

Galileo\EGNOS – Perspektiven und Anwendungen im maritimen Umfeld

Zuverlässige Navigation ist die Basis für hochautomatisierte Schiffe – Projekt GALILEOnautic

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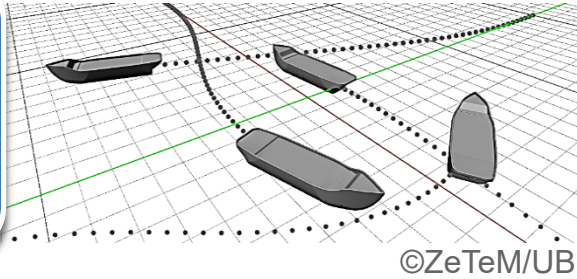
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Why Automatization?

Some examples

Increased safety



Considering environment protection



Cost pressure from freight transport by road



Maneuvering at physical limits



Personnel shortage & reduction of operational costs



Political & financial support at state, federal and EU level



Permanent data availability enables: Digitization

Intelligent data analysis

Maintenance planning

Fleet management




















Traffic flow management

Other business cases

Research & development steps

towards autonomous (=full automated) inland shipping



	Level	Designation	Vessel command (steering, propulsion, wheelhouse, ...)	Monitoring of and responding to navigational environment	Fallback performance of dynamic navigation tasks
BOATMASTER PERFORMS PART OR ALL OF THE DYNAMIC NAVIGATION TASKS	0	NO AUTOMATION the full-time performance by the human boatmaster of all aspects of the dynamic navigation tasks, even when supported by warning or intervention systems <i>E.g. navigation with support of radar installation</i>			
	1	STEERING ASSISTANCE the context-specific performance by a <u>steering automation system</u> using certain information about the navigational environment and with the expectation that the human boatmaster performs all remaining aspects of the dynamic navigation tasks <i>E.g. rate-of-turn regulator</i> <i>E.g. trackpilot (track-keeping system for inland vessels along pre-defined guiding lines)</i>			
	2	PARTIAL AUTOMATION the context-specific performance by a navigation automation system of <u>both steering and propulsion</u> using certain information about the navigational environment and with the expectation that the human boatmaster performs all remaining aspects of the dynamic navigation tasks			
SYSTEM PERFORMS THE ENTIRE DYNAMIC NAVIGATION TASKS (WHEN ENGAGED)	3	CONDITIONAL AUTOMATION the <u>sustained</u> context-specific performance by a navigation automation system of <u>all</u> dynamic navigation tasks, <u>including collision avoidance</u> , with the expectation that the human boatmaster will be receptive to requests to intervene and to system failures and will respond appropriately			
	4	HIGH AUTOMATION the sustained context-specific performance by a navigation automation system of all dynamic navigation tasks and <u>fallback performance</u> , <u>without expecting a human boatmaster responding to a request to intervene</u> ¹ <i>E.g. vessel operating on a canal section between two successive locks (environment well known), but the automation system is not able to manage alone the passage through the lock (requiring human intervention)</i>			
	5	AUTONOMOUS = FULL AUTOMATION the sustained and <u>unconditional</u> performance by a navigation automation system of all dynamic navigation tasks and fallback performance, without expecting a human boatmaster responding to a request to intervene			

- Assistance systems to support operator
- Assisted collision avoidance
- Automated track control systems
- Traffic situation survey and dynamic track adaption
- Cooperative actions with other vessels
- Energy optimal operation
- Operation control considering traffic rules
- Risk analysis and traffic-situation prediction
- Trajectory control
- External monitoring and control center
- etc.

Definition for automation in inland navigation set by CCNR („Zentralkommission für die Rheinschifffahrt“)



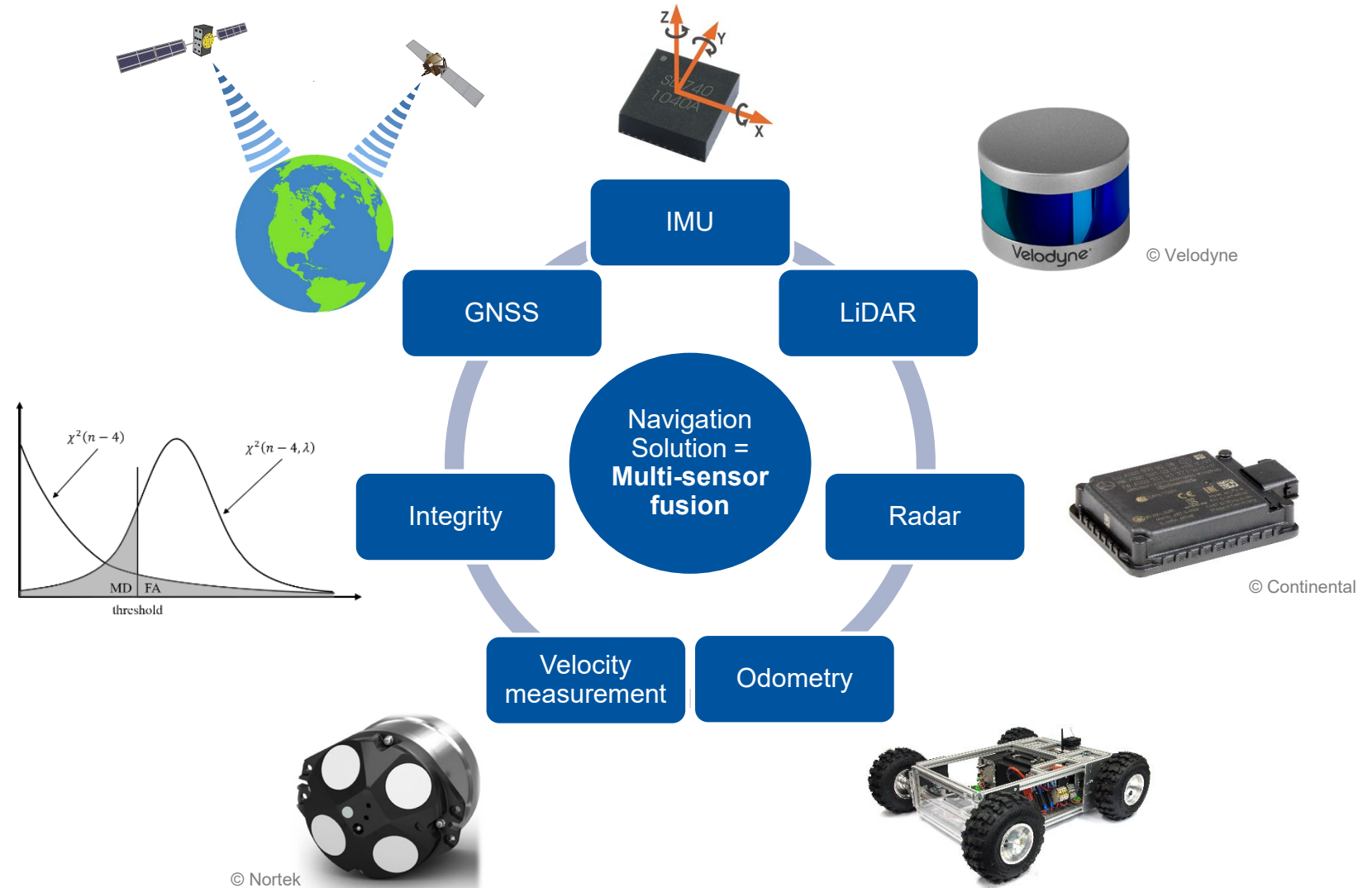
Requirements from the perspective of navigation

Requirements of sensor data for automation

- High accuracy
- High sampling rate
- High availability
- High robustness
- Reliability
- Safety / redundancy
- Smoothness

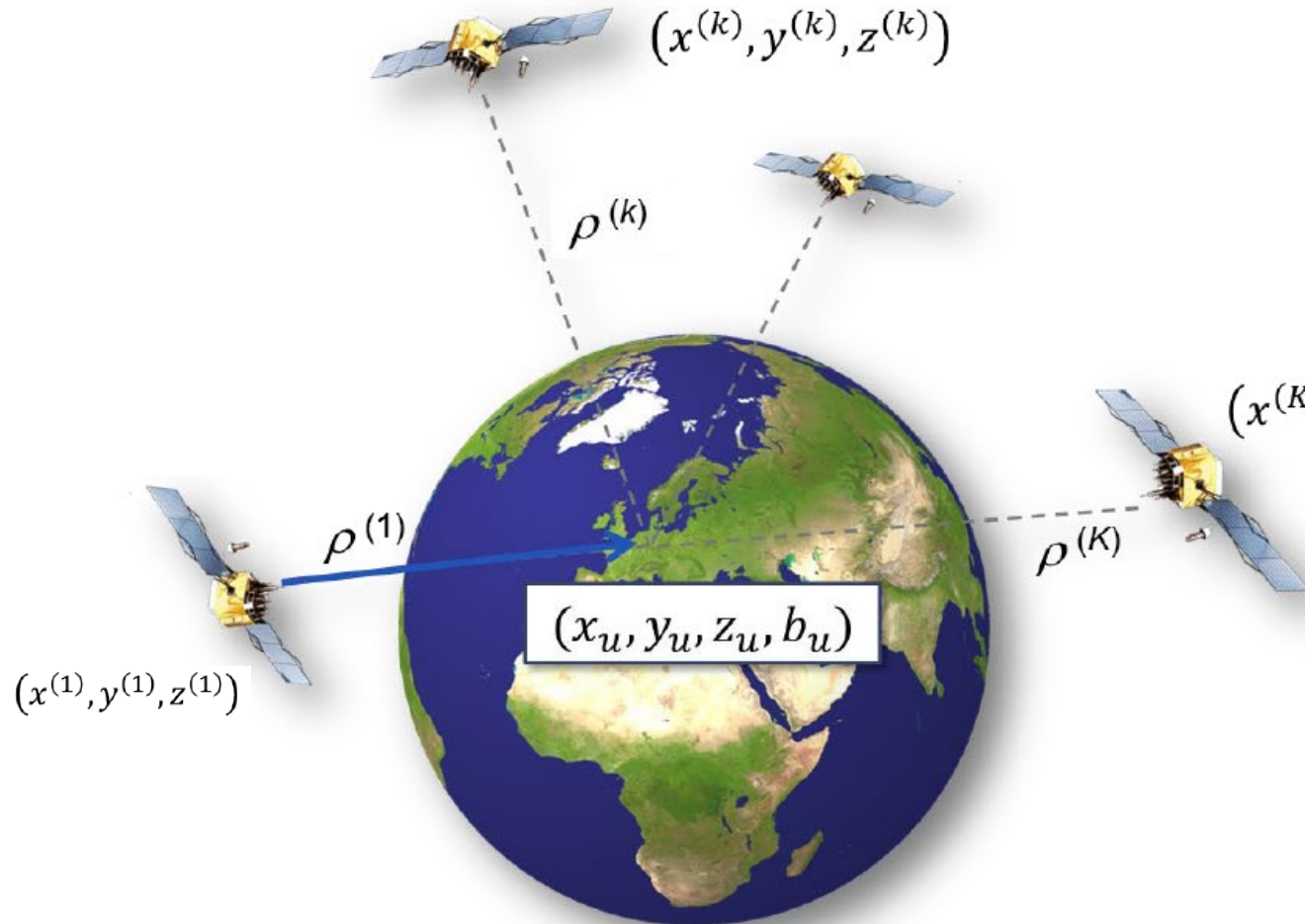
Safety requirements

- Environmental perception
- Traffic situation detection
- Collision avoidance
- Integrity monitoring



Satellite Navigation

3D Localization & velocity estimation



- Determine time-of-transmission from satellite to receiver/rover
- Distance calculation among rover and satellites using time-of-transmission
- Ego-position estimation via triangulation
- At least 4 satellites needed to determine a 3D position and clock error
- Reception of more than 6 satellites allows to exclude faulty measurements

(RAIM - Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring)

Features of the Galileo-System



Increased availability

- Civilian system
- Availability guaranteed by law
- Increased coverage due to interoperability with GPS and GLONASS

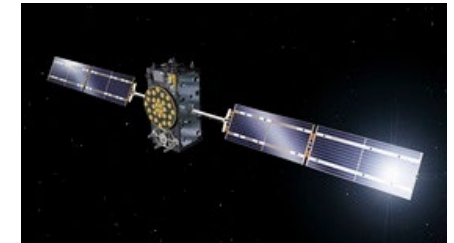
Increased accuracy

- Dual-frequency mode (E1&E5a) for open service
- Very low noise level
- More accurate correction models
- Use of EGNOS V3 to correct L1/E1 & L5/E5
- PPP-accuracy with Galileo HA service (HAS)

Integrity monitoring and security

- Galileo reports system errors
- Encrypted E6 frequency for military and safety critical applications

➔ Necessary properties for autonomous applications



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Using Galileo increases position accuracy

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Simultaneous use of GPS & Galileo increases coverage/availability

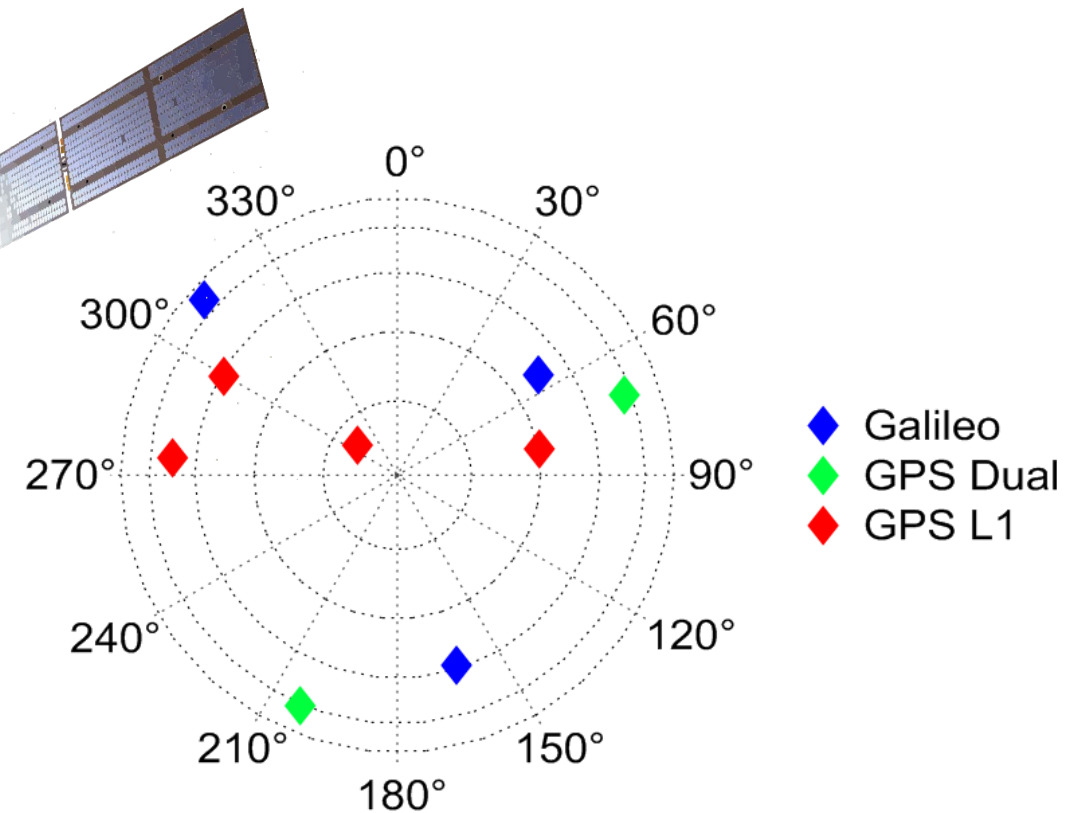
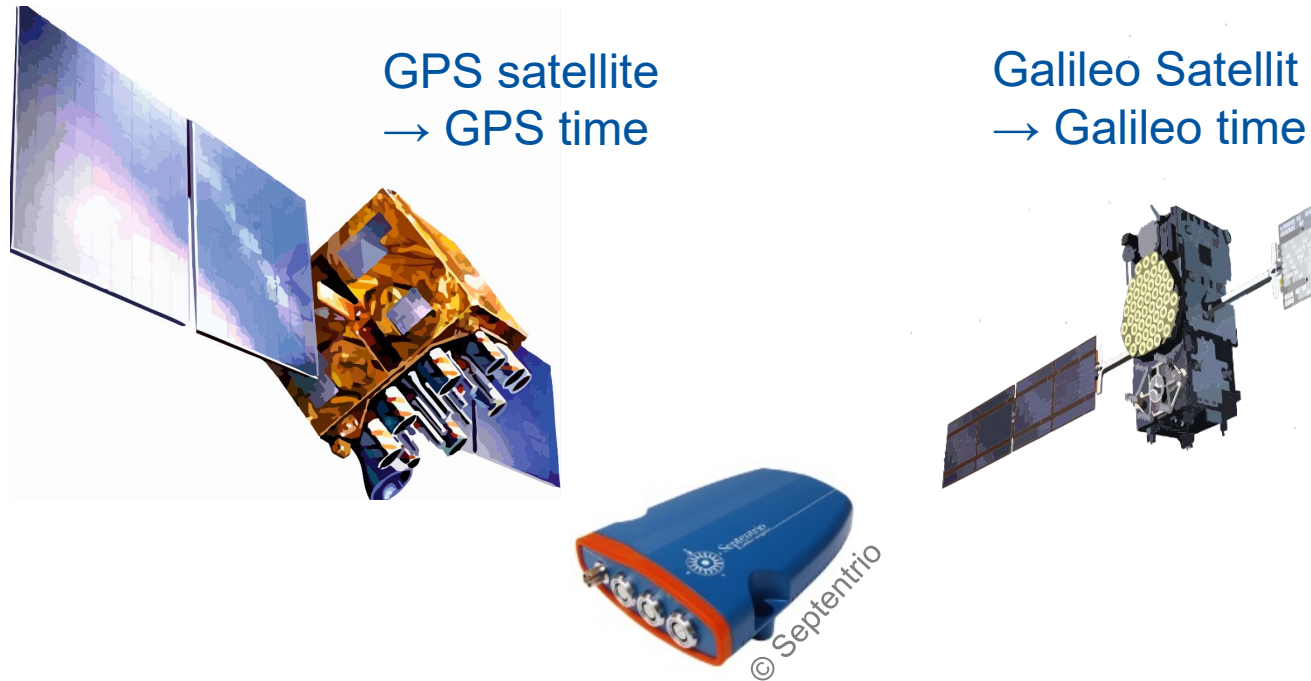


Fig.: Snapshot of a skyplot from a measurement run, Chiemgau 2018

Data synchronization

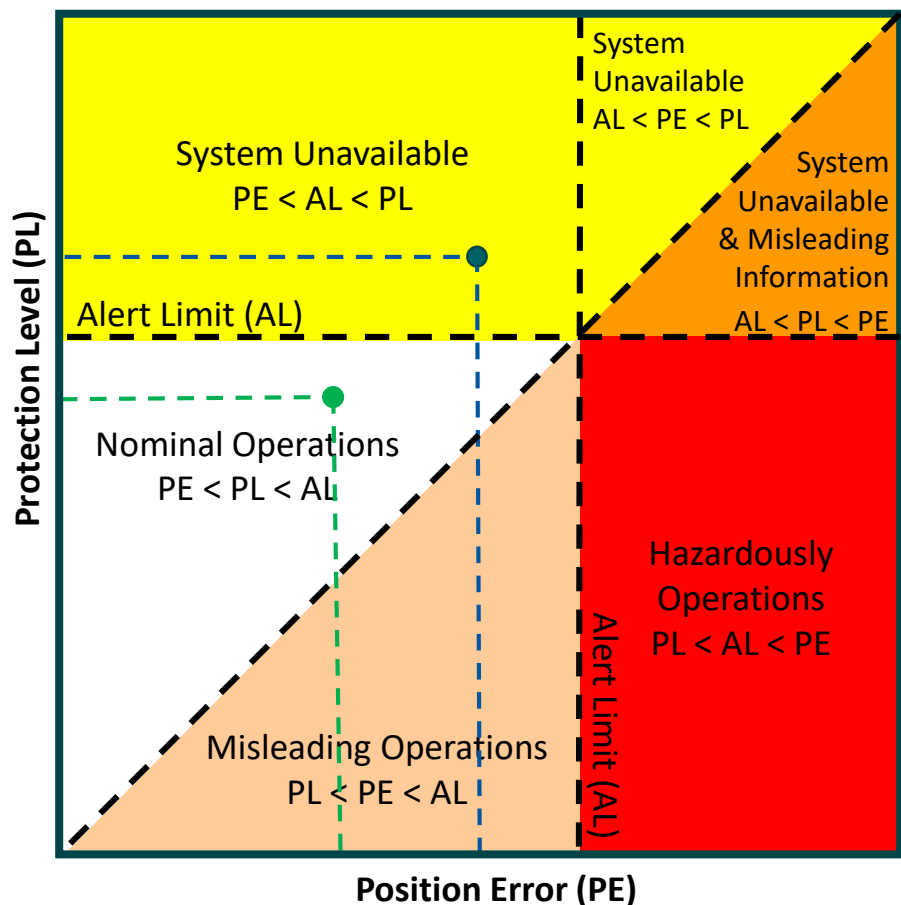
- GGTO message from Galileo offers the possibility to synchronize observations from GPS and Galileo
- This makes time correction of the signal observations for synchronization easy to implement

=> Galileo easily can be combined with GPS

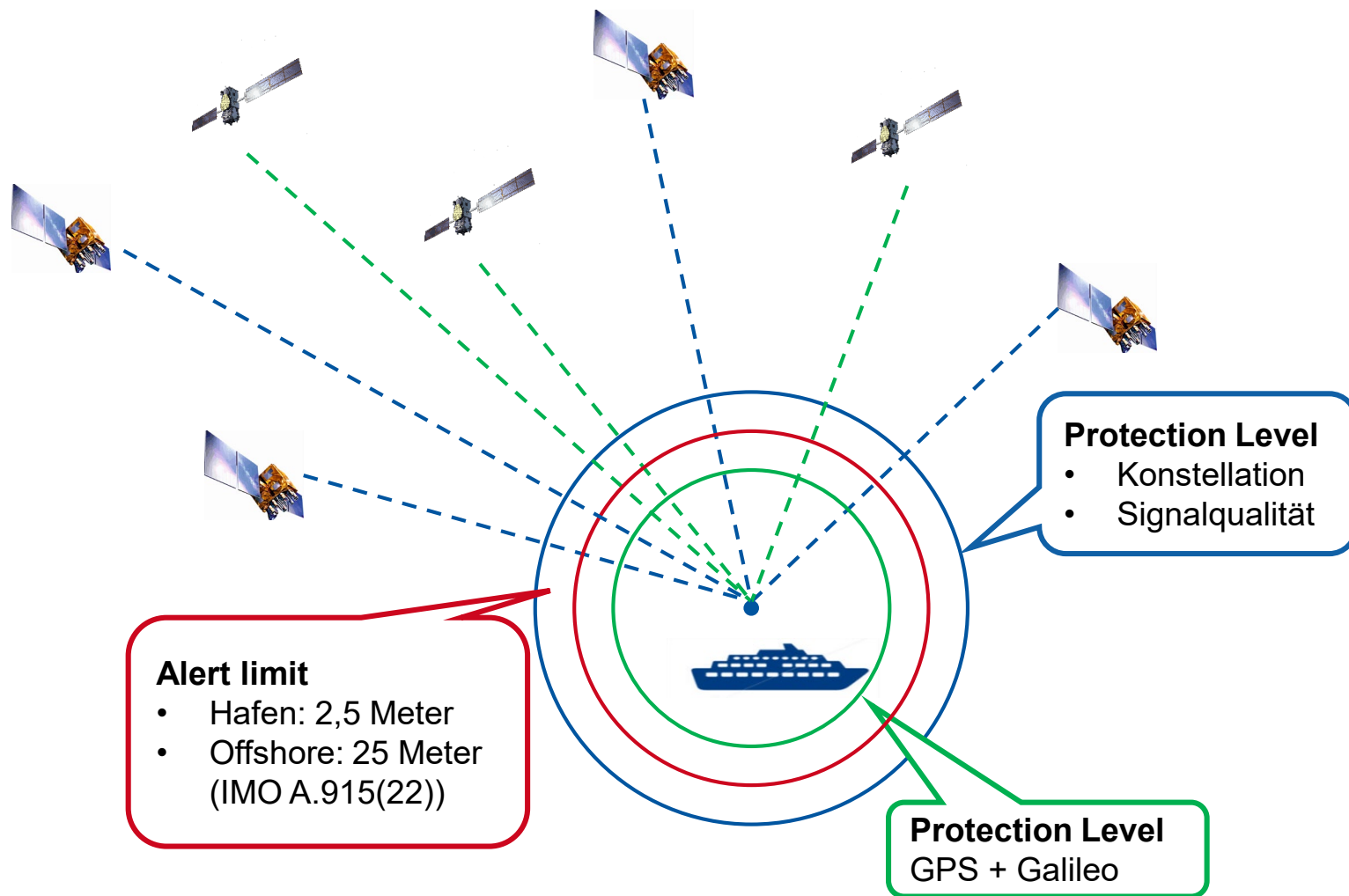
Increased availability of integrity statements with the help of Galileo



Stanford diagram



AL = Alert Limit; PE – Position Error; PL – Protection Level





GALILEOnautic 2: Overview

(ShipInsight.com)

Autonomous Vessels

Funded Research Project GALILEOnautic



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GALILEOnautic 2

Autonomous Navigation and Optimal Maneuvering
of Cooperative Ships within Safety-Critical Areas

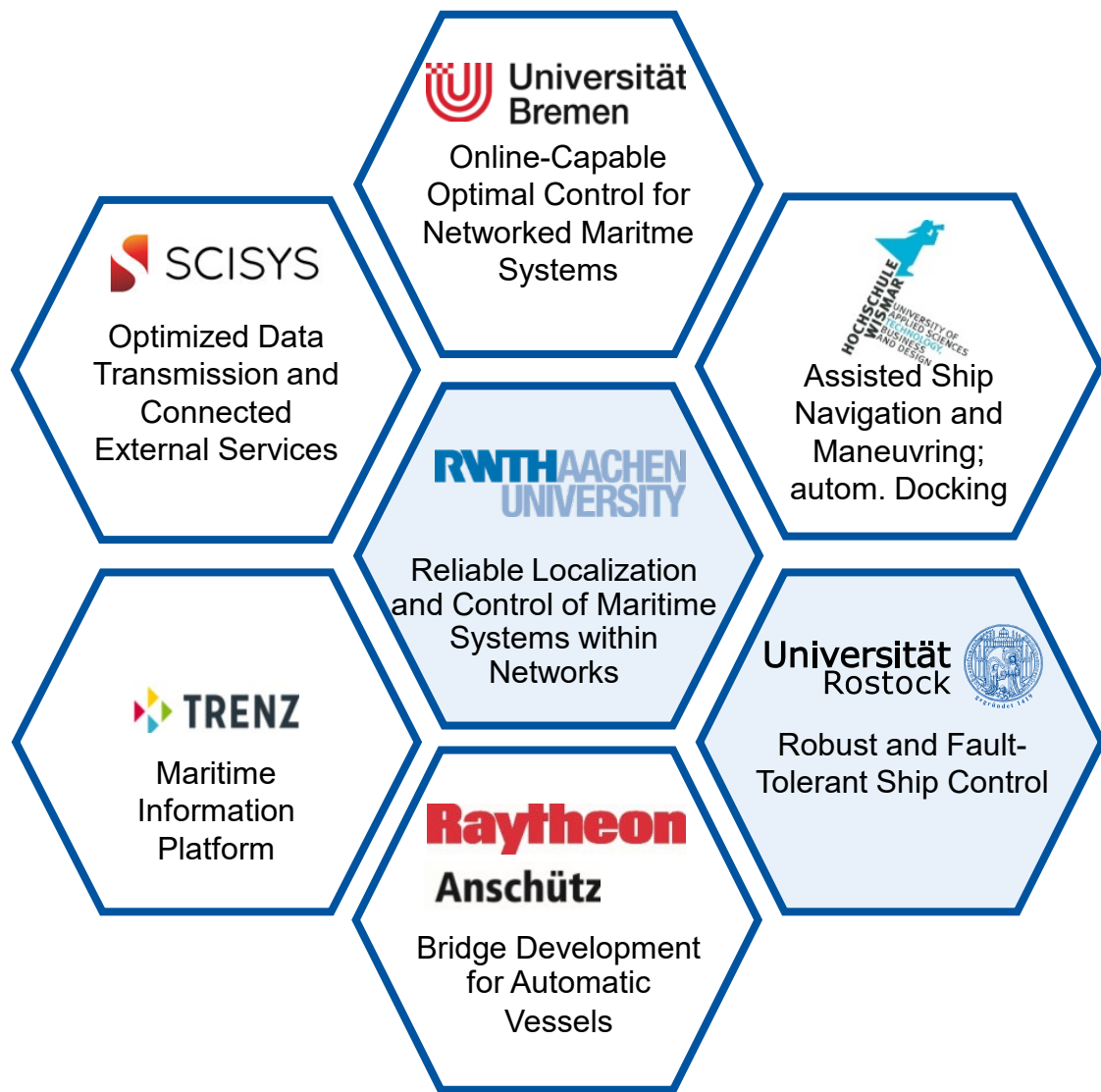
10/2018 – 09/2021

Main objective

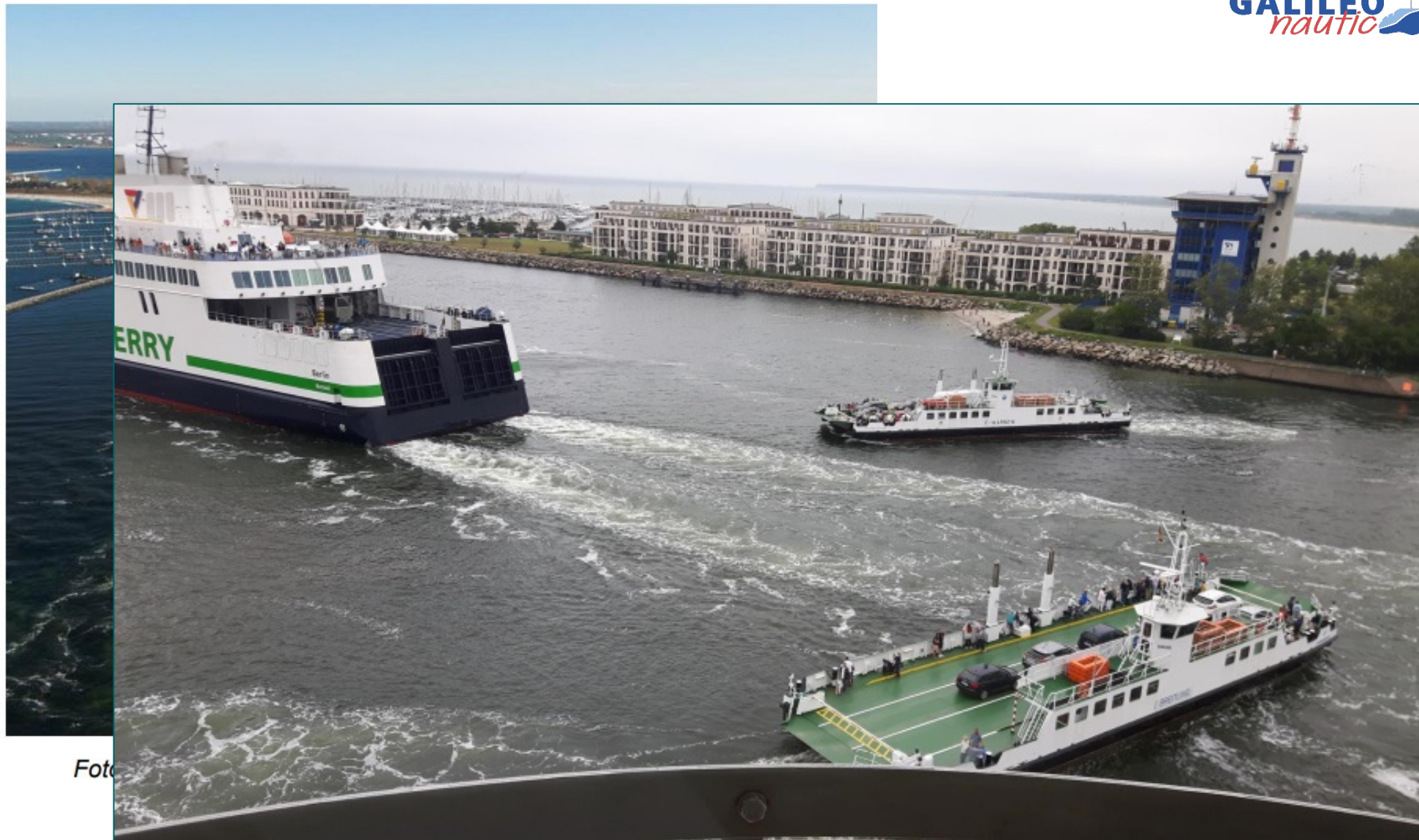
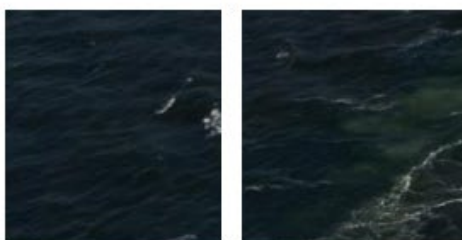
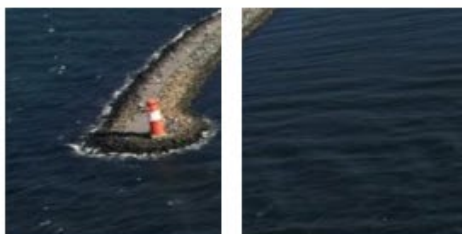
Development of a networked and cooperative demonstrator to show the potential of autonomous navigation and optimal maneuvering

GALILEOnautic 2

Project Partners (left) and Associated Partners (right)



Development area Rostock Harbor and a "normal" encounter situation

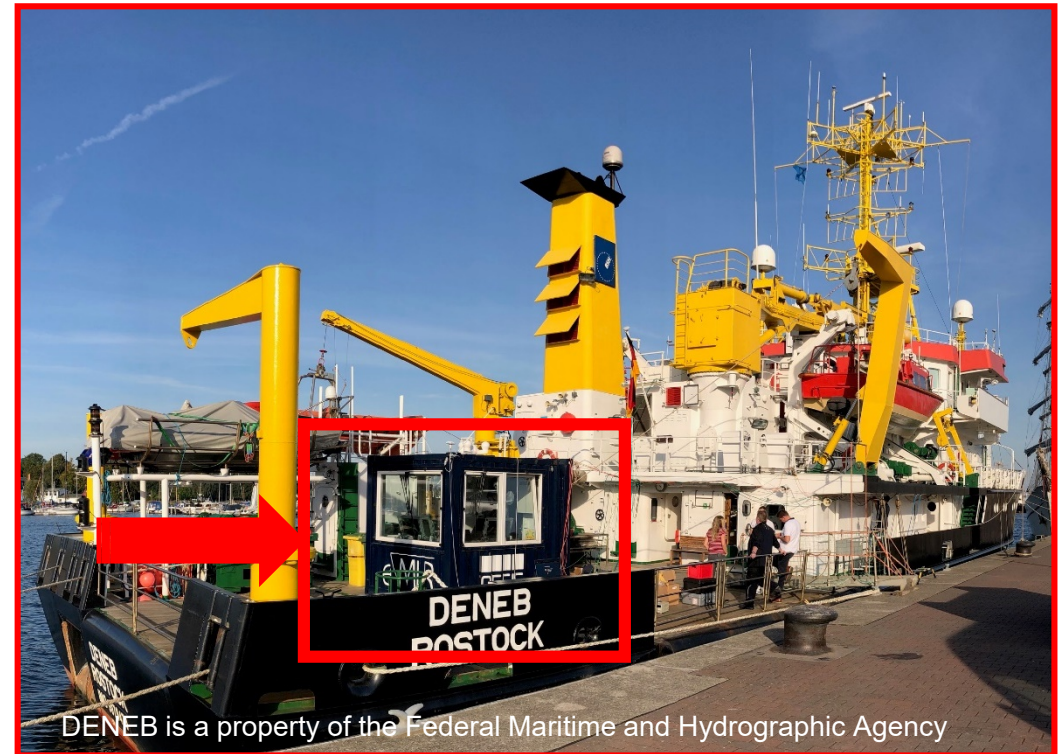
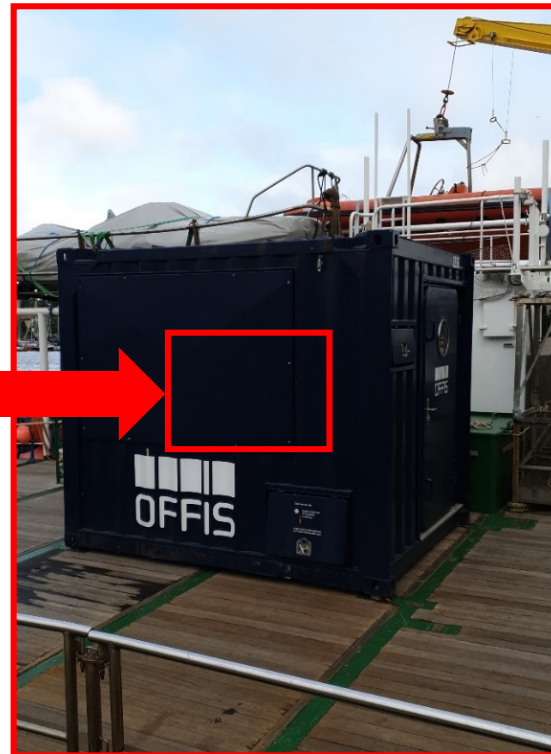


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VWFS DENE B facts

- In operation for the Bundesamt für Seeschifffahrt und Hydrographie (BSH)
- Operational area Baltic Sea
- Length: 52 Meter; Width: 11 Meter
- Constructed 1994

Hardware for navigation filter

Setup VWFS DENEb

- Multifrequency GNSS receiver



- Industrial-class Inertialsensor



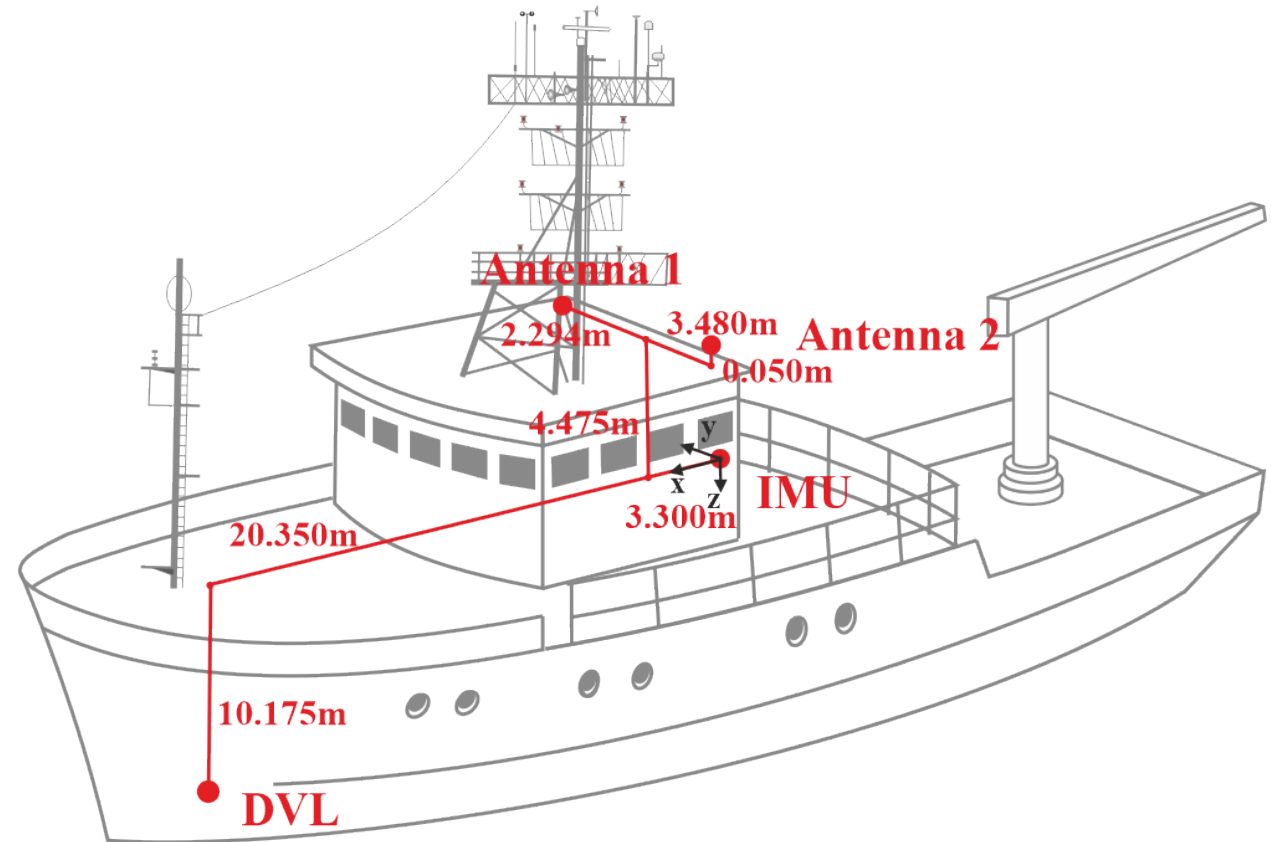
- Doppler Velocity Log



- Real-time, Rapid Control Prototyping unit (single-core 900 MHz)



- Single board computer for real time data access



2D driven trajectory of DENEb

First Figure

- RTK reference entering the port

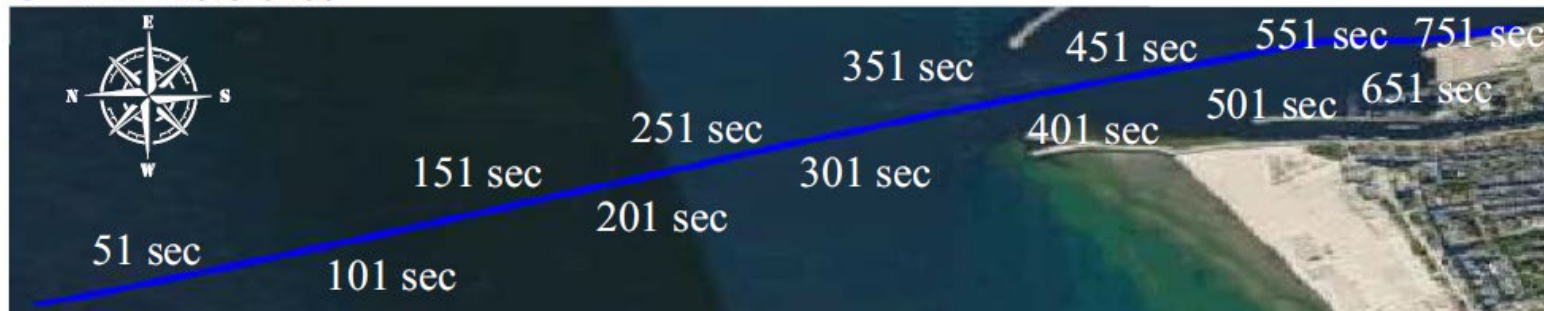
Second Figure

- (1): no DVL support
- (2): DVL support without bias st.
- (3): DVL supp. with bias states

Third Figure

- (1): no sea level support
- (2): with sea level support

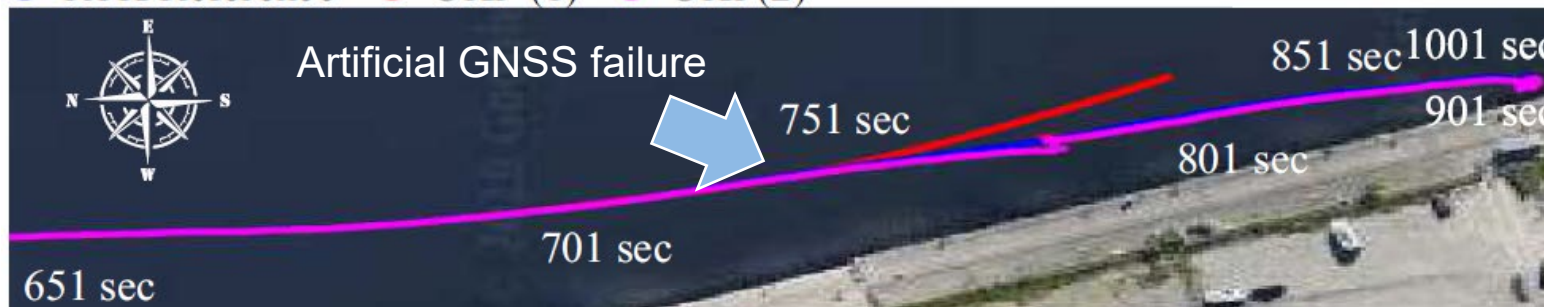
RTK Reference



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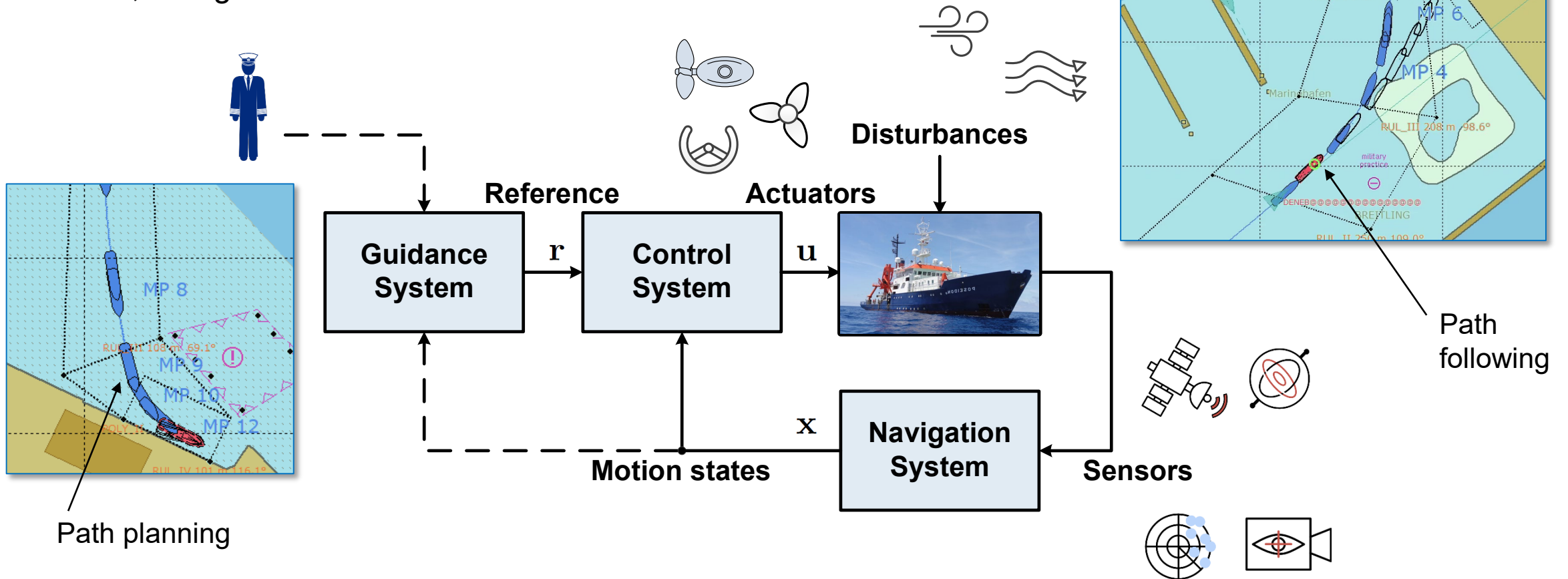


Towards autonomous operation

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Integrating the ships GNC system (1)

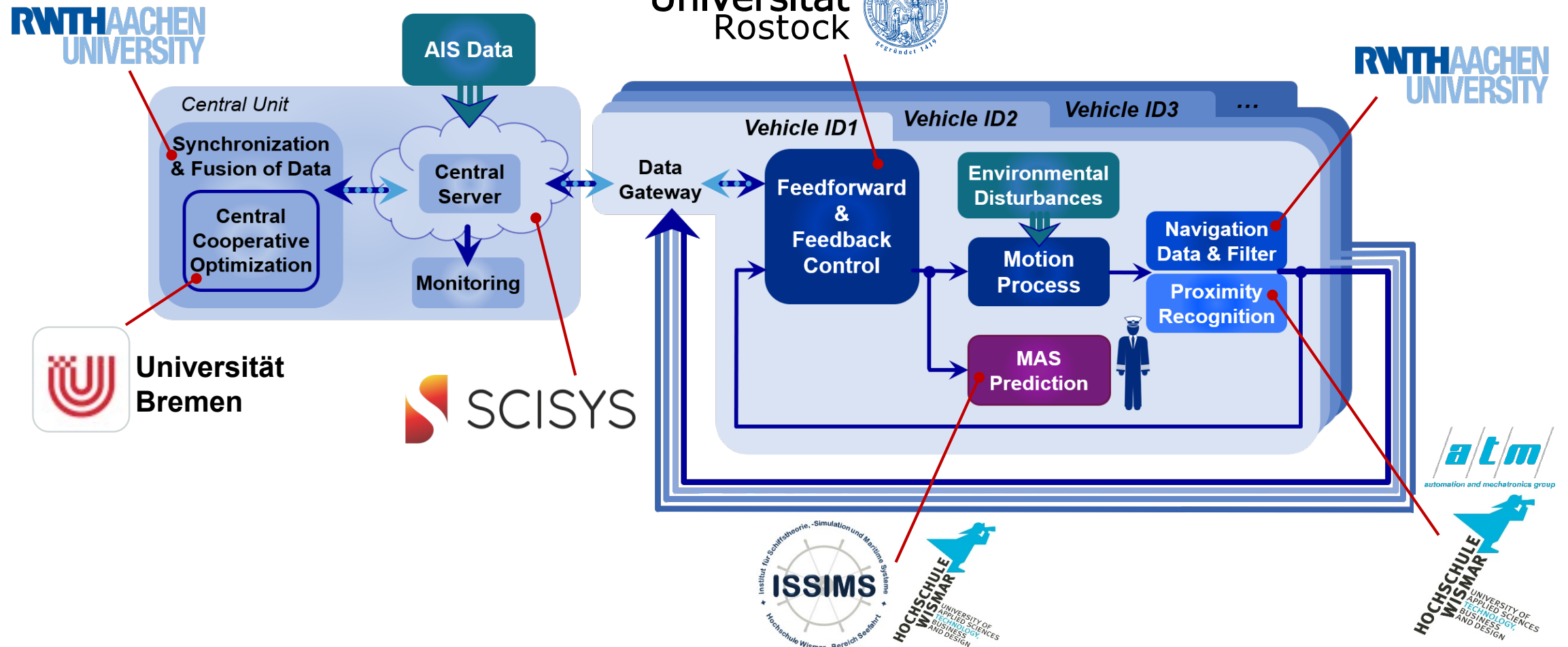
- Defining the loop for automatic vessel motion control
- **G**uidance, **N**avigation and **C**ontrol structure



Integrating the ships GNC system (2)



Realization in project GALILEOnautic



Integrating the ships GNC system (3)

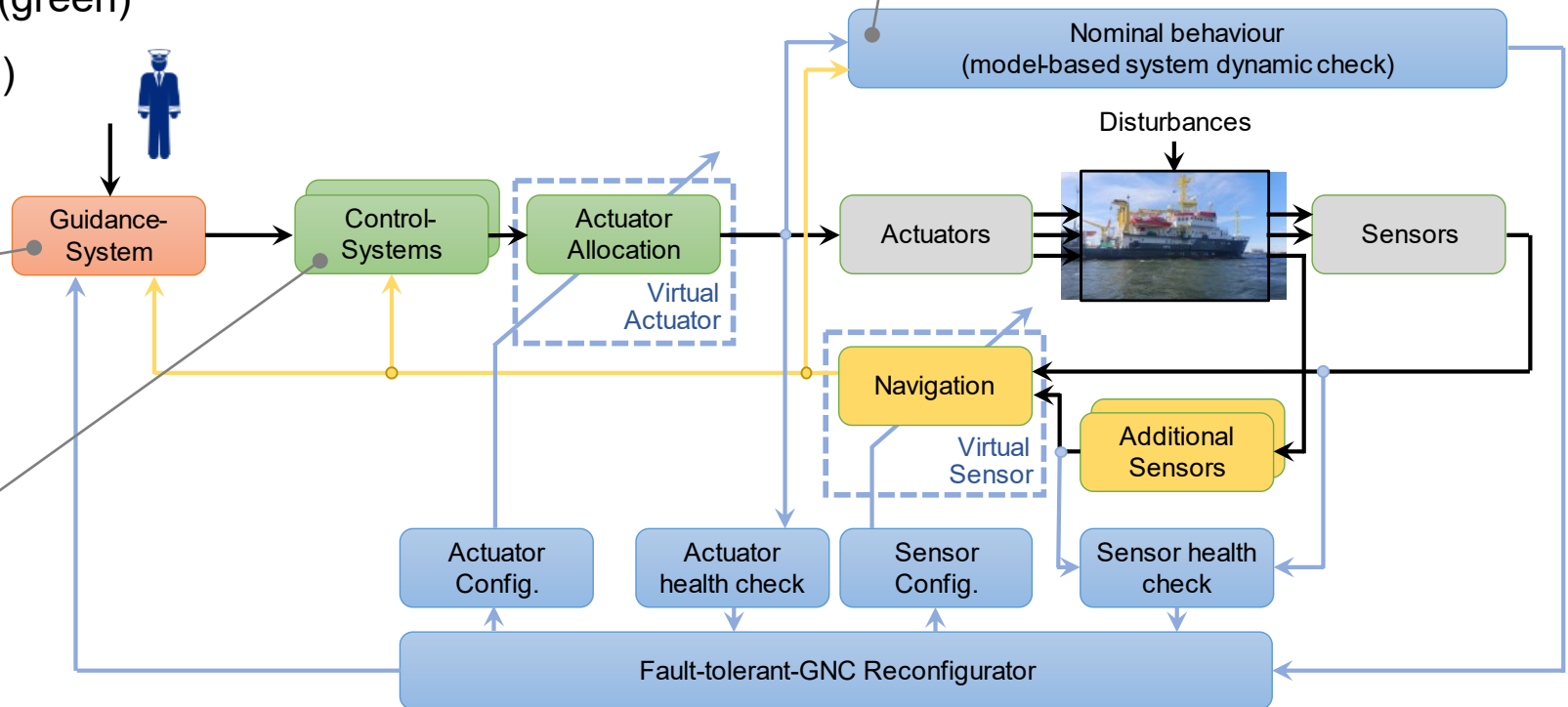
Reliable GNSS-based navigation module as enabler for highly automated operation

- Enhanced parameter identification for model-based designs
- High performance assistance systems (e.g. MAS)
- Input for Guidance (red) and Control (green)
- Input for fault handling modules (blue)

Planning and prediction, e.g. using Maneuver Assistance System (MAS)

Applying optimal controllers

Model-based design of fault handling module



GALILEOnautic → focus on harbor scenarios

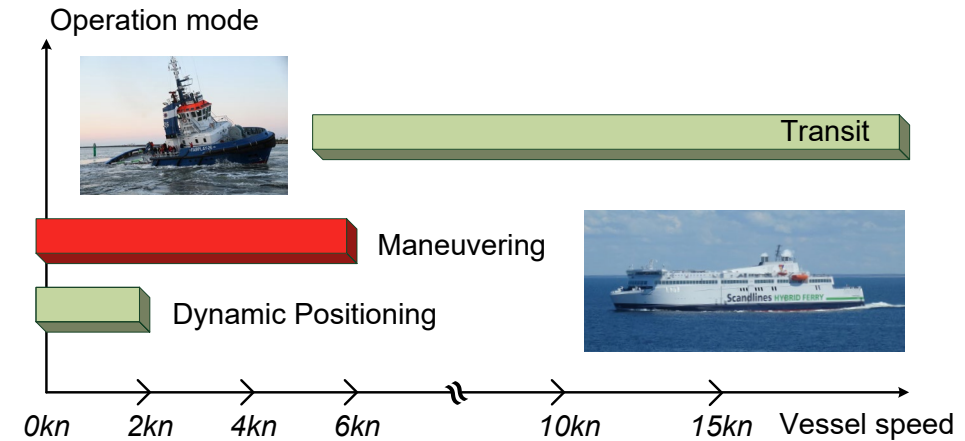
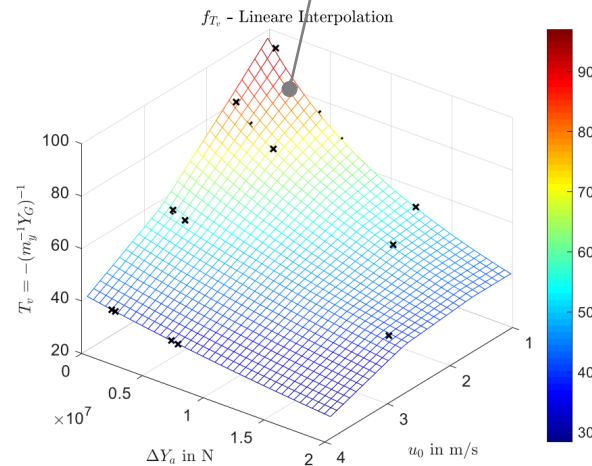
Challenges

- Complex motions using all available actuators
- High demands for measuring / estimating the motion states
- Missing automation solutions for maneuvering

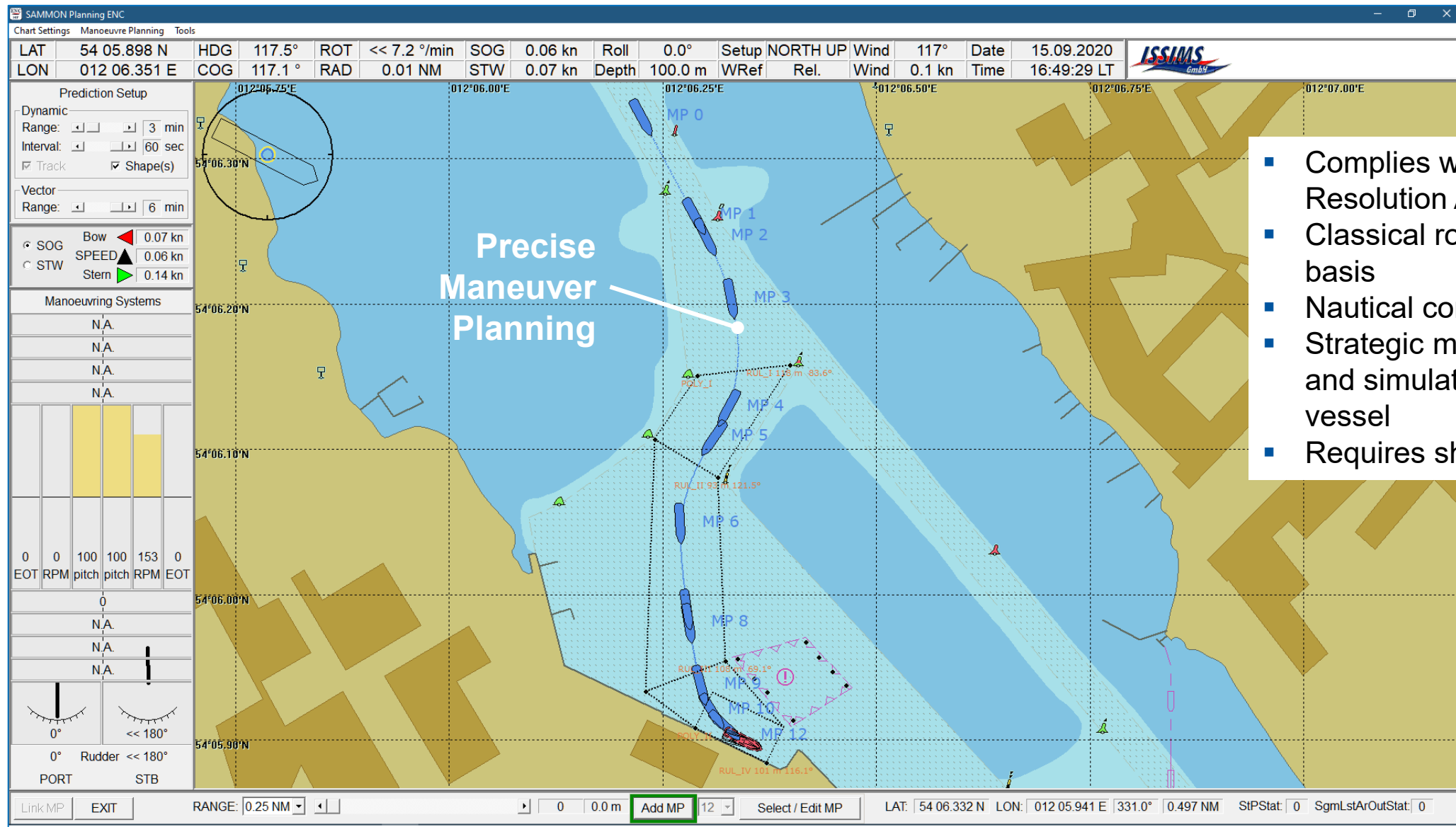
Enhanced parameter estimation due to accurate position information

- Mitigation of the influence of variance of acoustic sensors and accelerometers

Change of vessel dynamics (eigenvalues)

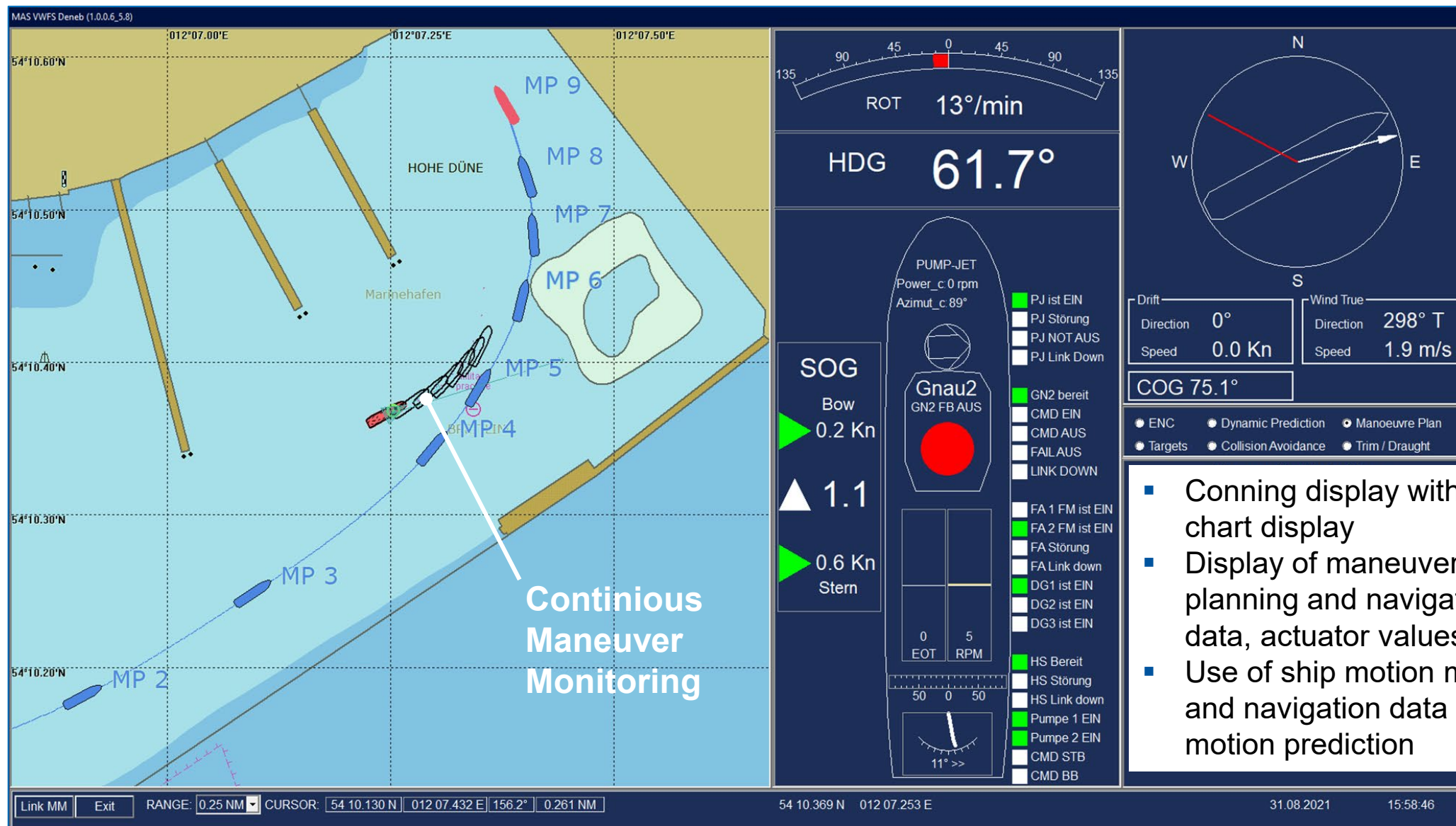


Maneuver Assistance System (1)



- Complies with IMO Resolution A. 893(21)
- Classical routes as planning basis
- Nautical conform approach
- Strategic maneuvering points and simulated path of the vessel
- Requires ship motion model

Maneuver Assistance System (2)



Continuous
Maneuver
Monitoring

- Conning display with nautical chart display
- Display of maneuver planning and navigation data, actuator values
- Use of ship motion model and navigation data for motion prediction

Control system design (1)

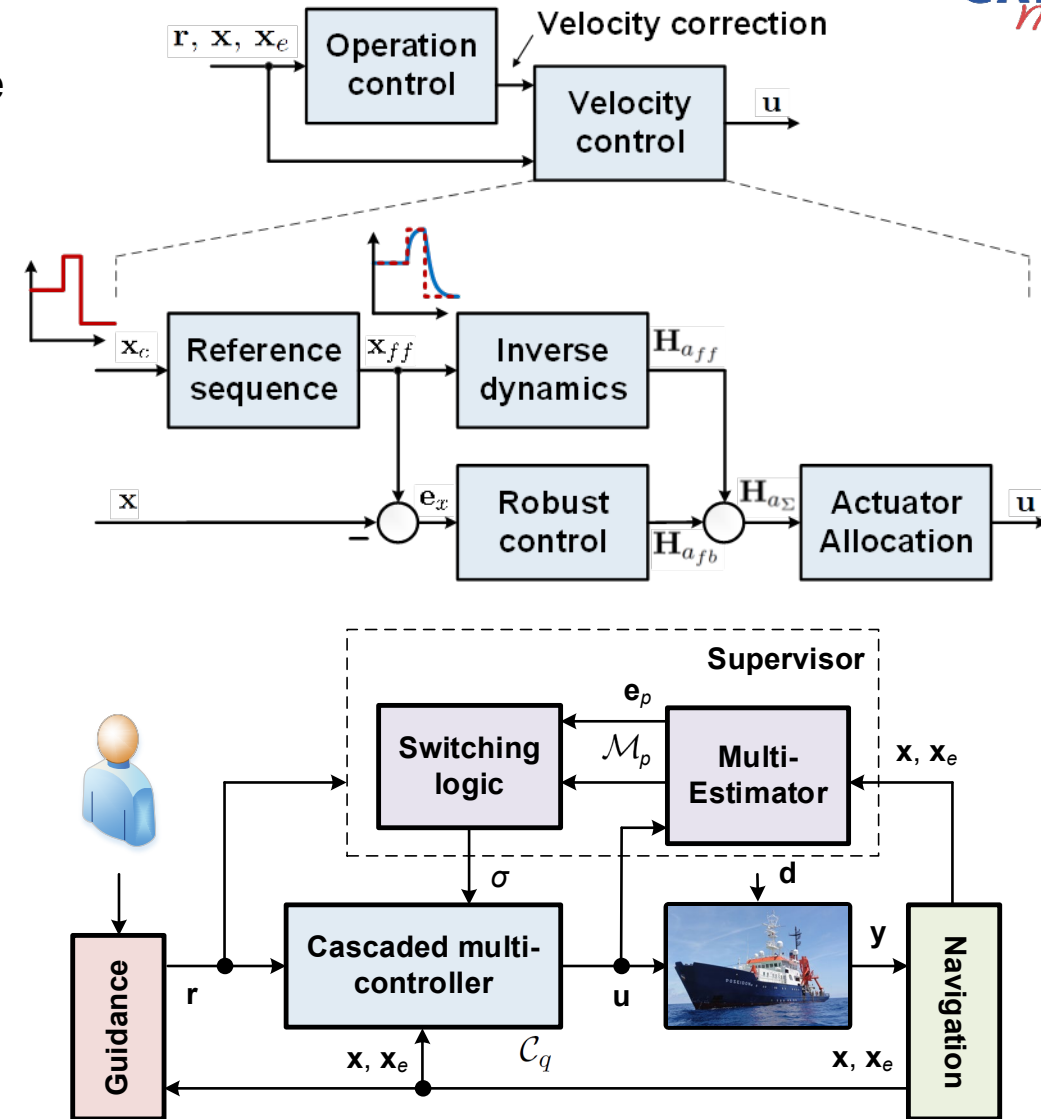
Generic structure for covering the entire operation range

Cascaded multi-controller structure

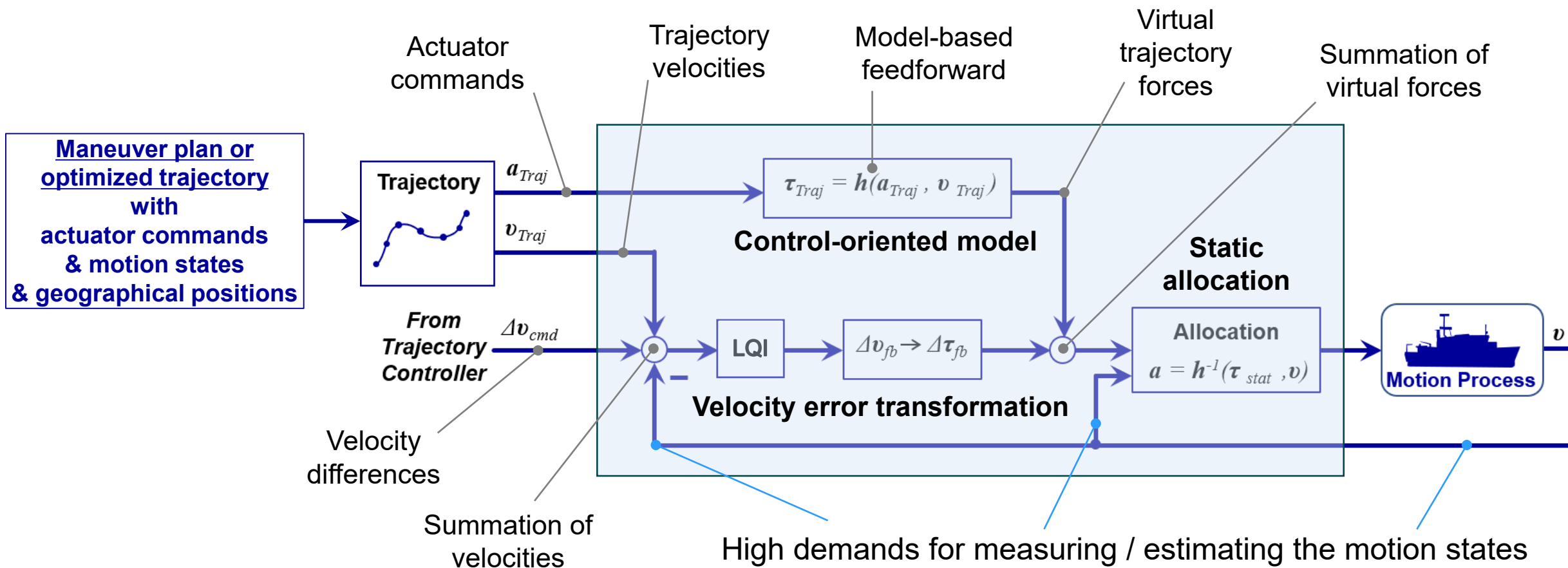
- 2 DOF control
- Consideration of modeled nonlinearities by feedforward
- Disturbance attenuation by feedback control
- Inline allocation

Hybrid extension

- Set of inner loop controllers
- Set of mission-based controllers (e.g. path following, trajectory tracking or DP)
- Supervisor-based selection of suitable control structure



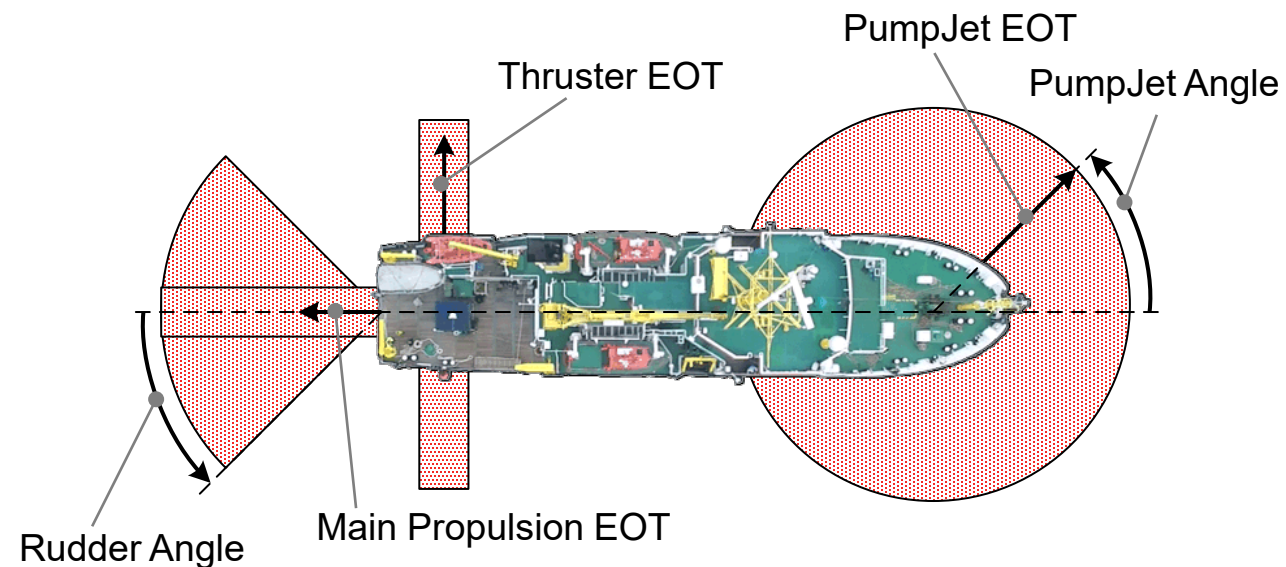
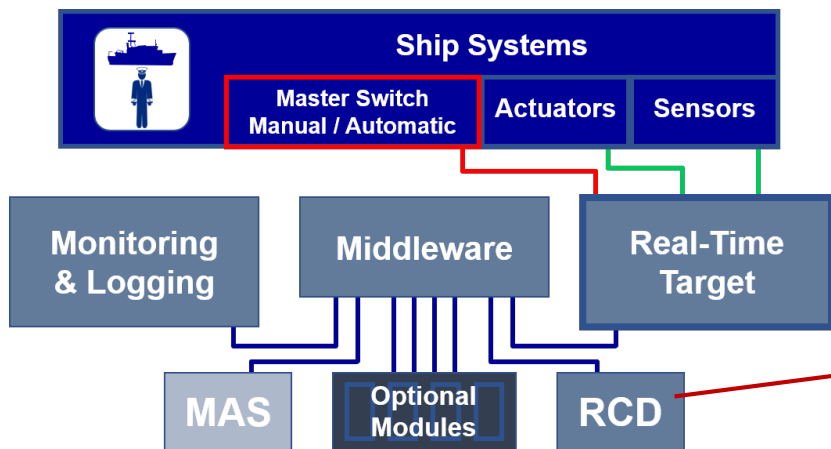
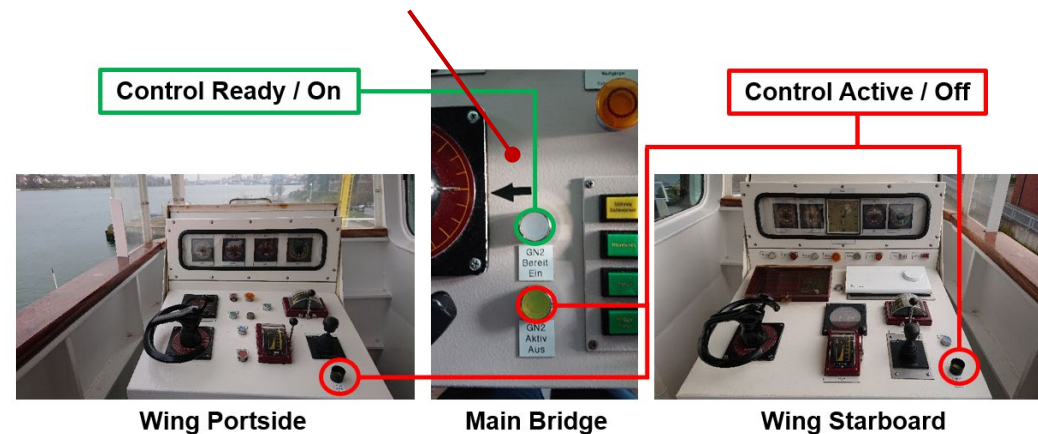
Trajectory integration into the model-based control system



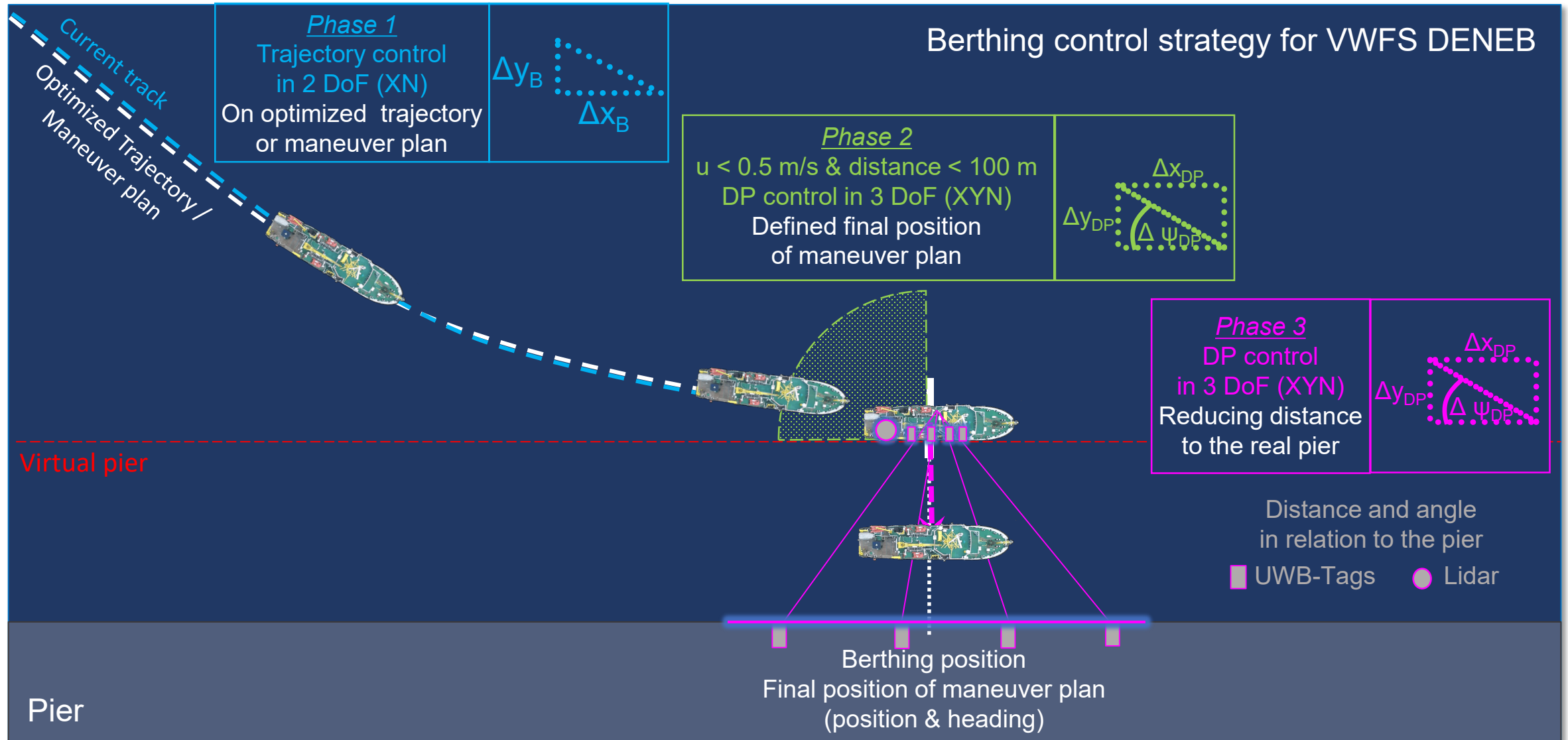
Digitalization and automation of VWFS DENEb

- Digital acquisition of all sensor data
- Digital command of all actuators
- Middleware for connecting the GN2 modules
- Actuator allocation
- Assisting control systems and DP functionalities

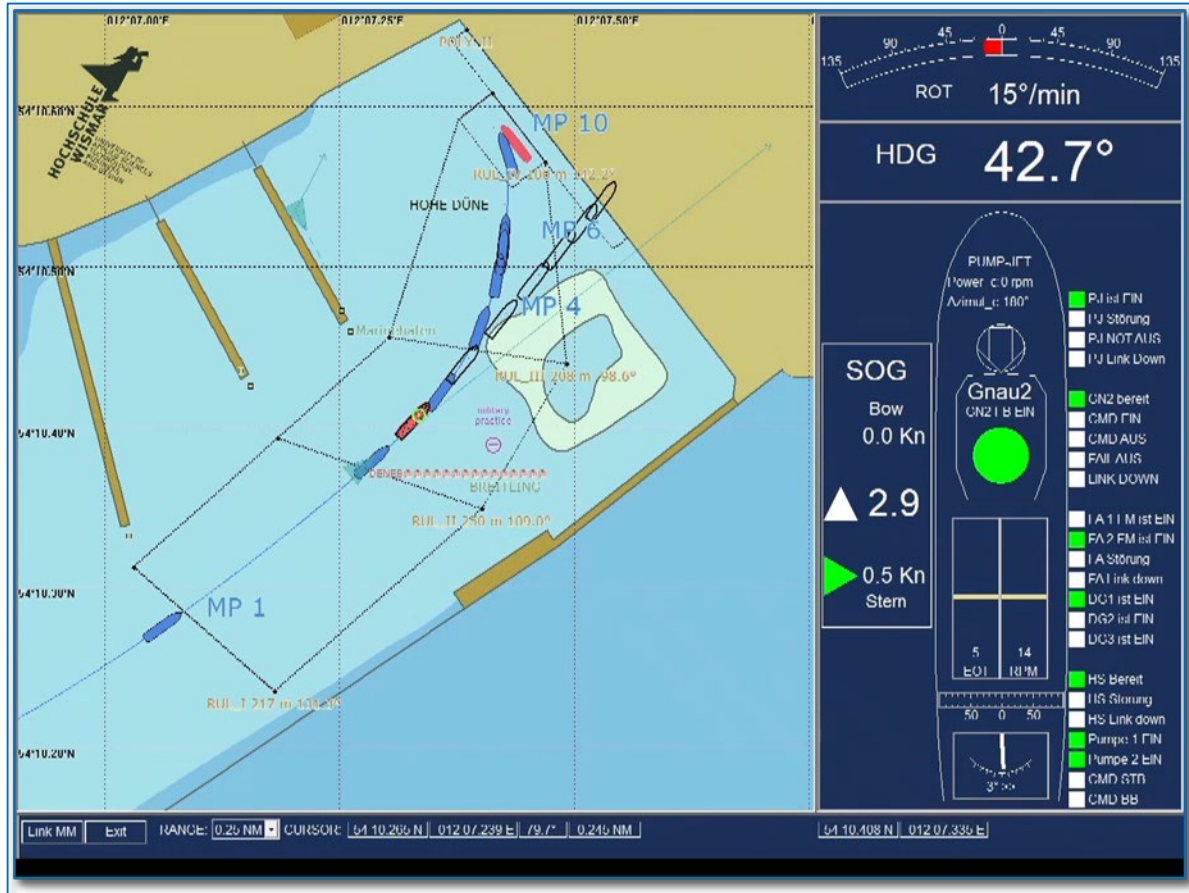
Nautical staff in responsibility



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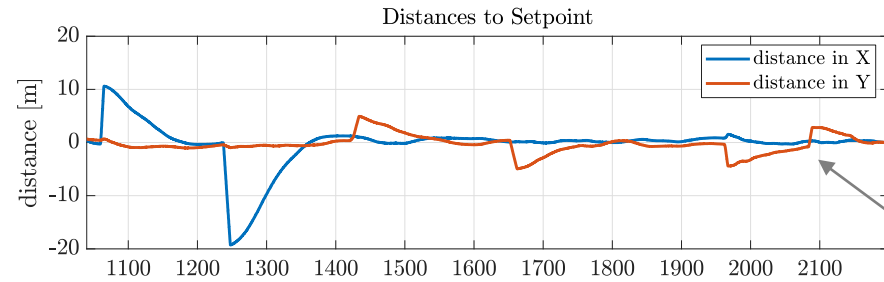
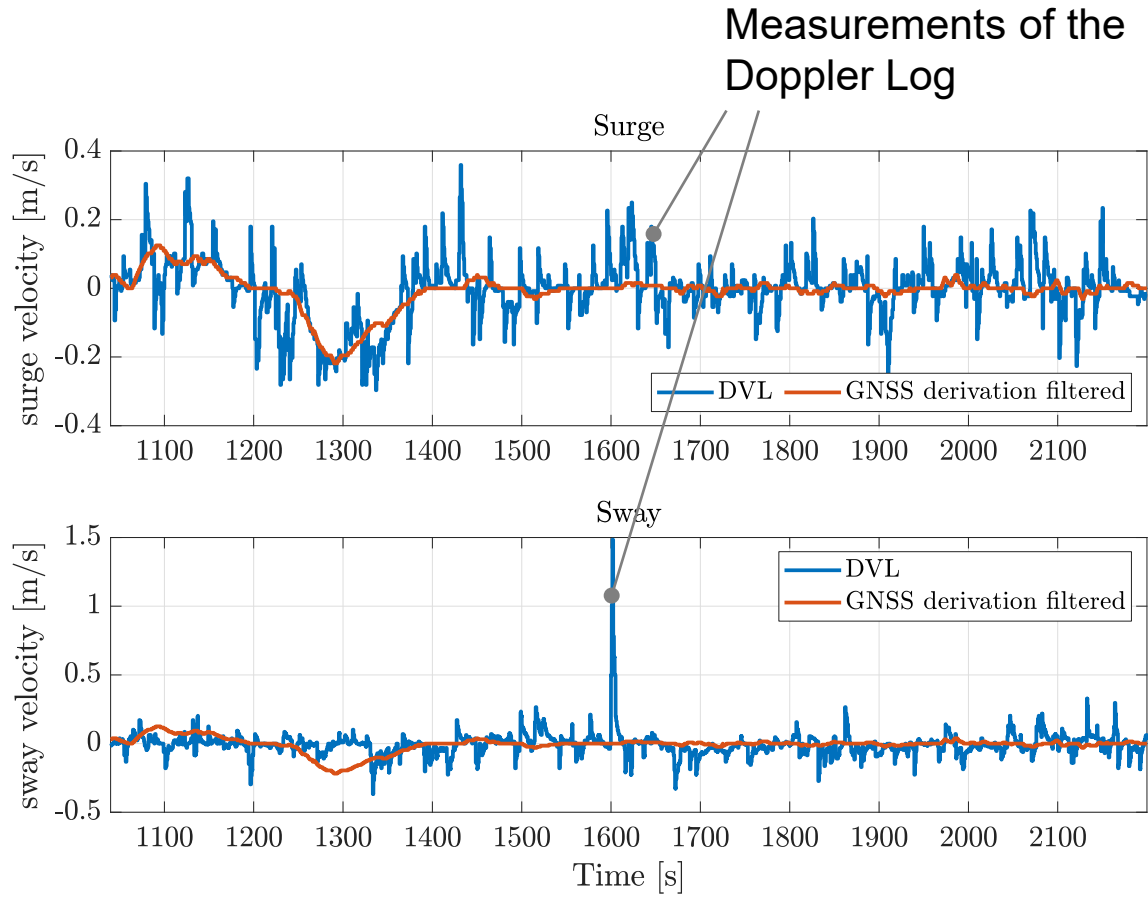
Results from automatic berthing tests (2021/09/02)



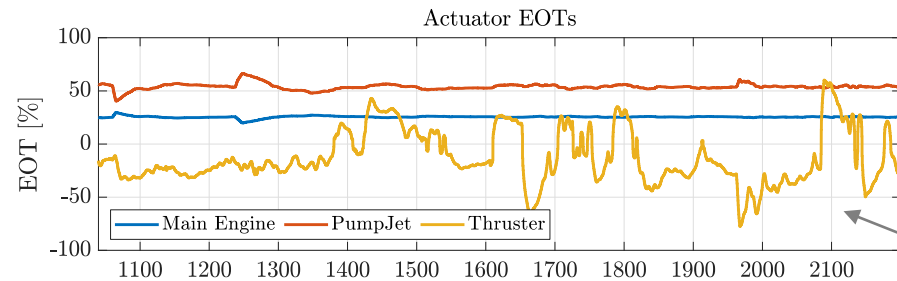
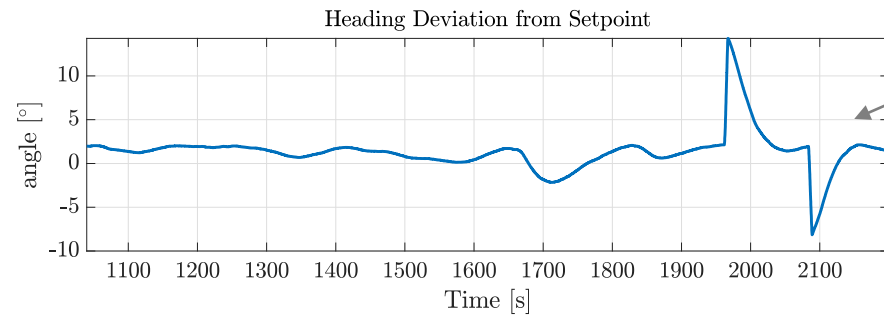
Validation with DENEb (4)



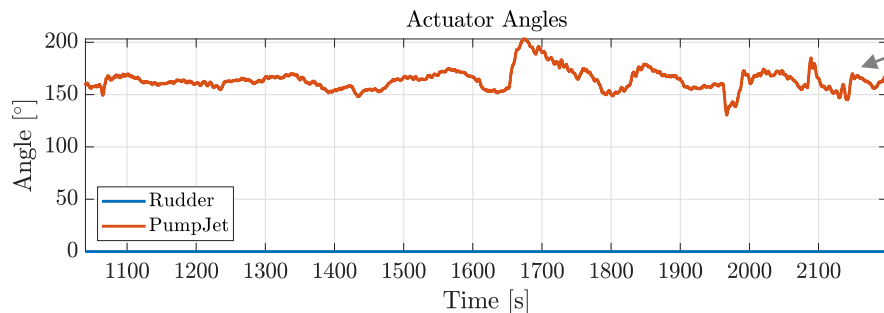
Impact of GNSS based navigation on the control results



Dynamic Positioning operation of vessel DENEb



Actuating values





Summary & outlook

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General findings and insights into GALILEOnautic 2

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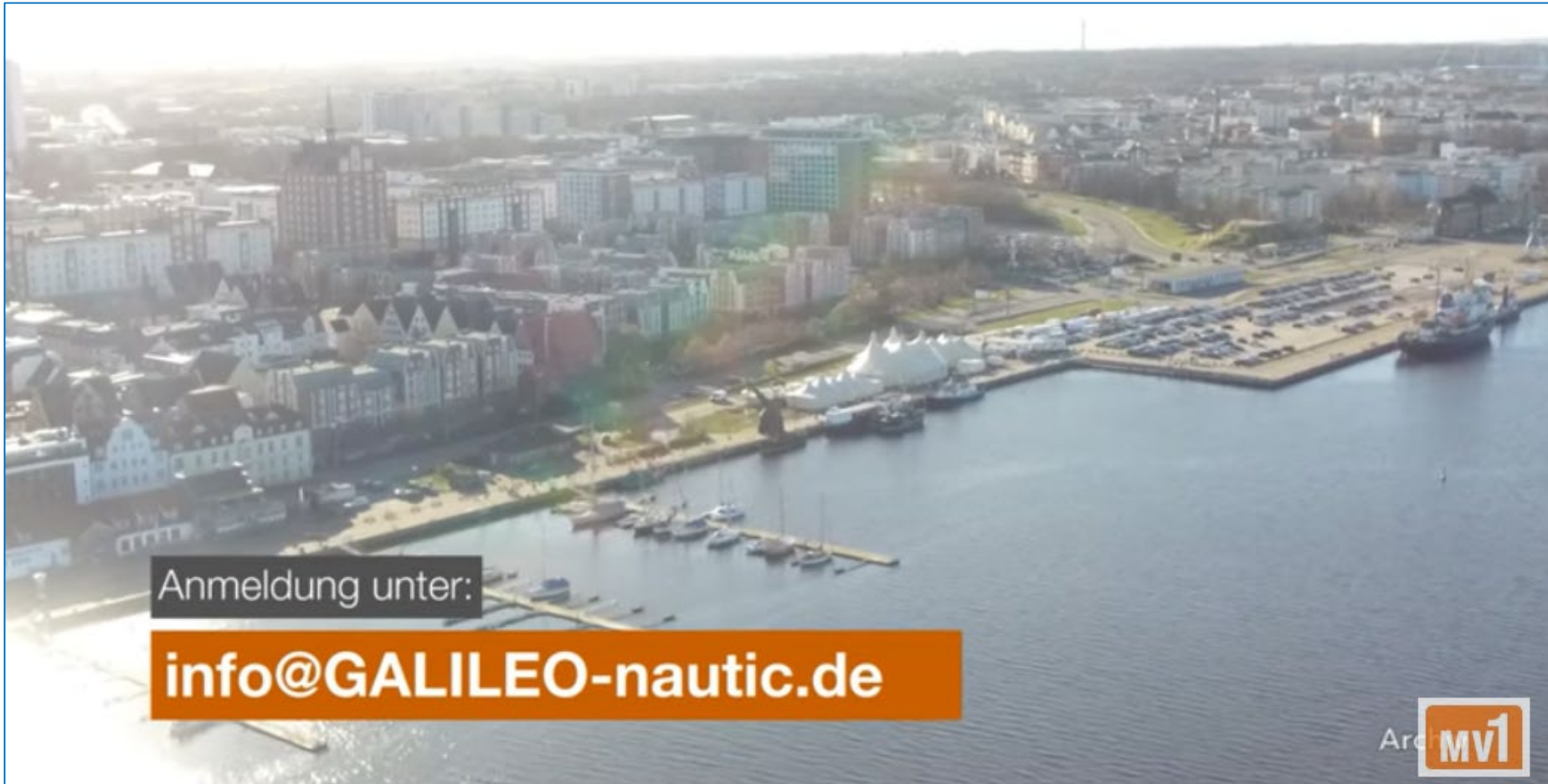
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