

# Mise-à-jour sur des projets de prévision environnementale marine

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Recherche en prévision numérique

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# Plan

- Système de prévision environnementale marine (projet “Lunenburg Bay”)
- Système pour la prévision d’ondes tempêtes
- Atelier sur un système global d’assimilation de données océaniques



# The Lunenburg Bay Project





# Outline

- Background and overview
- Motivation for project
- Current status of instrumentation and modelling (needs breeze\_lunenburg3.avi, zbreeze\_jun14.avi, Lun1.gif)
- Next Steps
- Thanks to contributors



# Marine Environmental Prediction System (MEPS)

- To establish demonstration site for Lunenburg Bay, NS.
- Goal: interdisciplinary marine environmental prediction guided and tested using advanced observing systems.
- Coupled atmosphere/ocean/biology/chemistry ecosystem model to be developed.



# MEPS (continued)

- First theme: coastal pollution.
- Also includes Atlantic storm surge component and R&D on Northwest Atlantic Ocean modelling and data assimilation.
- Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) award of \$3.6 M infrastructure for establishing MEPS (MSC is a partner)
- AEPRI plays a key role in MEPS.



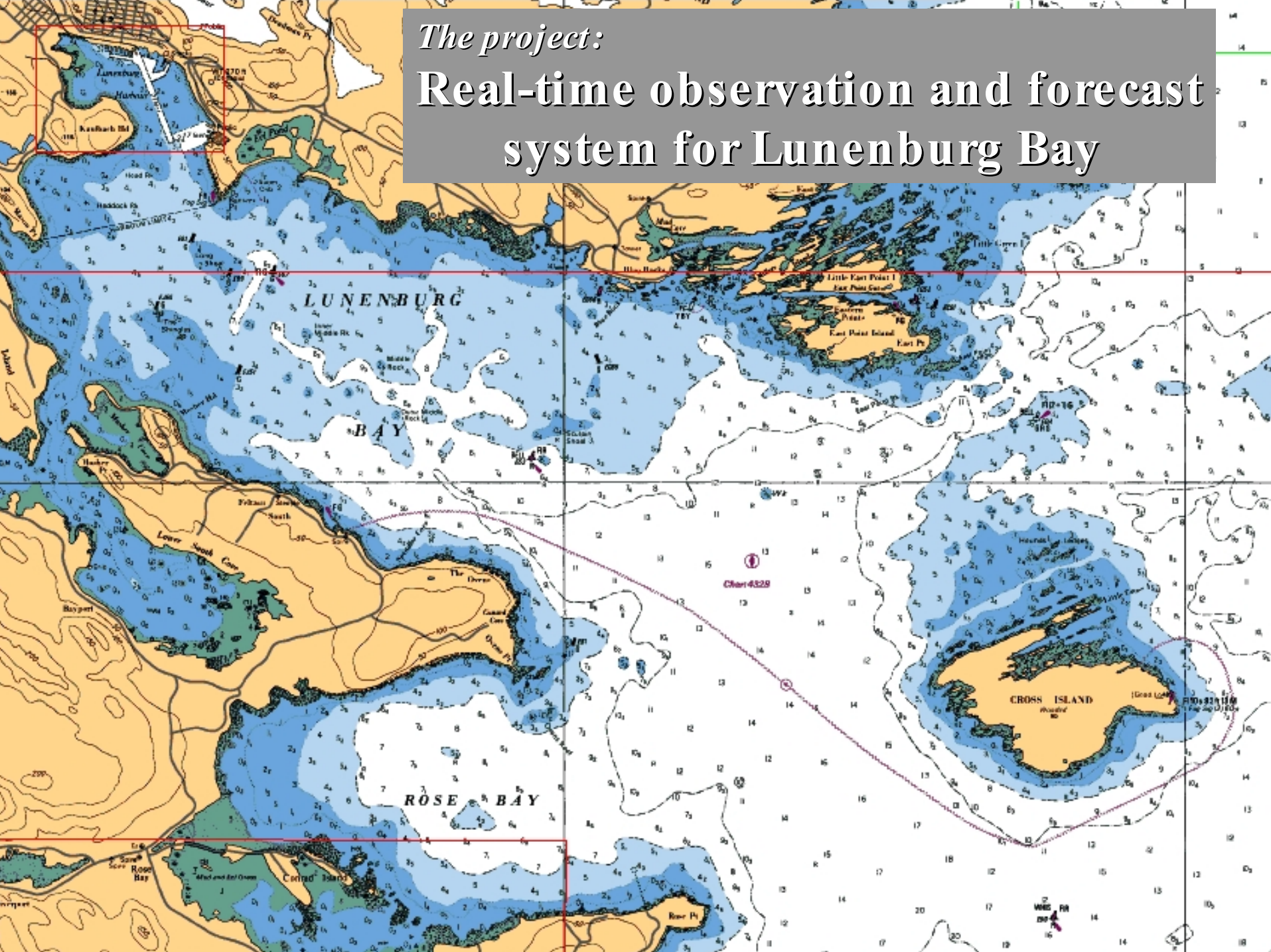
## MEPS (continued)

- A “second generation” coastal modelling system is being transferred from Dal to the Meteorological Service of Canada.
- This will drive a “third generation” mesoscale model developed by Jinyu Sheng for Lunenburg Bay.



*The project:*

# Real-time observation and forecast system for Lunenburg Bay





# Forecast System Using Measurements from Land and Sea

**Atmospheric Model**

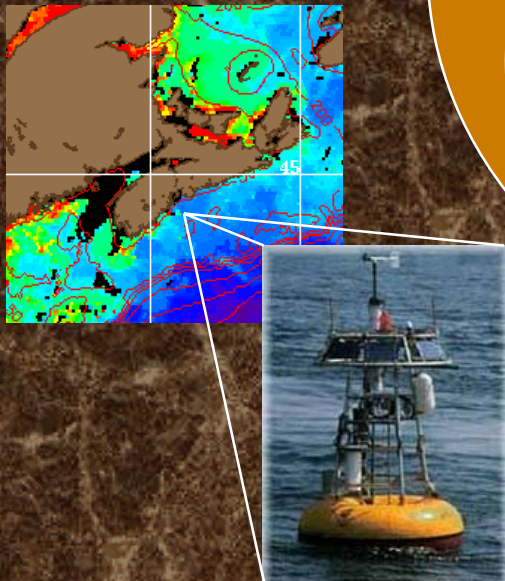
Pressure, Winds

**Circulation Model**

Sea Level, Currents  
Temp, Salinity

**Biology & Sediment  
Models**

**Ocean Observatories**





# Why are we doing this?

- **Develop new capabilities**
  - **Marine environmental prediction**
    - Effects of storms
    - Climate change
  - **Coastal ecosystem monitoring**
    - Pollution
    - Harmful Algal Blooms
- **Test new instrument systems**
  - Potential for world-wide markets
- **Public outreach (Feb. 14/02, Web presence)**
- **Potential for new projects**
  - Public display (tourism)
  - Community involvement
  - Education (school projects, teacher training)



# Why Lunenburg?

- Previous study of physical oceanography gives good background on challenges and instrumentation needs
- Upcoming installation of sewage treatment plant provides opportunity to measure and model impact on water quality
- UNESCO world heritage community provides interaction with other activities



## *The team:*

- **Researchers at Dalhousie**
  - **Professors, staff and students**
- **Partners from government agencies**
  - **Environment Canada**
  - **Department of Fisheries and Oceans**
- **Private-sector partners**
  - **Satlantic (Halifax)**
- **With help and/or support from**
  - **Town of Lunenburg, Highliner Foods, BACAP (April 4 2000), instrument manufacturers**



# Status of Instrument System

## Three telemetered moorings:

- Optical sensor array
- Temperature and salinity
- Bottom pressure
- Acoustic doppler current meters
- Meteorological sensors

...plus a land-based meteorological array



# Three Instrumented Moorings and a Meteorological Station on Land will Record Conditions and Guide the Model



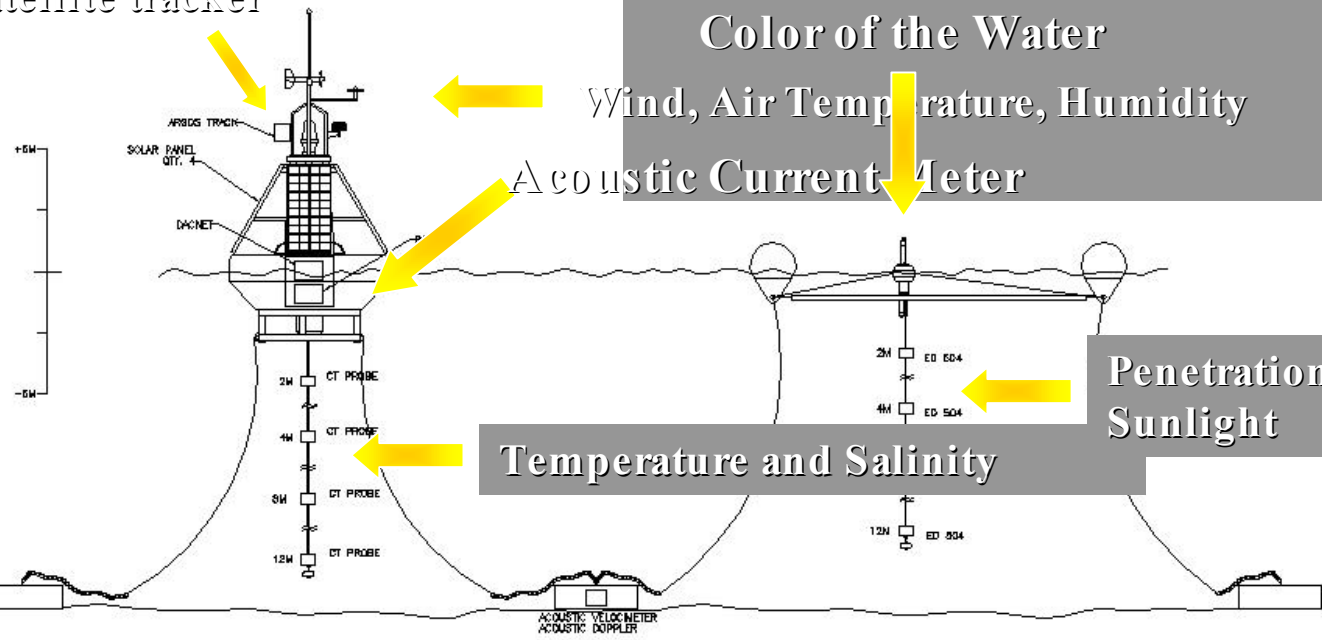


Each buoy has a little mooring off to the side



# Many Instrument Systems

Satellite tracker



Color of the Water

Wind, Air Temperature, Humidity

Acoustic Current Meter

Penetration of Sunlight

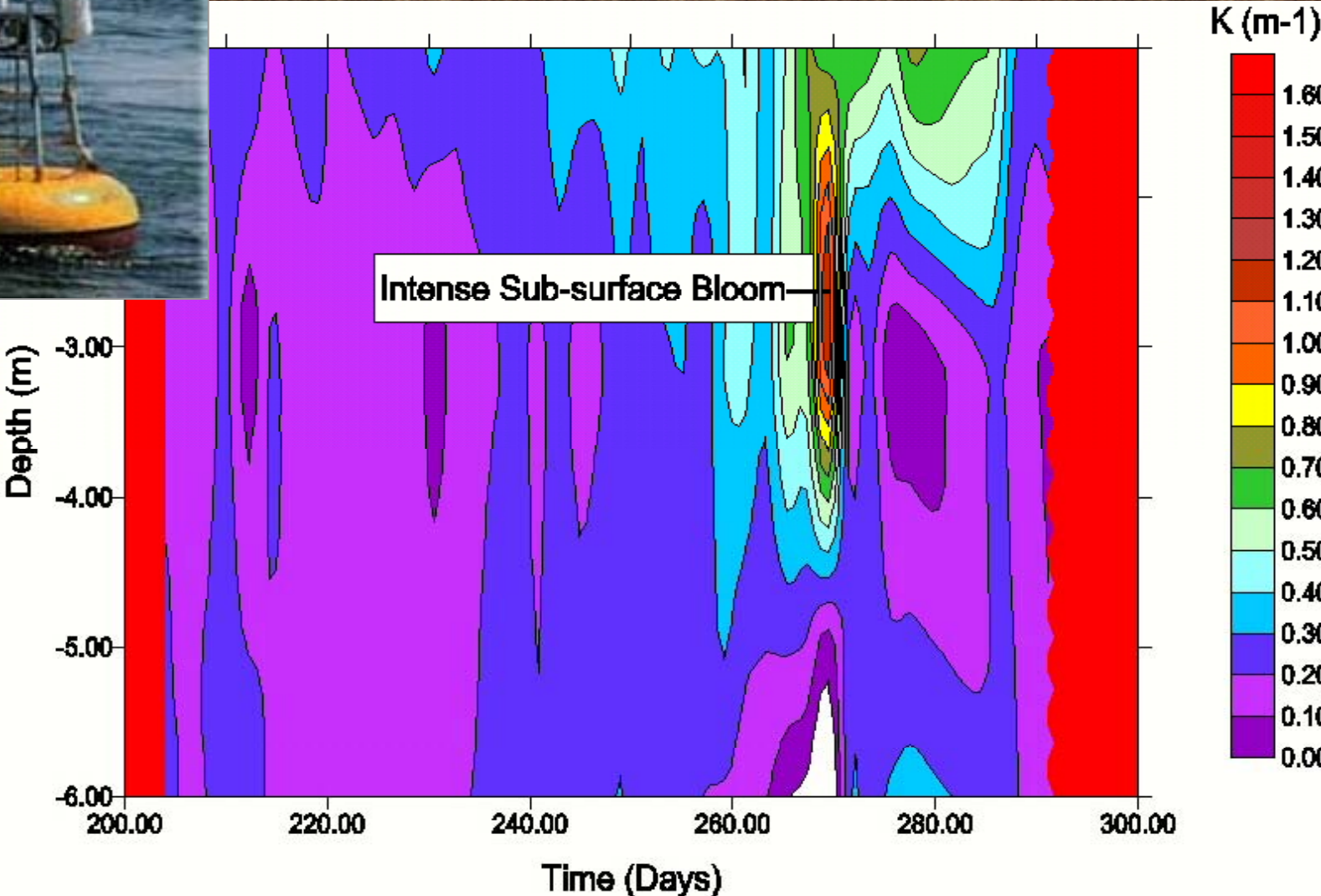
Temperature and Salinity

Bottom Currents

Satlantic



# Continuous records with depth and time







## Continuous records with depth and time

- **Environmental conditions**
  - **Day to day**
    - Extreme events
    - Algal blooms
  - **Year to year**
    - Habitat changes from human activities
    - Climate change



# Atmospheric Instrumentation Status

- Wind profiler and RASS installed during week of June 10 - 14, 2002
- Atmospheric tower and base station established at Battery Point
- Shelter set up for Dalhousie University processing
- Communication tower set up



# Wind Profiler and RASS





# Parts layout



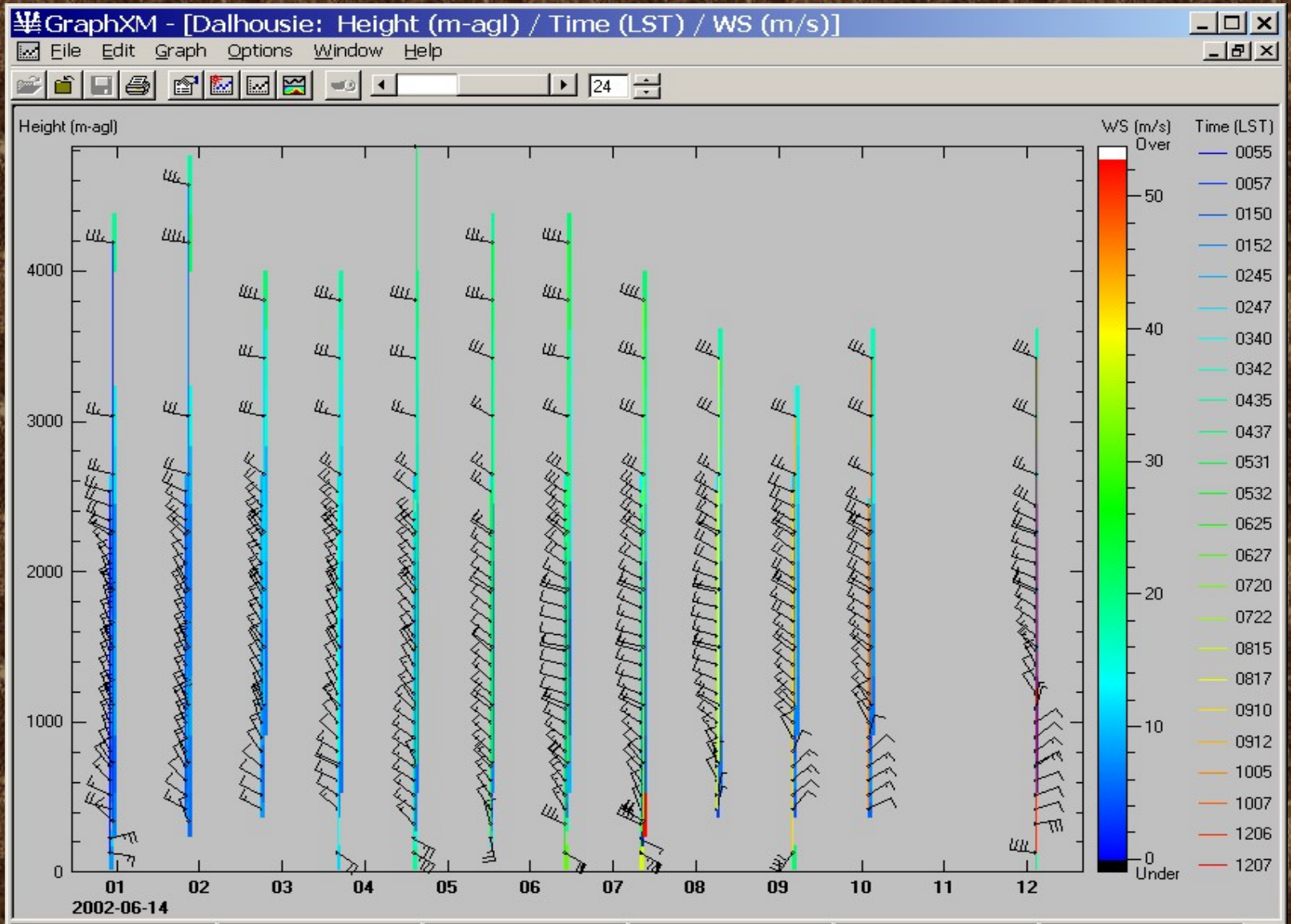


# Assembled system

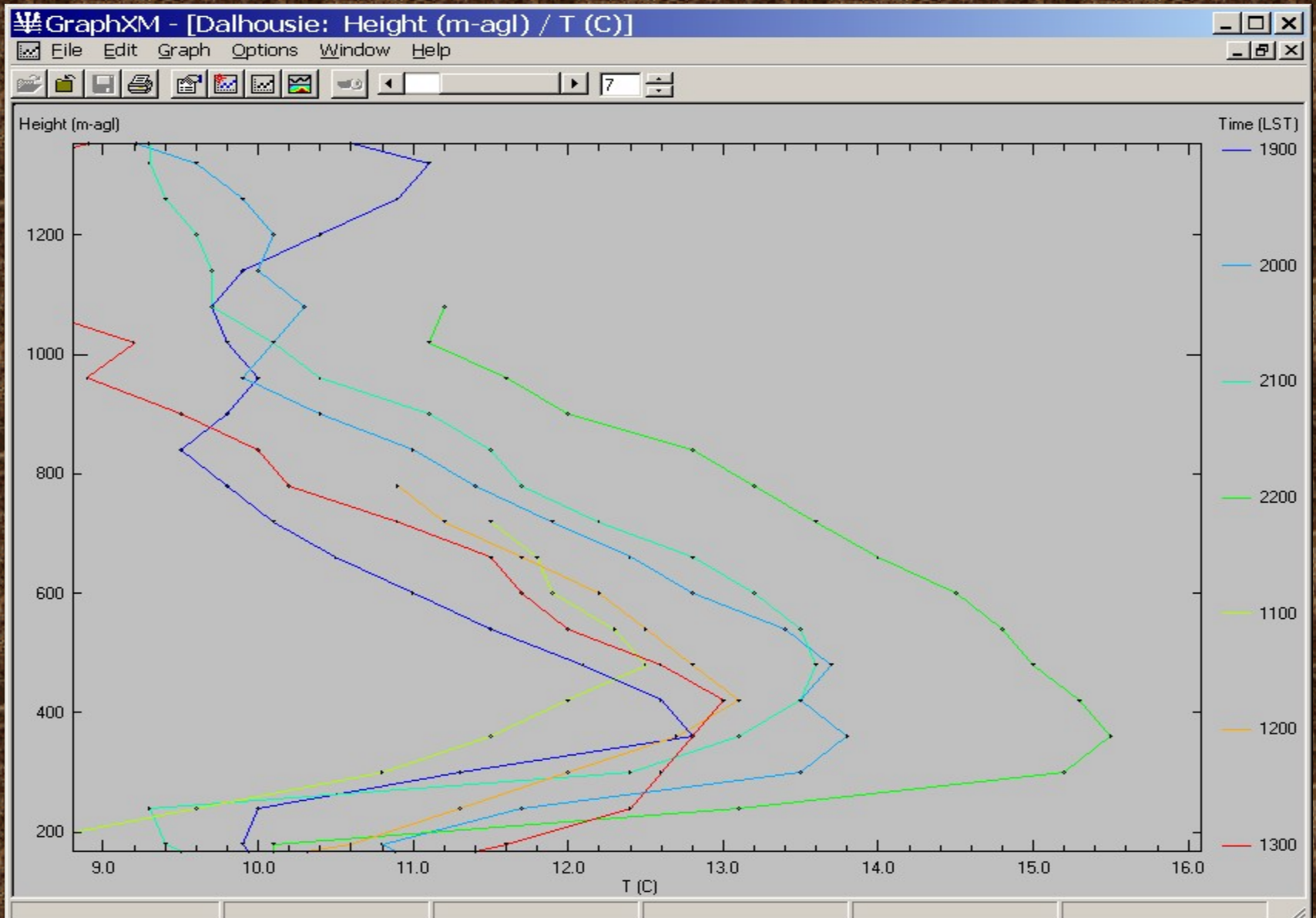




# Sample wind profiles



# Sample Temperature Profiles





# Battery Point Base Station





# Dal Shelter and Tower





# On-Site Processors



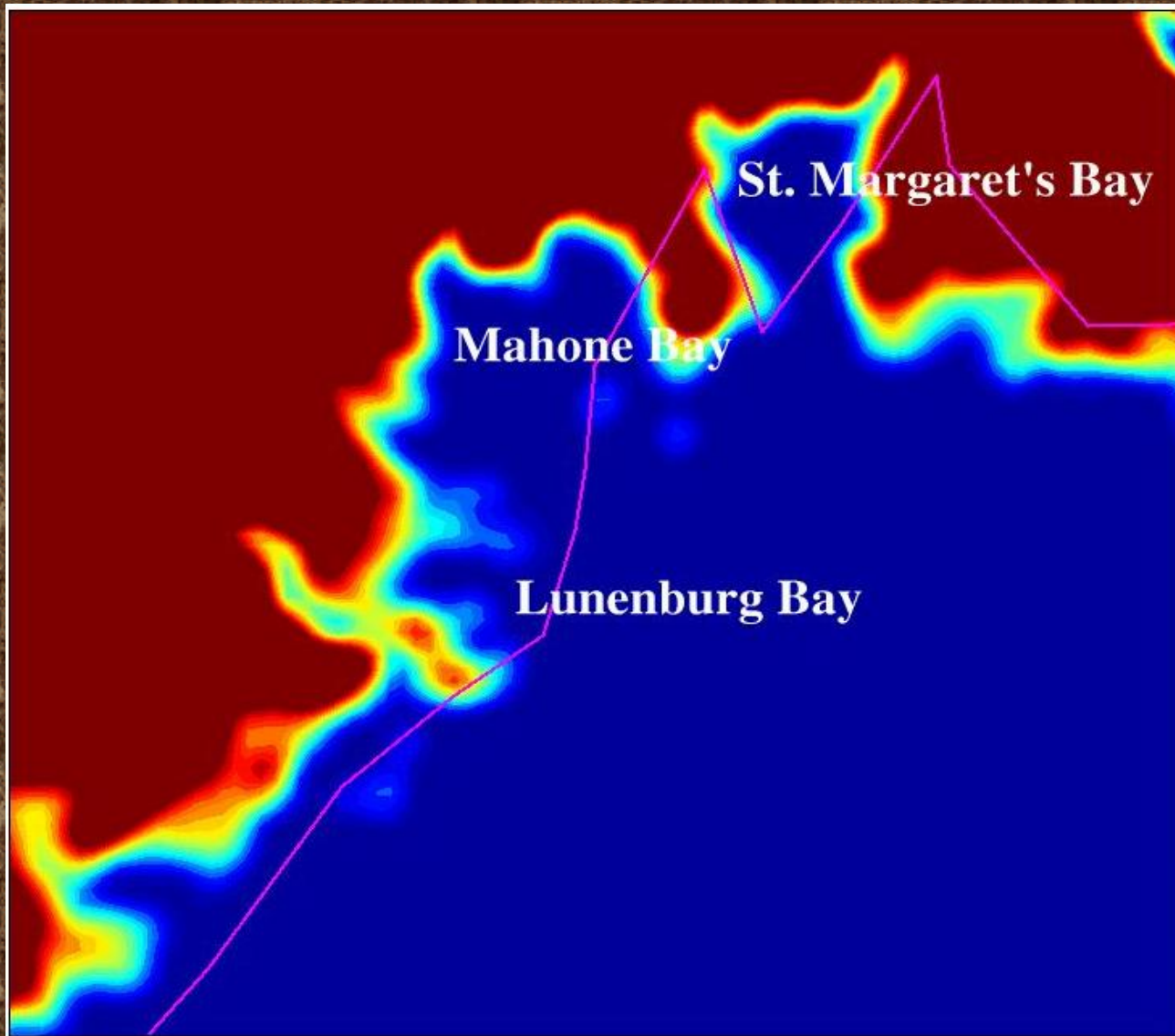


# Modelling status

- For the atmosphere, a 1 km horizontal resolution limited area configuration of the MC2 model has been nested in the operational regional GEM model
- For Lunenburg Bay with Upper and Lower South Coves, a 40 m horizontal resolution version of the CANDIE model has been set up and is being driven by M2 tidal component



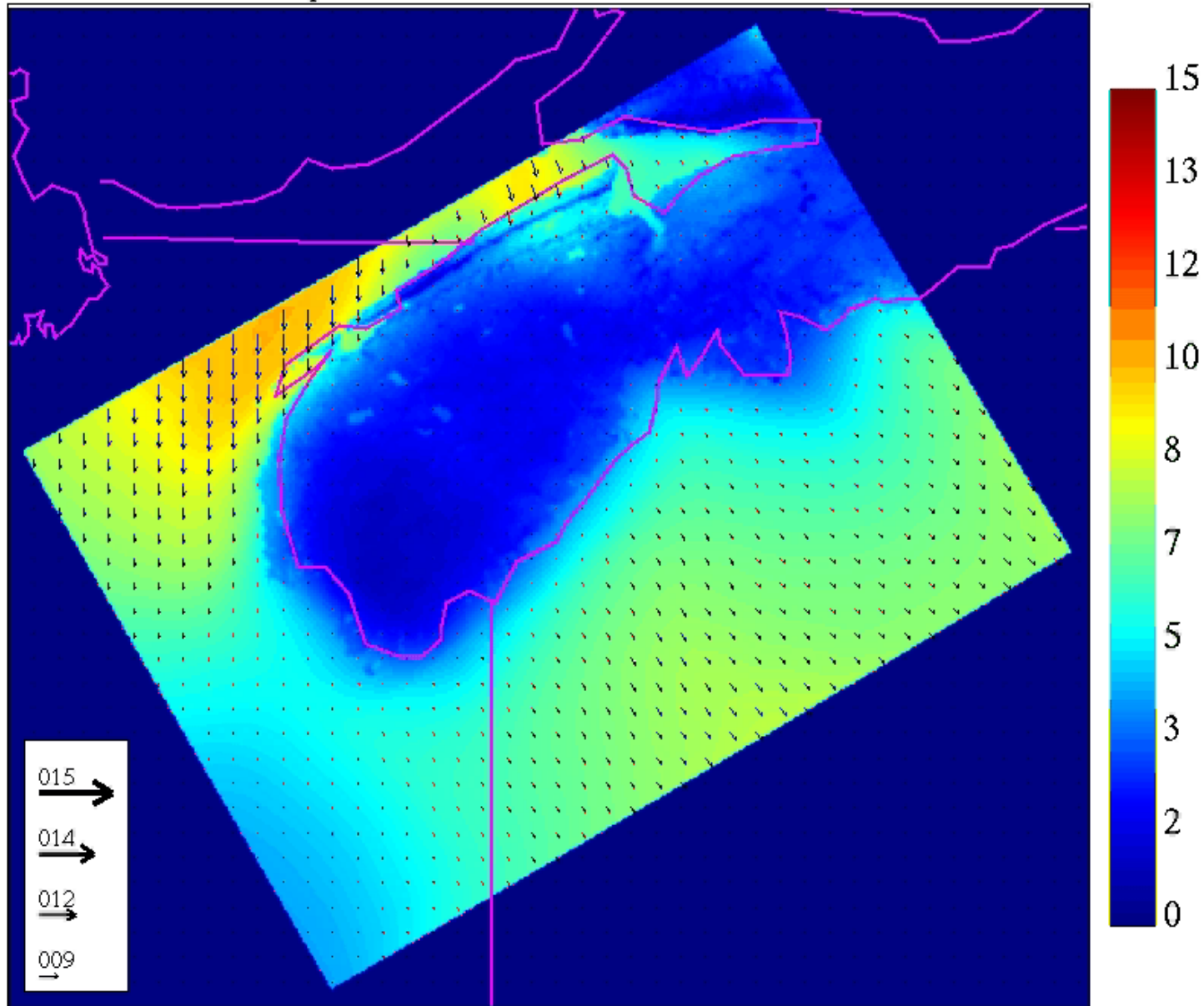
# Model topography





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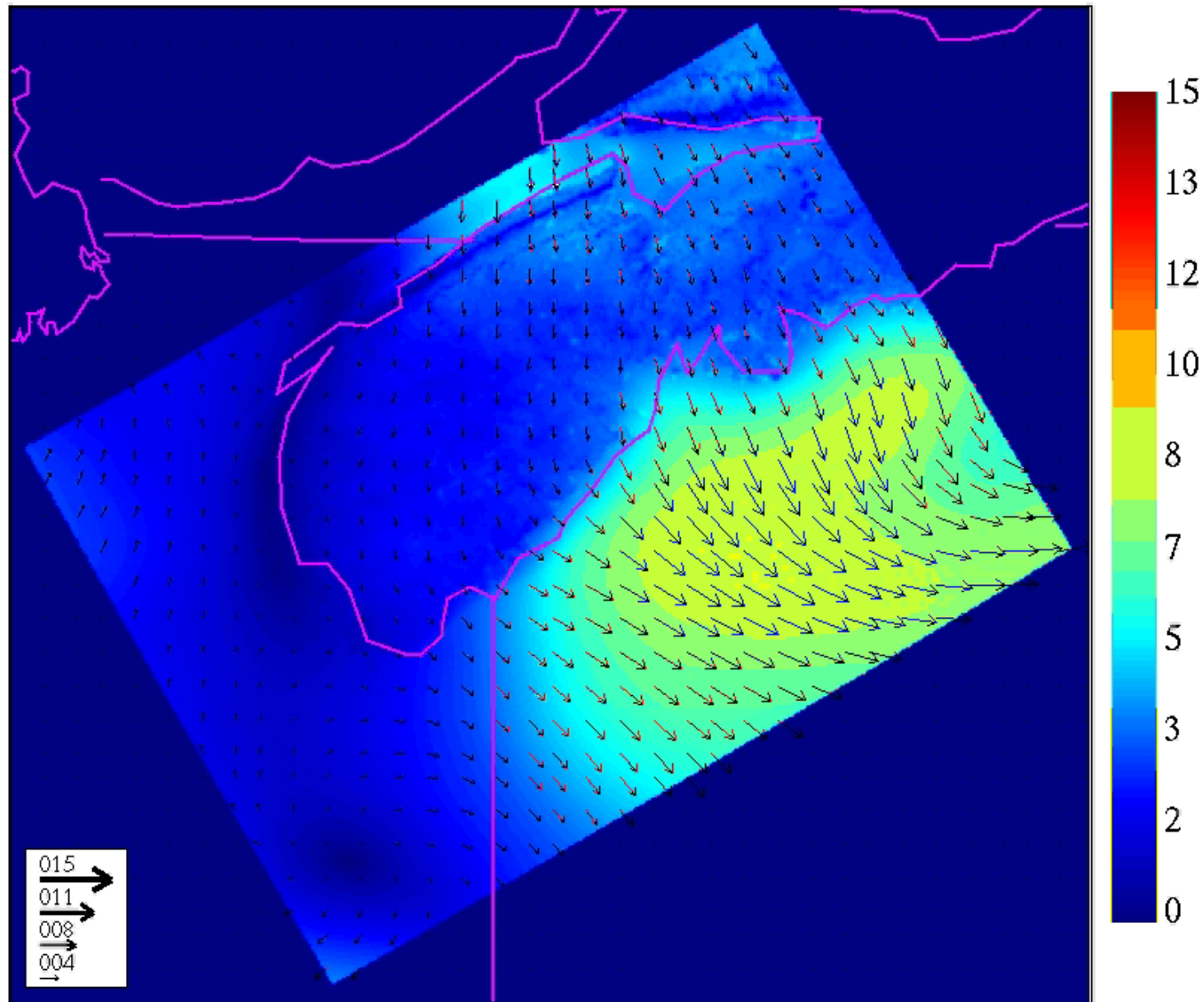


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UU-VV

Niveau: surface - Etiquette: JUN14 - Intervalle: -0 \* 1.0e+00 noeuds



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CANDIE simulation from gif file

# Summer 2002

- Support was given to the Youth Sailing World Championship held in Lunenburg July 18-27 2002
- A proposal to support R&D using MEPS was submitted to the Canadian Foundation for Climate and Atmospheric Sciences (CFCAS)

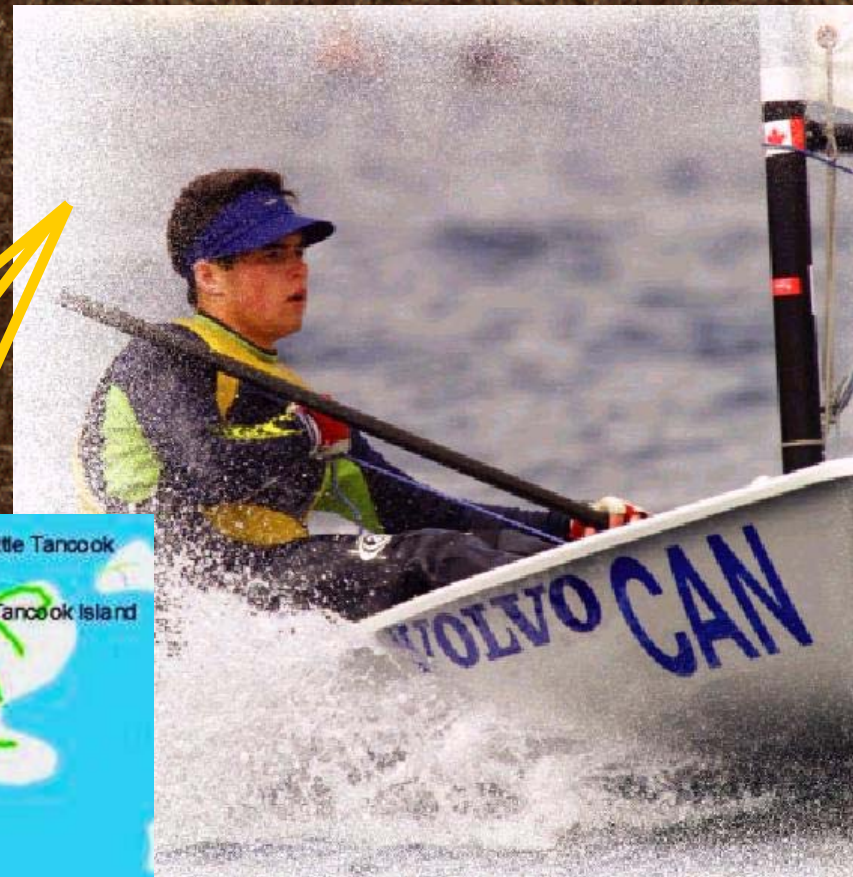


# VOLVO YOUTH SAILING

ISAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2002  
LUNENBURG, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA



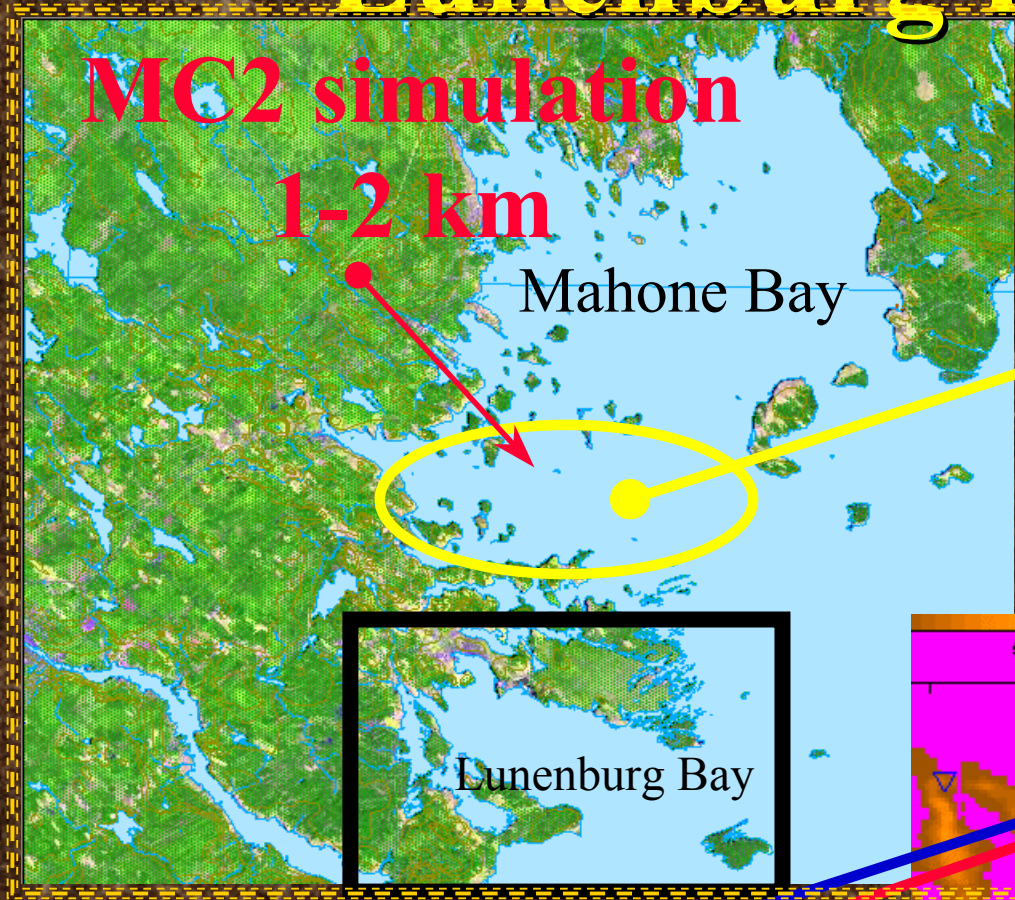
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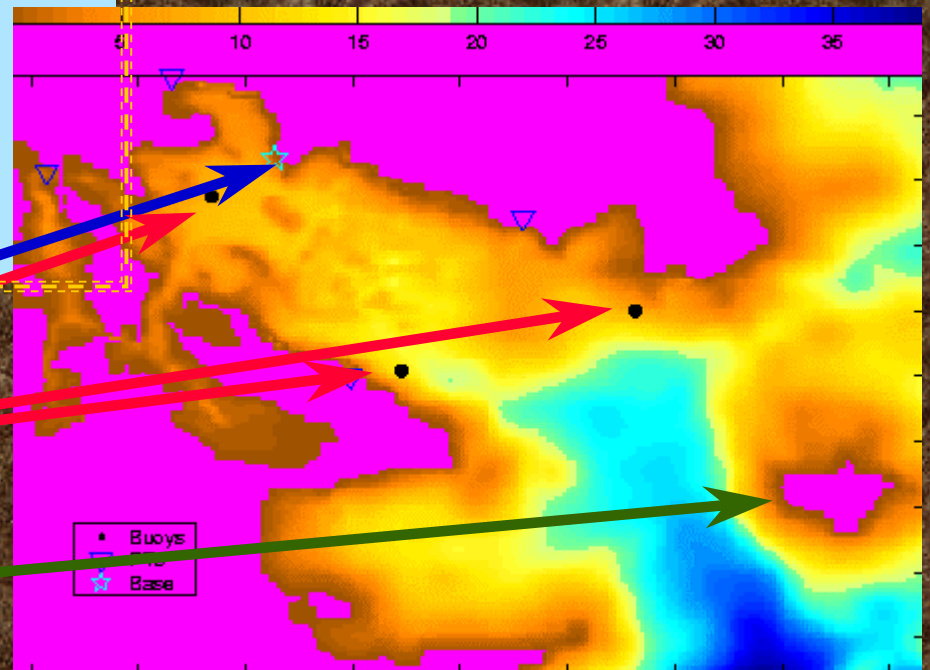
**Yacht Club  
Morning Weather  
Briefing by Serge  
Desjardins**



# Lunenburg Bay Project



Sailing Race



Wind Profiler

Buoys

Weather Observation



# Canadian Foundation for Innovation

*“All infrastructure — no research”*



# Putting it together

**Atmospheric Model**



MSC/Dalhousie  
(AEPRI, Ritchie, Desjardins)

Pressure, Winds

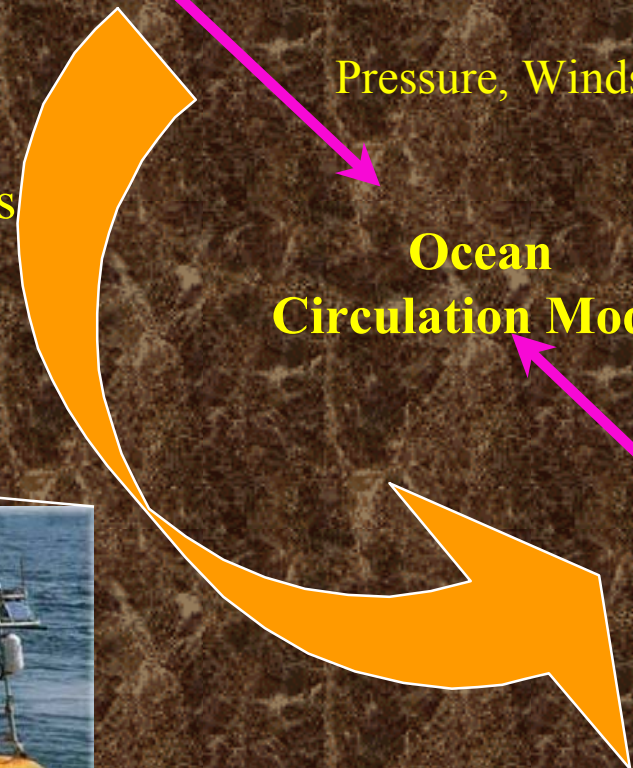


**Ocean  
Circulation Model**



Dalhousie/MSC/DFO  
(Thompson, Bobanovic,  
Sheng, Greatbatch, Wright)

Sea Level, Currents  
Temp, Salinity

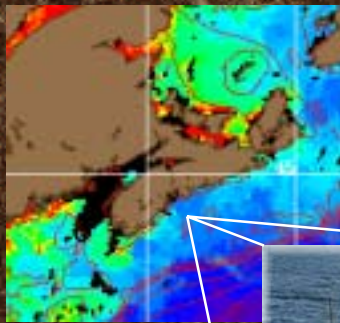


Dalhousie/ONR/  
DREA (Cullen,  
Lewis, Hay, Hill,  
Bowen)

**Bio-Optical & Sediment  
Models**



Ocean Observatories



AEPRI



*Major proposal being submitted to the  
Canadian Foundation for Climate and  
Atmospheric Sciences*

**Interdisciplinary Marine  
Environmental Prediction in the  
Atlantic Coastal Region**



# Why Focus on Real-Time Observation and Prediction?

**The ocean  
is no longer  
remote**



**Real-Time Observation and Prediction is the  
New Direction in Marine Environmental Science**



# Scientific Issues

- ◊ **Atmosphere-ocean feedbacks on prediction**
  - waves, marine surface winds, sea breeze & fog
- ◊ **Wind wave forcing on inner shelf and coast**
  - links between waves and coastal dynamics
- ◊ **Spatial and temporal variations in bottom friction**
  - coastal erosion, deposition, bottom roughness
- ◊ **Utility of biological variables**
  - derived from in situ optical measurements
  - for use in autonomous observation and prediction systems
- ◊ **Predictability of biological processes**
  - given a validated physical coastal marine model
- ◊ **Predictability of Bay response to extreme events**
  - coastal upwelling storms, hurricanes, meteorological “bombs”



# Five-year goals

- **Data assimilation model of a coastal inlet**
  - **Atmosphere - ocean**
  - **Nested in the shelf model**
  - **Biological dynamics**
  - **Bottom boundary layer hydrodynamics**
  - **Sediment processes**
- **Quantitative assessment of predictive skill**
  - **New techniques for data assimilation**
  - **Sea breeze and fog**
  - **New data products for assimilation (optics - acoustics)**
- **Capacity to model climate change scenarios**
  - **Storm surge - Current systems**
  - **Primary productivity - Algal Blooms**
  - **Sediment transport - Coastal evolution**

**Approach**

**Observation**

**Parameterization**

**Prediction**

**Validation**



# Thanks to Contributors

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- Serge Desjardins, Garry Pearson, Paul Thorne, Dave Wartman, Bill Appleby, MSC-Atlantic

# Impacts of Sea-Level Rise and Climate Change on the Coastal Zone of southeastern NB: Storm Surge & Meteorological Modelling

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Keith Thompson, Jeff MacDonald and Natacha Bernier,  
Dalhousie University

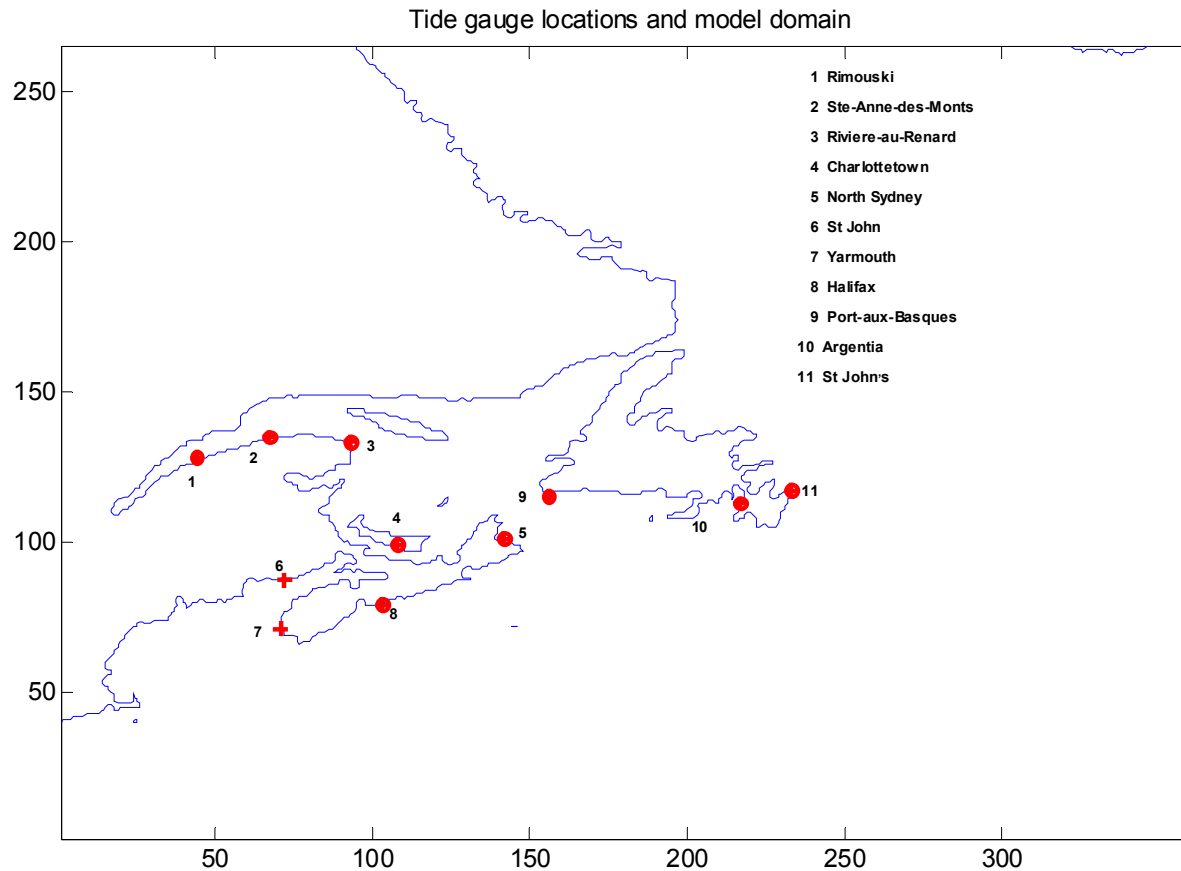
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# Storm Surge Prediction System

- Predicts sea level changes caused by weather systems
- Based on Dal coastal ocean model
- Driven by CMC regional forecast model surface pressures and winds
- Alerts forecasters of flooding risk from combination of high tide and large surge

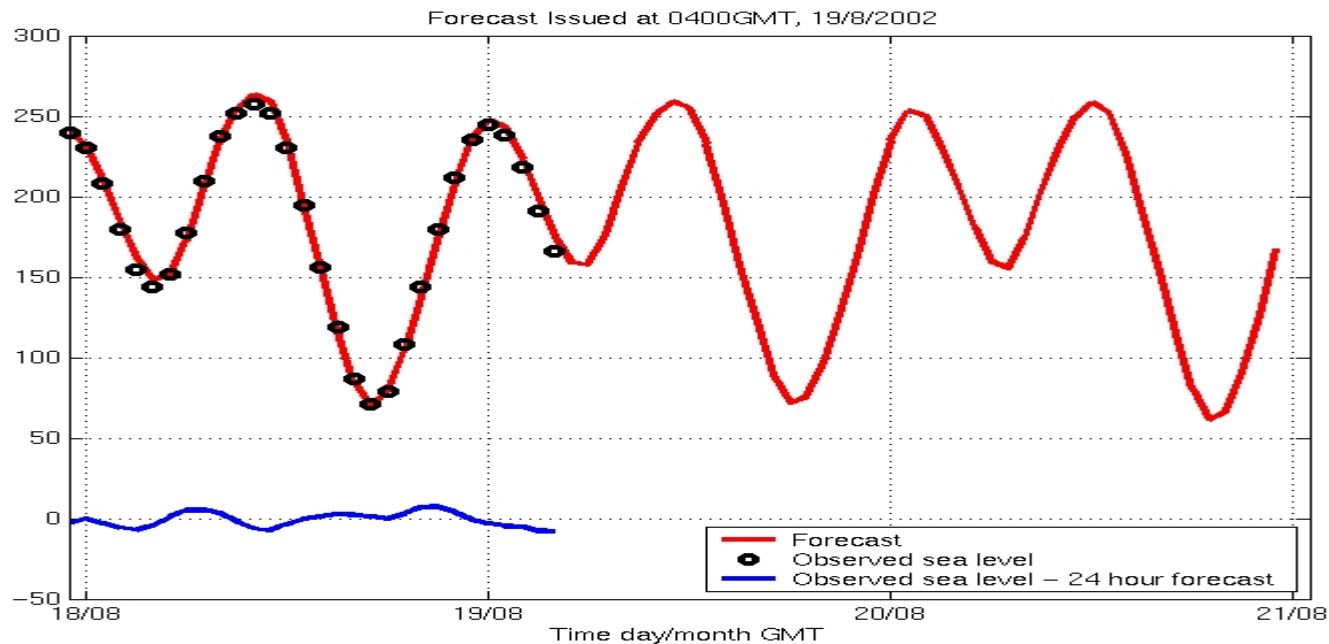
# Surge Model Domain, Tide Gauge Locations





# Recent Developments

- Tides for the Atlantic Coastal Flood Prediction System (animations)
- Re-locatable tide gauges for validation



# Tasks and Tools for New Project

- Apply total sea level system to coastal zone of southeastern New Brunswick
- Use re-locatable sea level system (6 tide gauges) to validate forecasts for SE NB
- Analyze trends in observations and 40-year reanalysis using validated prediction system
- Quantify flooding risk in SE NB under plausible climate change scenarios



# CMEP Global Workshop

- To assess benefits and costs of global marine environmental data assimilation and prediction for Canada
- To determine feasibility and desirability
- To map out most effective way of proceeding

- Resulted from DOE/MSC - DFO/Science ADM meetings started 13 Feb 2001
- Sponsored by ACSD



# Overview of MSC Global Ocean Data Assimilation and Prediction Needs

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# For Global Coupled Models

- For seasonal forecasts, we presently persist the initial SST anomaly
- Multi-seasonal (to inter-annual) forecasts will require improved SST fields, either by more sophisticated long-lead SST forecast, or by a fully coupled system - requiring good initial conditions



# Multi-annual Forecasts

- Forecasts out to decadal are now being discussed, motivated by assessments of potential predictability
- Ocean initial conditions may provide skill here



# Projecting Climate Change

- Out to century time scale
- Substantial biases remain in coupled systems with oceans initialized by climatology, likely partially due to starting ocean from a “non-physical” state
- Proper ocean analyses should reduce these errors and/or spin-up time



# Improved short- and medium-range forecasts of extreme marine weather

- For hurricanes and their extratropical transition, marine “bomb” storms
- Better lateral boundary conditions for coastal modelling systems (e.g., storm surge, coupled atmosphere-ice-ocean) as they extend farther off-shore



# Improving models & expertise

- A better global ocean data set provides a tougher benchmark against which to evaluate models (global and regional)
- Developing an ocean DA system could improve atmospheric analyses (cross-correlations) and models (boundary layer)
- Foster and attract much needed DA expertise in Canada



# GLOBAL OCEAN DATA ASSIMILATION & PREDICTION

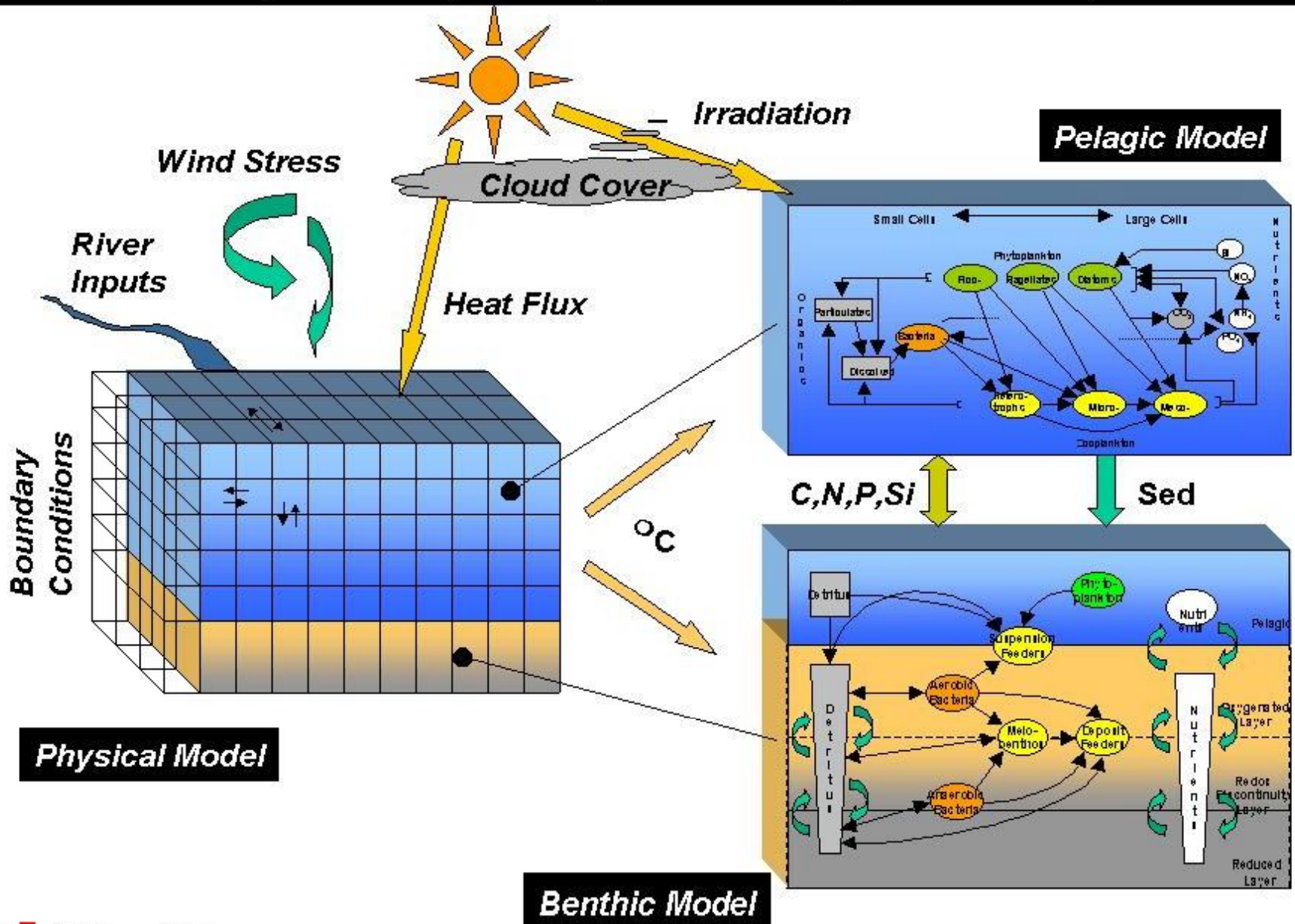
## *DFO Requirements*

# DFO ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION REQUIREMENTS

- hours to decades
- small bays to global oceans
- biology/physics/chemistry
- surface layer to deep ocean



# Conceptual Coupled Physical - Ecosystem Model

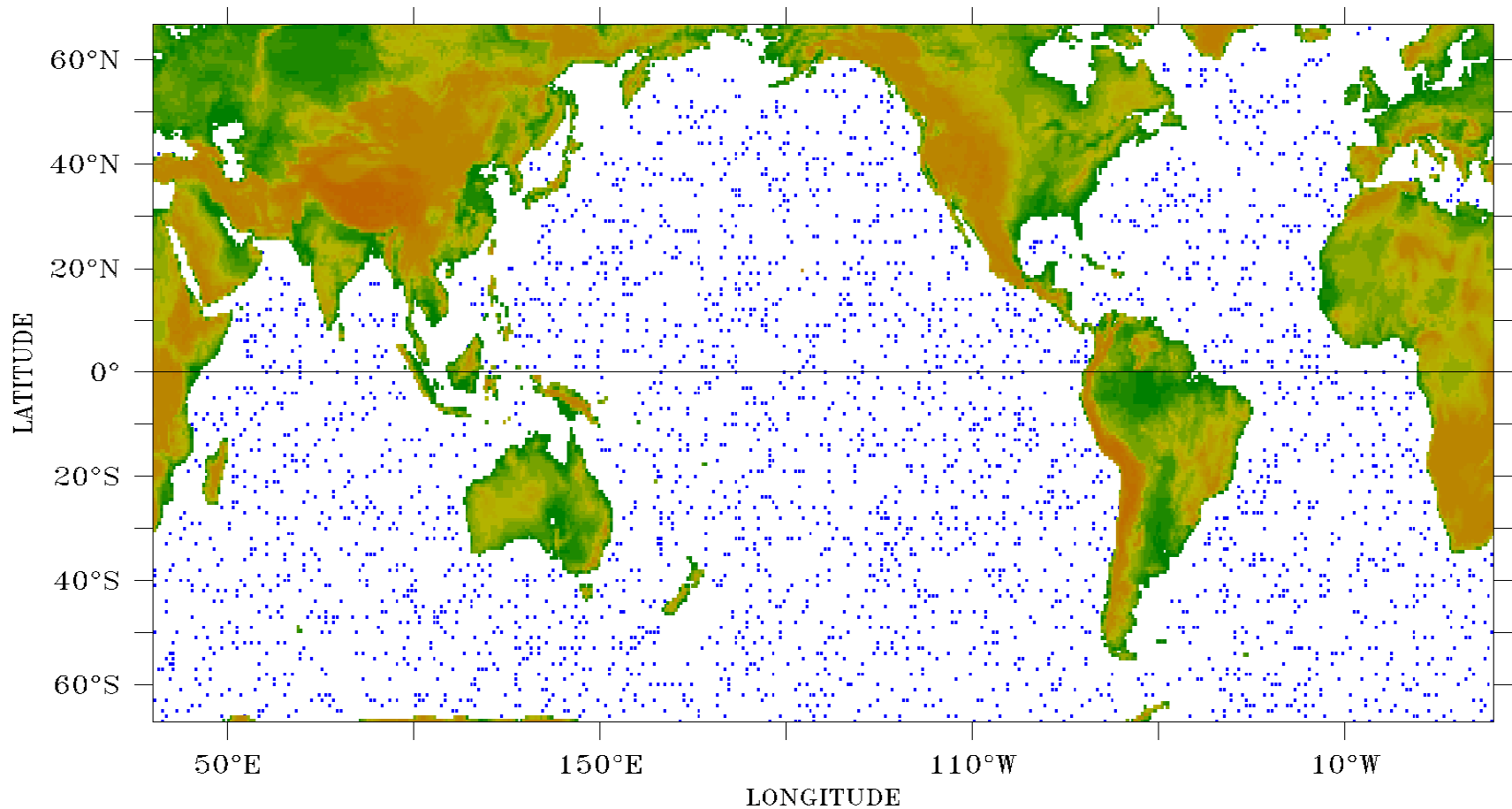


# DFO OCEAN DATA ASSIMILATION REQUIREMENTS

- **near real time**
- **small bays to global domains**
- **biology/physics/chemistry**
- **surface layer to deep ocean**



# Argo data from up to 3000 profiling floats spanning the global oceans



# CANADIAN OCEAN DATA ASSIMILATION REQUIREMENTS

- DFO
- DOE, DND and other OGDs
- All Canadians
- No single department can afford to do this on their own
- Development resources seem available
- Not clear what resources would be available for operational implementation



# DFO INVESTMENTS

- Systematic monitoring
- data QA
- data bases
- data access
- data assimilation
- coupled modelling



# DATA ASSIMILATION INVESTMENTS BY DFO

- **DFO IS INVESTING DATA ASSIMILATION DEVELOPMENT IN ALL REGIONS**
  - e.g. \$400K Mike Foreman's Project
- **DFO GOALS ARE TO IMPROVE:**
  - advice for management of aquatic resources
  - monitoring of aquatic resources and environment
  - understanding ocean processes & climate and
  - knowledge of impact ocean climate variability and change
- By 2005 DFO intends to have an operational data assimilation capability providing input to operational models



# DATA ASSIMILATION INVESTMENTS BY DFO

- BIO collaborating with DAL on Argo data assimilation
  - using a 1/6th degree model for region from Florida to Hamilton Bank offshore to the Mid Atlantic Ridge
  - will eventually also include ocean colour, sea level (coastal and satellite altimeter), SST and current meter data.
- BIO continuing to work on improved methods of assimilating long-term hydrographic information into eddy-permitting numerical models.
- IML working on GoSL data assimilation
- other assimilation & modelling work at BIO, IML and IOS
- numerous coupled modelling collaborative efforts between DFO, DOE, DND and academics to date
- international linkages need to be strengthened

Department of National Defence  
perspective on operation  
oceanography - regional to global

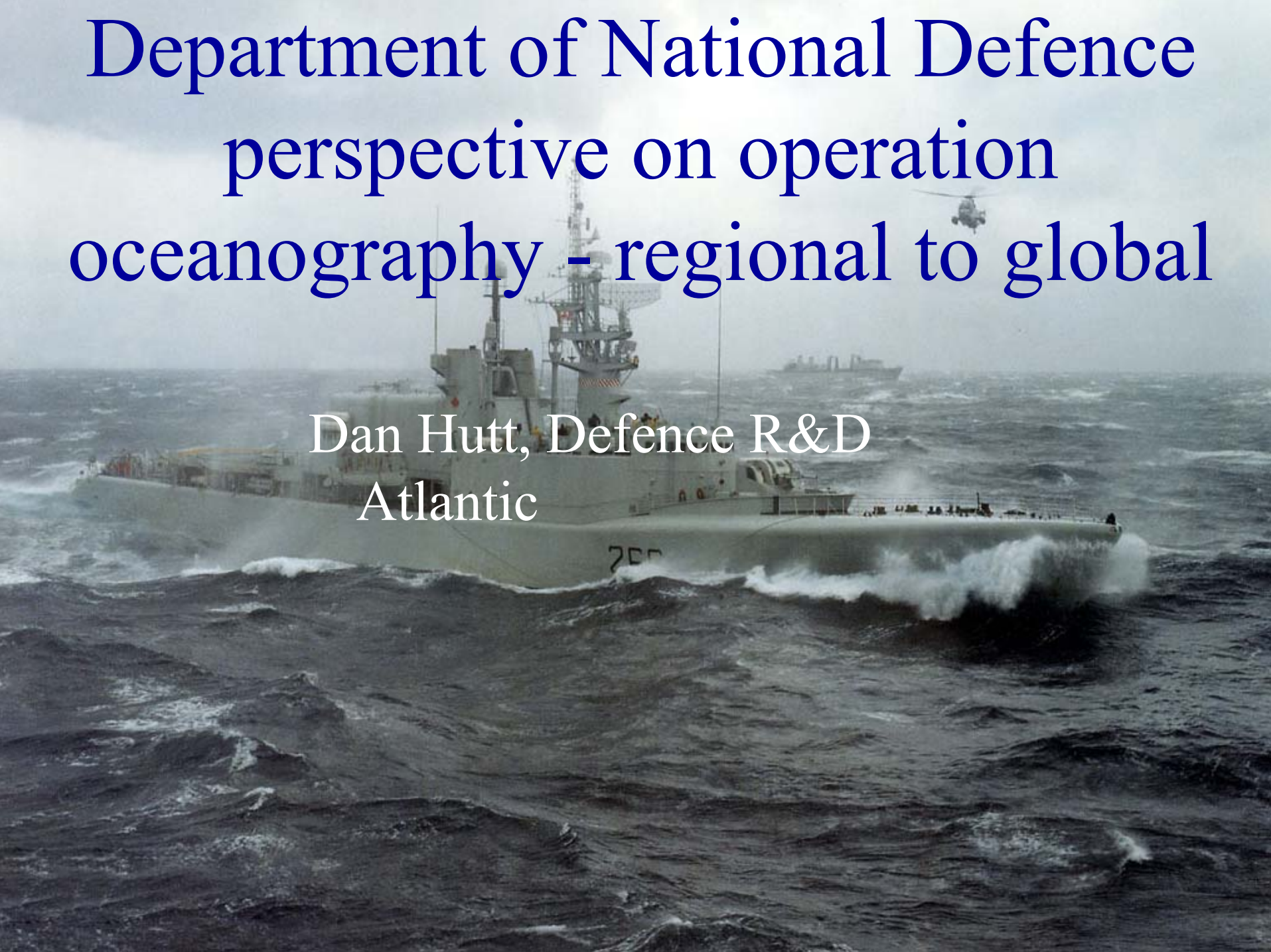
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# Department of National Defence perspective on operation oceanography - regional to global

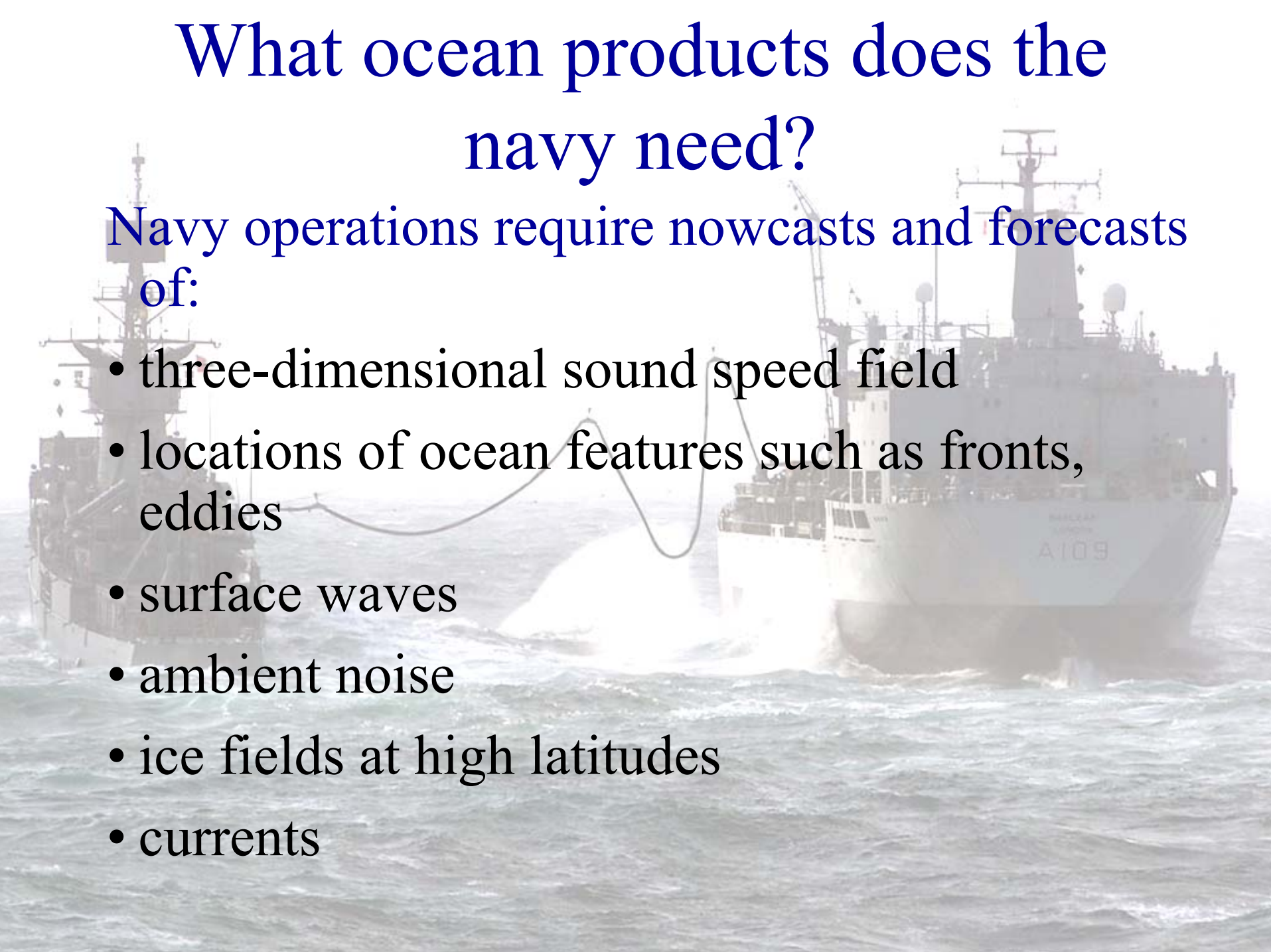
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# What ocean products does the navy need?

Navy operations require nowcasts and forecasts of:

- three-dimensional sound speed field
- locations of ocean features such as fronts, eddies
- surface waves
- ambient noise
- ice fields at high latitudes
- currents





# GODAE

## A New Day for Oceanography

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# INTRODUCTION

- *The concept of a Global Ocean Data Assimilation Experiment (GODAE)*
  - A belief that the community was ready, and able, to do operational marine, ocean and climate prediction;
  - A belief that attracting the long-term resources necessary for an adequate long-term operational system depended upon a clear demonstration of the feasibility and value of such a system;
- *FGGE/Numerical Weather Prediction as a model*
  - *The relationship with Numerical Weather Prediction*
    - *Our “big brother”*
- *An experiment in which:*
  - *a comprehensive, integrated observing system would be established and maintained for several years, with the data assimilated into state-of-the art models of the global ocean circulation in near real-time.*



# GODAE: *The Vision*

"A global system of observations, modeling, assimilation and communications that will deliver regular, comprehensive information on the state of the oceans in a way that will promote and engender wide utility and availability of this resource for maximum benefit to society."

- *Prediction as a routine activity.*
- *Developing a system serving interests from climate and climate change through to ship routing and fisheries.*

# Objectives

- Coordinate and foster a more efficient, responsive and sustainable system for **data assembly, quality control and access**.
- Improve **public access to** and awareness of the many marine services **products**, both operational and research that are available.
- Foster the development of a **shared "common"** of ocean information and tools for the production of improved ocean products.
- Foster the production and analysis of **improved ocean services and products**.
- Undertake **experiments** to assess the **utility** of various ocean **data streams** for different applications.
- Guide the **evolution of a global ocean observing system**



# Main Recommendation

- That a DFO-MSC-DND-university group (about 10 members) be formed to present senior managers with options or a plan on how to develop or implement an operational global ocean data assimilation and modelling capacity in Canada.
- Will include a timeframe and preliminary resource estimate, indicating likely partners and clients.