

Alvin Upgrade Project Update





DESSC Meeting -- 18-19 May 2010



Alvin Upgrade Project Staged Approach



Develop concept for an upgrade to *Alvin* using the 6500m depth-rated personnel sphere now in production

- Satisfy as many original replacement HOV design goals as possible
- Leverage replacement HOV design efforts already undertaken
- Reduce total project costs
- Allow for later upgrade to full 6500m vehicle

Phase I - Sphere

4500m *Alvin* Upgrade

Stage 1

6500m *Alvin*

Stage 2



Alvin Upgrade Project Project Schedule



Preliminary Design Review December 2009

Final Design Review September 2010
 Begin Procurement and Fabrication

Sphere Delivered to WHOI March 2011

Alvin Delivered to WHOI April 2011

Begin Disassembly April 2011

Begin Assembly July 2011

Begin Sea Trials
 September 2011

Science Shakedown Cruise November 2011



Alvin Upgrade Project Preferred Design



| | | Added Science Capabilities | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--|---|------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--------------------------|
| | BASE VEHICLE | Command and Control Enhancements; New Power and Data Bottles | All New 6500 Meter Syntactic Foam | Illumination Enhancements | Imaging Option 1 - Internal Video Infrastructure | Imaging Option 2 - New HD Camera, Upgrade of Existing Camera; UpgradeShipboar d Data Duplication System | Imaging Option 3 - Ramped and Strobed LED Lights; External Still Image Storage Capability | Imaging Option 4 - Upgrade of Shipboard Science Processing Station | PREFERRED A- 4500 HOV |
| General Information/ System Engineering | - | \$135,927 | | | | | | | \$135,927 |
| Fixed Buoyancy Assemblies | - | | \$1,097,088 | | | | | | \$1,097,088 |
| Penetrator | - | \$64,306 | | | | | | | \$64,306 |
| Power Bottle | - | \$68,253 | | | | | | | \$68,253 |
| Data Bottle | - | \$149,796 | | | | | | | \$149,796 |
| Junction Boxes | - | \$22,070 | | | | | | | \$22,070 |
| Illumination and Imaging | - | | | \$197,427 | \$568,560 | \$356,660 | \$479,053 | \$91,750 | \$1,693,450 |
| Science Data Systems | - | \$74,151 | | | | | | | \$74,151 |
| Command, Control & Computing | - | \$598,004 | | | | | | | \$598,004 |
| Upscope Cost Subtotals | _ | \$1,112,506 | \$1,097,088 | \$197,427 | \$568,560 | \$356,660 | \$479,053 | \$91,750 | \$3,903,044 |
| Total Material and Labor Cost (Cumulative Totals) | \$27,134,836 | \$28,256,342 | \$29,353,430 | \$29,550,857 | \$30,119,417 | \$30,476,077 | \$30,955,130 | \$31,046,880 | \$31,046,880 |
| | | 1 | 1 | ı | 1 | 1 | ı | Escalation | 676,014 |
| Subtotals Are For FY2009 dollars Escalation is estimated at 4%/year Confidence Level estimated for preferred A-4500M HOV only | | | | | | Contingency (95% Level of Confidence) | 3,452,000 | | |

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| Total | \$35,174,894 |

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|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|--|-------------------------|
| Larger personnel sphere with improved interior ergonomics | | | | | | | | | |
| Increased Field of View for pilot's and observers | | | | | | | | | |
| Improved illumination | | | | \bigcirc | 0 | <u> </u> | | | |
| Improved imaging systems | | | | | | <u> </u> | 0 | <u> </u> | 0 |
| Improved data collection, logging, and interface capability | | | | | | | | | |
| Improved interior electronics | | | | | | | | | |
| Automatic position keeping | | 0 | <u> </u> | \bigcirc | 0 | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | 0 | <u> </u> |
| Increased thruster horsepower and better maneuverability | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Enhanced mid-water research capability | | 0 | 0 | \bigcirc | 0 | <u> </u> | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Increased science payloads | | | <u> </u> | \bigcirc | 0 | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | 0 |
| Increased battery capacity | | | | | | | | | |
| Increased on-bottom time | | | | | | | | | |
| Increased hydraulic plant capacity (improved manipulator performance) | | • | • | | • | | | | |
| Increased operating Depth to 6500 meters | | | | | | | | | |
| Upscope cost impact | | \$1,112,506 | \$1,097,088 | \$197,427 | \$568,560 | \$356,660 | \$479,053 | \$91,750 | \$3,903,044 |



Alvin Upgrade Project Post-PDR NSF Requirements



- Final Design Review: 21-23 September 2010
 - WHOI to provide a Hazards Analysis that articulates how operational hazards will be eliminated, mitigated or accepted (e.g. consider releasable thrusters)
 - WHOI to reassess the project schedule, budget & risk with particular attention to sphere schedule risk, costs of ABS Classification, and contingency schedule & budget



Alvin Upgrade Project Personnel Sphere Construction





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June 2008



August 2009



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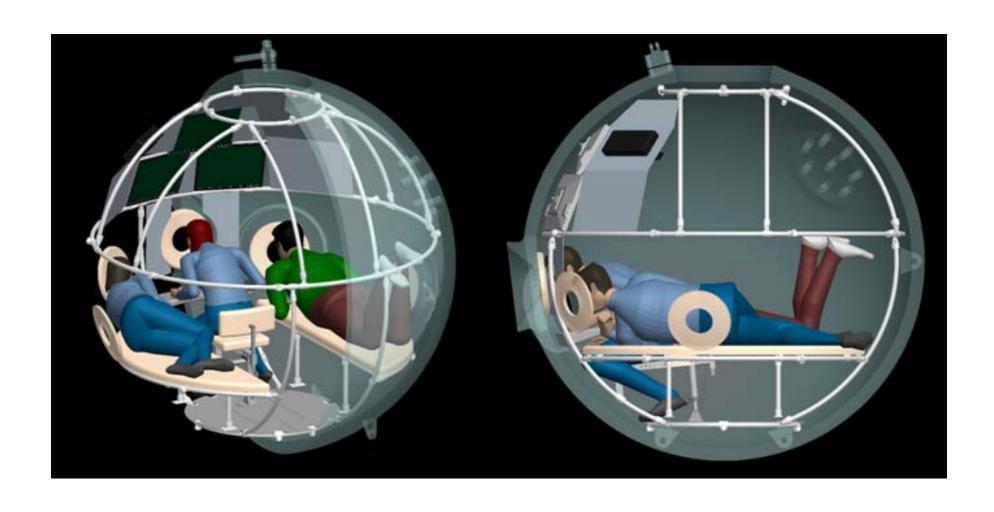


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Alvin Upgrade Project Interior Ergonomics

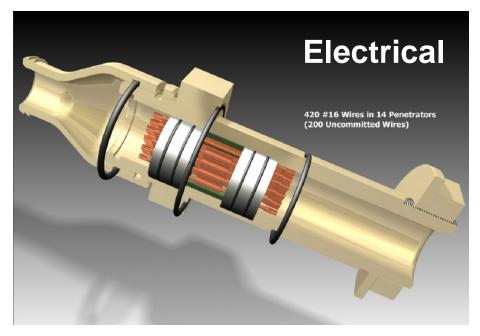






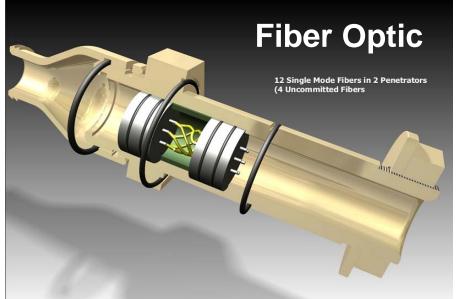
Alvin Upgrade Project Penetrators





Purchase order for 3 (of 18) issued to Kemlon

Purchase order for 5 (of 5) issued to Lancer





Alvin Upgrade Project Syntactic Foam



Materials:

- 36 lb/cubic foot syntactic foam
- Produced in 0.5 cubic foot blocks that will each be pressure tested before shaping

Procurement Schedule:

- Two companies: CMT; Trelleborg/Emerson and Cuming
- QA testing to be completed by end of May
- Early June: PO for 100 cubic feet issued to each company
 -- check on production capability



Alvin Upgrade Project ABS Classification Requirements



Applicable Rules: ABS Rules for Building and Classing Underwater Vehicles, Systems and Hyperbaric Facilities

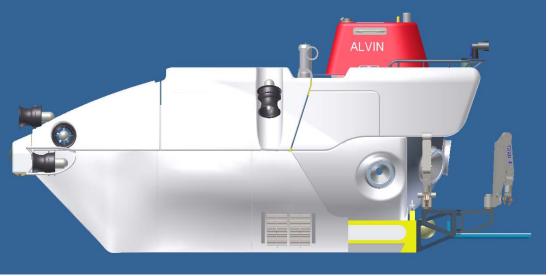
- Variable ballast spheres package submitted
- Alternative arrangement request for bathtub combing height submitted
- Meeting with ABS at WHOI in July
 - -- Present overall upgrade plan
 - -- Present systems that will be cross-decked (all packages ready for submittal)
 - -- Present designs of new components/systems



Alvin Upgrade Project Manipulator Arrangement









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Manipulator Arrangement







Alvin Upgrade Project Science Shakedown Cruise



Schedule

- January -- WHOI submits Criteria & Requirements Document to RHOC
- February -- RHOC endorses the Document and recommends to NSF
- Post-FDR -- NSF to issue a "Dear Colleague" letter requesting participation
- Nov. 2011 -- Shakedown Cruise

Limitations, Requirements

- 30-day cruise out of Bermuda: 10-12 days transit to accommodate diverse scientific areas & terrain types; some of dive sites close to port
- Capabilities to be tested to include:

Navigation Data logging & science access to data

Seafloor mapping Lighting & imaging

Sampling (variety) User-provided equipment interface

Elevator use Ergonomic design



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Capabilities Desired by the Scientific Community

- Increased depth capability to 6500 m
- Larger personnel sphere with improved interior ergonomics
- Increased battery capacity
- Increased bottom time at routine operating depths
- Better visibility with more observer view ports and overlapping fields of view between the pilot and two observers
- Improved interior electronics
- Increased science payloads
- Improved lighting and imaging systems
- Automated station keeping
- Increased thruster horsepower (improved maneuverability)
- Increased hydraulic plant capacity (improved manipulator performance)
- Improved data collection, logging, & instrument interface capability
- Improved mid-water research capability



Alvin Upgrade Project Science Equipment



Temperature Measuring Devices

High and Low Temperature Probes

Inductively Coupled Link (ICL) Temperature Probe

Heat Flow Probes: 1 meter and 0.66 meters

Sampling and Data Collection Equipment

Magnetometer

Major Ti - Water Samplers

Niskin Bottles

Portable CTD

Push Cores

Scoop Nets

Small Capacity Slurp Samplers

Large Capacity Slurp Samplers:

- 1) Multi-chamber Rotary Collection Sampler
- 2) Single Chamber Slurp Sampler
- 3) High Volume Fish Sampler

Hydraulically-driven Slurp/ Fluid Pump



Alvin Upgrade Project Science Equipment



Internal Cameras

2 ea. Observer DSC Canon Power Shot G7 cameras

1 ea Nikon D1 SLR DSC

2 ea Sony HDR-HC9 MiniDV HiDef video cameras

Profiling Sonars

Reson 7125 SeaBat multi beam sonar

1 ea. (spare) Imagenix 881 profiling sonar

Sun West CTFM fwd scanning sonar

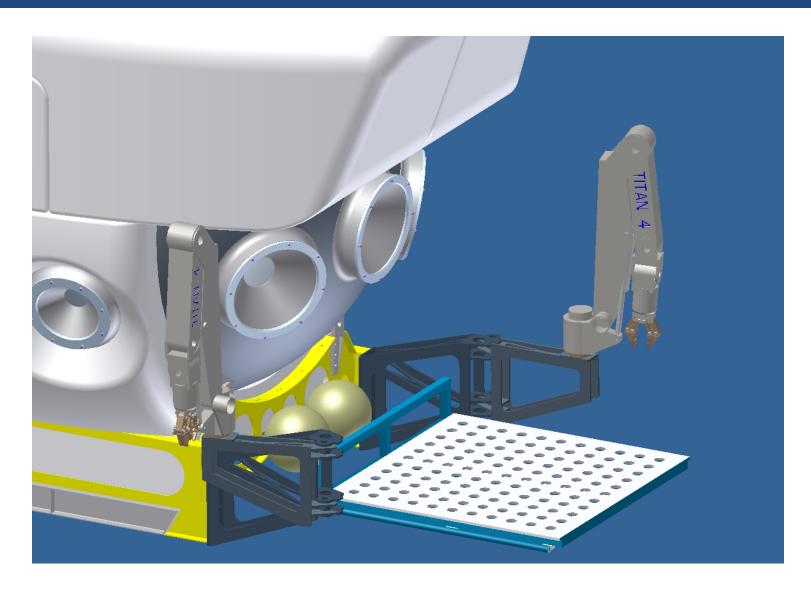
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Manipulator Arrangement

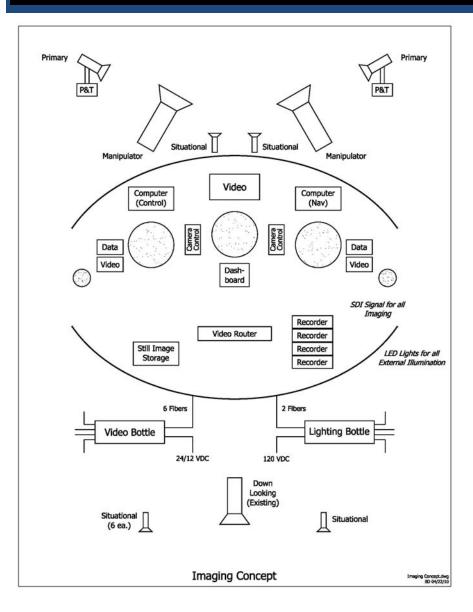






Alvin Upgrade Project Imaging System





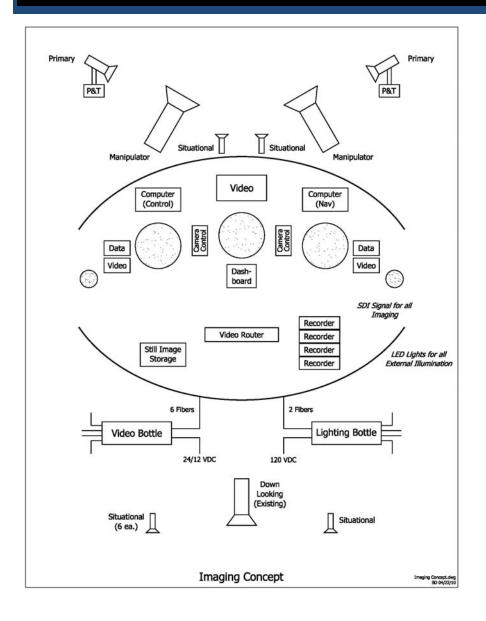
Components:

- Lighting System
- Camera Systems
- Telemetry Systems
- Control Systems
- In-Hull Video Plant
- Recording Systems



Alvin Upgrade Project Lighting System





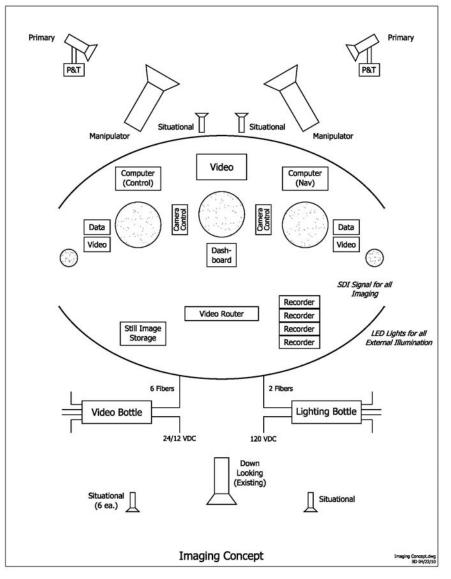
Goal: Double the Illumination Level of Current *Alvin* Lighting

- High power, high efficiency LED lighting system
- Low power-per-lumen light heads
- Lighting arrangement (5 zones)
 - -- Forward wide, forward narrow
 - -- Port, starboard
 - -- Down-looking
- Operational modes: full-on, dimmable, ramped, strobed (for down-looking surveys)
- Color frequency, beam pattern, location
 under design



Alvin Upgrade Project Camera Systems





Primary Cameras

- -- 2 HDTV cameras mounted on pan & tilt systems
- -- Location port & starboard sponson
- -- HDTV motion output 1080 59.94i
- -- Low light camera sensor
- -- Use existing pressure housings

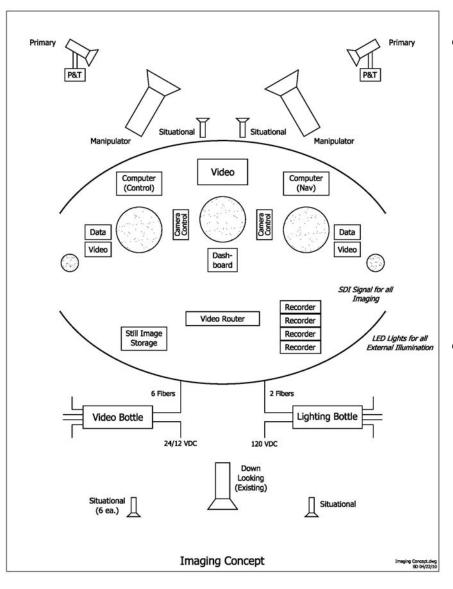
Manipulator Science Cameras

- -- 2 HDTV or higher resolution cameras
- -- 1 NDSF design with imager upgrade
- -- 1 TBD with enhanced higher resolution still image capability
- -- High optical resolution



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Situational Cameras

- Piloting and situational awareness cameras
- -- Standard definition
- -- Low light
- -- Location and number TBD
 - -- Forward, basket, down-looking, tail, sail port & starboard

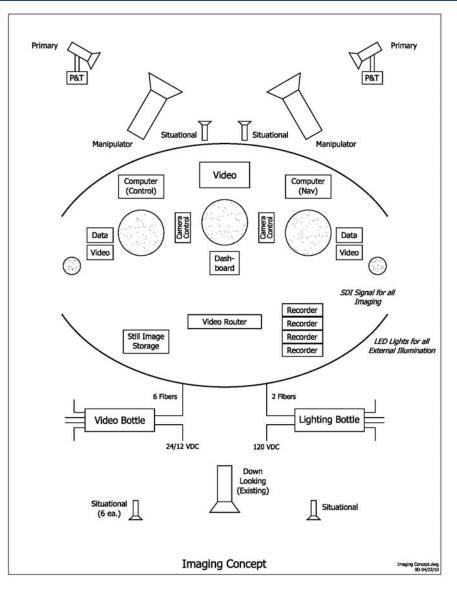
Mosaic Cameras (later addition)

- -- 1-2 motion/still cameras; color/BW
- -- Down-looking inside frame of vehicle
- -- 1920x1080 progressive or higher imagers
- -- Synced to strobe LED array



Alvin Upgrade Project In-Hull Video System





- All video signals will be digital and conform to the SMPTE serial digital interface specification
- A digital 32 input x 32 output router will distribute and direct signals to appropriate destinations
- 5 HD video monitors (1 for piloting, 4 for observers)
- Master sync and time code system
- Digital HDTV recording system -- TBD

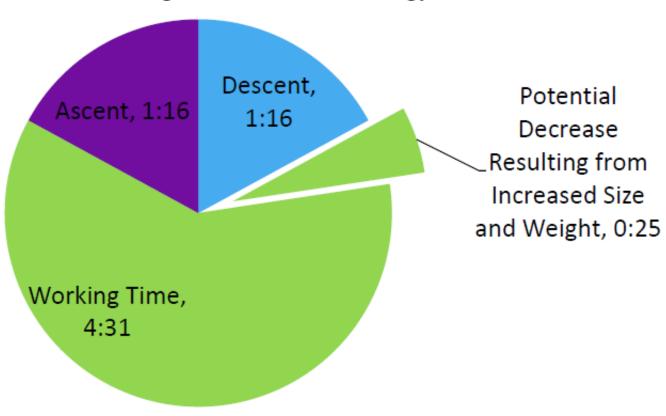


A-4500 HOV Dive Time Reduction Estimate



Dive Time - 7:30 total

Change due to increased energy needs





A-4500 HOV



Budget for Preferred A-4500 HOV Design

| A-4500 HOV Cost of Preferred Design | \$31,046,880 | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| With Escalation | \$31,722,894 | | |
| Contingency | \$ 3,452,000 | | |
| Total Cost Estimate | \$35,174,894 | | |

Current Funding

| NSF | \$22,910,000 |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| WHOI | \$ 5,000,000 |
| Ship Modifications | \$ 200,000 |
| Total Funding Available | \$28,110,000 |

Funding Variance \$7,064,889