

# A deep-dive into the battery-swapping drone docking station DBOX

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# Who we are?

A dedicated team of drone professionals

Experience in the field of >10 years

Main focus on 3 topics:

- Reality modelling (photogrammetry, LiDAR)
- Drone light shows (Light a Sky)
- Custom drone automation solutions (DBOX)

A team of twelve experts in the field, five of whom hold a PhD.

If your task involves engineering related to drones – we can do it!

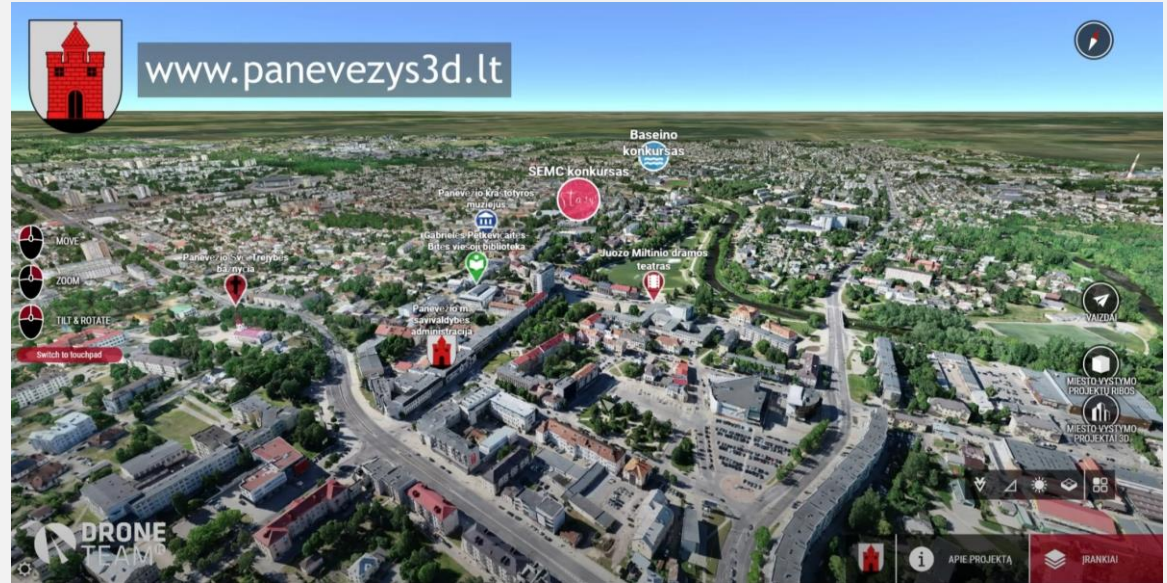


# How it all started?

## Panevezys city 3D model

City scale photogrammetry scanning:

- 15 drone pilots
- 50 sq. km
- 10 days
- 50k photos
- A lot of manual work on site



# How it all started?

## COVID-19 lockdown case

Monitoring Lithuania capital – Vilnius

- 4 remote drone pilots
- 400 sq. km area live monitoring
- 3 months period
- 4G/LTE connectivity
- A lot of manual work for swapping batteries







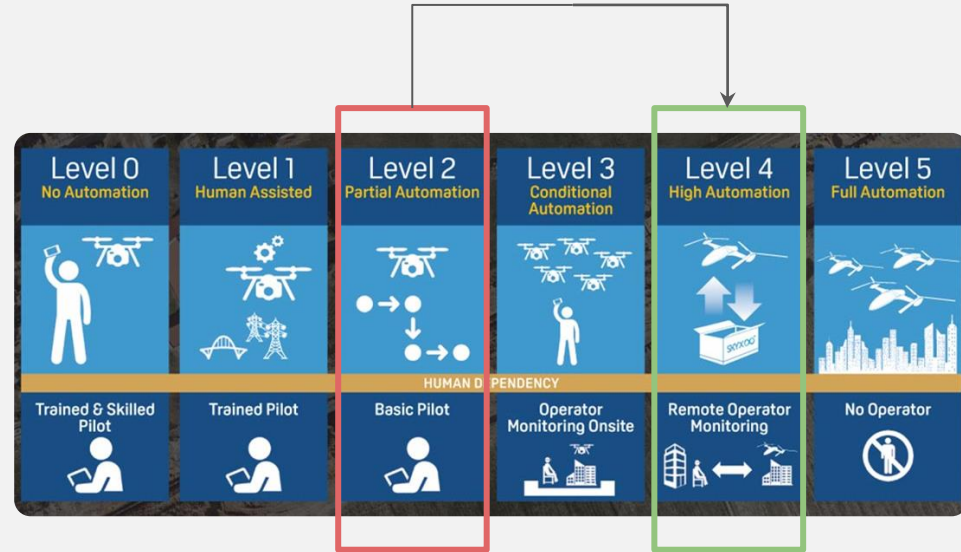
# Next level of automation

Drones as we know are in automation Level 2:

- On site operations
- Operator unpacks the drone
- Manual battery swap

DiaB brings drone automation to Level 4:

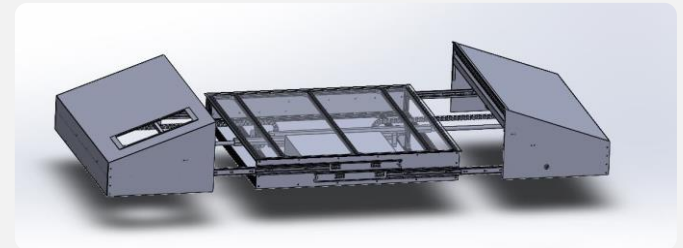
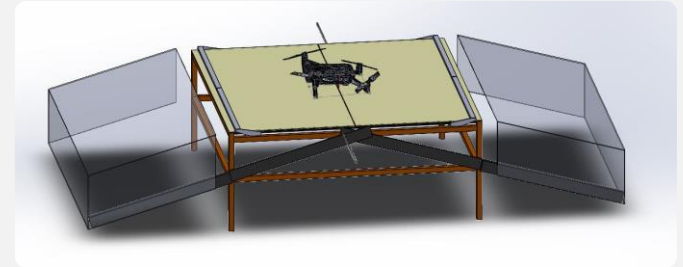
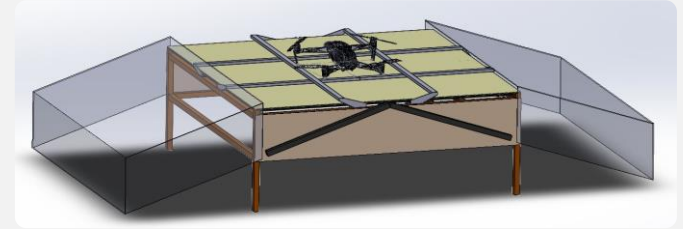
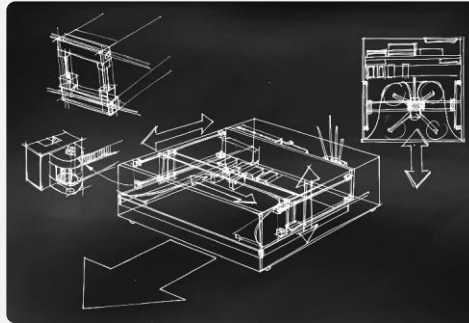
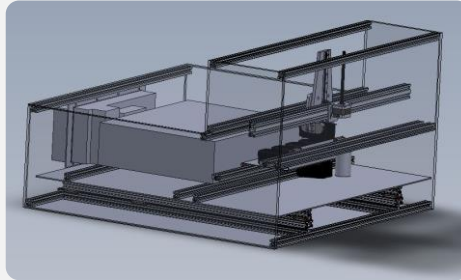
- Pilot controls the drone from a remote office
- The system provides shelter to the drone
- Automatic battery swapping



# R&D process

## Many design iteration

- Two door design vs drawer design
- With prop guards vs without



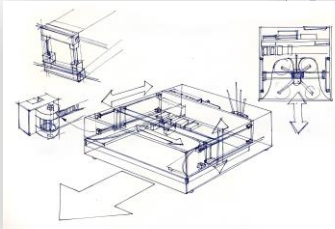


# – Autonomous Drone Charging Station with Automated Flight Operation

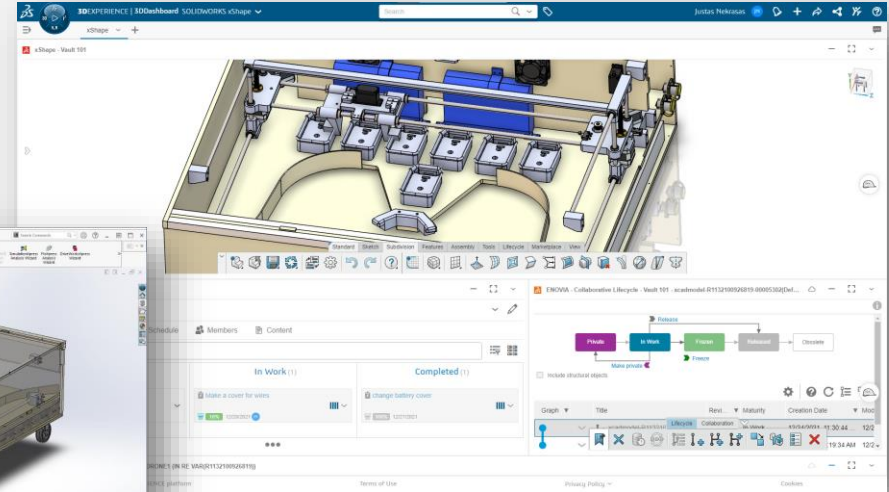
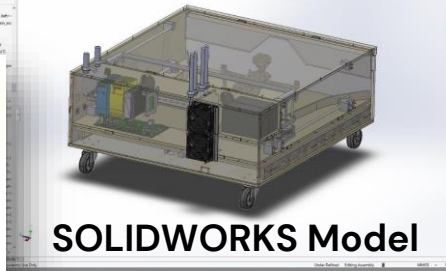
- Fully automated robotic charging station for consumer-grade drones
- Unique patent-pending technology – drone is ready for next operation in minutes, instead of hours
- Designed for maximum automation in manufacturing and assembly of the station

## Collaboration Model in 3DEXPERIENCE Platform

Hand Sketch



SOLIDWORKS Model





# 3 important pieces of the puzzle

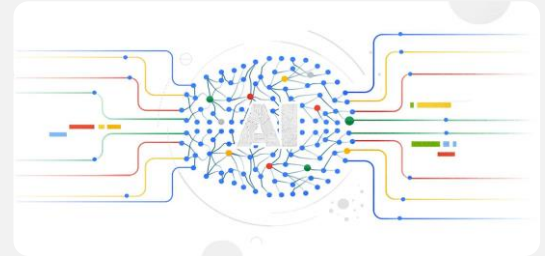
DBOX docking station; automatic  
battery-swapping



Remote ground control software  
– Flytnow



AI pipelines for data processing





FLY



MISSION



LOGS



GEOFENCE

BATTERY

88 %

ALTITUDE

50.20 m

VERTICAL SPEED

0.00 m/s

TIME ELAPSED

02 mins

LATITUDE

54.7047972

LATENCY

160 ms

DIST. FROM HOME

236.01 m

HORIZONTAL SPEED

5.00 m/s

TIME REMAINING

N/A

LONGITUDE

25.2670668

Launch to location

## Missions

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Mission Unavailable

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WAYPOINTS

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FINISH ACTION

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Feedback

Help

safe location

Droneteam-Box-2

Domino's Pizza

Pizzeria

UAB Ladis

Car dealer

Mangų Mangas

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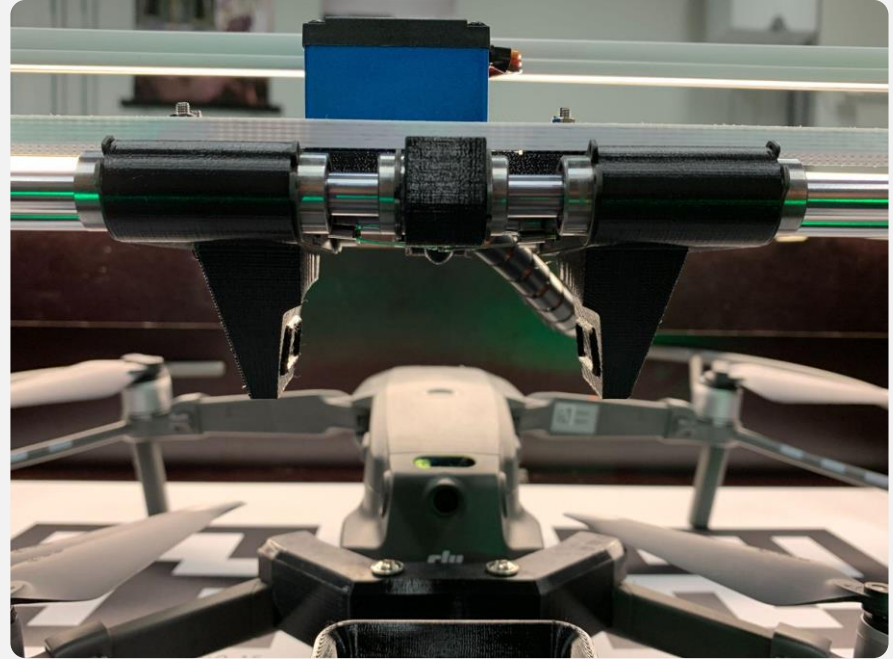
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# Technical specifications: battery swapping

## Battery swapping

Swap the battery in less than 60 seconds



# Technical specifications: parallel charging

DBOX can charge 6 batteries in parallel – you never run out of power



# Technical specifications: compatible drones

Currently we support DJI Mavic 2 series drones:

- DJI Mavic 2 Pro
- DJI Mavic 2 Zoom
- DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Zoom
- DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Dual
- DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise Advanced – **best choice!**





# Technical specifications: DJI Mavic 2

We all know how good DJI Mavic 2 is:

- 31 minute flight time
- Unbelievable transmission range
- RTK positioning
- 48MP resolution – great for Photogrammetry
- 640x512 thermal (!)



# Technical specifications: other compatible drones coming soon!

In 2022 we will launch DBOX versions with these drones:

- Parrot Anafi AI
- DJI Mavic 3 (subject to SDK release)

Main advantage – 4G/LTE connectivity straight from the drone!



# Technical specifications: dual SIM 4G/LTE reliable connection

We have partnered with world known telecom  
equipment manufacturer to ensure reliable  
4G/LTE communication.

Dual SIM, bonded connection.



# Technical specifications: HVAC

Peltier unit provides temperature control inside the box. Also, additional heater.

Temperature regulation:  $+5^{\circ}\text{C} - +25^{\circ}\text{C}$

Operating temperature:  $-30^{\circ}\text{C} - +50^{\circ}\text{C}$



# Technical specifications: UPS

Uninterruptible power supply provides power in case of mains power loss.

Operations for up to 2 hours are safe after power loss.



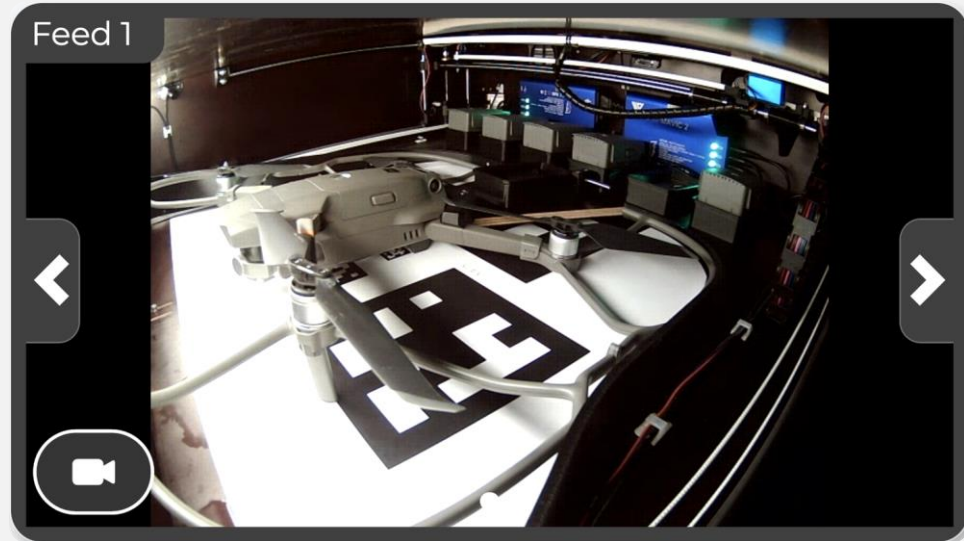


# Technical specifications: 5 internal cameras

In total there are 5 internal cameras to monitor the state of the drone.

Visual inspection before take-off.

- 4 cameras facing inside of the box.
- 1 camera facing the landing pad.



# Technical specifications: drone alignment

Special alignment rods designed to ensure 100% drone positioning reliability.





# Real world applications

# First responders

DBOX network deployed in the city provides clear view to first responders:

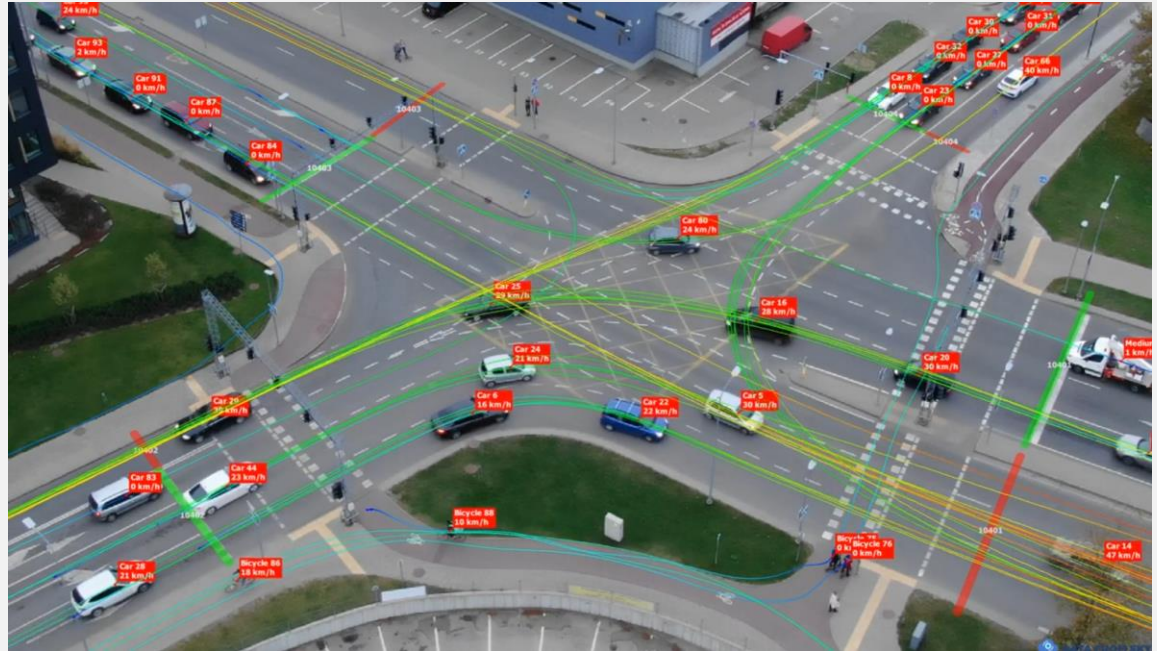
- Firefighters clearly see heat spots.
- Police trace suspects – eye in the sky.
- Car accident 3D model without police arrival.



# Traffic monitoring

Traffic utility companies  
periodically monitor junctions:

- Count traffic flow
- Distinguish vehicle type
- Measure speed, acceleration, etc.





# Volumetric measurements

- Stockpile measurements up to 1% volumetric accuracy.
- Nida national park monitoring and preservation – monitor movement of dunes and prevent wildfires.





# Endless possibilities!

Only your fantasy is the limit!

There are applications for DBOX in many many areas



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