



DIDRO

An innovative multi-sensor UAV solution for routine and emergency monitoring of levees

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Why DIDRO ?

2010 – Storm Xynthia
Failure and major damages to flood defenses along a coastline of 200 km; 47 people died

2011 – 40% of levees reported as in « bad condition »

Since 2011 – Strengthening of the French regulation for levee management

- High frequency of routine inspections
- Continuous monitoring during hydrometeorological events



La Faute-sur-Mer, Feb. 2010
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Guérande, Feb. 2010
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USUAL METHOD



Visual inspection Foot patrols

- + Low cost
 - + No specific instruments
 - + Rather exhaustive
- Low efficiency
 - Security issues
 - Difficult to access vegetated areas

ALTERNATIVE METHODS



« Infrared Light Vehicle »

- + High efficiency
 - + Reasonable cost
- Limited and skewed coverage
 - Requires road on the crest
 - Not deployable during emergency



Helicopters or airplanes

- + High efficiency
 - + Flexible
 - + Deployable during emergency
- Costly
 - Highly qualified pilot

What is DIDRO ?

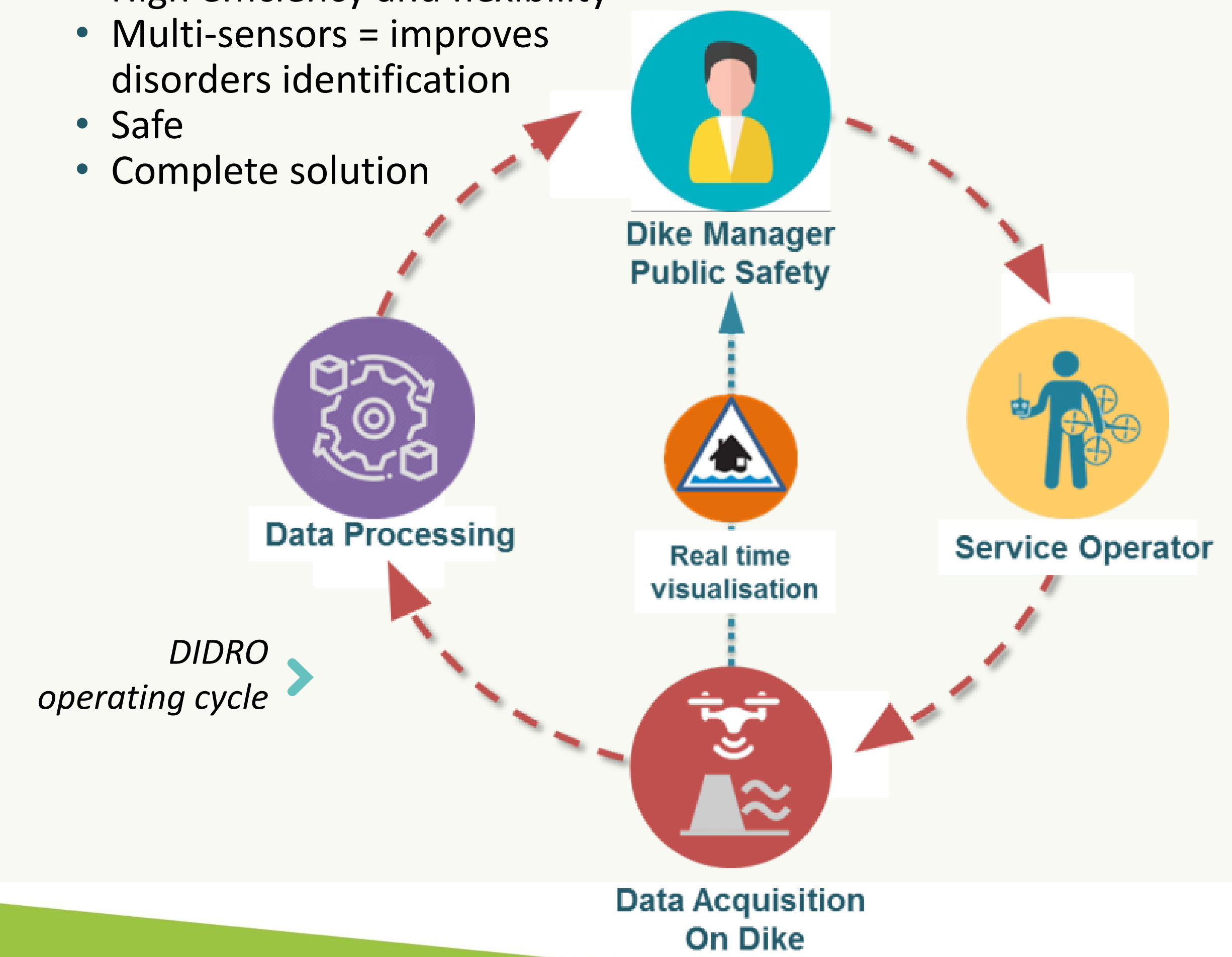
DIDRO = Dike (levee) monitoring by DRONES

Operational solution for **both routine and hydro-meteorological emergency monitoring** of all types of levees

Detection of **disorders** on levees and in their immediate surroundings

Dedicated to levee managers and to public safety services

- Benefits:**
- High efficiency and flexibility
 - Multi-sensors = improves disorders identification
 - Safe
 - Complete solution



Routine monitoring

Centimetric to metric indicators of disorders:

- Seepage
- Animal burrows
- Settlement
- Erosion/scouring
- etc.

Data available on **3D web platform** after pre-processing



Seepage through a levee

3 operational modes

emergency monitoring

During a flood / high waters

Metric indicators of disorders:

- Breach initiation
- Crest or slope collapse
- Erosion on the water-side
- Risk of overtopping
- etc.

Real time visualisation of data



Damaged masonry seawall

Support to public safety

Imminent levee failure/ Levee has already failed

- Flooded buildings and roads
- Water height estimations
- People in flooded areas
- etc.

Real time visualisation of data



Flooded residential area

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Payloads and UAVS

Routine and emergency monitoring

COPTER 4



Manufactured by *Survey Copter*
 40 km range
 Max. autonomy: 2.5 h
 Max. payload: 8.5 kg
 Max. wind speed on ground: 10m/s
 Max. take-off weight: 30 kg
 Propulsion: petrol engine

How to easily and quickly mount the payloads on the UAV?



Specific modular structure « clic-clac »

Adaptable to other types of UAVs

Routine monitoring mode : full payload configuration

	Thermal infrared (TIR) camera Infracore Variocam HD Research 900 1.6 kg	➔	Thermal anomalies due to seepage + surface mapping
	LIDAR YellowScan Surveyor 1.6 kg	➔	DSM Topographical anomalies due to settlement, initiation of slope failure, etc.
	Visible (VIS) + Near Infrared (NIR) cameras IGN Camlights 700 g	➔	Photogrammetry (VIS) Visual detection of disorders + Helps to interpret TIR and LIDAR data NIR: Vegetation state (hydric state of the levee)

emergency monitoring mode : configuration n°1

	LIDAR YellowScan Surveyor 1.6 kg	➔	Dense point cloud Major topographical anomalies Breaches, slope or crest collapses, etc.
	Visible (VIS) and Thermal Infrared (TIR) T120 SurveyCopter 360° rotation x 12 optical zoom 1.0 kg	➔	Analog video Signs of levee failure or overtopping

emergency monitoring: 4 other configurations

	Self-Potential electrodes Electric potential measurements Location of inner seepage or leakage Only if hydraulic head <u>Towed by the UAV</u>		Geophones + GPS Passive Seismic monitoring Inner state of the levee Sea levee only <u>Data collection using UAV</u>
	QUADRO sensor Water sampling Water quality measurements <u>Towed by the UAV</u>		Drifting target + GPS Direction and speed of river flow <u>Dropped by the UAV</u>

Support to public safety

Visible (VIS) and Thermal Infrared (TIR)
 T120 SurveyCopter
 360° rotation x 12 optical zoom
 1.0 kg

➔

Analog video
 Night/Day view of the situation in flooded area

ALIACA
 Manufactured by *Survey Copter*
 50 km range
 Max. autonomy: 3 h
 Max. payload: 1.1 kg
 Max. wind speed on ground: 12m/s
 Max. take-off weight: 12 kg
 Propulsion: electrical engine

First tests

Data acquisition on an experimental levee (CEREMA Rouen/EDF, France)
 R. Antoine and C. Fauchard (ENDSUM team, CEREMA)

	➔ Variocam HD Research 900 and Camlights mounted on a DJI M600 Pro
	➔ Photogrammetry 3D model from VIS imagery
	➔ Dense point cloud extracted from TIR imagery

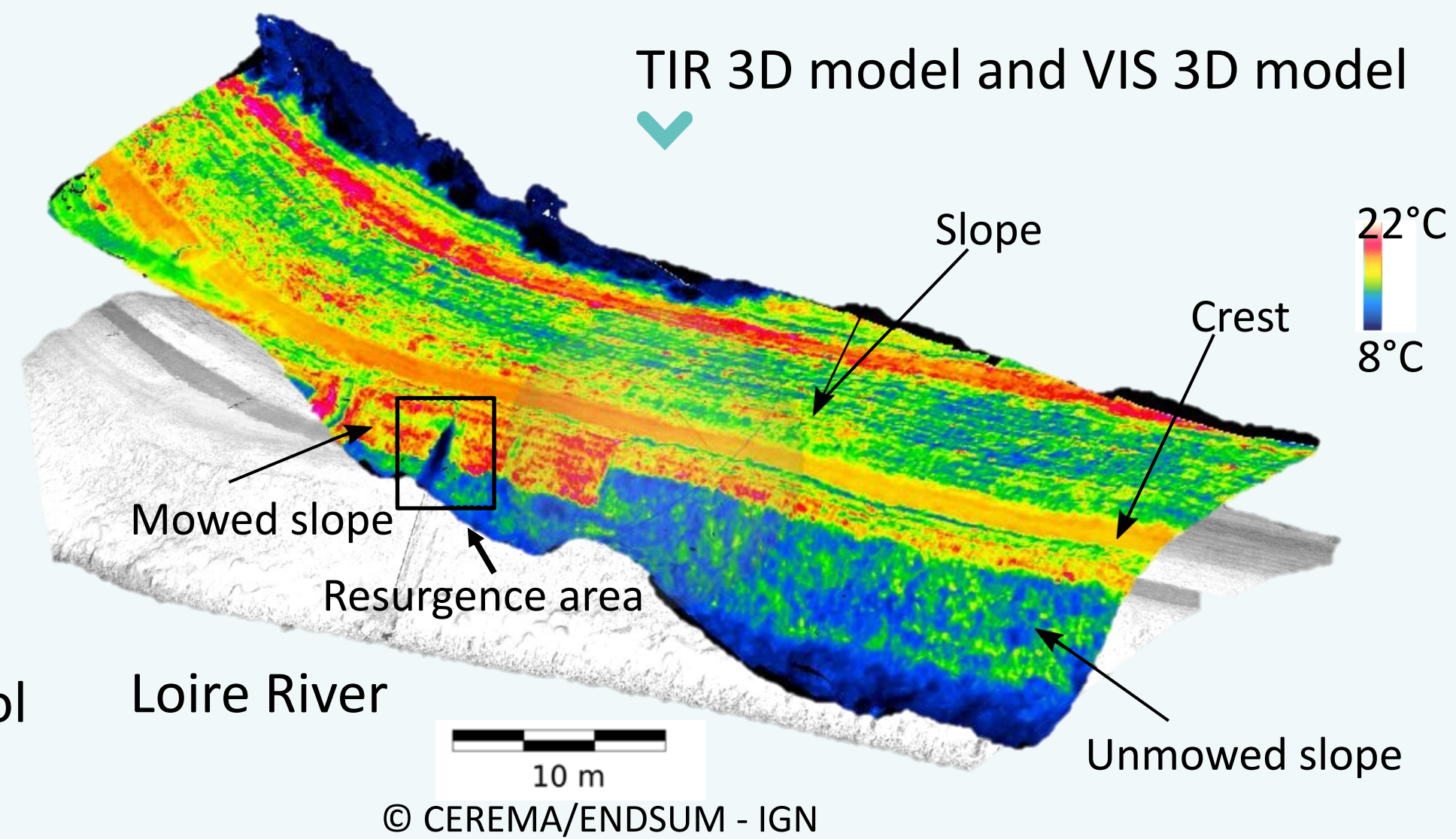
Combination of 3D TIR and visible models

Advanced data analysis and interpretation

➔ TIR image before photogrammetric processing

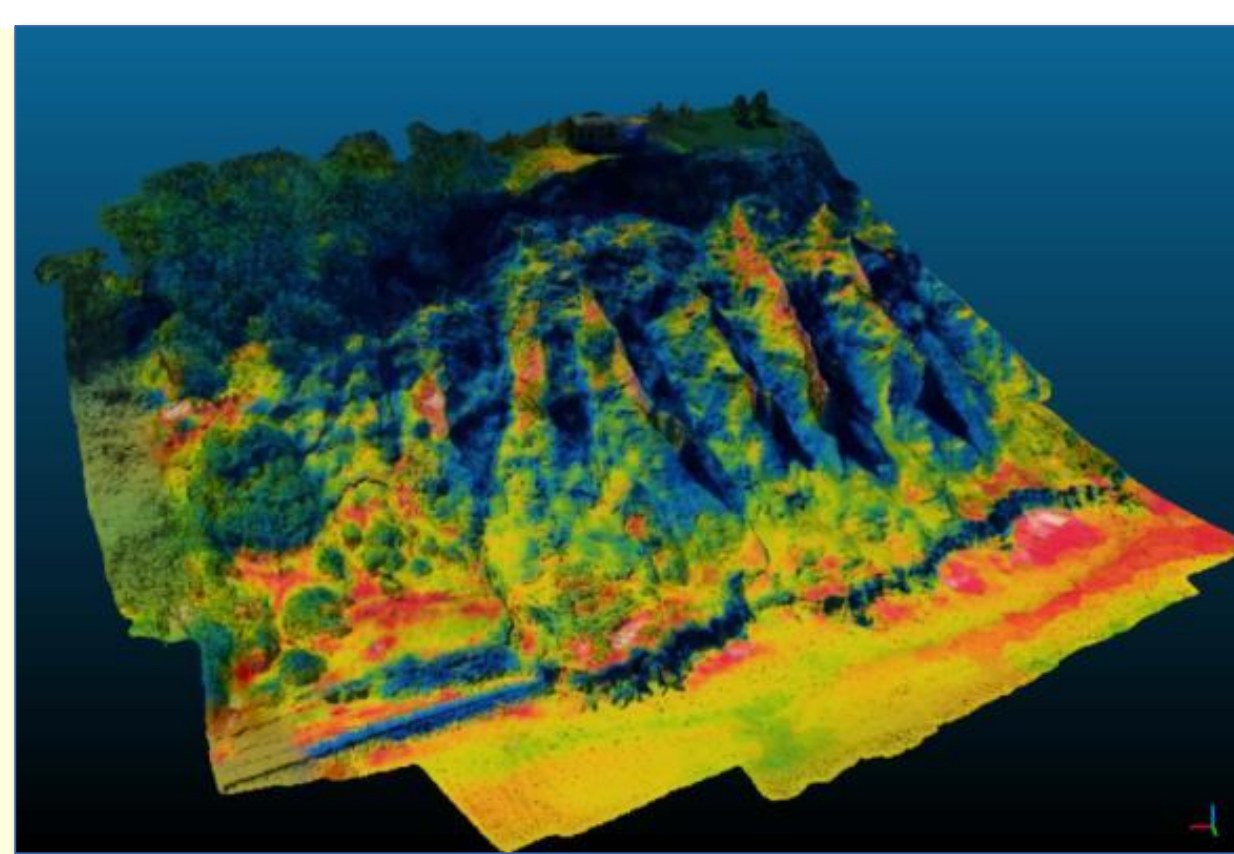
Data acquisition on a levee along the Loire river (Bou, France)

	➔ Copter 4 with Variocam HD head 900 and Camlights
	➔ Artificial resurgence on the river side slope
	➔ Ground control station and screen for real time data display



Prospects

- Several tests during spring and summer 2019
- ➔ Final demonstrator in September



➔ The Vaches Noires cliffs (France) (R. Antoine and C. Fauchard, Cerema/Endsum)

Other applications:

Evolution of the coastline (CEREMA Rouen)
 Monitoring of cliff erosion using VIS photogrammetry + Combined with TIR photogrammetry for hydrological monitoring using surface temperature

Torrential floods in Alpine environments
 Analysis of forest stands and instable areas + deposition areas, type and size of deposits, etc.

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