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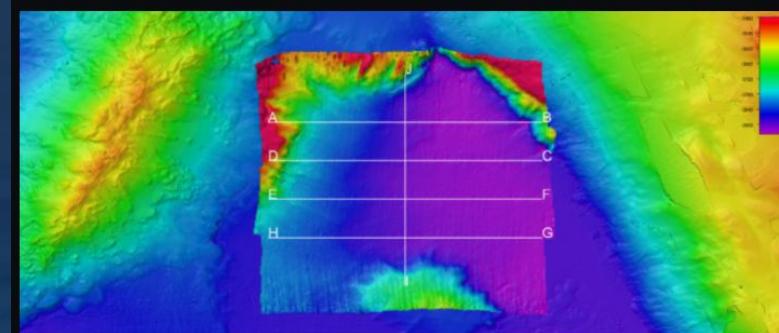
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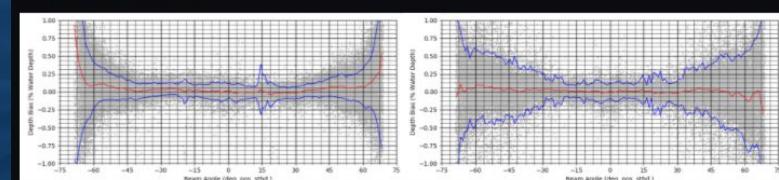


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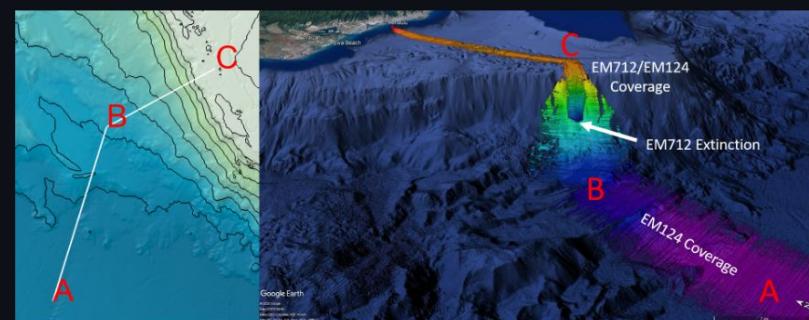
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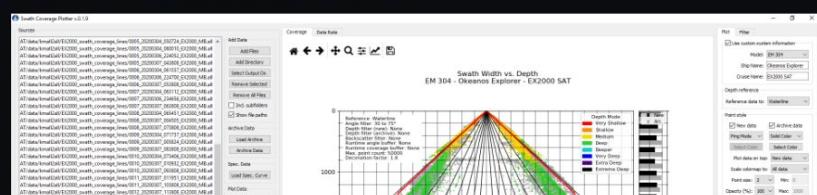
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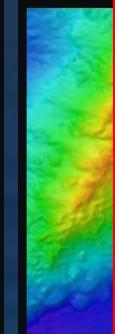
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The reference

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- i. This is the survey direction.
2. Narrow spread
3. Length survey
4. Number of beams
- i. Typically 1000-2000 beams.

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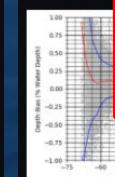


Crossline distribution

The primary crossline distribution can be selected automatically or manually.

As discussed in the previous section, the surface depth is the primary variable.

Crosslines are defined by the sea state (ex. calm, choppy, rough) and the heading over which they are taken.



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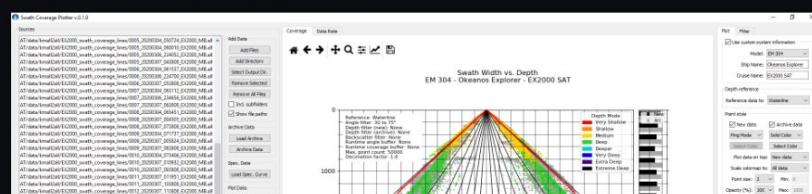
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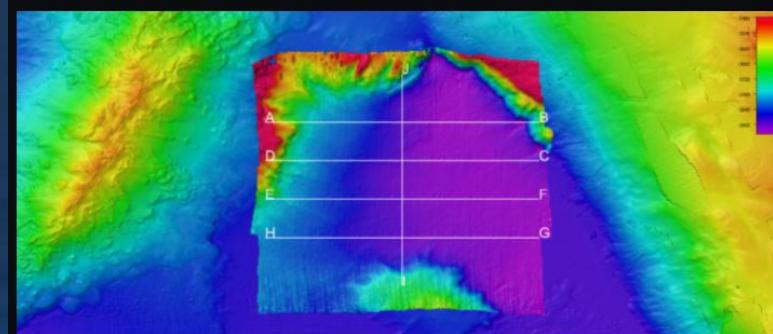
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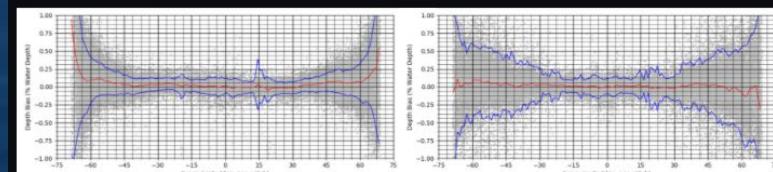


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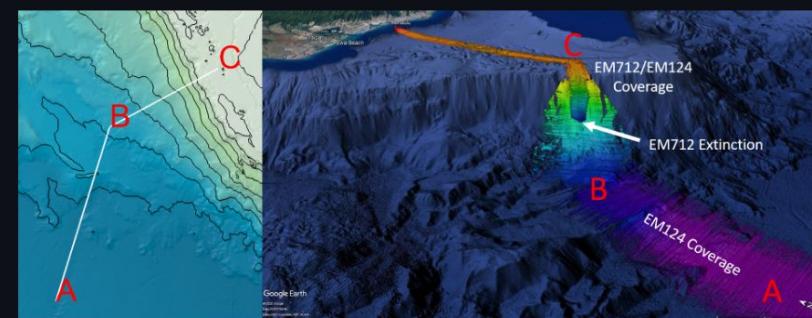
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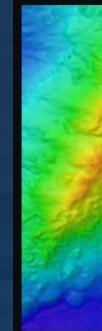
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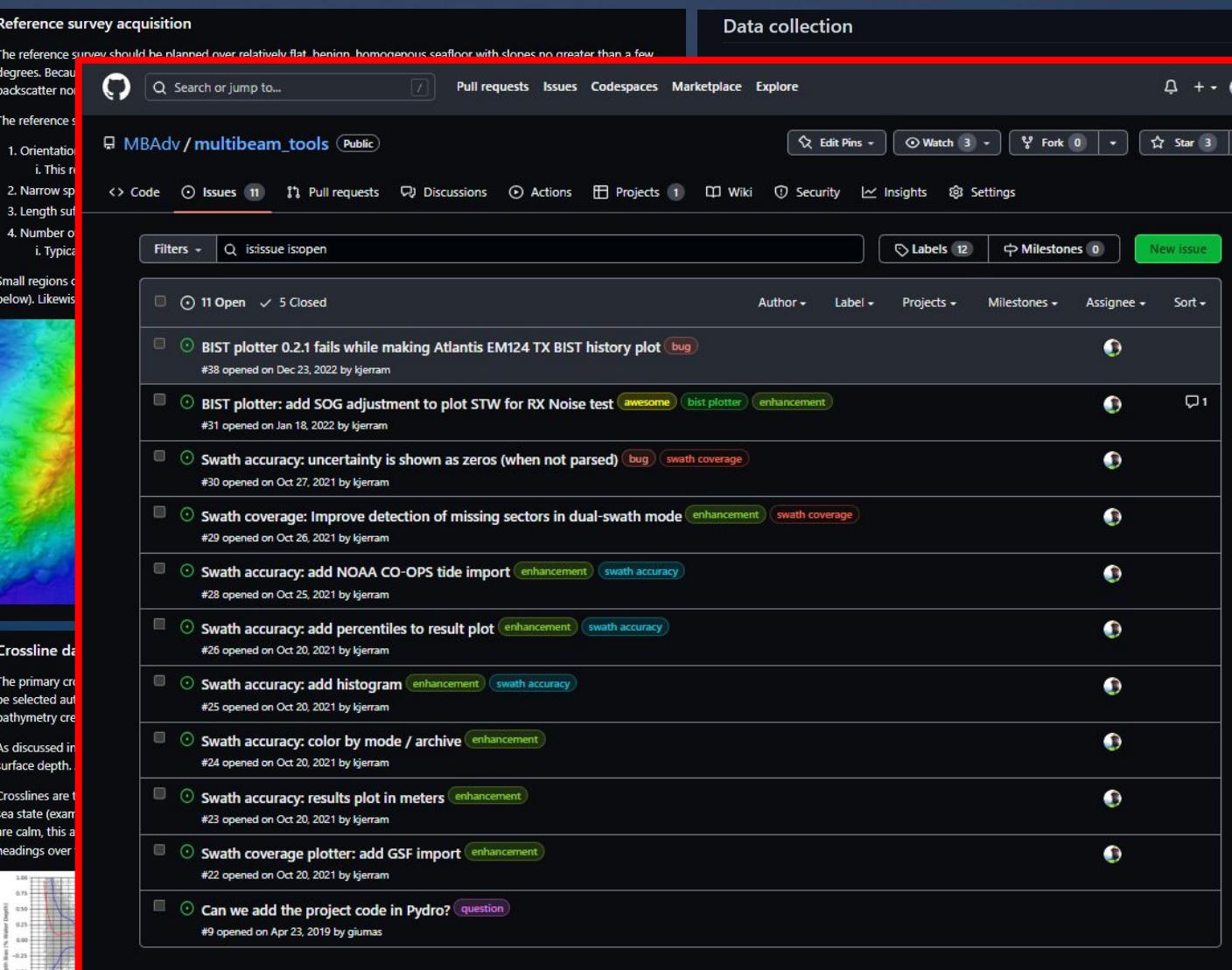
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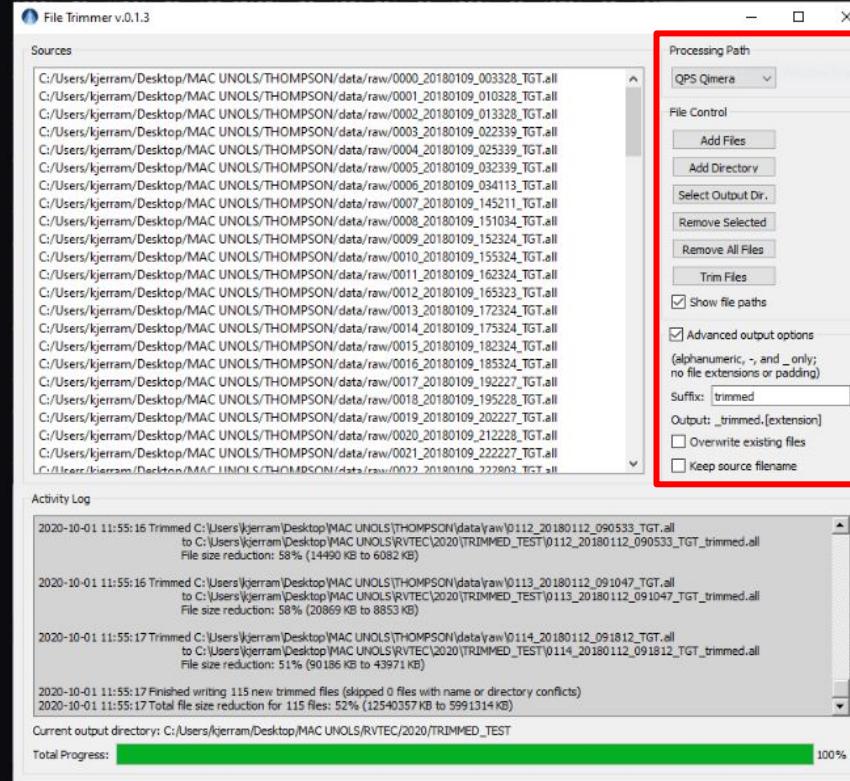
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Purpose

Reducing file sizes and increasing data transfer speeds can be critical for effective remote support and shoreside processing. The File Trimmer identifies datagram types that are unnecessary for a chosen processing path (limited to Qimera or Caris at present) and writes a new file excluding these datagrams.

Depending on ping rate and datagram types being logged, users operating in deep water (several thousand m) have achieved nearly 90% reductions in file sizes by trimming and zipping files for transfer.

Warnings

The File Trimmer has several precautions built in to prevent accidentally writing over the original raw data.

These precautions include:

1. Requiring a different output directory
 - i. Preventing output to the 'source' location
 - ii. Skipping any 'source' files found with the same name in the output location
2. Requiring the user to explicitly allow overwriting existing files with the same name,
3. Warning the user when the original file name must be maintained (but not allowing the overwrite option)

Despite these barriers, there are always creative ways to overwrite the original raw data.

It is ultimately up to the user to select output file naming schemes and locations that protect the original raw data.

Keeping source file names

The user must anticipate whether the remote processing project on shore will ultimately reference the raw data after download from the ship in port. If so, the project's source file names (typically) must match exactly, as only the file location and not the file name can be updated (e.g., 'Find New File Location' in Qimera).

The File Trimmer can preserve the original file names in order to support this approach, with certain other precautions in place, and assuming the user is protecting the raw data. See the pop-up windows that appear when the 'Keep source filename' option is checked.

.KMAIL conversion

The File Trimmer currently supports .all (SIS 4) file format only.

SIS 5 users can convert .kmail files to .all with the conversion app provided by Kongsberg, and then run the converted .all files through the File Trimmer for a significant reduction.

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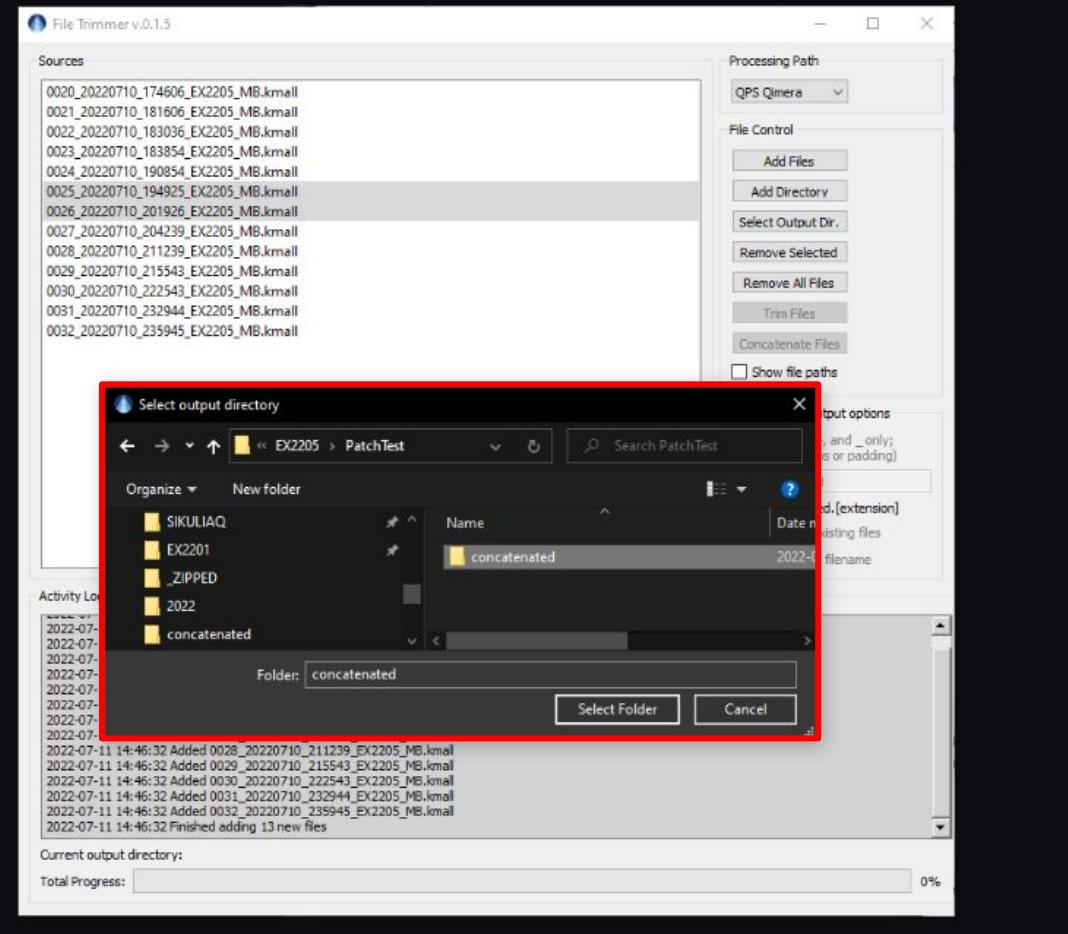
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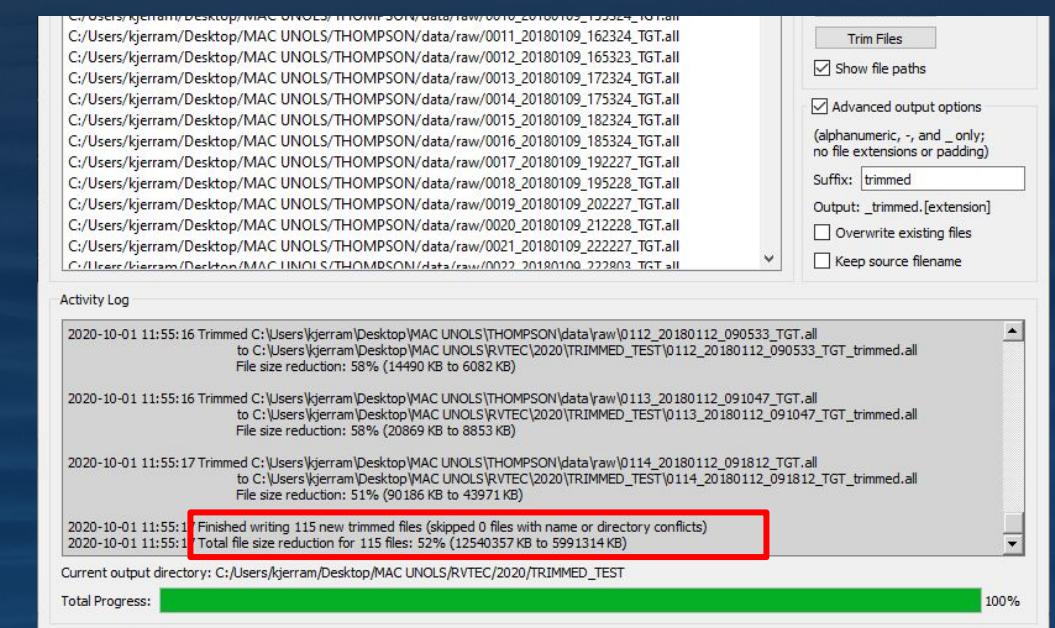
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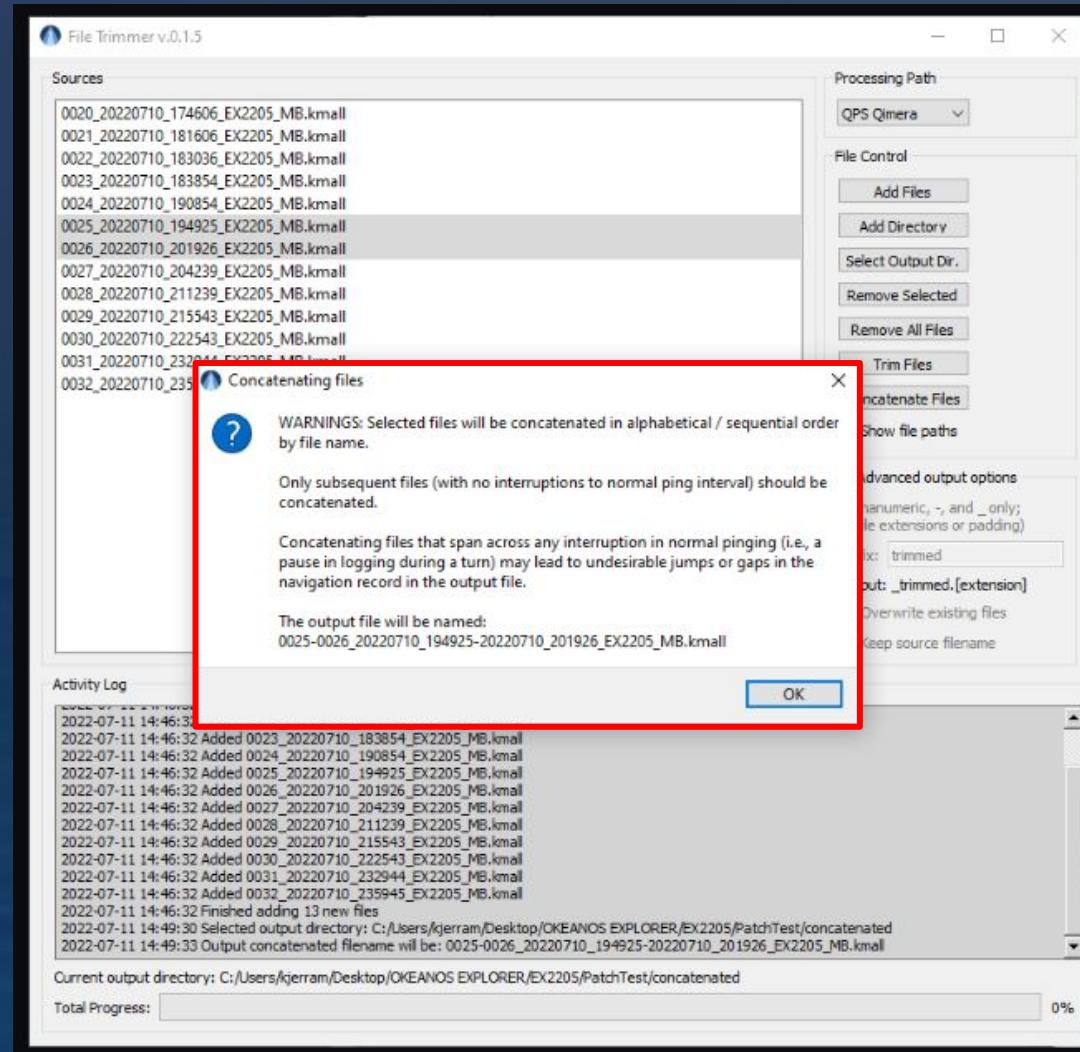
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2. Select the output directory
3. Select and advanced options, if desired
 - i. The pop-up windows will describe the tradeoffs of each option
4. Select Trim Files; all loaded files will be processed
5. Review the trimmed files in your selected output folder



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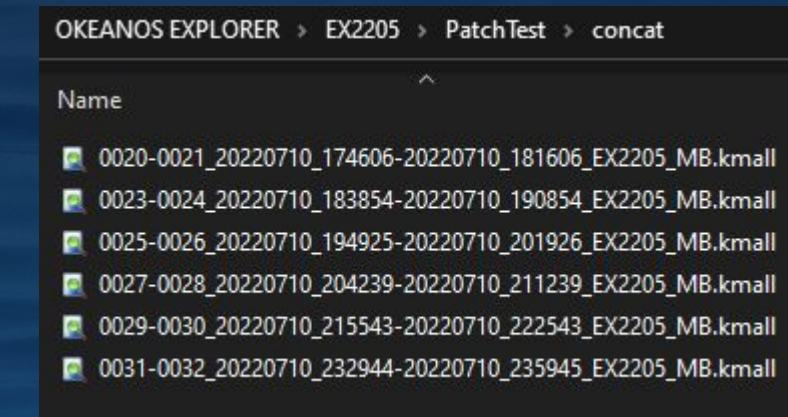


Concatenating files

The File Trimmer includes an option to Concatenate Files (.all and .kmall). This is especially helpful when files have been incremented or split at an inconvenient time during acquisition, such as in the middle of a calibration file (e.g., processing calibration data may be easier with a single file for each pass).

To concatenate .all or .kmall files:

1. Add files or a source directory
2. Select the output directory
3. Select the files to be concatenated
 - i. Note: files must be highlighted to be concatenated
 - ii. Files should be sequential, incremented in SIS during acquisition with no time gaps
 - iii. Files with time gaps between them should not be concatenated!
4. The pop-up window will indicate the new unique file name for output, including file numbers and date / time range.
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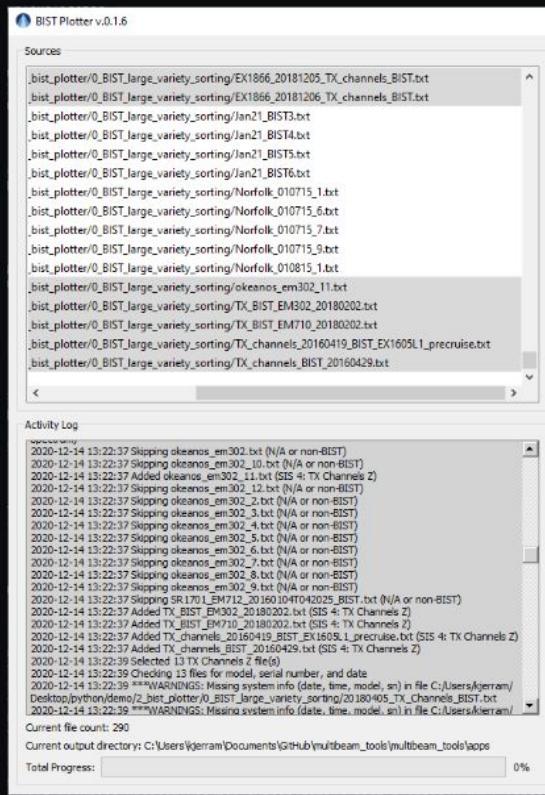
BIST Plotter

The Built-In Self-Test (BIST) plotter currently supports three types of testing:

1. TX Channels
2. RX Channels
3. RX Noise Level

Collecting BISTS describes BIST logging in general, whereas specific acquisition steps for each test type are detailed in their respective sections.

Likewise, Plotting BISTS provides an overview of plotting steps; the individual test sections include more details.



Collecting BISTS

The BIST menu is accessed through the Installation Parameters.

Test	Date	Time	Seq No	BIST	Result	Description
2016/04/19 04:52:30	2016/04/19	04:52:30	1	EM 302	PASSED	System information - EM 302
2016/04/19 04:52:39	2016/04/19	04:52:39	2	EM 302	PASSED	Software configuration - EM 302
2016/04/19 04:52:45	2016/04/19	04:52:45	3	EM 302	PASSED	RX noise level - EM 302
2016/04/19 04:52:56	2016/04/19	04:52:56	4	EM 302	PASSED	RX noise level - EM 302
2016/04/19 04:53:57	2016/04/19	04:53:57	5	EM 302	PASSED	Thermometer - EM 302
2016/04/19 04:54:21	2016/04/19	04:54:21	6	EM 302	PASSED	RCM config - EM 302
2016/04/19 04:54:15	2016/04/19	04:54:15	7	EM 302	PASSED	RCM CMF - EM 302
2016/04/19 04:54:03	2016/04/19	04:54:03	8	EM 302	PASSED	RCM CPU link - EM 302
2016/04/19 04:54:09	2016/04/19	04:54:09	9	EM 302	PASSED	Thermometer - EM 302
2016/04/19 04:54:54	2016/04/19	04:54:54	10	EM 302	PASSED	RX noise - EM 302
2016/04/19 04:54:54	2016/04/19	04:54:54	11	EM 302	PASSED	CPU heat - EM 302

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Built-In Self-Test Plotter

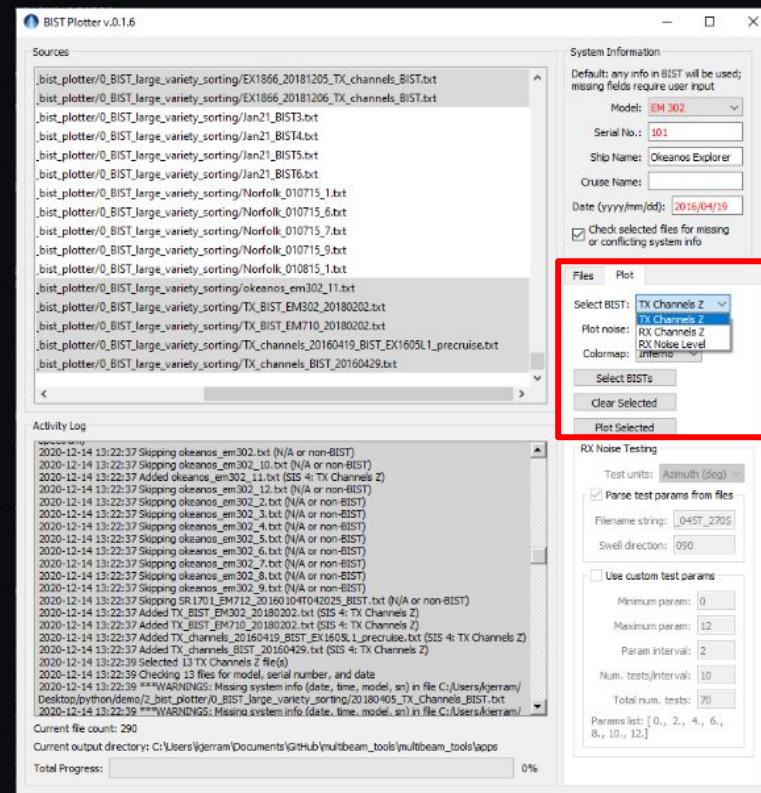
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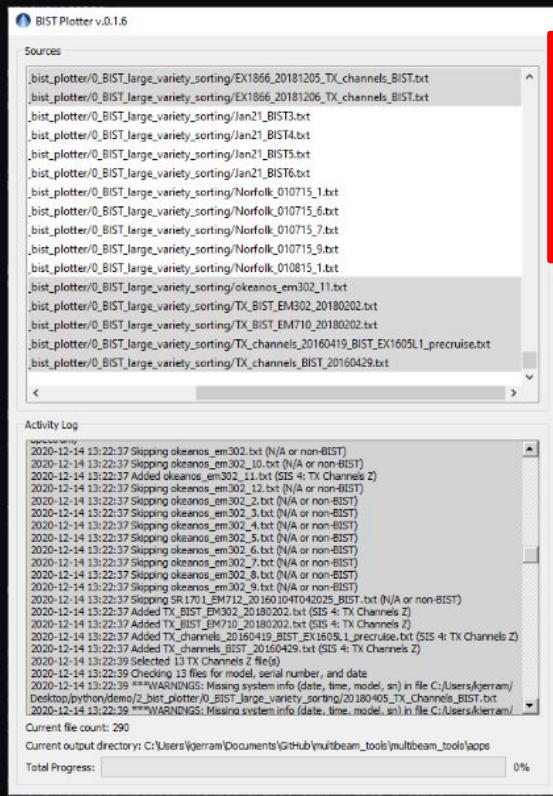
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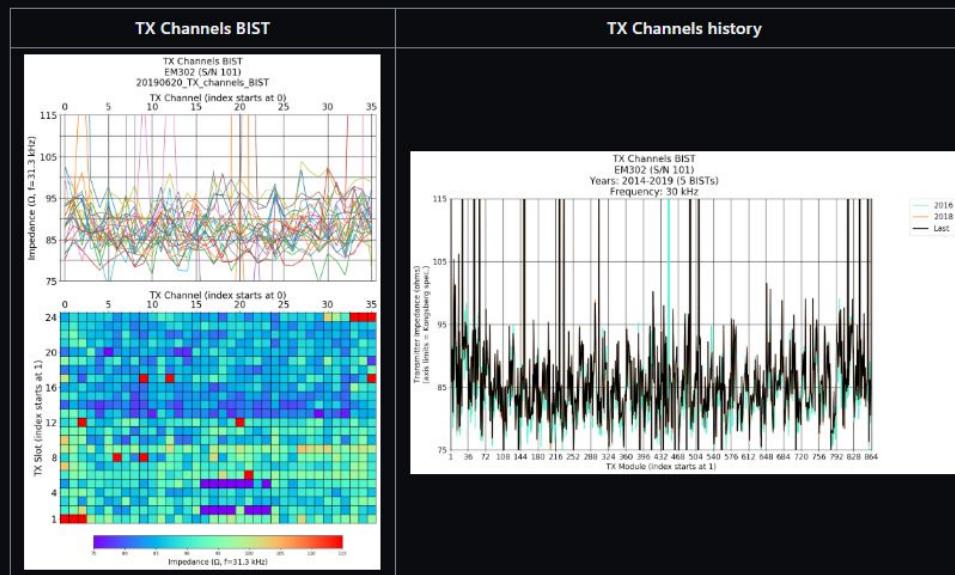
BIST Plotter: TX and RX Channels

TX and RX Channels

TX Channels and RX Channels data can be used as **proxies** for hardware health, such as identifying and tracking channels with abnormally high impedance (open circuit) or low impedance (short circuit). These BISTS are NOT a substitute for direct impedance analyses of transducer elements, which may reveal other modes of degradation outside the scope of TX and RX Channels BISTS.

These tests can be particularly helpful in troubleshooting the source of impedance anomalies (e.g., high or low values moving with a card that is relocated in the TRU or remaining associated with a particular module / cable).

Example TX Channels plots for a single test and history of tests (2014-19) for one system are shown below. These plots illustrate increasing numbers of element failures over time, despite consistent average impedance trends for the 'good' elements. (This TX array was replaced after 11 years in service.)



Note that TX Channels tests have been observed to fail in 'shallow' water (e.g., in port). In this case, the test should be repeated in 'deep' water (e.g., >500 m).

SIS 4 TX Channels Logging

TX Channels tests can be run from the SIS BIST menu, but results are not logged to the text output. Experienced users can follow the [SIS 4 TX Channels Logging](#) instructions to record these tests from a telnet session.

SIS 5 TX Channels Logging

TX Channels tests can be run and logged from the SIS 5 BIST menu.

Instructions for Kongsberg EM Multibeam Echosounder

TX Channels Testing (SIS 4)

Multibeam Advisory Committee

2021 Jan 28

Warning

This procedure involves a technical environment, should be performed below includes exporting the

Purpose

Poor transmitter performance limits swath width, and can slow performance may not be readily apparent. The slow pace of degradation, but

The general health of a Kong measure proxies for impedance array. When monitored routine owners/operators of degradin

Multibeam performance assessment time, are available at <http://m> data from the UNOLS fleet a testing aboard other vessels

Note that the TX Channels BIST is useful for tracking general measure element impedance

Collect TX Channels

The routine suite of BISTS runs does not record the results in text file. Instead, record the results to a text file. Voltage is an indicator of element which may result from cycling

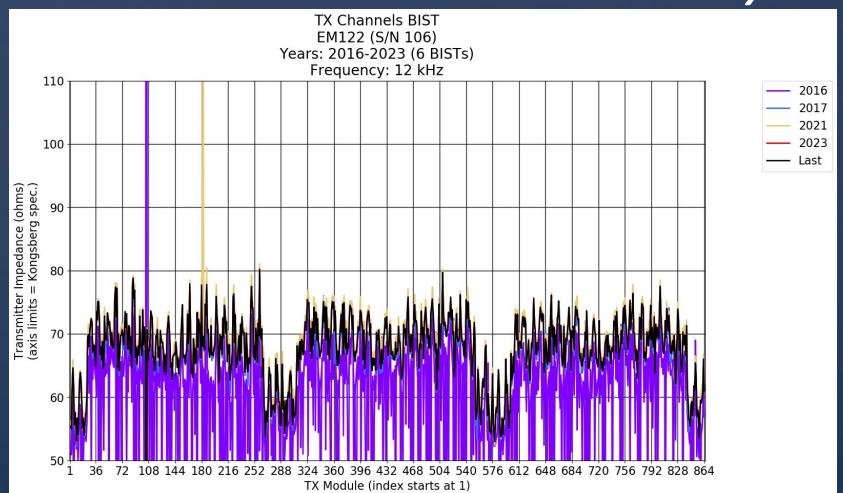
1. Ensure TRU is ON
2. Open SIS, scan for echosounders, and load the appropriate echosounder
3. Ensure pinging is stopped
4. Export PU Parameters file
 - a. File Export PU Parameters Save to ...\\sisdata\\common\\pu_params
 - b. Use a consistent file naming strategy including the date or cruise name
5. Open the command prompt
 - a. Start type 'cmd' and hit ENTER
6. Type 'telnet -f TX_channels_BIST_[date in YYYYMMDD].txt [TRU IP address]' and hit ENTER
 - a. Typical TRU IP addresses:
 - i. EM122 and EM302: 157.237.14.60
 - ii. EM710: 157.237.2.71
7. Type 'bist' and hit ENTER
 - a. Note: disregard any interruptions of 'P40 – update parameter' and keep typing
 - b. Next: keep track of which test has been requested/completed
8. Type '30' (i.e., for TX channels slot 1-5) and hit ENTER
 - a. Do not touch any other keys
 - b. Wait for the BIST to finish
 - c. Continue only after the BIST menu pops up
 - d. Repeat a. through c. during each of the remaining tests
 - e. The number of TX Channels tests available in the BIST menu will depend on the number of TX modules; ensure that all tests are run in order
9. Type '31' and hit ENTER (i.e., slot 6-10)
10. Type '32' and hit ENTER (i.e., slot 11-15)
11. Type '33' and hit ENTER (i.e., slot 16-20)
12. Type '34' and hit ENTER (i.e., slot 21-24)
13. If the BIST menu includes additional TX Channels tests (beyond test number '34' or slot 24), then complete those tests in order, as above, before continuing
14. Type '-1' and hit ENTER to quit
15. Close the command prompt or type 'exit' and hit ENTER
16. Move the output text file from C: to a suitable BIST directory (e.g., ...\\sisdata\\common\\bist)



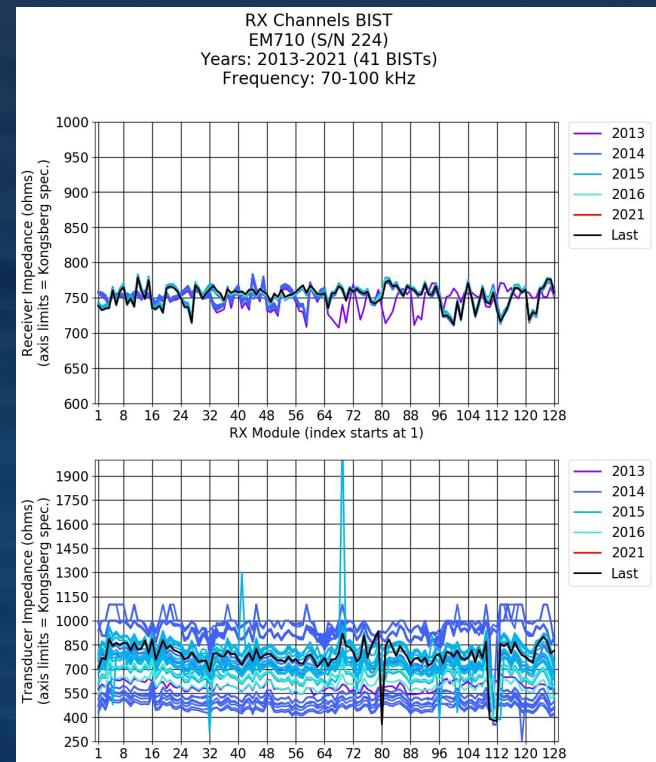
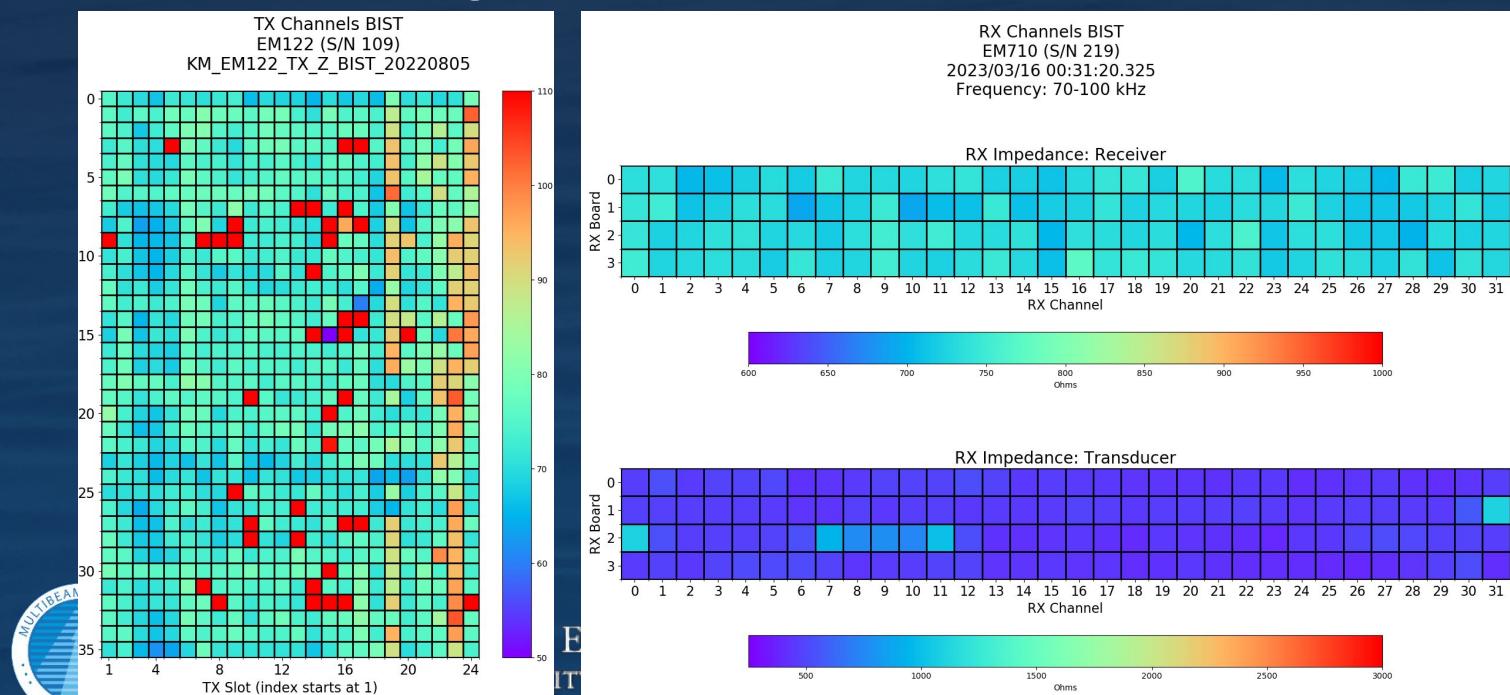
BIST Plotter: TX and RX Channels

1. Verify all channels pass during SAT
2. Track failures of individual channels
3. Monitor general trends across the arrays
4. Plan direct impedance measurements

TX and RX Channels history

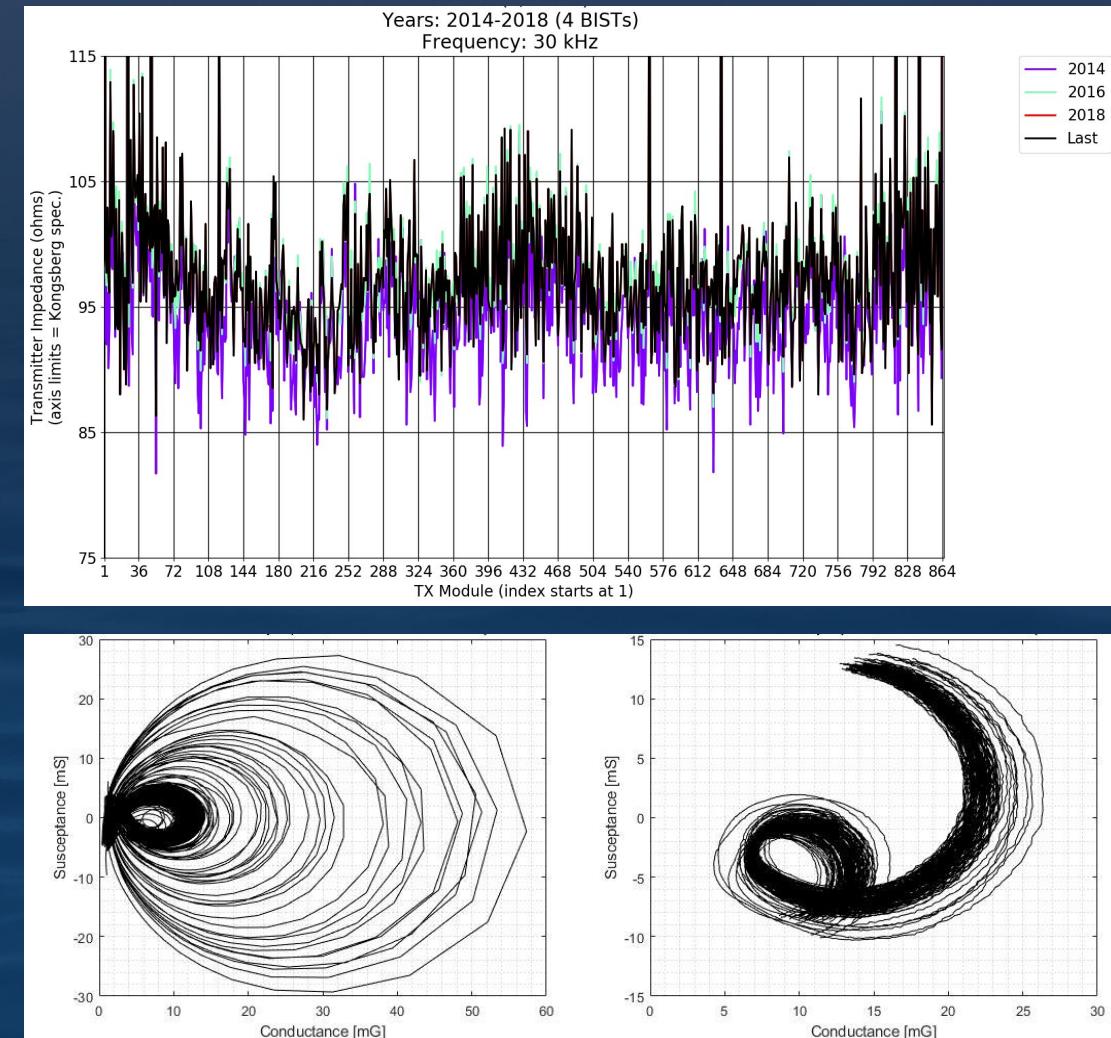
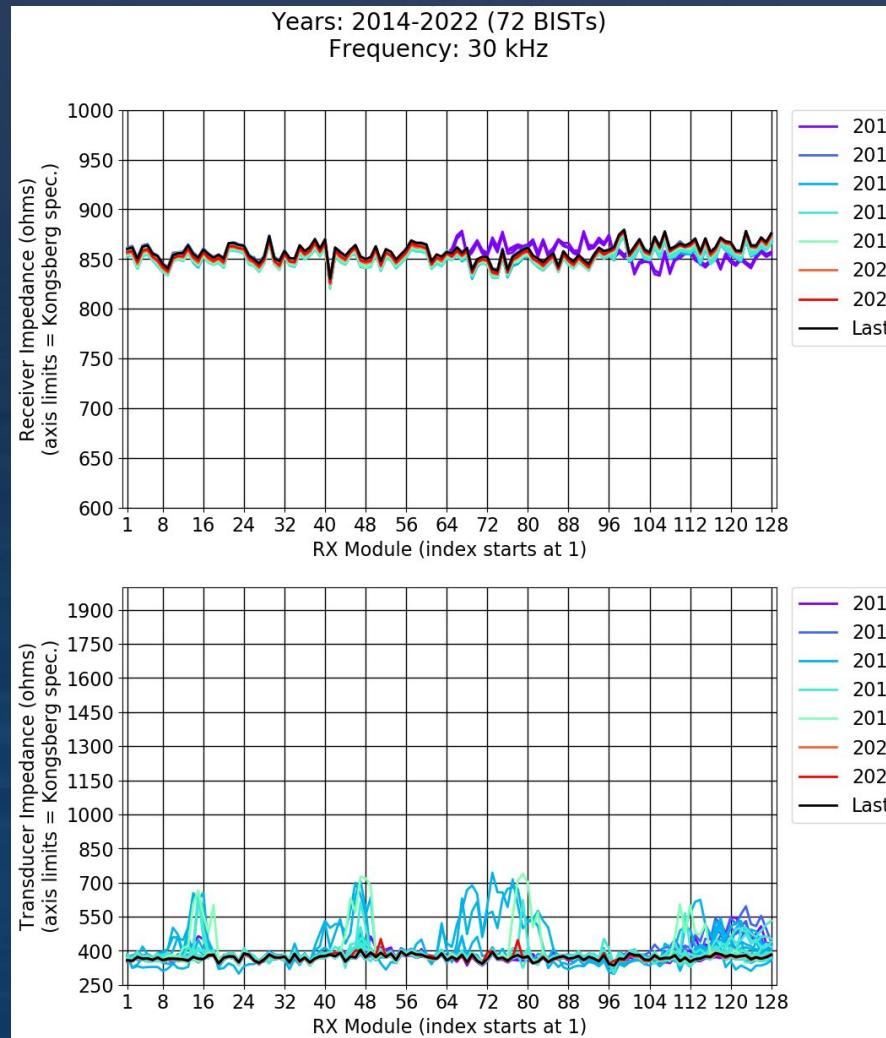


Single TX and RX Channels BISTS



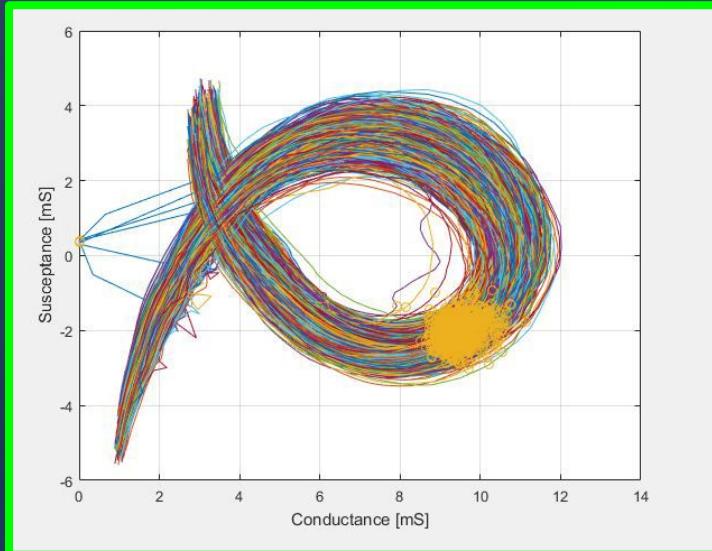
Example from the Field: Hardware Health

- Routine BIST monitoring is extremely useful for tracking **general system health**
- **Direct impedance analysis** is critical; some element-level trends not reflected in BISTS

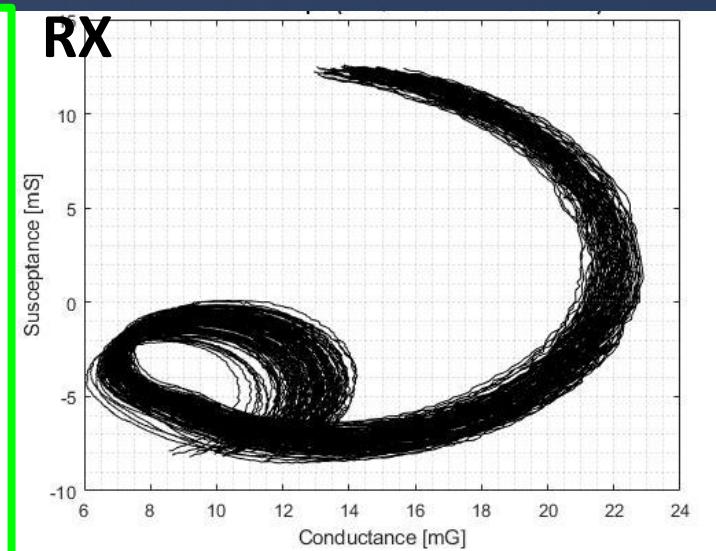
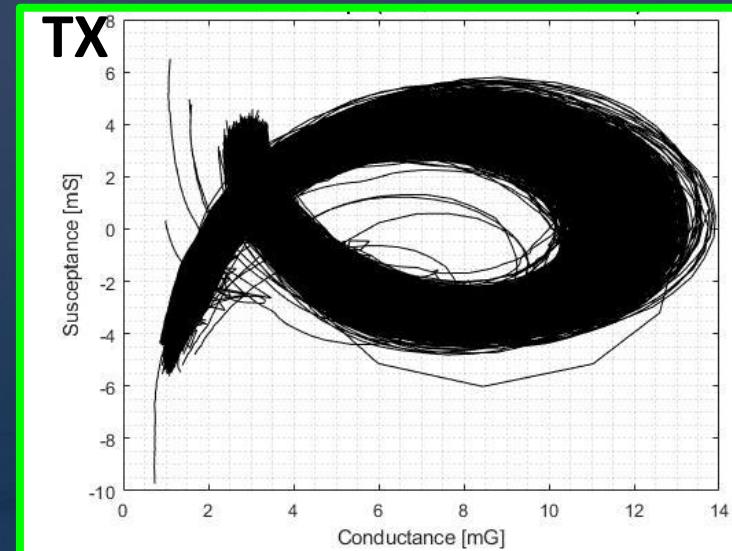


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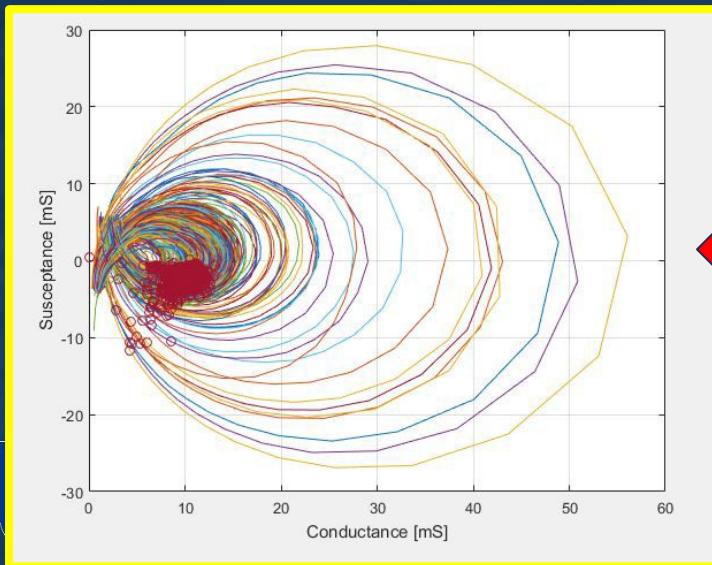
'Healthy' EM302 TX (Kongsberg)



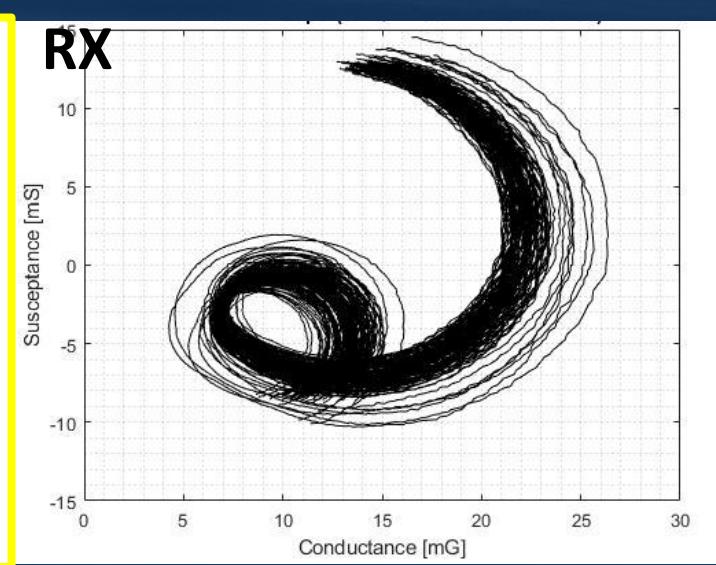
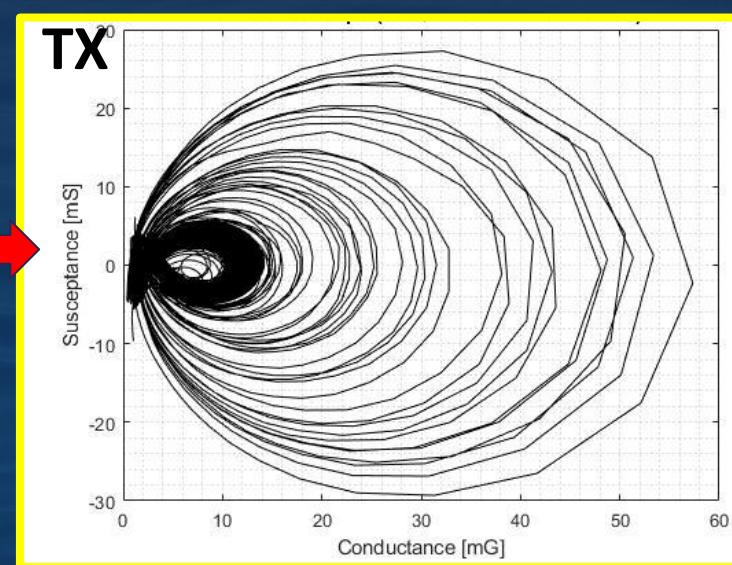
UNOLS EM302 (2020, 6 yrs)



'Failing' EM302 TX (NOAA, 12 yrs)



UNOLS EM302 (2022, 8 yrs)



BIST Plotter: RX Noise Levels

1. Evaluate noise trends vs. speed and sea state
2. Pre- and post-shipyard noise check

RX Noise vs. other parameters

RX Noise data can be collected to assess other parameters, and the BIST Plotter provides some support for standard test parameters that can be appended to the file names (see parameter drop-down menu in the BIST Plotter for examples and tool tips).

Test parameters not directly supported by the BIST Plotter (i.e., listed in the drop-down menu) may still be examined by logging individual BIST files for each parameter of interest. These files may include multiple BISTs, but each file should represent a unique parameter or configuration and the user will need to ensure good note-taking for each BIST file.

If the BIST plotter does not support a particular test parameter, the BIST files may still be plotted individually for comparison (e.g., with custom system information or plot titles). Please reach out to the MAC with requests (and examples) for other test parameters.

SIS 4 RX Noise Logging

RX Noise logging in SIS 4 can be done through manual logging or with an AutoBIST script.

Manual logging

Any number of BISTs can be run and logged sequentially and wait for it to complete before starting the next.

AutoBIST

The MAC can provide an 'autoBIST' Windows script to run the RX Spectrum tests and log the results to a BIST text file. The BIST Plotter app. Please contact the MAC for these scripts.

There is one .wsf file for RX Noise and one .wsf file for RX Spectrum. To run the AutoBIST script, open a command window, TRU, request the appropriate BISTS, and log the results.

It is imperative that no other keys or buttons are pressed during the execution of the AutoBIST script. Any interruption will interfere with the telnet session and cause the connection to the host to be lost.

Before running the autoBIST scripts, first open each Kongsberg EM file and change the correct IP address for the Kongsberg TRU in line 1. Then run the autoBIST_RXspectrum.wsf for each Kongsberg EM file. This will reduce the chance of confusion between the two BISTs.

After the scripts are updated/confirmed with the MAC, run the AutoBIST script.

Logging procedure

The SIS 4 logging procedure is similar for testing against speed, azimuth, or any other parameter.

Note the magnitude and direction of currents, as these can be applied in the BIST Plotter to adjust speed over ground (SOG) to speed through water (STW). For instance, a test series *into a 1-kt current* can be plotted as [SOG parsed from the SIS 4 BIST file] + 1 kt [entered in plotter] - [STW on plot axis].

1. Clear all BISTS

2. Secure transmission for all acoustic systems (EM, EK, SBP, ADCP, USBL, DVL, bridge sounder, etc.)

3. Clear all / stop logging all BISTS

For RX noise vs. SPEED

1. Slow the ship to the lowest speed allowable under the sea state (drifting if possible)

2. Start continuous logging for the RX Noise Level BIST

i. Add RX Noise Spectrum only if necessary for troubleshooting a particular source of interference
ii. Results will be logged (with speed in SIS 5 for non-EM2040 models) to a new BIST text file

3. Very slowly bring the ship up to the maximum speed allowable
i. Ensure at least 10 tests within each one-knot speed interval (e.g., a test over 0-12 kts should include *at least* 120 BISTS)
ii. Note any changes in propulsion modes (times, speeds, engine lineups, pitch, etc., as necessary to characterize changes in the noise results)

4. The gentle acceleration process may take 5-10 minutes, depending on how quickly the BISTS are completed

i. The more gradual the acceleration, the more closely each test resembles a 'steady state' speed test

5. Stop logging (toggle 'continuous tests' off) and SAVE

6. Ensure the speed series file name has a suitably descriptive file name, e.g., *_2-10kts_into_1m_seas.txt* or *_0-14kts_calm.txt*

7. Clear old BISTS after verifying BIST file contents in a text editor

If time allows, after the gently accelerating RX Noise vs. speed test:

1. Clear all BISTS

2. Start continuous logging while the vessel very slowly decelerates back to drifting

3. Stop logging and save the second batch of continuous BISTS

For RX noise vs. AZIMUTH

1. Bring the vessel to the azimuth of interest

i. This is usually pointing 'into the seas' (azimuth = 0)

2. Wait for confirmation from the bridge that the vessel is steady

3. Start continuous logging for the RX Noise Level BIST

4. Log for at least 5 minutes, keeping speed and azimuth constant

5. Stop logging (toggle 'continuous tests' off) and SAVE

6. Add ship heading as *_045.txt* or *_045.txt*

i. Identify the test heading into the seas, e.g., *045_into_seas.txt*

7. Clear old BISTS after verifying BIST file contents in a text editor

8. Repeat for all azimuths in 45-degree increments (or desired step size) until the vessel is pointing back into the seas

Transient vs. steady state

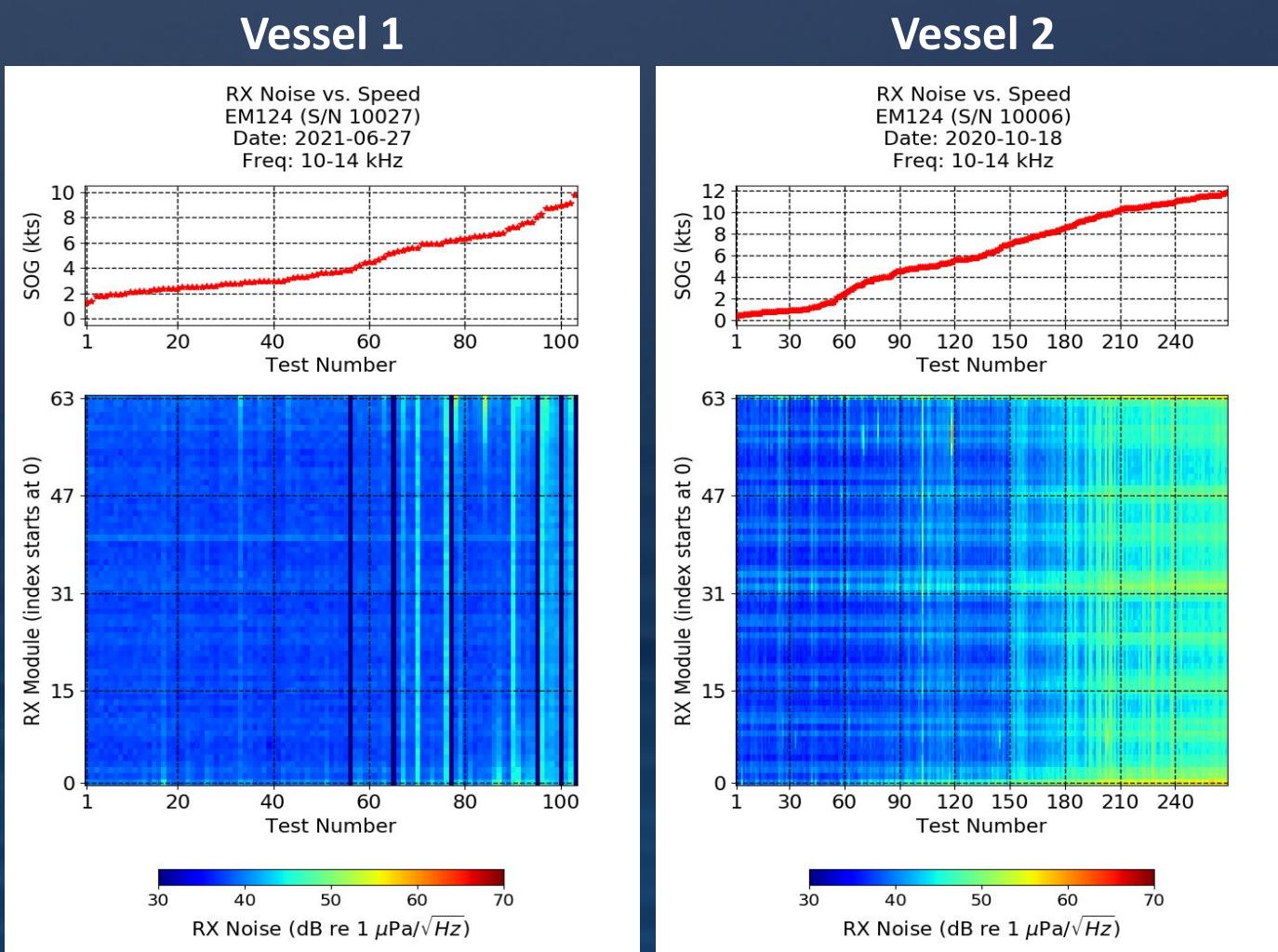
Some vessels exhibit significantly higher noise levels under even the slightest acceleration (e.g., +1 kt/min) compared to the 'steady state' speed-noise trends that are of interest for selecting a survey speed.



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BIST Plotter: RX Noise vs. Speed

1. Evaluate noise trends in **calm seas**
2. Plot noise levels versus:
 - a. Speed over ground
 - b. Speed through water
 - c. Engine or shaft speed
 - d. Propeller pitch
 - e. Thrust load (% of max)
 - f. Engine / generator / machinery



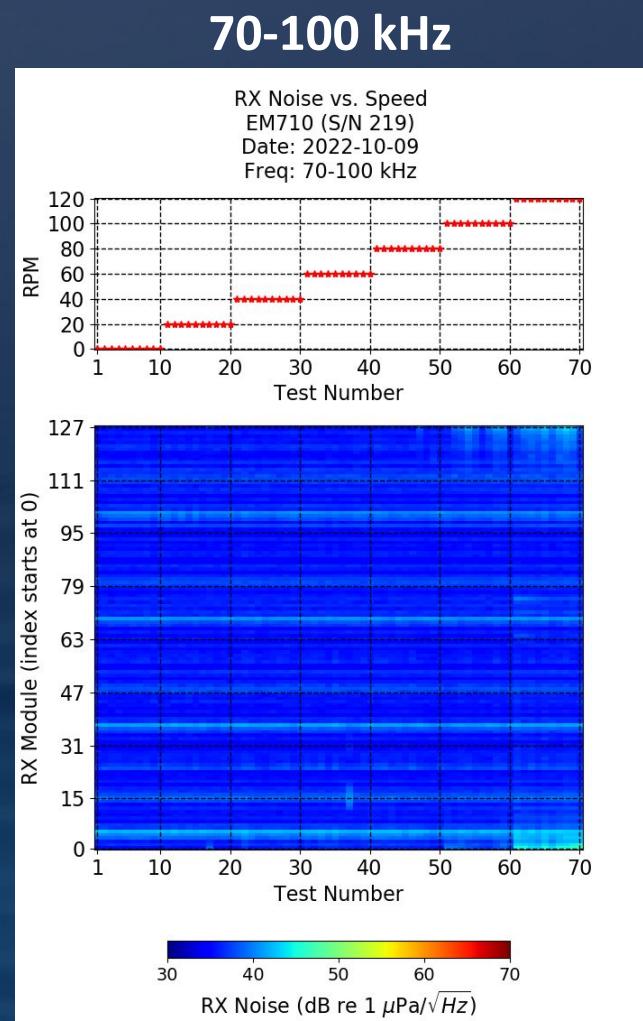
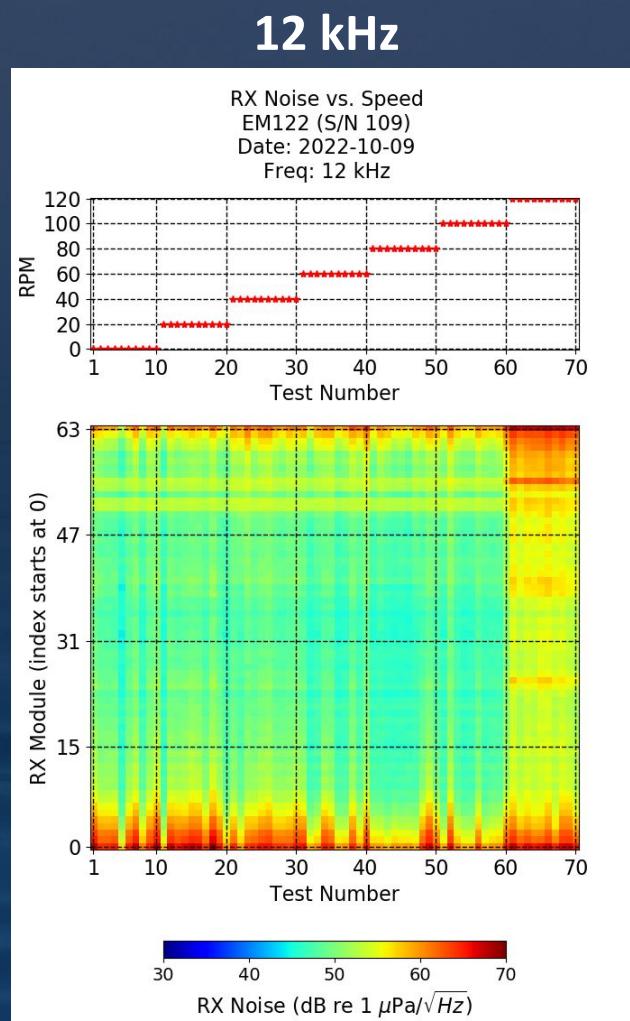
Vertical stripe = swell impact (all channels)

Horizontal stripe = noisy channel (all tests)



BIST Plotter: RX Noise vs. Speed

1. Frequency-dependent noise trends
2. Same test, same ship, different systems
3. Detect interference from other sonars



Vertical stripe = swell impact (all channels)

Horizontal stripe = noisy channel (all tests)



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BIST Plotter: RX Noise vs. Swell Direction

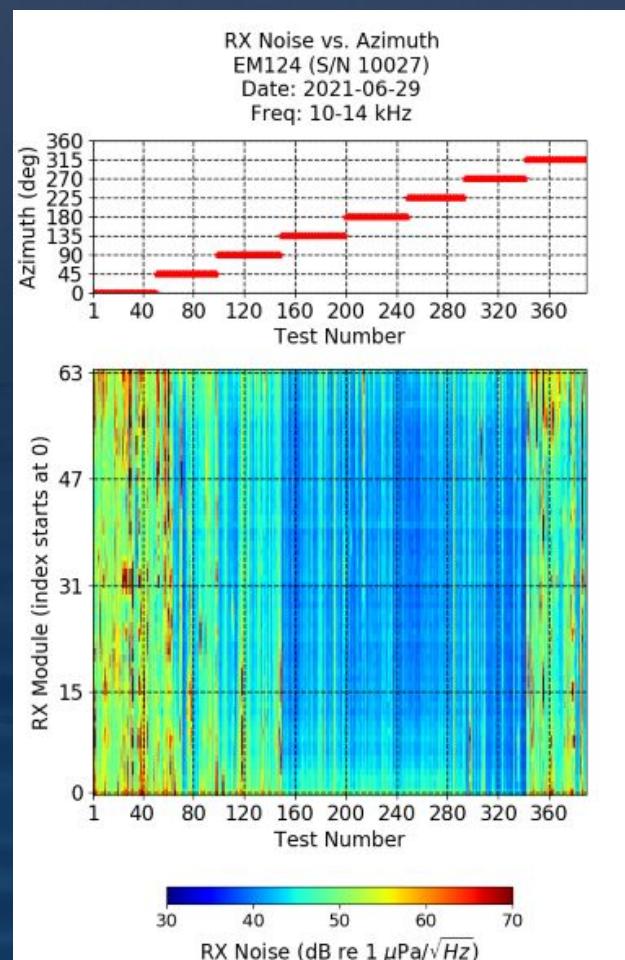
1. Evaluate noise trends in **elevated seas**
2. Identify quietest survey orientations
3. Assess bubble sweep, gondola, etc.
4. Highly vessel-dependent

Azimuth 0° = heading into swell

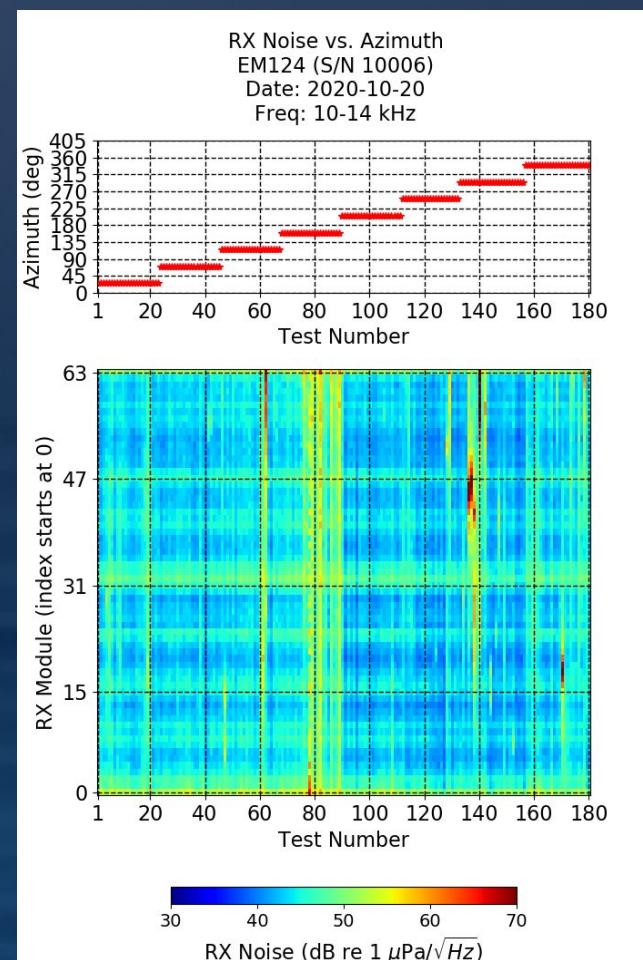
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Vessel 1

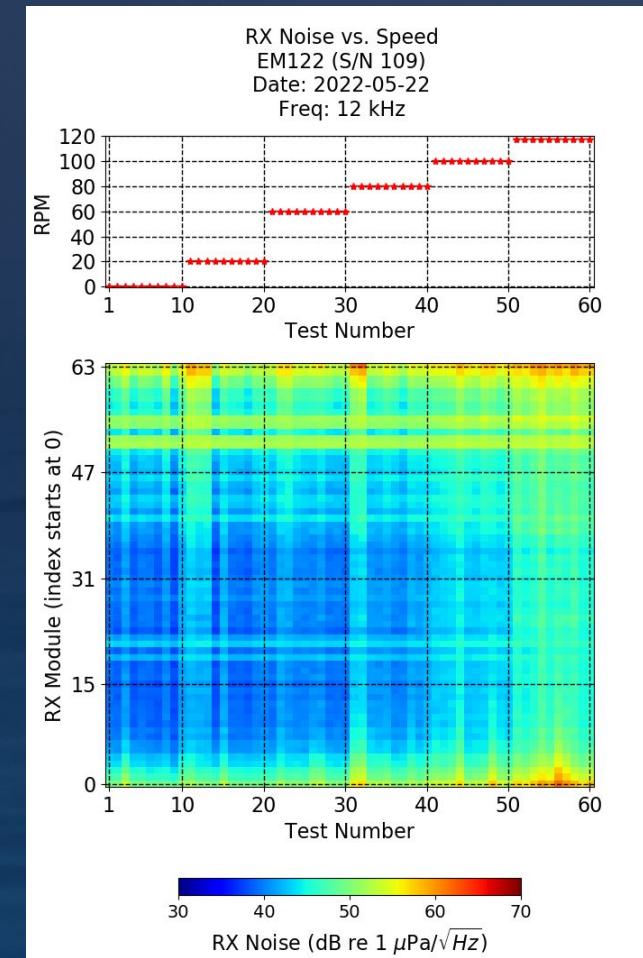


Vessel 2



Example from the Field: RX Noise Tracking

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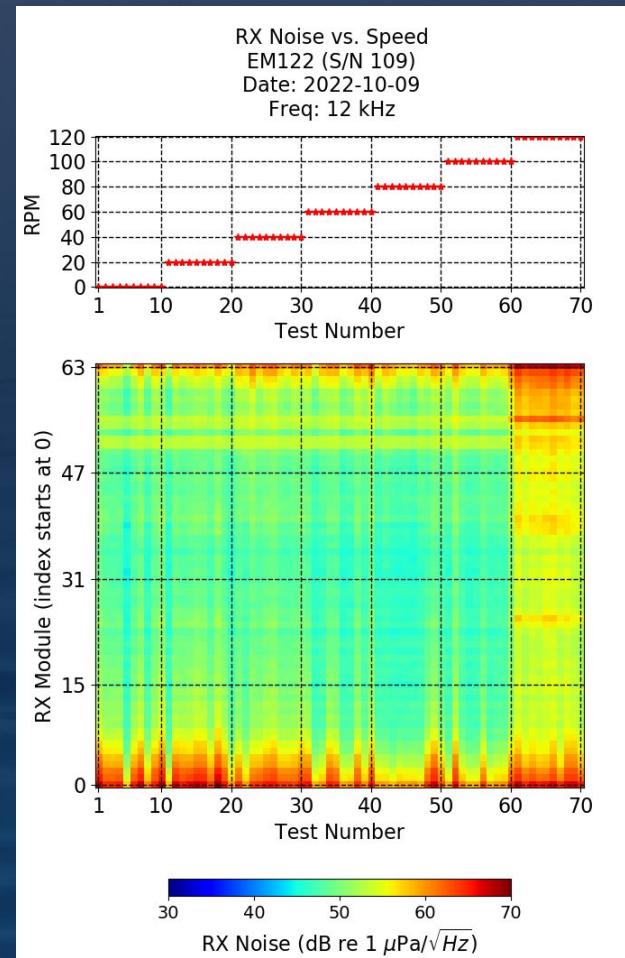


Same vessel...
What changed?

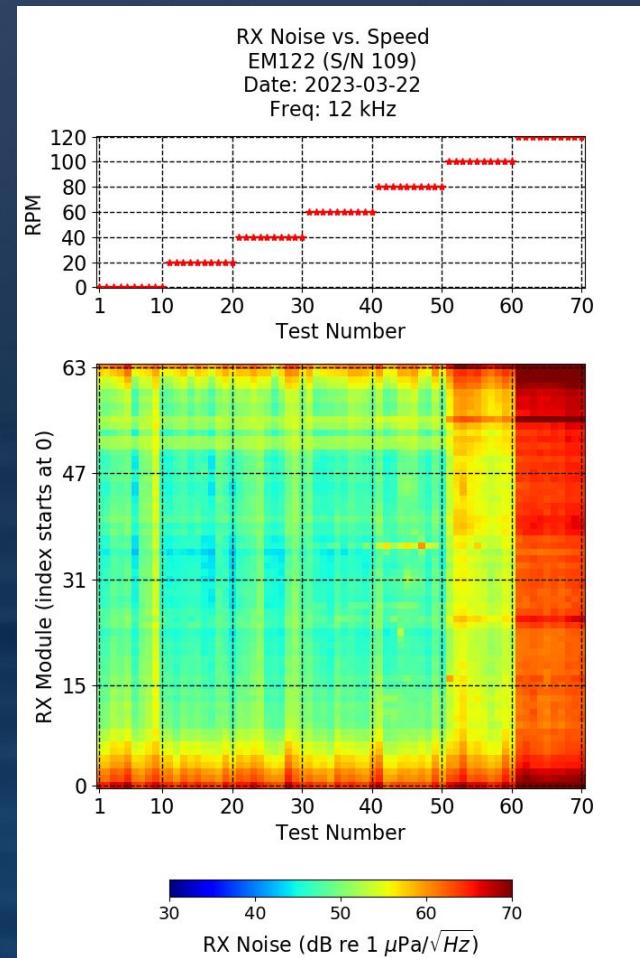
Noise levels increased
across all speeds...
Machinery?
Recent work?

Noise levels increased
at 100-120 RPM...
Fouling? Cavitation?

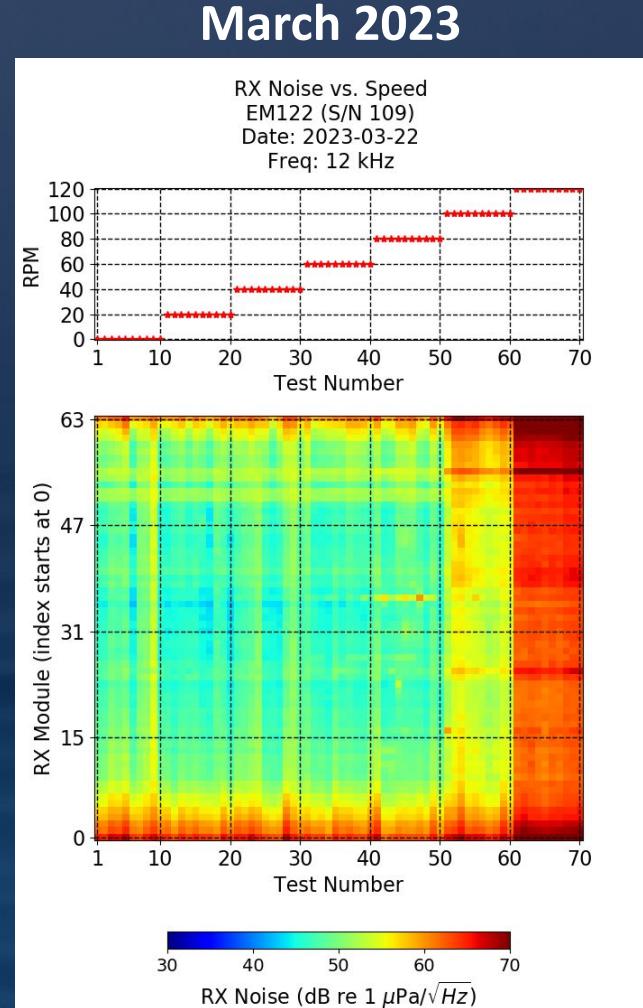
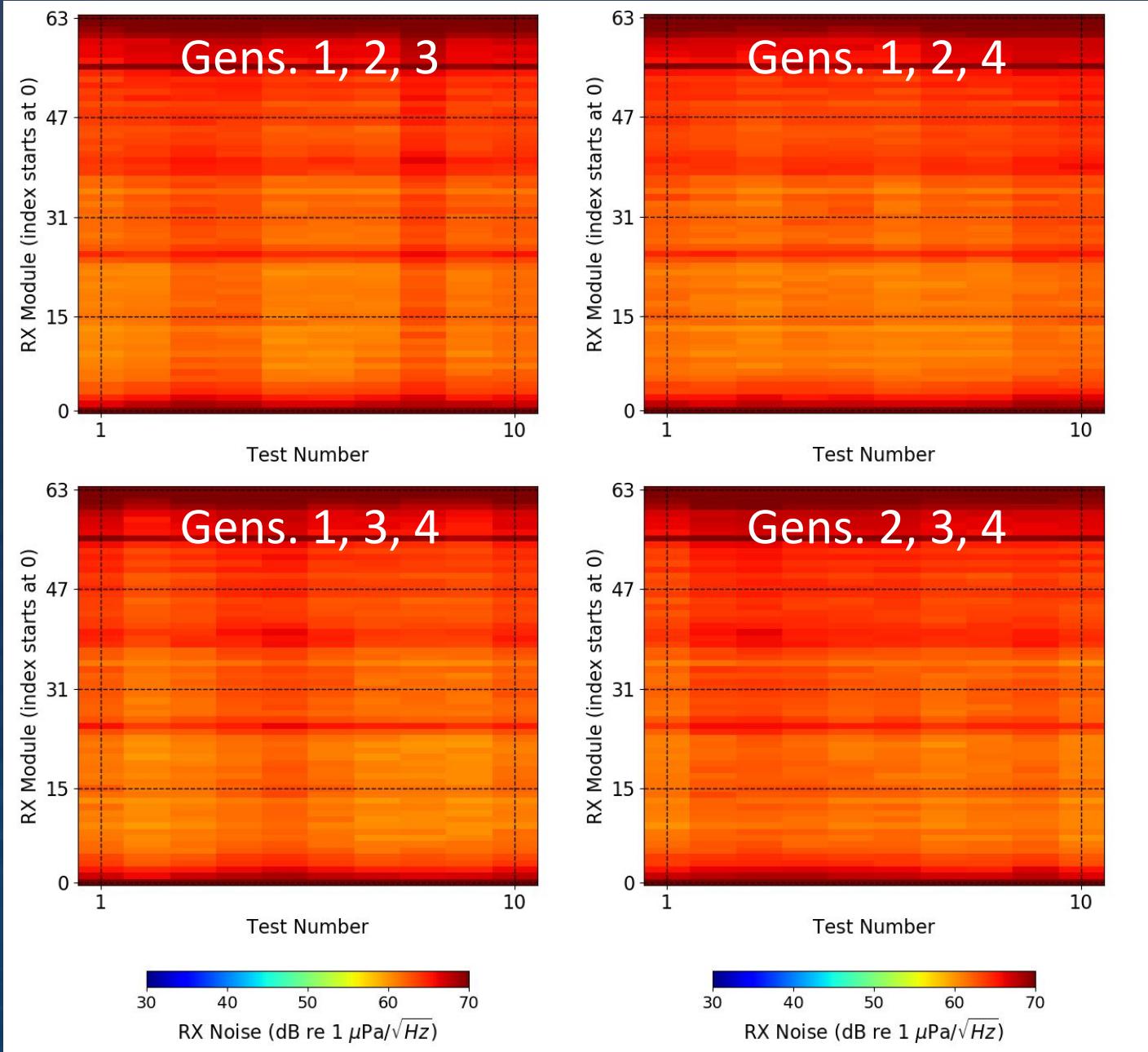
October 2022



March 2023

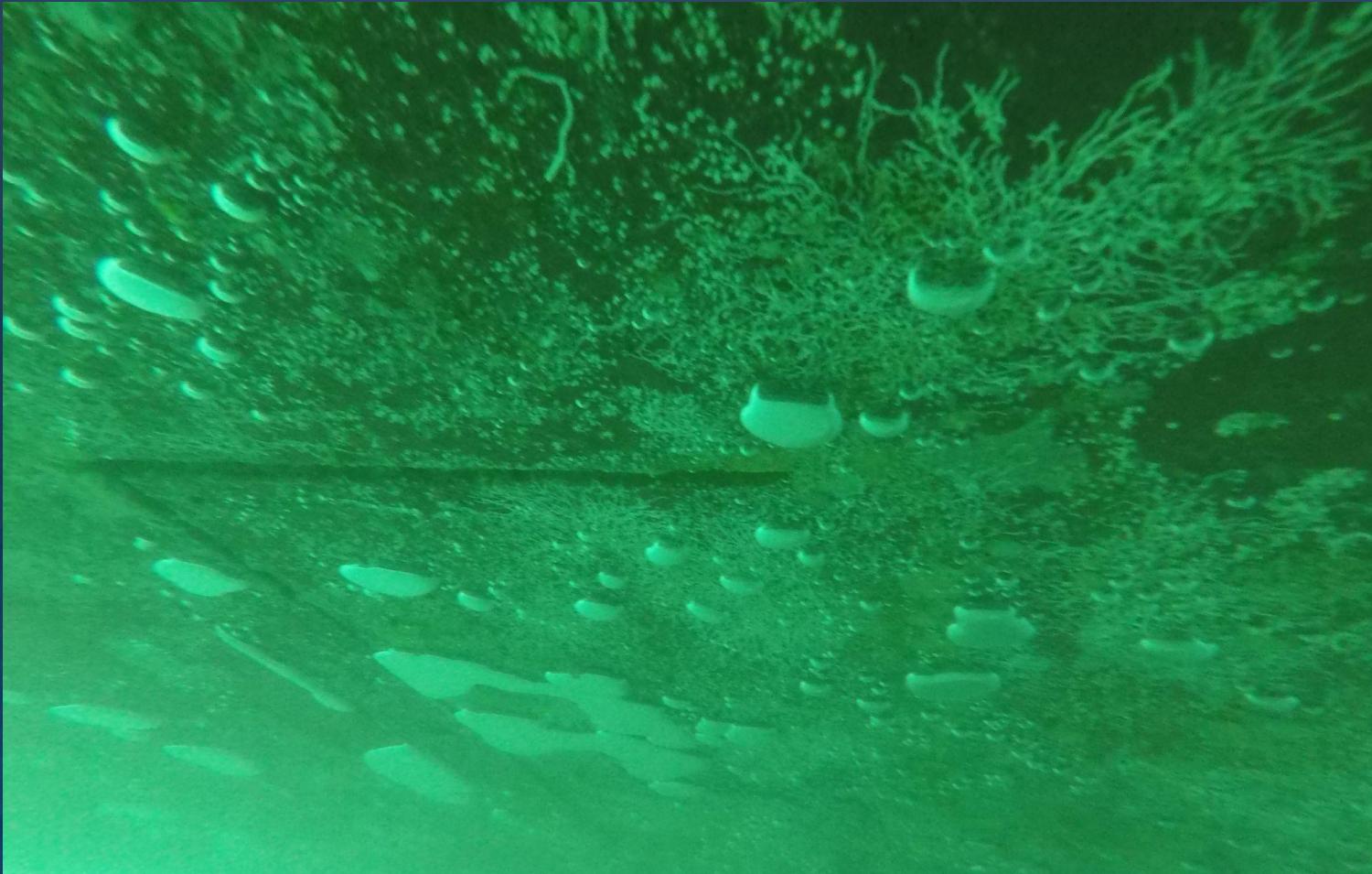


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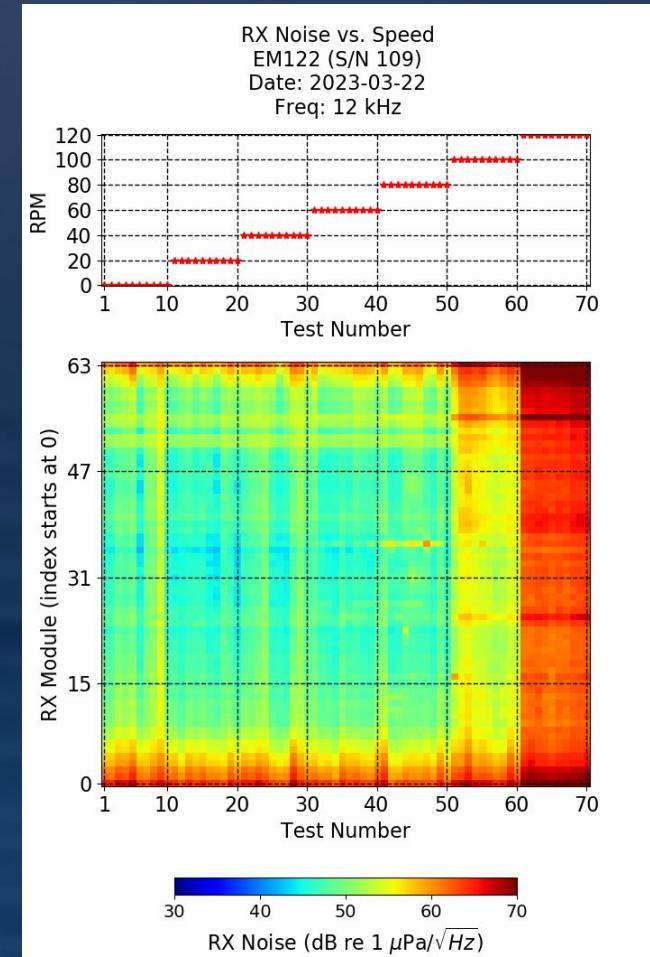


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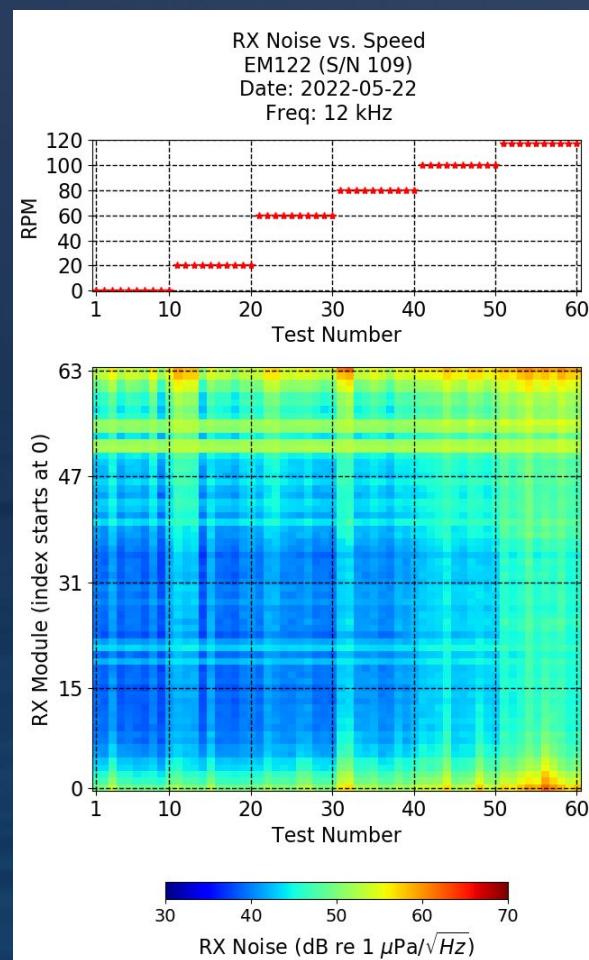
Diver inspection showing biofouling on/near arrays (April 2023)



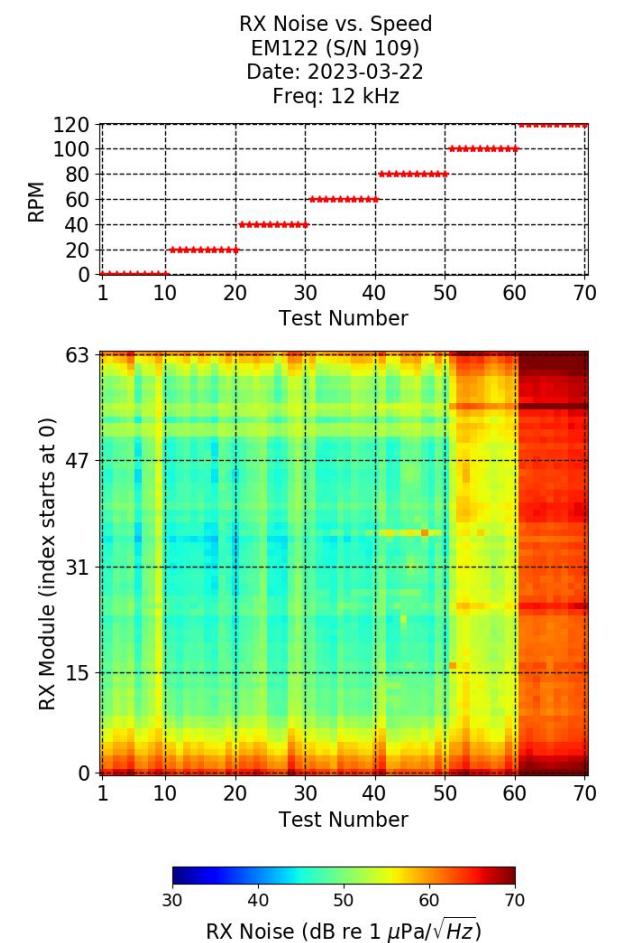
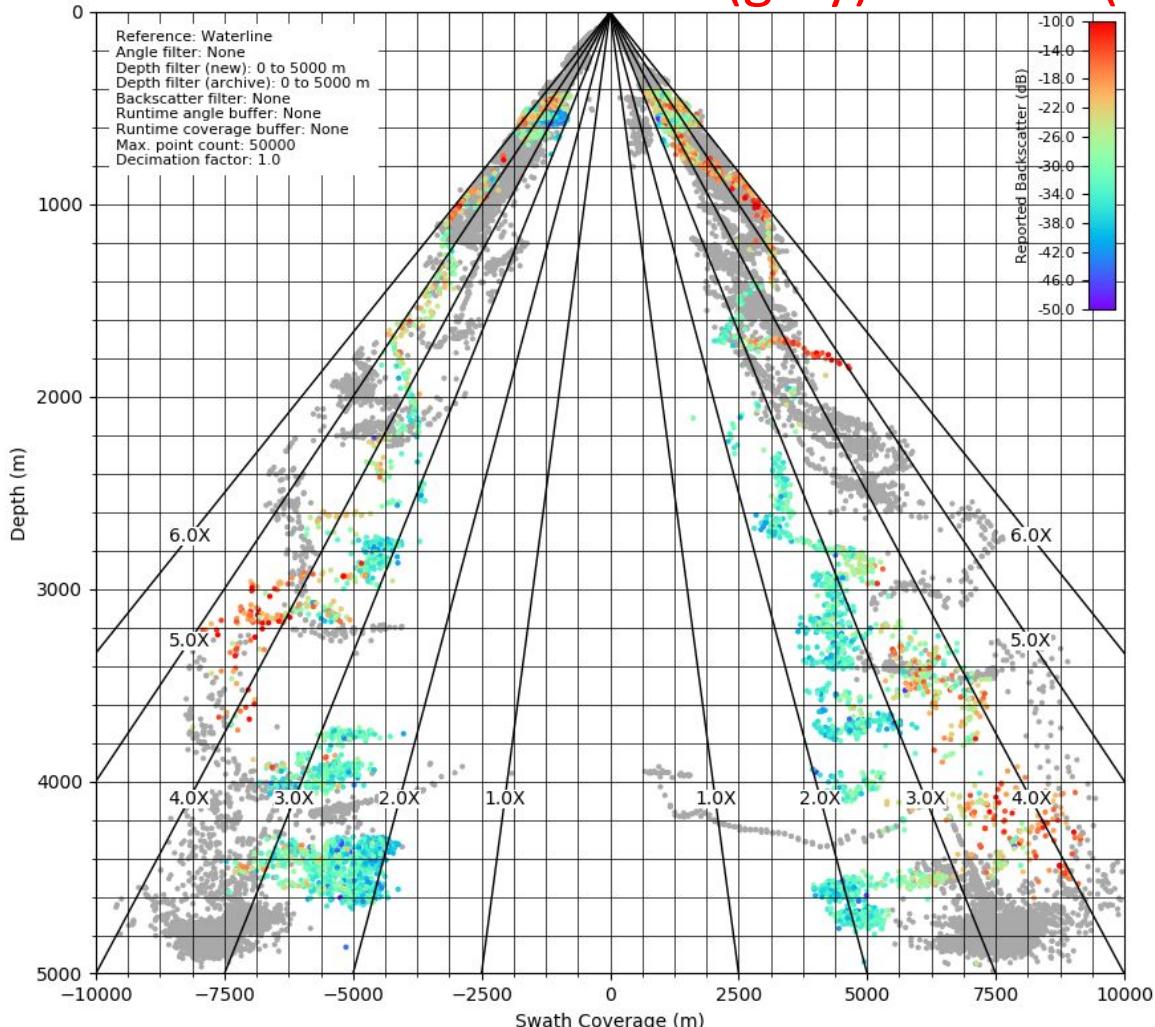
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Example from the Field: RX Noise and Swath Coverage



1X WD reduction from 2022 (gray) to 2023 (BS)

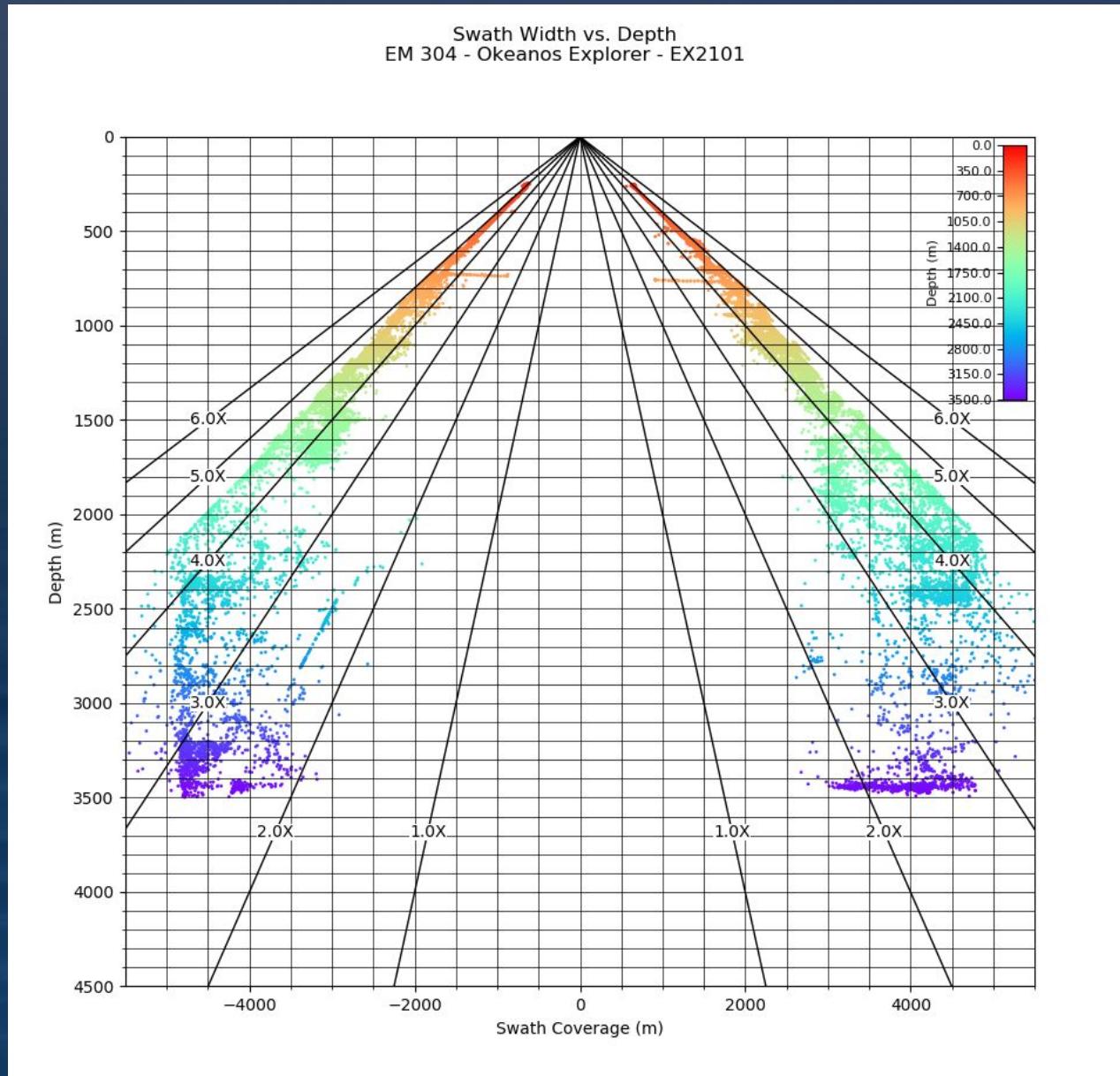


A photograph of a sunset over the ocean from the deck of a ship. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright reflection on the dark blue water. The right side of the image shows the edge of the ship's deck and railing.

Coverage Plotter

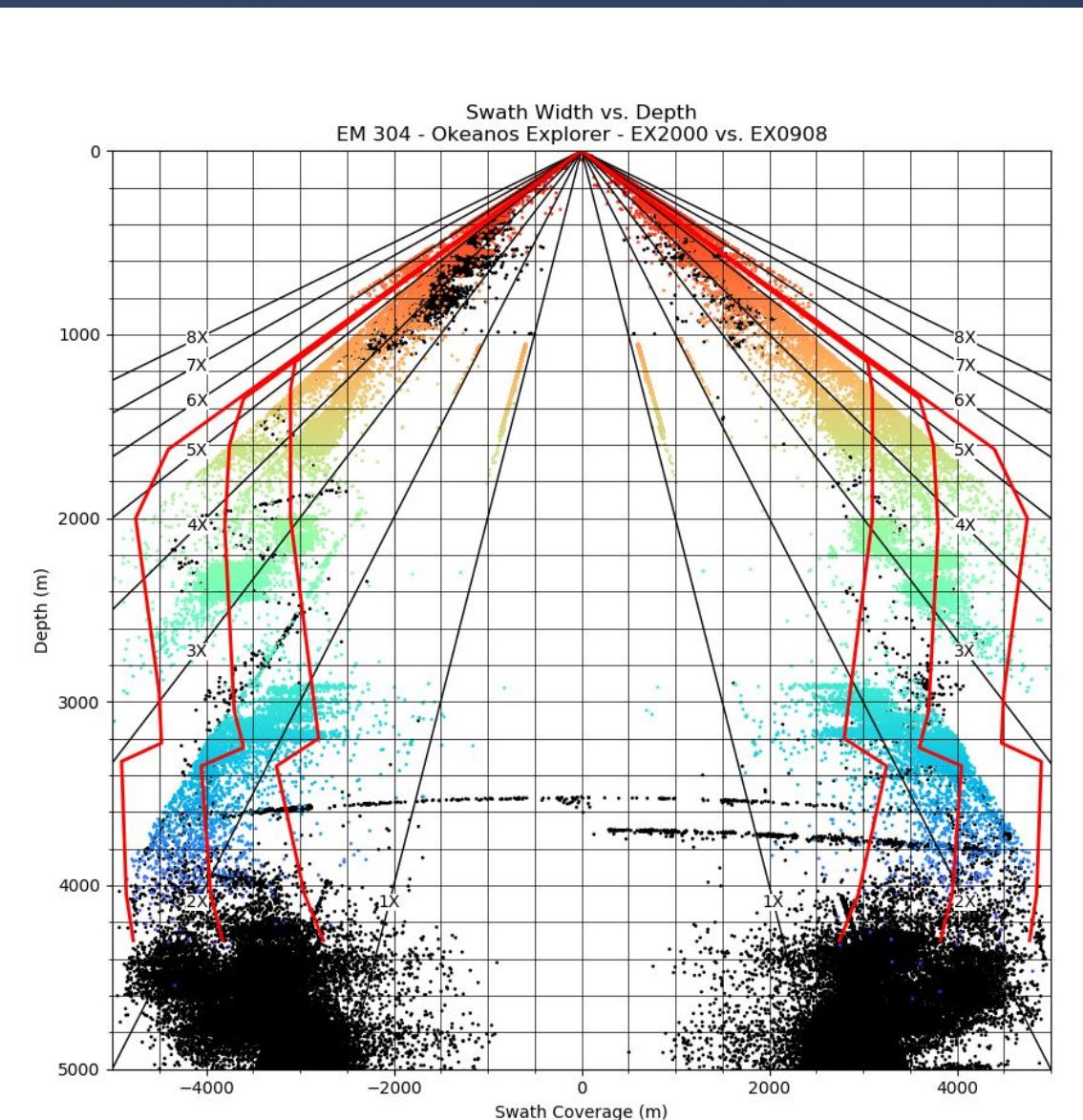
Swath Coverage Plotter: Coverage vs. Depth

1. Swath coverage can be limited by many factors
2. Establish baseline coverage trends during SAT
3. Track coverage trends during routine QATs
4. Opportunistic data collection on transits
5. Verify expected performance:
 - a. Coverage achieved vs. factory spec
 - b. Depth mode switching behavior
 - c. Effects of TX pulse forms
 - d. Single- and dual-swath modes
6. Early detection of limiting factors
7. 'Real world' survey planning



Swath Coverage Plotter: System Comparison

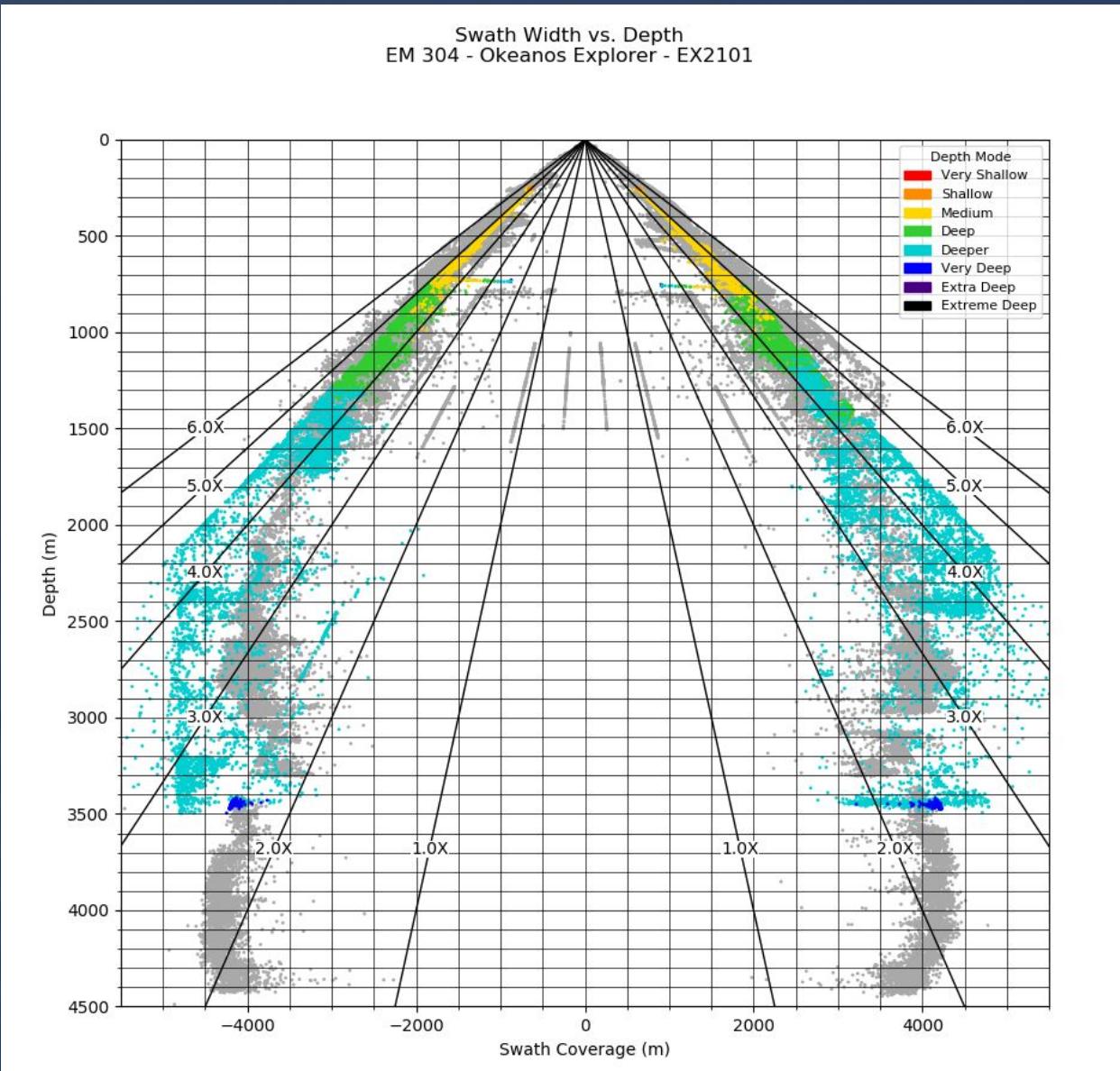
1. *Okeanos Explorer* EM302 ($0.5^\circ \times 1.0^\circ$) upgraded to EM304 (topside) in 2020
2. EM304 (colored by depth) shown with historic EM302 (black) coverage data
3. Red lines are predicted coverage vs. seafloor backscatter strength (-20, -30, -40 dB)



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Swath Coverage Plotter: System Comparison

1. *Okeanos Explorer* EM304 ($0.5^\circ \times 1.0^\circ$)
upgraded to EM304 MKII (TX array) in 2021
2. EM304 MKII (colored by mode) is shown
over historic EM302 (gray) coverage data
3. Swath angle limiting in depths <1500 m
 - a. 70° vs. 75° during SAT
4. Software limiting coverage to 5000 m / side
5. Improved coverage in target depth range



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Transit testing across Puerto Rico Trench (2022)

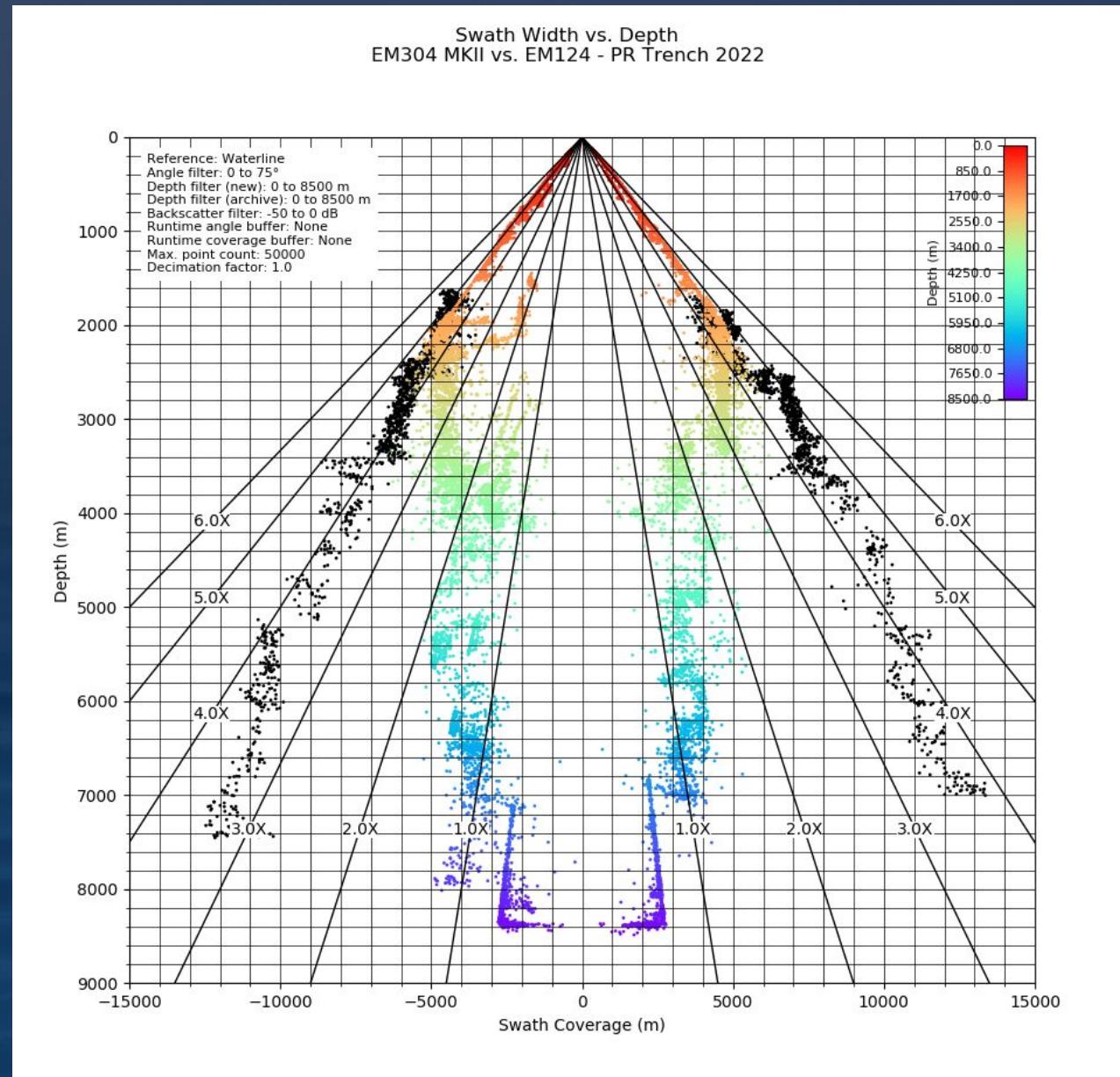
1. EM304 MKII ($0.5^\circ \times 1.0^\circ$) colored by depth
2. EM124 ($1.0^\circ \times 1.0^\circ$) in black

EM304 MKII supersedes EM304

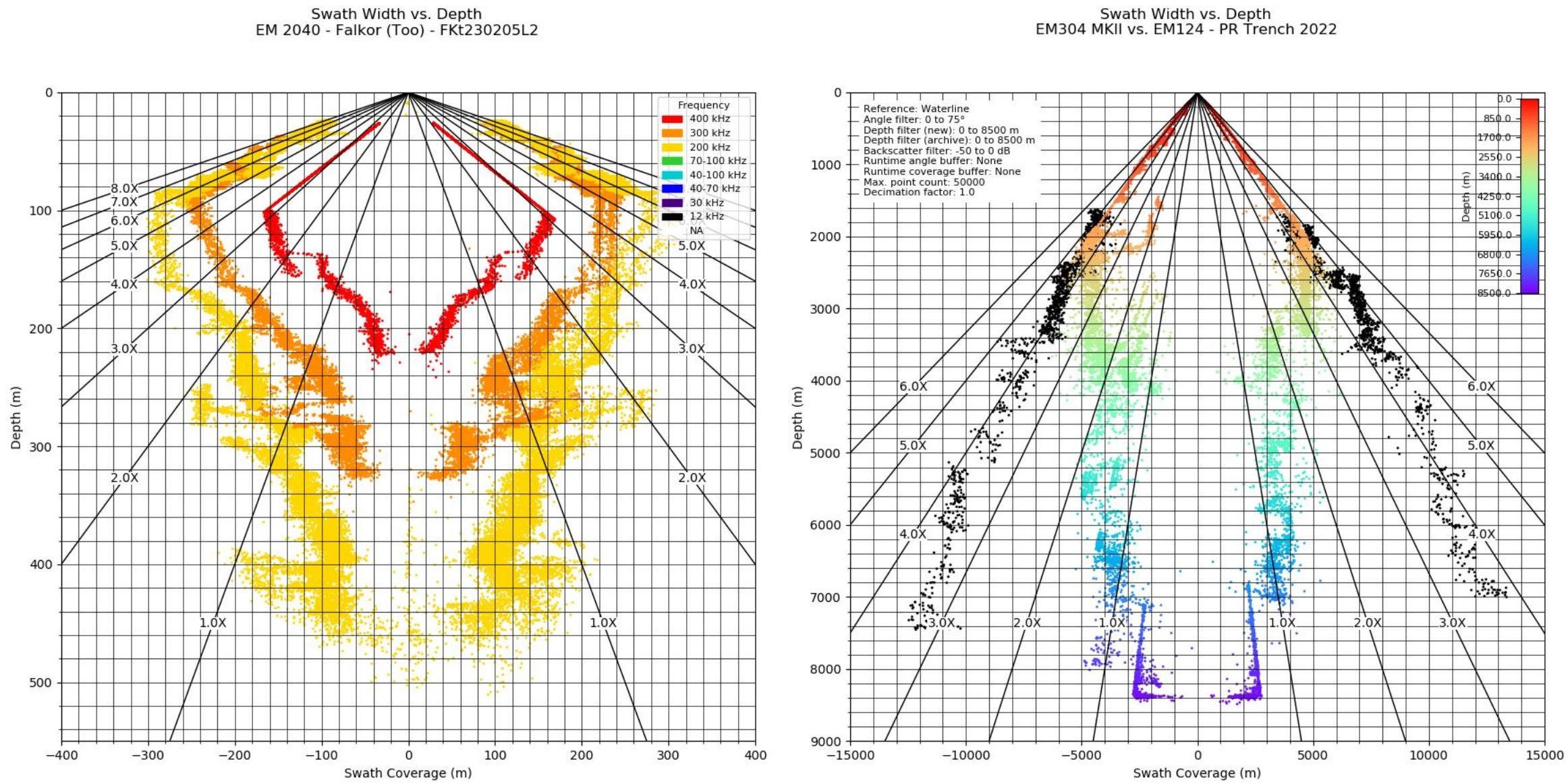
1. Broader bandwidth and higher power
2. Capable of reaching full ocean depth

EM124 remains vital for deepwater work

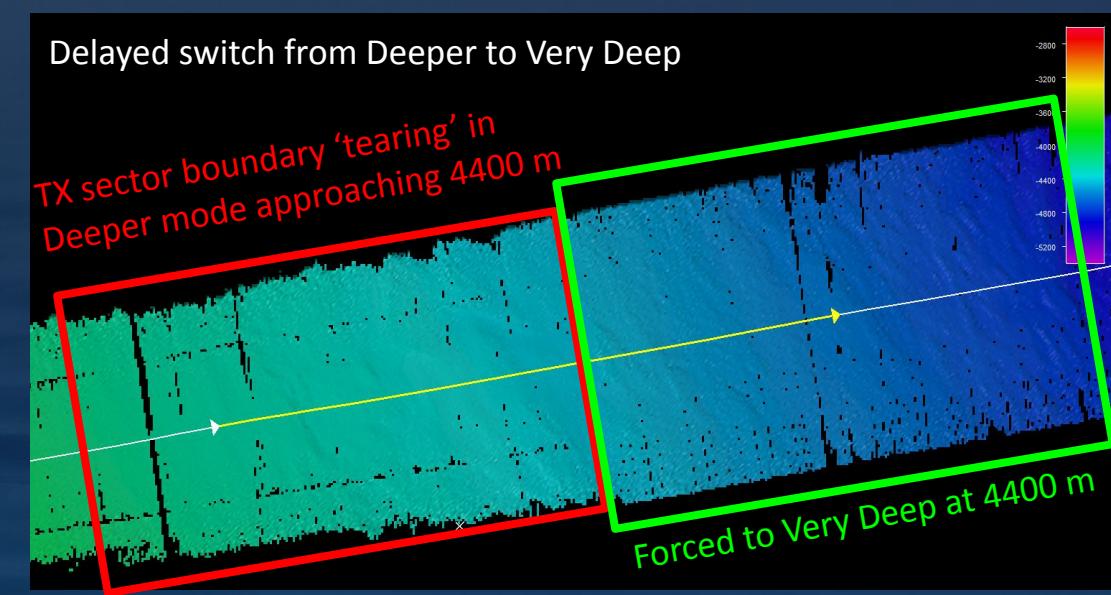
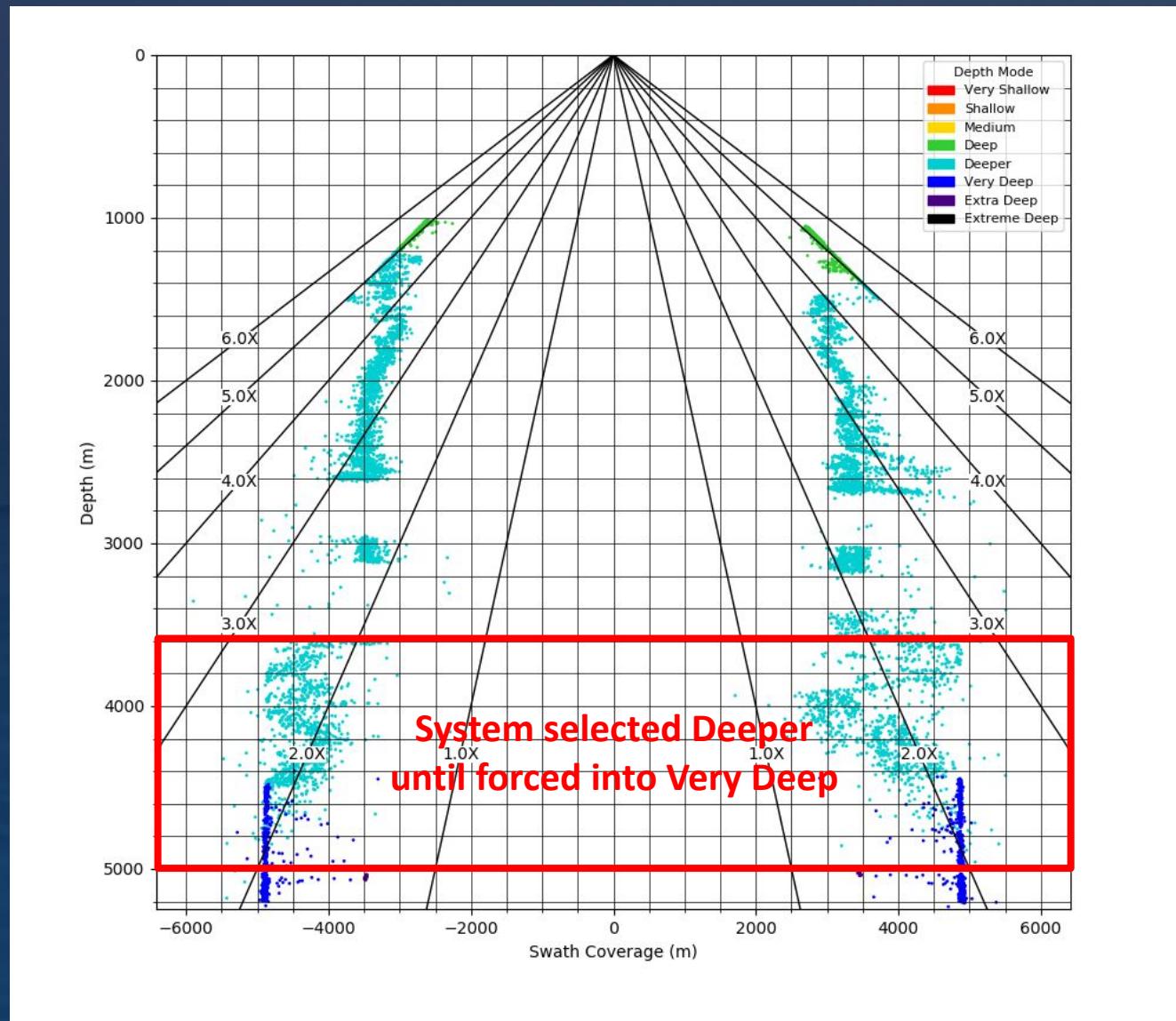
1. Greater efficiency at depths >3000 m



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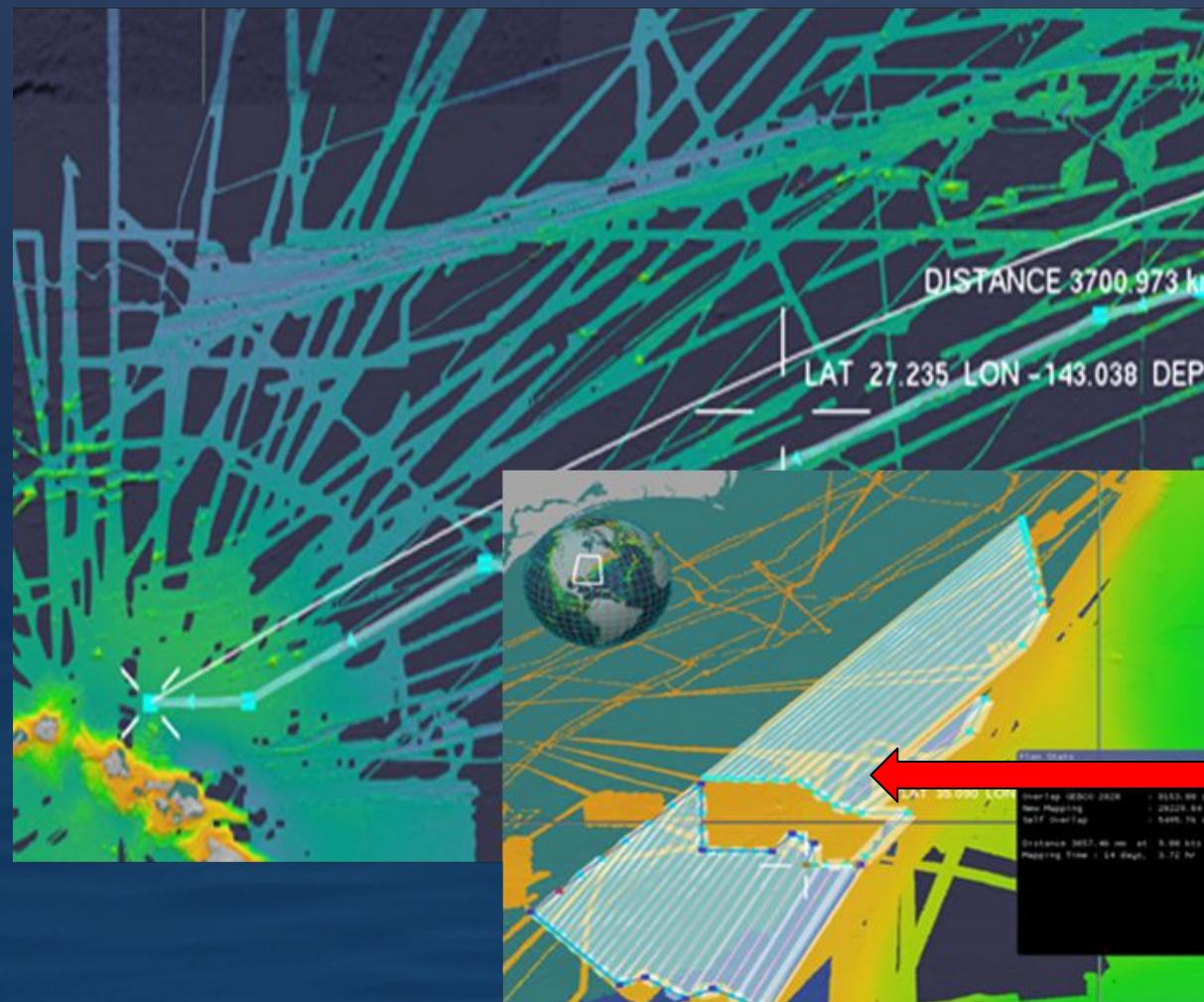


Swath Coverage Plotter: Checking Automatic Modes



Swath Coverage Plotter: GapFiller

ccom.unh.edu/vislab/tools/gapfiller

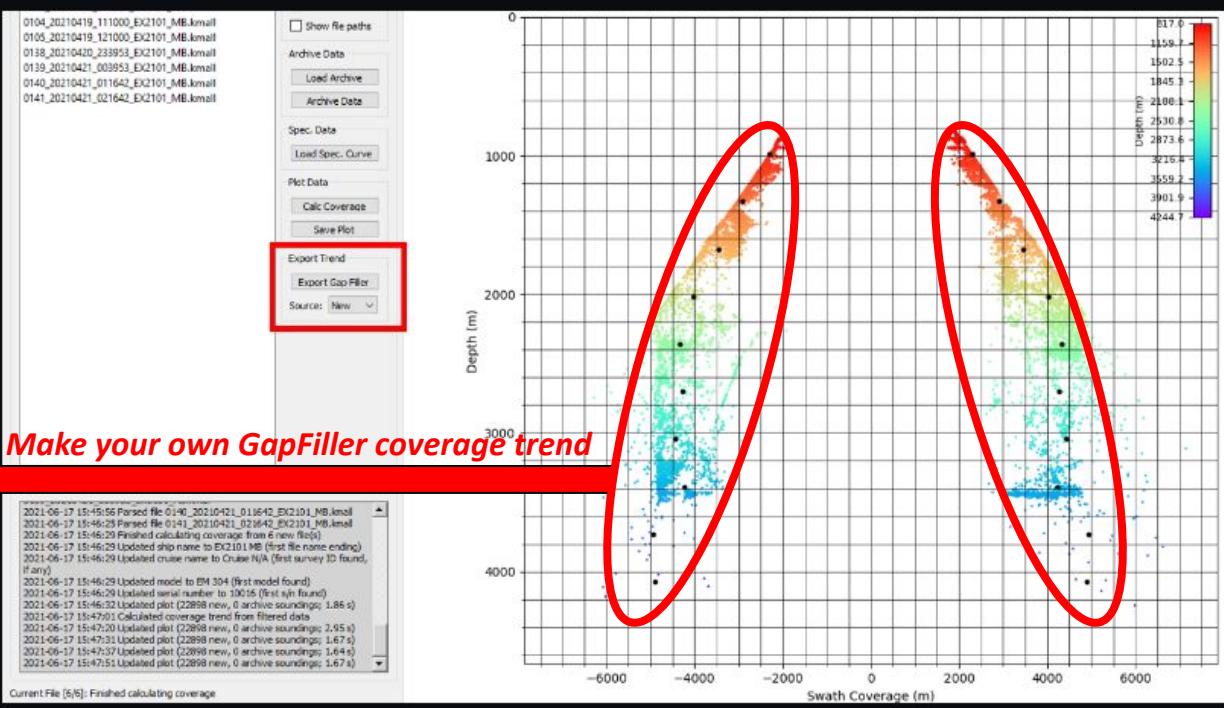


GapFiller

Coverage trends observed during this assessment can be exported for use in the [BathyGlobe GapFiller](#) developed by Colin Ware at the [CCOM VisLab](#).

Select **Export Gap Filler** button with the desired data source ('new' or 'archive') to calculate the median coverage across a number of depth bins. This trend (in multiples of water depth) is exported to a format describing the achieved coverage for line planning with that particular vessel or multibeam system using the GapFiller app.

In the example below, the coverage trend for GapFiller is shown as black dots. This particular dataset (collected during sea acceptance trials) revealed coverage trends that would exceed hard-coded limits (5000 m) in the acquisition software; these limits were updated by the manufacturer to support the wider achievable coverage.



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Swath Coverage Plotter: Parameter Tracking / Search

1. Scan large batches of files for changes to acquisition parameters:
 - a. **Installation Parameters (IP)** → system geometry based on SAT/QAT
 - b. **Runtime Parameters (RTP)** → sonar modes/filters selected by user
2. Query settings by thresholds (><=) and ANY or ALL combination

The screenshot shows two windows of the Swath Coverage Plotter. The left window is titled 'Runtime Parameter Log' and displays a list of search results. The right window is titled 'Search' and contains search configuration options.

Left Window (Runtime Parameter Log):

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***NEW SEARCH*** Initial settings and times of changes that satisfy ANY of the following parameters:
ping_mode == All, swath_mode == All, pulse_form == All, max_port_deg All 65, max_stbd_deg All 65, max_port_m All 20000, max_stbd_m All 20000, frequency == All, wl_z_m == All, TX [XYZRPH] == All, RX [XYZRPH] == All, POS. [(#)XYZ] == All
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End of search results...
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Right Window (Search):

Search Acquisition Parameters

- Show when ANY parameter matches
- Depth Mode: All
- Swath Mode: All
- Pulse Form: All
- Swath Angle (deg): All 65
- Swath Cover. (m): All 20000
- Frequency: All

Installation Parameters

- Waterline
- Array Offsets
- Pos. Offsets

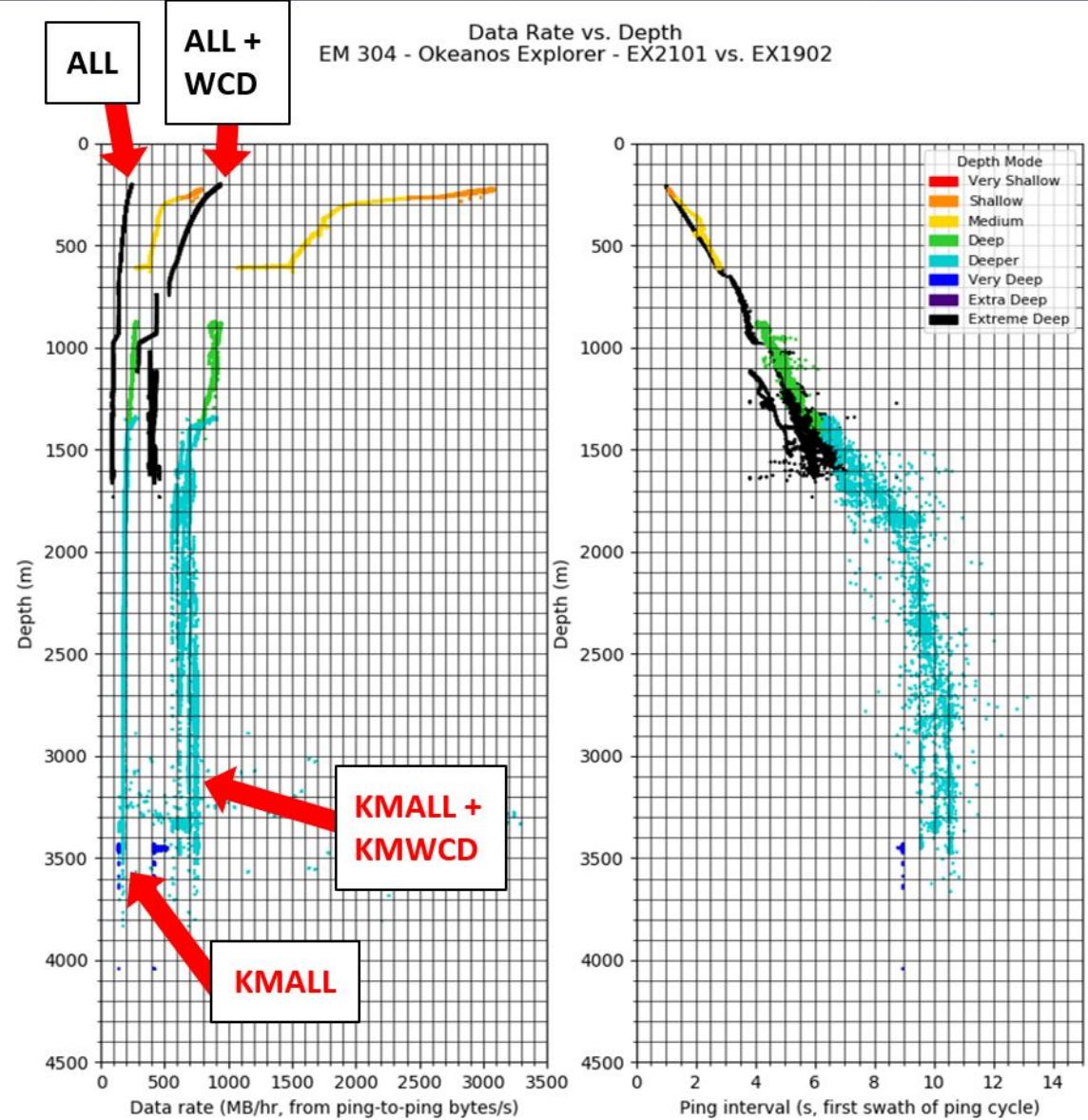
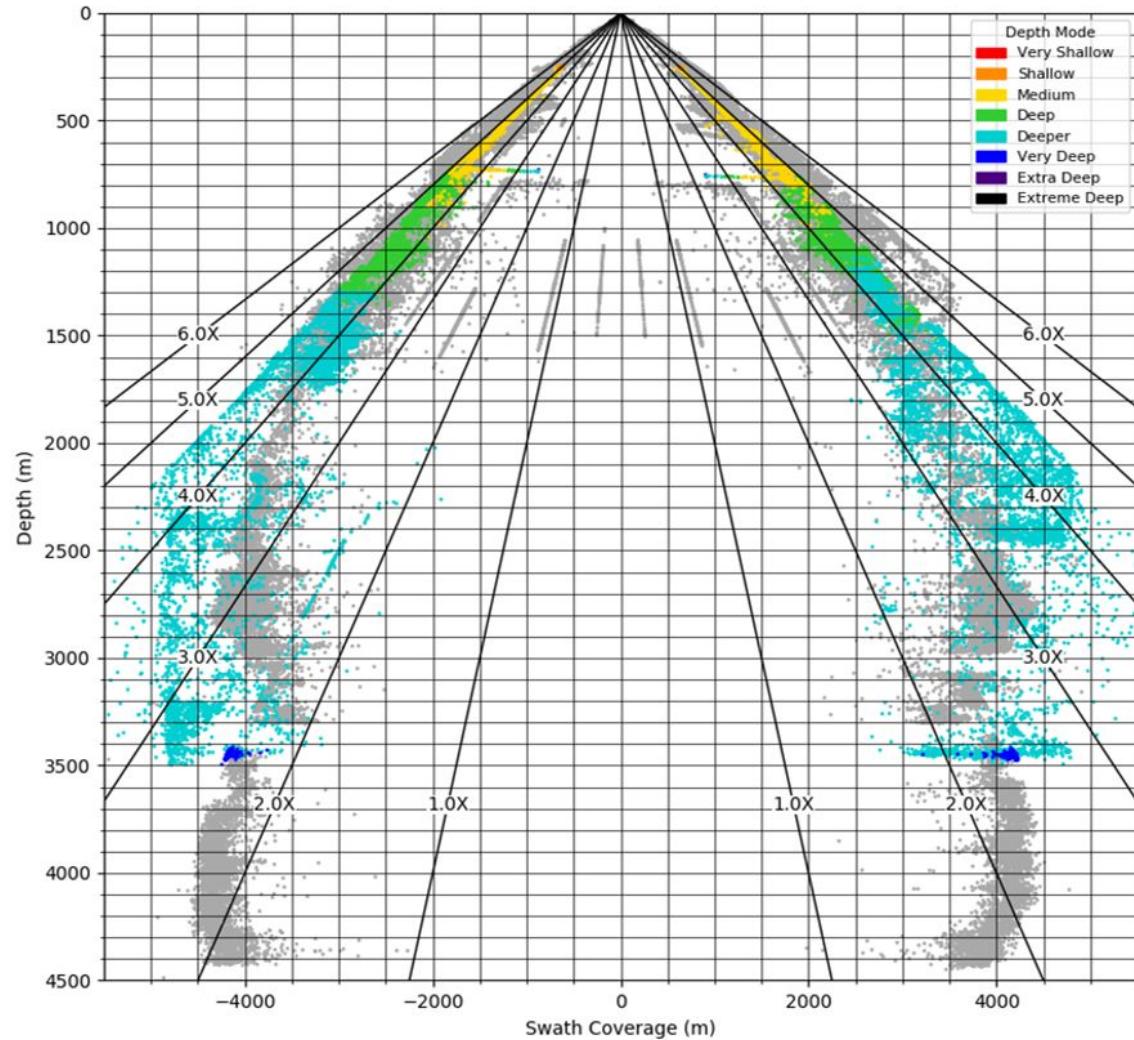
Update Search Save Search Log

A red arrow points from the text '2 m CHANGE IN WATERLINE' in the log window to the 'Waterline' checkbox in the search configuration window.



Swath Coverage Plotter: Data Rates

Swath Width vs. Depth
EM 304 - Okeanos Explorer - EX2101



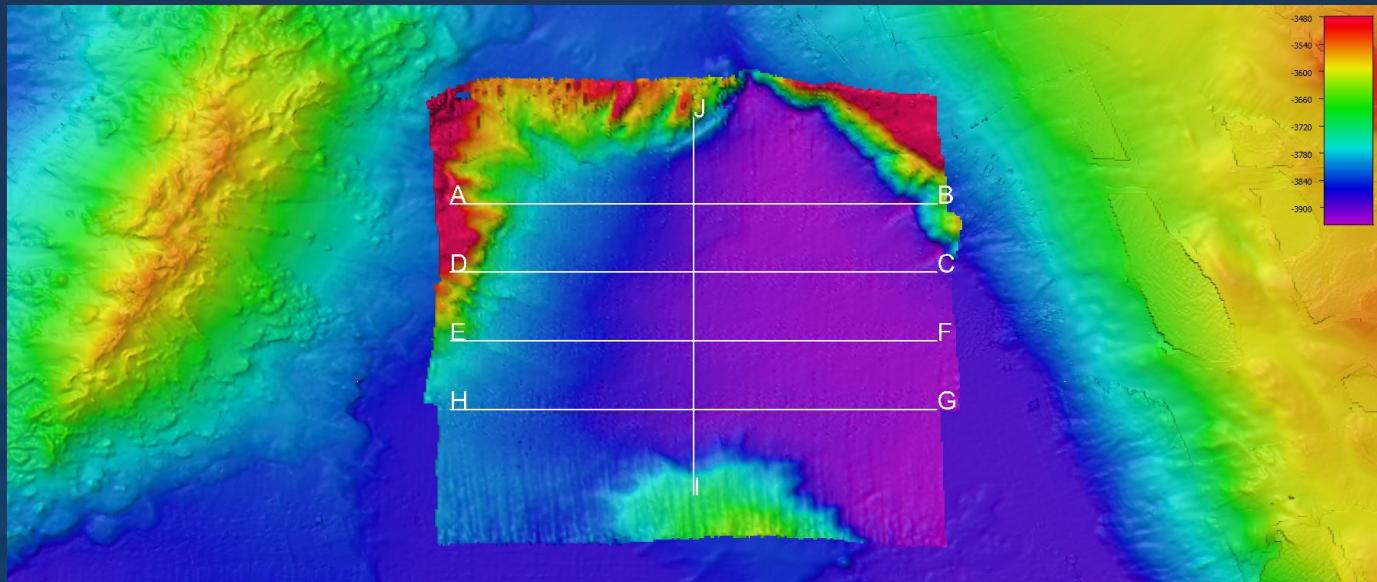
Anomalous EM304 data rates between 600-850 m have been omitted

A photograph of a sunset over the ocean from the deck of a ship. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright reflection on the dark blue water. The right side of the frame shows the edge of the ship's deck and railing.

Accuracy Plotter

Swath Accuracy Plotter

1. Swath accuracy is impacted by many factors
 - a. Configuration, calibration, user settings
 - b. Noise, sea state, other systems
 - c. Sound speed, tide/height ref. info



Data collection

Swath accuracy test data collection is typically broken into two parts:

1. Reference surface survey
2. Accuracy crosslines

The reference surface is typically surveyed in its entirety before accuracy crosslines are run across it. However, the reverse order may be useful when there is uncertainty about approaching weather or the ship's departure time from a working area; this reverse order ensures crosslines are collected first before running as many reference survey lines as possible under the circumstances.

Scope of data collection

The scope of data collection depends on the modes of interest and their intended depth ranges.

For example, a new Kongsberg system might be tested across all depth modes (nominally, Very Shallow or Shallow through Extra Deep or Extreme Deep, depending on system) using 'typical' runtime parameters (e.g., dual-swath and FM enabled). This set of modes is typically sufficient to characterize baseline performance under the most commonly applicable settings, and might be repeated for quality assurance testing throughout the system's service life. Other testing might focus on a select few modes to investigate data artifacts in particular conditions or depth ranges.

More comprehensive testing or troubleshooting might include variations on runtime parameters or vessel operations within each depth mode to highlight the impacts of each decision, such as:

1. single- and dual-swath;
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Planning constraints

For systems with discrete depth modes, it would be ideal to conduct an entirely new reference survey and set of crosslines within the intended depth range for every mode. However, this is usually impractical (or impossible, given the available terrain) and some scheduling and planning compromises must be made.

Reference depths

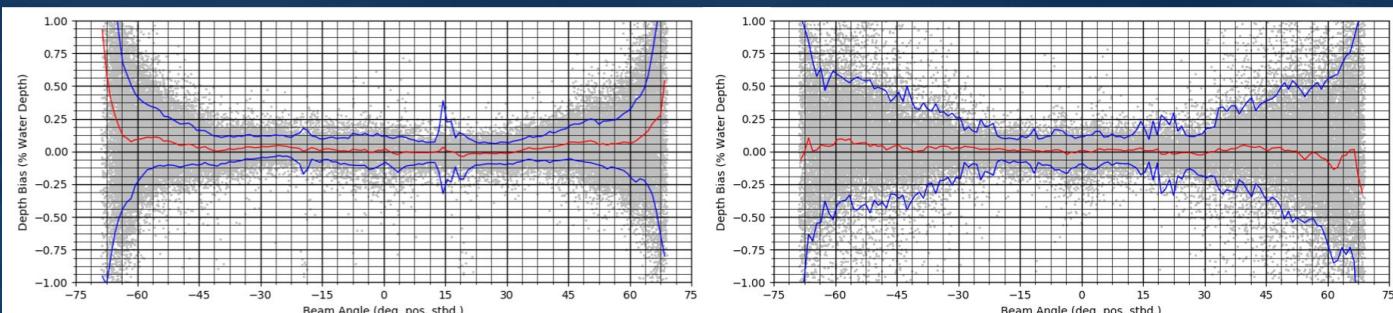
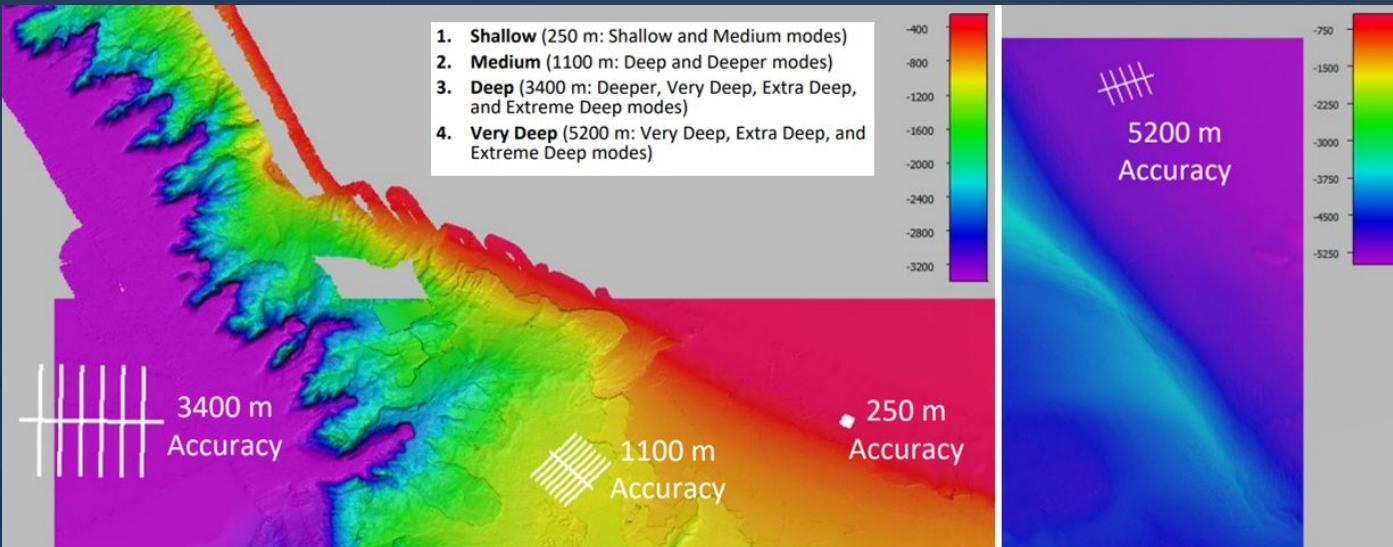
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1. Establish baseline trends (SAT, all modes)
2. Track behavior over time (QATs, opportunistic)



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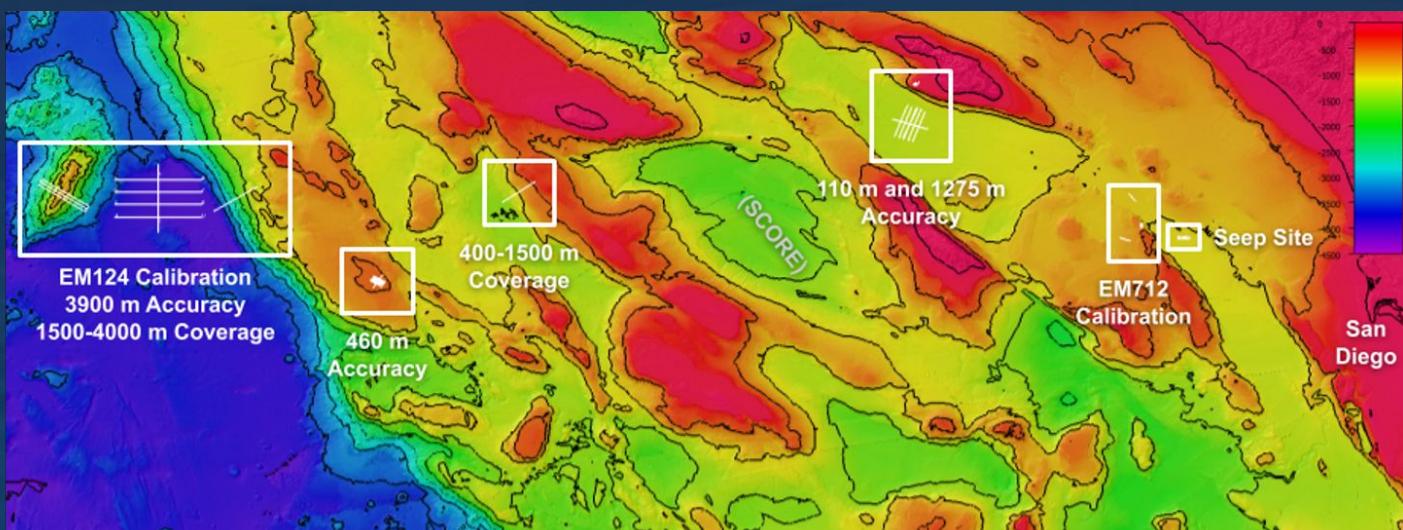
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1. Examine impacts of user settings
2. Assess interference from other sonars

Crossline Setting	Depth Mode	SBP29 Mode ³	Swath Mode ¹	Pulse Form	Yaw Stabilization ²	Swell Direction
1	Deeper	Off	Dual	Mixed	RMH	Into seas
2	Deep	Off	Dual	CW	RMH	With seas
3	Very Deep	Off	Single	FM	RMH	Into seas
4a	Deeper	Synced	Dual	Mixed	RMH	With seas
4b	Deeper	Burst	Dual	Mixed	RMH	With seas



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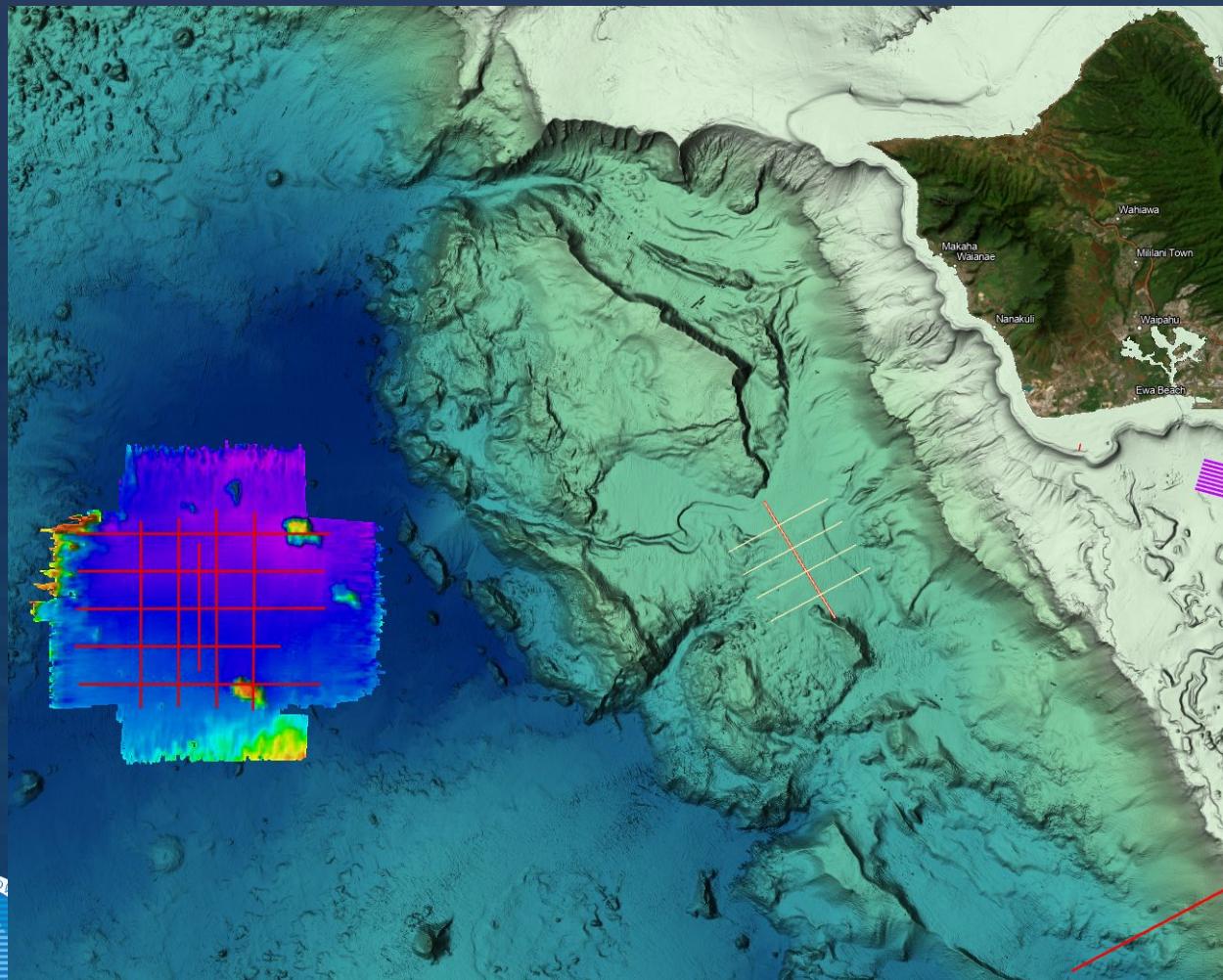
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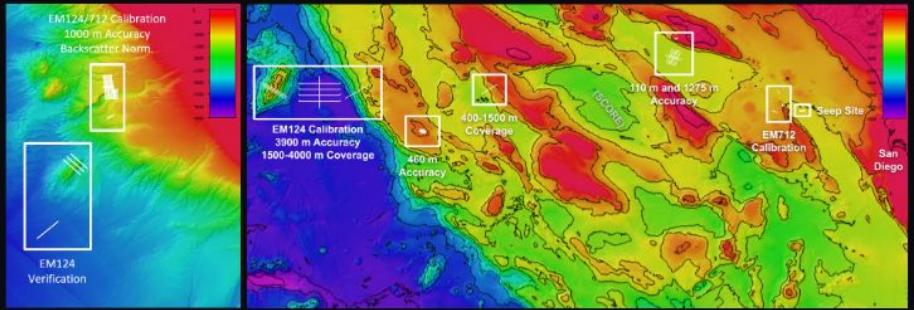
1. Reference surfaces = largest time constraints
2. MBES Test Site Database: <https://gis.ccom.unh.edu>



Existing reference surfaces

A suitable reference surface site may already exist, in which case that survey step can be skipped if the existing reference grid is trusted. For instance, several reference surfaces have been surveyed off San Francisco (Saildrone Surveyor and R/V *Sally Ride*) and San Diego (R/V *Roger Revelle*, R/V *Sikuliaq*, and R/V *Sally Ride*) at depths of 110 to 3900 m.

These are readily reused for accuracy crossline testing in future visits by these and other vessels (SR2104 EM124 SAT overview below). If time allows, a re-survey of an existing reference surface can provide a useful comparison between ships or systems over the same terrain.



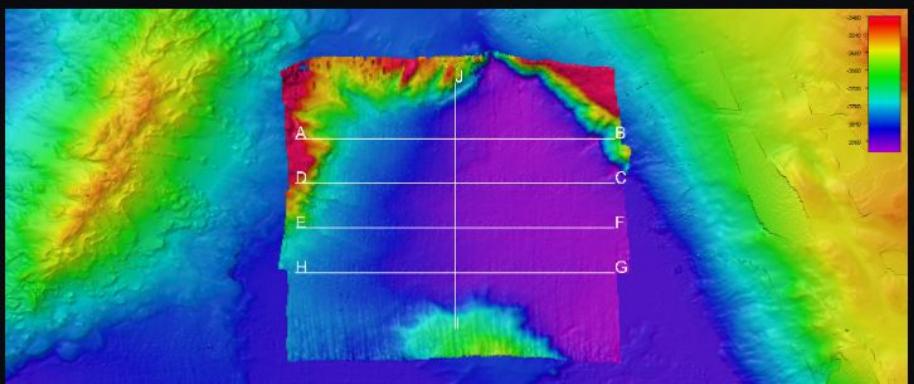
Reference survey acquisition

The reference survey should be planned over relatively flat, benign, homogenous seafloor with slopes no greater than a few degrees. Because the selected depths will likely be used for testing several different modes, the area may also be suitable for backscatter normalization across those modes [wiki development: add link to BS normalization section when complete].

The reference survey lines are planned with a few key considerations:

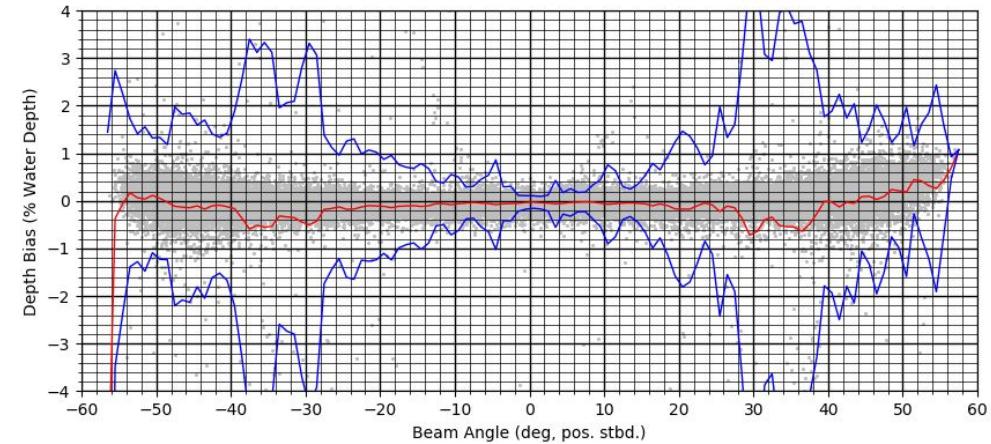
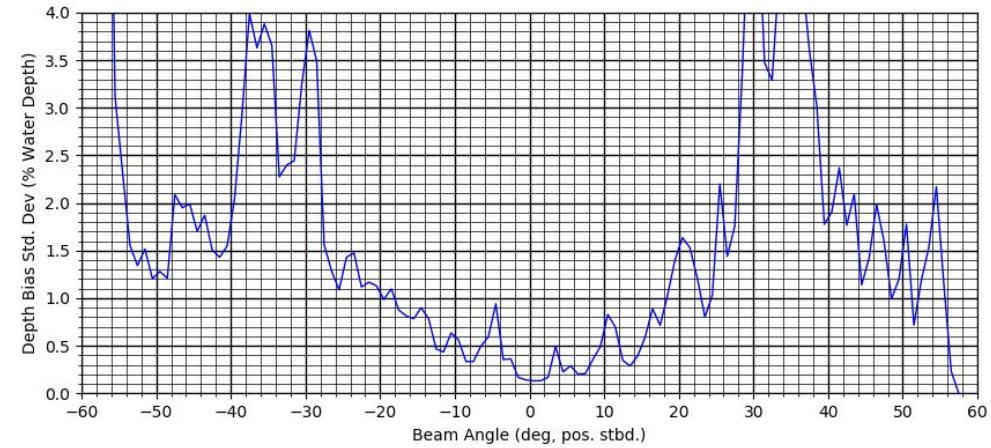
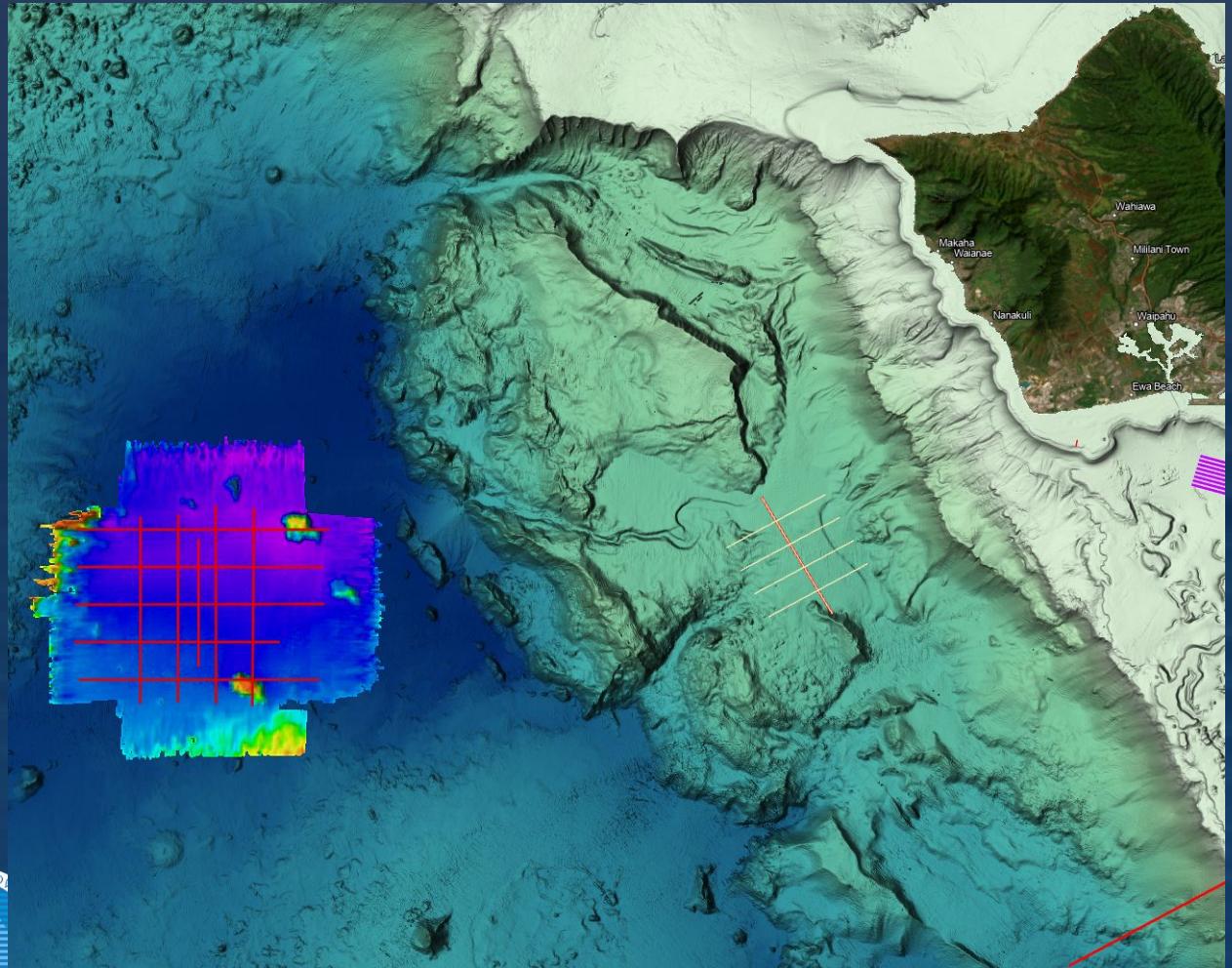
1. Orientation orthogonal to the crossline (or as a 'grid' if time allows)
 - i. This reduces alignment of any swath biases in the reference grid with the crosslines
2. Narrow spacing (e.g., 1 WD) to achieve very high sounding density
3. Length sufficient to cover the full crossline swath width (e.g., 6-8 WD, with buffer for ship handling)
4. Number of reference lines to accommodate desired crossline length
 - i. Typically 6-10 reference lines at 1 WD spacing, depending on depth, to yield several hundred crossline pings

Small regions of steeper slopes may be filtered during processing, if present (e.g., the 3900 m reference site off San Diego, below). Likewise, the number of lines may be adjusted to fit the terrain and the schedule.



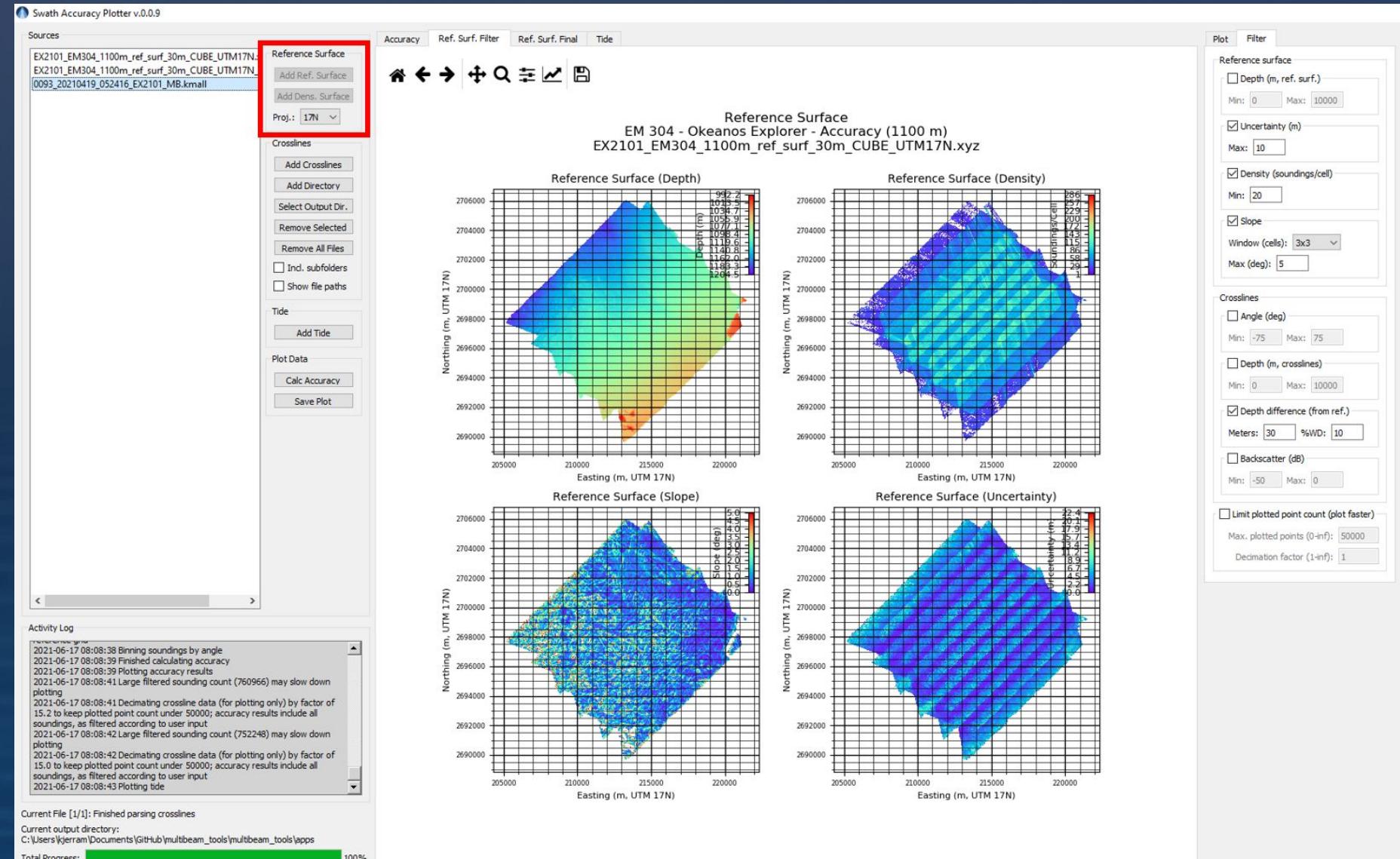
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1. Opportunistic crosslines at proven reference sites
2. Catch problems before 'normal' survey operations



Swath Accuracy Plotter

1. Load reference surface exported in UTM from processing software

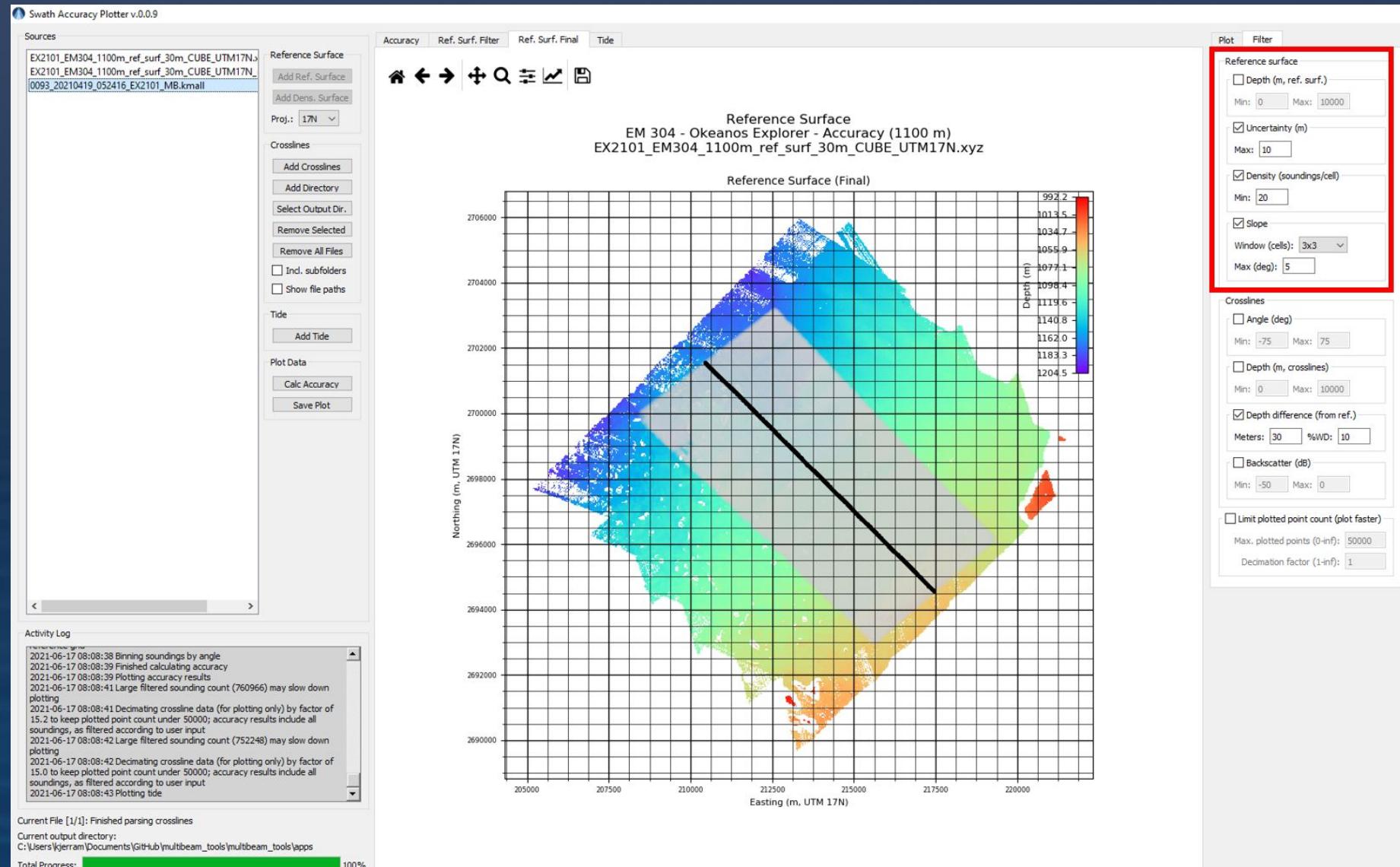


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Swath Accuracy Plotter

1. Filter ref. surface by:
 - a. Depth
 - b. Sounding density
 - c. Uncertainty (CUBE)
 - d. Slope

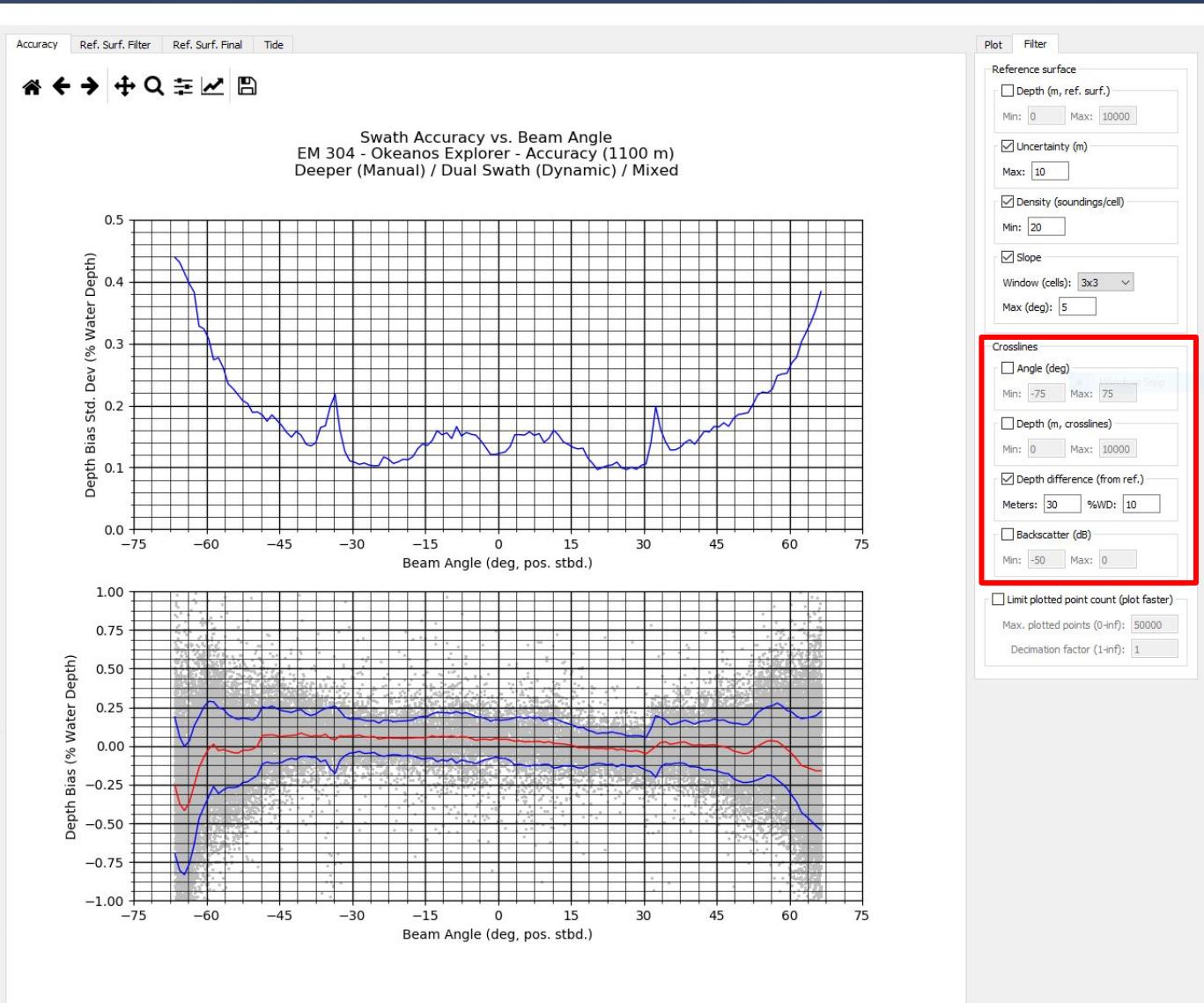
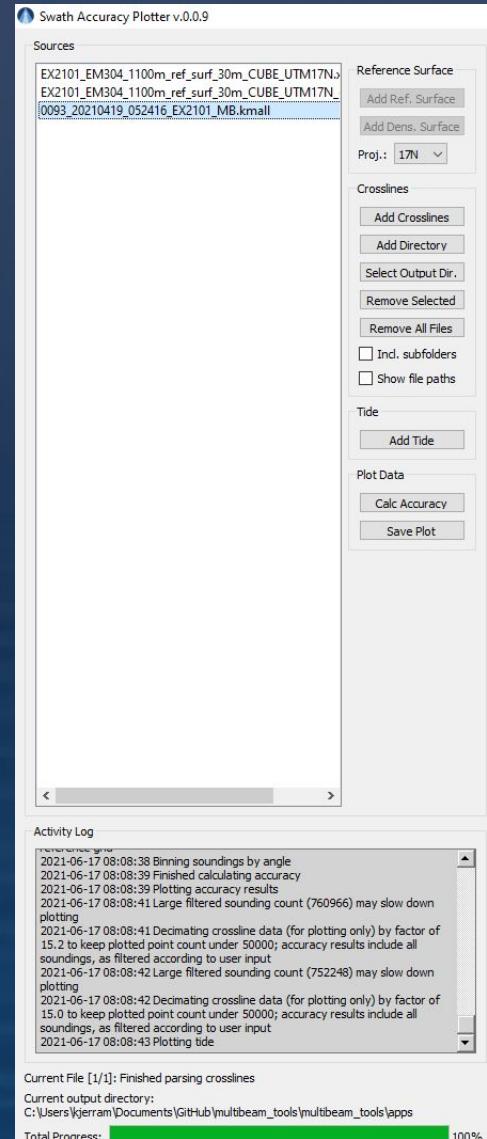
Filtered ref. surf. shown with crossline track and coverage



Swath Accuracy Plotter

1. Load crosslines
 - a. .all or .kmall only
 - b. **GSF some day?**

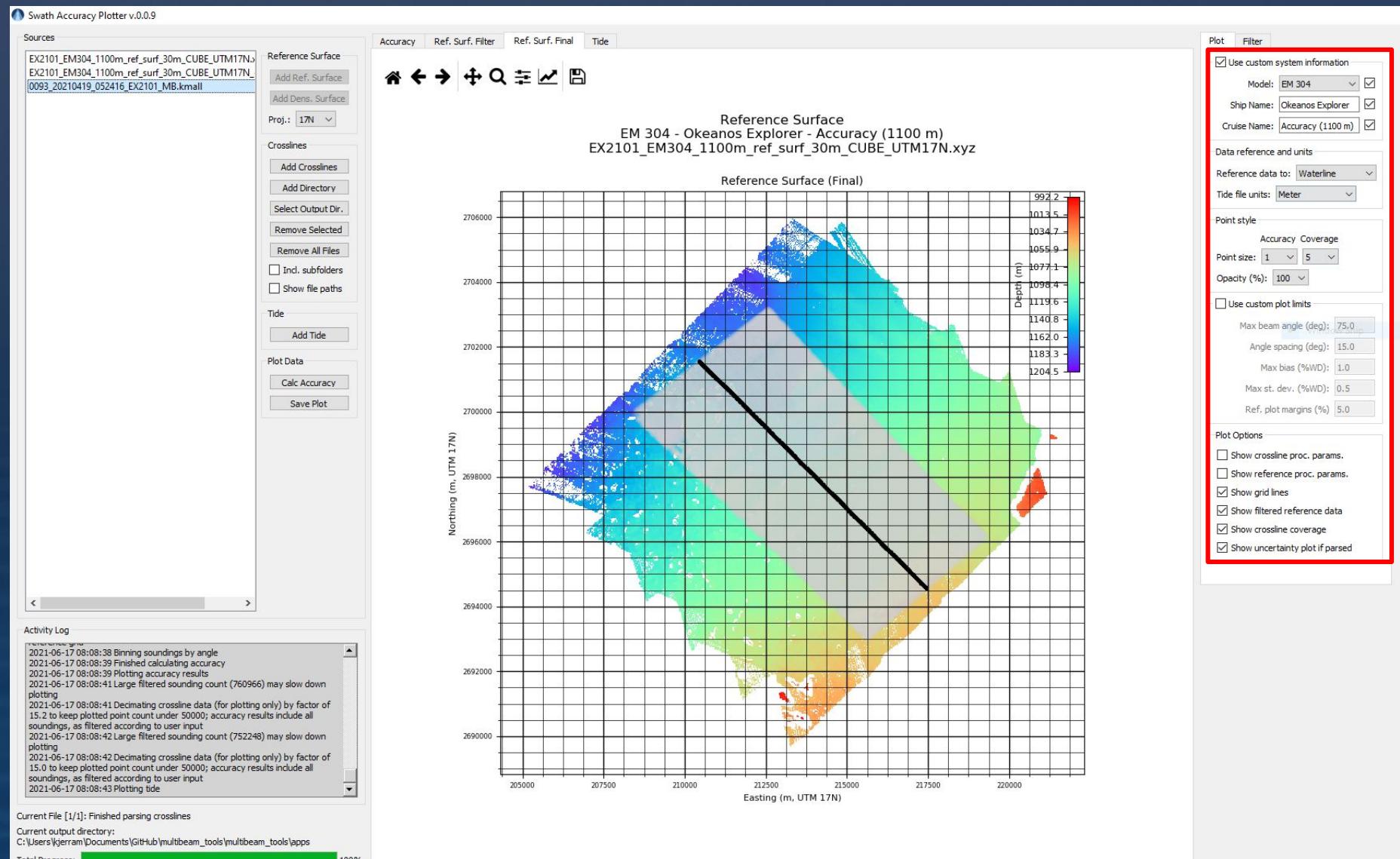
2. Filter crosslines by:
 - a. Angle
 - b. Depth
 - c. Depth difference
 - d. Backscatter
 - e. Depth mode



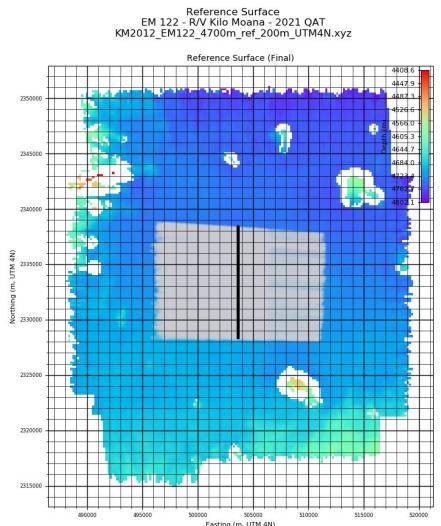
Swath Accuracy Plotter

1. Load tide
 - a. TPXO (.txt)
 - b. Caris (.tid)
2. Adjust waterline ref.
3. Plot with custom fields

Filtered ref. surf. shown with crossline track and coverage

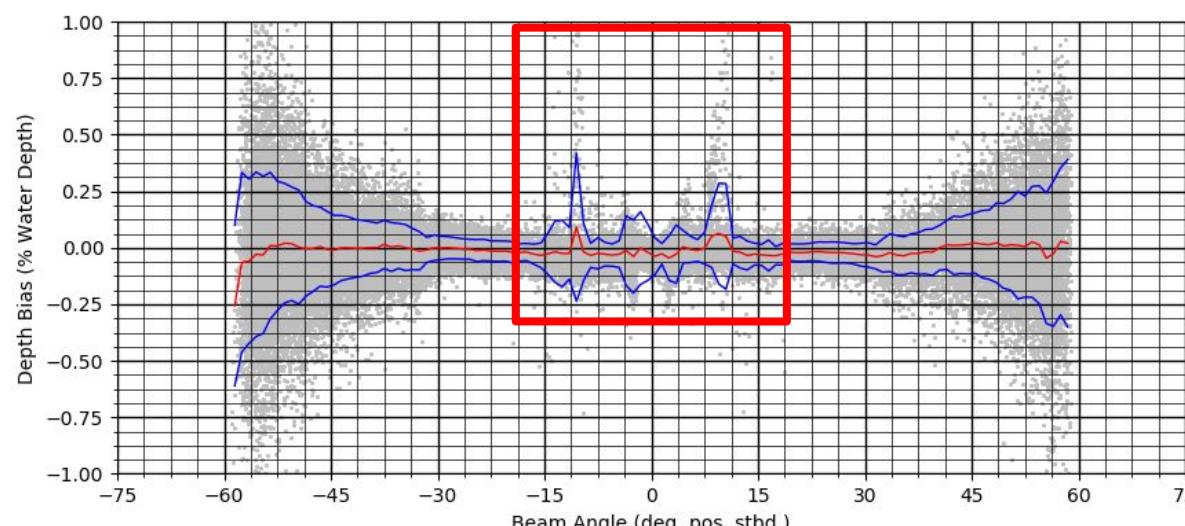
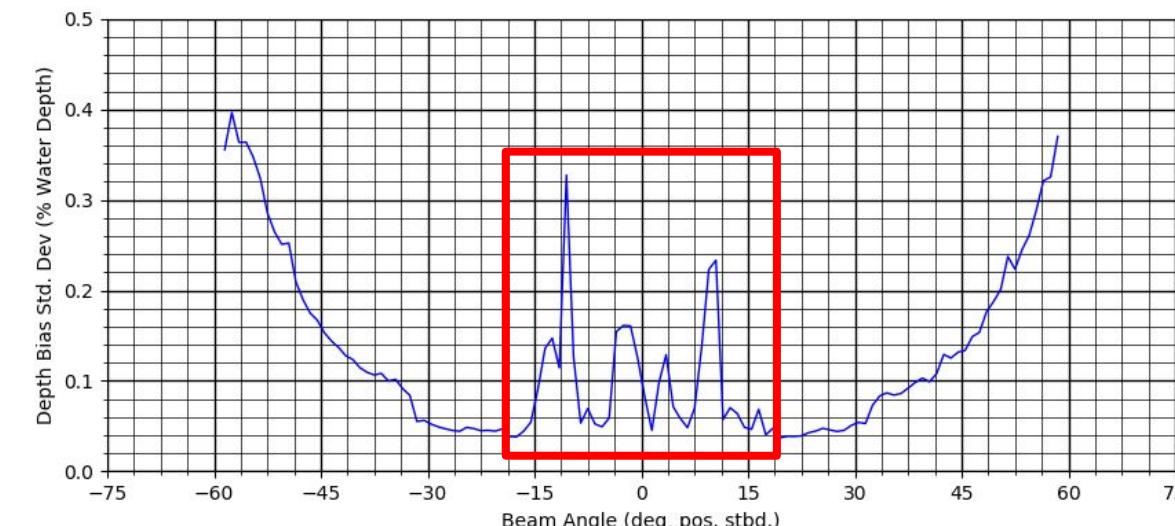


Swath Accuracy Plotter: Tracking Performance



2021 Deep Mode

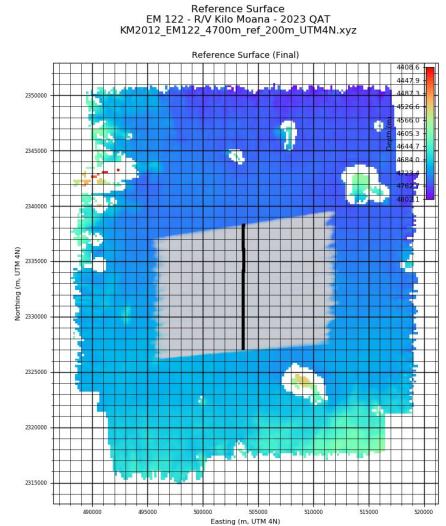
Swath Accuracy vs. Beam Angle
EM 122 - R/V Kilo Moana - 2021 QAT
Deep / Dual Swath (Dynamic) / Mixed



Red: Mean Depth Diff. Blue: Depth Diff. Std. Dev.

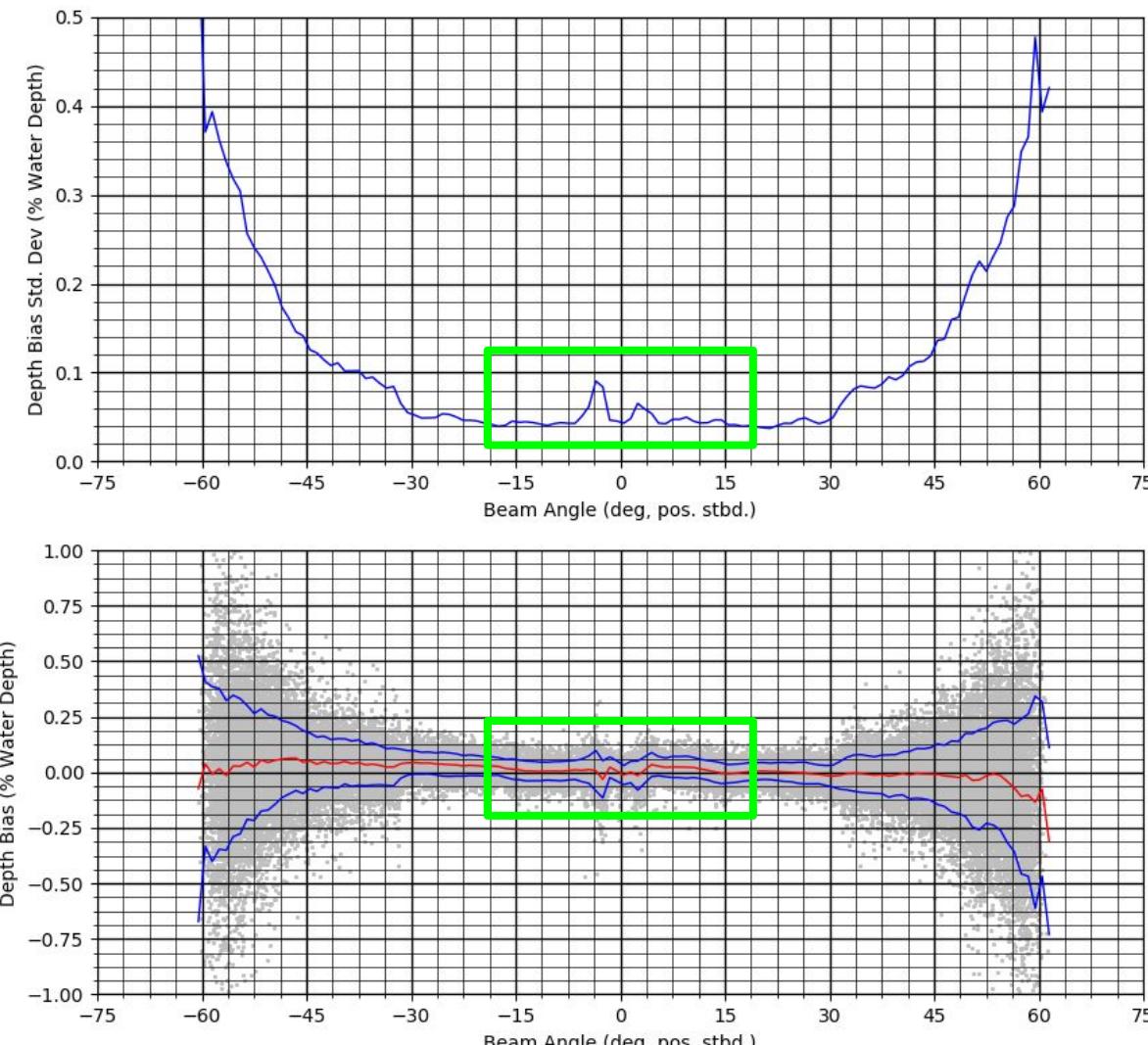
Filtered to remove soundings >5% WD from ref. surface

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2023 Deep Mode

Swath Accuracy vs. Beam Angle EM 122 - R/V Kilo Moana - 2023 QAT Deep / Dual Swath (Dynamic) / Mixed

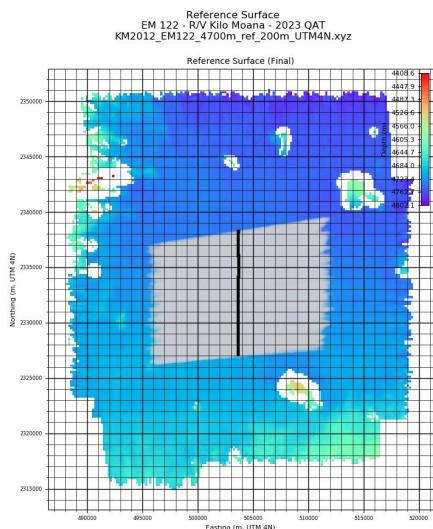


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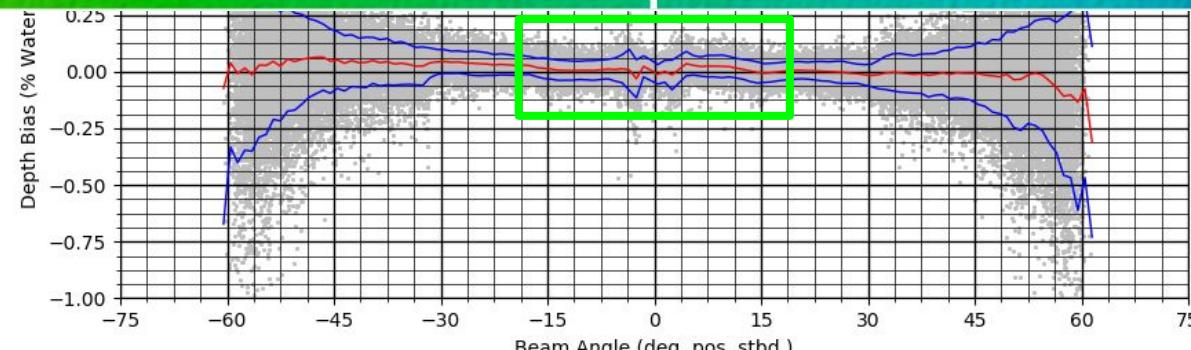


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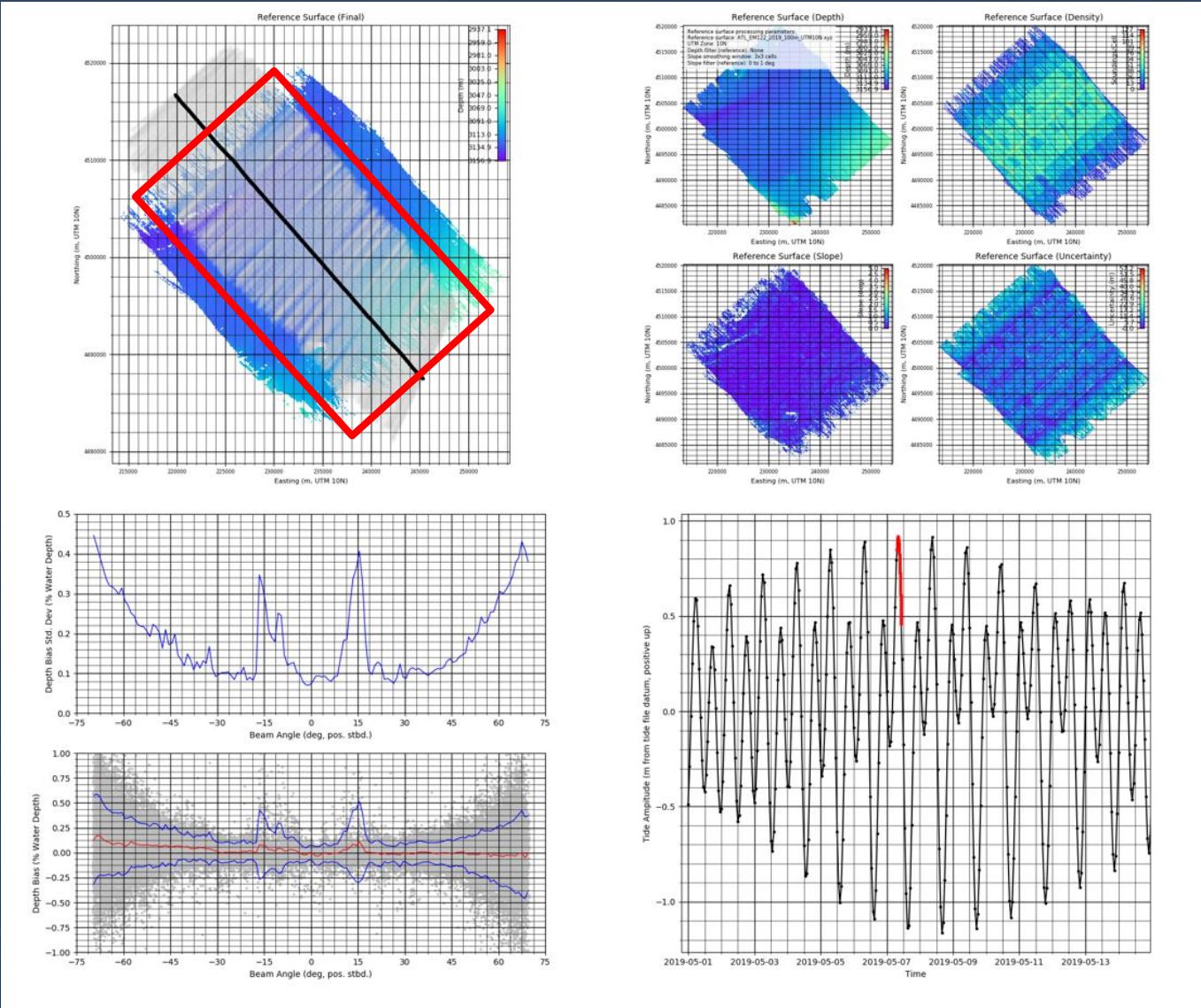
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EM 122 - R/V Kilo Moana - 2023 QAT
Deep / Dual Swath (Dynamic) / Mixed



Red: Mean Depth Diff. Blue: Depth Diff. Std. Dev.

Filtered to remove soundings >5% WD from ref. surface

Swath Accuracy Plotter: Detecting Other Issues



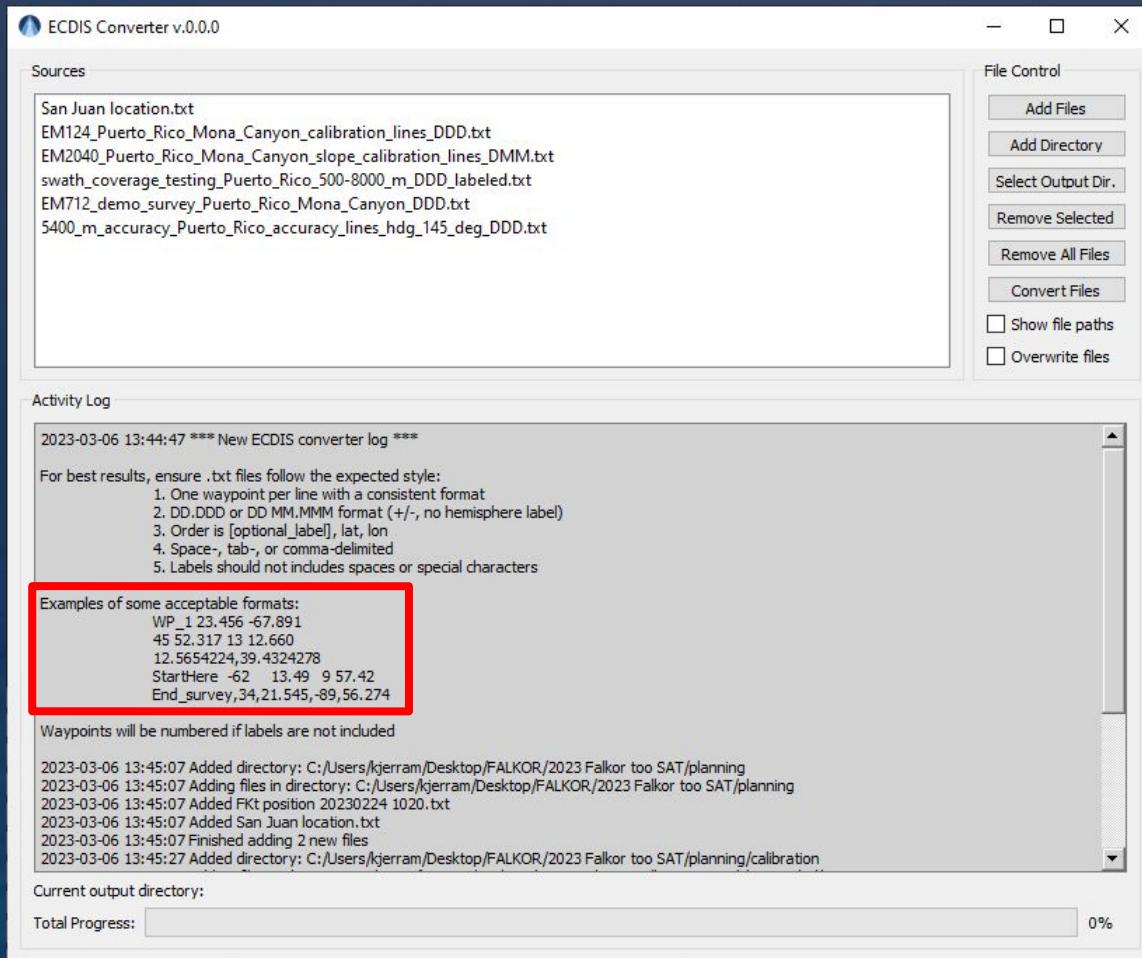
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ECDIS Converter

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ECDIS Converter

The ECDIS Converter loads waypoint text files and exports ECDIS .lst files for easier ingestion into ships' navigation systems. This can reduce the time, effort, and opportunity for error in transcribing scientists' waypoints into the bridge officers' preferred formats.

This application is in development and does not provide any verification for correctness of the converted waypoints. Users are responsible for checking .lst output files for agreement with expectations and safety of navigation. If in doubt, convert the waypoints manually or with other software.

Waypoint text file input

The ECDIS Converter expects the following input .txt format:

1. One waypoint per line with a consistent format
2. DD.DDD or DD MM.MMM format (+/-, no hemisphere label)
3. Order is [optional_label], lat, lon
4. Space-, tab-, or comma-delimited
5. Labels should not include spaces or special characters

Converting to ECDIS format

To export ECDIS .lst files:

1. Add waypoint text files or a source directory
2. Select the output directory, if desired
 - i. If an output directory is not selected, each .lst export will be written to its corresponding input location
3. By default, any existing .lst files with the same name will be skipped to avoid overwriting
 - i. Select 'Overwrite files' to overwrite existing .lst files, if desired
4. Select 'Convert Files' to convert all loaded .txt files to .lst
5. Check the activity log to review any warnings or skipped files
6. Review the waypoints in the ECDIS software to verify correct interpretation
 - i. *Users are responsible for safety of navigation in all circumstances*

Feedback

Please provide feedback to mac-help@unols.org if you encounter (format-compatible) text file inputs that do not parse correctly or find .lst export files that do not load properly into a vessel's ECDIS system.

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Transit Mapping

Transit Mapping: Opportunities

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to *Map The Gaps*

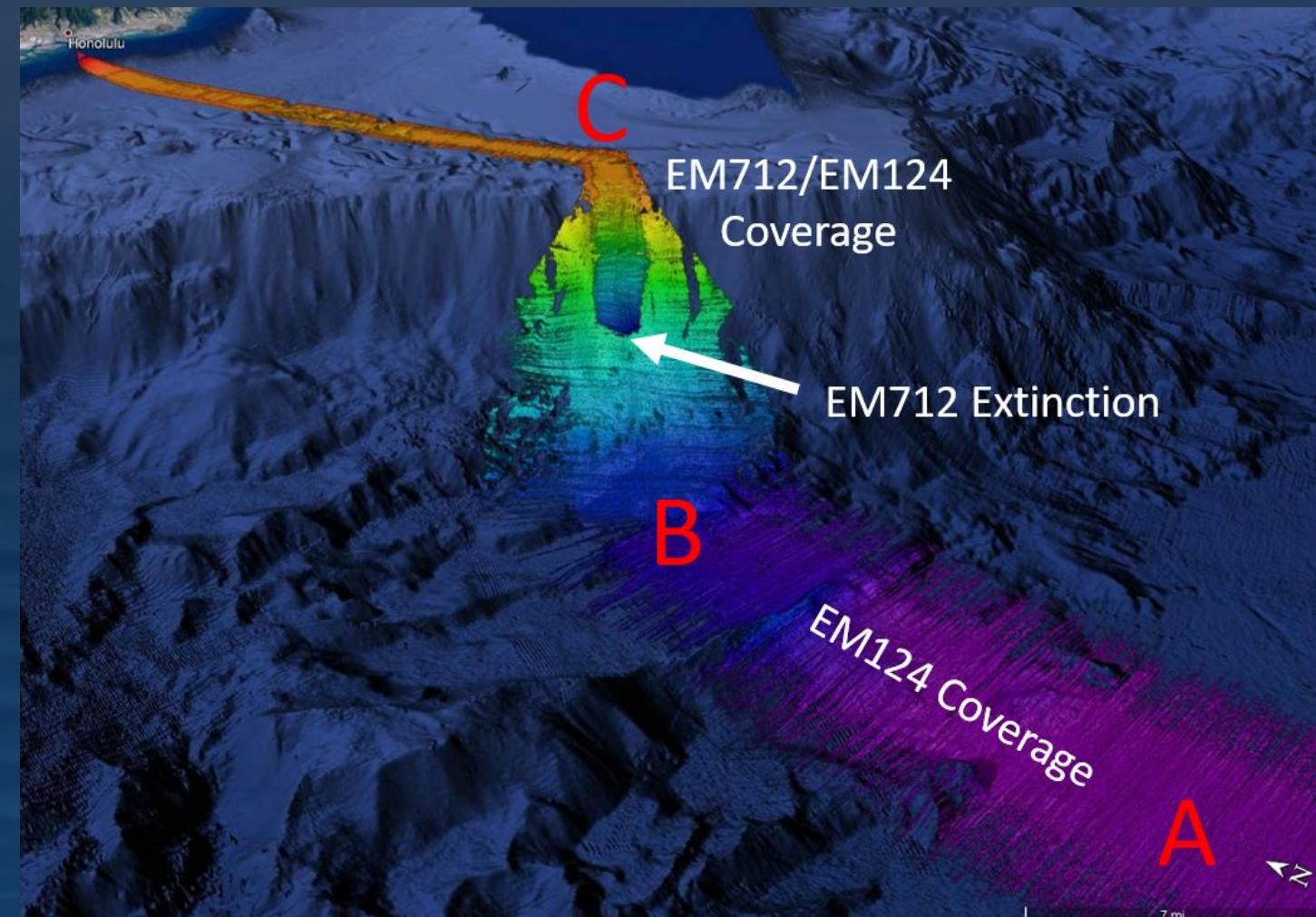
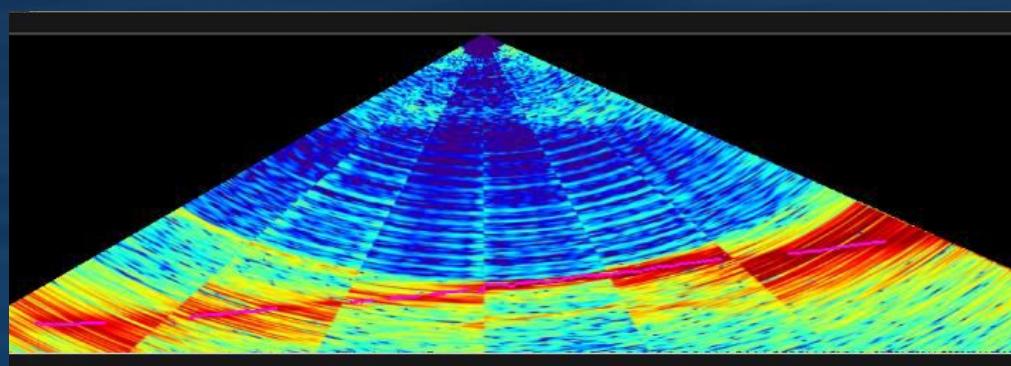
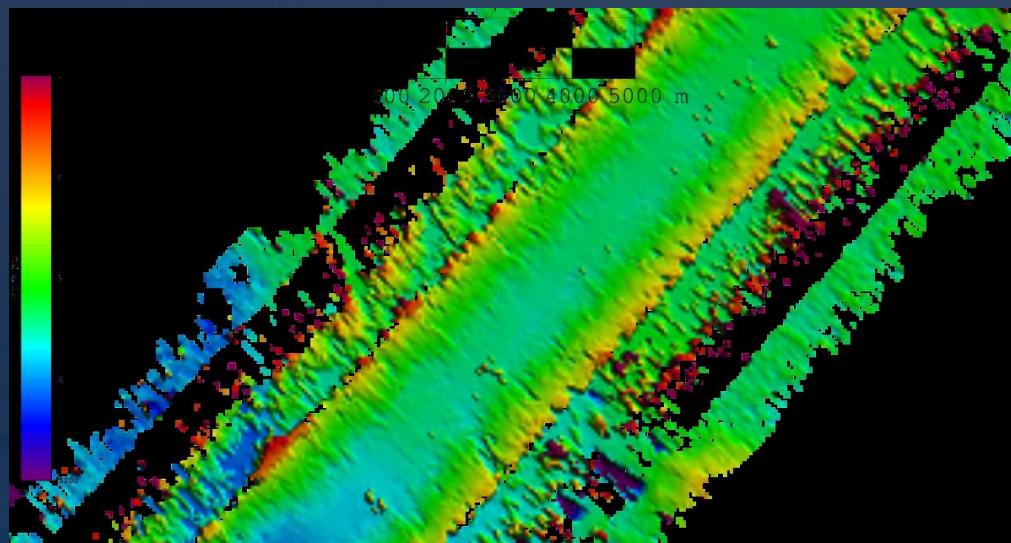
- Seabed 2030 / GEBCO
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Transit Mapping: Opportunities

System performance testing before ‘real’ mapping cruises



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Transit Mapping: Resources

1. Transit Mapping in progress
2. Contributors welcome for this section and many others

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github.com/oceanmapping/community/wiki

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'oceanmapping / community'. The 'Wiki' tab is selected. The main content is the 'Transit Mapping' page, which includes sections for Overview, Purposes, and Resources. The sidebar on the right lists various pages under the 'Transit Mapping' category.

Wiki Page Content:

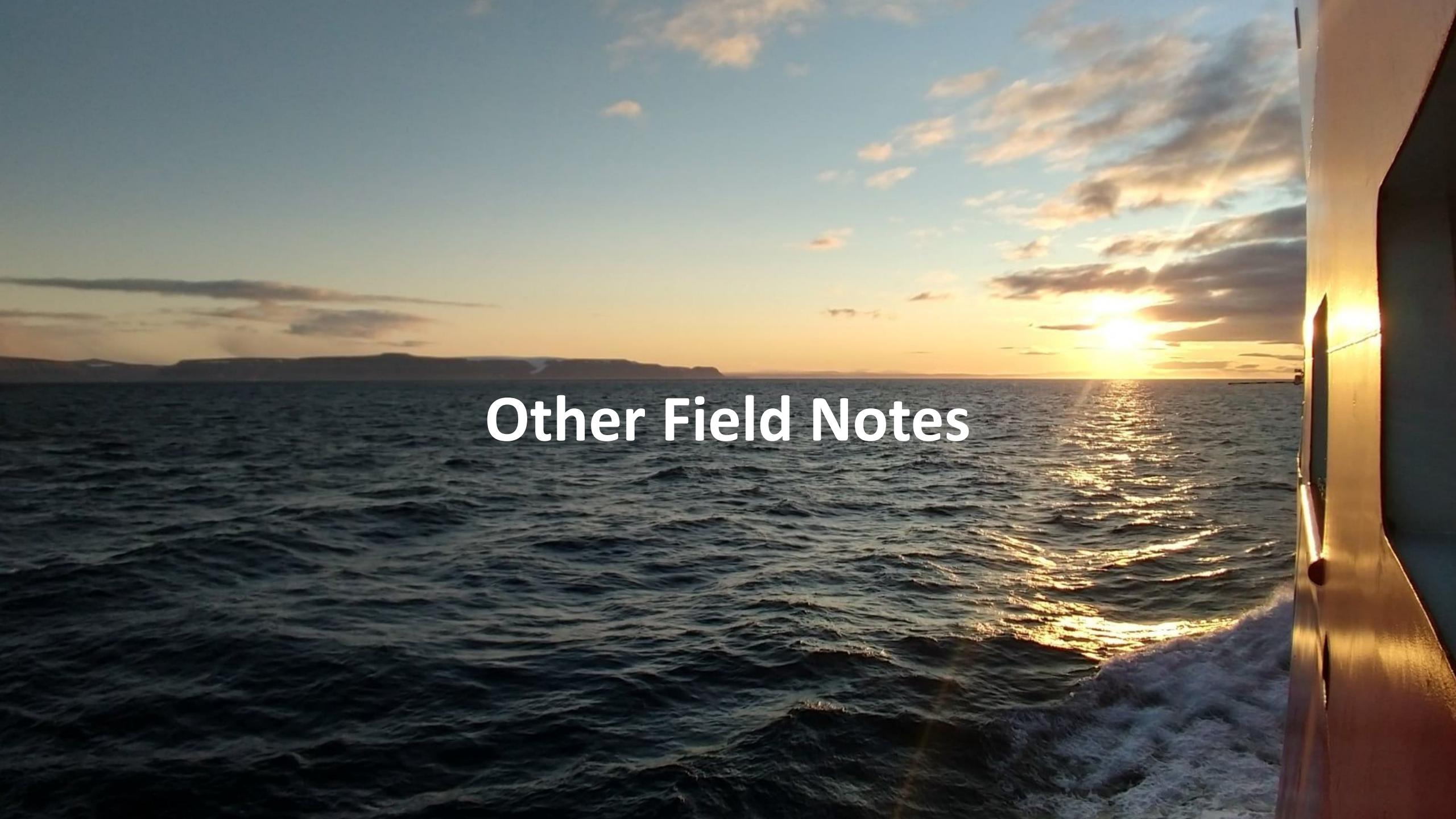
- Overview:** Vessels in transit routinely cross unmapped (or poorly mapped) regions of the planet. Transits offer important opportunities to map the gaps and verify sonar performance prior to science missions.
- Purposes:** There are several reasons to collect transit mapping data:
 1. Contribute to the global grids, especially in areas without modern multibeam data
 2. Verify sonar performance through opportunistic testing with minimal impact on science mission scheduling
 3. Build experience with a vessel's specific mapping systems (and their effects on each other) in a low-risk environment
 4. Opportunistically document changes in seafloor that may have occurred
- Resources:** The resources below are intended to address the challenges of transit mapping identified above, with the goal of providing high-quality bathymetry that can be incorporated into the global grids.
- Global grids:** For broader data searches, see [Finding existing data](#)

Sidebar (Pages 16):

- Find a page...
- Home
- Assessment Tools
- Backscatter Normalization
- Backscatter Processing
- Calibration (Patch Test)
- Contributing
- Data Acquisition
- Dimensional Control
- Multibeam Data Processing
- Sea Acceptance Testing
- Software Updates
- Sound Speed
- Top 10 multibeam issues
- Transit Mapping**
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Other Field Notes

EM122 TX Characterization (2017-19)



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Spatial Analysis of Beaked Whale Foraging During Two 12 kHz Multibeam Echosounder Surveys

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To add to the growing information about the effect of multibeam echosounder (MBES) operation on marine mammals, a study was conducted to assess the spatial foraging effort of Cuvier's beaked whales during two MBES surveys conducted in January of 2017 and 2019 off of San Clemente Island, California. The MBES surveys took place on the Southern California Antisubmarine Warfare Range (SOAR), which contains an array of 89 hydrophones covering an area of approximately 1800 km² over which foraging beaked whales were detected. A spatial autocorrelation analysis of foraging effort was conducted using the Moran's I (global) and the Getis-Ord Gi* (local) statistics, to understand the animals' spatial use of the entire SOAR, as well as smaller areas, respectively, within the SOAR Before, During, and After the two MBES surveys. In both years, the global Moran's I statistic suggested significant spatial clustering of foraging events on the SOAR during all analysis periods (Before, During, and After). In addition, a Kruskal-Wallis (comparison) test of both years revealed that the number of foraging events across analysis periods were similar within a given year. In 2017, the local Getis-Ord Gi* analysis identified hot spots of foraging activity in the same general area of the SOAR during all analysis periods. This local result, in combination with the global and comparison results of 2017, suggest there was no obvious period-related change detected in foraging effort associated with the 2017 MBES survey at the resolution measurable with the hydrophone array. In 2019, the foraging hot spot area shifted from the southernmost corner of the SOAR Before, to the center During, and was split between the two locations After the MBES survey. Due to the pattern of period-related spatial change identified in 2019, and the lack of change detected in 2017, it was unclear whether the change detected in 2019 was a result of MBES activity or some other environmental factor. Nonetheless, the results strongly suggest that the level of detected foraging during either MBES survey did not change, and most of the foraging effort remained in the historically well-utilized foraging locations of Cuvier's beaked whales on the SOAR.

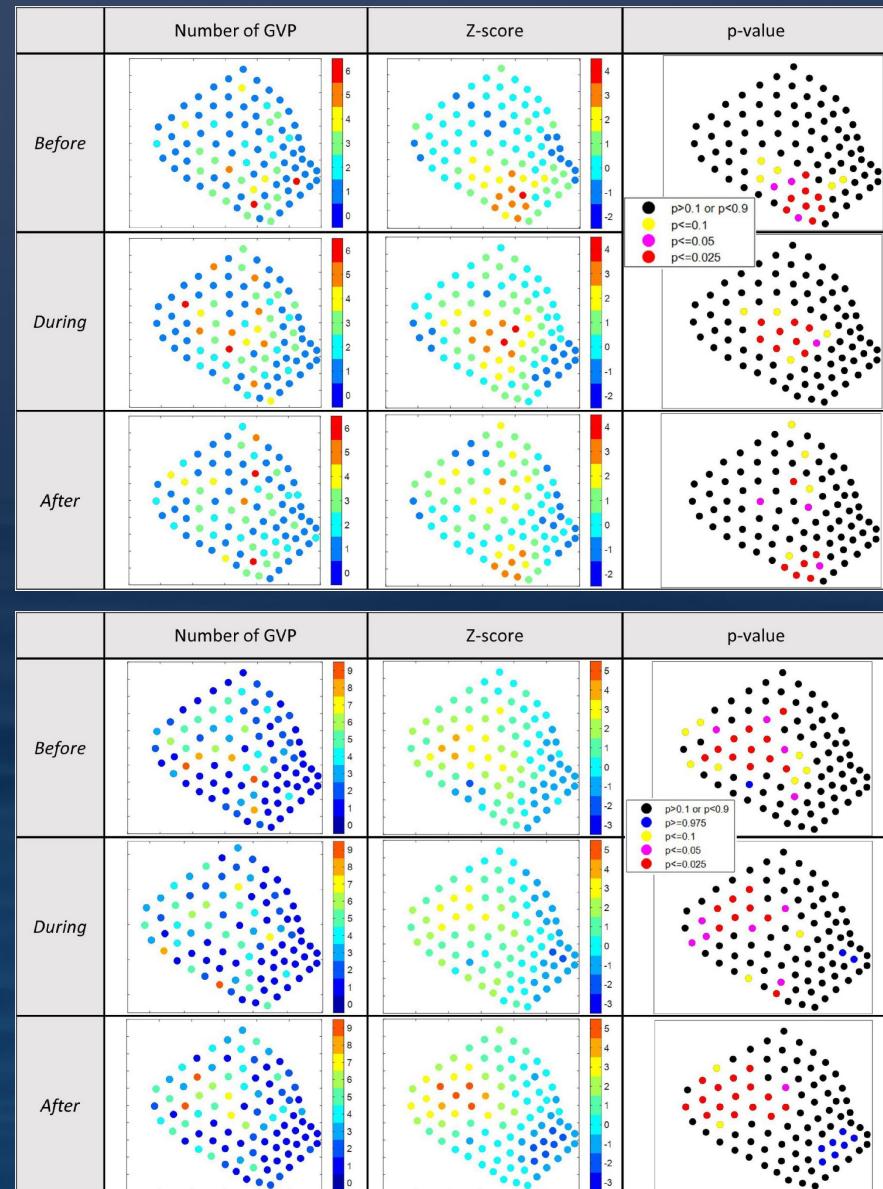
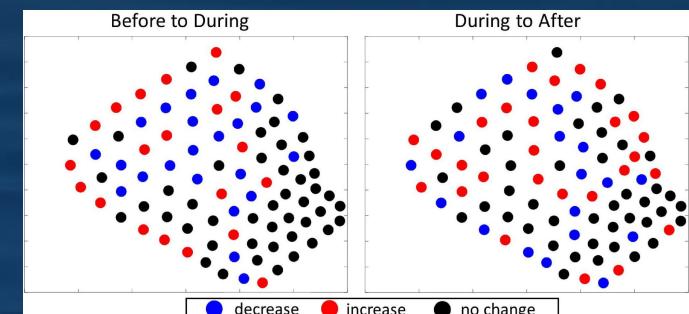
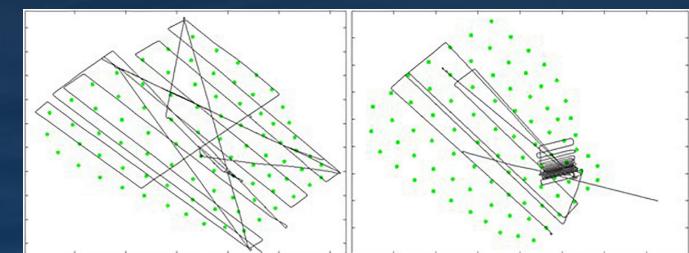
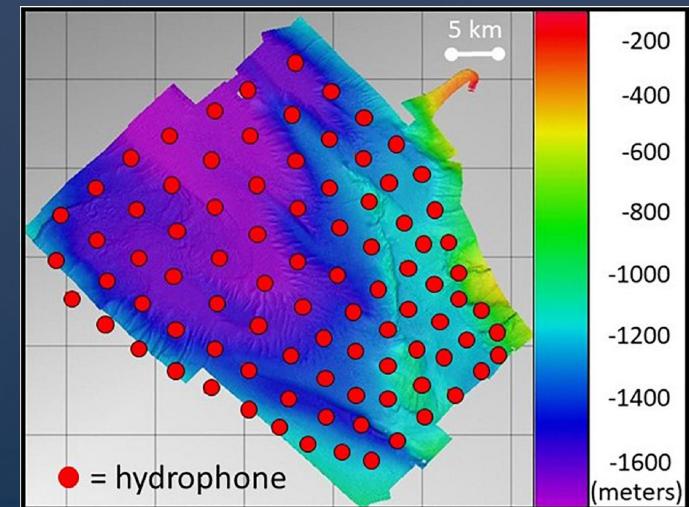
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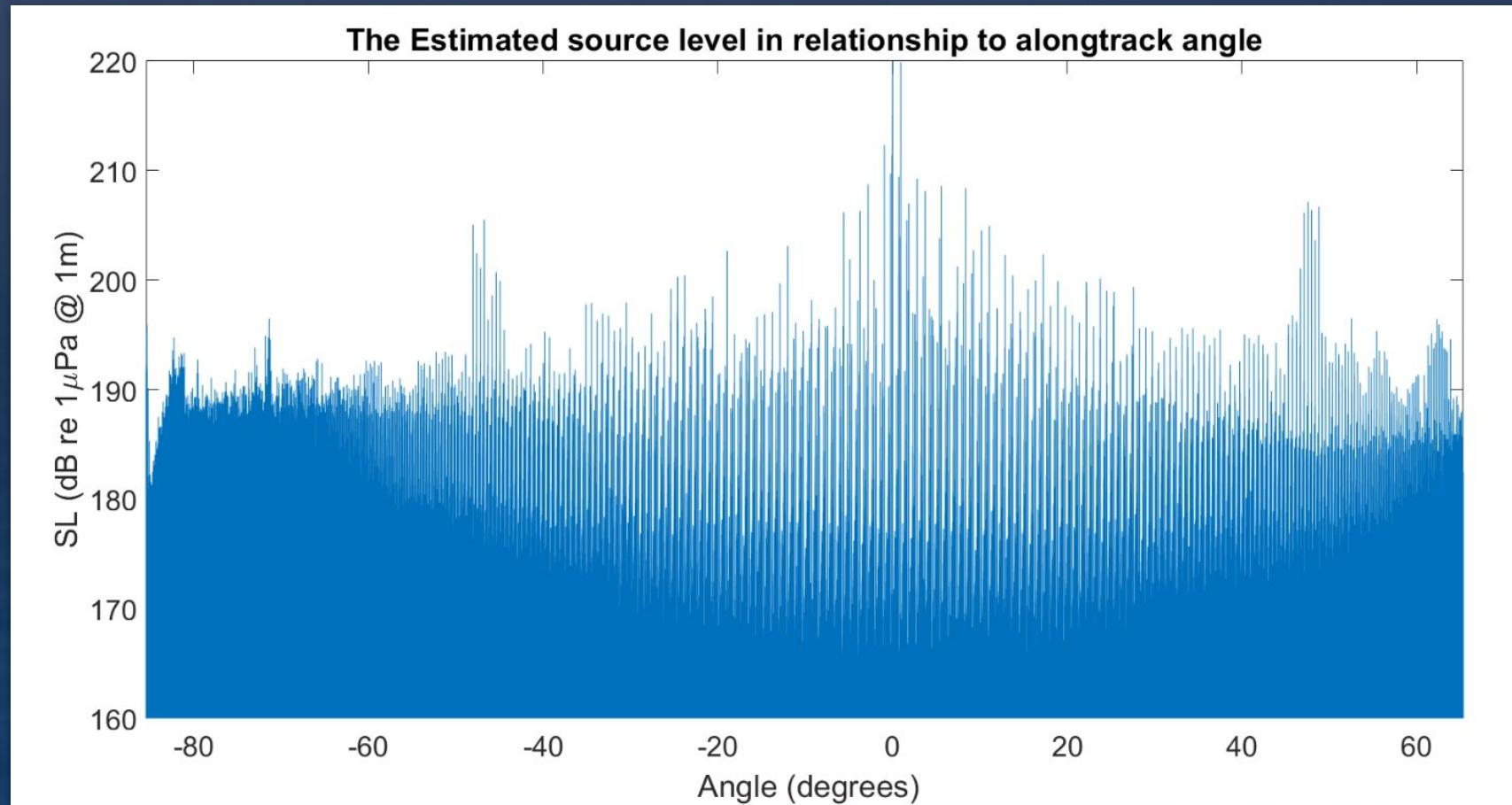
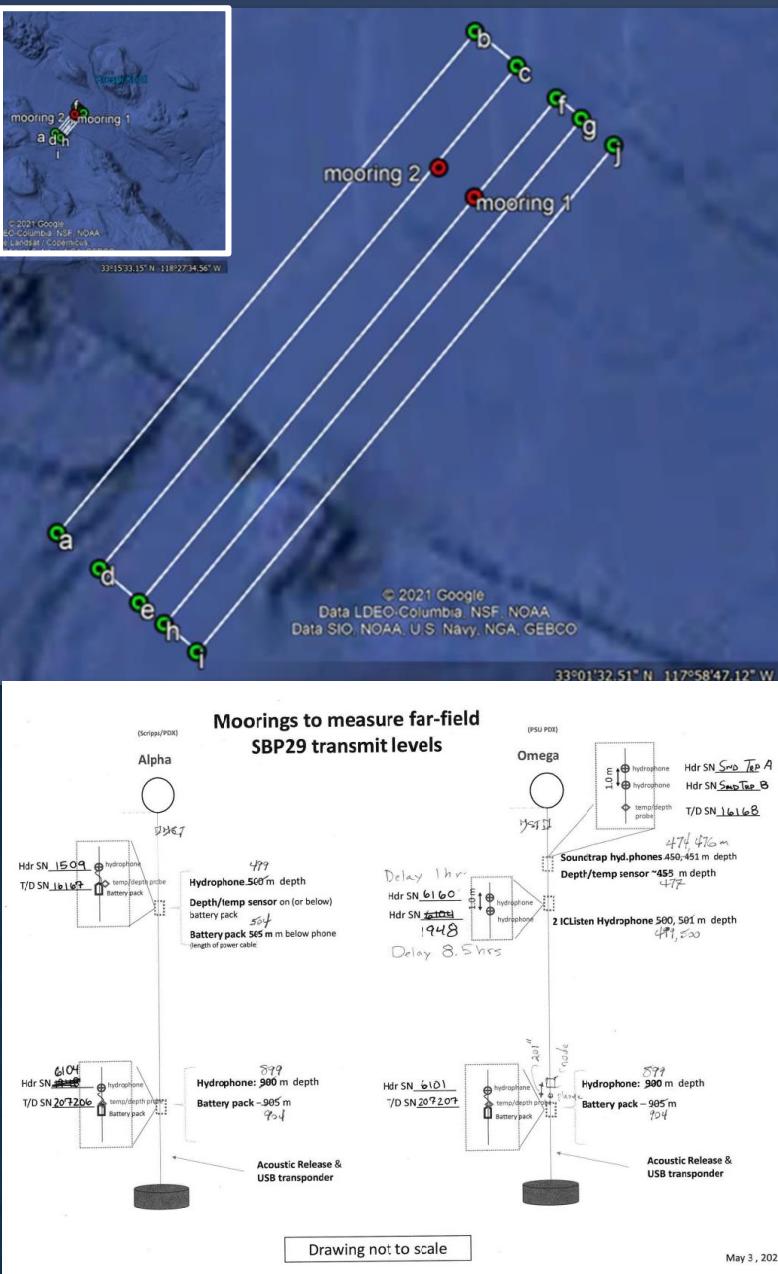
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Keywords: BACI, multibeam echosounder, beaked whale behavior, spatial autocorrelation, GLC approach

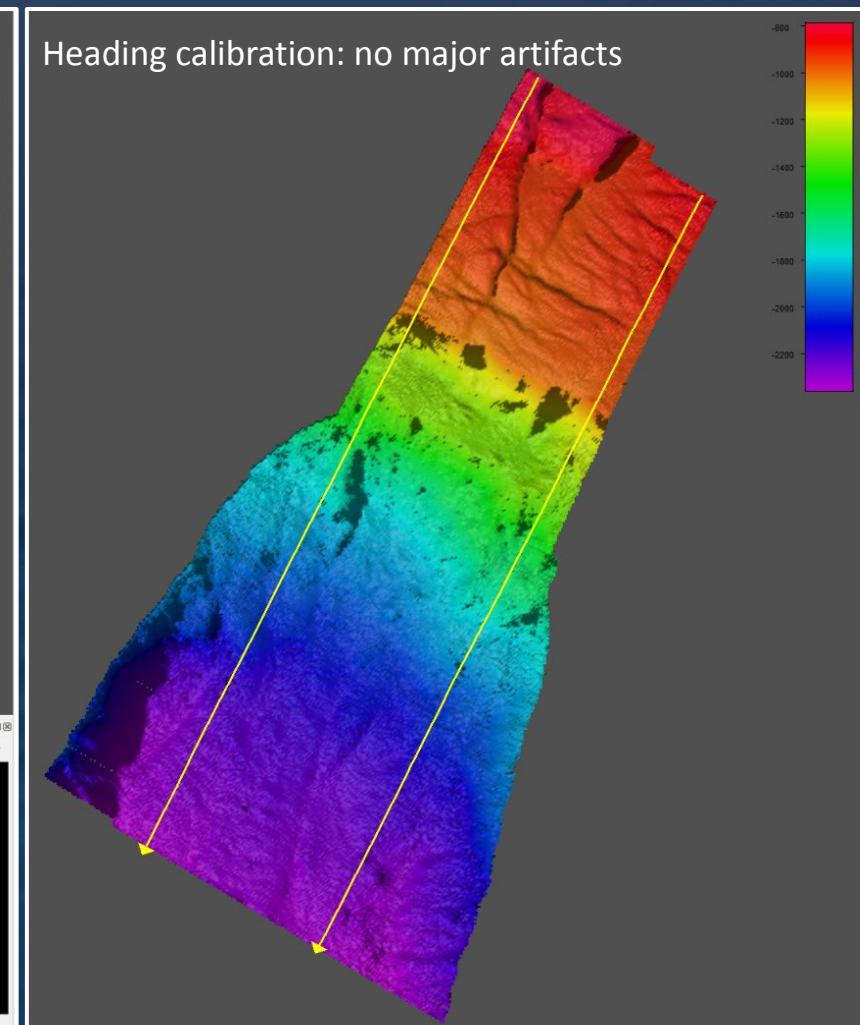
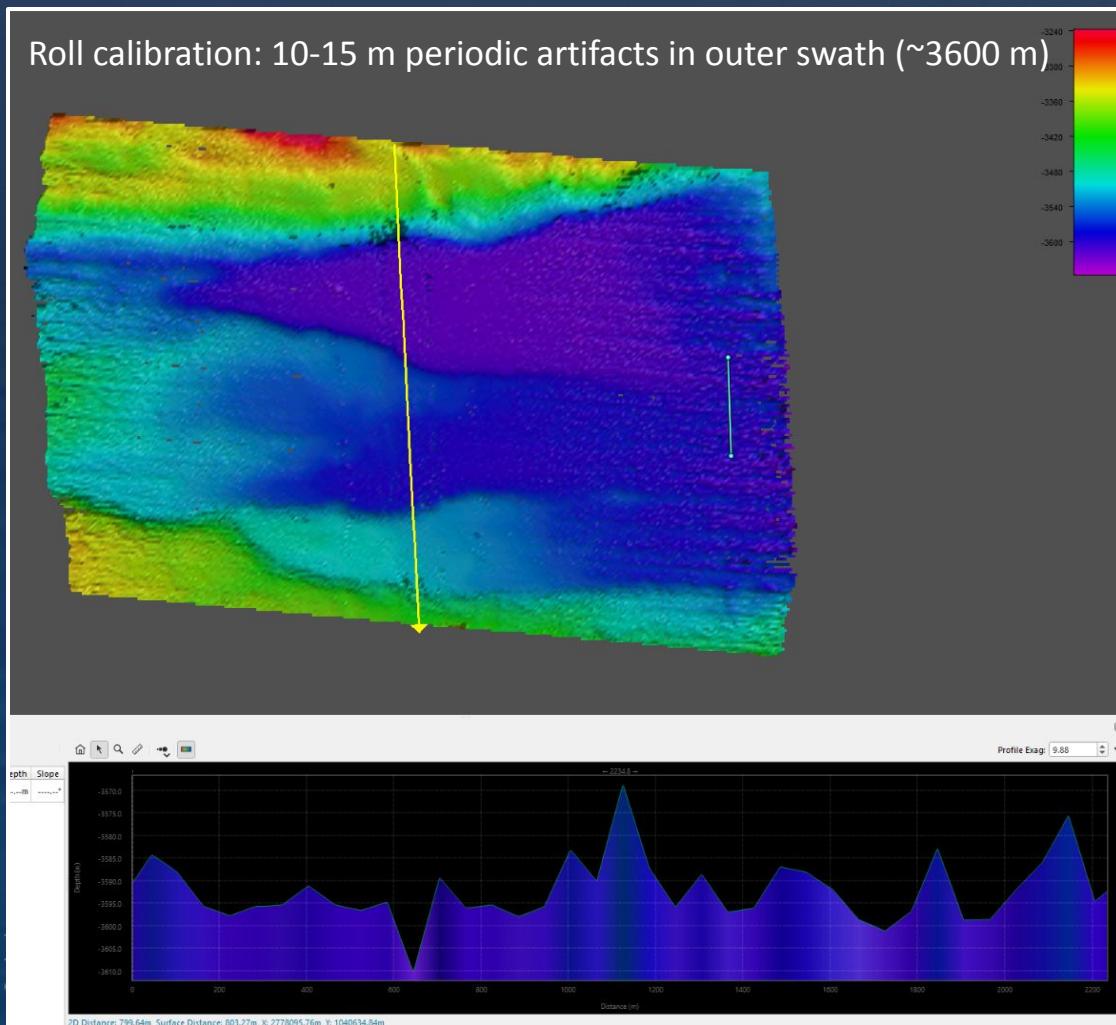


EM124 TX Characterization (2021)



Example from the Field: Swath Wobbles

1. Multibeam systems up to date with total geometry review, calibrations, noise testing
2. 'Wobbles' in some data (left) but not all (right) during calibration

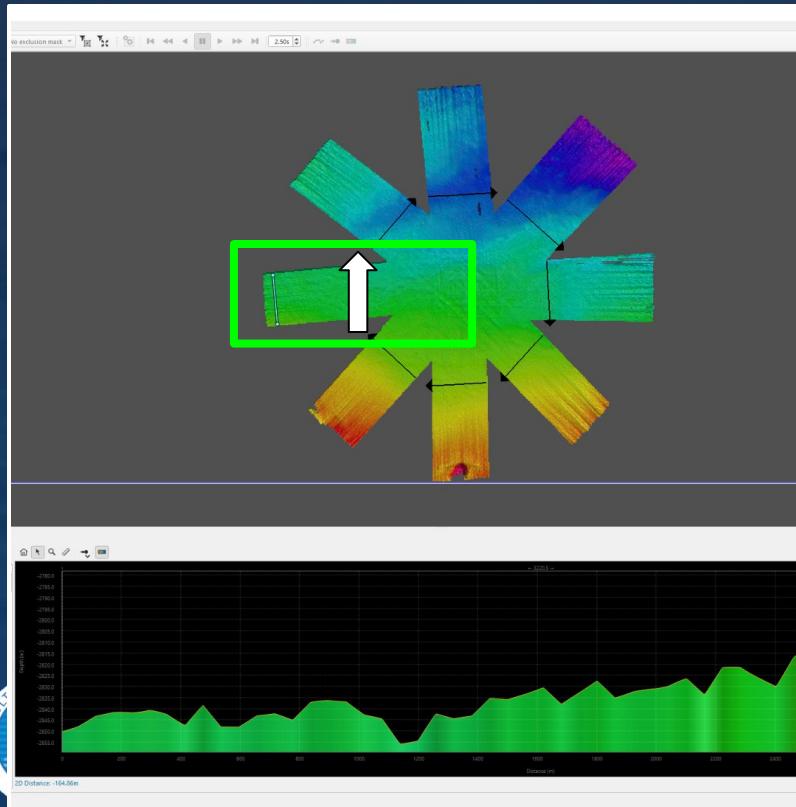


Example from the Field: Swath Wobbles

1. Asked ship to run a mapping ‘octagon’ with 10-15 minutes on eight headings (2650-2850 m)
2. Try to assess changes in swath behavior with orientation to potential internal wave field
3. Typical 1-3° roll and pitch with stable surface sound speed on all headings

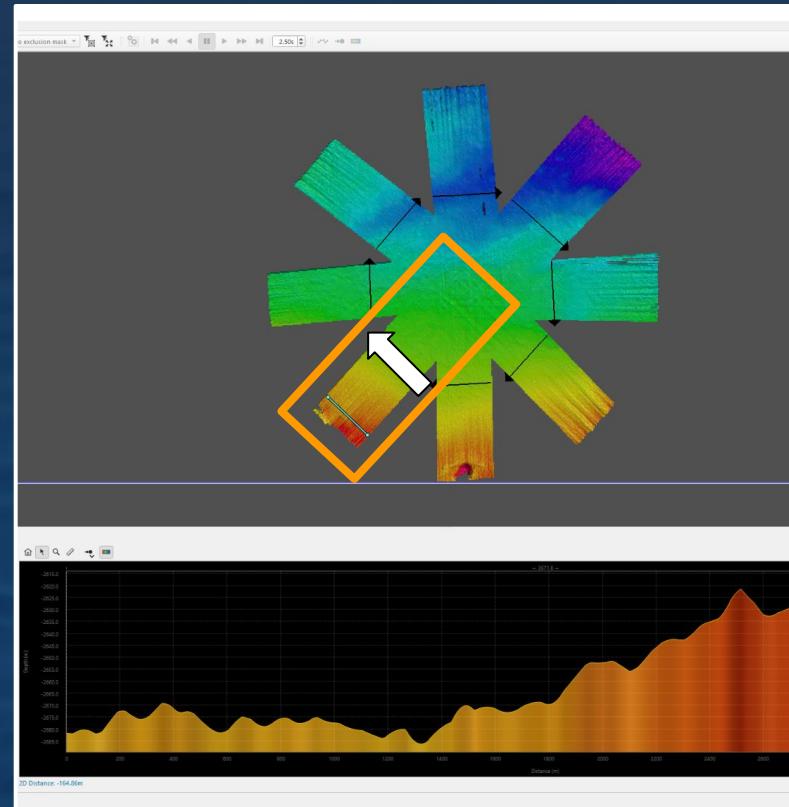
‘Best’ case:

~5 m ripples (N)



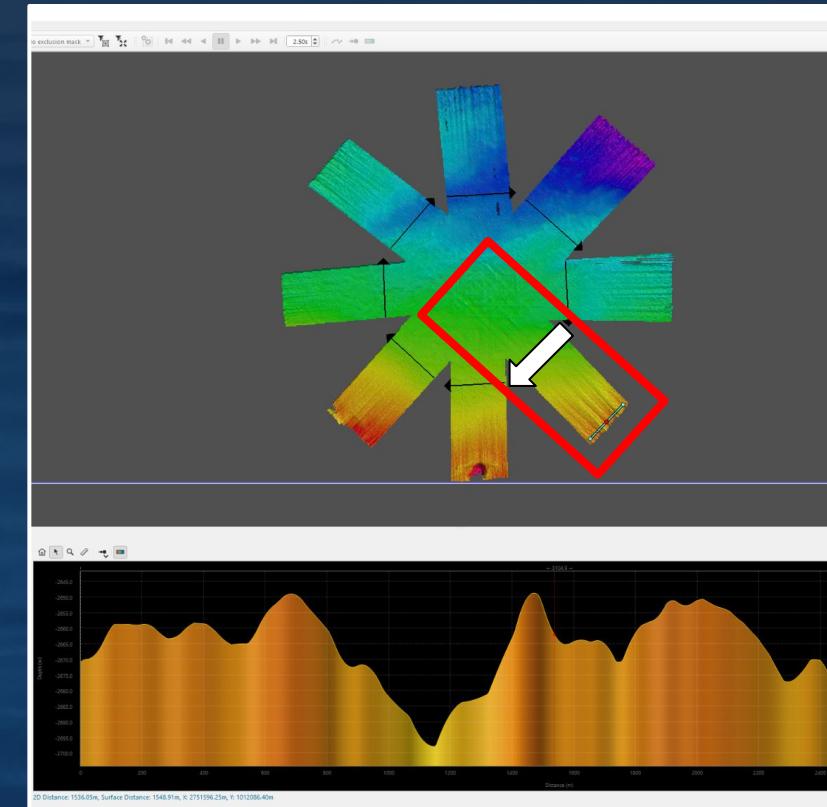
‘Middle’ case:

~20 m waves (NW)



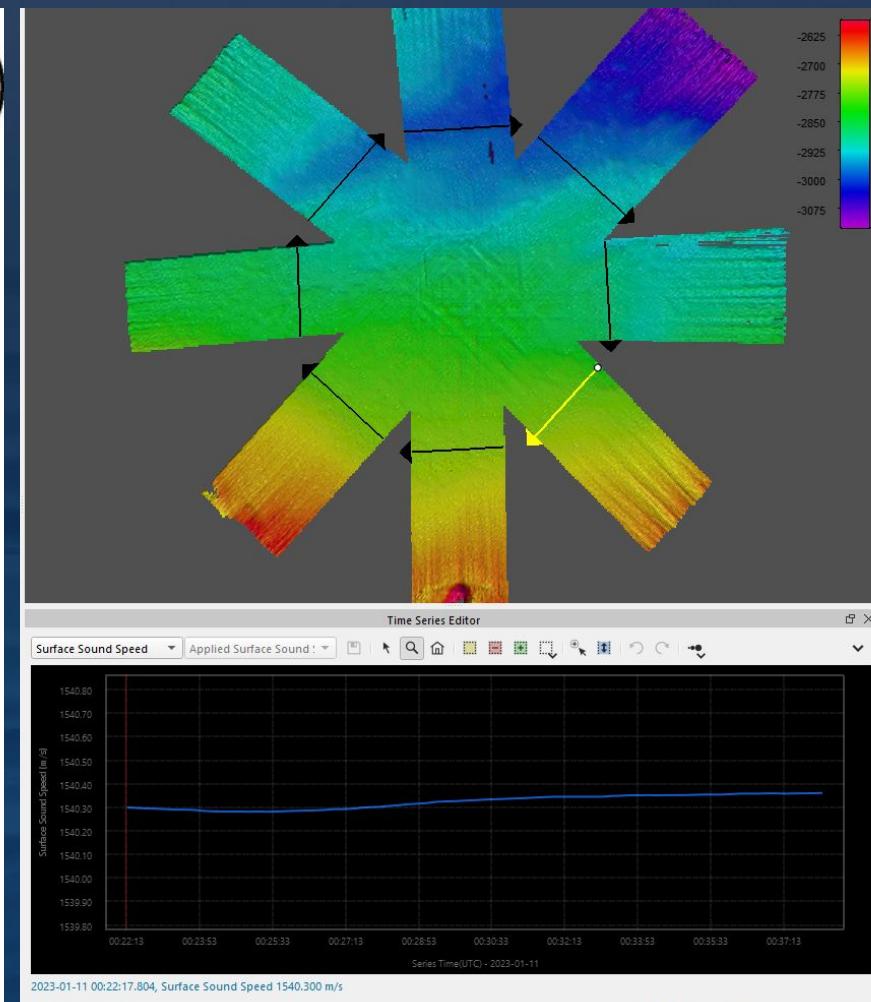
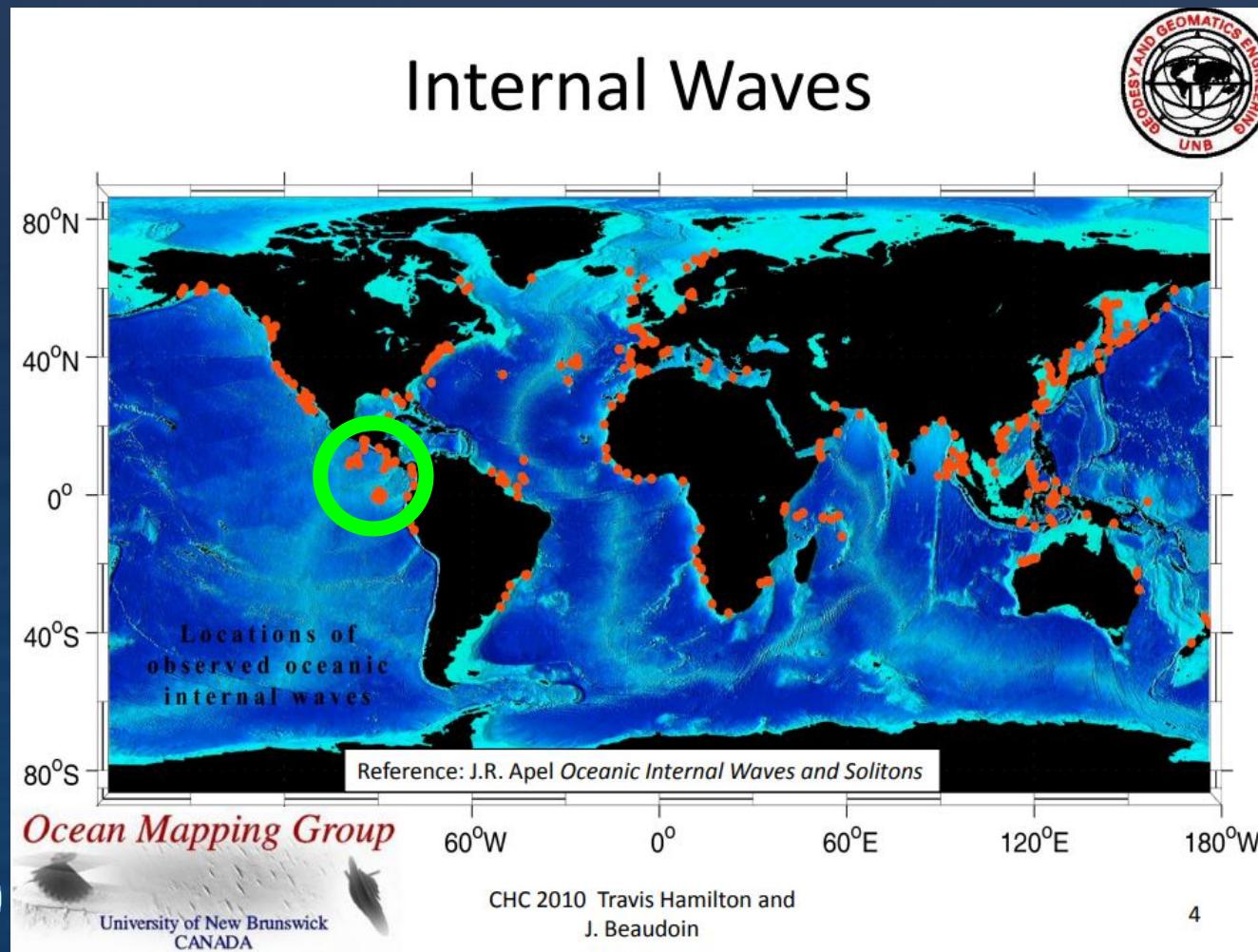
‘Worst’ case:

~50 m wobbles (SW)



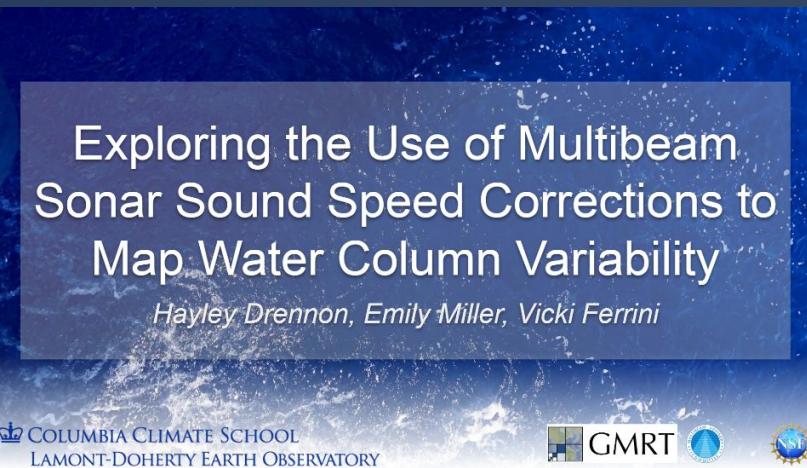
Example from the Field: Swath Wobbles

1. Oceanography: Internal waves?
2. Flow-through TSG: Intake depth? Temperature change? Lag time?



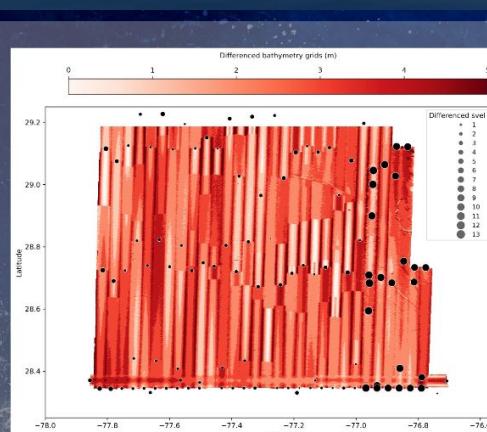
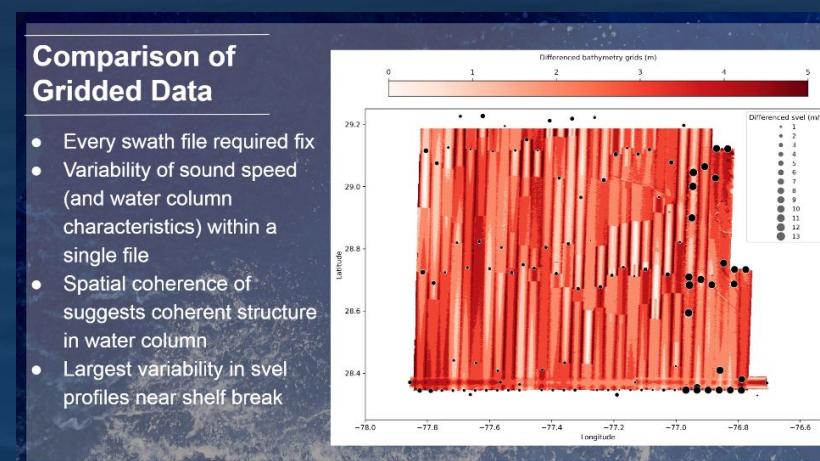
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Fixing sound speed problems without starting from raw

- Extract edits from processed swath files (GSF) downloaded from NCEI
- Downloaded raw swath files (mb59) from NCEI and prepare them for processing with MB-System
- Apply extracted edits from GSF to raw data in MB-System
- Grid data with GMRT Tool
- Review data with GeoMapApp
- Apply sound speed corrections



https://github.com/oceanmapping/community/blob/main/Drennon_OSM2022.pdf



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Positioning

Positioning topics

Helpful links

[1. GPS Visualization](#)

Resources

Below are a few helpful resources to find, manage and evaluate ocean mapping data.

Open-source data tools

1. [HydroOffice](#) - a collaborative research-to-operations framework, including Sound Speed Manager and QC Tools
2. [Ocean Data Tools](#) - tools for data acquisition, management and event logging, including OpenRVDAS, OpenVDM and Sealog
3. [GMRT Tiler](#) - compare processed data to the [GMRT](#) grid to identify issues with sound velocity, etc., and ensure suitability for archive
4. [MB-SYSTEM](#) - open source; commonly used for automated / scripted processing of data from AUVs and other vehicles

Best practices

1. [Ocean Best Practices](#) - repository for ocean science SOPs from around the world
2. [IHO-IO GEBCO Cookbook](#) - technical reference manual focused on how to build grids
3. [NOAA OER Deepwater Exploration Mapping](#) - reference for NOAA OER mapping operations on the NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer*
4. [Australian Multibeam Guidelines 2.0](#) - technical reference manual focused multibeam operations

Helpful presentations and papers

1. [Sonar Synchronization and Tradeoffs](#)
2. [Rolling Deck to Repository Overview - 2020 RVTEC](#)
3. [Open Vessel Data Management - 2020 RVTEC](#)
4. [Lessons Learned from a Successful Integration of the EM 304 MKII Variant Multibeam Sonar](#)
5. [Ocean Exploration in a Data-Rich World](#) - white paper from 2022 National Ocean Exploration Forum
6. [Exploring the use of Sound Speed Profiles](#) - 2022 Ocean Sciences
7. [Calibration of Acoustic Instruments](#) - summarizes fundamental sonar theory and details calibration methods.
8. [Multibeam Sonar Theory of Operation](#) - a clear overview of sonar concepts (multibeam and sidescan)

Why map the ocean?

Most of this wiki focuses on *how* to map the watery 71% of our planet. Here are a few examples of *why*.

Beyond the critical role of [safety of navigation](#), ocean mapping is important for a wide array of reasons:

1. confirming plate tectonics and ancient oceans
2. understanding ocean circulation and climate
3. studying historic tsunamis and present risks
4. managing fisheries and food sources
5. tracking sources of greenhouse gases
6. routing global submarine cables
7. catching up to maps of our moon and Mars

Planning for Limited Support

EM302/EM122 now in Limited Maintenance

Transducer modules can be replaced for the entirety of the product's life expectancy as these are still being produced.

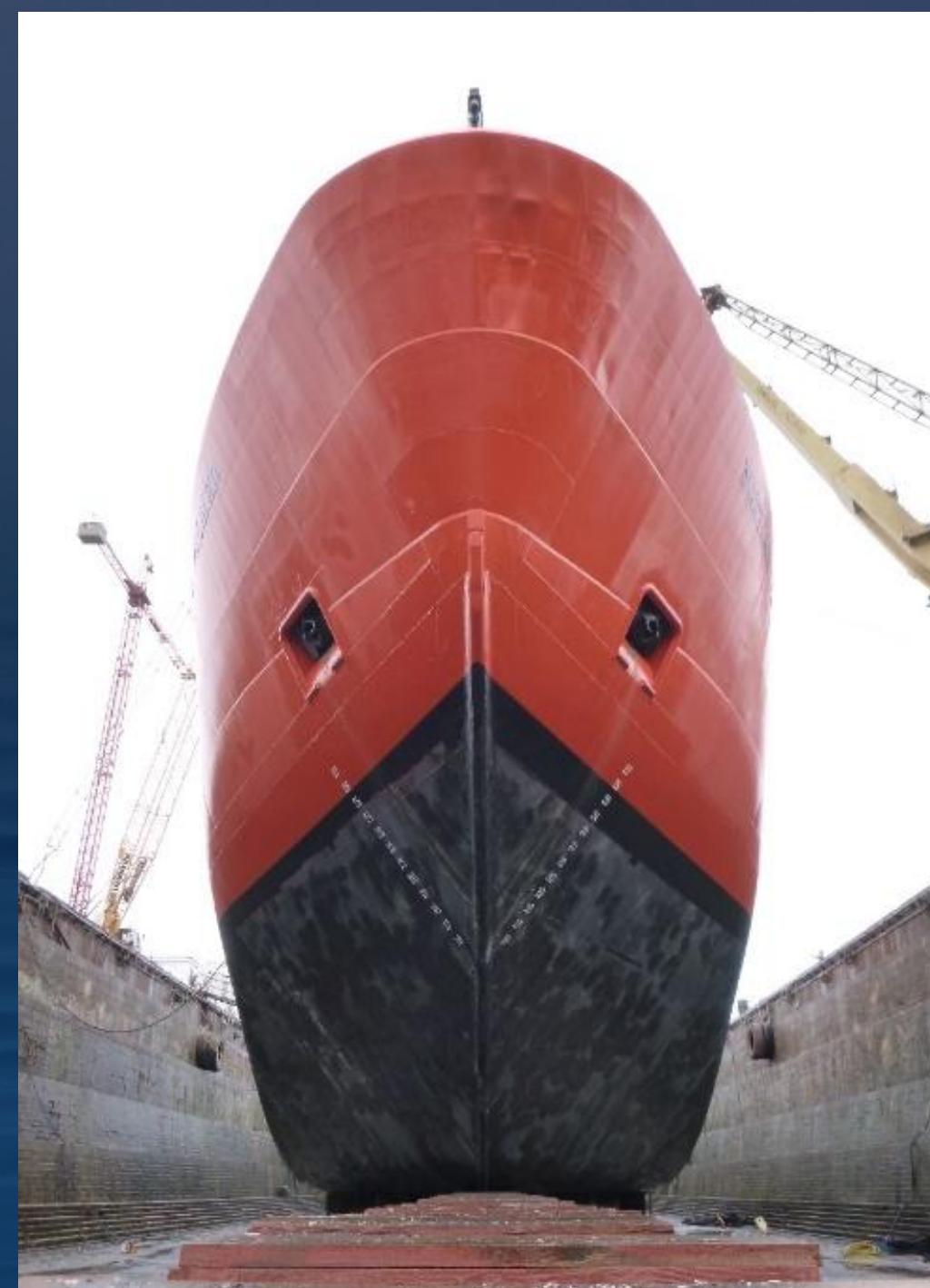
The availability of transceiver unit spare parts is limited.

Transceiver Units can be repaired at factory until 1 January 2028 if the necessary spare parts are available. Contact Customer Support.

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https://www.kongsberg.com/contentassets/c83267864a104ae18476ebe642551f3e/458450ab_em122_limited_maintenance.pdf

EM710 Limited Maintenance expected soon



Questions? Answers? Reach out!

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