

# Platforms & Technology for Ocean Exploration

## Whitepaper Discussion

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Ocean Exploration:  
**BLUEPRINT**  
2032

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- Actionable: Monitoring that can inform Science, Regulation, and Industry

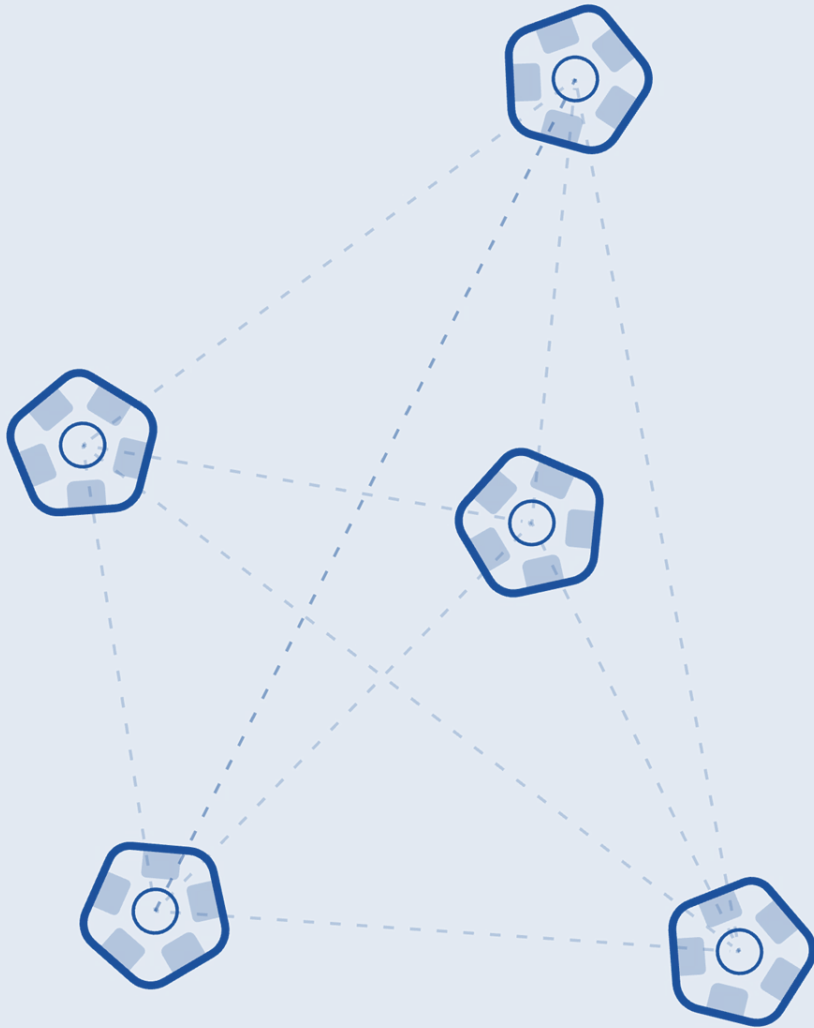


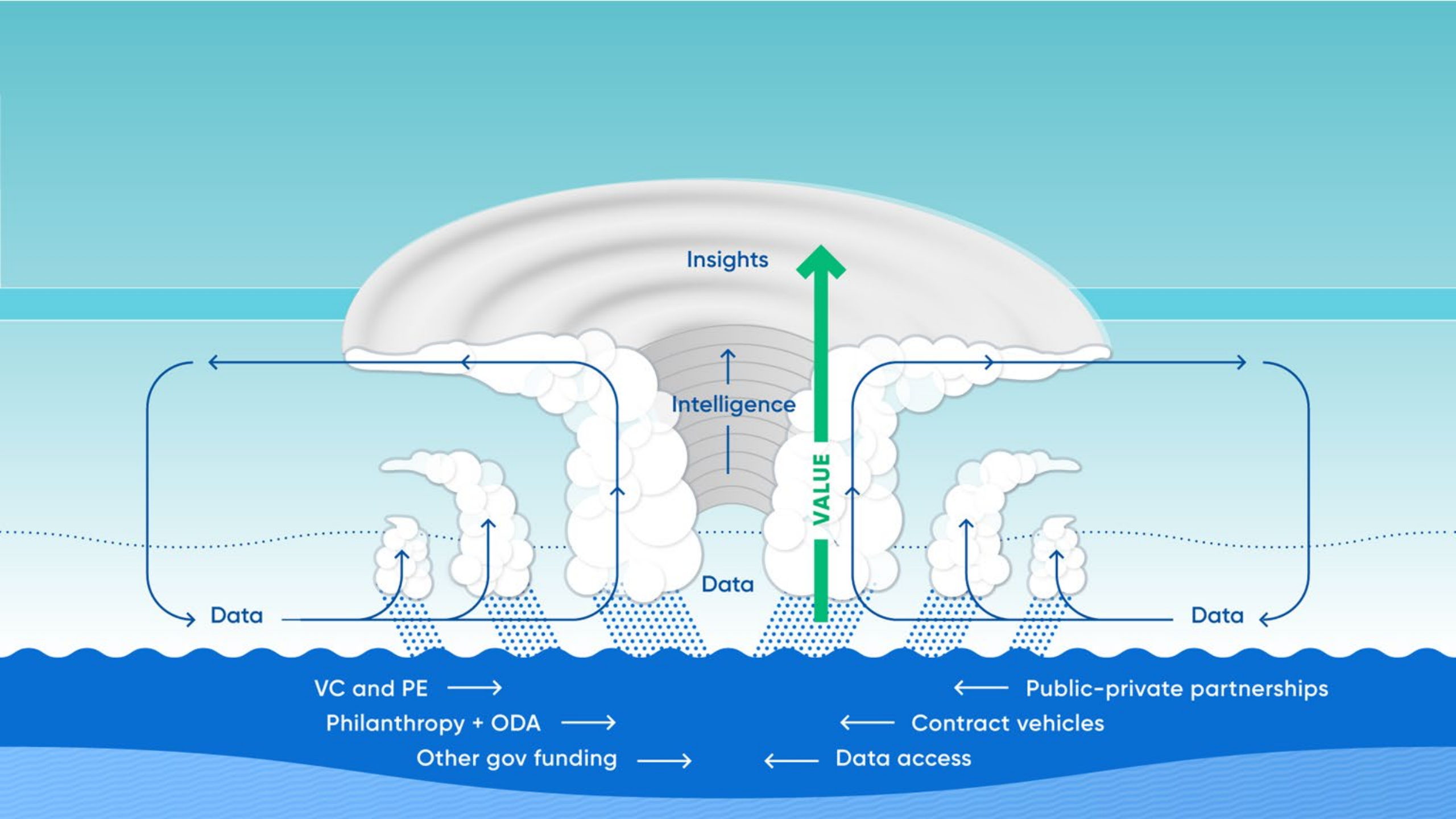
# Scaling the Connected Ocean

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# How to scale toward a connected ocean

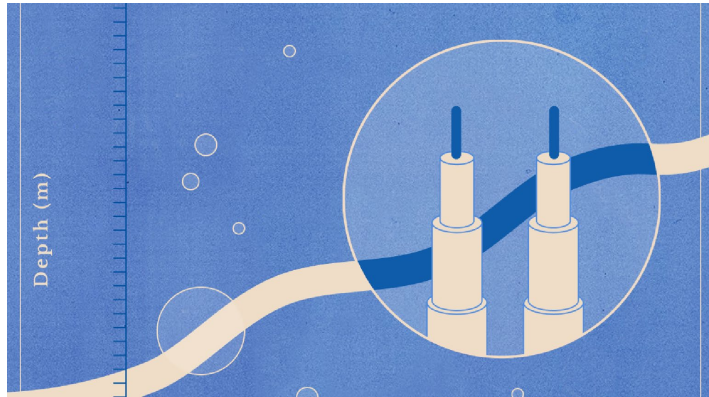
## THE CHALLENGES

- Creating the data value chain
- Cost of platform integration and hardware interfaces
- Scaling public-private partnerships

## THE OPPORTUNITIES

- Invest in a data-first strategy
- Drive hardware interface standardization to remove barriers to scale
- Build effective public-private partnerships around **dual-use** technologies

# 1-, 5-, and 10-Year Vision



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## A path to standardization

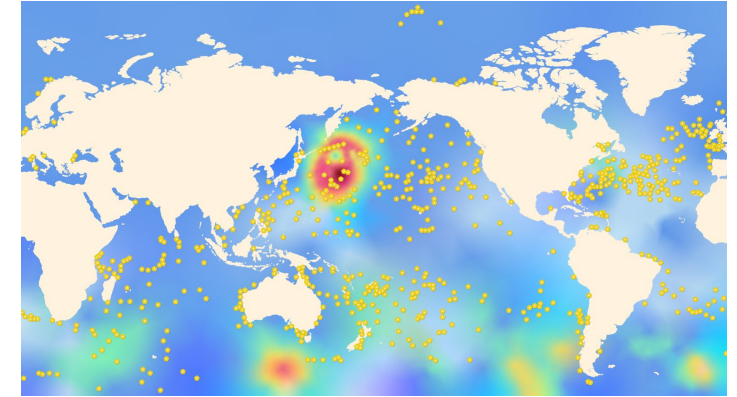
- Select and encourage open standards for hardware interfaces and data formats/APIs.
- Announce data-first strategy focused on acquisition, standardization, and dissemination of ocean information.



**2027**

## A robust Ocean Internet of Things (OIoTT)

- USG projects use widely adopted standards for hardware interfaces and data formats/APIs.
- Low-friction contract vehicles to purchase commercially available data fuel data acquisition at scale.
- Public-private partnership program focuses on dual-use technologies.



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## Ocean parity with space and land sensing

- Large, heterogeneous, autonomous, dual-use sensor fleet collects unprecedented density of ocean data.
- Centralized data discoverability democratizes data access and powers the ocean economy.
- Ocean Parity.

