



# Insights into iSAM AG

Technology for autonomous goods handling

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## Capital Markets Day 2021

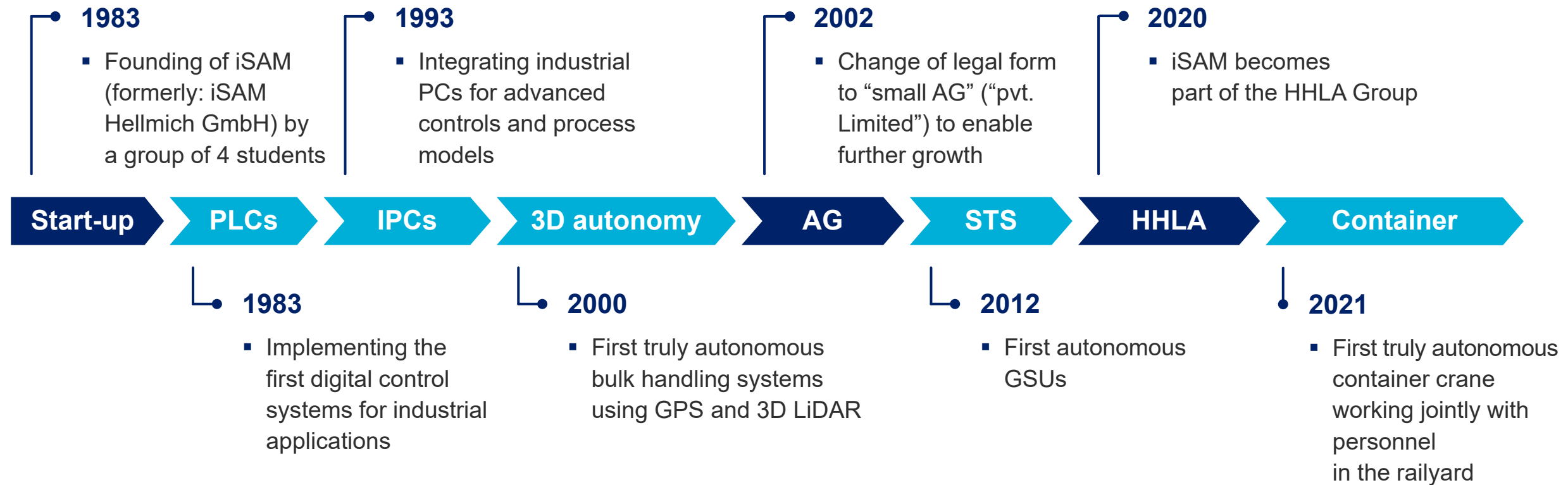
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## Introduction of iSAM



# DNA and history of iSAM

Delivering tailored, end-to-end solutions for industrial process automation based on a modular system architecture



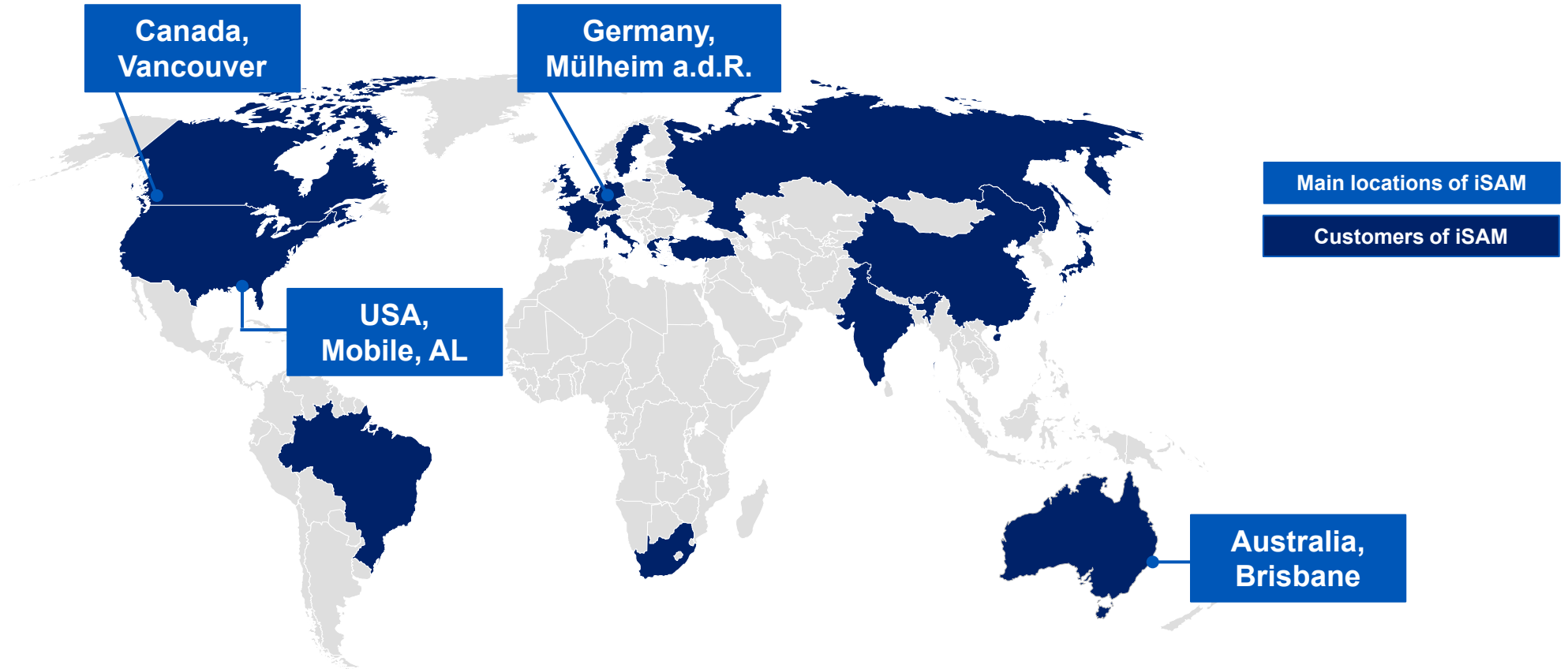
**We continuously redefine what is possible in industrial automation by tackling previously unsolved problems and leveraging the latest technology for resilient, real-world applications.**

# Focus on automation for logistics, aviation and “old-school” industries

Companies all over the world benefiting from future-oriented solutions of iSAM automation technology

Interdisciplinary team  
of 60 employees  
mostly

- Electrical engineers
- Software developers
- Project managers



Customers

Ports and logistics

Mining

Heavy industry

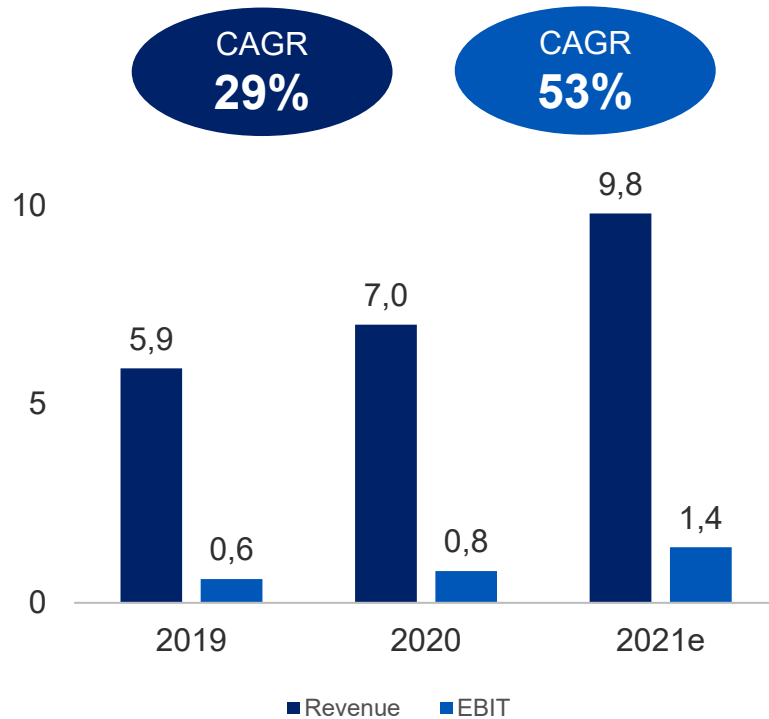
Aerospace

# Robust demand for remote and autonomous control systems despite COVID-19

Continuous growth of order intake, revenue and EBIT

## Revenue and EBIT 2019 – 2021

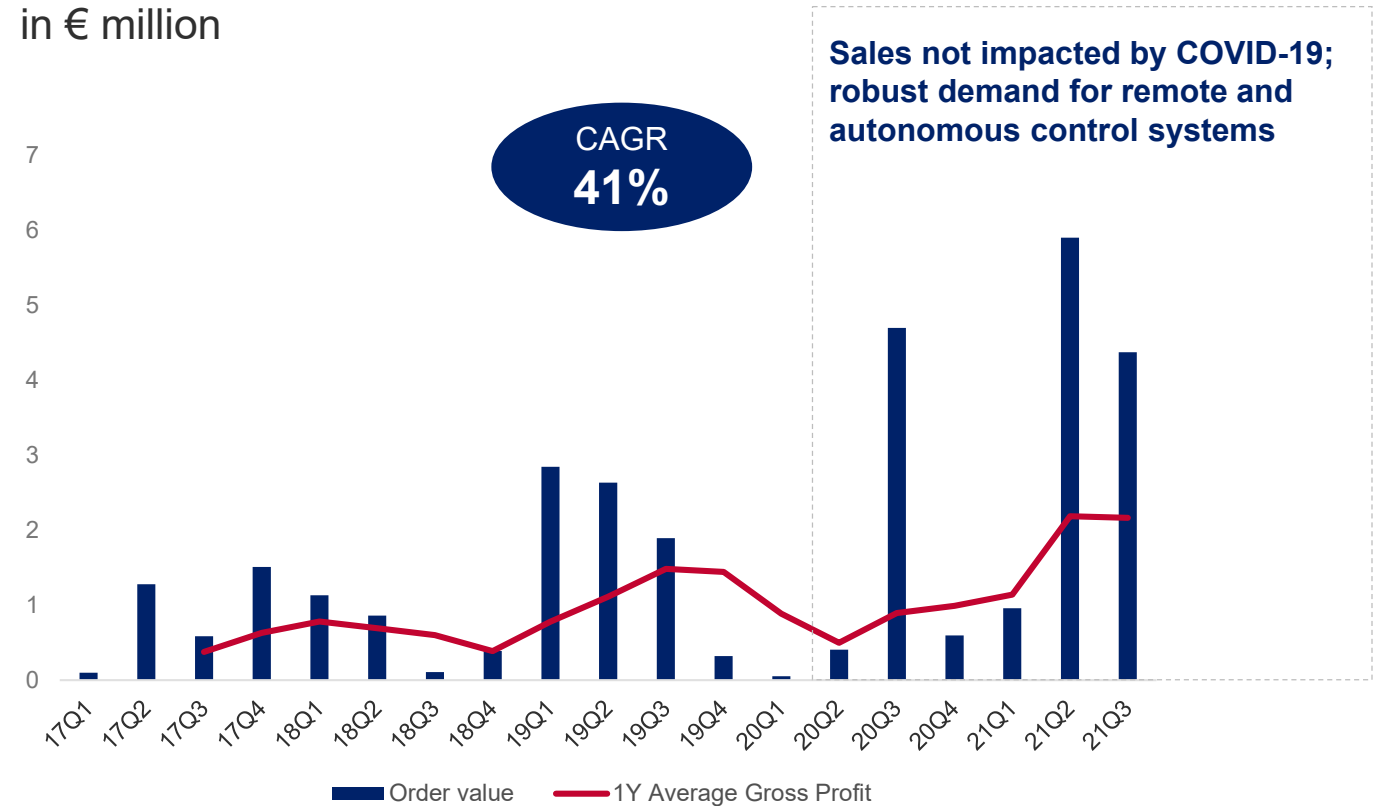
in € million



2019 – 2020: iSAM AG HGB balance sheet + GAAP EBIT of subsidiaries  
2021: IFRS consolidated planning

## Order intake Q1/2017 – Q3/2021

in € million



- Highly volatile order intake due to large project sizes and fixed-time budgeting processes of our customers
- Large-scale projects requiring 1-2 years from order intake to full revenue recognition

# 02

## Bulk handling equipment – first truly autonomous controls

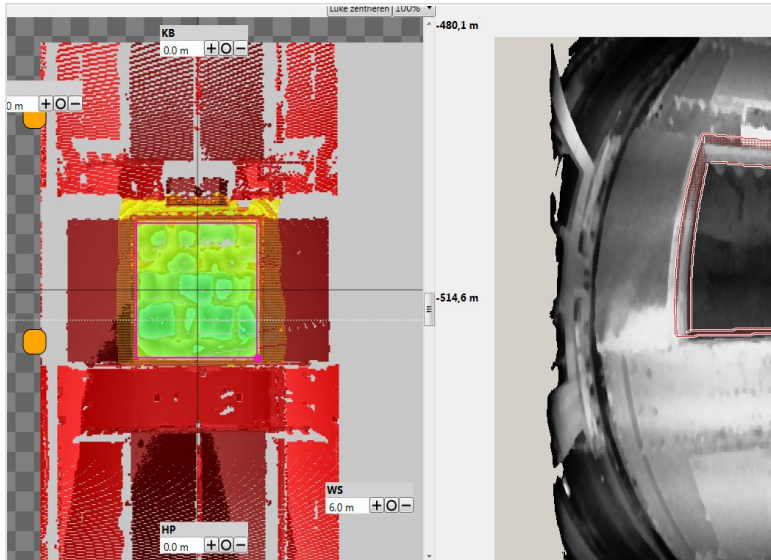


# Optimising and increasing the efficiency of transport chains

Sensor systems based on user requirements

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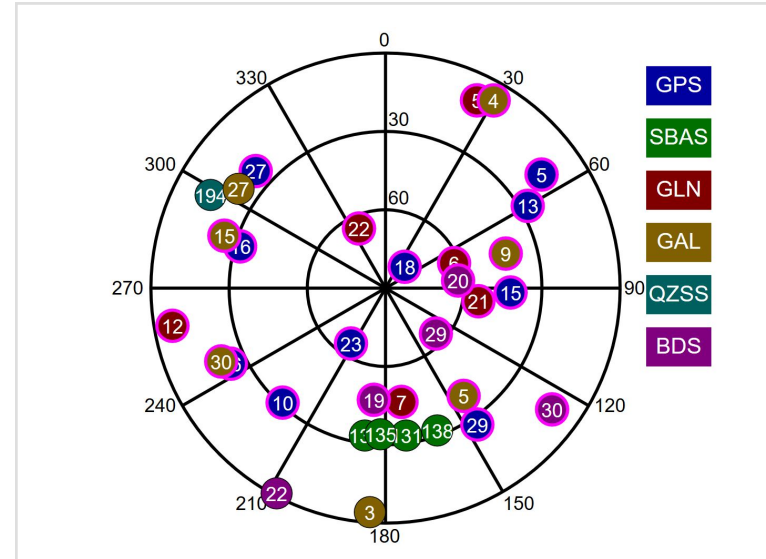
## Requirements: What do we need?



- Accuracy 10 cm (S/R) ... 50 cm (GSU)
- Update 20 s (GSU) ... 2 min (S/R)
- Range 10 m (TL) ... 150 m (S/R)

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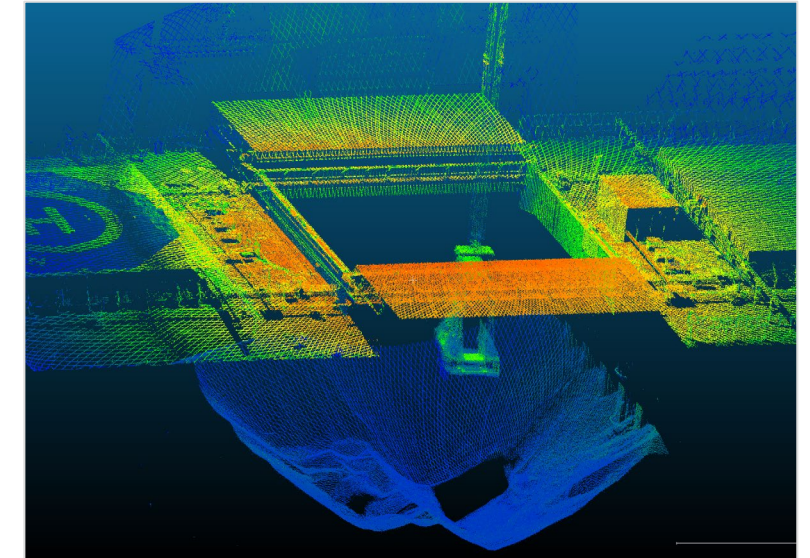
## Positioning: Where is the machine?



- RTK GNSS multi-frequency, phase carrier, cm-level accuracy
- First use in 2000, GPS (US), 99.90% available (1 min/day)
- Currently GPS/GLONASS/Galileo/Beidou, 99.99% available (5 s/day)

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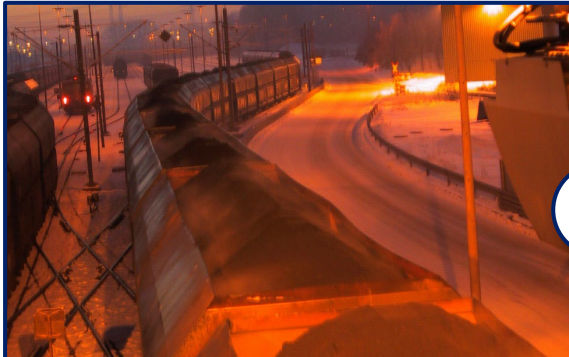
## Vision system: Where is the material?



- 3D LiDAR
- First use in 2000, 28 kHz PRR, 200 m range, dm-level accuracy, 900 nm wavelength
- Currently up to 1.2 MHz PRR, 400 m range, cm-level accuracy, 1.500 nm wavelength

# Increasing port productivity by more than 100% through advanced automation

Business case Hansaport (HHLA stake 49%) – local development and global roll-out



2001 – 2002: Train loader



2001 – 2005: Stockyard



2009 – 2012: Ship unloader



2015 – 2016: Ship loader

## Innovation leadership

- First bulk terminal to automate the entire process chain for incoming and outgoing material
- Together with EMO (Rotterdam) still one of the most advanced bulk terminals globally
- Wide range of materials from light coking coal to heavy iron ore fines handled autonomously

## Efficiency gains for Hansaport

**120**  
employees  
required to handle  
**8 million t**  
per annum



**112**  
employees  
required to handle  
**15 million t**  
per annum

Plus: Reduced equipment wear,  
energy consumption and  
environmental footprint (dust etc.)

1999

2019

## Global roll-out by iSAM

- 60+ fully autonomous bulk handling systems in operation worldwide
- 12 autonomous S/Rs; 4 GSUs and 8 S/Ls under construction or in commissioning for customers in Japan, Malaysia, Australia and Canada
- 3 of the 4 leading mining companies globally use our technology (BHP, Rio Tinto, Vale)



# 03

## Autonomous container handling – the next step



# Container handling will benefit from autonomous car technology

LiDAR technology is enabling advanced automation



## LiDAR as key component in autonomous car research

- High resolution (up to 256 parallel scan lines)
- 200 m range in low-visibility conditions
- Inherently safe sensor design (ASIL)
- Solid-state without moving parts



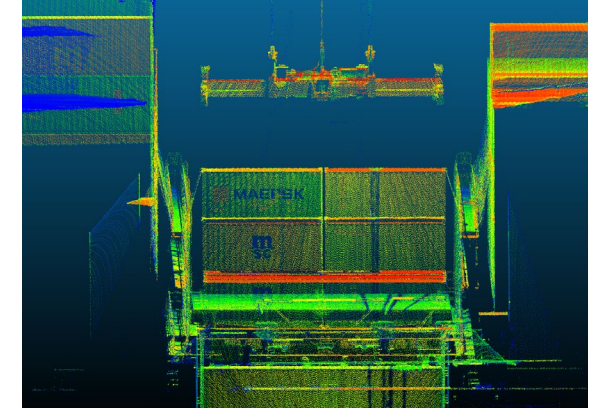
## “Flipper accuracy” with stationary target

- Pick-up with mechanical guidance
- Set-down with mechanical guidance
- ~ **10 cm accuracy**
- **Stationary** target
- In operation at CTA from 2000



## “Twist lock accuracy” with stationary target

- Pick-up and set-down without mechanical guidance
- ~ **2 cm accuracy**
- **Stationary** target
- Implemented at CTA in 2020



## “Twist lock accuracy” with dynamic target

- Pick-up and set-down without mechanical guidance
- ~ **2 cm accuracy**
- **Dynamic** target (e.g. on a vessel)
- Target date 2025

# CTA Rail Crane 4 – blueprint for autonomous intermodal handling

100% twist lock accuracy for all ISO container types

## Truly autonomous operation

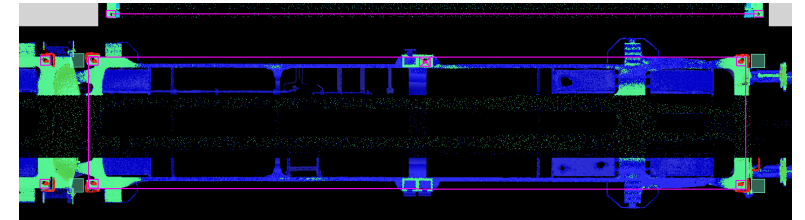
- First system to reliably position a container on a locking pin without any physical guidance for all types of rail cars
- Automatically detects incorrectly configured rail cars, wrong dimensions, etc.
- Fully autonomous handling of all ISO container types (including tank containers)
- Safe collaboration between the autonomous rail crane and personnel in the area

## Benefits

- One operator can handle 4+ rail cranes including exception handling
- Repeatable, operator-independent performance with reduced equipment wear
- 24/7 operation without lost times due to shift changes and mandatory breaks

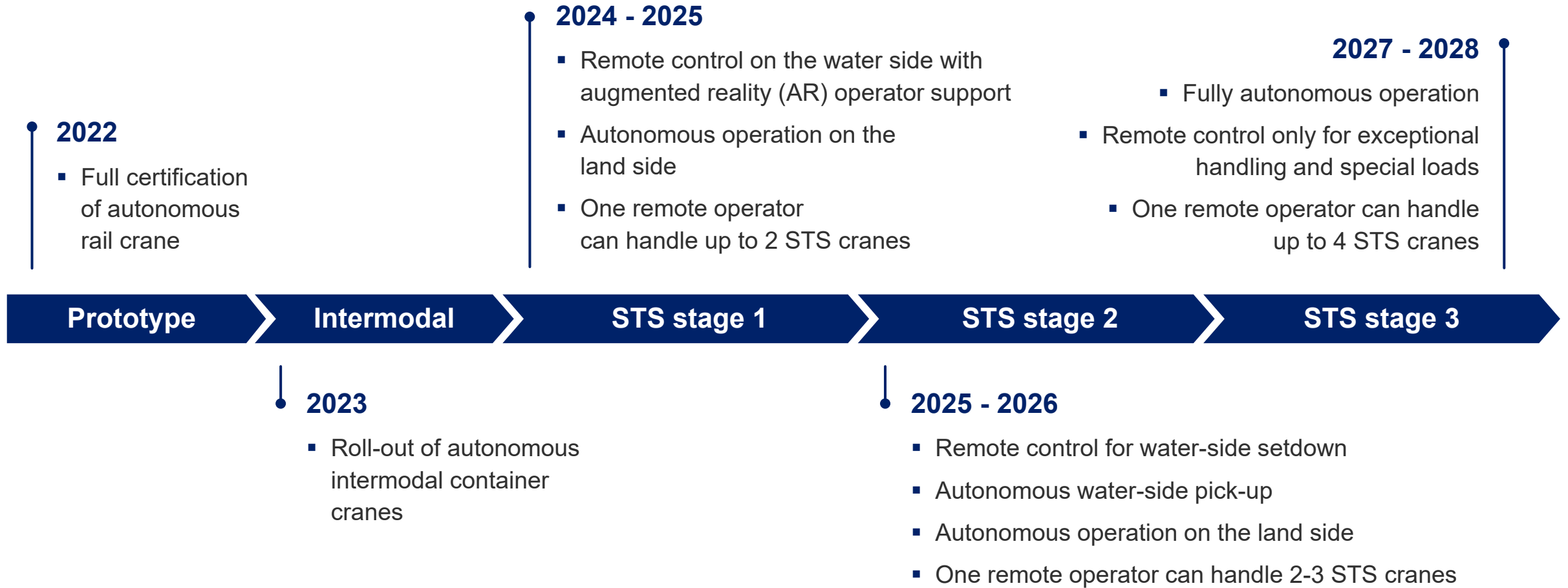
## Status

- More than 2.500 containers moved without a single incident or need to reseal
- Safety certification in progress with DNV-GL



# New technology enables significant productivity increases over the next years

Outlook – autonomous handling for intermodal and ship-to-shore applications (STS)



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