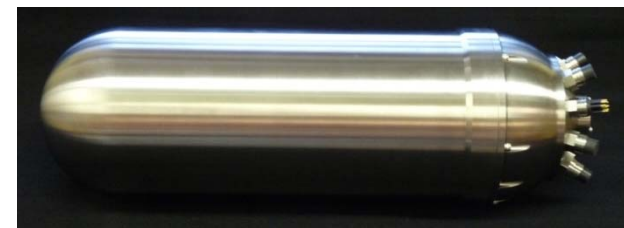
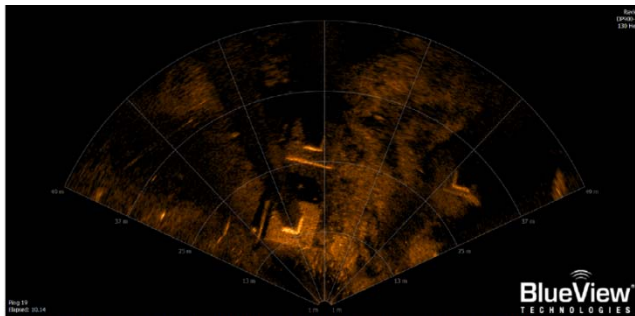




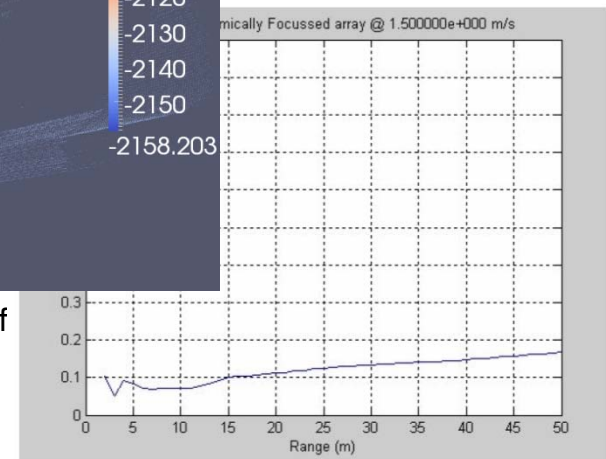
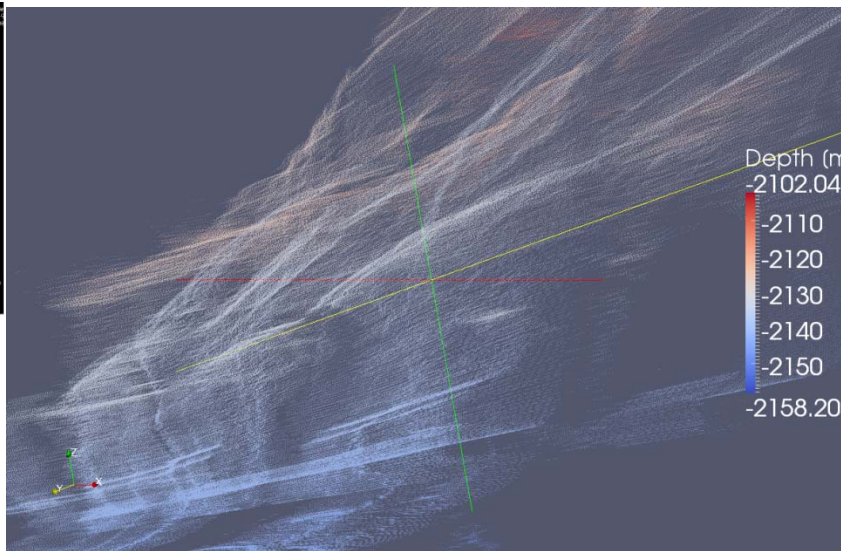
# Sentry Upgrades Sonar Systems



- Reson AUV3 – dual freq, **1/3 power, 15lbs lighter**
  - New WHOI driver means full reconfigure and start up in water saves power and increases flexibility
- Blueview P900 forward looking – **Obstacle Avoidance** (big improvement) and science uses – **no cost to NDSF**
- Edgetech 2205 Dynamic Focus sidescan (**8cm beam width**) – **no cost to NDSF** – not yet successfully used on Sentry



New Multibeam Sonar



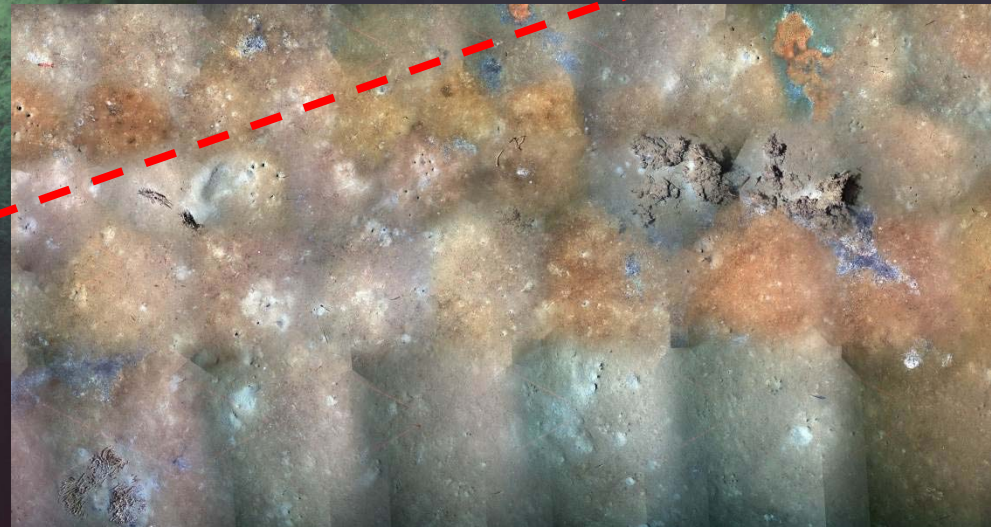
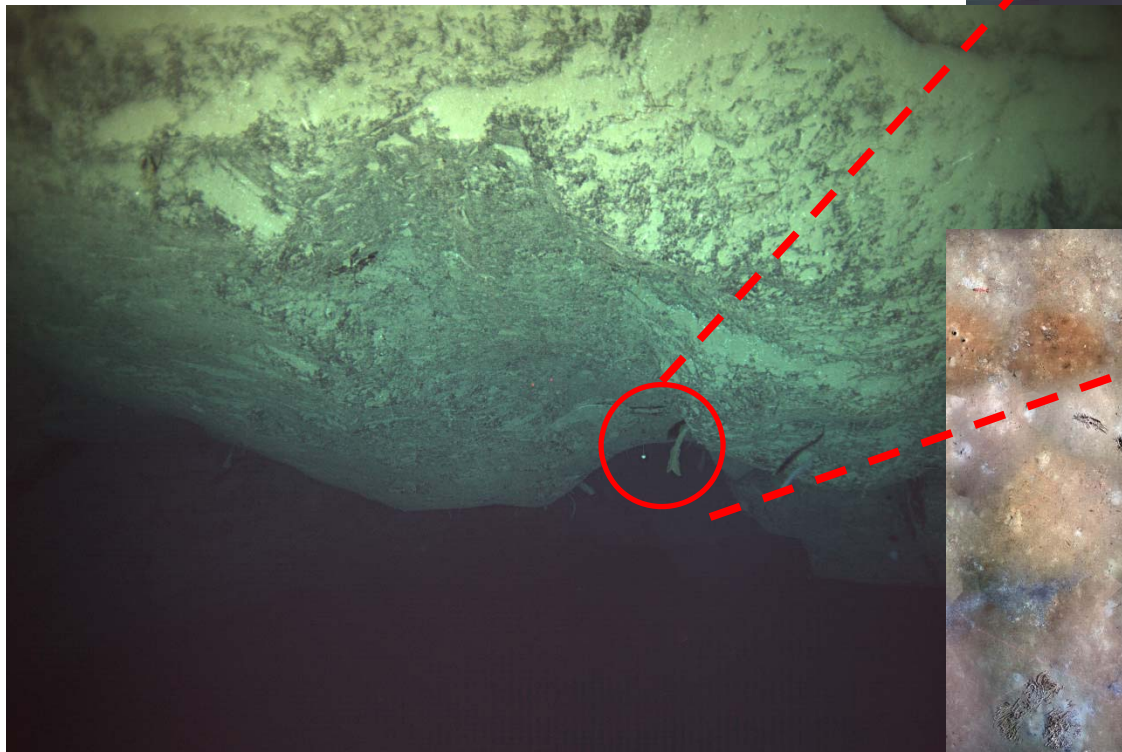


# Sentry Upgrades New Camera



- 11.4MP camera online
  - Normally even better res, but this detail is farther than normal from the lens
- Mosaicking pipeline underway
  - Leverages new open source code from MARUM
  - NOT a standard capability yet

Photos Courtesy: Cindy VanDover





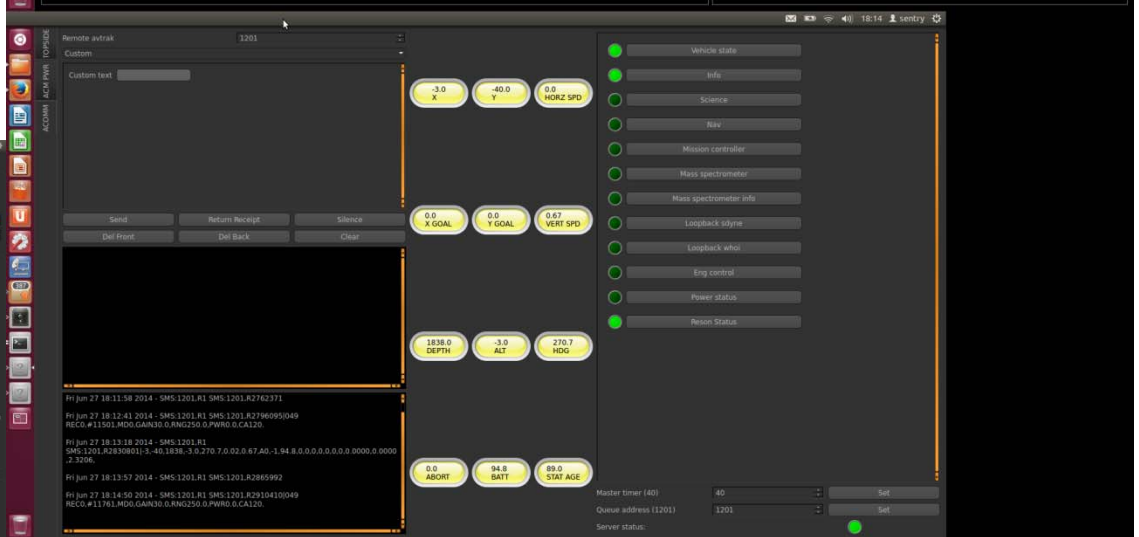
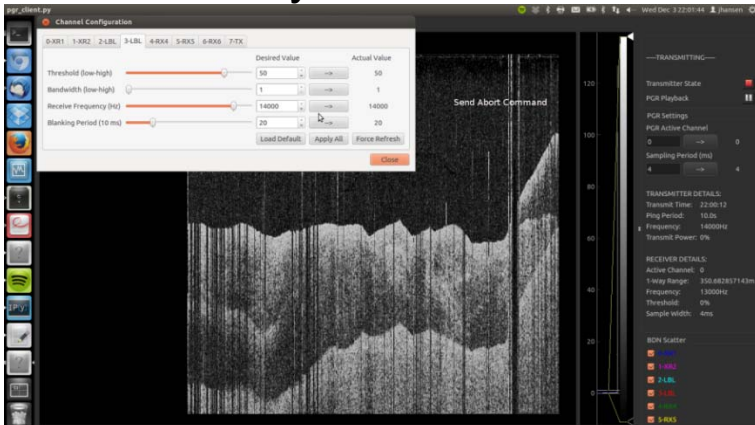


# Sentry Upgrades

# Science and Ops Interfaces



- Entirely new interface for:
  - Science user awareness
    - Can be interactive for scientists
  - Vehicle status & comms
  - Navigation
  - Tracking
  - Bridge communication
  - Pre/post dive
- Already in use for both operators and scientists
- Still adding additional functionality



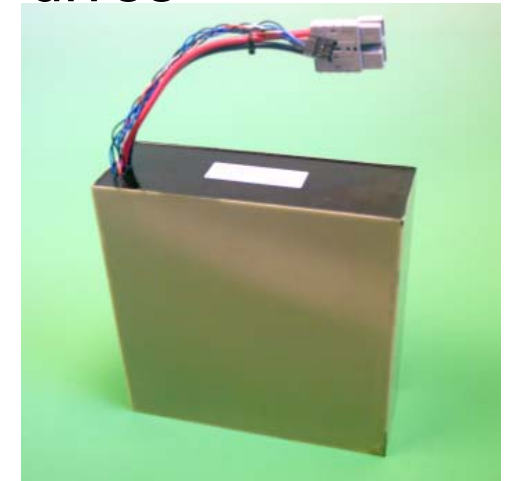


## Sentry Upgrades

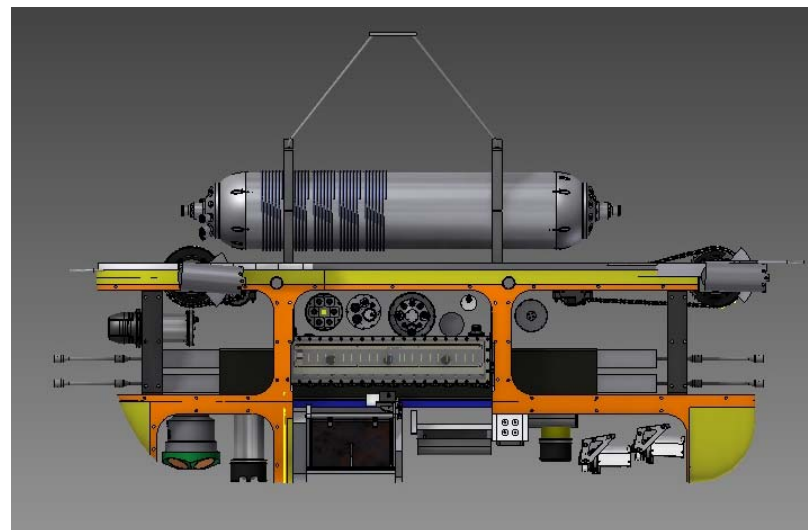
# Battery System & Data Pod



- Will give 3 hour turnaround with 20 – 48 hour dives
- Major battery upgrade underway (~2016?)
  - Custom high density version
  - New instrument config > flexibility
  - Buoyancy neutral
- Interim battery maintenance (July 2015)
  - ~30% more power
  - Slightly faster recharge
  - New ceramic cylinder



New module in development with SWE

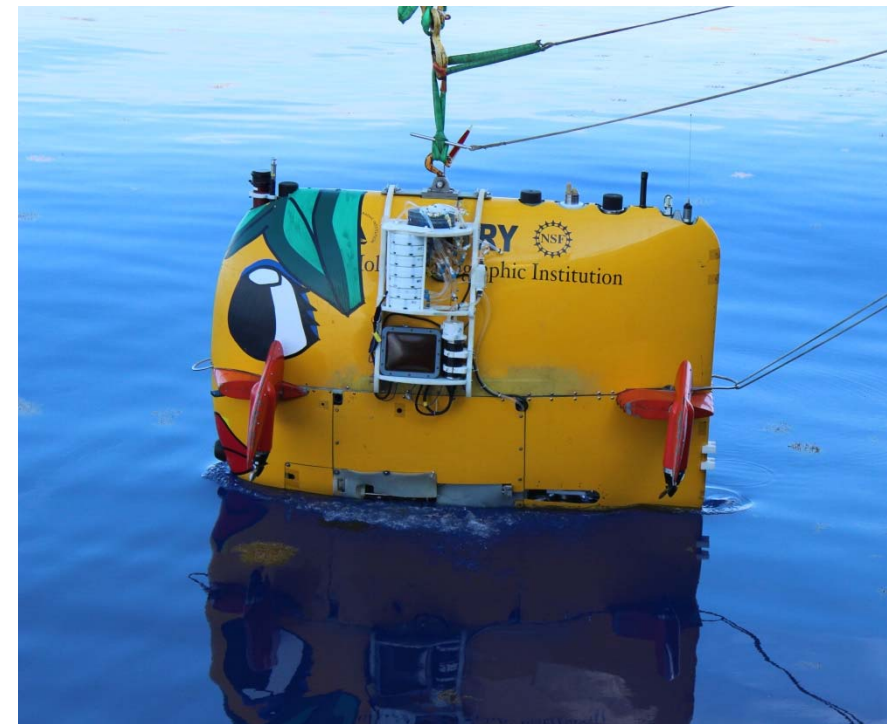




# Sentry Upgrades New Thruster



- Increased efficiency
- Top speed 1.2m/s (2.4knts) in low current
  - Likely 1.5 – 2m/s (3-4knts) with new batteries
- Very likely increased reliability
  - Already tested to 11,000m
  - Substantial impact testing
  - Lots of test hours
  - >50 *Sentry* dives – no failures
- Much more sophisticated controllers



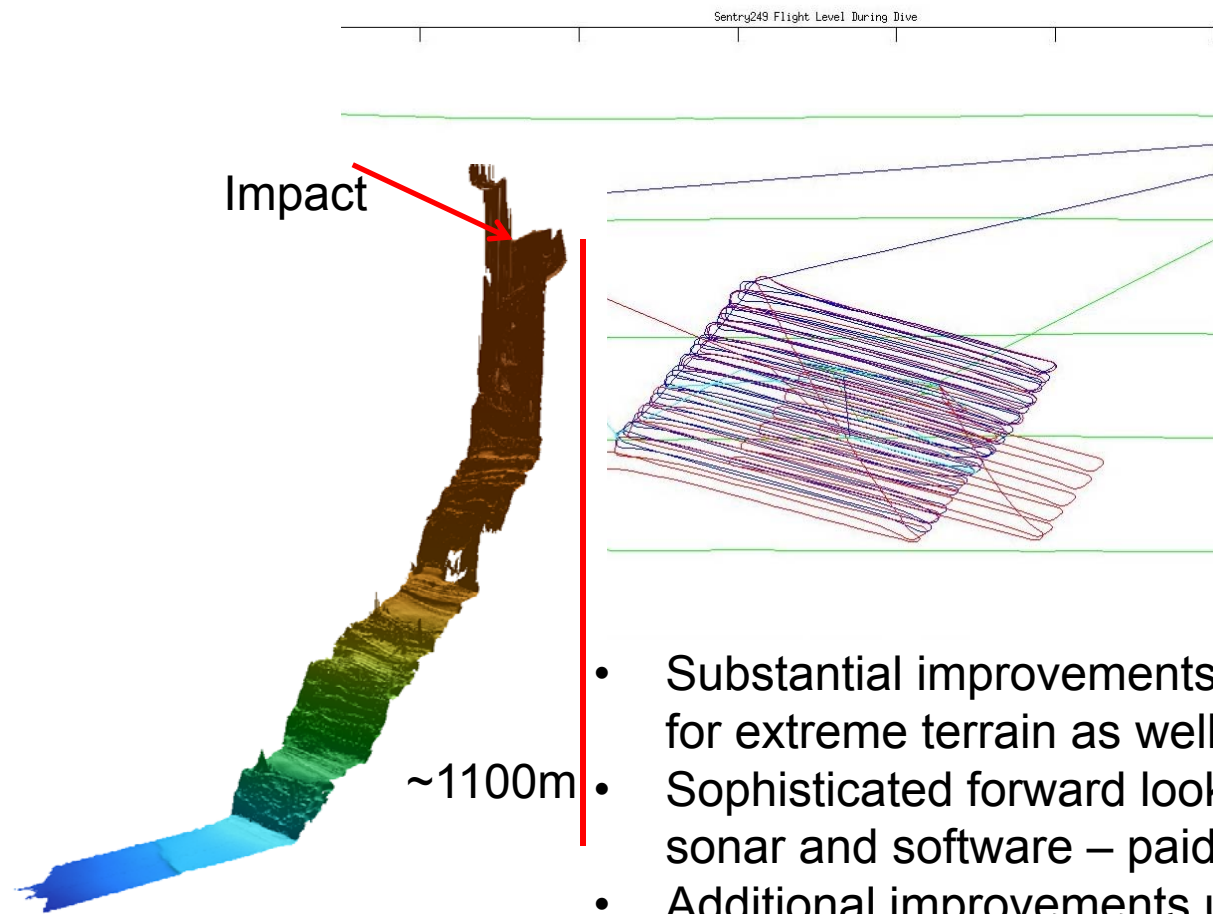
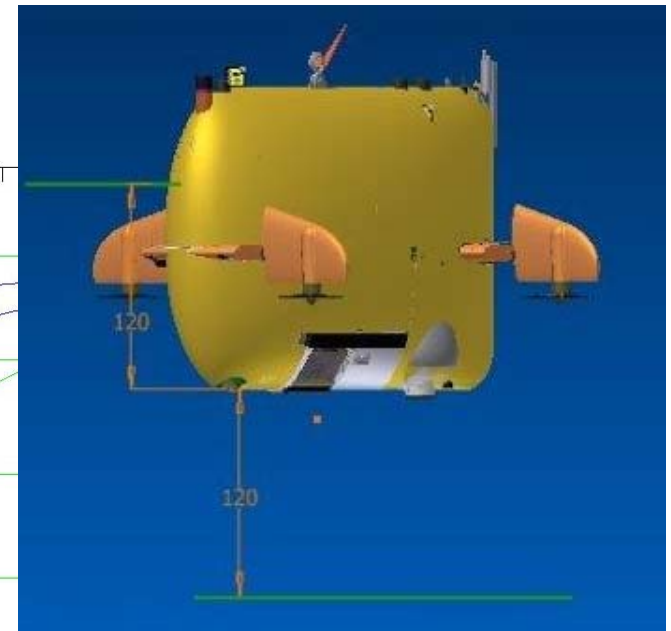


# Sentry Upgrades

## Bottom Following



- *Sentry* flew full survey blocks at 120cm, 150cm, and 200cm above the seafloor for a total of over 8 hours
- Less than the height of *Sentry*



- Substantial improvements in bottom following software for extreme terrain as well
- Sophisticated forward looking obstacle avoidance sonar and software – paid for by outside funds
- Additional improvements underway





# Sentry Upgrades Operational Capabilities



- Joint ops – Originally had to put *Jason* in tow mode
  - Can now launch *Sentry* without interrupting *Jason* bottom activities - done
  - Automated surface drive – 2015 will allow recovery of *Sentry* without interrupting *Jason* activities
- Anchoring – leave the vehicle on the bottom at the end of a dive until ready
  - Mechanical components complete Jan 2015
  - Electrical and software elements under development (2015 – \$ permitting)
- Datapod – on vehicle now
  - 6TB hot swappable storage means no more turn around limited by data
- AIS – locator beacon – shows up on any ships radar and longer range 2015
- New Iridium
  - Two way satellite coms for surface drive
  - On vehicle now and in testing





# Sentry Upgrades Documentation



- “Scientists Guide to *Sentry* Cruise Planning” on website
- Major upgrades to *Sentry* website
  - ~70% of envisioned content now live
- All drawings now fully up to date in modern CAD packages
- Revision control system almost fully implemented

Main *Sentry* Page:

<http://www.whoi.edu/main/sentry>

Planning Guide:

<http://www.whoi.edu/filesserver.do?id=159424&pt=10&p=39047>

- Working on new automated metadata system to capture all sensor settings every dive

The screenshot displays a website interface with the following elements:

- VIDEO**: AUV Sentry (with an Animation thumbnail)
- SLIDESHOW**: Sentry in Photos (with a Slideshow thumbnail)
- Additional Resources**:
  - A Scientist's Guide to Sentry Cruise Planning and Proposal Writing (with a link to View Guidelines for Proposal Preparation)
  - AUV Sentry Fact Sheet (pdf format)



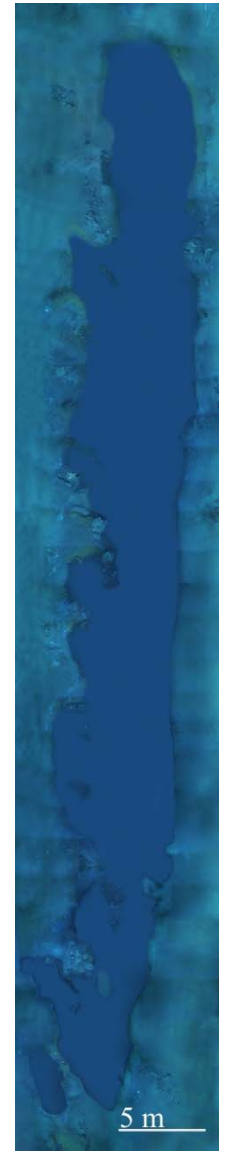
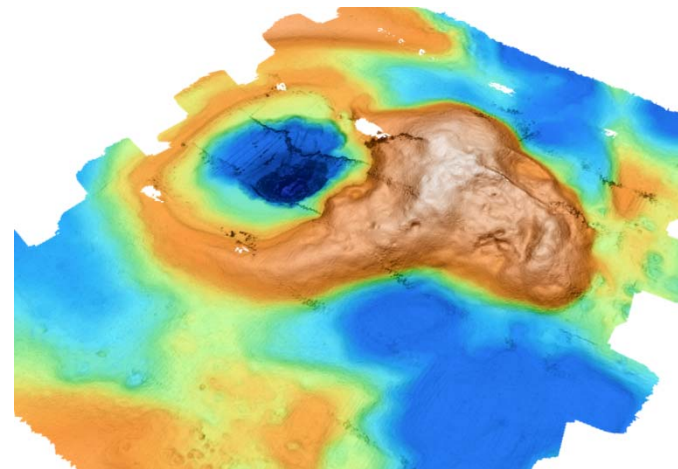
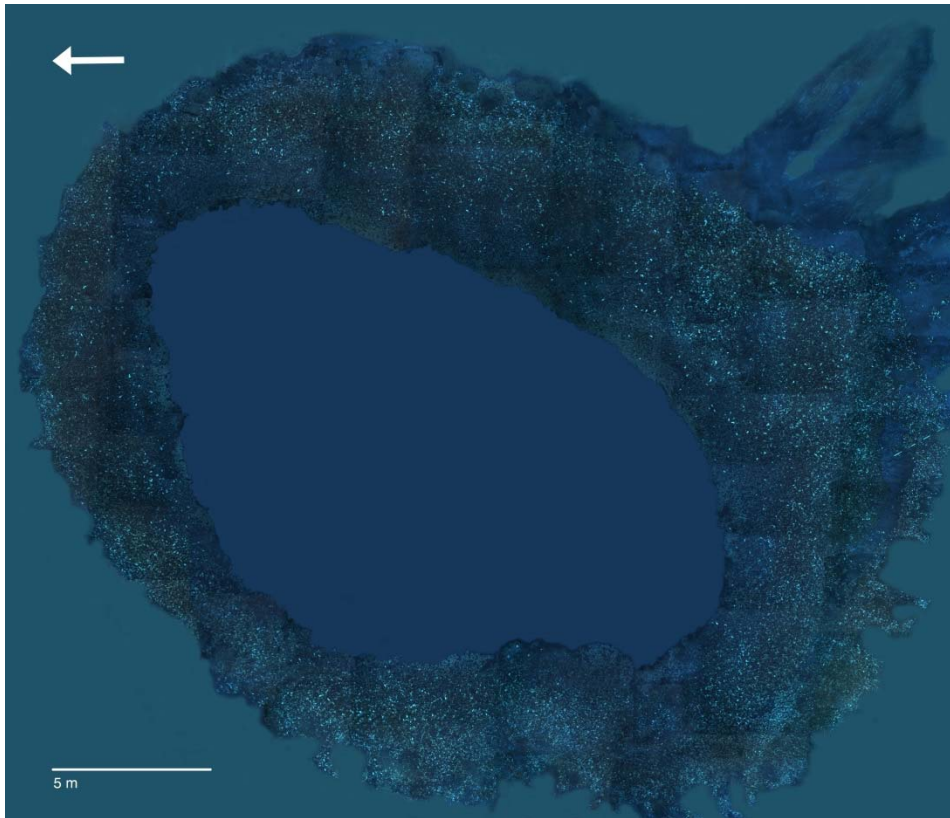


## Sentry Upgrades

# Brine Pool Investigations



- Multibeam image of bottom surface of brine pool – probably detected top as well → volume and 3-D shape (probably)
- Photo Mosaics by Eli Cole, Van Dover Lab, Duke University, NSF SeepC Project from *Sentry* images





## Jason Upgrades

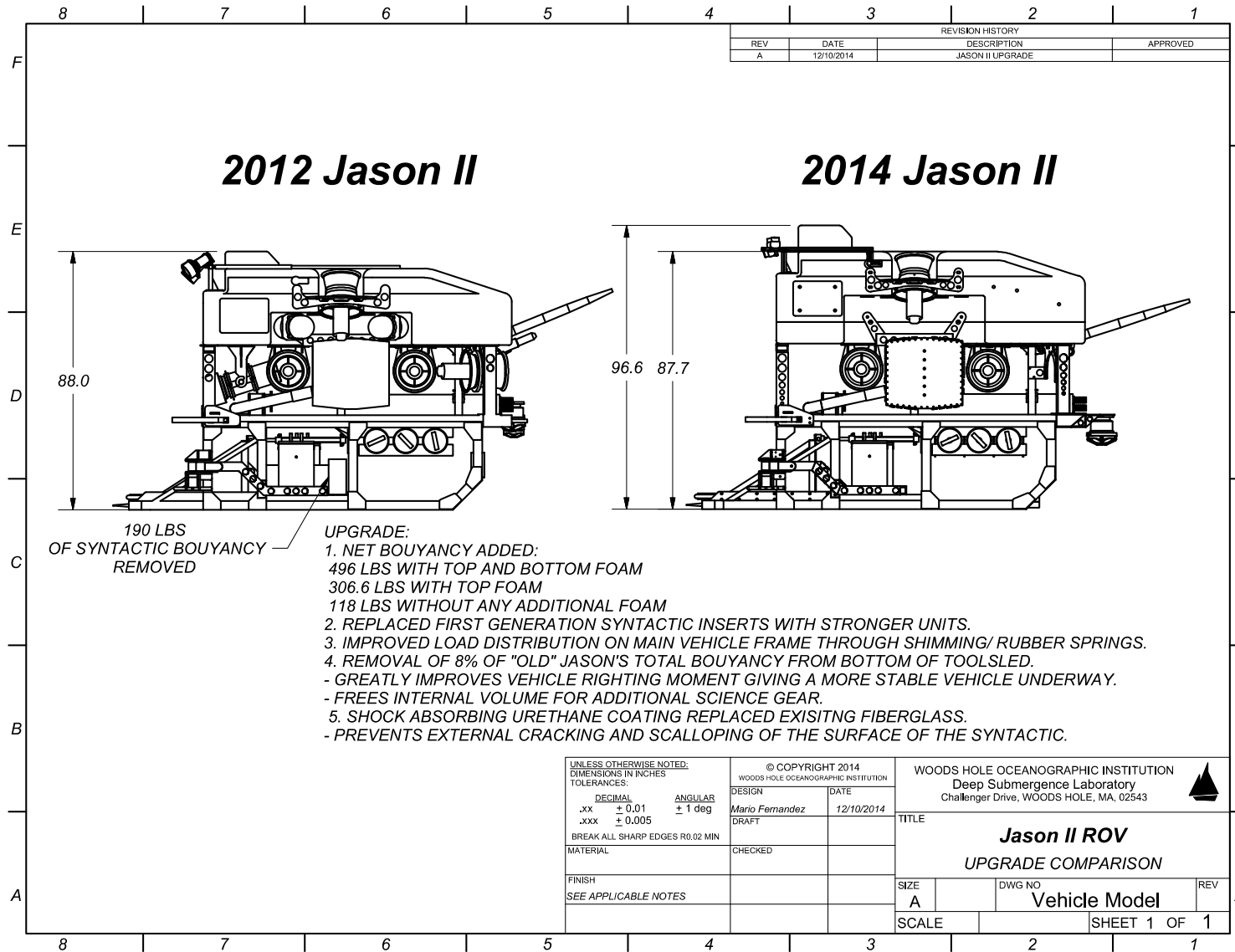


### September Maintenance Period

- Shortened by addition of Howe and Edwards cruises
- Augmentation of foam blocks increased payload 300 lb.
  - Removed, sent to manufacturer where foam was added
  - Repaired crazing damage
  - Optional add-on blocks when extra payload is needed
- Overhaul of Titan 4 manipulator, motor pods, hydraulic system, and thruster seals
- **Not completed due to lost time**
  - Did not replace J boxes
  - Did not replace plenum boots



# Jason Upgrades Flotation







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Wear and tear



Disassembly





# Jason Upgrades Flotation



Augmentation



Reassembly





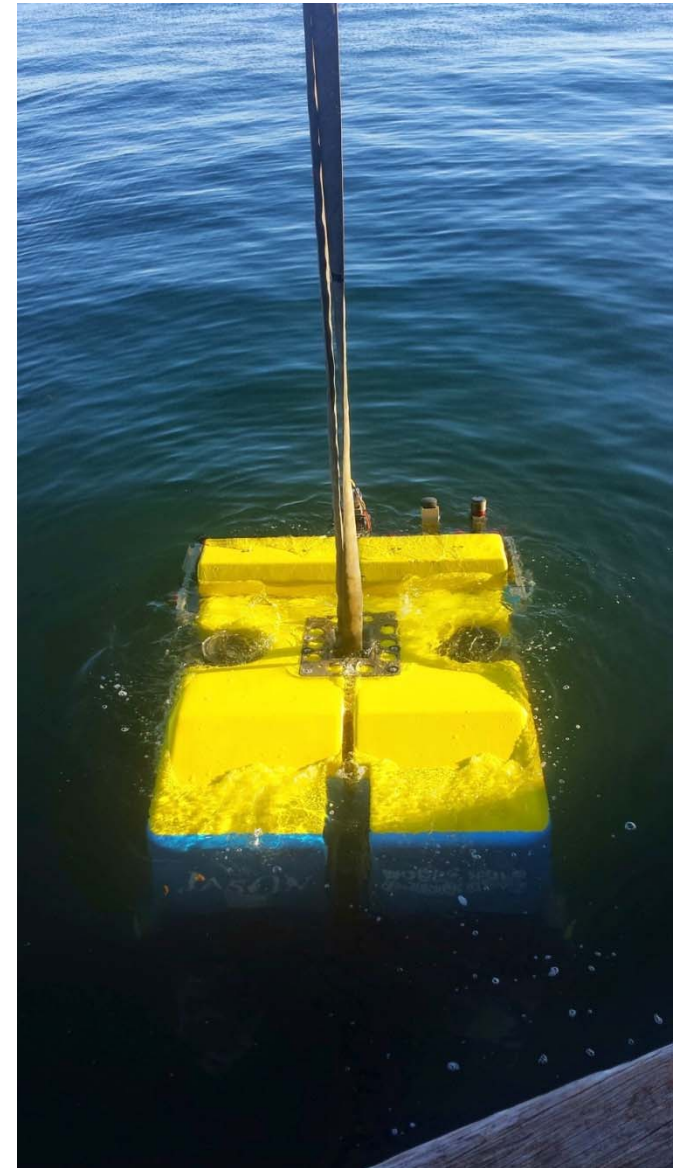


# Jason Upgrades Flotation



## Weight & Ballast

Net increase of 300 lb.  
buoyancy and opened  
up large area in tool  
sled







## *Jason Upgrades* **Miscellaneous**



- Super Scorpio integration complete
- Science camera control improvements
  - One controller for P&T and cam control
- New Titan 4 manipulator (2X)
- Redesigned multi-chamber slurp sampler
  - Geneva gear index, smaller
- Syringe samplers (DSL design)
- New Doppler with enhanced bottom lock
- Control van pilot ergonomics
- Monitor replacement completed



## *Jason Upgrades* **Miscellaneous**



- Improved Virtual Van display arrangement
- Framegrabber upgrade
  - 2 new units and code
- Topside GUI and engineer computer
- Multi-Viewer for remote station improvements
- New wideband mini transponder USBL beacons
  - Lighter, smaller, user interface, reliable
- New LARS HPU design underway

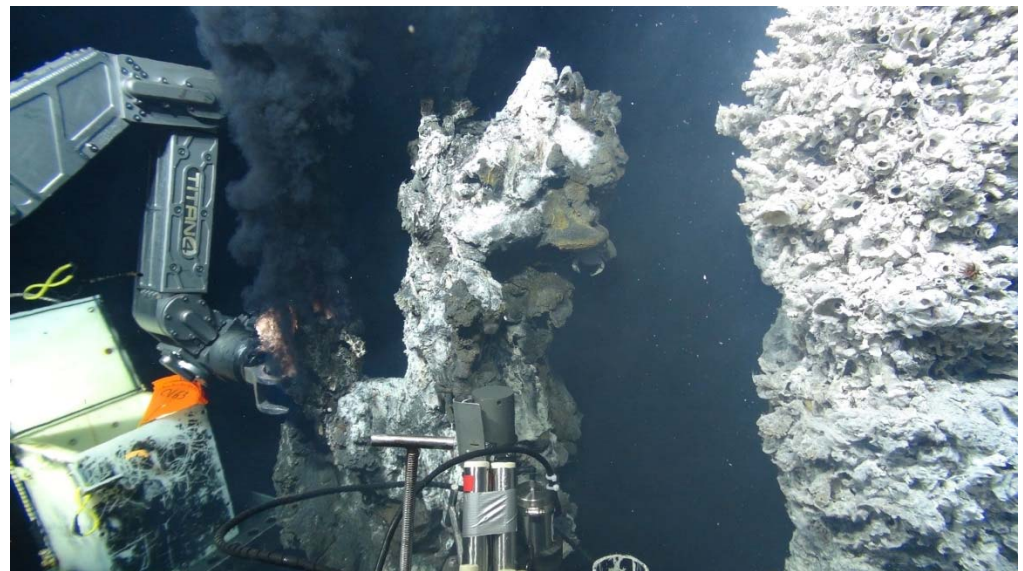
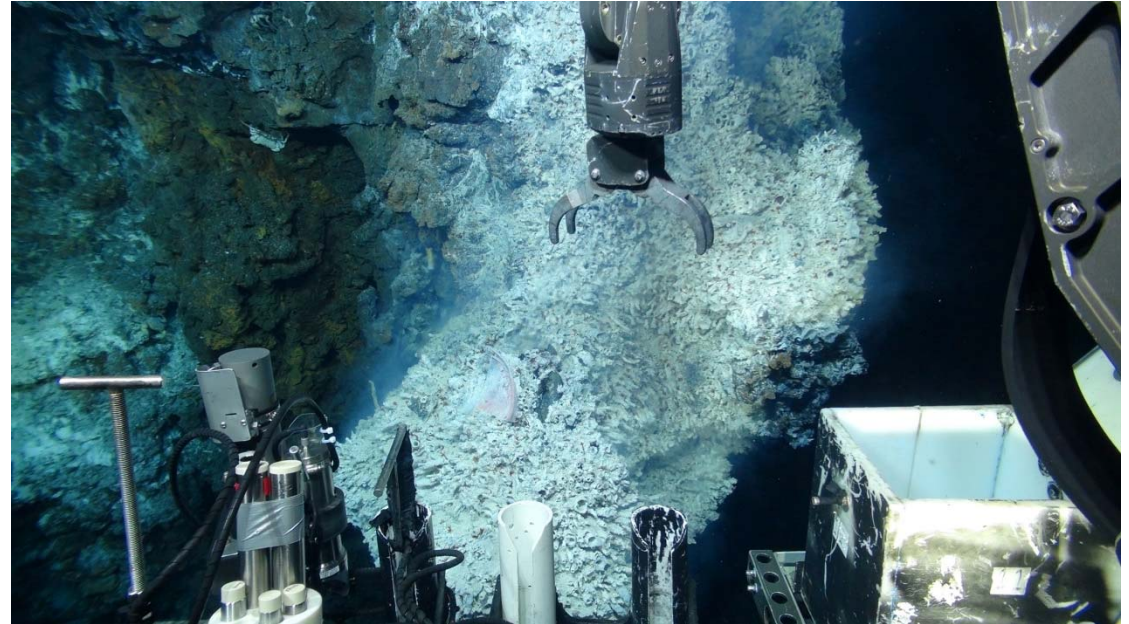


# Jason Upgrades Super Scorpio



## Insite *Super Scorpio*

- 16:9 aspect ratio
- 4672 X 2628
- 12.3 MP DSC
- 10X optical zoom
- 64G internal flash
- Real time video
- Image download via Ethernet







# Jason Upgrades Rapp Winch

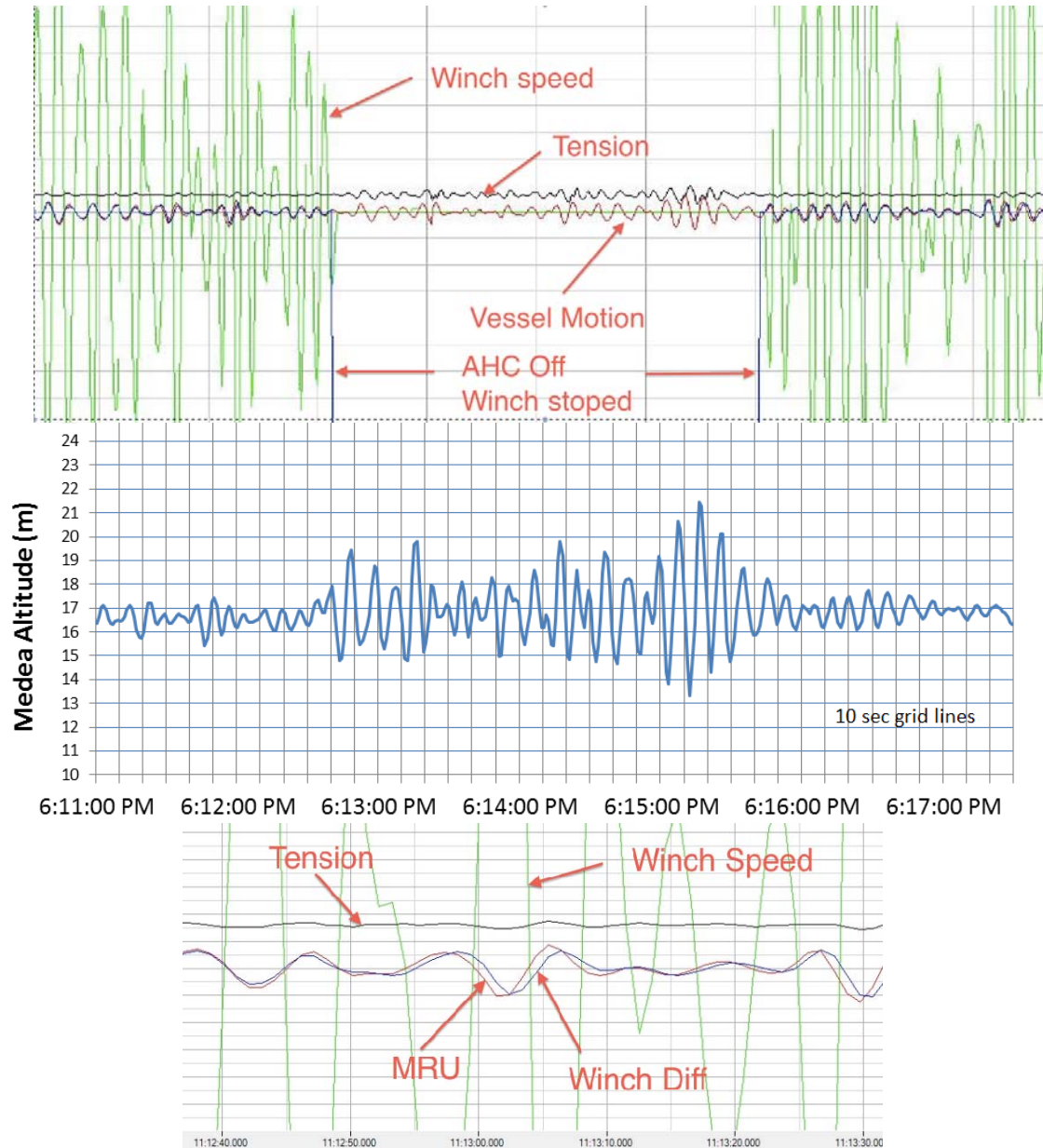


- 2 *Jason* cruises on TGT
- 1 cruise on *Ron Brown*
- All functions operational
- AHC operational
- Automated pay/haul





# Jason Upgrades AHC Performance





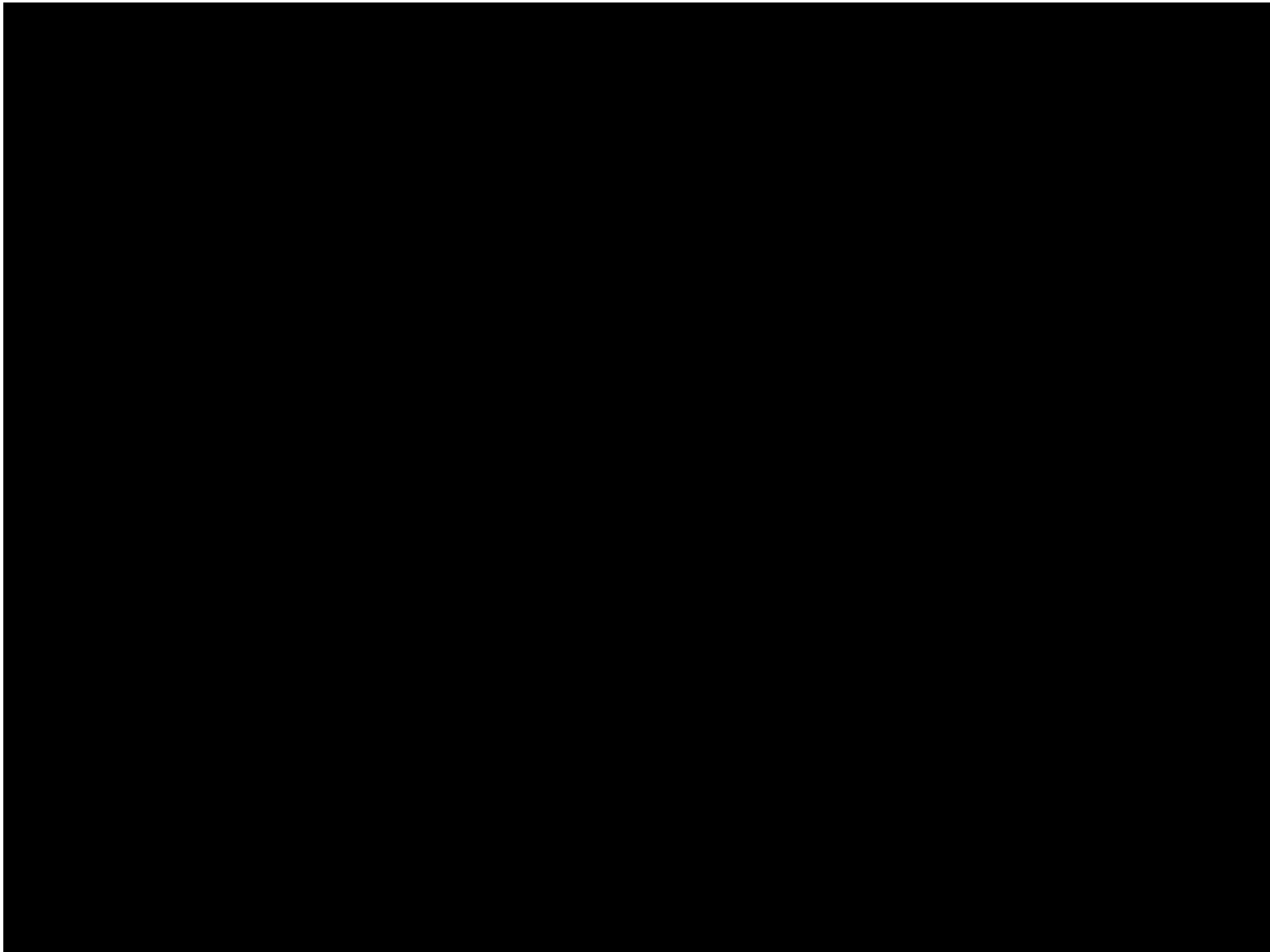
# *Jason Upgrades* AHC Performance







# *Jason Upgrades* AHC Performance





## *Alvin Upgrades*



- The implementation of the framegrabber with tools post-dive
- The modified scrubber design is complete and approval package submission is imminent
- The SubC camera (science still/video) was rebuilt by the manufacturer and is operating well with a much more user-friendly software package
- We have added a Nikon SLR to our in-hull camera complement and will offer this as a regular option for in-hull cameras



# Alvin Upgrades



- The major overhaul and update of the Schilling manipulator arm
- Battery monitoring circuit that will help better understand battery voltages (at the cell level), leading to better dive performance
- Installation of the Reson multibeam sonar, including integration of the NDSF processing pipeline
- Updating the weight and balance which should reduce the amount of extra ballast steel per dive





# *Alvin Upgrades*



- New weight dropper design
- Improvements to the video system: annotation and post-dive tools
- Interior ergonomics to improve condensation control and seating
- Navigation post processing tools and cross-training