

IMPACT: a strategic partnership for sustainable development in marine systems and robotics

Marine Systems & Robotics Outline



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Blue Economy Data

- “All economic activities related to oceans, seas and coasts. It covers a wide range of interlinked established and emerging sectors” *European Commission*
- Ocean assets US\$24 trillion, *WWF*
- 3.5 millions jobs in the EU
- 71% Earth surface is covered by water



Application Domains: oil and gas



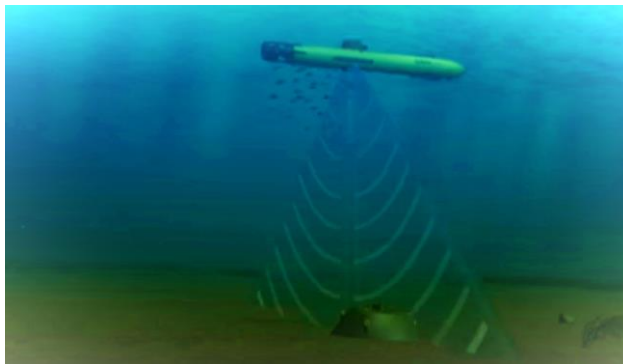
Application Domains: marine science



Application Domains: archaeology



Application Domains: defence

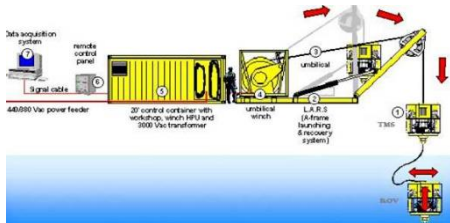


Challenges

Example of difficulties of human-driven robot



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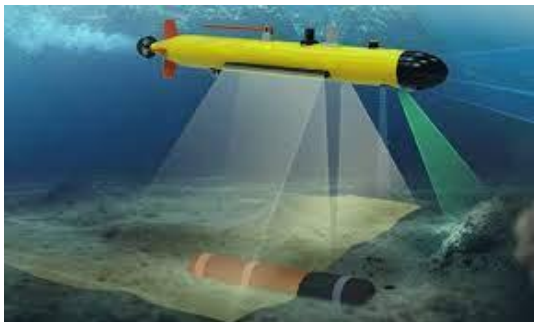
- + Human in the loop
- + Human decides
- + Lights
- + Live video-feed



- Human in the loop
- Human decides
- Support Vessel needed
- Pilot needed
- Cost very high!

Cave exploration?
Under-ice exploration?
Cable management?

Autonomous Underwater Vehicles - AUVs



Towards Intelligent and Capable Vehicles



Teleoperated, no autonomy

Smart ROV (e.g. autopilot)

Hybrid ROV



Autonomous, but “blind”

On-board sensor processing

On-board decision-making

Towards Persistent Autonomy

Topics we will look at:

- Components
- AUV Modelling
- Control of Underwater Robots
- Localisation in Challenging Environments

- Use Case: Diver-Robot Interaction

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Questions ?

