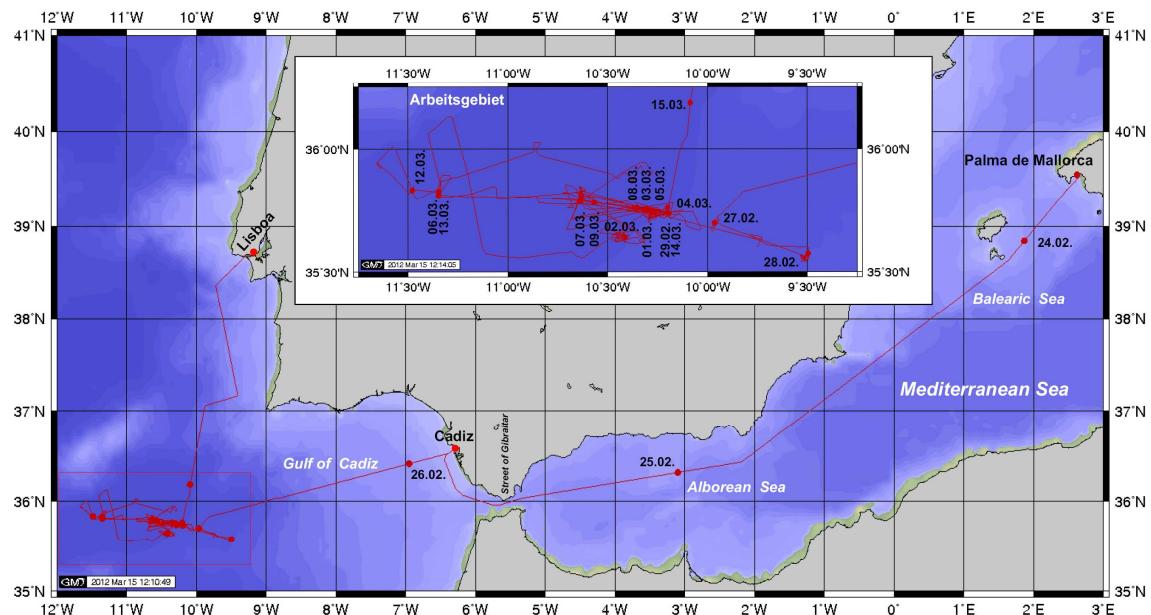


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Short Cruise Report
RV METEOR Cruise M86/5
Palma de Mallorca / Spain to Lisbon / Portugal
23. February – 16. March 2012
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Objectives

Cruise M86/5 aimed at collecting data from potential fluid dewatering sites located in the deep-sea region of the western part of the Gulf of Cadiz and the adjacent deep sea plain. Previous work on mud volcanoes (cruises SO175 and MSM1/3) located on the accretionary wedge in the Gulf of Cadiz showed that mud volcano fluids are typically sourced at several km depth below the seafloor. In addition, the geochemical composition of fluids from the deepest mud volcano in this area which is located on a west-east trending transform lineament (SWIM1) indicated that these fluids are typical for having been altered by the reaction with oceanic crust. This implies that there is active flow connecting the oceanic basement and the seafloor. To date, such kind of hydrothermal circulation is only known for relatively young oceanic crust (<60 Ma). Hence, the existence of a hydrological connection between old, sedimented oceanic crust and the seafloor is a phenomenon, which essentially has not been investigated in the past, and may represent a (missing) link between hot vents at mid-ocean ridges and cold seeps at continental margins. On the cruise, we followed an interdisciplinary approach characterized by extensive geochemical sampling in the water column and the sediment, heat flow measurements, and detailed mapping with AUV and ship-based hydroacoustic systems. We mainly investigated selected sites with conspicuous backscatter anomalies recorded on previous cruises along the SWIM1 lineament: (i) within the transition between the accretionary prism and the Horseshoe Abyssal Plain and (ii) on seafloor highs within the Horseshoe Abyssal Plain itself. The geotectonic environment in both sections is completely different from the situation on the accretionary wedge, where numerous mud volcanoes were detected on previous cruises. Within the transition zone three new mud volcanoes were discovered and extensively sampled. Preliminary pore water analyses show that the fluids indicate a deep origin, but show distinctive differences to those found on the mud volcanoes on the wedge. On the seafloor highs along the SWIM1 lineament in the Horseshoe Abyssal Plain no seeps or mud volcanoes were discovered. However, the lineament seems to be active in terms of fluid flow as indicated by pore water and heat flow anomalies as compared to values measured off the lineament. Overall, the major goal of the cruise could be fulfilled: fluid seeps related to active faults were discovered in new geotectonic environment.

Narrative of the cruise

FS Meteor arrived at Palma de Mallorca in the morning of the 20th of February 2012. Most of the scientific equipment could be loaded within the following two days. However, the container with the AUV Abyss arrived only in the morning of the 23rd of February due to logistical problems. Since a harbor test of this device was obligatory the departure had to be postponed by one day. Meteor left the port of Palma de Mallorca in the morning of the 24th of February 2012 with an international group of 28 scientists onboard and on a transit of about 3 days into the working area, the western extension of the Gulf of Cadiz. The time during the transit was used to set up laboratories and prepare scientific equipment. One important aspect was to check and fix important working modes of the AUV. These tasks could successfully be fulfilled during the first 2 days of the transit and a technician of the company Remus, producing the multibeam-bathymetry device mounted on the AUV, could leave the ship during a stopover in Cadiz.

In the early morning of the 27th of February the station work started with recording a number of Multibeam and Parasound (MB/PS) transects across 3 preselected sites, which were

considered as potential seep locations. Ground-truthing by gravity corer, however, did not reveal evidence for active seepage here. On the following two days station work was mostly dedicated to run and test all gears and scientific devices at Porto mud volcano (MV), a known active seep site located at the western margin of the accretionary wedge. In spite of minor problems all station work could be successfully carried out at this position. Thereafter, new potential mud volcano sites were explored along the E-W trending SWIM1 fault north of Coral Patch Ridge. On the 1st of March the first successful deployment of a gravity corer at 35°44.3'N and 10°12.1' W retrieved sediments from an active mud volcano located at about 30 nautical miles west of Porto MV. Almost coincident, the existence of another two mud volcanoes could be confirmed on an AUV sidescan survey a few miles further to the west. During the following days the mud volcanoes were intensively sampled by gravity corer, box corer, CTD, and heat flow probe. In addition, all three structures were mapped during high resolution side scan and bathymetry surveys. Unfortunately, on the 2nd of March the coaxial cable broke, and as a consequence the TV-guided multicorer could not be deployed further on.

Almost parallel to the sampling of the known sites, new sites were explored further to west in the Horseshoe Abyssal Plain and to the north along the Horseshoe fault. However, those backscatter anomalies in the north were abandoned after some surveys with the Parasound sub-bottom profiler system as they could be identified as being related to morphological features at the seafloor and not to fluid emanation. Hence, most of the working time was thereafter dedicated to the study of seafloor highs and other conspicuous sites in the Horseshoe Abyssal Plain along the SWIM 1 lineament. Although no further seepage sites could be found here, the major fault line could be proven to be active in terms of recent tectonics, heat flow and fluid flow. In addition, a number of backscatter anomalies were investigated at the southern slope of the Gorringe Bank and the northwestern slope of Coral Patch Ridge. These backscatter anomalies, however, turned out to be caused either by outcrops of consolidated sediments, slope morphology or even ship wrecks. Two wrecks were mapped in detail during AUV surveys. During the last 2 days of the cruise one of the M. Ivanov MV was revisited in order fill in the remaining sample gaps. As a highlight, a gravity core of approximately 1m length containing a massive piece of gas hydrate could be retrieved. Finally, a photo survey with the AUV was performed here in order compensate for the lack of other video guided instruments. At the end of this station the AUV had to be recovered by zodiac because the messenger line of the device was twisted around its propeller. Station work of a successful cruise ended in the morning of the 15th of March. After a transit of about 20 hours RV Meteor moored at the pier "Terminal de Cruzeiros da Rocha Conde de Óbidos" in Lisbon at 08:00 on the 16th of March.

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| 05.03.2012 | 44 | 347 | CTD | 00:22 | 02:30 | 04:03 | 05:57 | 05:35 | 35°44.31' | 10°12.15' | 35°44.35' | 10°12.14' | 35°44.229' | 10°12.089' | 35°44.332' | 10°12.143' |
| 05.03.2012 | 45 | 348 | BC-3 | 06:25 | 07:54 | 07:56 | 09:30 | 03:05 | 35°44.410' | 10°12.186' | 35°44.410' | 10°12.179' | 35°44.419' | 10°12.178' | 35°44.403' | 10°12.167' |
| 05.03.2012 | 46 | 349 | BC-4 | 10:15 | 11:41 | 11:42 | 13:24 | 03:09 | 35°45.058' | 10°19.042' | 35°45.046' | 10°19.026' | 35°45.052' | 10°19.035' | 35°45.048' | 10°19.020' |
| 05.03.2012 | 47 | 351 | GC-11 | 16:34 | 18:07 | 18:08 | 19:54 | 03:20 | 35°47.302' | 10°38.532' | 35°47.308' | 10°38.525' | 35°47.302' | 10°38.537' | 35°47.306' | 10°38.525' |
| 05.03.2012 | 48-A | 350 | TP-AUV | 15:17 | - | - | 16:08 | 01:09 | 35°50.84' | 10°38.29' | 35°48.63' | 10°37.60' | - | - | - | - |
| 05.03.2012 | 48-A | 350 | TP-AUV | 20:20 | - | - | 22:02 | 01:42 | 35°48.47' | 10°37.82' | 35°49.61" | 10°39.04' | - | - | - | - |
| 05.03.2012 | 49 | 350 | AUV | - | - | - | 23:15 | 00:55 | | | | | | | | |
| 06.03.2012 | 50 | 352 | HA | 01:20 | - | - | 01:52 | 00:32 | 35°48.019' | 11°1.11' | 35°50.815' | 11°3.323' | - | - | - | - |
| 06.03.2012 | 51 | 353 | HA | 03:07 | - | - | 04:07 | 01:00 | 35°48.226' | 11°20.200' | 35°53.578' | 11°20.17' | - | - | - | - |
| 06.03.2012 | 52 | 354 | HA | 04:23 | - | - | 05:34 | 01:11 | 35°53.72' | 11°16.78' | 35°48.008' | 11°21.735' | - | - | - | - |
| 06.03.2012 | 53 | 355 | HA | 05:34 | - | - | 06:12 | 00:38 | 35°48.008' | 11°21.735' | 35°51.38' | 11°20.731' | - | - | - | - |
| 06.03.2012 | 54 | 356 | GC-12 | 06:30 | 08:03 | 08:04 | 09:46 | 03:16 | 35°49.677' | 11°20.789' | 35°49.68' | 11°20.79' | 35°49.676' | 11°20.774' | 35°49.673' | 11°20.794' |

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| 06.03.2012 | 55-1 | 357 | HF | 10:15 | 11:45 | 12:08 | - | - | 35°49.684' | 11°20.790' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 06.03.2012 | 55-2 | 357 | HF | - | 12:45 | 12:58 | - | - | 35°49.882' | 11°20.787' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 06.03.2012 | 55-3 | 357 | HF | - | 13:36 | 13:49 | - | - | 35°50.084' | 11°20.78' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 06.03.2012 | 55-4 | 357 | HF | - | 13:29 | 14:48 | - | - | 35°50.284' | 11°20.785' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 06.03.2012 | 55-5 | 357 | HF | - | 15:28 | 15:41 | - | - | 35°50.484' | 11°20.777' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 06.03.2012 | 55-6 | 357 | HF | - | 16:52 | 17:01 | - | - | 35°50.884' | 11°20.778' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 06.03.2012 | 55-7 | 357 | HF | - | 18:22 | 18:42 | - | - | 35°51.331' | 11°20.790' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 06.03.2012 | 55-8 | 357 | HF | - | 19:52 | 20:02 | 21:53 | - | 35°51.725' | 11°20.780' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 07.03.2012 | 56 | 358 | HA | 00:29 | - | - | 01:05 | 00:36 | 35°59.305' | 10°52.60' | 36°01.514' | 10°49.778' | - | - | - | - |
| 07.03.2012 | 57 | 359 | HA | 01:22 | - | - | 01:57 | 00:35 | 36°14.28' | 10°52.572' | 35°58.597' | 10°50.798' | - | - | - | - |
| 07.03.2012 | 58 | 360 | HA | 03:40 | - | - | 03:56 | 00:16 | 35°53.87' | 10°28.448' | 35°52.725' | 10°27.413' | - | - | - | - |
| 07.03.2012 | 59 | 361 | HA | 04:19 | - | - | 04:49 | 00:30 | 35°54.455' | 10°24.785' | 35°52.224' | 10°22.52' | - | - | - | - |
| 07.03.2012 | 60 | 362 | HA | 05:28 | - | - | 06:02 | 00:30 | 35°56.009' | 10°20.366' | 35°53.311' | 10°17.702' | - | - | - | - |
| 07.03.2012 | 61 | 363 | HA | 06:16 | - | - | 06:57 | 00:41 | 35°54.280' | 10°16.328' | 35°54.280' | 10°19.199' | - | - | - | - |
| 07.03.2012 | 62 | 364 | GC-13 | 08:40 | 10:12 | 10:13 | 12:33 | 03:53 | 35°47.471' | 10°38.436' | 35°47.317' | 10°38.453' | 35°47.316' | 10°38.454' | 35°47.306' | 10°38.453' |
| 07.03.2012 | 63 | 365 | GC-14 | 13:15 | 15:00 | 15:01 | 17:00 | 03:45 | 35°47.315' | 10°38.450' | 35°47.257' | 10°38.506' | 35°47.252' | 10°38.514' | 35°47.258' | 10°38.577' |
| 07.03.2012 | 64 | 366 | BC-5 | 17:32 | 19:05 | 19:07 | 20:38 | 03:06 | 35°47.257' | 10°38.507' | 35°47.265' | 10°38.499' | 35°47.253' | 10°38.509' | 35°47.256' | 10°38.503' |
| 07.03.2012 | 65 | 367 | HA | 21:06 | - | - | 22:42 | 01:36 | 35°47.265' | 10°38.499' | 35°40.475' | 10°40.255' | - | - | - | - |
| 08.03.2012 | 66 | 368 | CTD | 00:43 | 02:38 | 04:04 | 06:10 | 05:27 | 35°45.05' | 10°19.04' | 35°45.05' | 10°19.04' | 35°45.015' | 10°19.978' | 35°45.046' | 10°19.04' |
| 08.03.2012 | 67 | 369 | BC-6 | 06:23 | 07:54 | 07:56 | 09:24 | 03:01 | 35°45.048' | 10°19.032' | 35°45.045' | 10°19.018' | 35°45.034' | 10°19.021' | 35°45.033' | 10°19.020' |

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| 08.03.2012 | 68 | 370 | GC-15 | 09:56 | 11:20 | 11:21 | 12:59 | 03:03 | 35°45.045' | 10°19.017' | 35°45.04' | 10°19.02' | 35°45.046' | 10°19.016' | 35°45.040' | 10°19.016' |
| 08.03.2012 | 69 | 371 | GC-16 | 14:56 | 16:25 | 16:27 | 18:08 | 03:12 | 35°42.923' | 10°40.940' | 35°42.925' | 10°40.963' | 35°42.924' | 10°40.963' | 35°42.924' | 10°40.963' |
| 08.03.2012 | 70-1 | 372 | AUV | 18:59 | - | - | 20:30 | | 35°49.00' | 10°38.33' | 35°49.67' | 10°38.25' | - | - | - | - |
| 09.03.2012 | 70-2 | 372 | AUV | - | - | - | 10:48 | | | | | | | | | |
| 08.03.2012 | 71-1 | 373 | HF | 21:15 | 23:10 | 23:20 | - | | 35°42.931' | 10°40.962' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 08.03.2012 | 71-2 | 373 | HF | - | 23:33 | 23:45 | 01:28 | | 35°42.932' | 10°40.964' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 09.03.2012 | 72 | 374 | CTD | 03:18 | 05:04 | 06:51 | 08:50 | 05:32 | 35°45.71' | 10°21.25' | 35°45.81' | 10°21.32' | 35°45.694' | 10°21.329' | 35°45.779' | 10°21.336' |
| 09.03.2012 | 73 | 375 | GC-17 | 11:54 | 13:31 | 13:34 | 15:27 | 03:33 | 35°46.889' | 10°34.040' | 35°46.768' | 10°34.545' | 35°46.889' | 10°34.041' | 35°46.902' | 10°34.038' |
| 09.03.2012 | 48-B | 376 | TP-AUV | 16:00 | - | - | 18:59 | 02:59 | 35°49.45' | 10°38.85' | 35°50.81' | 10°38.76' | - | - | - | - |
| 09.03.2012 | 74 | 377 | TP-AUV | 20:55 | - | - | 21:42 | | | | | | | | | |
| 09.03.2012 | 75-1 | 378 | HA | 22:06 | - | - | 22:38 | 00:32 | 35°39.943' | 10°25.106' | 35°37.046' | 10°24.900' | - | - | - | - |
| 09.03.2012 | 75-2 | 378 | HA | 23:03 | - | - | 23:27 | 00:24 | 35°38.286' | 10°26.402' | 35°38.619' | 10°23.634' | - | - | - | - |
| 10.03.2012 | 76-1 | 379 | AUV | 02:15 | - | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.03.2012 | 76-2 | 379 | AUV | - | - | - | 18:56 | | | | | | | | | |
| 10.03.2012 | 75-3 | 380 | HA | 04:46 | | | 05:17 | 00:31 | 35°39.624' | 10°20.502' | 35°37.125' | 10°18.614' | - | - | - | - |
| 10.03.2012 | 75-4 | 380 | HA | 05:35 | | | 05:59 | 00:24 | 35°37.742' | 10°20.696' | 35°39.115' | 10°17.95' | - | - | - | - |
| 10.03.2012 | 77 | 381 | GC-18 | 06:58 | 08:24 | 08:26 | 09:53 | 02:55 | 35°38.349' | 10°19.551' | | | 35°38.346' | 10°19.512' | 35°38.347' | 10°19.496' |
| 10.03.2012 | 78 | 382 | GC-19 | 10:58 | 12:23 | 12:26 | 14:17 | 03:19 | 35°38.426' | 10°24.956' | 35°38.430' | 10°24.915' | 35°38.432' | 10°24.923' | 35°38.375' | 10°24.915' |
| 10.03.2012 | 79-1 | 383 | HA | 15:14 | | | 15:32 | 00:18 | 35°40.744' | 10°31.383' | 35°39.222' | 10°32.735' | - | - | - | - |
| 10.03.2012 | 80 | 384 | TP-AUV | 16:00 | - | - | 18:15 | 02:15 | 35°39.03' | 10°27.47' | 35°37.32' | 10°27.19' | - | - | - | - |

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| 10.03.2012 | 79-2 | 385 | HA | 16:09 | | | 16:19 | 00:10 | 35°38.850' | 10°25.960' | 35°38.39' | 10°25.03' | - | - | - | - |
| 10.03.2012 | 81-1 | 386-1 | HF | 22:10 | 23:45 | 23:57 | - | - | 35°47.307' | 10°38.506' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
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| 11.03.2012 | 81-3 | 386-3 | HF | - | 02:01 | 02:13 | - | - | 35°47.730' | 10°37.992' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 11.03.2012 | 81-4 | 386-4 | HF | - | 03:03 | 03:15 | 05:02 | - | 35°47.941' | 10°37.732' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 11.03.2012 | 82 | 387 | TP-AUV | 07:12 | - | - | 14:14 | 07:02 | 35°45.04' | 10°15.69' | 35°44.66' | 10°18.43' | - | - | - | - |
| 11.03.2012 | 83 | 388 | BC-7 | 08:44 | 10:10 | 10:12 | 11:49 | 03:05 | 35°44.336' | 10°12.075' | 35°44.327' | 10°11.965' | 35°44.335' | 10°12.062' | 35°44.330' | 10°11.965' |
| 11.03.2012 | 84 | 389 | AUV | 14:28 | - | - | 16:00 | 1:32 | 35°43.33' | 10°17.62' | 35°44.04' | 10°14.34' | - | - | - | - |
| 11.03.2012 | 85 | 390 | HA | 23:52 | - | - | 01:13 | 1:21 | 35°54.49' | 11°12.17' | 36°08.125' | 11°16.891' | - | - | - | - |
| 12.03.2012 | 86 | 391 | HA | 01:52 | - | - | 03:02 | 02:10 | 36°03.387' | 11°24.087' | 35°51.098' | 11°20.135' | - | - | - | - |
| 12.03.2012 | 87 | 392 | HA | 03:38 | - | - | 04:55 | 01:17 | 35°47.557' | 11°27.557' | 36°0.674' | 11°34.300' | - | - | - | - |
| 12.03.2012 | 88 | 393 | HA | 05:31 | - | - | 05:53 | 00:22 | 35°56.699' | 11°39.426' | 35°55.29' | 11°37.811' | - | - | - | - |
| 12.03.2012 | 89 | 394 | HA | 06:05 | - | - | 06:14 | 00:09 | 35°55.822' | 11°38.972' | 35°56.44' | 11°38.58' | - | - | - | - |
| 12.03.2012 | 90 | 395 | HA | 06:22 | - | - | 06:31 | 00:09 | 35°56.719' | 11°38.872' | 35°56.067' | 11°39.368' | - | - | - | - |
| 12.03.2012 | 91 | 396 | HA | 08:19 | - | - | 08:06 | 00:47 | 35°49.28' | 11°29.68' | 35°50.5932' | 11°28.6596' | - | - | - | - |
| 12.03.2012 | 92 | 397 | GC-20 | 09:26 | 10:54 | 10:56 | 12:38 | 03:12 | 35°50.083' | 11°28.837' | 35°50.073' | 11°28.736' | 35°50.067' | 11°28.804' | 35°50.069' | 11°28.804' |
| 12.03.2012 | 93 | 398 | GC-21 | 13:48 | 15:24 | 15:27 | 17:17 | 03:29 | 35°49.850' | 11°20.197' | 35°49.790' | 11°20.172 | 35°49.797' | 11°20.167' | 35°49.751' | 11°20.175' |
| 12.03.2012 | 94-1 | 399 | HF | 17:55 | 19:28 | 19:39 | - | - | 35°48.665' | 11°20.851' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 12.03.2012 | 94-2 | 399 | HF | - | 20:36 | 20:48 | - | - | 35°48.980' | 11°20.824' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 12.03.2012 | 94-3 | 399 | HF | - | 21:48 | 21:54 | - | - | 35°49.276' | 11°20.798' | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| 13.03.2012 | 94-4 | 400 | HF | - | 01:54 | 02:05 | - | - | 35°49.685' | 11°10.762' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 13.03.2012 | 94-5 | 400 | HF | - | 02:59 | 03:11 | - | - | 35°49.979' | 11°20.743' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 13.03.2012 | 94-6 | 400 | HF | - | 04:04 | 04:15 | - | - | 35°50.274' | 11°20.717' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 13.03.2012 | 95 | 401 | GC-22 | 06:44 | 08:15 | 08:17 | 09:54 | 03:10 | 35°50.273' | 11°20.717' | 35°50.274' | 11°20.734' | 35°50.274' | 11°20.736' | 35°50.276' | 11°20.736' |
| 13.03.2012 | 96 | 402 | GC-23 | 10:21 | 11:48 | 11:50 | 13:42 | 03:21 | 35°48.659' | 11°20.839' | 35°48.675' | 11°20.850' | 35°48.674' | 11°20.858' | 35°48.676' | 11°20.850' |
| 13.03.2012 | 97 | 403 | GC-24 | 16:55 | 18:27 | 18:28 | 20:08 | 03:13 | 35°47.876' | 10°40.762' | 35°47.873' | 10°40.765' | 35°47.875' | 10°40.764' | 35°47.873' | 10°40.765' |
| 13.03.2012 | 98 | 404 | CTD | 22:27 | 00:19 | 01:50 | 04:40 | 06:13 | 35°44.33' | 10°12.08' | 35°44.50' | 10°12.07' | 35°44.344" | 10°12.066' | 35°44.426' | 10°12.181' |
| 14.03.2012 | 99-1 | 405 | HA | 05:18 | - | - | 06:03 | 00:45 | 35°44.852' | 10°4.491' | 35°40.156' | 10°1.667' | - | - | - | - |
| 14.03.2012 | 99-2 | 405 | HA | 06:03 | - | - | 06:27 | 00:24 | 35°40.156' | 10°1.667' | 35°40.893' | 10°6.187' | - | - | - | - |
| 14.03.2012 | 99-3 | 405 | HA | 06:27 | - | - | 06:47 | 00:20 | 35°40.893' | 10°6.187' | 35°43.801' | 10°7.303' | - | - | - | - |
| 14.03.2012 | 100 | 406 | GC-25 | 07:13 | 08:36 | 08:38 | 10:19 | 03:06 | 35°44.340' | 10°12.059' | 35°44.341' | 10°12.056' | 35°44.341' | 10°12.061' | 35°44.341' | 10°12.061' |
| 14.03.2012 | 101 | 407 | BC-8 | 10:45 | 12:09 | 12:11 | 13:48 | 03:03 | 35°44.341' | 10°12.057' | 35°44.342' | 10°12.056' | 35°44.339' | 10°12.063' | 35°44.336' | 10°12.064' |
| 14.03.2012 | 102-1 | 408 | AUV | 14:49 | - | - | 16:26 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15:03 | 102-2 | 408 | AUV | - | - | - | 09:36 | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 14.03.2012 | 103 | 409 | HF | 19:10 | 20:41 | 20:53 | - | - | 35°47.192' | 10°50.909' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15.03.2012 | 104 | 410 | HF | - | 00:36 | 00:48 | - | - | 35°48.476' | 10°51.332' | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15.03.2012 | 105 | 411 | TP-AUV | 05:27 | - | - | 07:57 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

AUV: Autonomous underwater vehicle, TP: Transponders, TV-MUC: TV-Multicorer, GC: Gravity Corer, BC: Box Corer, HF: Heat Flow, CTD-ROS: Conductivity Temperature Density + Rosette Water Sampler, HA: HydroAcustics: EM122 + PS, EM122: Multibeam, PS: Parasound