Report for the missions conducted during May to July at Nidelva in 2021

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Manoeuvres

Lawn-mower

The AUV moves along the legs back and forth. The AUV is only exploring a certain depth, see Figure ??. It is used for collecting data from a large area.

Pros:

- Large area can be explored.
- No potential loss of coverage.

Cons:

- Navigational issues, needs to pop-up during the mission if the duration of the entire lawn-mower mission is too long.
- Time-consuming.
- Drift problem might lead to bad data aggregation.
- Depth variation is not captured.

Yo-Yo

The AUV is moving up and down along the water column, see Figure ??. It is used for collecting data in 3D water columns with relatively high efficiency.

Pros:

- Depth variation is captured.
- Very efficient depth sampling.

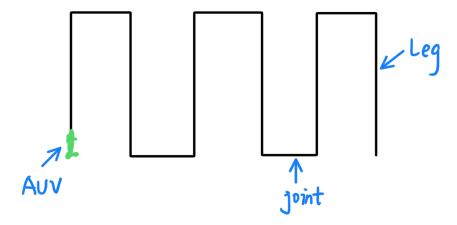


Figure 1: Lawn mower manoeuvre from the top view.

• GPS calibration can be done every time when it is at the top point and the top point is close to the surface.

Cons:

- The constraints (pitch angle etc.) from the AUV determines that it cannot explore certain areas if they are in the dead zone (where Yo-Yo pattern does not pass).
- Data at each layers might be sparsely located, no local details.

Elevator

The AUV is taking a spiral elevator down to the bottom or up to the surface, see Figure ??. It is used for diving to the desired depth quickly.

Pros:

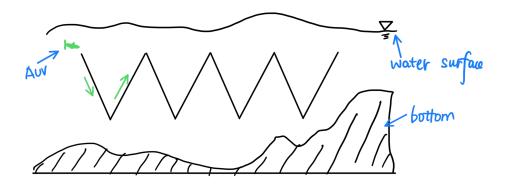


Figure 2: Yo-Yo manoeuvre from the side view.

- Quickly dive to certain depth.
- Agile.

Cons:

- The radius of the circle might be problematic when it is in some constrained areas.
- Sometimes hard to dive because of the lack of lifting force from the flap.

Station-keeping

The AUV is keeping its position at the surface by doing the loitering manoeuvre, see Figure ??. It is used for maintaining its position at the end of the mission or during the mission waiting for the next waypoint.

Pop-up

The AUV pops up to the surface. It is used for GPS calibration.

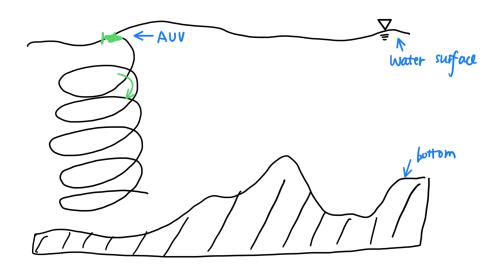


Figure 3: Elevator manoeuvre from the side view.

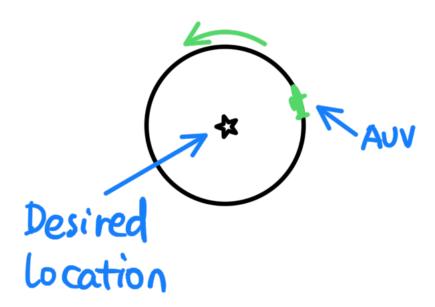


Figure 4: Station-keeping manoeuvre from the top view.