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Vertical Cable Seismic A New Geophysical Challenge to High Resolution Deep Water Survey

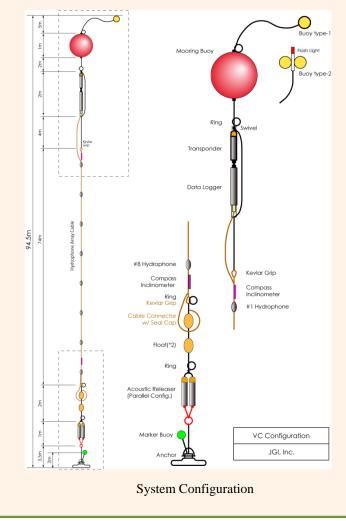
Vertical Cable Seismic (VCS) System is an excellent tool to obtain the high resolution seismic data near seabed. Sensors attached along a vertically extended cable from seabed can acquire shallow sub-bottom reflections. Targets of the VCS system are deep water site survey or geohazards. VCS has great advantages over conventional seismic method shown as below;

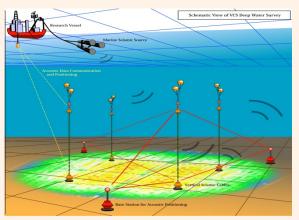
(1) It achieves efficient high-resolution 3D survey in a limited area. Because hydrophone sensor is close to target, the Fresnel volume is smaller than surface seismic and the background noise level is significantly decreased.

(2) It avoids the coupling problems between sensor and seabottom that cause serious damage of seismic data quality. (3) Various types of marine source are applicable with VCS such as sea-surface source (air gun, water gun etc.), deep-towed or ocean bottom sources according to the exploration target.

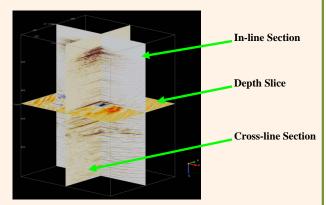
JGI Autonomous VCS System

Vertical Cable with 8 hydrophones Autonomous recording system at ocean bottom Tandem-type reliable acoustic releaser Acoustic positioning system Deployment/Recovery system on board Sampling rate: 10kHz (24bit 8ch) Maximum operation depth: 2000m





Concept of VCS Deep Water Survey



3D Prestack Depth Migrated Volume (500x500x1000m)



Photo of VCS system

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