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Eelume Underwater Snake Drones

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These underwater snakes are truly a terrifying sight. The Norwegian University of Science and Technology have teamed up with Kongsberg Maritime and Statoil Oil and Gas Company to create a new machine to revolutionize the underwater engineering industry. These eel-like robots will be able to perform minor underwater tasks such as repairs and inspections. They will be able to replace the unwieldy underwater vessels currently used in industry. The snakes are currently on a power wire, but the developers would like to eventually allow them to be wireless in order for them to reach into more tight spaces and between gaps that a normal maintenance vehicle would not be able to reach. The goal of these snakes is to drive down maintenance and labor costs and also increase efficiency in underwater repairs.