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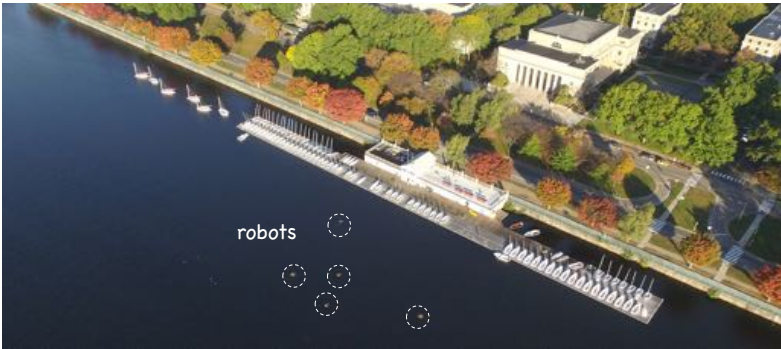
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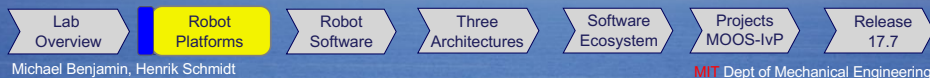
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The WAM-V Unmanned Surface Vehicle



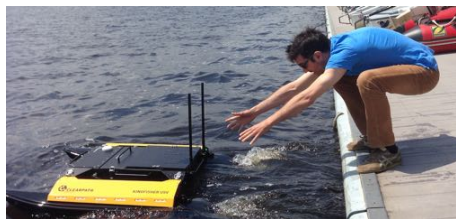
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The Bluefin SandShark One-Person Portable UUV



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The Clearpath Robotics Heron USV

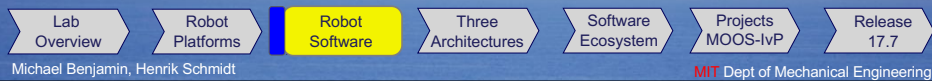


## Robot Architectures: Ground, Air and Sea



Robot Software

(What's Inside?)









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## Robot Architectures: Ground, Air and Sea

Proprietary Autonomy

(50 work years  
My estimate)

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Proprietary Autonomy

(30 work years)

GNU/Linux

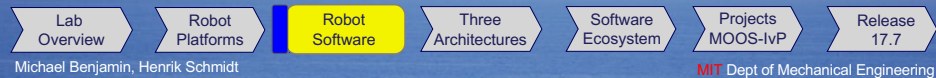
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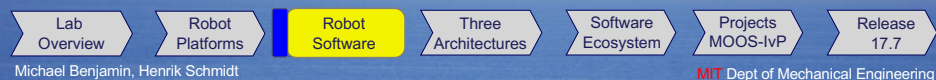
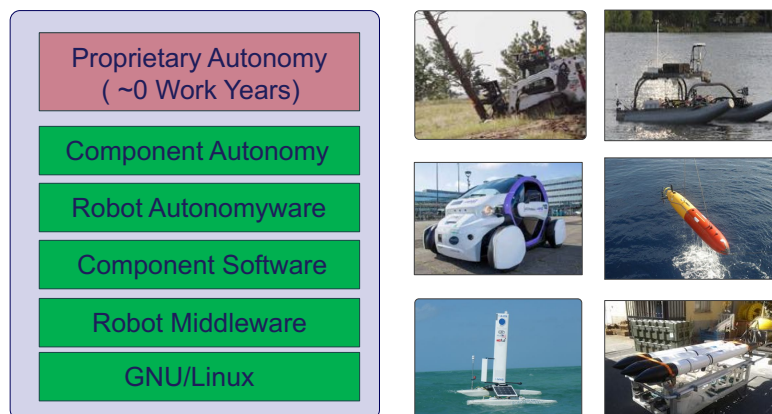
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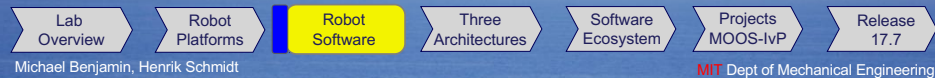
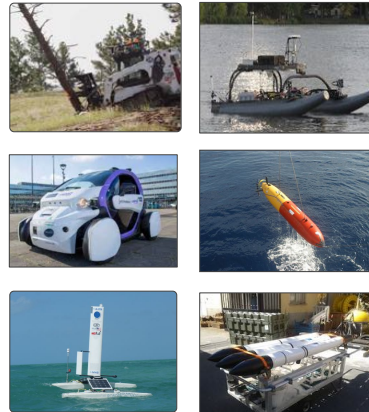
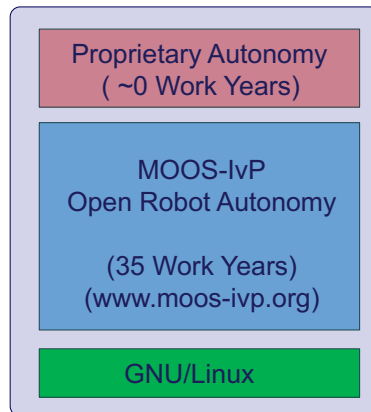


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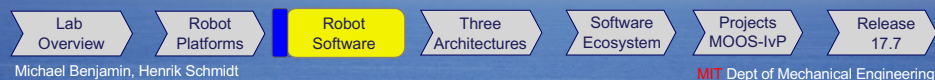
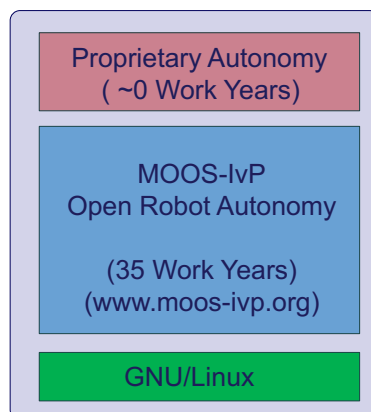


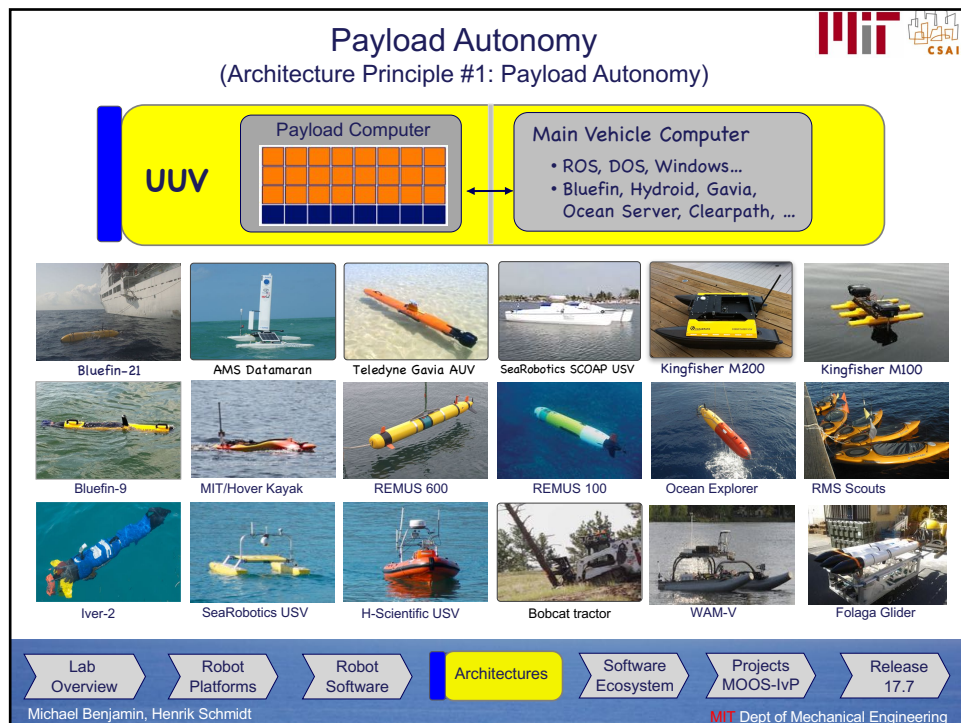
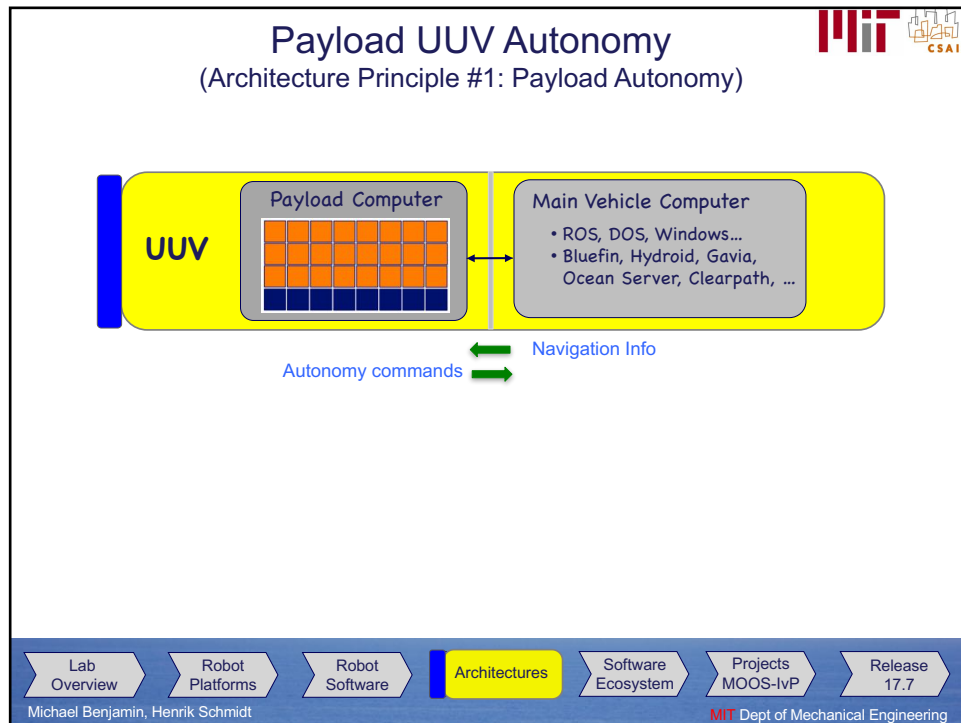


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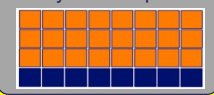


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(Architecture Principle #1: Payload Autonomy)

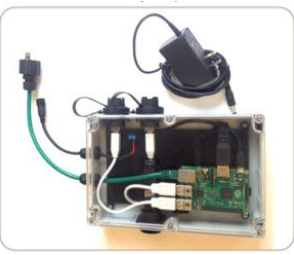

**UUV**

Payload Computer



Main Vehicle Computer

- ROS, DOS, Windows...
- Bluefin, Hydroid, Gavia, Ocean Server, Clearpath, ...

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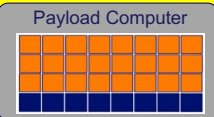
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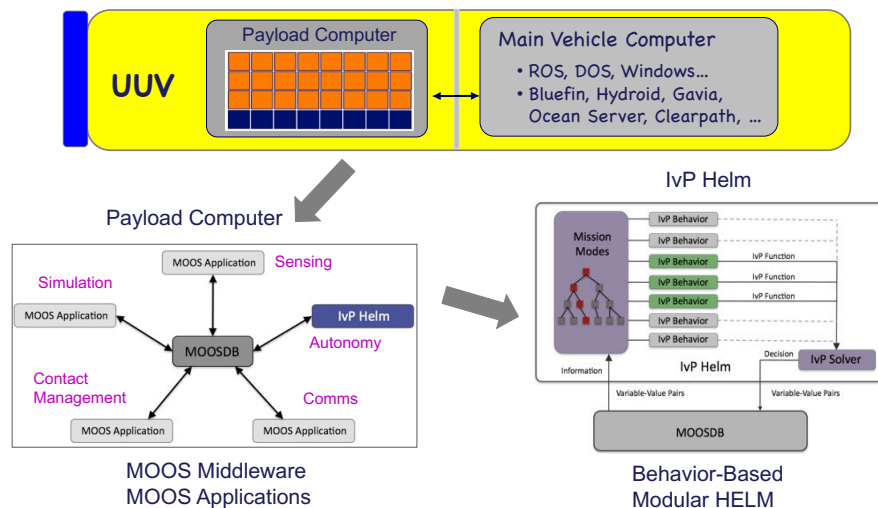
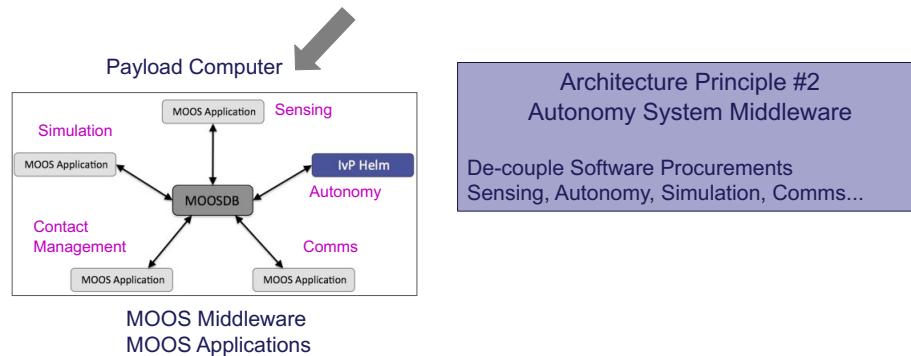
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The diagram illustrates the architecture of a UUV (Unmanned Undersea Vehicle). It consists of two main components: a **Payload Computer** and a **Main Vehicle Computer**, connected by a bidirectional arrow indicating communication.

- Payload Computer:** Represented by a grid of 16 orange squares (4 rows by 4 columns) and a row of 4 dark blue squares at the bottom.
- Main Vehicle Computer:** A box containing the following text:
  - ROS, DOS, Windows...
  - Bluefin, Hydroid, Gavia, Ocean Server, Clearpath, ...

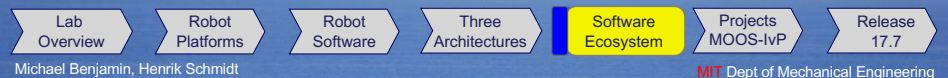
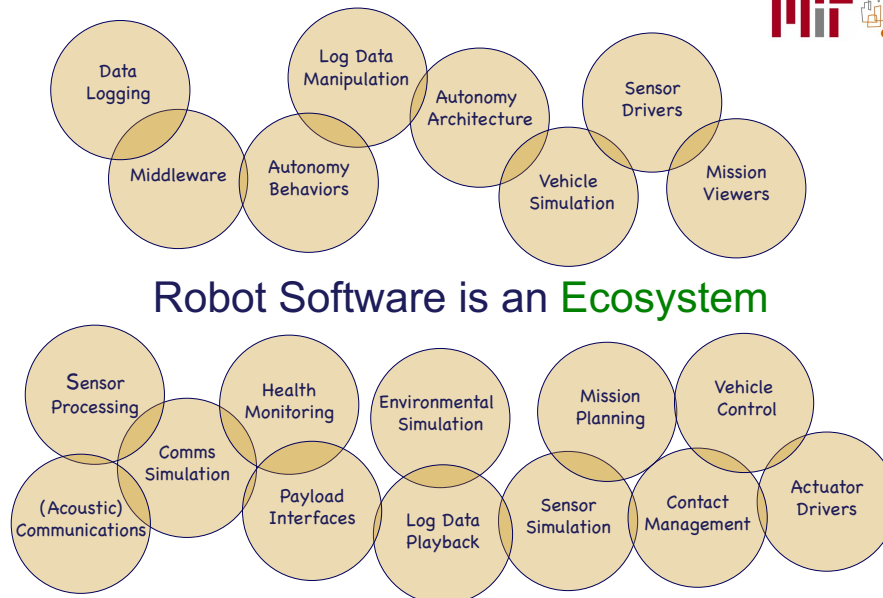
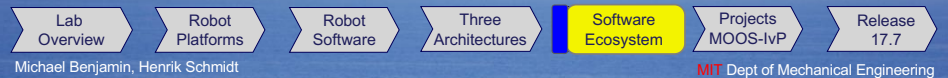
The entire system is labeled **UUV** on the left side of the diagram.

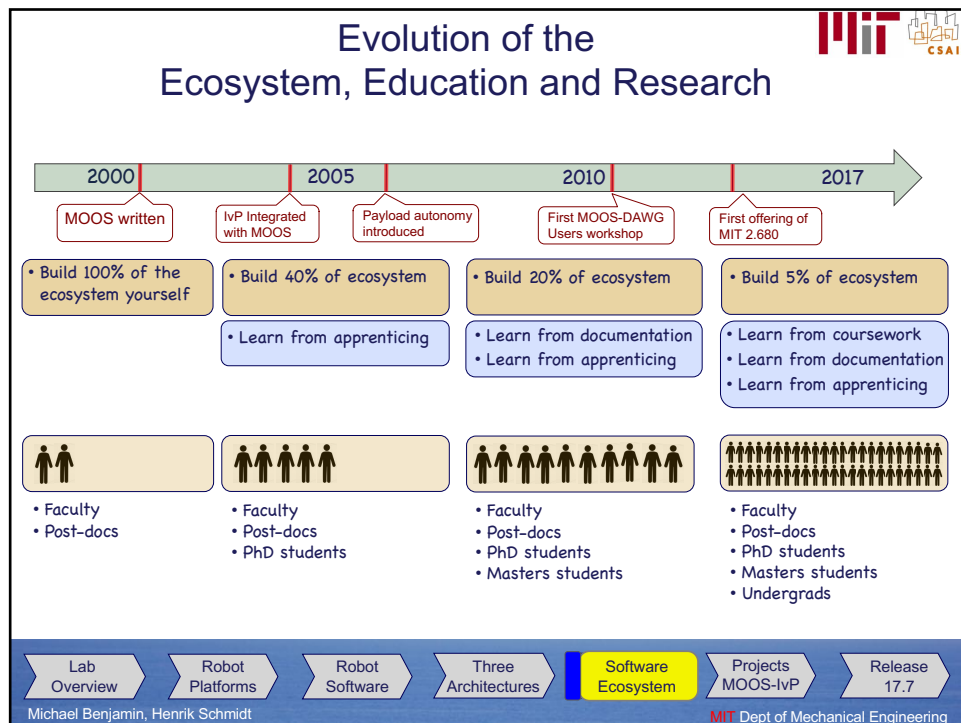
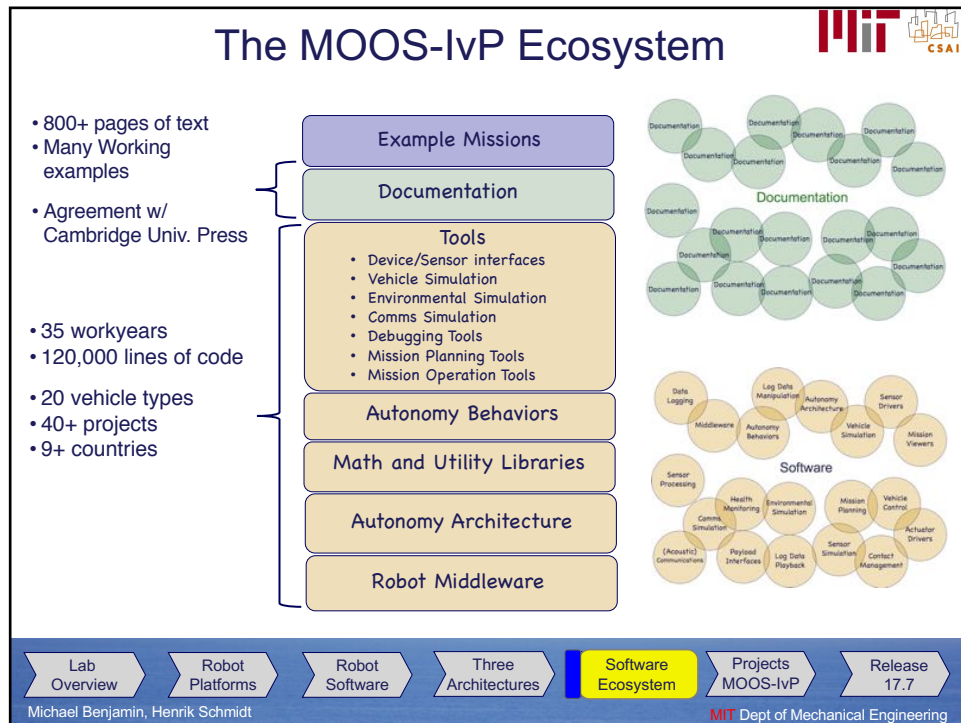




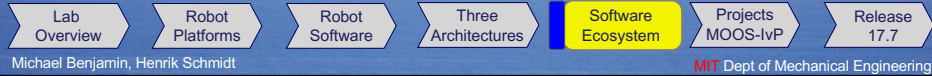
# Autonomy Education

## Robot Software is an Ecosystem

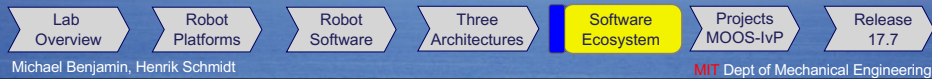




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(May 16<sup>th</sup> 2017)

## MOOS-IvP Open Source Marine Robotics Community (MOOS-DAWG)

moos-dawg.org



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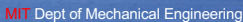
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## MOOS-IvP An Open Source Project



- MOOS-IvP has been online since 2006
- Initially available only via checkout of the development head
- First tagged release, Release 4.2, July 17<sup>th</sup> 2011
- Latest release, Release 17.7, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

- Applications available under GPL license
- App and behavior libraries under LGPL licence

Sloccount:

- MOOS ~30K lines of code, 6 workyears
- IvP ~122K lines of code, 32 workyears

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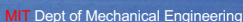
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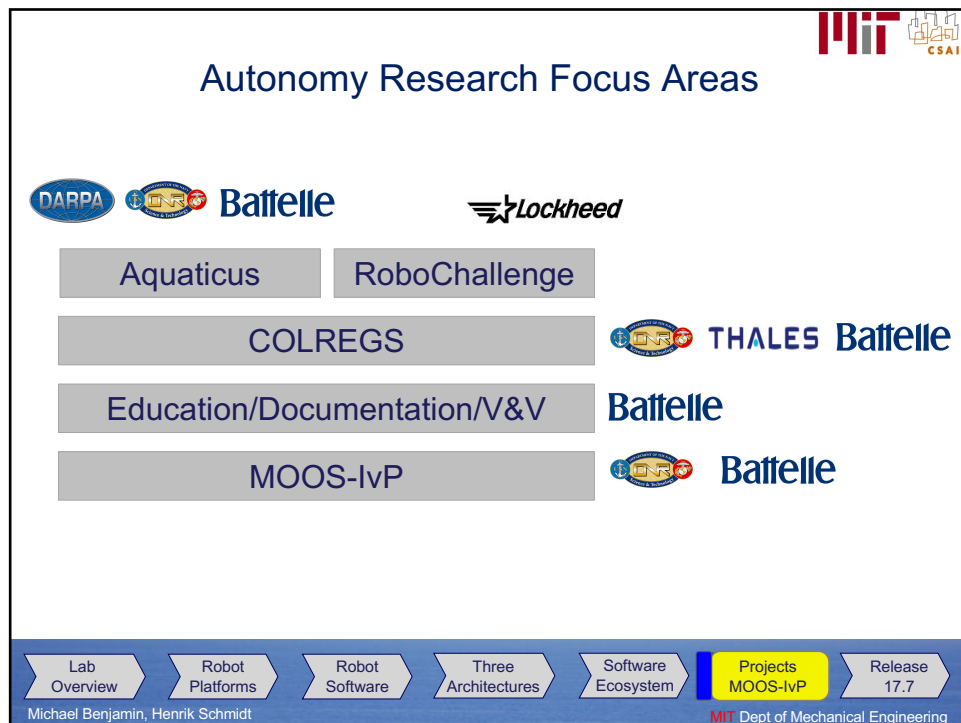
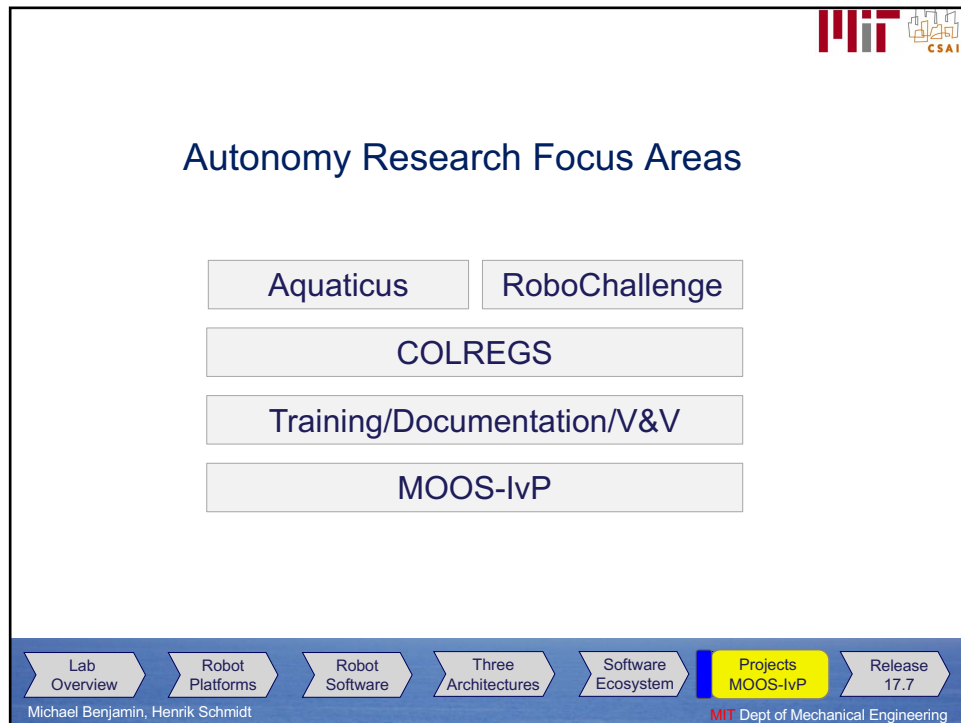
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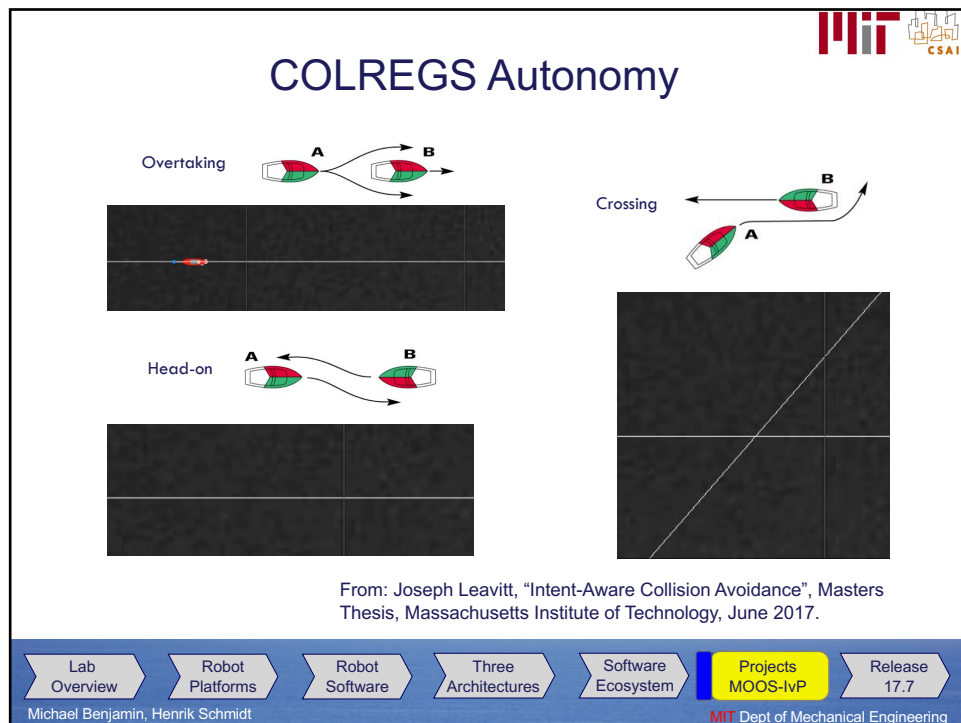
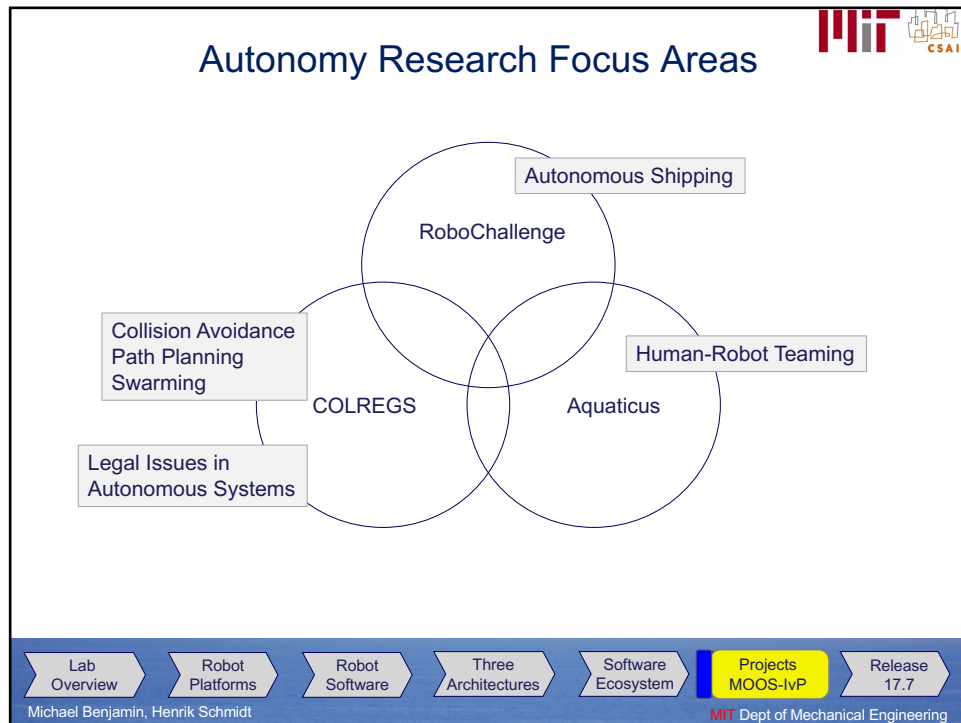
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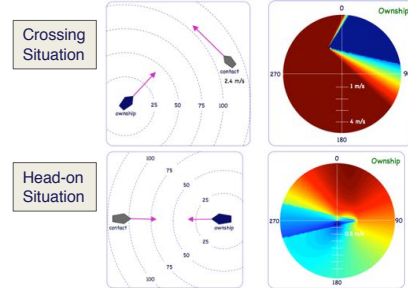




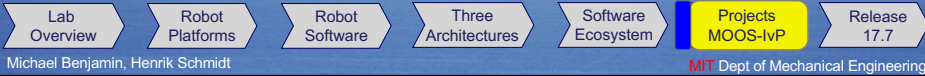
## COLREGS Autonomy



- **Funded by:** Office of Naval Research (ONR)
- **Idea:**
  - Enable autonomous surface vehicles to obey the "Rules of the Road" COLREGS.
  - Establish a road test for validating the autonomous collision avoidance.
- **Research Focus:**
  - Map the protocols written for humans into algorithmic format.
  - Find minimal set of field tests that validate widest set of scenario permutations.



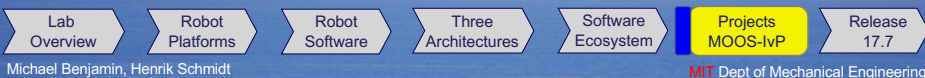
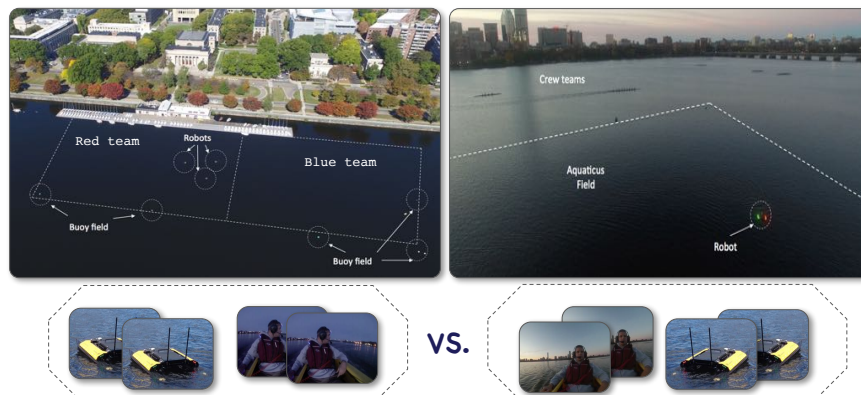
- **Technical Approach:**
  - Collision avoidance protocols mapped to set of modes, and submodes.
  - Modes map to a unique form of objective function. Multi-objective optimization with IvP to solve.
- **Impact:**
  - Autonomous long-duration coastal sampling with autonomous platforms.
  - Multi-vehicle/swarm capabilities can be built on COLREGS foundation.



## What is Aquaticus



- Aquaticus is a **human-robot competition** developed at MIT on the Charles River.
- It pits teams of humans and robots against other teams of humans and robots.
- It explores advanced marine *autonomy*, *human-robot trust*, *operator load* and the interface between robots and **humans embedded in the field with robots**.



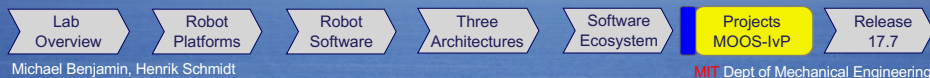
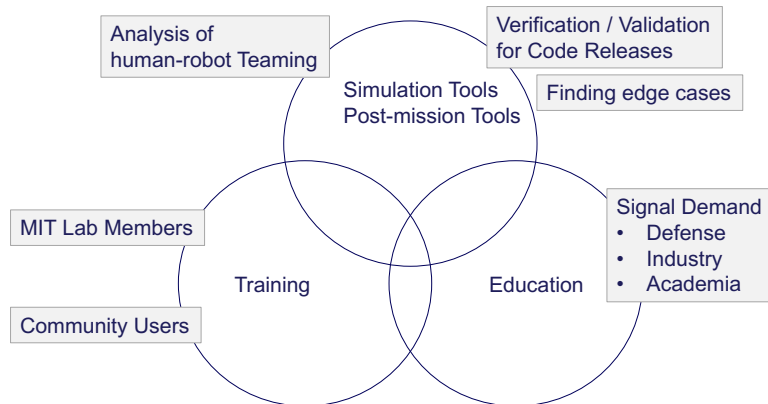
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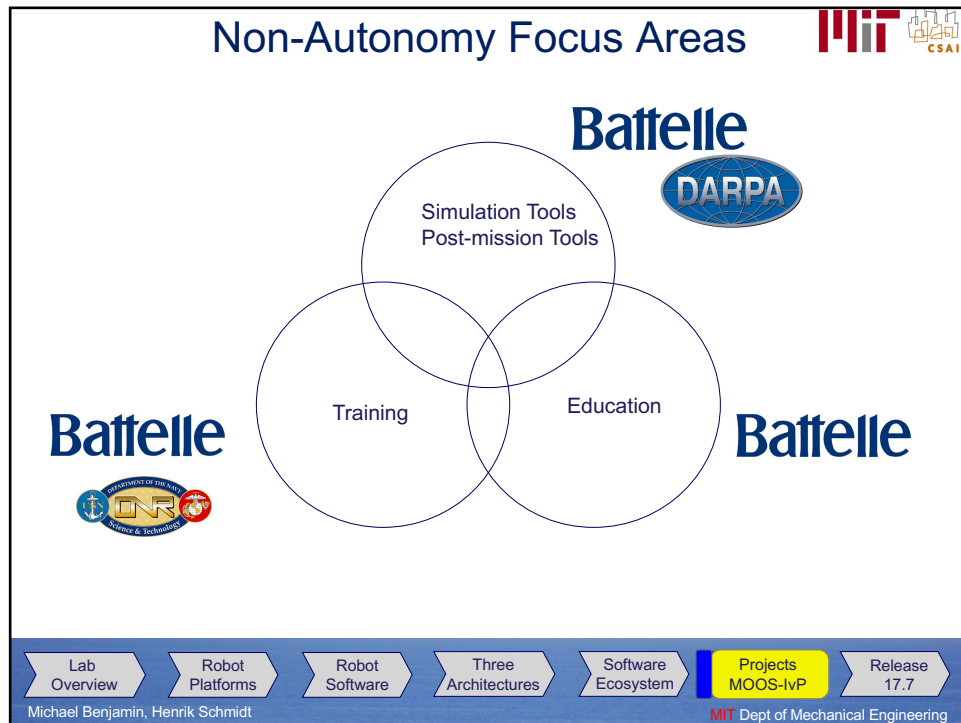


The Boston Harbor Robo-Challenge: Remote Ocean Sensing from MIT



## Non-Autonomy Focus Areas





## Release 17.7

Release 17.7 reflects two threads

1. COLREGS
  - The COLREGS behavior (and libraries)
  - Enhanced CPAEngine (faster and expanded features)
2. Large-batch simulations (evaluating Efficiency alongside Safety)
  - The uFldCollisionDetect App
  - The uFldWrapDetect App
  - The pEvalLoiterApp
  - Encounter Plots library and integration into alogview
  - The alogcd utility
  - The alogpare utility
  - The alogeplot utility
  - The uQueryDB App for conditionally interrupting a simulation

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## Release 17.7.X Plans



Planned focus areas in the short term:

### 1. COLREGS

- Further testing, further refining, in swarm scenarios
- Further in-water testing
- Incorporation of better vehicle model (advance/transfer properties)

### 2. Helm Efficiencies

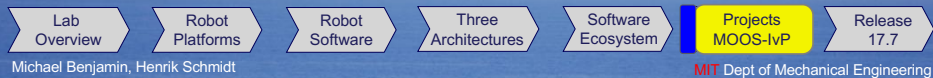
- Lazy behavior evaluation (allowing behaviors to set their own AppTick, based on it's own determination of circumstances)

### 3. Post-mission analysis

- Alogview integration with video and audio playback

### 4. Verification and Validation

- Automatic build testing
- Automatic mission testing



# END

