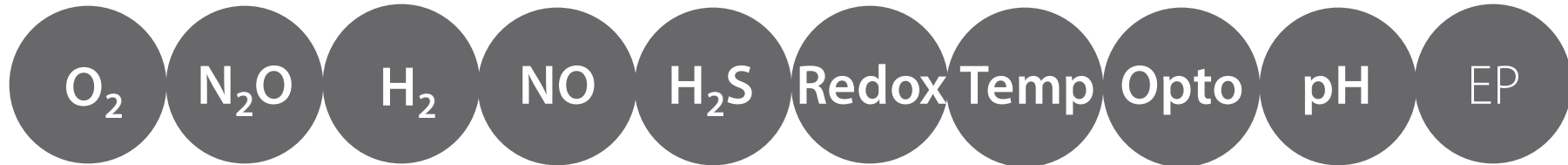




UNISENSE



The Microsensor Company



Field Studies



February 2022
Tage Dalsgaard

Online Biogeochemistry Workshop



Wednesday 23 February

14:30-15:30 CET - Introduction to Microsensors

15:45-16:45 CET - Lab-based Studies

Thursday 24 February

14:30-15:30 CET - Field Studies

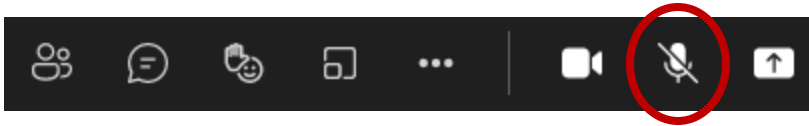
15:45-16:30 CET - Demonstration of Field Microprofiling System

16:45-17:30 CET - Demonstration of Activity Calculation - Software

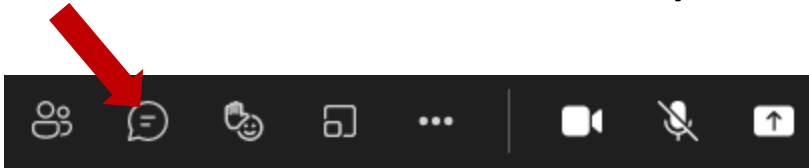
A few rules before we get started



1. Please turn off your microphone



2. Questions: During lecture please use chat.
After lecture you can unmute and ask.



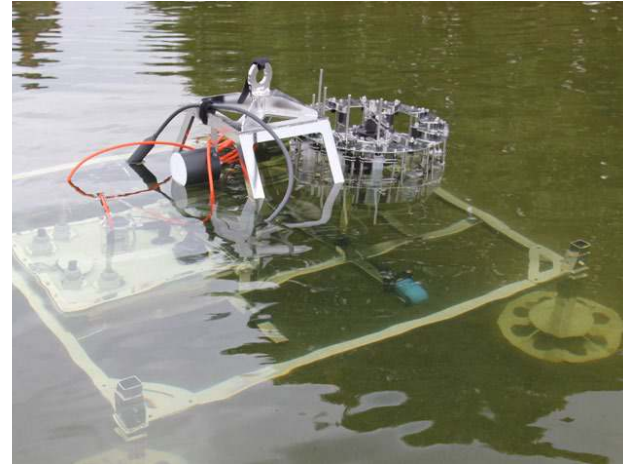
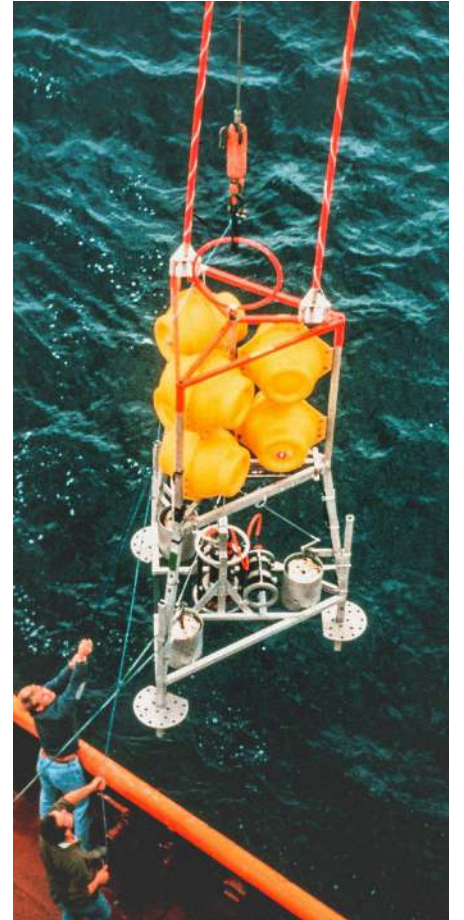
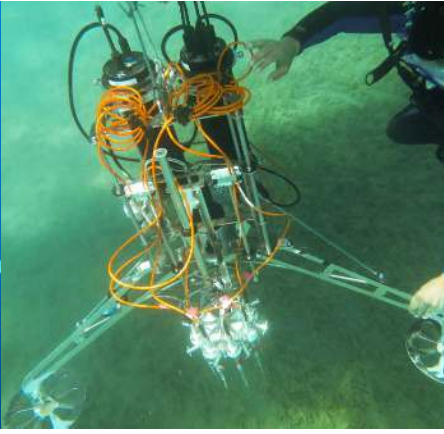
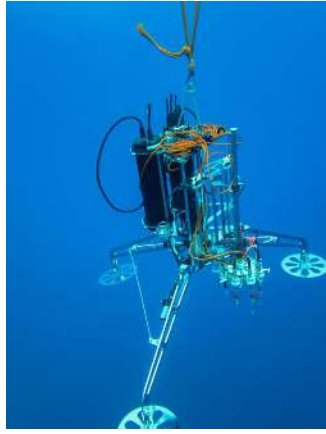
Very application-specific questions may be better answered in a private session afterwards.

You will get access to all the presentations as PDF's + recordings shortly after the workshop.

Outline

- In situ UniAmp amplifiers and pressure compensation
- Microprofiles in situ - MiniProfiler
- Flux chamber incubations in situ - MiniChamber Lander
- Non invasive flux measurements - Eddy Covariance
- Deep sea landers
- Measurements in the water column
- Working with very low O₂ concentrations - STOX sensor

Unisense Field Systems



Microsensors for in situ use

- Any Unisense sensor for in situ use:
 - O₂, H₂S, H₂, N₂O, NO
 - pH, Redox potential, electrical potential
- Tip size: 10 - 500 μm
- Mounted via In Situ Connector
- Pressure compensation (> 50 m)



Lab and Field Multi Meter



Deep sea: 6000 m water depth



Shallow: 300 m water depth

Application of microsensors

Microprofiles:

- Small tip diameter
- High spatial resolution



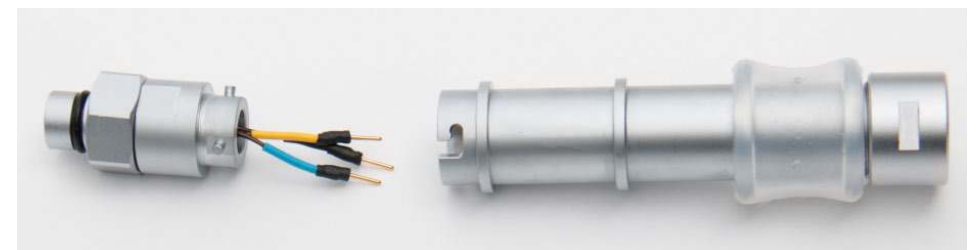
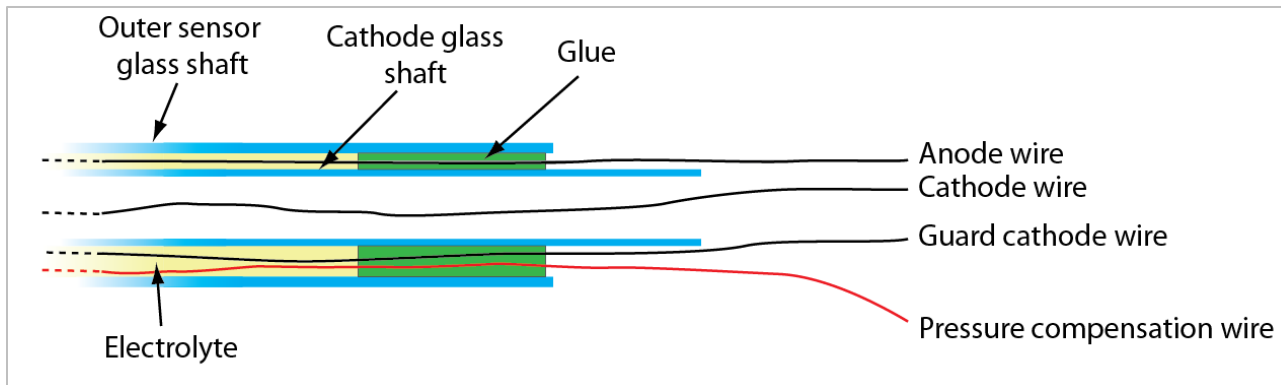
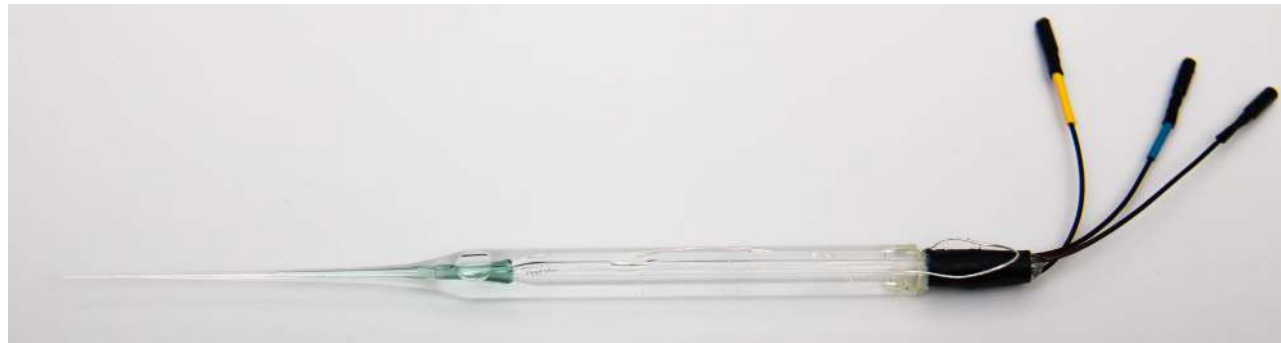
Bulk water:

- 500 μm tip diameter
- Protection cap



Pressure compensation

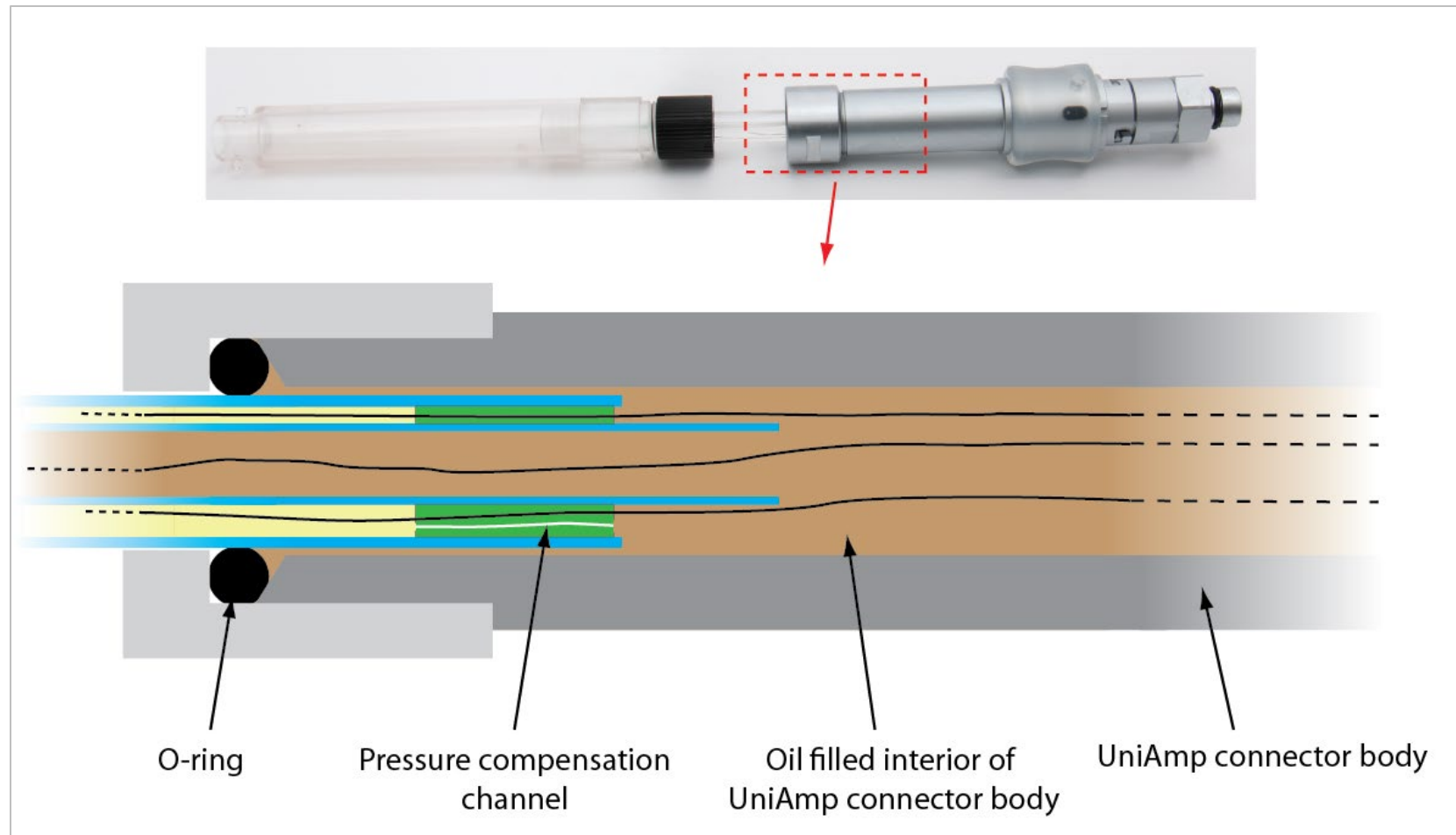
Pressure compensation is required for > 50 m water depth



In situ connectors

Pressure compensation

Sensor mounted in In Situ Connector



SensorTrace Suite



Logger (freeware)



Profile



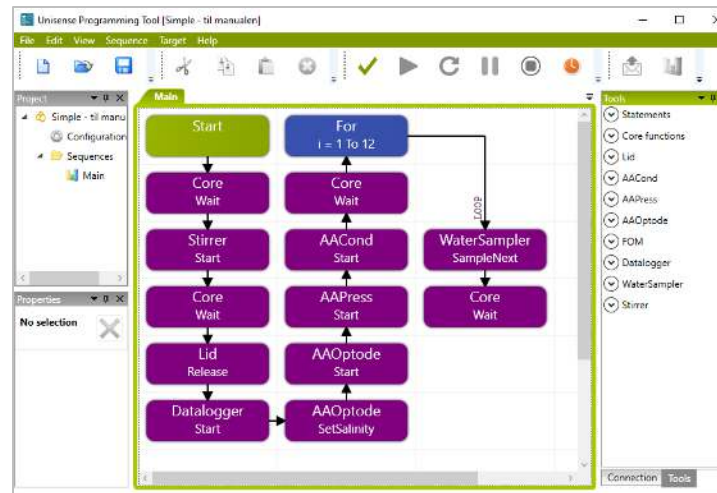
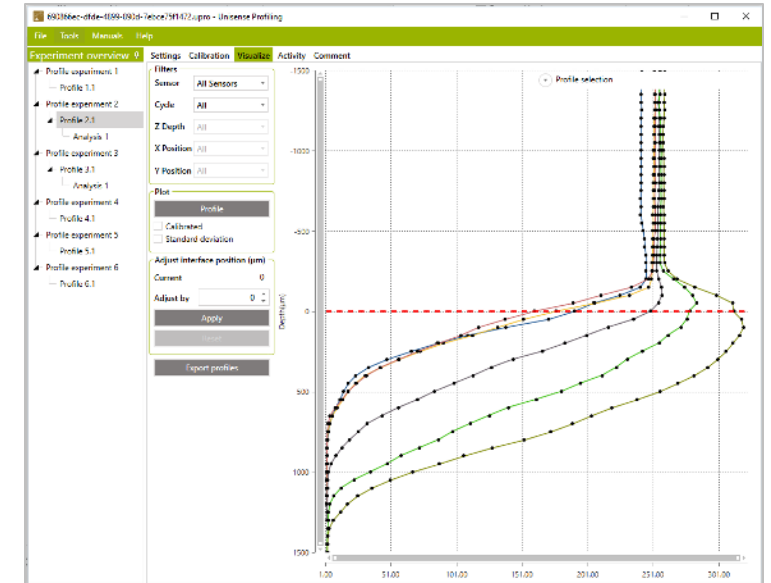
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Photo



Programming tool



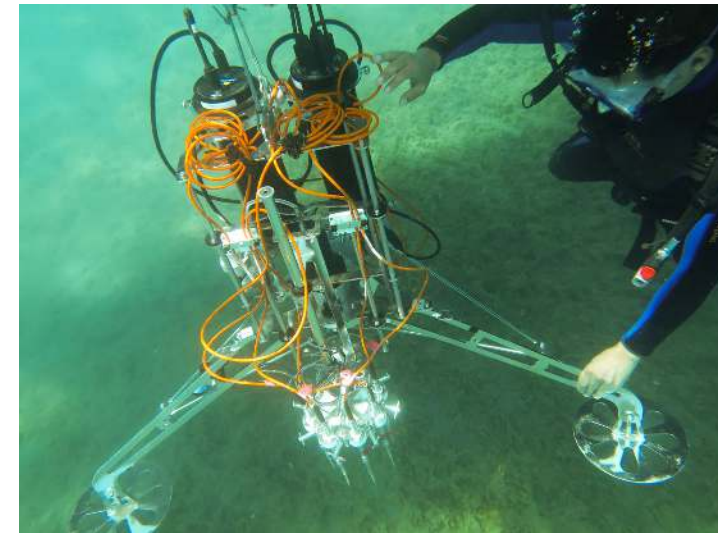
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Programming tool

In Situ MiniProfiler

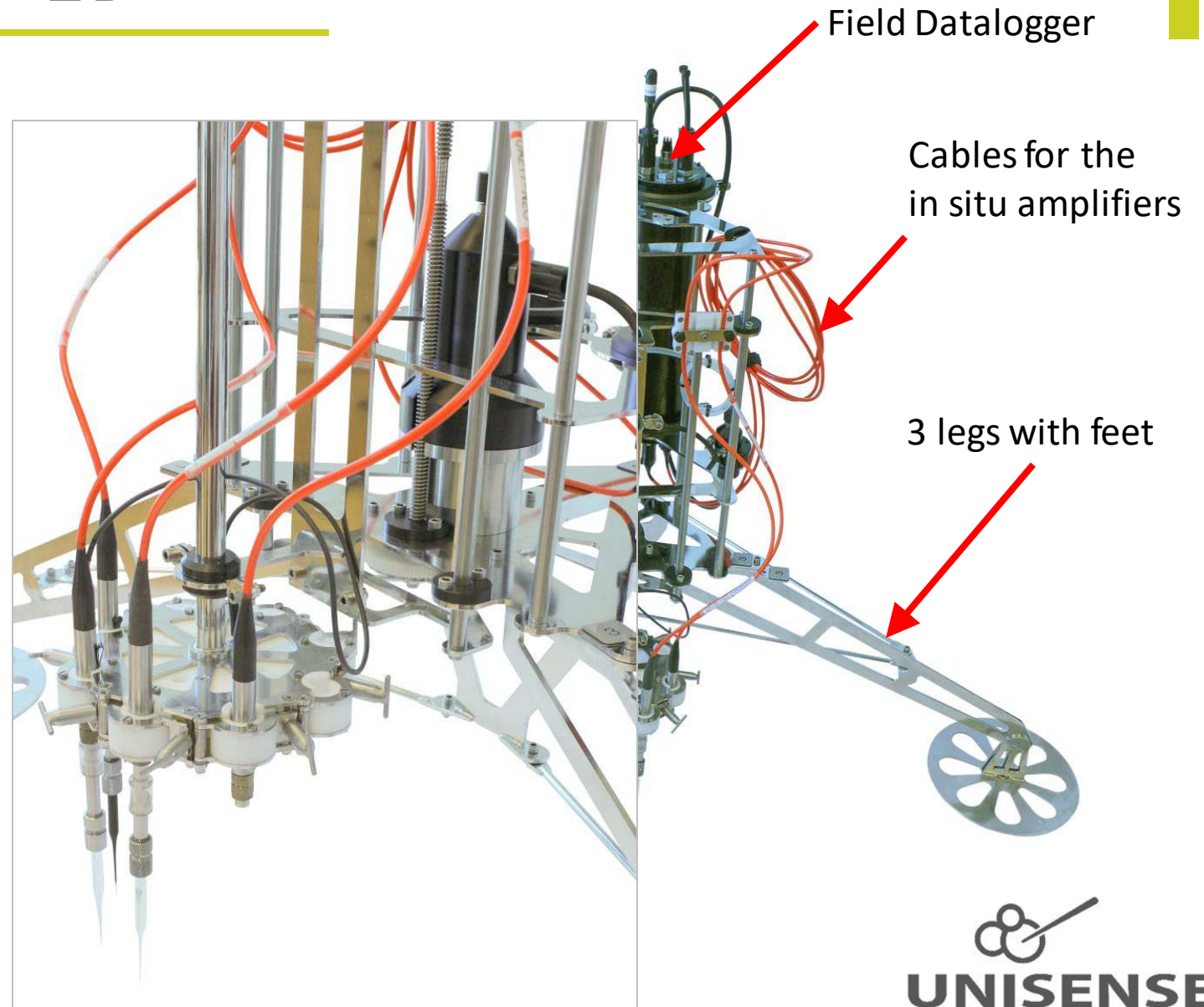
- Depth distribution of analytes, e.g.:
 - O₂ penetration
 - H₂S front
 - pH depth distribution
 - Electrical potential (cable bacteria)
- Fluxes in the analysed spot
- Specific activity per volume of sediment with depth
- Activity of the sediment itself without macro fauna
- Diurnal cycles - non destructive, repeated measurements



Diver assisted deployment of MiniProfiler

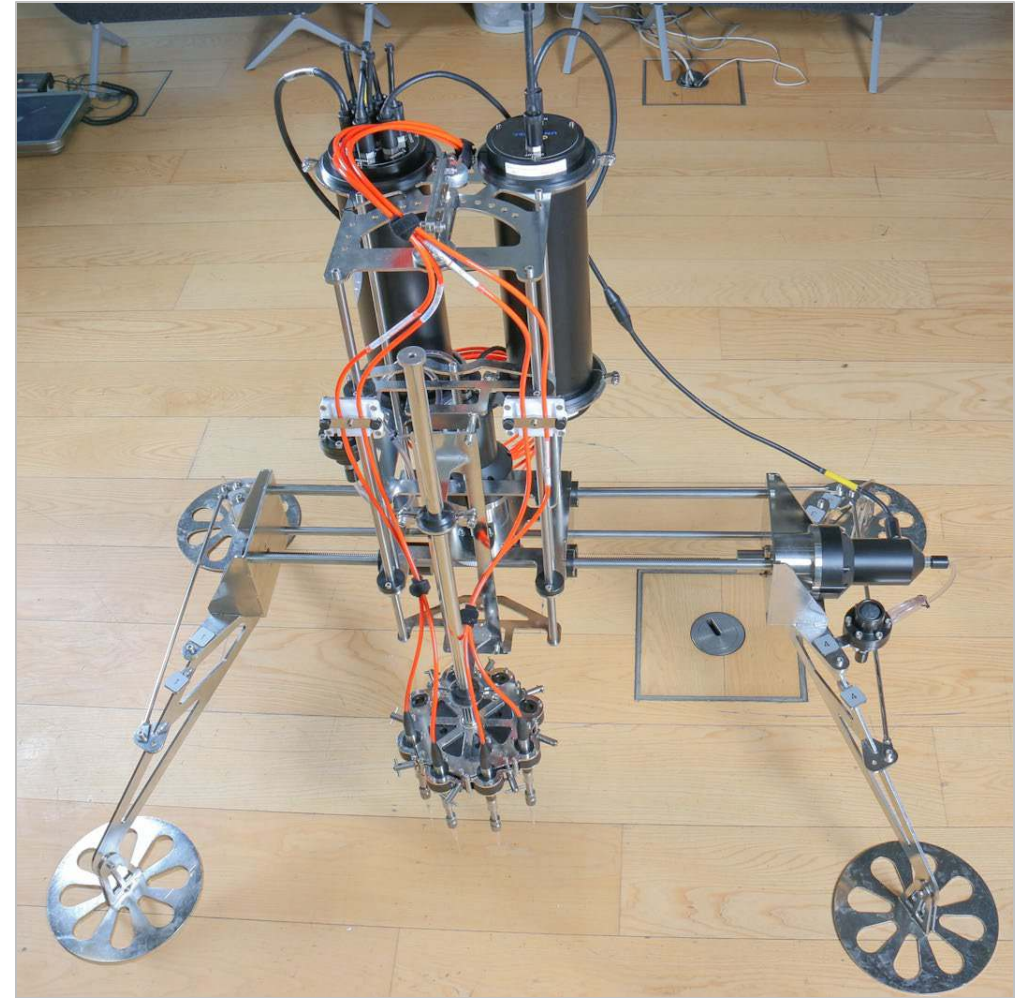
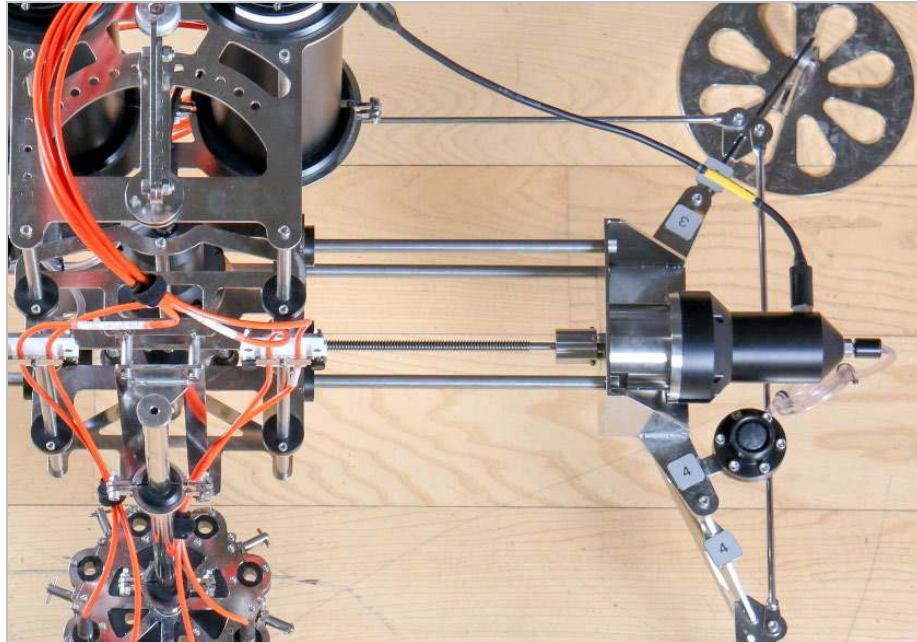
In Situ MiniProfiler – 1D

- Tripod
- 1.5 m between feet
- Controlled by the Field DataLogger
- Room for extra battery pack
- 4 or 8 sensor version
- 300 or 6000 m depth rating
- 50 μm step size



In Situ MiniProfiler – 2D

- Vertical unit same as 1D
- Horizontal movement
- Microprofiles on a line

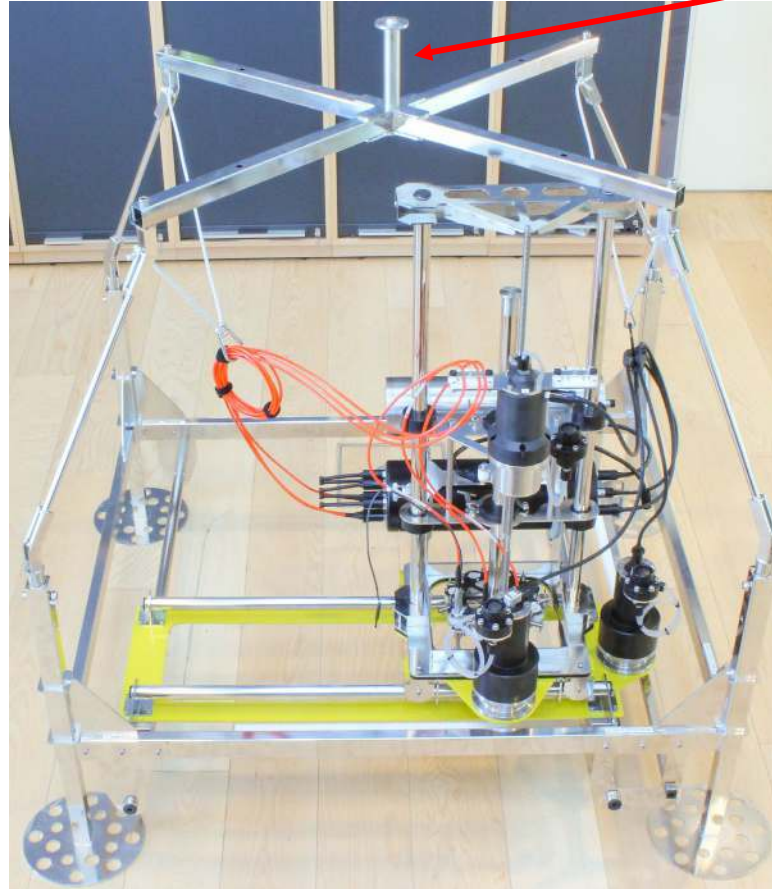


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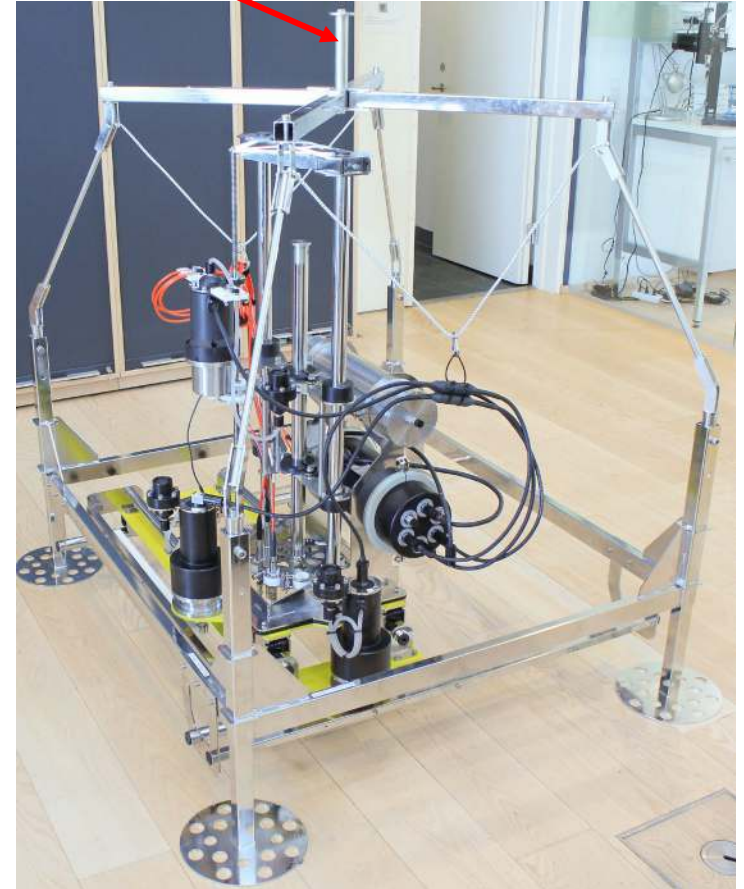
- Vertical and horizontal movement
- Microprofiles in a grid



ROV Switch

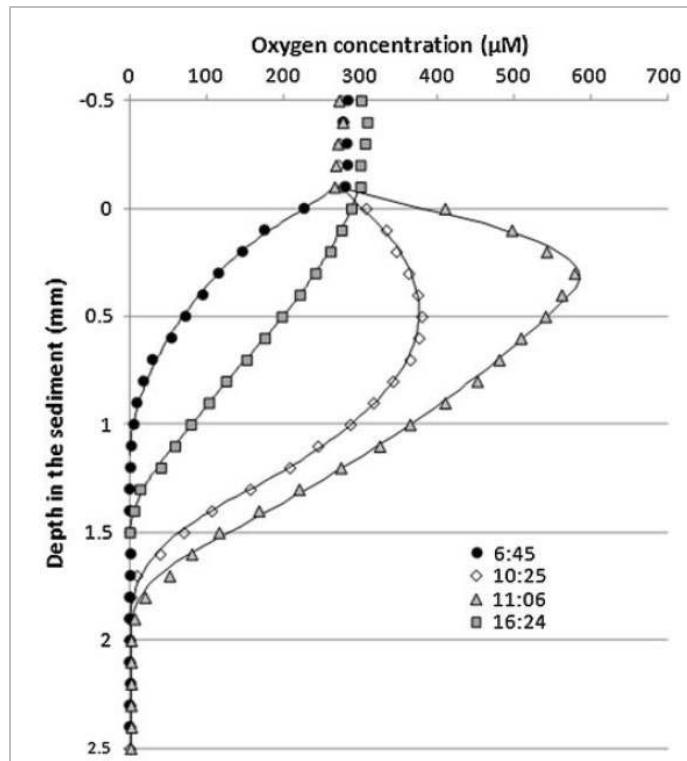


ROV Handle

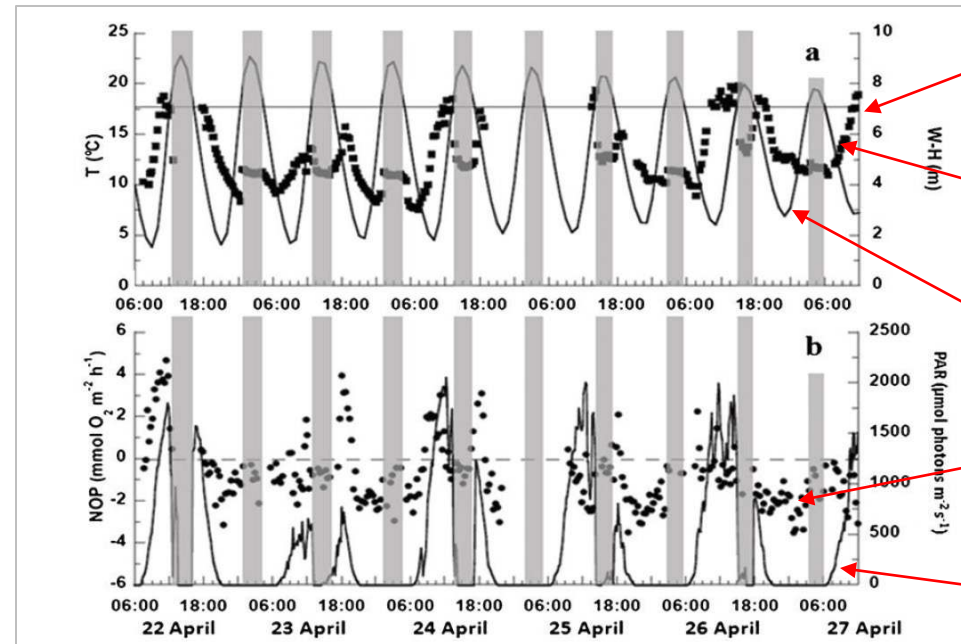


In Situ MiniProfiler – Examples of data

Oxygen dynamics on intertidal flat in the English Channel, France
6-day experiment, > 900 O₂ microprofiles



Examples of microprofiles

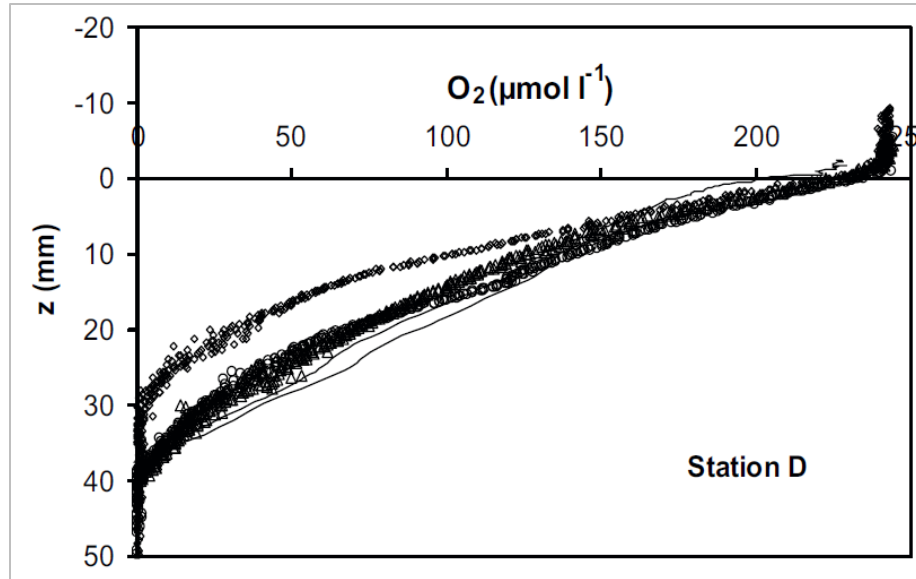


Net Oxygen Production (NOP), light (PAR),
temperature and water height

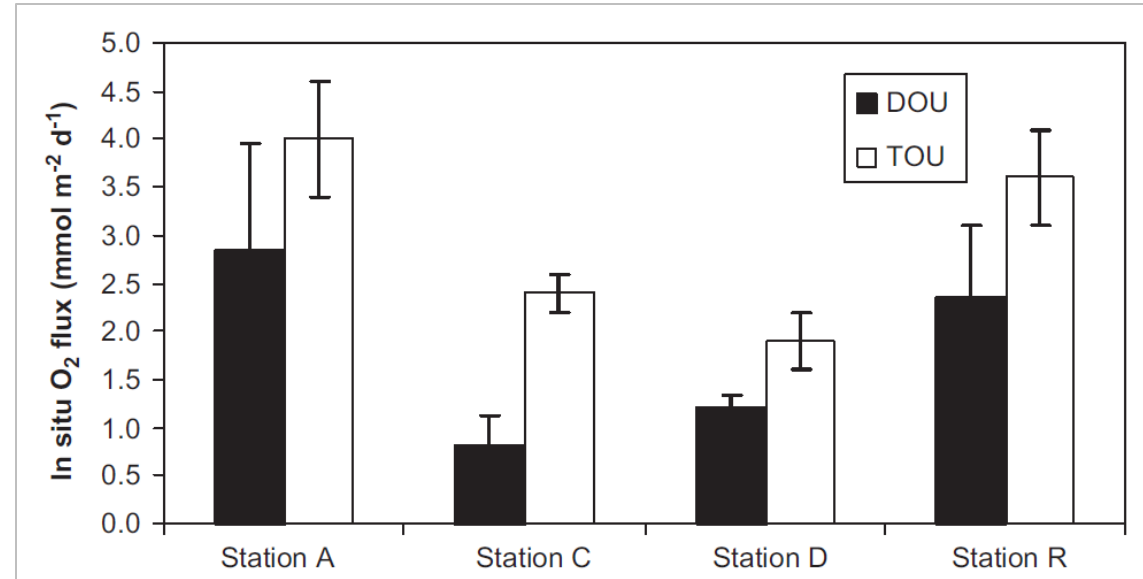
Denis, L., F. Gevaert, and N. Spilmont. 2012. Microphytobenthic production estimated by in situ oxygen microprofiling: Short-term dynamics and carbon budget implications. *J. Soils Sediments* 12: 1517–1529. doi:10.1007/s11368-012-0588-8

In Situ MiniProfiler – Examples of data

Oxygen penetration and uptake rates in the Southern Atlantic off Congo
Autonomous lander, 1304 – 3994 m water depth



Station D at 3964 m

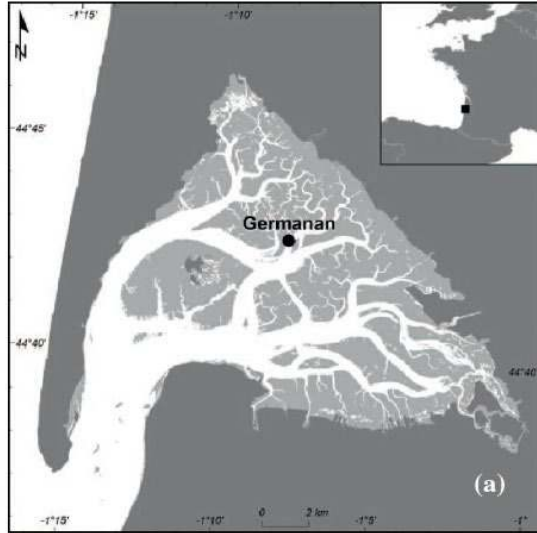


DOU: Diffusive O₂ uptake from microprofiles

TOU: Total O₂ uptake from flux chamber incubation

Rabouille, C., J. C. Caprais, B. Lansard, P. Crassous, K. Dedieu, J. L. Reyss, and A. Khripounoff.
2009. Organic matter budget in the Southeast Atlantic continental margin close to the Congo
Canyon: In situ measurements of sediment oxygen consumption. *Deep. Res. Part II Top. Stud.*
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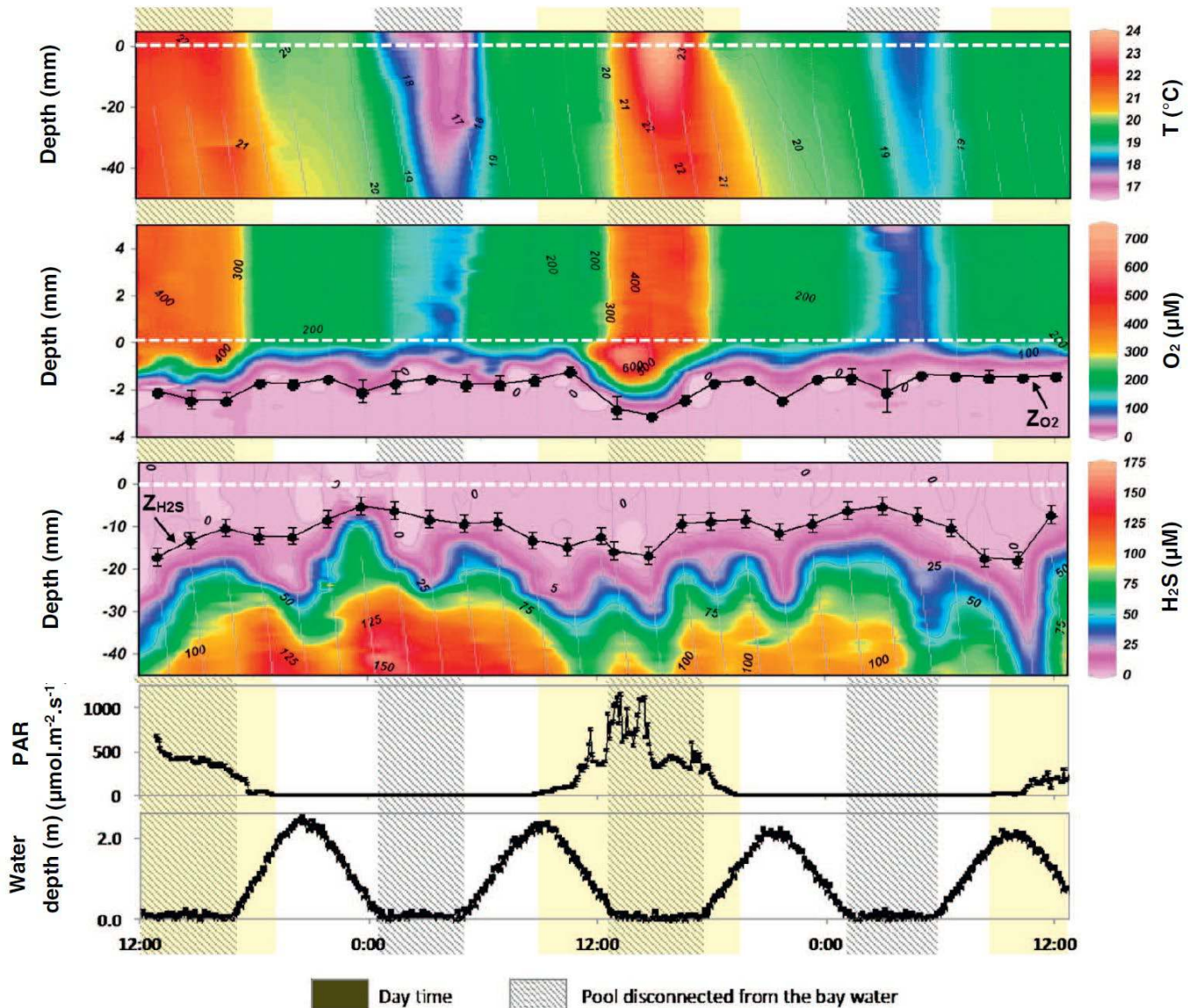


Microprofiles in tidal pools Arcachon Bay (France)

- Tidal cycles - 2 m
- Temperature
- O₂
- H₂S

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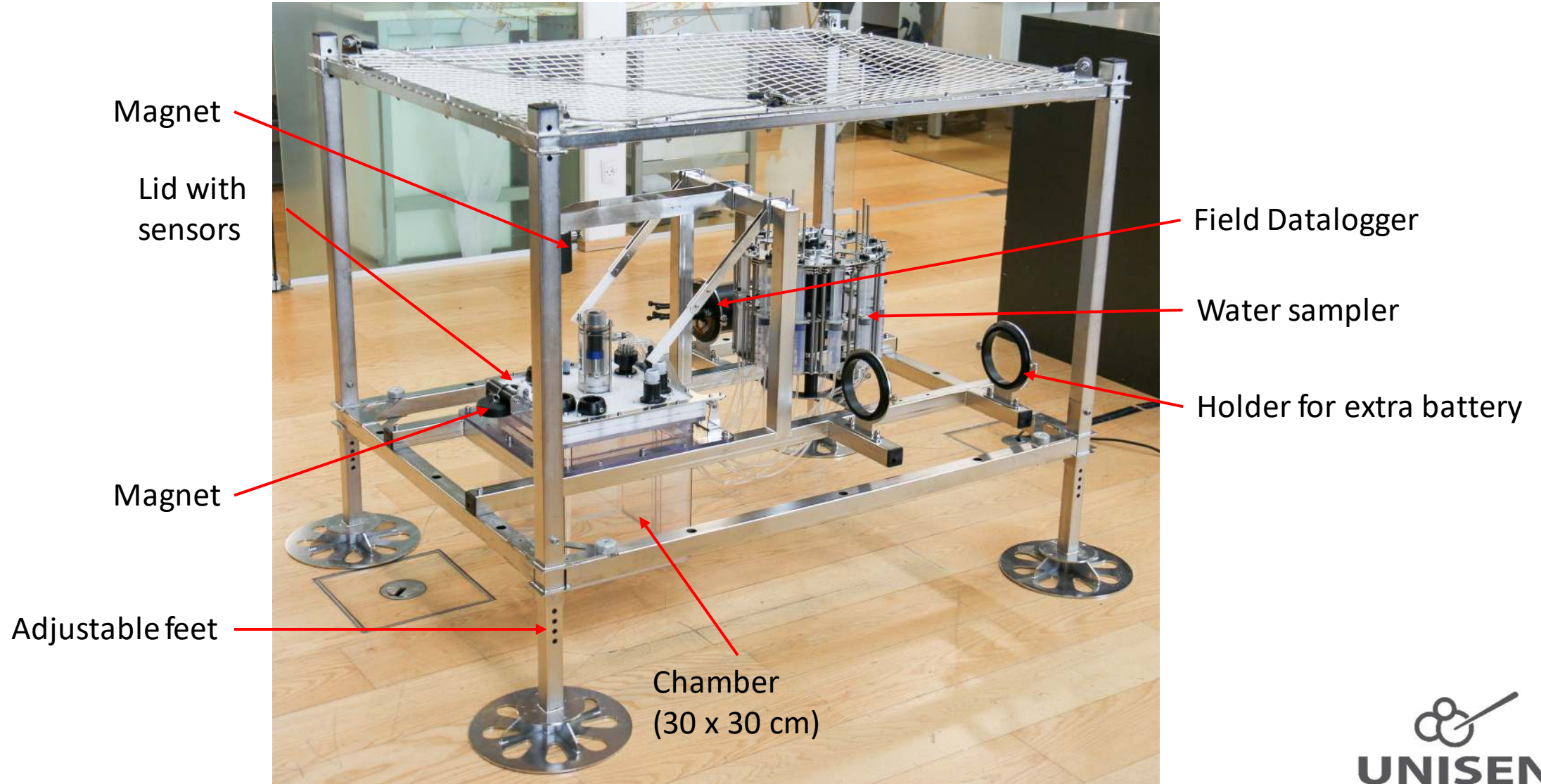
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MiniChamber Lander

- Sediment-water fluxes
- Use sensors
 - Unisense sensors
 - Aanderaa sensors (O_2 , conductivity, depth, turbidity)
- Use water samples
 - 12 samples during incubation
 - 60 ml sample for any analysis
- Flux estimates of larger sediment area
 - Includes activity of flora and fauna
- Ratio of flux from chamber to diffusive flux indicate faunal activity



MiniChamber Lander



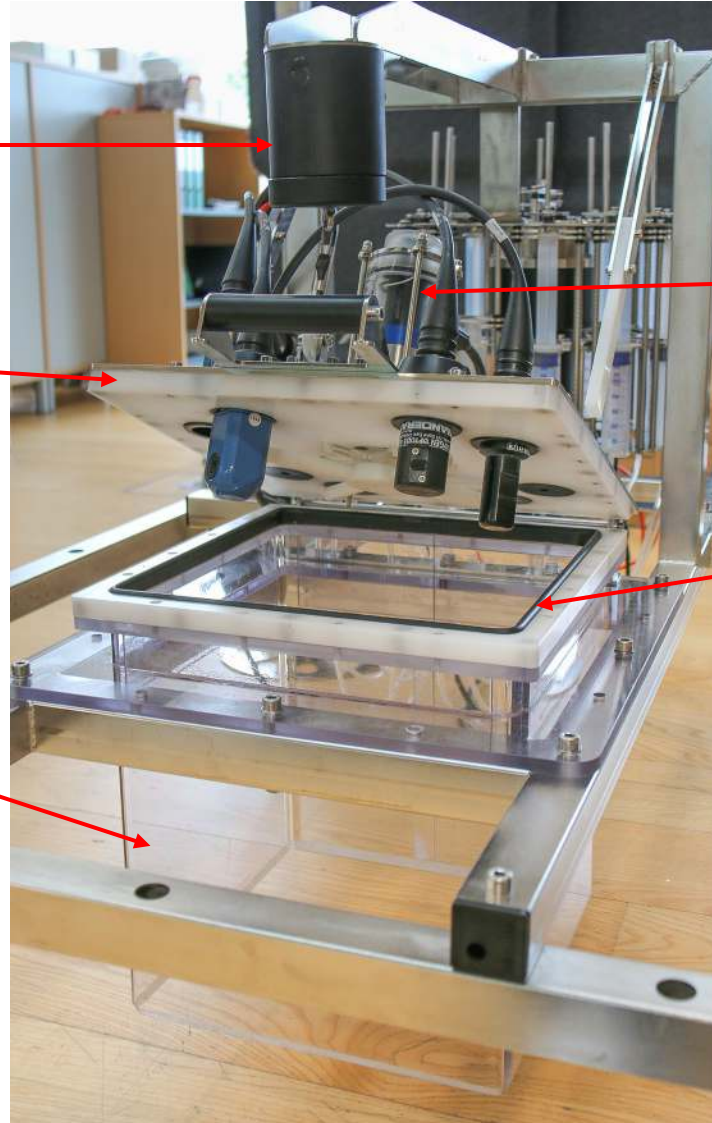
Chamber unit and lid



Permanent magnet &
counter polarized electromagnet

Lid (POM, Polyoxymethylene)

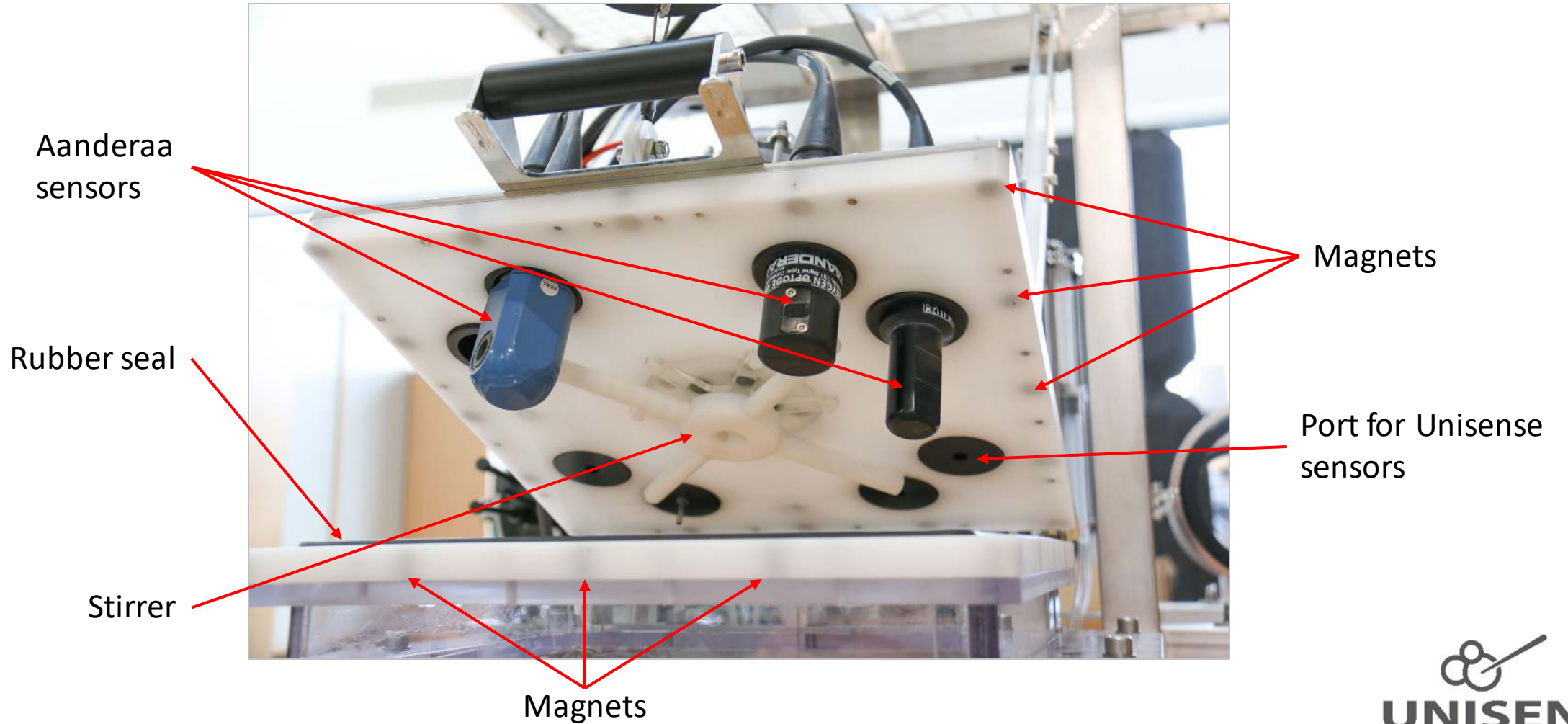
Incubation chamber (Polycarbonate)



Stirrer motor

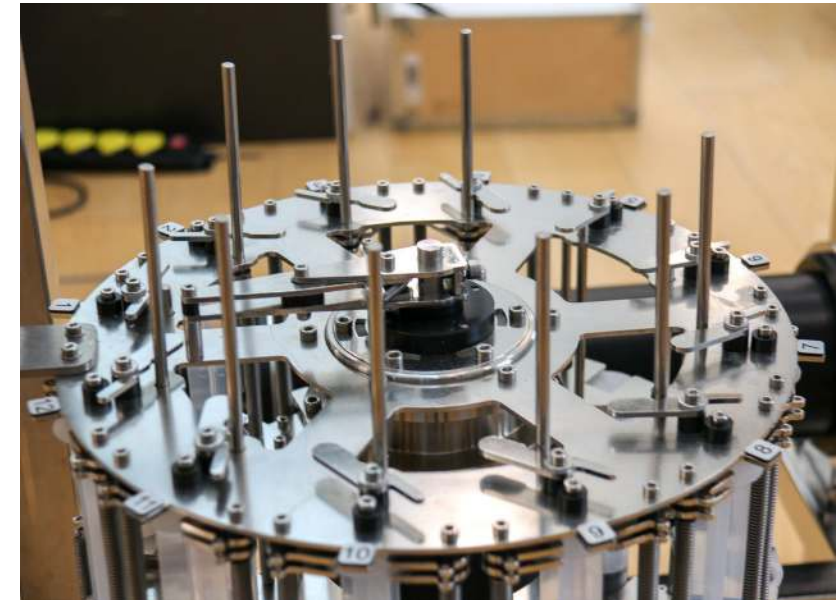
Rubber seal

Lid - below



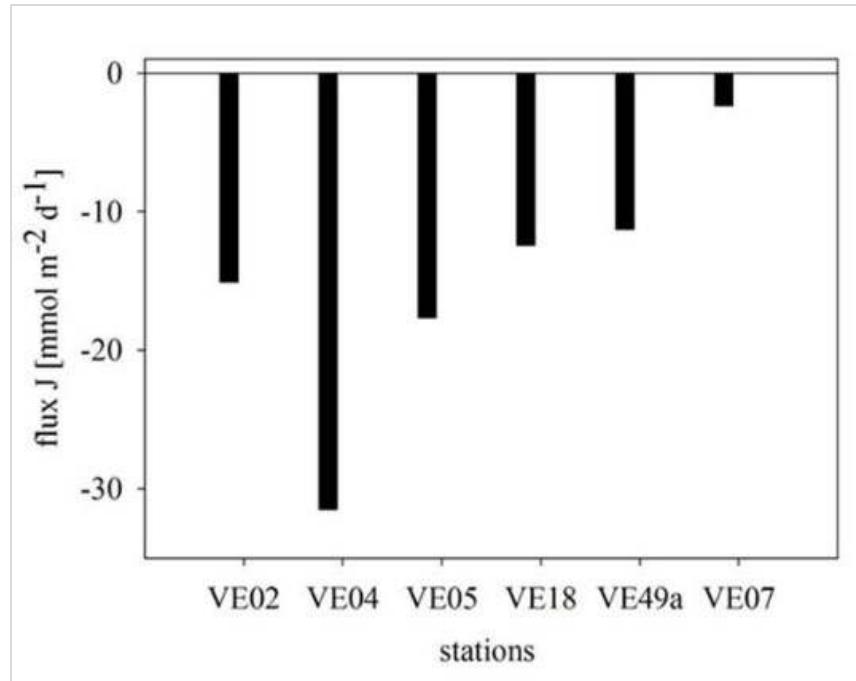
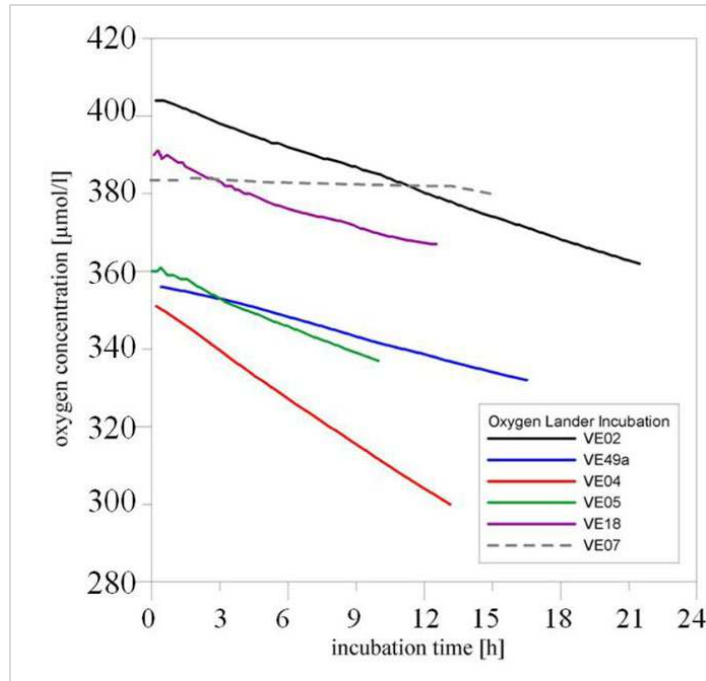
Water sampler

- 12 syringes
- 60 ml
- Sample or inject
- Quantify sediment-water fluxes of e.g. nutrients



Examples of data

Oxygen uptake rates at different stations in the Baltic Sea



Deployment data

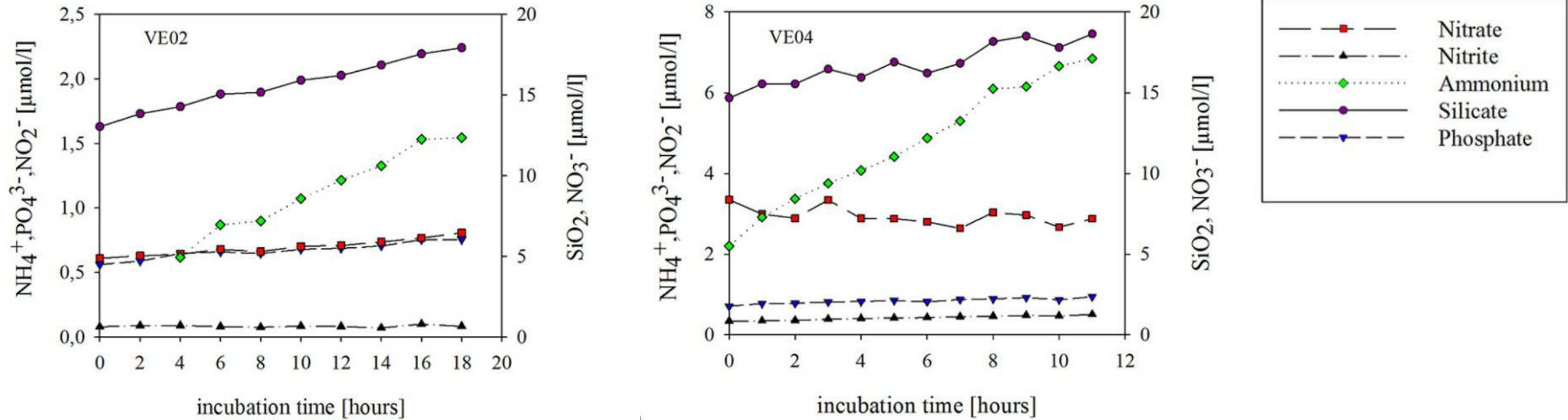
- Chamber penetration into sediment: 5 cm
- Chamber water volume: 27 l
- Incubated sediment area: 900 cm^2
- Stirring: 15 rpm
- Incubation length: 10 - 22 hours

MiniChamber Lander with O_2 optode and water sampler

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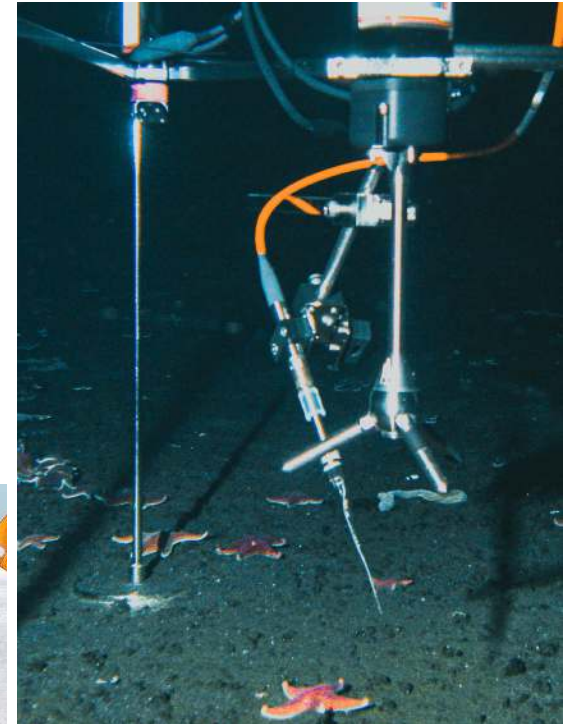


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Eddy Covariance Method

- Sediment-water fluxes
- Non-invasive
- Sensors
 - O₂ microsensor (fast)
 - O₂ microoptode (fast)
 - H₂S microsensor (fast)
- Flux estimate from a large sediment area (5 - 100 m²)
- Includes large flora and fauna e.g. seagrass beds, mussel beds



Eddy Covariance Method

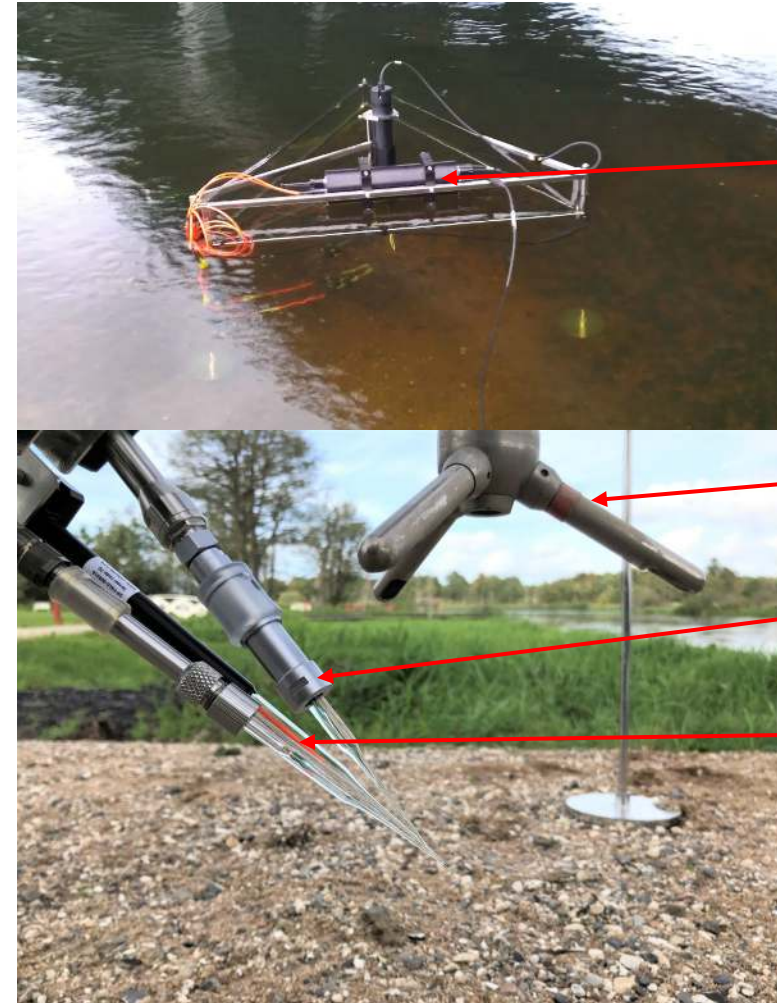
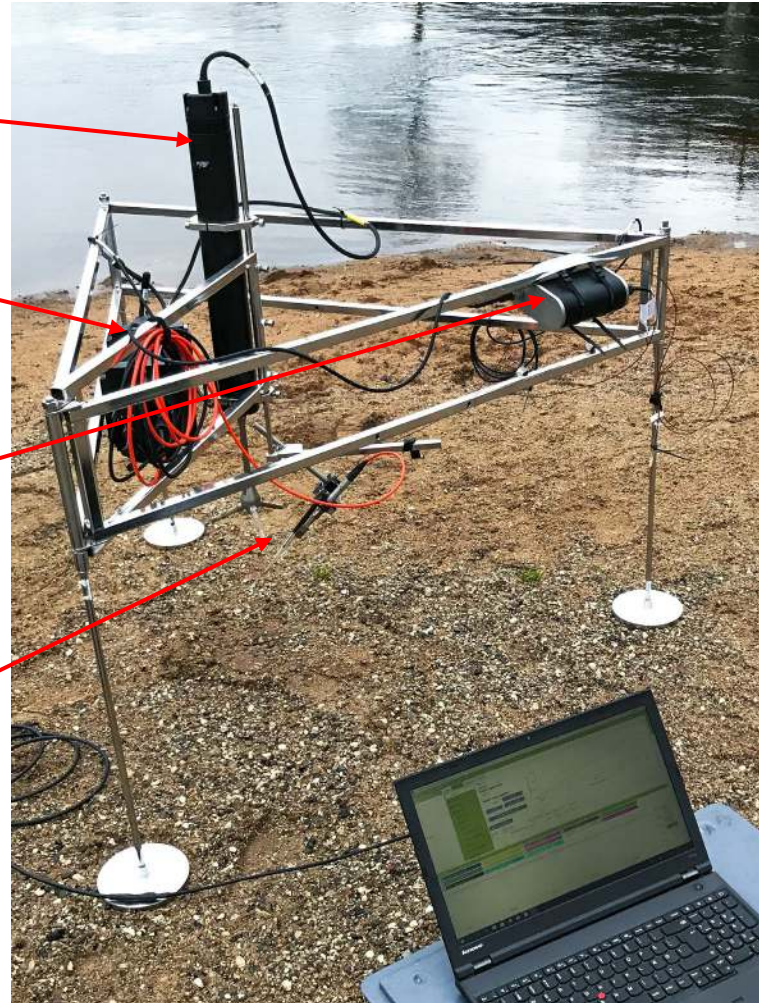


Vector (acoustic 3D current meter)

Field Datalogger

Field Optode Meter

Sensors



Field Datalogger

Vector

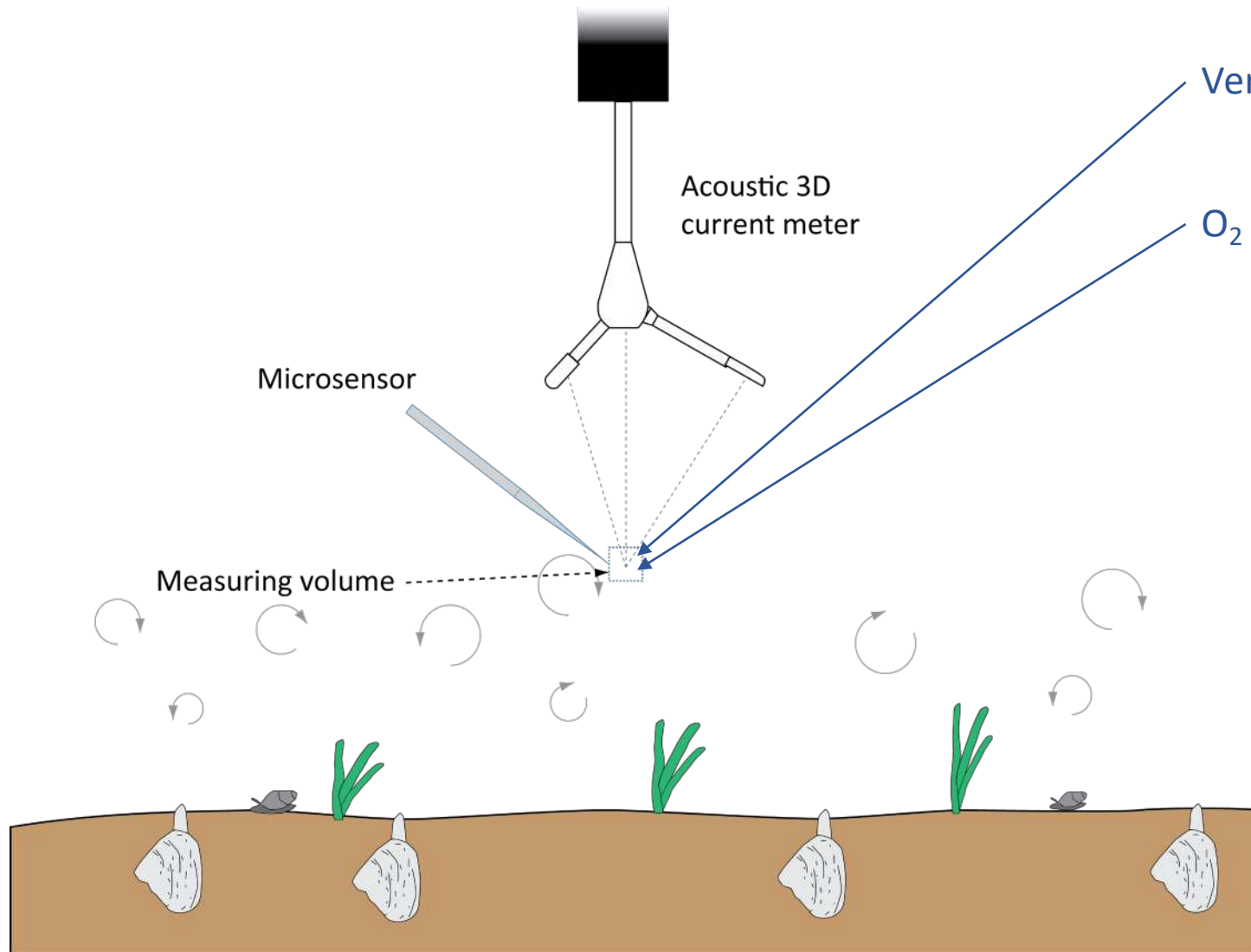
Clark type
O₂ sensor

O₂ optode



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Eddy Covariance Method



Principle of flux calculation

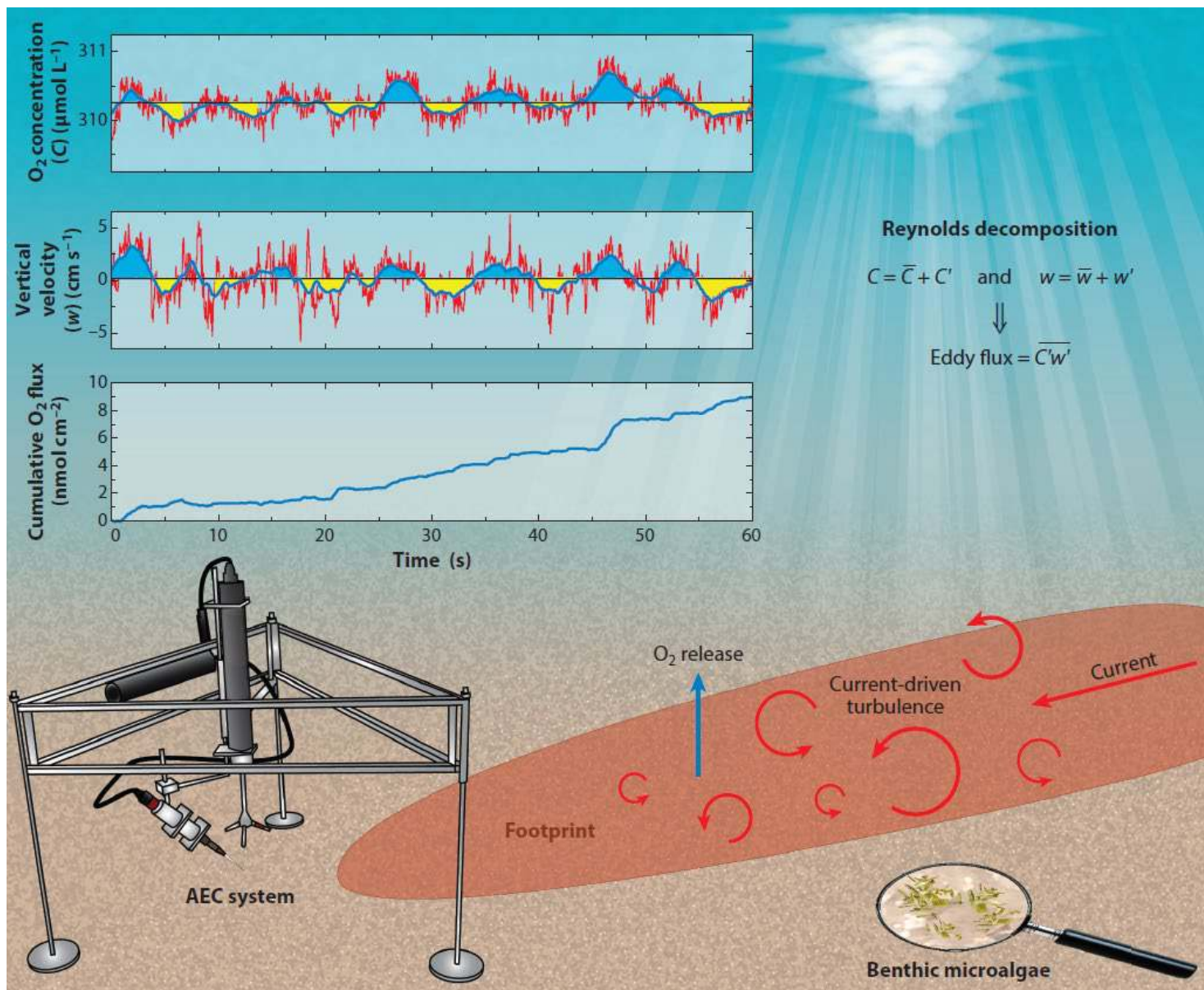
Instantaneous flux each time step (1/64 second)

$$\text{Flux} = z \times C$$

Summarize flux over time to get flux rates

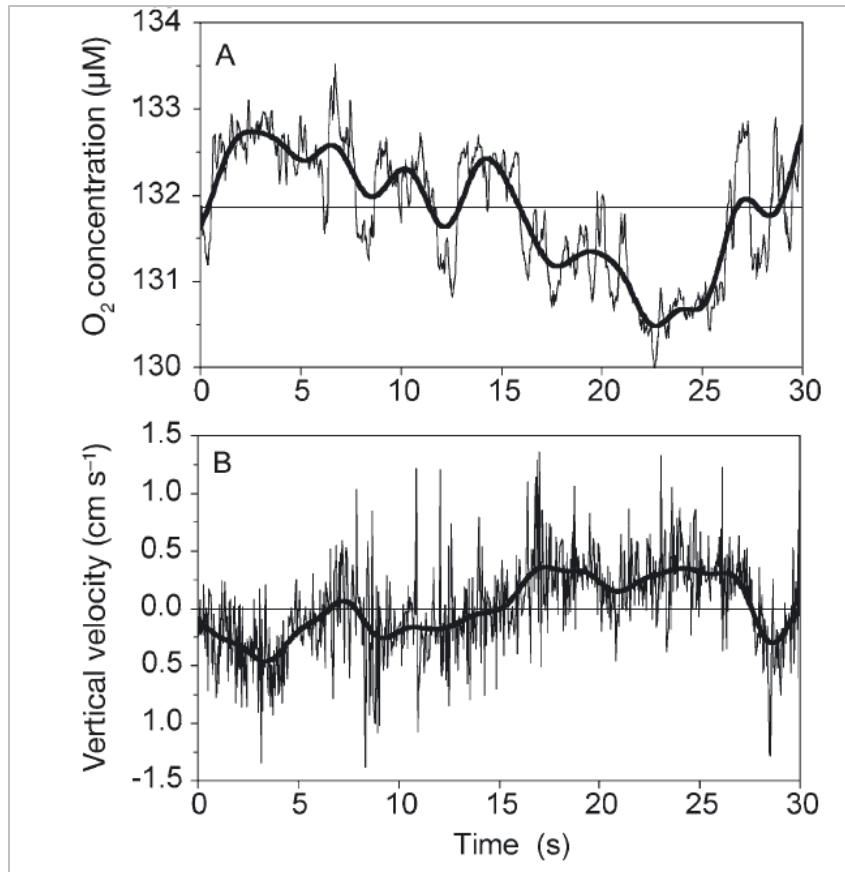
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Eddy Covariance - Principle

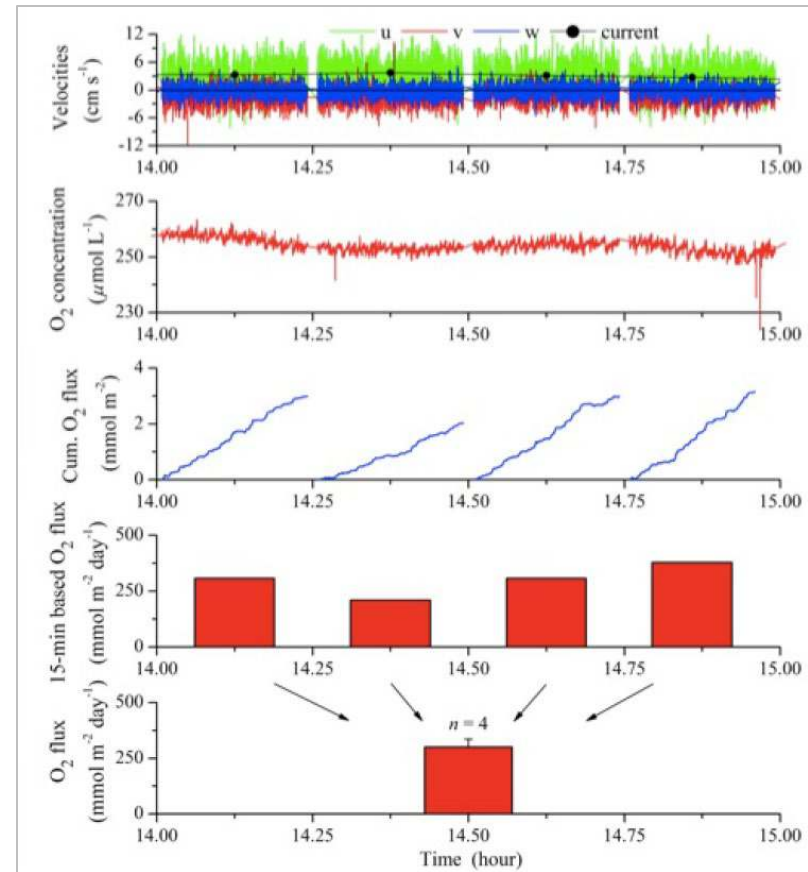


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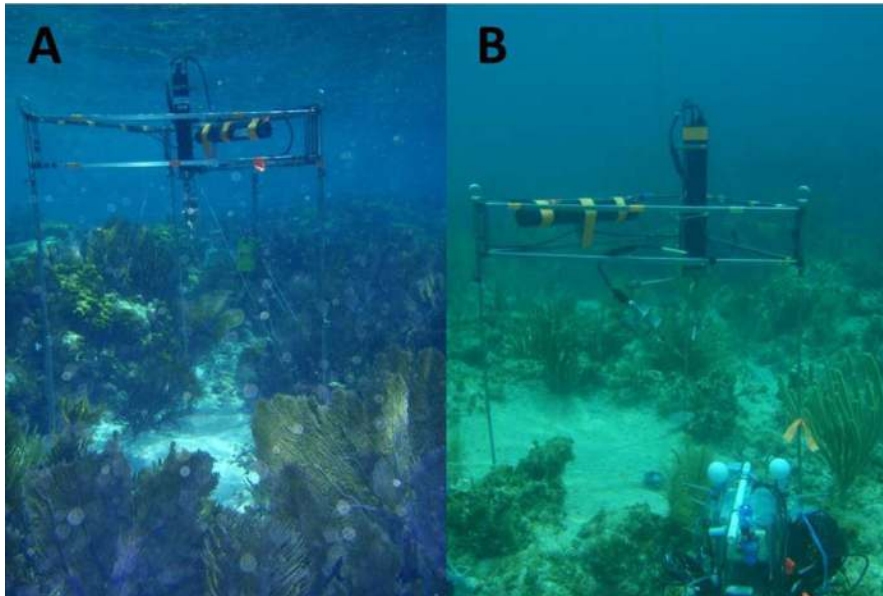


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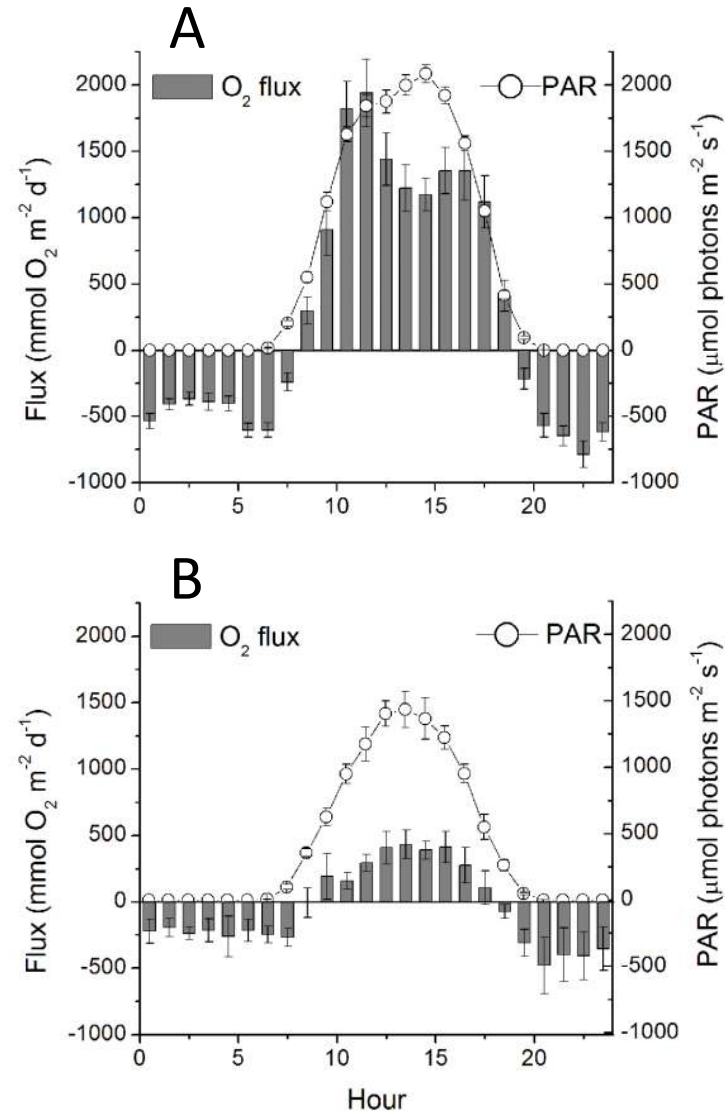


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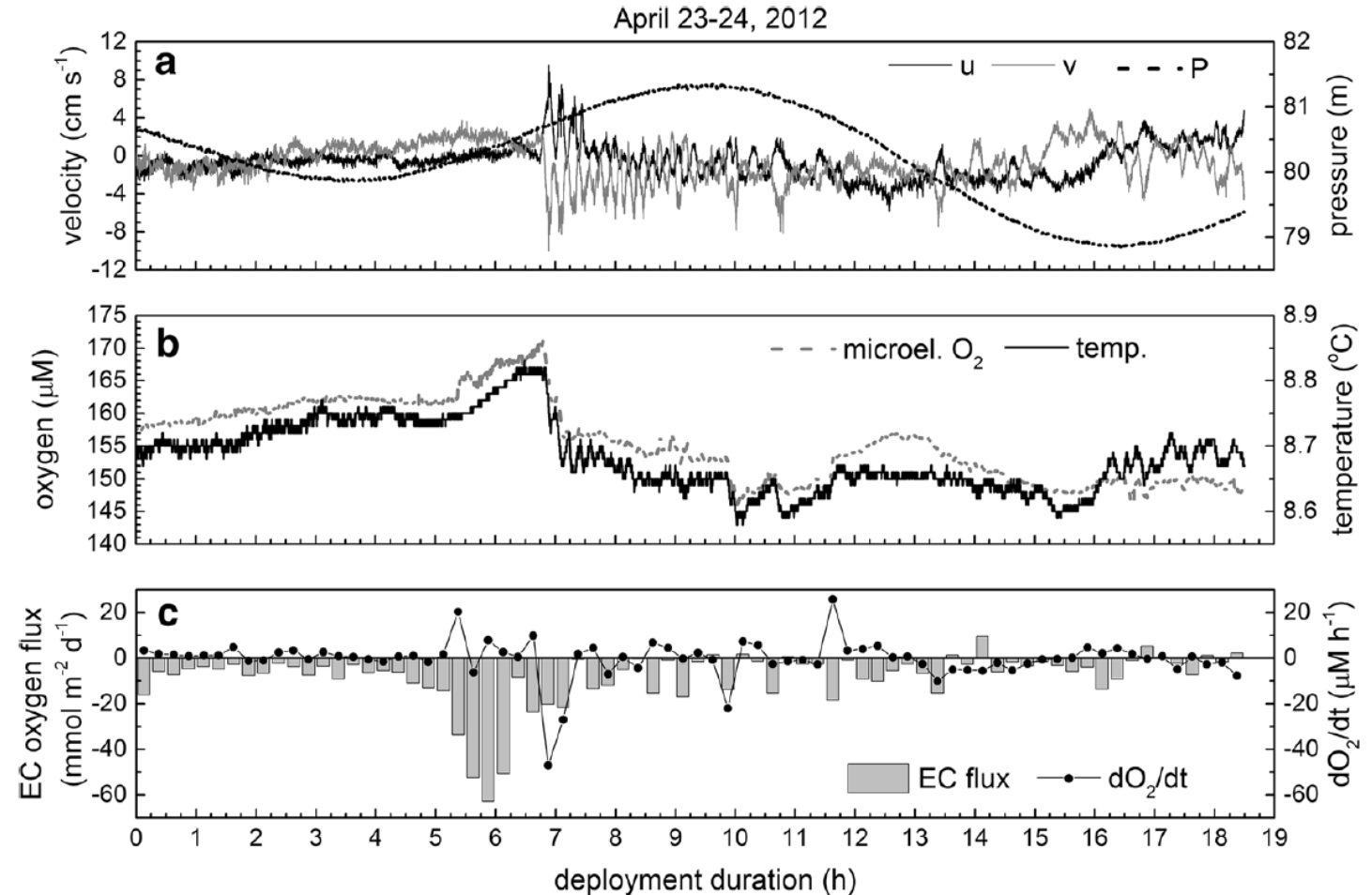
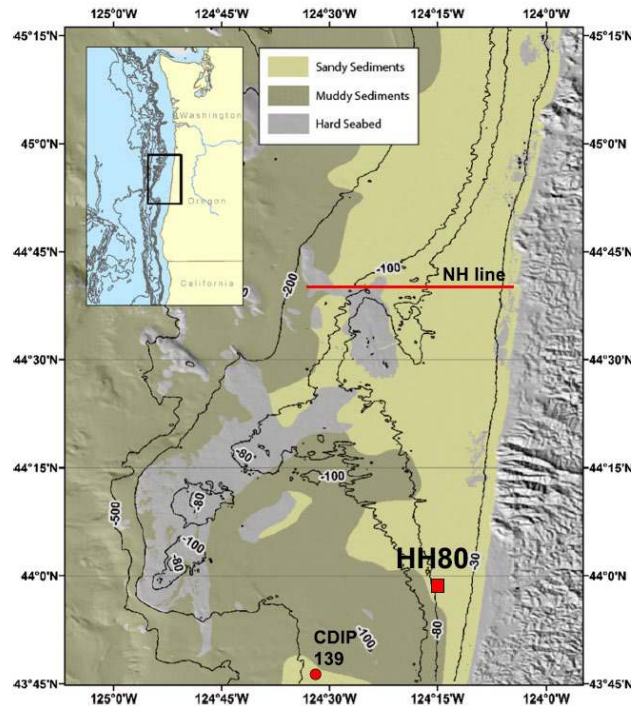
Coral reef – Oxygen fluxes



Long, M. H., P. Berg, D. de Beer, and J. C. Zieman. 2013.
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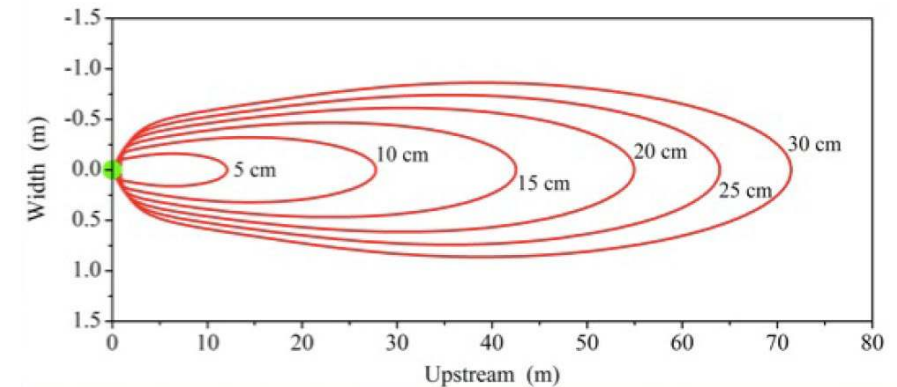
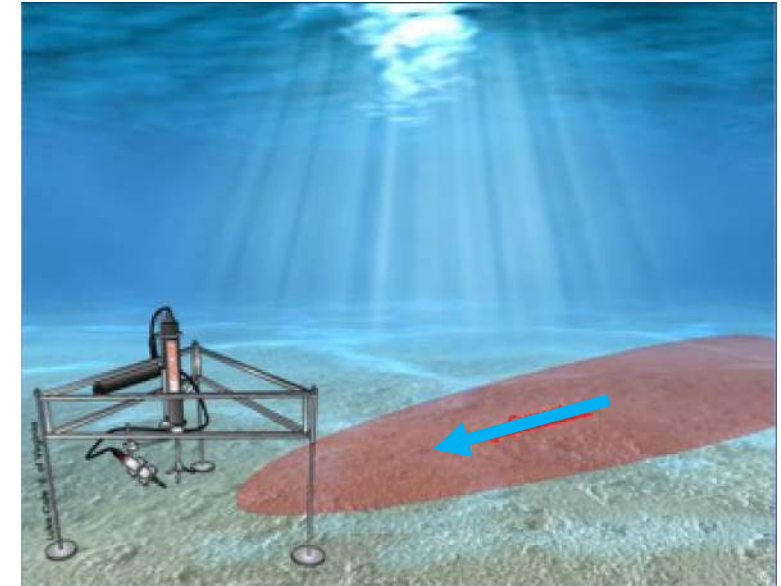


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Eddy Covariance - Footprint

- Measured flux originates from downstream – The *footprint*
- Typical size 5 to 100 m²
- Calculated according to Berg et al., 2007
- Affected by
 - Sensor height over surface
 - Flow conditions
 - Sediment roughness

Berg, P., H. Roy, and P. L. Wiberg. 2007. Eddy correlation flux measurements: The sediment surface area that contributes to the flux. *Limnol. Oceanogr.* 52: 1672–1684.



Unisense EddyFlux Graphical User Interface

Unisense - EddyFlux GUI 2.7, EddyFlux Engine 2.0- 2013 ©

Definition | Generated definition file | Calculation output

Input File Paths

C:\Users\td\OneDrive - Unisense A S\Unisense Data\EC\Svostrup 2019-02-20\Channel_1.txt.def Load Definition Input File

C:\Users\td\OneDrive - Unisense A S\Unisense Data\EC\Svostrup 2019-02-20\Channel_1.txt Converted EC Data File

Output File Names and Calculation Settings

Output file with estimated fluxes: Channel_1_flux.dat

Output file with estimated cumulative fluxes: Channel_1_cum.dat

Rotate data set: Yes

Rotate data at fixed angle: No

Fixed angle rotation around the x-axis [Degree]: 0.000

Fixed angle rotation around the y-axis [Degree]: 0.000

Fixed angle rotation around the z-axis [Degree]: 0.000

Mean O2 compensation: Yes

Measuring height [cm]: 15.00

Time lag compensation: Maximum

Fixed points to shift in time lag correction [n]: 64

Frequency of measured data: 64

Data points in running mean: 1903

Data points to skip writing cumulative fluxes and mean values: 63

Write used input data to file: None

First Timestamp [h, min, or s]: 0.0000

Last Timestamp [h, min, or s]: 11.99913628

Dataset Duration: 11.99913628

Flux calculation length [h, min, or s]: 0.2500

Skipped time between flux calculations [h, min, or s]: 0.0166

Save as New Definition Save Definition File

Start Flux Calculation Visualize calculation IDLE



Three complementary methods

Microprofiles

- Vertical distribution of solutes
- Consumption or production rates within the sediment
- All Unisense sensors (O_2 , H_2S , H_2 , N_2O , NO , pH, redox potential, electrical potential)
- Repeated measurements, low sample disturbance
- Interactions between solute concentration and organisms
- Macro organisms do not affect rates
- In situ conditions

MiniChamber

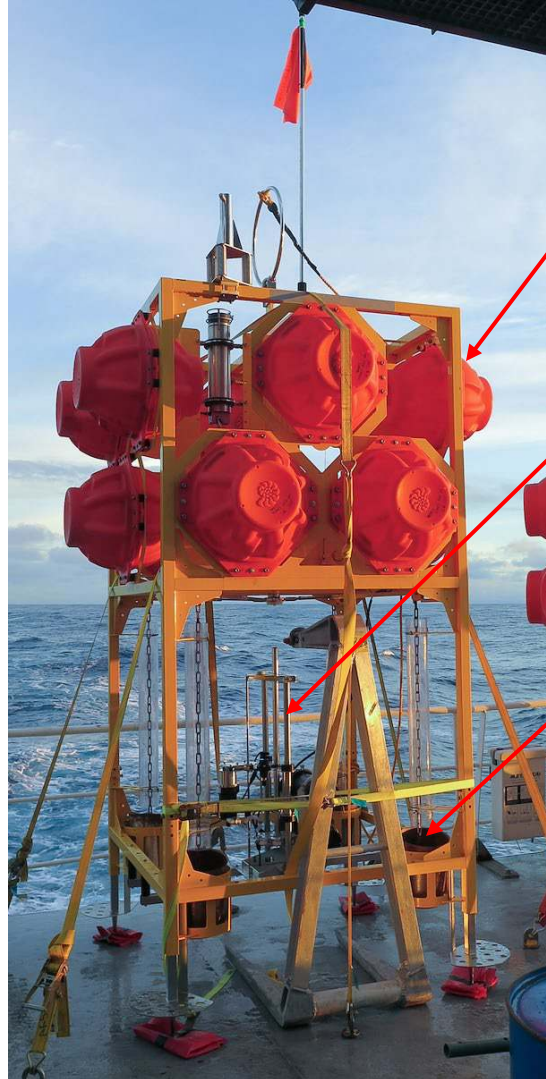
- Community metabolism (30 x 30 cm area)
- Continuous recording with sensors – production and consumption of solutes
- Water samples for any solute
- Injections for experiments
- In situ conditions

Eddy Covariance

- Non-invasive
- Natural light
- Complex community
- Permeable sediments
- Works with O_2 , temperature (other fast sensors)
- In situ conditions

Autonomous free falling deep sea landers

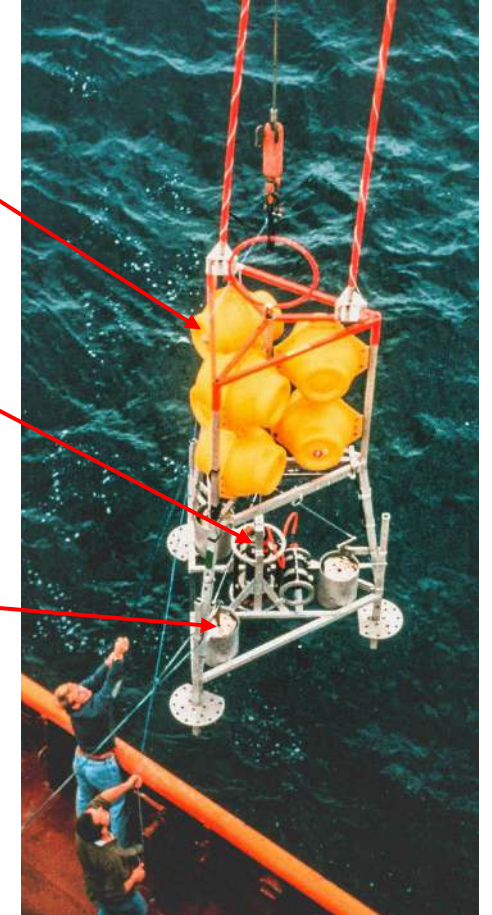
- Flotation unit
- Releasable ballast
- Chamber, Profiler or Eddy Covariation system
- Release ballast for positive buoyancy
 - Burn wire for programmed ascent
 - Acoustic release, redundant
 - Magnesium bolt for safety
- GPS transmitter
- Radio beacon
- Radar reflector



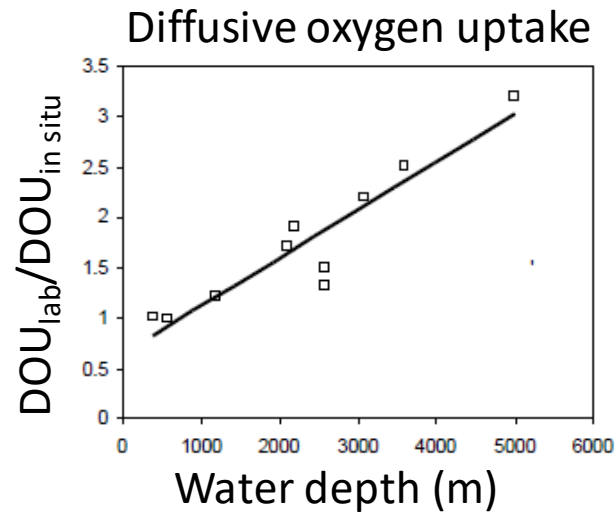
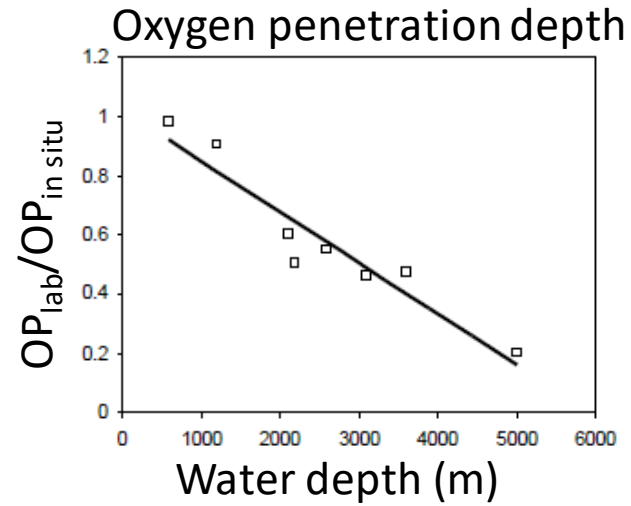
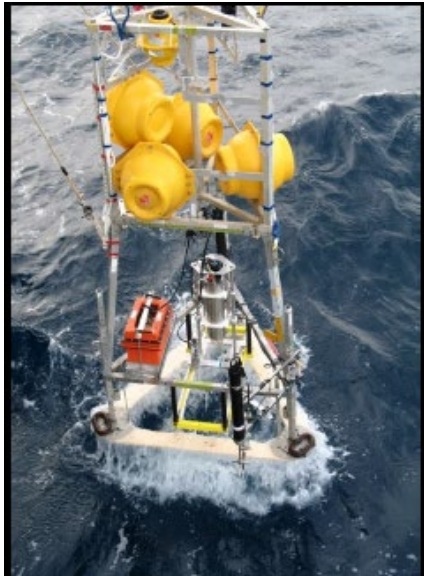
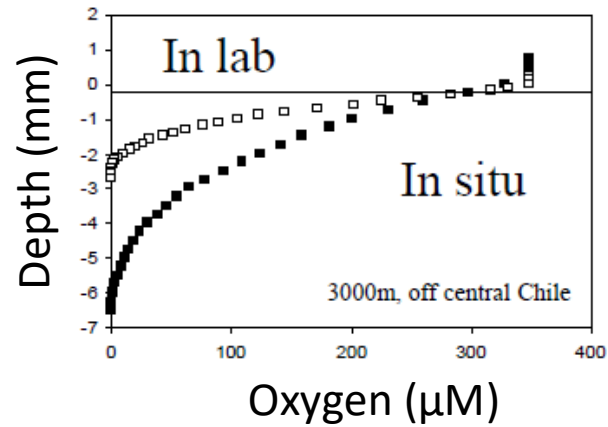
Flotation unit

MiniProfiler

Ballast



In situ lander and lab



- O₂ penetration underestimated in lab
- O₂ diffusive uptake overestimated in the lab

In situ data logging

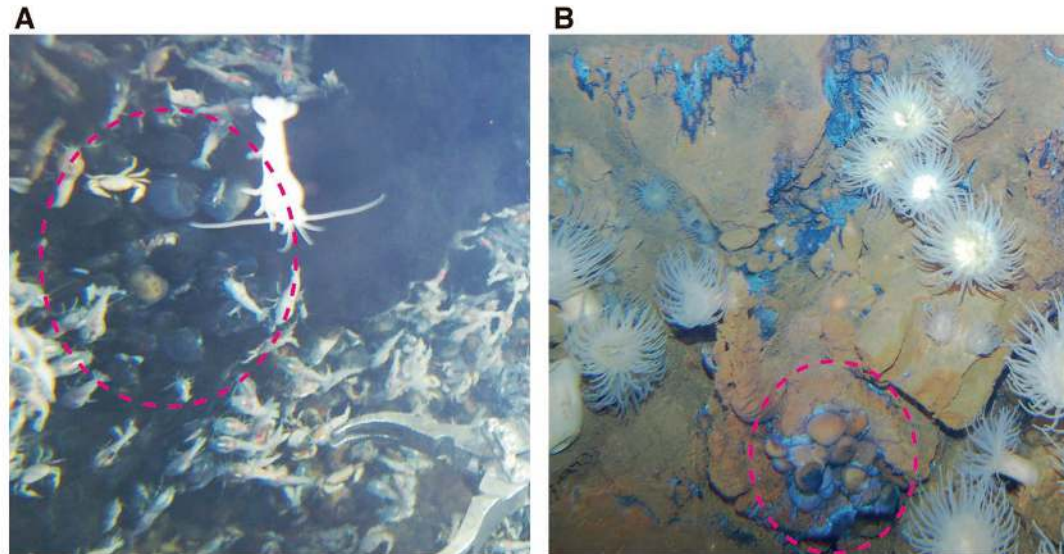
Field Datalogger Mini

- 2 or 4 channels
- All Unisense sensors
- STOX support
- 300 or 6000 m depth rating
- Up to 20 days battery life
- Interface with CTD or other equipment
- 9.5 cm OD x 28 cm, 4.4 kg



Field Datalogger Mini – Data example

- H₂S and H₂ around Hydrothermal vents
- 2.4 to 3.3 km water depth
- Operated with ROV



Miyazaki, J., T. Ikuta, T. o. Watsuji, and others. 2020. Dual energy metabolism of the Campylobacterota endosymbiont in the chemosynthetic snail *Alviniconcha marisindica*. ISME J. 14: 1273–1289. doi:10.1038/s41396-020-0605-7

Table 1 Physical and chemical conditions of habitats of *Alviniconcha marisindica* populations (kAlv and eAlv populations) and *Chrysomallon squamiferum* in the Kairei and Edmond hydrothermal fields.

Sampling site	Temp. range [average] (°C)	DO range [average] (µM)	H ₂ range [average] (µM)	H ₂ S range [average] (µM)
Kairei field				
Reference bottom seawater	1.7–1.8 [1.8]	207	<0.03	<0.5
<i>A. marisindica</i> (kAlv) colony at the Monju chimney	11.9–60.0 [19.3]	104–166 [144]	20.1–44.6 [34.1] in situ	137–211 [185] in situ
			11.8–20.2 [16.5] onboard	<1.5 onboard
<i>C. squamiferum</i> colony at the Monju chimney	8.4–13.5 [12.6]	133–187 [158]	8.00–8.60 [8.40] in situ	23.5–29.6 [25.1] in situ
			6.37–10.2 [8.16] onboard	<1.5 onboard
Edmond field				
Reference bottom seawater	1.8–1.9 [1.9]	208	<0.03	<0.5
<i>A. marisindica</i> (eAlv) colony at the Giant shrimp chimney	6.5–38.1 [26.8]	147–202 [184]	0.39–0.45 [0.42] in situ	109–127 [120] in situ
			0.70–4.52 [2.52] onboard	19–26 [23.3] onboard

STOX sensor

- Switchable Trace Oxygen sensor
- Trace amounts of O₂ can be measured reliably with a STOX sensor
- Detection limit down to 5-10 nM O₂



STOX sensor

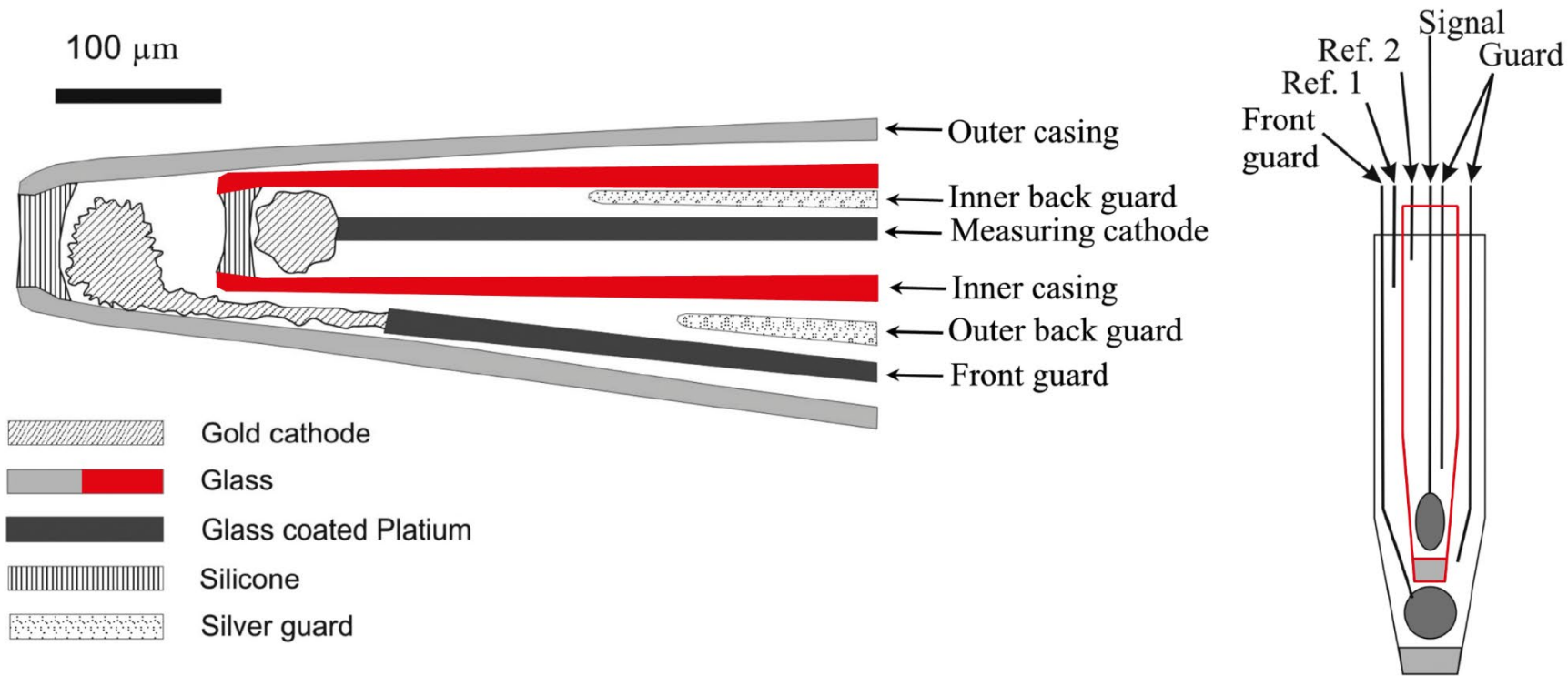
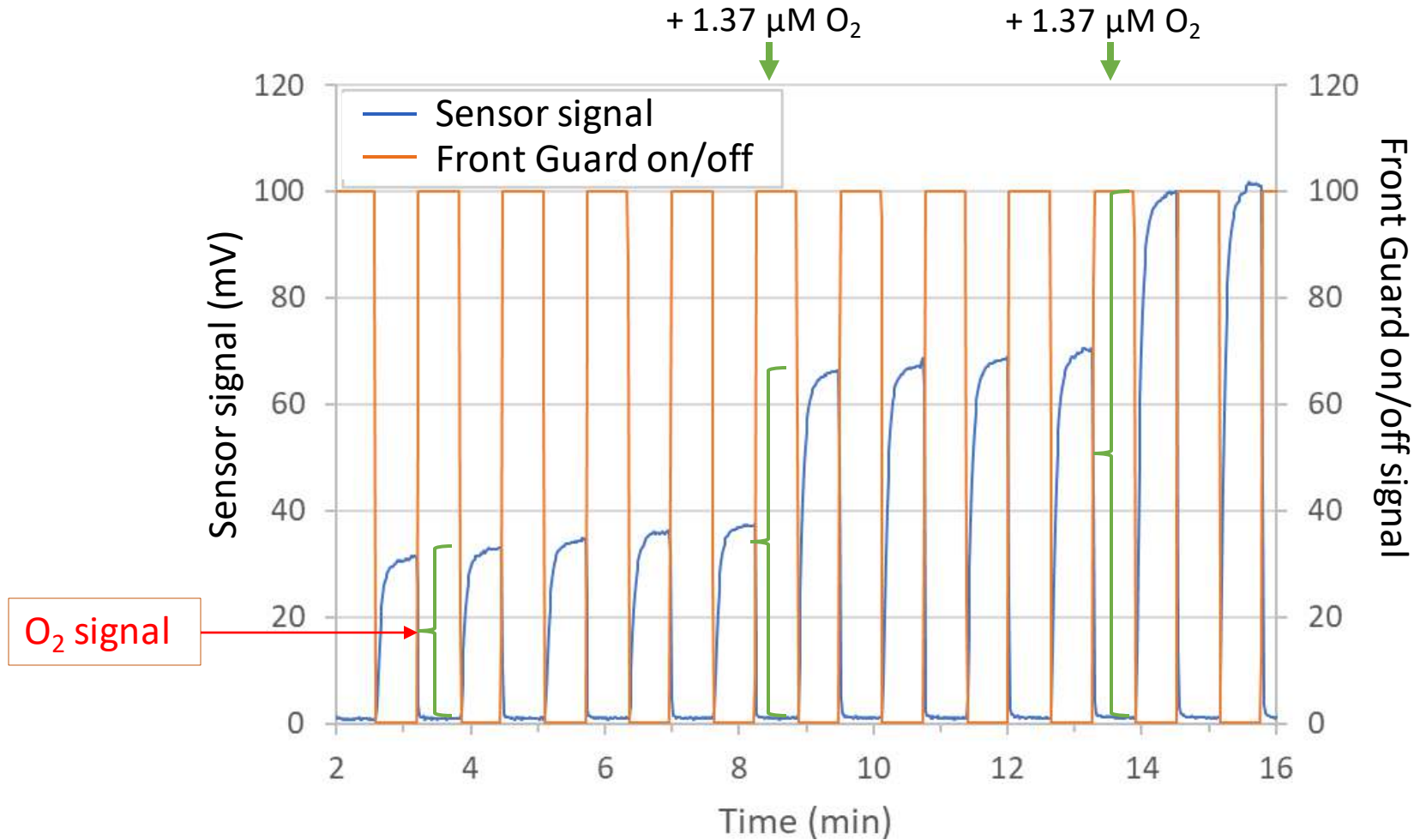


Fig. 1. Left: Schematic drawing of STOX microsensors tip. Not visible are the Ag/AgCl internal references in both inner and outer electrolyte reservoirs. Right: Diagram showing all anodes and cathodes in a STOX sensor.



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STOX sensor - signal

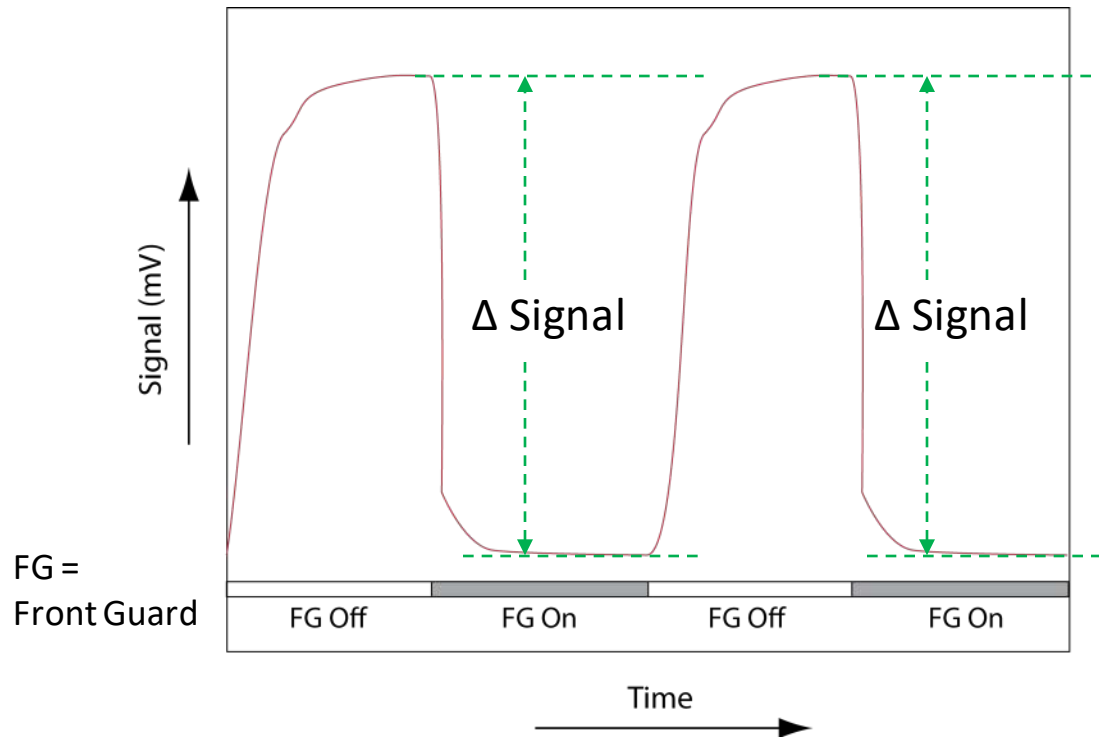


$$\text{O}_2 \text{ signal} = \text{Sensor signal}_{\text{FG off}} - \text{Sensor signal}_{\text{FG on}} = \Delta \text{O}_2 \text{ signal}$$

STOX sensor



O₂ present



Δ Signal at zero O₂:

- Signal FG On = Signal FG Off
- Δ Signal = 0 mV

STOX sensor - calibration



At zero O_2 :

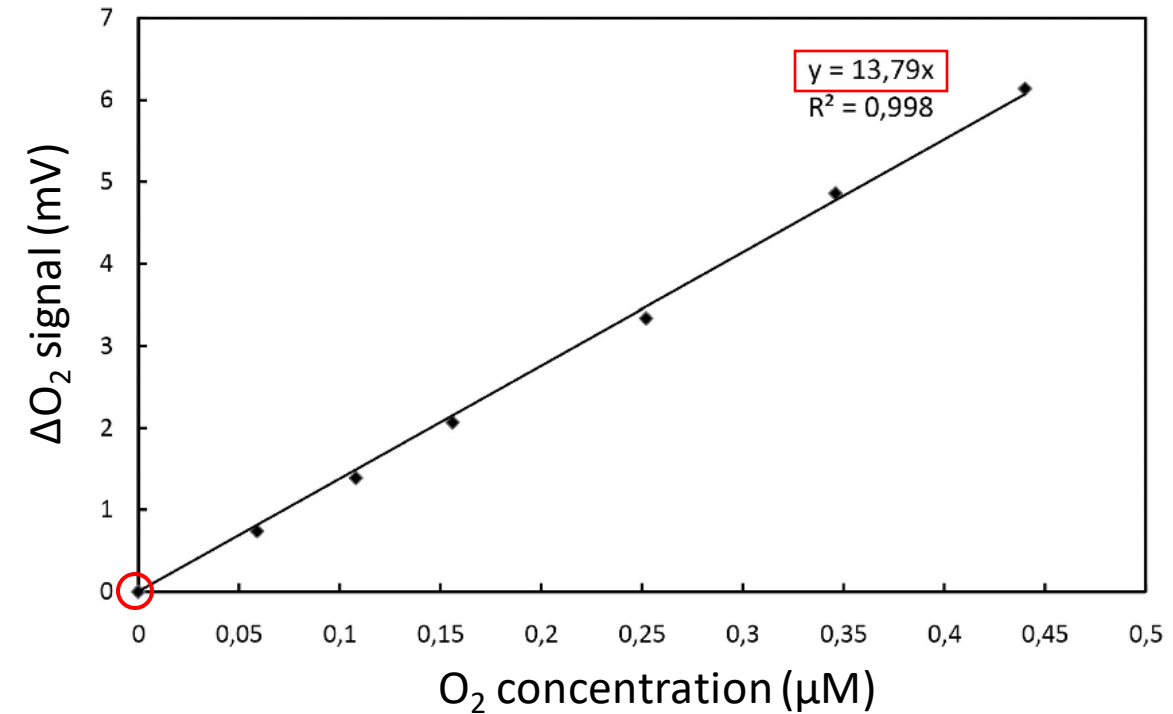
Sensor signal_{FG off} - Sensor signal_{FG on} = 0

Sensor response is linear

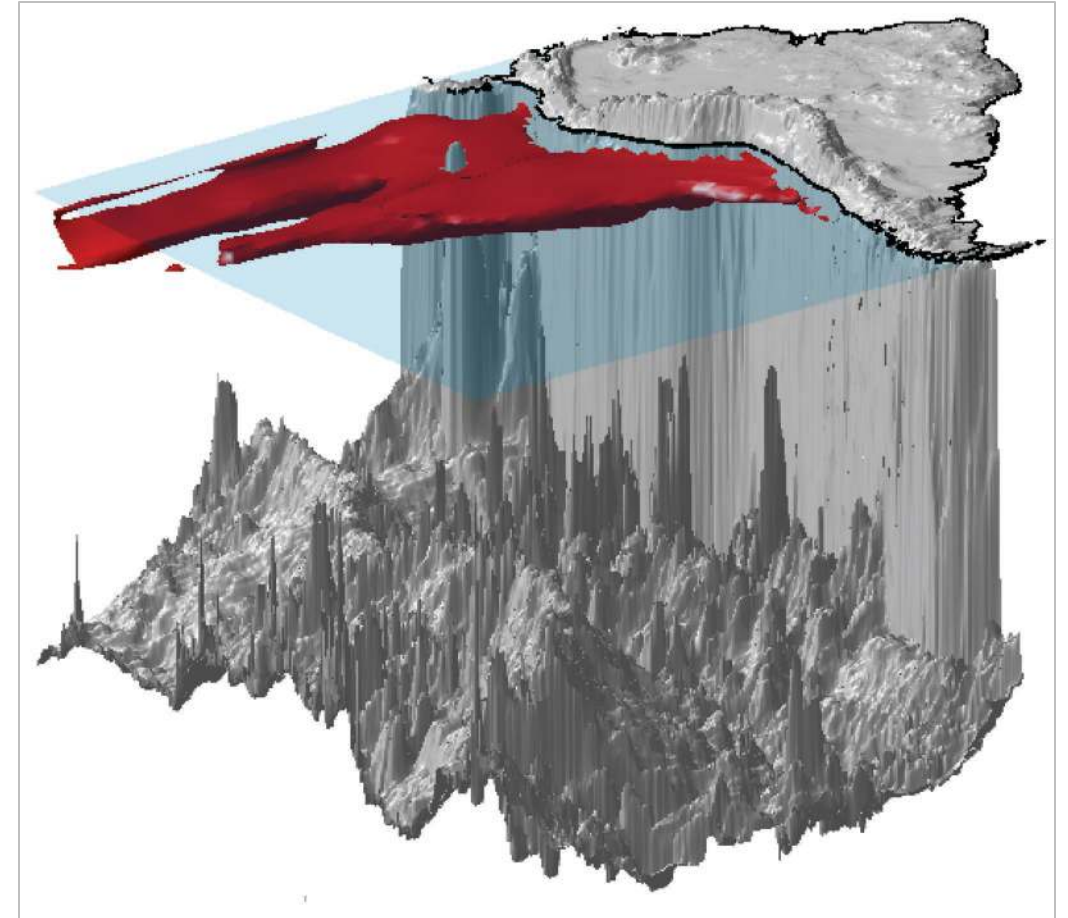
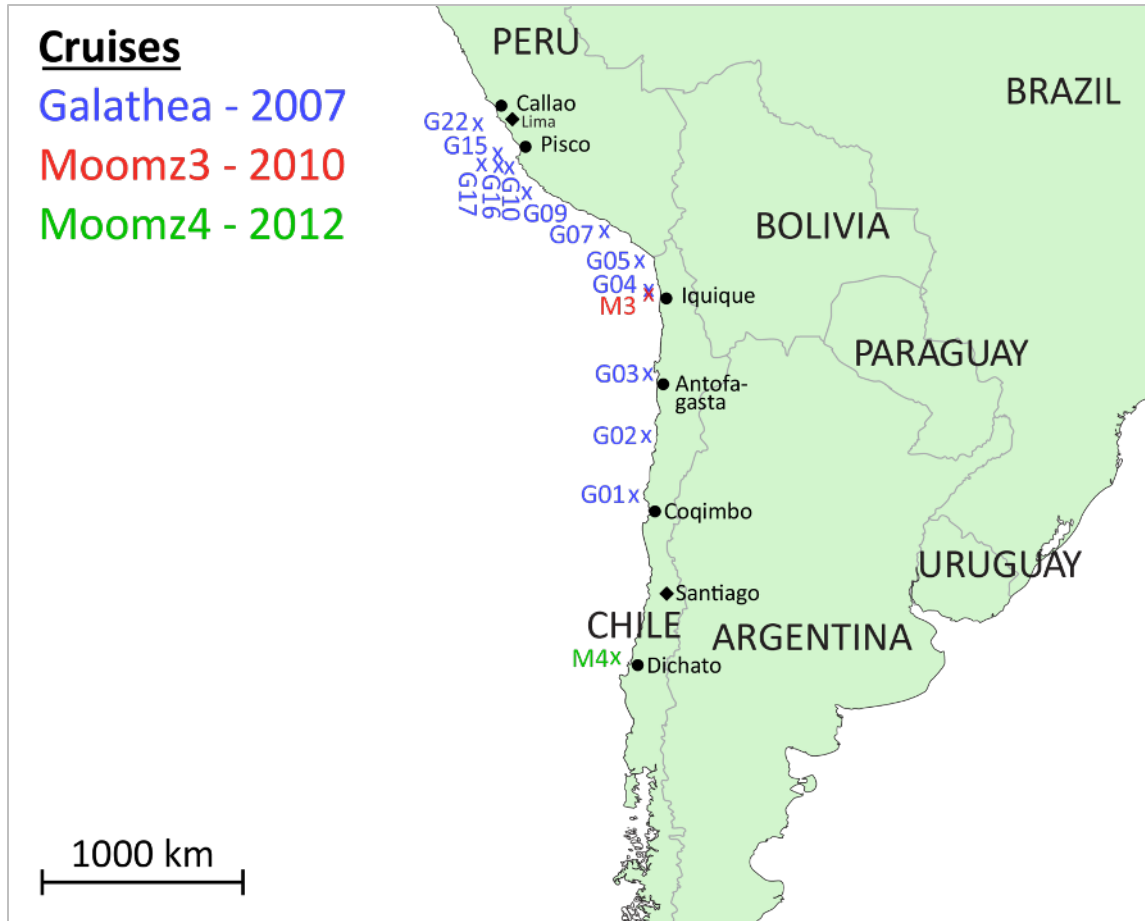
O_2 conc. is proportional to ΔO_2 signal

1-point calibration

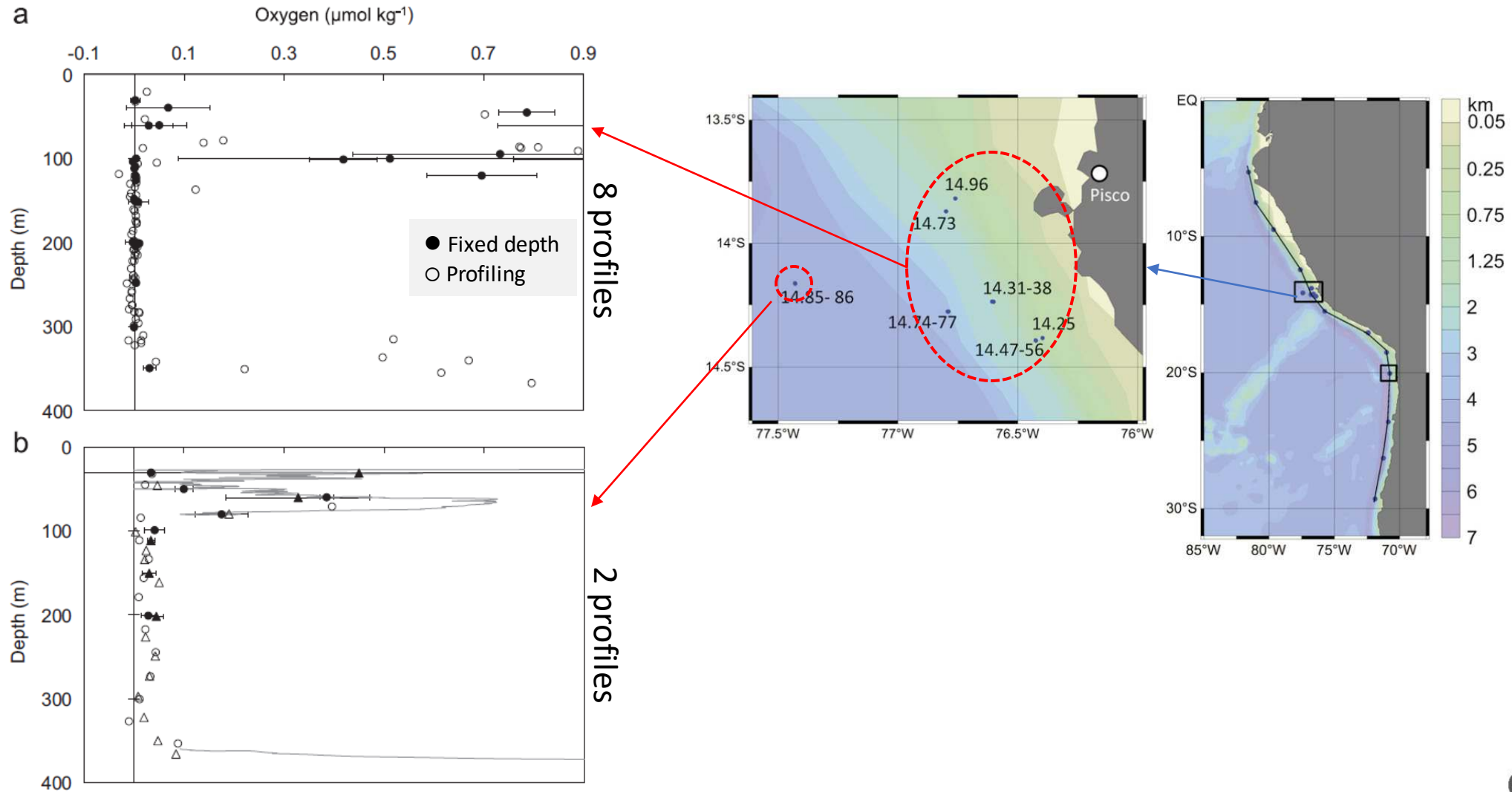
O_2 conc. = ΔO_2 signal/y



STOX sensor – Eastern South Pacific

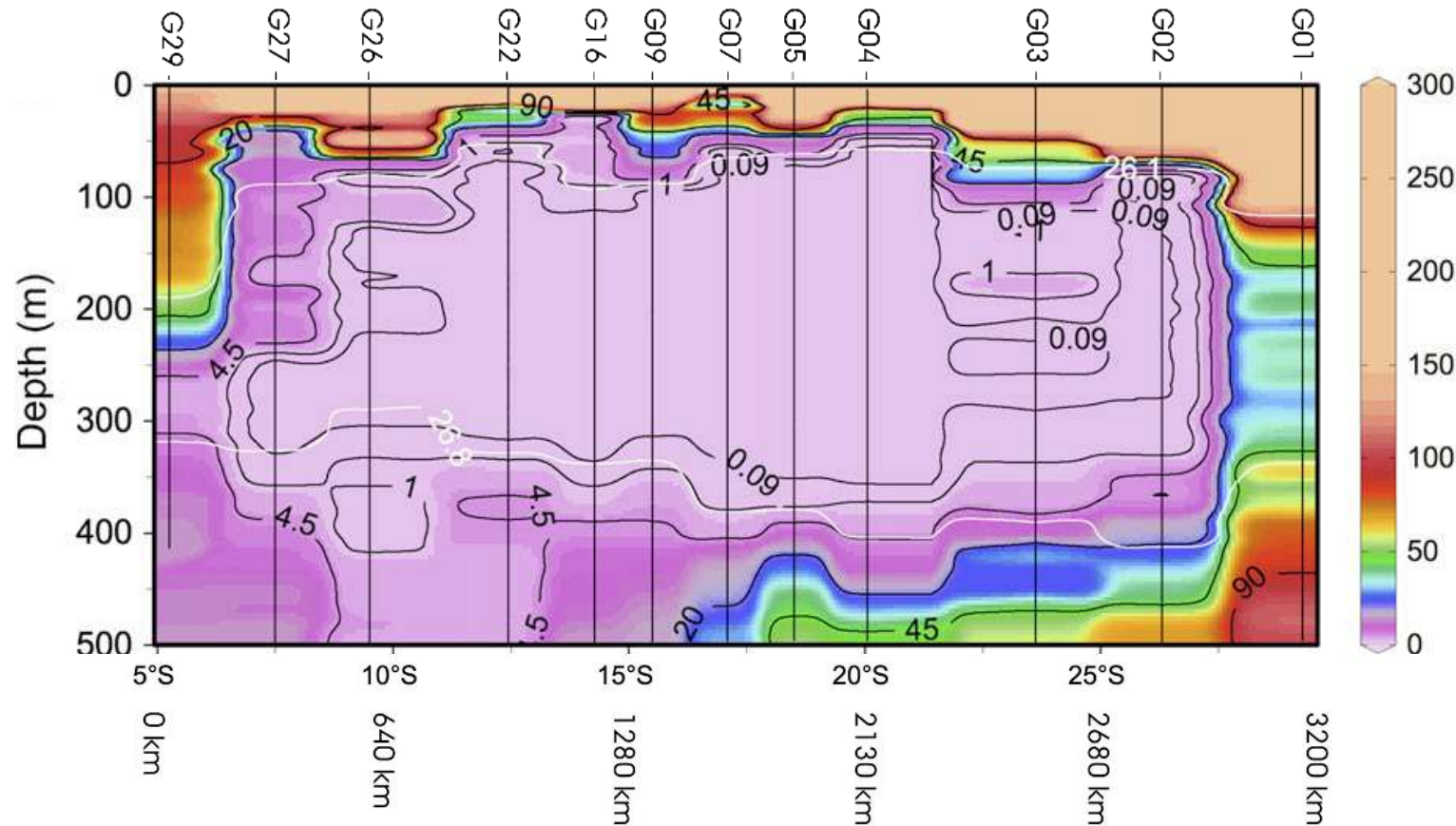


STOX [O₂] – Along Chile and Peru

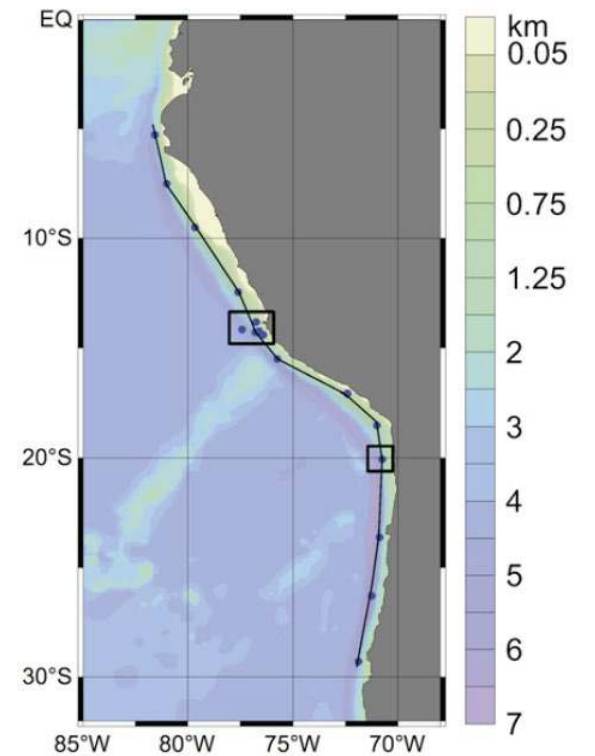


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STOX [O₂] – Along Chile and Peru



Detection limits:
STOX O₂ = 5 - 9 nM
SBE corrected = 90 nM

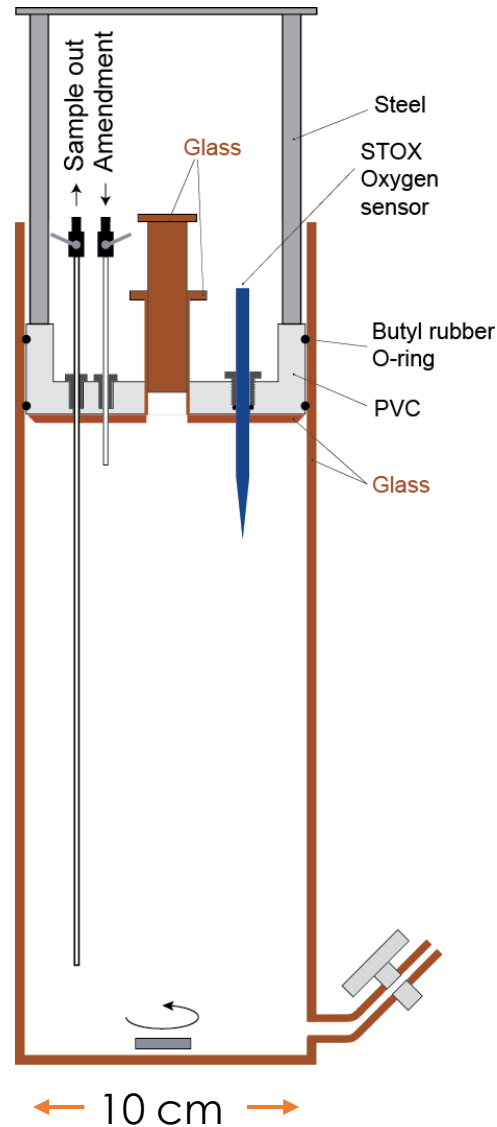


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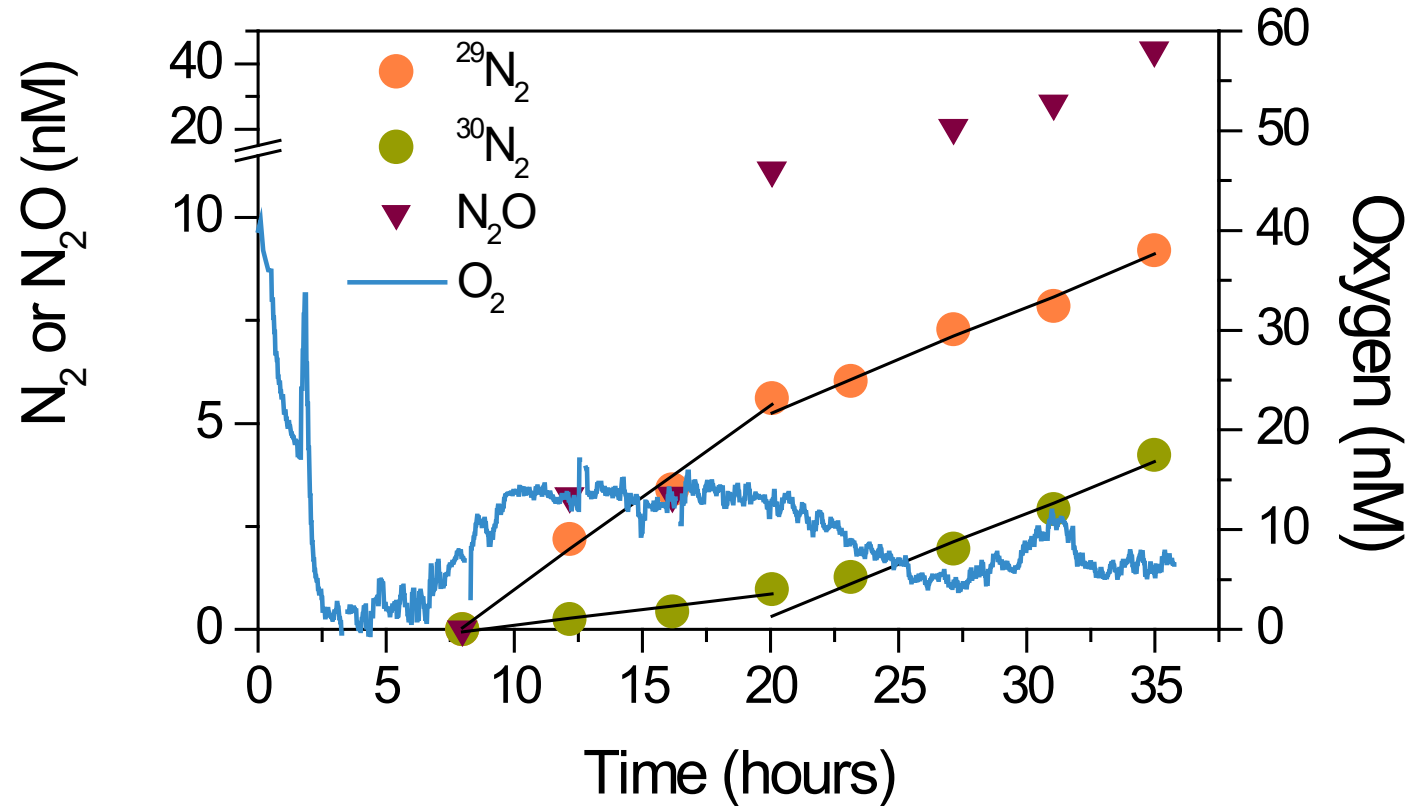
STOX sensor – Controlled reactor experiments

Reactor experiments

- Volume = 2 l
- ^{15}N tracer addition
 - Denitrification
 - Anammox
- Manipulate and monitor O_2

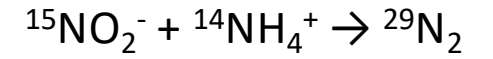


STOX sensor – Monitoring in reactor

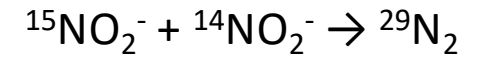


$^{15}\text{NO}_2^-$ added:

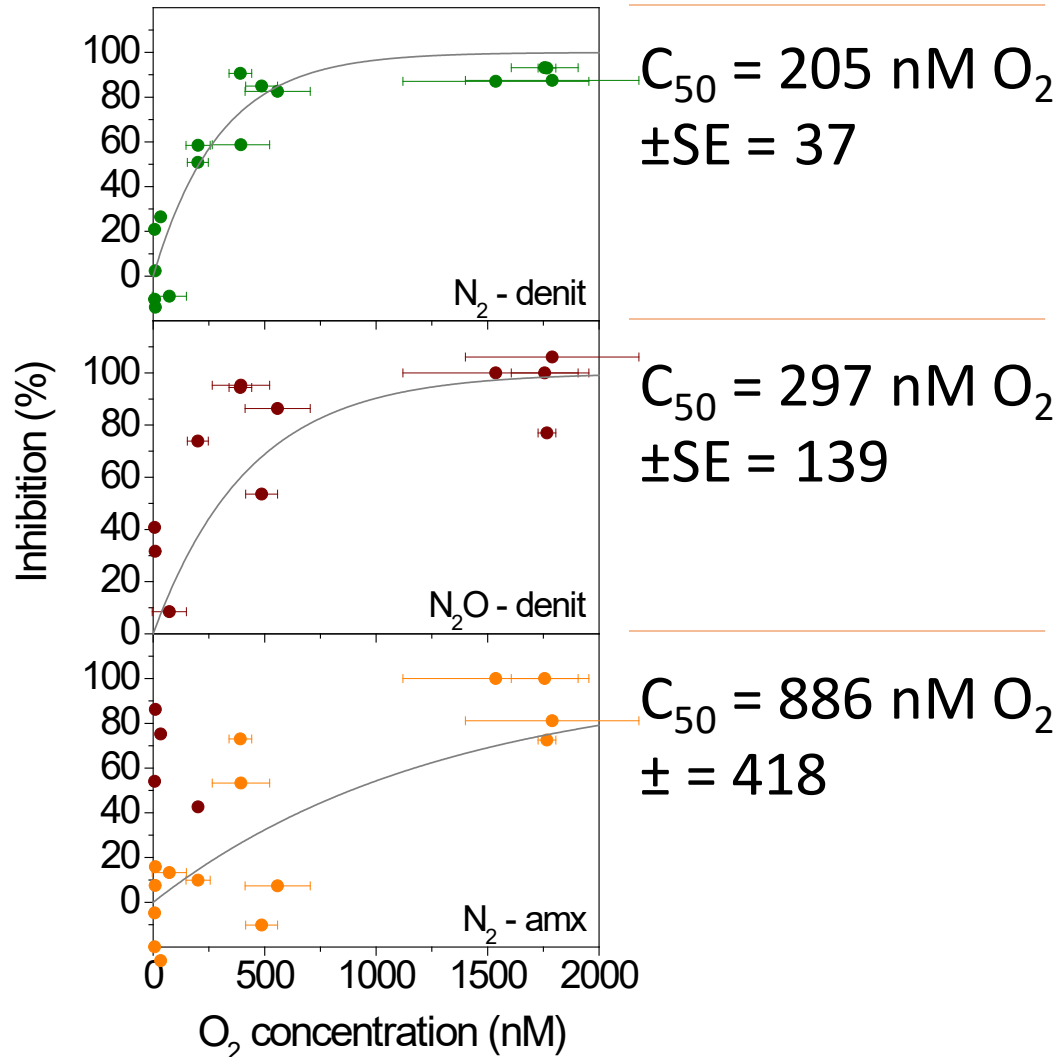
Anammox:



Denitrification:

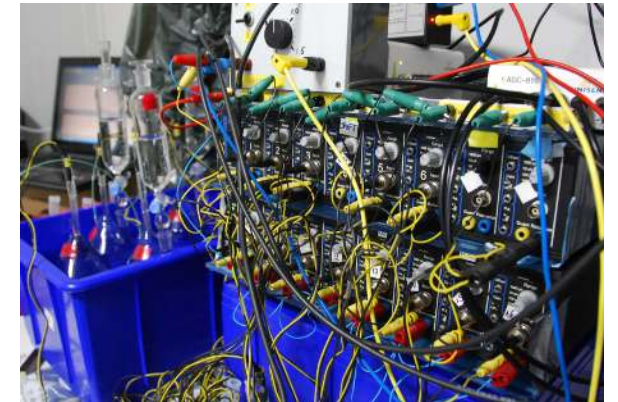


STOX - Inhibition by O₂



O₂ is important in the nM range

	Process	Product	C ₅₀ nM O ₂	K _m nM O ₂
Anaerobic	Denitrification	→ N ₂	205	
	Denitrification	→ N ₂ O	297	
	Anammox	→ N ₂	886	
	NO ₃ ⁻ reduction	→ NO ₂ ⁻	740	
Aerobic	NH ₄ ⁺ oxidation	→ NO ₂ ⁻		330
	NO ₂ ⁻ oxidation	→ NO ₃ ⁻		780




Unisense STOX in the lab

- UniAmp series of amplifiers has built in STOX support
- Plug and play
- STOX on/off timing adjustable in software



UniAmp Channel Configuration

2 Sensor 2 - STOX Reference 

Enable STOX-mode

STOX zero on-time (s):

STOX zero off-time (s):

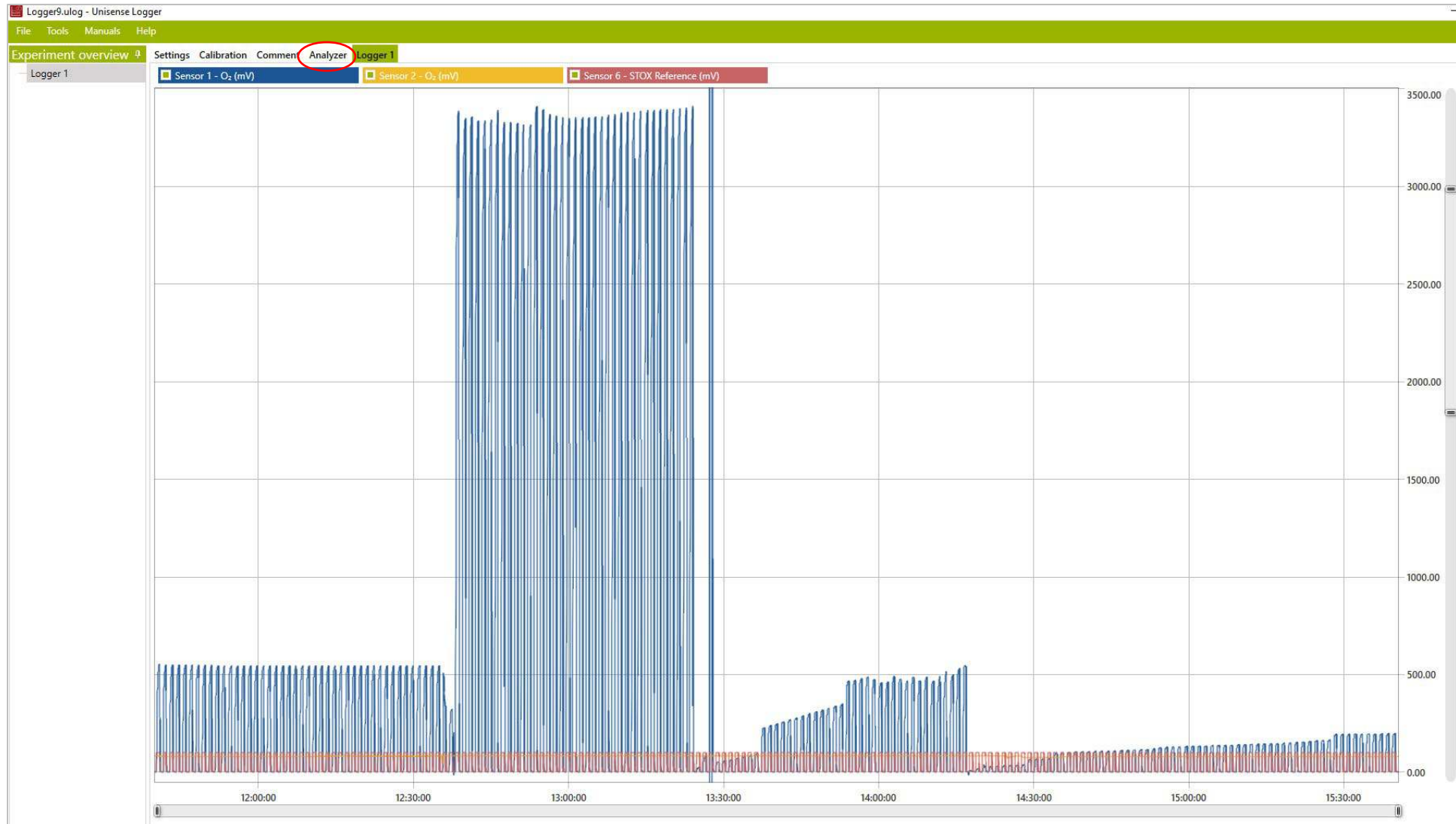
Pre-Amp Range (mV/pA)

Polarisation (mV):

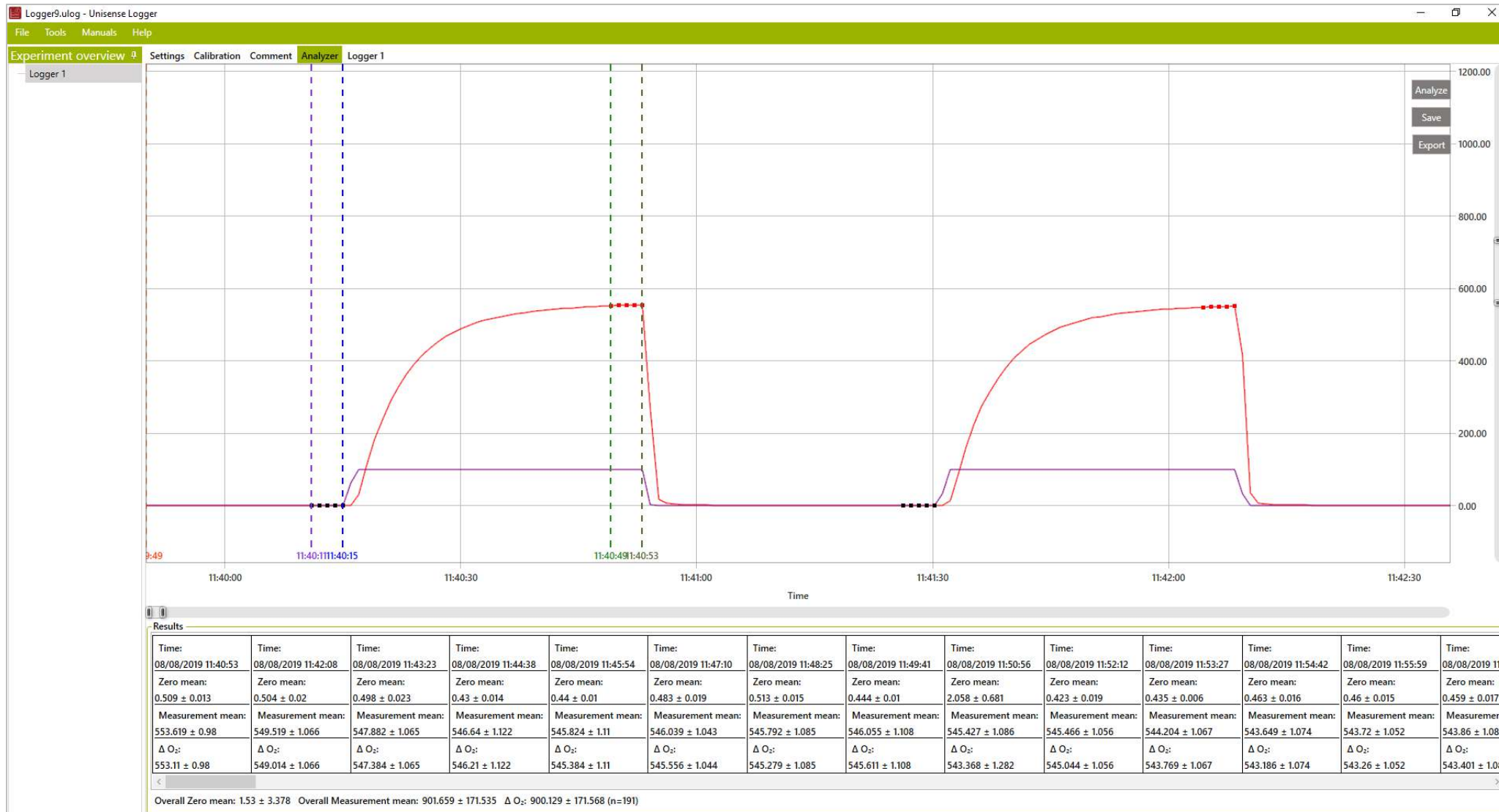
Offset (mV):

Analogue out

Unisense STOX data analysis



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Time for questions !

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