

Kinvarra Bay Data Fusion



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Objectives

- Develop mobile, wireless-enabled sensing system
- Mapping of conductivity, temperature, depth with high temporal and spatial resolution
- Conduct boat-based transects of Kinvarra bay in order to determine quantity of submarine freshwater inputs from north Galway karst system

Background



- Karst system with series of turloughs
- 2 major freshwater inputs to Kinvarra Bay



Problem



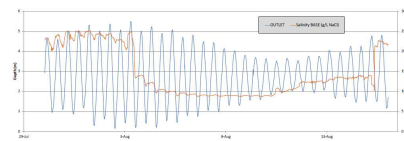
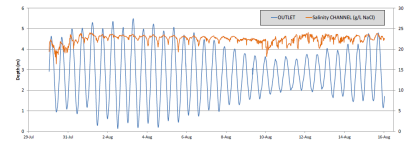
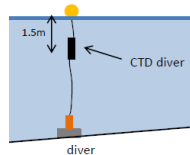
Low Tide



High Tide

- Intertidal freshwater inputs
- Flows cannot be easily gauged

Previous sampling (TCD)



- Fixed point sampling using CTD Diver probes
- Data from two previous deployments

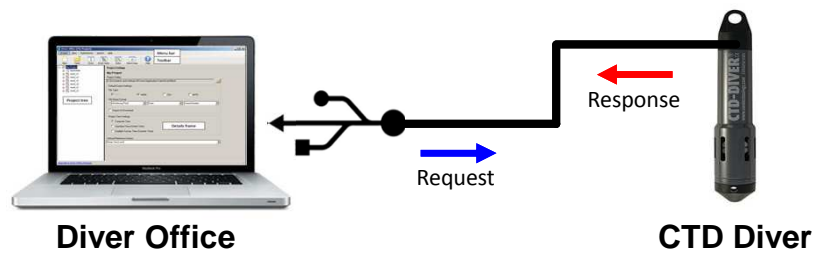
CTD Diver integration

- Communications Protocol
- Management Application
- System Testing
- Hardware purchased
 - CTD Diver
 - Diver Gate & cable
 - Raspberry Pi system
 - €2,400 approx.



Communications protocol

- Protocol determined using Diver Office software



Management Application

- Interface program
 - Written in Java
- CTD-PC
 - Extracts data from CTD Diver
 - Time stamp, conductivity, temperature, & depth
 - Sampling frequency controllable
 - e.g. 1 Hz or greater
- PC-GFT
 - Uploads data to GFT
 - Reporting period controllable

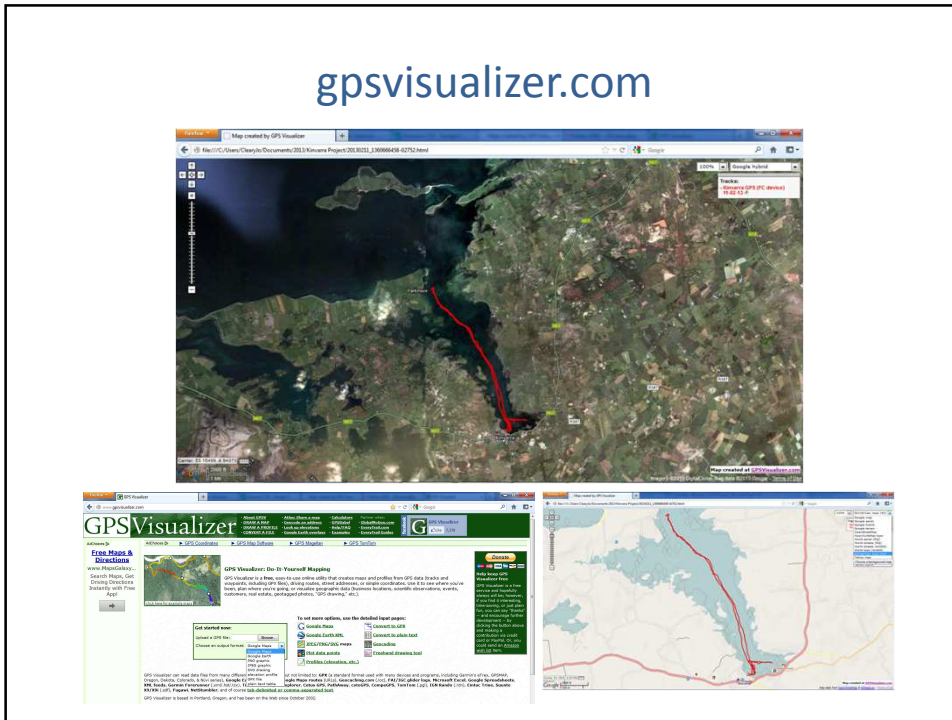
Kinvarra deployment

- 11 February 2013
- DCU, TCD and NUIM teams
- SmartBay provided hired rib & technical support
- GPS unit and 2 x CTD Diver used to perform longitudinal transects of Kinvarra bay
- Separate CDT Diver also deployed at fixed point
- Divers mounted at side of rib:
 - “Shallow – B” sub-surface (0-50 cm)
 - “Deep – A” approx 100 cm (outward); 200 cm (return)

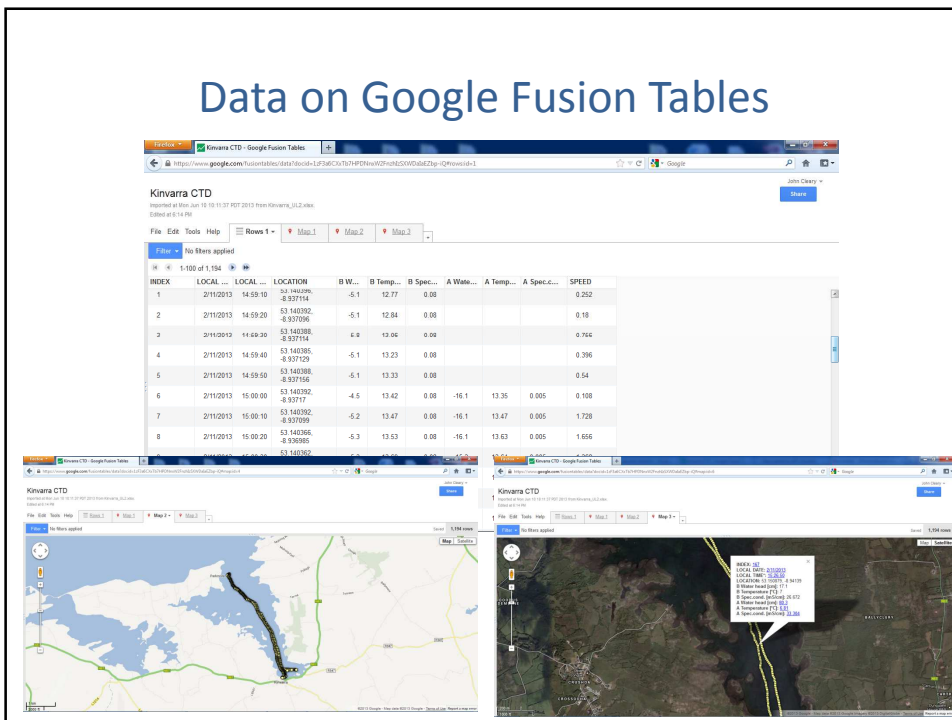
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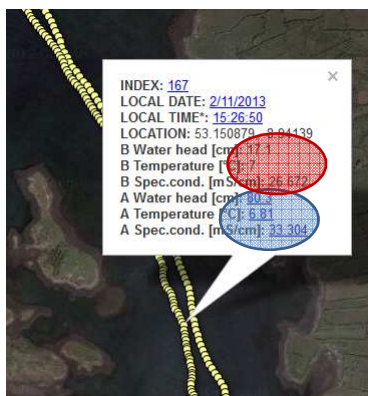
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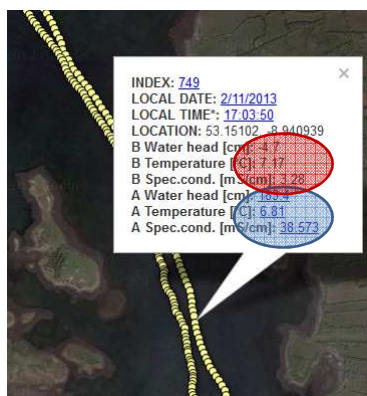
Data on Google Fusion Tables



Point comparisons



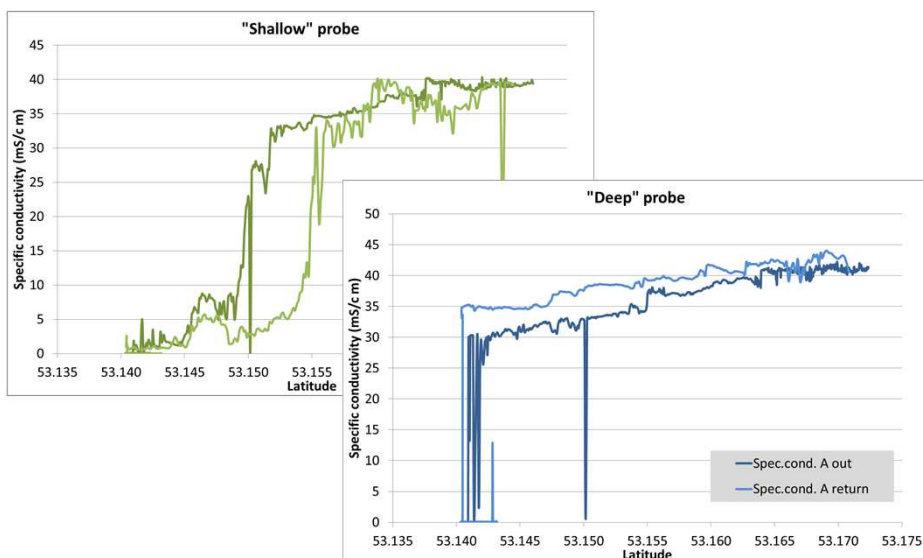
Outward transect

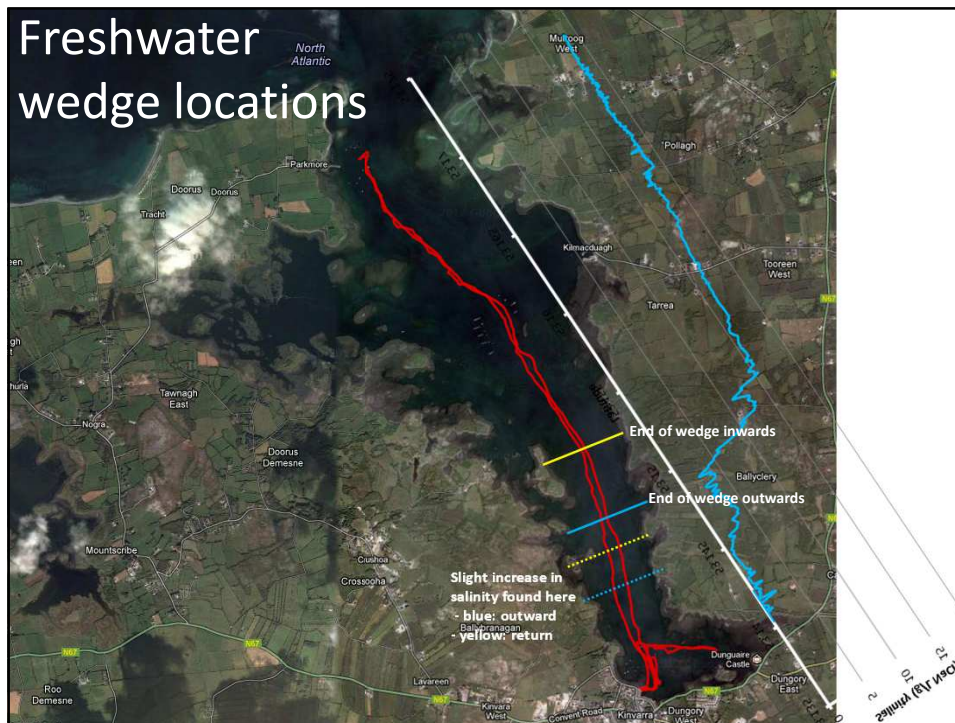


Return

Significant decrease in conductivity of "shallow" probe indicates shift in position of freshwater wedge

Transects





Future Work

- Kinvarra wireless availability:
 - Calls and Texts ✓
 - GPRS / 3G ?
- Device
 - Encapsulation/packaging
 - Deployment scenario
 - Mounting



Conclusions

- CTD probe enabled with communications capability using Raspberry Pi system
- Transect data collected at Kinvarra Bay and hosted on Google Fusion Tables
- System available for future deployments

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