

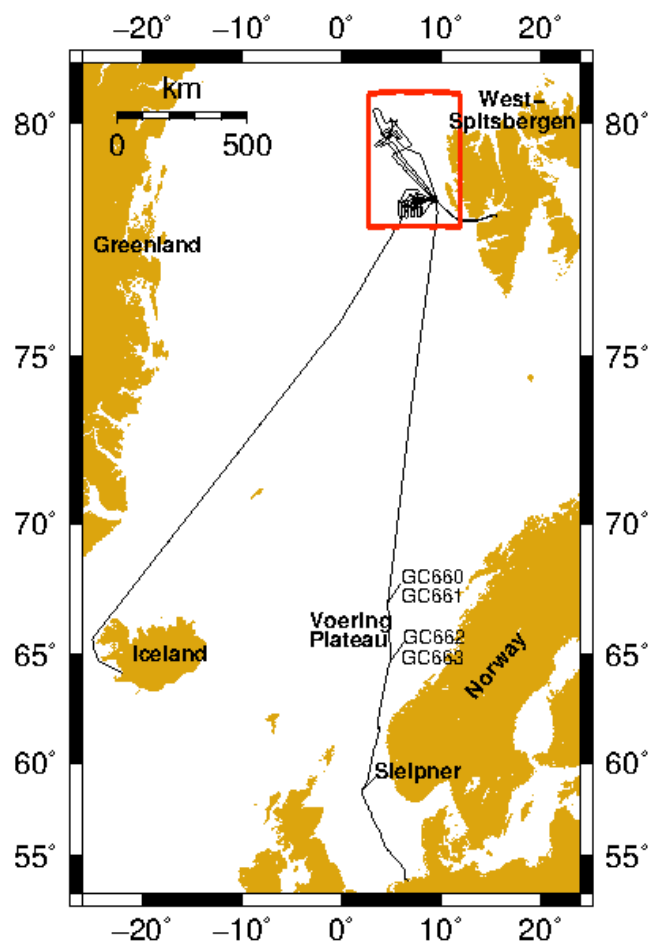
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Short Cruise Report Maria S. Merian MSM21/4

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Objectives

The goal of the cruise was to quantify the methane flux emitted through the seabed and to find out if the observed venting is indeed the result of bottom water warming-induced gas hydrate dissociation and that it is not due to other geological processes. The main objectives of the cruise were:

- Recovery and reinstallation of the MASOX observatory. The observatory was deployed during an RV Jan Mayen cruise in summer 2010 and was then recovered, maintained, and re-deployed during a NOCS cruise in summer 2011. During our cruise we had to recover this observatory in Svalbard and take it south to the Sleipner field for the ECO2 project. The measurements from the Svalbard deployment show the variability of seepage on a seasonal scale and provide insight into the dynamics of the seep system.
- Acoustic imaging of fluid migration pathways and seep sites. We collected 2D-high resolution reflection seismic data to image fluid migration pathways. These data will allow distinguishing between fluid migration along faults and the creation of pathways by hydraulic fracturing. The EA600 multi-frequency echosounder and the PARASOUND system were used for flare imaging in order to identify active seeps and variations in their activity.
- Surveys of benthic and pelagic methanotrophic activity. Sampling with JAGO push cores facilitated a selective sampling of surface sediments (max 20 cm) in the vicinity of gas vents to study microbial methanotrophic activity and sediment porewater chemistry. If seepage activity were established as a consequence of gas-hydrate dissociation only recently we expect to find relatively low activity and abundance of the methanotrophic community in the sediment. In addition to surface sampling, we have deployed gravity corers to study deeper parts of the sediment with respect to microbiology and geochemistry along transect laid across venting sites. Deeper cores will provide information about past or weaker seepage activities. The fate of methane after passing the benthic biological filter was investigated with CTD/Rosette casts across venting sites to study the activity of methanotrophic bacteria in the water column and their coupling to hydrographic characteristics.
- U/Th and ^{14}C dating of sediments from the vent sites. Dating of carbonaceous sediments from venting sites will reveal their nature and age of genesis.
- Analysis of slope stability. Further investigation were focused on the state of slope concerning (in)stability. In particular, we have tried to investigate the presence of precursory phenomena for slope failures that might be caused by hydrate dissociation such as elongated cracks running along the slope within the anticipated bathymetric range. This included acoustic and seismic surveying and geological sampling by gravity coring.
- Surveys of methane concentrations and distribution in the water column. CTD rosettes were deployed along vertical and horizontal transects in the area of gas venting. Gas flares identified by acoustic techniques were used to guide the sampling. The distribution of methane concentrations around the gas vents provides information about changes of the gas injection into the water column in comparison with earlier data.

Narrative

On 12.8.12 we left Reykjavik heading north towards Svalbard. We made good progress except for some hours on Tuesday afternoon when we had to slow down in fog in order to avoid sea ice. We reached the survey area on Friday morning, 17.8.2012. At the first station in 1400 m water depth we calibrated the heat flow probe and ran a CTD dip to obtain a water column sound velocity profile. At the observatory site we collected a second CTD using 24 water sampling bottles. At 14:00 we carried out trial deployment of the manned submersible JAGO that was successfully completed after 30 minutes. At 18:30 we deployed the seismic system and started to acquire three seismic profiles towards Vestnesa, down its southern slope and back to the study area. On 18.8.2012 JAGO dove along a recovery cable and managed to hook the recovery cable to the observatory and everything was hoisted up to the surface. Before leaving the bottom JAGO took two rock samples and filled a Niskin bottle. Everything was on deck at 17:00. Afterwards we surveyed the observatory position once more with PARASOUND and EA600 echosounder to ensure that there were significant gas flares. Then we started a CTD and heat flow probe transect and continued seismic surveying of the Knipovich Ridge / Vestnesa transition. During the night on Monday 20.8.2012 the wind picked up reaching 7 Bft with occasional gust of force 9. We moved north to extend the BSR map. Unfortunately, during recovery of the streamer after a 5 nm-long profile the streamer got entangled in the starboard propeller. Therefore, we steamed back to Longyear. On Wednesday we arrived in Longyear at 13:00 local time and drop anchor at 14:00. A diver managed to clear the remains from the starboard pod. This took only 10 minutes. We left Longyear at 17:00 ship time (UTC) and sailed back to a flare site that we had discovered during the multibeam and PARASOUND transect 60 m west of the MASOX observatory position where we collected a gravity core at the most pronounced flare. The core smelled strongly of H₂S and showed few drop stones. On Thursday 23.8.2012 we steamed 5 miles north to a site that was occupied for a 24 hour CTD in the previous year and where previous HyBis dives by the British colleagues found strong evidence for seepage. Here we acquired a PARASOUND profile confirming that active flares existed within the 380 and 390 m depth interval. Upon this we collected a heat flow transect along this profile that had to be terminated at 07:00 when the temperature sensor string was worn off. We sailed back to the southern flare site at the MASOX observatory position and at 08:00 we deployed JAGO in light easterly winds. JAGO operation was smooth and at 11:00 the JAGO team was able to find a flare site approximately 50 m WNW of the MASOX observatory position. The peepers (pore water samplers) and a 40 cm long heat flow probe were deployed and the site marked. Strong zonation of free gas bubbles, bebbiata mats and pogonophora tube worm fields indicated a highly active seep site. The aim of a second dive at the same site was the deployment of large push cores. From Friday morning onwards we collected water samples at five stations around the main flare site in order to investigate the lateral diffusion of methane away from the gas bubble flares. On 25.8. JAGO was deployed for a sixth time and almost immediately discovered a bacteria mat at an active gas flare. Five push corers and a Niskin bottle were taken. The entire area is more rocky than the Masox observatory site. After another dive to a nearby vent we steamed north to survey a previously discovered landslide and collect three gravity cores on 27.8.2012 to obtain minimum ages for the slide event. We also shot a seismic profile from ODP Site 912 down the slide headwall to the location of the second gravity core. Back at Prins Karls Forland

on 28.8.2012 we deployed JAGO to investigate the seep sites south of the MASOX observatory position. Here, there was less activity but it was possible to identify some gas flares and obtain push core samples from a local depression that appeared to be a trawl mark. Afterwards we carried out a CTD transect from the Hybis Site down to the lower part of the slope in order to determine the variability of the Spitsbergen current. On Wednesday we were finished with the CTD work and we measured a seismic oceanography profile on the way back to the next JAGO dive site in 285 m water depth. Here, the sea floor was very rocky with large carbonate crusts. At their edges gas flares were discovered. After JAGO was retrieved we sailed back to the northern termination of the Knipovich Ridge where we collected a heat flow transect. During the night to Friday we repeated the heat flow and water sampling transect across the MASOX observatory site. Afterwards the wind picked up and we could only do multibeam profiling of the northern termination of the Knipovich Ridge. On Saturday 1.9.2012 weather had improved (force 6 with gusts 7) and we decided to deploy the seismic system to survey the transition of the Knipovich Ridge into the Molløy Transform Margin. The aim was to determine if heat from the ridge is causing additional production of gas and is the ultimate reason for the Svalbard gas hydrate province. At lunchtime of 2.9. 2012 we retrieved the seismic system and steamed back to MASOX observatory site where we launched JAGO for a last time to recover the peepers and the temperature probe. On 3.9.2012 we deployed the seismic equipment again to collect further seismic lines across the Knipovich Ridge termination. We discovered a previously unknown area of bottom simulating reflectors, i.e. gas hydrate indications, on the oceanic crust and imaged a large pipe structure in the northern part of the Hydratech area which was discovered in 2008. After retrieving the seismic system at 17:30 we collected two gravity core samples from the pipe structure and a fault outcrop where the heat flow probe had shown increased fluid migration earlier. Both cores did not show obvious signs of methane advection. But pore water samples were taken for later analysis. At midnight of 4.9.2012 we started a last water column sampling programme at three seep sites and at a reference station south of the gas flare area. A final attempt to collect a gravity core from the MASOX observatory site turned out a spectacular success. We retrieved a 3 m-long core with very high sulfide concentration and soupy sediments at the top which will allow an assessment of methane advection rates and their variability. At 08:00 we started the transit towards the Vøring Plateau off mid-Norway. There we collected four gravity cores. On 8.9.2012 we arrived at the observatory deployment site northwest of Sleipner and took up contact with RRS James Cook. We deployed the observatory at 09:30. On 10.9.2012 we docked in Emden.

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Appendix 1: PARASOUND and multibeam profiles

survey	instruments	start survey				end survey			
		date	time	latitude	longitude	date	time	latitude	longitude
S01	MB	17/08/2012	08:09	78° 36.93' N	7° 26.60' E	17/08/2012	10:40	78° 33.33' N	9° 28.60' E
P100	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	17/08/2012	20:16	78° 32.68' N	9° 40.92' E	18/08/2012	01:55	78° 42.39' N	7° 30.51' E
P101	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	18/08/2012	01:55	78° 42.39' N	7° 30.51' E	18/08/2012	04:30	78° 30.78' N	7° 02.55' E
P102	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	18/08/2012	04:30	78° 30.78' N	7° 02.55' E	18/08/2012	08:15	78° 35.64' N	8° 28.64' E
S02	MB+SB+Para	18/08/2012	08:15	78° 35.64' N	8° 28.64' E	18/08/2012	11:20	78° 33.30' N	9° 28.58' E
S03	MB+SB+Para	18/08/2012	16:30	78° 33.30' N	9° 28.62' E	18/08/2012	18:50	78° 33.15' N	9° 25.42' E
S04	MB+SB+Para	19/08/2012	09:49	78° 33.42' N	9° 31.53' E	19/08/2012	14:00	78° 33.58' N	9° 33.85' E
P200	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	19/08/2012	17:25	78° 38.96' N	9° 19.35' E	19/08/2012	17:54	78° 37.63' N	9° 10.43' E
P201	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	19/08/2012	17:54	78° 37.63' N	9° 10.43' E	19/08/2012	20:00	78° 35.07' N	8° 19.38' E
P202	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	19/08/2012	20:00	78° 35.07' N	8° 19.38' E	19/08/2012	20:21	78° 35.89' N	8° 11.95' E
P203	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	19/08/2012	20:21	78° 35.89' N	8° 11.95' E	19/08/2012	22:51	78° 32.49' N	7° 11.85' E
P204	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	19/08/2012	22:51	78° 32.49' N	7° 11.85' E	19/08/2012	23:10	78° 33.68' N	7° 08.64' E
P205	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	19/08/2012	23:10	78° 33.68' N	7° 08.64' E	20/08/2012	01:53	78° 36.85' N	8° 10.05' E
P206	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	20/08/2012	01:53	78° 36.85' N	8° 10.05' E	20/08/2012	02:47	78° 33.56' N	8° 17.82' E
P207	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	20/08/2012	02:47	78° 33.56' N	8° 17.82' E	20/08/2012	05:56	78° 29.72' N	7° 15.54' E
P208	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	20/08/2012	06:16	78° 28.47' N	7° 14.06' E	20/08/2012	09:23	78° 31.61' N	8° 20.46' E
S05	MB+SB+Para	20/08/2012	09:23	78° 31.61' N	8° 20.46' E	20/08/2012	11:50	78° 33.29' N	9° 28.54' E
S06	MB+SB+Para	20/08/2012	12:20	78° 33.30' N	9° 28.51' E	20/08/2012	19:50	79° 26.70' N	5° 26.79' E
P300	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	20/08/2012	23:55	79° 37.90' N	6° 58.32' E	21/08/2012	02:13	79° 46.77' N	6° 21.77' E
S07	MB+SB+Para	21/08/2012	02:13	79° 46.77' N	6° 21.77' E	22/08/2012	08:13	78° 09.04' N	13° 43.11' E
S08	MB+SB+Para	22/08/2012	22:10	78° 27.95' N	9° 58.79' E	22/08/2012	22:50	78° 33.90' N	9° 27.17' E
S09	MB+SB+Para	23/08/2012	15:02	78° 33.25' N	9° 25.49' E	23/08/2012	17:51	78° 33.60' N	9° 30.77' E

S10	MB+SB+Para	24/08/2012	13:53	78° 33.64' N	9° 31.86' E	24/08/2012	16:46	78° 33.47' N	9° 24.98' E
S11	MB+SB+Para	25/08/2012	06:14	78° 36.22' N	9° 23.90' E	25/08/2012	07:47	78° 36.71' N	9° 25.67' E
S12	MB+SB+Para	25/08/2012	14:34	78° 36.66' N	9° 29.53' E	25/08/2012	16:33	78° 36.52' N	9° 22.93' E
S13	MB+SB+Para	25/08/2012	21:14	78° 36.76' N	9° 25.16' E	25/08/2012	23:48	79° 0.38' N	8° 48.50' E
S14	MB+SB+Para	26/08/2012	00:11	79° 4.62' N	8° 40.80' E	26/08/2012	07:10	79° 47.18' N	5° 13.96' E
S15	MB+SB+Para	26/08/2012	08:29	79° 47.47' N	5° 12.69' E	26/08/2012	11:18	79° 34.67' N	3° 34.53' E
S16	MB+SB+Para	26/08/2012	13:03	79° 34.55' N	3° 33.05' E	26/08/2012	23:44	79° 49.86' N	5° 14.98' E
S17	MB+SB+Para	27/08/2012	00:50	79° 49.89' N	5° 15.24' E	27/08/2012	02:06	79° 43.79' N	4° 30.64' E
S18	MB+SB+Para	27/08/2012	04:46	79° 44.24' N	4° 33.38' E	27/08/2012	05:12	79° 46.88' N	4° 11.51' E
S19	MB+SB+Para	27/08/2012	06:35	79° 47.02' N	4° 10.92' E	27/08/2012	13:12	80° 1.32' N	5° 16.01' E
P400	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	27/08/2012	14:16	80° 1.85' N	5° 35.17' E	27/08/2012	18:51	79° 42.42' N	4° 27.89' E
P500	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	27/08/2012	20:00	79° 44.23' N	4° 32.76' E	27/08/2012	22:16	79° 34.93' N	4° 1.84' E
S20	MB+SB+Para	27/08/2012	23:38	79° 38.14' N	4° 41.99' E	28/08/2012	06:44	78° 34.92' N	9° 12.90' E
S21	MB+SB+Para	28/08/2012	07:10	78° 33.12' N	9° 30.14' E	28/08/2012	07:44	78° 33.10' N	9° 28.99' E
S22	MB+SB+Para	28/08/2012	14:24	78° 33.00' N	9° 31.48' E	28/08/2012	18:12	78° 32.76' N	9° 29.54' E
P600	MB+SB+Para+Seismic	29/08/2012	08:39	78° 25.31' N	7° 4.96' E	29/08/2012	15:08	78° 37.39' N	9° 35.12' E
S23	MB+SB+Para	30/08/2012	18:47	78° 33.13' N	9° 25.14' E	30/08/2012	19:02	78° 33.42' N	9° 31.16' E
S24	MB+SB+Para	31/08/2012	15:50	78° 36.40' N	9° 20.38' E	1/09/2012	16:37	78° 32.77' N	5° 44.92' E
P700	MB+Para+Seismic	1/09/2012	19:06	78° 26.84' N	6° 21.85' E	1/09/2012	21:55	78° 37.18' N	7° 9.08' E
P701	MB+Para+Seismic	1/09/2012	21:55	78° 37.18' N	7° 9.08' E	1/09/2012	23:07	78° 36.45' N	7° 38.32' E
P702	MB+Para+Seismic	1/09/2012	23:07	78° 36.45' N	7° 38.32' E	2/09/2012	01:31	78° 24.89' N	7° 44.25' E
P703	MB+Para+Seismic	2/09/2012	01:31	78° 24.89' N	7° 44.25' E	2/09/2012	01:55	78° 24.67' N	7° 35.49' E
P704	MB+Para+Seismic	2/09/2012	03:54	78° 24.69' N	7° 35.47' E	2/09/2012	06:55	78° 26.92' N	6° 21.39' E
P705	MB+Para+Seismic	2/09/2012	06:55	78° 26.92' N	6° 21.39' E	2/09/2012	08:09	78° 24.08' N	6° 42.50' E
P706	MB+Para+Seismic	2/09/2012	08:09	78° 24.08' N	6° 42.50' E	2/09/2012	11:25	78° 37.41' N	7° 25.49' E
P800	MB+Para+Seismic	3/09/2012	02:26	78° 21.79' N	7° 08.25' E	3/09/2012	07:26	78° 45.13' N	7° 47.05' E
P801	MB+Para+Seismic	3/09/2012	07:36	78° 45.60' N	7° 43.80' E	3/09/2012	10:15	78° 46.94' N	6° 37.06' E
P802	MB+Para+Seismic	3/09/2012	10:23	78° 46.61' N	6° 34.59' E	3/09/2012	13:05	78° 34.67' N	6° 02.80' E
P803	MB+Para+Seismic	3/09/2012	13:13	78° 34.25' N	6° 03.71' E	3/09/2012	14:14	78° 32.15' N	6° 26.91' E

P804	MB+Para+Seismic	3/09/2012	14:20	78° 32.40' N	6° 29.37' E	3/09/2012	16:31	78° 41.91' N	6° 54.78' E
P805	MB+Para+Seismic	3/09/2012	16:39	78° 41.82' N	6° 57.39' E	3/09/2012	17:06	78° 39.64' N	6° 57.66' E
S25	MB+Para	4/09/2012	07:08	78° 18.82' N	9° 41.59' E	6/09/2012	17:06	67° 8.03' N	4° 40.93' E
S26	MB+Para	6/09/2012	17:06	67° 8.03' N	4° 40.93' E	6/09/2012	17:44	67° 6.72' N	4° 41.56' E
S27	MB+Para	6/09/2012	20:57	67° 6.64' N	4° 41.64' E	7/09/2012	11:15	64° 42.31' N	4° 58.38' E
S28	MB+Para	9/09/2012	5:14:00	58° 36.11' N	2° 6.90' E	9/09/2012	5:35:59	58° 35.95' N	2° 5.36' E

Appendix 2: Seismic profiles

profile	start				end			
	date	time	latitude	longitude	date	time	latitude	longitude
Survey P100 - station no. 548								
P100	17/08/2012	20:16	78° 32.68' N	9° 40.92' E	18/08/2012	01:55	78° 42.39' N	7° 30.51' E
P101	18/08/2012	01:55	78° 42.39' N	7° 30.51' E	18/08/2012	04:30	78° 30.78' N	7° 2.55' E
P102	18/08/2012	04:30	78° 30.78' N	7° 2.55' E	18/08/2012	08:15	78° 35.64' N	8° 28.64' E
Survey P200 - station no. 562								
P200	19/08/2012	17:25	78° 38.96' N	9° 19.35' N	19/08/2012	17:54	78° 37.63' N	9° 10.43' E
P201	19/08/2012	17:54	78° 37.63' N	9° 10.43' E	19/08/2012	20:00	78° 35.07' N	8° 19.38' E
P202	19/08/2012	20:00	78° 35.07' N	8° 19.38' E	19/08/2012	20:21	78° 35.89' N	8° 11.95' E
P203	19/08/2012	20:21	78° 35.89' N	8° 11.95' E	19/08/2012	22:51	78° 32.49' N	7° 11.85' E
P204	19/08/2012	22:51	78° 32.49' N	7° 11.85' E	19/08/2012	23:10	78° 33.68' N	7° 08.64' E
P205	19/08/2012	23:10	78° 33.68' N	7° 08.64' E	20/08/2012	01:53	78° 36.85' N	8° 10.05' E
P206	20/08/2012	01:53	78° 36.85' N	8° 10.05' E	20/08/2012	02:47	78° 33.56' N	8° 17.82' E
P207	20/08/2012	02:47	78° 33.56' N	8° 17.82' E	20/08/2012	05:56	78° 29.72' N	7° 15.54' E
P208	20/08/2012	06:16	78° 28.47' N	7° 14.06' E	20/08/2012	09:23	78° 31.61' N	8° 20.46' E
Survey P300 - station no. 565								
P300	20/08/2012	23:55	79° 37.90' N	6° 58.32' E	21/08/2012	02:13	79° 46.77' N	6° 21.77' E
Survey P400/P500 - station no. 608								
P400	27/08/2012	14:16	80° 01.85' N	5° 35.17' E	27/08/2012	18:51	79° 42.42' N	4° 27.89' E
P500	27/08/2012	20:00	79° 44.23' N	4° 32.76' E	27/08/2012	22:16	79° 34.93' N	4° 01.84' E
Survey P600 - station no. 619								
P600	29/08/2012	08:39	78° 25.31' N	7° 04.96' E	29/08/2012	15:08	78° 37.39' N	9° 35.12' E

Survey P700 - station no. 646								
P700	1/09/2012	18:33	78° 25.22' N	6° 11.20' E	1/09/2012	21:55	78° 37.18' N	7° 09.08' E
P701	1/09/2012	22:01	78° 37.30' N	7° 11.57' E	1/09/2012	23:06	78° 36.45' N	7° 38.32' E
P702	1/09/2012	23:11	78° 36.25' N	7° 39.59' E	2/09/2012	01:33	78° 24.74' N	7° 44.25' E
P703	2/09/2012	01:38	78° 24.49' N	7° 41.81' E	2/09/2012	01:50	78° 24.65' N	7° 36.85' E
P704	2/09/2012	03:54	78° 24.69' N	7° 35.47' E	2/09/2012	06:54	78° 26.92' N	6° 21.37' E
P705	2/09/2012	07:05	78° 26.45' N	6° 20.23' E	2/09/2012	08:10	78° 24.03' N	6° 43.02' E
P706	2/09/2012	08:15	78° 24.14' N	6° 44.99' E	2/09/2012	11:25	78° 37.41' N	7° 25.49' E
Survey P800 - station no. 651								
P800	3/09/2012	02:26	78° 21.79' N	7° 08.25' E	3/09/2012	07:26	78° 45.13' N	7° 47.05' E
P801	3/09/2012	07:36	78° 45.60' N	7° 43.80' E	3/09/2012	10:15	78° 46.94' N	6° 37.06' E
P802	3/09/2012	10:23	78° 46.61' N	6° 34.59' E	3/09/2012	13:05	78° 34.67' N	6° 02.80' E
P803	3/09/2012	13:13	78° 34.25' N	6° 03.71' E	3/09/2012	14:14	78° 32.15' N	6° 26.91' E
P804	3/09/2012	14:20	78° 32.40' N	6° 29.37' E	3/09/2012	16:31	78° 41.91' N	6° 54.78' E
P805	3/09/2012	16:39	78° 41.82' N	6° 57.39' E	3/09/2012	17:06	78° 39.64' N	6° 57.66' E

Appendix 3: JAGO dives

dive #	station no.	site	touch down		lift off		depth	date	sub-merged	surfaced	activities
			latitude	longitude	latitude	longitude					
1183 (1)	549	MASOX site	78° 33.31' N	9° 28.59' E	78° 33.30' N	9° 28.61' E	392	18/08/2012	12:00	14:45	MASOX observatory recovery
1184 (2)	577	MASOX site	78° 33.33' N	9° 28.41' E	78° 33.34' N	9° 28.41' E	392	23/08/2012	09:10	13:57	peeper/T sensor deployment, gas
1185 (3)	579	MASOX site	78° 33.35' N	9° 28.40' E	78° 33.35' N	9° 28.42' E	394	23/08/2012	19:18	21:40	push cores, gas, water
1186 (4)	585	MASOX site	78° 33.34' N	9° 28.40' E	78° 33.35' N	9° 28.35' E	394	24/08/2012	09:12	12:48	push cores, gas, water
1187 (5)	587	MASOX site	78° 33.34' N	9° 28.44' E	78° 33.34' N	9° 28.41' E	394	24/08/2012	17:29	19:54	push cores, gas, water
1188 (6)	597	HyBIS site	78° 36.68' N	9° 25.49' E	78° 36.69' N	9° 25.49' E	386	25/08/2012	08:39	13:00	push cores, gas, water, carbonate
1189 (7)	599	HyBIS site	78° 36.68' N	9° 25.36' E	78° 36.66' N	9° 25.52' E	386	25/08/2012	17:24	21:06	push cores, gas, water, carbonate
1190 (8)	611	SE peeper site	78° 33.18' N	9° 29.39' E	78° 33.18' N	9° 29.44' E	395	28/08/2012	09:40	13:05	push cores, gas, water, biosamples
1191 (9)	620	shallow seeps	78° 39.33' N	9° 26.11' E	78° 39.30' N	9° 26.07' E	245	29/08/2012	16:31	20:28	gas, water, carbonate, biosamples
1192 (10)	647	MASOX site	78° 33.36' N	9° 28.45' E	78° 33.34' N	9° 28.41' E	394	2/09/2012	15:00	17:41	peeper/T sensor recovery, gas, water

Appendix 4: CTD stations

Station no.	latitude	longitude	depth	rope length	deployment		recovery	
					date	time	date	time
544-2	78° 37.00' N	7° 24.00' E	1434.8	1300	17/08/2012	05:56	17/08/2012	06:45
546-1	78° 33.33' N	9° 28.62' E	392.1	360	17/08/2012	10:59	17/08/2012	11:25
546-2	78° 33.31' N	9° 28.64' E	392.0	100	17/08/2012	12:22	17/08/2012	14:22
550-1	78° 33.15' N	9° 25.41' E	427.9	423	18/08/2012	18:51	18/08/2012	19:16
551-1	78° 33.24' N	9° 26.75' E	404.6	?	18/08/2012	21:05	18/08/2012	21:29
552-1	78° 33.26' N	9° 27.32' E	404.2	403	18/08/2012	22:41	18/08/2012	23:03
553-1	78° 33.29' N	9° 27.94' E	396.5	396	18/08/2012	23:56	19/08/2012	00:08
554-1	78° 33.30' N	9° 28.53' E	389.4	387	19/08/2012	01:21	19/08/2012	01:35
555-1	78° 33.32' N	9° 28.69' E	394.4	389	19/08/2012	02:27	19/08/2012	02:46
556-1	78° 33.33' N	9° 29.23' E	389.2	386	19/08/2012	03:44	19/08/2012	04:03
557-1	78° 33.35' N	9° 29.83' E	384.0	381	19/08/2012	05:01	19/08/2012	05:20
558-1	78° 33.38' N	9° 30.54' E	377.0	375	19/08/2012	06:14	19/08/2012	06:32
559-1	78° 33.40' N	9° 31.40' E	358.1	355	19/08/2012	07:24	19/08/2012	07:44
580	78° 33.34' N	9° 28.39' E	389.6	387	23/08/2012	22:38	23/08/2012	22:59
581	78° 33.31' N	9° 28.49' E	386.1	384	24/08/2012	00:52	24/08/2012	01:11
582	78° 33.33' N	9° 28.19' E	390.0	387	24/08/2012	02:25	24/08/2012	02:44
583	78° 33.39' N	9° 28.27' E	391.5	388	24/08/2012	03:51	24/08/2012	04:10
584	78° 33.37' N	9° 28.60' E	388.3	386	24/08/2012	05:15	24/08/2012	05:31
601	79° 34.39' N	3° 32.37' E	3256.7	1750	26/08/2012	11:32	26/08/2012	12:47
605-2	79° 44.14' N	4° 33.25' E	2708.4	1500	27/08/2012	03:41	27/08/2012	04:42
613	78° 33.31' N	9° 28.55' E	388.5	383	28/08/2012	19:04	28/08/2012	19:23
614	78° 36.63' N	9° 25.67' E	375.5	372	28/08/2012	21:02	28/08/2012	21:20
615	78° 34.73' N	9° 2.04' E	599.2	599	28/08/2012	22:10	28/08/2012	22:52

616-2	78° 32.65' N	8° 32.42' E	1054.5	1054	29/08/2012	01:56	29/08/2012	02:47
617	78° 30.05' N	8° 1.42' E	1709.9	1690	29/08/2012	03:47	29/08/2012	04:54
618	78° 26.19' N	7° 14.48' E	3128.8	2500	29/08/2012	06:00	29/08/2012	07:35
621	78° 39.34' N	9° 26.05' E	?	57	29/08/2012	20:55	29/08/2012	21:02
633-1	78° 33.16' N	9° 25.39' E	853.6	422	30/08/2012	19:32	30/08/2012	20:04
634-1	78° 33.24' N	9° 26.78' E	?	404	30/08/2012	21:17	30/08/2012	21:36
635-1	78° 33.26' N	9° 27.34' E	?	400	30/08/2012	22:39	30/08/2012	22:57
636-1	78° 33.29' N	9° 27.97' E	?	393	30/08/2012	23:51	31/08/2012	00:12
637-1	78° 33.31' N	9° 28.53' E	387.5	401	31/08/2012	01:05	31/08/2012	01:23
638-1	78° 33.32' N	9° 28.73' E	390.0	389	31/08/2012	02:35	31/08/2012	02:55
639-1	78° 33.34' N	9° 29.22' E	389.4	383	31/08/2012	03:53	31/08/2012	04:12
640-1	78° 33.36' N	9° 29.80' E	381.5	378	31/08/2012	05:00	31/08/2012	05:20
641-1	78° 33.38' N	9° 30.50' E	374.6	370	31/08/2012	06:17	31/08/2012	06:37
642-1	78° 33.41' N	9° 31.36' E	358.0	352	31/08/2012	07:51	31/08/2012	08:15
648-1	78° 33.34' N	9° 28.41' E	387.1	388	2/09/2012	18:40	2/09/2012	19:02
649	78° 36.68' N	9° 25.54' E	?	375	2/09/2012	21:28	2/09/2012	21:48
650	78° 39.31' N	9° 26.07' E	?	239	2/09/2012	22:24	2/09/2012	22:38
653-2	78° 33.31' N	7° 51.95' E	1486.9	1400	3/09/2012	21:44	3/09/2012	22:38
654	78° 33.34' N	9° 28.39' E	390.5	387	4/09/2012	00:46	4/09/2012	01:05
655	78° 36.67' N	9° 25.48' E	380.3	376	4/09/2012	02:02	4/09/2012	02:18
656	78° 39.30' N	9° 26.01' E	244.1	236	4/09/2012	03:05	4/09/2012	03:18
658	78° 18.82' N	9° 41.65' E	306.9	303	4/09/2012	06:52	4/09/2012	07:08

Appendix 5: Heatflow stations

Station no.	latitude	longitude	depth	deployment		recovery	
				date	time	date	time
544-1	78° 37.00' N	7° 24.00' E	1439.5	17/08/2012	04:37	17/08/2012	05:45
550-2	78° 33.15' N	9° 25.42' E	425.5	18/08/2012	19:31	18/08/2012	20:30
551-2	78° 33.23' N	9° 26.75' E	403.9	18/08/2012	21:43	18/08/2012	22:23
552-2	78° 33.26' N	9° 27.32' E	404.5	18/08/2012	23:08	18/08/2012	23:39
553-2	78° 33.28' N	9° 27.99' E	399.2	19/08/2012	00:25	19/08/2012	00:32
554-2	78° 33.30' N	9° 28.55' E	389.8	19/08/2012	01:39	19/08/2012	02:07
555-2	78° 33.31' N	9° 28.73' E	392.9	19/08/2012	02:52	19/08/2012	03:22
556-2	78° 33.33' N	9° 29.26' E	388.6	19/08/2012	04:05	19/08/2012	04:38
557-2	78° 33.35' N	9° 29.83' E	386.9	19/08/2012	05:26	19/08/2012	05:56
558-2	78° 33.38' N	9° 30.53' E	376.0	19/08/2012	06:36	19/08/2012	07:06
559-2	78° 33.40' N	9° 31.39' E	358.2	19/08/2012	07:49	19/08/2012	08:25
564	79° 26.94' N	5° 25.68' E	2357.6	20/08/2012	19:53	20/08/2012	20:48
568	78° 36.61' N	9° 17.94' E	451.1	23/08/2012	01:14	23/08/2012	01:41
569	78° 36.62' N	9° 19.21' E	437.7	23/08/2012	02:02	23/08/2012	02:23
570	78° 36.64' N	9° 20.91' E	427.7	23/08/2012	02:49	23/08/2012	03:13
571	78° 36.66' N	9° 22.16' E	417.0	23/08/2012	03:34	23/08/2012	04:00
572	78° 36.67' N	9° 22.93' E	406.5	23/08/2012	04:23	23/08/2012	04:44
573	78° 36.67' N	9° 23.51' E	394.5	23/08/2012	04:48	23/08/2012	05:16
574	78° 36.68' N	9° 24.30' E	389.0	23/08/2012	05:25	23/08/2012	05:51
575	78° 36.69' N	9° 25.03' E	384.7	23/08/2012	06:00	23/08/2012	06:27
576	78° 36.70' N	9° 25.51' E	377.7	23/08/2012	06:33	23/08/2012	07:02
588	78° 26.85' N	8° 44.22' E	1311.5	24/08/2012	21:56	24/08/2012	22:45
589	78° 32.79' N	9° 16.54' E	3813.9	24/08/2012	23:44	25/08/2012	00:18
590	78° 33.03' N	9° 22.08' E	461.1	25/08/2012	00:48	25/08/2012	01:23

591	78° 33.27' N	9° 27.71' E	411.5	25/08/2012	01:51	25/08/2012	02:20
592	78° 33.29' N	9° 28.28' E	400.9	25/08/2012	02:35	25/08/2012	02:57
593	78° 33.32' N	9° 28.99' E	403.6	25/08/2012	03:14	25/08/2012	03:37
594	78° 33.35' N	9° 29.55' E	395.0	25/08/2012	03:46	25/08/2012	04:09
595	78° 33.37' N	9° 30.14' E	390.2	25/08/2012	04:19	25/08/2012	04:57
622	78° 30.60' N	7° 7.08' E	2941.9	29/08/2012	23:50	30/08/2012	01:42
623	78° 31.15' N	7° 16.23' E	2335.7	30/08/2012	02:23	30/08/2012	03:53
624	78° 31.50' N	7° 21.90' E	2050.9	30/08/2012	04:24	30/08/2012	05:53
625	78° 33.27' N	7° 50.55' E	1508.6	30/08/2012	06:39	30/08/2012	07:54
633-2	78° 33.16' N	9° 25.39' E	?	30/08/2012	20:27	30/08/2012	20:56
634-2	78° 33.24' N	9° 26.78' E	?	30/08/2012	21:40	30/08/2012	22:12
635-2	78° 33.26' N	9° 27.34' E	?	30/08/2012	23:02	30/08/2012	23:32
636-2	78° 33.29' N	9° 27.97' E	394.2	31/08/2012	00:18	31/08/2012	00:55
637-2	78° 33.31' N	9° 28.53' E	390.0	31/08/2012	01:29	31/08/2012	01:59
638-2	78° 33.32' N	9° 28.73' E	391.5	31/08/2012	03:02	31/08/2012	03:35
639-2	78° 33.34' N	9° 29.23' E	387.4	31/08/2012	04:16	31/08/2012	04:49
640-2	78° 33.36' N	9° 29.80' E	381.2	31/08/2012	05:26	31/08/2012	05:57
641-2	78° 33.38' N	9° 30.50' E	374.7	31/08/2012	06:41	31/08/2012	07:14
642-2	78° 33.41' N	9° 31.36' E	358.1	31/08/2012	08:21	31/08/2012	08:58

Appendix 6: Gravity core stations

Station no.	latitude	longitude	depth	deployment		recovery		length [cm]
				date	time	date	time	
561-1	78° 33.28' N	9° 28.00' E	396.1	19.8.12	14:33	19.8.12	14:54	/
561-2	78° 33.28' N	9° 28.00' E	396.5	19.8.12	15:18	19.8.12	15:37	120
563	78° 33.29' N	9° 28.54' E	389.4	20.8.12	11:51	20.8.12	12:11	100
567	78° 33.32' N	9° 28.41' E	389.8	21.8.12	23:27	21.8.12	23:47	130
603	79° 49.87' N	5° 14.98' E	1355.4	26.8.12	23:50	27.8.12	0:32	330
605-1	79° 44.14' N	4° 33.25' E	2706.1	27.8.12	2:24	27.8.12	3:35	350
606	79° 47.02' N	4° 10.92' E	2622.7	27.8.12	5:24	27.8.12	6:33	380
626-1	78° 33.54' N	9° 27.86' E	392.6	30.8.12	11:01	30.8.12	11:19	/
626-2	78° 33.54' N	9° 27.86' E	391.9	30.8.12	12:55	30.8.12	13:38	/
627	78° 33.52' N	9° 27.89' E	393.3	30.8.12	14:02	30.8.12	14:18	/
628	78° 33.48' N	9° 28.13' E	391.2	30.8.12	14:45	30.8.12	15:02	/
629	78° 33.45' N	9° 27.97' E	393.0	30.8.12	15:35	30.8.12	15:53	130
630	78° 33.41' N	9° 28.20' E	392.0	30.8.12	16:23	30.8.12	16:43	/
631	78° 33.42' N	9° 27.11' E	401.2	30.8.12	17:30	30.8.12	17:49	/
643	78° 37.03' N	9° 19.02' E	437.2	31.8.12	10:11	31.8.12	10:44	/
644-1	78° 37.01' N	9° 19.06' E	436.2	31.8.12	11:08	31.8.12	11:56	/
644-2	78° 37.01' N	9° 19.08' E	435.5	31.8.12	13:29	31.8.12	14:12	/
648-2	78° 33.34' N	9° 28.46' E	386.9	2.9.12	19:11	2.9.12	19:48	/
648-3	78° 33.34' N	9° 28.47' E	385.0	2.9.12	20:08	2.9.12	20:42	/
652	78° 40.84' N	6° 57.50' E	1450.6	3.9.12	18:06	3.9.12	18:48	/
653-1	78° 33.31' N	7° 51.95' E	1490.0	3.9.12	20:30	3.9.12	21:25	/
657	78° 33.34' N	9° 28.38' E	388.4	4.9.12	04:33	4.9.12	05:00	210
660	67° 6.68' N	4° 41.74' E	1348.0	6.9.12	18:24	6.9.12	19:19	506
661	67° 6.64' N	4° 41.64' E	1344.0	6.9.12	19:59	6.9.12	20:57	380
662	64° 42.31' N	4° 58.38' E	798.4	7.9.12	11:15	7.9.12	11:49	?
663	64° 35.12' N	4° 45.76' E	1143.9	7.9.12	13:36	7.9.12	14:13	?

Appendix 7: Observatory positions

station no.	site	Position		depth	date	comment
		latitude	longitude			
549	MASOX site	78° 33.31' N	9° 28.59' E	392	18/08/2012	MASOX observatory recovery
665	Sleipner	58° 35.760' N	2° 5.341' E	85	09/09/2012	MASOX observatory deployment