

AUV Camera Systems

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Ongoing Areas of Research and Development

- Advanced techniques for seafloor mapping and characterization
- Underwater Robotic Systems & Sensors
- Crowd Sourcing- Citizen Science
- Coastal Sediment Transport and Geomorphology
- Geovisualization

Corporate & Agency Partners/Sponsors

















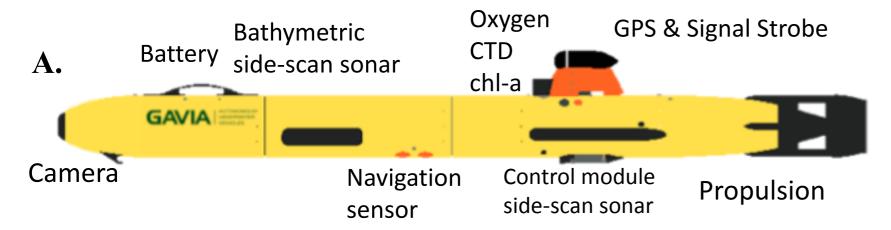


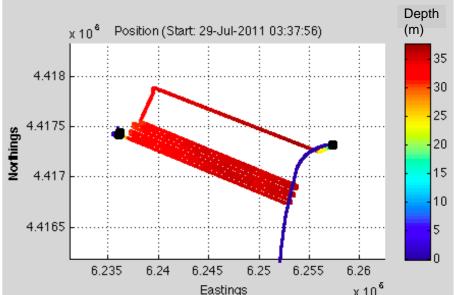






Opportunities for new/continued partnerships...





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Technical Specifications:

Weight: 77 kg

Depth: 500 m depth rating

Length: 2 m

Duration: 4 hours

Habitat Mapping Sensors-

Side-scan sonar (900/1800 kHz)

Bathymetric side-scan sonar (500 kHz)

Digital Still Camera with Strobe

Water Quality Sensors-

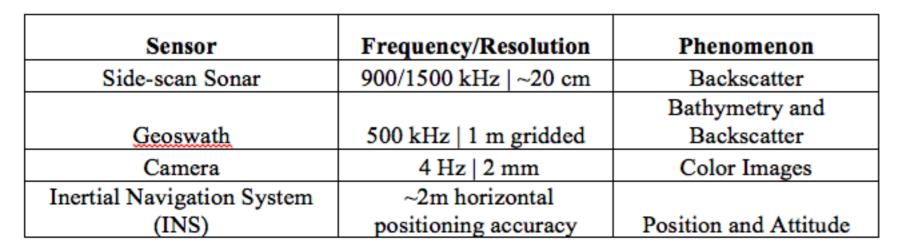
Salinity

Temperature

Oxygen

Turbidity Chl-a

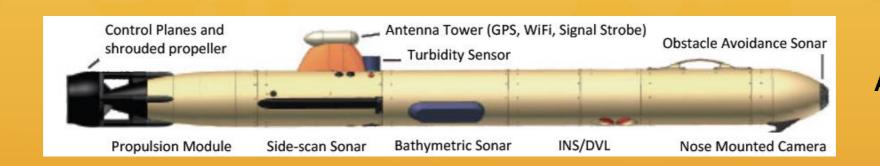
AUV Side-scan sonar (900 kHz)





AUV color photo of the seabed

Equipment – AUV



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General key features:

Modular

Length: ~2.6 m

Weight: 77 kg

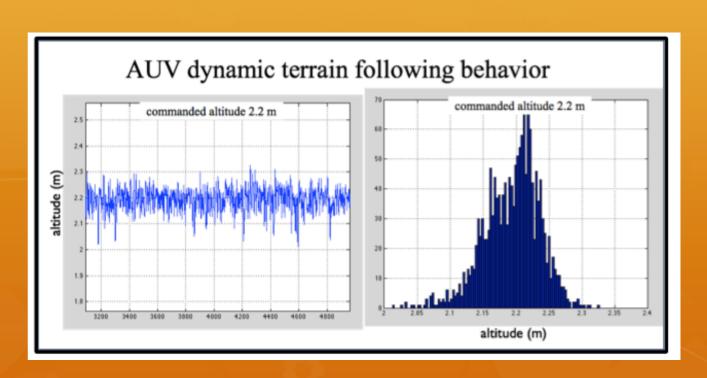
Battery life: 3-4 hours

Deployed from a surface vessel

Navigation: Differential GPS, INS,

DVL, pressure sensor,

obstacle avoidance sonar



Depth capabilities: 500 m

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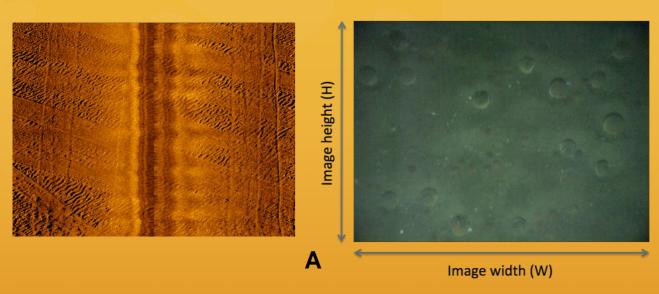
AUV Camera

Point Grey Scorpion 20SO Research Camera	
Mega Pixels	2.11 (2.01 effective)
Sensor Resolution	1600x1200*
Image Sensor	8.923mm (diagonally) Sony CCD
Shutter Speed	0.03ms – 533ms
Dimensions	50mm x 50mm x 40mm
Operational Temperature	0 – 45 degrees Celsius
Power Consumption	< 3.5W
Mass	125 grams
Analogue to Digital Converter	12-bit A/D
Horizontal Viewing Angle	44.65 degrees (seawater)
Memory	Computer in the nose cone of AUV





Side-scan Sonar and Camera



Sample Side-scan sonar mosaic (left) and camera image (right)

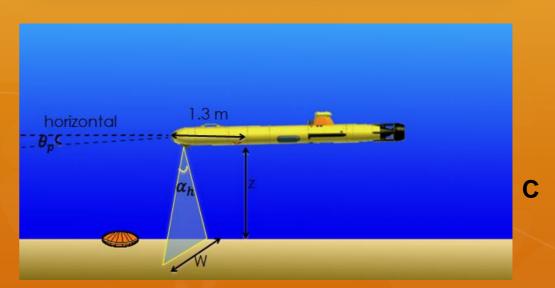


Sonar

- 900/1800kHz
- Range of 40m at 900kHz
- Range of 10m at 1800kHz

Camera

- 2.1 Megapixel
- 3 1600 X 1200 max resolution



Horizontal FOV in seawater 44.65° Vertical FOV in seawater 34.91° Image dimensions at 2.0 m altitude = 1.64 x 1.23 m



Drinking from the Firehose

Strategies and techniques for dealing with large imagery datasets.

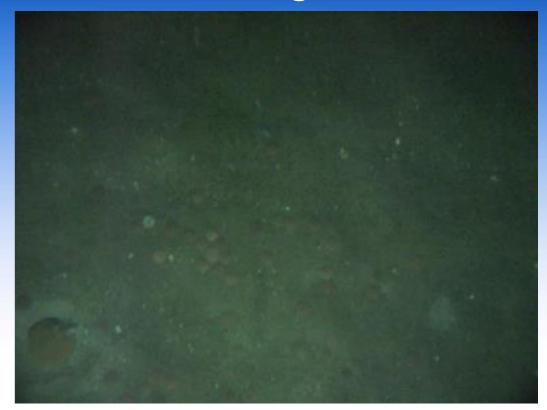




How to process through >238,000 images?

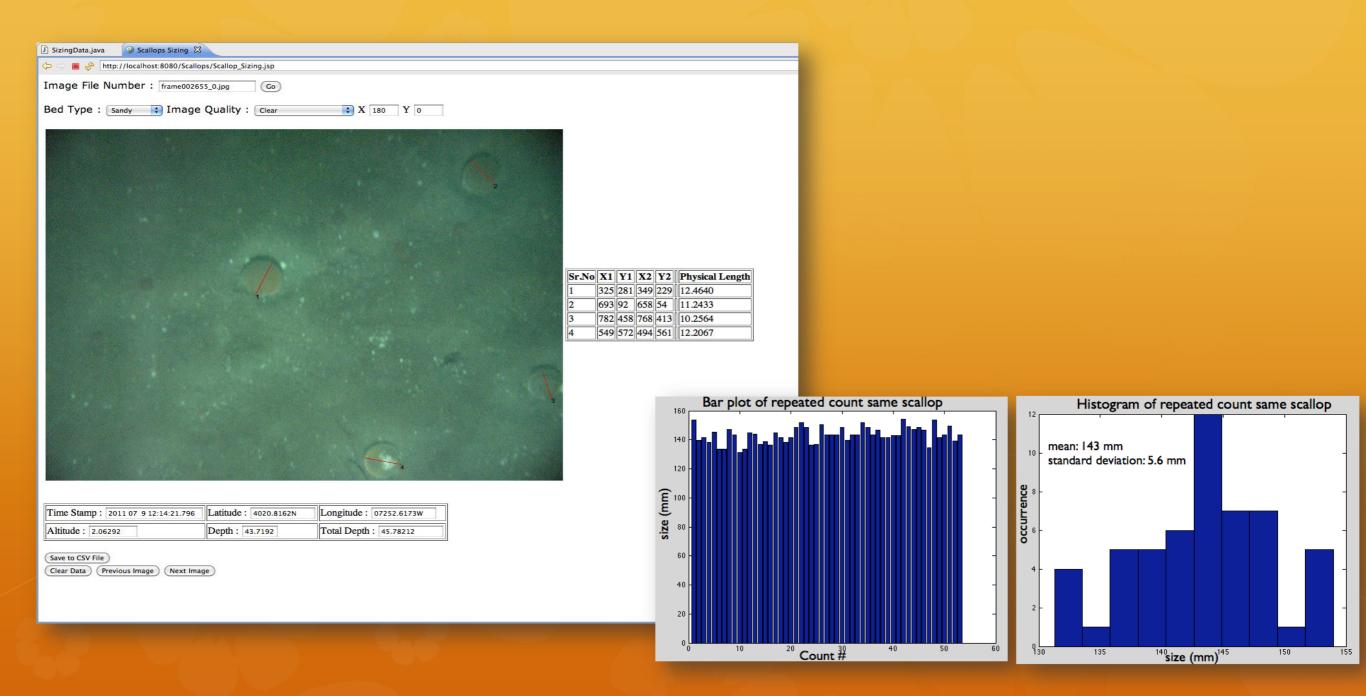








Scallop Enumeration & Sizing





Automated Shape Detection Efforts

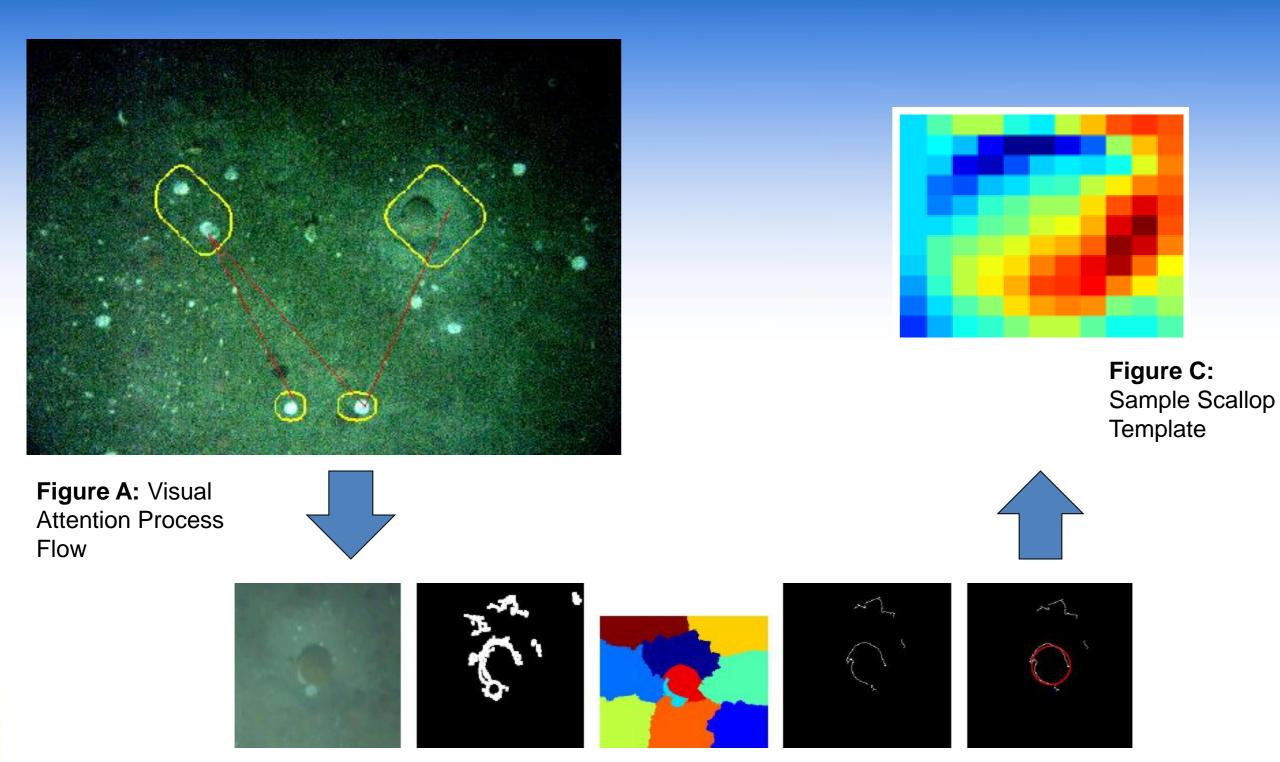
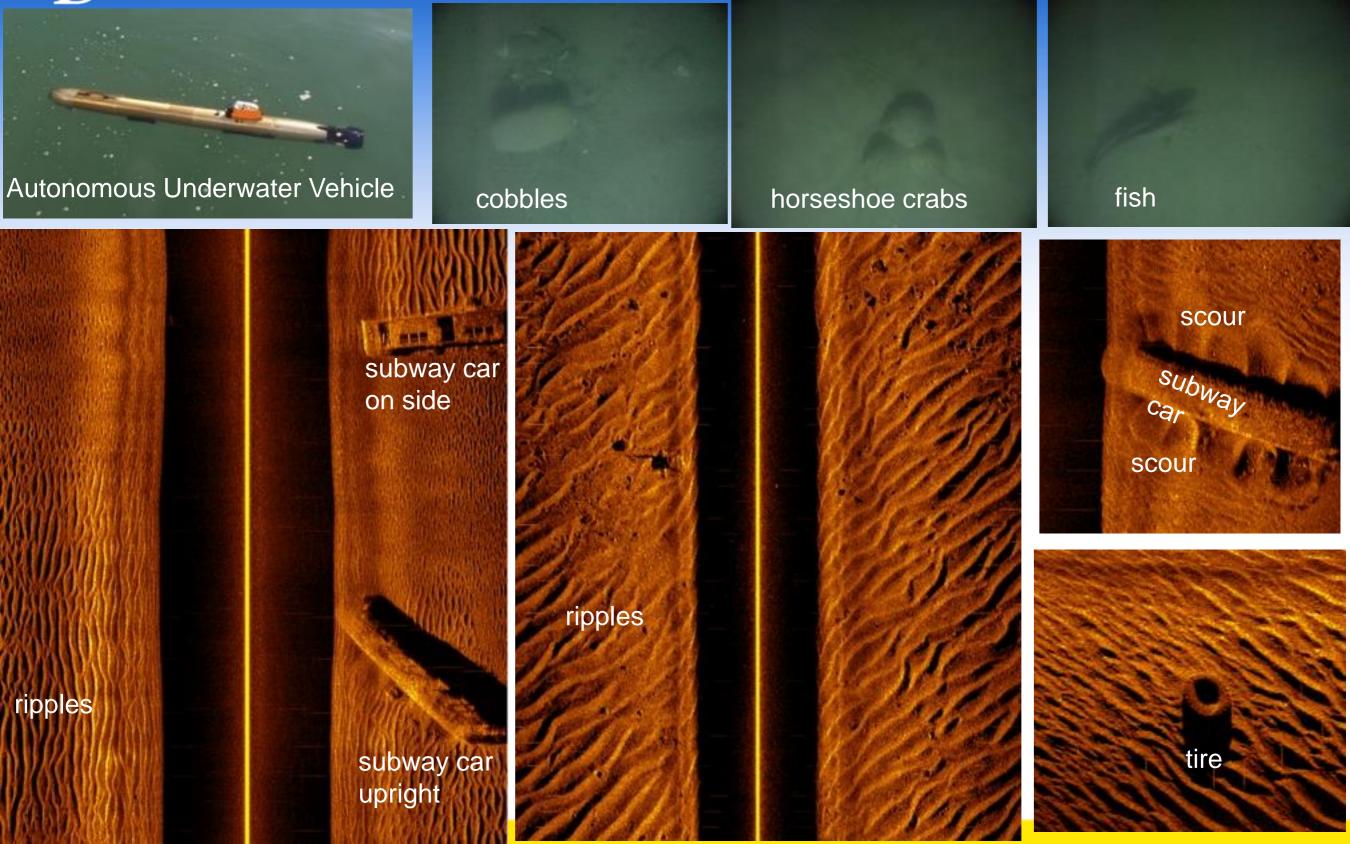


Figure B: Segmentation Steps



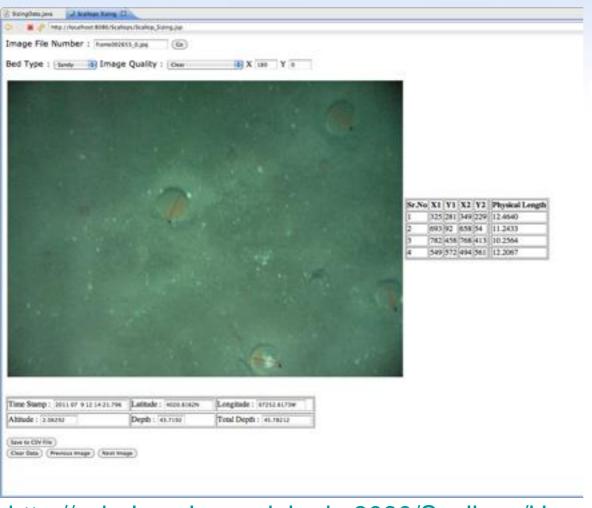
AUV survey of seabed conditions





Citizen Science Initiatives

Objective- Utilize web 2.0 technology for **human computation initiative-** The purpose of the application is to allow the fast classification of georeferenced images using crowdsourcing for data analysis and public outreach. Directly involve the public in science activities, communicate findings, improve scientific literacy. **Games with a purpose** (sensu von Ahn, 2006)



Point and click If you eat scallops... please count them!





http://getmapper.com/

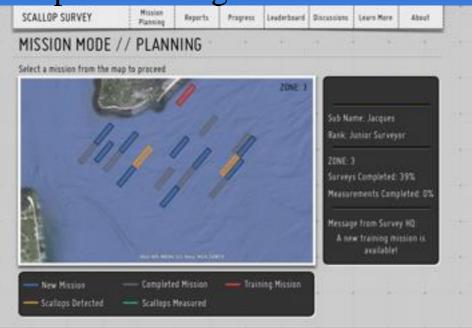


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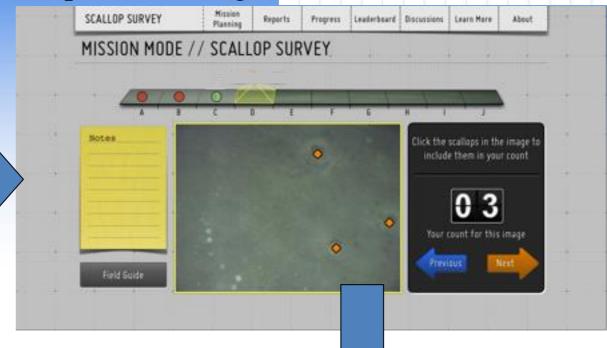
WIVERSITY OF Citizen Science: Scallop Count Site

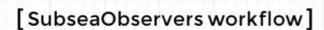
Step 1- Training

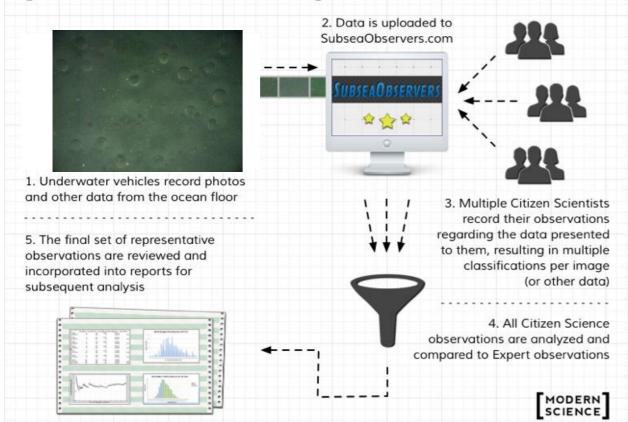


Step 2- Counting



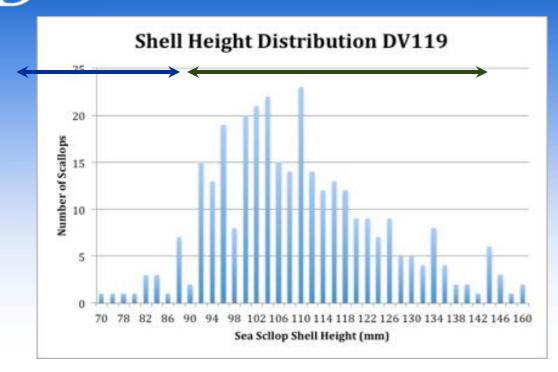


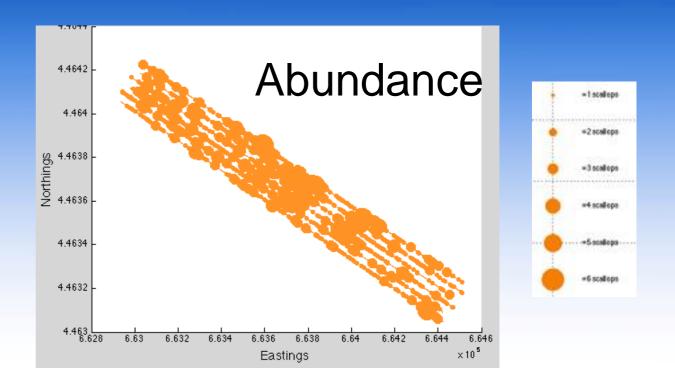


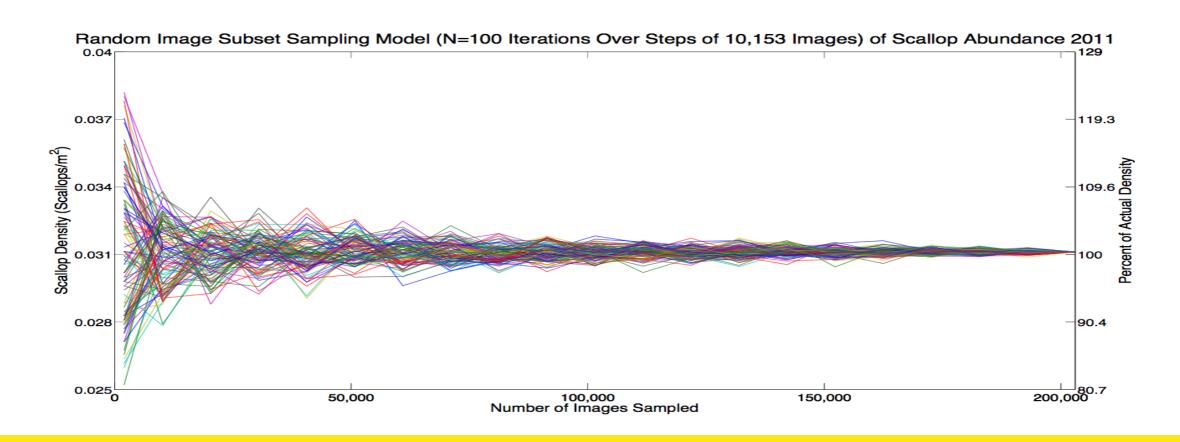




Some Results









AUV Imaging

Advantages

- No Tether management problems.
- Easy to deploy and use, does not require an operator to oversee its operation.
- Dynamic terrain following and good localization capabilities of AUVs help in running very precise missions with close transect lines ensuring complete survey of the required area.
- Since the localization is accurate, we can gather imagery with minimum overlap without losing area coverage.

Shortcomings

- The is no live streaming of images, the communication bandwidth is limited.
- The image quality needs improvement (better light/color correction).
- There is limited onboard power.



Thank You