

# Underwater Acoustics

History and latest technology

Science and Geopolitics of  
Himalaya- Arctic- Antarctic

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- Introduction to KONGSBERG
- Underwater acoustics – what is it, and what is it used for?
- Underwater acoustics – a history of joint development between academia and industry
- Underwater Science current product range
  - Research Vessel instrumentation
  - Alternative platforms such as moorings and autonomous vessels provides for extended information



PROVIDING ADVANCED SOLUTIONS  
FOR EXTREME PERFORMANCE  
UNDER EXTREME CONDITIONS

# The Kongsberg Group

## Business areas

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KONGSBERG MARITIME

Strong market position within advanced applications for vessel operation in the oil and gas and marine industries



KONGSBERG DEFENCE SYSTEMS

Modern product portfolio in growing defence and aerospace niches



KONGSBERG PROTECH SYSTEMS

Unrivalled global market leader in remote weapon stations



KONGSBERG DIGITAL

Developing the next generation of digitalized products and services

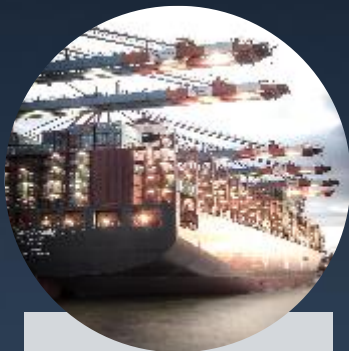
# Kongsberg Maritime

## Main Business areas



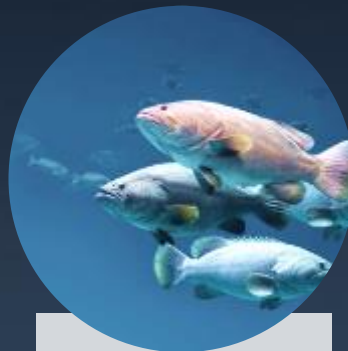
### OIL AND GAS

Exploration  
Development  
Production  
Decommissioning



### SEABORN TRANSPORTATION

Liquid Bulk  
Dry Bulk  
General cargo  
Passenger  
LNG & LPG



### MARINE

Fisheries  
Aquaculture  
Underwater mapping  
Subsea monitoring  
Research  
Naval

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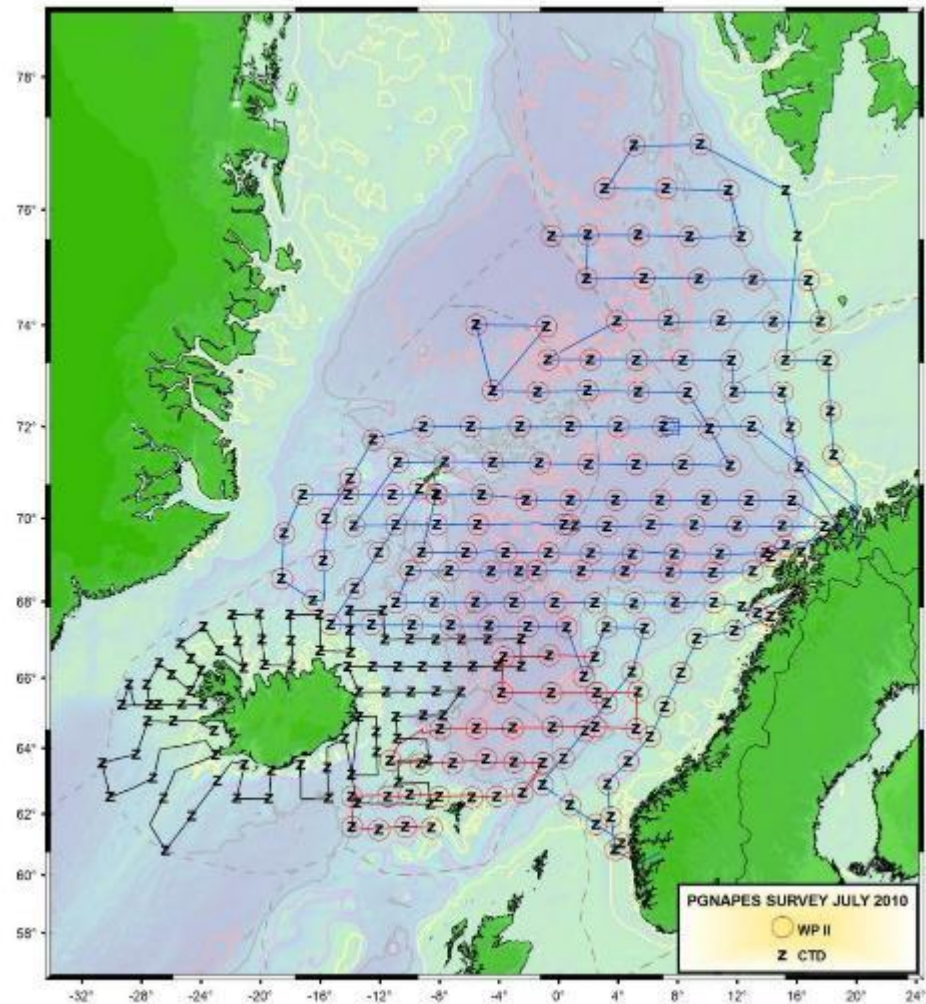
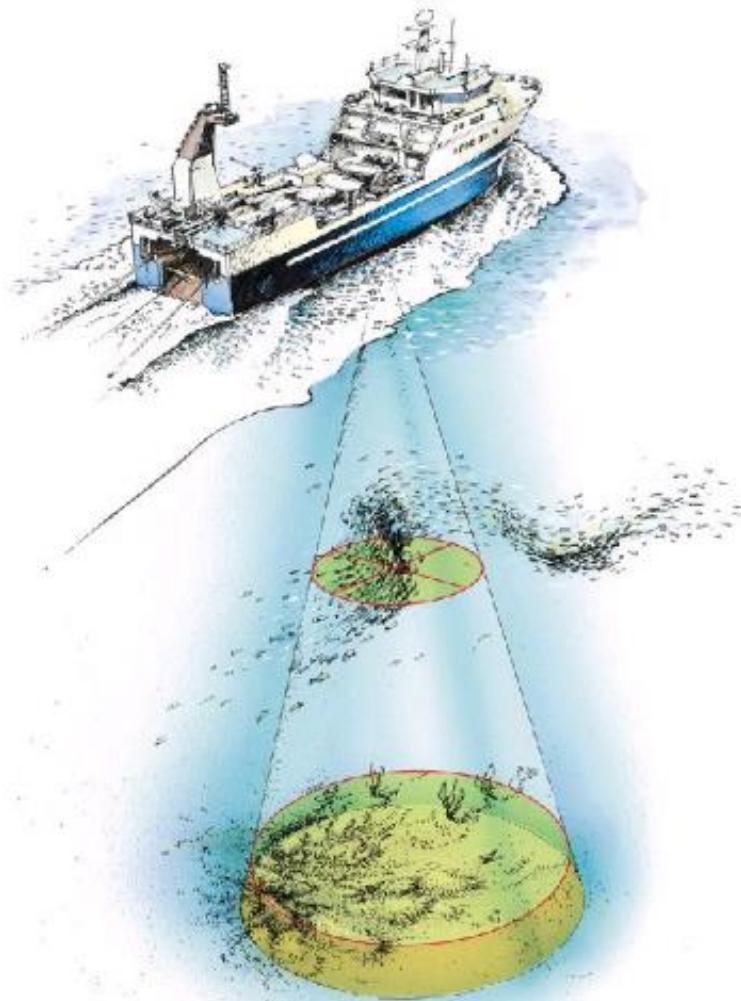


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- what is it, and what is it used for?

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Actual survey design by IMR, NOR



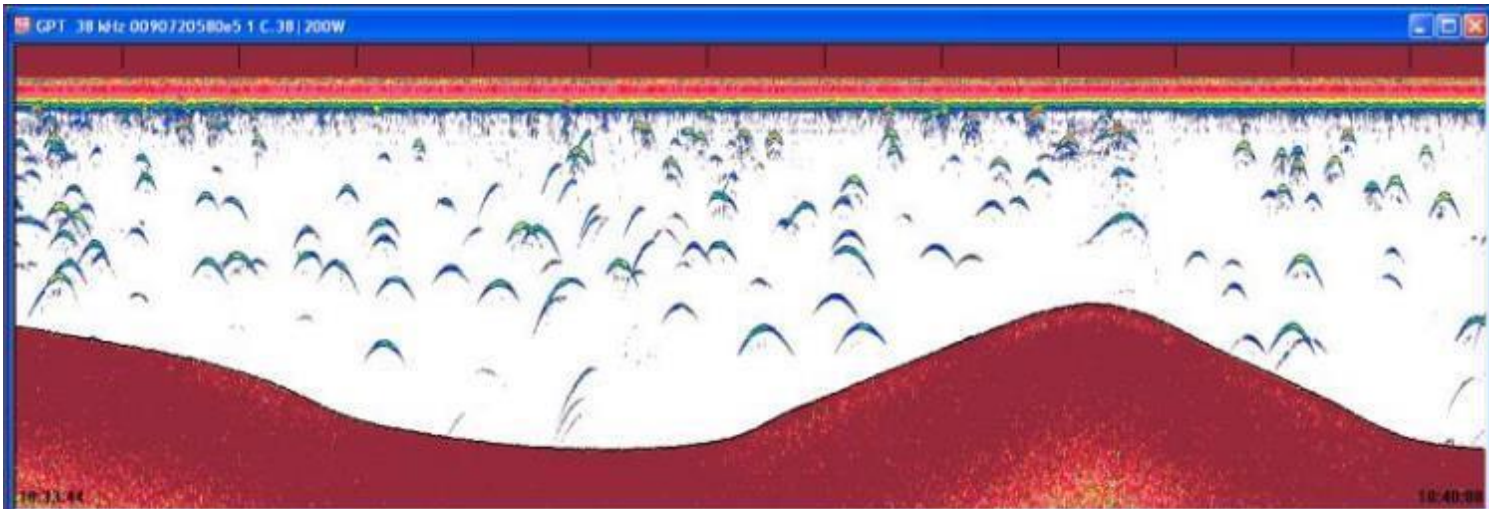
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# Current status Acoustics

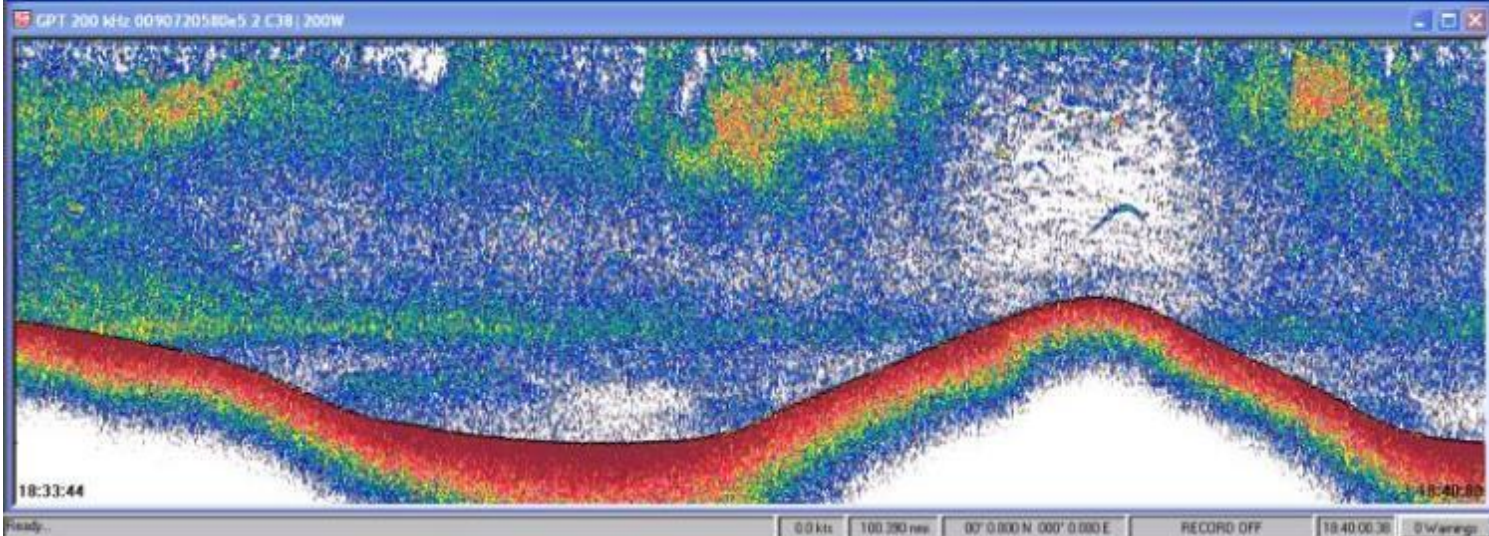
- The marine ecosystem pictured in sound

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38 kHz



200 kHz



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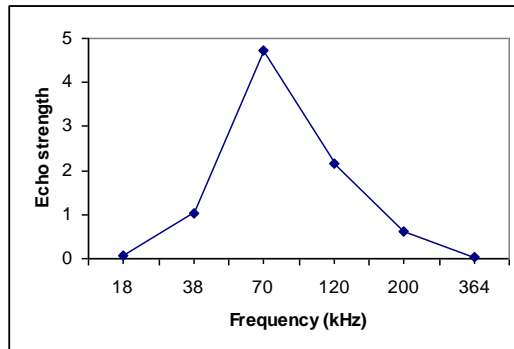
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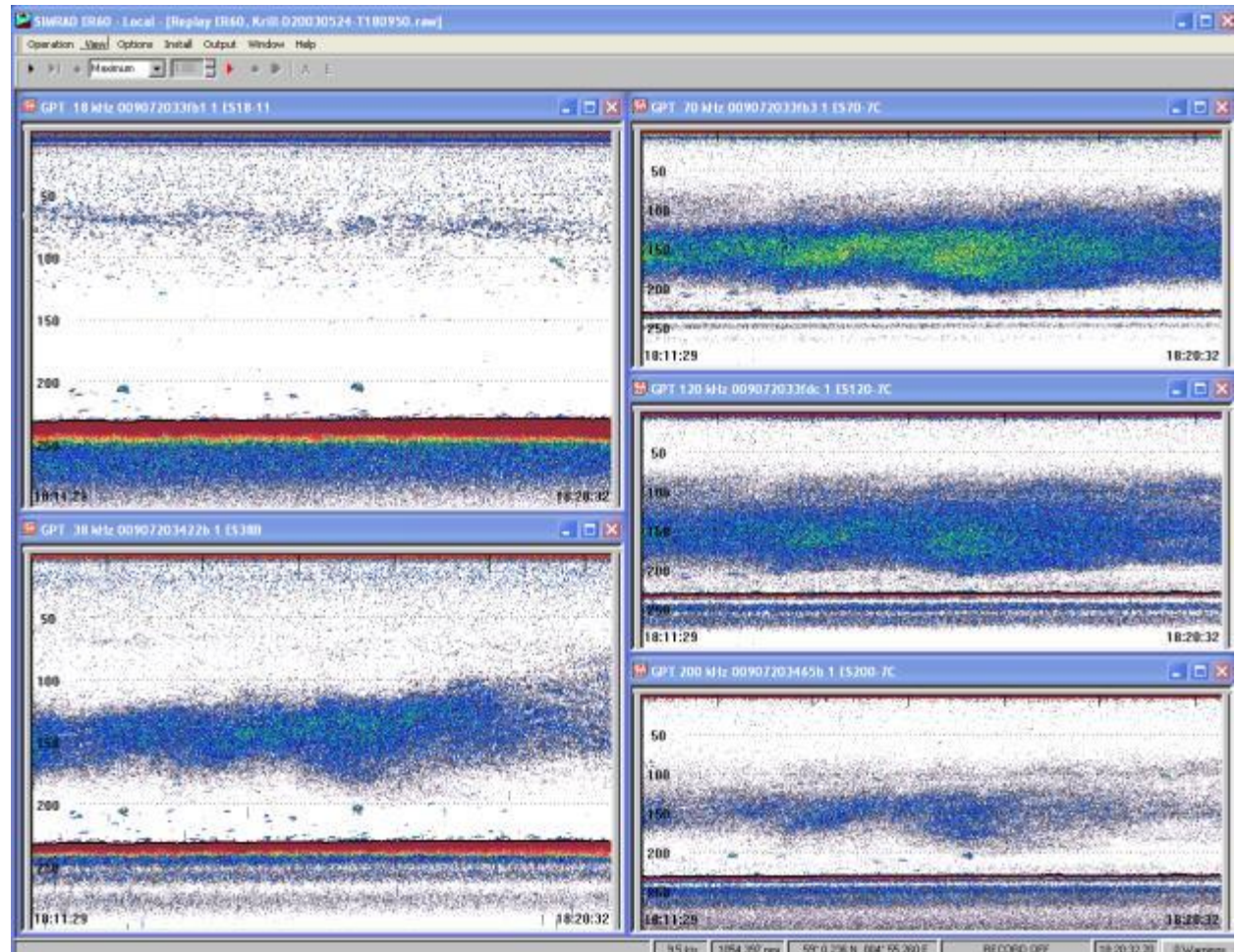
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Krill (*Meganyctiphanes norvegica*)



Euphausiid – «fluid like»



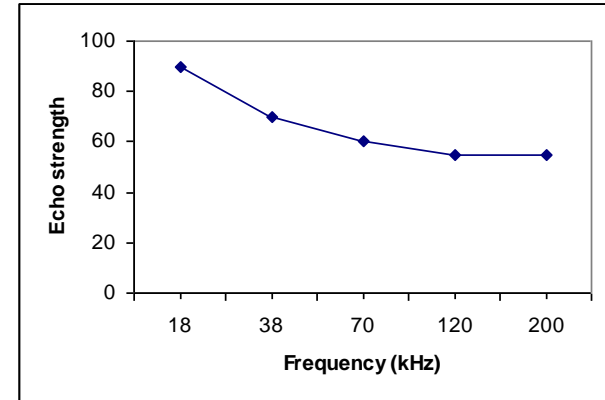
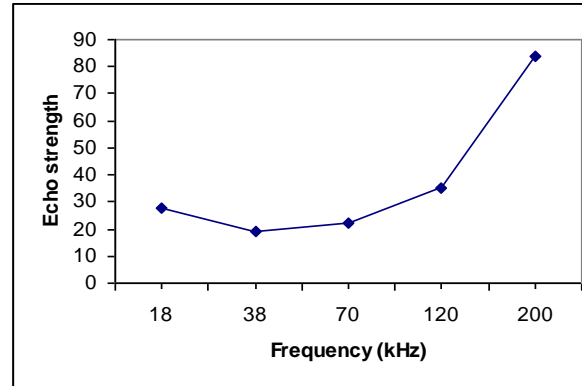
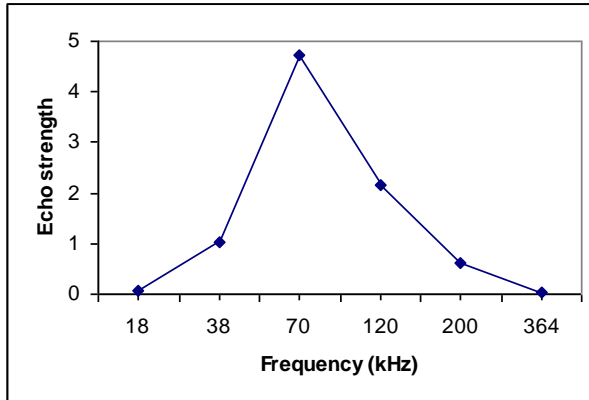
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# Current status Acoustics

## - Multifrequency species separation

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Krill



Mackerel

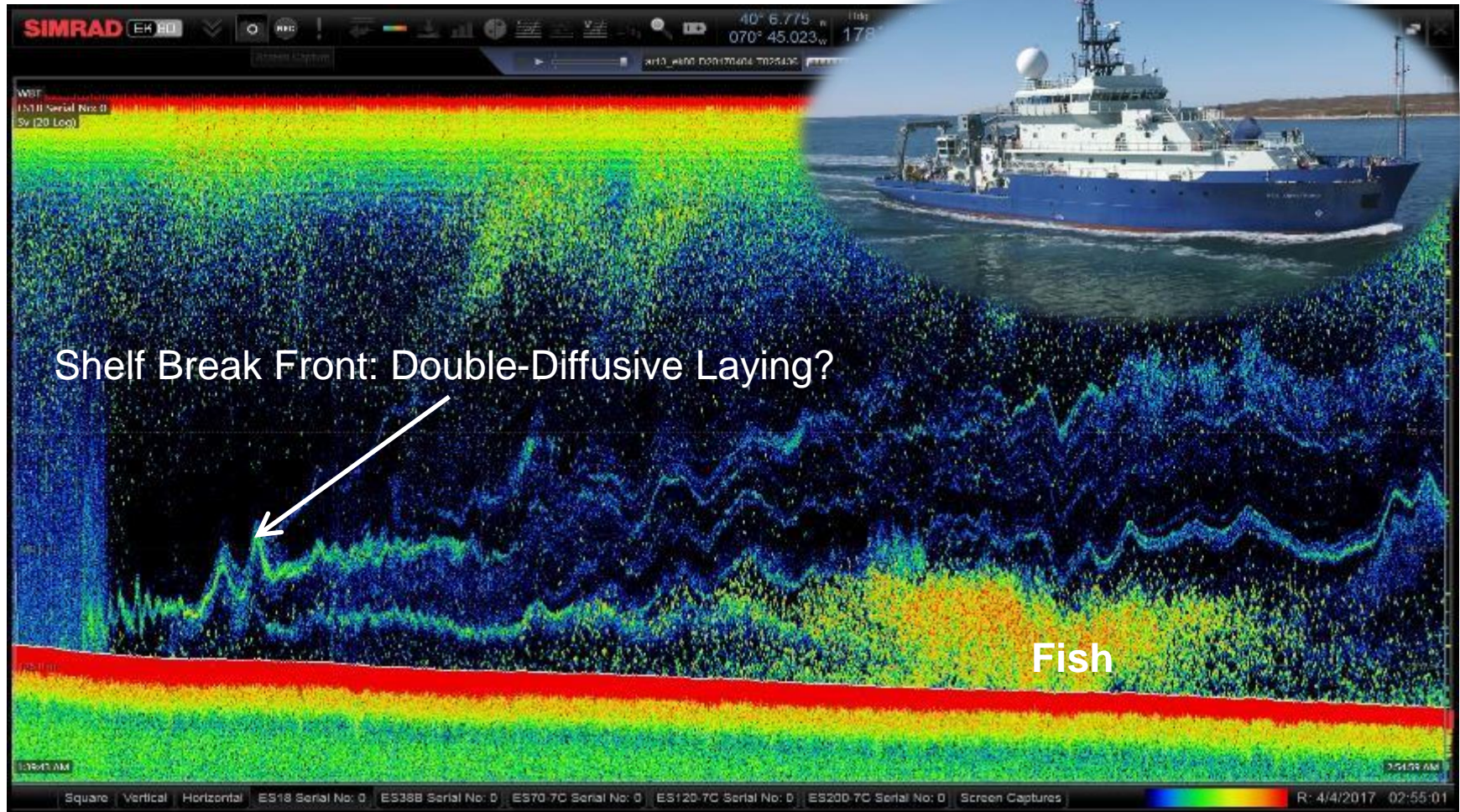


Herring

# Research Vessels

- Oceanographic applications for scientific systems

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Data from Andone Lavery, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Paper: Timothy F. Duda et al, Methods in Oceanography 17 (2016) 264-281

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# Underwater Acoustics History

– First publication, Nature, Sundt (1935)

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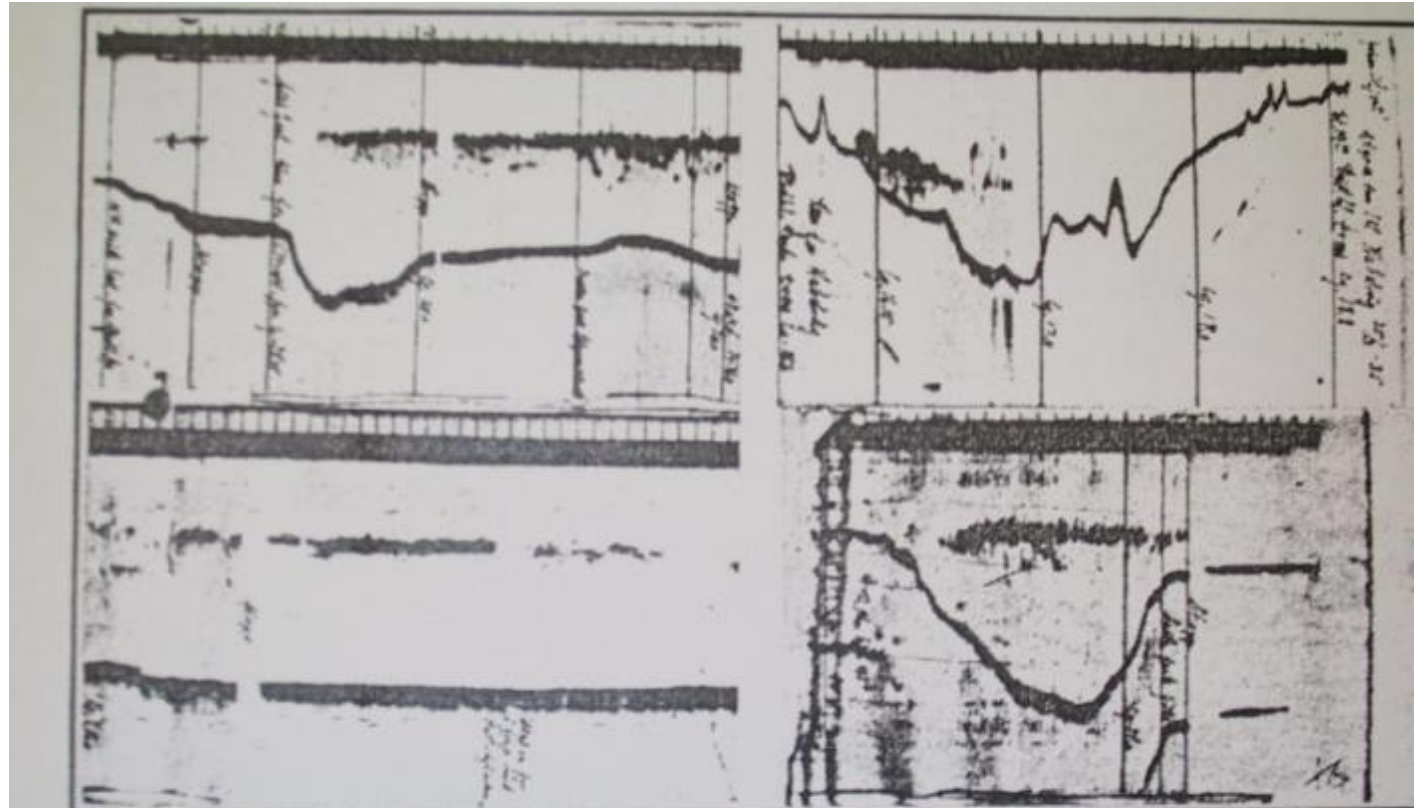


FIG. 1. Four 'echo'-records showing spawning cod in midwater at Lofoten. The left-hand diagrams partly with ship stopped. The bottom right-hand record is somewhat disfigured by oscillations set up by excessive shaking of ship's motor; but it shows also a second echo from the bottom, reflected from the surface. Marks on top of each diagram are produced every minute and are 6.7 mm. apart.

before leaving Bergen last February. The gear

RV Johan Hjort





# Underwater Acoustics

## History – SIMonsen RADio established in 1947

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- Learned new technologies during WW II
- Company started with Radio's
- First echosounder released in 1951
- Close collaboration with the Norwegian Defence Establishment (FFI) and the Institute of Marine Research (IMR) from the start of the company



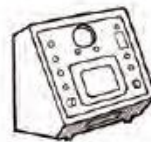
# History

## 1947-1980

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1951  
First SIMRAD  
Echoounder



1958  
First fishery research  
sonar and echo  
sounder, Simrad  
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1947  
SIMRAD  
foundation

1968  
First generation  
EK scientific echo  
sounders with  
calibrated output at  
12, 18, 38 and 120 kHz

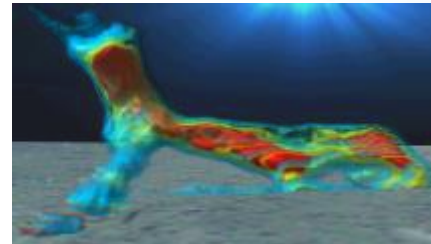
1970  
Rack version of EK  
sounder, EK-S and the  
first analogue Echo  
integrator Simrad QM

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# History

## 1980 - 2017

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**1980**  
EK400 and digital  
echo integrator  
Simrad QD

**1984**  
Simrad ES400  
First split beam  
echo sounder

**1989**  
SIMRAD EK500.  
First echosounder with  
high instantaneous  
dynamic range



**2002**  
First composite  
transducer

**2003**  
EK60 introduced with  
B180 post processing  
software, computer  
style, with frequencies  
12 to 400 kHz

**2005**  
Simrad ME70,  
first scientific  
multibeam  
echosounder



**2006**  
Simrad MS70, first  
scientific multibeam sonar

**2013**  
RAW data output on omni  
directional sonars

**2015**  
Simrad EK80, first scientific  
wideband echo sounder

**2016**  
WBAT, first wideband  
autonomous echo sounder

**2017**  
TD50, first real time  
3D visualization  
software

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# Current status Acoustics

## - Introducing EK80 Wideband system

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- What is EK80:
  - Replaces EK60 but has same functionality
  - And **Wideband** (Broadband) functionality
  - New Wide Band Transceiver (WBT)
  - New operating software (EK80)
  - Use existing transducers

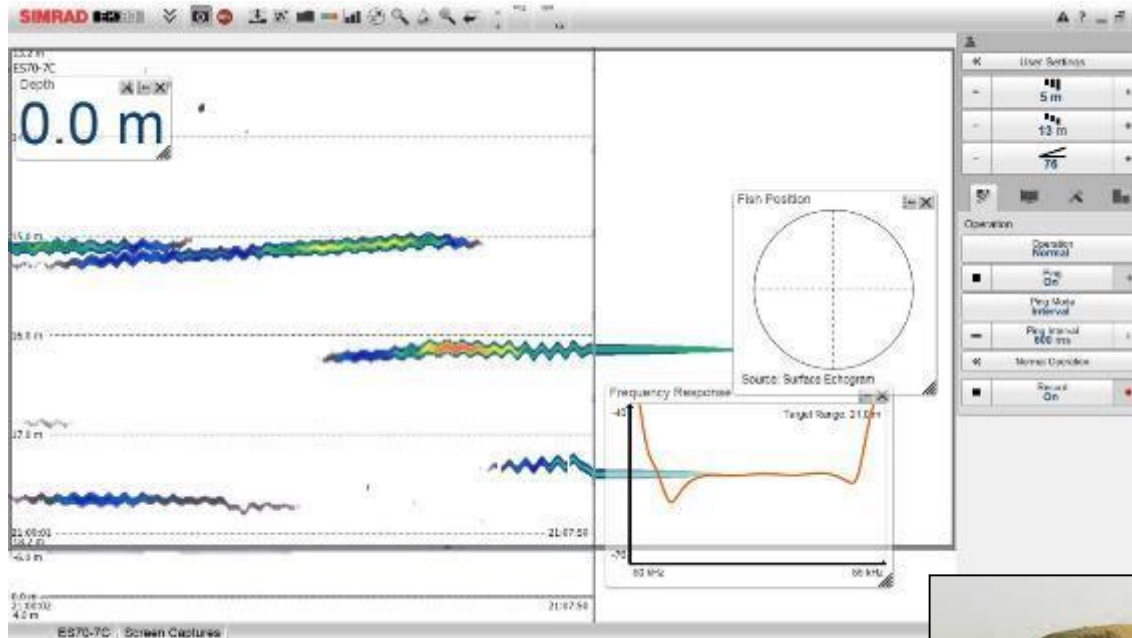


# Current status Acoustics

## - Wideband benefits

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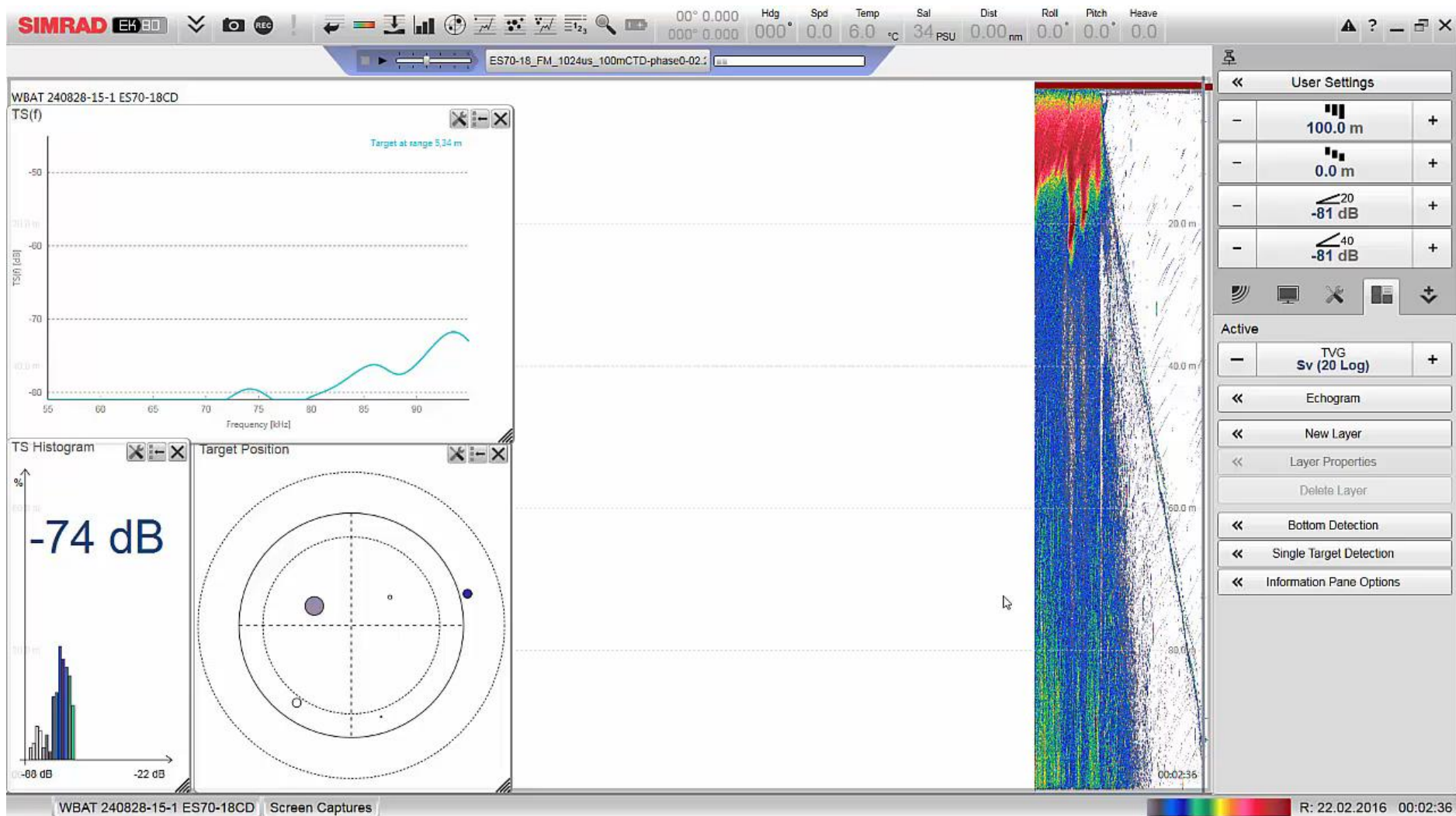
- Increased range resolution **AND** Long range
- Continuous target frequency response



# Wideband in Summary

## Resolution and frequency spectrum

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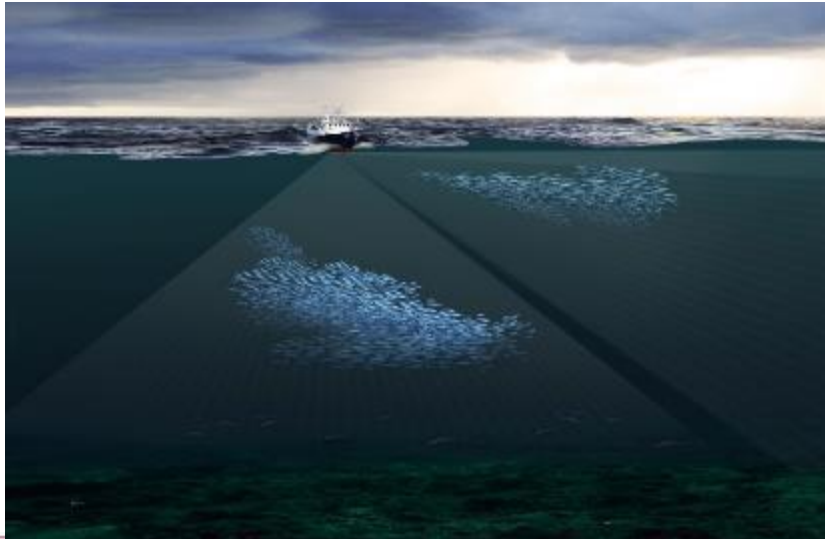
# The KM Ocean Observation System

-Scientific Multibeam Systems adds 3D and 4D information

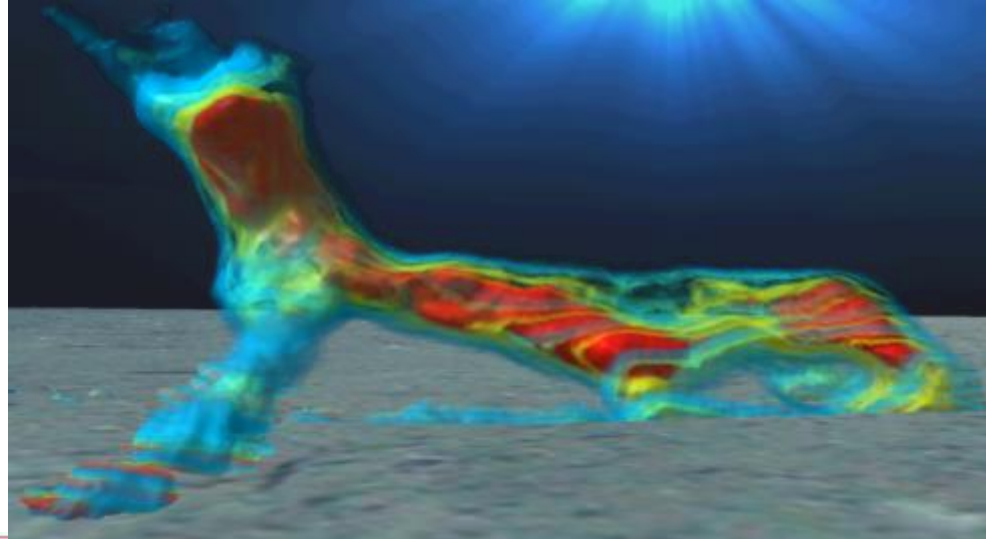
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- Use beamforming to add multiple beams
- Used for quantitative water column surveys
- 3D and 4D info from the oceanspace
- All beams calibrated with calibration sphere
- Extremely low side lobes (-35 to -70 dB)
- Extremely low cross talk (-35 to -70 dB)

ME70 and MS70i in combination covers the water column from surface to bottom



Schooling Sand Eel close to bottom in the North Sea mapped with Simrad ME70 scientific multibeam

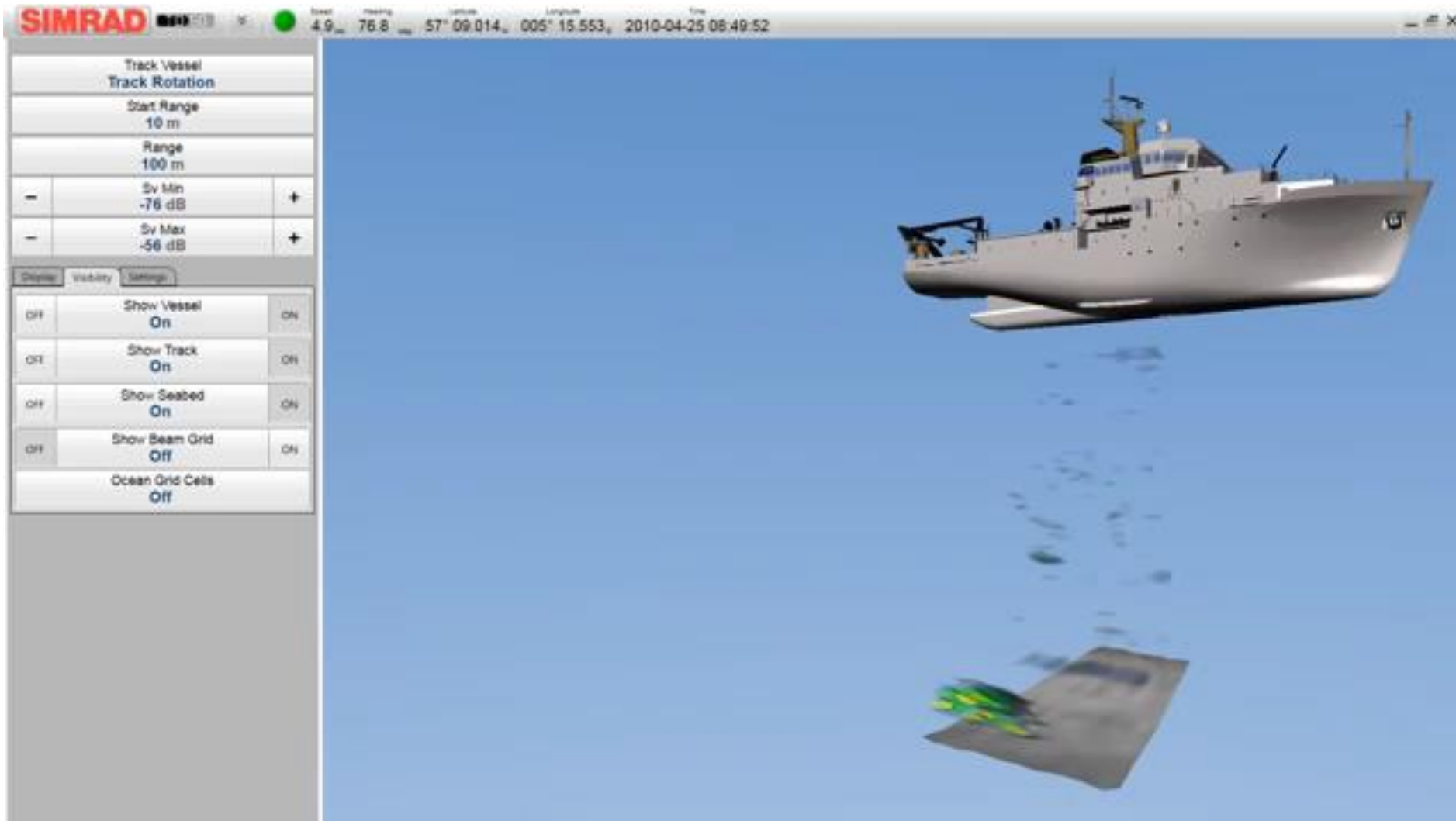


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# The KM Ocean Observation System

-real time 3D information

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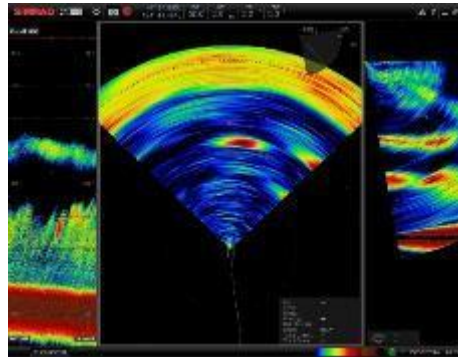
# Omnidirectional Sonars

-your eyes under water

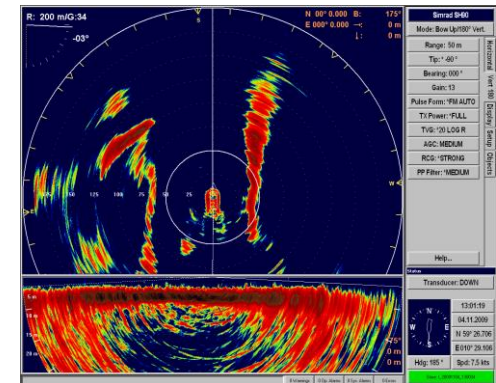
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- Creates a radar like image around the vessel
- Up to 8 000 meter horizontal range
- 360 degree horizontal coverage
- 180 degree vertical coverage
- Advanced beamforming and noise filtering
- RAW data recording for further processing
- Low frequency versions (SU90 & SX90)
- High frequency version (SH90)
- Horizontal multibeam version (SN90)
- Transducers delivered on retractable hull units

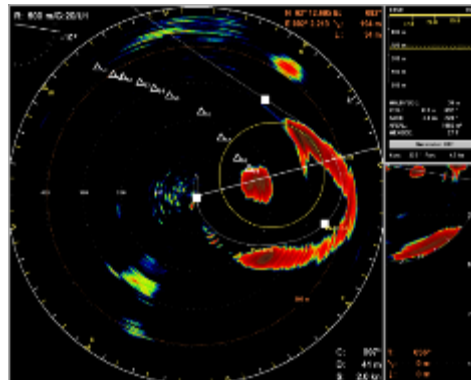
Mixed Krill & Hake aggregations



Navigation in confined waters



Schooling fish entering fishing net





# Research Vessels

- a powerful platform equipped for modern ecosystem surveys

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A new standard for marine ecosystem assessments:

1. EK80 Wideband System
2. ME70 and/or MS70 Scientific Multibeam System
3. Omnidirectional Sonar Systems
4. Wired and Wireless Trawl Monitoring

Real time 3D visualization:



- The rationale (I):
  - Research vessels are limited in numbers, and expensive to operate
  - Leads to limited spatial and temporal resolution in data series
  - Increased interest for ocean data
  - Growth in data collection must come from alternative acoustic platforms
- The rationale (II):
  - Difficult to resolve single targets in dense aggregations or at depth ( $T_s$ )
  - Wideband fix range resolution, but acoustic beam still have an opening angle
- The rationale (III):
  - Reaching deep scattering layers with higher frequencies
    - Loss increase with frequency
  - Increased interest in mesopelagic zones (commercial and scientific)
- And so much more:
  - Silent, can reach new areas etc.

# The KM Ocean Observation System

-EK80, a version for any platform

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- Succeed the EK60 as the world standard for biomass assessment & water column studies
- Split beam reception
- Wideband capable
- Built in calibration
- Documented common RAW data output
- One version for all platforms, including vessels, autonomous vessels (surface and underwater) as well as drifting and stationary.
- Special portable version to be released this year!

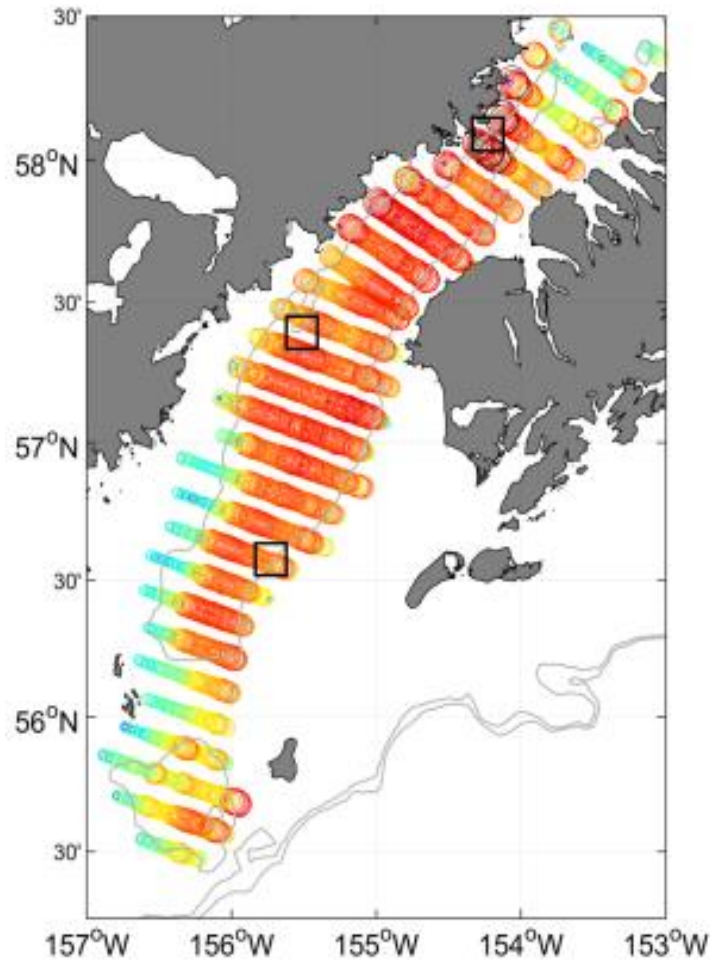




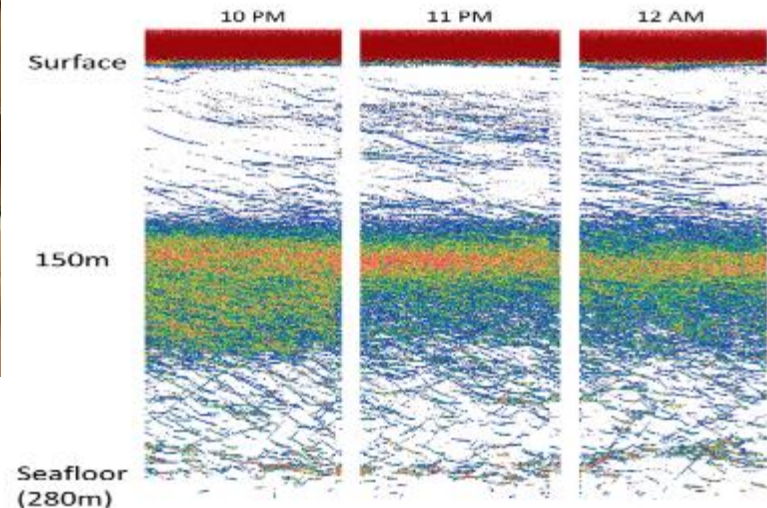
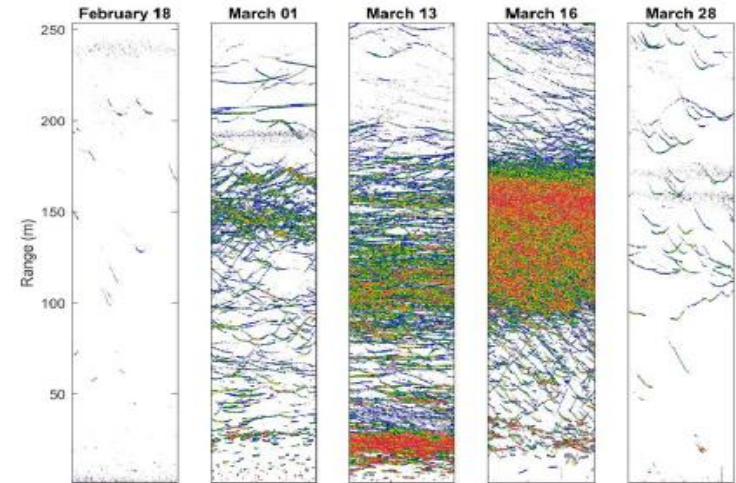
# Platforms & Applications

## Stationary Landers & Long term monitoring

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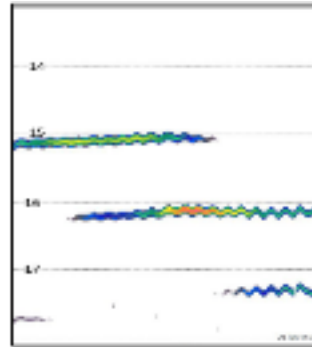
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WBAT mounted on CTD probe

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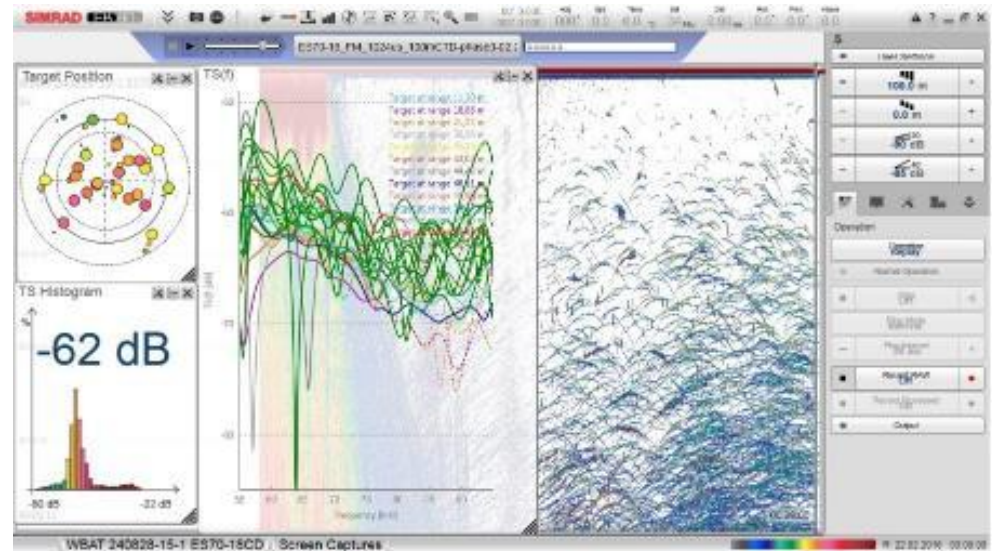


Myctophides


(*Bentosema glaciale*)

400 m depth

Dorsal wideband TS  
measurements







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