Status: ALOHA Cabled Observatory

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Jason – sine qua non



ACO Deployed June 2011



Mosaic of bottom components



Bottom configuration – June 2011

Cable Termination

TAAM mooring (thermistor array, FLNTU, acoustic modem)

JBOX (HEMpressure, 2 hydrophones)

> OBS (8 port; µSEMtemperature, salinity, 2 ADPs, light)

AMM Secondary node (4 port; SIIM- 2 CTDO₂, FLNTU) CAM (Video PZT Camera, <u>2 ligh</u>ts, hydrophone)

A few results

Aloha.manoa.hawaii.edu

15+ species, ~1 event/hour Deep-sea lizard fish attempting to eat an aristeid shrimp

FPS: 5.07 6/5/2012 10:53:03 AM

Drazen and Fleury



ACO deployed @ 5km 2011-07-17 08:39:34

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- ikini

First blues 31 October 2012



Cold overflow event, large oscillations and slow recovery De-spiked daily averaged temperature at 4726 m



Expanding science at ALOHA

- Water column
 - Dynamics, mixing, turbulence, episodic events
 - Biogeochemistry nutrients, production, fluxes
- Benthic communities vertical fluxes, top predators
- Surface wave phenomena (e.g., ultragravities)
- Marine mammal studies ships, behavior, population
- Basin scale communications and thermometry
- Synergies with historical/ongoing ALOHA/HOT program



Next steps

NSF OTIC O&M project

- 2012-2015
- Includes 5 days ship/rov time
- Barebones
- September 2013 cruise
 - repair/replace non-working core sensors
- Proposals to use Submit
- http://aloha.manoa.hawaii.edu
- AGU talk Friday morning

Hawai'i Undersea Research Laboratory NOAA's Undersea Research Center for Hawai'i & the Western Pacific



http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/HURL/

Pisces IV & Pisces V



~2000 meter capable

Continual upgrades in science and operational gear

Provides self-rescue capability

Goal is to make them as identical as possible with a complete set of spares



3 forward-looking viewports

















Payload : 80 pounds power 25 hp, 7 thrusters two manipulators-**Orion 7P and Sea Mantis** Zoom video cameras-mini Zeus Fixed focus cameras- DSPL Nano and multi Sea cams UNOLS 0.681 cable



Database Review for Ordnance



123 Dives
477 tapes
653 hours
Over 1000 still-grabs









Makai Pier Operations HQ During "off" Season





- General submersible maintenance
- Submersible overhauls & upgrades

Check us out at www.soest.hawaii.edu/HURL !



Status Report: UH-SOEST ROV

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DEep Submergence Science Committee (DESSC) Annual Community Meeting 2 December 2012 San Francisco



DOER Deep Ocean Exploration and Research, Alameda, CA

- 80" long x 56" wide x 58" tall
- 3,000 lbs, 80 lbs reserve
- 25 HP
- 7 thrusters
- 6000 m



ROV science capabilities

• Manipulators

- Schilling Orion 7P, seven-function
- DOER SeaMantis, five-function



Tether Management System

- 75" diameter, 68" high (top-hat only)
- Transition between
 0.681" cable and neutrally buoyant tether
- Winch drum w/ slip-ring and level-wind
- 5 HP hydraulic motor



ROV science capabilities

Sensors and Lighting

- 4 DSPL SeaLite Sphere, 160 W dimmable LED lights with capability for 2 more
- 1 Insite Pacific Mini-Zeus HD camera, w/ pan & tilt
- 2 DSPL Nano SeaCam SD cameras (can fit on manipulator arm)
- 1 DSPL Multi SeaCam SD camera*
- 1 Falmouth Scientific MicroCTD*
- 1 Tritech Super SeaKing collision avoidance sonar* (to 4000 m)
- 1 LinkQuest Navquest 600P Micro-DVL
- 1 LinkQuest TrackLink 5000HA USBL transponder* (to 4000 m)
- Tritech PA 200/20 altimeter*
- Sample basket: 30" wide x 32" long x 8" deep (trying for 10")

*UH-provided

ROV science capabilities

- Science Manifold
 - 6 bulkhead connectors
 - Will support RS-232/422/485 and Gigabit Ethernet
 - Supported voltages include 5, 12, 24 and 48 VDC
 - Additional ACO support manifold is being developed, bulkhead connector TBD
- Expandable to larger sample basket and/or tool skids

Control and Maintenance Vans

- Three seats: pilot, co-pilot, manips
- 12 ft. Bench for observers
- Power Distribution Unit
- ROV Tie-downs
- Work table
- Storage



Cable heating on Drum

- Overheating of the cable on the winch drum is a potential concern
- Addressed in MS Thesis, John Casilio
 - Thermal analysis: mathematical model and small scale test
 - Predicted maximum temperatures of the shipboard reel: most operations less then 18 hours in duration are within an acceptable margin of safety (all on, on deck)
 - Real-time temperature monitoring should be considered for future employments

Next

- Awaiting delivery any time
- Training and testing
- First mission
 - ALOHA Cabled Observatory
 - September 2013
- R/V KOK Launch and recovery (LARS)