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SFI Smart Ocean

How to create value from digitalisation of the ocean

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Overview

- What is a centre for research-based innovation
- History of SFI Smart Ocean and where we are today
 - Background, key challenges and possible solutions
 - SFI Smart Ocean main objectives and research areas
- Innovation potential



What is a centre for research-based innovation?



Purpose

- *“Build and strengthen Norwegian research groups that work in close collaboration with partners from innovative industry and public enterprises.”*

Main objective

- *“Enhance the capability of the business sector to innovate by focusing on long-term research based on forging close alliances between research-intensive enterprises and prominent research groups.”*



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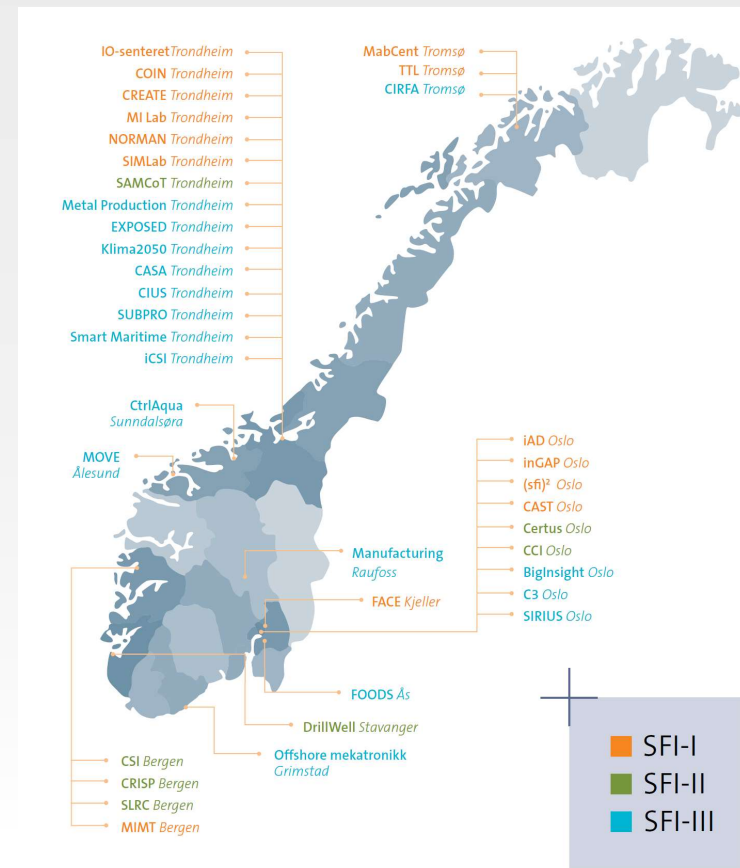


What is a centre for research-based innovation?



- Budget ~ 20 MNOK per year over 8 years
- Min. 25% private funding
- Max. 50% public funding
- Cash and in-kind from industry
- Start-up → large companies
- Different entry levels of funding
- Goal: ~ 10 to 20 companies
- Next announcement «SFI-IV» expected late fall 2018

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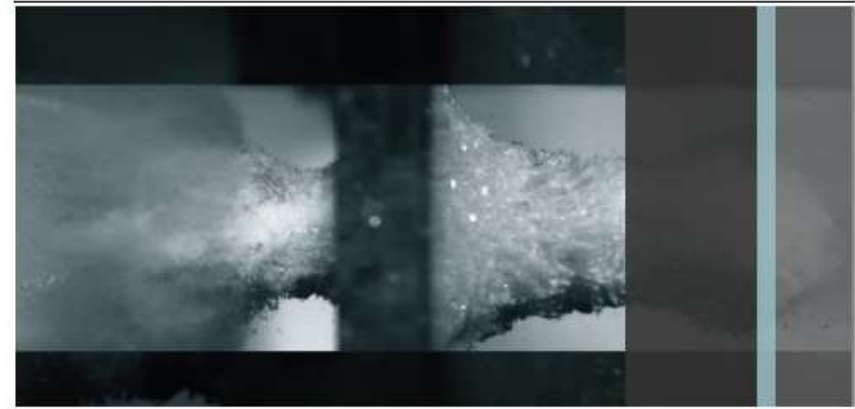


The gain of cooperation

- SFI feedback and evaluation:
 - Cooperation with highly qualified researchers and complementary competences
 - Cooperation and access to physical resources
 - Enhanced innovation opportunities
 - Stronger ability for international research funding and cooperation
- Industry involvement – success factor for innovation

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31 January 2018

Evaluation of the Scheme for Research-based Innovation (SFI)

Report for The Research Council of Norway



You: “What’s in it for me?”

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Figure C: Have the partners at the SFI center made any innovations that you believe will strengthen the sector or industry you are part of?

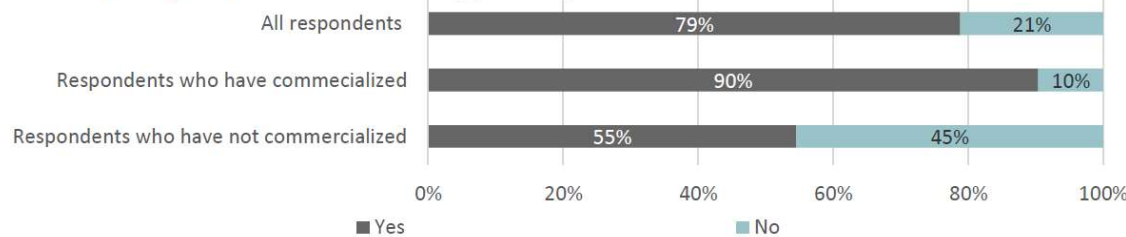
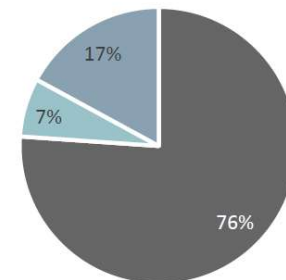


FIGURE 3.1

“In your opinion, does the consortia agreement for the SFI primarily stimulate or primarily hamper innovation?”



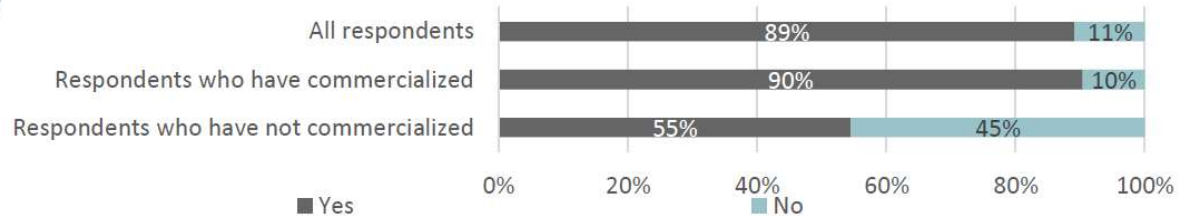
- It primarily stimulates innovation
- It primarily hampers innovation
- I don't know

Source: DAMVAD Analytics Survey for Partners in SFI centres, 2017.
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FIGURE 6.6

Figure A: Has the SFI center or SFI centers you are affiliated with been a success?





SFI Smart Ocean – digitalisation of the ocean



Goal: Enable digitalisation for ocean based industries as seen for land based industry



Innovation: Enabling solutions in a far more hostile environment and at different conditions





SFI Smart Ocean - timeline

2016: Questionnaire all R&D partners in GCE Subsea
Start-up SFI R&D pre-project group



2017:

Meetings with R&D partners, related SFI initiatives and industry.

Subsea innovation day.

One-on-one research group meetings and R&D workshop.



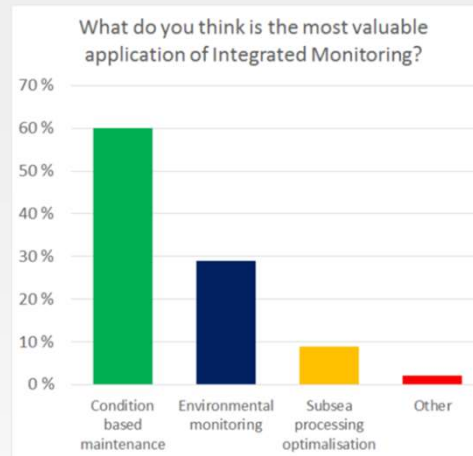
2018: UiB, HVL and NORCE/CMR
have outlined the SFI Smart Ocean
concept.

More partners are welcome.



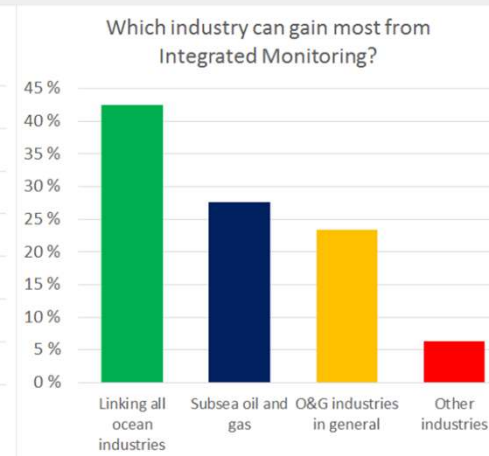


SFI Smart Ocean - background

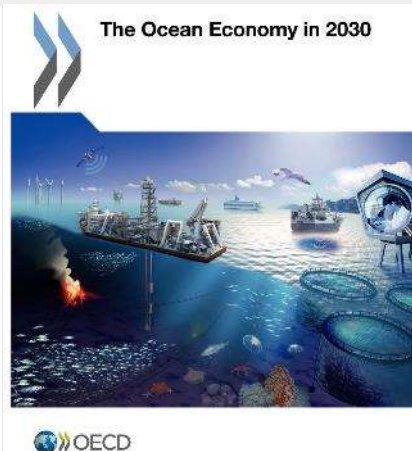


Innovation day feedback

UN Sustainability goals



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GCE Subsea



Ocean industries can double their contribution to the global economy by 2030 (OECD)





Key applications and challenges to be solved

Safe and cost efficient resources and environment management and operation.

- Condition based maintenance
- Environmental monitoring
- Sustainable utilisation of ocean resources
- Production optimisation



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Solutions and features of special interest

Safe and cost efficient resources and environment management and operation.

- New/smarter sensors
- Platform, network, and observation methodology
- Advanced data analysis

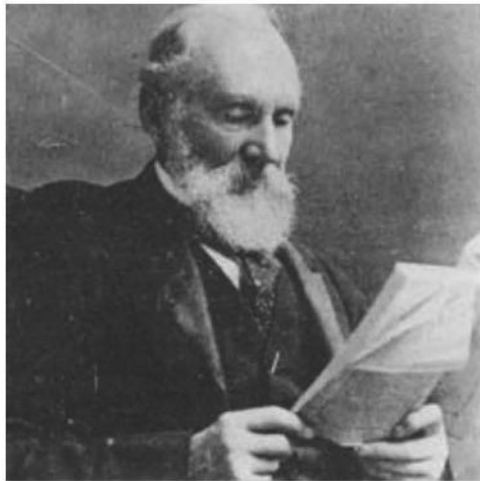


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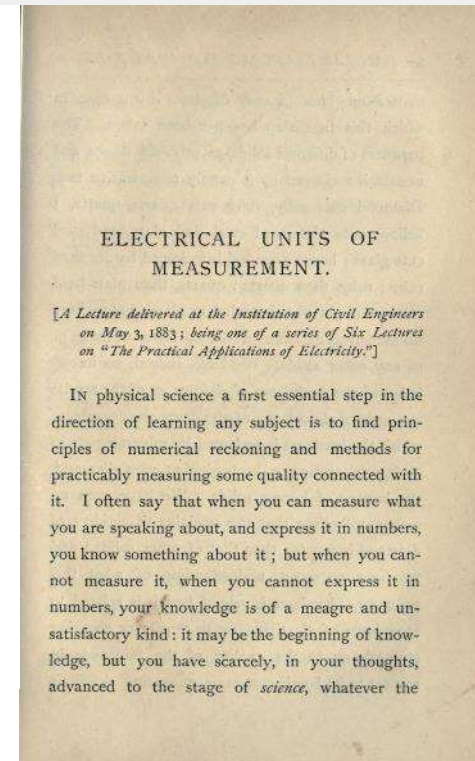
The importance of measurements



Sir William Thompson (later Lord Kelvin) 1824 - 1907
Address to Institute of Civil Engineers 1883

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“....when you can measure what you are speaking about, and express it in numbers, you know something about it; when you cannot measure it, your knowledge is of a meager and unsatisfactory kind.....”



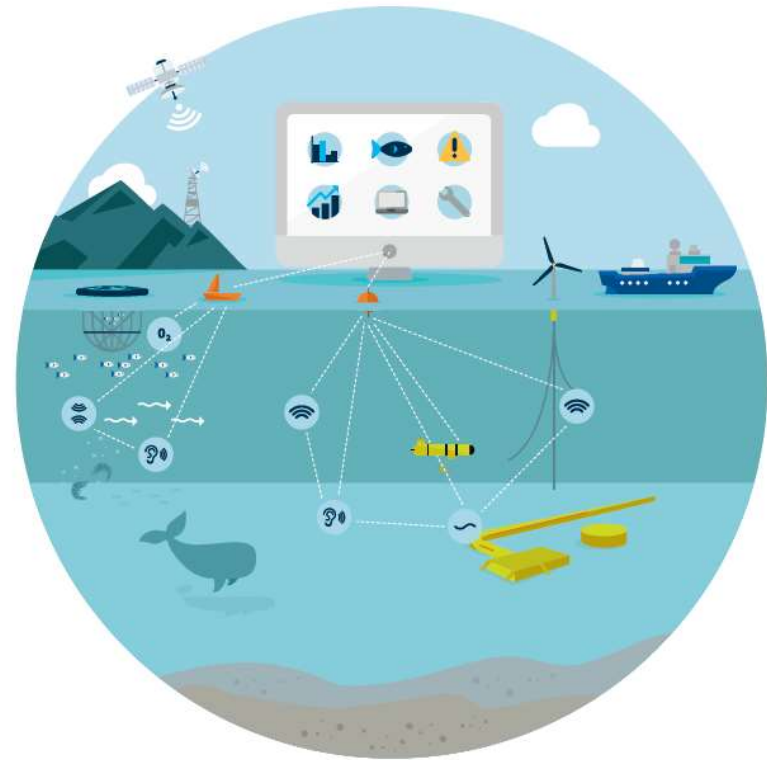
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Where are we?

Ocean based
smart distributed
sensing

Real-time
measurements with
high spatial- and
temporal resolution

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Sustainable blue growth
Knowledge through
measurements



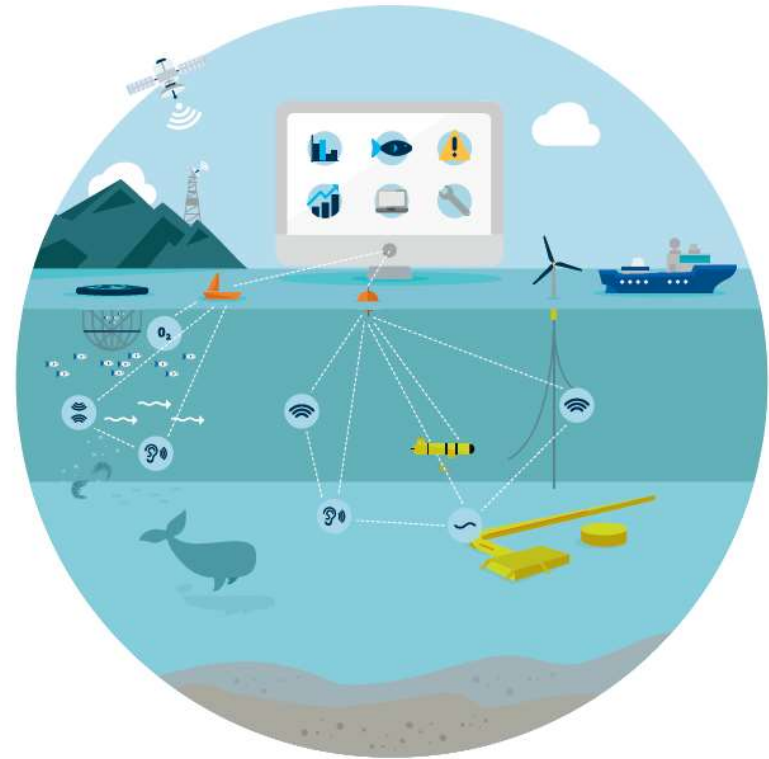
Our focus based on your input

Distributed
environmental and
ecological sensing

&

distributed
sensing of
marine structures

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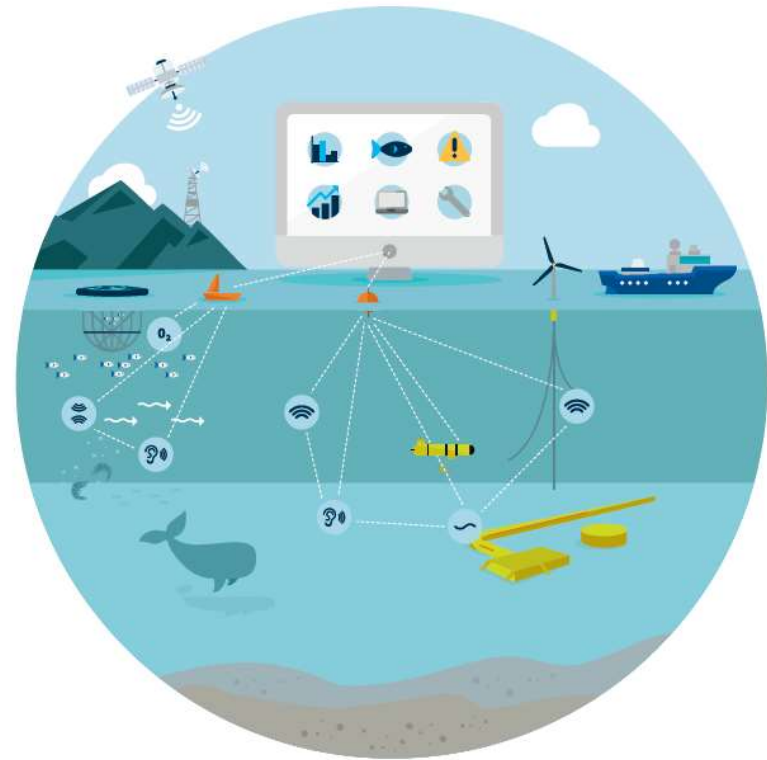
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Research areas

- Monitoring strategies
- Underwater communication and Smart sensing
- Enabling sensor technology
- Data Science
- Software

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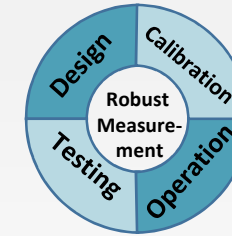
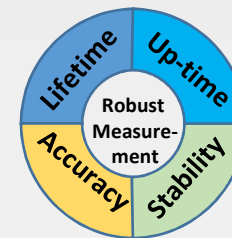




Monitoring strategies

Robustness in the whole system

- Optimal layout of the total system
- Quality of measurement data



Research tasks

- Optimal architecture of underwater monitoring system
- Total system modelling and simulation, from sensor to support
- Methods for online uncertainty and risk assessment
- Methods for remote condition assessment of sensors

Gain for industry

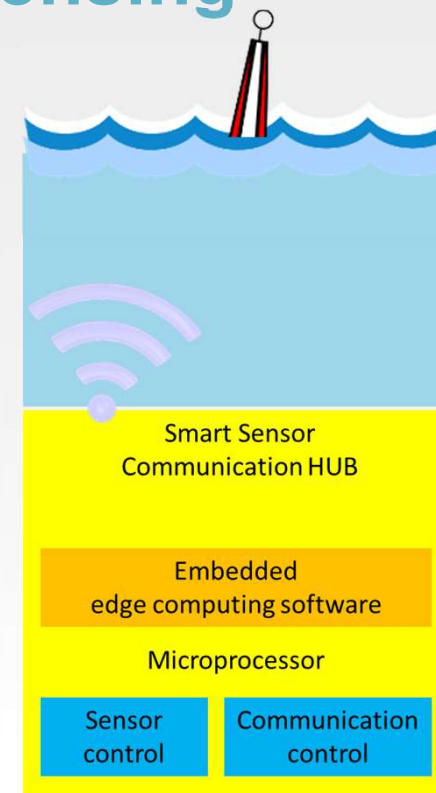
Identify weak parts of total measurement and communication system and how to by design make them more robust .





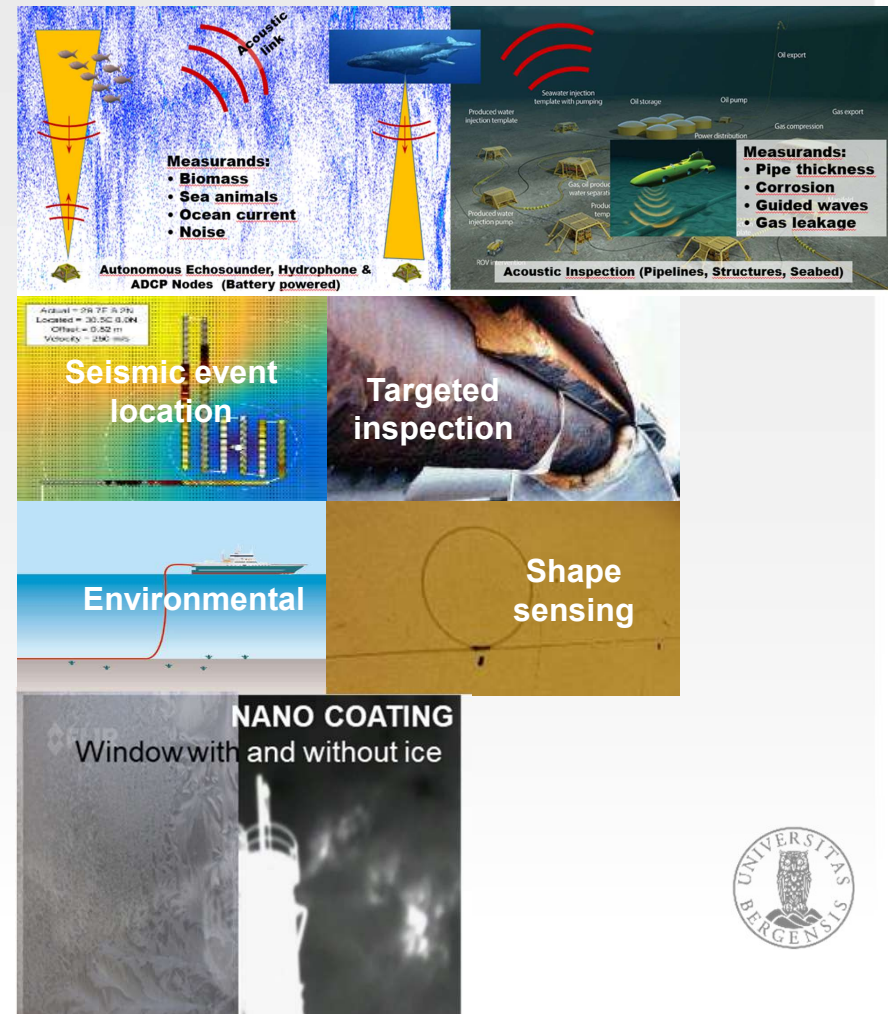
Communication and Smart sensing

- Real-time monitoring
- Communication telemetry and positioning system
- Low power
- Reliable communication
- Preprocessing of data in sensor/network edge
- Adaptive sensing



Sensor technology

- **Acoustic sensor technology:**
 - Autonomous echo sounder
 - Hydrophone
 - Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers (ADCP)
- **Novel distributed fibre optic sensors:**
 - Acoustic: motion, events
 - Humidity: corrosion
 - Strain: structure integrity
 - Temperature: environmental, exploration
- **Nano-coating technologies:**
 - Anti bio-fouling
 - Oleo-phobic (oil repellent)
 - Anti-icing/non-fogging
 - Ultra-strong diamond coating

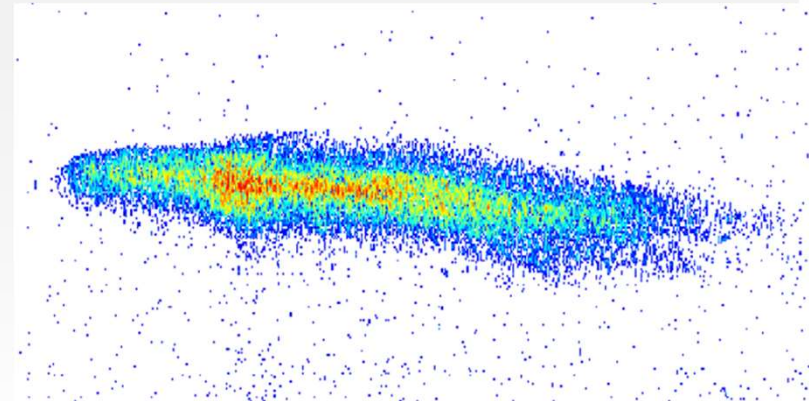


Data science

- **Machine learning:** Methodology for automated event and condition monitoring
- **Advanced data analysis:** Combination of measurement parameters, trend analysis, etc.
- **Image analysis:** object detection, counting and measuring
- **Video analysis:** mapping, event and object detection



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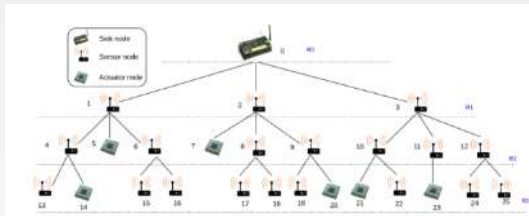




Software

Measurement and data

- sensor and control (sub)systems



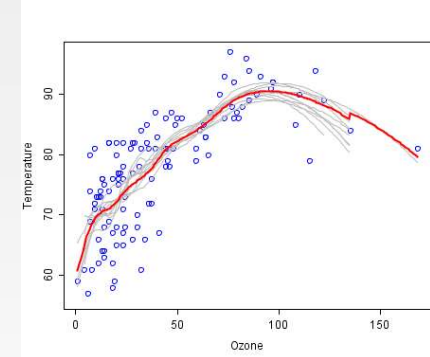
Information flow

- services and components



Knowledge

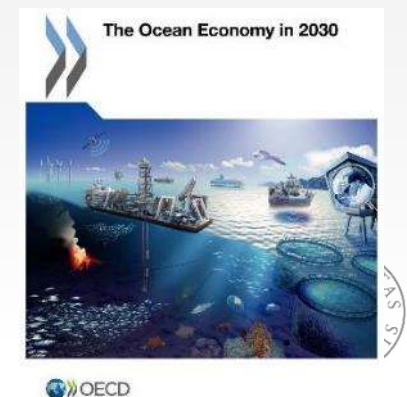
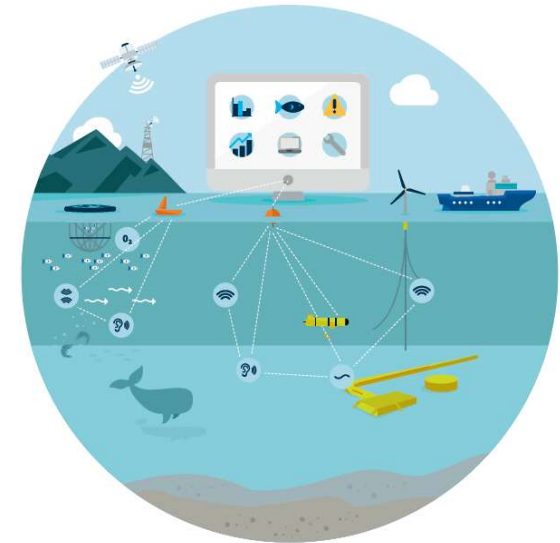
- data analysis and predication



software

Potential for innovation

- Technology → Software
- Smart city, smart ocean, smart healthcare: **gather data, analyse data and evidence-based action**
- SFI Smart Ocean: smarter systems and facilitate new innovations
- Multi-disciplinary areas - technology and software





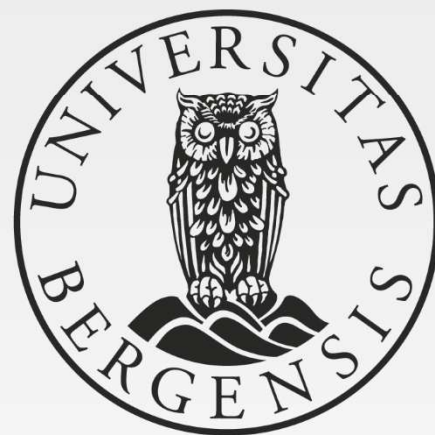
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