Kinvarra Bay Data Fusion

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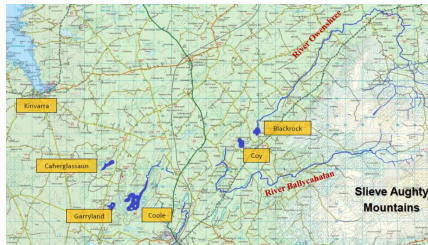
Objectives

- 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
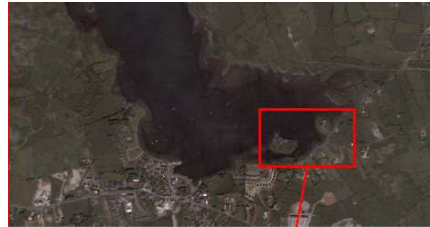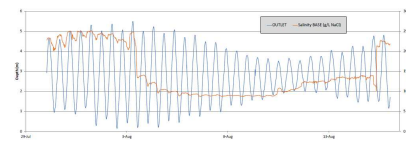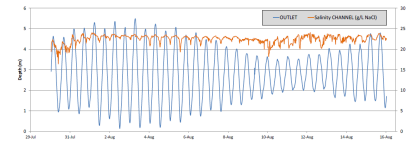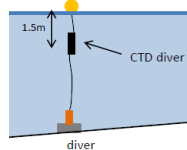
Problem

Low Tide

High Tide

- Intertidal freshwater inputs
- Flows cannot be easily gauged

Previous sampling (TCD)

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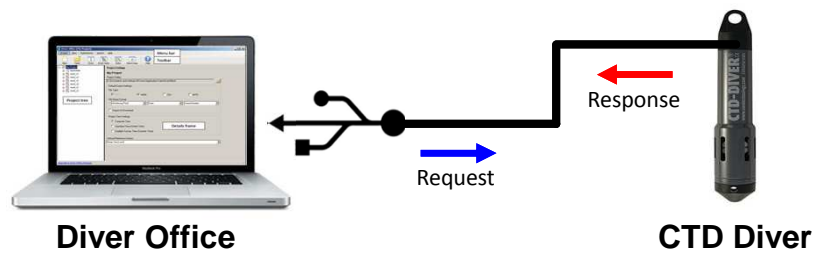- Data from two previous deployments

CDT 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

Diver Office   Response   Request   **CTD Diver**

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
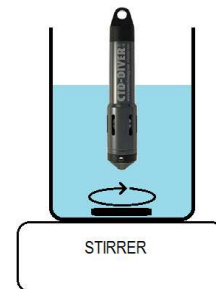 - Uploads data to GFT
  - Reporting period controllable
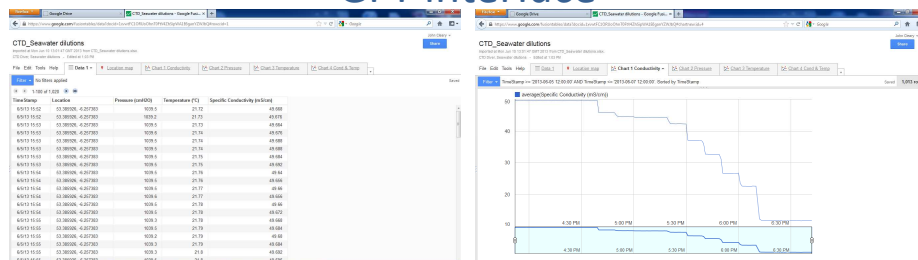
System testing

(1)
- CTD Diver validated by comparison with Hach Lange HQ40d conductivity probe
- Conductivity standard, tap water, seawater (Clontarf)

(2)
- Dynamic test using seawater dilutions
- Known volumes of tap water added at intervals
- Upload to Google Fusion Tables

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GFT interface

- Data uploaded to Google Fusion Tables
- Various views for data display / analysis
  - Data tables
  - Charts
 - Select individual parameters or overlay data streams

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)
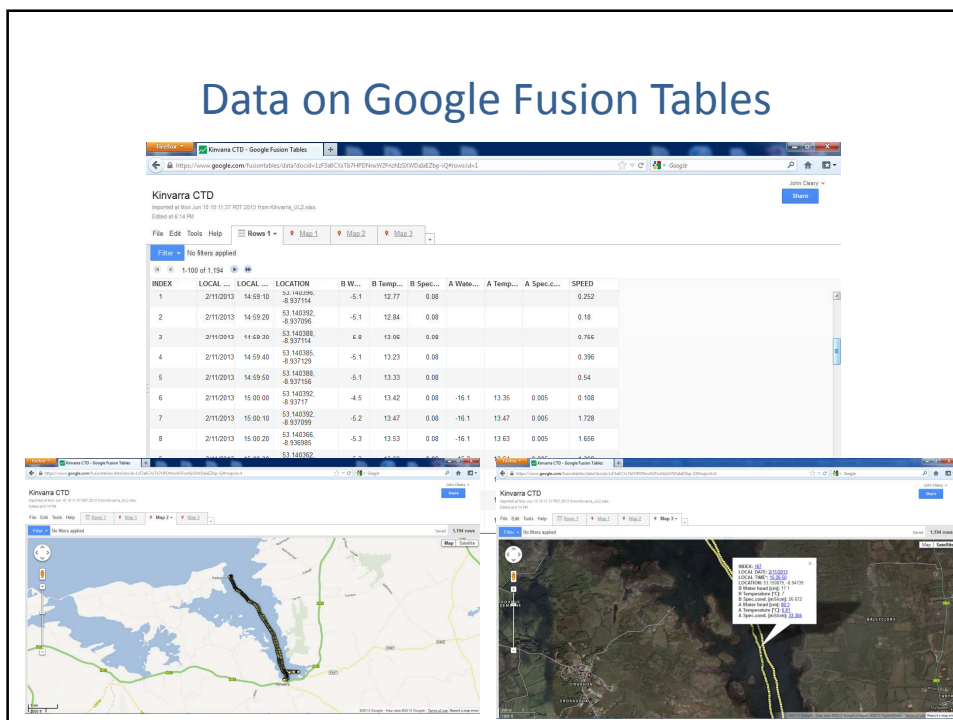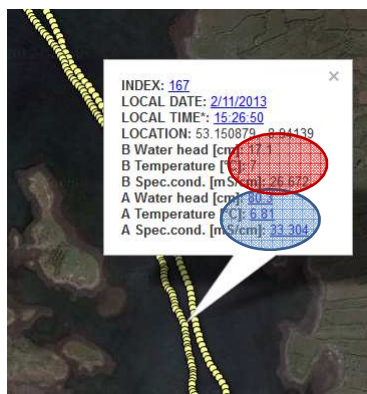 - "Deep – A" approx 100 cm (outward); 200 cm (return)

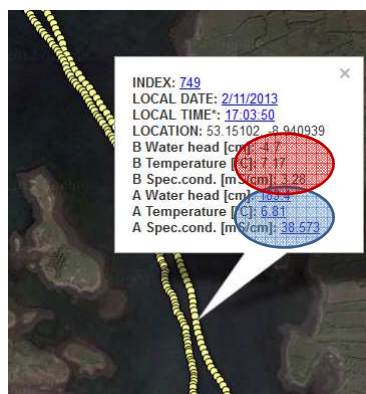# Photos

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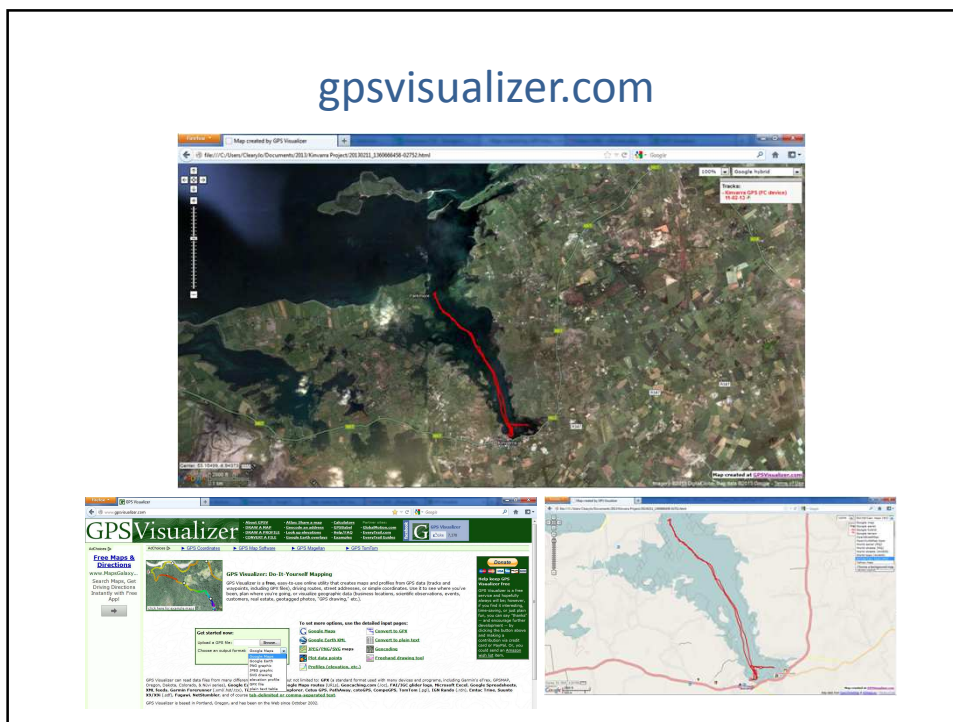
Data on Google Fusion Tables

Point comparisons

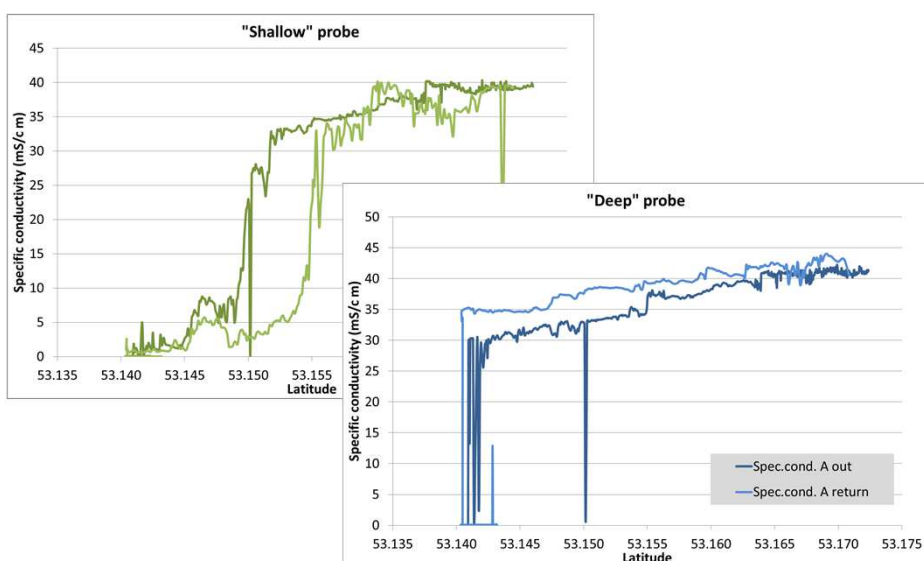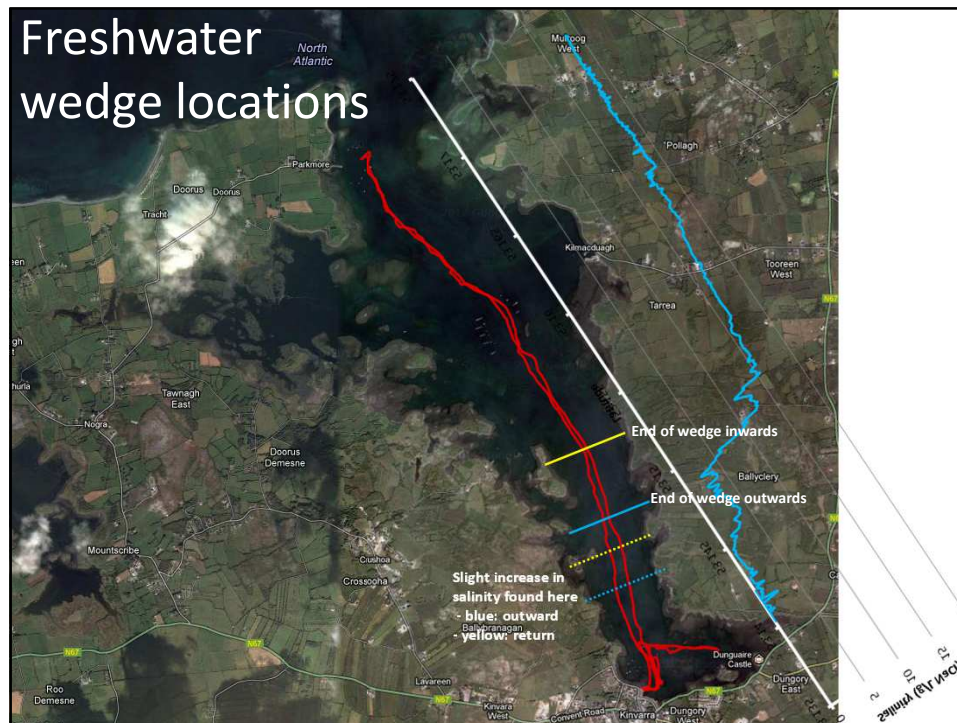

Outward transect   Return

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

Transects

Freshwater wedge locations

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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