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# ANALYSING AND CLEARING MINES IN THE BALTIC SEA



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# AGENDA

- **Use of sea mines in Baltic sea**
- **Baltic sea environment (effect to ML and MCM)**
- **Use of MCM system (Latvian Navy)**
- **Mission analyse and COA**
- **PMA**



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# USE OF SEA MINE IN LATVIAN TTW



- WW I & WWII
- choke points
  - Irbe strait
- Approaches to harbours
- Anti landing
- Primary using mine line
- Approaches to harbours but not in harbours
- No deep-water ML
- Variable mine delivery systems (surface, sub surface, air)





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# BALTIC SEA ENVIROMENT

## Bottom Type

- Various Bottom type from A to D
- High Clutter density
- Sand with rock
- Mine could be hidden

## No influence from current and tides

## Sonar conditions

- In summer SVP have impact on MCM OPS
- At depth layers are expected

## Areas with mixture with fresh water ( Riga bay) creates challenges for MCM OPS

## MCM planers to take into account

- SVP statistics
- Previous data from RS OPS
- MCM sensors capabilities and planed mission set
- Calculated A&B values could be different from realistic

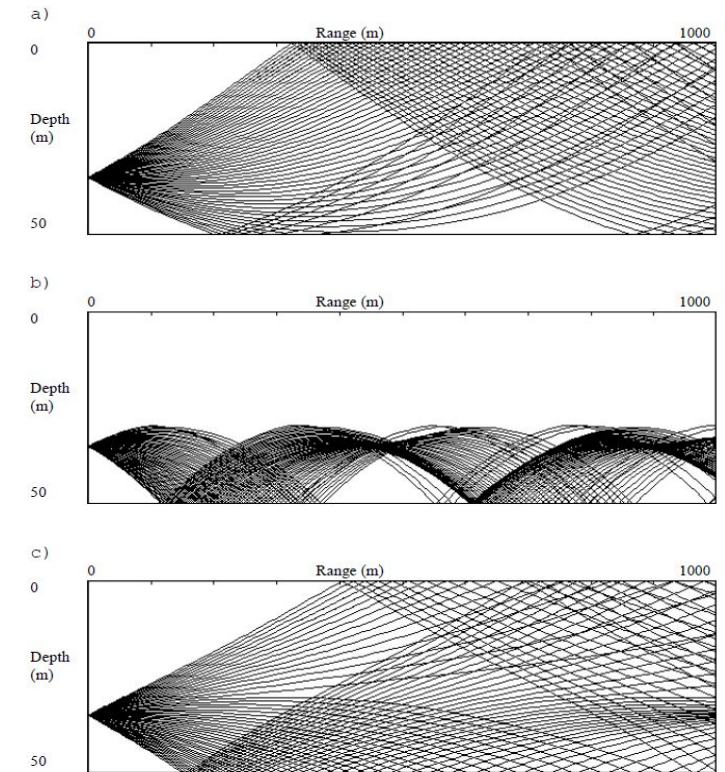


Figure 7.3 Raytraces for Site C. (a) March, (b) August, and (c) December.



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**PRIORITIES**

- BOSP
- National requirements
- Combat readiness sustainment requirements
- National MW DC

**PLANNING**

- Number of units available
- National requirements
- Combat readiness sustainment requirements
- Proper MCM system

**EXECUTION**

**POST MISSION ANALYSES**

- National MW DC
- BOSP
- National maritime administration





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- **Number of platforms to be upgraded : 3 MCMV**
- **Type of unmanned systems: medium size AUV with SAS**
- **Upgraded platforms to be able to conduct MCM :**
  - **Against all type of mine at the depth until 300m**
  - **In wide range of environmental conditions**
  - **Operate expeditionary**
- **Replace “old” MWDC software IAW STANAG**
- **Two operator places should be in use for MWDC structure**





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# MCM UPGRADE PROGRAMM

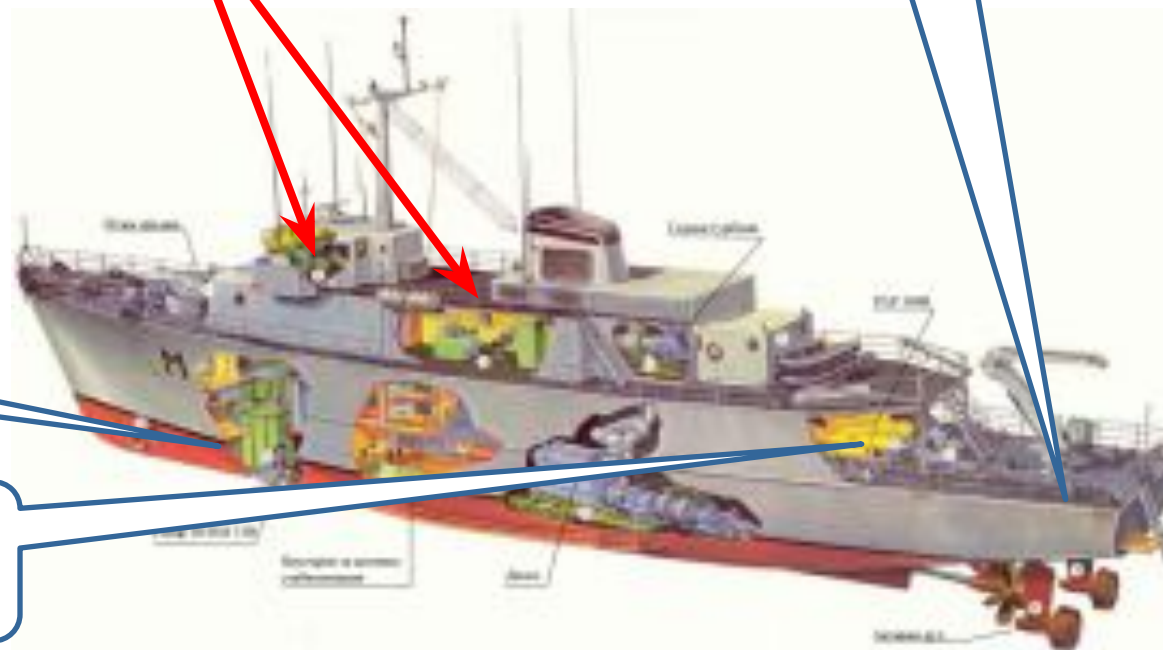


**Command & Control  
WECDIS, MCM P&E**

**Midsize  
AUV with  
SAS**

**HMS  
DUMB-21B**

**New ROV  
system**



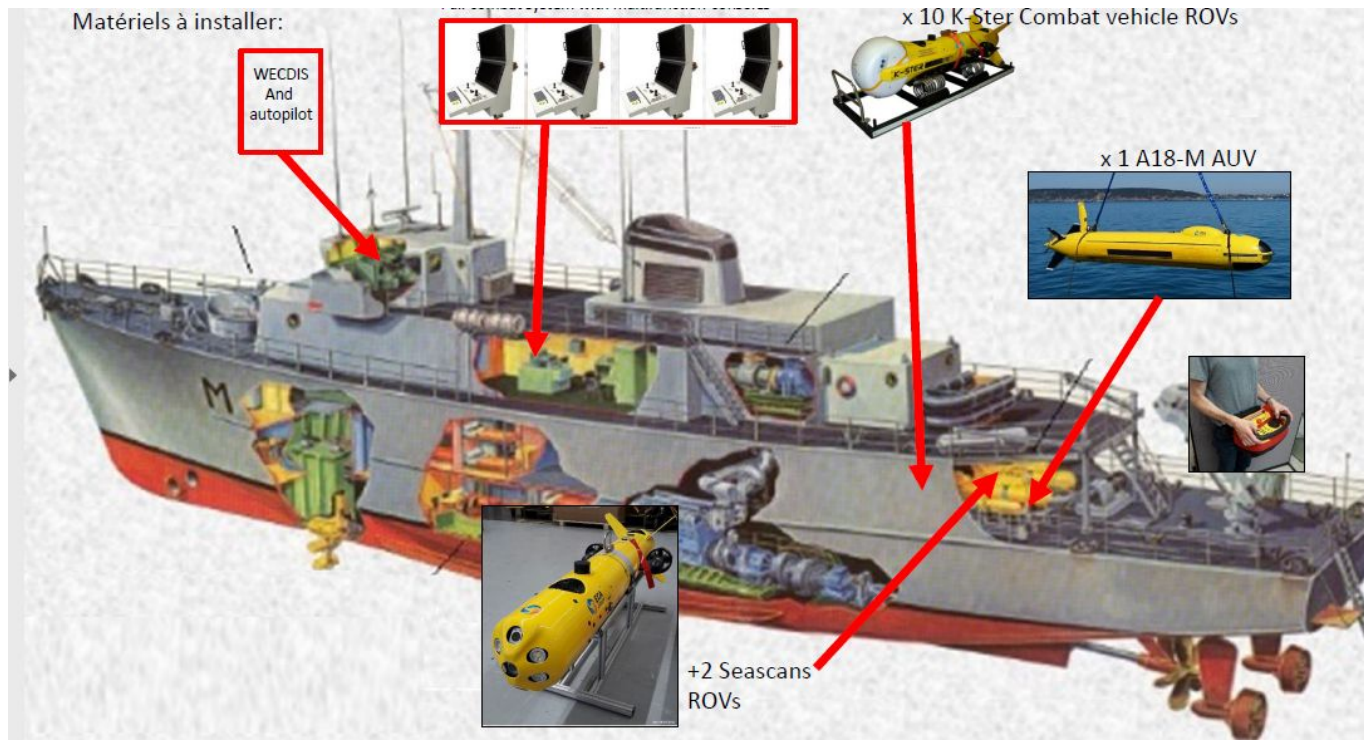




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# SUPPLIERS AND TIME LINE

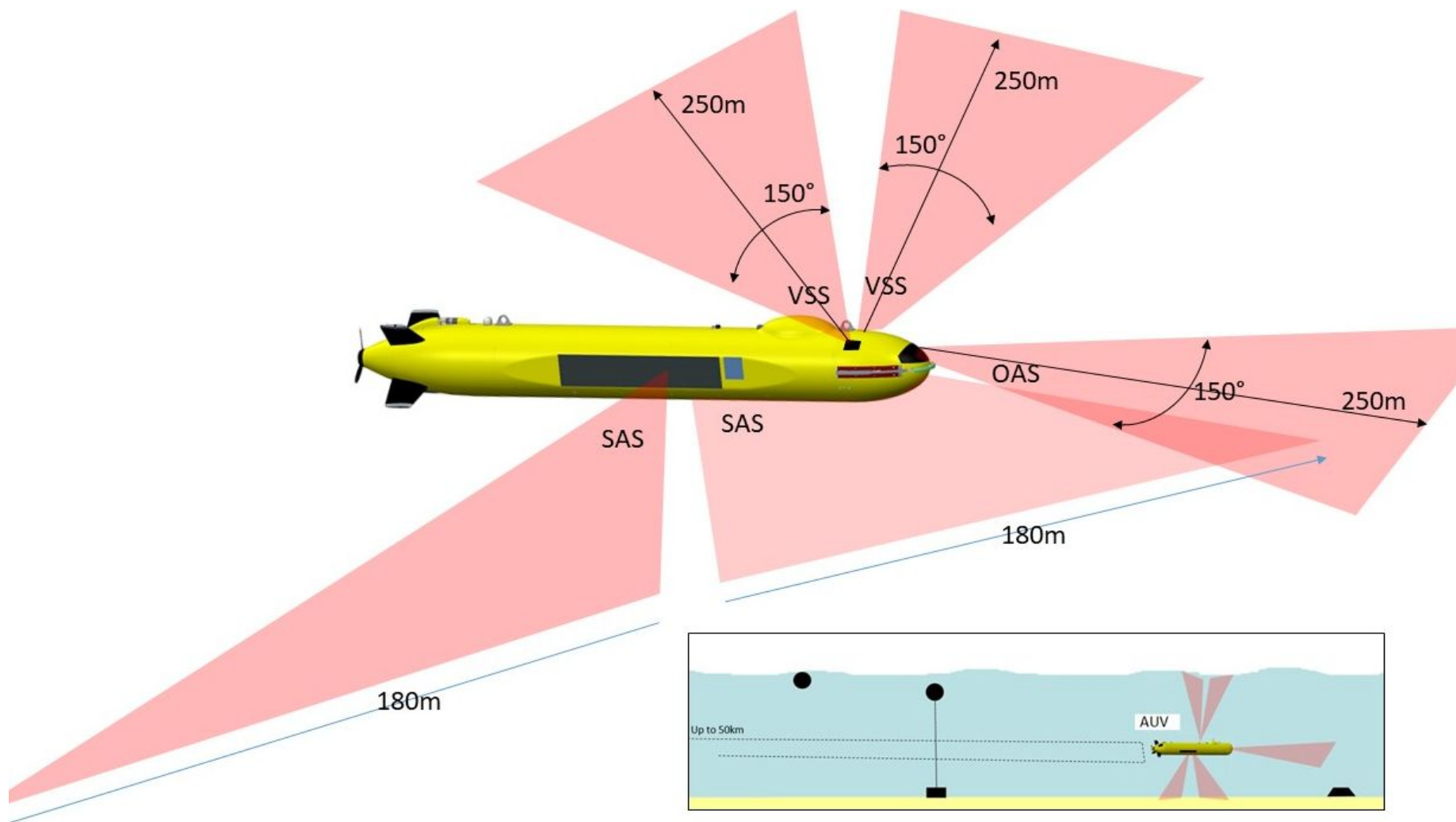
- ECA Robotic (EXAIL) is main supplier with cooperation iXblue, SIREHNA, SFS and Latvian local industry





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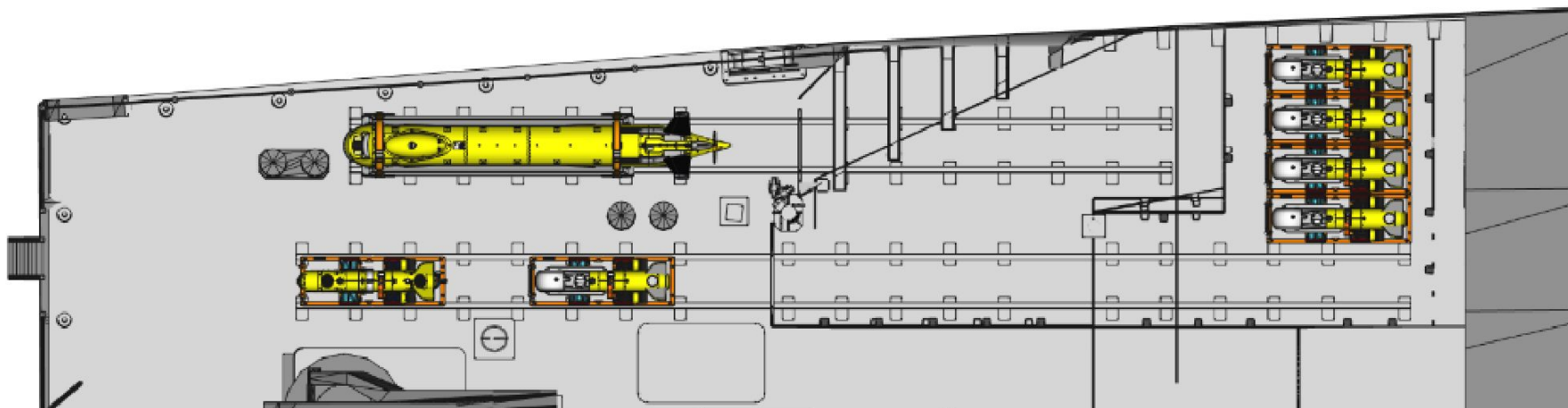
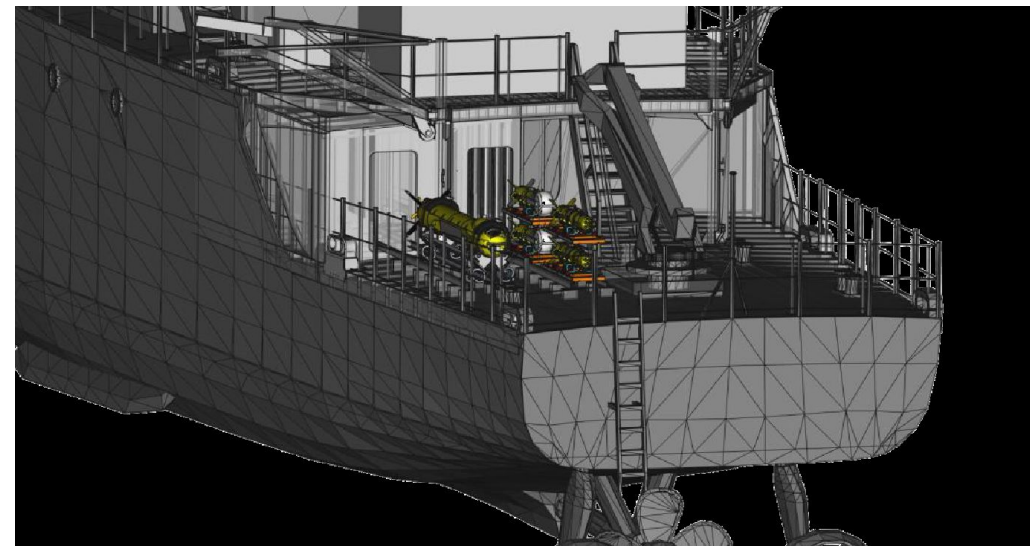
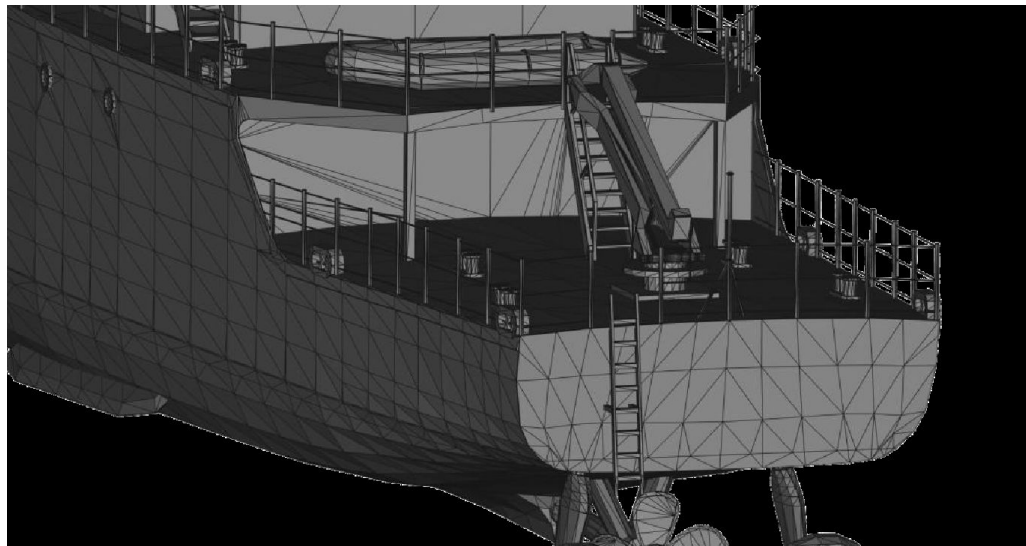
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# NEW DRONES ROOM (AUV AND K-STER )







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# EXAMPLE OF EXPECTED ROV TIMES

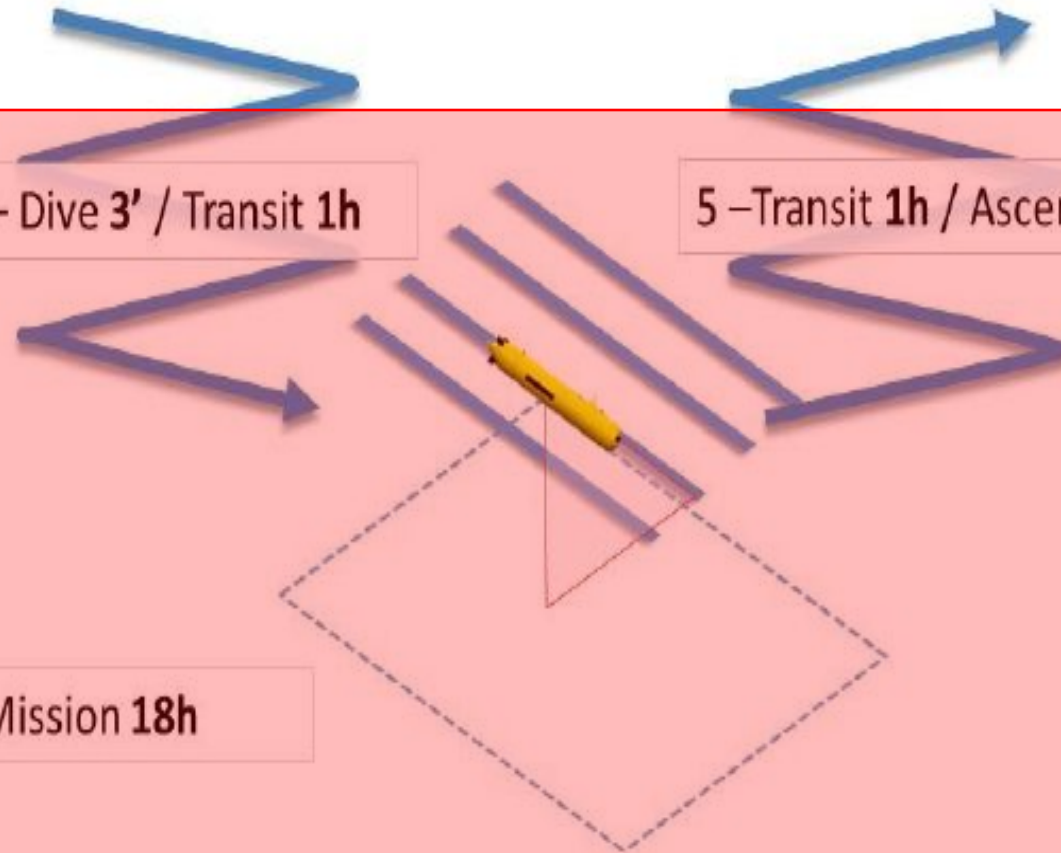


**MTA**

3 - Dive 3' / Transit 1h

5 - Transit 1h / Ascent 3'

4 - Mission 18h

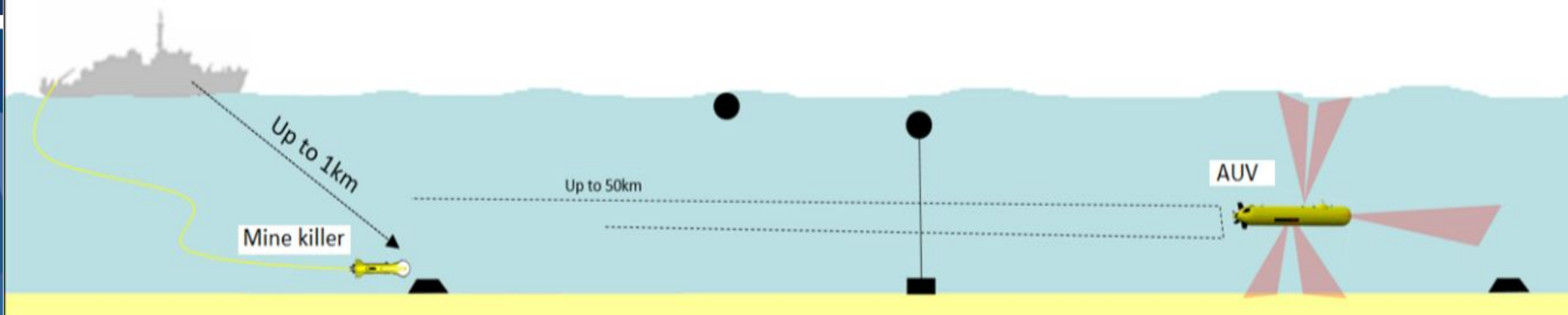




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# OPERATING DISTANCES







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# MISSION ANALYSE AND COA INSIGHTS

- New capabilities to provide better results
- Due to improved technique more MILCO
- Reduced environmental impact
- Accuracy
- Reliability of previously acquire data under question mark
- Probably Re-inspection of previously inspected area is required
- High amount of MCM related data during MA time
- Choose the proper MCM assets and sensors
- MWDC as essential element in MCM C2 system
- Peace time MCM OPS ( historical, ROUTE SURVEY)
- MWDC role in PMA
- Data sharing
- PMA on board and at the shore MWDC



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# QUESTIONS