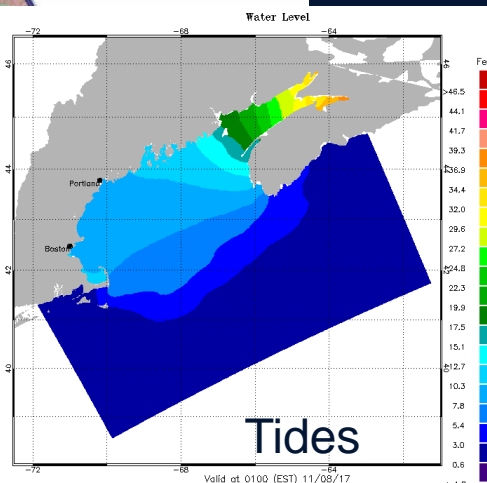
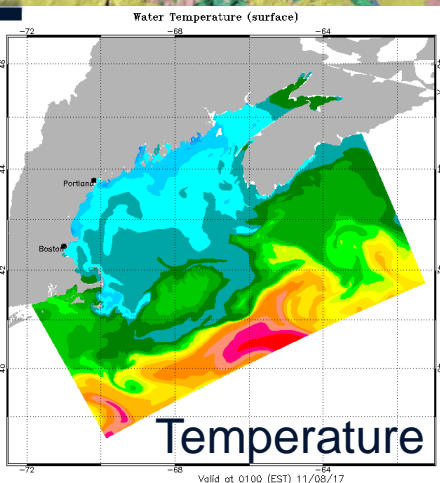


Thematic map depicting spatial pattern of the benthic habitat features

**Thematic Map**



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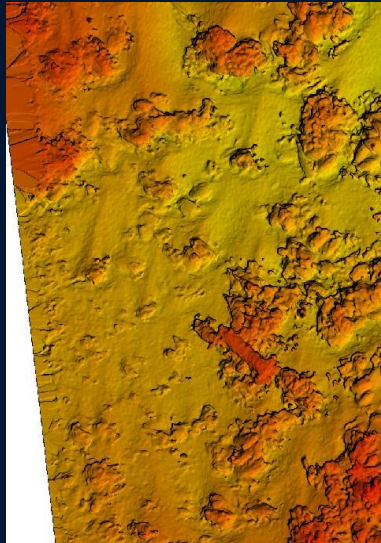
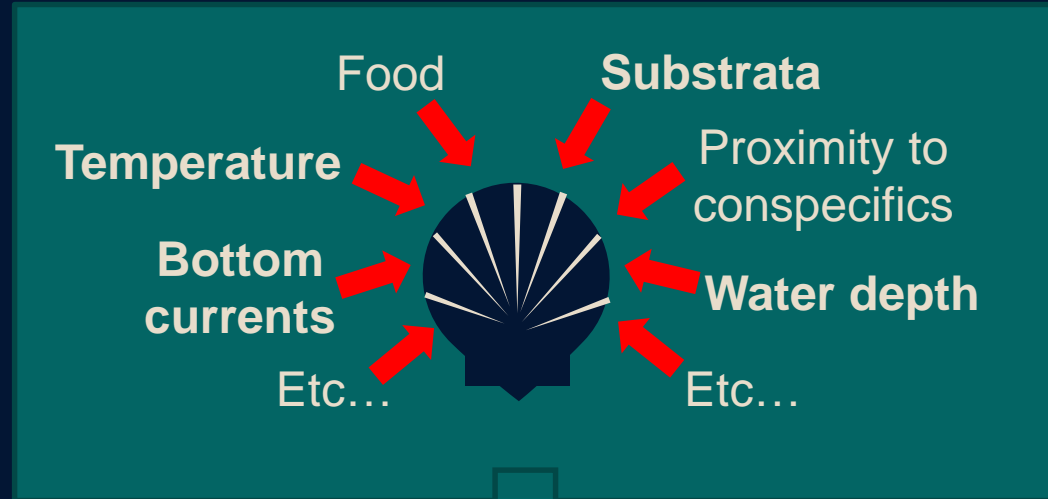


# Habitat Mapping

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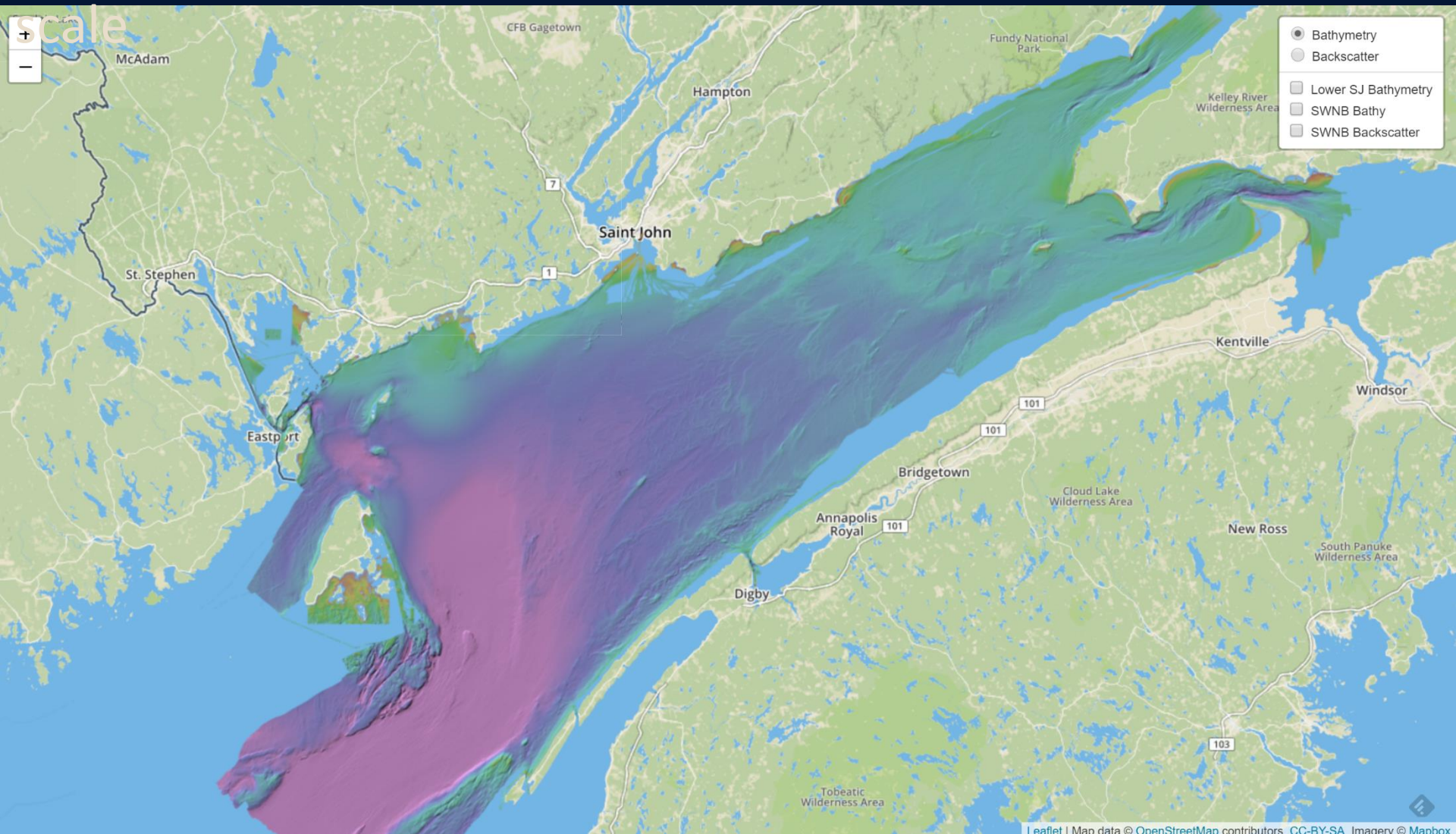
Bay of Fundy

*Dr. Craig Brown*





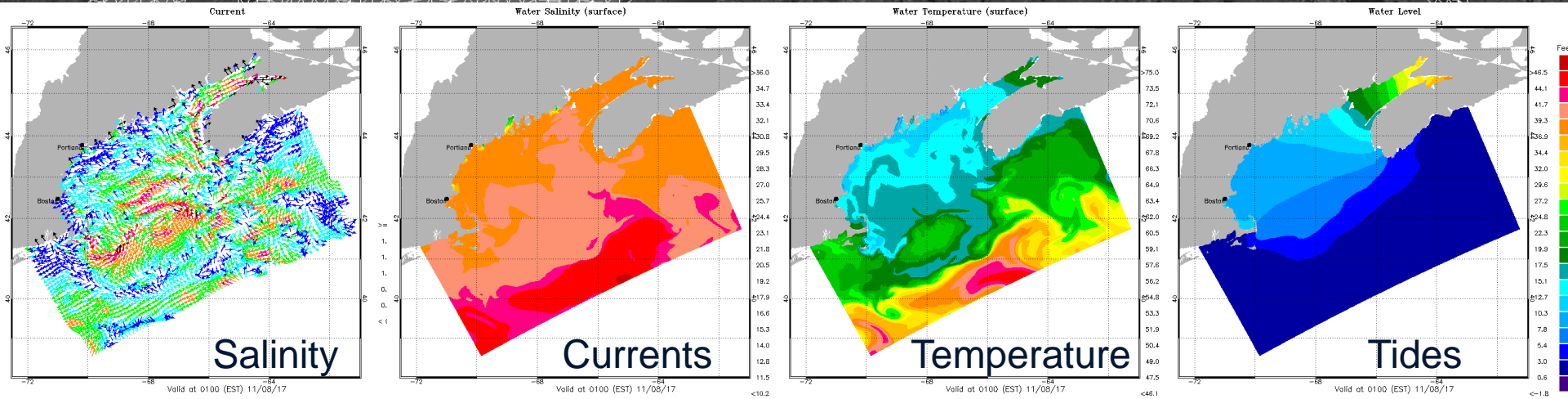
Develop methods to integrate **down-scaled baroclinic ocean circulation** and tidal current model simulations with MBES data into the habitat mapping methodology at fine spatial





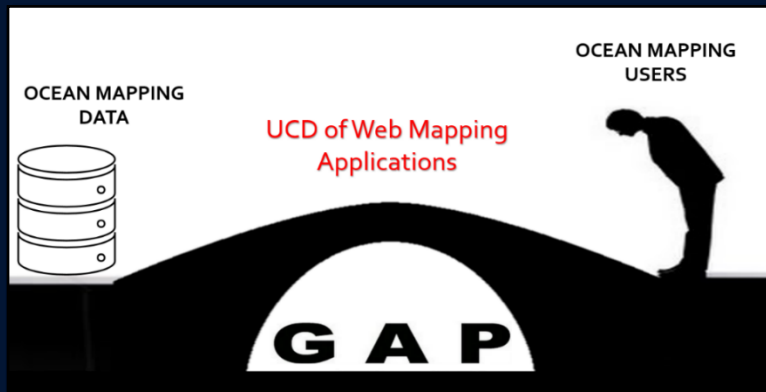
# Numerical Modelling

## Downscale Focused Operational Models



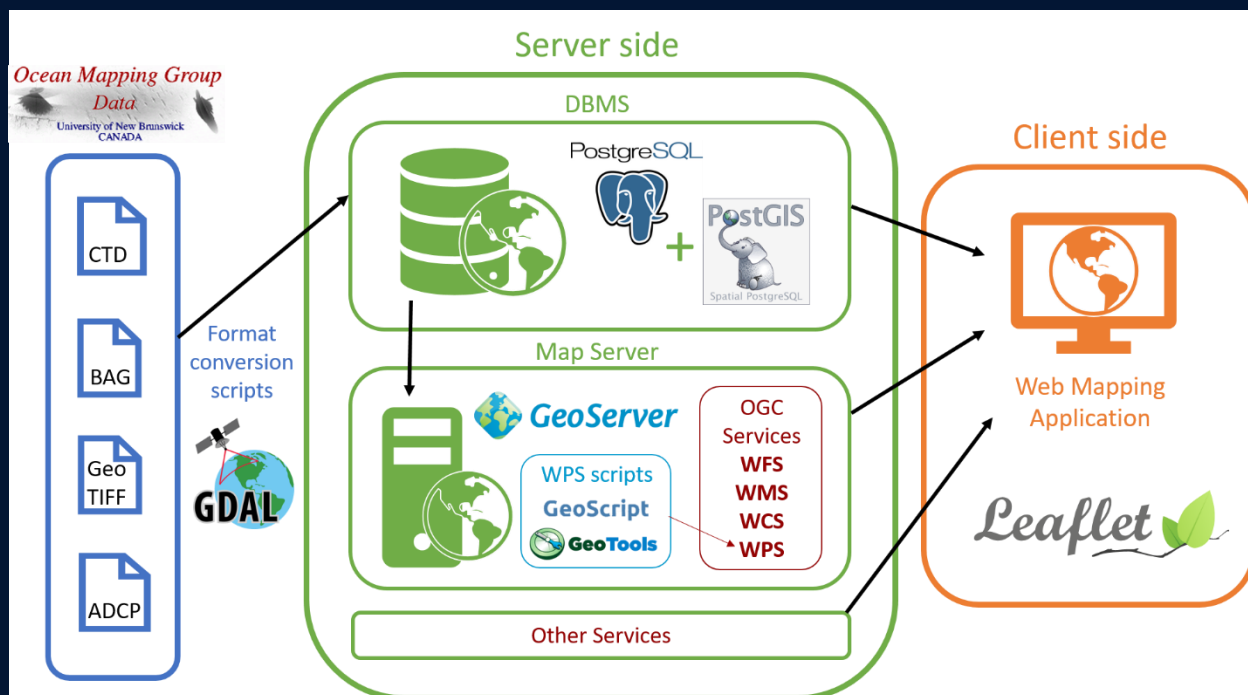
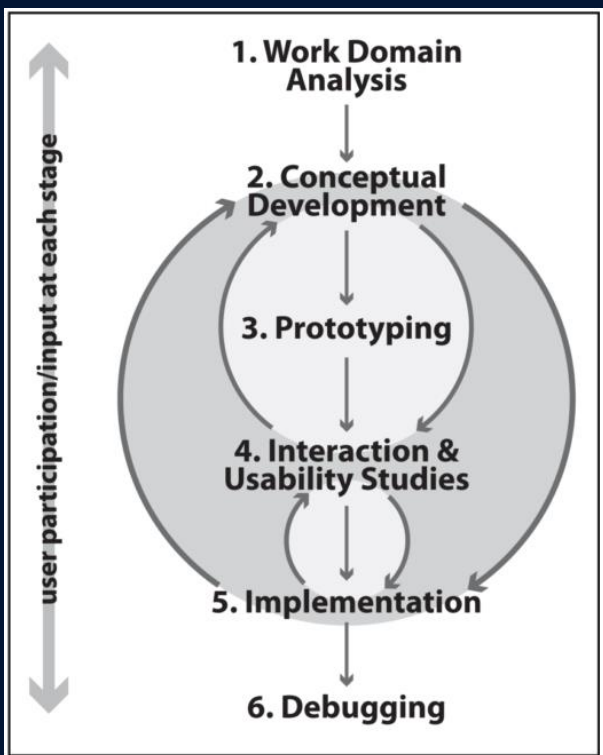
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# Ocean Mapping Data → Modelling



User Centered Design

- UNB MScEng Student – Marta Padilla Ruiz
- Hydrographers produce the data that Modellers need
- Focused online repository for Ocean Modelling
- User survey to the ocean modelling community







Bathymetry / Uncertainty

CTD Observations

ADCP Currents

Tides / River Levels

Weather Data

Orthophotos

Smart Buoy Data

Coastline



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Click on a point on the map to retrieve depth information. Select the year of the survey to see the footprint (2000-2008): 2000



Select area to download/compute statistics

Longitudinal profile

Time Variations

Ocean Mapping Data → Modelling

# 3

## Crowd Sourced Bathymetry / Autonomous Vessel Collection

- MScEng Student – Khaleel Arfeen
- Augmenting CSB or ASV Data
  - Sound Speed Profiles from Regional Operational Models
  - Tidal Prediction & Vertical Datum Establishment
  - Automated Processing

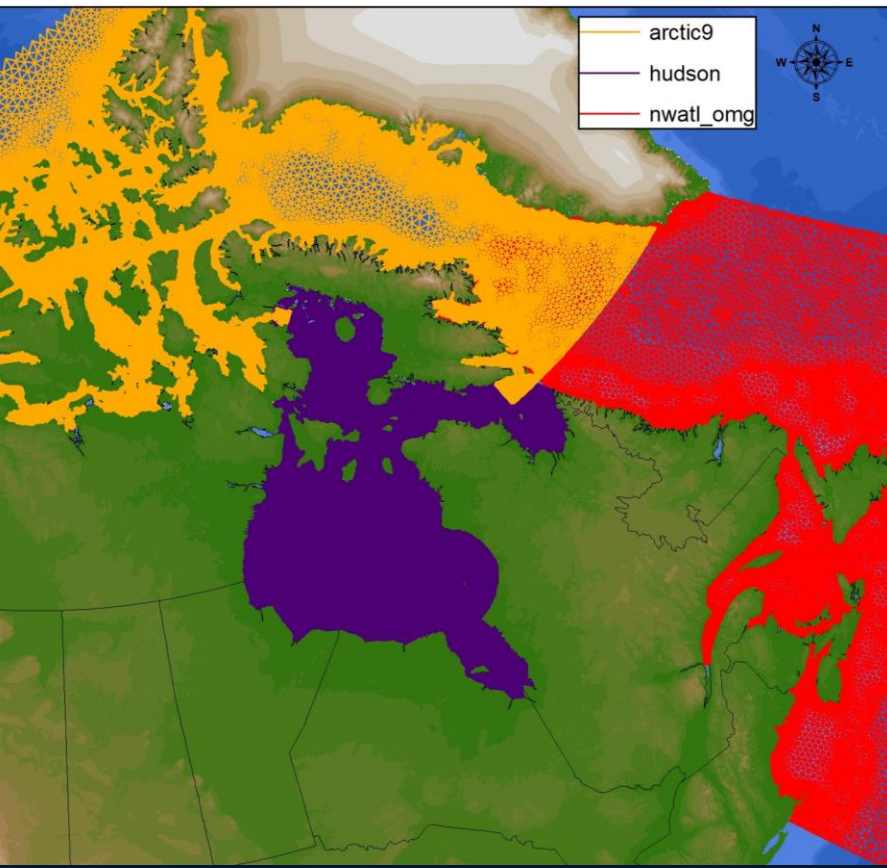




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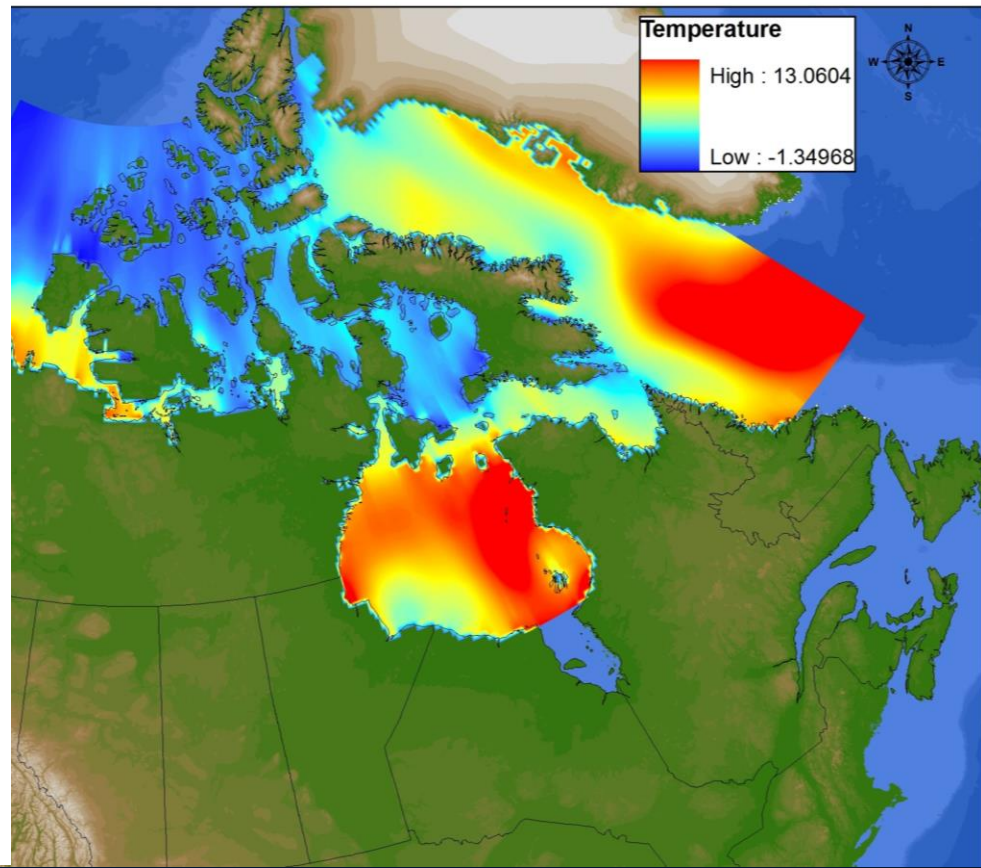
## ERS or Tides

- Ocean Models



## Sound Speed

- Ocean Models or Climatologies

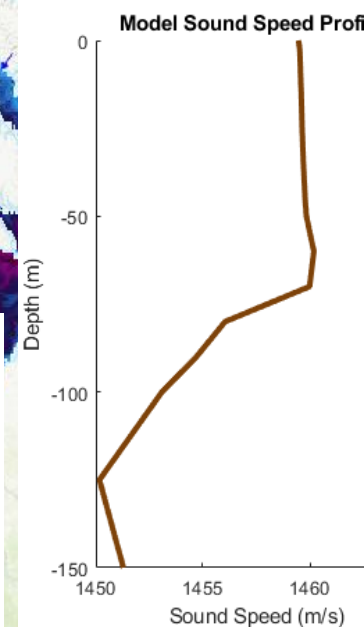
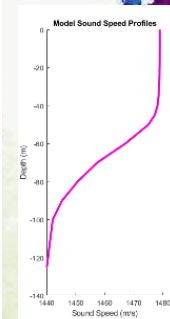
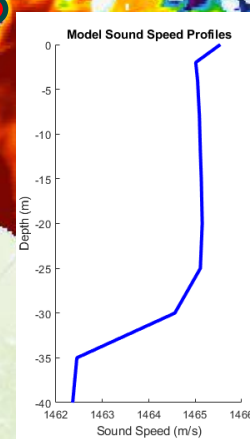
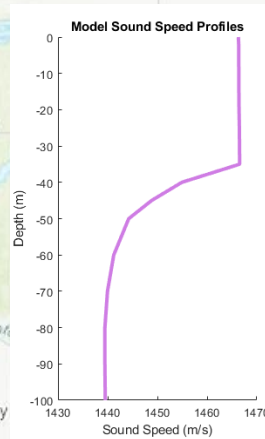
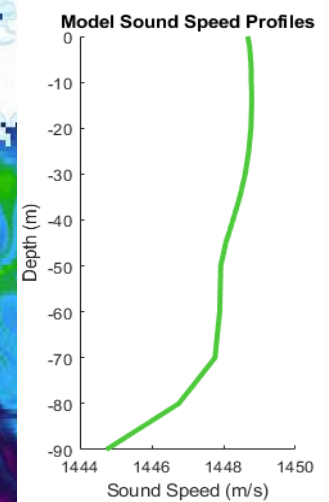
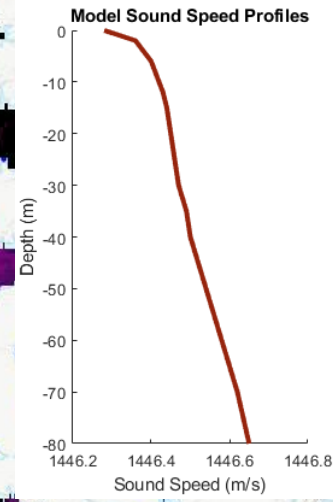
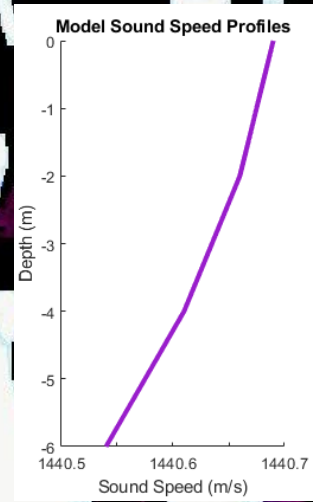
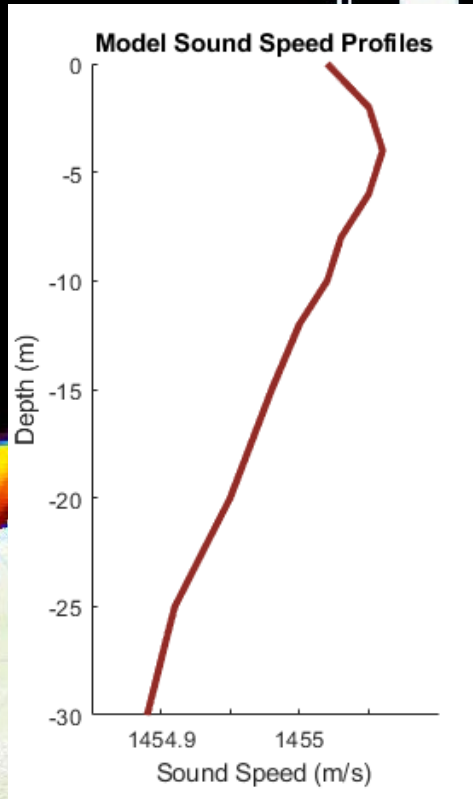
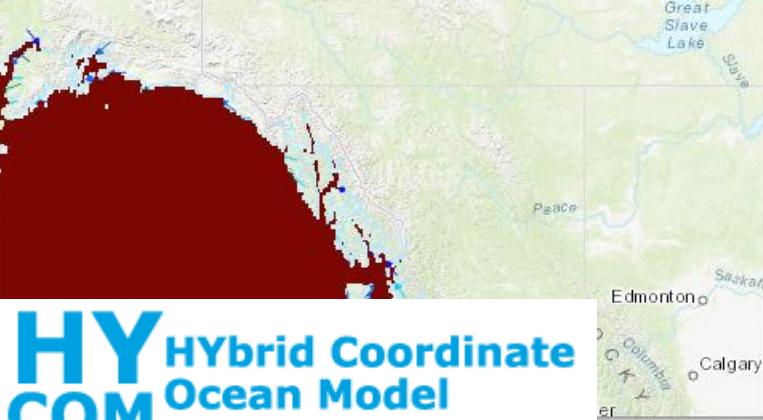


# Model Sound Speed to Improve CSB Data

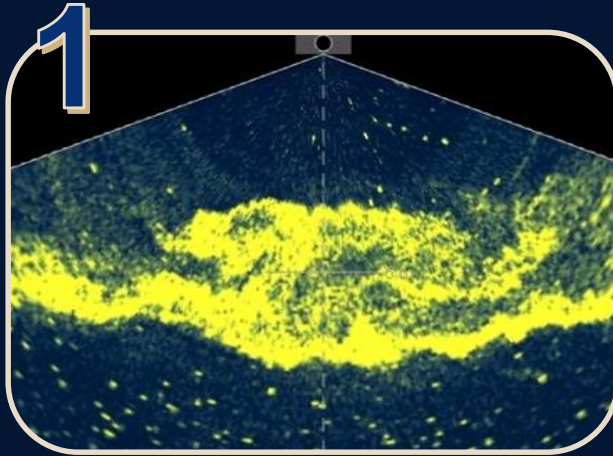
Themes

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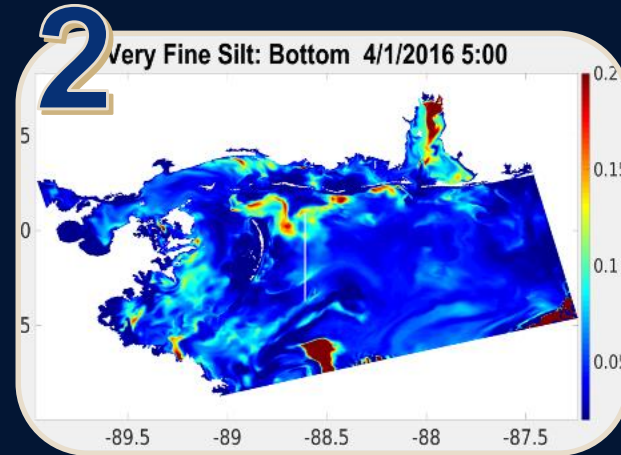
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Water Column  
Mapping



Seafloor Sediment  
Dynamics

Future Research

**WHERE WE ARE GOING**

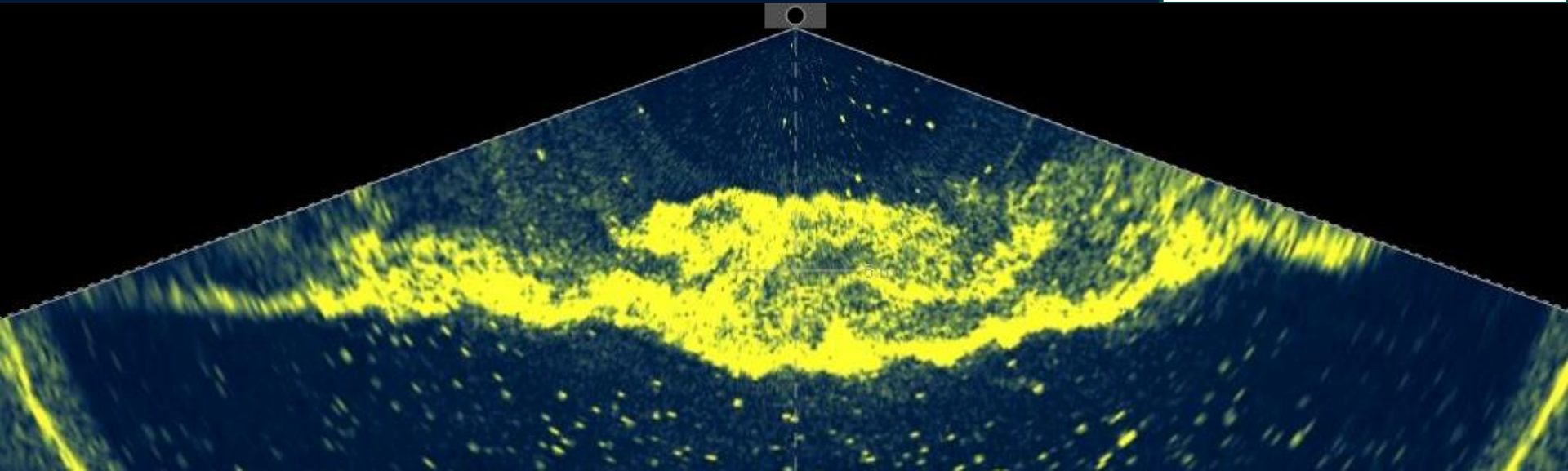
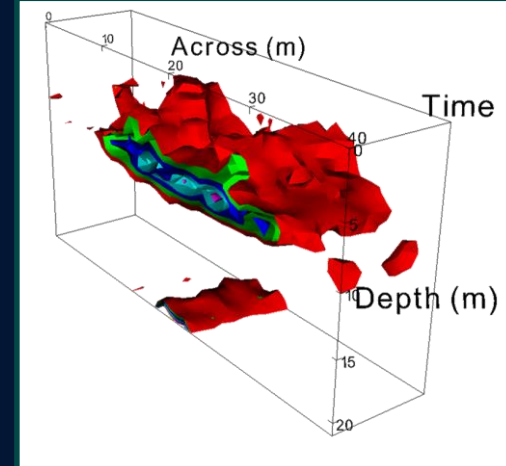
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## MBES

## Watercolumn

- Multibeam Sonar Watercolumn can provide an indication of the density distribution
- Mechanisms for validation

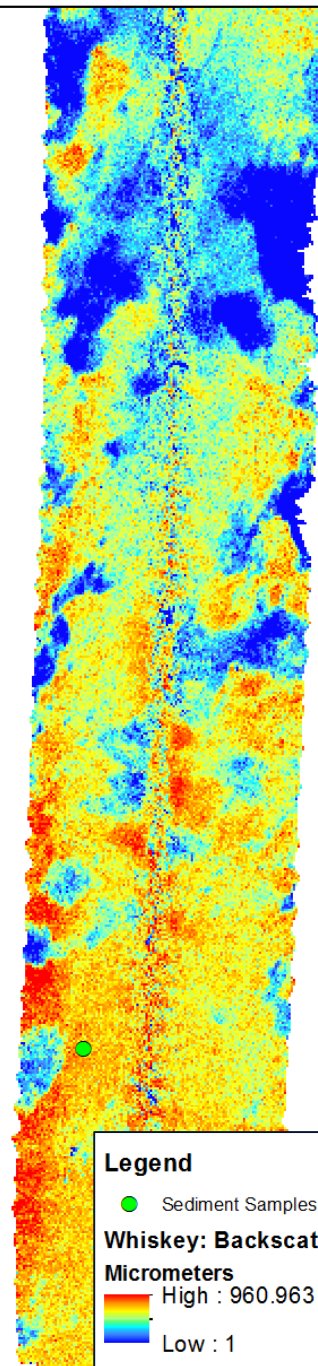
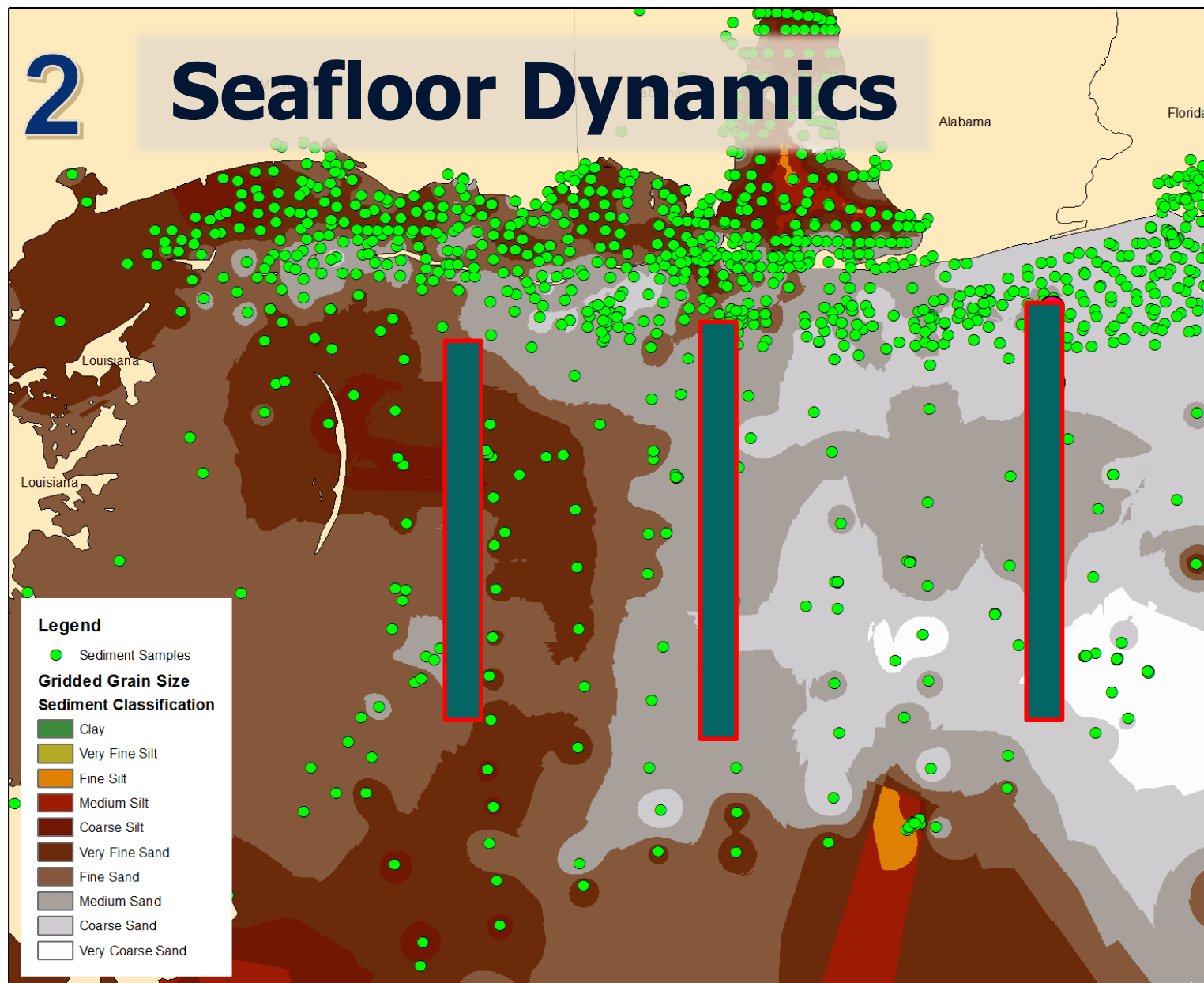
Time	Presentation
Thursday 11 h 10 - 11 h 30	Quantifying the Impact of Internal Wave Activity on Multibeam Bathymetry Lecture Hall - Victoria Convention Centre John Hughes Clarke, UNH
Thursday 11 h 30 - 11 h 50	Improved Sound Speed Control Through Remotely Detecting Thermocline Undulations Lecture Hall - Victoria Convention Centre Jose Cordero, UNH





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# Seafloor Dynamics



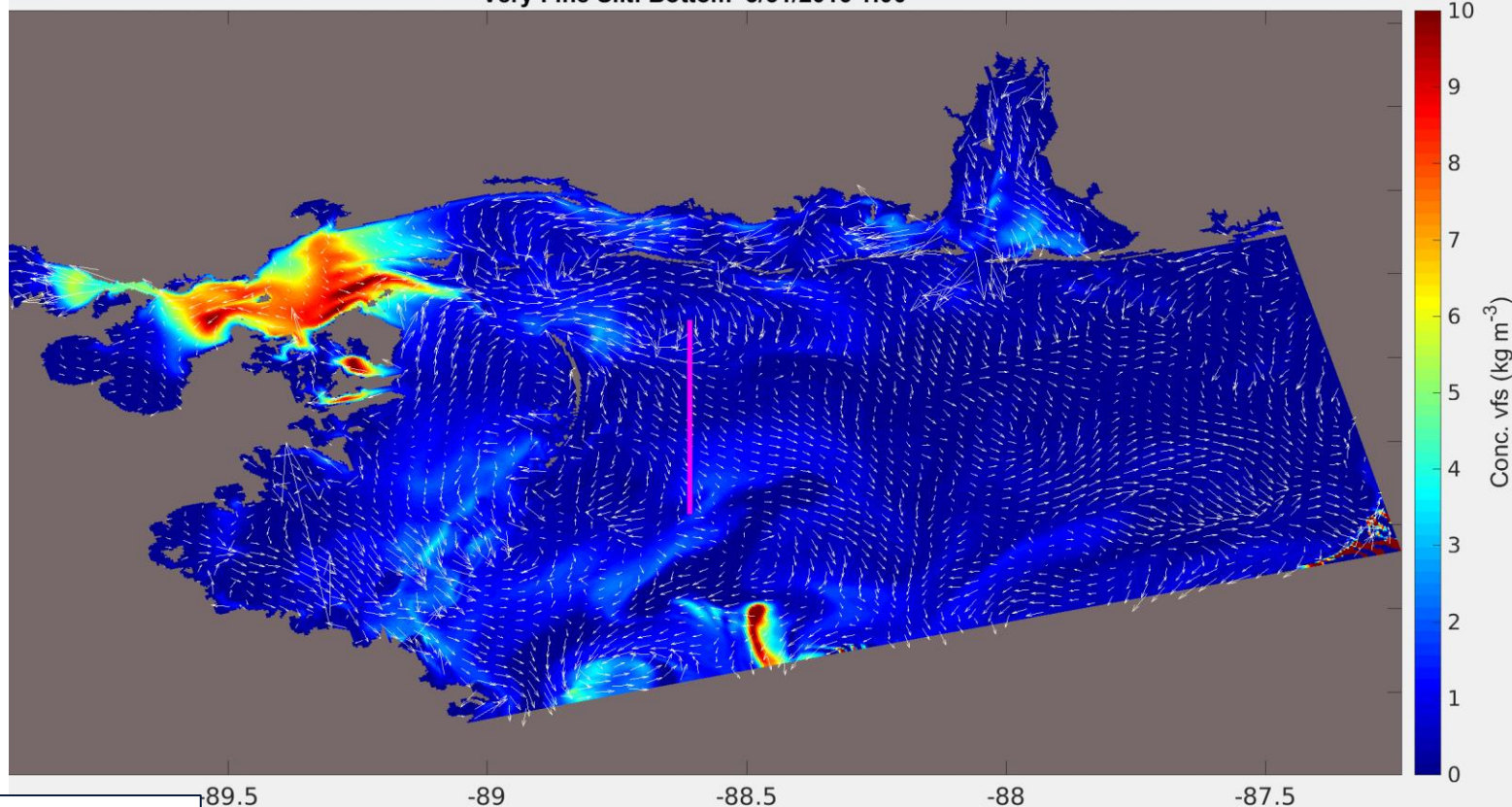
Combining Sediment Samples with Seabed Backscatter Data

# Sediment Distribution

Predicting Dynamic Seafloors

Sediment + Oceanographic Dynamics

Very Fine Silt: Bottom 3/31/2016 1:00



## Legend

● Sediment Samples

Whiskey: Backscatter Derived Grain\_Size

Micrometers

High : 960.963

Low : 1

Research Analysis by USM  
PhD Student **Stephan O'brien**

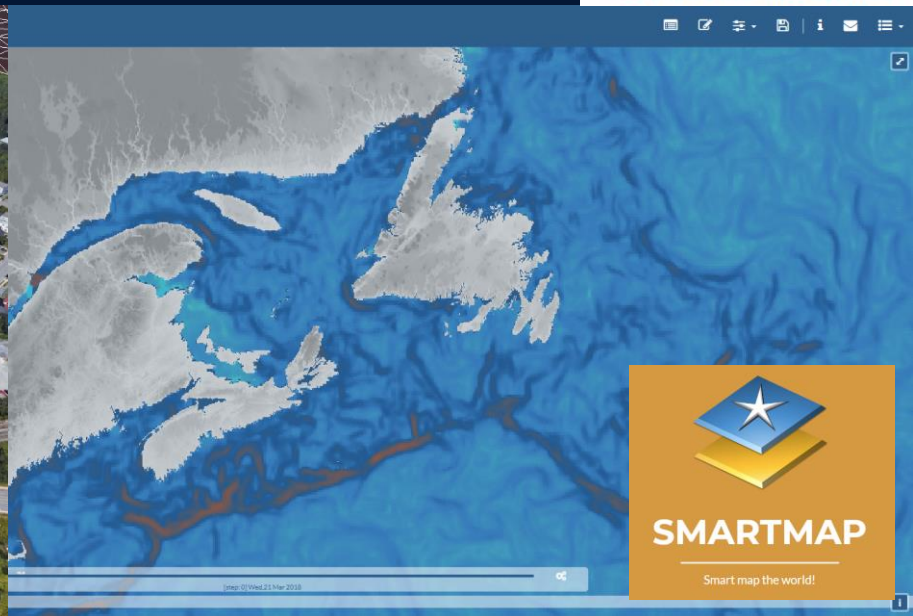
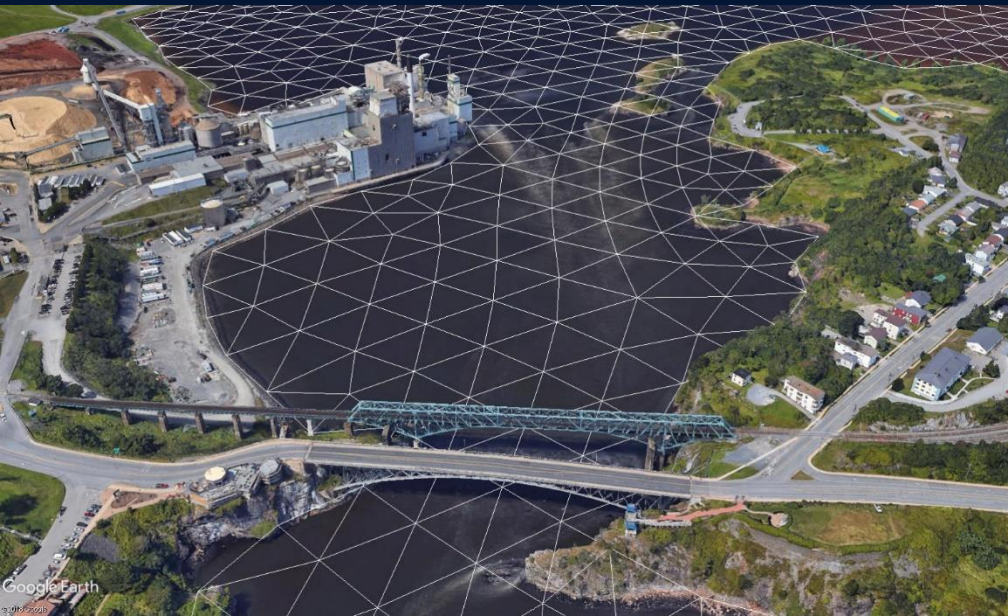




# Conclusion

## Open Coastal Model Simulations

- Encourage Canadian agencies creating numerical model simulations to make those results available online using standard formats
- Include density (baroclinic) structure in any operational models for dynamic navigation products
- A strong link between ocean mapping and modelling: Should be a two way communication





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## Questions?



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