

RADIUS

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Project overview

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The railway maintenance challenge

There is currently **no optimal** solution to inspect, monitor and maintain railway signalling assets



Human inspection



Wired solutions



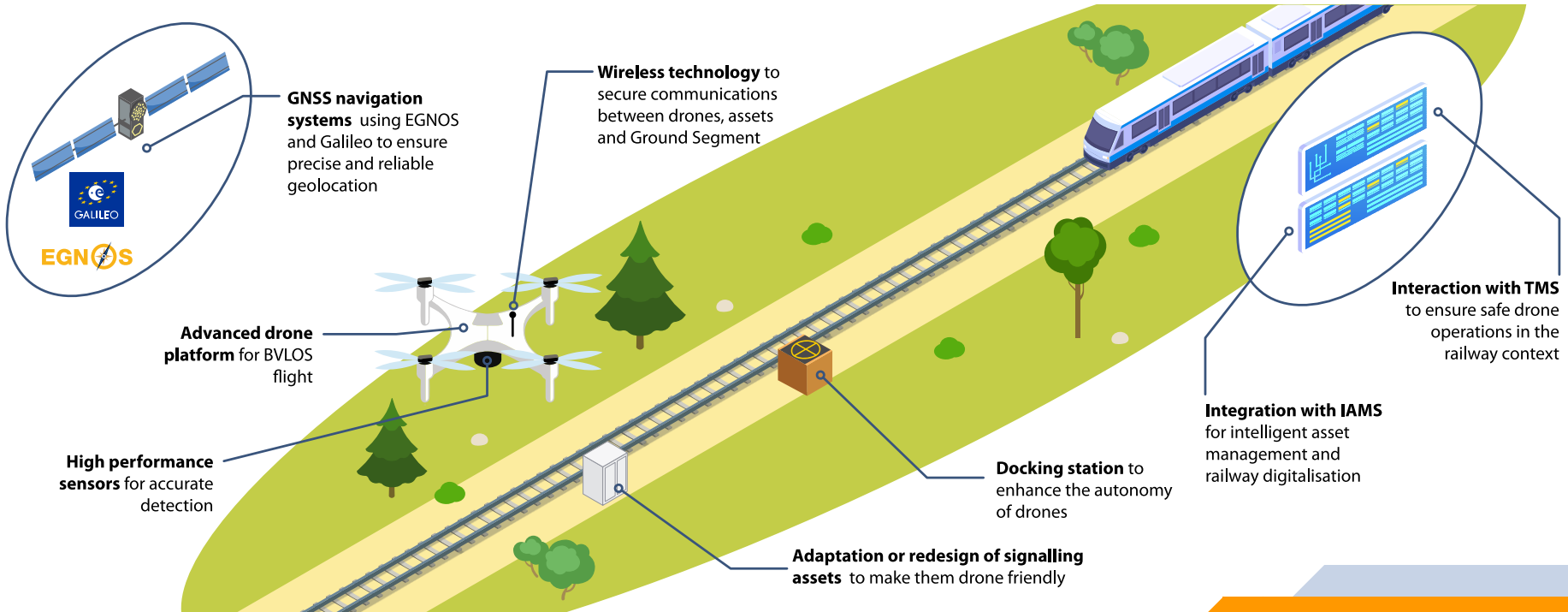
Diagnostic trains

That is why **RADIUS** proposes a completely **new paradigm**



RADIUS will design, develop, test and demonstrate a **complete monitoring and maintenance system** using unmanned aerial systems (UAS)

RADIUS objectives



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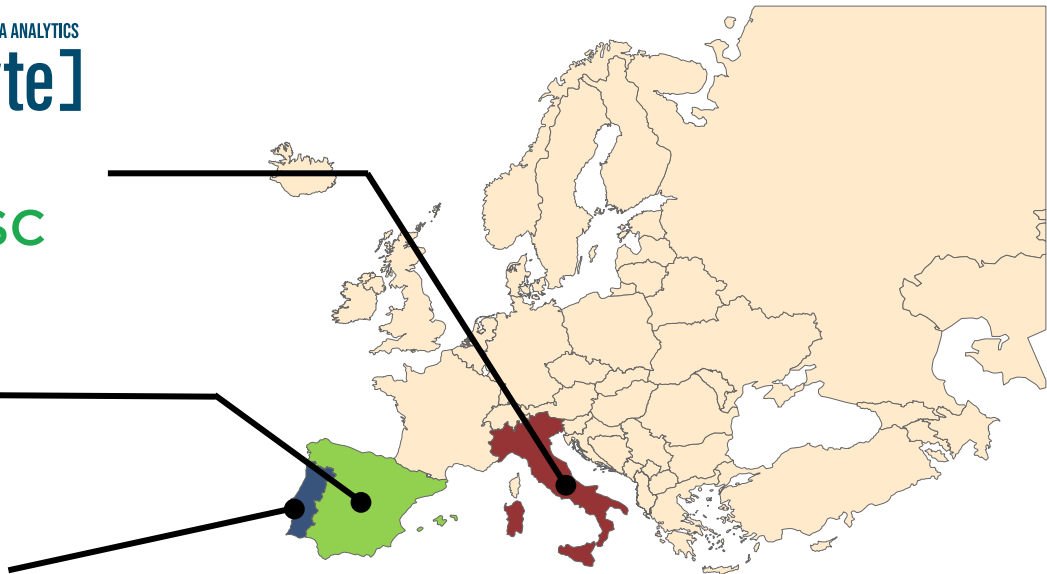
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Signalling

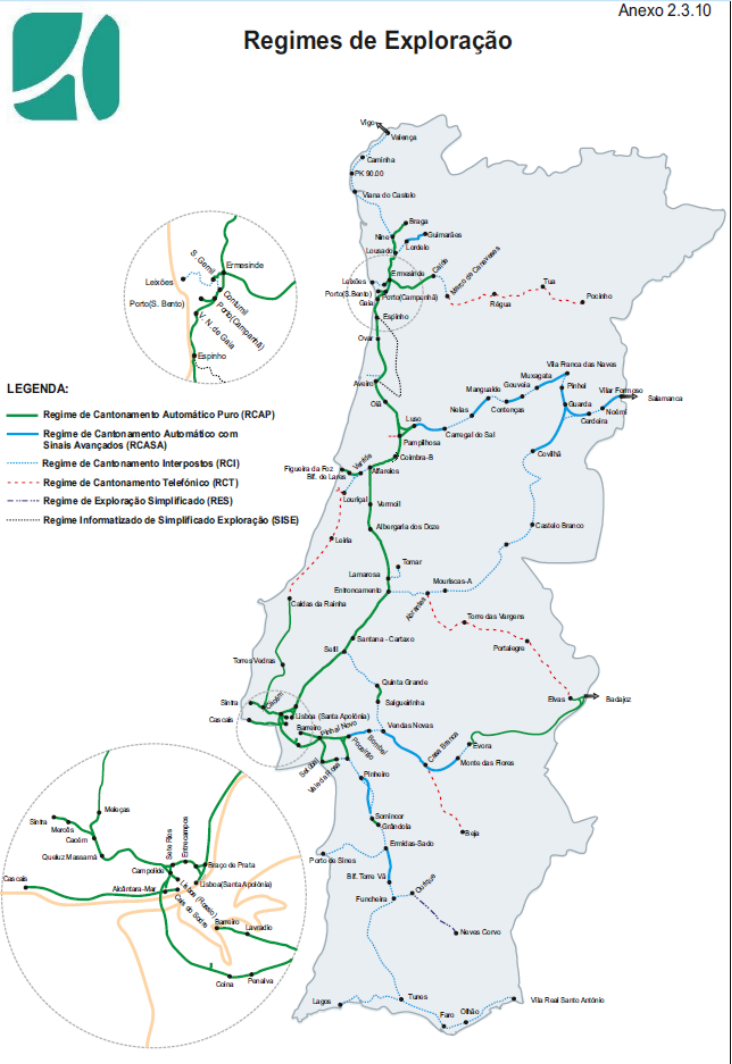
Electronic Interlockings – 2 079 Km
 Mechanical Interlockings – 447 Km
TOTAL – 2 526 Km

(source: IP - Network Statement 2025)

Level Crossings

Road LCs – 696
 Automatic (410)
 Footpath LCs – 129
 Automatic (41)
TOTAL – 825

(source: IP-ICET-150 2024-02)



Turnouts

Electric drive – 1981
 Manual drive – 820
TOTAL – 2 801

(source: IP-DAM backlog-2023)

Maintenance of Signaling Assets (including LCs)

- MPS – Systematic Preventive Maintenance
- MPC – Condition Preventive Maintenance
- MC – Corrective Maintenance

■ MPS – Systematic Preventive Maintenance

Monthly inspections by foot walking, with a team of at least 3 workers, inspecting every asset on the wayside.

Major constraints:

- Highly restrictive safety measures, depending on traffic.
- Some activities only possible overnight.
- High risk of safety and health hazards.
- Difficult road access on many sections of line.
- Manpower intensive activities.

MC – Corrective Maintenance

Emergency Maintenance Teams

- Availability: 24/7/365
- service level: 60mn

Major constraints:

- Poor knowledge of the faulty asset or it's failure mode.
- Lack of adequate tools or spares on the maintenance support vehicles.
- Difficult road access on many sections of line.

The Future – Drone Inspection and Maintenance?

What we get:

Less:

- Manpower on the wayside.
- On foot inspections.
- Health hazards.
- Time to repair failures.
- Track possession time.

More:

- Accurate data on assets.
- Faster identification of faults.
- Availability of the track for business.
- Knowledge on assets condition.
- Information for predictive maintenance.

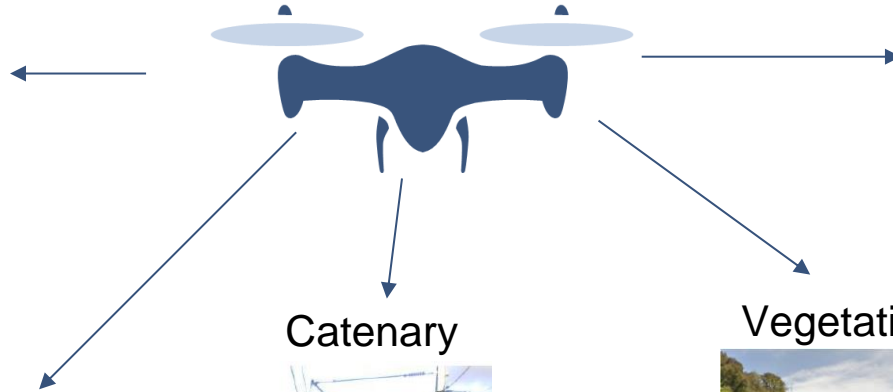
The Future – Drone Inspection and Maintenance?

And Beyond just Signalling Assets...

Obstacles



Track



Catenary



Vegetation growth



Trespassing



Project timeline

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**RADIUS WAS PRESENT IN INNOTRANS 2024
IN BERLIN ON SEPTEMBER 2024**



Radius Timeline

January 2021
Project start
Kick-off meeting

August 2021
System and architecture
specification

April 2022
Initial release of the RADIUS
payload components

September 2022
First version of redesigned
signalling assets and docking
station

June 2022
Initial release of the
UAS prototype, ready
to be tested

March 2024
Validation of modified
signalling assets

January 2024
Full RADIUS
implementation

September 2024
Participation in
Innotrans

July 2024
Final demonstration
in railway relevant
environment

October 2024
Project end



More frequent inspections

Increasing the frequency of inspections means that preventive measures that increase the life span of signalling assets can be used



Cost reduction

The RADIUS system is easier to use, reducing the initial investment as well as the running costs to maintain railway infrastructures



Safety increase

RADIUS will increase the safety of the maintenance operations and also the operational safety of the railways

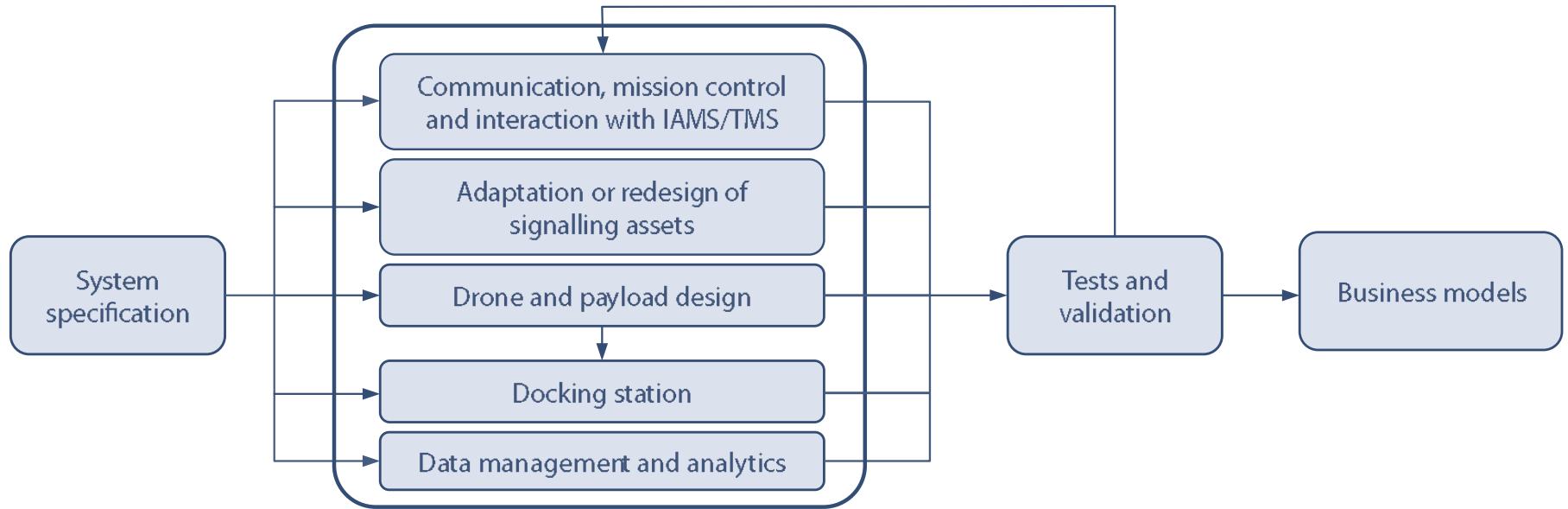


New business models

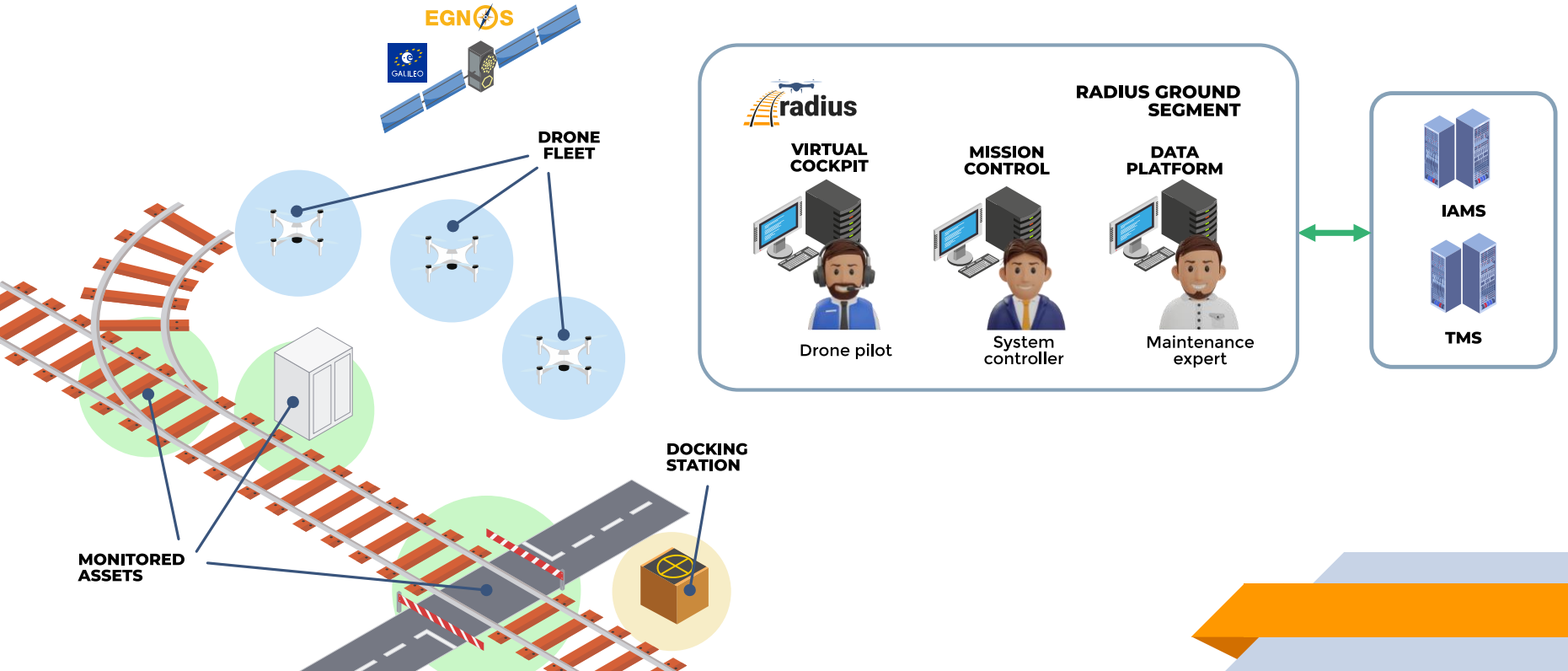
The RADIUS concept can be extended to other activities and markets, creating new service provision business models

Radius Benefits

Project methodology



Architecture



Data analytics

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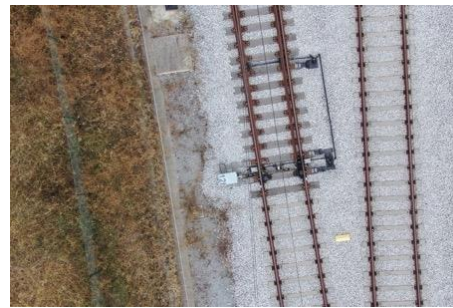
The problem

- Visually inspect fundamental railway assets from UAV in an automated way using state-of-the-art Machine Learning approaches
- Cover those monitoring aspects not covered by signalling
- Integrate results with intelligent asset management
- The work was focused particularly on three main assets/use cases:
 - ▷ the detection of anomalies in **cabinets**,
 - ▷ the visual check of the correct functioning of **light signals**, and
 - ▷ the identification of missing bolts in **switches**

Data acquisition

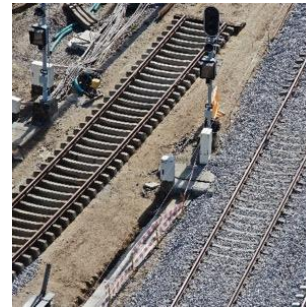


Cabinets



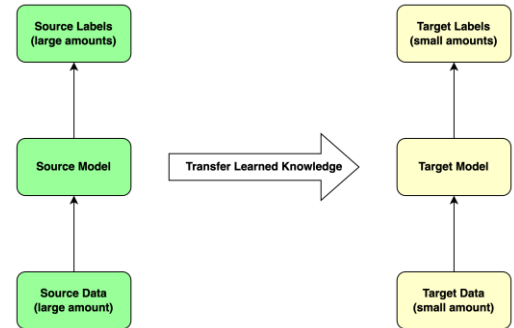
Switches

Light signals

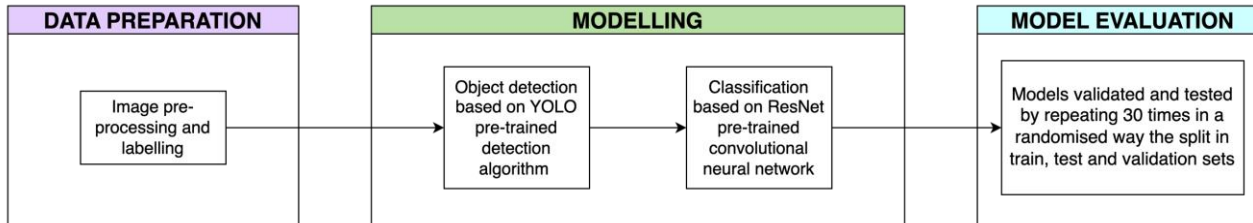
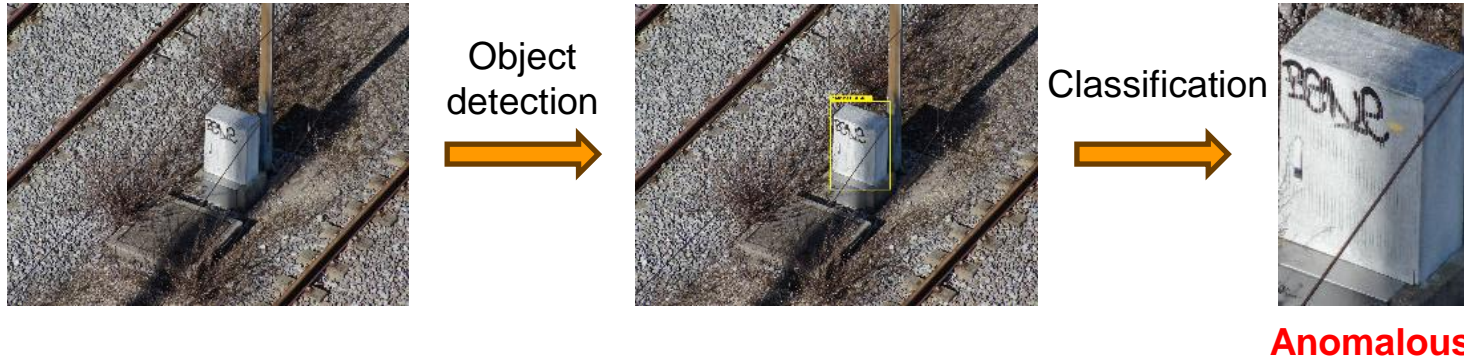


The approach

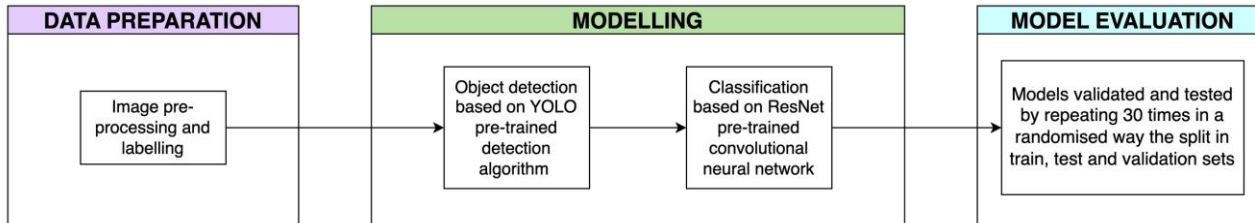
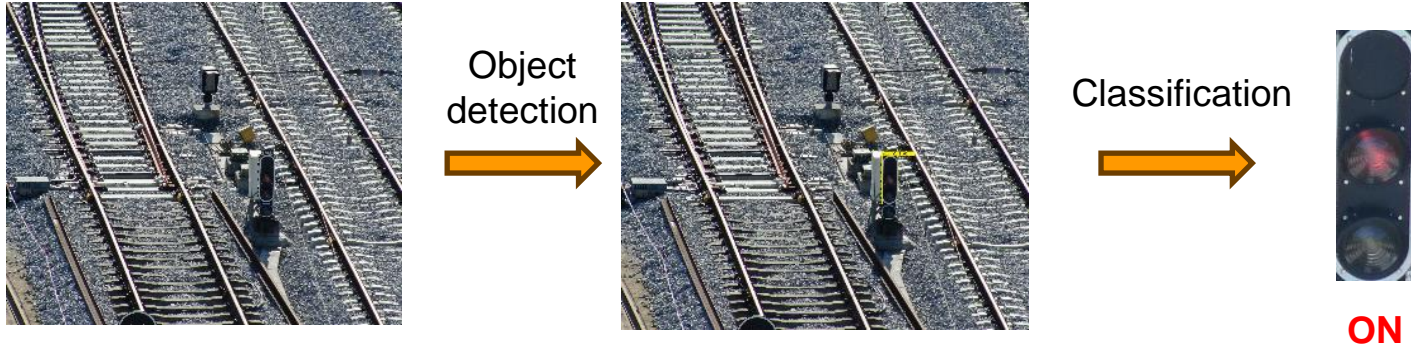
- Using **Convolutional Neural Networks**
- Leveraging **Transfer Learning**, i.e., the idea of exploiting pre-trained models and adapt them on new, but related, tasks
- Exploiting
 - ▷ **YOLO** open-source computer vision model and
 - ▷ **ResNet18** convolutional neural network



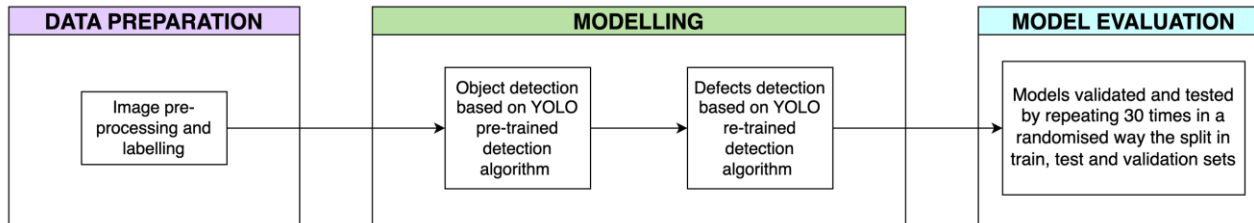
The pipeline: cabinets



The pipeline: light signals



The pipeline: switches



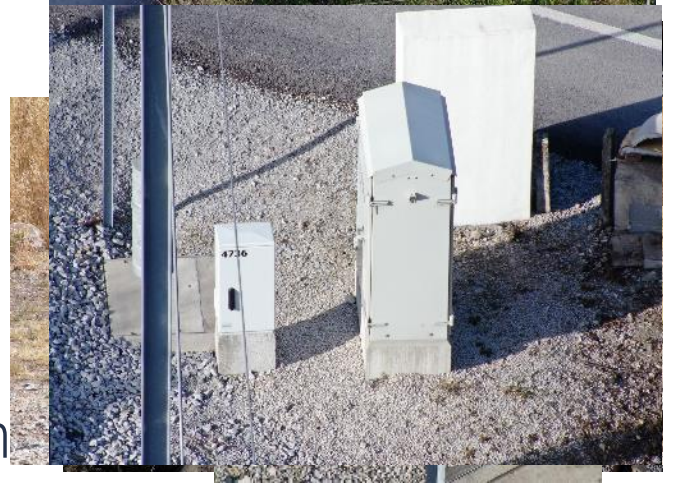
Accuracy of results

	Accuracy	False Positives	False Negatives
Cabinets identification	97% \pm 1.2%	1.5% \pm 0.7%	1.5% \pm 0.7%
Cabinets classification	90% \pm 1.6%	6.0% \pm 1.4%	4.0% \pm 0.8%
Light signals identification	98% \pm 1.3%	1.2% \pm 0.9%	0.8% \pm 1.0%
Light signals classification	90% \pm 3.1%	4.5% \pm 1.5%	5.5% \pm 2.4%
Missing bolt detection in switches	93% \pm 2.4%	4.0% \pm 1.7%	3.0% \pm 1.4%



Issues

- The following issues have been faced:
 - ▷ Shadows
 - ▷ Objects covering the asset
 - ▷ Light-conflicting perspective
 - ▷ Assets needing almost 360° inspection



RADIUS and IAM4RAIL (Europe's Rail)

RADIUS results can be easily integrated in the IAM4RAIL Conceptual Data Model (CDM)

Asset	Variable	Format	Notes
Cabinet	Position	Geographical coordinates	With this information it is possible to support asset management by <ul style="list-style-type: none">• mapping cabinets• identifying possible anomalies in cabinets
	Status	Binary: ok, anomaly	
	Timestamp	Time	
Light signal	Status	Binary: on/off	With this information it will be possible to compare the collected status with the expected status and identify possible anomalies.
	Timestamp	Time	
Switch	Position	Geographical coordinates	With this information it is possible to identify possible anomalies in tracks or switches and intervene accordingly.
	Status	Binary: ok, anomaly	

Conclusions

■ The main lessons learnt during this work are:

▷ The results are extremely promising considering the extremely high accuracy achieved for the target assets and the challenging condition posed by the acquisition from drones.

▷ The acquisition of images with drones requires attention on the relative position of the drone with respect to the asset under consideration, the lighting of the scene to avoid as much as possible the shadowing effects.

■ In general, future research may aim at

▷ Enlarging the number of the available defects (e.g., vegetation over the rail, obstacles in the switch action or real defective fasteners) would increase both the completeness and the accuracy of the visual inspection, making it effective for a more exhaustive set of problems.

▷ Integrating other use cases and enriching the existing ones with data enabling more custom solutions.

■ The results may constitute a very promising starting point for future research in the field.

Drone - friendly Signalling Asset Prototype

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Introduction

This project aims to integrate **Unmanned Aerial Systems** (UAS) technology into **railway** operations to enhance infrastructure surveillance and gather unique data while maintaining the reliability, availability, maintainability, and safety of existing systems.

The test aims to demonstrate the feasibility of an **innovative architecture** that integrates a **drone** with an on-board PC to automate the **communication and data collection process** for a railway asset.

Using UAS technology can offer significant benefits for the railway sector:

- *Automated Asset Recognition*
- *Real-time Data Collection*
- *Predictive Maintenance*

Test case definition

Below are the **steps** of the defined test case:

Inputs	GNSS coordinates on railway asset location, SSID and password of local network
Step 1	The drone with the onboard computer is placed at a distance greater of several meters from the railway asset.
Step 2	The drone takes off and approaches the local diagnostic node.
Step 3	The drone waits at least five minutes in the air at a close distance from the local diagnostic node.
Step 4	The onboard computer in this time frame connects to the local diagnostic node and downloads the data generated by the railway asset.
Step 5	The drone returns to the starting point and lands.
Outputs	Log file containing flight information, data downloaded to the on-board computer.

Standards, norms and regulations

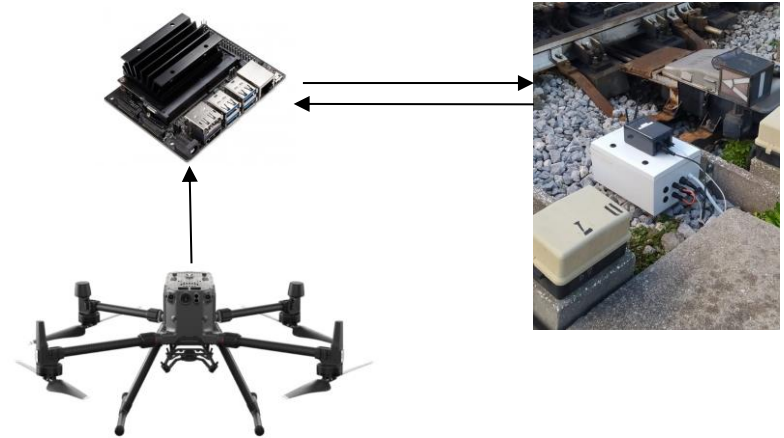
Commission Implementing Regulation EU 2019/947 classifies UAS operation in **3 categories** (open, specific and certified) based on the **level** of the **risk** posed by the operation itself:

- **Open** category: includes low risk operations, for this reason it is not necessary any prior operational authorisation nor an operational declaration by the UAS operator before conducting the operation;
- **Specific** category: includes medium risk operations, in this case an operational authorisation issued by the competent authority is required, after having performed a risk assessment;
- **Certified** category: includes high risk operations, the UAS must be certified, the remote pilot must be licensed and the operator must be approved by the competent authority.

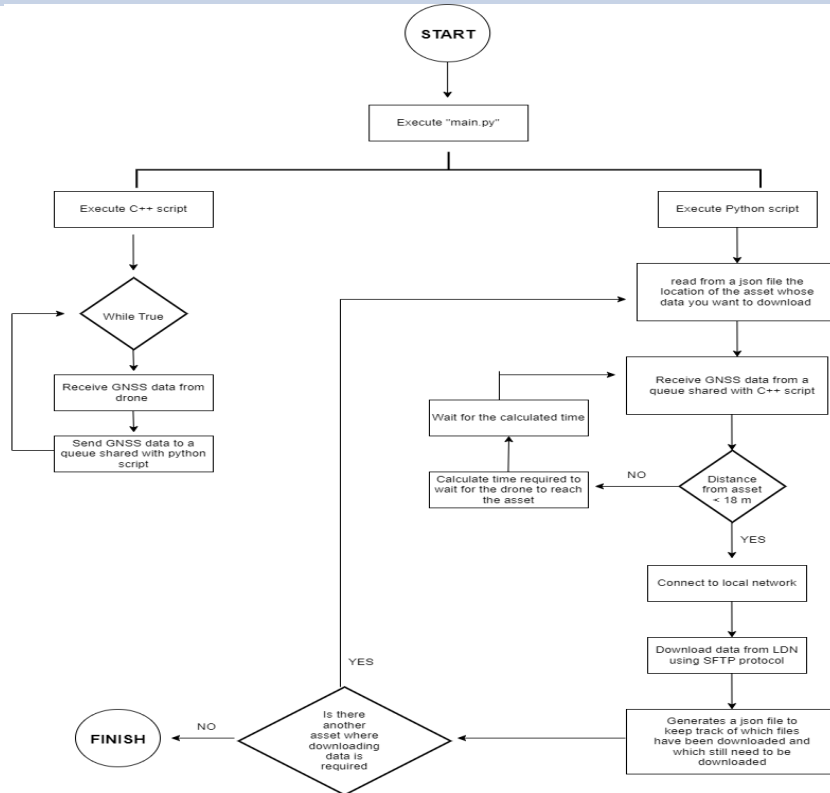
Architectural Overview

Below are the main components used to carry out the test:

- **DJI Matrix 300:** commonly referred to as the M300, is a commercial drone developed by DJI, intended for professional and industrial applications.
- **Nvidia Jetson Nano Developer Kit:** serves as the central hub for processing and managing data within the Drone-Friendly Signalling Asset Prototype.
- **Local Diagnostic Node (LDN):** a system designed to obtain the continual collection and transmission of data from various monitored systems. In the case under examination, a switch point was used.



Software Workflow on On Board PC



On the left we can see the software workflow that allows us to communicate and collect data from the railway asset to the on board PC.

Definition of the flight area

Below is shown on the left the test area delimited for the flight while on the right is shown the drone's starting point with the nano jetson as payload.

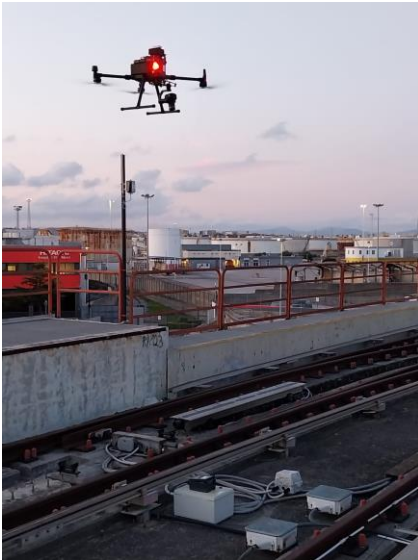


Secure communication between drone and asset

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For each flight, a log file is automatically generated in which the operations performed are described. Each operation is associated with the date and time at which it is carried out.

Below is an image of when the drone approaches the asset and the associated logs.



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2024-03-23 18:24:56 - root - INFO - C++ subprocess started with PID: 7633
2024-03-23 18:24:56 - root - INFO - Python subprocess started with PID: 7635
2024-03-23 18:25:00 - root - INFO - Received GNSS data: 0Latitude: 40.851654, Longitude: 14.318908, Altitude: -48.338395
2024-03-23 18:25:00 - root - INFO - Coordinates of the asset to be achieved: (40.8514, 14.311054, -42)
2024-03-23 18:25:00 - root - INFO - [MAIN] The drone is at 31.441492188158705 meters from the asset.
2024-03-23 18:25:00 - root - INFO - [MAIN] Waiting 2.0751384844184746 seconds until the next check.
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2024-03-23 18:27:31 - root - INFO - [MAIN] The drone is at 18.966626916307824 meters from the asset.
2024-03-23 18:27:31 - root - INFO - [MAIN] Waiting 1.2517973764763164 seconds until the next check.
2024-03-23 18:27:33 - root - INFO - Received GNSS data: 75Latitude: 40.851532, Longitude: 14.318962, Altitude: -35.626938
2024-03-23 18:27:33 - root - INFO - Coordinates of the asset to be achieved: (40.8514, 14.311054, -42)
2024-03-23 18:27:33 - root - DEBUG - [MAIN] Searching asset network to connect...
2024-03-23 18:28:02 - root - DEBUG - [CHECK] Start...
2024-03-23 18:28:02 - root - DEBUG - [DOWNLOAD] Try to establish communication with asset.....
2024-03-23 18:28:03 - root - DEBUG - [DOWNLOAD] Connection established!
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Secure communication between drone and asset

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At the end of the data download, information is reported on the total amount of data downloaded and the time taken for the download. As a final step, the script keeps track of all downloaded data and prepares to download data from the next asset.

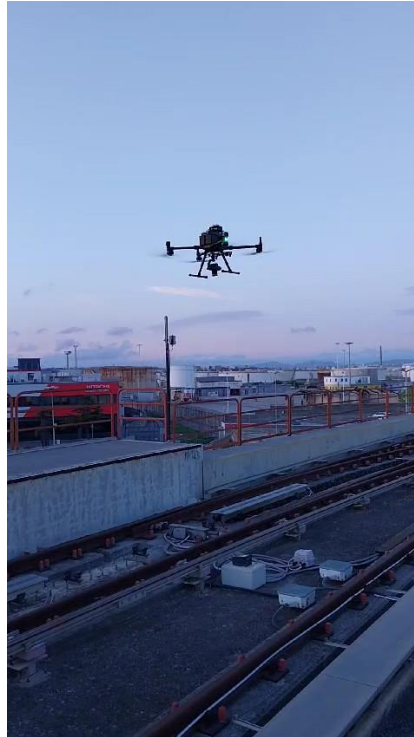


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Running the test

In the video you can see the test carried out in Naples on the test track.

You can see how the drone is near the local diagnostic node and then prepares to return to the drone parking area



UAS flight authorizations: obstacles and challenges

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EU UAS Regulatory Framework

■ Regulation (EU) 2018/1139

- ▷ solid legal basis for a common regulatory framework in Europe
- ▷ definition of rules based on the risk and performance-based approach

■ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/945

- ▷ requirements related to the design and manufacturer of UA
- ▷ UAS requirements related to safety, privacy, personal data, security and environment

■ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947

- ▷ rules and procedures for the UAS operations
- ▷ provisions for personnel, including RP and organizations, involved in UAS operations
- ▷ category of UAS operations: Open, Specific, Certified

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947

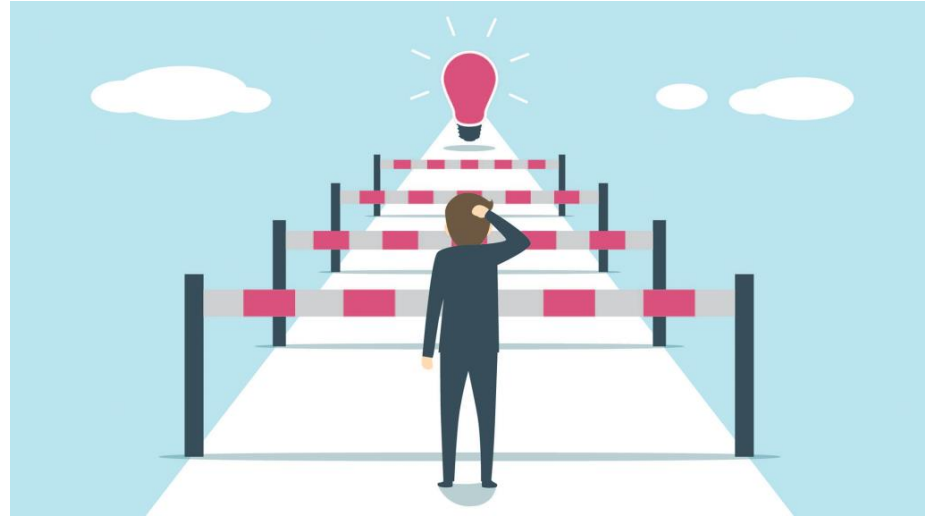
Principle of proportionality: each category is associated to a given risk level and is regulated by a different set of limitations/requirements.

Limitations	OPEN (low risk)	SPECIFIC (medium risk)	CERTIFIED (high risk)
MTOM (kg)	< 25 kg	No limitations	No limitations
Flight conduction	VLOS	VLOS / BVLOS	VLOS / BVLOS
Max. operational height	120m (400ft) AGL	No limitations	No limitations
Fly over people assembly	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Max. characteristic dimension	No limitations	< 3 m when flying over assembly of people	No limitations
Dangerous goods	Not allowed	Allowed if available a crash-proof container	Allowed
Transport of people	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed
Operational declaration/authorisation	Not required	Required (STS, PDRA, SORA, LUC)	Required (traditional aviation authorisation)

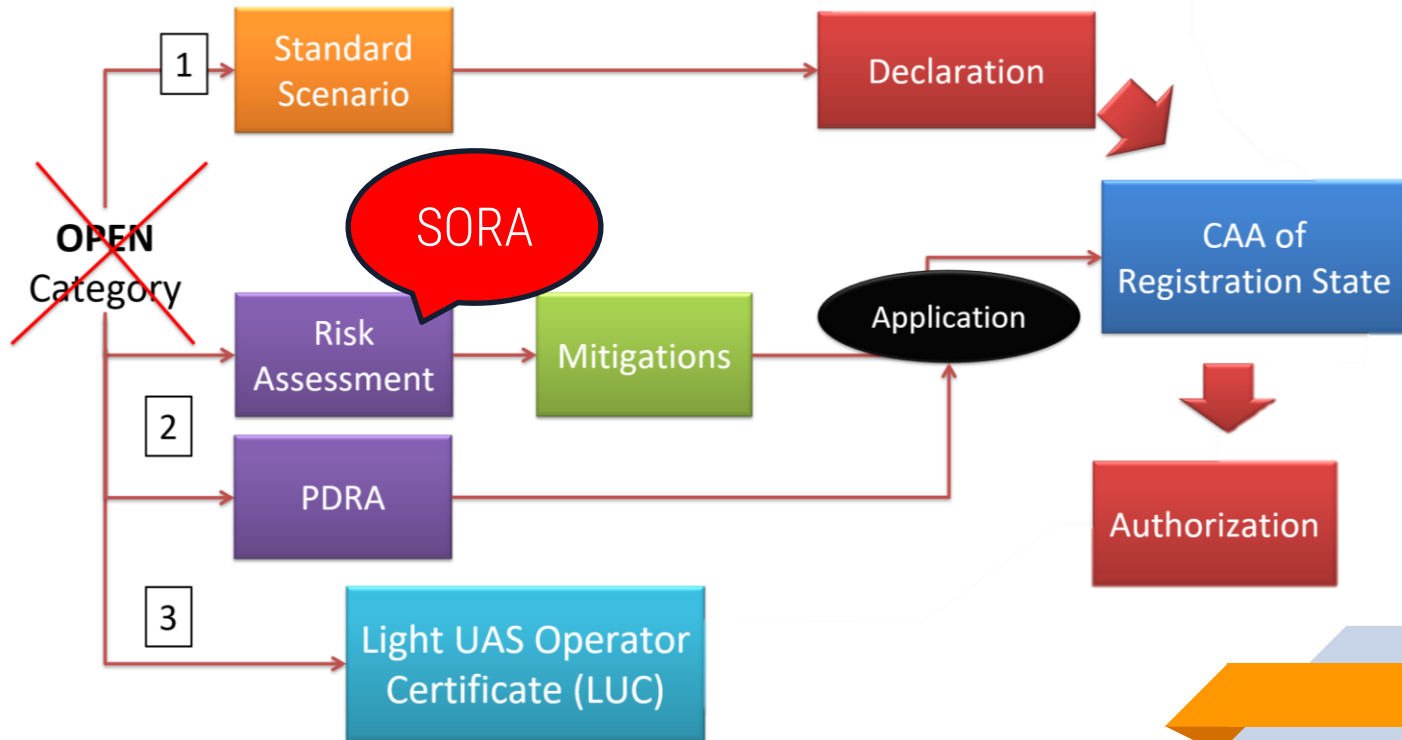
Open category: obstacles and challenges for infrastructure monitoring operations

Limitations:

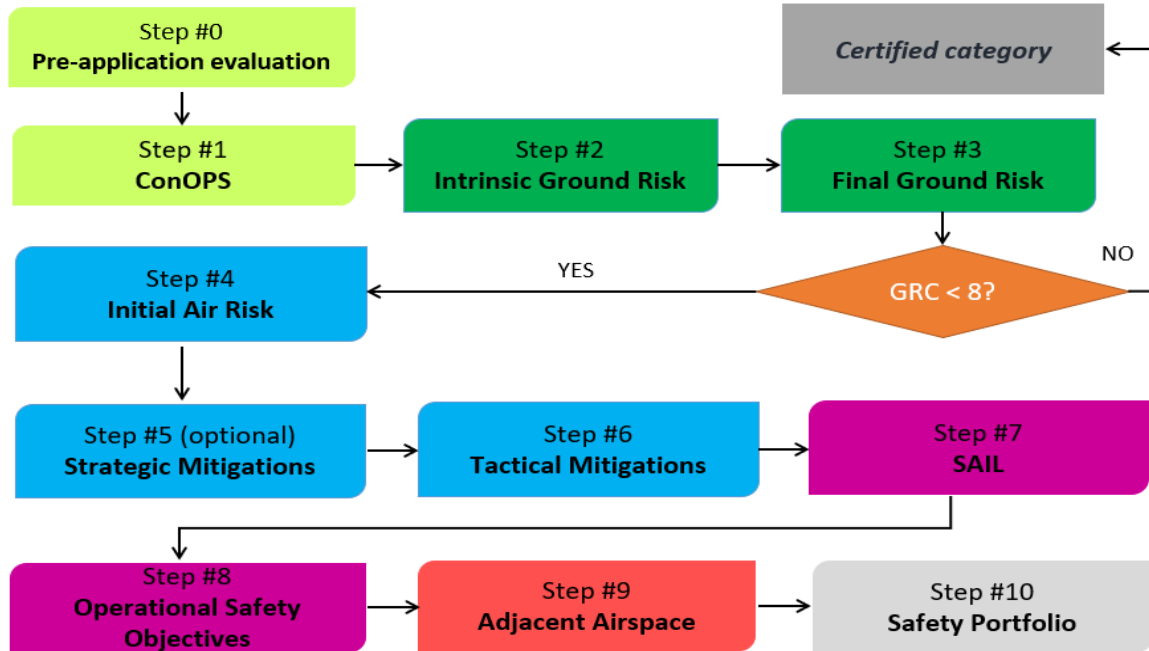
- No BVLOS operations
- No payload transport
- Small UA (i.e., reduced mass) for flying in populated areas → UA with reduced range
- CE mark and class mark



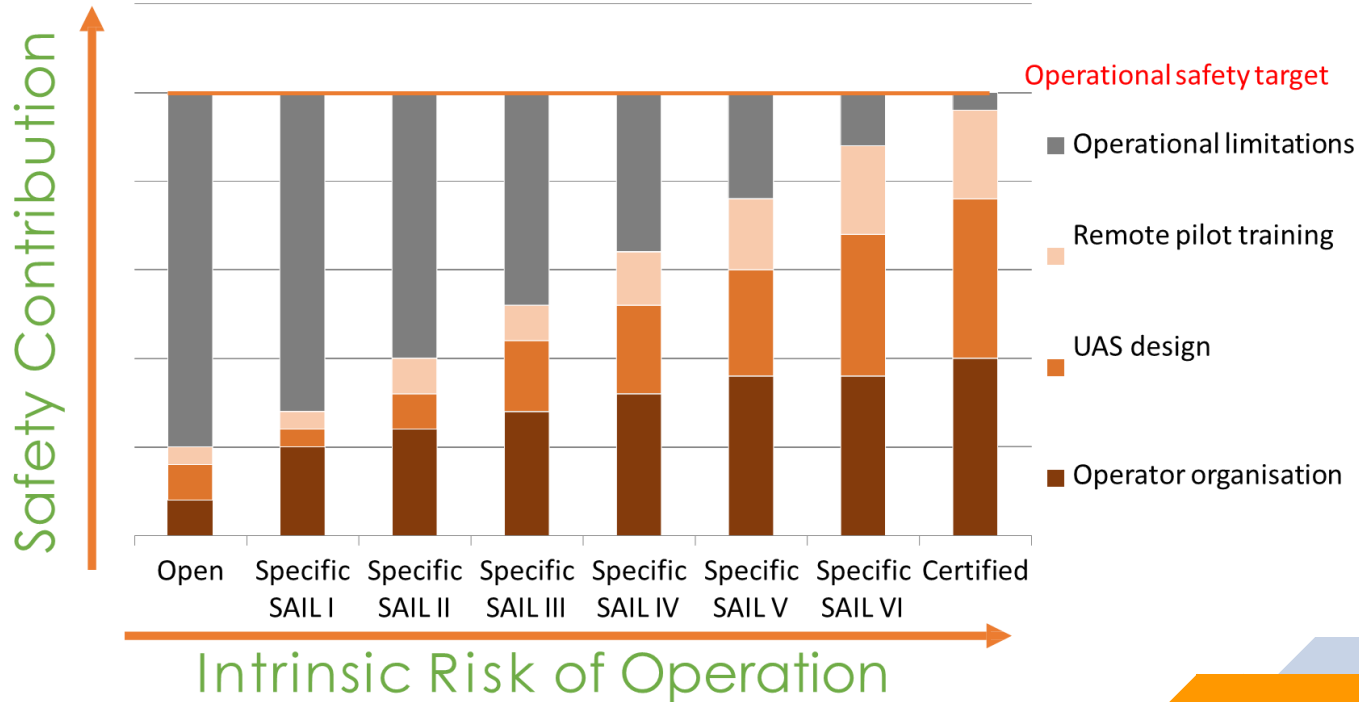
Specific category: possible type of authorisations



SORA structure



SORA concept



RADIUS flight tests: Naples (IT)

Standard Scenarios (IT-STS-01)

■ VLOS flight over a controlled ground area

■ $h_{\max} = 25$ m (*Flight allowed under 25 m*)

■ DJI M300 RTK (*MTOM 9 kg*) - DJI MINI 3 PRO (*MTOM 0,249 kg, OPEN*)

■ Payload:

▷ Nvidia Jetson Nano developer board

▷ LTE Dongle Modem

▷ DJI Zenmuse P1 Optical Camera or DJI Zenmuse L1 Livox Lidar payload.



RADIUS flight tests: Ourique (PT)

SORA

■ Sparsely populated

■ $H_{\max} = 120 \text{ m}$ (*OPS < 150m (~500ft) AGL in uncontrolled airspace over Rural Area*)

■ DJI M300 (MTOM 9 kg)



Flight authorization request was submitted 3 months before the flights. However, IP never obtain the flight authorization.

Flights were conducted in the **Open category**

What improvements are needed to enhance the systematic use of drones for asset monitoring?



■ Simplification of the authorization process:

- ▶ **Reduced Evaluation Times:** Shorten the authority's evaluation period for authorization approval.
- ▶ **Standardized Models and Documents for authorization requests:** Simplifying the approval process and creating standardized rules and documents for BVLOS operations will enable more extensive and efficient operations.
- ▶ **Cost reduction:** Reduce the costs associated with authorization fees.

■ Other potential improvements:

- ▶ **Training:** Operators often receive insufficient training on regulatory aspects, typically focusing first on operational needs. It is essential to provide operators with thorough training on regulatory requirements from the start to ensure they understand and adhere to these requirements.
- ▶ **Drone Certifications:** The market currently lacks drones that meet necessary reliability standards and certifications (DVR). There is a need for certified drones that fulfill these reliability requirements to enhance safety and compliance in operations.

Final Demonstration

Ourique, Portugal

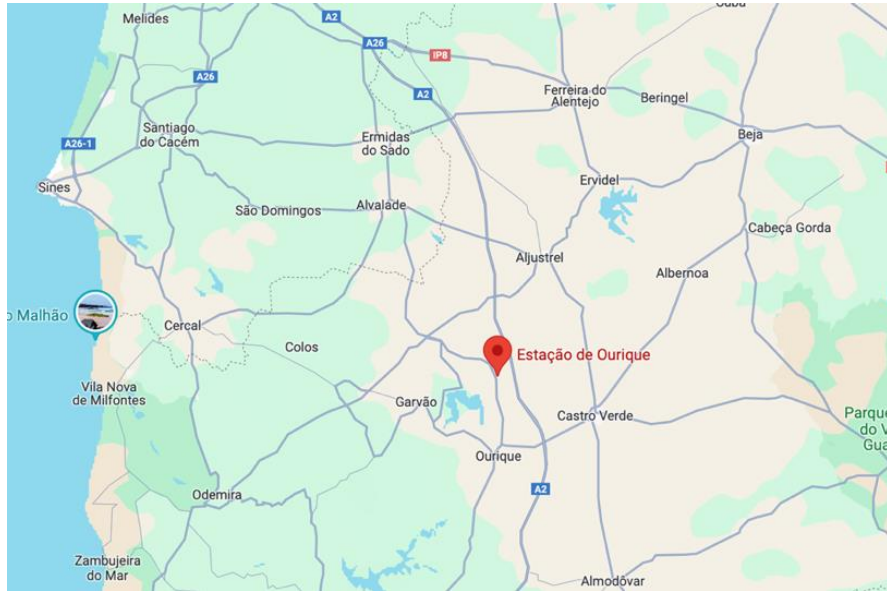
Pedro Ribeiro
EVOLEO Technologies, Lda.



Final Demonstration

- Location: Ourique, Portugal
- Demonstration of RADIUS components integration
 - ▷ Docking Station
 - ▷ Drone Gateway
 - ▷ Ground Segment
- Demonstration of RADIUS capabilities for assets visual inspection:
 - ▷ Cabinets
 - ▷ Switches
 - ▷ Level Crossings

Final Demonstration - Location

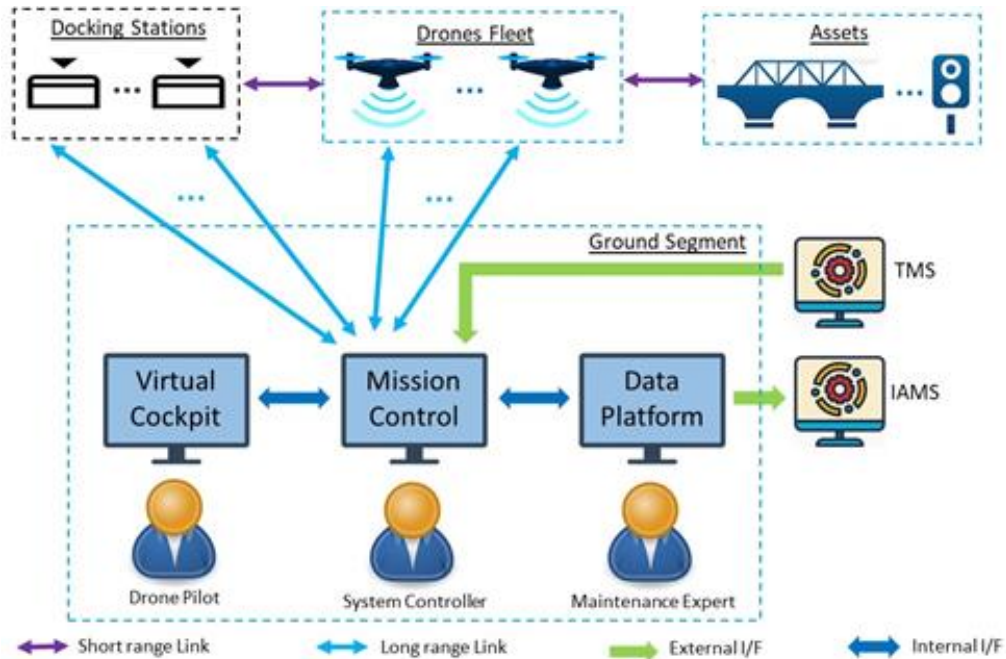


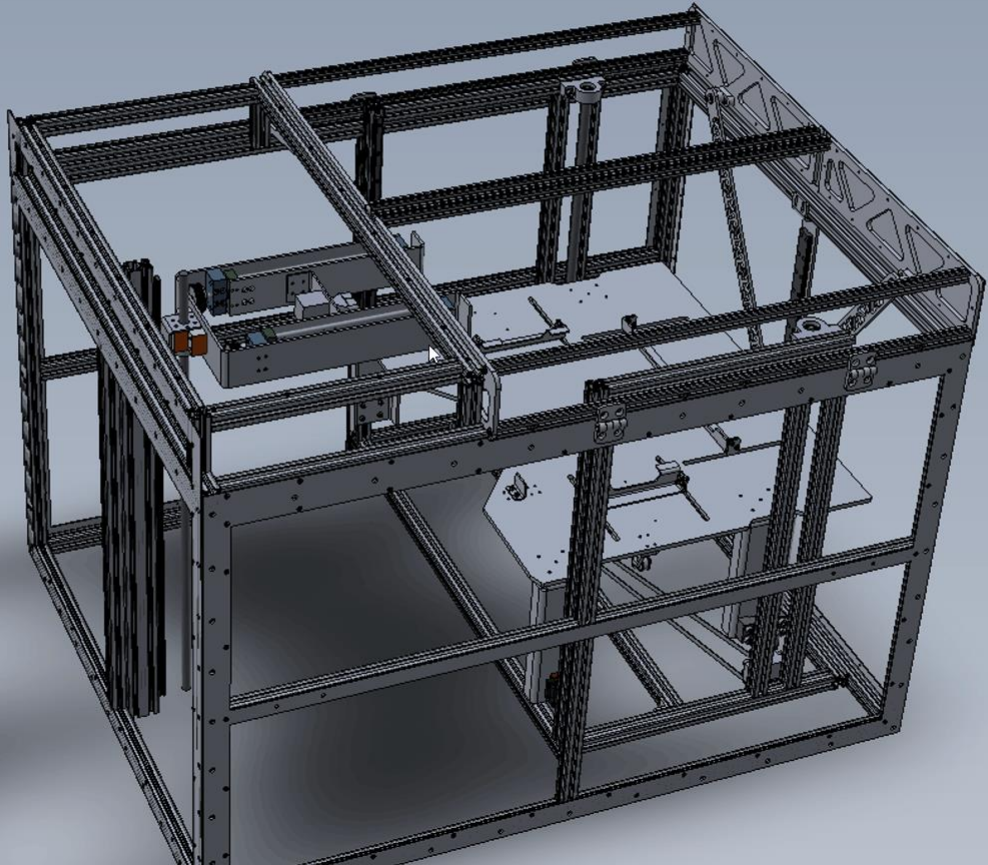
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RADIUS Architecture Overview





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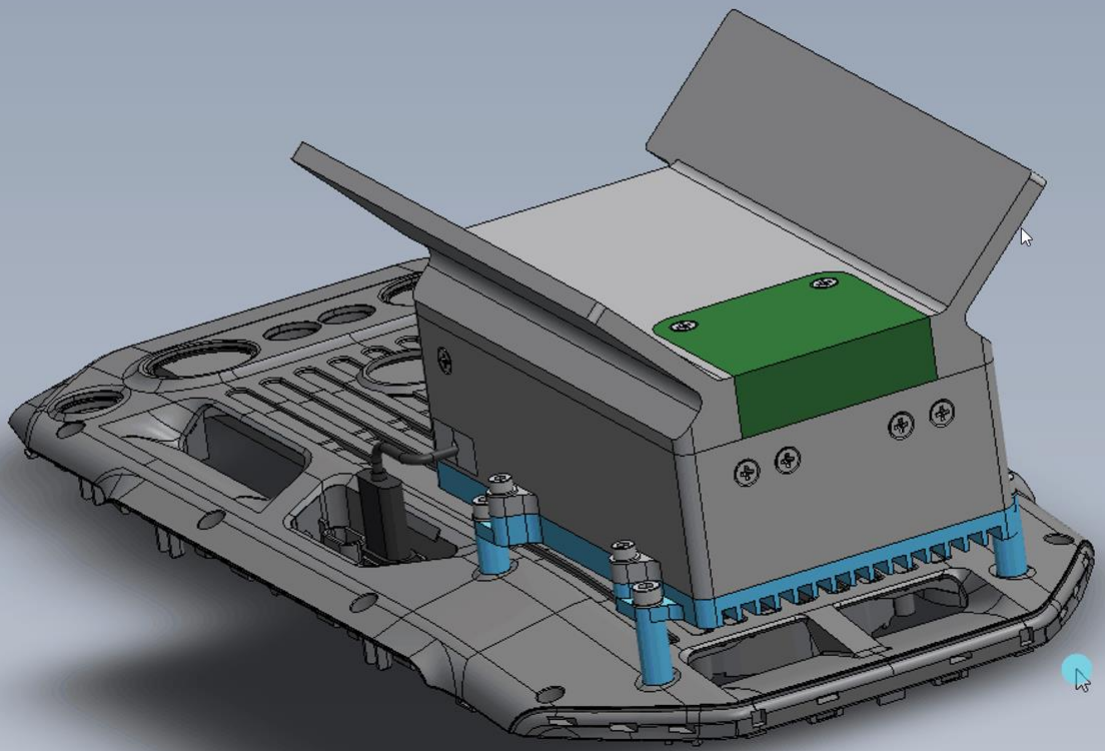




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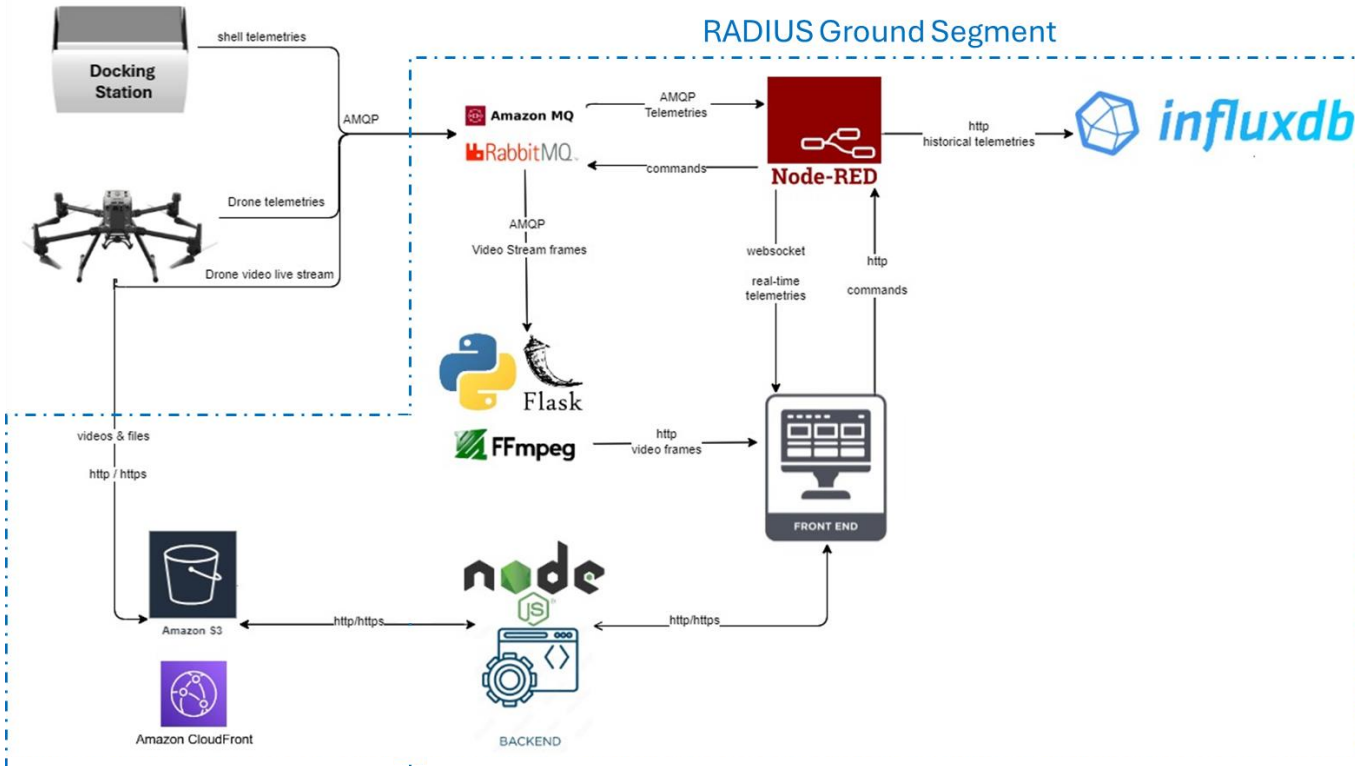




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RADIUS Ground Segment Overview



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Sign Out

Map Fleet View

Fleet Models

Daily Operations

Railway Track Segments

- Passive Track Segments
- Active Track Segments
- Land Clearing
- Landmarks
- Obstacles
- Map Mission Drones

Calendar

September 2024

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Mission History

Recent missions and their details, including drone ID, start time, and status.

Command Console

Real-time command log showing drone status and user actions.

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AI OPERATIONS SuperUser
Sign Out

Map Fleet View

Fleet Models

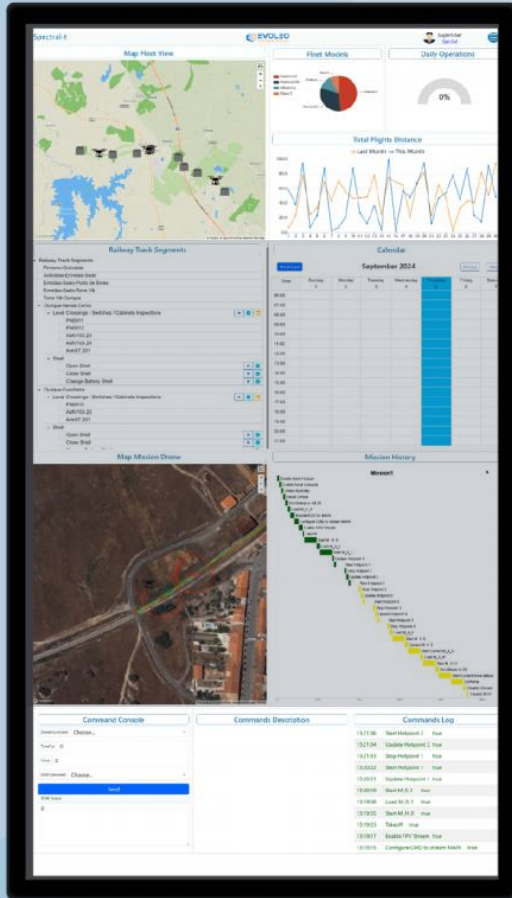
Daily Operations

Total Flights Distance

Line chart comparing flight distance for 'Last Month' (orange) and 'This Month' (blue) over a 30-day period.

Command Console

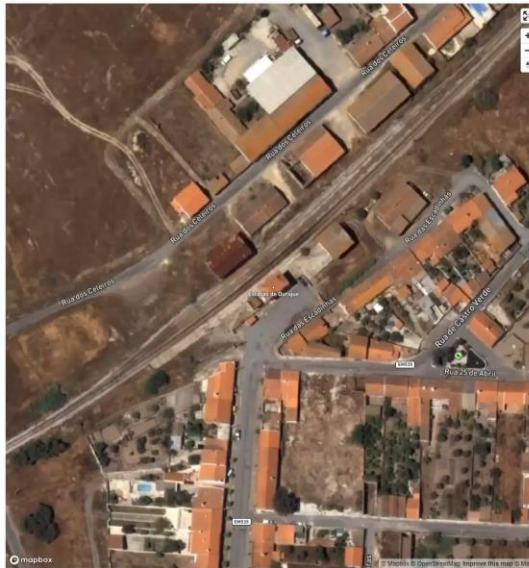
Command log showing drone status and user actions.



Railway Track Segments

- Pinheiro-Grândola
- Grândola-Ermidas-Sado
- Ermidas-Sado-Porto de Sines
- Ermidas-Sado-Torre Vã
- Torre Vã-Curique
- Ourique-Neves Corvo
 - Level Crossings / Switches / Cabinets Inspections
 - PN0011
 - PN0012
 - AMV103.23
 - AMV103.24
 - Arm57.201
 - Shell
 - Open Shell
 - Close Shell
 - Change Battery Shell
- Ourique-Funcheira
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Map Mission Drone



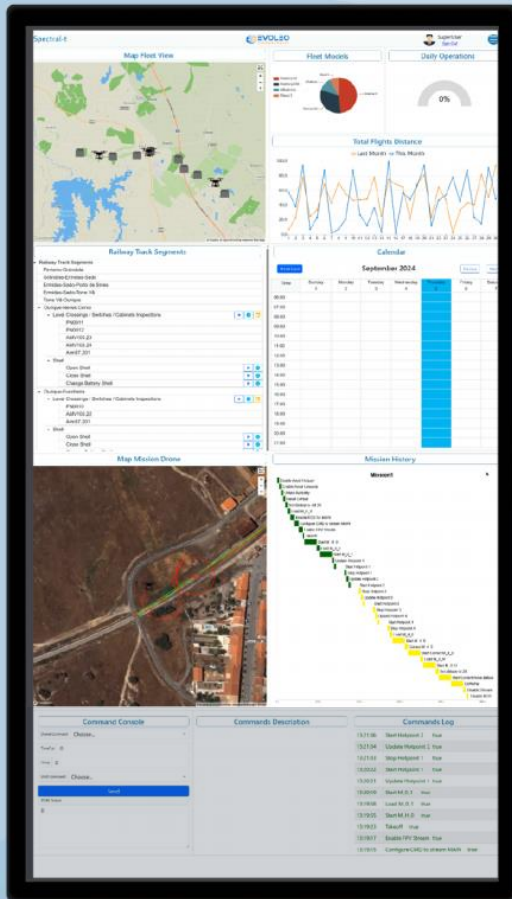
Calendar

September 2024

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Mission History

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Command Console

Drone Command Choose...

TimeOut 0

Delay 0

Shell Command Choose...

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JSON Output

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Commands Description

Commands Log



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Battery

Imu Orientation

IMU Angular Speed

Linear Acc

Velocity

Gimbal Angle

Ghost Status

Drone Position

Height Above takeoff

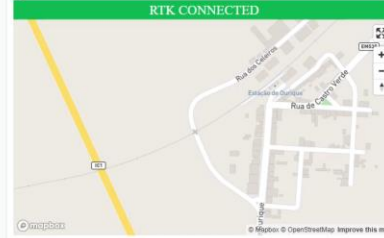
Flight Anomaly Logs

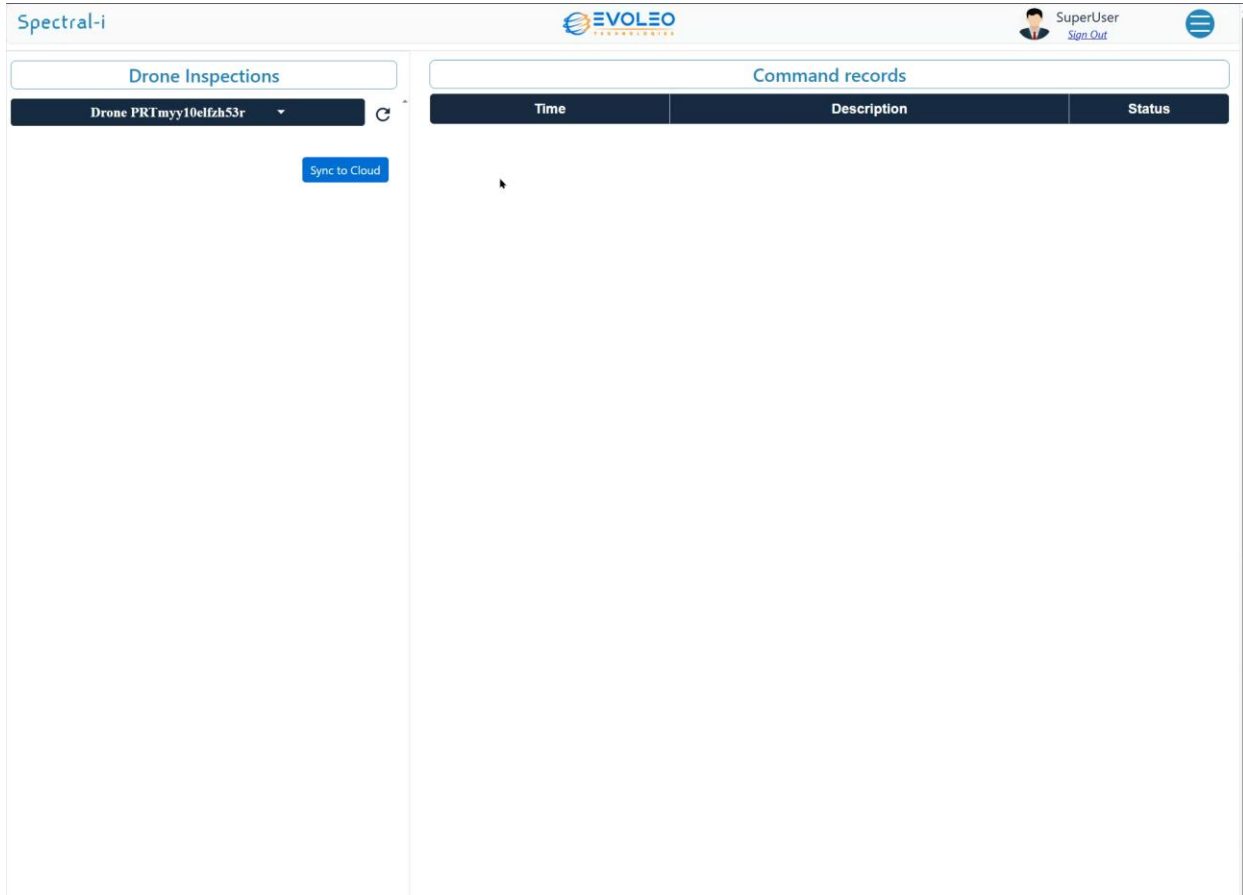
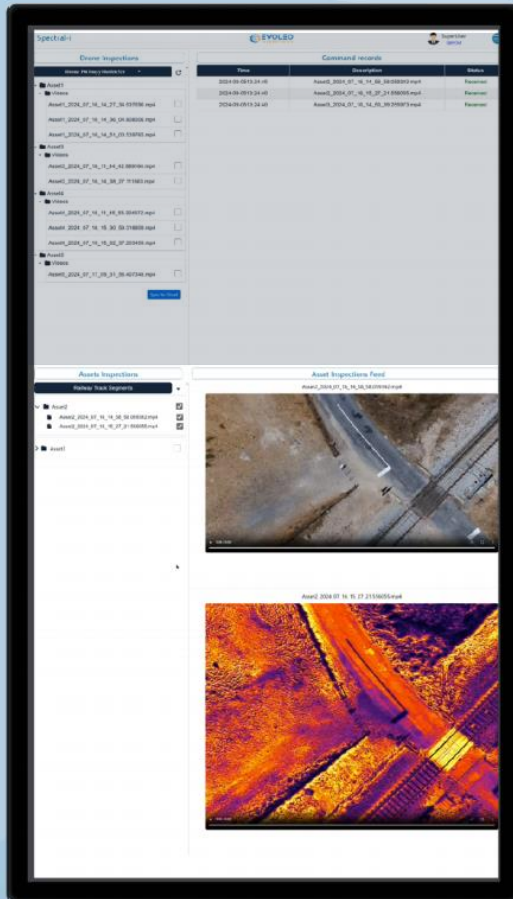
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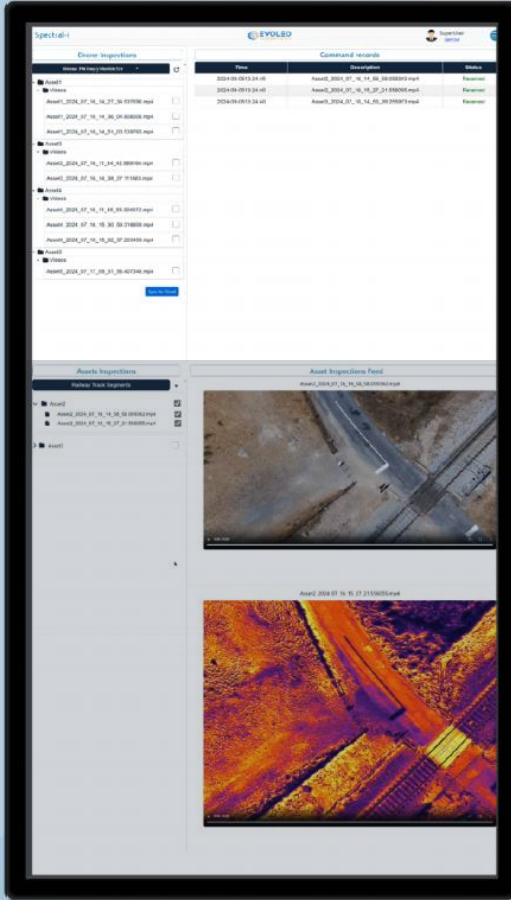
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Shell Status

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Assets Inspections

Railway Track Segments

Asset Inspections Feed

Conclusions

■ The main lessons learnt during this work are:

- ▷ The usability of the system and potential for future use is very promising.
- ▷ The routine operations and inspections are a good fit for this kind of solution, along with the predefined operations in general.
- ▷ The repeatability of images and video collection is very interesting in terms of AI modelling.

■ In general, future research may aim at

- ▷ Longer in-field pilot demos to collect larger datasets, both in terms of assets inspections and operational usage.
- ▷ Integrating other solutions to improve the robustness of the system. (e.g. communications)



How far are we from operation?

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Key conclusions



Achievements

Viable technology
Feasible operations
Useful information



Future research

Prototype to product
Improved navigation
Asset management platform

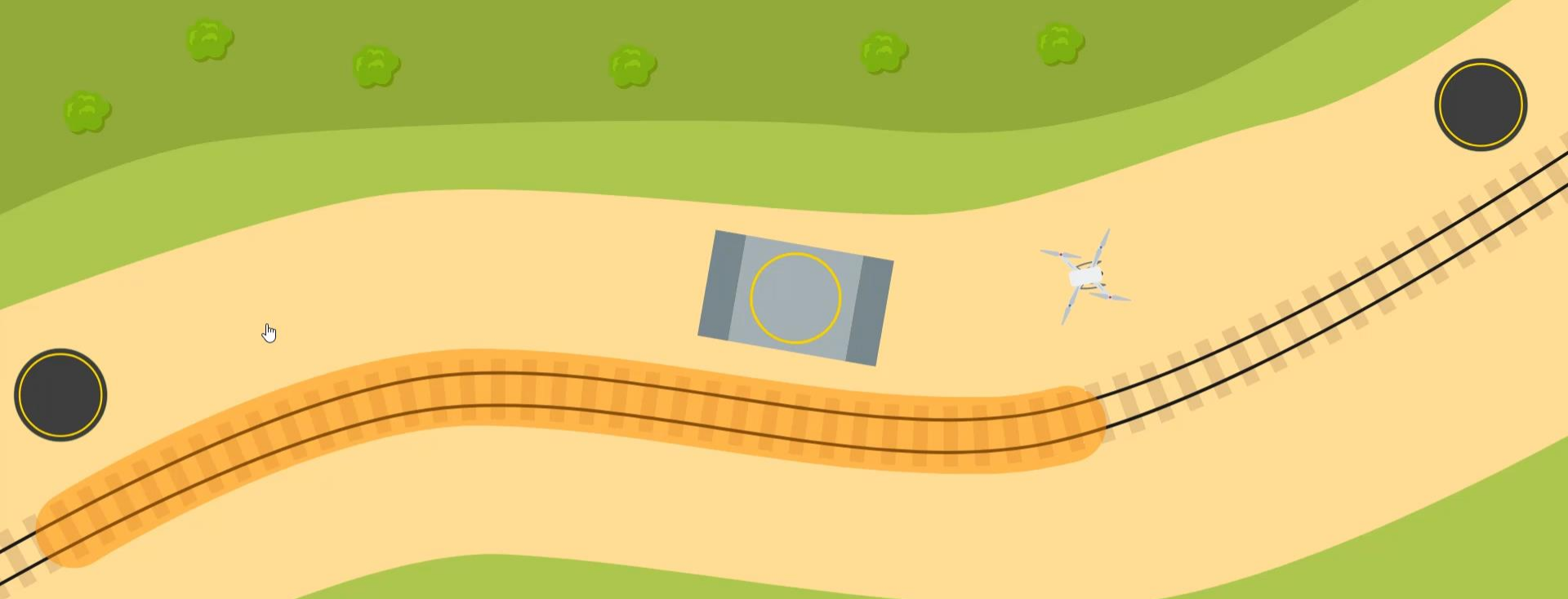


Other applications

Railway domain
Linear infrastructures

RADIUS achievements

- The RADIUS technology works in the railway environment
- The docking station makes monitoring of long railway tracks workable
- Valuable data acquisition



**PLACING DOCKING STATIONS ALONG THE TRACKS
INCREASES THE OPERATING RANGE AS REQUIRED**

How far are we from operation?

Radius has demonstrated its ability to improve railway operations, but there are still steps to be taken to make it a commercially viable technology.

From prototype to commercial solution

1	Basic principles observed
2	Technology concept formulated
3	Experimental proof of concept
4	Technology validated in lab
5	Technology validated in relevant environment
6	Technology demonstrated in relevant environment
7	System prototype demonstration in operational environment
8	System complete and qualified
9	Actual system proven in operational environment

- Radius has reached TRL6, but more research is required to attain TRL9.
- The project has conducted successfully validation campaigns in relevant environments, but the next step is to convert a prototype into an economically viable commercial solution on the market.

Improved navigation

- Radius currently relies on proprietary RTK positioning systems.
- It would be desirable to remove this dependency. We believe it would be possible to use non-proprietary Open-Source solutions based on EGNOS, OSNMA and Galileo High Accuracy System (HAS).
- Probably, they would have to be complemented with other means, such as artificial vision algorithms using the onboard cameras for precision landing on the docking stations.

Asset management platform

- Reconnaissance flights generate a huge amount of data that needs to be processed and archived efficiently so that it can be exploited to the full.
- Therefore, further steps need to be taken to develop and integrate a specialised and customised asset management system with full integration with existing IAMS.

Other applications in the railway domain

- Radius has demonstrated its viability for monitoring the status of signalling assets, but the technology has the potential to be extended to other categories of assets and other uses cases within the rail sector itself.
- For example, attendants at InnoTrans, repeatedly asked about:
 - ▷ Tunnels
 - ▷ Track geometry
 - ▷ Alert management
 - ▷ Vegetation encroachment
 - ▷ Clothes

Other applications: inspection of linear infrastructures

- Radius is a project with great potential to be extended to other industries or linear infrastructures, with common characteristics to railways.
- Many of the technologies developed could be extrapolated to other applications, such as the docking station, wireless communications and the image processing algorithms.