

# **Autonomous Mini-Drones for Civil Applications**

When Machines Decide – Münchner Kreis – 12.11.2014 Jean-Christophe Zufferey, CEO & co-founder of senseFly



#### About senseFly

- Founded in 2009 as an EPFL spin-off
- Autonomous mapping drones for professionals:
  - Surveyors
  - Mine & quarry managers
  - Civil engineers
  - Land & forest managers
  - Farmers, crop consultants
  - Scientists (nature protection, wild-life, archeology)
  - Humanitarians
- Joined Parrot in mid-2012







#### senseFly today

- 80 employees
- 3'000 m<sup>2</sup> in the Lausanne area, Switzerland
- Producing ~100 drones/month
- Selling in more than 60 countries
- 80 distribution sites worldwide
- Ranked 15th in the 2014 TOP100 Swiss startup







#### Our products

- Mapping mini-drones for professionals
- Fully autonomous, ready to use, easy to transport and deploy
- High-res imager, automatic triggering
- Professional software to produce accurate 2D & 3D maps





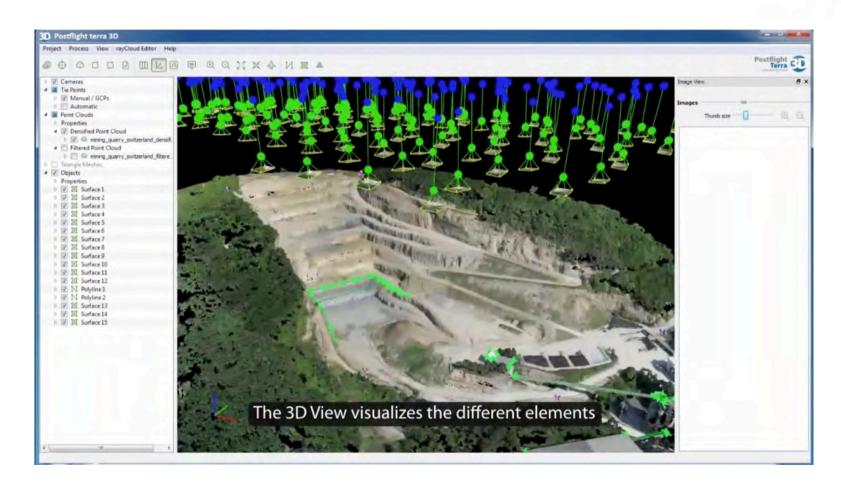
Flight planning software eMotion



Image processing software
Postflight Terra



#### **Extracting geographic information**

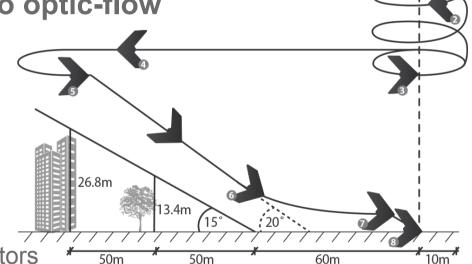


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#### A truly autonomous drone

- From take-off to landing
- Automatic 3D flight planning
- Ultra-precise landing thanks to optic-flow
- Fail-safe
  - 3D geo-fencing
  - Low or empty battery
  - Telemetry link loss
  - Strong wind
  - Ground avoidance
  - Handling of failing sensor or actuators



- Aerobatic figures: roll, fast ascent, spinning descent
- Oblique imagery
- Multi-drone coordination



#### **Customer benefits**

- Quarry survey: « The <u>cost of the intervention is reduced</u> while the results are <u>more reliable than a standard survey</u>. » MOSINI et CAVEZIEL SA
- Road construction: "The results totally fulfilled our client's expectations in terms of <u>quality</u>. In terms of timely completion we <u>surpassed greatly</u> the expected duration and deadlines." Gustavo, Dymaxion SAS
- **GIS**: « These new modes of acquisition, which are <u>easy to master</u>, <u>autonomous and inexpensive</u>, offer a genuine operational alternative to locally update our geographic databases. » Arcorama
- **Survey**: "The eBee has given me the <u>best R.O.I. of any surveying tool</u> I own" Prof. Tosa Ninkov Ph.D., owner, GeoGIS Consultants
- **Disaster management**: « The drone was the <u>main factor in the success</u> of our four missions. » UNITAR



## New product: the eXom

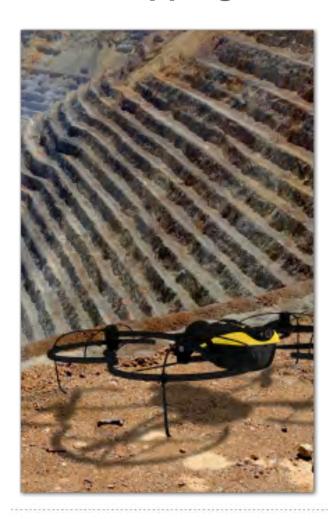




# **Complementary** mapping



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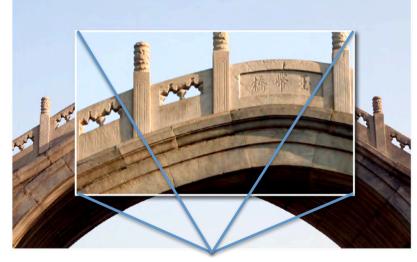








#### ScreenFly







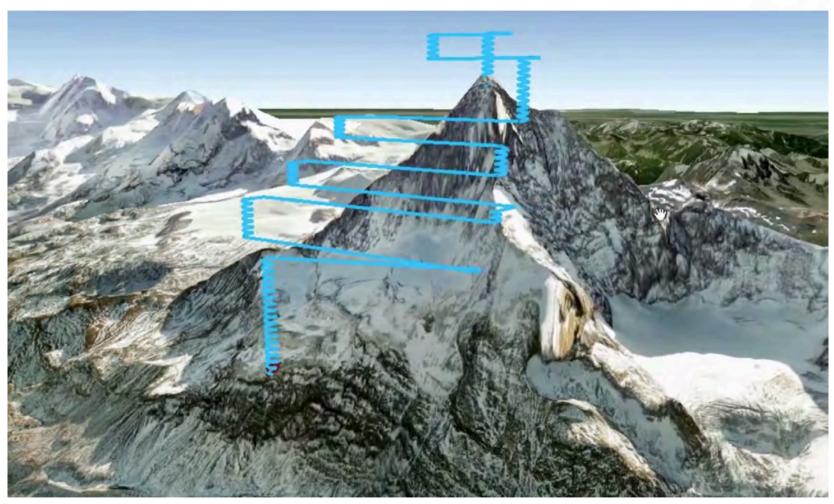




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### Mapping the impossible



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