



Autonomous Monitoring of the St-Lawrence Seaway Using Trusted Crowdsourced Bathymetry

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“A fully automated ship to DCDB pipeline”

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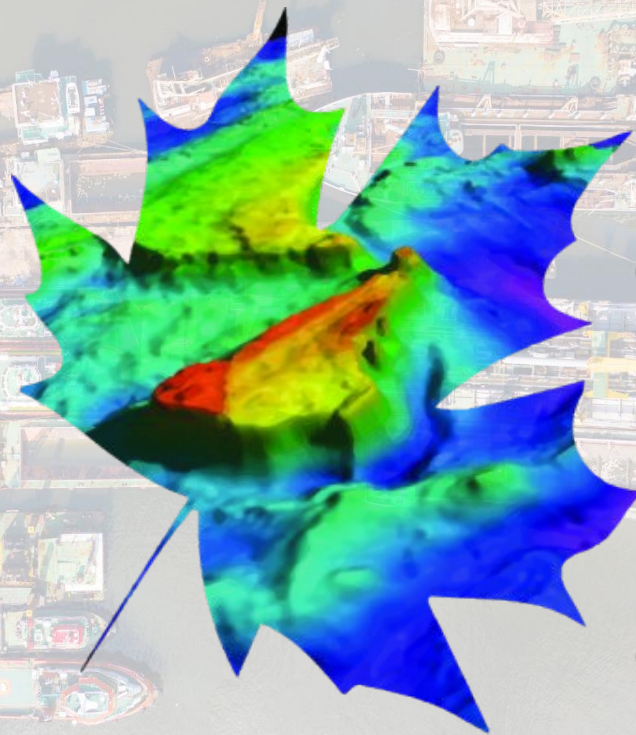


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Enabling MASS technologies

The emergence of next-level autonomous shipping vessels brings about new opportunities in terms of data collection and collaborative data acquisition.

Situational Awareness

Fleets of opportunity vessels can be turned into data-acquisition platforms to build a common map.

Autonomous monitoring

Channel monitoring can be mostly automated using the channel's traffic.



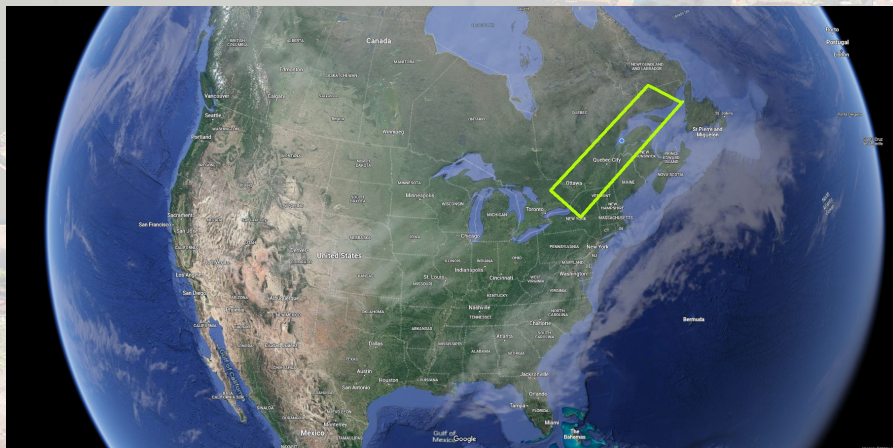
Trusted Crowdsourced Bathymetry

HydroBlock dataloggers can provide intelligent recording capabilities and smart uploading to cloud-based processing infrastructures.

Satellite-derived bathymetry

Implement an early warning system for quick detection of collapsing walls and hydrodynamic scour problems.

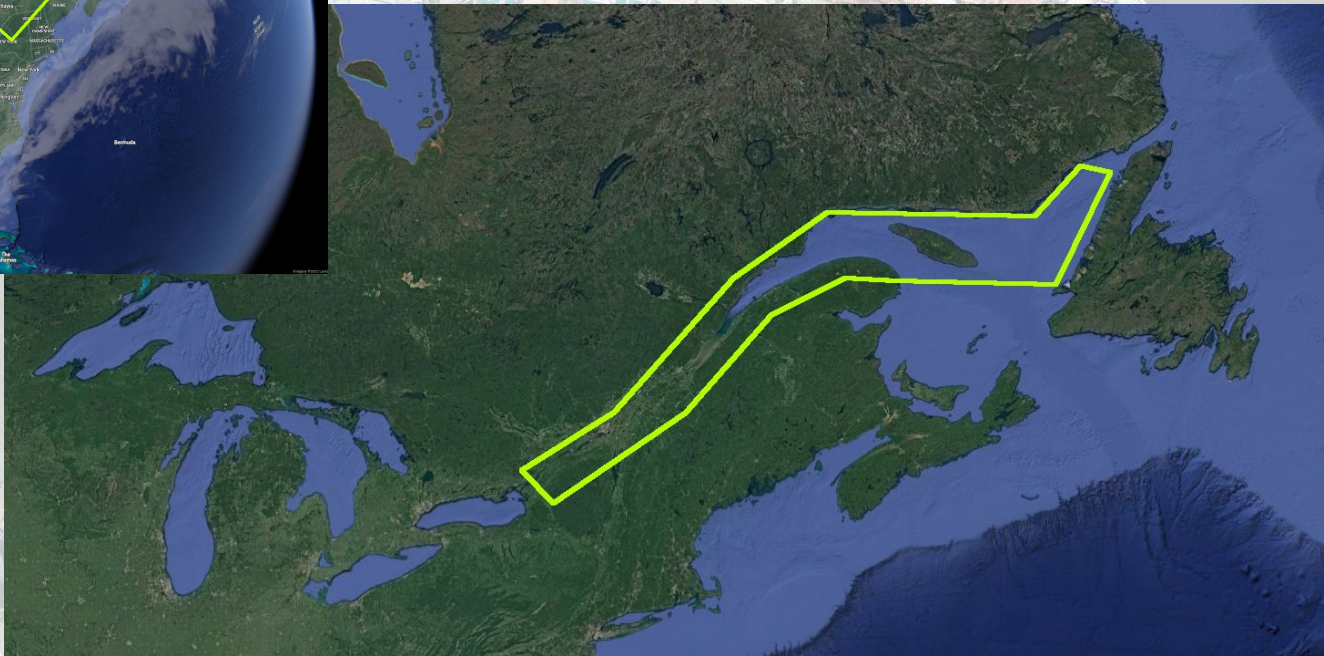
Study Zone: St-Lawrence Seaway



Length: 600 km
Economic impact: \$45 billions
Jobs: 238,000

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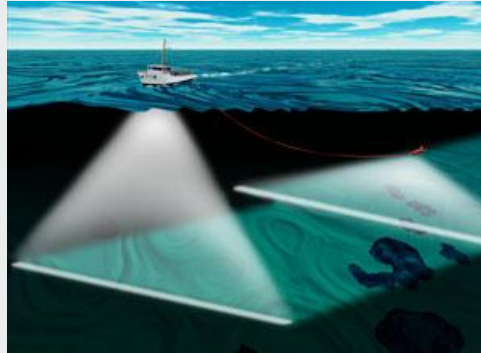
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Key Navigation Problems



Man made channel
Requires dredging



Continuously monitoring
600km is hard and costly



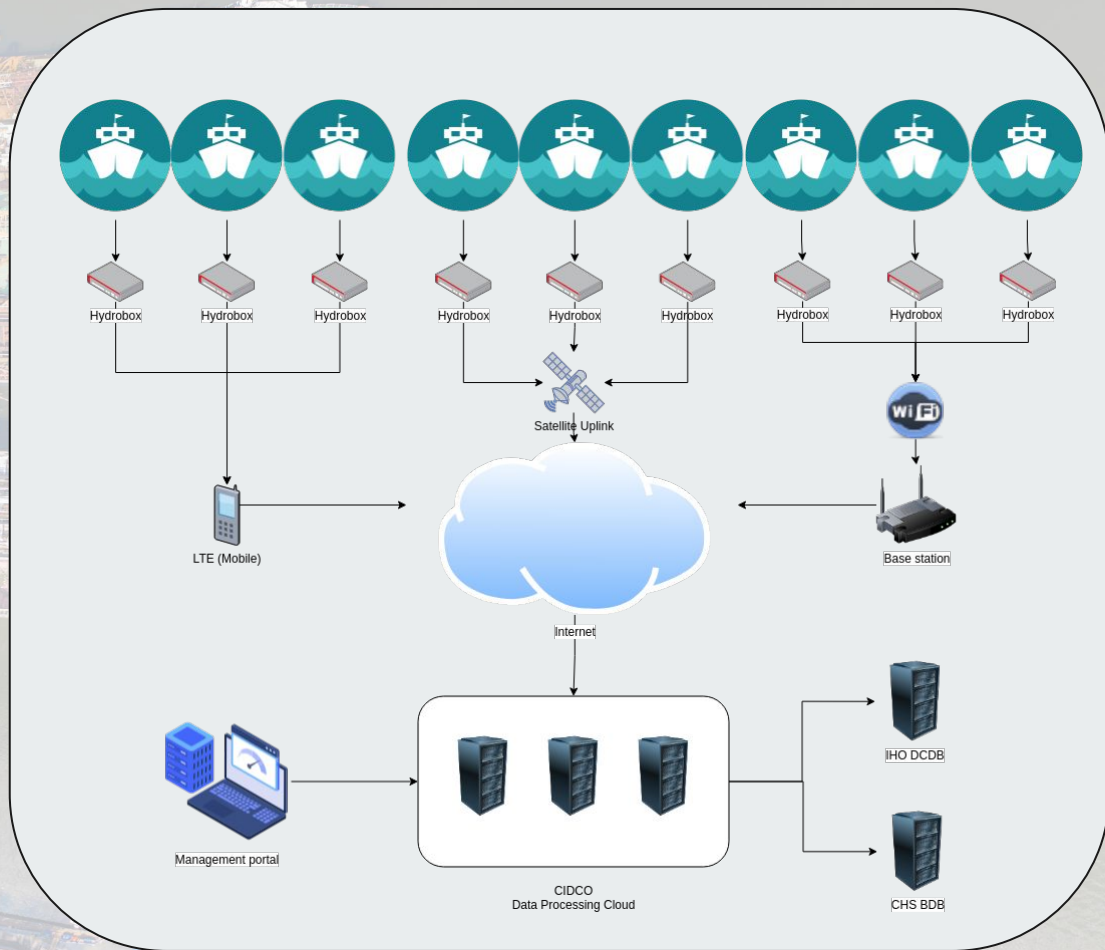
Suboptimal situational
awareness

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Trusted CSB

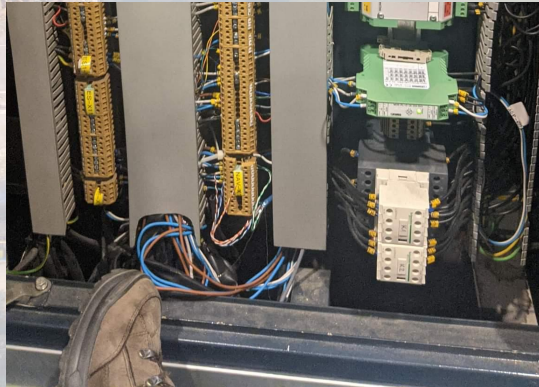
System architecture

- Opportunity Vessels
- Dataloggers with real-time processing capabilities
- Automatic data transmission
- CSB-Cloud processing backend
- CHS/DCDB dissemination

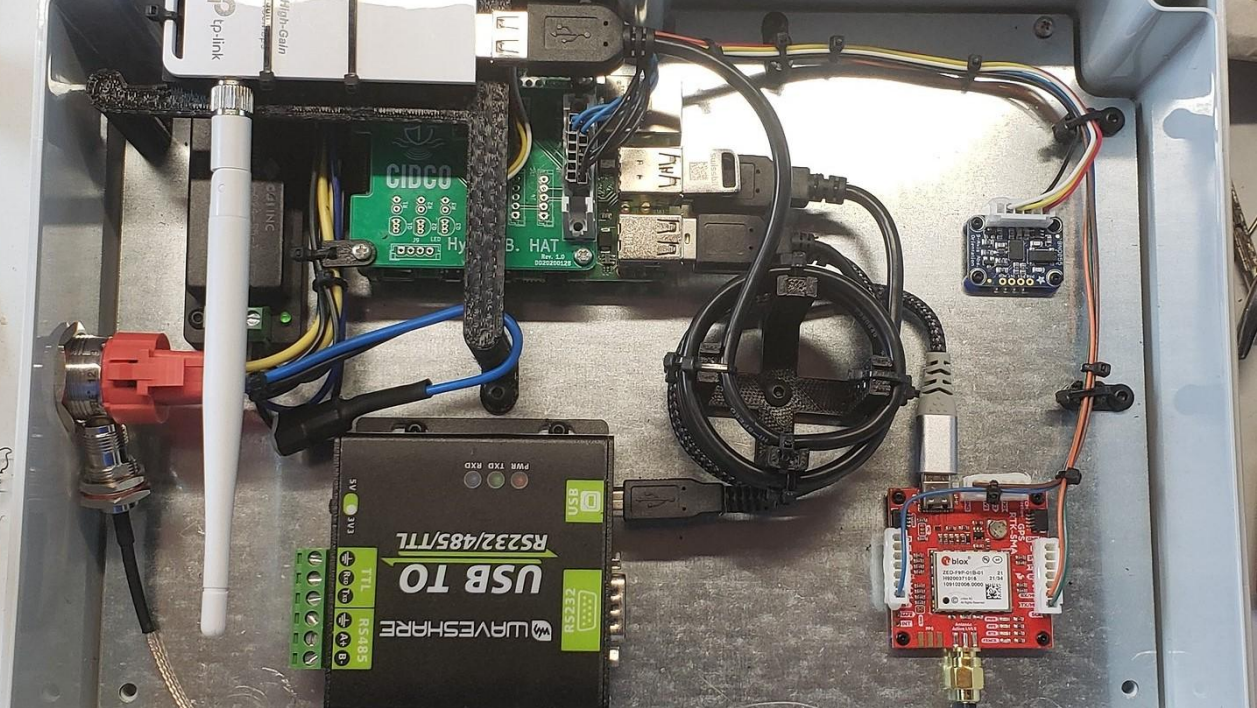


Next-Gen Data loggers: 24/7 data transfers

Fire-and-forget



Zero client interaction



Multi-channel automatic uploads

Automated Data Processing

Scalable cloud-based bathymetric data processing platform

- Ingests and parallelises data processing jobs
- Georeferencing
- Attitude & Motion compensation
- PPP GNSS position enhancement
- De-noising
- Parallelize and distribute processing

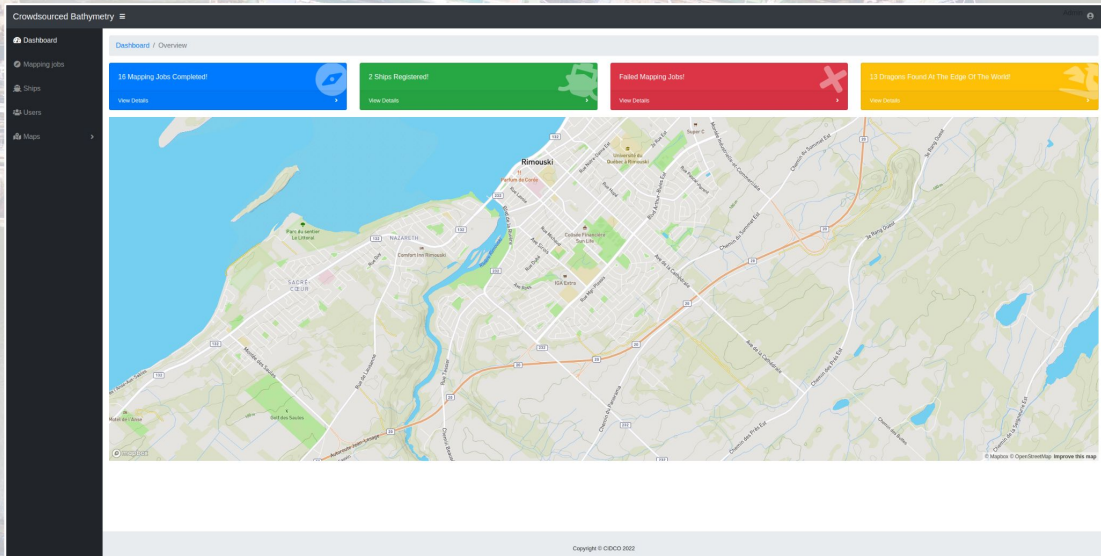
16 Mapping Jobs Completed!

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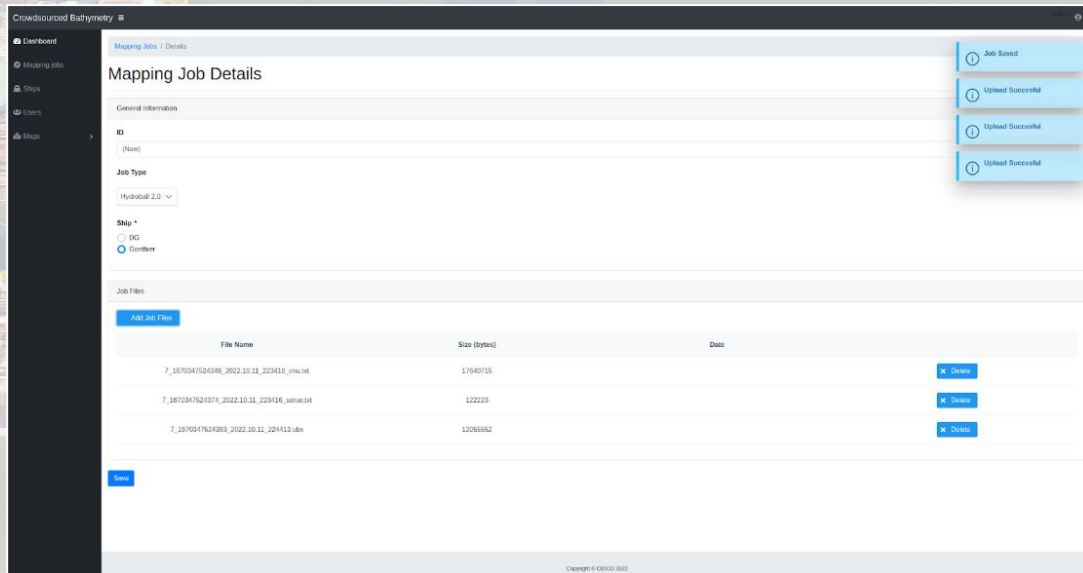
2 Ships Registered!

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Automated Data Processing

- *A 1h data bucket takes 90 seconds to process*
- *Processed data pushed to clients' GDBMS*
- *Streamable to DCDB in GeoJSON*



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A continuous surveying loop

90+ days of continuous survey

24/7 automatic data transfers

5398 data products to date

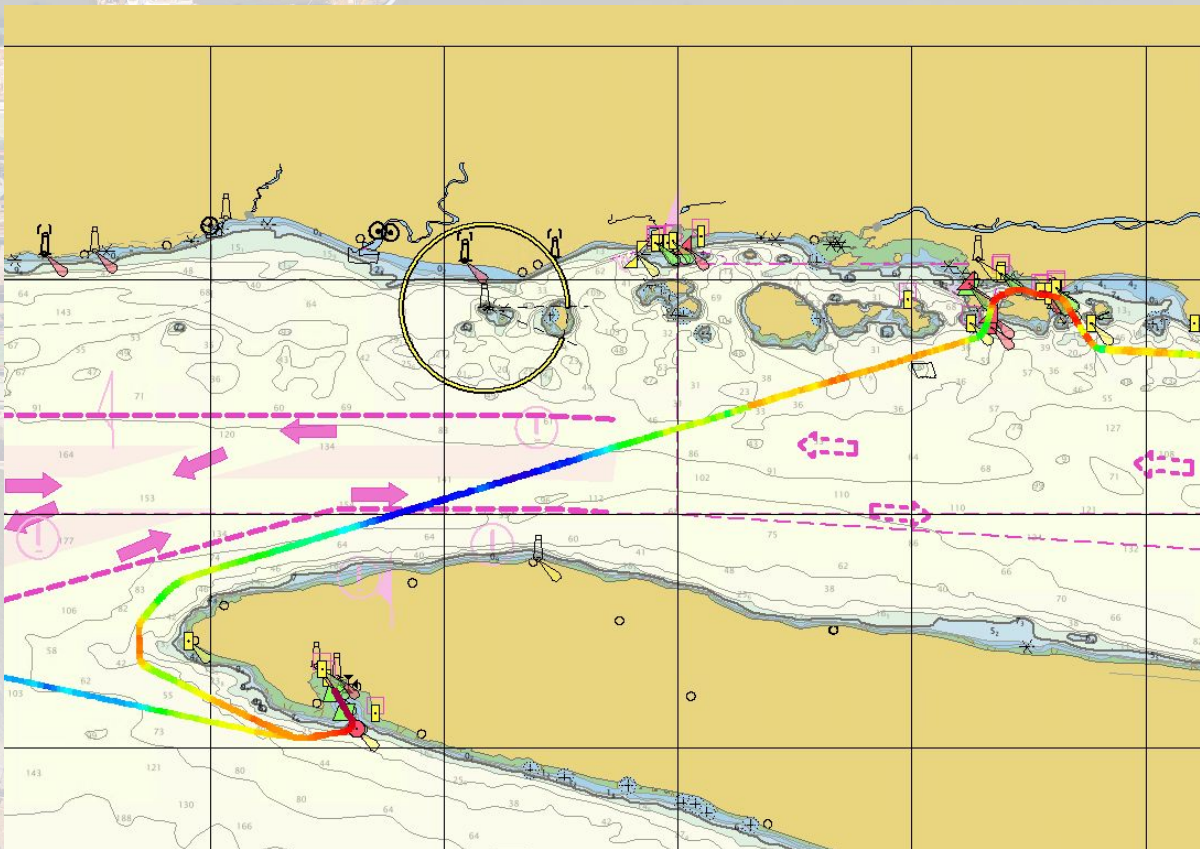



Data processing examples



Data processed by the Canadian
Hydrographic Service

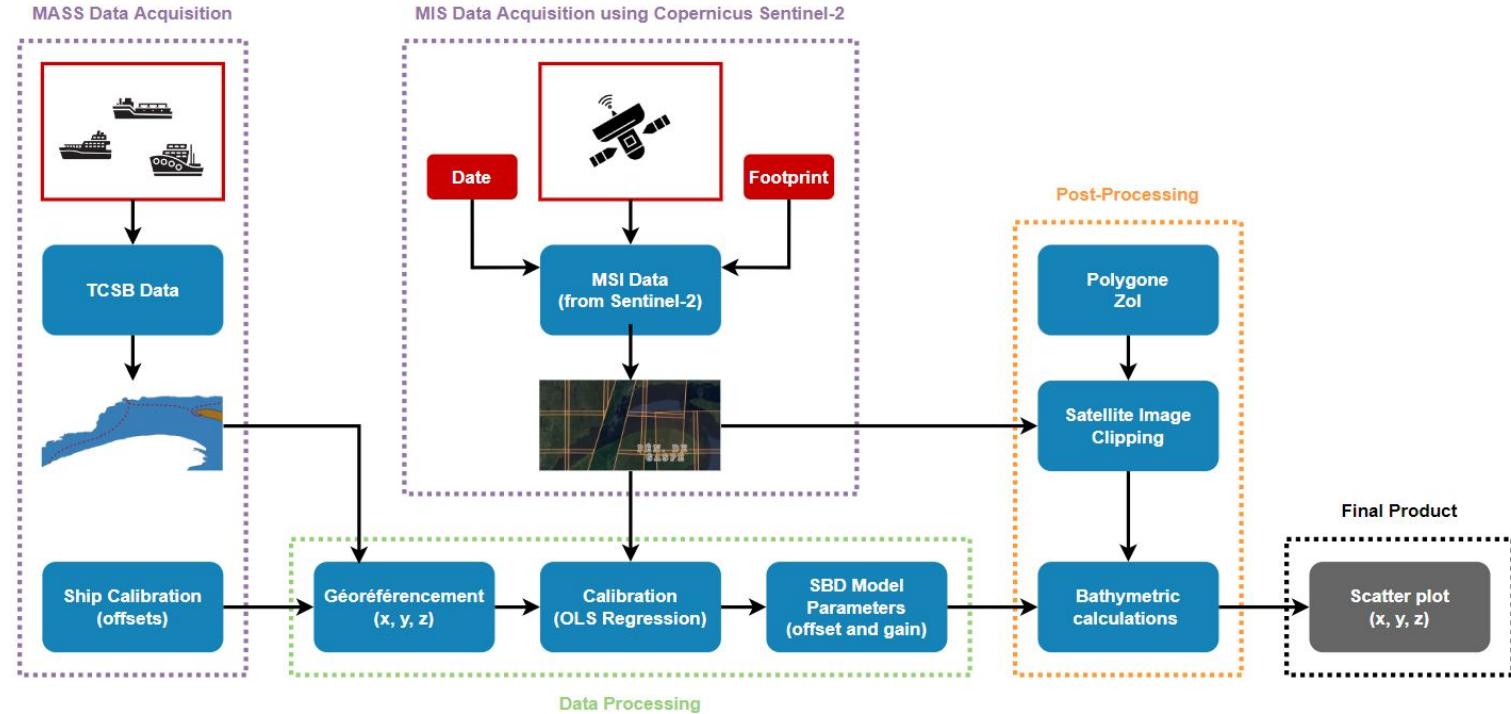
IHO CATZOC B Order
Standard deviation: 0.5m



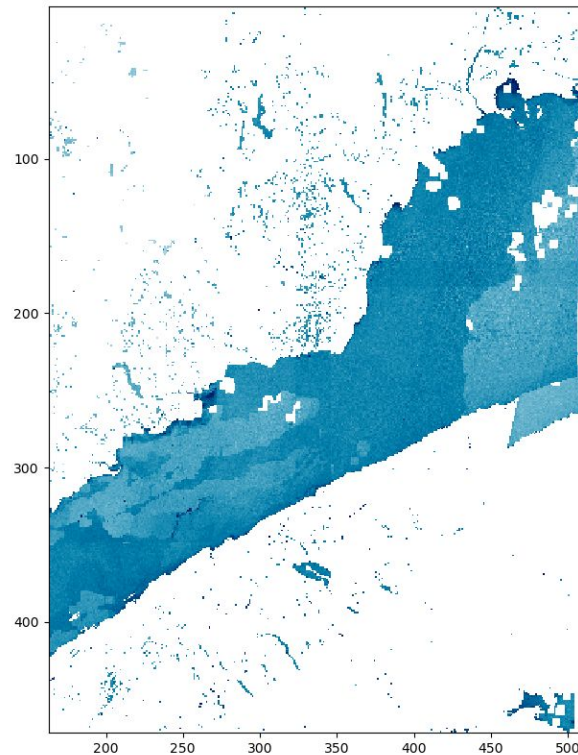
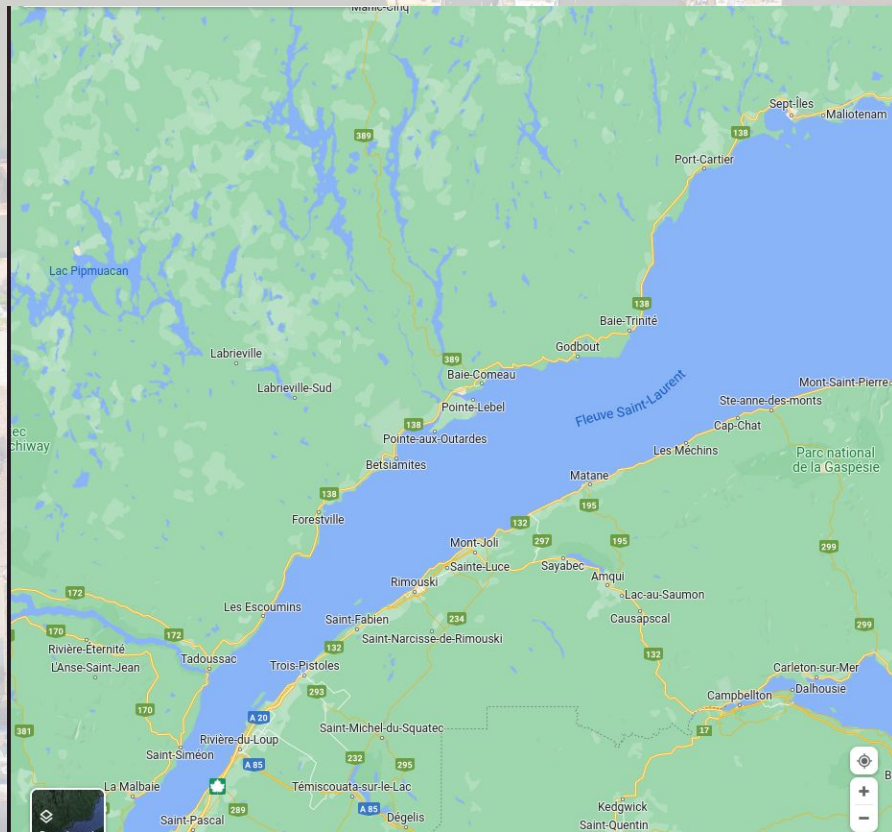


CSB Added-Value: SDB Calibration Data

CIDCO's data processing workflow (Sentinel 2)



Satellite-derived bathymetry examples



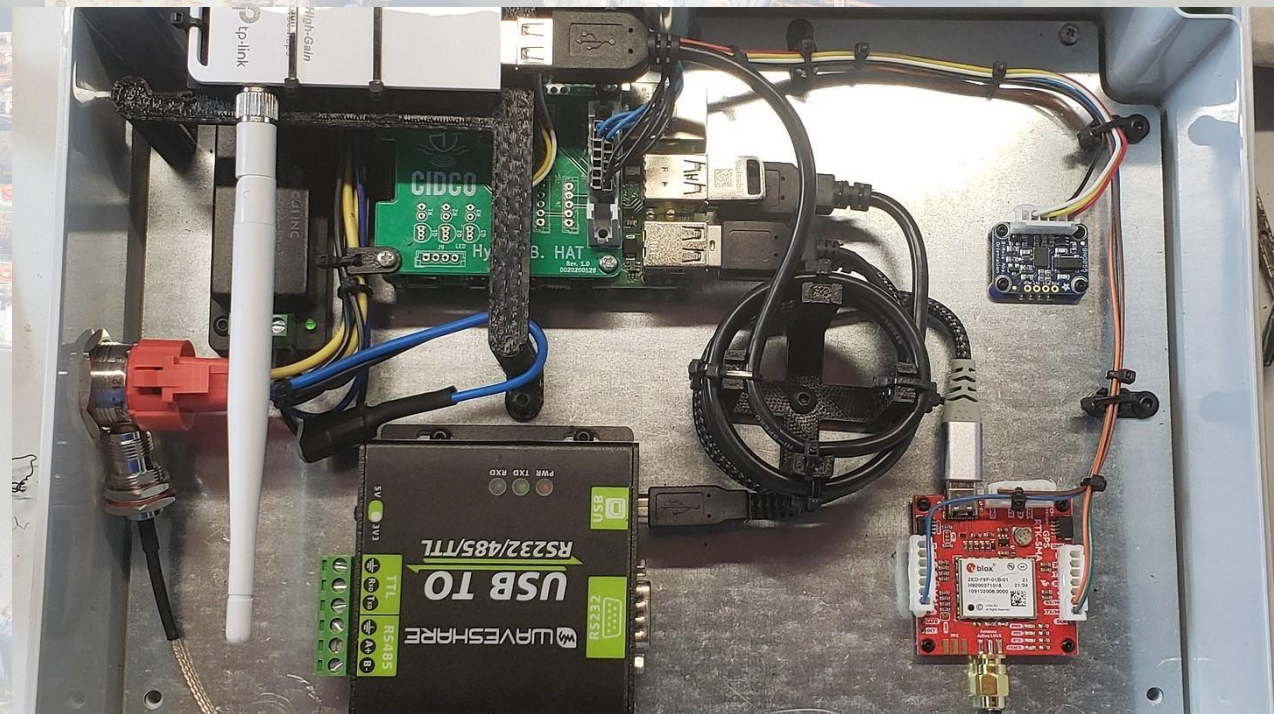
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CSB Added-Value: AIS Data Bycatch

Next-Gen Data loggers: 24/7 data transfers

Dataloggers log data (!)

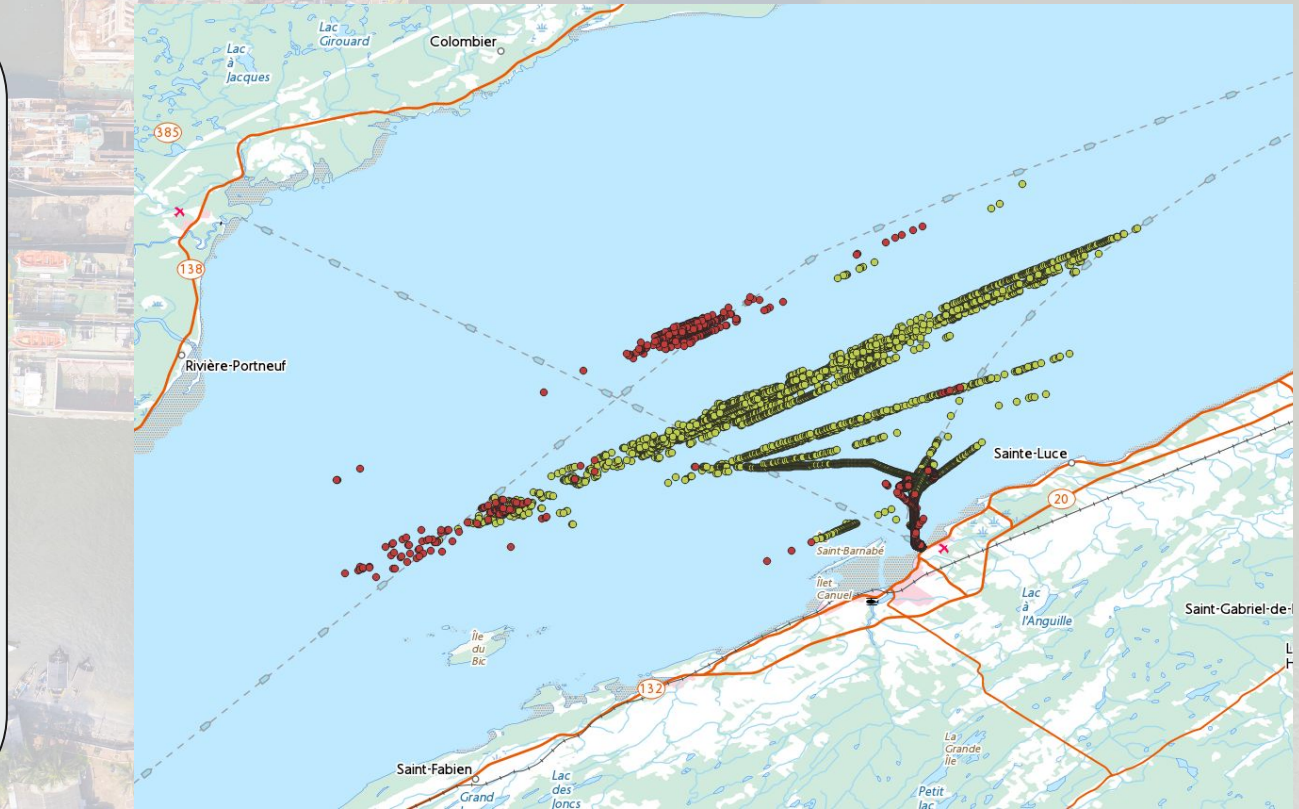
- AIS data can be harvested either directly from NMEA data streams, or intercepted off the air using cheap 20\$ SDR receivers.
- AIS data can be leveraged to provide situational awareness about surrounding ships, and AtoN stations
- Continuous data transfer capabilities can be leveraged to spread this information
- AI can sift through this data very quickly to generate insights to mariners and other marine environment stakeholders.



Using AI to detect anomalous ship behavior

AI can be used to spot anomalous behaviors in complex spatial patterns using:

- Ship information and trajectory
- Ship position
- Ship course
- Ship speed



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These alerts feed an early warning system to bring stakeholders's attention to exceptional situations.

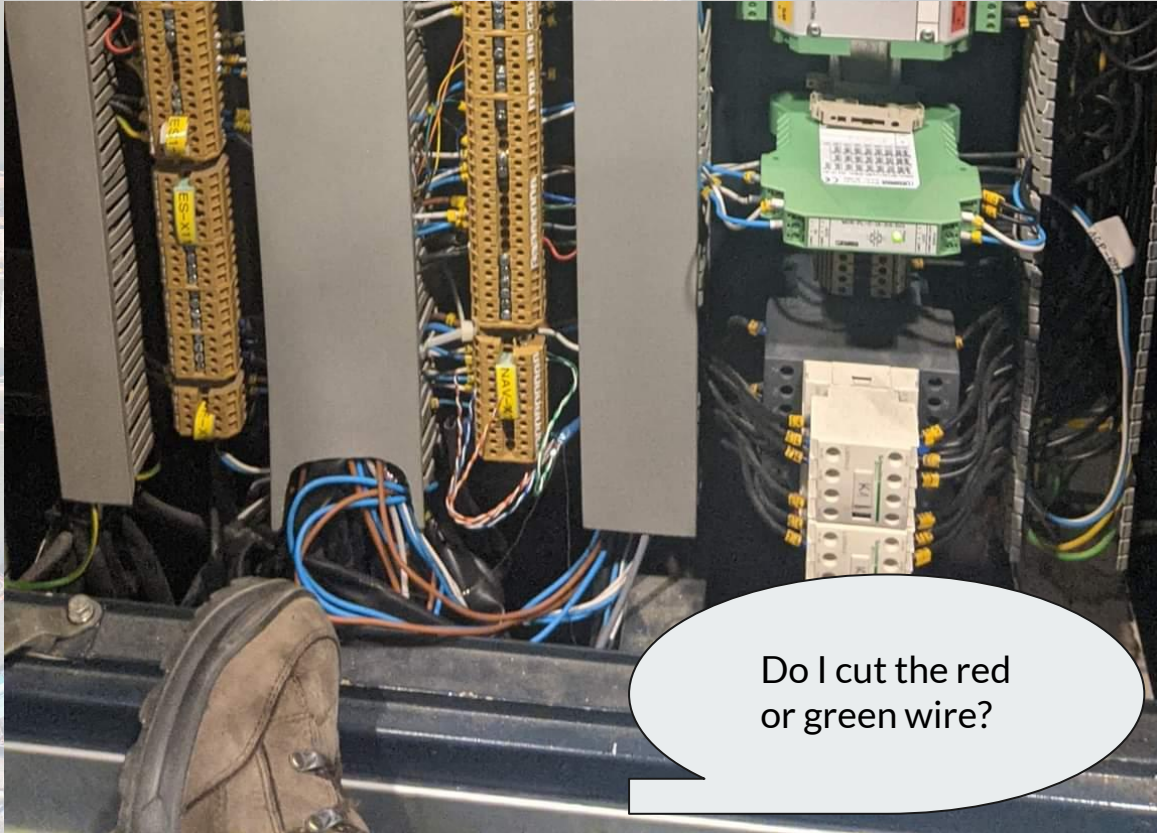
For example, boats with anomalously high speeds or exceptional navigation courses are easily detected on this marina map.





Challenges


Universal User-friendly Installs And Unicorns Live in the Same World



Customer Support is Very Costly. Build a remote support channel.



Be Robust By Design: Because Everything Fails at Some Point.

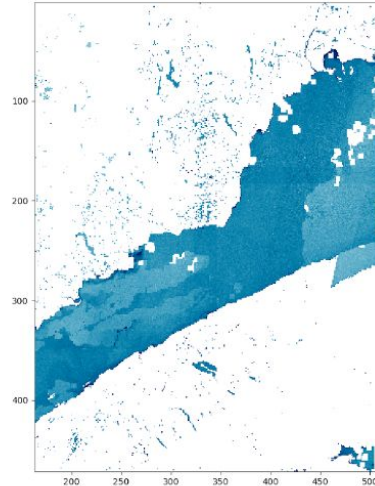


WiFi outages...
Mobile outages...
Satellite outages...
Partial transfers...
Corrupted files...
Data security...
GNSS hiccups...
Random power cycles...

The image shows two identical cylindrical metal components, possibly capacitors or inductors, lying on a white reflective surface. Each component has a coiled spring wire protruding from its top, indicating a mechanical failure or disconnection. The background is a light blue gradient.

Satellite-derived bathymetry: Natural Allies

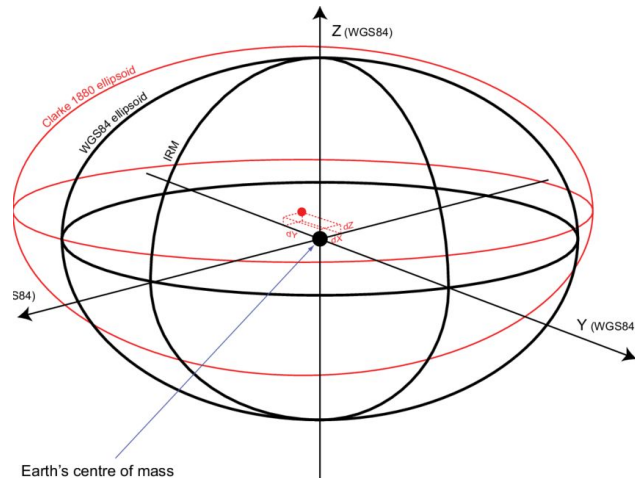
SDB empirical models require ground-truthing data. CSB outputs are SDB inputs, and as such, they constitute natural allies to promote the adoption of CSB.



Quantifiable Uncertainty: Ellipsoid Referenced Surveys

Using ellipsoid referenced surveying removes tremendous headaches:

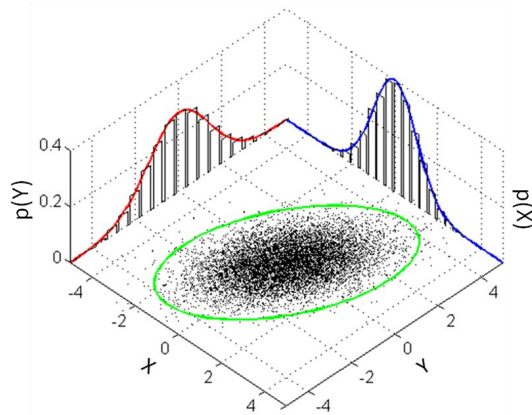
- Dynamic drafts, especially with cargo ships and small vessels
 - Heave measurements can be unnecessarily painful
 - Tide data



Quantifiable Uncertainty: Total Propagated Uncertainty Model

There is tremendous value in taking the time to develop a ***total propagated uncertainty (TPU) model*** for easy computation of standard deviations on the outputs (longitude, latitude, depth) based on the known standard deviations on the input measurements (GNSS longitude, GNSS latitude, GNSS height, IMU heading, IMU pitch, IMU roll, depth at sonar transducer).

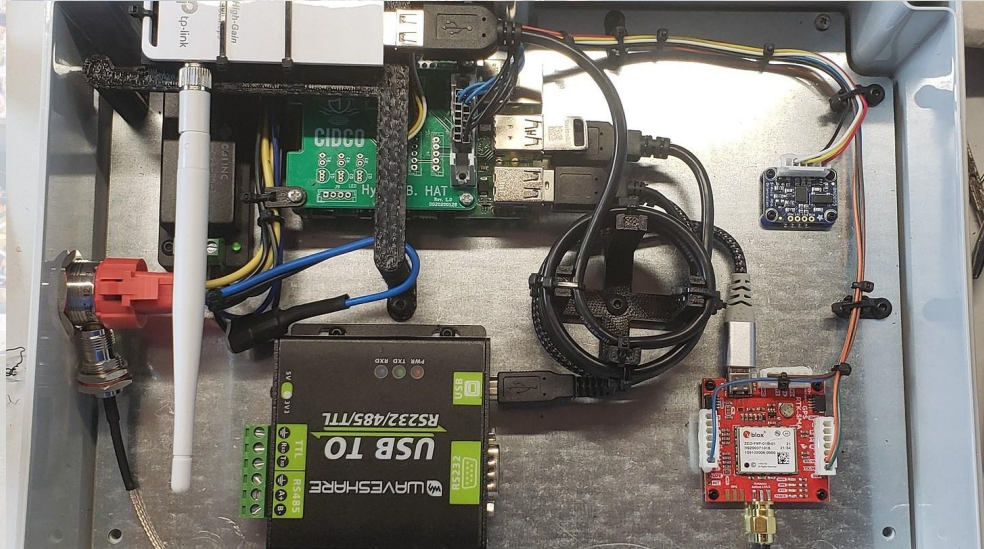
$$\text{Total Propagated Error} = \mathbf{J} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{J}^T$$



Quantifiable Uncertainty: A Key Decision Making Tool

Knowing the uncertainty on the bathymetry **solves the problem of determining if CSB is suitable or not for a given purpose.**

Giving stakeholders a quantifiable metric to drive their decision to use the data is **fundamental key to CSB adoption.**





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