



# In situ monitoring of ions with electrochemical sensors as a valuable source of information

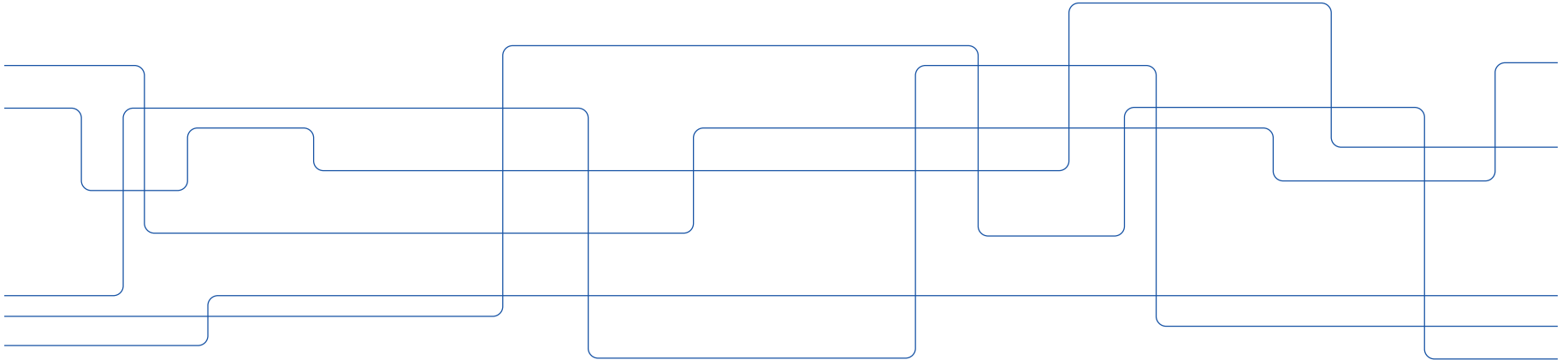
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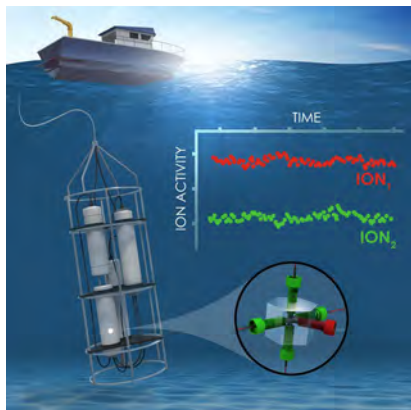
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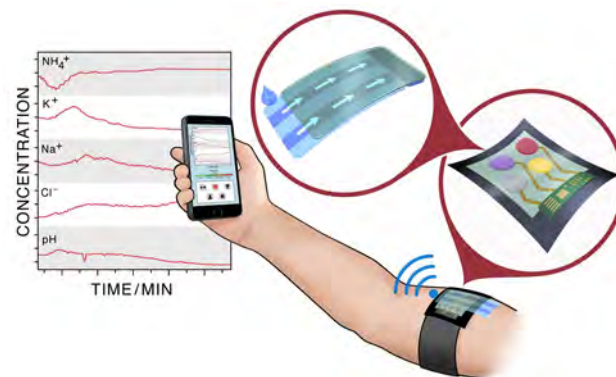
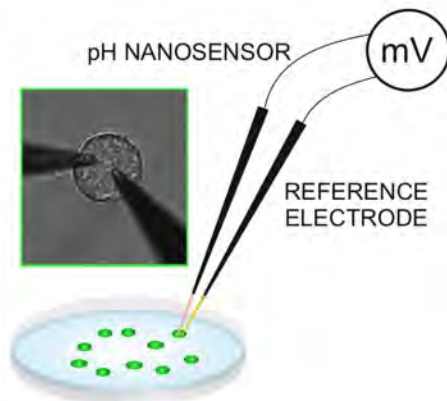
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# The Baltic Sea suffers from eutrophication

Excessive input of nutrients to the marine environment enhances the growth of phytoplankton, leading to reduced light conditions in the water, oxygen depletion at the seafloor and a cascade of other ecosystem changes.

## Water Quality? Cleaner Water?



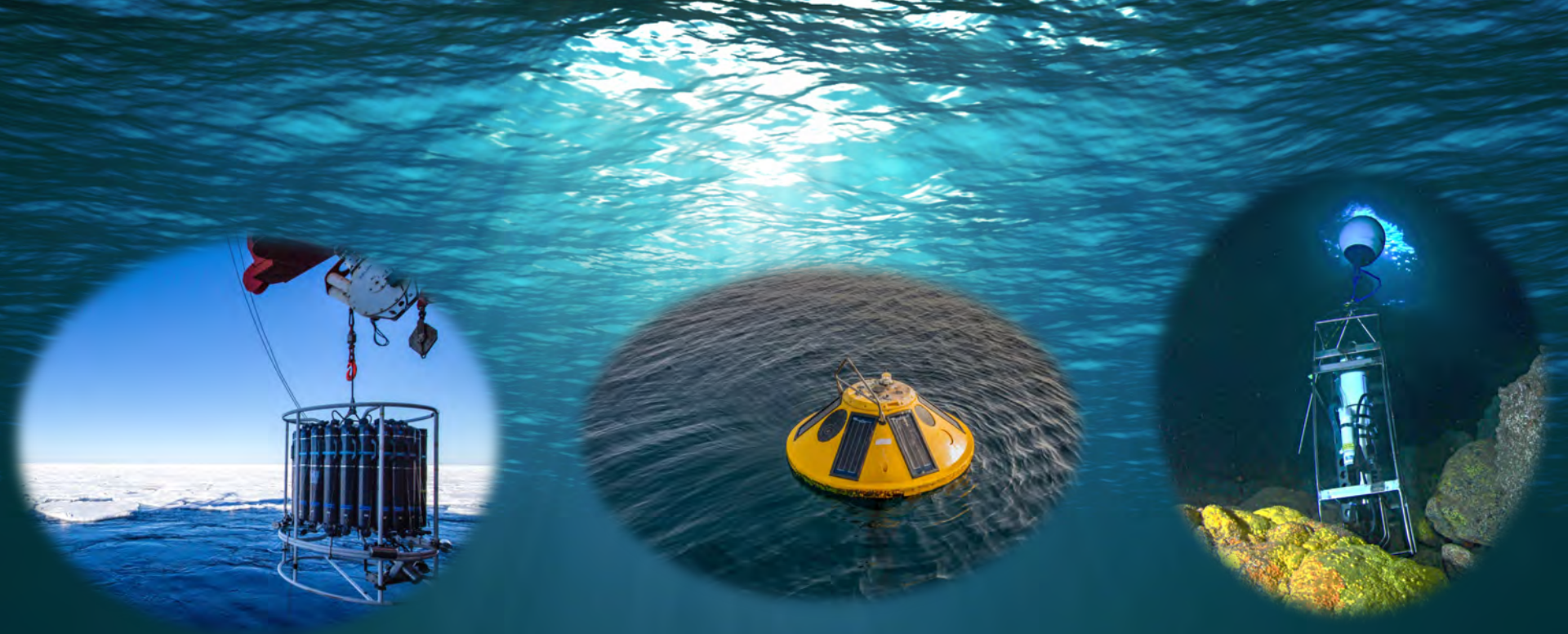
**Early Diagnosis, Prediction, Recovery, Policies**



**Massive Information**







**CTD:** pressure, temperature, conductivity (salinity), oxygen, pH and redox potential, sampling.

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**ELECTROCHEMICAL SENSORS**

fast response, continue, easy to interpret, cheap, high temporal and spatial resolution, etc.



A magnifying glass is positioned over a small stream with a waterfall. The stream is surrounded by green grass and rocks. The magnifying glass's lens is centered on the waterfall. Five labels are overlaid on the image, each enclosed in a red oval: 'PHOSPHORUS' at the top, 'VIRUSES' on the left, 'METALS' on the right, 'NITROGEN' at the bottom left, and 'BACTERIA' at the bottom right.

**PHOSPHORUS**

**VIRUSES**

**METALS**

**NITROGEN**

**BACTERIA**

TECHNOLOGY	IONS	INFORMATION	CURRENT TRL
<b>Alkalinity-Module</b>	Carbonates	Ocean's carbon uptake, in buffering, and in calcium carbonate production and dissolution.	TRL 4 Lab validated
<b>P-Module</b>	Inorganic P (phosphates)	Eutrophication and algae bloom (toxins).	TRL 3 Lab proof-of-concept
<b>C-Module</b>	pH, carbonate, calcium, calculation of CO <sub>2</sub>	The ocean is a sink for atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub> , forming carbonate that increases water pH.	TRL 6 In Situ validated
<b>N-Module</b>	Ammonium, nitrate, nitrite	Eutrophication and algae bloom (toxins).	TRL 3-4 Partially validated
<b>Salinity-Module</b>	Chloride	Higher salinity represents higher water density, which changes the movement of ocean currents.	TRL 6 In situ validated
<b>ANC-Module</b>	Acid Neutralizing Capacity: base cations (Ca <sup>2+</sup> , Mg <sup>2+</sup> , Na <sup>+</sup> , K <sup>+</sup> ) and acid anions (SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , and Cl <sup>-</sup> )	Water acidification: major role in the global ocean chemistry.	TRL 2 Formulated Concept
<b>Metals-Module</b>	Silver, Lead, Copper, Cadmium, Chromium, Nickel, Iron and Manganese	Pollution and toxicity	TRL 2 Formulated Concept

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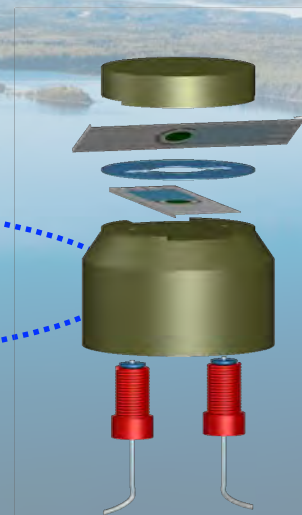
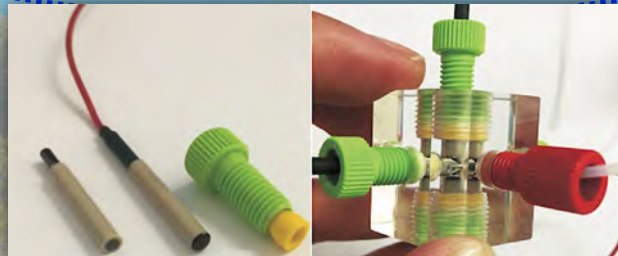
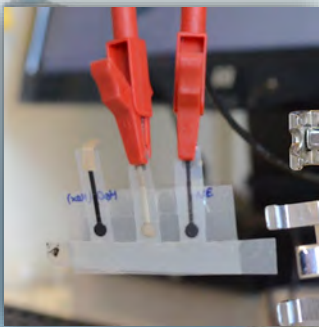
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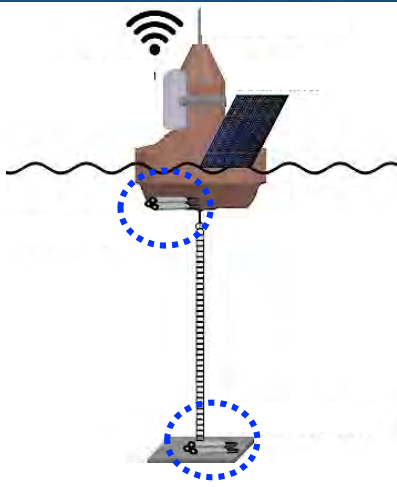
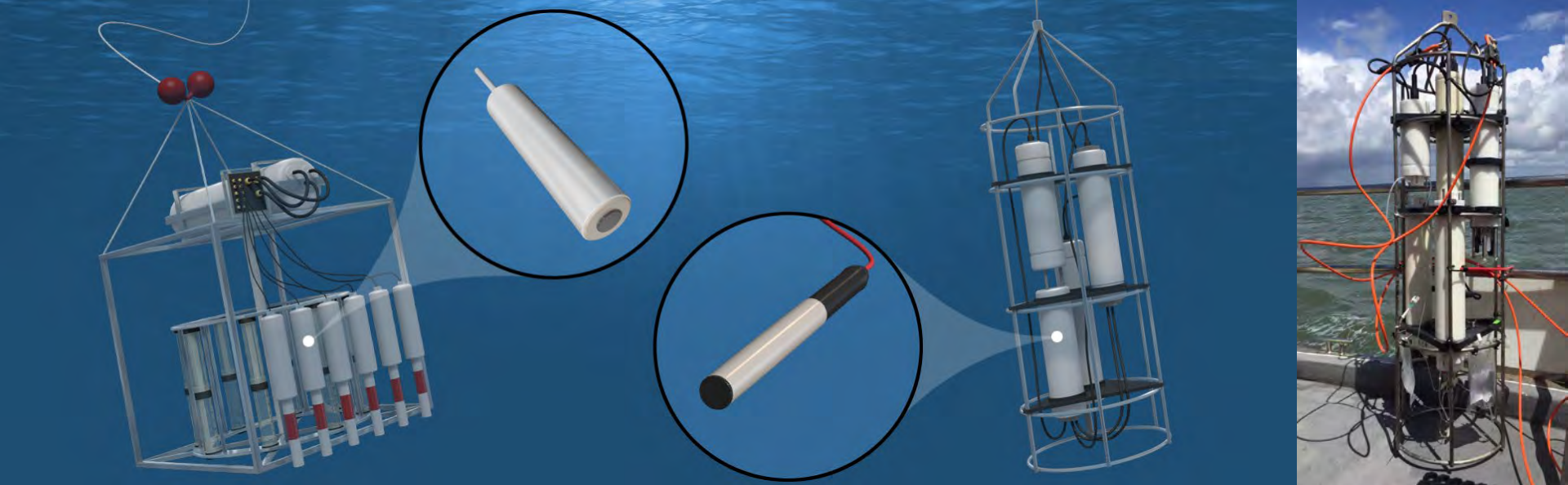
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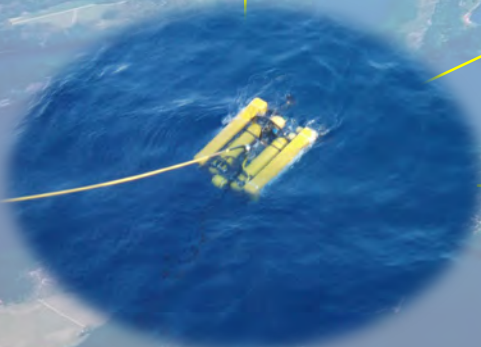
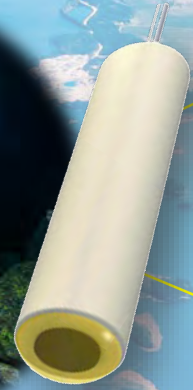
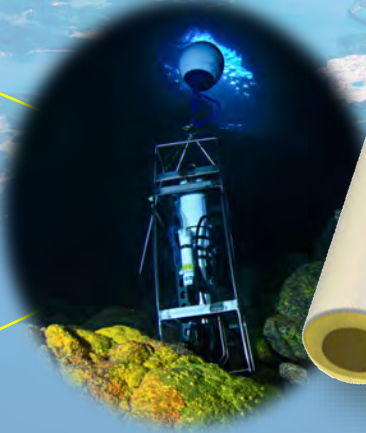
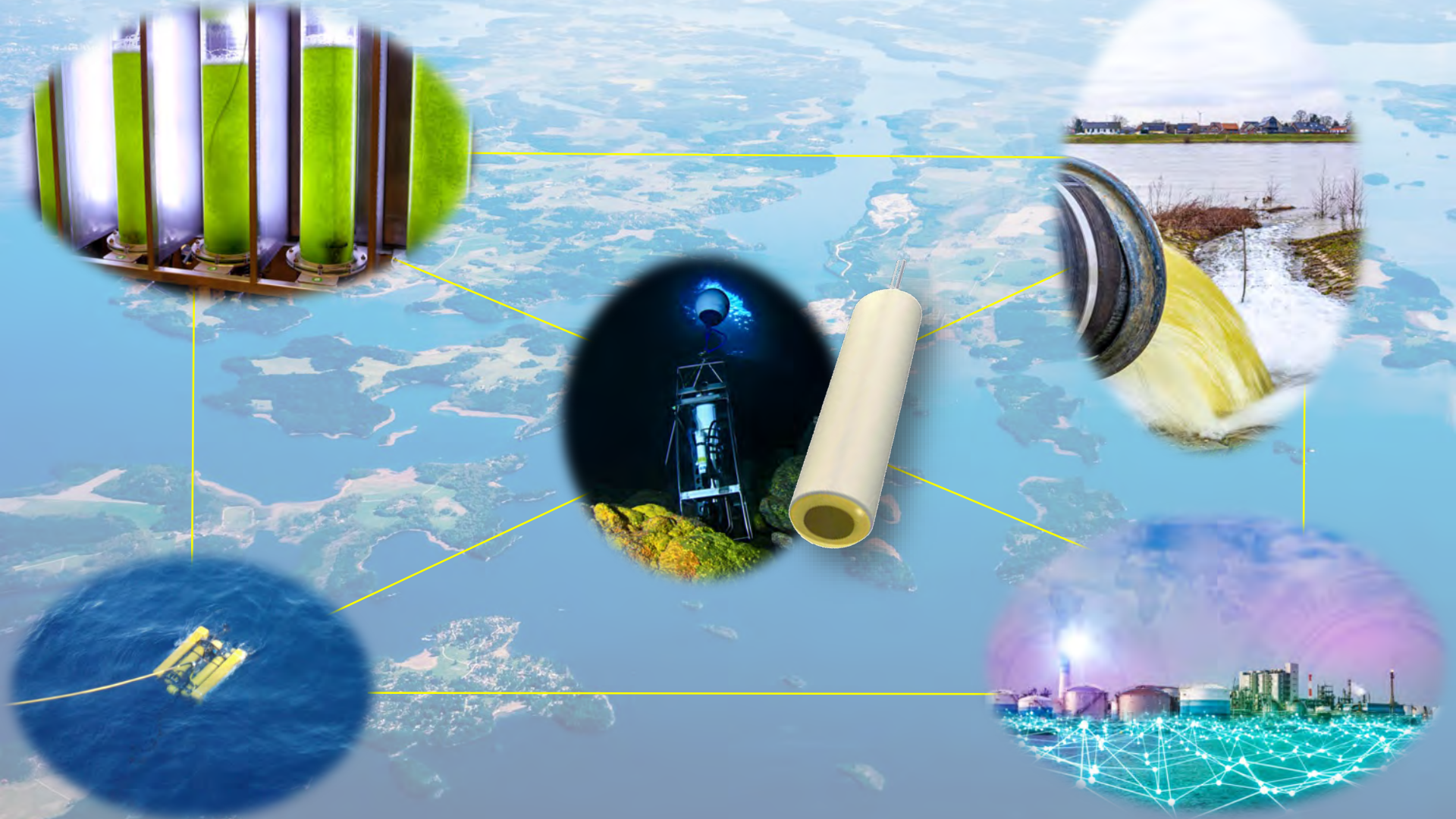
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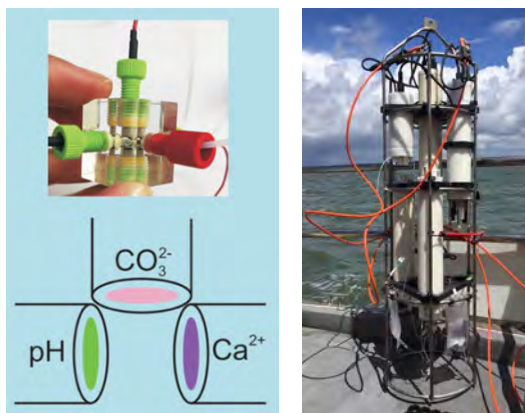
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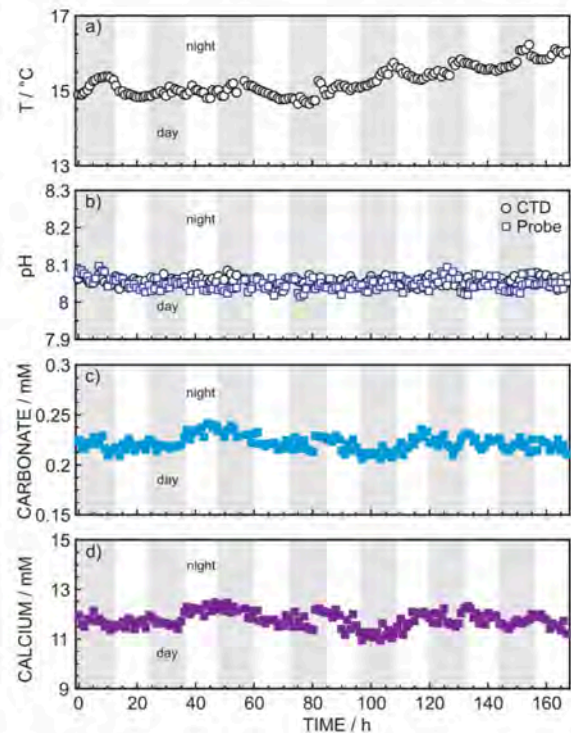




# C-MODULE (Genoa Harbour)

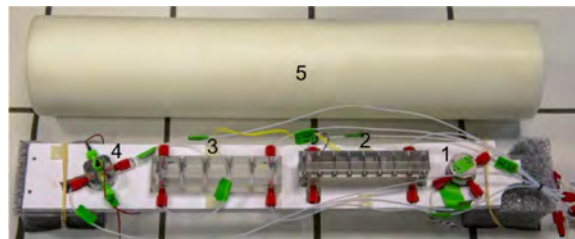


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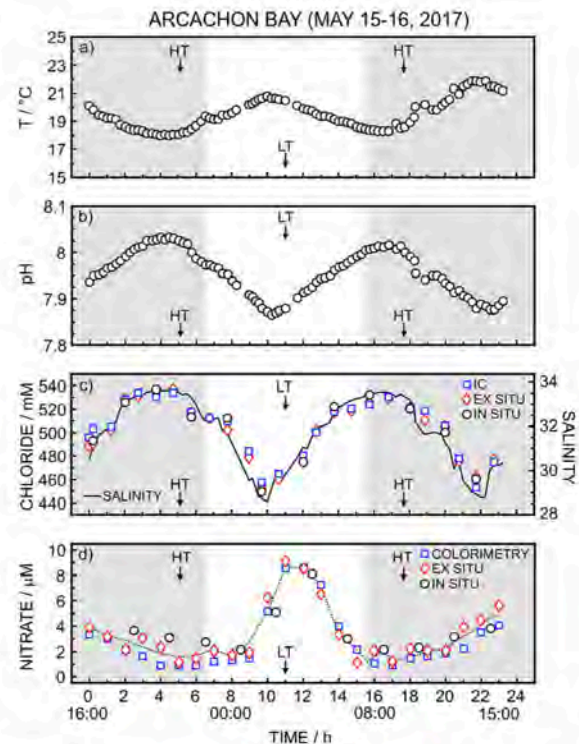


**Figure 2.** In situ profiles obtained for (a) temperature (CTD), (b) pH (CTD and developed electrodes), (c) carbonate, and (d) calcium during a 167 h deployment (from April 3, 2017, at 07:00 to April 10, 2017, at 12:00) in the CNR Station in Genoa Harbor (Italy). Note that additional sampling was performed for validation during the first 10 h. The average salinity was 37.95 PSU. The deployment depth was 4.2 m. The dissolved  $\text{O}_2$  concentration was  $6.4 \pm 0.3$  ppm, corresponding to  $83.7 \pm 3.3\%$  for oxygen saturation within the monitoring window. Light hours are shaded in gray.<sup>40</sup>

# N-MODULE (Arcachon Bay)

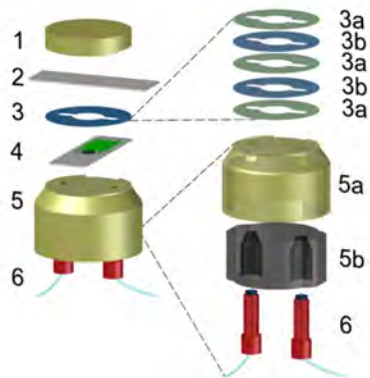
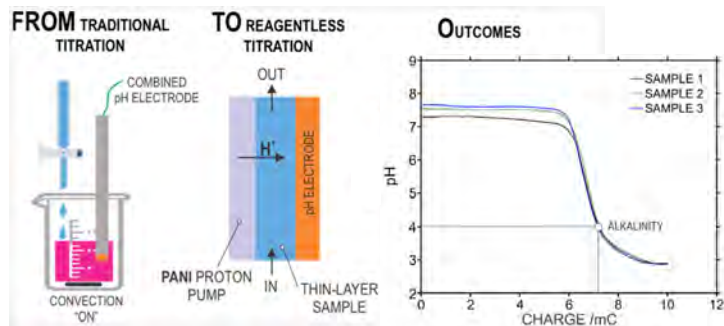


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**Figure 5.** In situ temporal profiles obtained for (a) temperature (CTD), (b) pH (CTD), (c) salinity and chloride, and (d) nitrate during the deployment of 23 h (starting from May 15, 2017 at 16:00 to May 16, 2017 at 15:00) in the Arcachon Bay (44°40.822'N 1°06.007'W). The deployment depth was  $2.3 \pm 0.3$  m. The dissolved  $O_2$  concentration was  $7.5 \pm 0.3$  ppm, corresponding to  $101.2 \pm 3.2\%$  for oxygen saturation within the monitoring window. Light hours are shaded in gray.<sup>51</sup> The local times for high and low tides (HT and LT, respectively) were determined according to the tidal record at Jetée d'Eyrac (44°40'N 1°10'W) and considering the temporal evolution of the seawater level in the Arcachon Bay.<sup>52,53</sup>

# Alkalinity-MODULE (Baltic Sea)



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Table 1. Alkalinity Attained by Our Method and through Manual Titration

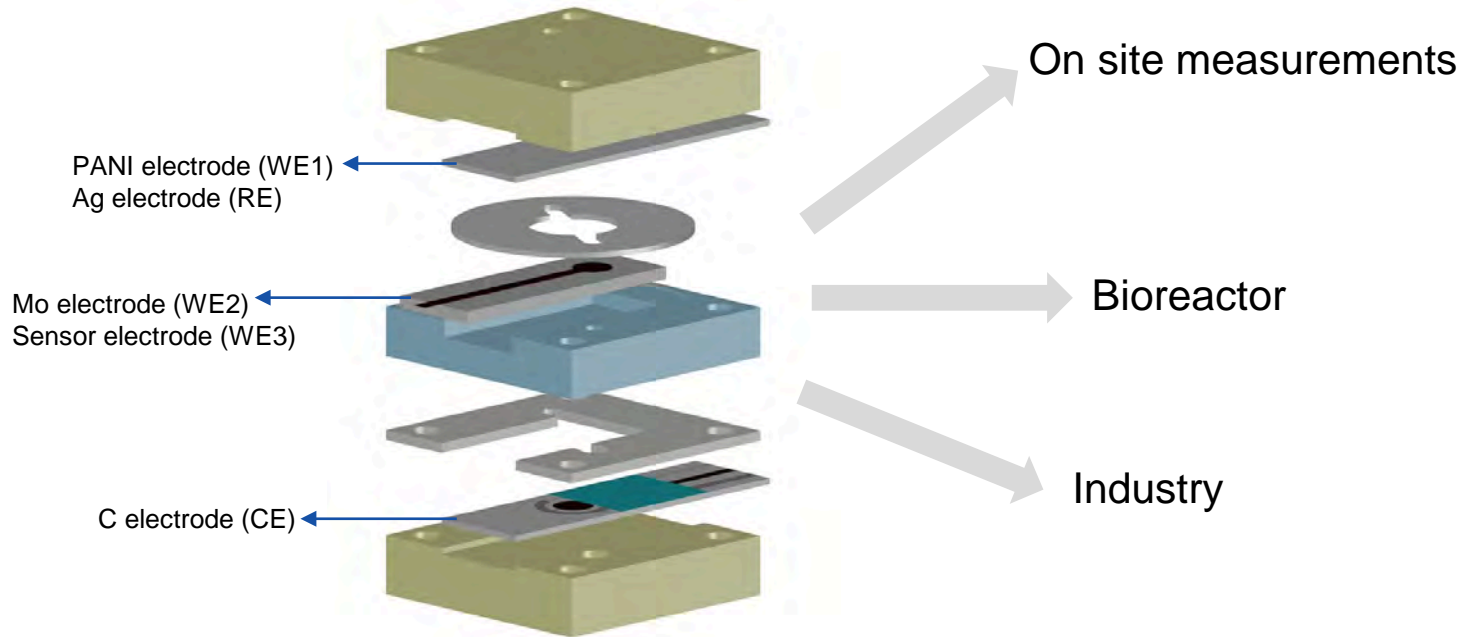
	initial pH		alkalinity (mM HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> )		
	pH meter	PANI sensor	new method <sup>a</sup>	titration <sup>b</sup>	difference (%)
1	7.3	7.3	1.57 ± 0.04	1.50	4.7
2	7.5	7.4	1.55 ± 0.05	1.48	4.7
3	7.3	7.6	1.63 ± 0.05	1.63	0
4	7.3	7.4	1.40 ± 0.09	1.54	9.1
5	7.3	7.5	1.40 ± 0.21	1.53	8.5
6	7.4	7.5	1.66 ± 0.05	1.46	12.0
7	7.2	7.4	1.49 ± 0.18	1.46	2.1
8 <sup>c</sup>	7.6	7.7	2.75 ± 0.03	2.73	0.8
9 <sup>d</sup>	7.8	7.9	3.30 ± 0.12	3.23	2.5

<sup>a</sup>Average ± standard deviation of  $n = 3$  measurements. <sup>b</sup>Average of  $n = 3$  measurements, with a standard deviation always lower than 0.04 mM. <sup>c</sup>Synthetic seawater. <sup>d</sup>Spiked synthetic seawater (+0.5 mM NaHCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>).

Sample ID	Location	Coordinates
1	Stocksundet	59°22'56.1"N 18°02'30.8"E
2	Hägernäs Strand	59°26'32.3"N 18°07'46.1"E
3	Hustegafjärden	59°21'58.3"N 18°13'19.8"E
4	Näsbyviken	59°25'20.3"N 18°04'52.3"E
5	Edsviken	59°23'35.5"N 18°01'54.6"E
6	Grönstaviken	59°22'45.4"N 18°09'43.7"E
7	Torsviken	59°22'09.5"N 18°07'11.5"E



# P-MODULE (Baltic Sea)



# Addressing the Detection of Ammonium Ion in Environmental Water Samples via Tandem Potentiometry–Ion Chromatography

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## Electrochemical sensors for *in-situ* measurement of ions in seawater

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