

Full CAD assembly

# Development and Testing of a Wave Powered Offshore Sensing System

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**80,000 TW/Year**

~800,000,000,000,000 A19 10W LED Lightbulbs

# Wave Energy Converters (WECs)

Attenuator



Oscillating Surge



Point Absorber (Single-Body)



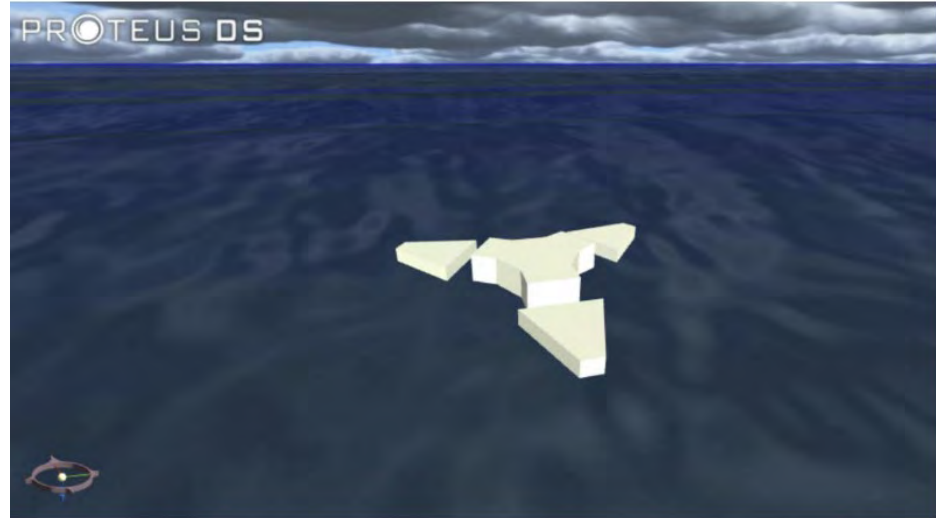
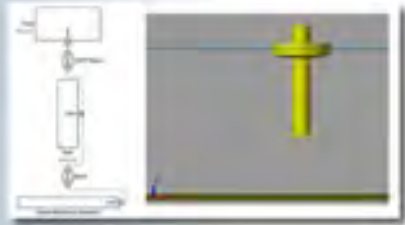
Point Absorber (Two-Body)



Types of Wave Energy Converters

**WEC-Sim**

Wave Energy Converter  
SIMulator



# Knowledge and Development Gaps

## Simulation Validation

Validation of Electrical and Mechanical Power Ratings, as well as optimization of the two characteristics

## Performance Characterization

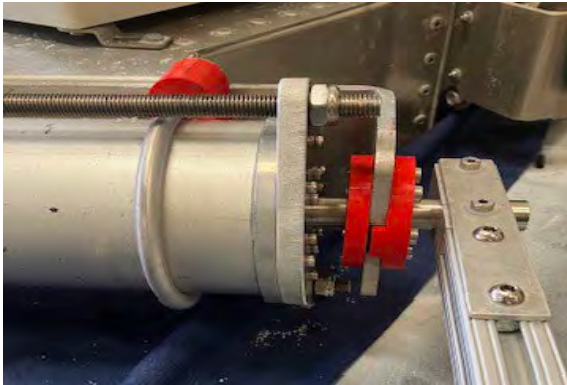
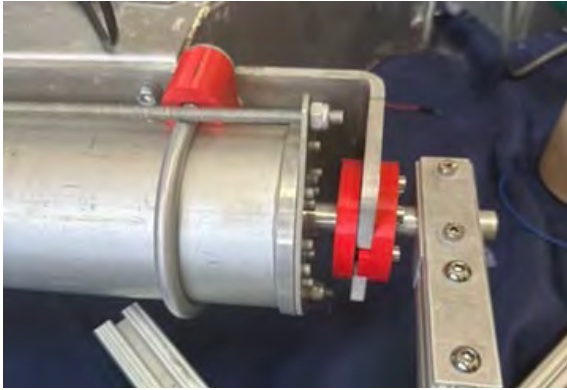
Wave Characterization to Record Performance in different environmental circumstances

## System Repair, Maintenance, and Upgrades

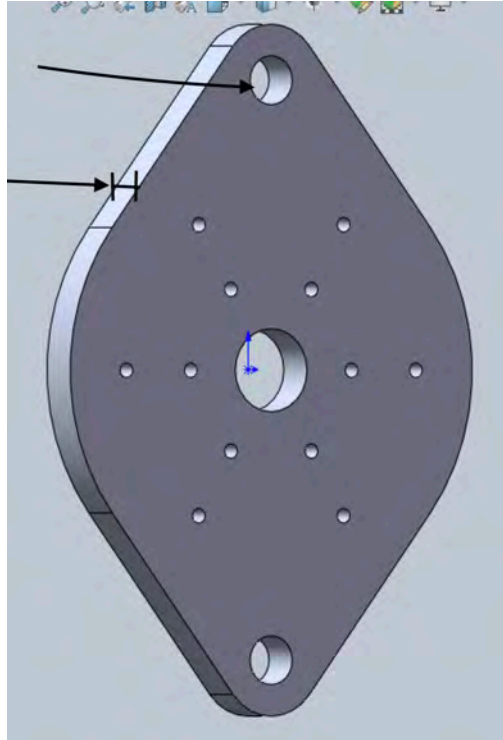
Improving the testbed to record reliable data

# Mechanical Repairs (Motor Pods)

Original motor pod



Motor pod with replacement plate and shaft



Retention plate CAD model



Motor shaft CAD model

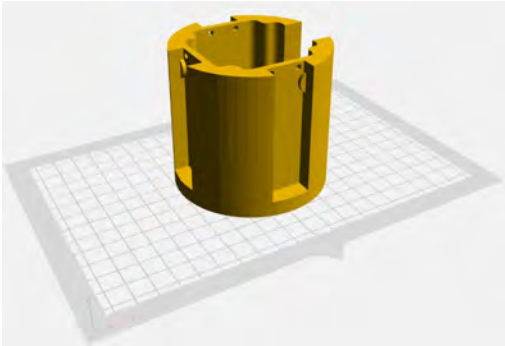
# Mechanical Repairs & Upgrades (Motors)



Original motor



Replacement motor, fitted with a brace and connectors



Brace CAD model



Brace leak sensor slot

# Mechanical Repairs (IMUs)



Original IMU unit

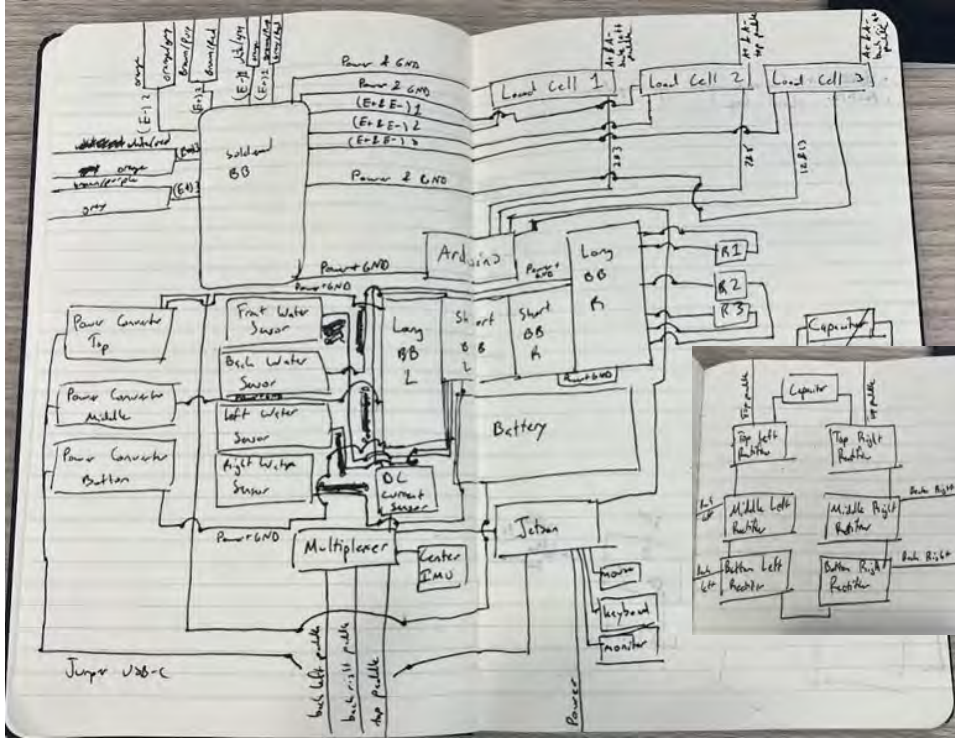


Replacement IMU unit set in resin

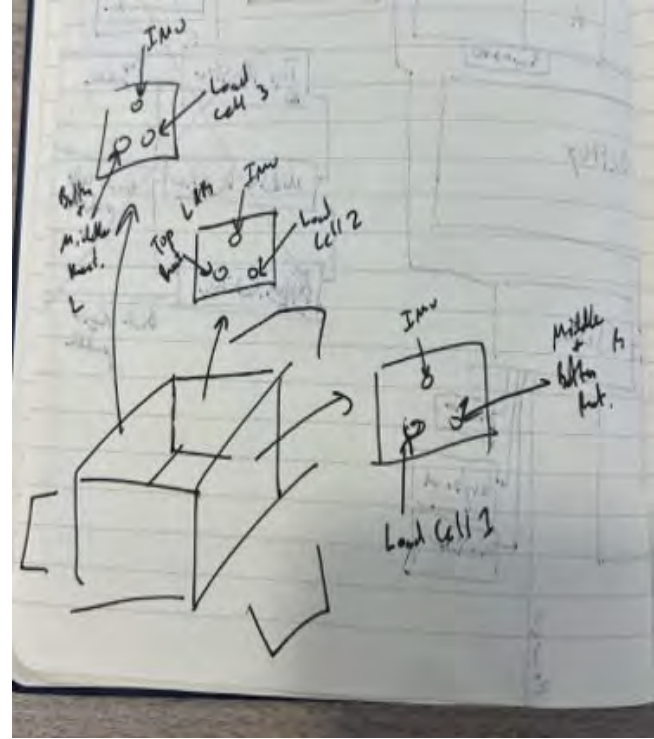
- Inertial Measurement Unit
- Provides angular velocity and elevation data
- Set in resin within enclosures to reduce potential water damage



# Initial Electrical System Documentation

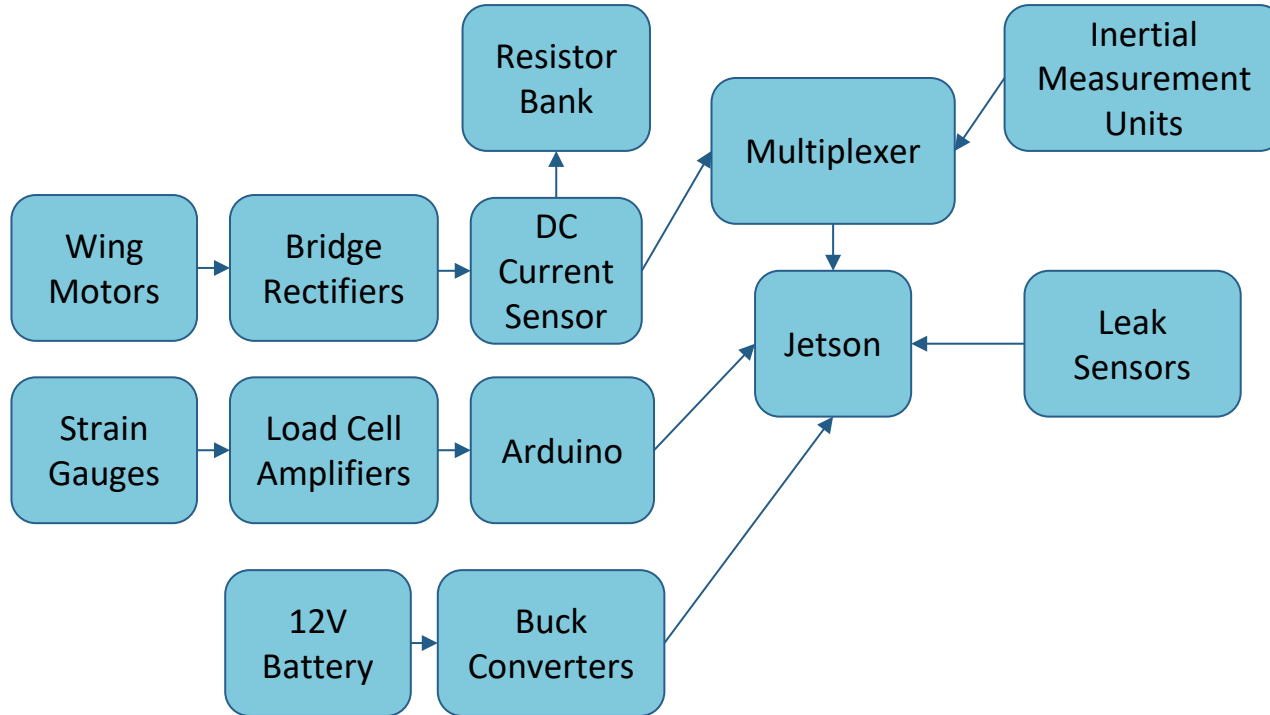


WEC wiring drawing

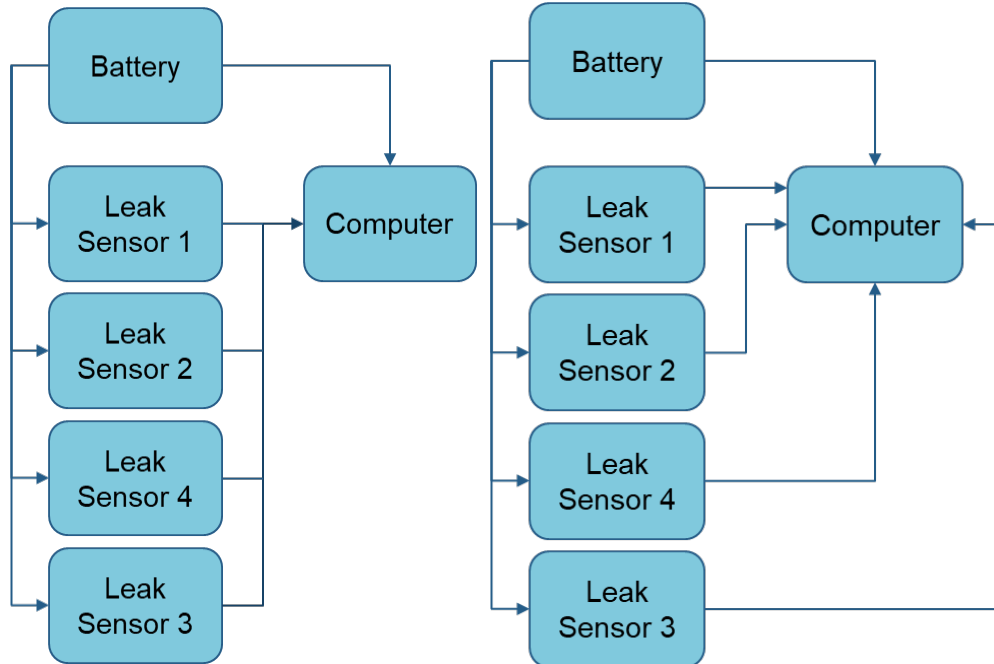


Signal-out reference drawing

# Initial WEC System



# Leak Sensing System

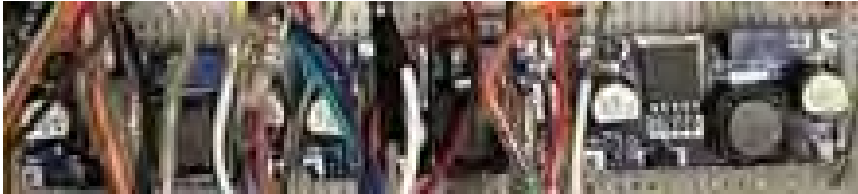
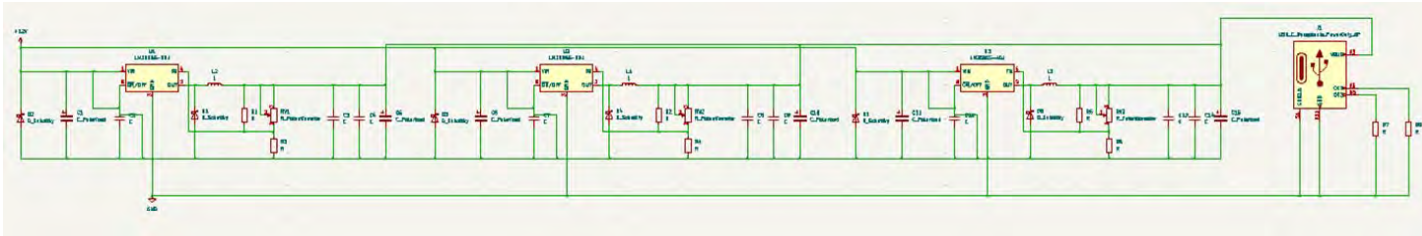


Jetson Nano Dev-Board Expansion Header

| Alt Function | Linux(BCM) | Board Label | Board Label | Linux(BCM) | Alt Function      |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| DAPA_TOUT    | 78(21)     | D21         | 40 39       | GND        |                   |
| DAPA_ON      | 77(20)     | D20         | 38 37       | D26        | 12(26) SPI2_MOSI  |
| UART2_CTS    | 51(16)     | D16         | 36 35       | D19        | 76(19) DAPA_PS    |
|              |            | GND         | 34 33       | D13        | 38(13) GND_PEE6   |
| LCD_BL_PWM   | 168(12)    | D12         | 32 31       | D6         | 200(6) GND_P20    |
|              |            | GND         | 30 29       | D5         | 149(5) CAM_AF_EN  |
|              |            | D1/ID_SC    | 28 27       | DD/ID_3D   |                   |
|              |            | D7          | 26 25       | GND        |                   |
| SPI1_CS1     | 20(7)      | D8          | 24 23       | D11        | 18(11) SPI1_SCK   |
| SPI1_CS0     | 19(8)      | D23         | 22 22       | D9         | 17(9) SPI1_MISO   |
| SPI1_MISO    | 13(25)     | GND         | 20 19       | D10        | 16(10) SPI1_MOSI  |
|              |            | D24         | 18 17       | 3.3V       |                   |
| SPI2_CS0     | 15(24)     | D23         | 16 15       | D22        | 194(22) LCD_TE    |
| SPI2_CS1     | 232(23)    | GND         | 14 13       | D27        | 14(27) SPI2_SCK   |
|              |            | D18         | 12 11       | D17        | 50(17) UART2_RTS  |
| GPIO_SC29    | 79(18)     | GPIO15      | 10 9        | GND        |                   |
|              |            | GPIO14      | 8 7         | D4         | 216(4) AUDIO_MCLK |
|              |            | GND         | 6 5         | 3G/D3      |                   |
|              |            | 5V          | 4 3         | SDA/D2     |                   |
|              |            | 5V          | 2 1         | 3.3V       |                   |

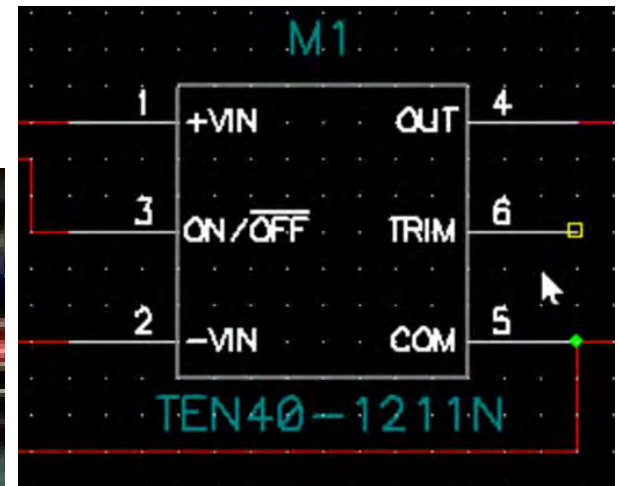
NVIDIA Jetson Nano CircuitPython pinout

# Power Distribution System

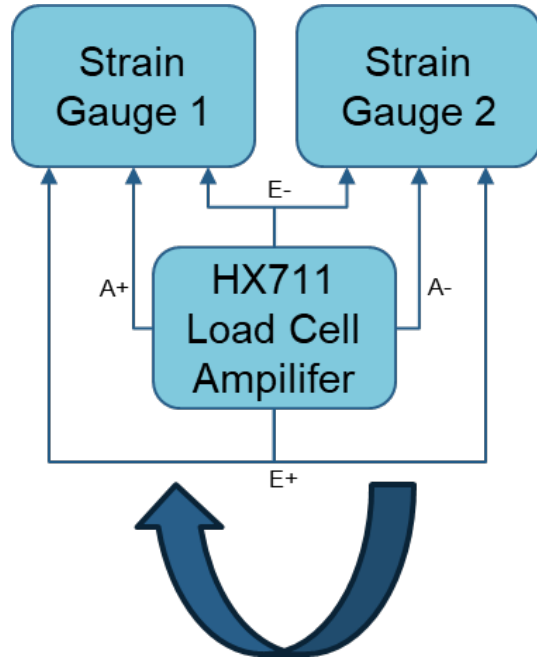


DC buck converter chain & associated schematic

Traco Power ten40-1211E DC/DC converter & associated schematic



# Strain Sensing System



Corrected signal path



Anchored strain gauge

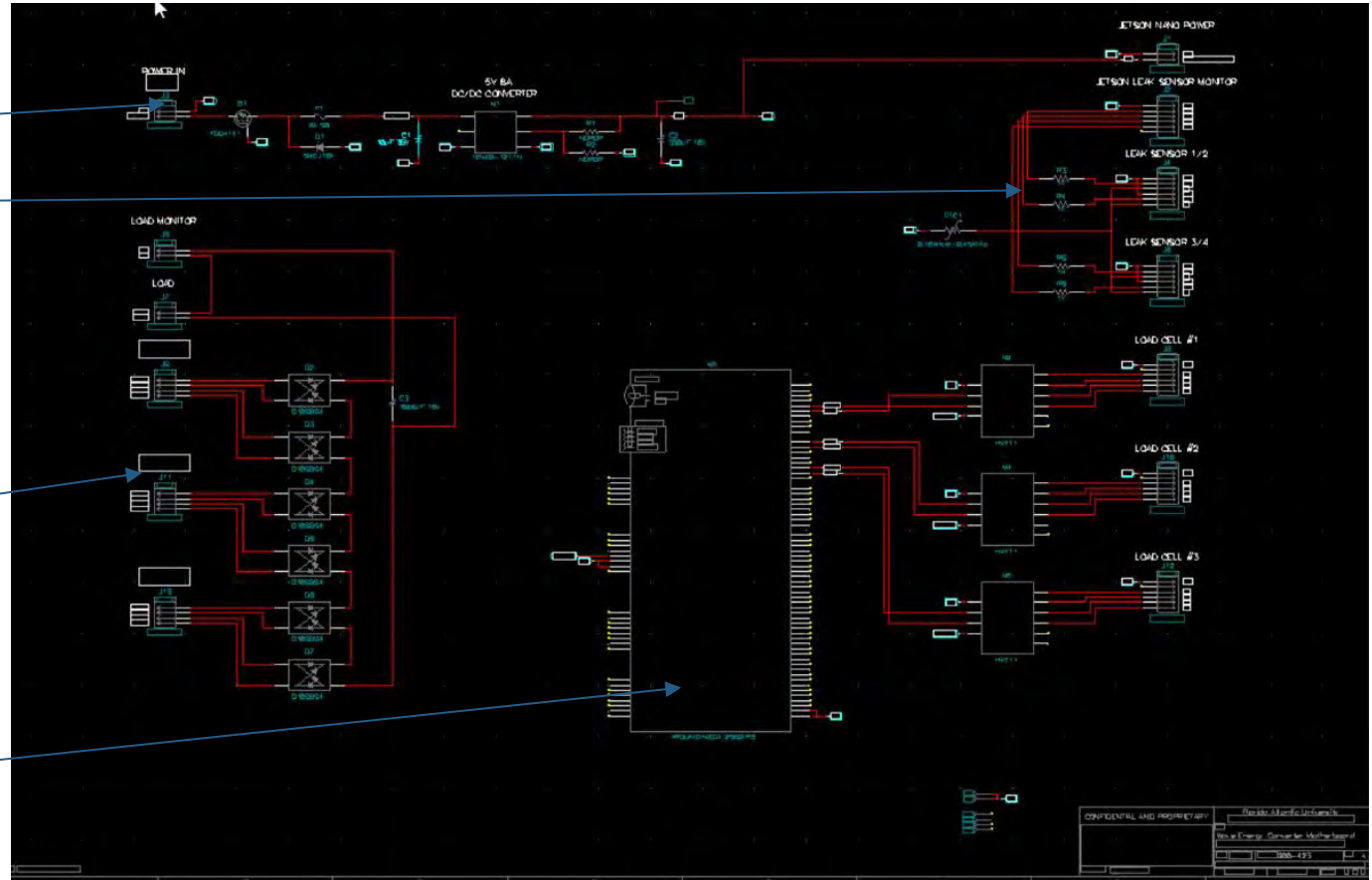
# WEC Schematic

Power Distribution

Leak Monitoring

Power Sensing

Strain Monitoring



# WEC Printed Circuit Board (PCB)

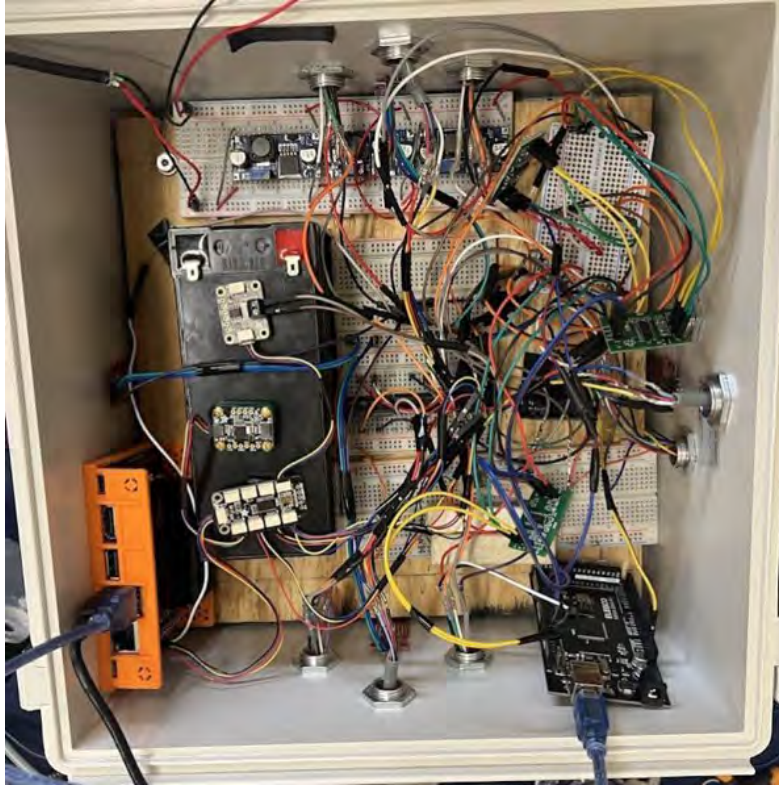


Power Sensing

Power Distribution

Strain Monitoring

# PCB Implementation

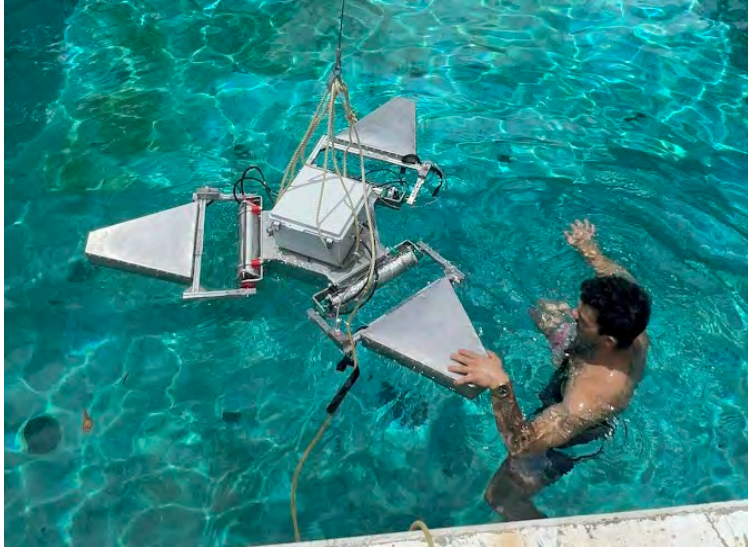


Original electronics box



Updated electronics box





Joshua Masturzo handling  
the WEC in the  
Engineering West Pool

# In-Water Testing

Peak wattage during pool  
testing

```
Motor output voltage : 25.549  V  
POWER : 4.368  W
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```
no leak on 1  
no leak on 2  
no leak on 3  
no leak on 4
```

```
(-0.98175048828125, -0.0755615234375, 0.00872802734375, -0.1741943359375)
```

# Going Forward

01

Gen2 Layout

02

Strain Gauge System

03

Re-simulation

04

High-Vol Test Data

05

System Buoyancy

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