## TEC-V PROJECT PROPOSAL

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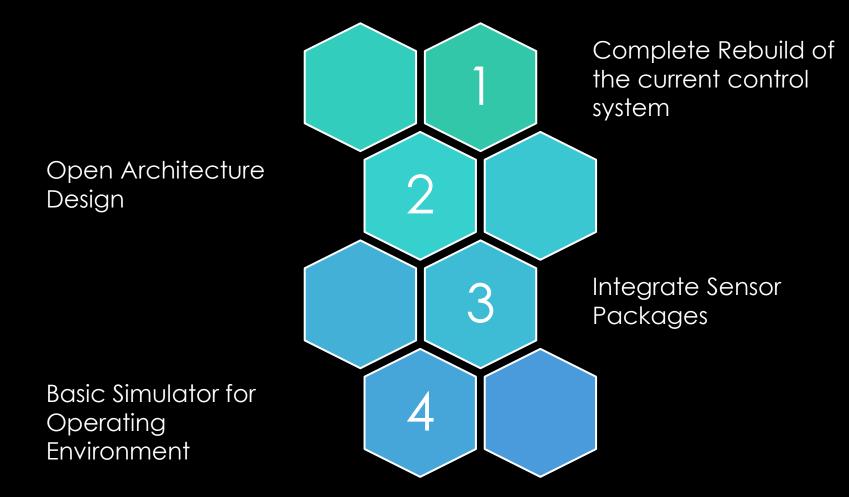
### CLIENT

#### • DR. Wood

- **Professor** | Ocean Engineering and Marine Sciences
- Program Chair for Ocean Engineering



### GOALS



# KEY FEATURES

Modularity and Extensibility:

Objective: Design the software with a modular architecture to enable easy integration of new sensors, algorithms, and control strategies.

Simulation and Testing Environments

**Objective:** Provide a comprehensive simulation environment for testing navigation algorithms and strategies.

Machine Learning Integration

**Objective:** Incorporate machine learning techniques for improved underwater navigation and decision-making.

Safety and Collision Avoidance

**Objective:** Develop safety features and collision avoidance mechanisms.

### NOVEL FEATURES

#### **Hybrid Navigation Strategies**

□**Objective:** Combine traditional navigation methods with advanced techniques like SLAM for enhanced accuracy and reliability. □**Novelty:** This hybrid approach is novel and addresses the challenge of navigating complex underwater environments effectively.

#### □Real-time 3D Mapping

Objective: Develop capabilities for real-time creation and updating of high-resolution 3D maps of the underwater environment.
Novelty: This feature aids in obstacle avoidance and path planning, marking a significant advancement in autonomous underwater navigation.

#### **DEnergy-efficient Navigation**

**Objective:** Optimize energy consumption during underwater navigation.

**Novelty**: The development of unique algorithms to conserve energy is a novel contribution, especially for extended missions.

### TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

• Gain a deep understanding of the existing software to integrate our autonomous navigation system.

> Current Program Architecture

Autonomation and Machine Learning

• Implementing automation and machine learning techniques for is a significant undertaking. • For one of our team members, working in the field of robotics is entirely new.

Robotics Expertise

### MILESTONE 1 (OCT 2)

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the current software architecture, assess its compatibility with the project goals, and evaluate the feasibility of implementing autonomous navigation within the existing framework.

#### • Tasks:

- Conduct a detailed analysis of the current software architecture.
- Identify potential integration challenges and areas requiring modification.
- Assess the feasibility of incorporating automation and machine learning components.
- Produce a feasibility report outlining the findings and proposed modifications if necessary.

### MILESTONE 2 (OCT 30)

 Successfully integrate the open architecture software with the underwater robot's hardware components, ensuring seamless communication for manual controls.

#### • Tasks:

- Develop and implement communication protocols between the software and hardware components.
- Test the integration in controlled environments to ensure stability and reliability.
- Address any issues or discrepancies in hardware-software interaction.
- Ensure that the robot can be controlled and monitored through the software interface.

### MILESTONE 3 (NOV 30)

 Develop and demonstrate a functional prototype of a simulated environment, to later be used as a platform to test autonomous functionality.

#### • Tasks:

- Design and build a realistic simulated environment that mimics the intended operational environment for the autonomous robot.
- Conduct extensive testing in real or simulated underwater environments.
- Demonstrate the robot's ability to do basic autonomous navigation, and avoid obstacles.

#### WEBPAGE LINK

### TEC-V <u>https://bluecodehydra.github.io/FIT\_Project-</u> <u>TEC\_V/data.html</u>

# QUESTIONS?

