



NPS AUV Workbench: Rehearsal, Reality, Replay for Unmanned Vehicle Operations

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Topics

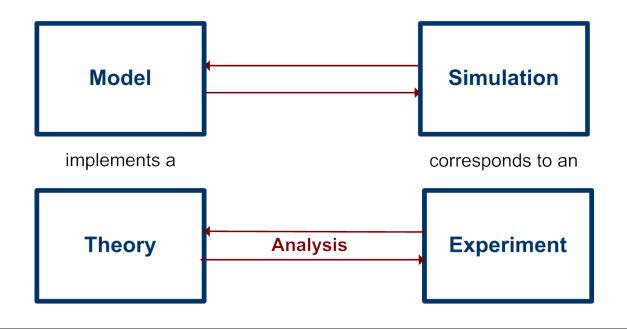
- Why modeling & simulation?
- AUV Workbench Components
- Sonar Visualization
- Technologies: X3D, XML, XMSF
- Looking ahead
- Demonstrations

theory = conceptual description of reality experiment = test theory in physical world



Scientific method, 15th-20th centuries

model = formal representation of reality simulation = behavior of model over time



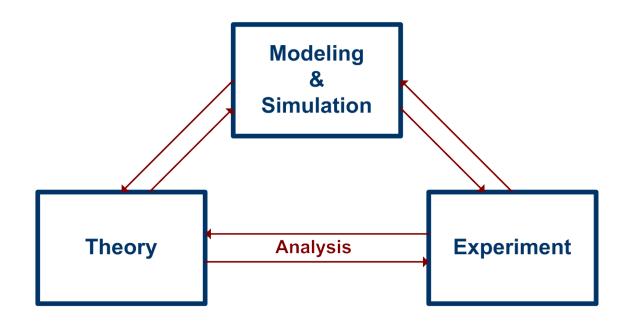
Scientific method, 1950-present



running together

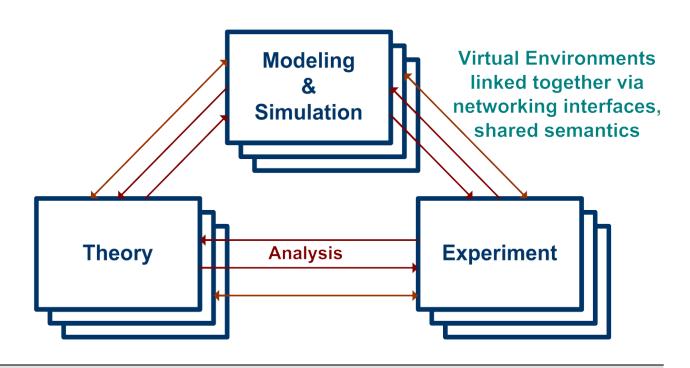
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Scientific method, 1950-present

Virtual environments can connect all models and simulations together



Scientific method, emerging 21st century





AUV Workbench Project Description

- Open source, Java, XML, X3D graphics
- Mission planning
- Robot mission execution
- Hydrodynamics response
- Sonar modeling
- 3D visualization
- Compressed radio frequency (RF) and acoustic communications











Our 3 R's: rehearsal, reality, replay

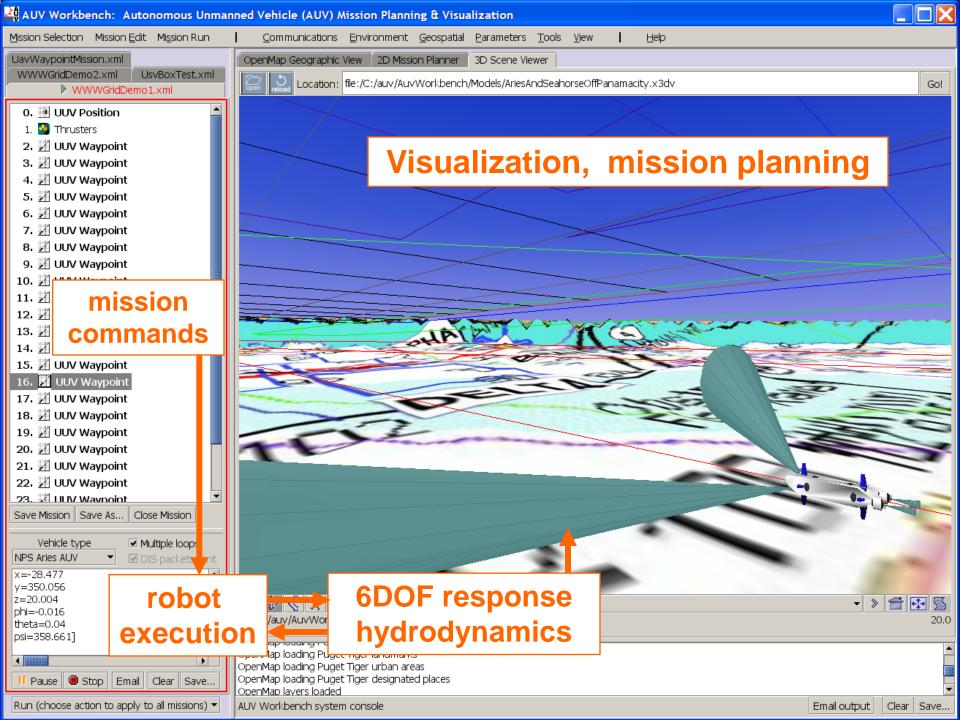
- Same needs and capabilities for each: mission, visualization, data support, etc.
- AUV workbench supports each
 - ongoing work, starting to mainstream
- 15 years of accumulated effort
 - integrating great variety of successful work
 - new work projects occurring regularly
- Collaboration is welcome

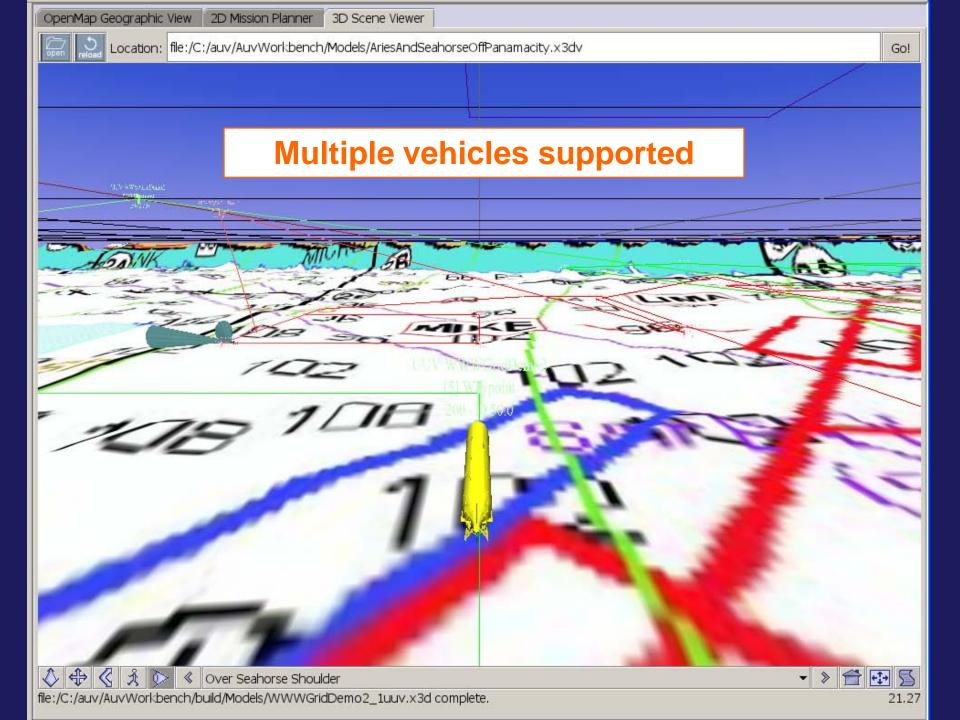




Rehearsal

Mission planning and preparation









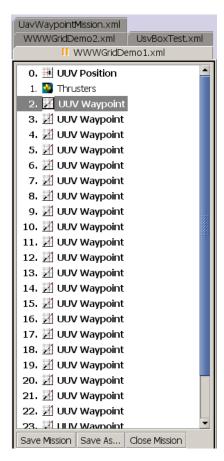
<u>Rehearsal</u>

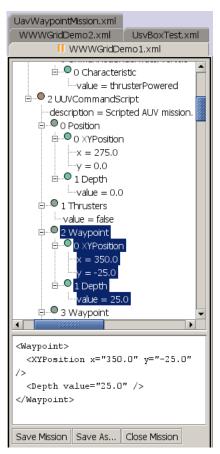
- Prepare missions, either manually or automatically via other software tools
- Test robot software's ability to perform commands
- Test again with physics "in the loop"
 - Hydrodynamics and control are critical, difficult
 - Sonar, environmental modeling
- Repeat until robust, with cautious respect
 - "Simulation is doomed to success" G. Bekey

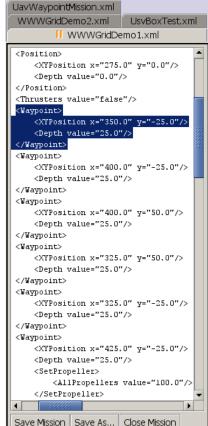


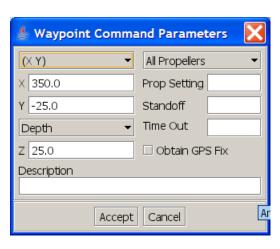


Mission views: iconic, tree, XML, dialog box







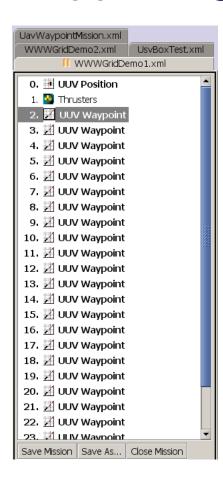


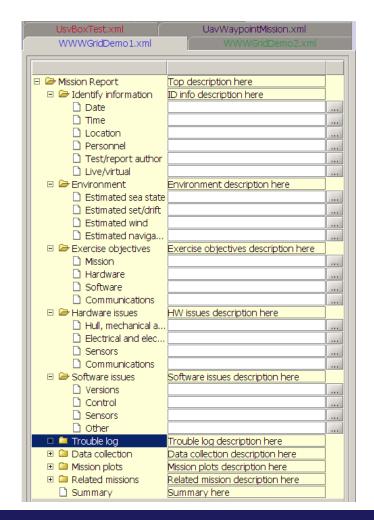
Each view is consistent with GIS, 2D, 3D views





Supporting views: mission metadata, state



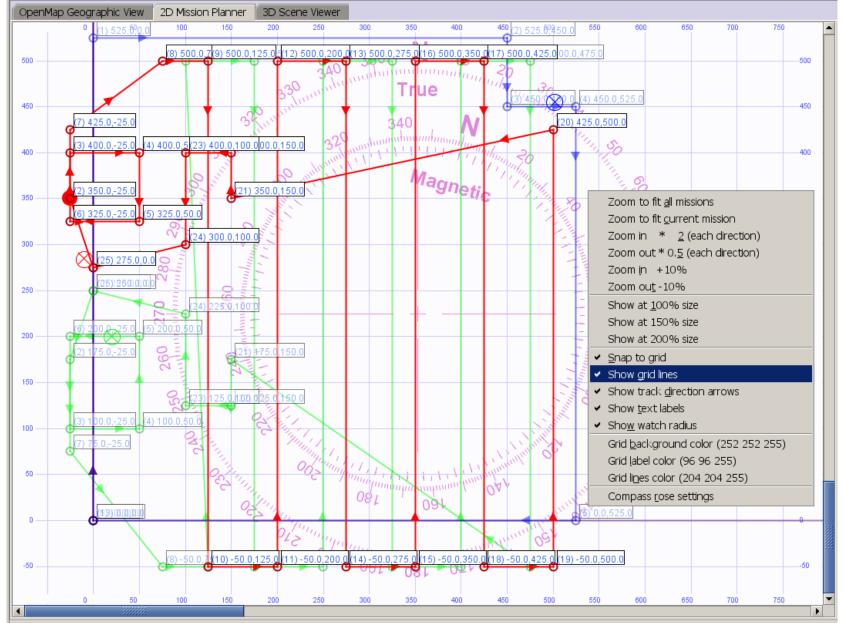


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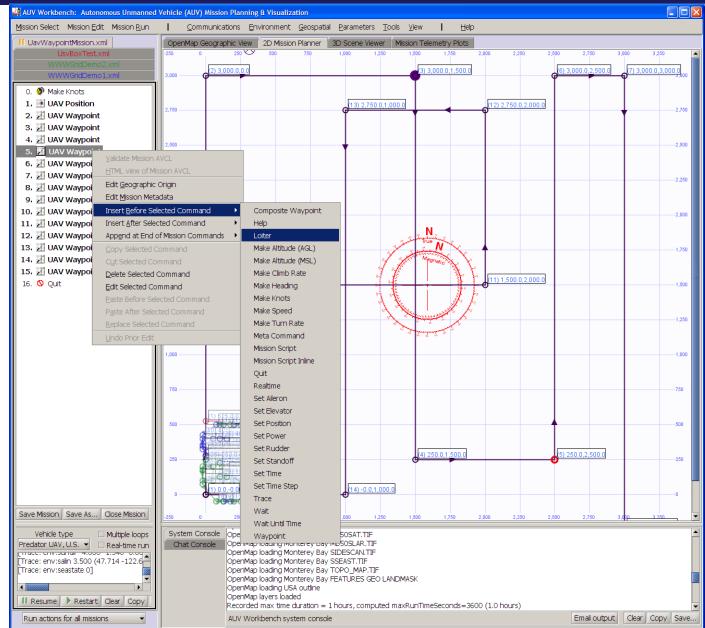




2D planner: script missions



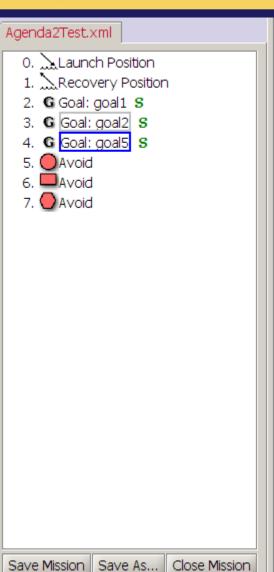
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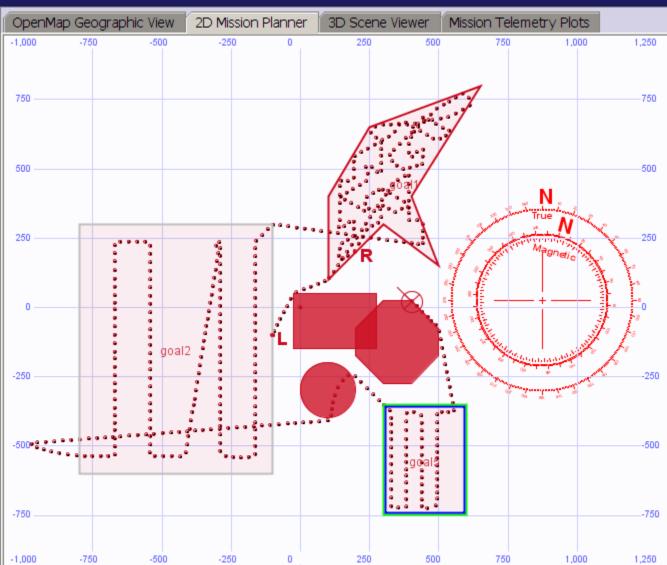




POSTGRADUATE 2D planner: agenda missions





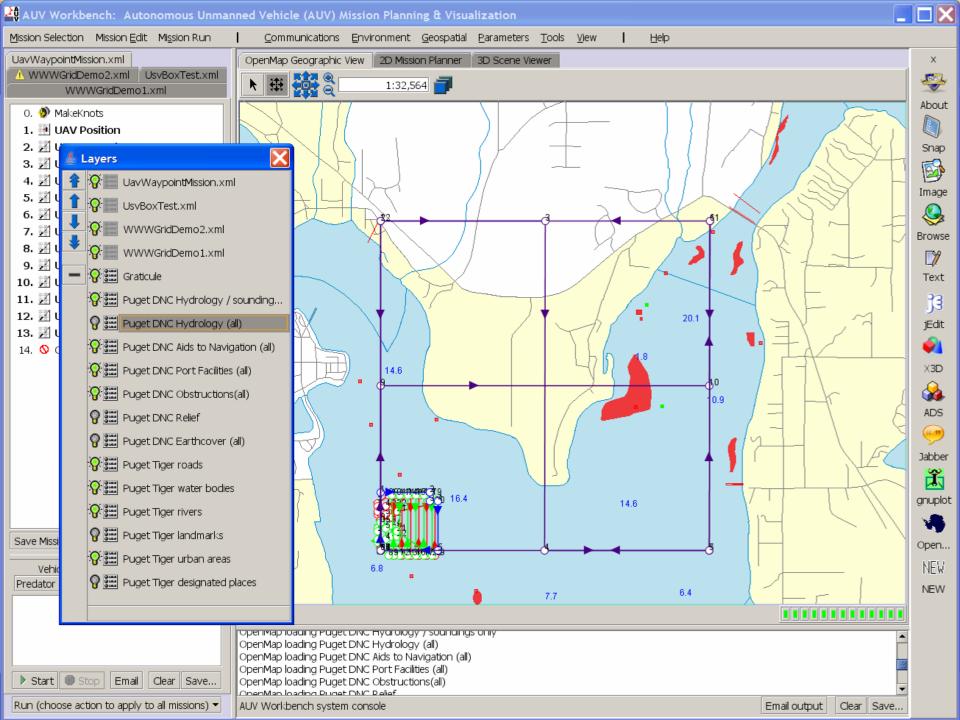






OpenMap GIS display

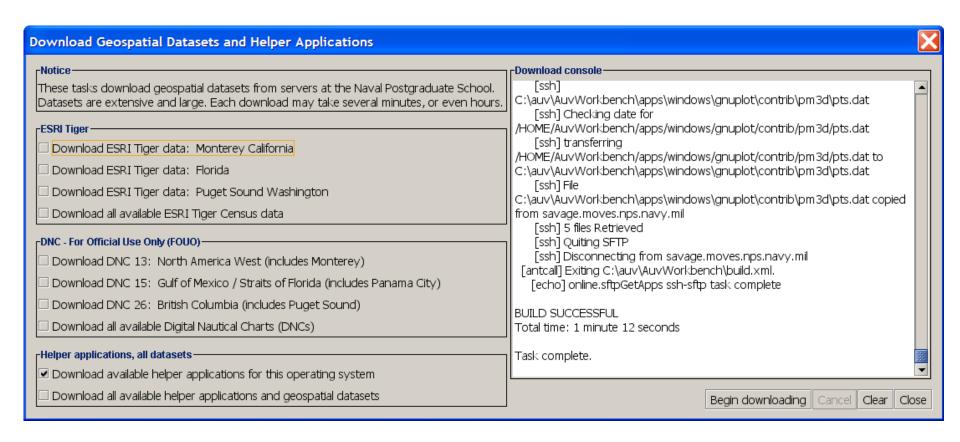
- OpenMap http://www.openmap.org
 - Geographic Information System (GIS)
 - Open source Java, bundled
 - Building layers for areas of interest
 - Geographic coordinates throughout
 - Will synchronize with mission definitions, X3D







Secure sftp download of large GIS datasets







Reality: real-time mission support

- Monitor mission progress
- Task-level control using same mission vocabulary
- Visualize and supervise operations
 - caveat, again: work in progress
- Integrate acoustic and RF communications
- Chat for distributed collaboration among participants, both human and robotic





Real-time mission data import/export

- Export
 - Mission commands that are already rehearsed
 - Convert to specific dialect particular to that robot
- Import
 - Mission telemetry recording detailed track data
 - Data products: imagery, video, mission log, etc.





Record mission metadata for archives

- Support operator keeping detailed notes, kept in context when conducting mission
- Prompt for full details as appropriate
- Archive notes for later review and followup

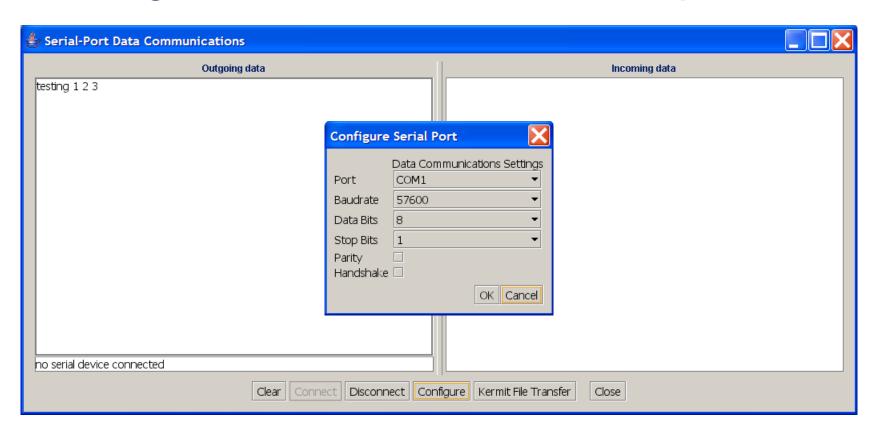
- Future work
 - Automatic tests to confirm configuration, control
 - Automate pre-underway checklists





Serial port communications

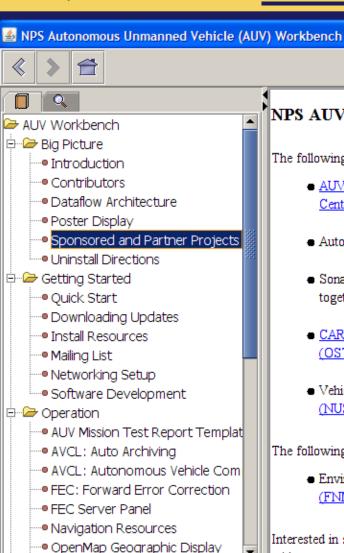
Configurable to different devices, ports





JavaHelp support





NPS AUV Workbench: Sponsor Support and Partner Projects

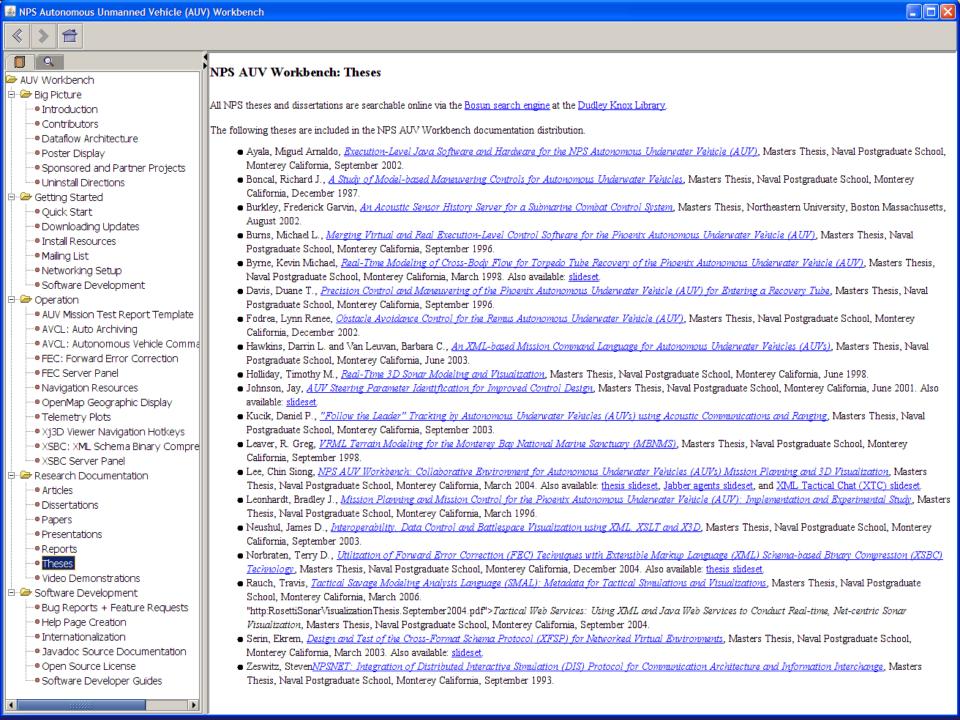
The following projects have supported, utilized and extended the AUV Workbench source code.

- AUV Mission Planning Project sponsored by Naval Oceanography Office and Naval Research Lab, Stennis Space Center
- Autonomous Vehicle Control Language (AVCL) design by Navy Modeling & Simulation Office (NMSO)
- Sonar visualization using high-performance computational models by <u>Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR)</u> together with <u>Sonalysts</u>
- <u>CARUSO project</u> by <u>Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC)</u> and the <u>Ocean State Techology Consortium</u> (<u>OSTC</u>), Newport RI
- Vehicle control configuration design by <u>Singapore DSO National Laboratories</u> and <u>National University of Singapore</u> (<u>NUS</u>)

The following partners are collaborating with NPS on AUVW capabilities and projects.

 Environmental data queries using Web Services by <u>Fleet Numerical Meteorological Oceanographic Center</u> (<u>FNMOC</u>)

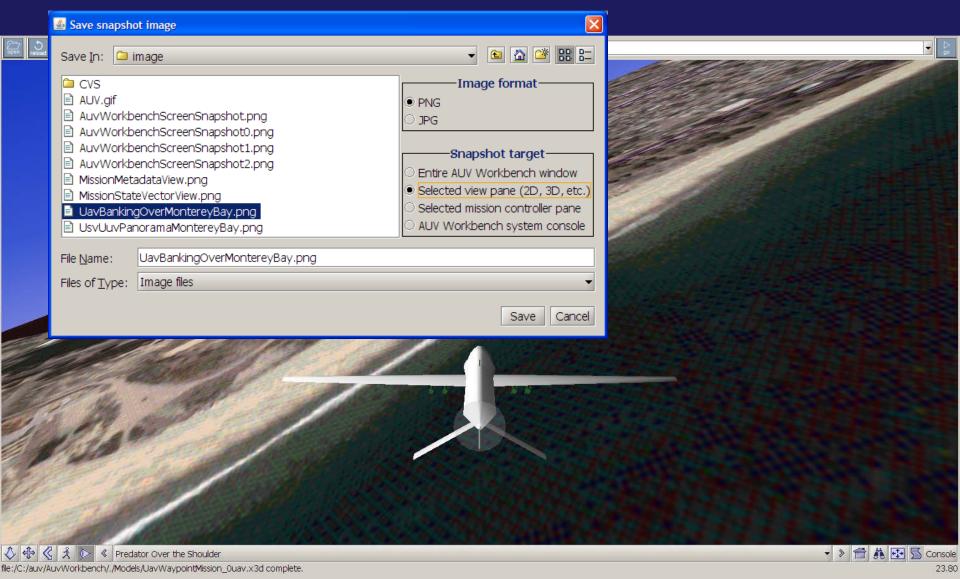
Interested in starting up a new project or sponsoring a graduate student? NPS is a research university. We can likely work with our many partners to help with your challenge. Please contact <u>Don Brutzman</u> with questions or proposals.





Snapshot support









Replay: post-mission support

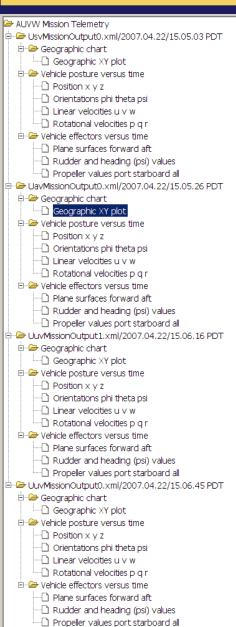
- Automatic archiving of mission to server
 - Being built into workbench simplify user tasks
- Integration and compression of all relevant data into single compressed XML file
 - Metadata for mission
 - Many pieces: ordered mission, commands, telemetry, coefficients, contacts, etc. etc.
 - Autonomous Vehicle Control Language (AVCL) is Ph.D. work by CDR Duane Davis

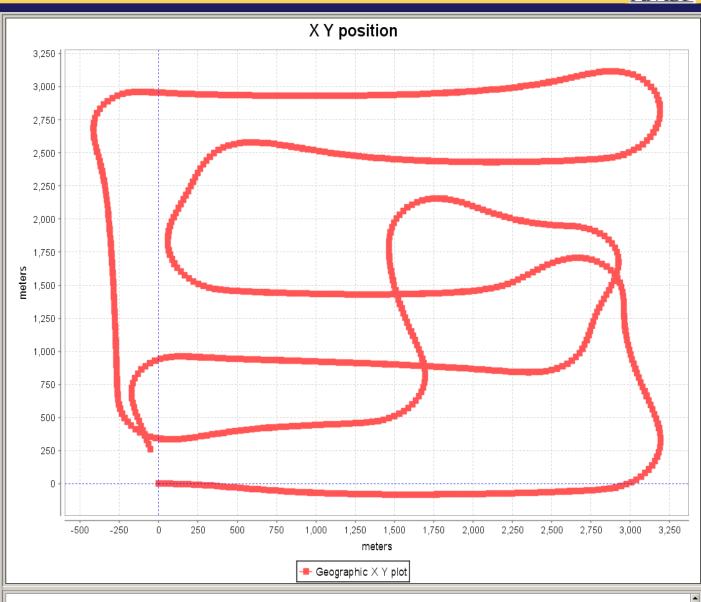


Geographic track plot

Geographic X Y plot. Robot coordinate system: world coordinates for vehicle position. +X (North) and +Y (East) data in meters.



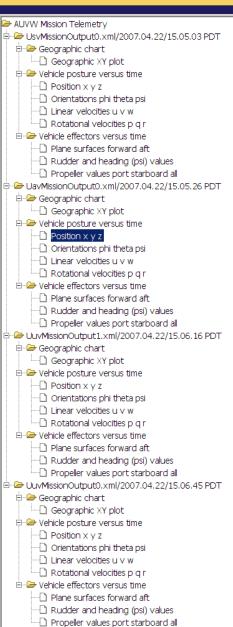


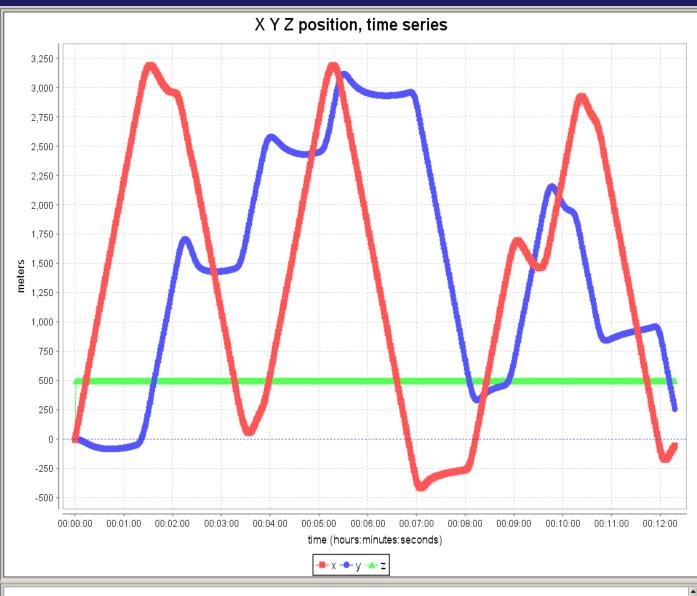




x y z versus t plot







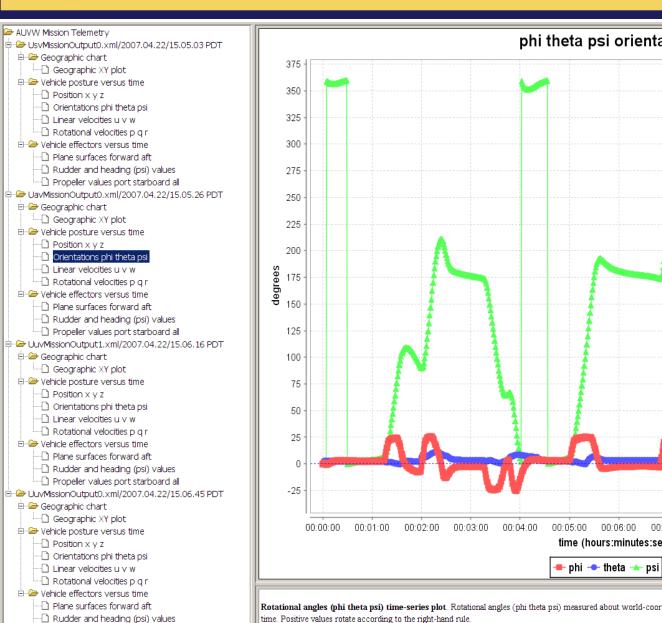
X Y Z telemetry time-series plot. Robot coordinate system: world coordinates for vehicle position. +X (North), +Y (East) and +Z (down) data in meters versus mission time.

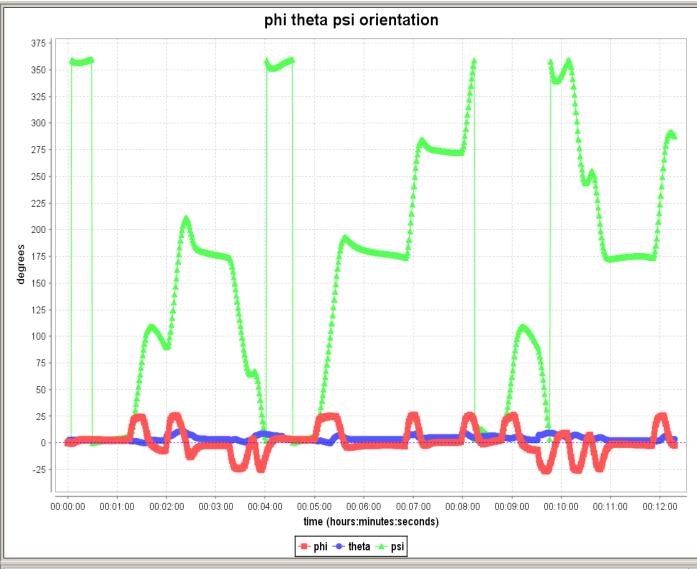


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POSTGRADUATE phi theta psi versus t plot







Rotational angles (phi theta psi) time-series plot. Rotational angles (phi theta psi) measured about world-coordinate axes (+X+Y+Z) respectively. Units are degrees/second versus mission time. Positive values rotate according to the right-hand rule.





Physical modeling

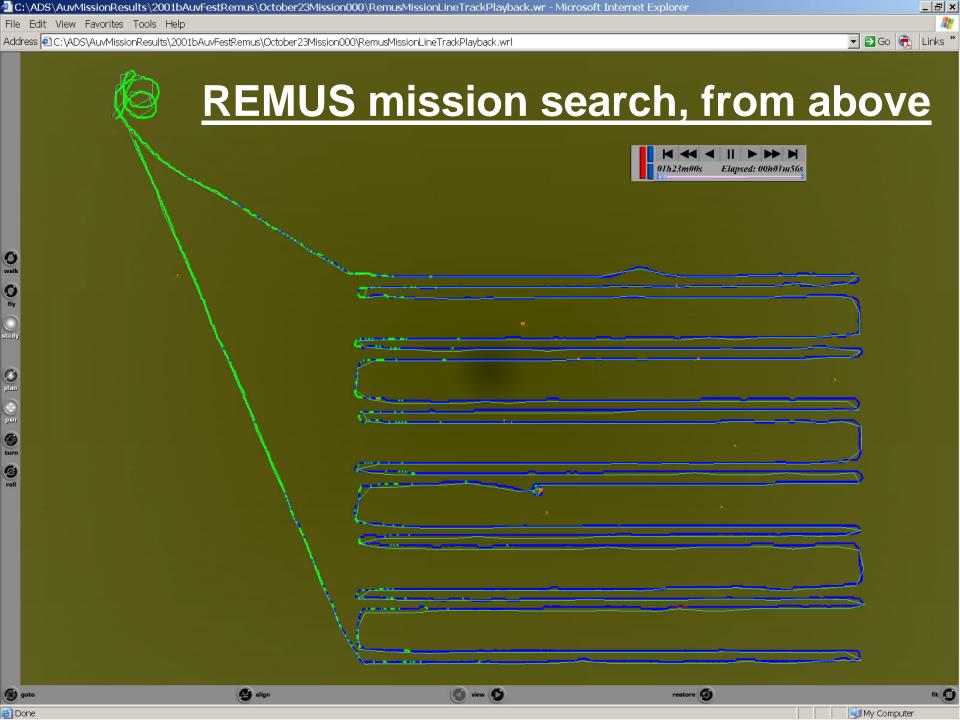
- Control algorithms and 6 degree-of-freedom (6DOF) hydrodynamics response
- Sonar propagation, attenuation
- Collision detection
 - Direct vehicle contact and sensor contact
 - Separate use of same X3D graphics models
- Visualization greatly aids understanding
 - provides good "forcing function" for integration

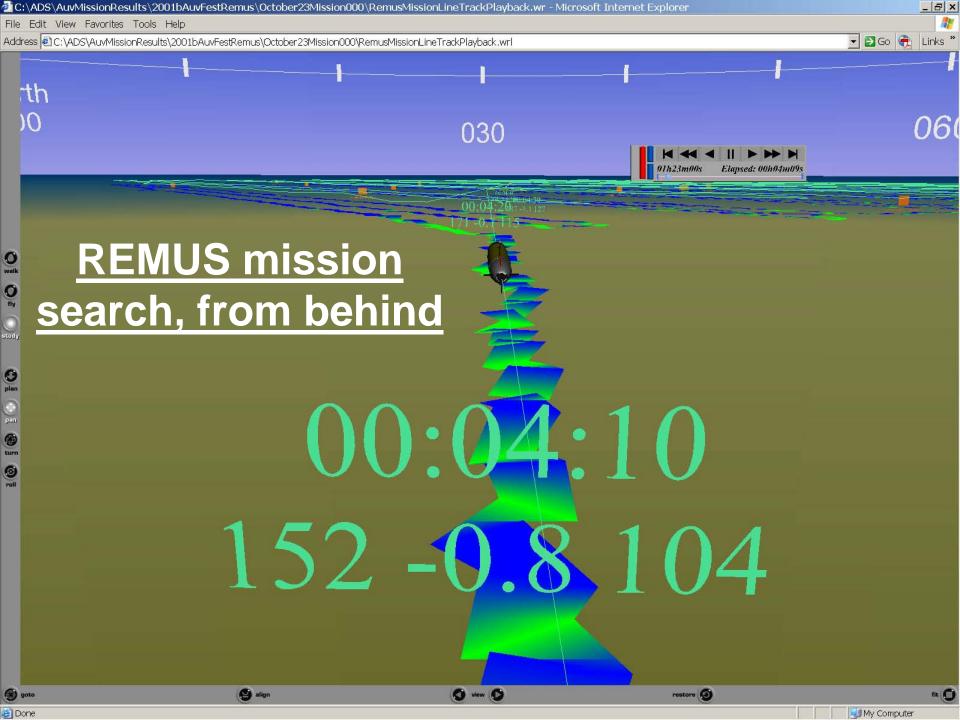




Wave modeling

- Triple sinusoid Pierson Moskowitz equations provide good emulation of variable sea state
 - Well understood example model
 - Many other variations exist, could substitute
- Real-time modeling of underwater vehicle response when broached
 - Split hull into sections
 - Compute each one as linear approximation
 - Buoyancy components add to overall response









Group development support

- Open standards throughout
- Open source Java for software
- All data structured as XML
- Website https://savage.nps.edu/AuvWorkbench
- XMSF Bugtracker
- Email list with hypermail archive
- Online autoinstallers

NPS Autonomous Unmanned Vehicle (AUV) Workbench

Information

- · Flyer, poster, and latest slidesets · Presentations, papers, theses, dissertations
- Autonomous Vehicle Command Language (AVCL)
- · SAVAGE Modeling and Analysis Language (SMAL)

Tutorial (abstract and slides) presented at Unmanned Untethered Submersibles Technology (UUST) Symposium, 19-22 August 2007, Durham New Hampshire

Installation and open-source software development

🤎 NPS Autonomous Unmanned Vehicle (AUV) Workbench - Mozilla Firefox

- Autoinstall software
- · Mailing list and mailing list archive
- · XMSF Issue Tracker for bug reports and feature requests
- · Version control: SVN source archive with SVN Web view of source files
- AUV Workbench AutoUpdate Control for manual control of automatic nightly server-side software updates (available to system administrators only)

Example missions

- AUV Workbench Robot Telemetry: Savage Archives
- AUV Workbench Robot Telemetry: SavageDefense Archives (password protected)

Example Auto Generated Post-mission Report

· Generic Auto Generated Post-mission Report

Related resources

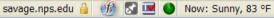
- Extensible 3D (X3D) Graphics (also X3D Help, X3D-Edit, X3D examples, X3D Earth and X3dGraphics.com)
- · Scenario Authoring and Visualization for Advanced Graphical Environments (Savage) and Savage Defense X3D model archives

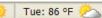










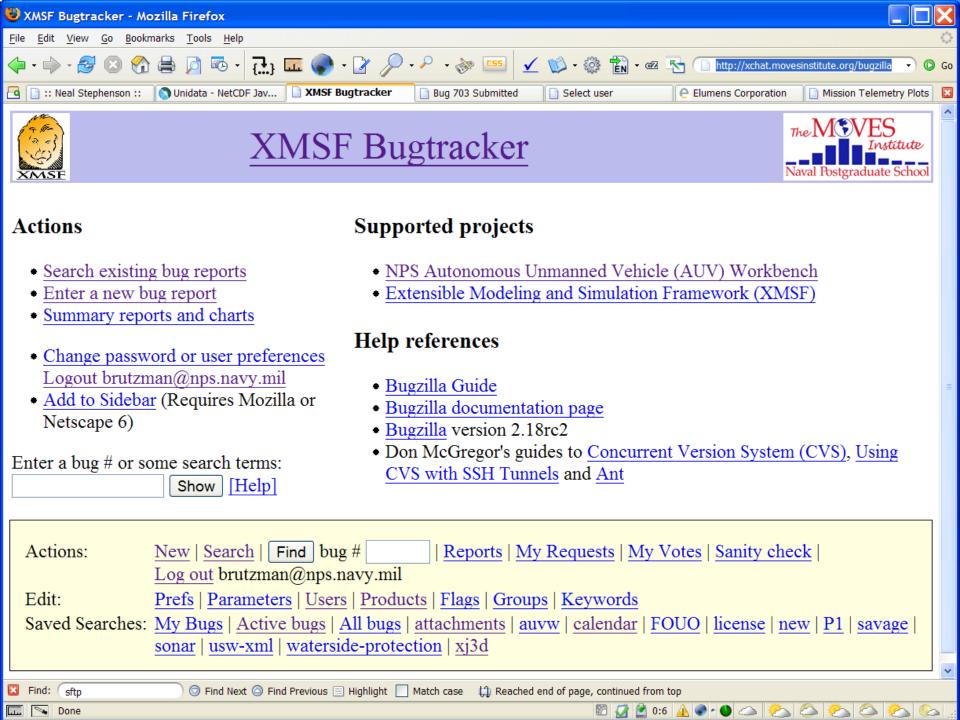


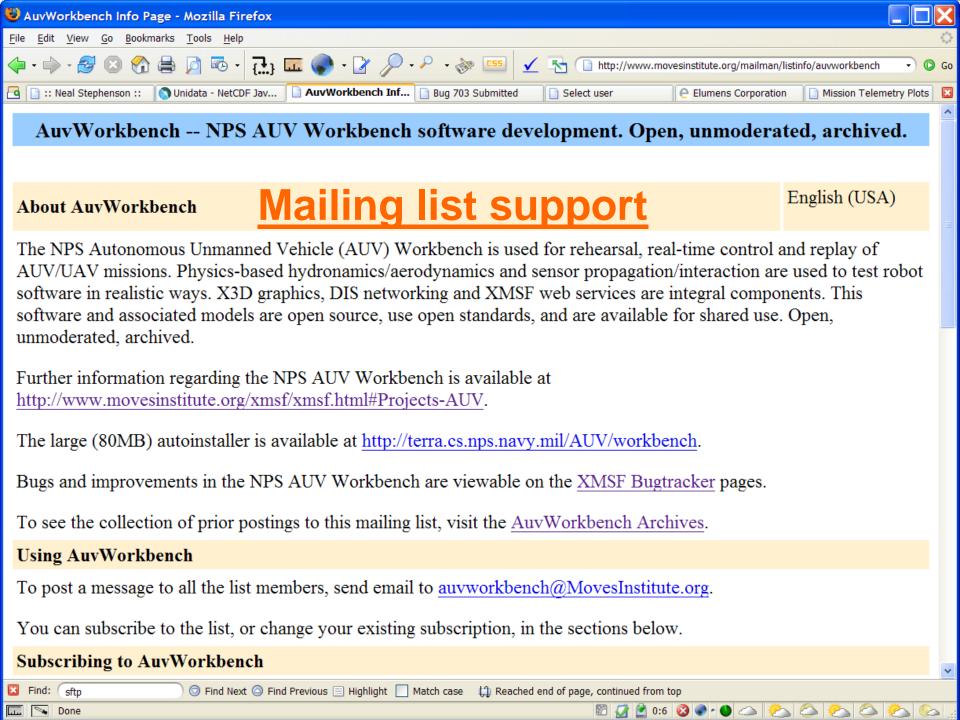
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Environmental data inputs

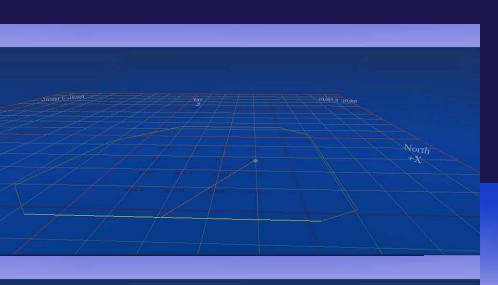
- Constant vectors for ocean current, wind
- NetCDF environmental data developed by NAVO/NRL Stennis supercomputer models
- FNMOC web-services query to live/projected meteorological sources using Joint Metoc Brokering Language
 - Worked briefly but was a moving target...
- Other inputs welcome





Goal Outcomes: sonar-vis project

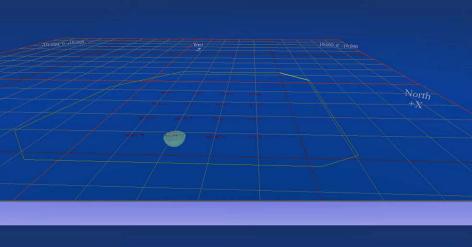
- Sonar and battlespace visualization
- Link aircraft, ship and HPCC computing
 - Similar interfaces, with/without connectivity
 - "Tactical Supercomputing" refrigerator box
- Support shared situational awareness
 - Candidate technologies for spiral development
 - Continue to lead usw-xml working group for USN NAVSEA

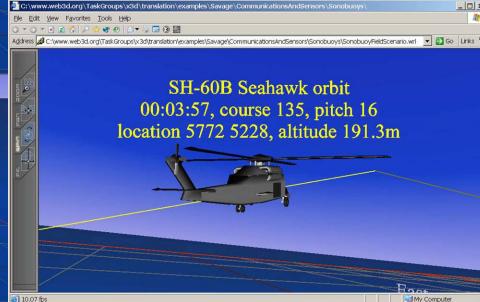


Sonobuoy field visualization

SH-60B Seahawk orbit 00:07:39, course 315, pitch 0 location -780 780, altitude 100m











Integrating 2D/3D interfaces with Web Services







sonar-vis Project Description

- Visualize multipath 3D sonar propagation
 - Situational awareness, sensitivity analysis
 - Multiple models: path, transmission loss, P_D ...
 - Operator familiarization, training, experience
- Enhance TDAs for at-sea operators
 - Reachback using Web services messaging, accessing both computational and data assets
 - Open source open standards: Java, X3D, XML

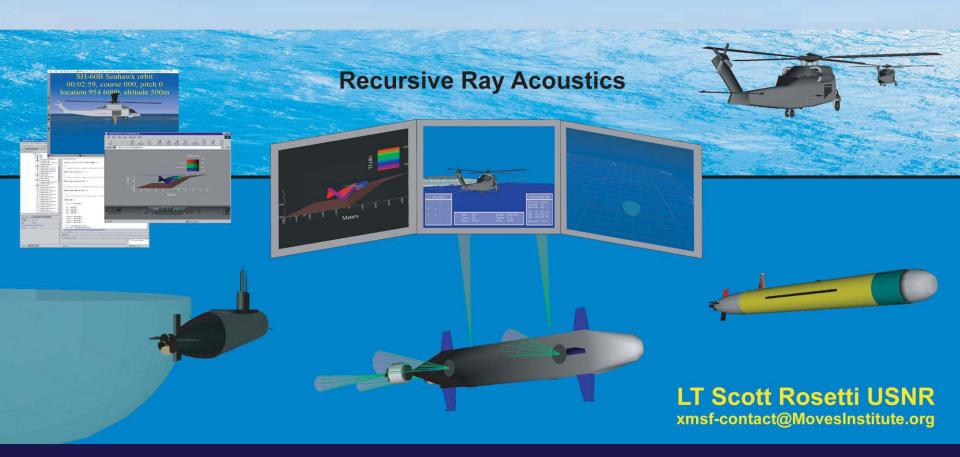
Sonar Visualization







X3D Real-time Analysis with

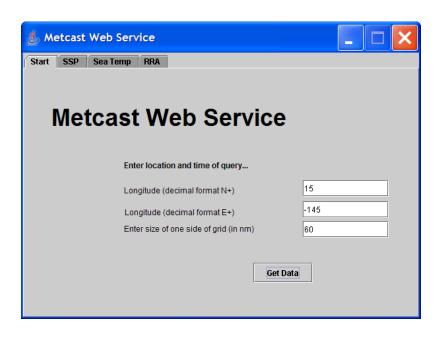


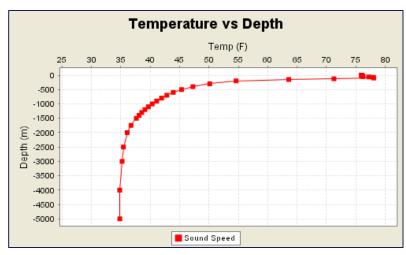


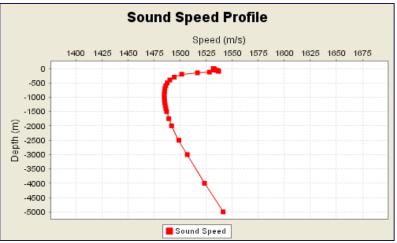


XML web services for METOC data 1

 Query panel and plotted response





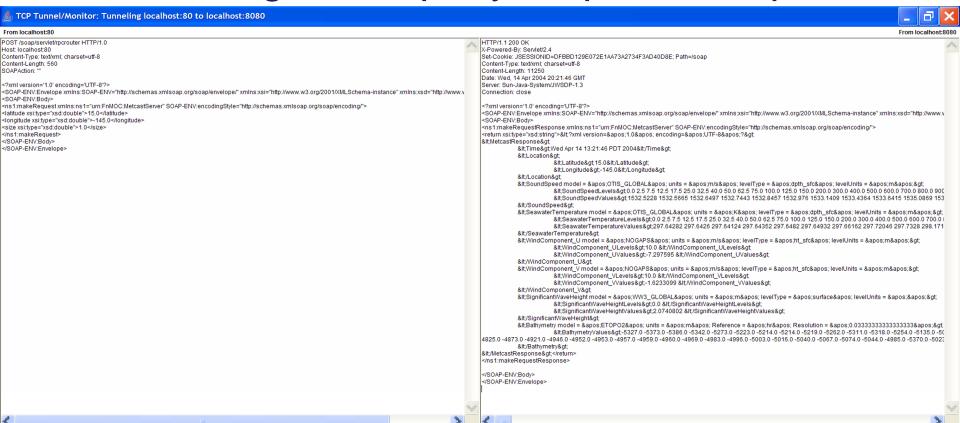






XML web services for METOC data 2

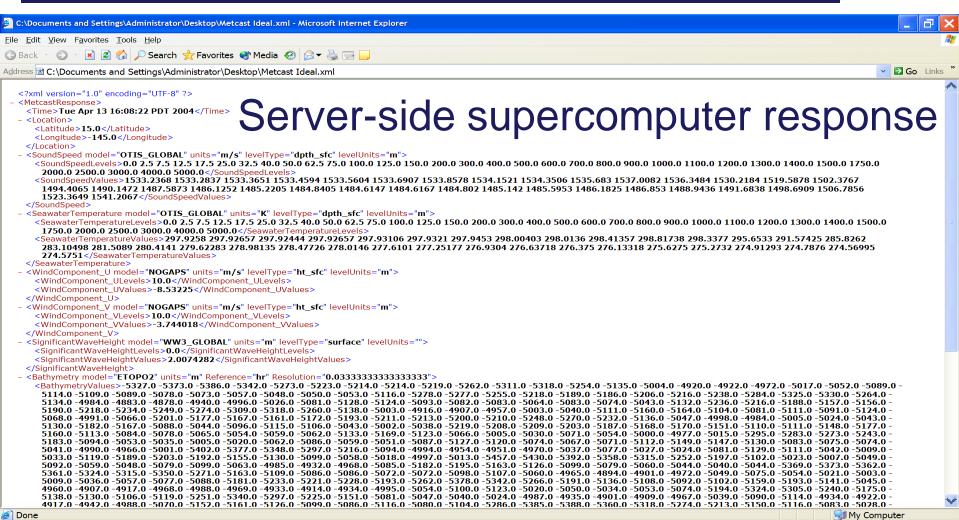
Monitoring initial query/response sequence

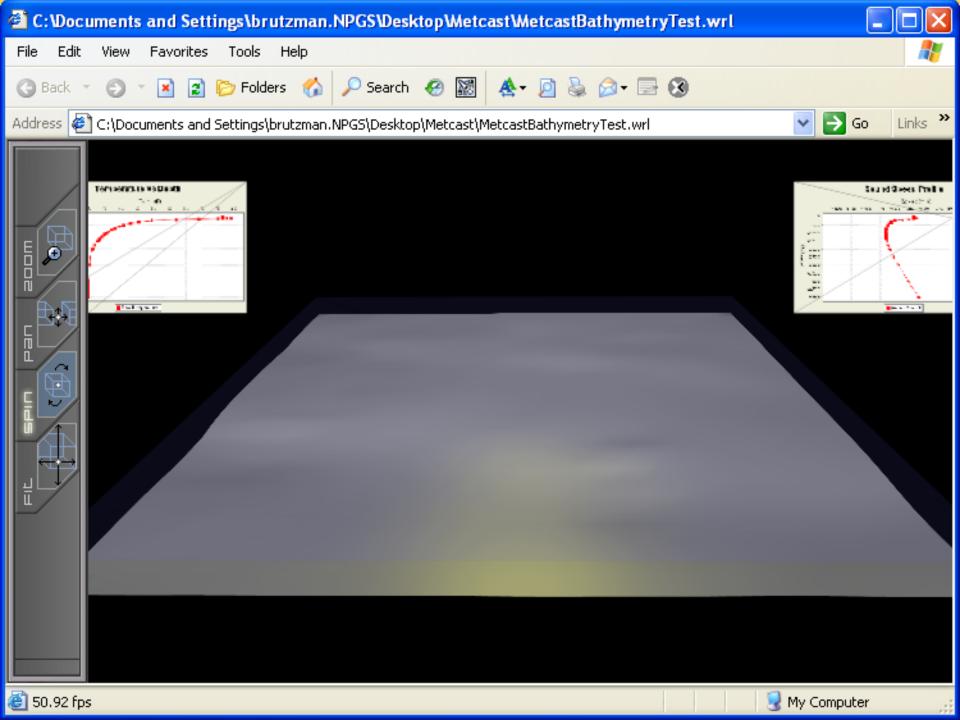






XML web services for METOC data 3









Technologies

- Extensible Markup Language (XML)
 - Validatable data, binary compression
 - Web Services for message exchange
- Enhance current sonar-model engines
 - Recursive Ray Acoustics (RRA) sonar computation
 - PC-IMAT/STAPLE/STDA(ASPECT) primary targets
 - Environmental data from FNMOC via Web services
- Extensible 3D (X3D) Graphics
 - Open-standard open-source interactive visualization





XML in 10 Points

http://www.w3.org/XML/1999/XML-in-10-points

- XML is for structuring data
- XML looks a bit like HTML
- XML is text, but isn't meant to be read
- XML is verbose by design
- XML is a family of technologies

400+ member companies & institutions in World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) already understand the business case

- XML is new, but not that new
- XML leads HTML to XHTML
- XML is modular
- XML is basis for RDF and the Semantic Web
 - XML is license-free, platform-independent and well-supported





Extensible Modeling & Simulation Framework (XMSF)

- Web services for all manner of M&S
- A composable set of standards, profiles, and recommended practices for web-based M&S



- Foundational precepts: Internet network technologies, Extensible Markup Language (XML)-based languages, and service-oriented architectures for simple messaging
- Enable a new generation of distributed M&S applications to emerge, develop, interoperate with tactical systems
- Many easily repeatable exemplars using Web Services

http://www.MovesInstitute.org/xmsf





What is 3D?

- 2½D works for chart-oriented displays
- 3D gives "fly-thru" freedom of viewpoint
 - View physically based propagation paths
 - View depth separation
 - View bottom, surface interactions
 - View multiple overlapping sensors
- Augment (<u>not</u> replace) existing displays





What is X3D?

- Extensible 3D (X3D) Graphics
 - Virtual Reality Modeling Language (VRML) updated
 - Third-generation ISO specification
 - Compatible XML .x3d and Classic VRML .wrl encodings

Deliverables

- Specification updates, with compatible XML tagset
- Multiple implementations, including open-source
- Scene Access Interface (SAI) strongly typed API
- Conformance suite and examples
- Authoring capability: X3D-Edit, using XML for XML...

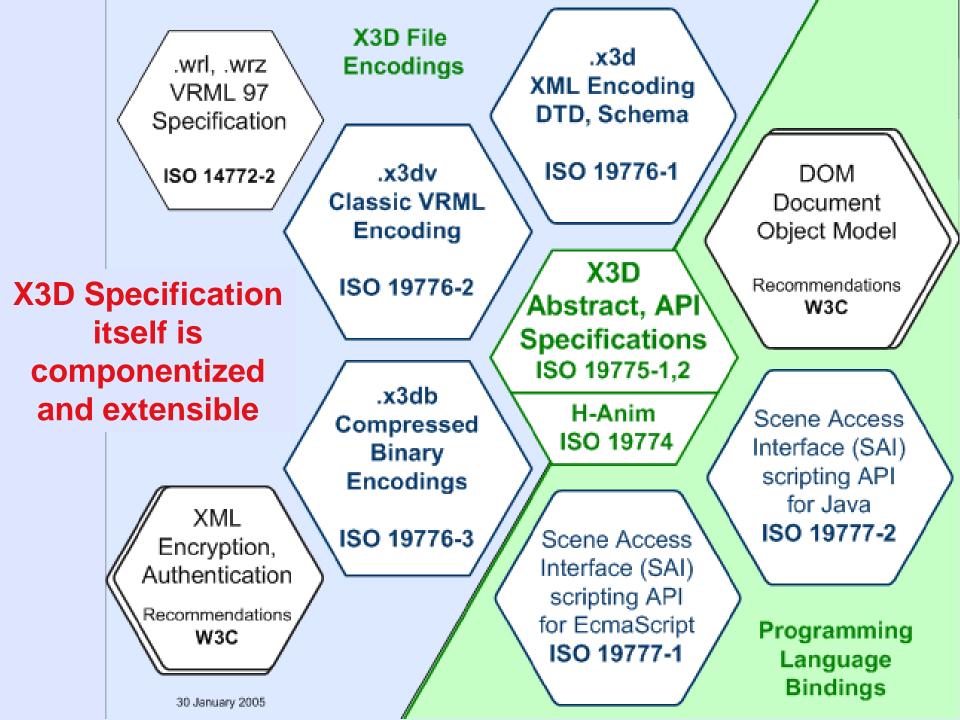


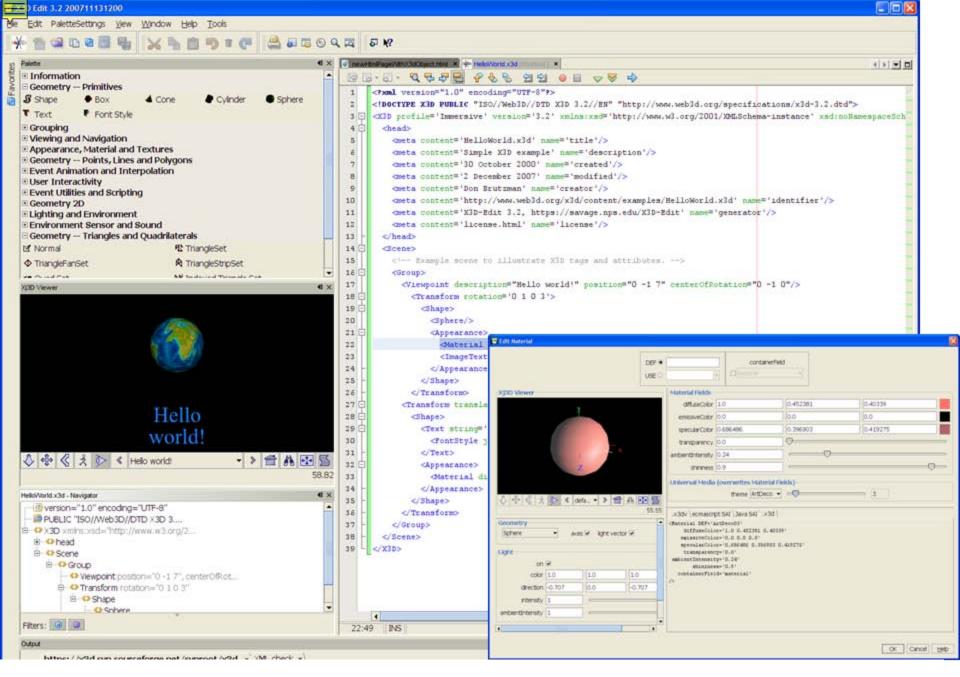


Further X3D motivations

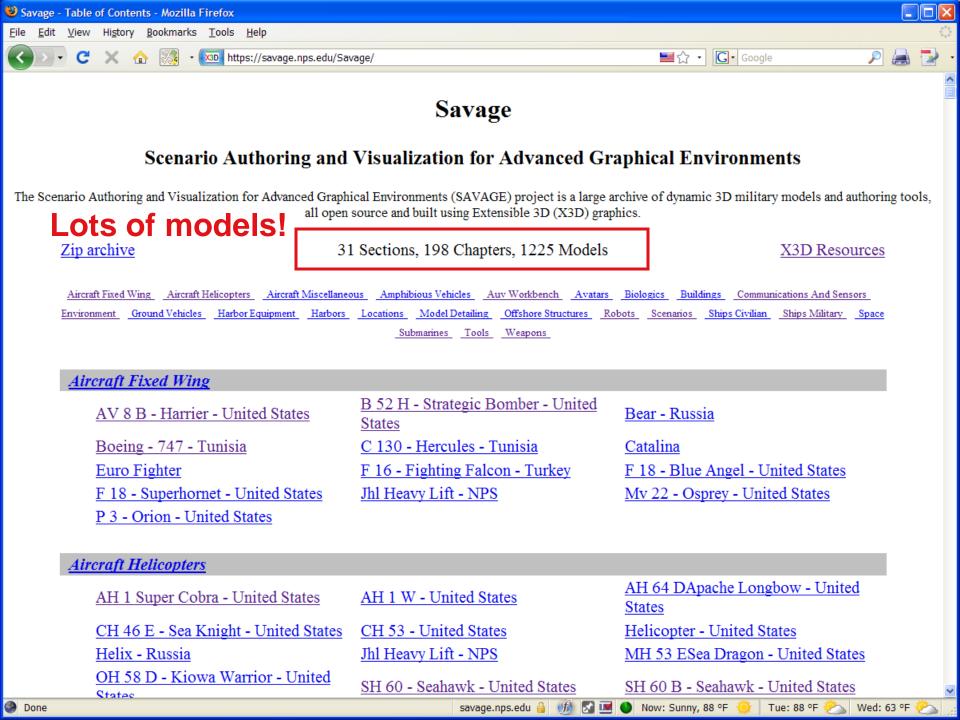
- Authoring is hard, "Content is King"
 - X3D is not competing with specialty formats, instead provide common interoperability/interchange
 - Strong validation checks eliminate most authoring errors before content escapes
 - Plays well with next-generation Web languages

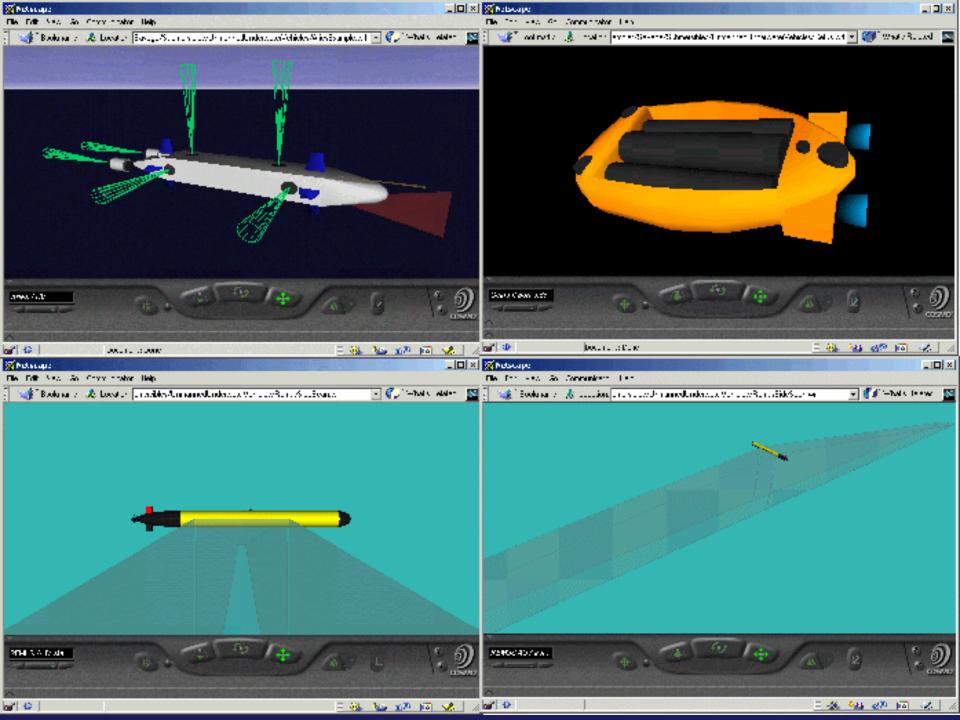






Context-sensitive, self-validating, multi-lingual editing tools









Forward error correction (FEC)

- Added redundancy allows receiver-side detection & correction of message errors
 - Many military channels are noisy RF links
 - Avoids "retry until you die" on acoustic links
 - Big help on long-latency, low-bandwidth links!
- Hamming FEC is one technique of several
 - Re-exploring Stephen Reimers 1995 thesis
 "Towards Internet Protocol (IP) over Seawater"

XTC Tactical Chat Must-Have Capabilities











http://www.jabber.org

- Faster Response Times
- Collaboration Support
- Used In OIF and Today
- U Net-Centric Warfare
- Single-person or Group Messaging

catalog

VAZSO - Techtical Chat - Microsoft Internet Emplorer VAZSO - Techtical Chat - Microsoft Internet Emplorer VAZSO - Techtical Chat - Microsoft Internet Emplorer Seat View Favorites Tools Help Back - Search Favorites Tools Help Country : US, Branch : Army, Ty Advess [a http://timah.8090/NTC/foliet .html Country : US, Branch : Army, Ty Country : US, Branch

Proprietary: Bad!

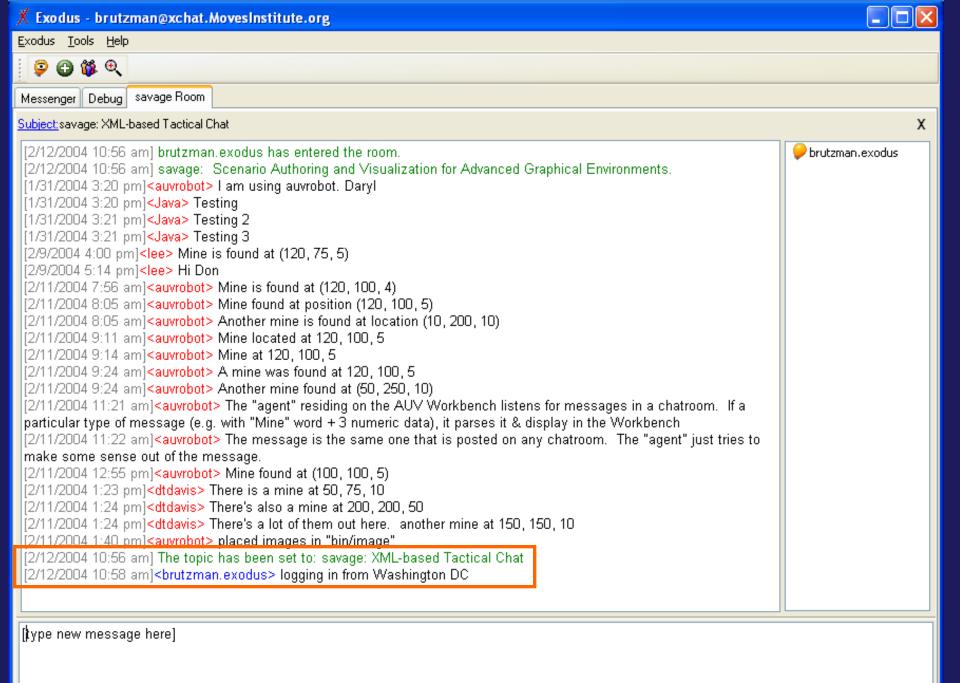
- Can't Inspect Binary Messages
- 😕 Costly Licenses, Unpredictable Support
- Not Interoperable
- 😕 Can't Verify Source Code is Secure
- Not Allowed Across Network Boundaries

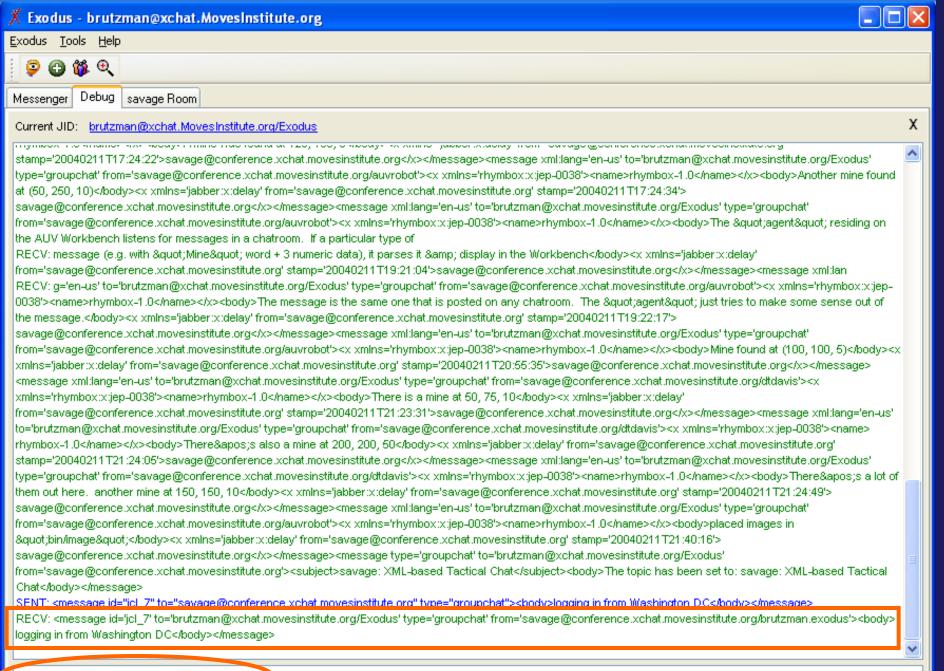
Standards: Good!

- XML messaging, Web Ready
- Jabber: Free Software, Open Standards
- Can Bridge Multiple Protocols
- Open Source: Inspect, Modify, Improve
- Firewall Friendly, Many Applications

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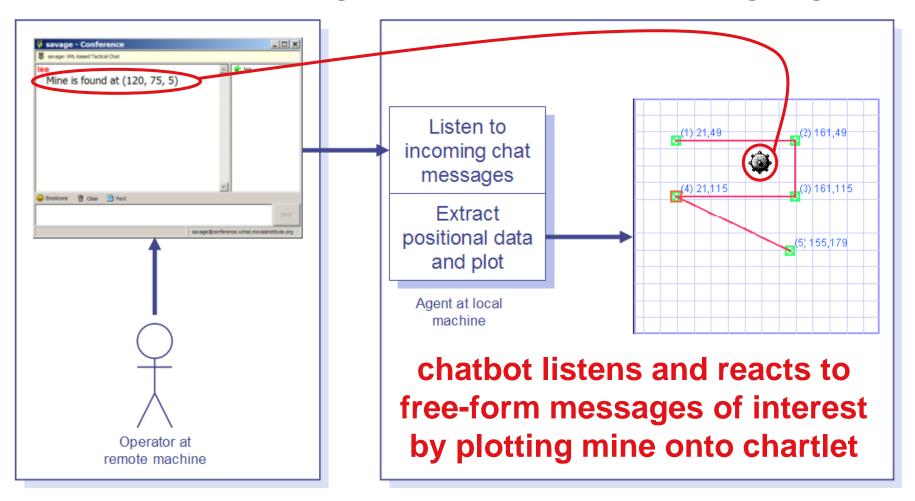


iabber chat messaging is completely XML based





Event monitoring via instant messaging

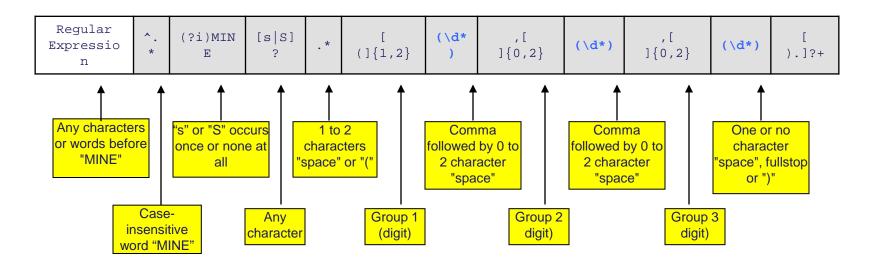






Java regular expression parser on chat:

Breakdown of regular expression pattern:



Meaningful messages <u>can</u> be extracted from chat text, thus enabling automatic structure for user support





Related work: usw-xml

 The usw-xml working group is improving Undersea Warfare (USW) interoperability using Extensible Markup Language (XML) tagsets for system data interchange.

 Cooperative collaboration between many stakeholders is needed to achieve good interoperability.





Motivation

- Many XML technical capabilities enable significantly improved capabilities for
 - USW system interoperability
 - Connecting legacy systems, diverse partners
 - USW Decision Support System, other projects

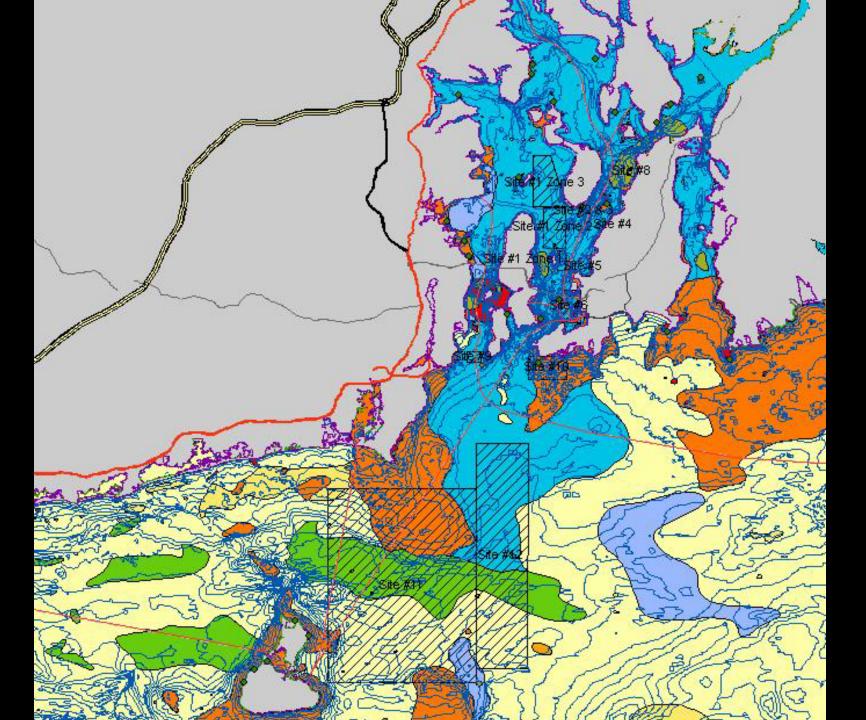
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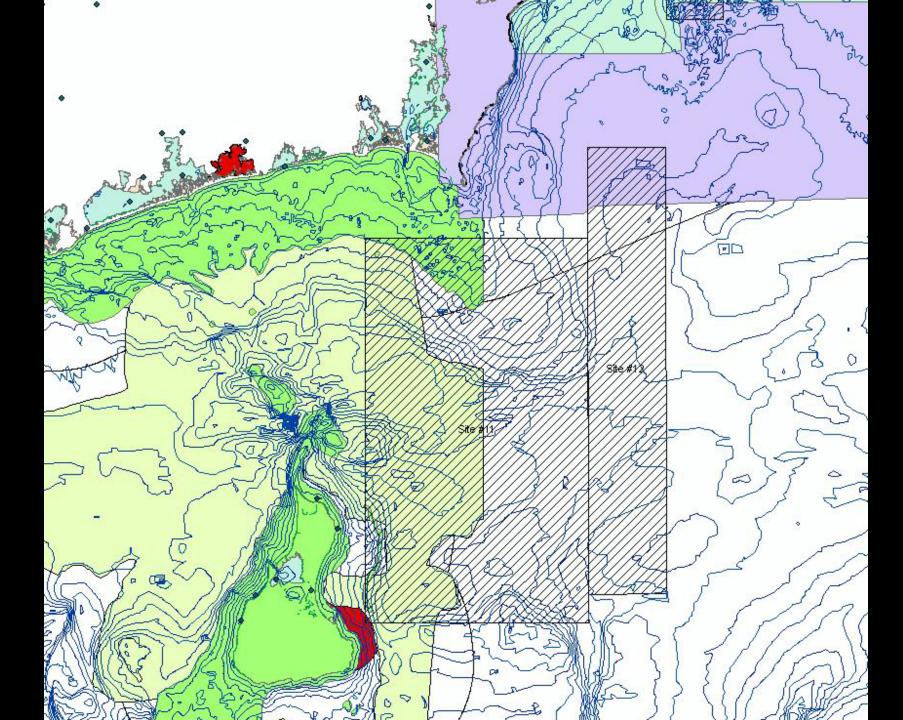


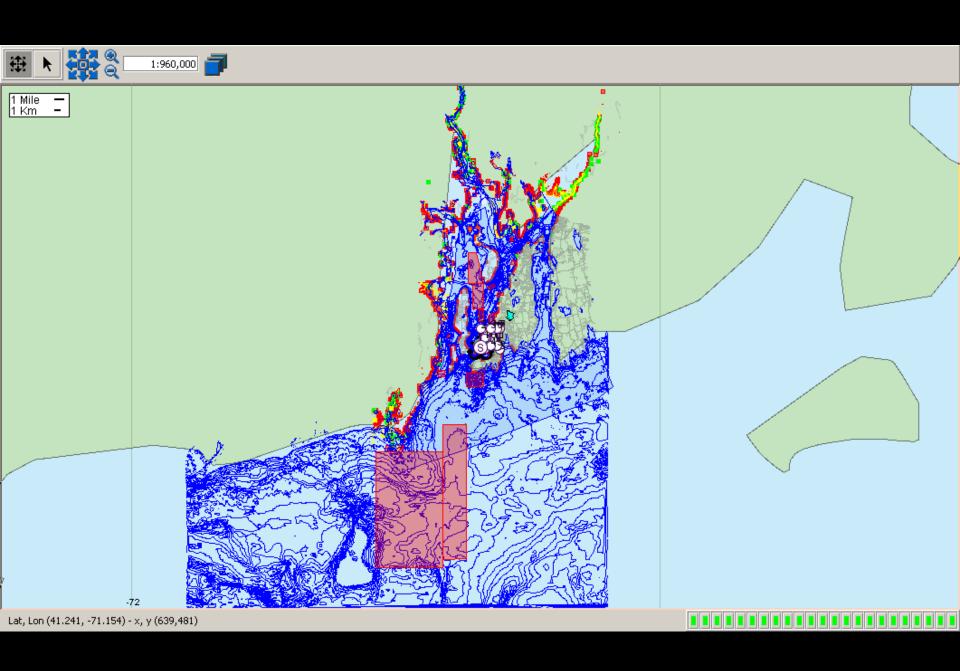


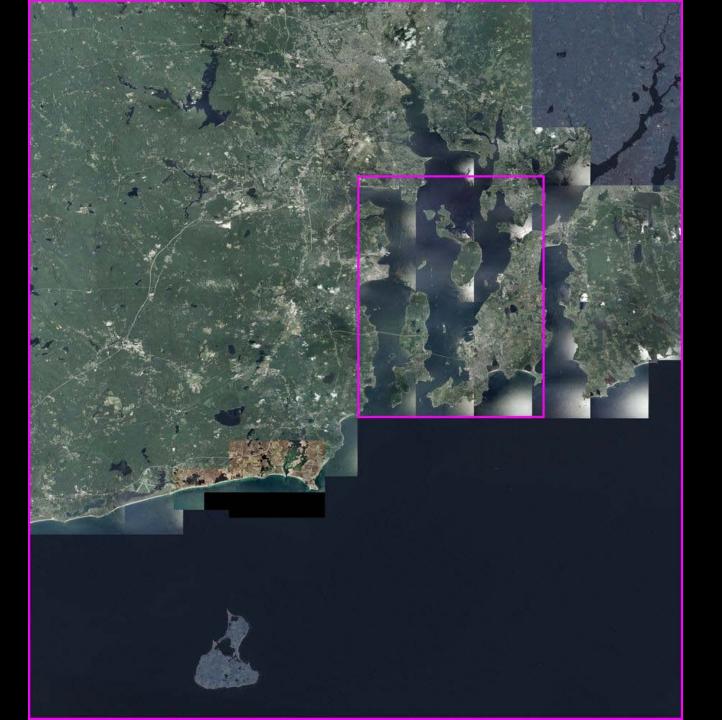
Prior work: AUV Fest 2008

- Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC)
 Newport RI, 12-24 May 2008
- Sponsors: NOAA and ONR
- 17 underwater robots and various surface support craft exploring archaeological sites
- AUV Workbench supported data collection, reporting, visualization















Current and Future Work

Multiple related projects





Major projects

- Automatic Report Generation
- Viskit Discrete Event Simulation (DES)
- Efficient XML Interchange (EXI)
 - Binary compression of XML, smaller + faster
- Open-DIS codebase
 - IEEE Distributed Interactive Simulation Protocol
- X3D Earth
 - X3D graphics models for terrain, bathymetry





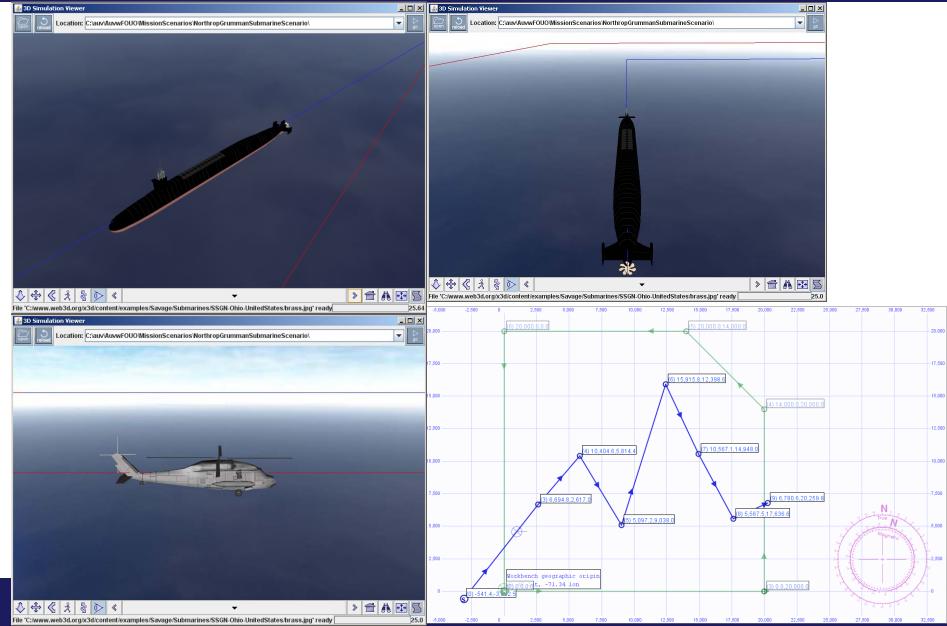
Physics modeling for the Web: Dissertation Work by Loren Peitso lepeitso@nps.edu

- Current physically based simulations do not scale well and do not take advantage of parallelization, distributed processing or composability in an extendable, scalable manner.
- Most simulations also restrict the domains of physics they evaluate, substituting constructive estimations for physical modeling. This precludes accurately simulating world-scale scenarios such as a theatre level battle space and simulations which are run yield results which are only as good as their radically simplifying assumptions allow.
- It is proposed that a hybrid high-fidelity, distributed, asynchronously evaluated discrete event multi-body dynamics simulation architecture will significantly increase scalability compared to current synchronously evaluated methods.
- This architecture also supports non-classical mechanics physics domains in the simulation, adding capability not presently found in state-of-the-art synchronously evaluated physically based simulations.
- We also propose that this architecture lends itself to increased component and scenario composability as well as re-use through standards-based approaches and published extendable interfaces. Performance comparisons are to be made between existing synchronous physics simulations and an implementation of this new architecture.



New scenarios under way

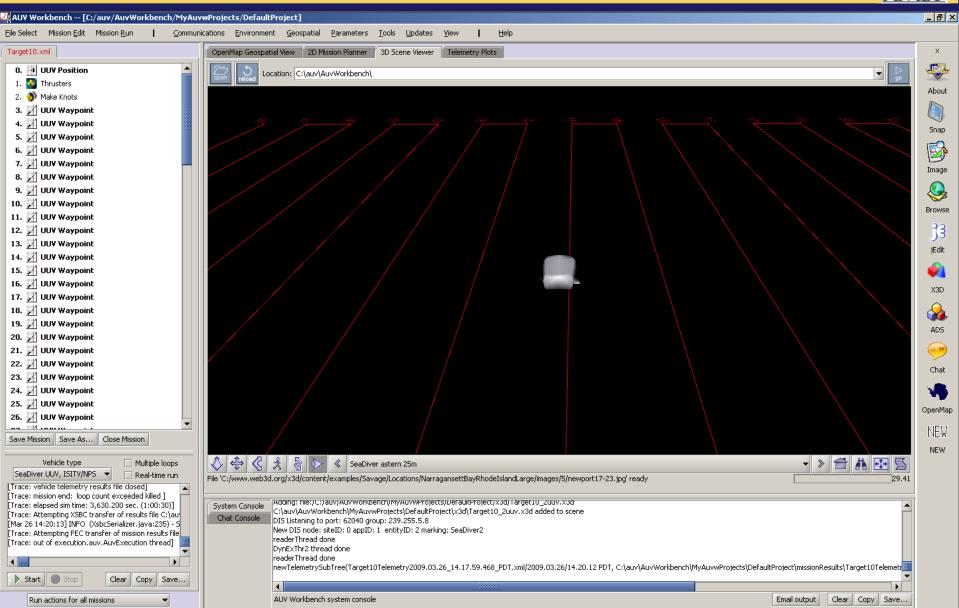






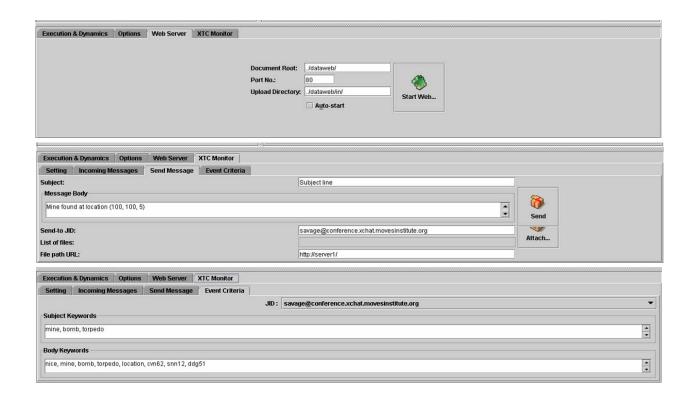
SeaDiver search





Automating server-side support





Work planned to automate upload and report generation

Technical metric: make it easy!





Recent and planned production work





Data-driven visualization

- Define visualization features of interest
- X3D examples collected in archive
- Prototypes for parameterized visualization
- Arbitrary data sources can be used as input
- Convert into relevant form of XML
- XSLT stylesheet for X3D prototype instance
- Integrate new model into master scene
- Visualize, annotate, publish/archive, repeat





Topics

- AUV Workbench overview
 - installation, operation, mission examples
 - Adding a vehicle
- X3D Graphics
 - X3D Showcase DVD, learning resources
 - Savage X3D model archives, X3D Earth
- Hands on
 - Building and testing a mission, add metadata





AUV Workbench projected work 1

- Mission report generation
 - from metadata, plots, related data sources
- Mission project archiving
 - More robot missions
 - KML export: GoogleEarth, NASA WorldWind
 - Collected assets pushed to server
 - Virtual environments archive of mission results
 - Virtual environments resource repository?





AUV Workbench projected work 2

- Efficient XML Interchange (EXI) compression
- Other media assets
 - Creation of 3D storyboards, playback
 - Render 3D visualizations to video files
- Provide data to other Navy systems
 - Track Data Conversion Hub provides translations between various XML-based, track-related data languages





AUV Workbench work list

- Weekly teleconference
 - Whenever sufficient demand exists
- Simplify addition of new vehicle types
- Clear up large backlog of bug reports
- Adding GIS files for other test sites
- AUV 2010 Conference, September Monterey
 - IEEE OES sponsor, MBARI + NPS host
 - 30 papers, 3 tutorials, ~80 attendees



Case study: AMN, TW10



- Trident Warrior exercise TW20
- Autonomous Mobile Navigator (AMN) robots
- Multiple robots in cooperation, competition
- Evaluated track data with AUV Workbench

Also evaluated track data with Google Earth

using KML data outputs







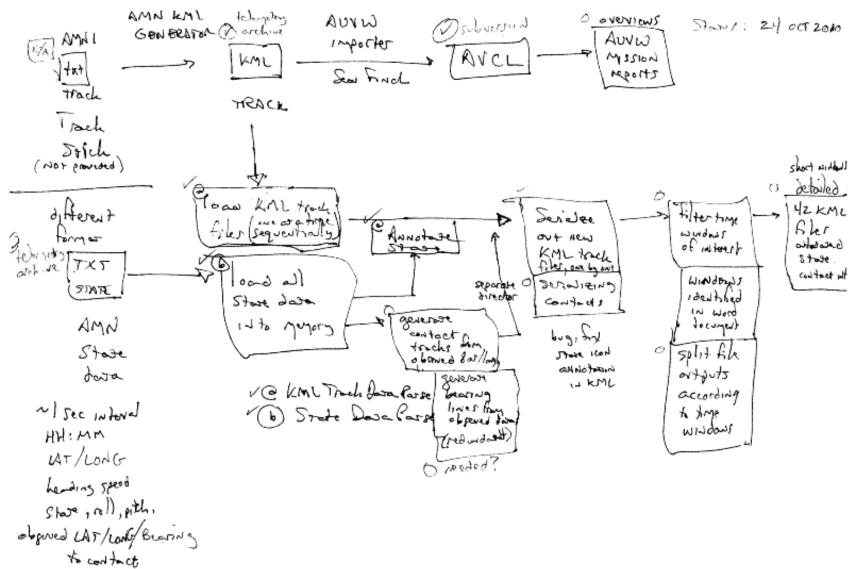
Robot telemetry exercise data archives

- https://savage.nps.edu/RobotTelemetry
- https://savage.nps.edu/RobotTelemetry/TridentWarrior2010
- https://savagedefense.nps.navy.mil/RobotTelemetry
- https://savagedefense.nps.navy.mil/RobotTelemetry/AmnTri dentWarrior2010
- AMN 2009 data under FOUO password protection https://savagedefense.nps.navy.mil/RobotTelemetry/AmnTridentWarrior2009
- Modifiable assets also placed under version control



POSTGRADUATE AMN TW10 data conversion







Video Archives production



















Videos for AUV Workbench

https://savage.nps.edu/AuvWorkbench/videos/videos.html

This online videos archive provides large demonstration movies showing AUV Workbench operation.

Video	Title	Duration	Size	Description
	UAV Waypoint Mission 800x600 1024x768 1280x800	06:03	32 MB	The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Waypoint mission demonstrates many of the basic features of the AUV Workbench including the mission editor, OpenMap Geospatial display, 2D tactical display, X3D view, and telemetry plots. • Mission task commands are defined by the Autonomous Vehicle Command Language (AVCL). • Mission metadata editing is also shown. • Mission report generation lets users summarize key details for simulations and at-sea tests.
	Agenda Mission: Fisherman Flats Monitor Task 800x450 1024x768	08:04	25 MB	Agenda missions demonstrate the ability to plan paths for avoiding obstacles and conducting searches. Agenda missions also allow more sophisticated behaviors for goal planning and problem handling. Mission agenda commands and mission metadata define the agenda mission.
	Seahorse UUV, Panama City FL, May 2007 800x450 1920x1173	01:45	25 MB	This mission shows an earlier version of the AUV Workbench demonstrating robot missions off Panama City Florida. The X3D model for the Seahorse UUV is maintained in the SavageDefense (controlled access) archive.





<u>Summary</u>

- Significant collected AUV capabilities
 - Support rehearsal, reality, replay
- Integrated as tactical application
- Open standards: XMSF, X3D, chat, etc.
- Open source + commercial compatibility
- Improved messaging, net-centric exemplar
- We hope to add all possible vehicles!
 - Collaboration and questions welcome



Acronyms





- 3D: Three dimensional
- 6DOF: Six degrees of freedom (x y z, roll pitch yaw)
- <u>AUV</u>: Autonomous Underwater Vehicle
- <u>AVCL</u>: Autonomous Vehicle Control Language
- CD: Compact Disk
- <u>CUP</u>: Common Undersea Picture
- <u>FEC</u>: Forward Error Correction

- FNMOC: U.S. Navy Fleet Numerical Meteorological & Oceanographic Center
- HPCC: High-Performance Computing Center
- <u>Java</u>: programming language
- METOC: meteorological and oceanographic (data)
- NAVAIR: U.S. Naval Air Systems Command



<u>Acronyms</u>





- NPS: Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey California
- P_D: Probability of detection
- RF: radio frequency
- RRA: Recursive Ray Acoustics Sonar Propagation
- SBIR: Small Business Innovative Research
- TDA: Tactical Decision Aid
- <u>USW</u>: Undersea Warfare

- X3D: Extensible 3D
 Graphics Specification
- XML: Extensible Markup Language
- XMSF: Extensible Modeling and Simulation Framework
- XSBC: XML Schema-based Binary Compression
- XTC: XML Tactical Chat





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