



**Sessione**  
**«La conservazione dei mari italiani:  
stato delle ricerche e soluzioni tecnologiche innovative»**

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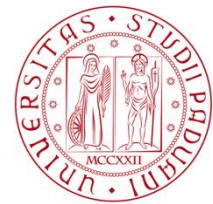
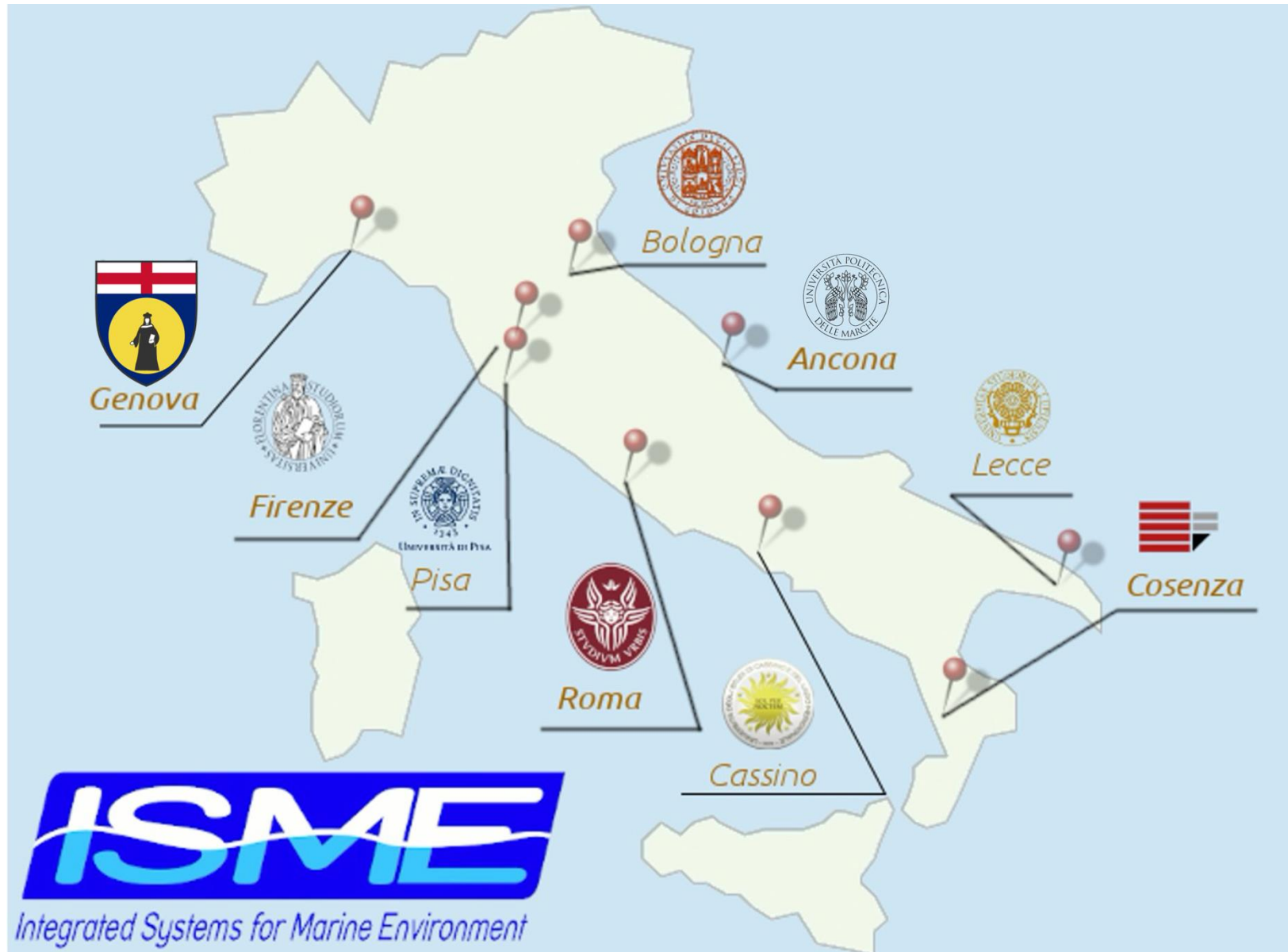
ROMA 1



COSENZA

*NATIONAL INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTER TO SUPPORT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN  
THE FIELDS OF MARINE TECHNOLOGIES AND OCEANIC ENGINEERING*

The University of  
Padova and of  
Bolzano are in  
process of joining  
the center



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- Main background

Systems and Control Engineering

Applied Mechanics

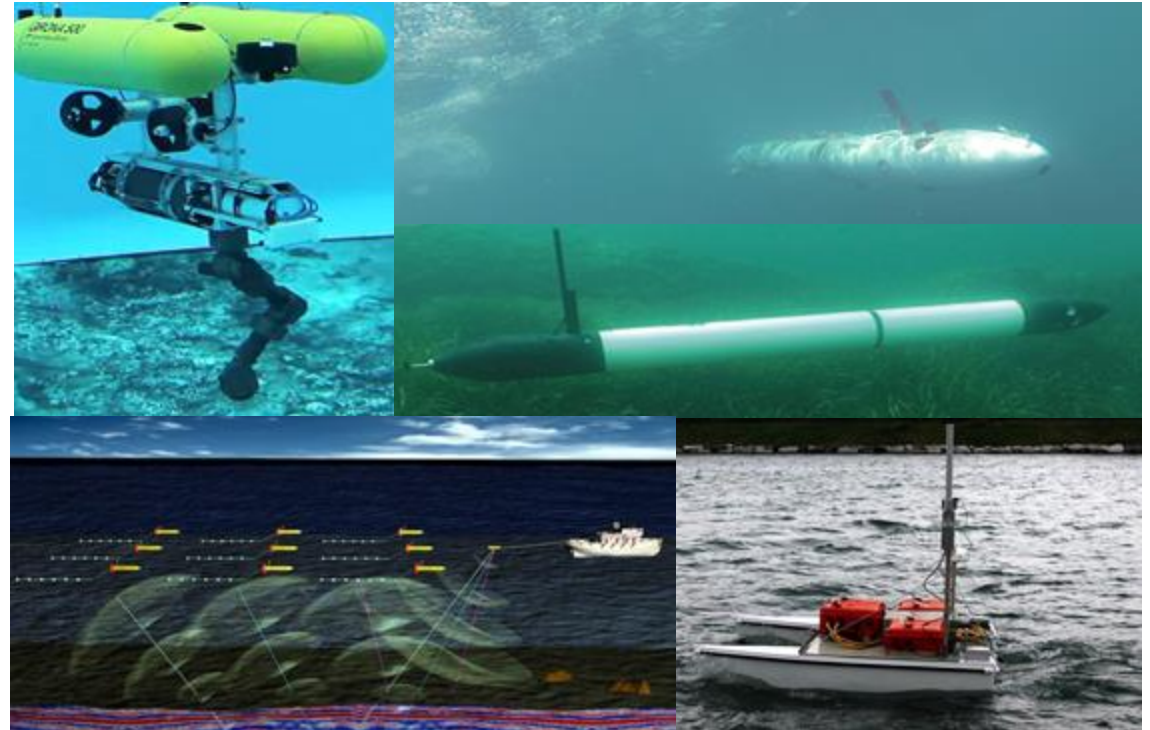
Computer Science

## Competences and applications include

- Navigation, Guidance and Control for autonomous marine robots
- Underwater Manipulation and Intervention robotics
- Communication systems
- Marine Acoustics for communication and perception including active and passive sonars
- Acoustic Imaging
- Underwater systems mechanical design
- Networking and underwater IoT for underwater environment monitoring and surveillance
- AI and Machine Learning methods
- System identification methods for marine systems
- Proprioceptive and exteroceptive perception
- Mission planning and execution + Human-Machine Interface
- Cooperative Robotics

## Established in 1999

- 9 Italian University members
- 70+ Researchers;
- Shared Infrastructures, labs, equipments
- Funding from EU, National , Industrial res. projects
- 1MEuro/year (approximate average of last 5 years)
- CSSN-ISME Joint Lab (SEALab)



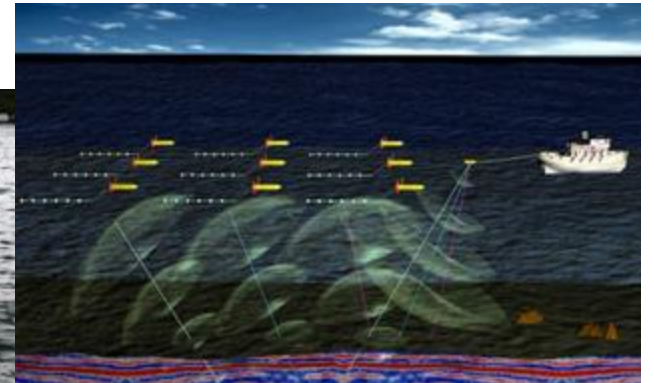
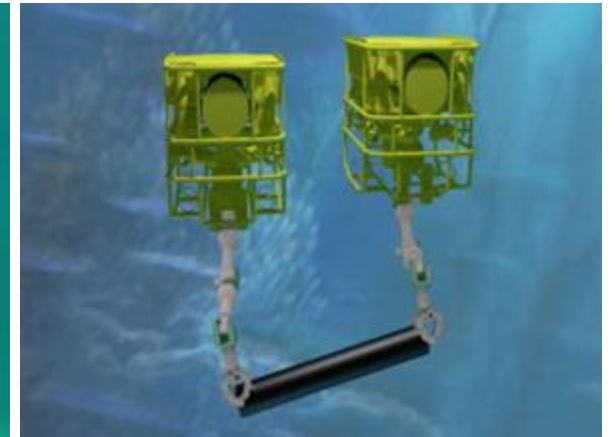
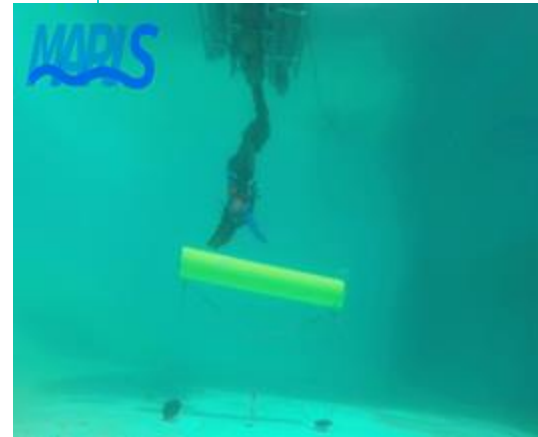
A national academic collaborative network of wide-spectrum synergic competences, devoted to research and development on marine unmanned system.



**SEALab:** Joint CSSN-ISME Laboratory on “Sistemi Eterogenei Autonomi”  
(started in 2015)

An integrated modular approach is adopted, developing throughout the following

- Components, sensors, devices, agent-subsystems
- Sensor Integration & data fusion/interpretation
- Individual Agent Autonomy
- Underwater Communication infrastructures and methods
- Multi-agent Cooperative Autonomy
- Multi-agent Mission Planning and Supervision





*This site of Marina Militare Italiana is chosen to host the new “Polo Nazionale della Subacquea” from 2023*







Projects matter



**MENU**  
Virtual ExploratiON of Underwater Sites



**Green Bubbles**



**COMET**



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**MARIS**

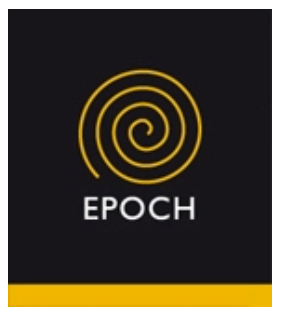


DexROV



**ARROWS**  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL ROBOT SYSTEMS FOR THE WORLD'S SEAS

**ROBUST**



EPOCH



sunrise



MAXFISH

**SUONO**

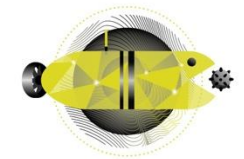
**fAith nemo.**  
Trustworthy

**DIVE SAFE**



OPTIMUS

POLO NAZIONALE DELLA DIMENSIONE SUBACQUEA



**PACMAN**



**PANACEA**



- MEDUSA – Monitoring maritime areas by a cooperative Distributed Unmanned System made of heterogeneous Assets  
Ongoing – Involved ISME nodes: UNIPI, UNIROMA
- BiSS – Non-cooperative Bistatic Sonar System  
Ongoing – Involved ISME nodes: UNIPI
- DAMPS – Distributed Autonomous Mobile Passive Sonar system  
Ongoing – Involved ISME nodes: UNICAS, UNIFI, UNIGE, UNIPI, UNIROMA, UNISAL
- RECON-UV – Reconfigurable Autonomous Underwater Vehicle  
Ongoing – Involved ISME nodes: UNIFI, UNIGE
- HYDRONE-D – Defence: Modular Multi-mission Underwater Drone  
Starting – Involved ISME nodes: UNIGE, UNIPI
- PACMAN – Proficient Artificial intelligence Counter Mine AutoNonomous vehicles  
Negotiation – Involved ISME nodes: UNIFI, UNIPI

**RECENT PNRM  
PROJECTS  
INVOLVING ISME  
NODES**

# ISME activities within PNS

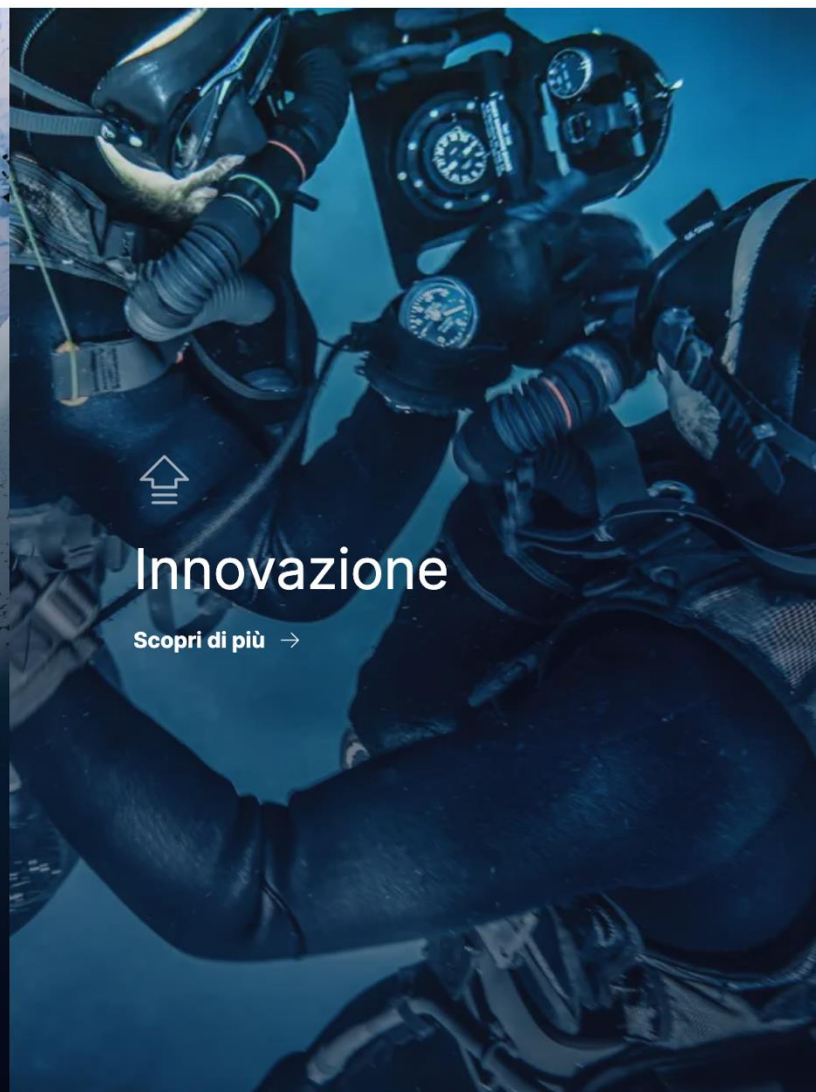
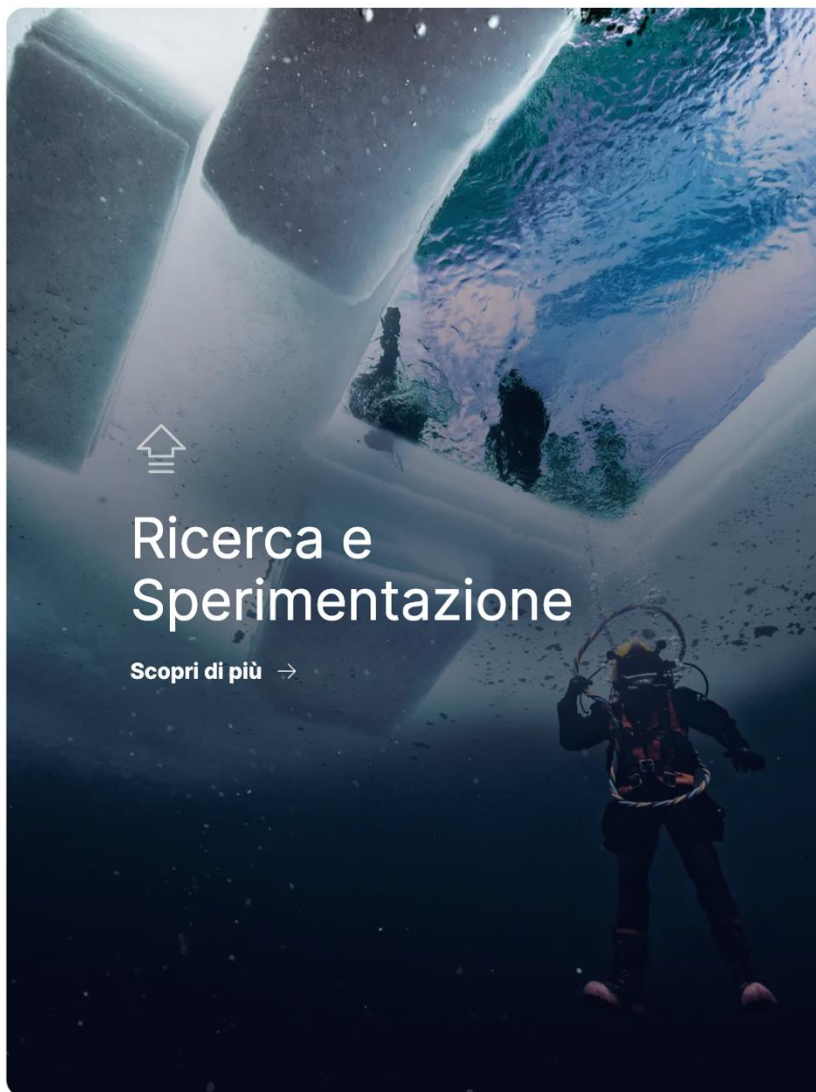
# Le finalità del PNS

*“Promuovere, facilitare e coordinare la cooperazione delle molteplici articolazioni operanti nel settore della subacquea, al fine di conseguire il potenziamento della ricerca tecnico scientifica e dell’innovazione tecnologica, l’incremento della competitività dell’industria nazionale e la tutela della relativa proprietà intellettuale”*

(Decreto istitutivo del PNS, novembre 2023)

<https://www.pnsitalia.com/>

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e del Made in Italy



Ministero  
dell'Università  
e della Ricerca



Ministero per la Protezione civile e le  
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AEROSPACE, DEFENCE AND SECURITY



CRUI  
Conferenza dei Rettori  
delle Università Italiane



# PNS-2024-R-01 – SIMILARS (Phase 1 out of 3 in 2025)

Studio e definizione di interfacce standard per **lancio, recupero** e interazione tra **veicoli autonomi** subacquei e piattaforme **cooperanti**



 W • SENSE <small>POLO NAZIONALE DELLA DIMENSIONE SUBACQUEA</small>	 FLYSIGHT	<b>FINCANTIERI</b>	 GRAAttech <small>Robotics, from idea to the sea.</small>	 SAIPEM
 ISME <small>Integrated Systems for Marine Environment</small>	 Università di Genova	 UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI FIRENZE <small>Da un secolo, oltre.</small>	 UNIVERSITÀ DI PISA	 POG <small>POSITIVE GOING ELETTRONICA</small>



# PNS-2024-R-02 – OPTIMUS (Phase 1 out of 3 in 2025)

Sistema di gestione e ottimizzazione dell'energia nei sistemi autonomi subacquei



## FINCANTIERI

EVERYBOTICS



SIT Technologies



## Università di Genova



## UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TRIESTE



## UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI CASSINO E DEL LAZIO MERIDIONALE



## Politecnico di Torino

# PNS-2024-R-03 – MURENA (Phase 1 out of 3 in 2025)

Multistatic Underwater Reconnaissance Experimental Network Asset



# PNS-2024-R-04 – TARAS (Phase 1 out of 3 in 2025)

Tecnologie Avanzate di Rete per mezzi Autonomi Sottomarini



# PNS-2024-R-05 – SHARK (Start in 2026)

Submarine High-Tech Autonomous Research Kraft



# PNS-2024-R-07 – DEXTIMUS (Start in 2026)

Sviluppo di un **manipolatore** impiegabile come **payload per UUV modulare**

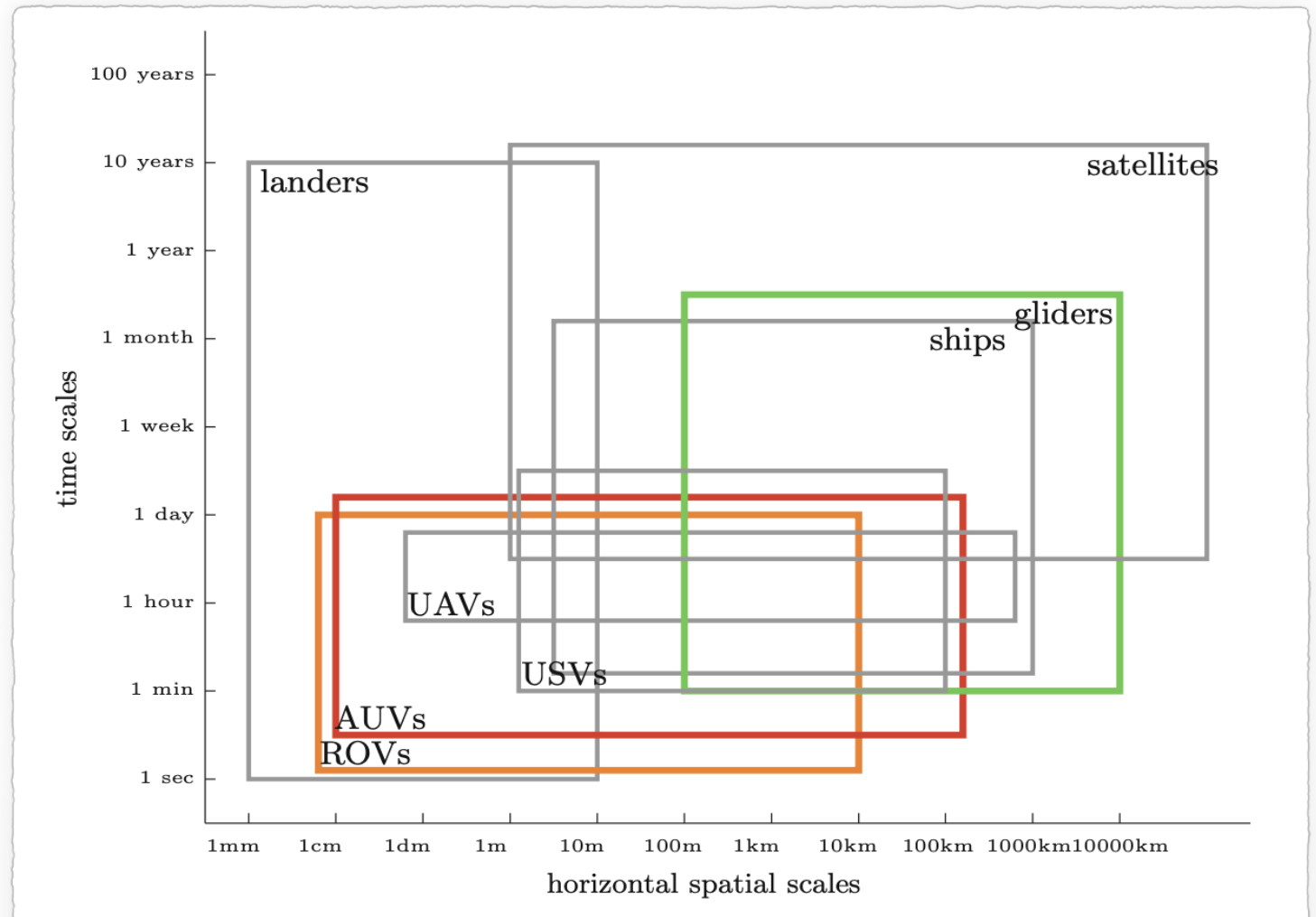
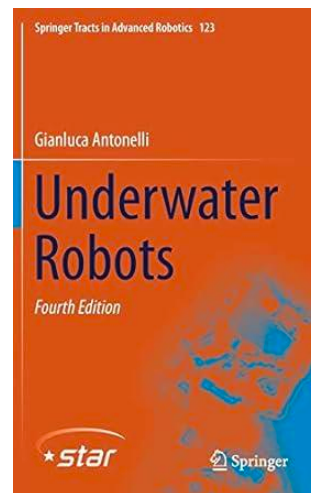


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# La conservazione dei mari italiani: soluzioni tecnologiche innovative

Breve tassonomia delle piattaforme robotiche esistenti



**Fig. 1.5** Temporal and spatial resolution and coverage of sensor platforms for the marine environment, the underwater vehicles have been coloured (elaborated from the original courtesy of A. Sorensen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway)

# Capacità dei robot marini

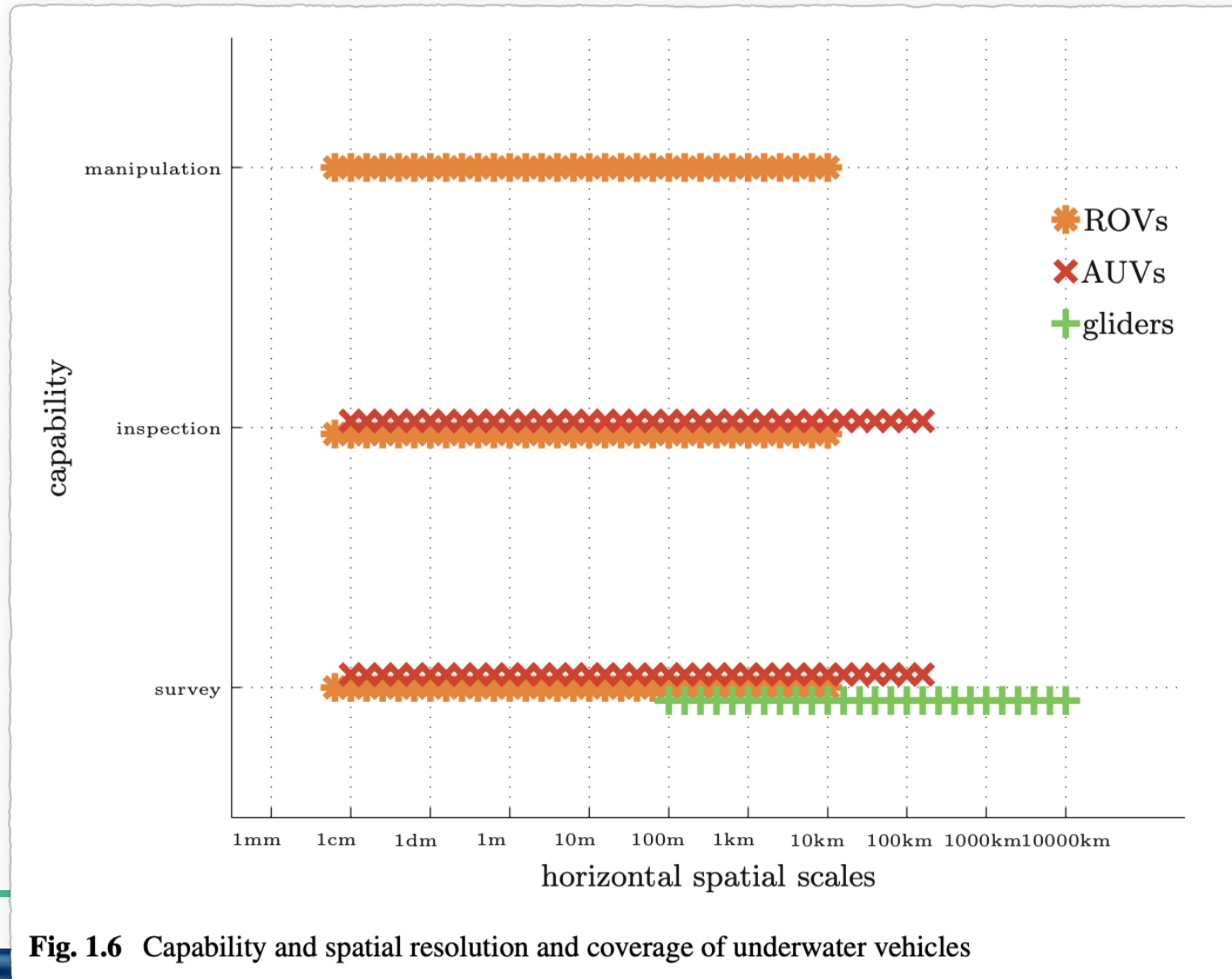


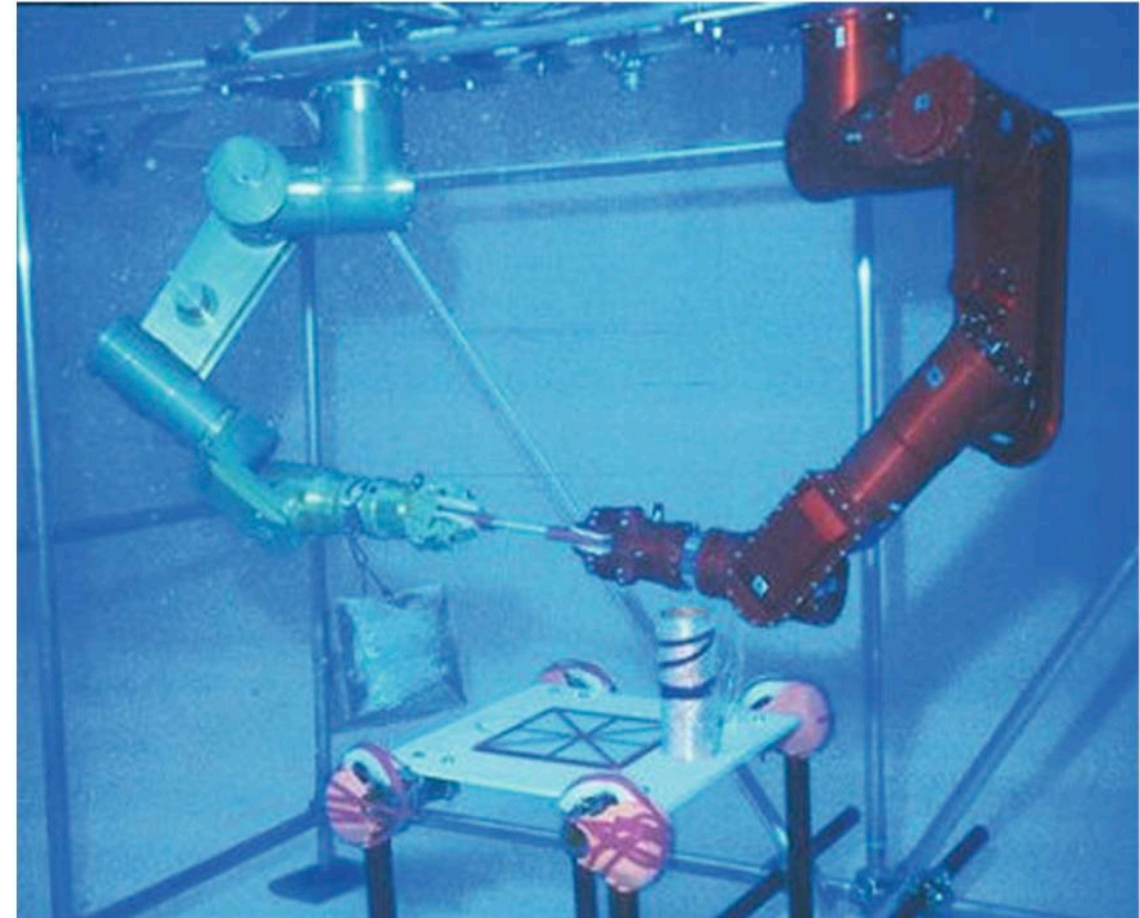
Fig. 1.6 Capability and spatial resolution and coverage of underwater vehicles



**Fig. 1.9** Proof of concept for a Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution vehicle equipped with a manipulator, named Jaguar (courtesy of H. Singh)



**Fig. 1.10** Girona500 equipped with a CSIP arm developed at the University of Girona (Courtesy of Pere Ridao, Centre d'Investigaci3 en Rob3tica Submarina (CIRS), Computer Vision & Robotics Research Team (VICOROB), University of Girona)

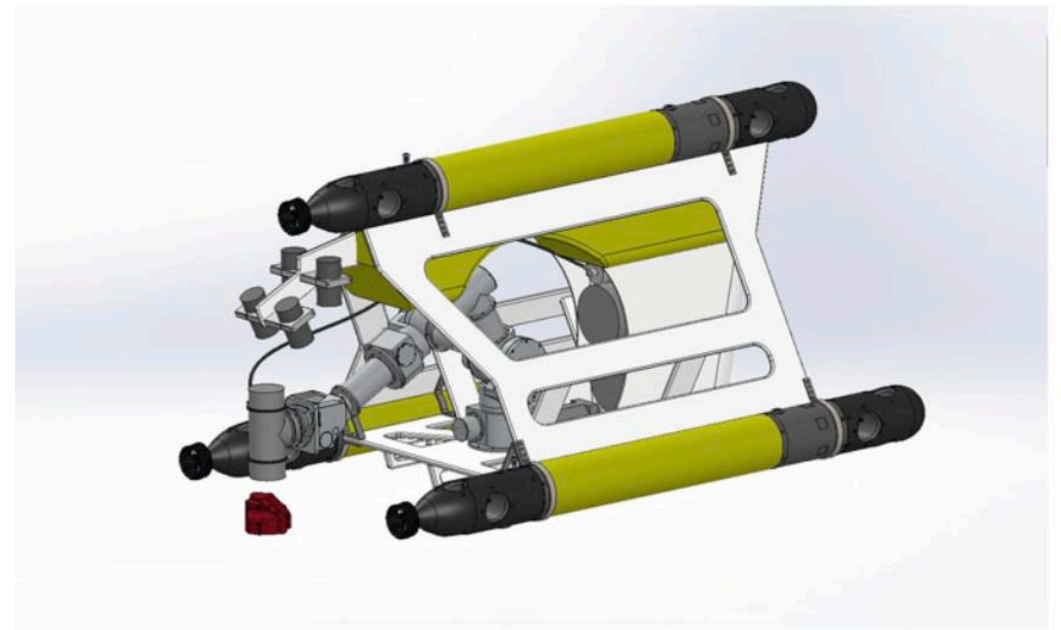


**Fig. 1.8** Coordinated control of two seven-link Ansaldo manipulators during a wet test in a pool (courtesy of G. Casalino, Genoa Robotics And Automation Laboratory, Universit3 di Genova and G. Veruggio, National Research Council-ISSIA, Italy)

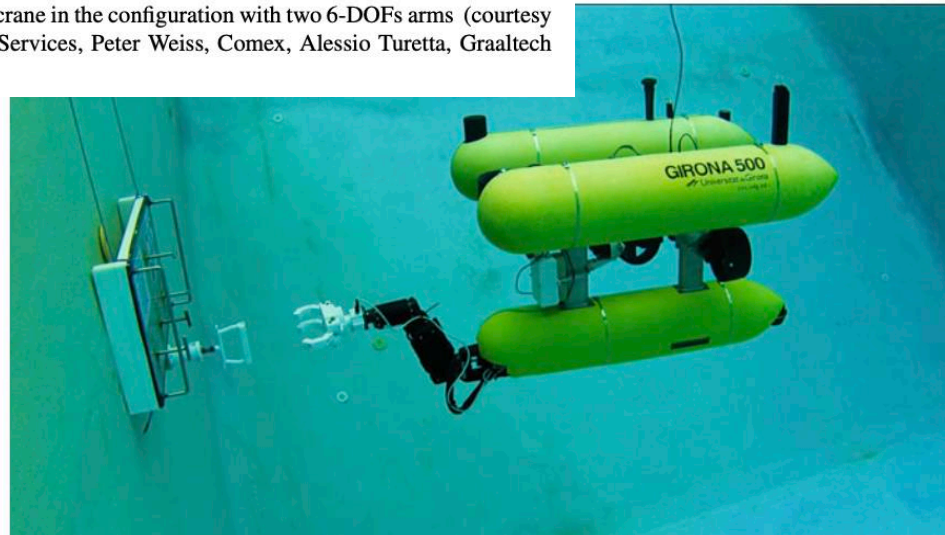




**Fig. 1.13** The DexROV vehicle on the crane in the configuration with two 6-DOFs arms (courtesy of Jeremi Gancet, Space Applications Services, Peter Weiss, Comex, Alessio Turetta, Graaltech and DexROV Consortium)

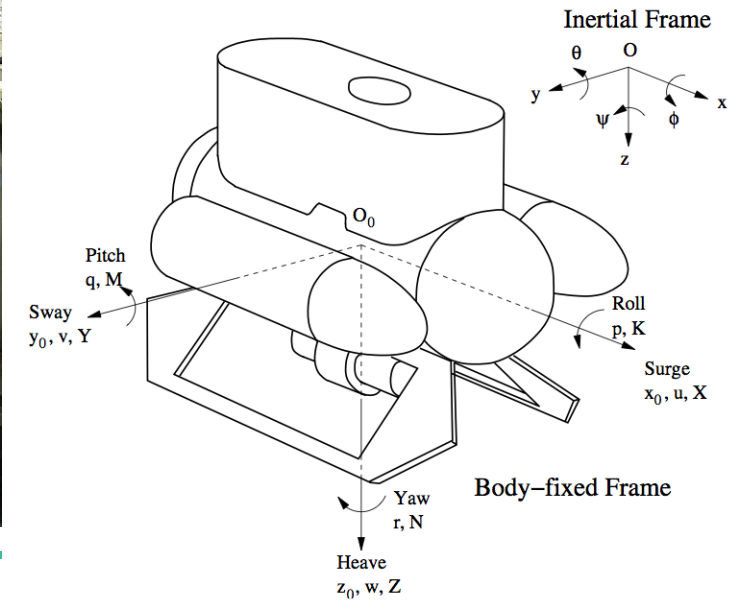
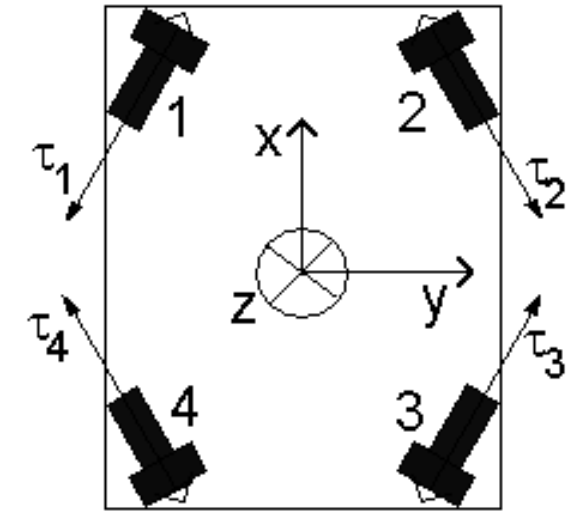
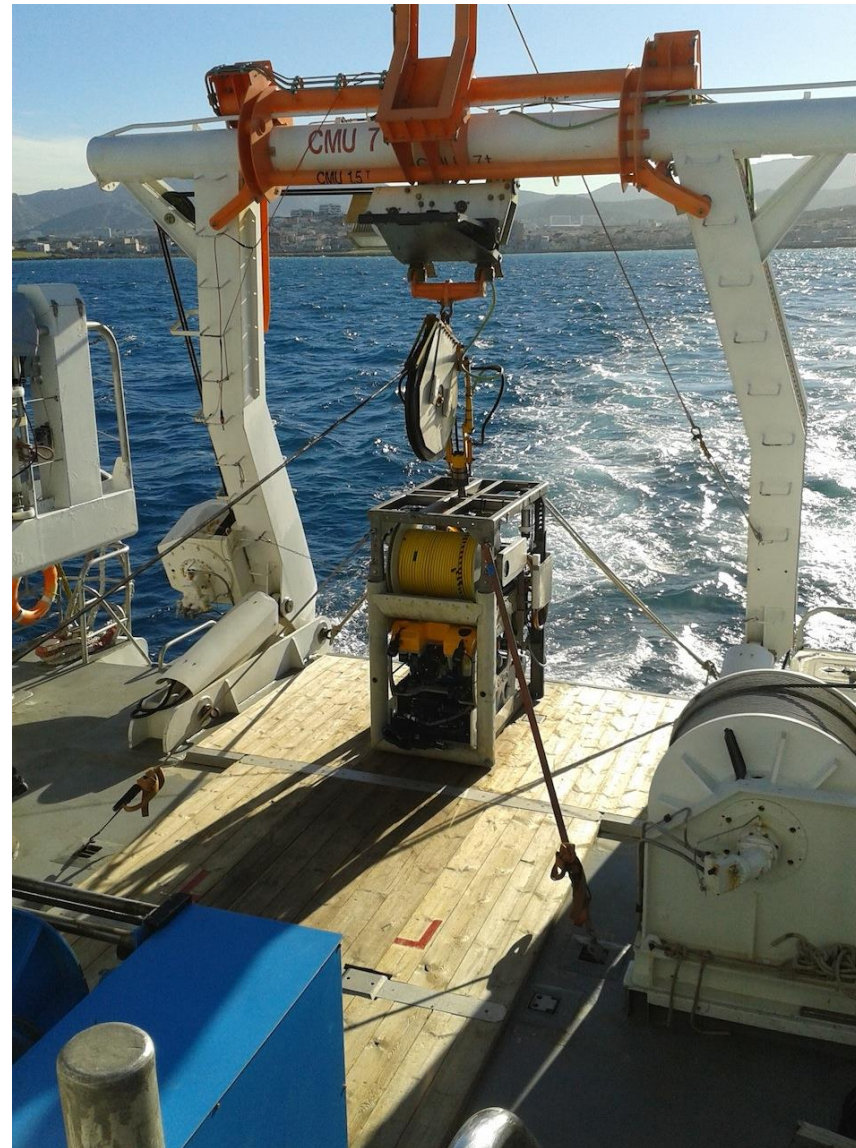


**Fig. 1.14** Concept design for the ROBUST vehicle, the laser designed for in situ spectroscopy can be recognized at the arm end effector (courtesy of Alessio Turetta, Graaltech)



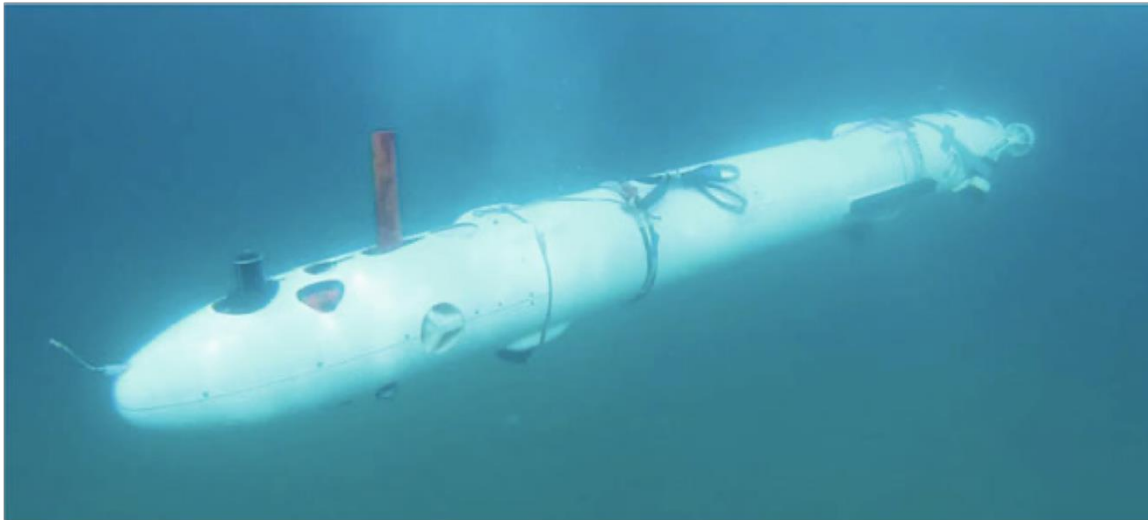
**Fig. 1.12** More recent development of the UVMS used under the TRIDENT project (courtesy of Pere Ridao, Centre d'Investigació en Robòtica Submarina (CIRS), Computer Vision & Robotics Research Team (VICOROB), University of Girona)





## Control of Autonomous Underwater Vehicles,

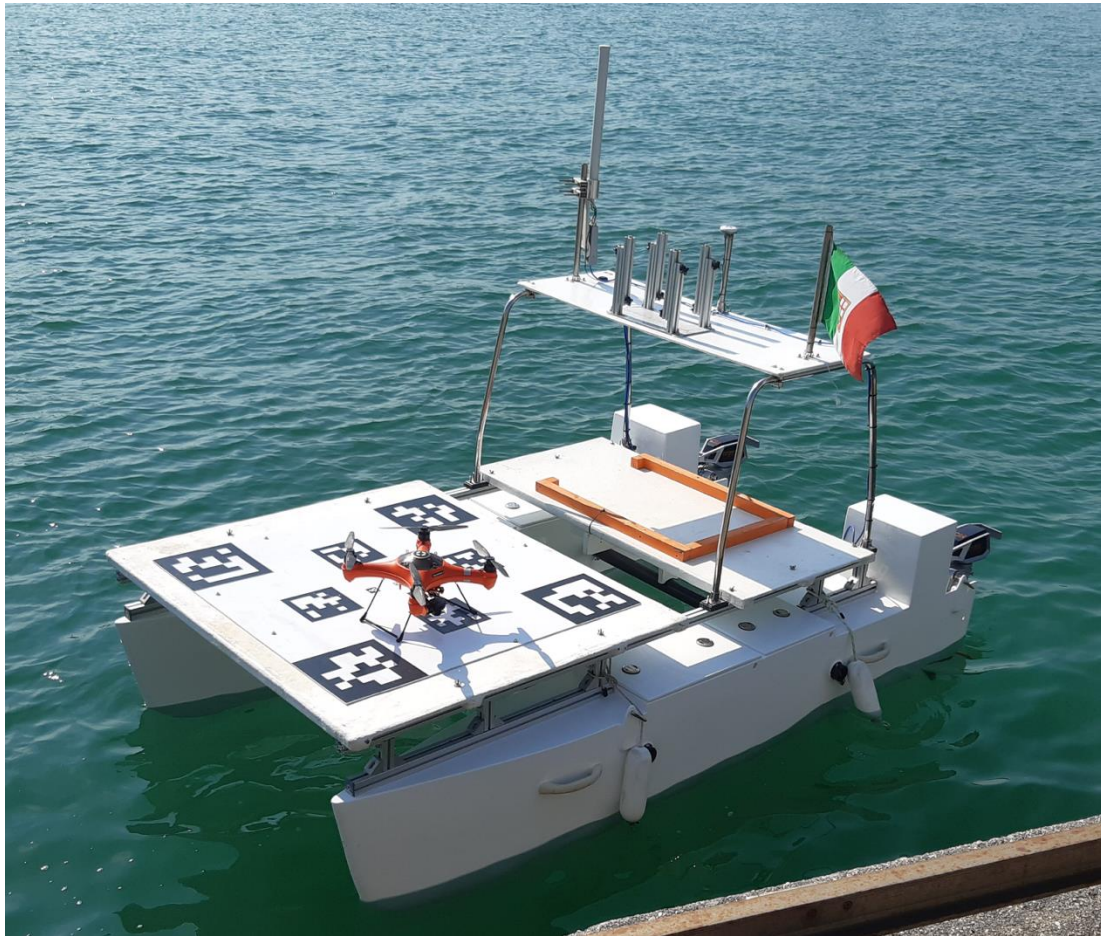
**Fig. 2** The Typhoon AUV research prototype jointly developed by the University of Pisa and the University of Florence (Italy, 2013)

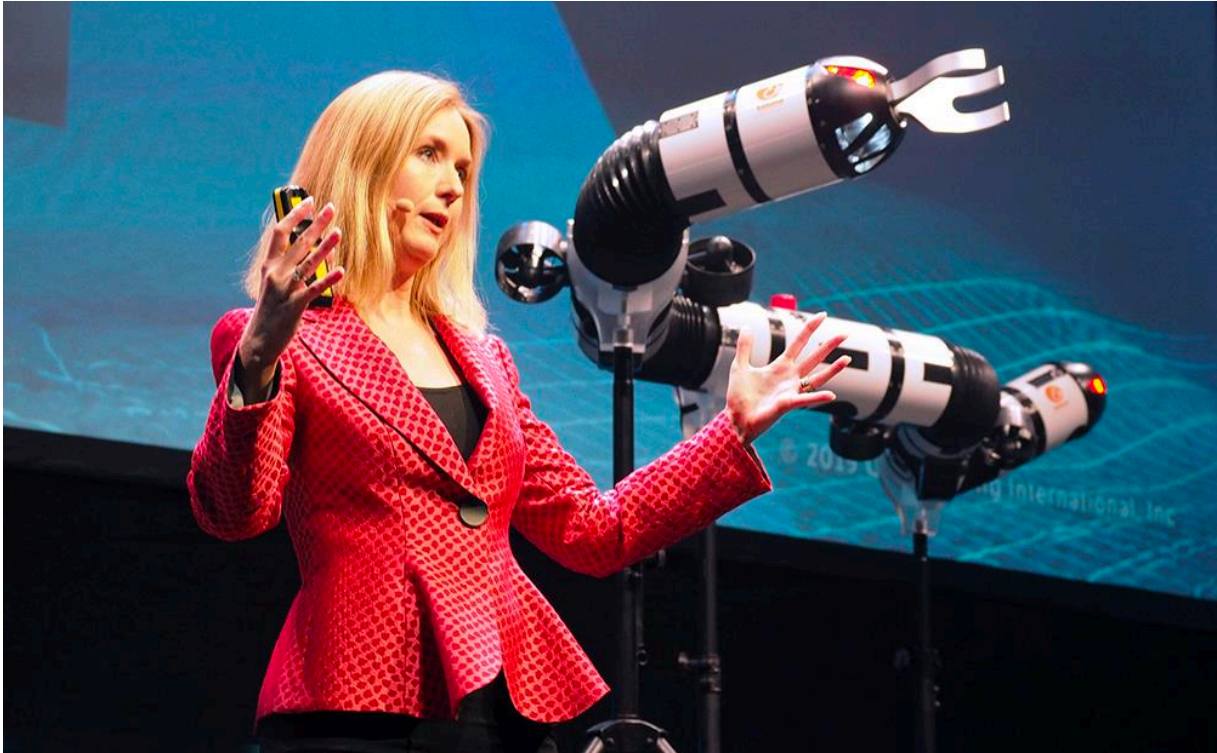


## Control of Autonomous Underwater Vehicles, Fig. 4

Zeno: another example of a compact (1 m long) and fully actuated AUV rated for a depth up to 120 m. Jointly developed by the company MDM S.R.L. – Florence, and the University of Florence (2018)

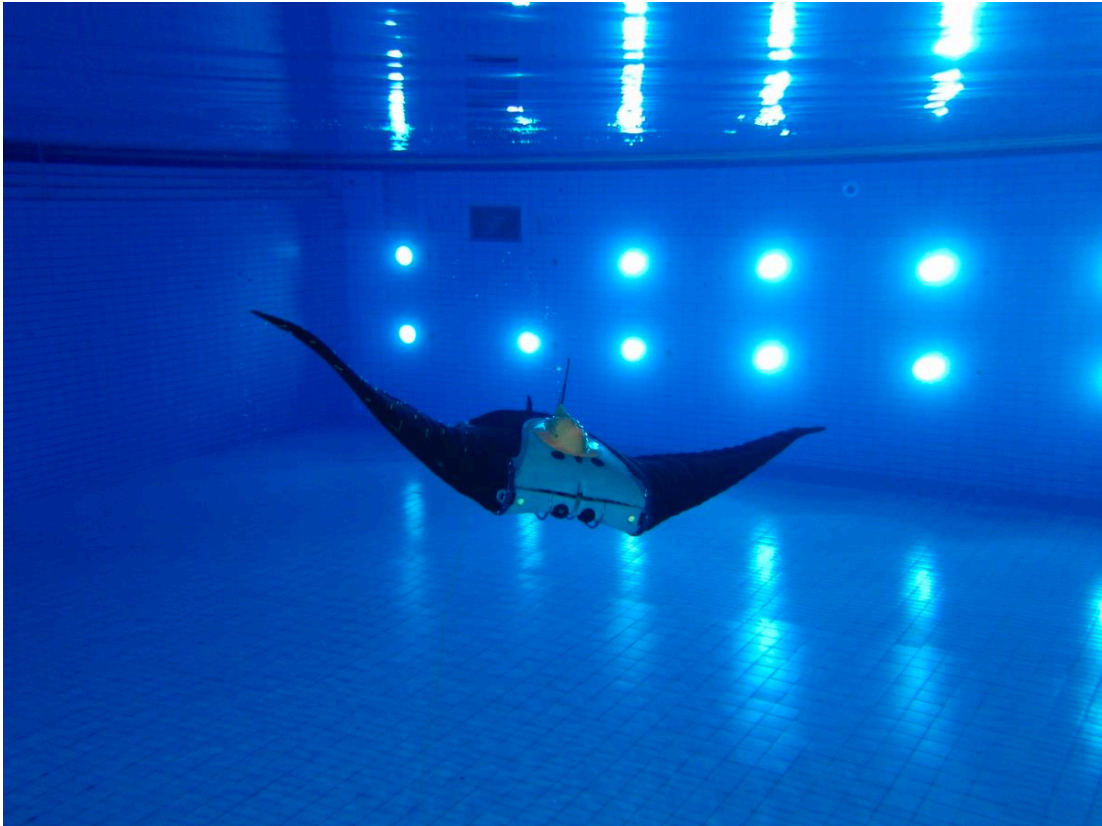
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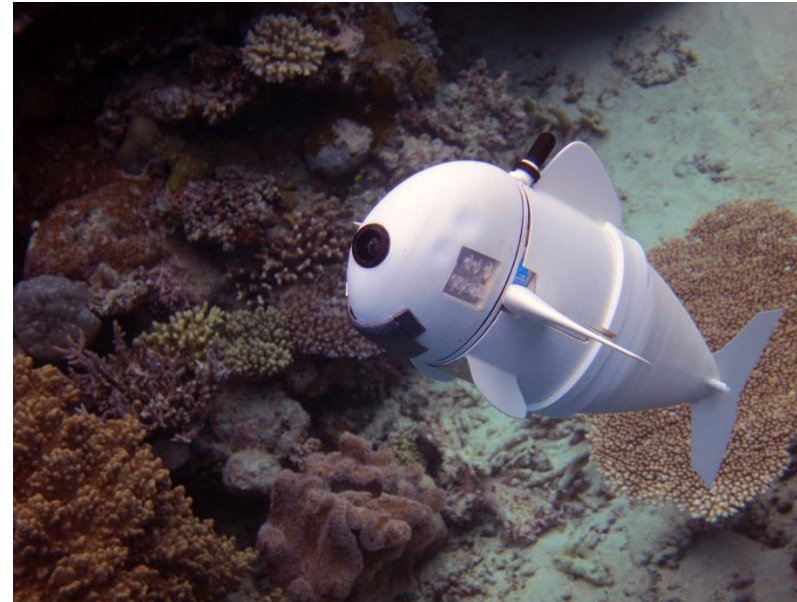
Professor Kristin Ytterstad Pettersen, NTNU Trondheim





EVOLOGICS (Germany),

The BOSS Manta Ray is an autonomous underwater bionic vehicle the company has been developing since 2013 within the framework of the Bionic Observation and Survey System project.



MIT, 2018



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An underwater scene with a deep blue background. In the center, a bright light source, possibly a sun or moon, is visible through the water, surrounded by a school of small fish. The foreground shows a sandy seabed with some rocks and coral.

Grazie !