



Measurement, Communication, Insight.

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Too Much Pressure? A solution for multiple
subsea pressure measurements

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- Founded in 1990
- HQ in Basingstoke UK
- Products sold worldwide
- Design & manufacture:
 - Oceanographic Instruments
 - Hydrotest Monitoring Systems
 - Cathodic Protection & Monitoring
 - Through-Water Communication
- Key technologies:
 - Acoustics
 - Optics
 - Precision Temperature & Pressure
 - Cathodic Protection



Customers in the Offshore Market



What's the Problem?

You need to measure pressure subsea

- For example on a Subsea Hose...
 - Dual carcass construction
 - Outer carcass unstressed
 - Able to retain a leak from inner carcass
- How to detect inner carcass leak?
 - Diver opens valve on flange to inter-carcass void
 - Oil comes out = leak !



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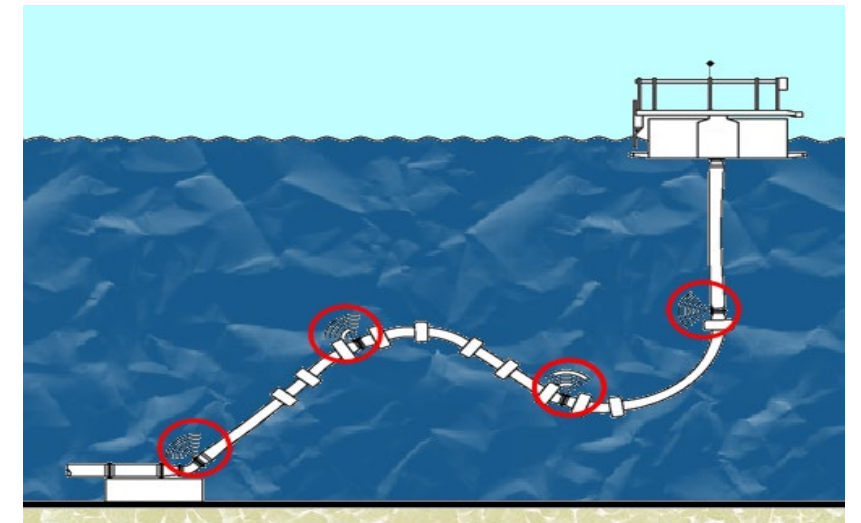
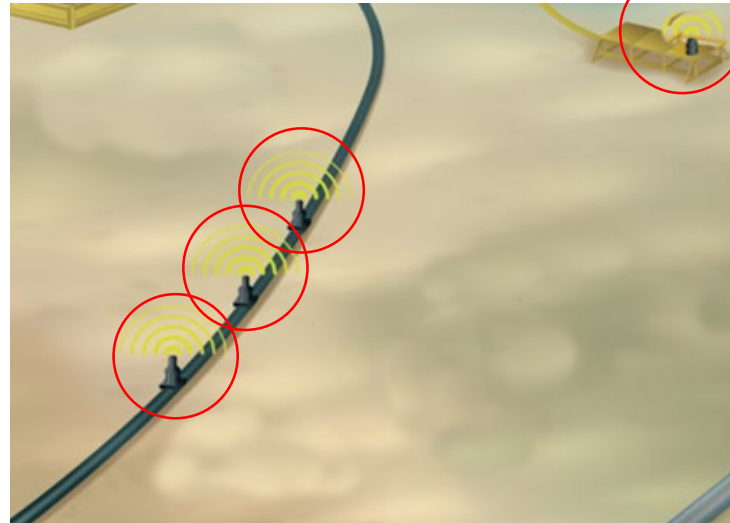
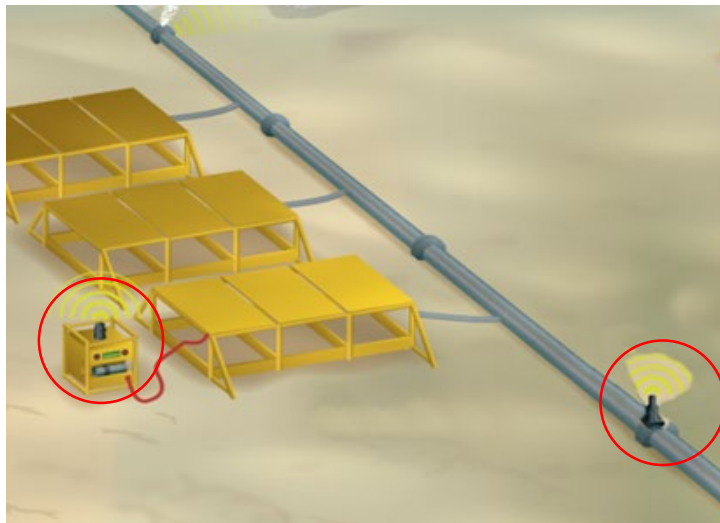
- On a Subsea Precom Manifold...



So What's the Problem?

When you need to measure LOTS of pressures subsea

- Solution: LOTS of gauges!
- But...
- What if pressures are distributed over a large area?



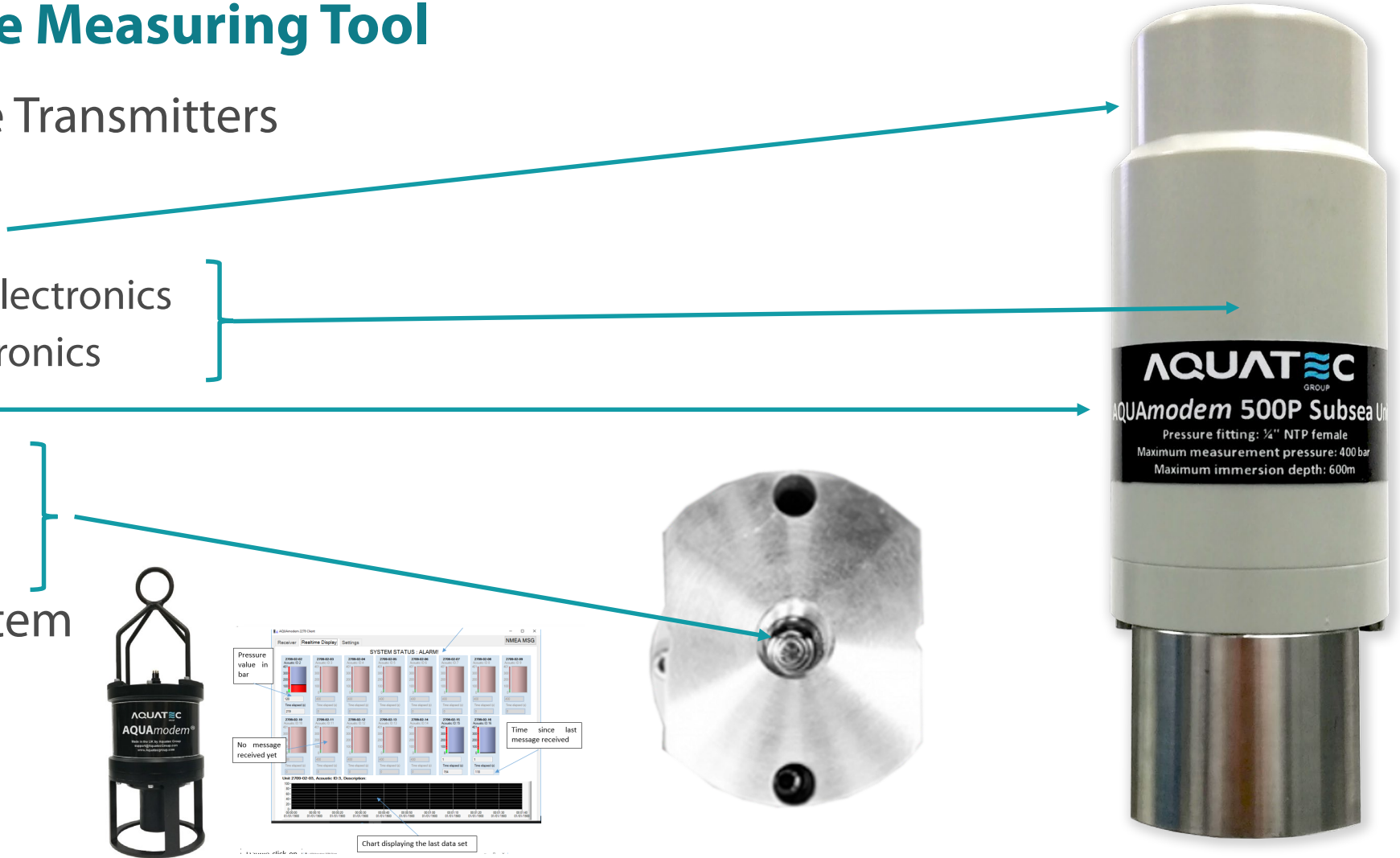
Introducing: The AQUAmodem[®] 500P

Distributed Pressure Measuring Tool

- Autonomous Pressure Transmitters containing:

- Acoustic transducer
- Acoustic transmitter electronics
- Data acquisition electronics
- Battery
- Pressure sensor
- Mechanical pressure coupling

- Acoustic Receiver System
- PC Display Software



How does the transmitter work?

- 'Send and forget' principle
- Read pressure regularly e.g. approximately every 5 minutes and transmit message
- Message collision avoidance:
 - Message interval is randomised
 - If messages from two units arrive at the same time, they will arrive at different times on the next update
- Message includes error checking, correction, and validation to minimise false alarms
- Range typically many hundred metres
- Typical 1-2 years life

Underwater
(Internet)
of Things

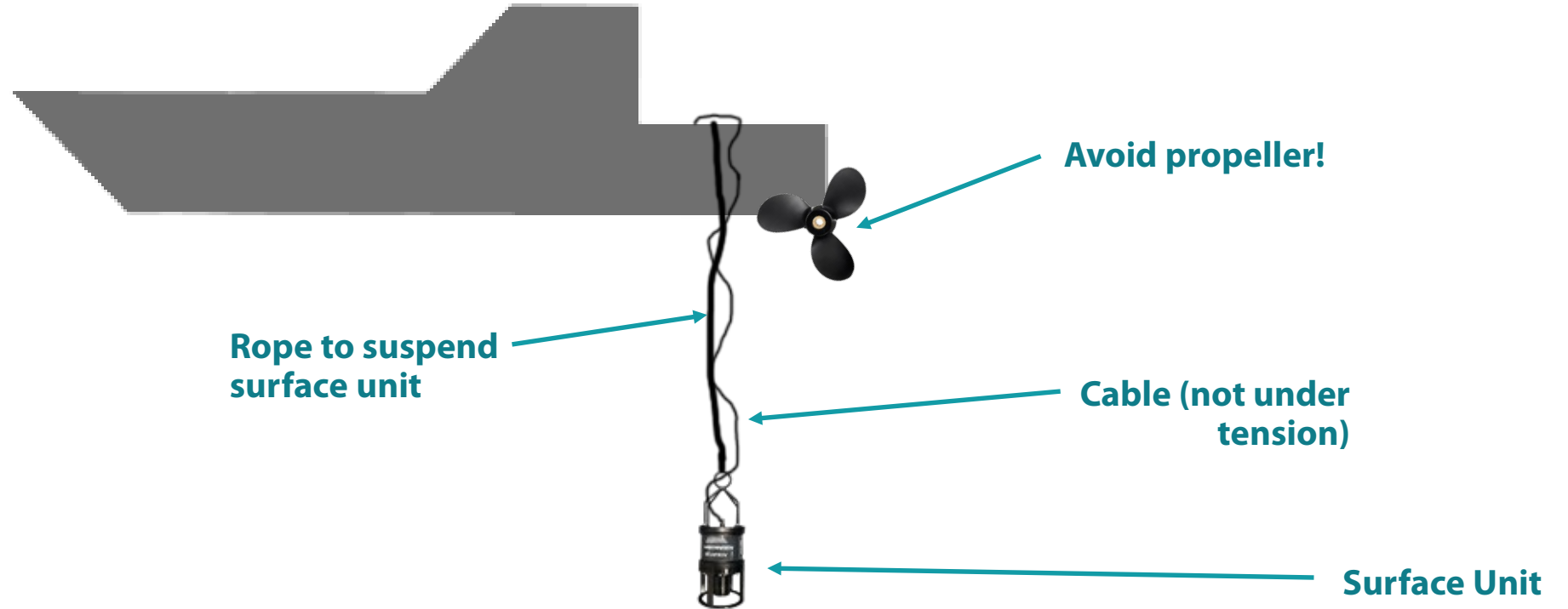
Transmitters



The AQUAmodem[®] 500 Receiver

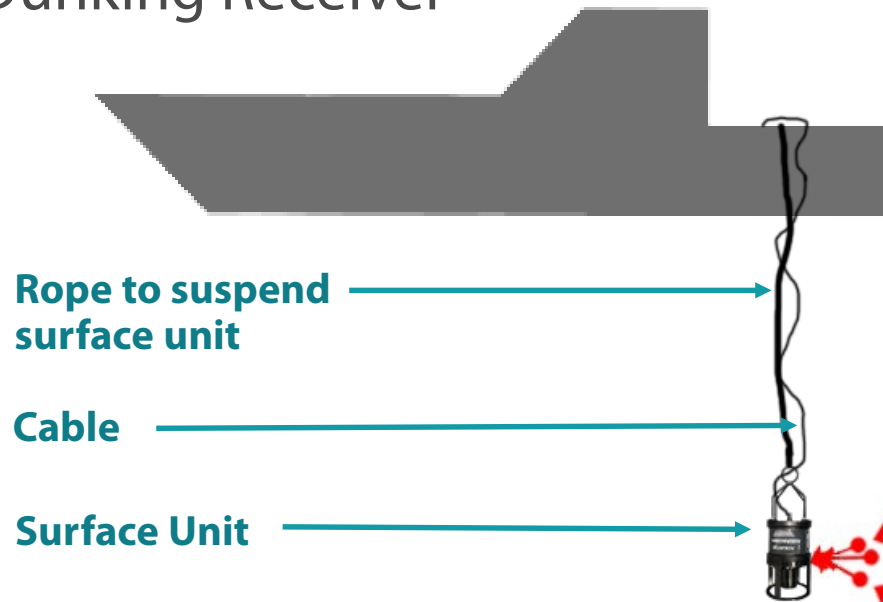
Getting the data back to the user

Option 1 – Dunking Receiver

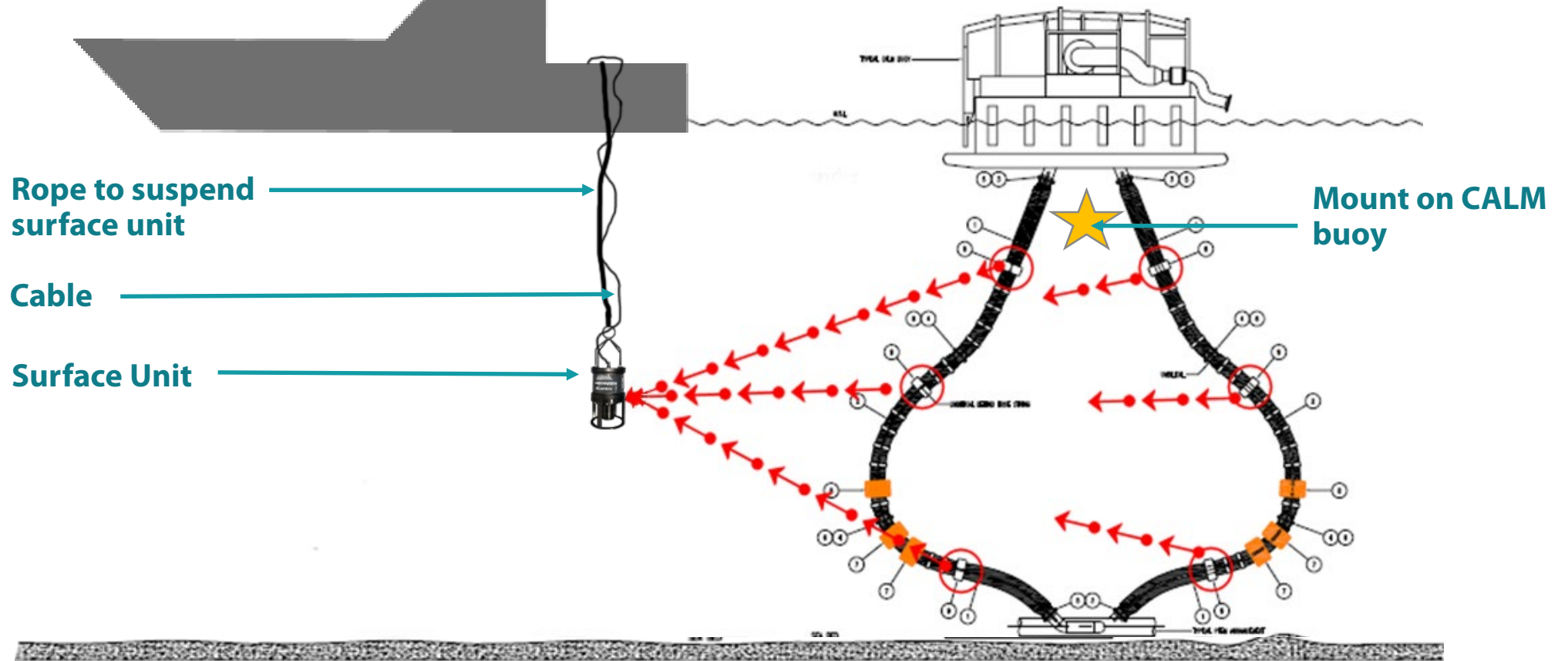


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Option 2 – Permanent Mount

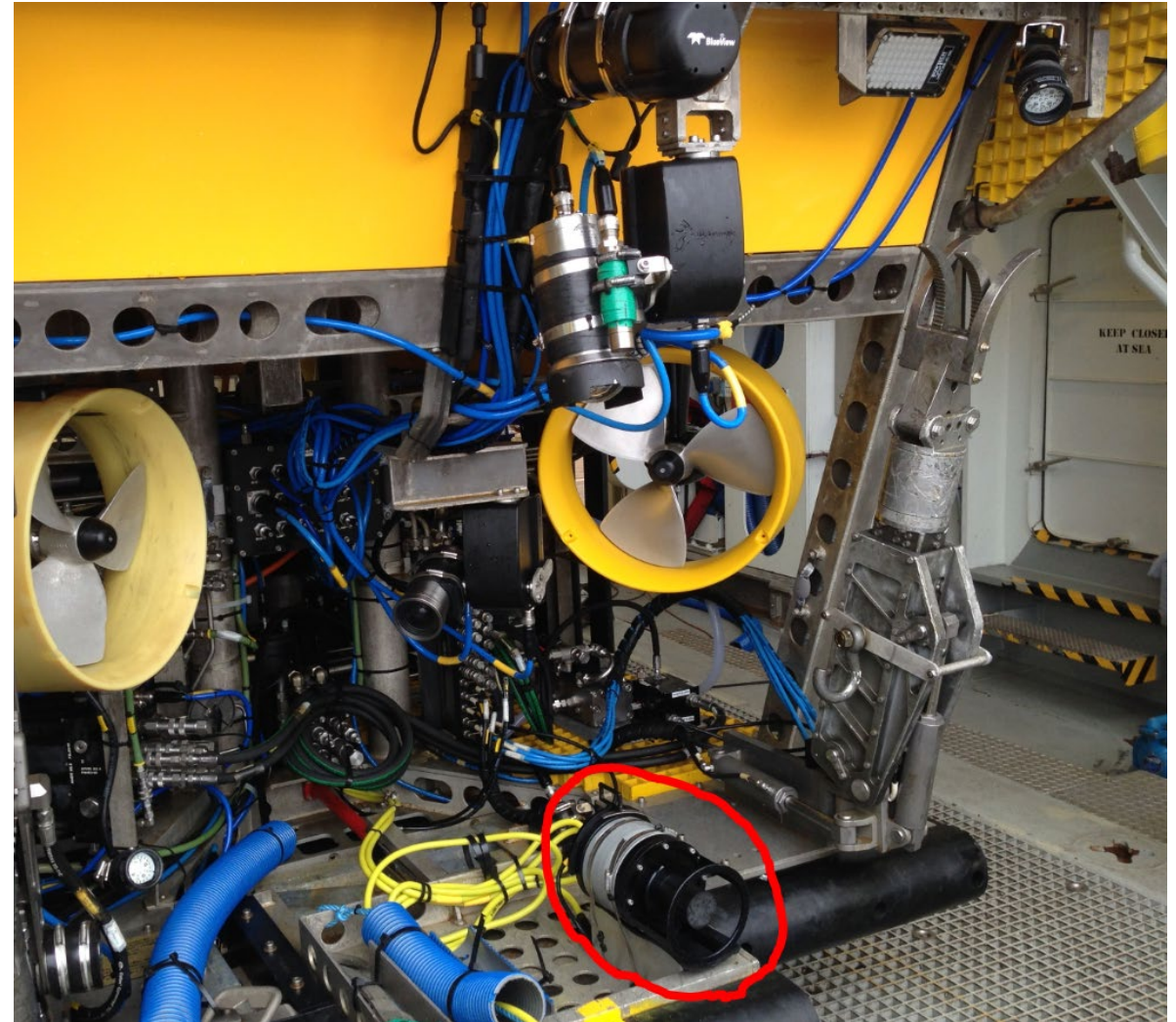


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Option 3 – ROV-Mount Receiver

- Data travels via ROV umbilical to the surface



Making sense of the data:

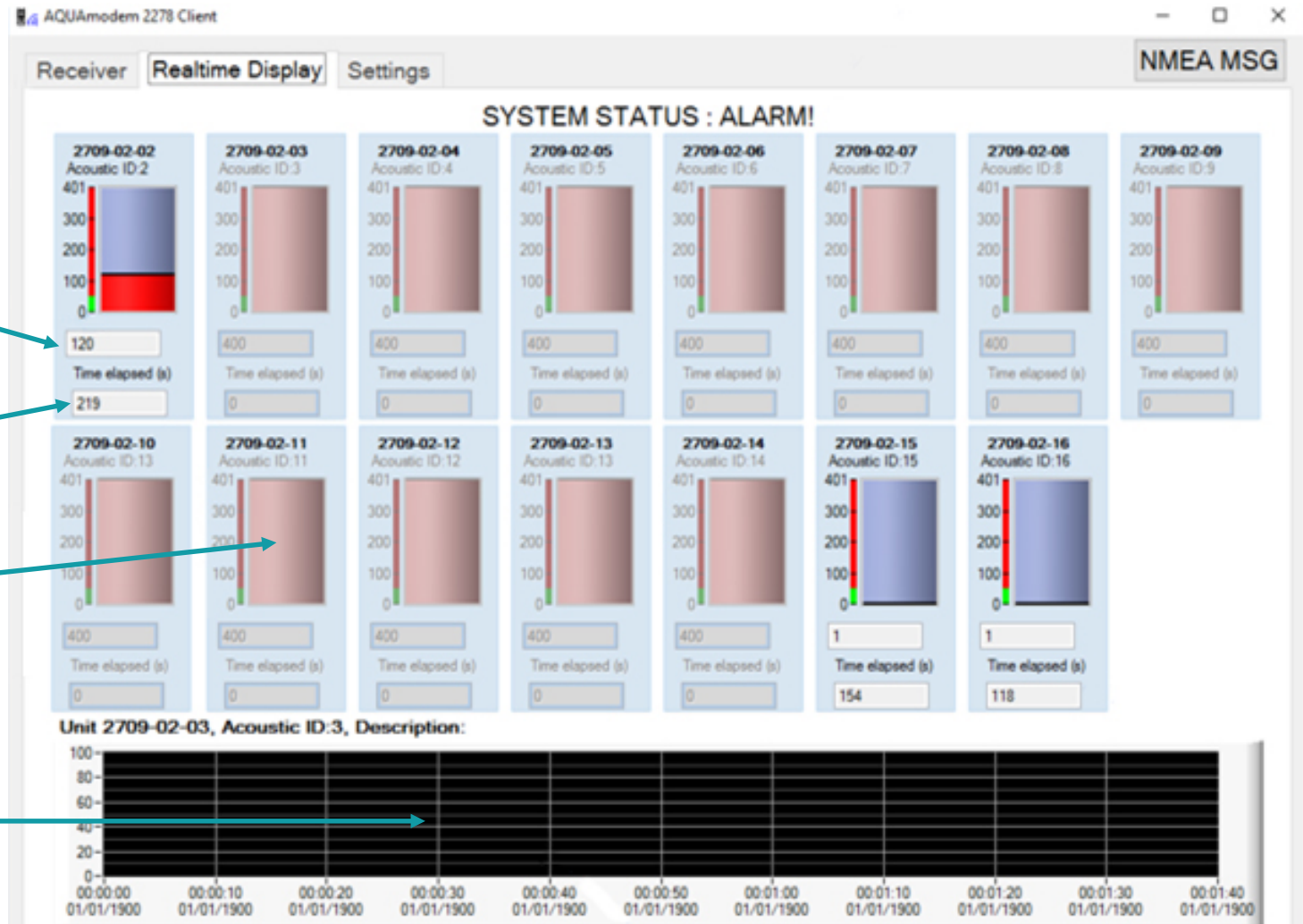
Manifold Pressures

Pressure value in bar

Time since last message received

No message received yet

Chart displaying the last data set



The User interface

Making sense of the data:

Hose Application

File Modem Help

Modem connected on COM11 Blackfin Software Revision 2 9
 Enable check that the modem is connected
Modem time 18:59:12 10/08/2089
Check interval (sec) 180 Rx On

NMEA Host Test Display Stat Setting

Operating Status System Operating

Number of correct packet received 000002 Total number of packet received 000002

Subsea Unit Status

LEAK DETECTED

Time	Device ID	Pressure	Battery	Status
18:25:57 01/10/2018	1653-02-24	1.01 bar	okay	okay
18:34:16 01/10/2018	1653-02-25	1.01 bar	okay	Leak

Select location Hythe

Turn Off Audio
 Received packet beep ON/OFF

Distributed Pressure Measurements Available Topsides

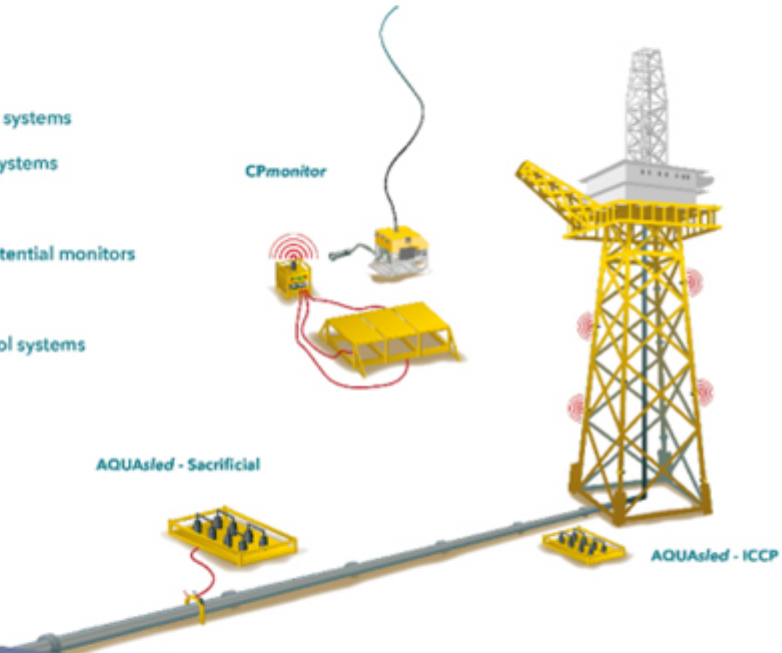
- Compact, long life instruments
- Simple automated transmissions
- Listen from vessel of opportunity
- Receiver deployable on ROV
- All your readings in one place
- Also useful for other slow-changing parameters:

AQUAmodem 500 models
Pressure / Depth
Temperature
CP Potential
CP Current

CPguardian

CATHODIC PROTECTION FOR AGING ASSETS

- ≈ System design assessment
- ≈ Retrofit CP
- ≈ Impressed current systems
- ≈ Sacrificial anode systems
- ≈ Dual electrode potential monitors
- ≈ Current monitors
- ≈ Closed loop control systems
- ≈ Data retrieval, analysis & insight



Integrity Monitoring



- ≈ Real time
- ≈ Data logged
- ≈ Through-water comms

	Vessels, Floaters & TLPs	Structures	Subsea Production	Pipes/ Flowlines	Risers	Cables	Moorings	
Position	■				■		■	
Heading	■							
Displacement								
Motion	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Acceleration					■	■		
Vibration		■	■	■	■			
Tension/ Load	■	■					■	
Stress	■	■		■				
Temperature			■	■	■			
Pressure			■	■	■			
Water Quality			■	■	■			
Leaks			■	■	■			
Cathodic Protection	■	■	■	■				

≈ Thank you!