

Integrating Advanced Payloads with Underwater Gliders

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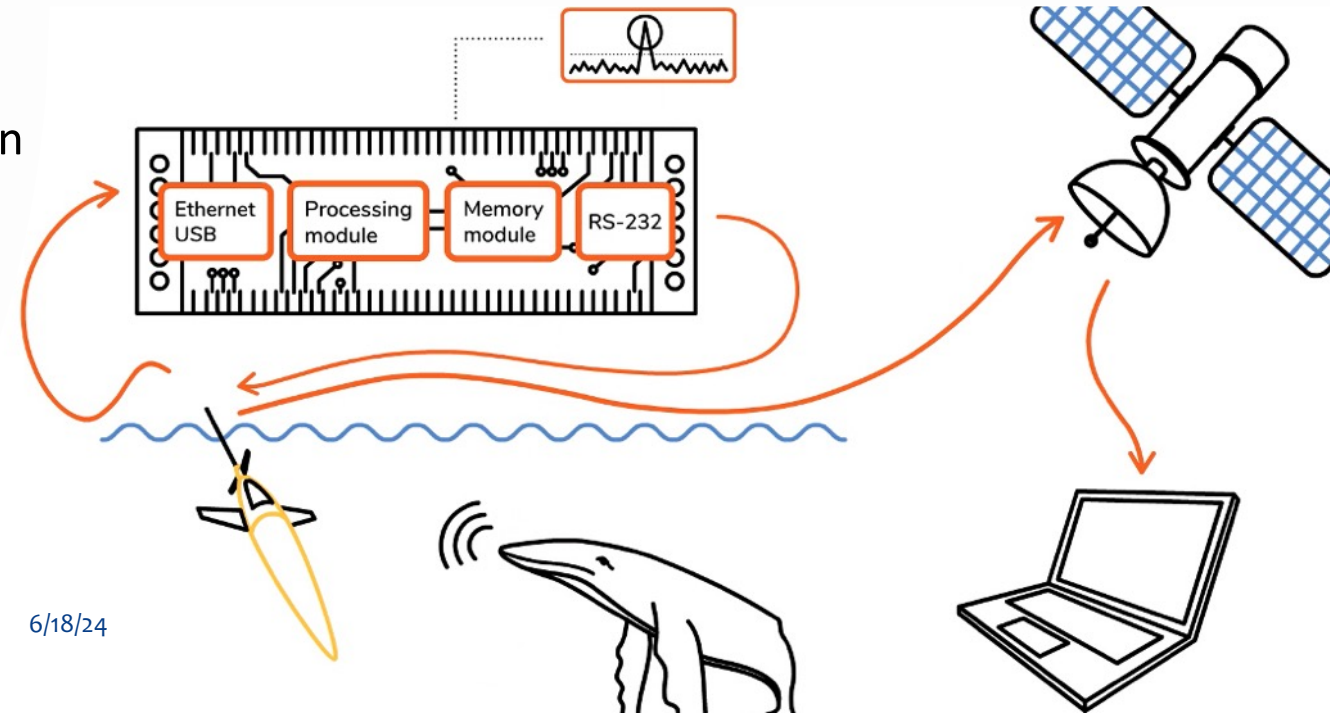
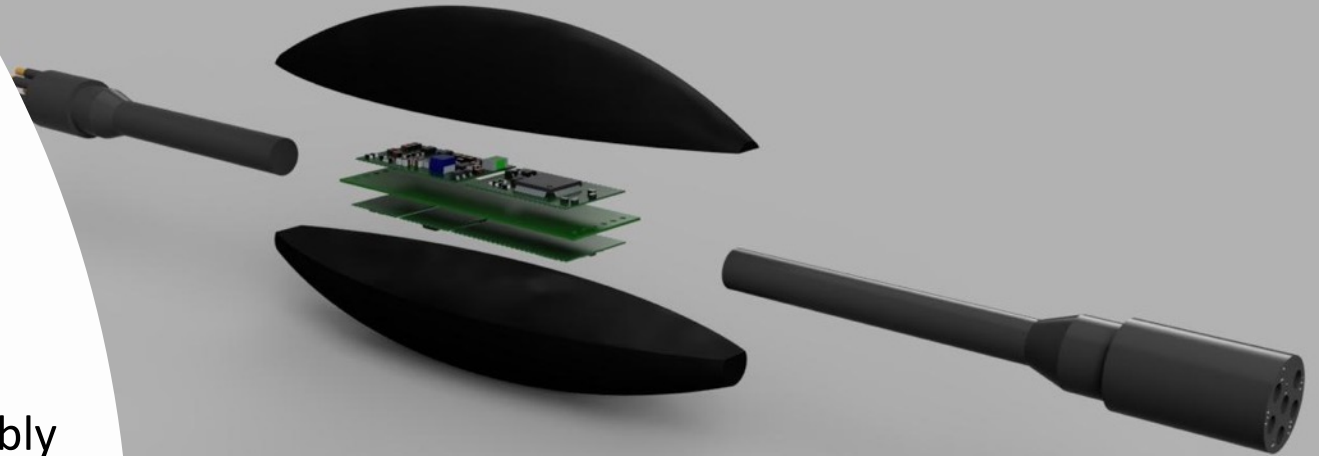
Who is Cyprus Subsea?

- Est. 2012, in Nicosia, Cyprus
- 5 employees
 - Oceanography
 - Ocean Engineering
- Research and Development Focus



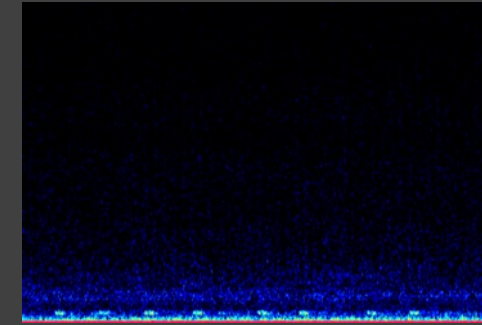
Cyprus Subsea's SIRMA™

- Smart Interoperable Real-time Maritime Assembly
- Variety of interchangeable modules
 - Processing modules
 - Protocol modules (RS-323, 485, 422, Ethernet, USB, CAN-bus)
 - Power modules (step-up, step-down, protection circuit)
 - Miscellaneous modules (ADC, memory, Real-time clock, etc.)
- Pressure tolerant
- Customizable connector/pin-out
- <https://github.com/Cyprus-Subsea/Smart-Cable>

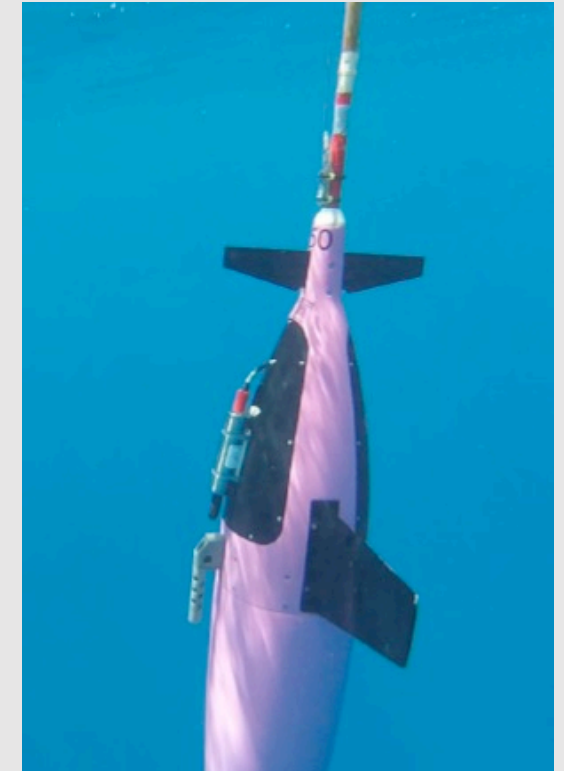
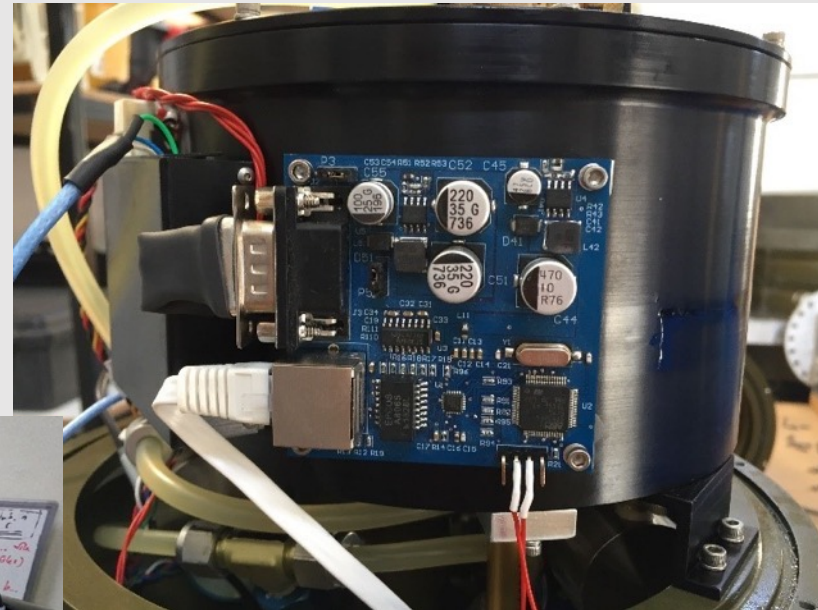


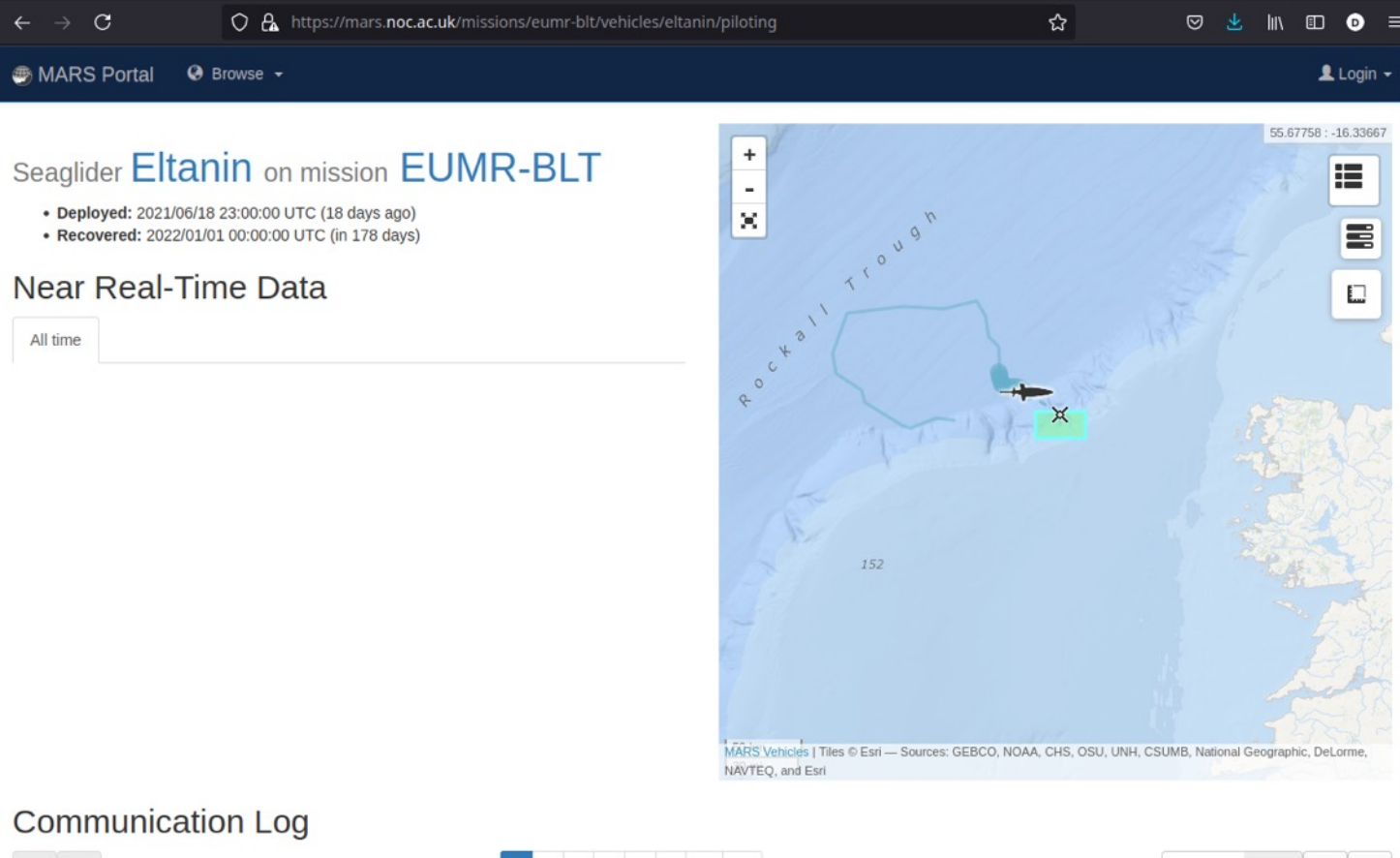
Passive Acoustics

SIRMA™ makes the integration of sensors to platforms possible and facilitates the real-time transfer of data



- Seaglider with SIRMA™
- Ocean Sonics icListen HF
- Analyzes data, transmits acoustic spectra
- Near-real-time event detection



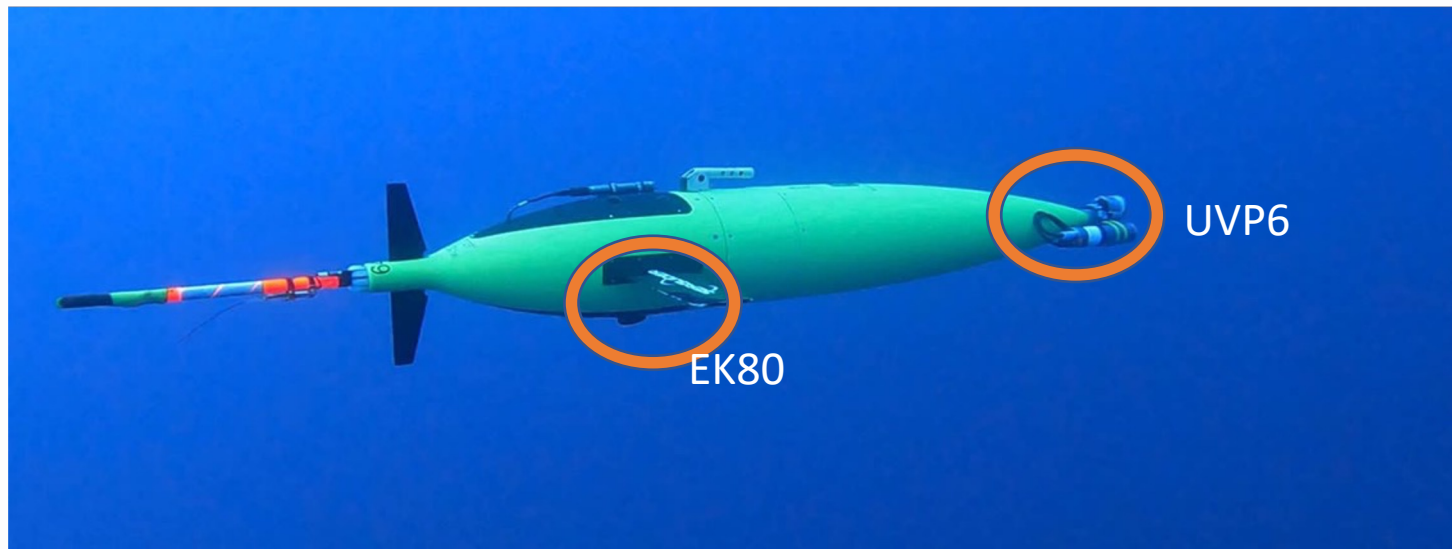


- Integration of hydrophone on SeaGlider
- Possibility of detecting:
 - beaked whales (Sowerby and Cuvier), Sperm whale, Baleen whale (humpback and fin), various delphinids
 - DATA: <https://dx.doi.org/10.5285/096690aba290452d9b7208133274b69b> (NERC EDS British Oceanographic Data Centre NOC ERDDAP tool)

Marine Mammal research

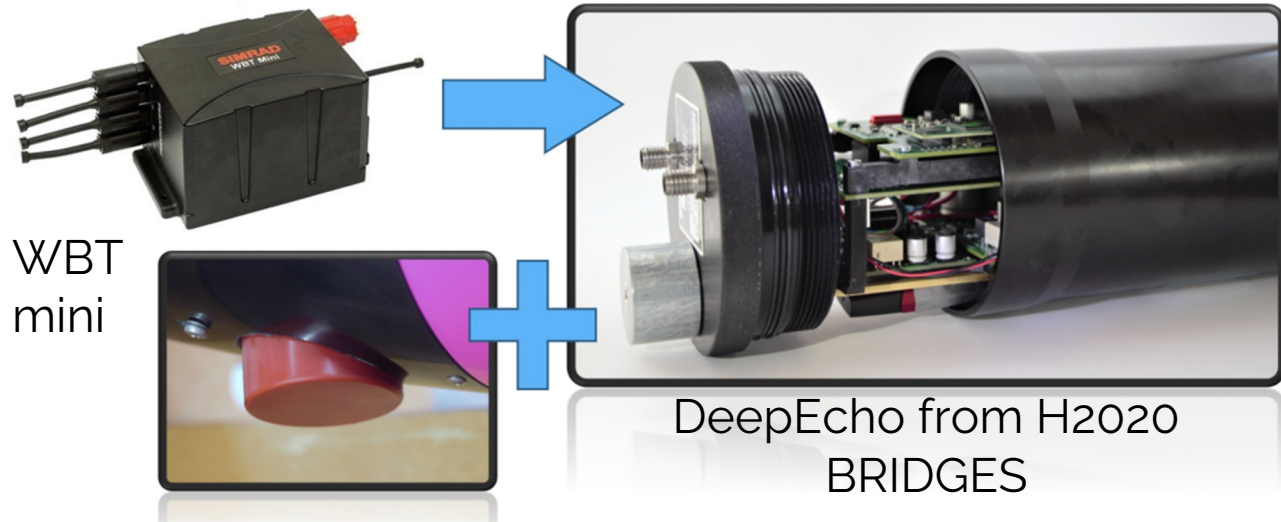
Acoustic and Imaging devices integration

| | Seaglider | Slocum | SeaExplorer |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| EK80 | Integrated and tested | In progress on G2 Teledyne on G3 | No |
| UVP-6 | Integrated and tested | Integrated on G3 | Alseamar |

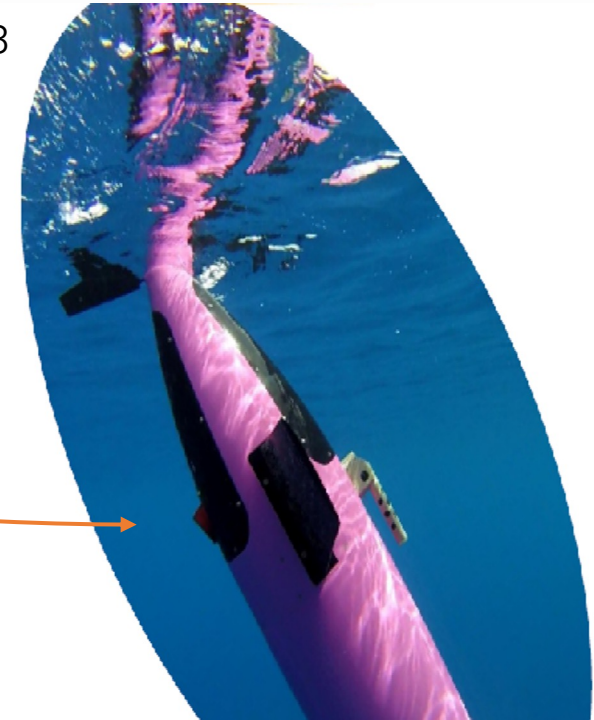


*First tests of the full Bioglider solution on Seaglider
 Depth rating: 1000 m
 Endurance estimate: 1 mo (TBC)*

EK80 - Echosounder integration



- **DeepEcho:** scientific wide-band echosounder for detection of fish, plankton, bubbles
- **Kongsberg Simrad WBAT mini-ek80,** Modified to fit in pressure housing
- **Seaglider™**
 - Uses LogDev and SIRMA™
 - Autonomous mode (no RT)
 - Field trials 2021, 22, 23
 - Norway and Cyprus
- **Teledyne Slocum**
 - In progress on the G2



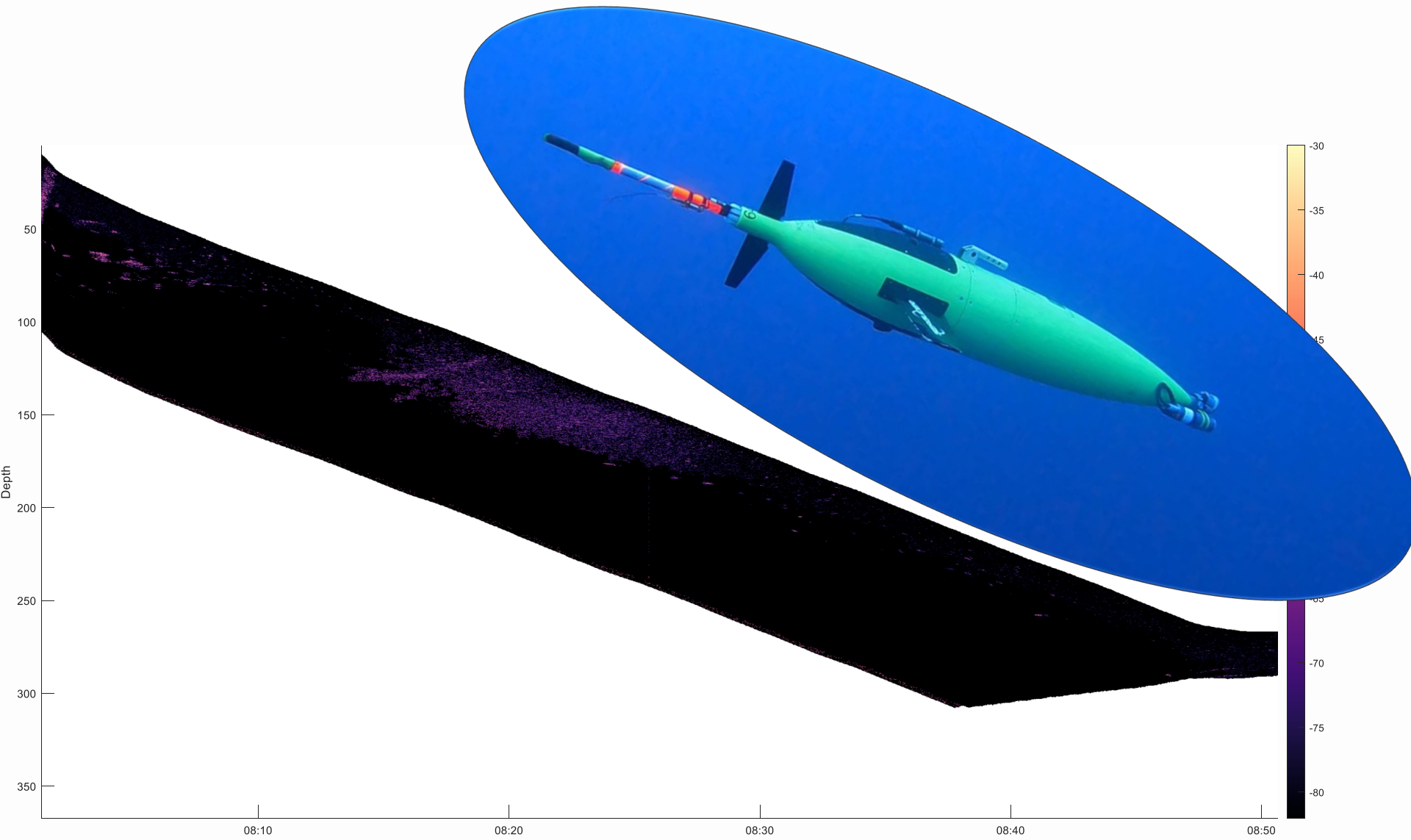
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EK80 - Echosounder integration

Active Acoustics



Uses

Biogeochemical,
physical

Depth / bathymetry

Zooplankton

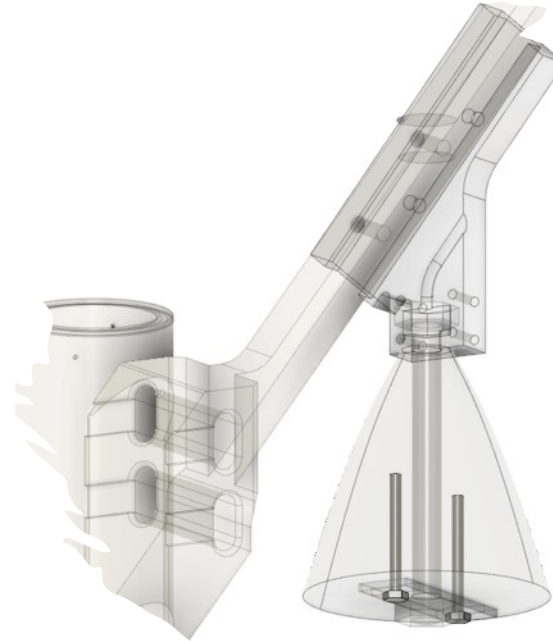
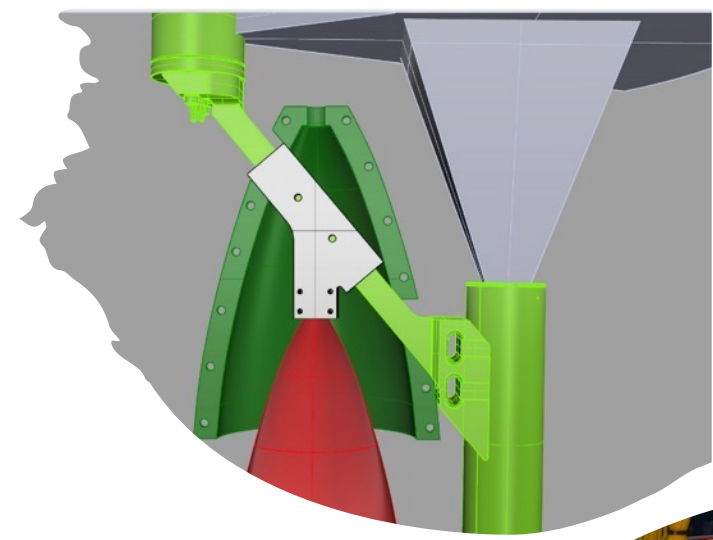
Fish (larvae +
juveniles)

Gas release (natural,
human)

Ecosystem,
behavioural studies
(mammals + prey)

UVP6 - Imaging device integration

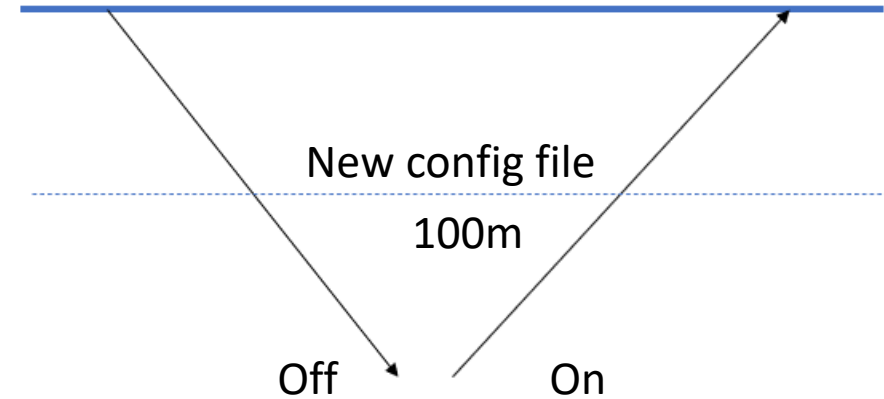
- Mechanical integration of the UVP6 on the Seaglider
- Nose mounting using custom bracket and front fairing drain hole
- Plastic arm
- 3-D printed bracket
- Foam needed for ballast and pitch



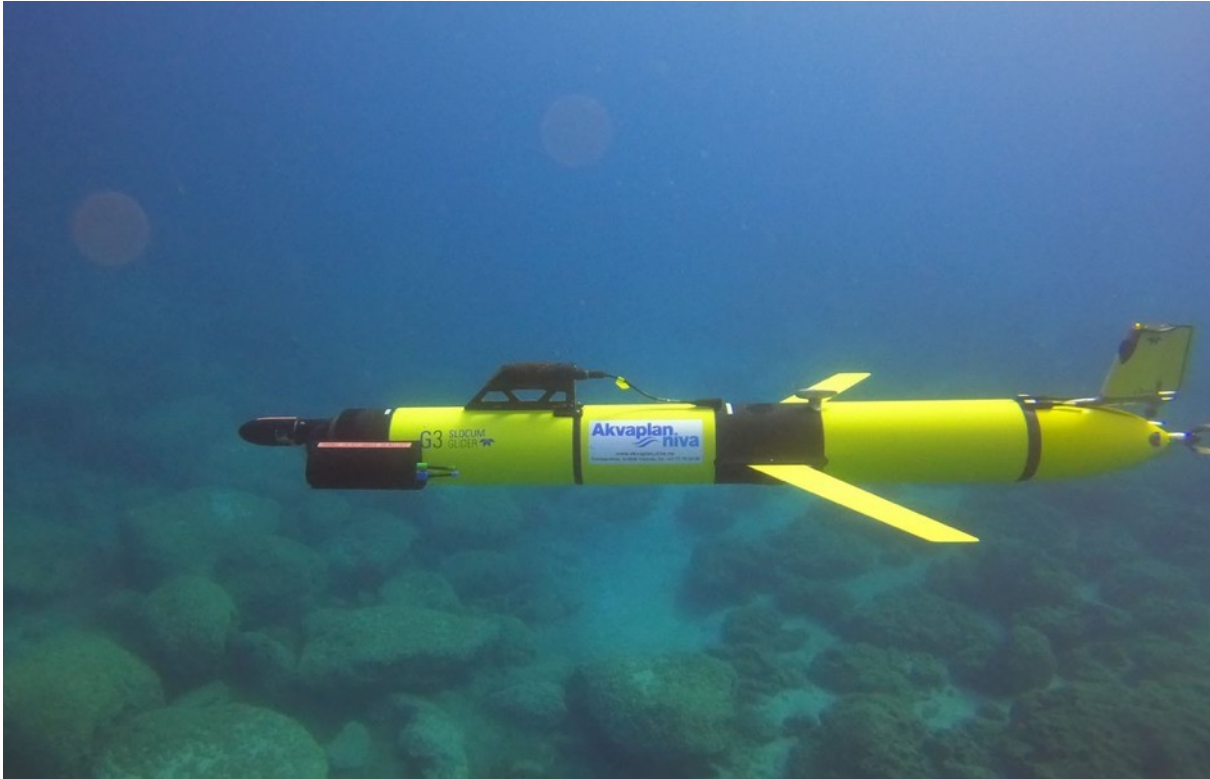
UVP6 - Imaging device integration



- SIRMA™
 - UVP6 real time operation
 - Receives depths from glider and sets config files
 - A snippet of particle size distribution tables sent to shore



UVP6 - Imaging device integration



Slocum

First tests in January 2023 on the G3 version

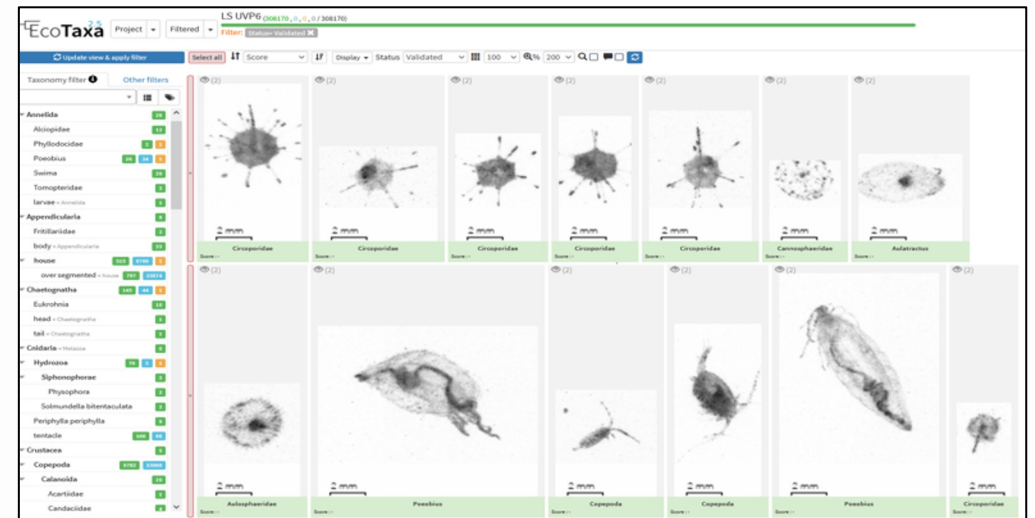
Back Seat Driver interacts with SIRMA™: allows real time transfer of particle statistics and depth dependent control

Work in progress on the G2.

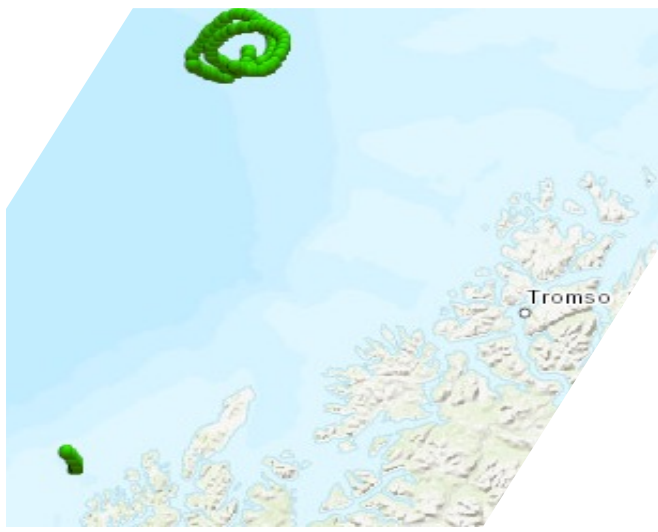
Already more than 6000 profiles from gliders

UVPapp improvement (merging, metadata, piloting...)

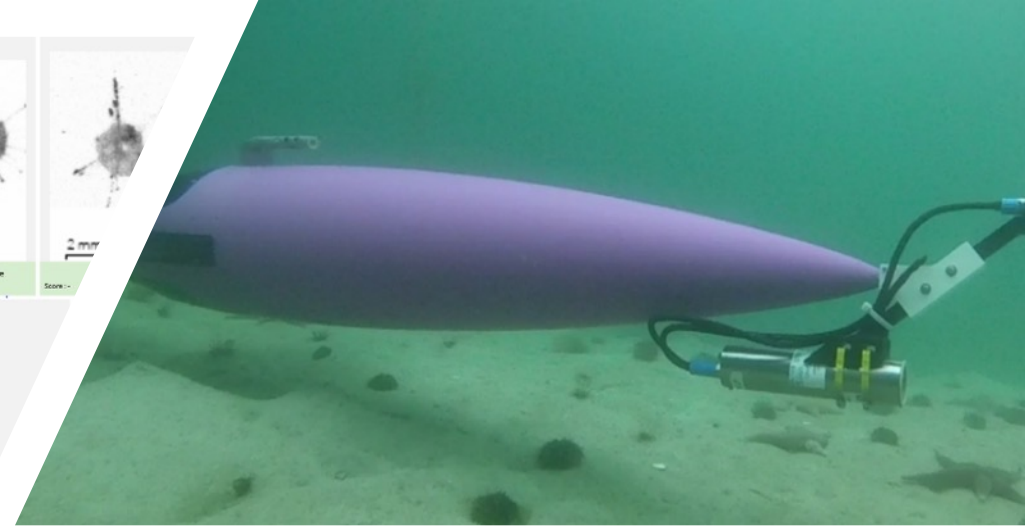
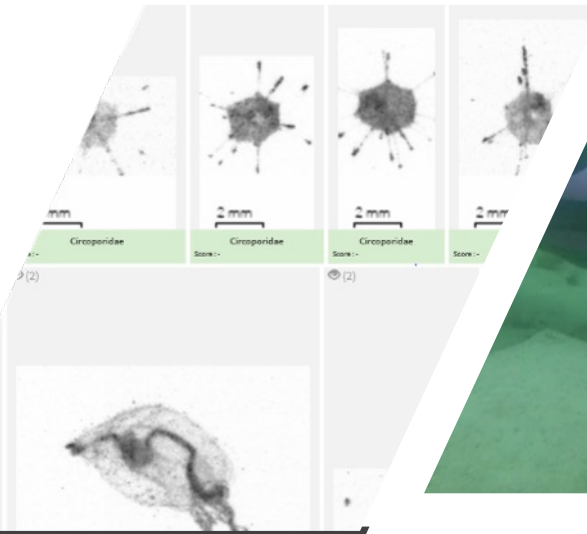
Matlab tool coding for data preparation for [EcoPart](#) and [Ecotaxa](#) (Blue cloud)



Learning set creation for the automatic classification of UVP6 images : 650 000 images sorted

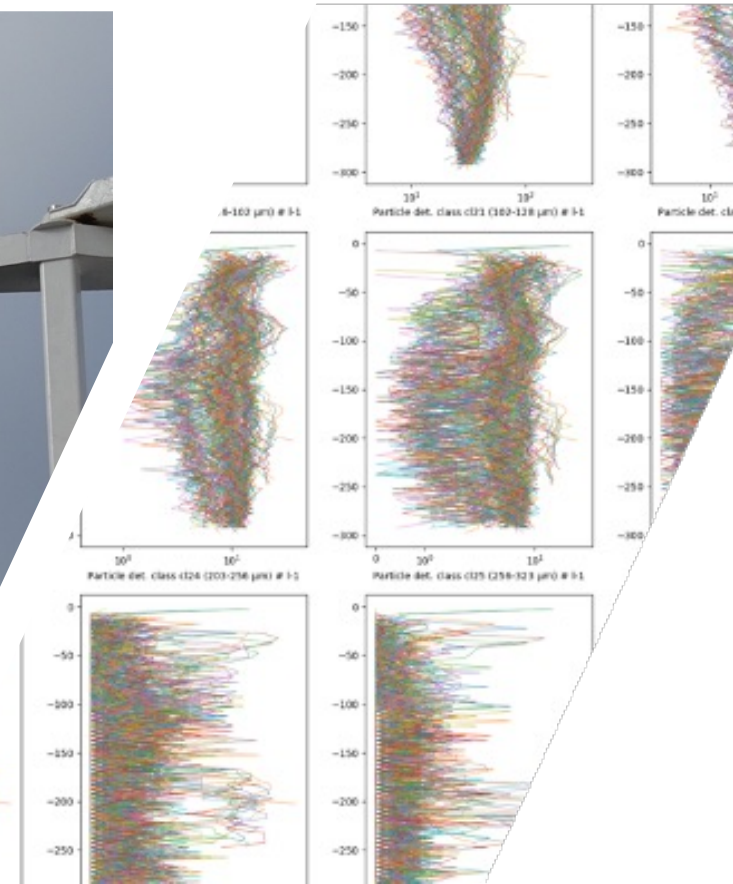


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UVP6

- Norwegian and Arctic technical trials 5/21, scientific trials 2022, -23, -24
- Best Practices for use of UVP on Gliders:
 - Integration, configuration, and operation
 - Automatic sample metadata filling
 - Automatic useful depth selection
 - Association of glider-CTD data with UVP data
 - TechOceans D4.1



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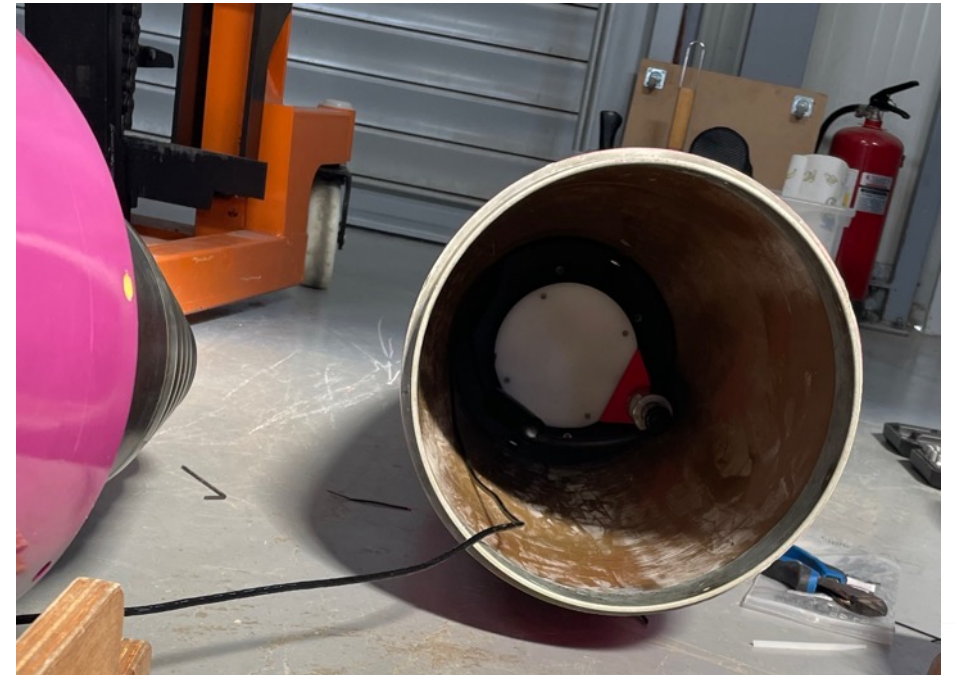


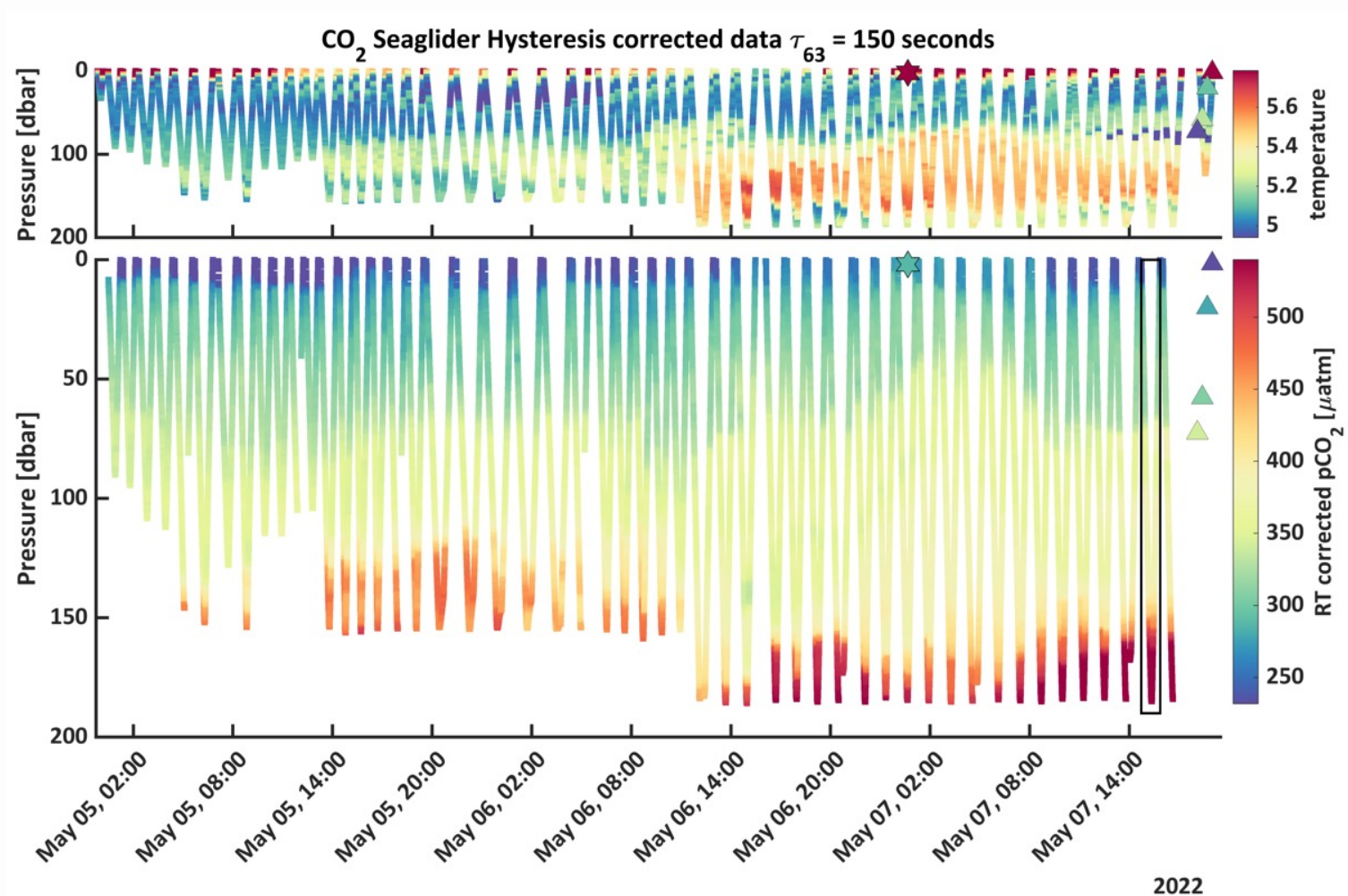
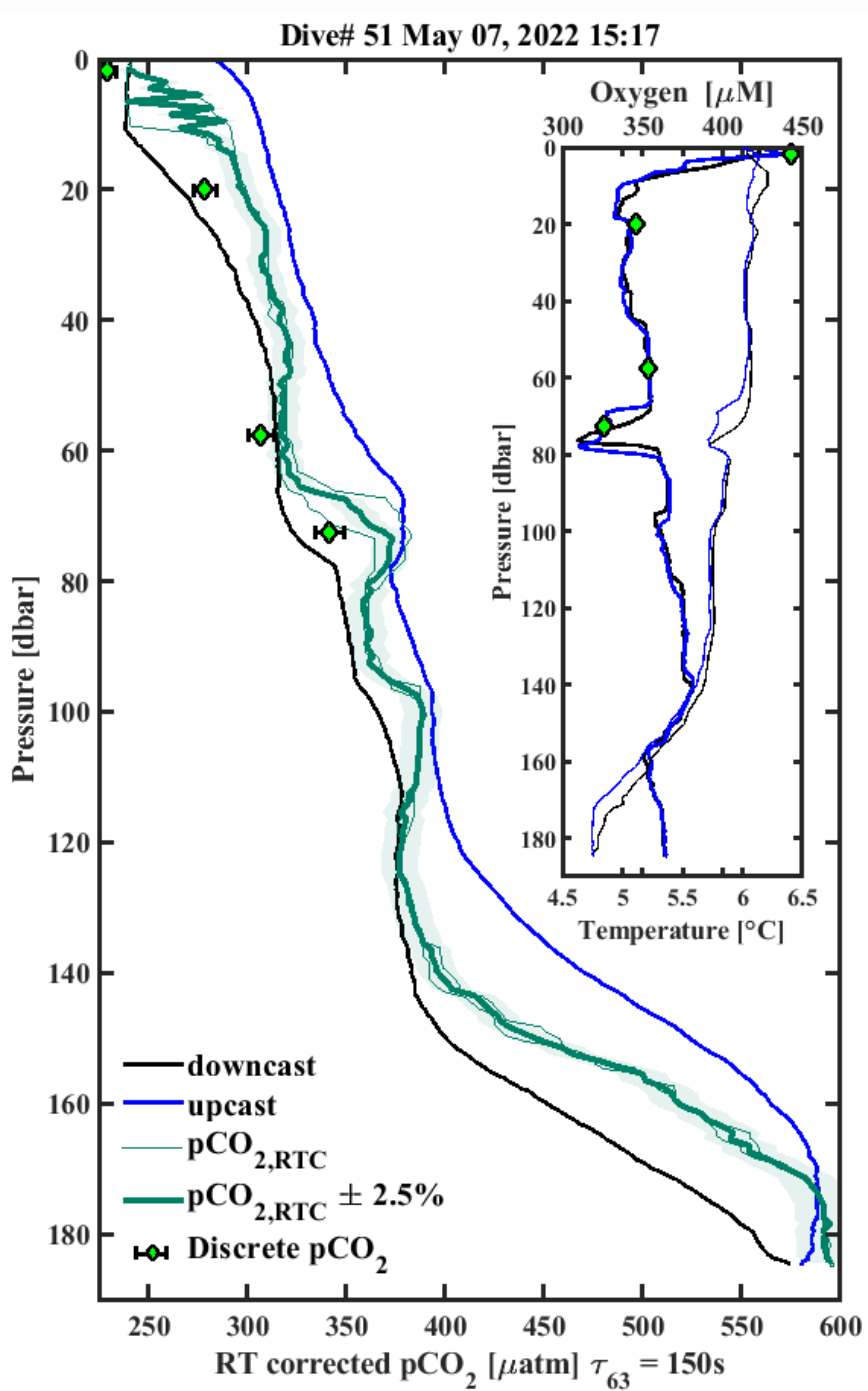
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pCO₂, pCH₄



- Seaglider with SIRMA and HydroC
- Technical trials 11/21 (CY), scientific trials 4/22, 2/23, 5/23 (AL)
- First time a sensor of this size, weight, power installed at the nose of a glider
- Possibility of designing a complex mission with zeroing at the user-defined depth or dive segment
- Flexibility for real-time data setup as desired by scientists (averaging over depth, reducing the number parameters)





CO_2 Seaglider enables autonomous collection of high quality pCO_2 trajectory data



Help increase understanding of the natural variability of CO_2 and regional manifestation of ocean acidification



<https://doi.org/10.5194/eusphere-2024-1055>
Expanding seawater carbon dioxide and methane measuring capabilities with a Seaglider



Conclusions

- Ocean gliders require significant effort to accept new sensors
 - Seaglider LogDev/Slocum Back Seat Driver help, but sometimes SIRMA™ was needed for control and function
 - Payload space limited: add to nose or create space by extending fairing (SG)



Thank you!