



Field Trial(s) of the UNB Refraction Uncertainty Monitoring Toolkit

Time spent on reconnaissance is seldom wasted.

British Army Field Service Regulations, 1912

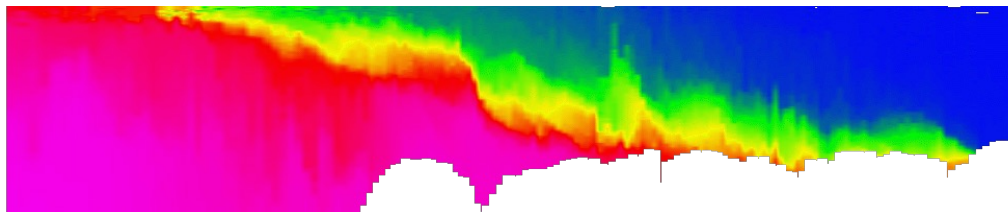
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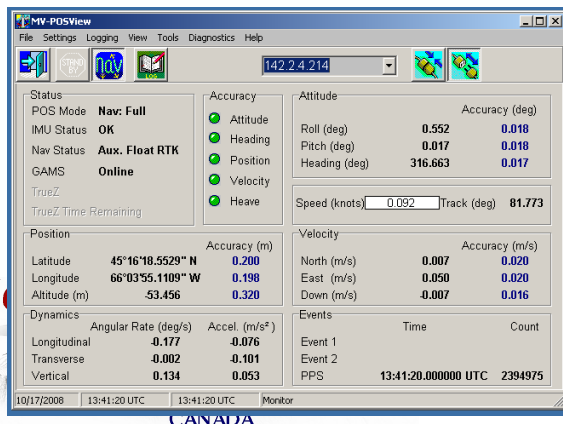
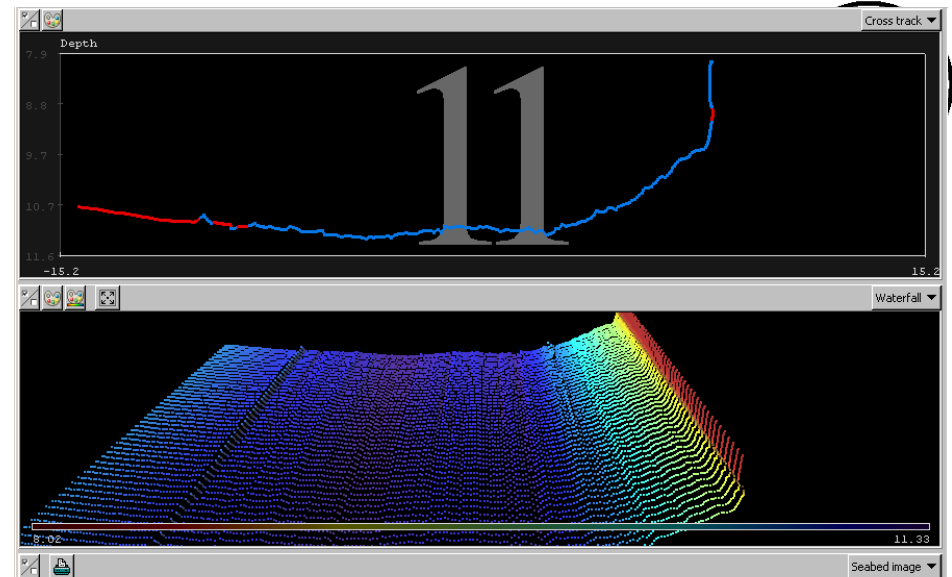


Outline

- Real-time assessment of refraction uncertainty
- Acoustic aiding
- Field Trials:
 - Lower Saint John River estuary
 - Rotterdam Waterway
- Survey REA with MVP and Acoustic Aiding

Assessing Refraction Artifacts in Real-Time

- Highly subjective
- Requires constant vigil
- Can overreact over flat seafloors
- Can “underreact” over complicated topography
- Impossible for iso-velocity displays (e.g. Reson 81XX display)

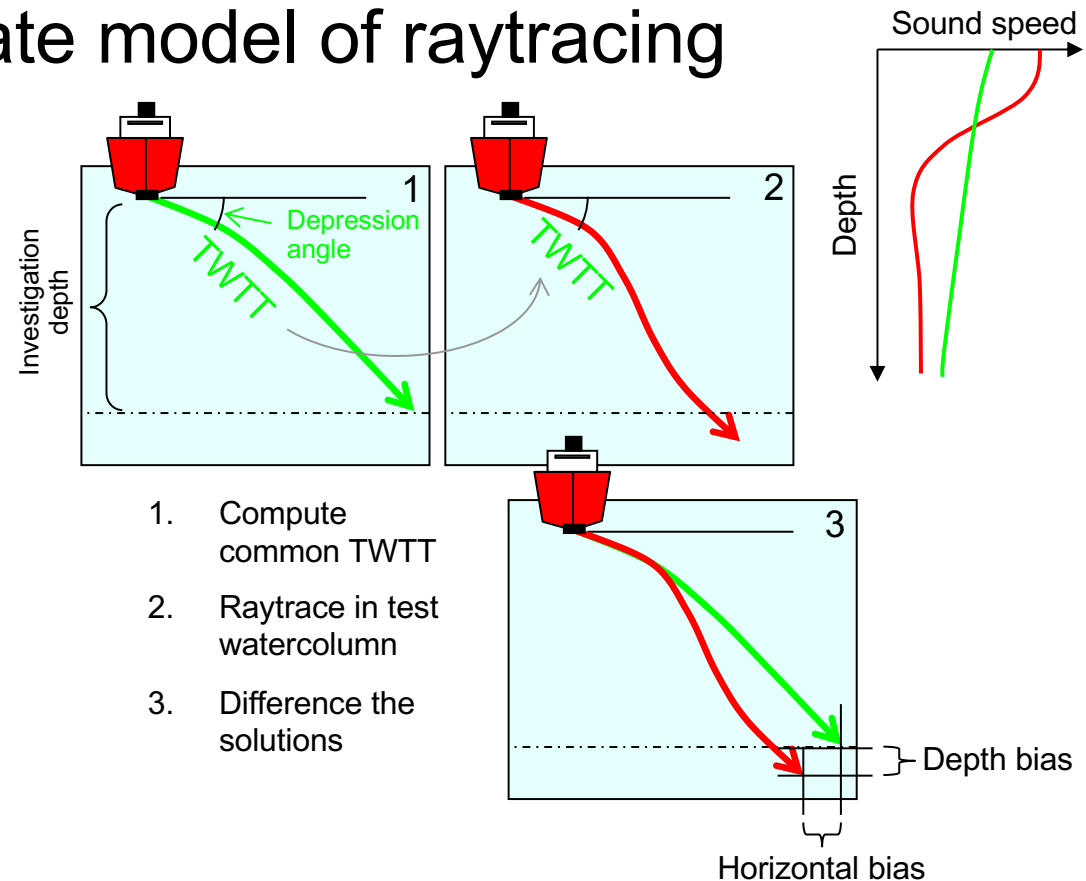


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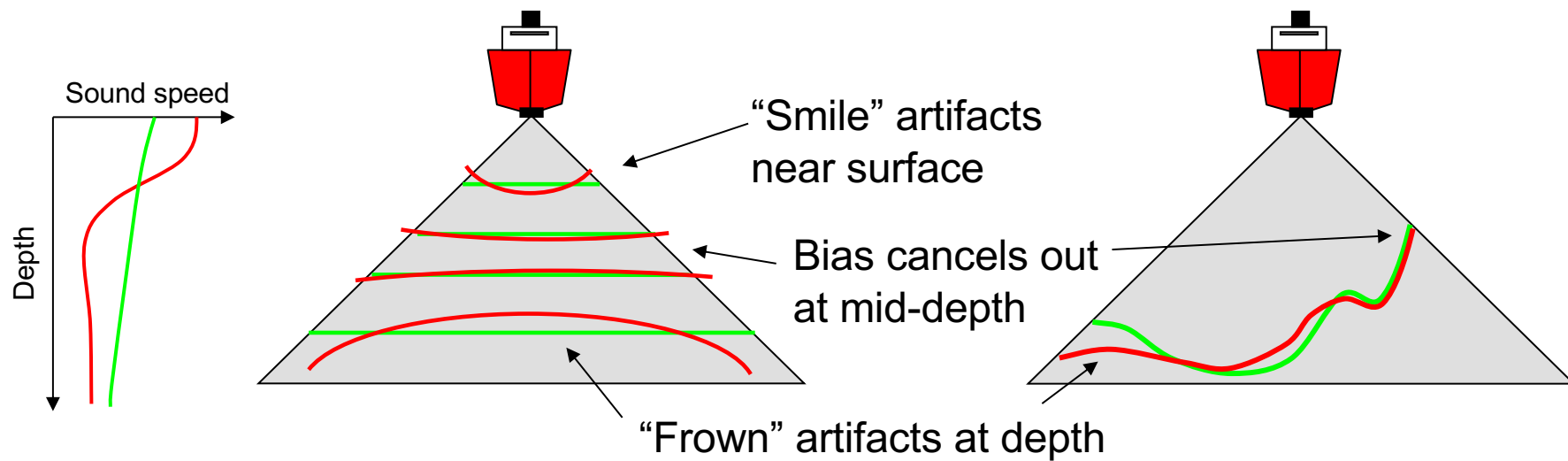


UNB/OMG Method: Raytracing Simulation

- Isolates raytracing portion of depth reduction procedure: no sounding data required!
- Requires accurate model of raytracing procedure:
 - Draft
 - Angular sector
 - Survey depth
 - Surface sound speed probe



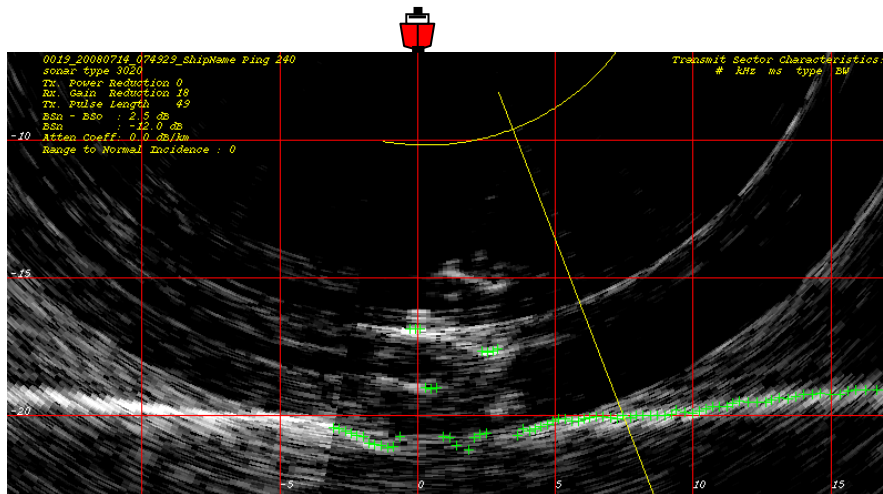
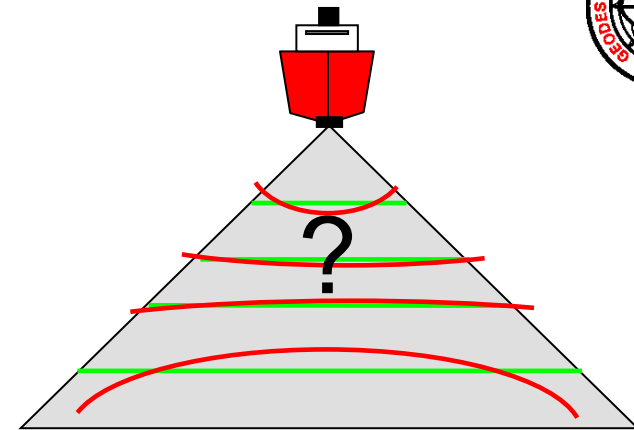
Investigation over Entire Potential Sounding Space



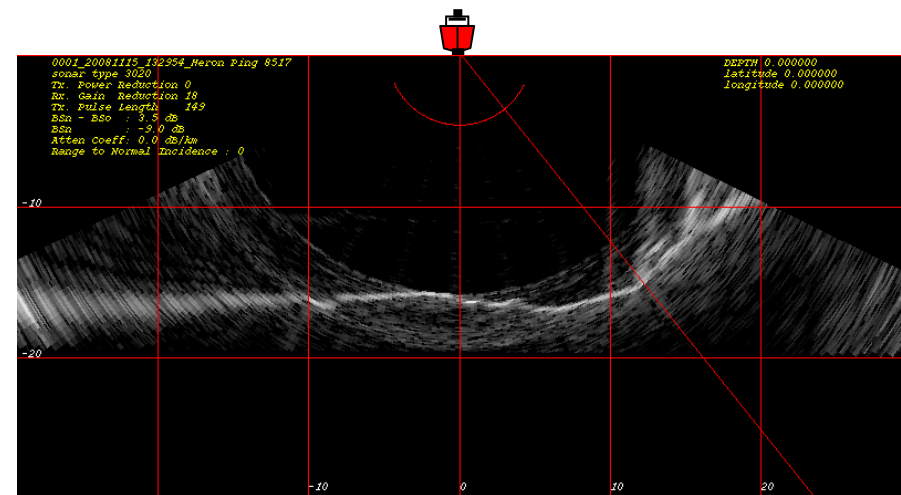
It's important to see the whole picture



Why Examine the ENTIRE Potential Sounding Space?

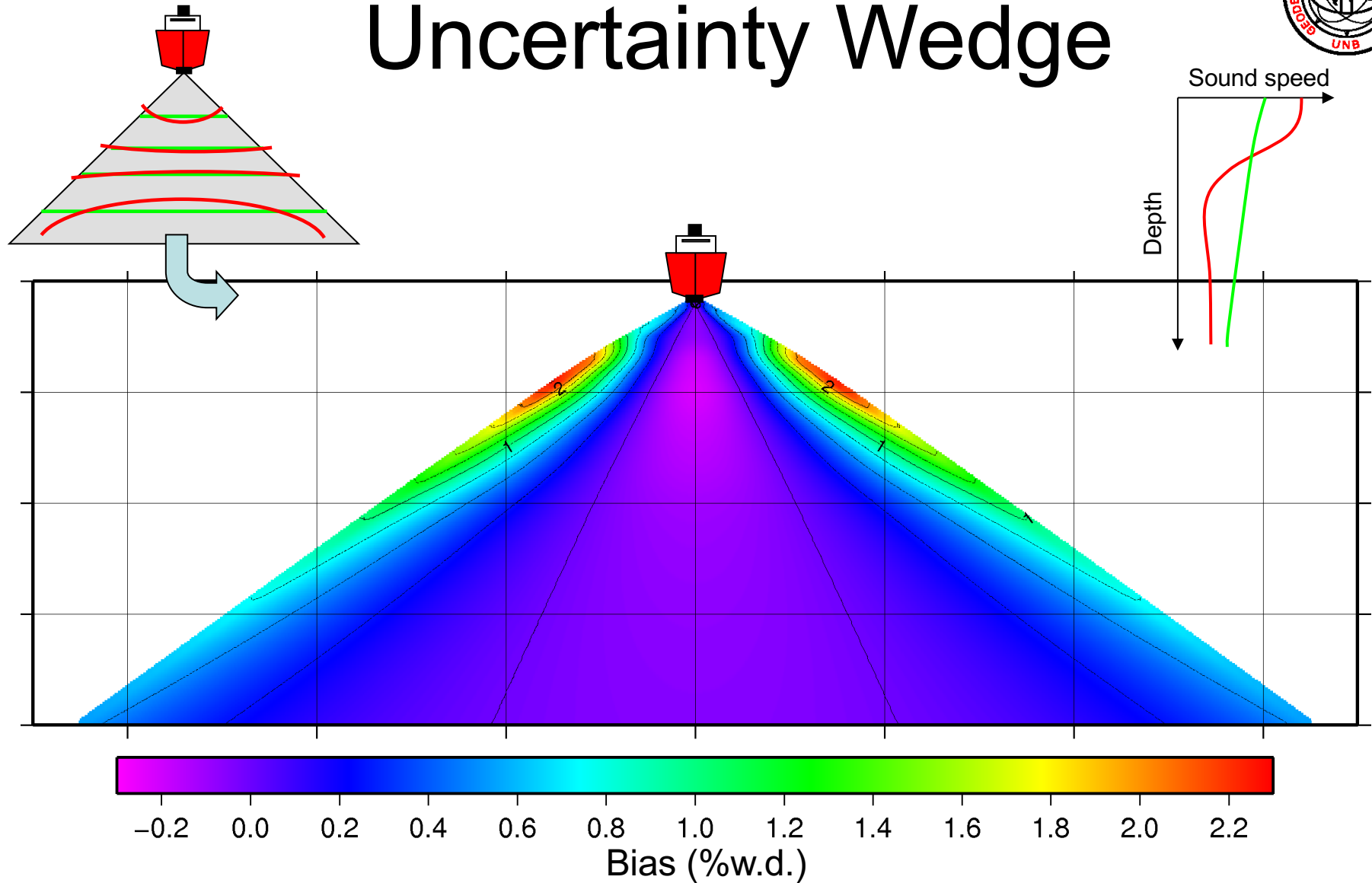


EM3002D watercolumn imagery courtesy of Dutch Navy,
processed by A. van der Werf

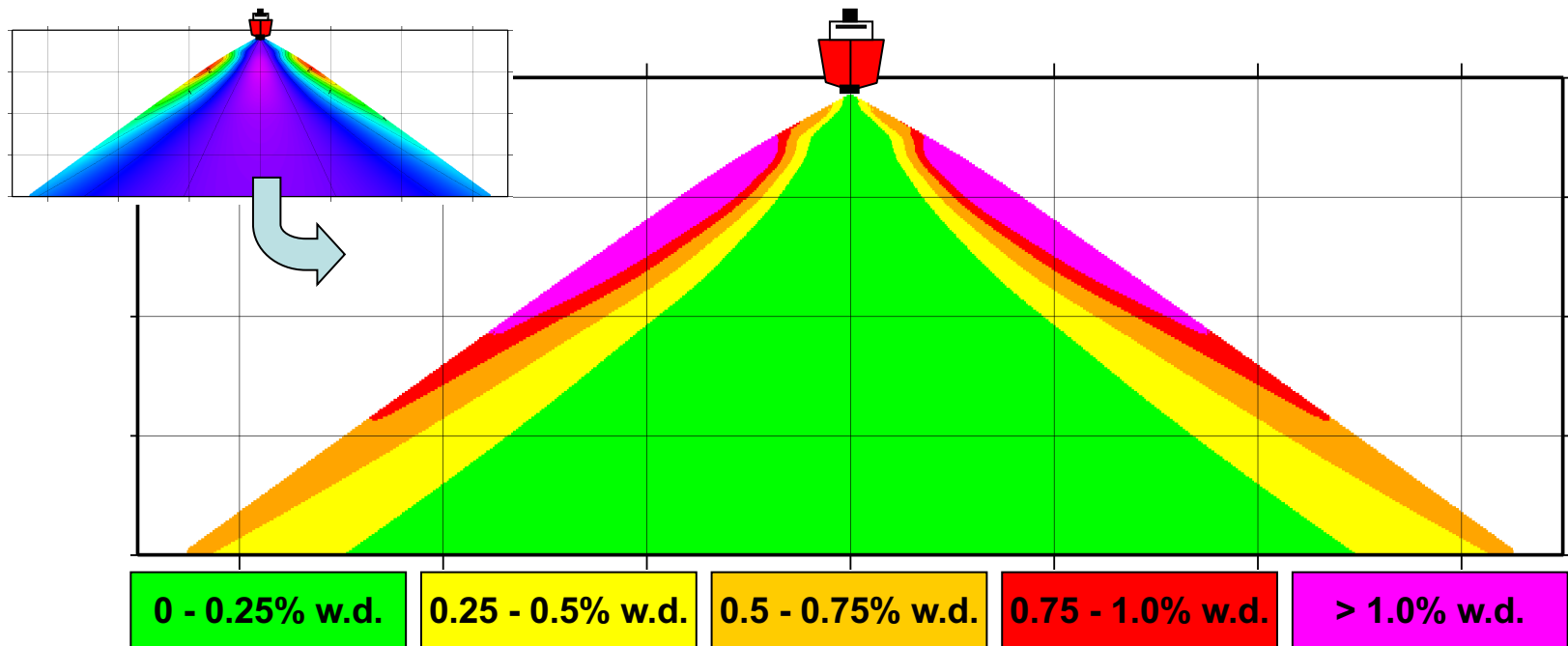


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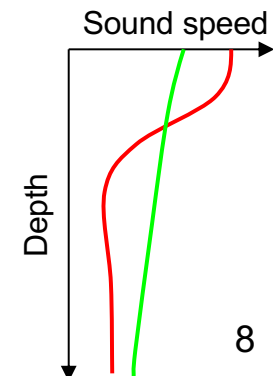
Uncertainty Wedge



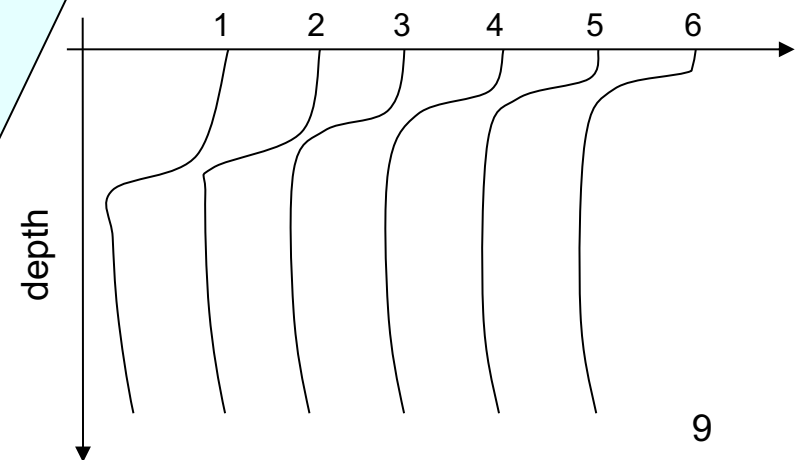
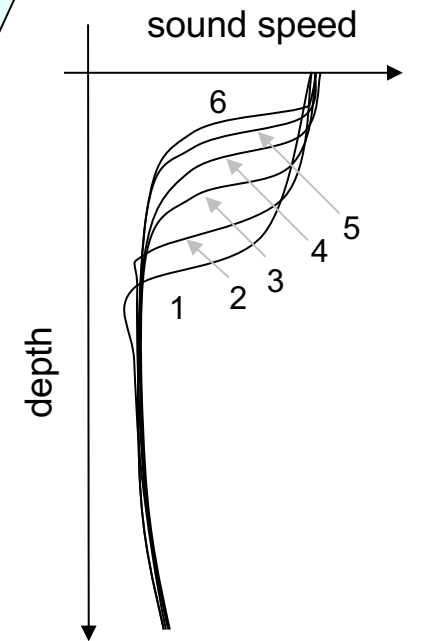
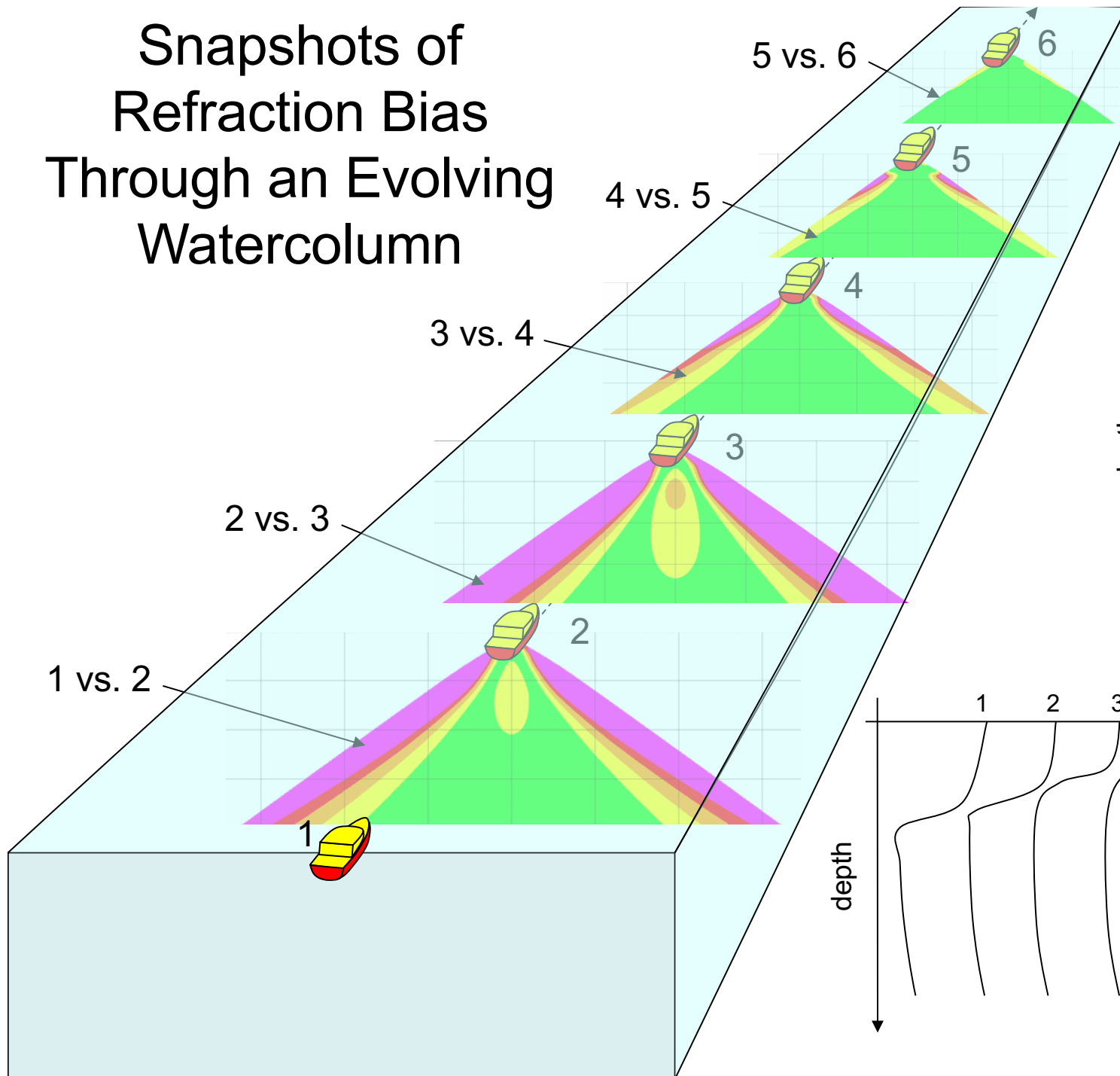
Simplification for Real-Time Decision Making



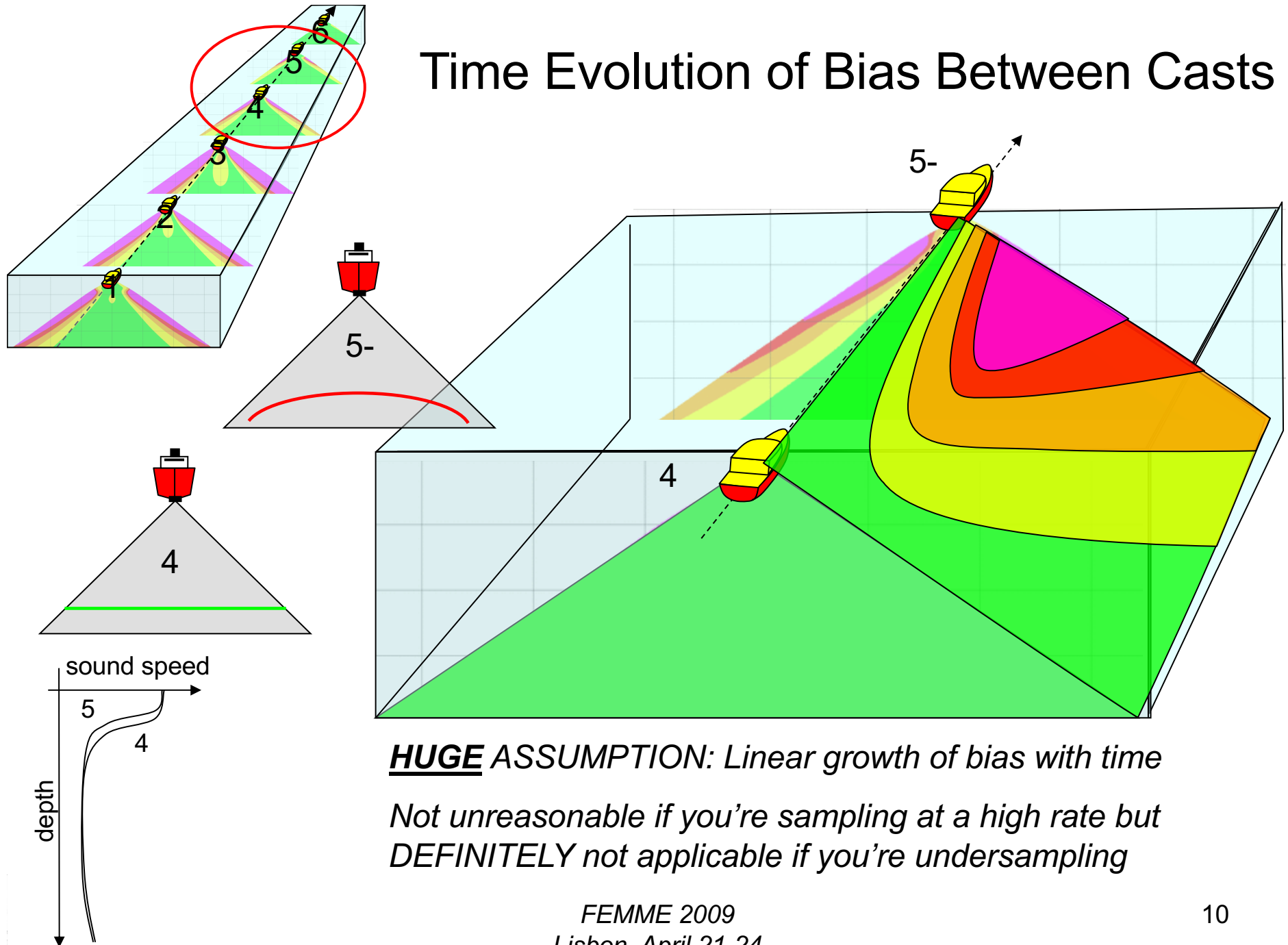
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1a	1.3% w.d.
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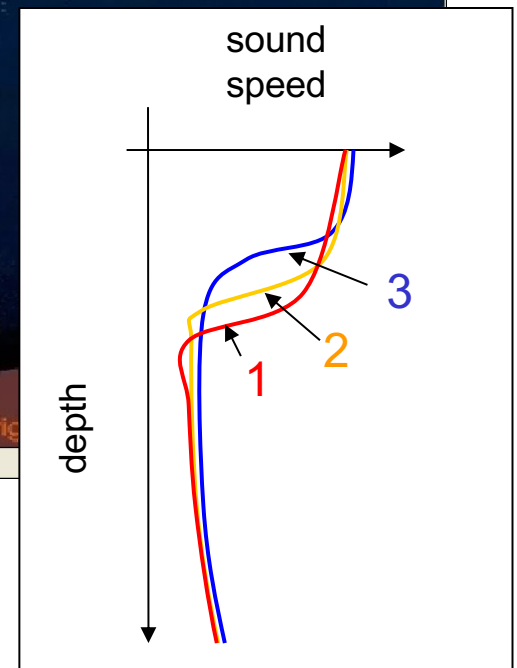
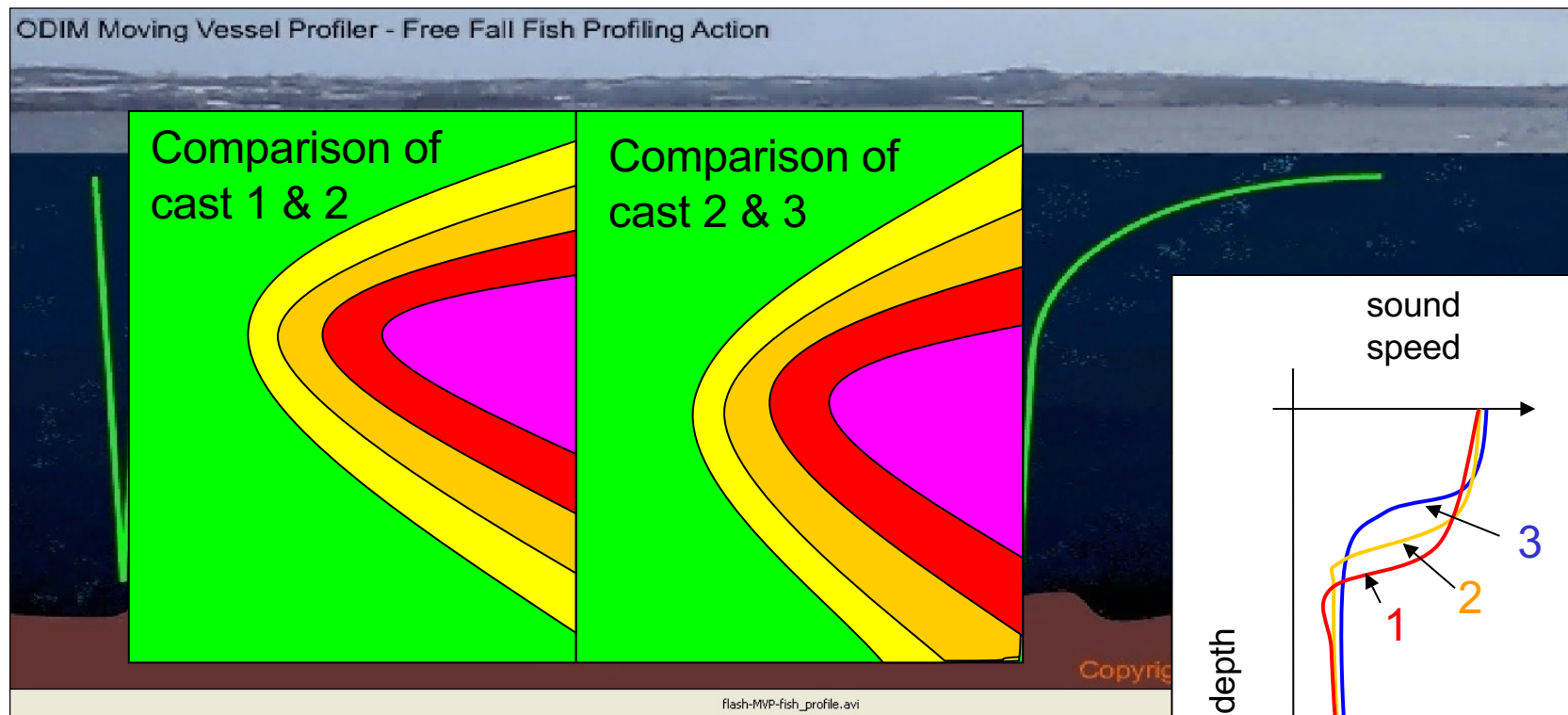
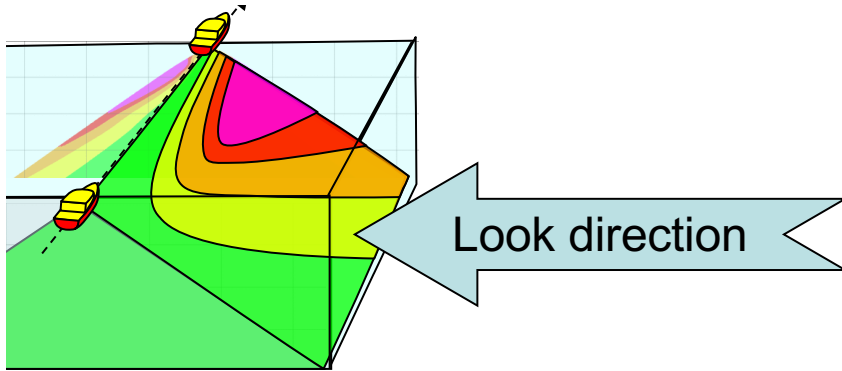
Snapshots of Refraction Bias Through an Evolving Watercolumn



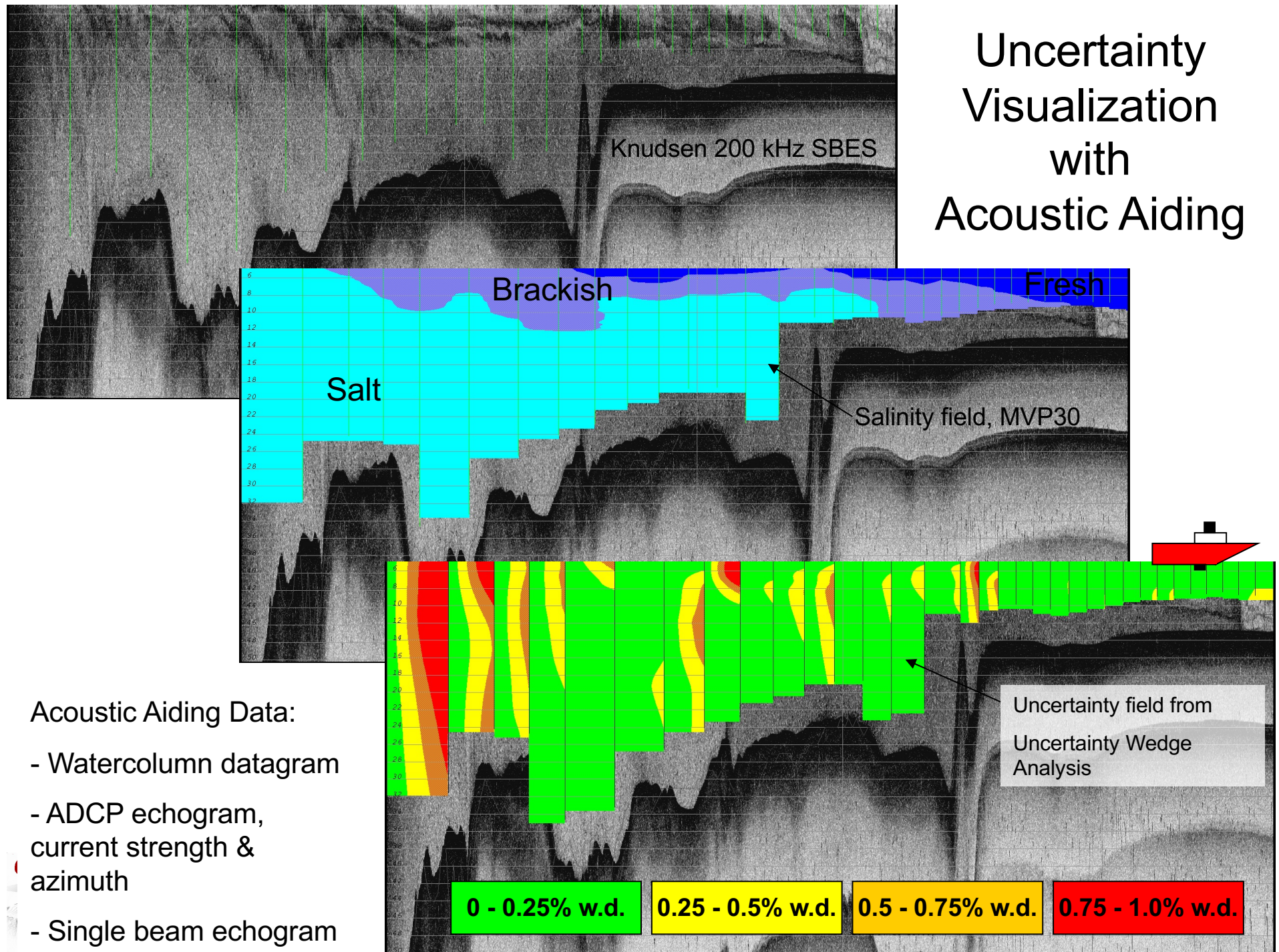
Time Evolution of Bias Between Casts



Real-Time Uncertainty Visualization



Uncertainty Visualization with Acoustic Aiding

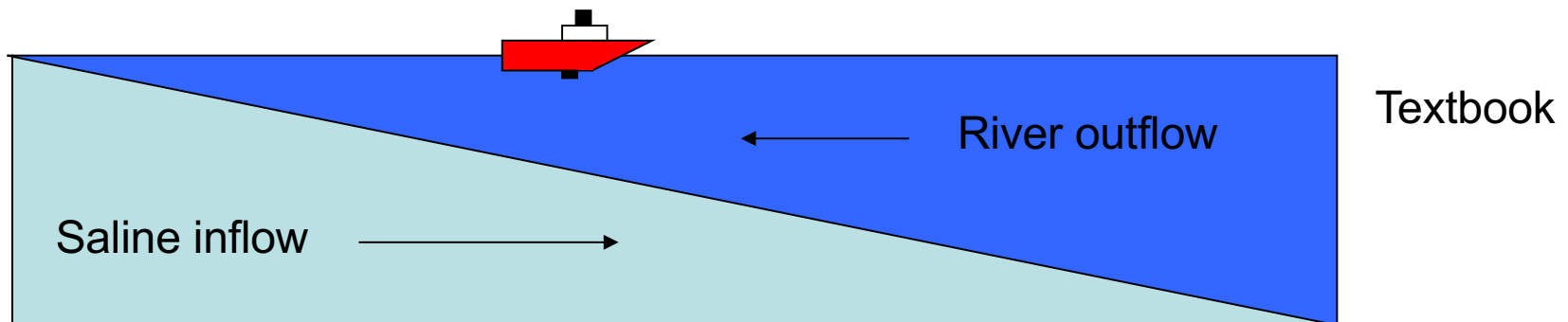


Acoustic Aiding Data:

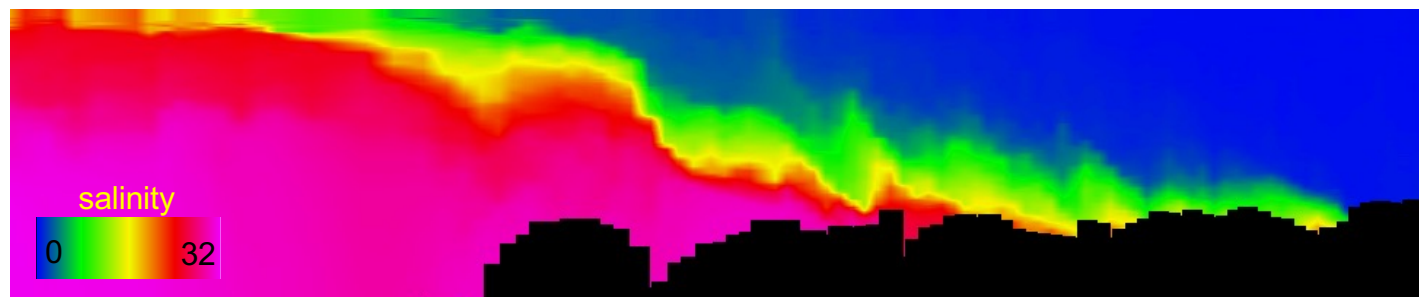
- Watercolumn datagram
- ADCP echogram, current strength & azimuth
- Single beam echogram

UNB SVP Toolkit Field Trials

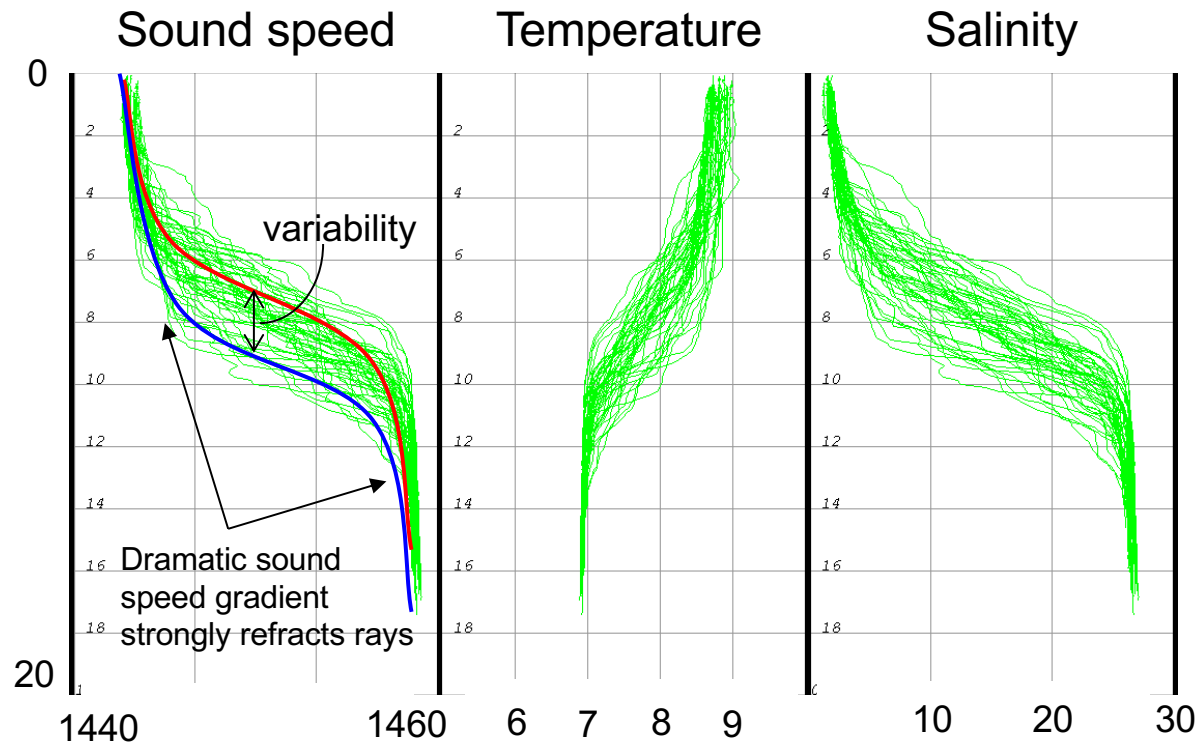
- Saint John River, Canada, November 2008
- Rotterdam Waterway, Netherlands, March/April 2009
- Both areas require frequent dredging and resurvey to guarantee minimum clearance
- Salt wedge estuaries, very challenging to survey



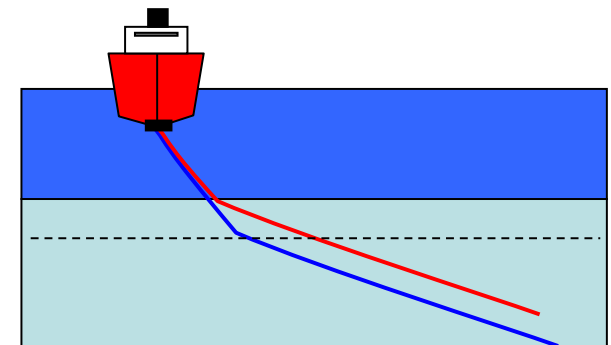
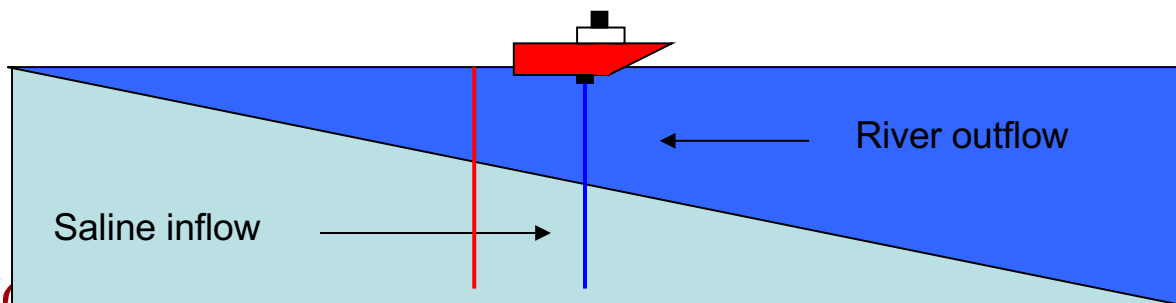
Reality



Why are these Areas So Challenging? (1)



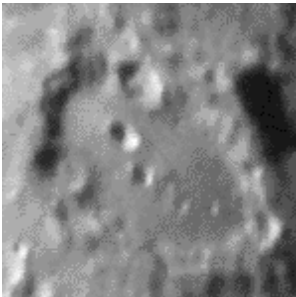
As the change in sound speed can be quite dramatic at the interface between the fresh and salt water (20 m/s), soundings can refract quite strongly and can lead to significant sounding uncertainty with seemingly small variations in the interfacial depth.



Why are these Areas So Challenging? (2)

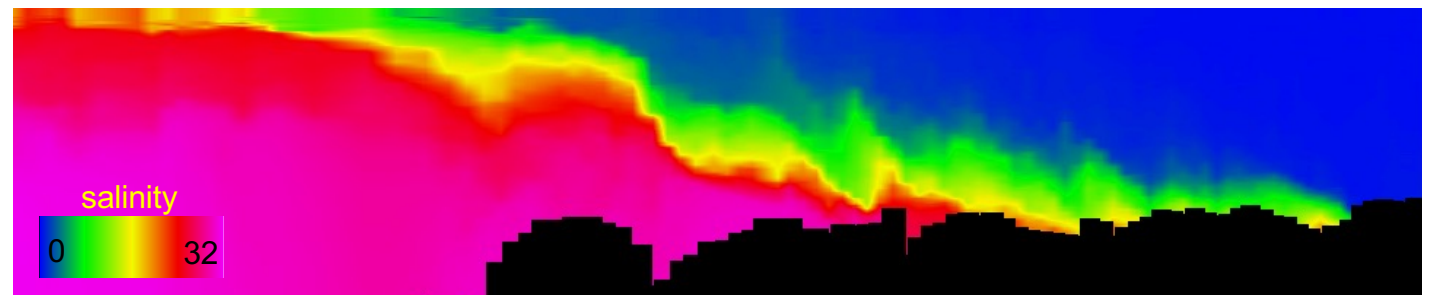
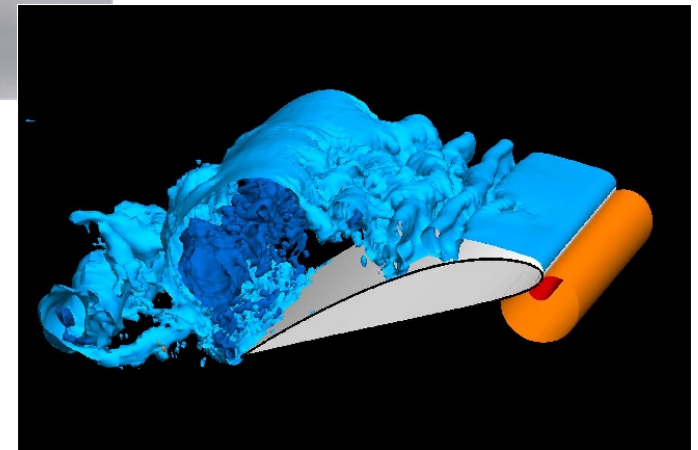


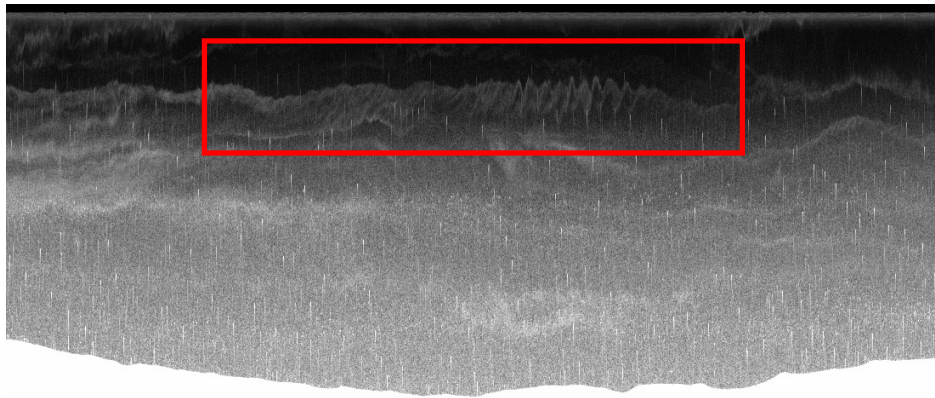
Turbulence



Animated image of the Moon's surface showing the effects of the Earth's turbulent atmosphere on the view through a telescope

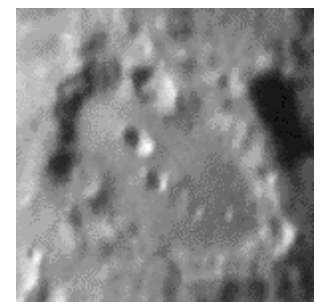
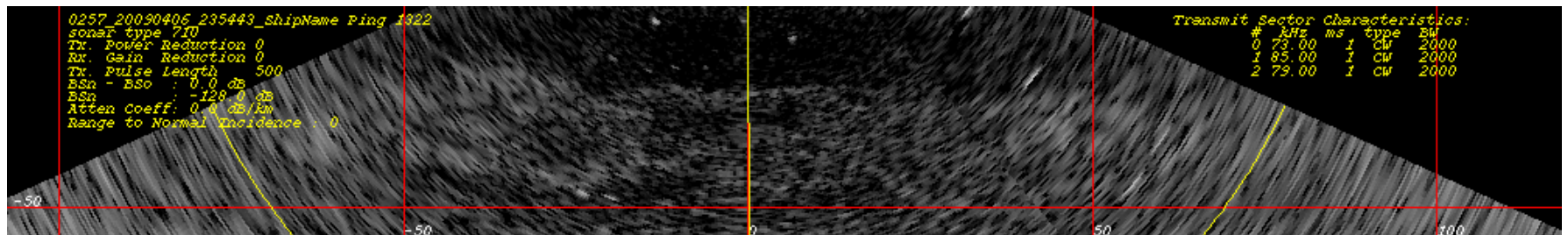
Image: P. Salzgeber





CCGS Vector

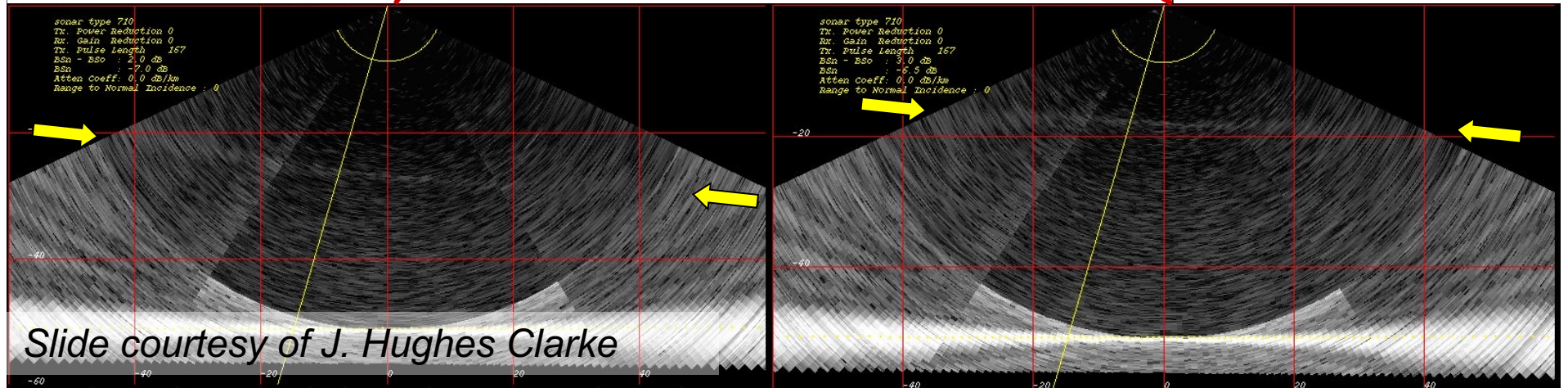
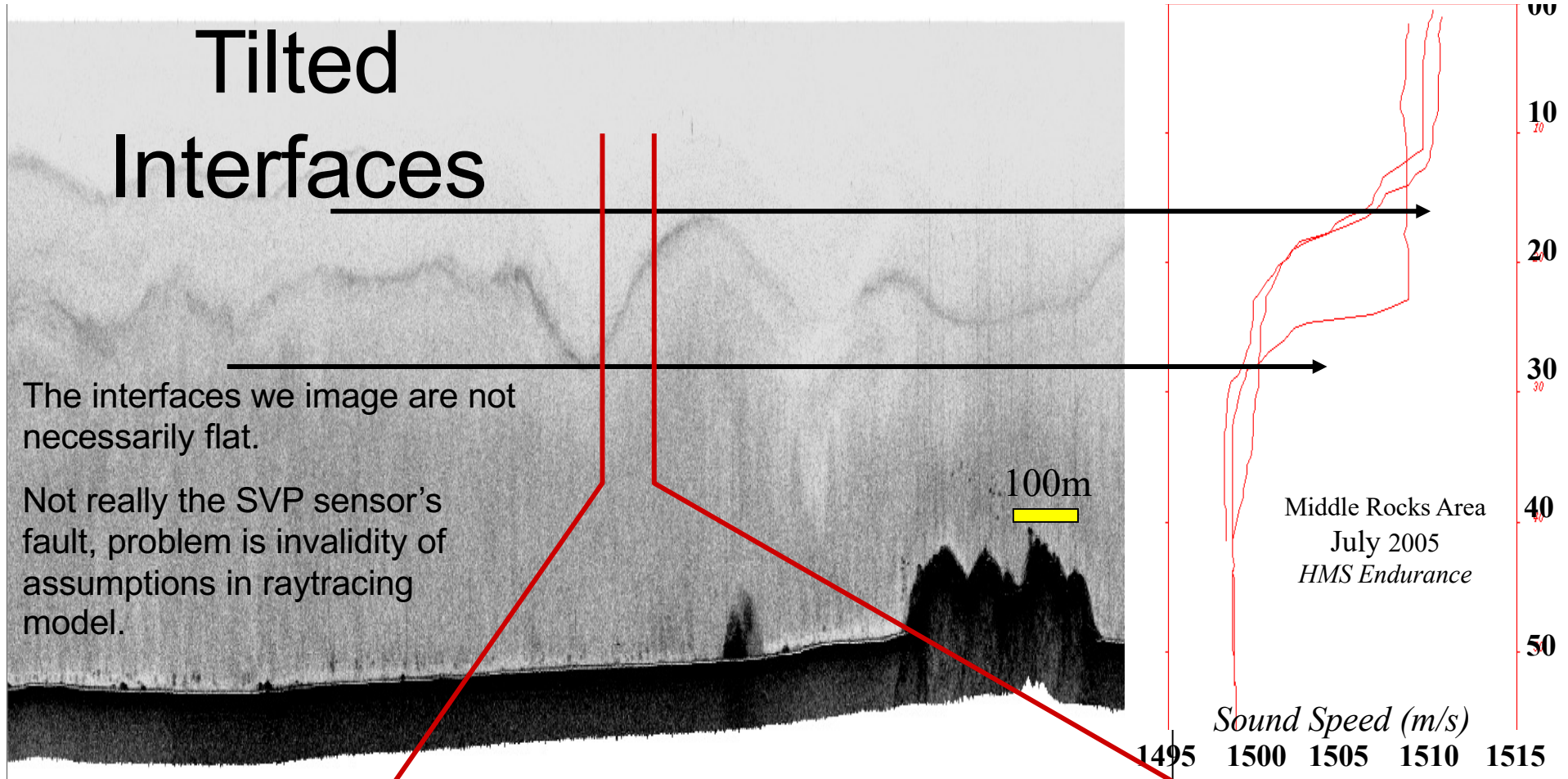
EM710 Watercolumn Imagery,
Race Rocks, April 2009

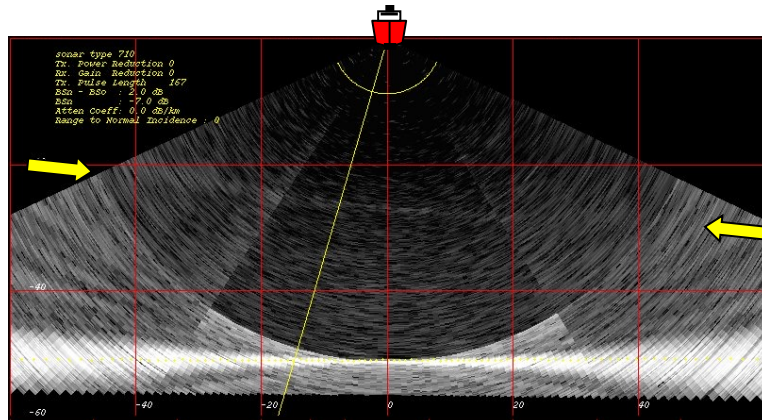


Tilted Interfaces

The interfaces we image are not necessarily flat.

Not really the SVP sensor's fault, problem is invalidity of assumptions in raytracing model.





Effect of Tilted Interfaces

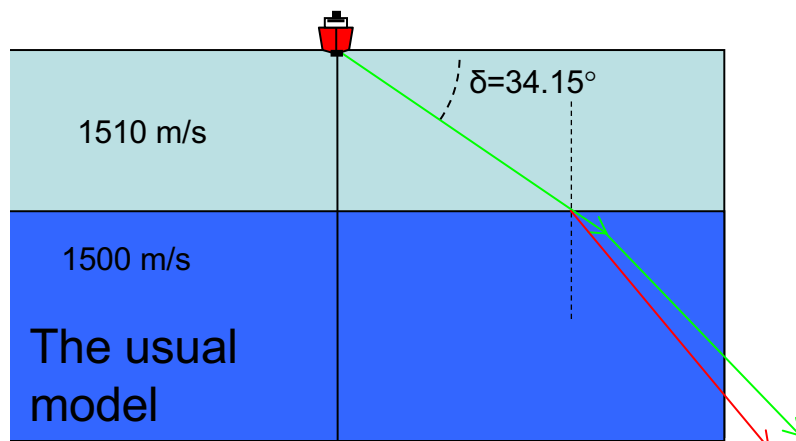
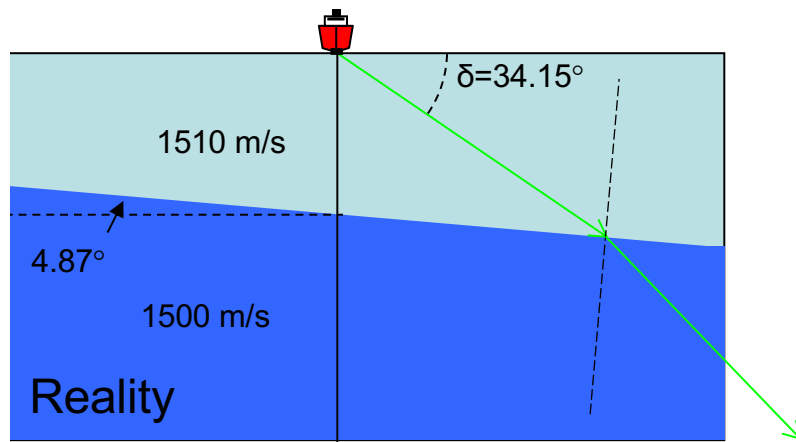
Problem:

Assumption of horizontal homogeneity is invalid: the watermass I can measure below me is **not** representative of the watermass across the entire swath.

Effect:

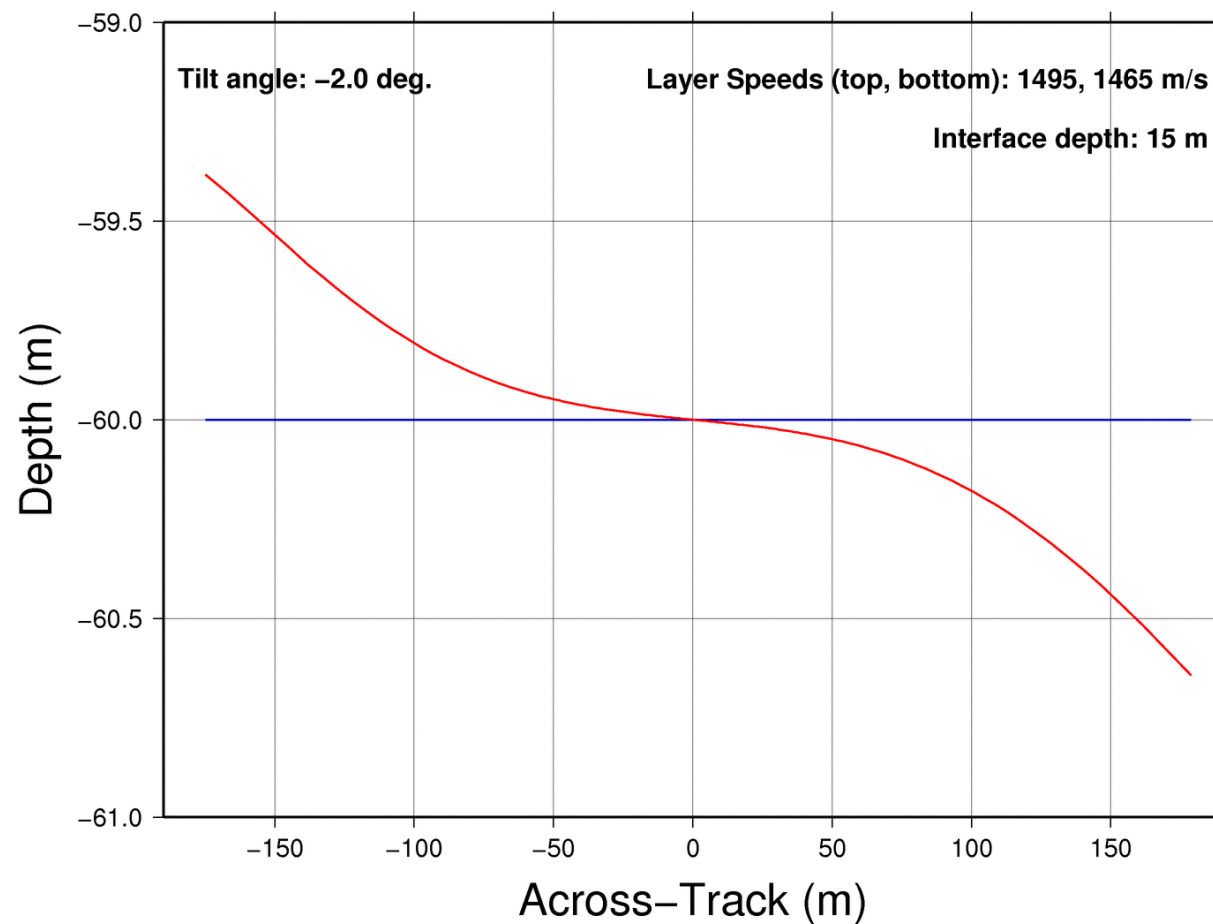
- We refract by the wrong amount and at the wrong depth for all beams away from nadir.
- Incorrect refraction angle gives angular error, thus error grows with depth.
- Nadir refracts slightly (we always assume it doesn't).

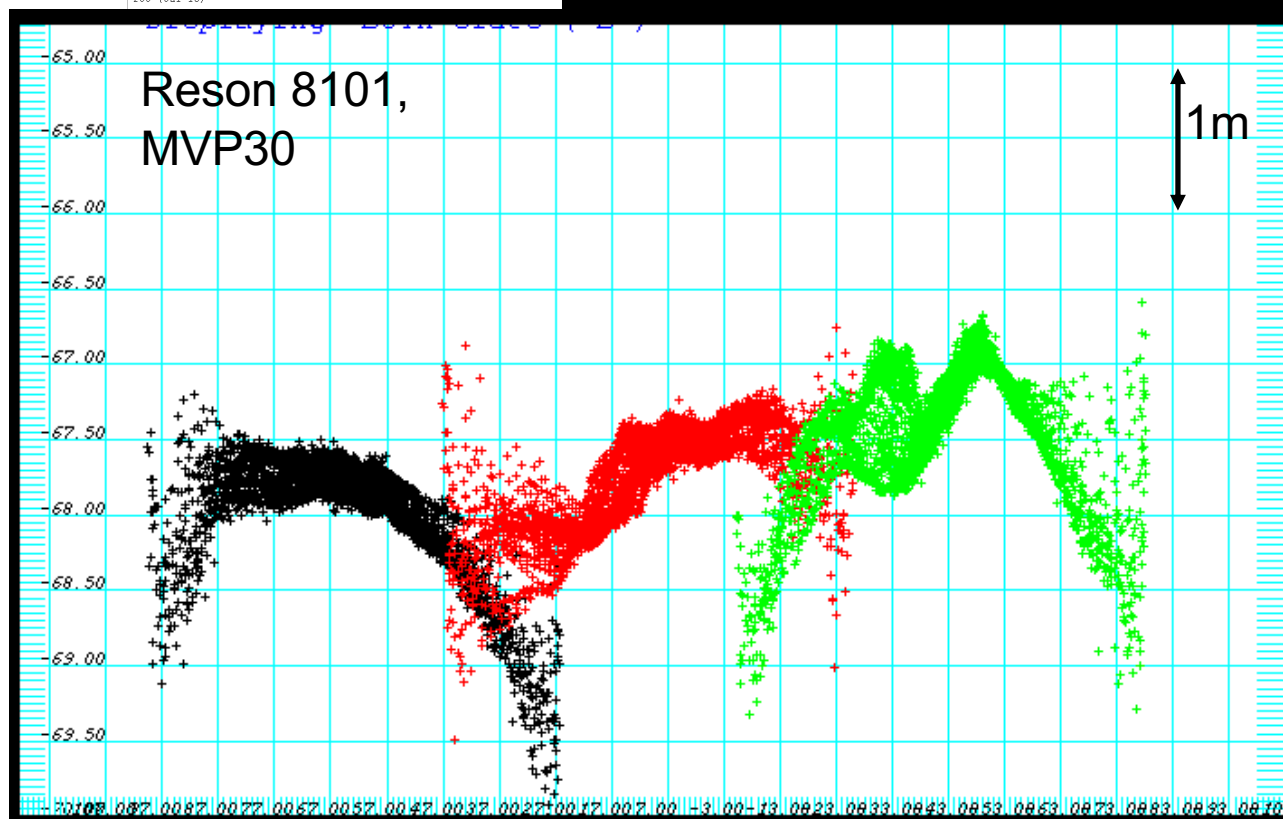
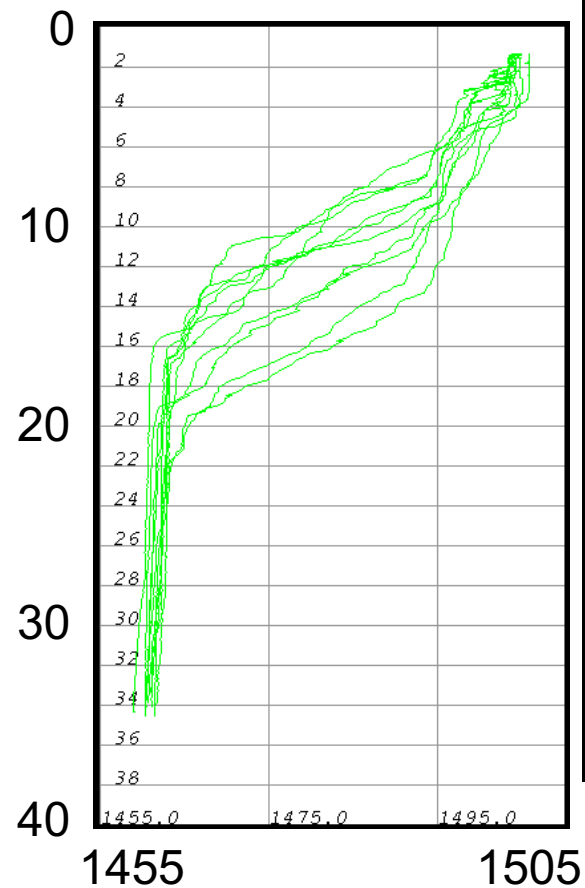
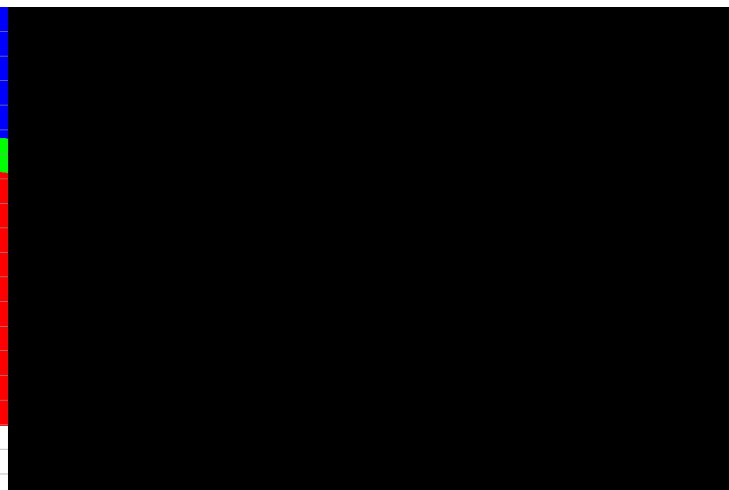
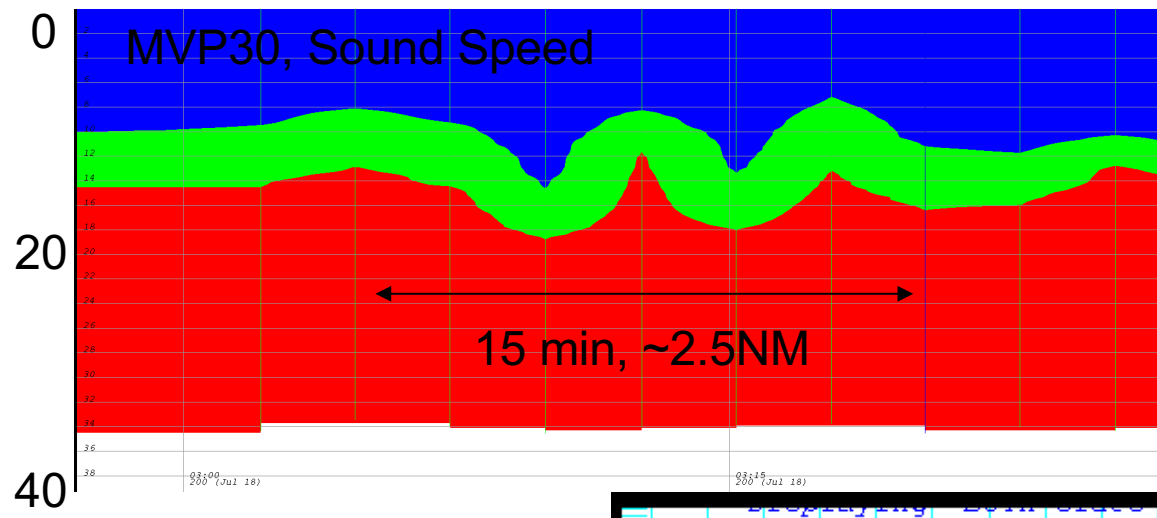
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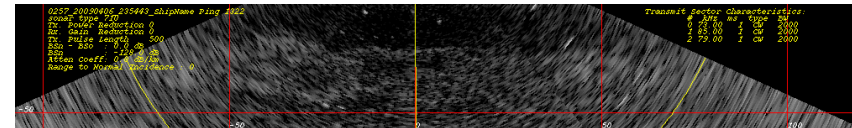


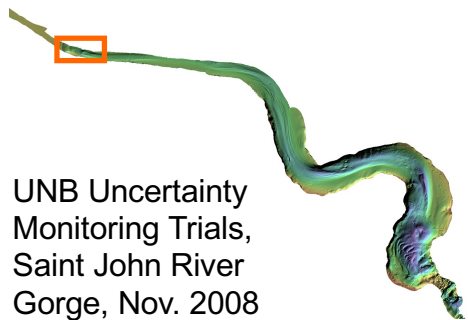


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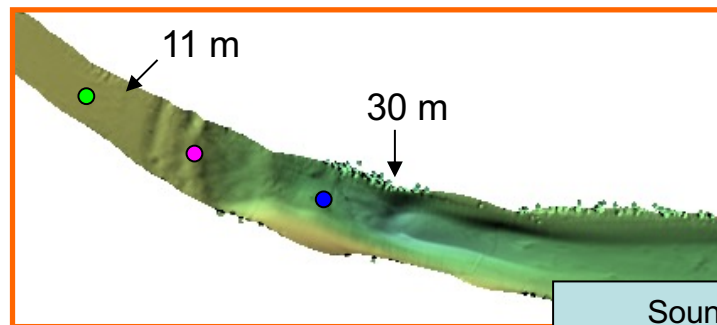
How to help the Hydrographer?

- What a mess, how can we possibly ever hope to work in such difficult areas?
- Work harder
 - Decrease line spacing
 - Collect more casts
- Work smarter
 - MVP, Acoustics and Uncertainty Wedge Analysis for REA
 - Identify favourable survey windows, take advantage of them
 - Identify poor survey conditions, work around them

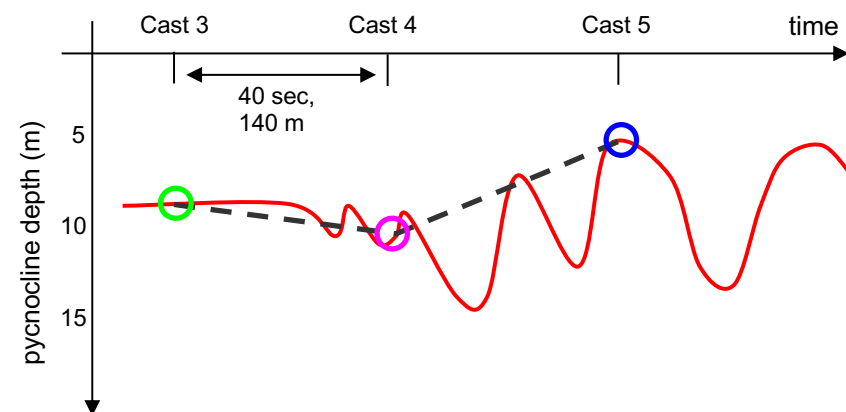
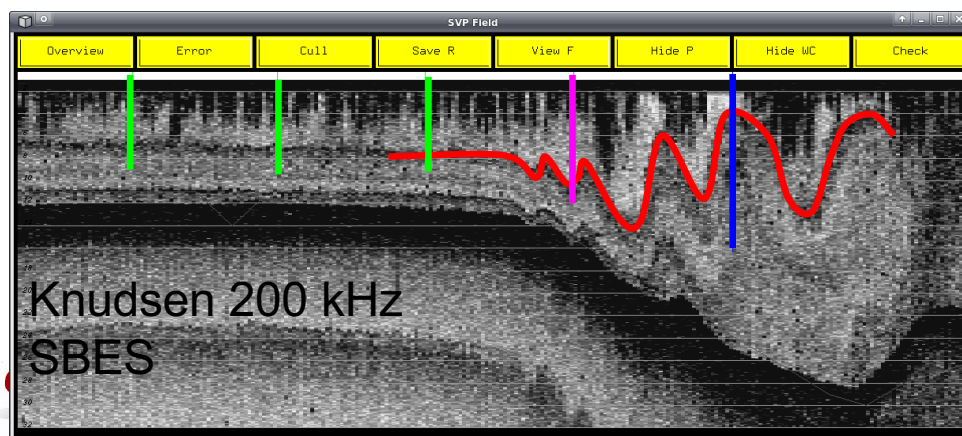
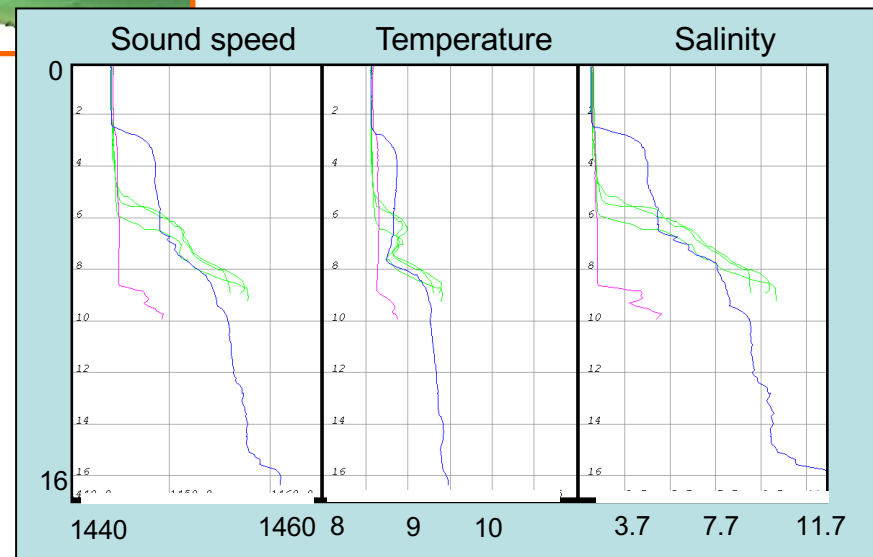
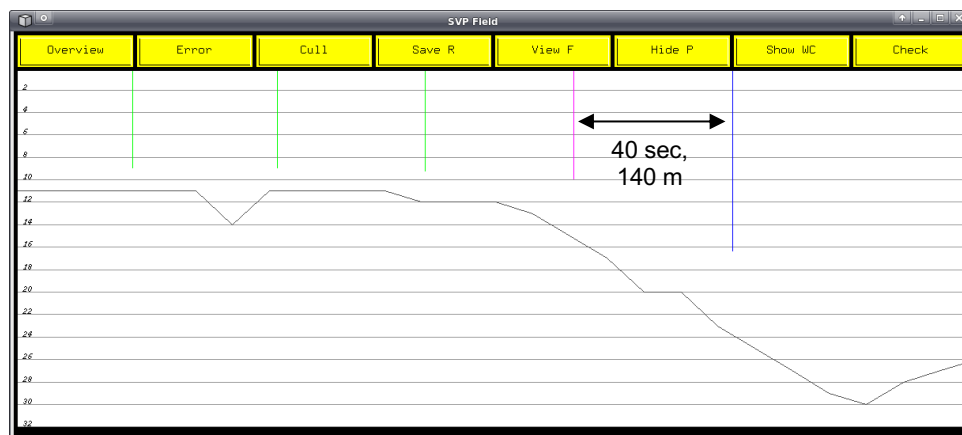




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Challenging Conditions

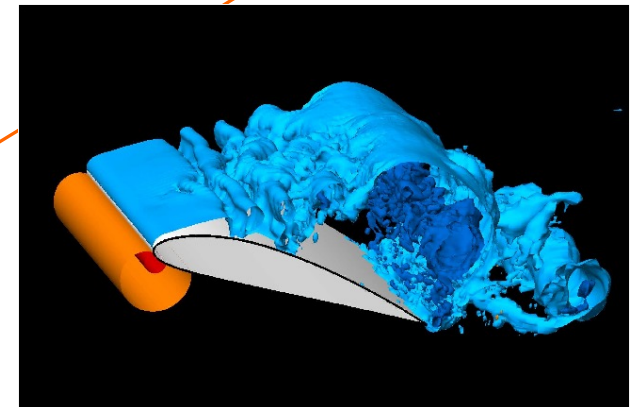
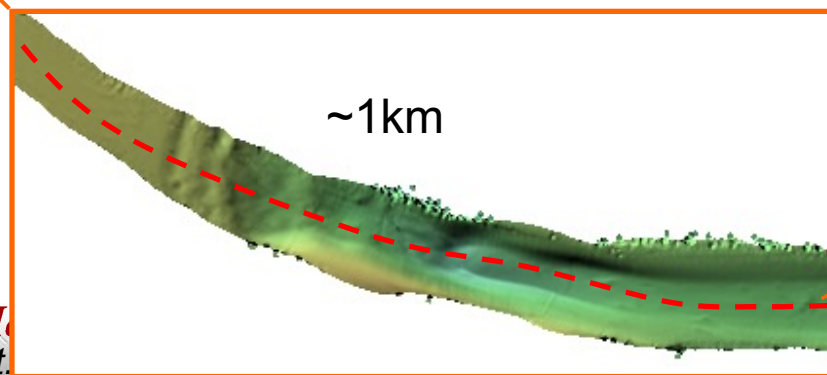
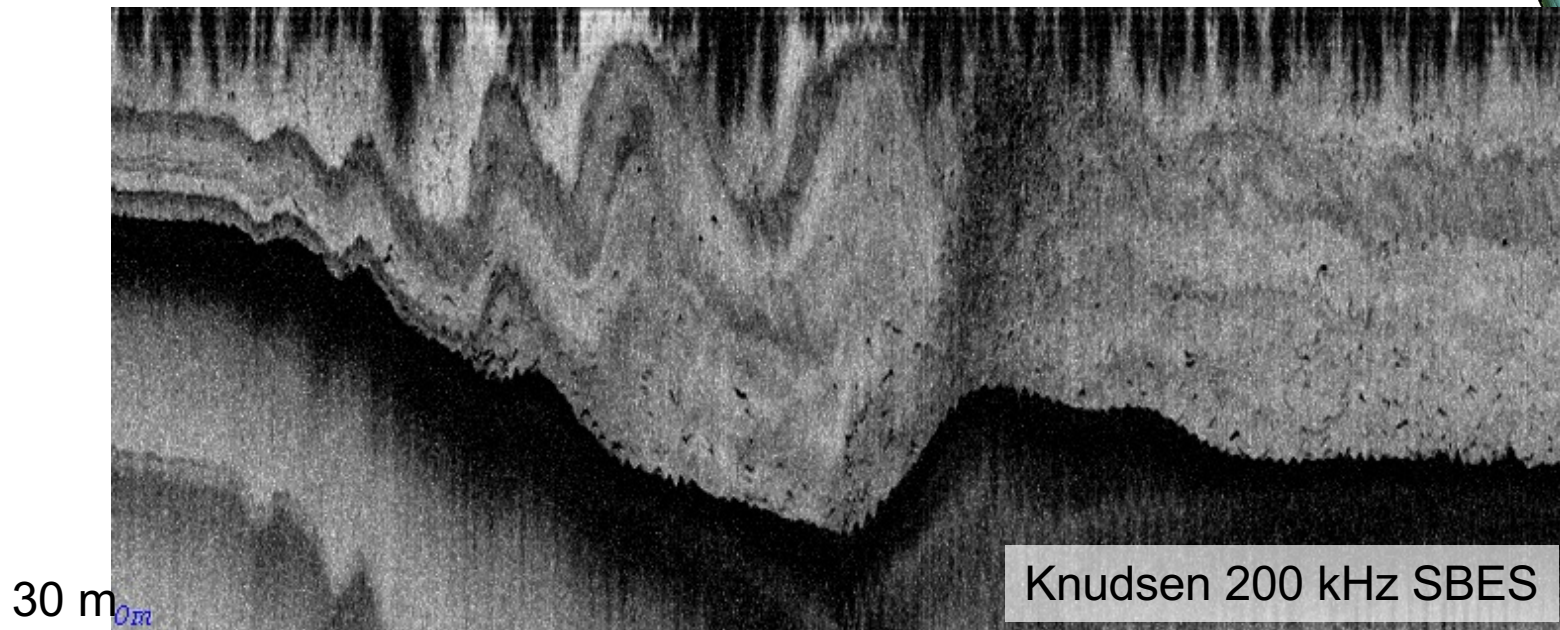
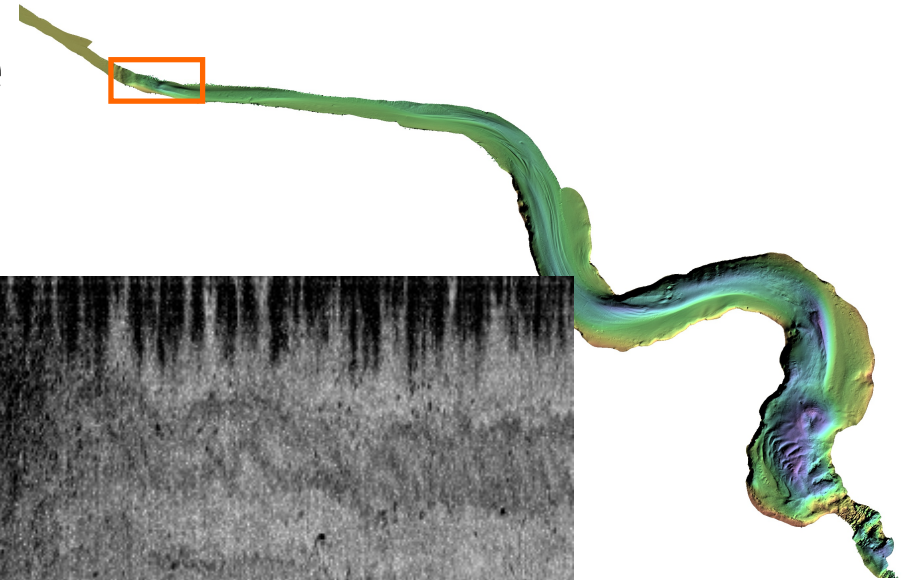


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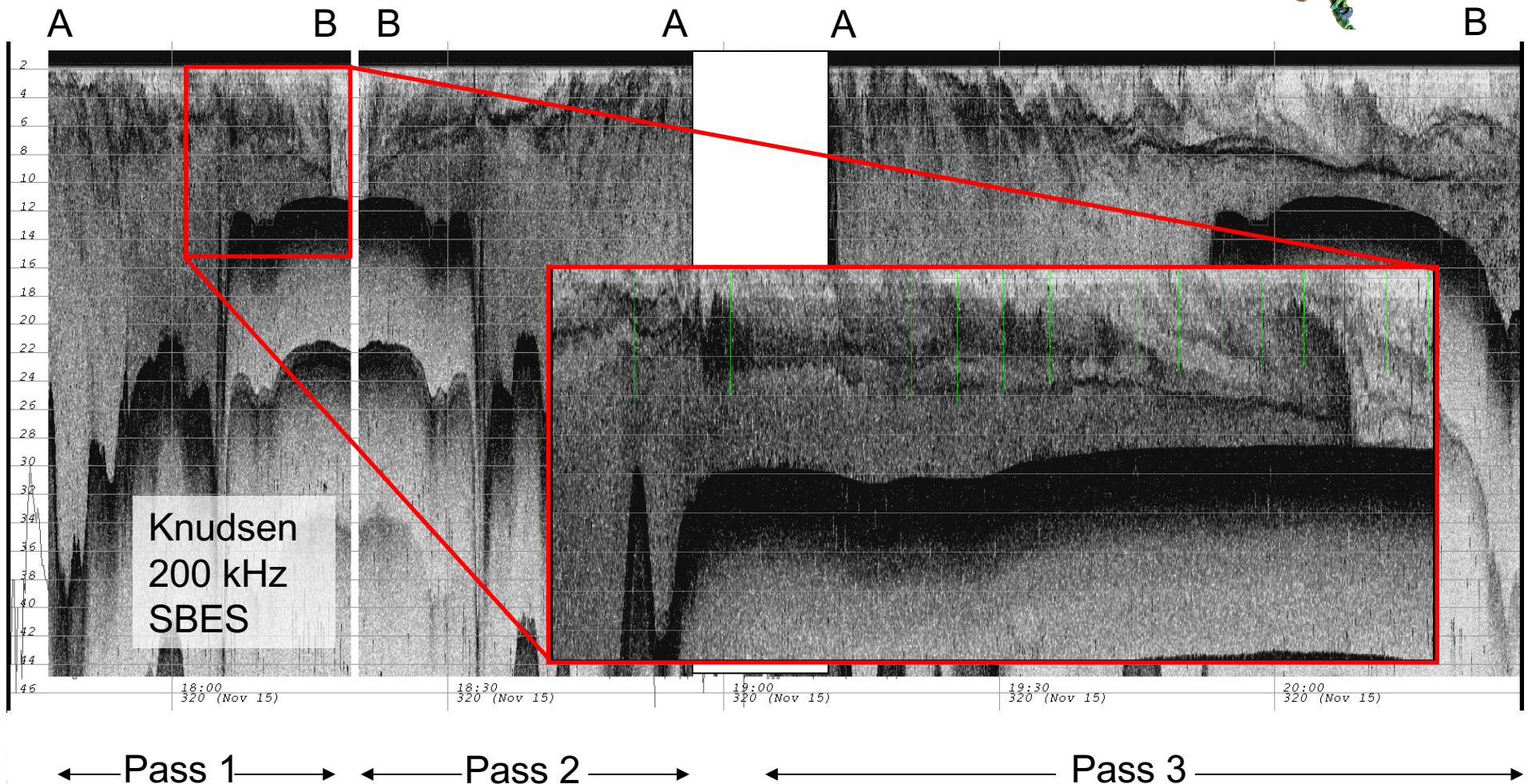
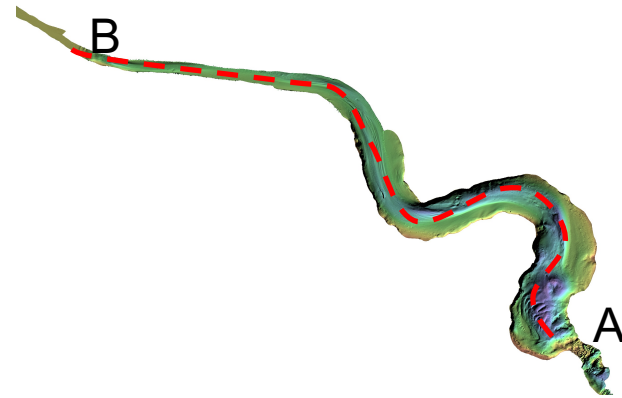
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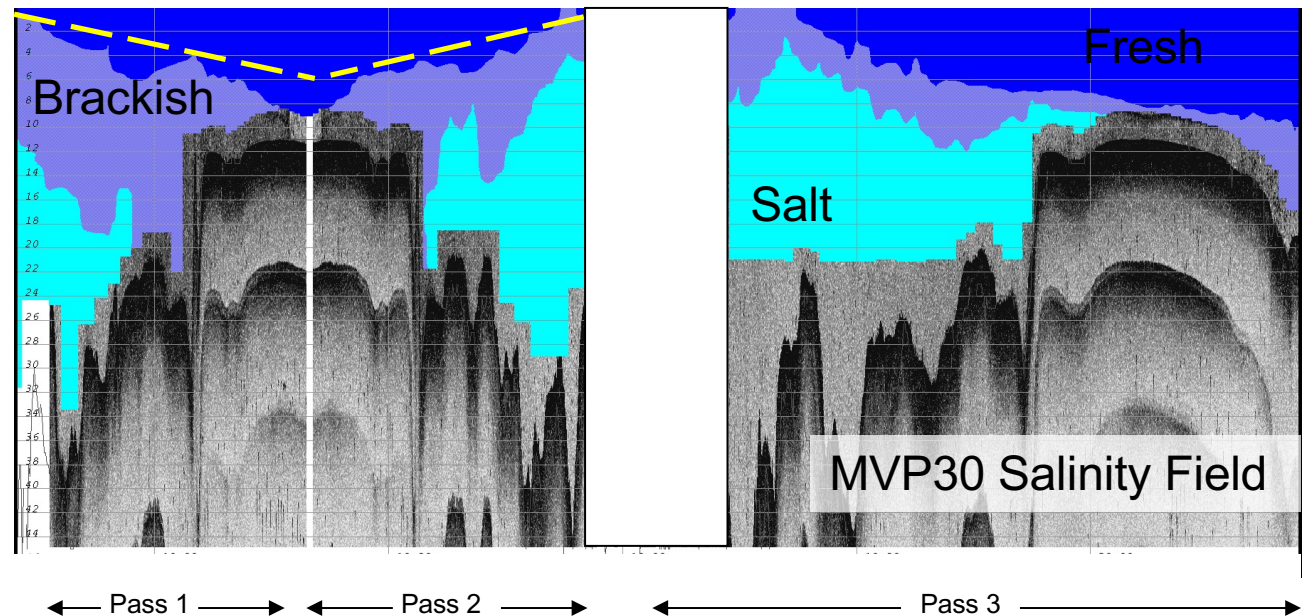
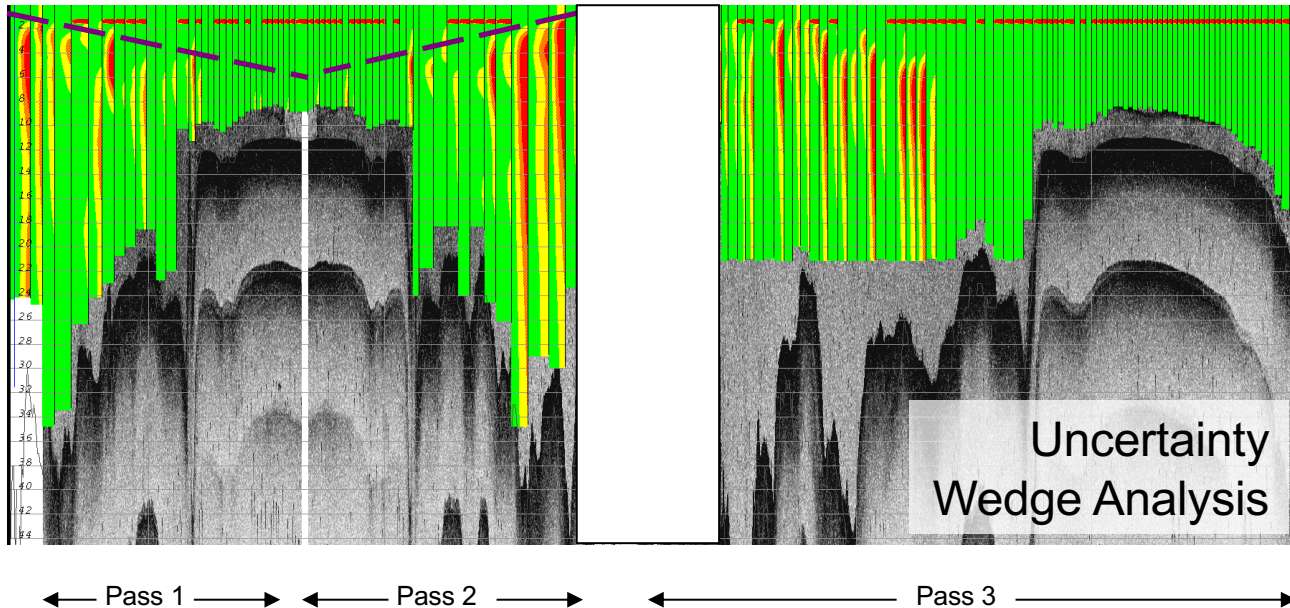
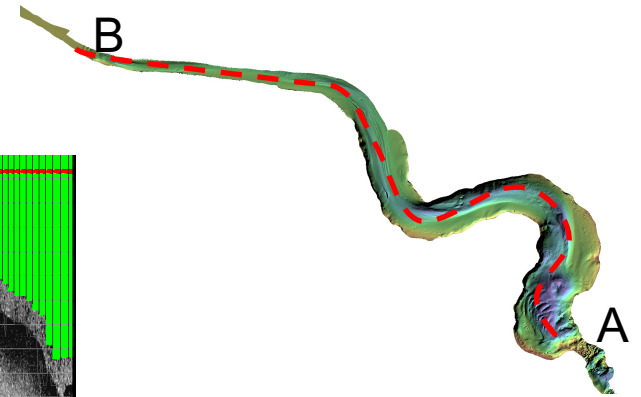
Finding Favourable Survey Windows



Realizing what variability affects you most



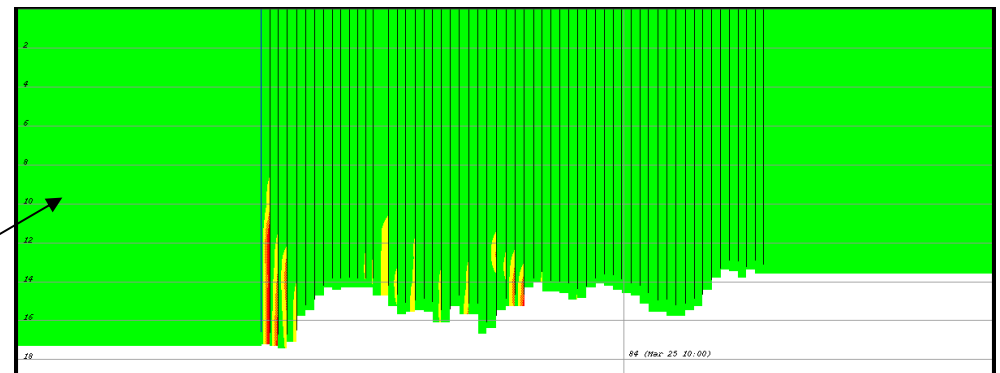
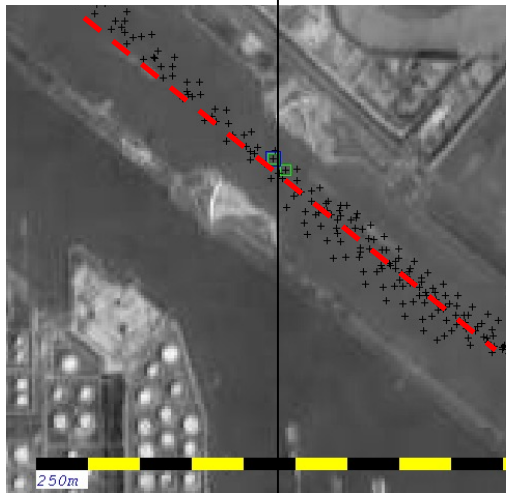
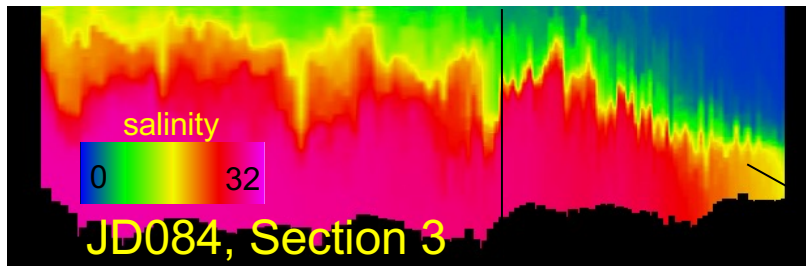
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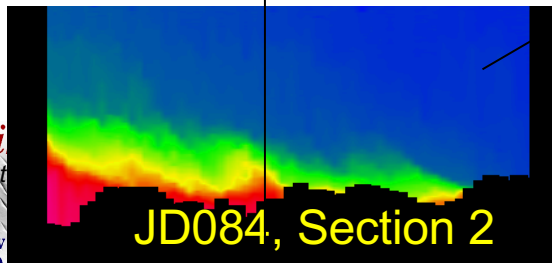
Identify low turbulence tidal survey windows



Rijkswaterstaat Rotterdam Waterway
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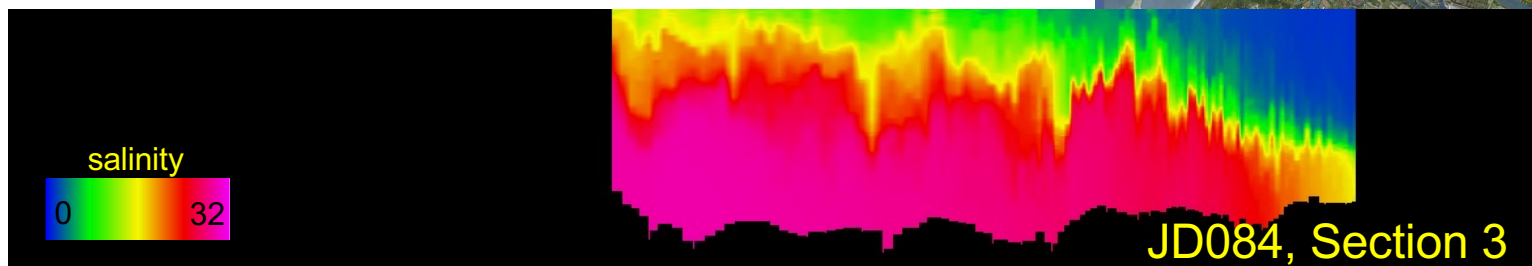


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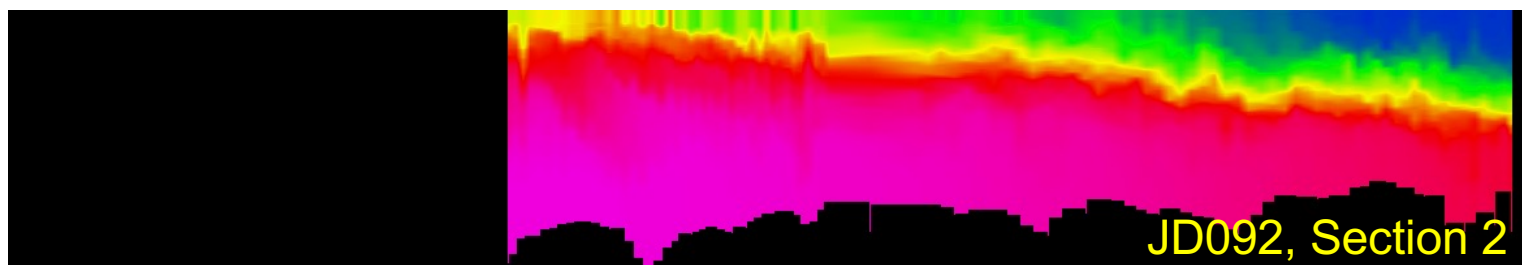


Flood vs. Ebb?

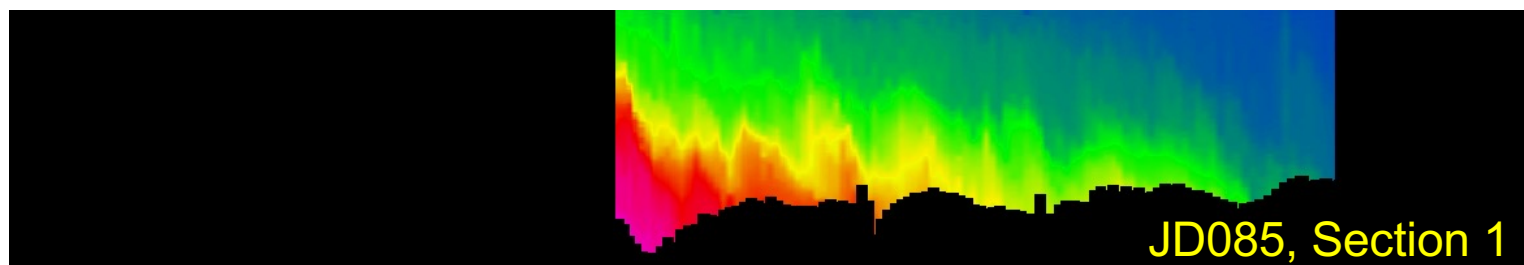
Slackening
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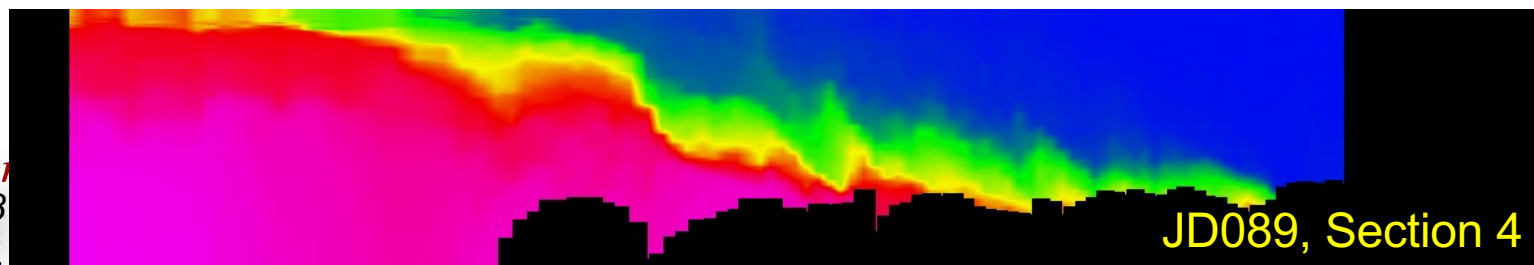
Falling tide



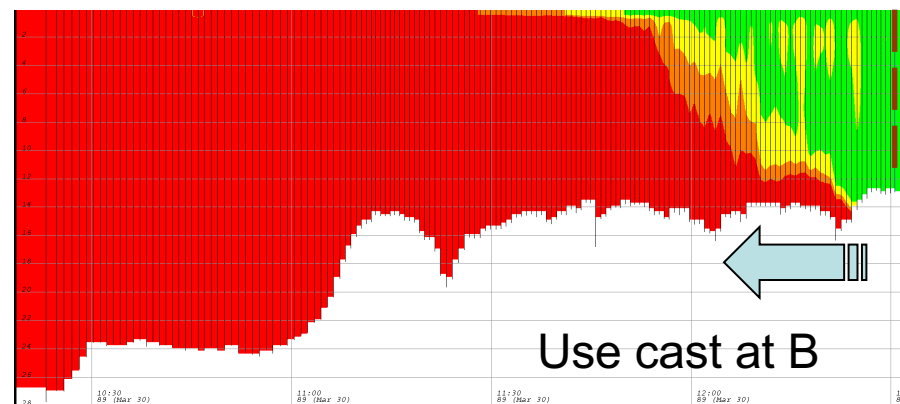
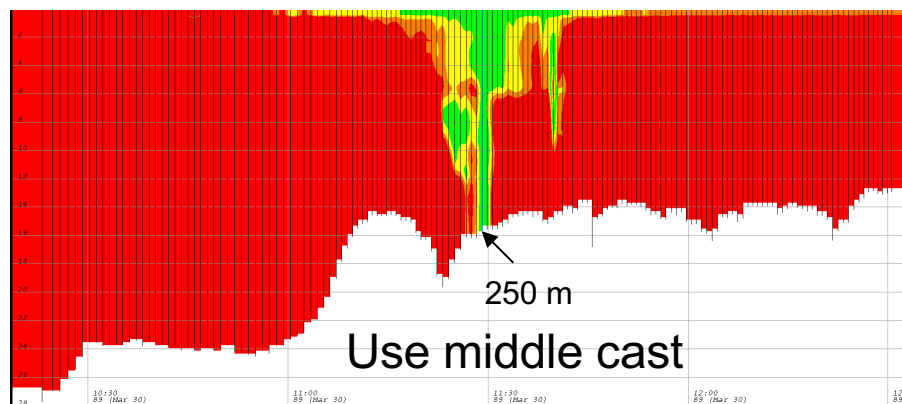
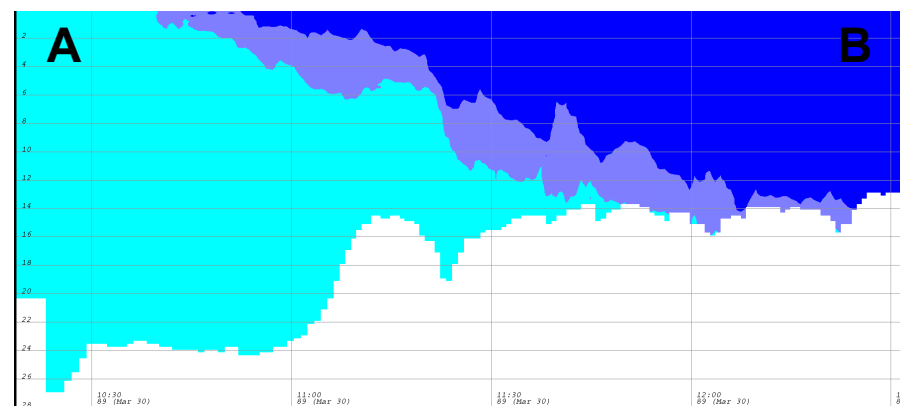
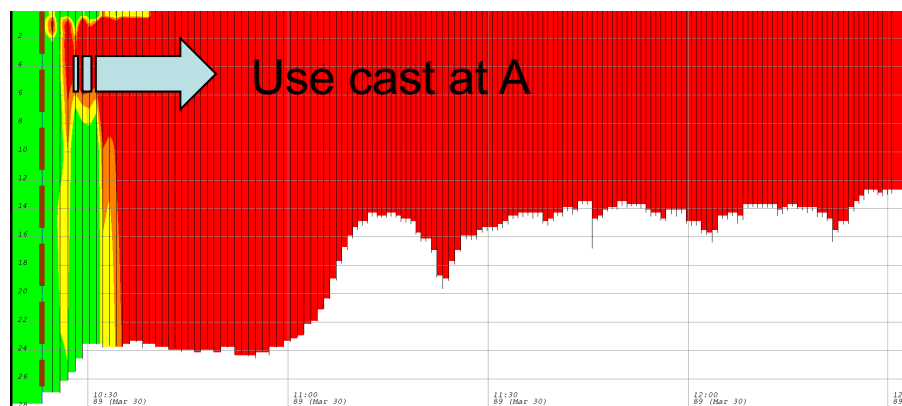
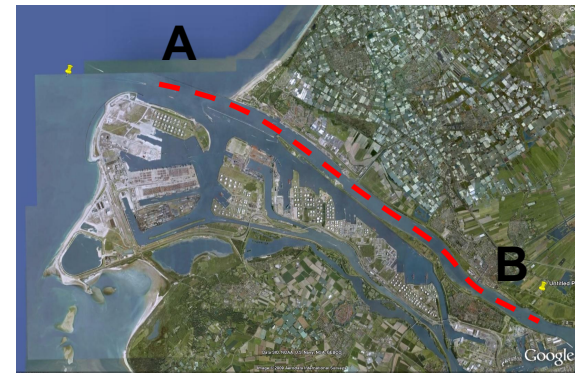
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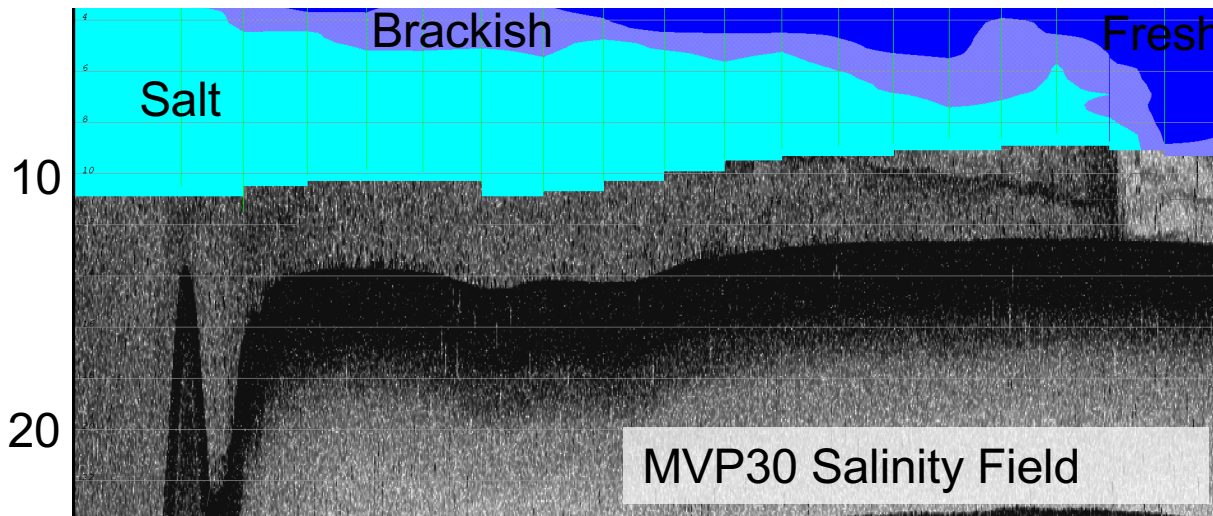
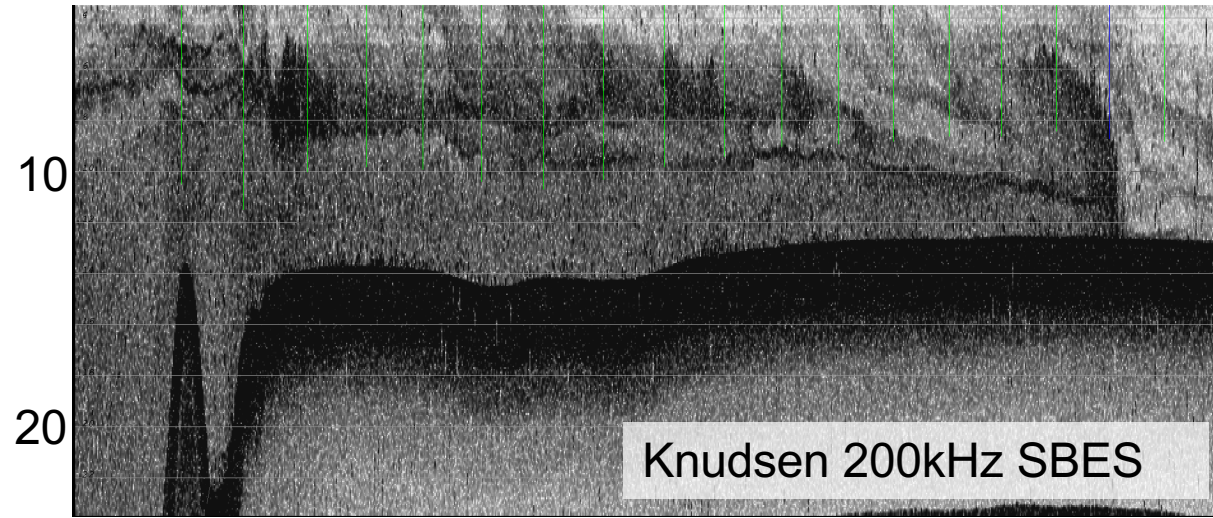


MVP for REA

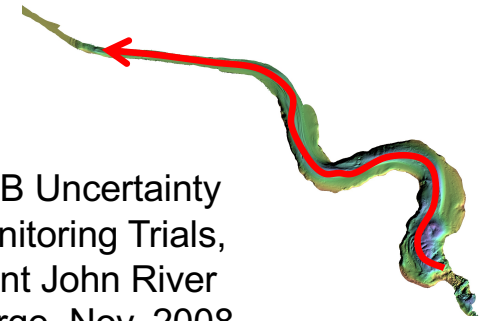


Analysis for 150° angular sector, 0.3m draft with surface sound speed probe

Acoustics for REA



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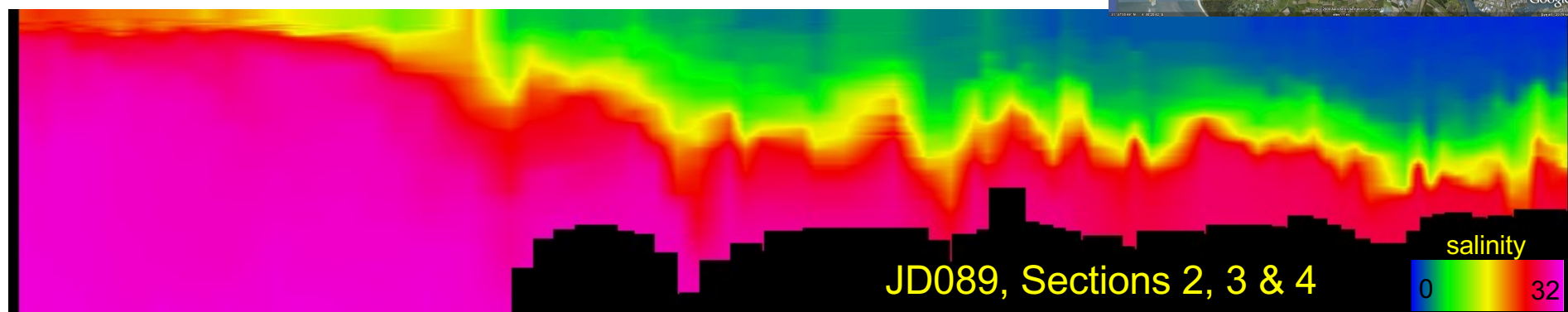


Hunting for the end of the Salt Wedge

Use watercolumn
acoustics to hunt for
upstream edge of salt
wedge at high
slackwater.

Confirm with sound
speed cast.

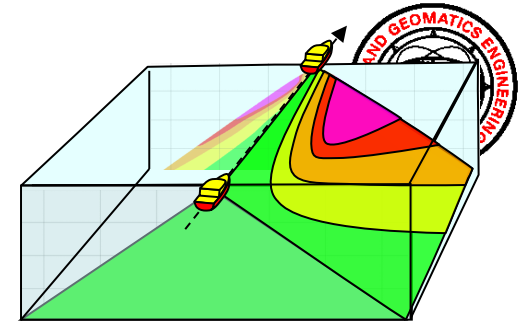
Chasing the Falling Tide



Once you find the edge of the salt wedge, work slightly upstream and chase it out to sea as the river flushes salt water out.

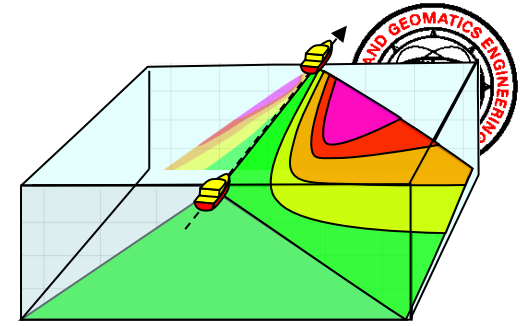
Extreme retreats of the wedge may preferentially occur during spring or neap tides, which could be taken advantage of.

Conclusion (1)



- Ability to monitor watercolumn conditions as a source of uncertainty gives unprecedented control over refraction type biases
- Surveyors can have confidence in refraction solution ***in real-time***

Conclusion (2)

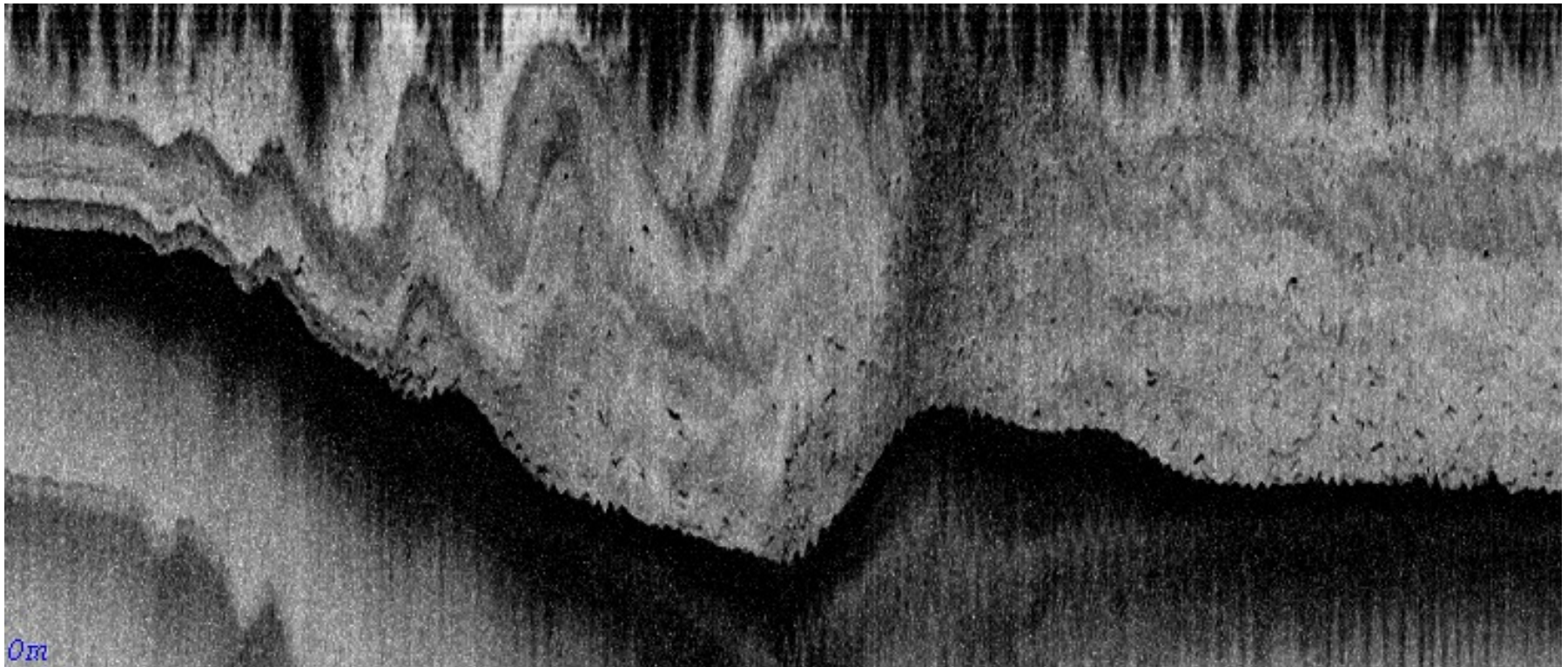


- Acoustic reconnaissance can help you pick your battles, such information allows us to understand
 - underlying causes of variability,
 - the temporal and spatial nature of that variability
 - ...and to react accordingly
- MVP, Acoustics and Uncertainty Wedge Analysis is a potent tool for MBES Survey REA
- This type of information can help allocate resources such as MVP more intelligently and efficiently: *work smarter, not harder*

Refraction doesn't need to be a mystery



THANK YOU!!





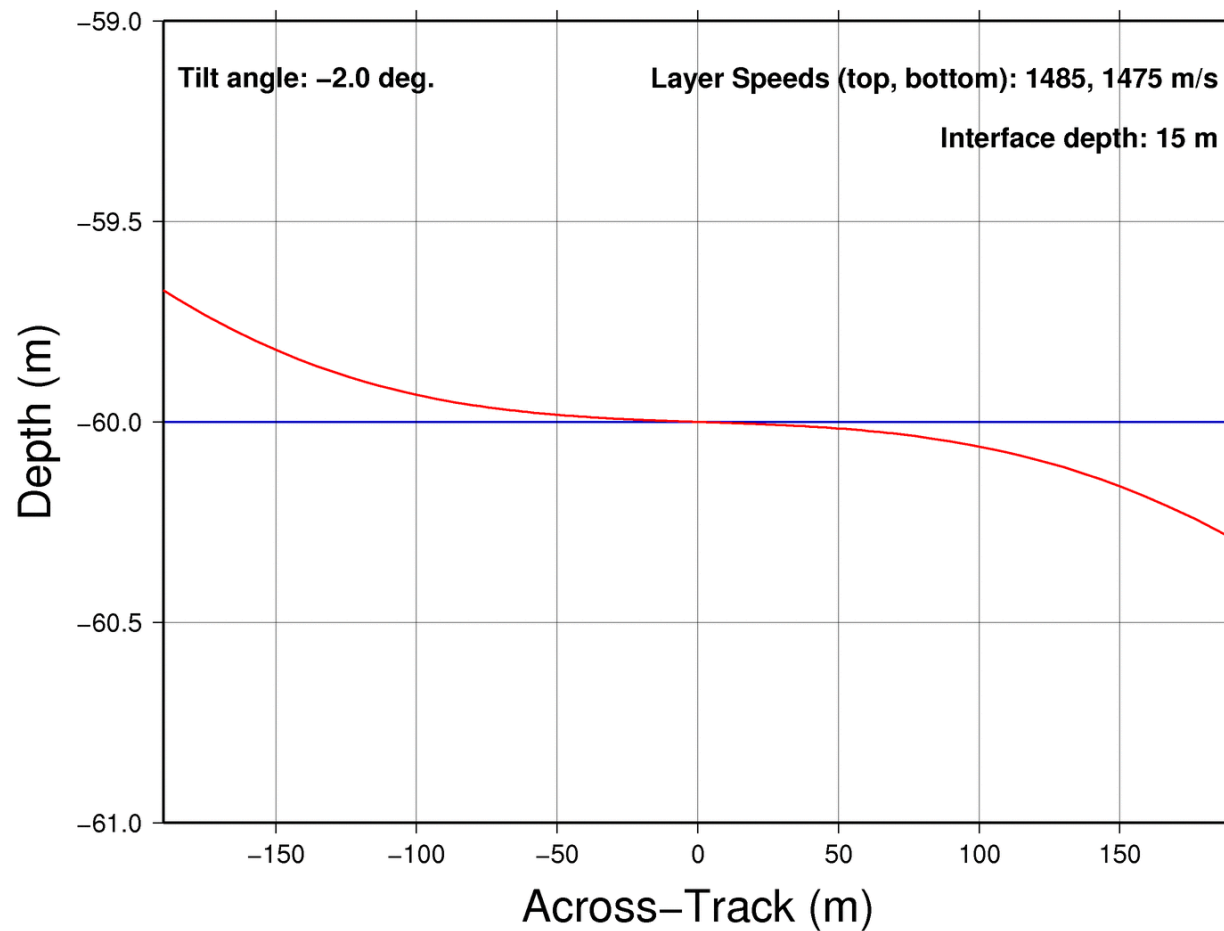
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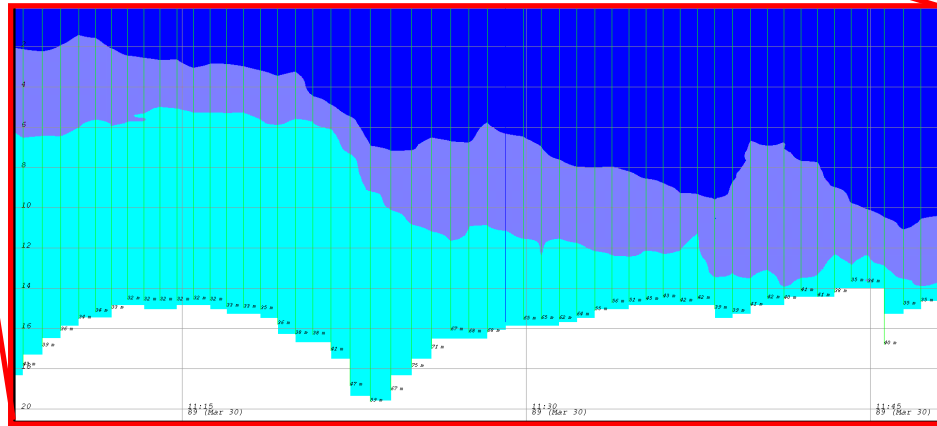
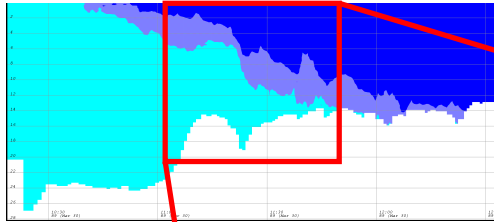


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MVP for REA (2)



MVP 150°

