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## UNMANNED SYSTEMS WEEK

WELCOME TO  
UNMANNED SOLUTIONS & APPLICATIONS DAY



**Friday, June 6, 2014**

11 am–12:30 PDT

Noon–1:30 pm Mountain

1 pm–2:30 pm Central

2 pm–3:30 pm Eastern



## WELCOME TO Unmanned Solutions & Applications Day



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## Who's In the Audience?

A diverse audience of professionals registered from 34 countries, 29 states and provinces representing the following industries:

**21%** GNSS Equipment Manufacturer

**17%** Professional User

**17%** System Integrator

**17%** Product/Application Designer

**28%** Other



## Welcome from *Inside GNSS*



**Glen Gibbons**

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## Unmanned Solutions & Applications Day



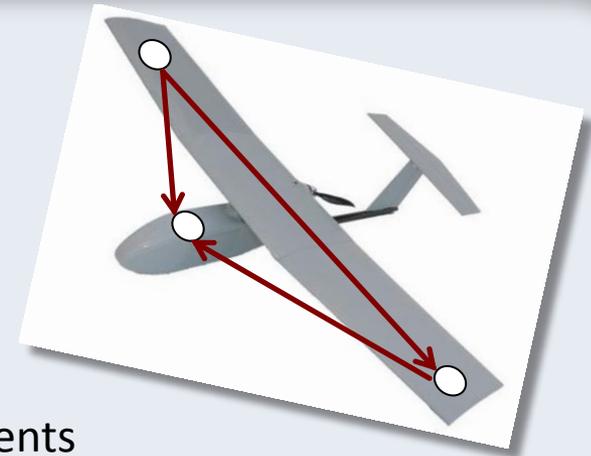
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## Poll #1

*What are the top two applications that you are interested in using unmanned systems for? (Select two)*

- *Mapping and surveying*
- *Precision agriculture*
- *Mining*
- *Environmental monitoring*
- *Security and surveillance*

- Overview of unmanned systems
  - Applications
  - Appropriate metrics
- Positioning requirements
  - Key challenges/issues of GNSS in different environments
  - Role of multi-GNSS systems
  - Importance of having a reliable system
- GNSS accuracy requirements
  - Standalone & differential processing
  - Attitude systems
- Application to aerial and marine systems



- GNSS/INS+ systems
  - Role of GNSS & inertial
  - Typical other sensors
  - Possible operating environments
- Integration approaches
  - Limitations of GNSS/INS
  - How to include other sensors + examples
  - Plug & play capability
- Product development
  - Practical considerations for developing and testing
    - IMU & sensor selection, processing options, etc.



- Focus more on unmanned applications
- Mobile mapping
  - System configurations
  - Example results
- Bathymetric data collection
  - Comparison with traditional method
  - Cost/time benefits
  - Example applications
- Airborne systems
  - Specific challenges
  - Importance of reliability



# Mobile Mapping



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## Applications using GNSS and Inertial Systems

### Mobile Mapping – from ground, water, or low-altitude aerial

#### Requirements for success:

- Sufficient positioning and orientation
- Appropriate size and weight
- Cost effective
- Reliable
- Durable
- Environmentally safe and friendly

#### Applications:

- Accident scene reconstruction
- Disaster relief
- Surveying
- Engineering and planning
- GIS & Mapping
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Oil & Gas
- Mining
- Movies
- Video Games
- Simulations
- BIM
- Tourism



## ScanLook Snoopy – a complete miniature mobile mapping system

### Constituent parts:

- INS
- Antenna
- Scanner
- Video

### Key features:

- Small
- Light
- Rigid
- Rapid Deployment
- Easy transport



## ITAR restricted INS

### Added second scanner (FARO)

- Higher quality scans
- Single line
- Detachable
- Bigger but still small and light

### Suitable for subway/tunnel scanning:

- Setup time is crucial
- No GPS
- Accuracy is crucial
- Failure is unacceptable



## Mounting

- Quick
- Simple
- Secure

Viable option worldwide today

Cost effective

Using appropriate components

## Key concerns:

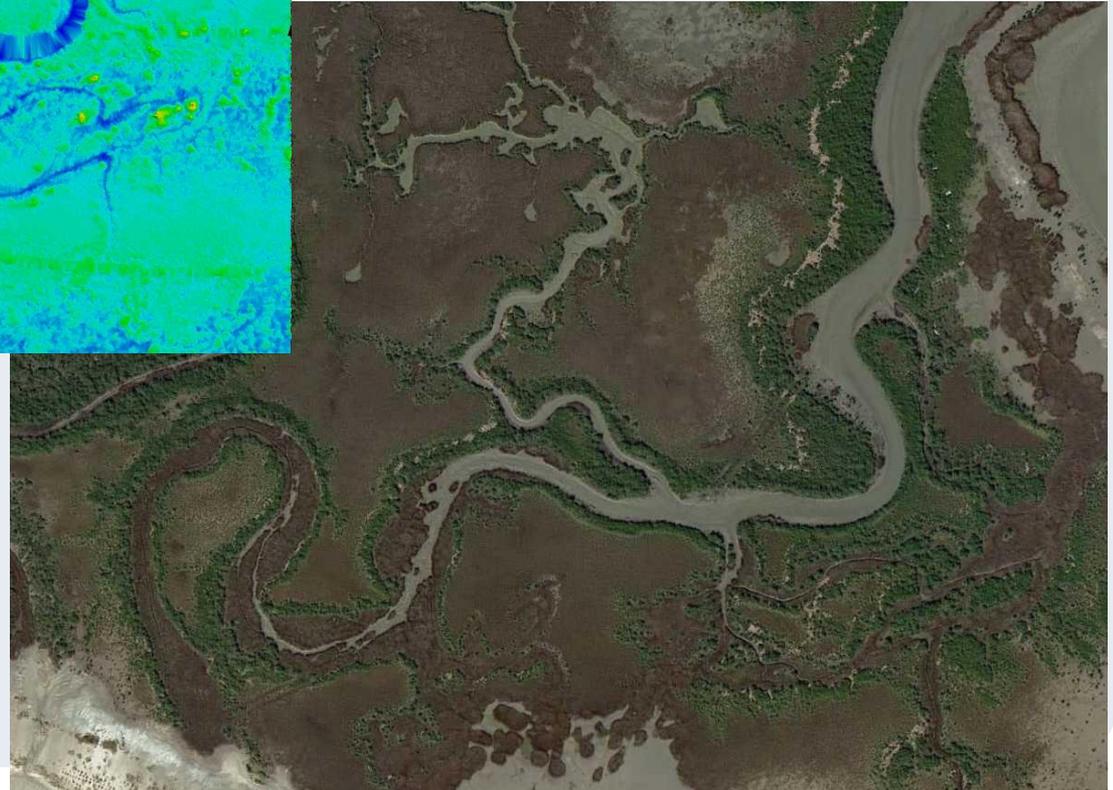
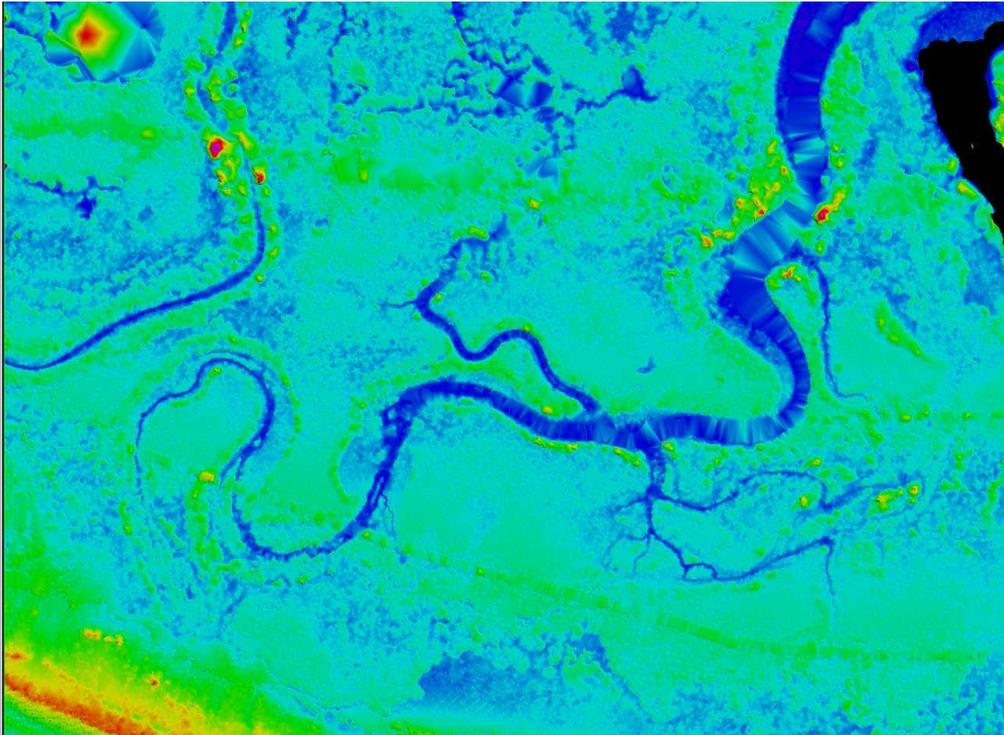
- Size
- Cost
- Performance

UAV is just another option. It must be competitive.



- Under 10 pounds
- 15 to 20 mm LiDAR scanning with 80 meter range
- Cables for power and laptop viewing.
- UAV would be completely localized.



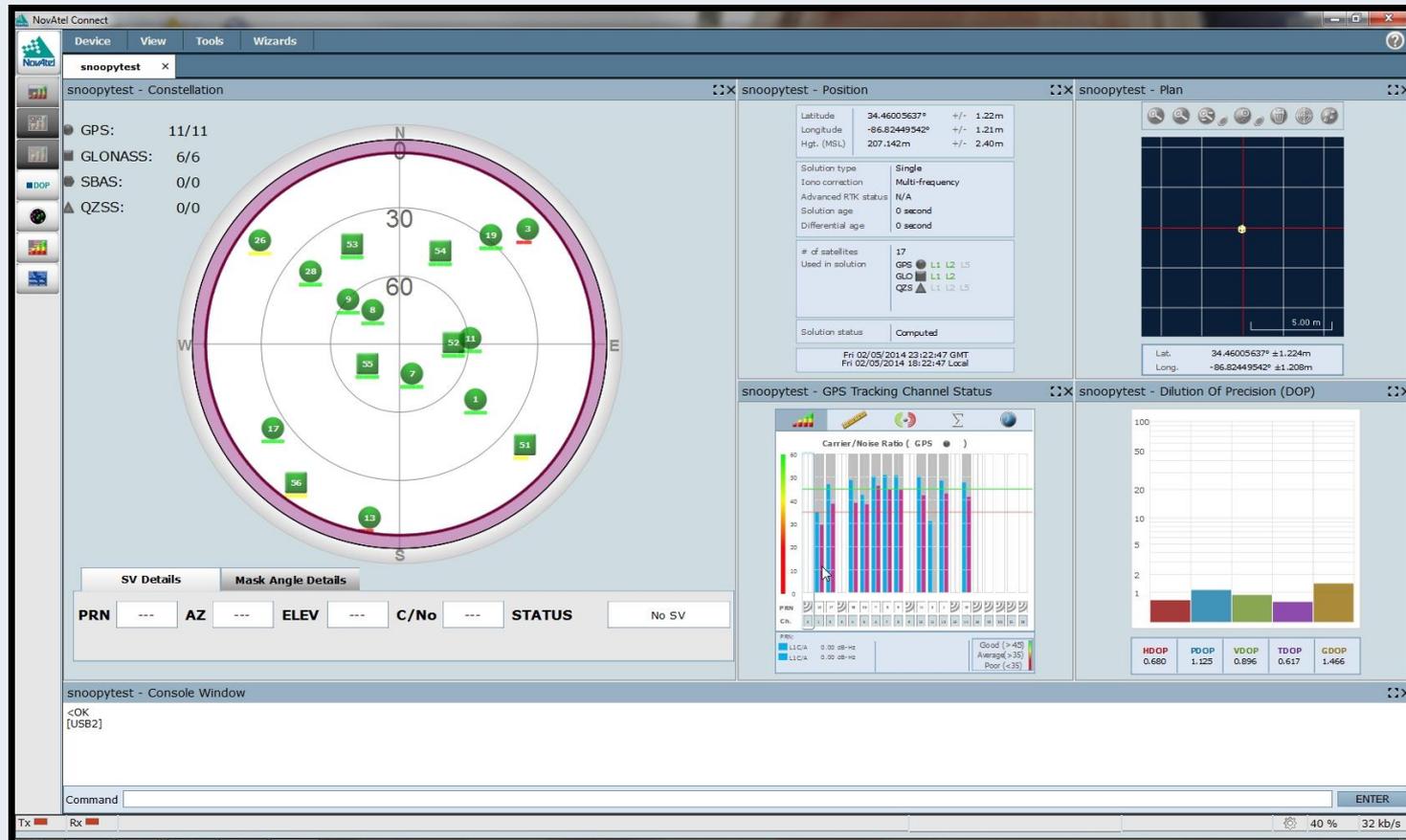




- Small, light, simple.
- Scanner must have suitable viewing.
- Antenna must be placed with view to open sky.

- Same system EXCEPT a different INS.
- It's a bit bigger and more costly but has advantages.
- Still quite compact.
- Versatility of swapping INS and sensors
- Easily adapts to various platforms and mounts.





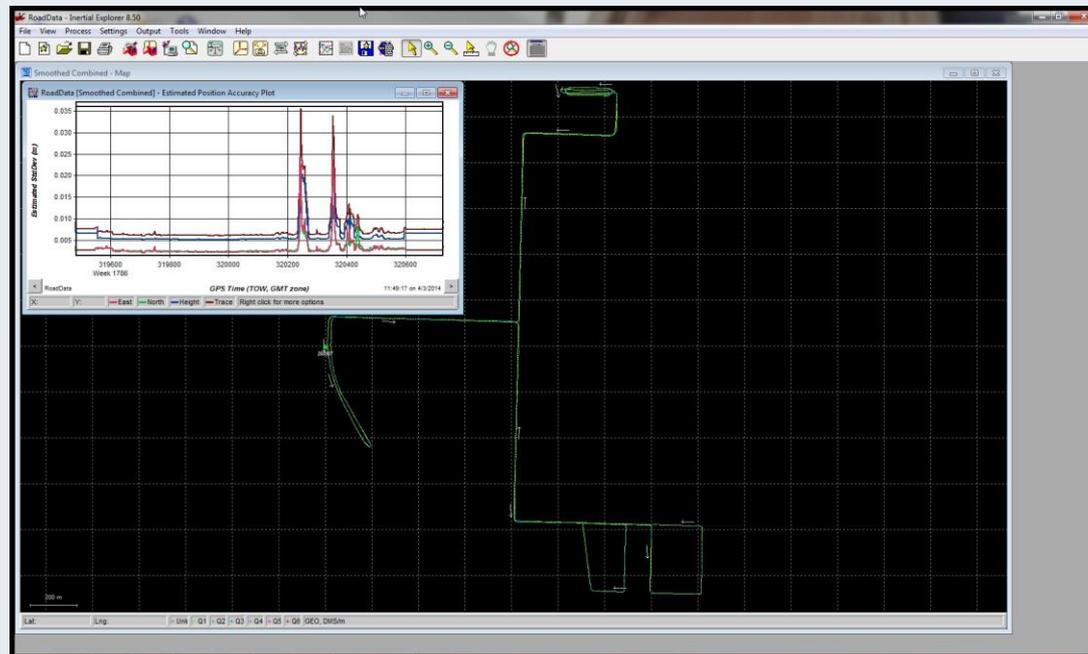
- Constellation configuration
- DOPs

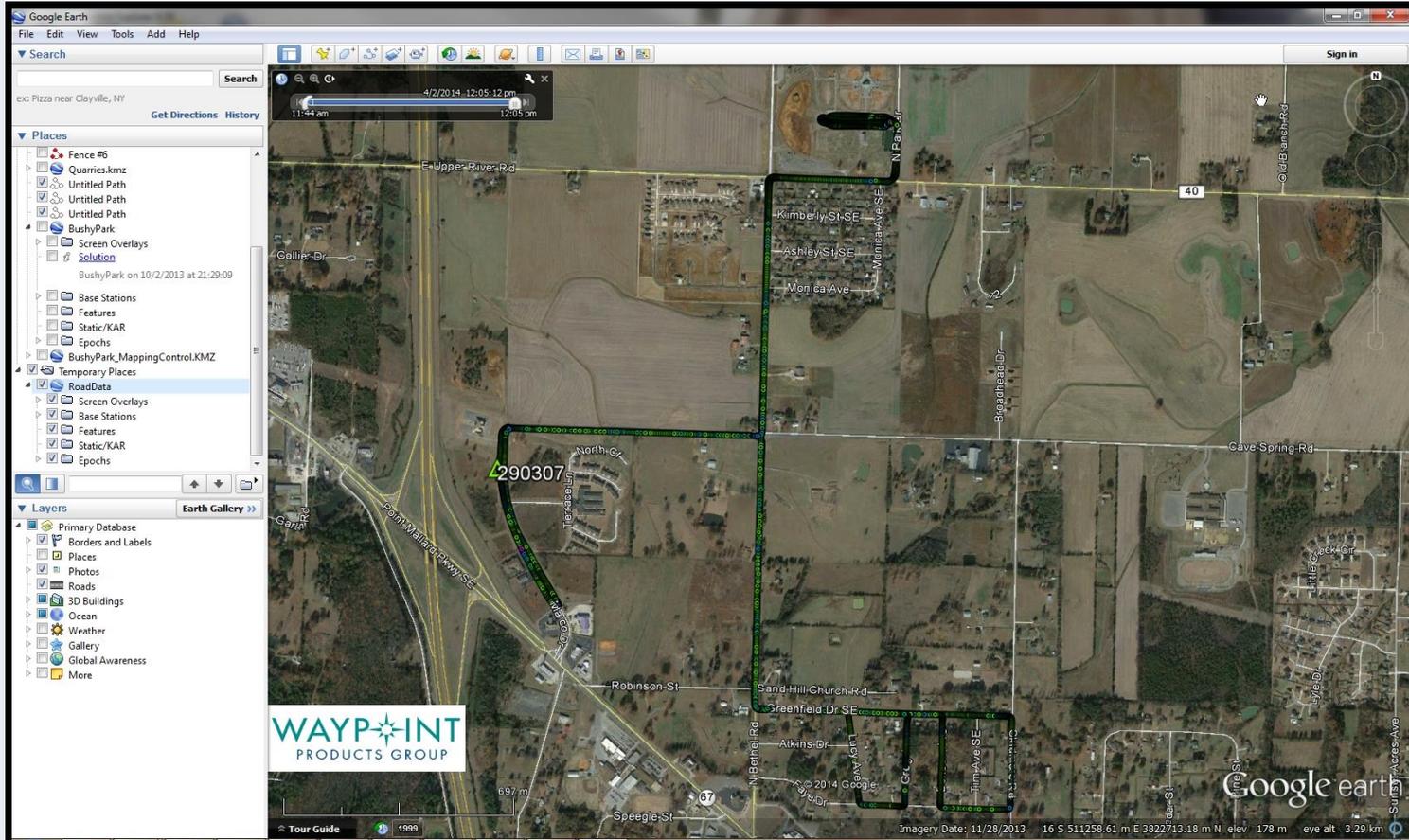
Processing involves:

- Lever arms and orientation
- Base stations
- Mission duration
- Accuracy required

The above determines which solution is appropriate for the project:

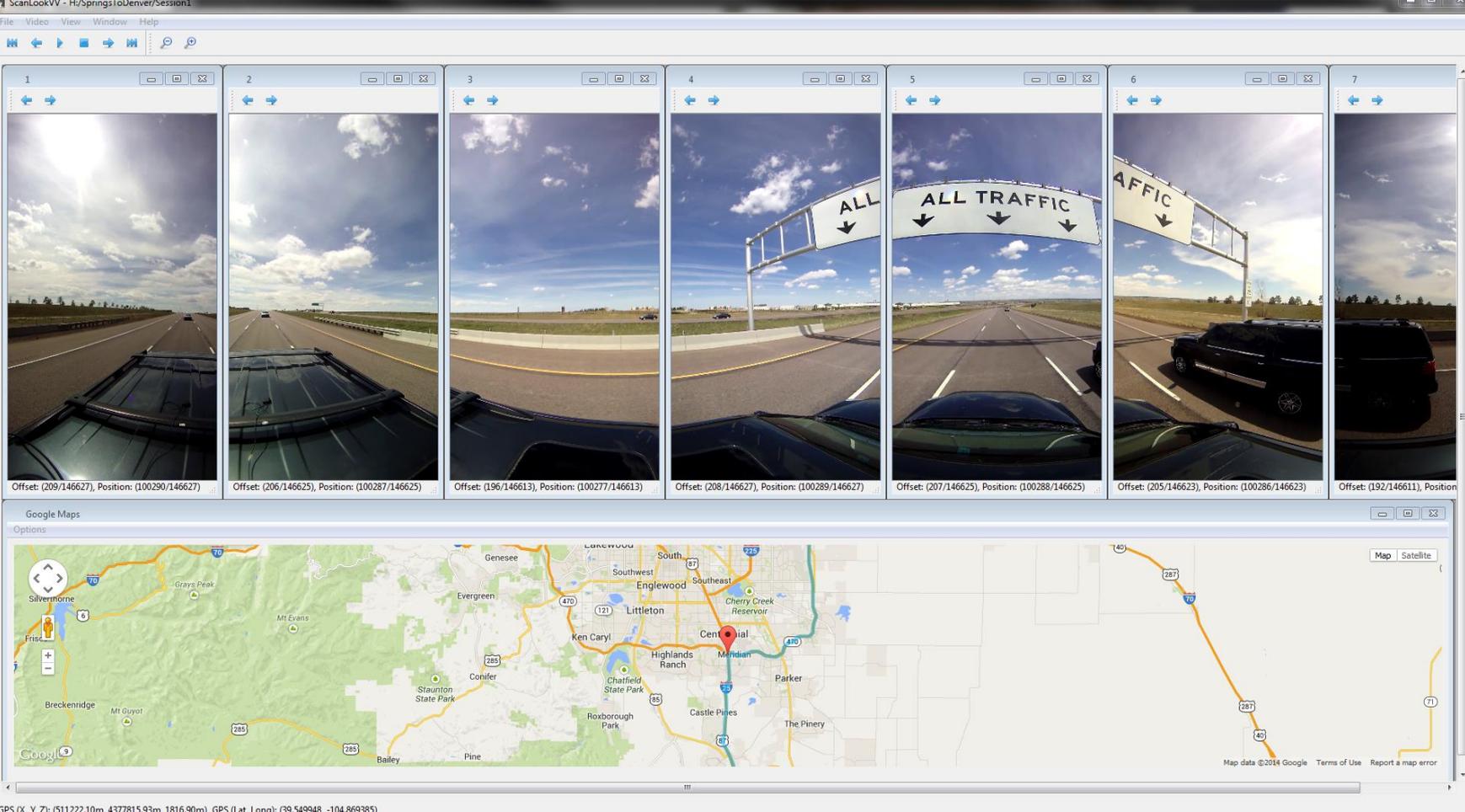
- RTK
- Post Processed PPP
- Post Processed DGPS
- LC/TC/Combined/Smoothed





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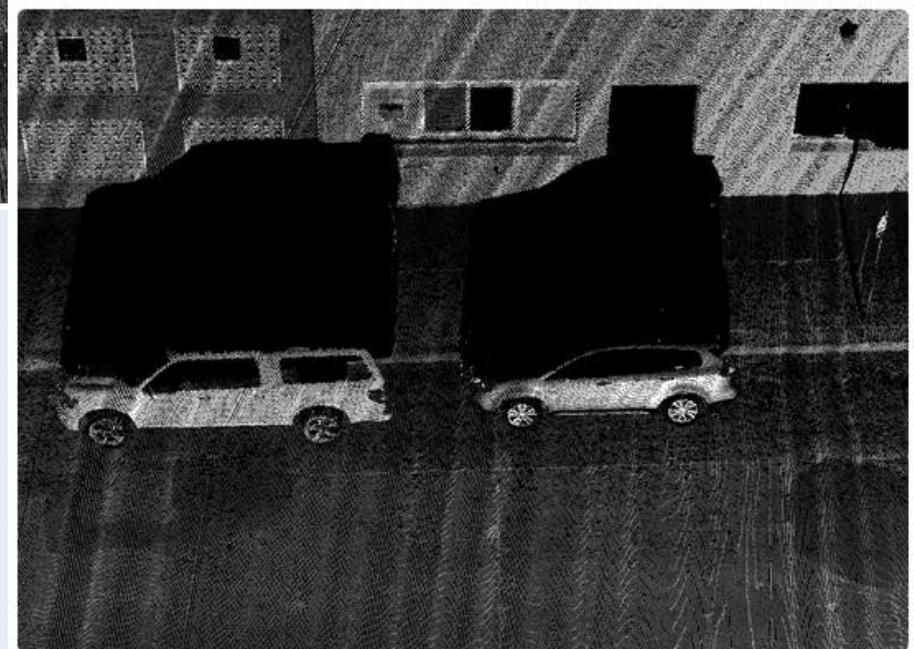


The screenshot displays the ScanLookVV software interface. The top section shows a sequence of 7 video frames from a car's perspective, moving along a road. Each frame includes a timestamp and position data:

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- 2: Offset: (206/146625), Position: (100287/146625)
- 3: Offset: (196/146613), Position: (100277/146613)
- 4: Offset: (208/146627), Position: (100289/146627)
- 5: Offset: (207/146625), Position: (100288/146625)
- 6: Offset: (205/146623), Position: (100286/146623)
- 7: Offset: (192/146611), Position: (100274/146611)

The bottom section shows a Google Maps interface with a map of the area. The map includes labels for various locations such as Silverthorne, Breckenridge, Evergreen, Englewood, Littleton, Centennial, and Parker. A red location pin is placed on the map, and a route is highlighted in orange. The map data is attributed to ©2014 Google.

GPS (X, Y, Z): (511222.10m, 4377815.93m, 1816.90m), GPS (Lat, Long): (39.549948, -104.869385)

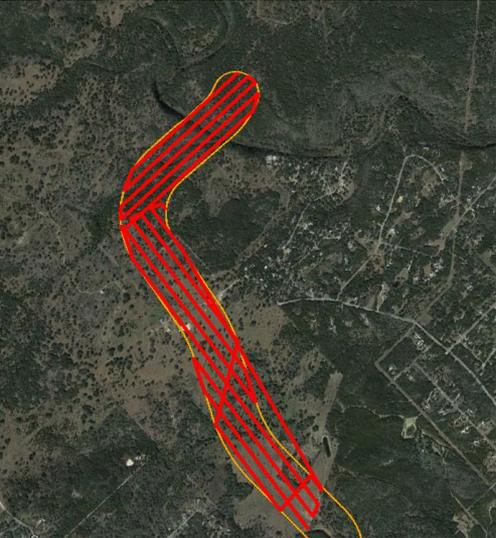






# Some suitable UAV's

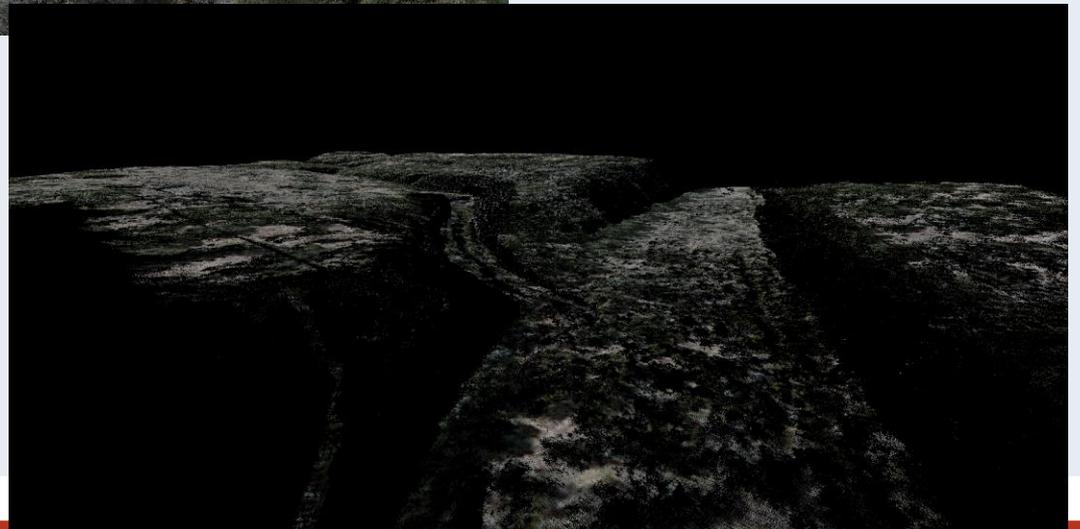




Full point cloud, including ground and vegetation



Ground Only



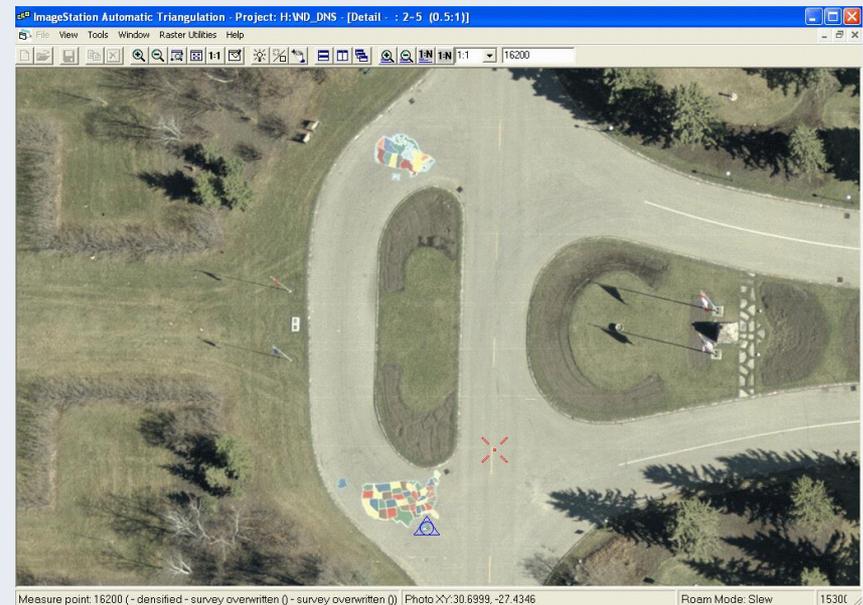
Mobile mapping would be nowhere without GNSS and IMU support.  
The key is knowing position, orientation and time.  
The solution is global.

There are a lot of areas needing attention where this doesn't work.

- Indoors
- Anywhere without clear sky access to GNSS
- Areas with jamming or interference

Fortunately, there are other localized solutions:

- Locata
- Cell towers
- UWB, RF, etc
- SLAM
- Surveying



# Better Data Starts with Better Data Collection Methods



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Automated Bathymetric Survey Tools for  
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**Mission:** Automate worlds dullest, dirtiest and deadliest jobs

**Specialty:** Unmanned Vehicle Systems

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Clearpath Robotics delivers proven unmanned vehicle products and services to help large R&D departments get complex robotics projects to market faster with less risk.

Products:

Ground



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RUV



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USV

Water

Custom  
Vehicles



Services:



Sensor Fusion



Autonomous  
Software



Advanced Mapping &  
Navigation

# WE WORK WITH WORLD LEADERS

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## KINGFISHER M200<sup>M</sup>™

UNMANNED SURFACE VESSEL



## UTILITY VEHICLE

CONFIGURED FOR TRANSPORT, NO SENSORS



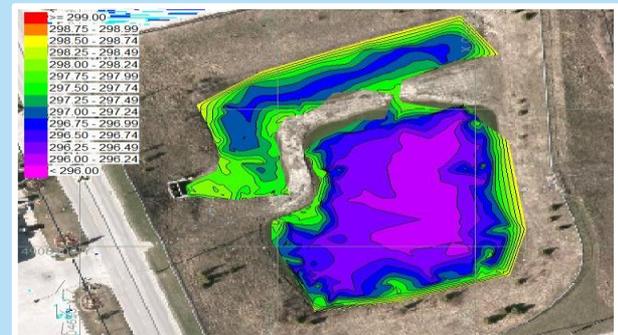
EQUIPPED WITH SENSOR



CUSTOM AUTOMATION- Mining Applications

## Better Bathymetric Data

Starts with Better Collection Methods



Automated Bathymetric Survey Tools for Water Resource Professionals™

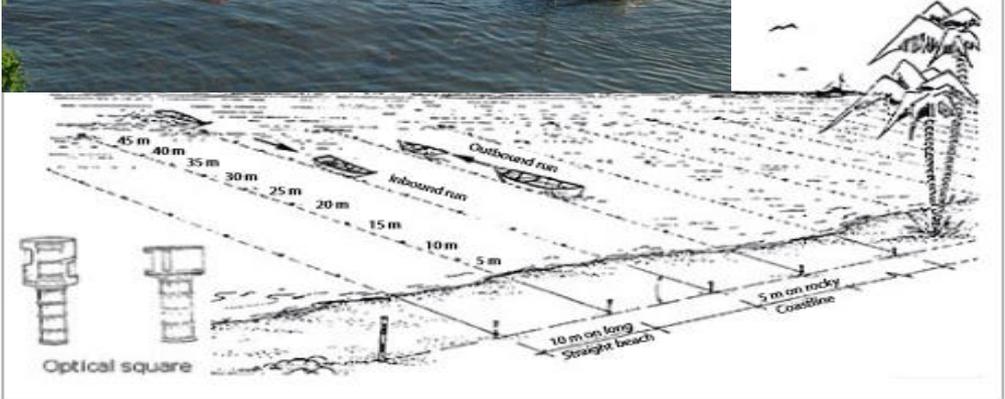
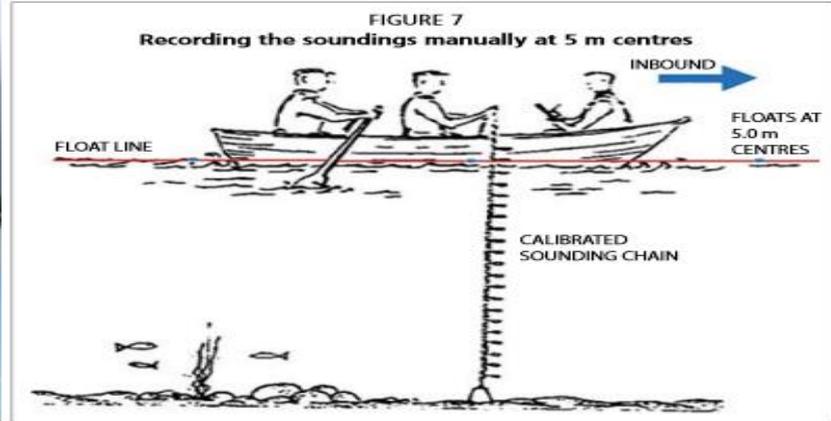
# Data

- Consistency critical to quality
- Collection Speed/ Cost a challenge
- Digitization
- Accuracy

# Problems

- Unsafe
- Slow
- Expensive
- Non-repeatable
- Inaccurate

# Traditional Methods



WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER?



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## Ask the Experts – Part 1



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## Poll #2

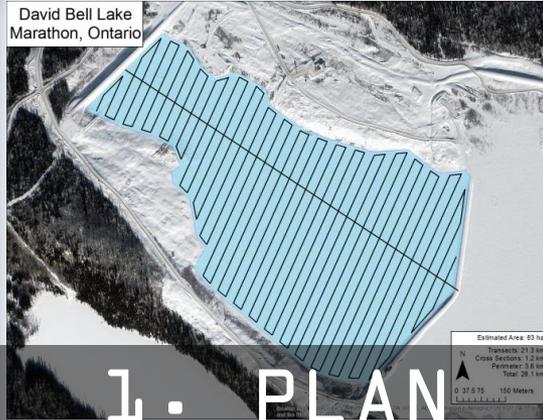
*What are your accuracy requirements for the uses that you have in mind?*

- *Centimeter level*
- *Decimeter level*
- *Meter level*

# Proven Success: Faster, Cheaper, Safer



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## 1. PLAN



## 2. ARRIVE



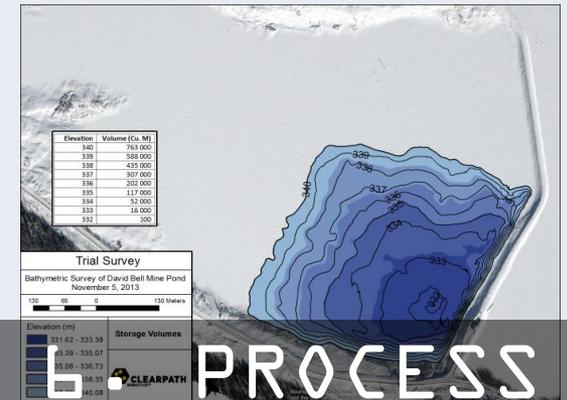
## 3. DEPLOY



## 4. COLLECT



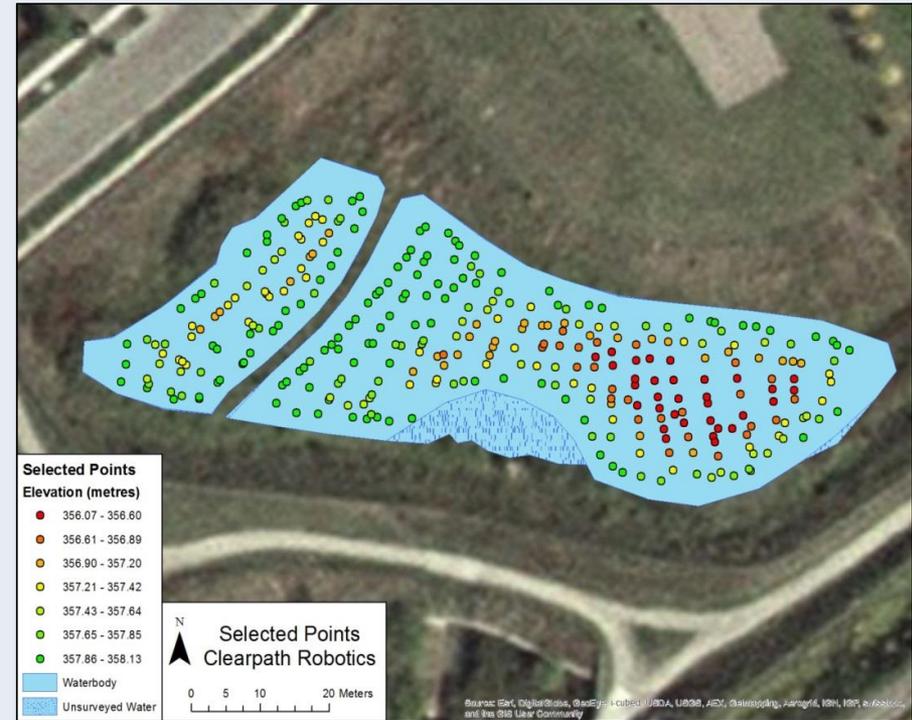
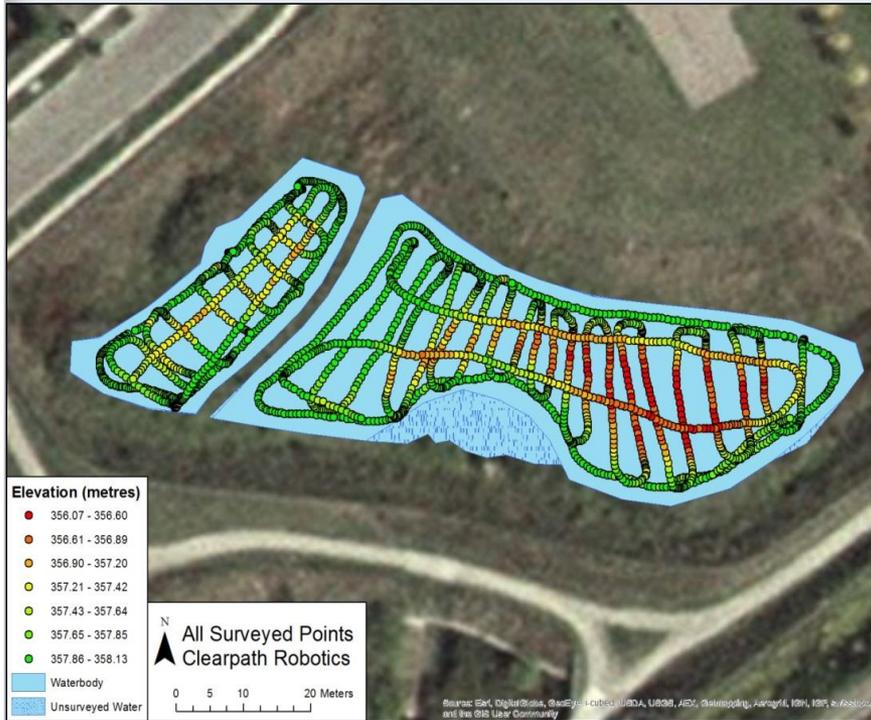
## 5. RETRIEVE



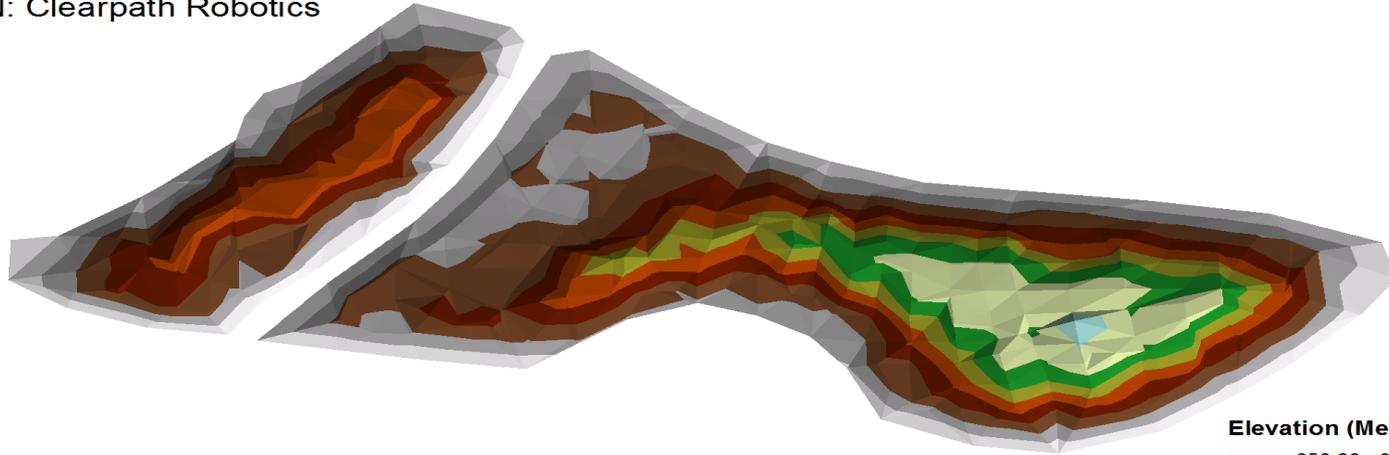
## 6. PROCESS



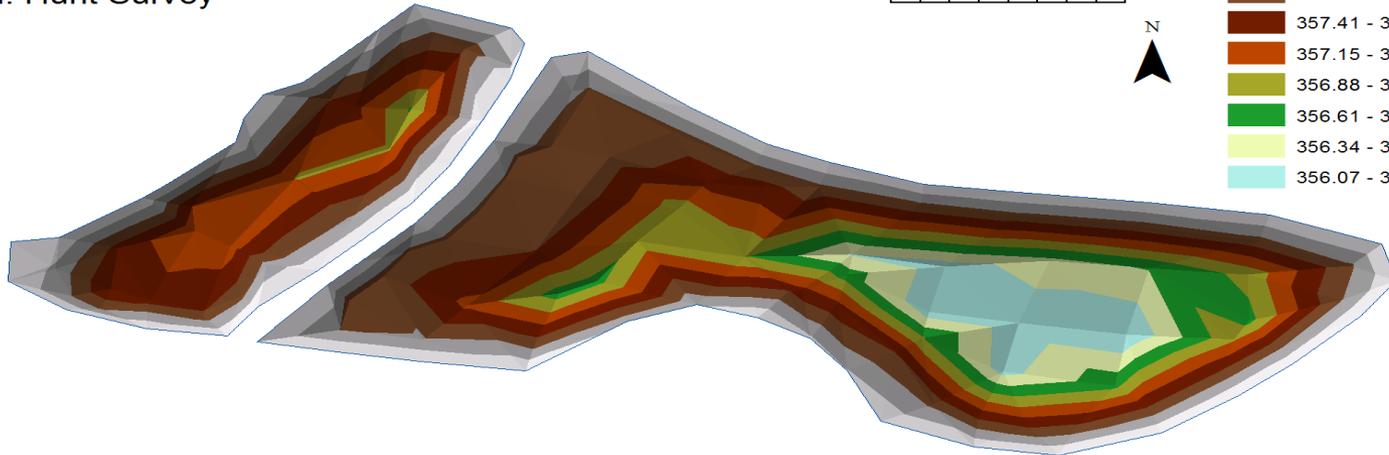




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TIN: Hunt Survey



**Elevation (Metres)**

358.22 - 358.49

357.95 - 358.22

357.68 - 357.95

357.41 - 357.68

357.15 - 357.41

356.88 - 357.15

356.61 - 356.88

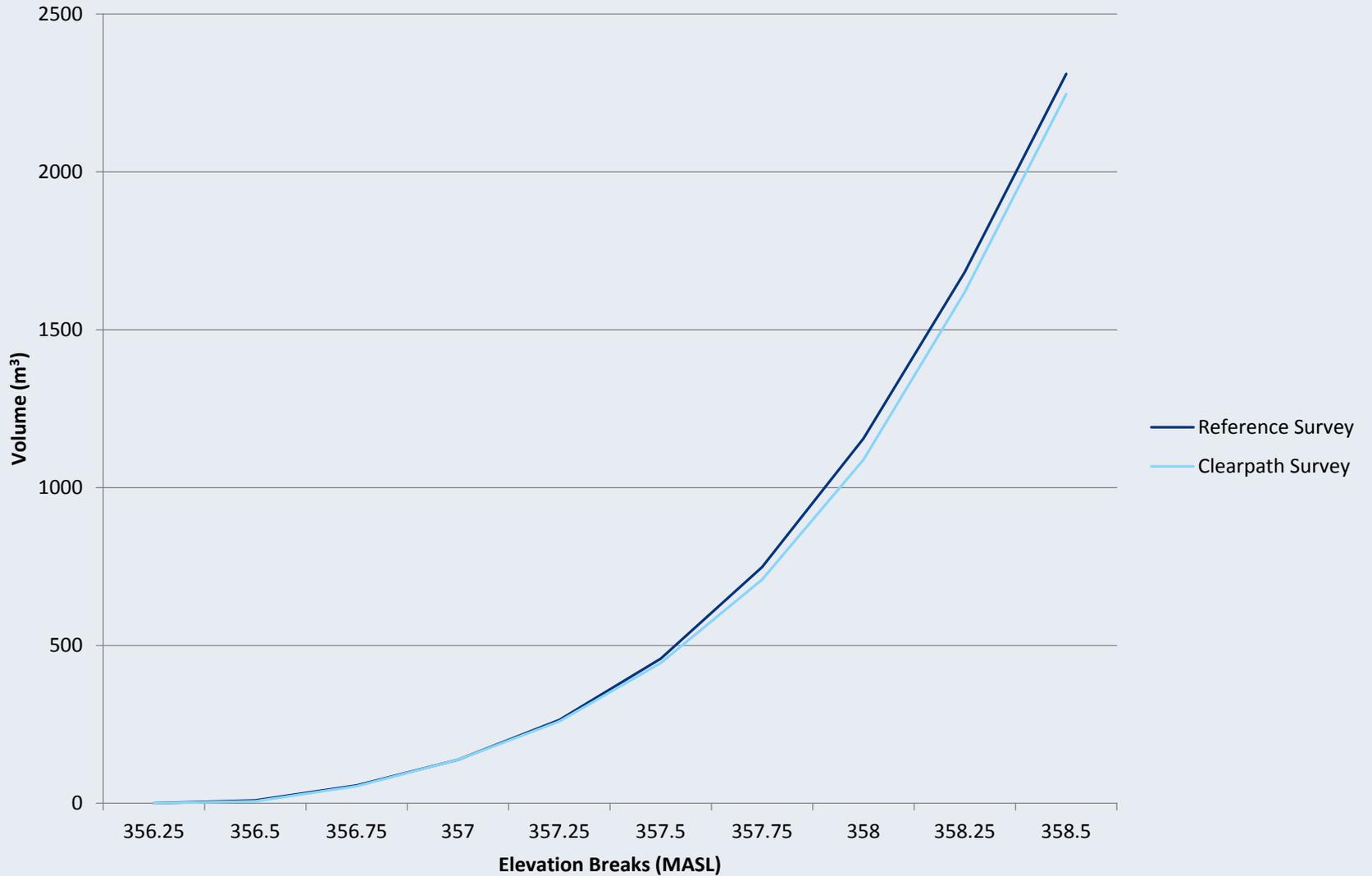
356.34 - 356.61

356.07 - 356.34

0 5 10 20 Meters



# Storage Curves



**Table 2: Elapsed time summary**

Stage	Element	Echostream	Hunt Surveys
Perimeter Points (minutes)	Set-up	15	10
	Survey	50	45
Water Points (minutes)	Set-up	15	20
	Forebay	10	40
	Main Cell	17	70
Total	-	122	200

\*Note that robotic survey can be completed with one individual, traditional methods with at least two



Stormwater Management



Tailings Storage Facilities



Hydro Dams and Reservoirs



Streams, Creeks and Rivers



Coastal and Shoreline



Ports and Harbors

Faster, Cheaper, Safer



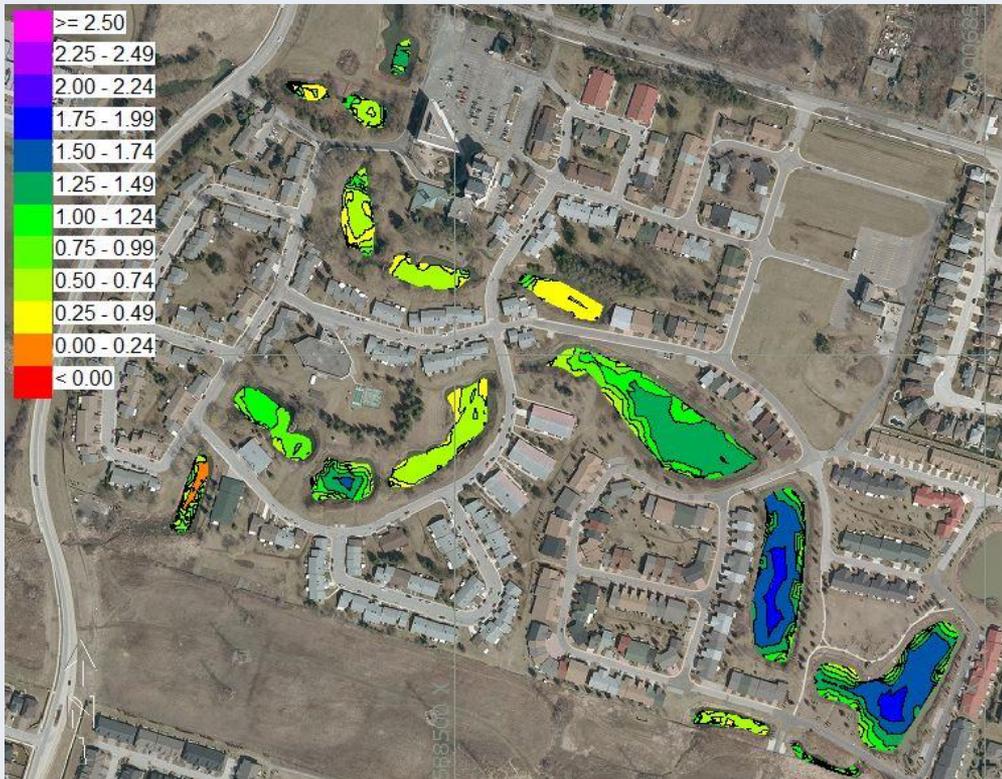
12 vs.  
300 man-hours

89,000 data points

33% cost

**Zero risk to workers**

# Stormwater Management (SWM) Ponds

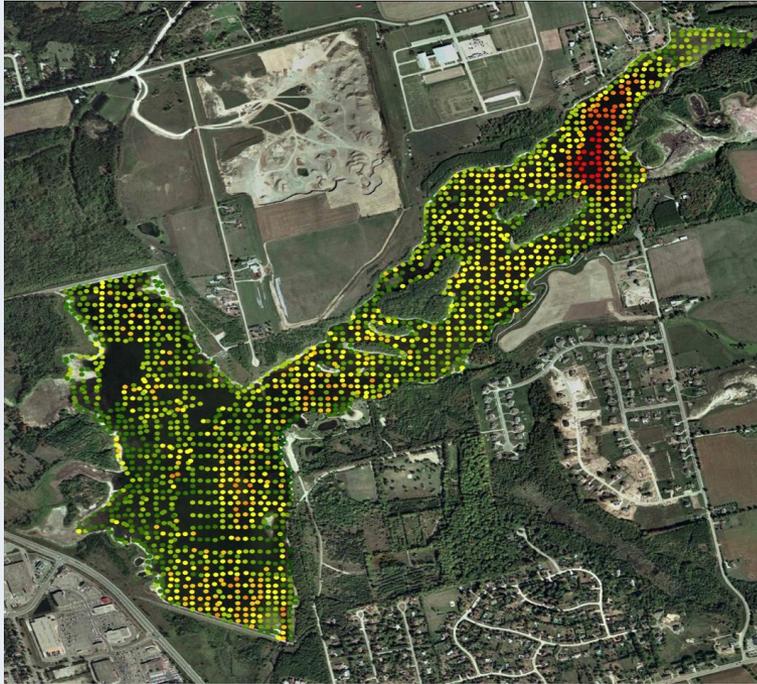


1.5 days vs.  
5 days

50 % cost

Zero risk to workers

## Dams & Reservoirs



Island Lake Reservoir  
Orangeville, ON



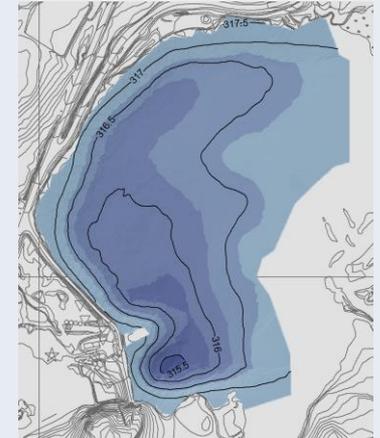
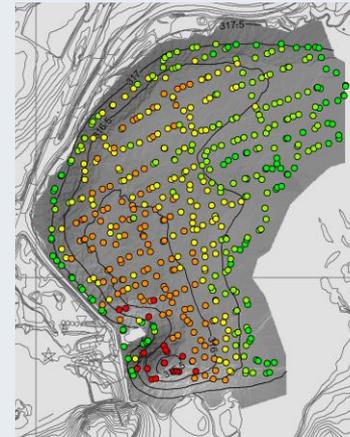
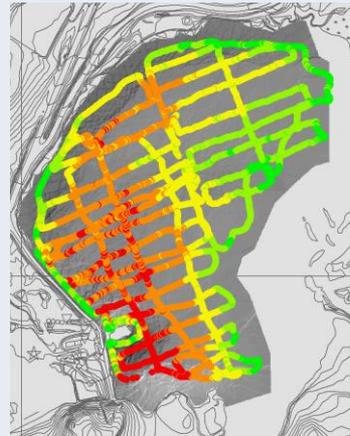
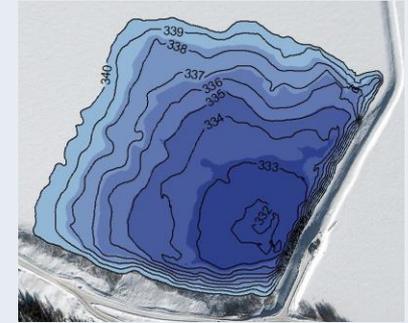
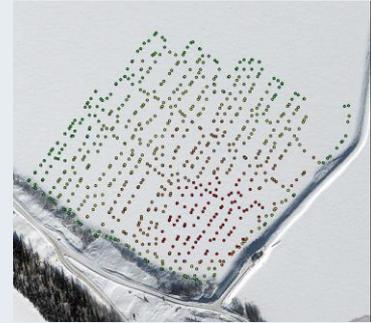
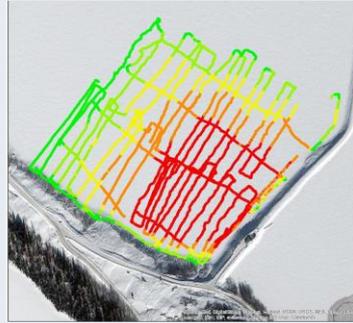
Woolwich Dam  
Elmira, ON



Kelso Lake Reservoir  
Milton, ON



# PROVEN SUCCESS: Tailings Ponds



Storage Curves Contour Maps

CALL TO ACTION:  
Be safe... use  
robots!



# Field Experience and Considerations



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**Head of Capability**  
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**Schiebel**

# CAMCOPTER® S-100 UNMANNED AIR SYSTEM



**SCHIEBEL**

## **Operational on:**

- ✓ **3 Oceans**
- ✓ **Arctic, Mountain, Desert, Rainforest Environments**
- ✓ **Automatic Launch and Recovery – Sea-state 5, Wind Gusts Over 25 Knots.**

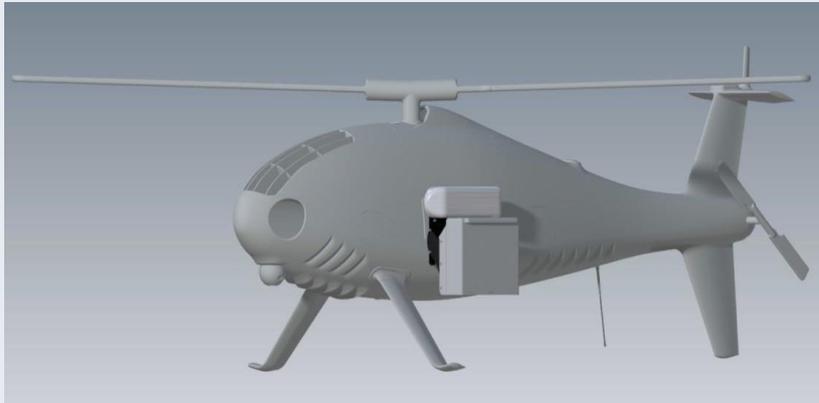
Each Environment presents its own unique set of challenges for the air vehicle and its systems



- ✓ Duplex navigation system - redundancy
- ✓ Additional high accuracy navigation system(s) required for
  - ✓ Sensors –
    - ✓ Geolocation accuracy
    - ✓ Pointing accuracy
  - ✓ Shipboard auto-recovery system



- ✓ Independence from GPS is becoming ever more important
- ✓ GPS resilience – Essential
- ✓ Point recovery is demanding on GPS service



- ✓ **Many countries have developed independent satellite navigation systems:**
  - ✓ **USA - GPS,**
  - ✓ **Europe - Galileo,**
  - ✓ **Russia - GLONASS,**
  - ✓ **China - Beidou or COMPASS,**
  - ✓ **India - Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS),**
  - ✓ **France - Doppler Orbitography and Radio (DORIS)**
  - ✓ **Japan - Quazi Zenith Satellite System (QZSS).**
  
- ✓ **Different Customers require different solutions – The system has to be flexible to cope with all possible solutions**



- ✓ Denial of service becoming an ever more frequent problem.
- ✓ Instances occurring world-wide
- ✓ Unpredictable
- ✓ Capability leveller
- ✓ Significant threat to growth of unmanned systems

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## Poll #3

*What are the limitations to adopting an unmanned system?  
(Select your top two)*

- *Cost/Return on investment*
- *Learning curve*
- *Familiarity with technology*
- *Regulatory concerns*
- *Data accuracy*

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