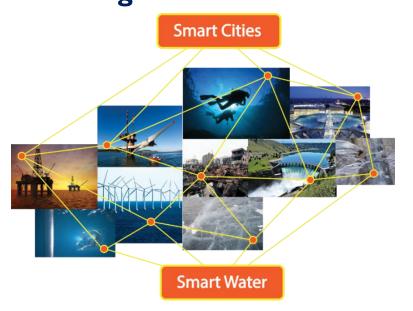




# Extending communications and navigation to the most challenging environments using Seatooth - ExtremeEdge IoT and Cloud Computing



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#### **Abstract**



Conventional diver communications and location systems are based on acoustic technology. The technology provides excellent medium range communications. Compact sonar systems provide effective location solutions. But acoustic technology is challenged by complex waters with high turbidity, thermoclines, biofouling and background noise. Acoustic systems can be readily detected.

Seatooth is radio based technology that provides secure, persistent communications in the most challenging environments. Developed with support from the UK MoD, Seatooth technology complements acoustic systems extending the operating envelope and offering new operating scenarios.

This paper provides an insight into Seatooth technology, its applications in the Ocean Industries and Defense and a summary of trials undertaken in November 17 at a SOCOMTE event in Key West.

## Agenda



- Technical challenges:
  - Extend Comms and Navigation to ExtremeEdge: underwater and underground
  - Persistent, covert, low cost
- Key advances
- ExtremeEdge IoT and Cloud Computing
- Underpinning Technologies
- Products and solutions
- Applications
- Summary and conclusions
- Backup



Seatooth wPAN - Wireless Jetboots Control

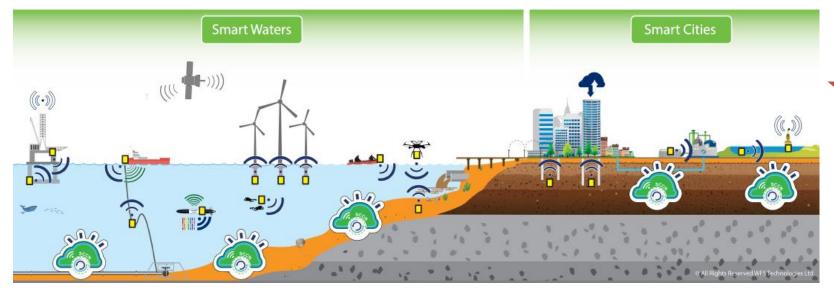


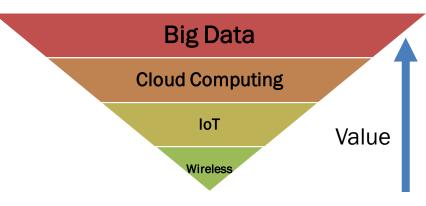
Seatooth Video - Total, Laggan Tormore, 800m

## Technical Challenge



- **Big Data** and low cost location are disrupting society
  - Collapse in cost of processors has led to collapse in the cost of data and location information
  - Low cost wireless technology is the enabler of IoT and Cloud Computing: Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, 3/4/5G, GPS....
    - → Improved productivity, safety & flexibility, reduced costs, new business models, new CONOPs
- Conventional wireless stops at the water/air and ground/air boundaries
- Technical Challenge: Extend Big Data & Location to underwater and underground environments





Extending Big Data to the ExtremeEdge

Wireless: the Enabling Technology

## Key Advances at WFS



• 250 man-year R&D program into low frequency radio & associated technologies

Seatooth/Terratooth:
 Efficient, covert, persistent wireless comms through water, ground, solids, metal

Seatooth Hybrid: Integrated Seatooth radios, acoustic, FSO (optical)

Seatooth Endure:
 Ultra-low power, Seatooth radio technology – 30 year battery life

Seatooth Navigation:
 Ultra low power, low cost, covert, GPS independent location

Seatooth Connect: Wireless data+power for AUV docking

Subsea/Underground Internet of Things:
 Bandwidth & power constrained wireless networks,

Edge analytics

Subsea/Underground Cloud Computing:
 Data permanently at the edge

Distributed and hybrid Cloud computing

AI/ML at the edge

Wide area 'Subsea GPS' location networks

Database synchronisation using AUVs

Hot-swap, connector-less devices

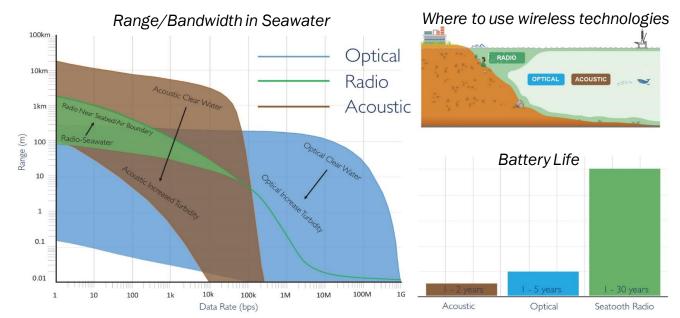
Digital Ledger (Blockchain) to manage asset data

• >300 patents filed

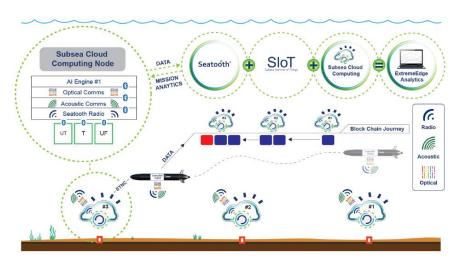
## ExtremeEdge IoT and Cloud Computing



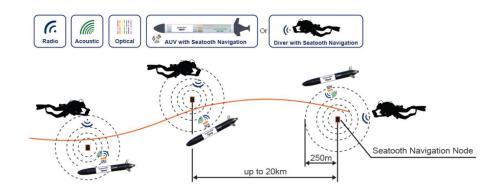
- Conventional wireless stops at air/water and air/ground boundaries
- Recent advances extend C4ISR & Location to ExtremeEdge
  - Subsea/Underground Internet of Things (SIoT/UIoT)
  - Subsea/Underground Cloud Computing
  - Subsea/Underground Navigation



Subsea Wireless come of Age - the future is Hybrid



#### ExtremeEdge Cloud Computing - Underwater



Seatooth Navigation – Persistent, Covert, GPS-independent location

## ExtremeEdge Applications



#### Ocean Industries

- Oil & Gas
- Subsea mining
- Alternative energy: wind/wave/tidal
- Environmental monitoring
- Submarine telecoms
- Aquaculture
- Fishing

#### Applications

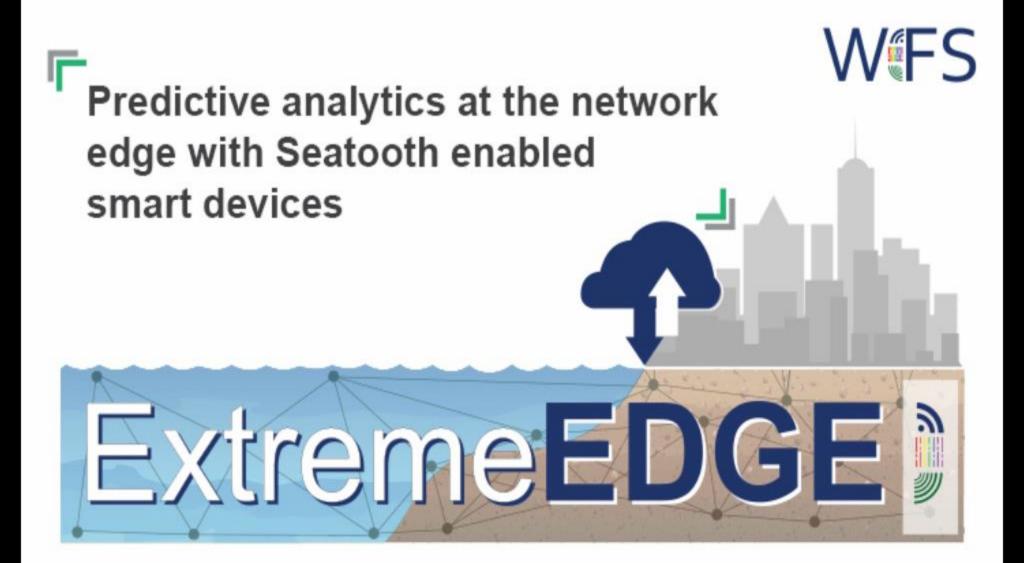
- Production optimisation
- Asset integrity automation
- Infrastructure monitoring & protection
- Environmental footprint monitoring
- Construction, maintenance, repairs

#### Defense

- Covert, comms and location
- Resilient to turbidity, buried, biofouling, bubbles
- Wireless through-boundary comms
  - Water-air
  - Water-seabed
  - Air-ground
- Up to 30 years between battery swaps

#### Applications

- Covert diver communications
- Covert wireless Personal Area Networks (wPAN)
- Diver health monitoring
- Diver training solutions
- Critical infrastructure protection
- Asset integrity automation
- Wide area sensor & navigation networks
- AUV comms, navigation, docking

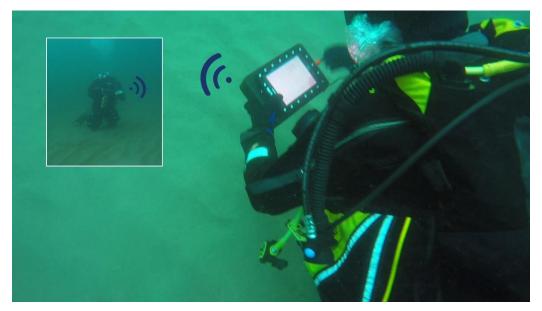


**Subsea Cloud Computing Networks** 

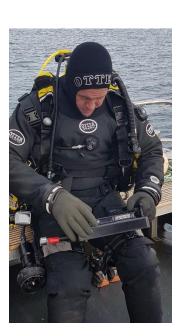
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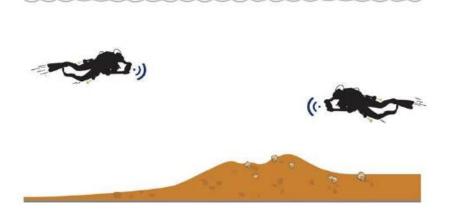


- Diver-diver text comms using Seatooth SWiCOM
- Range up to 10m
- Pre-configured messages and free text











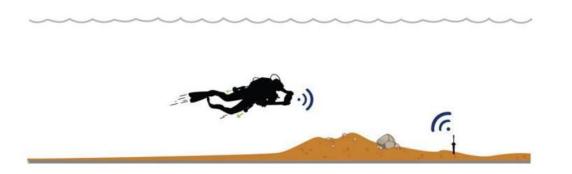
#### - Demo 2: Sensor Exfil

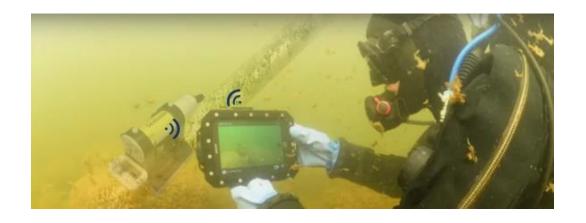


- Diver with Seatooth SWiCOM
- Remote sensor Seatooth PipeLogger
- Data harvested when within 5m
- Notes
  - Remote sensor up to 30 year operating life
  - Immune to burial, biofouling



Seatooth PipeLogger





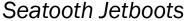
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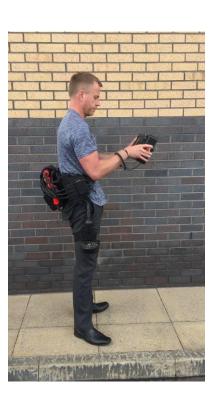
#### - Demo 3: Wireless Jetboots Control



- Seatooth SWiCOm used as wPAN for propulsion control
- Joint demonstration with Patriot3











#### - Demo 4: Diver Core Body Temperature Monitoring



- Seatooth Eers is industrial earpiece with integrated temp sensor and water pressure compensation
- Core body temperature monitored
- Local data storage, correction and analytics
- Seatooth SWiCOM provided User interface
- Data harvested when within 5m

#### Other diver health monitoring issues

- Immersion pulmonary oedema (IPE)
- Arterial gas embolism (AGE)
- Gas toxicity/hypoxia



Seatooth Eers





Seatooth wPAN



#### - Demo 5: Mission Control and Reachback using UAV

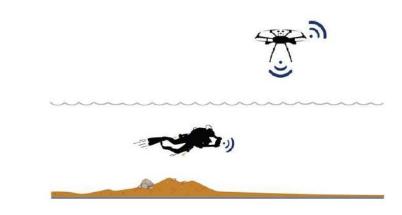


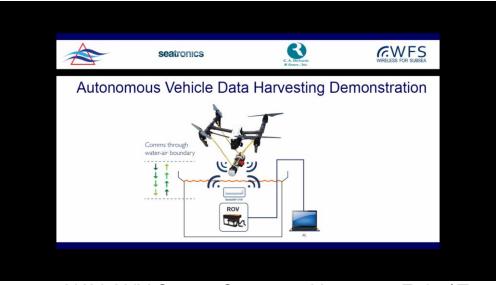
- UAV-to-diver/AUV/sensor comms
- Demo cancelled due to presence of helicopters
- Previous similar demos
  - HPT08, Kiel, Germany BAE Talisman AUV
  - Houston Feb 17, DJI drone/ROV





UAV-AUV 2-way Comms, HPT 08



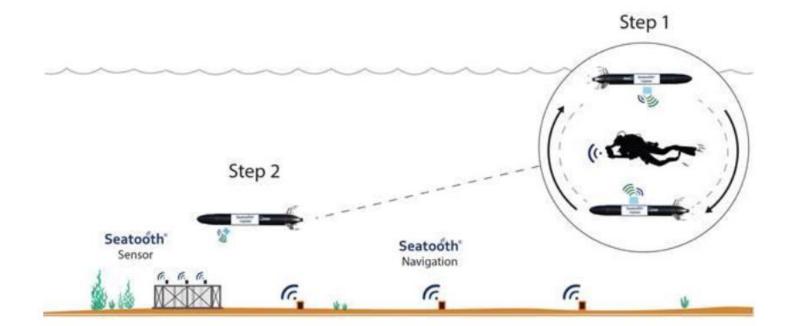


UAV-AUV 2-way Comms, Houtson Feb 17

- Demo 6: Remote Sensor Data Exfil using AUV



- Seatooth integrated with Riptide AUV
- AUV sent on mission to recover data from remote sensor
- Data provided to diver using Seatooth SWiCOM





Seatooth enabled AUV

#### - Feedback and Next Steps



#### Feedback

- Seatooth system provides reliable comms in water and through water-air
- Seatooth SWiCOM
  - Good text range
  - System too large
  - Touch-screen problematic
- Seatooth Jetboots
  - Full system too bulky
  - Interference from motors limits performance
- Seatooth AUV
  - Interference from motors limits performance

#### Next steps

- Seatooth SWiCOM
  - Investigating marinized smart phones with external buttons to improve User Interface
- Seatooth AUV/Jetboots
  - Developing ultra-low EMI motor drive for integration with motorised systems to optimise comms/navigation range and performance

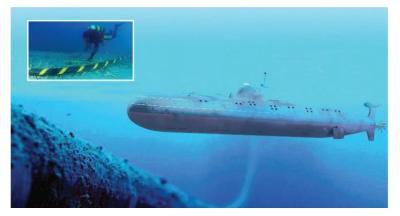
## Summary and conclusions



- Conventional wireless comms/location stops at water/air and air/ground boundaries
- Conventional subsea acoustic comms/location systems challenged by environmental conditions and battery life and not covert
- Innovations at WFS extend comms/location seamlessly through the water/air and air/ground boundaries
- Seatooth SIoT & SCCN systems are covert, persistent, resilient
- Oil & Gas is early adopter of SIoT to increase production, reduce costs and increase safety
- SIoT & SCCN are game-changer for Defense & security
  - Diver comms, location, health monitoring
  - AUV comms, location, monitoring
  - Critical infrastructure monitoring & protection



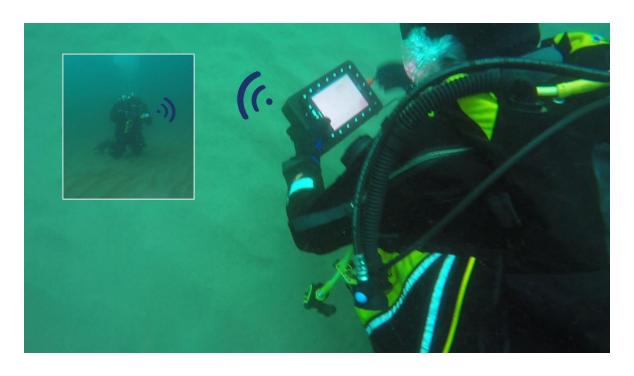
Diver comms, location, health



Critical Infrastructure Protection

#### Thank You





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# **B**ackup

## ExtremeEdge Products and solutions





Seatooth PipeLogger Mk2 Non-penetrating temp controller Process and seawater temp Temp: 0-100DegC +/- 2DegC Battery: up to 30 years



Seatooth PipeLogger-UF EOR automation Accuracy:+/- 2-5% Repeatability: +/- 2% Battery: up to 10 years



Seatooth PipeLogger-TI Seatooth Pipe
Non-penetrating temp controller Retrofit FMD/
Pipe-in-pipe or up to 4" foam corrosion mor
Temp: 0-100DegC +/- 5C Wall Thickness
Repeatability: 1DegC UT Accuracy: 0
Battery: up to 30 years Up to 8 UT ser



Seatooth CP Corrosion automation solution Stork Voltage/Current sensor Battery: up to 30 years



Seatooth PipeLogger-UT Retrofit FMD/ corrosion monitor Wall Thickness: <250mm UT Accuracy: 0.1mm Up to 8 UT sensors Battery: up to 30 years





Seatooth CTFM Fatigue management Real time & cumulative



Seatooth WiPS
Wireless Pressure/Temp
Integrated display



Seatooth Video Subsea wireless camera Battery: up to 8 hrs use Seawater Range: 3-5m



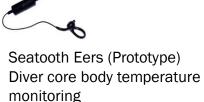
Seatooth SWiCOM Subsea wireless diver automation Seatooth wireless Android tablet Battery: up to 8 hrs continuous Seawater Range: 5-10m



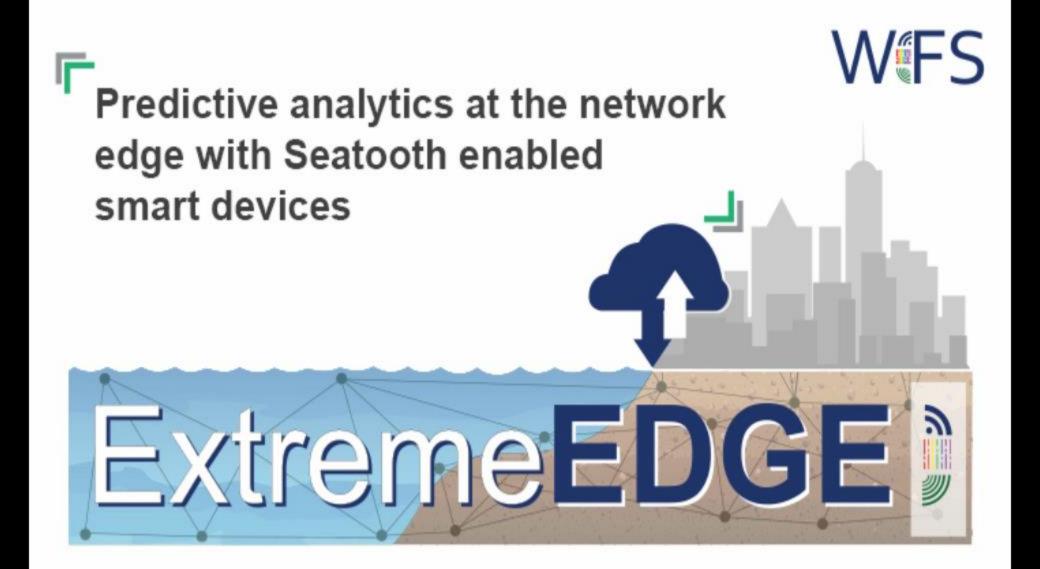
Seatooth Vibration
Fatigue, VIV, FIV
monitoring
Up to 1kHz
Battery: up to 5 years



Seatooth LightRope
Subsea wireless RFID
For diver and ROV
automation
Battery: 16 hrs; 2 yr standby
Seawater Range: 5m



Seawater range: 3-5m Battery: 16 hrs;



Platform Online Monitoring

## Leadership Team





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  - Location: Boston



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  - Location: London



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  - Location: Boston

### Selected WFS Customers and Deployments





ISE
International Submarine Engineering Ltd
Group of Companies

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**OCEANEERING** 

i-Tech7

ECOSSE Subseo Systems

Environment Agency

































































#### Selected References

## - Oil & Gas/Asset Integrity



| Date Installed | d Operator/Field                | Country     | Solution                              | Sensor Make                | Measured Parameter       | Operational History                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 2013           | Woodside, N Shelf               | Australia   | Packing valve video monitoring        | Bowtech                    | Video                    | Used during IRM campaign                            |
| 2014           | EnQuest, Don Southwest          | UK          | Export line temperatue monitoring     | RTD                        | Temperature              | Deployed under concrete blanket                     |
| 2014           | Talisman/Repsol                 | UK          | Flowline upheaval buckling monitoring | ;RTD                       | Temperature              | 20 systems supplied for deployment across UK assets |
| 2015           | Apache, John Brooks             | Australia   | Export line temperatue monitoring     | RTD                        | Temperature              | System installed Oct 15                             |
| 2015           | Petrobras, Santos Basin         | Brazil      | Coiled Tubing fatigue monitoring      | Strainstall,<br>Invensense | Strain, acceleration     | 10 x system deployments Aug - Dec 15                |
| 2015           | Total, Laggan Tormore           | UK          | Video monitoring of construction      | Bowtech                    | Video                    | Deployed 3 times furing 2015                        |
| 2015           | Taqa, N Cormorant               | UK          | Corrosion monitoring network          |                            | Voltage                  | Network of 14 nodes; commissioned 2H15              |
| 2015           | JAMSTEC                         | Japan       | Flow monitoring                       |                            | Flow                     | Qualification trials completed 4Q16                 |
| 2015           | Shell, Malampaya                | Philippines | s Rock dumping monitoring             | GE                         | Pressure                 | Deployed 2Q15                                       |
| 2016           | DRDC                            | Canada      | Submarine corrosion monitoring        | Stork                      | Voltage, Current         | Deployed Oct 16                                     |
| 2017           | Quadrant Energy, John<br>Brooks | Australia   | Export line temperatue monitoring     | RTD                        | Temperature              | Deployed 1Q17                                       |
| 2017           | BP/SD2,                         | Azerbijan   | Pipeline Pre-commissioning automation | Yokogawa                   | Pressure,<br>Temperature | Deployed 2H17                                       |
| 2017           | YFP                             | Nigeria     | Export line temperatue monitoring     | RTD                        | Temperature              | Deployed 1H17                                       |