



# Fibre Optical Distributed Sensing

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## Outline of Presentation

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- About CMR
- Project Examples:
  - Marin Monitoring
  - Optics
  - Decision Support
- Distributed Fibre Optical Sensing
  - ODIMS
  - Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)
  - Distributed Sensing

## OUR LEGACY

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Our legacy can be traced back to 1930, as part of the Christian Michelsen Institute.

The institute was established to provide free and independent research, as a personal initiative from former prime minister Christian Michelsen.



## OUR MISSION AND VALUES

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*Christian Michelsen Research  
creates value for society and  
customers through innovative  
and sustainable solutions*

*Trustworthy | Innovative | Committed | Competent*

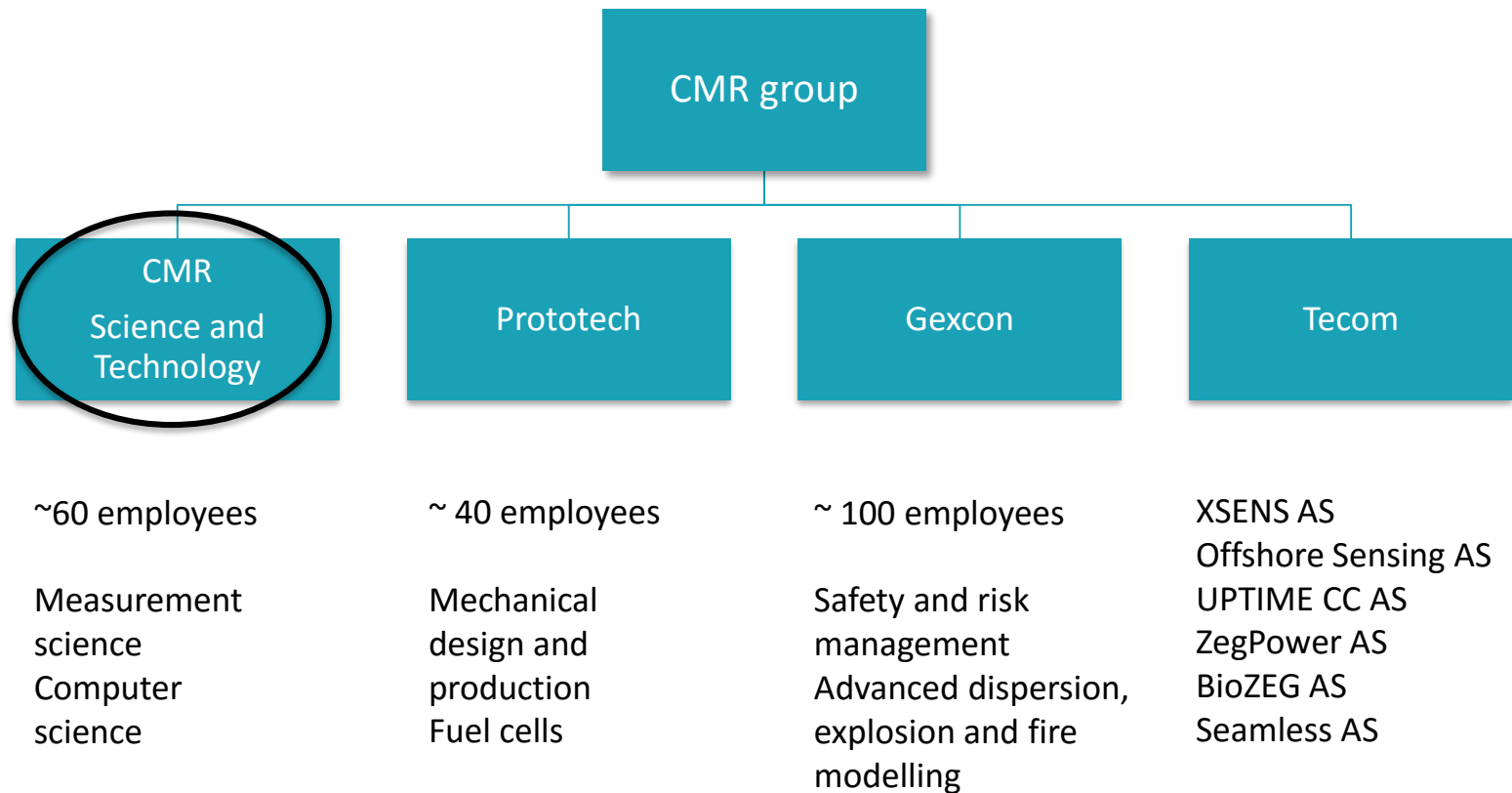


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- Owner structure
  - University of Bergen (50%)
  - UNI Research AS (35%)
  - Statoil Technology Invest AS (5%)
  - Sparebanken Vest (5%)
  - CGG Services (NORWAY) AS (5%)
- Non profit
  - CMR is a non profit organization and all profit is invested into new research

# ORGANISATION

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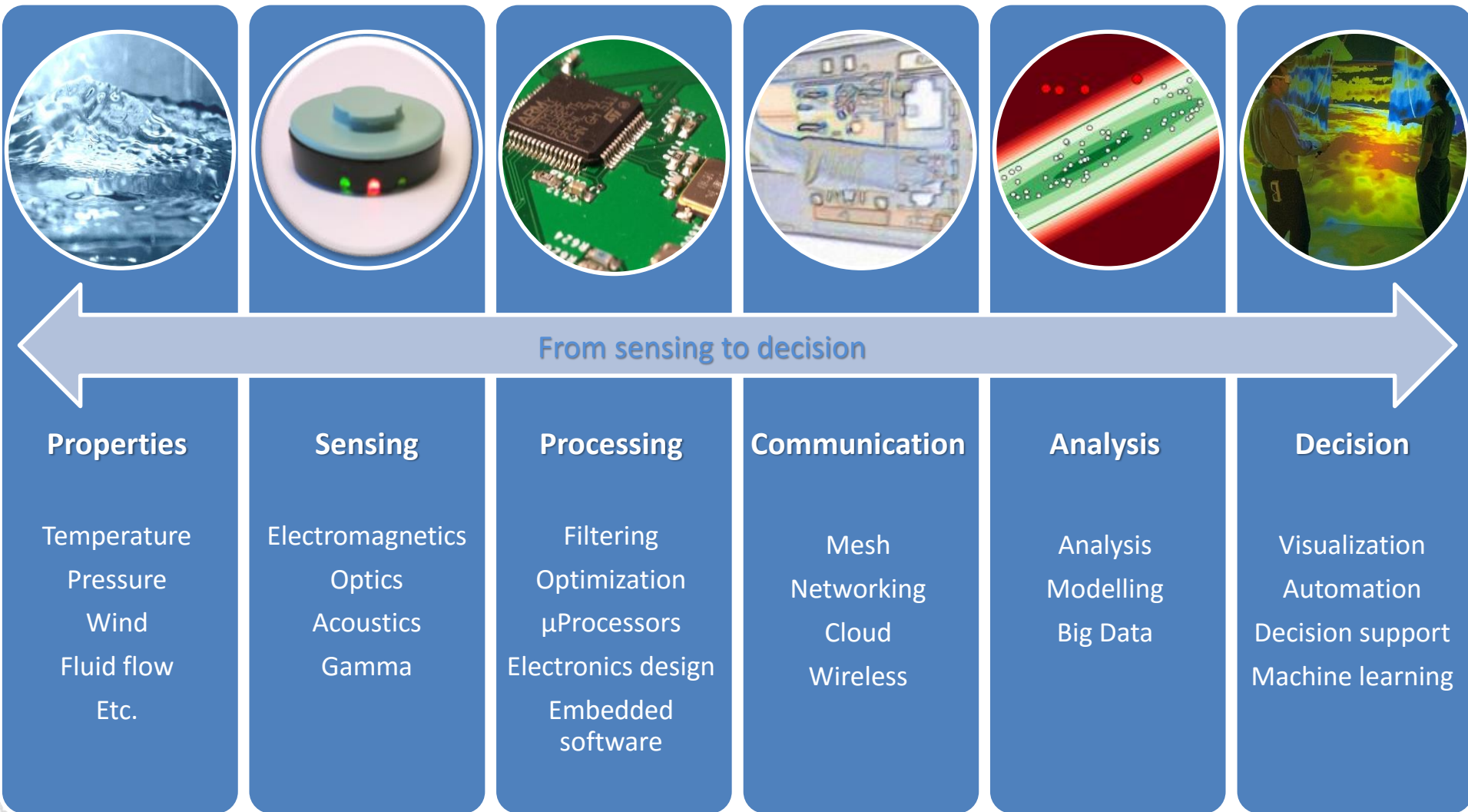


## CMR Science & Technology main market areas

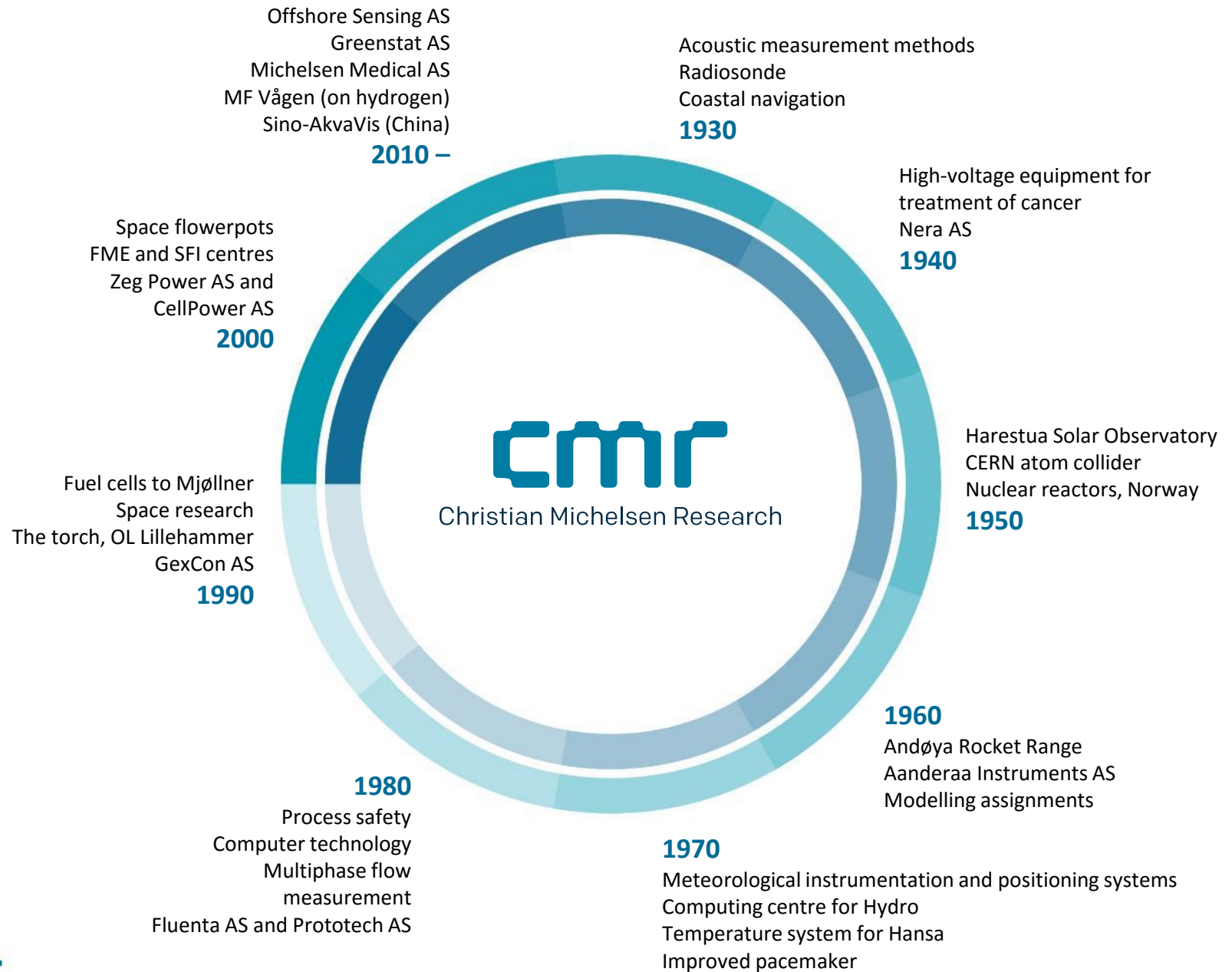




## CMR Science & Technology competence areas







# CMR Optics Group

- Jon O. Hellevang (MSc, photonics)
  - Peter Thomas (PhD, photonics)
  - Erling Kolltveit (PhD, fibre optics)
  - Benny Svardal (BSc, optics)
  - Dag Roar Hjelme, Scientific Advisor 15% (Professor NTNU)
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- Bård Henriksen (MSc, electronics)
  - Stian Stavland (MSc, instrumentation)

# Focus area

- Technologies:
  - Fibre Optics
  - Spectroscopy
  - Imaging and robust optics
- Applications:
  - Condition monitoring / distributed sensing
  - Water monitoring
  - Fluid and flow characterisation and measurement
  - 3D imaging, structural surveillance
- Marked:
  - Main focus on the energy sector
  - Marine, industry, transport and medical

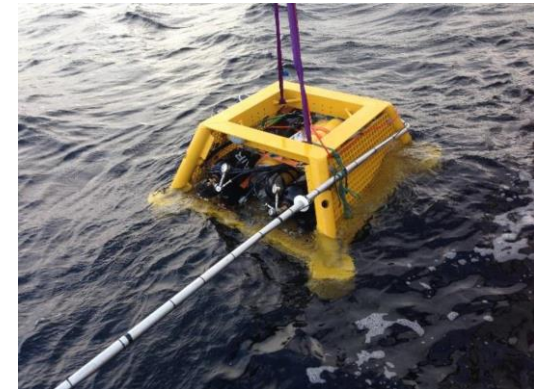
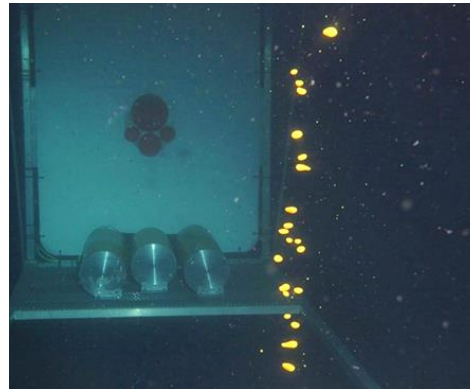
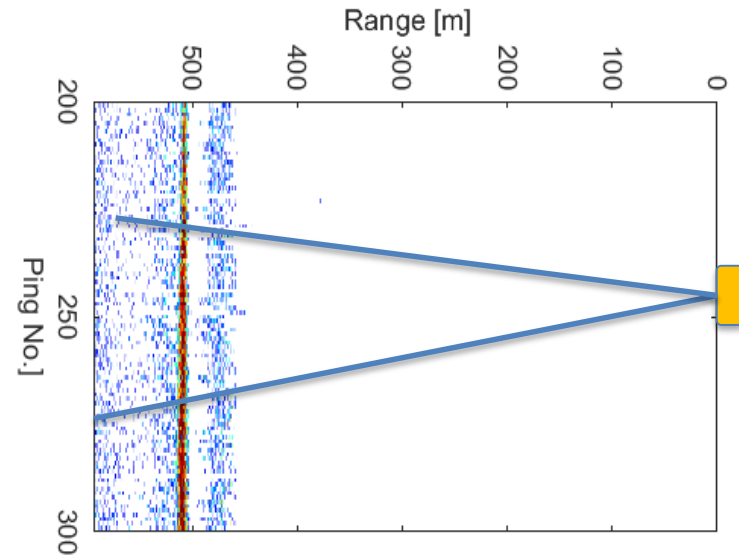
# **PROJECTS EXAMPLE - MARIN MONITORING**

# AALDOG – Active Acoustic

## AALDOG – Active Acoustic Leak Detection of subsea Oil and Gas

- **Goal:** Develop subsea technology for long range detection of oil and gas leakage
- **Partners:** Metas, CMR, IMR, UiB, Statoil, Kongsberg Maritime
- **Funded by:** DEMO 2000 / RFF Vest

**CMR contribution:** Acoustic propagation and scattering – simulations and measurements, measurement data analysis.





# Lofoten Vesterålen (LoVe) Observatory

- Study the marine ecosystem.
- Real time approach
- Enable safe and sound coexistence of several ocean industries.

**IMR**, CMR, FFI, NERSC, UiB, UiT, UNI Research, SINTEF ICT, Statoil, GCE Subsea, Fishermen's Association  
Funded by: Research Council of Norway

## Node 1 in place:

- Hydrophone
- Echosounders
- Current profilers
- Optical cameras
- Temperature, pressure
- Chemical sensors
- + Auxillary data

<http://love.statoil.com/>

Node 2-7 in progress

Node 3 @ 234m

Node 5 @ 2490m

5 km

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# BRIDGES



- Bringing together Research and Industry for the Development of Glider Environmental Services
- ARMINES, ACSA-ALCEN ++
- Gliders for:
  - Ecosystem
  - Oil and gas
  - Deep sea mining
- Sensors: chemical, optical, acoustic
- 2015-2019

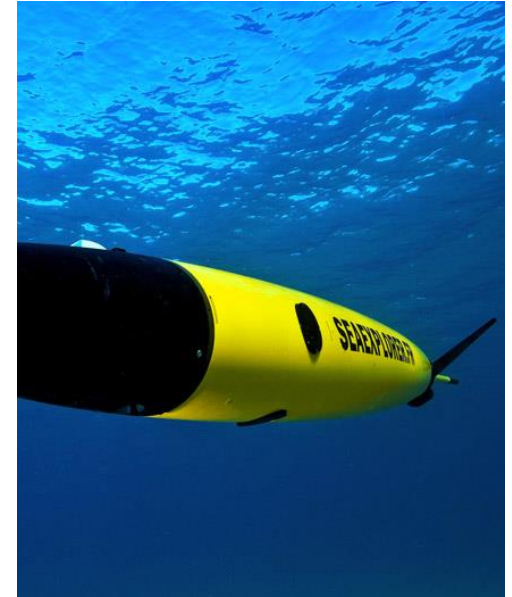
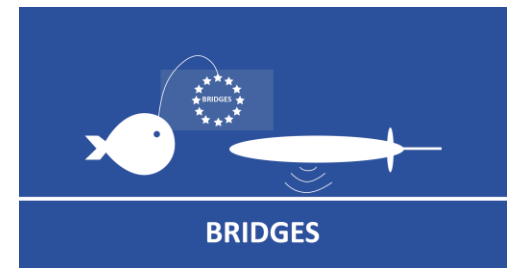


Illustration: ACSA



BRIDGES



## DEMO 2000 project «GLIDER» (2017-2019)

Akvaplan Niva, NIVA, CMR, NTNU, UiT, NU, MET, industry partners, ...

- Mapping environmental data using three unmanned autonomous vehicles
  - **Seaglider (KM), Sailbuoy (OS) and Waveglider (LR)**
- The vehicles will operate and collect data with a wide range of sensors
- In/near LoVe august 2017 (initial deployment), and for an extended period and area winter/spring 2018
  - Exact area and mission plans TBD



*Illustrations: Kongsberg Maritime*



*Offshore Sensing*



*Liquid Robotics*

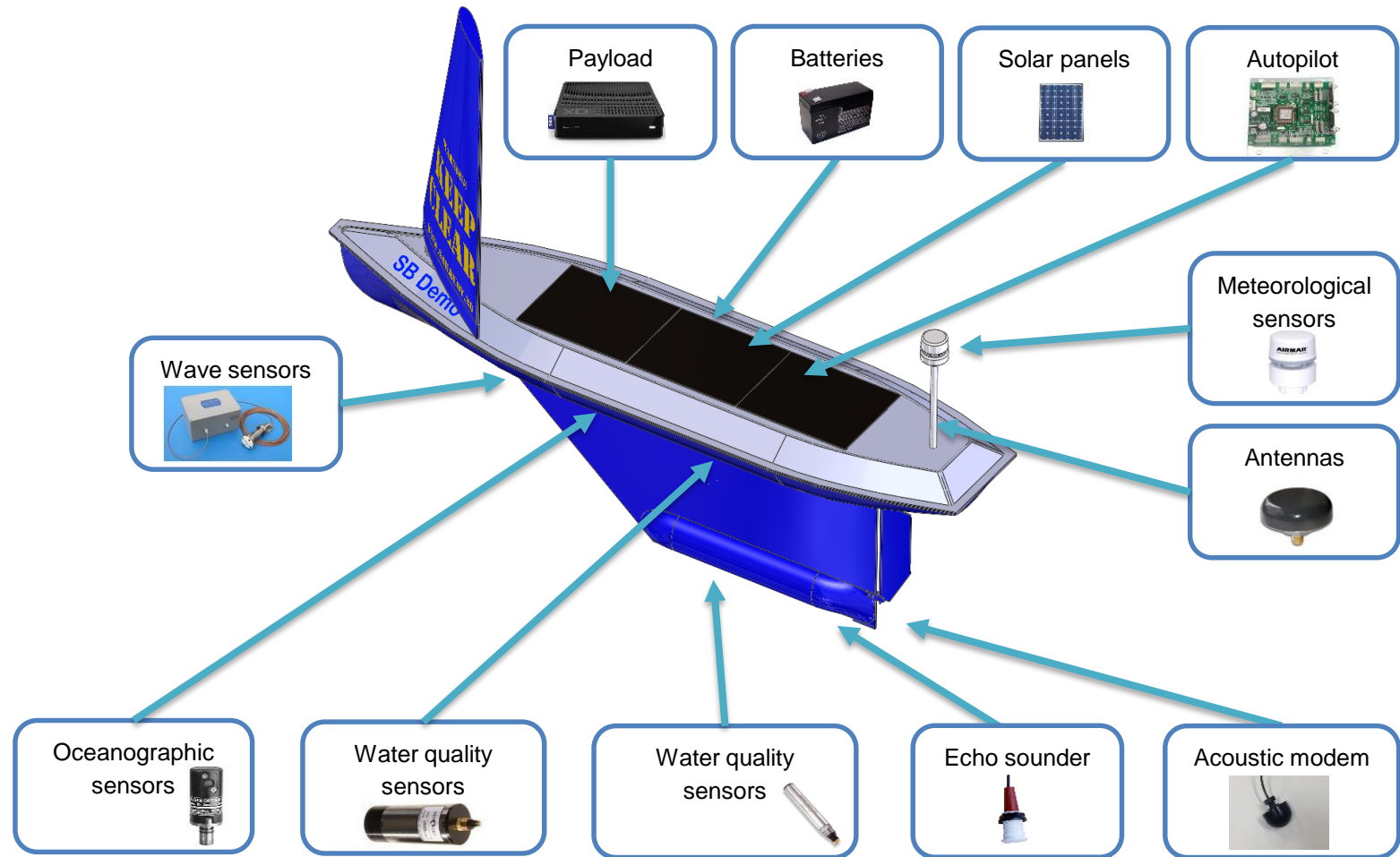
# Sailbuoy – Technical Data

## Unmanned Surface Vehicle

- Length: 2m Width: 0.5 m
- Displacement: 56 kg
- Payload: 10 kg / 60 dm<sup>3</sup>
- Average speed: 1-2 knots
- Tested navigable wind speed range: 4 – 30 m/s
- On-board autopilot and optional data logger
- Mission design length: 12 months
- Typical operational period: 1 - 3 months
- Global 2 way satellite communication



# Sailbouy - Sensors and Payload



# Sailbuoy – Application Example

**NERSC: Ice edge north/west of Svalbard**

Ice waves vs. ocean waves

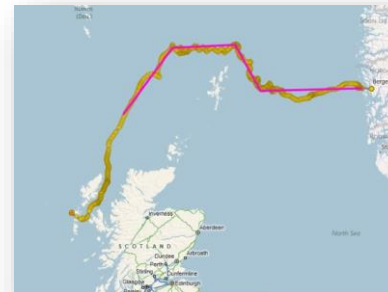
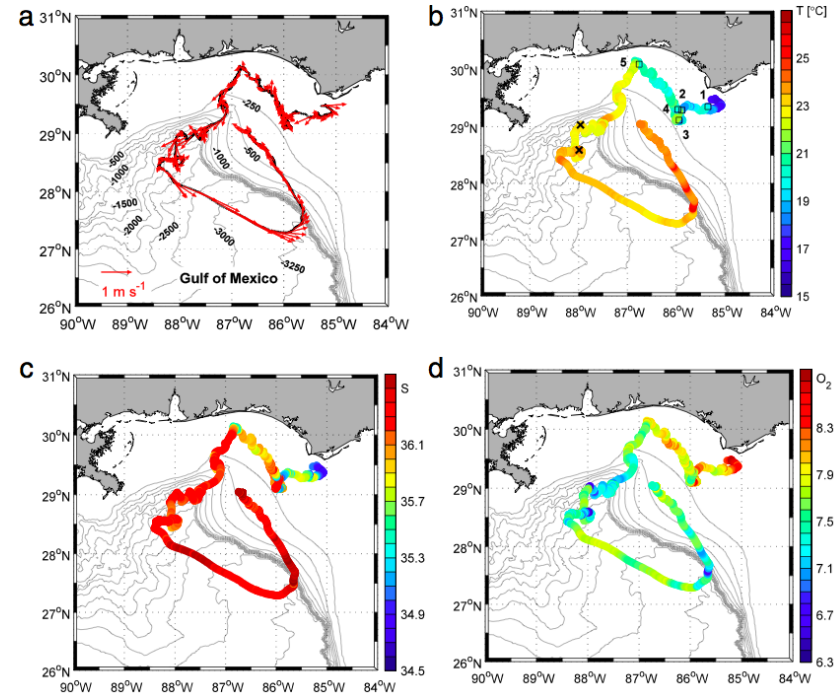
**MET Norway**

Wave measurements for improving of  
forecast models

**NORCOWE Fino1 Campaign**

**Deep-C and MET Norway, Gulf of Mexico**

Surface temperature, salinity and oxygen



# Sailbuoy – Video demonstration

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMbAxejIDAM>
- Video gallery: <http://www.sailbuoy.no/gallery>





# PROJECTS EXAMPLE - OPTICS

## Optical sensors for measuring dissolved CO<sub>2</sub>

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Need for detecting CO<sub>2</sub> leakages from geological storage, monitoring ocean acidification and aquaculture applications

- Standard procedures is laboratory analysis of water samples – time consuming and no online monitoring
- Commercially available sensors bulky expensive and consume a lot of power

# Optical CO2 sensors – Project timeline



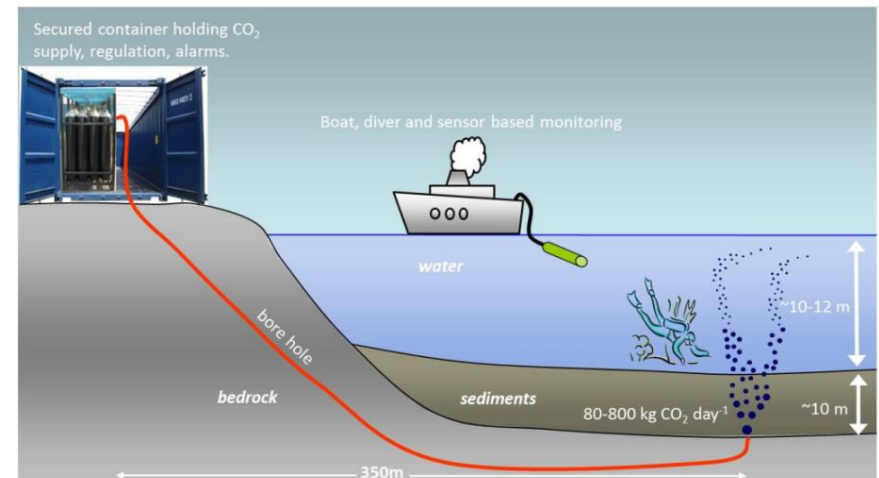
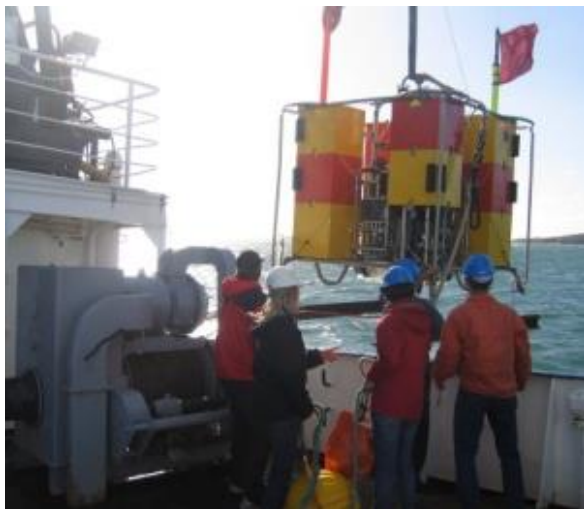
- 2009: First fluorescence lifetime prototype, development of calibration setup
- 2010-2013: numerous field trials and gradual improvement of performance
- 2014: Available to buy from Aanderaa data Instruments (AADI)



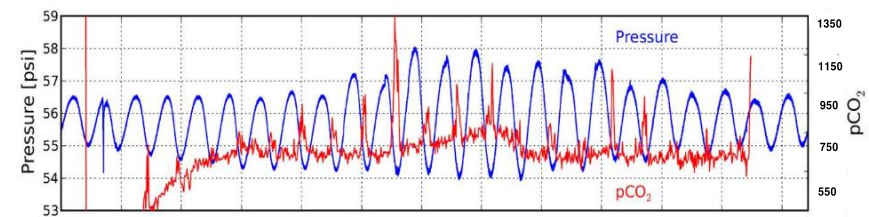
# Optical CO2 sensor - Performance



- Sensitivity between 100-5000  $\mu\text{atm}$
- $\sim 1\text{min}$  response time
- Stable over several months

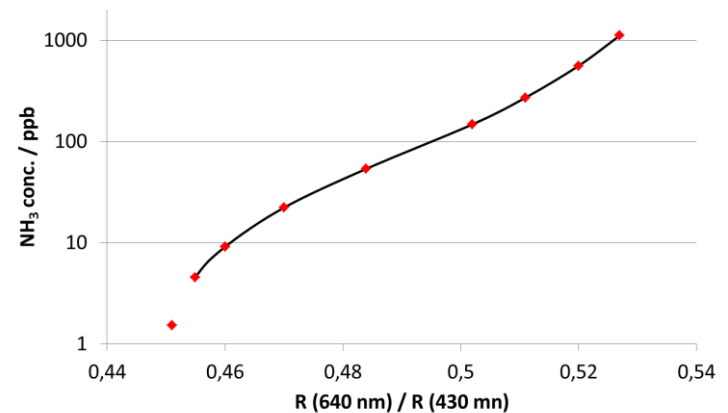


Bottom water  $\text{pCO}_2$ , T and  $\text{O}_2$  with respect to manifold pressure



# Other chemical sensing technologies

- 2017-2019 New RCN funded project with Aanderaa
  - "A quantum dot on nanostructured sapphire pH sensor for reliable long-term monitoring applications"
- Promising results with solid state, compact technologies for monitoring  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in water
  - $\text{NH}_3$  sensitivity in the low ppb range
  - $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  sensitivity in the low ppm range
- Also considering if some of the same technologies can be used for  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$



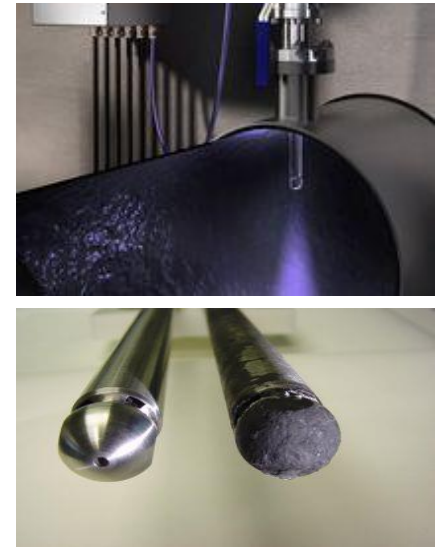


## ClearVIEW – Anti fouling optical windows

Fouling of optical windows has hindered the wide spread use of optical sensors in oil and gas applications

- Proanalysis OiW probe uses cavitation to periodically clean a sapphire window
- Window has limited lifetime

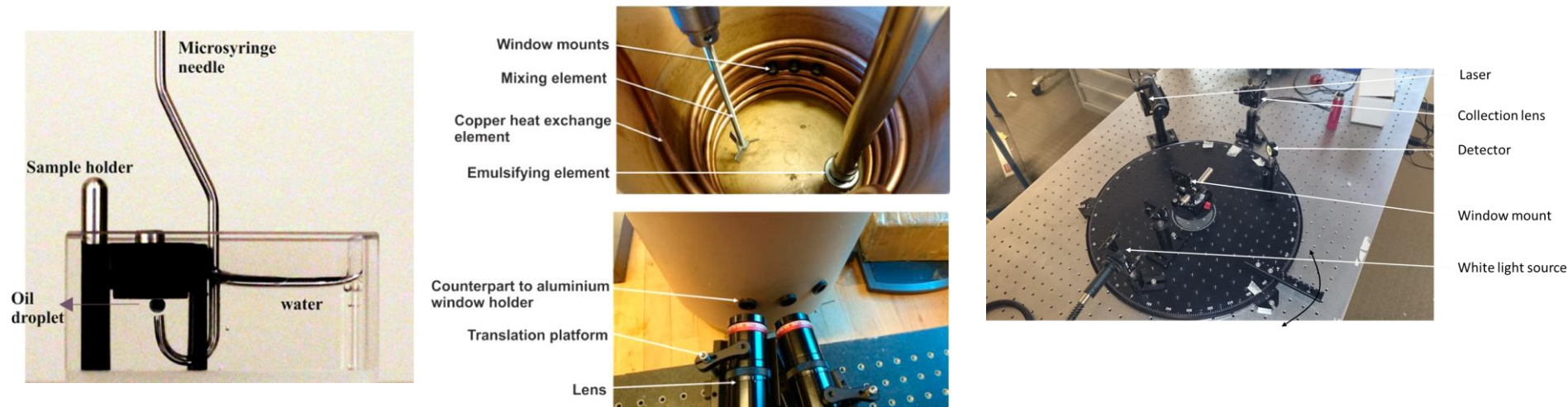
Develop sapphire windows that resist oil deposition



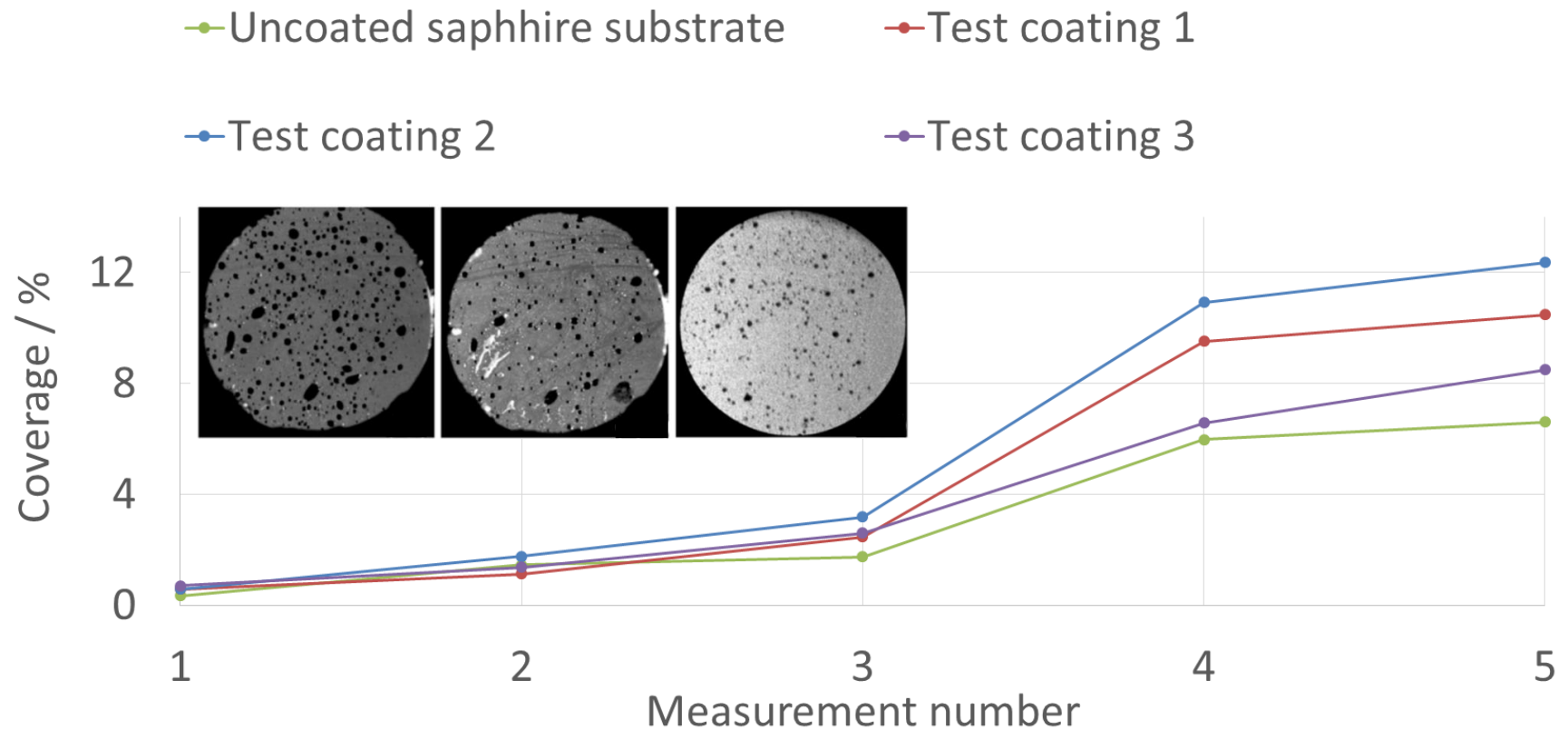


# ClearView – Project timeline

- 2012: Project startup
- 2013: Development of experimental setups for window characterisation
- 2014-2015: Demonstrate influence of sapphire finish, coating and nanostructuring on resistance to oil deposition



# ClearView – Results

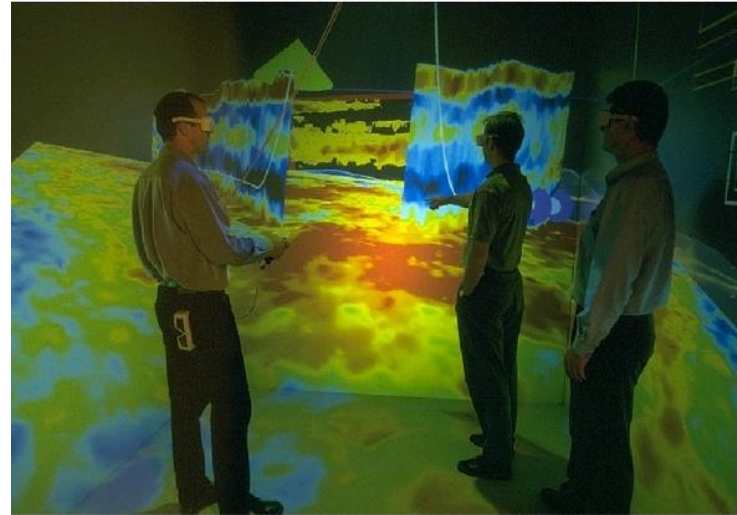


- EU project application: Anti-iceing optical windows

# **PROJECTS EXAMPLE - DECISION SUPPORT**

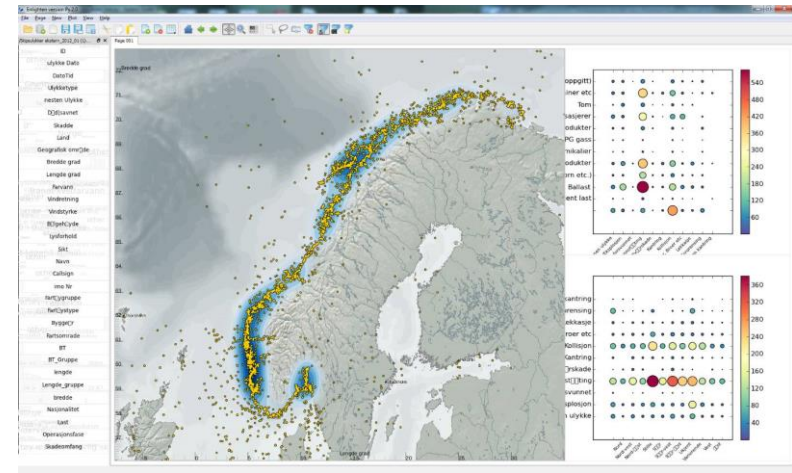
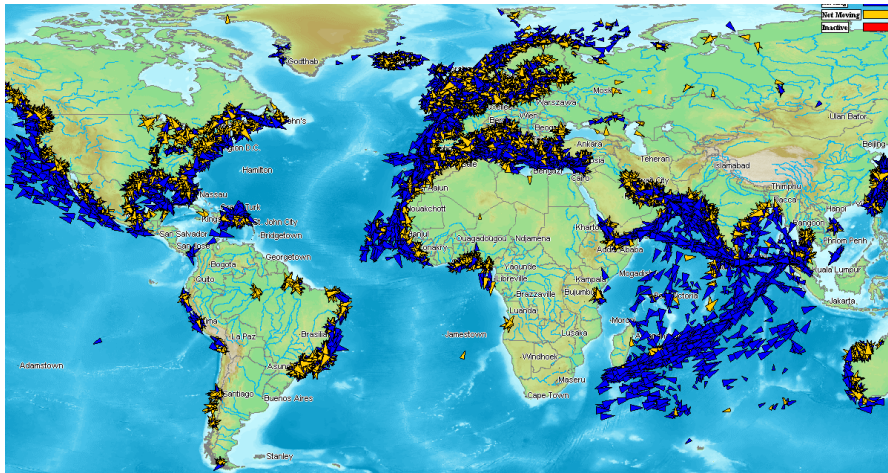
# Decision support: Putting knowledge to use

- Data Analysis and Big Data
- Decision Support Systems
  - SARA – Search and rescue
  - AIS Online
  - SHIVR
  - Enlighten
  - LSSS



# In-house Developed Big Data Technologies

- Interactive Visual Analysis
  - Enlighten
- AIS Track Server
  - Big Data storage, visualization and statistics





# Video - DEMO

- Video - Visual Analysis of Multivariate Movement Data using Interactive Difference Views



# **DISTRIBUTED FIBRE OPTICAL SENSING (DXS)**

## Fibre optic dowhole communication

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### More advanced DH logging equipment

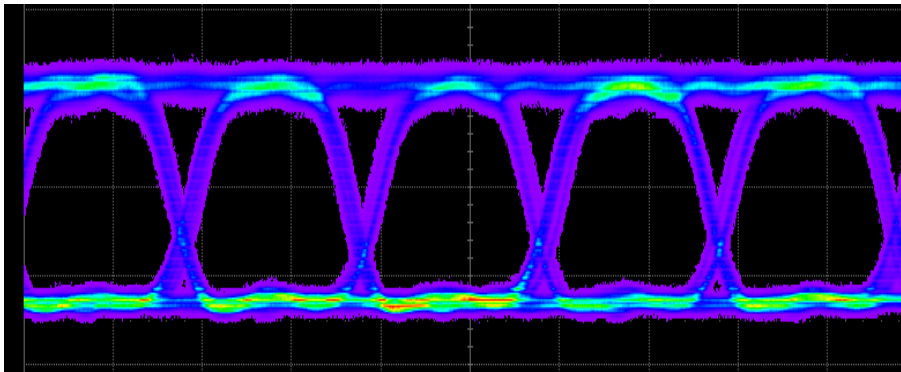
=> Higher bandwidth requirements

- Electrical communication systems have limited bandwidth
- Local storage eliminate online monitoring
- Downhole data reduction challenging and limit data quality
- Fibre optical communication enable high data rate
- => Fast and reliable operations with advanced logging tools

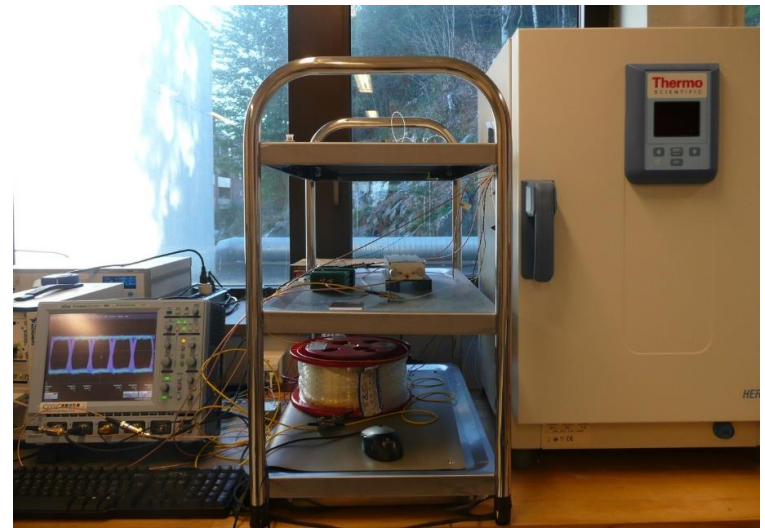
# Fibre optic downhole communication - Results

- Successful lab-testing of high temperature, high speed fibre optical communication system

Properties	Performance
Temperature	177°C
Data rate	100Mbps
Length	10km

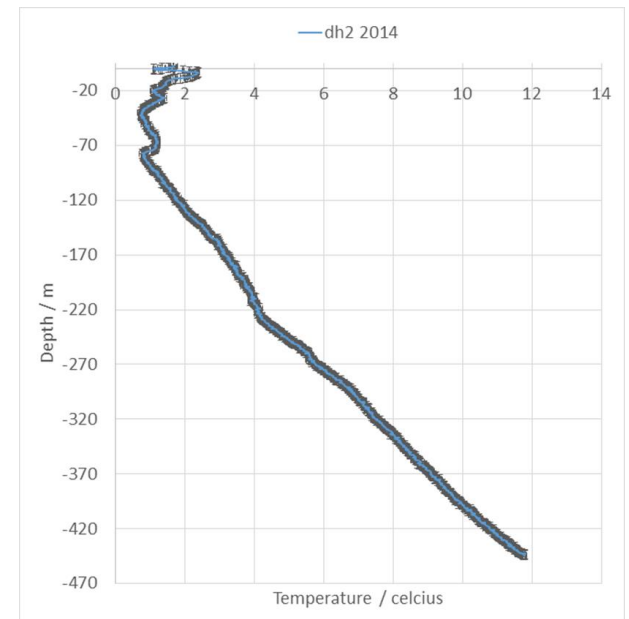
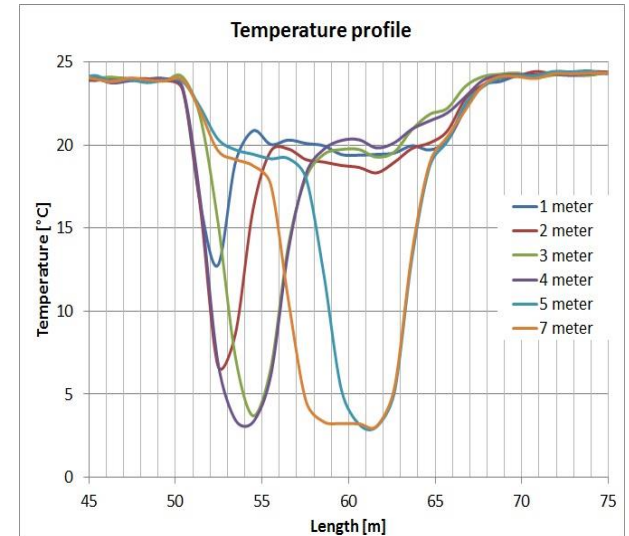


*Typical eye-diagram recorded at 177C for 100Mbps*



# Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS)

- CMR have a DTS-unit
  - 5km measurement range
  - 1.5 meter spatial resolution
- General purpose, wide range of applications
- CMR has used it for geothermal energy and process monitoring applications
- Linking DTS to other fibre optical distributed sensing data



# **ODIMS – ONLINE DISTRIBUTED INTEGRITY MONITORING SYSTEM**



# ODIMS – Project info

- Funded by the Research Council of Norway (RCN) 2015-2018
- Petromaks 2, special «Groundbreaking» call
- Main objective: *“Develop a flexible and scalable technology capable of continuously measuring humidity, water, salinity and temperature with a high spatial resolution (< 10cm) over km length scales.”*
- **Project steering committee:**
  - Kari Marvik, Vice President, CMR S&T
  - Dr. Arne Ulrik Bindingsbø, Leader, production technology, Statoil
  - Geir Harris, Technical director, Senior Vice President Technology and Development, Beerenberg Corporation
  - Magne Husebø, CEO, Xsens AS

# The CUI challenge

- Aging infrastructure and lifetime extension
- Corrosion under insulation (CUI) especially challenging
- Current fixed interval strategies for **corrosion under insulation (CUI)** leads to:
  - Unnecessary inspection and maintenance
  - Unplanned shutdowns with high costs
  - HSE risk with potentially serious HSE consequences



Example of CUI



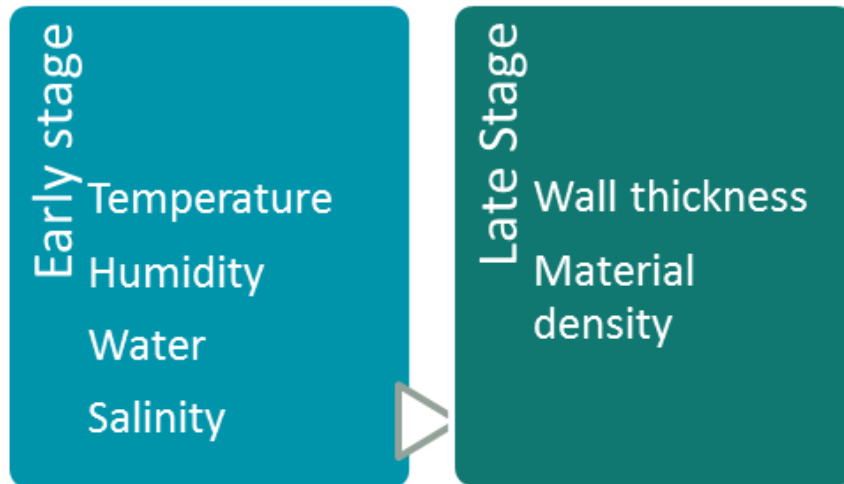
News article [Statoil website 2012]



Chevron refinery fire 2012

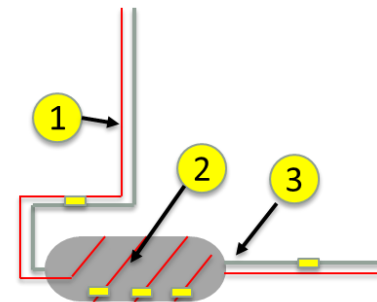
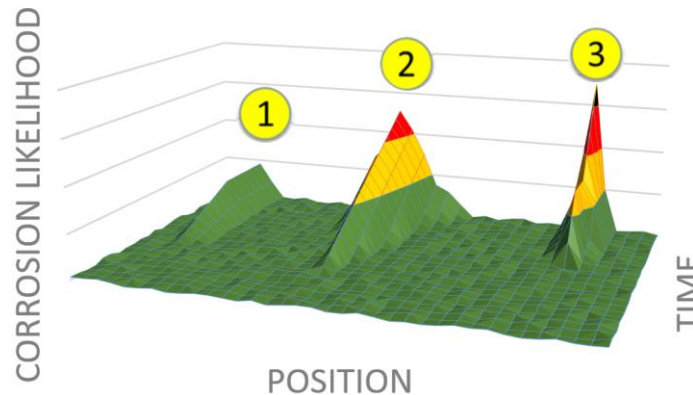
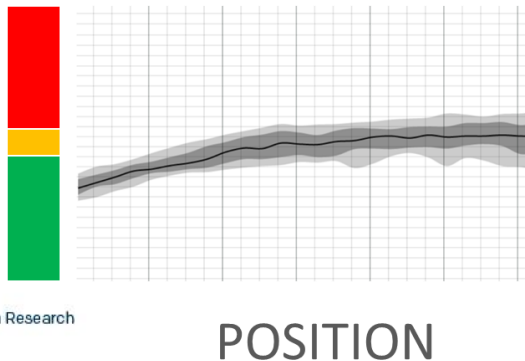
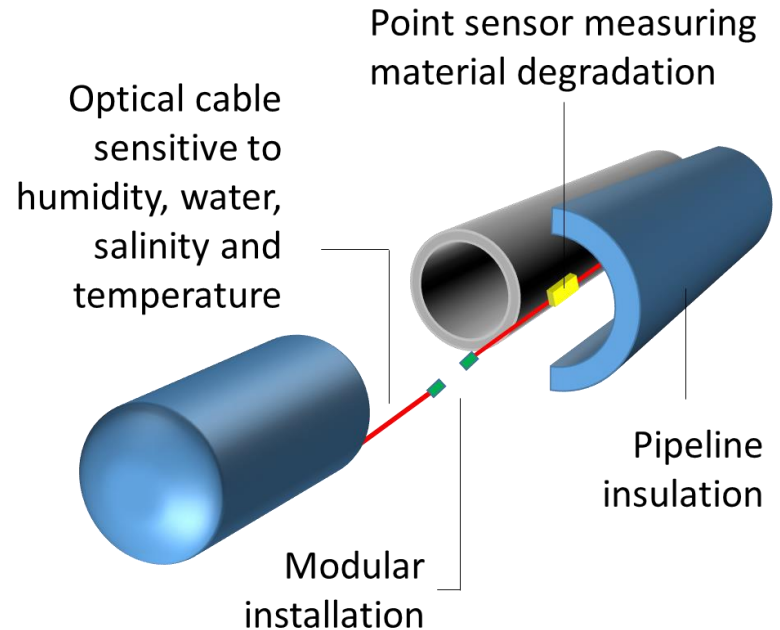
# ODIMS - Idea

- Develop a system capable of early detection of CUI
- Key requirements:
  - Truly distributed monitoring covering large structures
  - Online continuous monitoring
  - Early detection of corrosion indicators



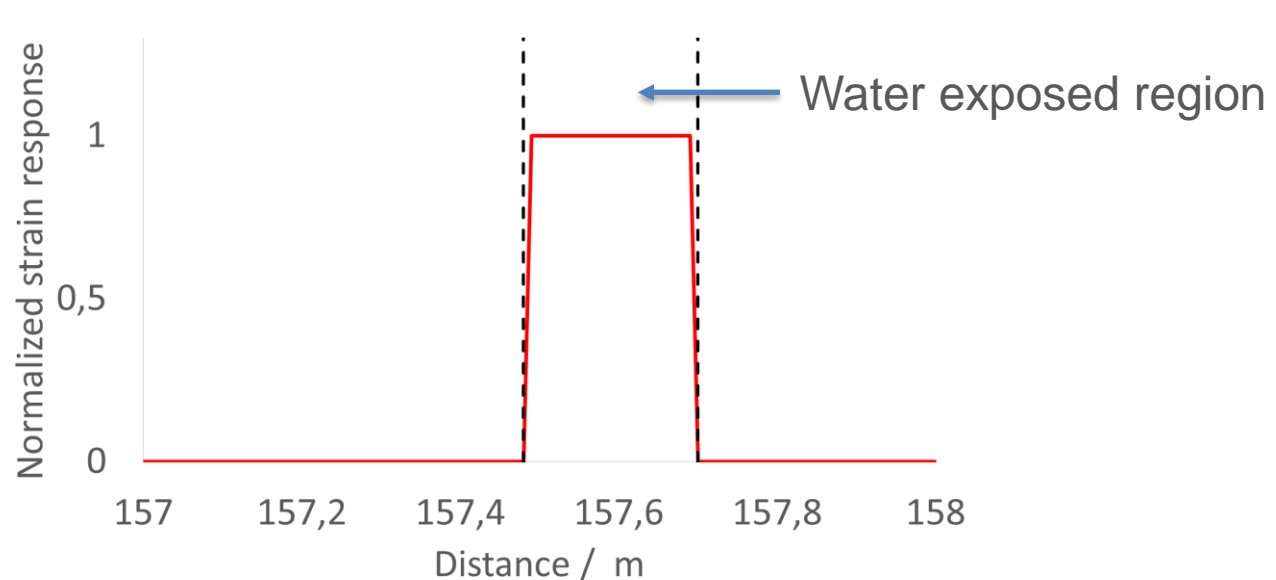
# ODIMS - Architecture

- Distributed fibre optic measurement
- Multi parameter
- Flexible, scalable, modular
- Easy integration of point sensors
- **ODIMS will enable targeted and cost efficient CUI inspection and maintenance**



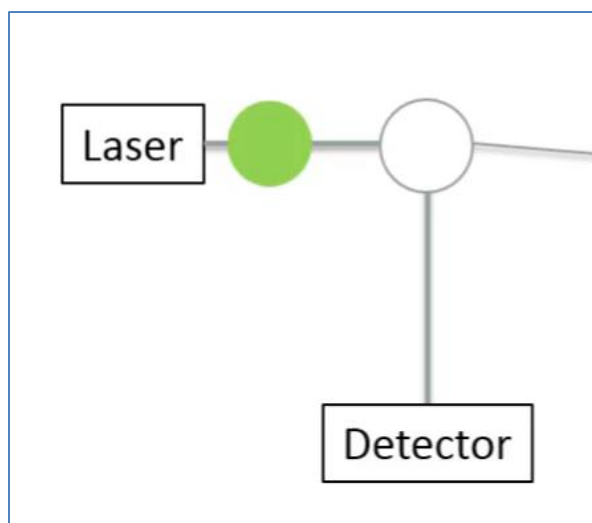
# ODIMS - Primary sensing mechanism

- Sensing fibre with hygroscopic coating
- Water uptake by coating leads to strain in fibre
- Strain profile along the fibre is measured via backscattered laser light



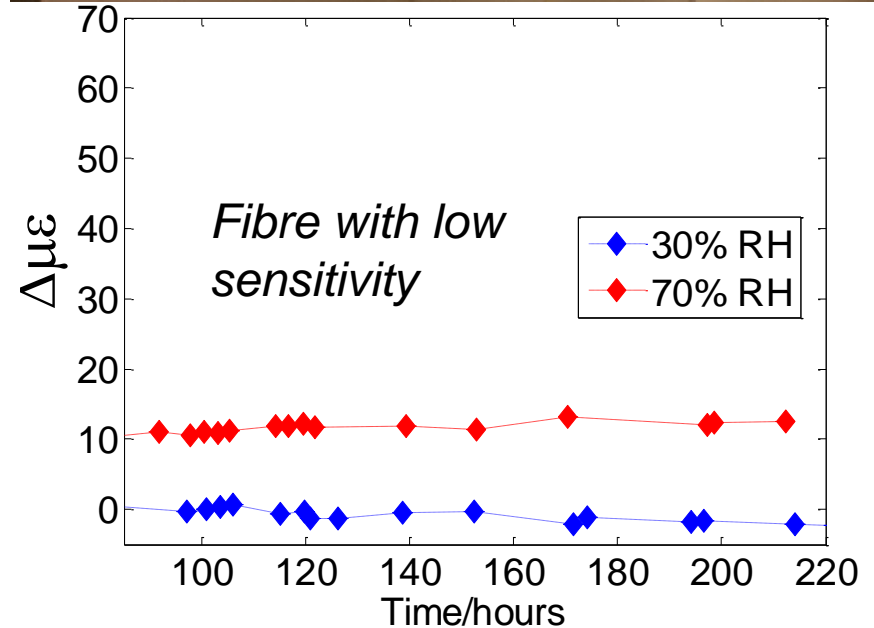
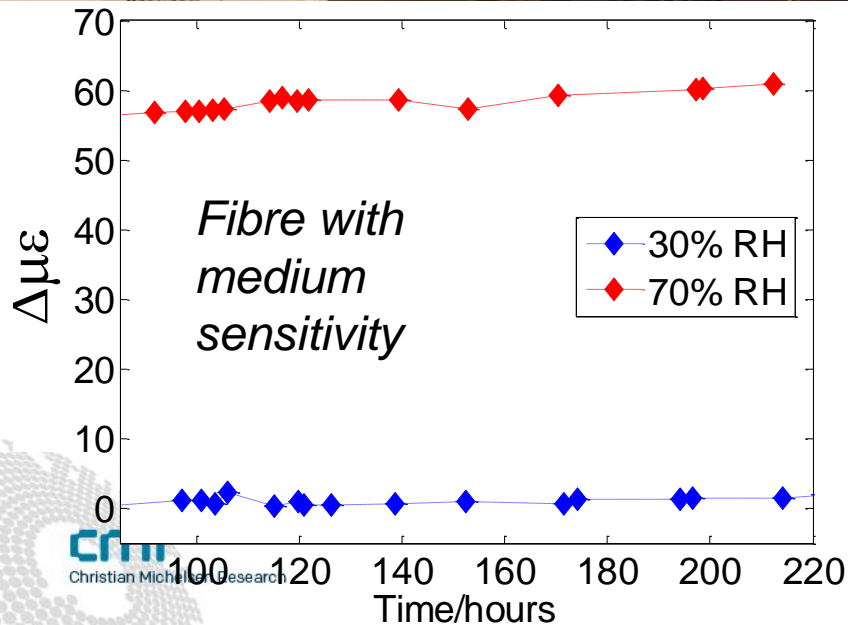
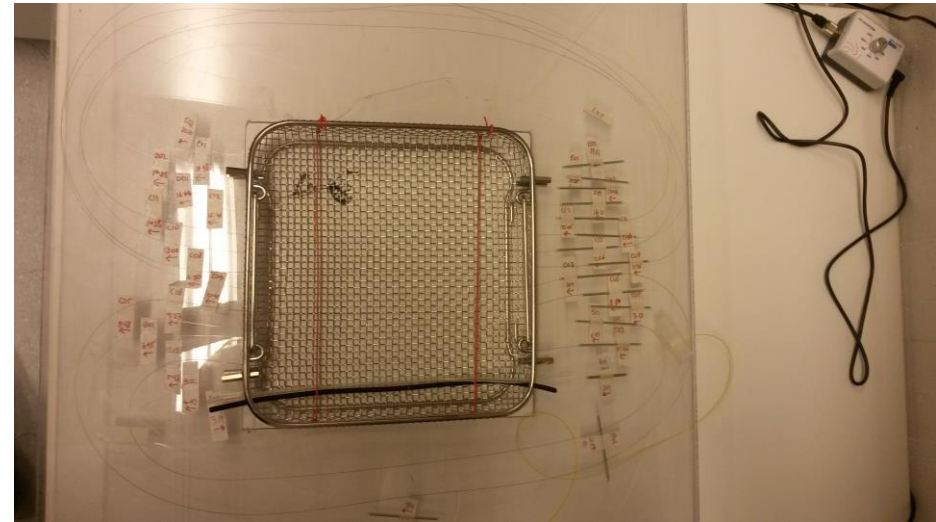


# ODIMS - Measurement readout



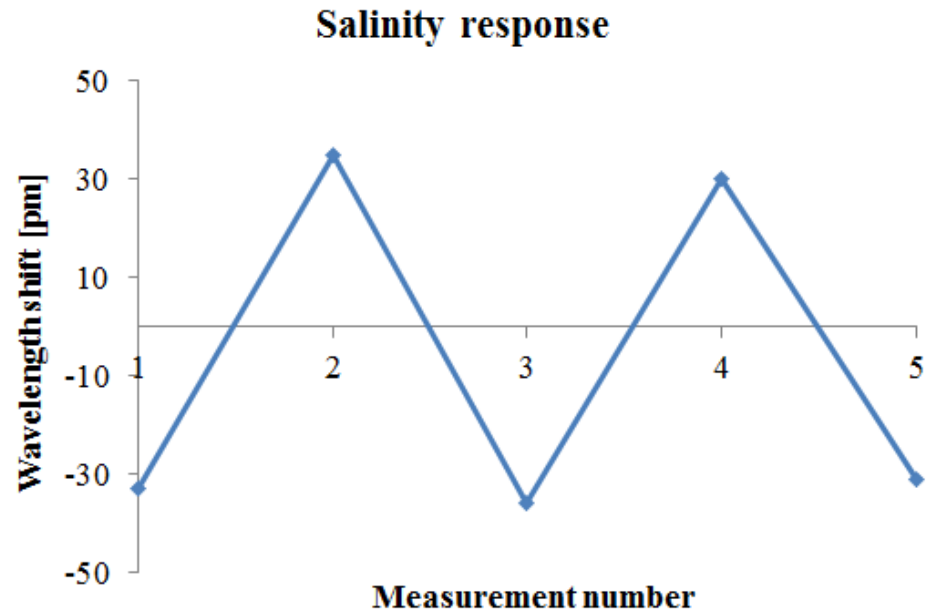
- PC sized readout instrument
- $\mu\epsilon$  measurement resolution (equal to a few % RH)
- $\sim$  cm spatial resolution
- Low energy laser source (Class 1)

# ODIMS - Humidity response



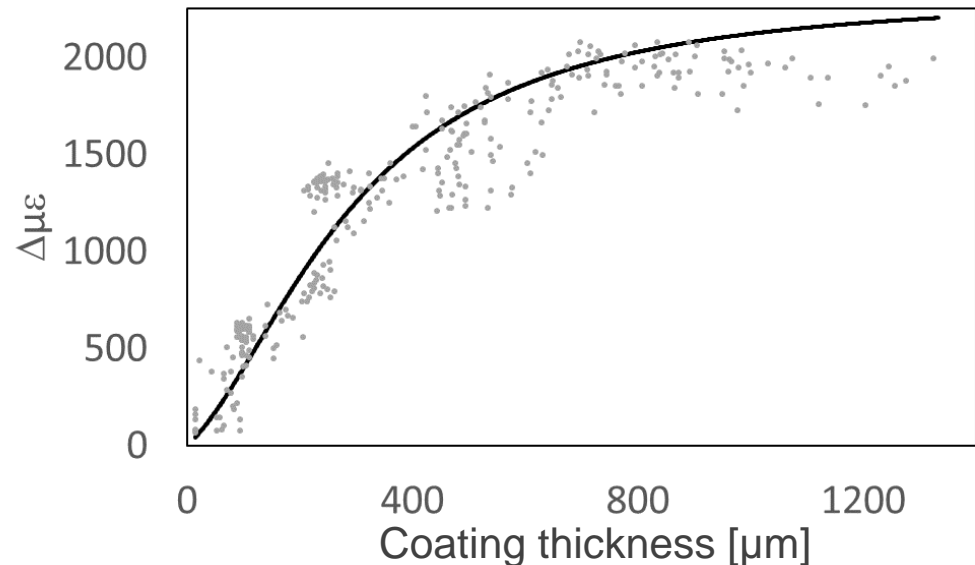
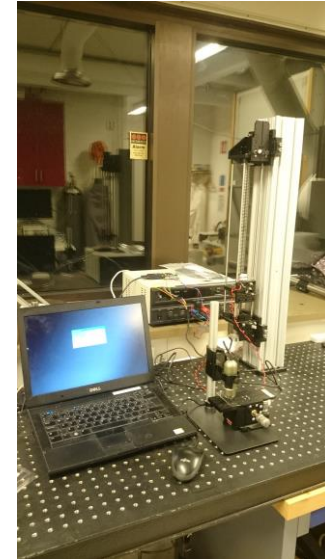
# ODIMS – Salinity response

- Water salinity
- Increased salinity reduce water ingress in fibre coating  
=> Reduced strain in fibre
- Figure shows strain in Fibre Bragg Grating (FBG) when alternating between saline water and fresh water
- Quite repetitive response is observed



# ODIMS – Enhanced sensitivity coatings

- CMR-built coating setup for investigating effect of coating thickness on sensitivity
- Example of one coating type: Sensitivity levels off when coating thickness  $> 0.5\text{mm}$
- Identified theoretical model for describing sensitivity vs thickness
- Increasing thickness reduces response time

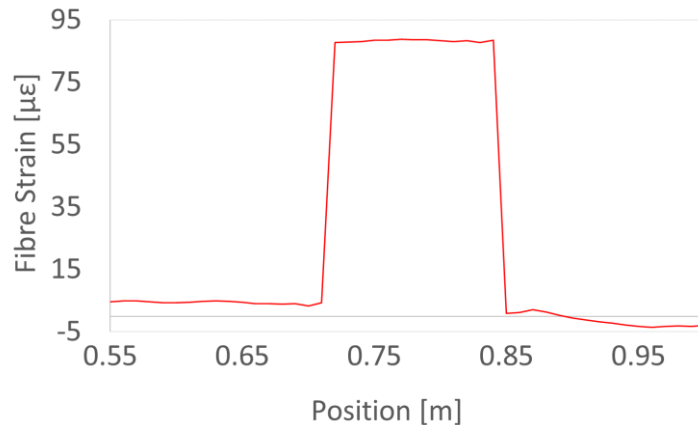


# ODIMS – Sensing range

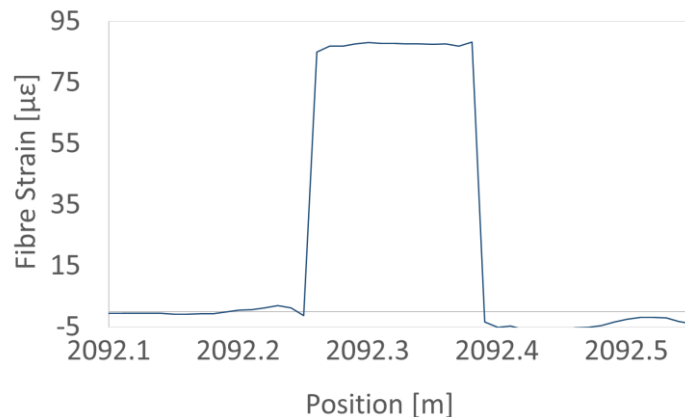
- Have demonstrated excellent measurement resolution over 2 km fiber with high spatial resolution (<10cm)

Short  
range

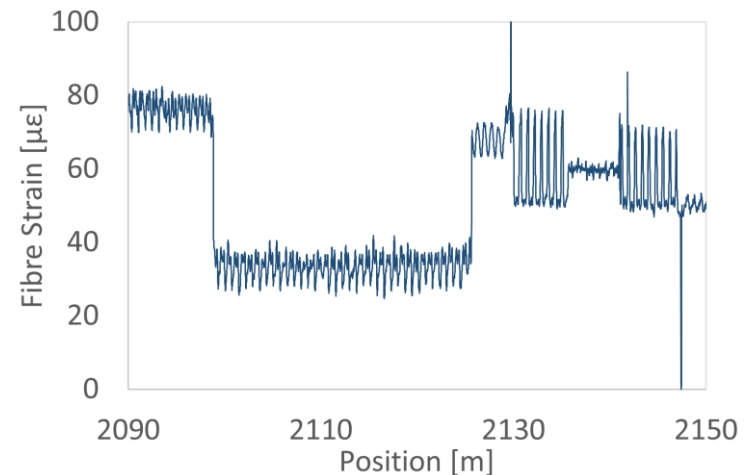
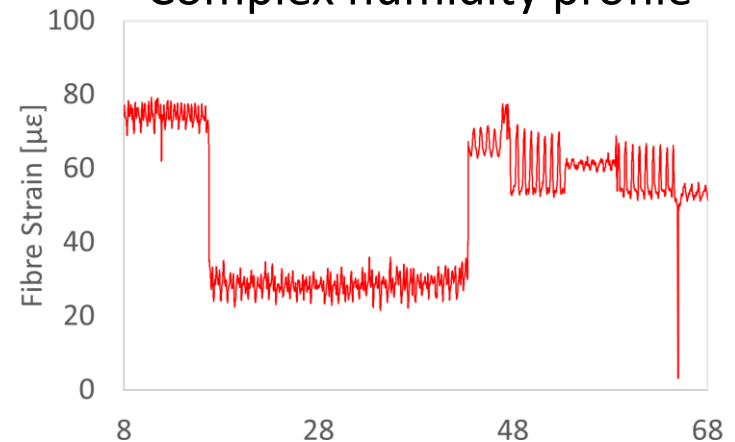
Mechanical stretch



Long  
range



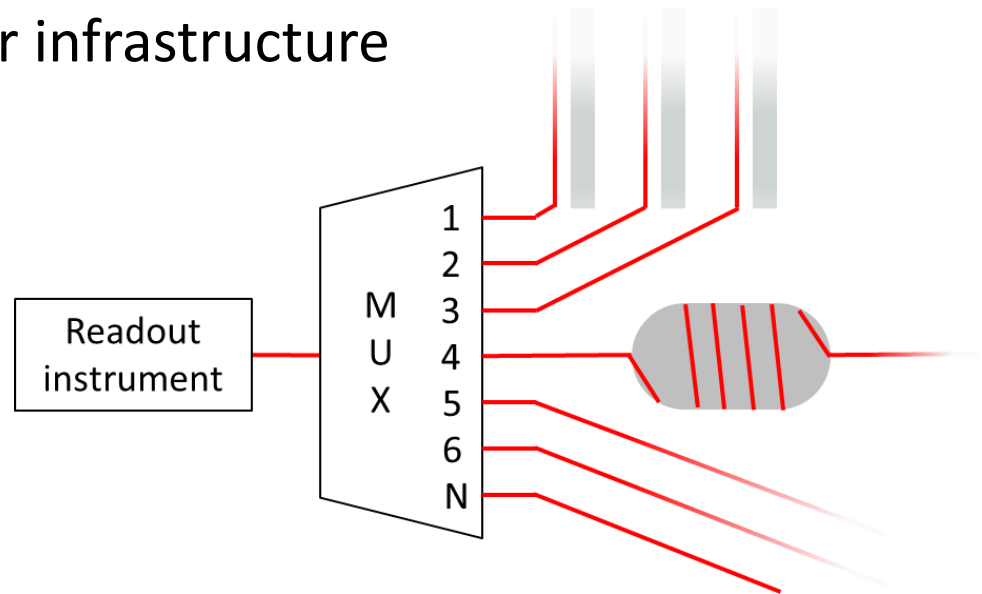
Complex humidity profile





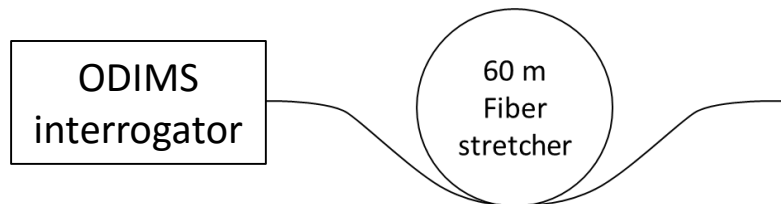
# ODIMS – Multiplexing / Sensing range

- Multiplexing of optical fibres  
=> Ability to cover larger infrastructure

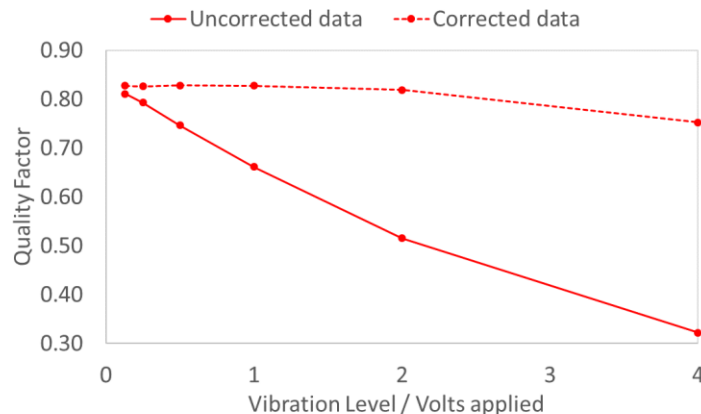


# ODIMS - Vibration resistance

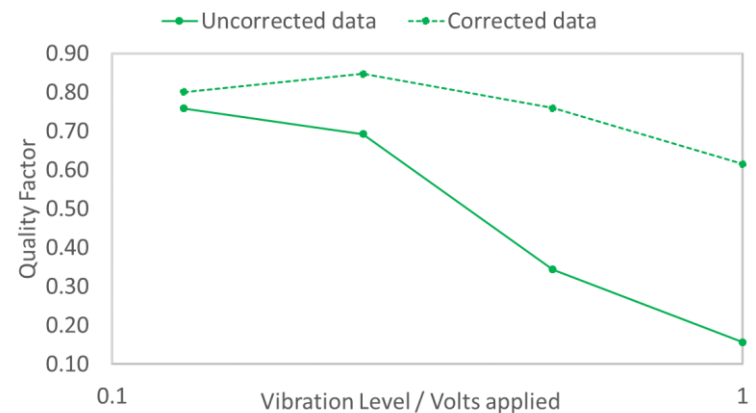
- System tested in CMR flow loop rig
- Found vibration might limit sensing range when targeting 2km range combined with cm spatial resolution
- Have successfully tested vibration compensation methodology
- Investigating using ODIMS for making vibration measurements



Data quality vs. applied vibration amplitude  
(100Hz sine)

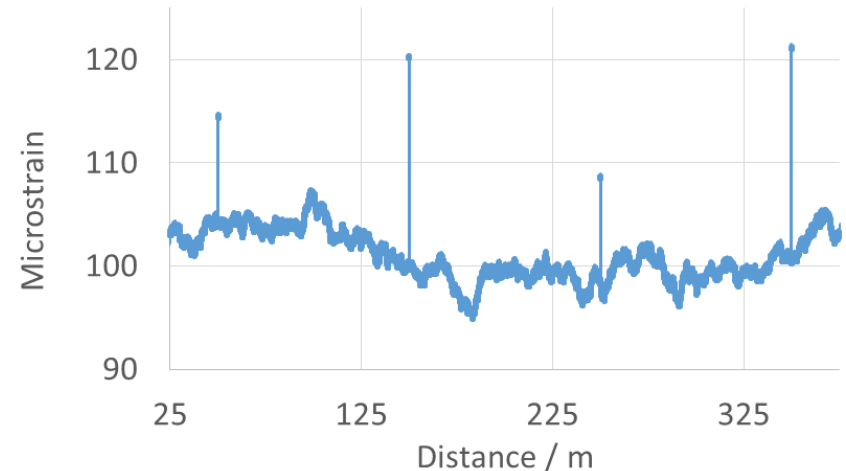
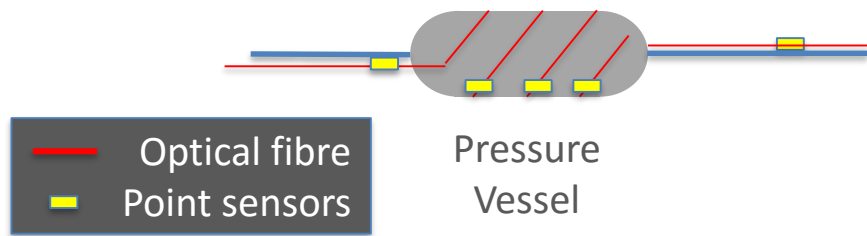


Data quality vs. applied vibration amplitude  
(Random noise)



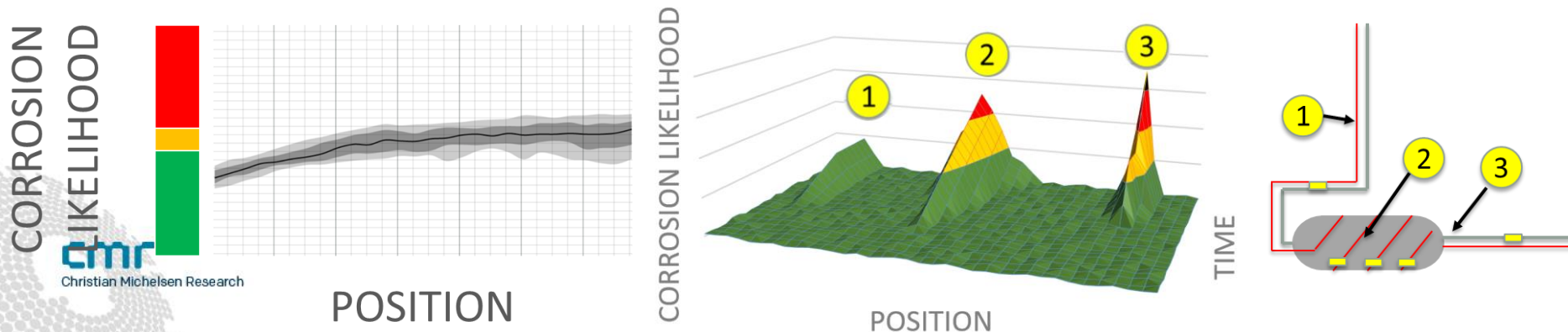
# ODIMS - Point sensors option

- Demonstrate the possibility to add point sensors along fibre without the need to break/splice the fibre
- Can be used to add points sensors e.g. wall loss or other types of material degradation
- Can integrate 3<sup>rd</sup> party sensors



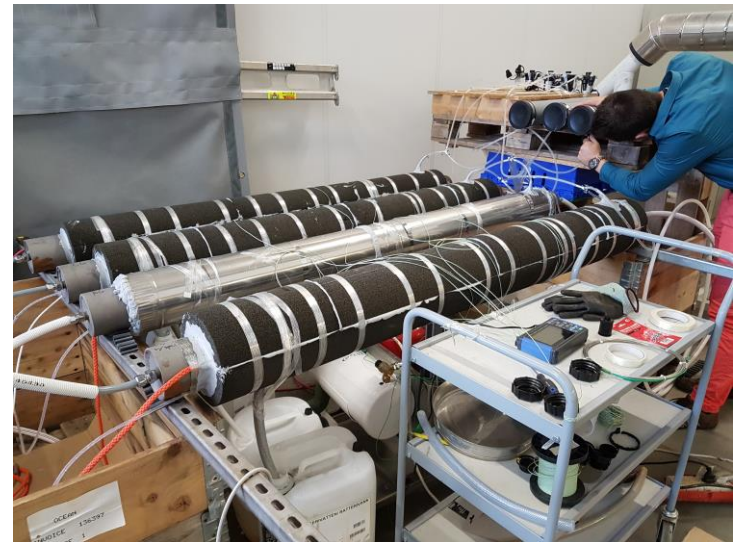
# ODIMS - Decision support

- Decision support system enabling targeted inspection and condition based maintenance
- Statoil and Beerenberg/Benarx will contribute with expertise
- Flexible and scalable decision support system:
  - Automatic calibration
  - Easy expansion and integration of new section or fibres and/or point sensors
  - Visualisation integrated with infrastructure 3D models



# ODIMS – Pilot testing

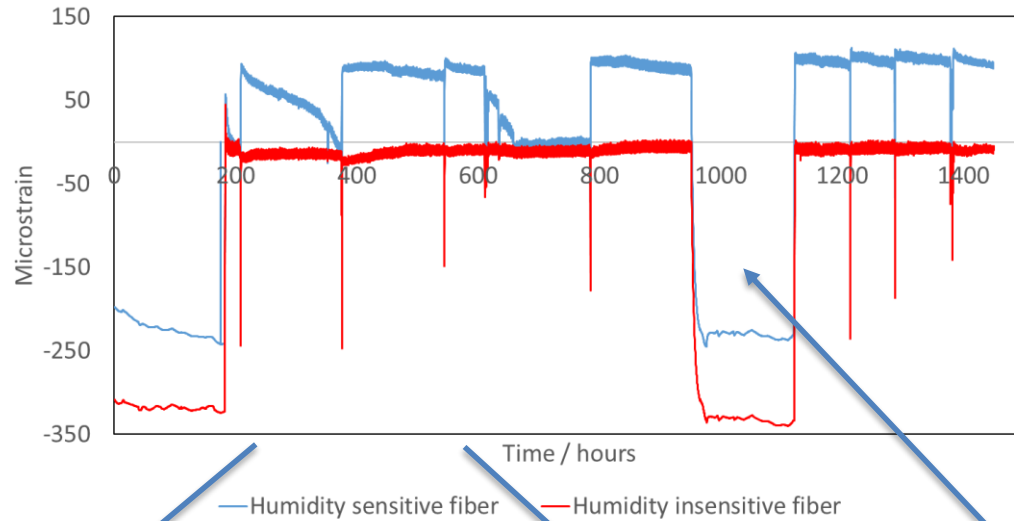
- 1500 hour test at Benarx's CUI test facilities.
- Humidity sensitive and reference cables installed on carbon steel pipes
- Four different insulation types
- On the fly data analysis



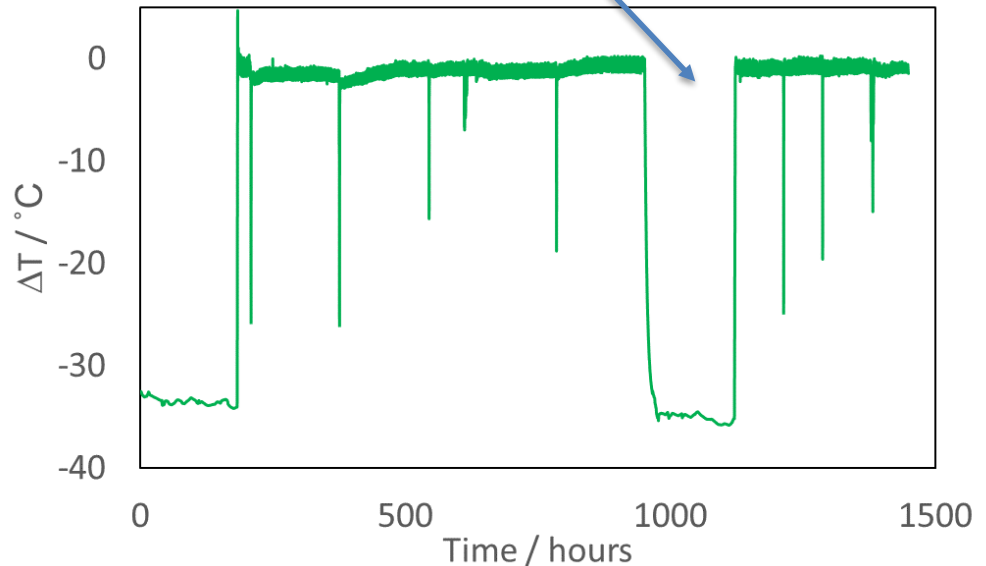
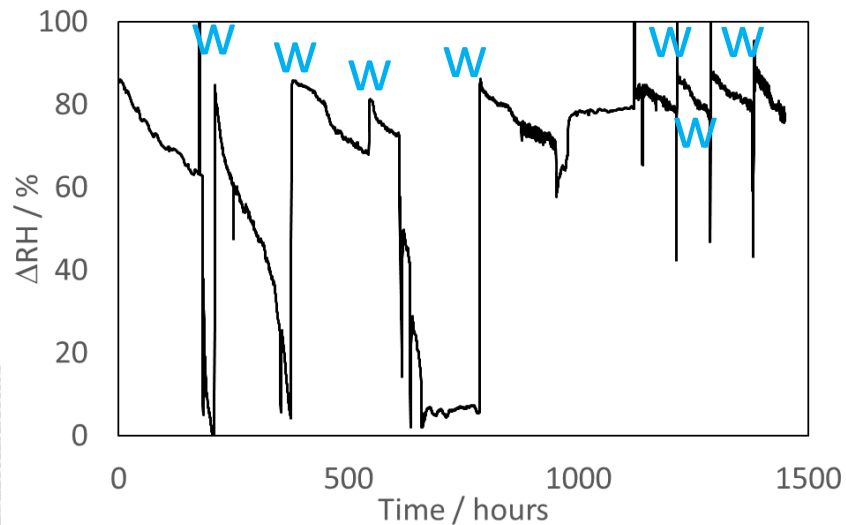


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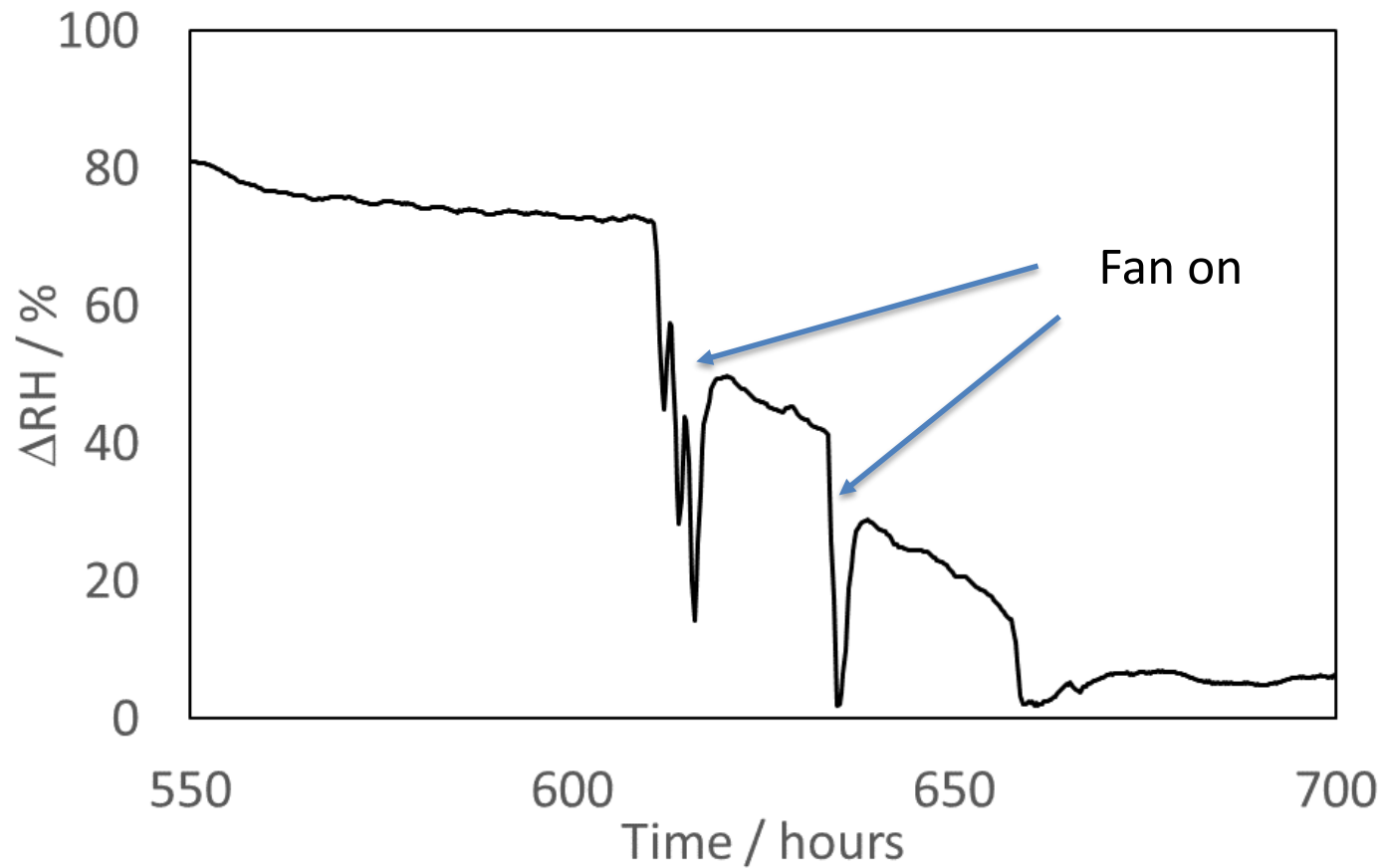
Fiber in 6.5 mm tube - Cell glass and air gap



Temperature  
switch off



# ODIMS - Pilot testing - Results



Fibre in 6.5 mm tube – Cell glass and air gap - Drying out

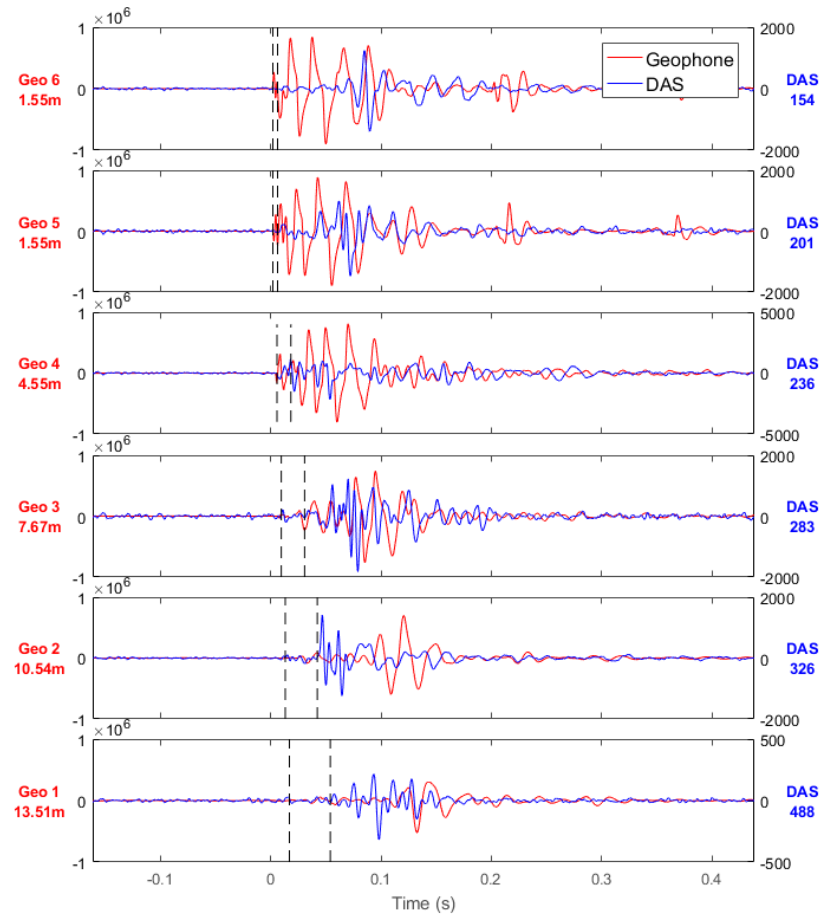
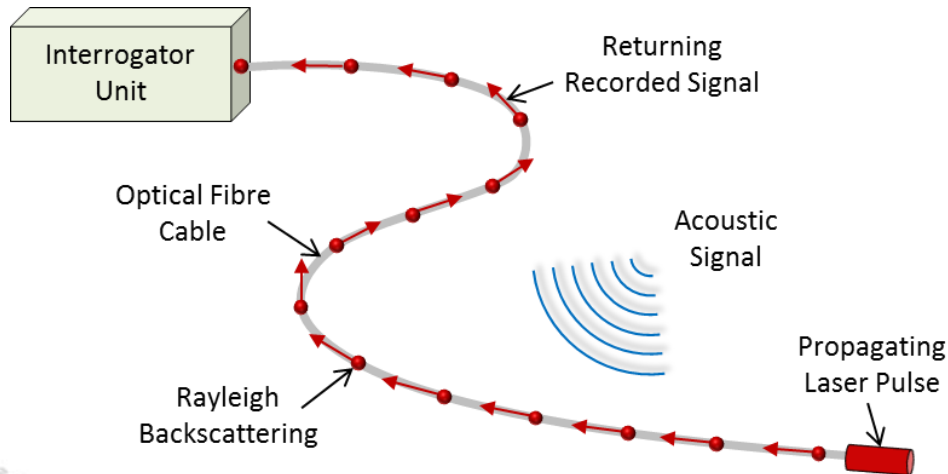
# ODIMS - Summary

- Demonstrated distributed measurement of;
  - Humidity
  - Water
  - Salinity
  - Temperature
- **ODIMS targeting cost efficient CUI inspection and maintenance**
- Potential to develop ODIMS solutions for other applications
- We are investigating possibility to develop solutions further to monitor more parameters

# **DISTRIBUTED ACOUSTIC SENSING (DAS)**

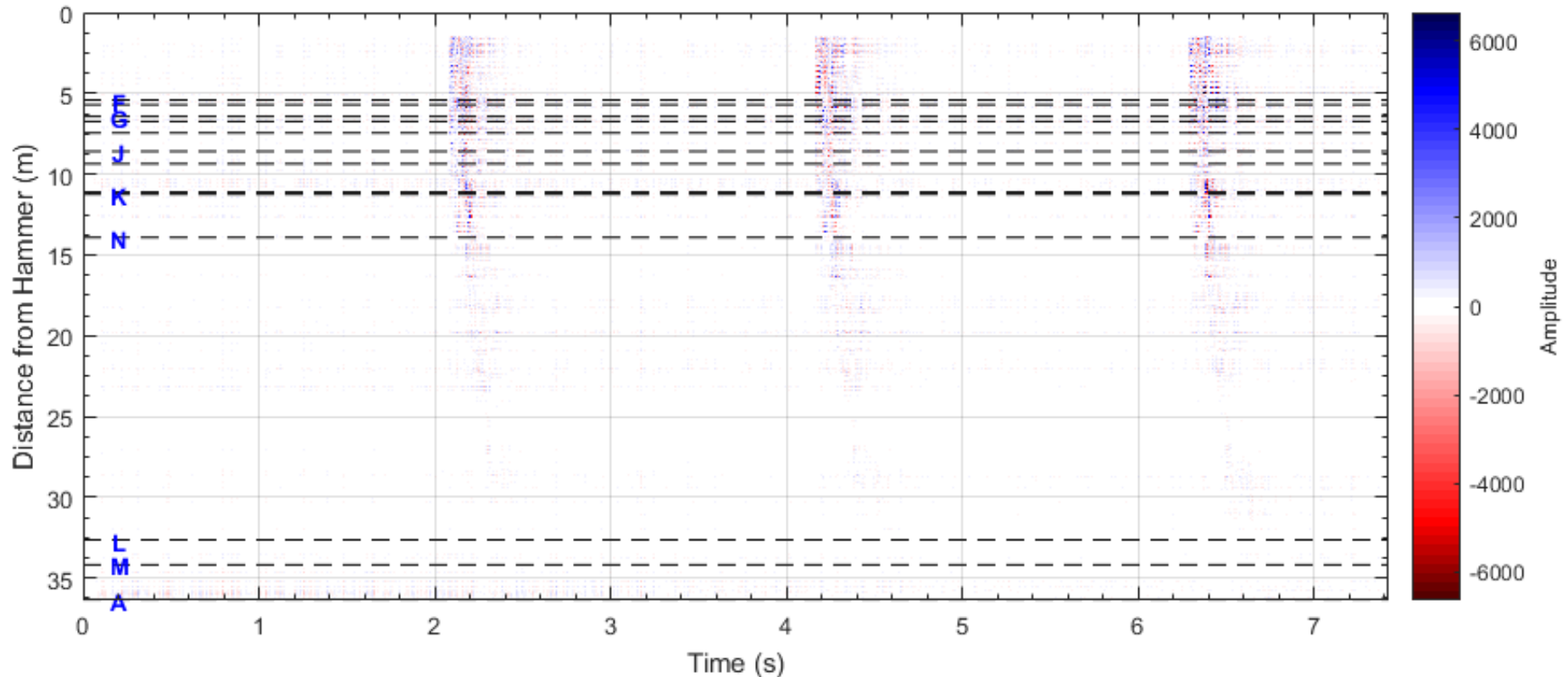
# DAS – CCS Monitoring

- Distributed seismic monitoring for geological carbon sequestration
- Send a fast puls train into the fibre
- Interpret returning Rayleigh backscattering



Geophones vs. DAS

# DAS – CCS Monitoring - Example



DAS signal recorded after 3 hammer blows

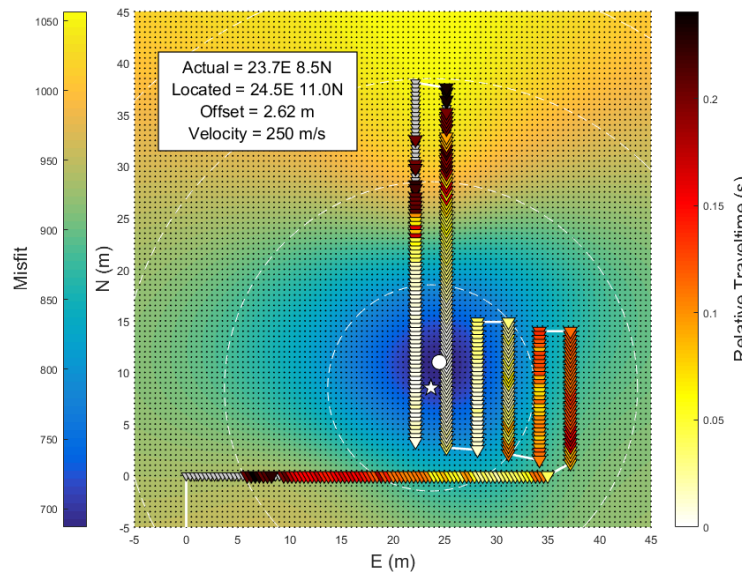
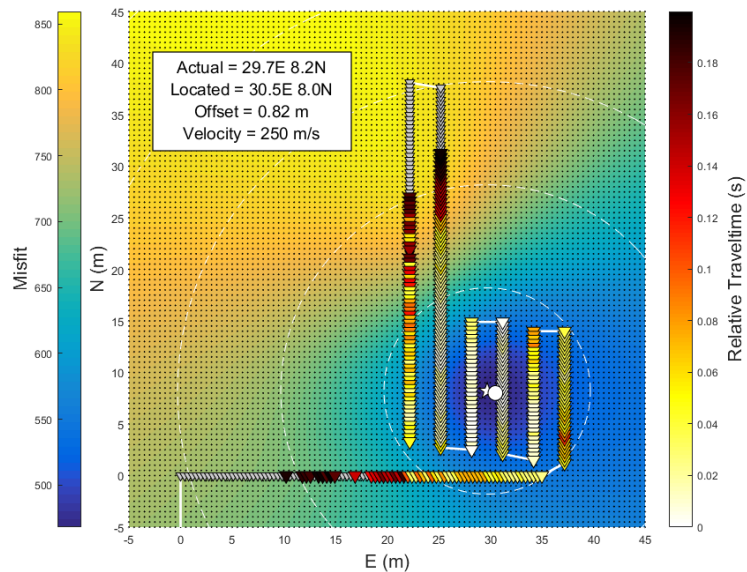
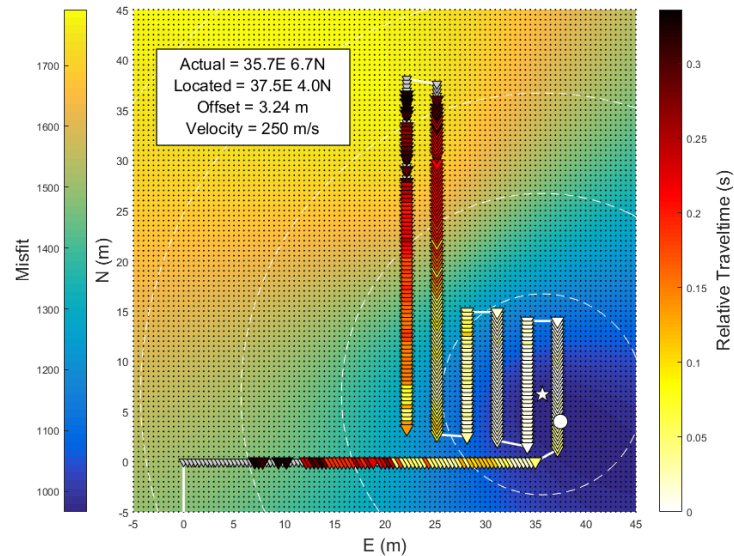
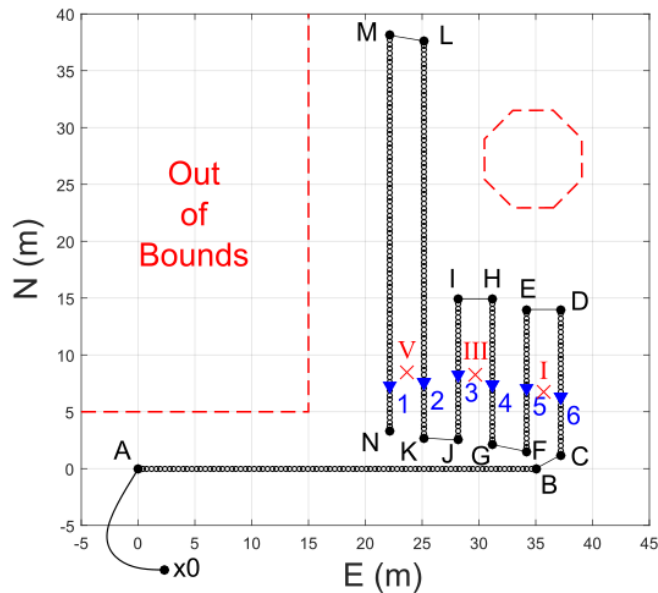


# DAS – CCS Monitoring - Shot location test

Circles = Source

Star = Location identified by DAS

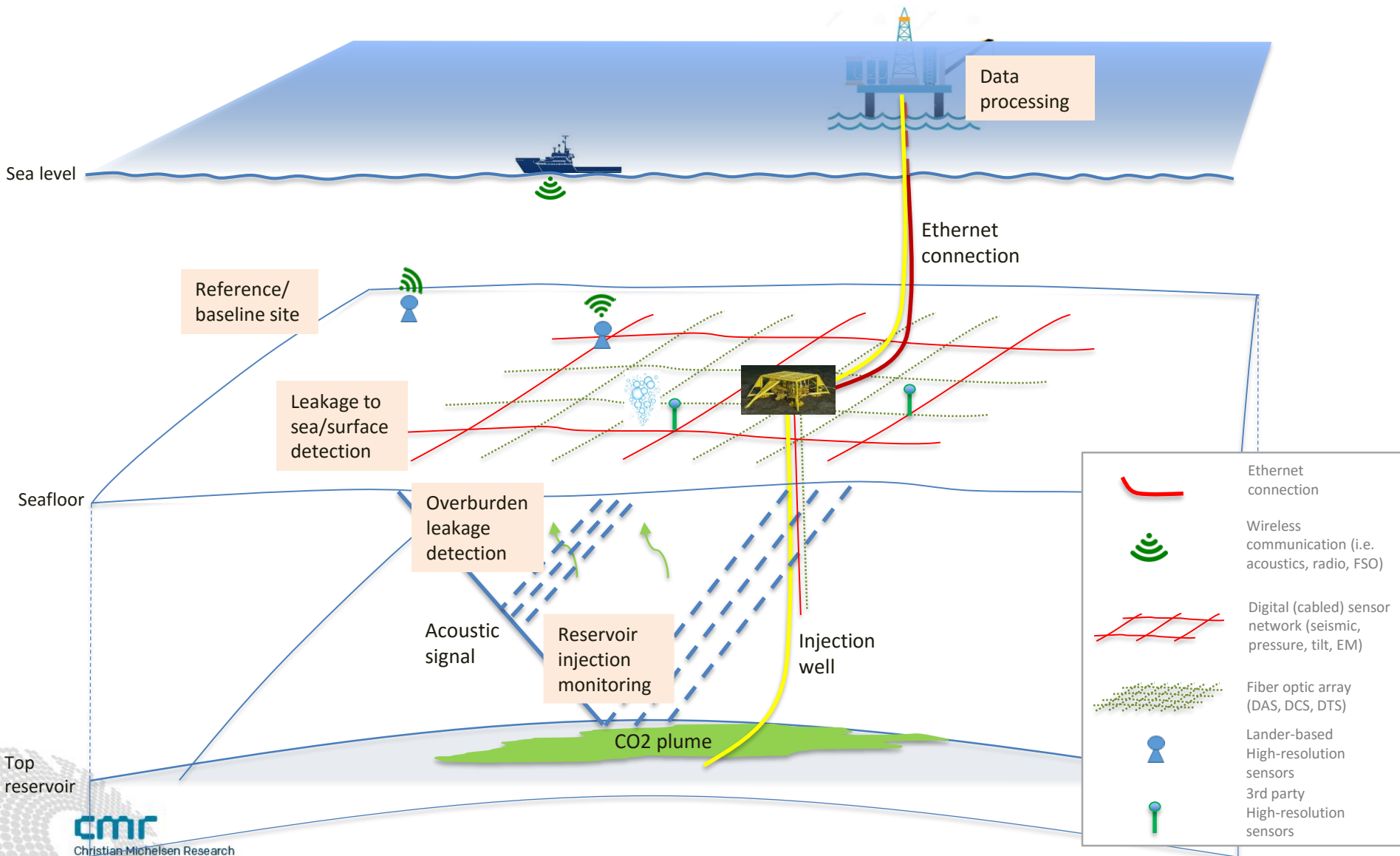
Quite good agreement.  
Offset only a few meter



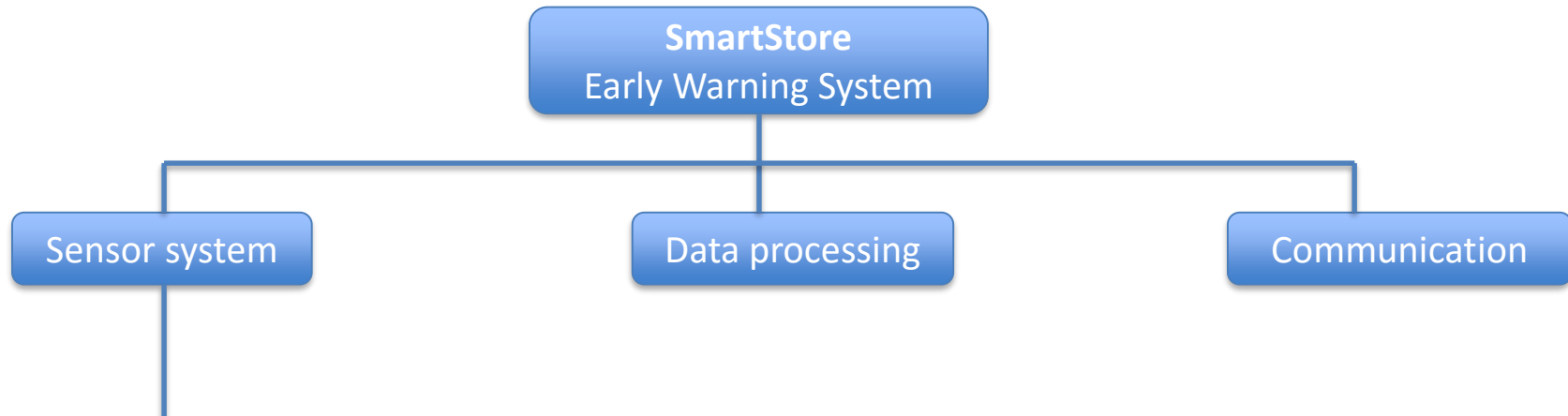
New initiative

# **DISTRIBUTED SENSING (DXS)**

# ACT proposal: CO2 Early Warning System «SmartStore»



# SmartStore system and sensor sub-systems



Sub-system/ sampling domain	Seismic/EM	DxS	3rd pty sensors
Water/Air		x	x
Seafloor/surface		x	x
Overburden	x	x	
Reservoir	x	x	

Sub-system/ sensors	Seismic/ EM	DxS	3rd pty sensors
Acoustic signal	x	x	
Chemical signal		x	x
Pressure		x	
Temperature		x	