

# DEVELOPMENT OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL POTENTIAL OF AUTONOMOUS UNDERWATER VEHICLES

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Prospects of designing autonomous and remotely operated underwater vehicles (AUV and ROV) of the new generation rely on developing hybrid autonomous and remotely-operated vehicles (ARV), which combine functions of AUV and ROV. It is necessary to expand significantly AUV's technological capabilities by equipping it with new instruments, upgrading onboard control systems, involving operators in the technological process for real-time control of work progress, and execution order and conditions of novel technological operations. ARV is capable of performing a wide specter of contactless operations: approach the target of research according to the stated program, perform operations related to establishing a data exchange channel with control station, and then carry out contact operation in supervisory mode. Priority tasks of hybrid vehicles designing consist of the development of AUV's functional properties, including:

- intellectualization of onboard control systems;
- provision of supervisory control involving an operator in control flow;
- expansion of instrumentation and optimization of structural solutions;
- providing a network means for underwater navigation;
- providing an infrastructure for underwater deployment while carrying out long-term missions on the maintenance of underwater mining complexes.

Work demonstrates a principal achievability of designing an ARV based on robotic complexes and their systems developed in the IMTP FEB RAS for the past years.

**Key words:** autonomous underwater vehicles, hybrid underwater vehicles, supervisory control, underwater robot deployment.

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