

# Suspended particle characteristics from a glider integrated LISST sensor

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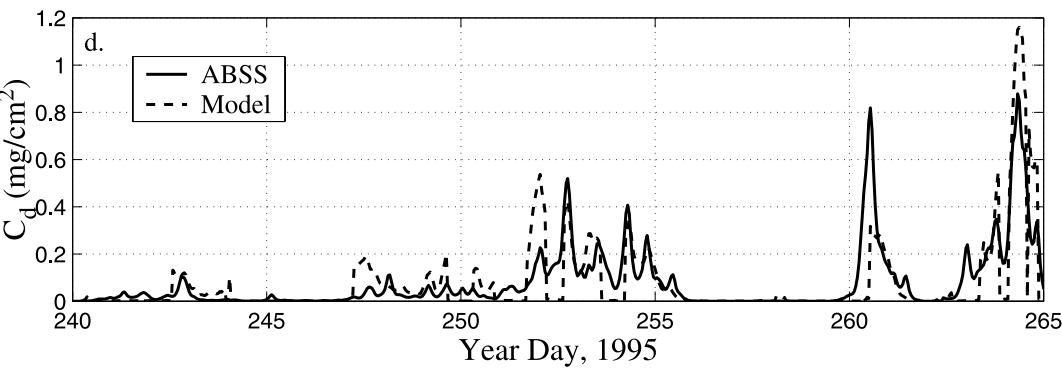
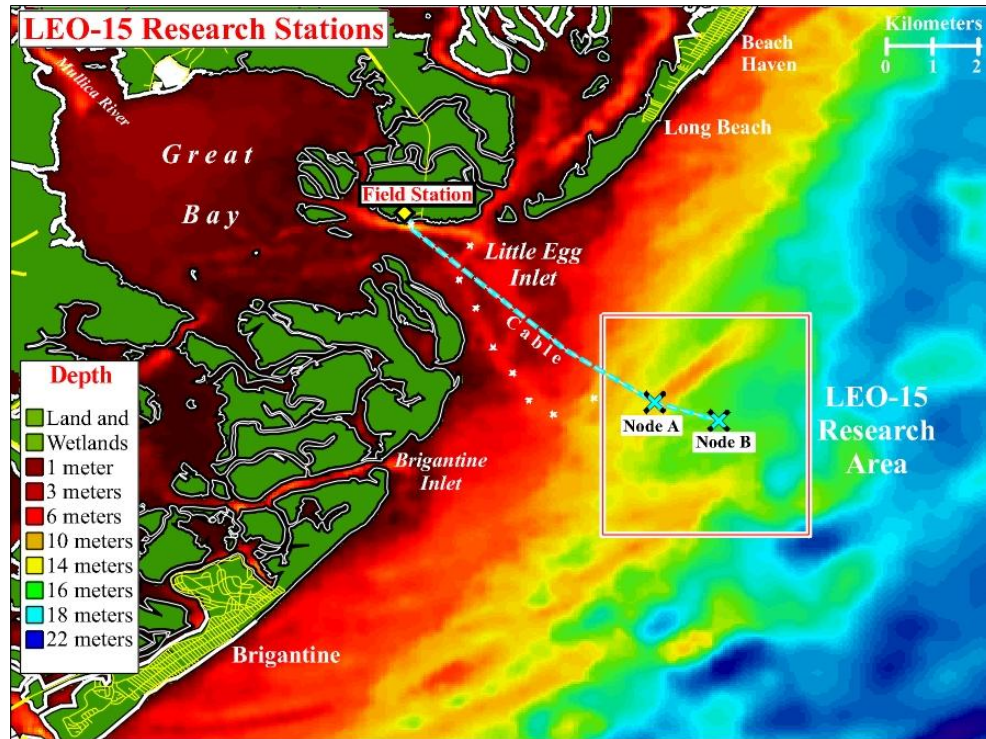
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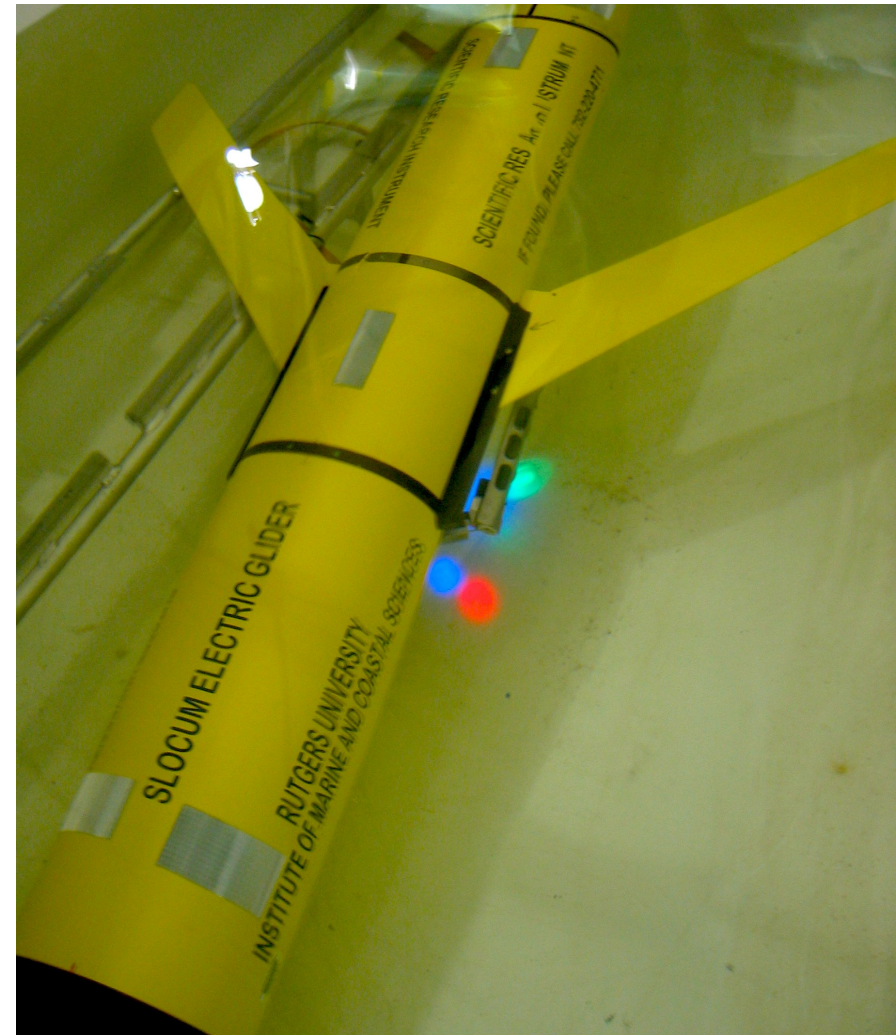
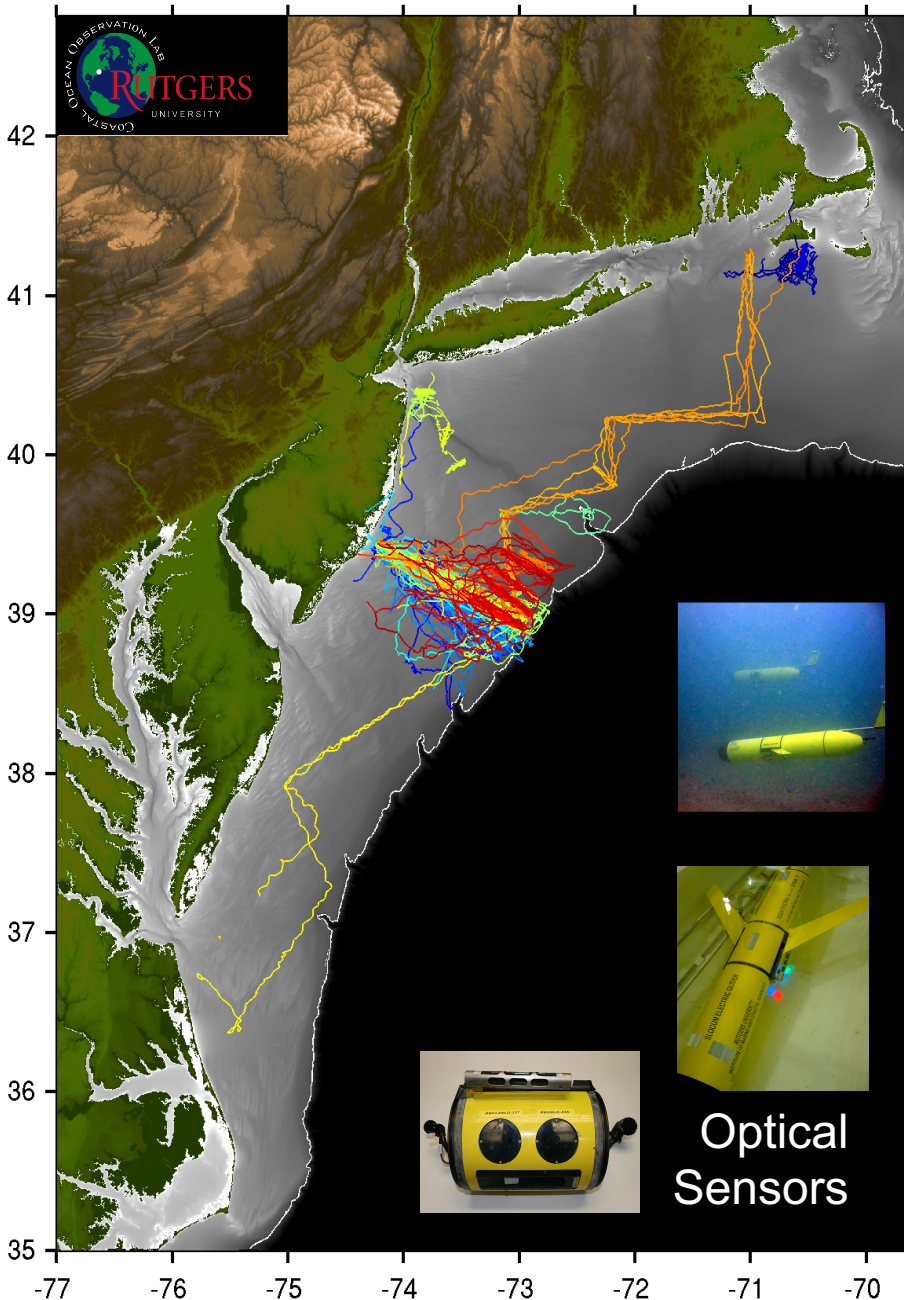
# Sediment Transport Studies at LEO Site –1990's



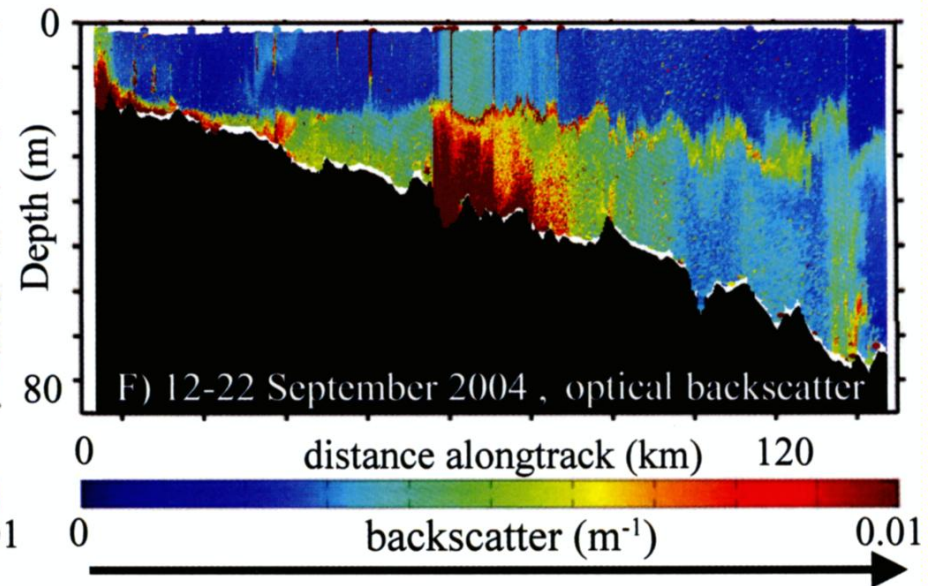
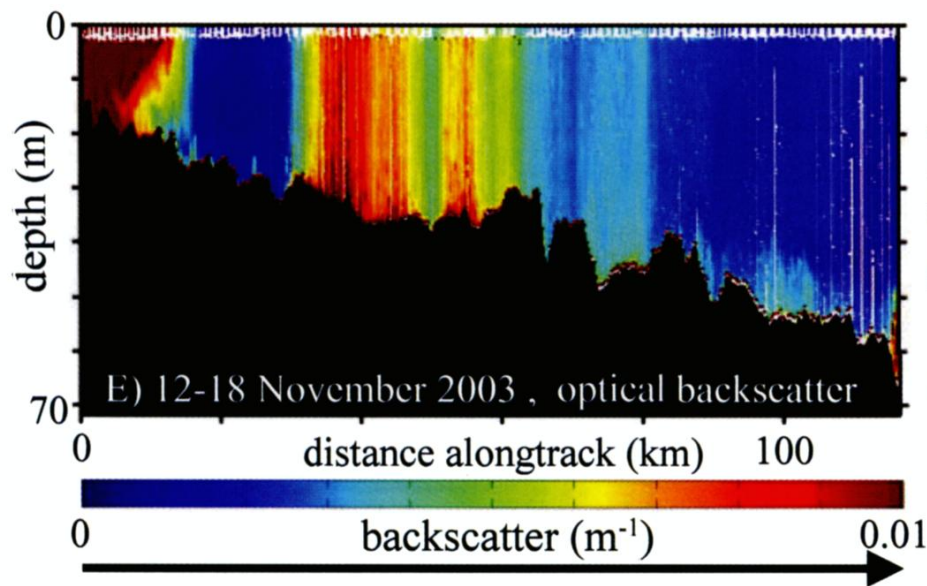
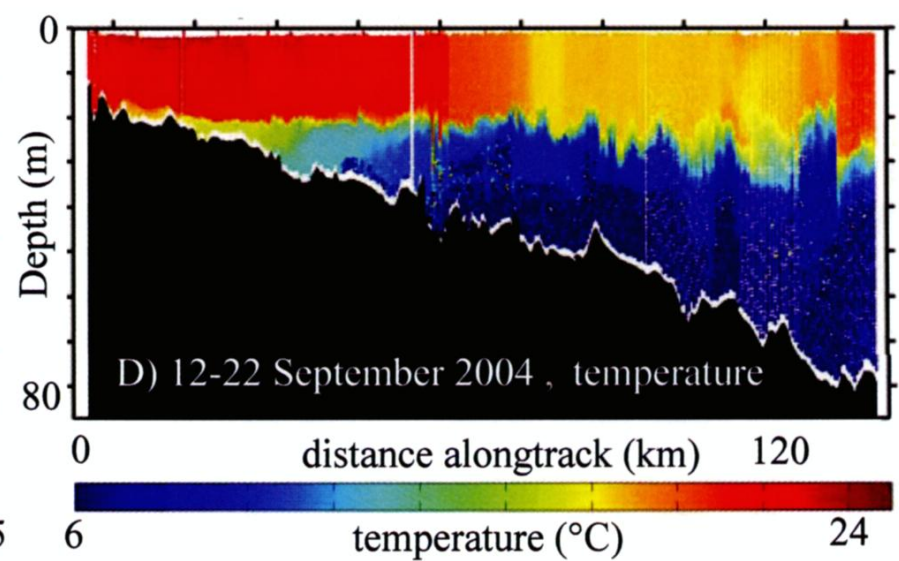
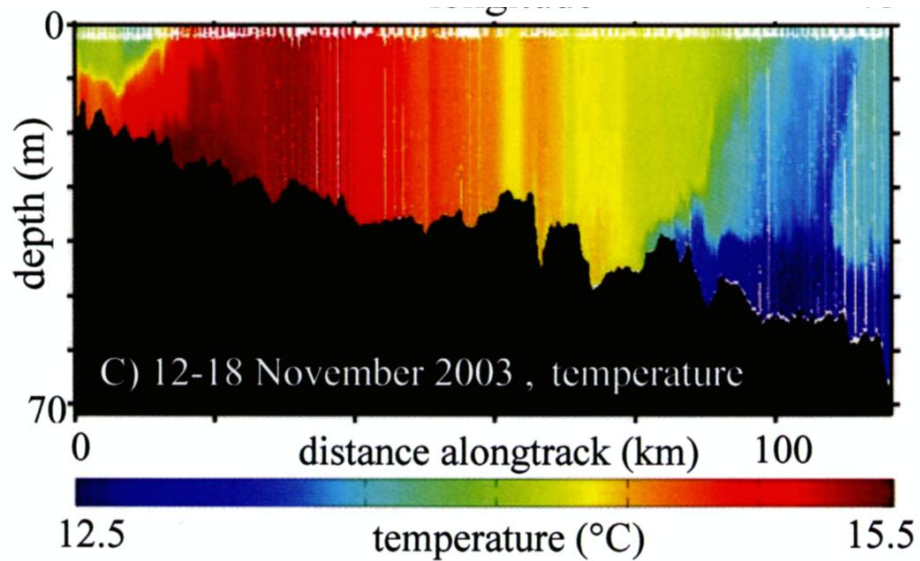
**Benthic Acoustic Stress Sensor (BASS) Tripod**



# Glider Observations of Sediment Resuspension in a Middle Atlantic Bight Fall Transition Storm (Glenn et al., 2008)







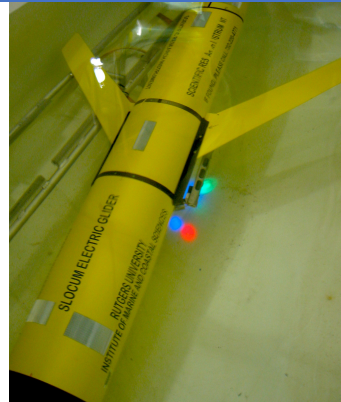
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Backscatter),



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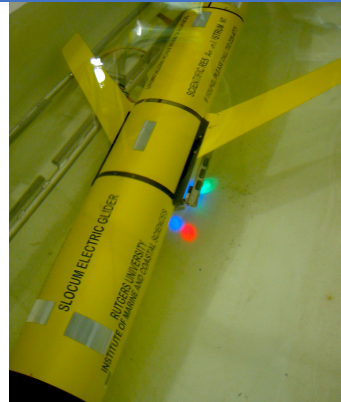
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(Oxygen) – **Small Particles**



## Storm Glider (v2)

Pumped CTD, Externally mounted  
Nortek Aquadopp Current Profiler,  
accelerometer test for waves,  
extended battery bay – **Larger  
Particles**



Acoustic Backscatter is sensitive to larger particles

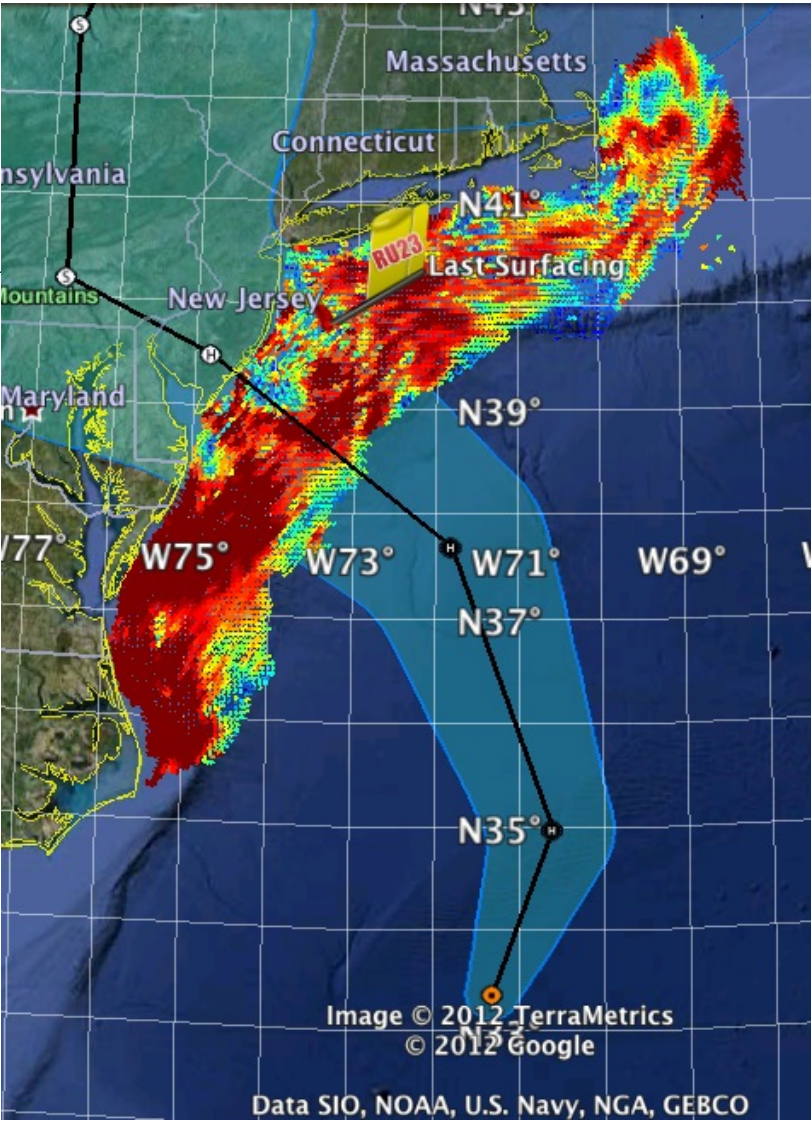
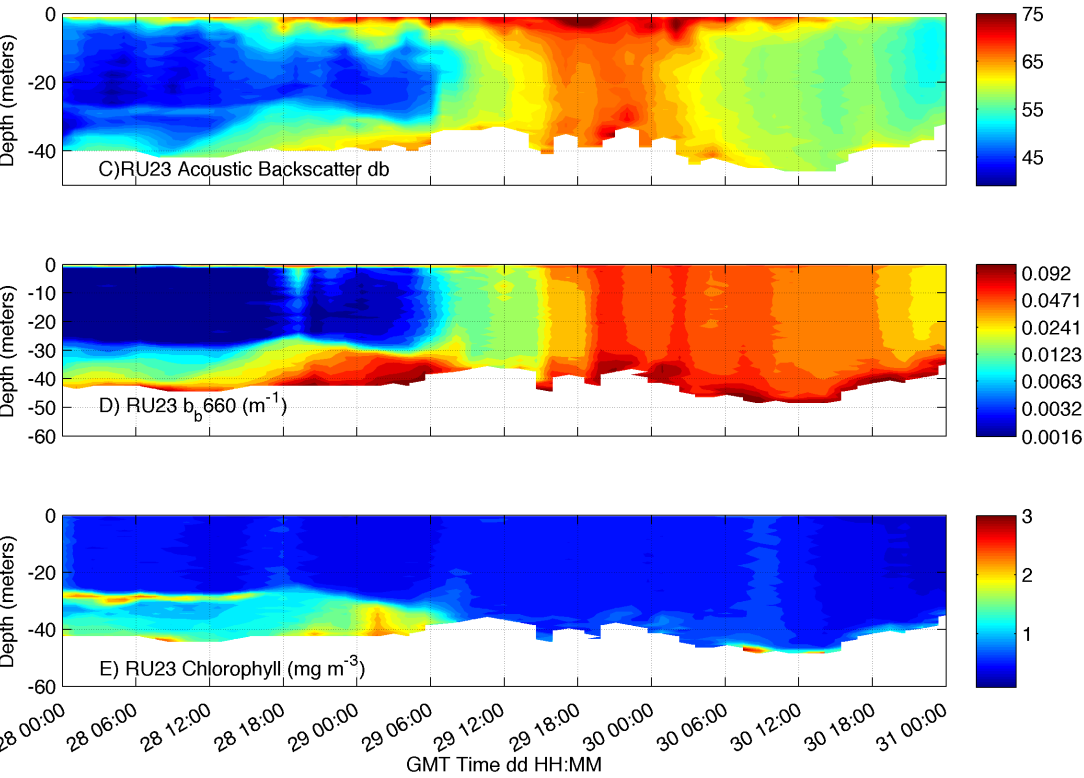


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# Glider observations and modeling of sediment transport in Hurricane Sandy

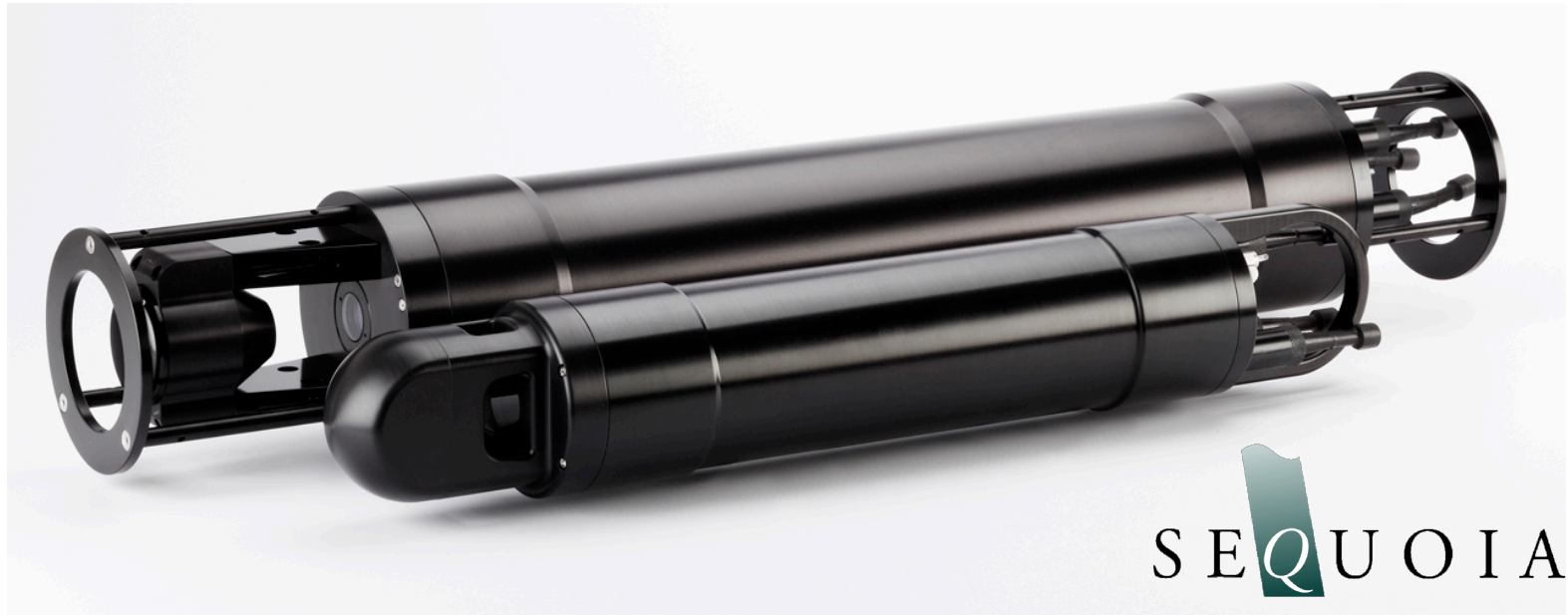
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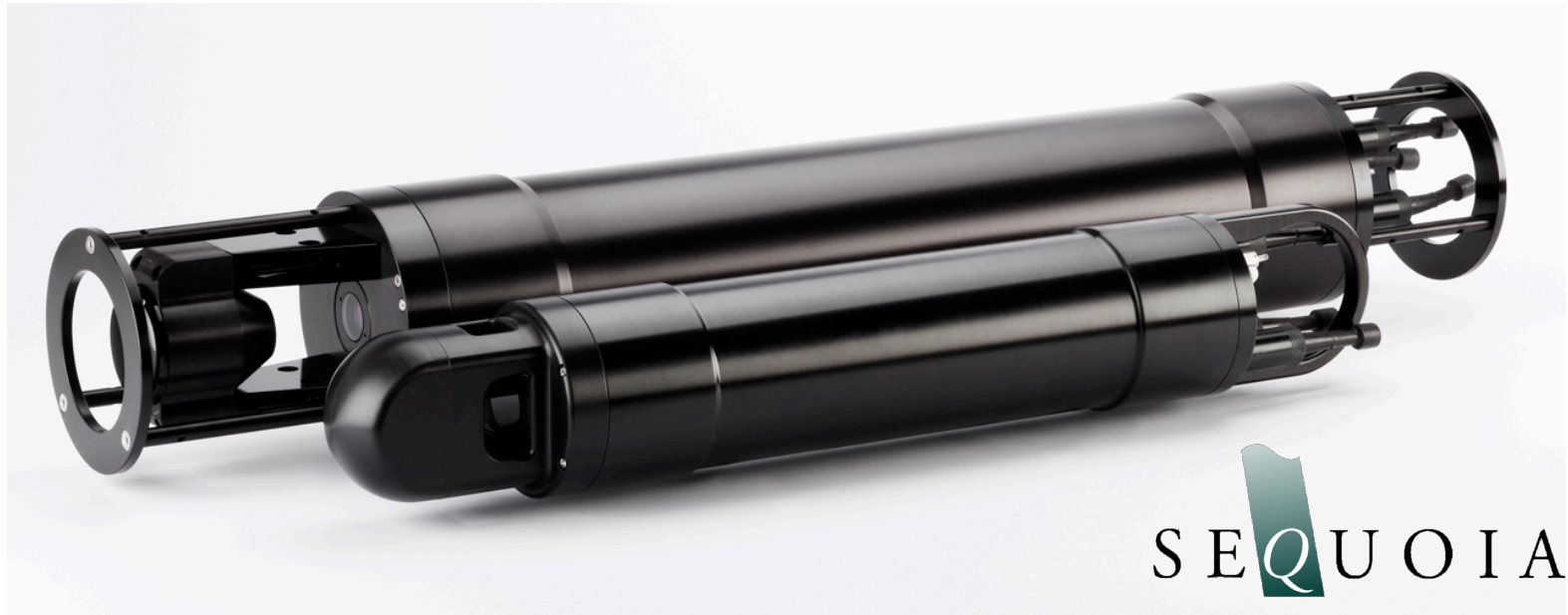


# Laser In-Situ Scattering and Transmissometry (LISST) sensor



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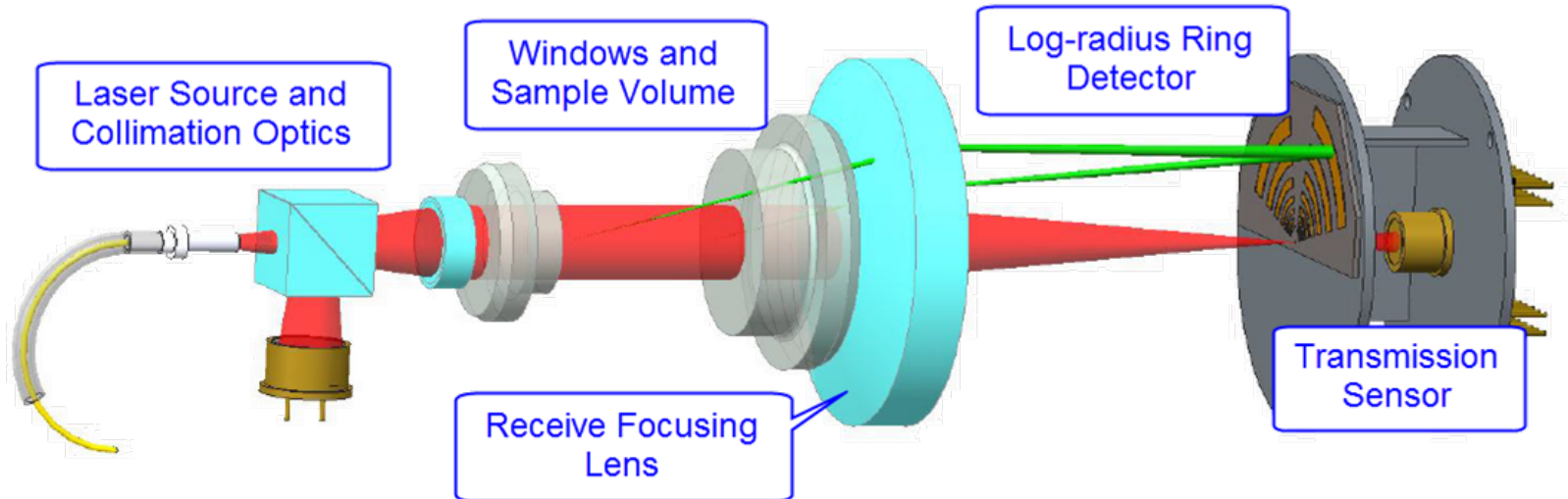
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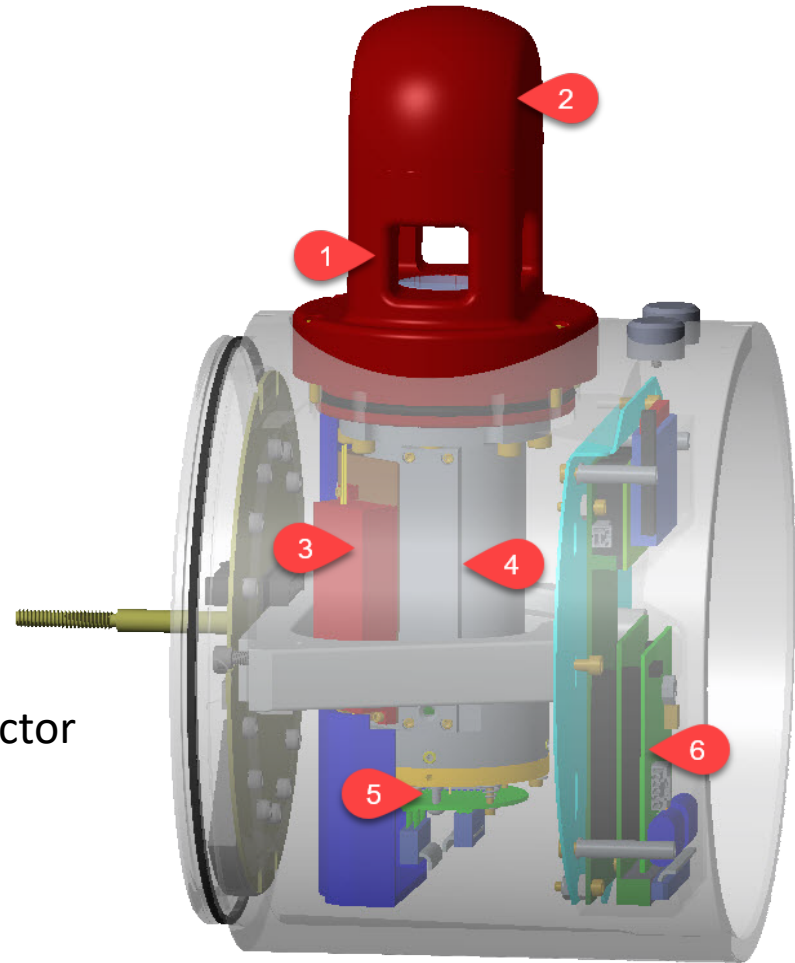


# How laser diffraction works



- Volume illuminated by laser light, which is scattered by particles in sample volume
- Large particles scatter most of their light at small angles and small particles scatter at larger angles
- Sum of scattering by all particles is measured as function of angle using specialized detector array
- Scattering by particles of different sizes can be modeled using Mie Theory --> Inversion technique can be used to determine amount of each size needed to produce the measured scattering vs. angle
- Inversion result is the equivalent spherical size distribution by volume

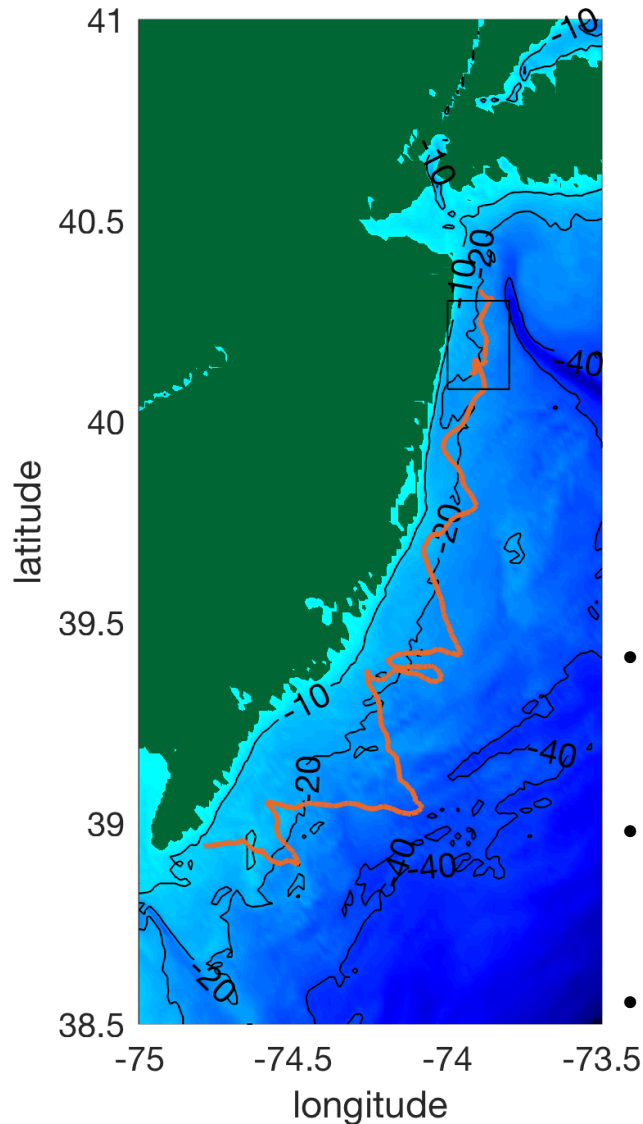
# LISST particle sizer glider integration and test deployment



- 1) Scattering volume
- 2) Beam collimation optics and reference detector
- 3) Fiber coupled diode laser module
- 4) Scattered light received through lens tube
- 5) Ring detectors and transmission sensor
- 6) Electronics section



# LISST – Glider test deployment April 2017



- Deployed for a 1 month mission along the New Jersey Coast in April of 2017.
- NJ Department of Environmental Protection mission mapping low oxygen
- Large supporter of new sensor testing and storm research.

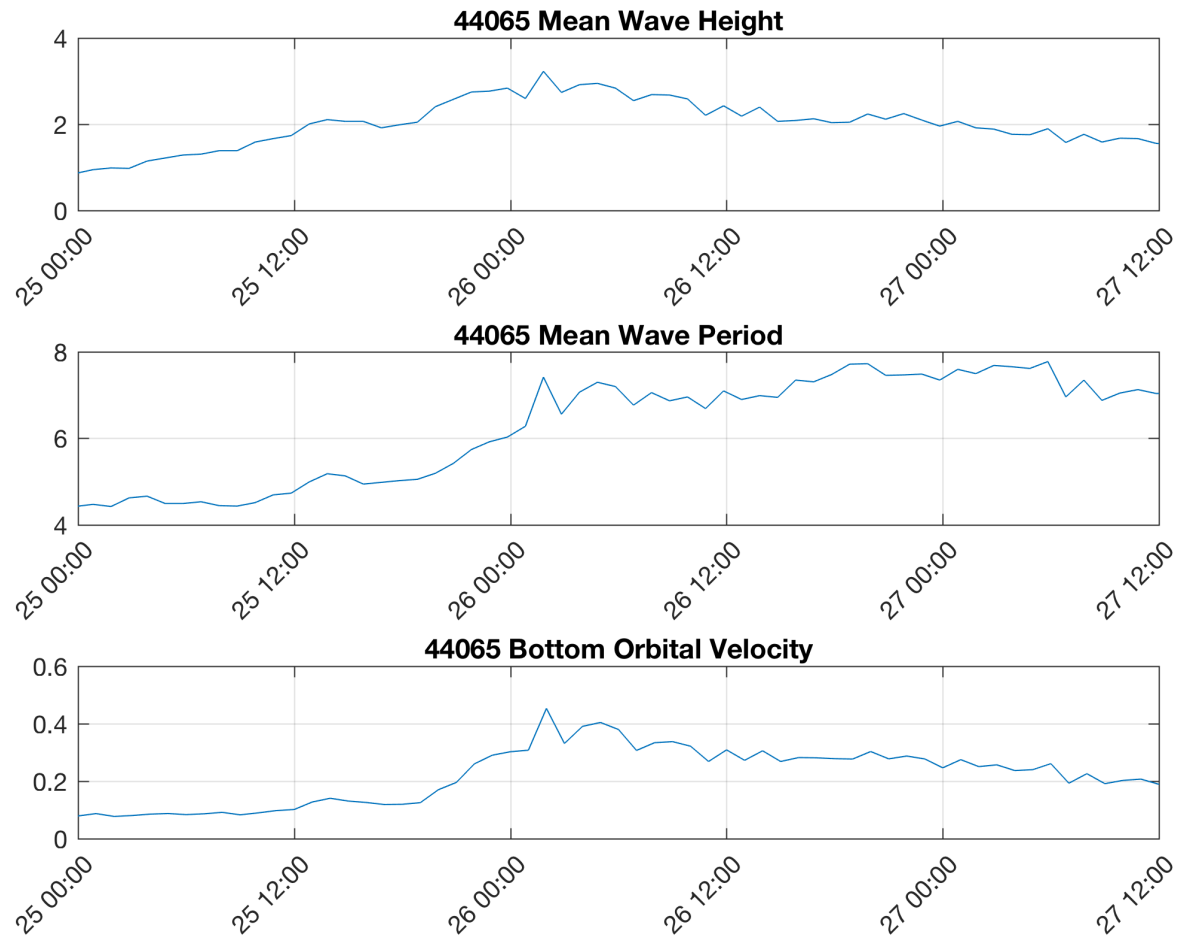
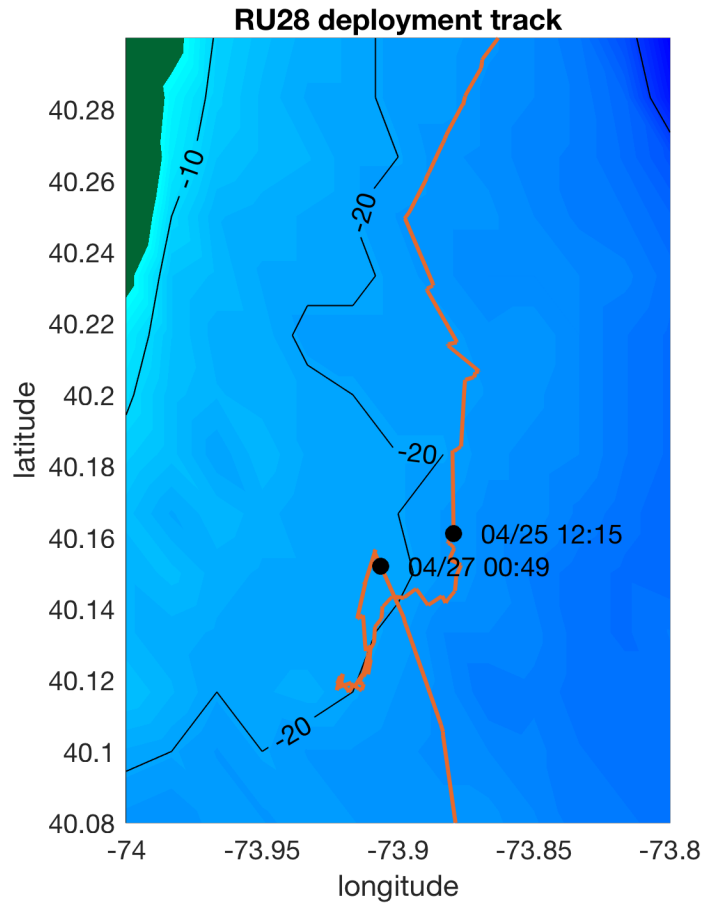


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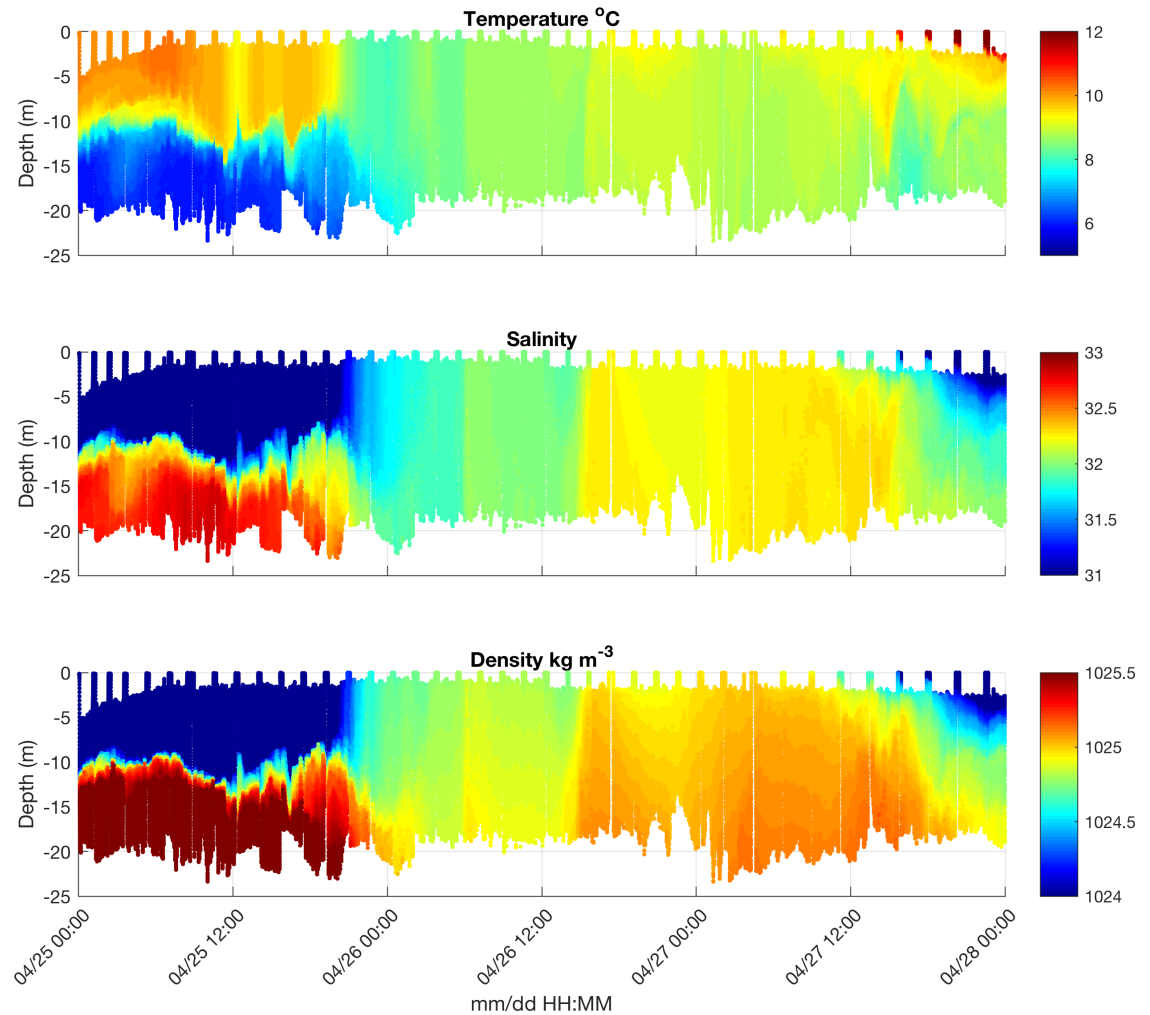
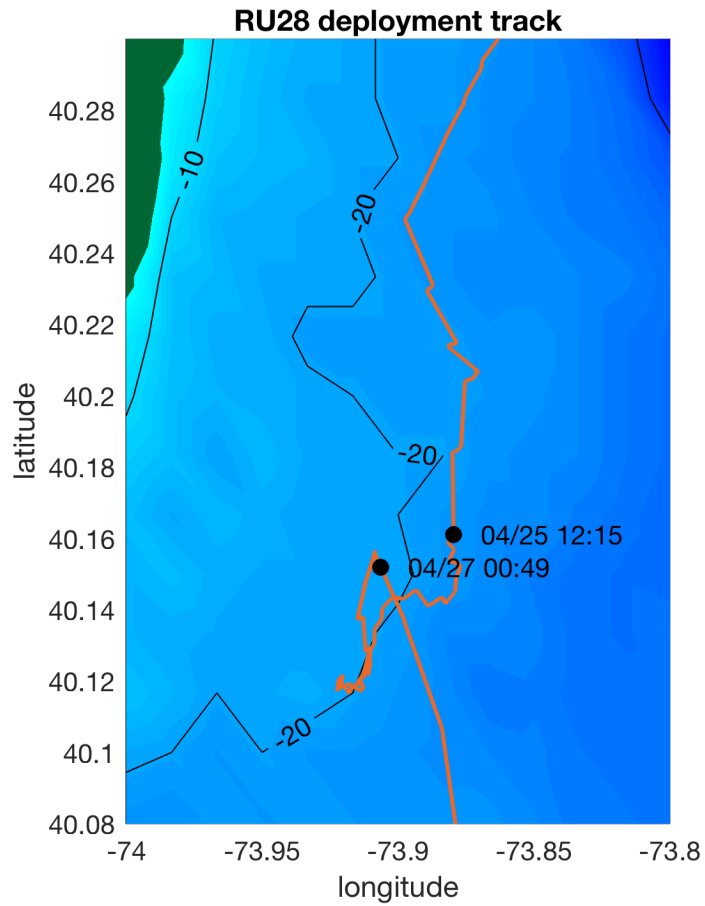
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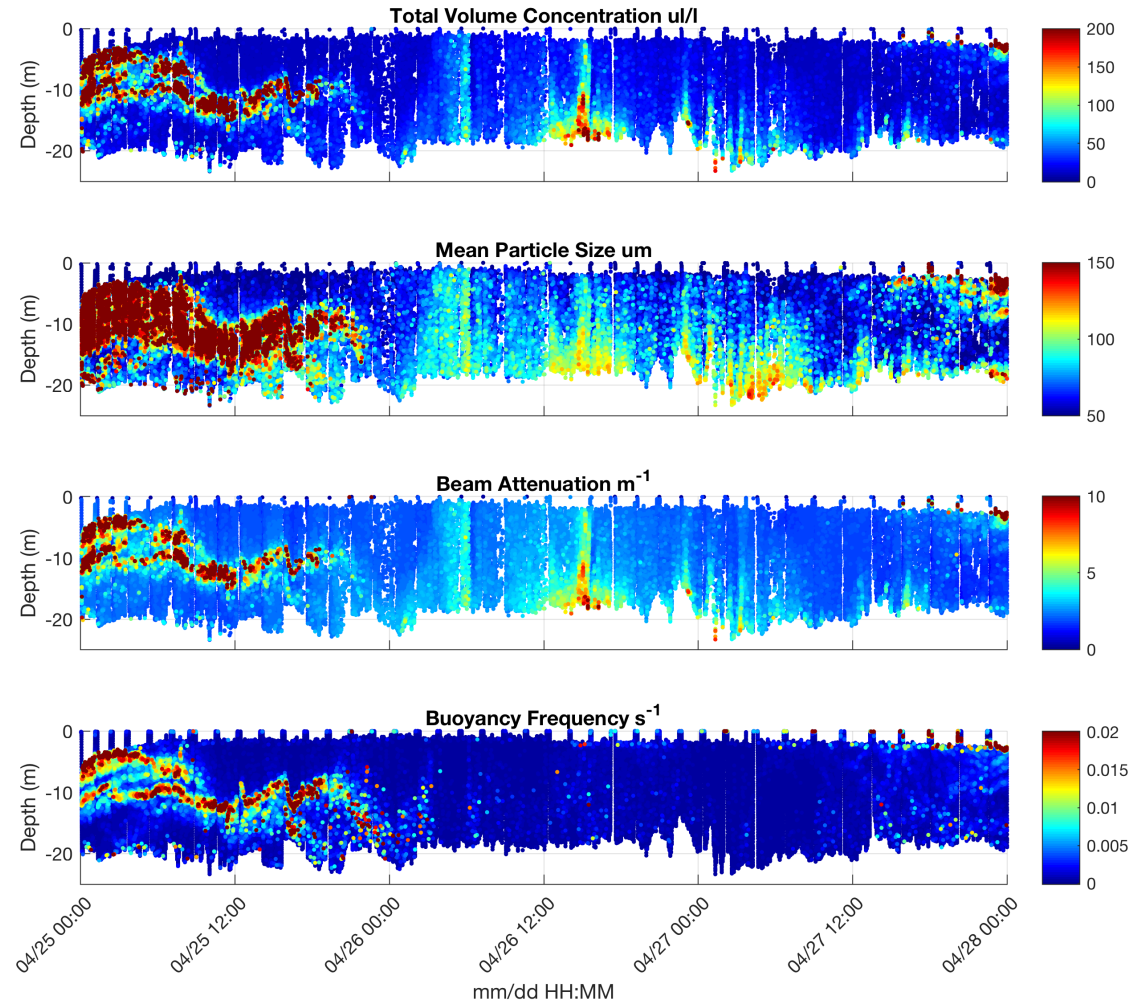
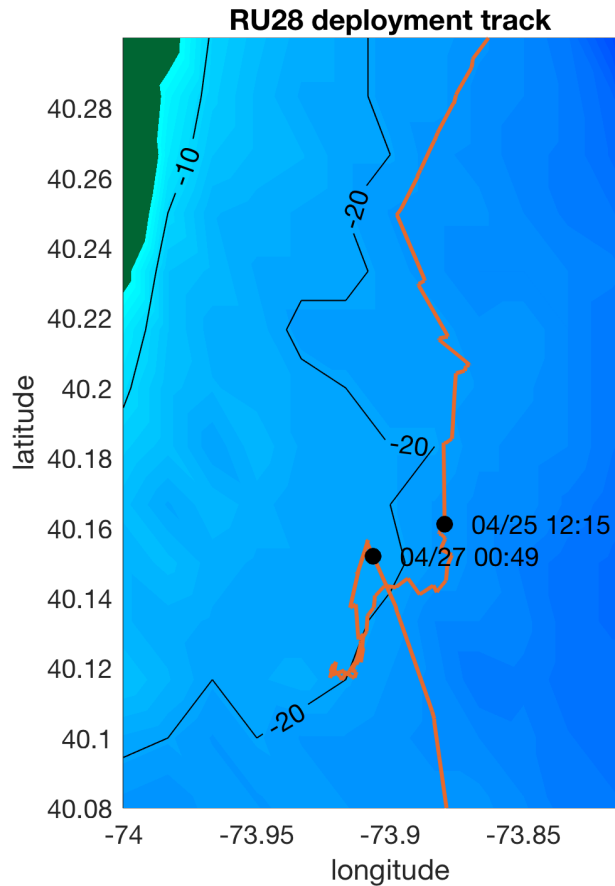




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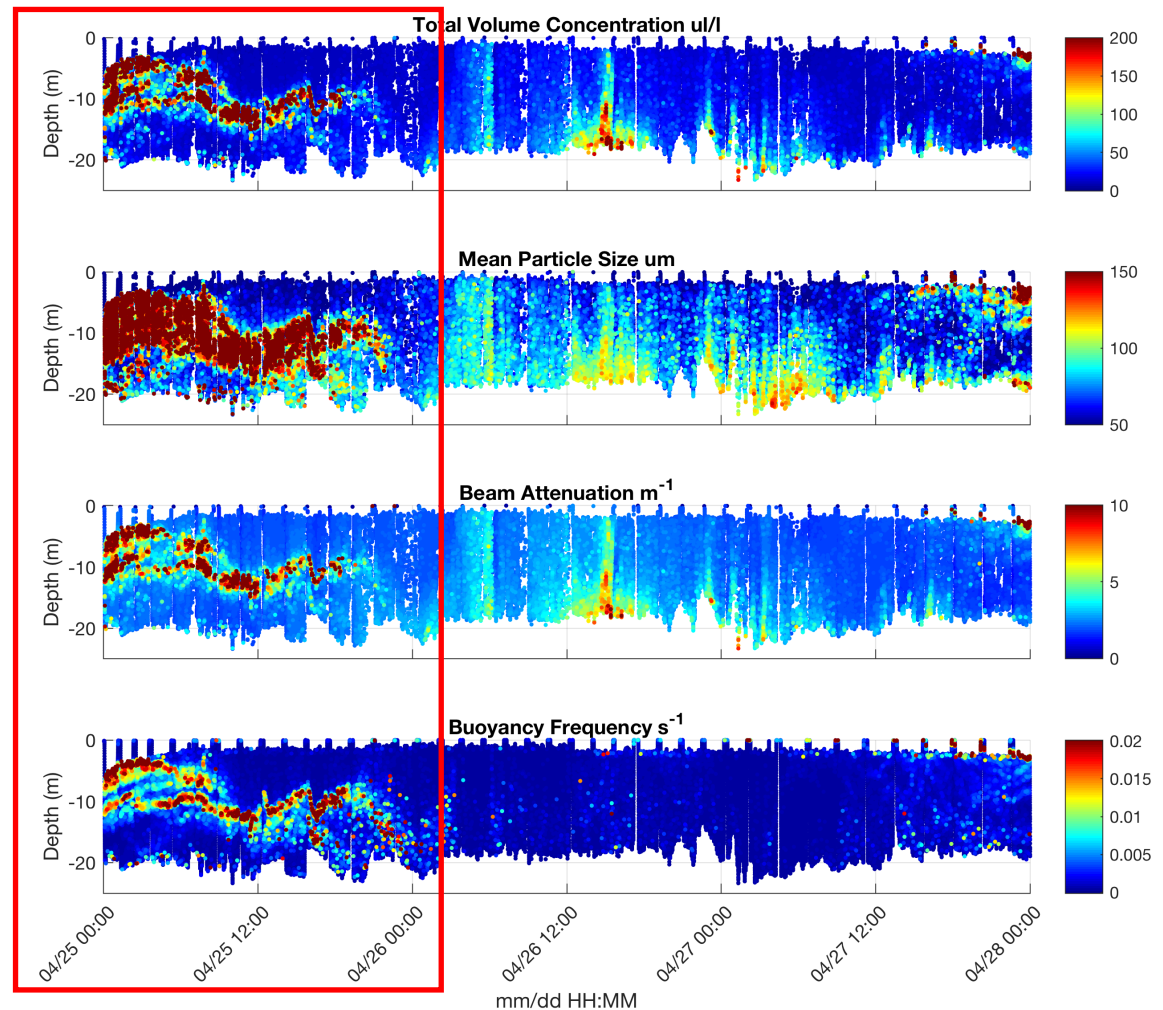
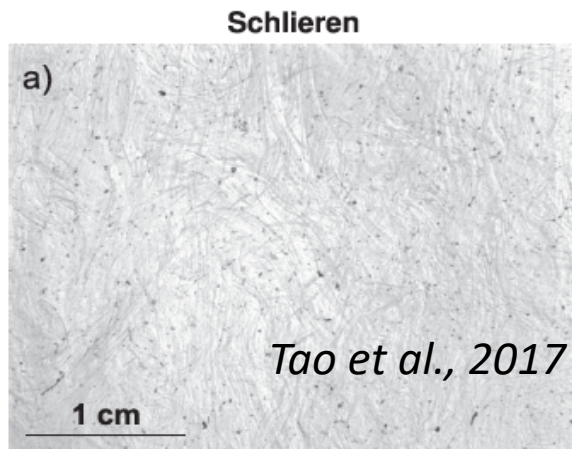
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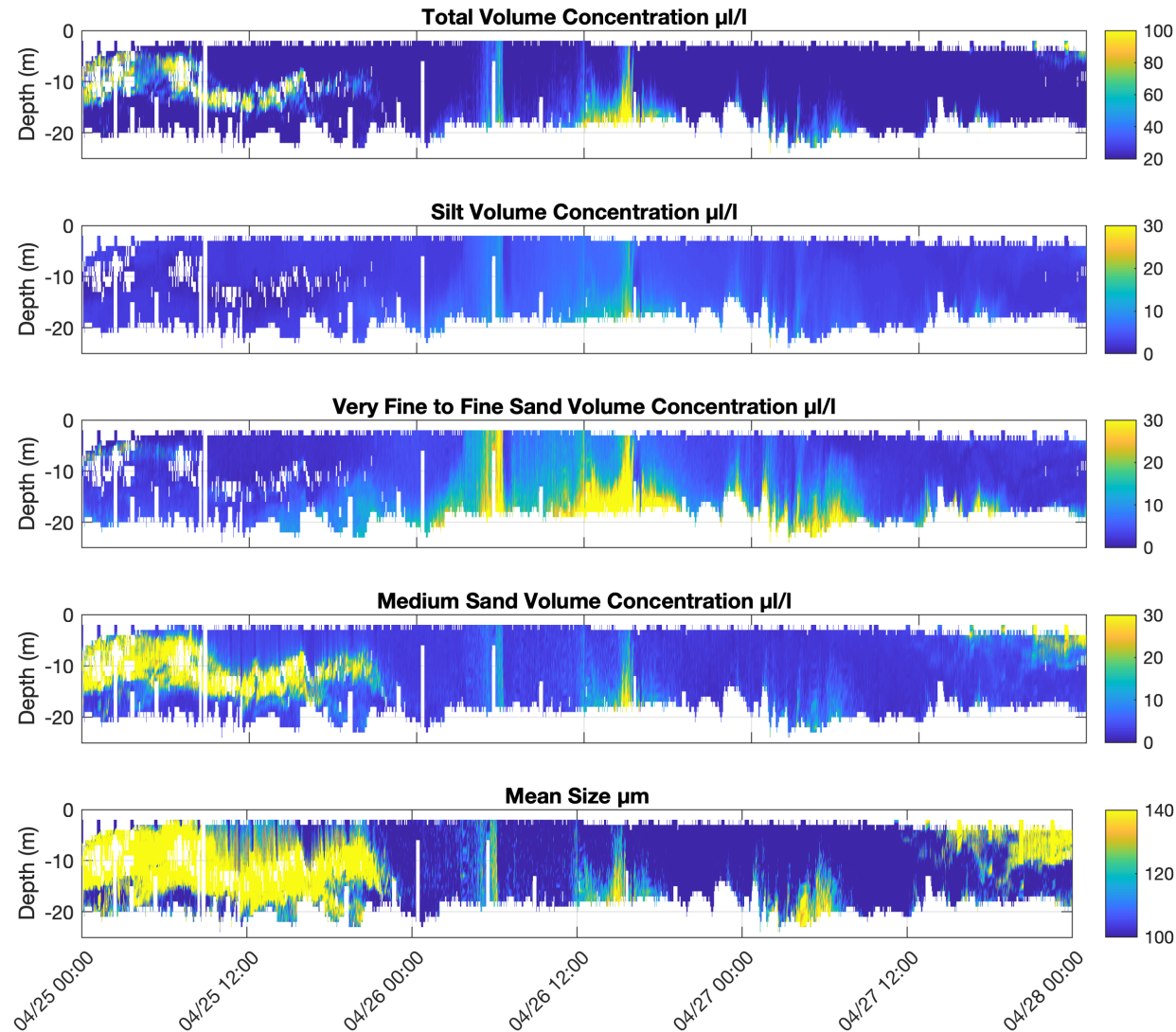
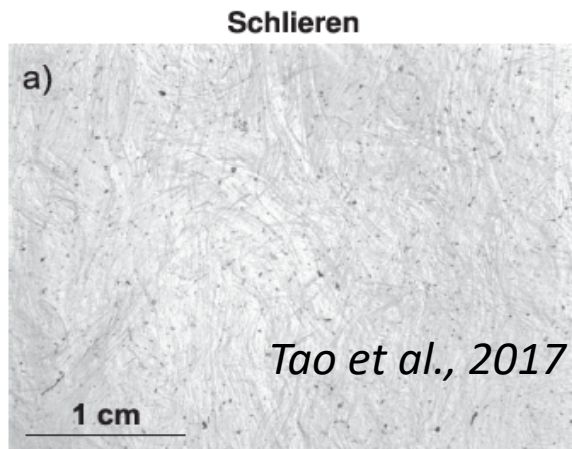
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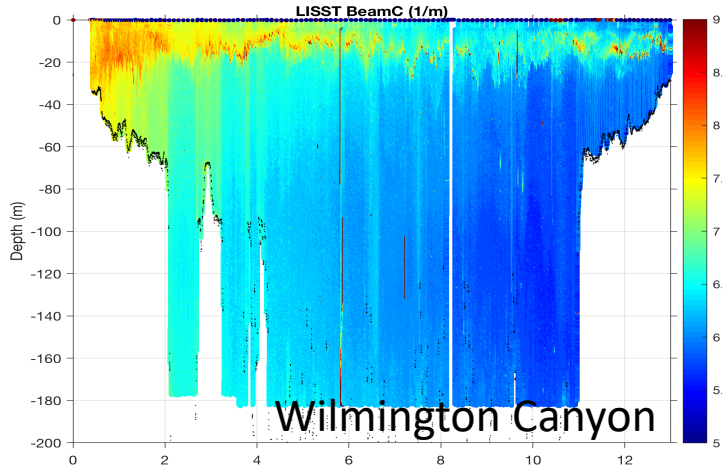


Post processing shore side: Standard processing codes for LISST 200-X *Agrawal et al., 2008*

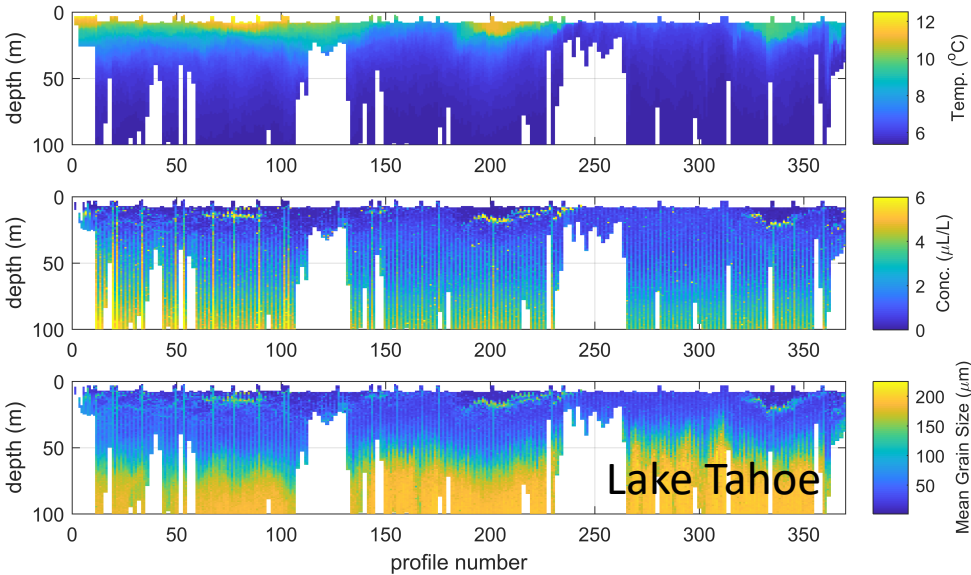


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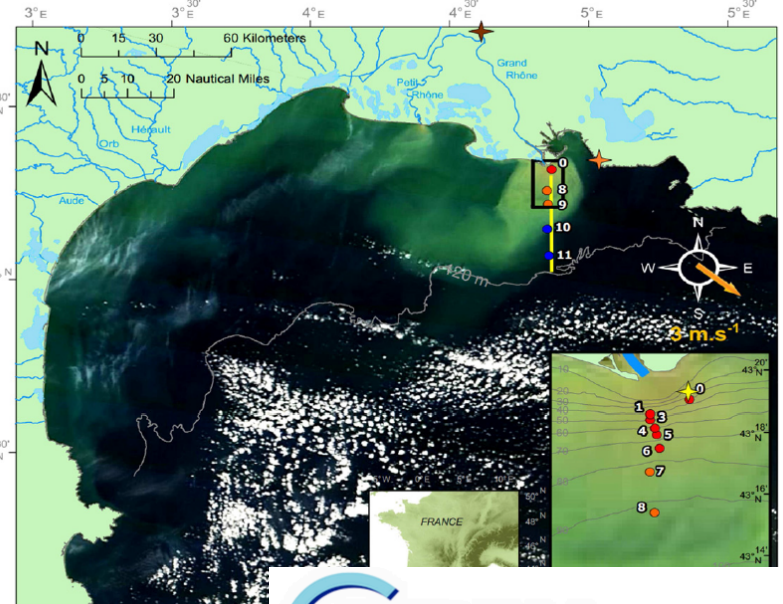


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