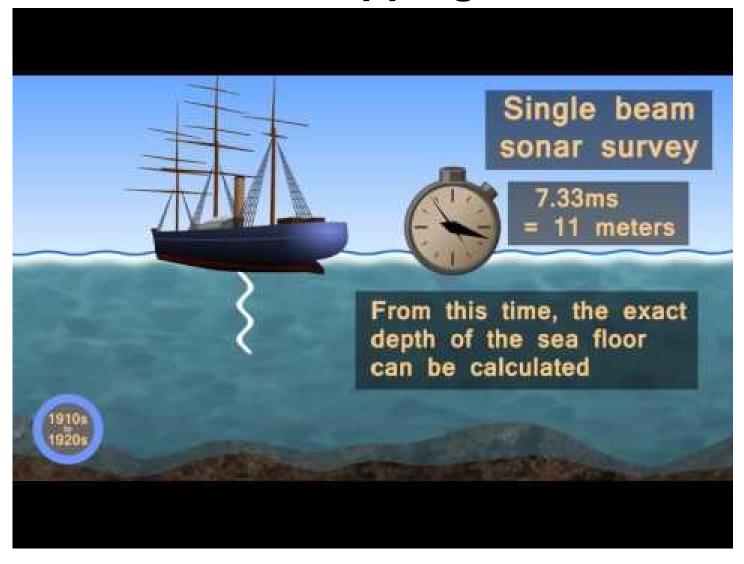


# **Summary Seabed Mapping**

- Sensor platforms
  - Vessel
  - Towed vehicle
  - ROV
  - AUV
- Mapping sensor
  - Echosounders
    - Single beam
    - Multibeam
    - Sub bottom profiler
  - Side scan

- Imaging sensors
  - Side scan sonar
  - Scanning sonars
  - Forward look sonars
- Accuracy in mapping
- Environmental parameters

### Seabed mapping video



# Learning goals Seabed Mapping II

- Methodology and choice of sensors for application
- System knowledge
- Data processing for side scan, multi beam and sub bottom profiler
- Error sources and budgets
- Data processing

#### Calculations and equations

- Sources of inaccuracy
- Error budgets
- Coverage and resolution
- Error propagation in a system



# **Curriculum Seabed Mapping II**

- Ludvigsen & Sørensen 2016
- Hansen 2012
- Bai et al 2012
- Lecture notes TMR4120

Online resource

https://dosits.org/



### **Terms and defintions**

- Bathymetry
- Geodesy
- Geoide
- Ellipsoide
- Datum

### **Overview**

- 1. Seabed surveys
- 2. Geodesy
- 3. Data acquisition
  - 1. Platforms
  - 2. Positioning systems
  - 3. Sonars
- 4. Processing
- 5. Accuracy

# Seabed surveys

- Environmental survey
- High resolution geophysical surveys
  - Route surveys
  - Site survey
- Search



# **Environmental surveys**

- Baseline surveys
- Sediment
- Video
- Bathymetry

### Site surveys

- Seabed conditions
  - Bathymetry
  - Sediments classification
  - Seabed features
  - Habitats
- Sub seabed conditions
  - Geology
  - Sediment stability
- Potential geohazards
  - Stability

### Route surveys

- Topography and character of the seabed
- Composition of seabed sediments
- Presence of debris on the seabed
- Confirm presence of know seabed structures

- Bathymetry along line
- Side scan along and parallel to pipe or cable
- Sub bottom profiles
- Magnetometer survey

## **Bathymetry**

- Bathymetry is the study of underwater depth of lake or ocean floors. In other words, bathymetry is the underwater equivalent to hypsometry or topography.
- Bathymetric charts support safety of surface or sub-surface navigation, and usually show seafloor relief or terrain as contour lines and selected depths.
- Bathymetric maps may also use a Digital Terrain Model



### Geodesy

 Geodesy is a with the measurement and representation of Earth, including its gravitational field. One subdiscipline of geodesy is concerned with the exact positioning of points on the surface of Earth, including datums and coordinate systems.

## **Coordinate systems**

- Cartesian
- Geographical
  - Latitutde
  - Longitude
  - Degrees, minutes, seconds
- Projections
  - UTM
  - Zones

- Transfer coordinates between systems
- Which errors occurs

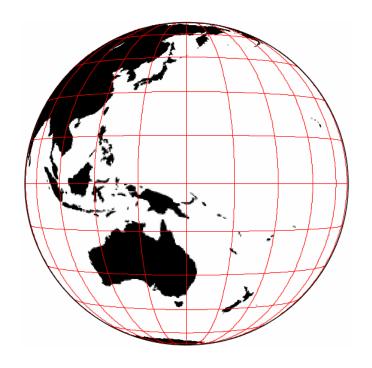
### **Datum**

- A geodetic datum or geodetic system is a coordinate system, and a set of reference points, used to locate places on the Earth
- Datums starts with an ellipsoid, and then defines latitude, longitude and altitude coordinates. Several locations on the Earth's surface are chosen as anchor "base-points"

- WGS84
- EUR89
- ED50

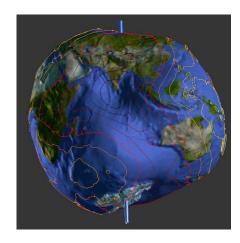
## Ellipsoide

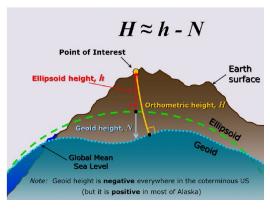
- Ellipsoid is a mathematically defined surface that approximates the geoid
- Because of their relative simplicity, reference ellipsoids are used as a preferred surface on which geodetic network computations are performed and point coordinates such as latitude, longitude, and elevation are defined.



### Geoid

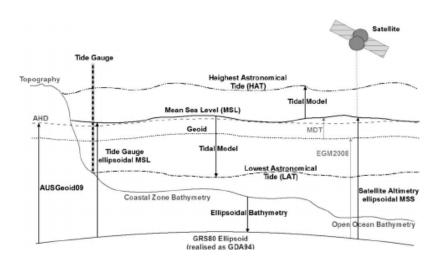
- The geoid is the shape that the surface of the oceans would take under the influence of Earth's gravity and rotation alone, in the absence of other influences such as winds and tides.
- Physical entity of irregular shape
- Perpendicular to the gravitational force





### **Vertical datum**

- Mean sea level
- LAT (Lowest astronomical tide)
- Geoid
- Ellipsoid
- Tidal corrections



# Data acquistion

#### **Platforms**

- Surface Vessel
- Towed Vehicle
- ROTV
- AUV
- ROV

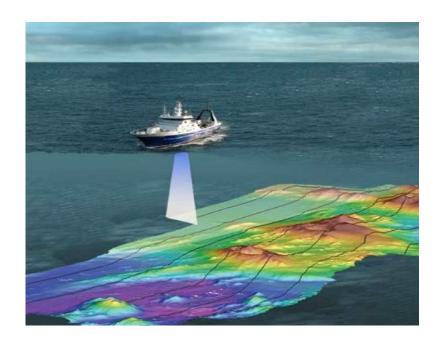
#### **Instruments**

- Multibeam echosounder (MBES)
- Side scan sonar (SSS)
- Sub bottom profiles (SBP)
- Scanning sonar
- Navigation instruments

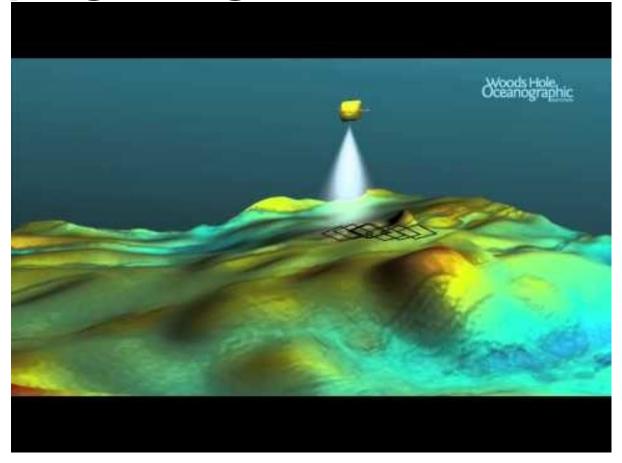
## Survey vessel

- DGPS surface positioning system
- USBL subsurface positioning system
- North seeking gyro & motion sensor
- Dual head scanning profiler system
- High resolution sonar system
- Temperature / salinity probes

- On-line survey and navigation computer system
- Off-line data processing and charting computer system



Seabed mapping using AUV



# Positioning and navigation

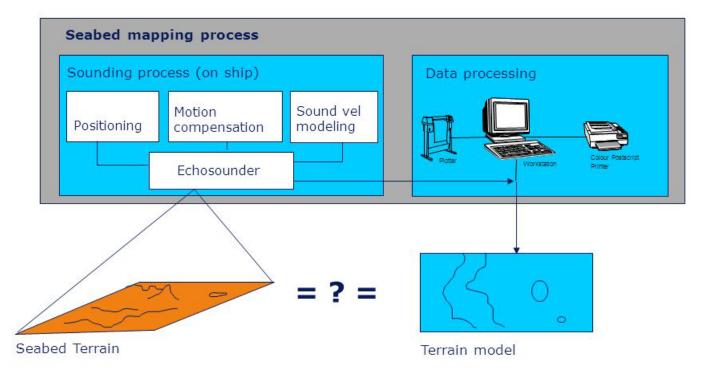
- GPS
- Range and bearing systems
- Underwater positioning
  - USBL
  - LBL
- Heading
- Speed
- Attitude
- INS and combined systems



# Survey set up

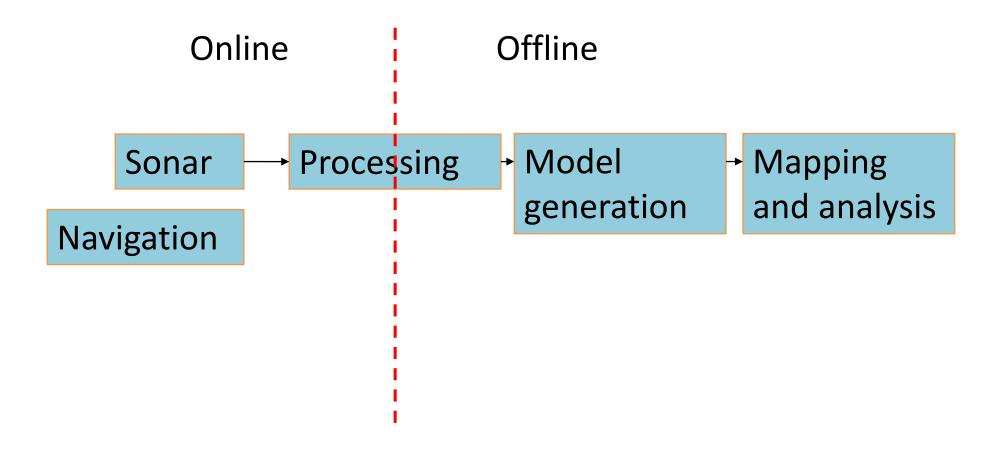


## Seabed mapping from ping to map



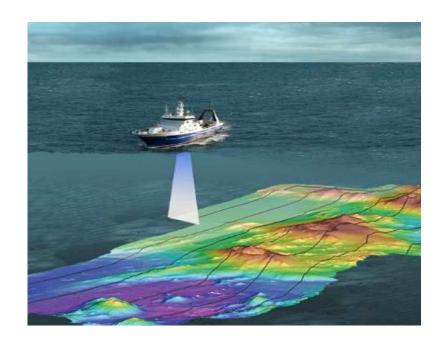
How well does the terrain model represent the seabed terrain?

## Processing sonar mapping data



# Survey vessel

- On-line survey and navigation computer system
- Off-line data processing and charting computer system



# Sonar survey data processing

#### **Online**

- Logging
- Data storage
- Data integrity
  - Frozen signals
  - Standard deviation
  - Jumps

#### Offline

- Compensation
  - Motion
  - Speed of sound
- Data filtering
- Gridding
- Modelling
- Maps

# Accuracy in seabed mapping

- Errors
  - Stocastics
  - Systematic errors
  - Blunders

- Instrument accuracy
- Navigation accuracy
- Set up integrity
  - Offset
    - Time
    - Angular
    - Level arms
- Environmental parameters

### **Calibrations**

- Navigation
  - GPS
  - Gyro
  - IMU
  - Underwater
- Timing
- Sonars
  - Patch test



### **Bathymetric Systems – The Issues**

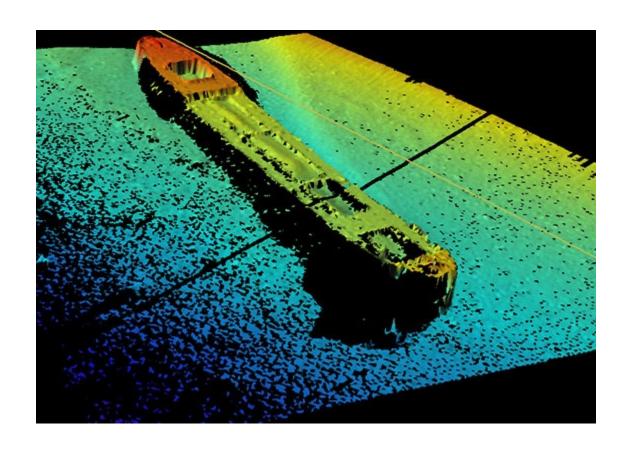
- Calculation of depth what is involved
- Water column density and changes
- Changes in Atmospheric Pressure
- Quality Control
  - Certification
- Latency
- Installation
- Calibration Offset
- Thrusters
- Quality Control !!!



# **Environmental parameters**

- Speed of sound
- Density
- Atmospheric pressure
- Tide
- Gravity

# **Kahoot**



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