

Strategies development for water quality assessment with Unmanned Surface Vehicles

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Potential applications for the study and utilisation of USV

Scientific Research:

- Bathymetric survey (*Roberts et.al. 2006*); Ocean biological phenomena, Migration and changes in major ecosystems (*Goudey et.al. 1998*);
- Ocean activities research; Multi-vehicle cooperation (cooperative work among aerial, ground, water surface or underwater vehicles) (*Majohr et.al. 2006*); Experimental platforms for the purpose of testing hull designs, Communication and sensor equipments, Propulsion and operating systems, as well as control schemes (*Breivik et.al. 2010*, *Vaneck e.al. 1996*)

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Environmental missions:

- Environmental missions Environmental monitoring, samplings, and assessment (*Caccia et.al. 2005, Naeem et.al. 2008d , Rasal et.al. 2013, Vsvec et.al. 2014*);
- Disaster (like tsunamis, hurricane, eruption of submarine volcano) aided Prediction and Management, and Emergency response; Pollution measurements and clean-up.
- Ocean resource exploration Oil, Gas and Mine explorations (*Pastore et.al. 2010, Roberts et.al. 2006*);
- Offshore platform/pipeline construction and maintenance (*Bertram et.al. 2008, Breivik et.al. 2008*)

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Other applications:

- Military uses Port, harbor, and coastal surveillance, reconnaissance and patrolling; search and rescue; anti-terrorism force protection; mine countermeasures; remote weapons platform; target drone boats.
- Transportation (*Kiencke et.al. 2006*); Mobile communication relays (*Caccia et.al. 2008*); refueling platform for USVs, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), unmanned underwater vehicles (UUVs), and other manned vehicles.

Environmental Missions: Water Quality Assessment

- Briefly we can define the **assessment of the quality of water** as the analysis of physical-chemical-biological parameters, such parameters can provide useful information about the contamination.
- The real-time data acquisition is based on USV which provide the appropriate flexibility to explore sophisticated environments efficiently.
- We are studying strategies to simplify the periodic assessment of the **quality of water** in freshwater resources.

Environmental experiments

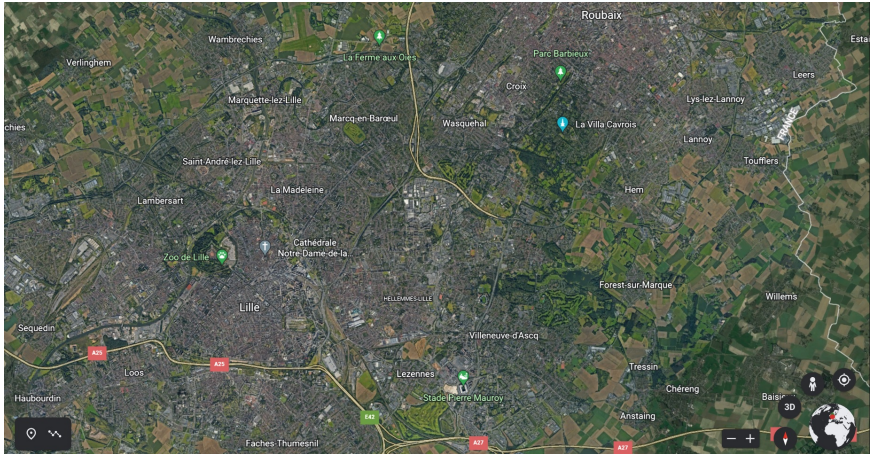


Figure 8: Lille, France.

Environmental experiments

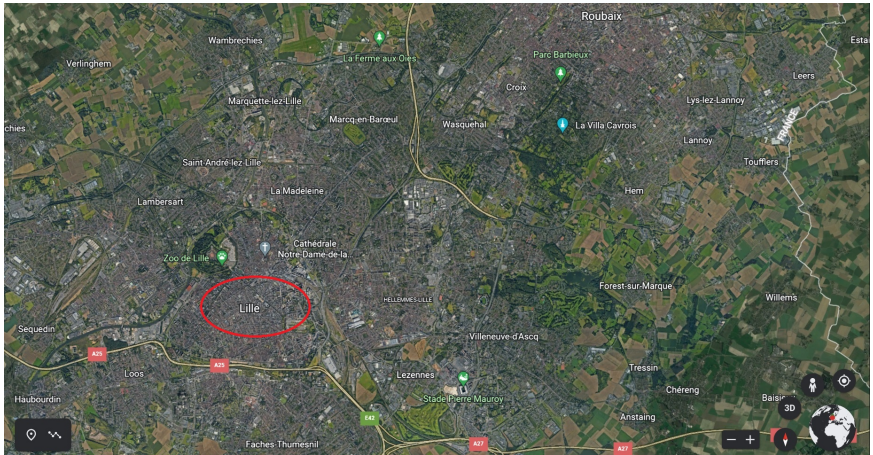


Figure 9: Lille, France.

Environmental experiments

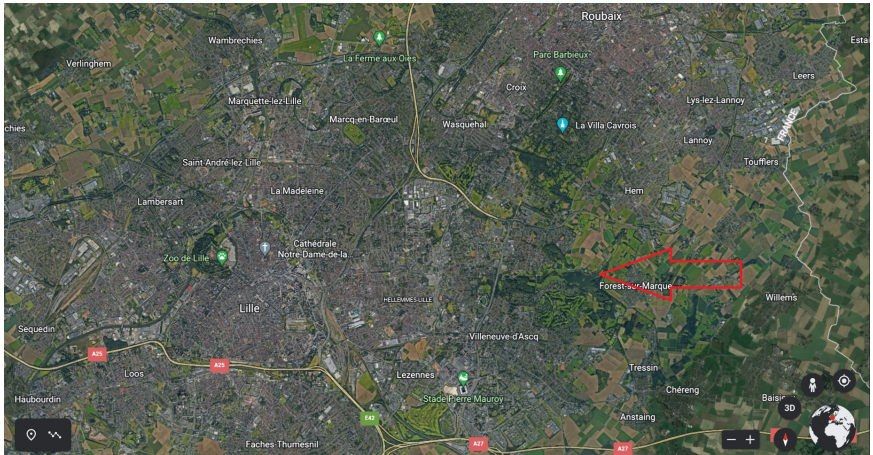


Figure 10: Lac du Heron.

Environmental experiments



Figure 11: Lac du Héron.

Environmental experiments



Figure 12: Lac du Héron.

Environmental experiments

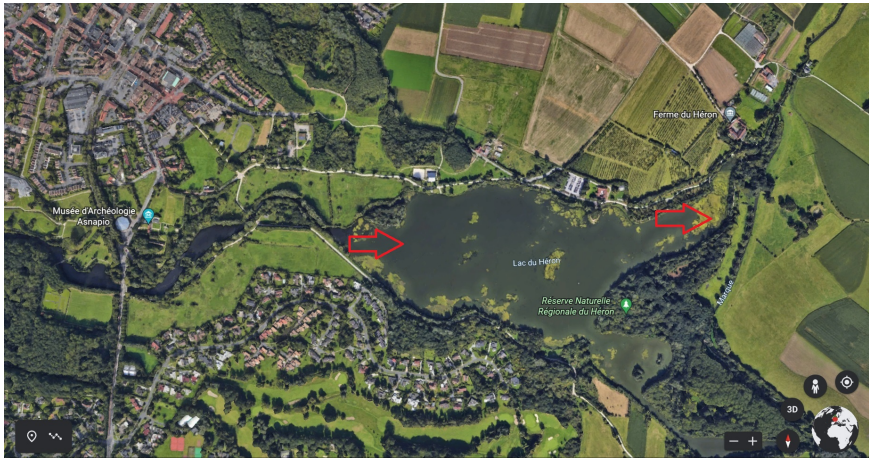


Figure 13: Lac du Héron.

Environmental experiments



Figure 14: Lac du Héron.

Environmental experiments



Figure 15: Sampling area: Measurements were carried out on region Ω on the Heron lake, Villeneuve d'Ascq, Lille.

Environmental mission

To construct a map of the region Ω , i.e., a map $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$ such that F assigns to every point on Ω its approximation value of pH, turbidity, conductivity, temperature and dissolved oxygen.

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Exploration and data collection of region Ω

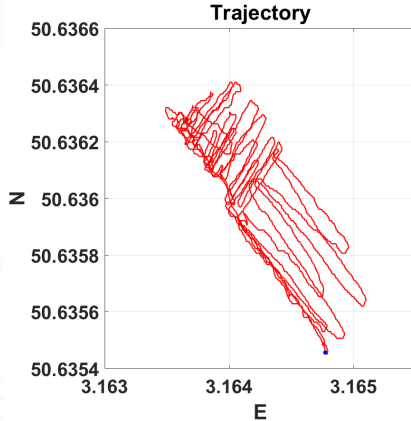
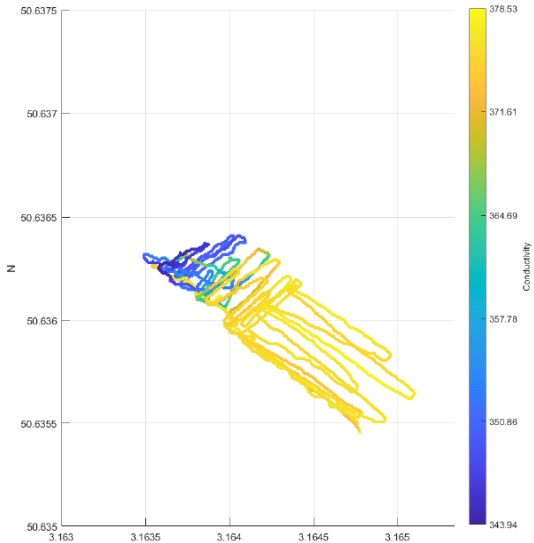


Figure 16: Trajectory of the hand-operated vessel in region Ω with decimal GPS coordinates.

Conductivity



Dissolved oxygen

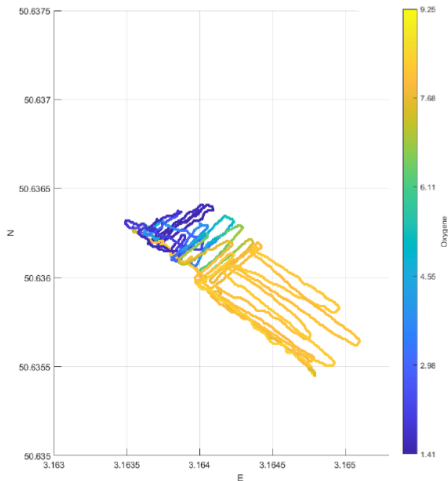
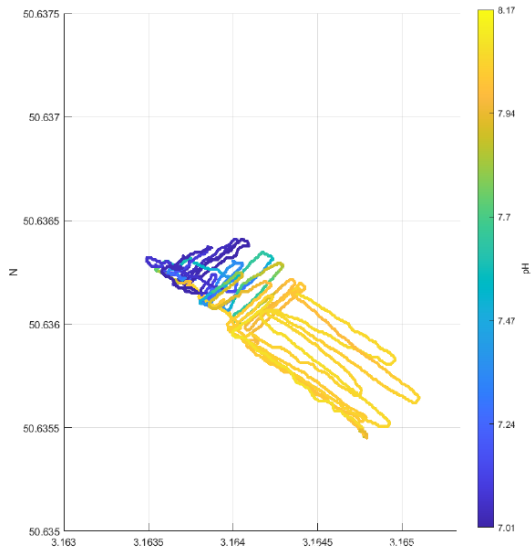
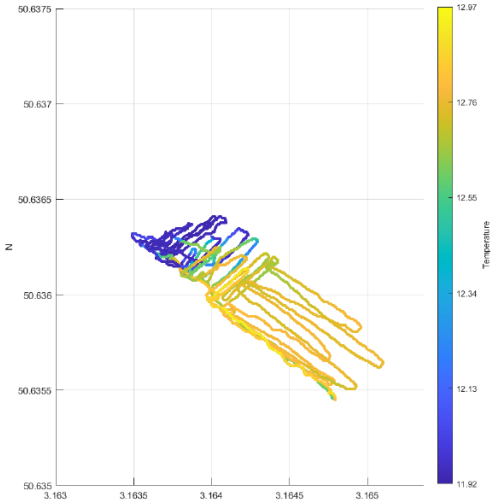


Figure 18: Dissolved oxygen in Ω .

pH



Temperature



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Turbidity

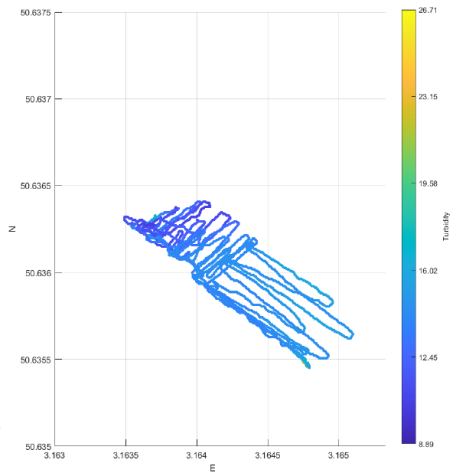


Figure 21: Turbidity in Ω .

Map meshing

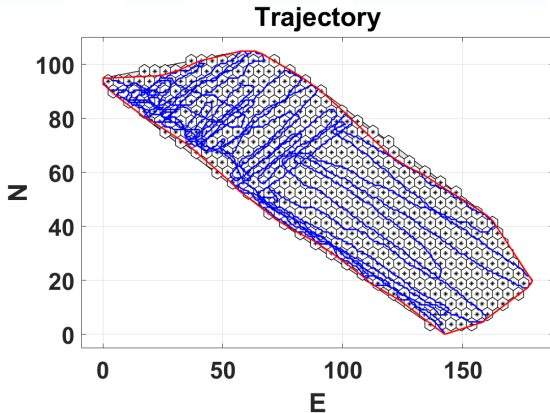


Figure 22: Map meshing with hexagonal Entity E_H with $S_p = 5m$.

Map construction: Kriging approach

- Kriging is a geostatistical interpolation method developed for the *mining field*, which was extended for environmental variables, such as soil quality, wheater temperature, solar irradiance and water quality.
- Kriging strategy uses variograms to relate the distance between the measurements.

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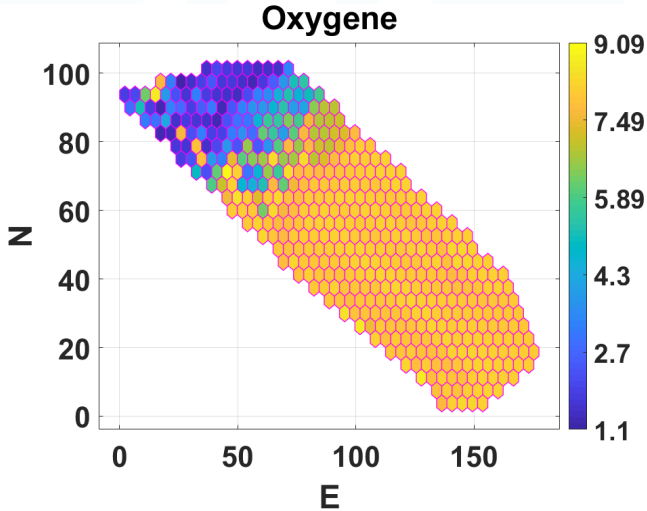


Figure 23: Final Kriging map of DO.

Water assessment

To determine a proper approximation of map F (periodically) there are two options:

- To study interpolation methods to approximate the parameters considering the dynamical of the parameters (spatio-temporal Kriging).
- To develop control strategies to improve the exploration of the region.