Hi Christian,

I want to chime in here and say how great a performer the Acrobat has been for us the last several years. During the past 4 years, we have flown it on multiple cruises and the data collected have been nothing shy of spectacular. The data have transformed the way we think about the processes of the Texas-Louisiana Shelf. The NOAA-funded Hypoxia project which I have been running since 2003, now uses those observations as its centerpiece (I am personally involved in the analysis). NOAA has based recent management decisions of the hypoxic zone on those data. I have no questions about the quality of the Acrobat and the instrument systems.

I am the responsible party for the Acrobat and I am the Chief Scientist on every one of the NOAA cruises and oversee the operation of the Acrobat.

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