# Suitability for ROVs and AUVs



A Reed Maritime Event

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### Agenda

#### Multibeam Imaging Sonars for ROVs and AUVs

- Company Introduction
- Multibeam Imaging Technology
- Multibeam Imaging Range
- Conclusion
- Questions

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### **About Us** Tritech

- We are a high-technology business dedicated to providing the most reliable imaging and ancillary equipment for use in underwater applications
- Our key markets include; Defence, Energy, Engineering, Survey, Search and Recovery, Academic Research and Underwater Vehicles
- We remain an industry leader in the provision of sensors and tools for ROV and AUV markets
- We were established in 1991
- We have approximately 70 staff across 4 international sites





#### **Tritech** A Moog Company

#### MOOG

Tritech is a Moog Inc. company who are a worldwide designer, manufacturer and integrator of precision control components and systems for:

- Military and commercial aircraft
- Satellites
- Space vehicles
- Launch vehicles
- Missiles
- Automated industrial machinery
- Medical equipment
- Marine applications

Moog Inc. supplies high-performance systems to the global onshore and offshore oil and gas industry through its marine companies Focal Technologies Corporation and Tritech International Ltd.



#### **Our Subsea World** Energy: a Typical Subsea Scene Below

- One of our largest operating markets is the exploration and production of hydrocarbons in the Oil & Gas industry
- The scene to the right depicts a typical subsea environment, complete with oil rig, surface vessels, a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and a side scan sonar working across this seabed construction site around structures such as pipelines and manifolds





## **Our Subsea World**

Core Product Line

#### Sonars

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- Mechanical
- Towed
- Multibeam
- Imaging
- Profiling

#### **Navigation:**

- USBL Positioning
- Altimeter
- Compass
- Velocity

- AncillaryBathymetric
- Control

#### Video

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Cameras

#### Hydraulic

- Pan & Tilt
  - Dredging
- Pumping







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# Multibeam imaging technology How it differs from a mechanical sonar

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#### **Sonar Theory** Sonar Location









#### **Sonar Theory** Mechanical Imaging Sonar



#### **Sonar Theory** Multibeam Imaging Sonar











Range of sizes and suitability



Multibeam Imaging Sonars for ROVs and AUVs



Physical Specification (compared)



Specification	720im	Micron DST	720ik
Size: length width height	99mm 63mm <b>40mm</b>	68mm 56mm 79mm	150mm 125mm 65mm
Weight in water:	244g	180g	430g
Depth Rating:	300m	750m	350m

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- Low profile and almost ½ weight of Gemini 720ik
- Only 65 grams heavier than Micron DST
- Similar depth rating as
  720ik and ideal for most
  MicroROV depths



Technical Specification (compared)



Specification	720im		Micron DST	720ik	•
Horizontal beam width	90°		360°	120°	$\geq$
Range	0.2 – 50m		0.3 - 75m	0.2 – 120m	
Angular Res.	2.34° acoustic		3° acoustic	1° acoustic	•
Range Res.	8mm		7.5mm	8mm	
Update Rate	3 - 20Hz		0.25 – 0.1Hz <sup>1</sup>	5 - 97Hz	•
Typical Power Requirement	7.5W		4W	16W	
Supply Voltage	12 – 48V DC		12 – 48V DC	19–74V DC	
Comms.	Ethernet / Serial /	/	Serial	Ethernet	

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- Fast update rate for real time imaging
- Low power requirement
- Ethernet and Serial comms capability



How The Image Compares Against A Mechanical Sonar



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Small Sonar for Small ROVs and AUVs





- Greatly reduced size and weight
- Ethernet and Serial comms
- Micron AUX port •
- **Micro ROV pricing** ٠







#### **Multibeam Imaging Range** 720im Serial Interface for Multibeam over Copper

Protocol developed by Tritech to allow for the transmission of high volume data over a Serial (RS485 and RS232) link thus allowing a multibeam to run over a simple copper twisted pair when using RS485.

The Tritech USB to Serial converter has been developed to provide optimum telemetry performance although the sonar will operate with any high quality Serial interface.



TSMP adaptor shown here prior to potting



## Conclusion

Multibeam Imaging Sonar Choice



### Multibeam Imaging Conclusions

- Gemini Multibeam image offers real time imaging
- 720is and 720ik provides seabed imaging for target classification
- 720im offers Multibeam capability where it was not possible before
  - Consider application and your requirements /expectations
- Multibeam imaging technology is advancing fast!
- Multibeam not just for ROVs
  - AUVs
  - Towed Vehicles
  - Pole Mount
  - Divers Too!

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Image courtesy of Kraken



## Thank you, questions?

