

# Autonomous technology for offshore environmental monitoring

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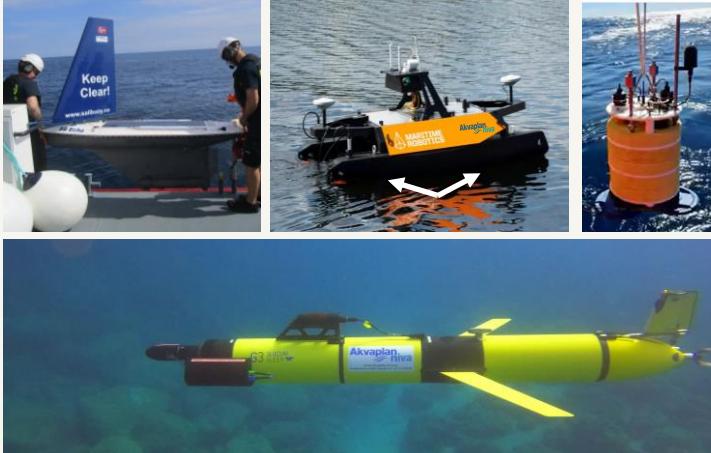
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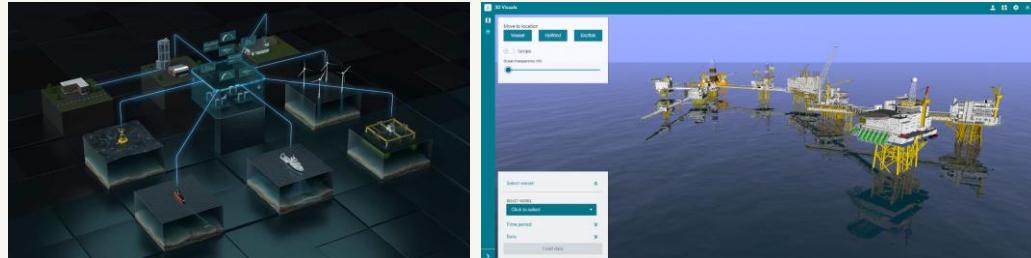


# Approach

## A fleet of autonomous vehicles



# A data portal: Blue Insight





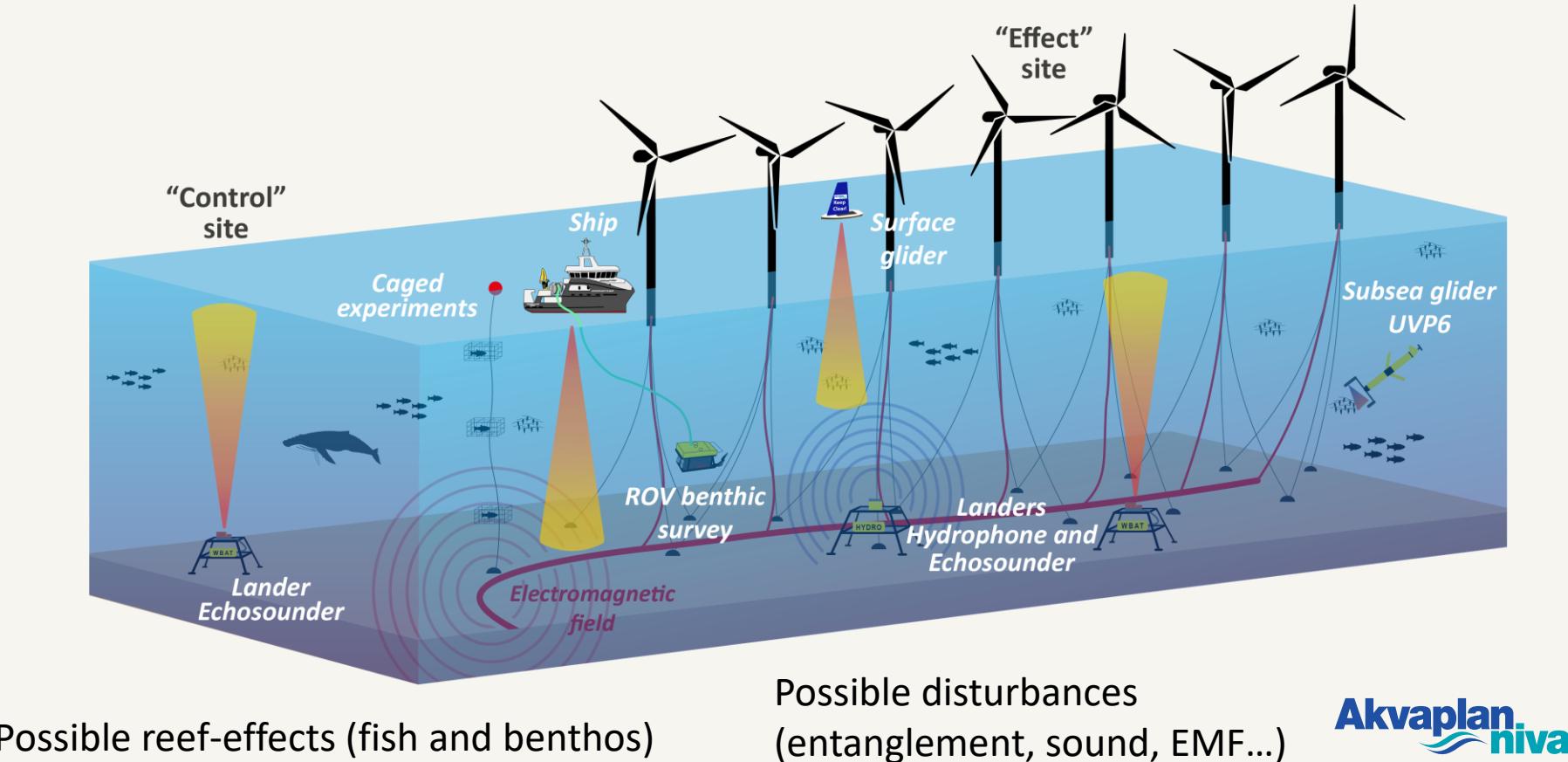
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## Remote Operation Centre



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Changes in currents in the wake of the turbines → Effects on stratification and low trophic levels production



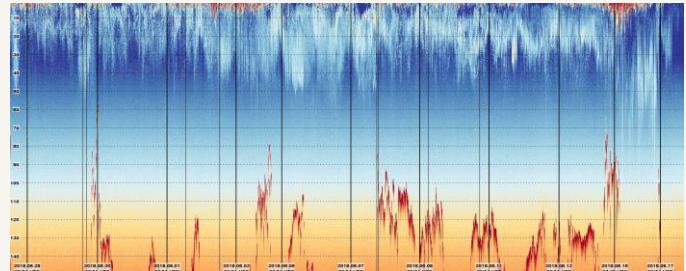
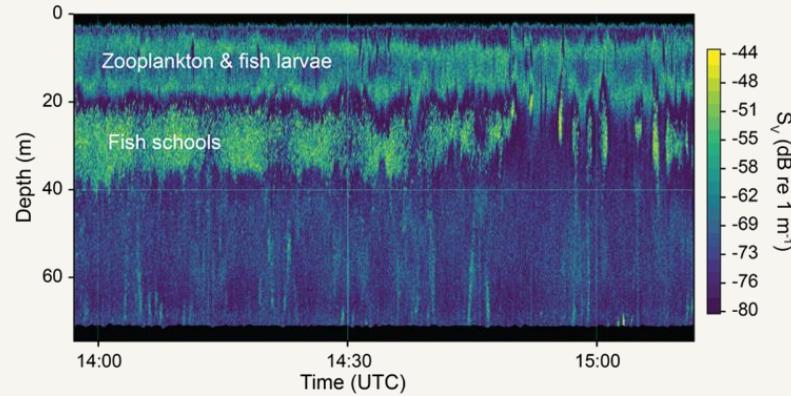
Possible reef-effects (fish and benthos)

Possible disturbances  
(entanglement, sound, EMF...)

# Long term deployment of USV: the Sailbuoy



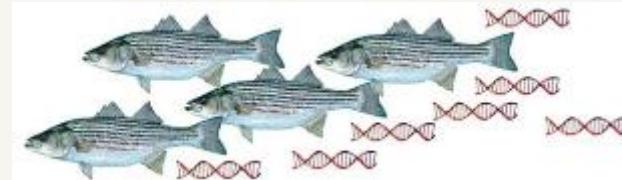
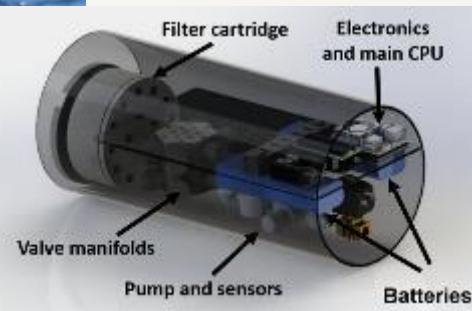
Biomass in the water column



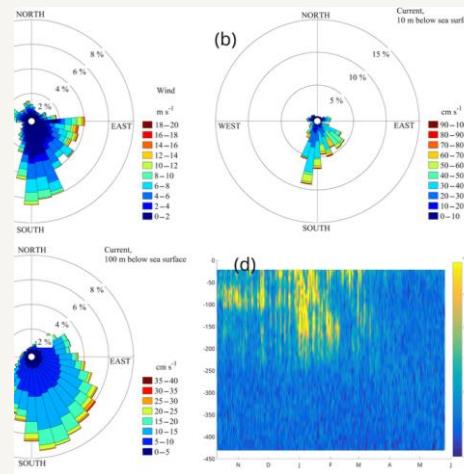
# Biodiversity



DNA sampler



# High frequency ADCP for ocean current across depth

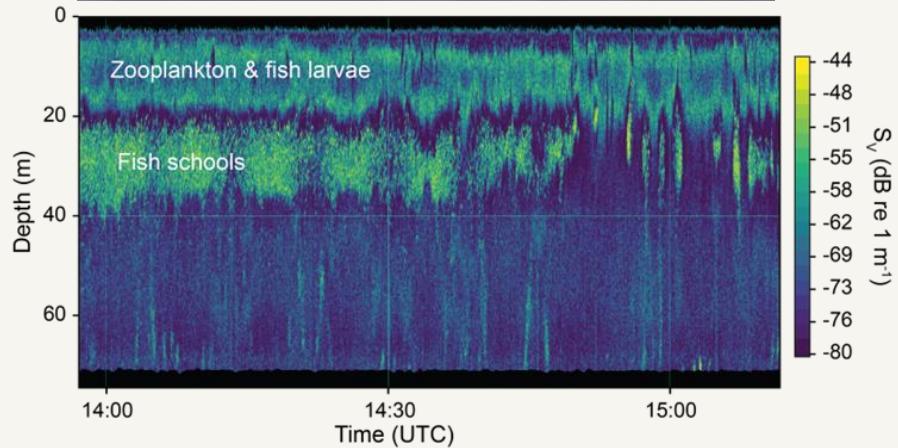


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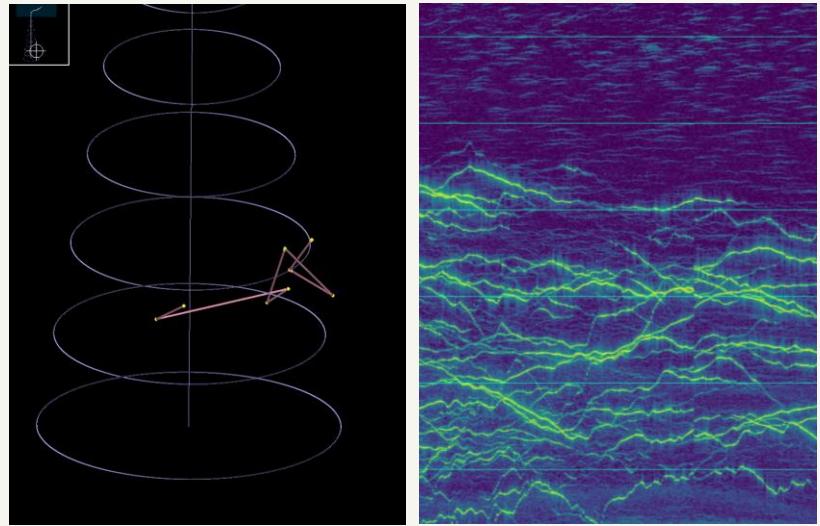
## SailBuoy Ocean Currents: Low-Cost Upper-Layer Ocean Current Measurements

by Nellie Wullenweber <sup>1,2,3,4</sup> , Lars R. Hole <sup>4,\*</sup> , Peygham Ghaffari <sup>5</sup> , Inger Graves <sup>6</sup> , Harald Thølo <sup>6</sup> and Lionel Camus <sup>5</sup>

# A short range USV: the Otter



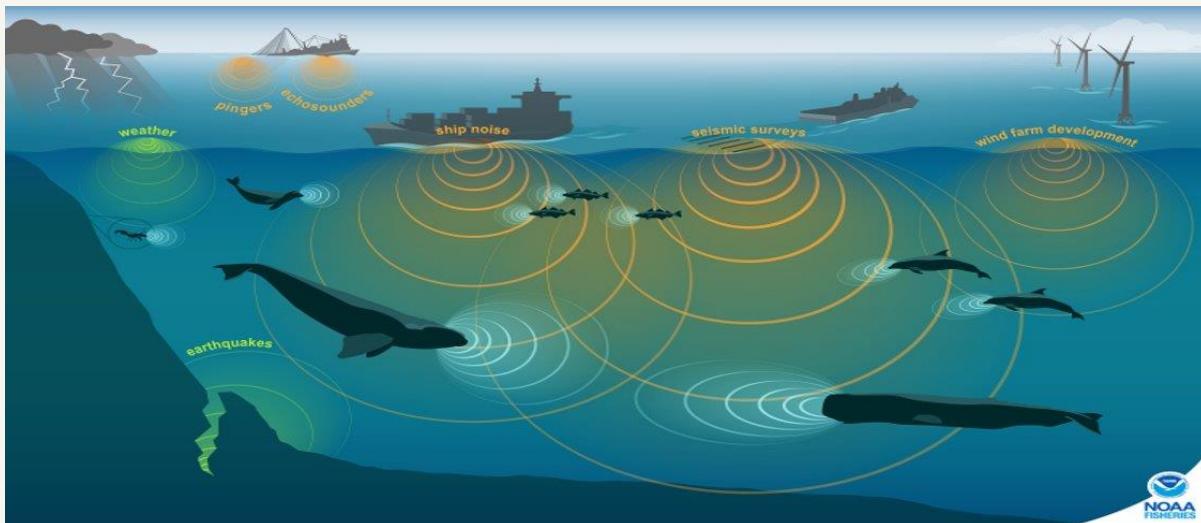
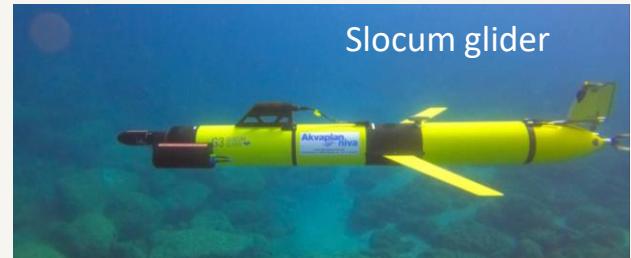
Individual fish tracking



# Sound monitoring

Biodiversity of marine mammals

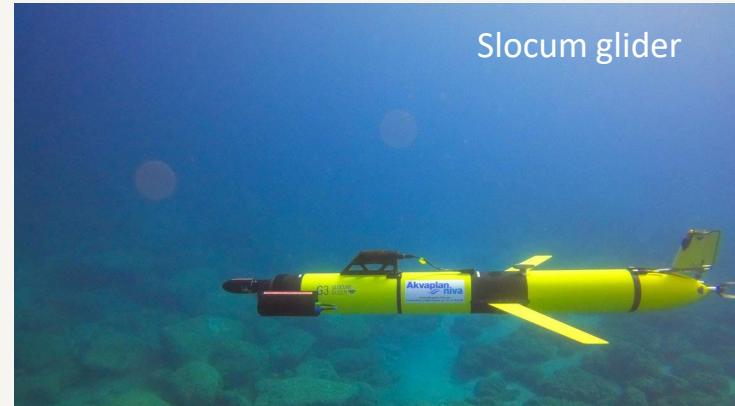
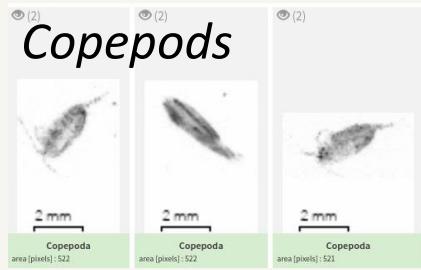
Noise characteristics and intensity from offshore wind operations



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# Plankton identification and abundance

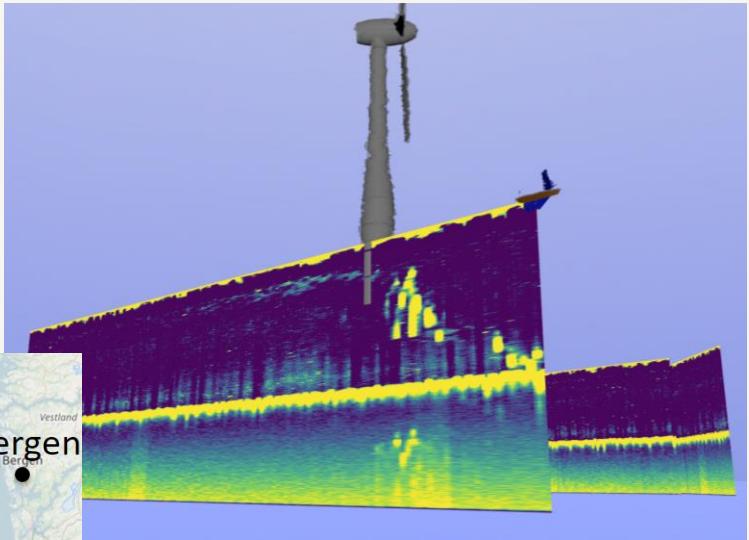
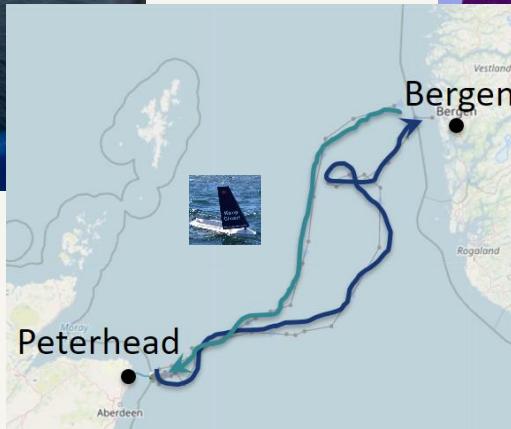
## Optical plankton sensor (UVP6)



# Pelagic ecosystem monitoring at Highwind Scotland

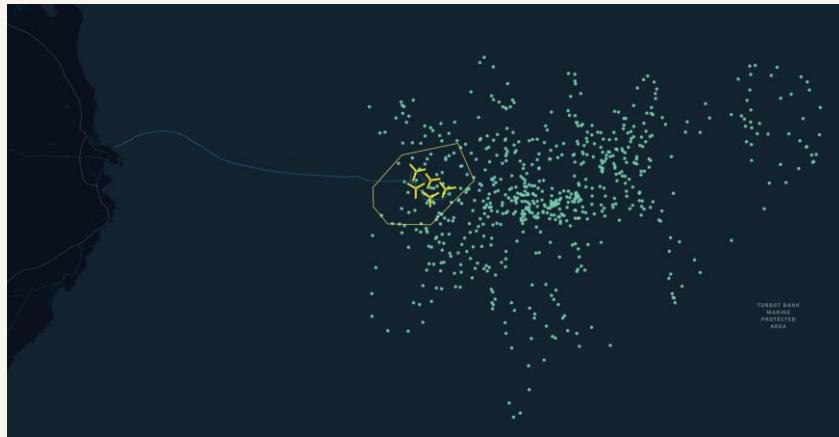


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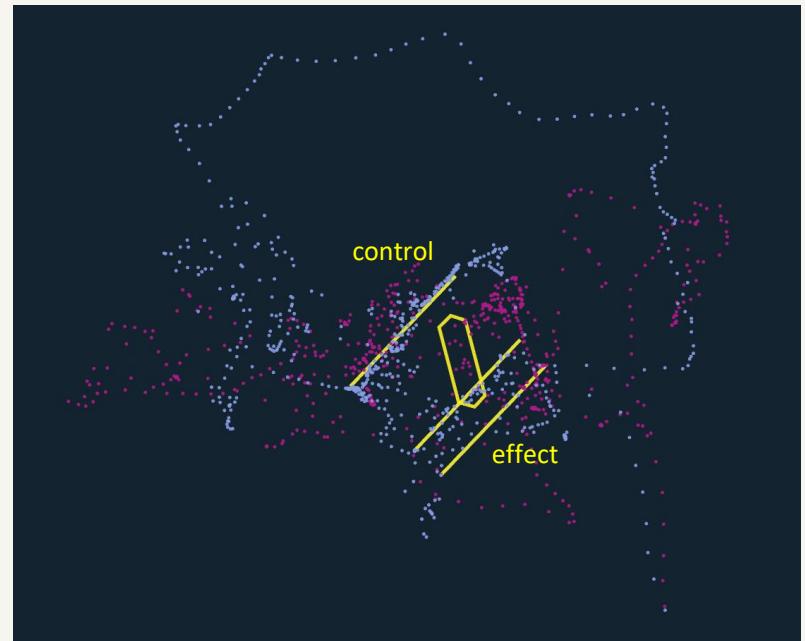


# Hywind OWFs sampling

Hywind Scotland  
distance gradients

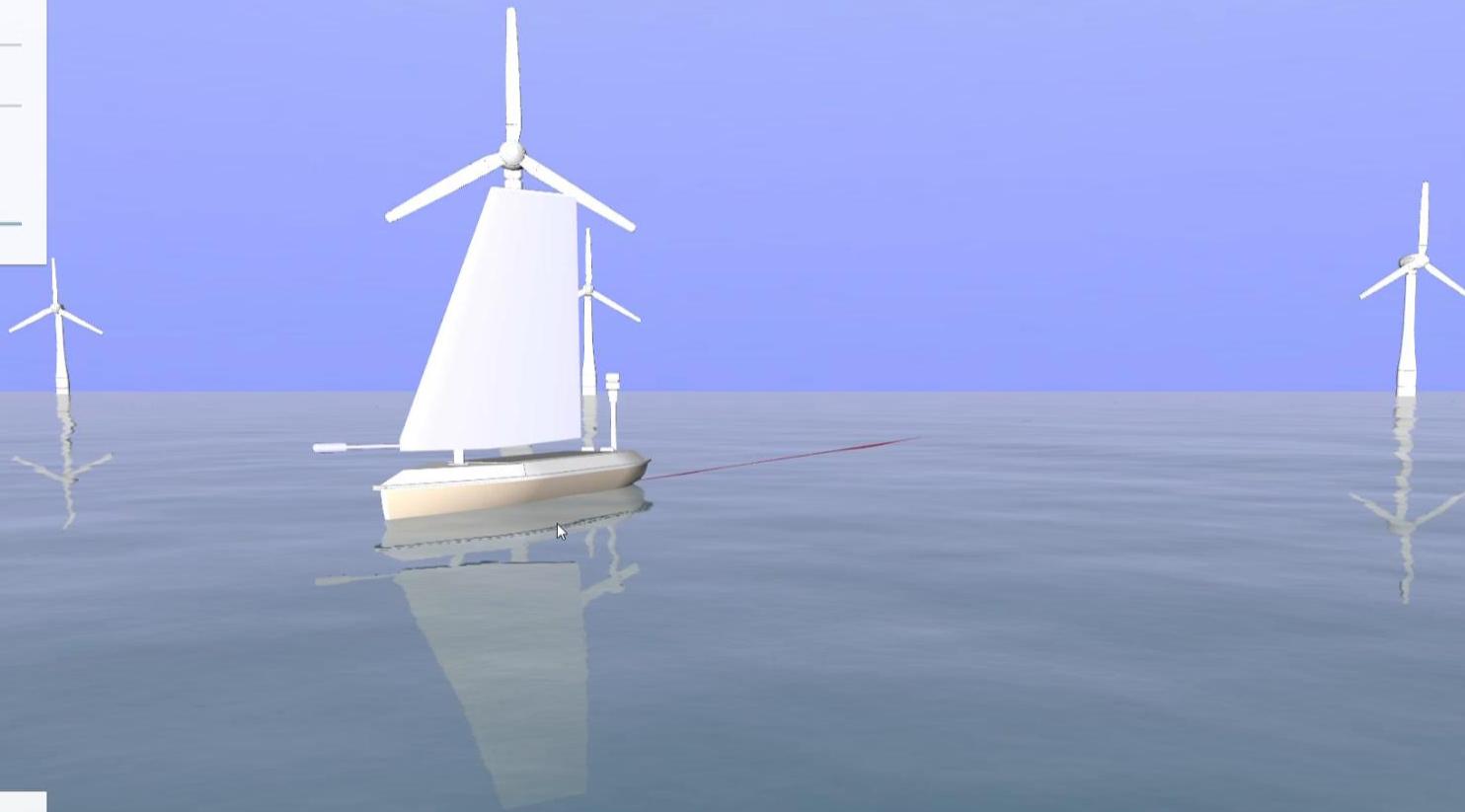


Hywind Tampen  
control-effect + distance gradients





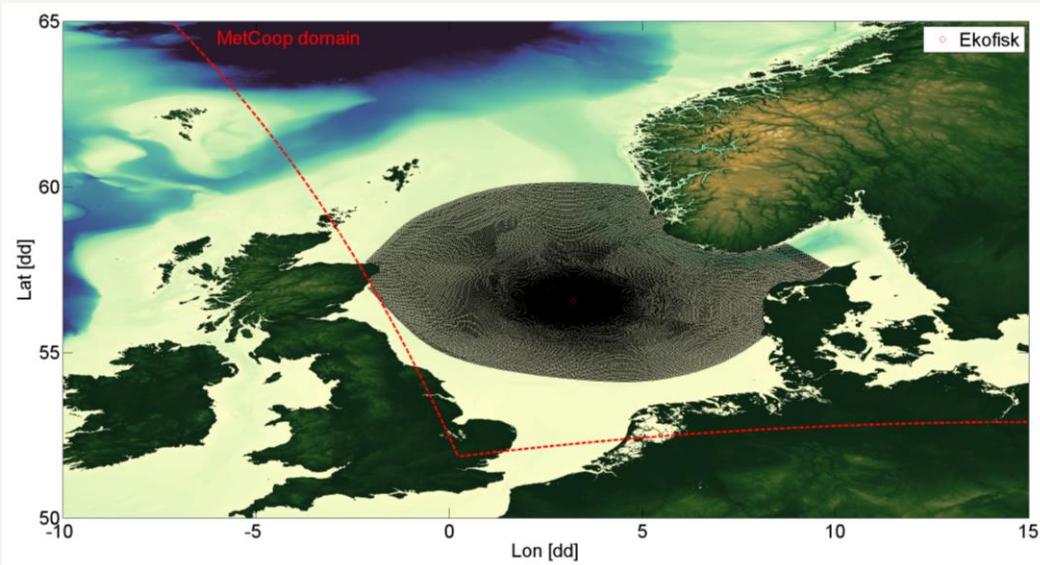
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Harvesting-contextualizing-visualizing

# Connecting models and in situ data collection

High resolution ocean model



Monitoring

Model validation



Model calibration



## Take home message

- Integrated ecosystem approach
- Oceanography, nutrients, plankton, fish, mammals
- Ecosystem functioning and structure
- Fish behaviour and electromagnetic field
- CO<sub>2</sub> free technology, no risk on personnel