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METS Underwater Methane Sensor

The METS methane sensor for underwater deployment is a versatile and modular platform for a number of applications. Tell us about your application and requirements, we shall then do our best to provide you with the adequate solution.

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NEW in 2004 the K-METS



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To address a wider range of needs, we developed the K-METS, a version suited for mobile deployments.



METS is supported by different CTD-probes (Seabird, FSI, SST) We can provide a dedicated data logger and battery package, as well as fully terminated specific underwater cable contact us for details.

Specification summary:

K-METS: prototype pressure-proofed at 490 bar, T90 full range currently 1 min, suited for ROVs, AUVs or event detection. Equipped with a removable head, allowing easy replacement and the use of heads with different specifications (range or change from methane to hydrogen detection).

Specification summary:

Classical METS: deployment depth 3500m, T90 full range between 5 and 30 min depending on local turbulence conditions, suited for long term monitoring (bottom landers, underwater observatories, moorings) or low-speed profiling



Scientist Ko-ichi Nakamura from AIST, Japan reports from the first field deployment: "your H2 sensor worked fine during the YK03-09 cruise at hydrothermal sites in the Marianas in November 2003, i.e., reasonable sensitivity and response". Further cruises are planned, for the study of H2 emission in buoyant hydrothermal plumes in Marianas, Okinawa Trough and at the Juan de fuca Ridge in 2004. Comparative tests with other sensing devices will also be carried out to clear eventual cross-sensitivity problems to other reducing gases. Final validation of the HYDROS is planned by Summer 2004. The current specification offers a detection range of 4 to 100 nmol/l to a working depth of 3500m.



Both devices with standard operational range 50 nM - 10 mM methane concentration and 2-20 $^\circ C$ temperature, other ranges possible

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