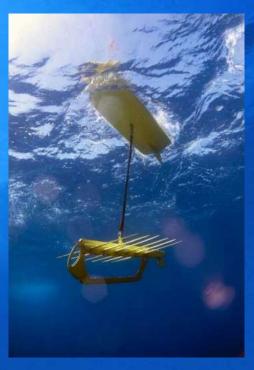
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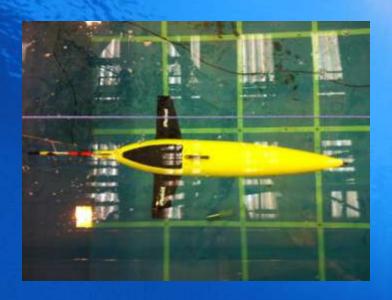






Steve McPhail November 2013

### The MARS Vision





Our vision is that by 2016 we will be recognised as the world leader in the integrated provision of autonomous & robotic vehicles for marine science, with effective deployments, novel capabilities and strong partnerships.

### **MARS Fleet & Personnel**

#### **Underwater Gliders**



- Teledyne Webb Slocum (1000m) x (4 + 10)
- Teledyne Webb Slocum (200m) x (4 + 6)
- Kongsberg Seagliders x (5 + 5)

#### AUVs



In-house developed:

- Autosub 3
- Autosub6000
- Autosub Long Range x (1 + 2)

ROV



6500m ISIS ROV (based on WHOI's JASON)

#### **USVs**



Liquid Robotics Wave-glider SV3 (awaiting delivery)

#### STAFF

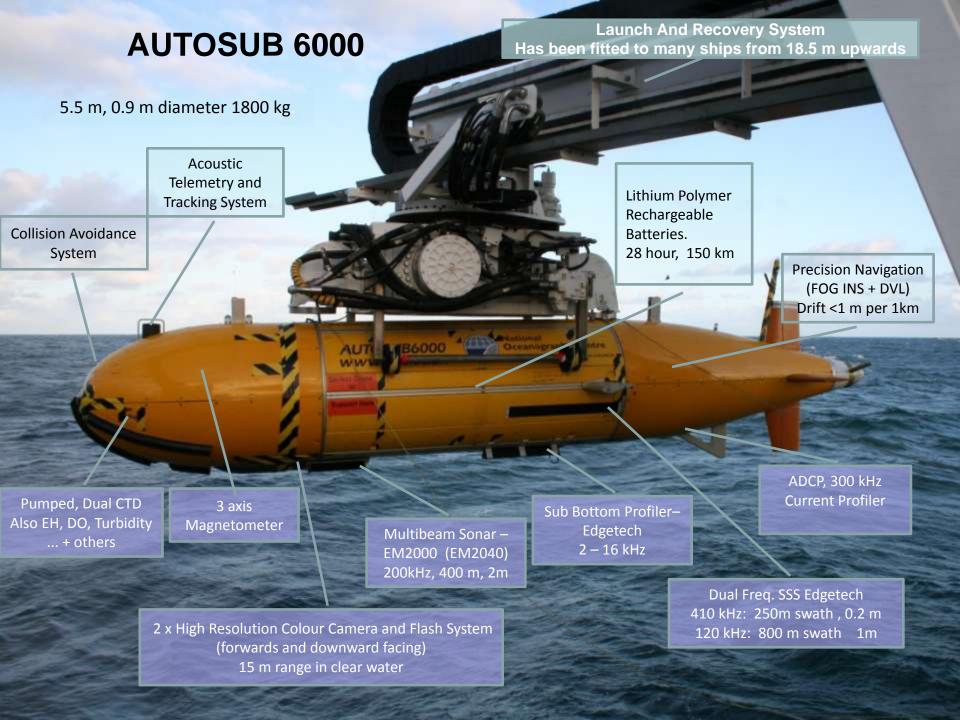
19 with a mix of:

- Mechanical
- Electronics
- Software
- Systems

## Marine Autonomous Systems Capital Funding

- £3.5M in 2012-13
- £10M in 2013-15



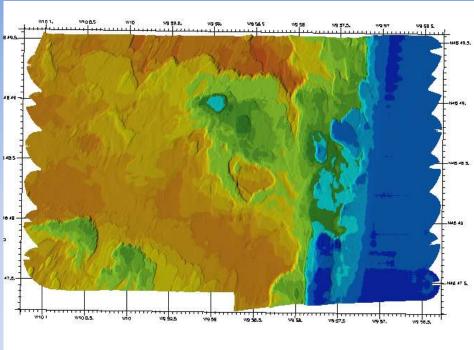




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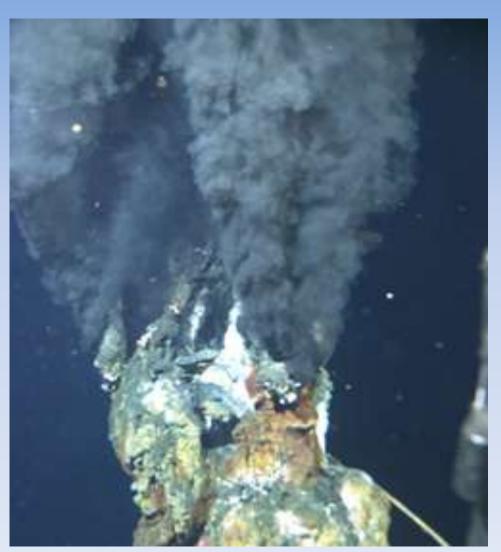


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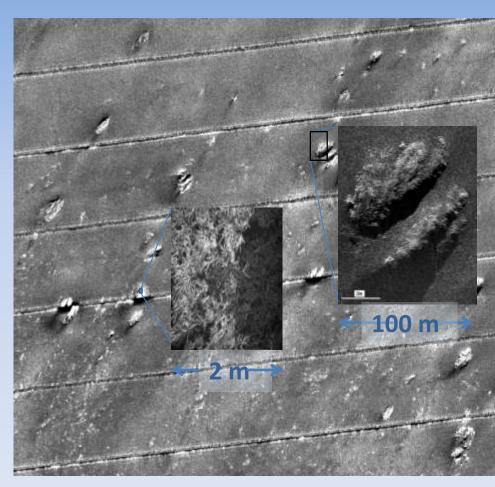
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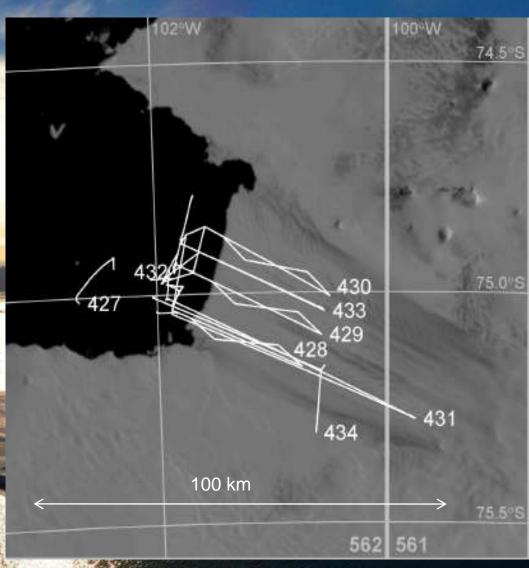






# THE AUTOSUB3 Pine Island Glacier Ice shelf Campaign On the N B Palmer: - Summary

8 missions (2 test) Longest 60 km Total 4 days and 510 km run under the ice shelf National Oceanography Centre, Southampton



### Autosub Long Range

Mass Maximum Depth Maximum Range 600 kg 6000 m

Maximum Range Speed range 6000 km, 6 months (up to!) 0.35 to 1.0 ms<sup>-1</sup>

On-board energy

30 kW hrs (primary lithium)

Flight Modes

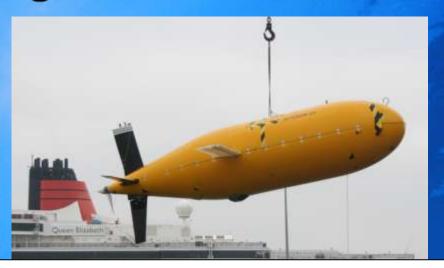
Depth, Altitude, Profiling

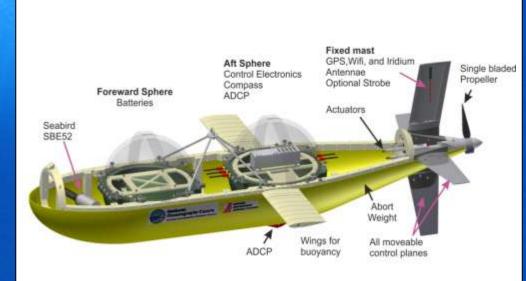
**Communications** 

Iridium & WiFi at surface

Standard Payload

CTD (SBE 52), 300 kHz ADCP





## ALR 1<sup>st</sup> Science Campaign

FASTNEt: Fluxes Across Sloping Topography of the North East Atlantic



#### **Mission Outline**

- 5 missions planned (primarily Malin Shelf)
- 1000 km (1 month) typical
- 1400 m water depths
- 1<sup>st</sup> Mission July 2013

#### Science Payload

- Rockland Microrider-6000 turbulence probe
- Up and down facing 600kHz ADCPs
- SBE-52 pumped CTD
- Chlorophyll and Turbidity Sensors.



