

Interactive comment on “Design of an automatic multiple launcher for expendable probes” by G. Zappalà et al.

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General comment The title has been slightly modified in order to underline that the multiple launcher has been developed (and used). It is demonstrated that it is working and results are comparable with other systems. The new version is presenting the field experiments and data comparison According to the referee comments, we have modified all the paper.

Specific comments.

1. The paper is now providing general information on existing XBT data collection systems and more information on the multiple launcher
2. The multiple launcher is composed by hardware and software in a single unit. A picture is showing how it can be placed in a ship, as required by the referee. This

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picture is also showing that the ship board requirements are very limited: only a small space is required (and electric power, of course).

3. A paragraph on in situ tests has been added and comparison provided.

4. Finally, all the details on onboard management and other ship board requirements are given in the Discussion+Conclusion paragraph, comparing the multiple launcher with Sippican and TSK.

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