



Geo-Sense Preliminary Design Review

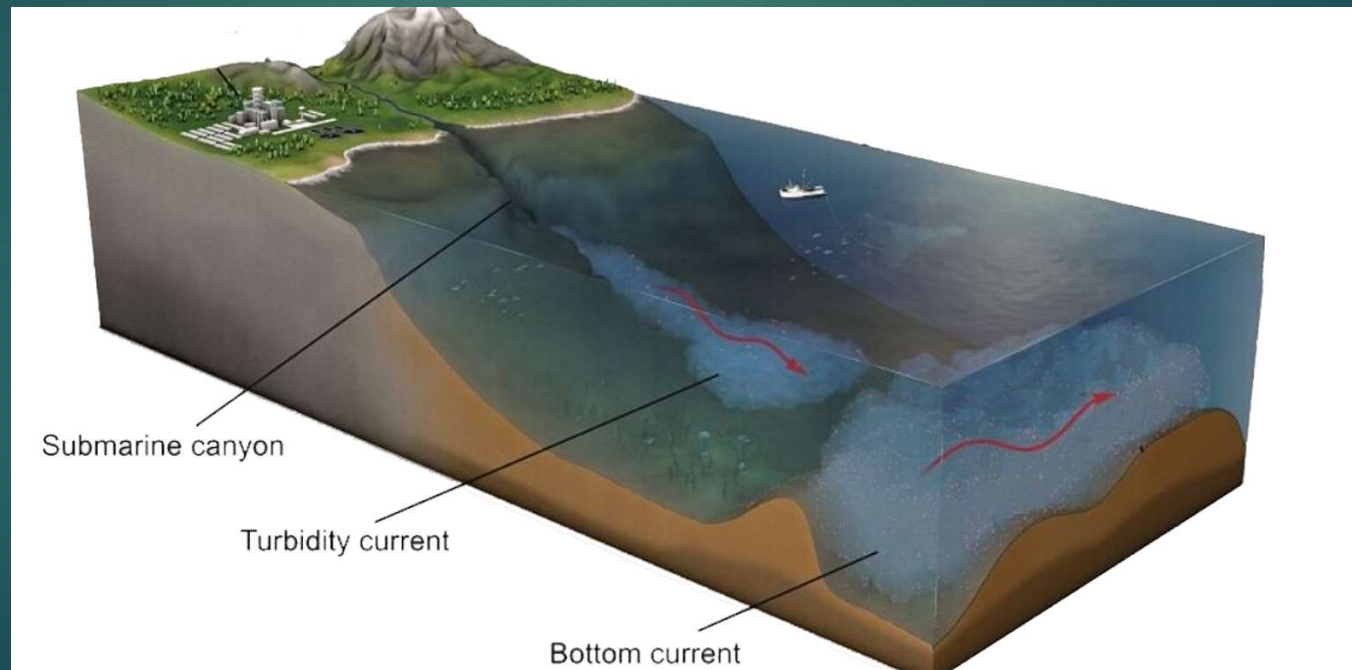
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Review Outline

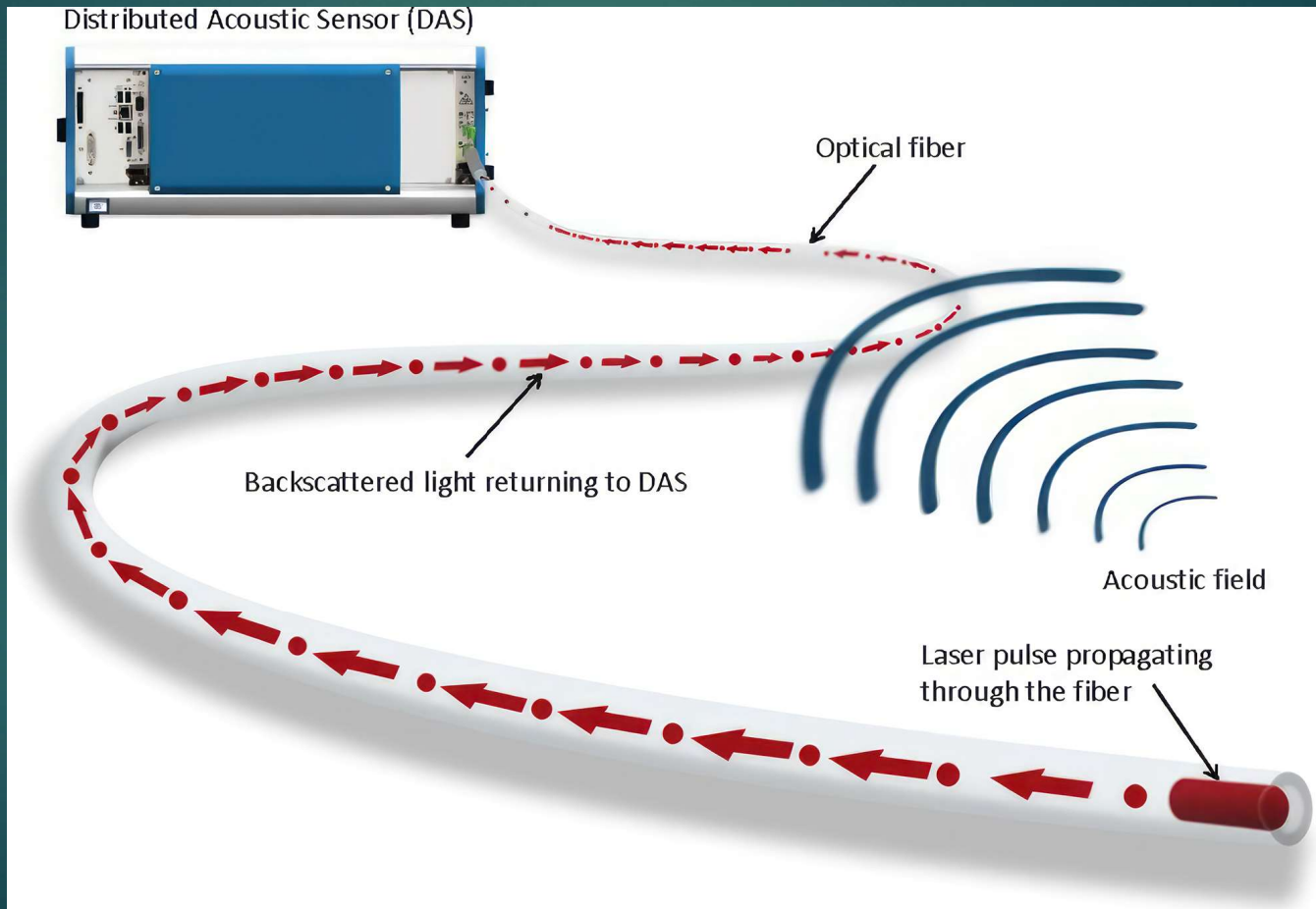
- ▶ Science Motivation
- ▶ Geo-Sense Concept
- ▶ Operational Concept: Deployment and Recovery
- ▶ System Requirements
- ▶ Electrical System
- ▶ Mechanical System
- ▶ Schedule
- ▶ Test and integration plan
- ▶ High-risk elements

Science Motivation

Can we capture high-resolution measurements of seafloor processes in areas with no connection to shore power or communications?



DAS (Distributed Acoustic Sensing): Optical Method of Measuring Acoustic Signals



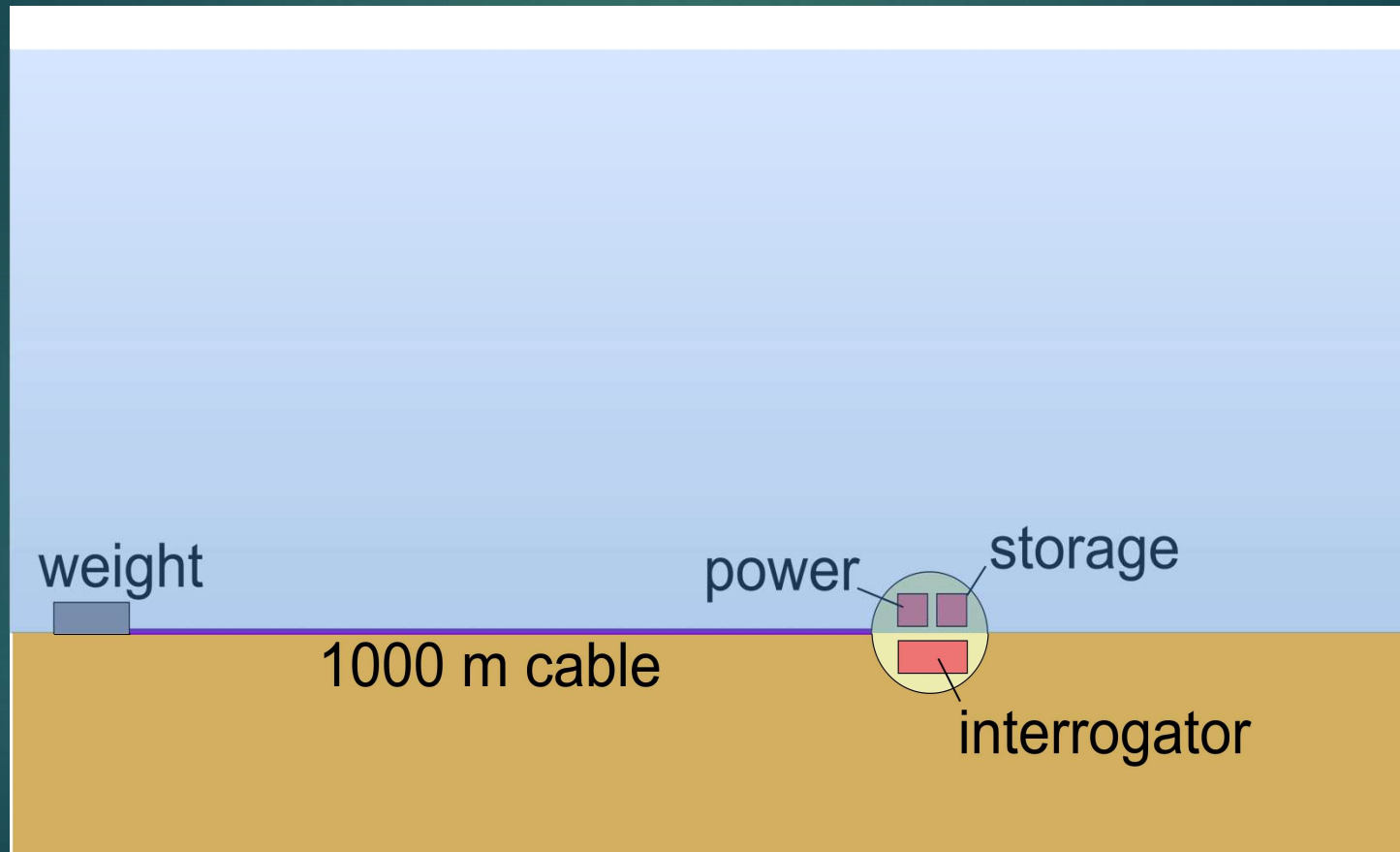
DAS

- ▶ Advantages:
 - ▶ Incredibly sensitive measurements over a large area
 - ▶ Can measure acoustic strain and temperature
- ▶ Challenges
 - ▶ Currently used only on cables running to shore
 - ▶ Large volume and high-power instruments

Enabling Tech: New compact DAS Instrument

- ▶ We are working with Sintela Ltd to develop a custom version of their product in development the Onyx Nano
- ▶ Key features:
 - ▶ Smaller size: 30 cm x 20 cm x 7.5 cm vs. 3U in 19" rack
 - ▶ Lower power <40W vs. 100 W continuous
 - ▶ Can set trigger to record only samples above a certain threshold
 - ▶ Works up to 10 km, which is far more than we need

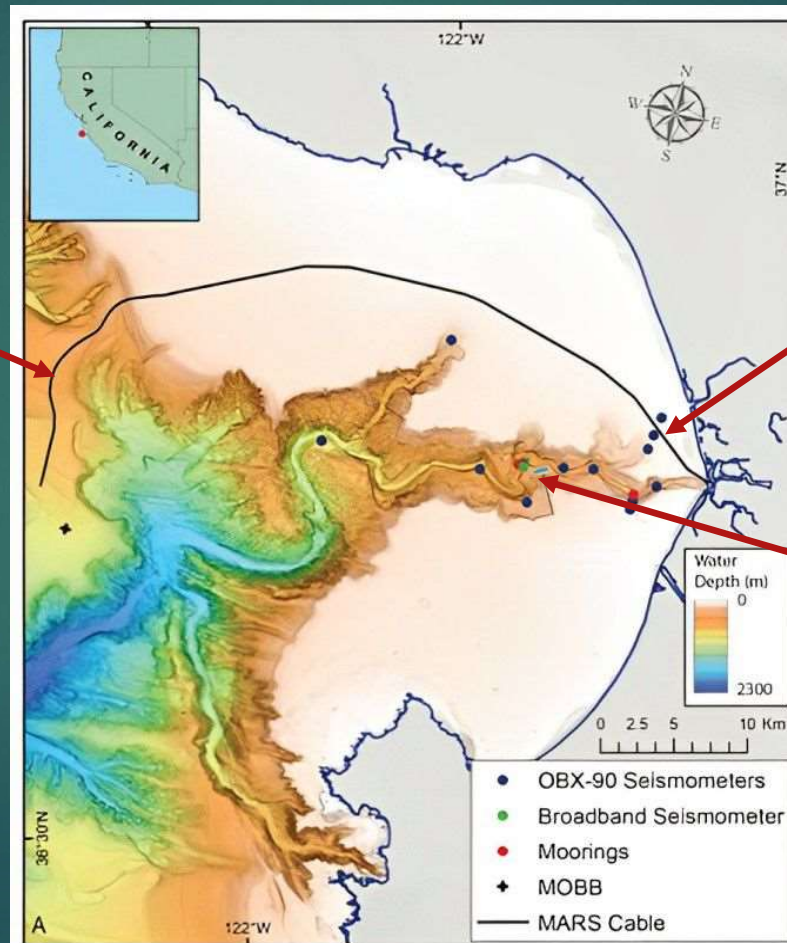
Geo-Sense Concept



Motivation for Development Schedule

MARS cable

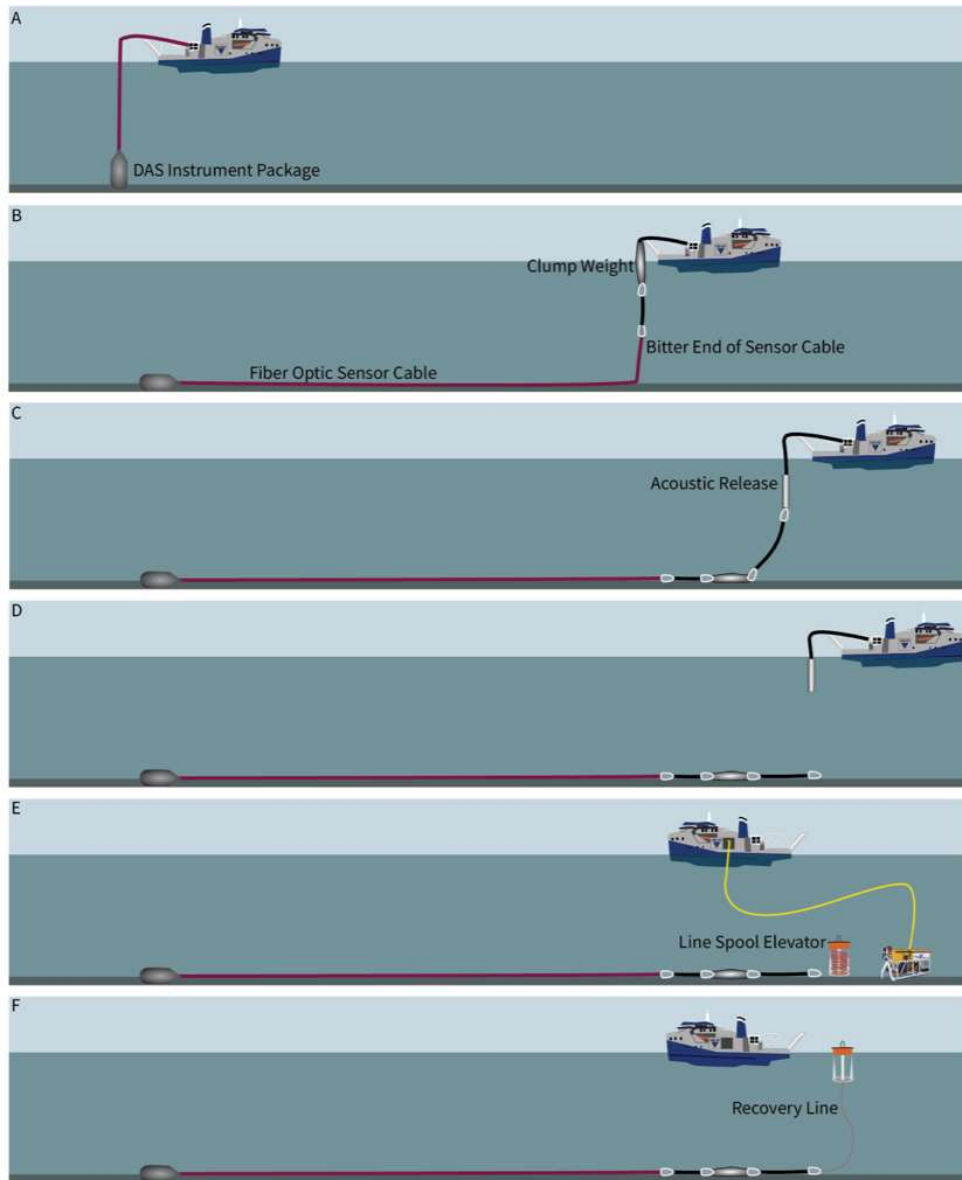
The ongoing seismic experiment (Winter 2024-25) provides a rare opportunity to ground truth DAS results with many instruments making simultaneous measurements.



Seismometers

Geo-Sense

Deployment & Recovery



Select Requirements – System Level

- ▶ The system shall resolve seismic waves with a frequency range of 0 - 20 Hz.
- ▶ The system shall resolve seismic waves with a spatial resolution of 5 meters.
- ▶ The system shall be able to operate autonomously (without operator intervention) for 1 to 2 months. This includes locally recording data.
- ▶ The system shall be deployable from MBARI vessel R/V *David Packard*
 - ▶ Size limit based on A-frame: 18 ft
 - ▶ Desired package weight based on previous experience: 300 lbs (water weight)
 - ▶ Cable bend radius limited by winch and sheave: 12" bend radius
- ▶ The system shall be deployable to depths of 1000 meters (for the initial design)
- ▶ The cable shall be well coupled to the seafloor (lay flat/similar density to sediment/visible for inspection) – these are combined requirements for measurement and permitting.

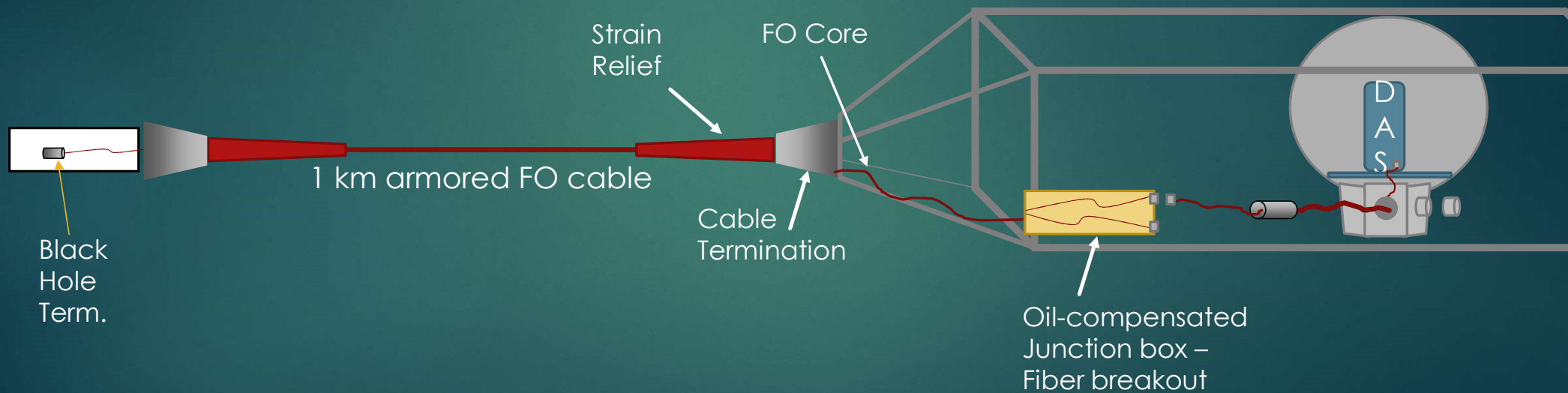
System Requirements – Electrical/Mechanical

- ▶ Batteries and instrument shall fit into the volume of existing spherical housings (17" diameter)
- ▶ The DAS system must be mounted robustly enough to withstand deployment and recovery.
- ▶ The DAS system shall be capable of operating at likely temperatures on the seafloor 4 - 8 deg C (in 5-15% humidity non-condensing environment).
- ▶ The DAS system shall be capable of operating in any orientation to Earth's gravity field.
- ▶ The system shall operate from the existing battery design for 17" pressure housings. Desired voltage range = 24V - 32V.
- ▶ The system shall be capable of shutting down gracefully in case the energy from batteries is depleted before recovery.
- ▶ The system shall include a means to disconnect the fiber optic cable from the electronics pressure housing on deck. (Desired)

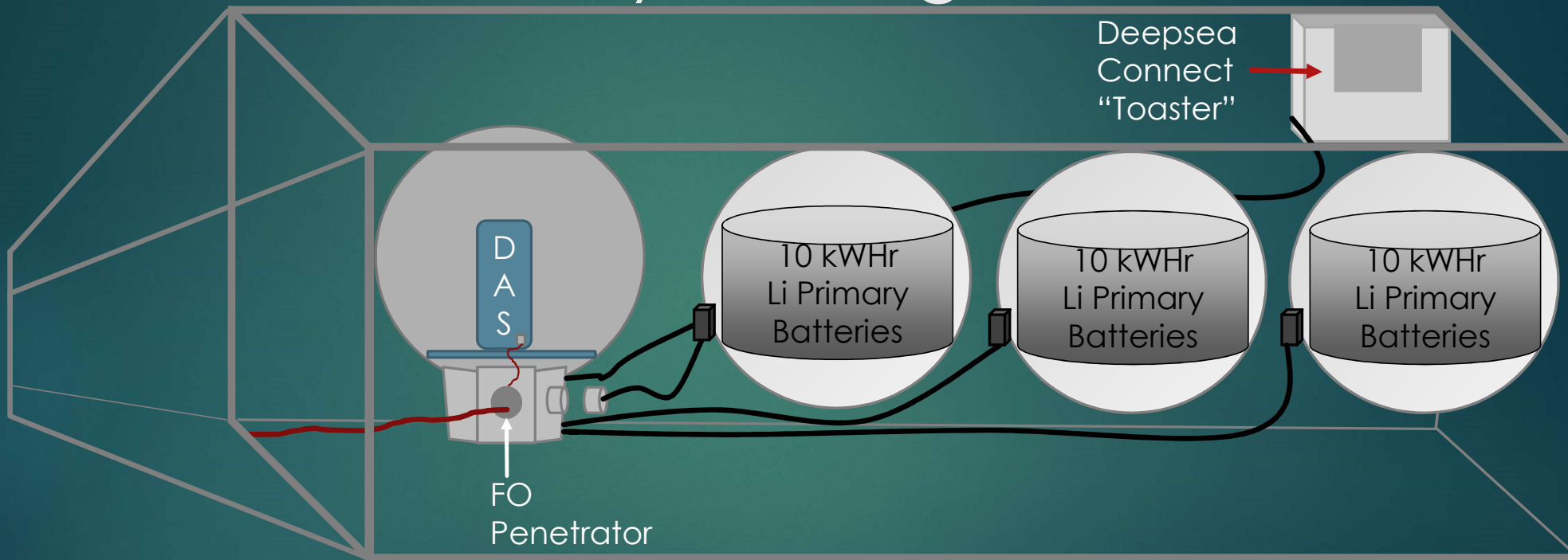
Requirements - Software

- ▶ The user shall be able to communicate with the instrument and set it in “deployment mode” on deck
- ▶ The user shall be able to connect with the system while deployed via Ethernet and retrieve instrument status (Required) and data (Desired).
- ▶ The instrument shall record data to non-volatile memory. (Required).
- ▶ Data shall be stored on redundant drives (Desired) – risk vs. cost tradeoff

System Block Diagram – Cable Termination



System Block Diagram – Instrument/Battery Package



Ti sphere housing, glass spheres, battery pack design, and Deepsea Connect are reused technologies.

Electrical Design

- ▶ DAS Onyx Nano Specification
- ▶ System Power and Communications
- ▶ System Interconnects
- ▶ Fiber Optic Connection

DAS Details – Onyx Nano

- ▶ Modification to commercial product in development
- ▶ Preliminary design specifications:
 - ▶ Fiber Range: 10 km
 - ▶ Spatial Resolution: 2 m (possibly 1 m)
 - ▶ Noise floor: Approx. -63 dB rad.Hz^{-1/2}
 - ▶ Acq. Sample Rates: 10, 20, 50 kHz
 - ▶ Weight: c. 5 kg
 - ▶ Dimensions: c. 300 x 200 x 75 mm
 - ▶ Operating Temp: -10 °C to 50 °C
 - ▶ Power: 20 V – 60 V DC, 40 W
 - ▶ External I/O: 1 x 1 Gb Copper LAN
 - ▶ Software ONYX standard SW

Power Budget

- ▶ DAS should run directly from 28 V main battery, so no DC-DC loss
- ▶ Sintela estimates “less than 40 W” for DAS
- ▶ Using waste heat from FPGA to warm laser, which must be kept at 25 degC
- ▶ We will have 30 kWh of Li primary batteries
- ▶ Batteries would last 31 days at 40 W, 42 days at 30 W
- ▶ DAS will operate down to ~20 V, by which time the batteries are completely depleted

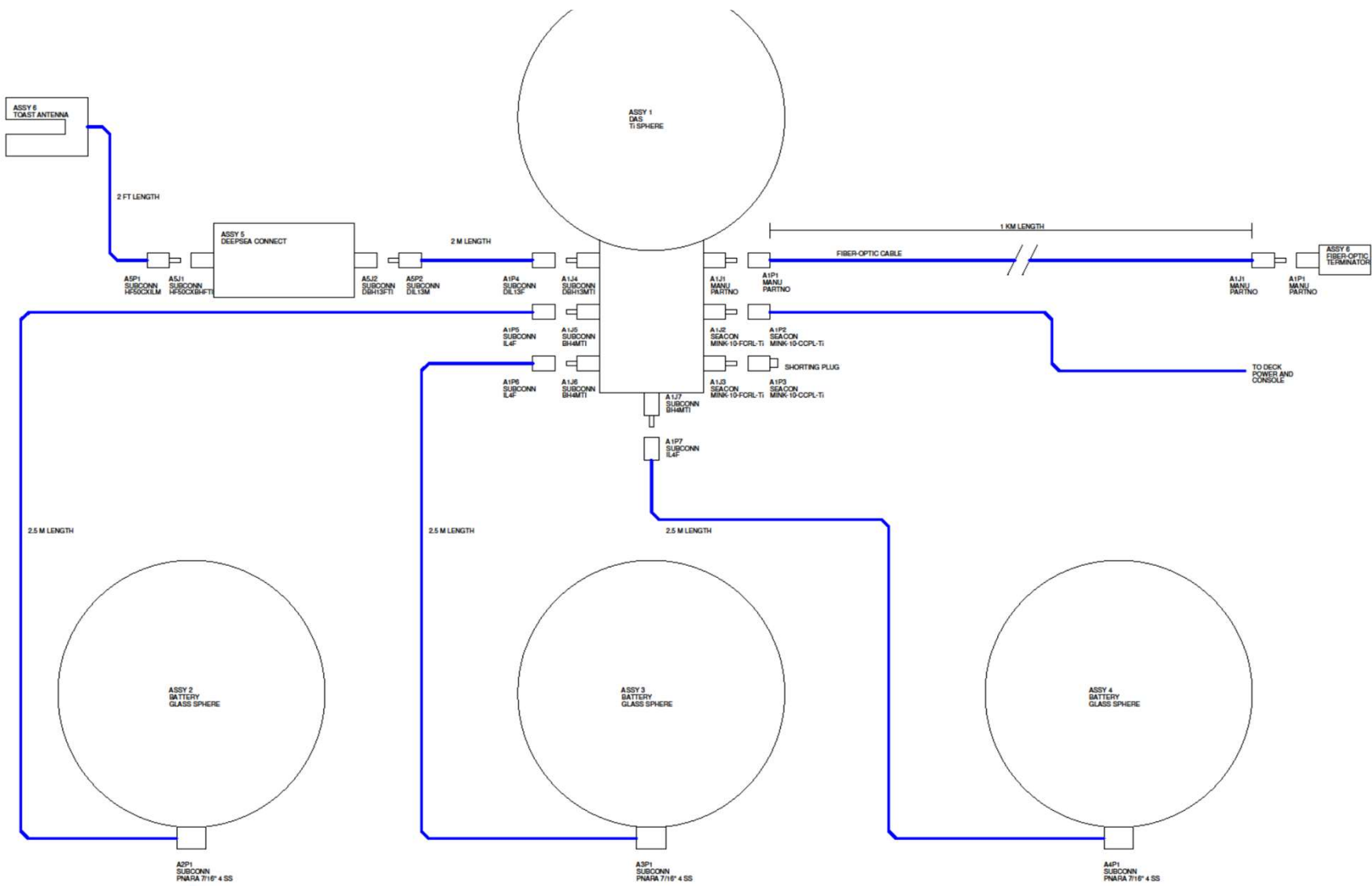
Data Budget

- ▶ At 200 Hz sampling with 2 m channel pitch, system will record 17.3 GB per day
- ▶ In 42 days, this would be 727 GB, easily stored on a 1 TB SSD
- ▶ Sintela is investigating the cost and power of adding a redundant SSD
- ▶ System power only increases by ~ 1.5 W while recording, so not worth it to use triggered sampling to save on storage and possibly miss events

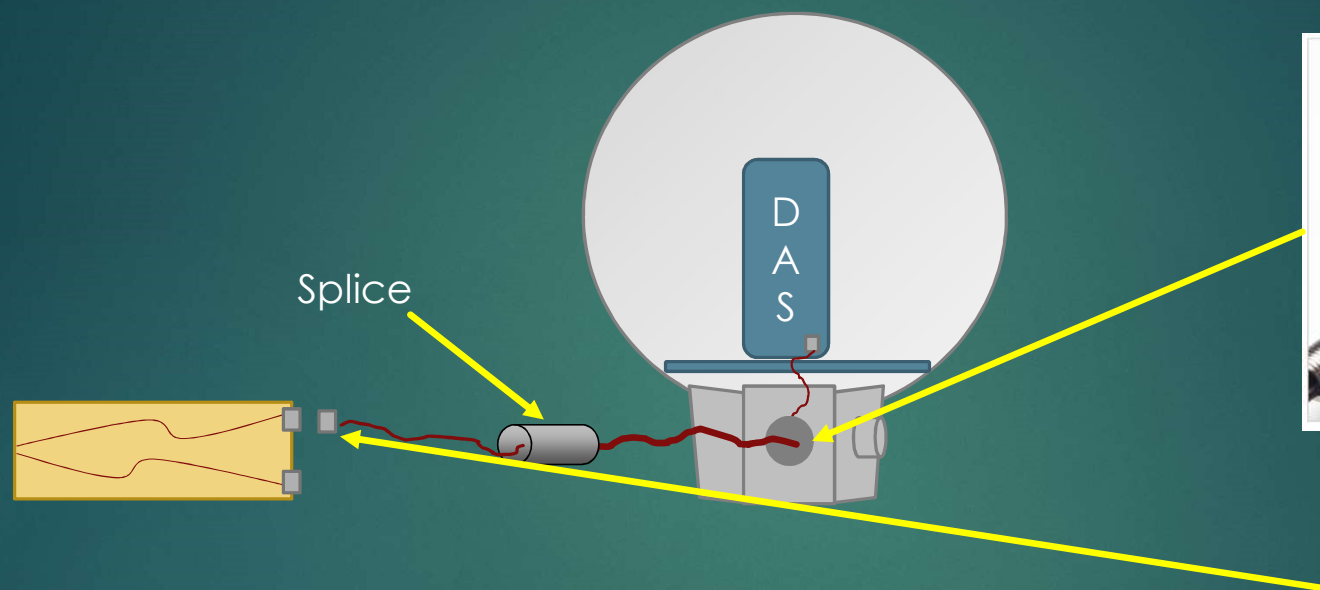
Communications

- ▶ Underwater comms during deployment provided by field-proven Deepsea Connect
- ▶ Deck cable will provide power to DAS and DSC, and DSC will provide WiFi connectivity to DAS
- ▶ Data offload can be done through DSC port on DAS sphere with hardwired GbE
- ▶ Fallback for data offload is to open DAS sphere

Electrical Interconnects



Fiber Optic Connection to Housing



Manufacturer	Part Number	fiber passes	Insertion loss (dB)	Return Loss/Back Reflection (dB)	depth rating (closed face)	Cost	Lead Time
Green Tweed/Lancer	500-BST-ST-S1-B02	1	<1	?	5000 psi	\$478.45	10 weeks if out of stock
Macartney	optolink penetrator, Ti	4	0.2		6000 m	\$3,815	6 weeks

Mechanical Design

- ▶ Instrument in Ti Sphere
- ▶ Frame
 - ▶ ROV interaction
- ▶ cable
 - ▶ Strain relief
- ▶ Speltzer and bitter end

Instrument Mounted in Ti Sphere

- ▶ [MBARI Geo-Sense Design Review 05-09-2024.pdf](#)

Mass properties of GeoSense_Frame
Configuration: Default
Coordinate system: -- default --

Mass = 597.19 pounds

Volume = 6520.33 cubic inches

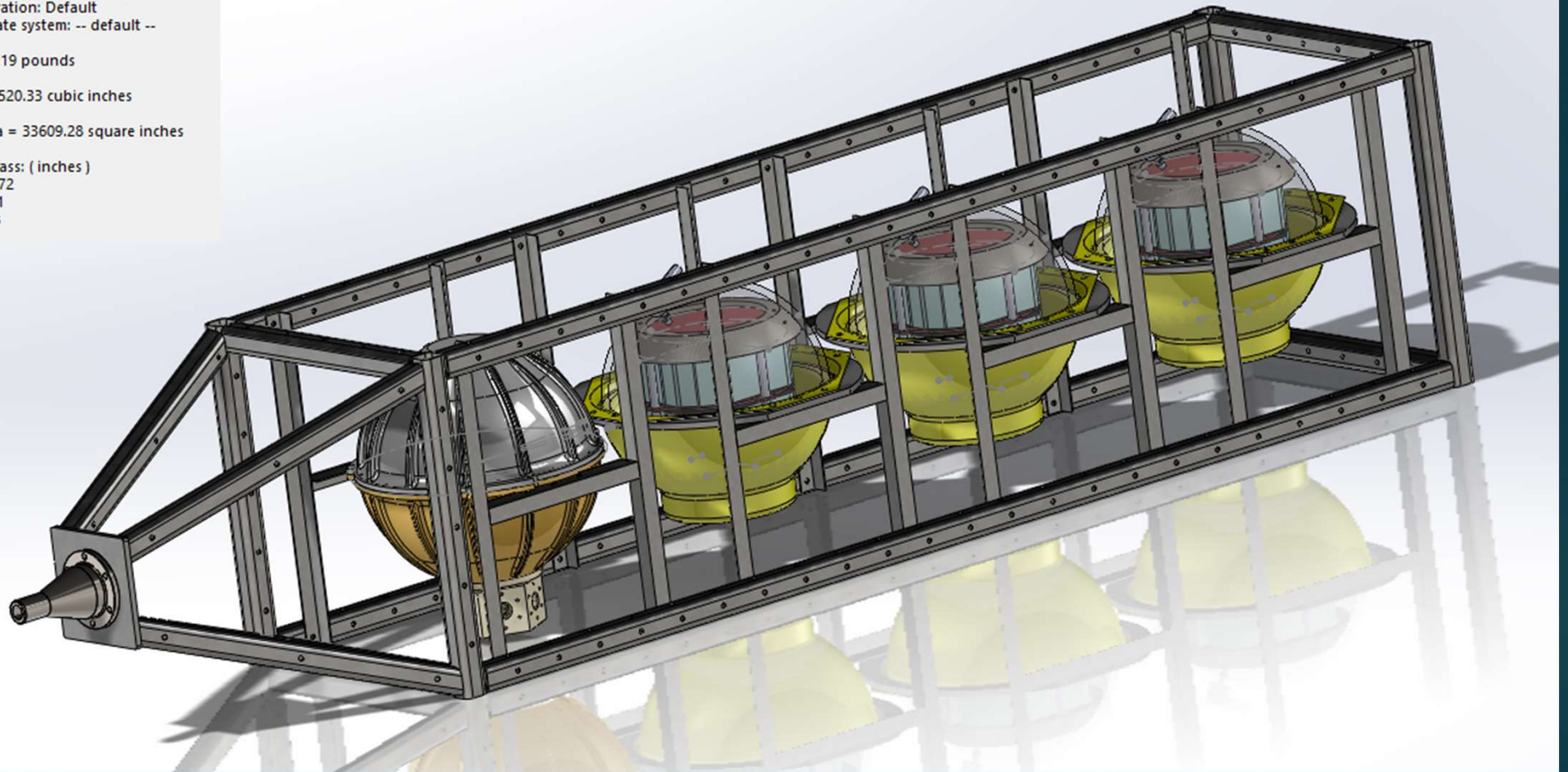
Surface area = 33609.28 square inches

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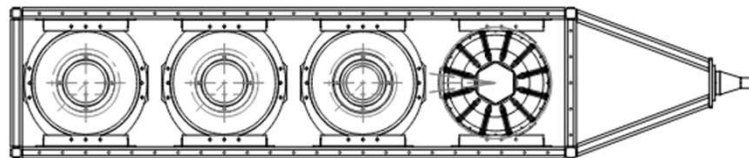
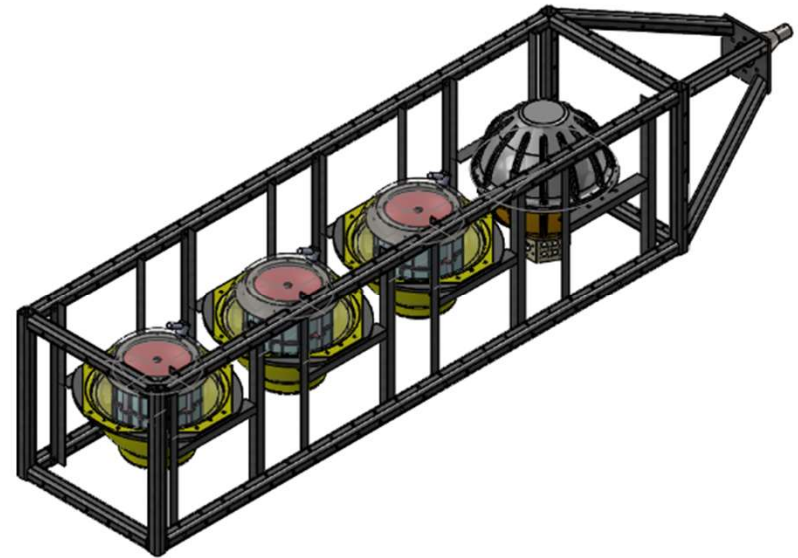
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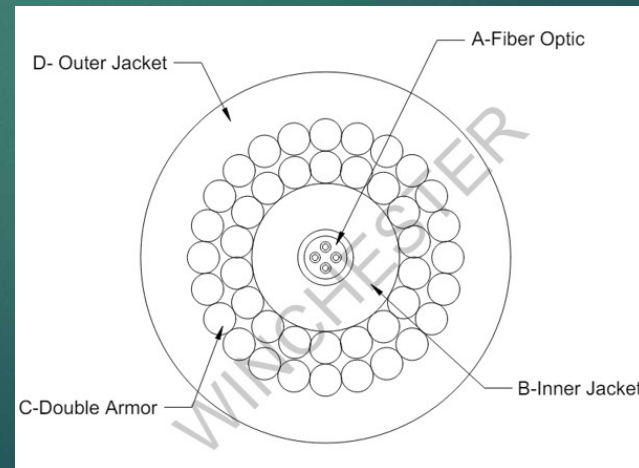
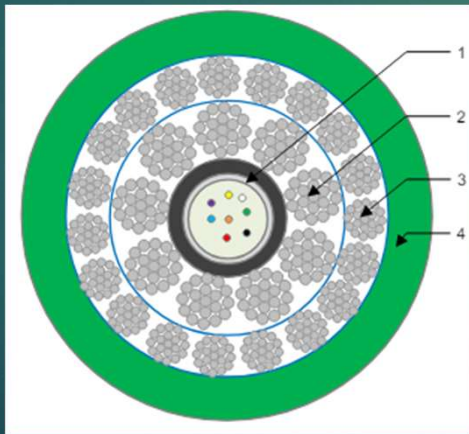
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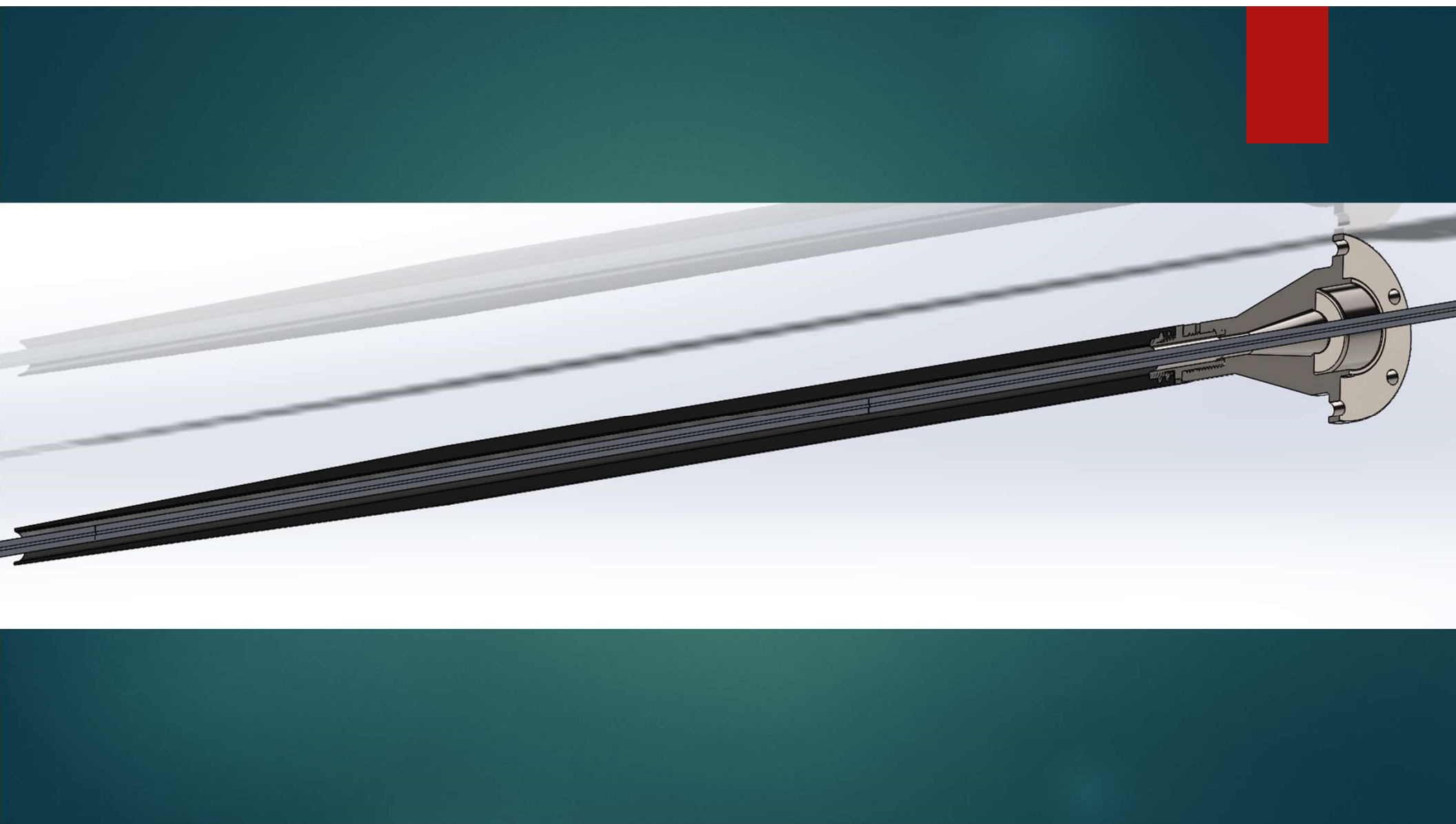
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Subsea Cable Selection

- ▶ Software simulations informed requirements
- ▶ Request for quote sent to 8 manufacturers
- ▶ Cable specific design review held
- ▶ Decision down to two cables (Concept Cables and Winchester)







Status of project

- ▶ DAS system being designed by Sintela, expected delivery early Fall 2024
- ▶ All housings are identified and in the lab
- ▶ Rubber molded cables and connectors are purchased
- ▶ Batteries have arrived
- ▶ Components for Deepsea Connect are being purchased
- ▶ To do in next couple weeks:
 - ▶ Cable selection down to two choices (Concept Cables and Winchester) lead times for both are < 4 months, final decision to be made
 - ▶ FO connector needs to be ordered
- ▶ Termination details to be worked out
- ▶ Housing designed or found for Deepsea Connect

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Testing and Integration Plan

- ▶ DAS instrument can be tested on the bench with a 1 km spool of fiber
- ▶ Software can be tested independently of hardware using docking image (platform is a jetson orin)
- ▶ Bench testing of Deepsea Connect
- ▶ Analysis of MARS DAS data by summer intern will inform expectations for data and sampling plans
- ▶ Cable unspooling?
- ▶ Test deployment?

Remaining High-Risk Elements

- ▶ Unforeseen delays with DAS instrument, FO cable, Termination
- ▶ Cable connection to the seafloor – will it lie flat
- ▶ New deployment scheme for MBARI
- ▶ Ship availability

Safety Considerations

- ▶ Careful planning of deck operations due to heavy load
- ▶ Any laser safety issues: Denis

Discussion

Electrical Design – FO connector options

- ▶ Fiber penetrator from MacArtney:
 - ▶ Advantages: low loss, can fit with APC connectors on end
 - ▶ Disadvantage: can't disconnect the system from 1 km of cable
- ▶ Lancer connectors:
 - ▶ Advantage: can disconnect system easily; these are available and have been regularly used in other systems
 - ▶ Disadvantage: not the most robust design
- ▶ Birns
 - ▶ Advantages: can disconnect, best optical properties of connectors
 - ▶ Disadvantages: \$10k, longer lead time, not most customer friendly experience

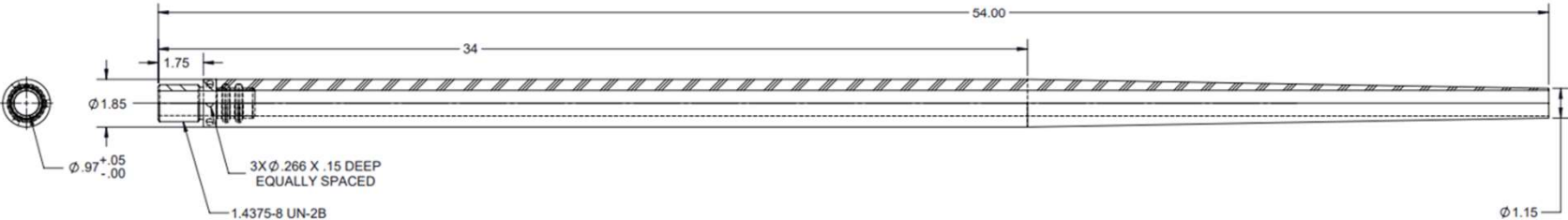
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- DESIGNED USE: ABRASION PROTECTION OF ROV FOAM PACKAGE
AND STIFFENING OF Ø0.940" CABLE AT EXIT OF TERMINATION

- 3
- VENDOR TO MANUFACTURE IAW PROD-005 TO ENSURE PROPER
METAL TO URETHANE BONDING

-	A	CHANGED IAW DCR #3296	10/30/2002	J.C. MARINO
-	B	CHANGED IAW ECN #2874929	3/3/2020	T. MATHIS
-	C	CHANGED IAW ECN #2896429	12/1/2022	T. MATHIS
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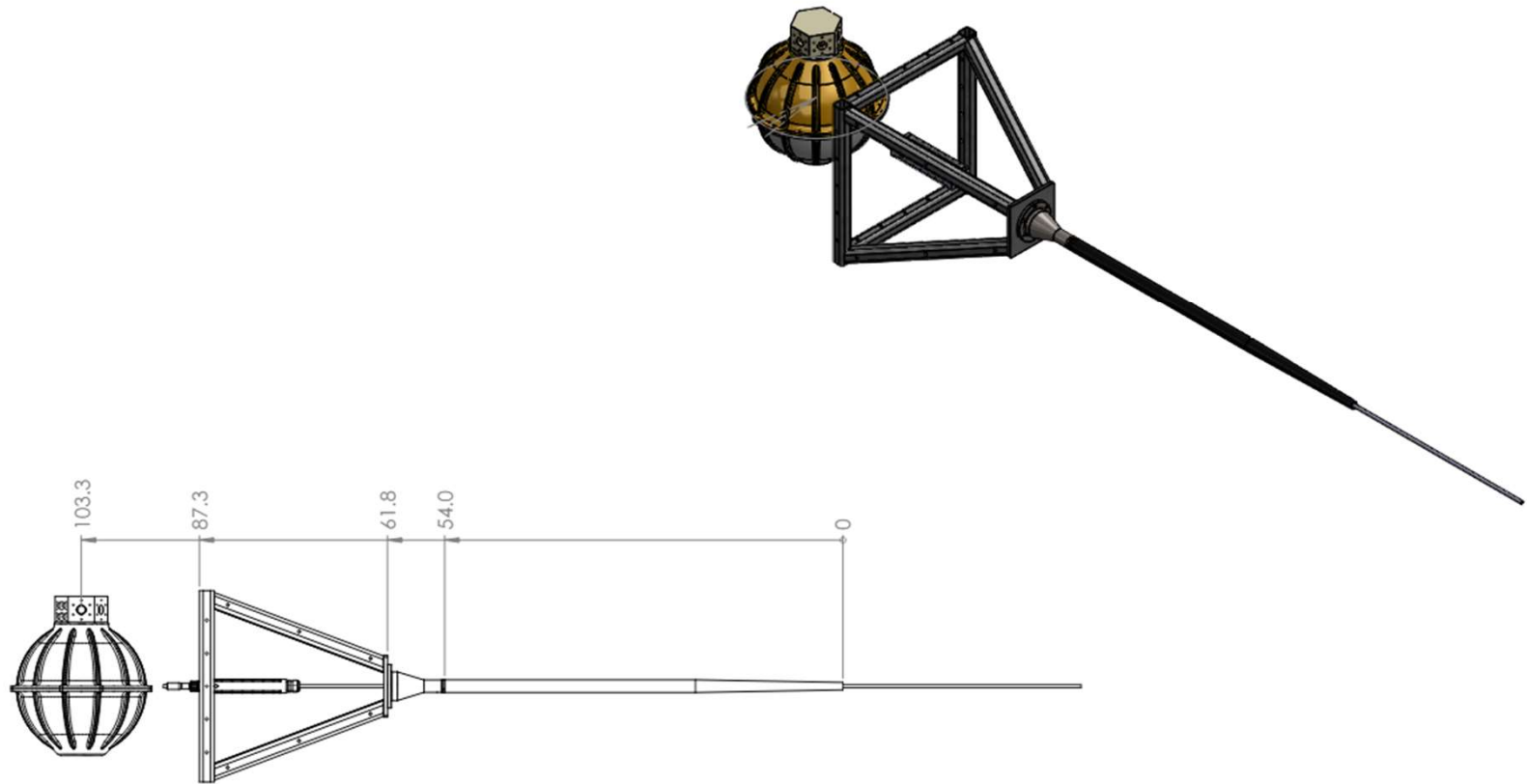
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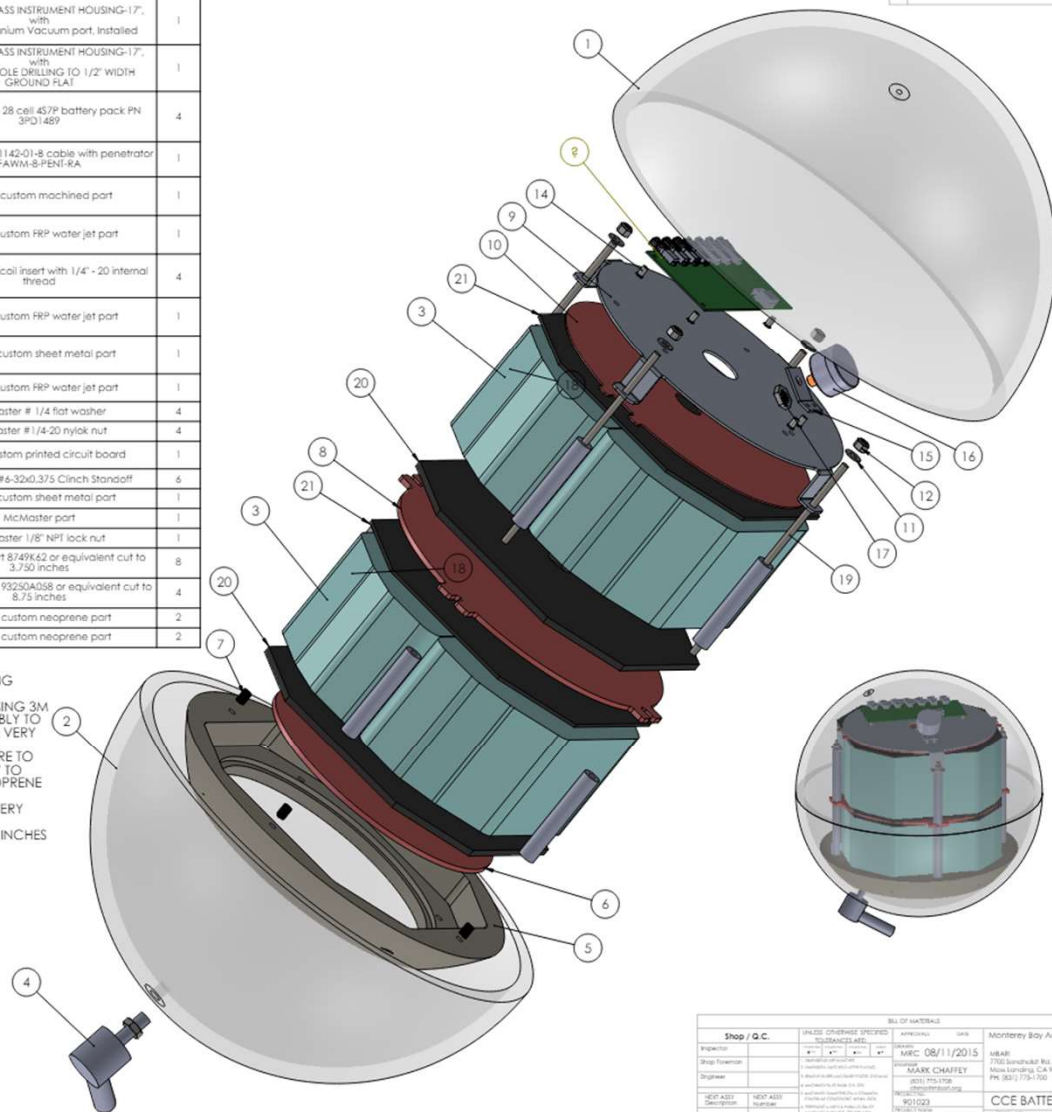
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3	ElectroChemBatPack_3PD1489	Electrochem 28 cell 457P battery pack PN 3PD1489	4
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7	96246A208	McMaster Helical insert with 1/4" - 20 internal thread	4
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9	11021186-04-B_BatteryMountUpperFrame	MBARI custom sheet metal part	1
10	11021186-06-B_BatteryFRPInsulator	MBARI custom FRP water jet part	1
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12	90715A125	McMaster # 1/4-20 nylok nut	4
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14	93090A240	McMaster #6-32x0.375 Clinch Standoff	6
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17	4429K121	McMaster 1/8" NPT lock nut	1
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1. PROTECT GLASS SPHERE EDGES WITH TUBING DURING ASSEMBLY.
2. BASE FRAME IS BONDED INTO THE GLASS SPHERE USING 3M 5200 FAST CURE ADHESIVE. USE JIG DURING ASSEMBLY TO ENSURE CORRECT POSITIONING. CLEARANCES ARE VERY TIGHT SO CORRECT POSITIONING IS ESSENTIAL.
3. ASSEMBLE BATTERY STACK IN SEQUENCE USING CARE TO NOT APPLY MORE CLAMP FORCE THEN NECESSARY TO HOLD BATTERIES IN POSITION. USE ADDITIONAL NEOPRENE PADS AS FILLER IF NECESSARY.
4. CINCH HEAVY DUTY TIE-WRAP AROUND EACH BATTERY LAYER TO HOLD TOGETHER (NOT SHOWN).
5. SEAL AND VACUUM COMPLETED ASSEMBLY TO -10 INCHES OF Hg (~5PSI)+ CONFIRM HOLDS VACUUM.



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