



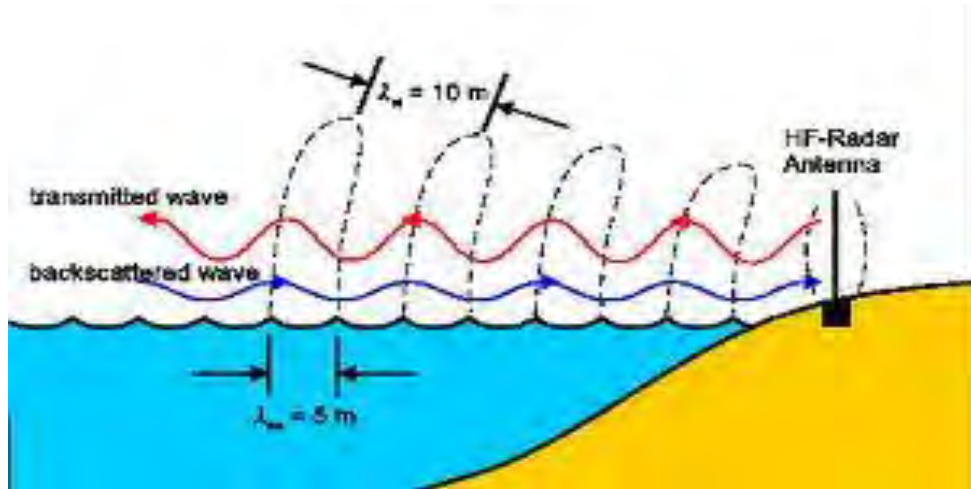
# The Mexican Radar Network and ocean drifters program in the Gulf of Mexico

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# Background of our Radio Oceanography Laboratory

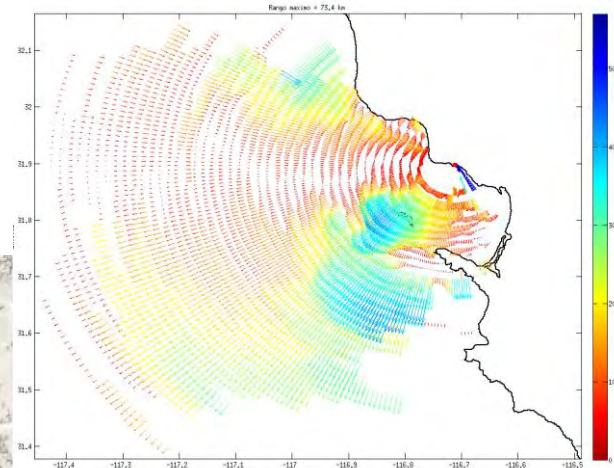
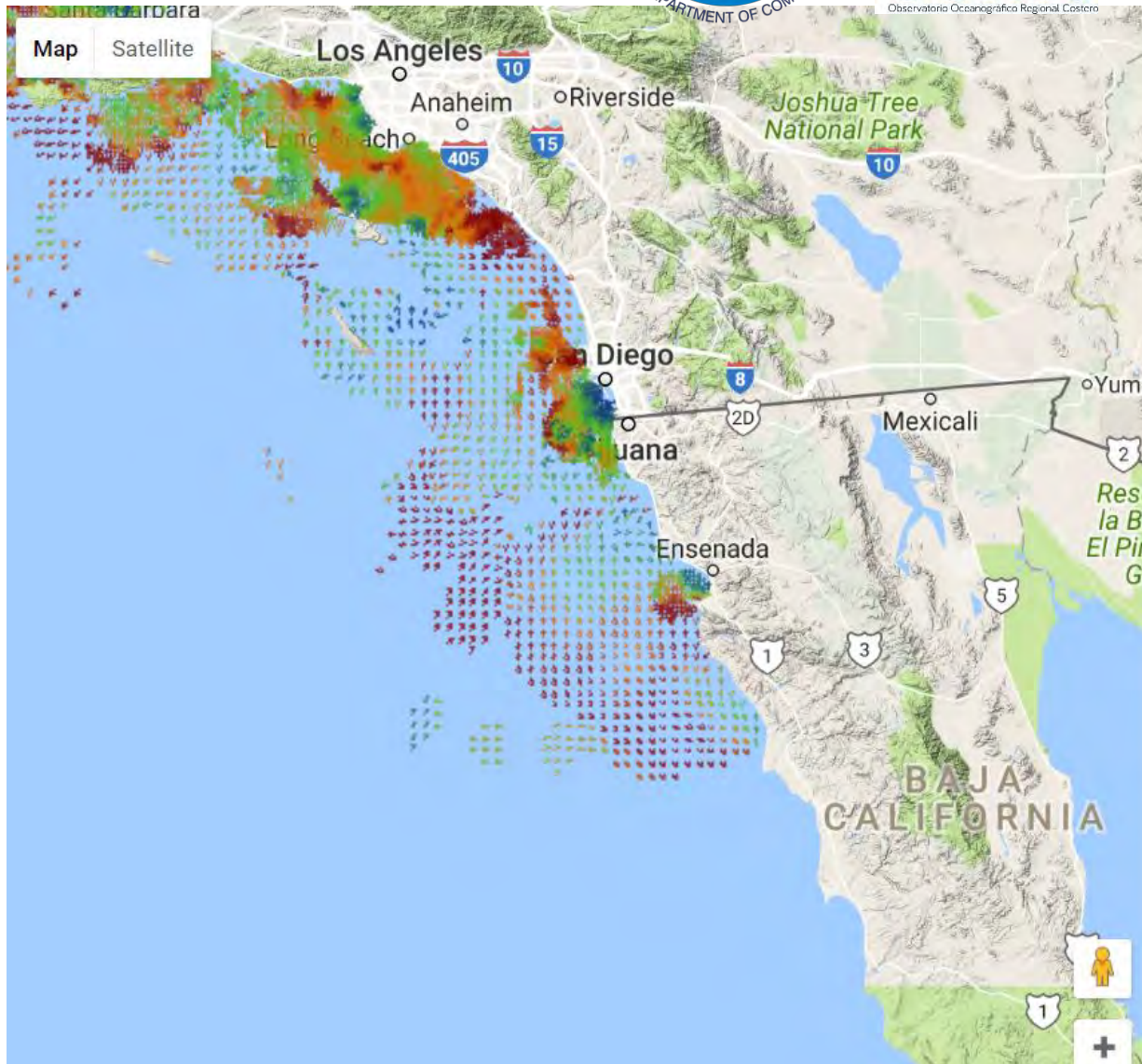


The University of Baja California started its own Radio oceanography laboratory in **2003**, operating more than 27 radar sites and 3 brands of ocean radars since then.



LABORATORIO DE  
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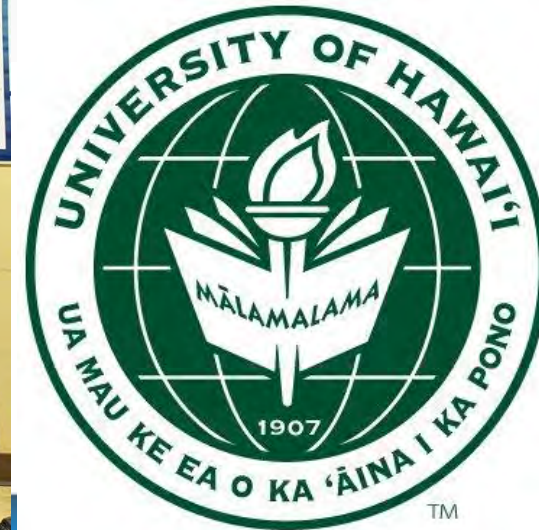
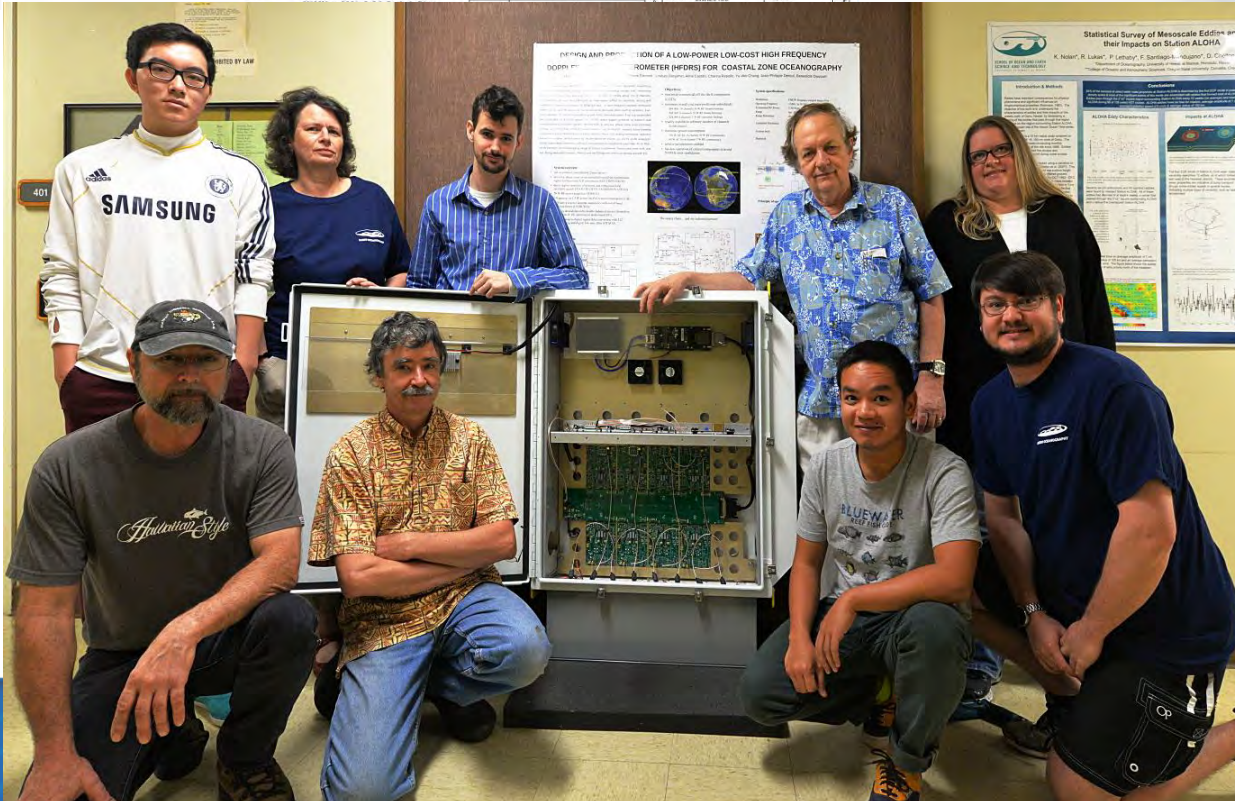
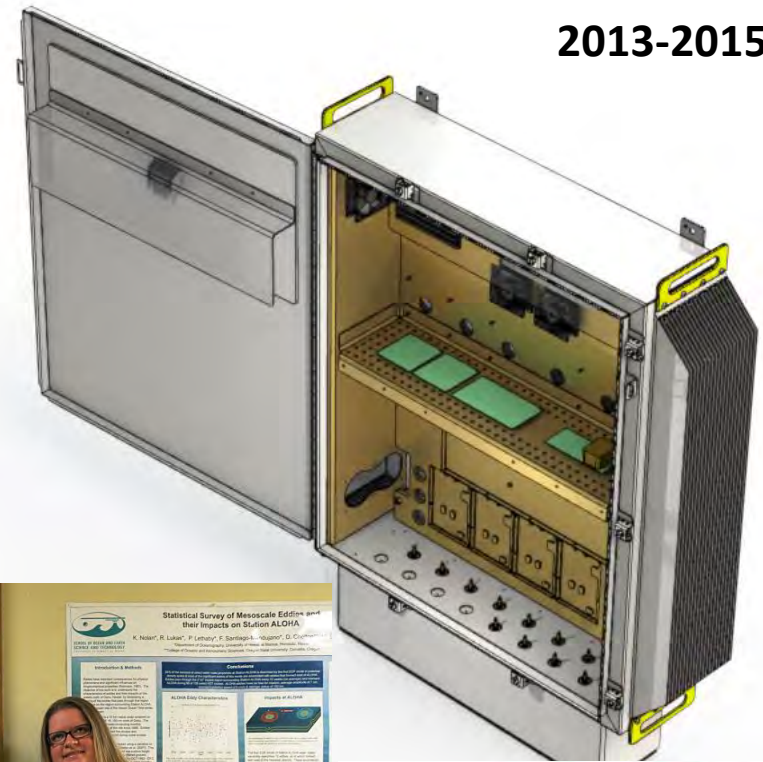
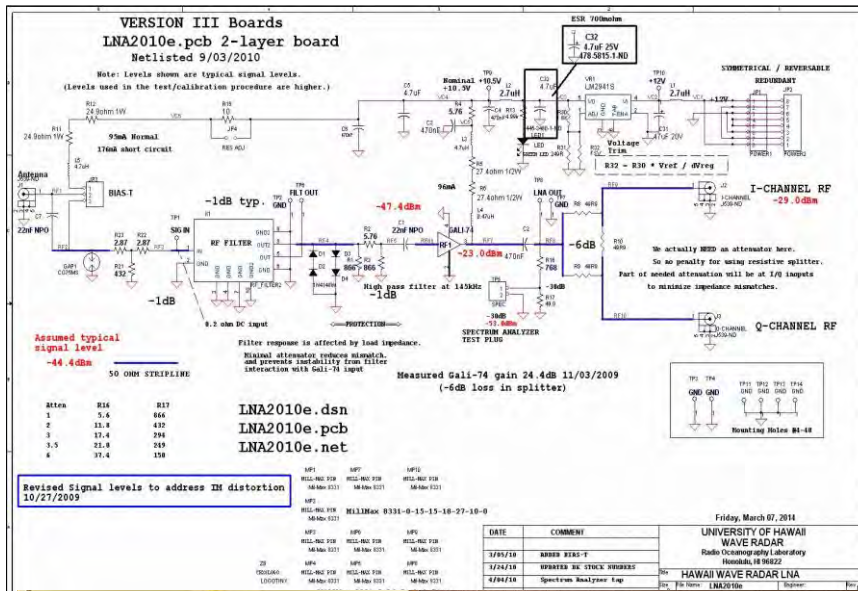


**2009 – 2015** The Mexican Radar Network, shared Radial Currents (RUV files) with SCOOS





2013-2015



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The Mexican Radio Oceanography Laboratory participated on the construction of 22 HFR between 2016-2017





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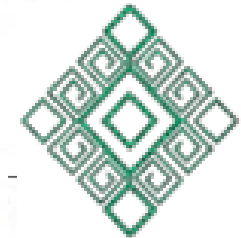
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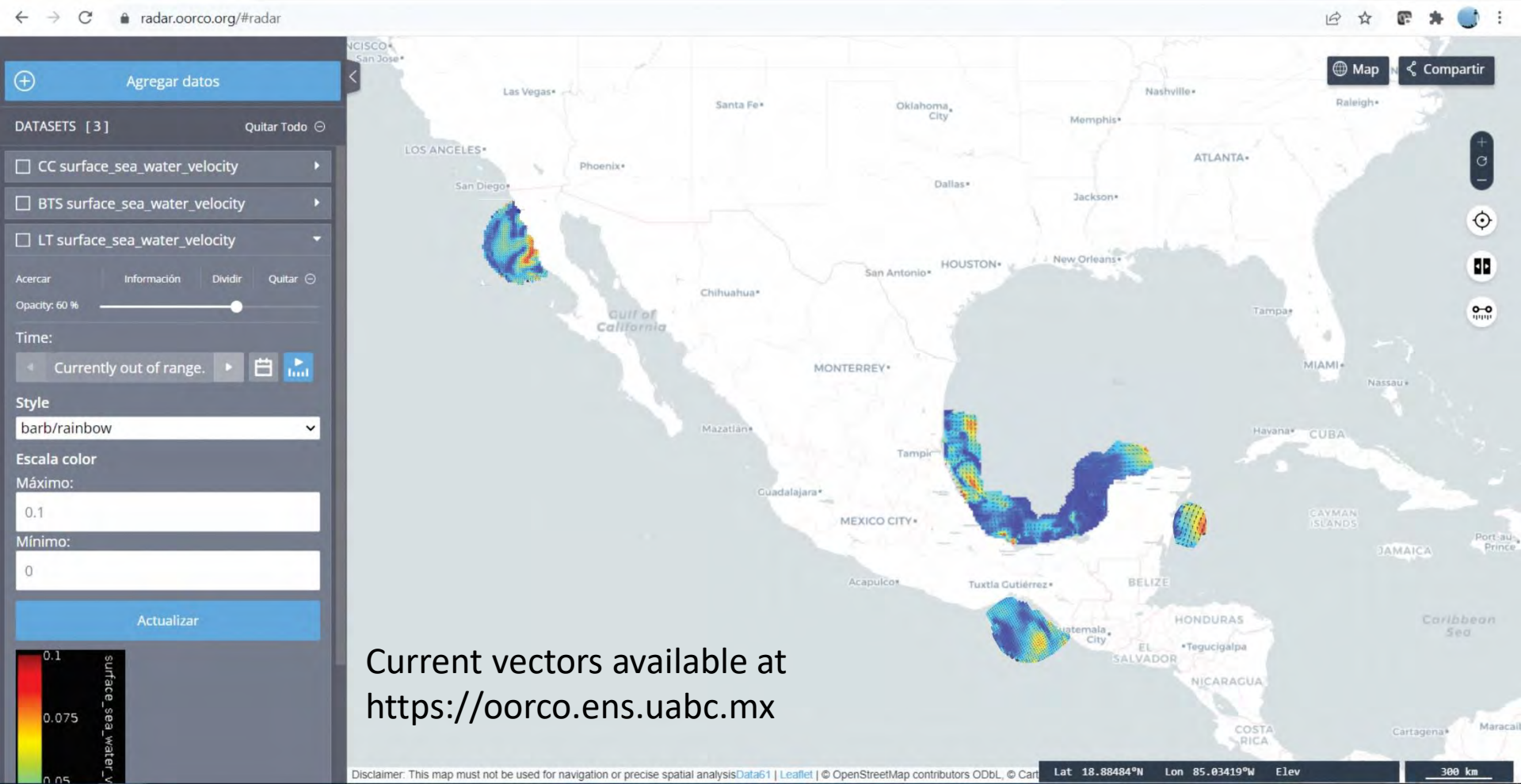
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# Observatorio Oceanográfico Regional Costero

**El primer observatorio de este tipo en México**





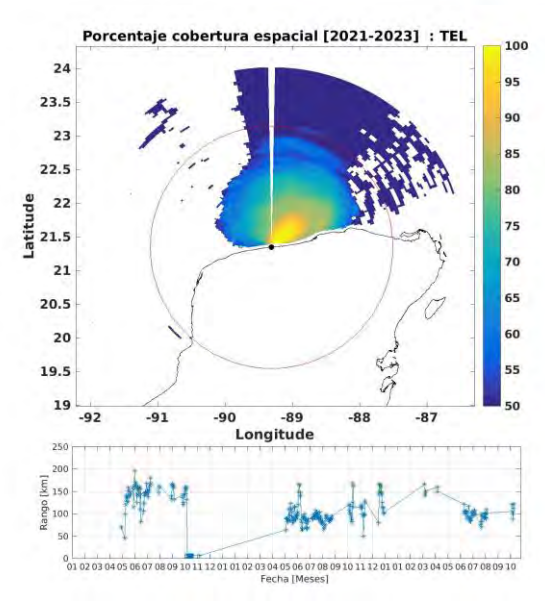
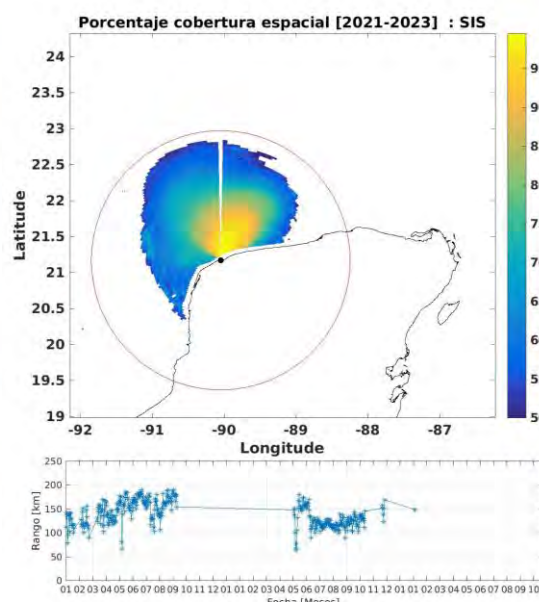
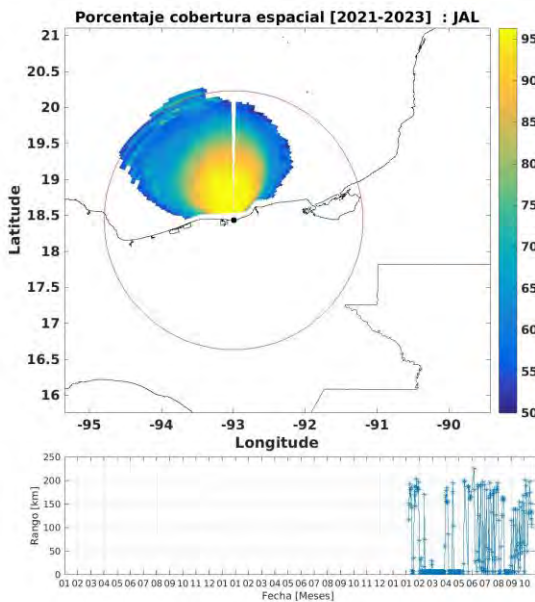
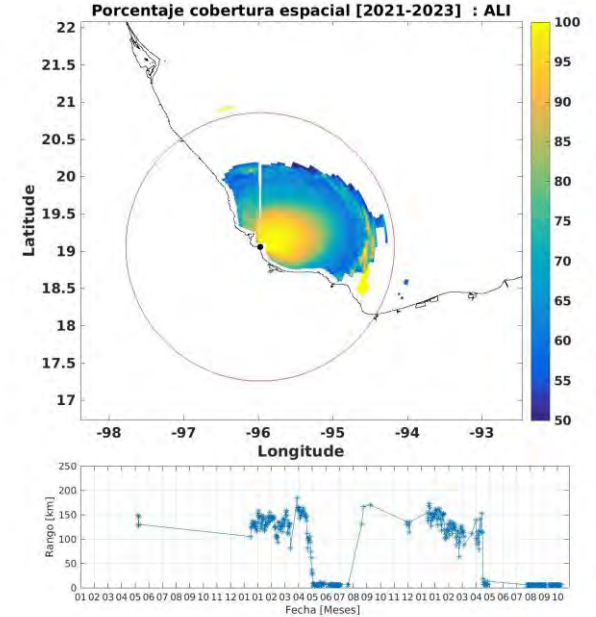
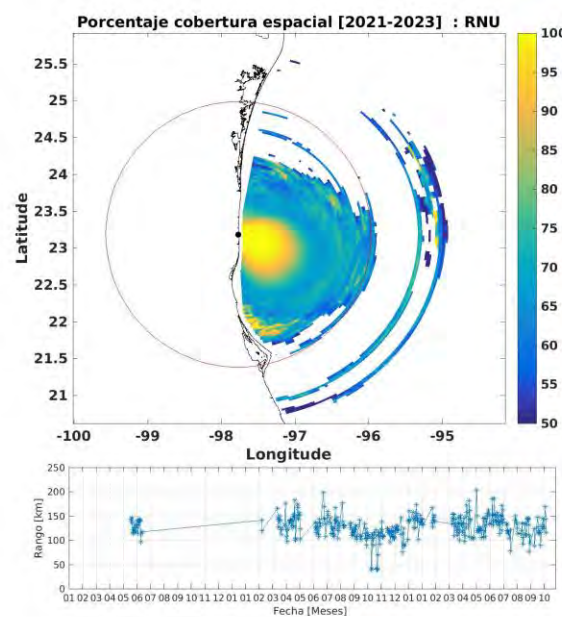
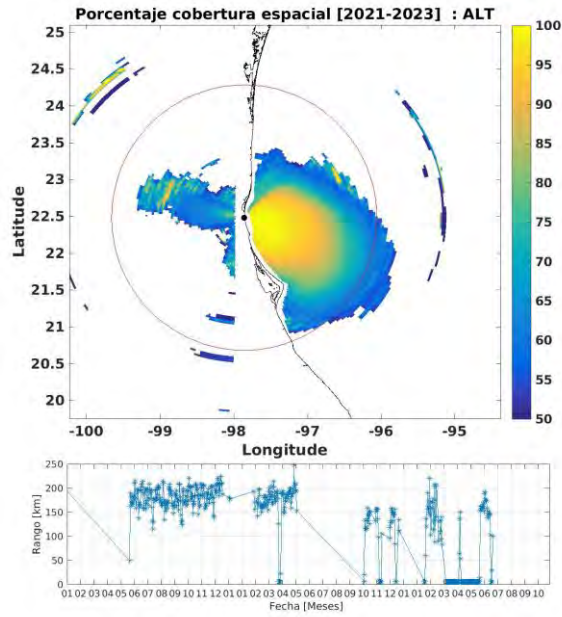


- 2 HFR sites at Gulf of Tehuantepec (2004-2008)
- 3 sites at the California Current (2003-2008, 2010-2015)
- 3 sites at the Todos Santos Bay (2009-2019)
- 2 sites at Laguna de Terminos (2017-2019)
- 15 sites at the Gulf of Mexico (2017-2022, 2024-) \*\*
- 2 sites at the southern mexican Caribbean (2021-2023)

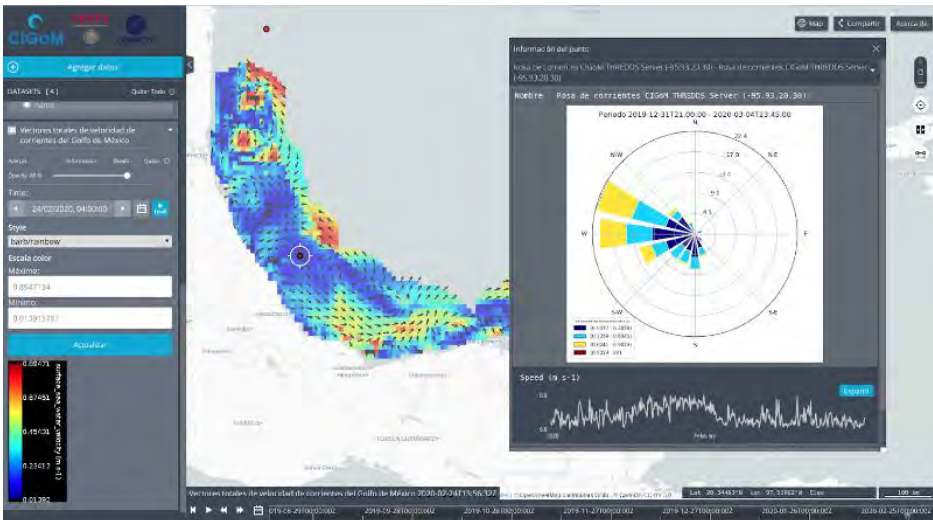
**\*\*5** radar sites operational today with a man power of 1 technicians and one PI



# Red multi-institucional de Radares HF (2020-2023)







<https://viz.dataserver.cigom.org>

Aplicación web experta, con un mapa interactivo y un catalogo de todos los productos de datos hospedados en la plataforma. Permite al usuario explorar visualmente los productos, tanto de manera espacial como temporal, y cargar datos locales o remotos de otras plataformas estándar.

## ERDDAP > tabledap > Data Access Form

Dataset Title: **Boya BOC4**  
 Institution: CICESE - CIGOM (Dataset ID: BOYAS\_NRT\_BOC4)  
 Information: [Summary](#) | [License](#) | [FGDC](#) | [ISO 19115](#) | [Metadata](#) | [Background](#) | [Subset](#) | [Make a graph](#)

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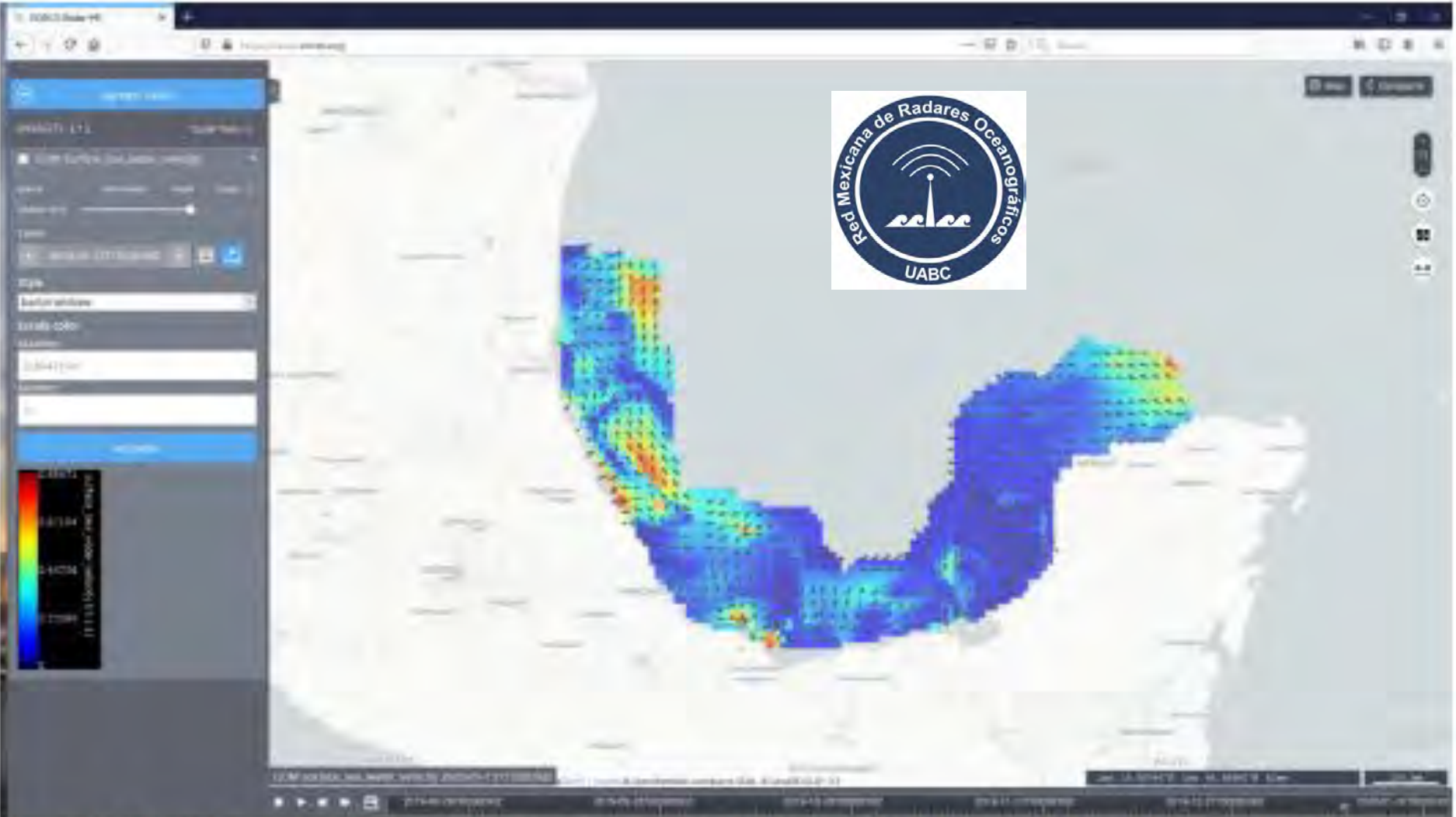
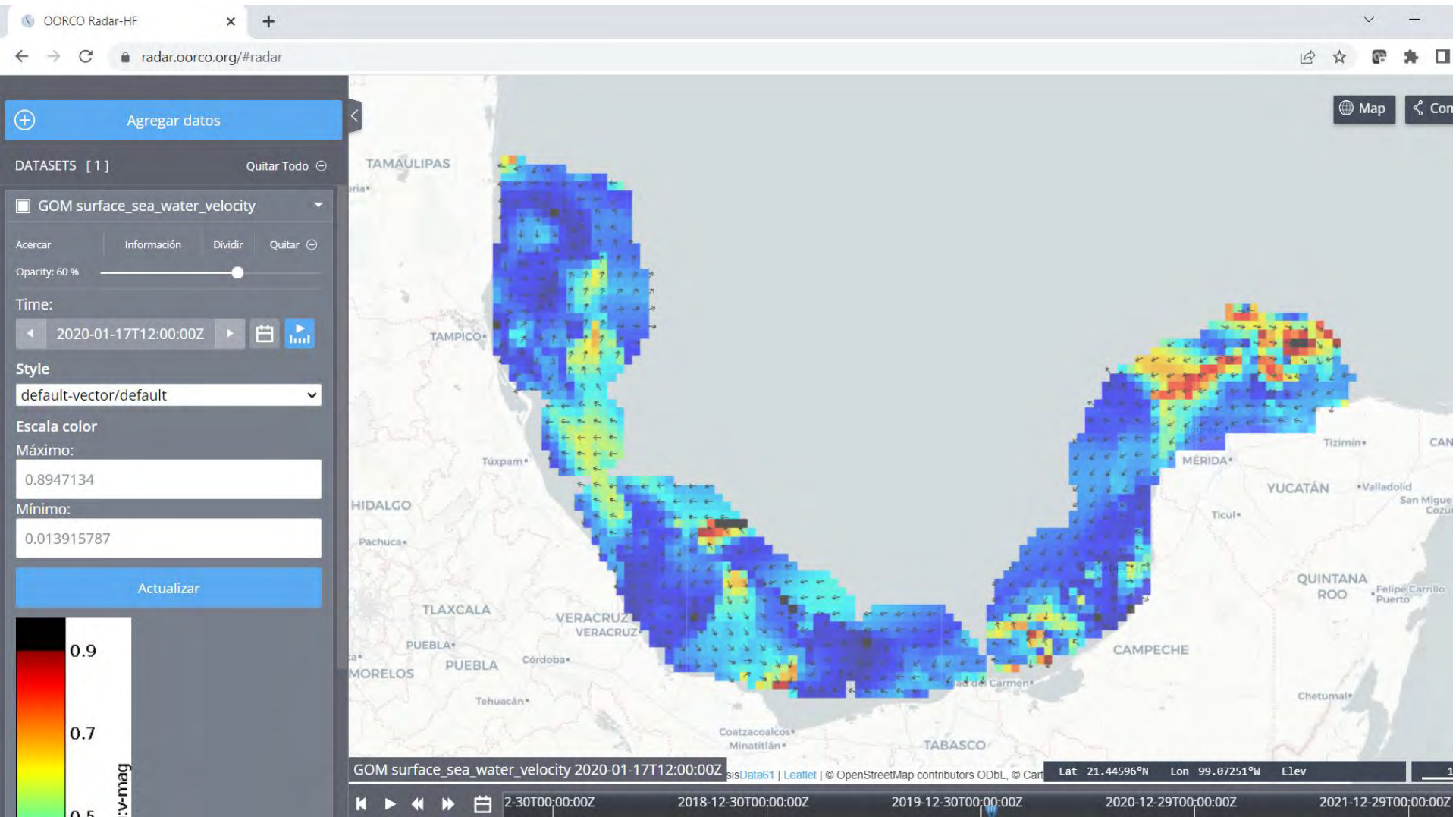
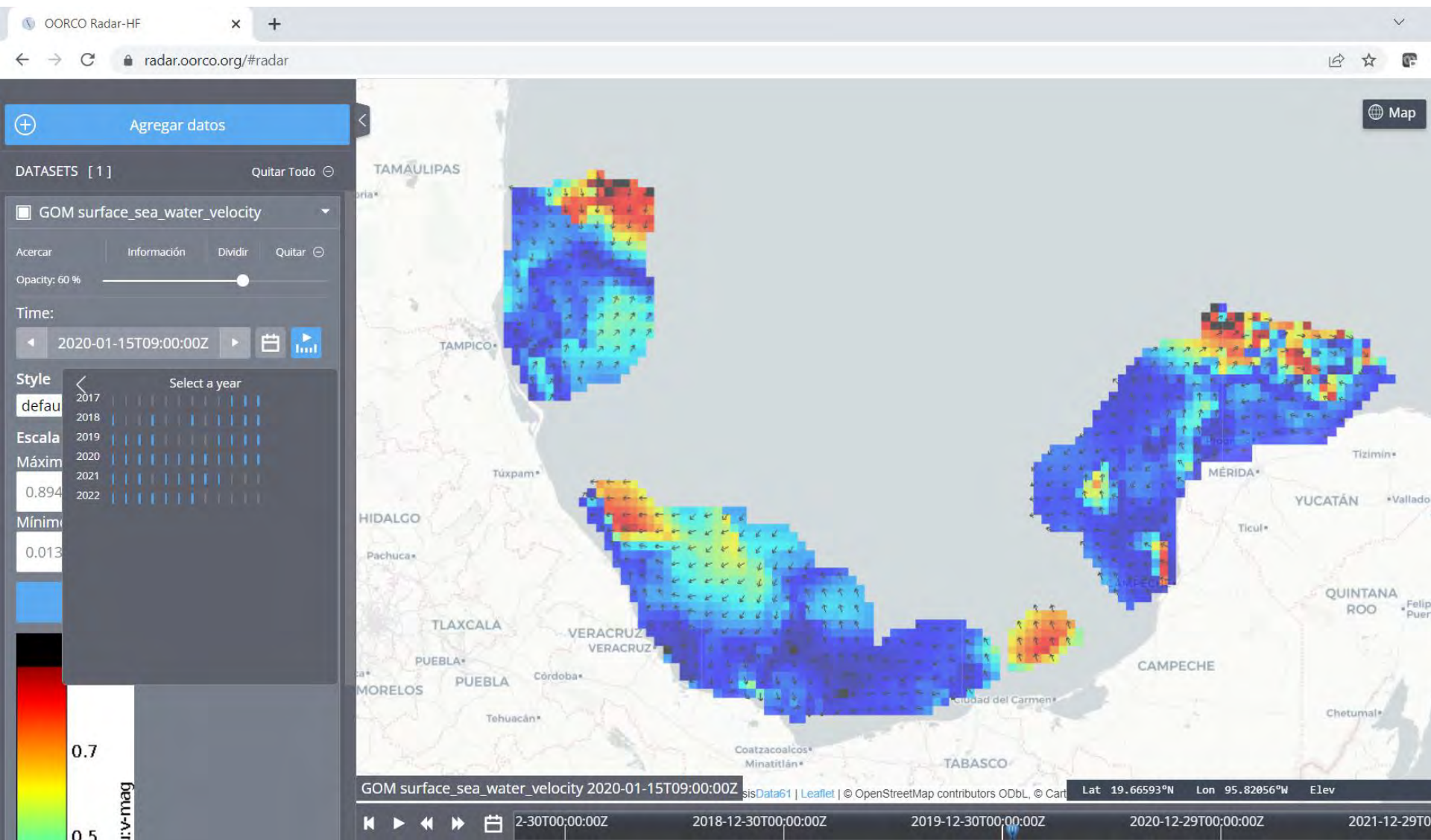


Figura 10. Detalle en su contorno la transmisión de visualización de espumas oceánicas en superficie obtenidas de forma



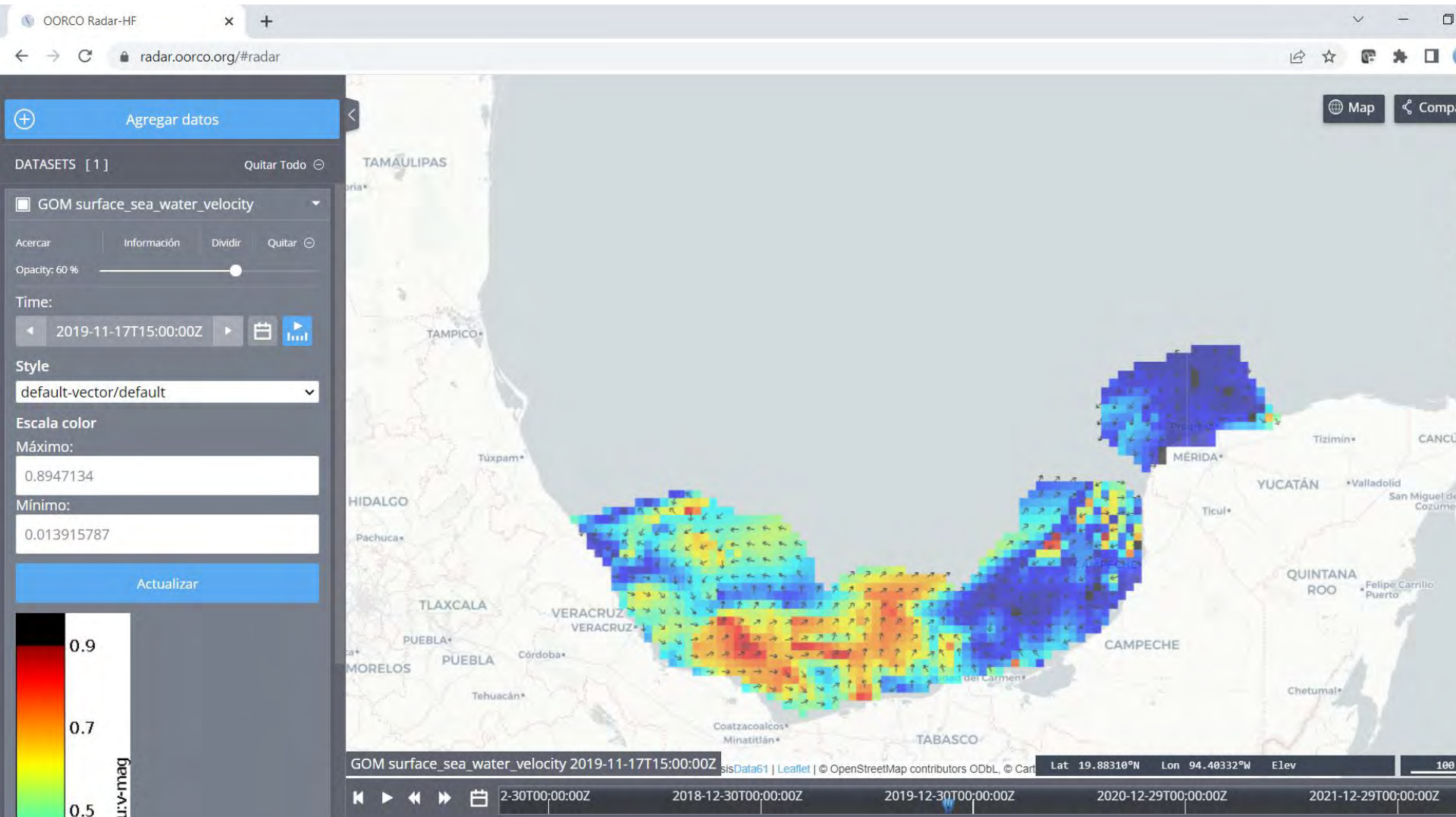
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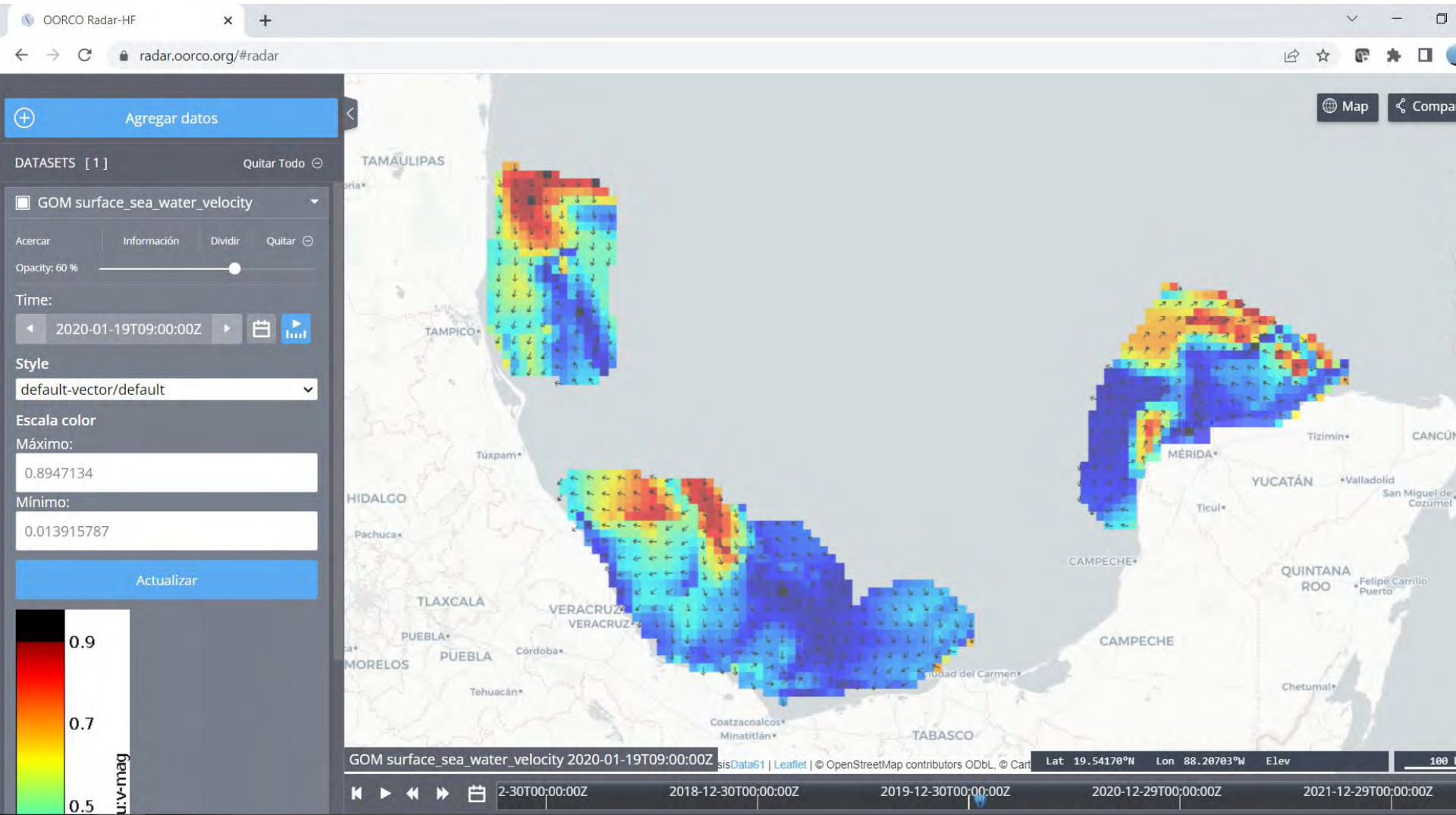




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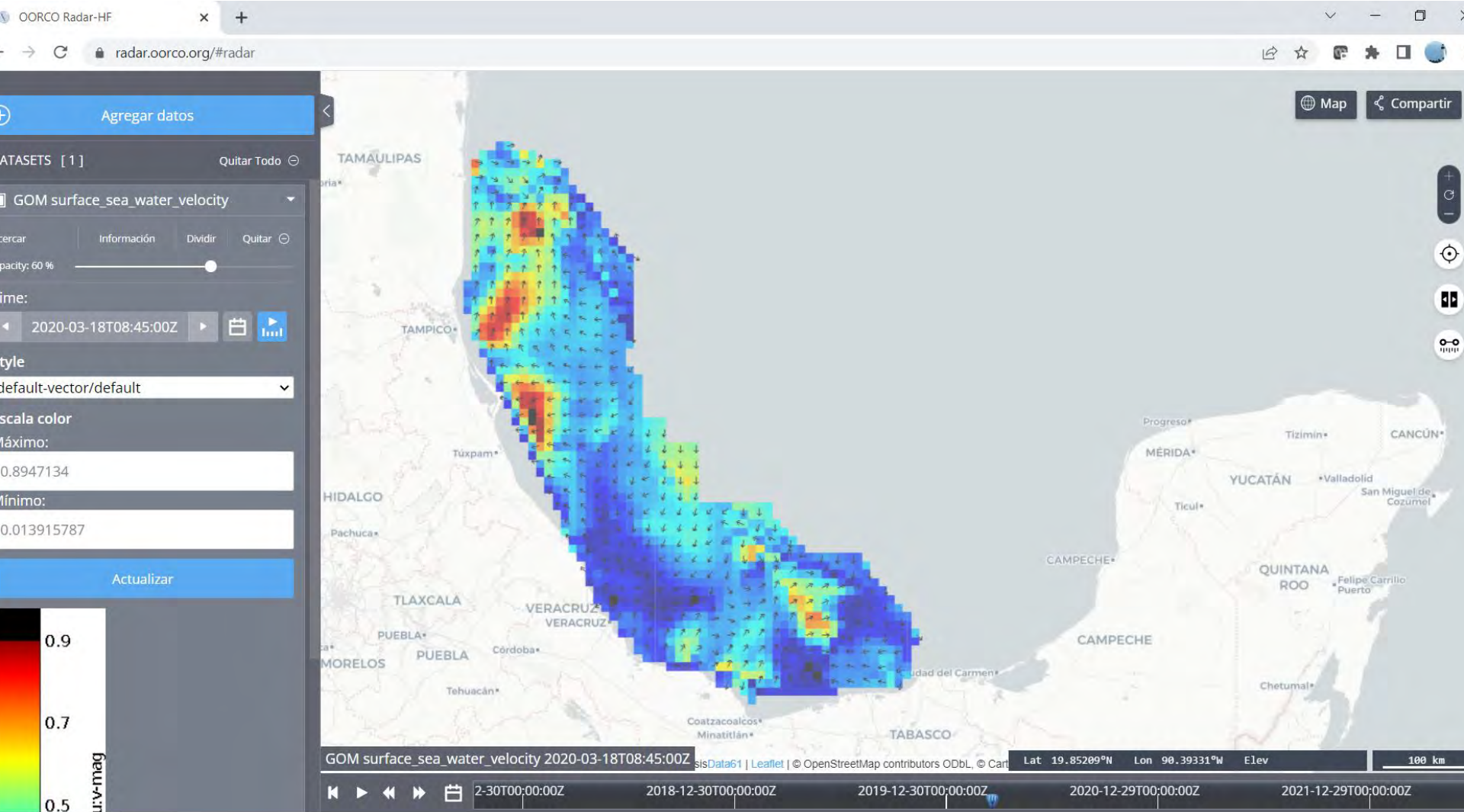


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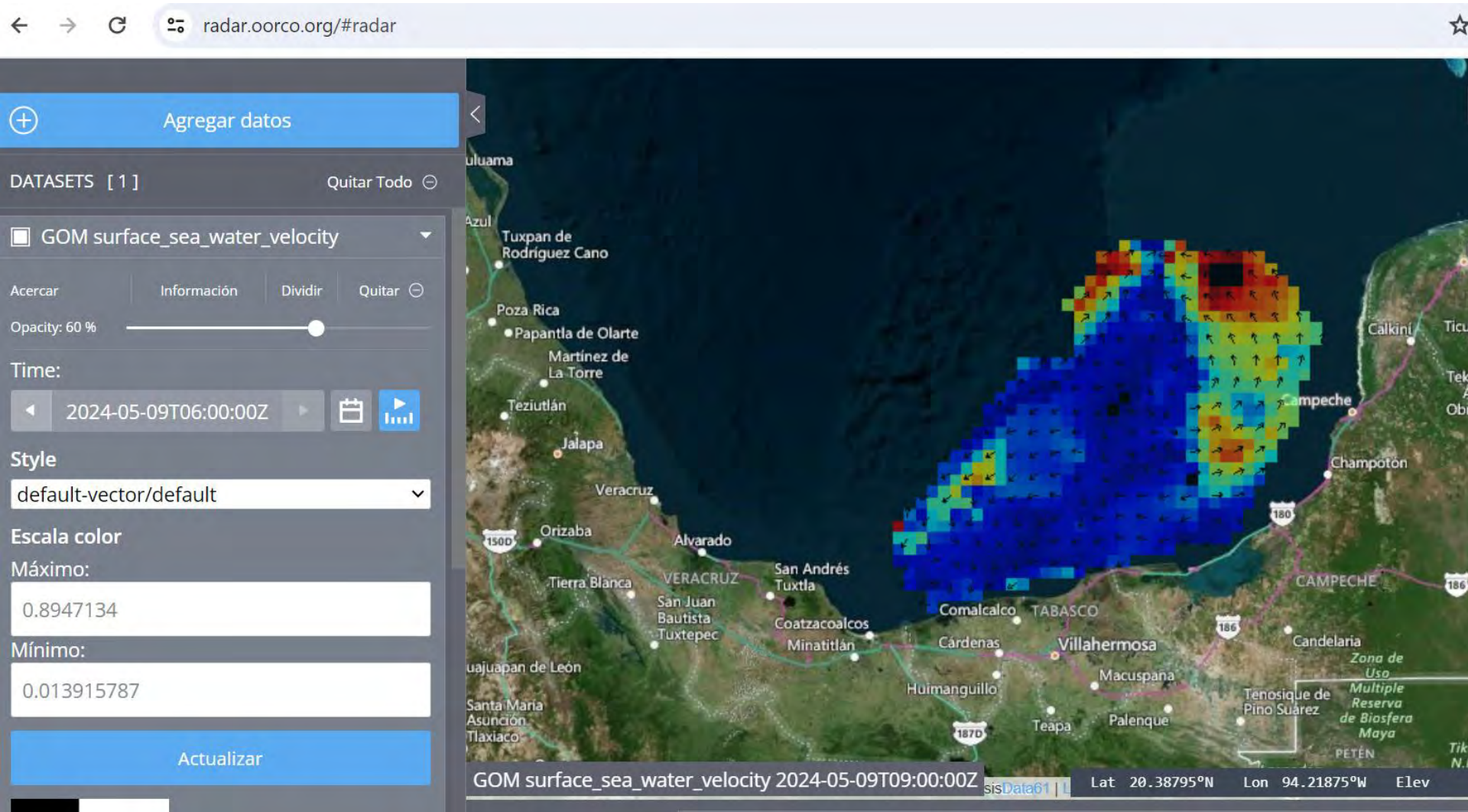




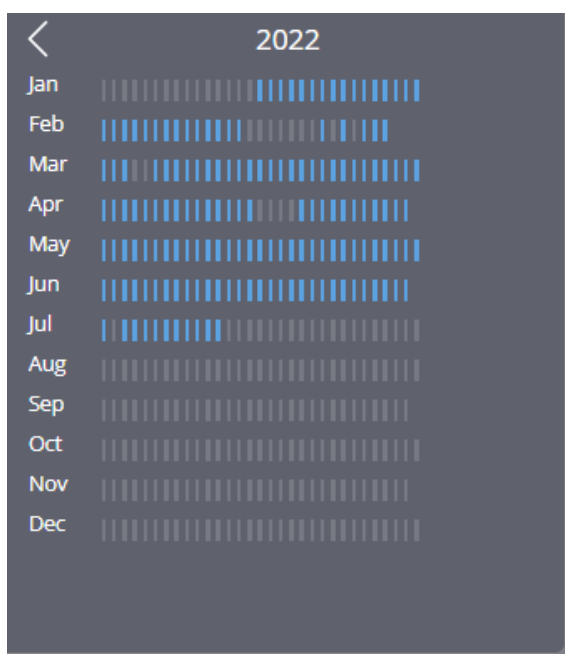
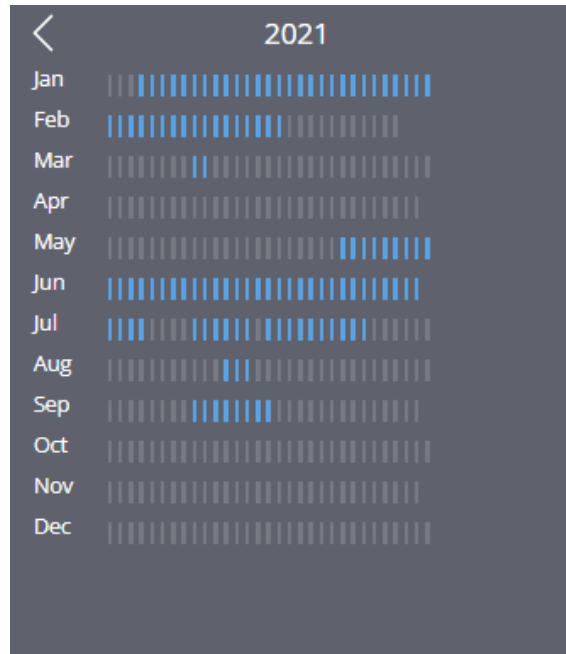
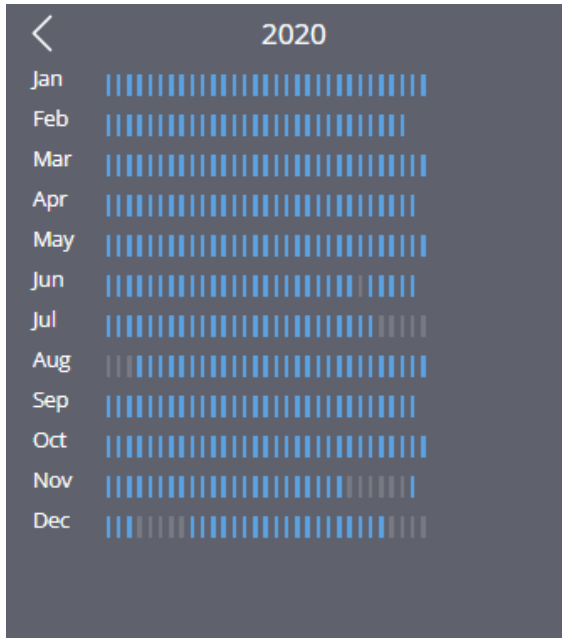
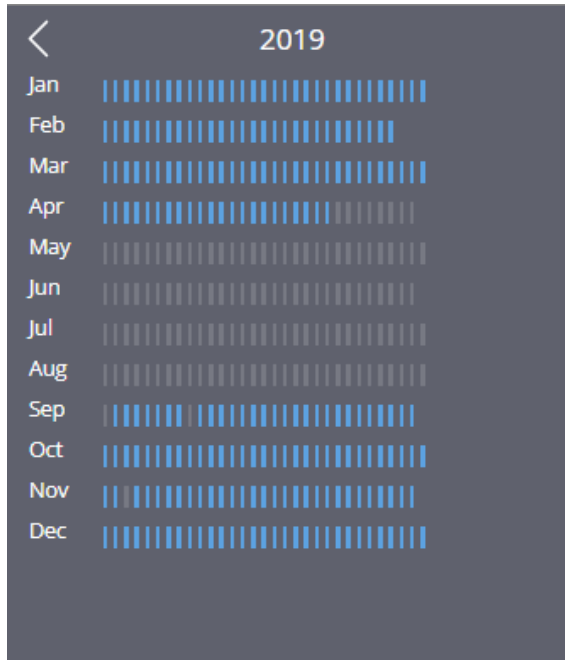
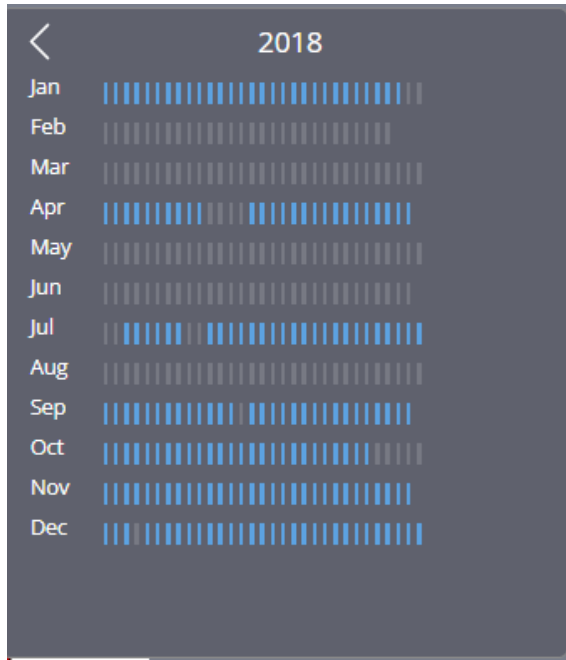
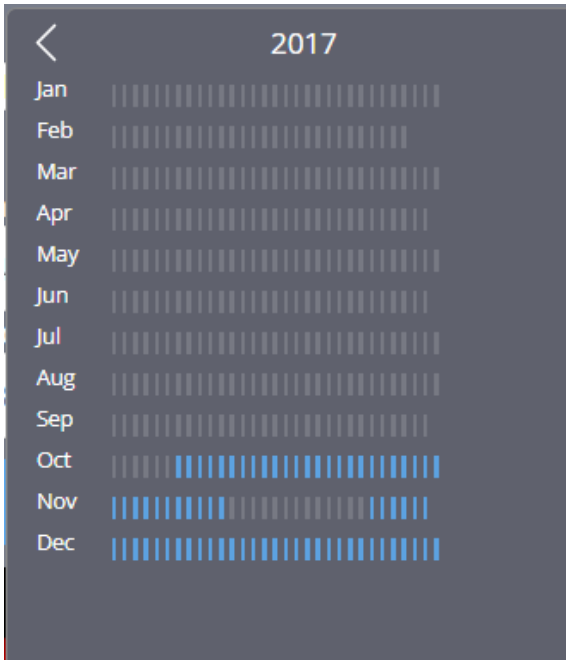
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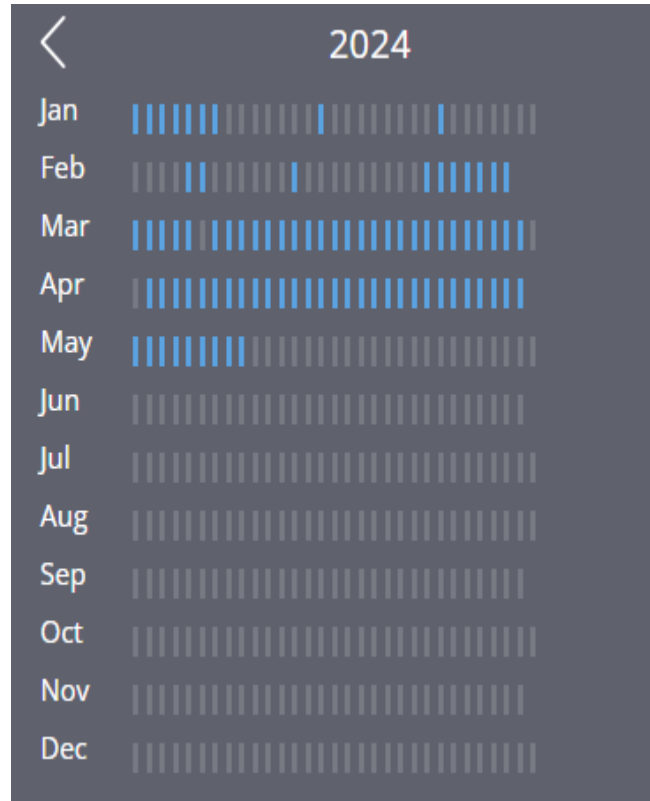
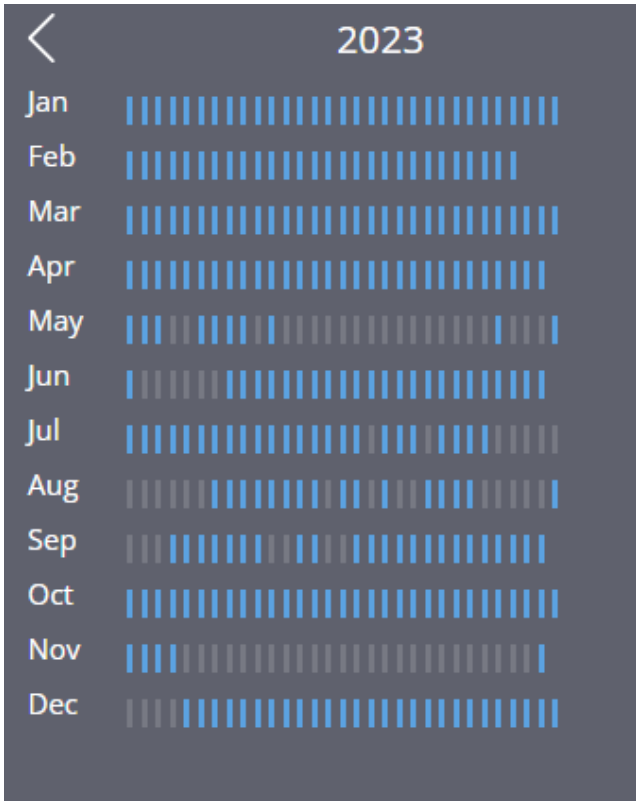


# This morning











## The Mexican Radar Network, has its own data management system

(<https://oorco.ens.uabc.mx>) using world wide standards:

Data format for storage is **NetCDF4** format with metadata and structure adhered to the **Climate & Forecast conventions**.

Distribution now is thru, **ERDDAP** and **THREDDS** data servers, which provide web interfaces for users, as well as standard protocols, such as **OpenDAP**, **OGC-WMS**, among others.

With the intention of making the information more accessible to users, a web application for interactive visualization was deployed, where geospatial data layers are presented on a map. These graphical representations are dynamically generated on request from **THREDDS** or **ERRDAP** servers.

All the software was developed is using open source libraries.

Netcdf <https://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/>

Climate & Forecast <http://cfconventions.org/>

OpenDAP <https://www.opendap.org/>

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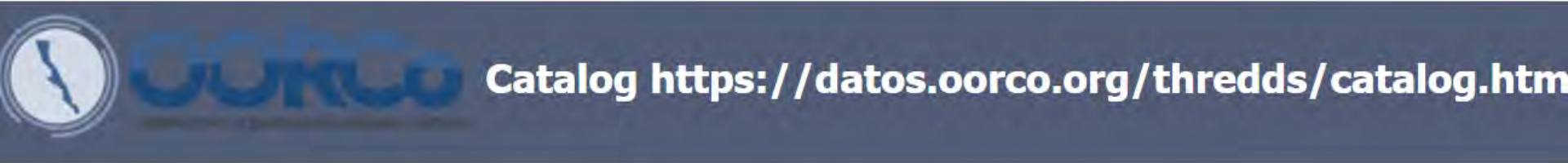
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TerriaJS <https://terria.io/>





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## Dataset

-  [Estaciones Meteorológicas/](#)
-  [Sondas Oceanográficas/](#)
-  [Archivos individuales/](#)
-  Radar HF Series de tiempo de vectores totales en tiempo real



# https://datos.oorco.org/erddap

## ERDDAP > List of All Datasets

115 matching datasets, listed in alphabetical order.

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## ERDDAP > griddap > Make A Graph

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Institution: UABC.EDU (Dataset ID: RADMEX\_GM\_10km\_3hr)

Information: [Summary](#) | [License](#) | [FGDC](#) | [ISO 19115](#) | [Metadata](#) | [Background](#) | [Data Access Form](#)

**Graph Type:** surface

X Axis: longitude

Y Axis: latitude

Color: v

**Dimensions** **Start** **Stop**

time (UTC) specify just 1 value → 2023-12-31T21:00:00Z

latitude (degrees\_north) 18.27273 24.81818

longitude (degrees\_east) -97.72727 -88.0

**Graph Settings**

Color Bar:  Continuity:  Scale:

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Draw land mask:

Y Axis Minimum:  Maximum:  Ascending

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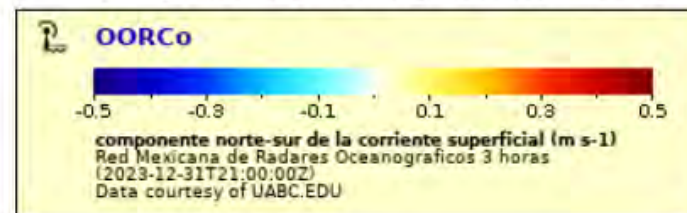
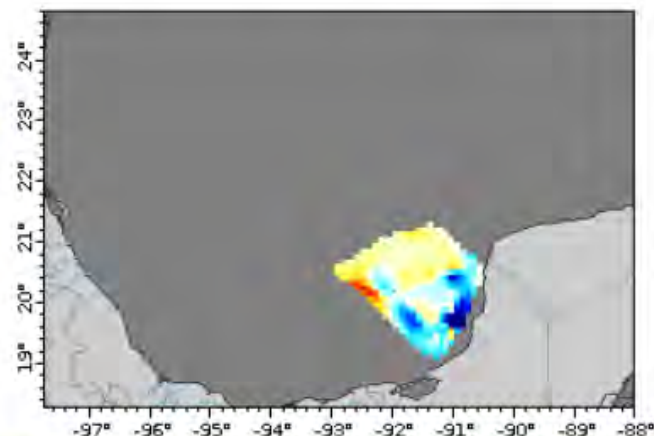
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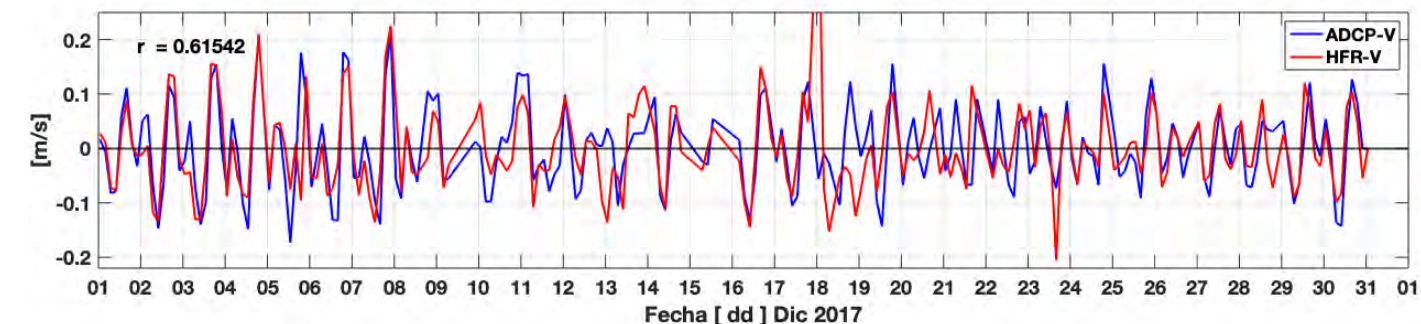
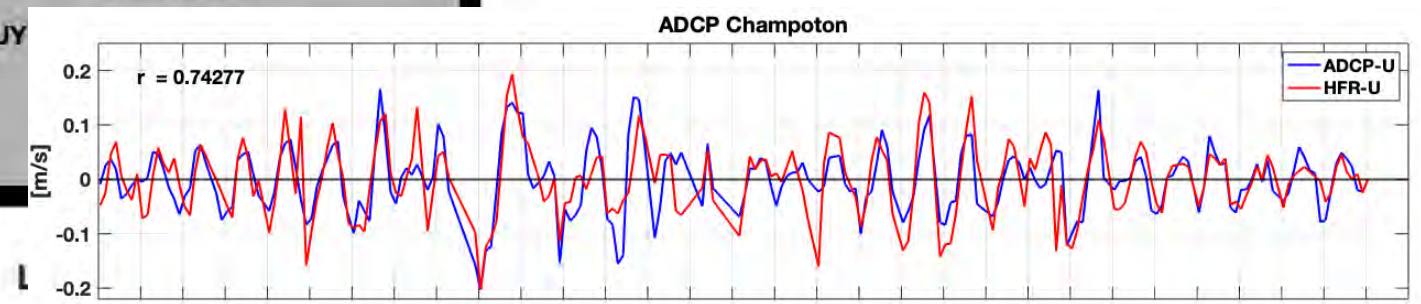
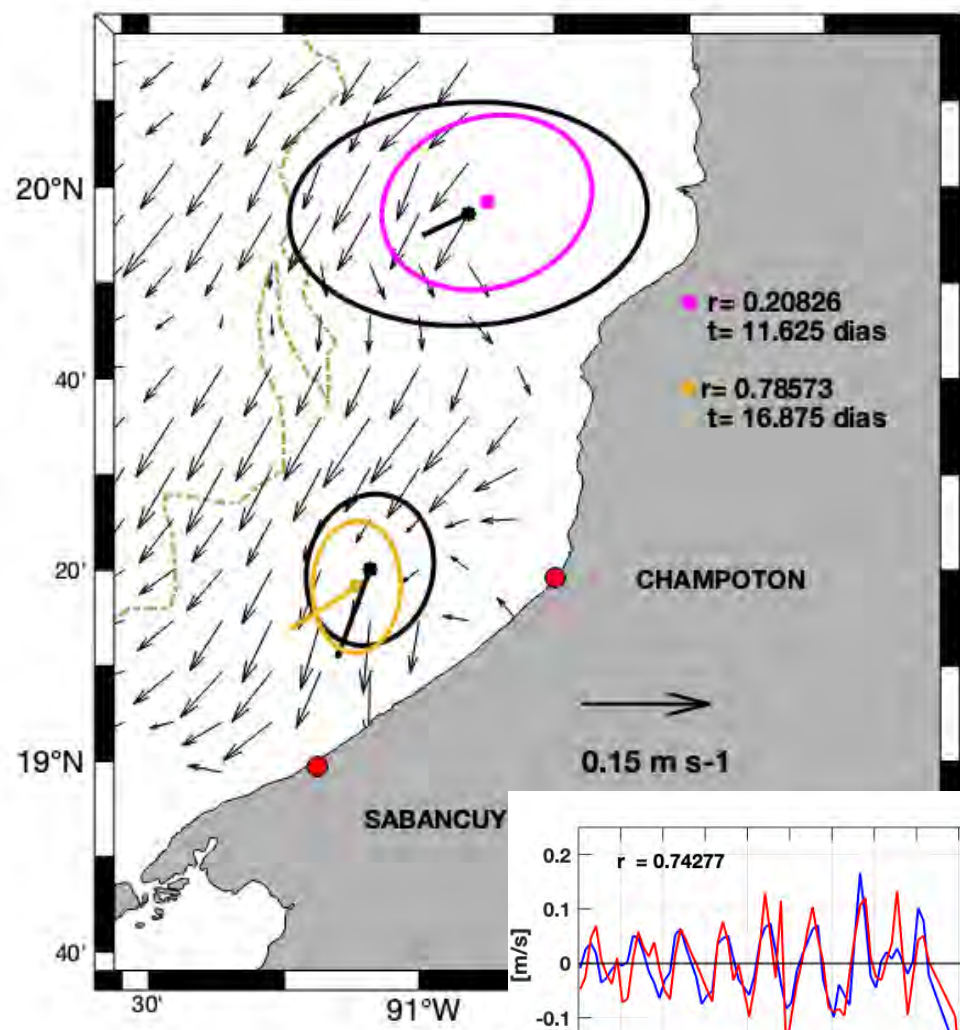
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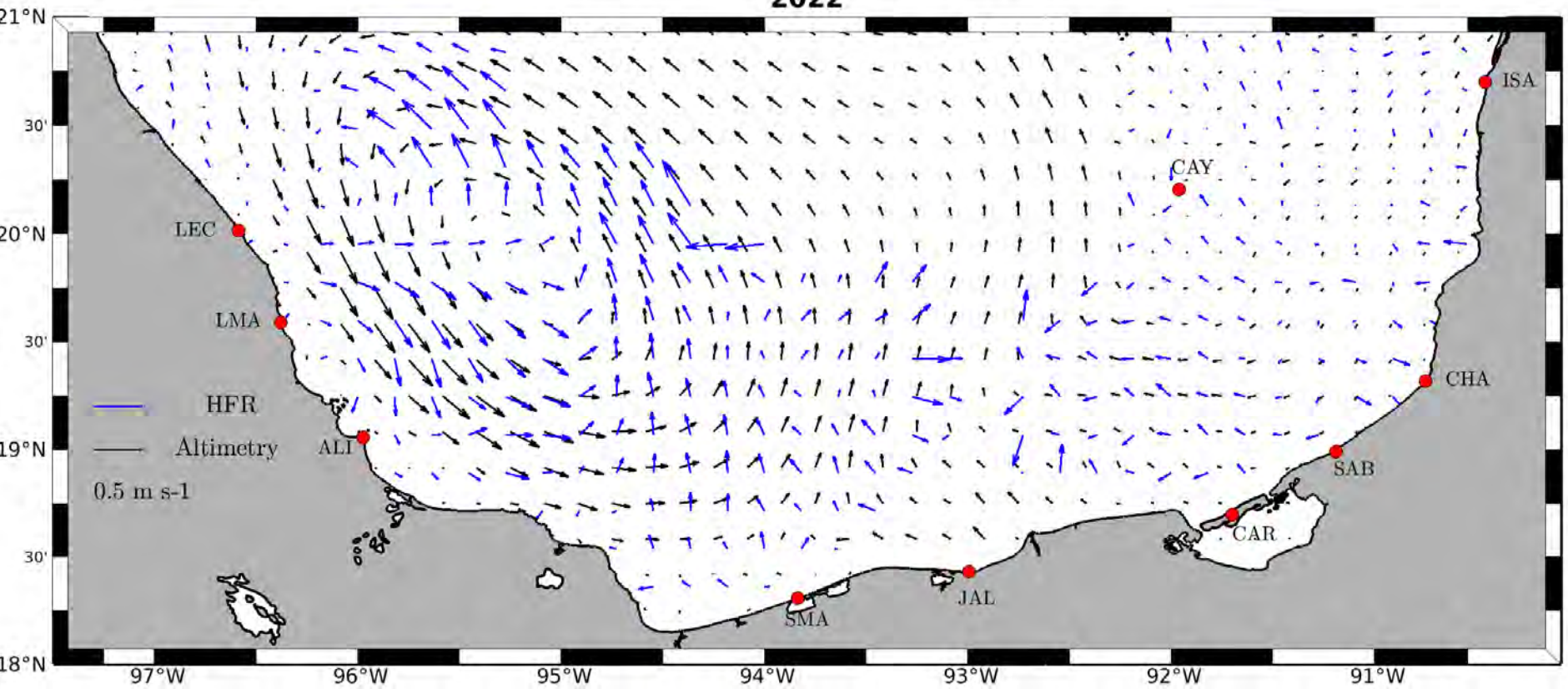




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# Comparison Radar HF - Altimetry 2022

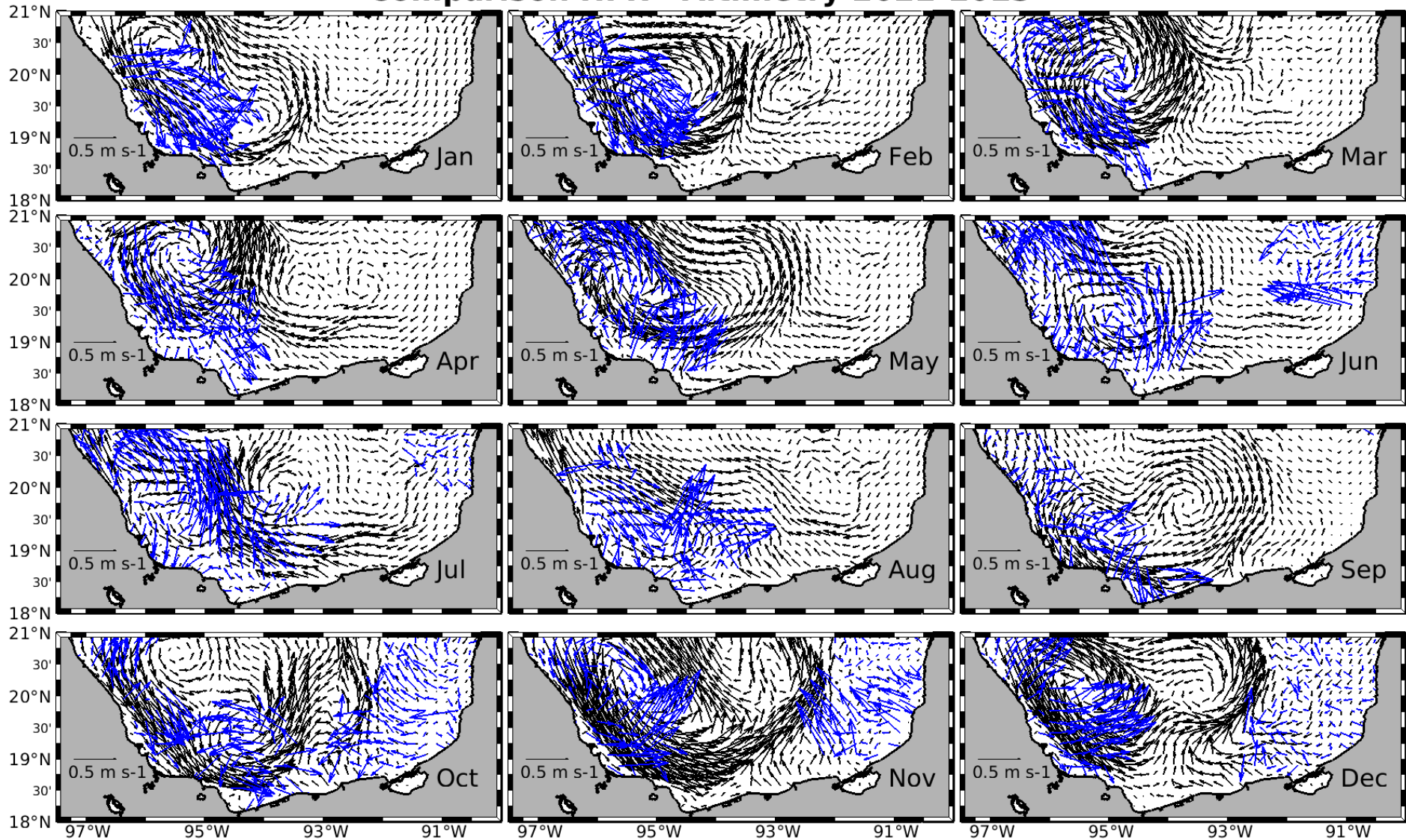


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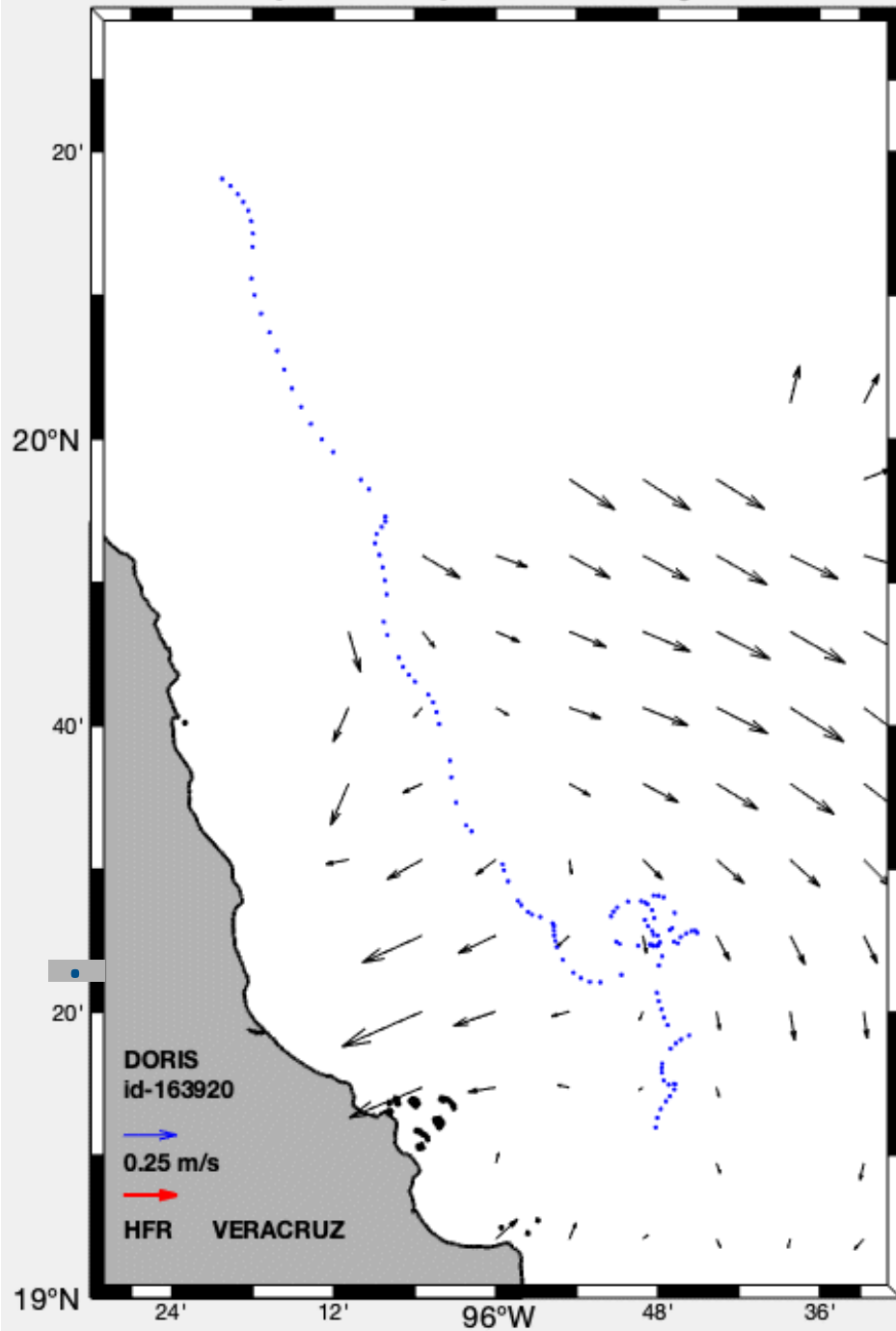




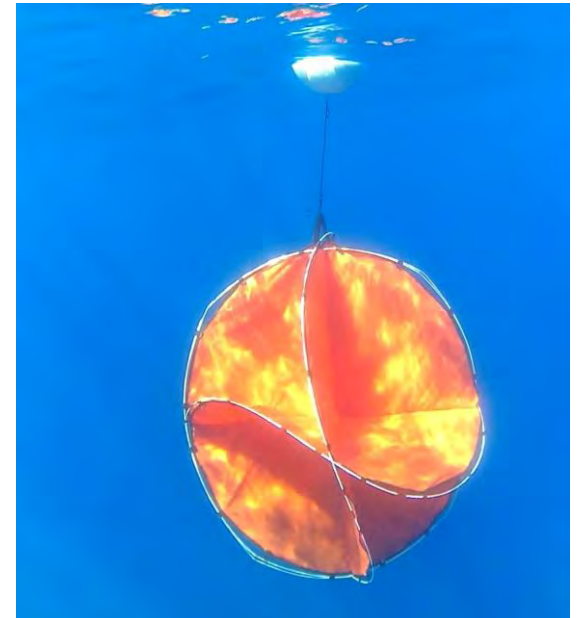
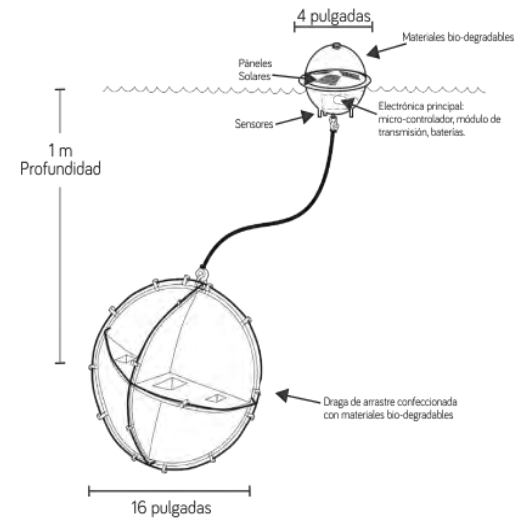
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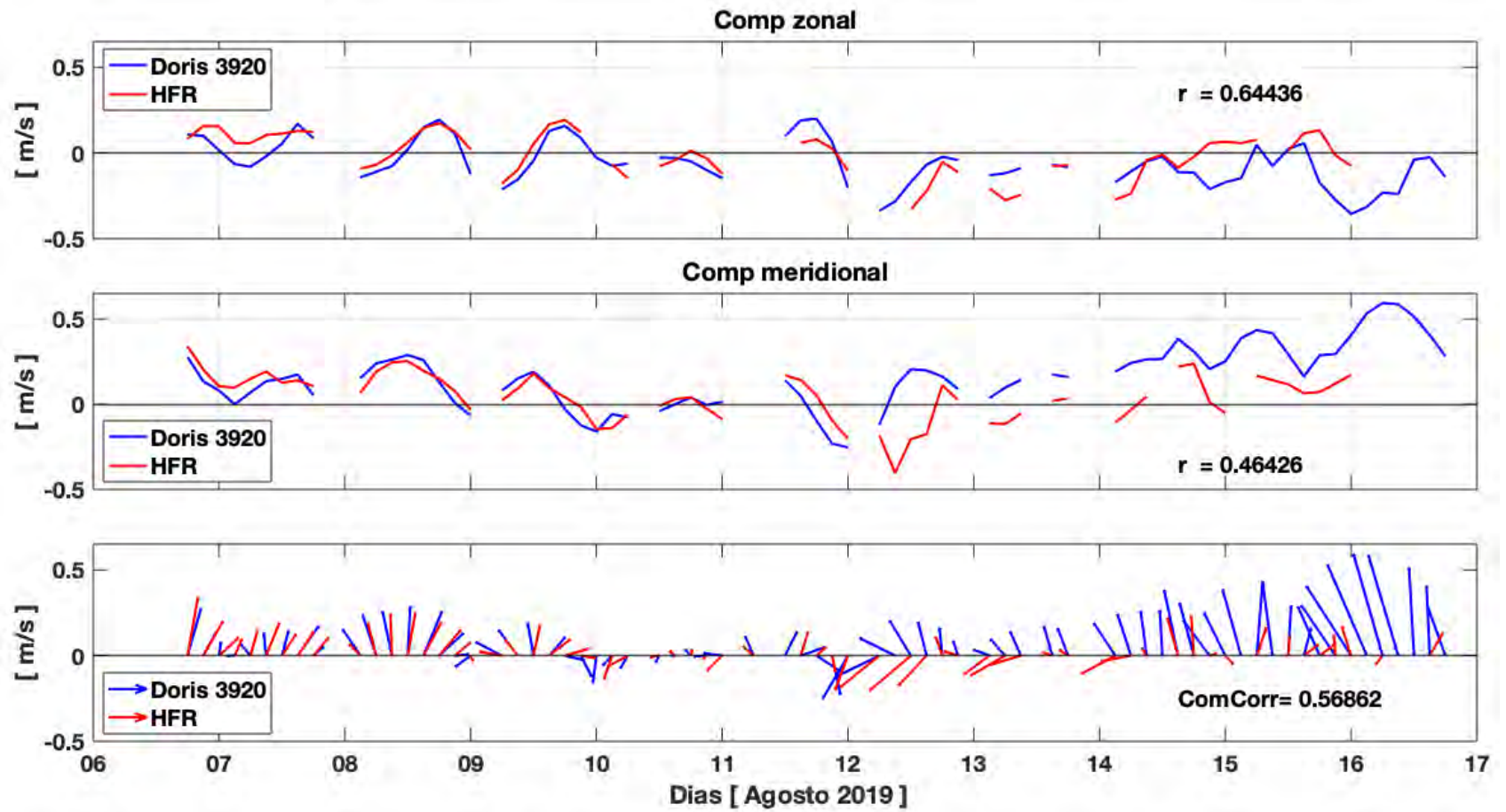
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## DORIS VS HFR







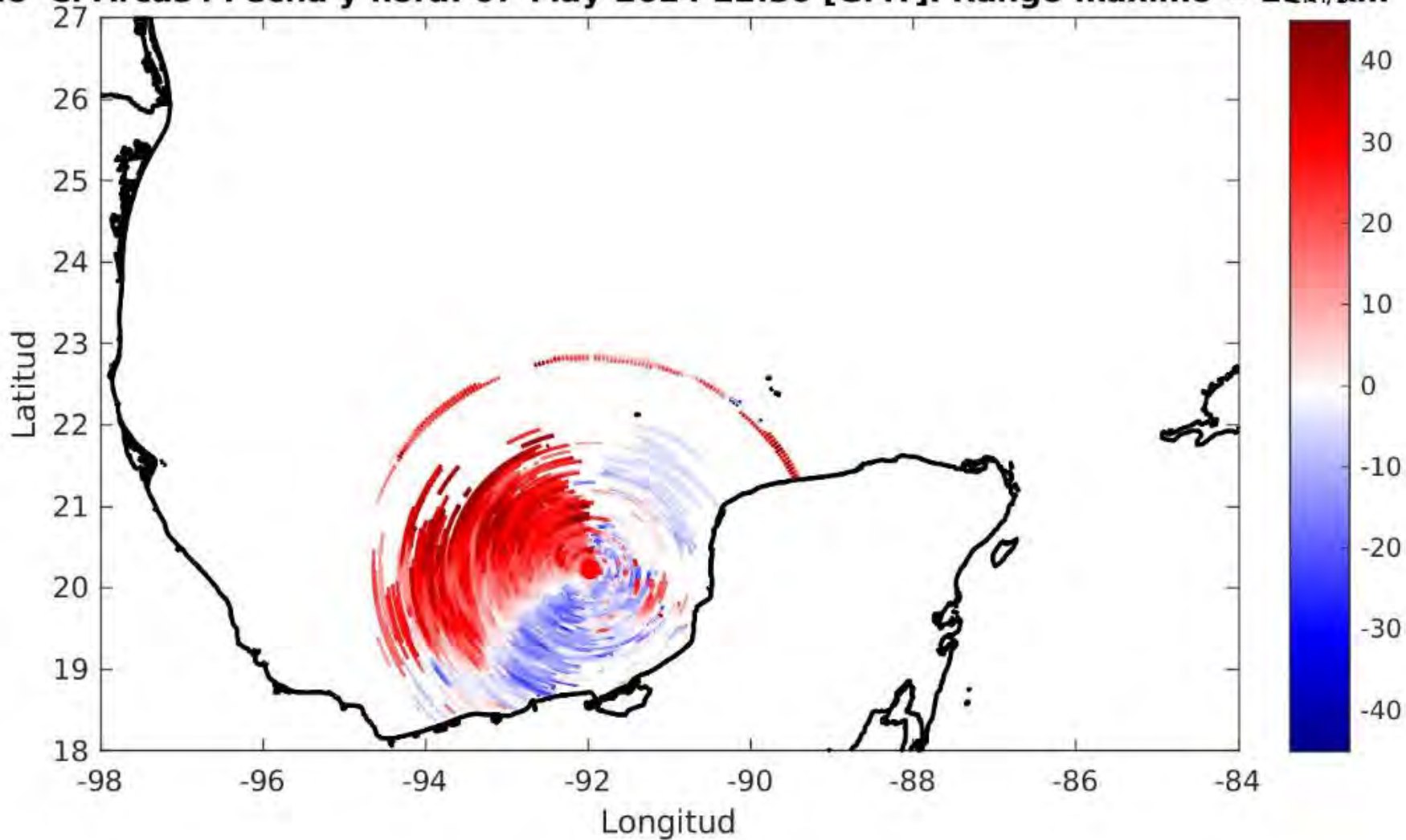
# New HFR site in Cayo Arcas 2023



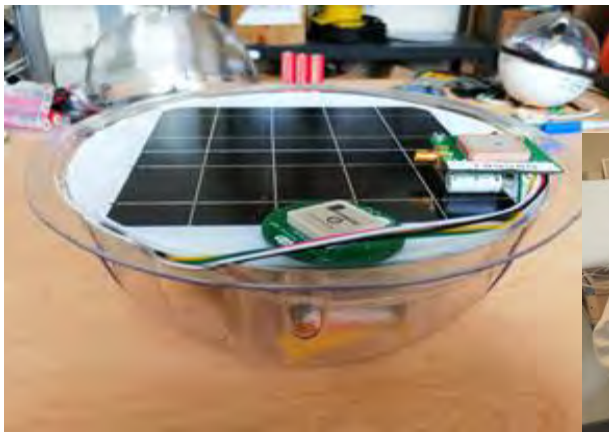
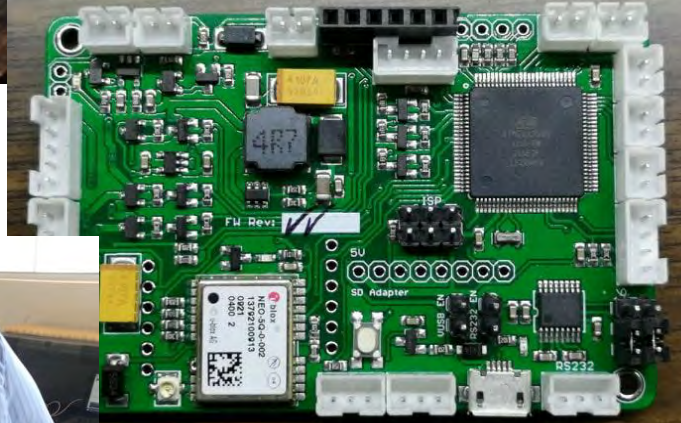
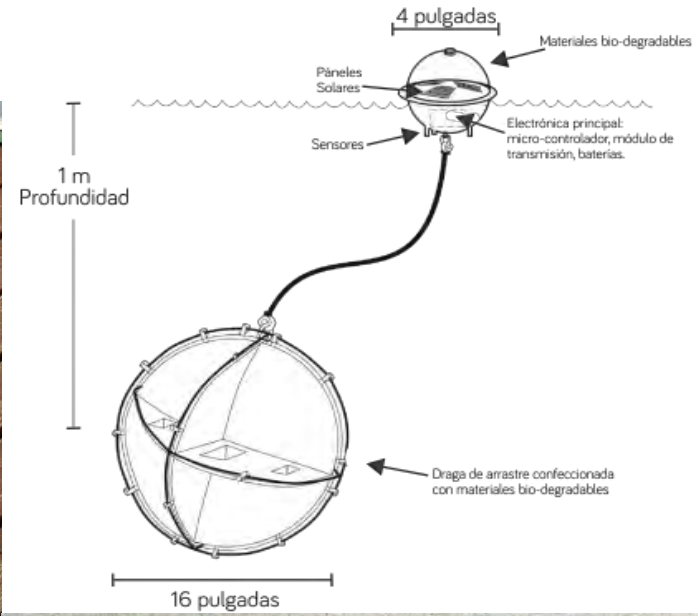


# New HFR site in Cayo Arcas

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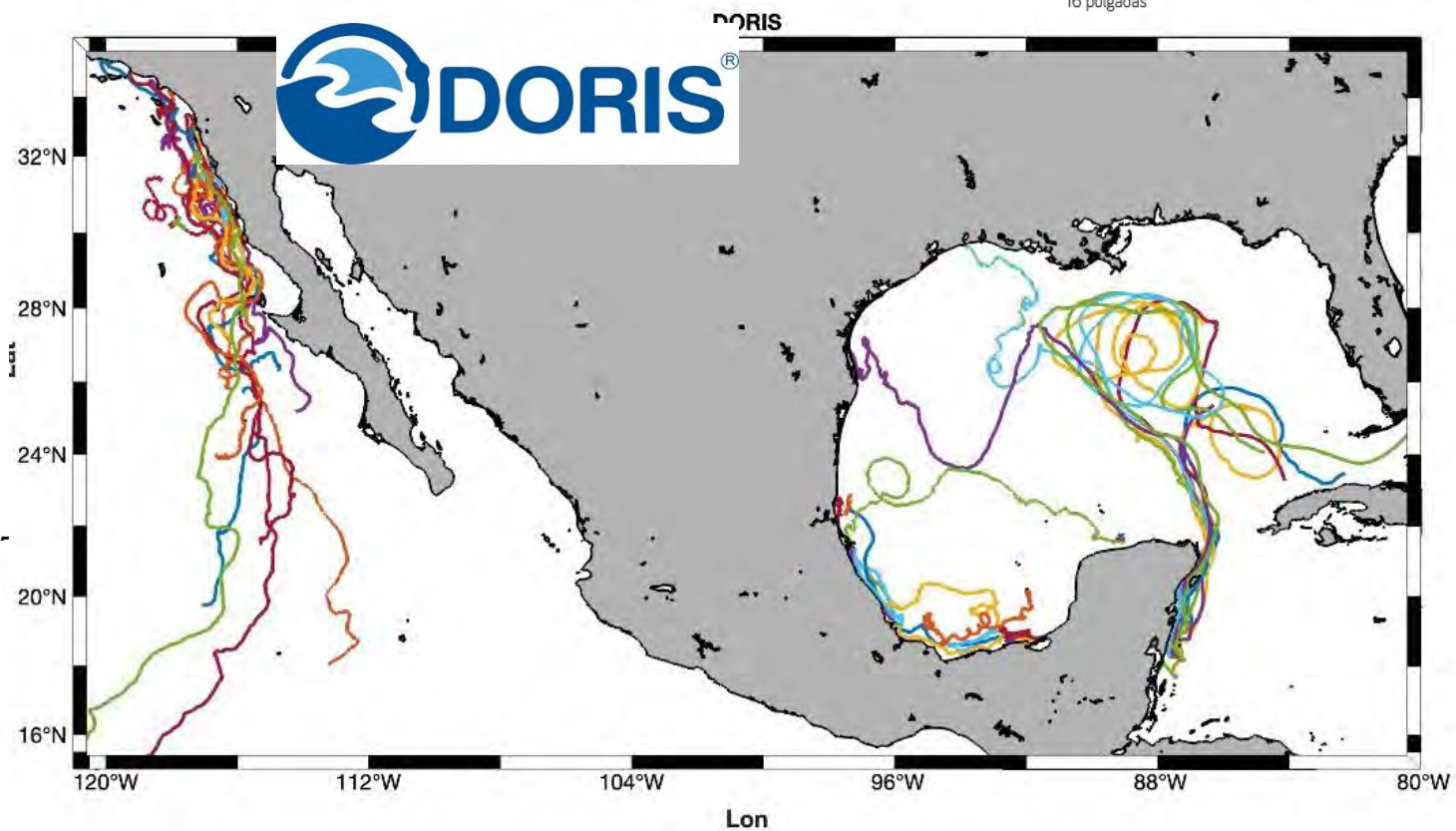
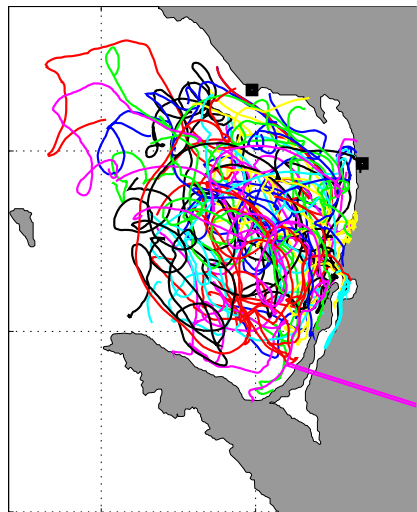
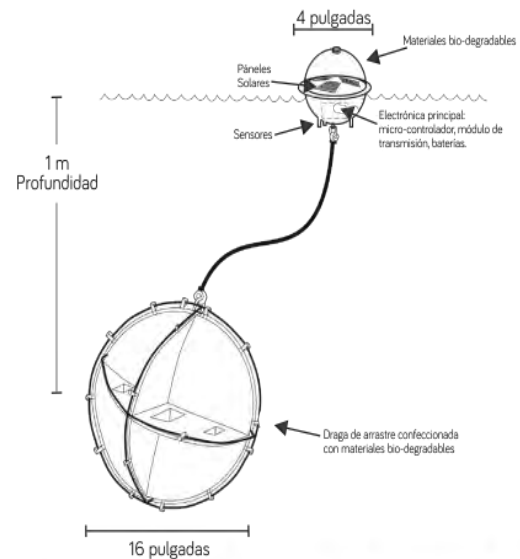
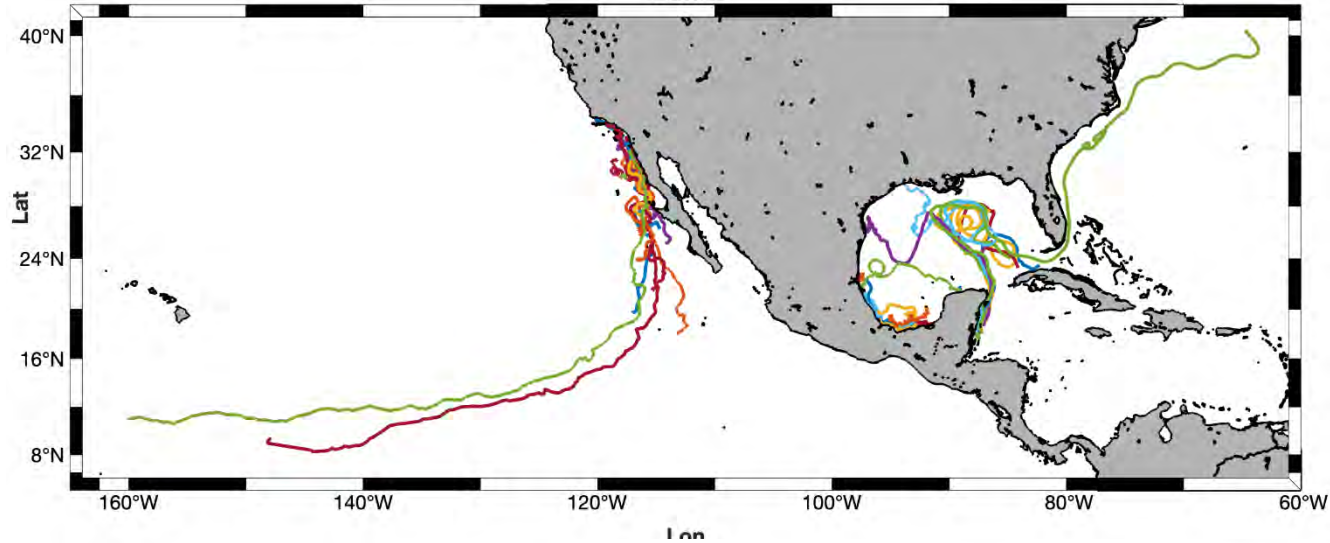
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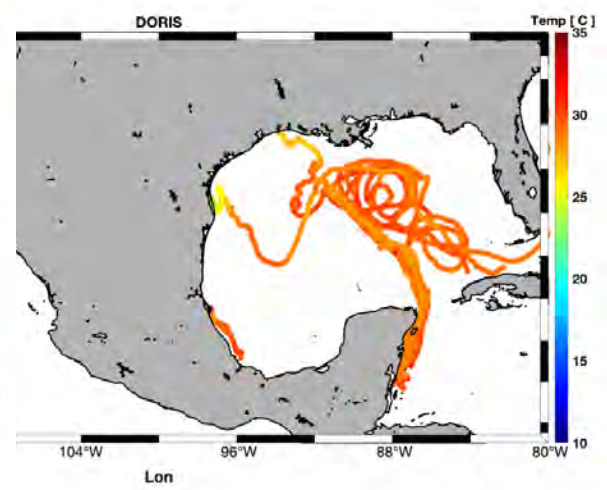
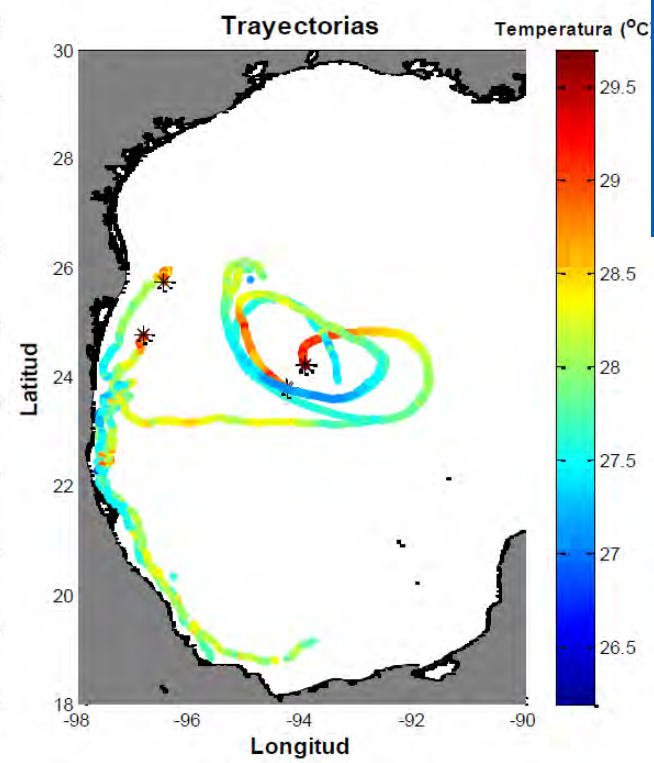
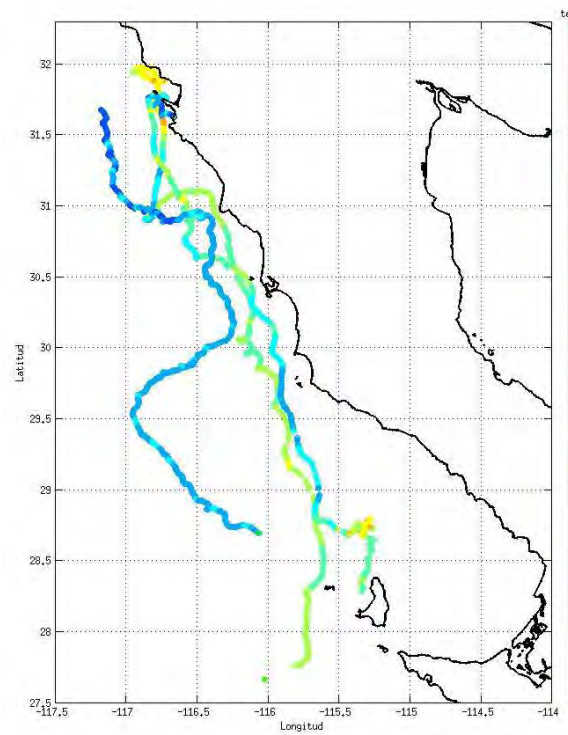
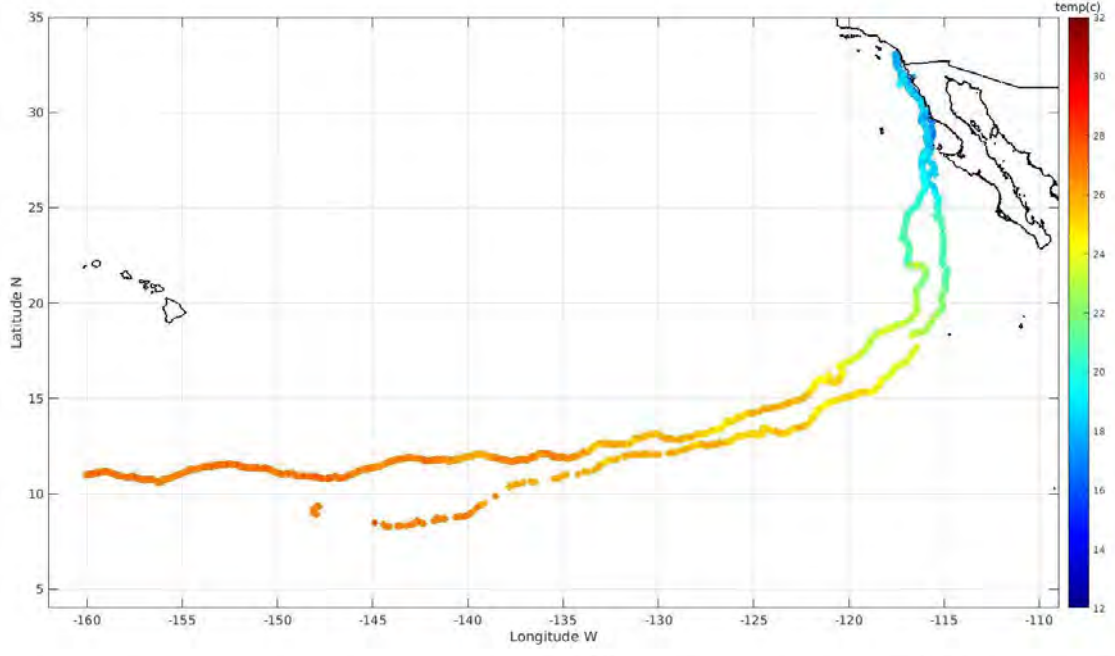


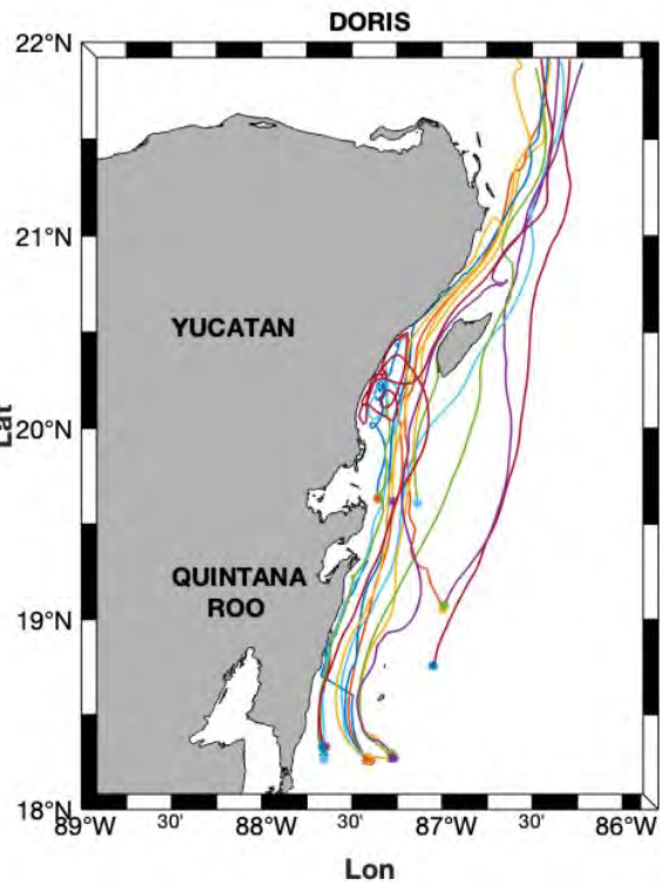
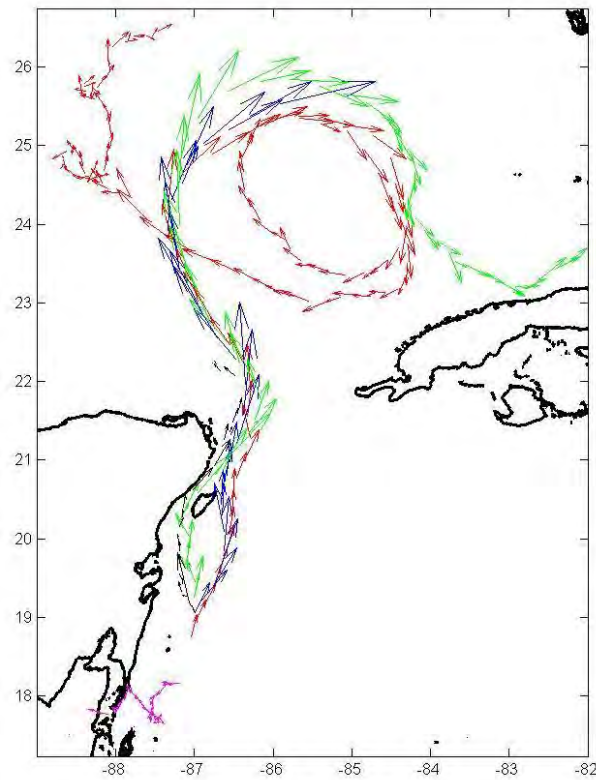
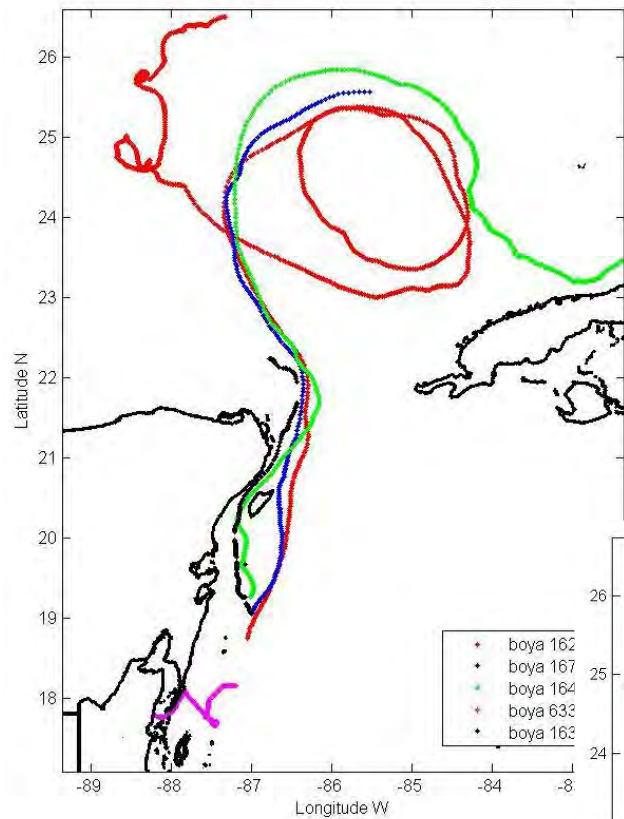


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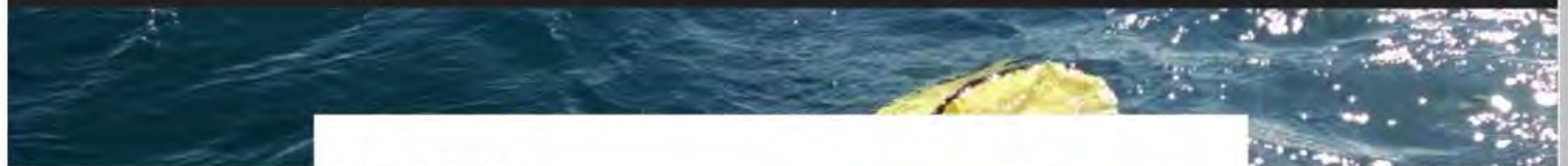
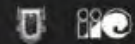










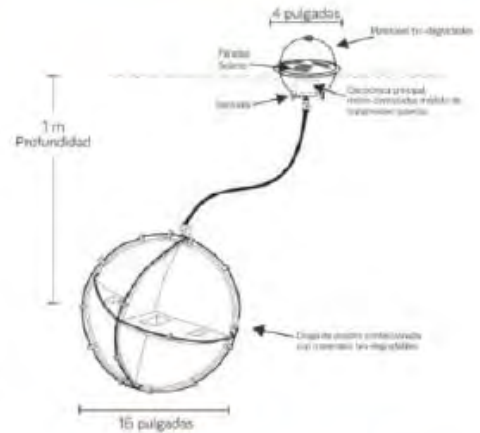


### Proyecto DORIS

El derivador Oceanográfico Remoto In Situ (DORIS), es una sonda oceanográfica diseñada para realizar mediciones autónomas y transmitirlos al usuario en tiempo real.

Su diseño es compacto, ligero y económico por lo que se puede instalar anclado de forma simple para obtener series de tiempo (Mediciones Eulerianas) o dejarse a la deriva para obtener mediciones Lagrangeanas.

DORIS ha sido diseñado y construido en los laboratorios del IIO-UABC, éste utiliza un micro-controlador con capacidad para obtener, procesar y enviar en tiempo real, variables de hasta seis sensores (i.e. posición geográfica, temperatura, conductividad, PH, oxígeno y fluorescencia).





Agregar datos

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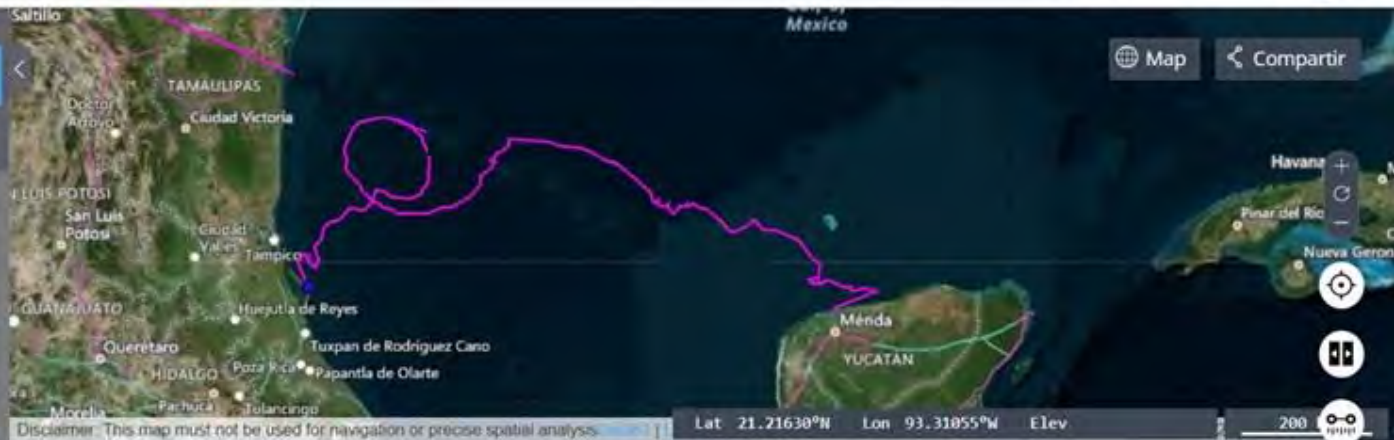
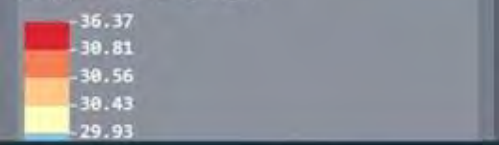
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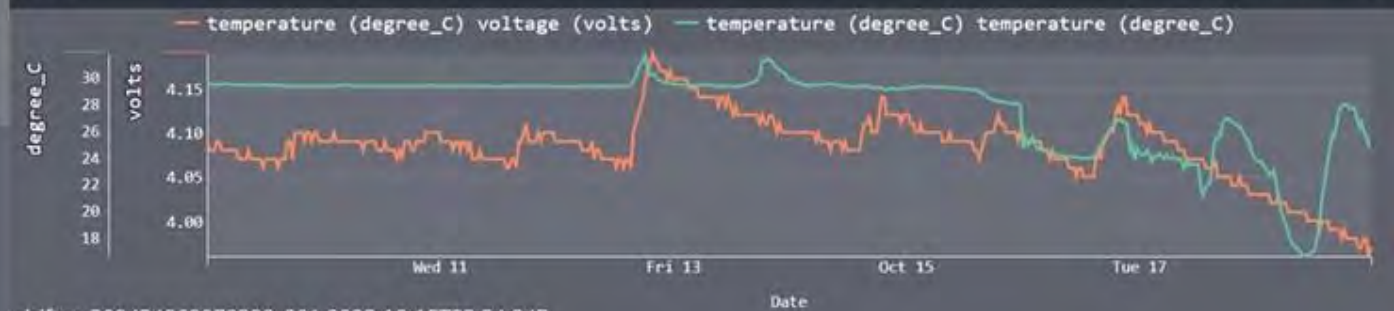
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**Agregar datos**

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## Final Remarks

Mexican HFR is now financed by the Project “Implementation of the Strategic Action Program of the Gulf of Mexico Large Marine Ecosystem GoM-LME”

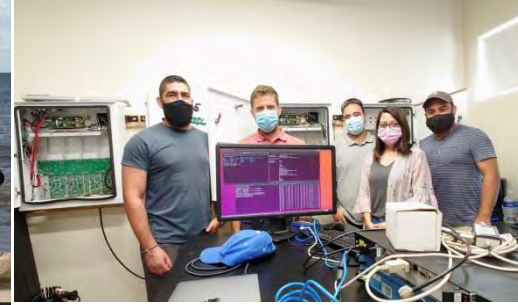
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With two objectives

- 1) Habilitated the gulf of Mexico radar stations and include as much as possible weather stations (2024-2026).
- 2) Start a drifter program to build and release 150 Doris between 2024 and 2026

It is of UABC and OORCo interest to share all this data with GCOOS





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