

Advances in Unmanned Surface Craft

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Mission	Change the economics of ocean data gathering and revolutionize how the world accesses our oceans	Awards <small>WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM</small>  Technology Pioneer 2013   
Business focus	Ocean data services provider and developer of the Wave Glider®	
Market traction	Over 150 Wave Glider systems shipped globally	
Target markets	DoD, Oil & Gas, Science & Oceanography	
Oil & Gas	Joint venture with Schlumberger	
Employees	110+	
Investors	VantagePoint Capital Partners and Schlumberger	
Incorporated	2007	
Locations	California, Hawai'i, Washington DC	

Wave Glider[®] Technology

Systems, Operations and Performance

The Wave Glider

Float

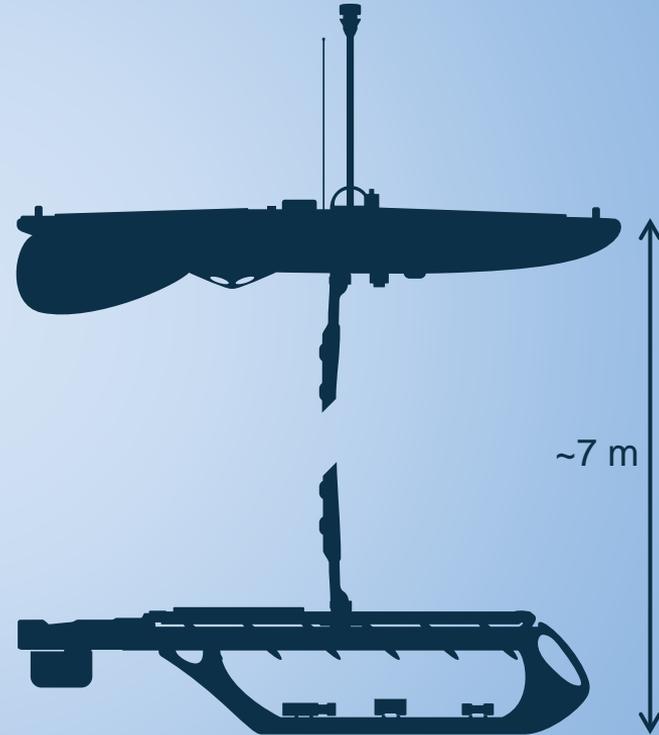
- Solar Panels
- Navigation
- Communications – Iridium or cellular
- Payloads

Sub

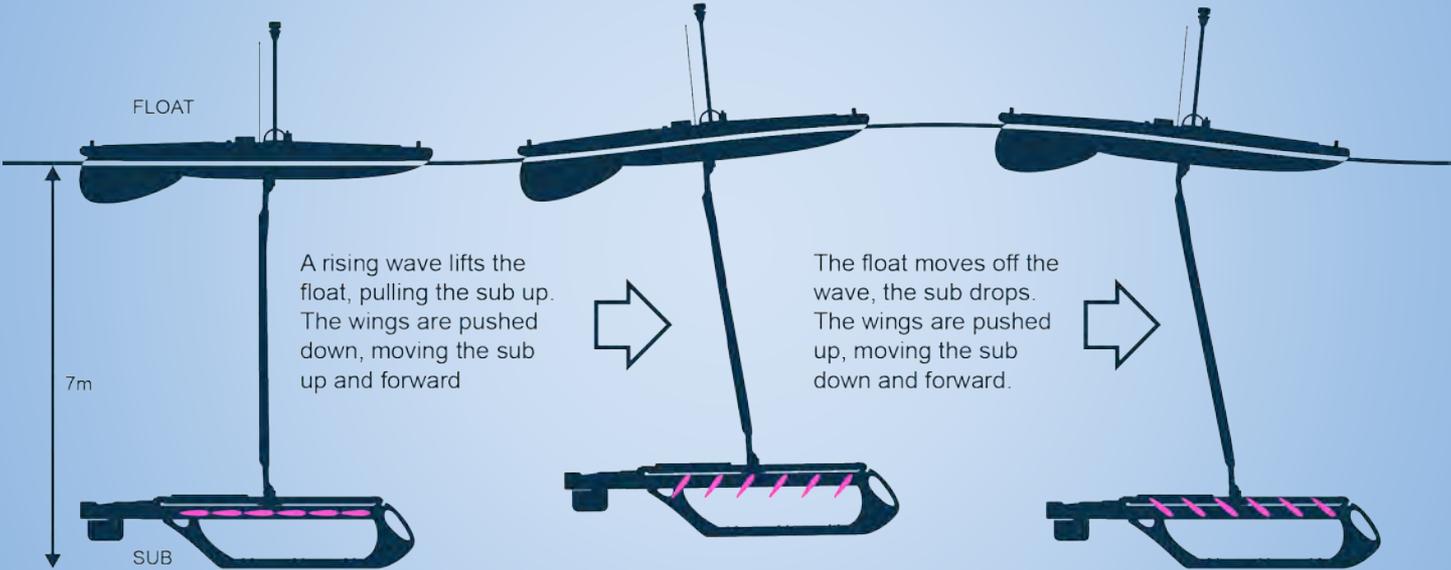
- Wave Powered
- Forward Thrust
- Rudder Control
- Payloads

Speed

- Averages 1 to 1.5 knots - STW

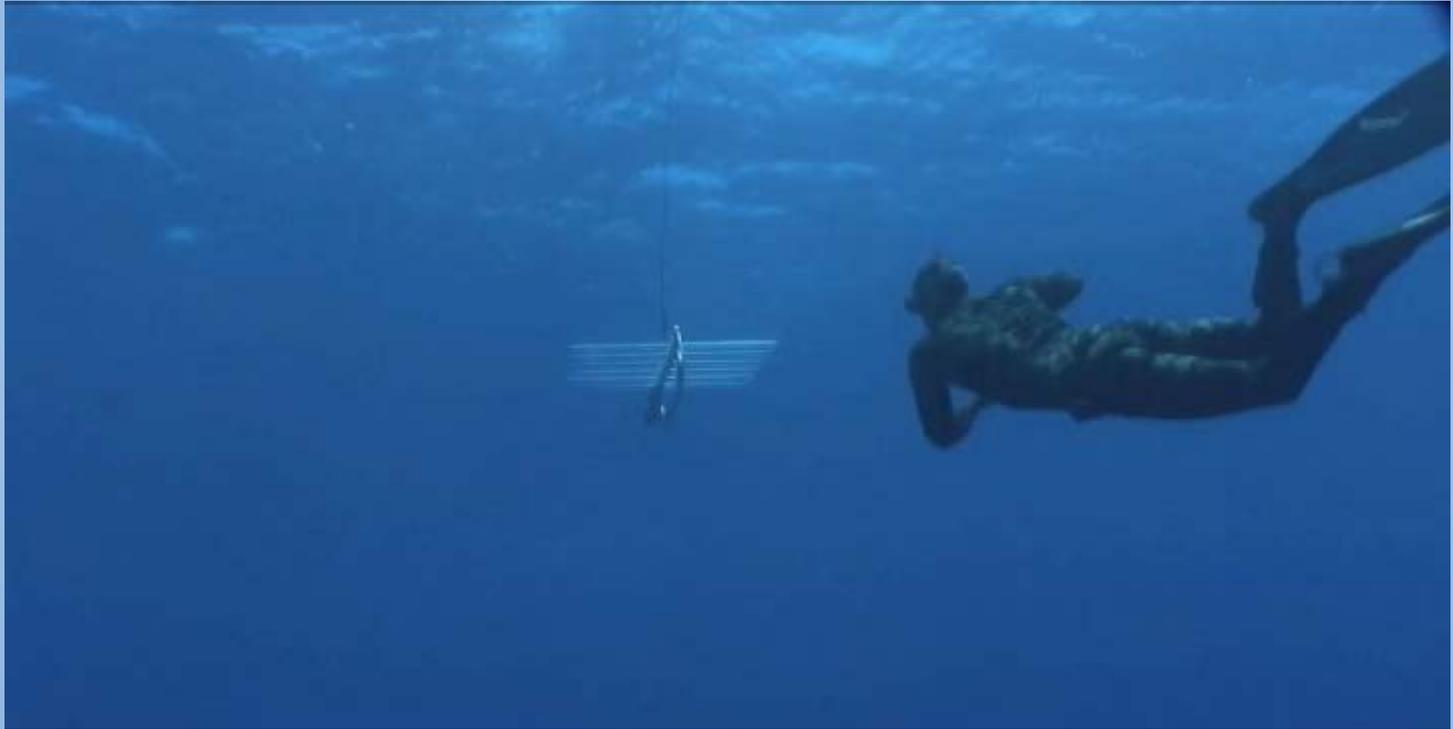


How It Works



3 U.S. and 9 foreign patents issued. 20 U.S. Provisional applications, 42 foreign applications.

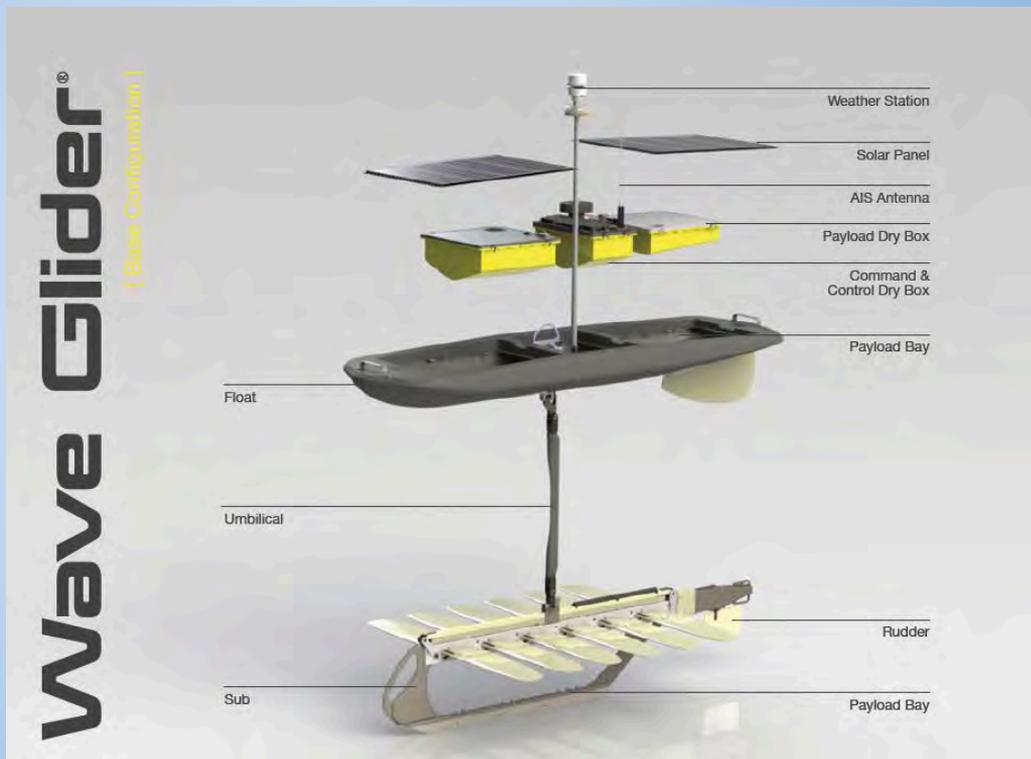
How It Works



System Architecture - Modular

Modular design

- Encourage sensor integrations
- Simple maintenance
- Custom algorithm development



Available Sensors

Surface Sensors

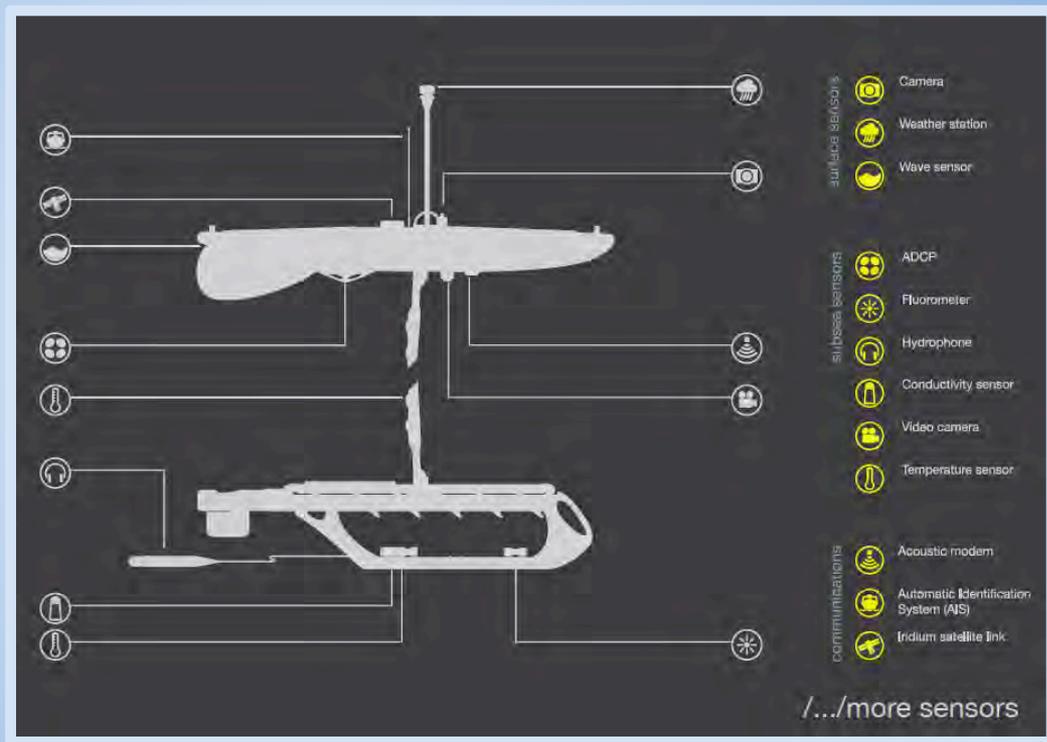
- Camera
- Weather Station
- Wave Sensor

Subsea Sensors

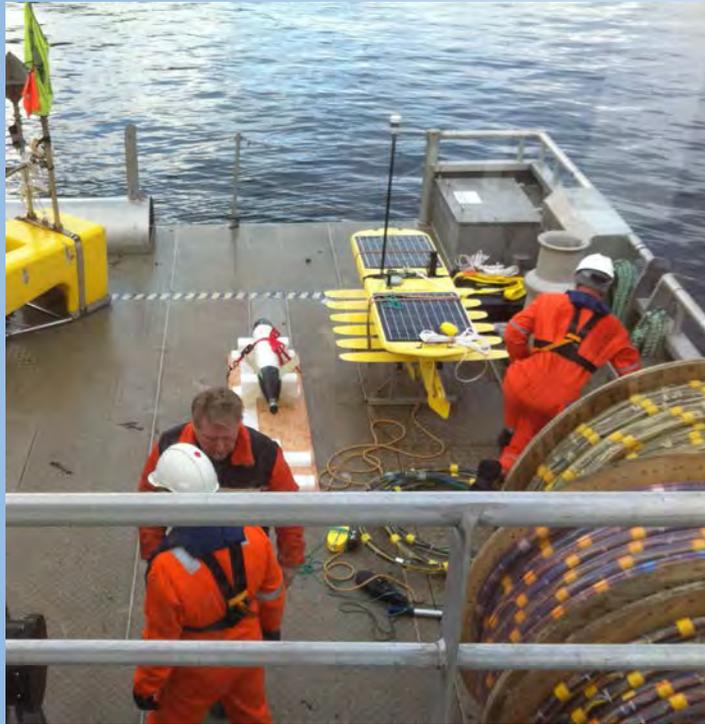
- ADCP
- Fluorometer
- Hydrophone
- Conductivity sensor
- Video camera
- Temperature sensor

Communications

- Acoustic Modem
- Automatic Identification System (AIS)
- Iridium Satellite Link



Marine Operations From Ships or Small Craft



Launch and Recovery with Minimum Equipment



Wave Glider Management System (WGMS)

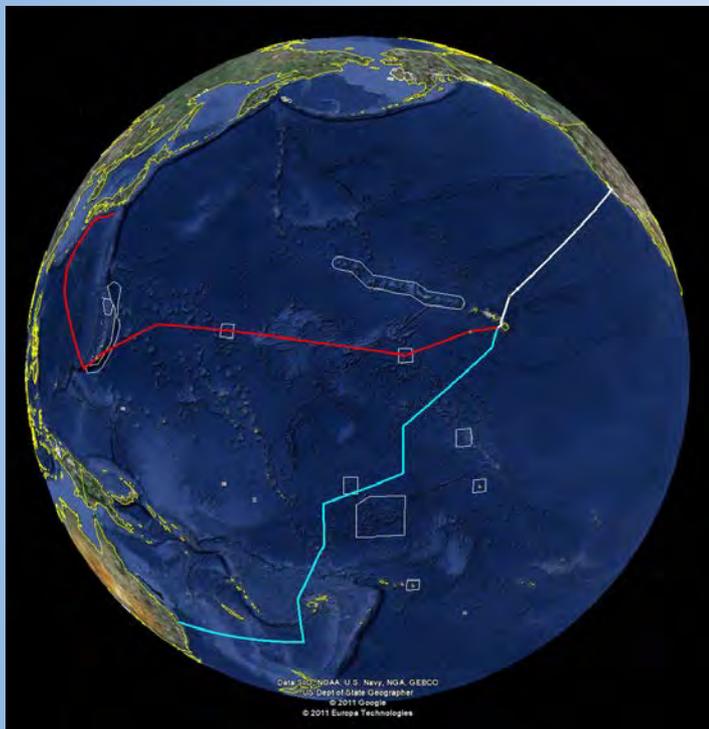
WG Communications

TimeStamp	Last Sp...	Targ...	Desired...	Sub. Hea...	Path He...	Float Te...	Battery...	ISS	Command	Command Reason	Error Type	User Na...	Latitude(deg)	Longitude(deg)	Distanc...
10/18/2010 12:20 AM	0.965	39	157	166	188	16	375.23	5				Sys...	36.92124	-121.94330	149
10/18/2010 12:15 AM	0.894	39	155	157	289	16	375.93	5				Sys...	36.92255	-121.94307	138
10/18/2010 12:10 AM	0.965	39	158	152	197	16	351.99	5				Sys...	36.92378	-121.94282	149
10/18/2010 12:05 AM	0.94	39	168	159	188	16	345.38	5				Sys...	36.92506	-121.94234	145
10/18/2010 12:00 AM	0.888	39	164	155	190	16	346.04	5				Sys...	36.92634	-121.94211	137
10/17/2010 11:55 PM	0.662	39	165	171	193	16	340.07	5				Sys...	36.92757	-121.94163	133

Line Following Array Demonstration



PacX Mission

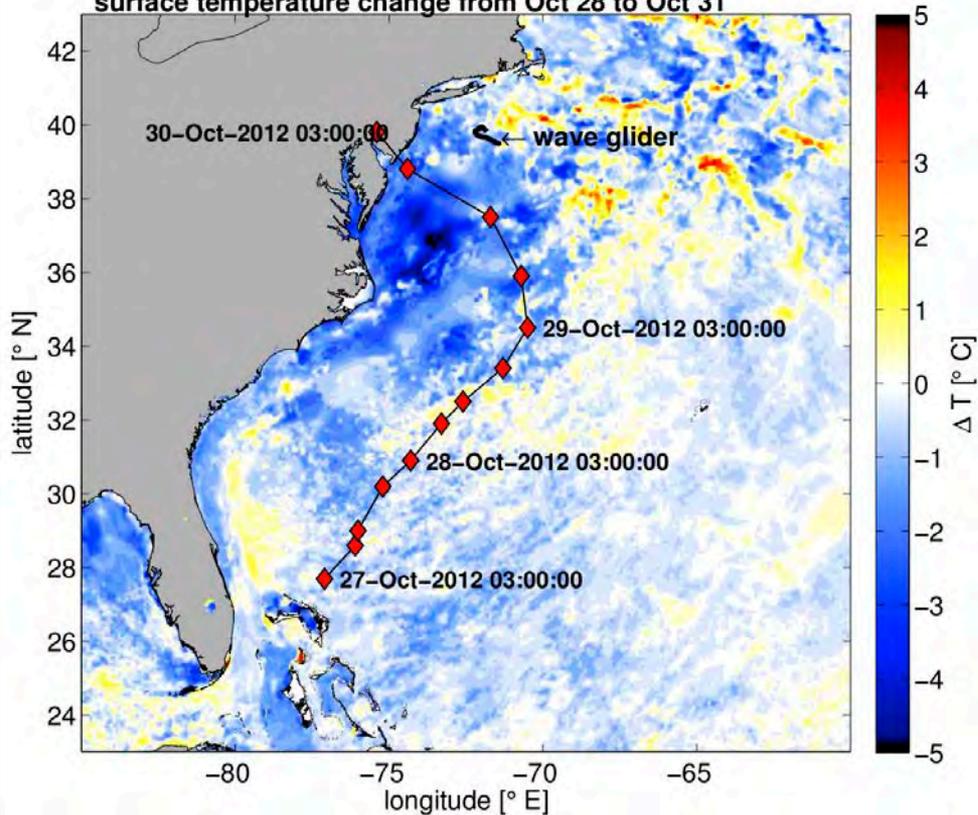


The Challenge

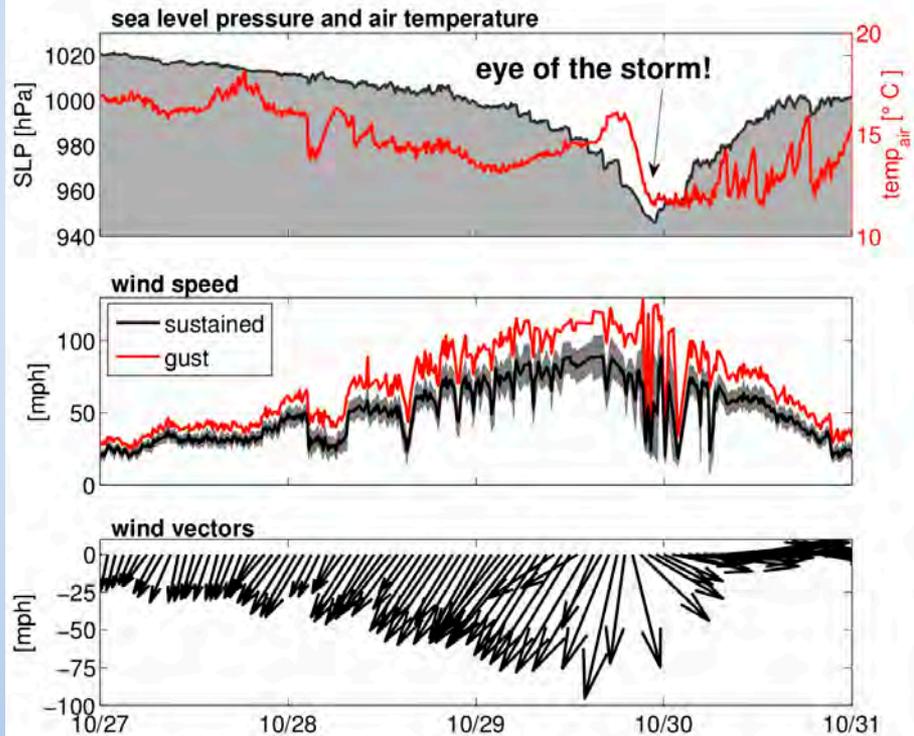
- 4 Wave Gliders
- 370 Days
- 2,250,000 Data Points
- 30,000+ Combined Nautical Miles
- All four seasons
- **All Data Available online for free**

Wave Glider Data - Hurricane Sandy

surface temperature change from Oct 28 to Oct 31



Waveglider MERCURY



Wave Glider pCO2 Pilot Project – Northern GOM

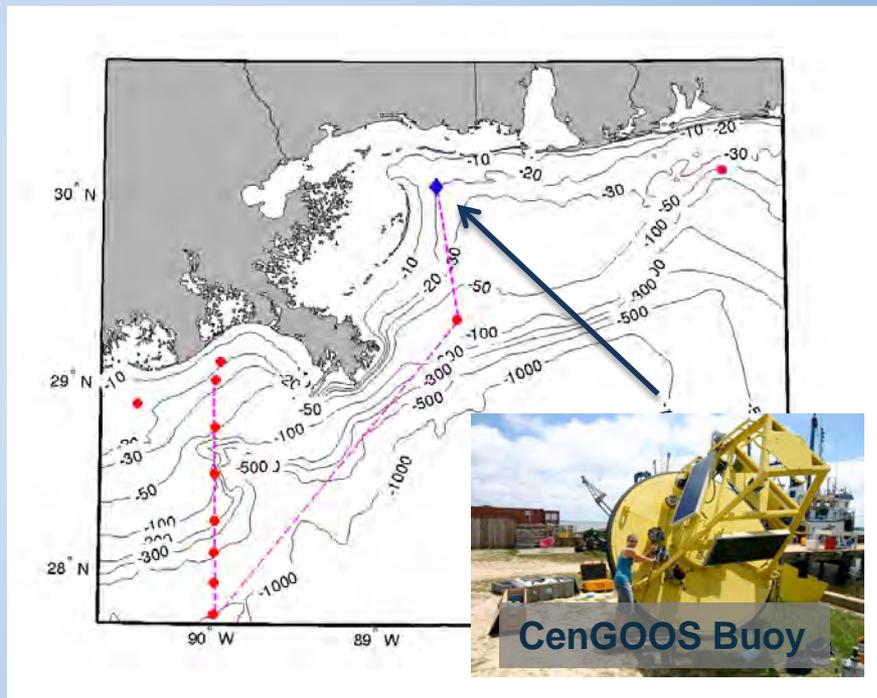


GULF OF MEXICO COASTAL OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM

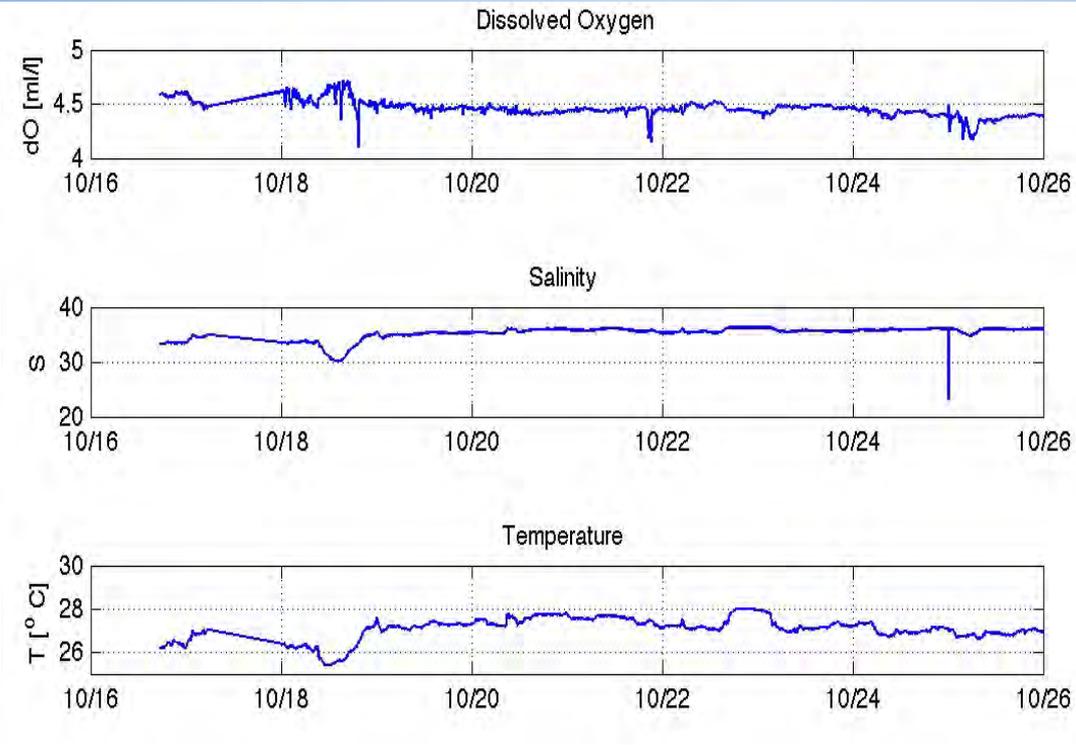


Wave Glider Pilot Project

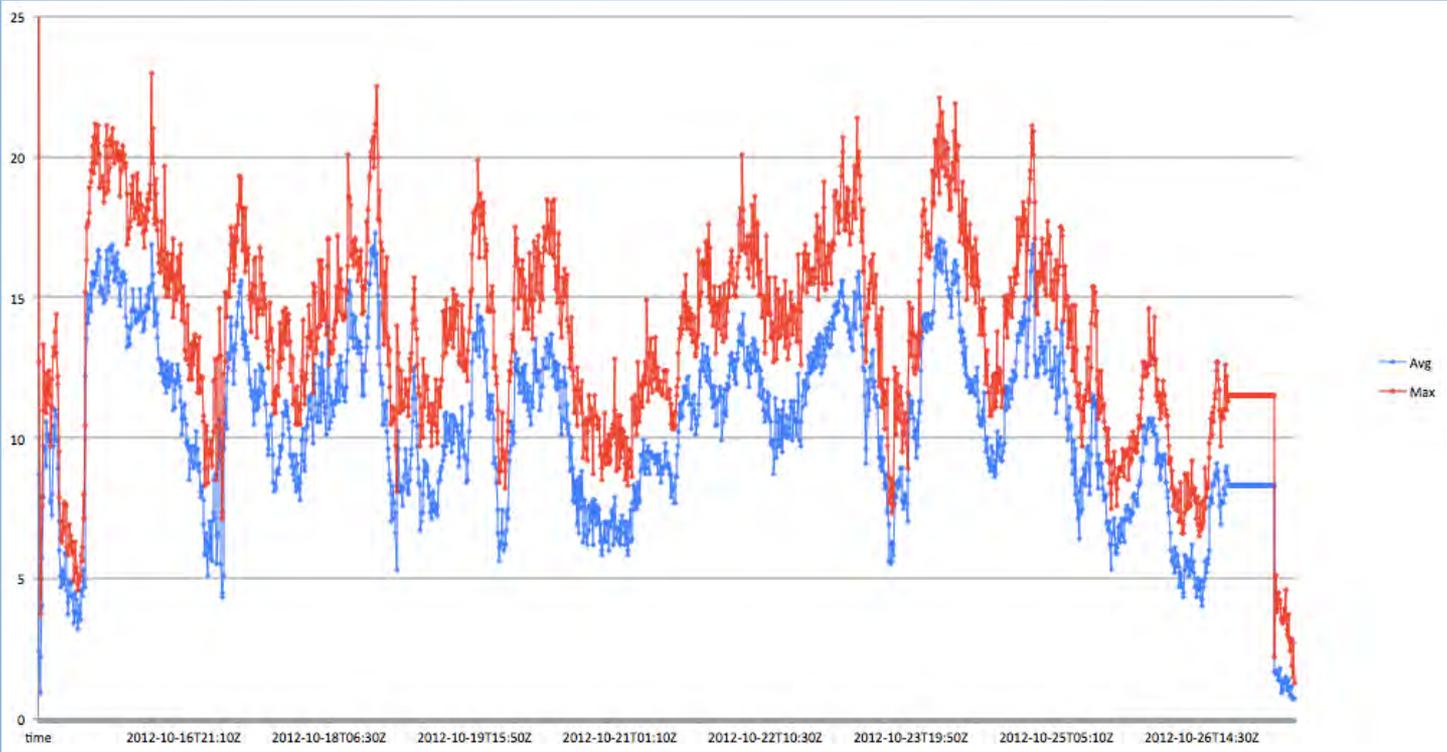
- Use a Wave Glider on a 36 day mission
 - MBARI pCO₂ system
 - GPCTD + DO
 - Weather Station
 - Water speed sensor
- Follow 260nmi of GOMECC-III cruise
- Start at CenGOOS Buoy to correlate datasets
- Piloted from Sunnyvale



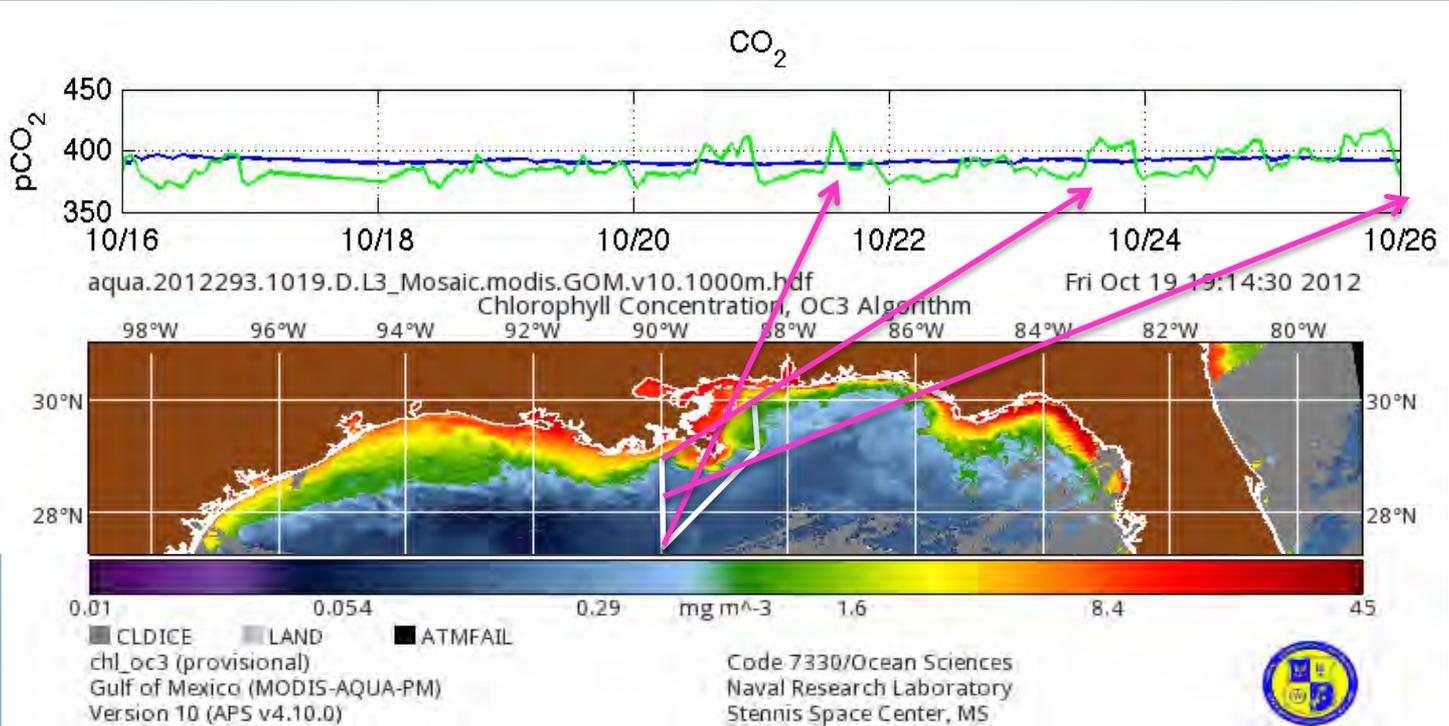
Real-Time, Preliminary GPCTD+DO Data



Real-time Preliminary Wind Speed Data



Real-Time, Preliminary MBARI pCO₂ Data



Wave Glider SV3

Next Generation Platform

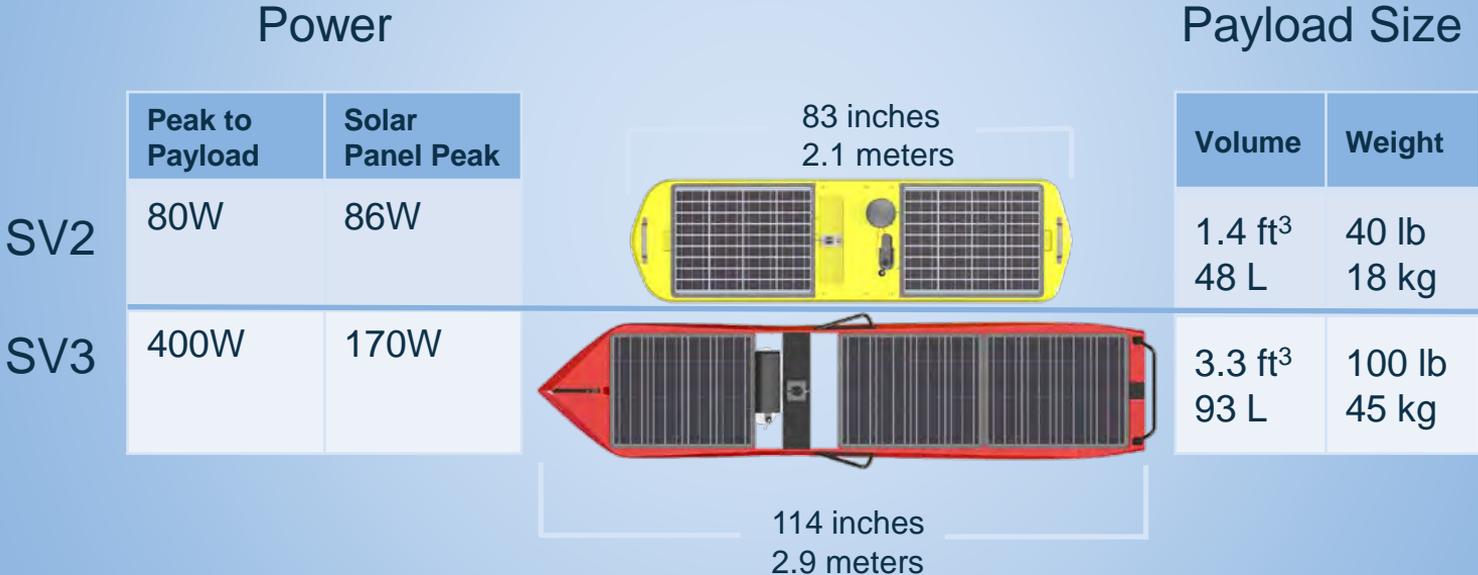


Introducing Wave Glider SV3

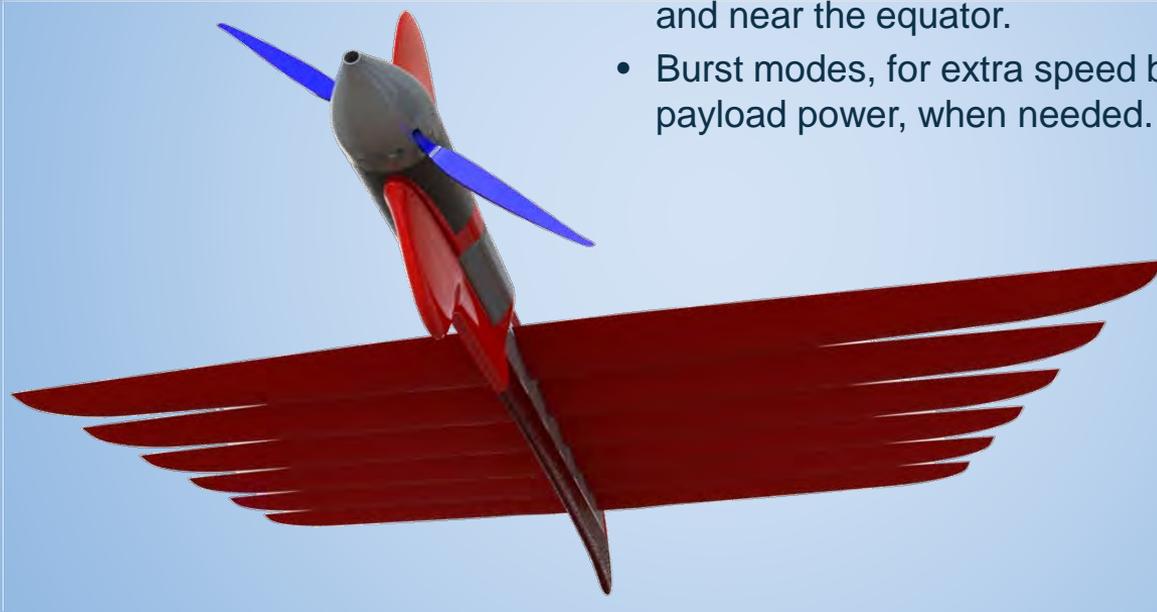
- Enhanced float and glider with new electric thruster
 - Propulsion in low wave states
 - Better collision avoidance
- Modular power system
 - 2x solar capacity
 - 10x battery capacity
 - Plug-in expansion
- Modular float design for fast reconfiguration and field service
- High performance onboard processing, plus new umbilical networking (100 Mbps)



Higher powered payloads, more frequent sampling



Auxiliary thruster for speed bursts



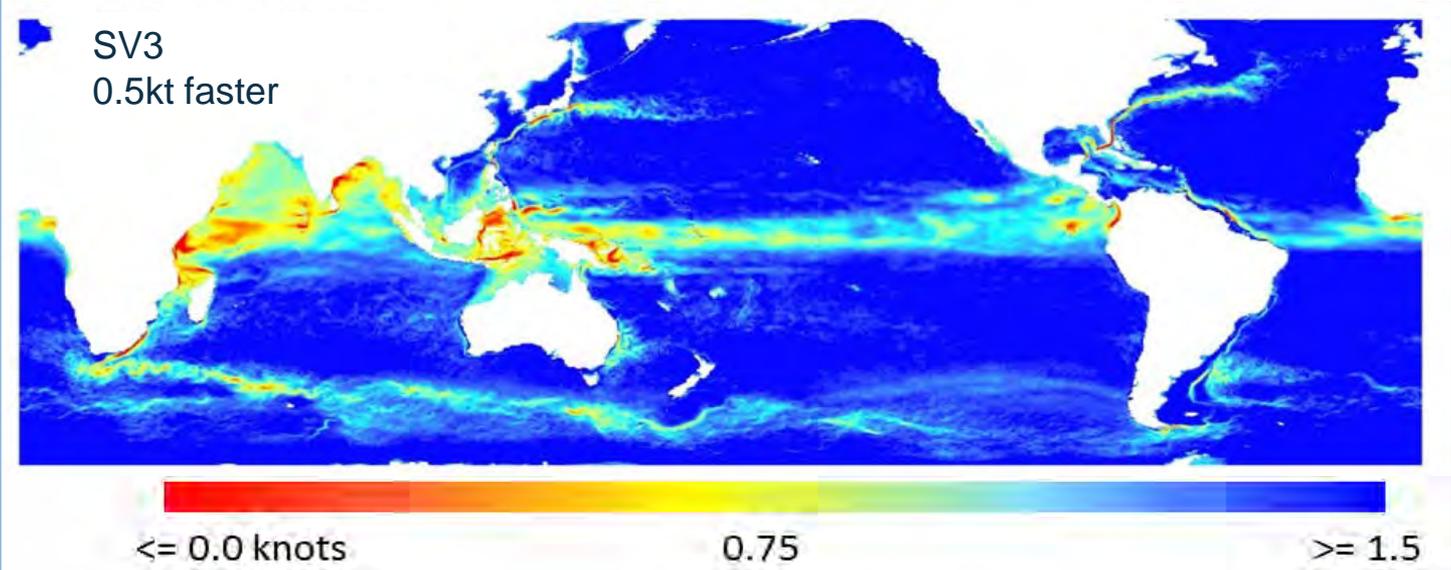
- Better station keeping performance in summer and near the equator.
- Burst modes, for extra speed boost or extra payload power, when needed.

Speedier = faster, shorter missions = lower costs

- Comparison testing in Hawaii:
 - Existing Wave Glider 1.4 knot
 - New SV3 1.9 knot
 - New SV3, Thruster @35W 2.4 knot

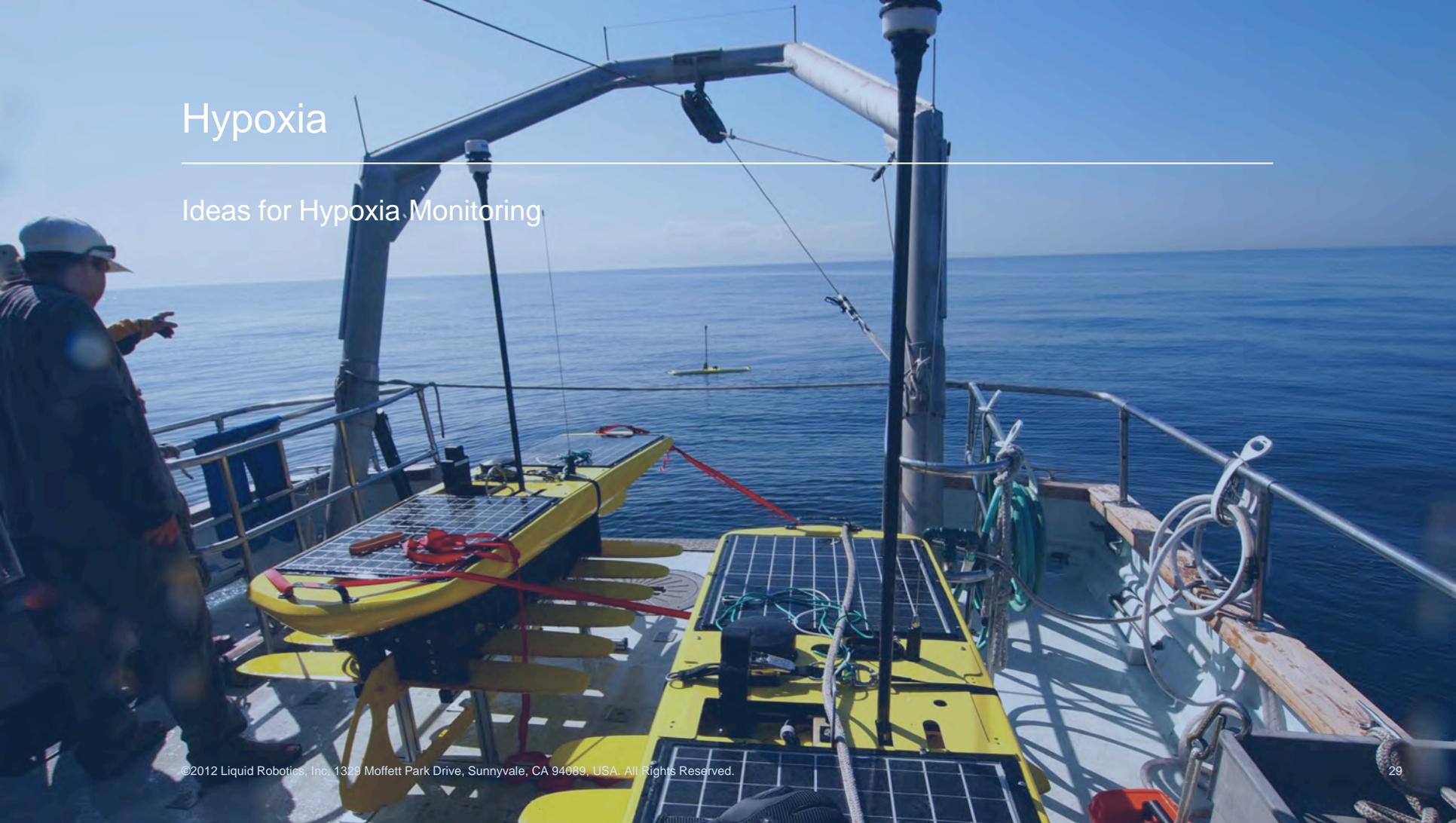
- Test conditions: 2-4 second, 0.5-1.0m waves

What Would Could Increased Speed Give You?



Hypoxia

Ideas for Hypoxia Monitoring



Wave Glider – Hypoxia Monitoring

- What is the maximum buoyancy change your glider can vertically transit?
- How shallow can your glider operate and what, if any, compromises that have to be made to achieve this (e.g., efficiency lowering mission duration, ...)?
- How close to the seafloor can your glider's sensor package take measurements, including dO measurements and under what conditions is this possible?

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SV2

Two Umbilical options:

- **5.8m** (standard)
 - Min safe operation depth: 10m
- **4m** (option)
 - Min safe operation depth: 8m

SV3

One Umbilical option:

- **4m** (standard)
 - Min safe Operation depth: 8m

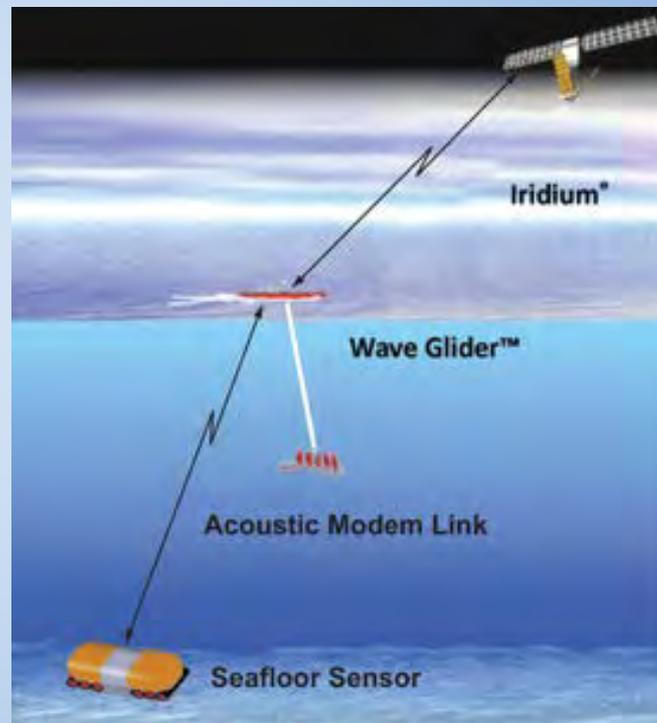
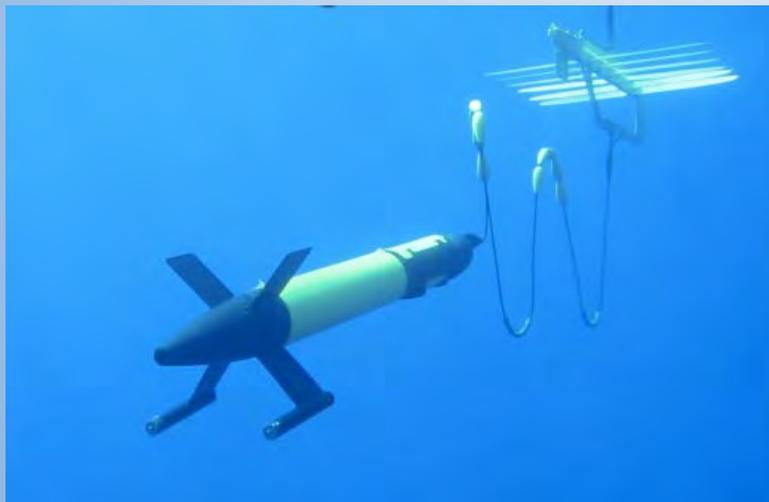
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While the Wave Glider is a surface vehicle with a maximum depth of 7m, there are several options for deploying sensors to greater depths to collect real-time data.

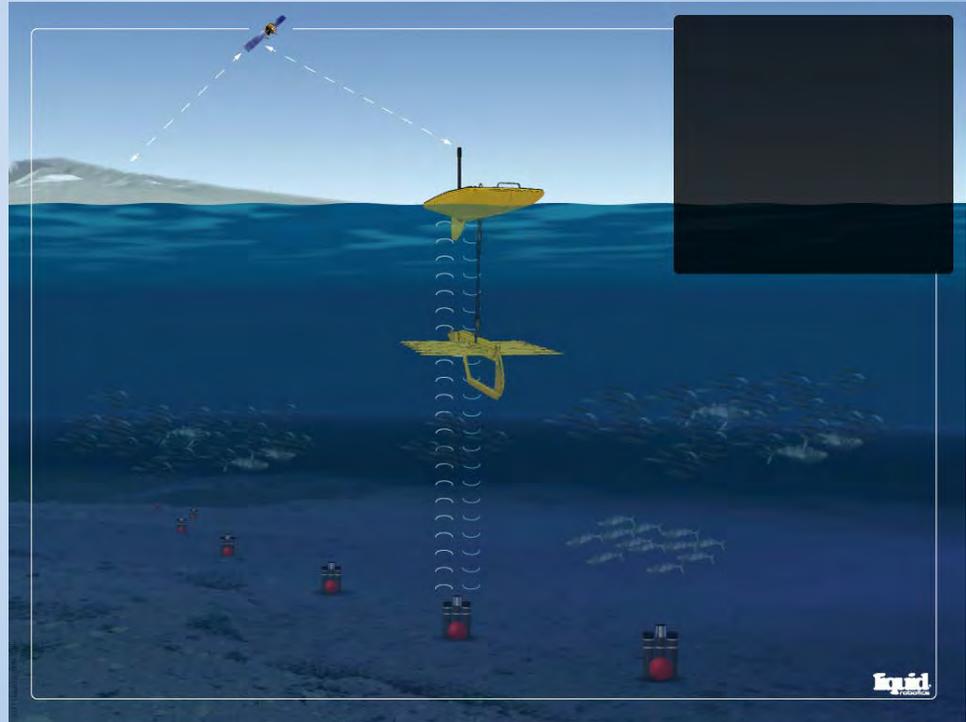
Wave Glider Hypoxia Monitoring

- Two main options
 - Bottom Sensor Packages
 - Towed/Winched Device



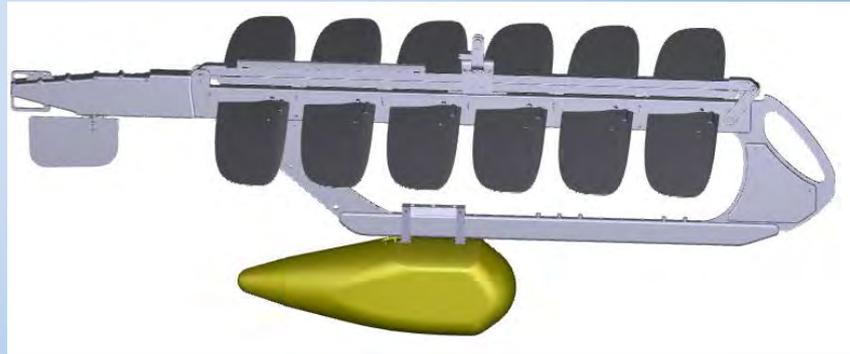
Wave Glider Acoustic Gateway

- Utilize the Wave Glider to query bottom sensor packages.
- Data sent ashore in real-time via Iridium.
- Wave Glider being utilized for this in multiple projects with seismic, pressure, or geodesy sensors.
- Support for Benthos & Sonardyne modems.



Wave Glider Towed/Winched Sensor

- Concept: Use a trailing cable to pull a DO sensor
- 3 levels of complexity:
 - Static length cable with DO sensor run along a single isobath
 - Sensor raised and lowered with a winch using an echosounder to control depth
 - Buoyancy controlled towbody
- Project currently underway at Scripps to integrate winch to raise and lower a CTD to 200m depth.



In Conclusion - Wave Glider

Persistent

- Year long missions without fuel or maintenance

Mobile

- Travel to op area, patrol, and return
- Capture spatial and temporal dynamics

Real-Time

- Data transmitted via satellite connection

Proven

- More than 150 systems shipped
- Over 300,000 operational miles



Questions?

