

# Parker Maritime AS

Practical water level correction for near shore  
surveys in Norway.  
Using GNSS  
and the official tide gauge network



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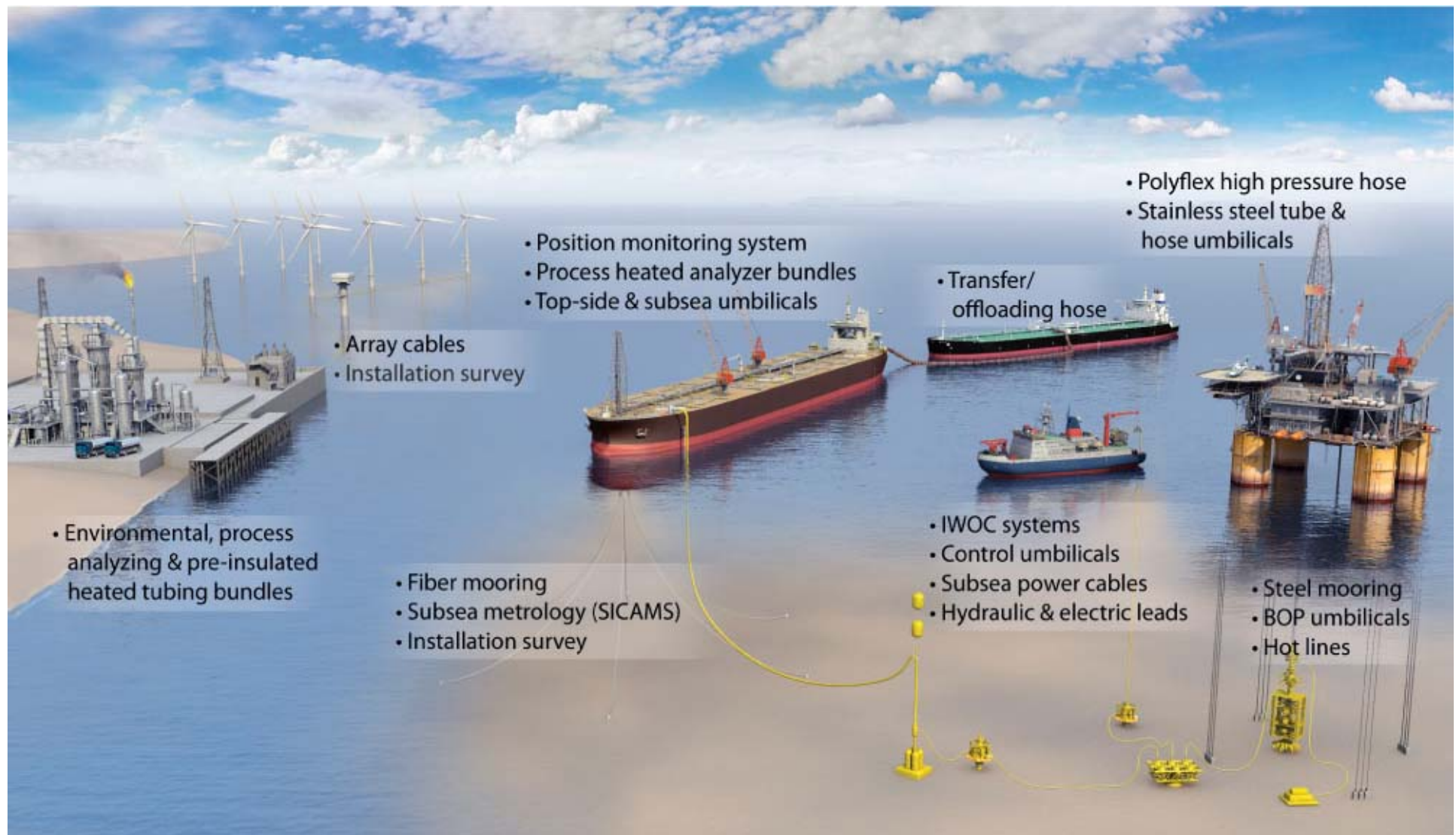
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# Manufacturing & Administrative Locations



# The World of EPD

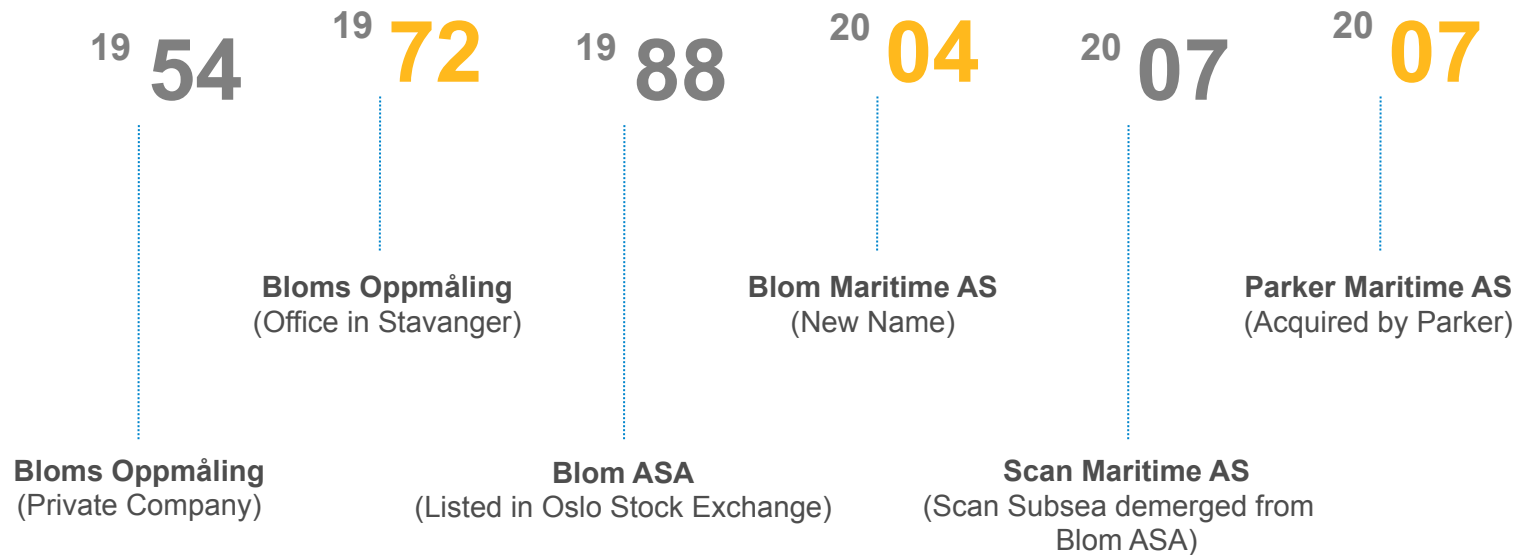




# Parker Maritime AS – Stavanger



# Brief history of PMT



# PMT Strengths

- 40+ years offshore experience
- 40+ highly specialized engineers
- Strong legacy with key players in the offshore market
- Worldwide service and solution provider
- State of art equipment, tools and software

Pictures: A surveyor or many, total station





# Services Provided



Dimensional Control



Vessel control  
Gyro Calibration & GNSS health  
check



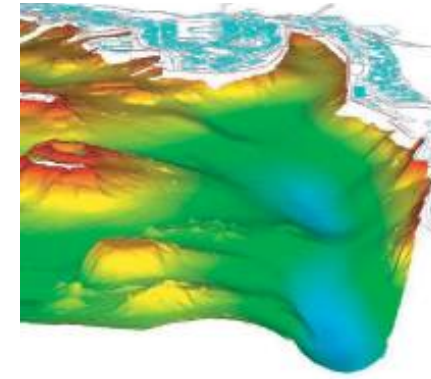
Position Monitoring  
System



Subsea Metrology



Windmill installation  
survey support



Charting and marine  
services





# Nearshore seabed survey operations



Getting ready for operation, loading on truck at our office



# Nearshore seabed survey operations



Launch in Krisitiansand for depth verification for cruise ship quay





# Nearshore seabed survey operations



Cruise ship safely moored in Krisitiansand



# Nearshore seabed survey operations



Launch in Ståvann along E 134 at 980 m above sea





# Nearshore seabed survey operations



Challenges to reach the water when working in fresh water



# Nearshore seabed survey operations



Narrow and difficult access, fresh water near Bergen, Rv 557





# Nearshore seabed survey operations



Ready for launch in Bjørndalsvatnet , near Bergen, Rv 557





# Nearshore seabed survey operations



We got it safely in and out of the fresh water





# Nearshore seabed survey operations



Transport to Honningsvåg for work at Veidnes



# Water level observations by Kartverket

- Operates 24 permanent water level stations from Oslo to Kirkenes
- Measurements available on-line from <http://sehavniva.no/> 10 – 20 minutes after observation
- Provide official water level and land rise information
- Observed water level modeled to any geographic location in Norway
- Water level can be downloaded at 10 min interval as text files

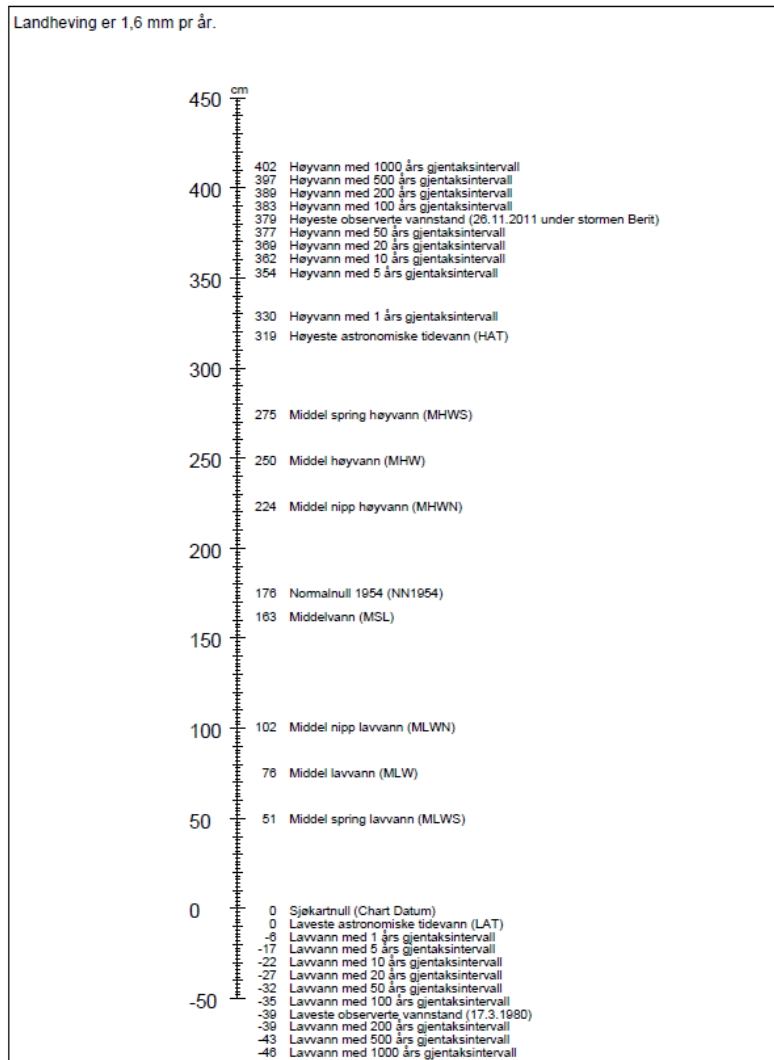


Source: <http://sehavniva.no/>

# Official water level definition at Sarnes



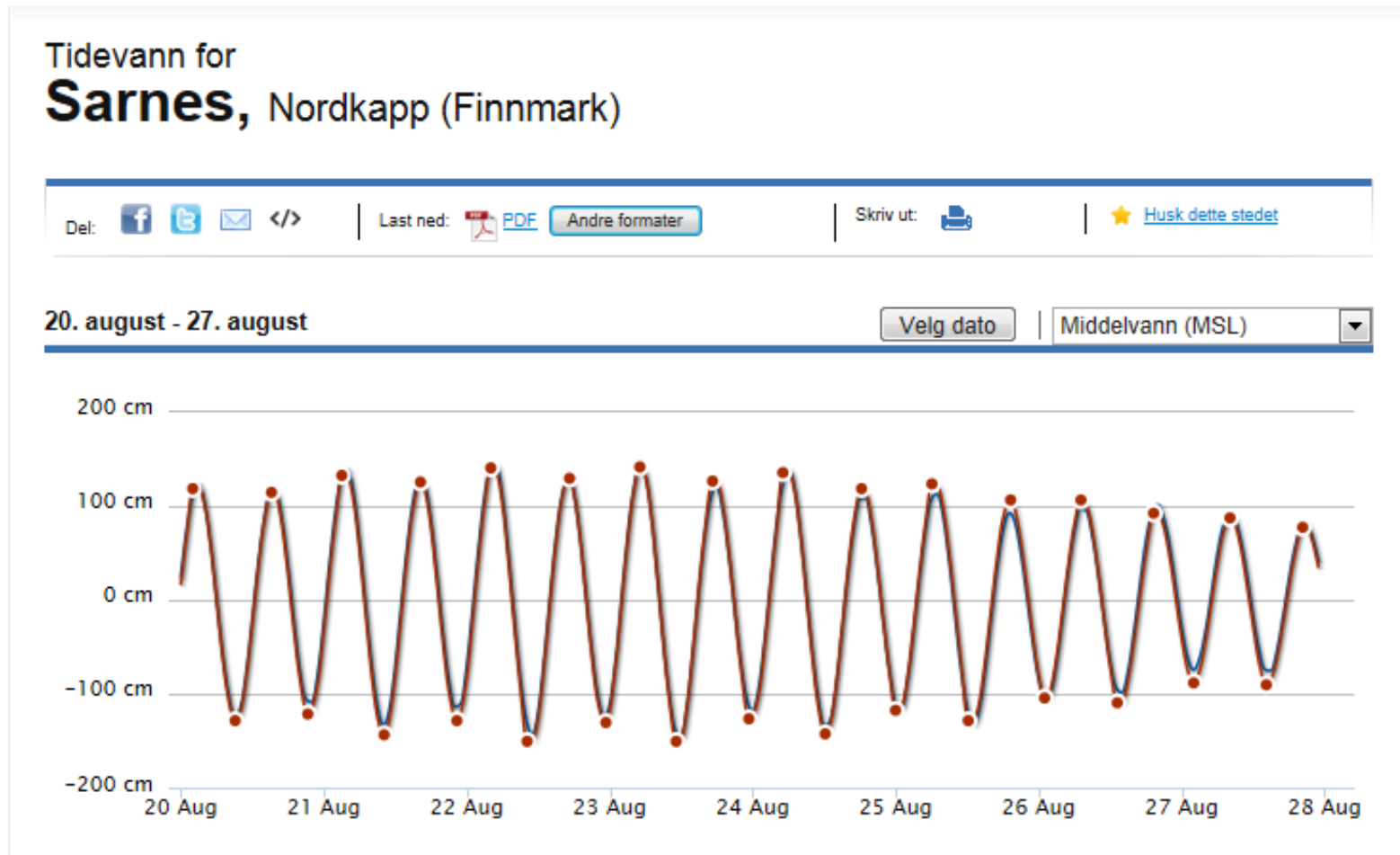
## Nivåskisse for Sarnes



- Provides information about official vertical reference levels in Norway
- Chart Zero (LAT) north of Bergen
- MSL - Mean Sea Level (based on long term observations)
- NN1954 (NN2000?)  
Vertical reference in Norwegian land maps
- Land rise in mm / year



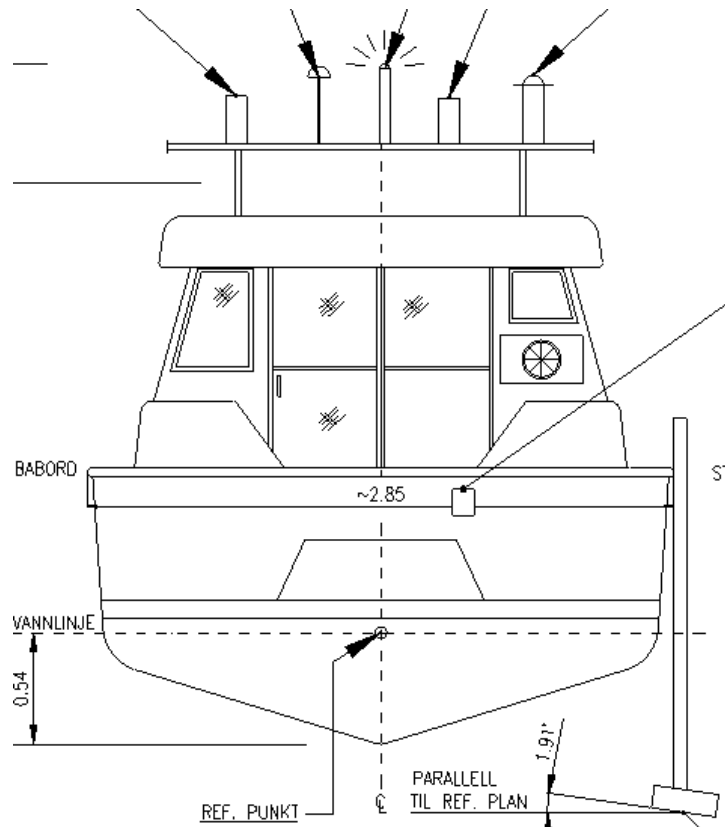
# Observed and predicted water level



Water level observations at Sarnes close to Veidnes in Finnmark

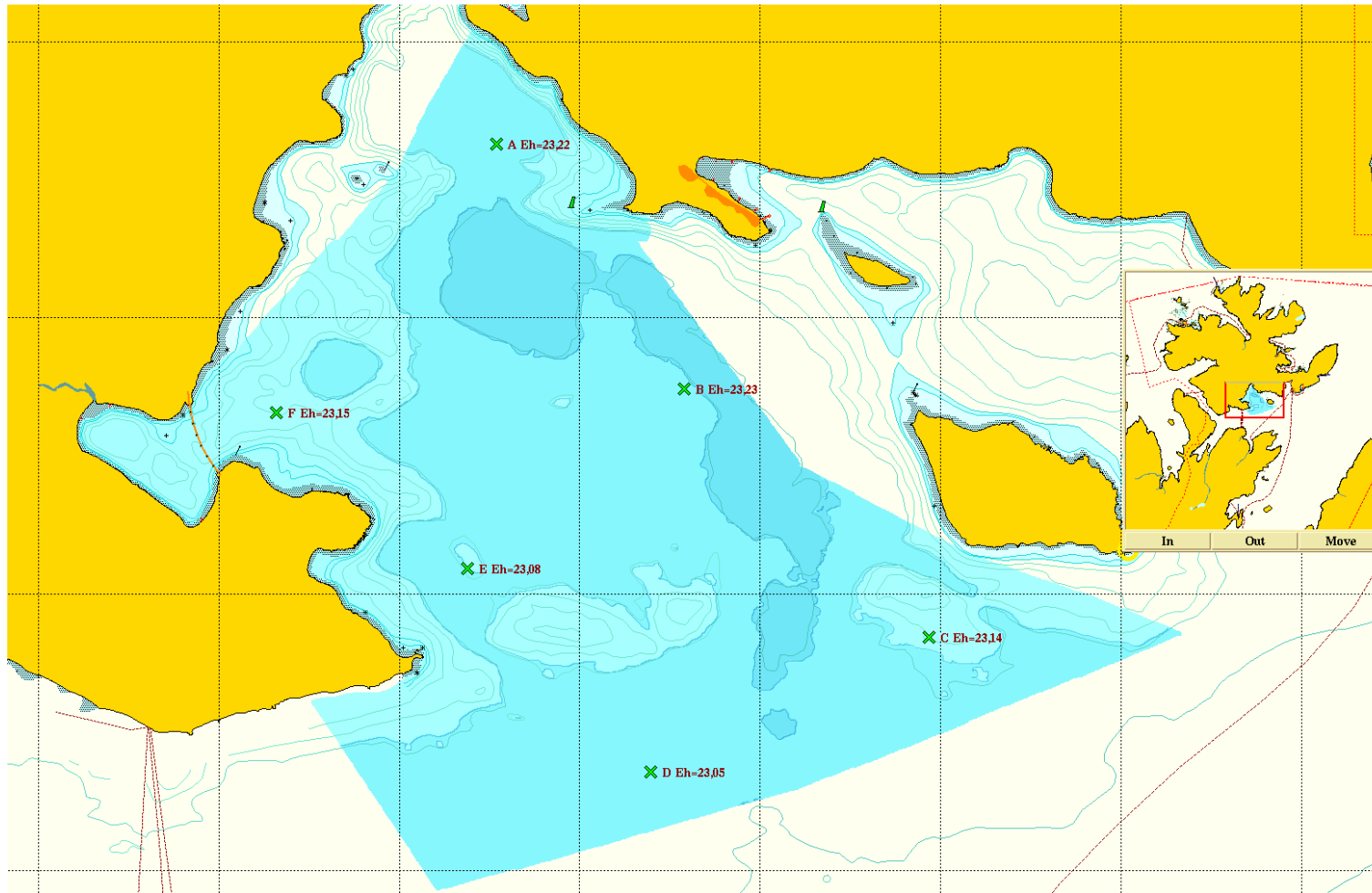


# Recording ellipsoidal height from RTK



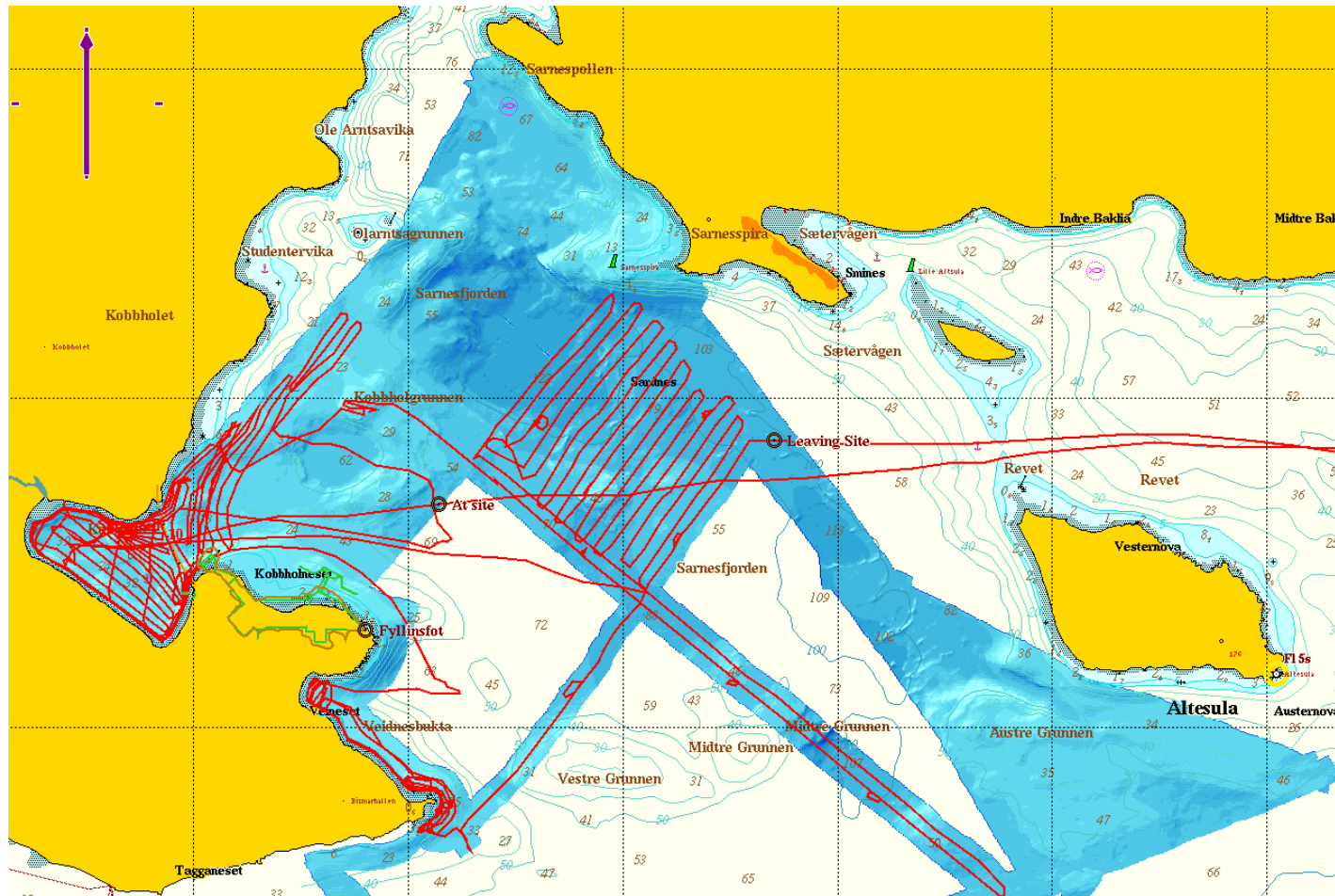
- Positioning by Seapath 330 RTK with GPS and GLONASS
- Corrections from CPOS to EUREF 89 transferred using ICE net or GPRS, 3G
- Lever arm correction by Seapath to an MP at the water line. Also MP at antenna for PPP processing if required
- Both positioning streams logged in SIS at 2 Hz into KM raw.all files
- Extracted and combined from all logged lines in Neptune pre-processing

# Establishing Geoid - ellipsoid separation



Calculating geoid – ellipsoid separation for random locations in the survey area using href2008a in Wsktrans.

# Typical survey coverage for a day



Vessel tracks for survey lines performed on the 23rd of August 2013.  
Number of lines 177, sailed distance 89.4 km, net survey distance 71.5 km



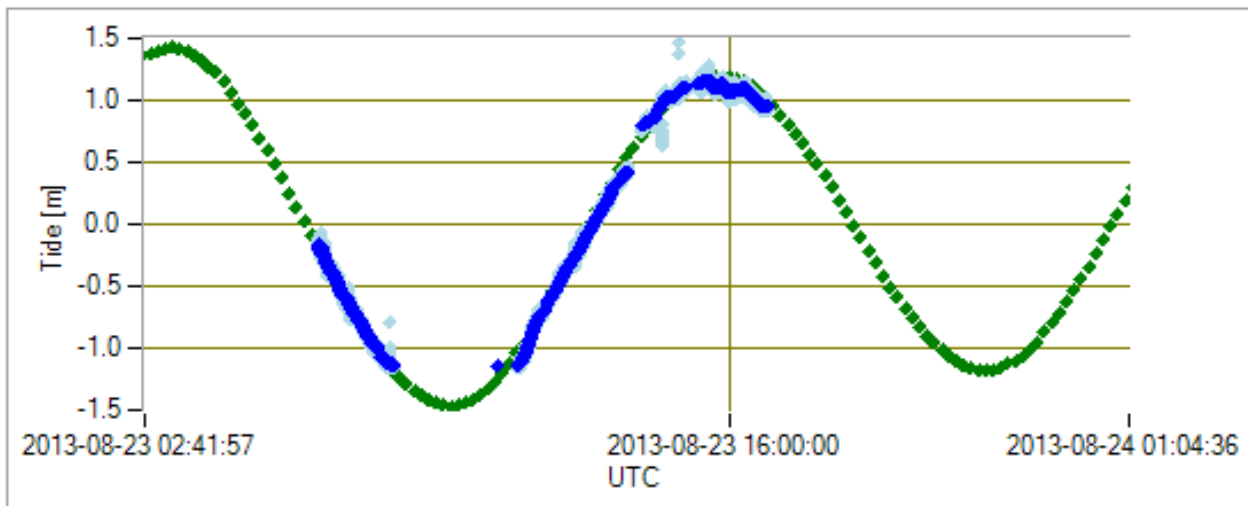


# GNSS RTH v.s. observed water level



Water level data  
RTH Bintang vs MSL Sarnes

Start UTC	Stop UTC
2013.08.22 22:00	2013.08.24 21:50



Tide RTH RTH MA-filtered

Tide: Timeshift to get UTC [s]: -7200  
Z correction [m]: 0.00  
Range factor: 1.00  
Time correction [s]: 0  
RTH: Z correction [m]: 0.00, Geoidal height [m]: 23.17

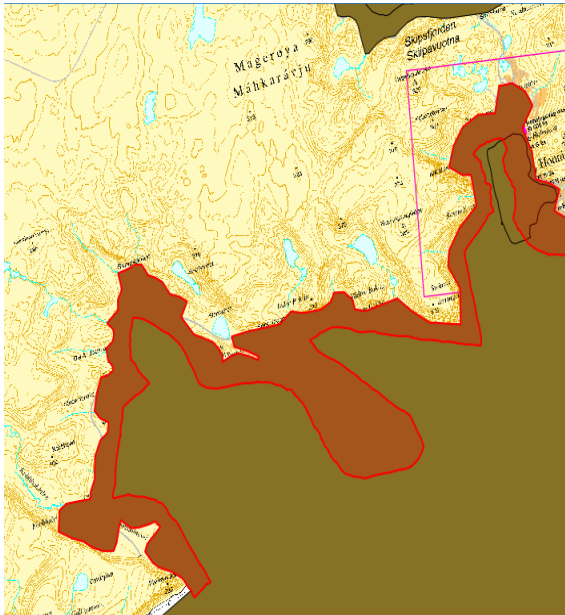
## Procedure

- Logg ellipsoidal height at water line
- Establish separation
- Download observed WL modeled to location from Kartverket
- Timeshift to UTC
- Compare to filtered RTH
- Write water level correction files for post processing

Comparing filtered RTH with observed WL from Kartverket

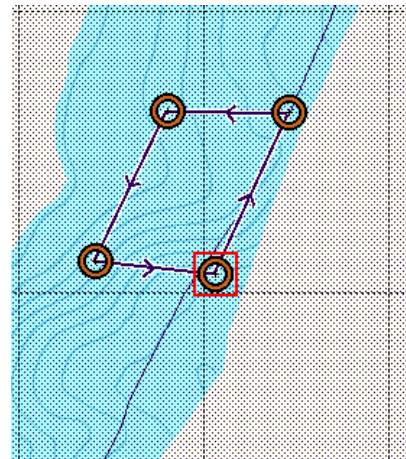


# Comparing against Kartverk surveys

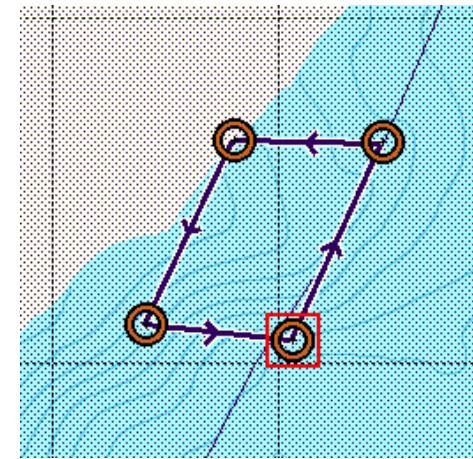


Same area in two different surveys

Hydrograf-3006



PMT Aug 2013



Purchased soundings  
from Hybas:

- hydrograf-3006,  
EM 3000, 2006
  - XI-235EM,  
EM 100, 1995
- Adjusted to NN54

## Volume calculation

Wet area	33255 m2 ~= 0.03 km2
Water volume	618568 m3
Mean depth	18.60 meters
Terrain volume	Not calculated
Depth range	0 to 9999 meters
Calculated at	12/12-2013 19:52:52

## Volume calculation

Wet area	33252 m2 ~= 0.03 km2
Water volume	619537 m3
Mean depth	18.63 meters
Terrain volume	Not calculated
Depth range	0 to 9999 meters
Calculated at	12/12-2013 19:52:19

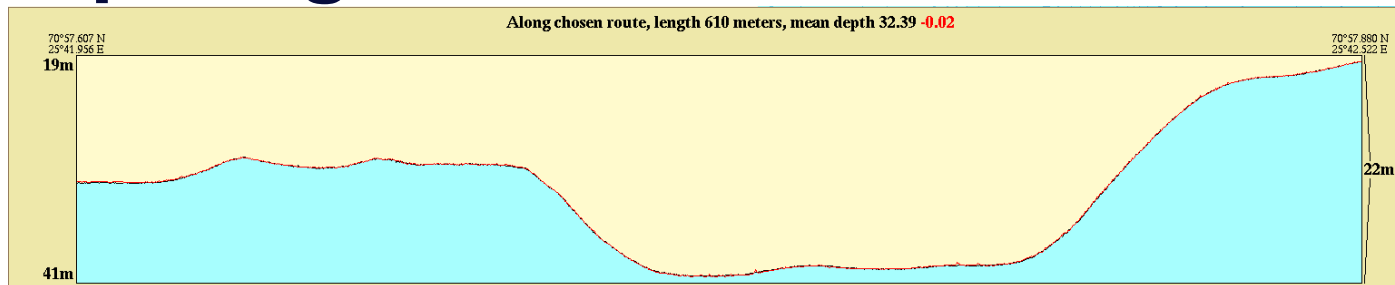
Mean depth Hydrograf 18.60 m

Mean depth Parker survey 18.63

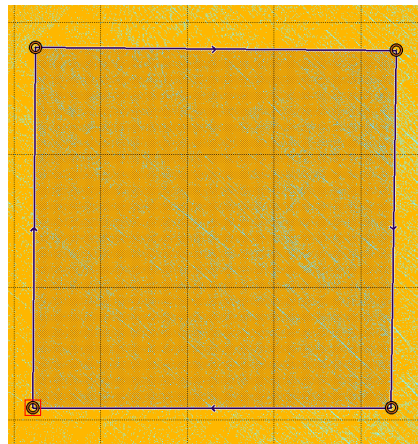
Difference 3 cm



# Comparing cont..

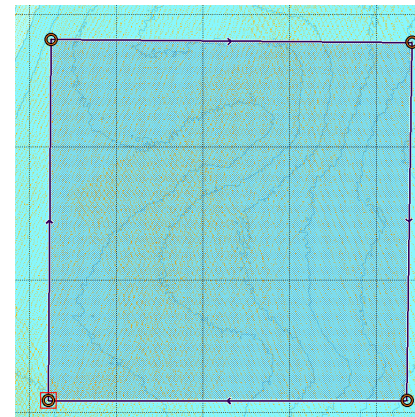


Same profile through different models hydrograf-3006 and PMT aug 2013



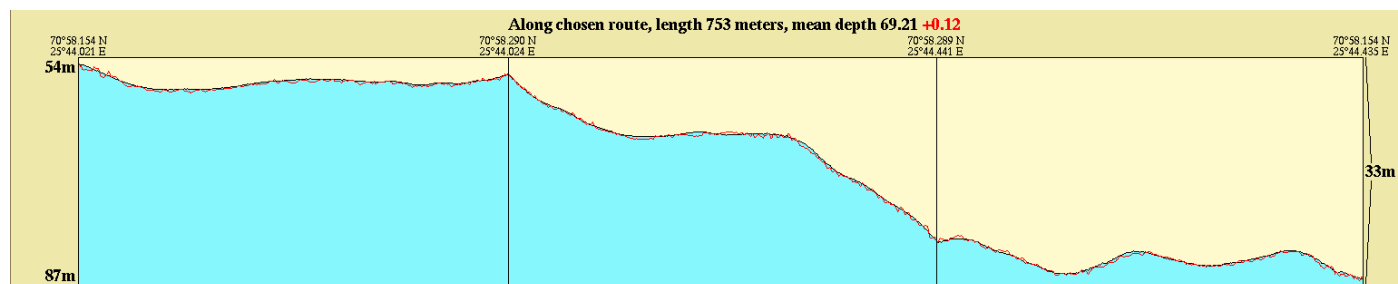
Volume calculation	
Wet area	62978 m2 ~ 0.06 km2
Water volume	4229808 m3
Mean depth	67.16 meters
Terrain volume	Not calculated
Depth range	0 to 9999 meters
Calculated at	12/12-2013 19:57:12

PMT aug 2013  
Point density  
about 10 times  
more.



Volume calculation	
Wet area	62963 m2 ~ 0.06 km2
Water volume	4237612 m3
Mean depth	67.30 meters
Terrain volume	Not calculated
Depth range	0 to 9999 meters
Calculated at	12/12-2013 19:57:39

IX-235EM  
Average difference  
12 – 14 cm



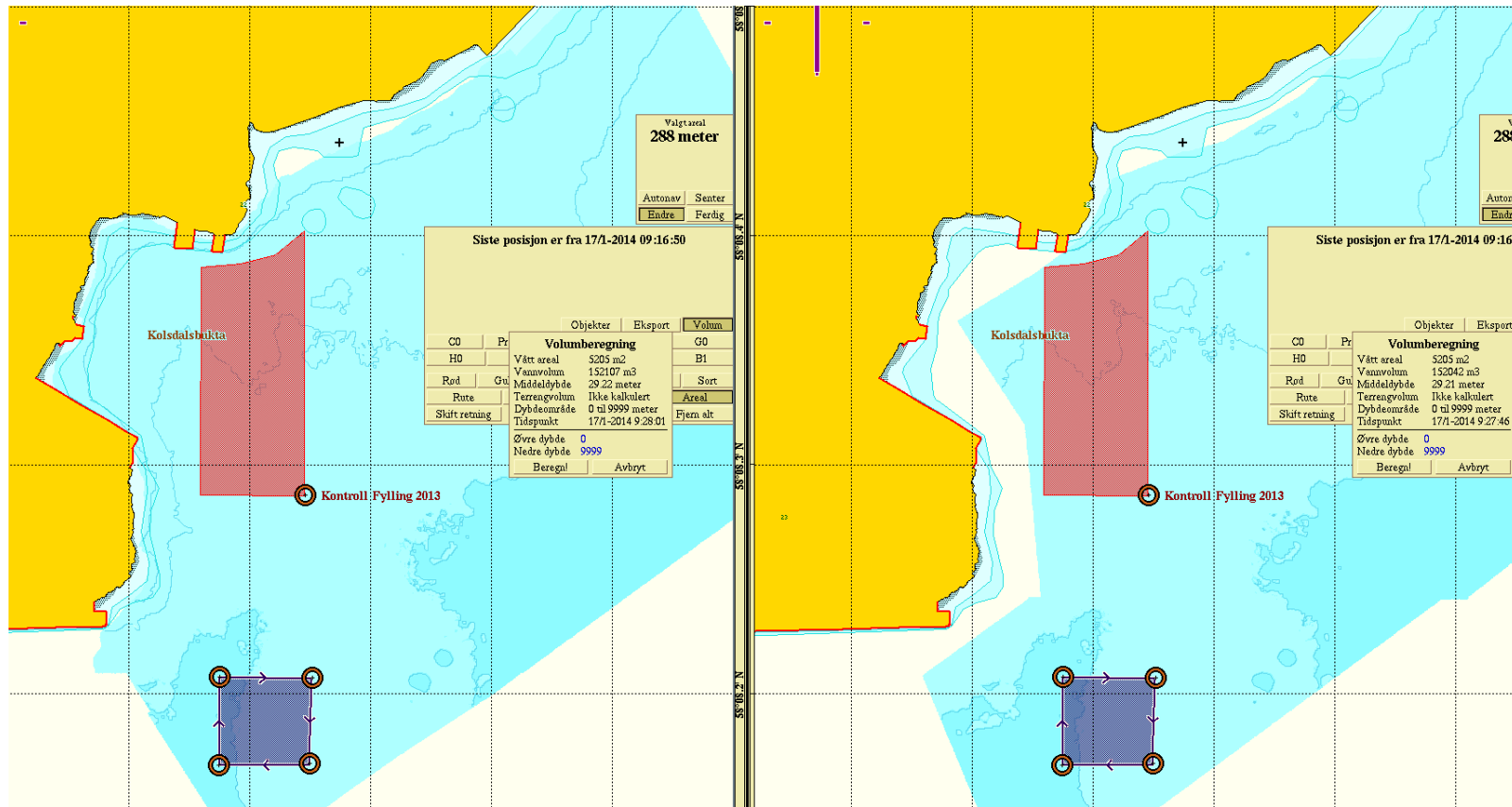
Comparing PMT aug 2013 and IX-235EM-1995





# Comparing cont..

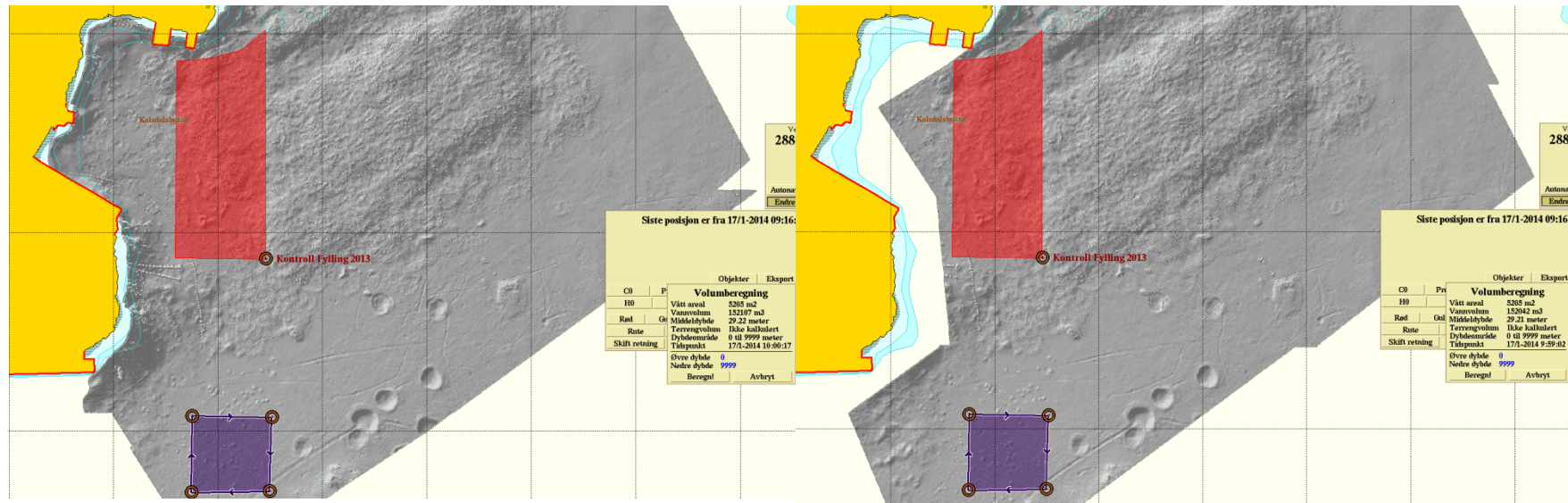
Side by side same area Kristiansand jan 2012 (left) and july 2013 (right)



Average difference 1 cm in unmodified area

# Comparing cont..

Side by side same area Kristiansand jan 2012 (left) and july 2013 (right)



Rock dumped area for new container quay in Kristiansand

Very soft seabed.

Rock dump subsided about 50 cm between jan 2012 and july 2013.

# Conclusions

- Obtaining water level observations compared to GNSS observation works near-shore Norway
- We have observed some differences between GNSS and water-level model when working at long distance from permanent recorders. Example 20 – 50 cm in Sognefjorden
- Consistent water level corrections make it possible to perform repeated surveys with high accuracy
- We always use the official water levels when performing hydrographical surveys for delivery to “Kartverket”



Thank You  
Questions?

