

ROBOT POWER

Roger Hine, Co-Founder and CTO

Liquid Robotics Inc.





Arc Reactor

DON'T PLAN ON IT

Jupiter Foundation circa 2004





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Robot
Operational
Area

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO
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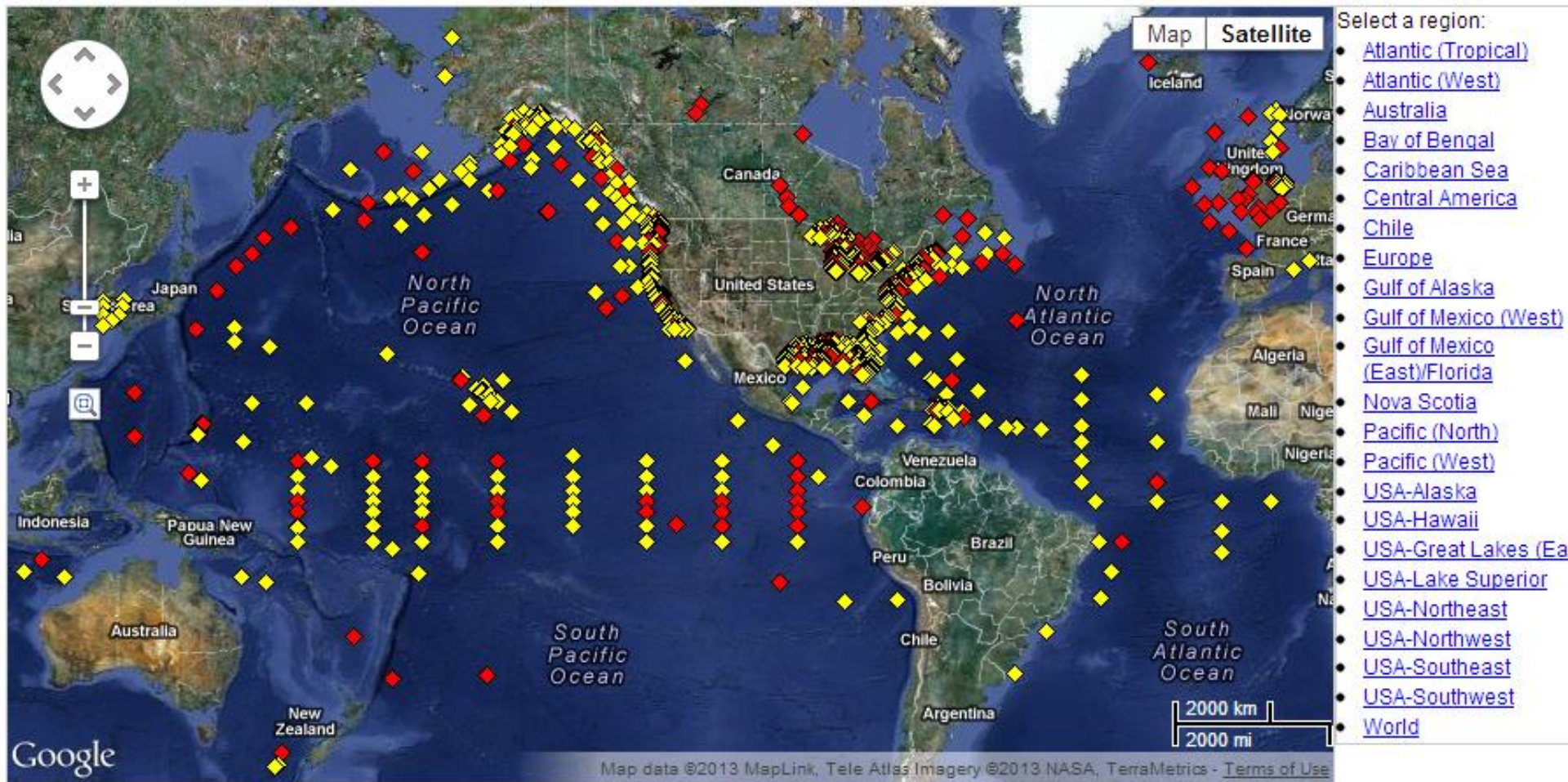
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STEAM



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's

National Data Buoy Center

Center of Excellence in Marine Technology



Mouse Cursor Coordinates:

1170 stations deployed
850 have reported in the past 8 hours

- Yellow diamond: Stations with recent data
- Orange diamond: Stations with historical data only
- Red diamond: Stations with no data in last 8 hours (24 hours for tsunami stations)
- Yellow diamond with black outline: Tsunami station in event mode (within previous 24 hours)

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Solar and wave powered ocean robots





3 Primary Business Areas



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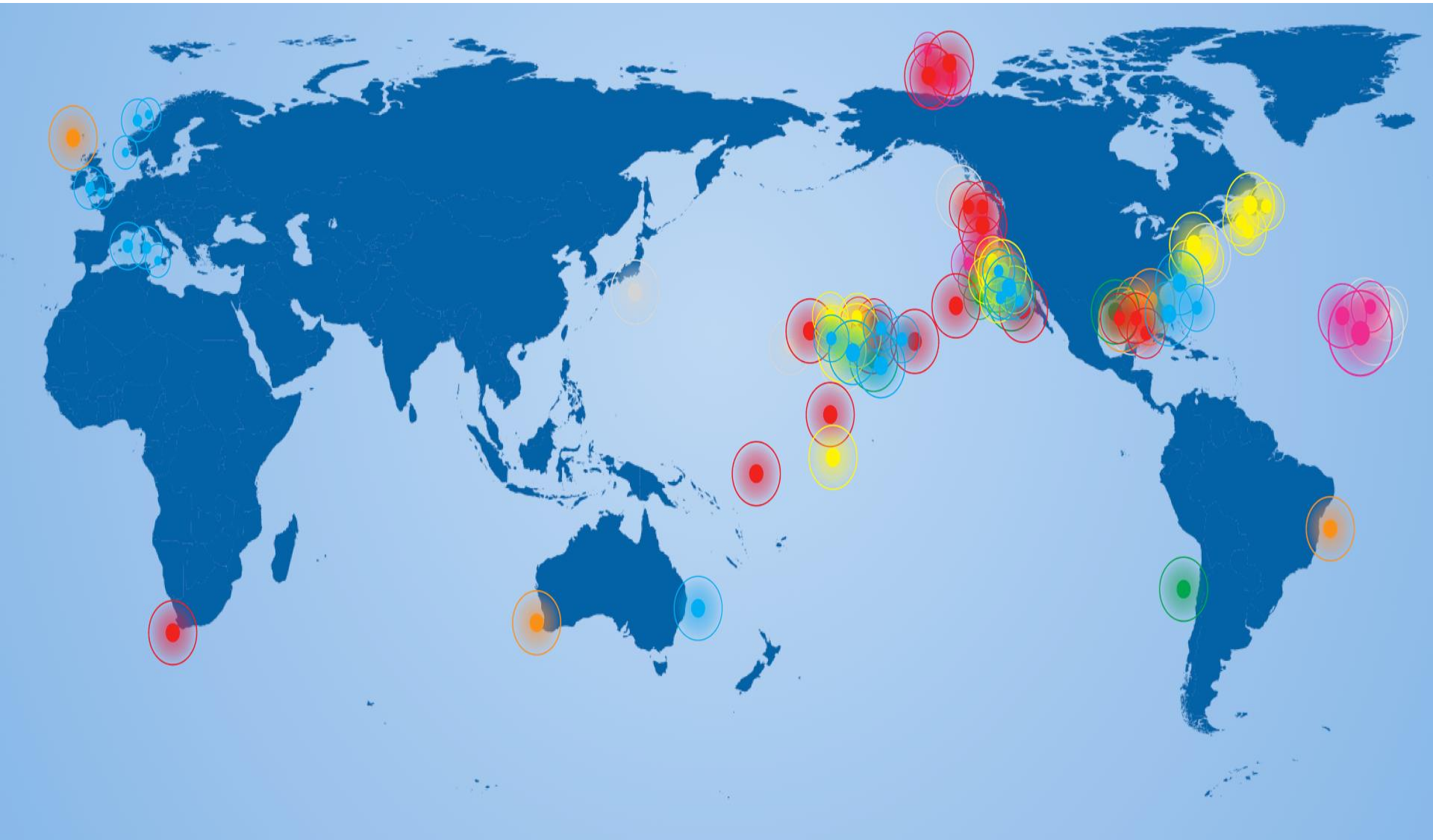
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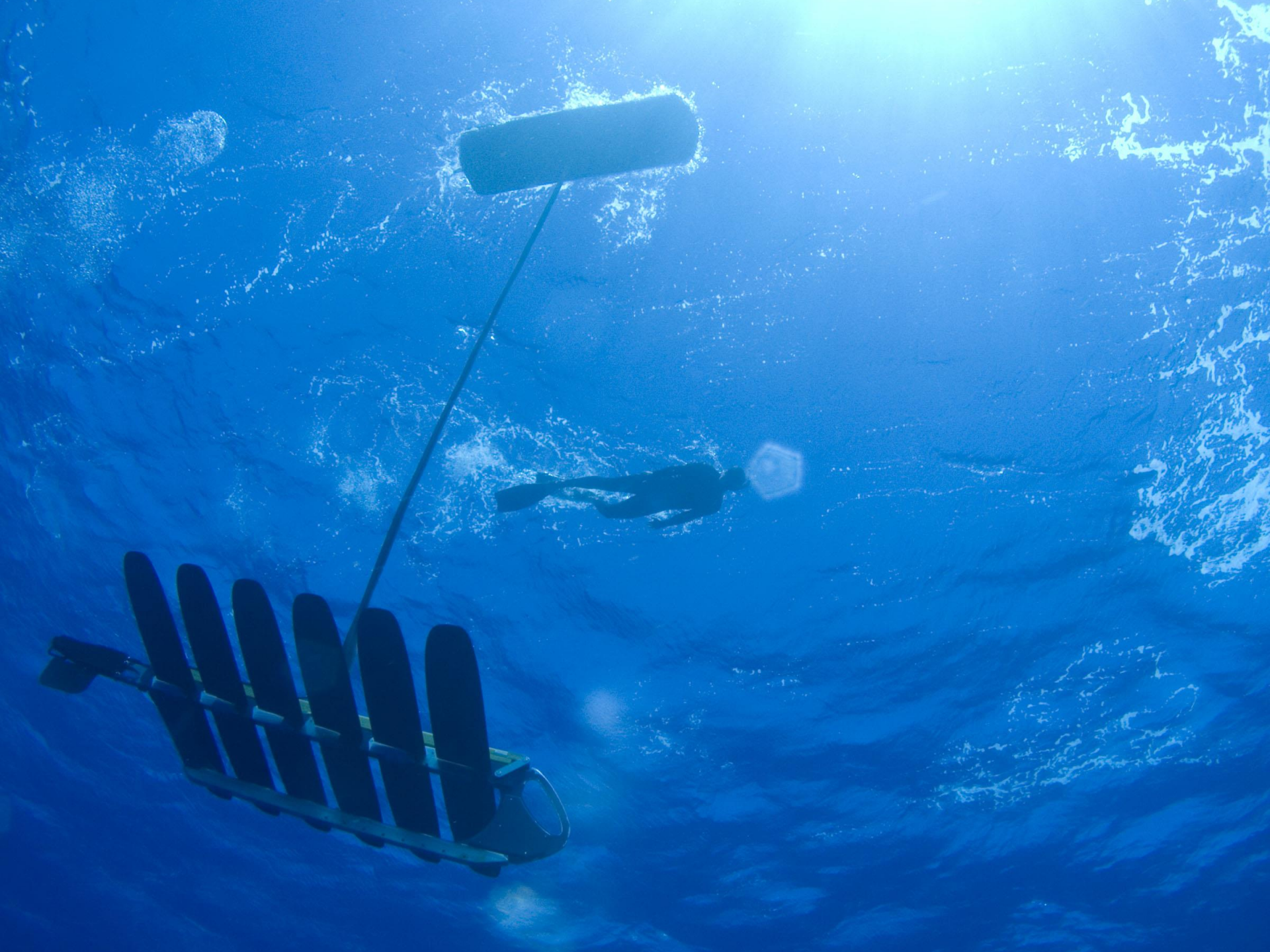
A joint venture with Schlumberger

WAVE GLIDER OPERATIONS THROUGH 2012



MARINE ROBOT ENERGY OPTIONS

1. Carry it with you, in batteries or tanks
2. Dock & recharge
3. Sun
4. Wind
5. Waves
6. Thermal gradients
7. Soil microbes
8. Graze?
9. Other...?



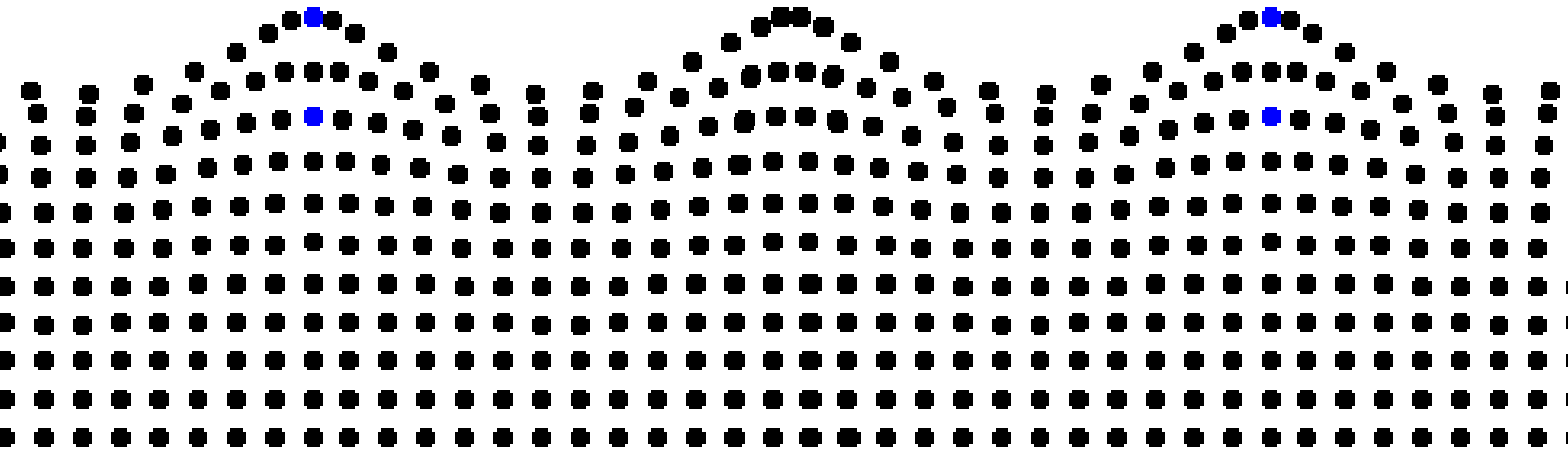
Ocean Waves

Wave amplitude decreases rapidly with depth:

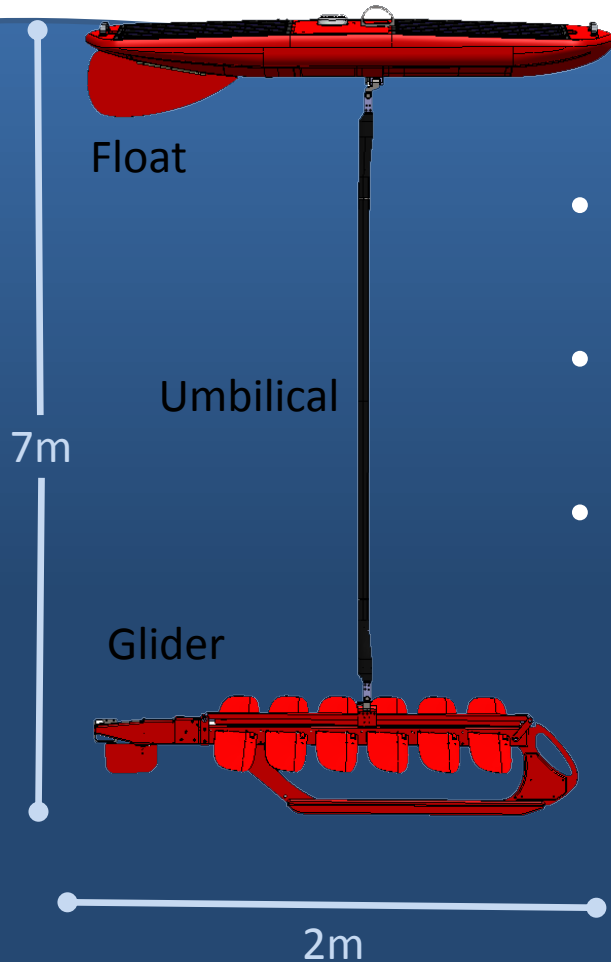
$$A_y = A_s e^{y^*L/2\pi i}$$

We use the difference to extract power

Wave Period :	3 seconds	6 seconds	9 seconds
Wave Length :	14m	56m	126m
Relative amplitude at 6.5m depth:	95%	52%	28%

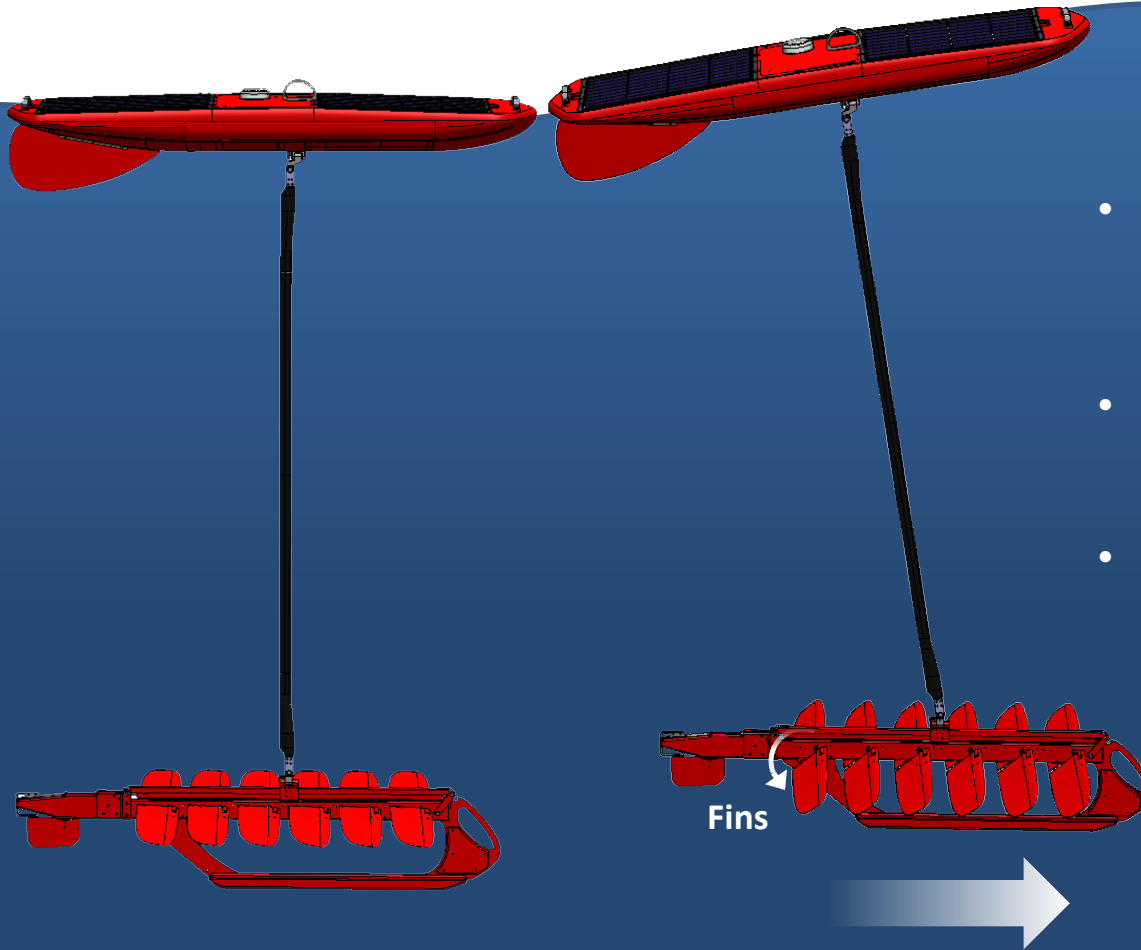


Wave Glider™ Autonomous Ocean Vehicle



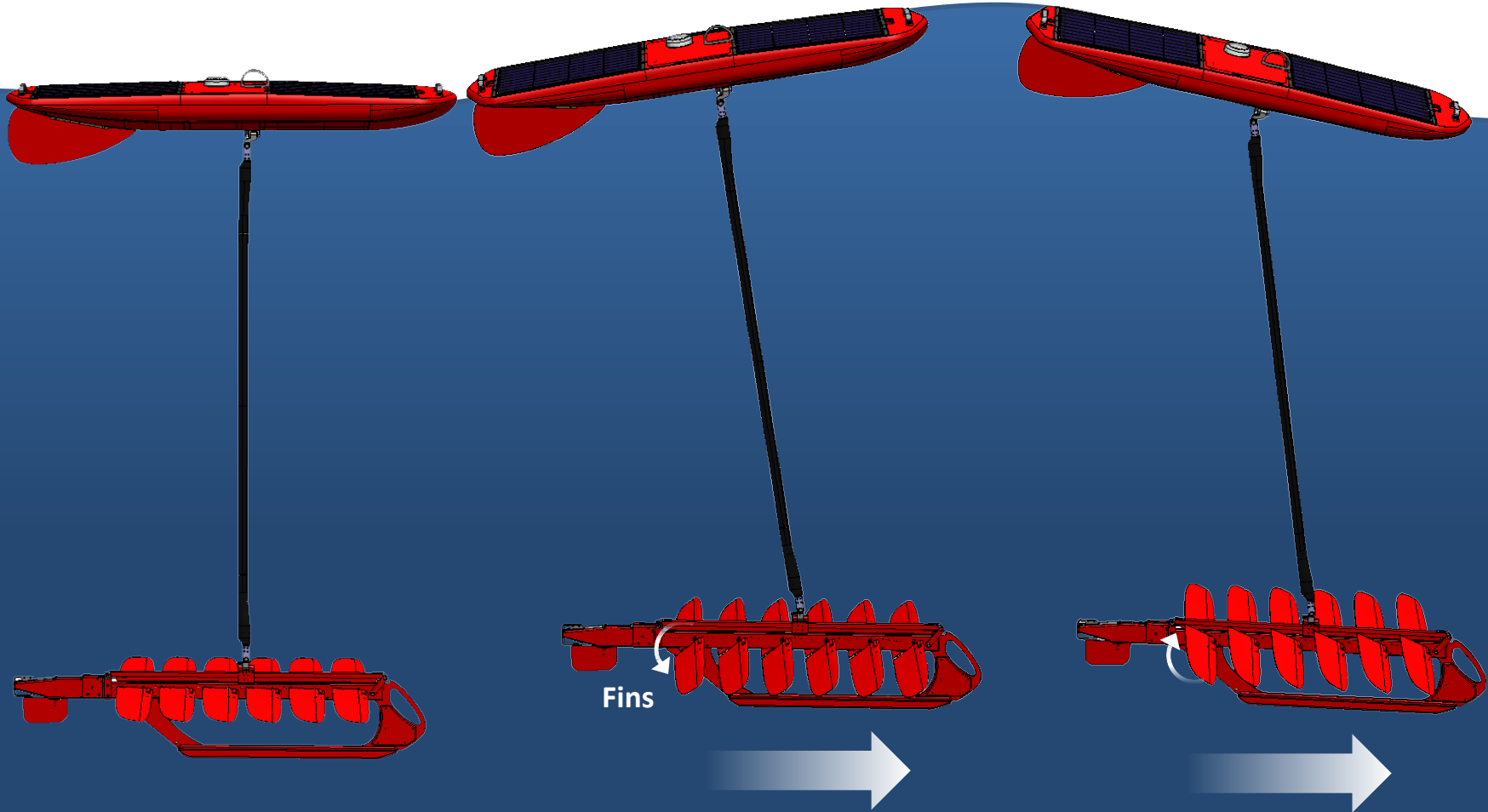
- Two part vehicle converts wave motion to thrust
- Solar panels provide power for navigation and payloads
- Satellites provide constant, global communication and control

Gliding on the way up...

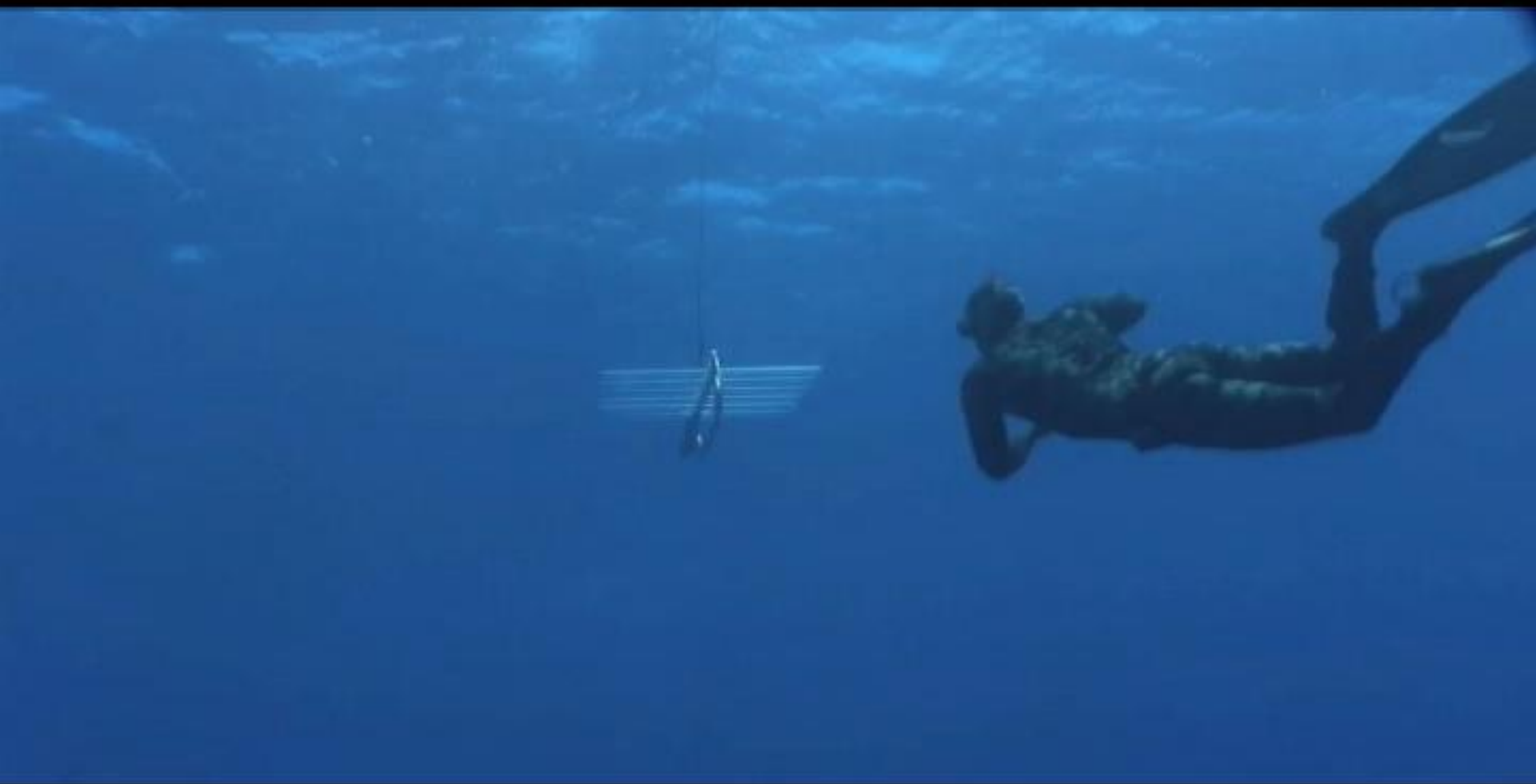


- A passing wave lifts the float and pulls the glider upward
- Passive fins on the glider are pushed downward
- As the glider moves up, the fins generate thrust to pull the vehicle forward

... and gliding on the way down



- Both upward and downward motions produce thrust
- A rudder at the tail of the glider steers the vehicle in any direction



Kaimana

Auto Evasion

Mode: Follow Fixed Heading

Ave Speed(kts): 0.00

Last Speed(kts): 0.00

Desired Heading: 0

Path Heading: 0

Ave Water Speed(kts):0

Light: IR: XBee:

P/L1: P/L2: Sub:

P/L3: PEP:

Follow Sequential Course

Hold Station At Waypoint

Follow Custom Course

Hold Current Position

Follow Fixed Heading

Set Parameter

Comment

More Commands ...

Begin Mission

Show System Menu

Gliders:

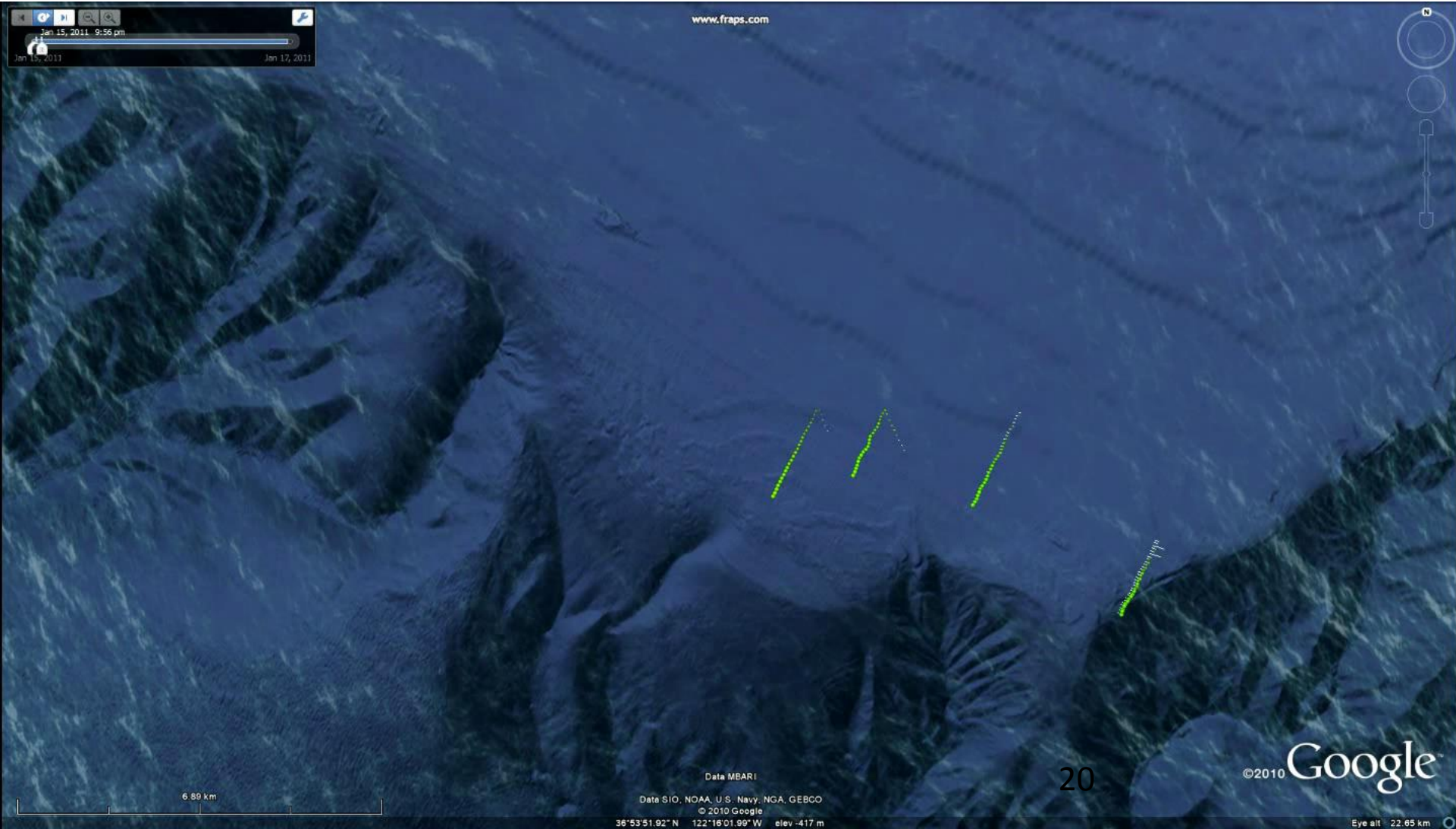
Roger Hine (Sign Out)

Alarms: Last refresh: Wed-Oct-9-2013 5:26:46 (Hawaiian Standard Time) Autorefresh

Duration: 30 minutes Prior To: Now, Switch To: Date Range Submit

4 WG Array Pattern Test, Jan 2011

- Approx 20km x 10km area
- 87km course for each glider
- 37.5 hour lap time
- 0.64m/s (1.25knots)
- 9 channels of fluorometer data at surface and 7m



Comparison of satellite and WG data

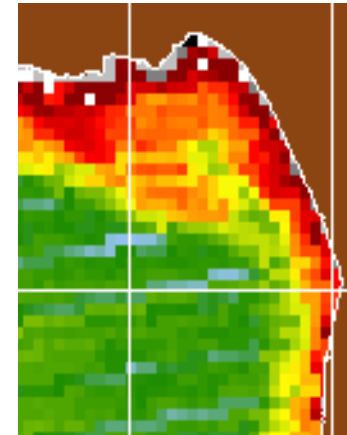
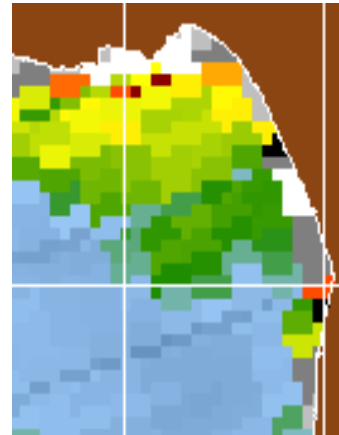
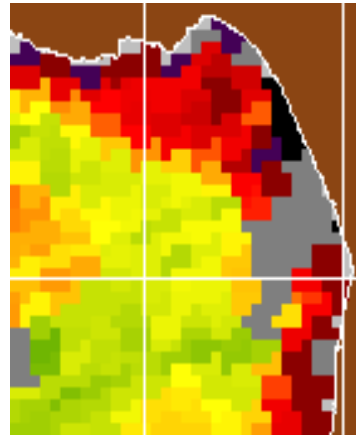
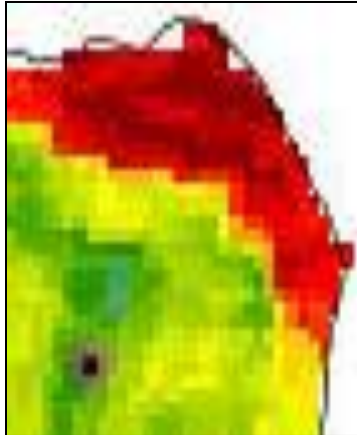
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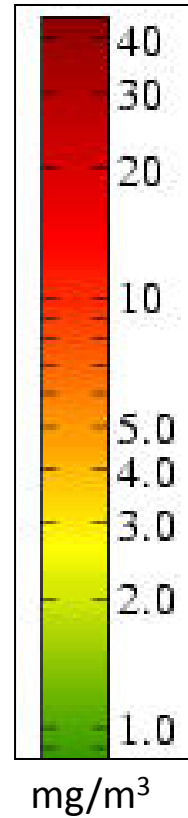
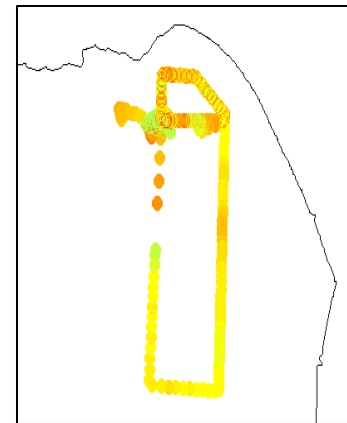
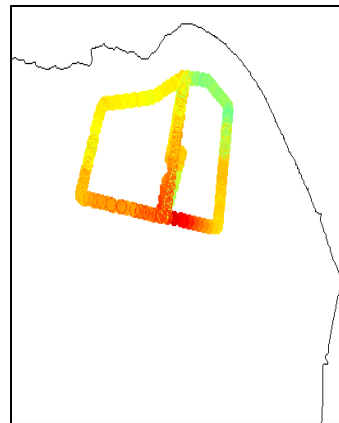
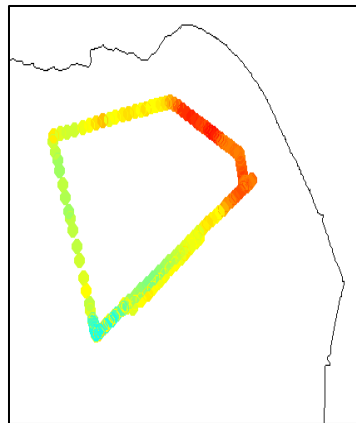
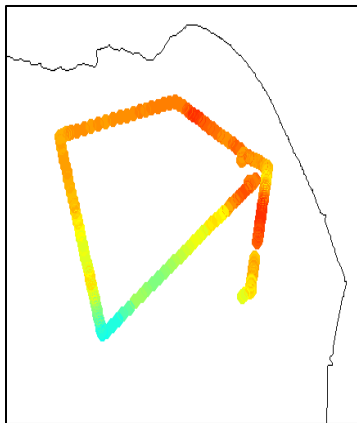
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Satellite Chl-a
(NRL-Stennis)

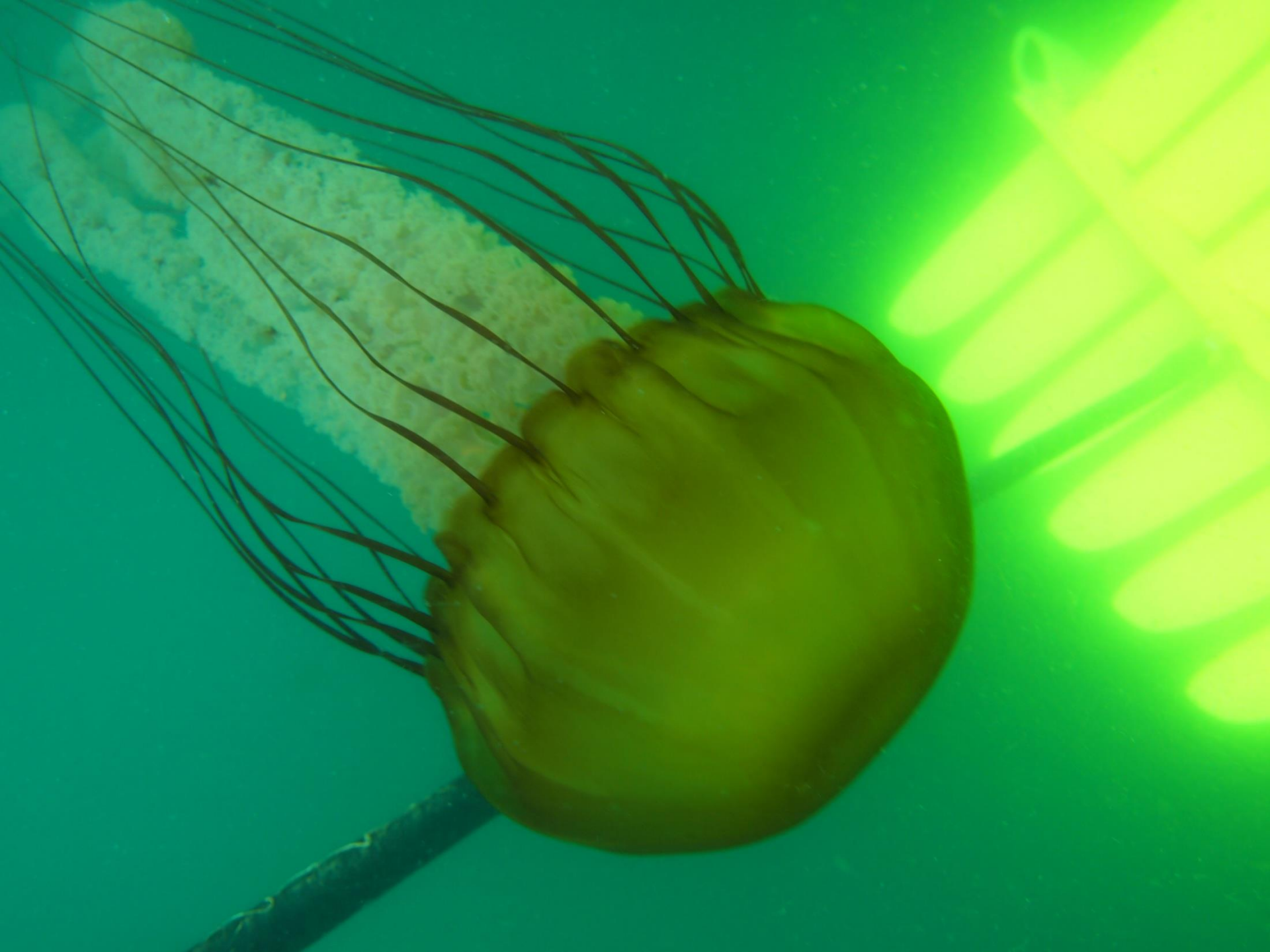


WG Chl-a



WG and satellite data agree with each other and with independent field observations

WG and satellite data do not agree.
But WG data is supported by independent field observations

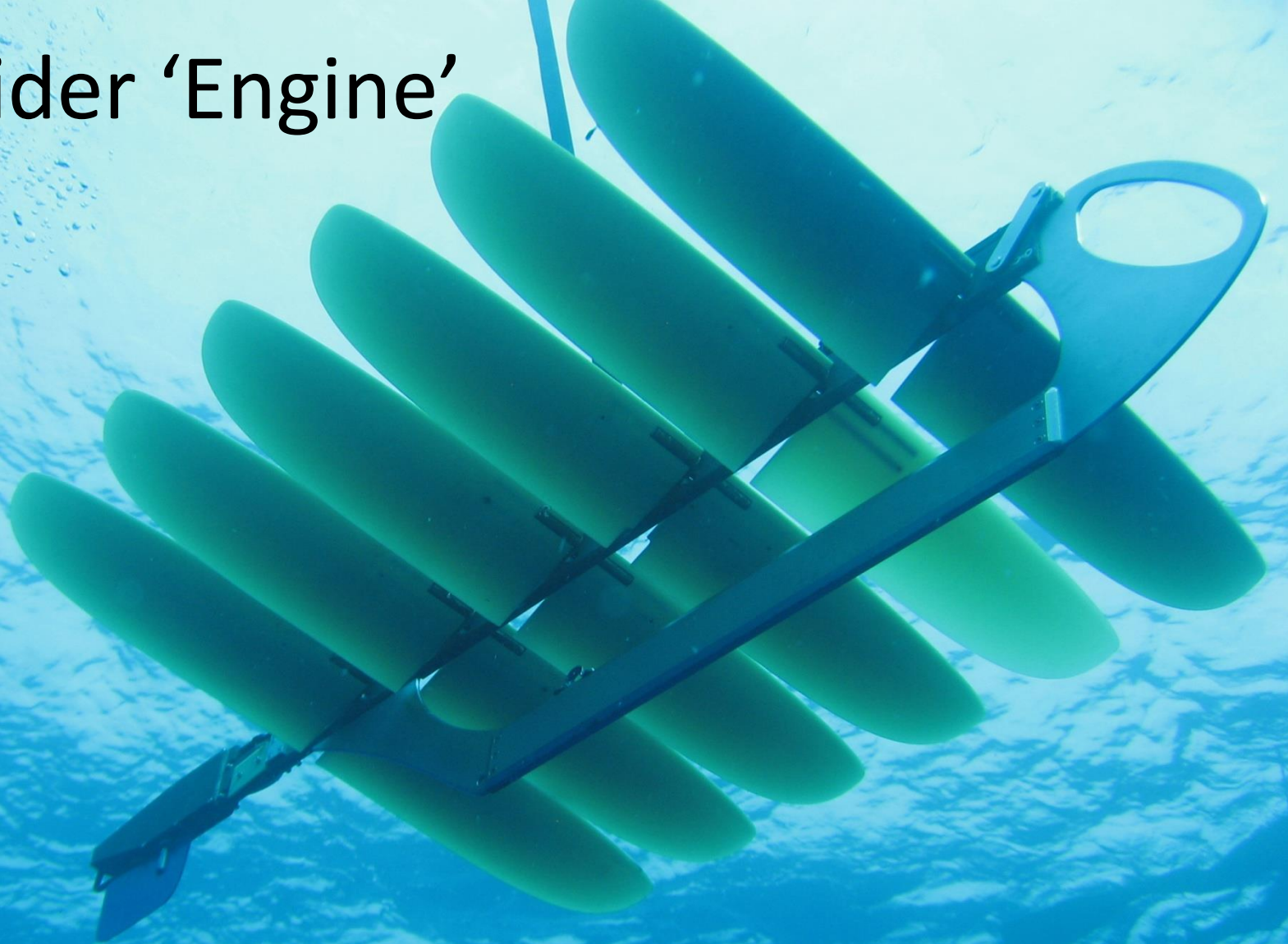


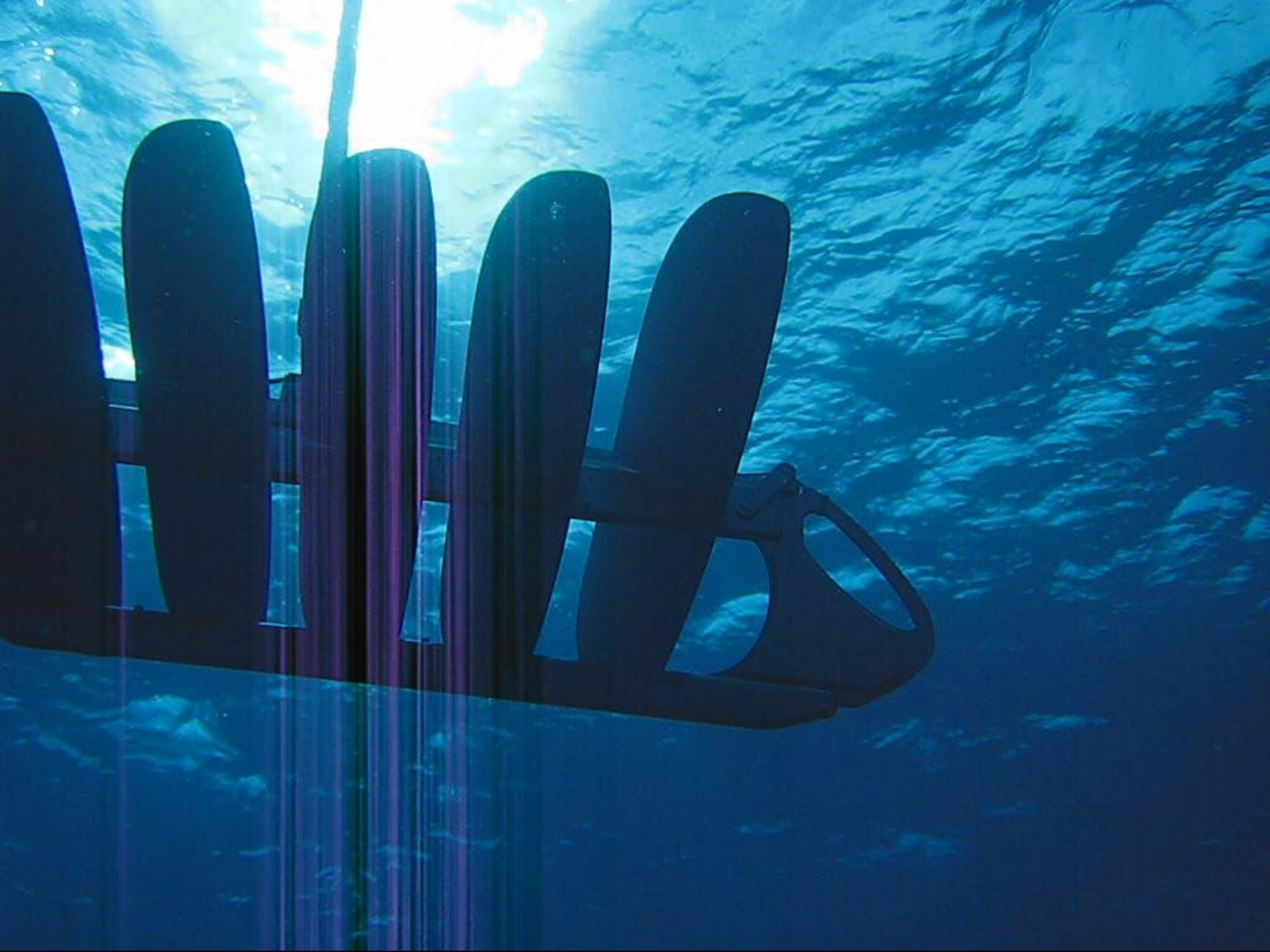
Postcard from a Wave Glider



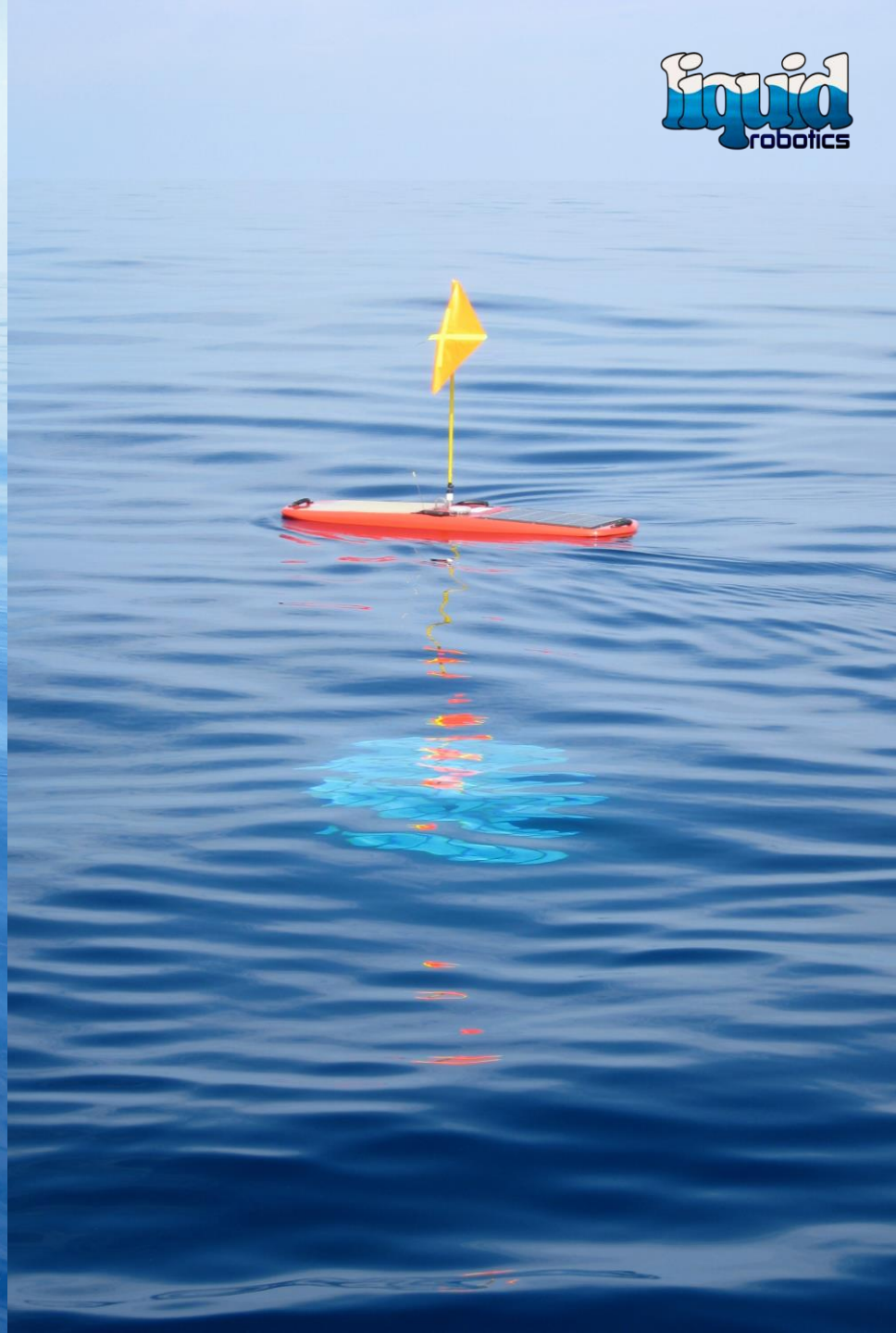
Gulf of Mexico, March 2011

The Glider 'Engine'





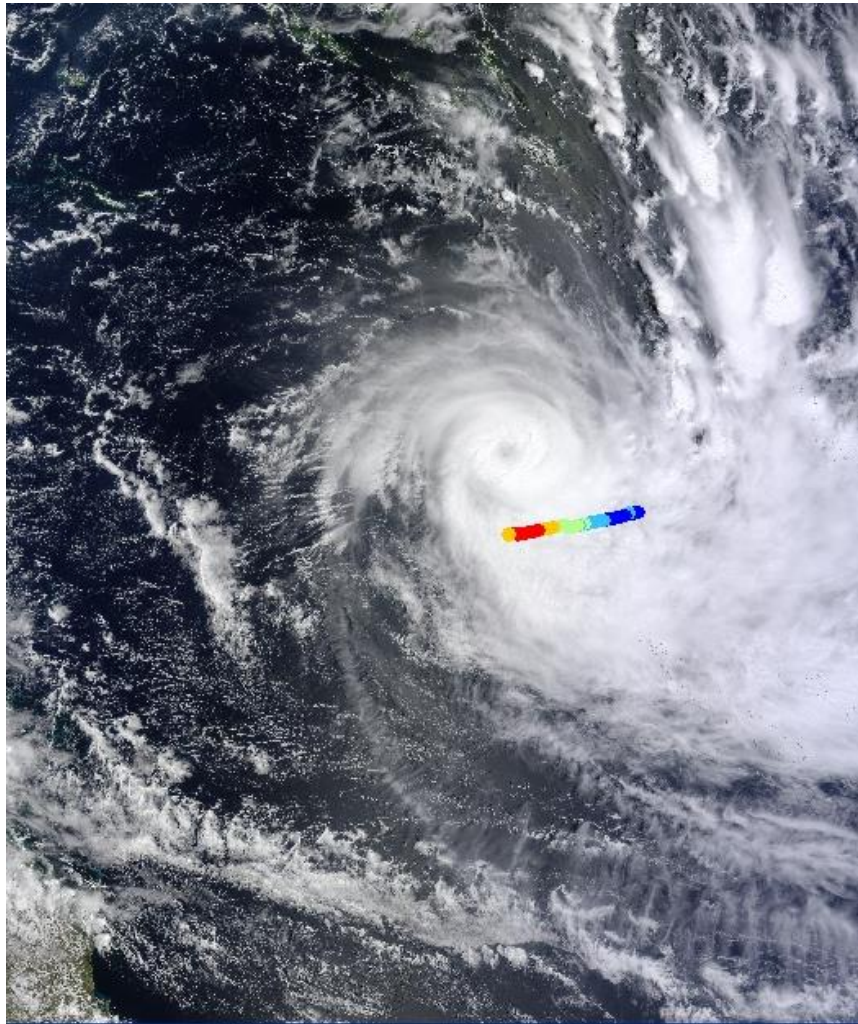
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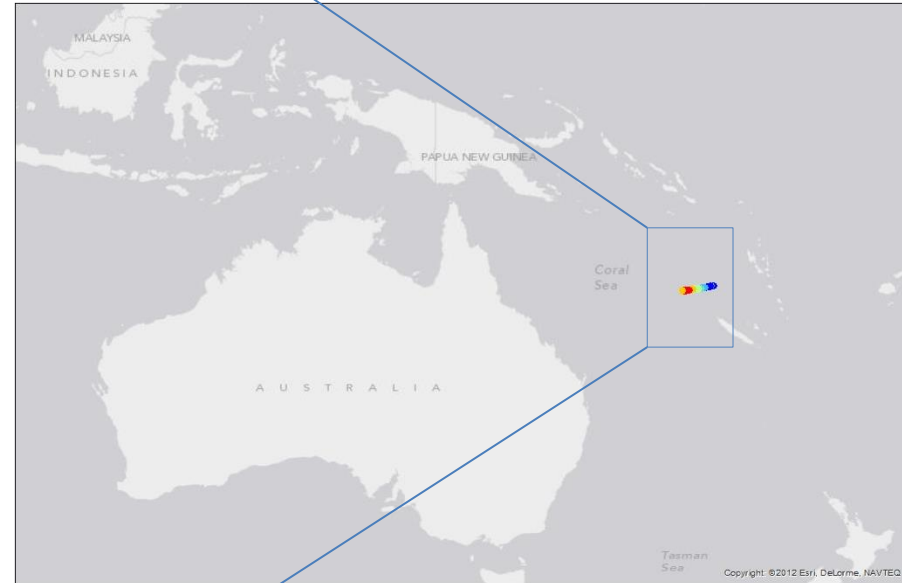
... and rough



Wave Glider in Tropical Cyclone Freda



Imagery Courtesy of NASA/MODIS Rapid Response Team





PAC·X

Google earth



San Francisco
Launch: 11/17/11

Shikoku, Japan
9000 miles

Big Island, Hawaii
2400 miles

Brisbane, Australia
8000 miles



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Swimming robot reaches Australia after record-breaking trip

A self-controlled swimming robot has completed a journey from San Francisco to Australia.

The record-breaking 9,000 nautical mile (16,668km) trip took the PacX Wave Glider just over a year to achieve.

Liquid Robotics, the US company behind the



obot was fished out of the water in Hervey Bay completing its journey

SIGN UP FOR



Take Note, Michael Phelps: Liquid Robotics' Wave Glider Swims 9,000 Miles To Australia, Breaks Record

BY KIT EATON | DECEMBER 5, 2012



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Ocean Robot Completes Record-Setting 10,000 Mile Journey

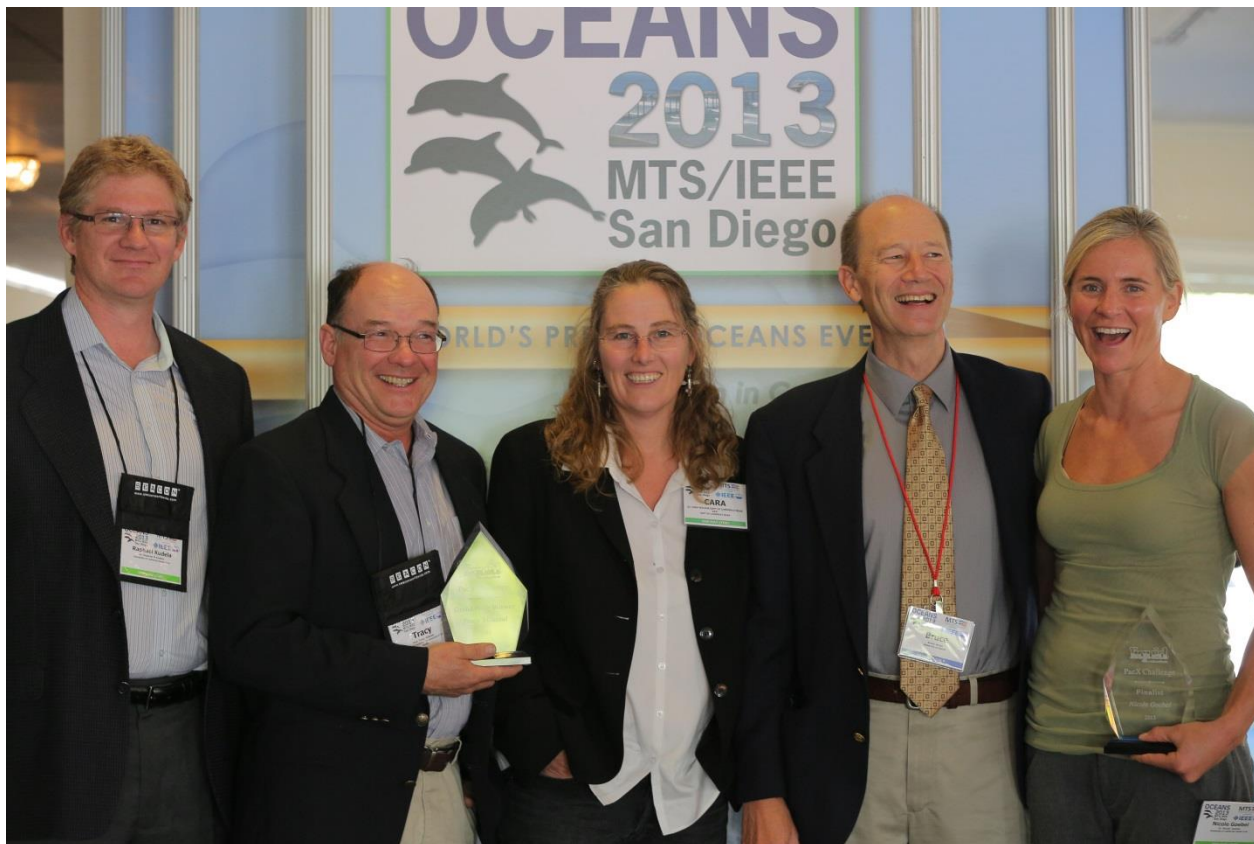
Papa Mau, 9000 miles later





PAC-X CHALLENGE

Papers at
<http://www.liquidr.com/pacx/pacific-crossing.html>



Dr. Tracy Villareal

University of Texas at Austin

"A Comparison of the PacX Trans-Pacific Wave Glider Data and Satellite Data."

Dr. Nicole Goebel

University of California Santa Cruz

"Using Replicate Wave Glider Sampling to Improve Estimates of Ocean Phytoplankton Biomass."

Dr. J. Michael Beman

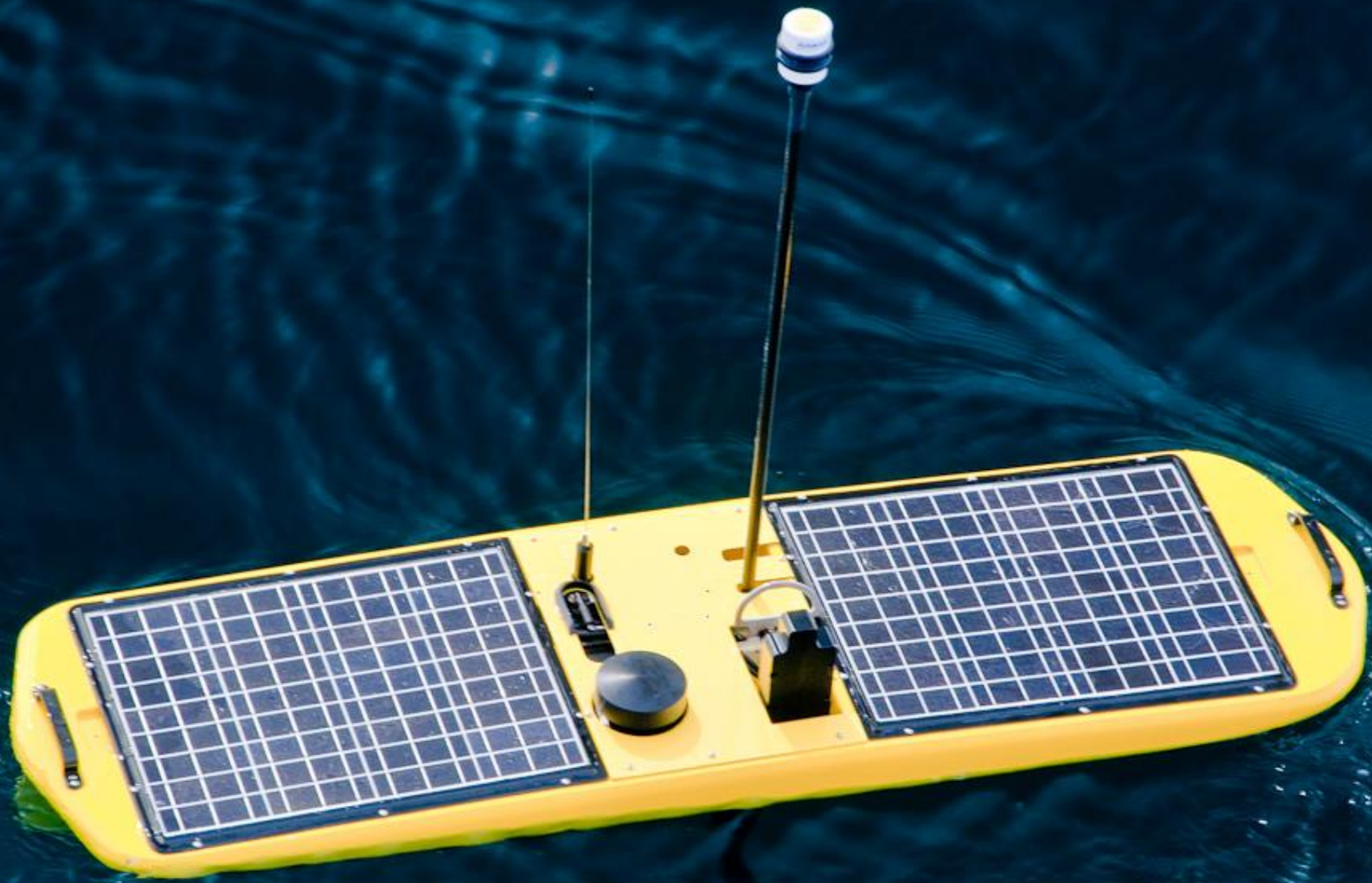
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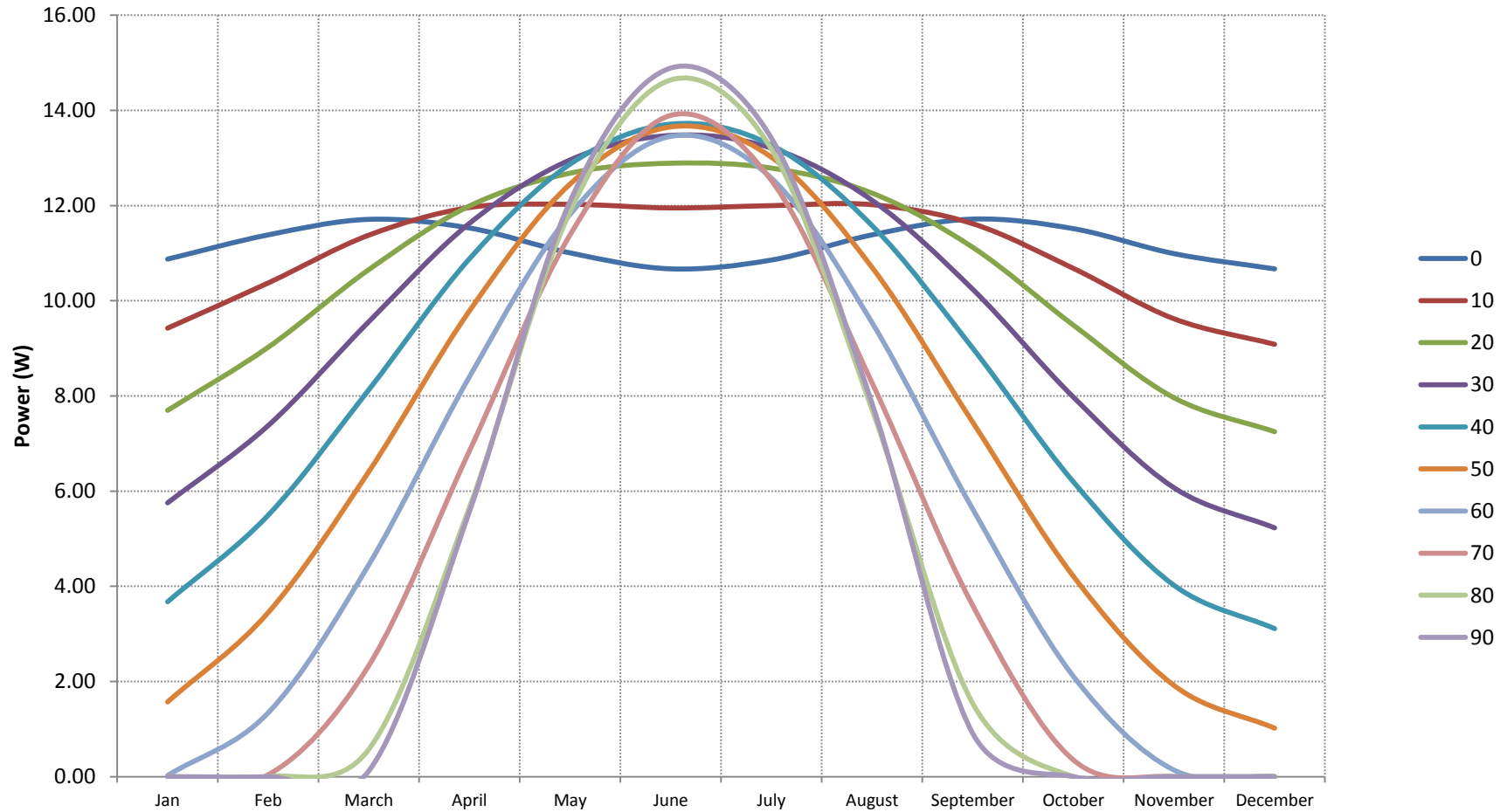
Independent Oceanographer, Boston, MA

"In Situ Observations of Finite Size Lyapunov Exponent Ridges in the Surface Pacific."



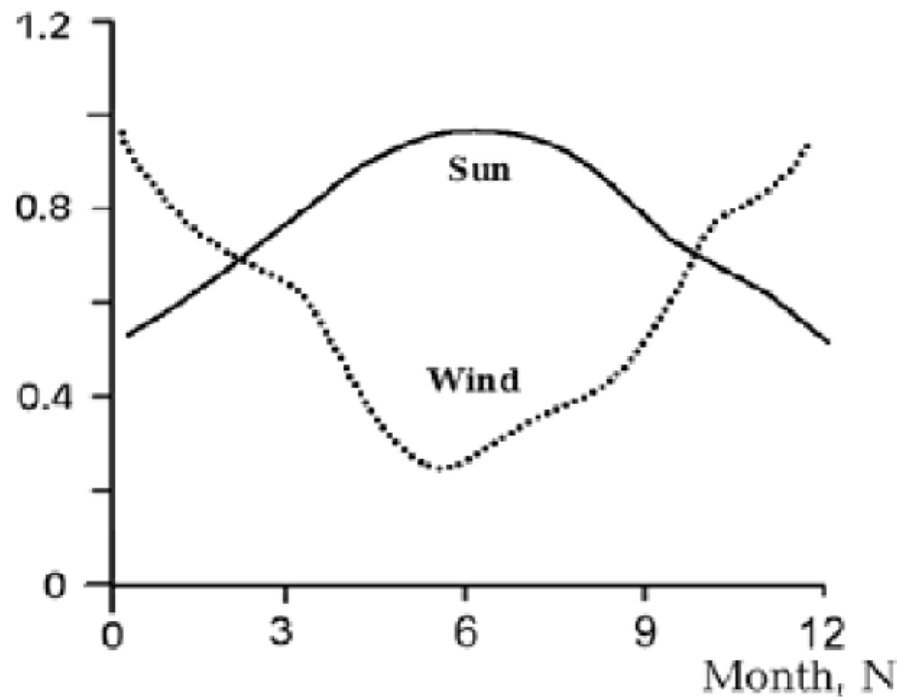
Maximum Sustainable Payload Power, SV2

By latitude, assuming 25% cloud cover

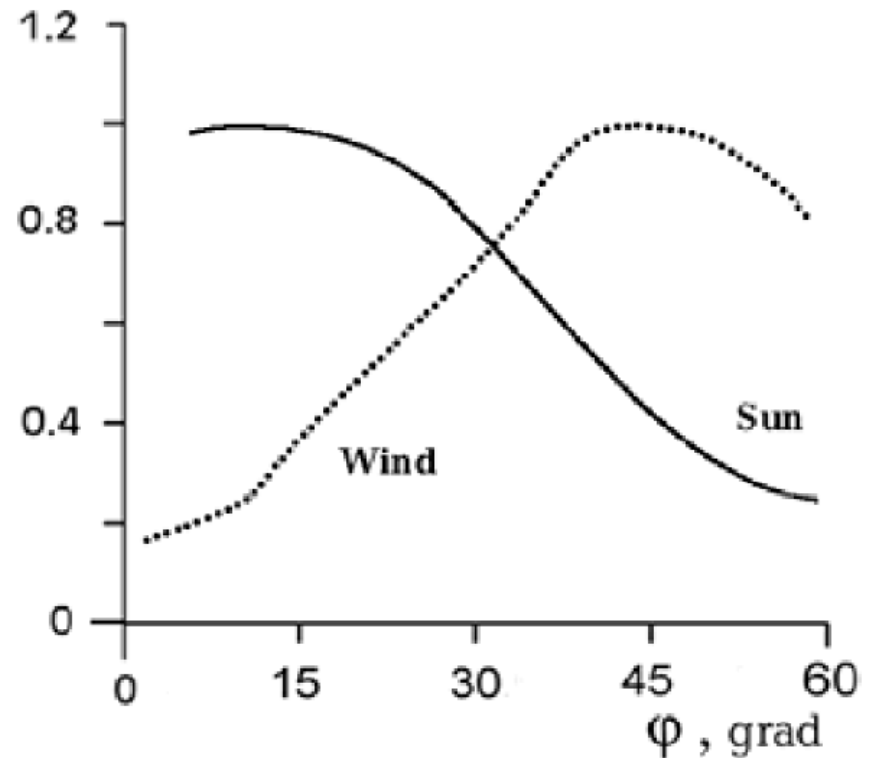


Solar and Wind Energy Distribution

By Month:

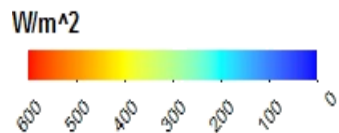
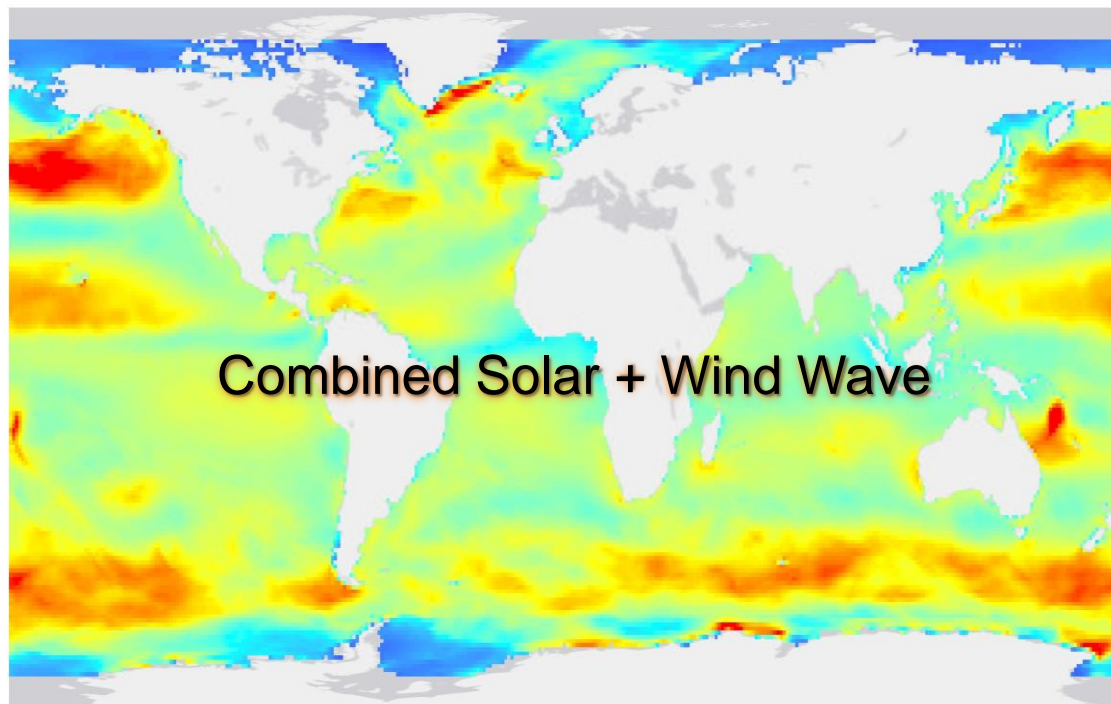
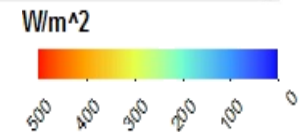
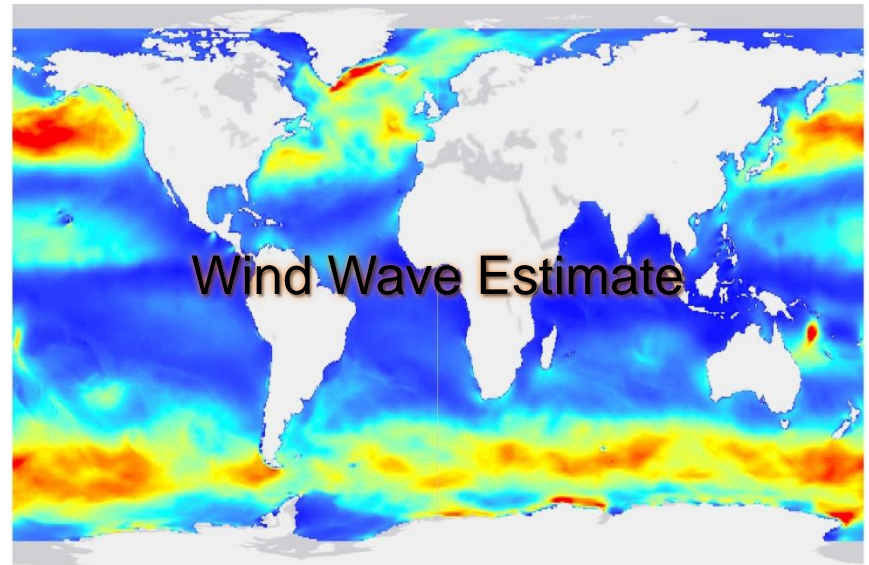
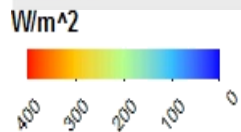
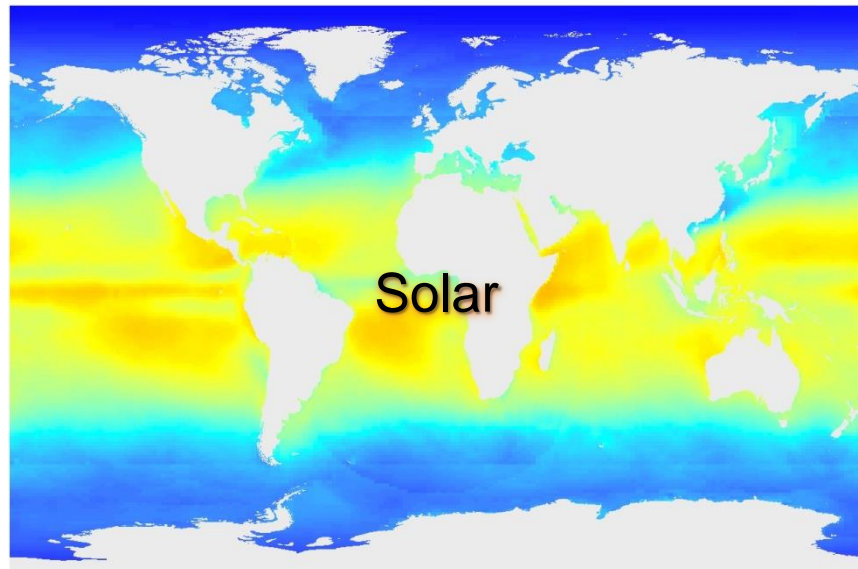


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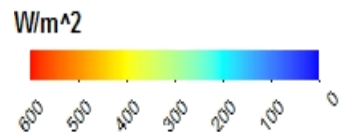
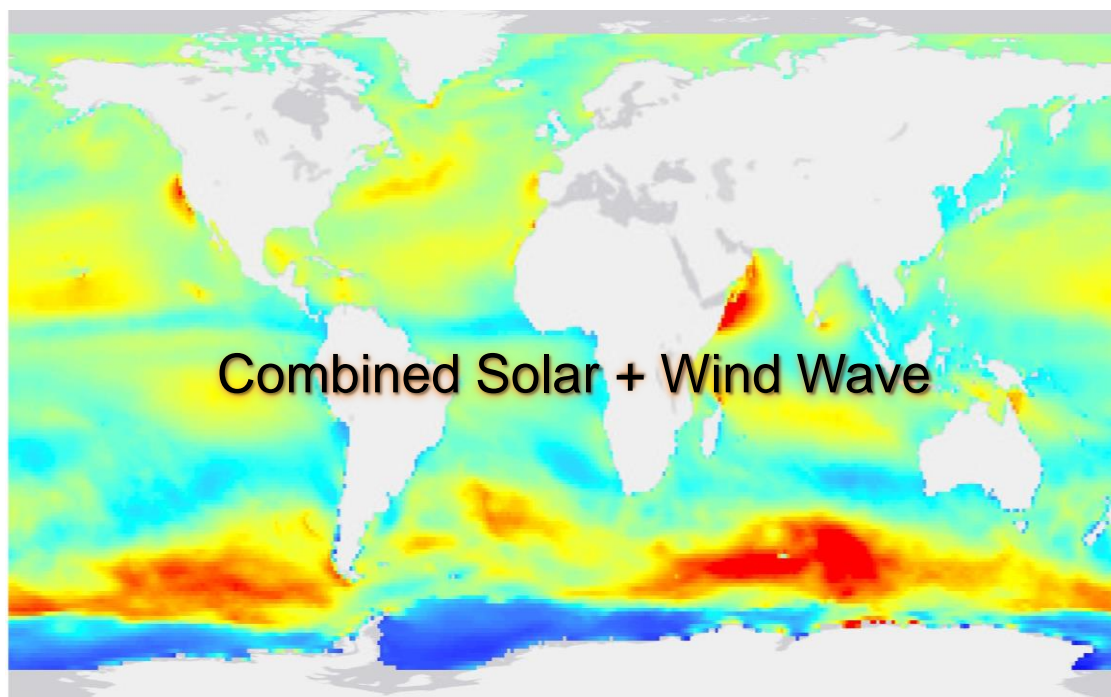
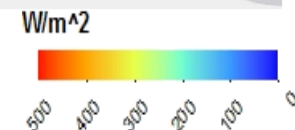
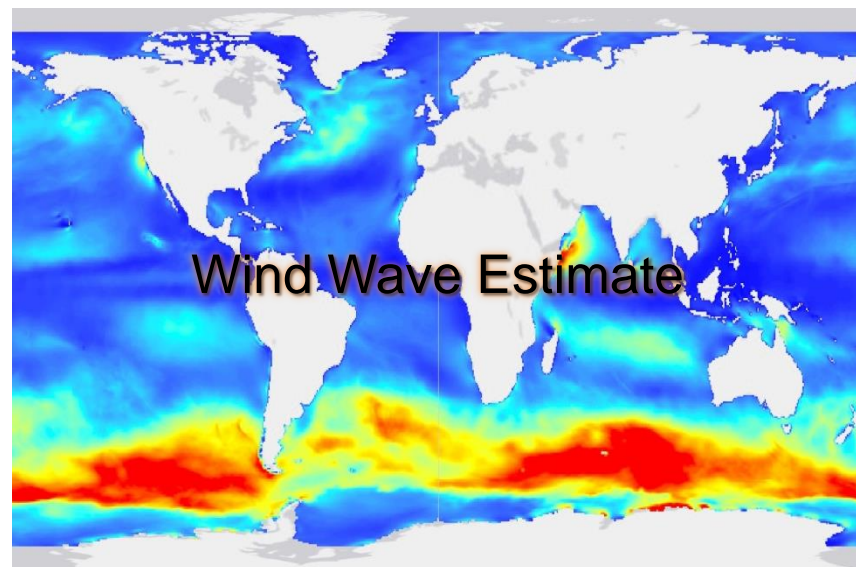
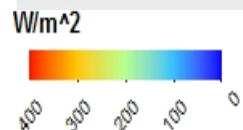
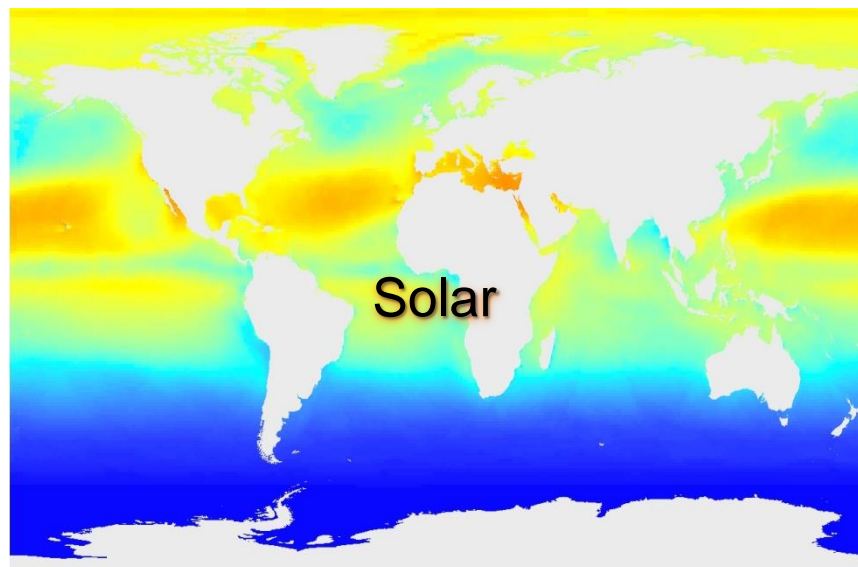


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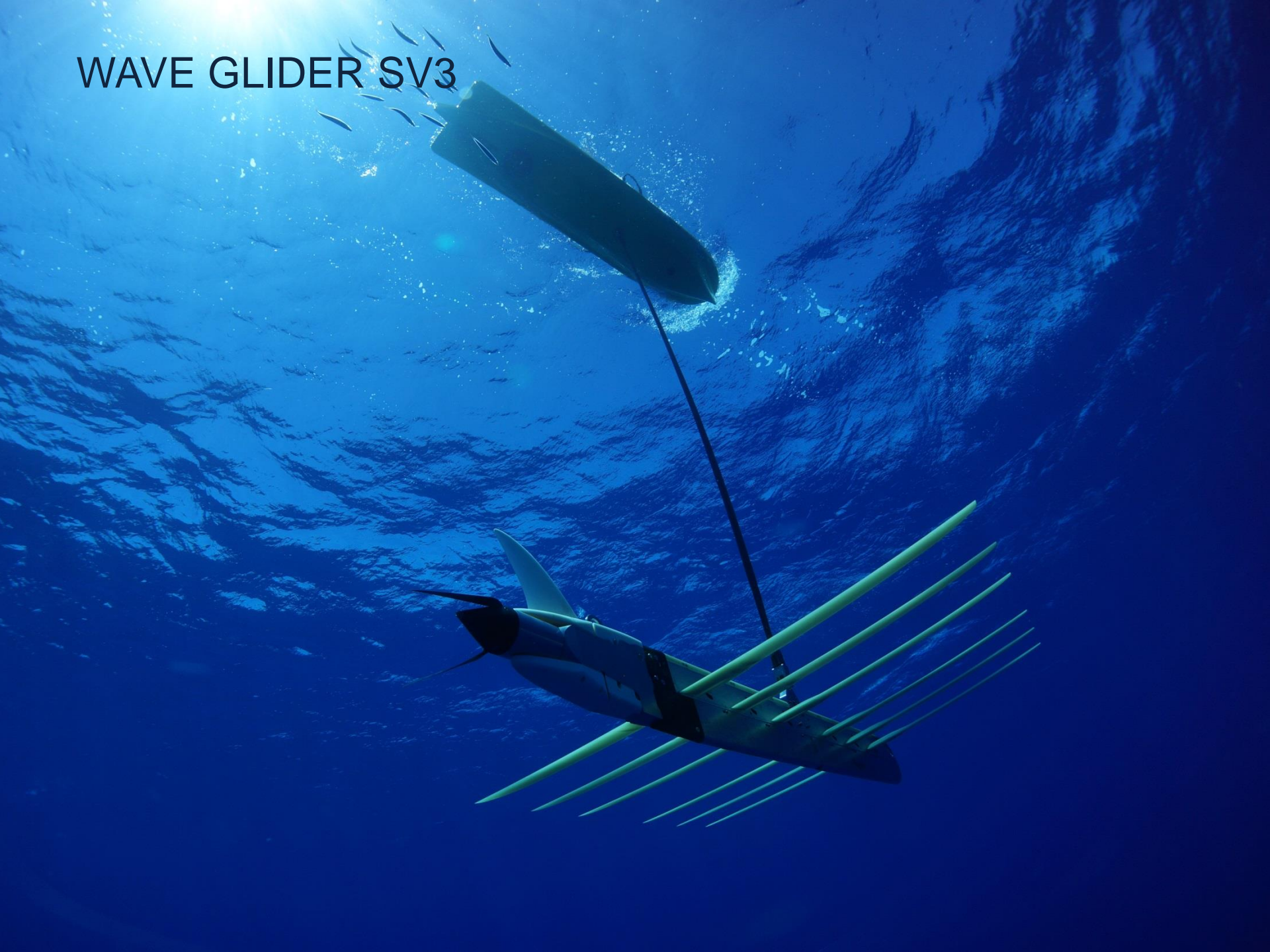
Power Density (W/m^2), March Average



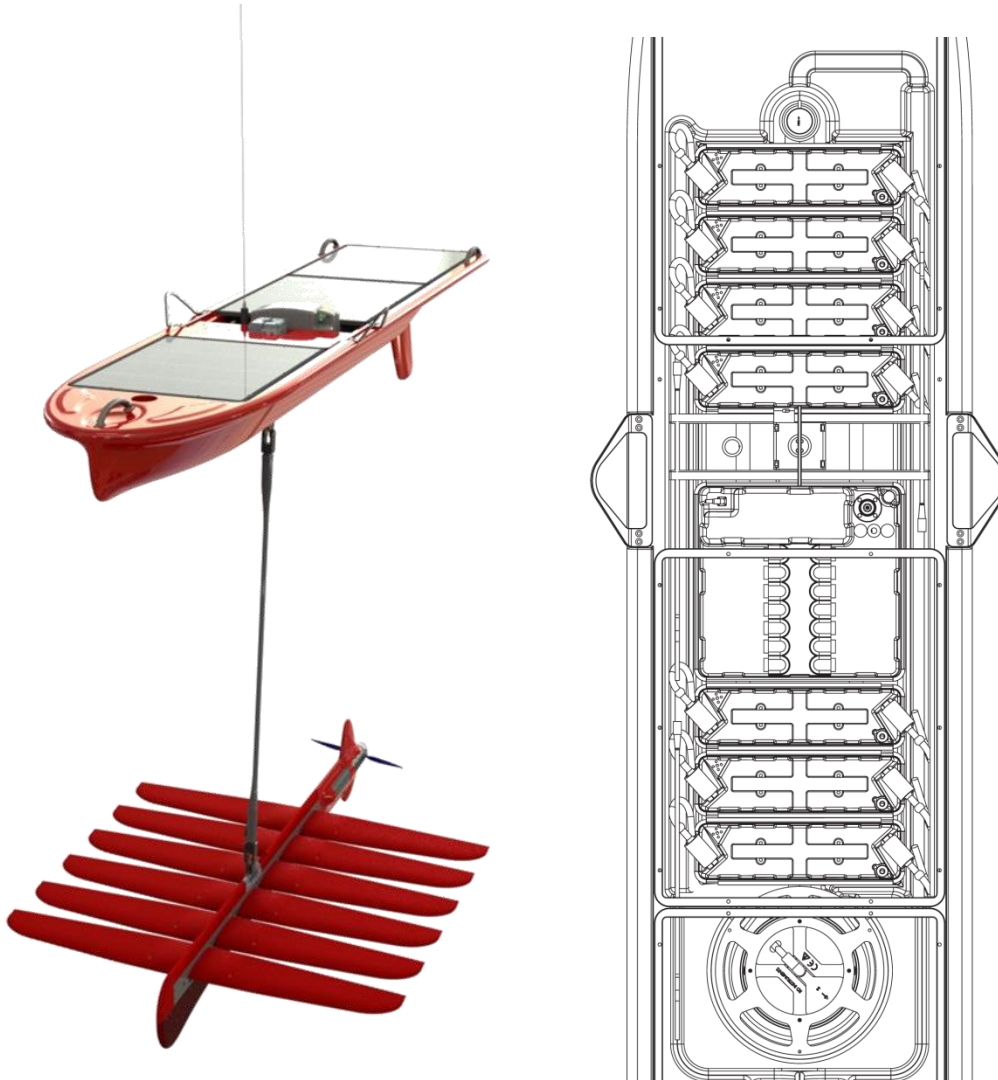
Power Density (W/m^2), June Average



WAVE GLIDER SV3



WAVE GLIDER SV3



Regulus, configurable computing platform

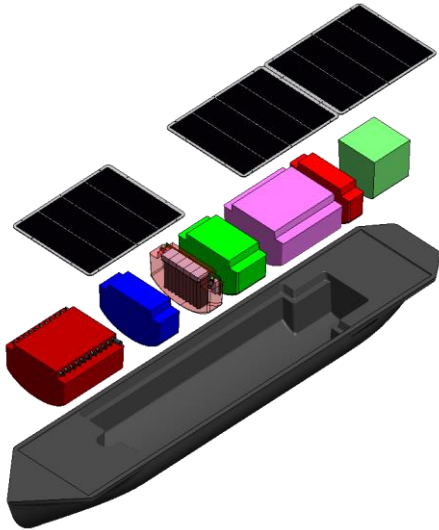
- autonomy
- swarms, picket fences, formations
- data delivery & processing options

Hybrid propulsion, waves & solar with auxiliary folding prop thruster

AMPS (Adaptable Modular Power System)

A server rack at sea

SV3 ADAPTABLE MODULAR POWER SYSTEM (AMPS)



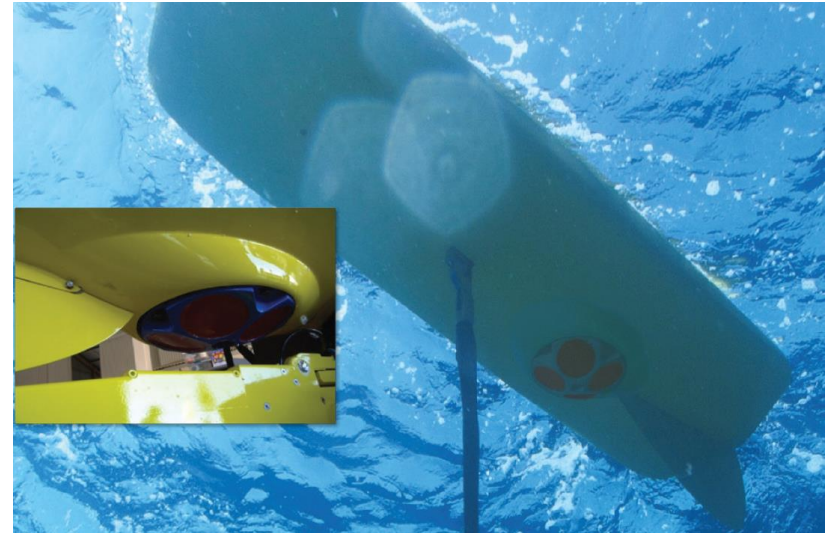
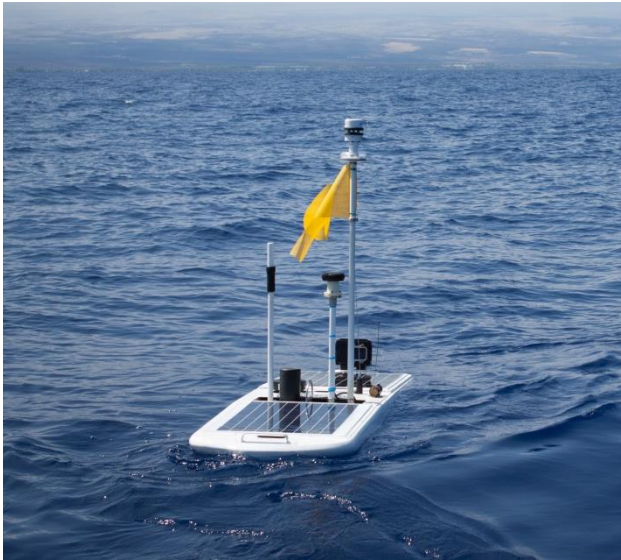
	Max Solar	Base Battery	Max Battery	Power Down Umbilical	Payload Peak Power
SV2	86 W*	0.65 kWh	0.65 kWh	13 W	80 W
SV3 w/AMPS	170 W	0.98 kWh	7.84 kWh	130 W	400 W

*112W panel upgrade available for SV2

WAVE GLIDER SV3

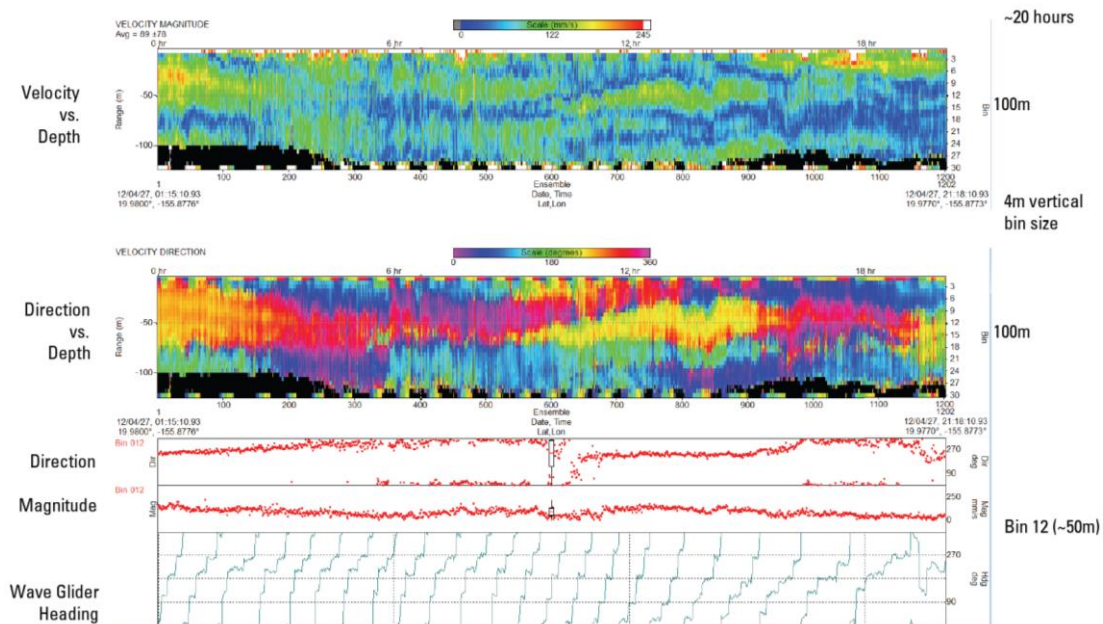


METOC WAVE GLIDER



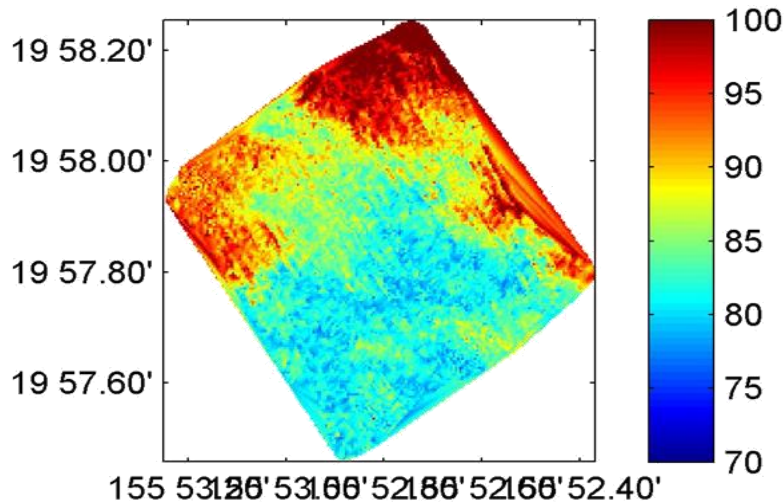
METOC Wave Glider Sensors:

- Teledyne RDI Acoustic Doppler Current Profile (ADCP)
 - Surface temperature; current direction & speed in bins to 150m
- Datawell MOSE-G GPS-based Directional Wave Sensor
 - Wave height, period, direction
- Seabird GPCTD + DO
 - Water conductivity, temperature, density, salinity, dissolved oxygen
- Airmar PB200 Weather Station
 - Air temperature, wind speed & direction, barometric pressure

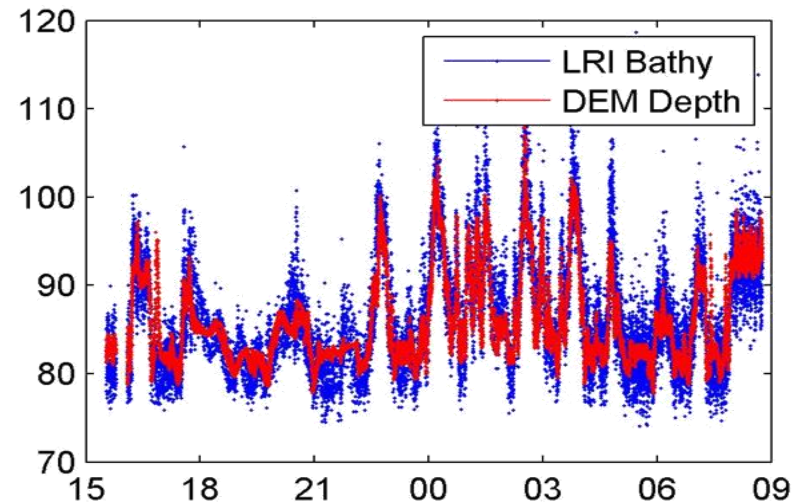


Navy Analysis of ADCP Bathymetry, LRI Hawaii Test Range

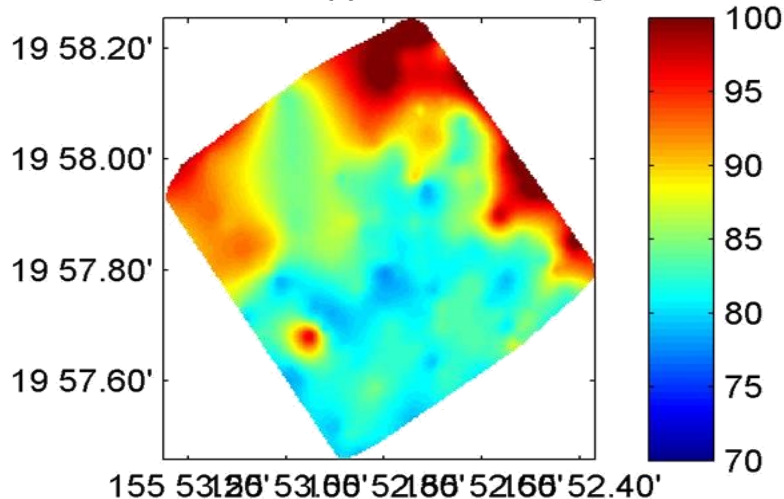
SHARC data: 23 Mar. 2011



LRI data over time

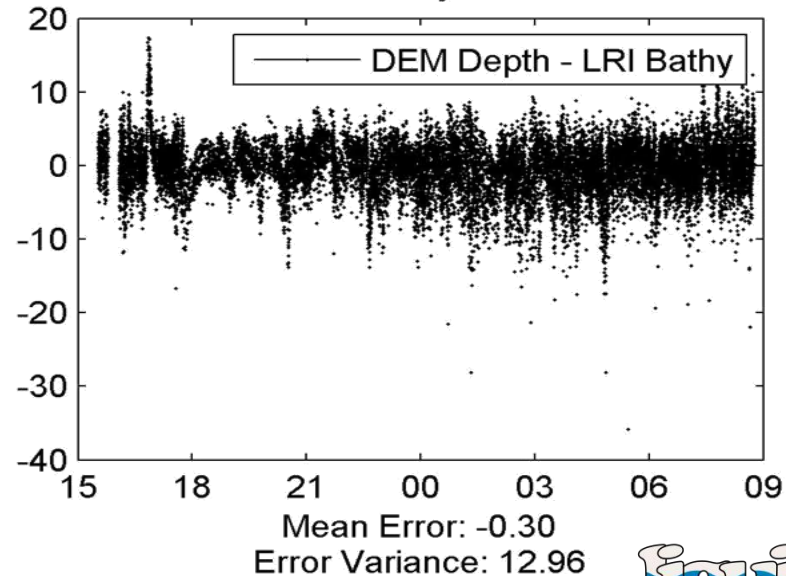


DEM Data Mapped onto same grid



boundary whitened out to ease visual comparison

(LRI Obs) - (DEM data)
No Tide Adjustment



Mean Error: -0.30
Error Variance: 12.96

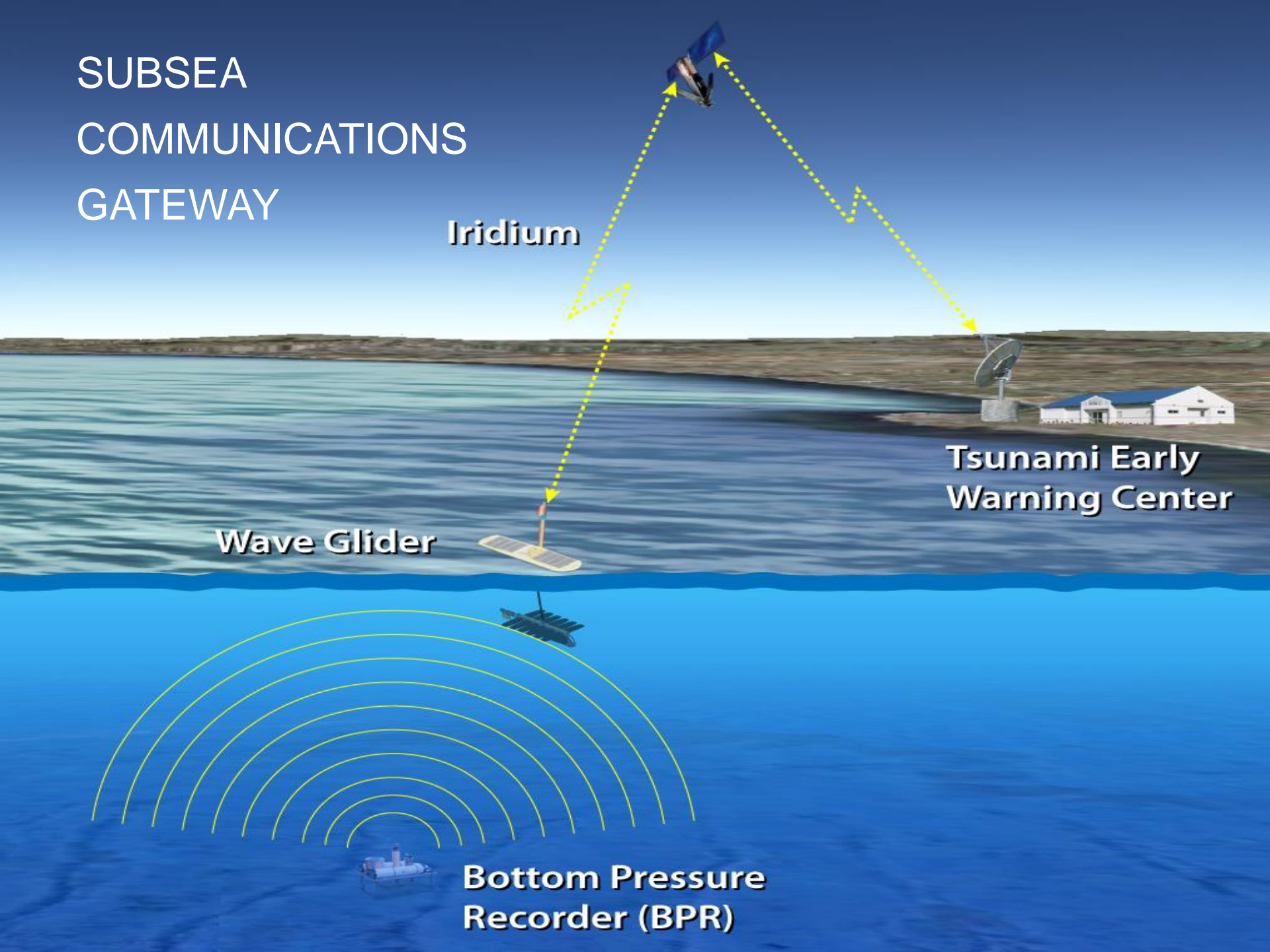
SUBSEA COMMUNICATIONS GATEWAY

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Wave Glider

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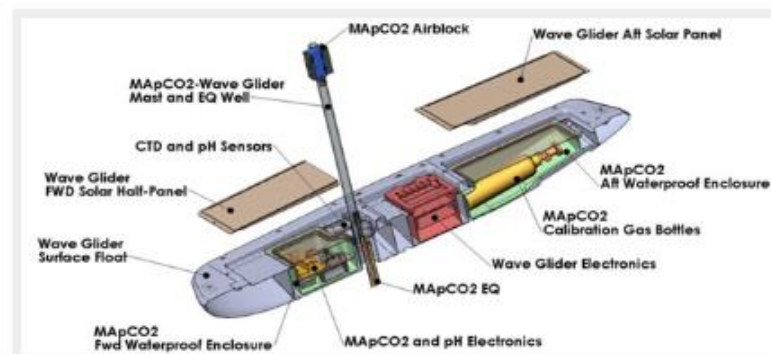
PMEL is developing carbon dioxide systems for a variety of au ...

Carbon Wave Glider

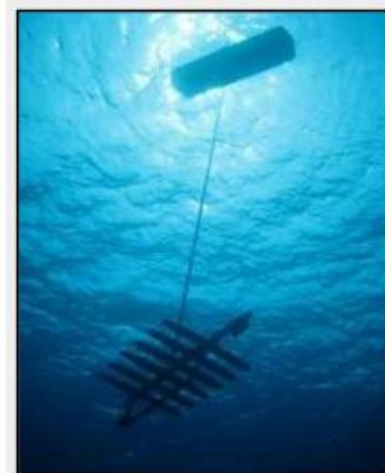
Developing new platforms for carbon measurements

The PMEL carbon group has teamed up with **Liquid Robotics Inc.** to integrate a MAPCO₂ system into a Wave Glider vehicle. The Wave Glider represents an innovative approach to ocean persistent presence; it harnesses ocean wave energy to provide essentially limitless propulsion while solar panels continually replenish the batteries used to power the Wave Glider's control electronics and payload systems. The Wave Glider vehicle is propelled by the purely mechanical conversion of ocean wave energy into forward thrust, independent of wave direction. Through extensive engineering trials and demonstrations, the Wave Glider's capability for long-term autonomous operation in the open and coastal oceans has been firmly established. The Wave Glider has successfully circumnavigated the Big Island of Hawaii, surveyed West Coast of the North American from Canada to Mexico, and crossed the Pacific Ocean from Hawaii to San Diego.

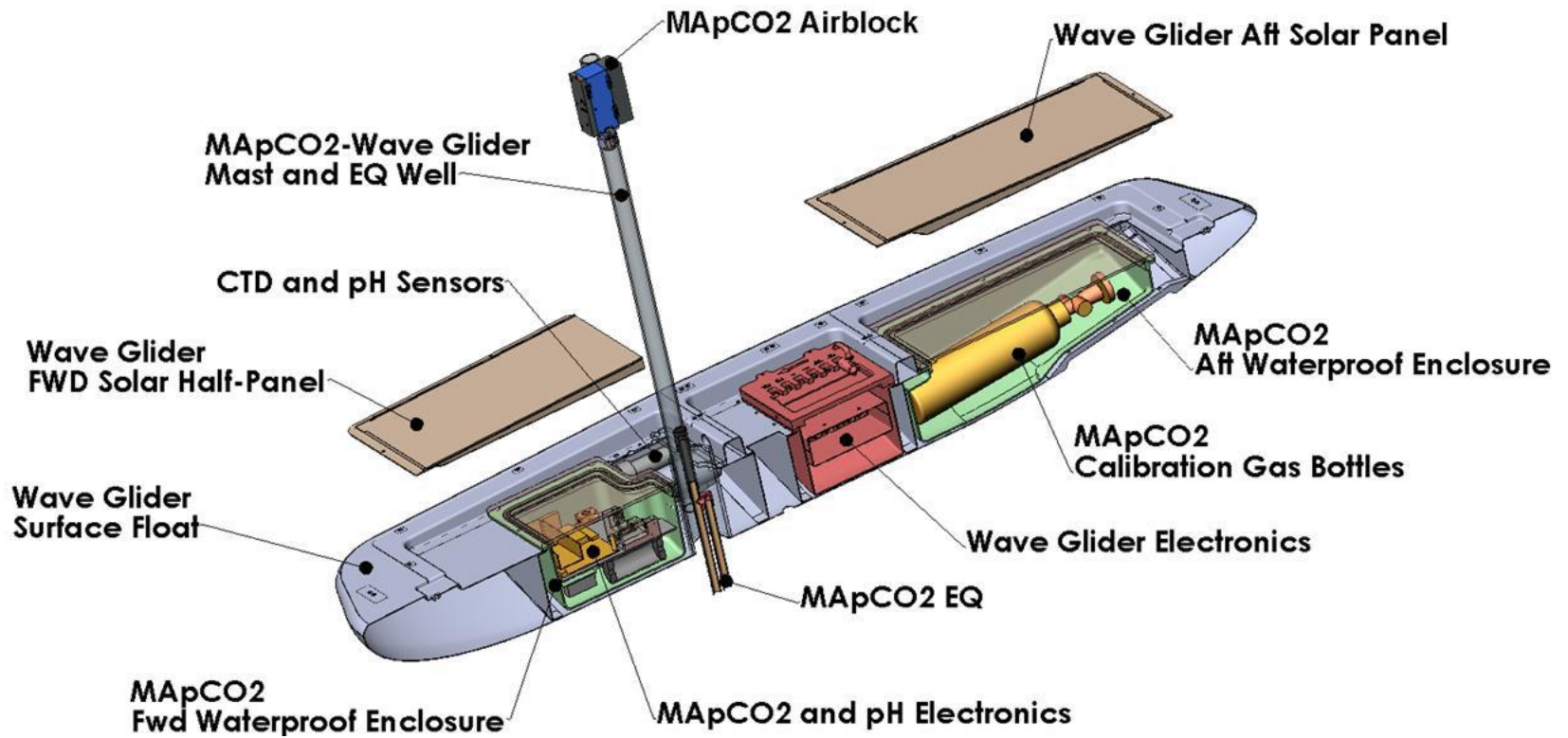
Use of this vehicle could lead to a new paradigm for economical underway surface observations that does not rely on expensive research ships and is not restricted to the standard shipping lanes of volunteer vessels.



The figure above shows a cut-away view of the integration of the MAPCO₂

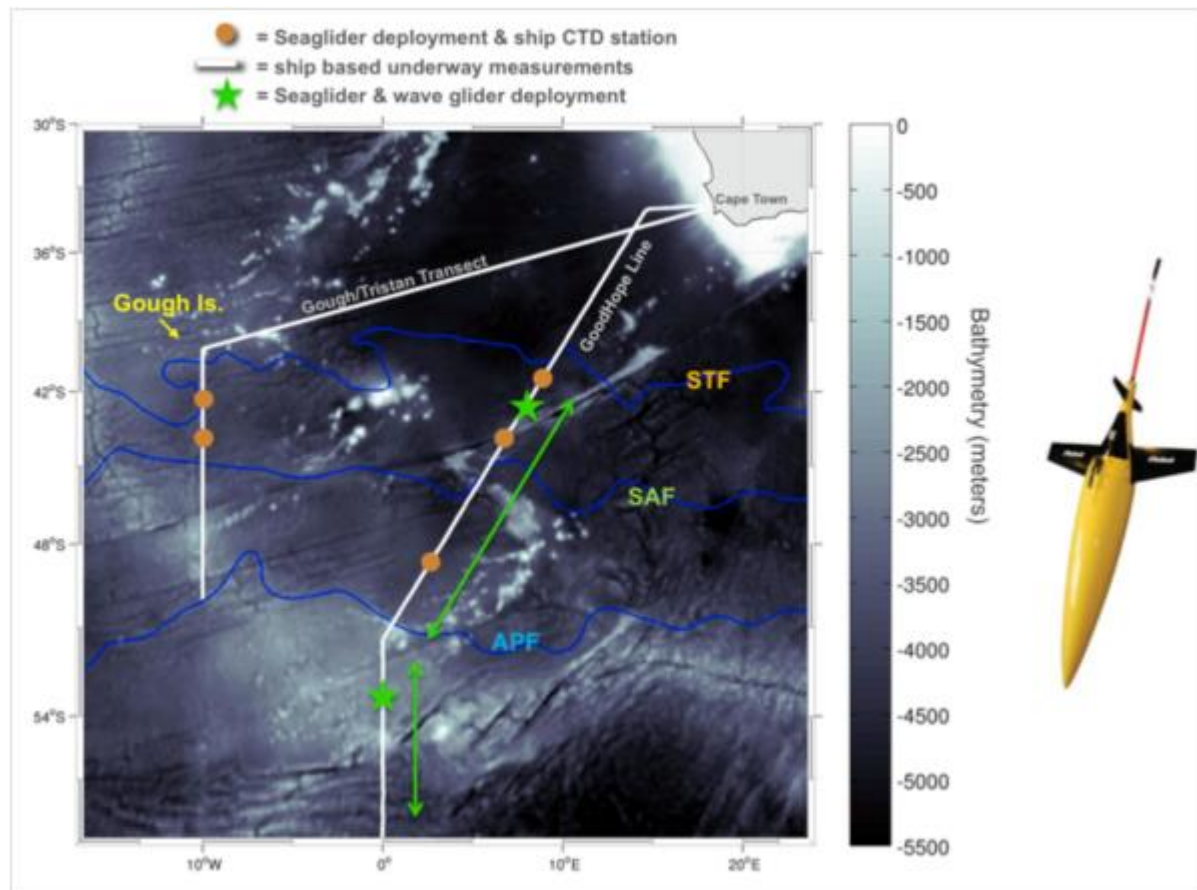


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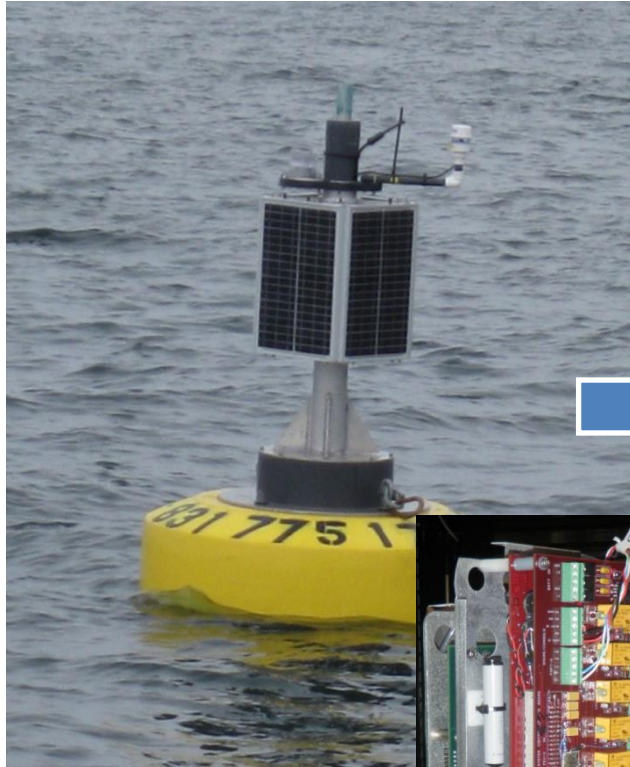


CO₂

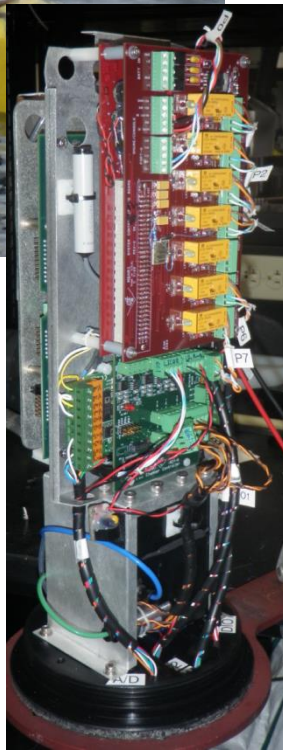




MBARI Ocean Acidification (OA) mooring – NSF support



Wave Glider was equipped
with the same OA sensors



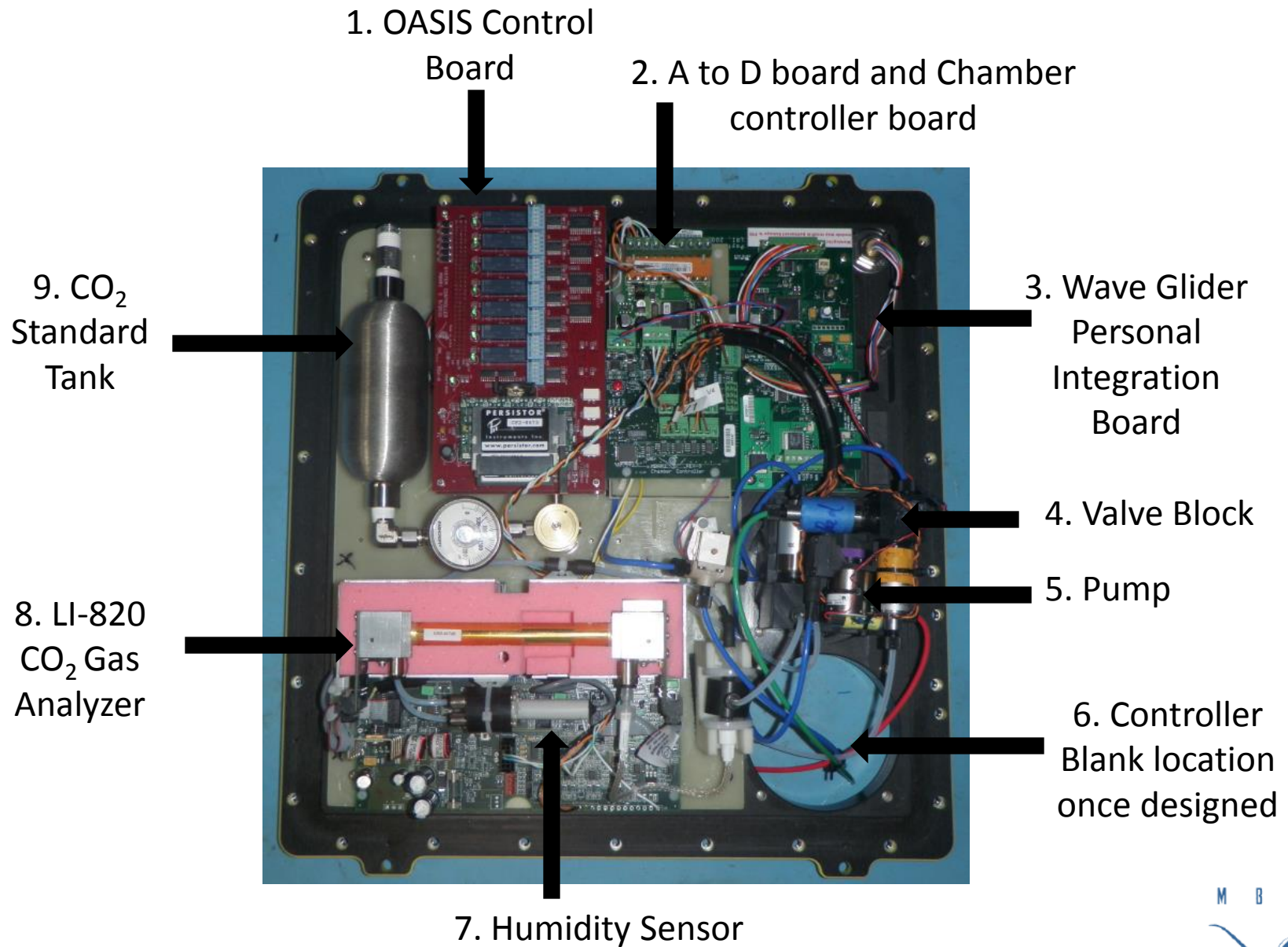
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The system has been
deployed in MBNMS and
in the Gulf of Mexico and
is now going back and
forth between C1 and M2

MBARI OA SENSORS



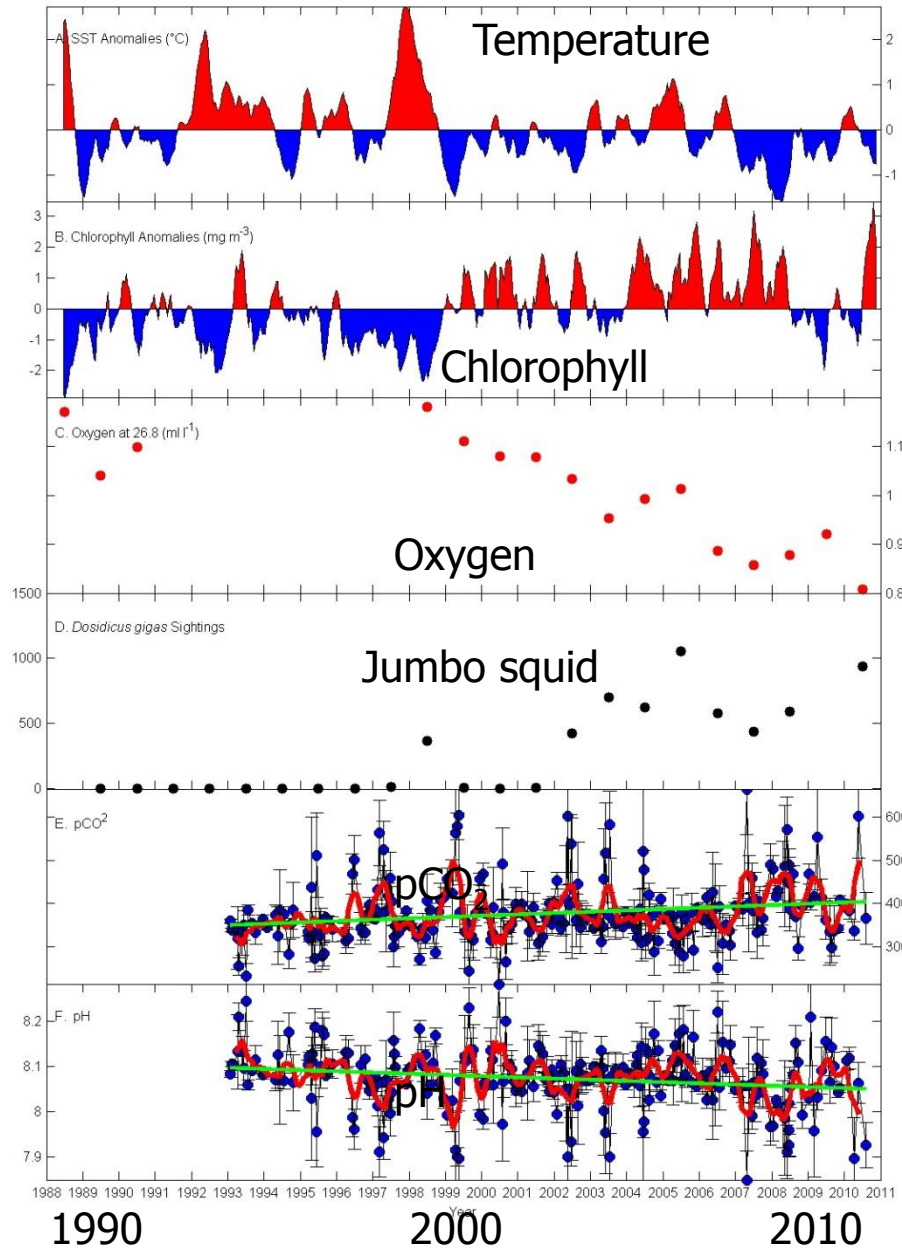
- Licor LI-820 CO₂ Gas Analyzer, measures air, sea surface and standard
- Durafet II pH electrode
- Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Sensor SBE 43
- Seabird Payload Glider CTD
- Wet Labs ECO Puck
- Airmar PB-200 meteorological station



Why wave gliders: An example of an application

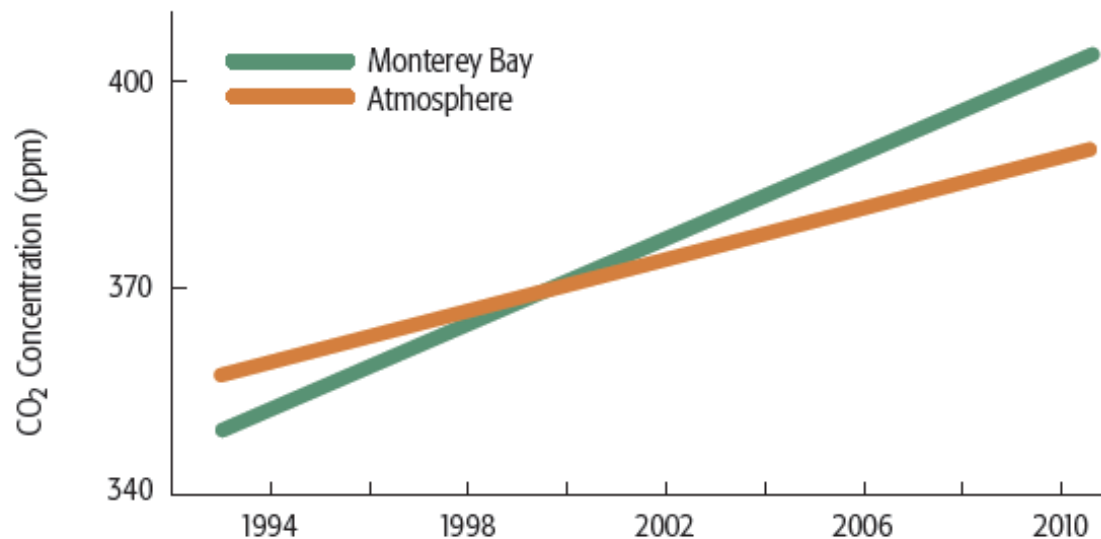
- For the past 20 years MBARI has been measuring the increase in pCO₂ in California coastal waters
- Method has been to measure pCO₂ on a ship transect from shore to ~ 50 km ~ every three weeks
- In 2013 we made close to 80 occupations of the same transect from March to October
- Wave glider data provides increased resolution and reliability at lower costs
- Exploring required resolution for model assimilation

Monterey Bay Time Series showing increase changes in California coastal waters over 20 years



The Monterey Bay Time Series collected by MBARI is now almost 25 years long. The plots show that the recent period has been one of lower temperature, higher chlorophyll, decreasing oxygen at depth (on the 26.8 isopycnal (~200-300 m), and more abundant jumbo or giant squid. Also evident have been increasing concentrations of pCO₂ and lower pH. More on these trends in the next few slides.

Waters off California becoming higher in CO₂ and more acidic faster because of large scale changes in ventilation and increased productivity



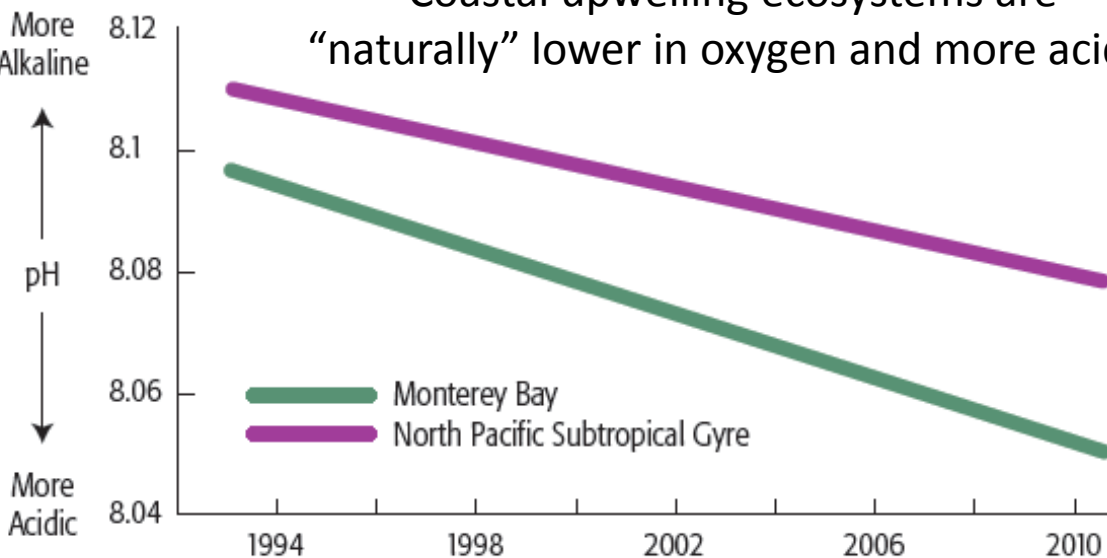
Declining pH

More Alkaline
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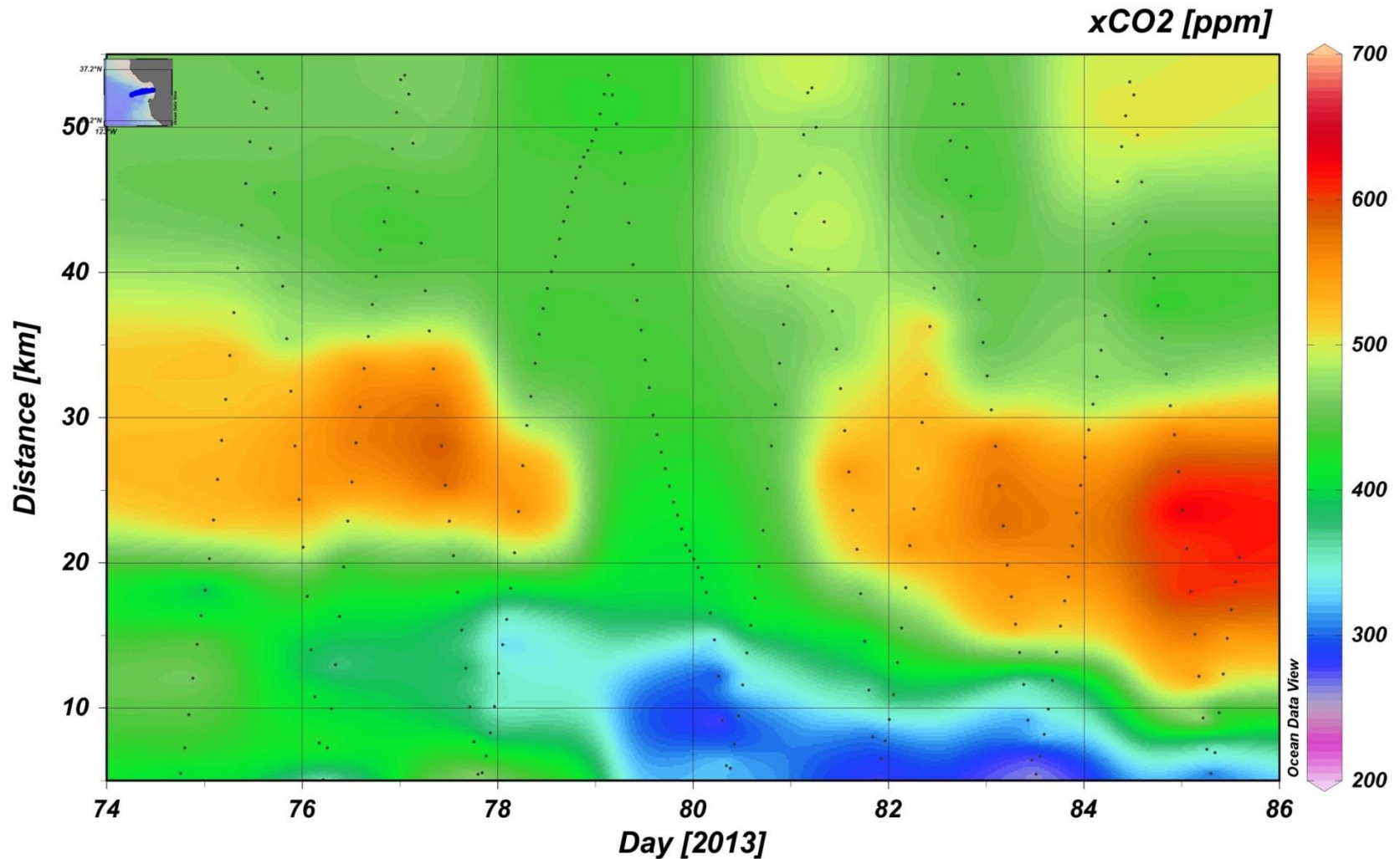
pH

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More Acidic

Coastal upwelling ecosystems are “naturally” lower in oxygen and more acidic

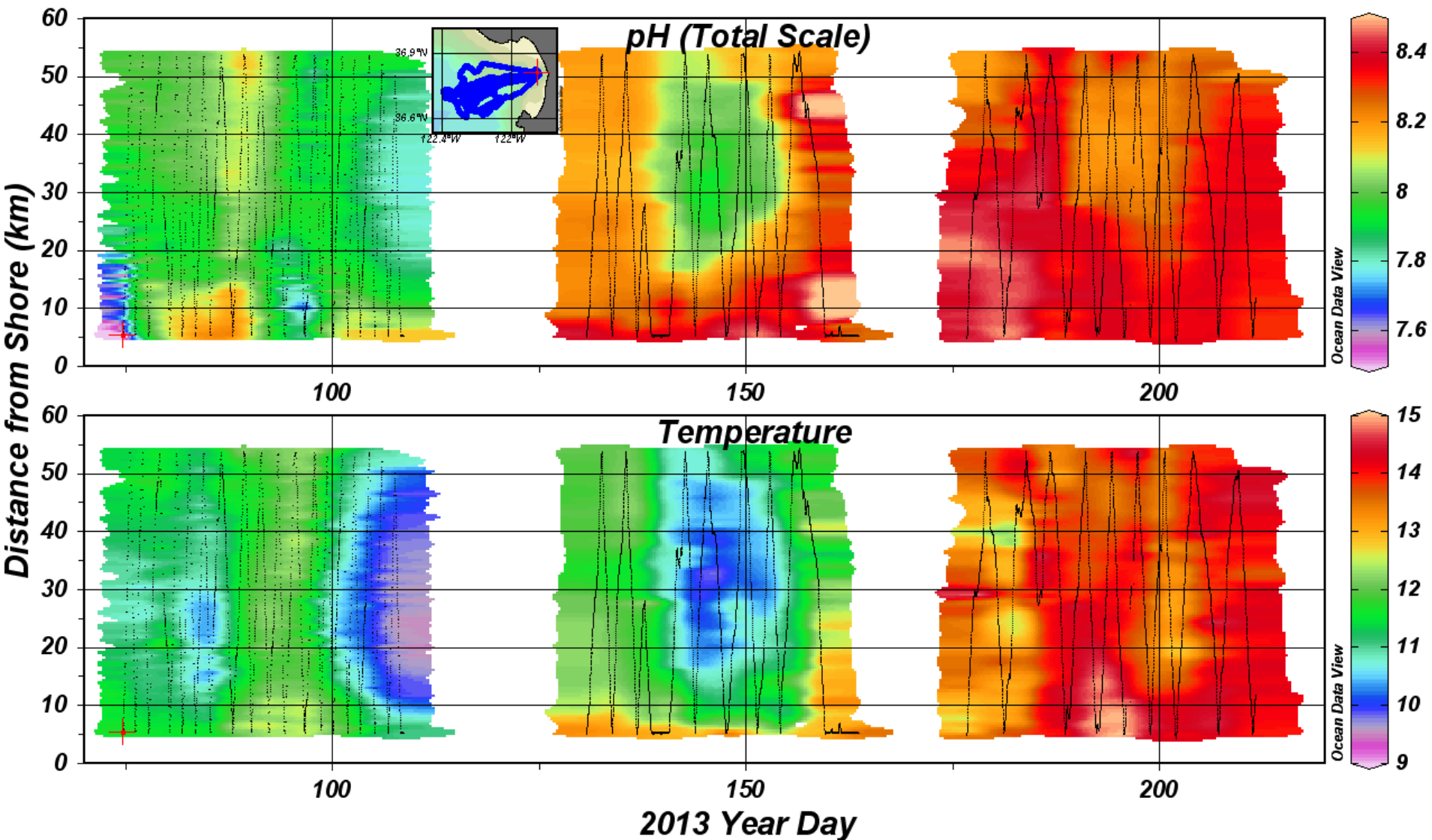


Upwelling impact on the partial pressure of carbon dioxide across the mouth of Monterey Bay as observed from a wave glider

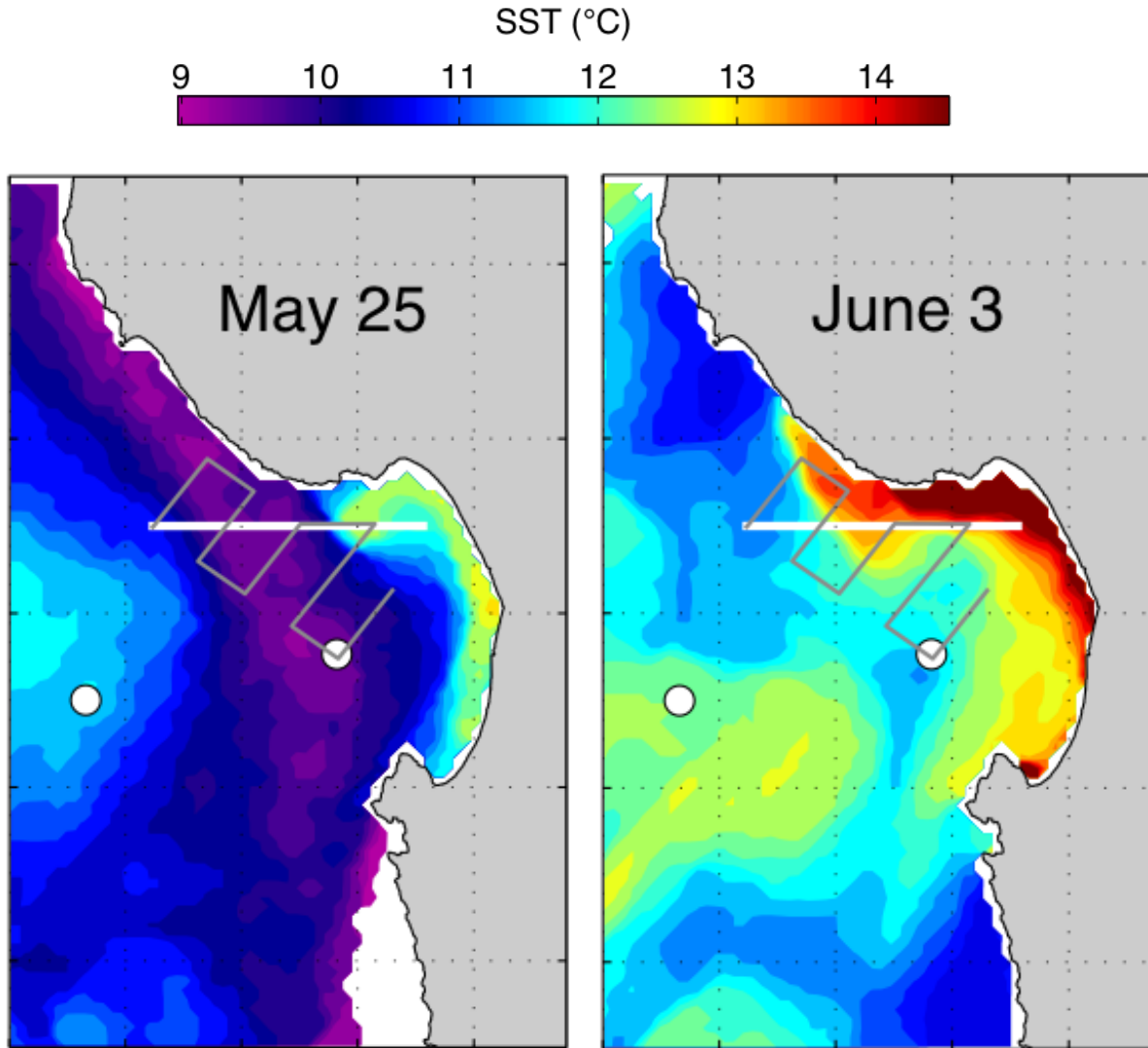


It takes a wave glider approximately 1 day to get from C1 (just outside of Moss Landing) to M2 or back. The figure shows the relatively low $p\text{CO}_2$ (high pH) values inside the Bay increasing to a maximum around or just past M1 and then decreasing out M2. M2 can sometimes see the effects of upwelling further north (Point Arena, perhaps). Highest values, observed a few days ago are over 600 ppm. For reference atmosphere is now just under 400 ppm so in the high areas CO_2 is being lost to the atmosphere. The wave glider speed depends on the waves and you can notice it slow down when winds weaken around day 78.

Upwelling impacts on pH across the mouth of Monterey Bay as observed from a wave glider



Satellite sea surface temperature

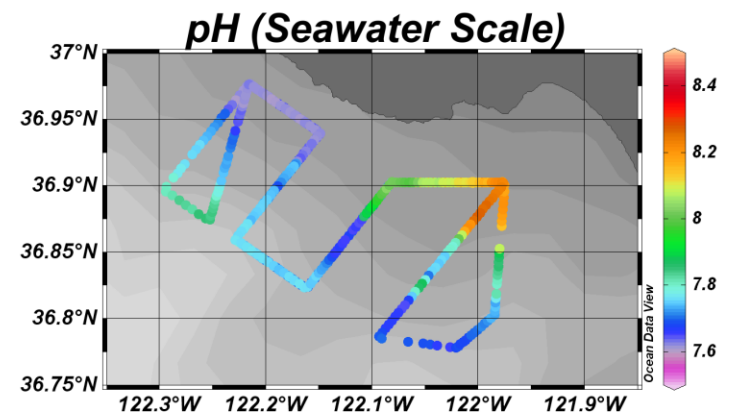
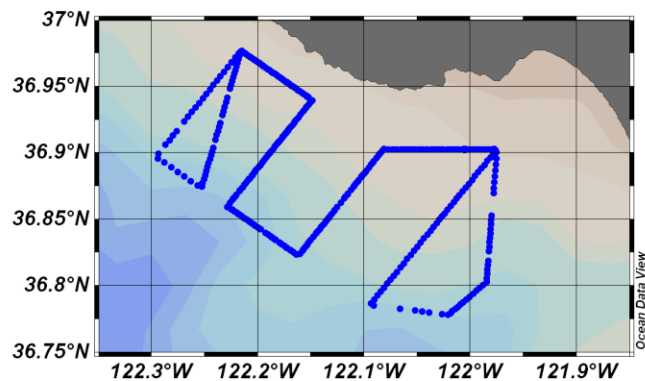
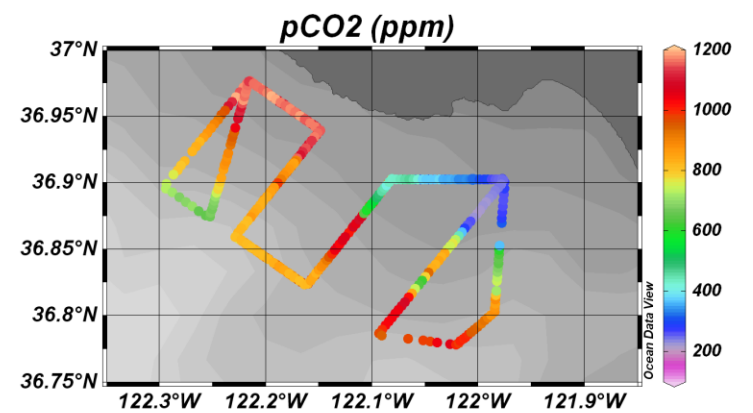
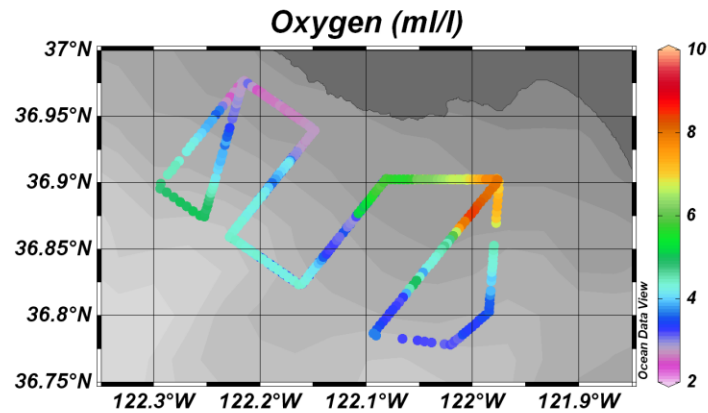
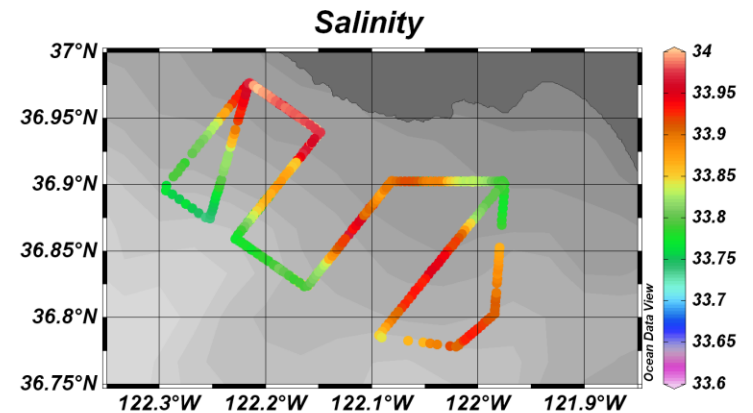
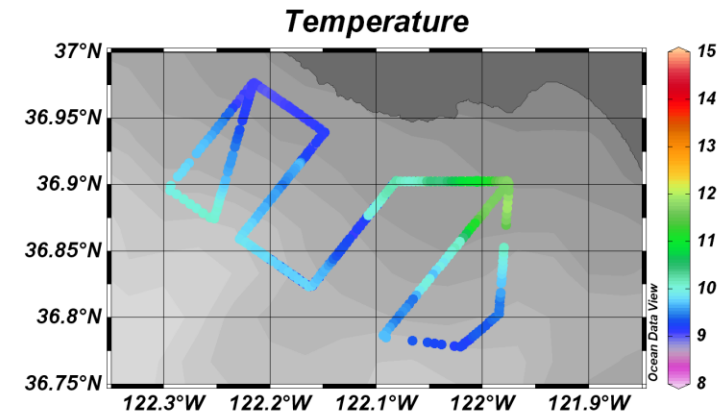


Upwelling

Relaxation

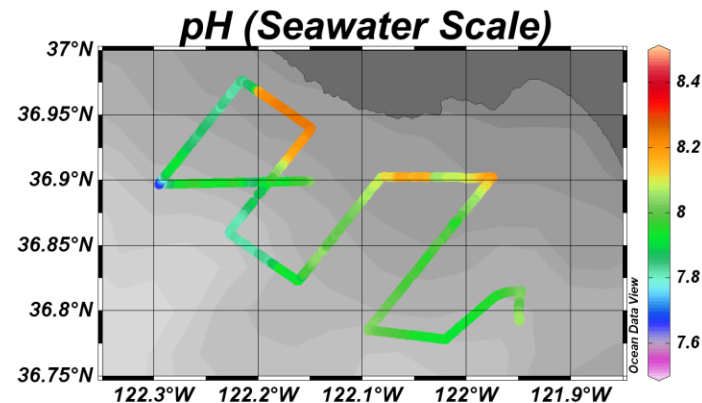
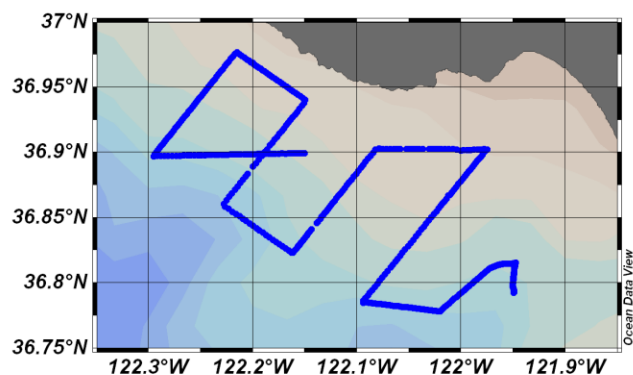
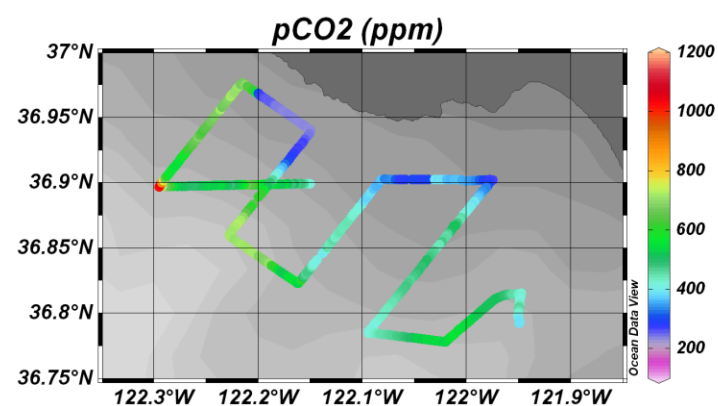
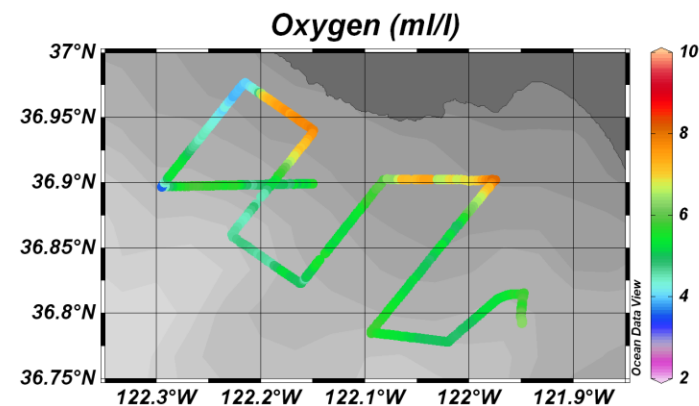
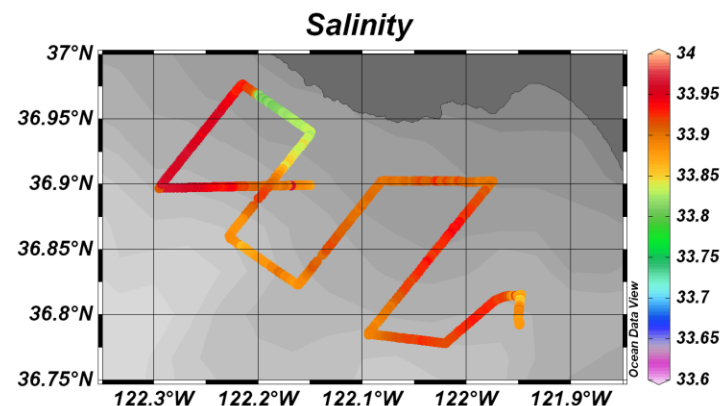
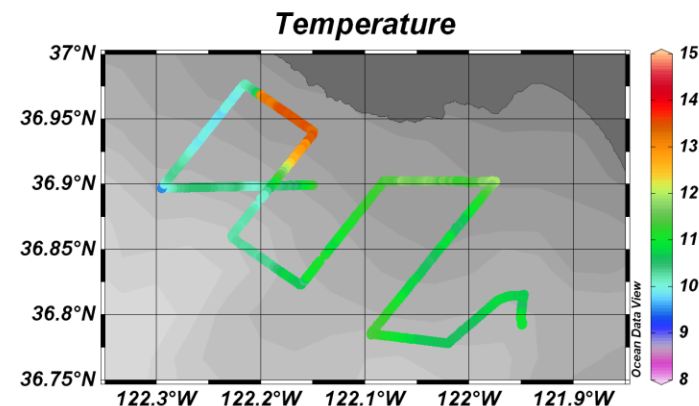
Upwelling as observed from wave glider during spring 2012

May 25-27 2012

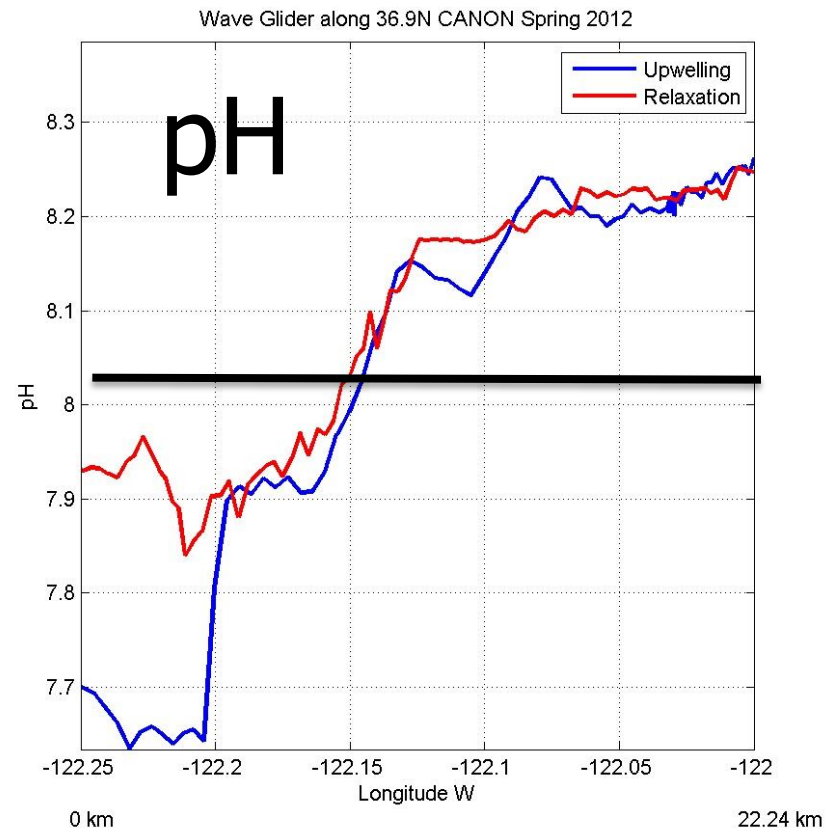
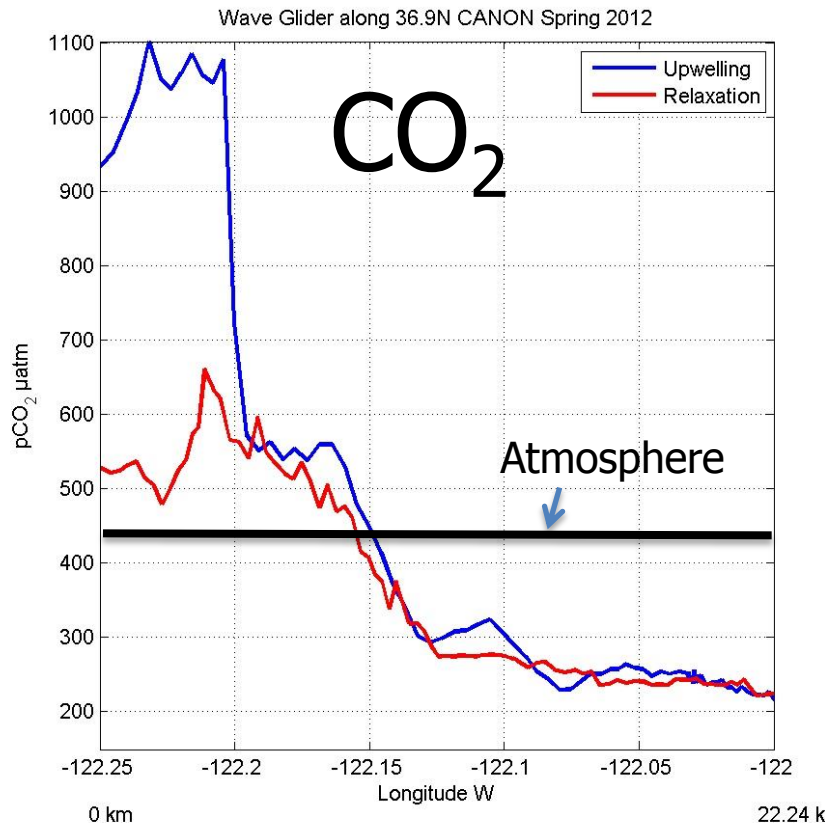


Relaxation as observed from wave glider

June 2-4 2012



Very large gradients (as large as global means) observed on order of a kilometer



Wave glider observations of pCO₂ and pH





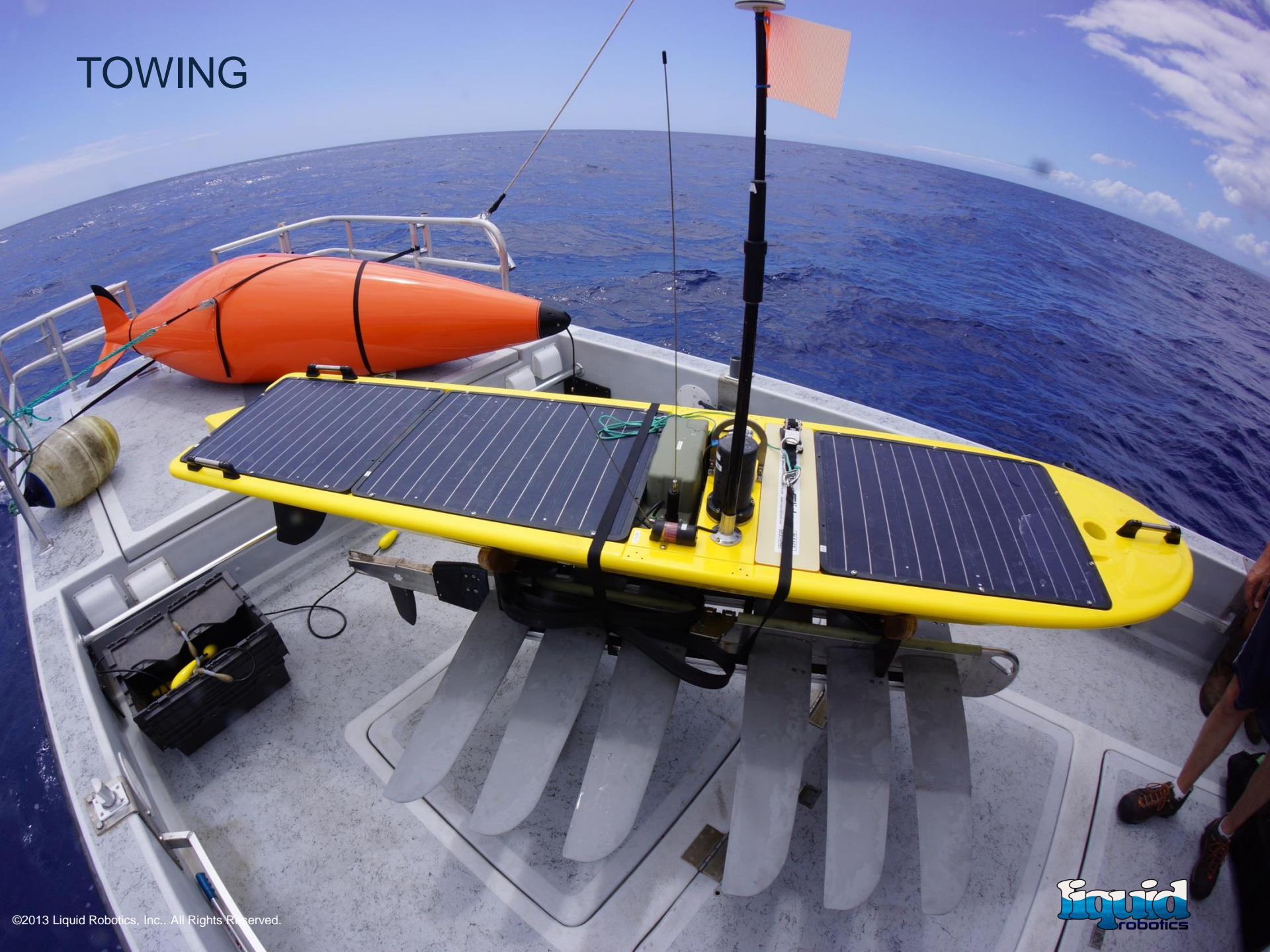
Shark Net Ap
on iTunes



"The California Current is like having Yellowstone in our backyard. Our goal is to increase protection of this rich predator region."

— Barbara Block, Marine Sciences Professor, Stanford Univ.

TOWING



LARGER SIZES

Feb 2013, Hawaii

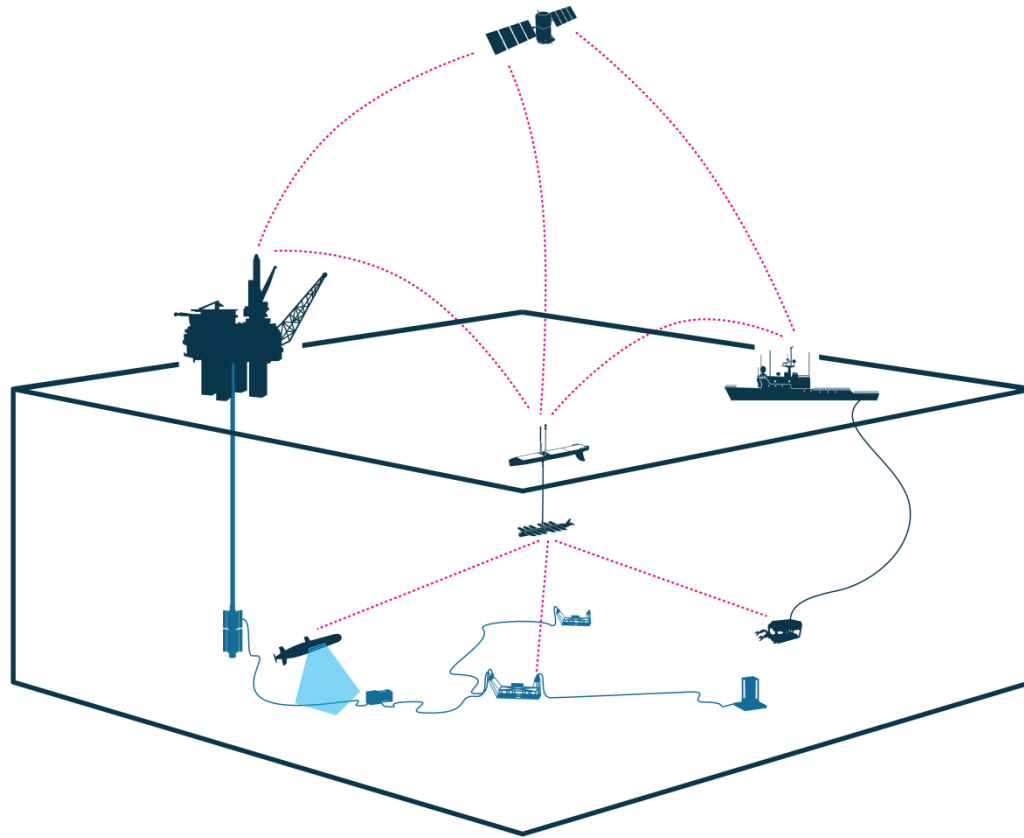
Rapid prototyping proof of concept

1000kg displacement float

1000kg tow fish

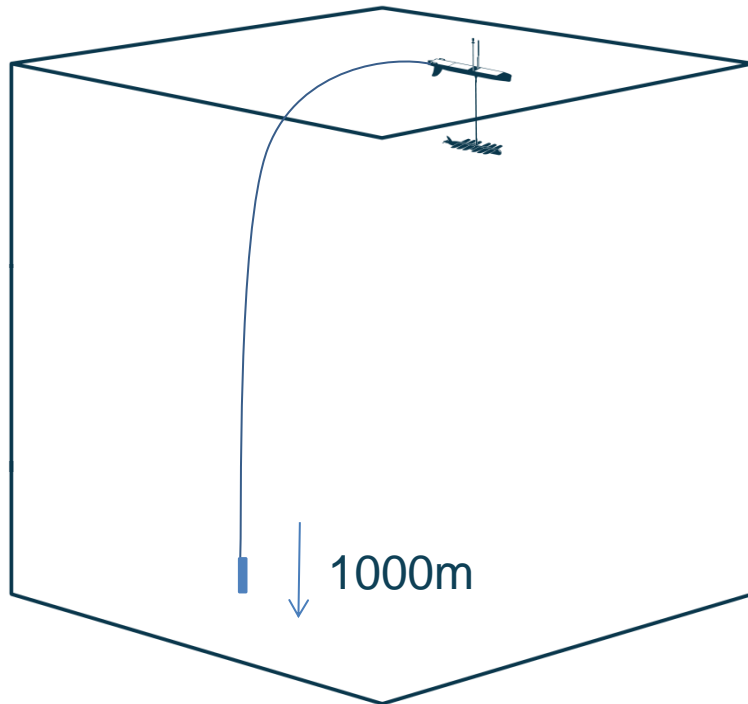


SUBSEA SUPPORT



SV3 VERTICAL PROFILING PROJECTS

Deep Profiler

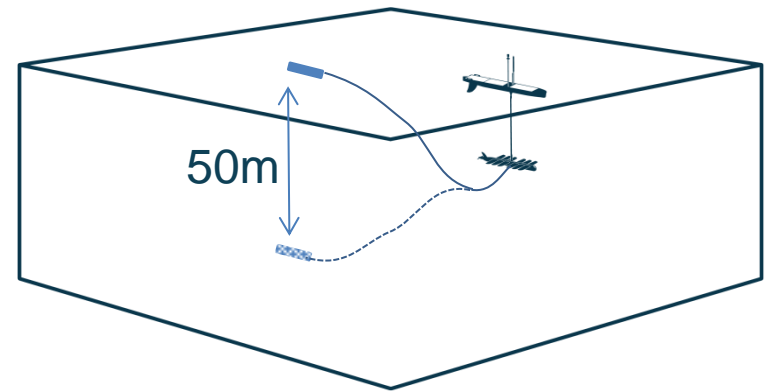


Rapid, brief profiles.

Small probe docks & recharges on float.

2 profilers per Wave Glider.

Surface Profiler



Buoyancy modulated tow fish.

Large sensor volume and continuous sensor power and communications.

Shallow depths only.

SPURS UPDATE

“all 3 recovered in good condition. second 6 months almost perfect -- no known data loss except for a few related to fetch (which are probably recoverable). nothing available online immediately from my site as we haven't been able to access for the past 3 weeks. in the water for 3 platform-years, almost 100% data recovery in second six months, but probably in the 75% range for total data recovery (largely due to loss of all met stations, iridium on one vehicle, couple of ctd's during the first 6 months).”

Dave Fratantoni

r/v endeavor

24N, 52W

Oct 27, 2013

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