



## ACT on Offshore Monitoring

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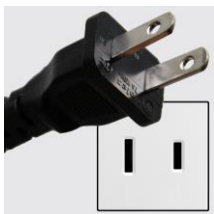
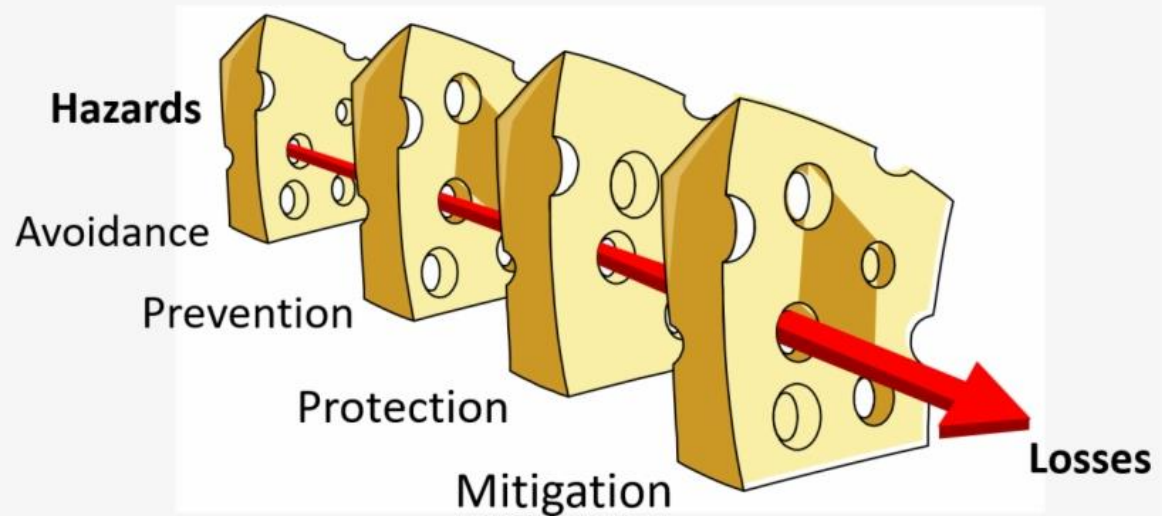
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Insurance



**We are studying targeted monitoring of potential seeps at an analog storage site, this is not equivalent to state that we think there will be a leak!**



Belief/Reality	True	False
True	😊	False positive
False	False negative	😞



# The ACTOM project

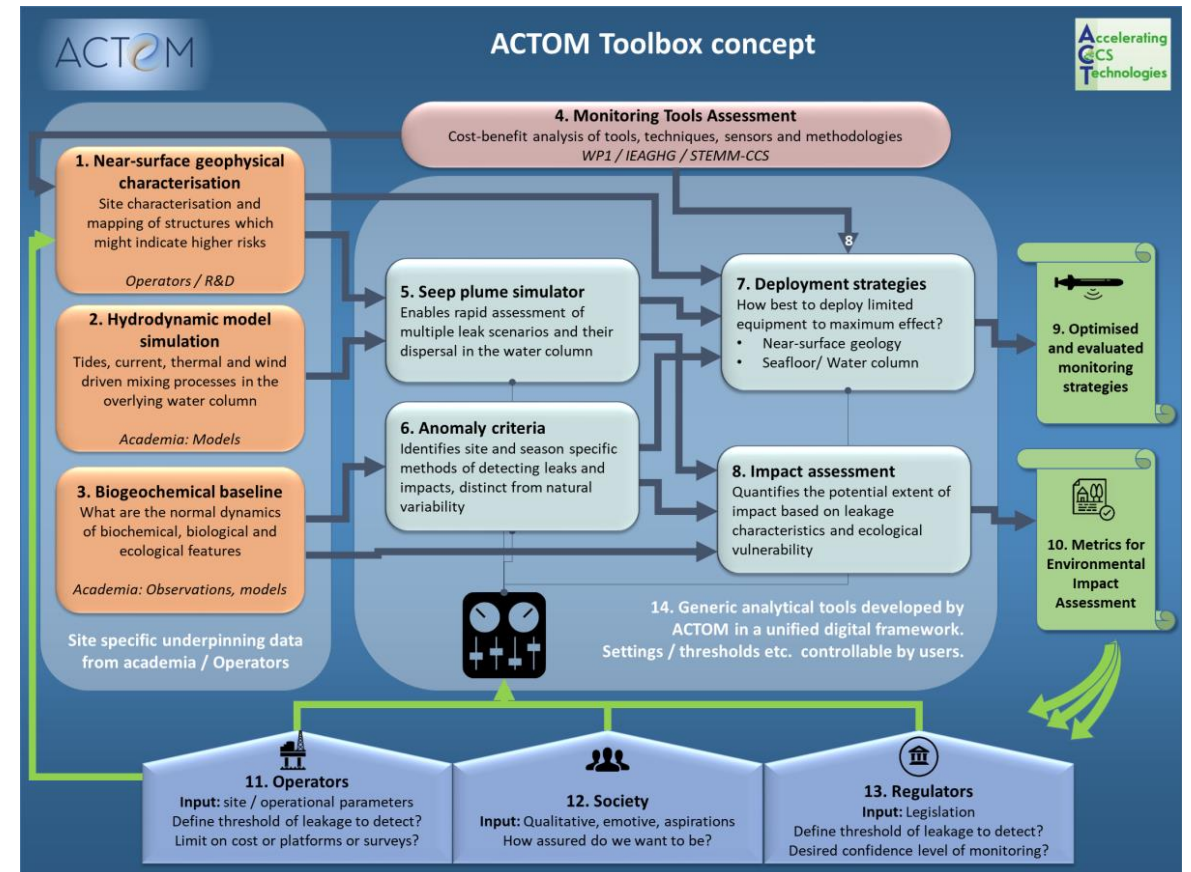
**WP1 BASELINE (Abdirahman Omar, NORCE-Climate, Sigrid E. Schütz, UiB-Law):** Monitoring the marine environment. Will survey the regulatory requirements and opportunities and technical limitations laying the foundation for the marine monitoring program. This activity will underpin the other WPs, providing the necessary information on what level of assurance is expected from a monitoring program, alongside the present capabilities of marine measurements and monitoring.

**WP2 DIGITAL (Jerry Blackford, PML):** Design and build of the pre-operational web toolkit. Will be responsible for building the toolkit based on verified algorithms for detecting weak signals in a highly variable environment and designing monitoring programs.

**WP3 RESPONSIBILITY (Dorothy Dankel UiB-BIO, Sigrid E. Schütz, UiB-Law):** Responsible CCUS monitoring process. Will study how the monitoring program can be used to communicate risks and benefits of subsea storage, and as a tool for public engagement through the Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) framework.

**WP4 IMPACT (Sarah Gasda, NORCE-energy):** Scenarios and site studies. Will utilize the web toolkit built in WP2 and the knowledge learned in WP3 to study policy scenarios and demonstrate the toolkit on the P18 and Smeaheia storage sites as well as study sites in the Gulf of Mexico.

**WP5 INTEGRATION (Guttorm Alendal, UiB-MATH):** Dissemination, reporting and coordination. Assure easy communication in this highly cross-disciplinary project, both in the core project group, in the extended collaboration group, and beyond the project. Responsible to periodic reporting to ACT.



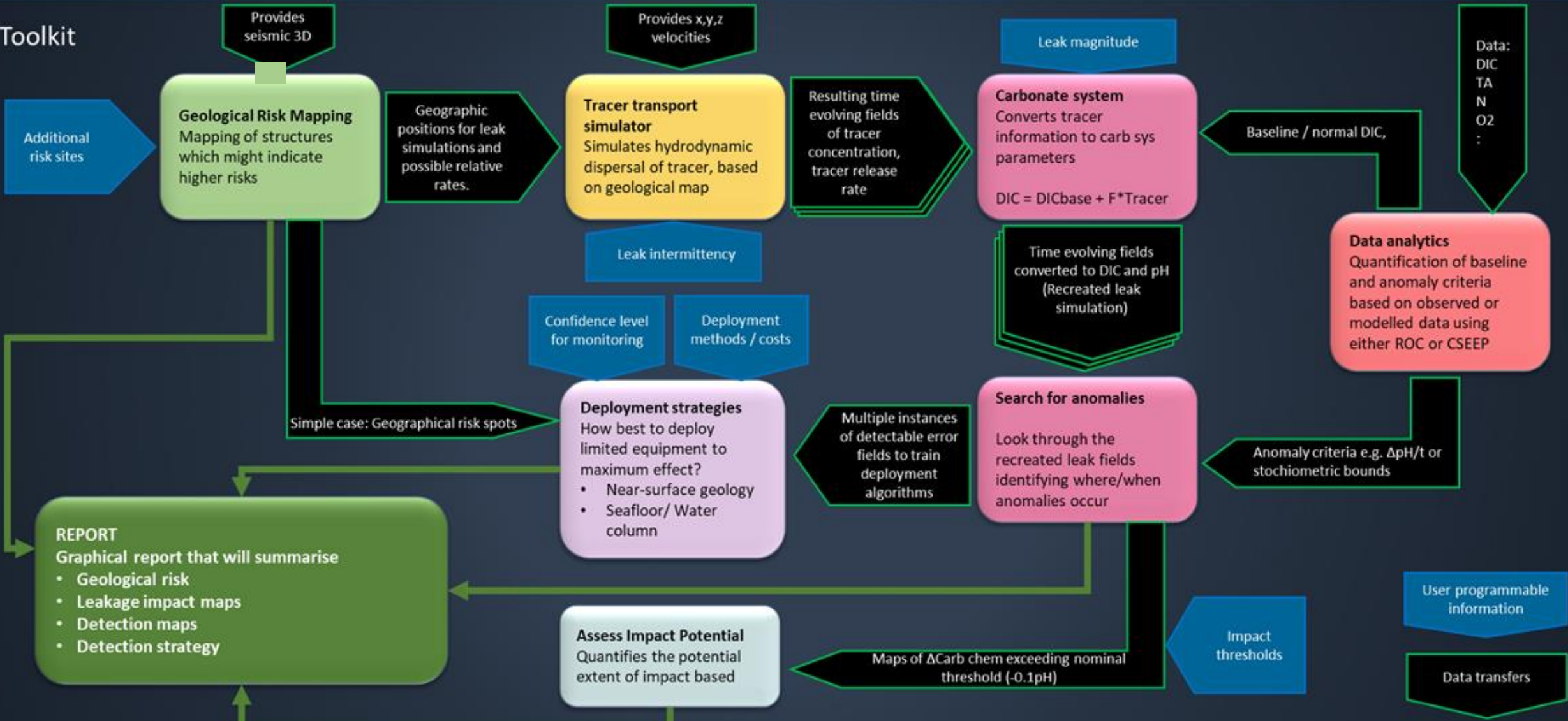
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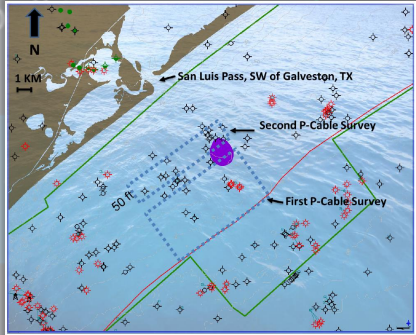
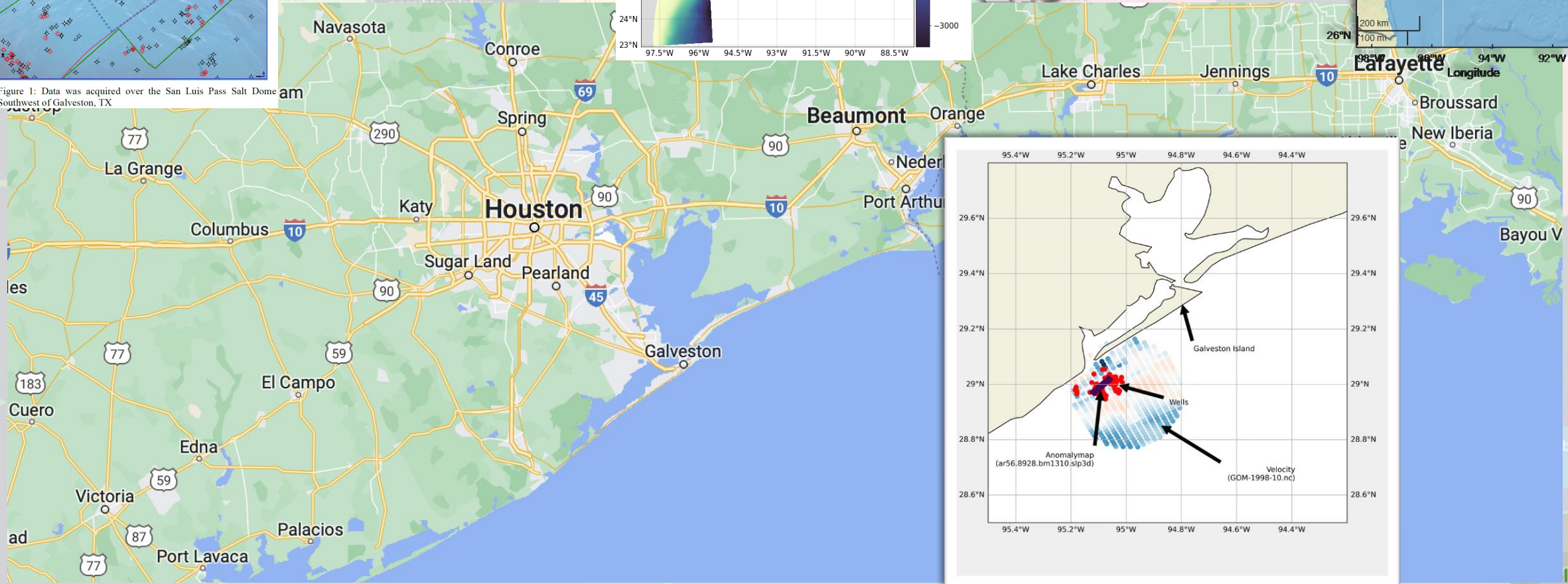
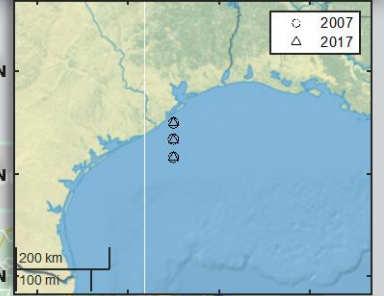
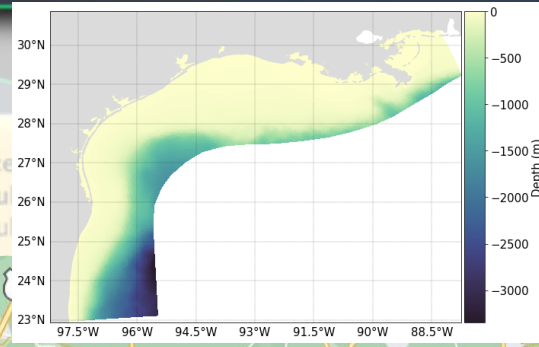


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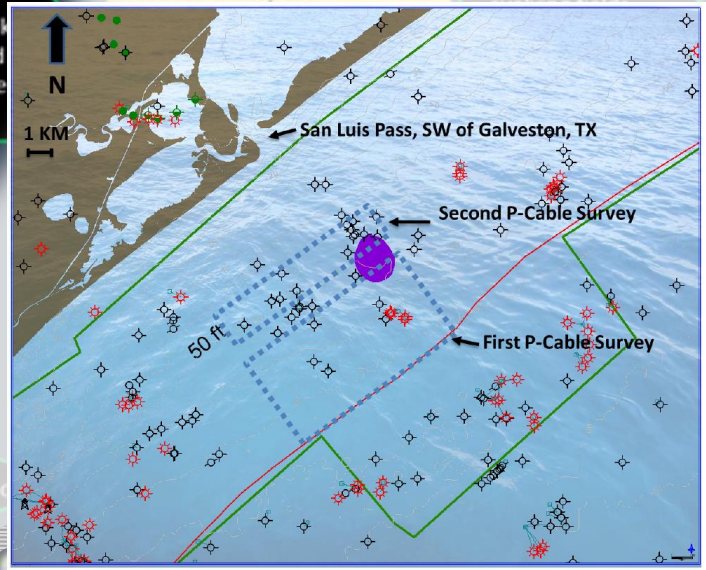
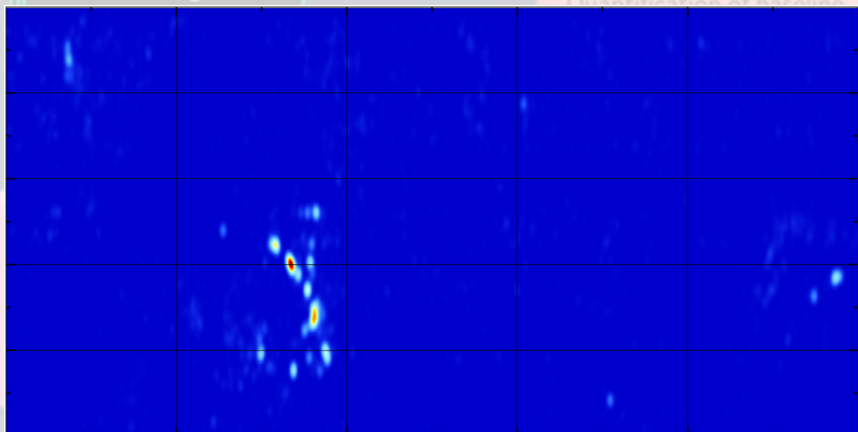
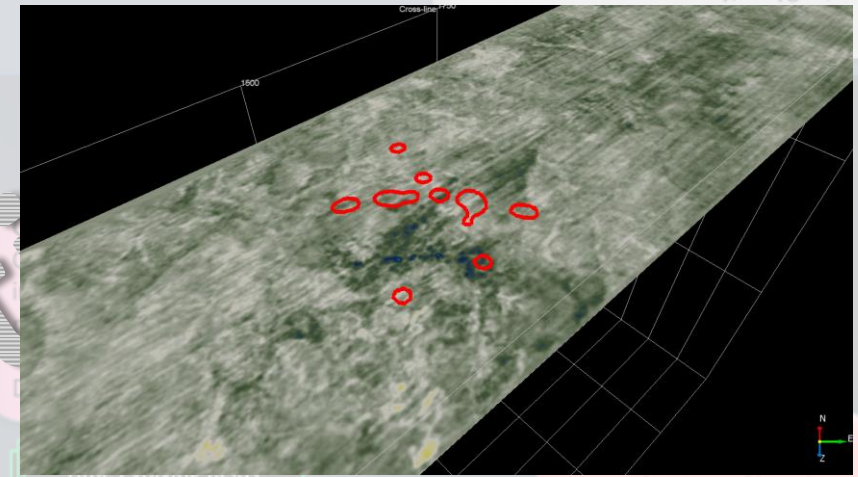
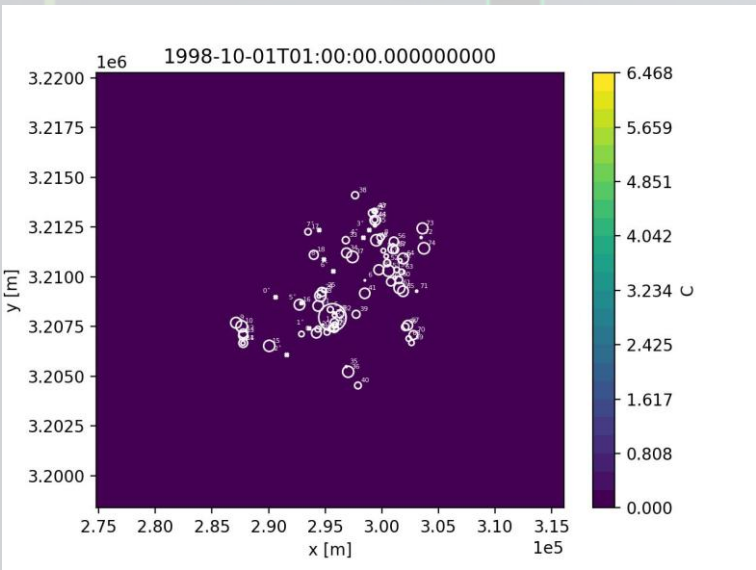


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**Case History of Acquisition and Processing of a High Resolution Shallow Water 3D Multi-cable Seismic Survey in the Gulf of Mexico Transition Zone.**

Thomas Hess\*, Tip Meckel, Nathan Bangs, Robert Tatham, Jackson School of Geosciences, University of Texas at Austin

programmable formation

data transfers



The example uses hydrodynamic outputs from a high resolution hindcast simulation of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf of Mexico Continental Shelf region, based on a ROMS setup that uses a curvilinear grid providing the velocities.

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$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = D\Delta c - W \cdot \nabla c + f$$

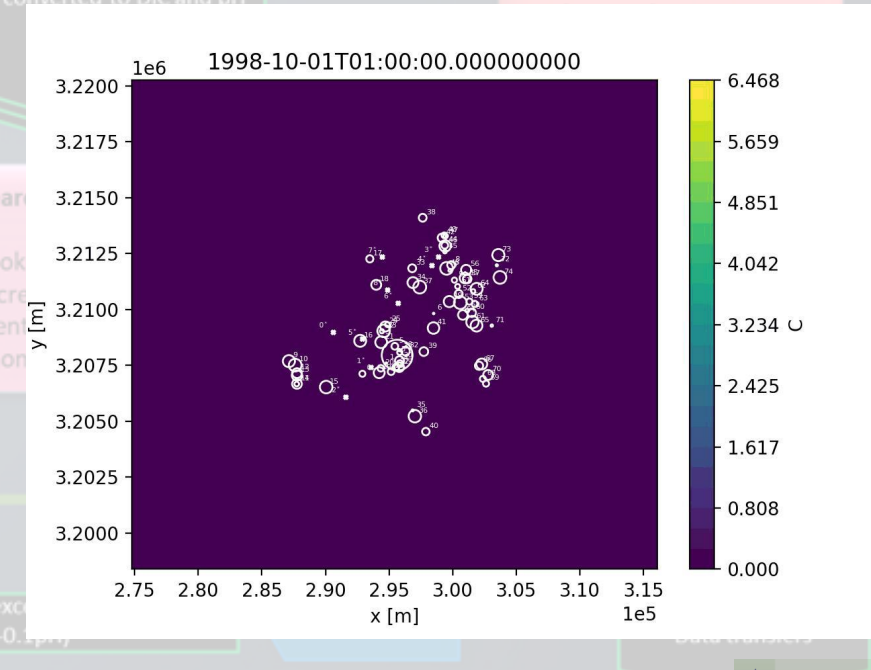
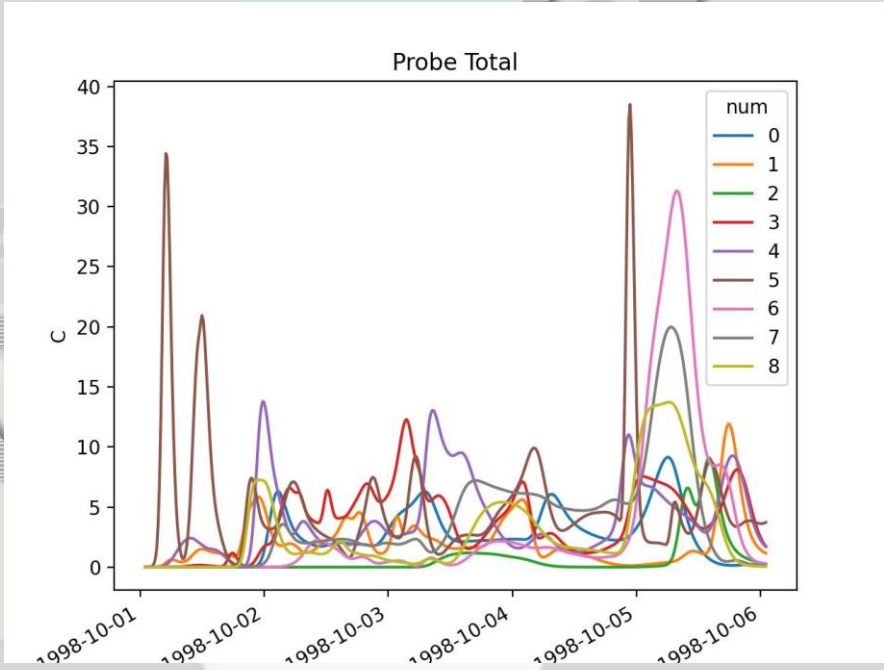
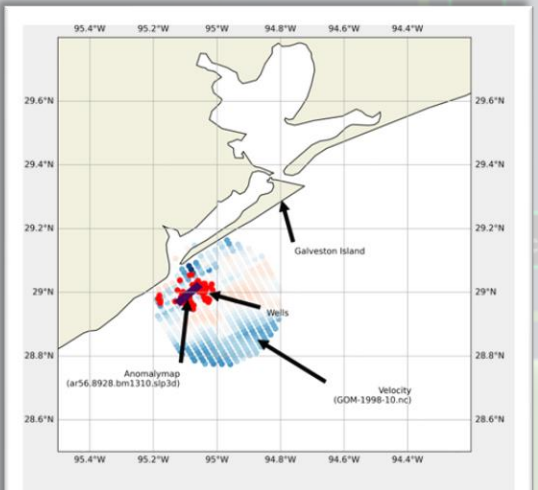
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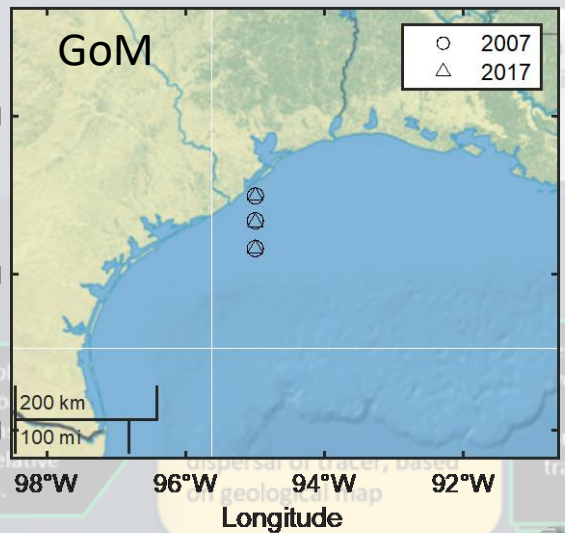
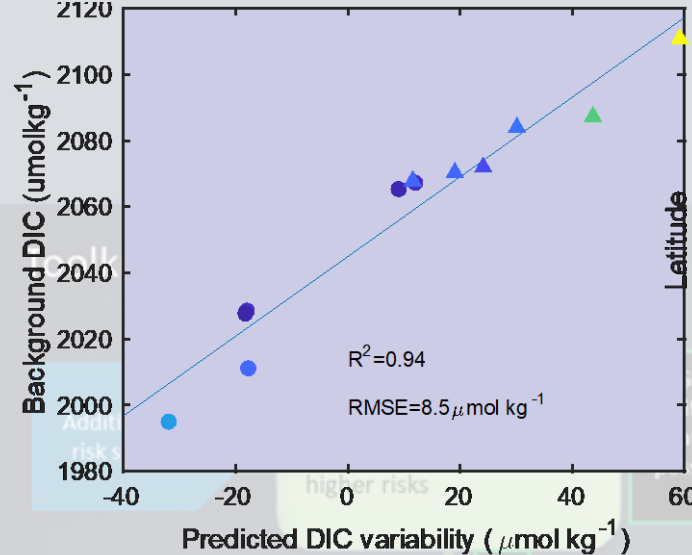
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Quantification of baseline



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Site specific information

Leak magnitude

Carbonate system

Information to carb sys

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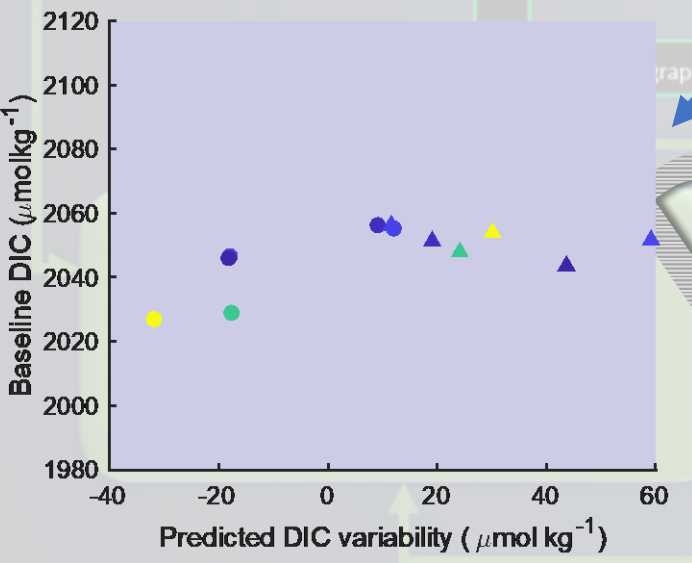
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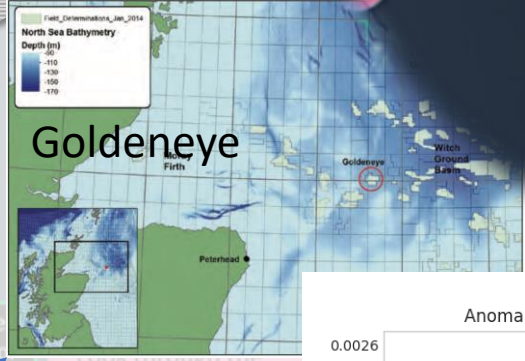
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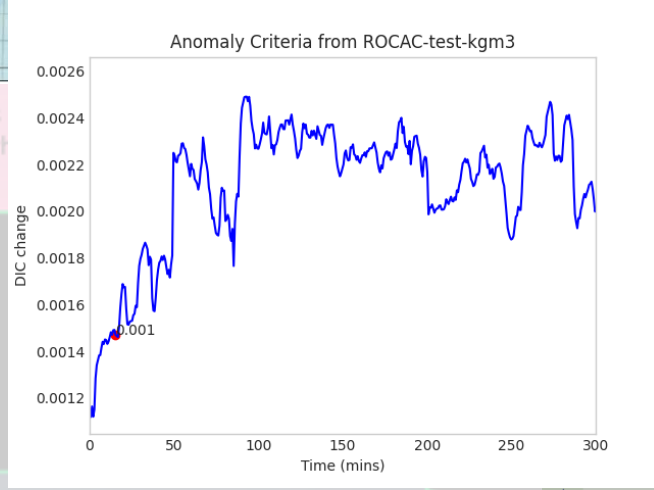
CB was obtained using the mean values of the 2007 data as a common reference. For anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>, an annual increase of 1.37  $\mu\text{mol kg}^{-1}$  was assumed and all data were brought to year 2010.



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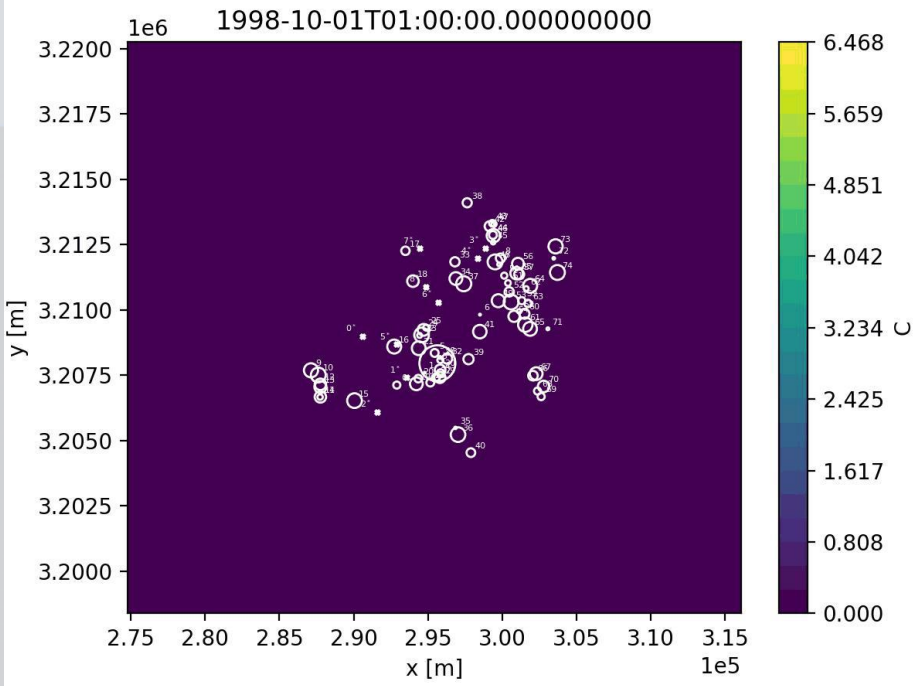
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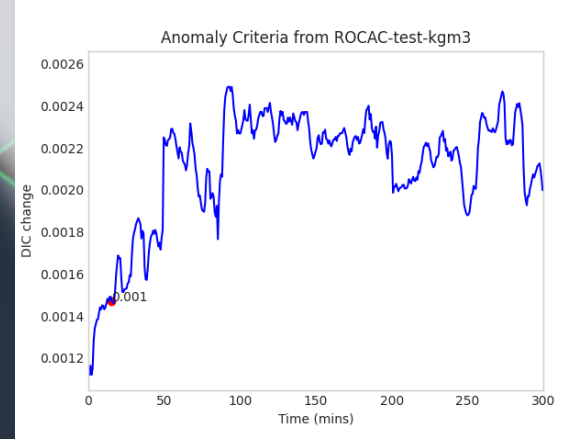
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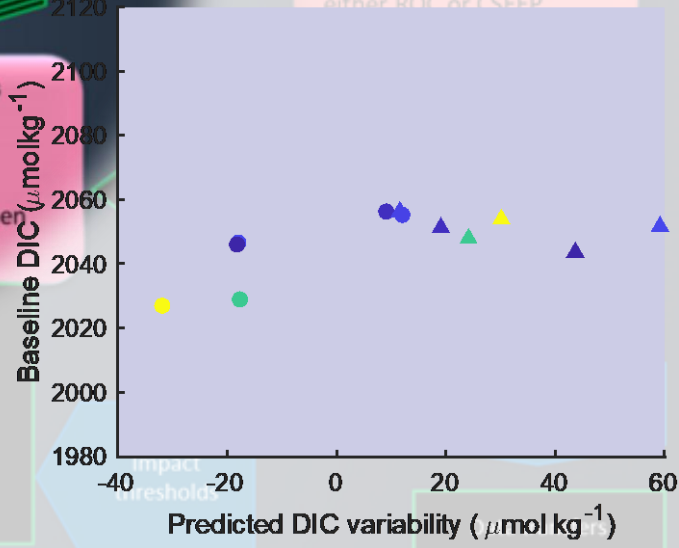
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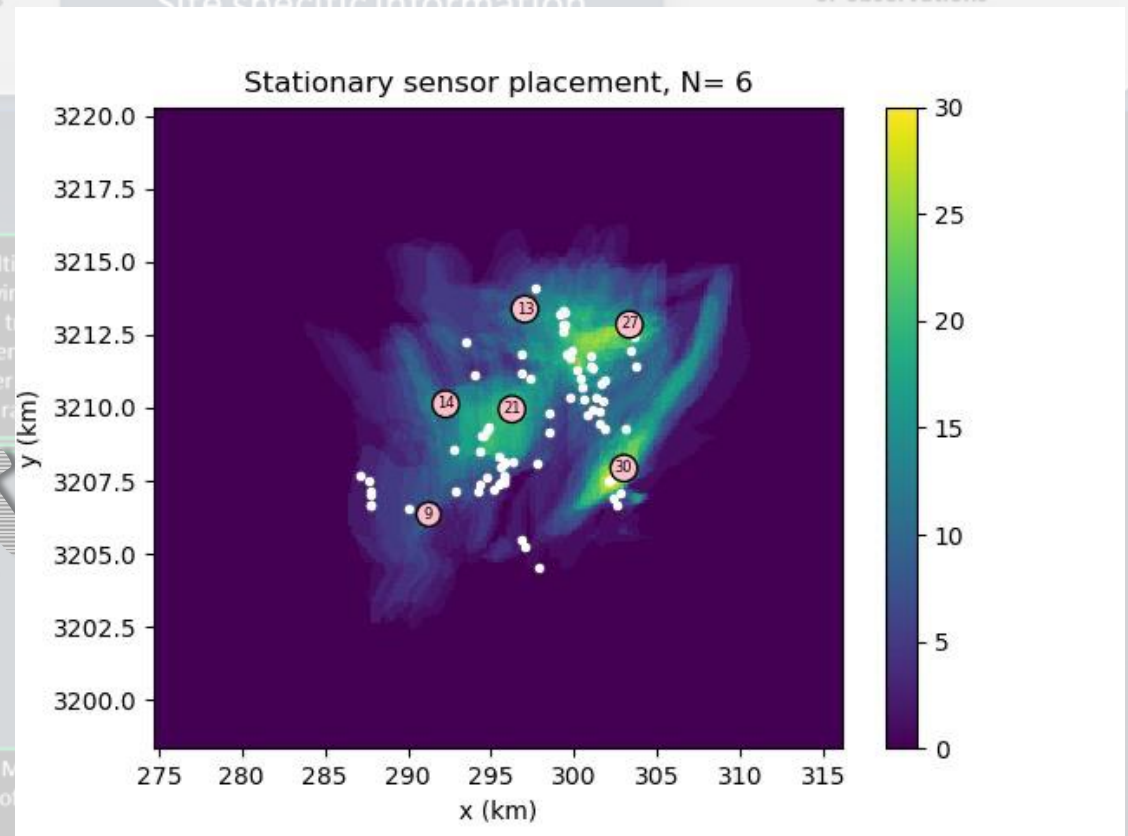
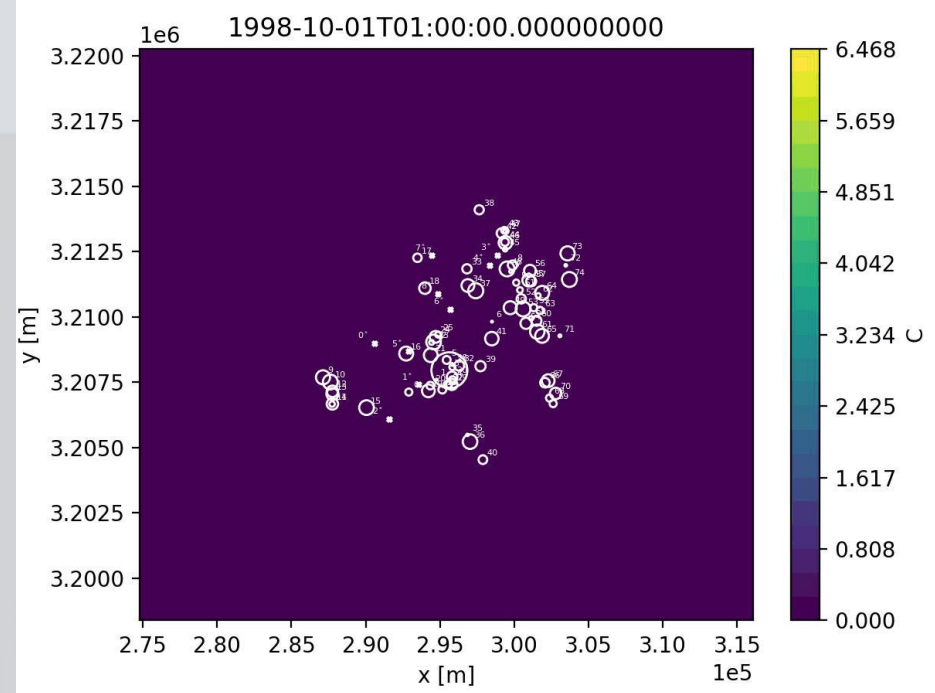
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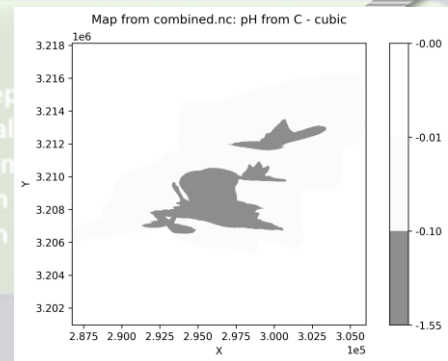


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For a simulated leakage rate of  $\sim 1$  kT/year  
 Max Change in pH - 1.55  
 Impact-Area (pH change of 0.1): 23.7 (km<sup>2</sup>)  
 Impact-Area (pH change of 0.01): 119.82 (km<sup>2</sup>)



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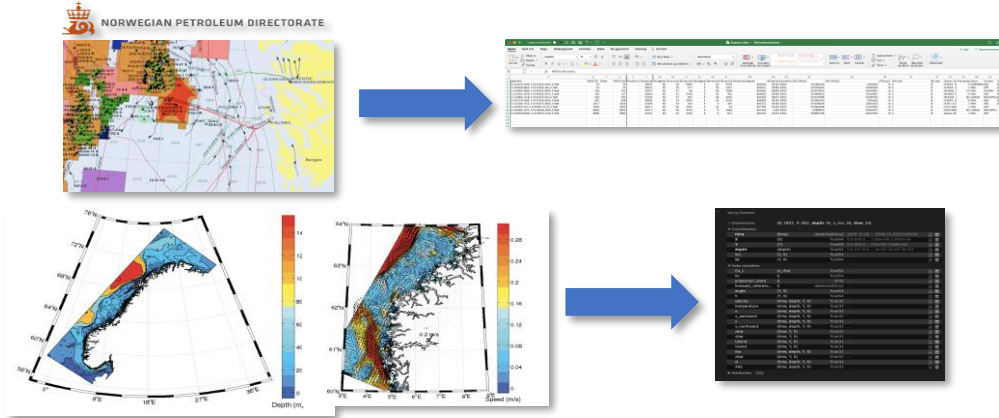
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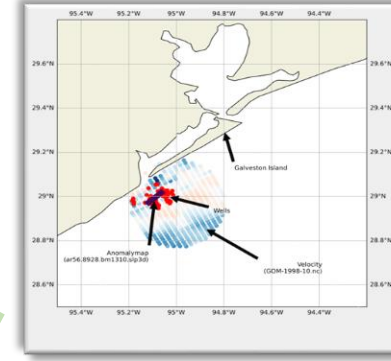
# The site studies

## Norwegian site



Need: biogeochemical baseline from the sea-floor.

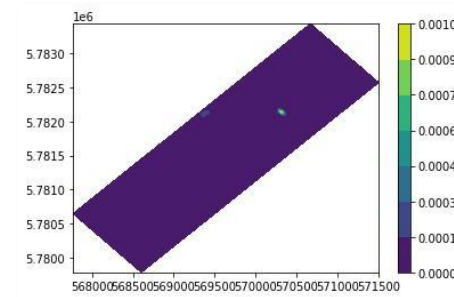
## Gulf of Mexico



Fine tuning of scenarios

Need: Higher frequency biogeochemical baseline from the sea-floor.

## P18



Geological map in place

Need: velocities and biogeochemical baseline

UK site: TBD





# Thank you for your attention.



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False	False negative	

- We want to provide light beyond the lamppost, credibility toward social robustness.
- Where to place smoke detectors for the marine environment
- Assurance against false positives.
- Assure that we avoid false negatives.