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Replacement HOV Update









Science Improvements

- Improved fields of view
- Increased depth capability
- Increased bottom time
- Automated position-keeping in all axes
- Improved interior ergonomics
- Increased interior electronics and science payload
- Reduced physical & chemical disturbances to science study areas





- 31 July 2004 NSF Cooperative Agreement awarded
- 1 Oct 2004 Acquisition consultant retained (Perot Systems Government Services)
- May 2005 Request for Proposal (RFP) from Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) for personnel sphere design approved by NSF
- 1 November 2005 Contract with SwRI signed
- 1 Dec 2005 Personnel sphere design kick-off meeting





Risk Management

To address areas of higher risk the project has been broken into two phases:

- Phase One
 - Design and forging of personnel sphere
 - Feasibility testing for prospective energy system
 - Qualification testing for syntactic buoyancy foam
- Phase Two
 - Completion of personnel sphere
 - Design and fabrication of remaining vehicle





Syntactic Foam Testing and Certification

- Test and fabrication specifications developed
- ABS has approved specifications
- 32 lb/ft³ foam (single size balloon) developed
- 30 lb/ft³ foam (DS-30-5000 M) developed
- Continue development of lower density foam w/ 30 lb/ft³ as target
- Additional manufacturer is starting R&D to produce a 30 lb/ft³ foam





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Batteries

• Evaluated current designs & efforts (Li polymer & Li ion)

LTC	Ultralife
SKC	Lithion
Kokam	Electrovaya
GS Battery	

- Scaled battery assemblies for Kokam and LTC
- Baseline and environmental performance testing and safety testing
- Received environmental test results for Bluefin 1.5 kWh Li battery module







Alternative Solutions to Select ABS Rules

- Alternative oxygen storage solution
- Normal ballast system actuation
- External mechanical pressure monitoring
- Means for equalizing pressure across hatch
- Hand operated hydraulic pump





Personnel Sphere Design

Status

- Preliminary trade studies and analyses completed
- Material (Ti 6 AI-4 V ELI) characterization complete
- Contract let for titanium purchase
- Design reports for Preliminary Design Review (PDR) under review by WHOI, ABS, NAVSEA
- PDR scheduled for early Dec 2006
- Bids for forging and fabrication due at PDR







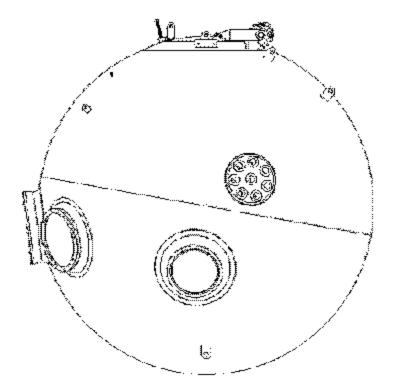
Preliminary Design Review - Documents

- Hull Thickness Design Calculation Report
- Ingot Material Specification
- Forging Production Specification
- Hull Thickness Design calculation report
- Hull Penetration Design & Analysis Report
- EB & GTAW Welding & Qualification Specification





Baseline Penetrator Tradeoff Study



16 Penetrations

- 5 Electrical
- 5 Fiber Optic
- 6 Expansion

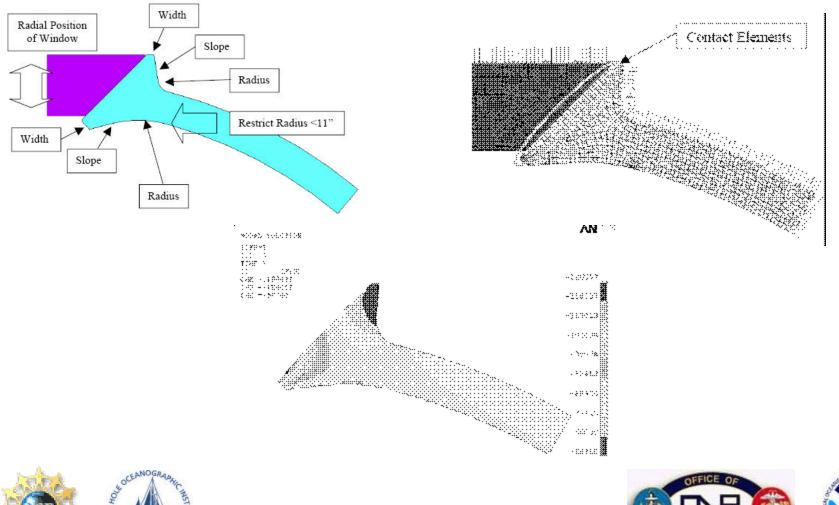






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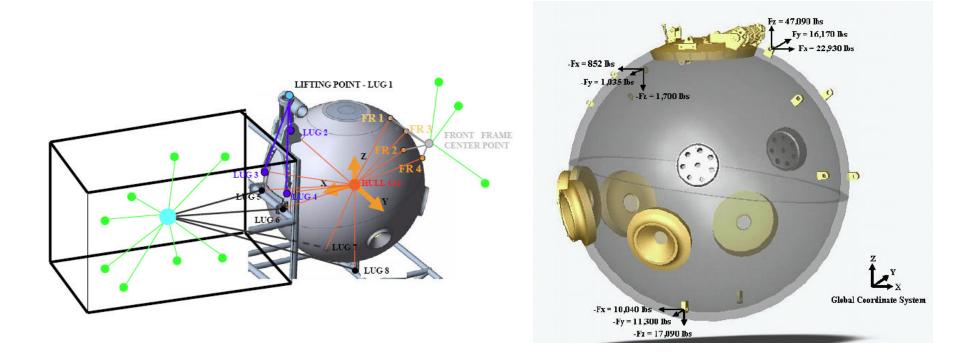
Viewport Reinforcement FEA







Notional Frame to Hull Lug Reaction Analysis

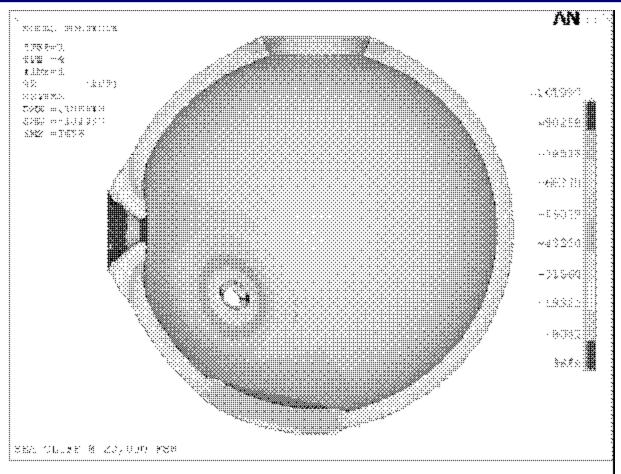


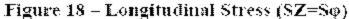






Finite Element Structural Analysis of Sea Cliff











Pre-production Material Characterization Test Report

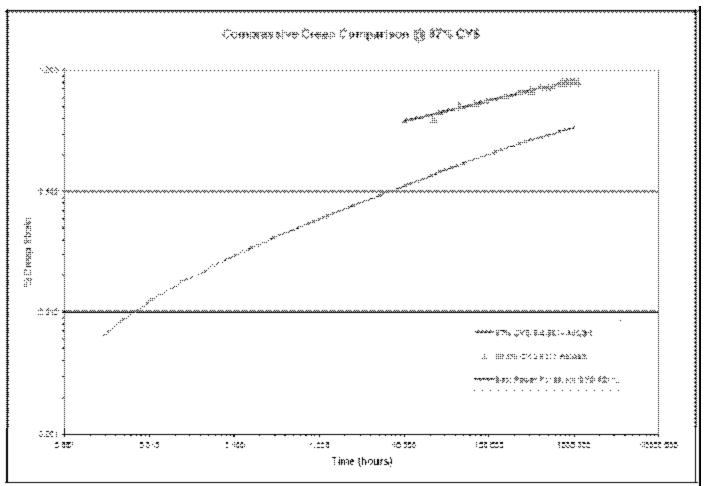


Figure 10b - Compressive Creep at 87% CYS of Ti-6A1-4V ELI and Ti-6211









Structural Analysis of Hatch Reinforcement

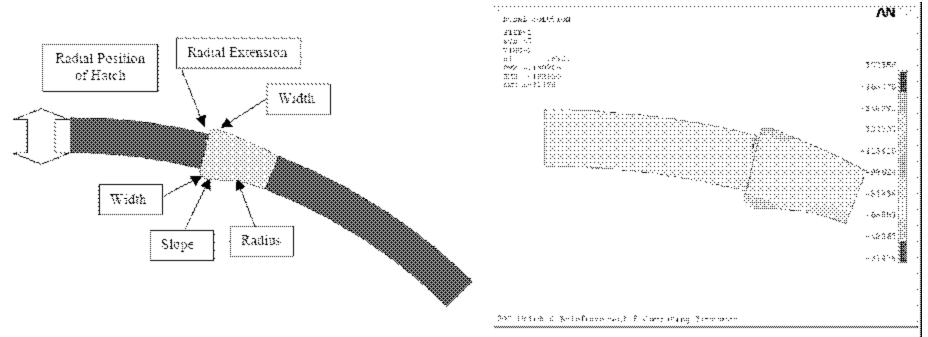


Figure 13 - Compressive Stress in Hatch and Hatch Reinforcement

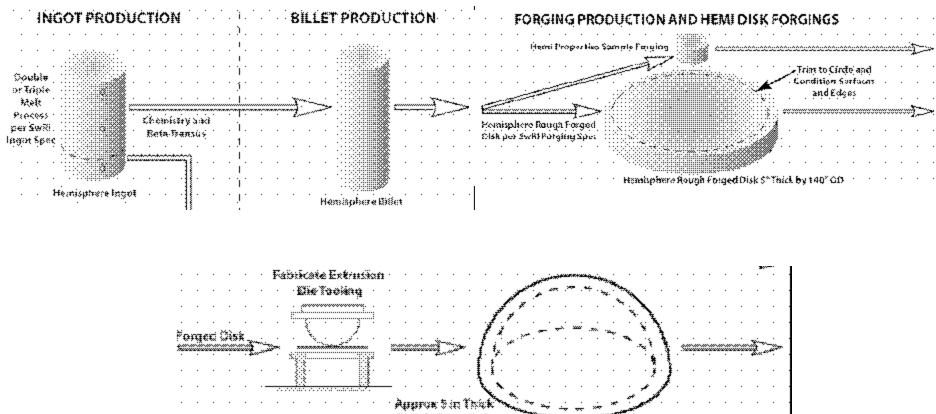






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Manufacturing Assembly Plan





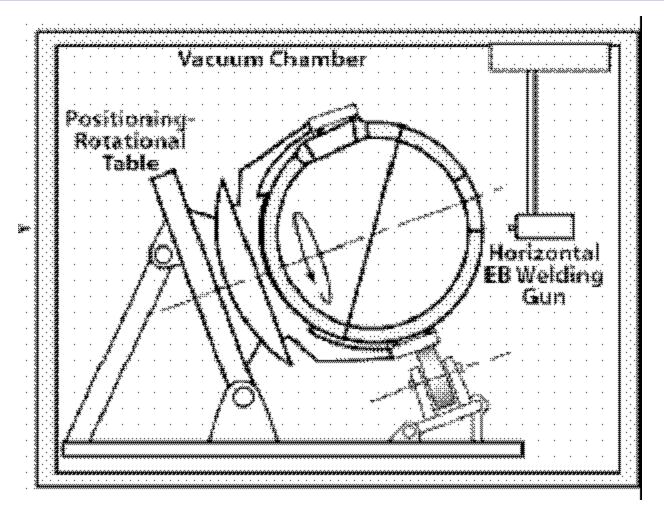






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Manufacturing Assembly Plan











U.S. Navy Involvement

Review of:

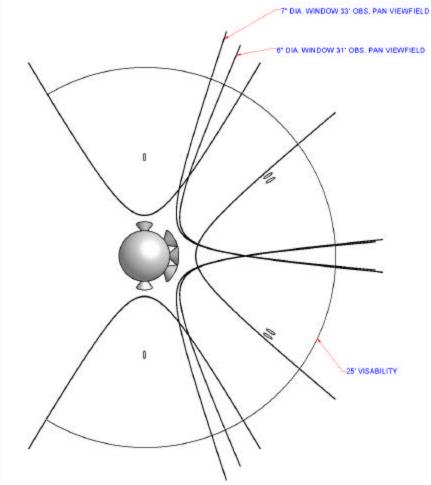
- Material characteristic test results
- FEA of the replacement HOV and Sea Cliff
- Proof test and strain gage plan
- Establishment of the hull creep stress design criteria





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Window Fields of View





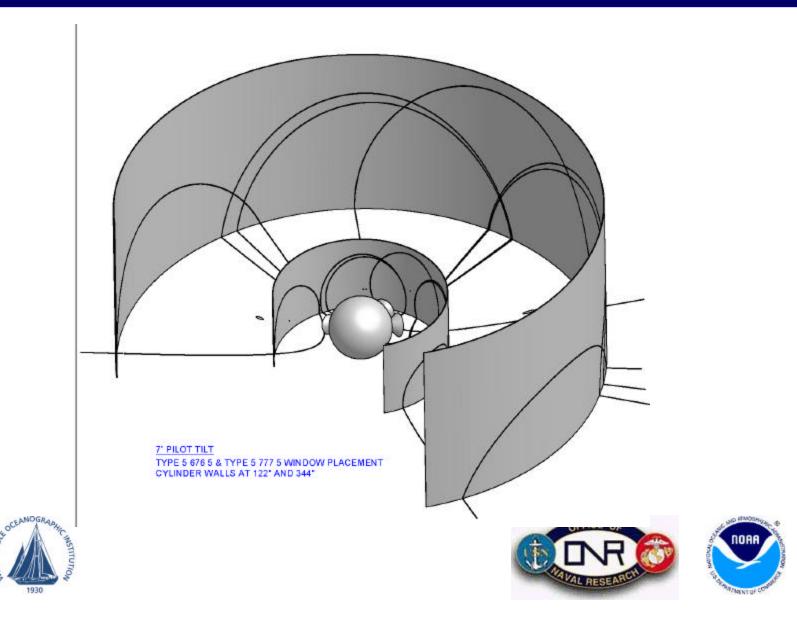






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Vehicle Design





Window Size and Number Comparison

Window Size & Number	5-6-7-6-5	6-7-6	5-7-7-7-5	7-7-7
Viewport System Total Cost (\$)	\$758k - \$1012k	\$485 - \$643k	\$764k - \$1000k	\$466k - \$624k
Total Weight (Viewport System & Syntactic Foam) (Ibs) *	348	222 ∞ 126 less	366 ∞18 more	318 ∡ 30 less
Syntactic Volume (ft ³)	10.9	6.9 ⊯ 4 less	11.4	9.9 ⊯ 1 less
Summary	Specified in contract	Minimum weight	Most viewing area	Least expensive





* Syntactic foam required to compensate for viewport system weight assumes a 32 lb/ft³ density.





Side Window Evaluation

Pros

- Increased area for observation
- More effective search
- Increased area for sampling
- Closer view of seafloor/ sediment
- Allows for monitoring proximity to hazards on side of vehicle

Cons

- Increased exposure to hazards on side of vehicle
- Questionable actual usage
- Manipulator mount
 complexity and weight







Three 7" Windows Evaluation

Pros

- Small increase in field of view
- Increased ease of use
- Simpler logistics (one size vs. two)

Cons

- Small increase in vehicle weight
- Small increase in vehicle volume
- Small increase in fabrication complexity





Vehicle Design

- Request for Information (RFI) released April 2006
- Responses (Statement of Interest) received from:
 - General Dynamics
 - Oceaneering
 - Northrop Grumman
 - Lockheed Martin
 - Battelle Memorial Institute
 - Oceanworks (& ISE)
- Industry Day held on Atlantis 1 Aug 2006
- Request for Proposals (RFP) issued 2 Nov 2006
- Responses due 4 Jan 2007







Alvin Prototyping

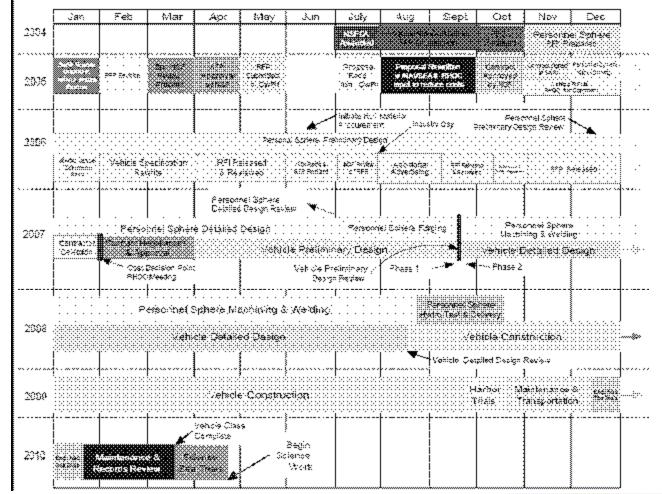
- Inertial Navigation System
- Fiber Optic Penetrator
- Shaped Memory Alloy Releases





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Schedule











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