

Unmanned Maritime Vehicle Test and Evaluation Conference

**AUV Fest 2005
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Testing and Evaluation of REMUS Vehicle Systems

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Hydroid Inc. holds the exclusive license from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution for the manufacture and further development of REMUS Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) technology.



REMUS

Concept, Development, Transition, Commercialization, War



FY 93 / 94 FY 95 FY 96 FY 97 FY 98 FY 99 FY 00 FY 01 FY 02 FY 03 FY 04 FY 05

Development

▲
Prototype Tested

Environmental Sensors

▲ 1.2 MHz ADCP Operational

Predictive Coastal Modeling

▲ 20 NM Surveyed in 3.5 Hours

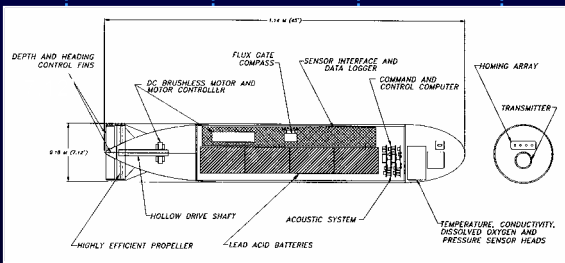
Autonomous Docking Node

▲ Docking Node ▲ Operation LEO 15 ▲ Vehicle Docked Autonomously

REMUS Development for NSW

▲ 600 KHZ SSS Integrated ▲ UUV Fest 1 ▲ FE I ▲ FE II ▲ FE III ▲ ADM ▲ SDV Demo

REMUS Original Concept



Hydro Model

▲ 6DOF Model



LCS Mission Module

HYDROID, INC
WHOI Spin-off



▲ EDM ▲ DT OPEVAL ▲ IOC 8 Units ▲ FOC 18 Units Product Improvement Plan (ACOMMS, CAD/CAC, OAS, PNAV)

REMUS Development for MCM

▲ FBE-H (SCM) ▲ KB-01 (R-I) ▲ UUV Fest (ACOMMS) ▲ FBE-J (CAD/CAC) ▲ UUV Fest (Multi-UUVs) ▲ CJTFEX (MSN Modules)

PMS EOD SCM / RIN

▲ UOES SCM ▲ ATFP ▲ SCULPIN ▲ UOES R-I ▲ IOC SCM SYS



Call to Duty

• Umm Qasr – FEB 03 (IRAQI FREEDOM)



REMUS Production Version





Transitions



ACAT IV-T MK 14 Mod 0 SAHRV



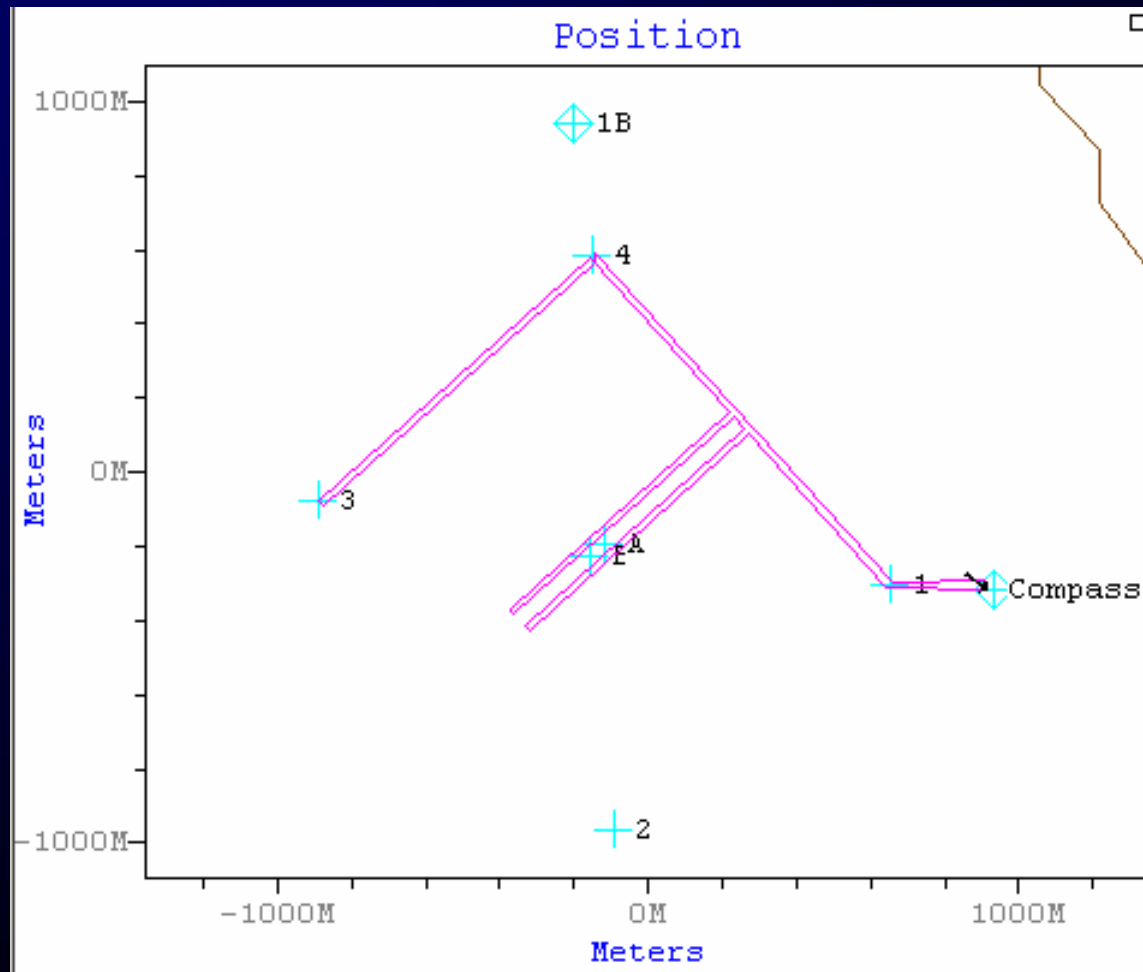
SAHRV Factory Acceptance Test (FAT)



- Reviewed and approved by U.S. Navy to test SAHRV systems
- Verifies system's capabilities to meet specification for:
 - Compass Calibration
 - LBL Navigation Range
 - Navigation Accuracy
 - Sonar Resolution
 - Battery Capacity
 - Vehicle Speed
 - Altitude Accuracy
 - Depth Accuracy
 - HTML Report Generation

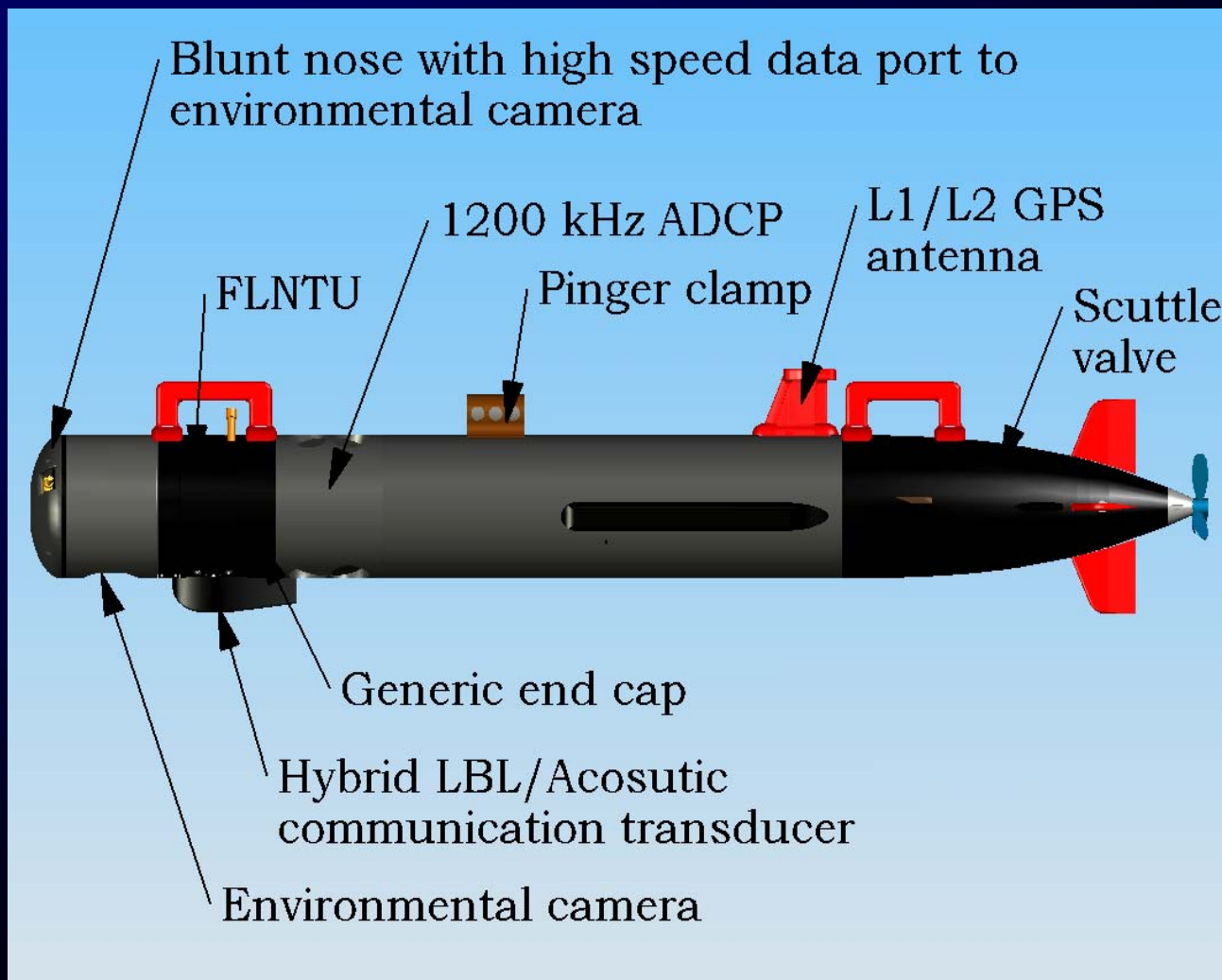


All Requirements are evaluated during two hour mission





EOD UUV SCM Prototype





UK MOD System



Hydroid received major contract from the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense to supply (10) REMUS Autonomous Underwater Vehicle systems to the Royal Navy

“REMUS will enable the Royal Navy to undertake rapid mine reconnaissance in the Very Shallow Water (VSW) zone an area which, currently, is accessible to divers only. Employing REMUS will reduce the risk to clearance divers during operations in the detection and clearance of maritime mines.”



RECENT REMUS DEMONSTRATIONS/TRAINING



REMUS Trials in Germany
Trials in Rotterdam Harbor
Trials Finland



German Navy training

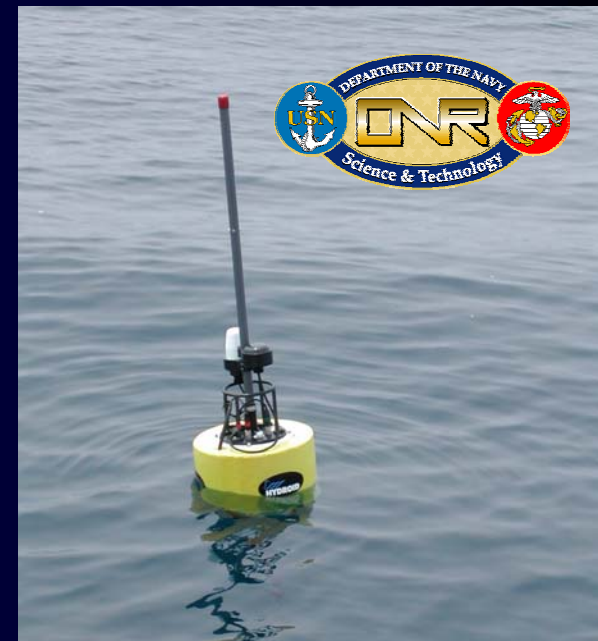
NATO Undersea Research Centre (NURC)

Scandinavian demonstrations





Shallow Water Reacquisition Technology



3 REMUS 100 vehicles

86 lbs, 7.5 hours @ 4.5 knots modular end cap

SENSORS

900/1800 kHz sonar
1200 kHz ADCP
Optical backscatter
Conductivity Temp
CAD/CAC

NAVIGATION

LBL acoustic
P-code GPS
Kearfott T-16 IMU
(ADCP, GPS, LBL
aided)

COMMUNICATION

Acoustic Modem
Iridium Modem

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Acoustic Modem
Iridium Modem
FreeWave Modem
GPS

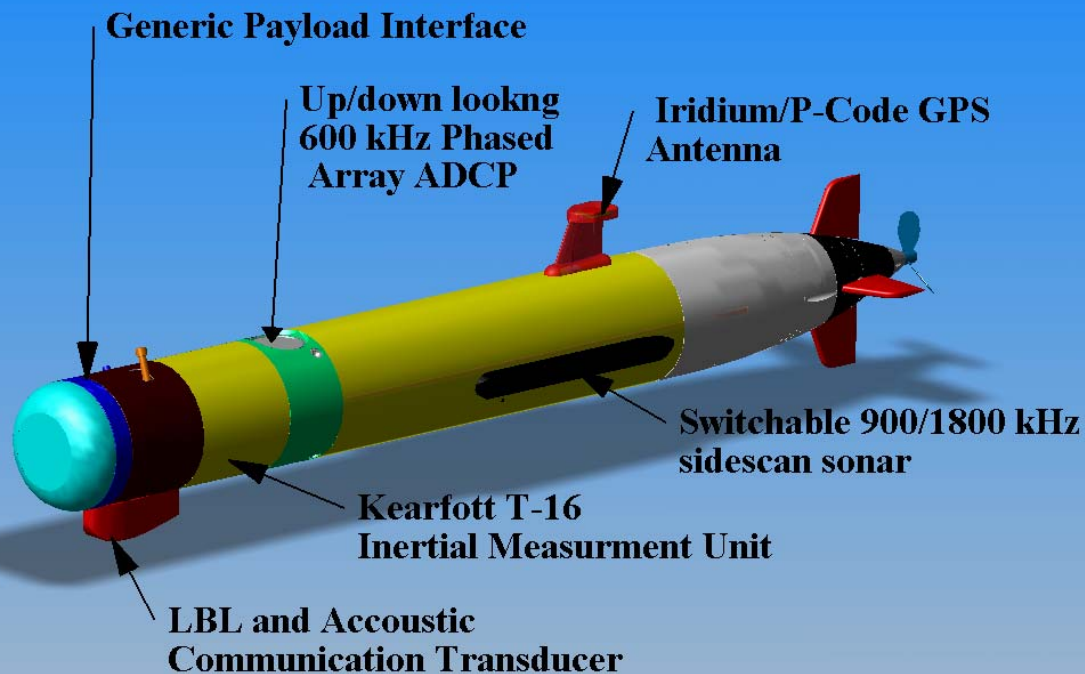


REMUS 100 –MCM Vehicle

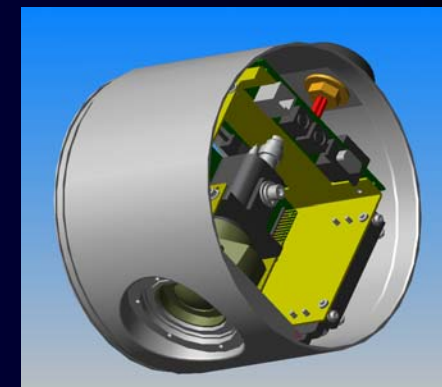
Mission Flexibility



Supports Search & Classify & Map and
Reacquire & Identify Missions



Forward-looking Sonar
DIDSON



Low-light video camera

- 1.6 m long vehicle
- 39 kg – 14 hour mission duration at 1.5 m/s
- Ship by commercial overnight carrier
- Submarine compatible





REMUS Customers



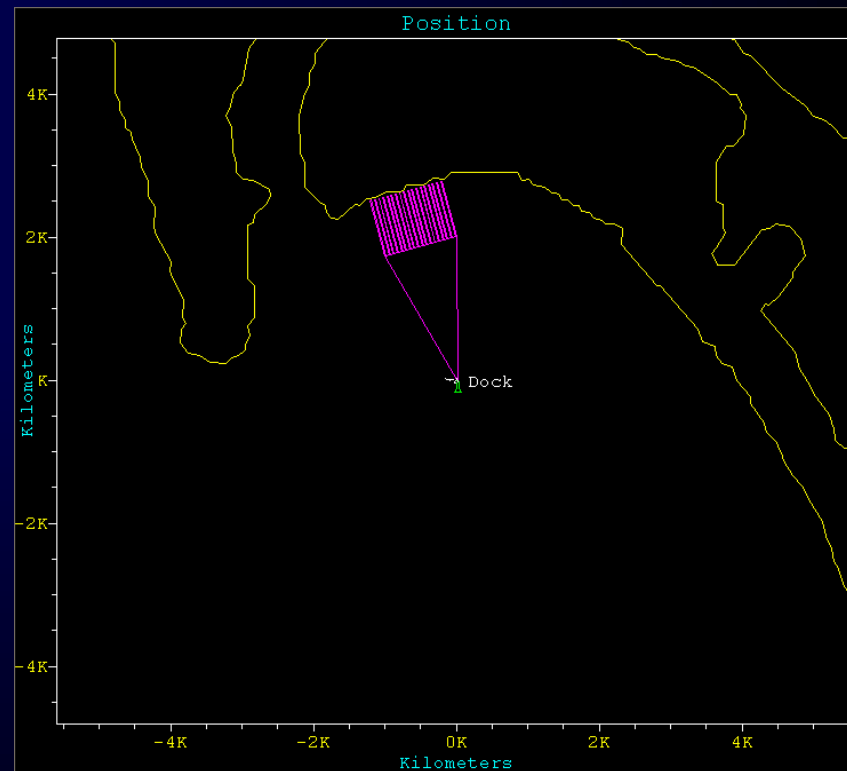
- WHOI has delivered 17 REMUS systems
 - 4 Academic institutions
 - 13 U.S. Navy
- Hydroid has delivered 60 REMUS systems
 - 36 U.S. Navy
 - 6 U.S. Government
 - 8 Academic institutions
 - 1 German Navy
 - 2 Royal Dutch Navy
 - 2 NATO Undersea Research Centre
 - 2 Singapore Navy
 - 3 Commercial



Autonomous Docking Problem



- Provide sustainable and affordable access to littorals using robotic technologies that are compatible with fleet technology
- Provide technology that facilitates its creative use by war fighters



Sustained autonomous operations in the littoral environment



REMUS Docking system



Buoyancy tanks

Actuators

9.6 kWh battery pack
and dock electronics



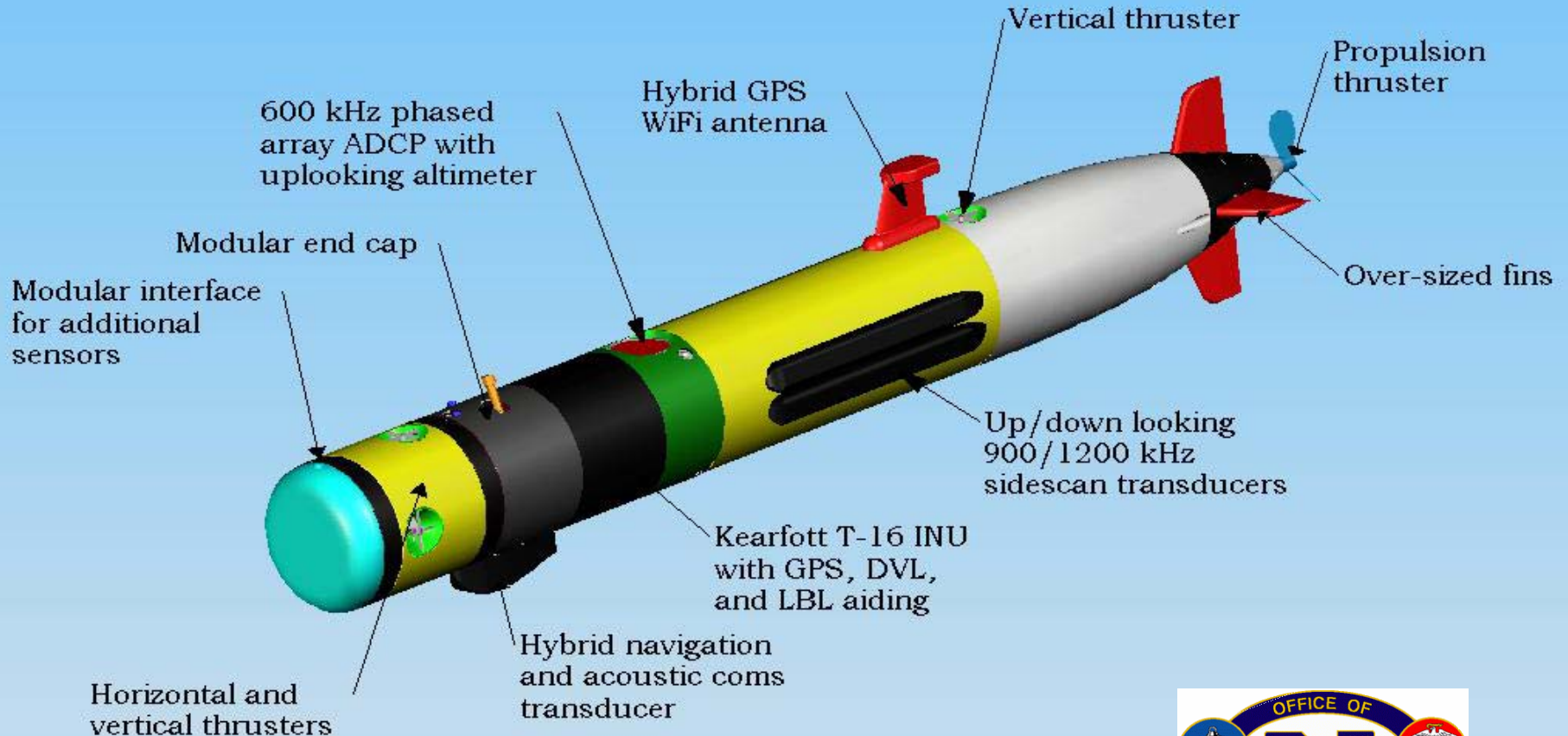
Docking Test Results





REMUS 100

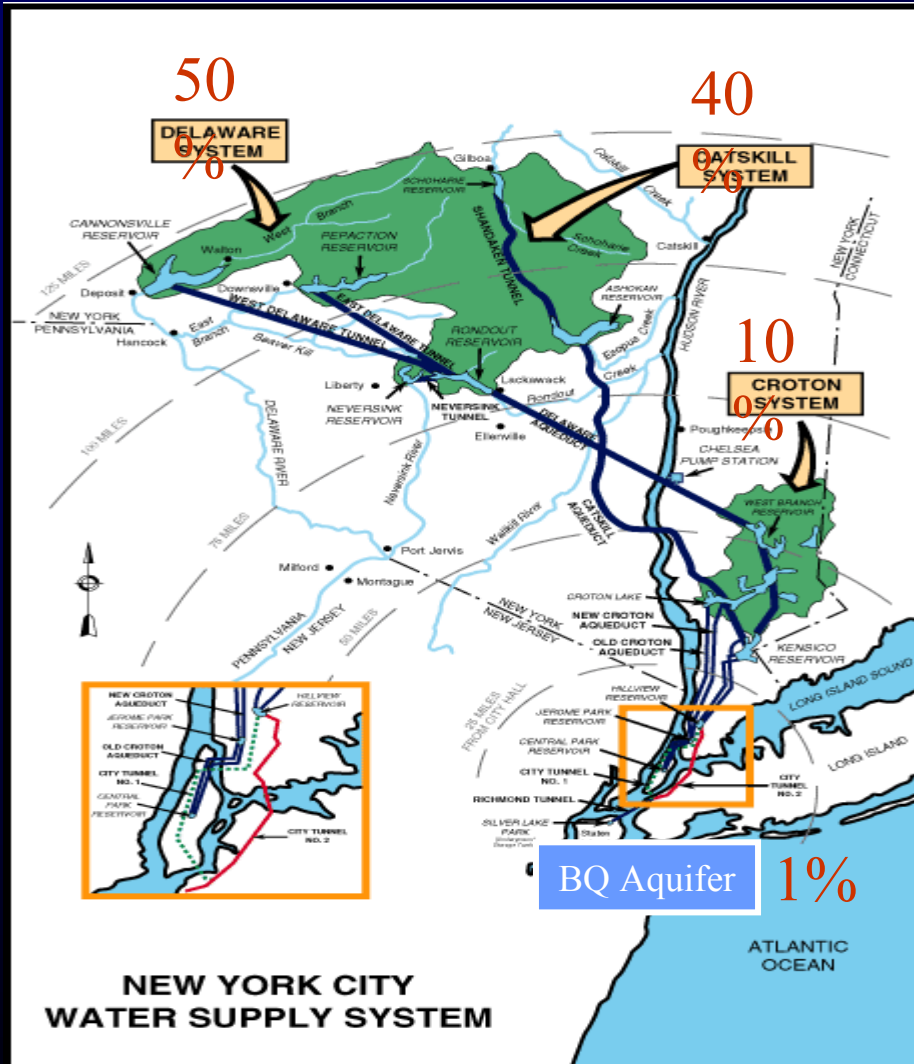
Harbor security and under hull surveys



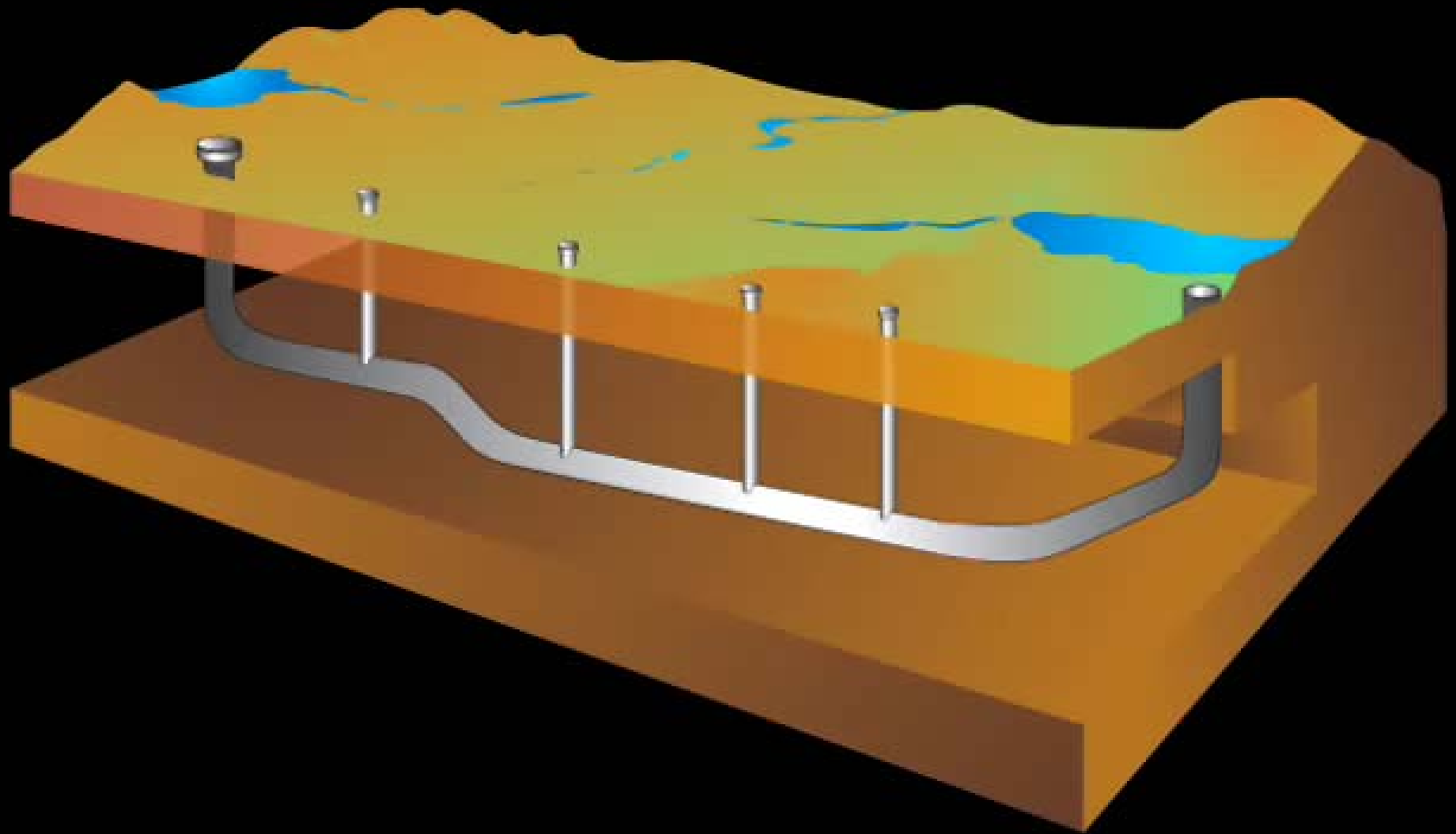




Map of New York City Watershed



Delaware Aqueduct Under Construction







REMUS 6000

Base line Configuration



- Survey
 - Switchable 300/900 kHz sidescan
 - 12 hour duration at 4 knots
 - Field exchangeable battery packs
 - Multi-vehicle operations
 - Mission redirection over acoustic or Iridium links
- Navigation
 - Acoustic long base line
 - INU aided with GPS and ADCP
- Communication
 - Iridium modem
 - Acoustic communications –WiFi
- Payload exchange
 - Electronic still camera & strobe
 - Sub-bottom profiler



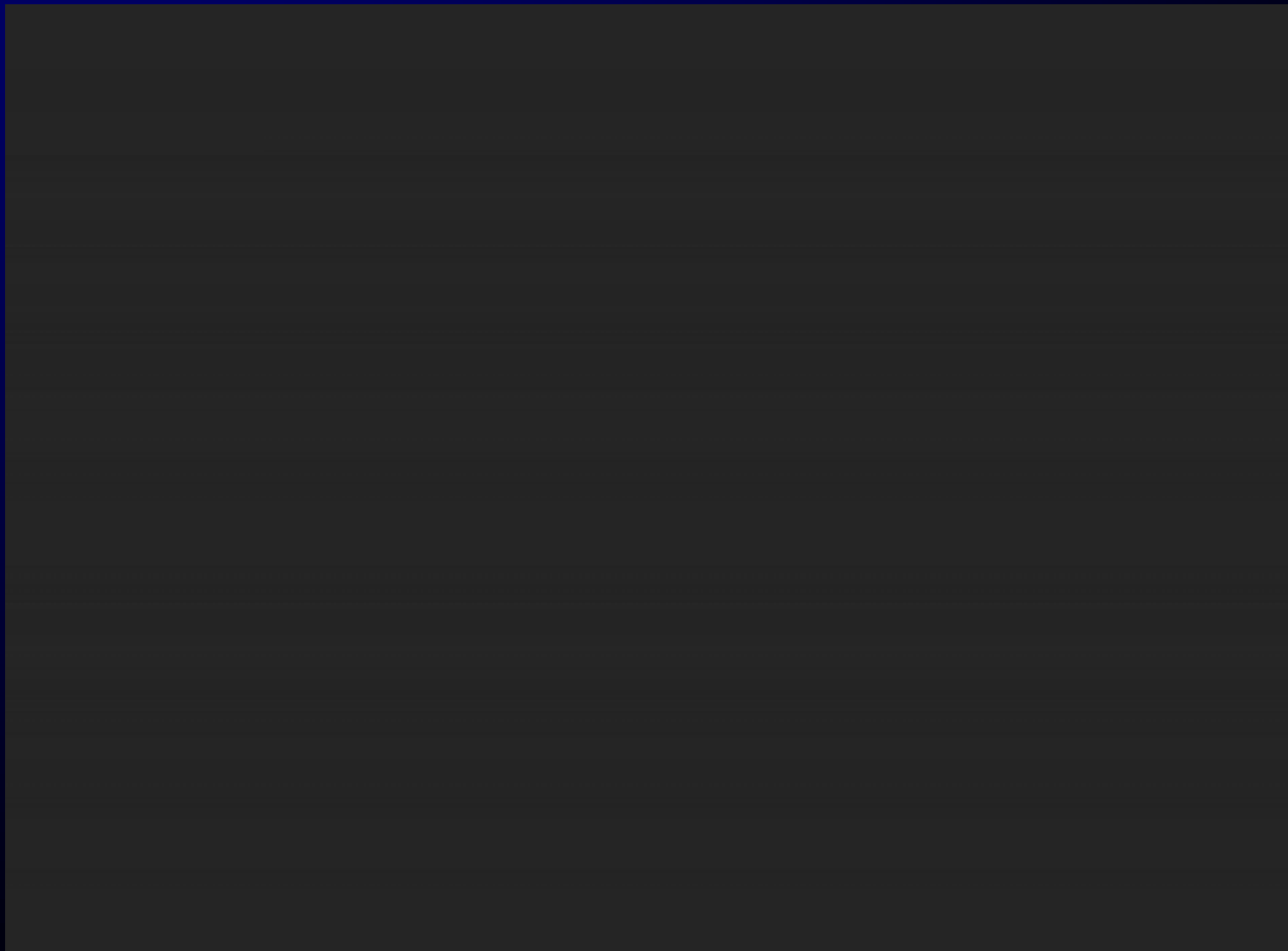


REMUS 6000 Launch and Recovery



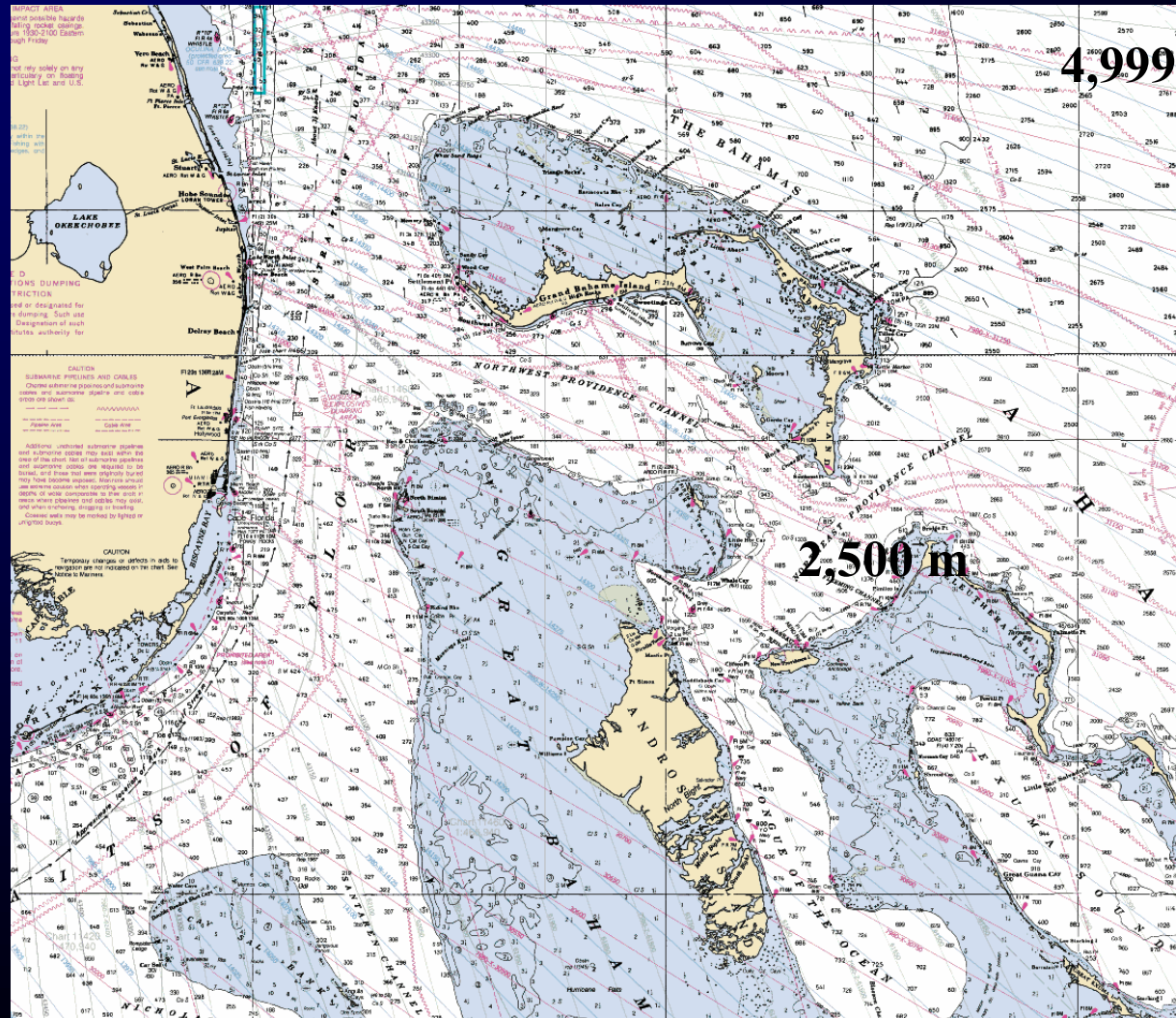


**Successful Operations have been
conducted in 15 foot Seas**



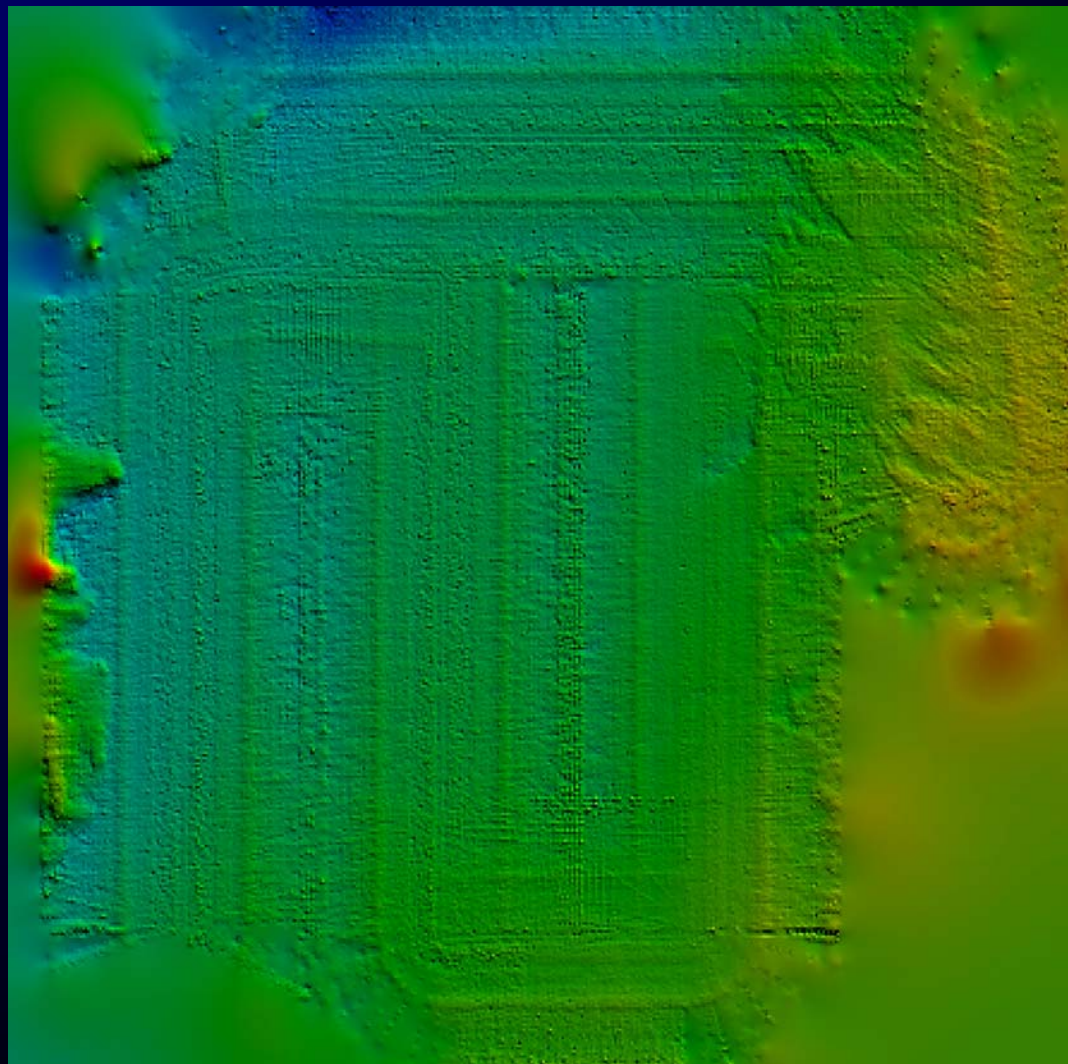


March 03 Test Areas



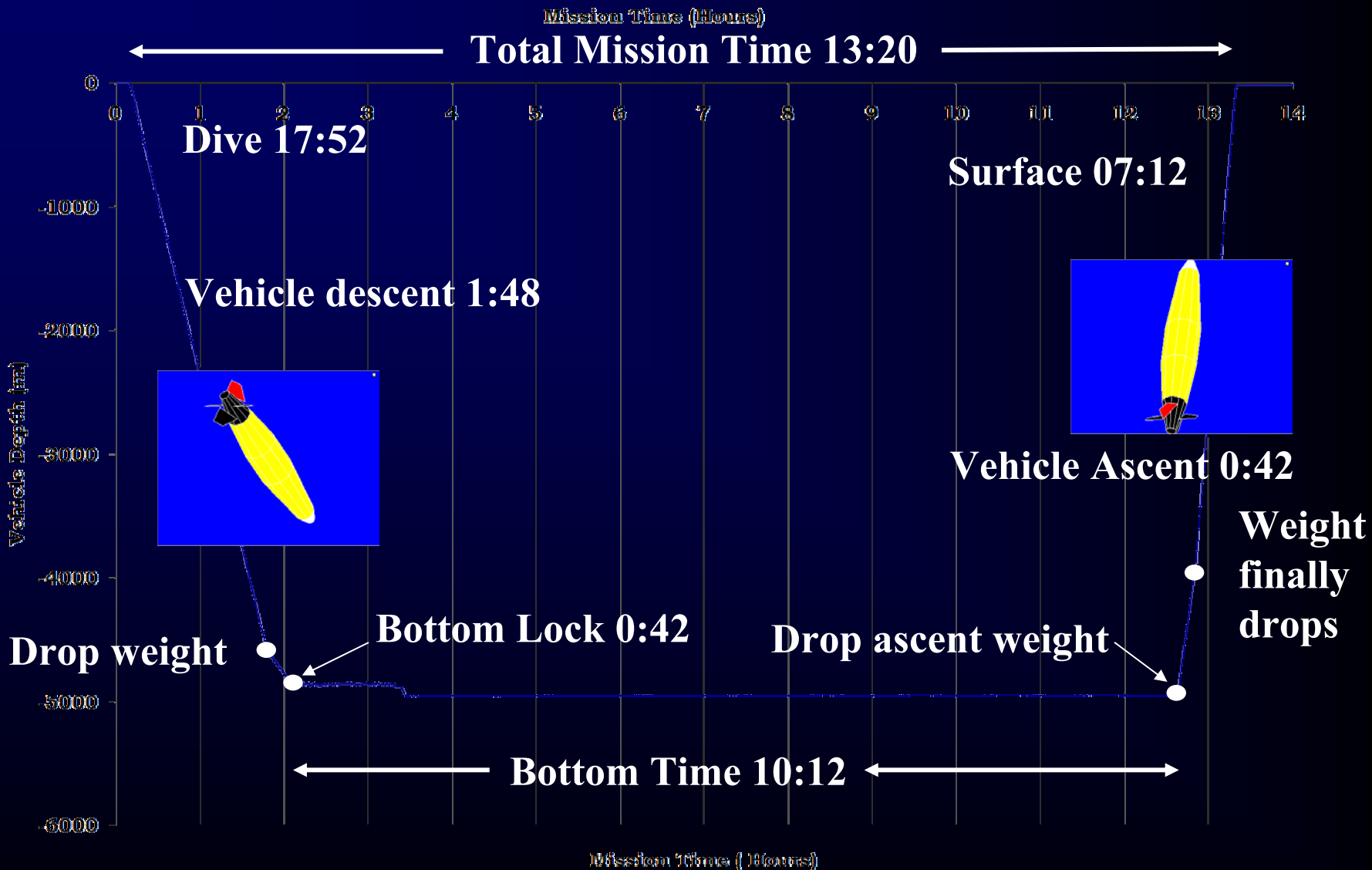


4,999 M Test Area



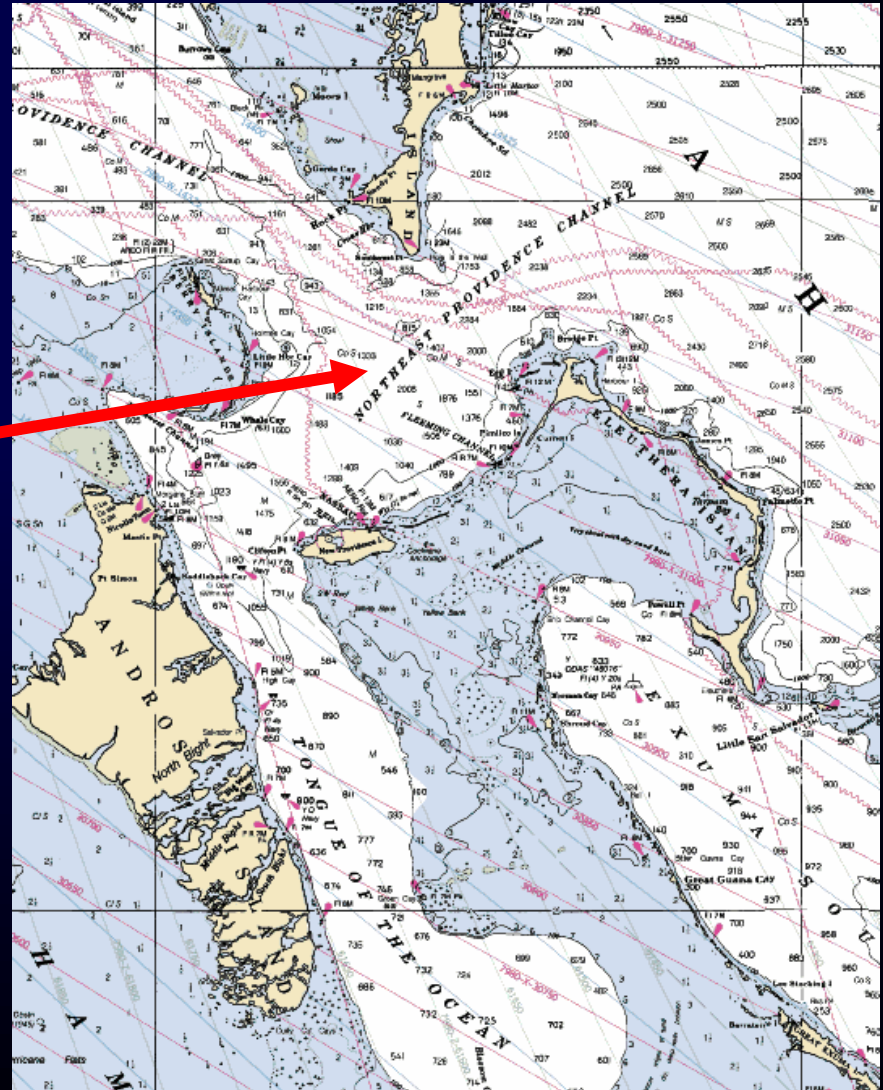
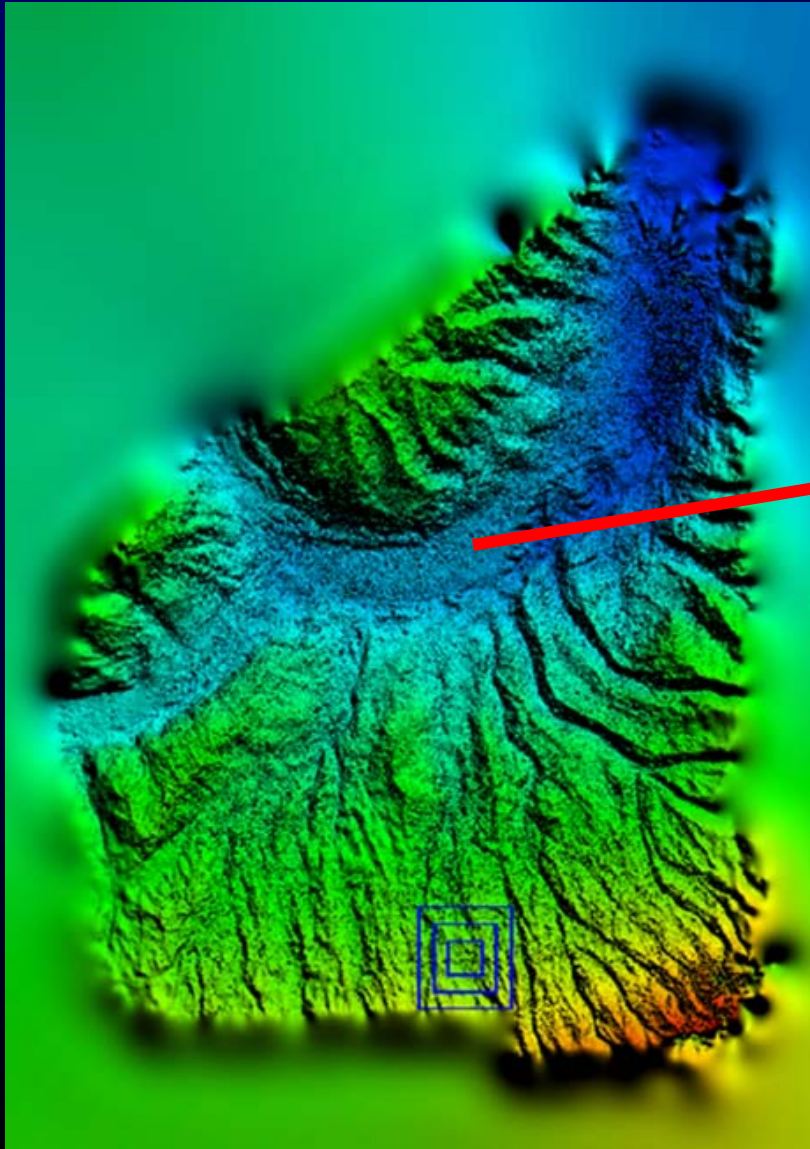


SAMS Mission 9 Profile



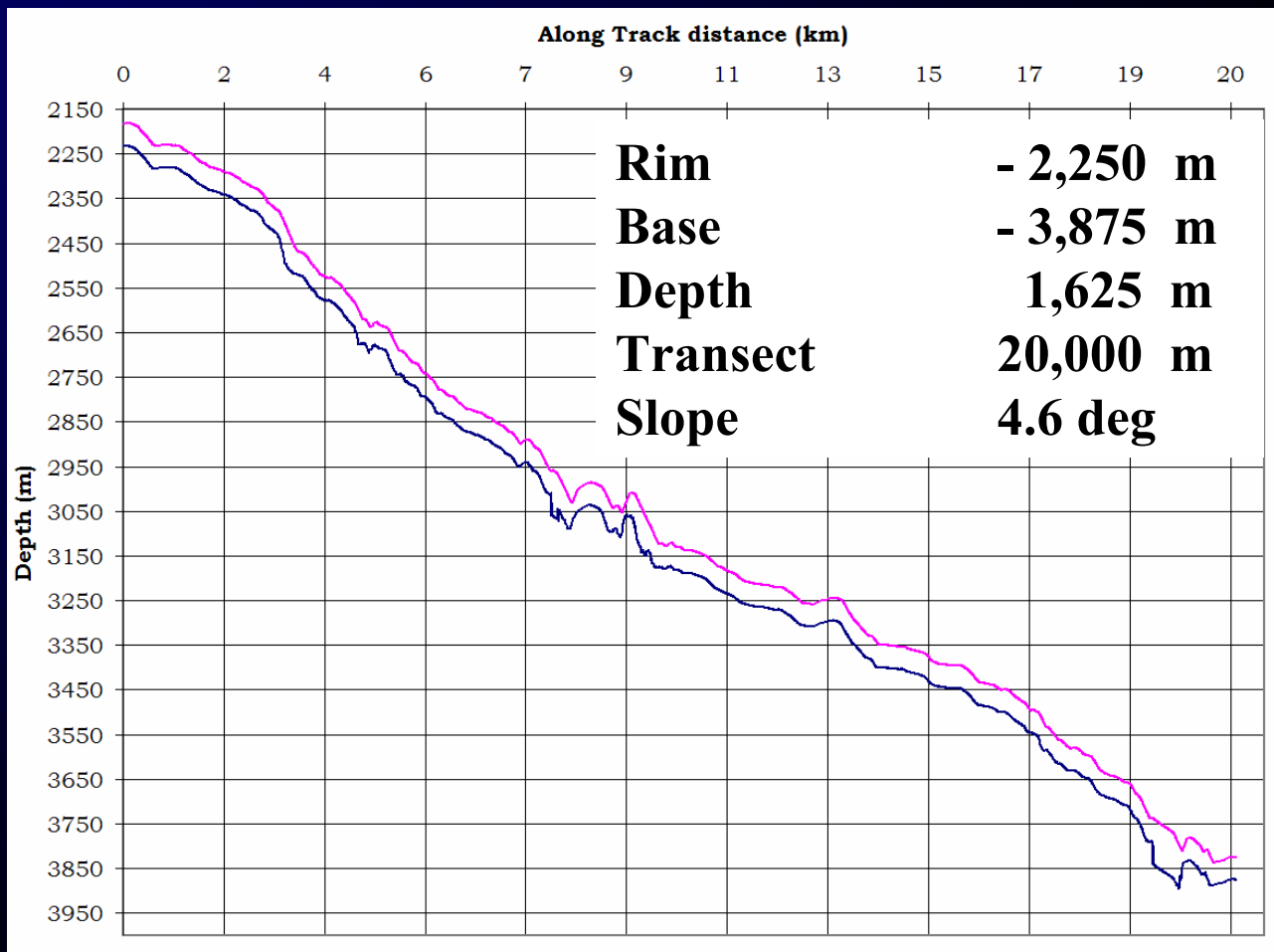


2,500 m Test Area



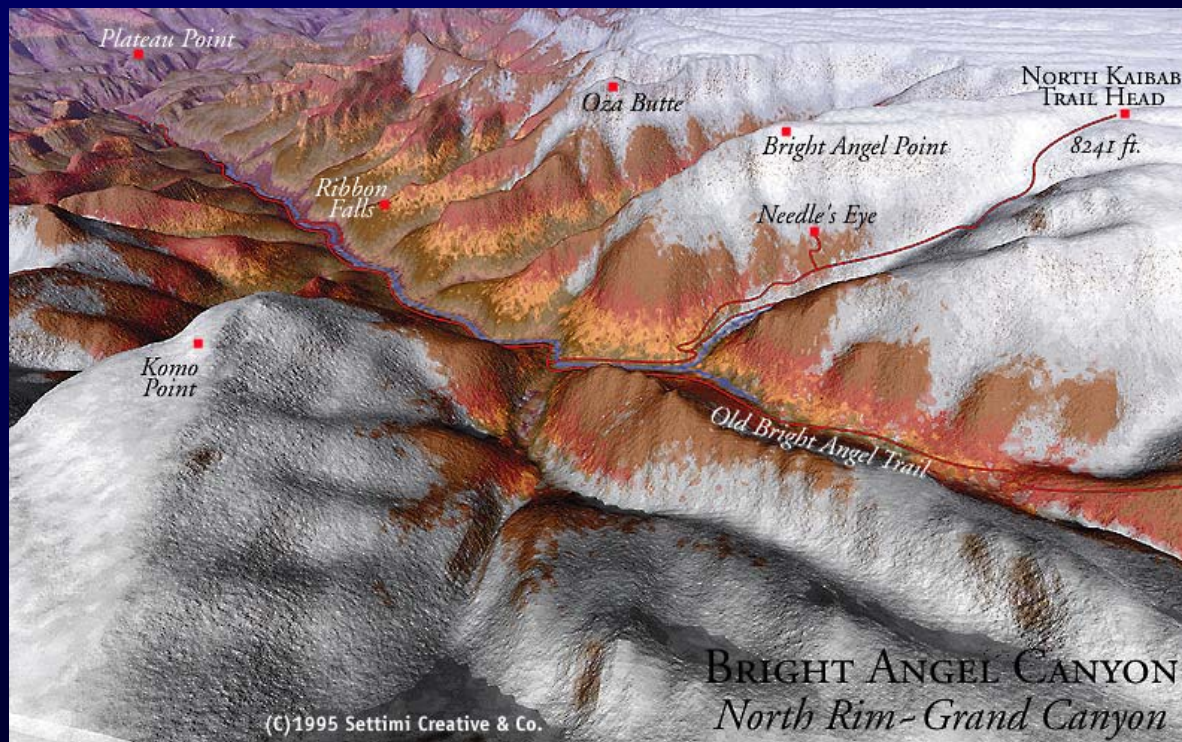


Mission 13 12nm Redirect



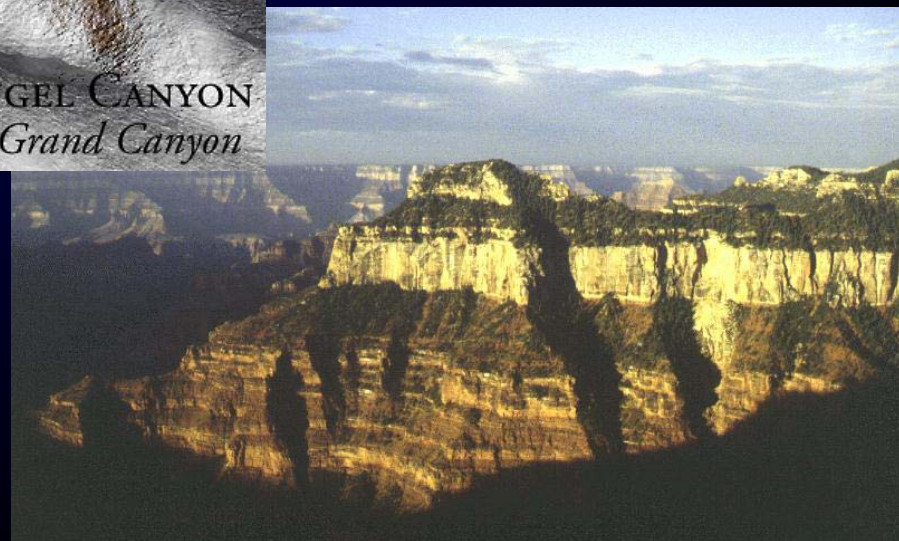


Descent Down the North Kaibab Trail



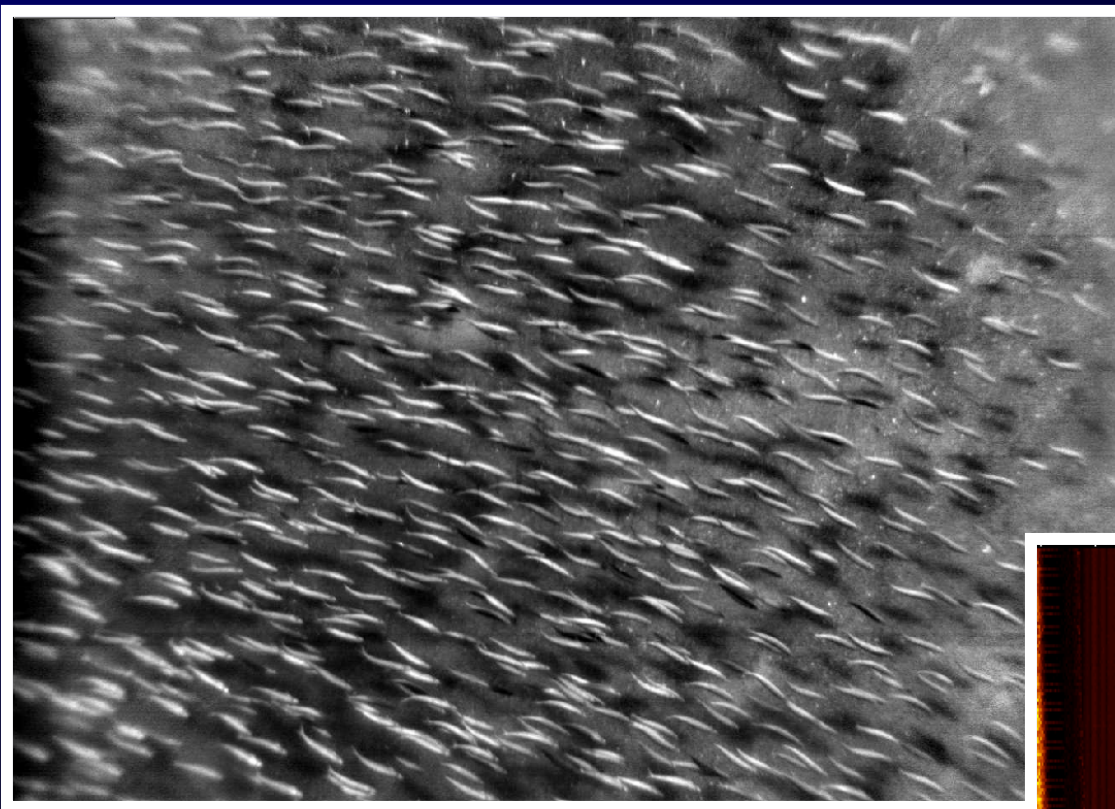
Rim	2,512 m
Colorado River	739 m
Depth	1,773 m
Trail Length	22,000 m
Slope	4.6 deg.

Bright angel point



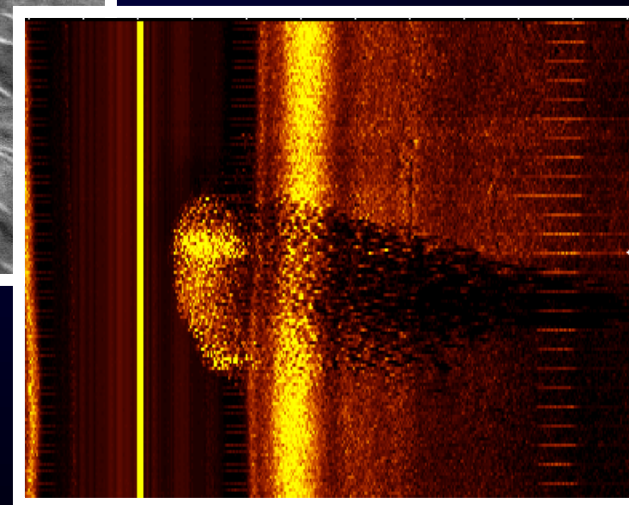


Shallow Low Altitude Imaging (4 meters)



Electronic Still
Image, with 200 W-S
strobe illumination

900 kHz Side Scan

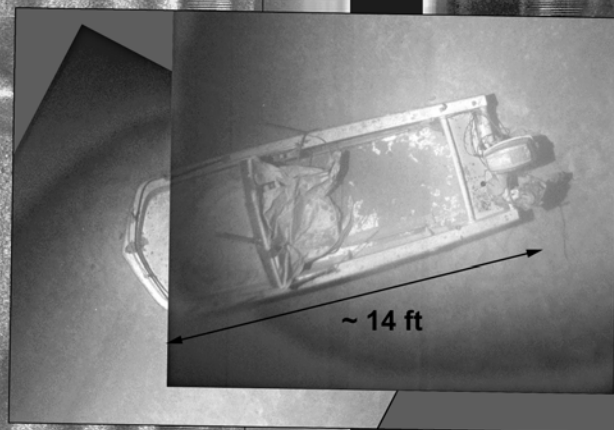


Fish School off Charleston
in 30 meters.

Post Target Analysis



- Repeatedly returned to boat for imaging
- Redirected vehicle via modem to over fly target in follow missions

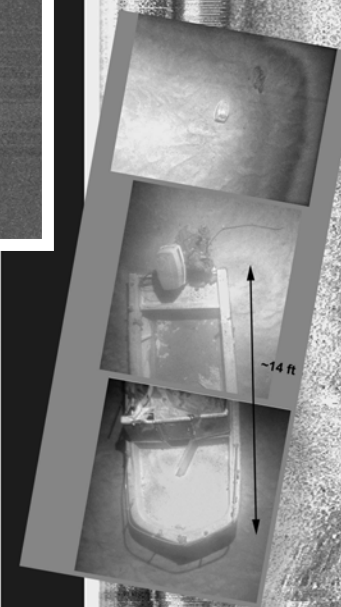


~ 14 ft

2004/208/205328
Spd 3.8 Kts
Alt 6.9 m
Range 32 m

Speed 3.3 Kts
Alt 5.0 m
Heading 122
Range 30 m
2004/207/202741

60 Meters



~14 ft



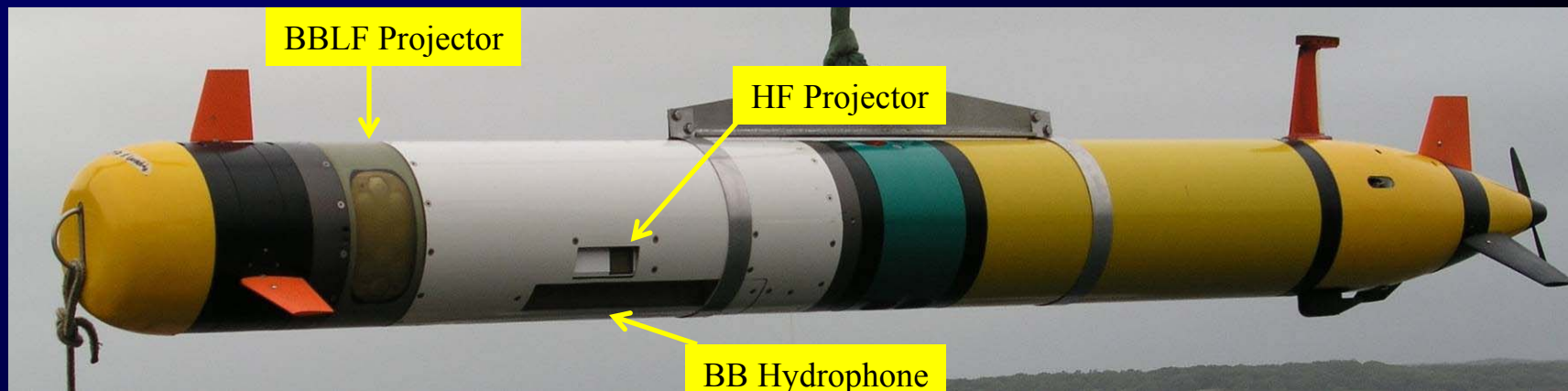


Light Weight Torpedo Class AUV





SSAM/Remus600 System (12.75" shell diameter class)



SAS Payload

SSAM

- Simultaneous dual frequency band operation:
 HF band = 105 - 135 kHz, 1" x 1" res.
 LF Band = 8 - 52 kHz, 3" x 3" res.
- DC Capabilities against proud & slightly buried targets.
- Array elements used for MoComp = 2.
- Range = $90/\sqrt{V}$ (45 meters @ 2 m/sec).
 L_{SA} HF band = 11 meters
 L_{SA} LF band = 22 meters

UUV

WHOI
Remus600

Status

- Scheduled to participate in AUV FEST 05 (6-17 June).

Team

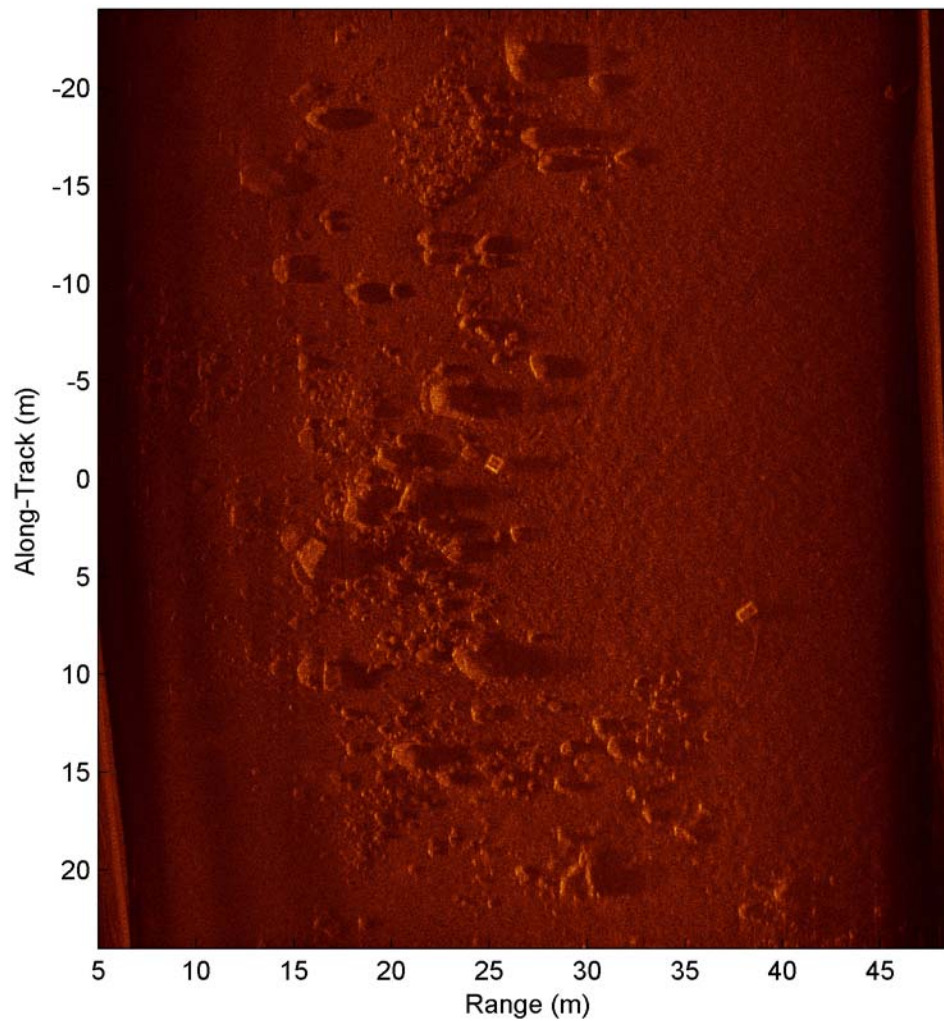
Sponsor: ONR
 Tom Swean
 WHOI, ARL/PSU,
 VCT & NSWC-PC



SASS Images

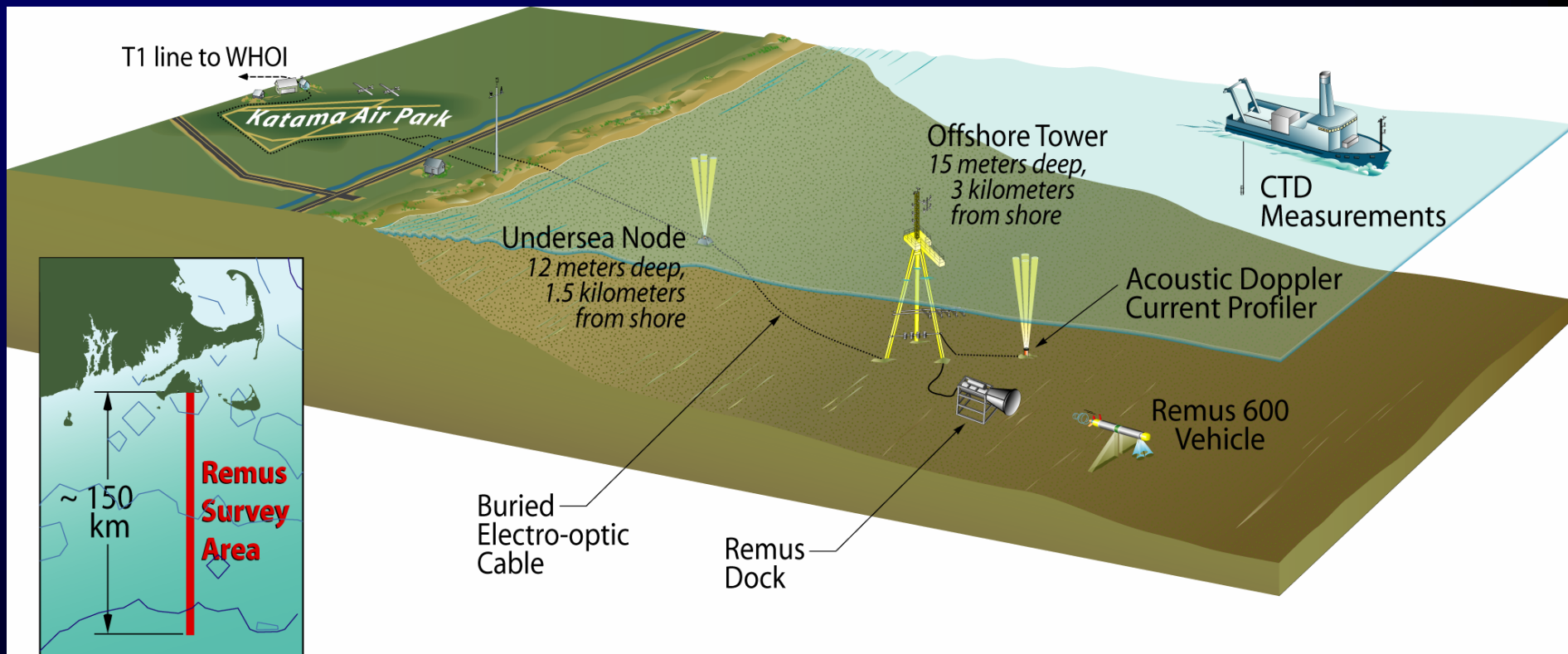


05May23_2138; Pings 600-999; STBD; HF





Repeated Autonomous Surveys of the Open Ocean thru shipping lanes



Repeated 300 km cross shelf transect from a seafloor docking station located at the end of cabled seafloor observatory

Subsurface observations are essential for properly constraining data assimilative models



REMUS Technology Demonstrated at AUV Fest 2005



- Multiple vehicle operations
- Dual frequency 900/1800 kHz Side Scan
- Dual Frequency SASS
- 600 KHz Phased Array DVL
- Kearfott T-16B INS
- LBL Nav on INS configured REMUS
- ACOMMS – high speed mode, image transfer
- Wet Labs BB2F
- Rockwell-Collins P Code GPS
- Iridium and WiFi Communications
- Simulated AUV Launch from a Dry Deck Shelter
- Autonomous Docking System for REMUS 100

A sunset over the ocean with the word "Questions?" overlaid in a large, bold, black serif font. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, orange and yellow glow in the sky. The ocean is dark blue with small waves. The text is centered horizontally and vertically in the upper half of the image.

Questions?