

How internet of things can help to enhance aquaculture farms productivity and ensure sustainability ?

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1. Aquaculture: promise and perils

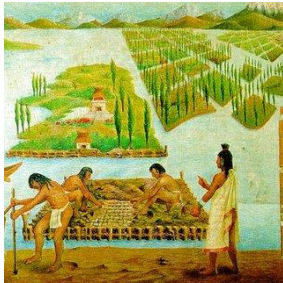
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- **Aquaculture supports man in his evolution**



China
(~ -3500 BC)

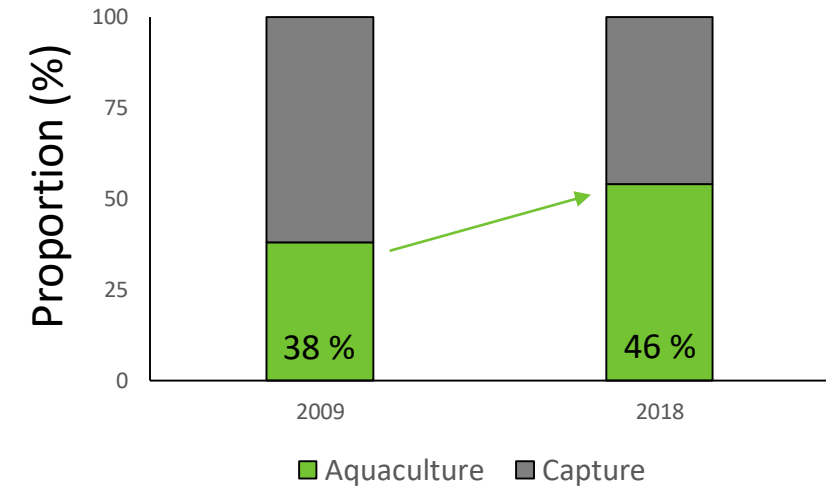
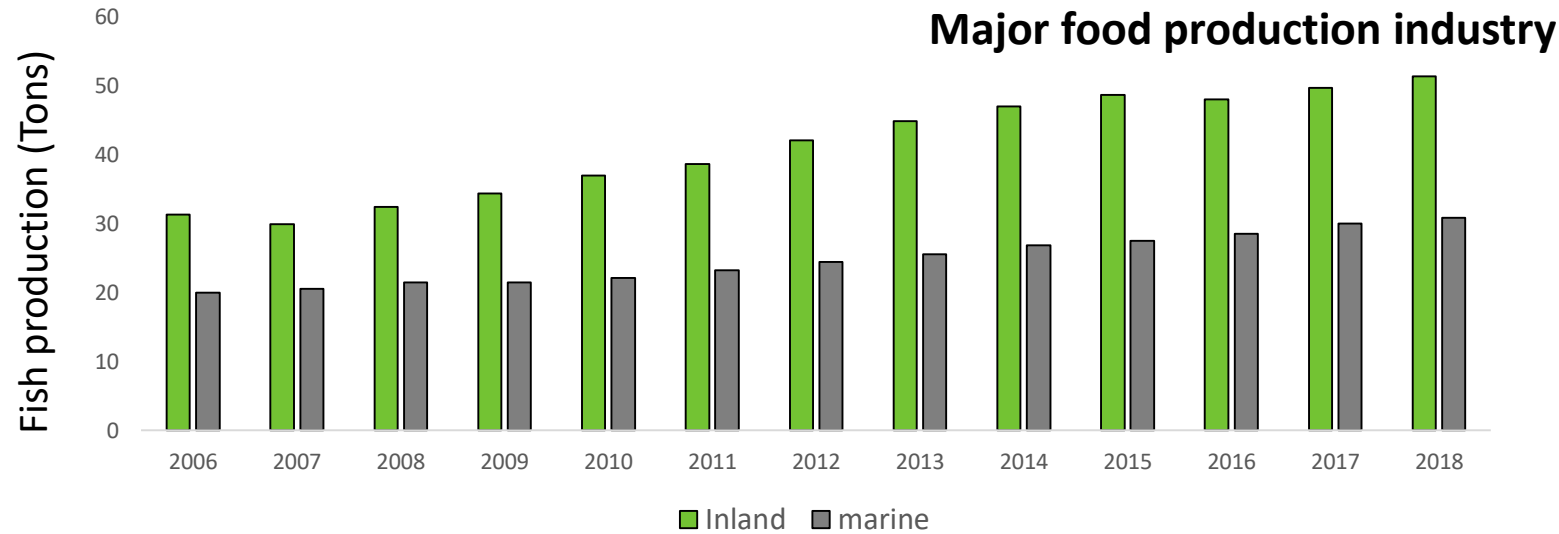
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What next ?

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1.1. Development and promise from aquaculture

- **Development of aquaculture sector**

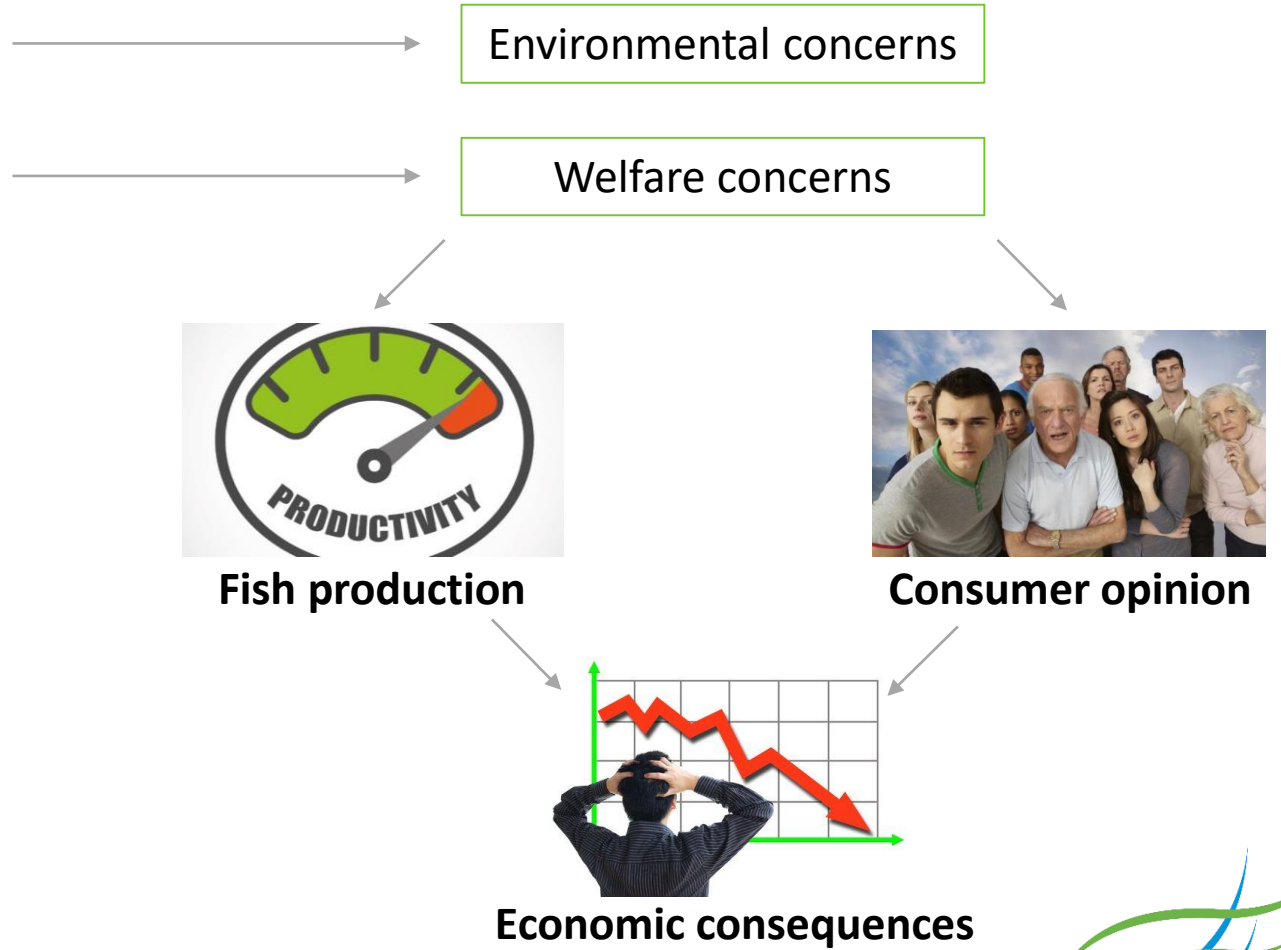


The proportion of fish from aquaculture (vs. capture) is increasing
Aquaculture is the fastest growing food industry sector

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1.2. Some concern about aquaculture

- **Perils of aquaculture**



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2.1. What is IoT ?

- **Definition:**

Network of physical objects or « things » embedded with electronics, software, sensors, and network connectivity, which enables these objects to collect and exchange data.



2. Internet of things (IoT)

2.1. What is IoT ?

- **Some examples:**

Home security

Sensors
X
Alarms
X
Cameras
X
Ligh
X
Microphone

Interface



Humans

Activity tracker

Fatigue
X
Apetite
X
Blood presure
X
Oxygen level
X
Heart rate

Interface



Humans



Unlimited Possibilities

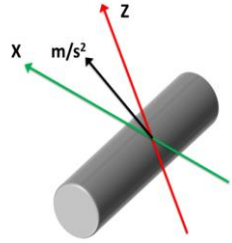
*"The Internet of Things is really just getting started. Years from now we will be connected in ways that are difficult to imagine today. IoT applications, especially when combined with artificial intelligence and automation, will improve decision making, efficiency, convenience, wellness, and energy conservation. **The integration of these technologies will also enable creative thinking and innovative applications across a wide range of industries.**"*



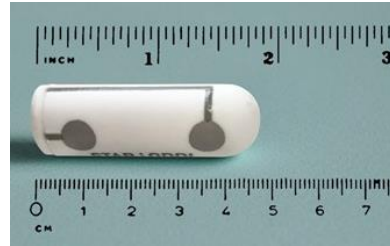
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- **Fish health and welfare**



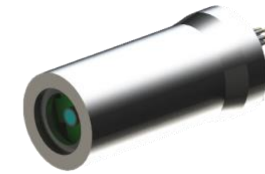
Accelerometer tags



Heart beat rate logger



EMG (muscle activity)

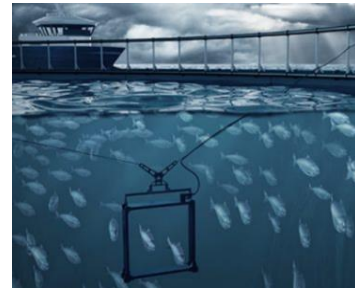
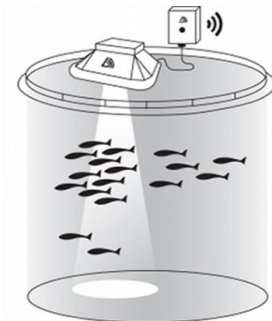


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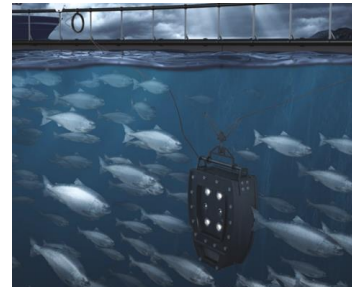
- **Biomass estimation**



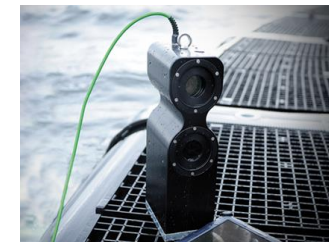
Acoustic transmissions



Infrared technologies



Video cameras



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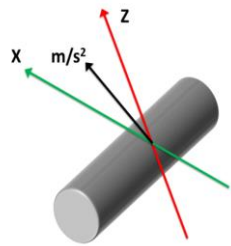
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3. How IoT could help in aquaculture ?

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- **Health and welfare**



Accelerometer tags



IP camera system

- **Environmental parameters**



O₂ /
temperature



Salinity



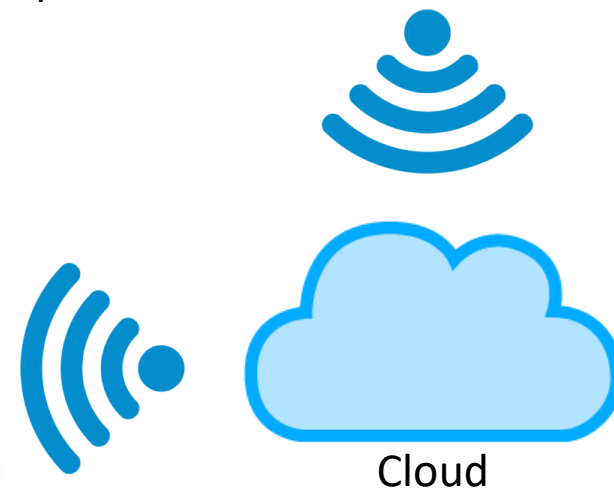
Blue/green
algae



Turbidity



Chlorophyll

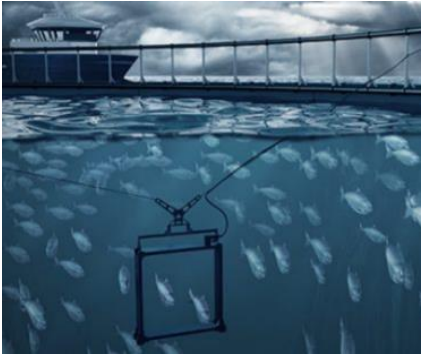


Data in real time
→ Control environmental quality
→ Fast decisions to prevent health/ welfare issues

3. How IoT could help in aquaculture ?

3.2. Enhance productivity

- **Biomass estimation**



Data in real time

- ➔ Constant monitoring of fish growth
- ➔ Avoid to sample and stress fish

- **Feeding optimization**



Satiation detection

- ➔ Operations more efficient and reducing feed costs
- ➔ Avoid to waste feed (environmental sustainability)

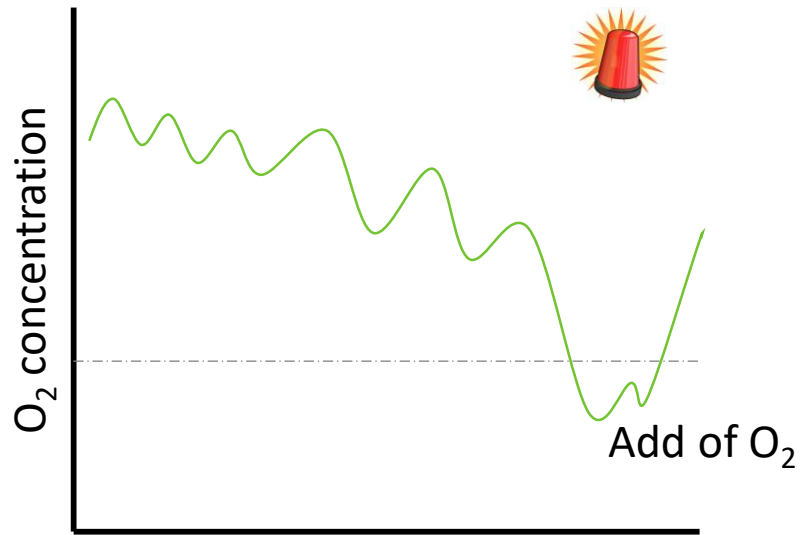


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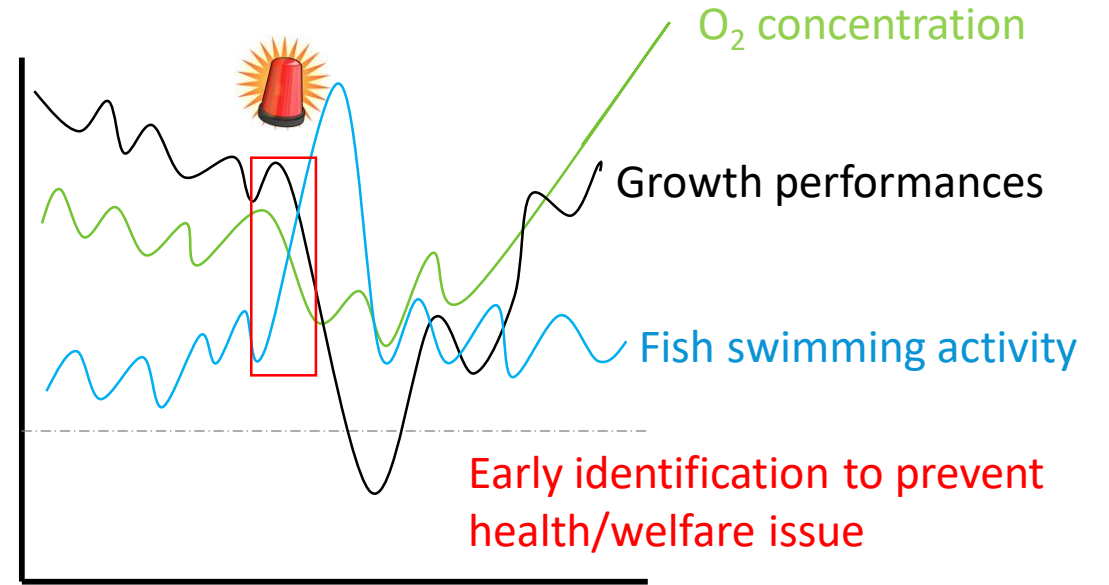
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- **Where are we ?**



- **Where do we want to go ?**



Algorithms / machine learning

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Price



Time needed for development
(Species specific)

BUT ...

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Ultra-Low Power Sensor Devices for Monitoring Physical Activity and Respiratory Frequency in Farmed Fish

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Article

Design and Deployment of Low-Cost Sensors for Monitoring the Water Quality and Fish Behavior in Aquaculture Tanks during the Feeding Process

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Biosensors for the assessment of fish health: a review

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Journal Pre-proof

Automatic recognition methods of fish feeding behavior in aquaculture: A review

Daoliang Li, Zhenhu Wang, Suyuan Wu, Zheng Miao, Ling Du, Yanqing Duan



Annual Review of Animal Biosciences

Smart Animal Agriculture: Application of Real-Time Sensors to Improve Animal Well-Being and Production

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And ... collaborations between researchers and farmers

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4.2. Calibration of physiological sensors





- **Calibration of tool for measuring fish welfare**

- ➔ Calibrate acceleration recorded by sensors with energetics features (MO_2 / muscle activity),
- ➔ Tool for welfare monitoring in free-swimming fish during the large scale experiments



- ➔ Estimation of metabolic rates
- ➔ Calibration of MO_2 with the acceleration recorded by tag
- ➔ Measurements of red/white muscles activation pattern (EMG)

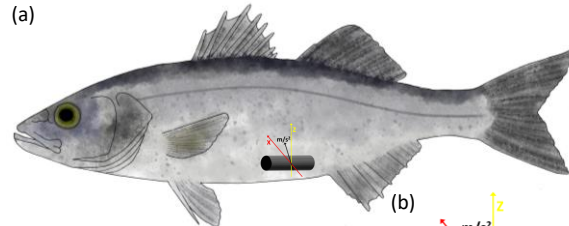
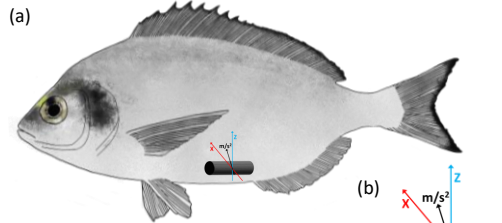
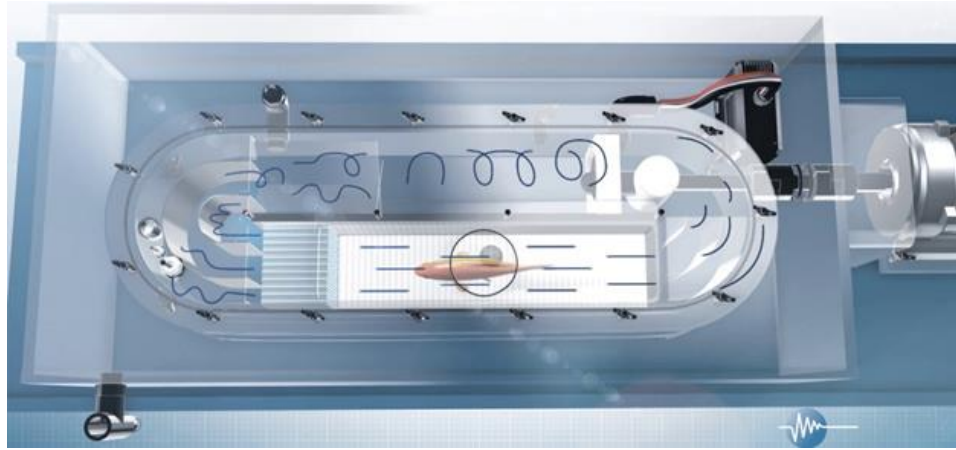
➔ **The calibration of the acceleration recorded by tag with these parameters would provide reliable proxy of fish energy expenditure to be use in free swimming fish during large scale experiments**

Calibration				
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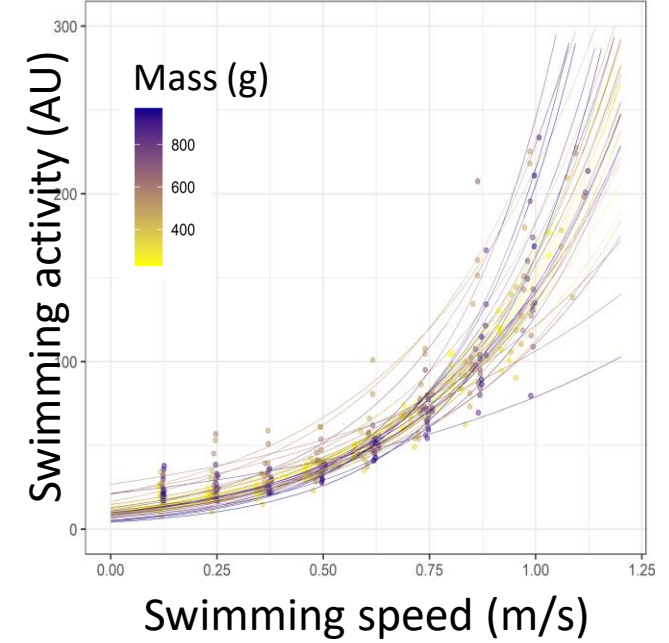
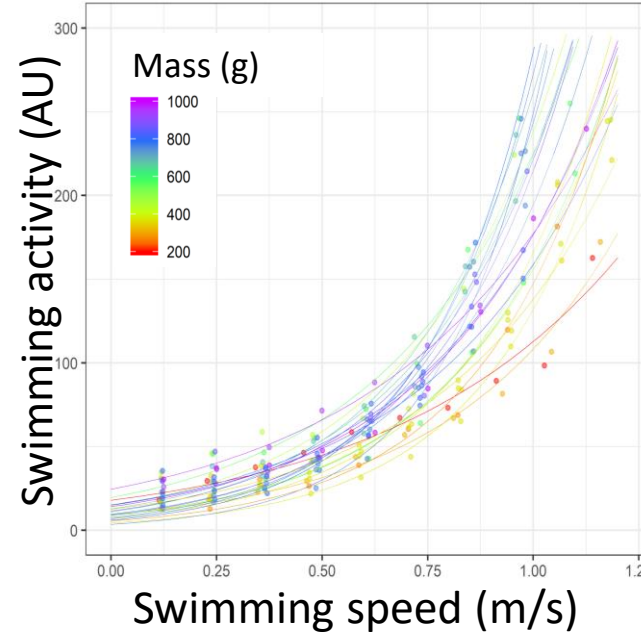
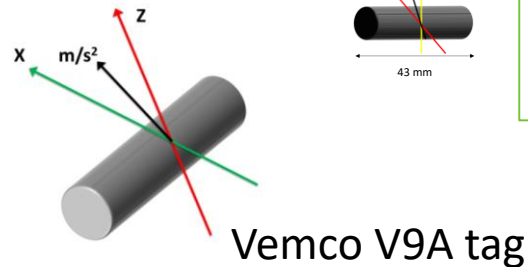
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- Calibration of tool for measuring fish welfare



40 mm

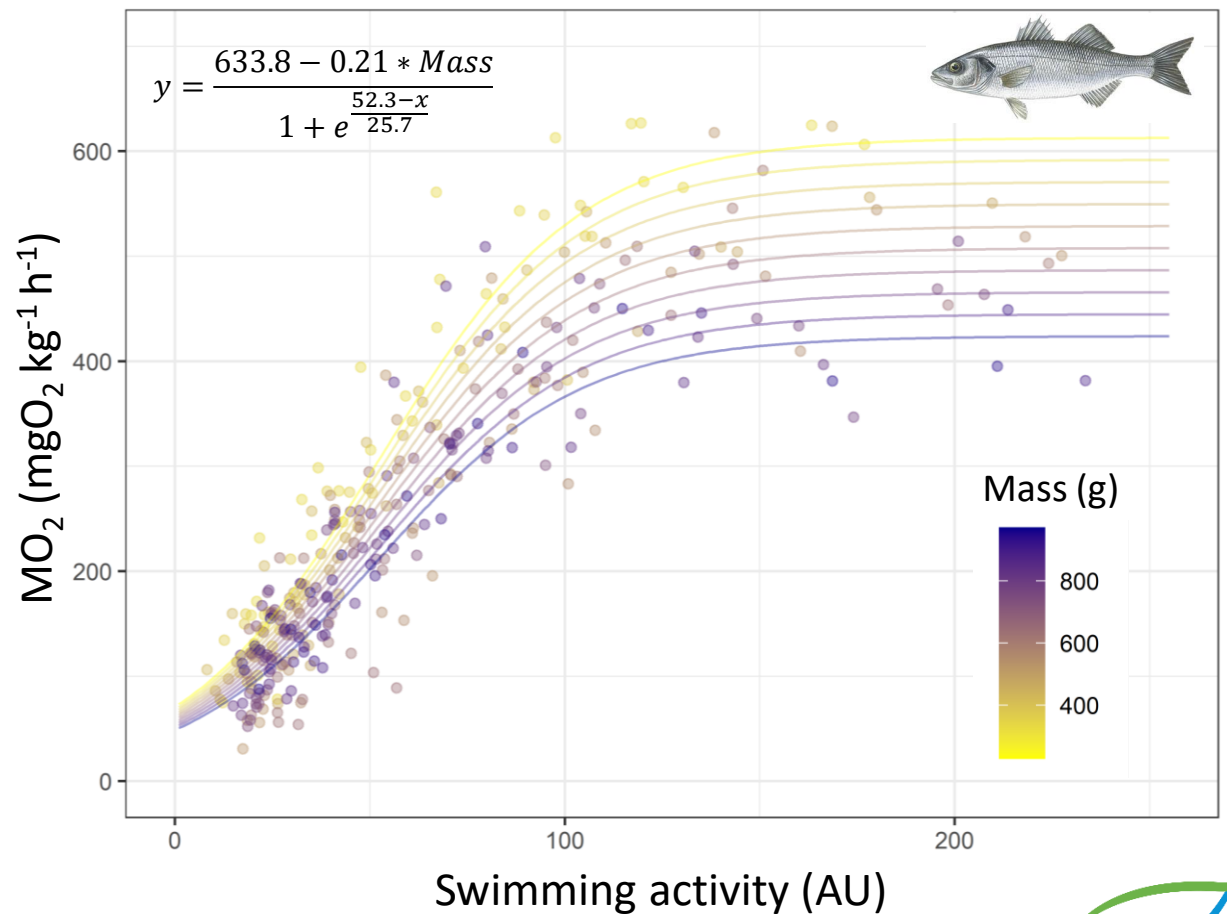
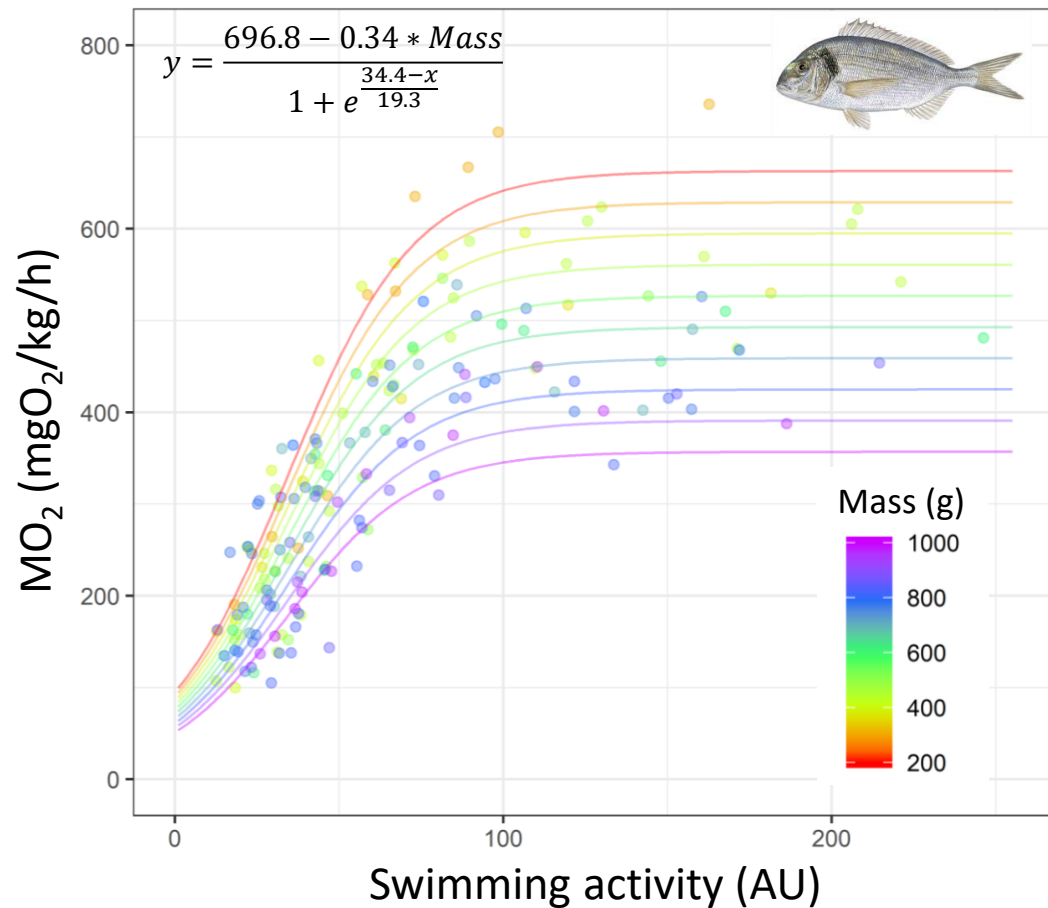


- Acceleration data from accelerometers tags follows an exponential pattern whatever fish size in the swimming tunnel

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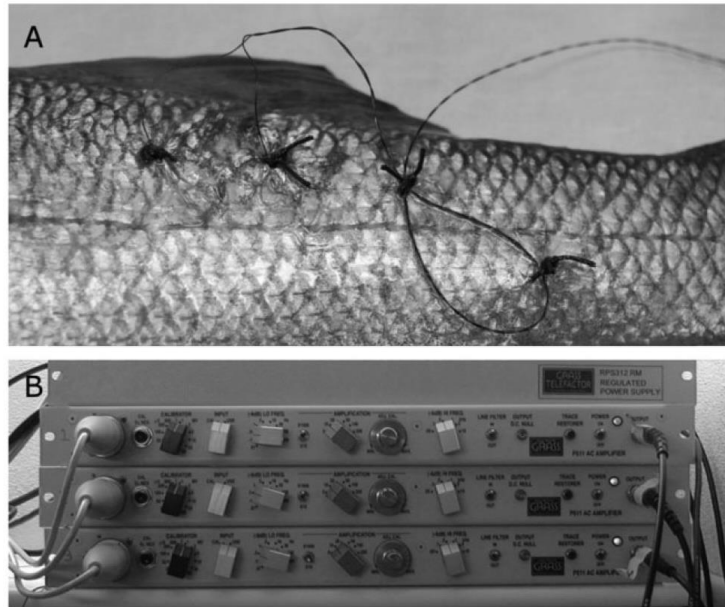


Calibration of acceleration with MO_2 → indicative of energy expenditure

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- **Red and white muscle activation pattern (EMG)**



Red muscle

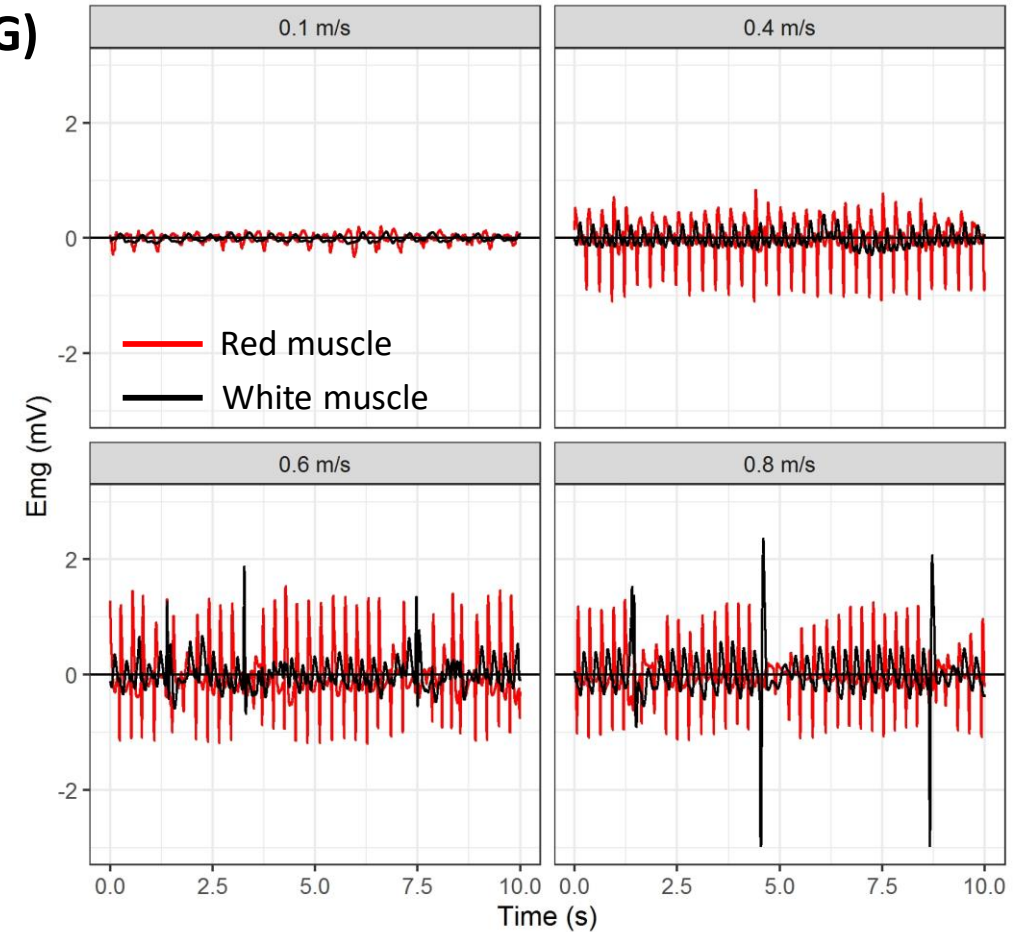
Aerobic activity

Low speed swimming

White muscle

Anaerobic activity

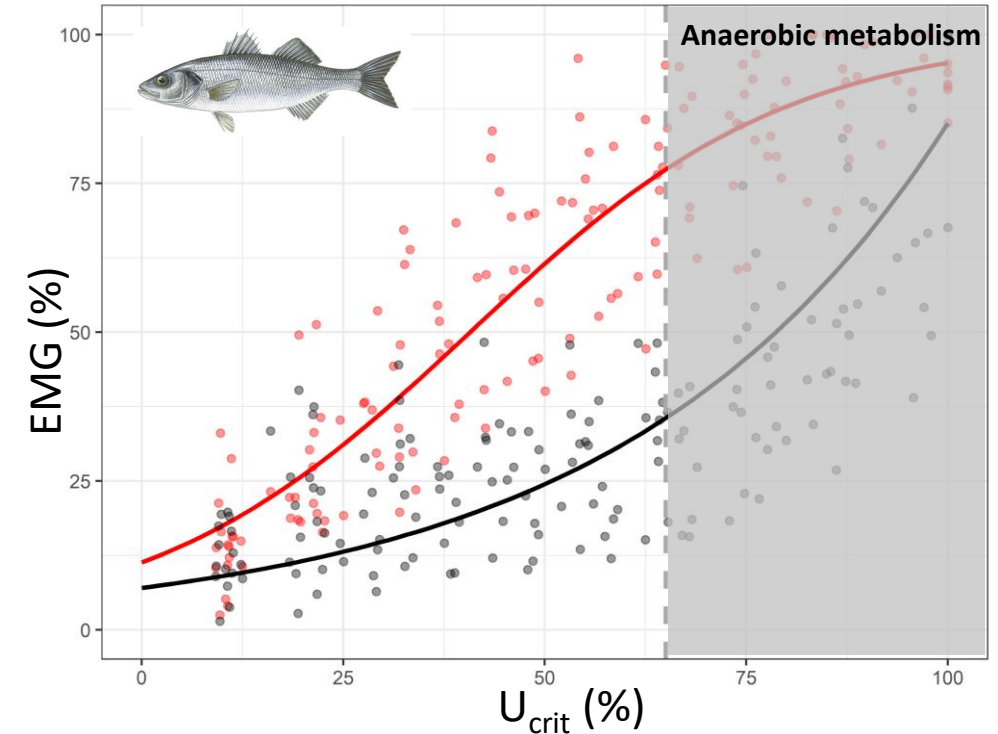
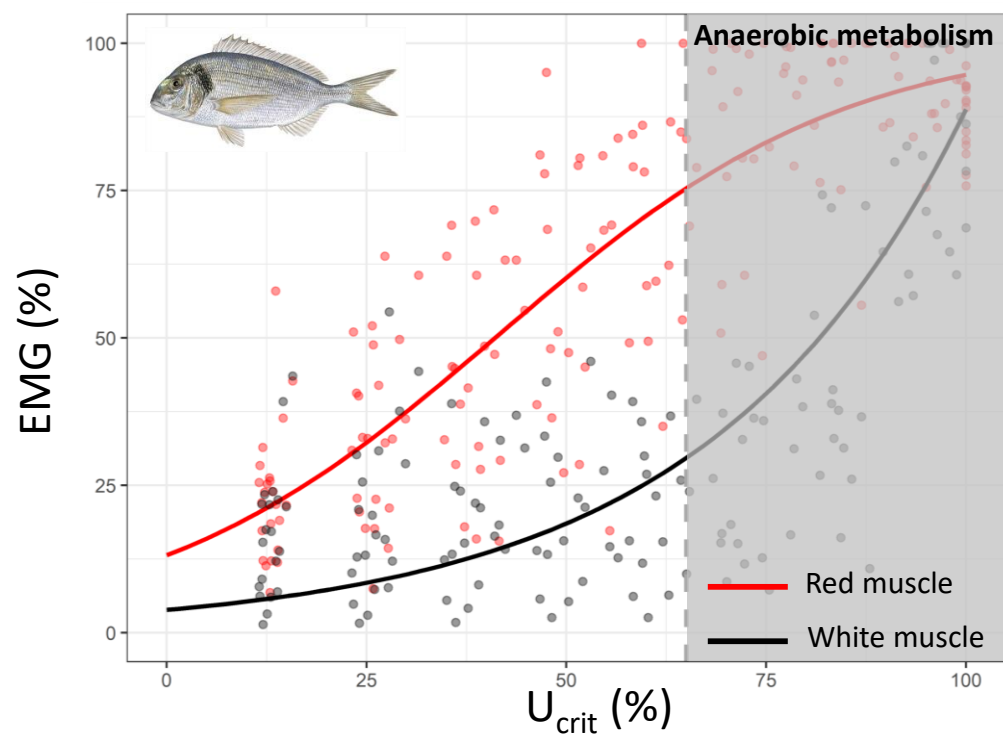
bursts or high-intensity swimming



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- Red and white muscle activation pattern (EMG)



- Activation pattern of red/white muscle is quite similar between the two species
- Around 65 % of the U_{crit} , the anaerobic metabolism begins to progressively compensate the slow-down of aerobic metabolism to fuel the swimming of fish

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4.2. Calibration of physiological sensors

- **Conclusions from the calibration of physiological sensors**

Take home messages:

- **Calibrating the acceleration recorded by acceleration tag with the oxygen consumption rate (MO₂) and red/white muscles activity allows to use the acceleration recorded by such sensor as a **reliable proxy of fish energy expenditure** (referring especially to aerobic/anaerobic metabolism).**
- ➔ **Such sensors could be used for remote health/welfare monitoring purposes in aquaculture context.**

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Modelling swimming activities and energetic costs in European sea bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax* L., 1758) during critical swimming tests

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Muscular activity patterns in red and white muscles linked to oxygen consumption were studied during critical swimming tests in the sea bass (*Dicentrarchus labrax* Linnaeus 1758). The species is one of the most important for Mediterranean Sea aquaculture. A sigmoid model was used to fit both the oxygen consumption and red muscle activity while the white muscle activity pattern was described by an exponential model. Red muscle reaches an activation plateau close to critical swimming speed mostly due to the oxygen diffusion velocity in tissues. The exponential activation of white muscle appears to be linked to short and sudden periods of great energy need to cope with adverse conditions such as predation and escape. Both oxygen consumption and muscular activity were found to be size dependent. The bioenergetics of sea bass was modelled based on fish mass and swimming speed to predict the minimum and maximum speed as well as the mass specific active metabolic rate and standard metabolic rate. An important finding was that contrary to other well-known species, swimming at identical speeds in sea bass involves both red and white muscle in different proportions.

Keywords: European sea bass, *Dicentrarchus labrax*; oxygen consumption; CUE; \dot{V}_{O_2} ; EMG

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Article Mapping the Energetic Costs of Free-Swimming Gilthead Sea Bream (*Sparus aurata*), a Key Species in European Marine Aquaculture

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Simple Summary: Assessment of the energetic costs of different living activities is of primary interest among fish biologists. However, assessing energy expenditure in free-swimming fish is challenging owing to the difficulty of performing such measurements in the field. Therefore, the use of implant fish with sensors that transmit signals that serve as a proxy for energy expenditure is a promising method to counter these limitations, allowing remote monitoring in tagged fish. The aim of this study was to correlate the acceleration recorded by the tag with the activities of the red and white muscles and the oxygen consumption rate (MO₂), which could serve as a proxy for energy expenditure, in gilthead sea bream (*Sparus aurata*), a key species in European marine aquaculture. The acceleration recorded by the tag was successfully correlated with MO₂. Additionally, through electromyographic analyses, we determined the activities of the red and white muscles, which are indicative of the contributions of aerobic and anaerobic metabolisms during swimming. Finally, the tag implantation did not affect the swimming performance, metabolic traits, and swimming efficiency of the sea bream. By obtaining insights into both aerobic and anaerobic metabolisms, sensor mapping with physiological indicators may be useful for the purposes of aquaculture health/welfare remote monitoring of gilthead sea bream.

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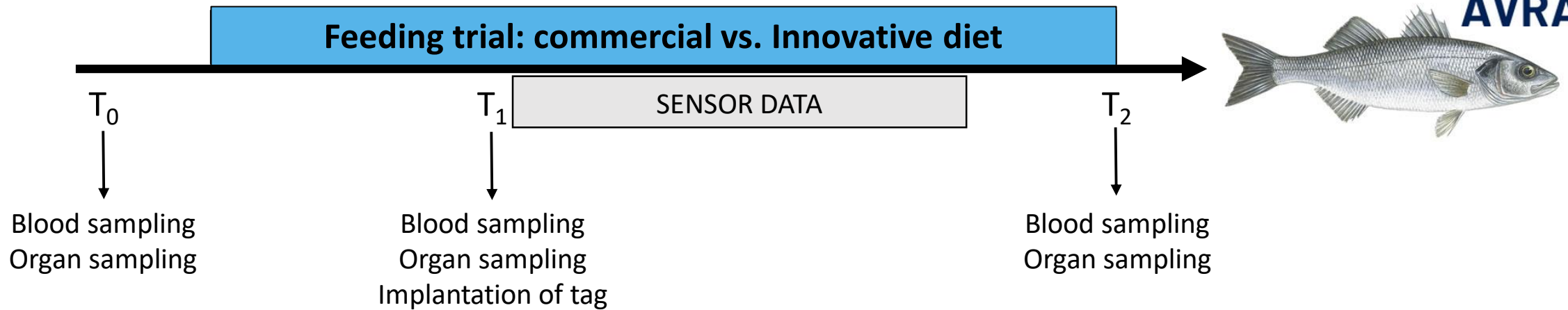
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4.3. Study 1 – Assessing physiological effects of feeding an innovative diet

- Experimental protocol | **Trial**

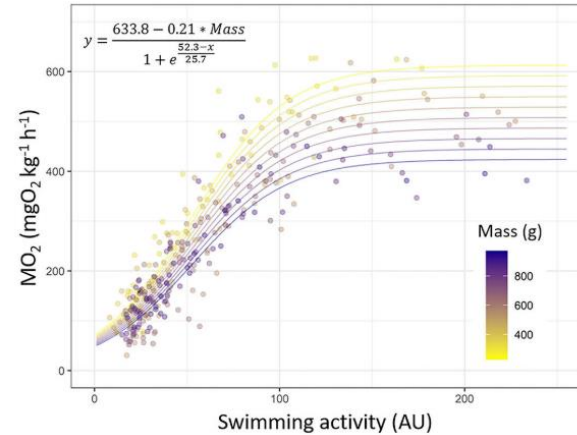
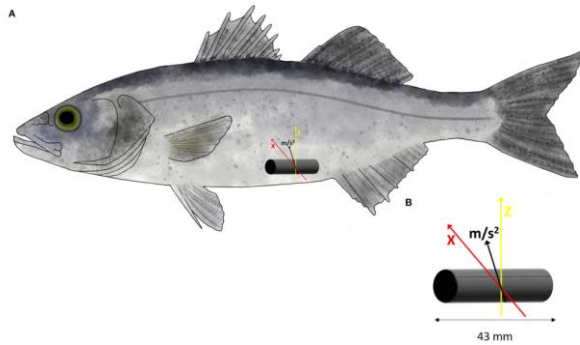


	T0	T1	T2
Date	14-15/07/2020	24-25/04/2021	06-07/07/2021
Sample size	10	18 per condition	20 per condition
Mass (g)	29.71 ± 4.24	310.44 ± 128.75	379.94 ± 137.70
TL (mm)	137.34 ± 6.15	290.97 ± 33.21	316.58 ± 38.48

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4.3. Study 1 – Assessing physiological effects of feeding an innovative diet

- **Monitoring health and welfare of European sea bass over growth trial**



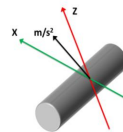
- **Accelerometer tags**

Implantation in body cavity

Indicative of oxygen consumption rate (MO_2)

Proxy of energy expenditure

➔ Continuous monitoring over trial



- **Physiological parameters**

Cortisol / Glucose / Lactate

Adrenaline / Noradrenaline / Lysozyme

Hematocrit / Hemoglobin / Red blood cells count

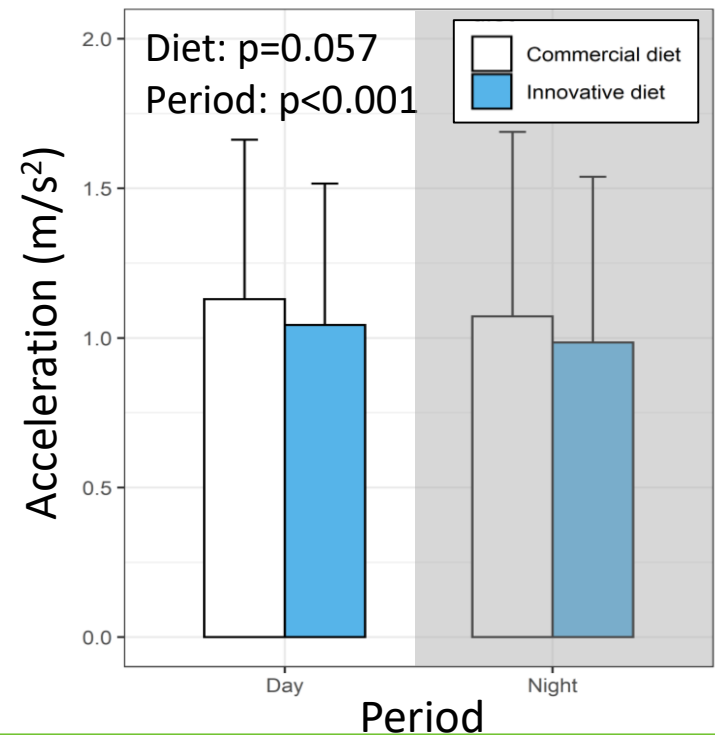
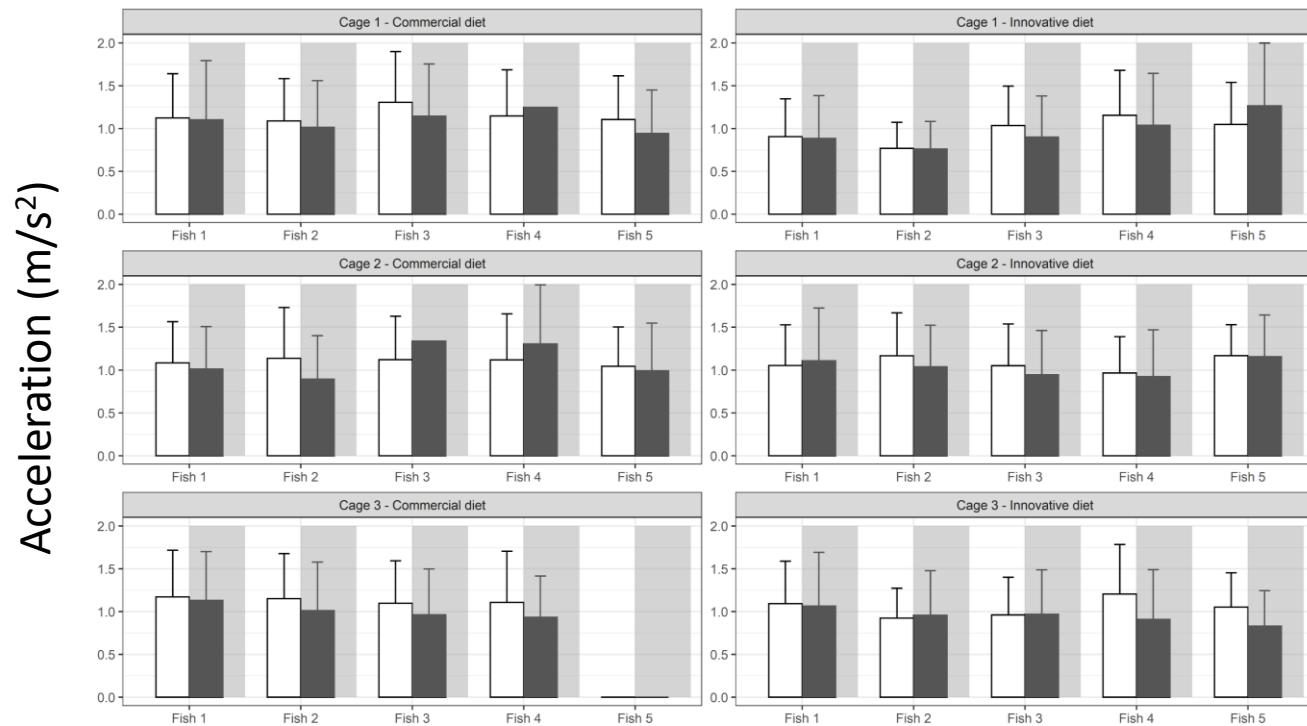
Total proteins / Prealbumin / albumin / etc.



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- **Accelerometer tags | Acceleration displayed by fish over trial**



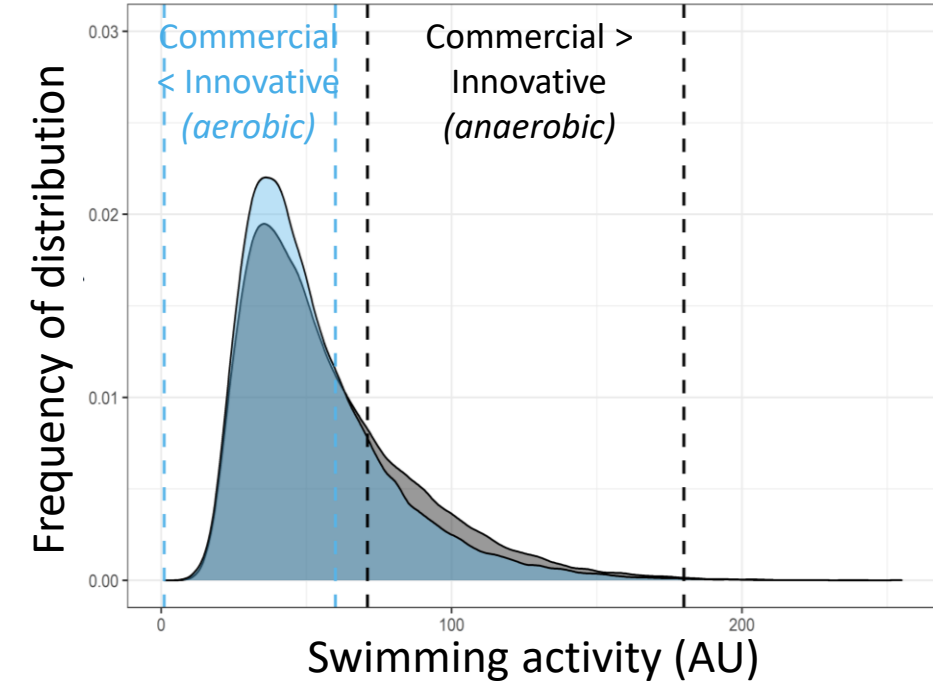
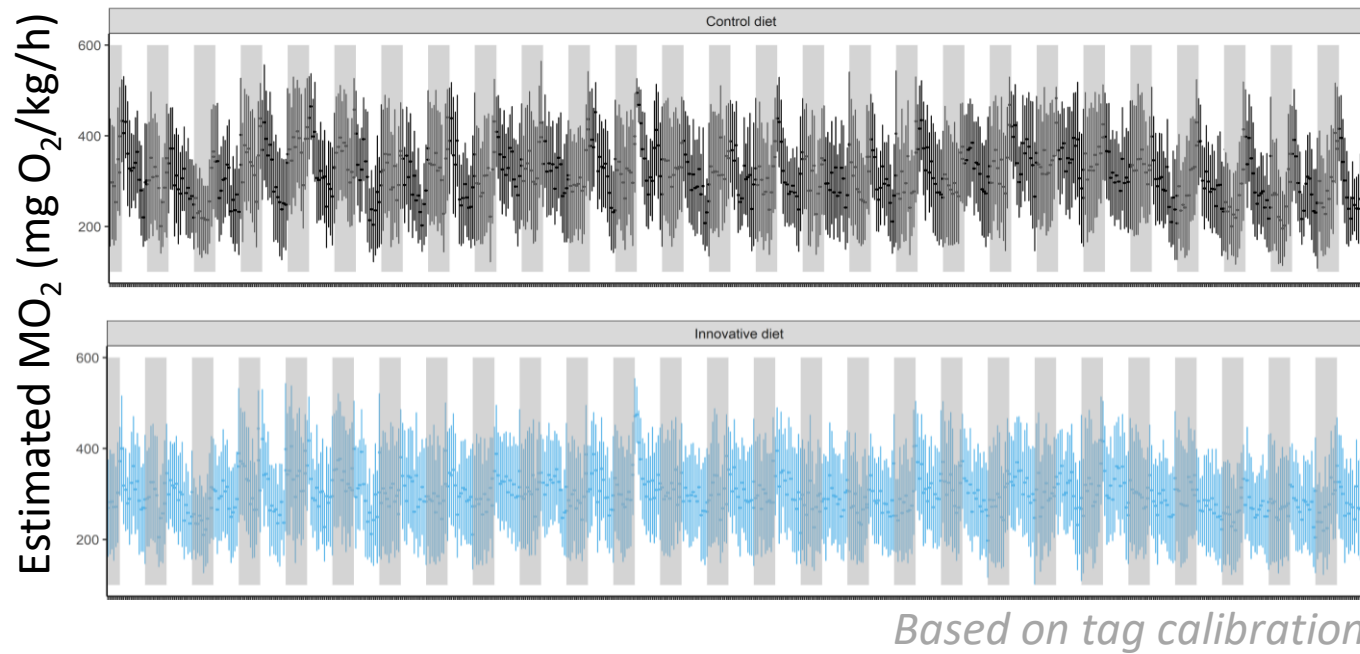
- **Conclusion:**

The acceleration of sea bass is lower at night compare to day. Similar to what we previously observed in this species. Sea bass fed innovative diet tends to display lower acceleration over the experimental duration ($p=0.057$).

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- **Accelerometer tags | Frequency distribution of acceleration**



- **Conclusion:**

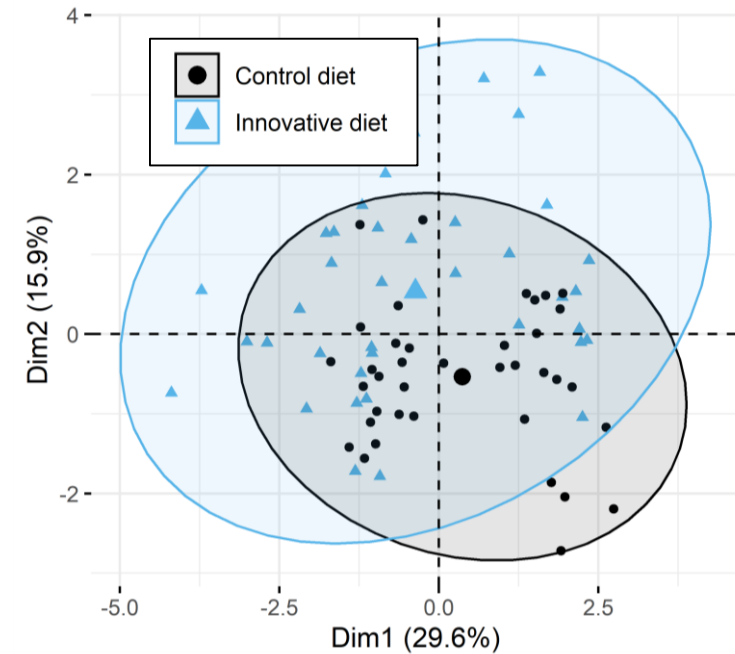
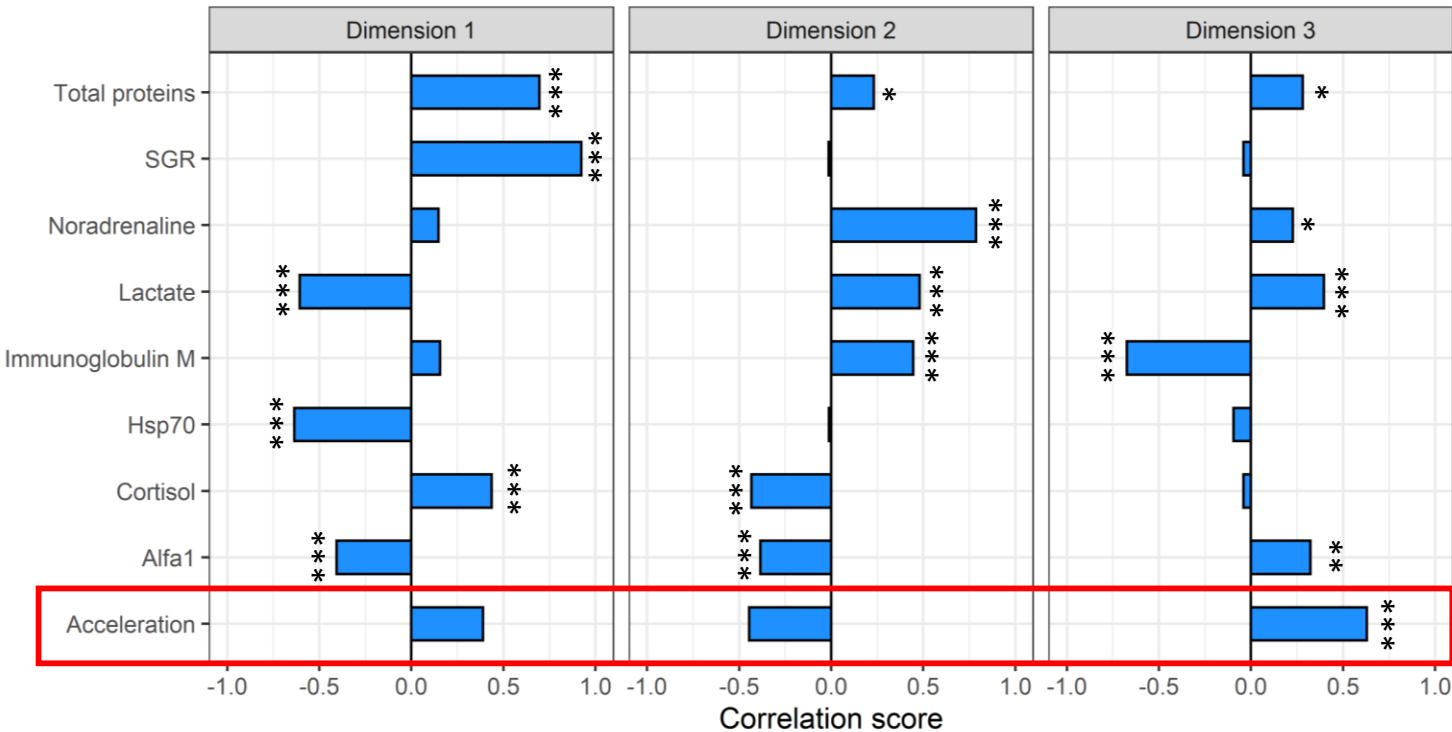
Greater number of data for swimming activity values ranging from to 11-50 for fish fed innovative diet than commercial one. At the contrary, Greater number of data for swimming activity values ranging from to 71-170 for fish fed innovative diet than commercial one.

➔ It suggests lower use of anaerobic metabolism in fish fed innovative diet (and *vice versa*)

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- **PCA analysis | Combination of tag data with other health/welfare markers**



Dim 2. Innov > control diet

- **Conclusion:**

Acceleration recorded by tag could be linked to other health/welfare markers (e.g. cortisol, lactate, total proteins)

➔ Give a larger and more comprehensive overview of health/welfare state of fish because continuous welfare monitoring

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- **Conclusions from the study 1 – use of tag data**

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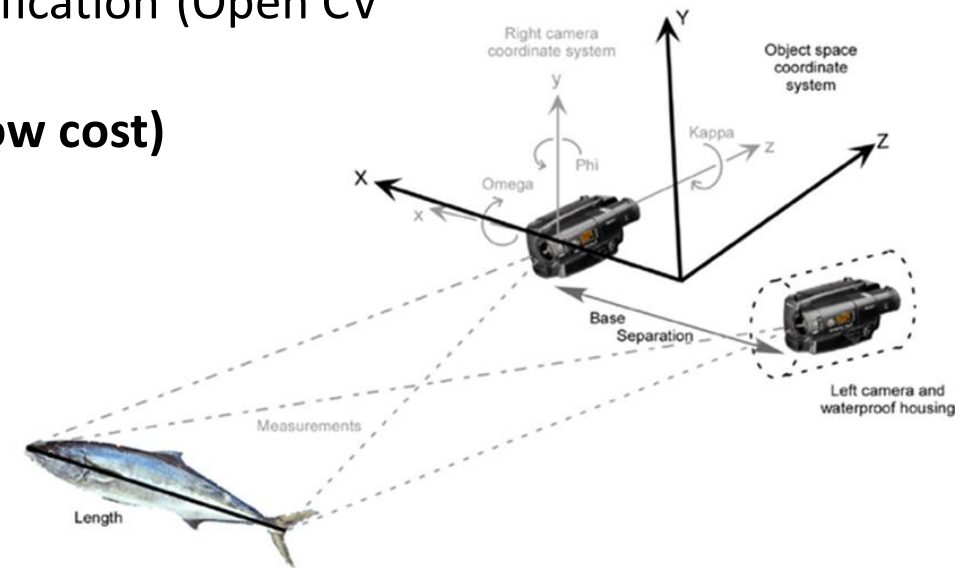
- The swimming activity recorded by tag allowed continuous **health/welfare remote monitoring**, especially **by estimations on energy expenditure (linked to aerobic/anaerobic metabolism)**.
- Tagging did not affect health/welfare of fish (data non presented). Also high survival of fish tagged (29 out of the 30 tagged fish), **supporting the use of physiological sensors for welfare monitoring in aquaculture**.
- The insights gathered from tag can be combined to other more classical health/welfare parameters (e.g. blood stress markers, welfare scores, immunity, growth performances).
→ **Give a larger overview of health/welfare state of fish**
- Although only presented in the large scale trial in sea bass, the use of tag was proved useful for large scale demonstrations for both conventional and organic large-scale trials in **sea bream** and **rainbow trout**.
→ **See Deliverable D5.5** *(in preparation)*



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- **Calibration of tool for biomass estimation**
 - Successful results in laboratory conditions
 - Use of externally trained neural networks models for object detection
 - Low cost camera is needed (Intel RealSense D435i stereo camera)
 - Open source software for object detection and classification (Open CV computer vision library)
- ➔ **Provide tools to estimate biomass in sea cages (at low cost)**



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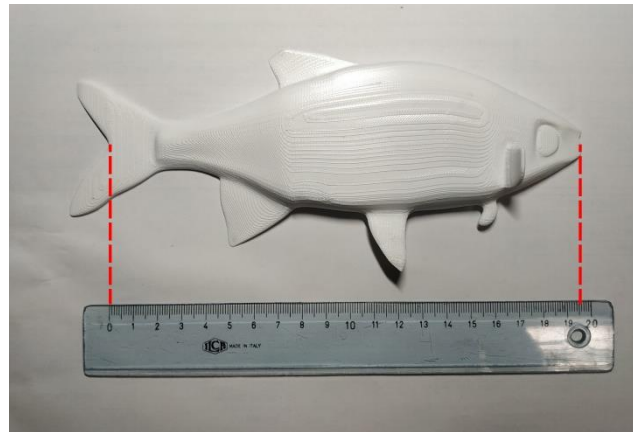
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- **Calibration of tool for biomass estimation**



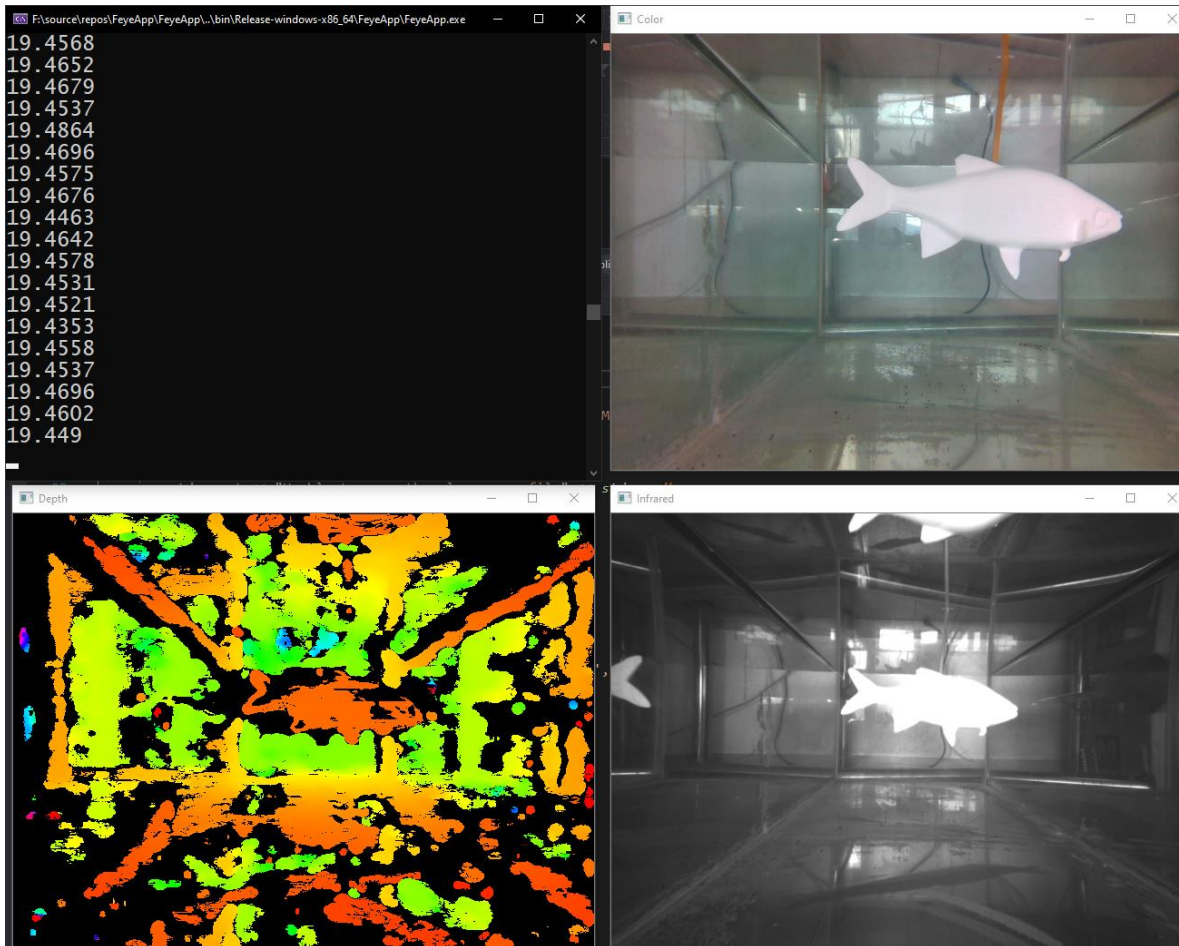
- The camera was attached to the side pane of the tank which serves as a housing front cover
- The two parts of the software (off-shore) and (on-shore) were merged into a single application for testing purposes.
- The actual measurement of the fish prop was taken and was 19.5 cm



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- **Calibration of tool for biomass estimation**



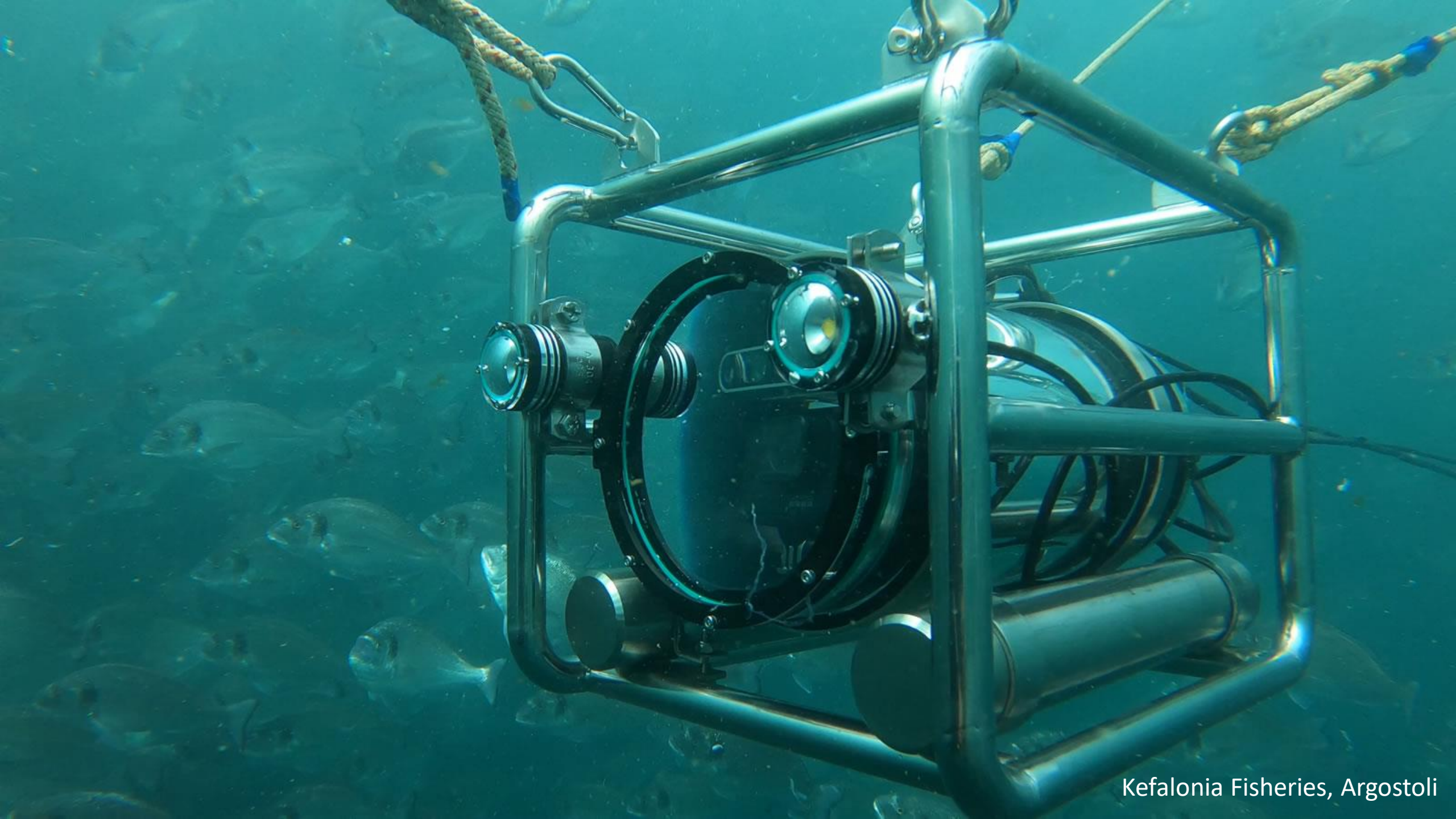
Depth data image

Infrared Image

The software starts taking measurements by clicking on two points in either the depth visualization window or the infrared one.

The result of this measurement, happening once per video stream frame, is visible in the top left window in the image.

➔ The measurement error across multiple tests was 1% - 2% in the lab.



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The screenshot displays a Windows desktop environment with several open applications for real-time monitoring:

- Windows PowerShell**: Open in the top left corner.
- Infrared**: A camera feed showing fish in a dark environment, illuminated by an infrared light source.
- Depth**: A window showing a colorful depth map of the fish, with colors ranging from red to blue, indicating different depths.
- CPUID HWMonitor**: A window displaying system metrics, including temperatures and utilization. The table below shows the data from this window.

	Value	Min	Max
Temperatures			
TZ00	60 °C (140 °F)	39 °C (102 °F)	63 °C (145 °F)
Utilization			
System Memory	62 %	50 %	71 %

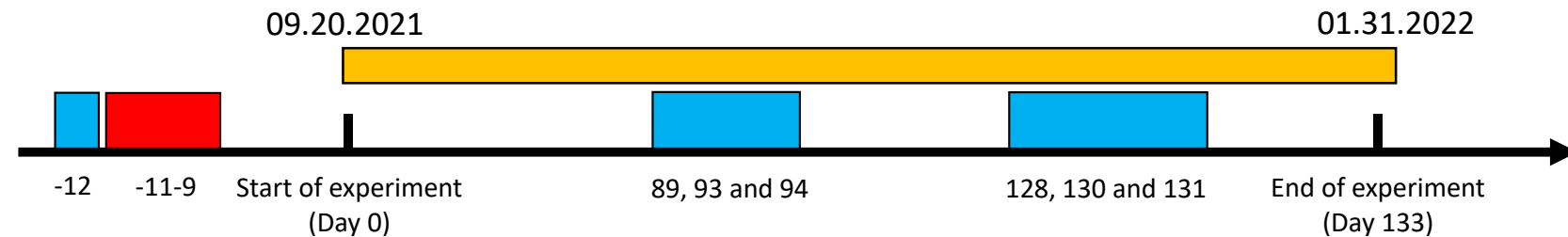
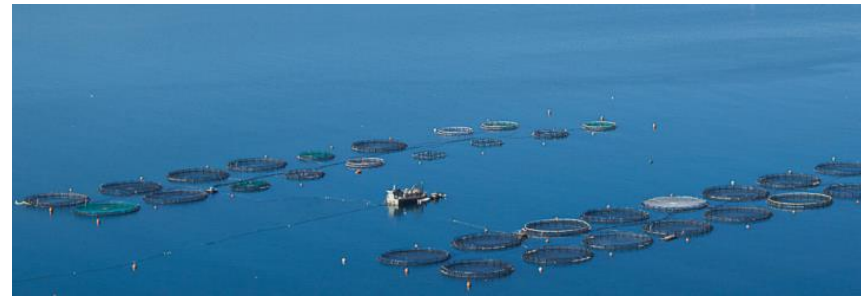
A notification in the bottom right corner states: "Screenshot Added. A screenshot was added to your Dropbox. Dropbox."




See final results in the deliverable D5.7 (*in preparation*)

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- Experimental protocol | **Trial**



-  Morphometrics measurements → estimation of weight gained per day
-  Implantations of physiological and environmental sensors
-  Monitoring period

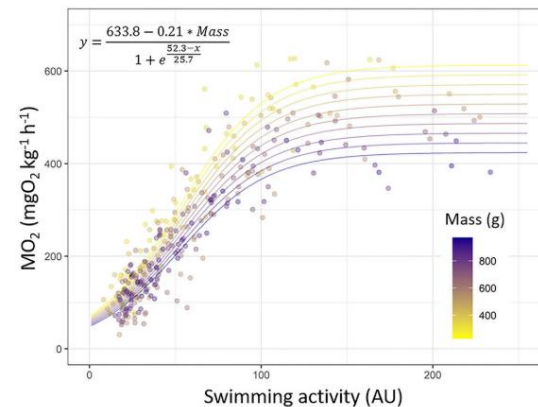
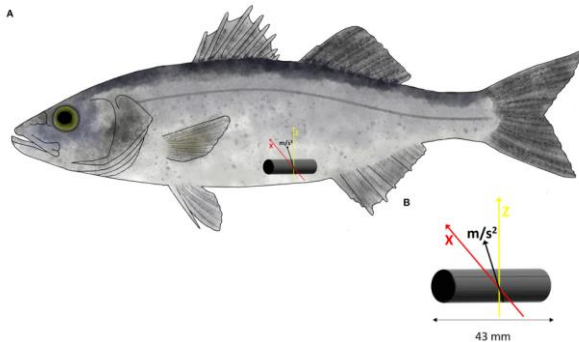
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- **Physiological sensor | Implantation of accelerometer tag**



- **Physiological sensor | Monitoring energy expenditure**



- **Accelerometer tags**

Implantation in body cavity

Indicative of oxygen consumption rate (MO₂)

Proxy of energy expenditure

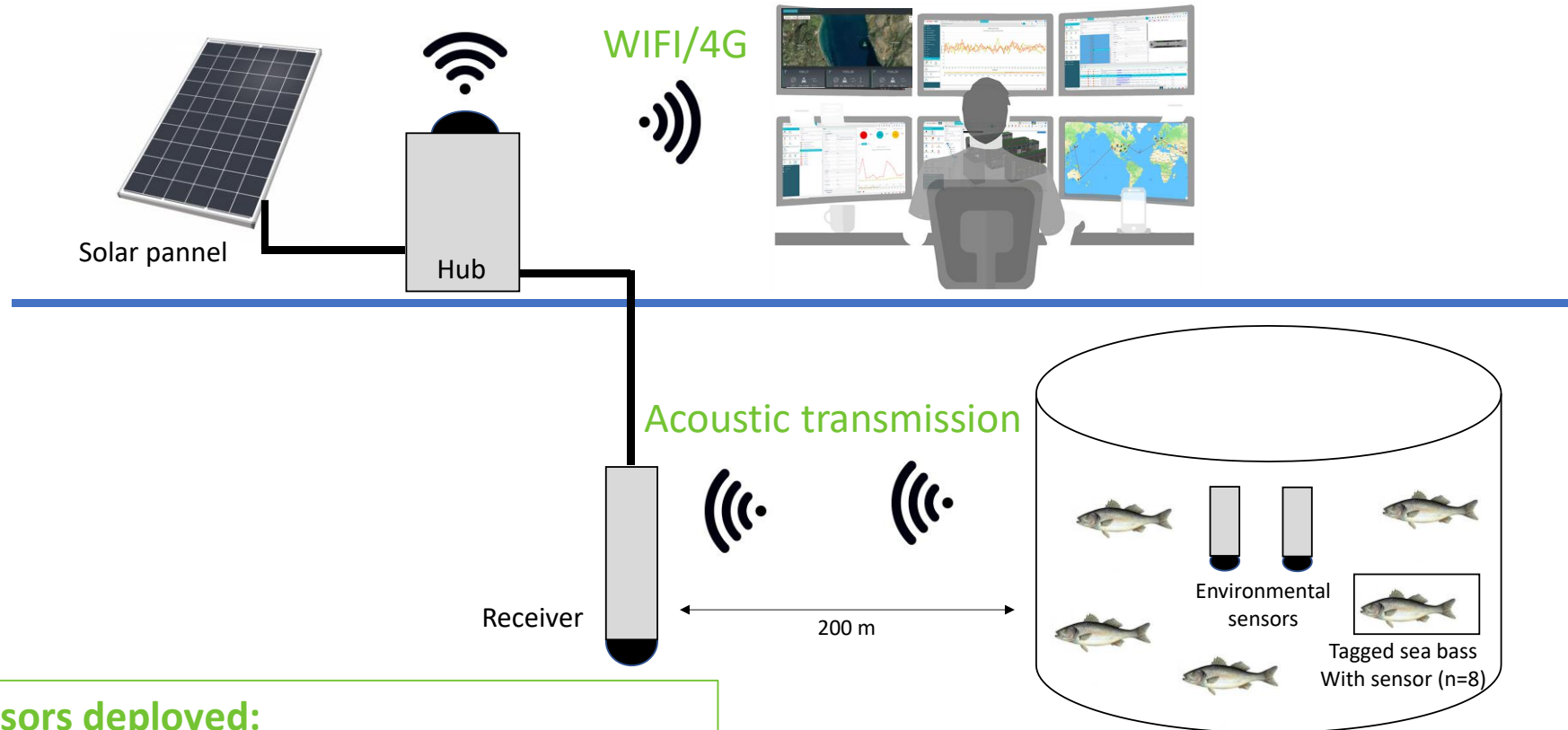
Measurements of depth

➔ Continuous monitoring over trial

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- **Implementation of environmental sensors | Connection of wireless sensor system**



- **Sensors deployed:**

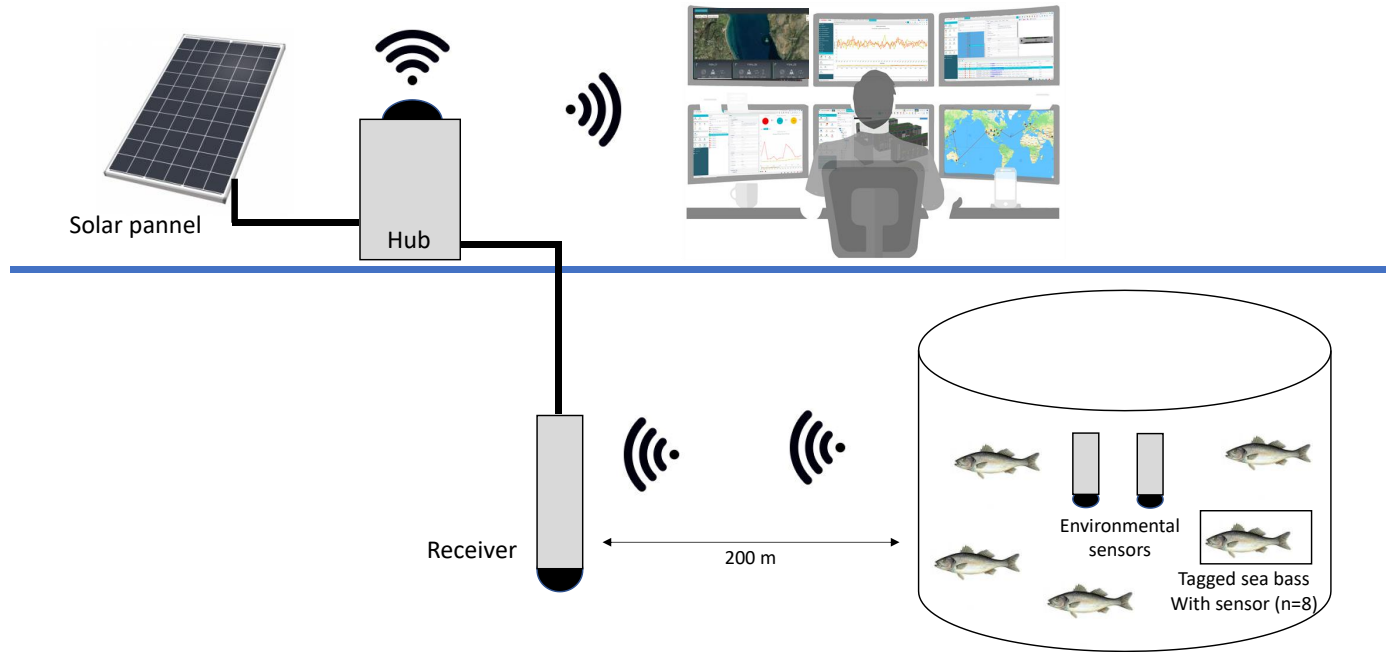
- Fish tagged with accelerometer tags (n = 8)
- DO and temperature sensors
- Salinity and turbidity sensors



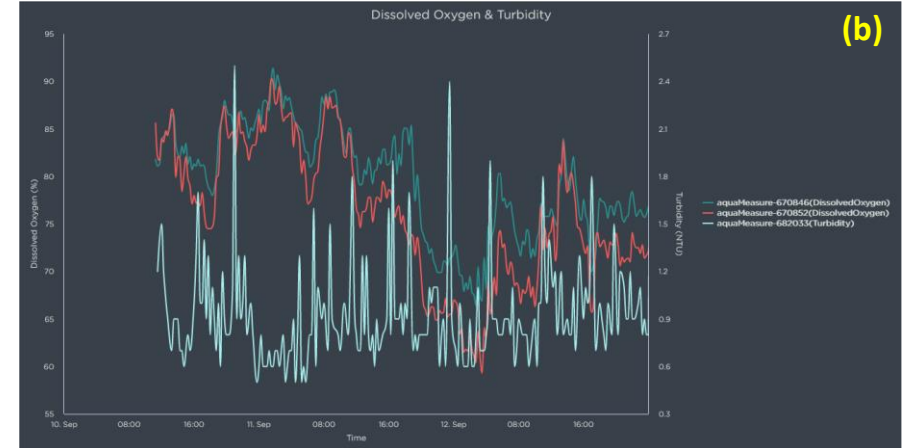
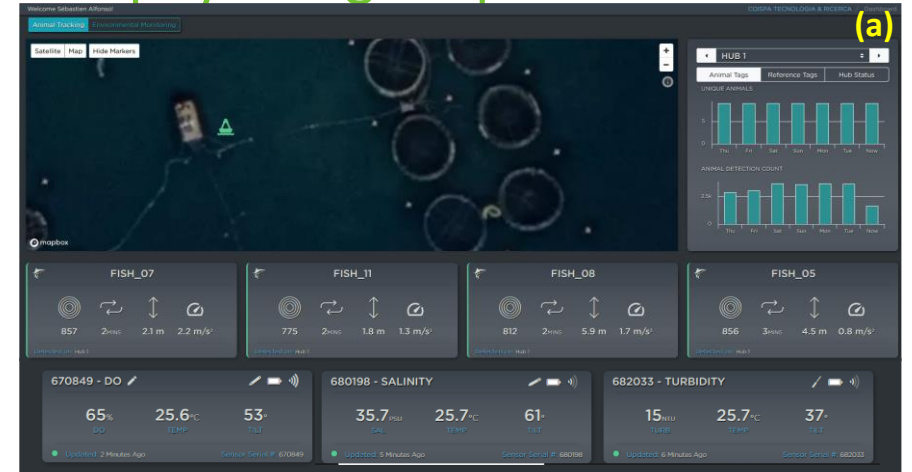
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- **Data visualization in real time**



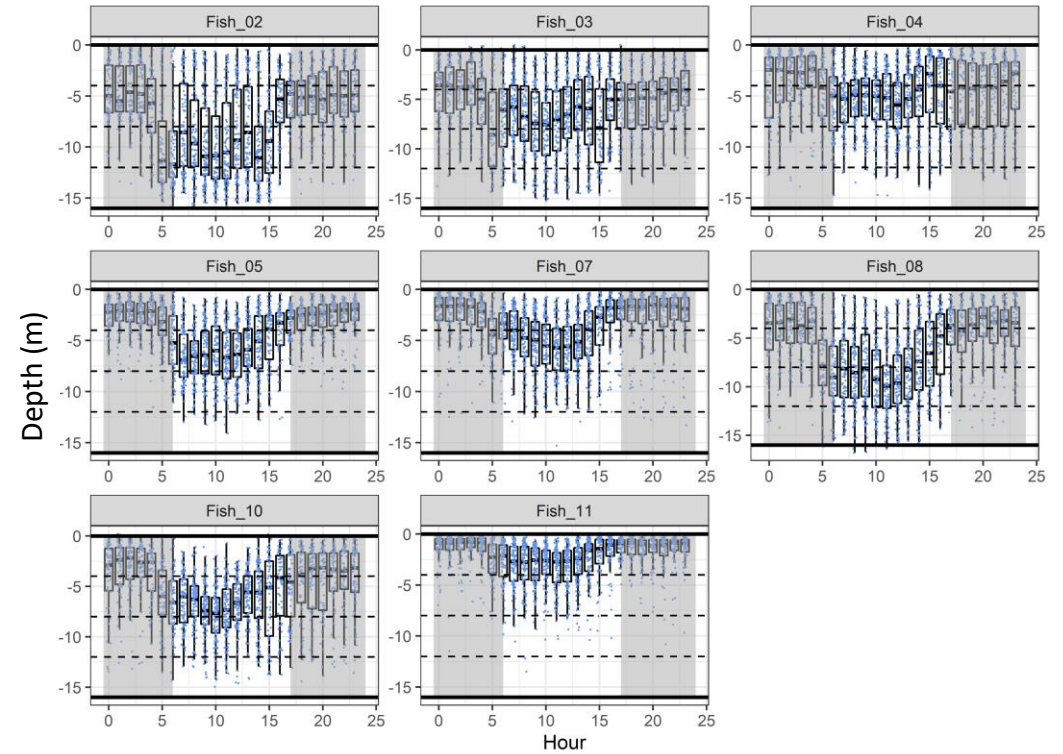
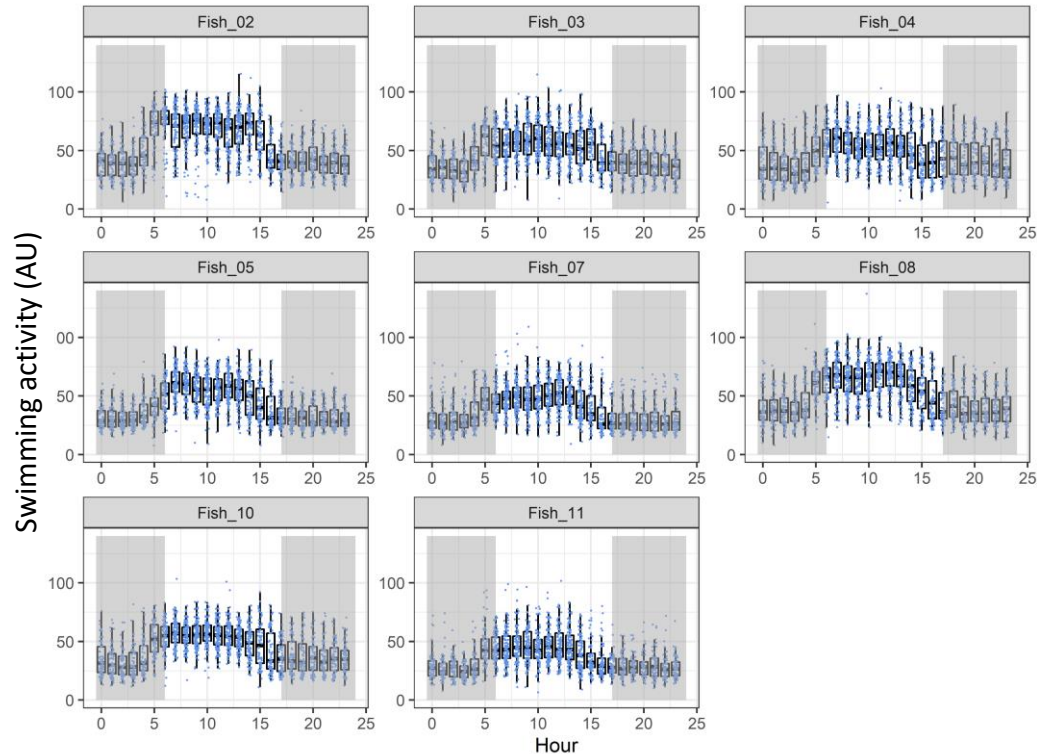
- **Sensors deployed:**
 - Fish tagged with accelerometer tags (n = 8)
 - DO and temperature sensors



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- **Physiological sensors data | Effect of daytime**



- **Conclusion:**

- Swimming activity and fish depth both follow diurnal pattern
- At day time, the swimming activity is greater and fish are located deeper than at night time
- ➔ Consistent with results found in previous work regarding behaviour of sea bass

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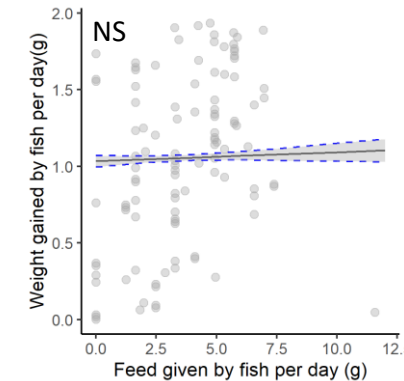
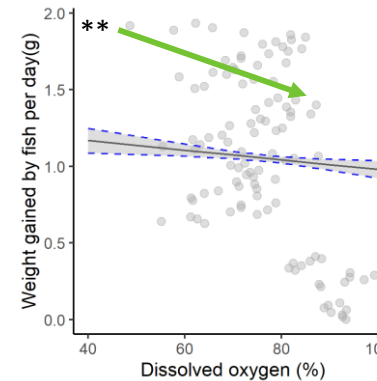
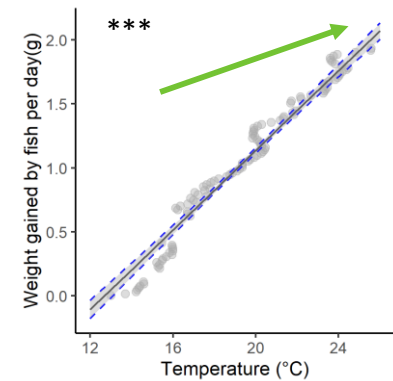
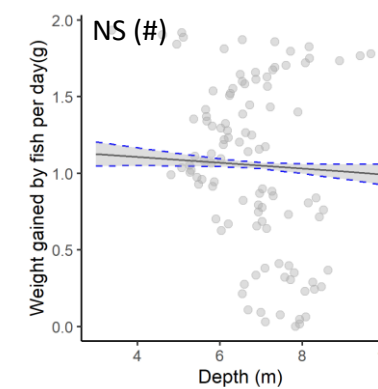
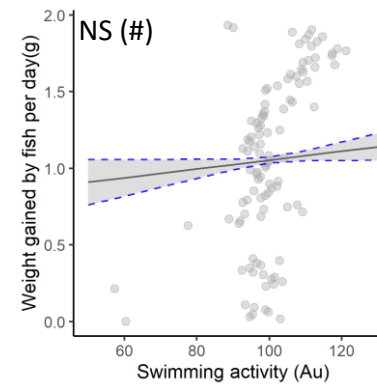
- **Modelling KPI | Growth performance**

Weight gained \sim Swimming activity + Depth + Temperature + DO + Feed given

Fixed effects	Estimate	Std. error	P value
(Intercept)	-1.910304	0.124227	<0.001 (***)
Swimming activity	0.002888	0.001480	0.05373 (#)
Depth	-0.019231	0.010267	0.06397 (#)
Temperature	0.155274	0.004631	<0.001 (***)
Dissolved oxygen	-0.003138	0.001094	<0.001 (***)
Feed given	0.005800	0.004419	0.19237 (NS)

- **Conclusion:**

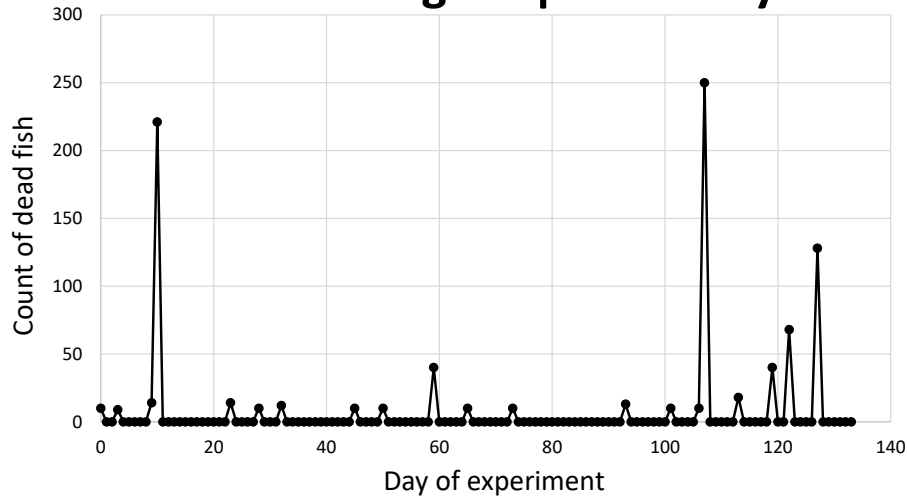
- Weight gained by fish is affected by temperature and DO
- Tendency for significant effects of swimming activity and depth (recorded using accelerometer tags)
- No effects of feed given



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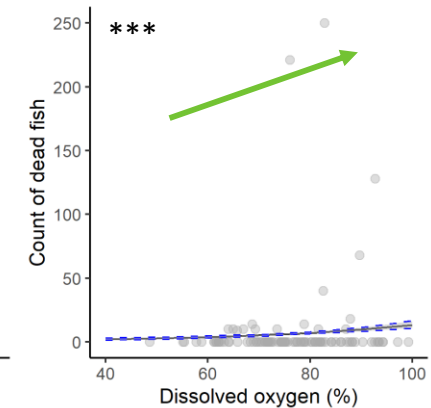
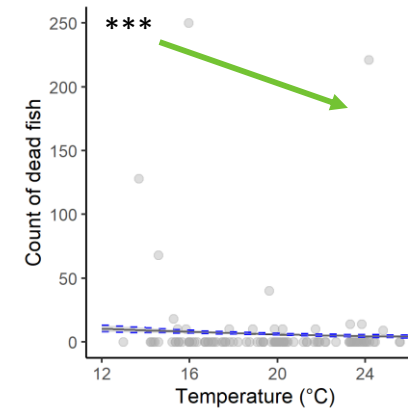
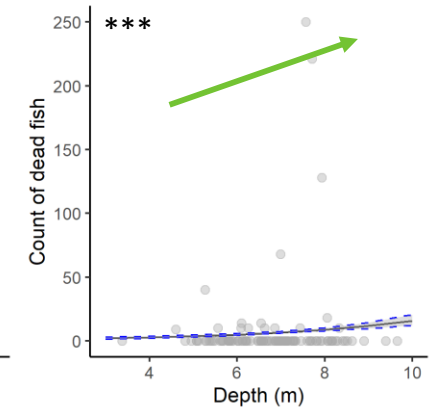
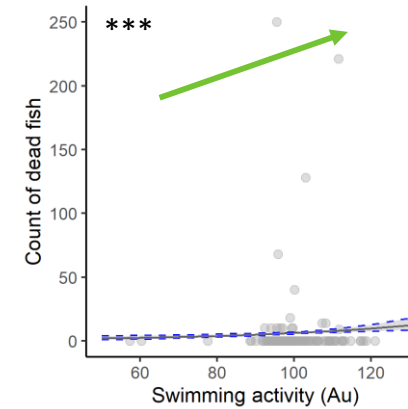
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• Modelling KPI | Mortality



$$\text{Mortality} \sim \text{Swimming activity} + \text{Depth} + \text{Temperature} + \text{DO}$$

Fixed effects	Estimate	Std. error	P value
(Intercept)	-3.551228	0.516575	<0.001 (***)
Swimming activity	0.023056	0.006318	<0.001 (***)
Depth	0.289137	0.041496	<0.001 (***)
Temperature	-0.067844	0.17736	<0.001 (***)
Dissolved oxygen	0.031898	0.004681	<0.001 (***)



• Conclusion:

- Mortality is affected by temperature and DO
- Mortality is affected by swimming activity and depth (recorded using accelerometer tags)

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4.4. Study 2 – Real-time monitoring of environmental and physiological parameters

- **Conclusions from the study 2**

Take home messages:

- **Predicting growth performance and mortality** of sea bass using physiological and environment parameters of interest gathered by wireless sensors is **very promising for the future**.
 - It is, however, important to note that models and predictions have **to be enhanced by including more parameters such as species, salinity, turbidity, water current, mass**.
 - Including those parameters in a model would represent huge work, i.e., monitoring fish from key farmed species from the minimum size to be implanted with sensor to harvest, in different cages from the same location (to serve as replicates) and in different areas with different environmental conditions (e.g. temperature, DO, salinity, turbidity, water current) to improve the models and forecasts.
- ➔ **After that futit would be possible to remotely asses health and welfare of fish in real-time based on the outure work, puts given by the physiological sensors implanted in sentinel fish calibrated with the environmental conditions and fish physiology, and adapt the management practices if necessary.**



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A real-time wireless communication system



Water quality ✓

Fish health & welfare ✓

Growth performances ✓

Environmental gains

Economic gains



5. Conclusions and perspectives

Take home messages

- **Internet of Things (IoT) helps to improve precision and efficiency of work**
- **IoT is being developed fast in all sectors, including aquaculture**
- **Work is ongoing to improve algorithms to early detect health/welfare issues, improve biomass estimation system and fish behavior (even if solutions currently exist)**
- **European Union finances projects involving both scientists and aquaculture industry to develop the aquaculture of tomorrow, sustainable and environment-friendly**



“The Internet of Things is really just getting started. Years from now we will be connected in ways that are difficult to imagine today.”



5. Conclusions and perspectives

Video summarizing how work on physiological/environmental sensors in FutureEUAqua



Using physiological and environmental sensors applied to the aquaculture sector (FuturEUAqua)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZGZ9bRmwJ8&t=11s>

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