SOFTWARE FRAMEWORK FOR GLIDER PILOTING

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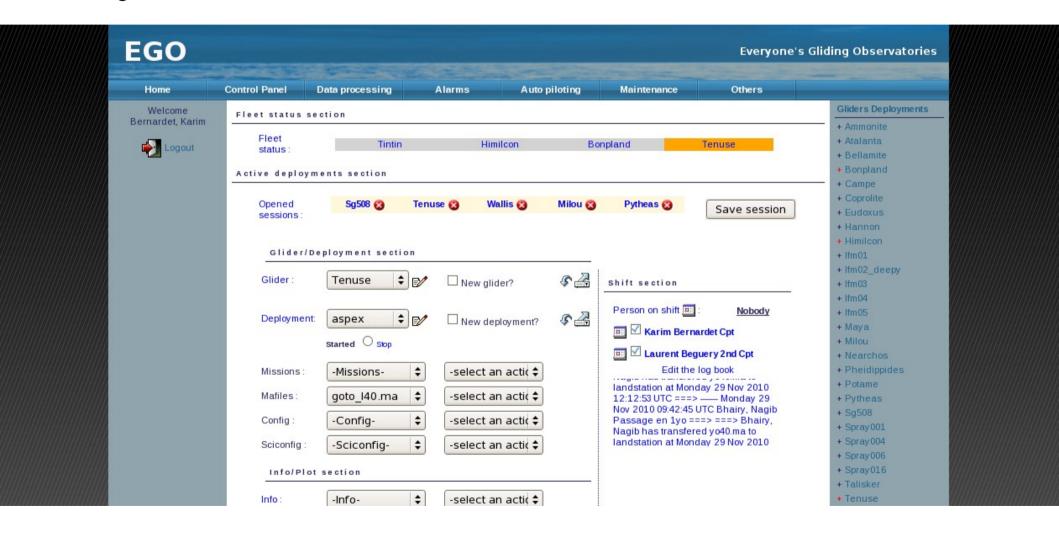
Computing architecture

- Main site: La Seyne sur Mer (RUDICS for Slocum, modem for Seaglider)
- Backup site: Meudon (modems for Slocum and Seaglider) not yet in production
- Hardware: Virtualisation, Linux CENTOS 5.5
- Software: made of several components (subversion for versioning, redmine for bugs tracking):
 - GFCP-XX-XX-XX (PHP, JAVASCRIPT, HTML, MYSQL)
 - DataProcessing-XX-XX-XX (MATLAB)
 - JabberArchitecture-XX-XX-XX (PYTHON)
- Nodes dedicated to development (web server, plotstation)
- VPN access

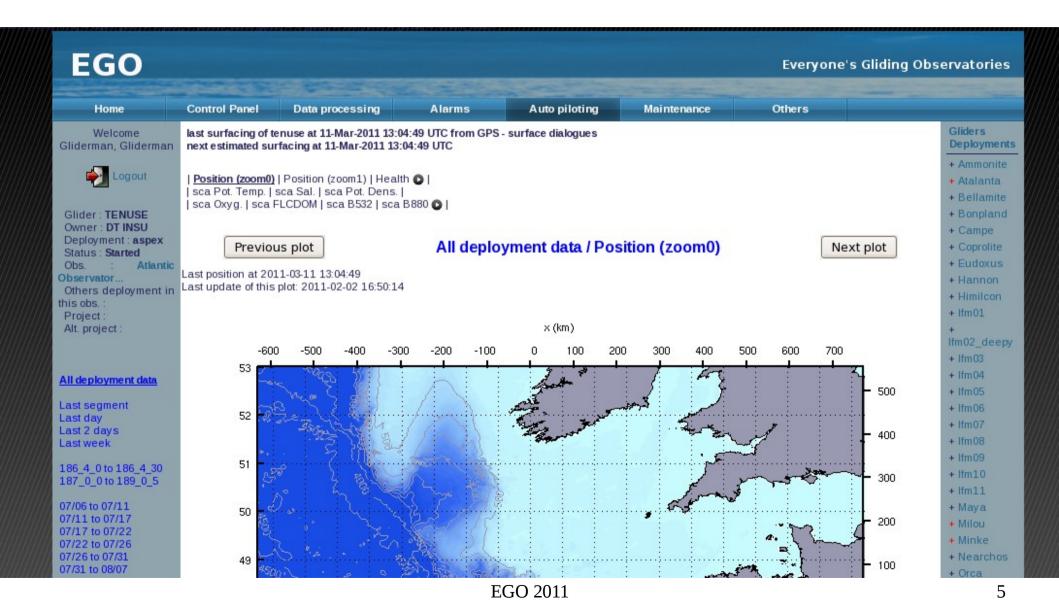
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Computing architecture: GFCP (1)

Piloting: Glider Fleet Control Panel



Computing architecture: GFCP (2)



Computing architecture: GFCP (3)

- In production for Slocum and Seaglider, implemented for Spray but never tested
- The web application allows :
 - Create/edit new deployments
 - Modify/send mission files to gliders
 - Shifters planning, logbook
 - View health and science plots
 - View glider status

Computing architecture: Data Processing

- Matlab scripts
- For Slocum, Seaglider and Spray

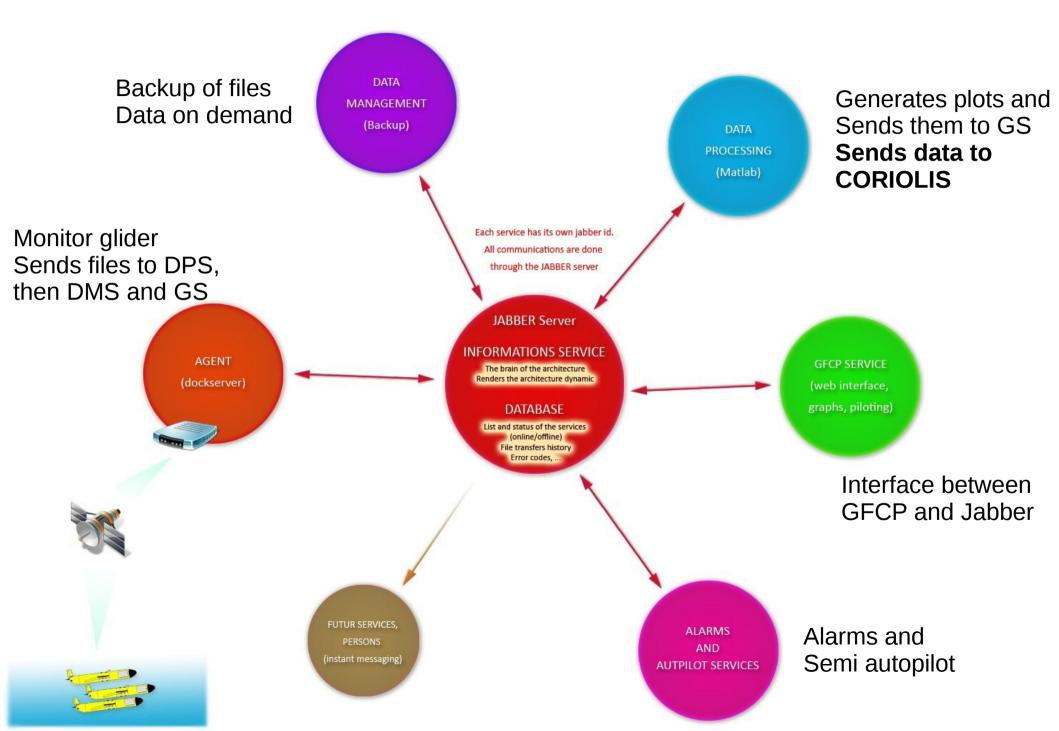
Computing architecture: Jabber (1)

Python services communicating using the Jabber protocol (XMPP)

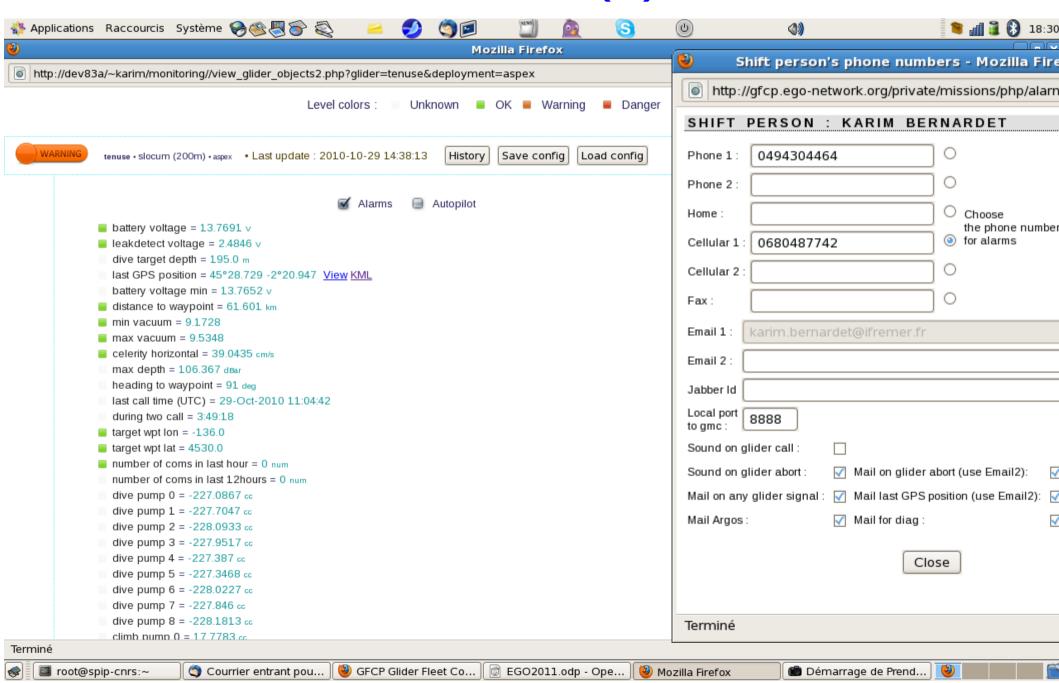
- Made of central services :
 - information service to know who does what
 - messages service (sms, emails, jabber, argos)
- Services for each glider
 - data processing (health plots, science plots, send data to data centers, ...)
 - data management (backup, data on demand, ...)
 - agent (detects surfaces, aborts, ...)
- Implemented for Slocum, in progress for Seaglider, not yet started for Spray

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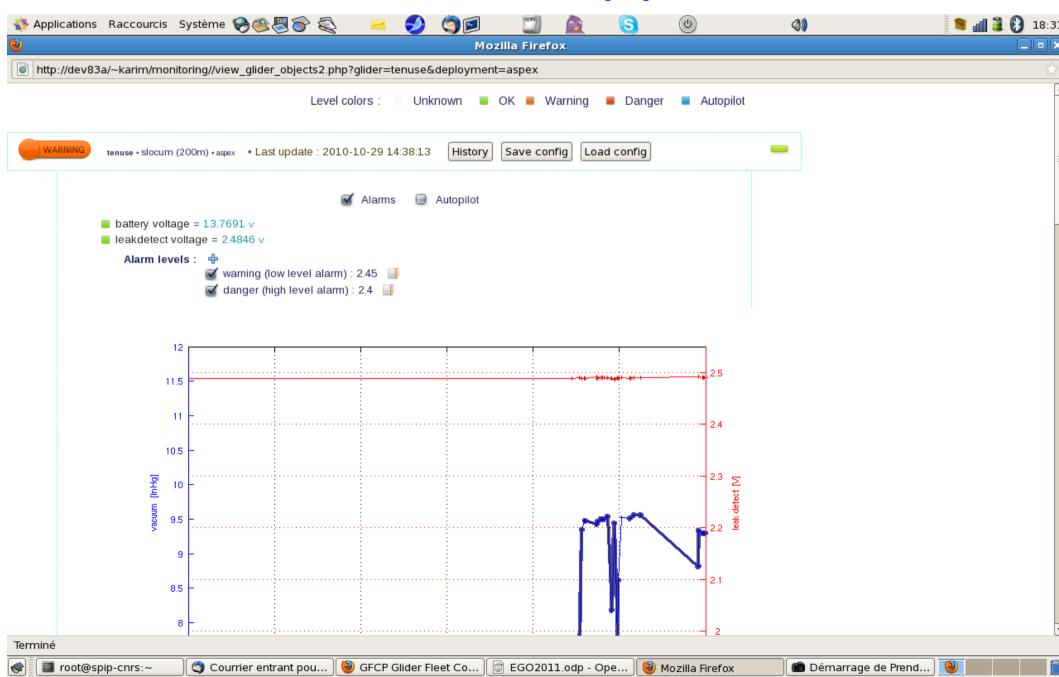
Computing architecture: Jabber (2)



Alarms (1)



Alarms (2)



Alarms (3)

- Generic glider object, a specific glider inherites from this object
- For Slocum only, not yet implemented for Seaglider and Spray
- 2 levels : WARNING and DANGER
 - Battery voltage
 - Leakdetect voltage
 - Checks if the glider follows its trajectory
 - Checks if distance to waypoint decreases
 - > Vacuum
 - Celerity horizontal
 - Heading to waypoint
 - Time between two calls
 - Number of coms in last hour/12 hours
 - Pitch
- Nothing done yet for scientific data

Semi auto piloting

- Currently for Slocum only
- In development
- Automate actions
- Actions implemented :
 - activate/desactivate altimeter if needed
 - Update the target wpt
 - Speed up / slow down when necessary
- Such action implies :
 - Modify automatically a mission file (ma file for Slocum)
 - Send the modified file to the dockserver/basestation

Fleet behavior

- Mainly in thinking phase
- Use of « auto pilot » features
- Types:
 - Follow leader
 - Line
- Integrate external algorithms

Conclusion

- Develop a computing system to enable a single pilot to manage many gliders
- Open architecture (Jabber) suitable to host new services
- To do :
 - Implementation for Seaglider and Spray (services, alarms)
 - Alarms for scientific sensors
 - Fleet behavior
 - Fix bugs