

Integrated Instrumentation for Marine Energy Monitoring

Brian Polagye, James Joslin, and Andy Stewart

University of Washington

Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center

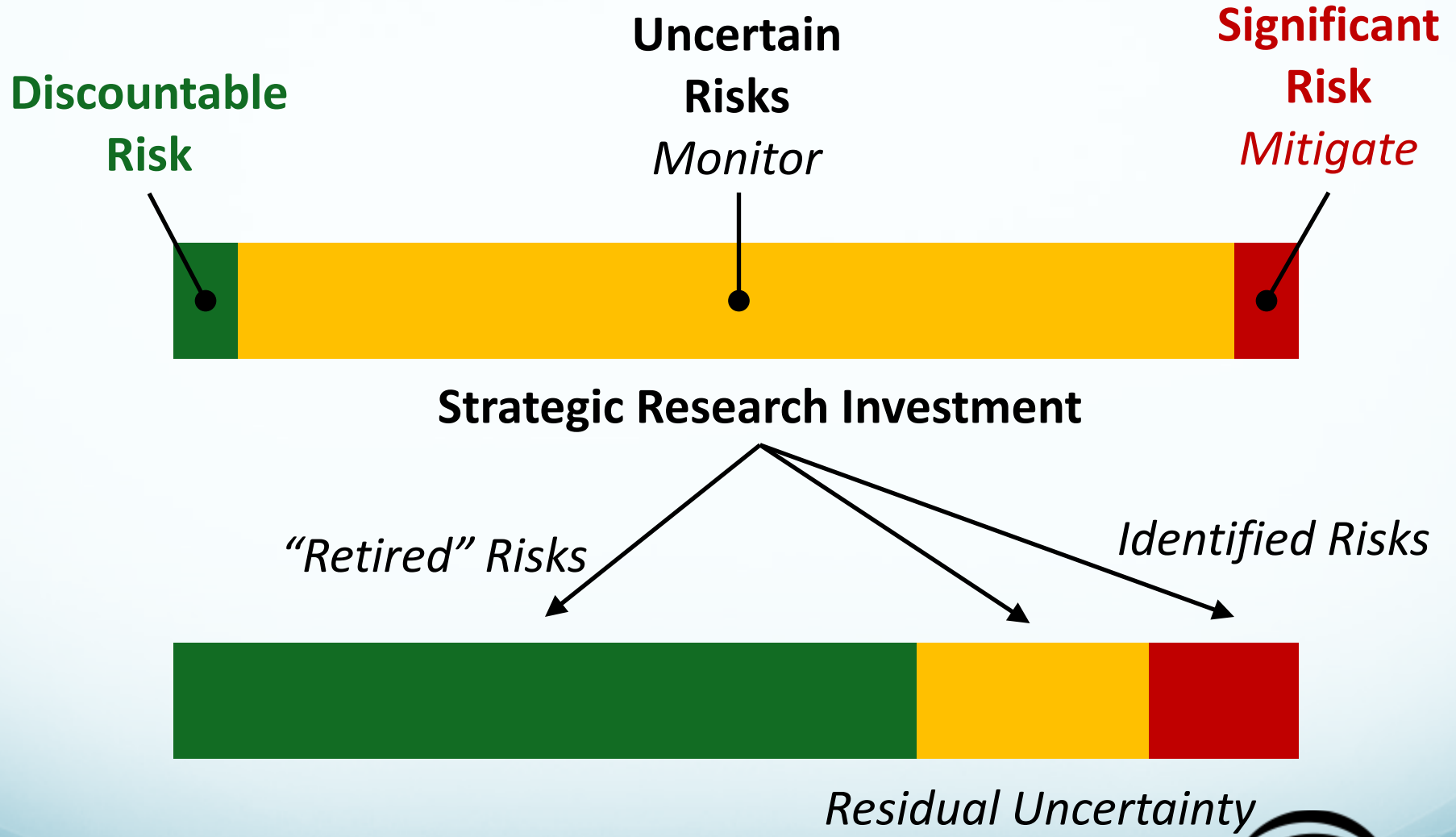
Andrea Copping

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

EIMR: Methodology

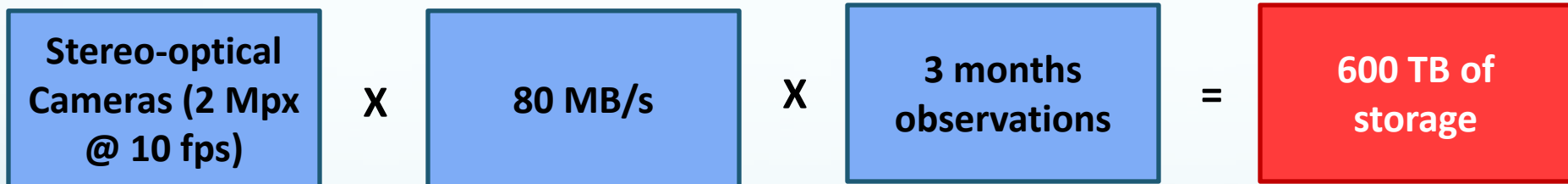
April 30, 2014

Motivation: Environmental Risk Uncertainty



Reducing Risk Uncertainty

- Severe outcomes are likely to rarely occur
- Observing interactions may require spatially *comprehensive* and temporally *continuous* monitoring
- Strategy likely to generate “data mortgages”



Example: Continuous stereo-optical monitoring for a single camera pair. Comprehensive monitoring would require multiple pairs.

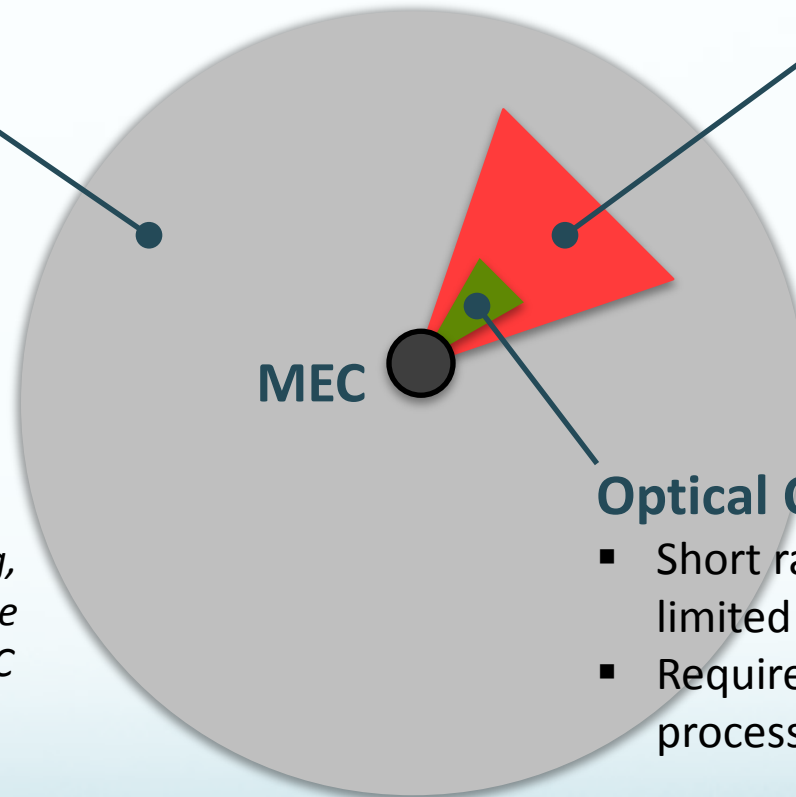
Integrated Instrumentation Packages

- Low-cost and near-term approaches to improve ratio of information gained to data archived

Passive Acoustic Detection

- Omni-directional coverage at ranges on the order of 1 km
- Processing in near real-time

Example: Detection, tracking, and identification of a marine mammal approaching a MEC



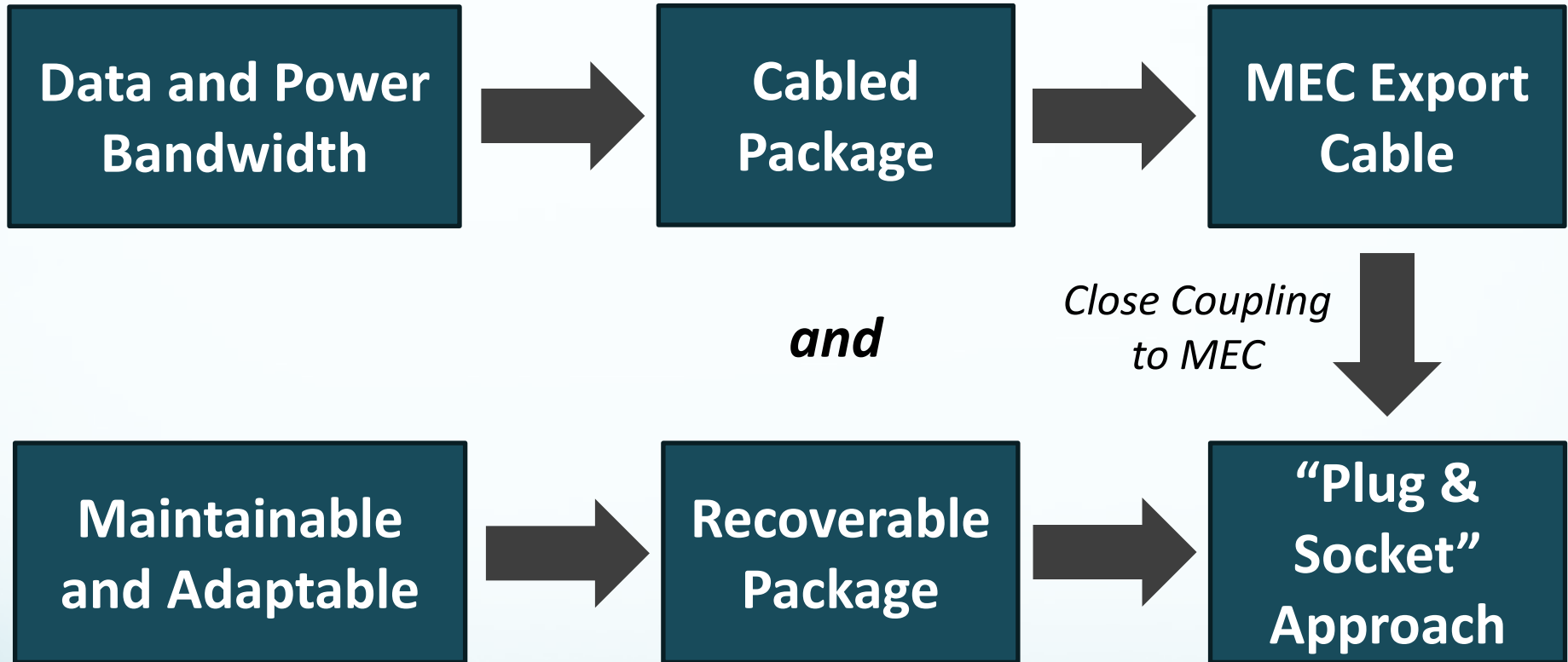
Multi-beam Sonar

- Tracking capability at ranges out to 100 m
- Processing in near real-time

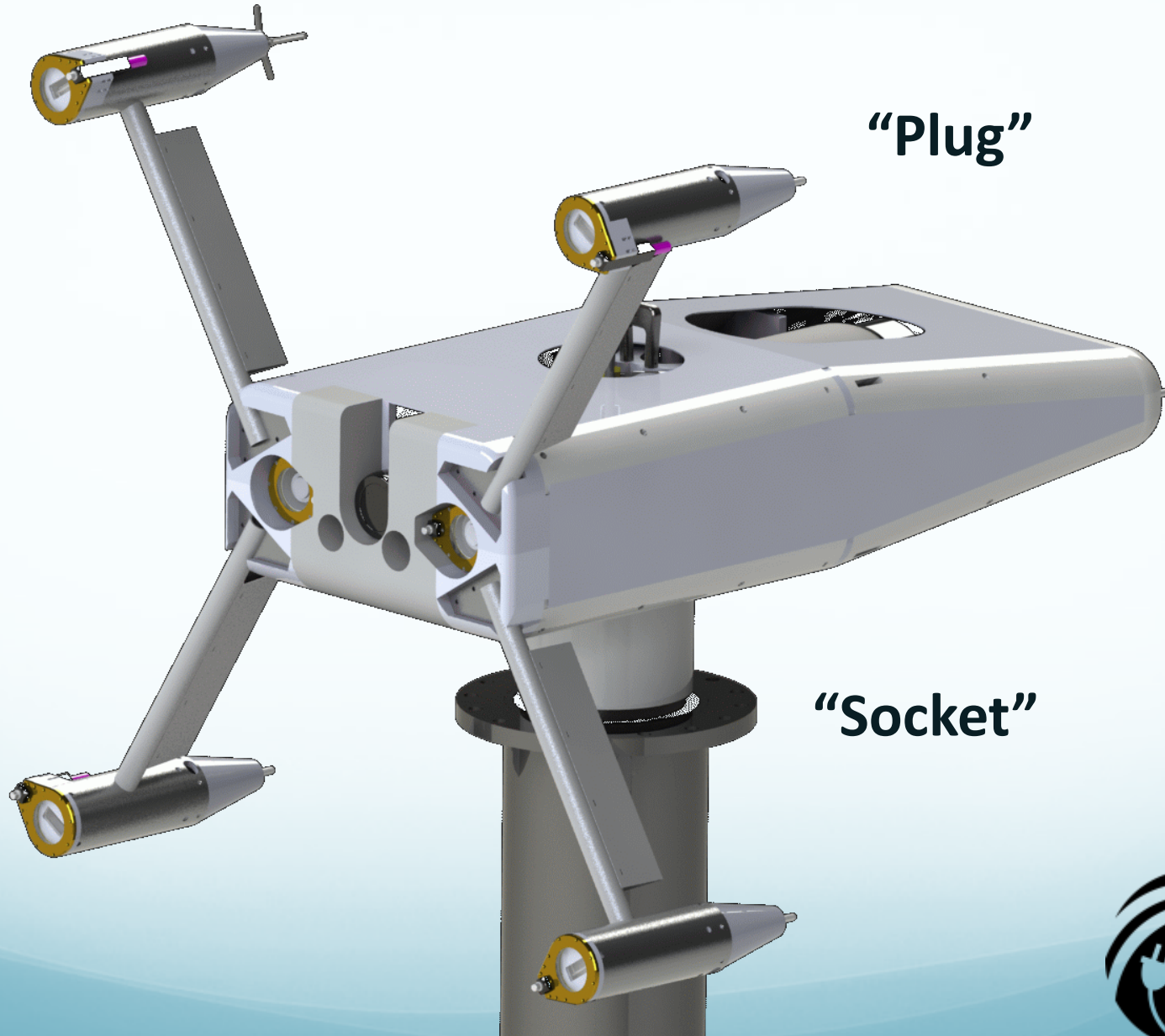
Optical Camera

- Short range and limited field of view
- Requires archival processing

Constraints for Integrated Packages



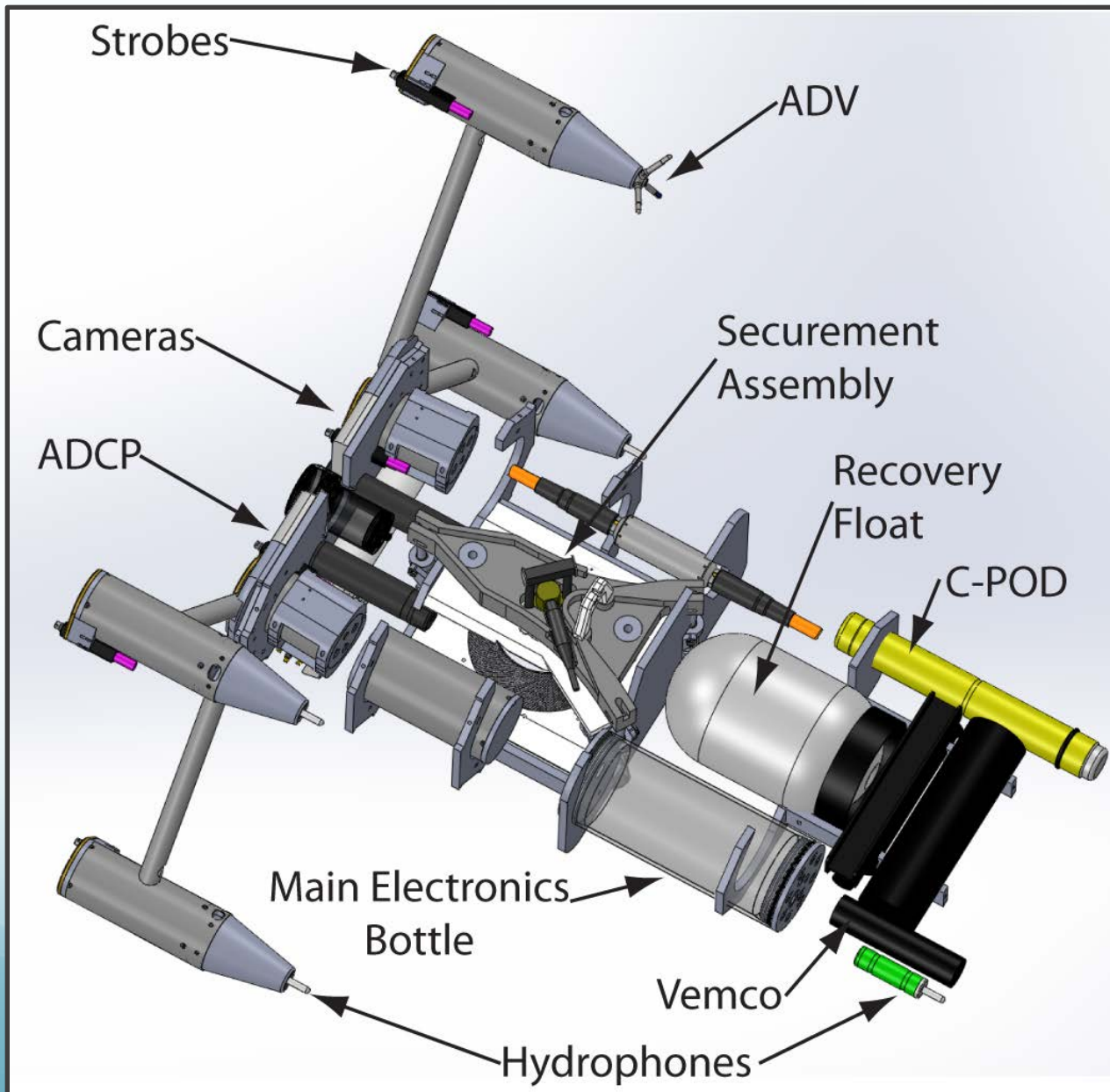
Adaptable Monitoring Package (AMP)



"Plug"

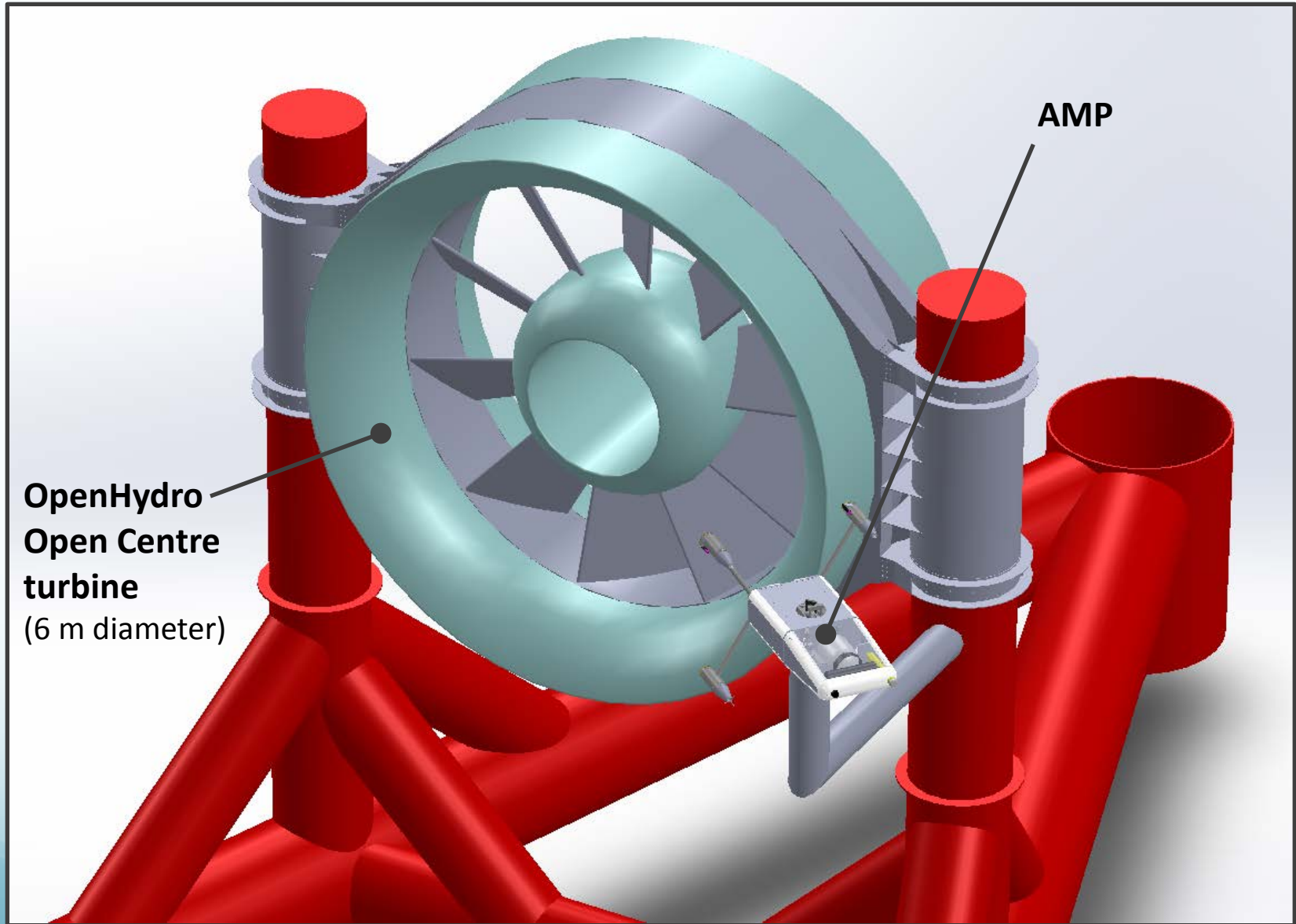
"Socket"

AMP Infrastructure and Instrumentation



- Power and data infrastructure
- Securement and recovery system
- Instruments

AMP Integration: Tidal Energy



Recovery/Deployment Options

Divers

- Short work windows
- Human safety risk

Converter Recovery

- Can be expensive and risky

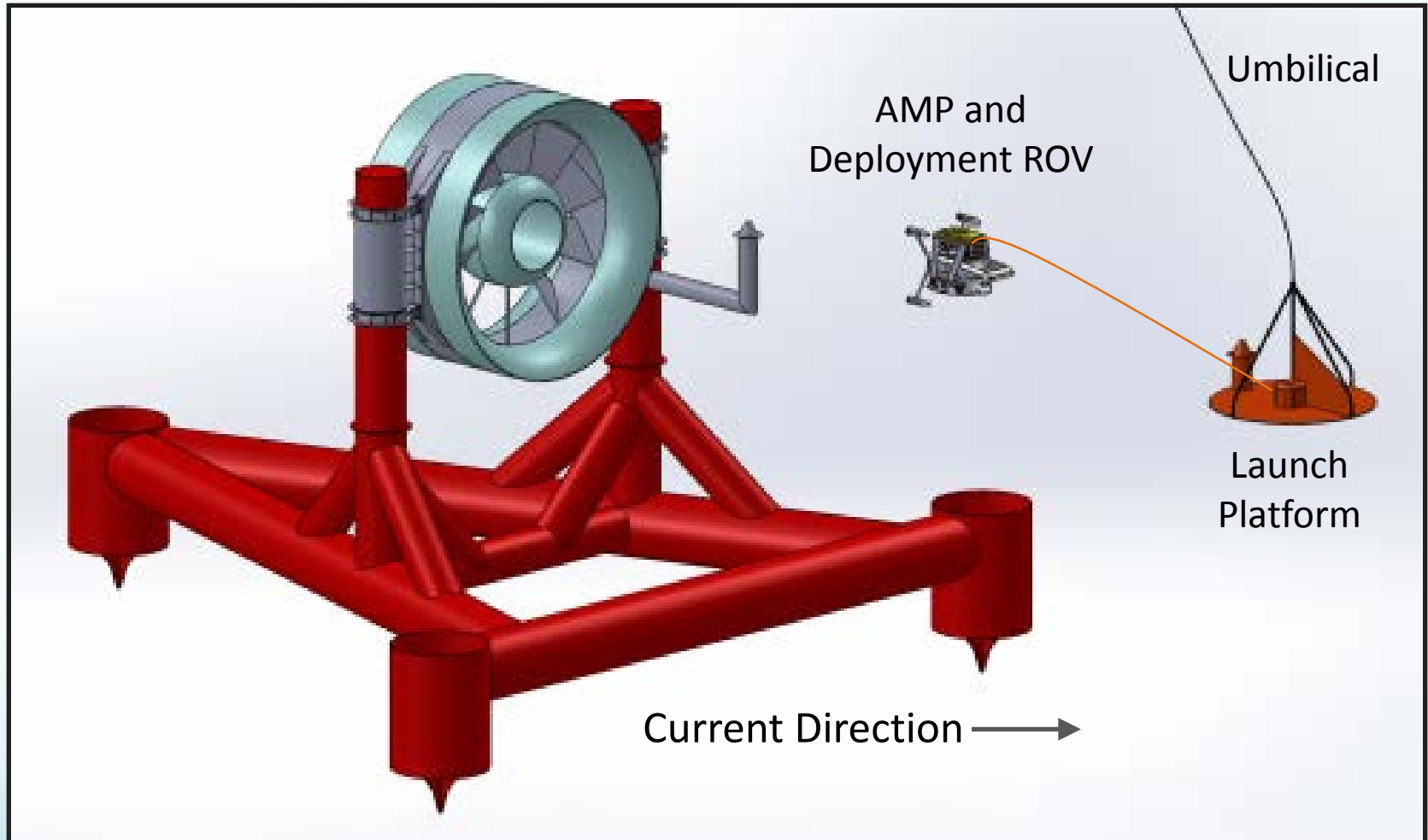
Subsea Winch

- Moving parts in the ocean
- Winch failure can cause catastrophic system failure

ROV Servicing

- Short work windows

AMP Operations Concept: Tidal Energy



“Millennium” Falcon Deployment System

SAAB SeaEye Falcon

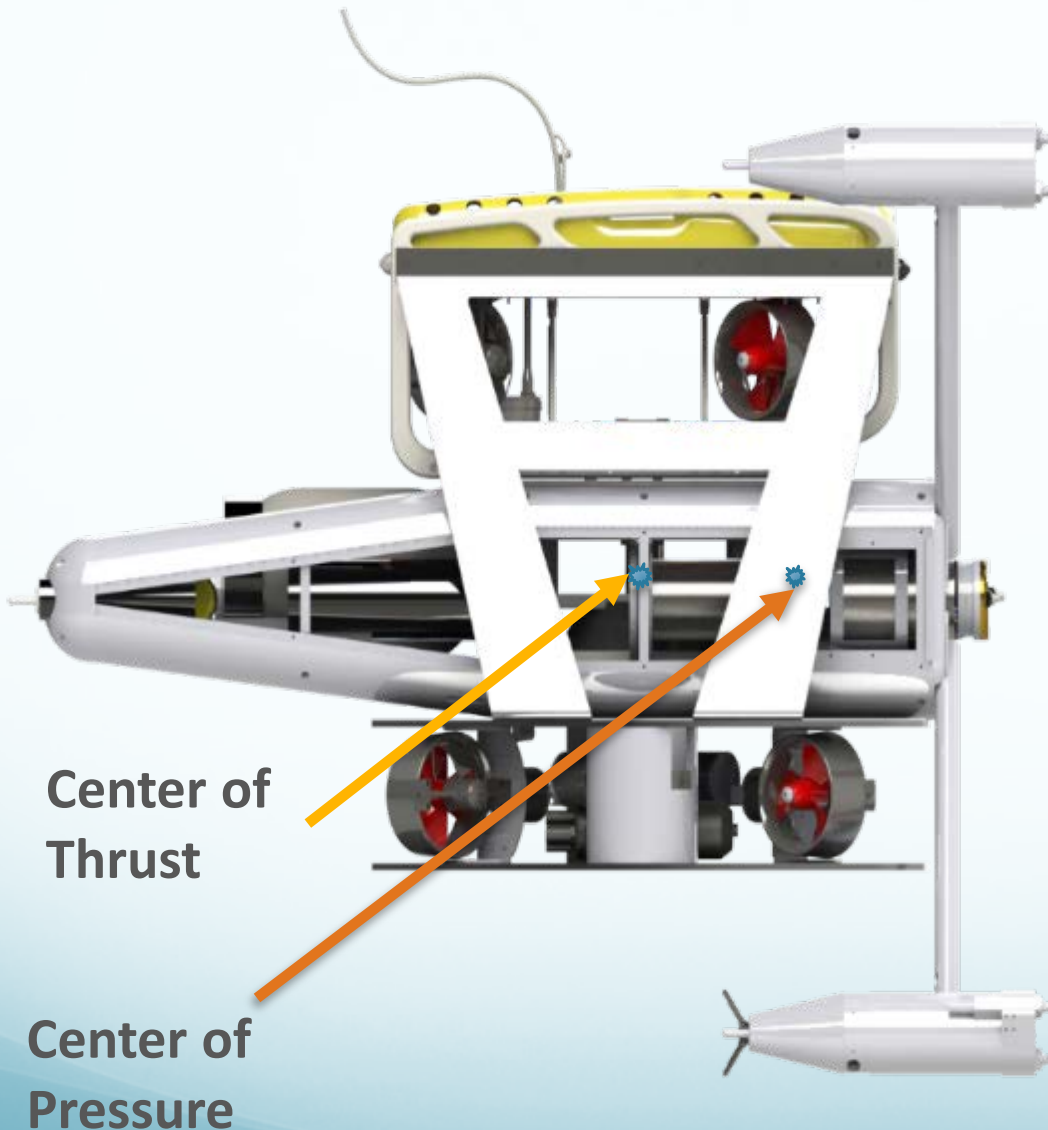
- Inspection-class ROV
- 4 Vectored Thrusters



“Millennium” Skid

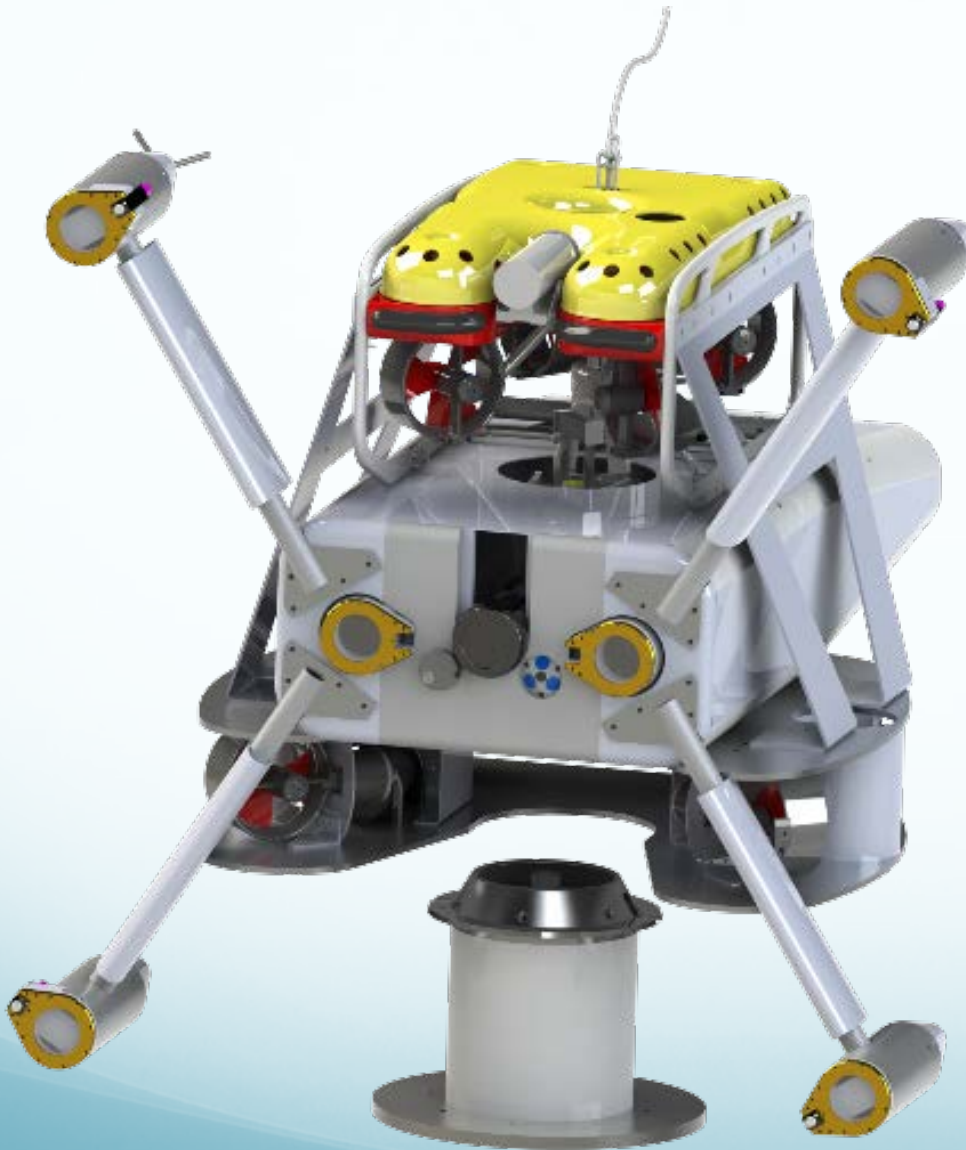
- 6 Thrusters
 - 4 Vectored
 - 2 Vertical
- Docking alignment
- Securement actuators
- Power and comms (SeaView)

System Stability



- **Center of Thrust and Center of Pressure**
 - Vertical alignment to prevent pitching
 - Horizontal alignment may require adjustment, pending field trials

Summary



- **Integrated instrumentation packages will play a critical role in reducing environmental risk without incurring large data mortgages**
- **Package design requires a significant systems engineering effort**

Acknowledgements



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY



This material is based upon work supported by the Department of Energy under FG36-08GO18179-M001 and Snohomish Public Utility District.

The AMP represents the engineering efforts of the authors, as well as a broader team including Paul Gibbs (APL), Chris Siani (APL), Trina Lichtendorf (APL), Tom Jackson (Jackson Engineering), and Danny Miles (Snohomish PUD).