# -4H-FerryBox Past, present, and future

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Since 2001, -4H-JENA engineering produced more than 70 FerryBoxes and PocketFerryBoxes.

These years of experience and our technical know-how makes us the market leader for FerryBox systems.

Selected examples, the temporal development, and future perspectives are shown here.





2003 AWI Helgoland, Germany





MS-DOS based software, programmmed in TurboPascal.





2009, HZG, Germany Ferryboat "Funny Girl"







Very compact design Windows based LabView software







2012 HCMR, Crete, Greece Ferry "Festos Palace"





2015
Qinghuangdao
Environmental
Monitoring Centre, China

R/V "China Environmental Monitoring 001"







2017, Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Science (IOPAS/IOPAN), Poland

Ferryboat MS "AGAT"





2018

National Antarctic Scientific Center, Ukraine Fishing/research vessel "MORE SODRUZHESTVA", sailing in Antarctica

Up to now the southernmost FerryBox





2019

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI)

New research vessel "SVEA"

Integration of big devices like:

Seabird "EcoFLU"

TriOs "OSCAR"

KM Contros pCO<sub>2</sub> and HydroFIA pH

McLane "Imaging FlowCytobot (IFCB)"

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To be installed in May 2019



# Additional systems

## -4H-PocketFerryBox





2010

# -4H-PocketFerryBox





# -4H-PocketFerryBox









### -4H-Sampler

- Modular design: 2x3 tubes
- Stand-alone version
- For sampling plankton and/or marine litter





or



Cascaded sieves

Plankton nets



# Future demands



# Sensor identification extension

To store information of remote sensors which they do not provide by themselves, like:

- Serial number
- Date of installation
- Calibration coefficients
- Date of last calibration

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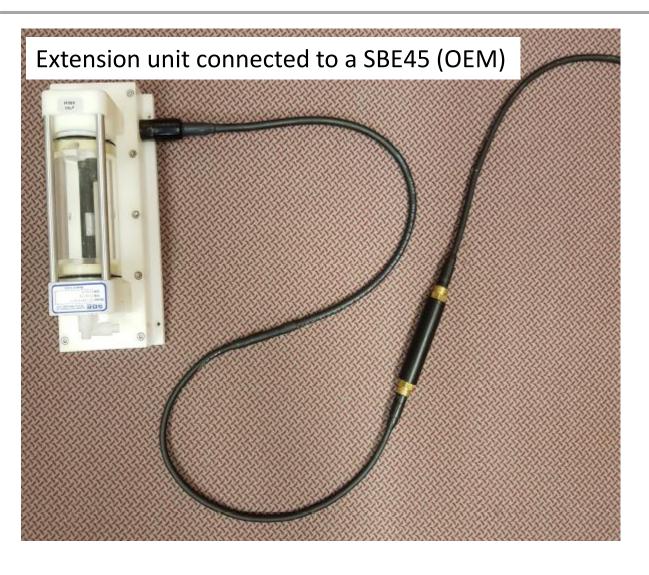




- Pressure resistant housing
- SubConn connectors
- universal usability for digital sensors (analog usability under development)







#### Data can be received as:

a) Unchanged data string; to run e.g. manufacturer's software

```
18.1882, 0.8133, 14.4499, 1506.5238
7.6974, 1.1088, 42.1723, 1797.4559
92.4572, 7.4487, 13.6651, 1814.4466
92.4434, 2.2106, 46.0438, 739.5427
32.0701, 1.7424, 28.2753, 1069.3695
```

b) Unchanged, but with configurable header

```
SN:0815

CF:x=1, y=2, z=3

CD:01.04.2019

LW:15.04.2019

ID:25.04.2019

68.0025, 3.9245, 4.7919, 1135.1634

88.6951, 0.4497, 40.8464, 394.9581

82.5622, 6.0082, 17.1547, 941.3658

6.2796, 5.8246, 17.3865, 225.2058
```

c) Modified, with prefixed configurable information in each data string line

```
SN:0815;CF:x=1, y=2, z=3;CD:01.04.2019;ID:25.04.2019; 1.9320, 5.8622, 34.7719, 920.1021
SN:0815;CF:x=1, y=2, z=3;CD:01.04.2019;ID:25.04.2019; 7.7482, 3.4593, 26.3581, 1546.6464
SN:0815;CF:x=1, y=2, z=3;CD:01.04.2019;ID:25.04.2019; 39.1972, 8.7666, 41.4711, 374.8173
SN:0815;CF:x=1, y=2, z=3;CD:01.04.2019;ID:25.04.2019; 89.1903, 6.2077, 42.5156, 248.0734
```







## What are we talking about?

Diameter of plastic marine litter	English term
> 25 mm	macroplastic
5 – 25 mm	mesoplastic
1 – 5 mm	large microplastic particle
< 1mm	small microplastic

Source: Umweltbundesamt, Texte 64/2015

## Microplastics (MP)



#### **Problems:**

- Many different sources and types of MP
- No information about current amount and distribution available
- No option to determine concentrations of MP automatically

#### Needs:

- Automatic sampling devices for high amounts of water to determine concentrations
- High capacity filtration units for removing MP from water entering the oceans
- Tool for definition of limit values for MP in (fresh)water



# Microplastic sampler



Prototype successfully tested at a sewage treatment plant.





- Specials developed
   pre-filtration unit (by Nägele GmbH)
- Cascaded automatic filtration (by time or volume)



# What are your thoughts about current and future needs in environmental monitoring?

Thank you for your attention.