

# Long Core System UNOLS Fleet Support Capability

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# UNOLS Fleet Support for Long Core System

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- ▶ Summary of Findings

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## Long Core System Overview

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- ▶ Long Core System Deployed on R/V *Knorr*
  - ▶ *Knorr* Scheduled for Retirement in 2015
  - ▶ Review Long Core Deployment Feasibility in UNOLS Fleet

### Long Core Capability:

45m Cores in 6,500m water depth

### Coring Missions To-date:

42.5m max length

50 Cores

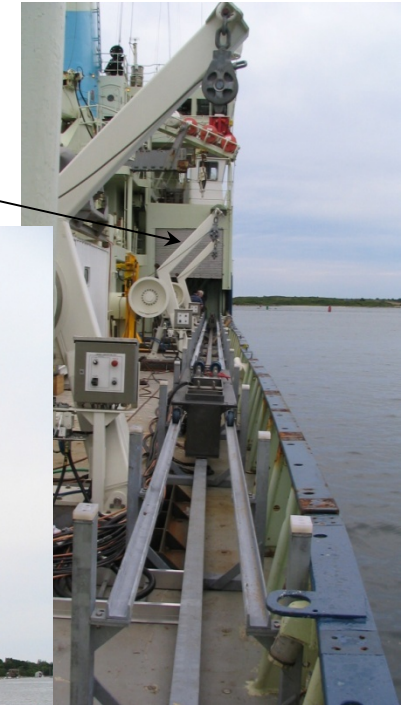
200m - 5,400m water depth



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## Long Core System Components

- ▶ Core Barrel Davits
- ▶ Core Handling Grapple
- ▶ Long Core A-Frame
- ▶ Lift Line Sheave
- ▶ Line Winch System





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## Long Core System Interface Requirements

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### ► Permanent Structural Modifications

*Knorr's modifications, required on all candidate vessels*

#### ► Grapple Foundation

Transom-mounted bolting flange



#### ► Lift Line Sheave Foundation

Aft deck slot for 60 inch diameter, cassette-mounted sheave



#### ► A-Frame Foundation

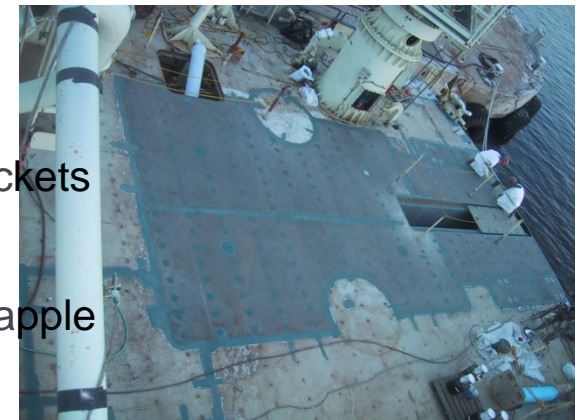
Bolted, flush deck interface for A-Frame base

#### ► Lift Line Winch Foundation

Flat, reinforced "Superdeck" area with high capacity sockets

#### ► Hydraulic Power Unit

Installed below deck in aft lazarette for A-frame and Grapple



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### ▶ Vessel Interfaces

#### *Capability and Features Required for Long Core Support*

##### ▶ Clear Side Deck Area

145 ft by 4ft to support core assembly, retrieval, and extrusion

##### ▶ Clear Aft Deck Area

For Lift Line winch, reel and related gear

##### ▶ Deck Crane

To handle corehead and auxiliary weights + general deck service

##### ▶ Lab Area

1,200 ft<sup>2</sup> Main Dk Dry Lab + 500 ft<sup>2</sup> Aux. Lab for core processing

##### ▶ Container Stowage

Four containers – two 20ft refrigerated, one 20 ft storage, and one custom 16ft

##### ▶ Station Keeping

Maintain position for core location targeting and vertical lift line

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### ▶ Vessel Requirements

*Characteristics necessary to support Long Core system*

#### ▶ Pullout Load Capacity (Trim Resistivity)

Limited by freeboard at stern at line breaking strength

#### ▶ Main Deck Load Capacity

Support 100 long tons of Long Core Components

#### ▶ Maximum / Minimum Vessel Beam

Limits set by Grapple reach between centerline and side

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## Long Core System Interface

### ► Vessel Comparison Matrix

Long Core System Interface	<i>Knorr</i>	<i>Thompson Revelle</i>	<i>Atlantis</i>	<i>Langseth</i>	<i>Sikuliaq (ARRV)</i>	<i>OCRV</i>	<i>RCRV</i>	<i>Kilo Moana</i>
1.0 Support Required Permanent Mods	Y	Y	Y	N <sub>C</sub>	Y	Y	N	N
2.1 Clear Extent of Side Deck (145')	Y <sub>M1</sub>	N <sub>M2</sub>	N <sub>M2</sub>	N <sub>M1,2</sub>	N <sub>M2</sub>	N <sub>R1</sub>	N	N
2.2 Aft Deck Area	Y	Y	N <sub>M2</sub>	N <sub>M1,2</sub>	Y	Y <sub>R2</sub>	N	N
2.3 Crane Service at Transom Corner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y <sub>R2</sub>	Y	Y
2.4 Lab Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N <sub>R1</sub>	N	N
2.5 Van Stowage	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N <sub>R1</sub>	N	N
2.6 Station Keeping Capability	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3.1 Pull out Capacity	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y <sub>R2</sub>	N	N
3.2 Deck Payload Capacity	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
3.3 Vessel Beam	Y	Y	Y	N <sub>C</sub>	Y	Y	Y	N

*Notes:*

M1 – modification required to open hangar-type structure

M2 – modification required to interior mission critical spaces / significant impact to existing mission capability

C – Significant change/replacement of current Long Core system components required

R1 – Not currently required; unlikely to support without specific alteration

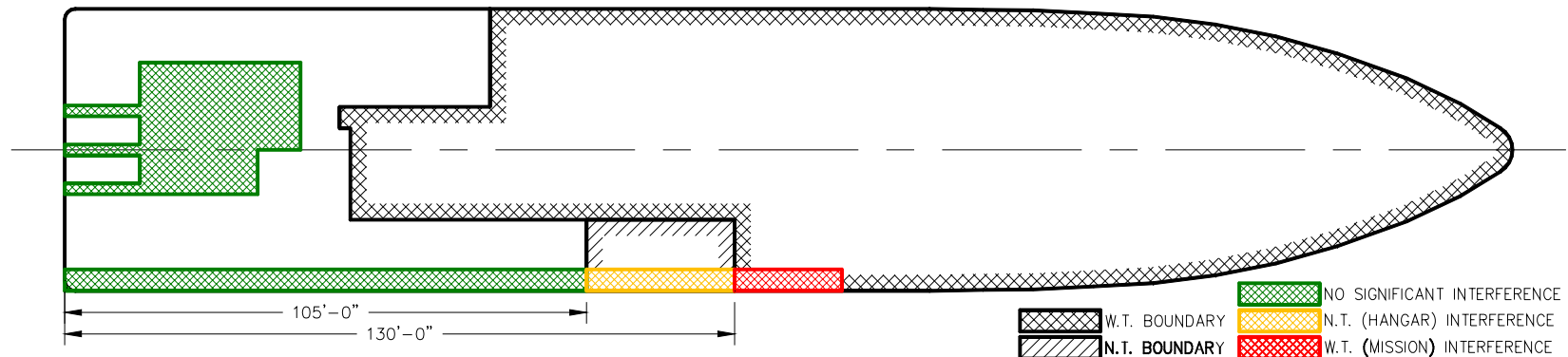
R2 – Not currently required; may meet within current design trend



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## Long Core System Interface

- ▶ *R/V Thompson, Revelle, and Atlantis*
  - ▶ Integration of existing Long Core system
    - ▶ Maximum core length without modification: 32m to 35m
    - ▶ Maximum core length with modifications: 40m
    - ▶ Modifications for 45m core – Mission Impact (Main Lab Area)
    - ▶ *Atlantis* A-Frame (*Alvin*-specific) complicates de-mobilization
  - ▶ Potential modifications to Long Core system
    - ▶ Port side, 01 Level option with Grapple modification

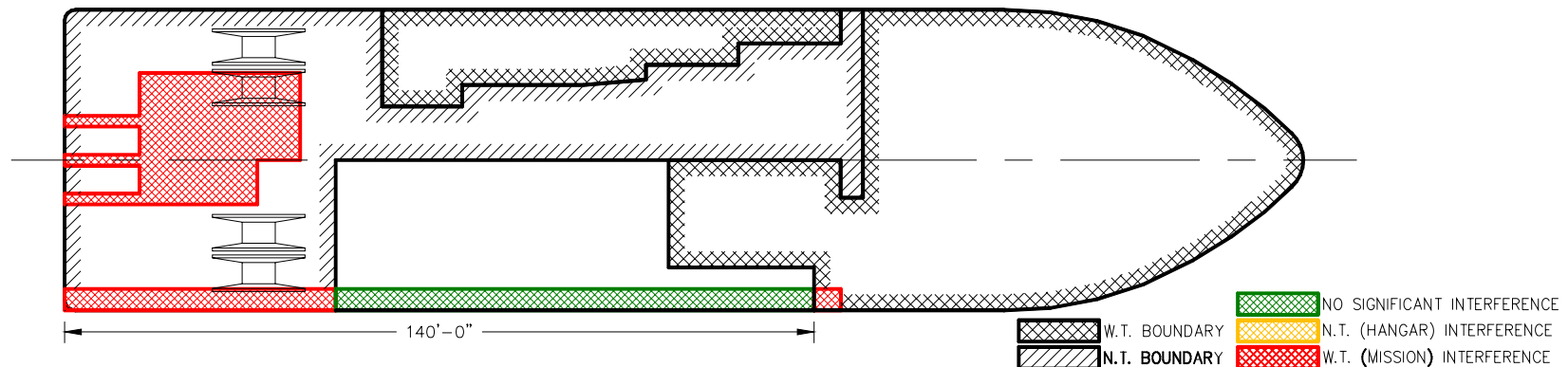


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## Long Core System Interface

### ► R/V *Langseth*

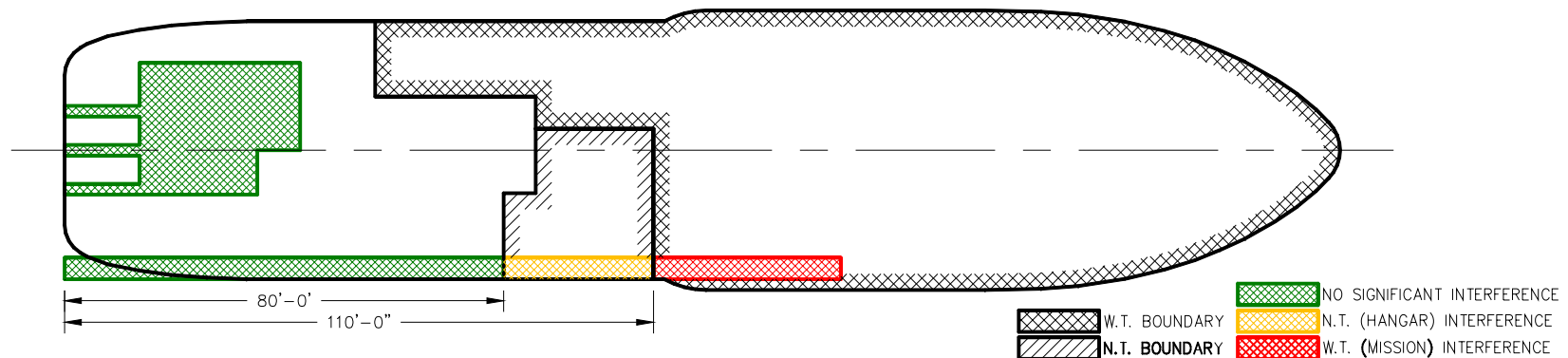
- Integration of existing Long Core system
  - Maximum core length with modifications: 43m
  - Direct integration requires major vessel & system modifications (Seismic systems create significant interferences)
- Potential modifications to Long Core systems
  - Focus on leveraging unique features of *Langseth*



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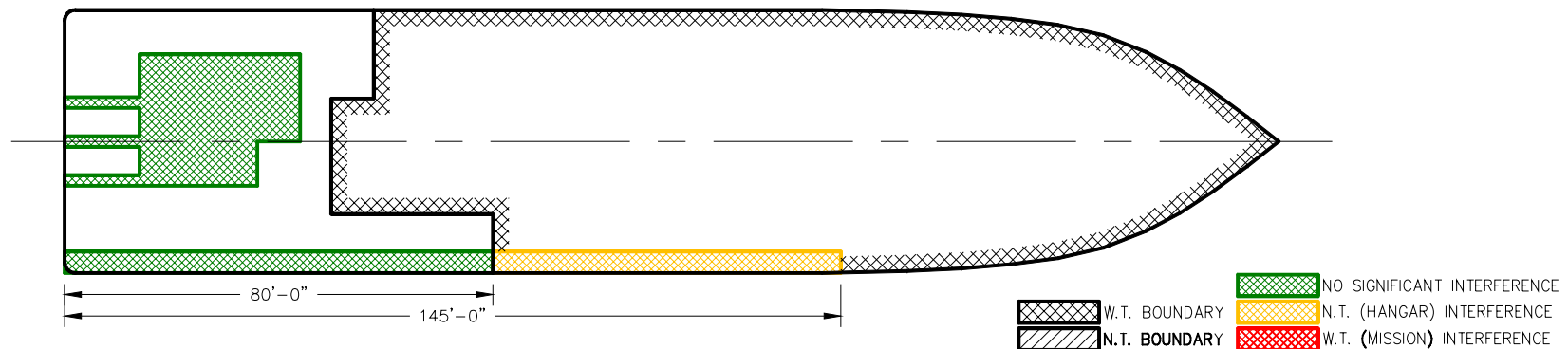
- ▶ R/V *Sikuliaq* (ARRV)
  - ▶ Integration of existing Long Core system
    - ▶ Maximum core length without modification: 25m
    - ▶ Maximum core length with major modification: 34m (Baltic Room)
    - ▶ Modifications for 45m core – Not Feasible (Impact Ice Reamer)
  - ▶ Potential modifications to Long Core system
    - ▶ No obvious modifications for full length Long Core system



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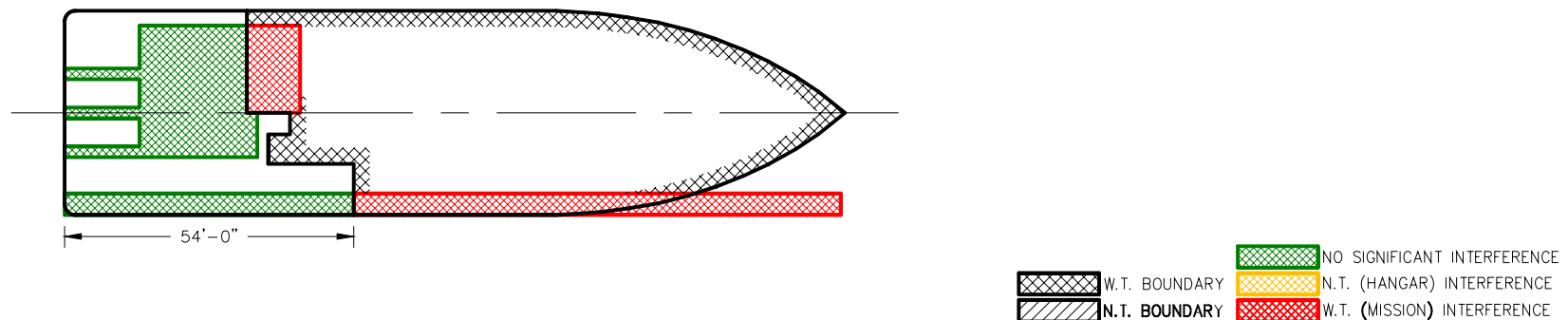
- ▶ Ocean Class Research Vessel (Design)
  - ▶ Integration of existing Long Core system
    - ▶ Current Requirements unlikely to Support Long Core System
      - Design trend: Basic vessel size could support Long Core system
    - ▶ Requirements for One-Off Long Core Support OCRV
      - Side Deck, Lab Area, and Stern Deck – prescribed dimensions
      - Additional Van Capacity
      - Hull Form – specific trim resistance



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## Long Core System Interface

- ▶ Regional Class Research Vessel (Design)
  - ▶ Integration of existing Long Core system
    - ▶ Requirements - No intention to support Long Core
    - ▶ Resulting designs – Simply too small



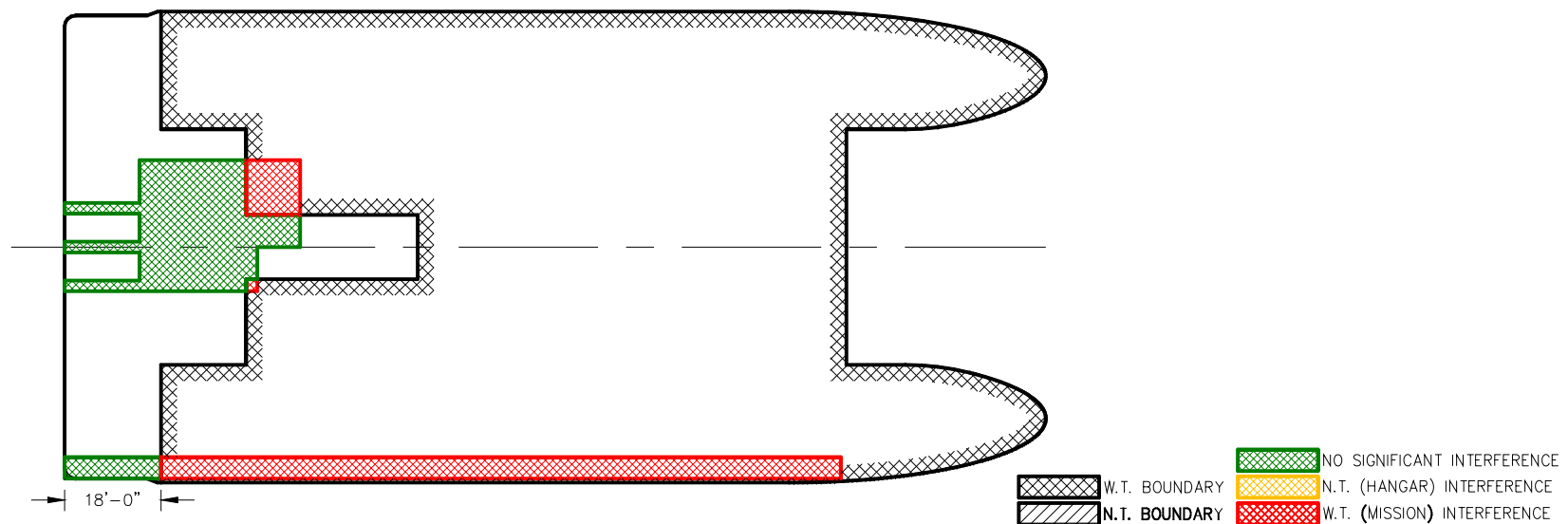


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### ► R/V *Kilo Moana*

- Integration of existing Long Core system
  - SWATH not compatible with Long Core demands
    - High Pullout Loads – extreme trim
    - Limited Deck Area



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## Long Core System Interface Summary

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### ► Summary

- R/V *Knorr* – Long Core Integration Design and Capability Baseline
- R/V *Thompson* and *Revelle*
  - Direct Integration - 40m core with modification (Stanchions)
- R/V *Langseth*
  - Direct Integration complex; review Long Core system revisions
- R/V *Sikuliaq* (ARRV)
  - Direct Integration - 34m core with major modification (Baltic Room)
- OCRV
  - Direct Integration if OCRV Requirements changed for One-off Vessel
- RCRV and R/V *Kilo Moana*
  - Not Viable Candidates for Long Core support