
FERNSAMS: FULLY REMOTELY CONTROLLED TUGBOAT CONCEPT INCLUDING AUTONOMOUS ASSISTANCE

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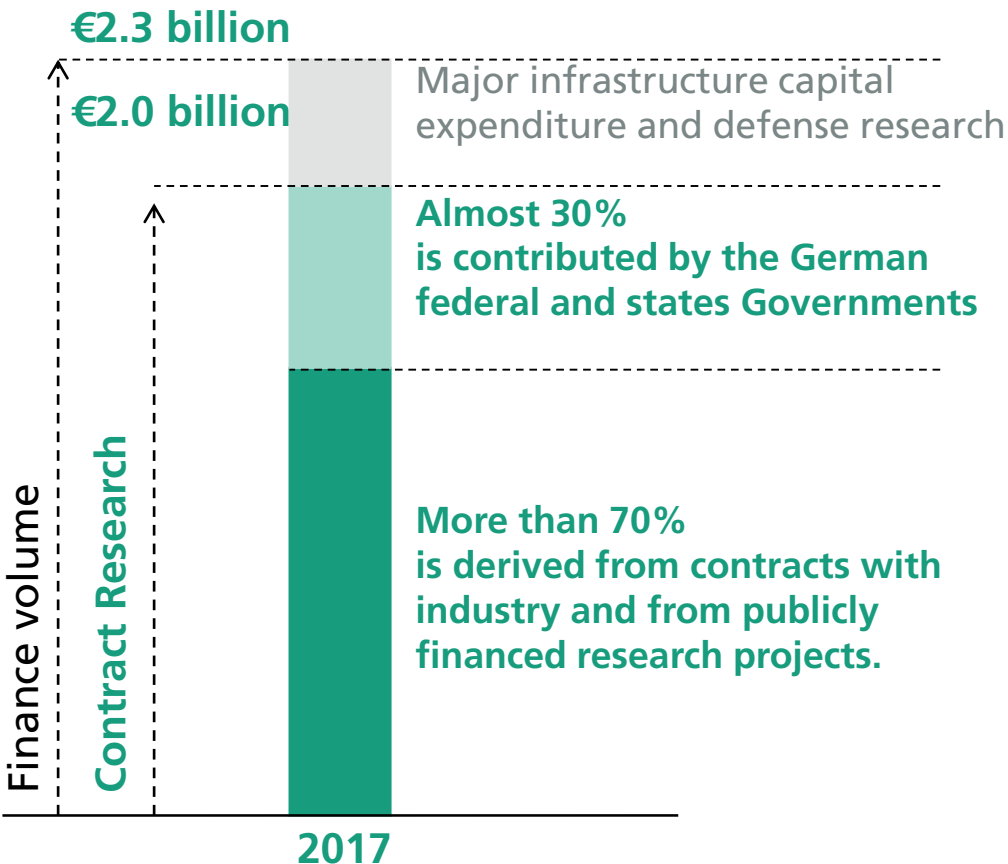
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The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft at a Glance

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Fraunhofer CML is rapidly growing as an integral part of the Fraunhofer research community

■ General Information

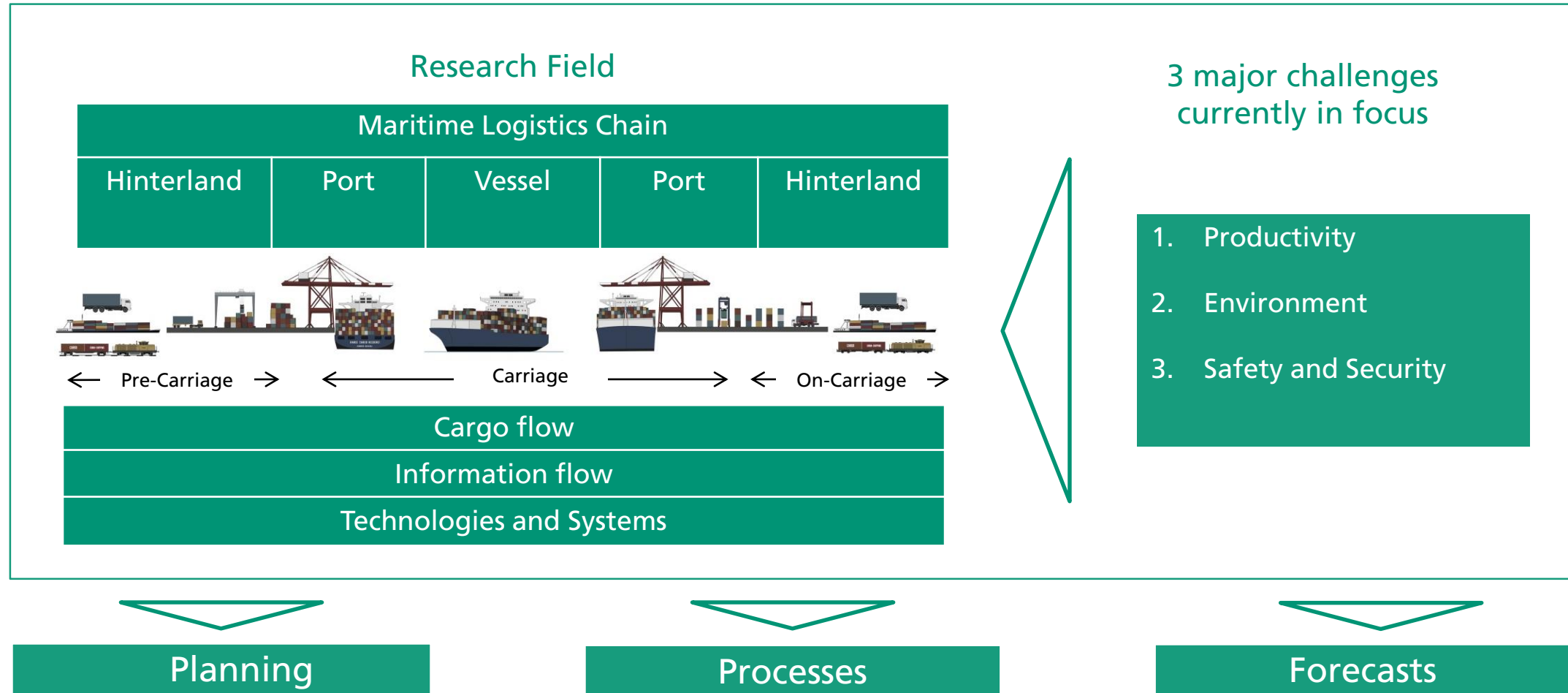
- Applied research in maritime logistics and services
- Founded 2010 in Hamburg
- Located at the campus of TUHH
- Research Network with
 - TUHH
 - Fraunhofer IML
 - Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft

■ Staff

- Dynamic growth
- Various qualifications
- Director: Prof. Jahn (CML + TUHH)



Fraunhofer CML addresses major challenges along the maritime logistics chain with 3 research areas



Sea Traffic and Nautical Solutions

In short

Focus

- **Nautical safety and risk analyses** for maneuver optimization, planning approval purposes and port layout assessment
- **Developing innovative nautical technologies** and processes

Tools

- **Three ship handling simulators**
- **European Maritime Simulator Network**
- **Autonomous vessel test-bed**
- **AIS-supported analyses of maritime traffic and route management**



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For fremtiden behøver kaptajnen ikke at sejle med skibet. Fjernstyres skibet pr. radio, kan han sidde hjemme og besørge arbejdet.

In Zukunft braucht der Kapitän nicht mit dem Schiff zu fahren. Wird das Schiff pr. Radio ferngelenkt, kann er die Arbeit zu Hause ausführen.

In future it will not be necessary for the captain to steer the ship. If the ship is remote-controlled he can do the work from an easy chair at home.

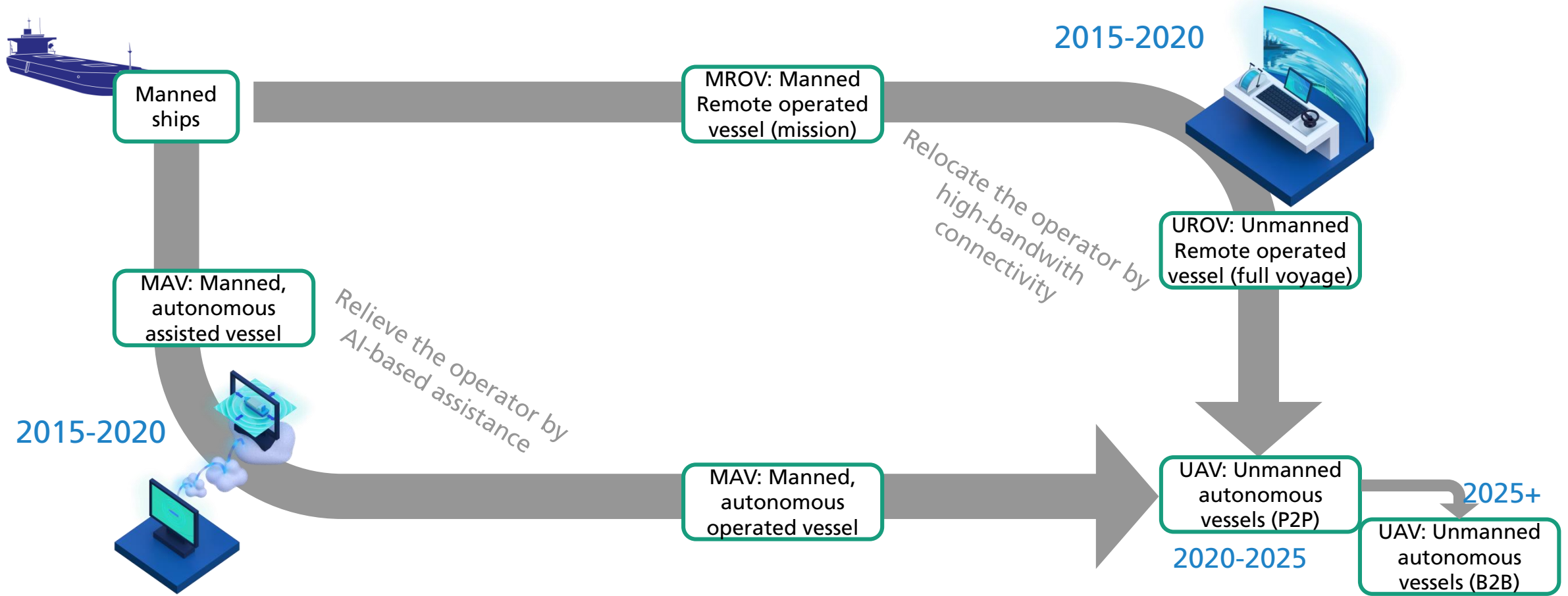
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Autonomous Ships

The race between remote-control and autonomy



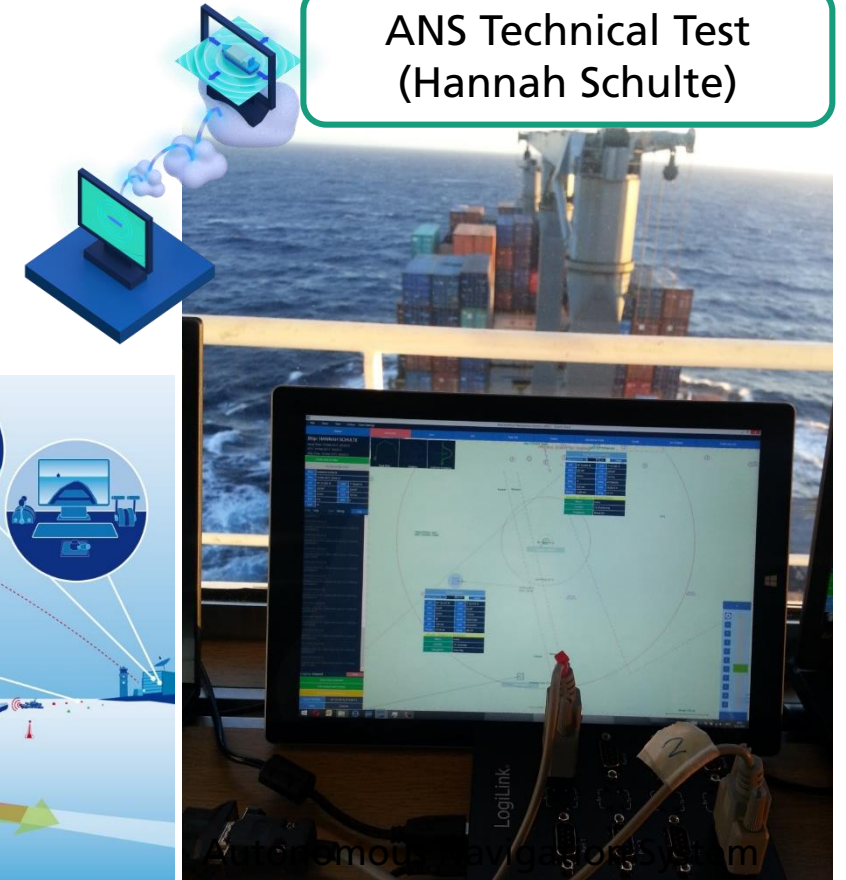
Autonomous Ships

Fraunhofer CML's origin

Simulation-based
test-beds (DSME)



ANS Technical Test
(Hannah Schulte)



Autonomous Ships

Emerging low-hanging use-cases

Inshore

Offshore

Trondheim
Passenger Ferry



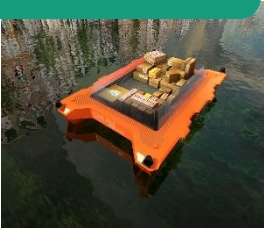
Trondheim
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Hrönn Offshore
Support



Roboat



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Yara Birkeland



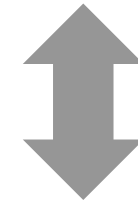
Autonomous ships

Tug's remote potential



Harbour tug characteristics

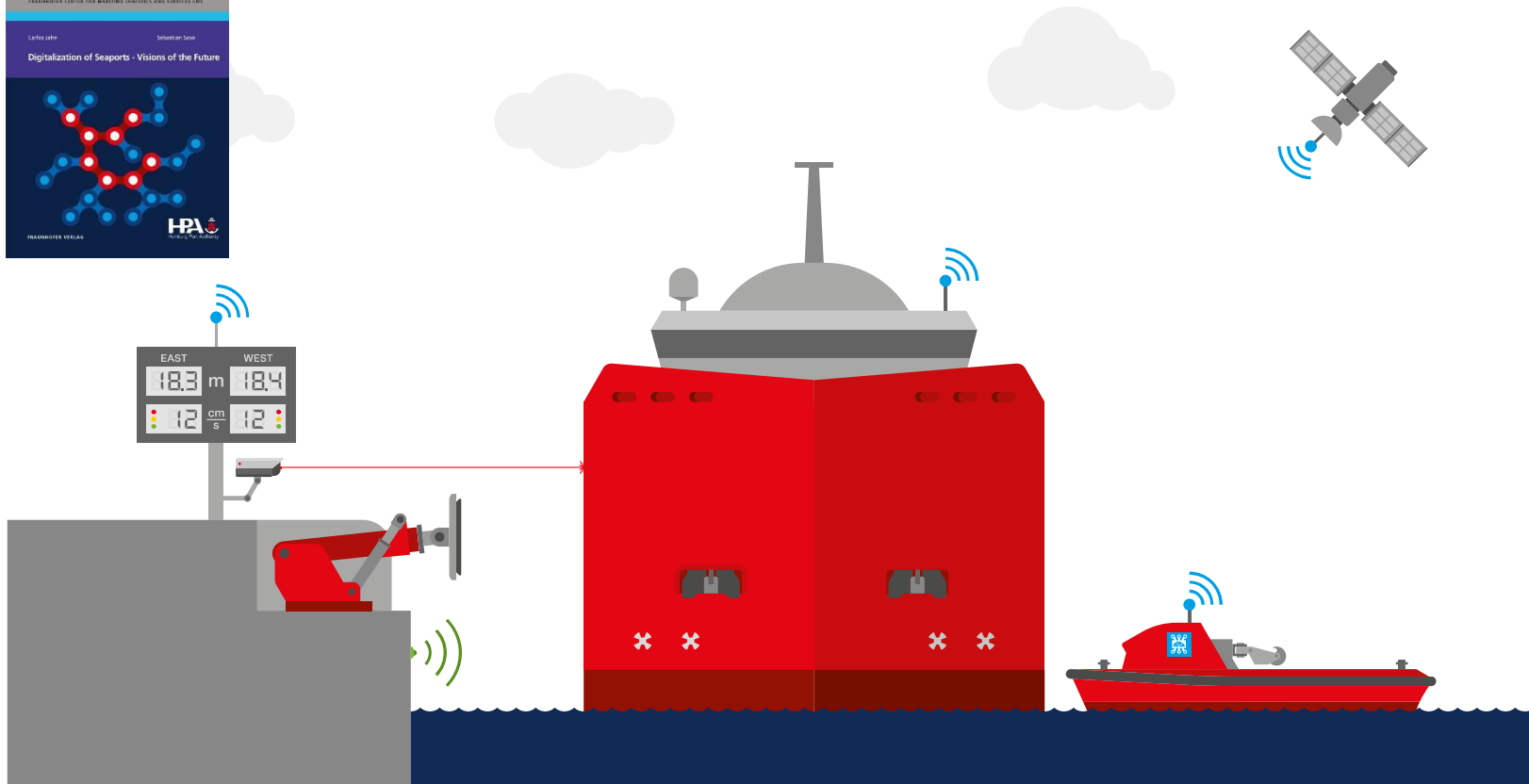
- Highly qualified personnel during tug operations



- Long idle and waiting times (especially in tidal ports)
- Very risky work environment

Smart port vision

Automated mooring and tug systems



Expected effects

■ Safety

- crew safety
- Less damages in ports

■ Efficiency

- Optimized maneuvers
- Better HR utilisation

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In short



■ Objective

- Deployment of remote-controlled tugboats for berthing and unberthing maneuvers of large merchant ships

■ Approach

- Definition of operating scenarios and identification of requirements
- Design of a remote-controlled tugboat, automation of line handling, development of a communication and data exchange systems as well as an assistance system for remote operation
- Development of a simulation model for training, testing and validation purposes
- Test and validation by ship handling simulators and model boats

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Use cases investigated



■ Scope

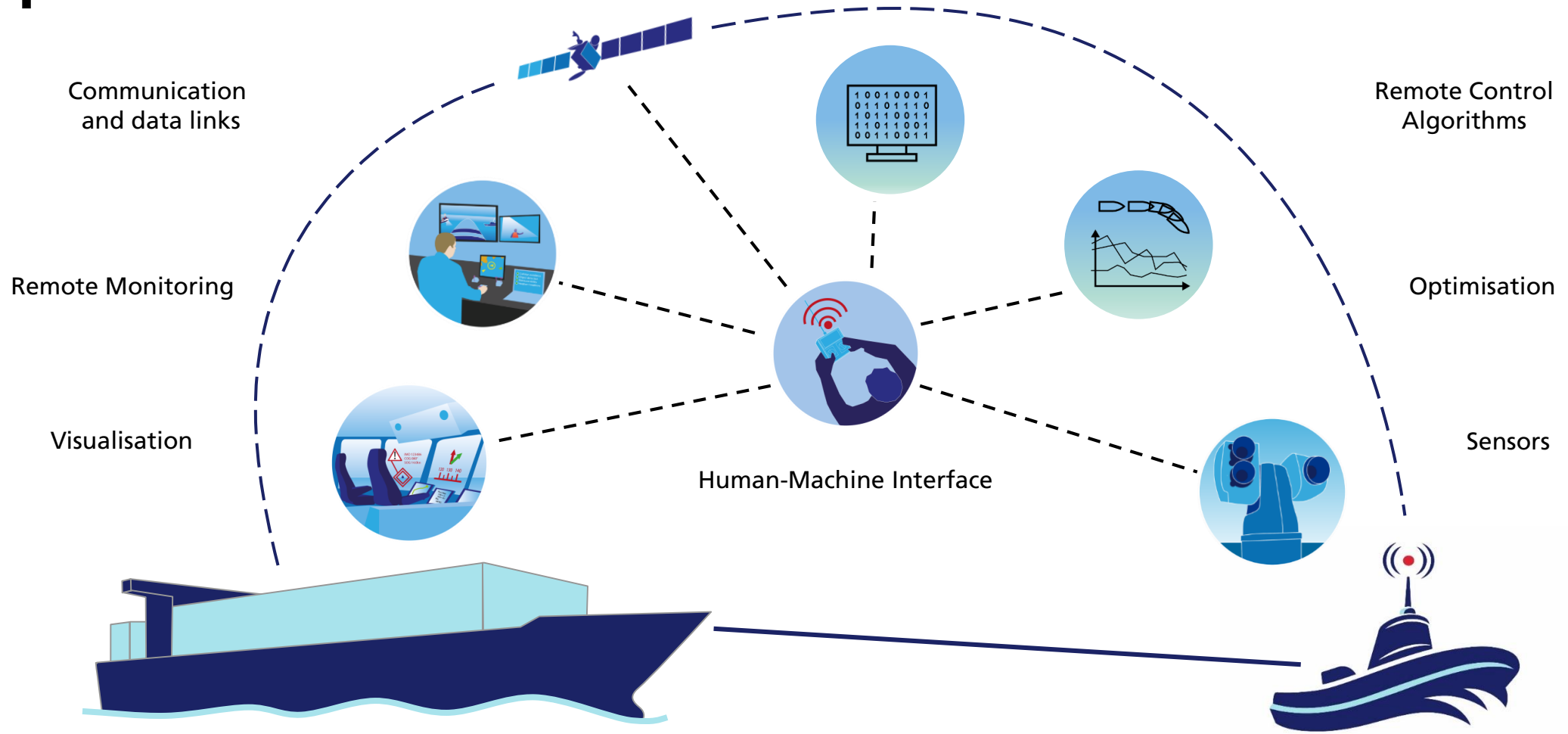
- Berthing and un-berthing (Push and pull)
- Turning
- Lock
- Fire fighting
- "Simple" Escorting

➔ Normal Harbor tug operations

■ Not investigated

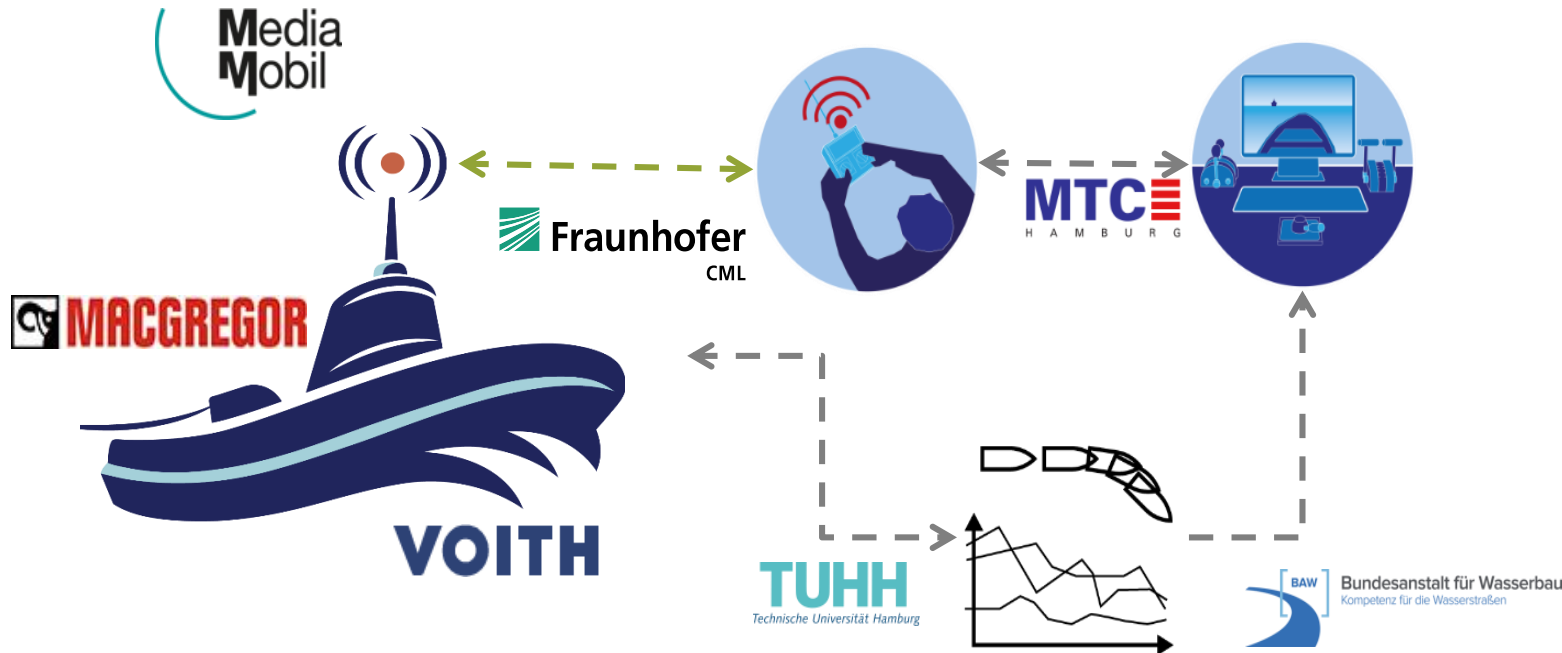
- Pilot transfer
- Salvage
- "Real" Escorting
- Multiple tug control

FernSAMS Scope



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Consortium partners



Industry

- Propulsion/Design: Voith
- Line handling: MacGregor
- Comm: MediaMobil
- Operations/Training: MTC

Research

- Autonomy: Fraunhofer CML
- Hydrodynamics: TUHH
- Simulation: BAW

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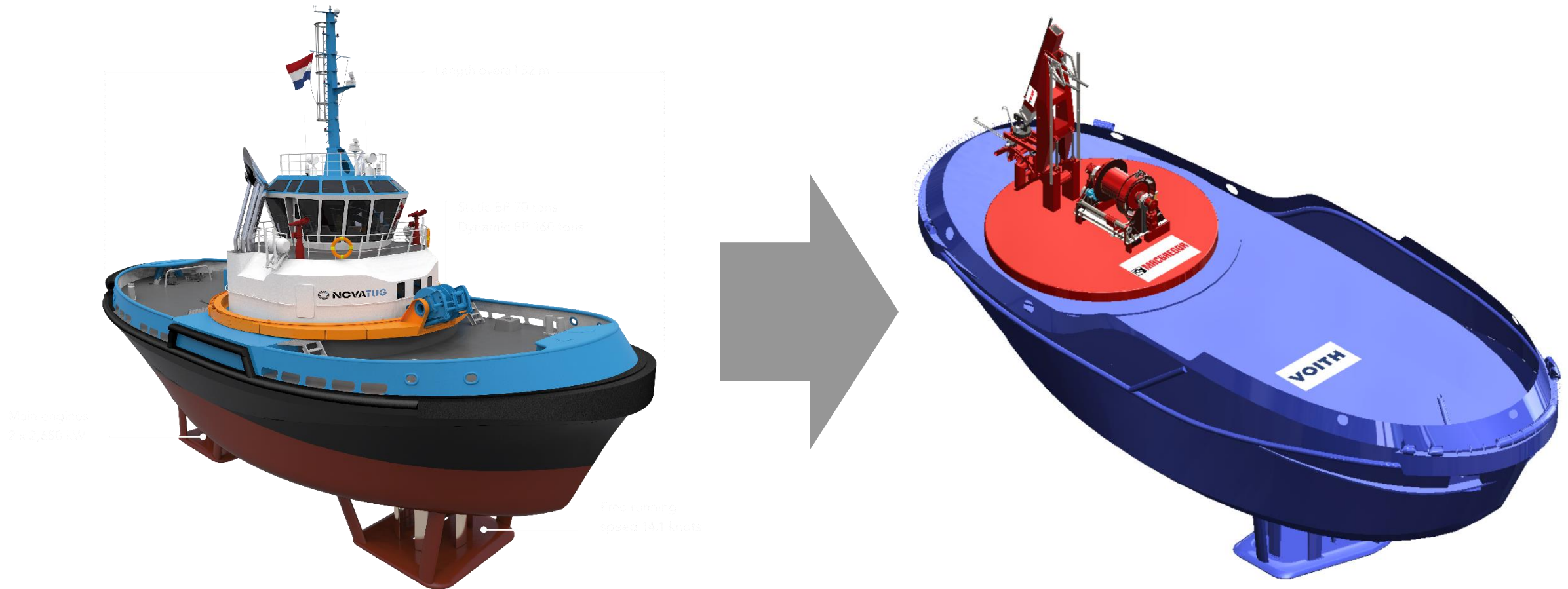
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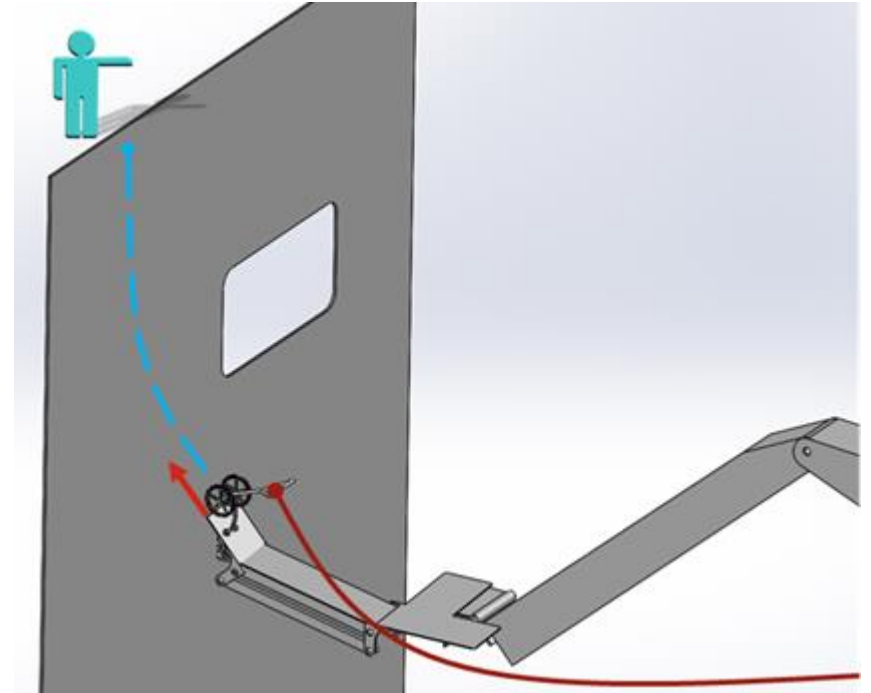
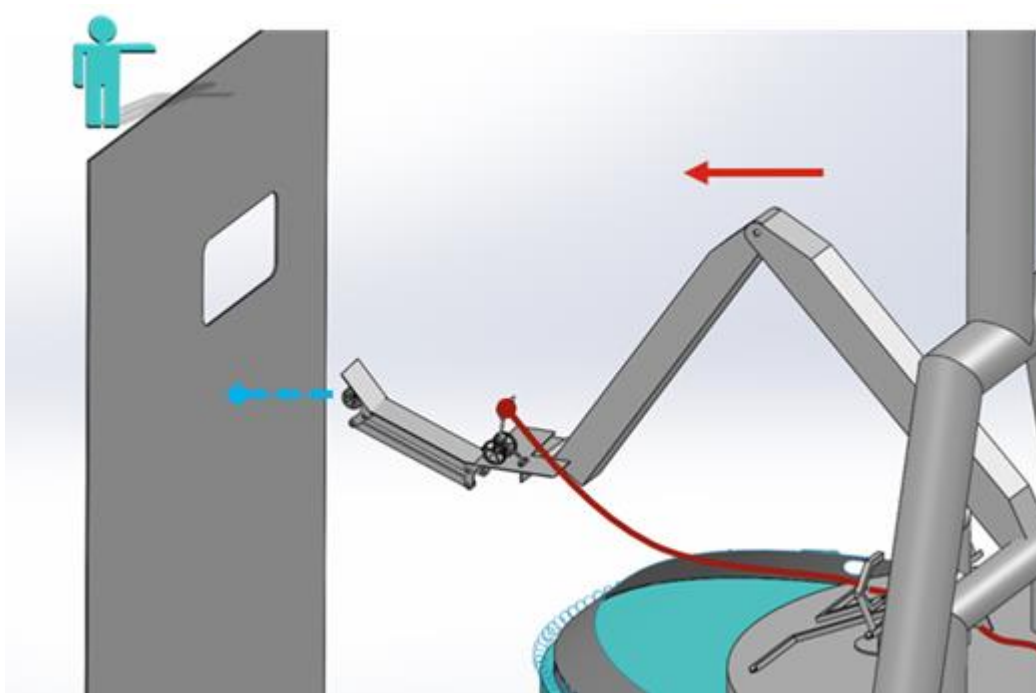
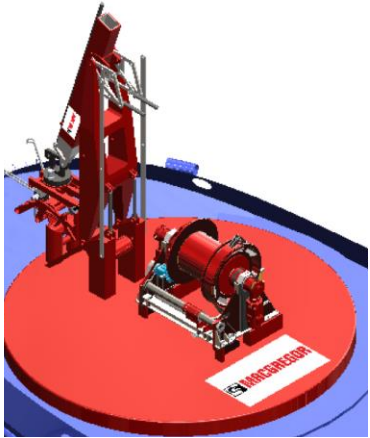
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Carousel tug's usability for remote operations



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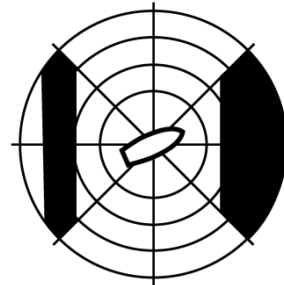
Multiple approaches for automated line handling



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Tasks of Fraunhofer CML

- Remote Assistance System on TRL 6-7
- Human Machine Interface
- Sensor system for pure remote operation (> 1h)



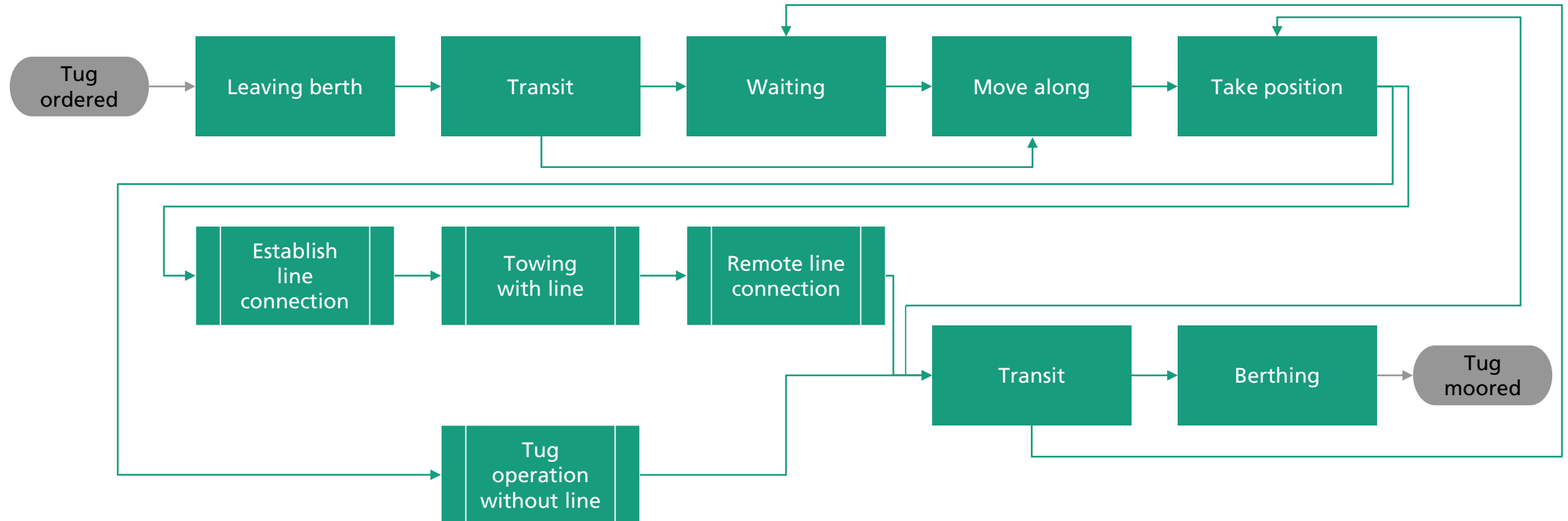
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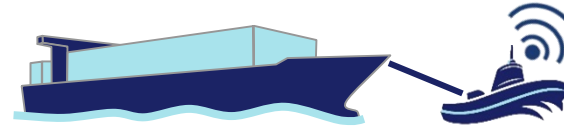
Process chart harbour tug (high level)



FernSAMS Concept

Principles for remote control

(Remote) control from own tug



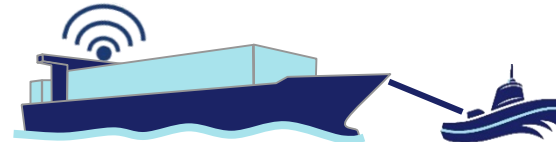
Remote control from second tug



Remote control from third party ship



Remote control from towed vessel



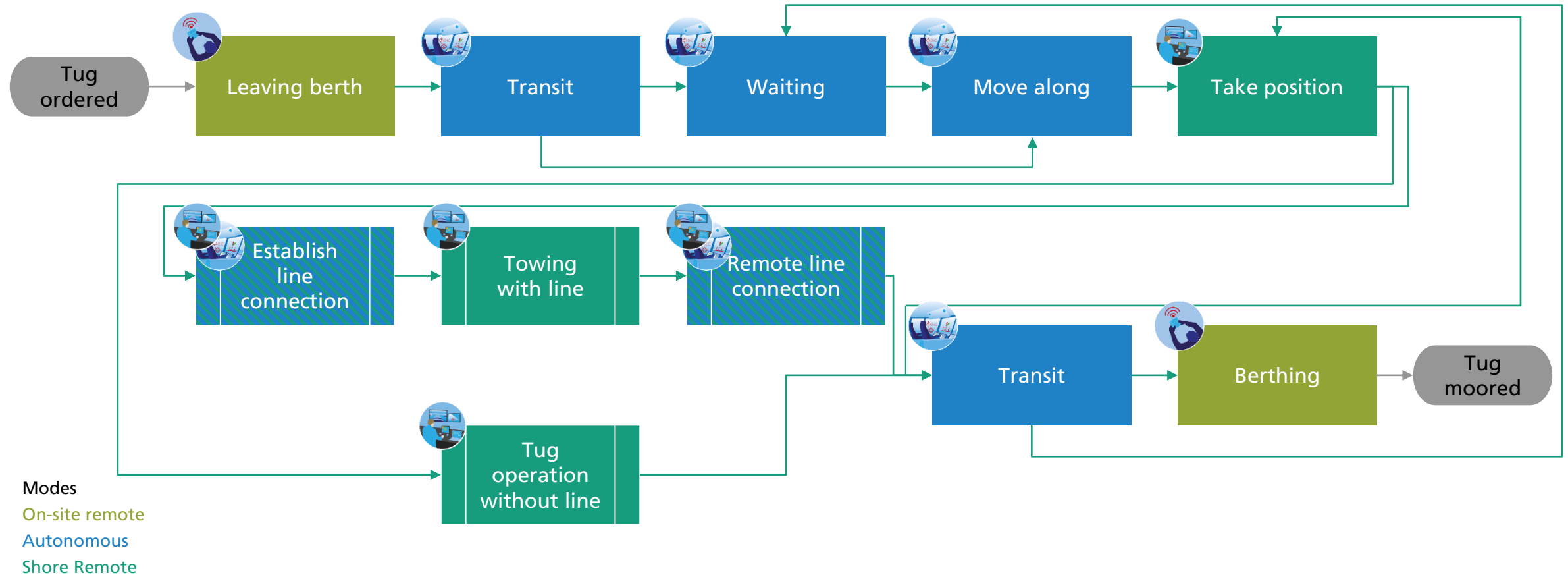
- Pilot
- Remote tug captain

Remote control from shore station



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Interaction of remote control and autonomy



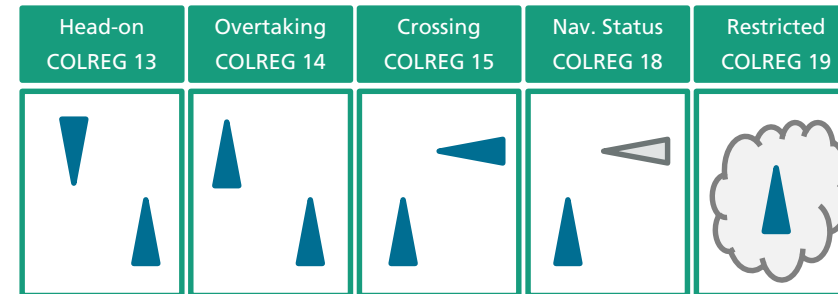
UAV Technology Status

AutoOOW - Collision avoidance module



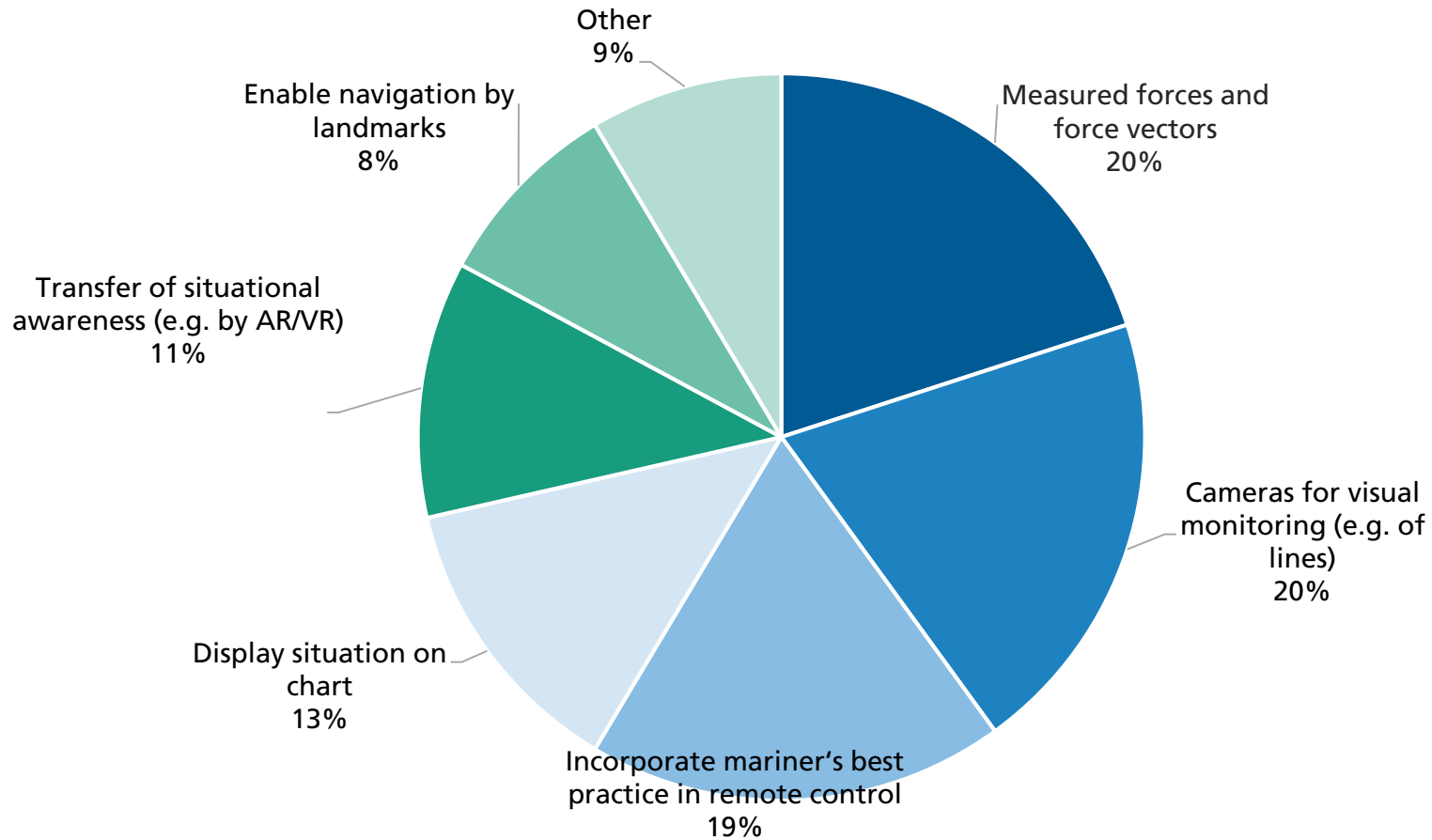
Collision avoidance

- Prevent close ship to ship encounters
 - COLREG-compliance required
 - MSC.1/Circ.1228 observed
- Evade other obstacles on the ship's track
 - Not covered by COLREG



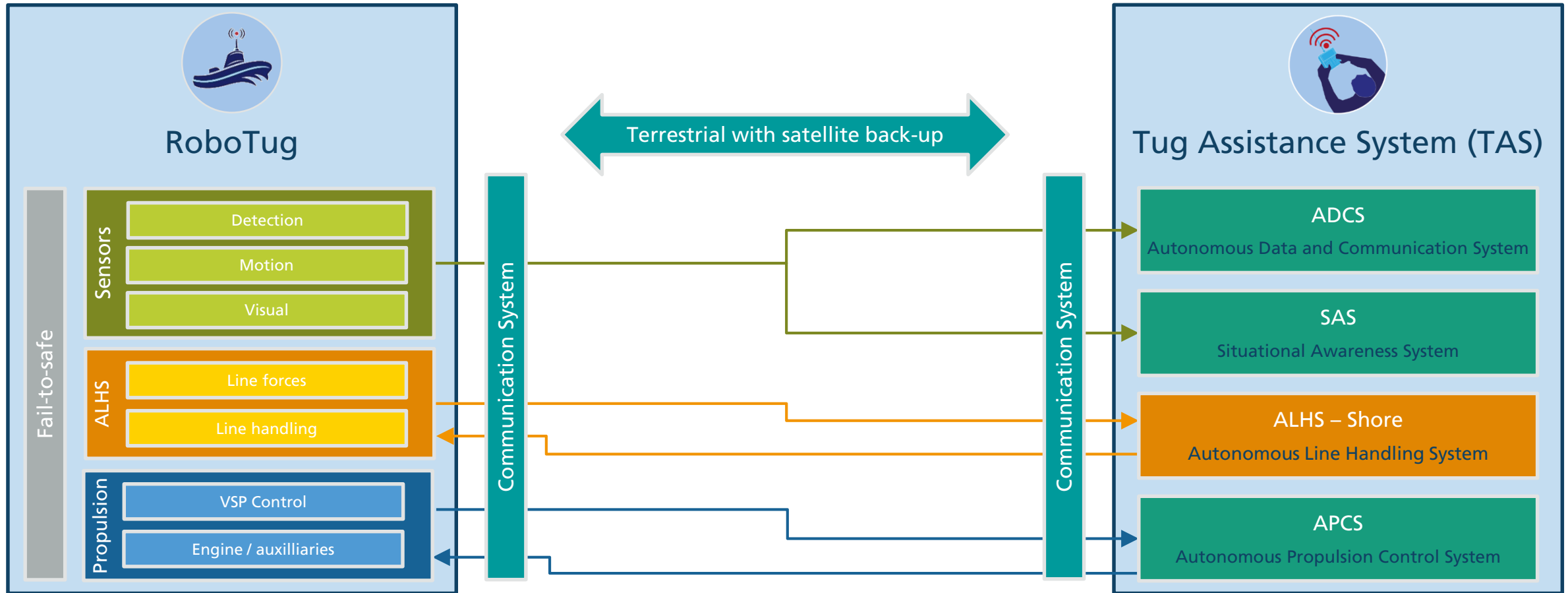
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Expected assistance for remote control



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Assistance system under development



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HMI-Validation by Ship-handling simulation



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Technical Validation in small-scale set-up



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