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# Biogeochemical Measurements From Today to Tomorrow: AUVs to UAVs.

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# Biogeochemical Measurements



Measurements of or relating to the partitioning and cycling of chemical elements and compounds between the living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem.

Properties/measurements (JGOFS cruises; 2-NABE, 3-EqPac and 4-Arabian Sea)

1. Nutrients
2. Carbon (Particles and dissolved/'yellow substances')
3. Productivity
4. Particle flux
5. Zooplankton
6. Optics/light penetration
7. Grazing
8. Megafauna

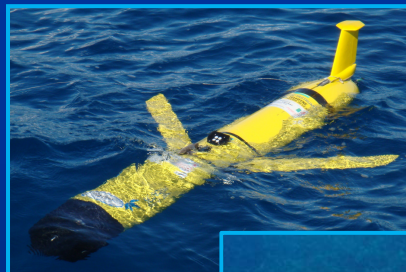


# Platforms



NR/V Alliance

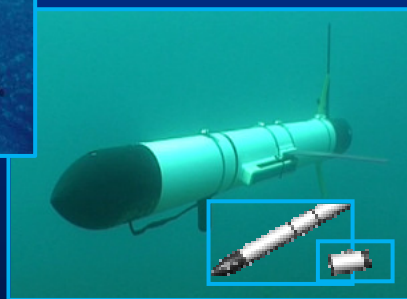
Continuous-flow  
Scientific Sea Chest  
(2-3 meter depth)



AEROSONDE

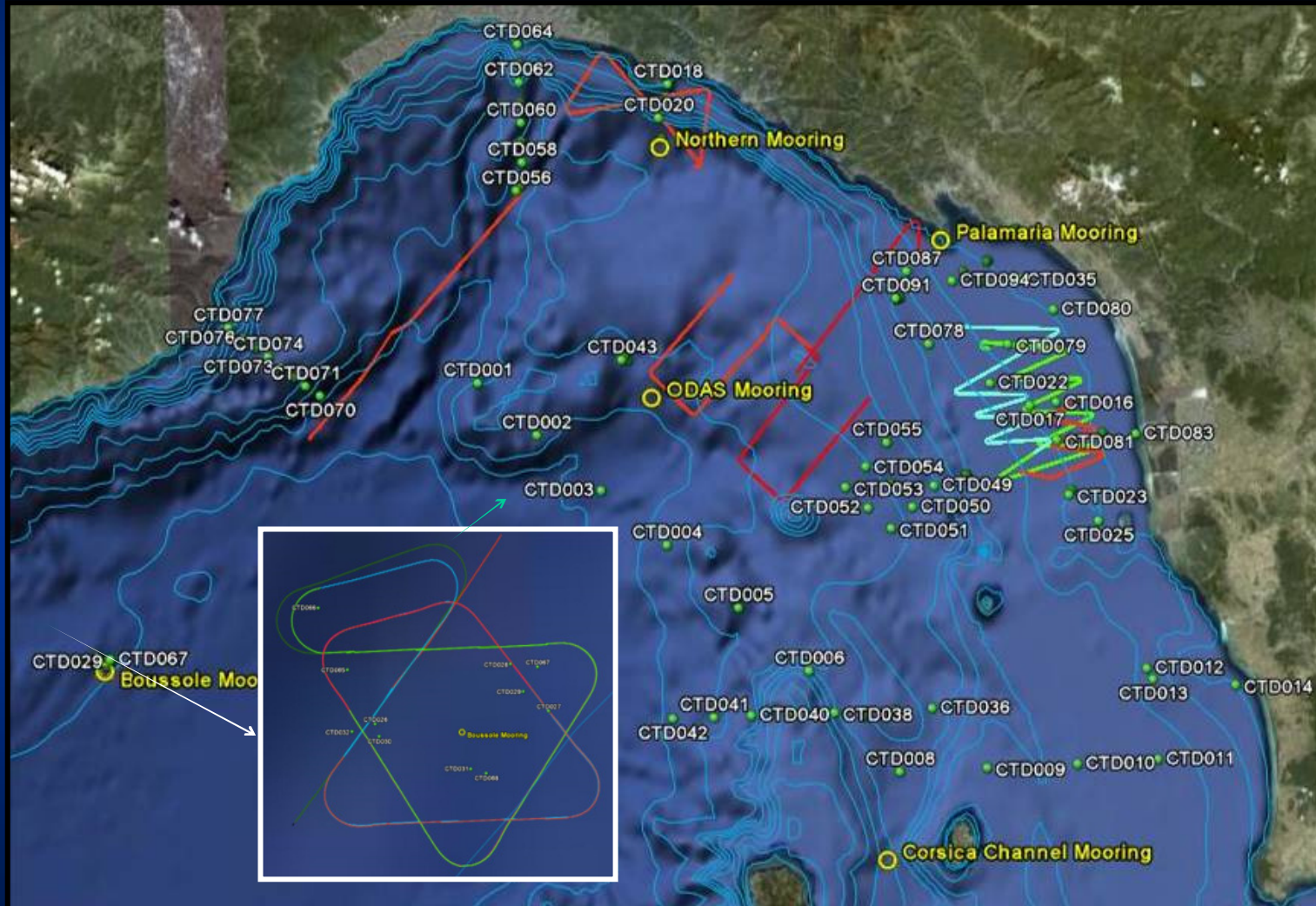


Integrator





# Multi-Platform Approach





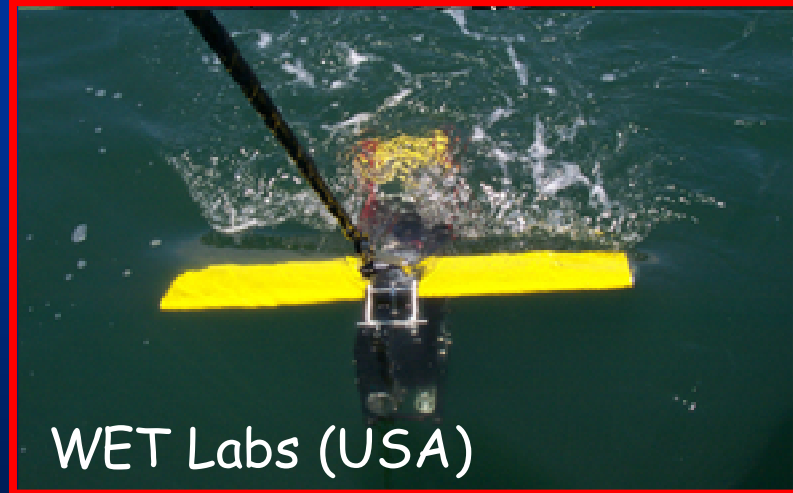
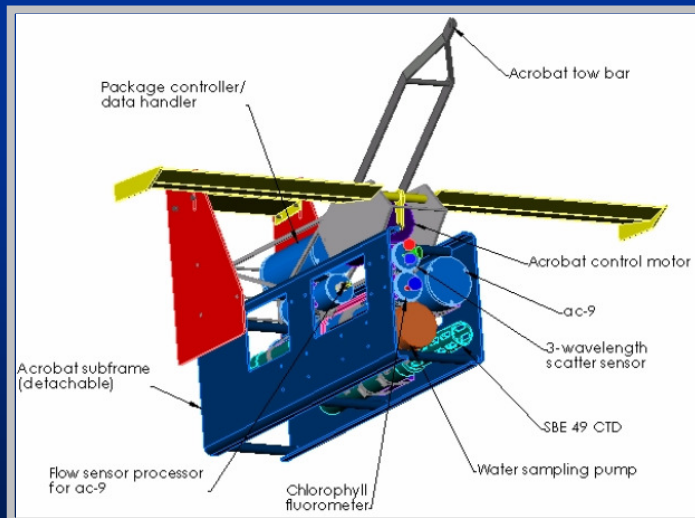
# DOLPHIN (IOP)

Diving Optical Profiler & High-speed Integration



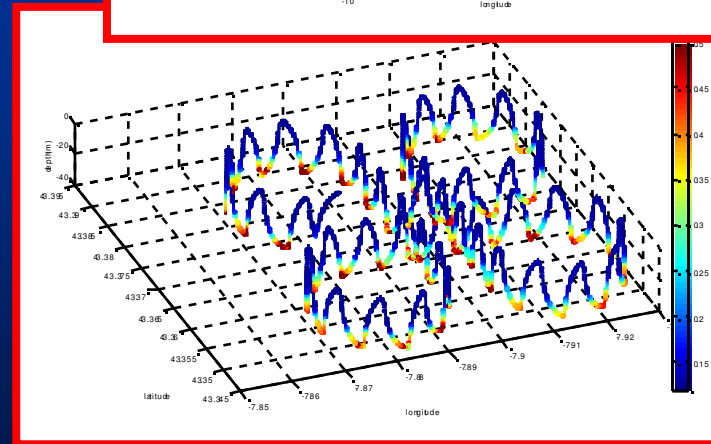
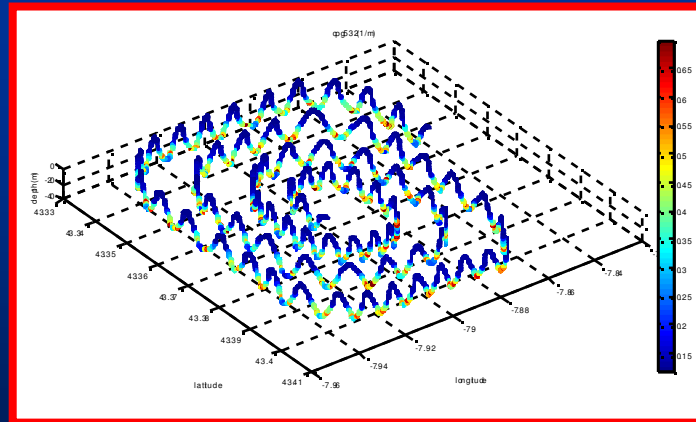
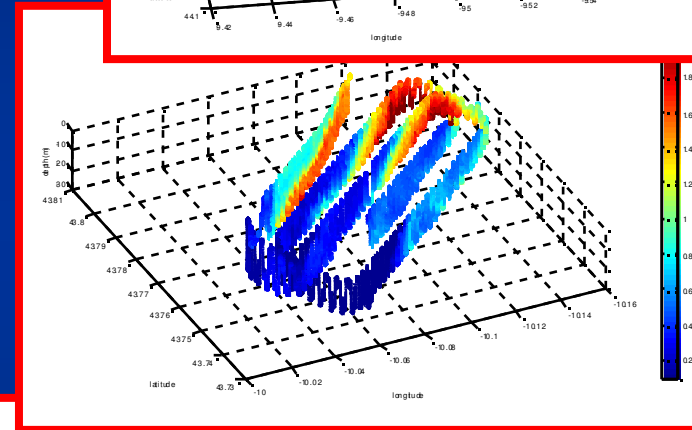
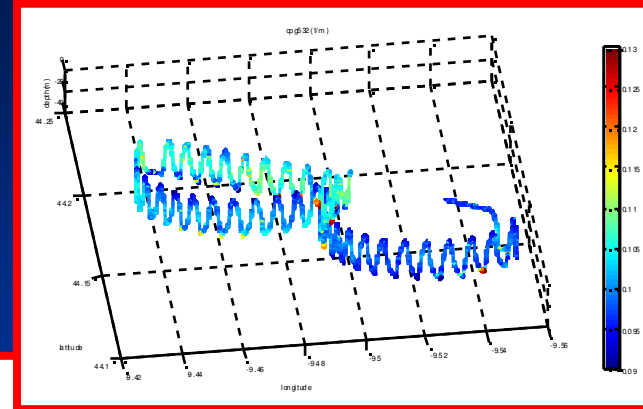
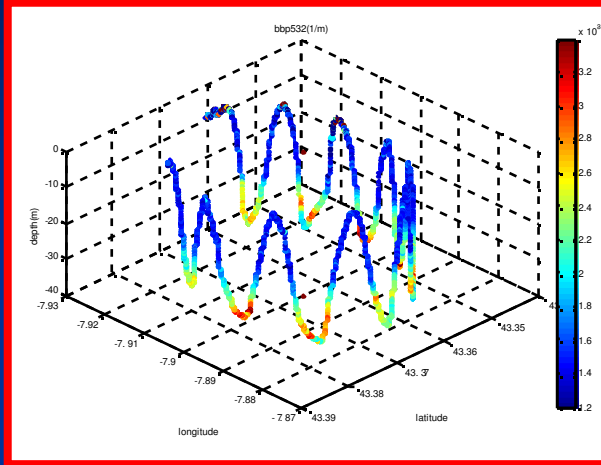
## Network

DOLPHIN contains a CTD, a, b and c meters,  $b_b$  sensor (Diver Vis). Undulates down to ~ 40 m.





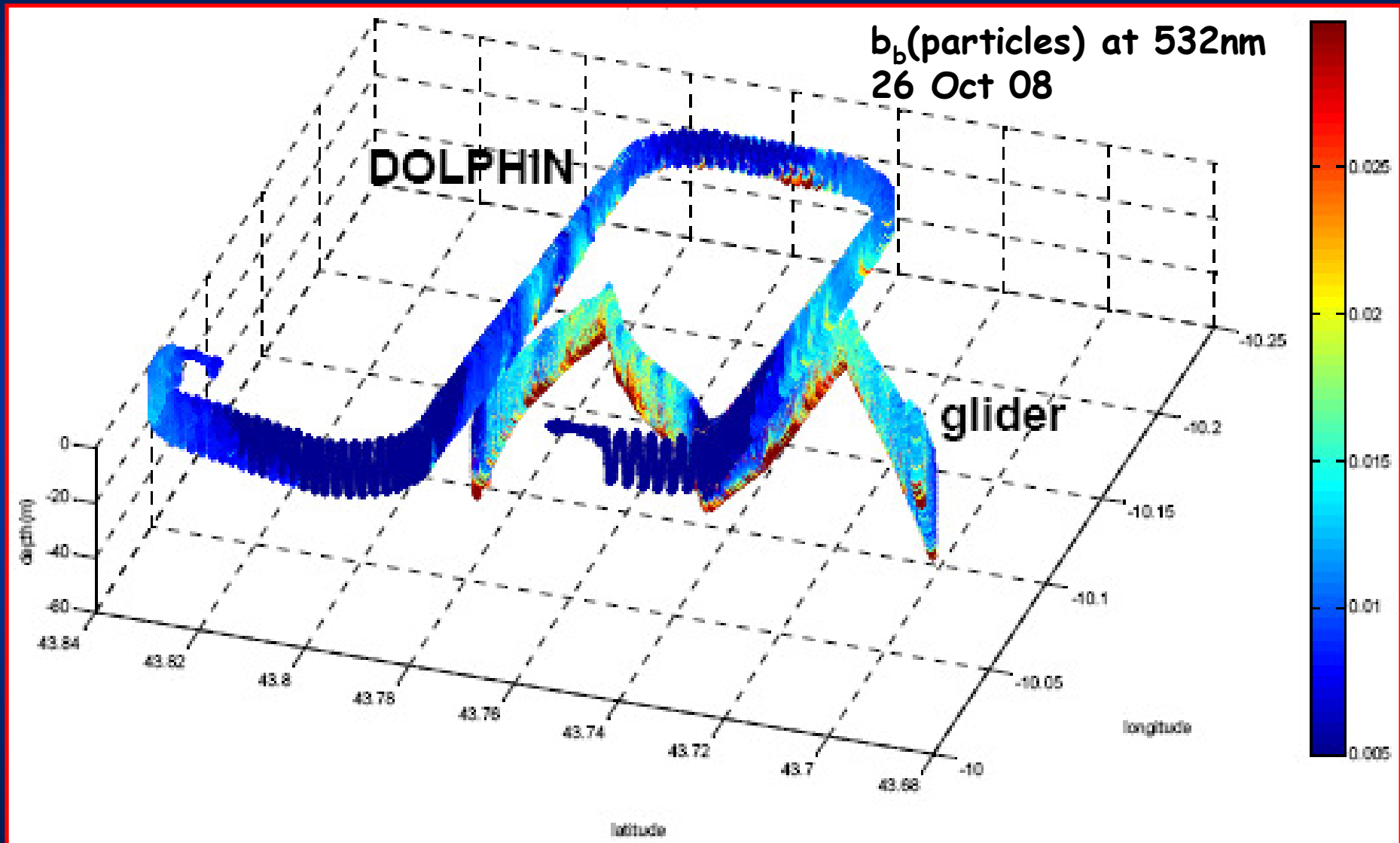
# Intra- & Inter-Pixel Variability



Optimal Sampling Strategy



# Glider & DOLPHIN Comparison

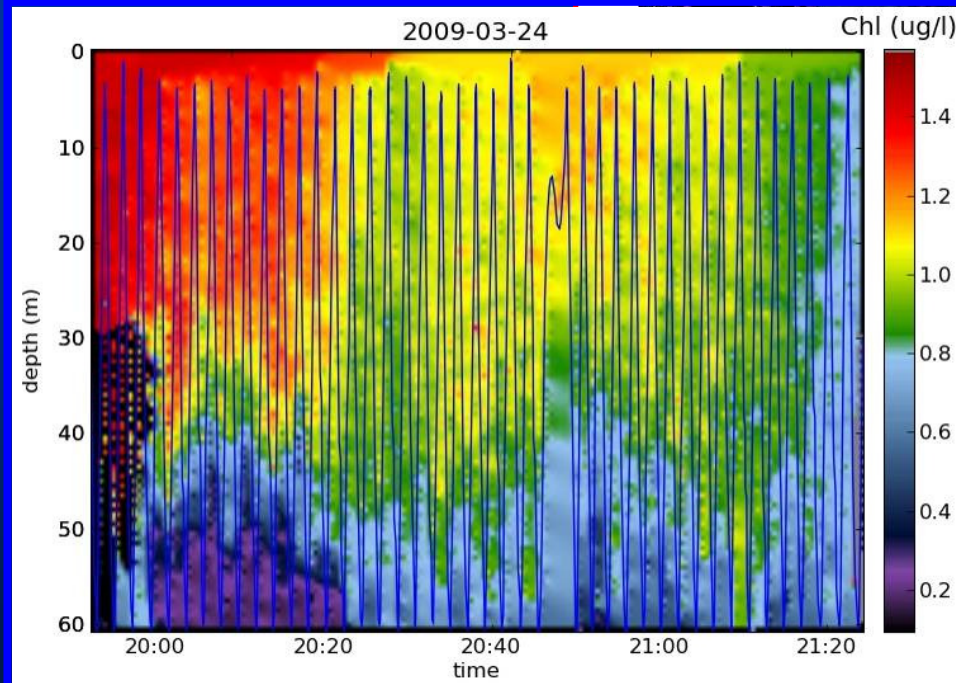
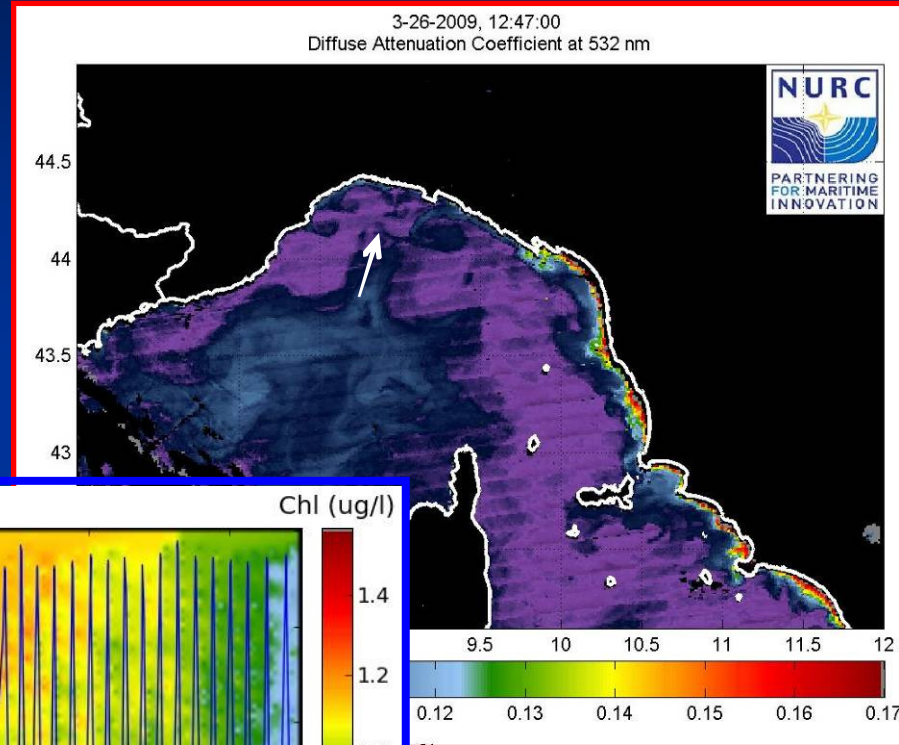




# NURC's ScanFish MK II



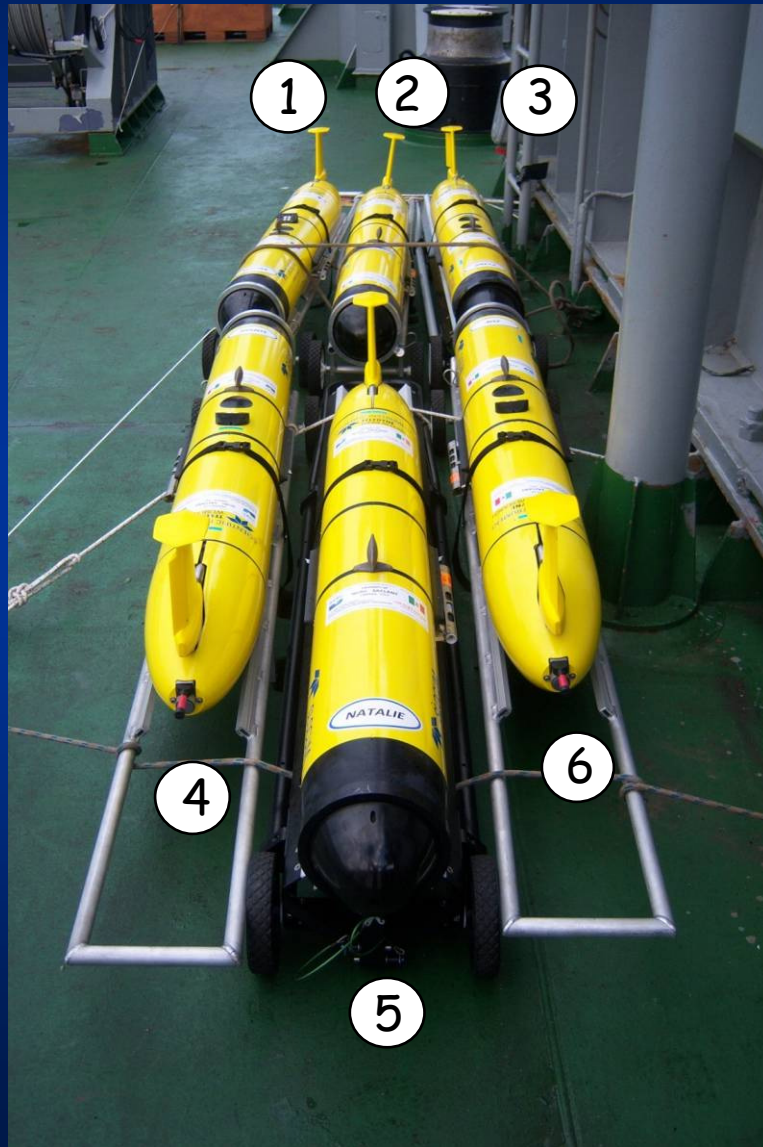
High Res CTD  
bb2f  
ac-s







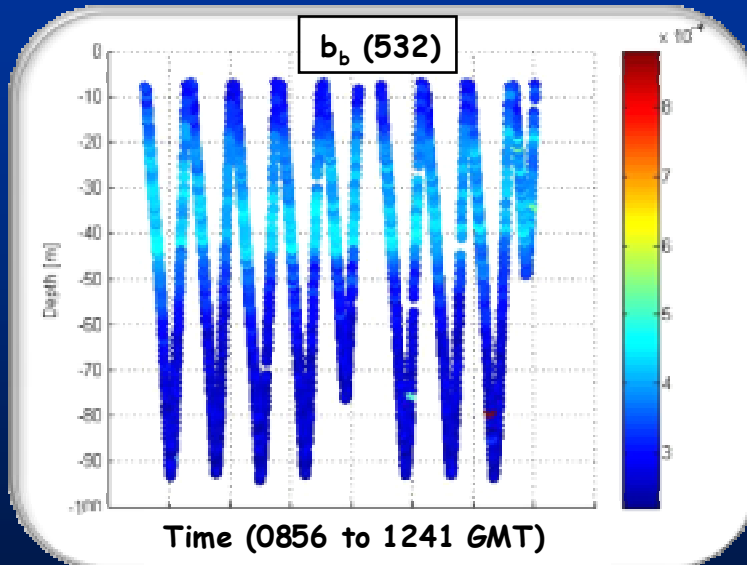
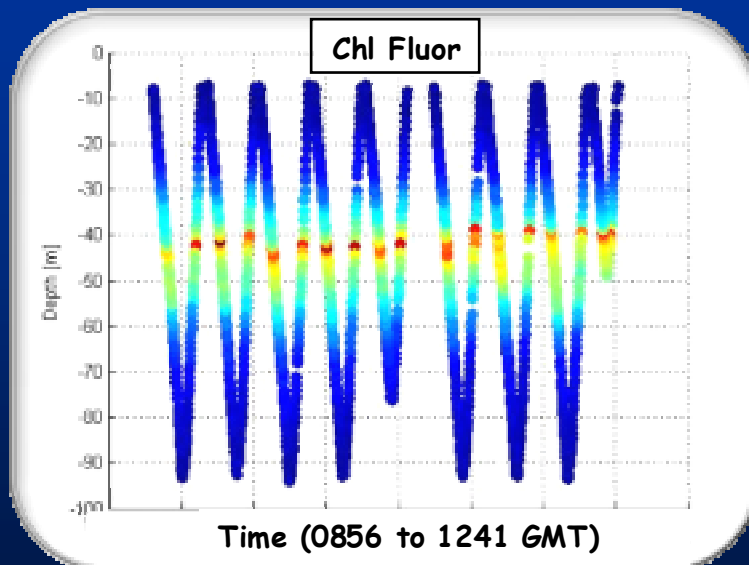
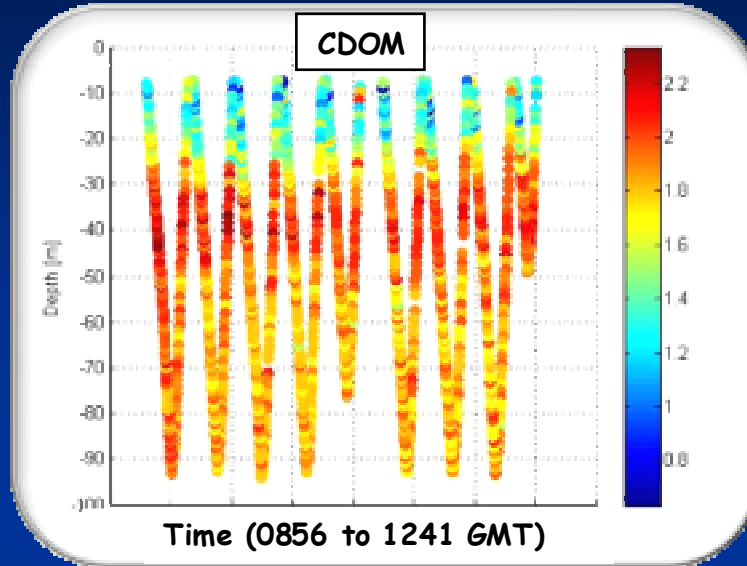
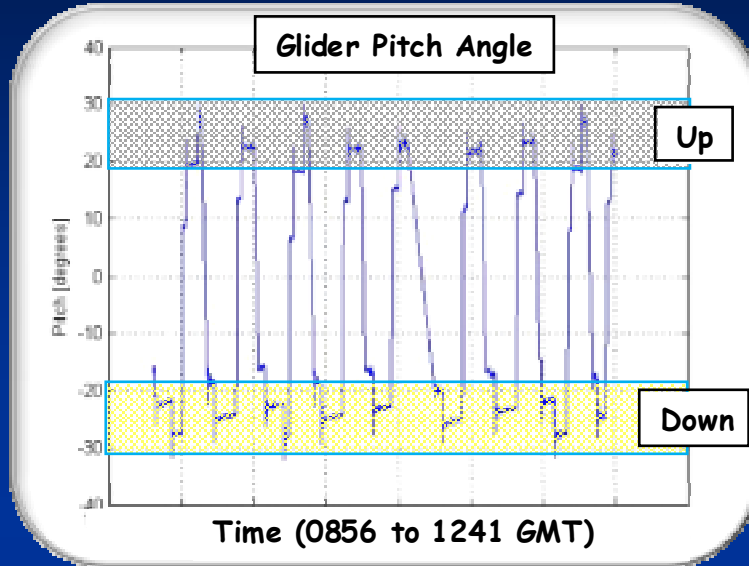
# Slocum Glider Fleet



- 1 ELETTRA: max depth = 200 m, CTD, Chl, CDOM, Ed ( $4 \lambda$ ),  $b_b$  (532 nm).
- 2 LAURA: max depth = 200 m, CTD,  $b_b$  ( $3 \lambda$ ), BAM (532 nm).
- 3 GRETA: max depth = 200 m, CTD.
- 4 SOPHIA: max depth = 200 m, CTD, Chl, CDOM, Ed ( $4 \lambda$ ),  $b_b$  (532 nm).
- 5 NATALIE: max depth = 200 m, CTD, Chl, CDOM,  $b_b$  (532 nm), BAM (532 nm).
- 6 ZOE: max depth = 200 m, CTD, Chl, CDOM, Ed ( $4 \lambda$ ),  $b_b$  (532 nm).
- 7 NONA: max depth = 1,000 m, CTD, passive hydrophone (marine mammals)
- 8 SPRAY (Blue Fin): max depth = 1,000 m, CTD.

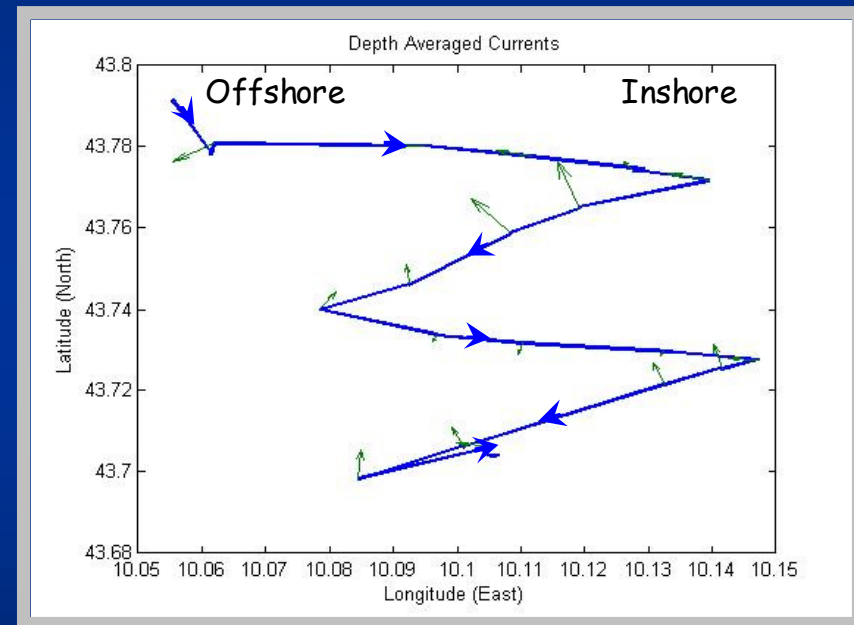
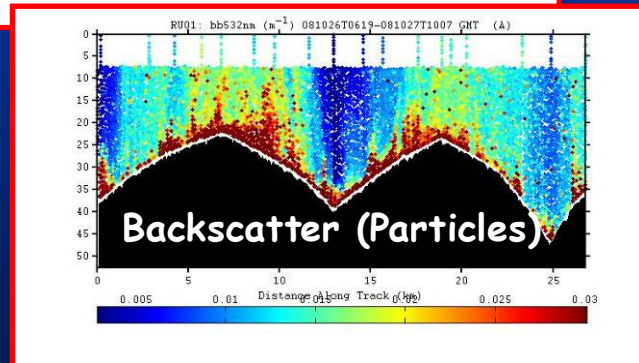
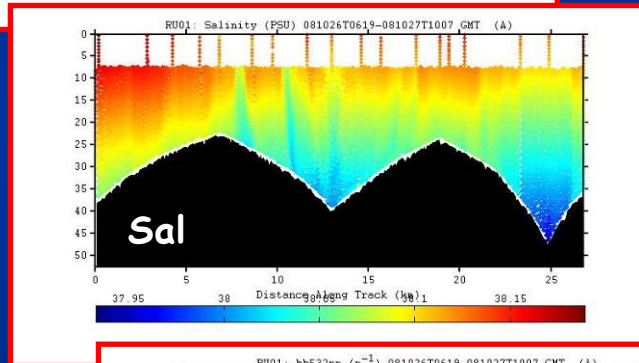
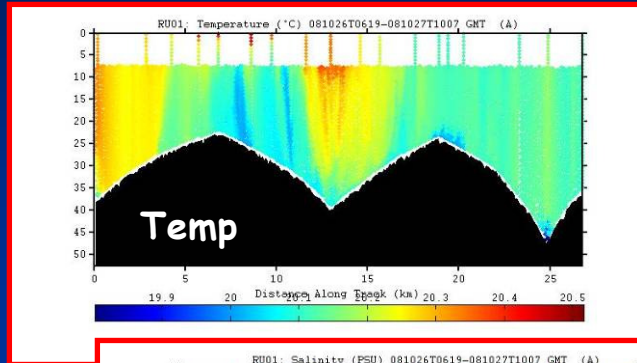


# Virtual Mooring (ELETTRA)



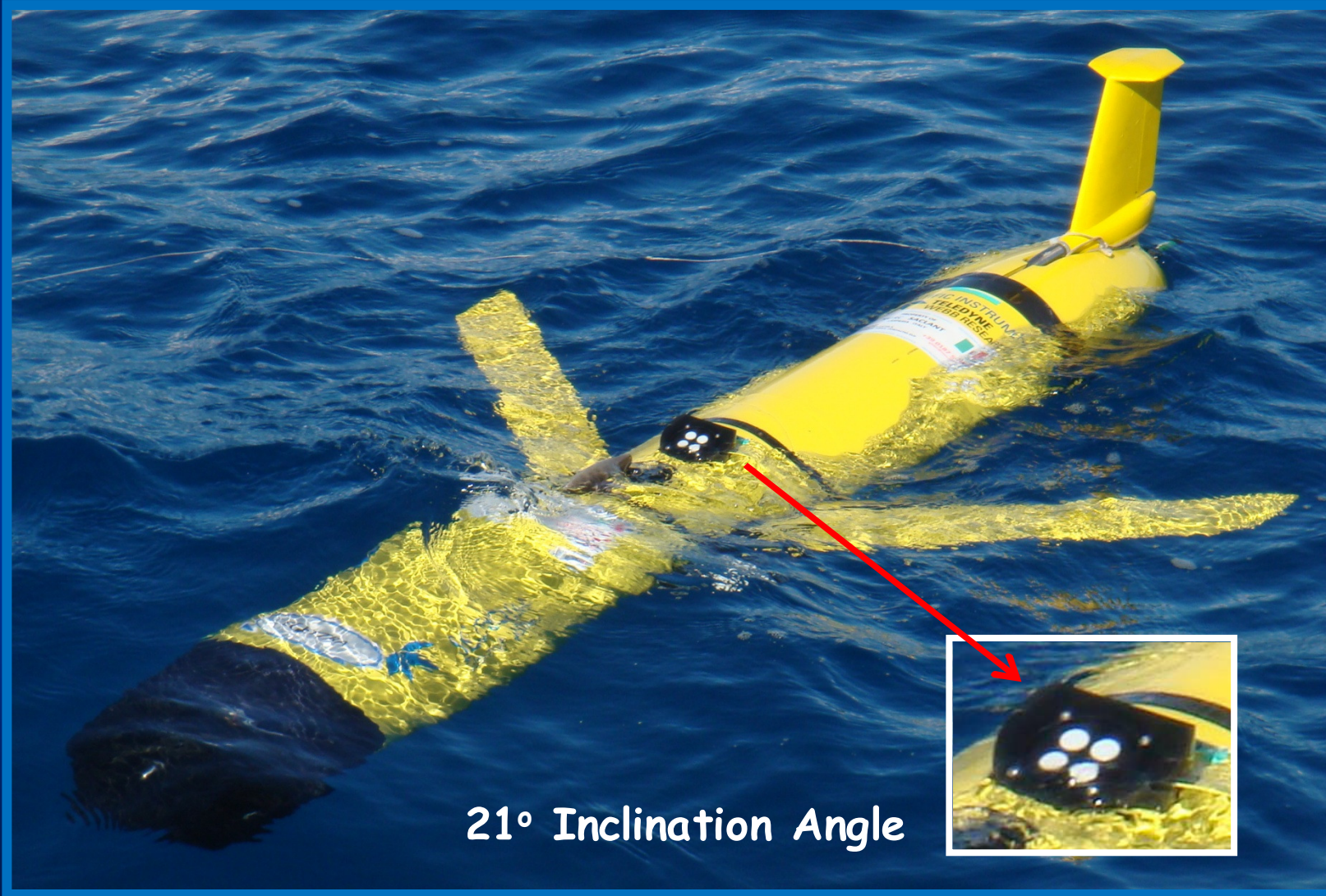


# Glider Data Processed on Ship





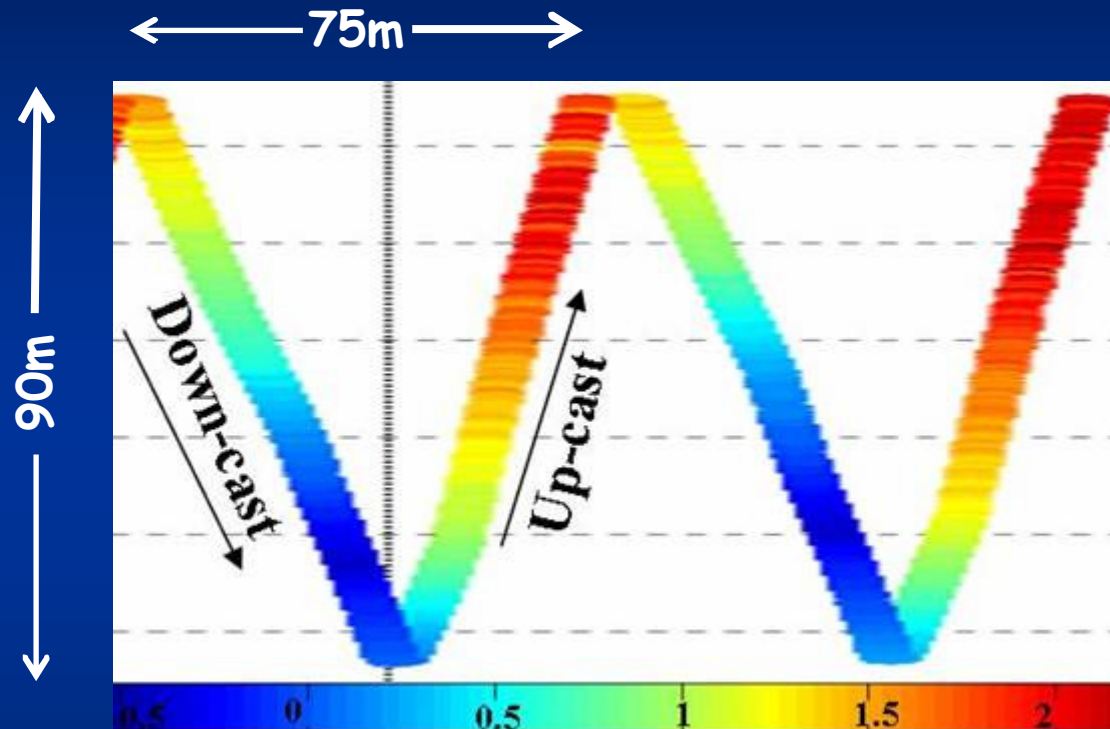
# Slocum with OCR-504I Sensor



21° Inclination Angle



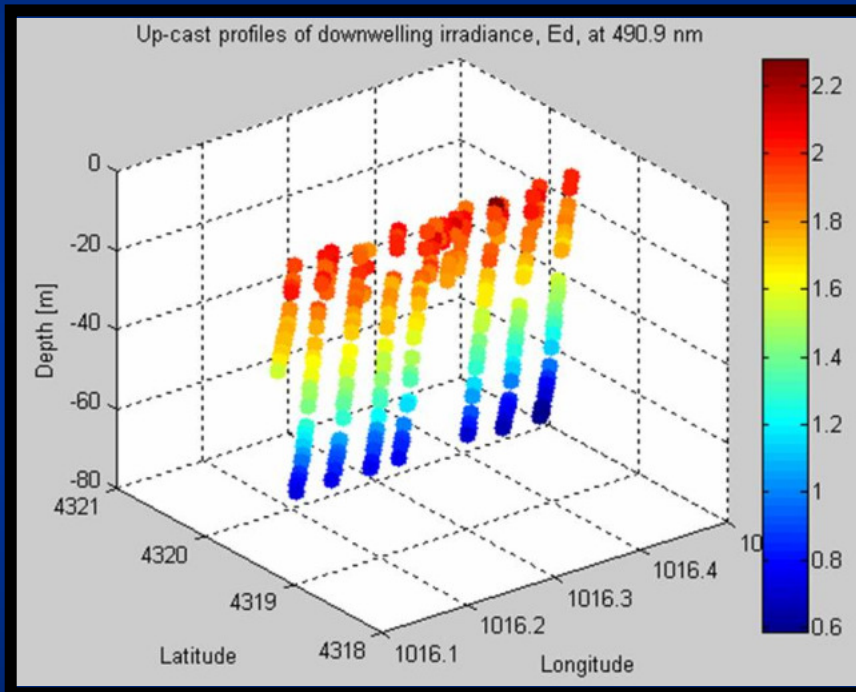
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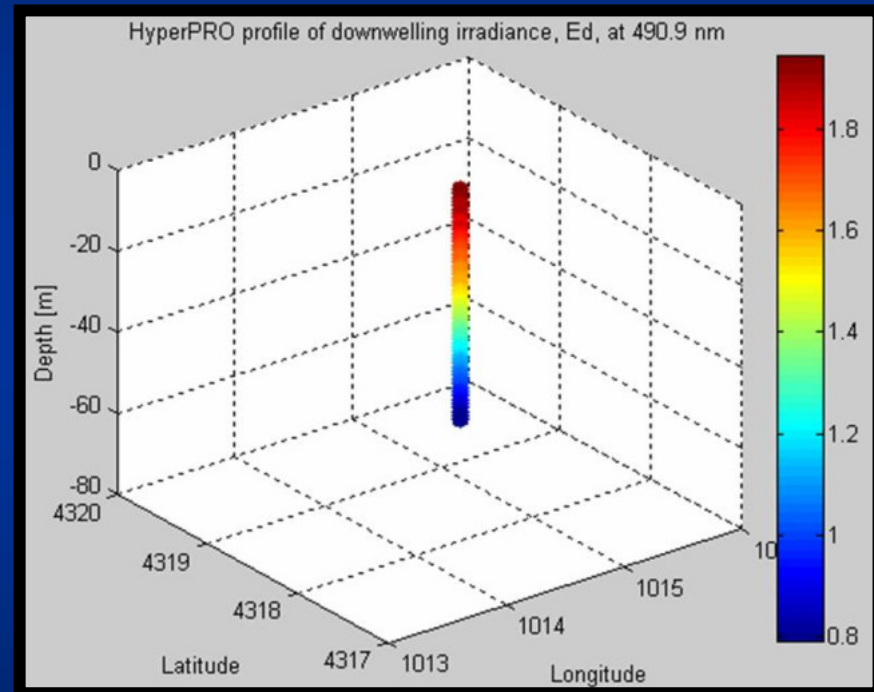
Data from a Virtual Mooring Mission  
(555 nm)



# HyperPRO vs. Glider Ed(490)



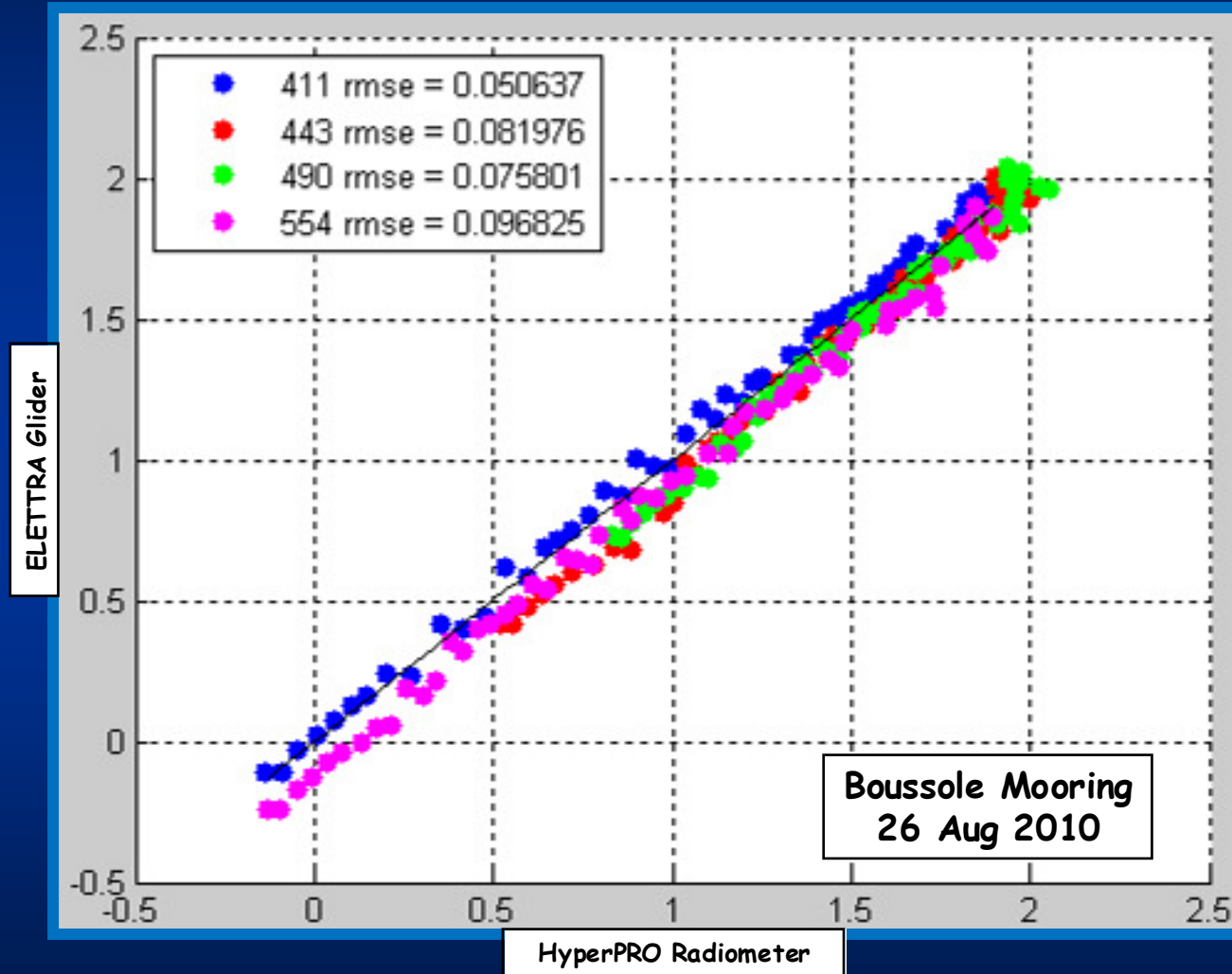
ELETTRA



HyperPRO

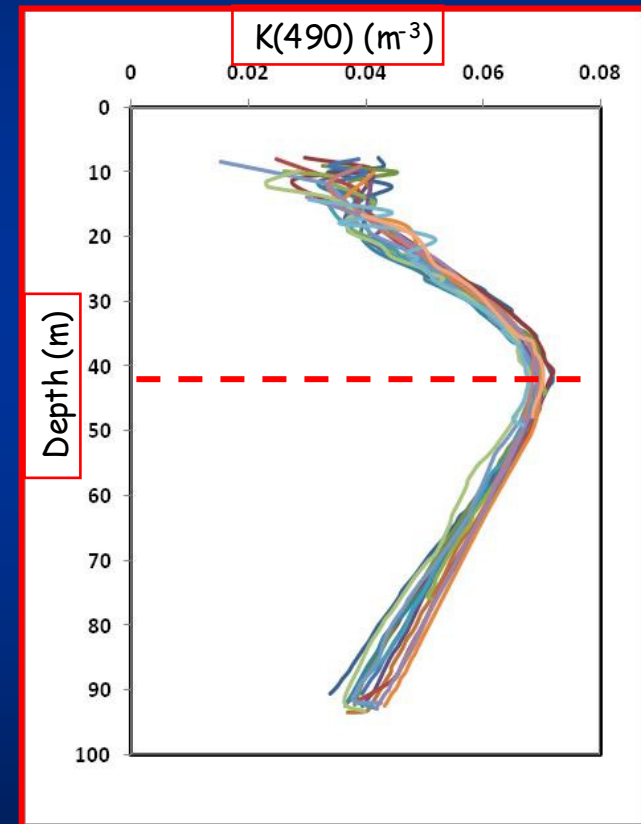
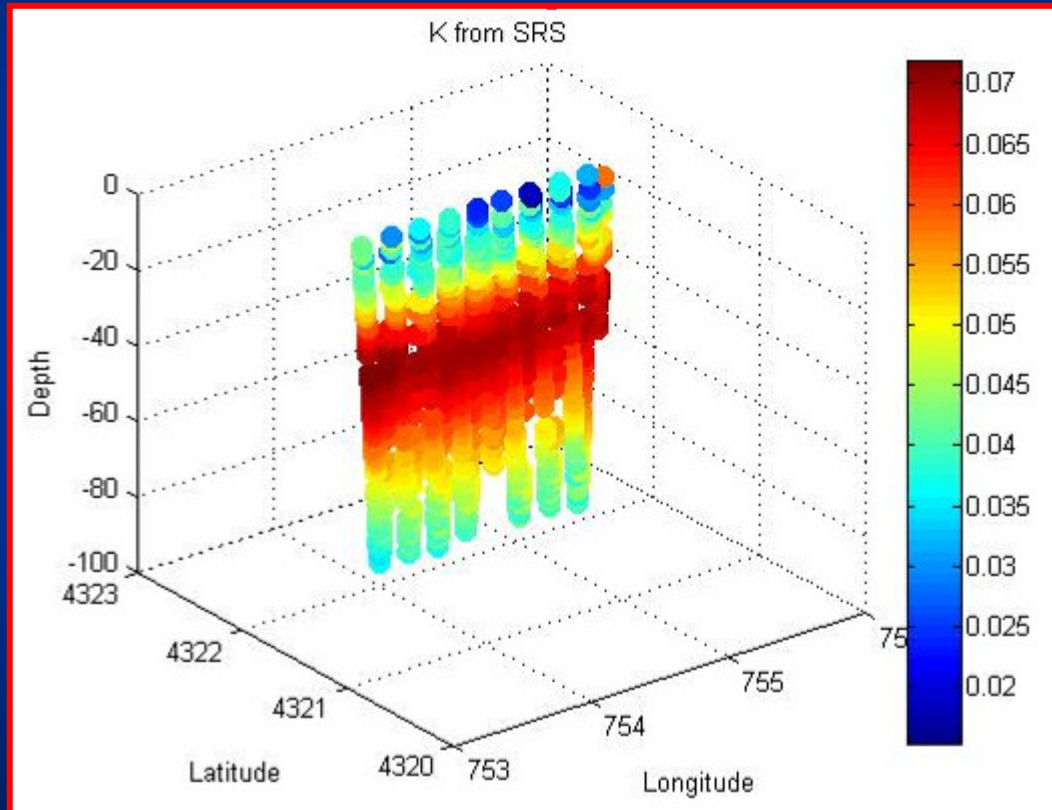


# HyperPRO to Glider Comparison





# Glider K(490) from SRS Model







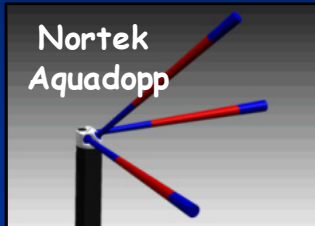
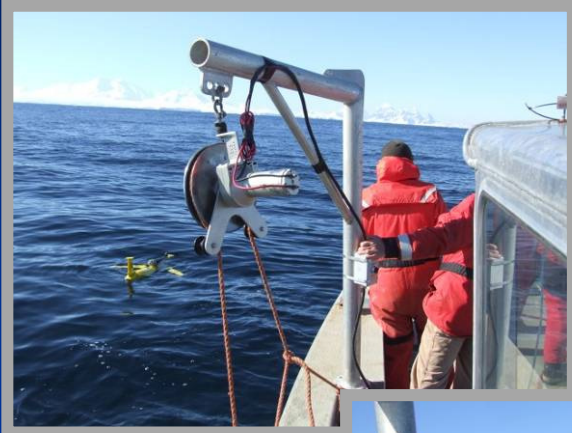
# Glider Sensors



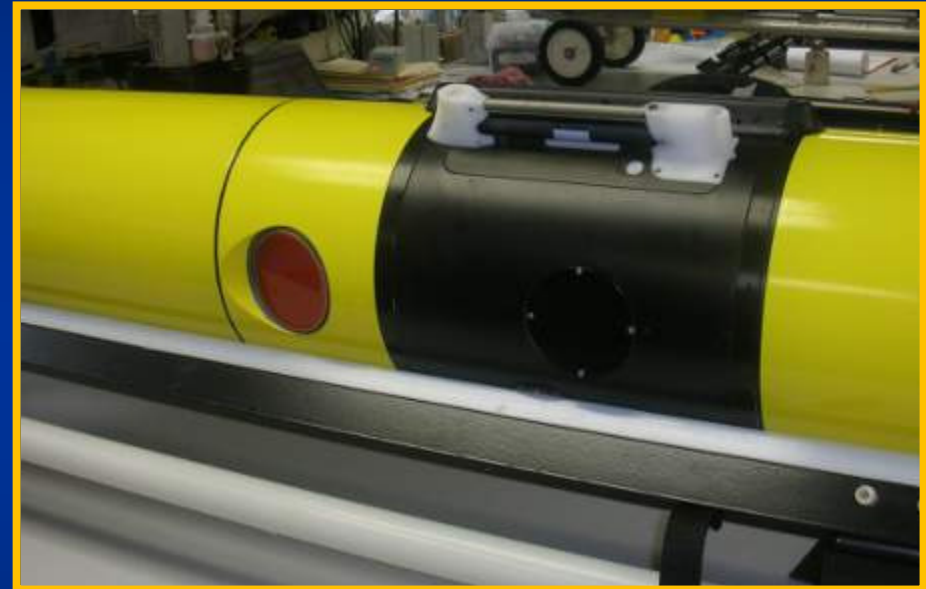
- Oxygen
- Fluor
- Optical
- PAR
- Spectrophotometer
- Acoustic Recorder
- **ADCP**
- Echosounder
- pH
- Turbulence
- **Nutrients**
- Carbon Dioxide
- Methane
- Magnetometric
- Mass/RAMAN Spectrometry
- Isotope Detection



# ADCP Externally & Internally



Oscar Schofield  
Rutgers  
(Antarctic)



Teledyne RDI ADCP into the Teledyne Webb  
Research Slocum glider (2011).



# Suna UV Nitrate Sensor (Satlantic)



Un. of Alaska Fairbanks



# LIDAR



LIght Detection And Ranging (LIDAR) systems have been used in the past to measure Digital Elevation Maps (DEM) of land, ice and coastal areas. There have been

(1) space-based LIDARs for measuring clouds and atmospheric aerosols,

(2) airborne systems for bottom bathymetry and mine detection and

(3) ground based systems for atmospheric profiles of water-vapor, aerosols and temperature.



# New Research Initiative



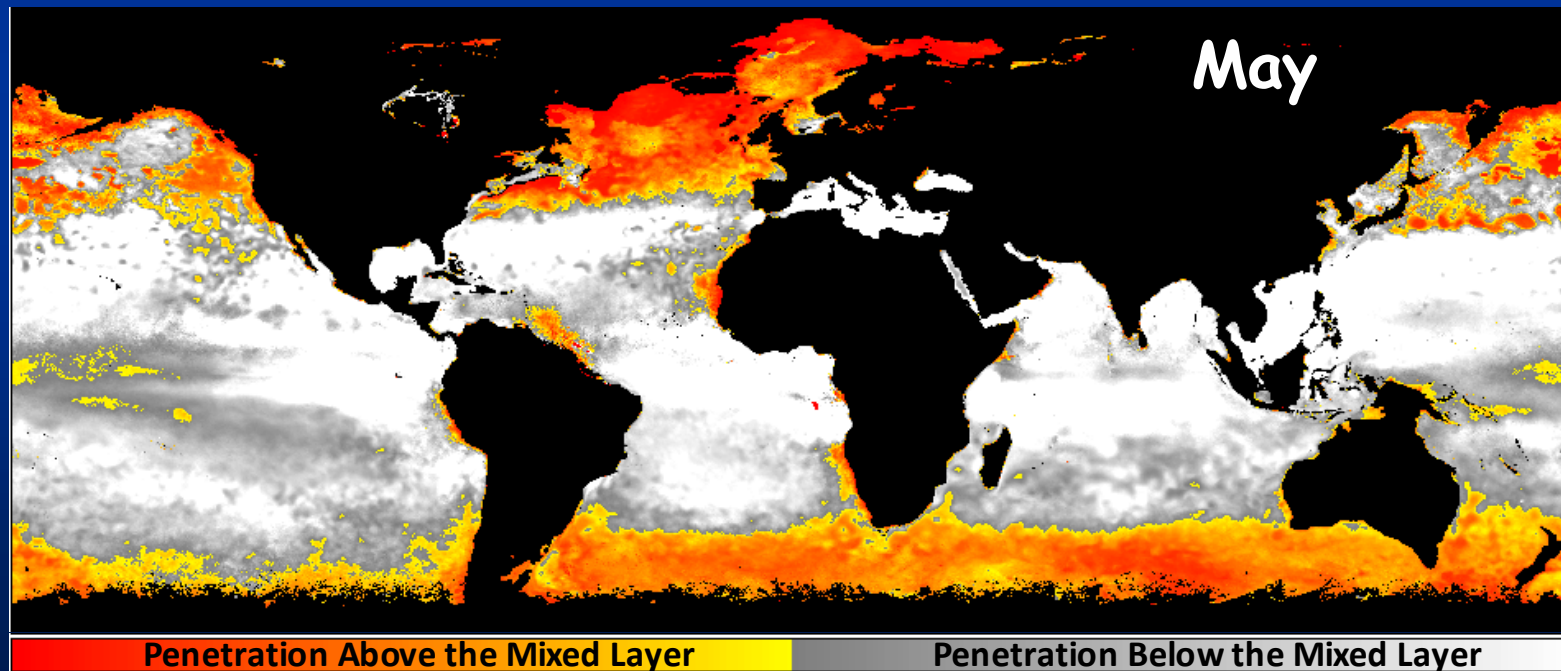
- LIDARs offer a new capability in ocean research for remotely sensing processes below the surface.
- What has not been investigated thoroughly are the capabilities of LIDARs to profile temperature (Brillouin-Scattering) and optical properties, which would provide a new tool for understanding ecological and physical ocean processes.



# LIDAR vs MLD



- Present LIDARs have demonstrated that above water systems can retrieve measurements as deep as 3-4 optical depths. We estimate that optical and physical properties can be measured through the thermocline for ~70% of the world's oceans.



-100

-60

-20

20

60

100 NATO UNCLASSIFIED



# LIDAR Derived Products



Bathymetry, bottom reflectance & classification

Temperature, salinity, sound speed

Vertical current speed, internal waves, mean wave slope,  
individual surface waves

Turbulent gas exchange speed, short wavelength radiation  
absorption, bubbles,

Pollution, particle size & type, suspended sediment,

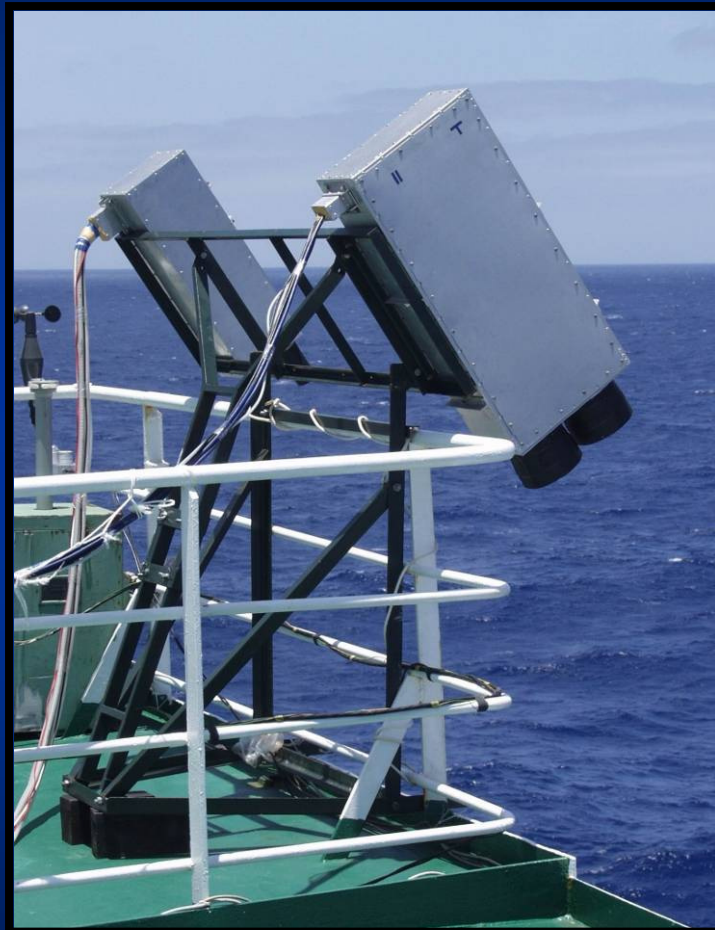
Phytoplankton biomass & physiology, CDOM

Zooplankton, megafauna,

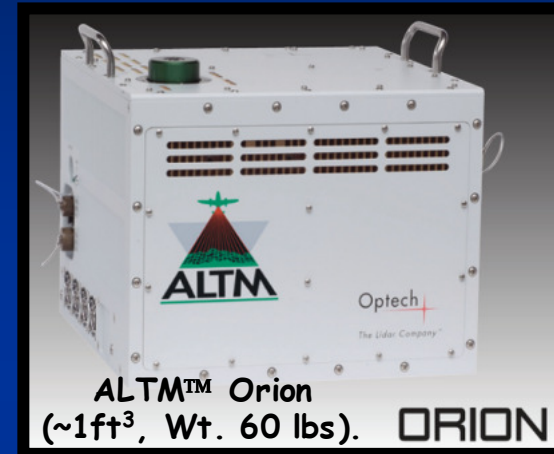
Optical properties (backscattering, diffuse attenuation,  
absorption & attenuation).



# LIDAR Platforms



Shipboard  
(O. Kopelevich)



Unmanned  
Aerial Vehicle  
(V. Feygels)

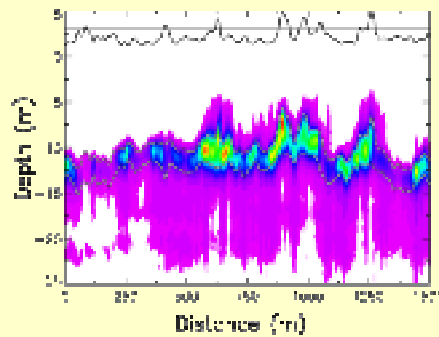




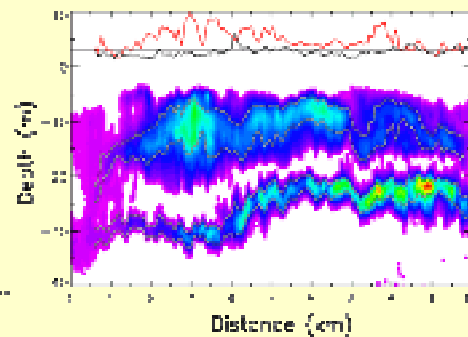
# Aircraft LIDAR Examples



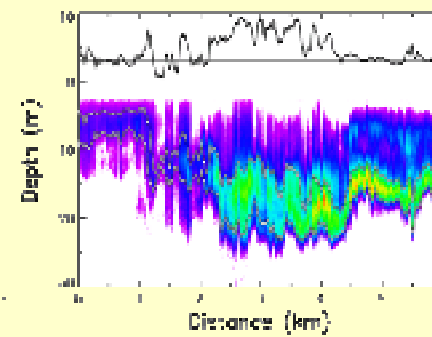
## Plankton Layers (J. Churnside)



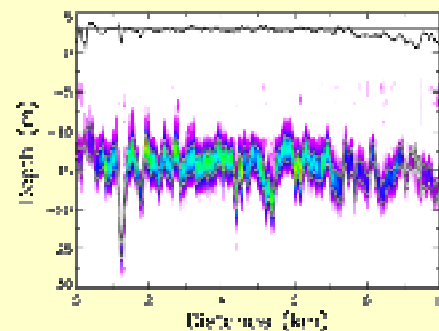
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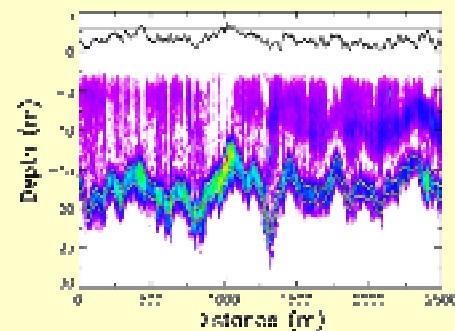
Washington



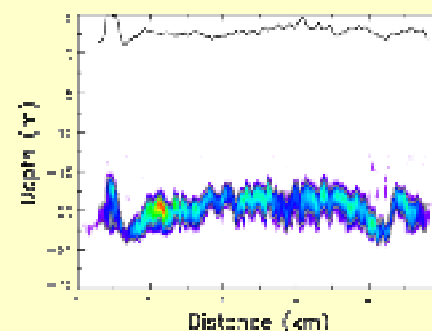
Norwegian Sea



Portugal



Gulf of Alaska



N. Pacific Eddy



# UAVs



- **SORTIE** Network - **S**mart **O**ptoelectronic technologies, **a**i**R**borne **p**la**T**form and **I**ct for **E**nvironement and security applications.
- 30 partners - Propose to FP7 Call
  - UAV Movie



# Questions?



Thank You