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Autonomous duo to map sea floor

The international GEBCO-NF team has combined two highly automated vehicles - one surface, one submersible - to survey the deep ocean. The group will use the technology to try to win the Shell Ocean Discovery XPRIZE. The Uncrewed Surface Vehicle (USV) was developed by boat designers Hushcraft in the UK. Video courtesy of Hushcraft.

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terrorist kills, and
one that took out
Anwar al-Awlaki o
Qaeda in the Arab
Peninsula or Paki



The robotic boat became the first to travel across the Atlantic in an unmanned journey. CREDIT: OFFSHORE SENSING

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USV's for Ocean research: a huge opportunity

Current paradigm

USV's paradigm

Increasingly Tight
Budgets

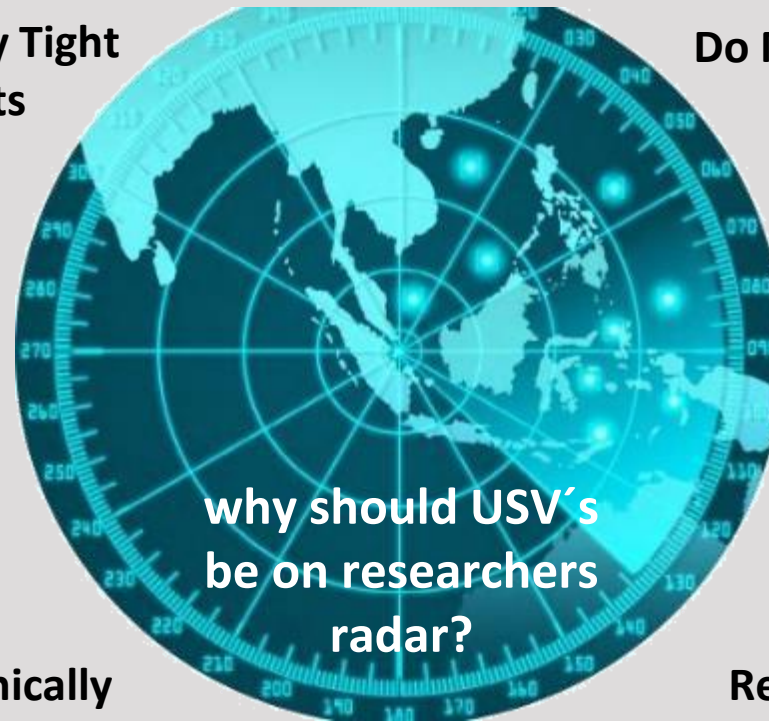
Do More with
Less

Repetitive
Missions

More Time to
Analyze Data






Geographically
Dangerous

Research in
Dangerous Locations



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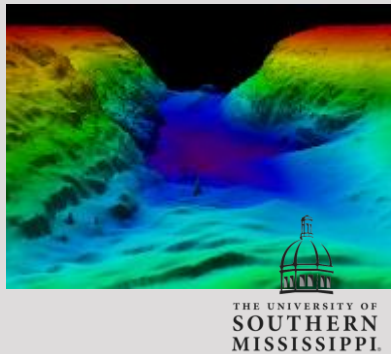
Current Classes of USVs

	Cargo	Heavy Duty	Medium	Self-Contained	Portable
					
RANGE	Long Range	12 hours – 7 days	Up to 30 days	Indefinite Range	Very Short Range
COMMS	BLOS	BLOS or LOS	BLOS or LOS	BLOS	LOS
POWER	Fuel or Battery	Fuel or Battery	Battery	Solar / Wind / Wave	Battery
APPLICATION	Shipping	AUV, ROV Launch Site Surveillance Towed Array	Science (Limited) AUV, ROV Launch Site Surveillance	Science Seafloor-to-Space Network Surveillance	Science Surveillance

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Some Missions Already Using USVs

Heavy Duty

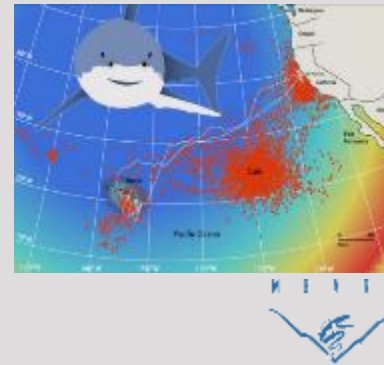


PROVIDER
USER

ASV unmanned marine systems



Self-Contained



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LIQUID ROBOTICS
A Boeing Company



Medium



PROVIDER
USER

Sea Robotics



Portable



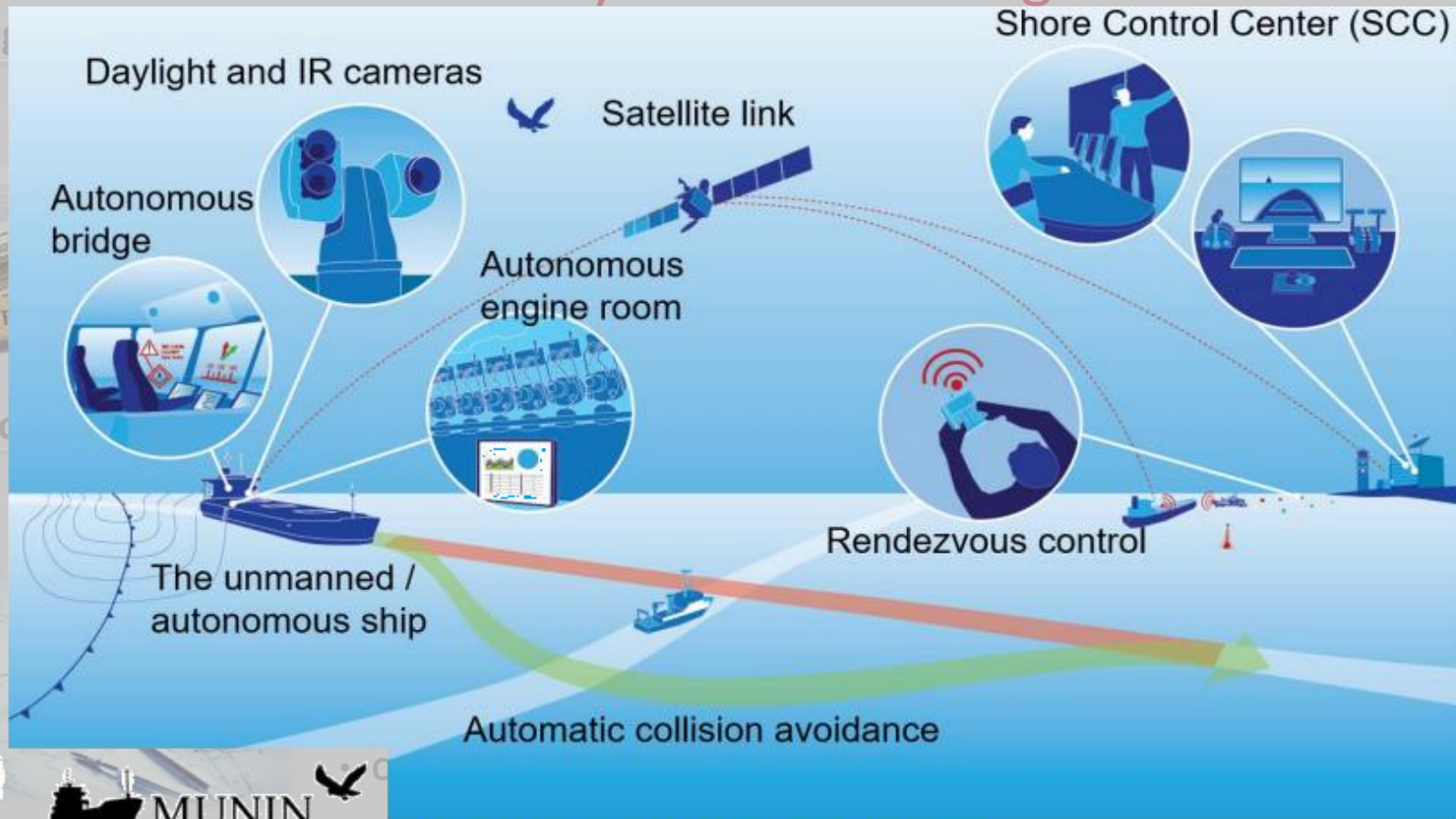
PROVIDER
USER

CLEARPATH
ROBOTICS™



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Hurdles for the Industry to Breakthrough



<http://www.unmanned-ship.org/munin/>

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Advancing Technologies

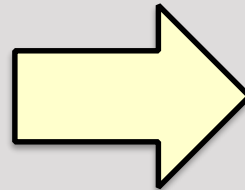
IoT

Data Analytics

Cloud Services

Communications

Cyber Security



Future of Control

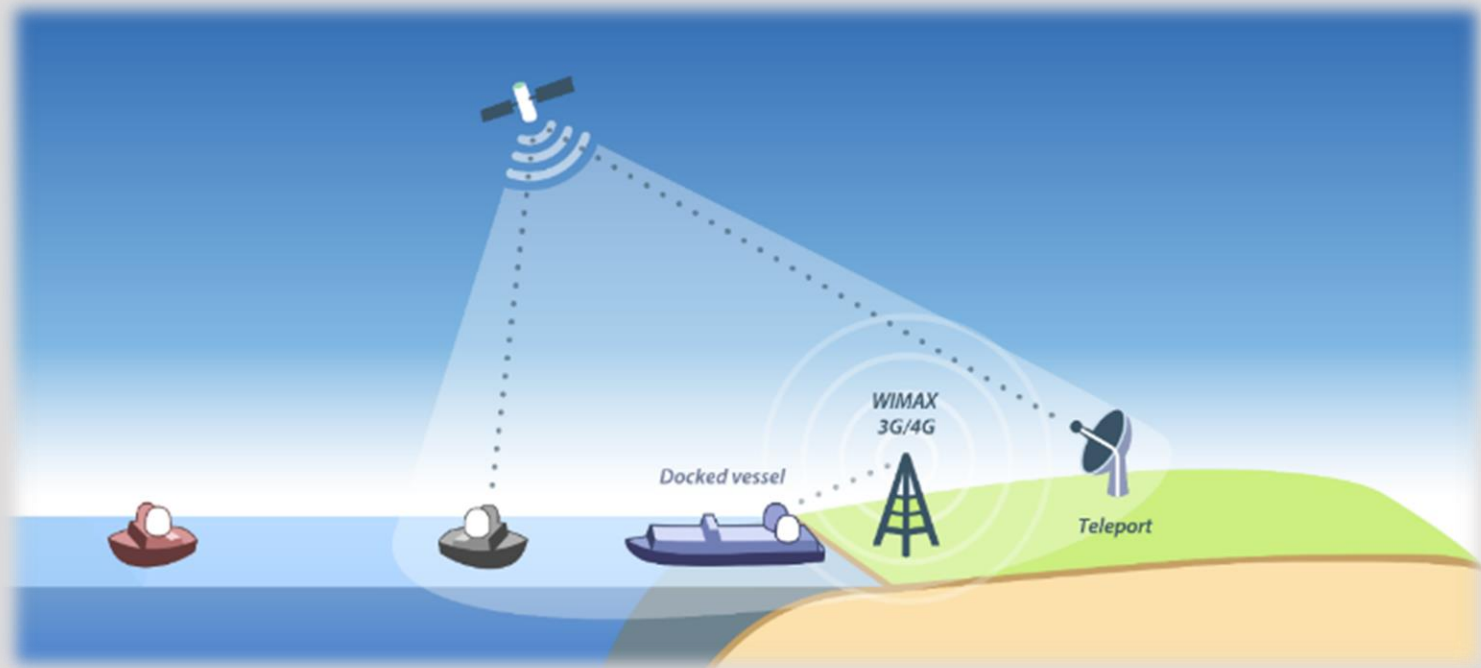
Virtual
Machines

3D
Visualization

Augmented
Reality

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High-Bandwidth everywhere: SATCOM



In the current state of broadband communications, mobile wireless terrestrial communications could be an option for USVs near shore, while satellite represents the only consistent option for data communications at high seas

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Connectivity Demands for USVs



Large and extra large BWs



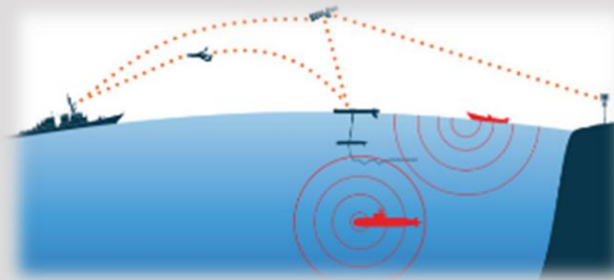
Bidirectional



Security



Flexibility



Service continuity



24/7 worldwide support



Worldwide coverage

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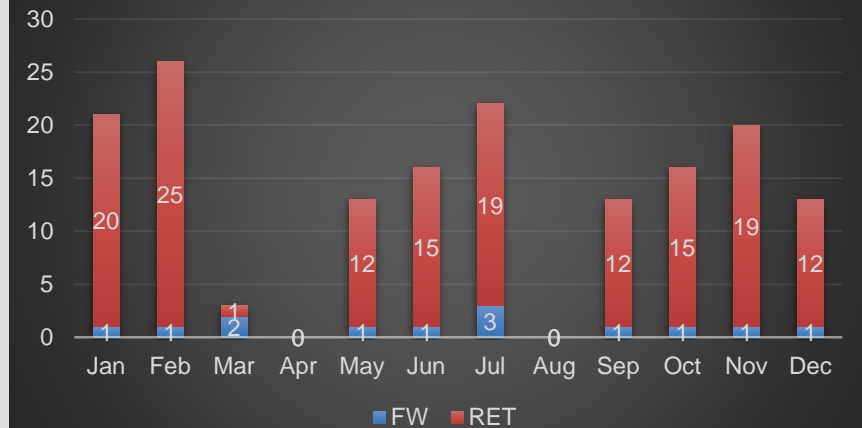
Expected Needs of USVs



GLOBAL COVERAGE

Hard to Reach Locations

Bandwidth (Mbps)



FLEXIBLE DEMAND

Uplink Dominate Supported

As Needed Suspension Periods

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Redundant Infrastructure

VSAT

Six Hubs strategically located in Spain, Germany, US, Hawaii and Australia with global NMS

Teleport redundancy, internal redundancy, UPS and redundant satellites

Redundant data-centres (AMS and London) ensuring an SLA of greater than 99.7% as demanded by USVs

99.7%

+

Other Coms

Inmarsat FX and Iridium Certus with improved supportability tools (remote monitoring and control)

Worldwide MPLS network with Gigabit throughput capabilities

Private APN (Access Point Name) for 3G/4G communications where available

Backup

Total

Integrated Communications Solution provided with a single user interface/point of contact allows for a streamlined and high quality experience

≈100%

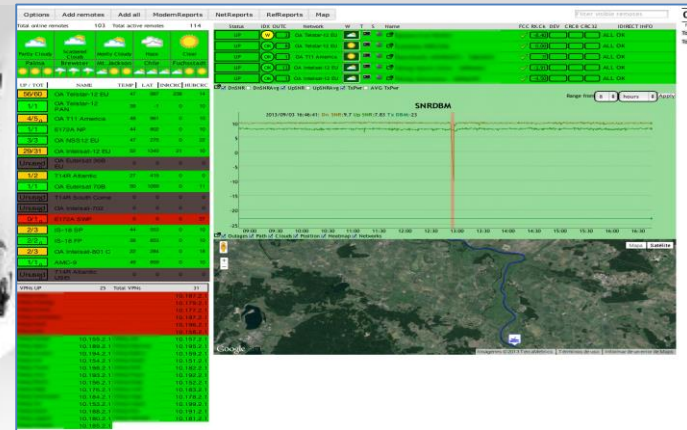


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24/7 Service: Network Operation Centre

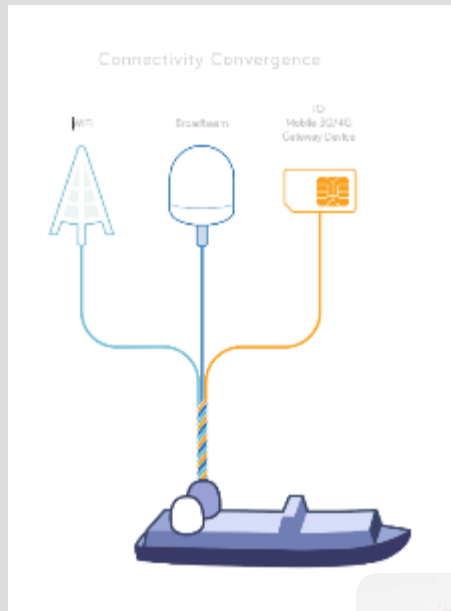
- 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.
- 25 highly specialized engineers (3 shifts), and complemented by the travelling onsite technicians team.
- NOC staff certified for the VSAT platform (iDirect), antenna systems (Cobham, Intellian, Orbit), Iridium, Inmarsat and IT systems (Cisco, Xiplink etc.)
- Currently operating +32 Ku band and 6 C band VSAT networks spread over +18 Satellites

NOC Engineers + Field Engineers = 24/7 Full Support



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Monitoring & control tools



User segmentation and network management
Plexus Controller

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Complications with Current VSAT Solutions



Heavy



Many Moving Parts



Energy Intensive

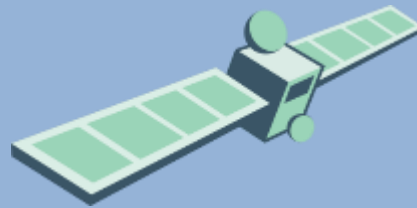
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A Road Map to the Future



USV

Today

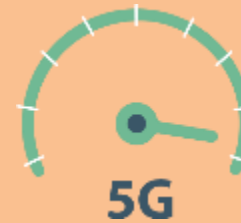


High Throughput Satellites



60 Centimeters Antennas

Mid-Term



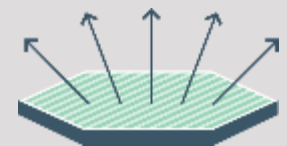
Mesh Networks



Long-Term



Low Earth Orbit



Flat Panel Arrays

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Proven Experience

Research Perfected



Research Vessels

+



USVs

Experience in 60 Centimeters

- > 70 Vessels
- Providing High Bandwidths
 - Shore to ship 30 Mbps
 - Ship to shore 10 Mbps
- Near global coverage (incl. Antarctica)



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Our Technological Future

PHASOR



- Strategic agreement in place from 2014
- In Sept 2016 September Phasor demonstrated the transmission of live HD video over the Intelsat 903 satellite from its test site in Essex, UK to our teleport.
- Following a test a bigger Rx antenna in one of our cruise vessels

KEPLER

Store and forward LEO



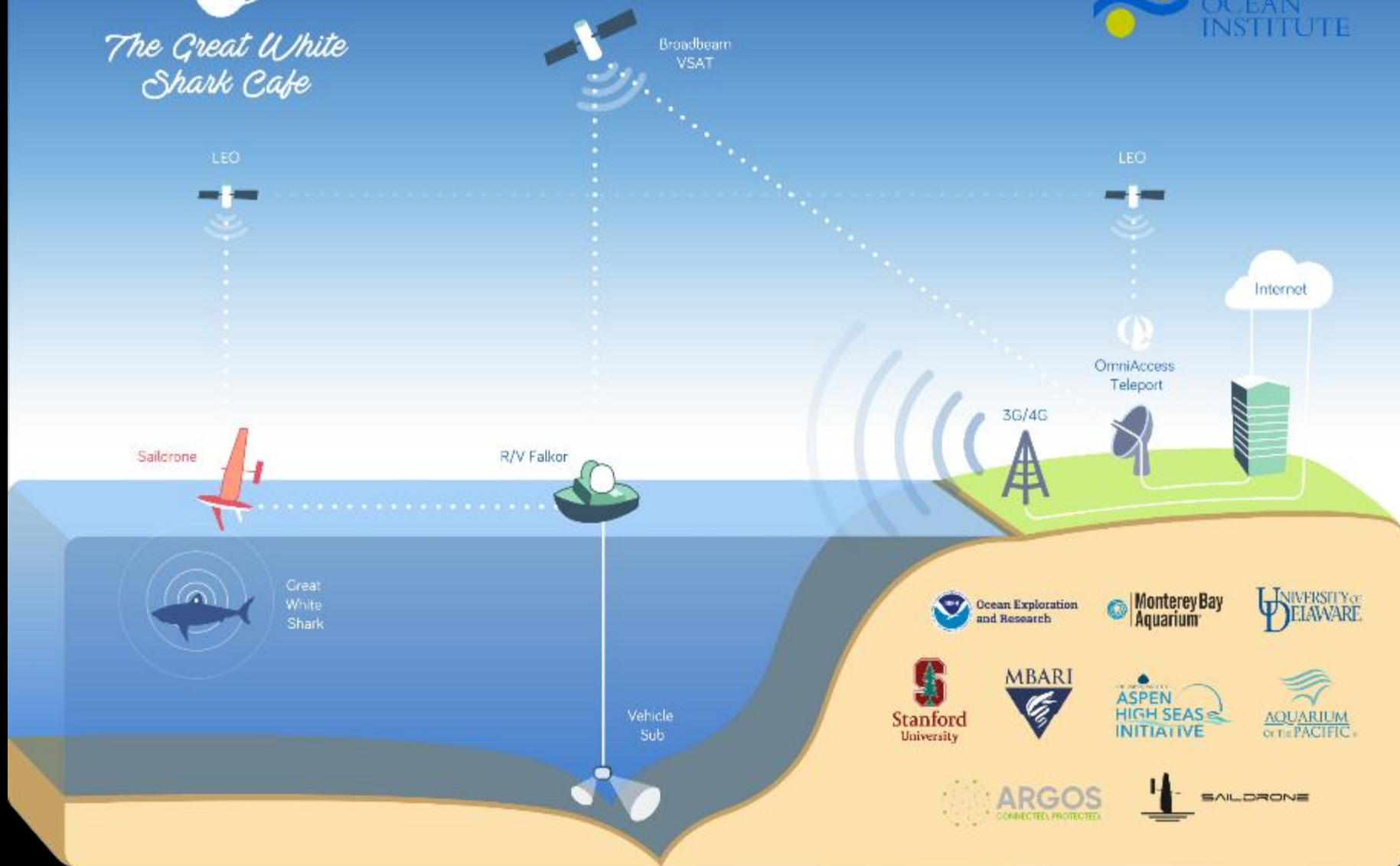
OmniAccess to Begin Testing and Trials on
Telesat's Recently Launched Phase 1 LEO Satellite



Modem evolution



The Great White Shark Cafe



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Conclusions

Unmanned Surface Vehicle revolution is on the horizon and already arriving

VSAT services are mature enough to serve in demanding operational environments such as USVs

Recent technology evolutions enable consistent forward and return throughputs unthinkable some years ago

Current VSAT services are **already** enabling USV based survey missions

Thank You!

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