AUV & Research vessel mounted EM 2040 Installation and first results

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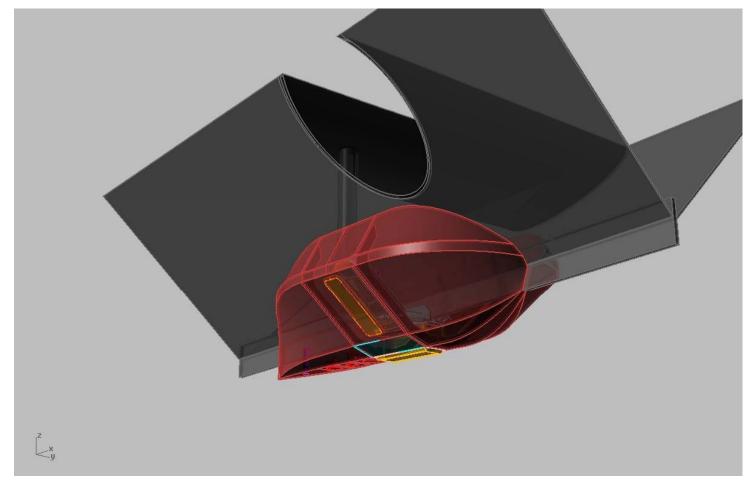




A coastal multi-purpose R/V → geoscience, biology, hydrology...
Built 1978 ; 24.5 m, 135 t
6 science + 6 crew
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R/V Thalia equipped in 2012 with a EM 2040-D



Preliminary studies of the blister hosting the EM2040 dual head

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Blister – right from the workshop



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Installation of the blister below the ship





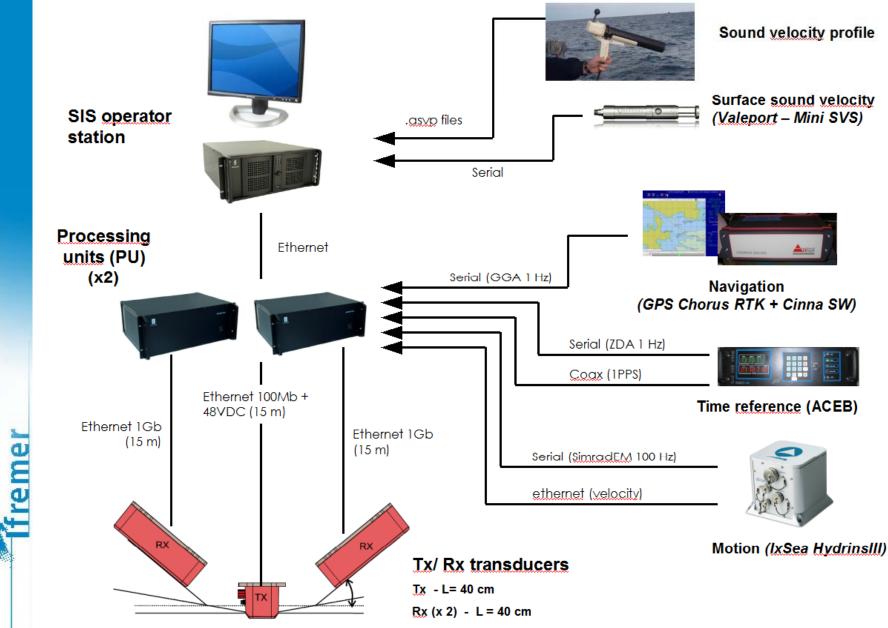
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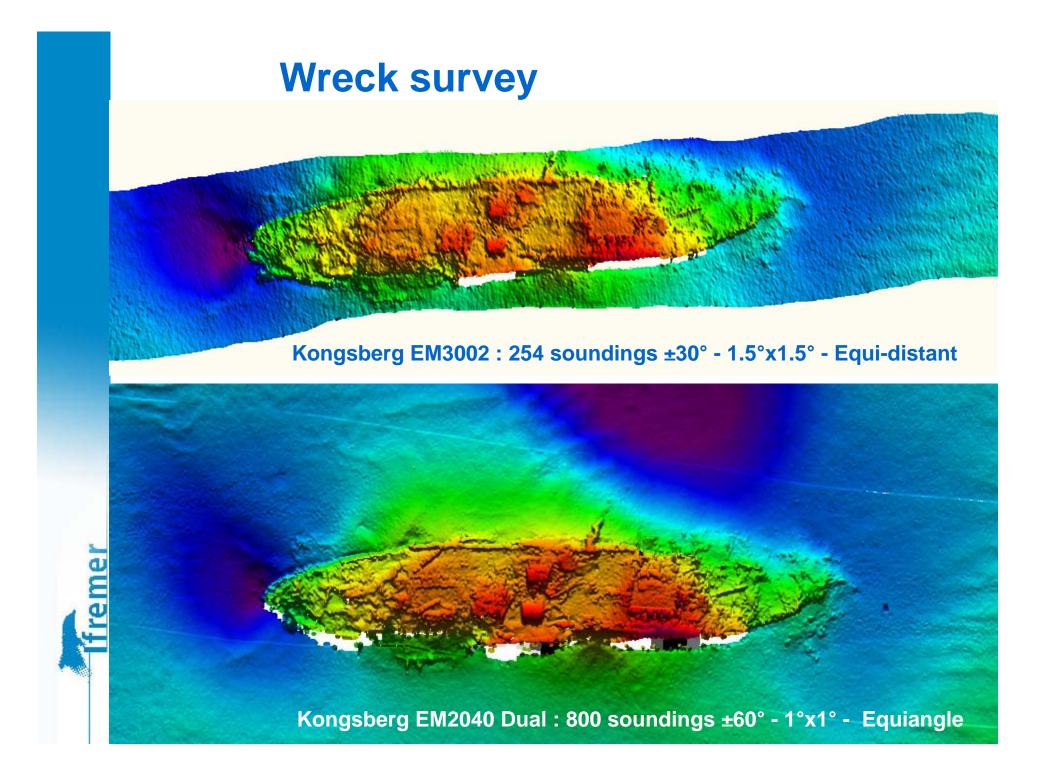
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Ready to sail...



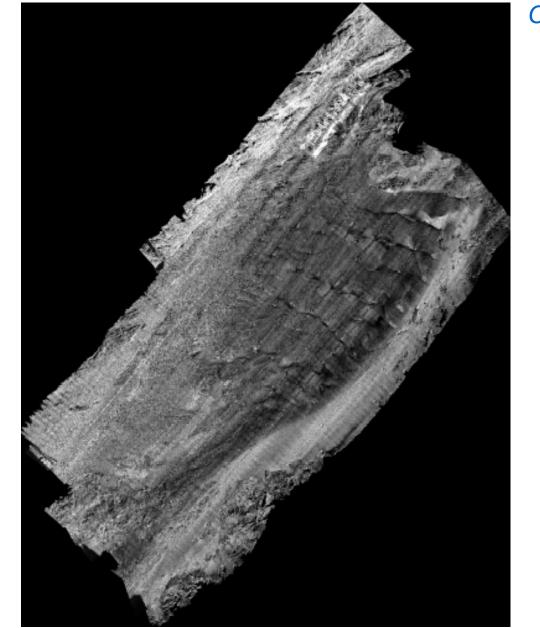
Thalia EM2040D – architecture





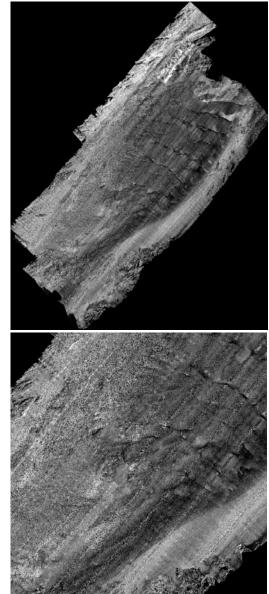
Thalia EM2040 D Reflectivity

Mosaicked Sonar Image (@50cm)



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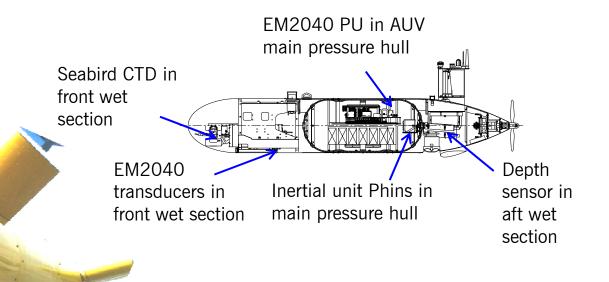


New acoustic imaging and multibeam sonar on AUV

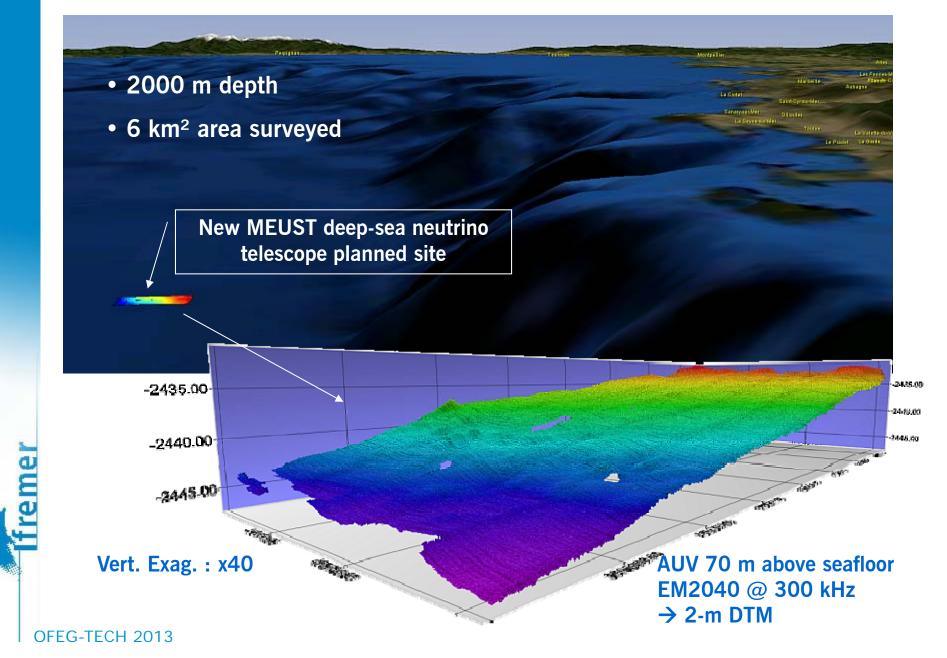
- AsterX initially equipped w/ EM 2000
- EM2040 retained from Europ. tender
- EM2040 shipped

- Integration on AUV :
- 1st operational cruise :

- 2004
- 2009 while EM2040 in design phase
- end 2010 1st EM2040 delivered to customer !
- *2011 autonomous survey down to 2300m*
- 2012 commercial contract



First deep-dive attempt, offshore Toulon



High resolution bathymetry - EM2040 on AUV

For the French Government Submarine Archeologic Department

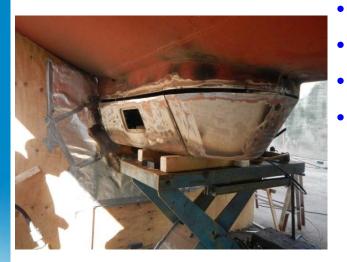
Wreckage mapped by AUV Aster^X From 10-m height, grid 10 cm, cannons $\phi \sim 0.5$ m

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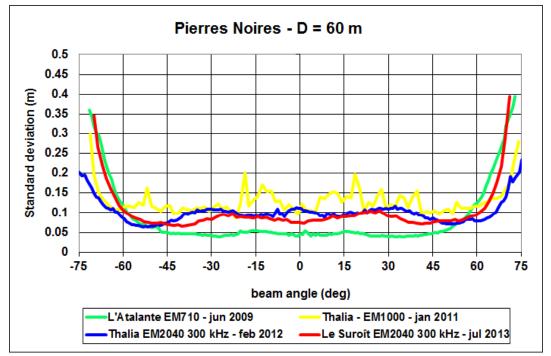
The vessel La Lune sank in 1664, the wreck was discovered off Toulon at 90-m depth by Nautile in 1993 on a technical trial

EM 2040 on R/V Le Suroît

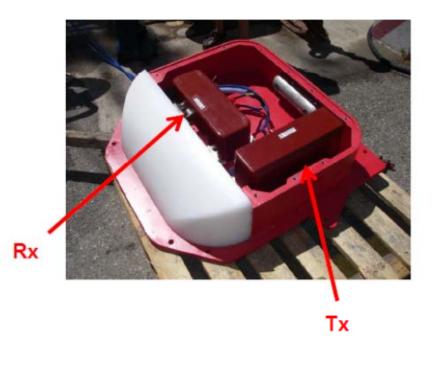




- Replacement (2013) of the former EM 1000
- Design in the 1st semester 2013
- Sea-trials and SAT in July 2013
- Major improvement of the ship's capabilities for:
 - Shallow-water surveys
 - Water-column data logging



Mobile EM 2040 on R/V L'Europe





- Replacement (2013) of the EM 1000 mobile
- Design, sea-trials and SAT april to august 2013

