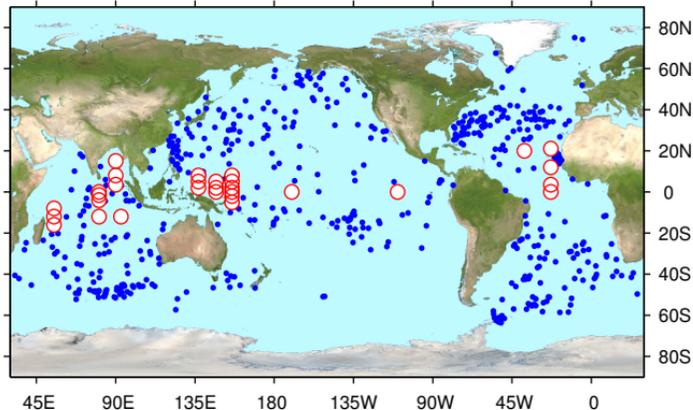


Observing System Status: 2012, Q1. Surface Currents

Requirement: 2 cm/s accuracy (drogue on);
600 km resolution;
1 sample per month (GOOS/GCOS, 1999)

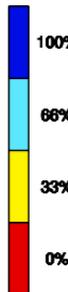
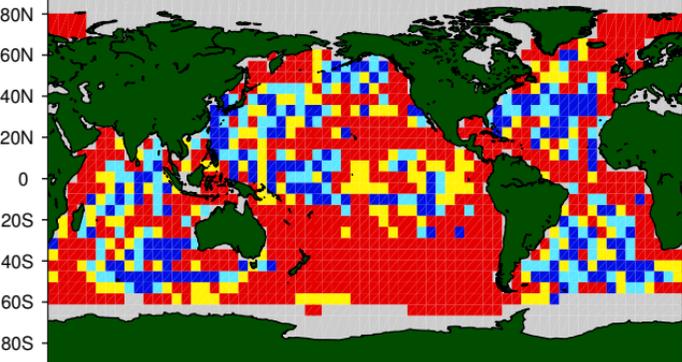
Performance measure: reduce the error in global
measurement of surface velocity



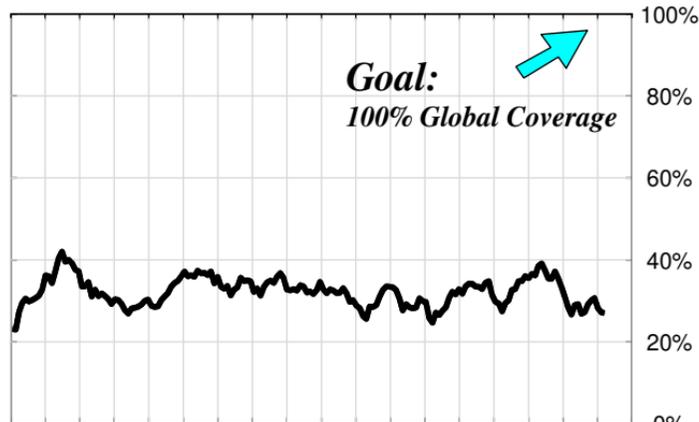
Observing system status, January–March 2012

● Drogued drifting buoys: 544 ○ Moored buoys: 30

Requirement: all boxes blue



Percent of months in quarter with at least one observation



Percent of 600 km squares with one observation per month