

ROBOMINERS RM1/2/3: OVERVIEW OF PROTOTYPES

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PROTOTYPES

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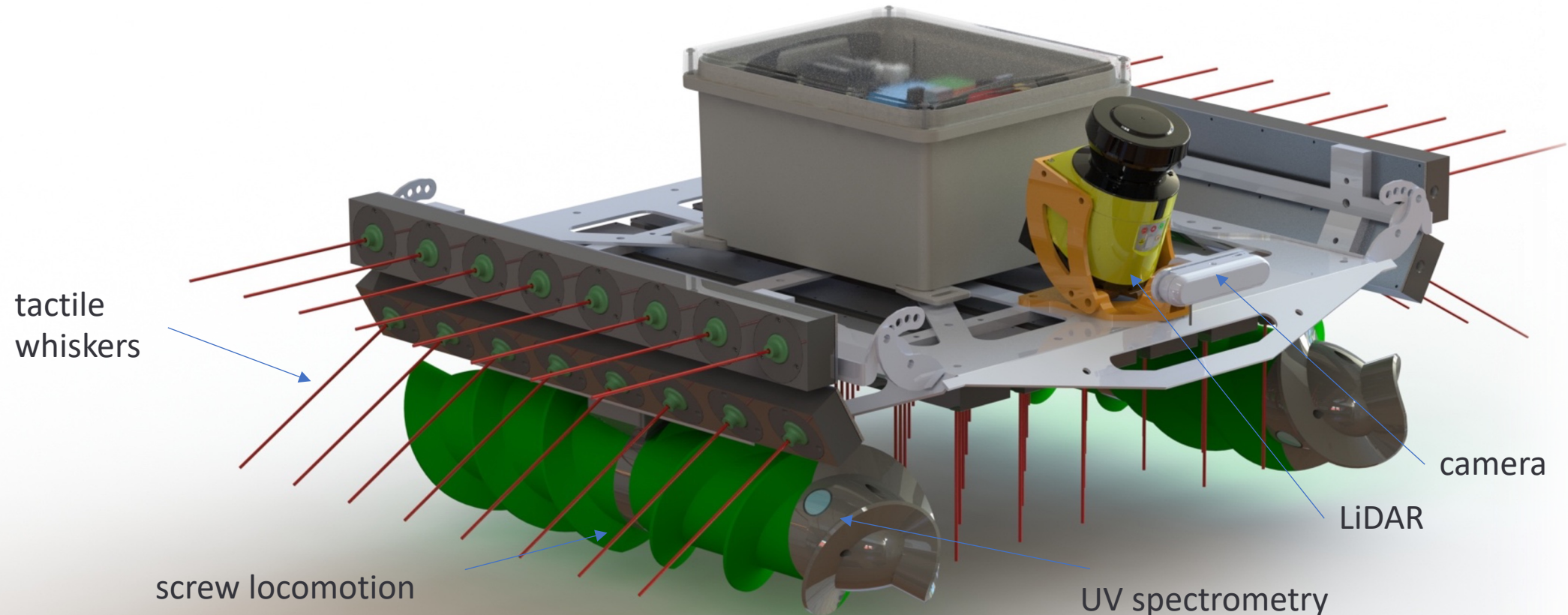
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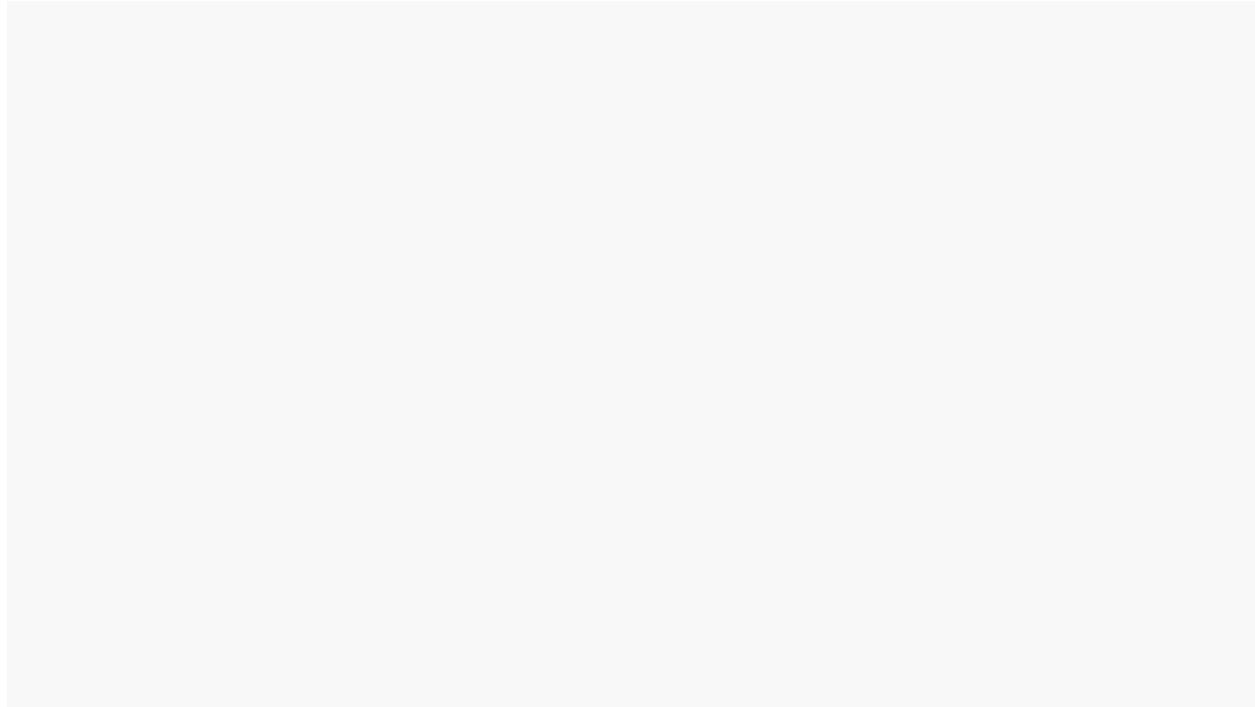
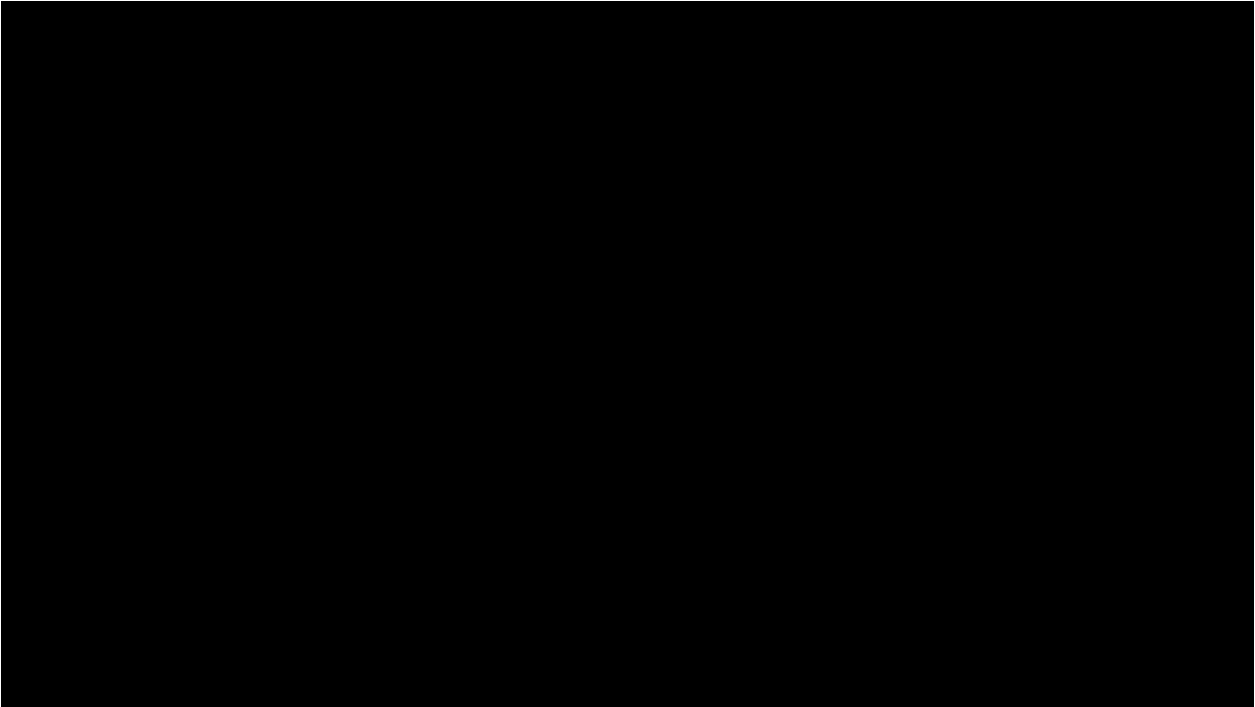


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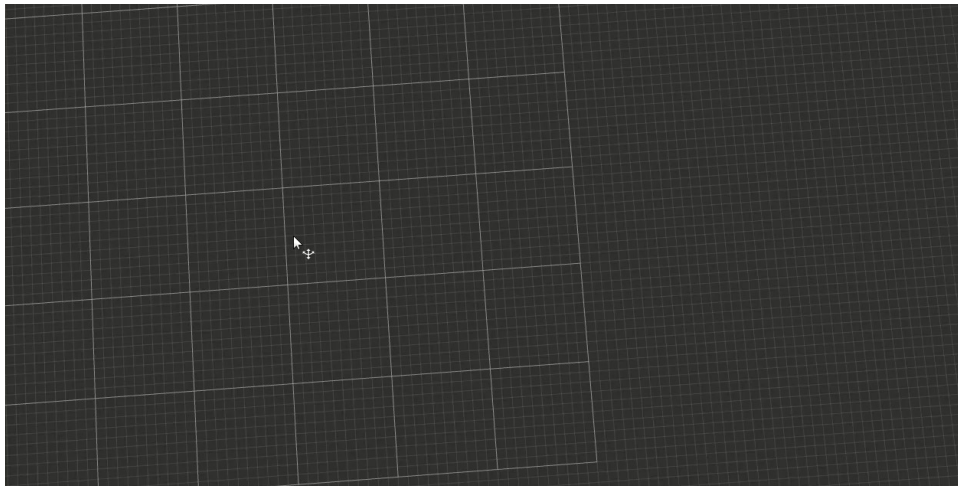
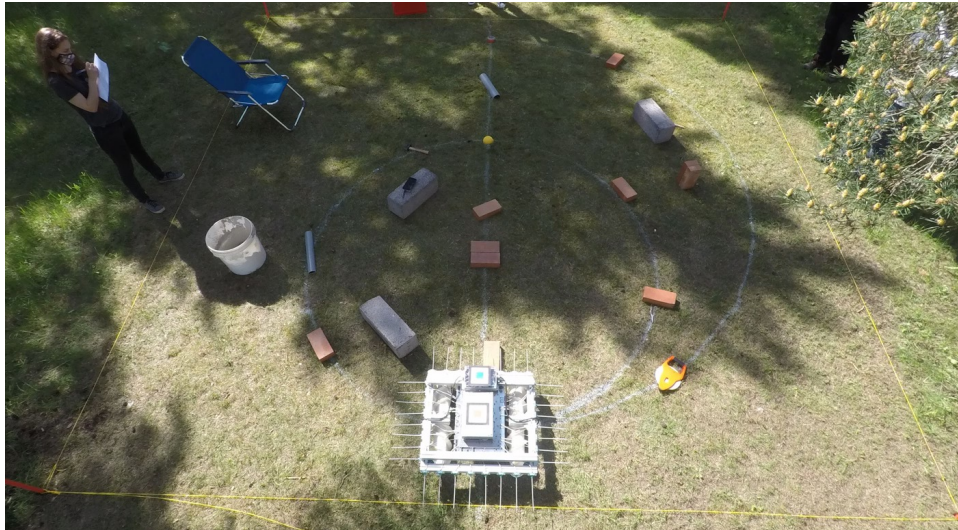


- Locomotion through matter with unknown properties
- Perception in unstructured sensory deprived environments

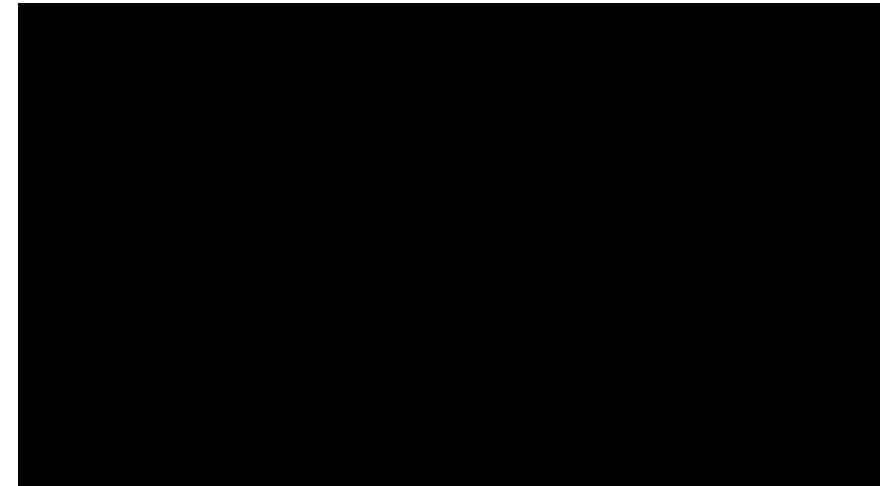
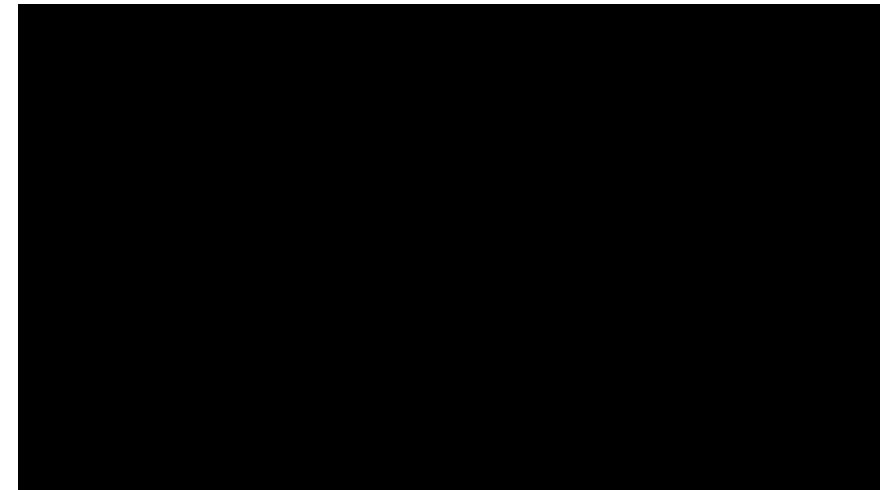




MAPPING AND LOCALIZATION



WALL FOLLOWING AND NAVIGATION





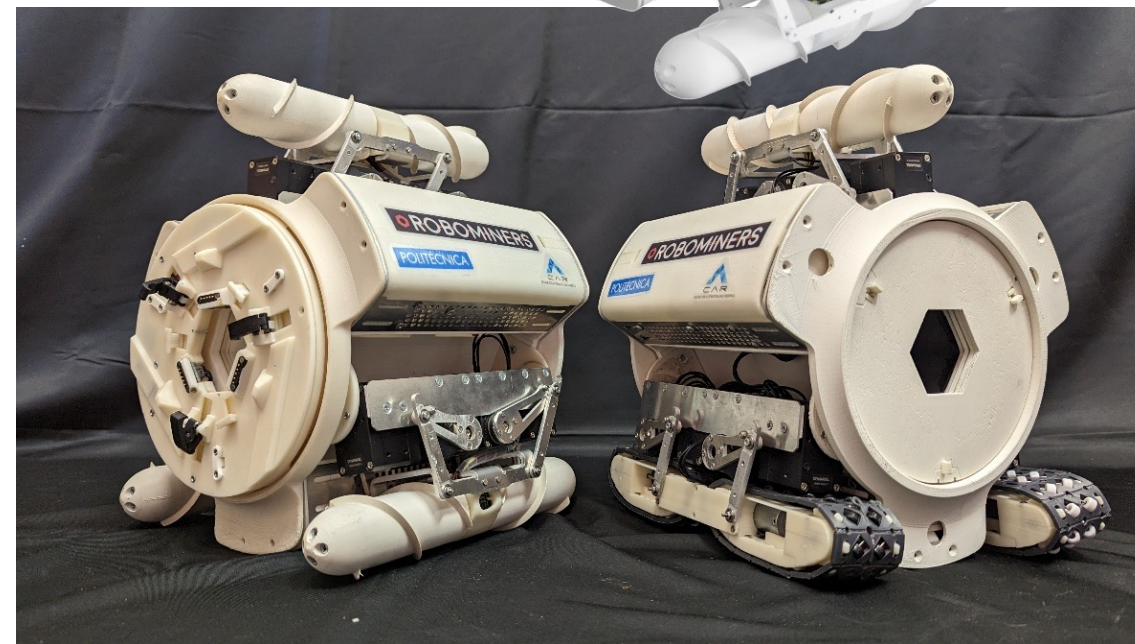
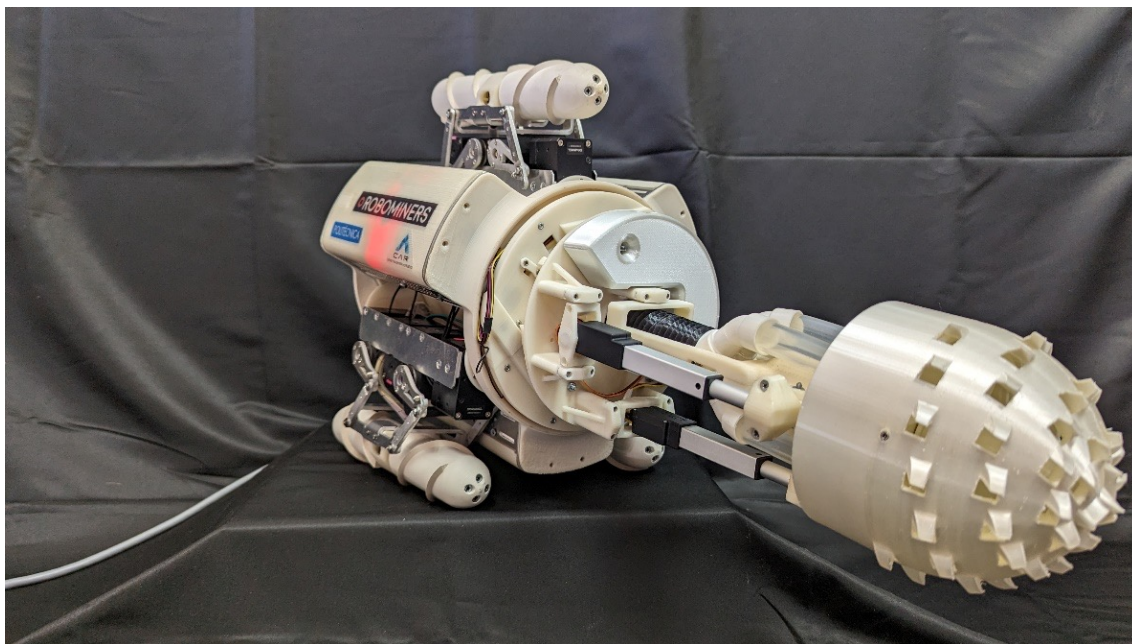
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RM2 - OVERVIEW

- Studies on re-configurability
- Changing configuration during operation
- Docking mechanism for modular robots based on a soft continuum arm
- Study the robot's self-assembly capabilities



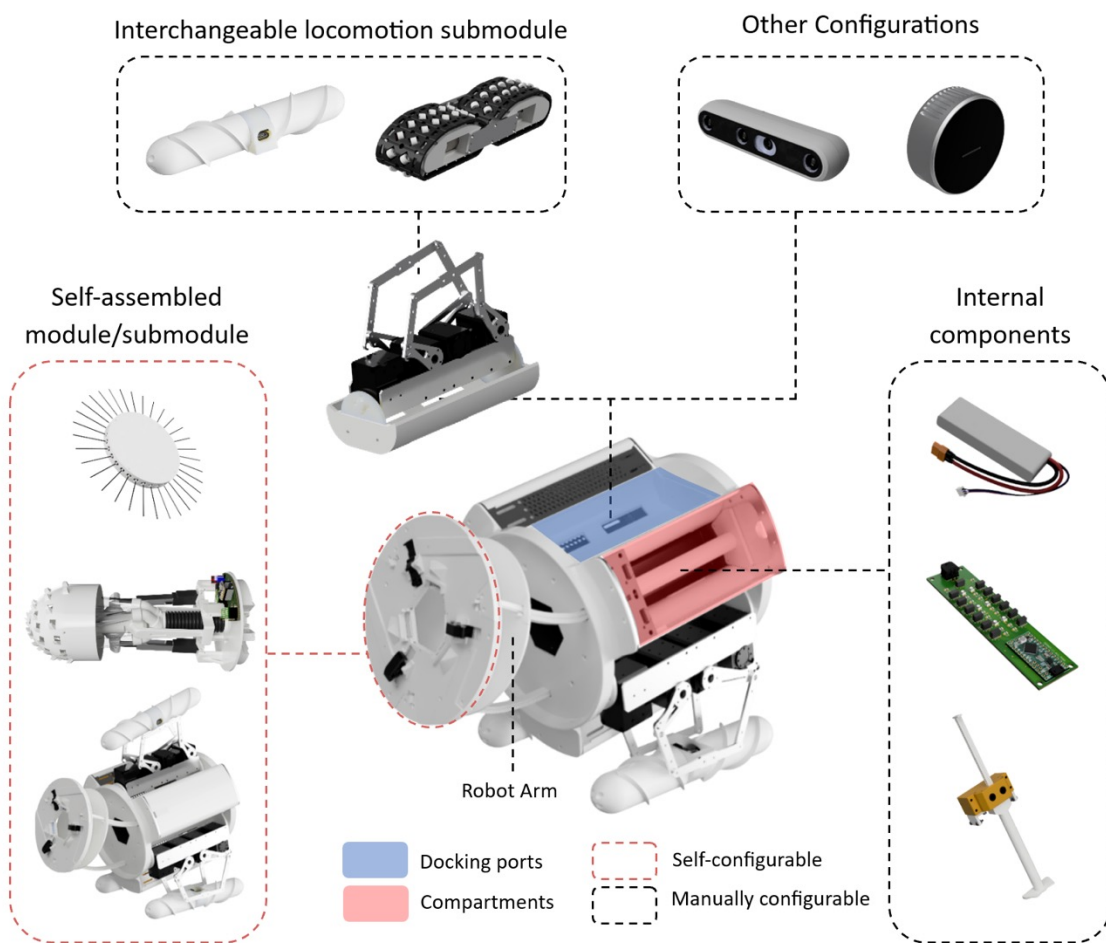


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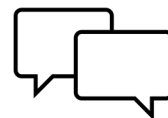
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RM2 - OVERVIEW



12-15V, 300W (MAX) | BATTERY: 3S 2200 MAH



I2C, TTL (INTERNO)

UART (COUPLING MECHANISM)

WI-FI/BLUETOOTH (EXTERN)



IMU (9 GDL), ENCODERS, CURRENT

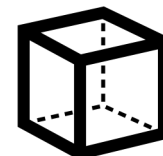
DYNAMIXEL (ENCODER, TEMPERATURE,
CURRENT, VOLTAGE)



DC MOTORS

SERVOS DYNAMIXEL (XM430 -W350 - T)

SERVOS DYNAMIXEL (XL330 -M288 - T)



WEIGHT: 4.5 KG

LENGHT: 21 CM | DIAMETER: 30-40 CM



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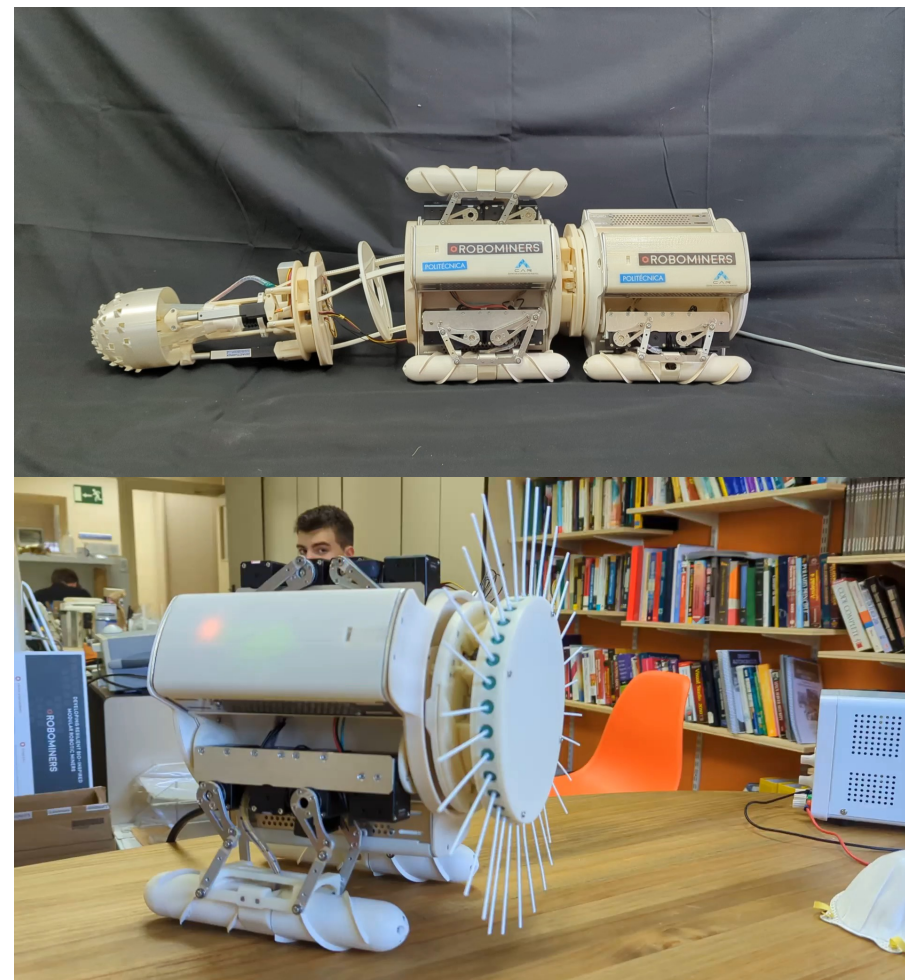


RM2 - SELF-CONFIGURATION

COUPLING MANEUVER

Robot Coupling Maneuvers

DIFFERENT GADGETS: TACTILE
SENSORS, PRODUCTION TOOL



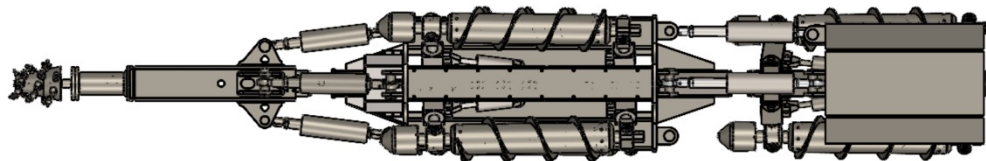
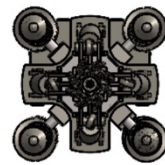
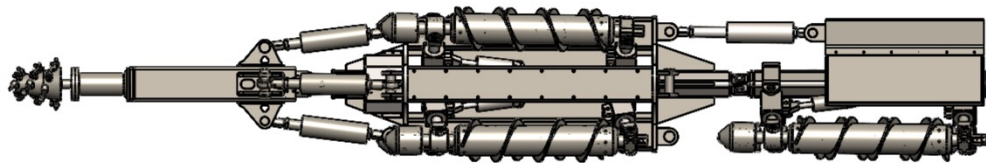
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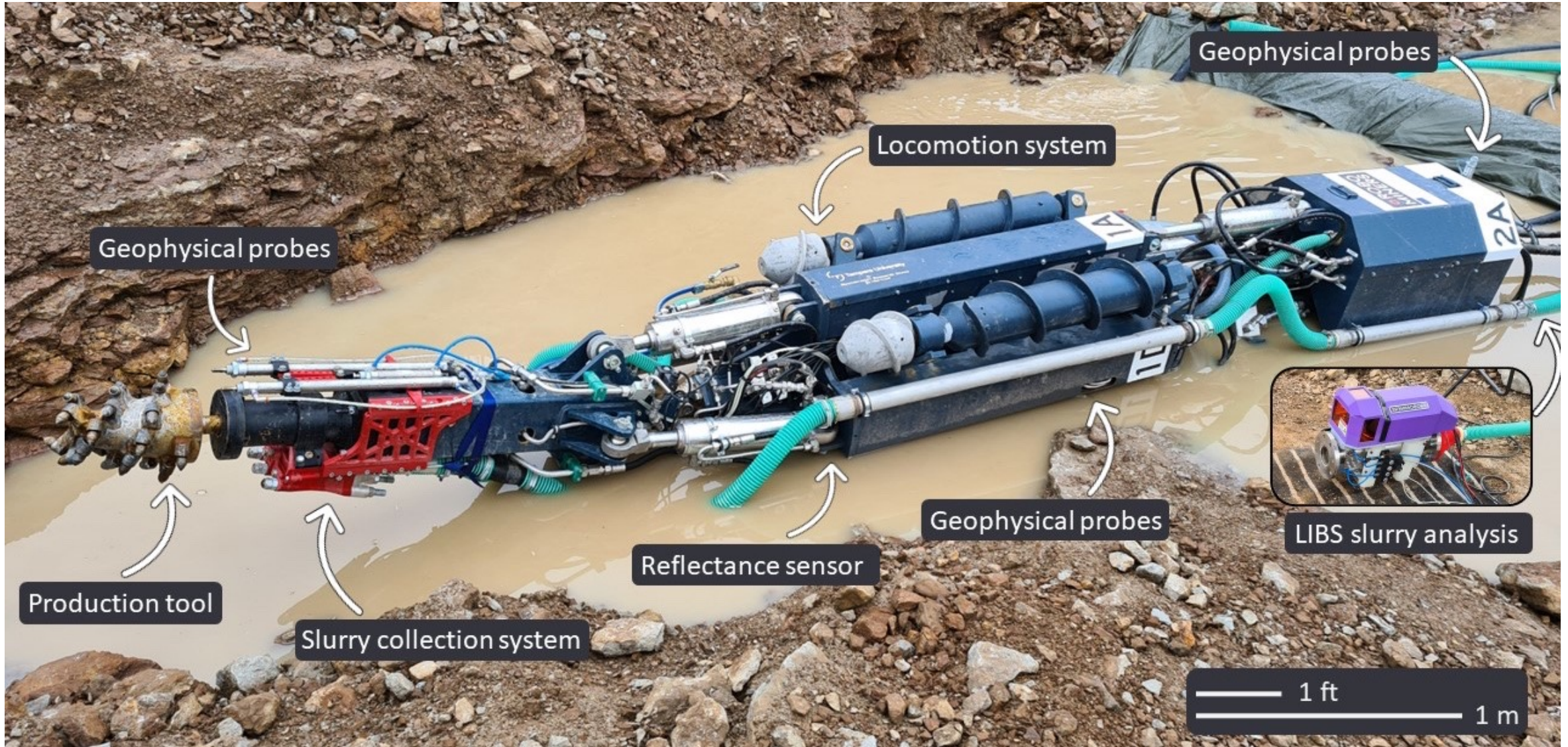
RM1 - FULL SCALE PROTOTYPE

- Full scale robot miner
 - 5m long - 0.8m diameter - 1350 kg - total power 35kW
- Water hydraulics – safe for the environment
- Custom built slurry extraction with on-line LIBS spectrometry
- Can operate under water – up to 1000m



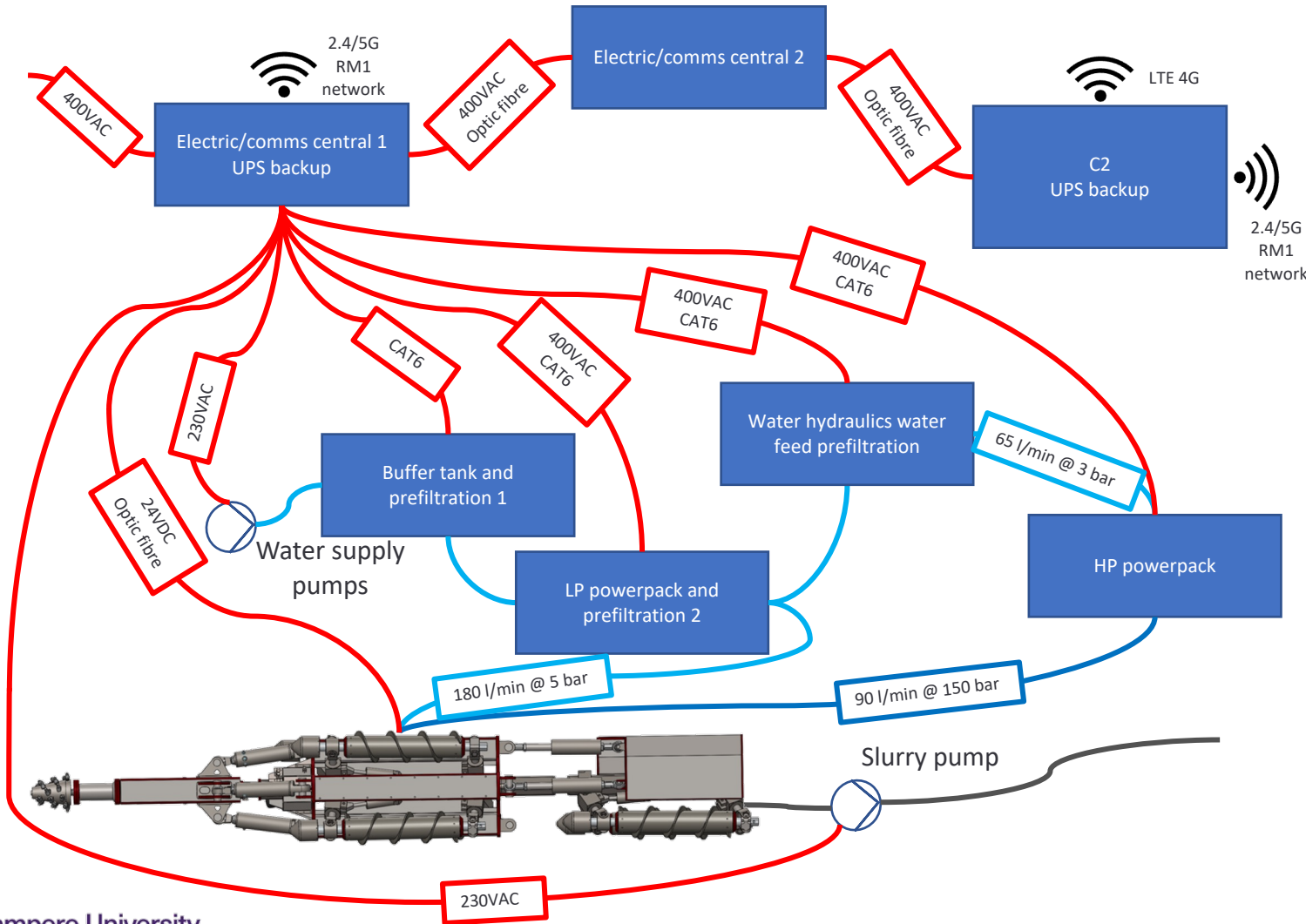


RM1 - OVERVIEW





RM1 – ROBOTIC SYSTEM



Command & control centre (C2)

- 2 x operator and monitoring station
- Control network hub
- UPS backup for 230VAC

Electric/comms central 1

- Power supply (400VAC, 240VAC, 24 VDC)
- UPS backup for 230VAC and 24VDC grid
- Fibre optic network hub
- CAT6 network hub

HP powerpack

- Water hydraulic system power supply (90 l/min @ 150 bar)
- Return water filtration (5 μ m)
- 2 x dual supply water filtration (10 μ m and 5 μ m)

LP powerpack and prefiltration 2

- Auxiliary water supply (180 l/min @ 5 bar, 4 kW)
- Water hydraulics water feed (65 l/min @ 3 bar, 1,5 kW)
- 2 x water hydraulics water feed prefiltration (25 μ m)

Water supply pumps

- Water feed to buffer tank

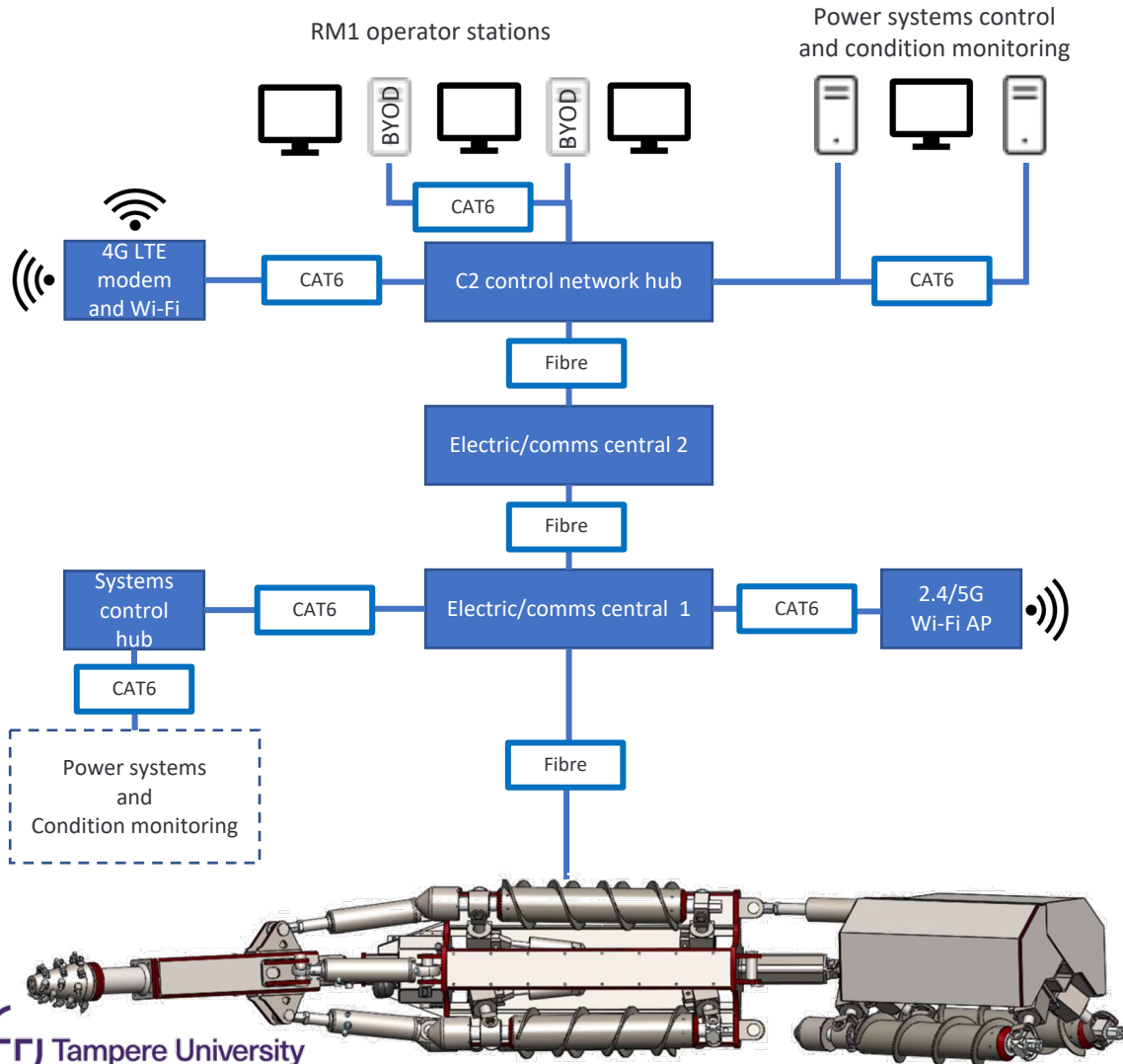
Buffer tank and prefiltration 1

- 5 m³ buffer tank
- Water prefiltration (75 μ m)

Slurry pump



RM1 – CONTROL NETWORK



• RM1 operator and monitoring stations

- RM1 robotic functions
- Control computers - BYOD

2x 50" HD screens
1x 50" HD screen for spectators

• Power systems control

- All systems (including RM1) emergency stop
- Remote start/stop of power systems
- Automated functions

• Condition monitoring

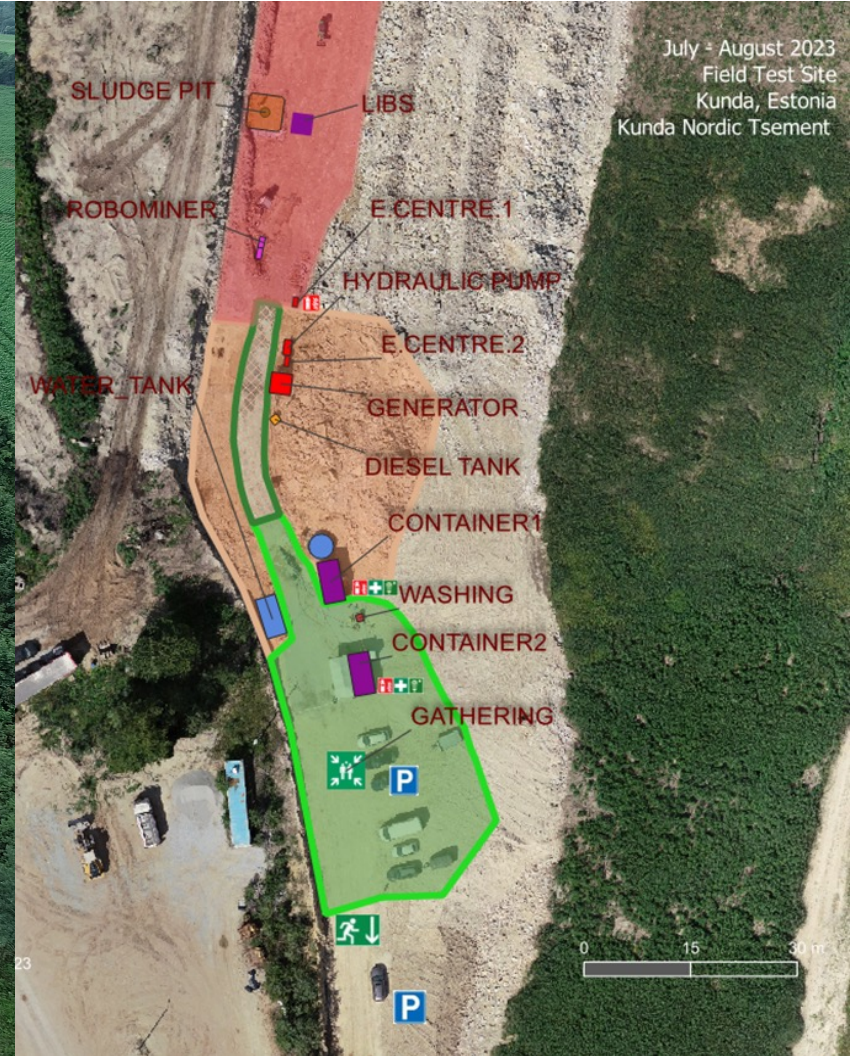
- Power grids status
 - 400 VAC grid status
 - 230 VAC grid status
 - 24 VDC status
- Networks status
- Power systems status
 - HP powerpack (pressure, tank level, temperature)
 - LP powerpack (pressure, temperature)
 - Filtration (clogging indication)
 - Buffer tank (water level)

1x 24" HD screens

All screen views switchable with HDMI-switch



RM1-INTEGRATION AND DEMO





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RM1 - LOCOMOTION





RM1-ROCK CUTTING

DRY CUTTING



WET CUTTING





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RM1



RM2



RM3





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