A Demonstration of Autonomous Survey with a Shallow water Multibeam and Near Real-Time Processing

Reducing Risk and Expanding the Operational Window



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Advantages of Autonomous Operation

- Safety
 - No surveyors in the field
 - Reduced vessel count
- Cost
 - Lower fuel cost
 - Lower victualling cost
 - Lower personnel cost
- Efficiency
 - Fewer surveyors per sonar

Liquid Robotics Wave Glider[®] SV3



Wave Glider[®] SV3

World's first wave and solar propelled ocean robot



- No fuel, no manpower, no emissions
- Long duration missions 1yr.+ at sea
- Onboard computational power for insitu processing
- Real time communications
- Intelligent Autonomy

Wave Glider SV3 Core Components

Wave and Solar energy harvesting system

- Solar power for computing, communications & sensor payloads
- Wave Powered Sub Wing system converts wave energy into forward thrust
- Hydrodynamic Float
 Modular design for maximum payload & solar collection capacity
- **High speed Umbilical** High power connection between the Float and Sub
- Adaptable Modular Power system (AMPS)
 Advanced power system with large rechargeable battery capacity
- Solar Powered Auxiliary Thruster For thrust and burst speed thru doldrums and high currents
- Computational Power
 On-board processing power and cloud computing environment



How It Works



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Precision Navigation





The Wave Glider in Action



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Wave Glider SV3 Hydrographic Development











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CARIS Workflow

- Create Vessel File
 - Enter lever arm measurements
 - Supply device model for MB1
 - Build model for Total Propagated Uncertainty
- Create Project
- Raw data conversion
- Apply correctors
 - Load Tide
- Georeference data Merge Process
- Optionally compute Total Propagated Uncertainty
- Create BASE Surface using CUBE algorithm
- Export to raster format, GeoTiff



CARIS HIPS & SIPS Automated Processing

TDY





CARIS Batch Engine:

Convert / Read TDY
Apply Tide
Compute TPU
Create BASE Surface / Grid (CUBE)
Export to GeoTiff

On-board (miniaturized) i7 Quad Core machine running Windows 7

View product: GeoTiff



Demonstration Survey

- Survey Operation on the west side of Hawaii
- Survey Monitored in St Maarten, Caribbean at the MACHC IHO meeting
- Uplink/downlink by cell phone
- Control for
 - Vehicle
 - Sonar
 - Caris processing

Products and Visualization

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Vessel Track





Products and Visualization BASE Surface and GeoTiff Export





Further Processing

Sound Velocity Correction Load observed Tides



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Further Processing Swath and/or TPU filters

Area-based editing





Final BASE Surface – All post processing corrections applied – Ping edited





Final Products





Conclusions

- Autonomous Hydrographic Survey has been Demonstrated.
- The hydrographic survey can be adequately operated from shore.
- Survey control and oversight is similar to survey launch operations.
- Capacity can be quickly and economically scaled.
- Manpower, operational cost, and risk are significantly reduced.

Back up slides

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