

● Performance Requirements.

- Function in sea water and Fresh water at depths up to 100m.
- Function in temperatures between -2 and 50 °C
- Input power 48 VDC, 25 amp.
- Capable of carrying a 2.4 or 5GHz and a 802.11 signal across the connector.

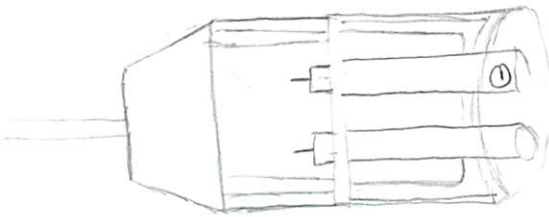


Figure 1.

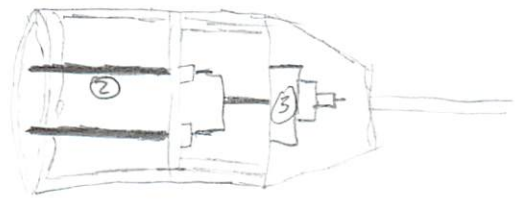


Figure 2.

Figure ①. Number 1 is one of two female socket, which the niobium male component will be connected from number 1 figure ②. The entire system is made from material that can withstand pressure and intense temperature. Number 3, fig ② is the power source which will transmit up to 48 VDC, 25 amps of power.

Individual Idea Generation

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Underwater Connector

* Underwater Current Connector (UUC)

Description

For Connector Piece

- 1) The Main connector piece used to charge the Unmanned Underwater Vehicle, from a power station, made with Niobium.
- 2) RF Support (Bias tee) used within connector piece to help the connector to communicate with the charging station.
- 3) RF Funnel System (Choke) used to help the signal sent from the bias tee be contained and properly sent and transported to the charging station.
- 4) Power Supply for the connector.
- 5) Plugs used to connect physically to the charging station itself and collect the distributed power needed to charge the UUV.
- 6) Meters to calculate power collected, and power needed.
- 7) Connects to the actual UUV to transport the power to the energy source and recharge the source.

Design

Connector at UUV (Design #1)



Conceptual design

Figure A is description of conceptualized dry-mate, wet-mate Unmanned under water vehicle.

(21) represents the piece connected to the UUV

(22) represents the piece connected to the charging station.

(2) will be the pin of niobium connected on (21)

(3) will be the female pin of niobium connected to the charging station.

Note: Niobium is used because of his capacity to operate as a super conductor under -150 K temperature and it's not affected by sea water

(X) block represents the electrical circuit system that receives current from the charging station

(Y) block represents the electrical circuit system that dispatches current into the UUV.

(1) is composed of a load (12) that must likely will be a battery, (9) which is an inductance, (7) which is capacitor

(8) and (10) will be respectively

Global View

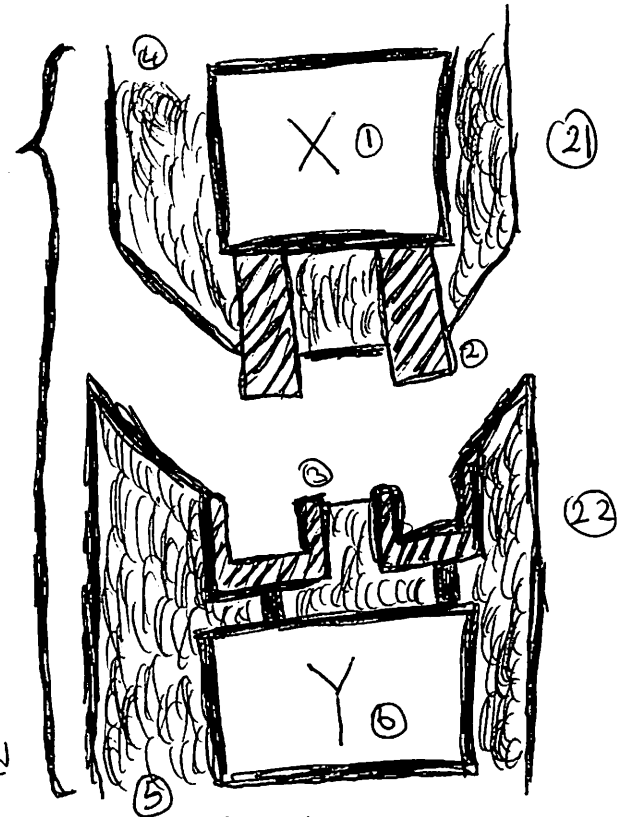
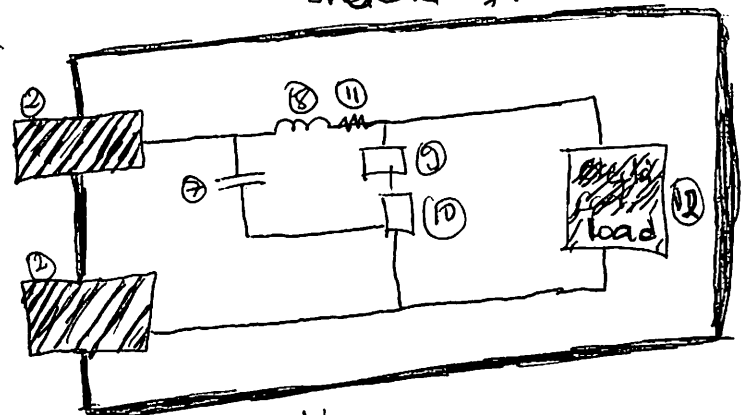


Fig A. a

Specifics

Block X



Block Y

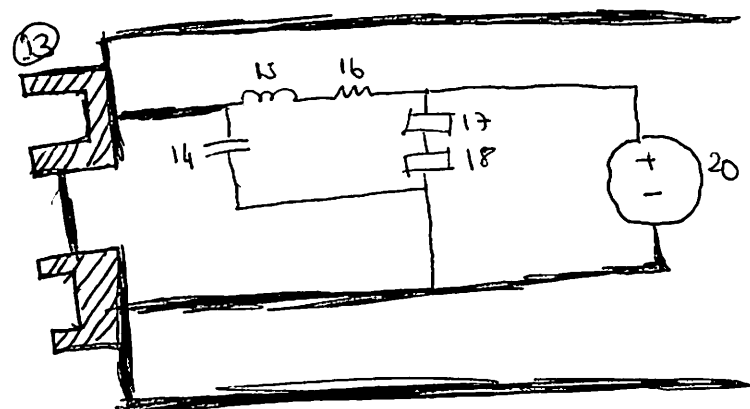


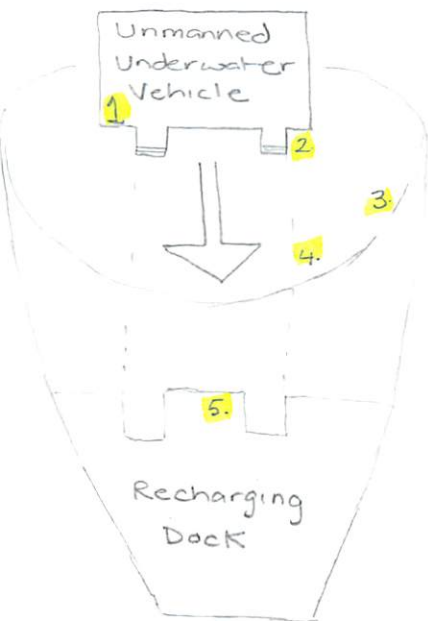
Fig A. b

power converter and RF.

- (6) Block ~~represent~~ ^{represent} is composed of
a generating source of 48 DC voltage (20),
a capacitor (14), an inductor (15) and a resistance (16)
(17) and (18) correspond respectively to power converter
and RF micro.

Solution Generation

Proposed Design



Concept of Proposed Design

[1] The unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV) 1 carries on board batteries for power. Without recharging capabilities the lengths of each UUV mission are cut short due to low power. By making use of the beneficial physical and chemical characteristics of niobium (and or tantalum which has similar characteristics) and and taking a "self-insulating" approach [2] and requires no seals, we may be able to implement a loading dock concept [3]. The UUV will travel downward [4] into the cone-like shaped dock. The niobium (or tantalum) wet mate electrical connectors will thus fit into the designated connector ports located at the bottom of the dock [5] for the purpose of recharging the unmanned underwater vehicle.

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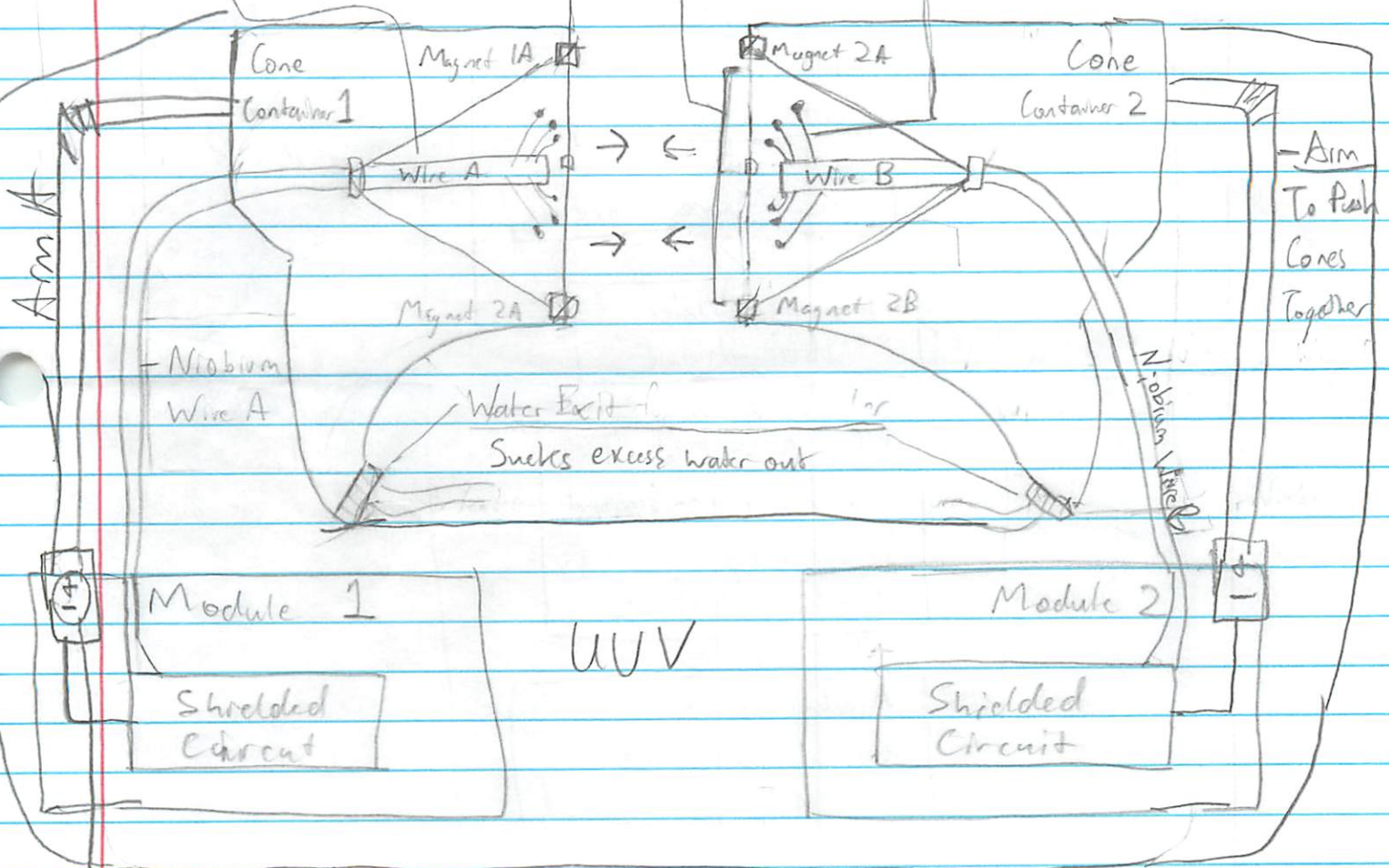
Cone: Funnel to hold wiring

Free Space for Wire to Move

Strong Magnet Pairs:

Used to bridge the two
cones during
connection

Magnetic Strings: Used to attract
Niobium connectors to
touch on quick impact



Arm Reserve Source

Arm is designed
have enough
energy to push

Springy Plastic Platform
Able to keep UUV
grounded and stabilized
with moving current

Flow Chart

Note: Because Niobium is a non-corrosive metal, the wires can be joined by magnets instead of the need of a closed seal

