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1 Preface

Cruise AL527 was carried out as a marine geophysical field course of Kiel University. One task for the participating students was the preparation of the cruise report. Hence, the focus of this report is on the description of methods and data acquisition but it also includes some first result. Some parts of the report are not written in a typical way for cruise reports but we (Christian Berndt, Jens Schneider von Deimling, Sebastian Krastel) decided not to modify the student's report because it documents the activities of the field course.

2 Summary

The cruise AL527 took place in the Western Baltic Sea in the period 6. – 14.09.2019. The cruise was carried out as a marine geophysical field course of Kiel University, supported by BONUS ECOMAP project. Starting and ending point of the cruise was Kiel. One stopover in Kiel took place during the cruise due to an exchange of parts of the scientific party (10.09.2019). The main aim of the cruise was to introduce marine geophysical acquisition to the students including hands-on experience in collecting marine geophysical data. This approach also included a first processing and interpretation of the data as well as the presentation of the first results.

Two areas in the Western Baltic Sea were the main working areas of AL527. The first survey area was at Boknis Eck, a part of the Eckernförde Bay. The main objective in this area was to search for an underwater observatory from the Coastal Observing System for Northern and Arctic Seas Project (COSYNA), which was operated by GEOMAR and disappeared end of August 2019. For this purpose, a survey with a bathymetric multibeam system from the "Marine Geophysics and Hydroacoustics" working group (Kiel University) was carried out. Furthermore, an underwater camera system was used for visual inspections. The second survey area was in the Mecklenburger Bay. The main objective was a pre-investigation of a buried beach for an upcoming cruise within the EU-funded project ACT-SENSE. Therefore, 2D reflections seismic, sediment echo sounder, and multibeam data were acquired. Additionally, 7 gravity cores were taken for ground truthing and sampling of the buried beach. In order to analyze major tectonic structures in the Fehmarn Belt and the Mecklenburger Bay, 12 additional seismic profiles were collected when transiting between the survey areas.

Our investigations showed that a buried beach is located in the Mecklenburger Bay beneath a layer of mud. The sand deposits have an estimated variable thickness between 1m and 9m in the survey area. The top of the beach was successfully sampled with several gravity cores. Further investigations of these cores, together with the geophysical data, will be take place in the frame of the ACT-SENSE project.

In the acquired bathymetric dataset from Boknis Eck some conspicuous zones could be identified, where possibly remaining parts of the missing underwater observatory are located. Unfortunately, it was not possible to validate these zones by the used underwater camera. These zones should be investigated by divers in the near future, for a reliable validation.

3 Introduction

The geophysical student field training cruise AL527 took place in the German territory of the Baltic Sea, more precisely in the Bay of Eckernförde and Mecklenburg.

One of the aims of this cruise was to gather more information for the search of the lost observatory from the Coastal Observing System for Northern and Arctic Seas Project (COSYNA), which is partly shown in Figure 1 during its deployment (Baschek *et al.*, 2017). The system was installed in December 2016 and measured temperature, salinity, oxygen, nutrients and chlorophyll concentration close to Boknis Eck in the Bay of Eckernförde. The connection to the observatory was lost on the 21st of August 2019 under unknown circumstances. Research divers only found the disrupted power cable and dragging traces on the seafloor close to the initial position of the station (Römer, 2019). During this cruise we surveyed with a prototype Multibeam Echosounder (MBES), kindly provided by the EU-funded BONUS ECOMAP project. Seeing that the observatory, or its debris, has a higher acoustic backscatter intensity and is elevated from the surrounding sea floor and we applied the Multibeam technology for the search.

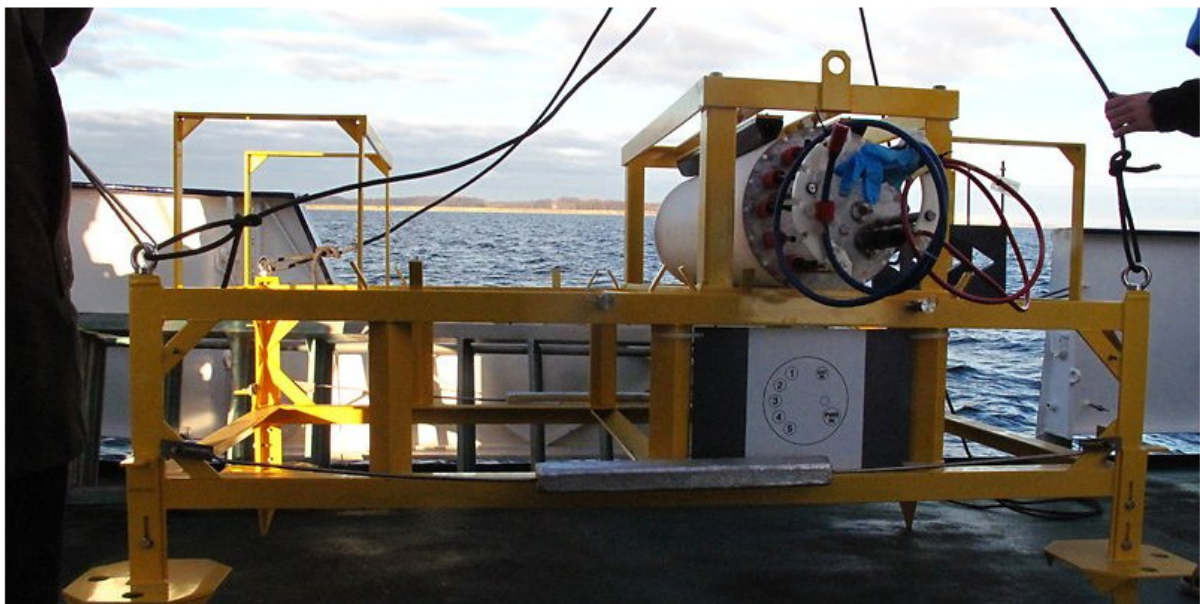


Figure 1: Picture of the missing observatory taken from Forschungstaucher (2019) of Kiel University.

A further aim of this cruise was a survey of the seafloor in the Bay of Mecklenburg as a pre-investigation for an upcoming cruise within the EU-funded project ACT-SENSE. According to the IPCC, geological storage of CO₂ is one promising method to achieve the goal of a maximum global warming by 2 °C. To avoid an unexpected aftermath, it is important to understand the impact of underwater gas injections into geological structures beforehand (Berndt, 2005). One field campaign for gaining more knowledge

about the related processes is scheduled for October 2020 (for more information (Berndt & Karstens, 2019)). It is going to take place in the area of the Bay of Mecklenburg where evidences of buried, presumably pre-glacial beaches exist (Heinrich *et al.*, 2016). The setting of sand below impermeable mud is good for gas injections. The aim of cruise AL527 was mapping of the potential injection areas by using 2D reflection seismics and hydroacoustics. Sediment samples taken by a gravity corer or a grab provide useful information to define the relevant sediment properties in preparation of the injection. The data of the Innomar Sediment Echosounder (SES) and sediment cores allow to charted the location and depth of the beach. Backscatter and bathymetry data collected by the NORBIT MBES can be used as reference data for potential injections.

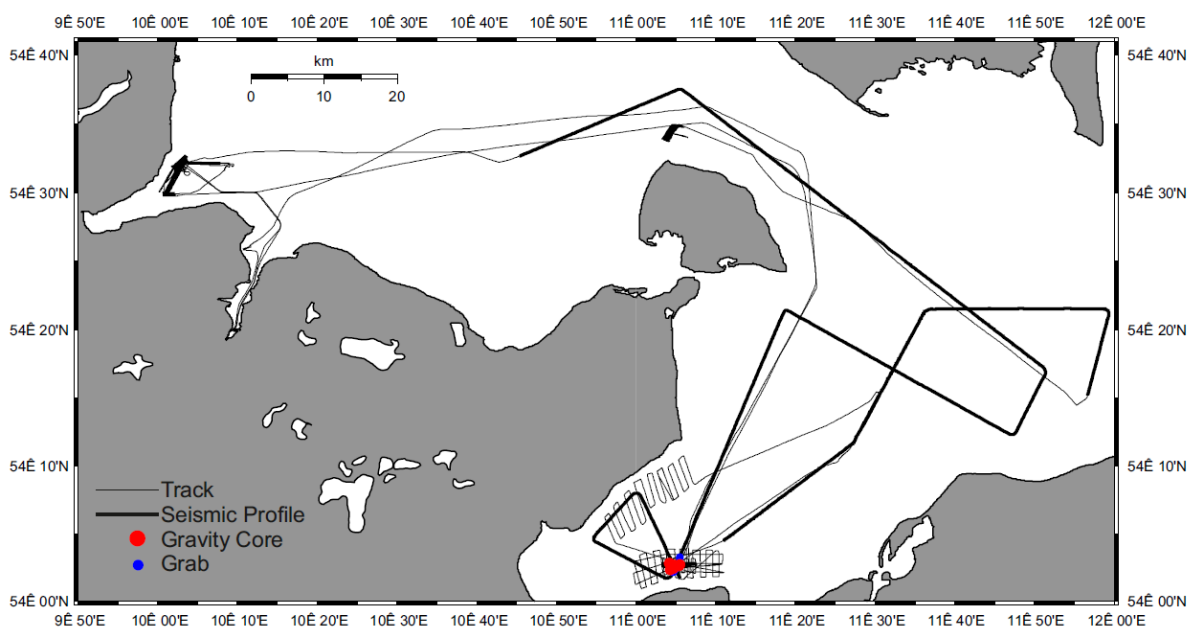


Figure 2: Cruise track of AL527. In the west the searching area for the observatory close to Boknis Eck. In the south the survey area for the measurement in the Bay of Mecklenburg. Red marks show where gravity cores were taken. Grabs are marked with blue points. Thick lines show seismic Profile tracks, and thin lines show the cruise track.

To understand the geological structure of the seafloor in the Bay of Mecklenburg, it is necessary to look at the history of the Baltic Sea. In the Perm (252 Million years ago) the Zechstein Sea was dried out repeatedly. At this time residues of evaporation deposited. The second to last layer of evaporation is made of halites. Due to its lower density, it rises to the surface. During the Triassic, layers of sandstones, carbonates, sandy marls and mudstones are typical shell limestone accumulations. Jurassic sediments are mostly interbedded sand- and mudstones. Typical sediments in the Cretaceous are sandstone and carbonates. In the Cenozoic the most common deposits are mudstones (Hübscher, 2010). The formation of the Baltic Sea started in the middle Miocene after

the last glaciation. The leftover of the ice margin are glacial drifts and moraines. After this holocene, silt and sand had a thickness of about 9 m (Winterhalter, 1992).

4 Narrative of the Cruise

In the morning of the **6th of September** the scientific group consisting of four senior scientists and eight students boarded the R/V ALKOR. The scientific equipment, that had been boarded earlier, was unpacked, installed and secured. The following cruise track is shown in Figure 2. The cruise itself started shortly past 08:10am from the Geomar pier in Kiel. We reached the Bay of Eckernförde, the first research area, around noon. Upon arrival we started a Multibeam Echosounder (MBES) mattress in order to search for the lost underwater observatory of Geomar in the restricted area Hausgarten. Using Kiel University NORBIT MBES, we discovered dragging traces and anomalies on the seafloor. In between the survey a Conductivity, Temperature, Depth (CTD) profiler was deployed in order to determine a depth profile of the sound velocity for MBES calibration. We finished the survey in the early evening hours and started a 2D reflection seismic survey using a streamer with 48 channels and an active length of 75 m. The survey was planned to run throughout the night towards the Bay of Lübeck passing by four permanent environmental impact survey points. Due to decreasing pressure at the airgun, the survey was cancelled around 09:00pm, airgun and seismic streamer were recovered. The technical problem could not be solved that evening. However, it could be identified that the adapter between compressor and supply cable for the air gun was the cause. Therefore, we steamed back to the Bay of Eckernförde to perform another MBES bathymetry survey. The mattress started at 01:30am the following day, the **7th of September**. It was situated just north of Mittelgrund, intending to fill in gaps of previous surveys regarding pockmarks. After completion of the mattress another CTD was deployed. Since the adapter for the compressor of the air gun could be replaced in the morning hours, we followed up on the earlier 2D seismic survey plan and headed at 02:30pm through the Fehmarn Belt into the Bay of Mecklenburg. The survey was finalized at 03:30pm on the **8th of September**. Shortly afterwards we proceeded with a mattress north-east of Lübeck using the ship-board Innomar Sediment Echo Sounder (SES) to investigate the remainders of a pre-glacial beach. The SES survey was finalized the following day, the **9th of September**, at 02:00pm and was followed by another MBES mattress in the same area. During the survey three CTDs were deployed and a rolling calibration was applied in order to ensure data quality. We finished this survey by midnight and secured all inventory for the following transit to the Bay of Strande, where we arrived by 07:00am on the **10th of September**. At the Bay of Strande we did a short MBES mattress in order to investigate a presumed bomb crater. At 09:30am we arrived in Kiel at the Geomar pier for a partial exchange of the scientific crew and departed at 12:00am again towards the Bay of Eckernförde. At 02:00pm we performed a video camera survey at Hausgarten, the area where parts of the lost underwater observatory are assumed, according to our processing of the previously

taken MBES data. Unfortunately, visibility was weak since only little light reached the seafloor and the installed light system was insufficient. Apart from that, exact navigation was not possible with the positioning system of the R/V ALKOR. Therefore, the survey was ended at 05:30pm. Nevertheless, we had sight on parts of the instrumental tower for a couple of seconds. Within the Bay of Eckernförde we performed another MBES mattress from 05:00pm until 07:00pm, followed by an Innomar mattress on the edge of Mittelgrund in order to investigate pockmarks further. This survey was completed by 10:50pm. Afterwards we set course towards the Bay of Lübeck. The transit lasted through the night and scientific work was resumed at 08:00am the following morning, the **11th of September**. At 07:00am we started another Innomar SES survey northeast of Lübeck which lasted until 02:00pm and was interrupted twice for gravity cores. Both of the cores were taken close to shore off Brook in order to investigate the possibility of storing CO₂ within the underlying sands. One of the cores was cut open and prepared for sampling to teach the students the method and process. Afterwards, we took seven grab samples to inspect the material of the upper seafloor. This enables better and more specific interpretation of the MBES backscatter data and verifies the structures supposed by the earlier survey. By 05:00pm we began another seismic survey within the Bay of Mecklenburg in order to gather further information on the Baltic tectonics. Over the course of the evening, the wind speed increased drastically, which made us recover the streamers ahead of schedule by 09:30pm as constant data acquisition was not possible due to the swell. Therefore, we moved towards Grömitz to start another Innomar and MBES mattress at 11:45pm which was finished by 10:00am the next morning of the **12th of September**. At that time we reached the next gravity coring position, close to the former coring area northeast of Lübeck. Altogether, we covered 6 locations, taking 5 cores since the corer could not penetrate the seafloor at one of the spots. All the cores were cut and packed appropriately for further examinations by Dr. Christian Berndt's work group at Geomar. In the afternoon, by 03:00pm we carried out another seismic survey within the Bay of Mecklenburg. Seismic streamer and airgun were recovered at 11:00pm in the Fehmarnbelt. Early morning of the **13th of September**, at 03:30am we ran another MBES mattress in order to survey a ripple field off Fehmarn that is being closely watched for a few years by now. Due to wind conditions we could not take the survey as planned with profiles in roughly north-south direction but had to change to roughly east-west profiles by 08:30am. At the beginning of the survey, a CTD profile was taken from which we could not read any data for technical problems. Another CTD profile was successfully taken shortly before the survey was ended at 11:30am. Afterwards, we took four more grab samples of the upper seafloor within the area of the just finished MBES survey, slowly heading towards Kiel. In between 01:50pm and 03:50pm different presentations on preliminary results of the cruise were given. Meanwhile, we ran a last MBES survey of the western branch of the ripple field off Fehmarn. Throughout the

day, cleaning and packing of equipment had started and remained the main activity throughout the remaining transit time to Kiel. The cruise found a successful ending at 06:00pm at the Geomar Pier in Kiel. At this time, two more talks by students were given.

5 Participants

Table 1: List of scientific crew.

Name	Position	Institute
Prof. Dr. Christian Berndt (09/06/2019 - 09/10/2019)	Chief Scientist	GEOMAR
Prof. Dr. Sebastian Krastel (09/10/2019 - 09/14/2019)	Chief Scientist	University of Kiel
Dr. Jens Schneider v. D. (09/06/2019 - 09/10/2019)	Senior Scientist	University of Kiel
Kai Frederik Lenz	Senior Scientist	University of Kiel
Dr. Philipp Held (09/10/2019 - 09/14/2019)	Senior Scientist	University of Kiel
Per Oscar Nilsson (09/10/2019 - 09/14/2019)	Master Student	University of Stockholm
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Anna Christina Hans	Bachelor Student	University of Kiel
Tatjana Michaela Weiler	Bachelor Student	University of Kiel
Jonas Liebsch	Bachelor Student	University of Kiel
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Tilman May	Bachelor Student	University of Kiel
Johanna Klein	Bachelor Student	University of Kiel
Kelvin Rathiens	Bachelor Student	University of Kiel
Pascal Koch	Bachelor Student	University of Kiel

Table 2: List of crew from Reederei Briese.

Name	Position
Helge Volland	Master
Christian Gräber	1 st Officer
Sebastian Neugebauer	2 nd Officer
Hans Jörg Freund	Chief Engineer
Matthias Jensen	Electrician
Hardy Schwieger	Boatswain
Ken Schnieders	A.B.
Benjamin Brüdigam	A.B.
Lucien Delachaux Dit-Gay	A.B.
Willi Rieger	A.B.
Thomas Kirschnick	Cook



Figure 3: Group picture of the scientific crew of AL527.

6.2 NORBIT Multibeam

Upon arrival on the vessel, we installed a NORBIT STX prototype Wideband Multibeam System (MBES) in the moonpool. The STX prototypes integrates an Applanix Wavemaster motion and inertial navigation system (IMU), which corresponds to a sound velocity probe next to the sonar head. A dual GPS antenna was installed at the rail of ALKOR's top deck and connected to the IMU. Installation offsets on ALKOR were taken from previous installation (Table 3). We supplied RTK corrections (15-AXIO-NET) via the on-board internet to support the dual antenna GPS recordings.

The NORBIT MBES produces a chirp signal with a $500\ \mu\text{s}$ lasting pulse resulting in 80 kHz bandwidth. 512 beams are formed with a beam resolution of 0.9° across-track and 0.9° resolution along-track at 400 kHz. Range resolution can achieve accuracy of up to 1 centimeter in shallow water. We sailed our surveys with 140° to 150° . The opening angle was variable depending on the bathymetry characteristics. Attitude data (.000 format) was collected with 200 Hz to allow for later post-processing of the IMU data. QINSy 8.18.3 and the NORBIT GUI recorded .db and .s7k data in parallel for bathymetry, backscatter, and snippet backscatter. MBSsystem and QPS Qimera were applied for post-processing. The strength of backscatter values is influenced by a number of characteristics: the strongest impact to intensity comes from the distance of the reflecting surface to the MBES radiator, and the angle in which the beams impinge the seafloor (Figure 5B). During processing both of those effects are mostly removed from the backscatter grid, leaving behind mostly backscatter effects of the surface which result from differences in sediment grain-size, micro-topography, biology and moisture of the topmost layer (Figure 5C-F). For assessing vertical profiles of sound velocity we used a multisensor Conductivity, Temperature, Depth (CTD) profiler 75M manufactured by Sea & Sun Technology. It is a self-sustaining probe, which is powered by batteries and can operate up to a depth of 1000 m. Three of the eight channels were equipped with a pressure, conductivity, and temperature sensor. Furthermore, the time mode was used to record UTC stamps with a sampling rate of 0.1 s. From the data, we derived the salinity, sound velocity, density, and acoustic absorption values.

Table 3: Installation lever arm offsets between the POSMV Wavemaster primary antenna mounting point and the sonar head flange.

Applanix coordinates	Offset [m] to primary antenna on the top deck
X	3.92
Y	3.82
Z	-15.73

After approximately one hour of sailing the IMU completed its self-calibration. The IMU also achieved fix RTK GPS leading to accuracies up to 5 cm for position and height

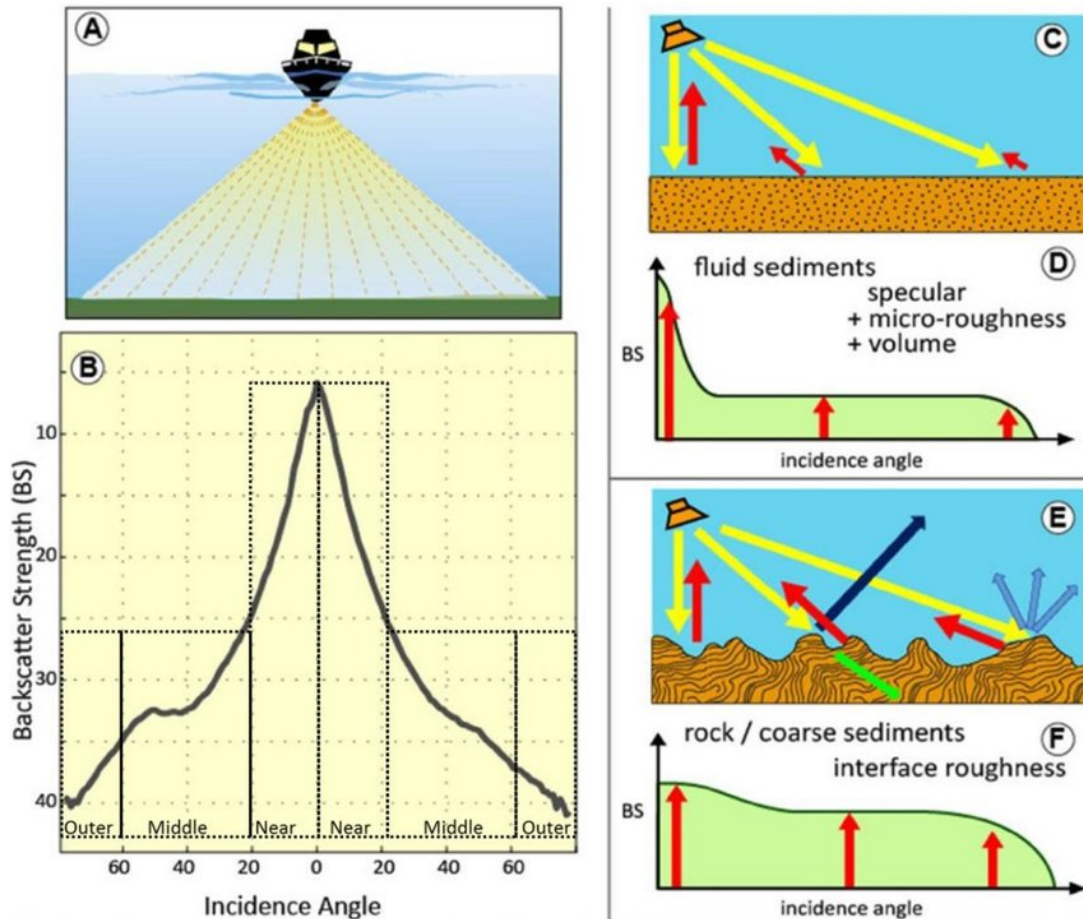


Figure 5: Influences to backscatter signal strength taken from Lurton & Lamarche (2015)

Table 4: Parameter Setup before and after the calibration (reference to COG was not provided).

Parameter	Initial GAMS value	Final GAMS value
Baseline Vector X	0	0.085
Baseline Vector Y	2	1.998
Baseline Vector Z	0	-0.001

most of the survey time. The roll calibration was conducted during a mattress survey in the Bay of Mecklenburg close to the coast of Brook. Bottom detection was reliable within the 140° sector, deteriorated with noise at 150°. Simultaneous recording of bathymetry, sidescan, snippet sidescan and water column was feasible at slow survey speed. Bathymetric data were recorded at survey speed between 3 kn to 5 kn and ping rates between 5 Hz to 10 Hz. Heave might be improved by post-processing (true heave) or RTK heave application.

6.3 INNOMAR Sediment echosounder

We used a parametric subbottom profiler of type Innomar SES-2000® medium which is hull-mounted on the R/V ALKOR. It transmits two high frequencies at high sound pressure. These two sound waves interact in the water column, generating harmonics. The SES-2000® medium sends and records primary frequencies of about 100 kHz and thus generates parametric secondary frequencies within the range of 4 kHz to 15 kHz. Secondary frequencies develop through nonlinear acoustic interaction of the primary waves at high signal amplitudes. The advantage of these secondary frequencies is the fact that they have a similar beam width and short pulse lengths as the primary frequencies despite the low frequency and the small transducer. The system allows a simultaneous acquisition of up to three different frequencies (multi-frequency mode), which are shot sequentially. Every shot is recorded by two channels, comprising a primary high frequency (HF) and secondary low frequency (LF) as full waveform and envelope. The secondary frequencies are adjustable and were set to 4 kHz with two pulses and to 15 kHz with one pulse during all surveys. The system has a vertical resolution of 6 cm and its accuracy depends on the frequency and water depth, e.g. 100/10 kHz: $2/4 \text{ cm} + 0.02 \% \text{ of the water depth}$. The soundings are corrected for heave, roll and pitch movements of the vessel. The system worked reliable and produced high-quality data throughout the whole time. After recording, the full waveform data was converted into the segy-format with SES-convert (version 2.3.0.2). If seismic data was collected simultaneously, one SEG-Y file was created for the length of each seismic profile. We imported the converted segy-files into IHS Kingdom seismic interpretation software and calculated the envelope subsequently.

6.4 EK60 fishery echosounder

The ship-board fishery echosounder KONGSBERG EK60 was operated with a frequency of 120 kHz for detection of gas bubbles. The data were not processed during the cruise and just recorded for a potential further use.

6.5 Gravity core and grabber sediment sampling

A gravity corer was used for taking sediment samples. It uses a 800 kg weight to press a 5 m long metal pipe into the ground. In order to collect and secure the core afterwards, a plastic pipe was installed within the metal pipe. Further, we used a core catcher at the end of the pipe to prevent sediments from falling out of the pipe. With this setup we were able to collect cores with up to 4 m length. Once the samples were taken, the plastic pipe was cut in 1 m pieces for closer investigations and archiving. A simple grab was used to get samples of the surface of the seafloor. The findings were documented

by pictures and small quantities were secured. The individual positions for gravity coring and grabbing are shown in Figure 6.

The SES data was used to choose interesting grab points considering topographical characteristics. The limited maneuverability of the vessel and the influence of water current makes it impossible to determine a grabbing point down to single meters. This influenced the choice-making of the grab points, some were intentionally chosen to be in areas of constant backscatter, while some were chosen in areas of the backscatter changing in small dimensions, to get a chance to collect information about some darker spots. These could show larger rocks, or biological features on the seafloor.

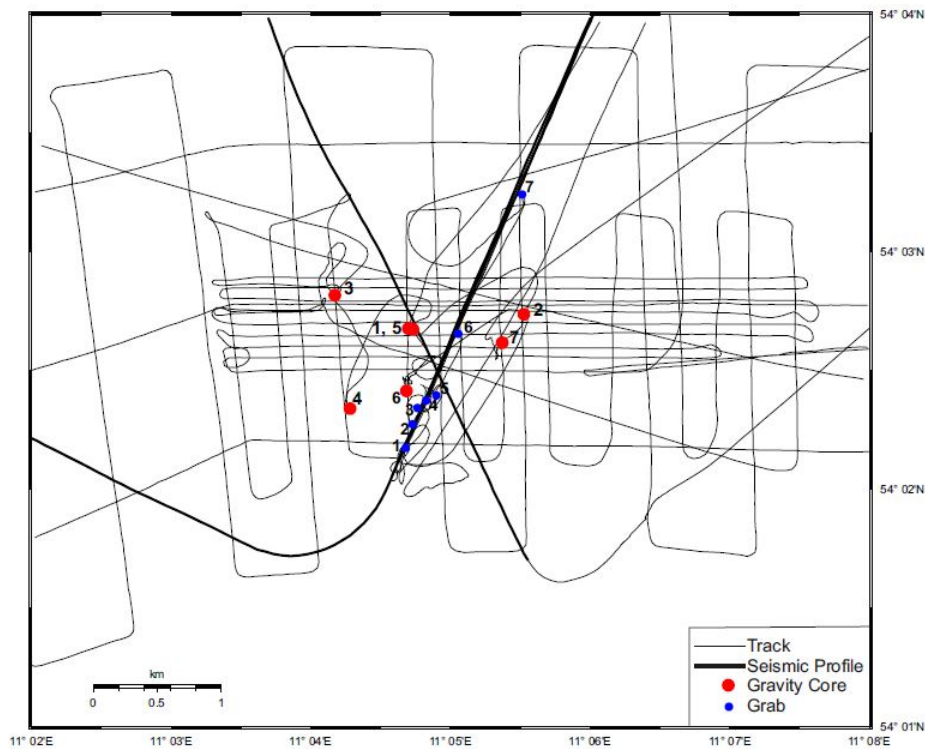


Figure 6: Positions of grabs and gravity cores taken in the Bay of Mecklenburg.



Figure 7: Deployment of a gravity corer (left) and example of a grab (right).

6.6 Video Camera

We conducted underwater filming in order to search for the missing observatory. For that purpose, we used a Mariscope-UW-Video-camera. The camera was lowered on the side of the vessel until the seafloor got into view. The depth of the camera was adjusted permanently as the ship moved. Unfortunately, the weak lights of the camera made it impossible to film in regions deeper than approx. 20 m. Further, the size of the image was small compared to the research area. Thus, it was hard to cover the area systematically for limited moving options and the low visual range. The camera was supplied by a power supply unit. The data was observed and recorded live on a connected computer.

7 Preliminary Results

7.1 Identification of sediment and biological characteristics

To get a better understanding of the composition of sediments and biological features at the seafloor of the Bay of Mecklenburg the same track has been surveyed twice, first using the Multibeam Echosounder (MBES), and then using the INNOMAR Sediment Echo Sounder (SES). Darker areas in the resulting backscatter grid show areas of stronger backscatter, and brighter values show areas of weaker backscatter (Figure 8).

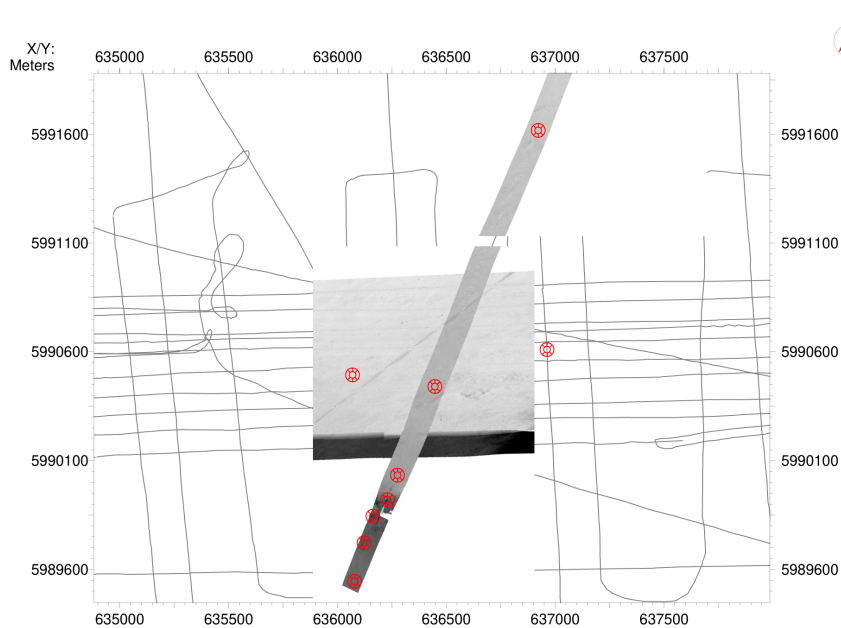


Figure 8: Complete backscatter data survey including chosen grab points, 1 in SW, 7 in NE ends of survey.

The first grab point was chosen in an area of evenly colored backscatter in with a dark gray tint. The SES data shows that this point is located on an underwater hill, with an elevation of around 2 m above the valley in the north east (Figure 9, grab_01). From prior exploration of the area it is clear that this hill is a sunken beach. The sediments that were expected to be found were mostly moist sand, without larger rocks or vegetation. The sediments that were excavated showed the expected characteristics: smooth, sandy silt, with weak to no odor, and small sea shells, without larger rocks.

The second grab point was chosen to be in an area of backscatter with equal overall intensity, but containing smaller, rock-sized areas of higher backscatter values. Hence, the expected sediments were similar to the ones excavated from the first grab. But,

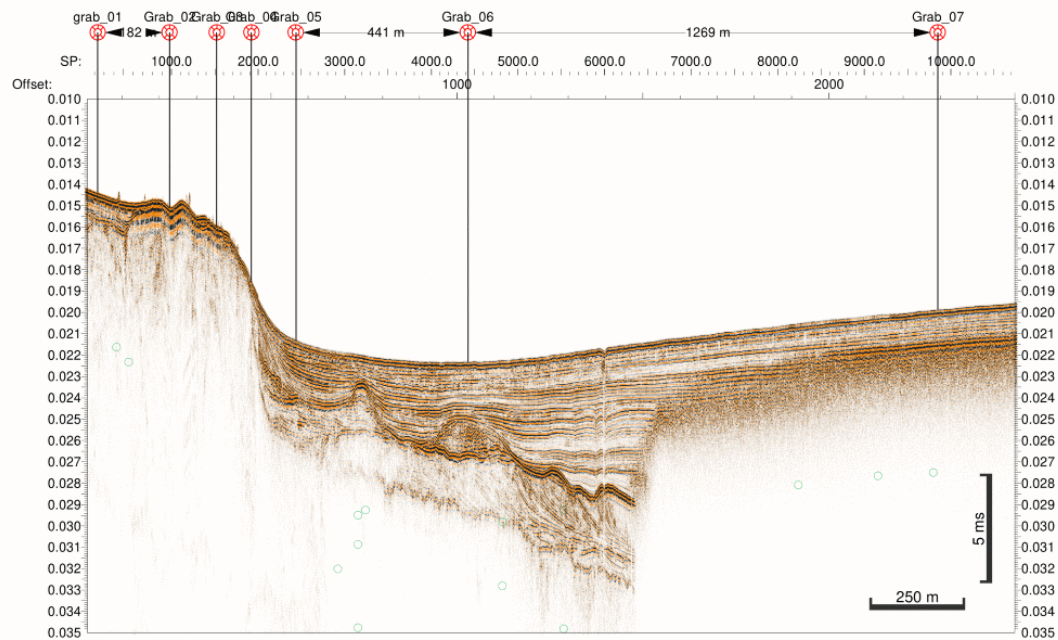


Figure 9: Complete SES data survey including chosen grab points.

considering the low precision of the ship and grabber placement, it could either hit a brighter or darker spot, the former being very similar to grab 1, and the latter containing larger rocks, or underwater plants. This was the case, the sample was largely similar to grab 1, but it contained less sea shells, and more, larger rocks with diameters up to 2 cm.

The third grab was the first one that was collected on the slope down from the beach leading to the valley (Figure 9, Grab_03), and lies in an area characterized by even darker patches of backscatter. Continuing the trend, it was expected to contain even larger rocks. And indeed the excavation results contained a large rock with a diameter of 15 cm, within mostly sandy, silty and badly sorted mud. It also contained smaller flint stones and rocks with sharper edges, these have likely rolled down from the beach in more recent times. There were only a handful of small sea shell pieces scattered within the sediment.

Grab 4 was chosen to be in another area of strong, dotted backscatter on a slowly brightening background. It is located on the steepest point of the hillside (??) and was believed to contain more sediments that fell down, and similarly sized rocks as the ones that have been found in grab 3. The examined sediment sample had a faint smell, and didn't contain large rocks, sea shells and was made mostly out of a mix of very small rocks, mud and sand. These findings lead to the conclusion that the grab was probably executed in a spot with brighter backscatter, and not at one of the darker spots.

The fifth grab sample was collected at the foot of the slope (Figure 9, Grab_05), in an area of evenly colored, light gray backscatter. The sediments found in the valley were

expected to be quite similar, with the amount of rocks and sea shells decreasing with increasing distance to the beach.

The findings were matching the expectations well, grab 5 contained small rocks (diameter of 2-3 cm), and small pieces of sea shells, and had a strong odor. Grab 6 contained very fine, silty sediment, and very small rocks (diameter of 1-5 mm). No sea shells were found in this sample, which corresponds to the long distance of about 500m between the location of the beach and grab 6.

The last grab point, grab 7, was collected at the end of the survey, at a distance of about 1.5 km from the beach, on a slow upwards slope (Figure 9, Grab_07), and at one of the brightest areas of backscatter along the survey track. As was the case with grabs 5 and 6, this sample also had a strong odor, and was very well sorted, with no rocks, sea shells or sand among the silty clay this sample was made of.

In conclusion the preliminary results of the survey show that judging from a combination of MBES backscatter and SES data the composition of sediments and biological traces at the seafloor can be predicted very well. Sediment samples collected via excavating with a grabber were largely consistent with the expectations.

7.2 Fate of the seafloor observatory at Boknis Eck

The COSYNA node system at Boknis Eck consisted of a shore-side container with power supply and server, as well as a shore connection cable, a sea-side node, data cable and two measuring stations. The first station was known as the Underwater Observatory and the second one as the Coastsens Tower (Helmholtz-Zentrum, n.d.). On 21st of August, 2019 the node (dimensions LxWxH: 2.4 x 1.4 x 1.2 m) and the observatory (dimensions LxWxH: 1.2 x 1.2 x 1.2 m) went missing.

A 3D bathymetry map generated by Qimera was used then to determine coordinates of conspicuous points in the area close to Boknis Eck. At these positions underwater filming was done later on. The evaluation of the backscatter profiles showed that the tower and the weights are still in the correct position. This could be confirmed with the underwater video camera. Two conspicuous points in the vicinity (70 m away) of the tower turned out to be railway wheels. Two further conspicuous points could not be identified by the camera. A particularly conspicuous drag mark with a length of 400 m, a width of 2 m and a depth of on average 20 cm passed the tower at a distance of about 200 m. At the end of the grinding track, an atypical elevation was visible, which could be very well represented by backscatter intensity. Since this elevation is a rectangular object of approx. 1.4 m x 1.2 m in size, it was obvious to assume that it was one of the missing devices. See also Figure 10. In summary it can be said that it was not possible to detect the missing devices. However, the surrounding area could be mapped. Coordinates of suspicious positions are passed forward to Geomar for further

investigations.

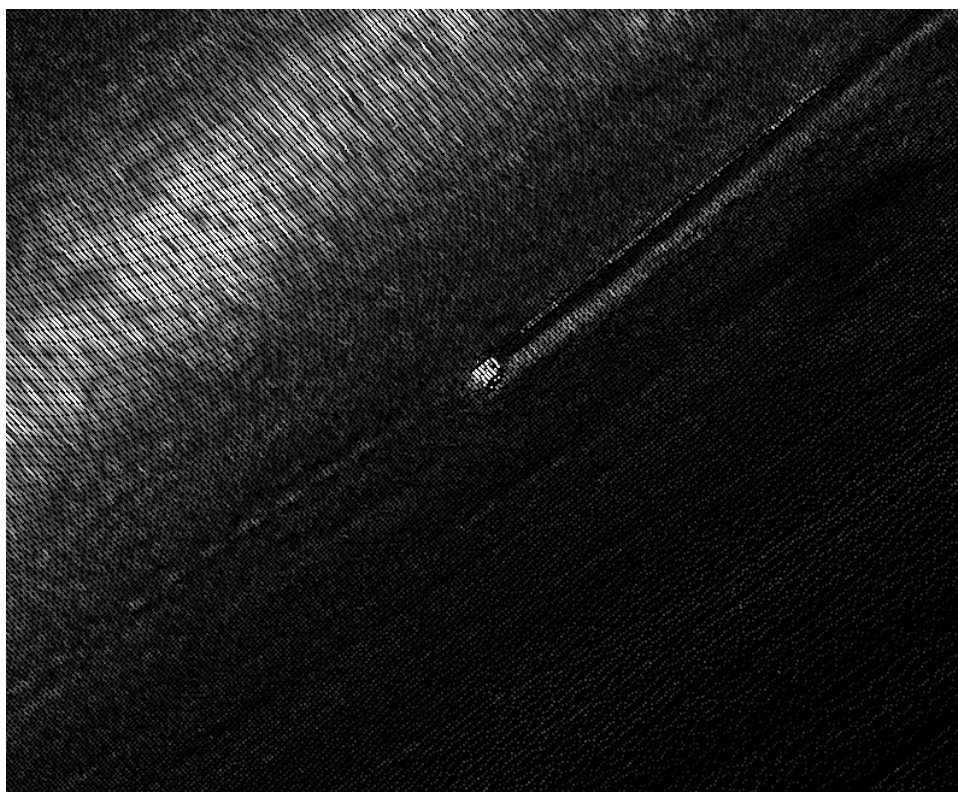


Figure 10: Object at the end of the conspicuous grinding track as derived by backscatter data by NORBIT MBES.

7.3 Spatial expansion and geological structure of a former beach in the Bay of Lübeck

The data were obtained with Innomar using a frequency of 8 kHz close to the Bay of Lübeck, processed and interpreted with IHS Kingdom Suite. In the Bay of Lübeck a former beach was expected, which was covered by sediments because of a rise in sea level when the present Baltic Sea was formed.

Since the focus of this exploration was the former beach, it will mainly be focused on the grid of the top of the sand, which is presented in Figure 11. Beginning with the dimensions, it has to be said that there are large gas accumulations (approx. 4 %) in the northern part of the survey. These accumulations make it impossible to get any valid data from this area. Therefore, the beach could possibly continue further north than presented in the data. In order to make a clear statement about that, different methods than the SES are necessary. In the south of the survey, a slope appears on the seafloor. This slope pretty much marks the southern boundary of the former beach, where the top part of the beach is just 19 m below the sea surface. The bottom of the

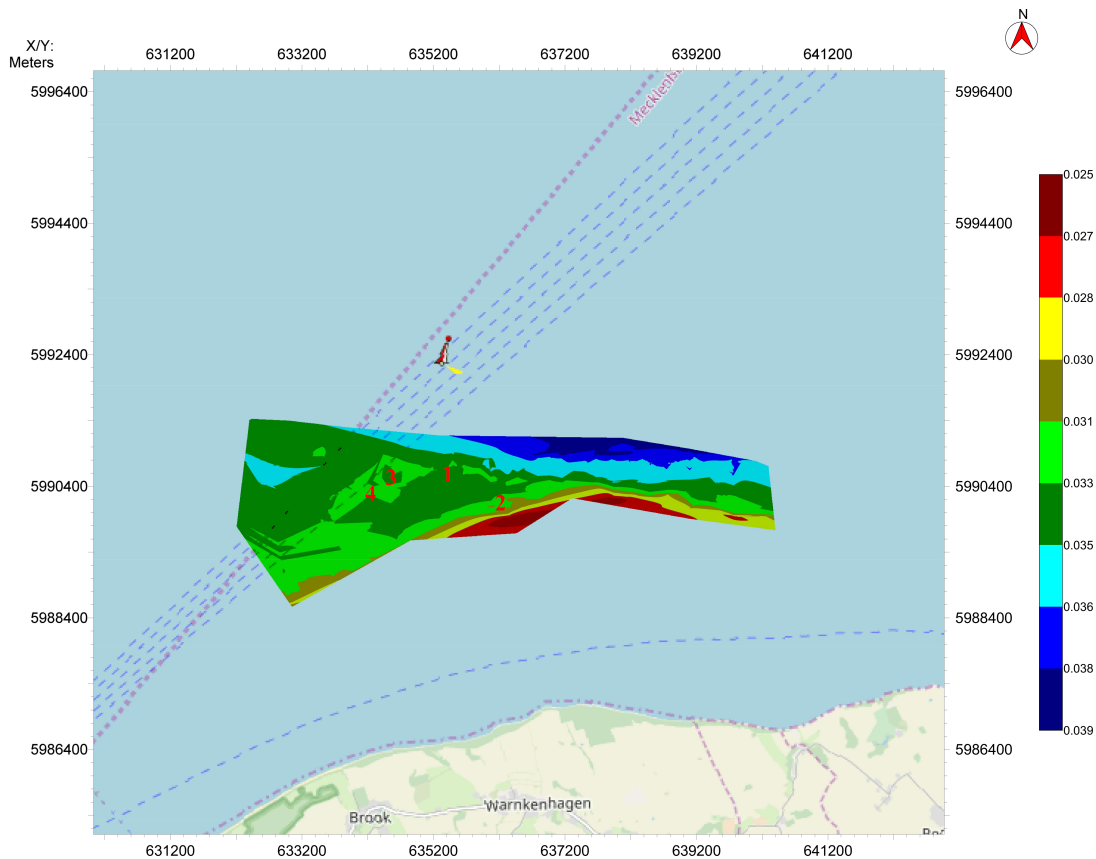


Figure 11: Top of the former beach in the Bay of Lübeck as conducted from SES data visualized with Kingdom Suite.

sand occurrences is harder to recognize, since the signal strength is getting significantly weaker proportional to the depth. The most distinct features in the collected data are two sandbanks, which are located in the very middle of the survey. Both of them are orientated in east-west direction, and thus along the general beach trend, and can be found between 23 m to 26 m below the sea surface. One of the sandbanks (point 2 in Figure 11) is located close to the southern boundary of the beach. Since we only collected 2D data, the algorithm did not calculate a continuous line for the sandbank. Nevertheless, the presence of a sandbank is supported by the signals to its right and left, even though the signals are weaker than the ones of the other sandbank. The second sandbank starts pretty much in the north of the first one. This leads to the assumption that both sandbanks could have the same origin. But, either way, starting from that region, the sandbank extends towards the north-west. At point 1, the sandbank seems to be disrupted as a line is going exactly through it. However, considering the other lines, it is more likely that the structure bends towards the north, forming some kind of arc around point 1. Further west, there is a small basin (point 3), which can be seen in the vertical and horizontal lines. Right next to it, there is another small interruption (point 4). The appearance of this interruption is not as smooth and natural as the one of the basins in point 3, since it originated from seafloor subsidence due to gas leakage.

In general, it was very hard to gather any meaningful information about the bottom of the sand structures, since they were not easy to pick and partly not visible due to the presence of gas especially in the northern part. Nevertheless, the grid shows a general trend from south to north with the southern part being closer to the surface. In the very north, the bottom of the sand structures reaches a depth of 33 m. Considering the lines, it can be assumed that they even reach further down. On the basis of SES data alone, no indication can be given about this thesis due to the increased gas content in the northern area. Apart from analysing the layers individually, I calculated the thickness of the beach by subtracting the grids for the top and the bottom of the sand structures. In the resulting grid, it can be seen that the thickness is at its maximum with about 9 m at the position where the sandbanks are supposed to be. Other than that, there is a general trend with increasing thickness of the beach from south to north. In the eastern part of the considered area, the sand accumulation is very thin (<1 m). This can be a true effect but it also might just be the result of insufficient data in the lower parts of the ground, where the bottom of the beach was quite hard to find.

7.4 Acoustic characterisation of gas

Gas fields beneath the seafloor emerge when biological material dies off. Methanogens, microorganisms which are common in anaerobic surroundings, are responsible for this gas formation as they produce methane out of carbon dioxide (Balch *et al.*, 1979). If the formed gas is covered by a sufficient thick layer of silt, the gas will not be able to escape but remains as a silt layer enriched with gas. Such gas fields can be observed in the Bay of Mecklenburg.

To study the acoustic characterisation of gas, hydroacoustic surveys at different frequencies along the same profile line were compared. In this case, data from the Innomar Sediment Echosounder (SES) at 4 kHz, 5 kHz, 6 kHz, 8 kHz, 10 kHz, 12 kHz and 15 kHz as well as seismic data at a frequency of about 300 Hz were analyzed. The considered profile line is situated in the Bay of Lübeck close to the coast of Brook and has an east-west orientation. The boundary points are located at 54°02'17.37" N, 11°04'46.51" E and at 54°03'01.26" N, 11°05'17.45" E and thus cover a distance of 1.5 km. According to the 4 kHz SES profile presented in Figure 12, the observed seafloor is characterized by a more highly situated area in the west. The water depth in the remaining profile is about 5 m lower. At an offset of 1400 m, a vertical disturbance is visible as a vertical blank. At the eastern edge of the profile, a gas layer is visible at 2 m depth. In general, an emitted acoustic signal is scattered by the gas layer, so that the backscattering of gas is more diffuse compared to the backscattering of the layered silt. Further, the acoustic energy is completely absorbed by the gas layer, so that the acoustic signal

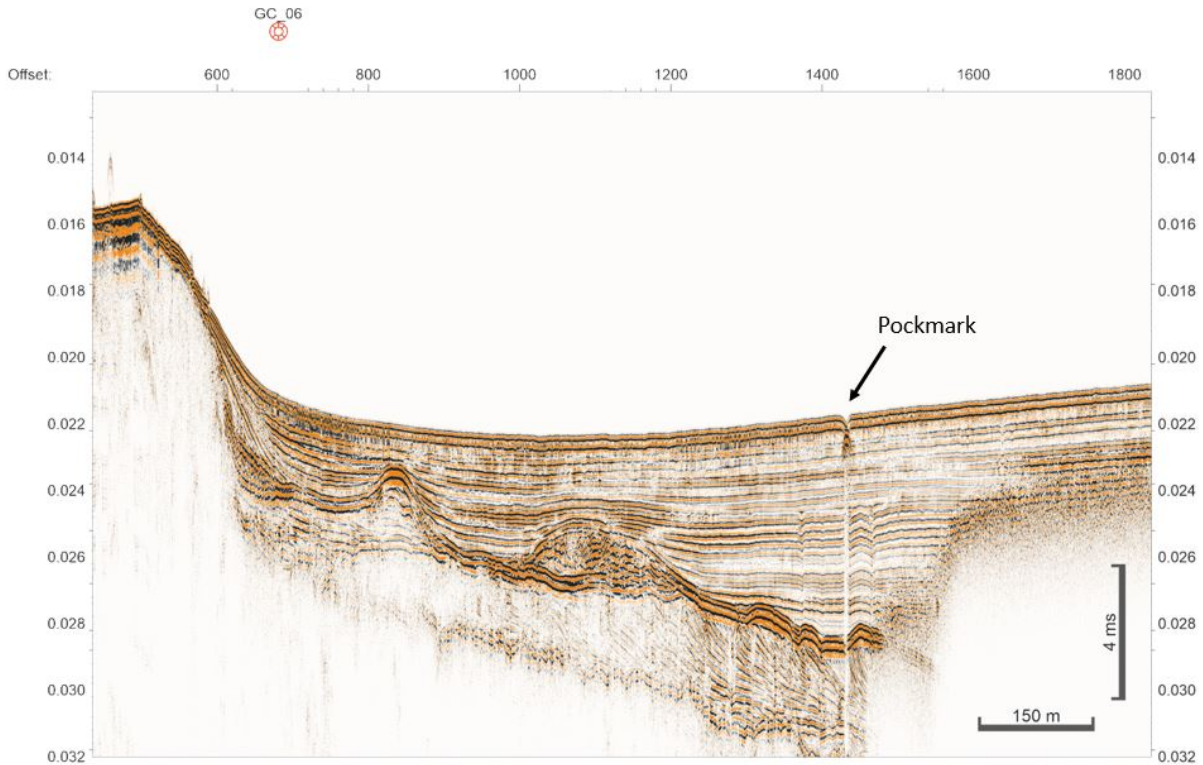


Figure 12: West-east orientated Innomar SES profile at 4 kHz close to the coast of Brook, extending from 54°02'17.37" N, 11°04'46.51" E to 54°03'01.26" N, 11°05'17.45" E.

cannot reach further down. According to these two effects, gas can be identified in SES data by acoustic turbidity and acoustic blanking (Sunjay, 2011).

The usage of different frequencies for the SES leads predominantly to different vertical resolution, in this case to 10 cm for the 15 kHz and to 40 cm for the 4 kHz survey. Thus, the layers of the seafloor are represented more detailed the higher the resolution is, as can be seen in Figure 13. However, considering the representation of the mentioned vertical disturbance as well as the transition zone to the gas enriched layer, this relation does not apply. Instead, the seafloor is represented best in the 10 kHz survey as blanking is minimized at that frequency (Figure 13).

The gas layer is also visible in the seismic survey presented in Figure 14. It is visible because of a phase inversion of the reflectors at the eastern end of the survey. This phase inversion arises as the acoustic impedance decreases from water to gas while it increases from water to soil. Further, gas is a stronger reflector than soil which explains the greater number of clearly visible multiples at the eastern side of the survey. The transition area is still characterised by a phase inversion. Nevertheless, the multiples are not as distinct as in gas layer, which can be explained by the difference in total gas content.

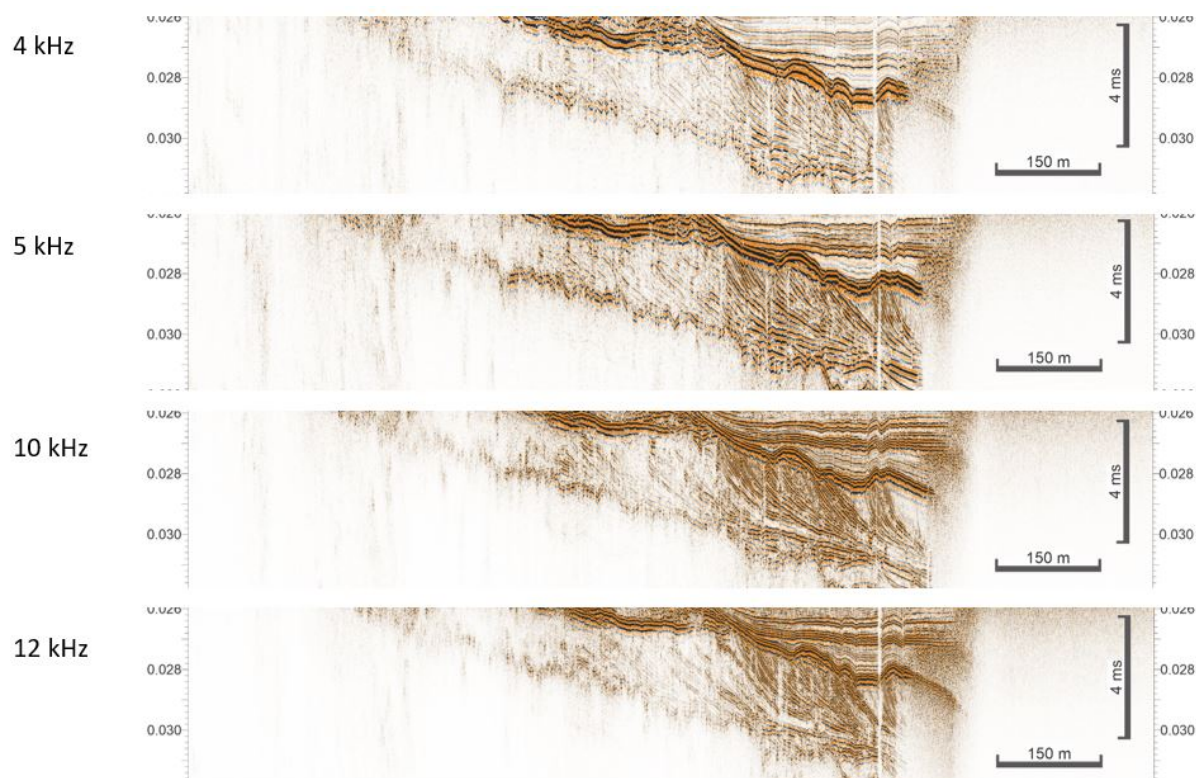


Figure 13: West-east orientated Innomar SES profile at different frequencies cut off between 26 ms and 32 ms.

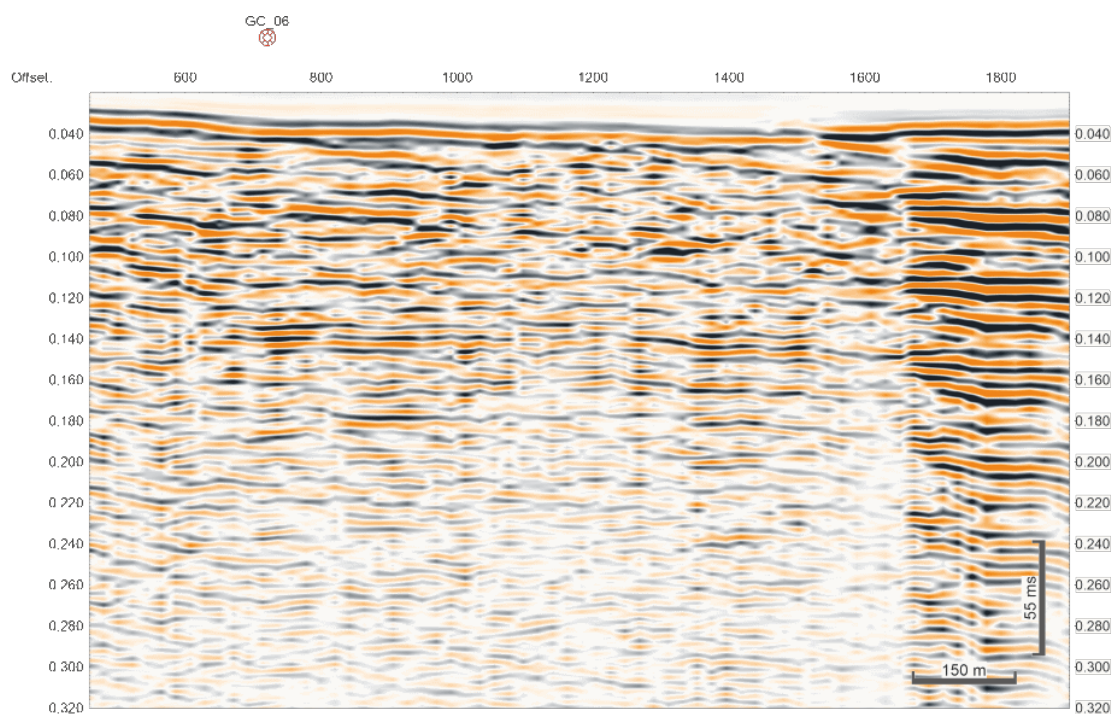


Figure 14: West-east orientated seismic profile.

7.5 Tectonic structures in the Bay of Mecklenburg

The profiles P202 (Figure 15) and P205 (Figure 16) both show some interesting geological structures. Profile P202 starts in the west of the Fehmarn Belt and ends in the east. The seafloor is located at 0.033 s TWT, the first and second multiple are located at 0.066 s TWT and 0.099 s TWT. The profile P205 starts east of the Fehmarn Sund and is running towards Travemünde. As the seafloor in P205 is located at 0.025 s TWT, the first and second multiple of the seafloor are located at 0.05 s TWT and 0.075 s TWT. In Figure 15 an anticline and syncline structure is clearly visible over the whole profile. There are also some zones of seismic blanking marked in Figure 15 between 13 km and 20 km. Seismic blanking is an indicator for the occurrence of gases in the ground. At the beginning of profile P205 the seafloor reflection shows a reversed seismic polarity which indicates high gas content in the pore space. There is also an anticline visible in Figure 16 at about 34 km offset and it's first visible at about 0.15 s TWT.

The 2D seismic data in the Bay of Mecklenburg is characterized by a lot of the recognized anticline and syncline structures. It can be explained by halotectonics. There must have been a time when the salt, which deposited probably in the Zechstein, moved upwards due to its lower density. So the overlaying deposited sediments started to be bent upwards by rising saltpillows.

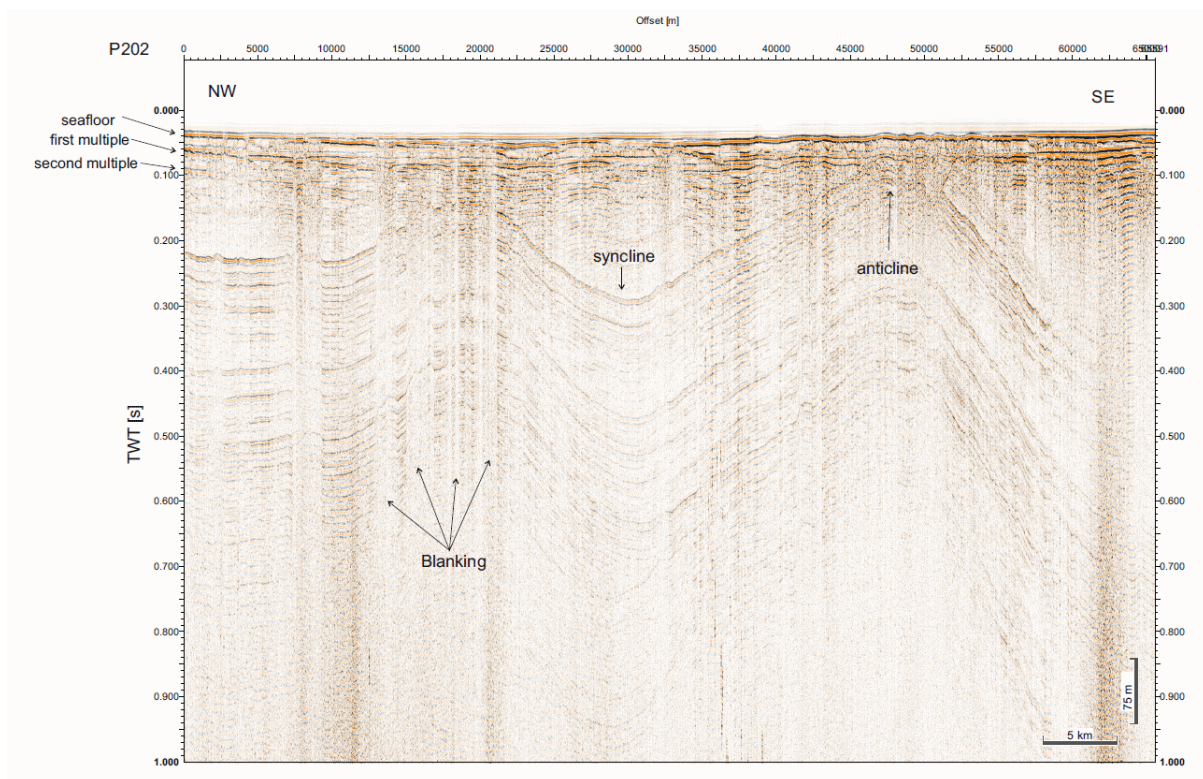


Figure 15: Seismic Profile P202 crossing the Fehmarn Belt from west to east.

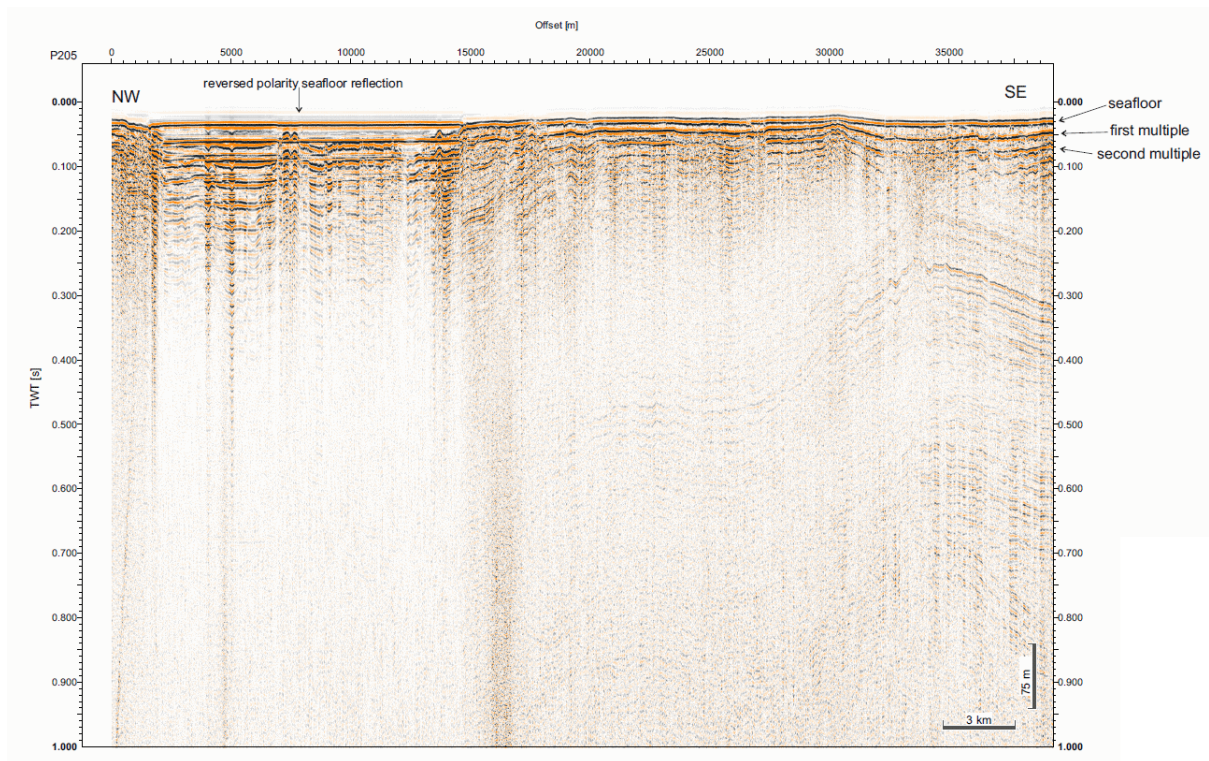


Figure 16: Seismic Profile P205 starting near the Fehmarn Sund und running in south-west direction.

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10 Acquisition protocols

Time	Latitude	Longitude	Course [°]	Heading [°]	Speed O.G. [kn]	Depth [m]	Source	Shot interv. [s]	Rec. length [s]	Leakage	FFN	Injector Delay [ms]	Gun-Pressure [bar]	Remarks
UTC	xx° xx.xxx'	xx° xx.xxx'												
Friday, 06.09.2019														
Seismic Survey S100														
17:40	54° 31.531	010° 02.401	291	282	3.5	28	Micro Gl	7	3	21,0	1000	20,0	120	6 sections in water. Survey al527-3. first file number is 1000. ch 33 dead.
17:54	54° 32.199	010° 03.117	86	97	3.8	26	Micro Gl	7	3	25,0	1130	20,0		Sampling frequency 0.5ms
18:00	54° 32.168	010° 03.788	91	97	4.4	26	Micro Gl	7	3	26,0	1183	20,0	80	SOL P101
18:20	54° 32.123	010° 06.020	92	94	4,1	22	Micro Gl	10	3	28,0	1336	20,0	45	changed shot interval to 10s due to low pressure
18:28	54° 32.116	010° 06.998	90	94	4,2	22	Micro Gl	10	3	28,0	1380	20,0		checking on dropping pressure, no info within shot window. Shots 1377-1436:empty shots
18:36	54° 32.111	010° 08.140	93	115	2,2	22	Micro Gl	0	0	28,0	1436	20,0		turning trigger off, taking gun in
18:58	54° 32.089	010° 09.419	95	126	1,8	22	Micro Gl	0	0			20,0		finished taking streamer and shotgun in
Saturday, 07.09.2019														
Seismic Survey S200														
12:57	54° 32.360	010° 43.980	72	69	4,6	22	Micro Gl	10	3	19,0	2000	20,0	120	6 sections in water. Survey al527-4. first file number is 2000. Sampling frequency 0.5ms
13:00	54° 32.481	010° 44.555	70	67	4,6	22	Micro Gl	7	3	20,0	2015	20,0	120	
13:06							Micro Gl	7	3		2068			Sol 201
13:07							Micro Gl	7	3		2074			only generator for testing
							Micro Gl	7	3		2087			only injector for testing
							Micro Gl	7	3		2113	0,0		injector and generator 0 ms delay
							Micro Gl	7	3		2141	20,0		testing delays
							Micro Gl	7	3		2150	18,0		testing delays
							Micro Gl	7	3		2159	16,0		testing delays
							Micro Gl	7	3		2164	18,0		testing delays
13:18							Micro Gl	7	3					
13:22	54° 33.126	010° 47.358	67	63	4,5	23	Micro Gl	7	3	27,0	2210	18,0	120	
13:45	54° 33.780	010° 49.994	67	61	4,4	21	Micro Gl	7	3	29,0	2401	18,0	122	
14:05	54° 34.402	010° 52.570	67	61	4,5	16	Micro Gl	7	3	29,0	2577	18,0	120	
14:25	54° 34.963	010° 54.790	69	65	4,6	16	Micro Gl	7	3	30,0	2743	18,0	120	
14:45	54° 35.598	010° 57.358	67	71	4,7	21	Micro Gl	7	3	30,0	2922	18,0	122	
15:05	54° 36.130	010° 59.699	68	72	4,5	36	Micro Gl	7	3	30,0	3090	18,0	123	
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16:25	54° 36.079	011° 09.049	126	128	4,5	28	Micro Gl	7	3	31,0	3778	18,0	123	
16:38							Micro Gl	7	3		3689	18,0		GPS Aussetzer
16:45	54° 35.230	011° 10.950	129	129	4,6	28	Micro Gl	7	3	31,0	3937	18,0	123	

17:05	54° 34.203	011° 13.626	126	126	4.7	29	Micro Gl	7	3	31.0	4114	18.0	122	
17:15							Micro Gl	7	3		4199	18.0		GPS Aussetzer
17:25	54° 33.220	011° 15.415	127	127	4.7	29	Micro Gl	7	3	31.0	4284	18.0	123	
17:40	54° 32.432	011° 17.187	128	128	4.5	29	Micro Gl	9	3	31.0	4420	18		changed shot interval to 9s
17:45	54° 32.287	011° 17.515	128	128	4.8	29	Micro Gl	9	3	31.0	4454	18.0	123	
18:05	54° 31.370	011° 19.701	127	128	4.5	29	Micro Gl	9	3	31.0	4584	18.0	122	
18:25	54° 30.411	011° 21.743	128	131	4.6	29	Micro Gl	9	3	31.0	4724	18.0	119	channel 33 shows strong signal prior to Nutzsignal
18:45	54° 29.548	011° 23.640	128	132	4.6	28	Micro Gl	9	3	31.0	4848	18.0	121	
19:05	54° 28.571	011° 25.810	128	131	4.6	27	Micro Gl	9	3	31.0	4985	18.0	119	
19:25	54° 27.699	011° 27.790	129	137	4.4	26	Micro Gl	9	3	31.0	5114	18.0	119	
19:45	54° 26.629	011° 31.155	126	132	4.5	26	Micro Gl	9	3	31.0	5267	18.0	120	
20:03							Micro Gl	9	3			18.0		GPS Aussetzer, kommend/gehend zw. 20:03-20:43
20:05	54° 25.730	011° 32.009	127	132	4.7	25	Micro Gl	9	3	31.0	5386	18.0	121	
20:25	54° 24.975	011° 33.844	127	133	4.5	25	Micro Gl	9	3	30.0	5515	18.0	115	
20:45	54° 24.017	011° 35.999	127	133	4.5	25	Micro Gl	9	3	30.0	5651	18.0	114	
21:05	54° 23.146	011° 37.955	127	135	4.7	25	Micro Gl	9	3	30.0	5782	18.0	120	
21:25	54° 22.216	011° 40.026	128	137	4.7	25	Micro Gl	9	3	30.0	5914	18.0	121	Channel 11 gives strong amplitudes
21:45	54° 21.235	011° 42.252	130	138	4.6	25	Micro Gl	9	3	31.0	6050	18.0	119	
22:05	54° 20.309	011° 44.236	128	134	4.5	25	Micro Gl	9	3	31.0	6182	18.0	121	
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23:19	54° 16.696	011° 51.340	203	209	4.5	21	Micro Gl	9	3	30.0	6677	18.0	120	sol 203
23:40	54° 15.211	011° 50.008	207	206	4.7	22	Micro Gl	9	3	30.0	6821	18.0	120	Line 203 SES data error (error description screenshot on desktop)
00:00	54° 13.901	011° 48.886	207	203	4.7	22	Micro Gl	9	3	30.0	6946	18.0	120	
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06:25	54° 13.471	011° 12.844	205	201	4.6	17	Micro Gl	9	3	29.0	9514	18.0	121	
06:45	54° 12.017	011° 11.788	202	194	4.6	19	Micro Gl	9	3	29.0	9646	18.0	121	
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13:10	54° 01.651	011° 05.647	115	100	3.5	10	Micro Gl	9	3	32.0	12220	18.0	122	EOL208
13:14	54° 01.620	011° 05.898	72	69	2.5	10	Micro Gl	9	3		12238			End of Mesurement
														SES Survey S300
14:19	54° 03.666	011° 10.366	167	160	3.3		SES							SOL301
14:54	54° 01.853	011° 10.384	234	244	2.7		SES							EOL301
15:04	54° 01.882	011° 09.619	358	5	2.7	5	SES							SOL302
15:40	54° 03.715	011° 09.620	327	320	2.7	12	SES							EOL302, maybe wrong depth
15:49	54° 03.727	011° 08.804	187	171	3.3	12	SES							SOL303
16:25	54° 01.822	011° 08.772	208	231	2.7	20	SES							EOL303
16:34	54° 01.823	011° 08.105	354	3	3.0	18	SES							SOL304
17:10	54° 03.737	011° 08.008	308	294	2.7	23	SES							EOL304
17:20	54° 03.743	011° 07.127	187	172	1.8	24	SES							SOL305
18:00	54° 01.713	011° 07.115	276	278	3.2	12	SES							EOL305

18:10	54° 01.842	011° 06.414	354	10	1.8	12	SES											SOL306
18:48	54° 03.836	011° 06.312	316	287	2.7	25	SES											EOL306
				167	2.1	25	SES											SOL307
19:37	54° 01.793	011° 05.551	180	184	3.1	12	SES											EOL307
19:45	54° 01.850	011° 04.967	355	4	4.1	15	SES											SOL308
20:22	54° 03.803	011° 04.871	355	349	3.2	25	SES											EOL308
22:35	54° 03.779	011° 03.811	181	169	2.4	24	SES											SOL309
21:16	54° 01.670	011° 04.030	235	259	2.8	16	SES											EOL309
21:24	54° 01.698	011° 03.450	354	3	2.4	17	SES											SOL310
22:07	54° 03.758	011° 02.975	286	247	2.1	24	SES											EOL310
22:17	54° 03.668	011° 02.143	193	151	1.0	21	SES											SOL311
23:03	54° 01.425	011° 02.735	184	203	2.7		SES											EOL311
23:12	54° 01.299	011° 01.949	354	360	3.1		SES											SOL312
23:57	54° 03.538	011° 01.305	347	332	2.8	23	SES											EOL312
00:09	54° 03.354	010° 00.451	179	168	2.9	24	SES											SOL313
00:26	54° 02.483	010° 00.786	169	163	3.1	24	SES											middle of 313
00:53	54° 01.097	011° 01.314	170	189	2.9	21	SES											EOL313
01:03	54° 01.018	011° 00.633	336	338	3.1	23	SES											SOL314
01:25	54° 02.124	011° 00.122	345	347	3.5	24	SES											middle of 314
01:40	54° 02.910	010° 59.738	342	348	2.7	24	SES											EOL314
01:43	54° 02.964	010° 59.857	84	82	3.0	24	SES											SOL315 (west-ost)
02:04	54° 03.215	011° 01.760	77	75	3.3	24	SES											middle of 315
02:22	54° 03.448	011° 03.442	83	87	3.3	24	SES											EOL315
02:22	54° 03.448	011° 03.442	83	87	3.3	24	SES											SOL316
02:50	54° 03.455	011° 05.890	89	86	3.3	24	SES											
03:24	54° 03.476	011° 08.922	90	88	3.0	23	SES											
03:45	54° 03.484	011° 10.815	95	115	2.8	22	SES											EOL316
03:59	54° 02.776	011° 10.685	262	265	3.2	23	SES											SOL317
04:27	54° 02.661	011° 08.071	264	267	3.2	26	SES											middle of 317
04:43	54° 02.515	011° 06.616	264	264	3.3	25	SES											EOL317, wrong course, stop line
05:16	54° 02.782	011° 10.707	272	270	2.0	23	SES											SOL318
05:37	54° 02.780	011° 08.928	271	271	3.1	24	SES											
06:03	54° 02.778	011° 06.560	269	270	3.2	24	SES											
06:33	54° 02.780	011° 03.998	270	271	3.1	24	SES											
07:24	54° 02.033	010° 59.700	177	168	3.0	24	SES											EOL318
07:41	54° 01.263	011° 00.049	74	64	2.1	23	SES											SOL319
08:14	54° 01.958	011° 02.650	67	61	3.1	25	SES											
08:58	54° 02.182	011° 06.295	91	86	3.0	15	SES											
09:27	54° 02.148	011° 08.843	92	881	3.1	24	SES											
09:49	54° 02.113	011° 10.939	84	45	2.0	23	SES											EOL319
10:14	54° 02.409	011° 08.485	280	285	3.9	26	SES											SOL320
10:34	54° 02.632	011° 06.535	283	288	4.0	26	SES											
10:54	54° 03.042	011° 03.636	289	295	3.6	27	SES											EOL320

11:14	54°03.047	011°03.356	171	168	3.3	24	SES											SOL321
11:34	54°02.018	011°03.576	170	147	2.6	20	SES											EOL321
11:35	54°02.139	011°03.835	355	359	3.6	20	SES											SOL322
11:55	54°03.108	011°03.713			3.3	25	SES											EOL322
12:07	54°03.114	011°04.126	179	171	2.5	24	SES											SOL323
12:26	54°02.198	011°04.269	175	170	3.0	20	SES											EOL323
12:30	54°02.193	011°04.699	355	357	2.0	21	SES											SOL324
12:50	54°03.131	011°04.682	360	360	3.0	25	SES											EOL324
12:56	54°03.116	011°05.065	187	180	3.4	25	SES											SOL325
13:14	54°02.186	011°05.102	180	171	3.1	19	SES											EOL325
13:19	54°02.191	011°05.368	12	8	3.0	18	SES											SOL326
13:38	54°03.160	011°05.359	0	357	2.8	25	SES											EOL326
13:43	54°03.140	011°05.677	179	178	3.7	26	SES											SOL327
13:59	54°02.214	011°05.712	181	181	3.2	17	SES											EOL327
14:06	54°02.206	011°06.151	13	3	3.7	15	SES											SOL328
14:24	54°03.119	011°06.179	6	35	2.9	25	SES											EOL328
14:30	54°03.066	011°06.605	176	178	3.5	26	SES											SOL329
14:44	54°02.186	011°06.669	169	145	3.6	16	SES											EOL329
14:48	54°02.215	011°06.890	18	4	3.2	16	SES											SOL330
15:05	54°03.140	011°06.922	35	48	3.3	26	SES											EOL330
15:12	54°03.085	011°07.350	176	174	3.8	25	SES											SOL331
15:28	54°02.144	011°07.490	180	196	3.7	18	SES											EOL331, end of survey
Tuesday, 10.09.2019																		
SES Survey S400																		
19:13	54°30.007	010°00.999	89	90	3.9	24	SES											Start of survey, SOL401
19:24	54°30.003	010°02.064	94	114	3.5	22	SES											EOL401
19:27	54°29.958	010°02.061	285	275	2.3	24	SES											SOL402
19:39	54°29.953	010°00.769	268	256	3.9	24	SES											EOL402
19:43	54°29.908	010°00.783	87	86	2.8	24	SES											SOL403
19:54	54°29.908	010°02.115	145	188	3.6	24	SES											EOL403
19:57	54°29.872	010°02.092	283	273	1.7	24	SES											SOL404
20:09	54°29.869	010°00.748	263	240	3.3	24	SES											EOL404
20:12	54°29.826	010°00.807	89	90	3.0	24	SES											SOL405
20:24	54°29.819	010°02.144	145	186	1.5	24	SES											EOL405
20:28	54°29.789	010°02.002	274	267	2.9	23	SES											SOL406
20:39	54°29.783	010°00.761	266	240	3.3	24	SES											EOL406
20:42	54°29.745	010°00.778	88	89	3.2	24	SES											SOL407
20:53	54°29.746	010°02.103	90	91	4.2	23	SES											EOL407, end of survey
Wednesday, 11.09.2019																		
SES and MBES Survey S500																		
05:06	54°02.16	010°04.63	27	28	4.8	17	SES											Start of survey, SOL 501, SES 4 kHz
05:41	54°04.371	011°06.266	202	204	5.2	23	SES											SOL 502, SES 15 kHz
06:10	54°02.121	011°04.616	193	170	4.3	18	SES											EOL502

06:16	54° 02.177	011° 04.657	24	22	4.6	21	SES												SOL 503, SES 6kHz
06:44	54°04.315	011° 06.255	28	20	5.2	24	SES												EOL503
08:43	54°02.257	011° 04.750	21	19	4.6	21	SES												SOL504, SES 10kHz, gain angepasst
09:12	54° 04.390	011° 06.297	1	359	4.6	24	SES												EOL 504
09:37	54° 03.021	011° 05.284	204	208	4.7	25	SES												SOL 505, SES 8kHz (zu spät eingeschaltet)
09:49	54° 02.131	011° 04.639	180	163	4.0	19	SES												EOL 505 (nicht vollständig)
09:53	54° 02.197	011° 04.678	27	29	5.1	21	SES												SOL 506, SES 8kHz
10:21	54°04.37	011°06.31	57	52	4.0	23	SES												EOL 506
10:39							MBES												Multibeam survey
11:18	54° 02.268	011° 04.739	27	28	4.2	21	SES												SOL 507, SES 12kHz
11:51	54° 04.328	011° 06.265	14	341	3.0	23	SES												EOL 507
11:57	54°04.28	011°06.23	203	209	3.5	27	SES												SOL 508, SES 5kHz
	54°	011°					SES												EOL 508
Seismic Survey S600																			
15:11	54°03.227	011°04.981	74	69	4.1	24	Micro G	8	3	19,0	13000	18	120	start recording 6 section 48 channels, channel 11,16,33 seems to be dead; parallel recording Innomar, run up to profile; streamer offset +3 m					
15:21	54°03.748	011° 07.892	71	70	4.1	23	Micro G	7	3	26,0	13117	18		changed shotinterv. to 7s					
15:31	54° 04.048	011° 09.331	68	69	4.3	23	Micro G	7	3	28,0	13215	18	118						
15:49	54°04.473	011° 10.930	56	55	4.3	22	Micro G	7	3	28,0	13359	18	120	SOL601					
16:00	54° 04.865	011° 11.923	55	52	4.1	24	Micro G	7	3	29,0	13439	18	120						
16:20	54° 05.725	011° 13.815	54	49	4.2	23	Micro G	7	3	29,0	13618	18	120						
16:40	54° 06.524	011° 15.666	51	50	4.1	20	Micro G	7	3	29,0	13790	18	119						
17:00	54°07.364	011° 17.550	55	57	4.3	20	Micro G	7	3	29,0	13964	18	120						
17:20	54°08.238	011° 19.520	53	55	4.0	22	Micro G	7	3	29,0	14142	18	120						
17:40	54° 09.081	011° 21.405	52	53	4.1	24	Micro G	7	3	29,0	14313	18	120						
18:00	54° 09.804	011° 23.067	54	54	3.9	24	Micro G	7	3	30,0	14472	18	119						
18:20	54° 10.786	011° 25.317	53	50	4.4	23	Micro G	7	3	30,0	14668	18	115						
18:40	54° 11.573	011° 27.046	53	49	4.6	23	Micro G	7	3	30,0	14817	18							
18:42	54° 11.654	011° 27.241	22	21	4.2	23	Micro G	7	3	29,0	14830	18	118	EOL601 SOL602					
19:00	54° 12.905	011° 28.416	27	21	4.2	22	Micro G	7	3	29,0	15007	18	119	Checking on the compressor. Slight change of course due to strong winds					
19:20	54° 29.548	011° 29.552	26	14	4.3	22	Micro G	7	3	29,0	15171	18	120						
19:35	54° 15.061	011° 30.428	18	356	3.7	23				29,0	15291			End of Mesurement					
SES Survey S700																			
20:18	54° 13.344	011° 25.174	241	241	7.2	22	SES							Transit					
21:45	54° 08.737	011° 07.143	320	322	4.6	21	SES							SOL701 Star of Survey with 8 khz					
22:09	54°10.691	011°06.001	328	290	3.9	13	SES							EOL701					
22:18	54° 10.301	011° 05.425	164	171	5.0	16	SES							SOL702					
22:40	54° 08.436	011° 06.626	175	211	3.3	22	SES							EOL702					
22:49	54° 08.171	011° 05.946	337	328	5.5	21	SES							SOL703					
23:14	54° 10.118	011° 04.604	279	233	2.0	14	SES							EOL703					
23:22	54° 09.76	011° 04.069	161	171	5.0	16	SES							SOL704					

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Activity - Device Operation	Timestamp	Device	Action	Latitude	Longitude	Comment
AL527_42-1	13.09.2019 11:30	Grab	on deck	54°34,298' N	011°04,174' E	
AL527_42-1	13.09.2019 11:29	Grab	in the water	54°34,300' N	011°04,179' E	AL527_Gr11
AL527_41-1	13.09.2019 11:17	Grab	on deck	54°34,415' N	011°04,310' E	
AL527_41-1	13.09.2019 11:16	Grab	in the water	54°34,420' N	011°04,308' E	AL527_Gr10
AL527_40-1	13.09.2019 11:04	CTD	on deck	54°34,550' N	011°04,495' E	
AL527_40-1	13.09.2019 11:01	CTD	in the water	54°34,562' N	011°04,478' E	
AL527_39-1	13.09.2019 10:59	Grab	on deck	54°34,562' N	011°04,477' E	
AL527_39-1	13.09.2019 10:58	Grab	in the water	54°34,564' N	011°04,480' E	AL527_Gr09
AL527_38-1	13.09.2019 10:40	Grab	on deck	54°34,738' N	011°04,697' E	
AL527_38-1	13.09.2019 10:38	Grab	in the water	54°34,740' N	011°04,698' E	AL527_Gr08
AL527_37-1	13.09.2019 01:12	CTD	on deck	54°34,756' N	011°05,818' E	
AL527_37-1	13.09.2019 01:10	CTD	in the water	54°34,771' N	011°05,660' E	
AL527_36-1	13.09.2019 10:38	Multibeam	in Moonpool	54°34,740' N	011°04,699' E	
AL527_36-1	13.09.2019 10:34	Multibeam	out Moonpool	54°34,739' N	011°04,741' E	
AL527_36-1	13.09.2019 10:25	Multibeam	profile end	54°34,602' N	011°04,811' E	
AL527_36-1	13.09.2019 01:32	Multibeam	profile start	54°34,772' N	011°04,221' E	
AL527_36-1	13.09.2019 00:54	Multibeam	in Moonpool	54°34,850' N	011°05,225' E	
AL527_35-1	12.09.2019 21:10	Seismic Source	Airgun on deck	54°14,760' N	011°56,077' E	
AL527_35-1	12.09.2019 21:00	Seismic Source	profile end	54°15,115' N	011°56,648' E	
AL527_35-1	12.09.2019 13:29	Seismic Source	profile start	54°11,682' N	011°27,279' E	
AL527_35-1	12.09.2019 13:12	Seismic Source	Airgun in water	54°10,857' N	011°26,126' E	
AL527_34-1	12.09.2019 21:15	Seismic Towed Receiver	Streamer on deck	54°14,626' N	011°55,758' E	
AL527_34-1	12.09.2019 13:06	Seismic Towed Receiver	Streamer in water	54°10,703' N	011°25,838' E	
AL527_33-1	12.09.2019 10:50	Gravity Corer	on deck	54°02,610' N	011°05,369' E	
AL527_33-1	12.09.2019 10:44	Gravity Corer	in the water	54°02,626' N	011°05,372' E	AL527_GC07
AL527_32-1	12.09.2019 10:21	Gravity Corer	on deck	54°02,410' N	011°04,695' E	
AL527_32-1	12.09.2019 10:15	Gravity Corer	in the water	54°02,422' N	011°04,674' E	2nd try
AL527_32-1	12.09.2019 10:09	Gravity Corer	on deck	54°02,443' N	011°04,672' E	empty
AL527_32-1	12.09.2019 10:02	Gravity Corer	in the water	54°02,464' N	011°04,664' E	AL527_GC06
AL527_31-1	12.09.2019 09:16	Gravity Corer	on deck	54°02,671' N	011°04,750' E	

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AL527_31-1	12.09.2019 09:10	Gravity Corer	in the water	54°02,679' N	011°04,718' E	AL527_GC05
AL527_30-1	12.09.2019 08:50	Gravity Corer	on deck	54°02,331' N	011°04,285' E	Umgefallen
AL527_30-1	12.09.2019 08:44	Gravity Corer	in the water	54°02,346' N	011°04,277' E	AL527_GC04
AL527_29-1	12.09.2019 08:21	Gravity Corer	on deck	54°02,811' N	011°04,180' E	
AL527_29-1	12.09.2019 08:15	Gravity Corer	in the water	54°02,823' N	011°04,167' E	AL527_GC03
AL527_28-1	12.09.2019 07:40	SES2000	profile end	54°04,386' N	010°57,372' E	
AL527_28-1	11.09.2019 21:45	SES2000	profile start	54°08,767' N	011°07,117' E	
AL527_27-2	11.09.2019 19:40	Seismic Source	Airgun on deck	54°15,345' N	011°30,398' E	
AL527_27-2	11.09.2019 19:34	Seismic Source	profile end	54°15,088' N	011°30,424' E	
AL527_27-2	11.09.2019 15:48	Seismic Source	profile start	54°04,445' N	011°10,861' E	
AL527_27-2	11.09.2019 14:45	Seismic Source	Airgun in water	54°02,996' N	011°05,168' E	
AL527_27-1	11.09.2019 19:46	Seismic Towed Receiver	Streamer on deck	54°15,360' N	011°30,087' E	
AL527_27-1	11.09.2019 14:40	Seismic Towed Receiver	Streamer in water	54°03,078' N	011°05,317' E	
AL527_26-1	11.09.2019 14:25	Grab	on deck	54°03,243' N	011°05,509' E	AL527_Gr07
AL527_26-1	11.09.2019 14:24	Grab	in the water	54°03,244' N	011°05,514' E	
AL527_25-1	11.09.2019 14:12	Grab	on deck	54°02,650' N	011°05,058' E	AL527_Gr06
AL527_25-1	11.09.2019 14:10	Grab	in the water	54°02,662' N	011°05,054' E	
AL527_24-1	11.09.2019 14:03	Grab	on deck	54°02,390' N	011°04,901' E	AL527_Gr05
AL527_24-1	11.09.2019 14:01	Grab	in the water	54°02,397' N	011°04,893' E	
AL527_23-1	11.09.2019 13:49	Grab	on deck	54°02,374' N	011°04,827' E	AL527_Gr04
AL527_23-1	11.09.2019 13:47	Grab	in the water	54°02,374' N	011°04,826' E	
AL527_22-1	11.09.2019 13:33	Grab	on deck	54°02,331' N	011°04,762' E	AL527_Gr03
AL527_22-1	11.09.2019 13:31	Grab	in the water	54°02,337' N	011°04,765' E	
AL527_21-1	11.09.2019 13:11	Grab	on deck	54°02,275' N	011°04,727' E	AL527_Gr02
AL527_21-1	11.09.2019 13:09	Grab	in the water	54°02,273' N	011°04,729' E	
AL527_20-1	11.09.2019 12:55	Grab	on deck	54°02,179' N	011°04,670' E	AL527_Gr01
AL527_20-1	11.09.2019 12:54	Grab	in the water	54°02,169' N	011°04,686' E	
AL527_19-2	11.09.2019 11:28	Multibeam	out Moonpool	54°02,900' N	011°05,205' E	
AL527_19-2	11.09.2019 11:26	Multibeam	profile end	54°02,816' N	011°05,144' E	
AL527_19-2	11.09.2019 10:39	Multibeam	profile start	54°04,178' N	011°06,166' E	
AL527_19-2	11.09.2019 10:27	Multibeam	in Moonpool	54°04,304' N	011°06,249' E	
AL527_19-1	11.09.2019 12:37	SES2000	profile end	54°02,028' N	011°04,636' E	
AL527_19-1	11.09.2019 08:42	SES2000	profile start	54°02,173' N	011°04,677' E	
AL527_18-1	11.09.2019 08:09	Gravity Corer	on deck	54°02,738' N	011°05,529' E	AL527_GC02

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AL527_18-1	11.09.2019 08:02	Gravity Corer	in the water	54°02,739' N	011°05,520' E	
AL527_17-1	11.09.2019 07:17	Gravity Corer	on deck	54°02,676' N	011°04,710' E	AL527_GC01
AL527_17-1	11.09.2019 07:11	Gravity Corer	in the water	54°02,680' N	011°04,694' E	
AL527_16-1	11.09.2019 06:43	SES2000	profile end	54°04,351' N	011°06,284' E	
AL527_16-1	11.09.2019 05:00	SES2000	profile start	54°02,097' N	011°05,056' E	
AL527_15-1	10.09.2019 20:53	SES2000	profile end	54°29,747' N	010°02,105' E	
AL527_15-1	10.09.2019 19:13	SES2000	profile start	54°30,010' N	010°00,848' E	
AL527_14-1	10.09.2019 17:07	Hydrosonde	on deck	54°30,065' N	010°00,746' E	
AL527_14-1	10.09.2019 17:03	Hydrosonde	in the water	54°30,067' N	010°00,750' E	
AL527_13-1	10.09.2019 18:59	Multibeam	out Moonpool	54°29,853' N	010°02,067' E	
AL527_13-1	10.09.2019 18:53	Multibeam	profile end	54°29,745' N	010°02,039' E	
AL527_13-1	10.09.2019 17:07	Multibeam	profile start	54°30,064' N	010°00,746' E	
AL527_13-1	10.09.2019 15:50	Multibeam	in Moonpool	54°32,003' N	010°02,743' E	
AL527_12-1	10.09.2019 15:23	Underwater Video System	on deck	54°31,975' N	010°02,462' E	
AL527_12-1	10.09.2019 12:20	Underwater Video System	in the water	54°32,159' N	010°02,733' E	
AL527_11-1	10.09.2019 06:20	Multibeam	out Moonpool	54°25,790' N	010°11,066' E	
AL527_11-1	10.09.2019 06:18	Multibeam	profile end	54°25,797' N	010°10,889' E	
AL527_11-1	10.09.2019 05:43	Multibeam	profile start	54°26,019' N	010°11,348' E	
AL527_11-1	10.09.2019 05:30	Multibeam	in Moonpool	54°26,224' N	010°11,778' E	
AL527_10-1	09.09.2019 18:50	Hydrosonde	on deck	54°02,780' N	011°04,075' E	
AL527_10-1	09.09.2019 18:45	Hydrosonde	in the water	54°02,798' N	011°04,081' E	
AL527_9-1	09.09.2019 16:15	Hydrosonde	on deck	54°02,843' N	011°04,209' E	
AL527_9-1	09.09.2019 16:12	Hydrosonde	in the water	54°02,839' N	011°04,205' E	
AL527_8-1	09.09.2019 21:44	Multibeam	out Moonpool	54°02,499' N	011°06,054' E	
AL527_8-1	09.09.2019 21:43	Multibeam	profile end	54°02,499' N	011°06,016' E	
AL527_8-1	09.09.2019 14:26	Multibeam	profile start	54°03,159' N	011°06,332' E	
AL527_8-1	09.09.2019 14:01	Multibeam	in Moonpool	54°02,122' N	011°05,768' E	
AL527_7-1	09.09.2019 13:26	SES2000	profile end	54°02,540' N	011°05,371' E	
AL527_7-1	08.09.2019 12:18	SES2000	profile start	54°05,198' N	011°02,721' E	
AL527_6-2	08.09.2019 13:27	Seismic Towed Receiver	Streamer on deck	54°01,806' N	011°06,287' E	
AL527_6-2	08.09.2019 13:13	Seismic Towed Receiver	profile end	54°01,614' N	011°05,831' E	
AL527_6-2	08.09.2019 04:27	Seismic Towed Receiver	alter course	54°21,342' N	011°19,149' E	

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AL527_6-2	07.09.2019 15:48	Seismic Towed Receiver	alter course	54°37,481' N	011°05,157' E	
AL527_6-2	07.09.2019 13:05	Seismic Towed Receiver	profile start	54°32,642' N	010°45,292' E	
AL527_6-2	07.09.2019 12:44	Seismic Towed Receiver	Streamer in water	54°32,254' N	010°43,131' E	
AL527_6-1	08.09.2019 13:20	Seismic Source	Airgun on deck	54°01,713' N	011°06,145' E	
AL527_6-1	07.09.2019 12:37	Seismic Source	Airgun in water	54°32,229' N	010°42,693' E	
AL527_5-1	07.09.2019 05:31	Hydrosonde	on deck	54°31,992' N	010°02,393' E	
AL527_5-1	07.09.2019 05:28	Hydrosonde	in the water	54°31,995' N	010°02,385' E	
AL527_4-1	06.09.2019 20:31	Seismic Source	Airgun on deck	54°31,890' N	010°08,997' E	
AL527_4-1	06.09.2019 20:13	Seismic Source	Airgun in water	54°32,147' N	010°08,211' E	Gerätetest
AL527_3-2	06.09.2019 18:47	Seismic Source	Airgun on deck	54°32,108' N	010°08,630' E	Airgun defekt
AL527_3-2	06.09.2019 17:19	Seismic Source	Airgun in water	54°31,883' N	010°03,670' E	
AL527_3-1	06.09.2019 18:56	Seismic Towed Receiver	Streamer on deck	54°32,084' N	010°09,302' E	
AL527_3-1	06.09.2019 18:38	Seismic Towed Receiver	profile end	54°32,110' N	010°08,160' E	Unterbrechung Airgun defekt
AL527_3-1	06.09.2019 17:53	Seismic Towed Receiver	profile start	54°32,196' N	010°03,058' E	
AL527_3-1	06.09.2019 17:09	Seismic Towed Receiver	Streamer in water	54°32,099' N	010°03,858' E	
AL527_2-1	06.09.2019 15:18	Hydrosonde	on deck	54°31,682' N	010°02,050' E	
AL527_2-1	06.09.2019 15:15	Hydrosonde	in the water	54°31,678' N	010°02,055' E	
AL527_1-1	07.09.2019 10:12	Multibeam	out Moonpool	54°32,078' N	010°02,802' E	
AL527_1-1	07.09.2019 10:10	Multibeam	profile end	54°32,128' N	010°02,901' E	
AL527_1-1	06.09.2019 23:34	Multibeam	profile start	54°30,071' N	010°01,485' E	
AL527_1-1	06.09.2019 17:02	Multibeam	profile end	54°32,189' N	010°03,721' E	
AL527_1-1	06.09.2019 09:07	Multibeam	profile start	54°31,512' N	010°03,384' E	
AL527_1-1	06.09.2019 08:49	Multibeam	in Moonpool	54°31,602' N	010°03,368' E	