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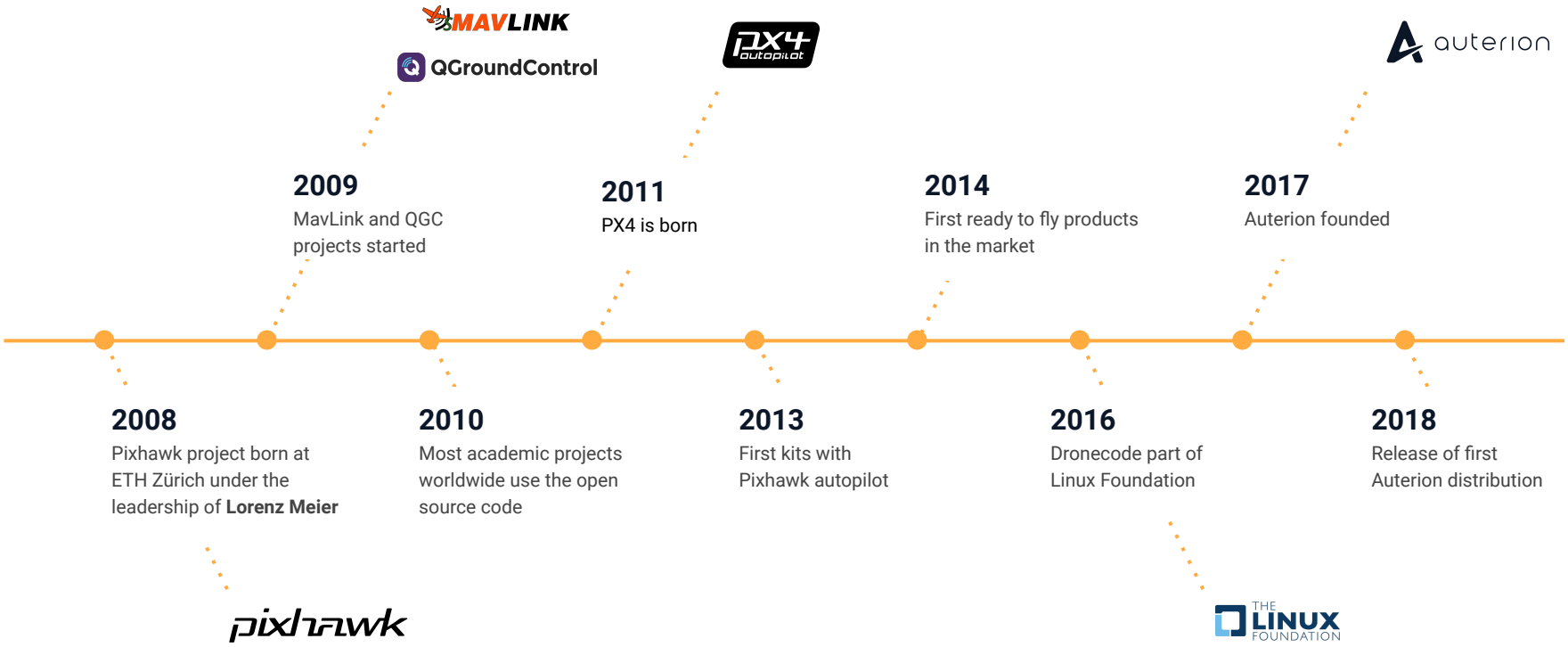
Press Kit

The software platform powering the drone industry

Who Are We

Auterion is the largest open source drone software company and builds the open source operating system for commercial drones on top of **PX4**. Auterion's mission is to connect the community of developers, contributors, and companies creating better open source technology.

Auterion was co-founded in 2017 by **Lorenz Meier**, creator of the PX4 autopilot, and of other de-facto drone industry standards, named MIT Innovator 35 under 35, and **Kevin Sartori**, UC Berkeley MBA and drone industry expert from Silicon Valley.


MAVLINK
QGroundControl
PX4 autopilot
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2009
MavLink and QGC projects started
2011
PX4 is born
2014
First ready to fly products in the market
2017
Auterion founded
2008
Pixhawk project born at ETH Zürich under the leadership of **Lorenz Meier**
2010
Most academic projects worldwide use the open source code
2013
First kits with Pixhawk autopilot
2016
Dronecode part of Linux Foundation
2018
Release of first Auterion distribution
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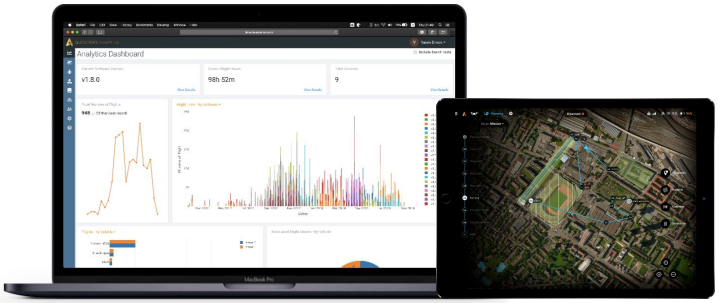
Auterion Enterprise PX4

The Operating System for Enterprise and Government Drones



The Open Source Community

We build the standards for the drone industry with a global community of over **6000+** developers.

Meet our Founders

Lorenz Meier

Co-Founder of Auterion and holds a Ph.D. on drone software architecture from ETH Zurich. He has worked on open source software for drones since 2008. He created the PX4 autopilot, the equivalent of Android for drones.

Lorenz is also the creator of several de-facto drone industry standards, including Pixhawk, MAVLink and QGroundControl. Throughout his deca-long career Lorenz received numerous awards and fellowships for his work, and in 2017 he was nominated MIT 35 Innovator under 35 by MIT Technology Review.

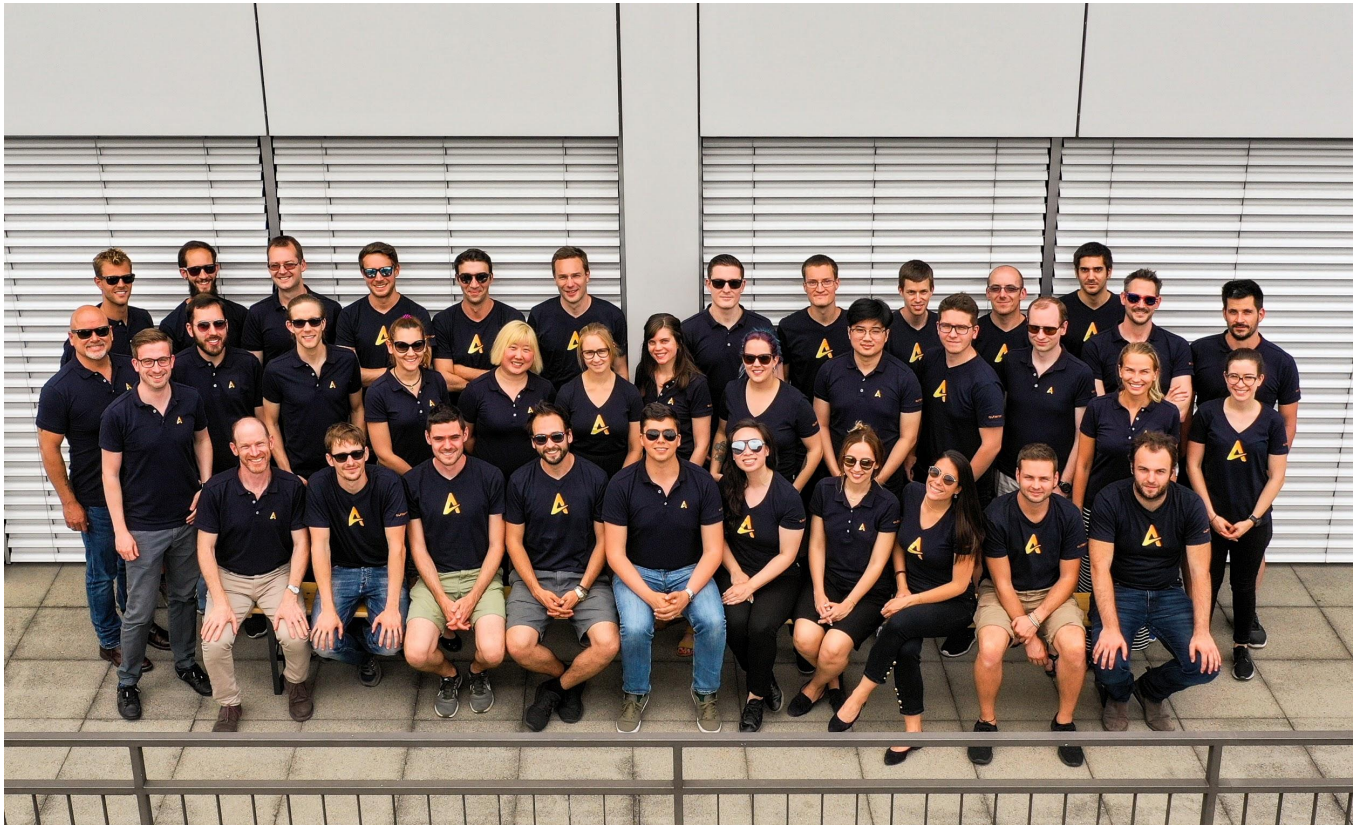
Kevin Sartori

Kevin holds a Master in Robotics from ETH Zurich and an MBA from UC Berkeley Haas School of Business. He had his first touch point with the drone industry in 2008, when he was researching optimal control algorithms as part of the early Pixhawk team at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich).

Kevin worked at BCG as a strategy consultant in Zurich and, in 2014, he moved to the Bay Area and joined 3D Robotics, where he helped the company transition from a consumer hardware company to an enterprise SaaS company and lead the marketing and channel sales efforts for the Site Scan product.

The Team

We are a team of over 40 people, doubling the size every six months. We have offices in Zurich and the US.



A Selection of our Global Partners & Customers

Testimonials

Greg Sands,

Founder, Costanoa Ventures

“With the US being one of the largest commercial drone markets, it was important for Costanoa Ventures to find the right partner to accelerate the transformation that autonomy will bring to the US market. Auterion’s open source, community-inclusive approach and customer-focused enterprise productization is world-class - feedback from those in the ecosystem has been stellar and we expect them to continue to be a shining light in the industry.

Chris Anderson,

CEO, 3D Robotics

“Every successful open source ecosystem needs enterprise software vendors to make the work of the community accessible to the industry.

The creation of Auterion shows that the Dronecode Project is mature and PX4 is ready for the enterprise.

Testimonials

Michael Chasen,

CEO, PrecisionHawk

"At Precision Hawk, it is essential for us to support a diverse range of drones and drone technologies for mission-critical applications.

The Auterion platform, with its roots in open source and flexible interfaces, combined with enterprise-class services, is a perfect fit that helps us double-down on our growth plans.

Ray O. Johnson,

Former CTO at the Lockheed Martin Corporation

"There are important challenges that today's market leader will encounter as they attempt to meet the diverse needs of the global drone marketplace.

Auterion, with it's open software platform, is well positioned to dynamically respond to the wide range of solutions required for commercial and defense applications.

Our Investors - Leading, Global and Visionary

LAKE STAR	Mosaic Ventures	CostanoaVentures	TECTONIC VENTURES™
Zurich	**London**	**San Francisco**	**Boston**

Auterion in the Press

TechCrunch

Open source drone software startup Auterion lands $10M seed funding

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VentureBeat

Auterion raises $10 million for open source drone operating system

Read the full article >

CNN Money

Auterion Is Using Open-Source Software To Connect To The Drone Community

Watch the interview >

Zurich, 21 November 2018

Auterion is "The Next Global Hot Thing"

Read the announcement >

> The combination of top Swiss know-how and entrepreneurship, the absolutely scalable open source model, and the international team of top talents from all over the world ideally positions Auterion to become The Next Global Hot Thing.

Pascal Kaufmann,
Jury President, Digital Economy Awards 2018

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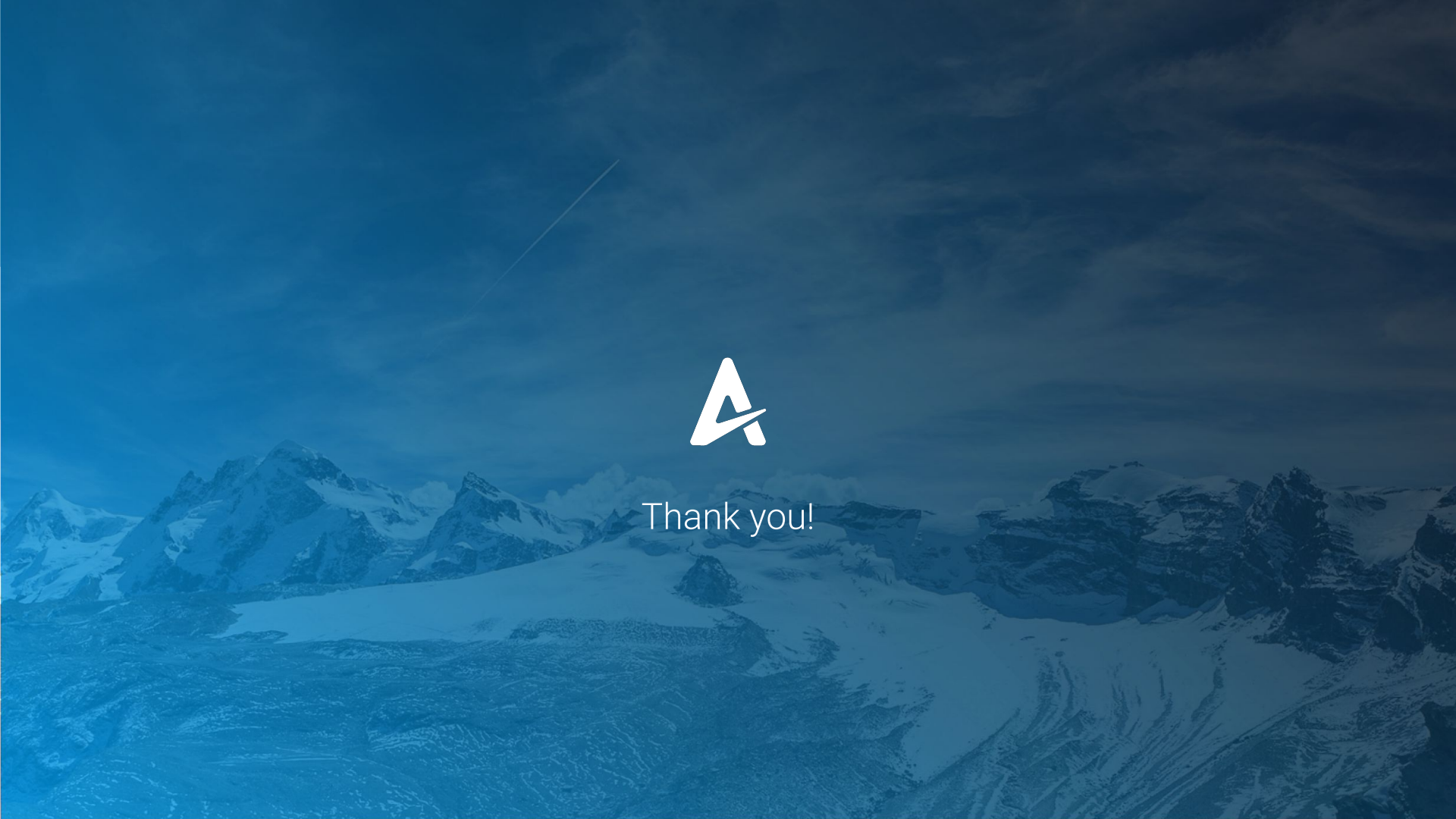
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