

# More Tools For MicroROV Navigation

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# My Perspective

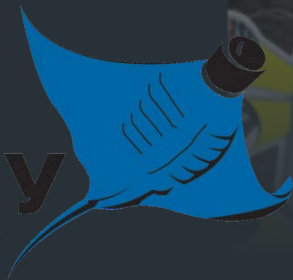
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The Global Leader in Micro-ROV Technology



# Themes

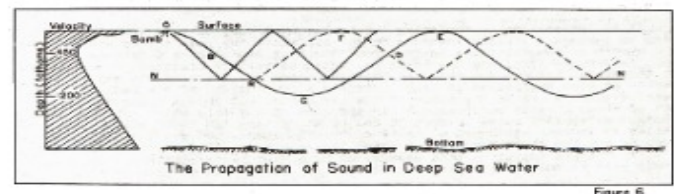
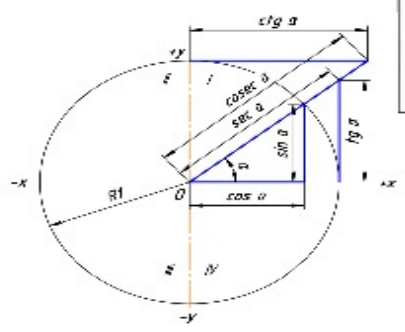
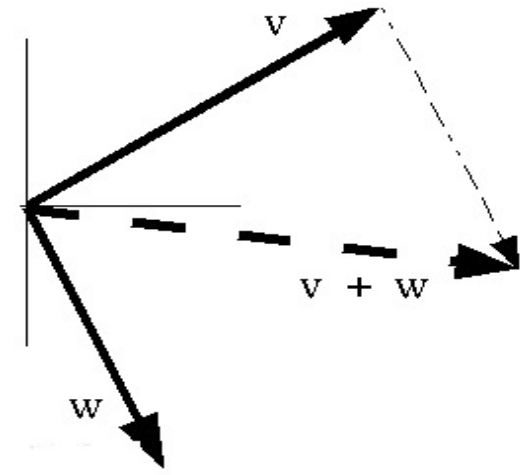
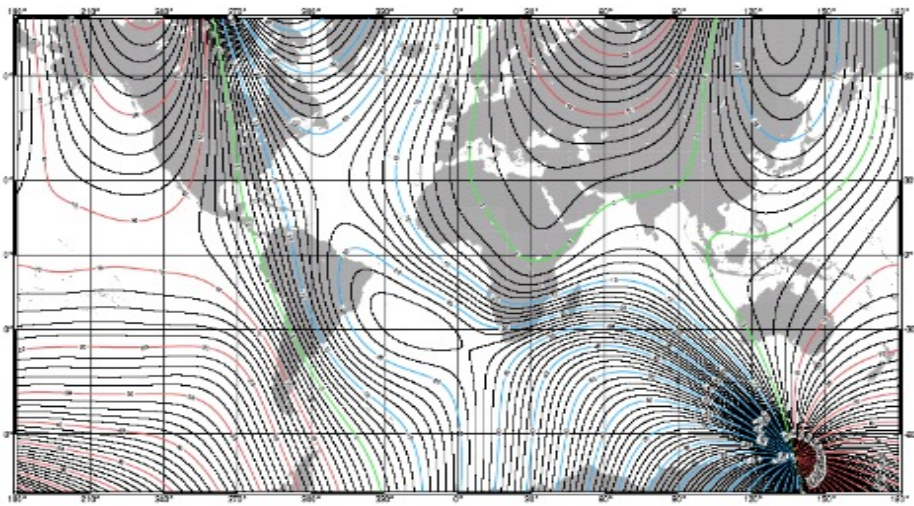
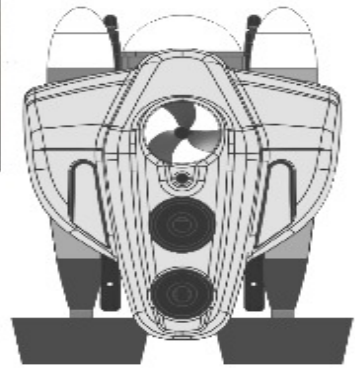


Figure 6



# Micro-ROV



# Where Am I???

I'M ON A BOAT

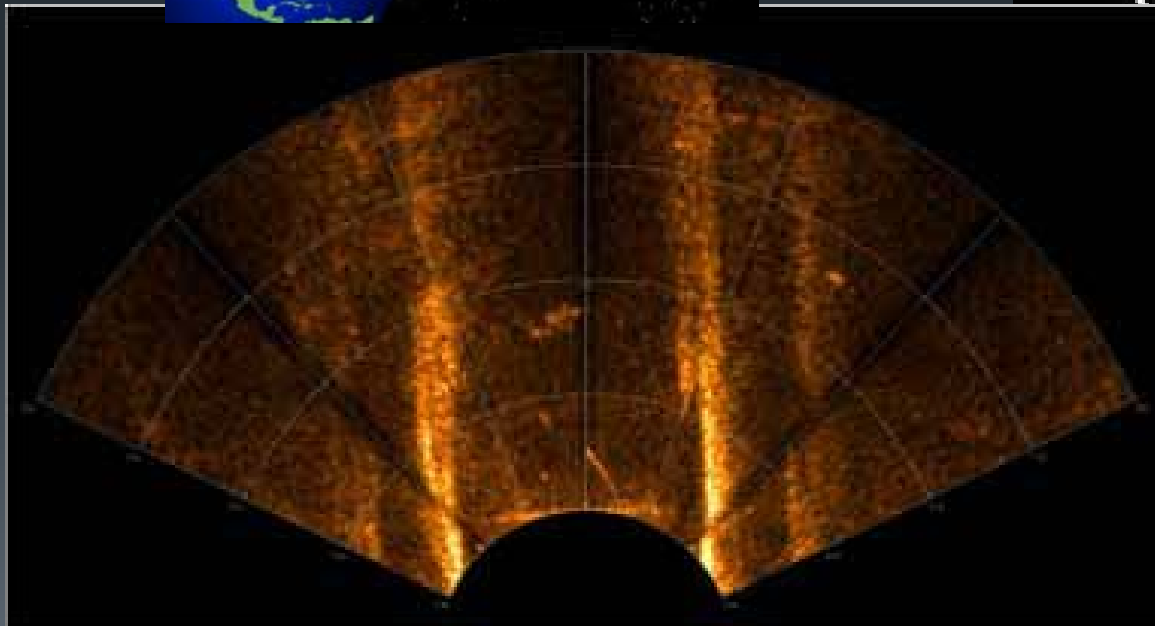
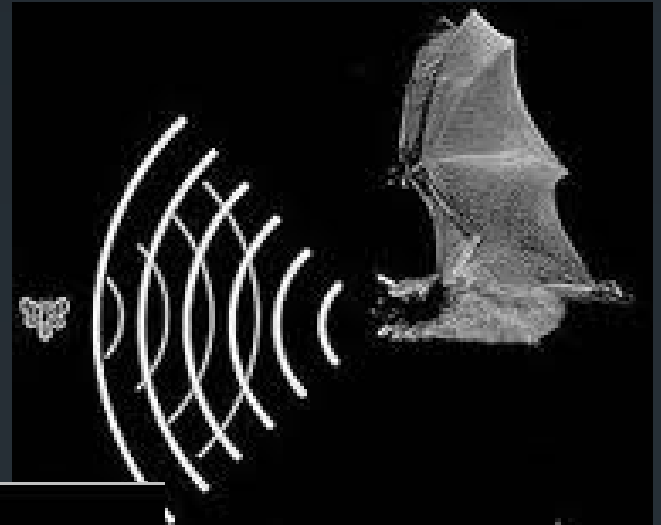
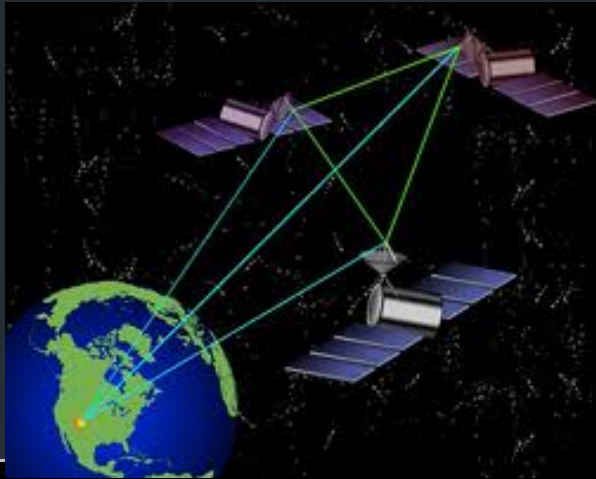
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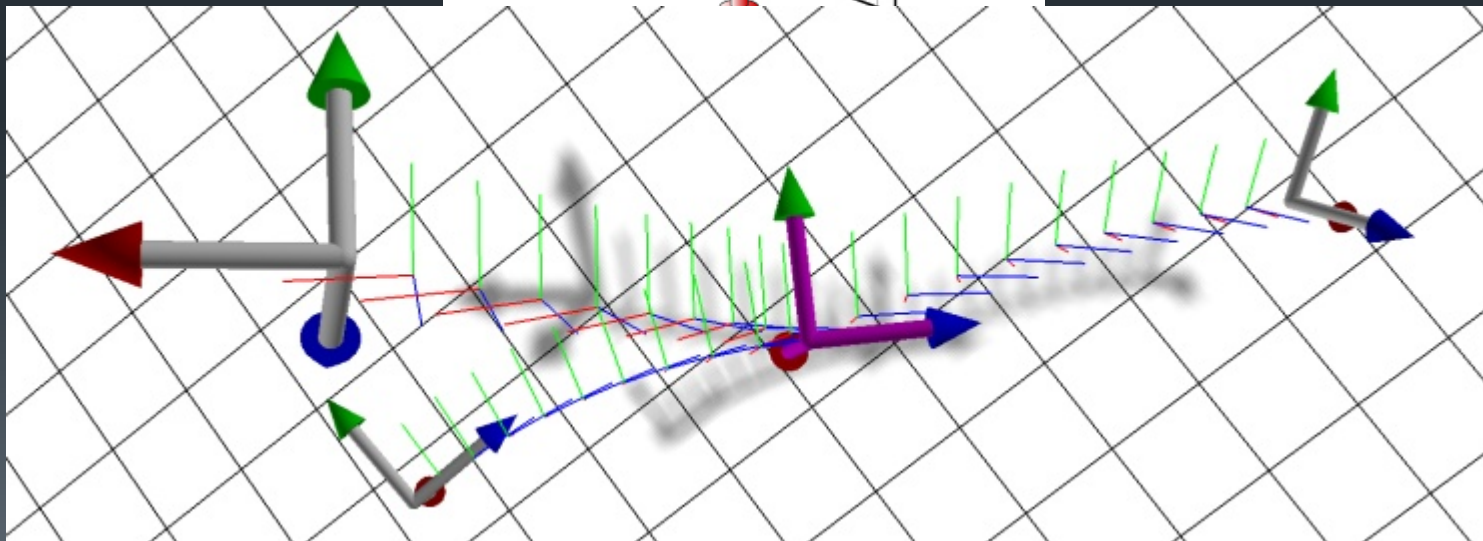
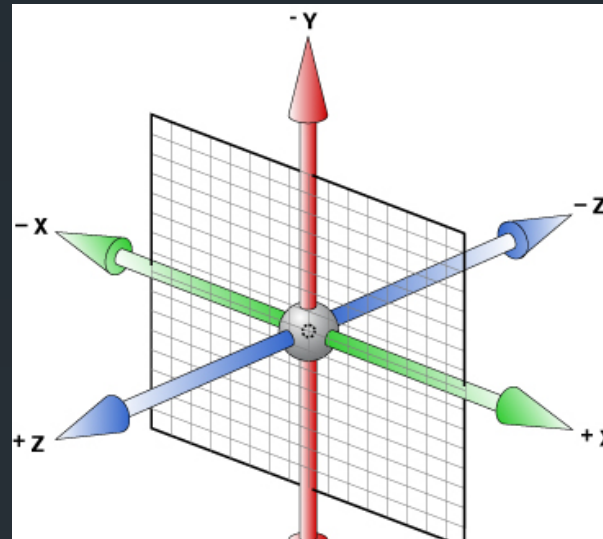
H: 359.4 ft  
D: 0.00 ft  
Temp: 52.0 °F



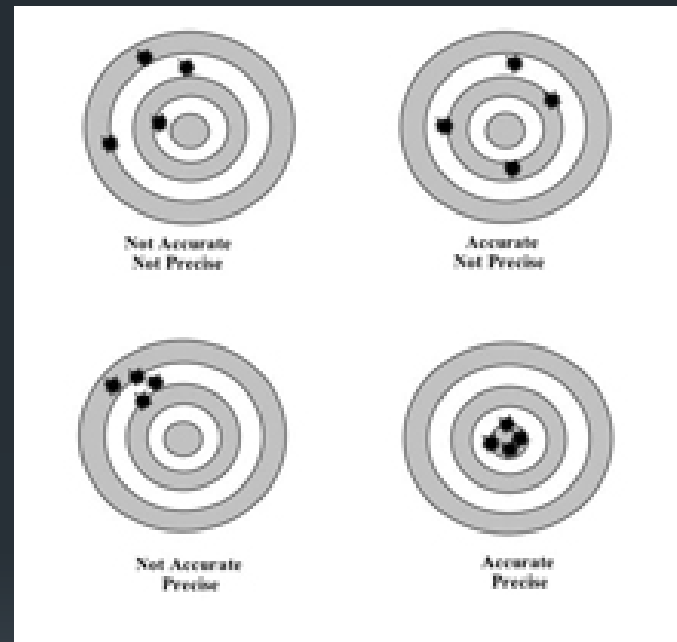
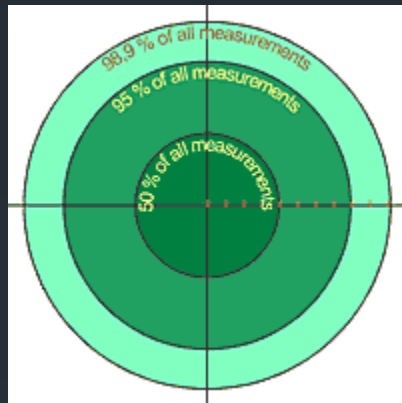
# Where is It??



# LOCALIZATION



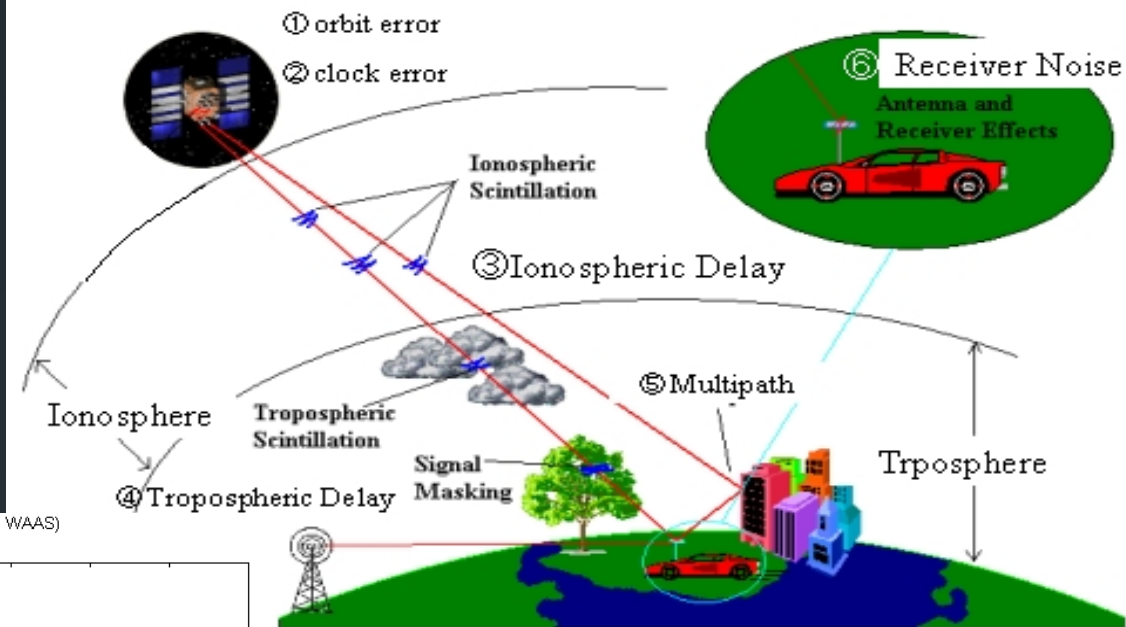
# Accuracy / Precision



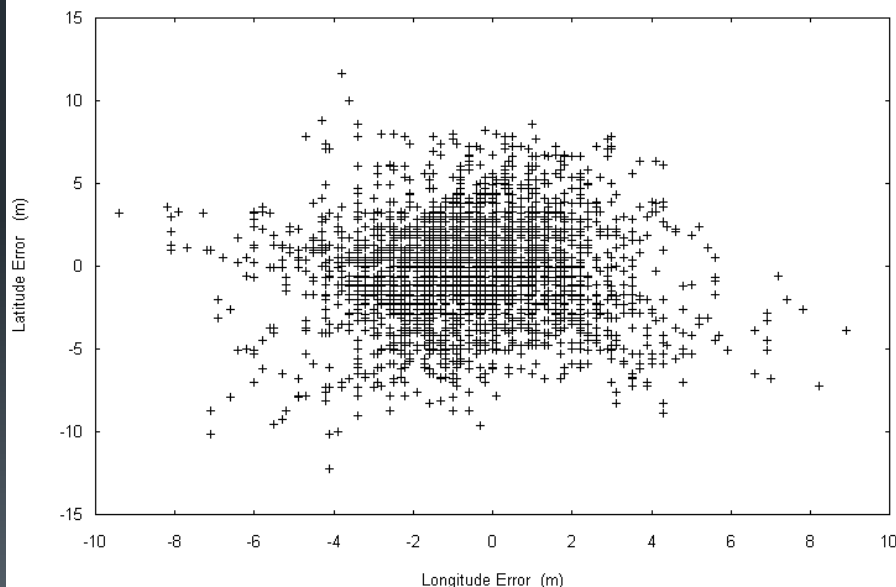
- Minimize Errors (Bias/Noise)
- Make use of all available information
- Optimize operations



# Errors on GPS Signal

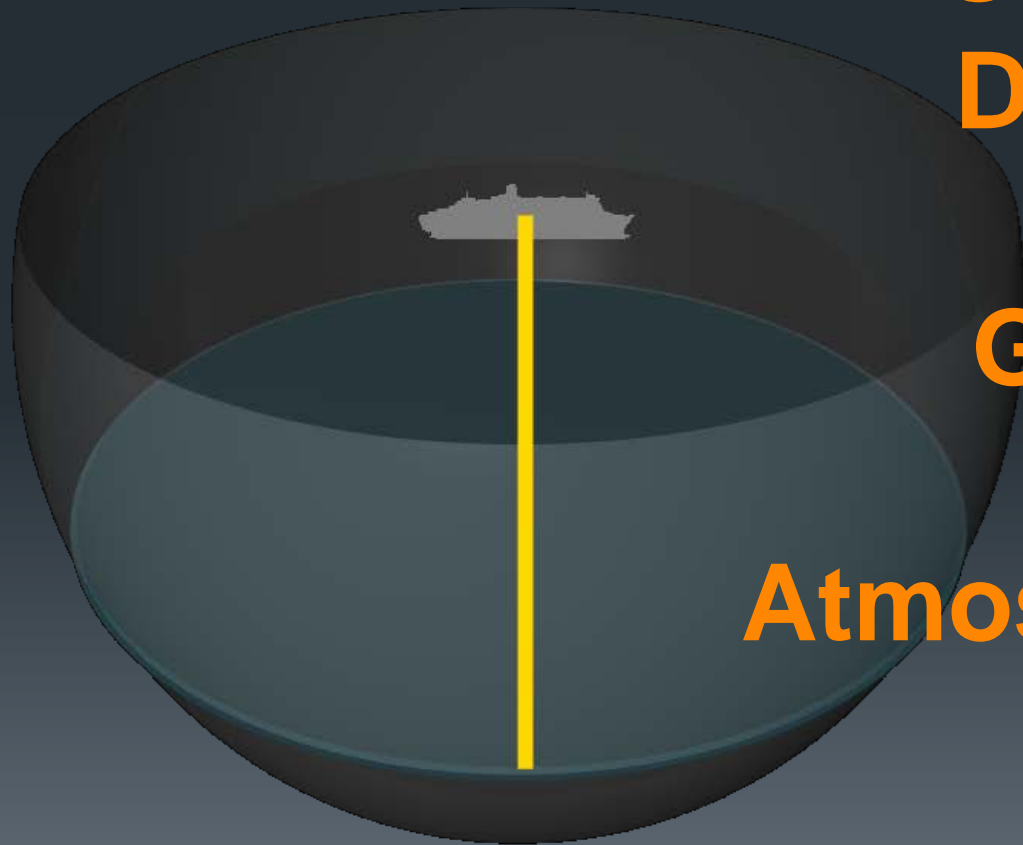


Attic #2 -- June xx, 2001, Garmin GPSmap 76 (no WAAS)



**\$2,500,000,000 / ~20 years**  
**Atomic Clocks, Corrected for relativity**  
**Still has augmented improvements**  
**(WAAS)**

# Depth Errors



**Sensor Bias/Noise**

**Density Variations**

**Temperature**

**Gravity Variations**

**Tides**

**Atmospheric Pressure**

**Bernoulli effects**

# Where am I???????????



LOST

- Errors everywhere
- Errors are cumulative
- Navigation models are simplistic
- Time/Money/Effort constraints are real
- Landmarks are scarce underwater

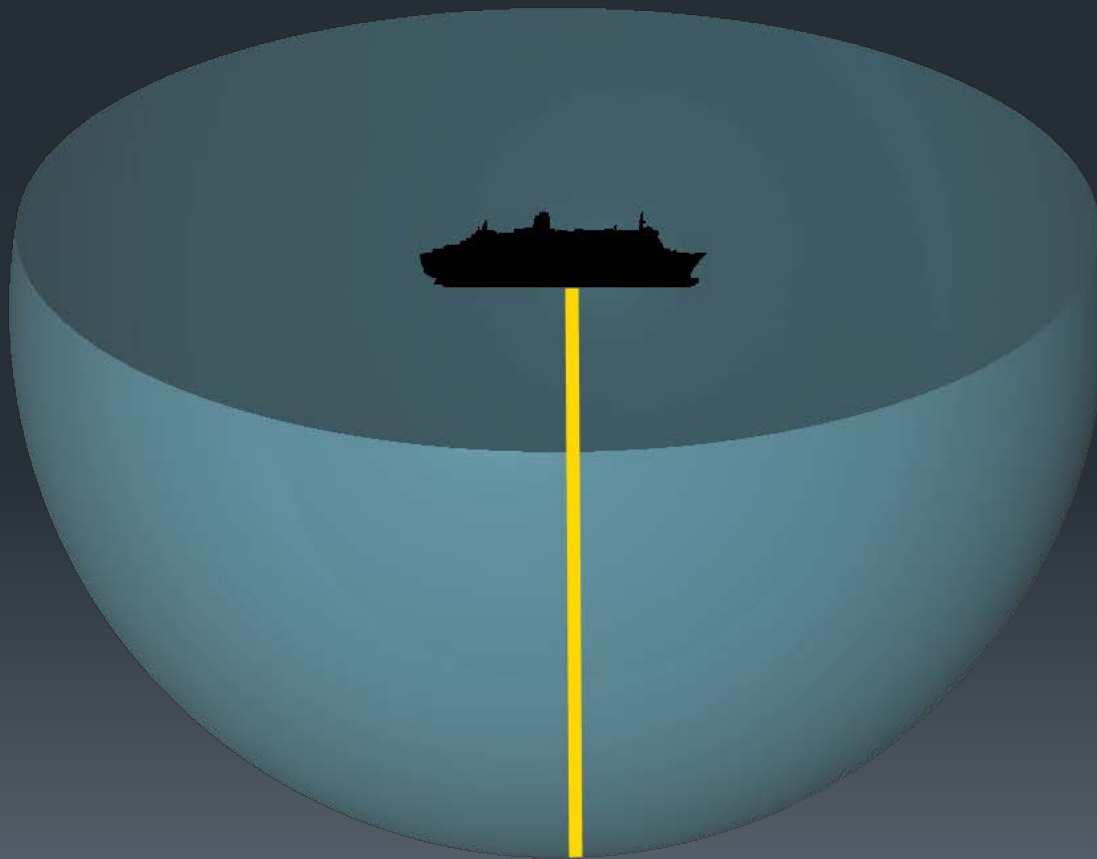
# Relax !



**Good enough +/- X**  
**Usually can get better than you need**  
**Scalable in cost and effort**  
**Multiple solutions**

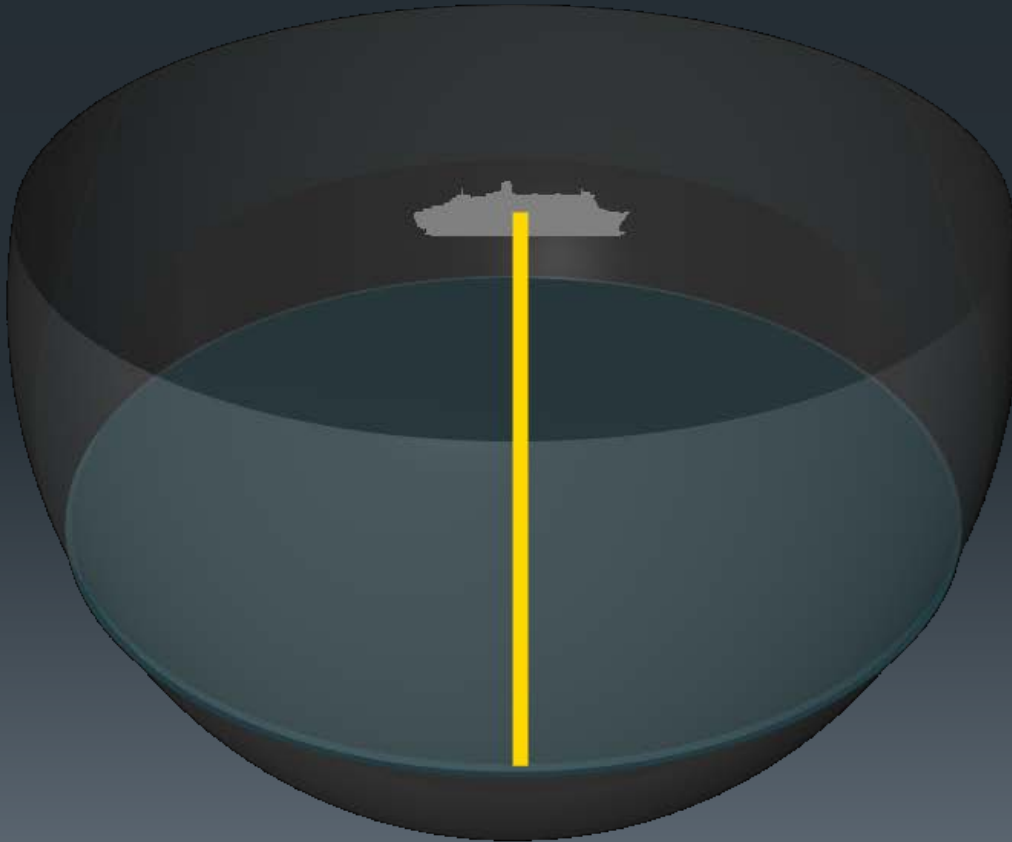


# No Sensors



# Depth

Pressure measurement  
gives distance from surface



Typically 1% -> 0.01%



# Depth

User Settings

Instruments System Settings Data Import Data Export Network Remote

## Depth Sensor

Atmospheric Pressure

Use current pressure

Use fixed value 953 mBar

Fluid Density

Salt Fresh Fresh Water

1025 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Depth Sensor Advanced Settings

Depth Offset (m) 0.000

Gravitational Acceleration (m/s<sup>2</sup>) 9.806650

**Raw Pressure 0.00 mBar**

**Pressure 0.00 mBar** Zero

**Depth 0.00 m**

Set Calibration Distance (m) 2.000

Mark Shallow Pressure 0.00 mBar

Mark Deep Pressure 0.00 mBar

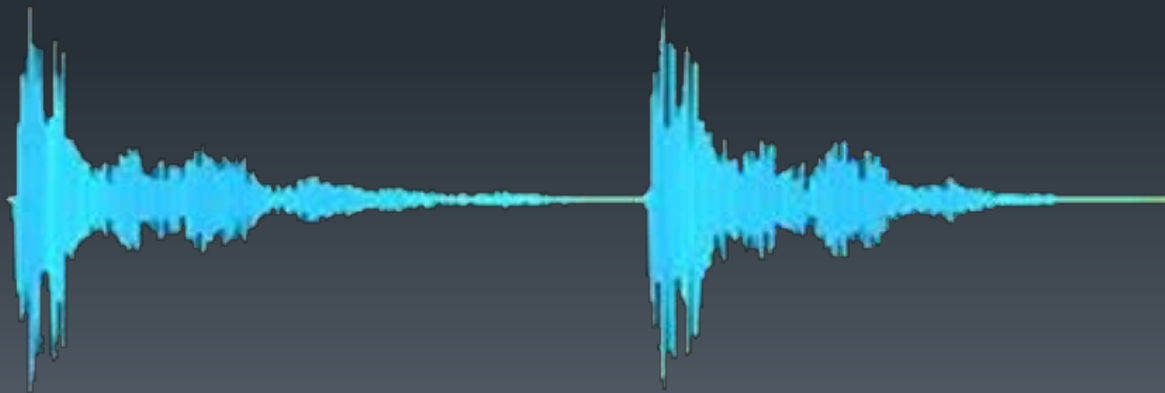
Use Custom Conversion (m/mbar) 0.009948

~ 0.5 - 2

# Altimeter / Echo Sounder

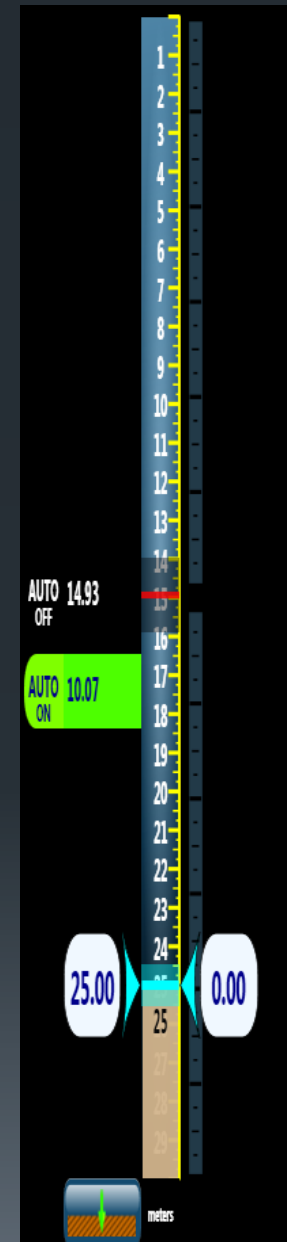
- Simplest acoustic measurement device
- Distance off seafloor OR other surface

~1mm resolution





# Pseudo-Altimeter



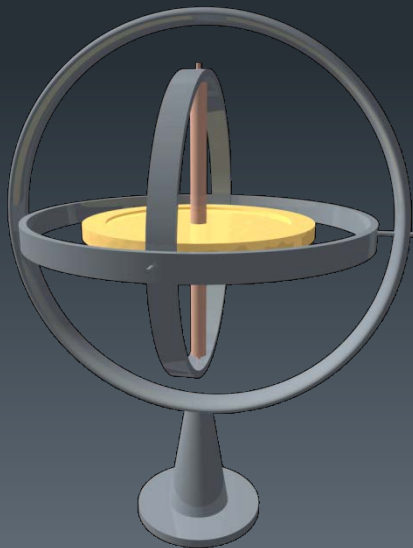
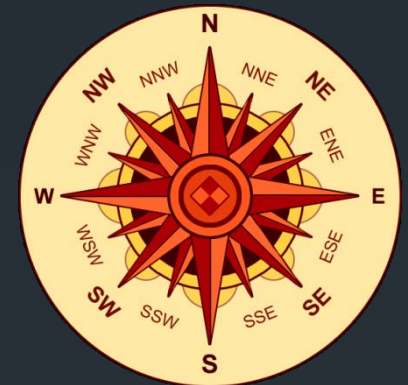


# Compass

(heading, attitude reference, INS)

- Gives sensor “look direction”
- Required for DR, INS, DVL
- Magnetic variation and anomalies can be large

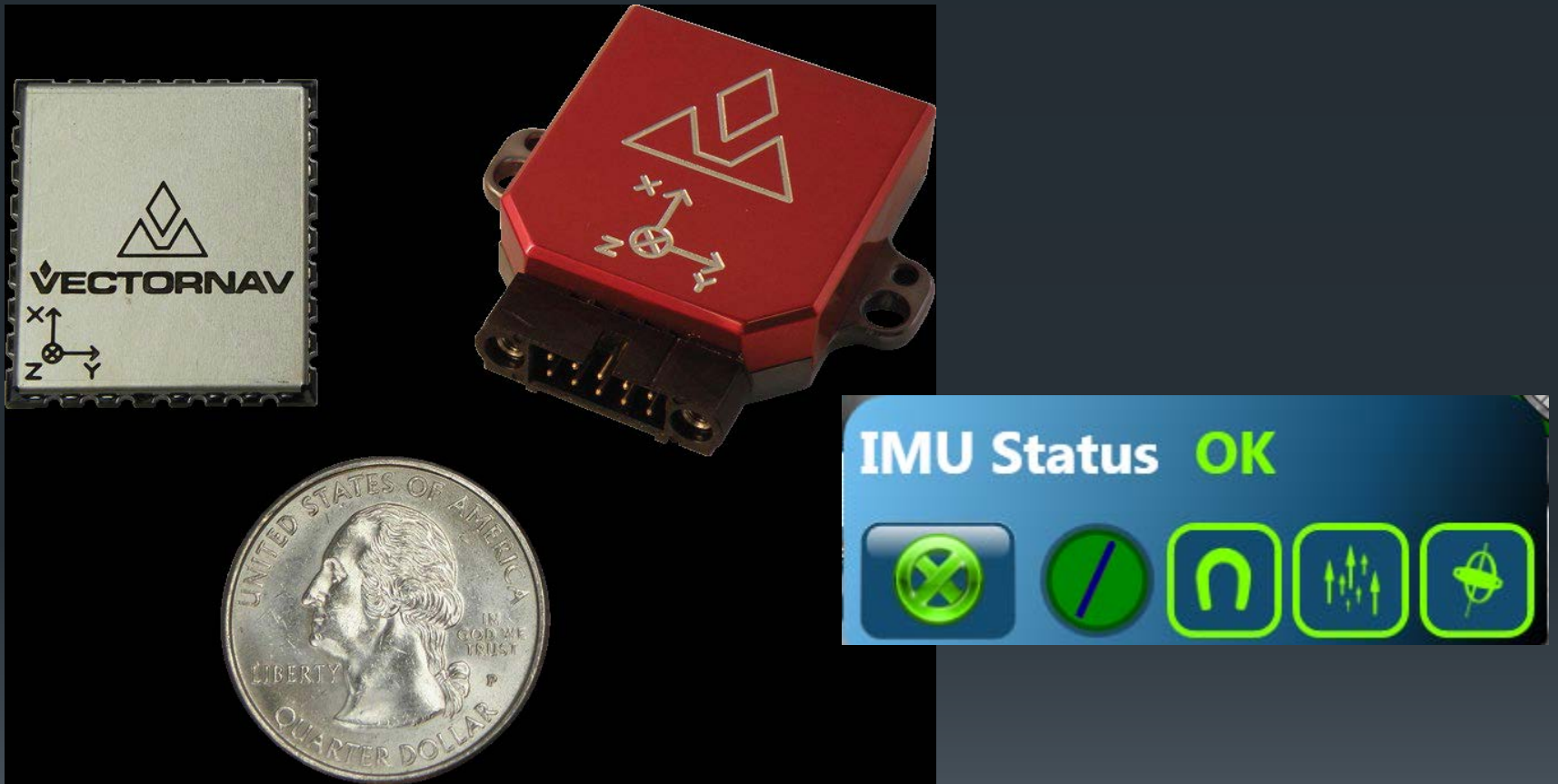
~ 2° -> 0.2°





# VN-100

(heading, attitude reference, INS)



# VN-100

(heading, attitude reference, INS)

## Attitude & Heading

Range: Heading, Roll:  $\pm 180^\circ$

Range: Pitch:  $\pm 90^\circ$

Static Accuracy (heading):  $< 2.0^\circ$

Static Accuracy (pitch/roll):  $< 0.5^\circ$

Angular Resolution:  $< 0.05^\circ$

Repeatability:  $< 0.2^\circ$

Maximum Output Rate: 200 Hz

Output Modes (Combinations of):

- Euler Angles (Yaw, Pitch, Roll)
- Quaternion
- Rotation Matrix
- Acceleration, Angular Rate, Magnetic Field and Pressure

Filtering:

- Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)
- Adjustable tuning parameters for improved immunity to magnetic and dynamic disturbances
- Active Disturbance Rejection
- Automatic or User Selectable Tuning
- Adaptive Signal Processing

## IMU - Angular Rate

Range - Standard:  $\pm 500^\circ/\text{s}$

Range - Extended\*:  $\pm 2000^\circ/\text{s}$

Linearity:  $< 0.1\%$  FS

Noise Density:  $0.005^\circ/\text{s}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

Bandwidth: 256 Hz

Alignment Error:  $\pm 0.05^\circ$

## IMU - Acceleration

Range - Standard:  $\pm 8\text{ g}$

Range - Extended\*:  $\pm 16\text{ g}$

Linearity:  $< 0.5\%$  FS

Noise Density:  $0.4\text{ mg}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

Bandwidth: 260 Hz

Alignment Error:  $\pm 0.05^\circ$

## IMU - Magnetic

Range - Standard:  $\pm 2.5\text{ Gauss}$

Range - Extended\*:  $\pm 8\text{ Gauss}$

Linearity:  $< 0.1\%$  FS

Noise Density:  $140\ \mu\text{Gauss}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

Bandwidth: 200 Hz

Alignment Error:  $\pm 0.05^\circ$

# VN-100

(heading, attitude reference, INS)

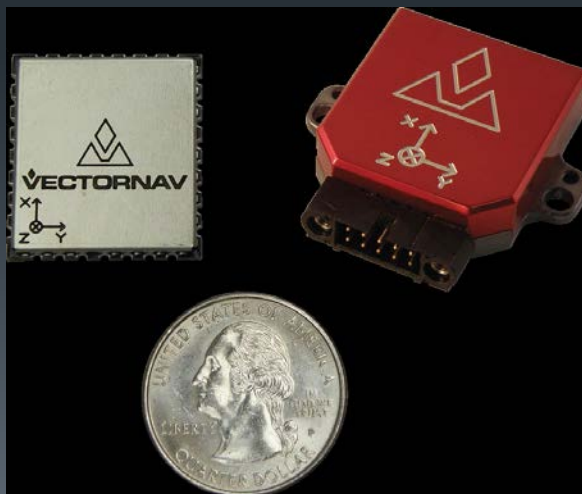
The screenshot displays the VectorNav Sensor Explorer software interface. The main window is titled "VectorNav Sensor Explorer" and contains several panels:

- Sensor Properties:** A table listing sensor details. All fields are currently "Unknown".

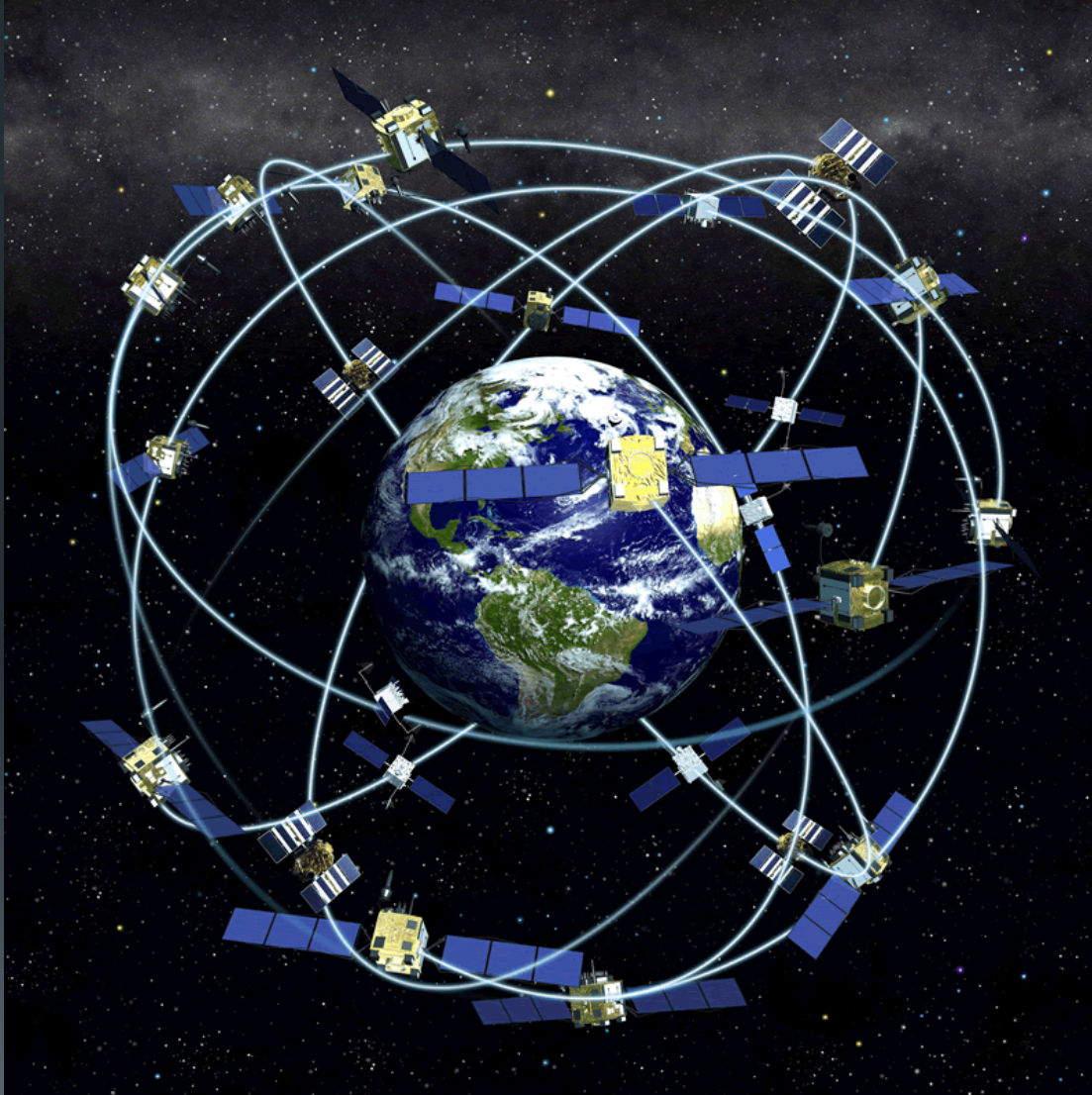
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- 3D View:** A 3D model of the VN-100 sensor, which is a red and black rectangular device with a connector on the front. A 3D coordinate system is overlaid on the bottom left, with X (red), Y (green), and Z (blue) axes.
- Attitude Graph:** A line graph showing roll, pitch, and yaw in degrees over time. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 10 degrees, and the x-axis shows time from 50:27 to 50:37. All three axes are flat at 0 degrees.
- Accelerations Graph:** A line graph showing x-axis, y-axis, and z-axis acceleration in m/s<sup>2</sup> over time. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 10 m/s<sup>2</sup>, and the x-axis shows time from 50:27 to 50:37. All three axes are flat at 0 m/s<sup>2</sup>.
- Magnetic Graph:** A line graph showing x-axis, y-axis, and z-axis magnetic field in dimensionless units over time. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 10, and the x-axis shows time from 50:27 to 50:37. All three axes are flat at 0.
- Angular Rate Graph:** A line graph showing x-axis, y-axis, and z-axis rotation rate in radians/sec over time. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 10, and the x-axis shows time from 50:27 to 50:37. All three axes are flat at 0.
- Uncompensated Angular Rate Graph:** A line graph showing x-axis, y-axis, and z-axis rotation rate in radians/sec over time. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 10, and the x-axis shows time from 50:27 to 50:37. All three axes are flat at 0.

# New CPU board

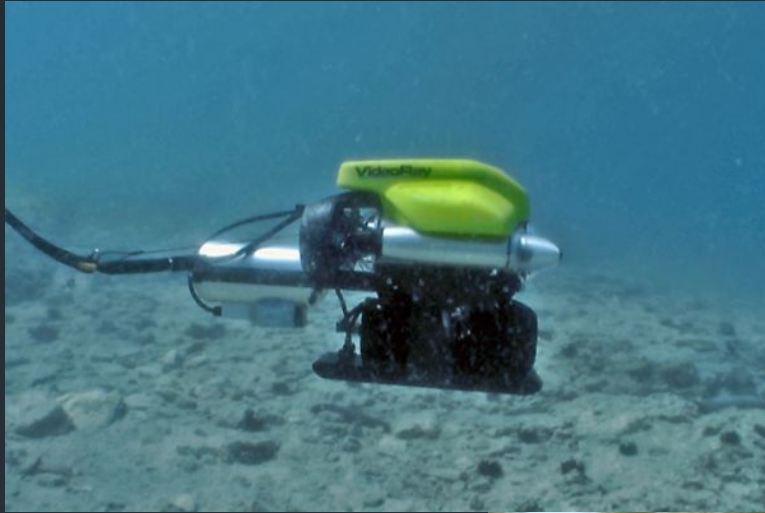
Flexible Daughter-board  
Interface



# ROV GPS



# Doppler Velocity Log



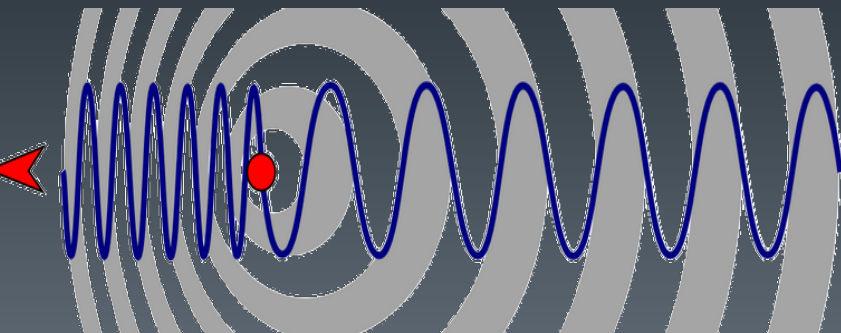
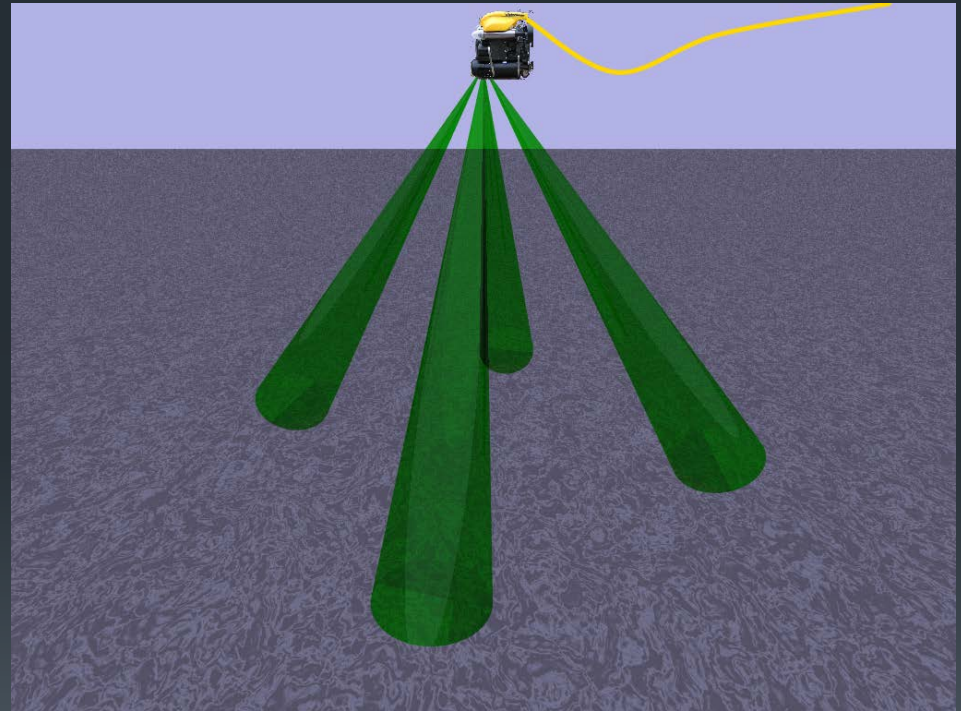


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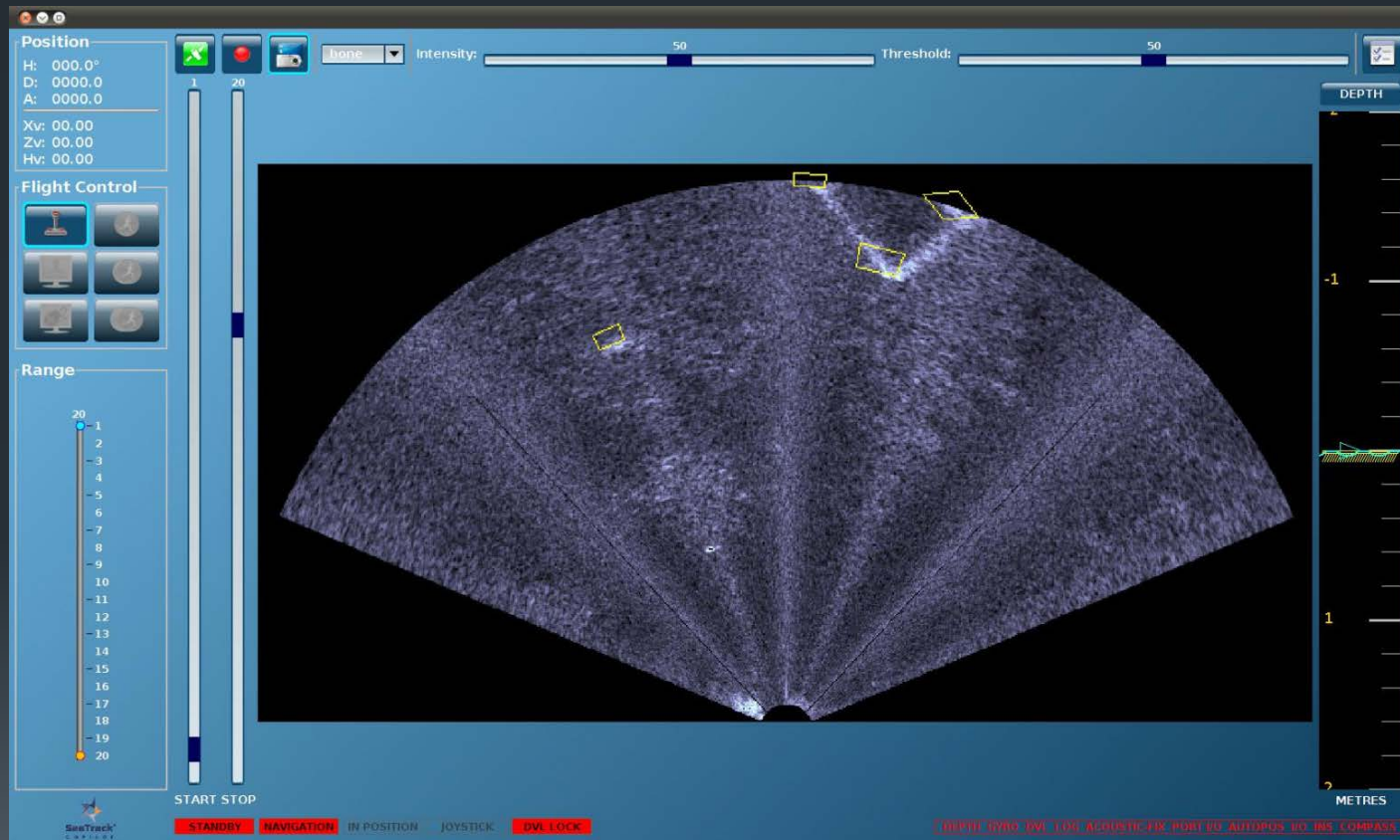
~0.5-1% and 2 mm/s



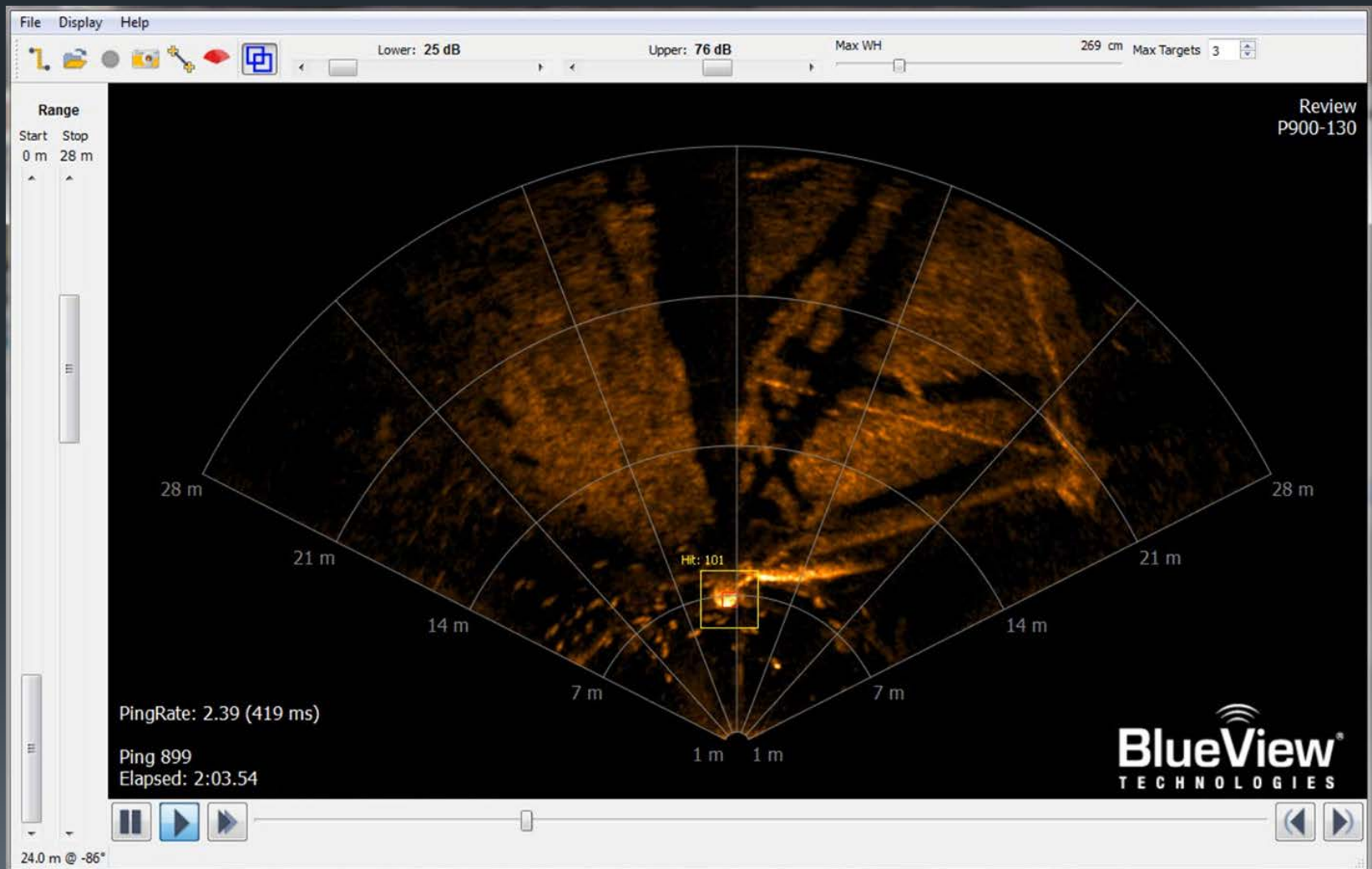
# Survey CoPilot by SeeByte



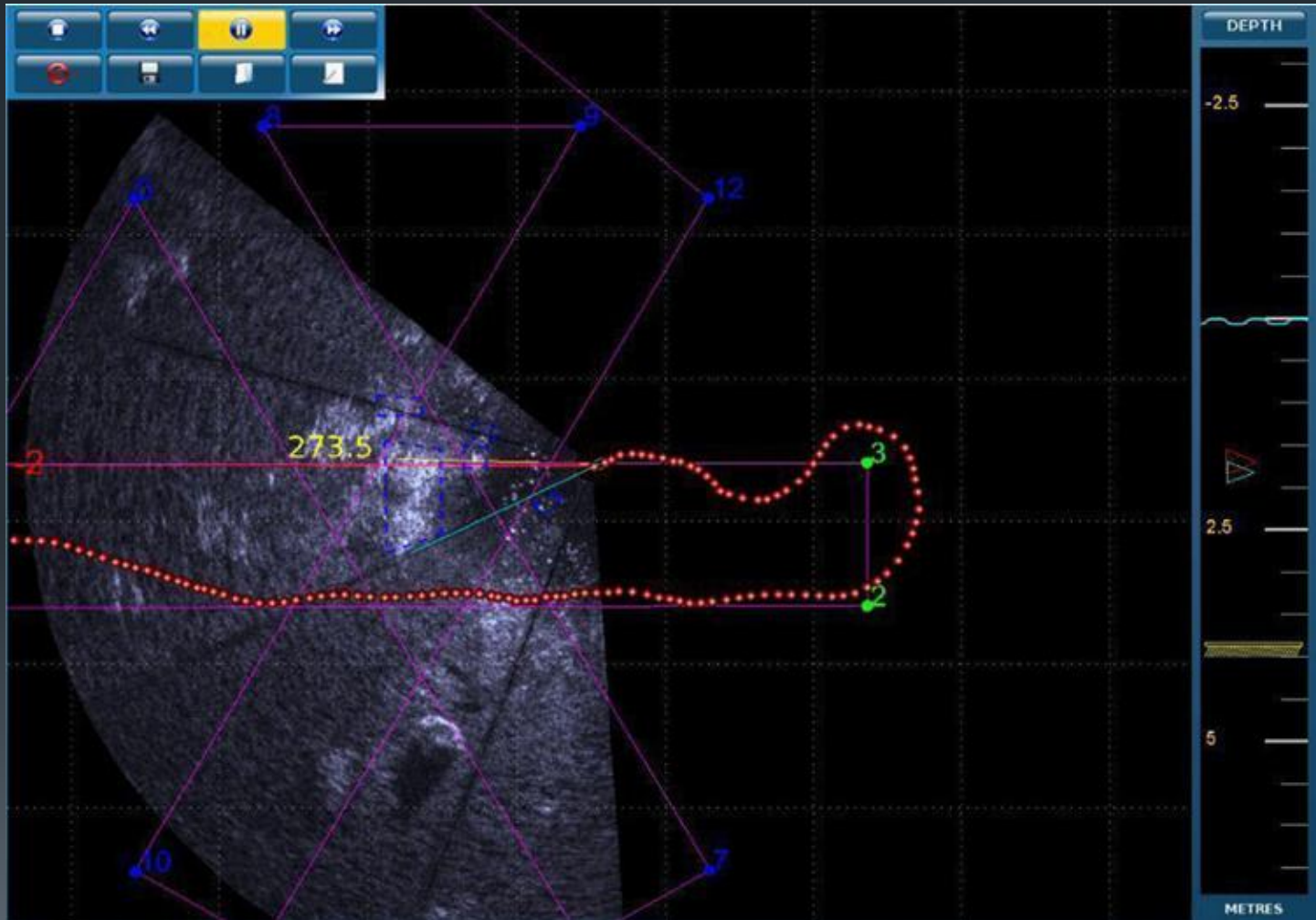
# SONAR CoPilot by SeeByte



# BlueView ProViewer Plus



# RI CoPilot by SeeByte



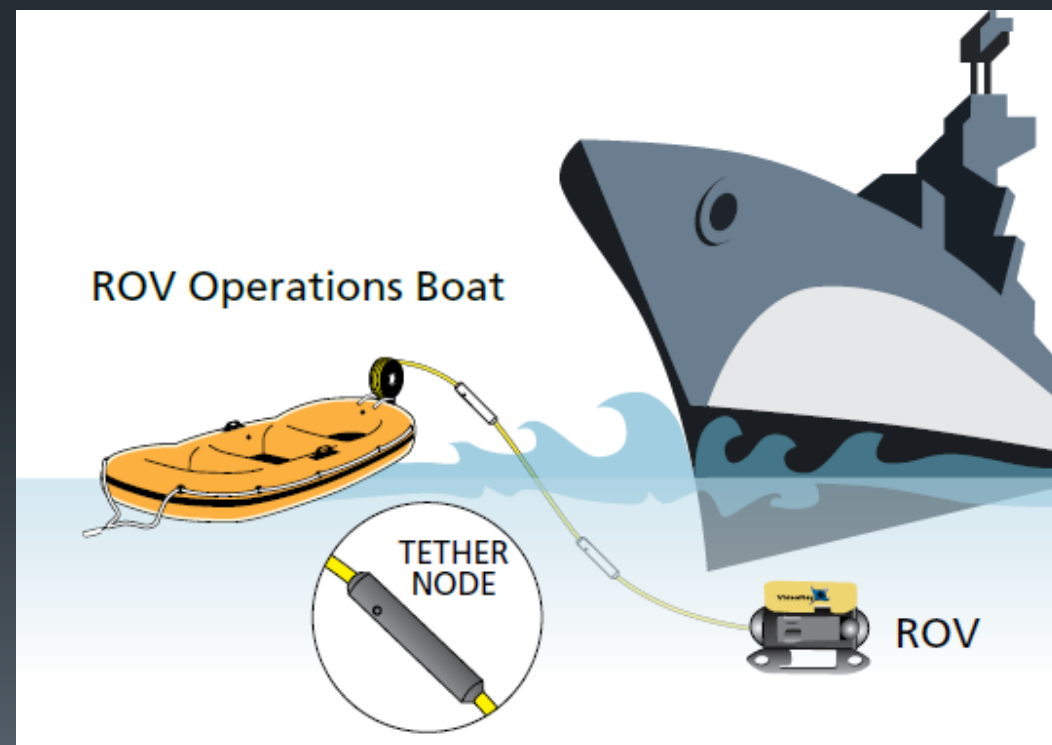
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# KCF SmartTether

Orientation + Depth + Tether Model = **Position**

- Quick to deploy
- Fast update rate
- Errors are bounded

~1.5 m



~ 0.5 - 2

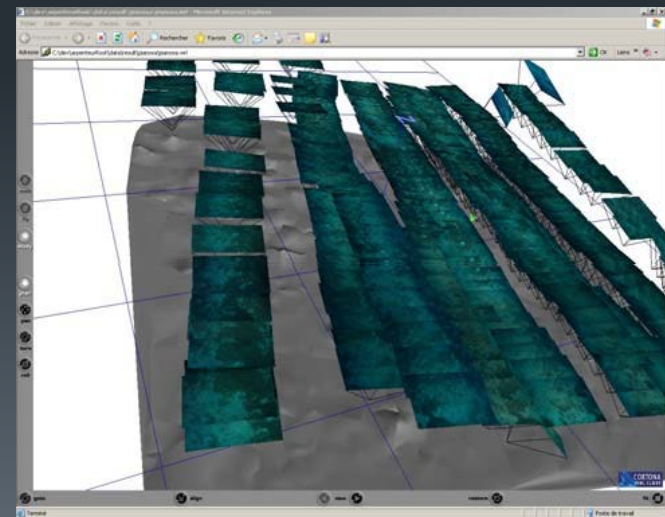
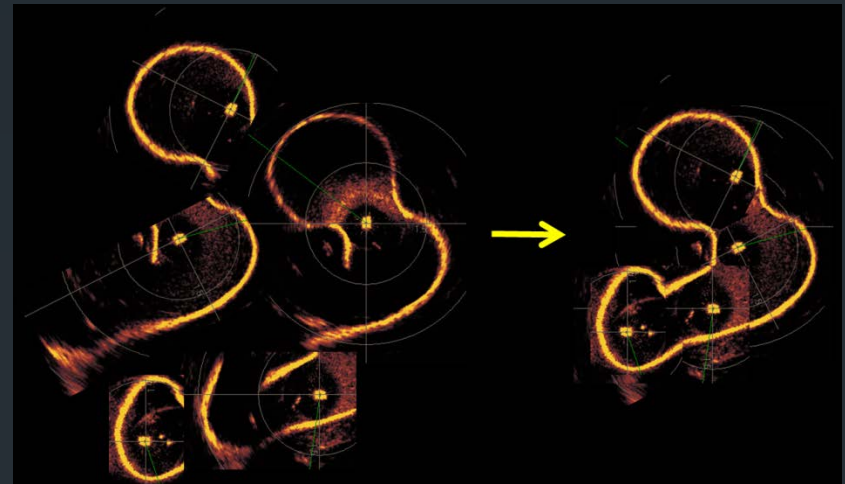
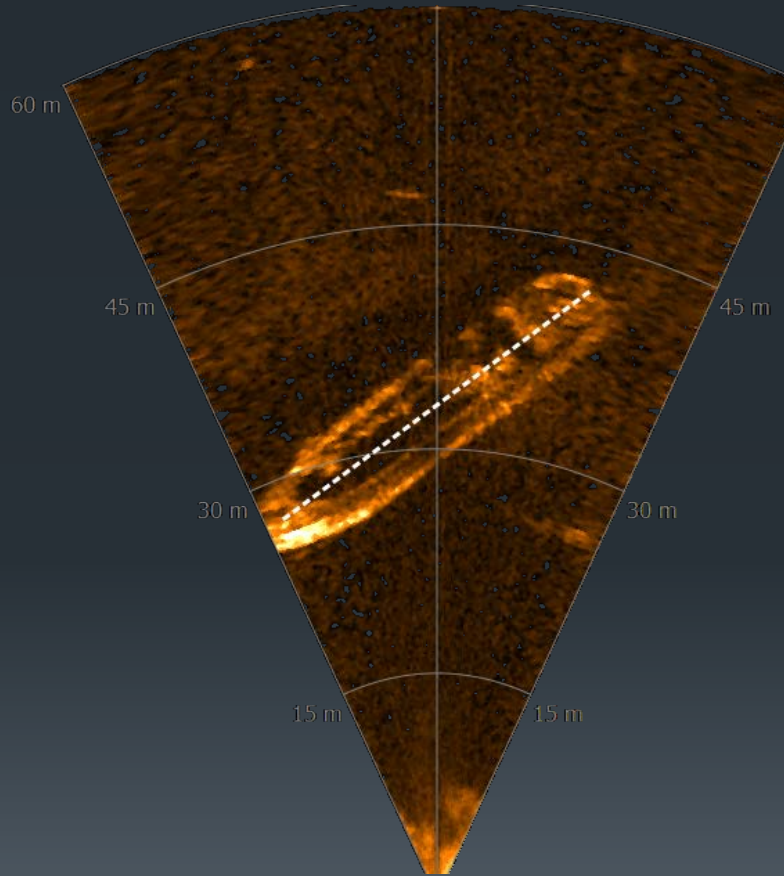
# Transponder

- USBL, LBL, etc.
- Does not drift
- Setup can be complex
- Range limited by sound propagation
- Can allow measurement of actual error

<1 m to a few cm

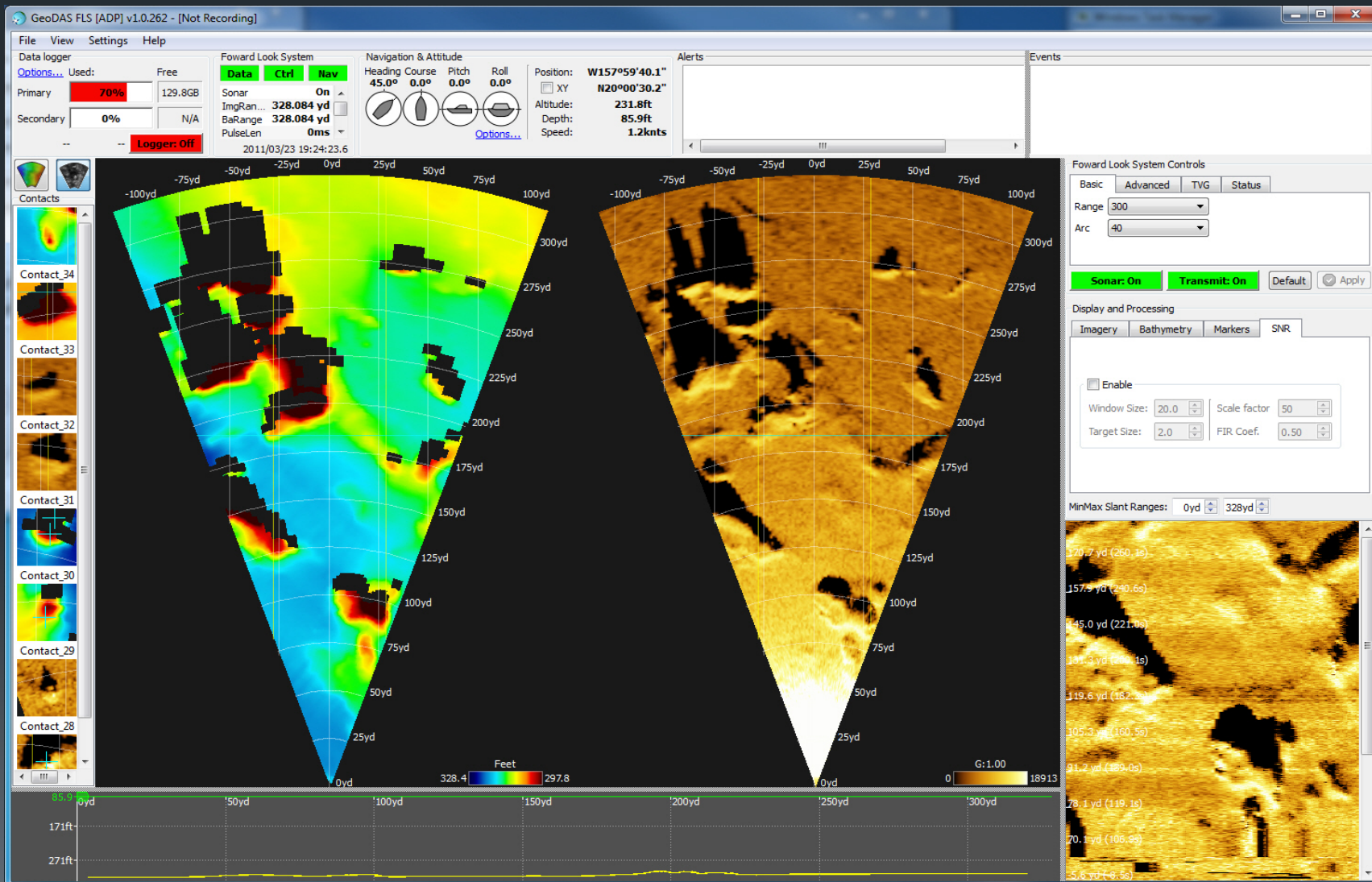


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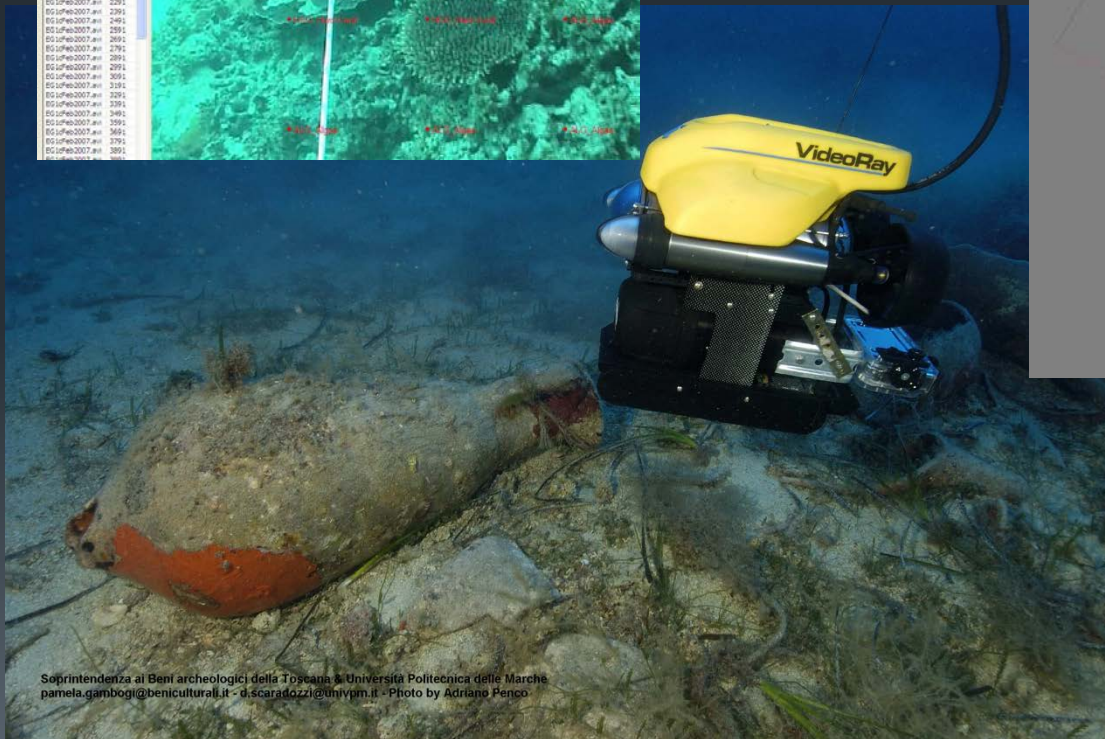
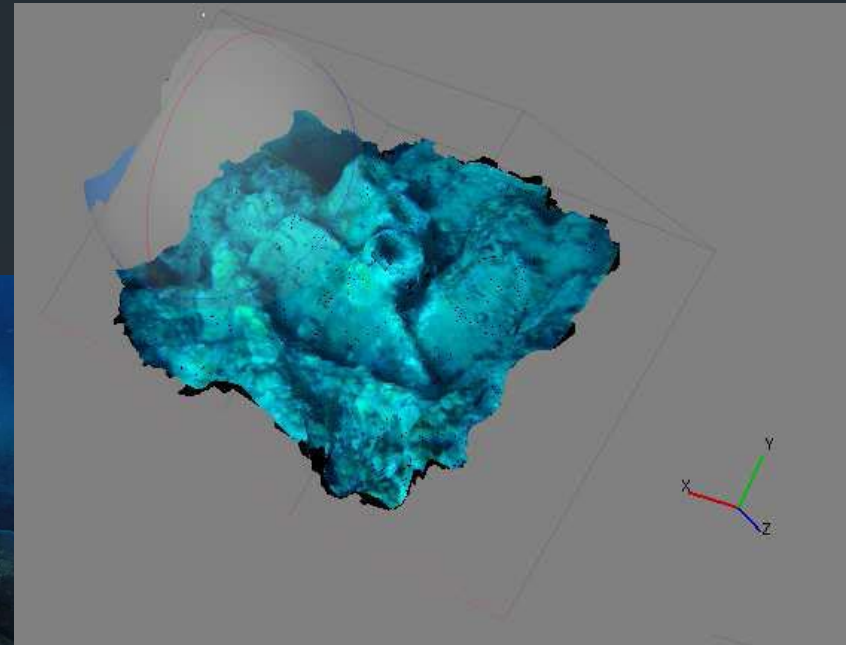
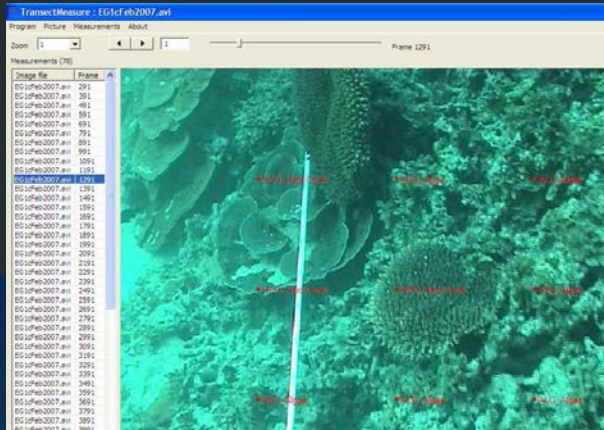




# Forward Look Sonar Mosaics



# Optical Imagery





# The Best Navigation Tool

Japanese Tourists Follow GPS Directions, Wind Up in Bay

Woman Follows GPS, Drives Straight Into Swamp

Woman Sues Google Maps After Getting Hit By a Car (walked into traffic)

New Jersey Driver Follows GPS, Causes Four-Car Pileup

UK Woman Follows GPS, Drives Mercedes Into River

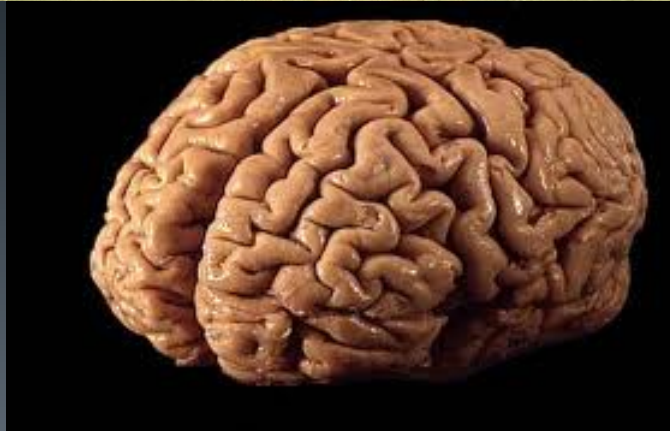
Bus Driver Follows GPS, Gets Wedged Under Bridge

Trucker Follows GPS Directions, Winds Up in Tree

UK Motorists Follow GPS, Get Stuck on Narrow Roads

German Driver Obeys GPS, Drives Into Sand Pile

# The Best Navigation Tool



# Questions?????

