



**A “Game Changing” Technology**



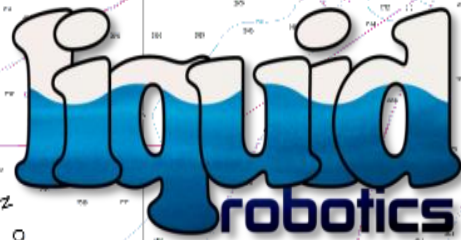
**Oceanographic Results from Wave Gliders  
& Measuring Currents with an ADCP from Wave Glider**

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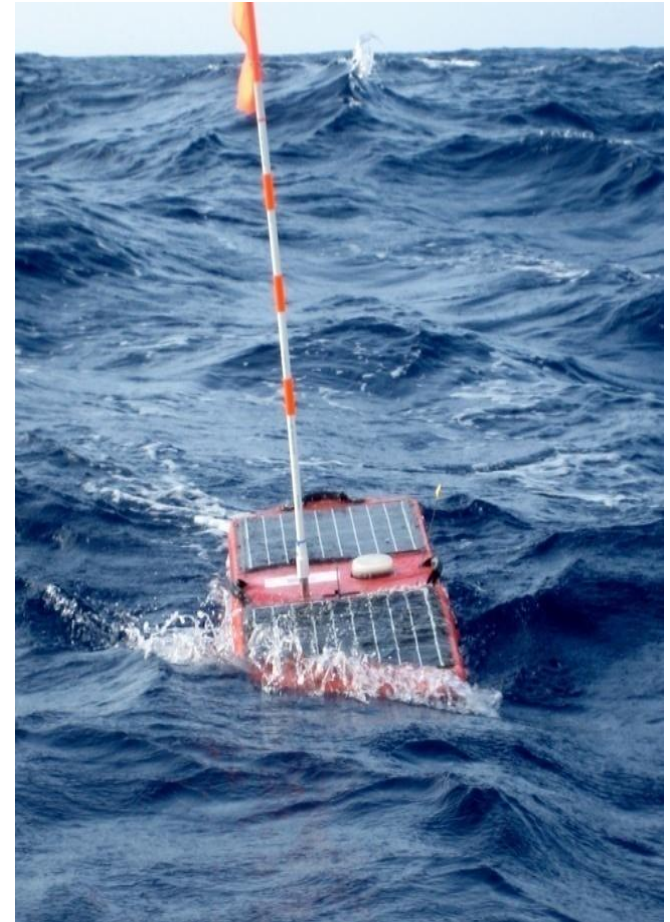
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# The Wave Glider

## a “game changing” technology



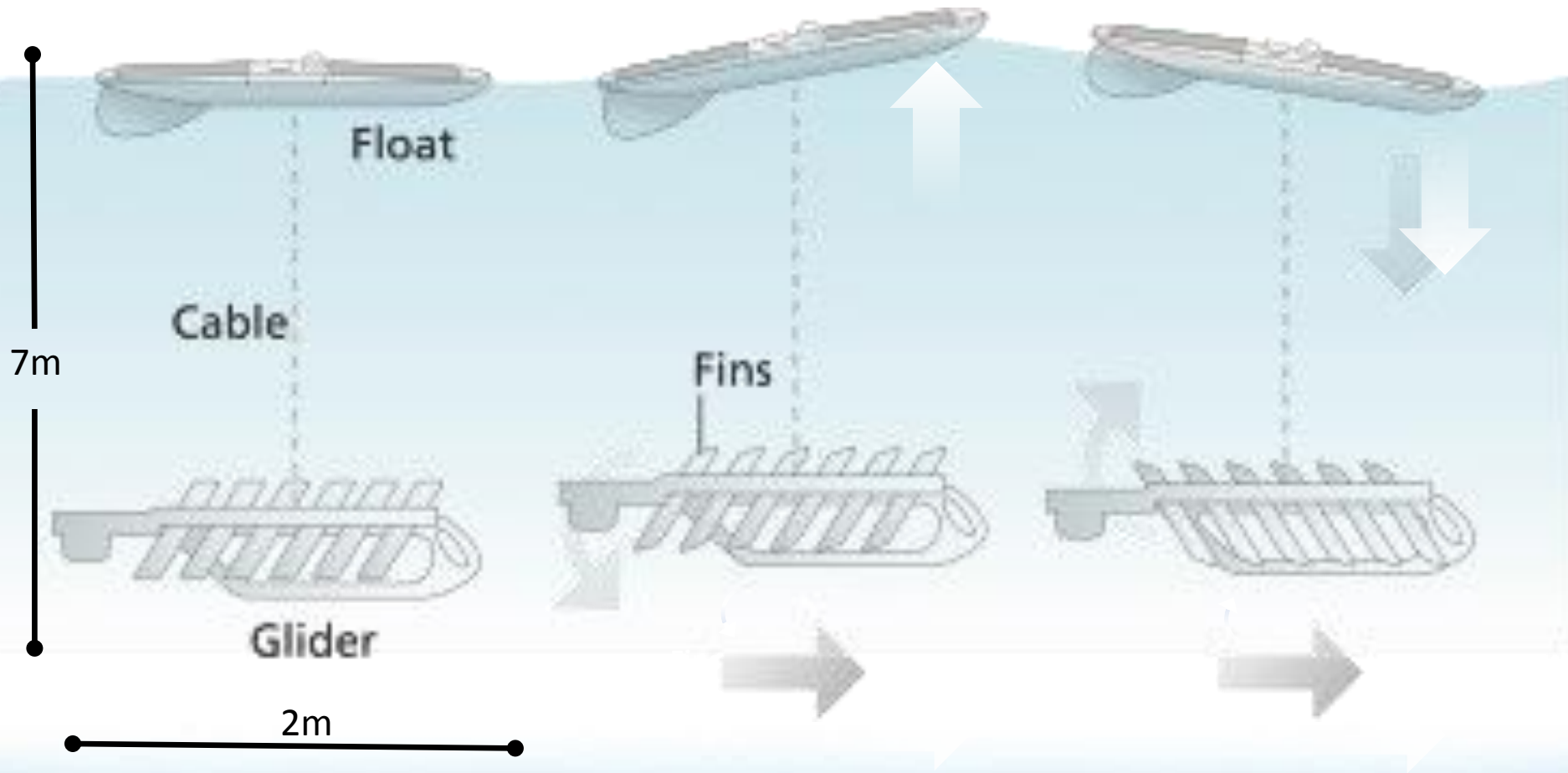
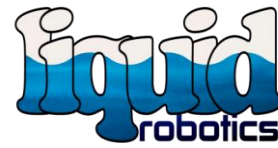
- Unique Two Part Vehicle:
  - Converts wave motion into thrust
  - Calm and rough seas
  - Thrust generation increases with sea state
  - Long mission durations possible
- Both a Buoy and a Vehicle
  - Travel to operation area
  - Return for maintenance
  - Patrol, survey or hold station
- Proven Performance:
  - Existing fleet has traveled over 100,000 nmi
  - Long Distance Missions
  - “Iron Man” vehicle in water operations now exceeds two years continuous service

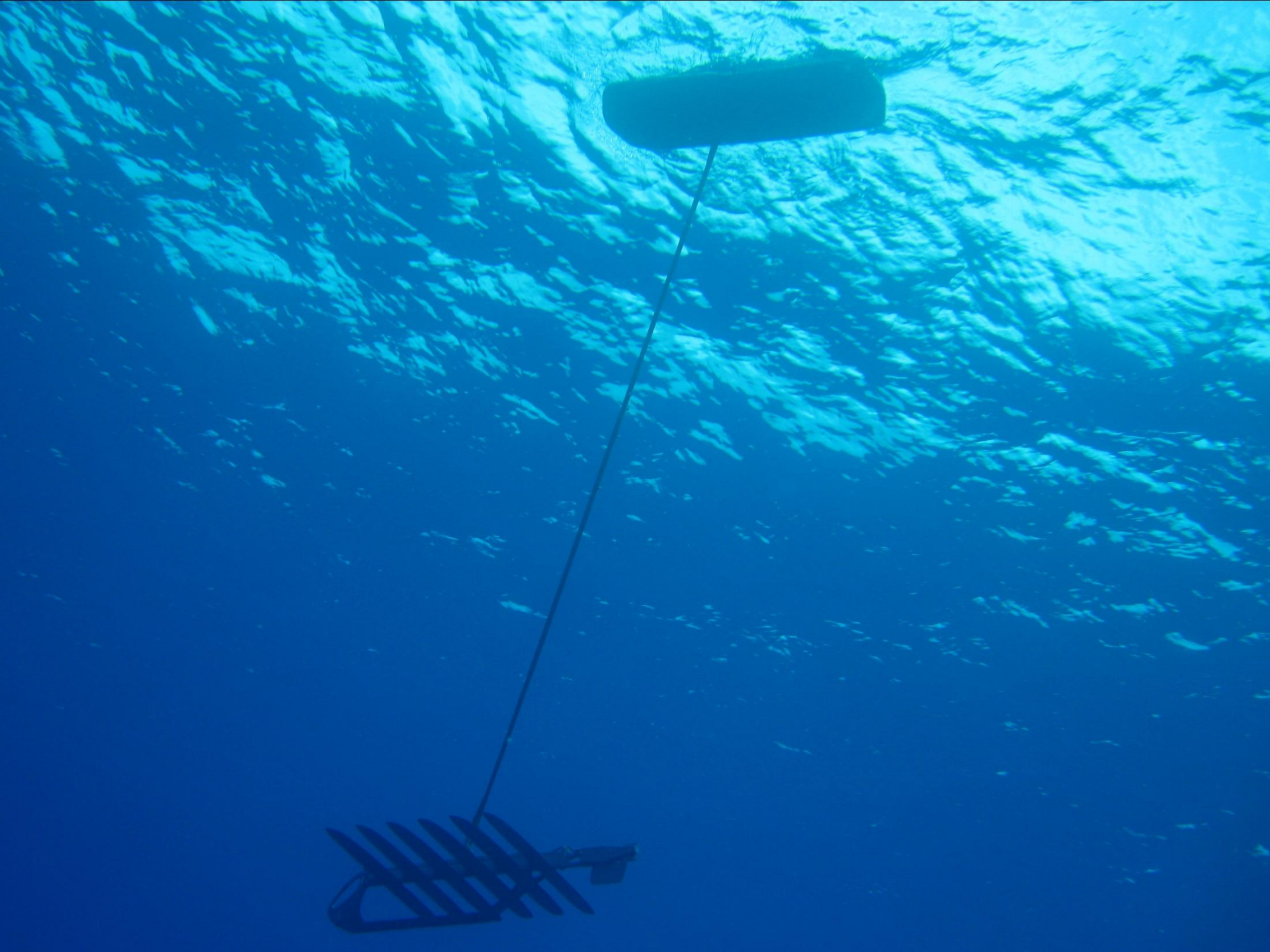




# Wave Glider Concept

Submerged glider converts vertical motion into forward thrust





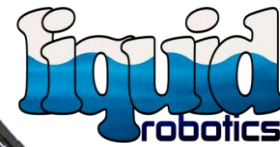


## Wave Glider

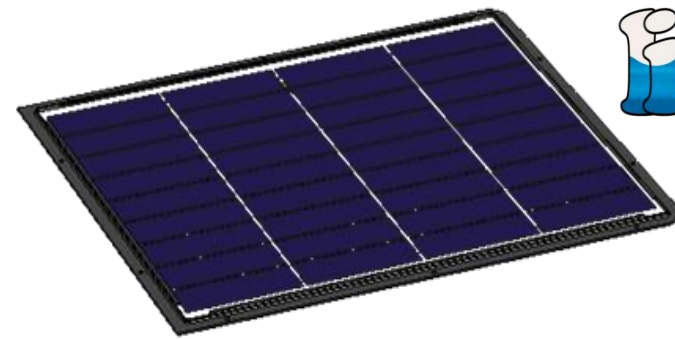
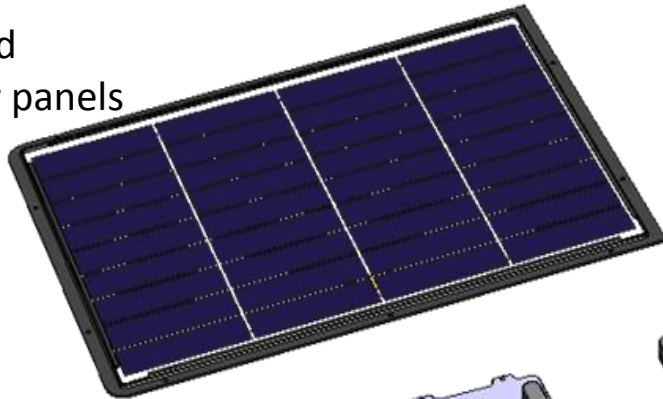
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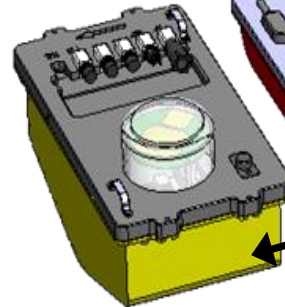
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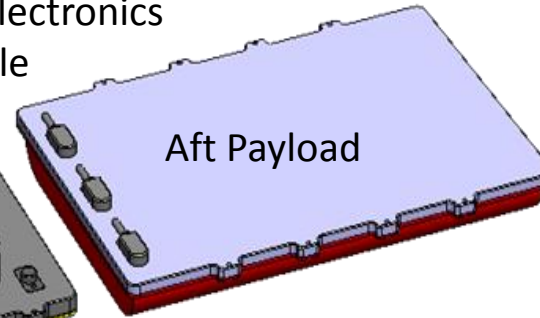
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COTS solar panels



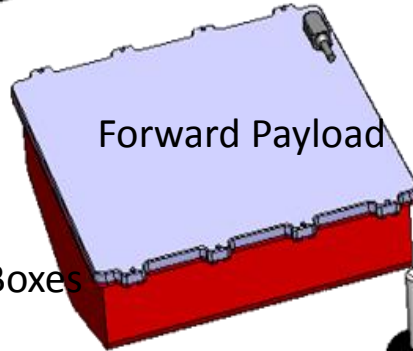
Core Electronics  
Module



Aft Payload



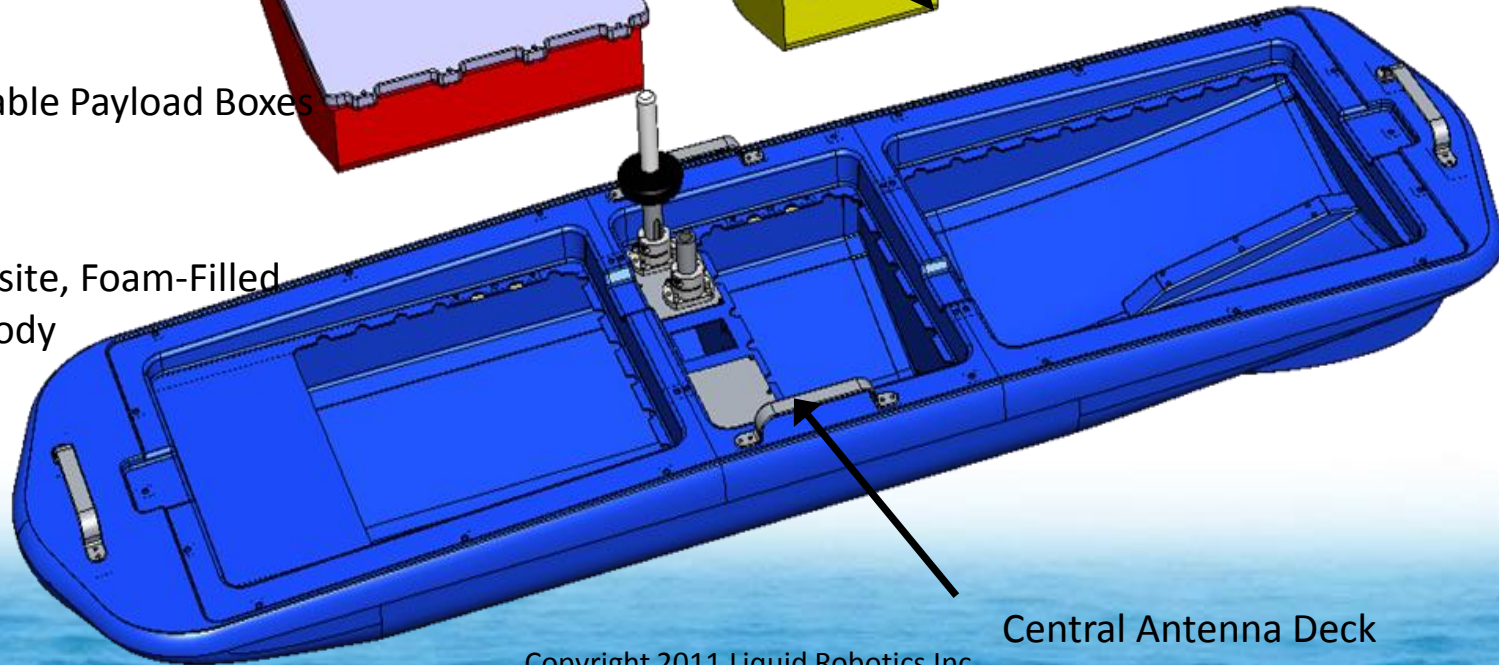
Forward Payload



4.5 kg Li-ion batteries: 665 Watt-hour

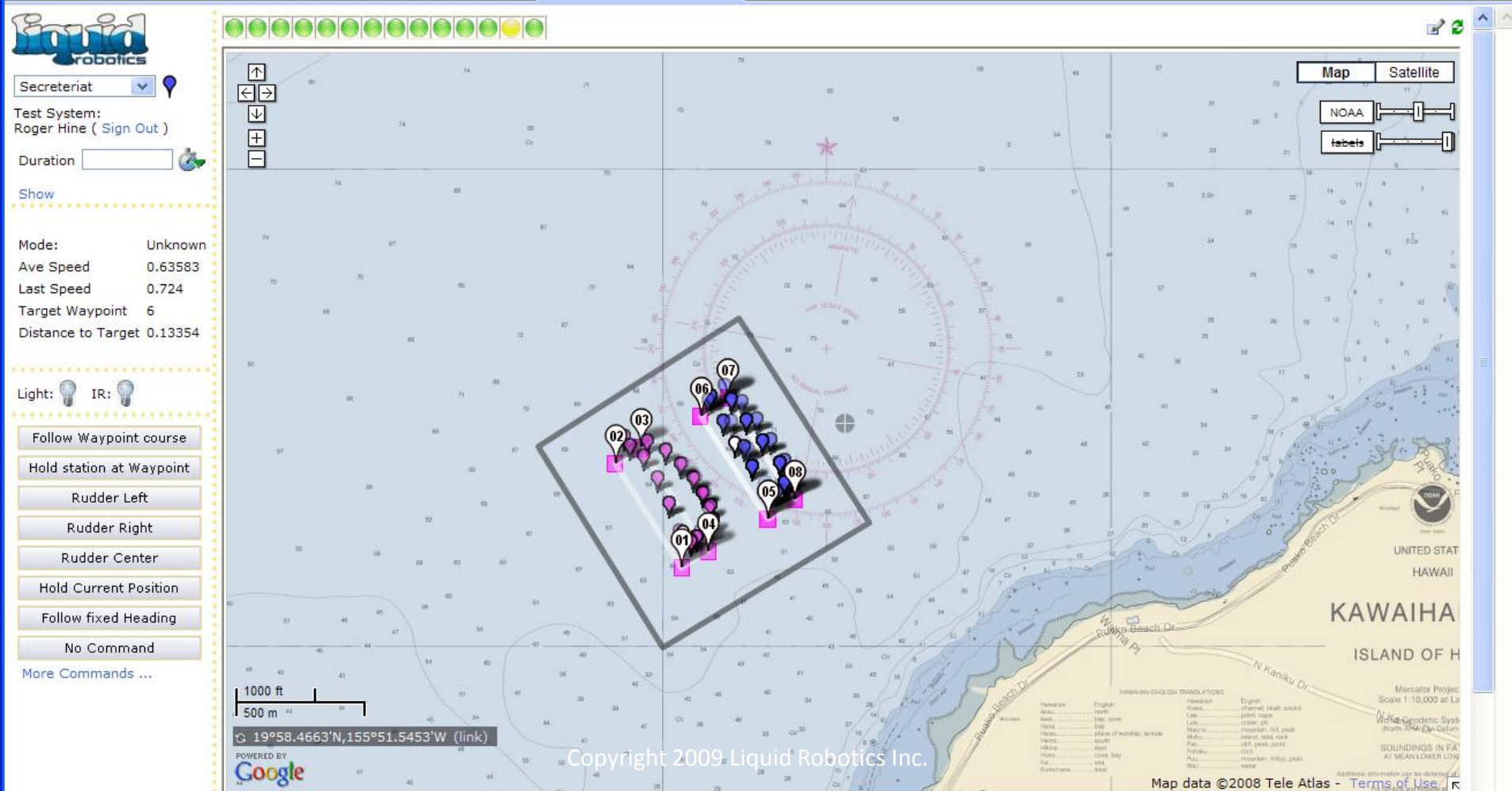
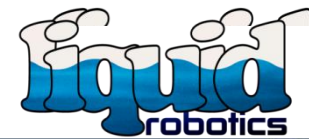
Configurable Payload Boxes

Composite, Foam-Filled  
Float Body



Central Antenna Deck

# Web Based User Interface



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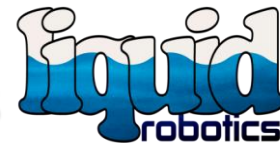
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## Secreteriat Parsed Outputs

	Local Time	Last Speed	Target WP	Desired Heading	Sub Heading	Path Heading	Batt V	Float Temp	ISS	Command Name	Command Reason	User Name	Lat	Long	Distance
▶	4/11/2008 1:55:00...	0.724	6	288	299	323	13.5	84	5			Sys...	19.973225	-155.863975	112.1
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▶	4/11/2008 1:40:00...	0.506	5	196	199	168	13.62	84	4			Sys...	19.971843	-155.862153	78.3



# WG Command and Control : different modes



**Programmed**

Mission Planning



**Semi Automatic**

Real-time way point or  
pattern setting



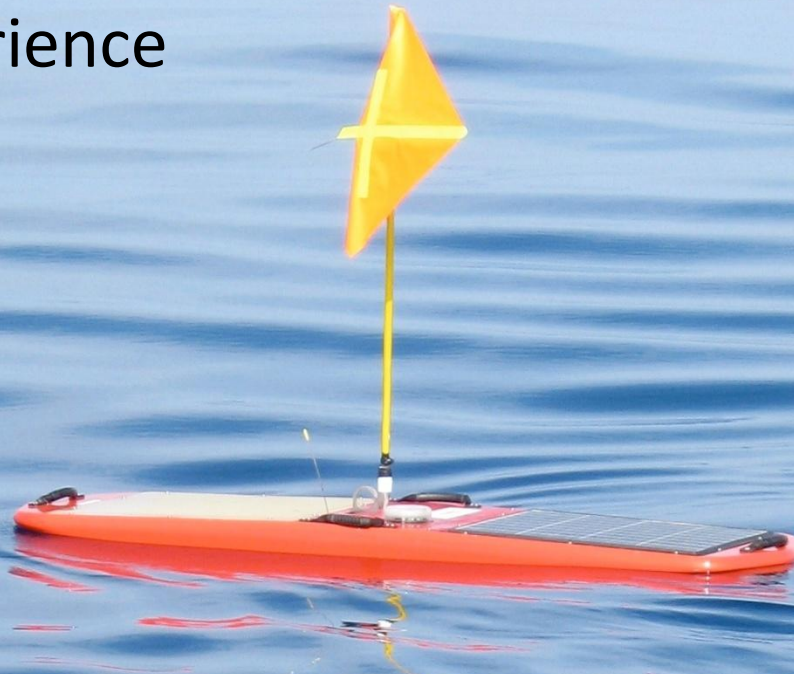
**Remote Control**

Real-time direct rudder  
operations



# Wave Glider Speed Performance

## Qualitative Experience



### Propulsion Speed Performance

Flat Calm	0 kts
Sea State 0	0.25 to 0.50 kts
Sea State 1	0.50 to 1.50 kts
Sea State 2	1.25 to 2.00 kts
Sea State 3+	1.50 to 2.25 kts
Average	1.50 kts

**Under typical sea conditions, Wave Glider advances at 1.5 kts, independent of wave direction. Wave Glider maintains 0.25 to 0.50 kt headway, even under very calm conditions.**



Sep 27, 2009 7 pm

# Wave Glider™

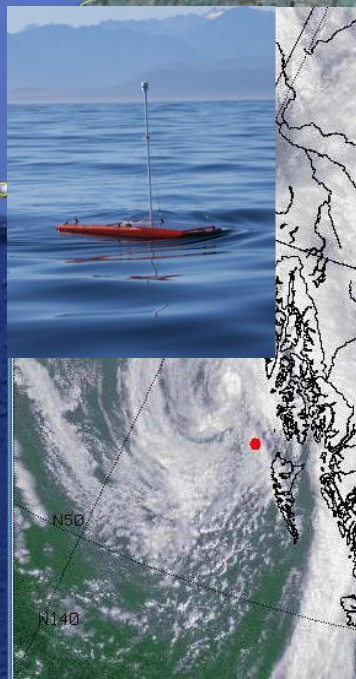
Proven Capability

Ocean Crossing

Sea State 6

Deployments of one year

Vehicle service life 600+  
days



August-Sept. '09  
Red Flash  
Monterey - Alaska

April-June '09  
Red Flash  
Monterey - San Diego - Eureka

June-August '09  
Honu & Kohola  
Hawaii - San Diego

Kawaihae, Hawaii

liquid  
robotics





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Airmar PB200

- Wind Speed
- Wind Direction
- Air Temp
- Barometric Pressure



Liquid Robotics Wave Glider "Red Flash"



MBARI M2



MBARI M1



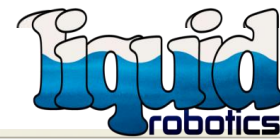
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# Wave Glider Testing in Monterey Bay

## Wave Glider vs. Typical Mooring



# Station Keeping Comparison – WG: 50m M2 1700m



Red Flash::LiquidRobotics :: Gliders



Alarms: Duration: 1 day Prior To: 4/11/2009 12:00 pm [Most Recent](#) [Submit](#) [Map Options](#)

Red Flash

Gliders:

[Roger Hine](#) ([Sign Out](#))

[End Mission](#) [California](#)

[Show System Menus](#)

Mode: Follow Seq  
Course  
Ave Speed: 1.11  
Last Speed: 0.00  
Target Waypoint: 6  
Distance to Target: 14.1

Light: IR: XBee:

[Follow Sequential Course](#)

[Hold Station At Waypoint](#)

[Rudder Left](#)

[Rudder Right](#)

[Rudder Center](#)

[Hold Current Position](#)

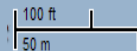
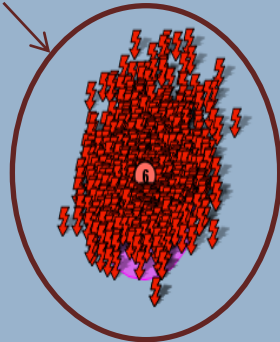
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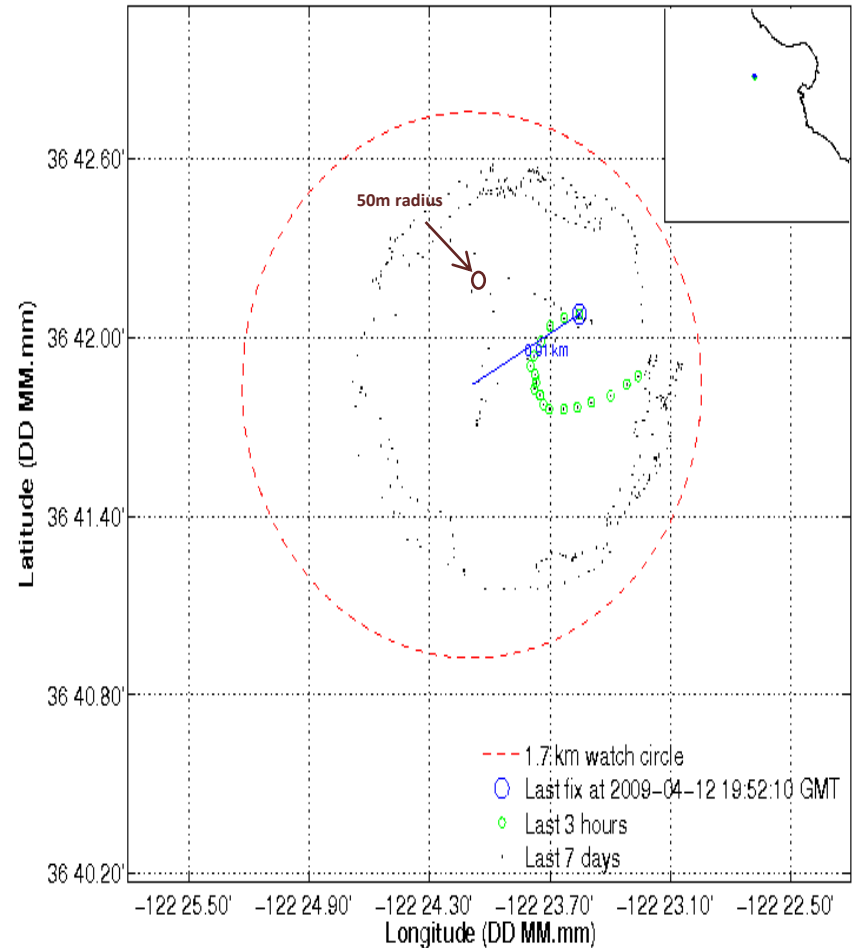
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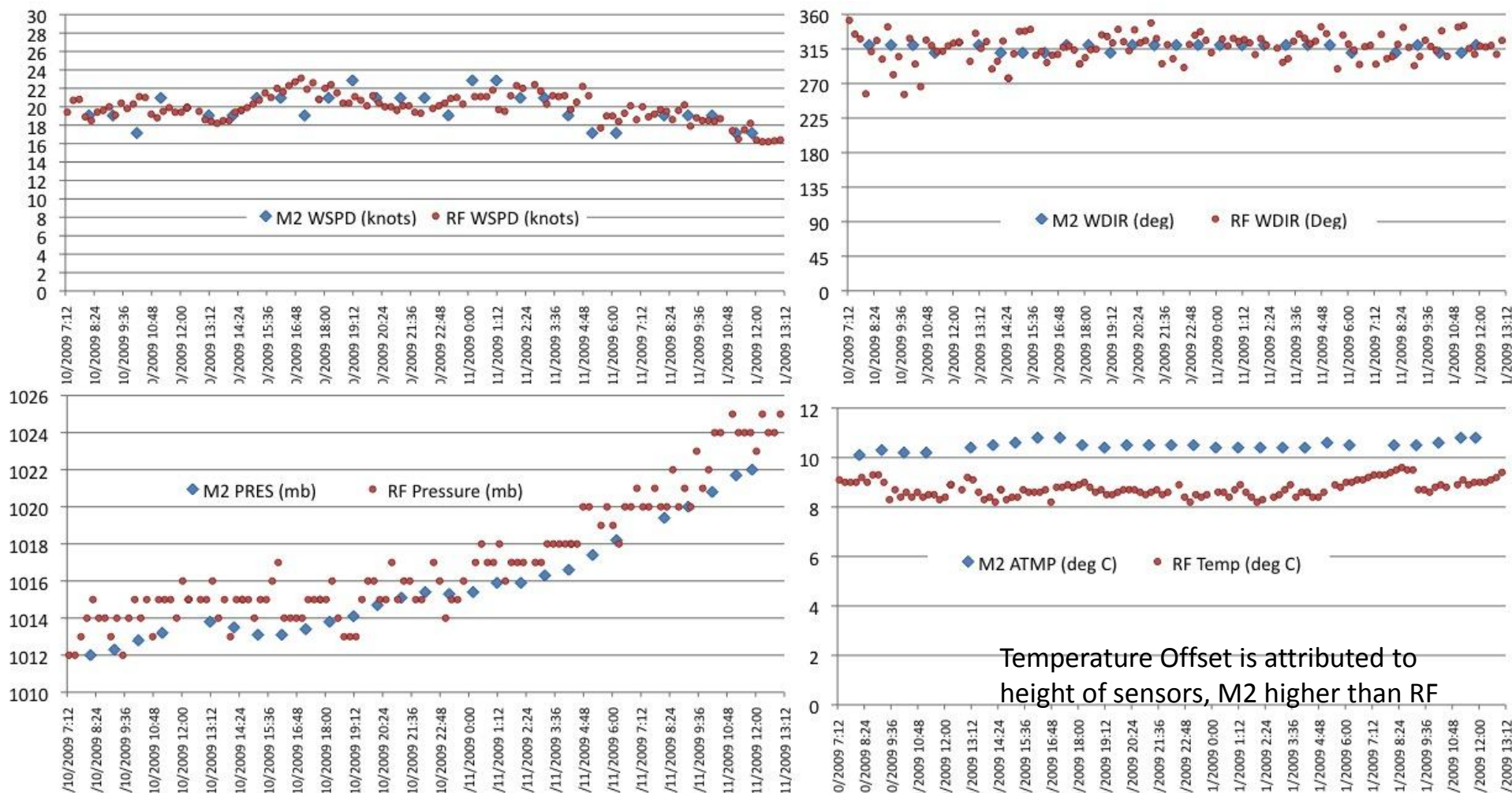
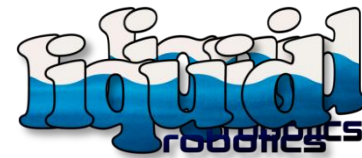
50m radius



Position of M2 – APRIL 2008 ( 36° 42.08'N -122° 23.55'E)

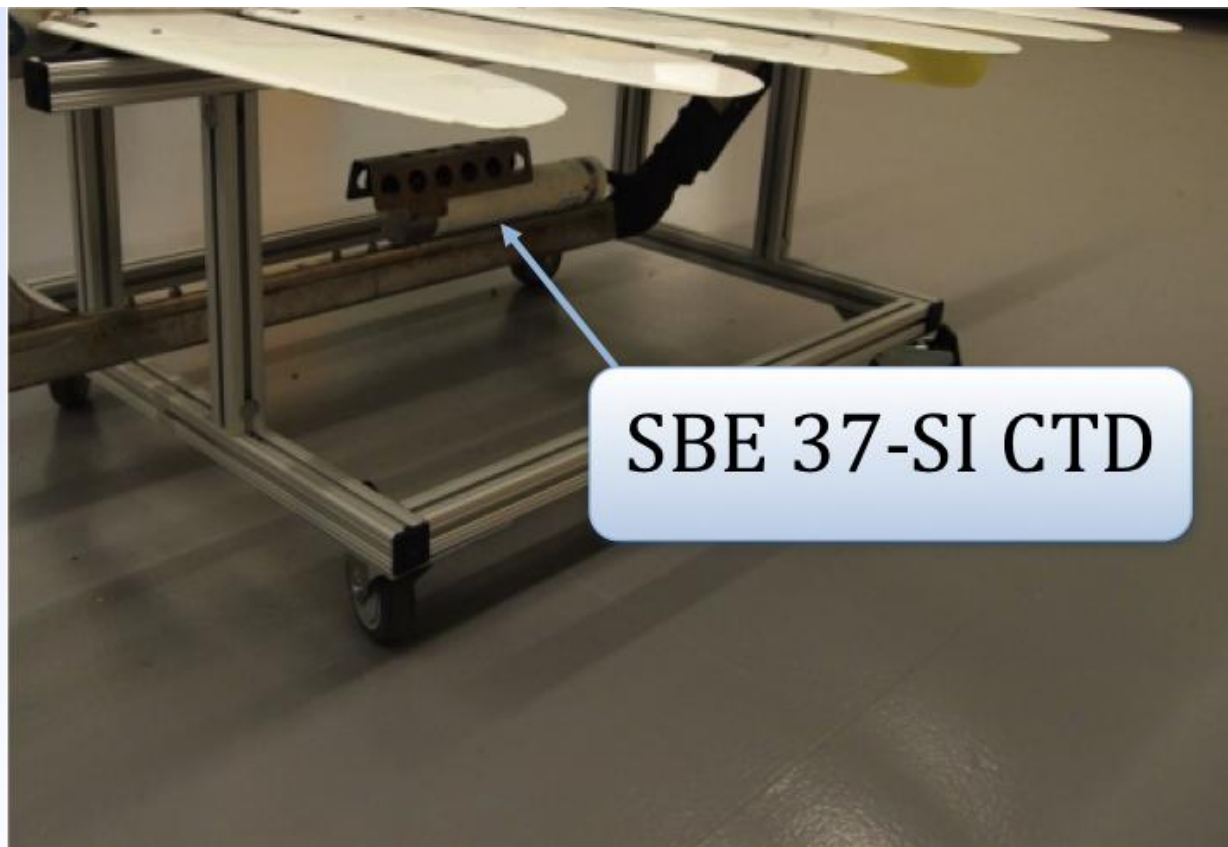
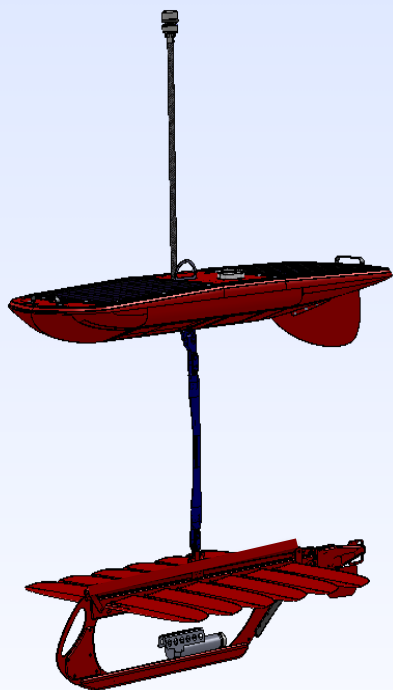


# Wave Glider (RF) Data compared favorably to M2 Mooring (April 2009)





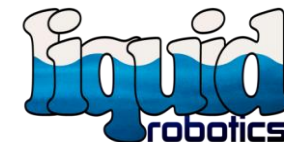
# Red Flash CTD (April 2010)



SBE 37-SI CTD

# Red Flash Horizontal CT Profiles

April 2010



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Alarms: Duration: 2 days | Prior To: 4/21/2010 | 12:00 am | Most Recent | Submit | Map Options

Map | Satellite | Hybrid | Terrain

Red Flash

Gliders: Roger Hine (Sign Out)

End Mission | Red

Show System Menus

Mode: Follow Sequence  
Ave Speed(kt): 1.29  
Last Speed(kt): 1.74  
Target Waypoint: 30  
Meters to Target: 16305.6

Light: IR: XBee:

Follow Sequential Course  
Hold Station At Waypoint  
Follow Custom Course  
Hold Current Position  
Follow Fixed Heading  
Set Parameter  
Comment  
More Commands ...

Click on the map to trace a path you want to measure.

Units: ☒ Metric ☐ Nautical Mile

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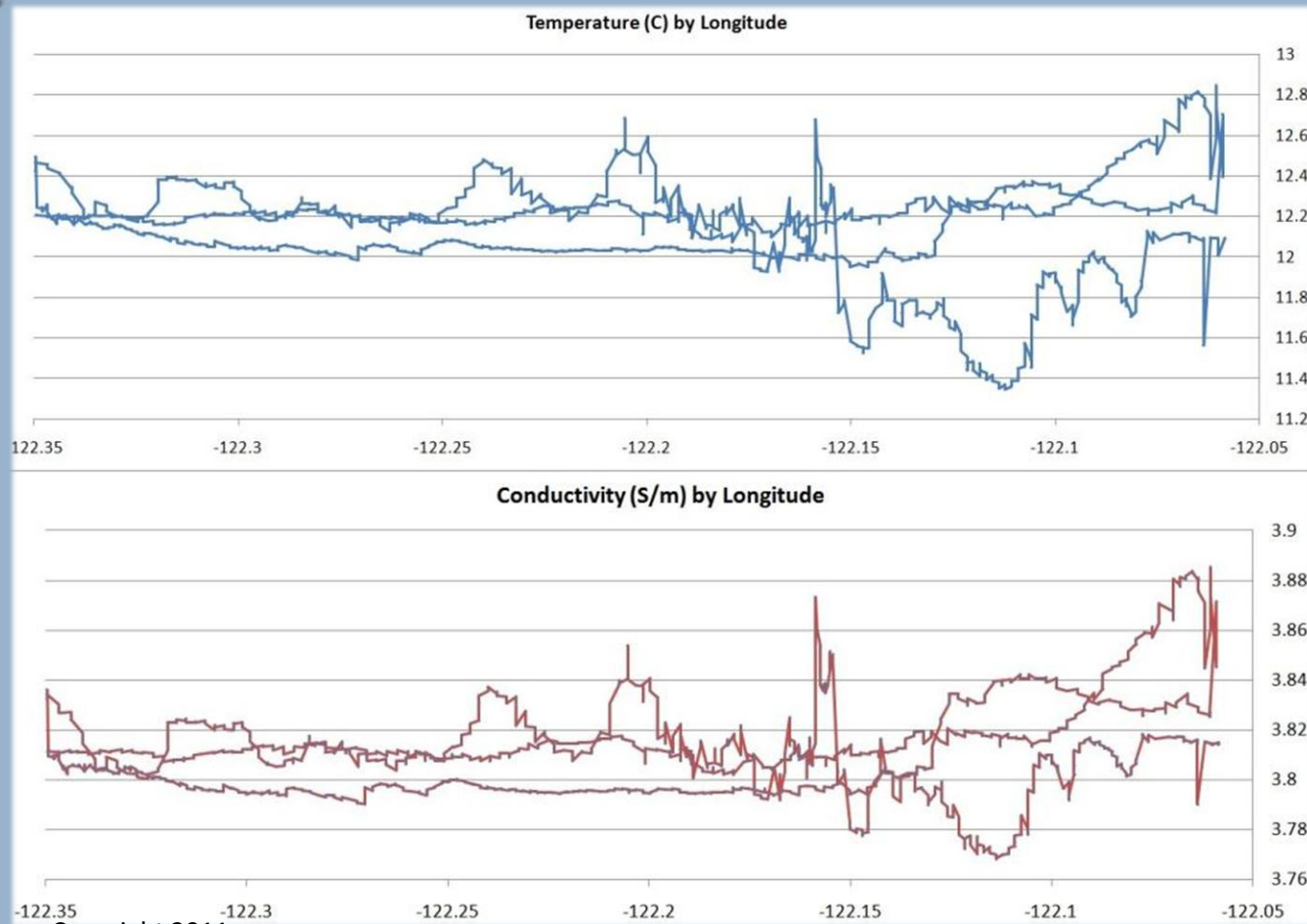
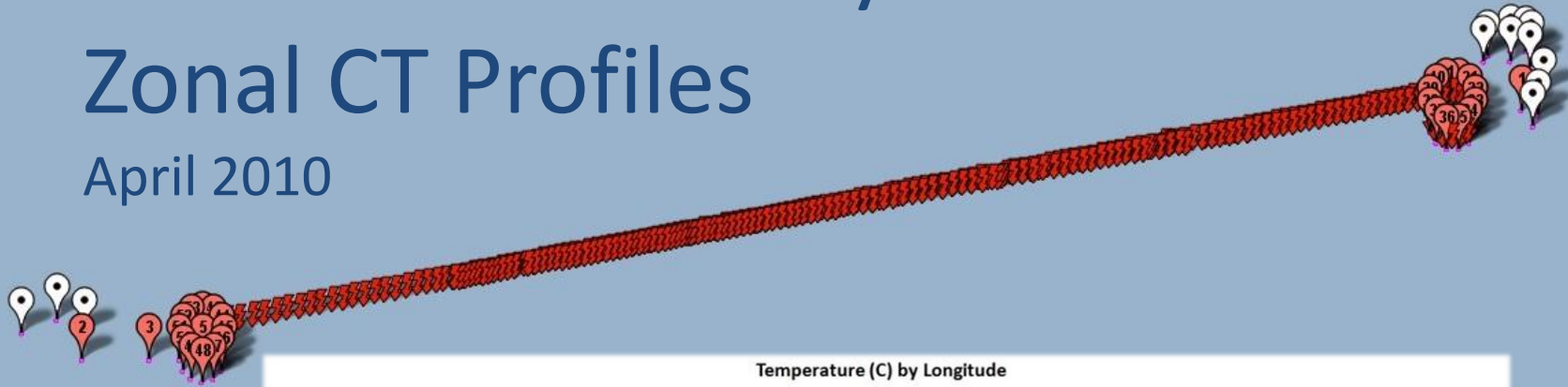
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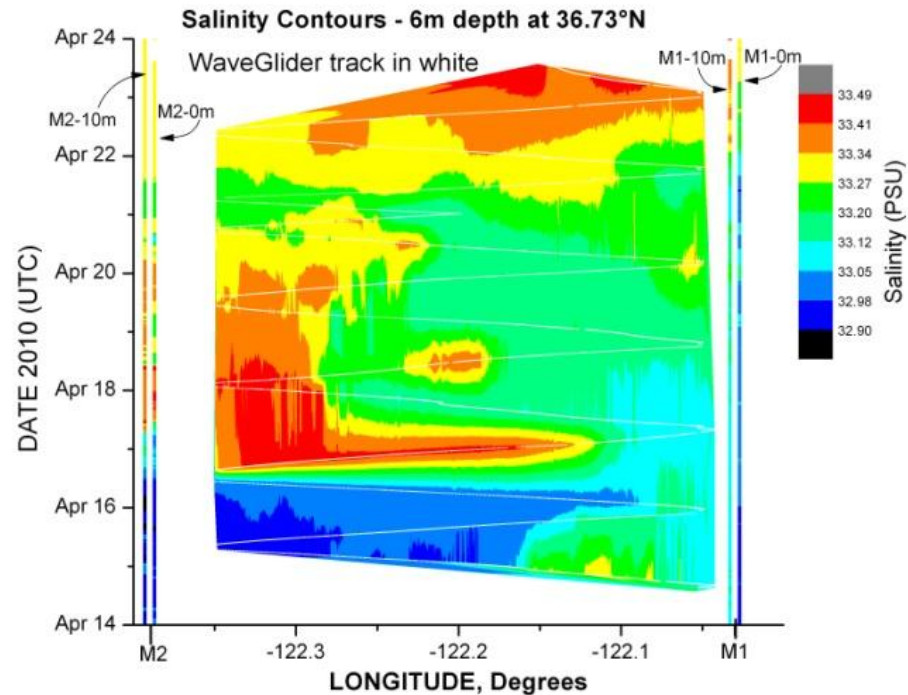
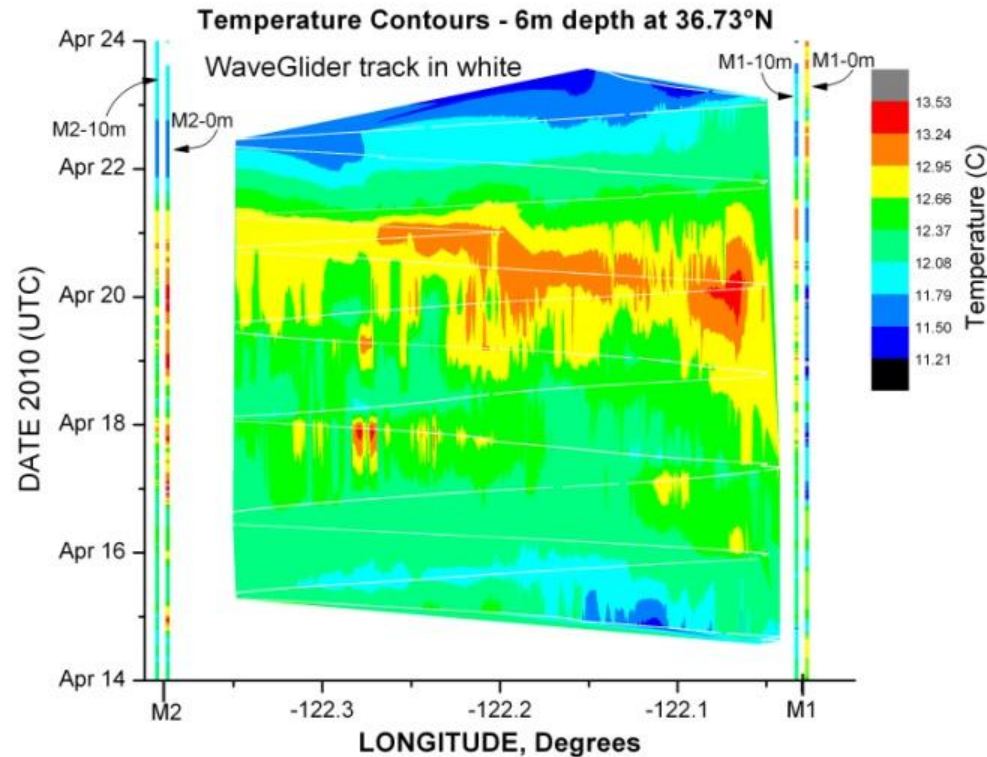
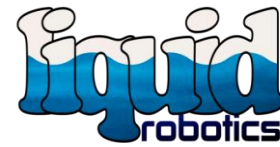
# Red Flash Monterey

## Zonal CT Profiles

April 2010



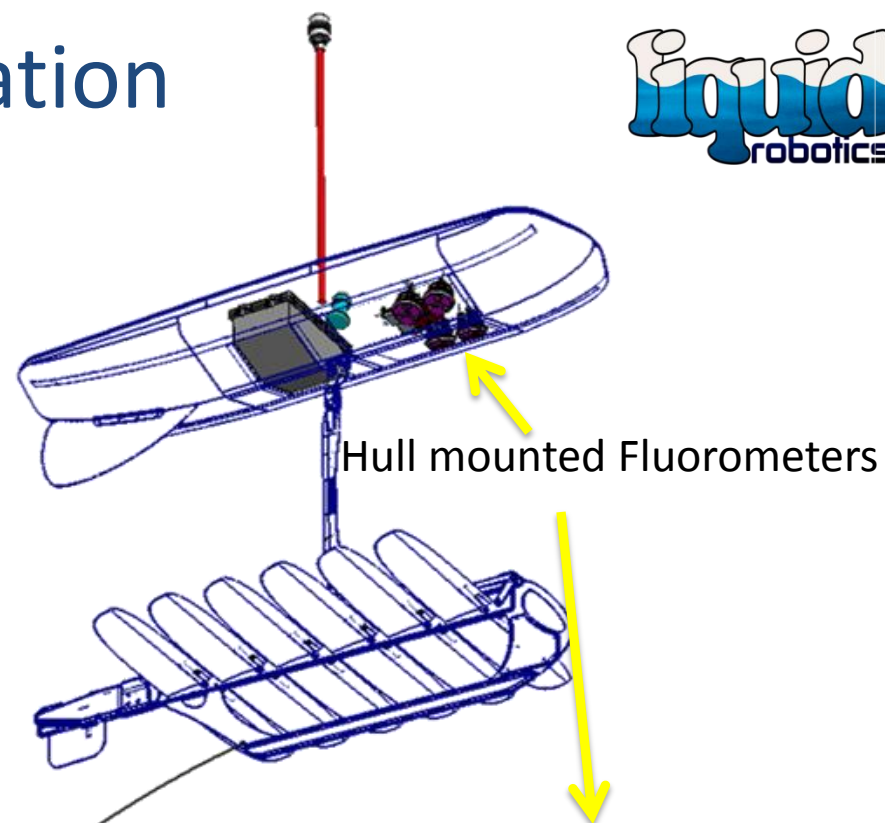
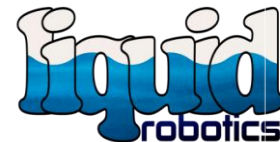
# Red Flash Horizontal CT Profiles



Horizontal profiles proved interesting, paper accepted by the Journal of Ocean Dynamics.



# Water Quality Configuration



Fluorometers on towbody  
w/optional hydrophone array



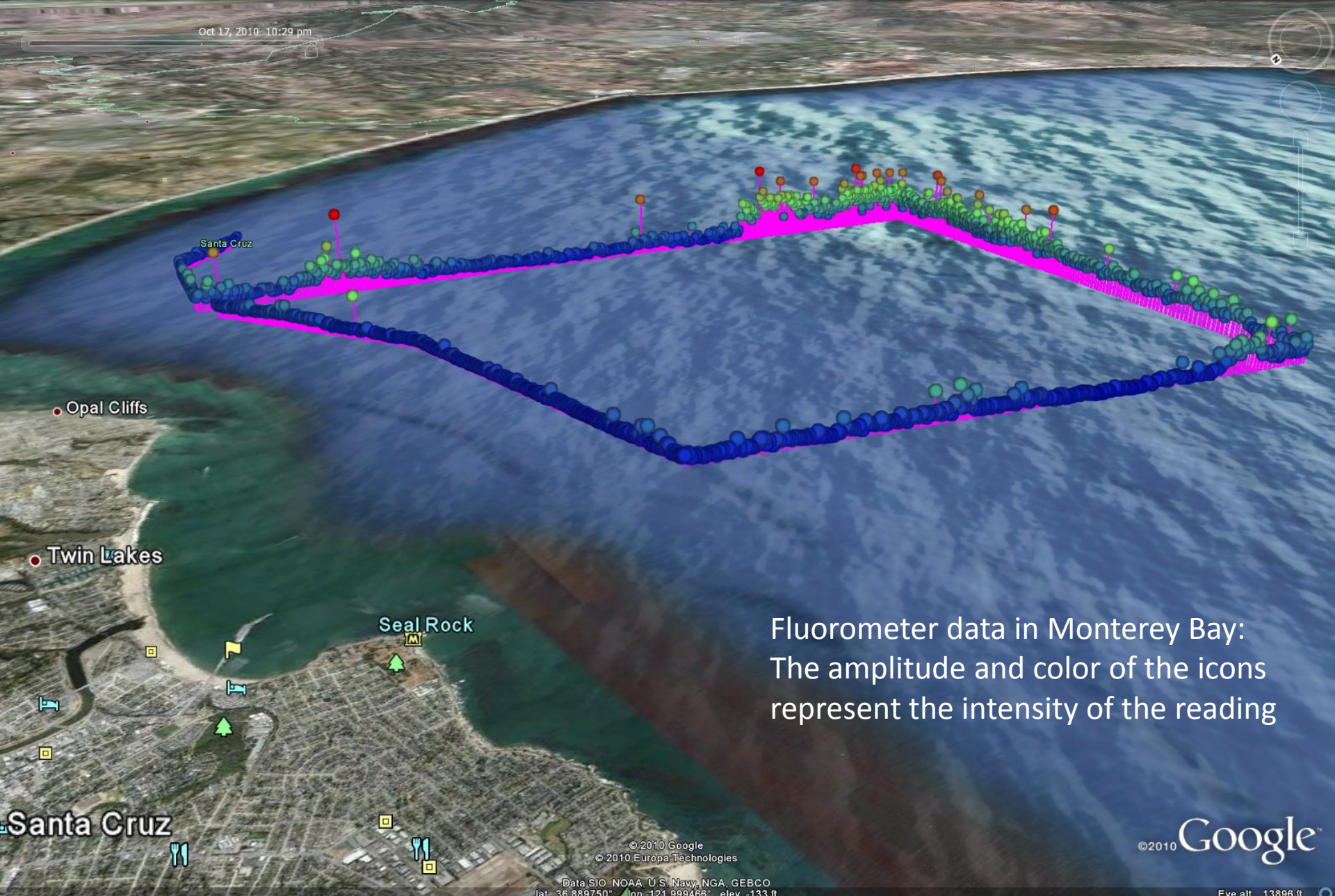
# Water Quality Payloads



Sensor	Measurement	Sensor Location	Sample Rate	Telemetry Rate
<b>Weather Station</b>	Air Temp	1 m	1 Hz	15 min
	Barometric Press	1 m	1 Hz	15 min
	Wind Speed & Dir	1 m	1 Hz	15 min
<b>C3 Fluorometer 1</b>	Refined Fuels	0 m	1 min	7min
	CDOM	0 m	1 min	7min
	Turbidity	0 m	1 min	7min
	Water Temp	0 m	1 min	7min
<b>C3 Fluorometer 2</b>	Refined Fuels	0 m	1 min	7min
	Crude Oil	0 m	1 min	7min
	Chlorophyll A	0 m	1 min	7min
	Water Temp	0 m	1 min	7min
<b>C3 Fluorometer 3</b>	Refined Fuels	7 m depth	1 min	7min
	CDOM	7 m depth	1 min	7min
	Turbidity	7 m depth	1 min	7min
	Water Temp	7 m depth	1 min	7min

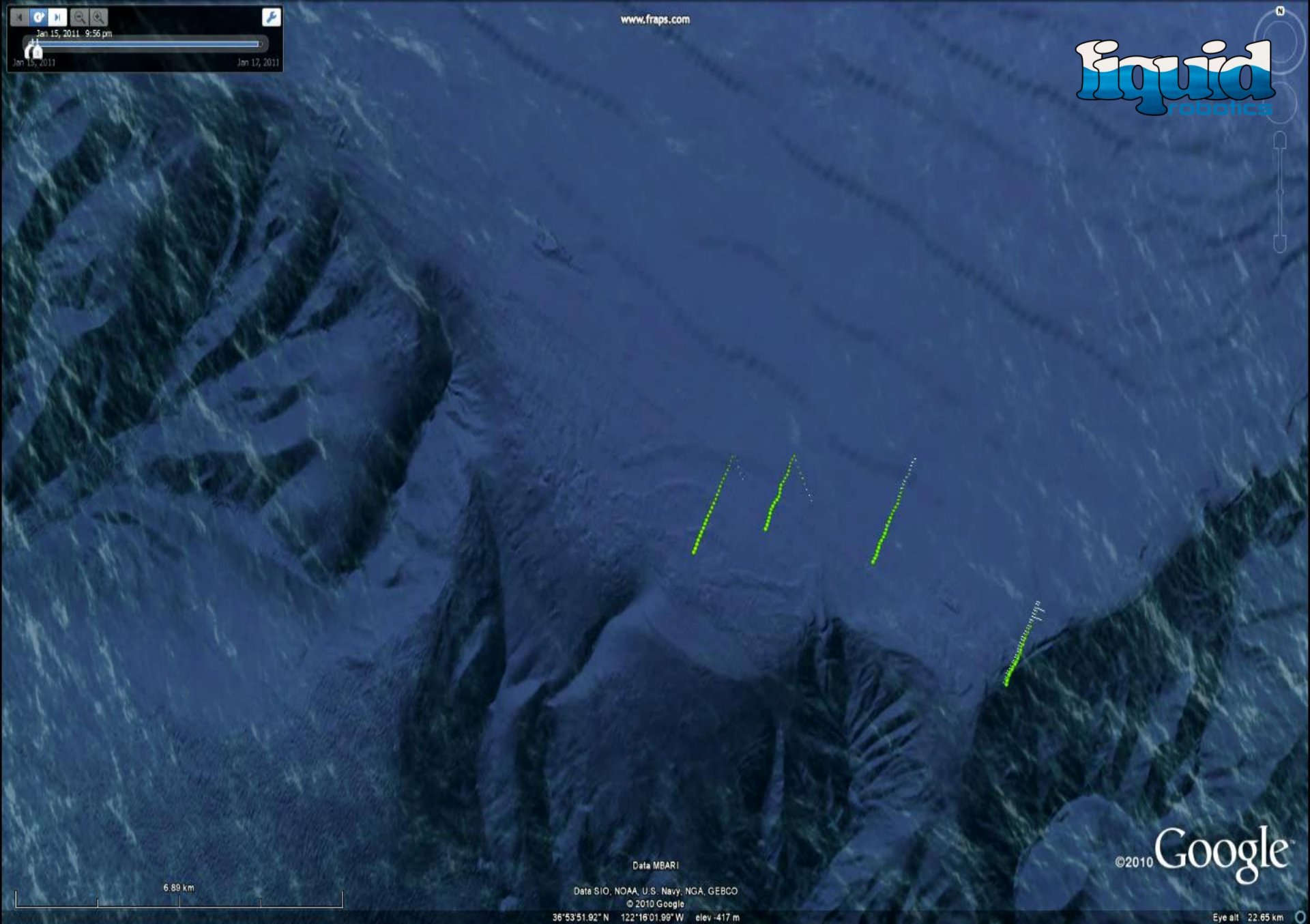


Oct 17, 2010 10:29 pm



Fluorometer data in Monterey Bay:  
The amplitude and color of the icons  
represent the intensity of the reading





Data MBARI

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO  
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36°53'51.02" N 122°16'01.09" W elev -417 m

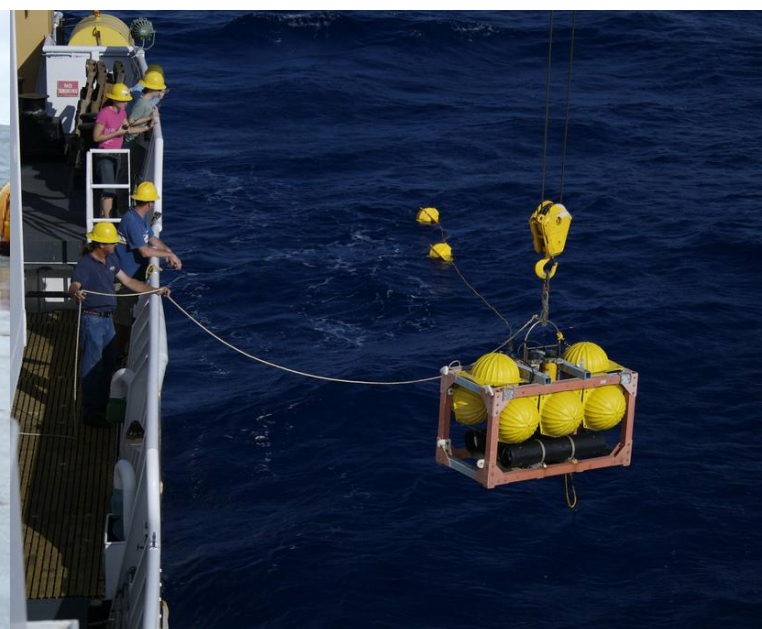
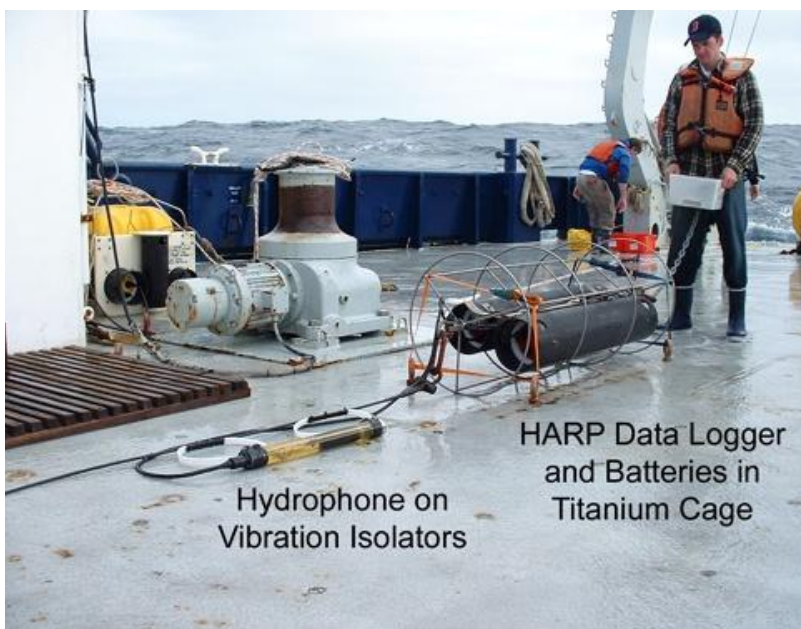
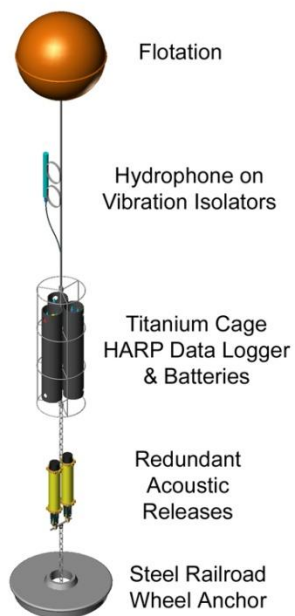
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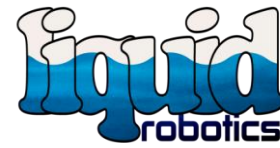


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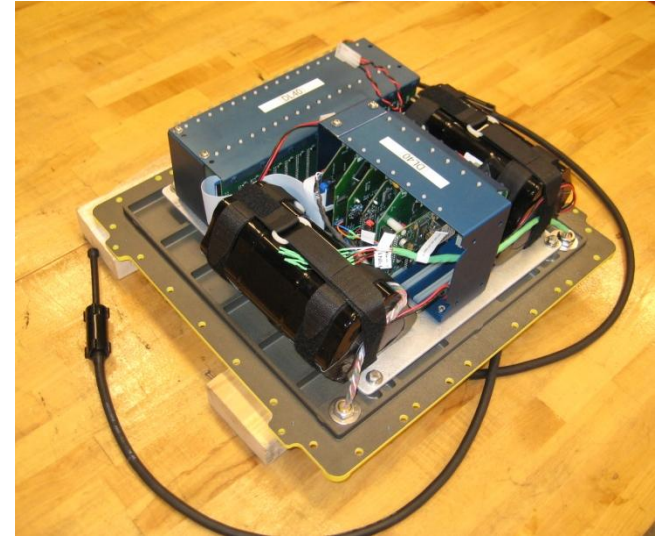
- Original inspiration for the Wave Glider
- Humpback Whales live online (JRF)
- Wave Glider deployed the Scripps High Frequency Acoustic Recorder (HARP)



# HARP Integration

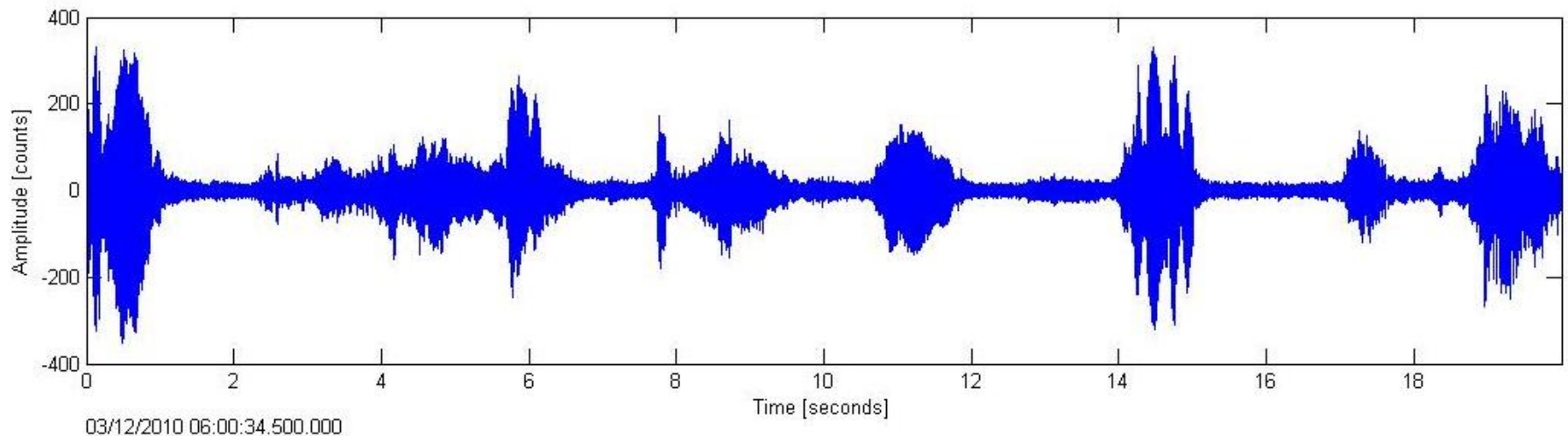
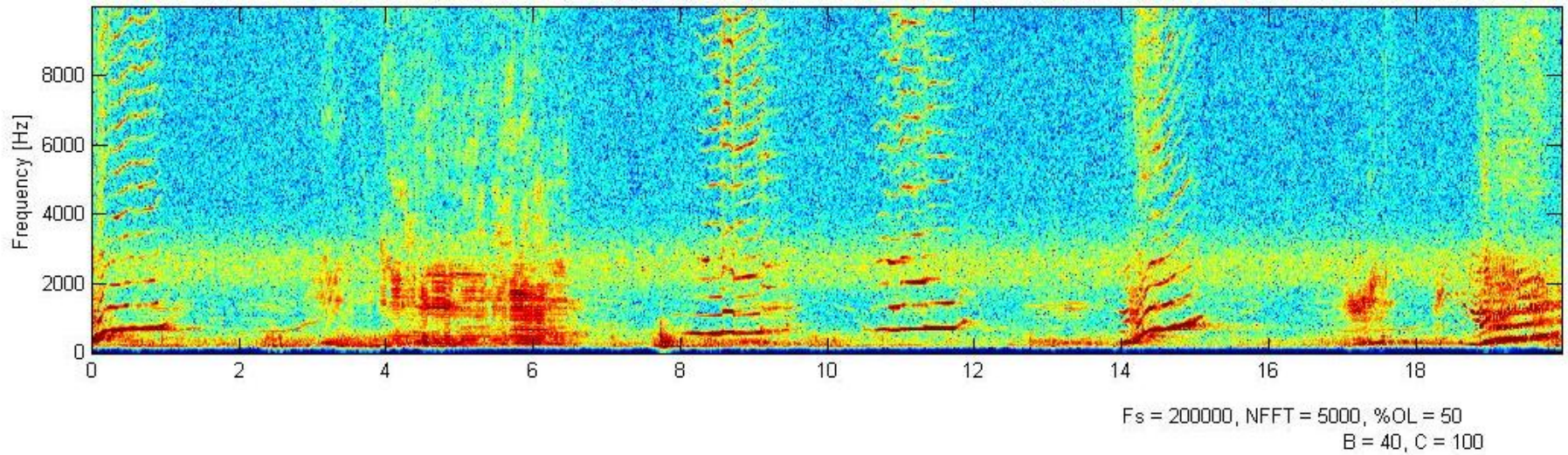
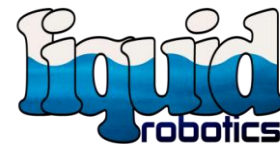


- Electronics
  - low-power electronics (1/2W continuous data acquisition and 3W 20% duty cycle data storage),
  - high-speed data sampling (200 k Samples/s, 16-bit), 16 laptop disk drives (2TB),
  - and 12V batteries for self-contained power
  - repackaged the HARP electronics into a Wave Glider modular payload housing
- Hydrophone
  - Designed to be towed behind the Wave Glider: small cross-sectional area (25.4mm diameter) & small diameter (6.3mm) electro-mechanical cable
  - Consists of two transducers: Benthos AQ-1 cartridge for 10Hz - 2kHz & Sonar Research HS-150 for 2kHz - 100kHz.
  - Both are amplified and filtered with electronics inside the oil-filled hydrophone tube. Conditioned analog signals are digitized and stored to disk by the HARP data logger.

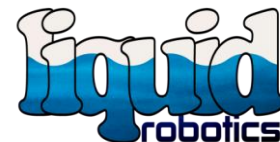




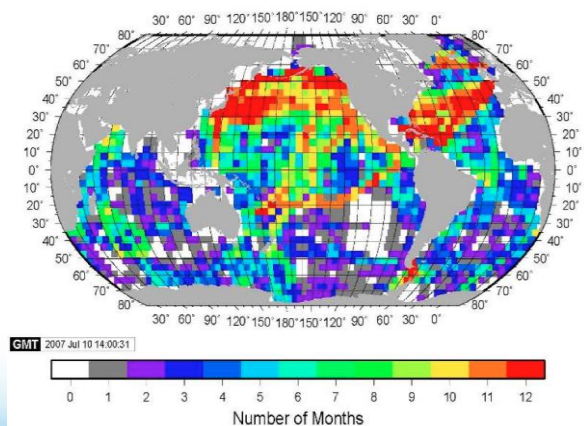
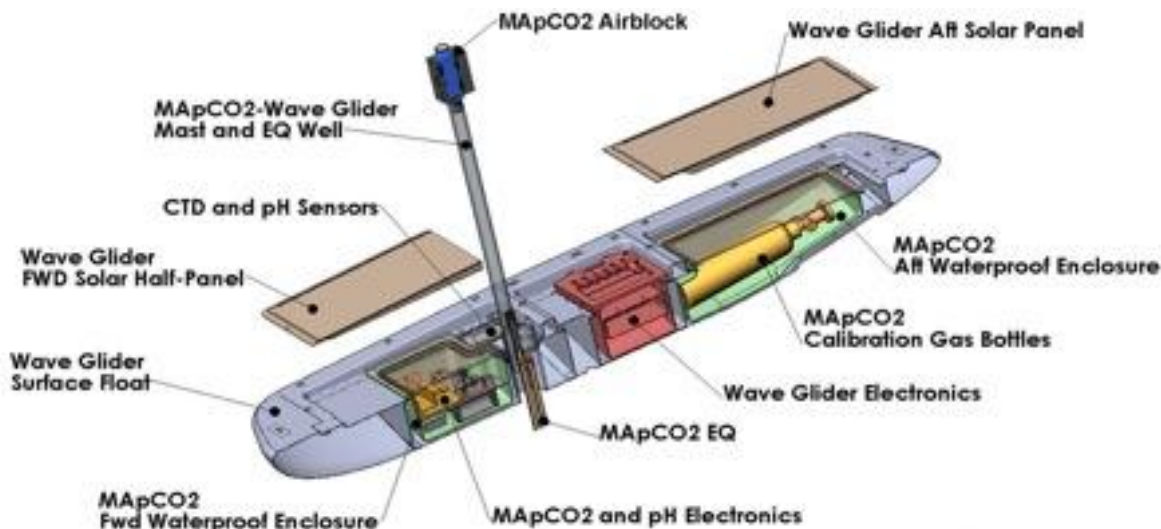
# Humpback Recording



# CO<sub>2</sub> Flux Monitoring (NOAA Sponsored Program)



- Collaboration with NOAA's Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory
- Integrate bio-geo-chemical sensor suite on wave glider
- Deploy in Pacific Ocean
- Calibration and Evaluation
- Evaluate potential for long-term monitoring in South Pacific

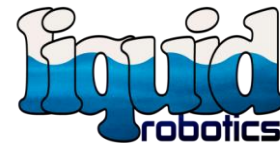


Supplier	Sensor	Measurement	Calibrated Range & Accuracy
NOAA PMEL	MAPCO <sub>2</sub>	pCO <sub>2</sub> SW & Air (ppm)	200 to 600 ± 3 (stable over ~year)
Scripps (Martz)	custom pH	SW Acidity (pH)	0 to 14 ± 0.01 (±0.005 stability ~wks)
Seabird Electronics	Glider Payload CTD	Conductivity (S/m)	0 to 6 ± 0.0003 (0 to 9 ± 0.0010)
		Temperature (°C)	1 to 32 ± 0.002 (-5 to +45 ± 0.010)
		Pressure (dbar)	0 to 100 ± 0.1% FS (same)
		Salinity (PSS 78)	0 to 35 ± 0.005 (0 to 45 ± 0.015)
WETLabs	ECO Triplet	Chlorophyll (µg/l)	0.01 to 50 (0.01) (470/695 nm)
		CDOM (ppb)	0.18 to 375 (0.18) (370/460 nm)
		Turbidity (NTU)	0 to 125 (0.02)

<http://www.pmel.noaa.gov/co2/story/Carbon+Wave+Glider>



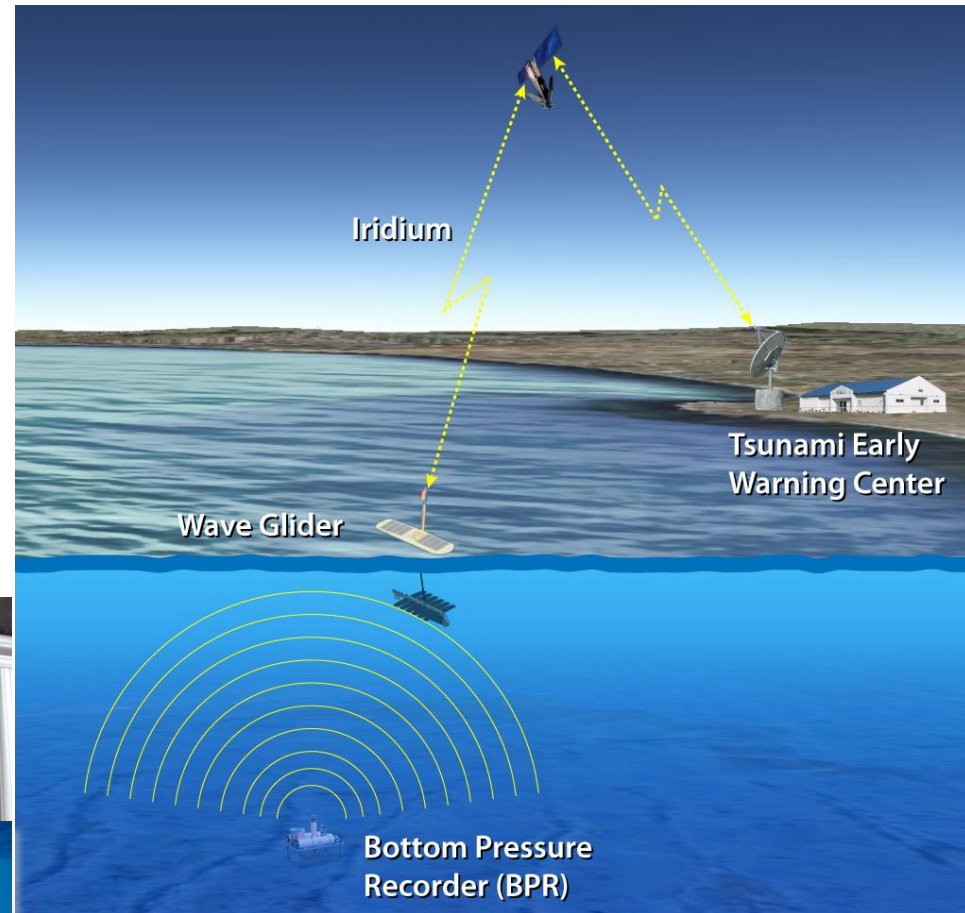
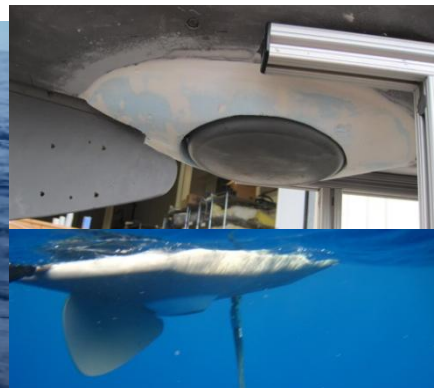
# Tsunami Warning Test Program



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's  
**National Data Buoy Center**  
Center of Excellence in Marine Technology

## NOAA DART Buoy Test

- Provided redundant communications with bottom mounted sensor
- Trials off Kona, HI and San Diego, CA
- Station keeping functionality demonstrated
- Acoustic telemetry successfully demonstrated with 100% data return to DART servers ashore



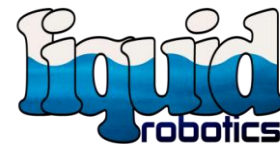
# San Diego deployment, July 2010



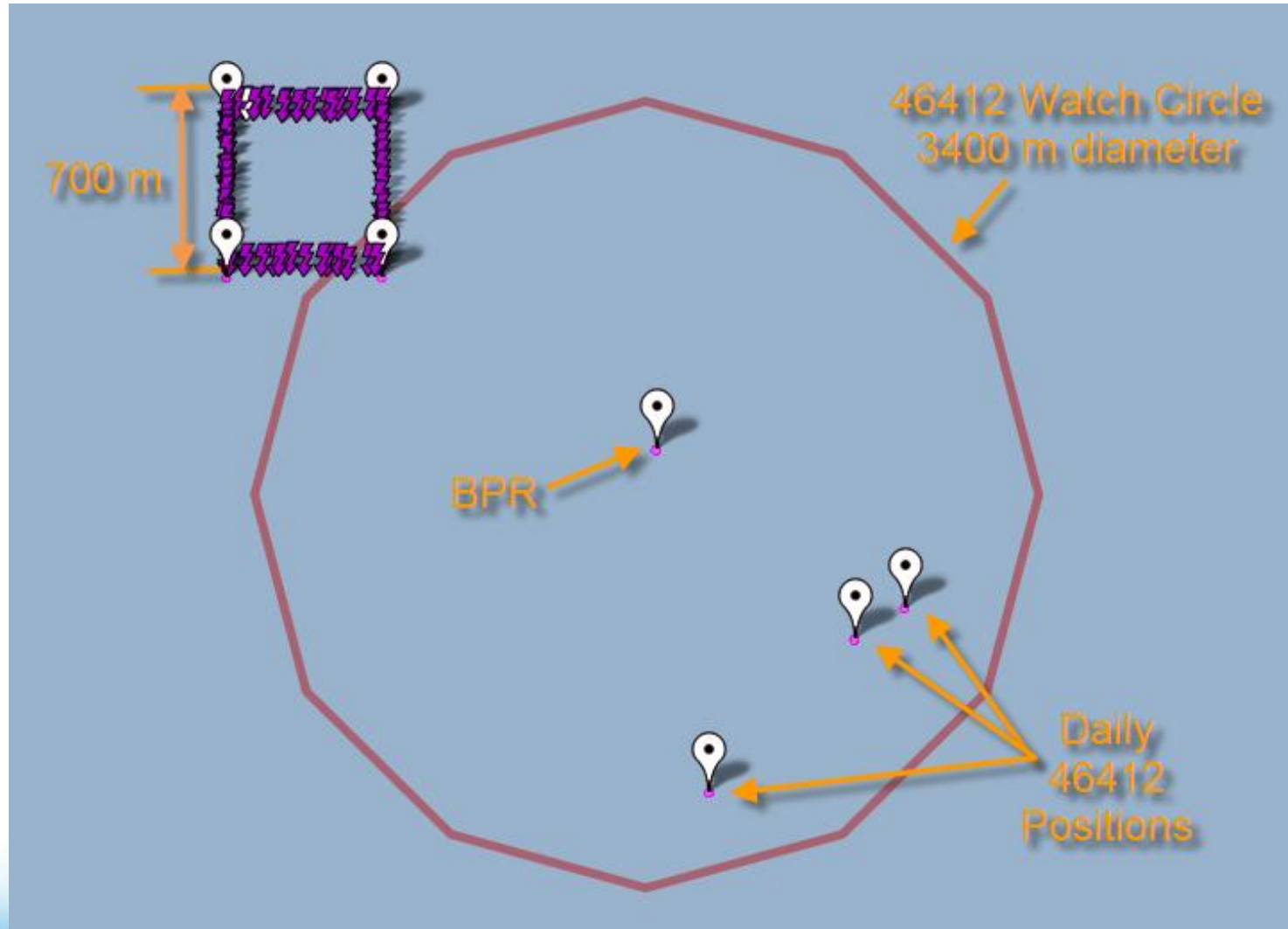
BPR Site 170 nautical miles offshore,  
approximately 3800 meter depth



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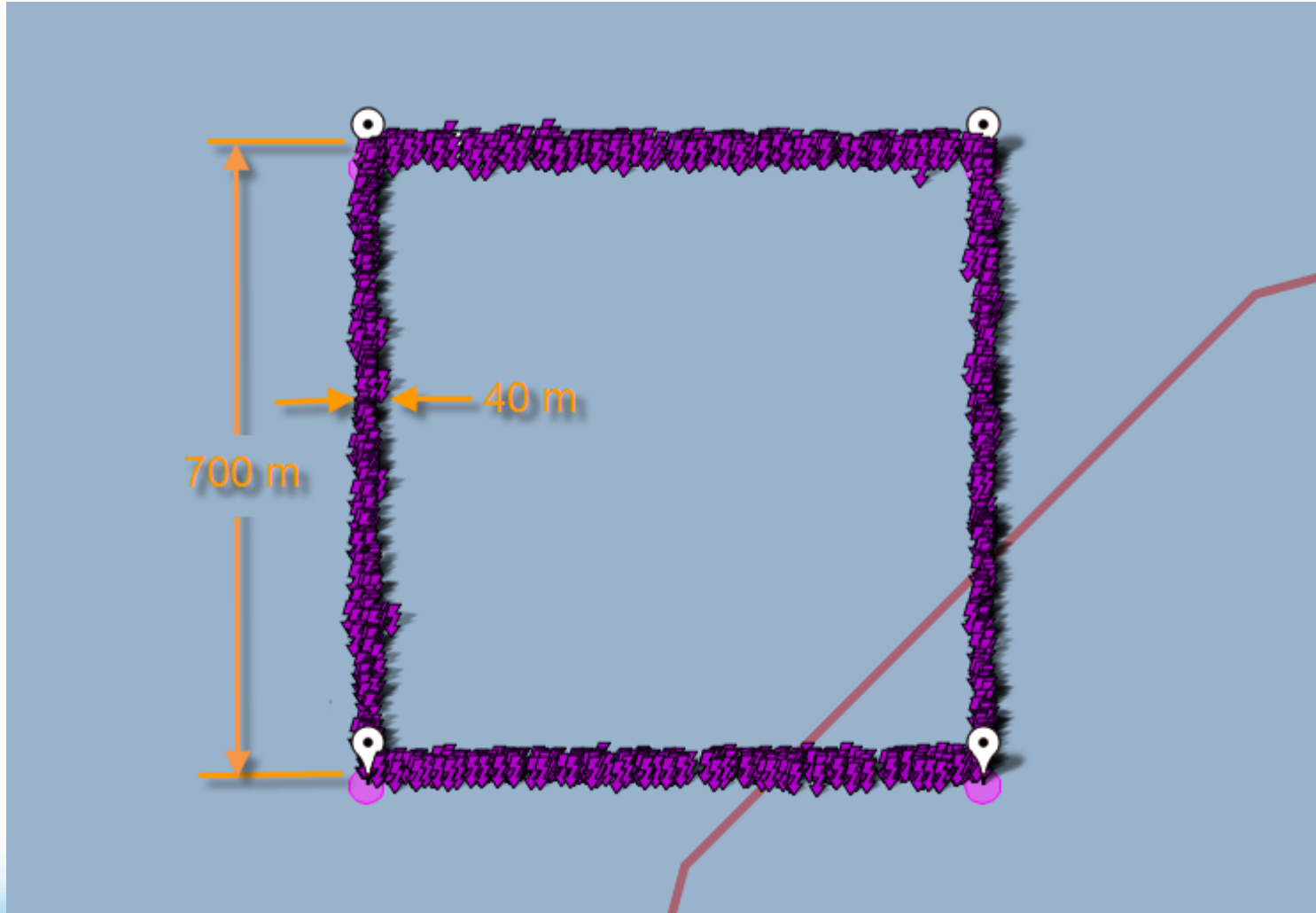


## Relative Positions, BPR, Buoy, Wave Glider



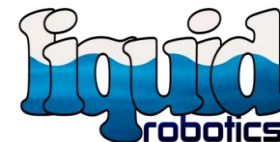
# San Diego deployment, July 2010

## Wave Glider Track (3 day sample)





# San Diego deployment, July 2010



## 100% match buoy to Wave Glider over one week test period (sample data shown)

### Wave Glider DART Payload

D\$1I	07/24/2010	18:15:00	1444143	3717778	3717754	3717726	3717695	1*	32
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D\$MI

BATT 07/25/2010 01:19:00 24:00:00

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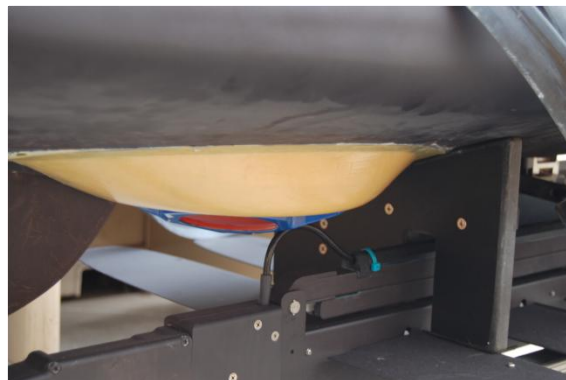
# Measuring Currents with a Teledyne RDI Workhorse ADCP

- Standard COTS Teledyne RDI product
- Direct-Reading 1200, 600, 300 kHz ADCP
  - 18m, 60m, 110m typical current profiling range
- Custom physical integration with WG
- Power supplied by Wave Glider solar panel recharged core batteries
- Wave Glider motion compensation
- Ensembles delivered to shore in RDI PD0 format
- Persistent on-board storage of raw data
- Fully configurable while on mission
- Customizable on-board processing





Wave Glider ready for pier launch



ADCP integrated into Wave Glider Float hull



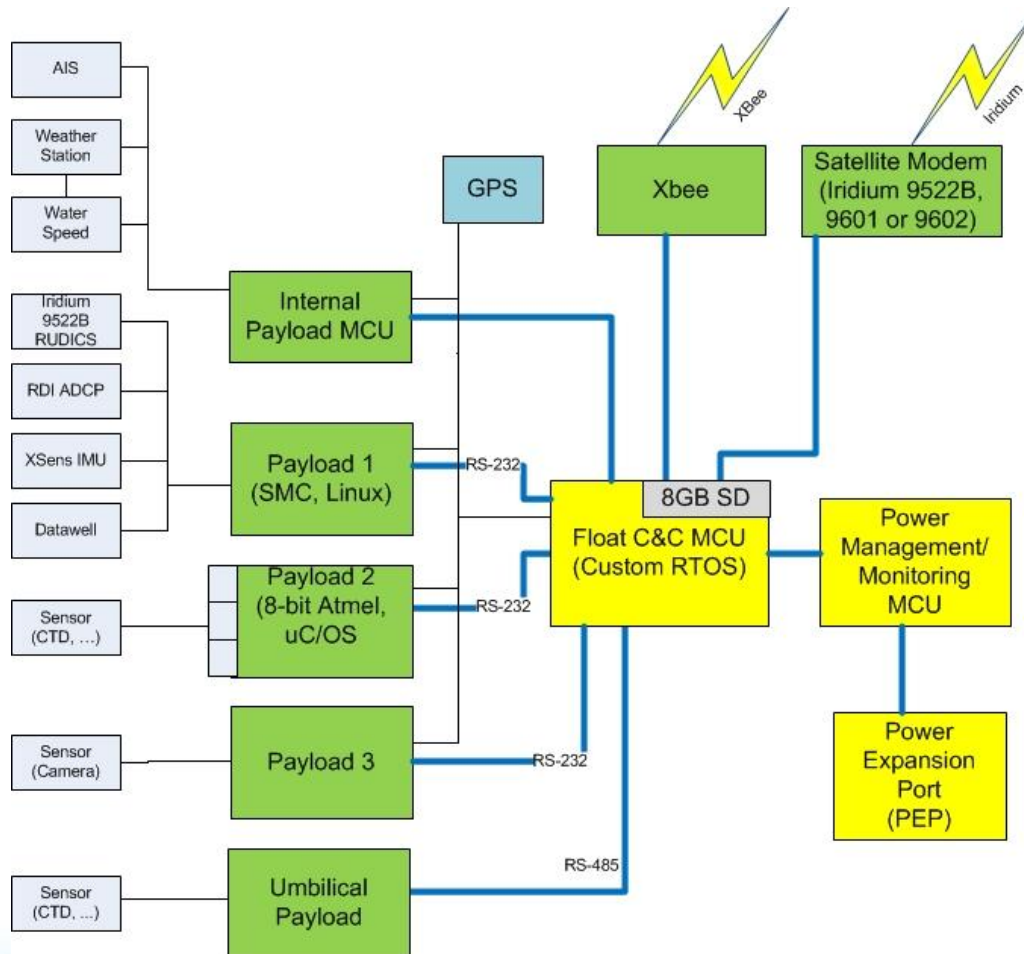
In-Water



Recovery of Wave Glider at Scripps Pier

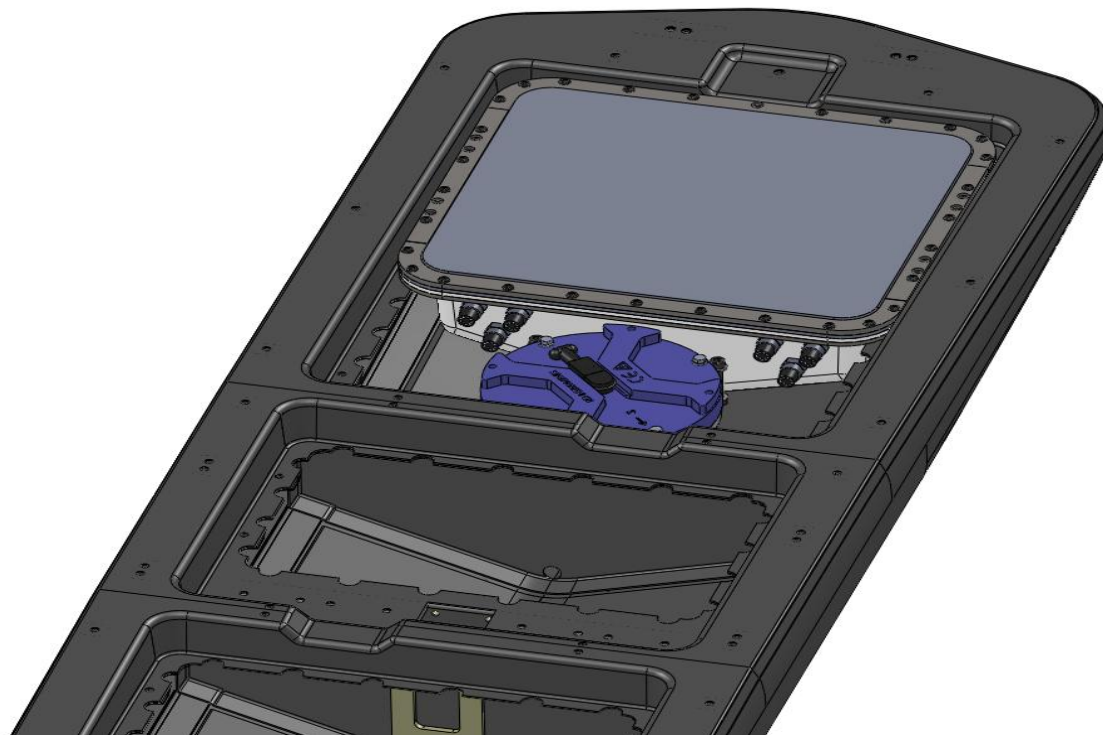
•Wave Glider with integrated Teledyne RDI Workhorse 600kHz ADCP deployed from Scripps Pier  
July 9<sup>th</sup> 2010

# System Architecture

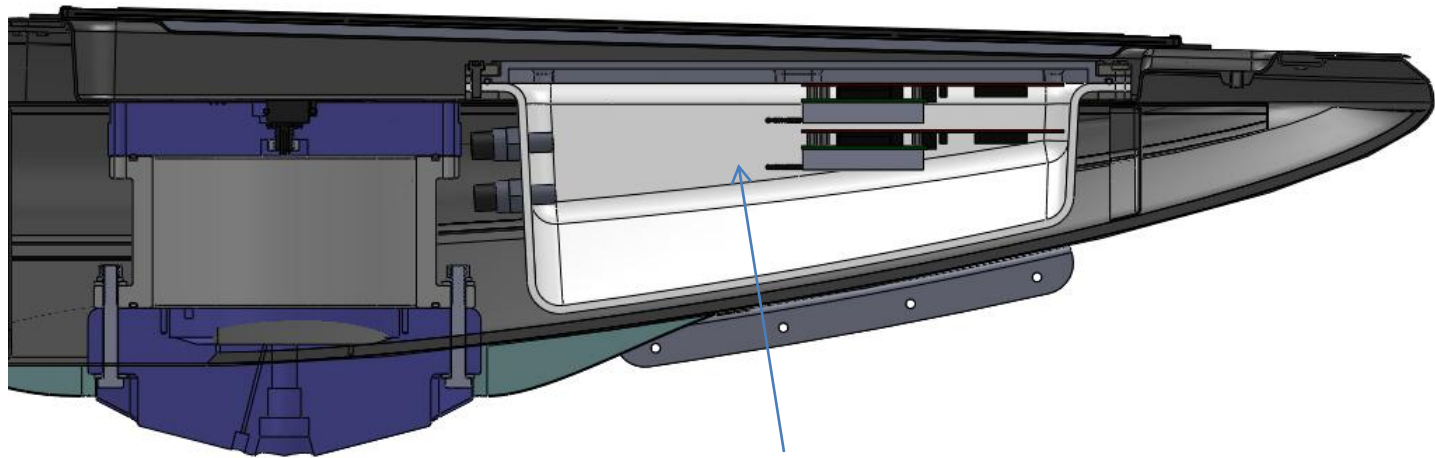




# Float Layout



# Cutaway Float Layout



ADCP

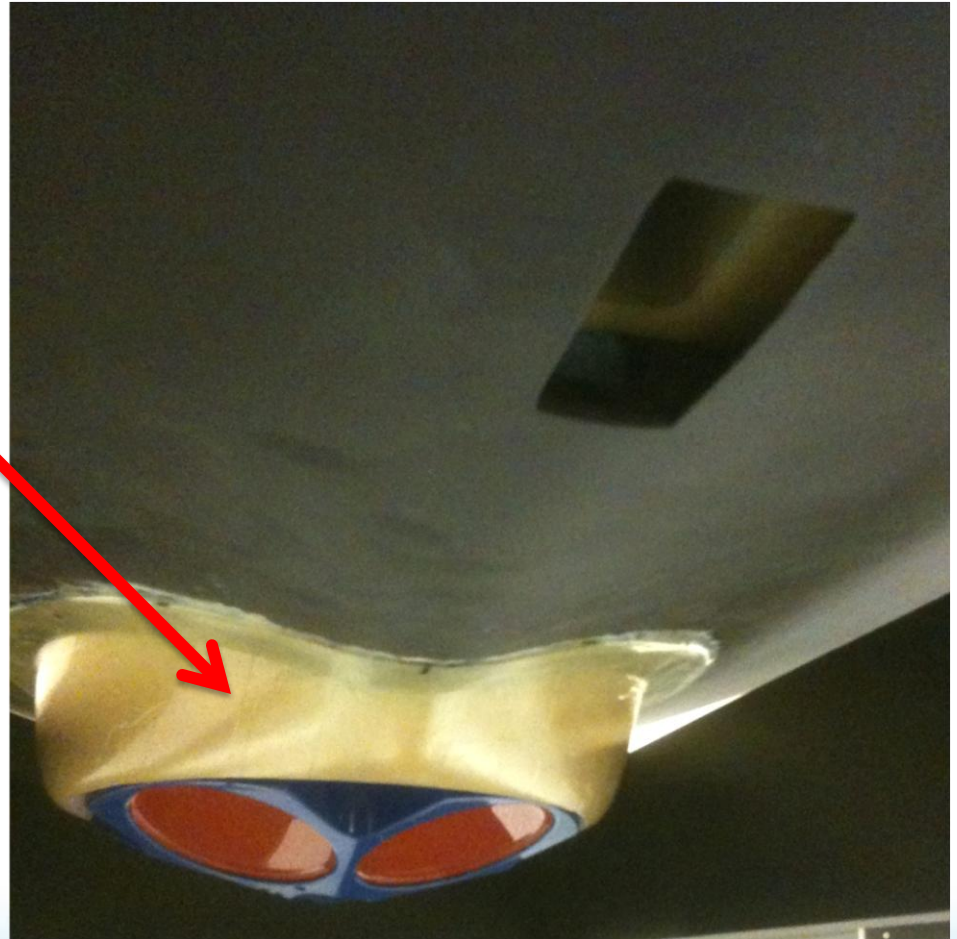
Aft Electronics

- SMC
- Iridium 9522B
- Other sensor electronics

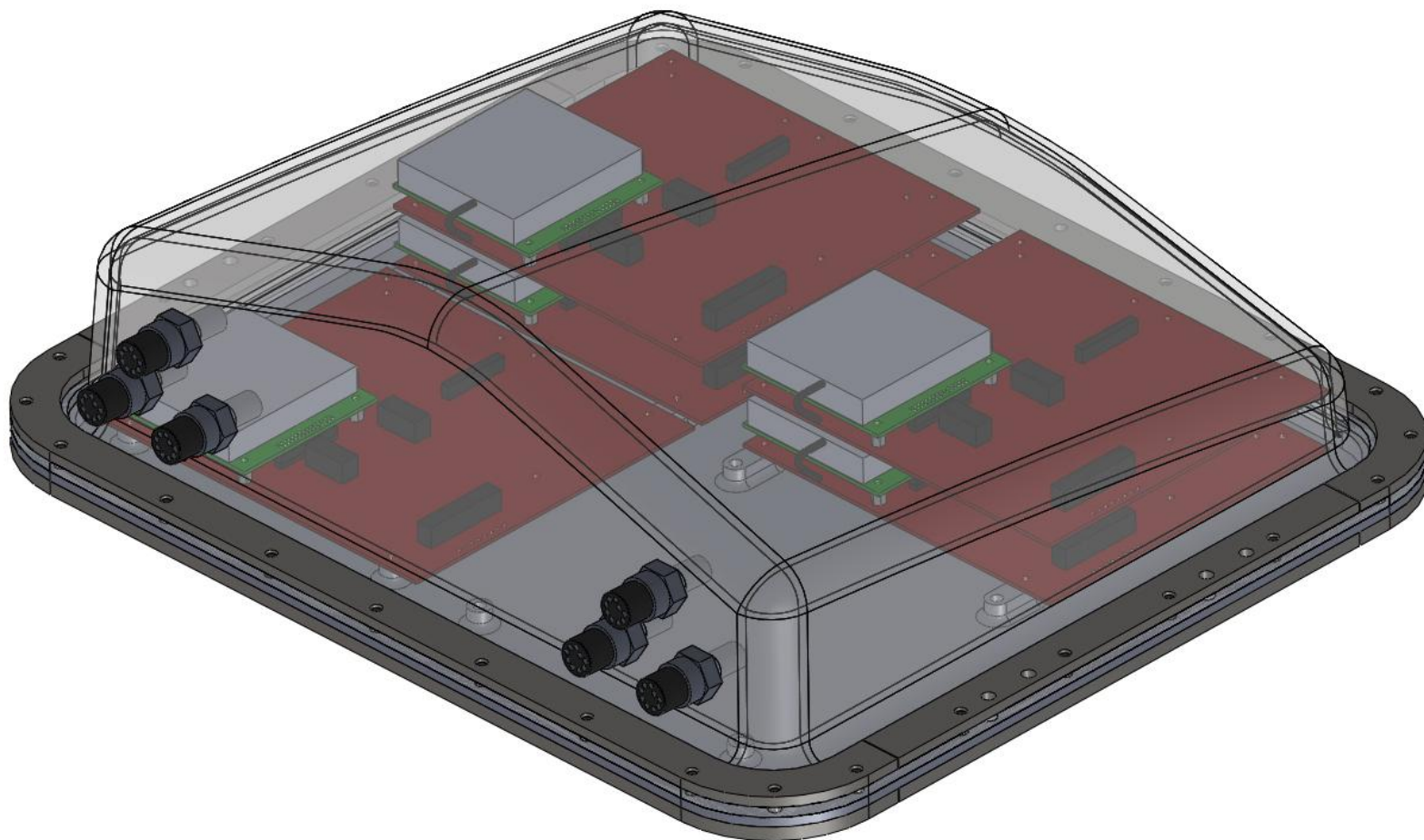


# Teledyne RDI Workhorse ADCP

Shows transducer  
mounted on  
bottom of float



# Sensor Electronics Bay

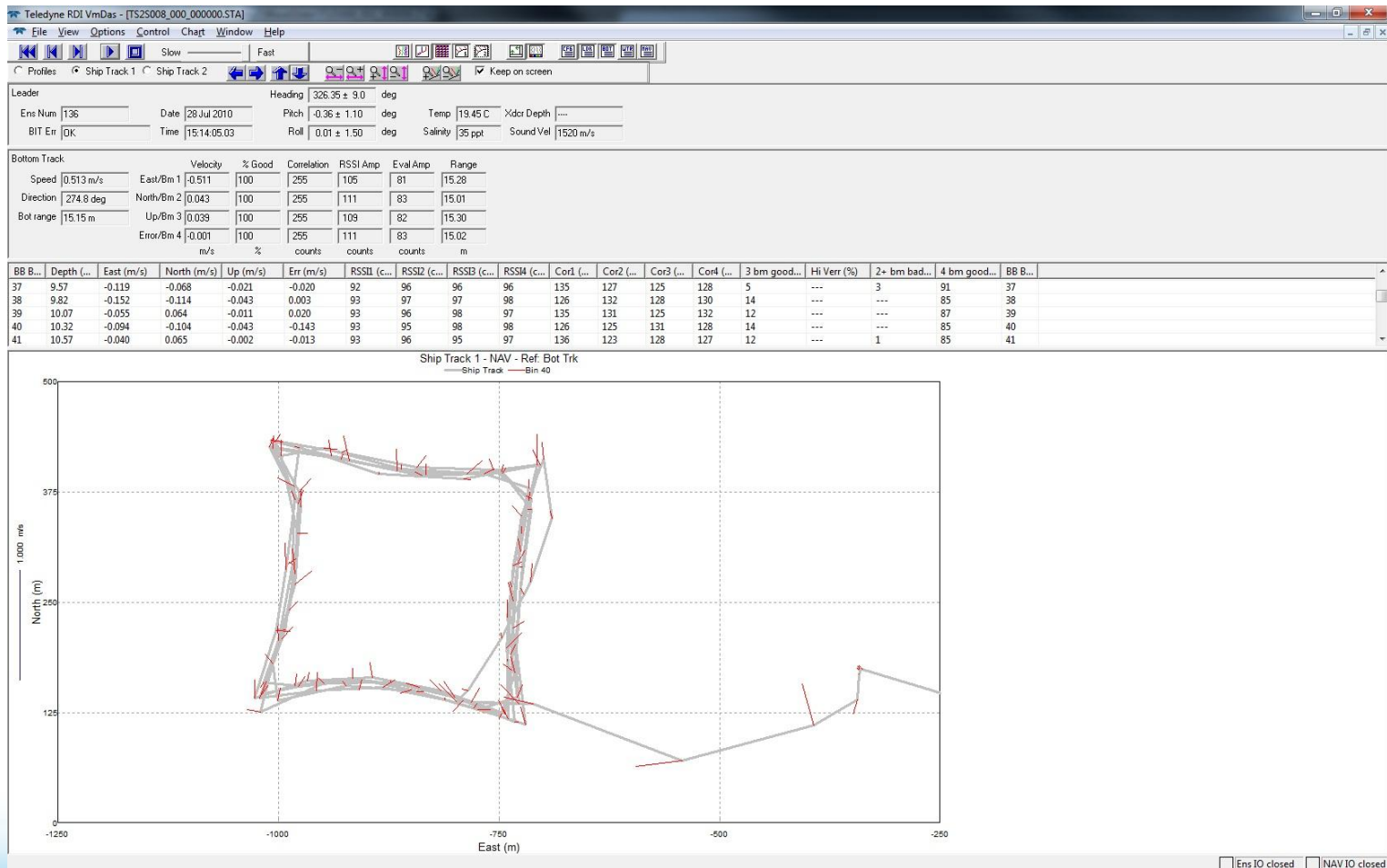




# Inshore Wave Glider Track (A) & a co-located bottom mounted ADCP (B)

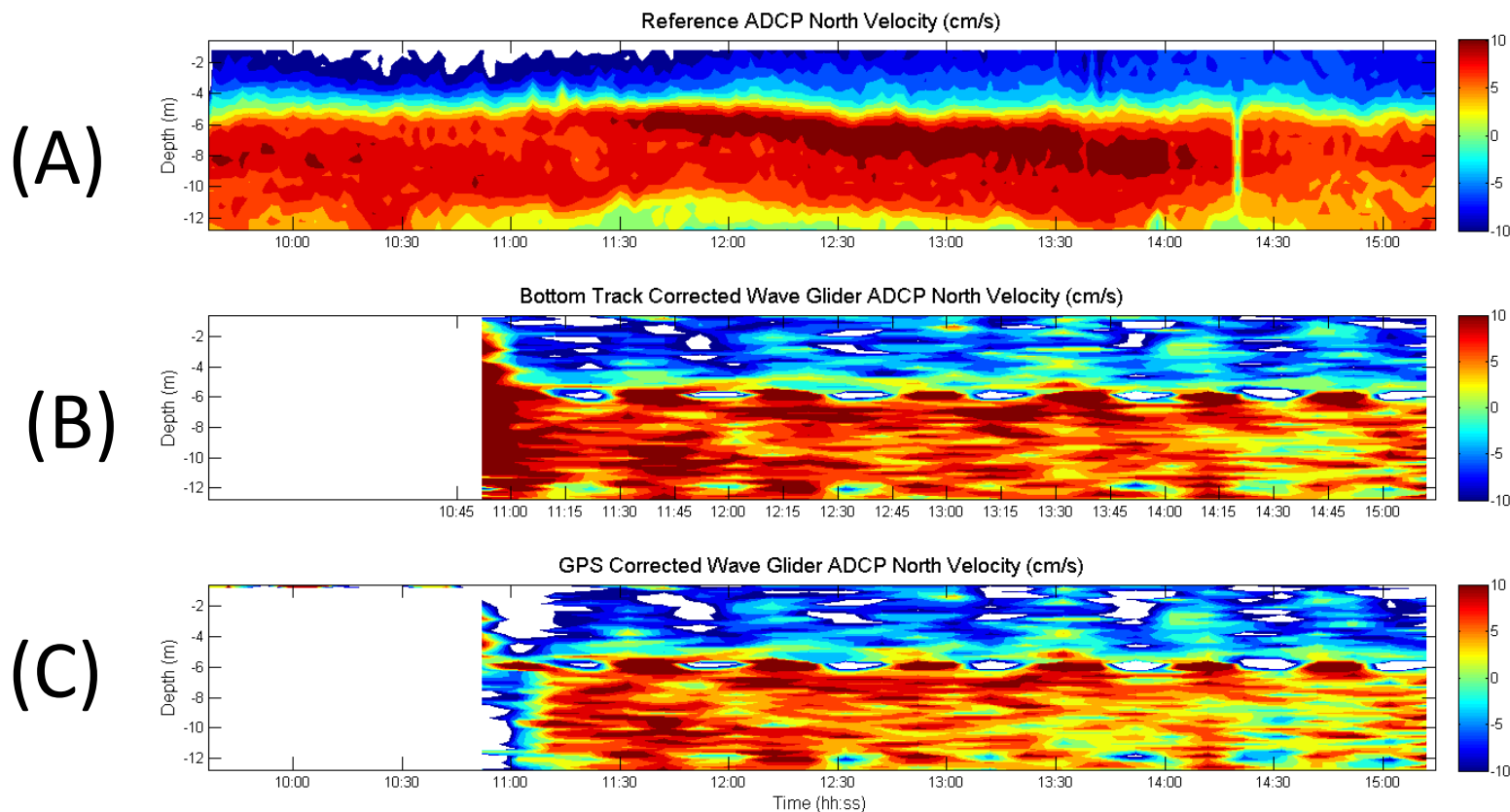


# ADCP bottom track course

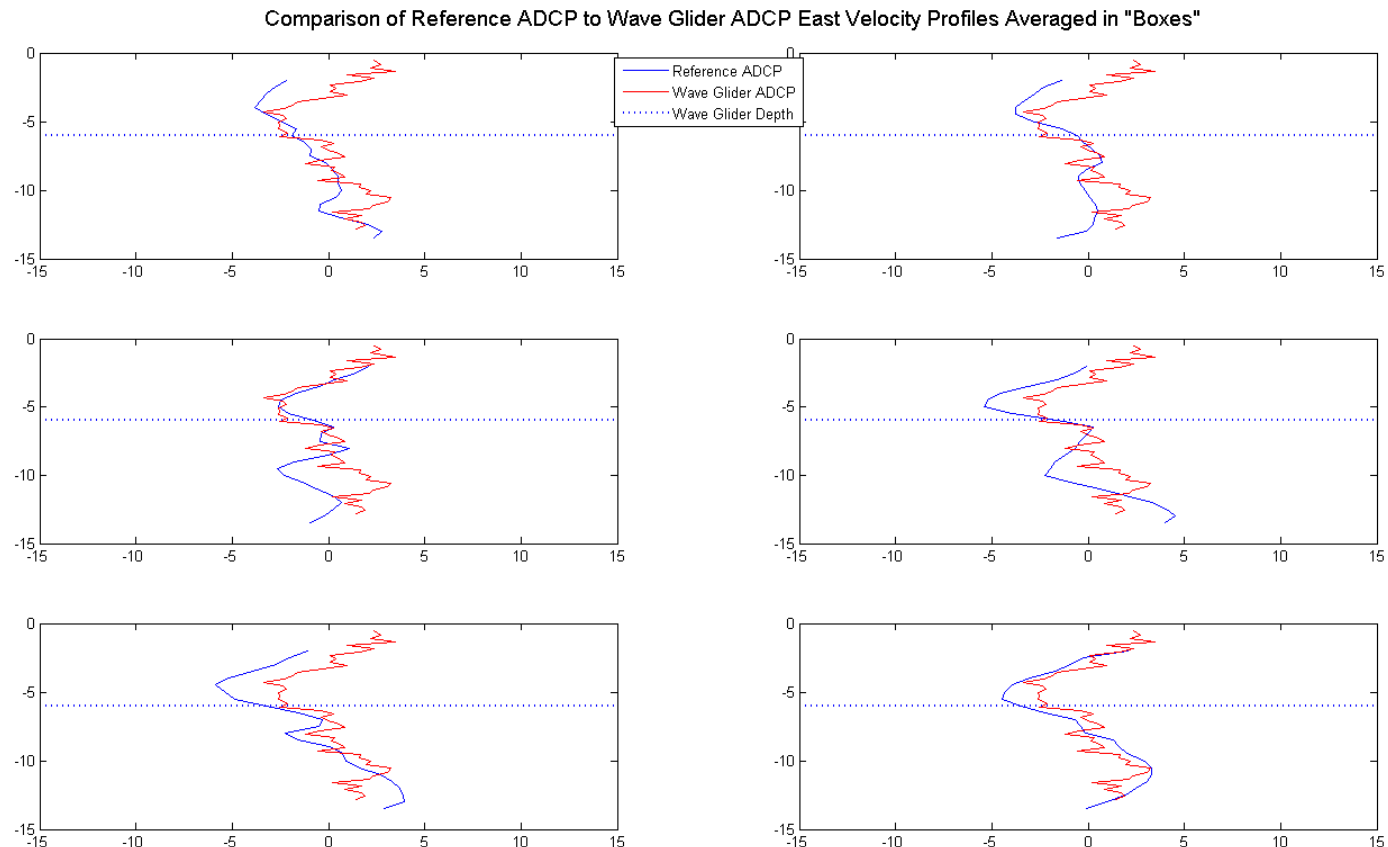




Comparison of the bottom mounted ADCP current profile (A) and the Wave Glider ADCP current profiles – (B) ADCP Bottom Track reference & ( C ) ADCP GPS reference



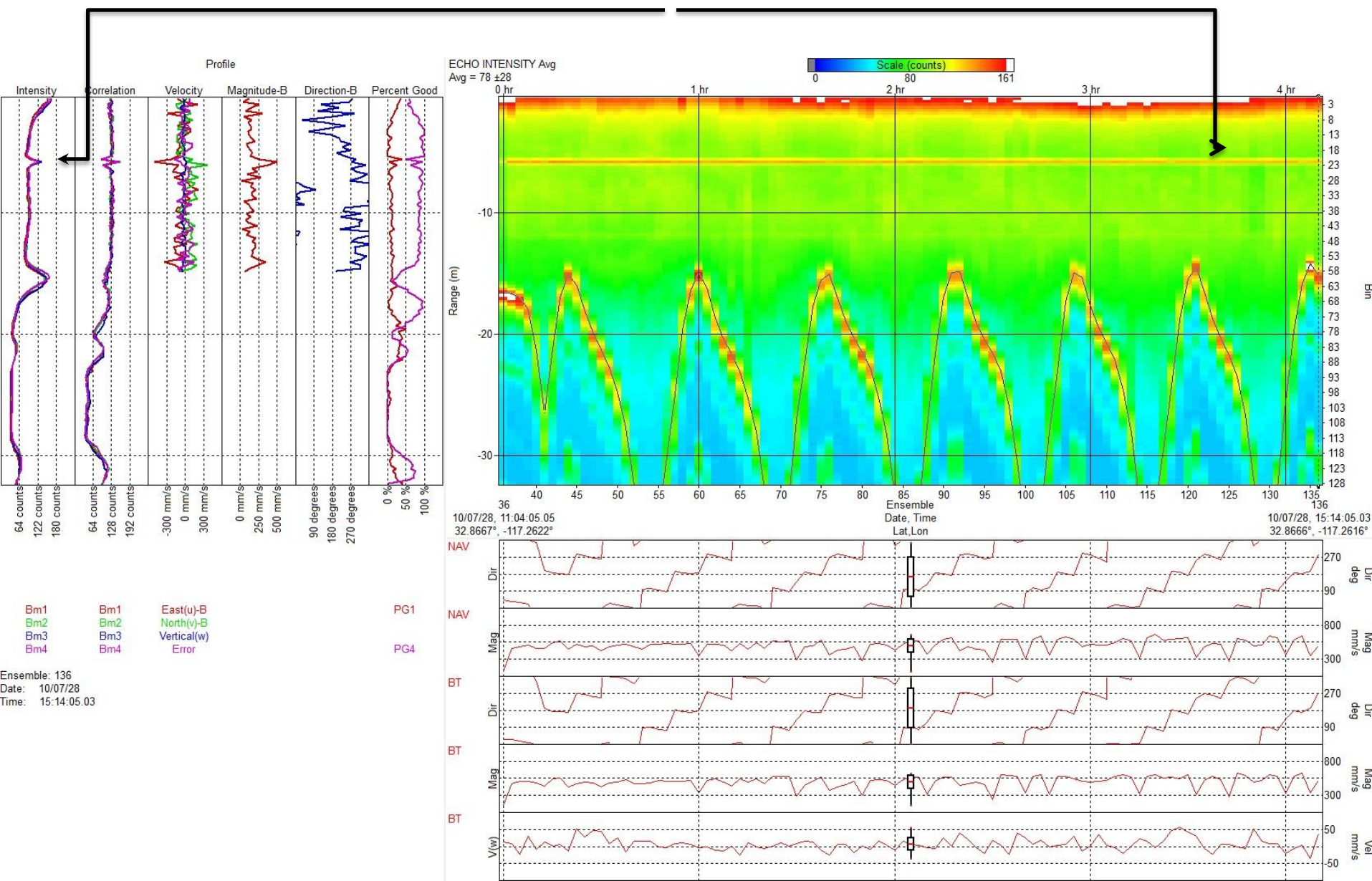
# Comparison of Reference ADCP E-W profiles (blue) to Wave Glider ADCP E-W profiles (red)





# Wave Glider ADCP Echo Intensity profile.

Note the effect of the Wave Glider Wing at the 7M depth

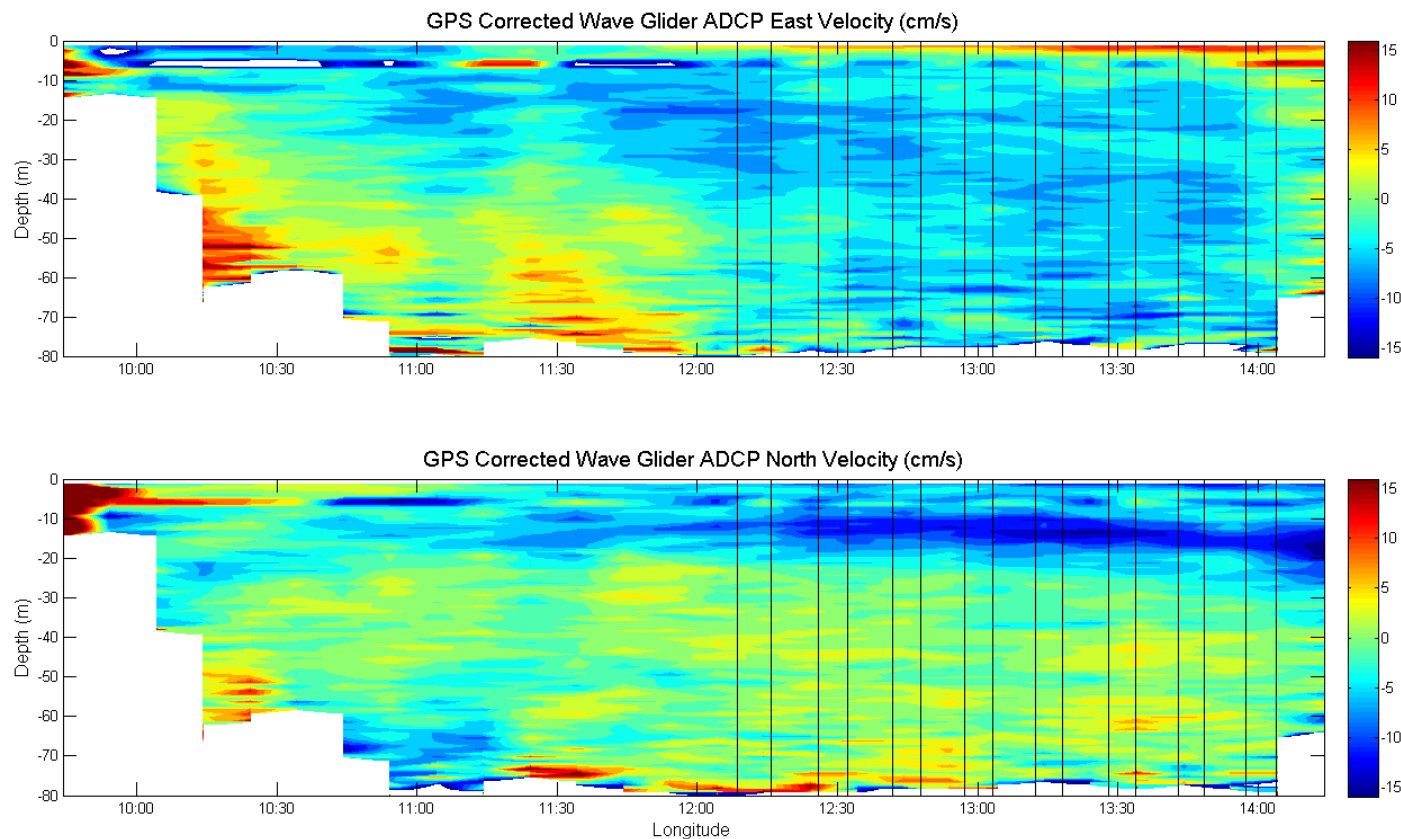


Deep water track to trial the ADCP performance outside of bottom track range – the Wave Glider GPS is the default reference used to resolve the ADCP measurements.

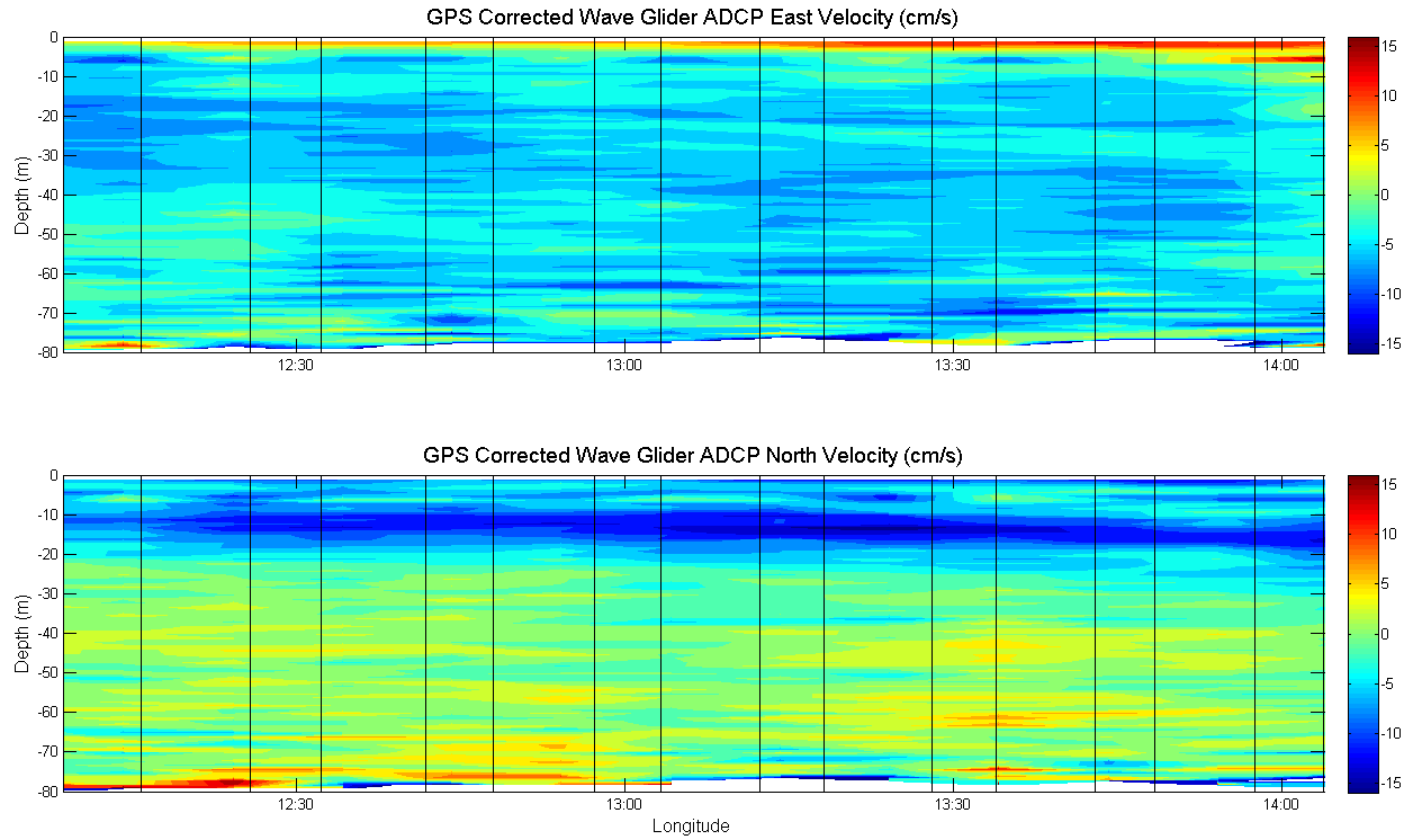




# Transition from Bottom Tracking reference to GPS reference

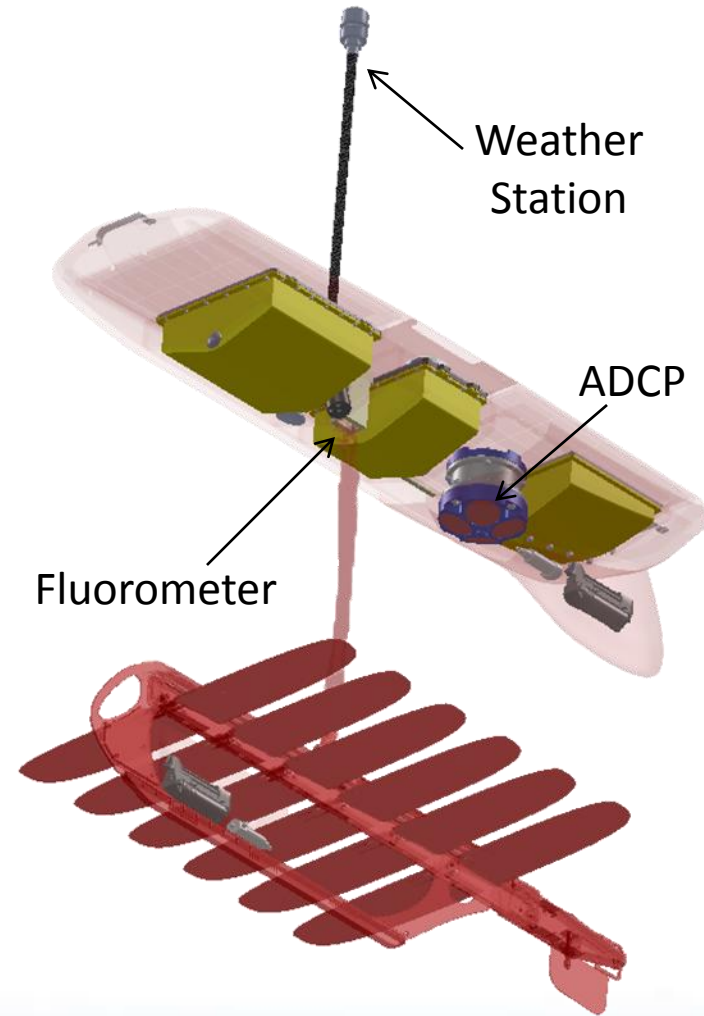
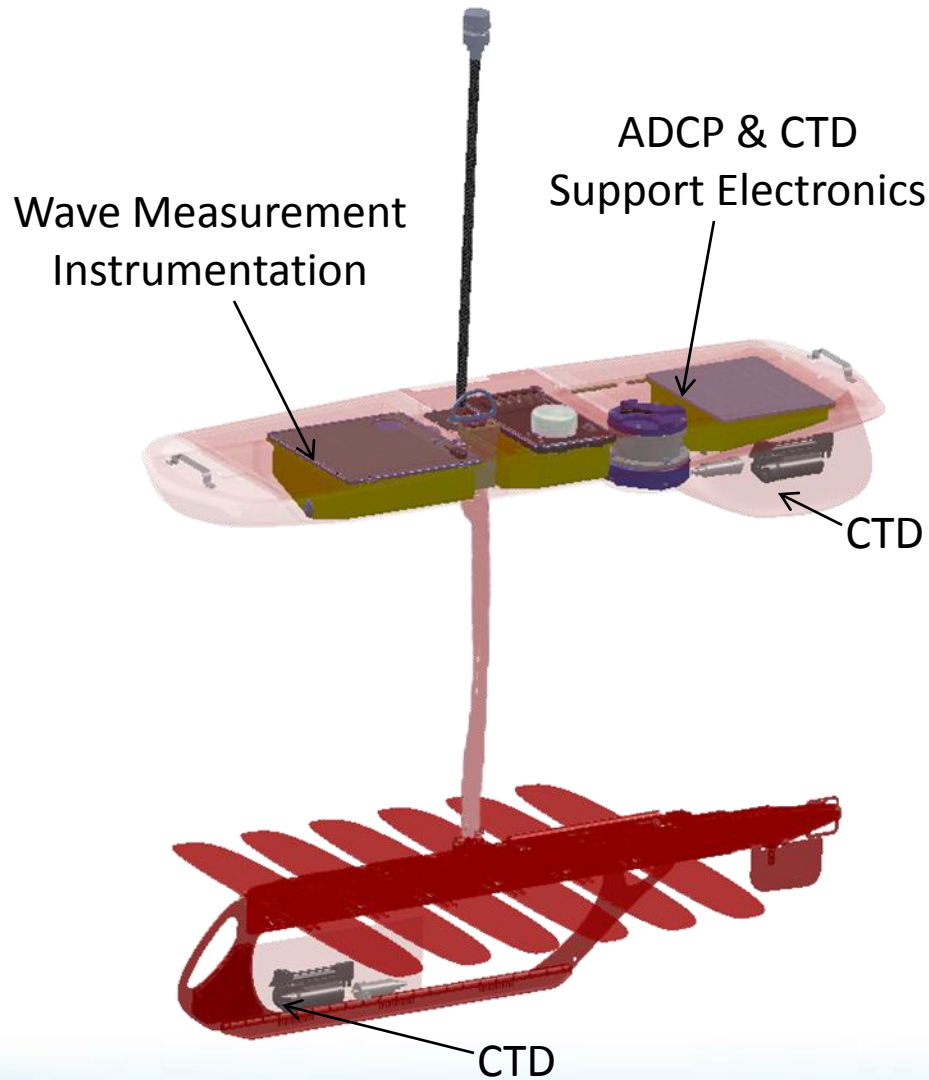
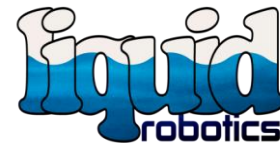


# Transition from Bottom Tracking reference to GPS reference





# METOC Wave Glider, in development as a standard offering

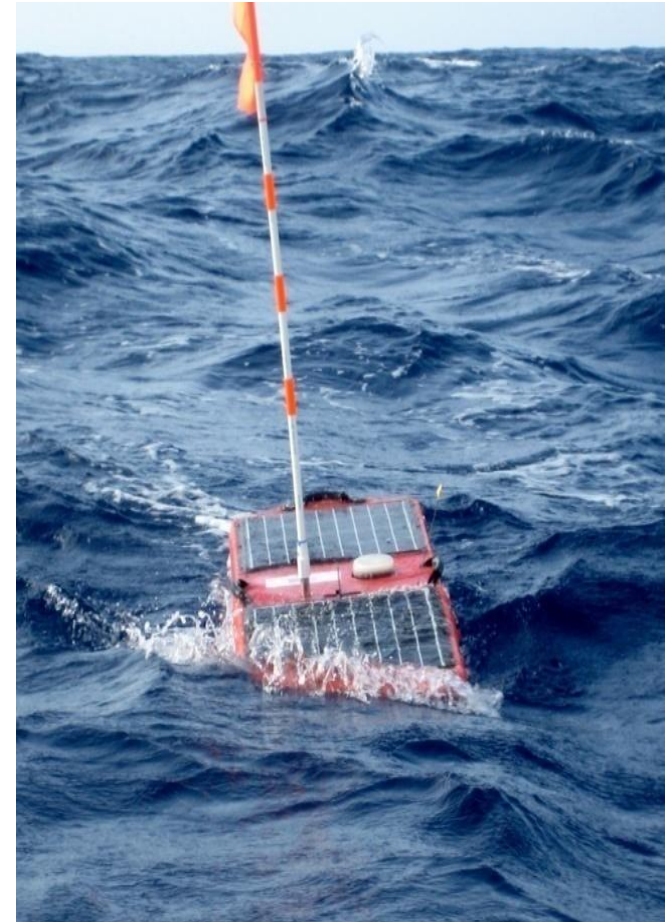


# The Wave Glider

## a “game changing” technology

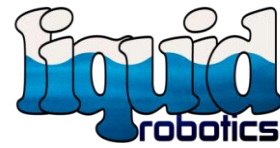


- Unique Two Part Vehicle:
  - Converts wave motion into thrust
  - Calm and rough seas
  - Thrust generation increases with sea state
  - Long mission durations possible
- Both a Buoy and a Vehicle
  - Travel to operation area
  - Return for maintenance
  - Patrol, survey or hold station
- Sensor integration to date
  - Meteorology
  - Water Quality (CTD, Fluorometry)
  - Passive Acoustic & Acoustic “Gateway”
  - Current Profiling & Bathymetry





# Thank You



Looking forward to feedback, discussions and collaboration . . .

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