

# LiDAR

*My favourite tool in the bag*

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- Collection of geospatial data – reasons
- Overcoming the ‘White Ribbon’
- Not just about heights
- Cost comparison against traditional methods
- Many and varied uses
- Sharing the investment

# Collection of Geospatial data

- International Trade and Economy
- Ecological Protection
- Disaster mitigation & management
- International Boundaries (UNCLOS)

## Collection of Geospatial data

# International Trade and Economy

- Sea-Land Links
- Leisure and tourism
- Port and marina development
- Fishing industries



Hydrographic data, information, charts, advice

## Collection of Geospatial data

# Marine Mapping & Ecological Protection

- Flood defences, inundation mapping
- Protection of environment and aquaculture
- Climate change



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## Collection of Geospatial data

# Disaster Mitigation & Management

- Modelling
- Response planning
- Early warning systems



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## Collection of Geospatial data

# United Nations Conventions

## SOLAS

- Navigation aids
- Pilotage

## UNCLOS

- Sub-Sea Territorial Rights
- Continental Shelf



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# Data Collection Techniques

## Land

Chains,  
Distance Measuring Equipment (DME)

Triangulation, Theodolite,  
PHOTOGRAMMETRY

GPS  
PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Topographic LiDAR 532nm  
PHOTOGRAMMETRY

## Sea

Lead Line

Single Beam Echo Sounder (SBES)  
SIDE SCAN SONAR PICTURE

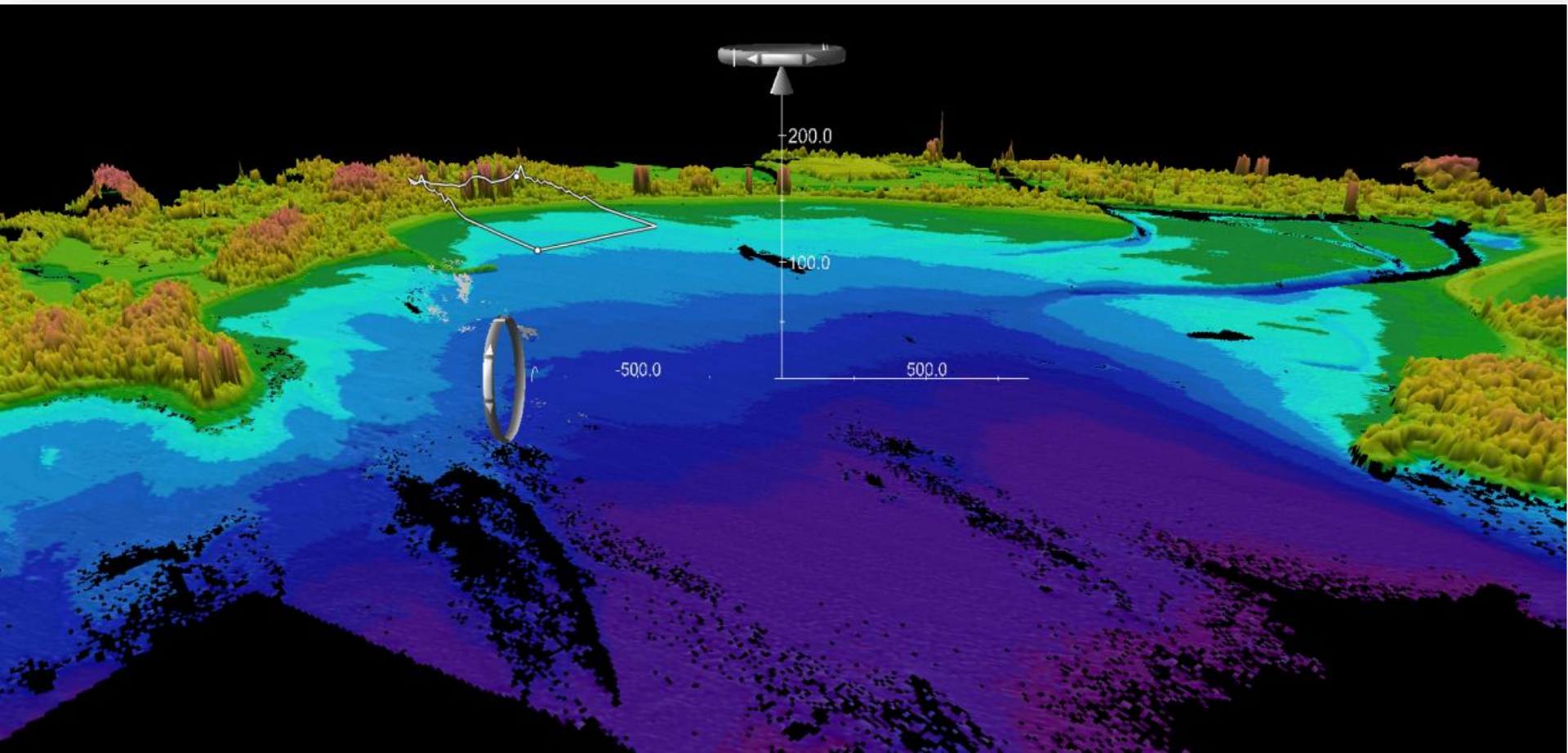
Multi Beam Echo Sounder (MBES)  
SIDE SCAN SONAR PICTURE

Bathymetric LiDAR 1064nm  
SIDE SCAN SONAR

Topographic/Bathymetric LiDAR  
PHOTOGRAMMETRY/REFLECTANCE



# What does this mean in Practice?



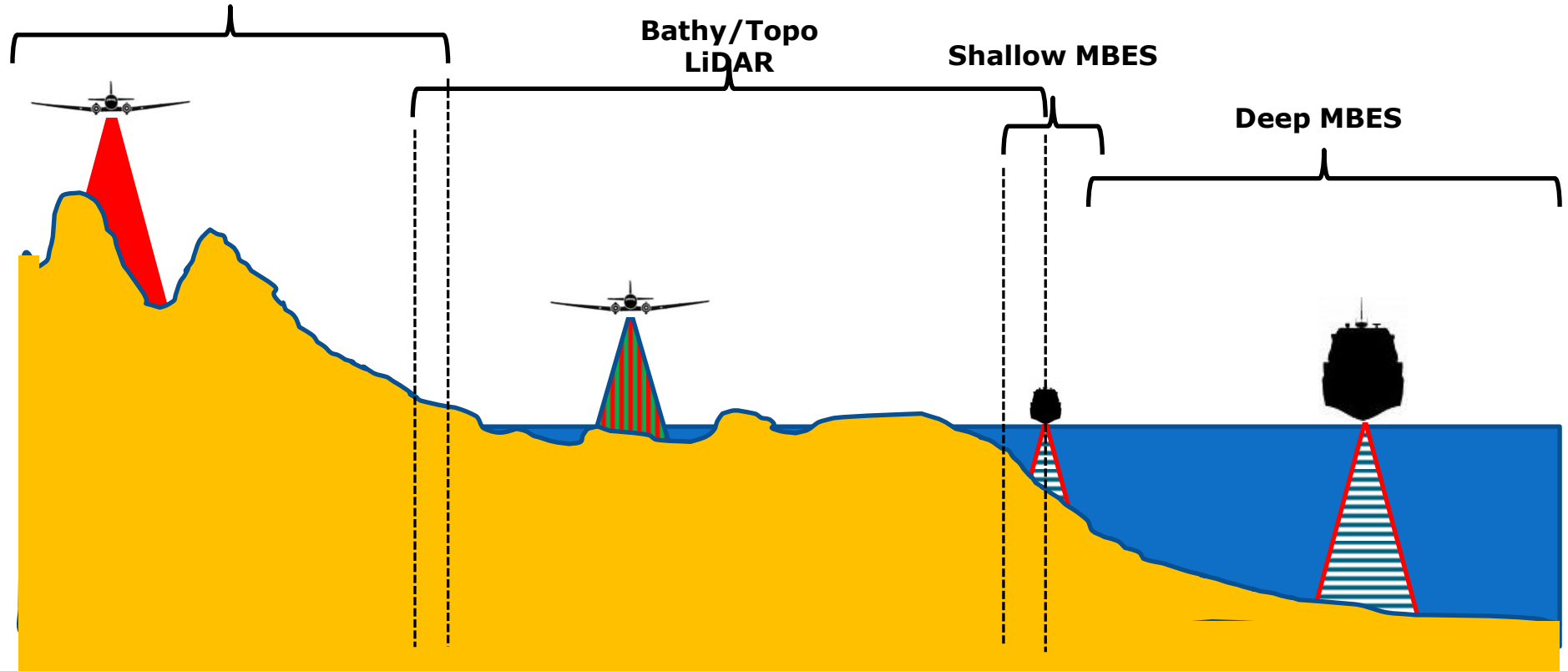
# Overcoming The White Ribbon

Topo LiDAR

Bathy/Topo  
LiDAR

Shallow MBES

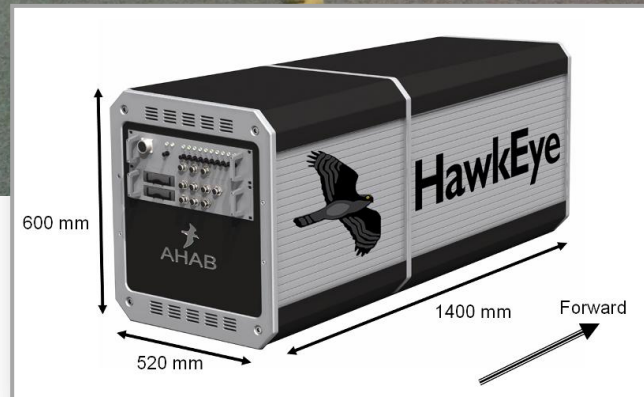
Deep MBES



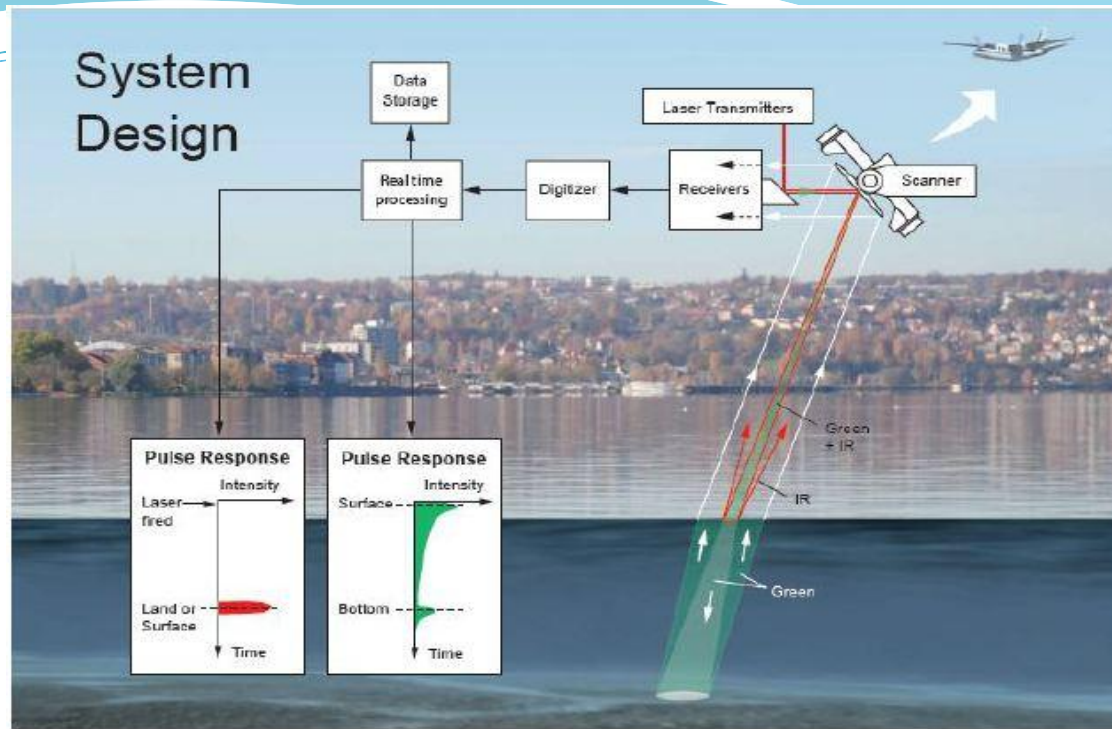
Bathy/Topo LiDAR overlaps both ways

# Aircraft

- Small
- Local



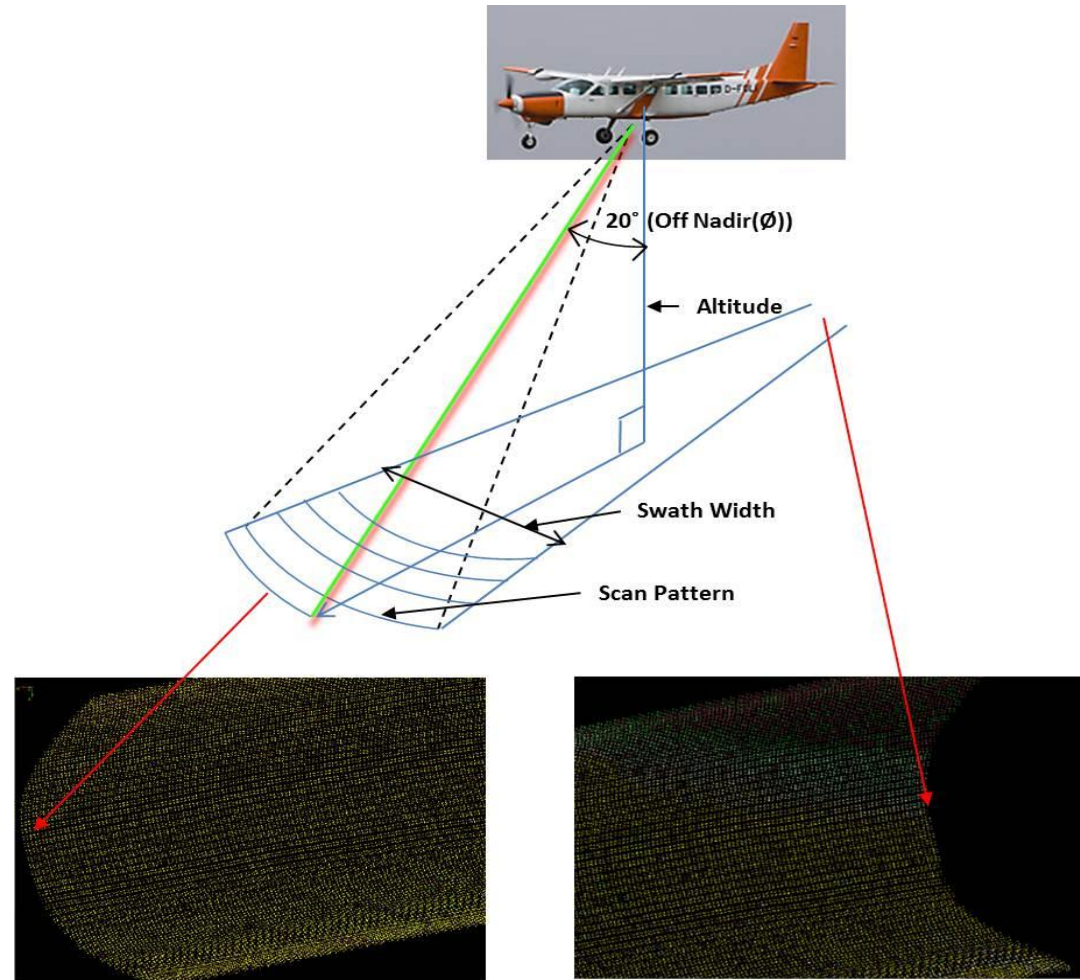




- The depth of water and height of land is measured by laser pulses of two wavelengths; **Green (532nm)** and **Infra-Red (IR) (1064nm)**
- The green beam penetrates the water, whereas the IR laser is reflected at the surface. The time difference between the green (bottom) and the IR (water surface) laser reflections is used to calculate the depth.

# Scan Pattern

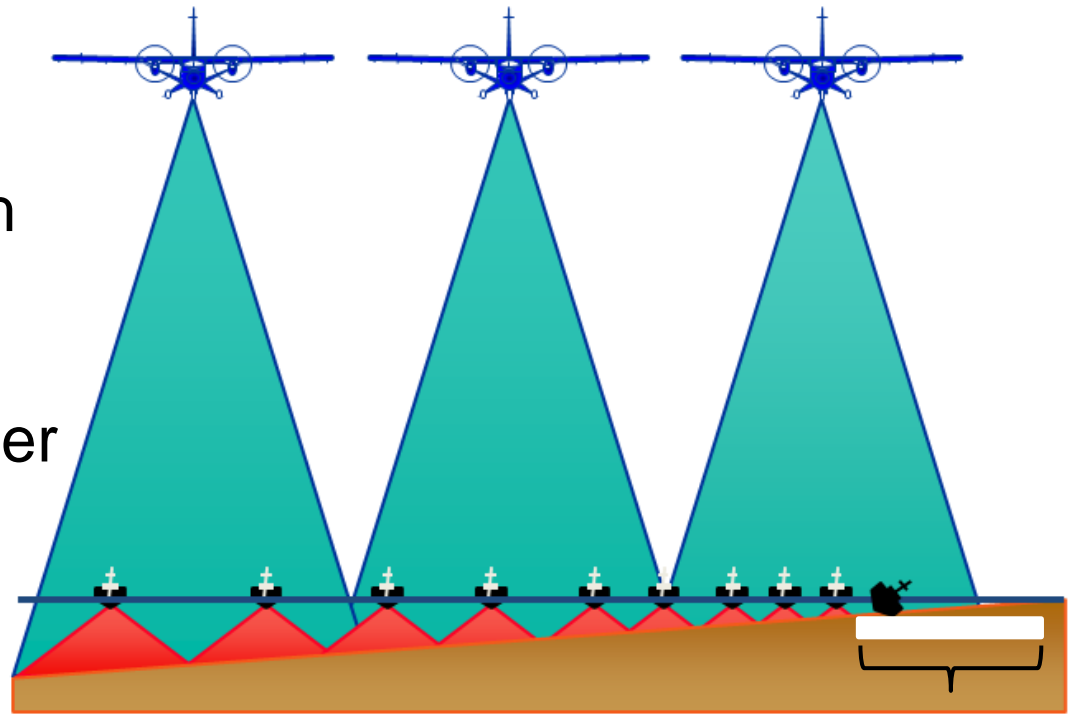
- Both lasers are scanned in a pattern on the water surface.
- The scanning mirror of the LiDAR allows the effects of motion in the platform to be compensated for directly.
- The scanning mirror compensates for pitch and roll by adjusting the direction in which the laser beams are transmitted, ensuring that they are transmitted ahead of the aircraft at an off-nadir angle of  $20^\circ$  and scan left and right either side of the line of advance of the aircraft.
- The result is a generally evenly spaced pattern of transmissions and returns covering the seabed.



# Advantages/Disadvantages

Boat operations suffer from:

- reduced swathe width
- slow progress
- dangerous waters
- dependence on Mother ship
- high cost/km<sup>2</sup>



White Ribbon  
(Unsurveyed)

# Advantages/Disadvantages

Bathy LiDAR suffers from:

- Water Clarity – Secchi Disc
- Scale of Operation

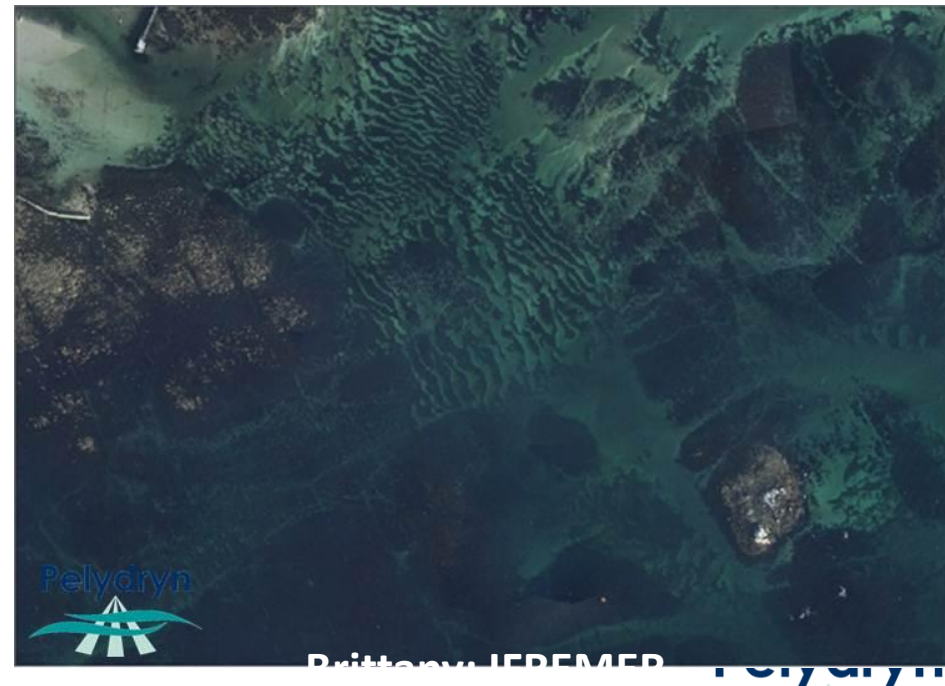




# Not Just about heights - Photography



- The HawkEye II B is fitted with a uEye IU-2250-C / M camera
- Imagery is used to assist in data cleaning
- **Orthophotos** are available at a **resolution of 25cm** when flown at 400m altitude
- Imagery will also observe
  - ambient sea conditions and phenomena (eddies and over falls)
  - Areas of vegetation and vegetation type
  - Extent of Rocks and Reefs

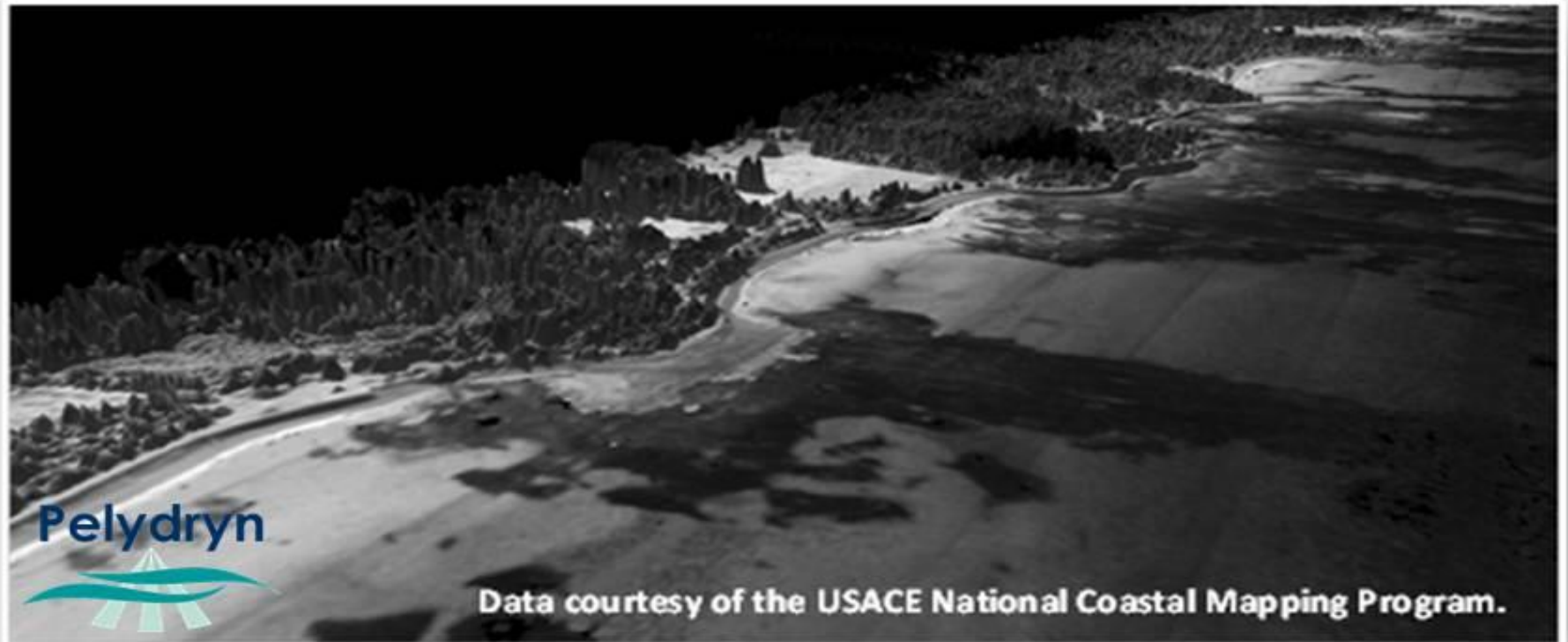




## Not Just about heights - Reflectance



- Bathymetric data can be processed to produce images of reflectance to aid bottom type classification



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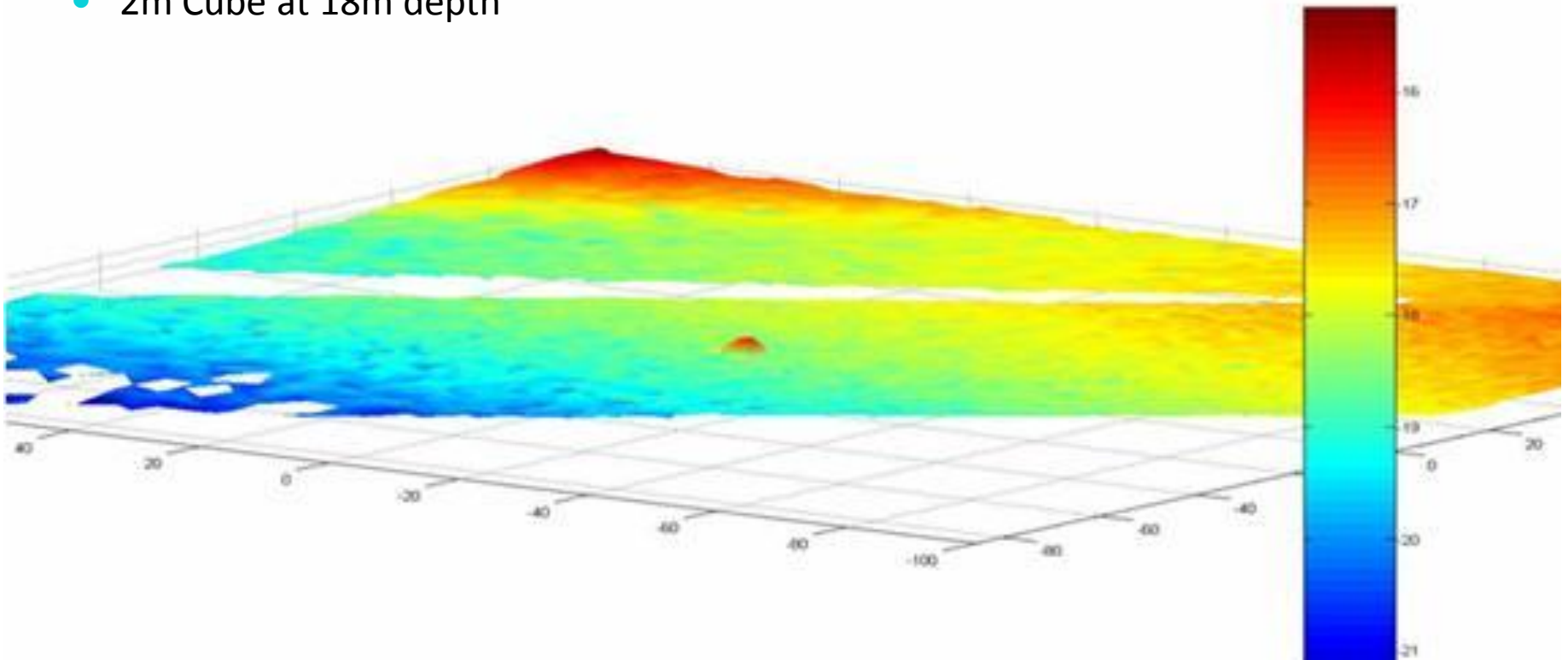
Data courtesy of the USACE National Coastal Mapping Program.

# Not just about heights – coastal modeling



# Not just about heights - Object detection

- 2m Cube at 18m depth



- HEI1b meets the object detection requirement of  $>2\text{m}$  in up to 40m depths

# Speed and Cost

*Figures are for guidance, and vary according to local factors*

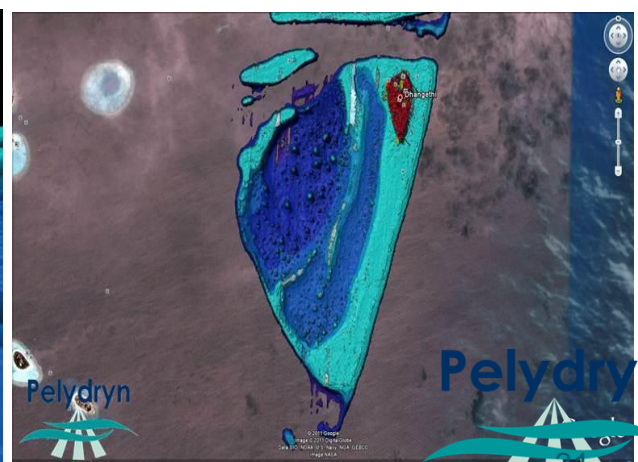
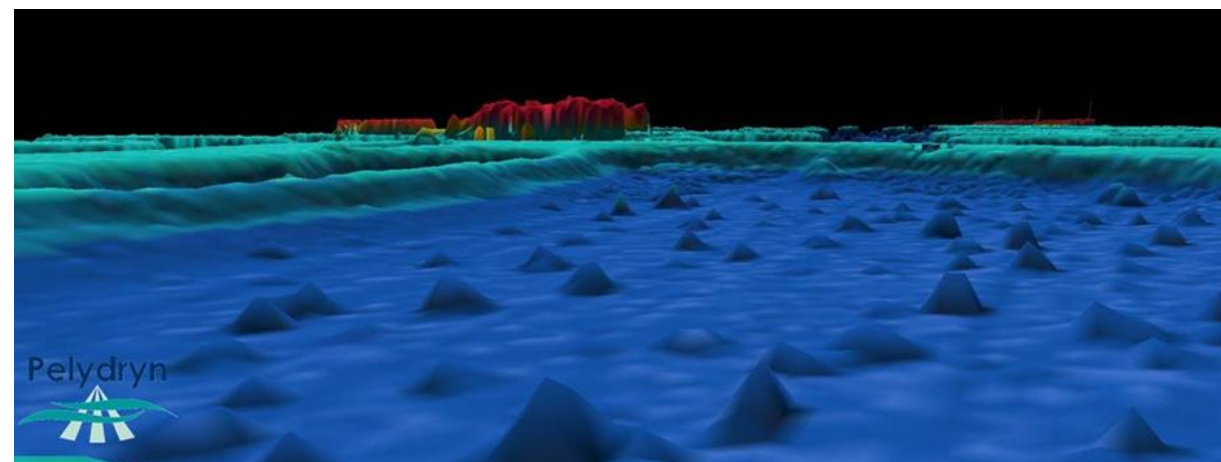
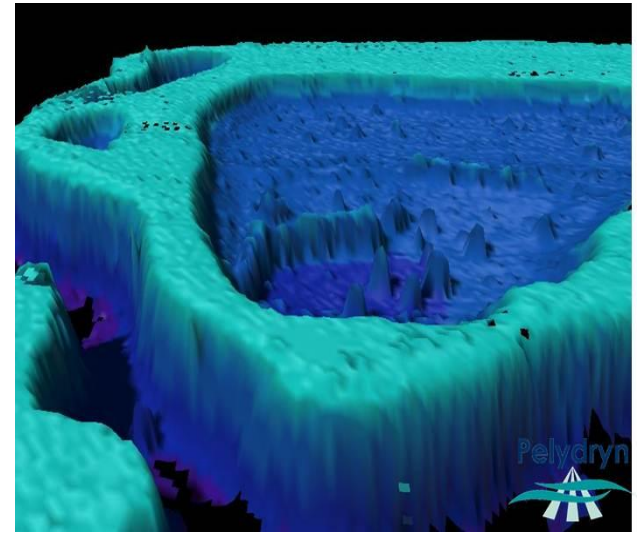
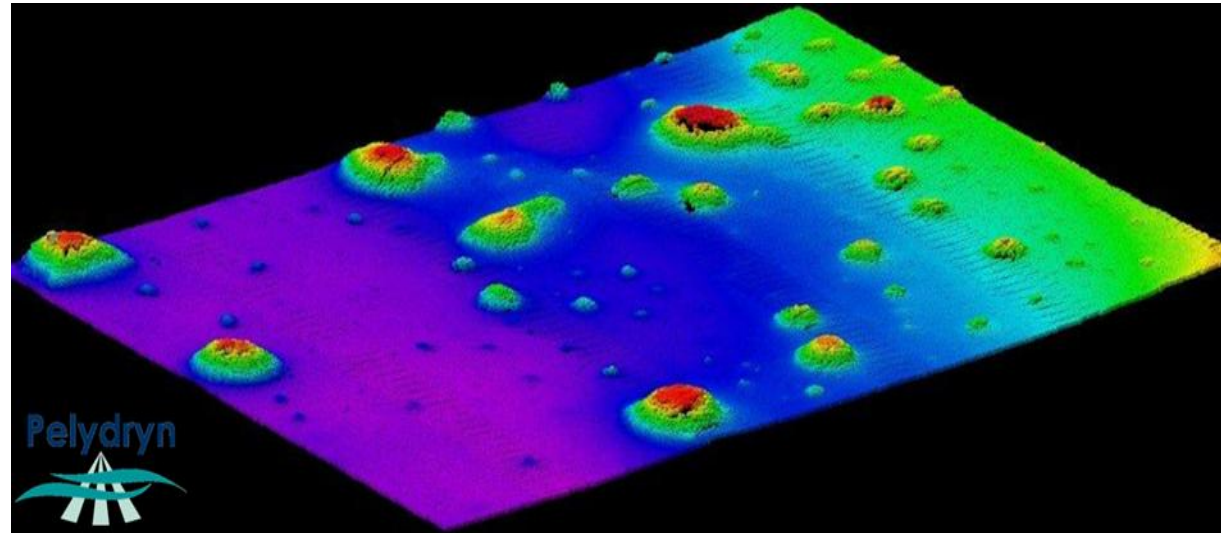
	MBES	ALB
Average cost per 1 km <sup>2</sup> of survey	3	1
Average cost of a 350 km <sup>2</sup> survey	3	1
Average time for a 350 km <sup>2</sup> (days)	35	2



# Current uses of combined Topo/bathy data

## Maldives: Ministry of Transport, Housing and the Environment

Climate Change / Sea Level Rise / Tsunami / Storm Surge Mitigation





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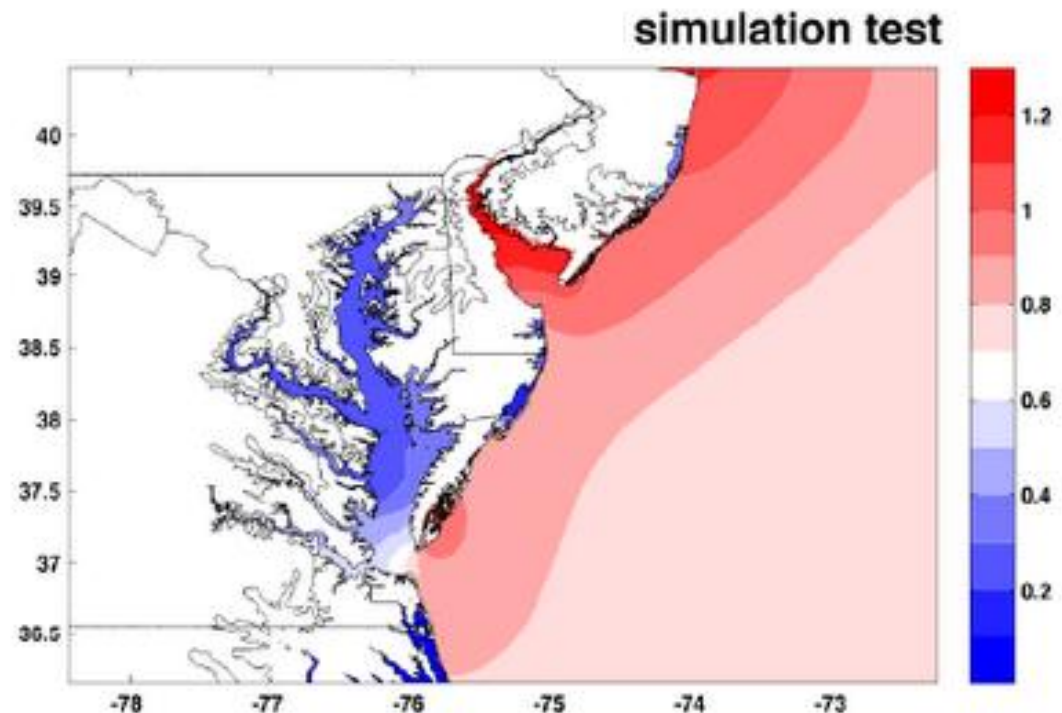
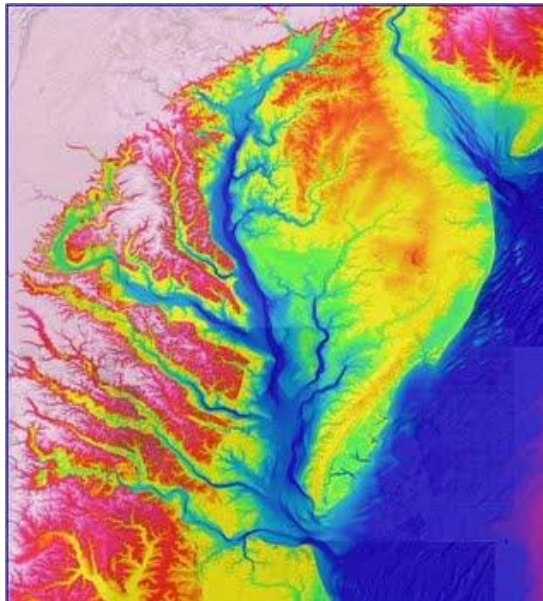




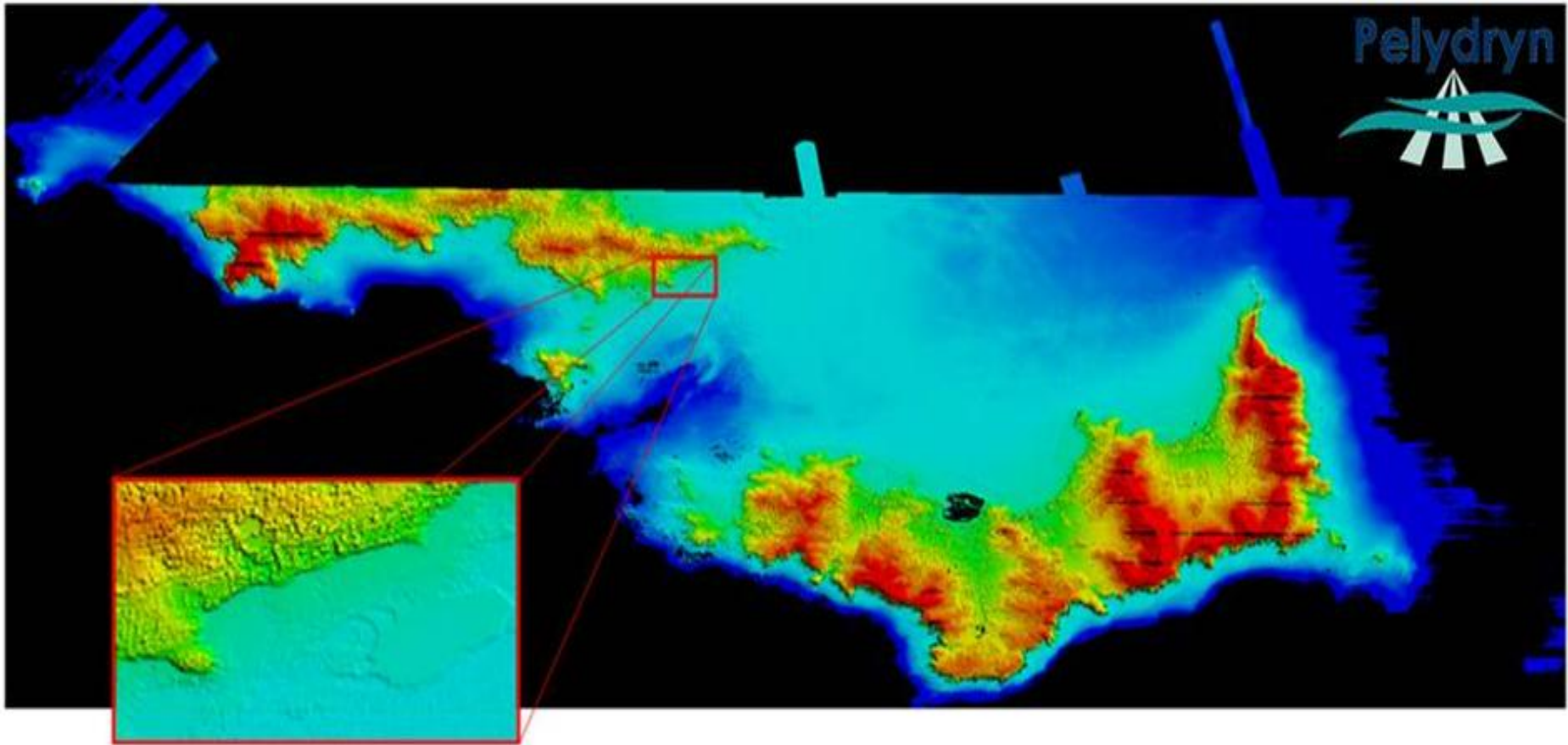
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## Storm Surge Modeling - NOAA

- **Ideal foundation dataset on which to base:**
  - Storm Surge/Climate Change modeling
  - Infrastructure design



# Current uses of combined Topo/bathy data French Hydrographic Office (charting)





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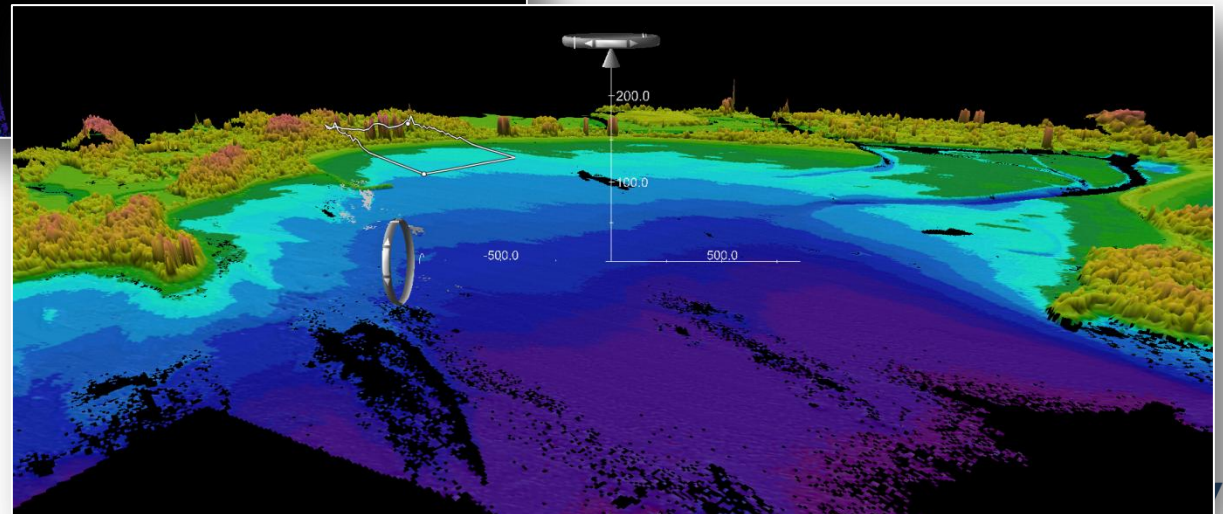
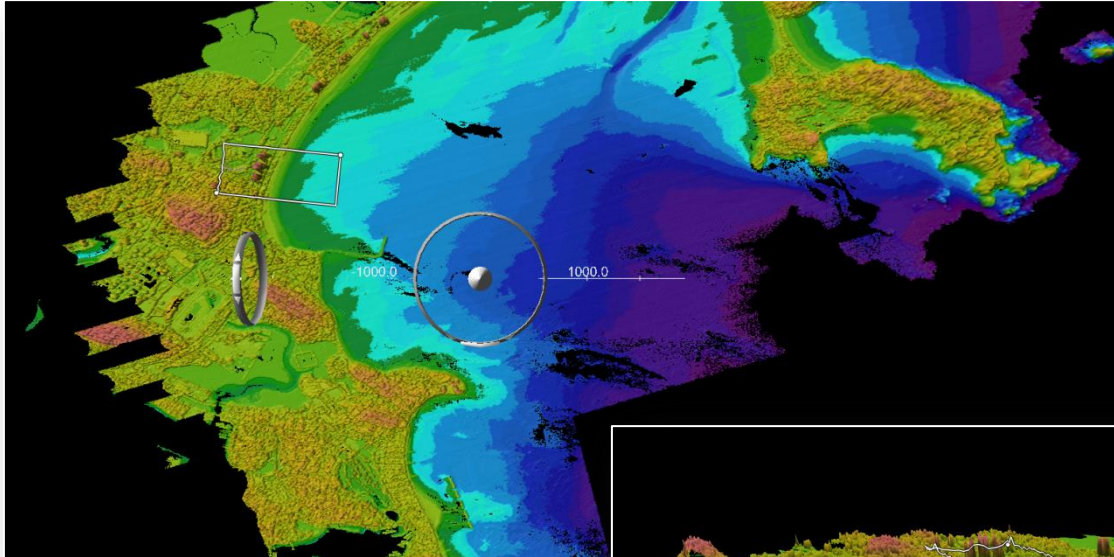


**Maine to New England  
Survey Area 1500 SqKm**

**US ACE National  
Coastal Mapping Programme**



# Current uses of combined Topo/bathy data New England, USA



Data shown courtesy of the USACE  
National Coastal Mapping Program.



# Current uses of combined Topo/bathy data Irish Government – EEZ Delineation



*Ireland – Not a place for rapid boat work! Mannin Bay,*

# Sharing between Agencies



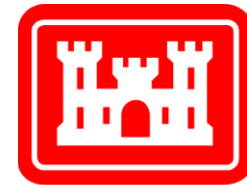
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