

International Workshop on Offshore Geologic CO₂ Storage



An Overview of the Design, Build and Testing of the CO₂ Rig

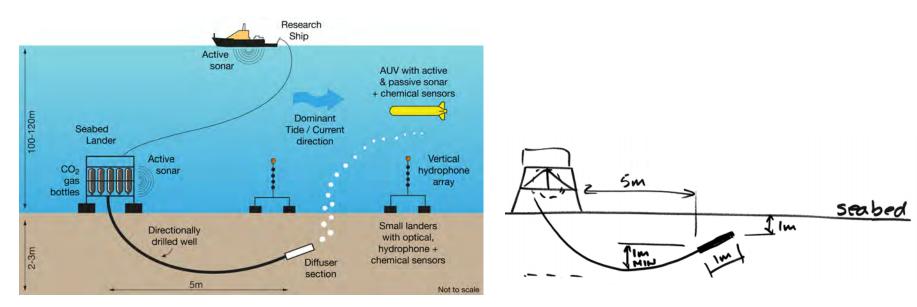
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Background:

Where did we start....?





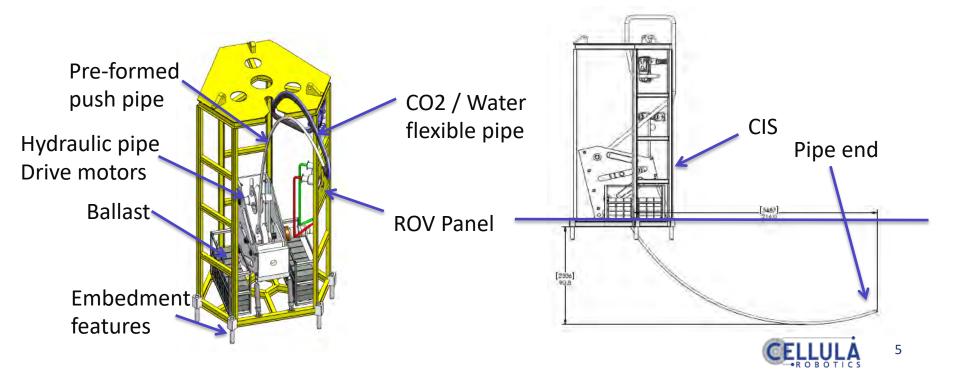
Scope:

- Design and fabrication of the subsea rig
- Design and build of top-side control system
- Design and fabrication of the CO2 injection pipe
- Factory Acceptance Testing of the fully integrated system
- Dock (submerged) Testing including injection pipe installation in seabed
- Provide Operational Spares
- Provide Operator Training
- Provide Offshore operations support



Initial concepts – subsea module (2015):

- ROV intervention to operate rig
- Rig remains on seafloor during CO₂ injection



Initial concept – subsea module (2018):

Hydraulic power unit

Hydraulic pipe Drive motors

Embedment features

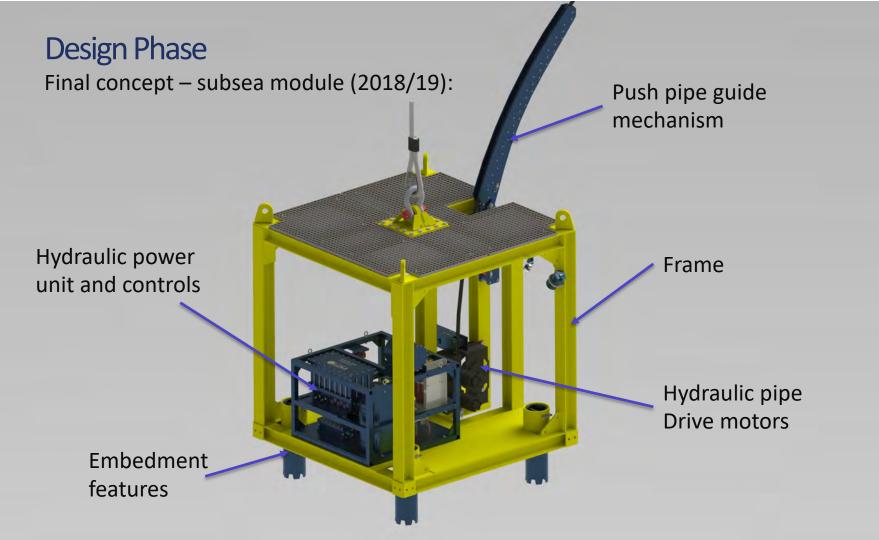
Pre-formed push pipe

Frame

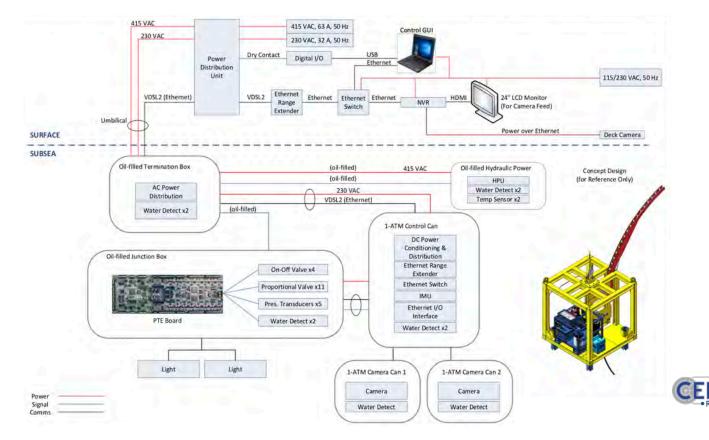
- No ROV operations Panel
- Now integrated subsea power and comms
- CO2 injection to be from separately deployed source
- Rig to be recovered between pipe installations/during CO₂ injection

Ballast



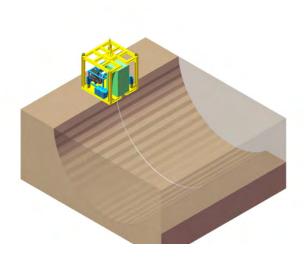


Overall System Block Diagram:



Challenges:

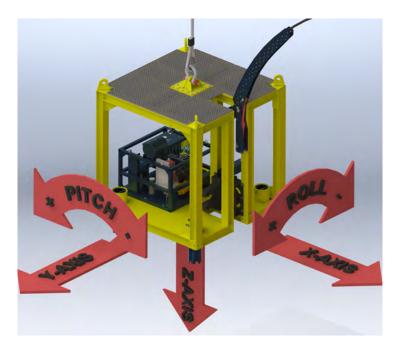
- CO₂ pipe injection method:
 - Curved pipe geometry
 - Precise positioning in seabed
 - Connection of external CO₂ supply
 - Capability to insert and retract pipe
 - Verification of pipe diffuser position following pipe insertion
- 'Stuck Pipe' Scenarios:
 - Rig breakdown/power failure with pipe partially inserted
 - Pipe refuses during insertion
 - Pipe bends/jams during pipe insertion due to ground conditions





Challenges:

• CO₂ pipe injection method:





- Realtime pitch and roll monitoring during rig land out and operations (accelerometer)
- AHRS for heading reference during land out
- COTS linear engine utilized for pipe injection – bi-directional and marinized



Challenges:

• 'Stuck Pipe' Scenarios/Pipe Detection:

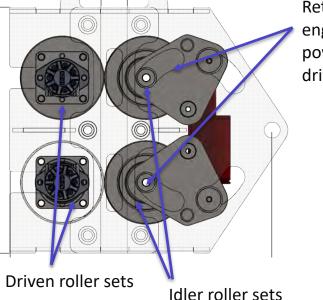
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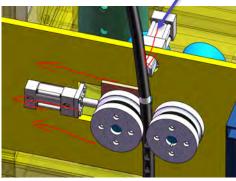
Powerful neodymium magnet installed in pipe tip for detection by ROV magnetometer

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Amespore sintered CO₂ diffuser

Retractable rollers on linear engine release pipe on power failure (accumulator driven) Hydraulic push units eject pipe from linear engine on power failure (accumulator driven)









CONOPS Animation:





Build Phase

Schedule:

		Planned	Actual
•	Contract Execution	16 May 2018	16 May 2018
•	Kick-off meeting	07 June 2018	05 June 2018
•	MS0: Preliminary Design Review (internal)	09 July 2018	24 July 2018
•	MS1: Critical Design Review (Client)	09 Aug 2018	09 Aug 2018
•	MS2: Completion of Build and FAT	14 Feb 2019	24 Jan 2019
٠	MS3: Completion of Dockside Testing	21 Feb 2019	26 Feb 2019*
٠	MS4: Completion of Client Training	21 Feb 2019	26 Jan 2019
•	MS5: Completion of Packing for EXW Delivery	22 Feb 2019	04 Mar 2018
•	MS6: Offshore Operations Support	April 2019	24 Apr – 2 May 2019



Build Phase

Main Assemblies/Systems:

























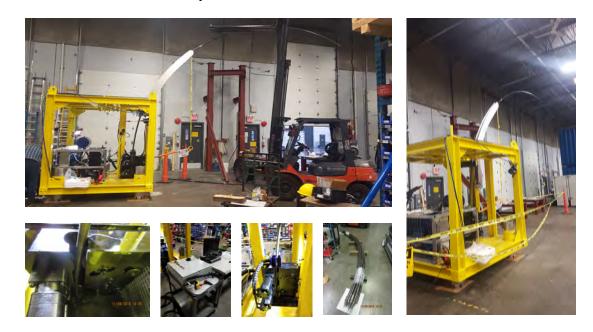








Factory Acceptance Testing Location: Cellula Robotics Ltd, Burnaby, BC Date: 24 January 2019.



- Fully function tested (dry)
- Pipe loaded and unloaded
- Pipe emergency release tested



Testing Phase

Dock Test No. 1:

Location: Allied Shipbuilders Ltd., North Vancouver, BC

Date: 26 January 2019.













- 2 Pipes pushed 100% penetration
- Pipe emergency release tested
- No water ingress
- No IR faults
- No comms faults









Dock Test No. 1:

Hmmm... but something doesn't look quite right...?



'unpushed' pipe geometry

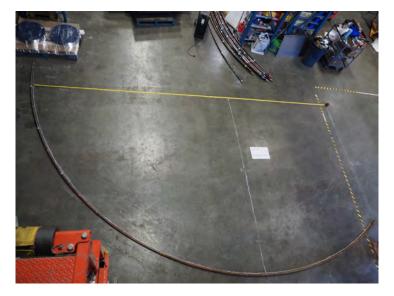


pipe geometry after push test



Retest – post Linear Engine Roller adjustments:

Pre-test pipe geometry set out



Post-test pipe geometry check

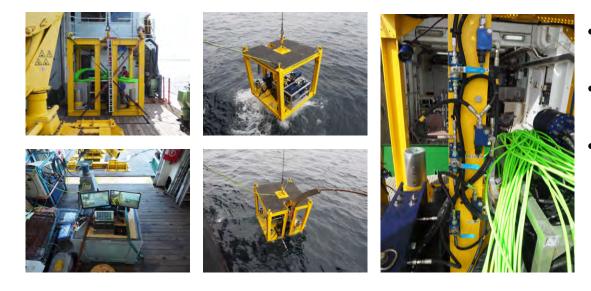


Post test pipe geometry within tolerance



Offshore Operations Support

Location: Goldeneye Gas Reservoir (depleted) UKCS. Dates: 24 April – 2 May 2019



- 2 Pipes successfully installed and connected to CO₂ supply
- CO₂ verified as flowing through pipe
- CO₂ bubbles observed and monitored at the seafloor



Thank-you!

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'Sea trial results from an experimental fuel cell powered, long range, autonomous underwater vehicle with anchoring capability'





