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Gulf of Mexico Topography Played Key Role in Bacterial Consumption of Deepwater Horizon Spill

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Vessels and platforms responding to the Deepwater Horizon spill in 2010.

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Flaring of natural gas captured at the ruptured Gulf of Mexico well.

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Recovery in June 2010 of a water sampling device at the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

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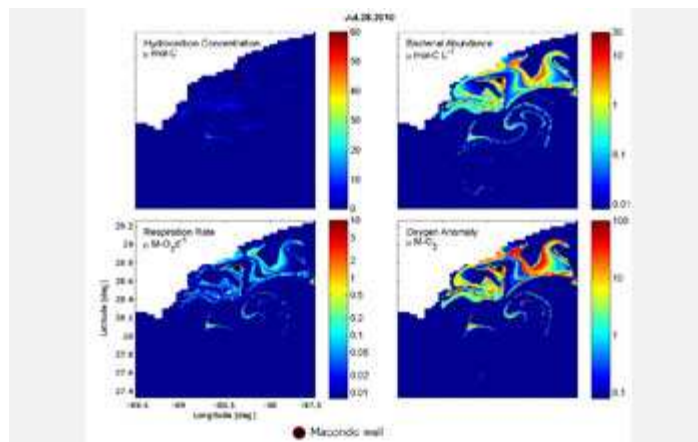
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Night-time recovery of a sampling device at the site of the Deepwater Horizon incident.

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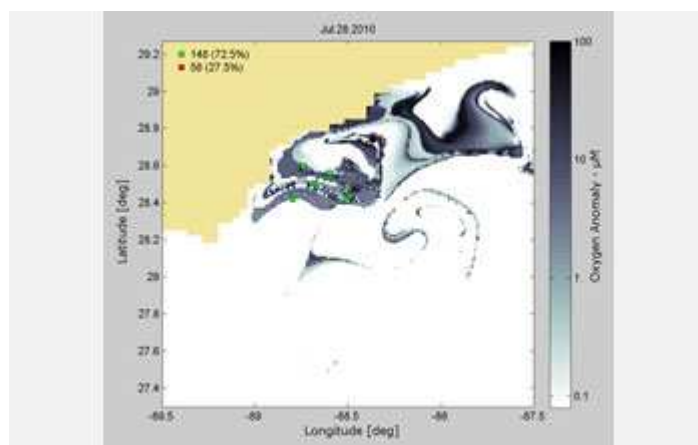
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Model results of 26 hydrocarbon compounds at the 1,000- to 3,000-meter depth interval.

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