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# Scientific ocean drilling is one of Earth sciences' longest running and most successful international collaborations.



# The International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP)

Exploring the Earth Under the Sea

is an international marine research collaboration that explores Earth's history and dynamics using ocean-going research platforms to recover data recorded in seafloor sediments and rocks and to monitor subseafloor environments

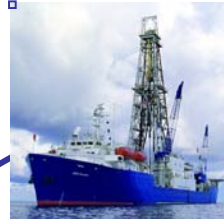
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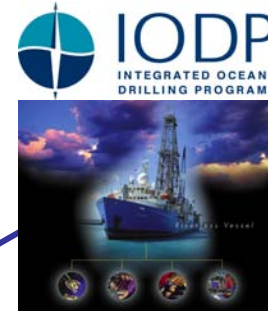
**MOHOLE**  
1958-1966



**Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP)**  
1968-1983



**Ocean Drilling Program (ODP)**  
1985-2003



**Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP)**  
2003- 2013

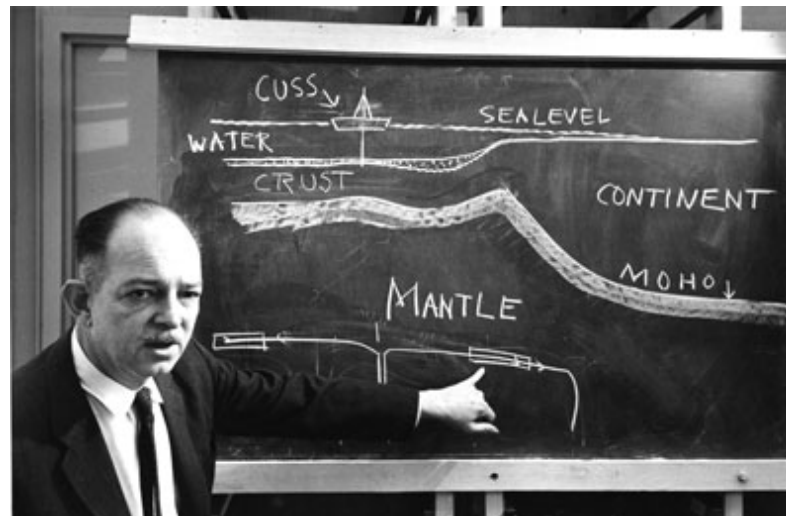


*End in*  
*October 2023*

**October 2013**

**International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP)**

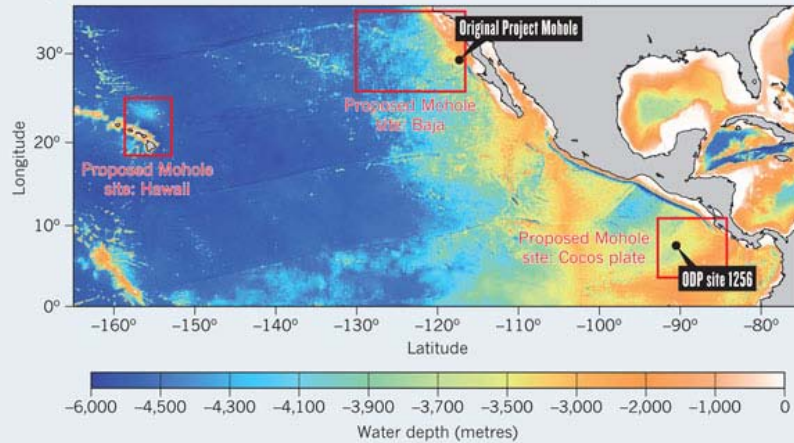
In 1961 scientific drilling took root as a feasible technology to study Earth's subseafloor geology. **Project Mohole**, a concept developed by the American Miscellaneous Society with funding from the National Science Foundation, considered the feasibility of **drilling through the Mohorovičić seismic discontinuity**



Harry Hess, a founding father of the theory of plate tectonics, explains Project Mohole  
Damon Teagle and Benoît Ildefonse, *Nature*, 2011.

### DRILLING SITES

Three areas are under consideration for drilling into the mantle. One includes the original Project Mohole drilling site. Another includes a site (ODP site 1256) where scientists will drill this year into the lower crust.



*Drill ship CUSS 1*



Five holes were drilled off the coast of **Guadalupe Island, Mexico**, the deepest to 601 ft (183 m) below the sea floor in 11,700 ft (3,600 m) of water. This was unprecedented: not in the hole's depth but because of the depth of the ocean and because it was drilled from an untethered platform. Also, the core sample proved to be valuable; penetrating through Miocene-age sediments for the first time to reveal the lowest 13 m (44 ft) consisting of basalt.

The next phase of scientific ocean drilling, the **Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP)**, began in 1966 using the Drilling Vessel *Glomar Challenger*. This pioneer vessel for DSDP conducted drilling and coring operations in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans as well as the Mediterranean and Red Seas. The *Glomar Challenger* also advanced the technology of deep-ocean drilling.



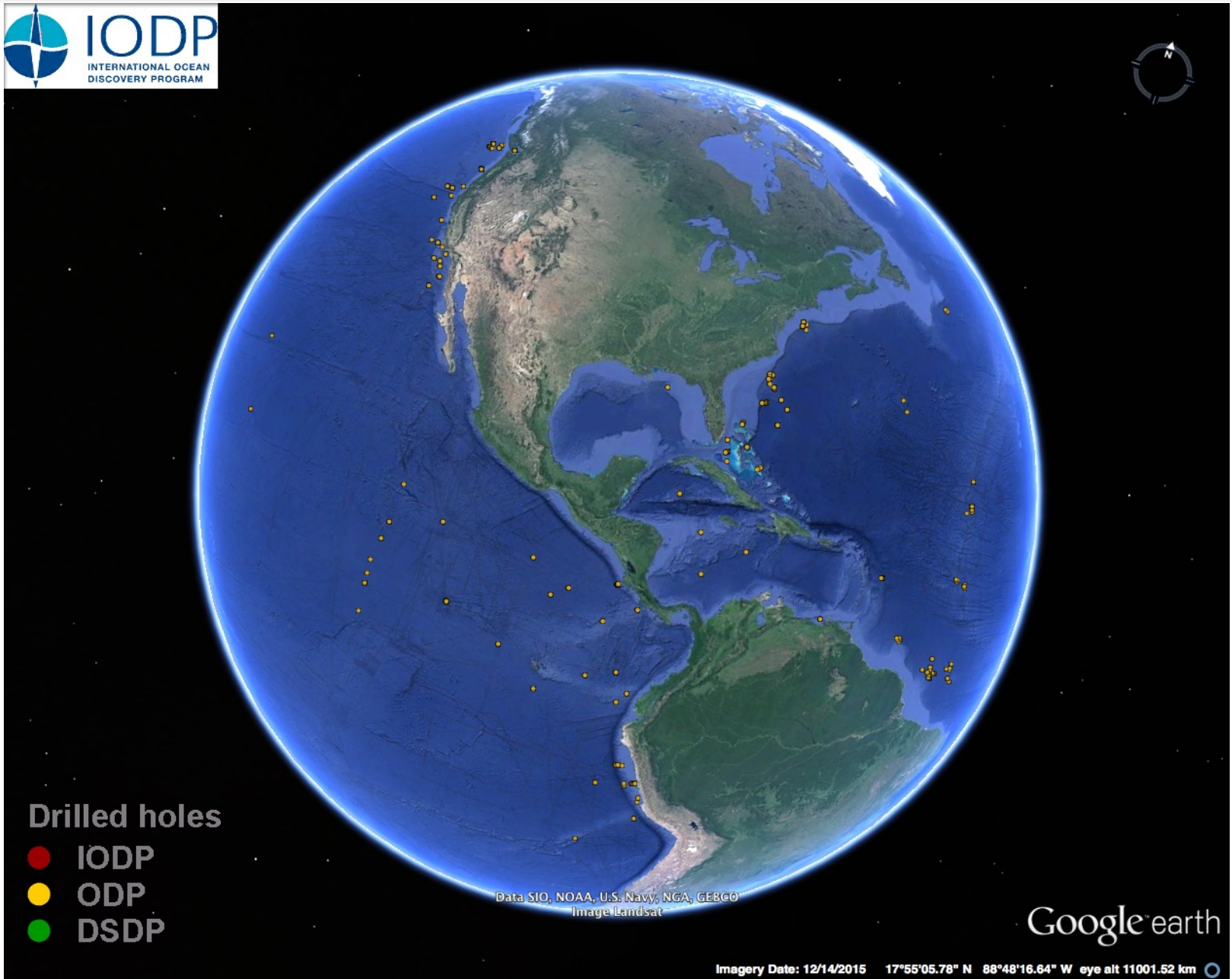
## DSDP drillsites in the Mediterranean and North Atlantic



In 1985, *JOIDES Resolution* replaced the *Glomar Challenger* at the start of a new program, the **Ocean Drilling Program (ODP)**. ODP was truly an international cooperative effort to explore and study the composition and structure of the Earth's seafloors. The *JOIDES Resolution* conducted 110 expeditions for ODP at 2000 drill holes located throughout the world's ocean basins.







**Drilled holes**

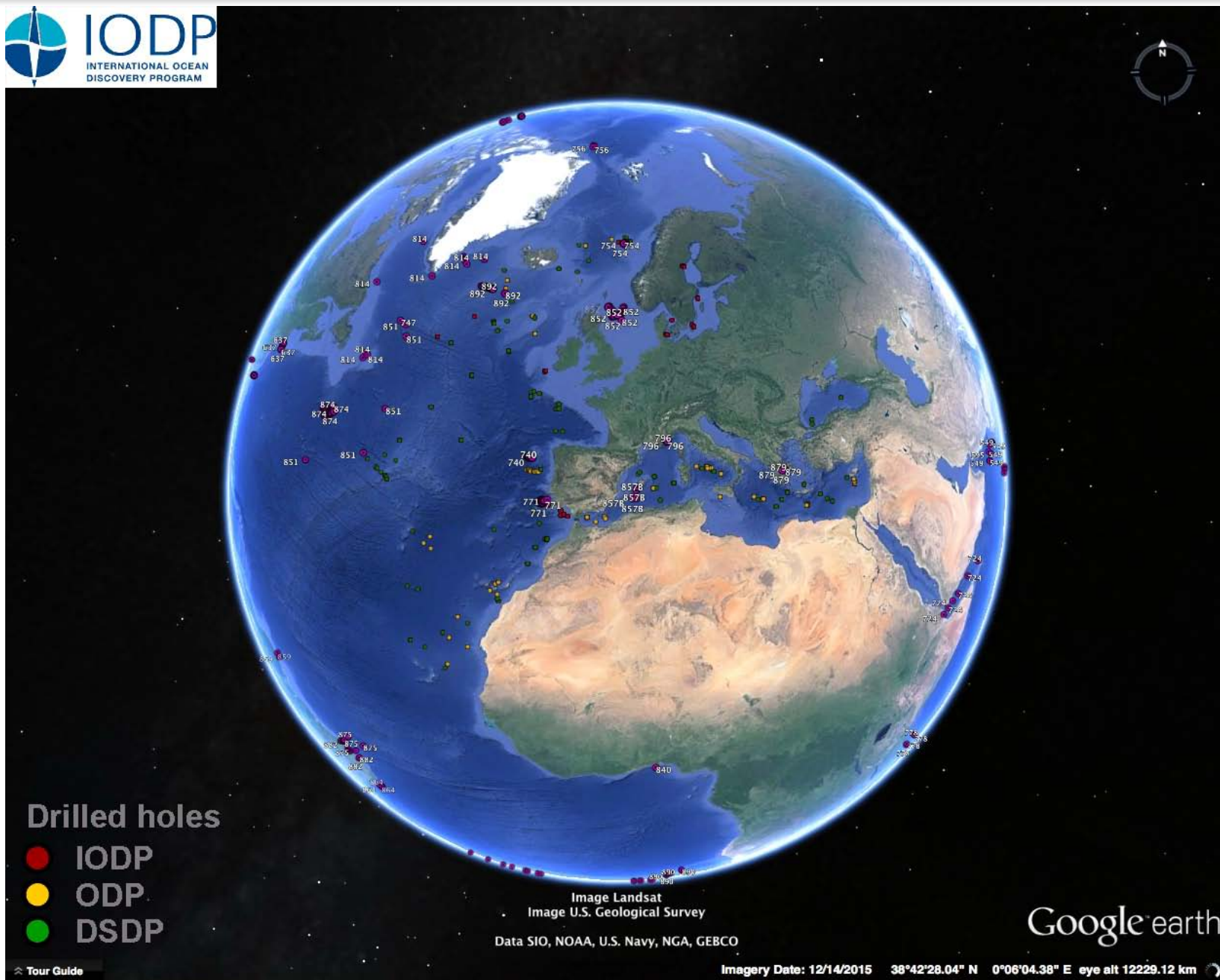
- IODP
- ODP
- DSDP

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO  
Image Landsat

Google earth

The **Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP 2003-2013)** built upon the international partnerships and scientific success of the DSDP and ODP by employing multiple drilling platforms financed by the contributions from 26 participating nations. These platforms - a refurbished *JOIDES Resolution*, the new marine-riser equipped Japanese Deep Sea Drilling Vessel *Chikyu*, and specialized Mission-Specific-Platforms - were used to reach new areas of the global subsurface during 52 expeditions.



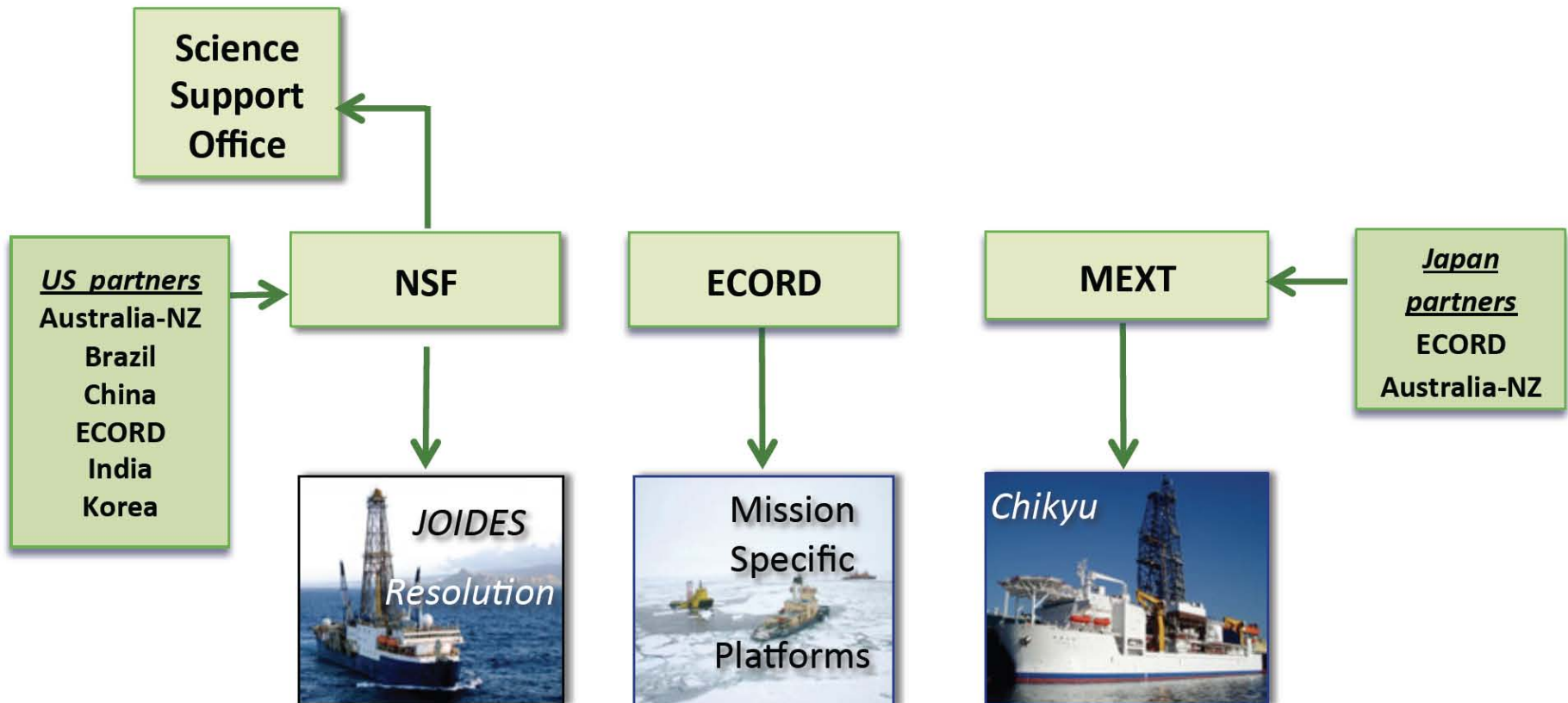


## □ **Fundamental principles of IODP**

- ***science driven project***
- ***science plan :***  
*The Deep Biosphere and the Sub-seafloor Ocean  
Environmental Change, Processes and Effects  
Solid Earth Cycles and Geodynamics*
- ***multiple platform approach to drilling***

# IODP Funding Model

- Each platform operated independently by respective country or consortia
- Science Support Office funded by NSF





Science Community

Support Office  
and Site Survey  
Data Bank

Science Evaluation Panel &  
Environmental Protection and Safety Panel

US  
Facility  
Board

Chikyu  
IODP  
Board

JR partners  
ANZIC  
Brazil  
China  
ECORD  
India  
Korea

NSF

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MEXT

Chikyu partners  
ANZIC  
ECORD



ECORD

Mission  
Specific  
Platforms



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→ Flow of proposals

IODP members ;  
Industry ; Other countries

→ Annual funding  
-→ Project-basis funding



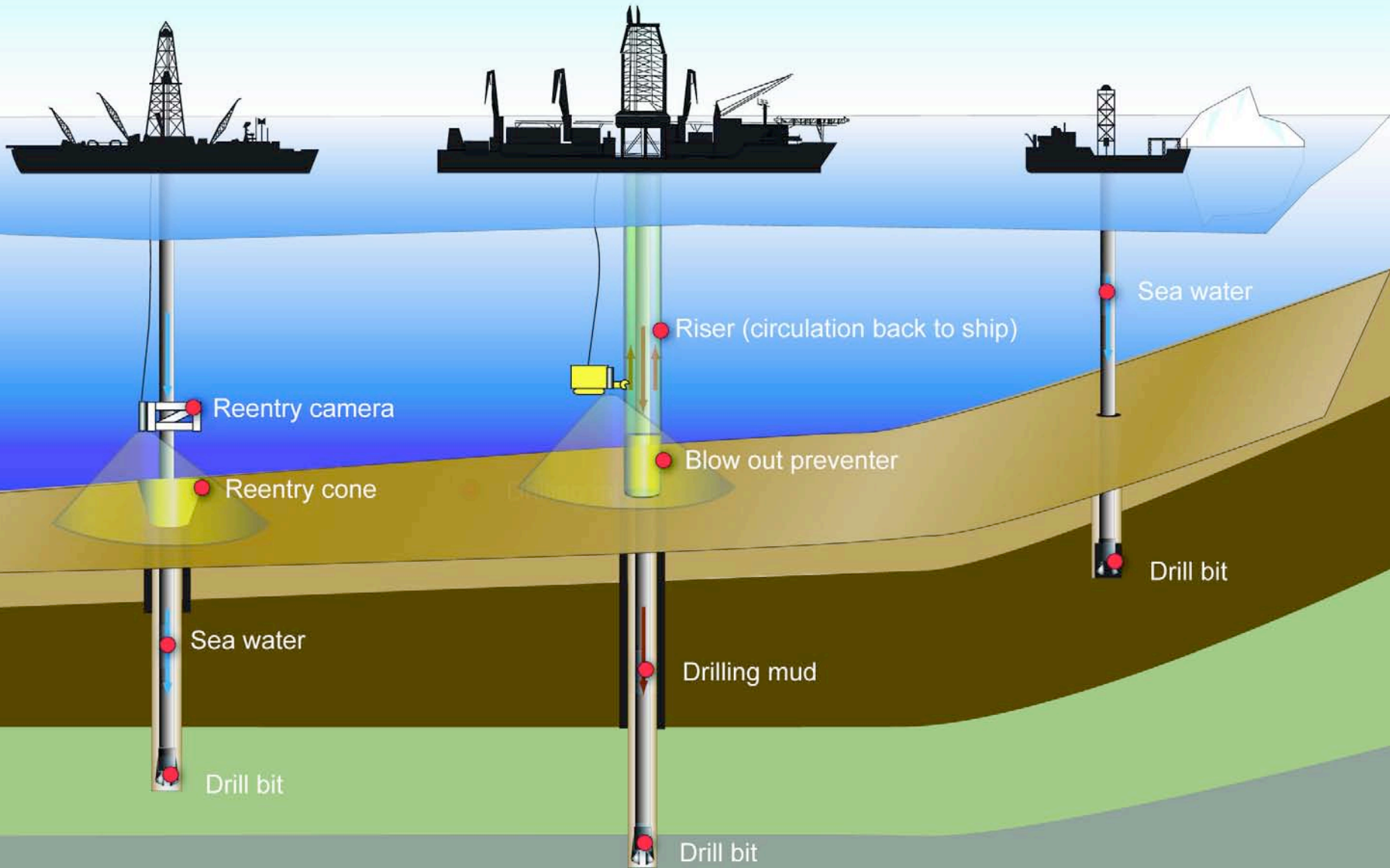
HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? Example from end of IODP phase

- **NSF and MEXT** Total program costs (75 M USD / anno)
  - Platform operation costs
  - Science operation costs
  
- ECORD** 7 M USD / year (2003-2006)  
16.8 M USD (2006)
  
- MOST** 5.5 M USD 2003-2008 (1.0 - 1.5 M USD / year)

# Riserless Drilling

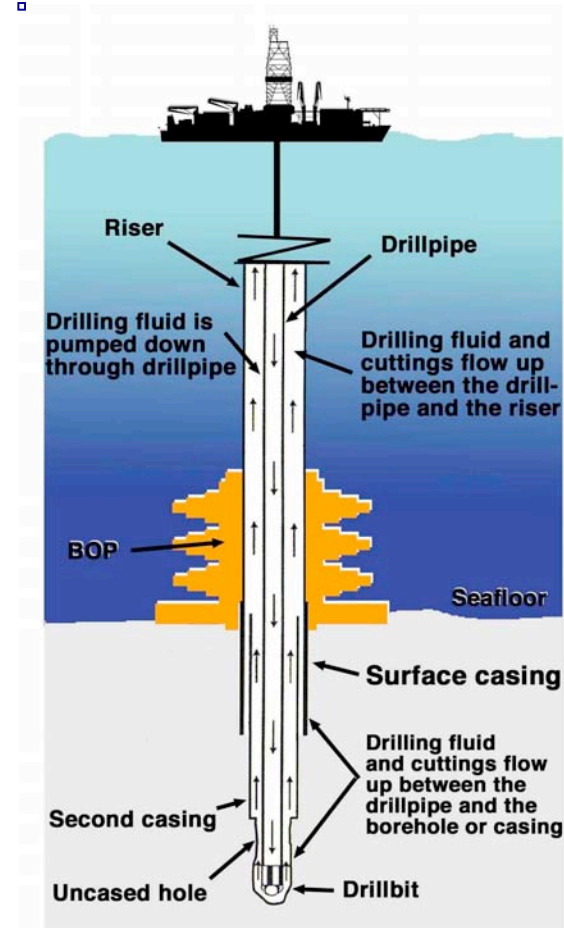
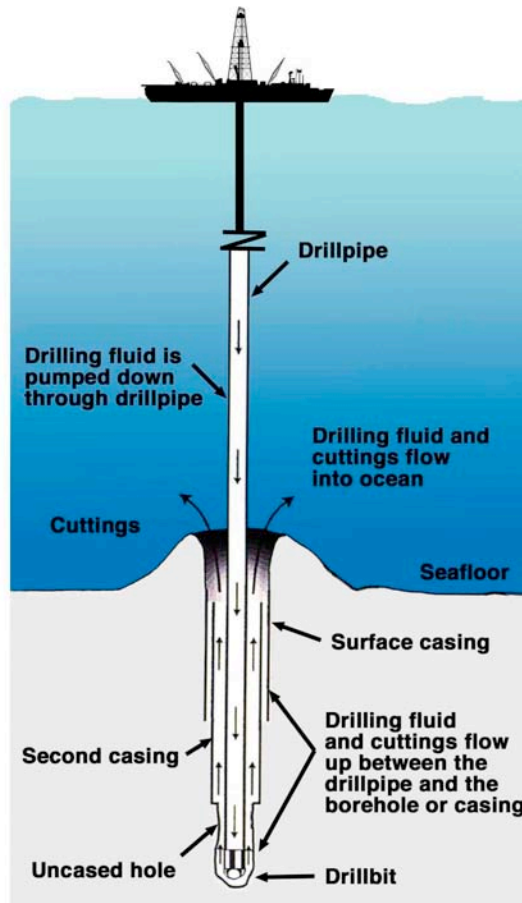
# Riser Drilling

# Mission-Specific





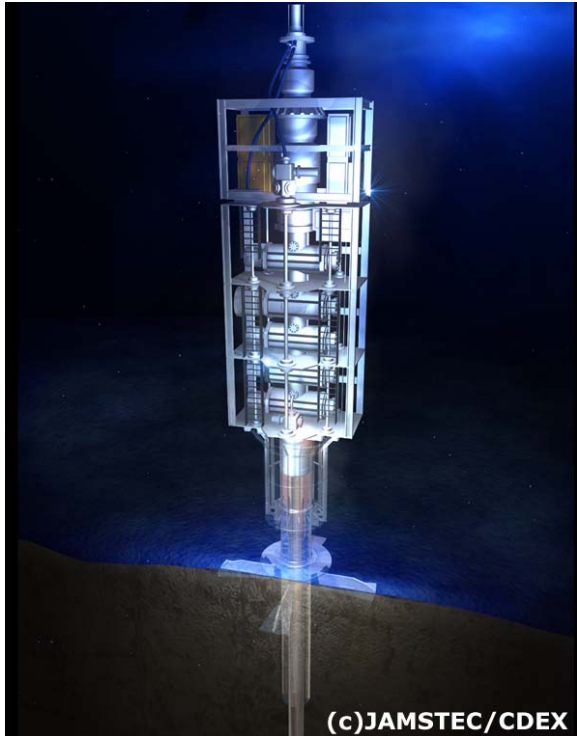
# THE 'RISER' DRILLING SYSTEM





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuu0QcnOVbo>

<http://www.jamstec.go.jp/chikyu/>



# CORE ON DECK

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=wC9IDPvvze0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=wC9IDPvvze0)

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<http://www.iodp.org/core-analyzing-process/2/>

# JOIDES Resolution Riserless Drillship

<b>Length</b>	<b>143 m</b>
<b>Width</b>	<b>21 m</b>
<b>Height of the rig</b>	<b>61.5 m</b>
<b>Crew</b>	<b>111 people</b>
<b>Drilling pipes</b>	<b>9 km</b>

## Deepest hole penetrated:

2,111 m Leg 148, Hole 504B, E Pacific Ocean

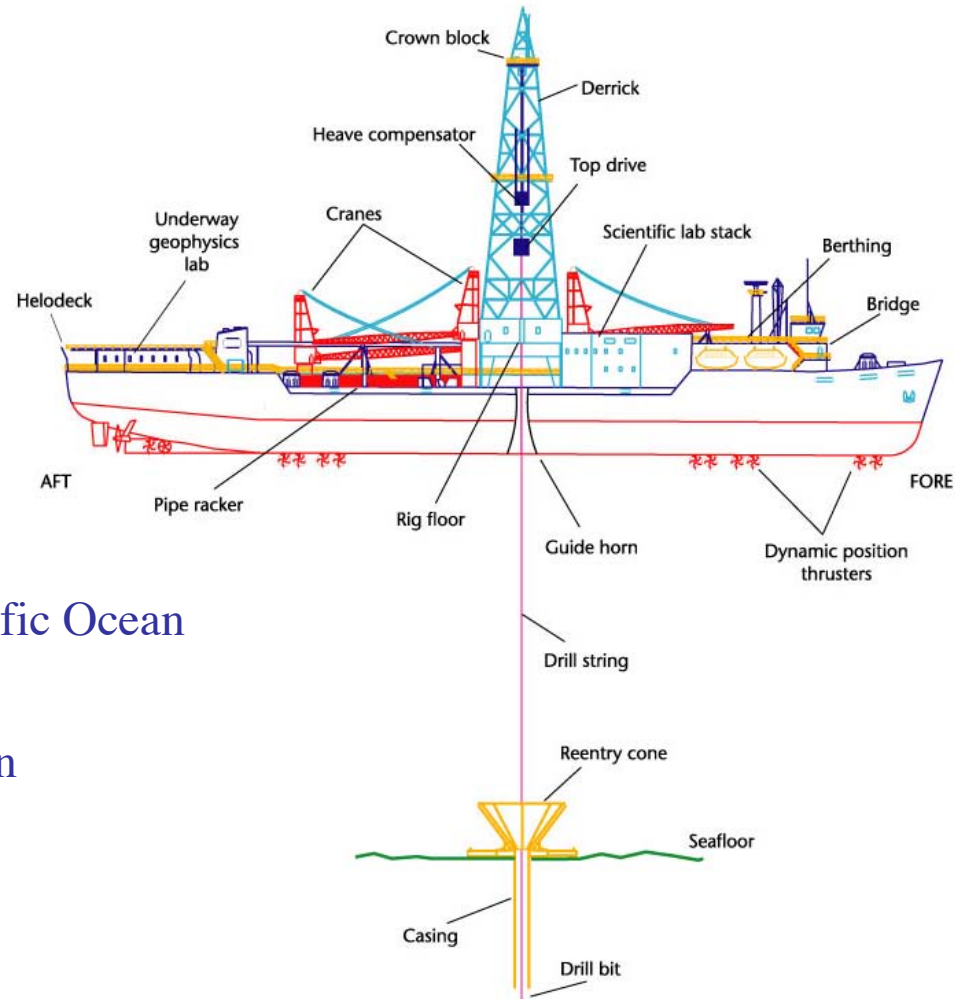
## Shallowest water depth:

37.51 m, Leg 143, NW Pacific Ocean

## Greatest water depth:

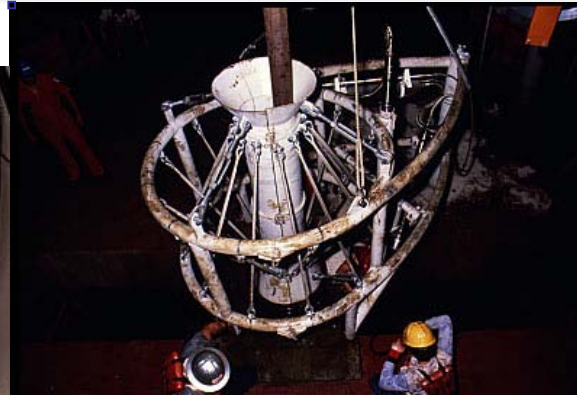
5,980 m, Leg 129, W Pacific Ocean

Minimum water depth according to specifications: 75 m





# Site Surveys



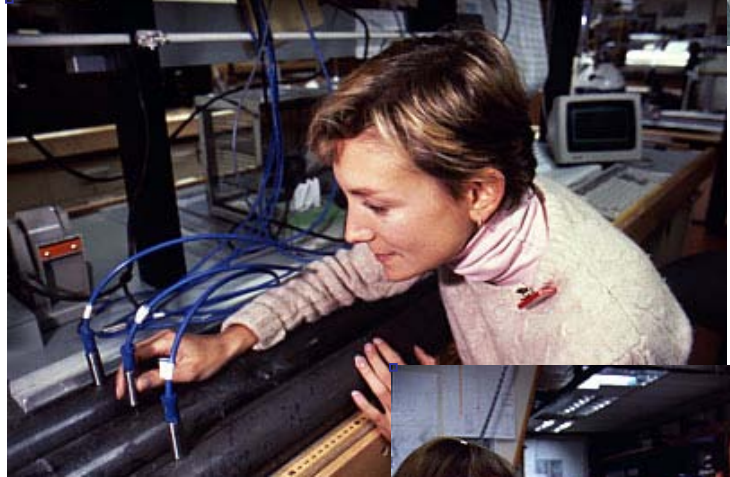
# Dynamic Positioning



# Drilling



# Hole Re-entry



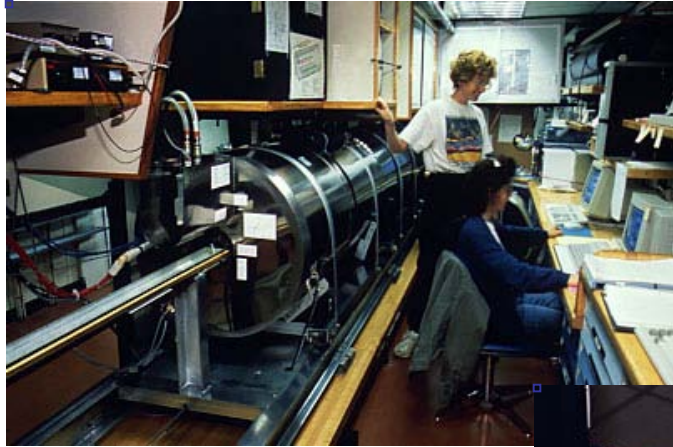
**Core Handling**



**Core Logging**



## Geomagnetic logging



## Microbiology



## Micropaleontology



## Geochemistry

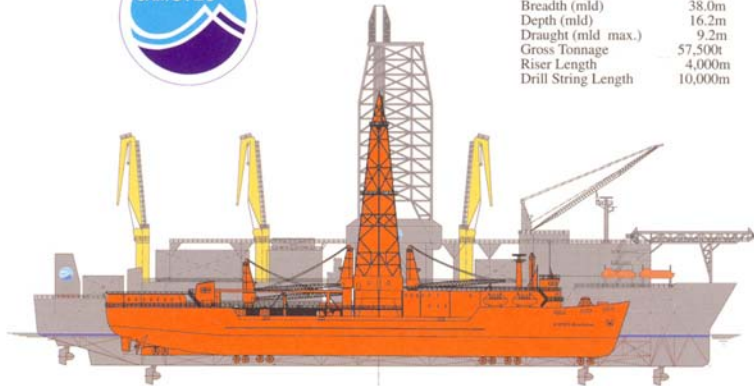




## Downhole Logging

<http://www.iodp-usio.org/>

# Chikyu Riser Drillship



## Principal Particulars

Length Overall	210.0m
Length Bpp	192.0m
Breadth (mid)	38.0m
Depth (mid)	16.2m
Draught (mid max.)	9.2m
Gross Tonnage	57,500t
Riser Length	4,000m
Drill String Length	10,000m

## JAPAN (MEXT)

Japan invests in the new deep sea riser drilling vessel Chikyu. The vessel will then be offered to IODP as drilling platform.



# Chikyu Riser Drillship



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<b>Width</b>	<b>38 m</b>
<b>Draft</b>	<b>9.2 m</b>
<b>Weight</b>	<b>57000 Ton</b>
<b>Crew</b>	<b>150 people</b>
<b>Pipes</b>	<b>10 km</b>
<b>Riser length</b>	<b>4 km</b>



The ship is built and operated by **JAMSTEC**, The Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology

<http://www.jamstec.go.jp/chikyu/>





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(c)JAMSTEC/CDEX







The **U.S.A.** (through the National Science Foundation, NSF) will re-fit and improve the drilling and laboratory capability of the JOIDES RESOLUTION, and will cover manage the operations of the **non-riser deep water drilling**.

## ***JOIDES Resolution Riserless Drillship***



**Europe + Canada (ECORD) manages drilling operations that neither the JOIDES Resolution nor the Chikyu can do (ice-covered seas, shallow water).**



# ACEX (Arctic Coring Expedition) IODP Exp. 203 (year 2004)





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IODP Exp. 203 (year 2004)**



**Vidar Viking: the drill ship**

<http://www.ecord.org/>

# Swedish Ice Breaker Oden

**ACEX (Arctic Coring Expedition)  
IODP Exp. 203 (year 2004)**



<http://www.ecord.org/>

# Russian Ice breaker **Sovietsky Soyuz**

**ACEX (Arctic Coring Expedition)  
IODP Exp. 203 (year 2004)**



# DP Hunter, IODP Tahiti Sea Level Expedition (IODP Expedition- 310)



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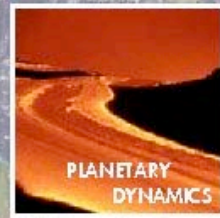
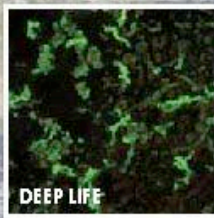
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# Illuminating Earth's Past, Present, and Future

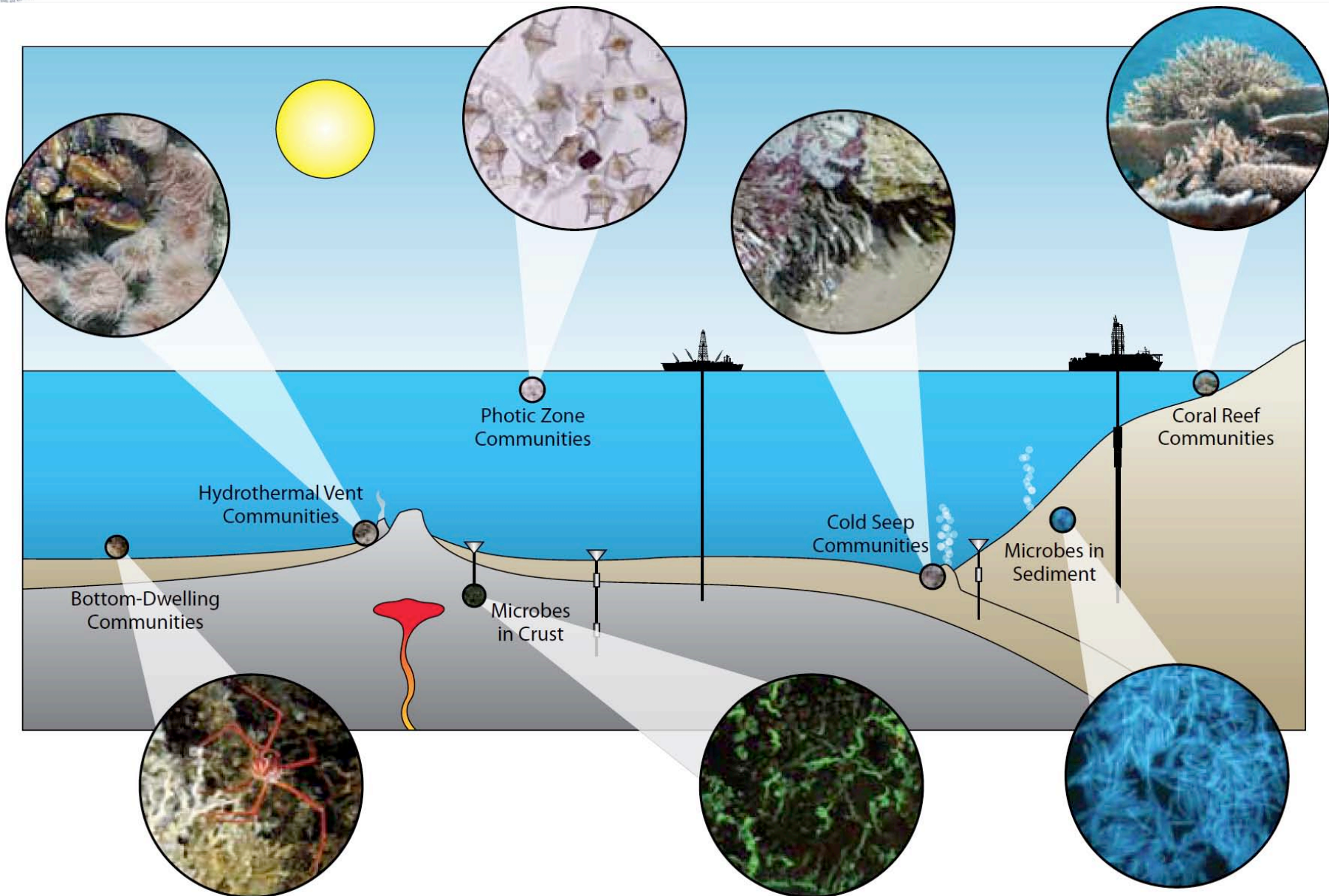


## Research Themes

- Climate and Ocean Change: Reading the Past, Informing the Future
- Biosphere Frontiers: Deep Life, Biodiversity, and Environmental Forcing of Ecosystems
- Earth Connections: Deep Processes and Their Impact on Earth's Surface Environment
- Earth in Motion: Processes and Hazards on Human Time Scales

## Education AND OUTREACH

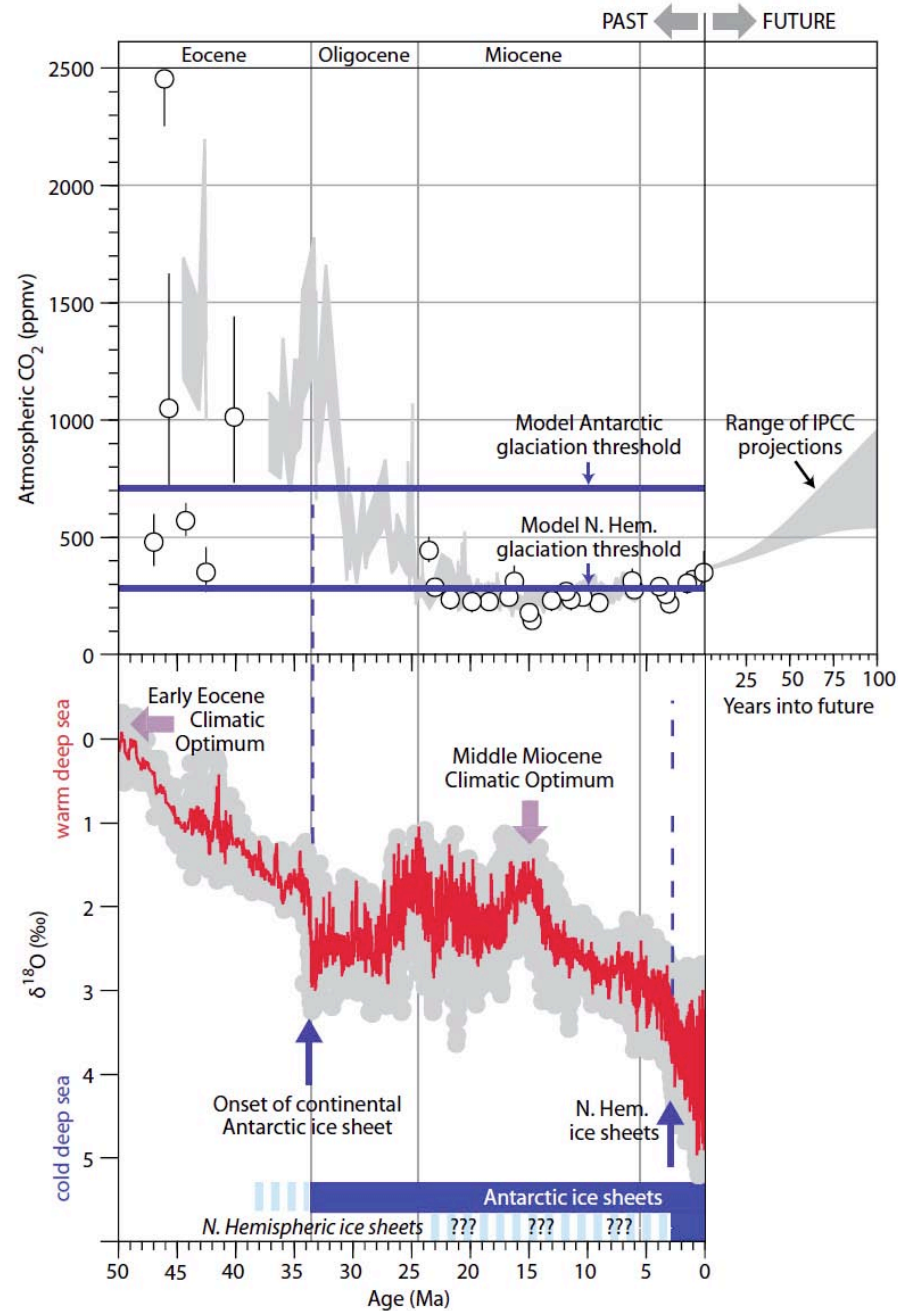
THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN DISCOVERY PROGRAM  
EXPLORING THE EARTH UNDER THE SEA



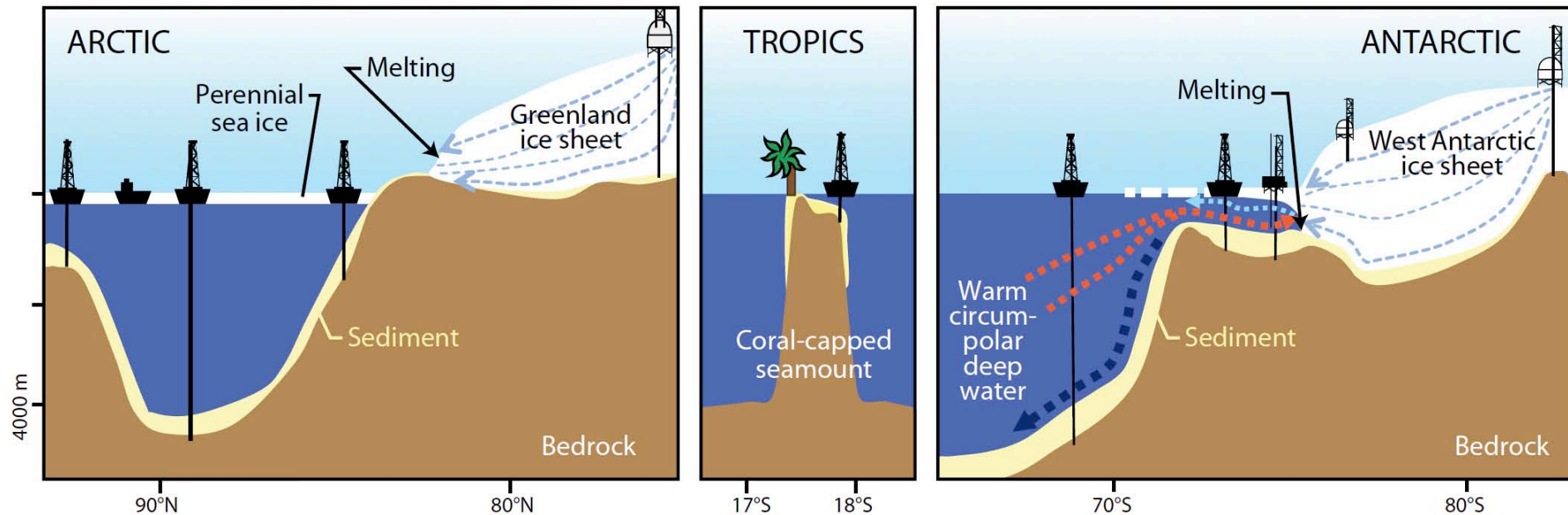
New Science Plan and as follows:

Bottom Dwelling: Ross (2007; Figure 3), Hydrothermal Vents: Devey et al. (2007, Figure 2), Microbes in Crust: Orcutt et al. (2010), Photic Zone: M. Montresor, SZN/Alfred Wegener Institute, Cold Seep Communities: Vanreusel et al. (2009, Figure 6A), Microbes in Sediment: Figure 3. 2B, Coral Reef: Coral Disease Working Group (2007; Figure 2)

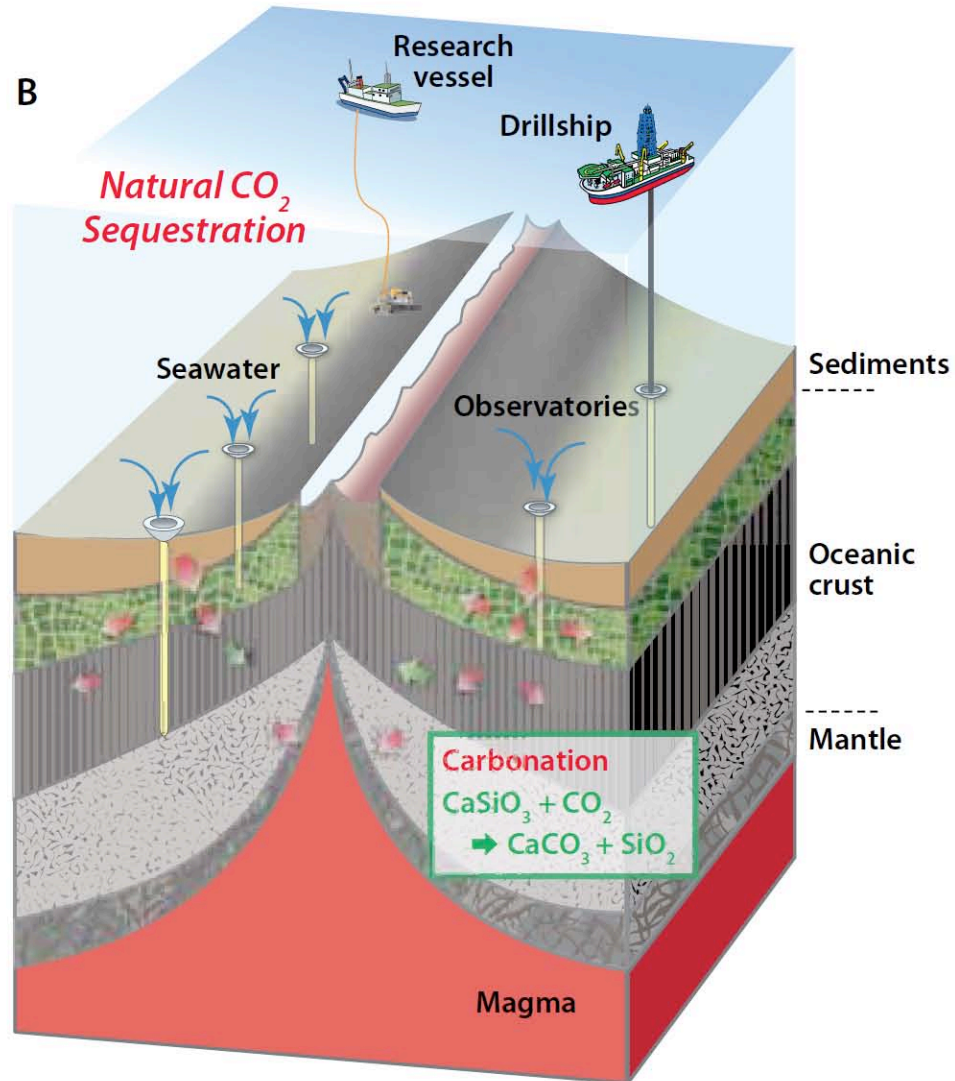
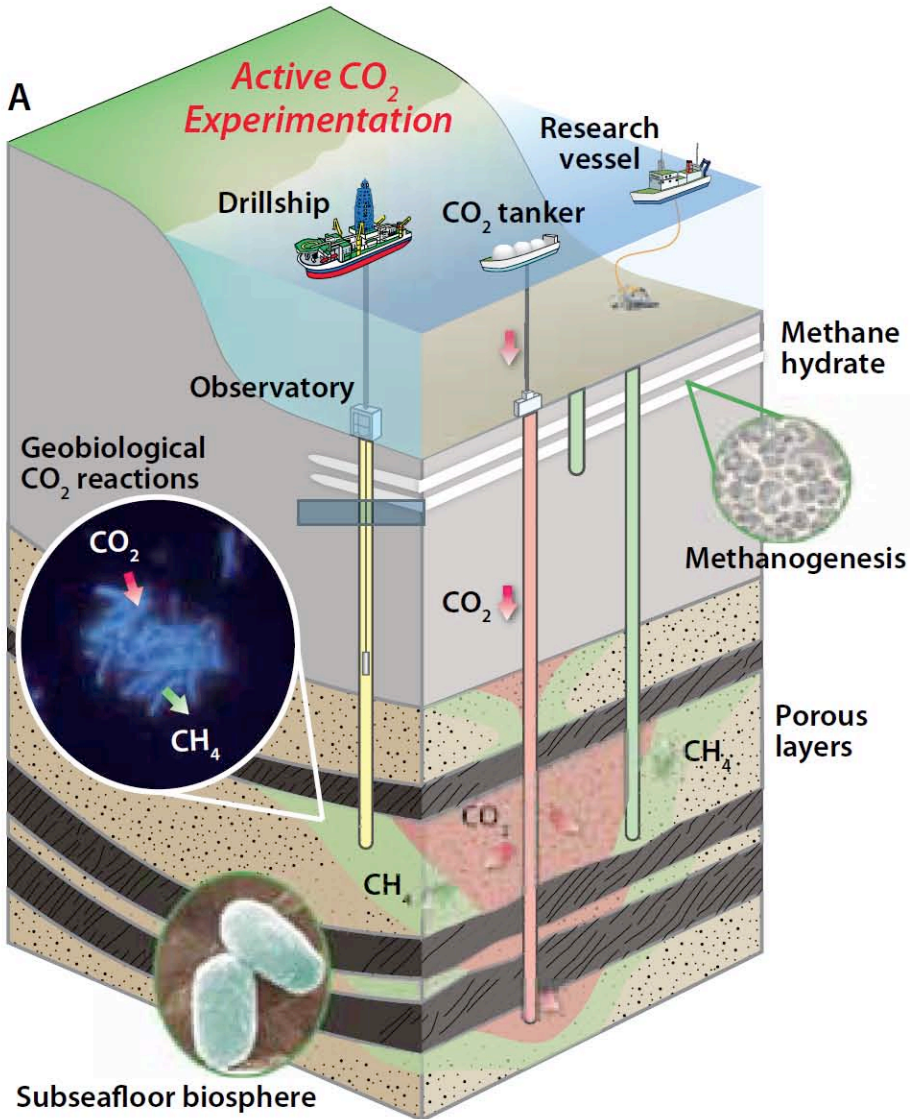
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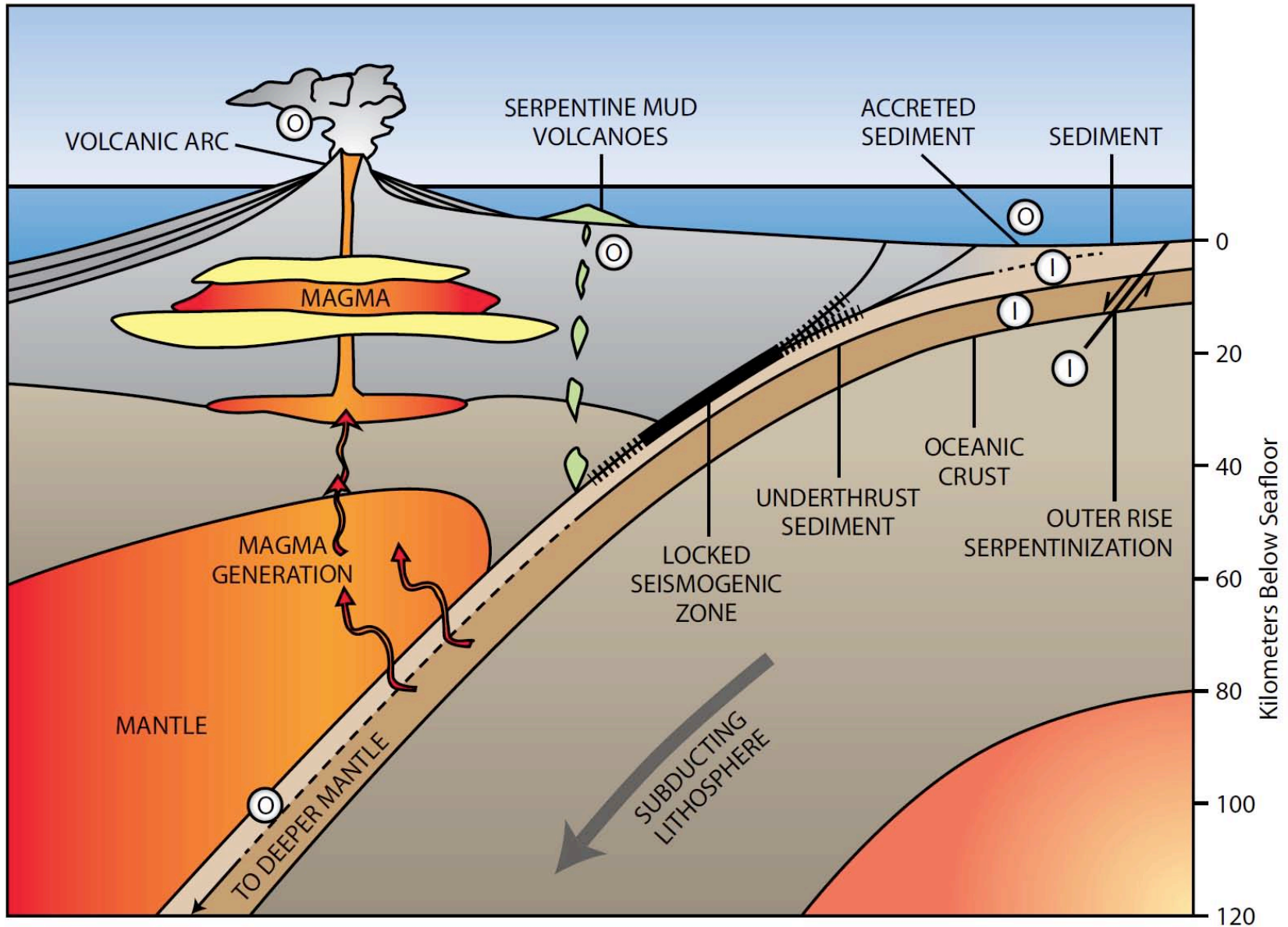
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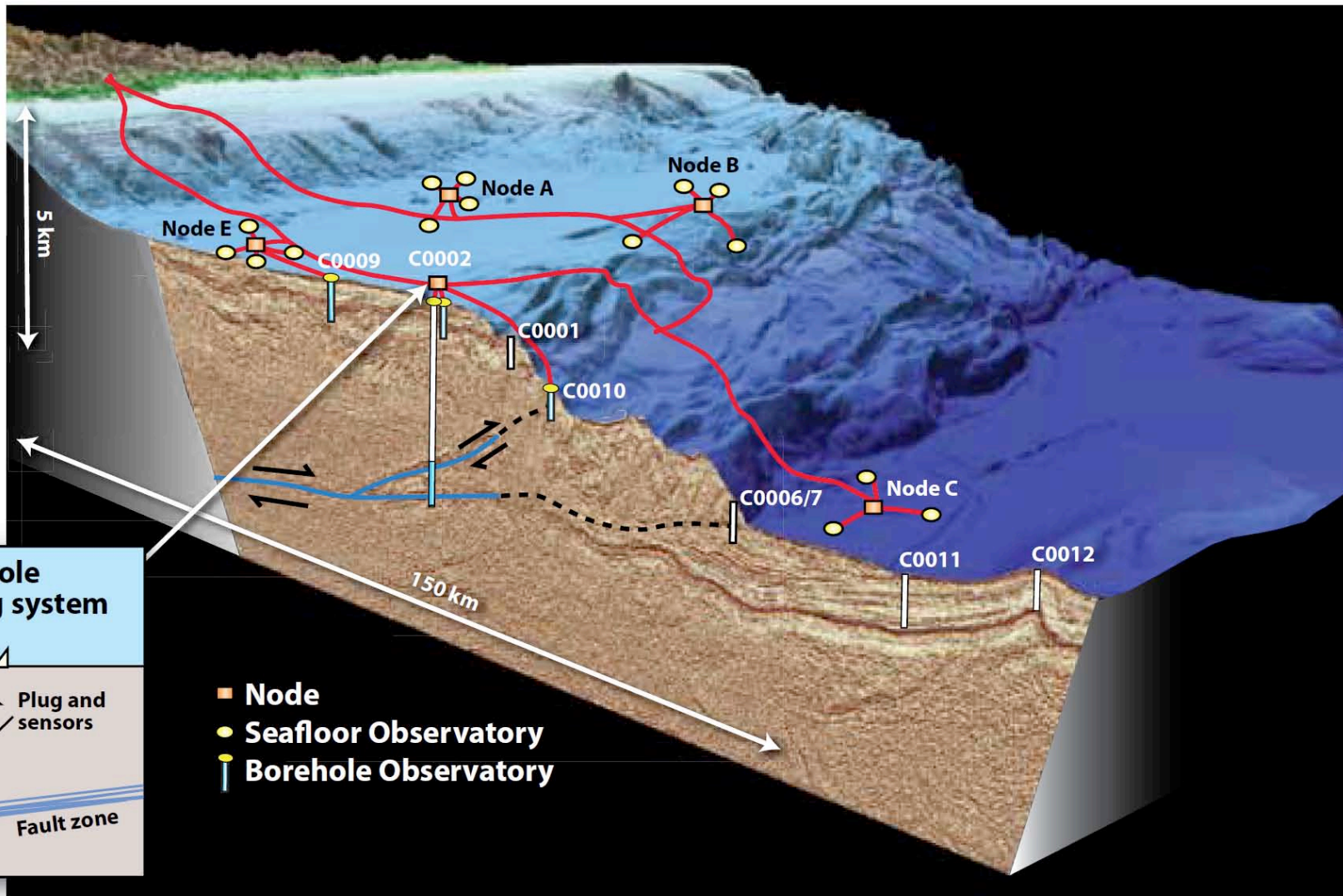
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## ECORD

(European Consortium for Ocean research Drilling).



### 16 European nations + Canada

Austria	Italy
Belgium	The Netherlands
Canada	Norway
Denmark	Portugal
Finland	United Kingdom
France	Spain
Germany	Sweden
Ireland	Switzerland
Iceland	



Prevision 2005: **ECORD 12.5 Million USD, ~ 17 % of IODP**

## ECORD Science Operation (**ESO**)

**ESO** is a consortium of European scientific institutions created to manage the operations of the **Mission Specific Platforms-MSP** on behalf of ECORD in the framework of the [Integrated Ocean Drilling Program-IODP](#).

**ESO** is composed by:

- The [British Geological Survey - BGS](#), (co-ordinator) responsible of the overall management, under contract with EMA as indicated by the ECORD Council;
- The [University of Bremen](#), sub-contracted by BGS to manage the core repository and the data management with the WDC-MARE/PANGAEA ([IODP-MSP data portal](#)). GFZ Potsdam contributes with by supporting ESO with the Drilling Information System (DIS)for offshore data acquisition;
- The [European Petrophysical Consortium](#), sub-contracted by BGS to manage the Wireline Logging operations and petrophysical activities. The Consortium is composed by:
  - University of Leicester (co-ordinator), U.K,
  - the Université de Montpellier 2, France,
  - RWTH Aachen, Germany and Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam, Netherlands.



## Why robotic drilling ?

### Disadvantage

- Less control on drill process

### Advantage

- Safety
- Access to extreme environments (steep walls, extraterrestrial environments, **sea floor** )

Picture: Roboclimber  
(Molfino, 2005)

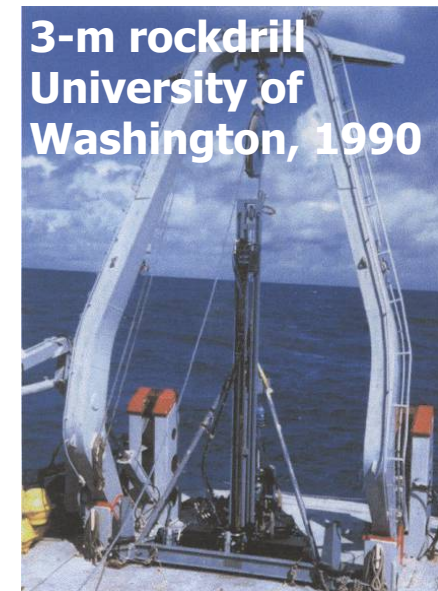
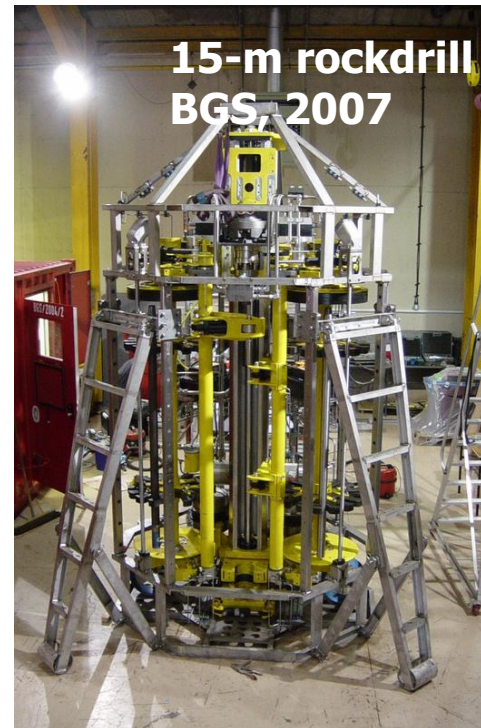
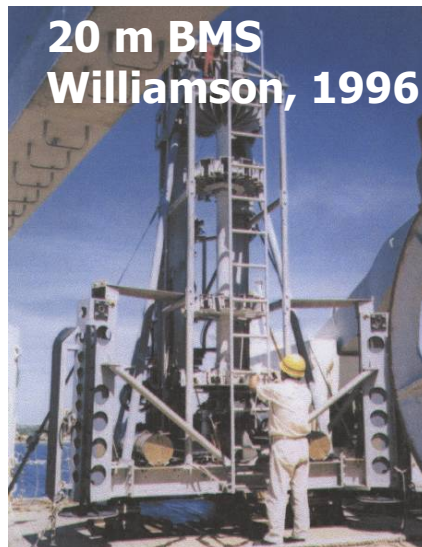
## Advantages of sea bed drill rigs

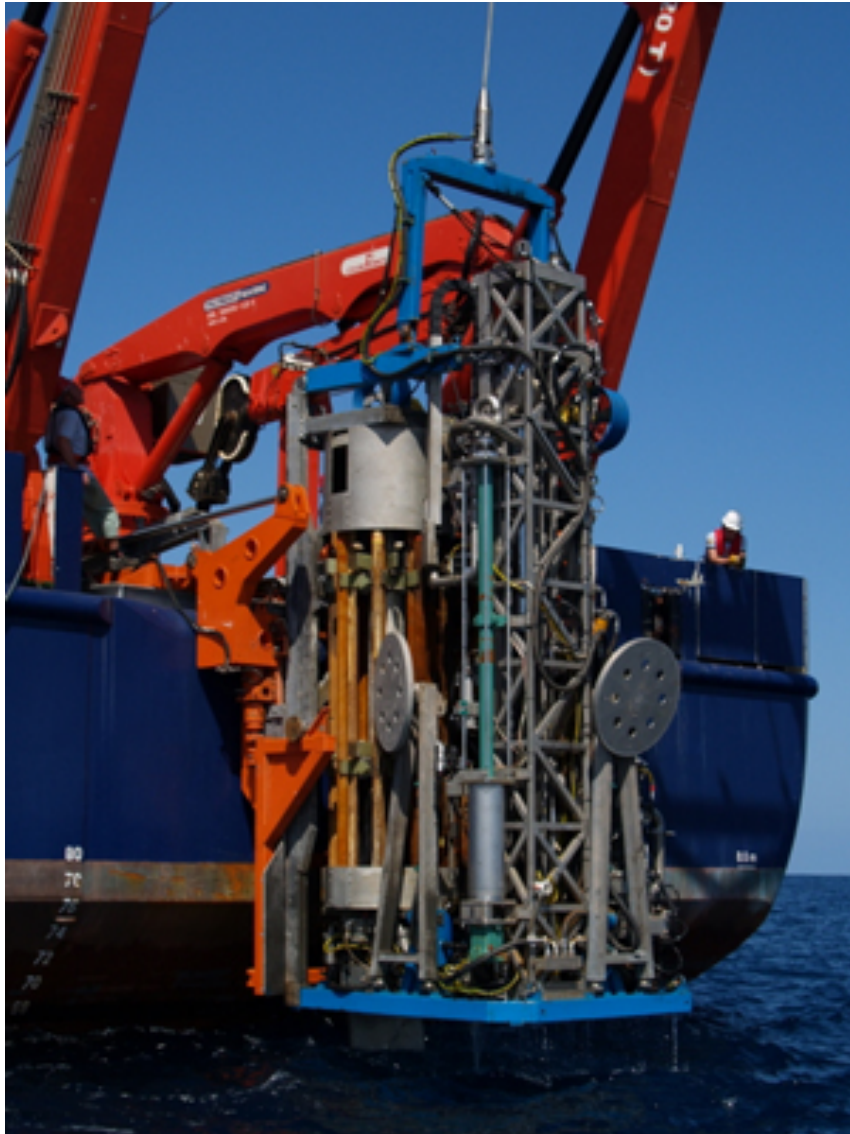
- Stable platform – optimal drill bit control
- No need for drill pipe through the water column
- Operation from multipurpose research vessels



Seabed Rig AS

# Existing seabed drill rigs



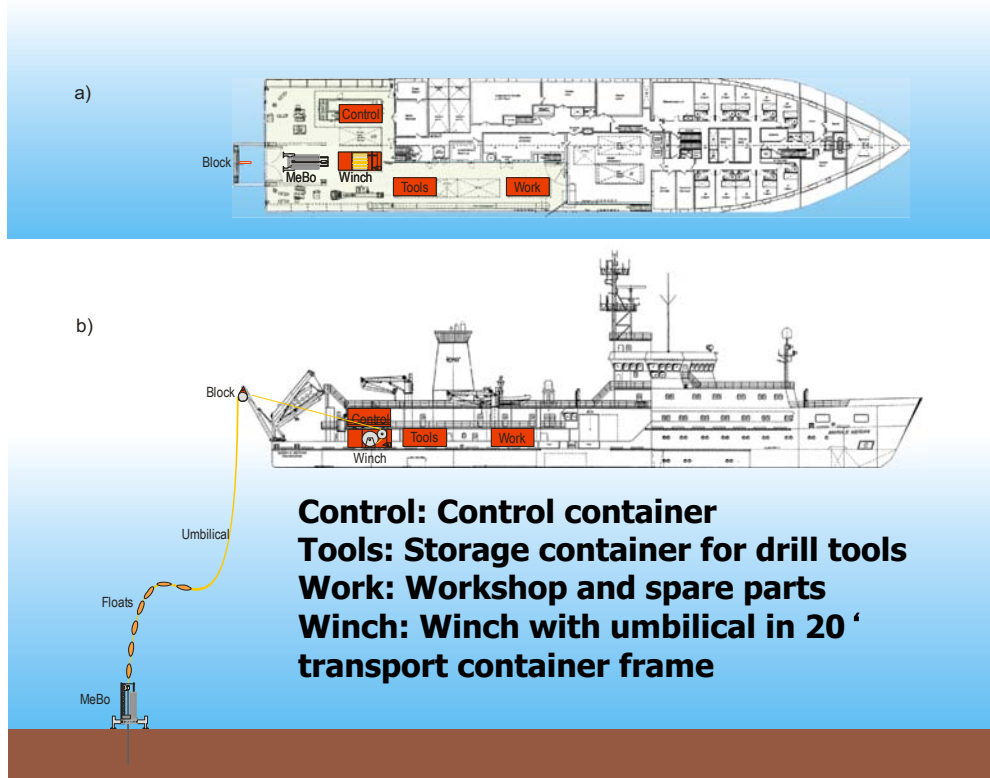


## MeBo specifications

- Drilling depth 70 m
- Coring of soft sediments and hard rocks
- Core diameter 55 – 84 mm
- Deployment depth 0 – 2000 m
- MeBo weight about 10 tonnes
- Total system weight about 75 tonnes
- Transport within six 20' containers

## Concept of MeBo

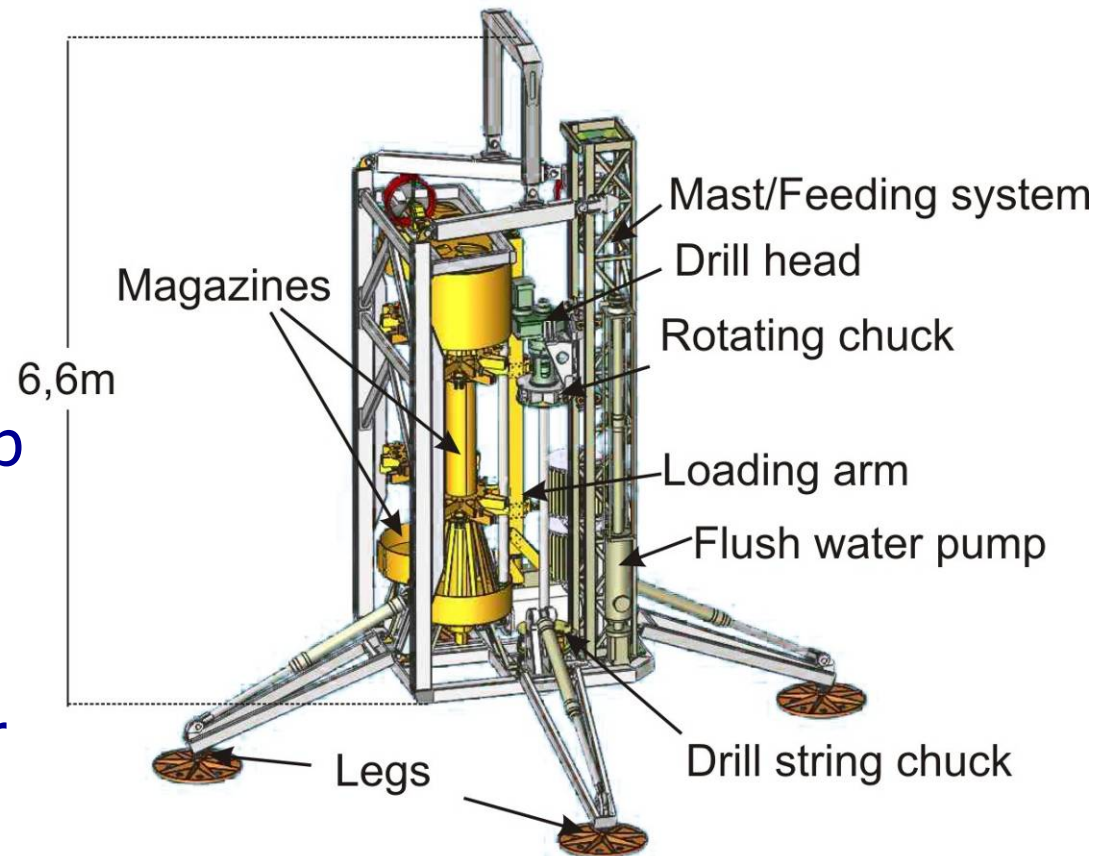
- Umbilical is used to lower the drill rig to the sea floor
- Umbilical is used for energy supply and remote control from the vessel



- Transport of the System within 20' shipping containers, that are mounted on the working deck of the research vessel

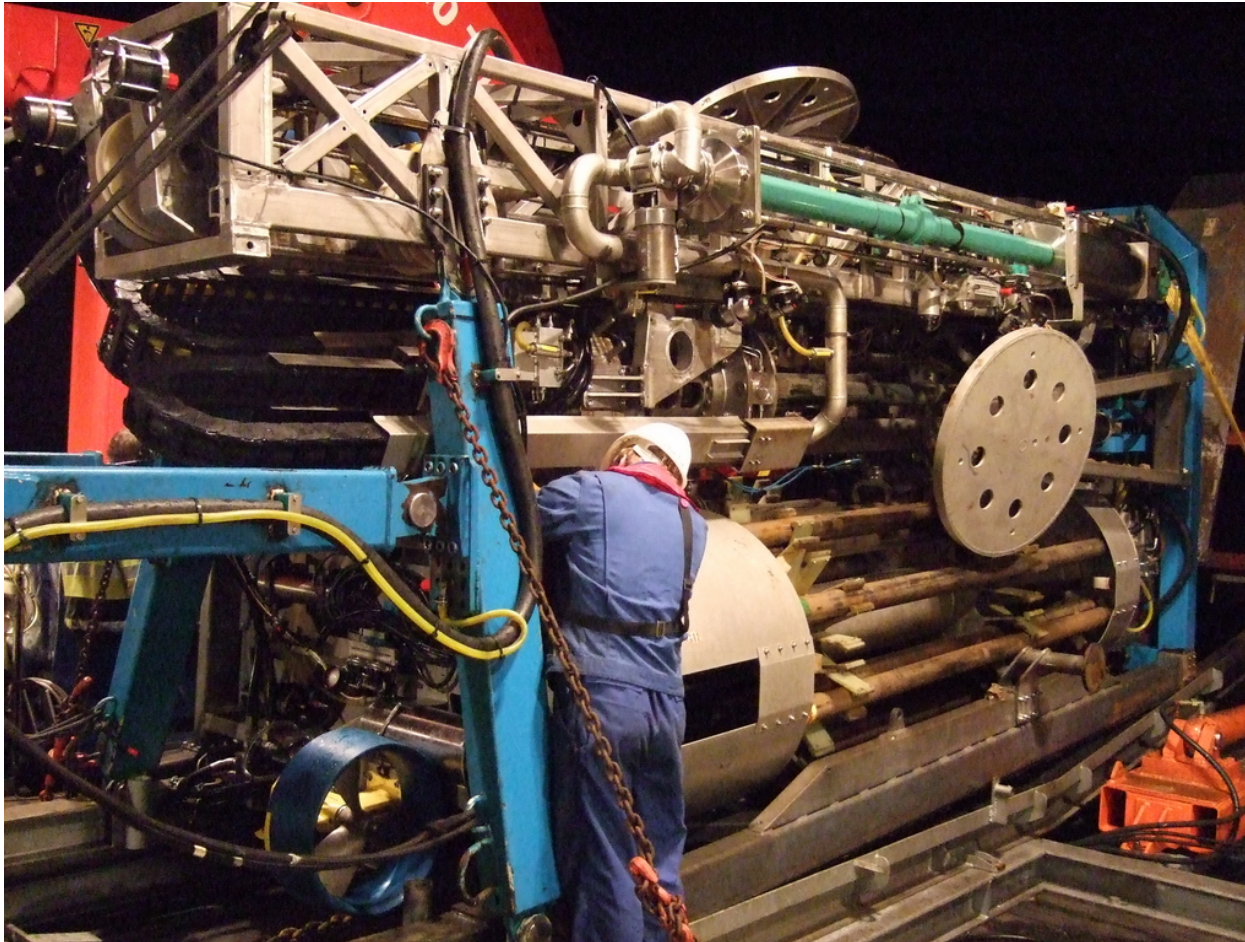
# Concept

- Mast, drill head and flush water pump form the central drilling unit
- Drill rig has access to drilling tools stored within two magazines
- The drill string is built up and down using a loading arm and two chucks
- Stability on the sea floor is increased by movable legs





# System



## Drill rig

For maintenance work between deployments the MeBo lies horizontally on deck. The movable legs are armed in. The rig weighs about 10 tonnes.

# System



## Winch

The winch stores 2500 m of the umbilical. The pull force of the winch in the upper layer is 12 tonnes.

# System



## Control Unit

The drill rig is remotely controlled from the control container. All actions are surveyed by video cameras and sensors.

# System



## Workshop

A mechanical workshop and spareparts are transported within a workshop container for maintenance and repair on sea

# System



## Drill tools

2.35m rods are used to build up the drill string. 30 core barrels and 29 rods are required for core drilling down to 70 m below the sea floor.

## MeBo 2004/2005 (HBFG)



**Cooperations:**

**Prakla Bohrtechnik  
Schilling Robotics  
NSW, STA ...**



## Wire-line 2007/2008 (HBFG)



**Prakla  
Seyferle**

## Pressure Core Barrel 2008/2010 (BMBF, SUGAR)



**Prakla Bohrtechnik  
TU Clausthal**

## Borehole Logging (2010)

