



## End-to-End Marine and Coastal Data Management and Decision Support.



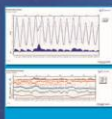
Intelligent Marine  
and Coastal Mapping Data



Data Policy, Strategy  
and Management Systems



Enterprise GIS  
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# Maximising the Utility in Hydrographic Data

“Hydrography is more than Charting!”

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# About OceanWise

**UK based company specialising in all aspects of marine environmental data acquisition, data and knowledge management and GIS**

- Expertise in gathering and applying marine data to solving offshore environmental and engineering challenges
- Off-the-shelf software provision and system development
- Key partners - instrument manufacturers, software vendors, public service data holders, standards bodies & distributors
- Provides customers with comprehensive and efficient end-to-end coastal and ocean data management solutions
- Operates worldwide directly and via distributors
- Active in UK, European and International marine data initiatives (e.g. IHO Marine SDI WG, EMODNet, MEDIN, SeaDataNet, IOC Caribbean Marine Atlas SG)

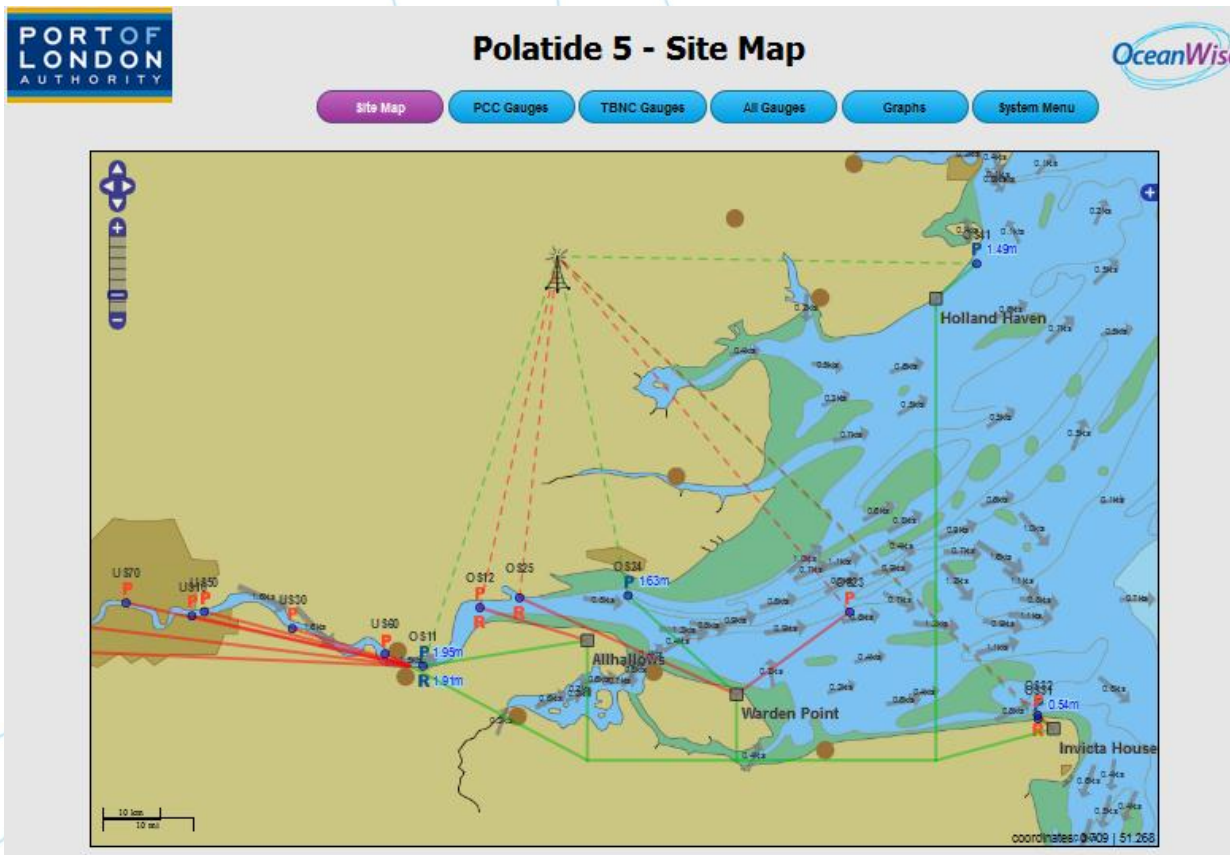


# About OceanWise (2)

Numerous high profile customers across different sectors including:

- Public Sector (DEFRA, CEFAS, MMO, Welsh & Scottish Govts)
- Port of London, ABP Southampton, Harwich Haven, Peel Ports Group
- BP, Premier Oil, RWE, Centrica, npower, European Commission
- Thai Navy, KHOA (Korea), NARA (Sri Lanka), Brazilian Navy, MPA (Singapore)
- Bayanat (UAE), Port of Ras Al Khaimah (UAE), Malta Transport Authority

# Marine Monitoring, Telemetry & Display Systems

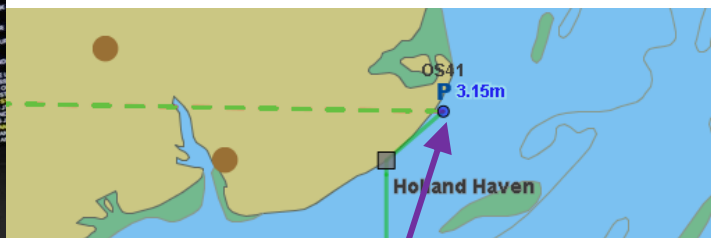


## Example systems:

- Port of London (UK)
- BP Shipping (Iraq)
- Centrica (UK)
- The Wash Ports (UK)
- AMC (Australia)
- Bayanat (UAE)
- RAK Port (UAE)
- Malta Transport Auth.

## Web based mapping and administration

# Port of London Tidal System



Replace 8 existing tide gauges in the outer estuary.



## 2 Control Servers/DB systems:

PCC: Gravesend

TBNC: Thames Barrier Navigation Control

# The Geospatial World Today

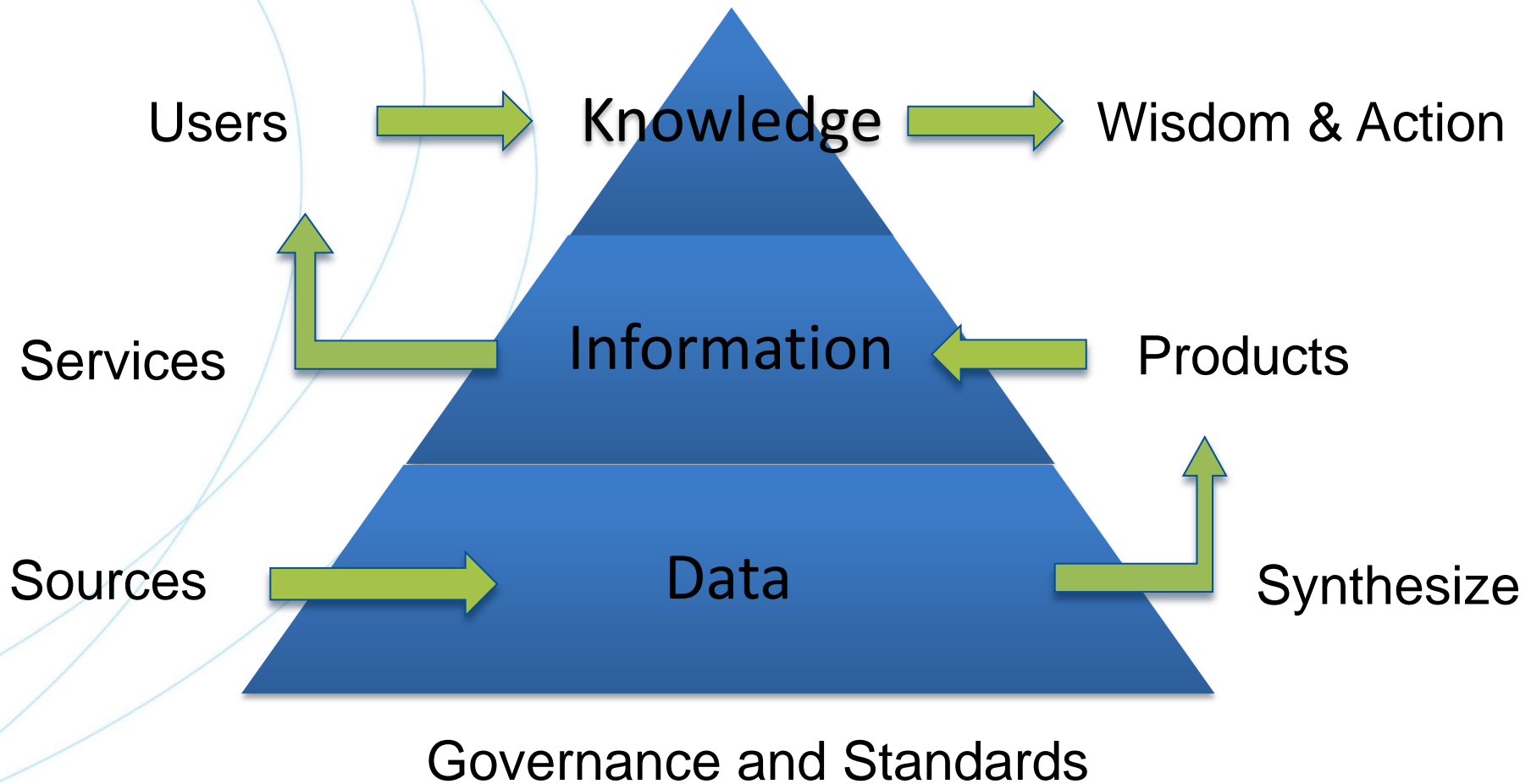
- We operate in the **global “Knowledge Economy”**
- **Appetite for information is growing very fast!**
- **Geospatial Information is now ubiquitous!**
- **Government, Commerce and the Citizen expects access to publically funded data**
- **Government Transparency & Efficiency drivers are mandating the release of data (e.g. Open Data)**
- **Data Interoperability is now becoming the norm**
- **Data as a service through the web is now the norm!**



# Evolution of Data!

- Knowledge Doubling and the Data Deluge
- Open Government and Transparency
- Open Data
- Linking Data
- Citing Data
- Changing the way we do things?

# Data - Information - Knowledge - Wisdom (DIKW) Pyramid



# HERE BE DRAGONS

*HC SVNT DRACONES*

We are with DATA now  
where we were with  
GEOGRAPHY *circa* 1510  
(and they thought they  
were pretty good as  
well!)

[Hunt-Lenox Globe](#)

*via*

[The Map Myth of Here be Dragons](#)





# Now for the EVOLUTION (and the EVIDENCE)... Knowledge Doubling Curve



## Buckminster Fuller created the “Knowledge Doubling Curve”

- He noticed that until 1900 human knowledge doubled approximately ***every century***.
- By the end of World War II knowledge was doubling ***every 25 years***.
- Today things are not as simple as different types of knowledge have different rates of growth. For example, nanotechnology knowledge is doubling every two years and ***clinical knowledge every 18 months***.
- But on average human knowledge is doubling ***every 13 months***.
- IBM states that the build out of the “internet of things” will lead to the doubling of knowledge ***every 12 hours!***



# The Data Deluge!

## Linear to Exponential Growth of Human Knowledge

### understanding the data deluge: comparison of scale with physical objects

**1 megabyte**

(A large novel)



A tiny ant

x 1000

**1 gigabyte**

(Information in the human genome)



Height of a short person

x 1000

**1 terabyte**

(Annual world literature production)



Length of the Auckland Harbour Bridge

x 1000

**1 petabyte**

(All US academic research libraries)



Length of New Zealand

x 1000

**1 exabyte**

(Two thirds of annual production of information)



Diameter of the Sun



Beyond the data dump! How can we manage it all?



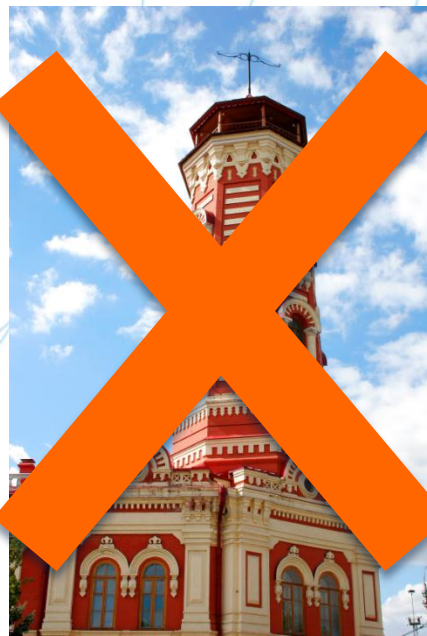
# Good Data Management

- Capture once, use many times
- Manage data as close to source as possible
- Minimise work on input
- Maximise work on outputs (multiple products and services)
- **Adopt a data-centric approach**
- Interoperability of systems, standards and specifications
- Data Exchange and Sharing using agreed standards and protocols
- Implement data strengthening with stakeholders
- Training and mentoring to make this happen effectively and efficiently



# Data Management Approaches

1) Process Management Driven  
or Product Centric



2) Data Management  
Driven or Data Centric





# The Role of Data Management Plans

- Growing Government-wide emphasis on “community” access to data supports a substantive push towards **more open sharing of data**
- National Science Foundation (NSF) in USA requires **data management plans** as a pre-cursor to it providing Federal funds
- This is consistent with NSF's mission and US policymakers in making sure that any data obtained with federal funds **be made accessible to the general public as OPEN DATA**
- NSF is subject to the **US Federal Open Government Directive** to make government more transparent and more participatory
- This addresses the trends and needs in the modern era of data-driven science and solutions

# What is MSDI?

**MSDI is the component of an SDI, at the enterprise, regional, national or wider level, that encompasses marine geographic and business information in its widest sense and could typically include:**

- seabed topography (bathymetry)
- geology and geomorphology
- marine infrastructure (e.g. wrecks, offshore installations, pipelines and cables)
- administrative and legal boundaries
- areas of conservation and marine habitats
- physical oceanography (tides, currents, waves etc.)
- maritime transport and ports

# Why is MSDI important?

- Stimulates organisations to make data accessible
- Improves data management practises
- Increases market exposure for information
- Generates social and economic benefits
- Allows better use of public funds
- Eliminates organisational isolation
- Enables co-operation and working together
- Improves security and reduces risk
- Brings cost savings
- Can allow access to additional resources

# MSDI Components and Hydrography

Greatest challenge resides here!  
We do not have the hearts and minds of all HO's

Policy & Governance  
(People)

Technical Standards  
(Standards)

We have ISO, OGC and IHO standards

We have the technologies

Information Systems  
(ICT)

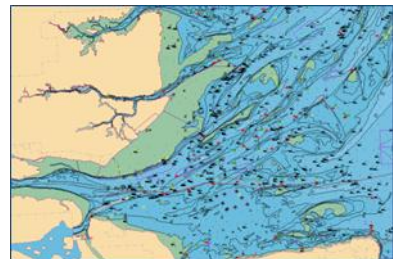
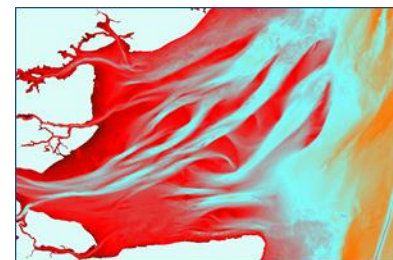
Geographic Content  
(Data)

We are collecting more and data

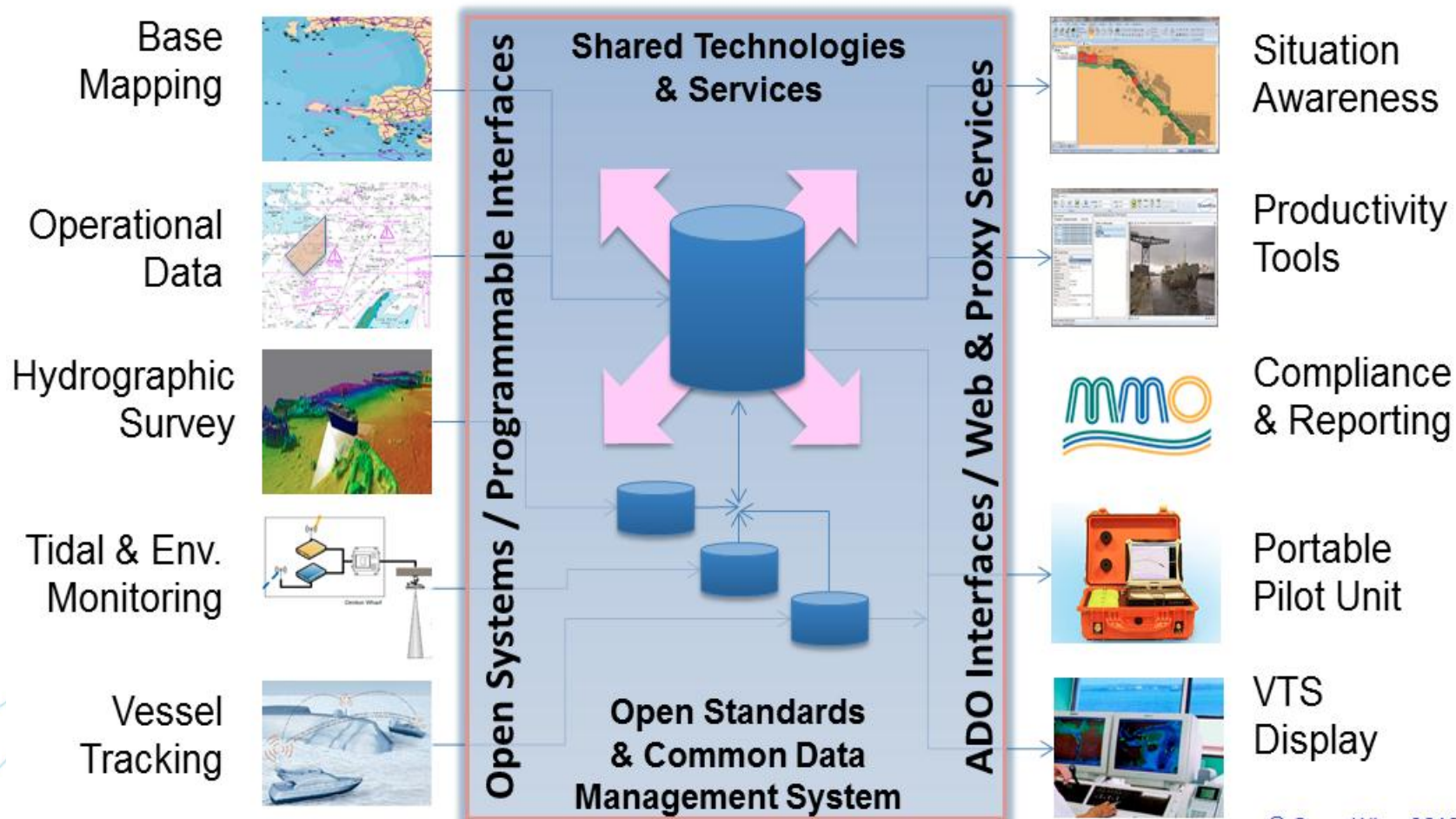


# Wider Use of Hydrographic Office Data

- Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)
- Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA)
- Shoreline Management Plans (SMP)
- Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA)
- Emergency Response /Risk Profiling
- Offshore Renewable Energy
- Aggregates Extraction
- Oil and Gas
- Infrastructure Development (e.g. Ports and harbours)
- Economic and Social Development (e.g. Tourism)
- Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)



# Port Maritime Information Infrastructure



# Can the IHO Community respond?



## Cultural and Organisational inertia!

- Many HO's still find it difficult (or refuse) to release data except for SOLAS purposes but why?
  - No mandate from Government
  - Decision Makers do not understand the need to release
  - No re-use licensing capability
  - Cannot accept or gain benefit from any revenue derived
  - Security concerns (an excuse not a reason)?
  - Too difficult?
- The current situation is not sustainable!

# Why Change?

- Chart data is cartographically derived and adjusted specifically for SOLAS
- Chart data does not give an adequate “real world” representation for uses other than SOLAS
- Charts contain <5% of the data held by HO’s
- The other 95% often remains “locked away”
- If you don’t lead MSDI – another organization will!
- HO’s will become irrelevant?

***...Hydrography is much more than just Charting!***



# The Way Forward

- Capacity Building
- Training
- Mentoring
- Change Management
  - People
  - Organisational
  - Technical
  - Open Access to Data will drive Interoperability
- IHO MSDIWG Open Forum and Meeting 6 : 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>  
March 2015, Heathrow Airport, London

# Reflections

- There is an urgent need for quality maritime and marine spatial data to support non-SOLAS applications and services
- HO data is still difficult or impossible to access, share and exchange outside of SOLAS
- “Open” Data from government providers is happening
- The need exists to supplement chart data with marine mapping
- Core Reference data supplied by HO’s is a “must” for asset management and decision support
- Consequences of not doing this will affect economic and social development, investment in- country/region and isolate HO’s
- MSDI allows stakeholders to act together to deliver interoperability
- HO’s are valuable stakeholders...so get involved **now!**

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# Thank you

## Any Questions?

[http://www.iho.int/mtg\\_docs/com\\_wg/MSDIWG/MSDIWG\\_Misc/MSDIWG\\_WP\\_2014-15.pdf](http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/com_wg/MSDIWG/MSDIWG_Misc/MSDIWG_WP_2014-15.pdf)





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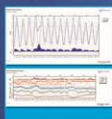
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