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**BECOME  
EXAIL**

# Exail at a glance



**1500**

EMPLOYEES

**80**

COUNTRIES SERVED WORLDWIDE

**20+**

% OF TURNOVER  
INVESTED IN R&D



**21**

FACILITIES IN FRANCE

**24/7**

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

**2000**

COMPANIES SERVED EACH YEAR

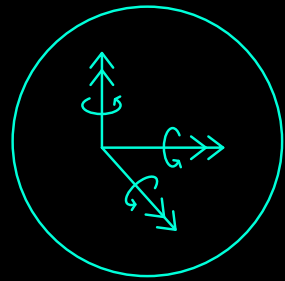
**250+**

MILLION EUROS OF TURNOVER

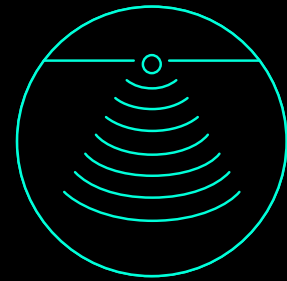
## A GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



# Our expertise



**Inertial navigation**



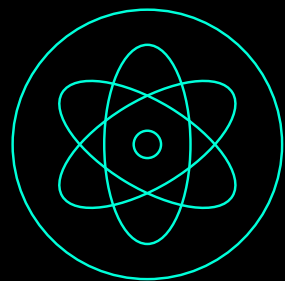
**Subsea acoustic positioning  
and imagery**



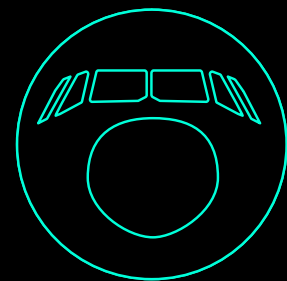
**Autonomous vehicles,  
drones systems and AI**



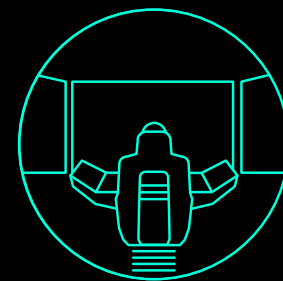
**Ship equipment  
and protection**



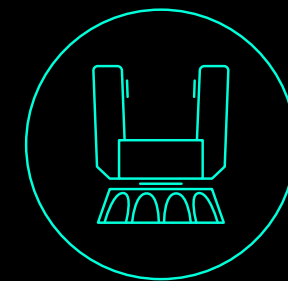
**Photonics and  
quantum**



**On-board electronics  
and manufacturing & testing  
solutions for aeronautics**

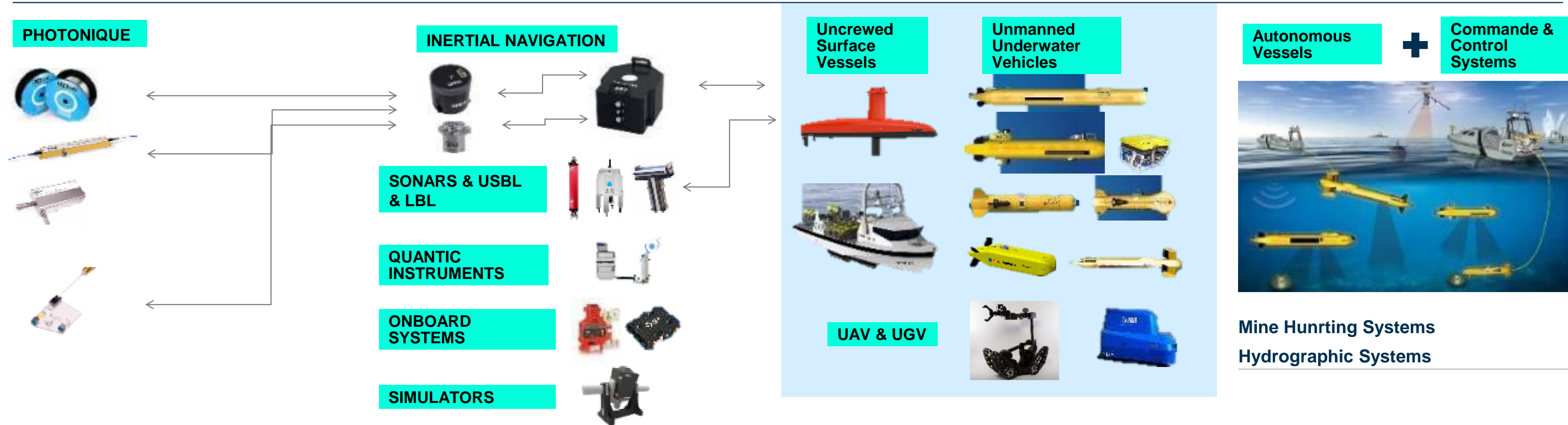
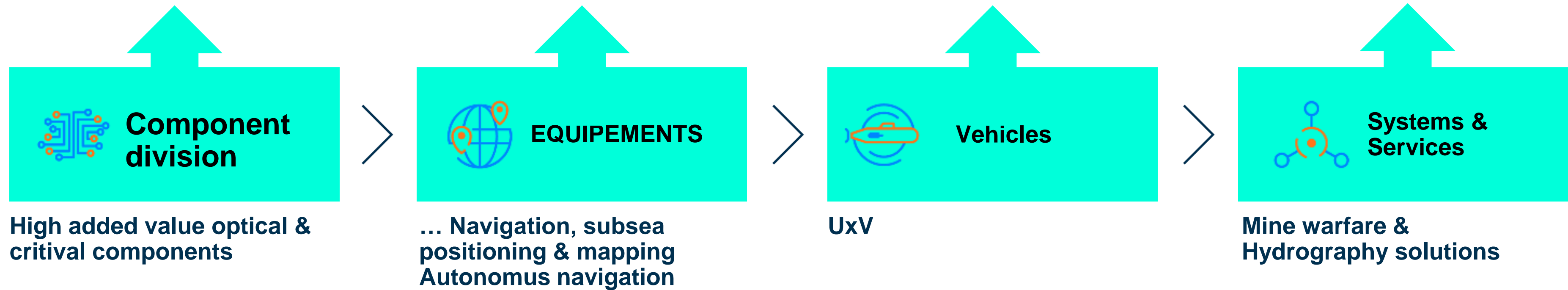


**Training simulation**



**Mechatronics**

# Vertical integration of technologies: from components to complex systems, with customers in all areas





# REMOTE HYDROGRAPHY

## SAIHC 19

AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> 2024

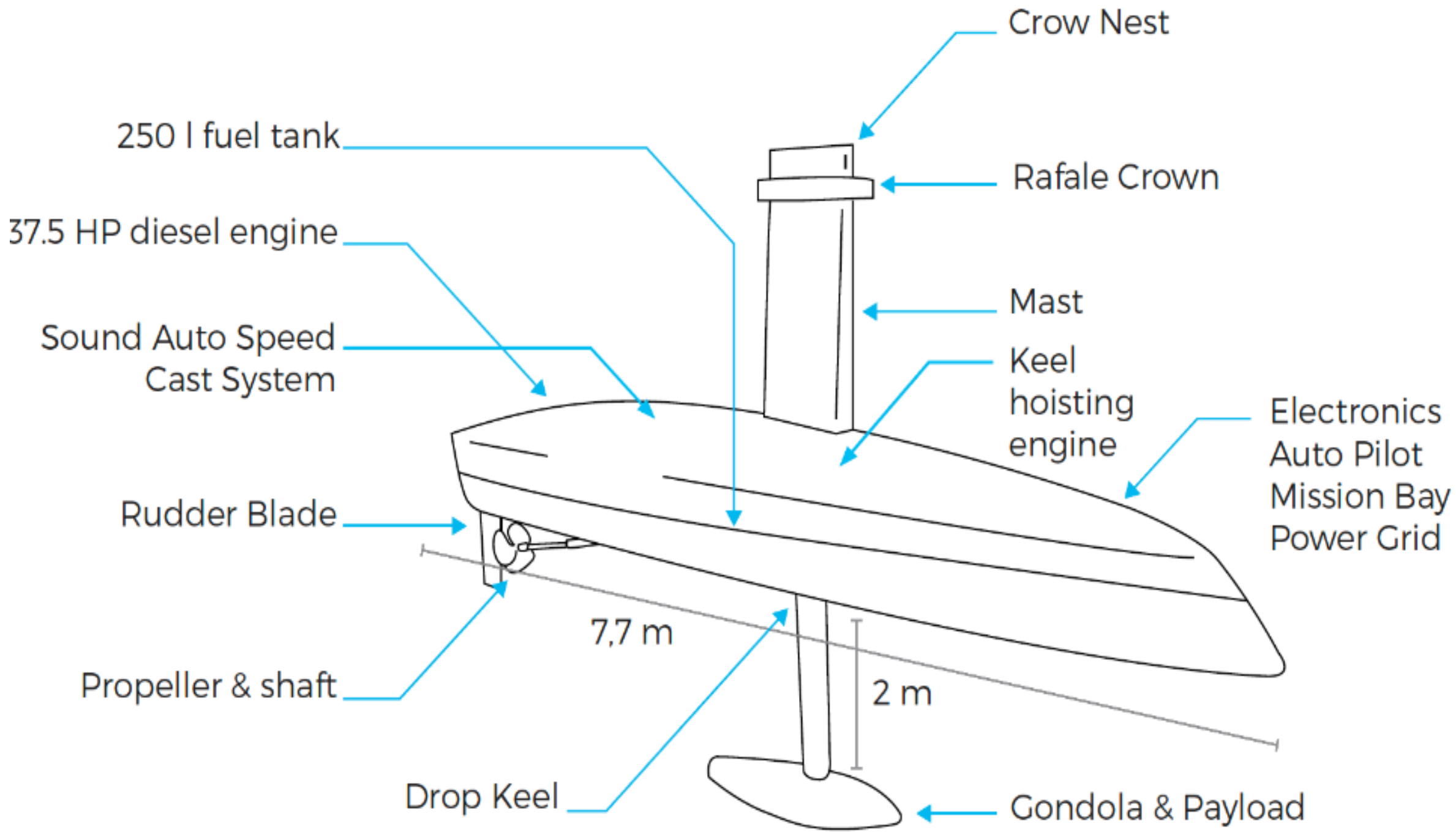
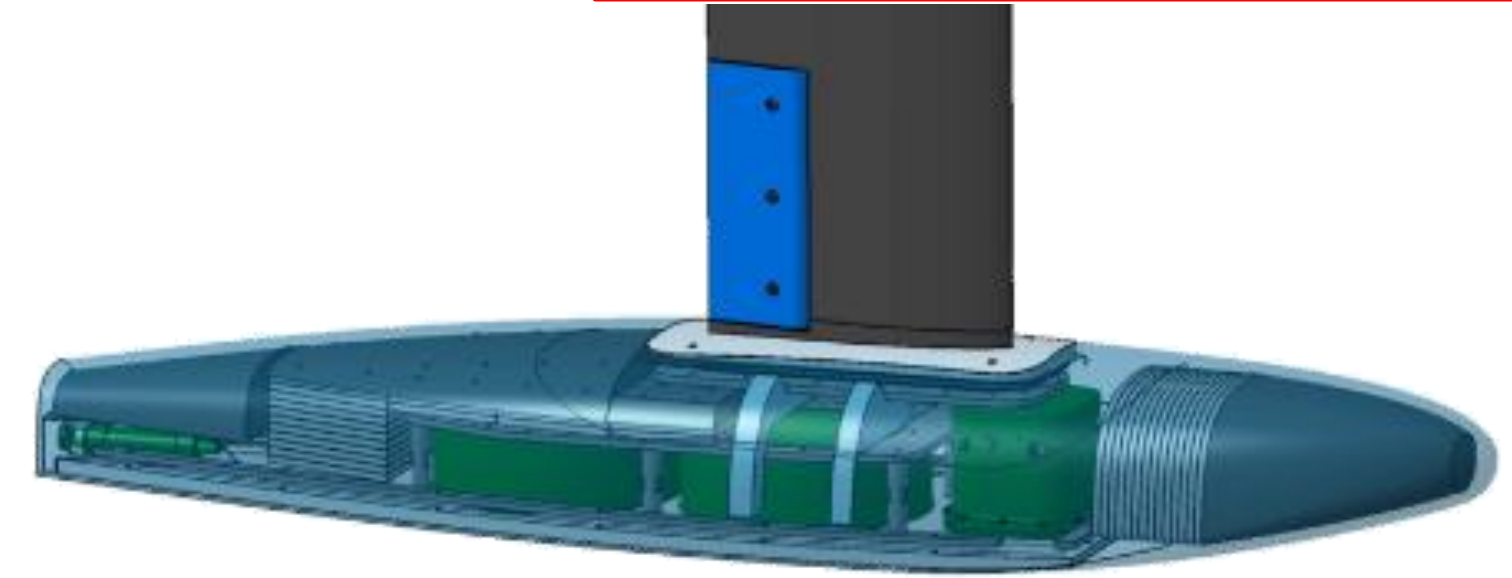




# UNCREWED PLATFORM DRIX

# DriX USV in a Nutshell

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# Autonomy allows innovations in the design of the platform: Example of DriX

## Main Dimensions

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Length Overall (LOA)          | 7,7 m              |
| Beam:                         | 0,82 m             |
| Draft :                       | 2,0 m              |
| Light Weight :                | 1,4 Tons           |
| <u>Construction materials</u> |                    |
| Hull & Deck & superstructure  | Composite material |

## Performance

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Maximum Speed :            | 14 kt                   |
| Survey Speed :             | 8+ kt                   |
| Fuel capacity :            | 250 liters              |
| Fuel Consumption (Survey): | 2-3 L/h                 |
| Range :                    | 650 nm@ 8kt             |
| Sea keeping:               | Seastate 5 in operation |

## Machinery

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| STD propulsion:   | 1 x 38HP diesel engine |
| Power Generation: | Up to 3 kW             |

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MISSION EQUIPMENT : Mission software, LIDAR, Video Camera, IR camera

MISSION PAYLOAD: MBES, SBP, Magnetometer, Weather Station, SSS, Environmental Echosounder (EK80, SeapiX), ...

COMMUNICATION: WiFi, Maritime Broadband Radio (MBR) , SATCOM (Starlink),

AUTONOMY: Up to 1000 Nm





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# LOGISTICS – DOCKING, RECOVERY AND TRANSPORTATION



- Towed DDS
- Auto docking function
- Support vessel
- Floating pontons

- Export control free
- Land, sea, air



Land



Land & Sea





Air





# Some references

-  Previous operation
-  Present positions of DriXs



University of New Hampshire

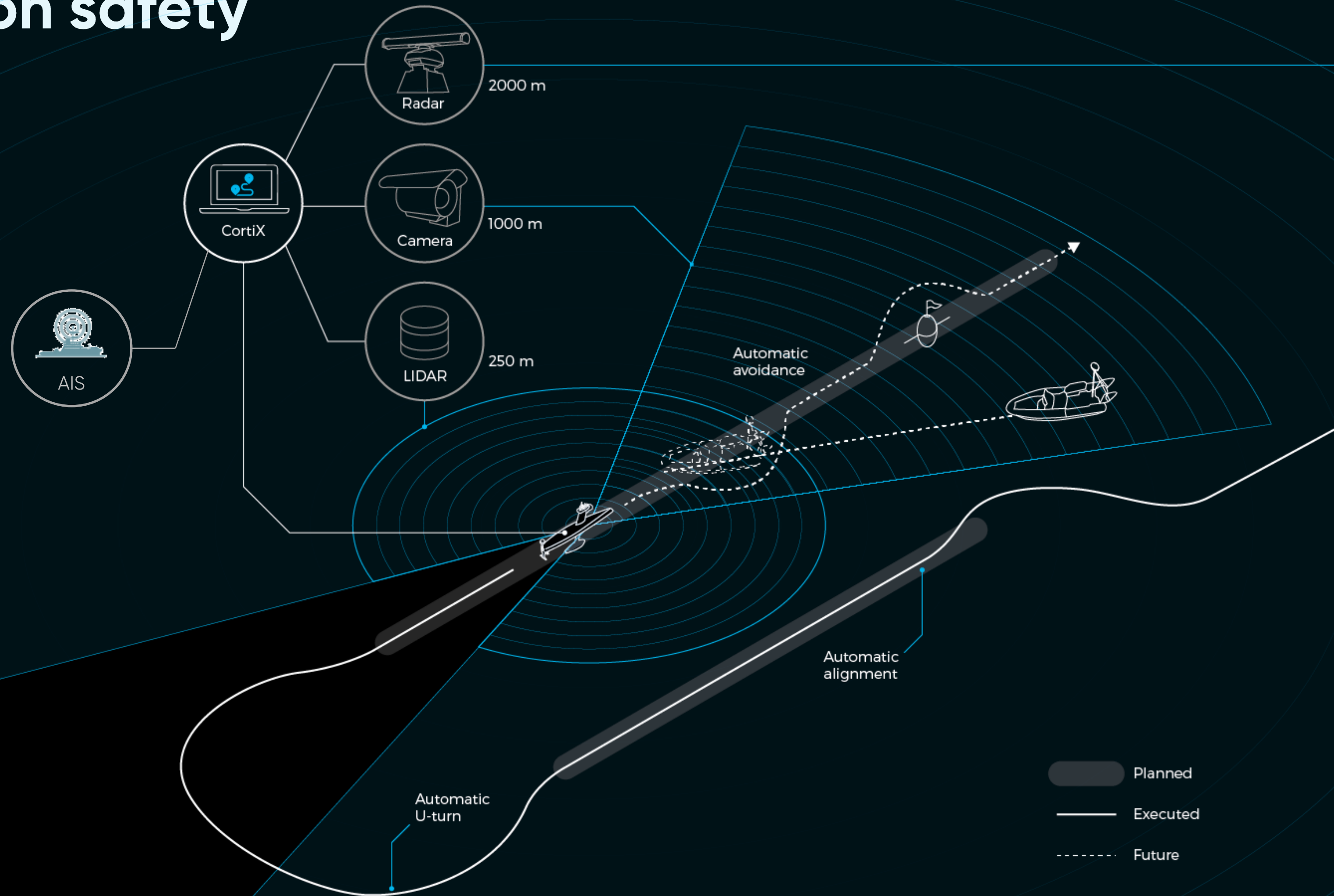




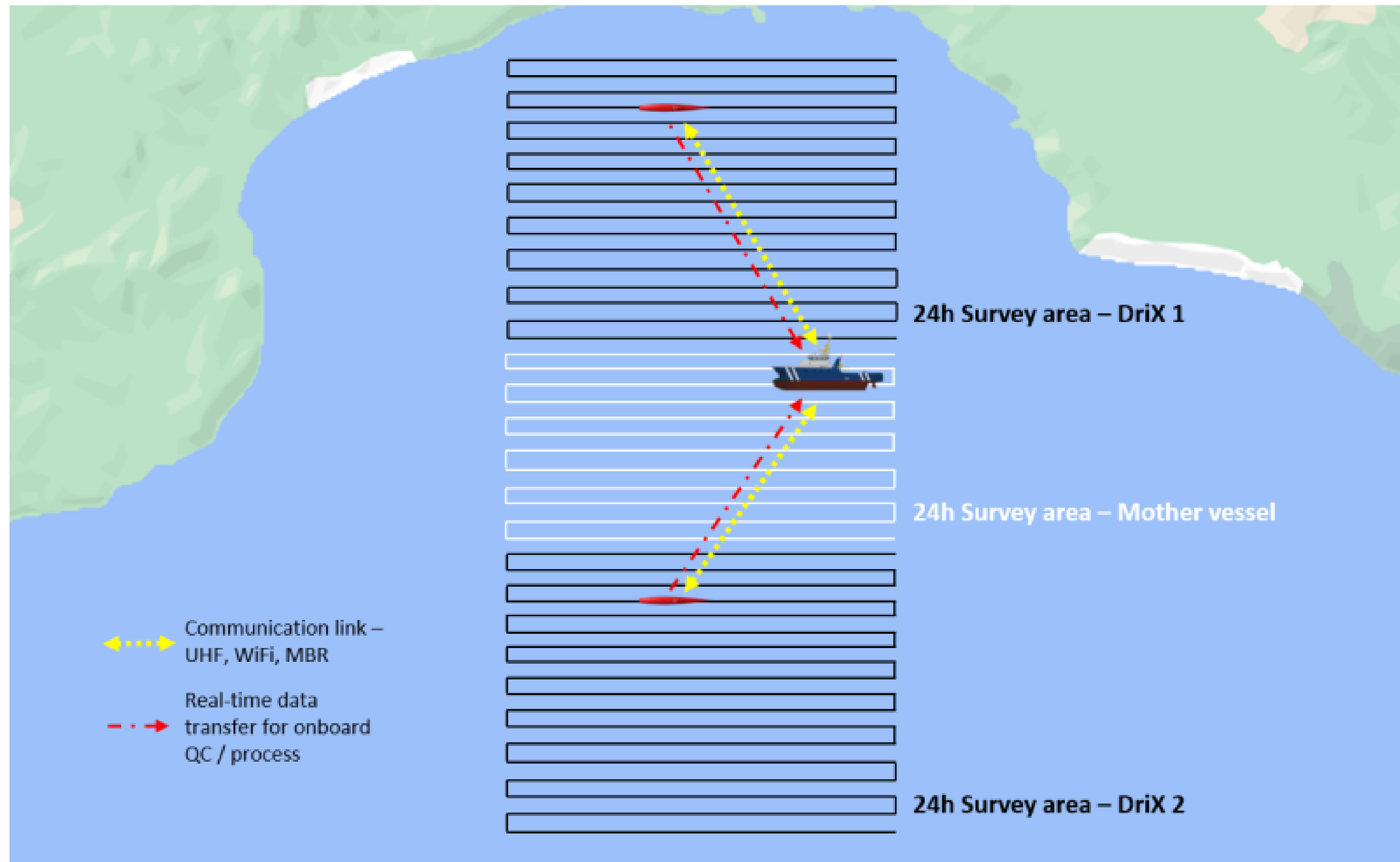


# **TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS NAVIGATION SAFETY & SUPERVISION**

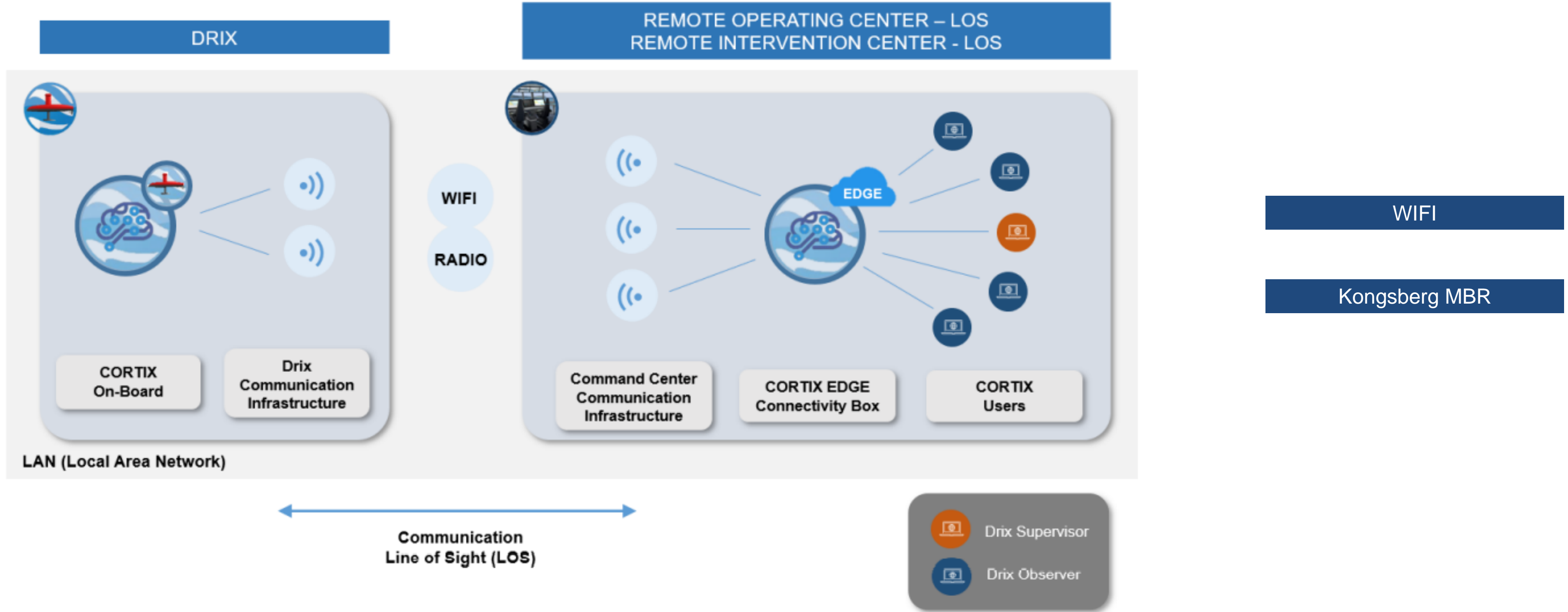
# Navigation safety



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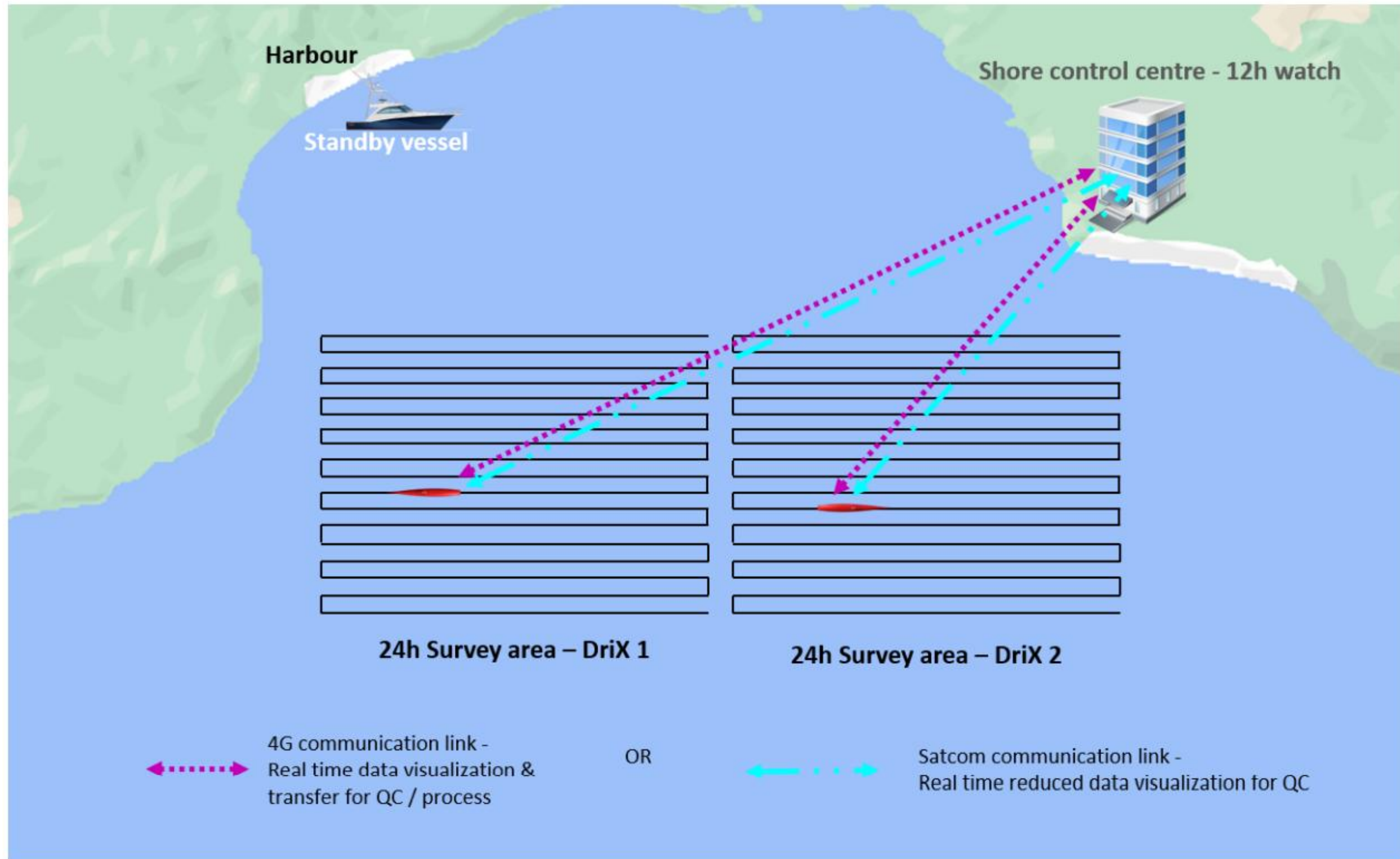


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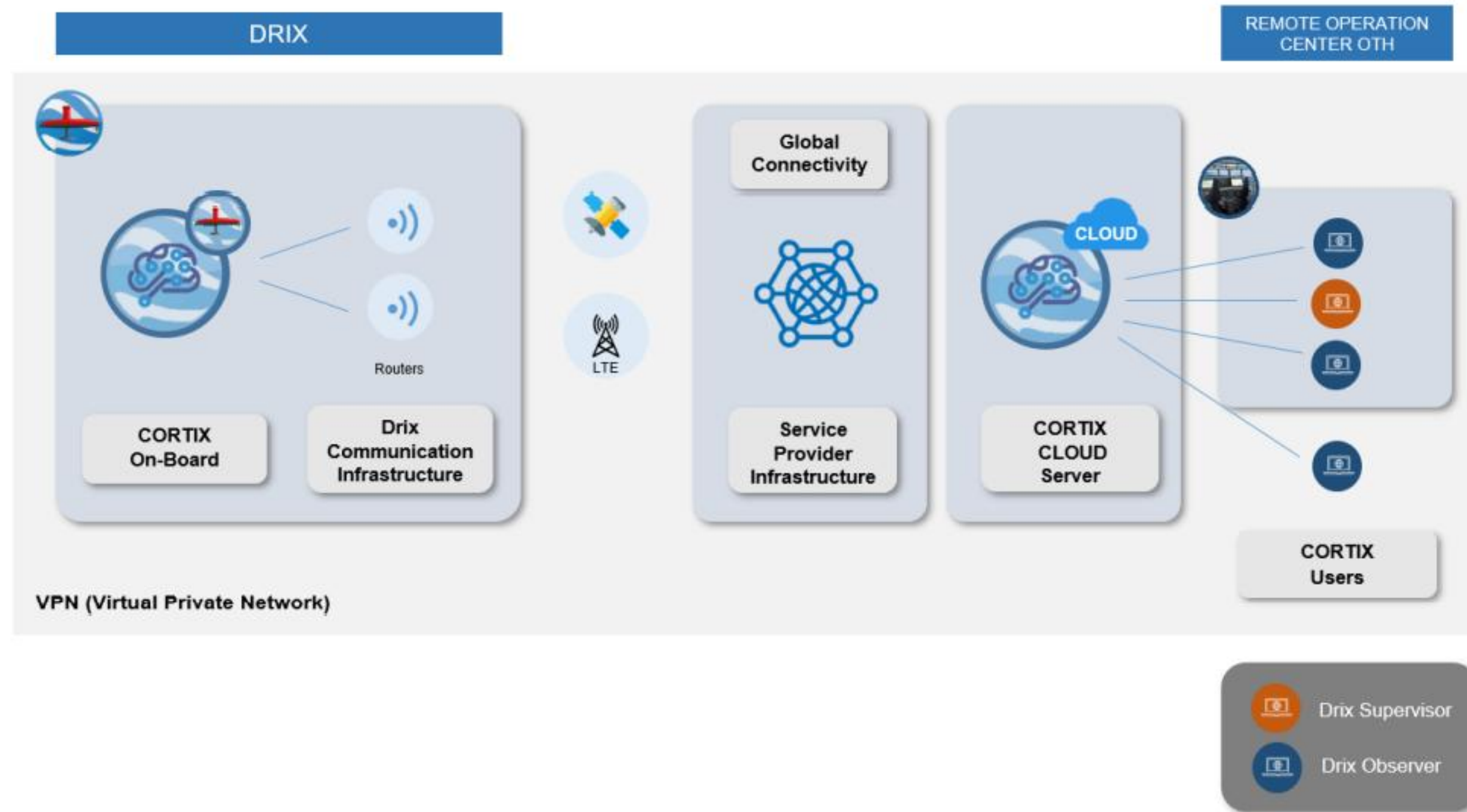




# > OVER THE HORIZON



# > OVER THE HORIZON



4G

Iridium CERTUS (\*)



# Example of Autonomous Navigation in Restricted Waters

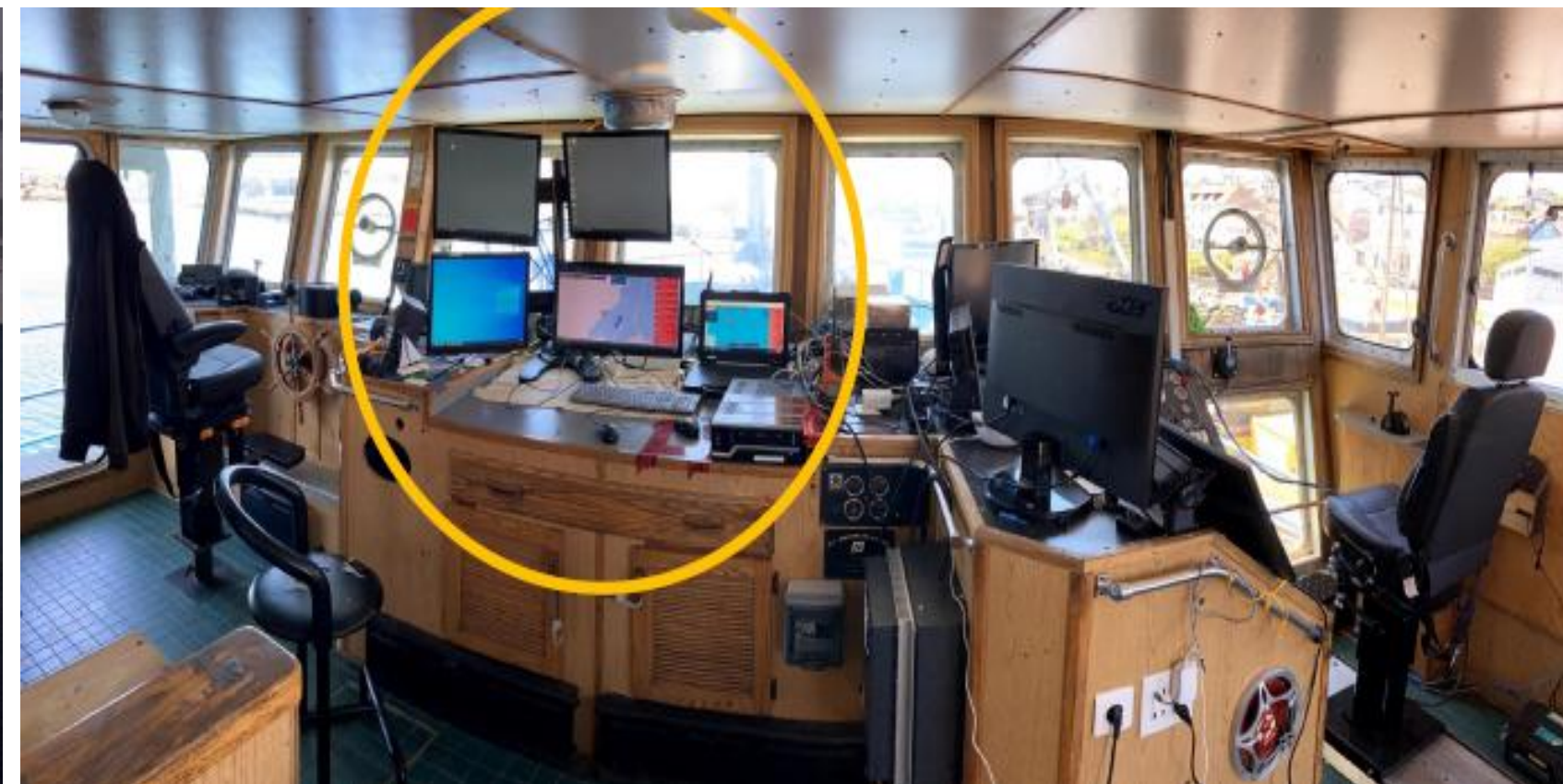
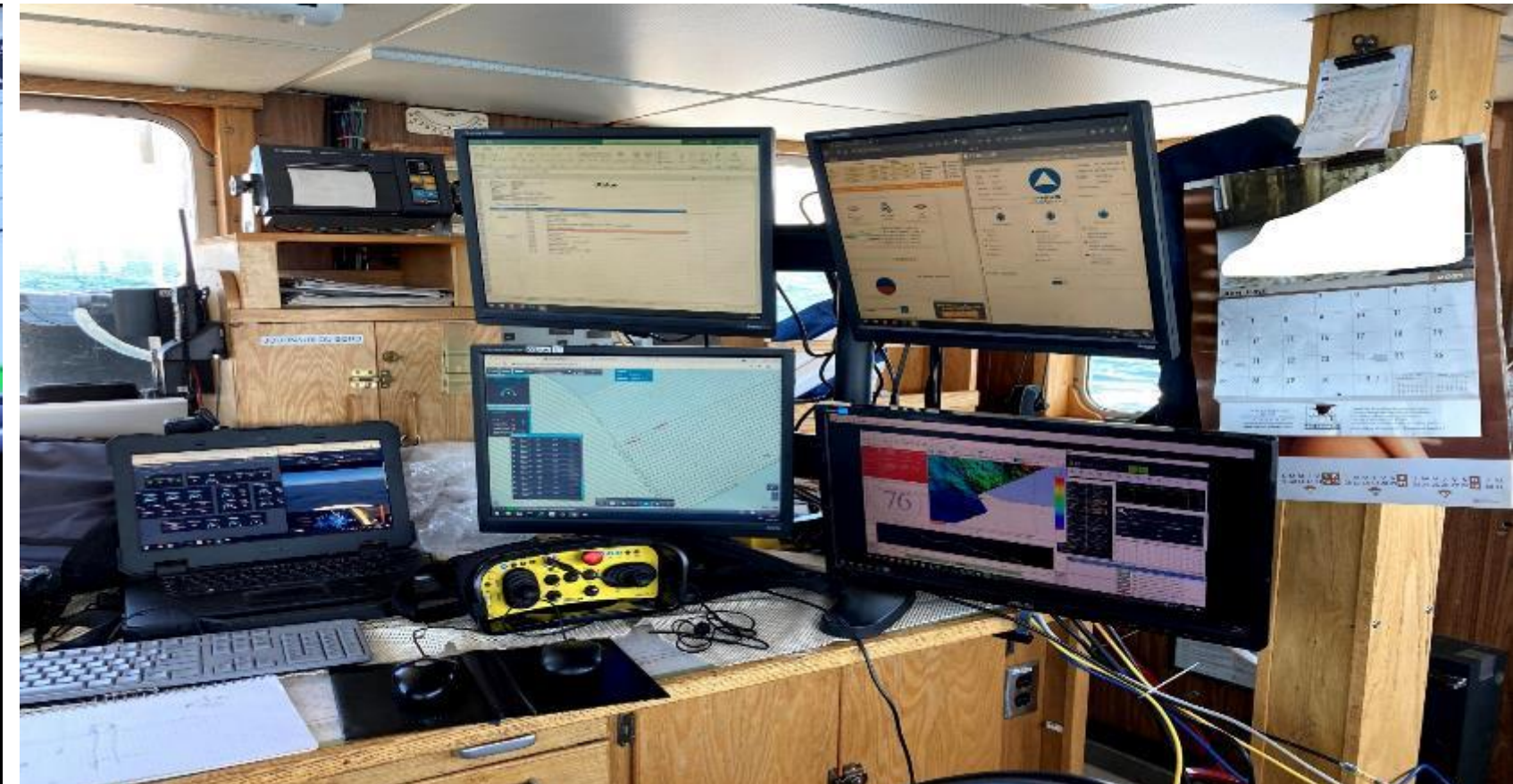


**Dec 8, 2022 - Autonomous entry and collision avoidance in Mina Salman, Barhein.**  
(Speed 10 knots, video speed x20). CPA setting 100 yards



# 24h/24 ROCC (Remote Operated Control Center)

Shore, Ship or Island



Full permanent dedicated remote station or field work station,  
The Exail ROCC is a flexible environment

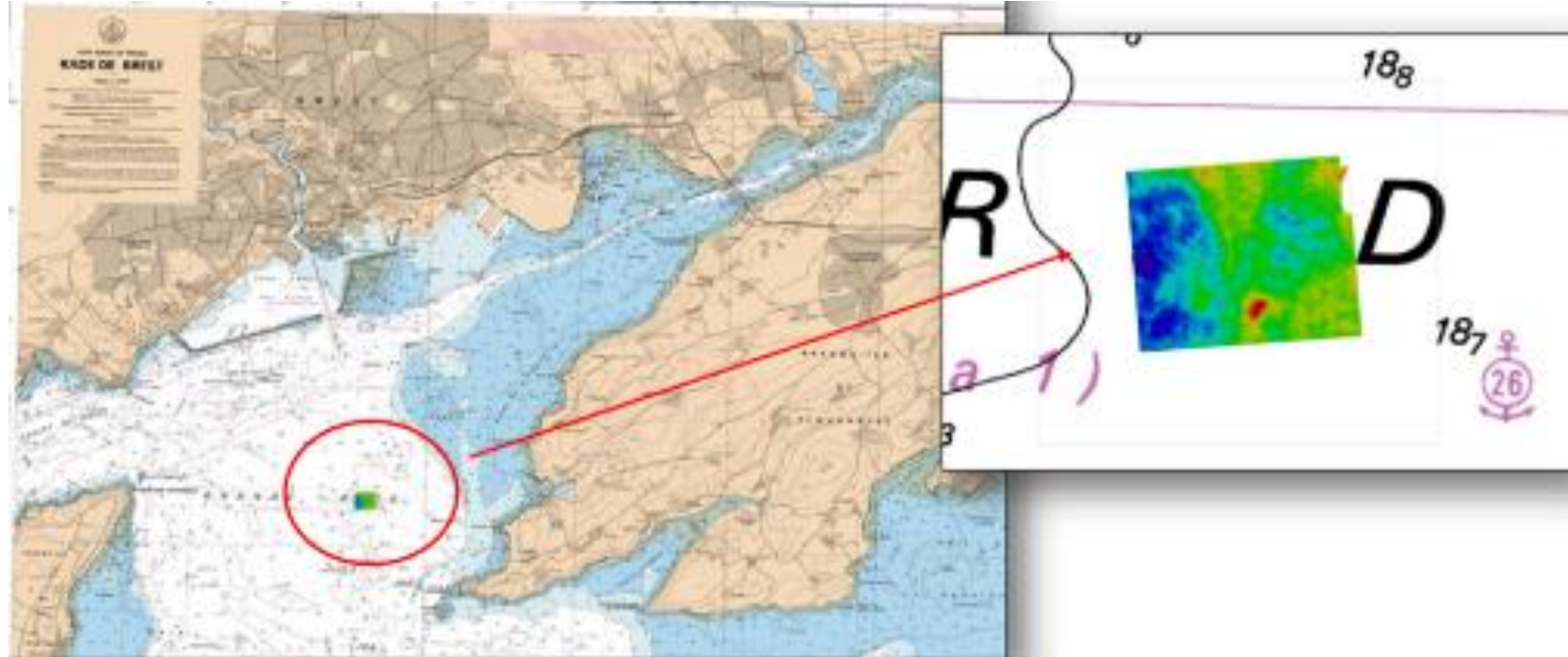




# **DRIX RETURN OF EXPERIENCE**

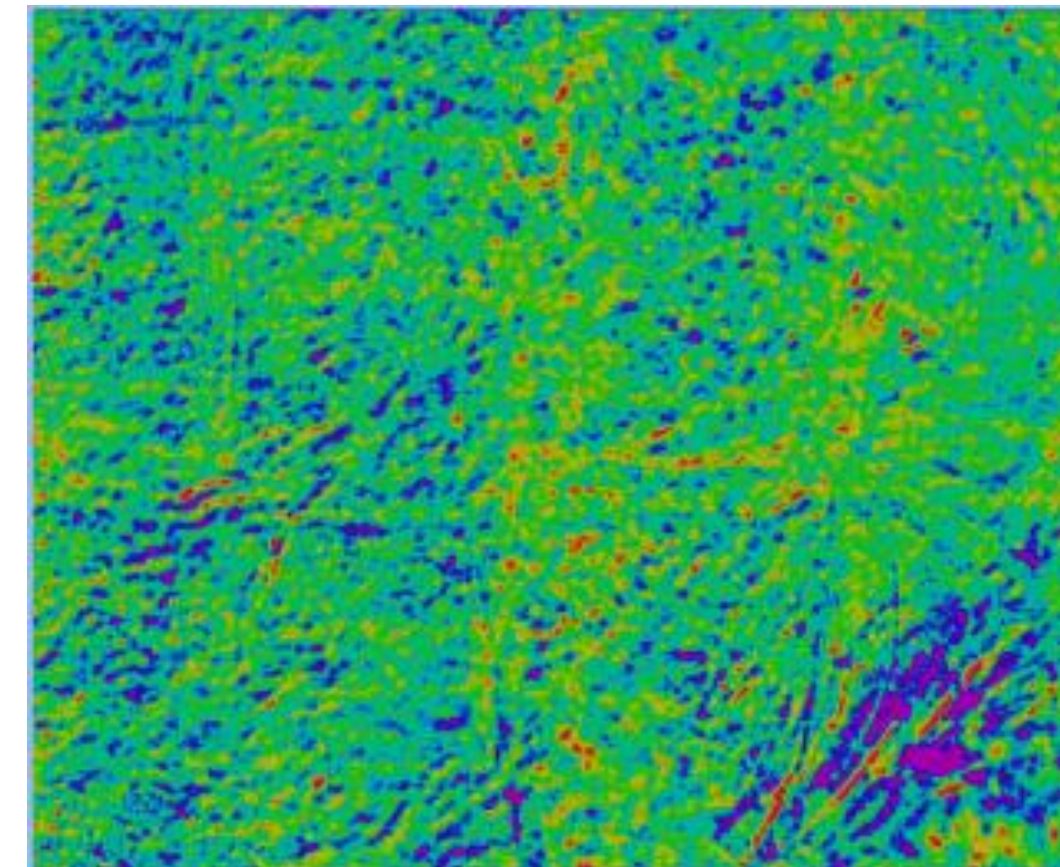
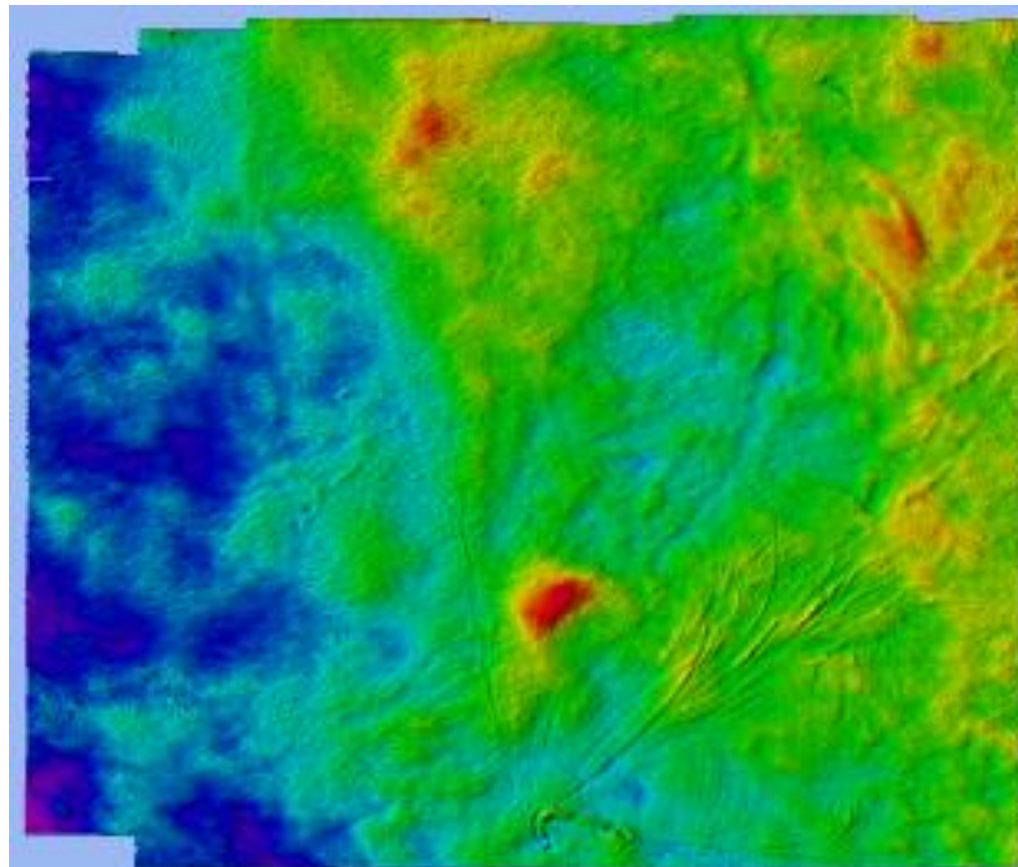
# Case Study: Hydrographic Reference Site – Force Multiplier

Data Qualification on SHOM (French Hydrographic Office)

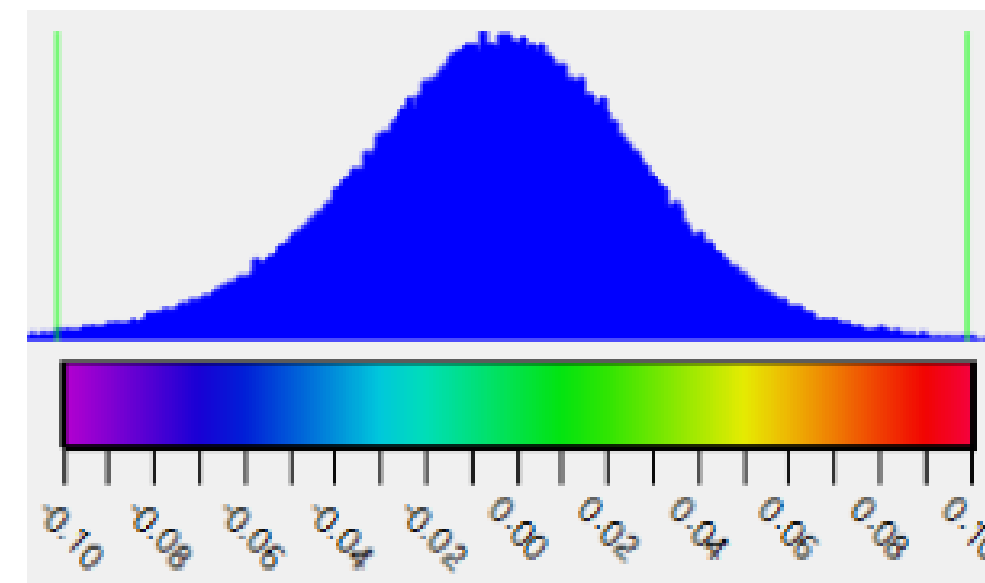


Outstanding achievements on meeting IHO exclusive order requirements for both uncertainty and data density @20m

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Mean difference respect to reference | 1cm                 |
| Mean standard deviation              | 3cm                 |
| Result repeated and valid at speed   | 4, 6, 8, 10 & 14kts |



Differential map  
DriX vs SHOM ref data set



Differential statistic  
distribution







# Case Study : large scale Hydrographic Survey Canada/France

North Atlantic  
Saint-Pierre et Miquelon and Canada

2 Survey Objectives, 2 Clients

- Archaeological survey
- Sedimentologic model

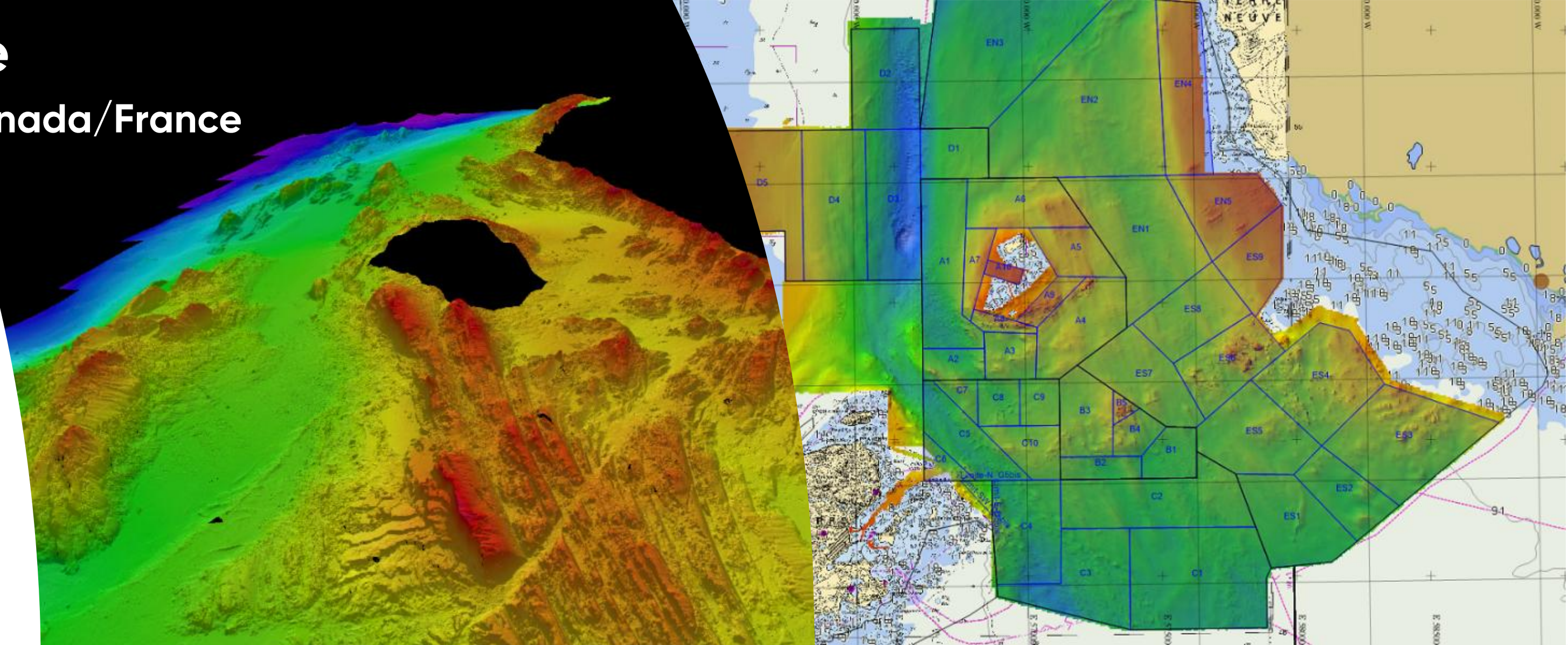
2 unmanned MBES-SBP campaigns  
1 Satellite Derived Bathymetry

Manning: 1 engineer, 2 surveyors

Operational observations:

- Av. SeaState 4
- Wind up to 45kts
- Current up to 2.5 kts
- Extremely Bad visibility
- Survey depth : 8 to 270m
- Satellite Derived Bathymetry: 0 to 15m

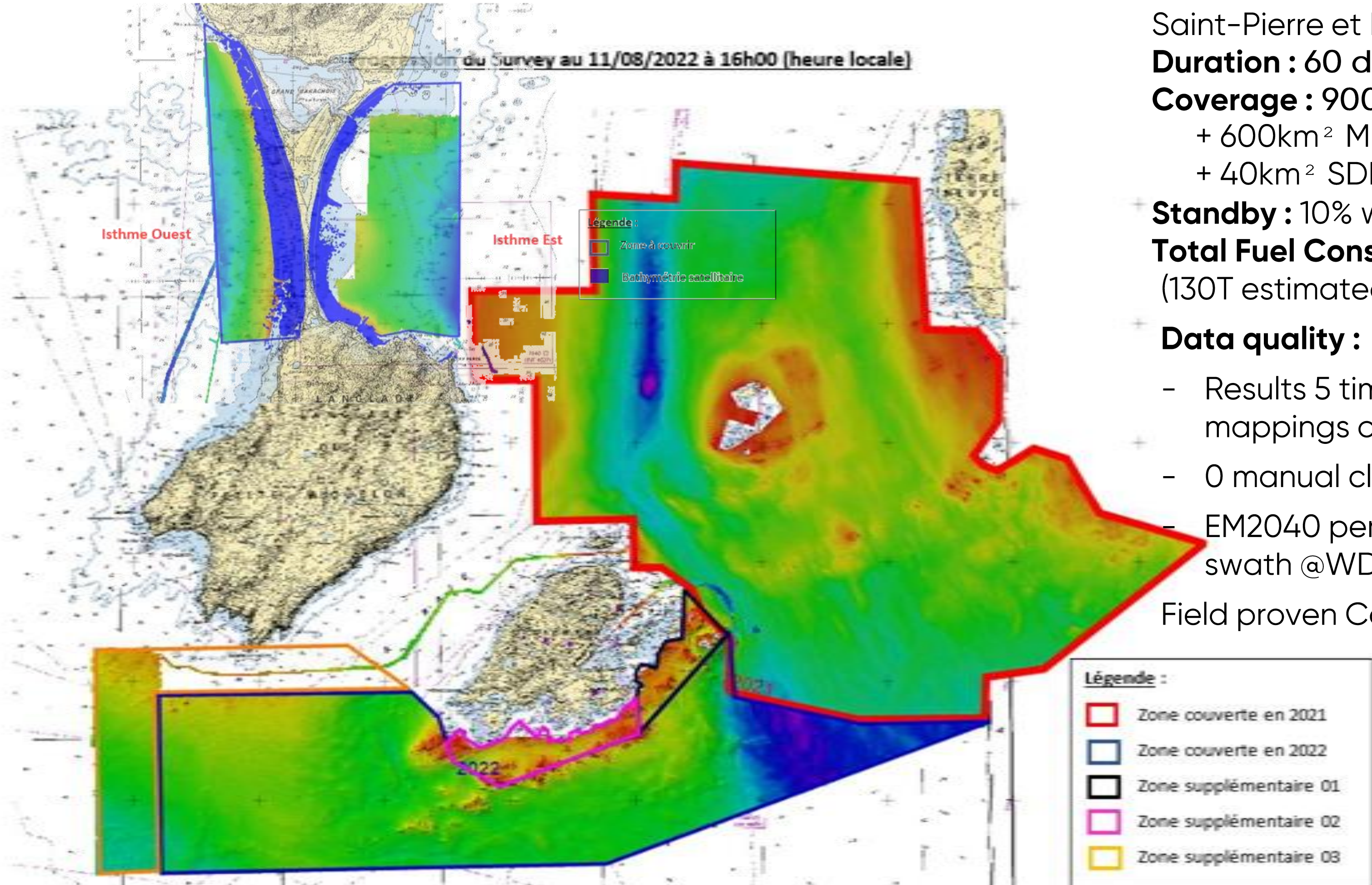
Data: > 6.0 Terabit





Progression du Survey au 26/08/2022 à 13h00 (heure locale)

Progression du Survey au 11/08/2022 à 16h00 (heure locale)



North Atlantic

Saint-Pierre et Miquelon and Canada

**Duration : 60 days**

**Coverage : 9000 survey Line KM Est.**

+ 600km<sup>2</sup> MBES coverage

+ 40km<sup>2</sup> SDB product

**Standby : 10% weather, No eq downtime**

**Total Fuel Consumption : 2.5Tons**

(130T estimated for conventional vessel)

**Data quality :**

- Results 5 times better than previous seabed mappings of the area
- 0 manual cleaning
- EM2040 performed 30% better / 200m swath @WD 270m with the 400kHz

Field proven ColReg equipment



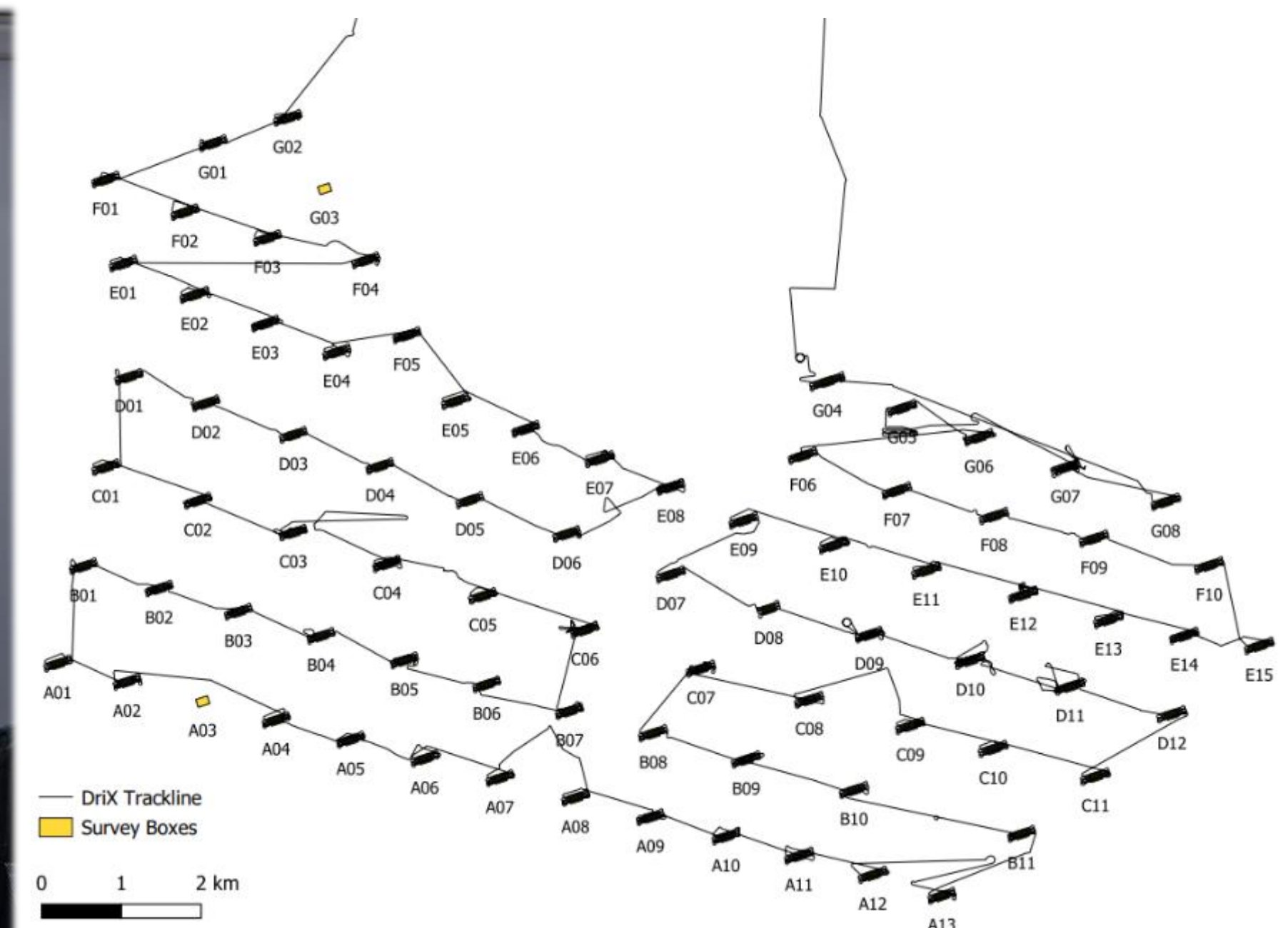
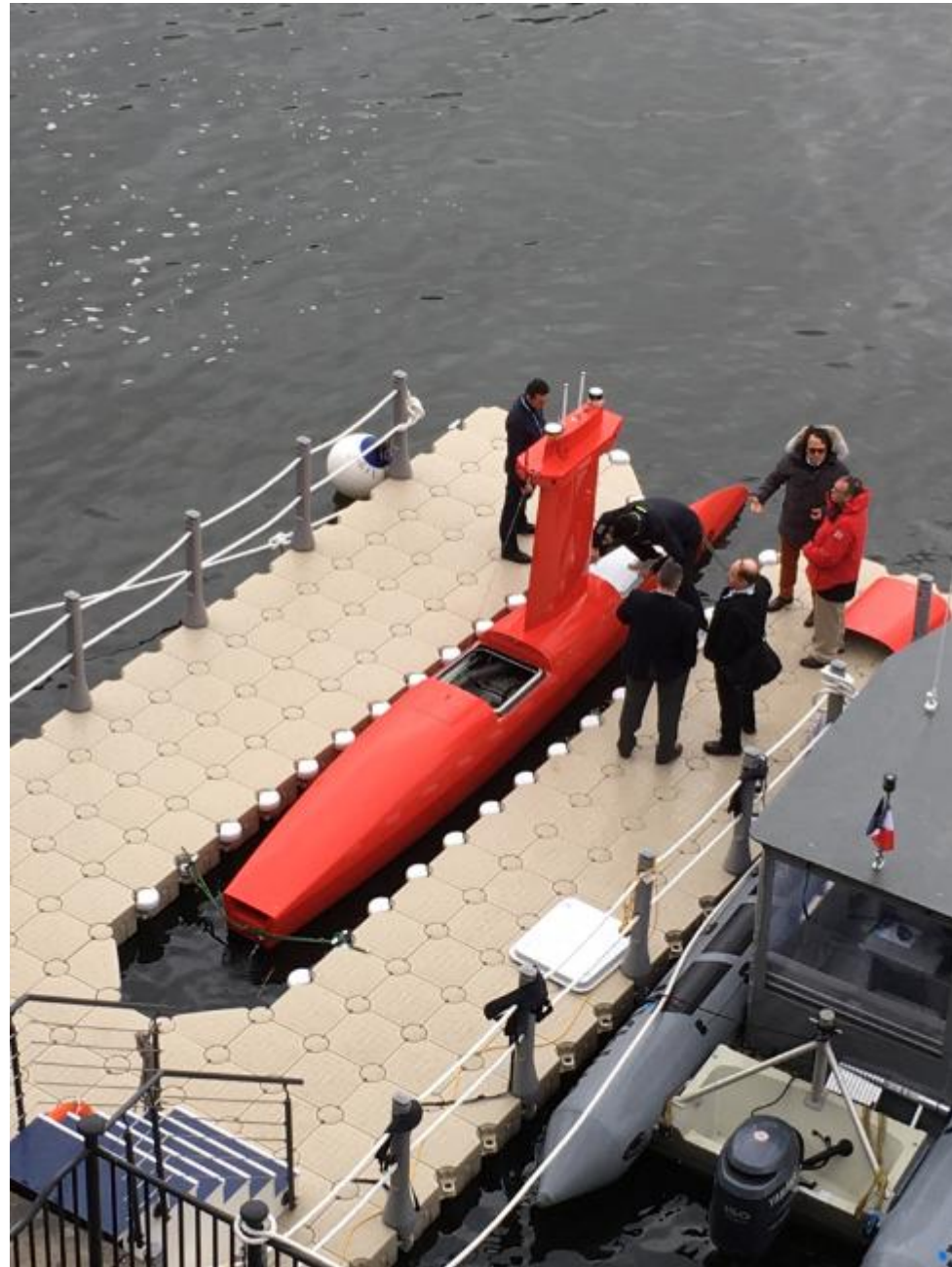
| HR MBES SCOPE   | DRIX (OTH Ops)   | Opportunity Vessel  |
|---|--|---|
| Archaeological search                                       | 9000 line km of survey in dynamic environment (current, wind and swell)<br>Including some very near rocks operation. |   |
| <b>MOB</b>  | 4 days<br>Drix Pre Checked & Cal<br>Transit by Ferry on container  | 5 days TT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 day days of mob</li> <li>• 1 days static calibration</li> <li>• Checks + 0.5 day Calibration at sea</li> </ul> |
| <b>Bathy Ops</b><br>Speed limited by bathy Spec (6.5kts)    | Operation: 60 Days<br>Weather Downtime : 6 days<br>July – August 2021 and 2022                                       | Operation: 80 Days<br>Weather Downtime : 24 days  |
| <b>Est. Fuel (Diesel)</b>                                   | 40l/d<br><b>2.5 T</b>  | Ops: 1 500l/d (24h) / Stby 300l/d<br><b>130 T</b>   |
| <b>CO<sup>2</sup> Equ</b><br>1l = 2.6kg equ CO <sup>2</sup> | <b>6.5 To CO<sup>2</sup></b>   | <b>338 To CO<sup>2</sup></b><br>x50 times   |
| <b>Staffing on site</b><br>• <b>For MBES scope only</b>     | 3  | minimum : 6 crew + 2 survey   |
| <b>Man Hour Exposed at Sea</b><br>(24h/24h at sea)          | 180h<br>Launch & Recovery period   | 15500 h<br>x86 times  |
| <b>Survey Efficiency factor</b><br><br><b>26</b>            | Line U-turn (2min MBES)<br>No Re-Run / Full data density at high speed /<br>No cleaning                              | Line U-turn (5 to 10min U-turn)<br>20% Re-Run due to pilot and environment<br>30% less speed to ensure data density after<br>cleaning                               |

# Case Study : Civil engineering geophysical survey

## Offshore wind turbine

### Objectives

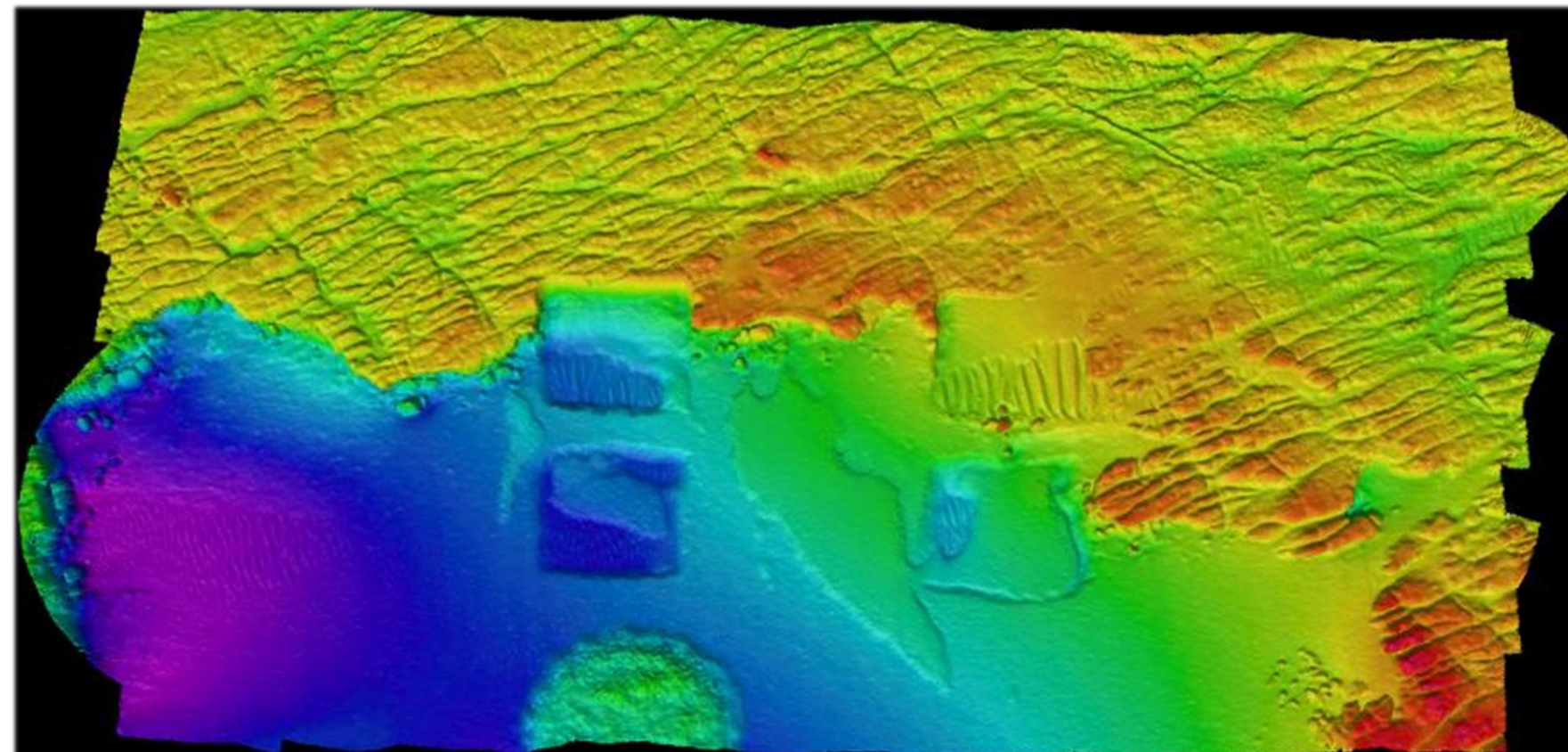
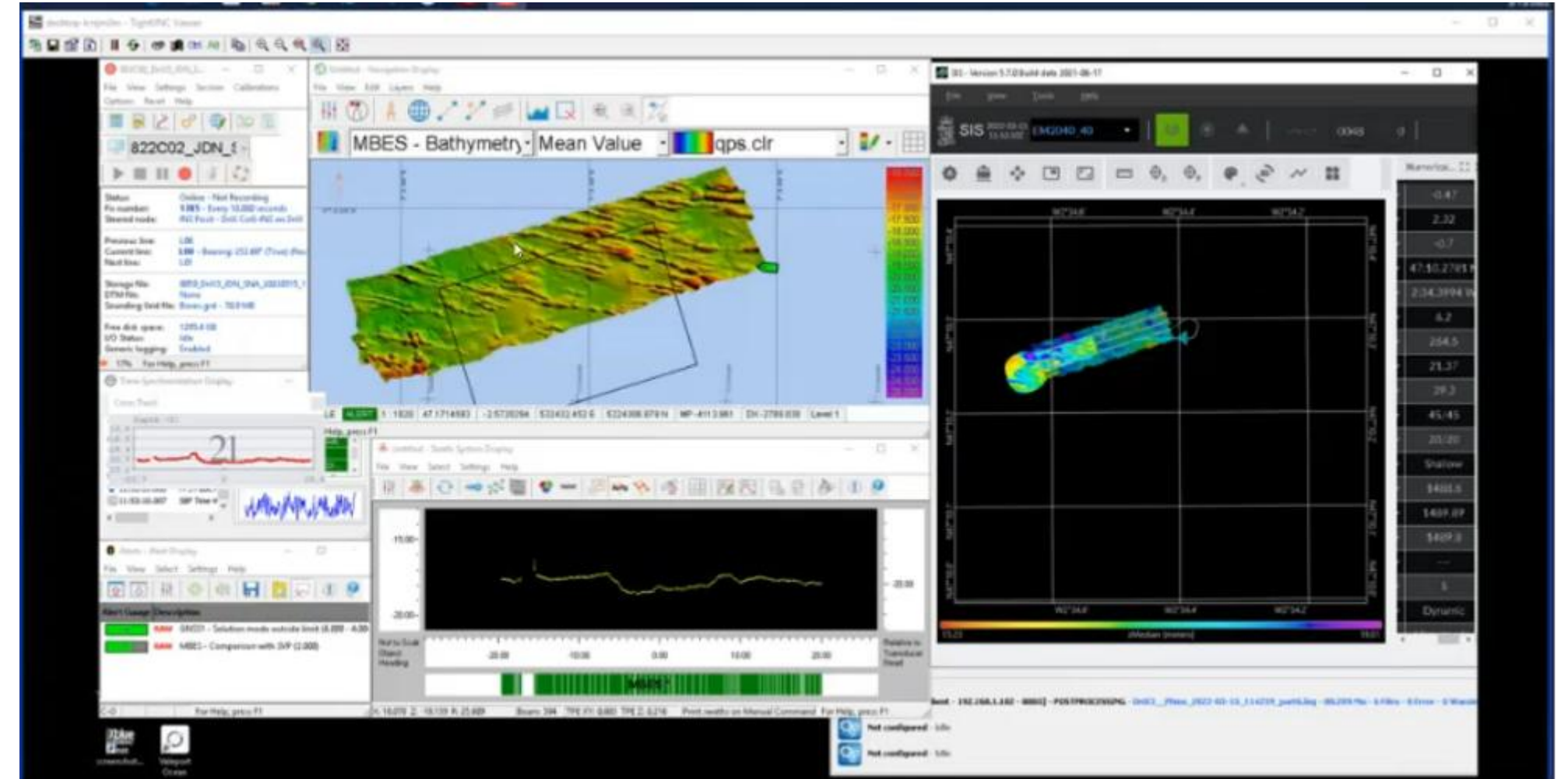
- 80 WTG - 200mx100m boxes to survey with MBES only
- Scouring and seabed inspection survey around wind turbine foundations.
- Over the horizon operation conducted in Saint-Nazaire (Fr) from La Ciotat (Fr) 800km away.





# Case Study : Civil engineering geophysical survey

- 35 hours operation incl. transit from port to port
- 425 km line km
- Seastate 3 to 4
- Obstacles avoidance system ON
- And... outstanding bathymetric data quality



« Différence moyenne sur zone de référence client : 0cm »  
Moyenne de 30 sondes / cellule de 0.5mx0.5m »





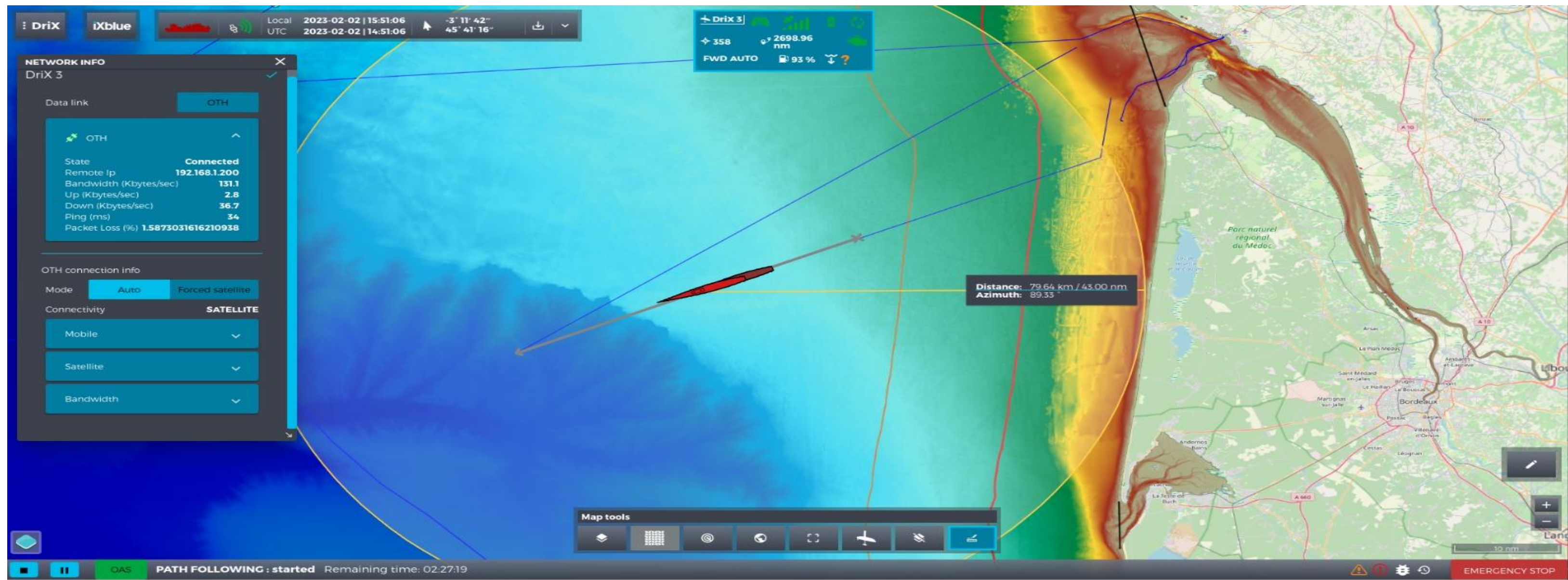
| Maintenance MBES SCOPE   | DRIX (OTH Ops)   | Opportunity Vessel   |
|--|--|--|
|  | 80 WTGs  |  |
| <p><b>MOB / Demob</b></p>  | <p>2 days<br/>Drix Pre Checked &amp; Cal<br/>Transit by Road</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>4 to 5 days TT</b></li> <li>• 2 days Vessel In/Out (Transit at least 2 days)</li> <li>• 2 day days of mob / Checks + 0.5 day Calibration at sea + 1 day Demob</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Bathy Ops</b><br/>Speed limited by bathy Spec (5kts)<br/>No Xlines</p> | <p>35 hours<br/>8 lines per WTGs<br/><br/>March 2022</p>         | <p>24/24 Ops – 4 days + 2 days weather tolerance<br/><br/>12/24 Ops – 8 days + 7 days weather tolerance</p>  |
| <p><b>Fuel (Diesel)</b></p>  | <p>50l/d<br/><b>75l TT</b></p>                                   | <p>1 500l/d (24h)<br/><b>9 000l TT</b><br/>Incl. 2d Transit In/Out &amp; Cal at sea</p>  |
| <p><b>CO<sup>2</sup> Equ</b><br/>1l = 2.6kg equ CO<sup>2</sup></p>           | <p><b>0.2 To CO<sup>2</sup></b></p>                              | <p><b>23.4 To CO<sup>2</sup></b><br/>x120 times</p>  |
| <p><b>Staffing on site</b><br/>• <b>For MBES scope only</b></p>              | <p>2</p>   | <p>minimum : 6 crew + 2 survey</p>   |
| <p><b>Man Hour Exposed at Sea</b><br/>(24h/24h at sea)</p>                   | <p>8h<br/>Launch &amp; Recovery period</p>                       | <p>About 1050 h<br/>x130 times</p>   |
| <p><b>29 Survey Efficiency factor</b></p>                                    | <p>Line U-turn (2min MBES)<br/>No Re-Run<br/>CWP</p>             | <p>Line U-turn (5 to 10min U-turn)<br/>Possible Re-Run due to pilot mistake<br/>For 15 min</p>   |

# Case Study : Oceanographic observation

## EEZ meteoceanographic and fish stock observation

### Objectives

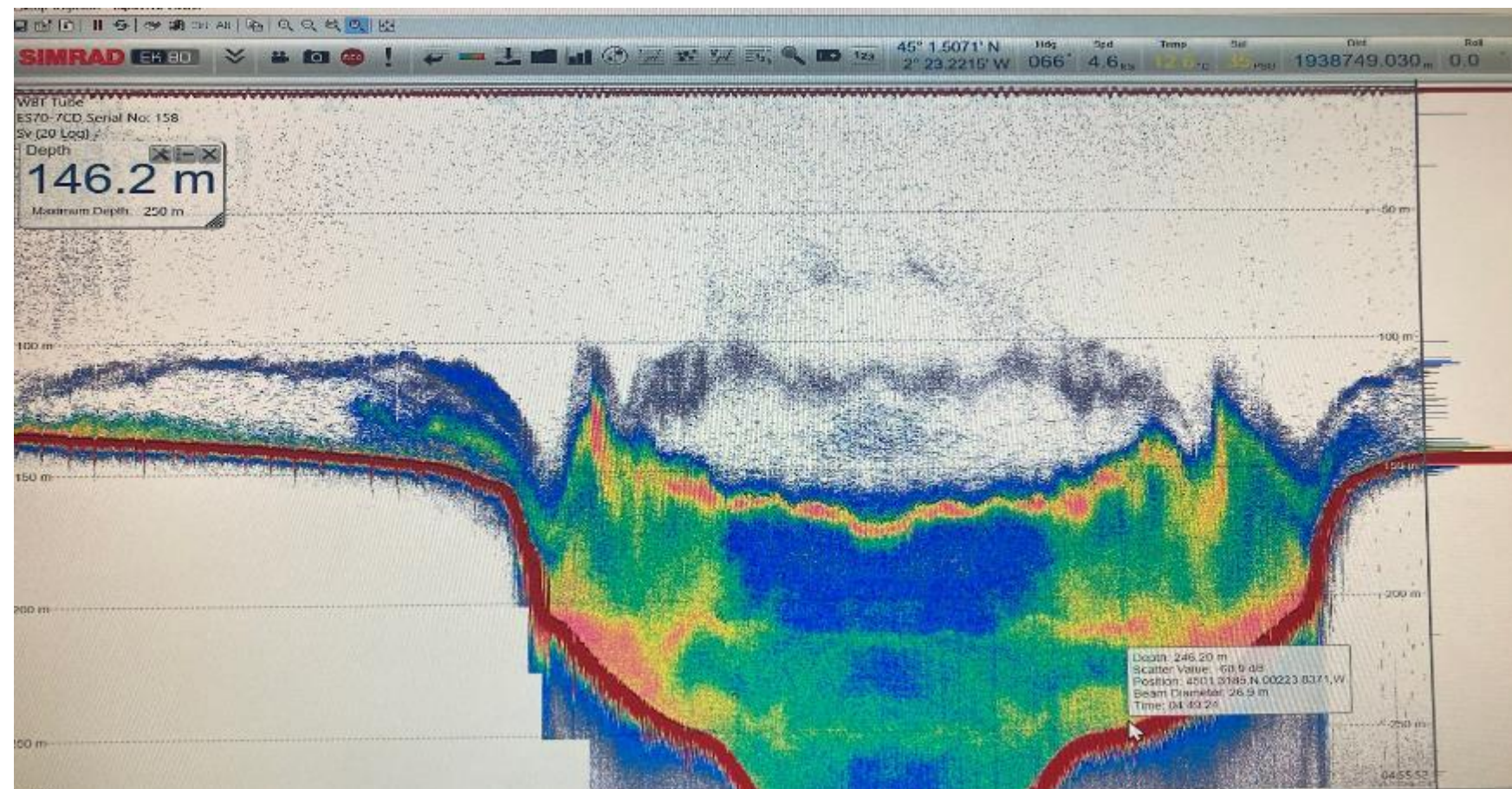
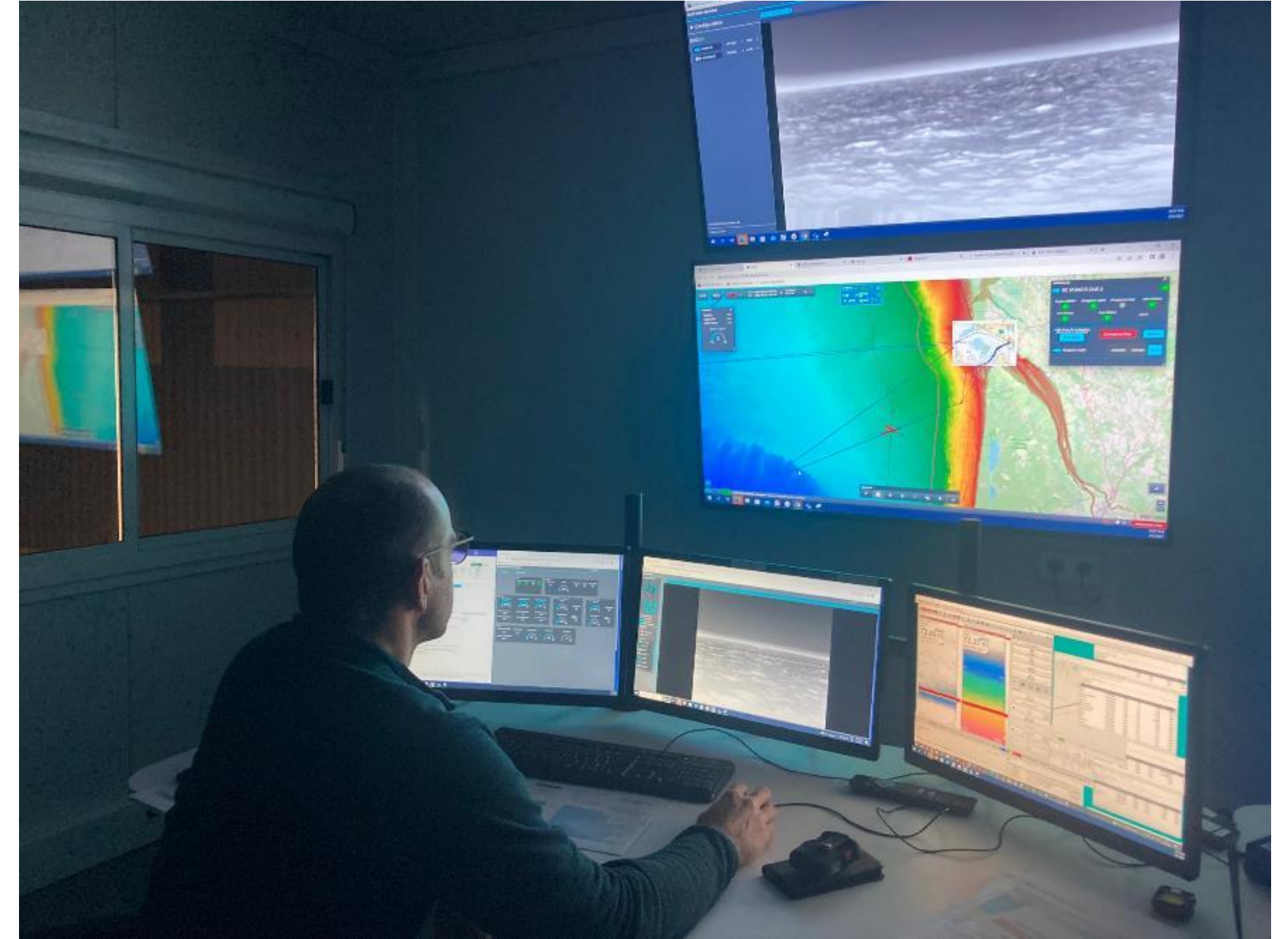
- February in the Bay of Biscay
- 1 month to realize 2500LineKm observation – up to 150Nm from the shore
- Waiting on daylight at sea
- Environnemental Sonar (EK80), Hydrophone, ADCP,CTD, Met-station
- Full Over the horizon operation conducted from La Ciotat (Fr) – 700km away, 2 pax in field





# Case Study : Civil engineering geophysical survey

- Standalone - No support vessel
- 2500Km performed in 12 operation days
- 3 ports visited
- 4 days weather standby
- Seastate up to SWH = 3,20m, Period = 14s





| Oceanographic assessment                                    | DRIX (OTH Ops)   | Vessel Oceanographic Institute   |
|---|--|--|
|   | 2500 line km   |  |
| <b>MOB / Demob</b>  | 2 days<br>Drix Pre Checked & Cal<br>Transit by Road  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>4 to 5 days TT</b></li> <li>• 2 days Vessel In/Out (Transit at least 2 days)</li> <li>• 2 day days of mob / Checks + 0.5 day Calibration at sea + 1 day Demob</li> </ul> |
| <b>Ops</b><br>Speed 6 to 9kts accepted                      | 12 days + 4 days Wx<br>12 segments : 8 to 12 hours each<br>Each segments : 100 to 150Nm length | 24/24 Ops – 12 days + 2 days Wx<br>Idem  |
| <b>Fuel (Diesel)</b>  | 50l/d<br><b>800l TT</b><br>Including mob and transportation                                    | Europe 1 200l/d (24h) / Thalassa 3800l/d<br><b>17 000l TT / 55 000l TT</b><br>Incl. 2d standby   |
| <b>CO<sup>2</sup> Equ</b><br>1l = 2.6kg equ CO <sup>2</sup> | <b>2.1 To CO<sup>2</sup></b>   | <b>44.2 To CO<sup>2</sup> - 143 To CO<sup>2</sup></b><br>x20 times – x65 times   |
| <b>Staffing involved on site</b>                            | 2  | minimum : 8 crew + 6 scientists  |
| <b>Man Hour Exposed at Sea</b><br>(24h/24h at sea)          | 24h<br>Launch & Recovery period  | About 4032 h<br>x170 times   |
| <b>Survey Efficiency factor</b><br><br><b>32</b>            | Possible survey at higher speed<br>LOW Noise level<br>Availability – Force multiplier          |  |



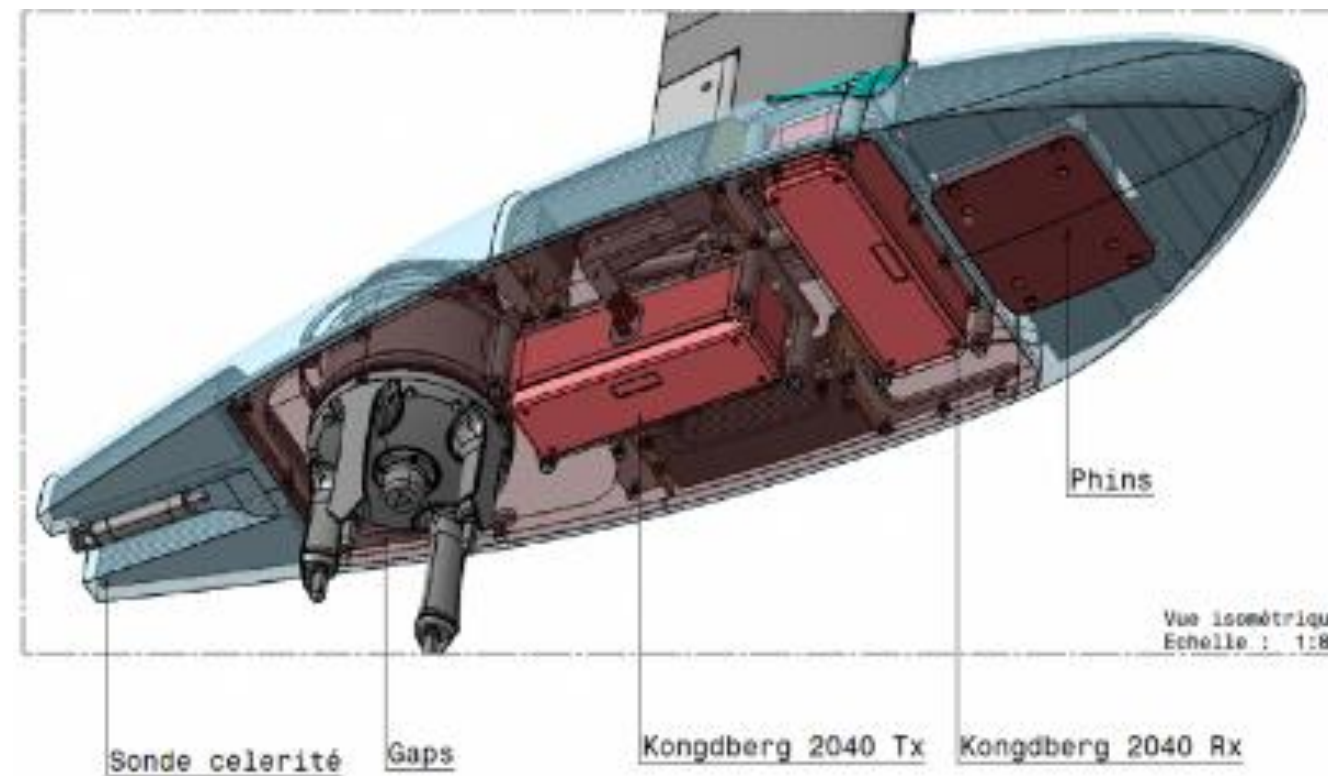


# **TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS TO INCREASE THE HYDROSPATIAL DATA GATHERING**

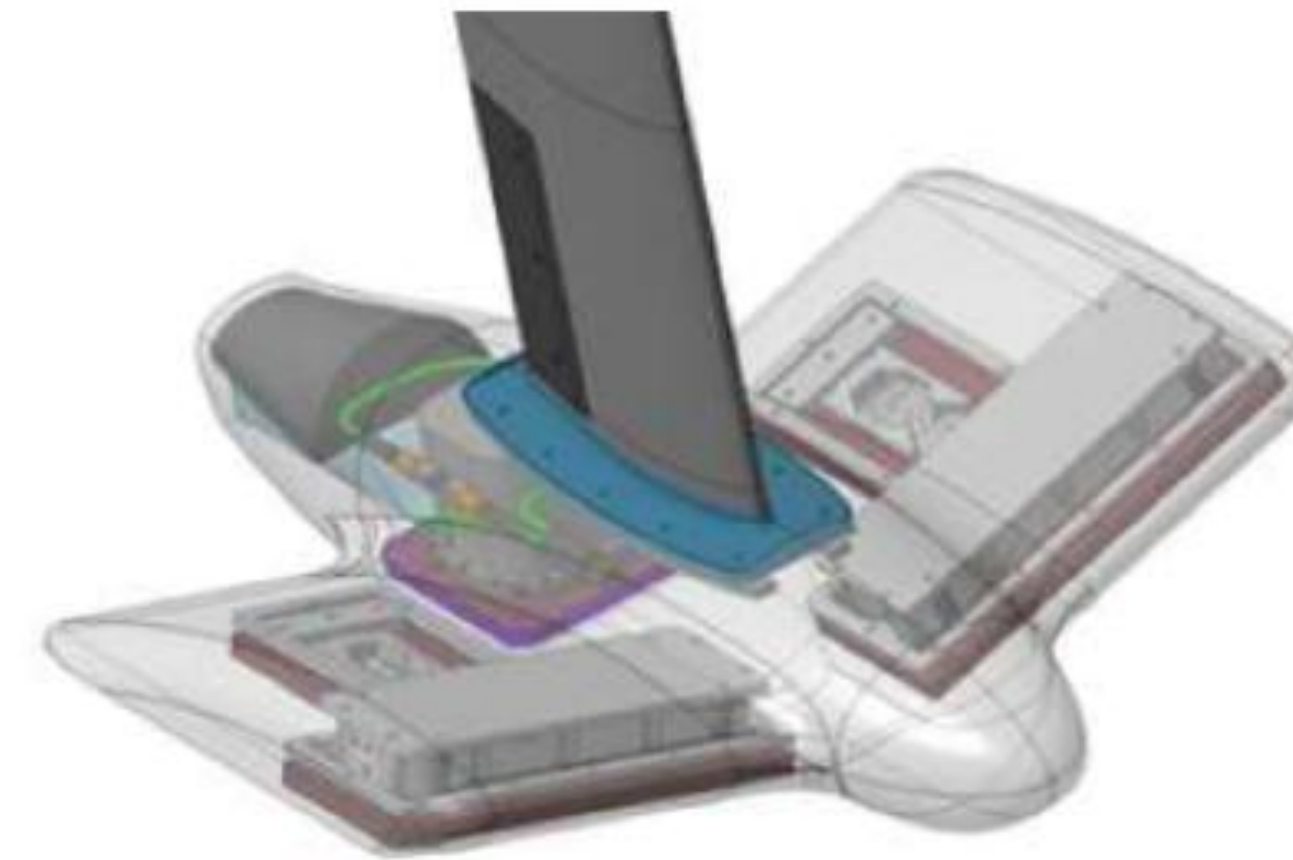
# A universal platform

A gondola to house any type of relevant sensor – a serious trackrecord

Example of standard combination



Various sizes and shapes



Integration track record:

- Multiple brands of MBES
- Side Scan Sonar
- Sub bottom profiler

- USBL

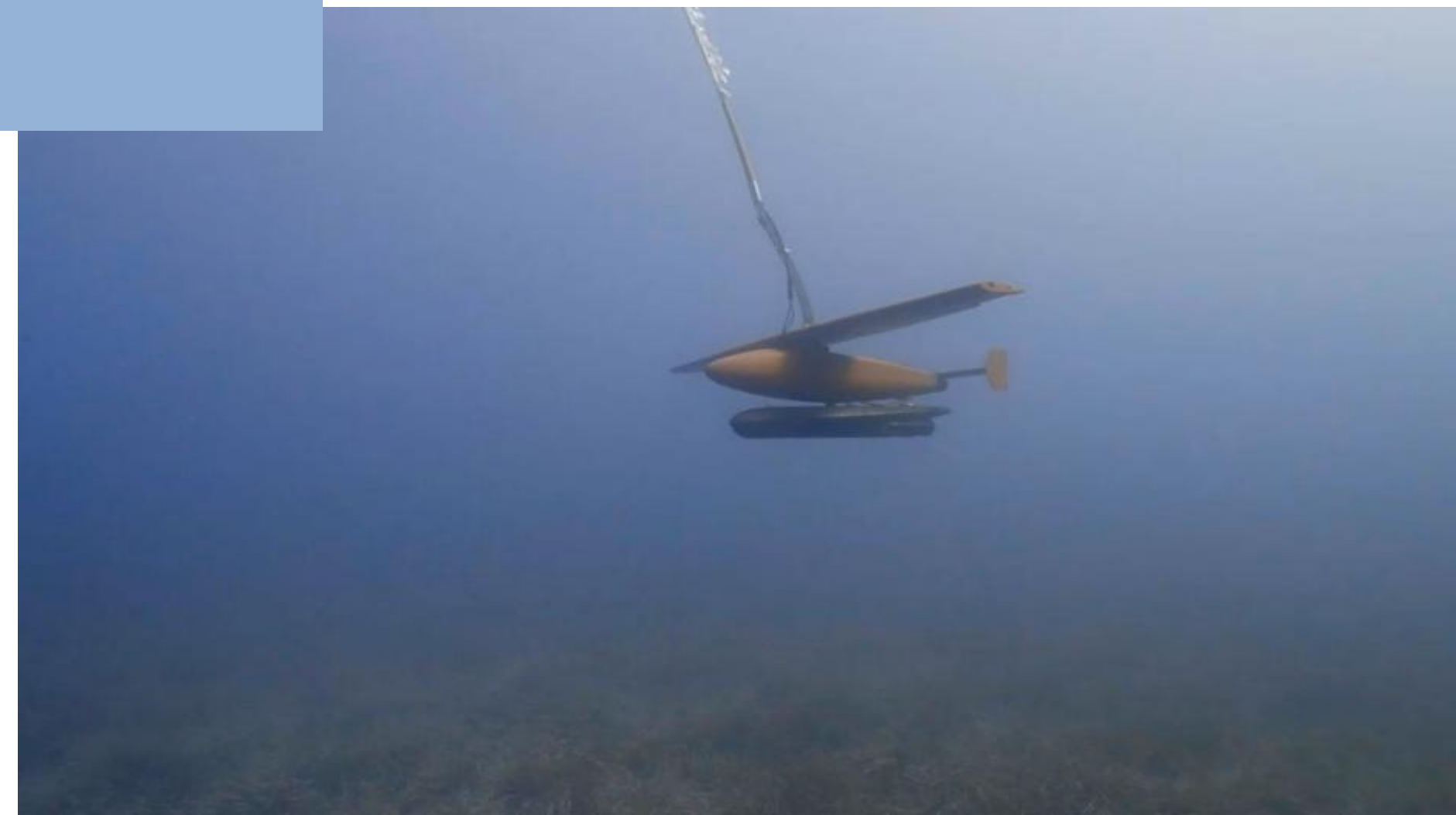
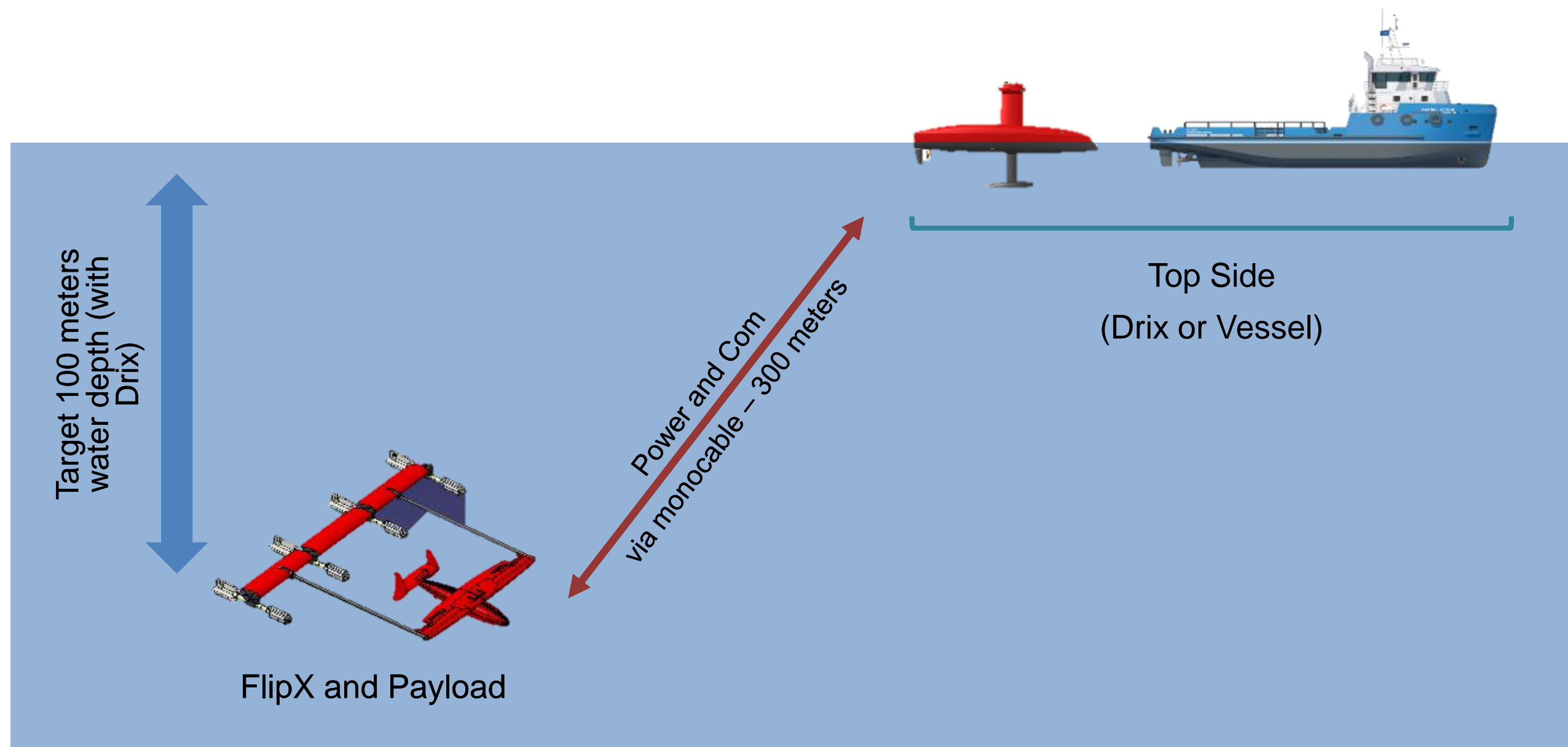
- Acoustic modem

All customers requirement within

A GAPS USBL and a MBES



# FLIPIX INNOVATIVE TOW WING





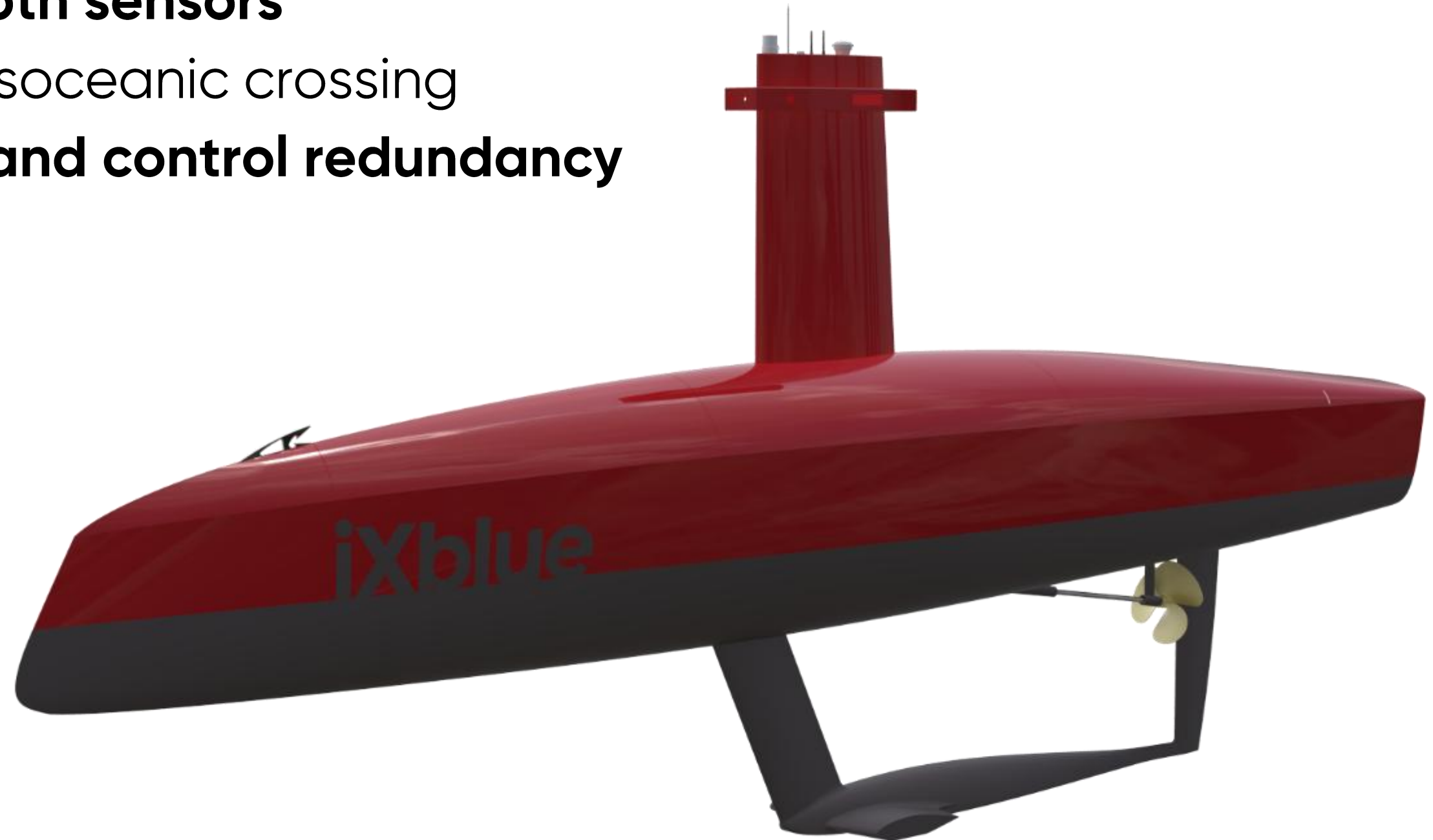
# **UP-COMING TRANSOCEANIC SOLUTION**



# DRIX OCEAN

Moving towards long range (>20 days) capabilities

- To keep the **dynamic** and the key **differentiators** observed on DriX
- To keep **low manning**
- To enhance the **large payload offer** (higher power, heavier and larger payload)
- Be capable to carry **full ocean depth sensors**
- To offer **longer endurance** for transoceanic crossing
- To offer **full propulsion and command control redundancy**





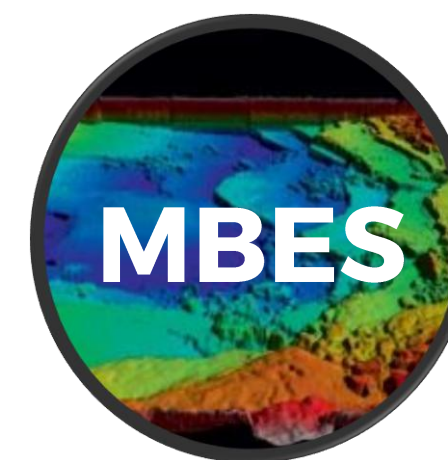
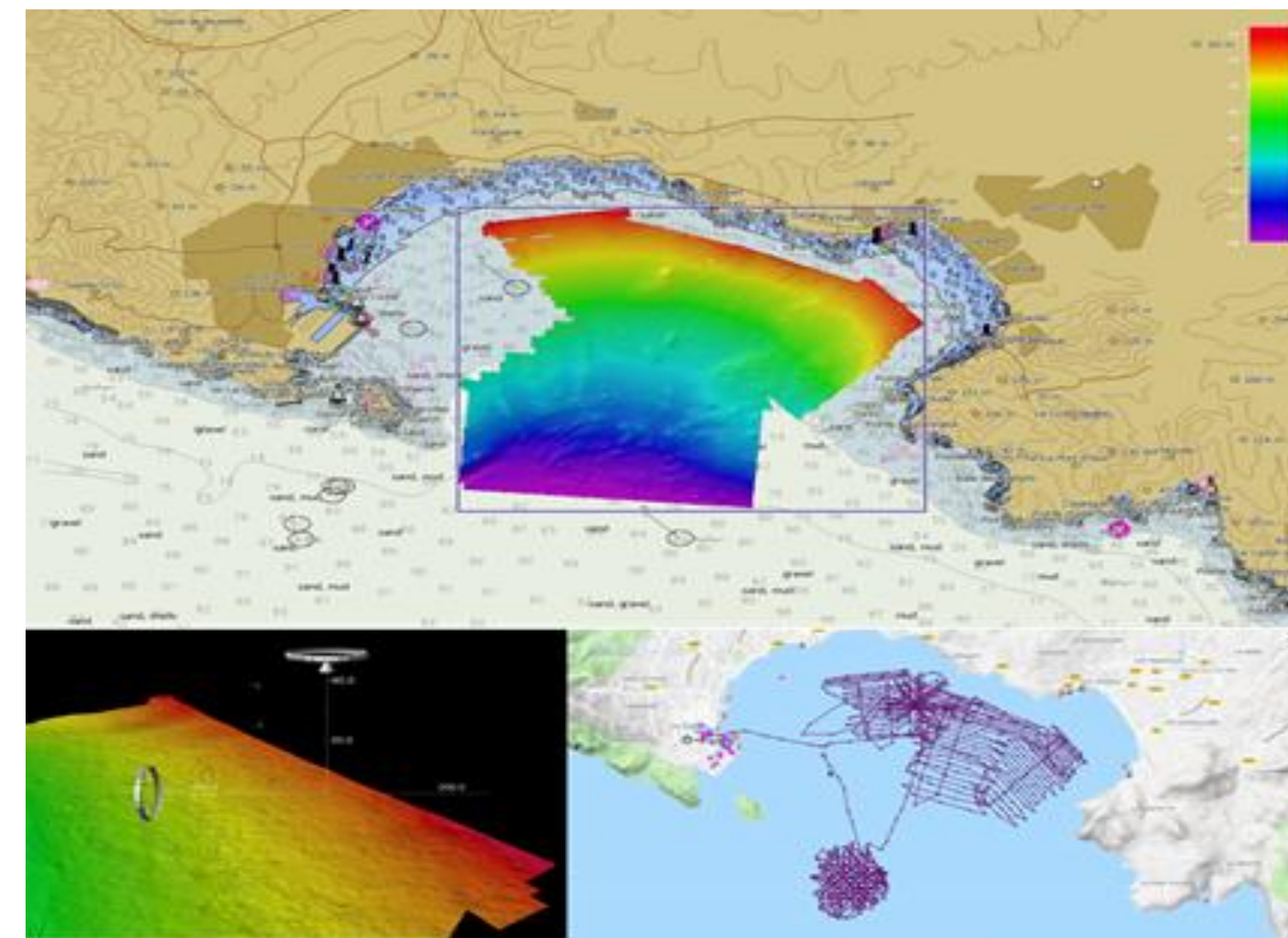
# CONCLUSION



# DriX USV Return of Experience

**Massive reduction of survey costs**

- Standalone or Force Multiplier solution
- Drastic reduction of fuel consumption (- 90%)  
*(fuel consumption: 2.5L/h at 10kts speed)*
- Sea proven in Sea state 5
- Reduced vessel downtime
- High speed surveys up 8 to 12 knots
- Line change : less than 1 minute
- Endurance 8 days @ 4kts / 3 days @ 8kts
- Over the Horizon / Radio / GPRS / Wifi com





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