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A person wearing a cap is seen from behind, operating a surveying instrument mounted on a tripod. The scene is outdoors, with a large umbrella on the left and a palm tree on the right. The background shows a body of water under a cloudy sky.

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**MS and BS, University of Utah, liquefaction hazard mapping**

**Primary Research Interests:  
Lidar, 3D modeling, scientific visualization, computer programming,  
Coastal geomorphology, geohazard engineering, Geographic  
Information Systems**

# Civil & Construction Engineering Geomatics Faculty at OSU



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Professor, 1962



Tracy Arras  
Senior Instructor, 2003



Mike Olsen  
Assistant Professor, 2009



Dan Gillins  
Assistant Professor,  
2013



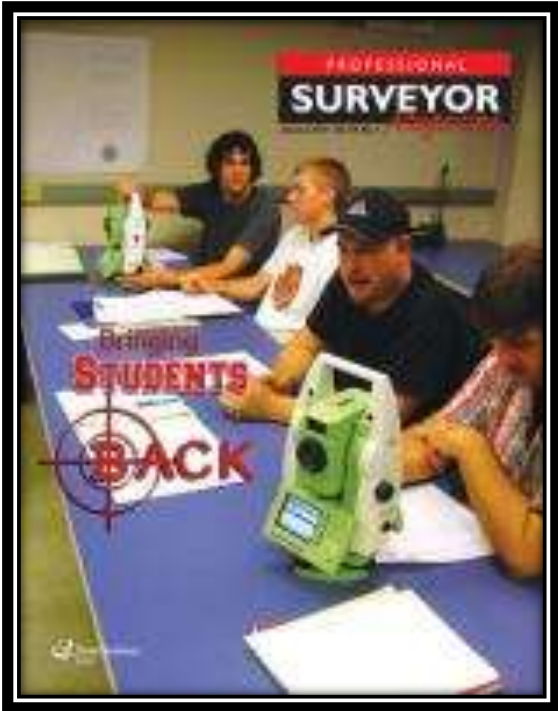
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Associate Professor  
2014



Jihye Park,  
Assistant Professor,  
2015

Many additional geospatial faculty in other departments

# Industry Partnership

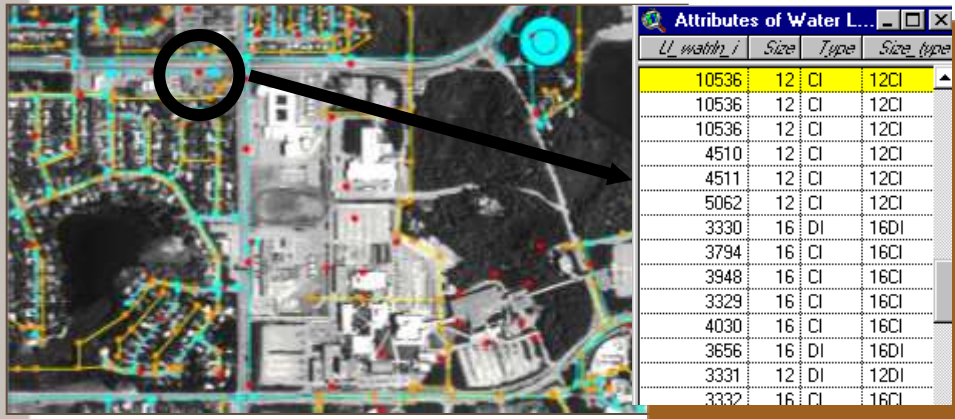


- Recruit top students
- Expand course work and research to reflect industry advances
- Keep surveying as an integral part of our Civil Engineering program
- Provide the latest equipment, software, and workflows
- Prepare students to become licensed surveyors
- Produce work-ready graduates

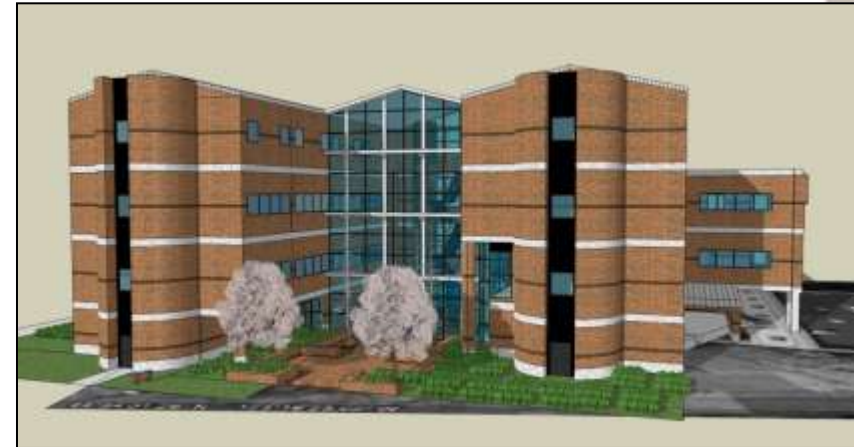
# Courses and Graduate Research!



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**GIS - Municipal Utility System**



**3D information modeling**



**LIDAR, SFM, & 3D, Virtual Reality**



**Property Surveying**

# Outline



- What is LIDAR?
- How does it work?
- How is it used?
- What is in store in the future?



# Lidar (Laser Scanning)

Light **D**etection and **R**anging

Active System

Laser Range

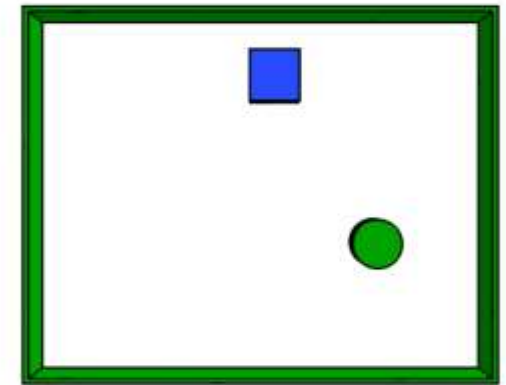
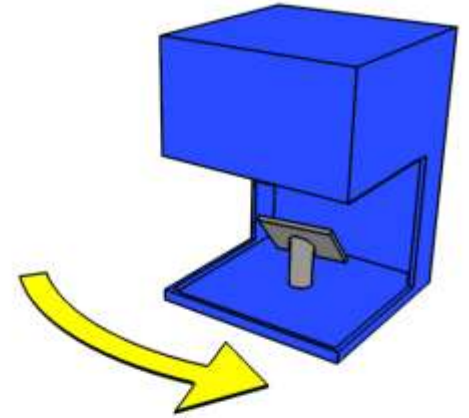
Single/Multiple Returns

Angle Determination

3D Point Cloud

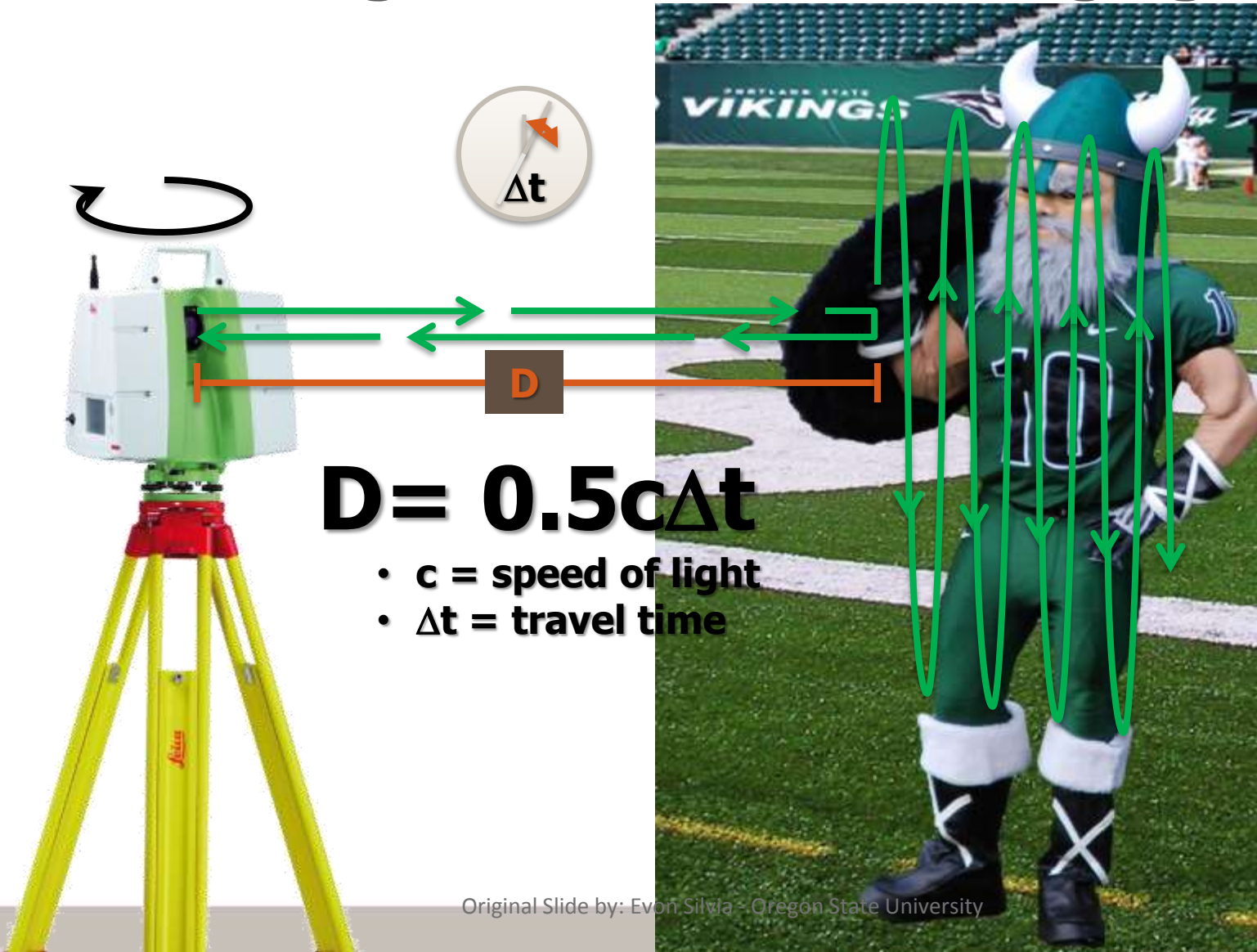
Intensity

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# What is Lidar?

LiDAR = Light Detection and Ranging



# LiDAR Rap v1.0 by M\$lice

LiDAR relies on Line of Sight  
Using pulses of light,  
But not too bright,  
It calculates the Time of Flight  
And can be done in da nite  
Works from the ground or during da flight,  
Gives you da heightz,  
Requires lots of bytes,  
Objects in the way give you a blight,  
Don't have fright  
We'll learn you how to avoid plight,  
So it gits da job done right!  
With data dat can fit your control nice n tight!



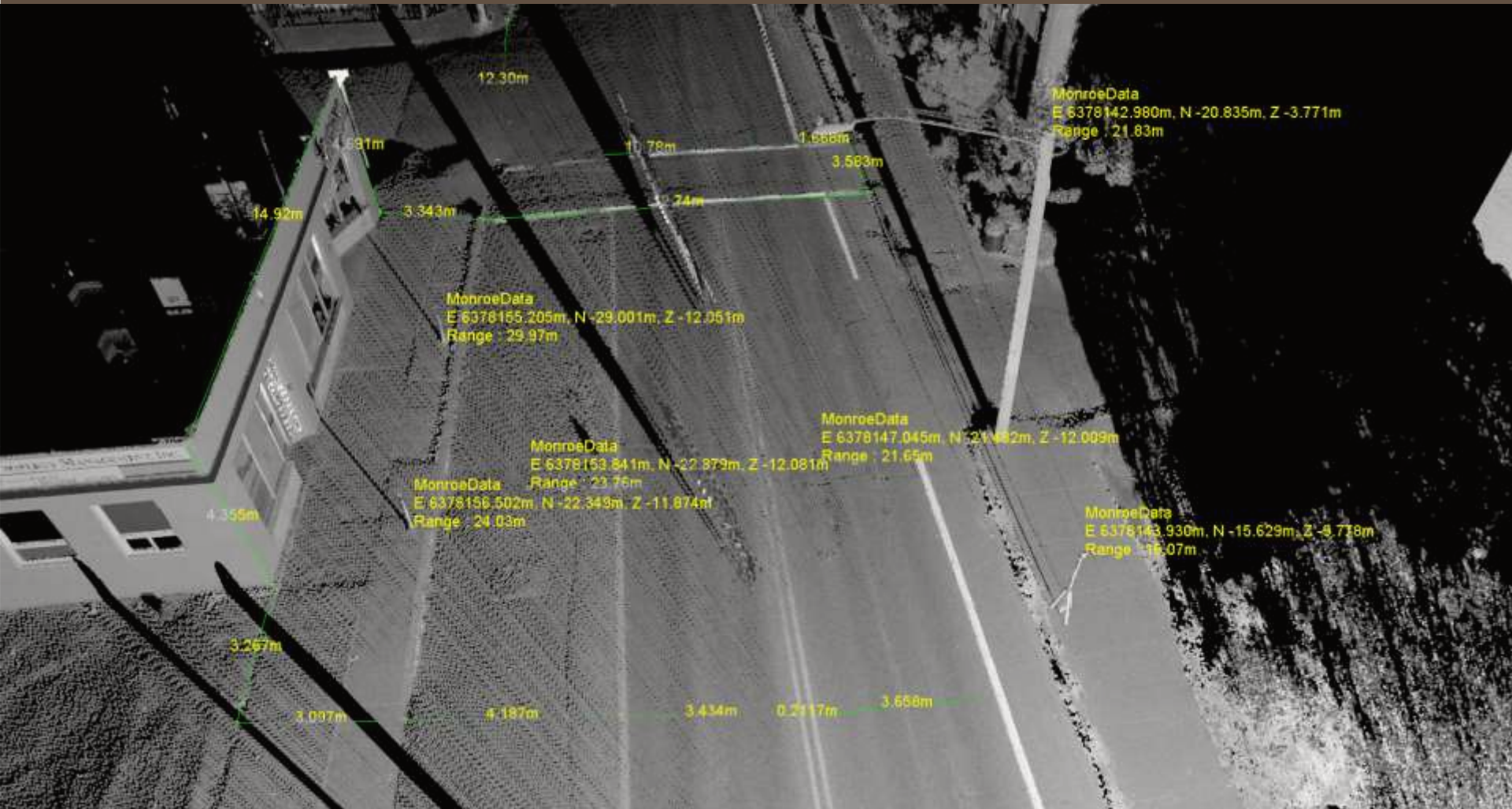
Magic School Bus LIDAR

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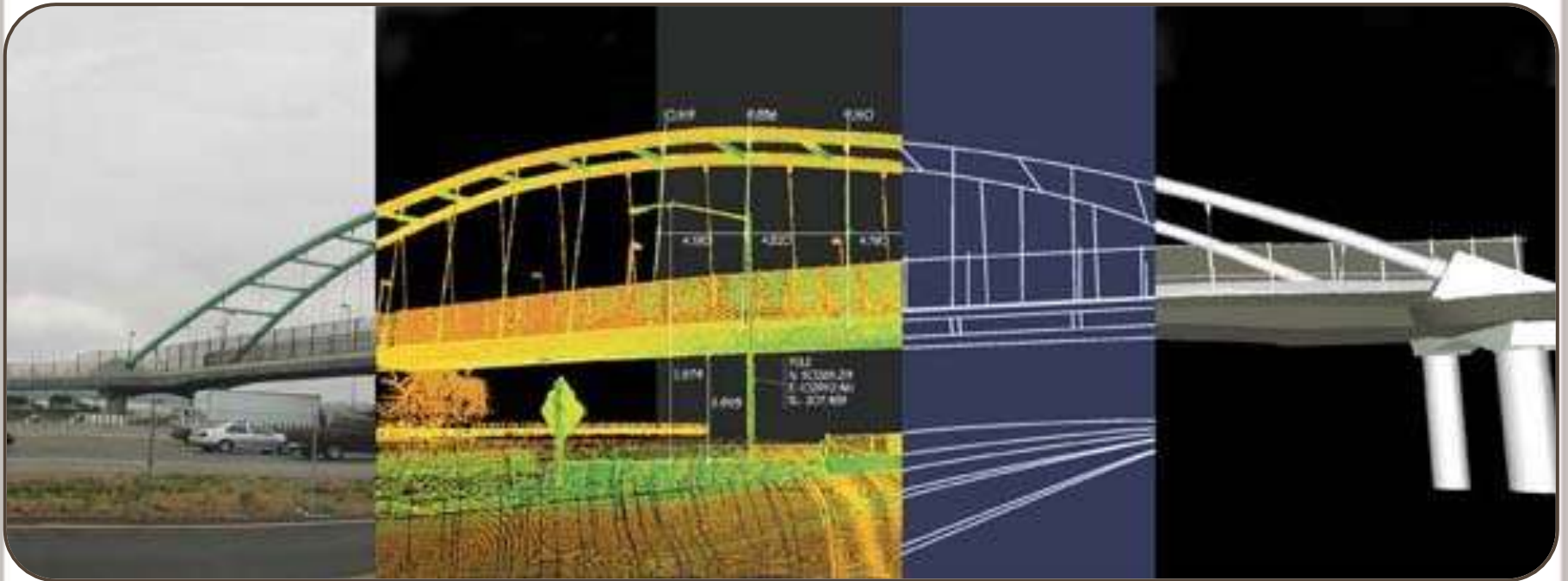
# Point Cloud



# Measurements



# Static Scanning Products



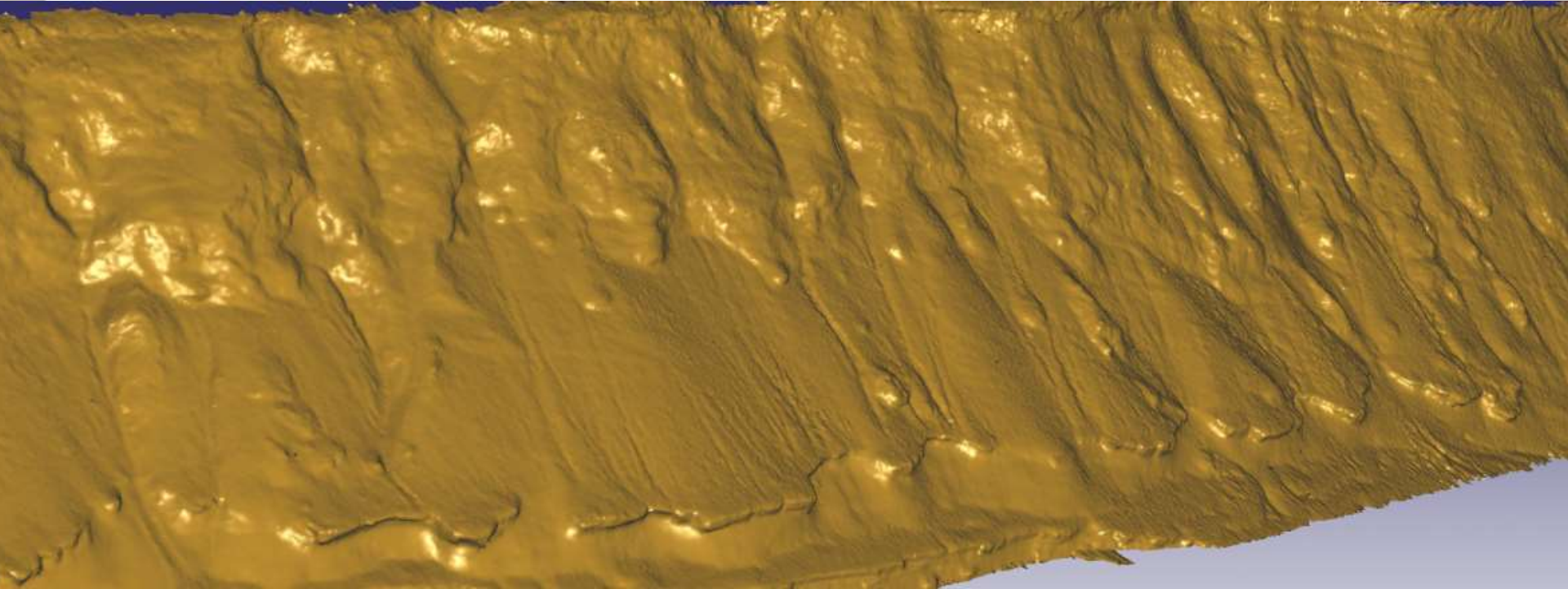
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**Scan**

**Vector**

**Solid Objects**

# 3D surface modeling



# Multiple Returns

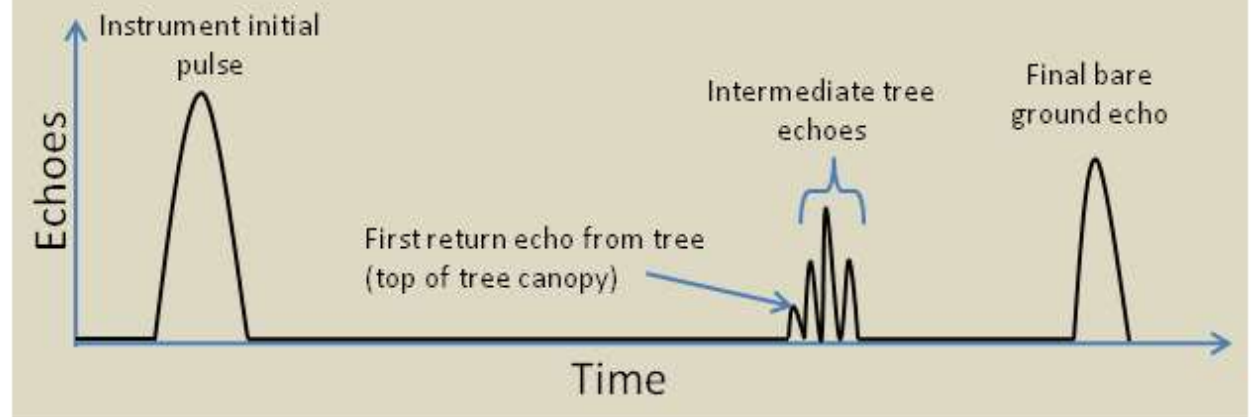
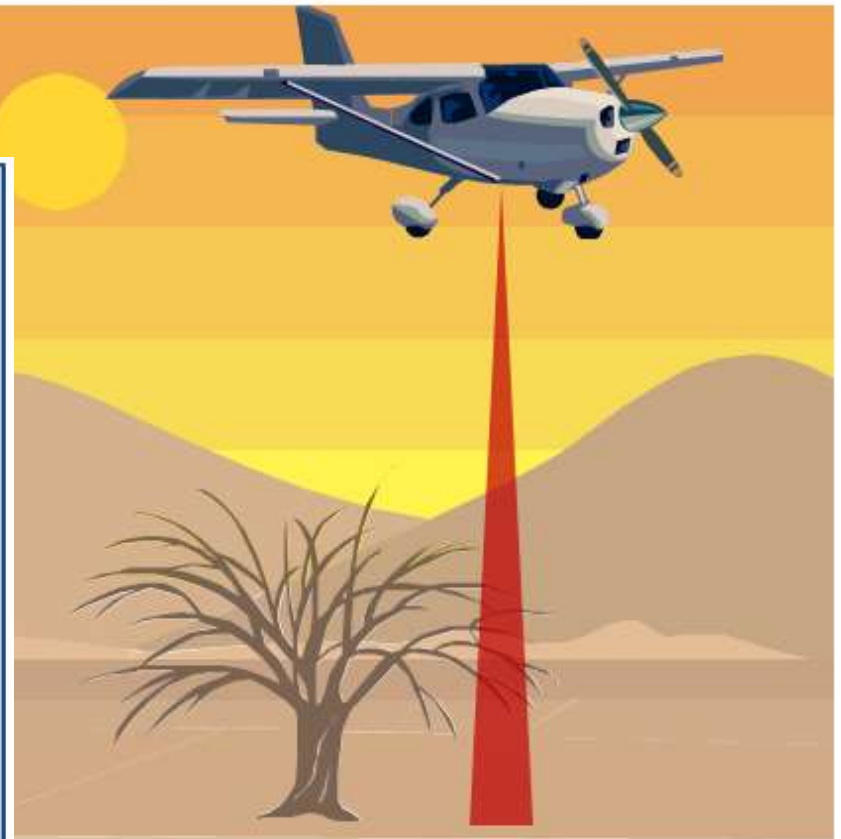
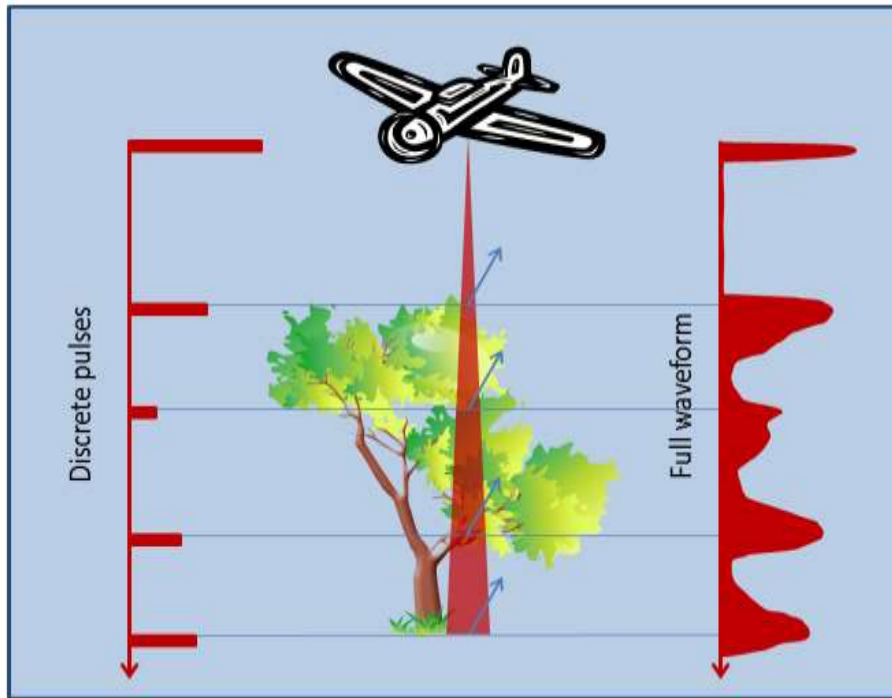
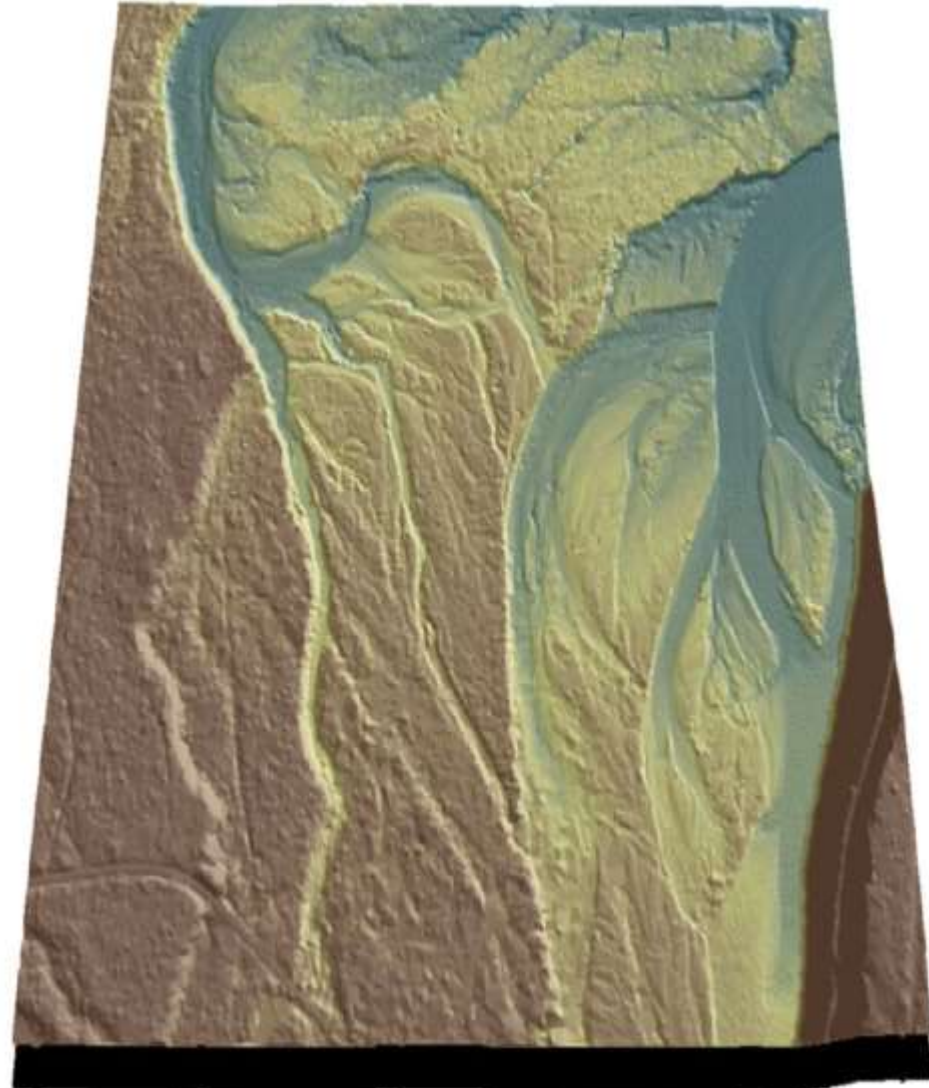


Figure by Keith Williams, Oregon State University

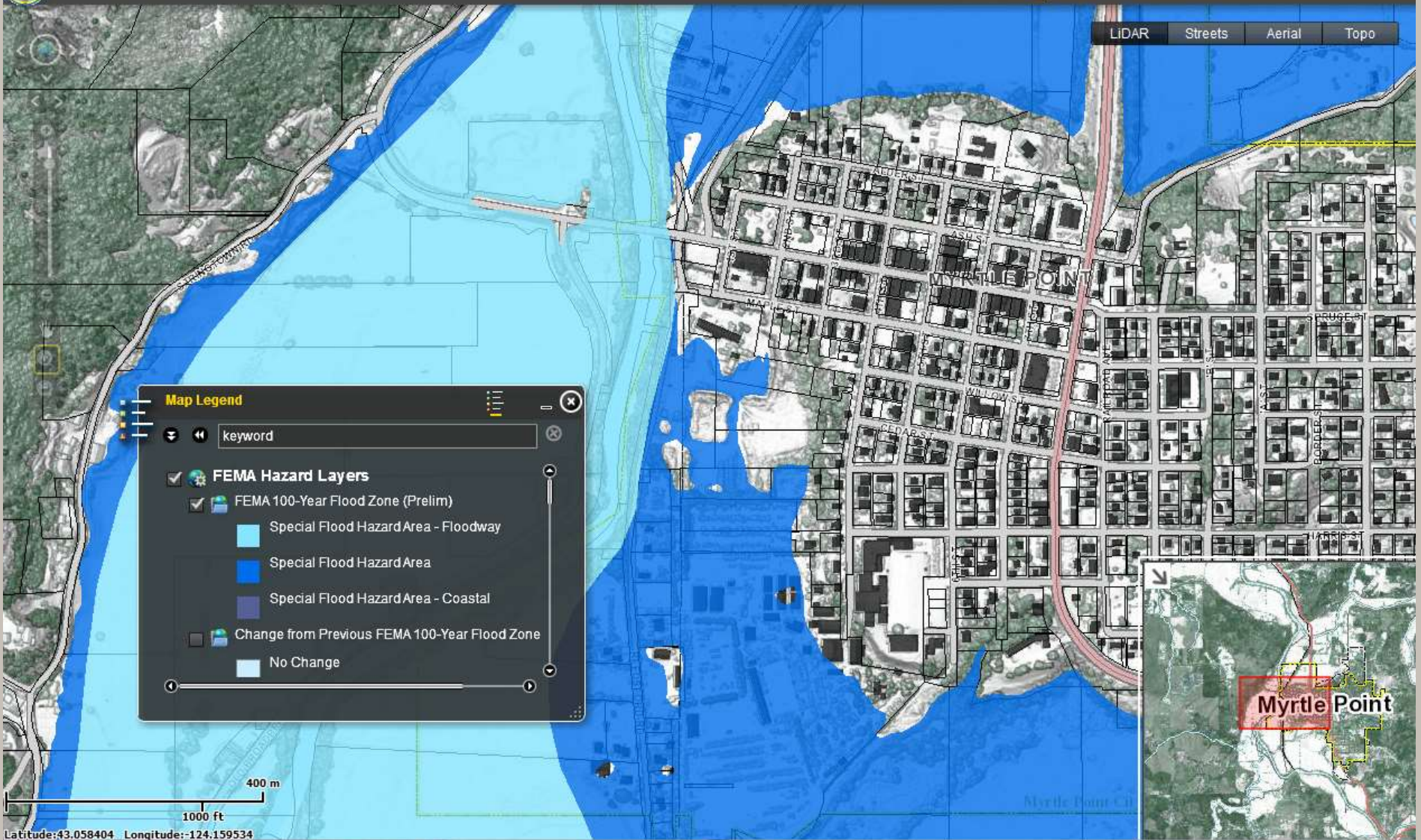


# DATA COURTESY OF WATERSHED SCIENCES AND DOGAMI





LIDAR Streets Aerial Topo



**Map Legend**

keyword

**FEMA Hazard Layers**

- FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone (Prelim)
  - Special Flood Hazard Area - Floodway
  - Special Flood Hazard Area
  - Special Flood Hazard Area - Coastal
- Change from Previous FEMA 100-Year Flood Zone
  - No Change

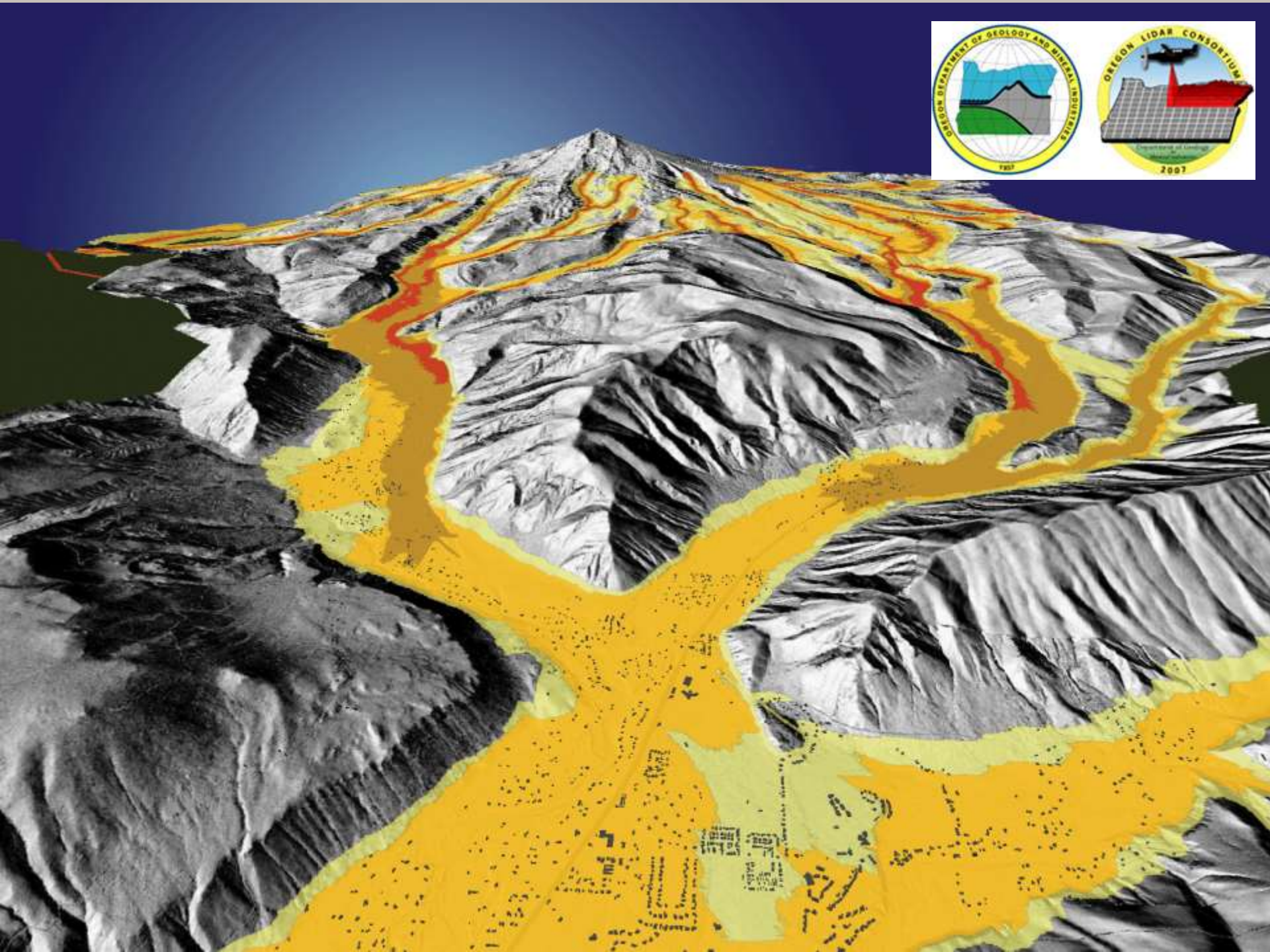


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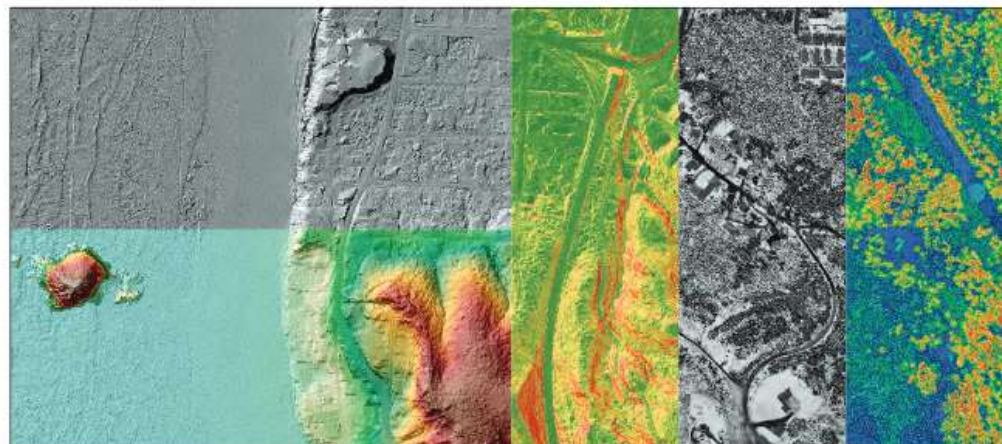
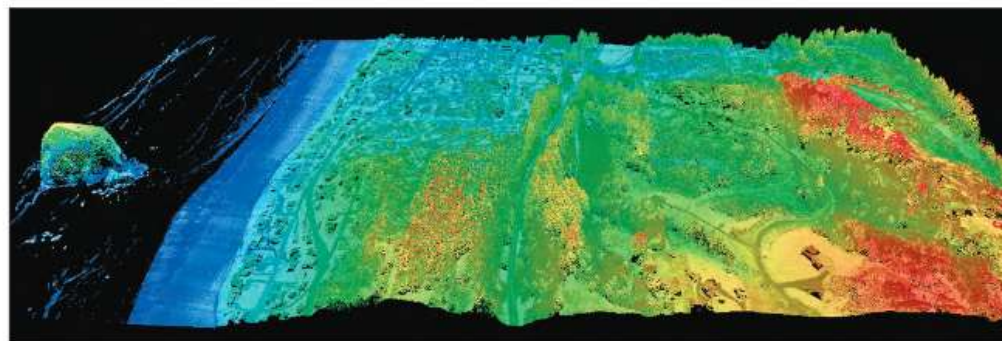
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## The 3D Elevation Program Initiative—A Call for Action

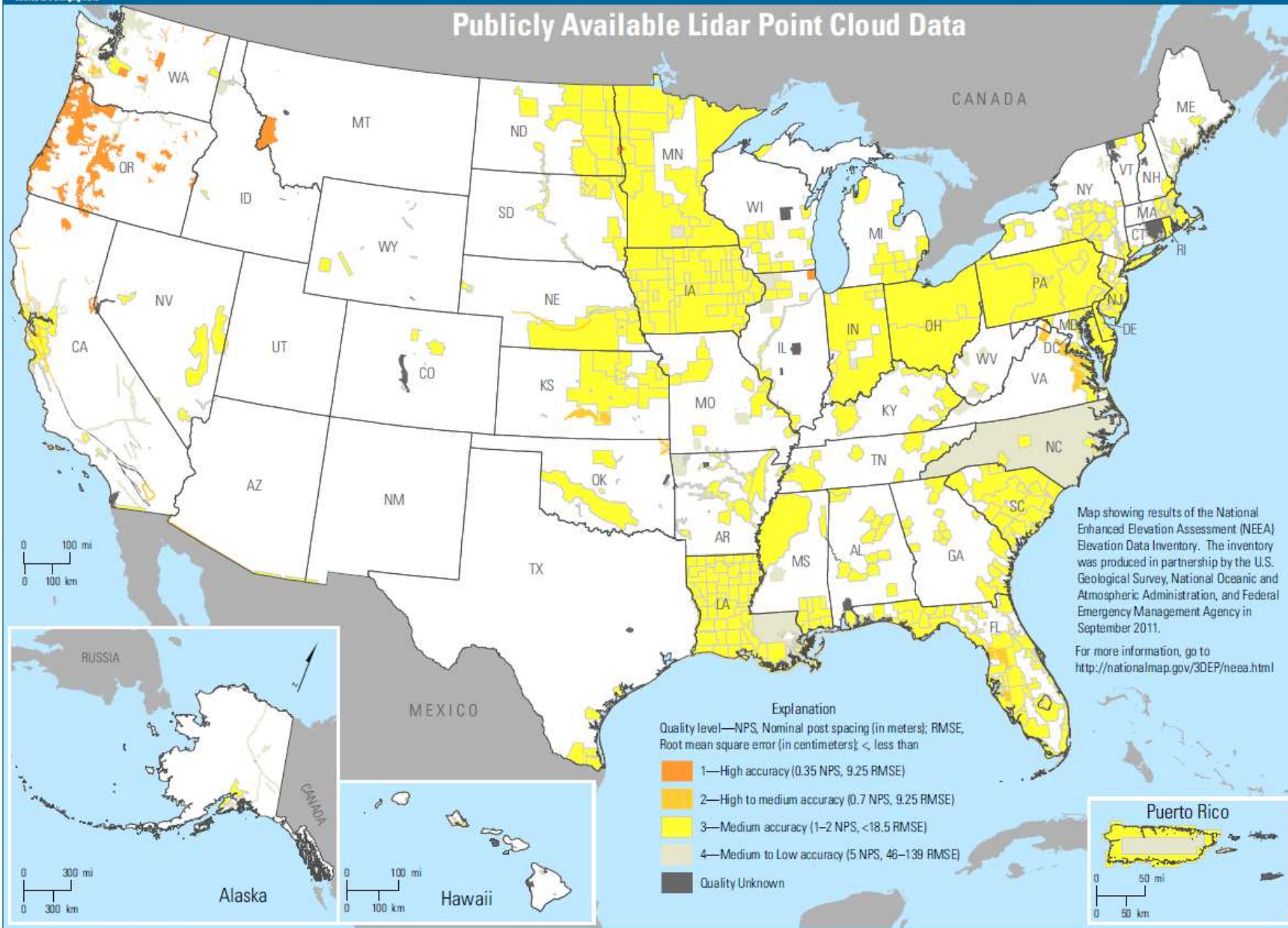


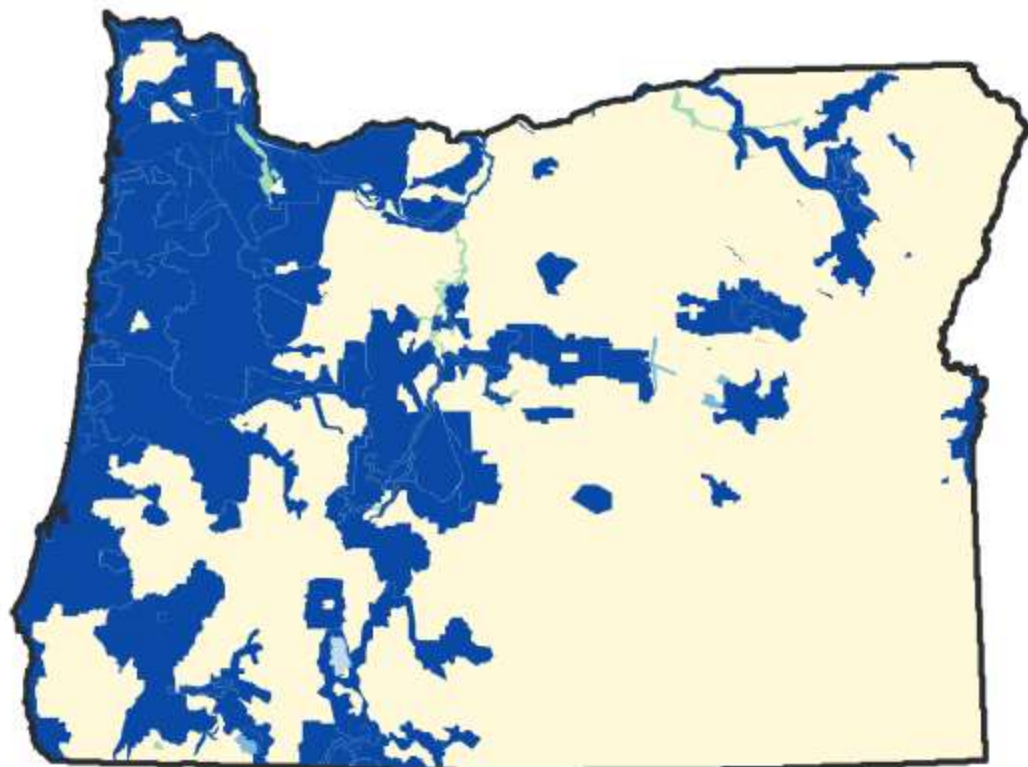
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## 3DEP highlights

- >\$690 million annually in new benefits to private sector
- Estimated 5:1 return on investment
- Save lives
- Help economy
- Improve environment
- Collaboration within government
- Prepared for natural disasters (floods, landslides, earthquakes, etc.)
- Multiple agencies\disciplines benefit


# Publicly Available Lidar Point Cloud Data





0 50 Miles  
0 70 Kilometers

## EXPLANATION

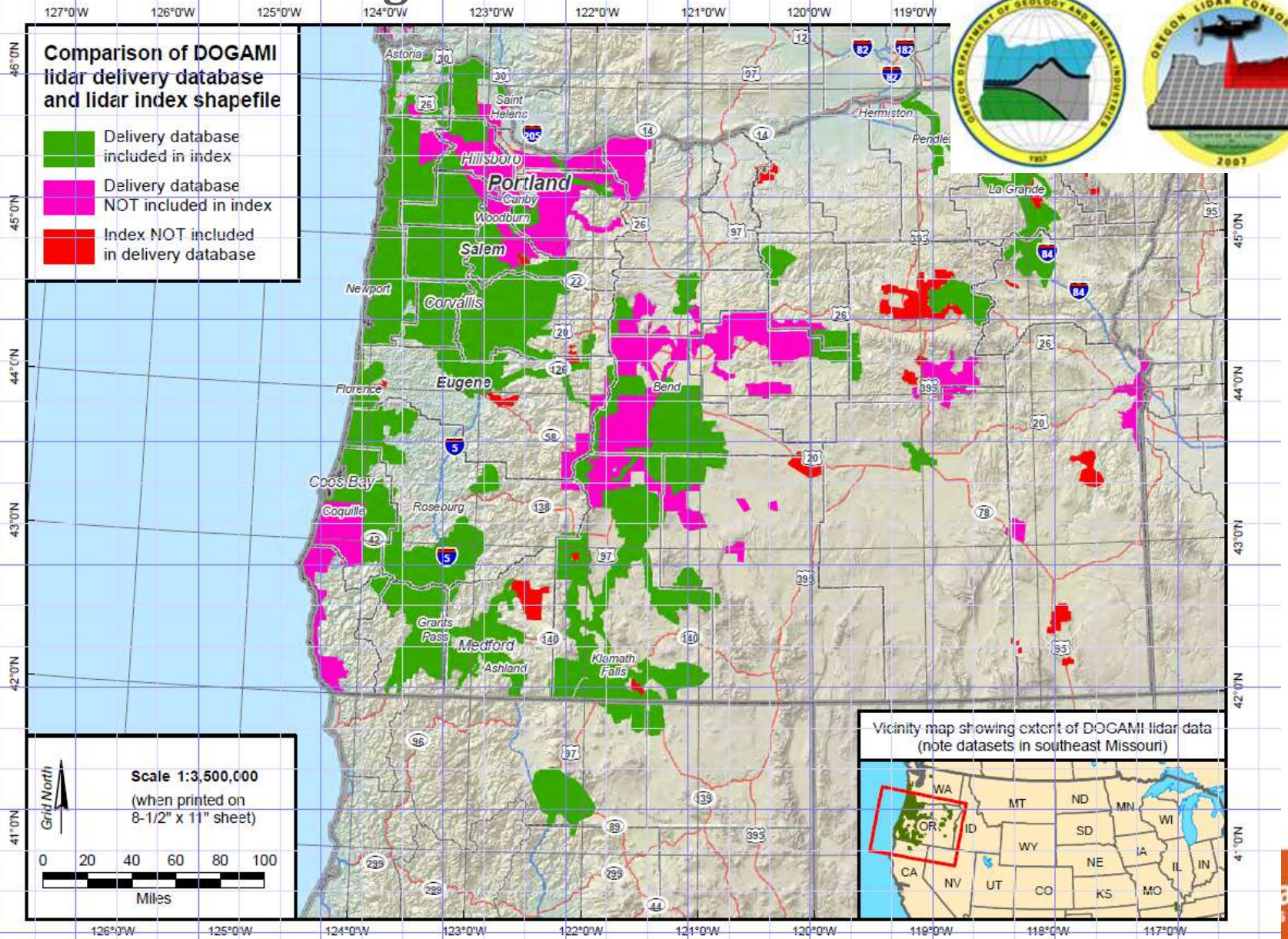
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-  **No publicly available  
lidar data**

## Results of 3DEP inventory

- Lidar data have been collected over 28 percent of the conterminous United States and Hawaii.
- Enhanced elevation data (primarily ifsar data) have been collected over approximately 15 percent of Alaska.
- Elevation data was collected at an average annual rate of 4 to 5 percent from 2009-2011.
- The level of overlapping coverage is less than 10 percent.
- The quality of the data varies from project to project.



# Oregon LIDAR Consortium



3D laser scanner  
w/ integrated  
camera

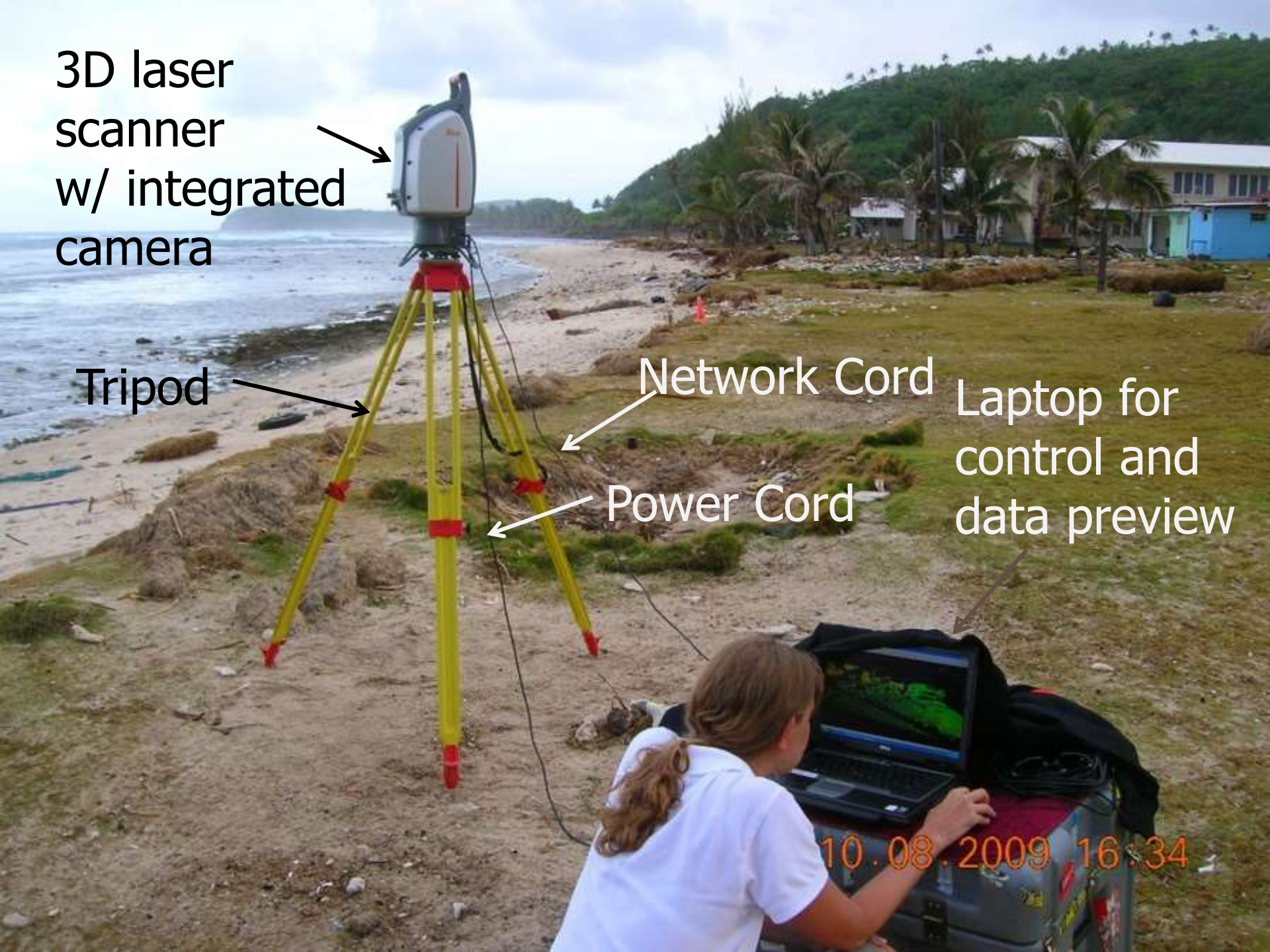
Tripod

Network Cord

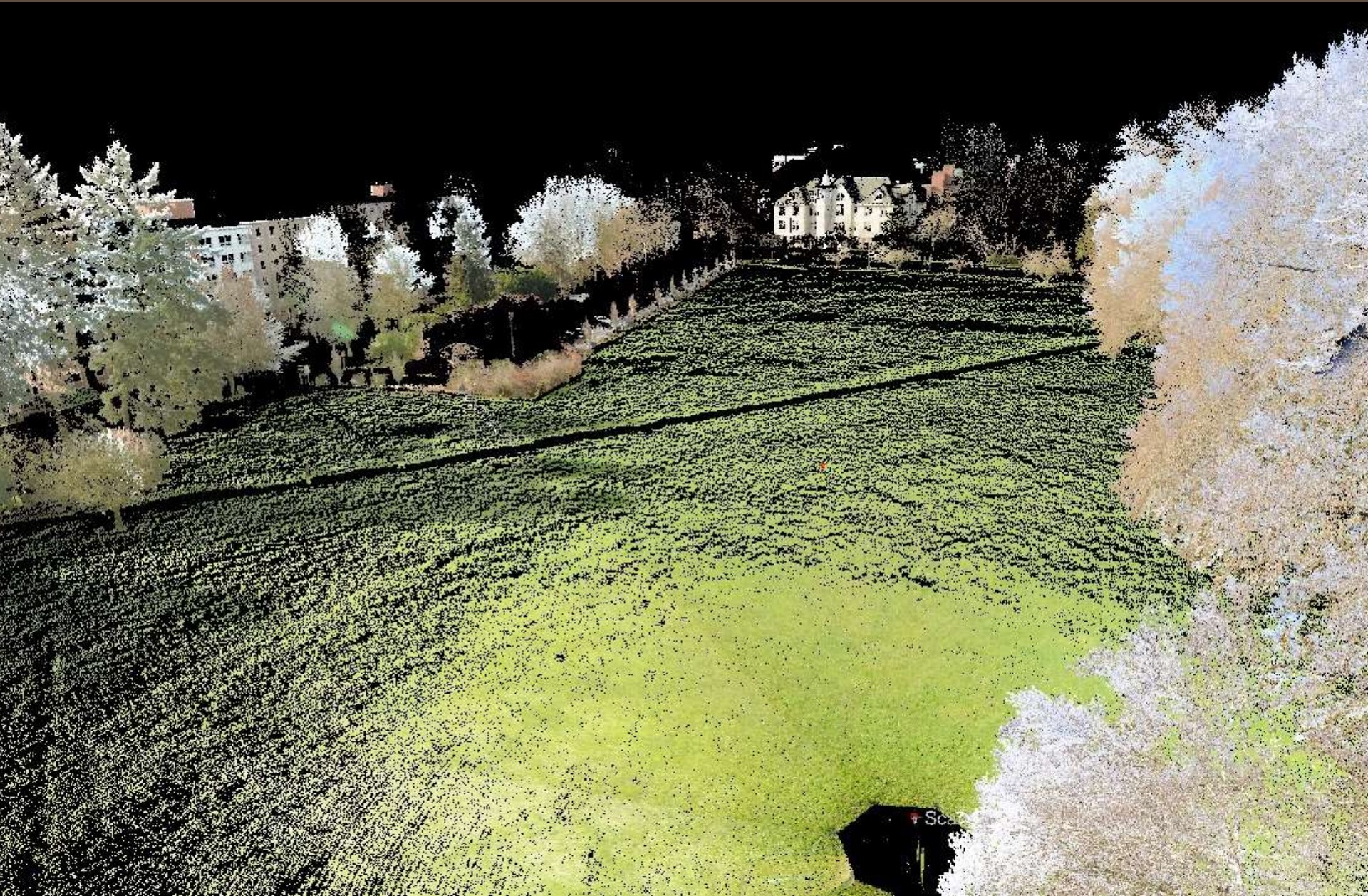
Power Cord

Laptop for  
control and  
data preview

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RTK GPS Receiver

3D Laser Scanner

RTK GPS Controller

Cell Phone

Laptop Controller

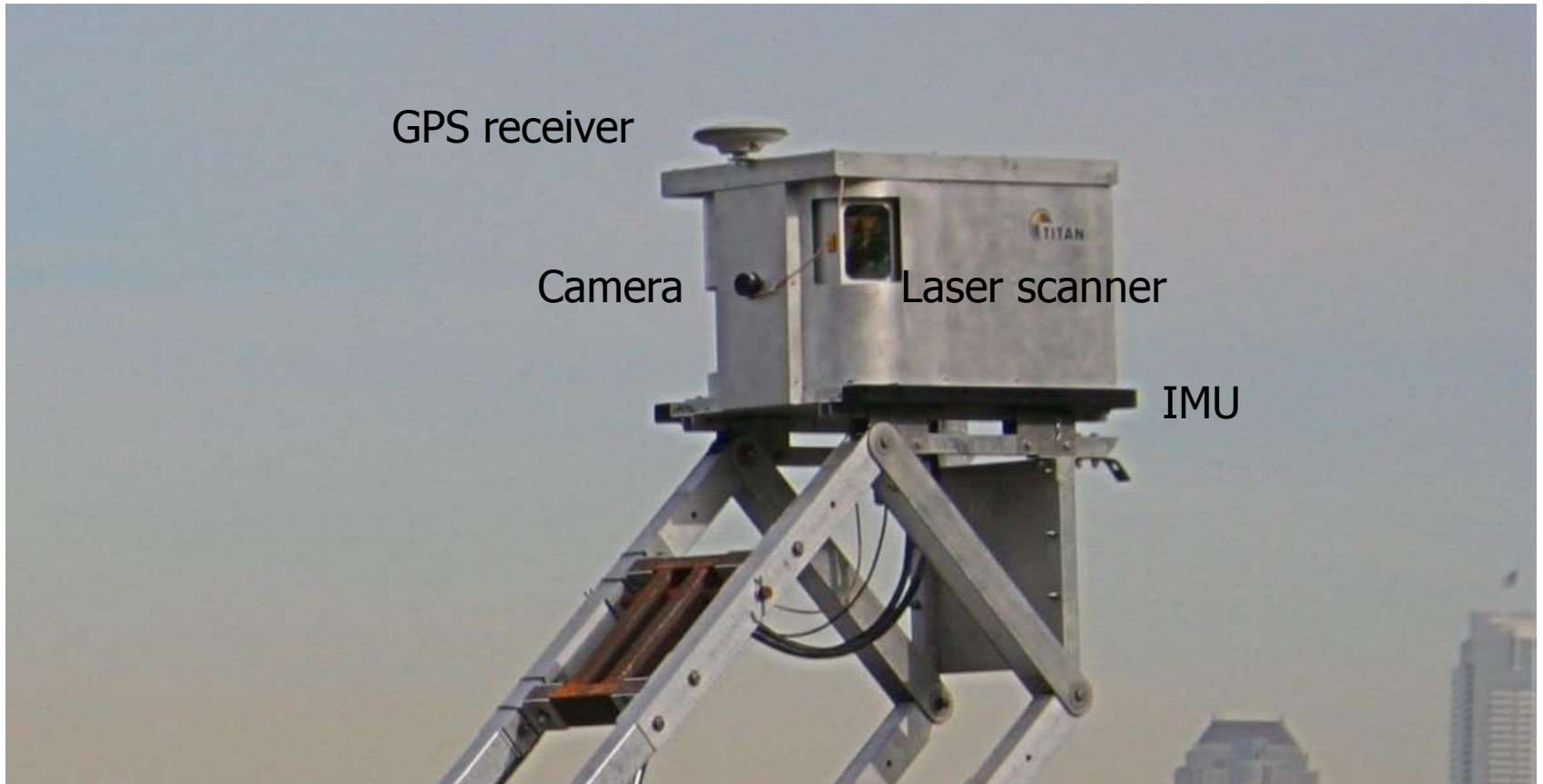
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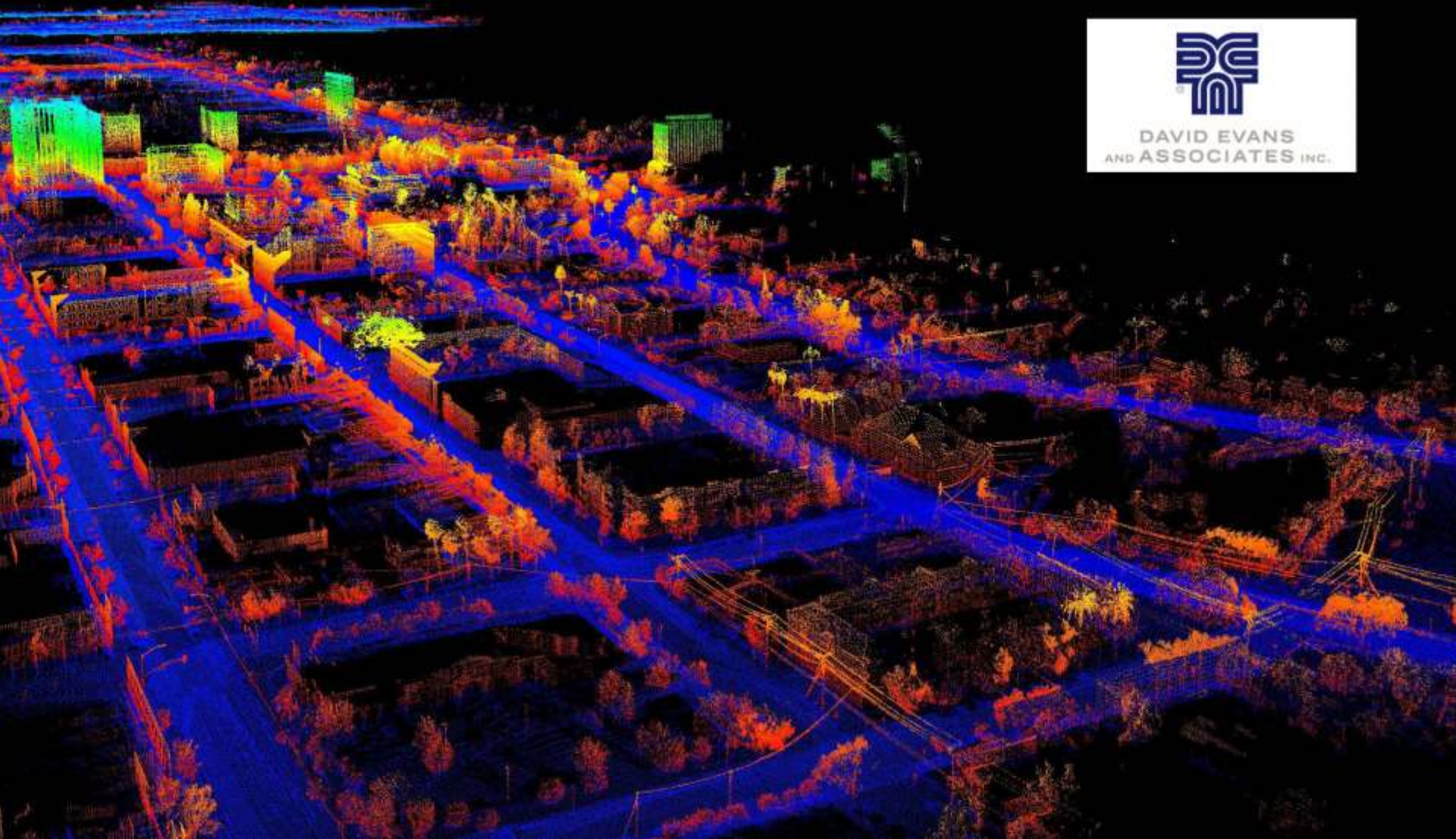


GPS receiver  
Laser scanner  
Camera



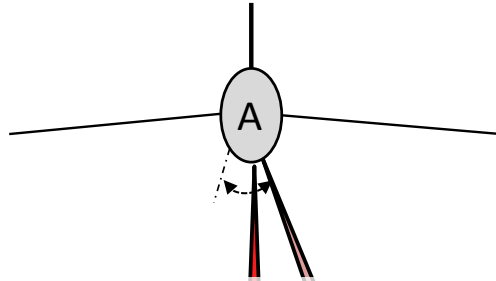
# Components





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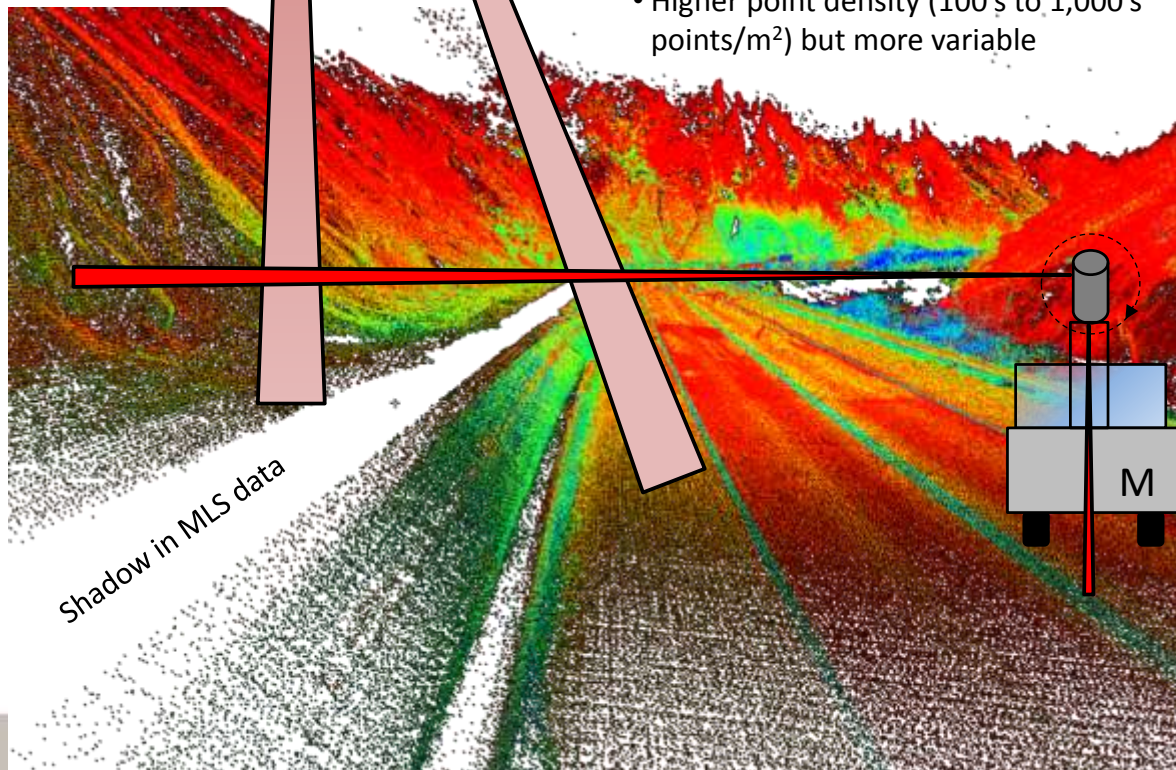


### Airborne LIDAR

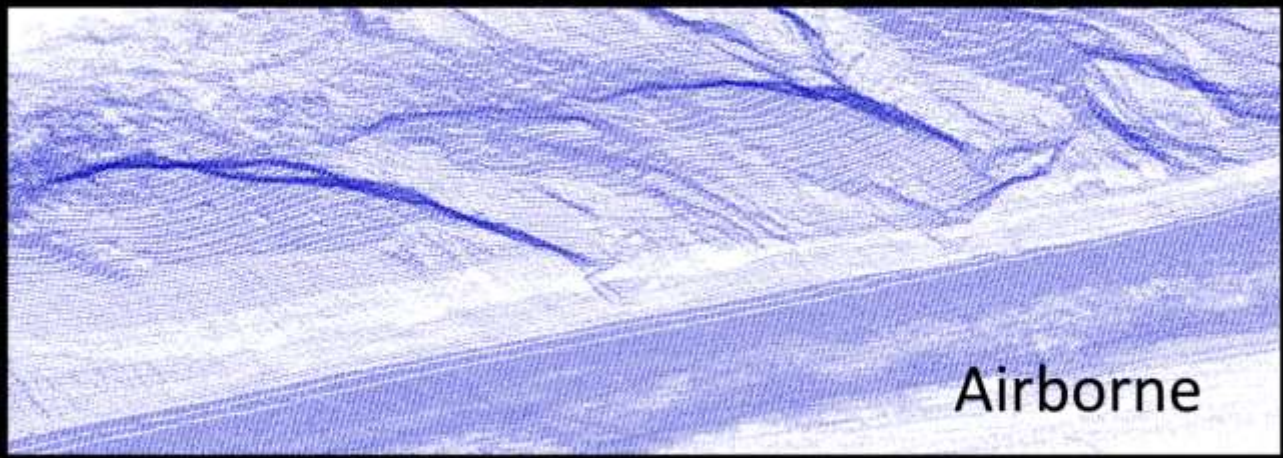
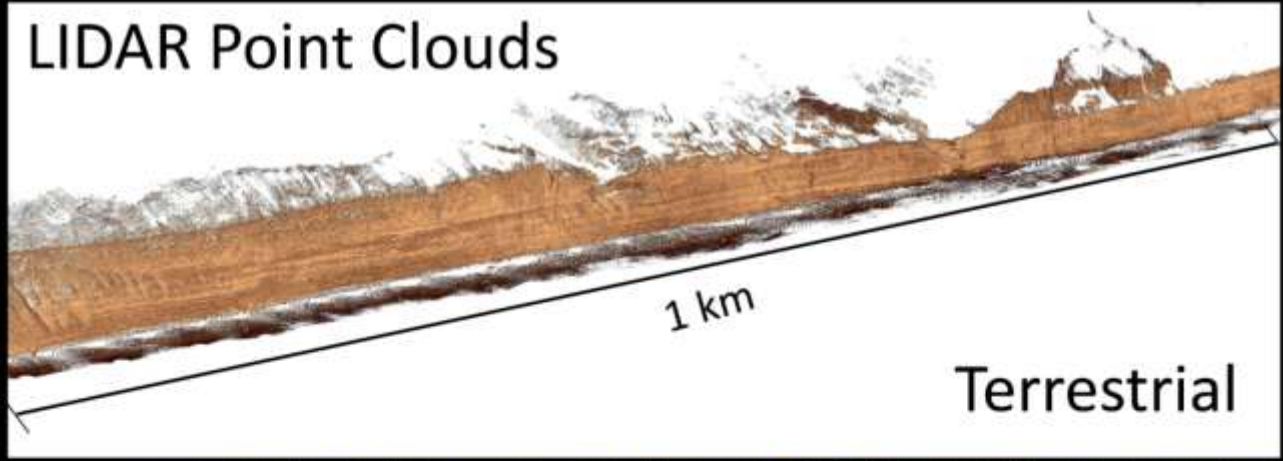
- Direct view of pavement & cliff tops
- Poor (oblique) view of vertical faces and cannot capture overhangs
- Faster coverage
- Larger footprint (>0.5m)
- Laser travels much farther
- Not limited to area visible from roadway
- Lower point density (1-80 points/m<sup>2</sup>)

### Mobile LIDAR

- Good view of pavement
- Direct view of vertical faces
- Cannot capture cliff tops
- Slower coverage
- Smaller footprint (1-3 cm, typical)
- Closer to ground\objects
- Limited to objects close and visible from the roadway (<100m, typical)
- Higher point density (100's to 1,000's points/m<sup>2</sup>) but more variable



# LIDAR Point Clouds



# MLS Workflow

Level of LIDAR Expertise

- Expert
- . - . - . Moderate experience
- - - - Some experience
- - - - - - Novice

**Planning**


- Quality Management Plan
- Determine sections of interest
- Coordinate with divisions\ agencies
- Weather\ Environment Conditions
- Determine which sensors are needed
- GNSS PDOP prediction
- Topography\land cover\water
- Develop drive path

**Preliminary Site Surveys**

- Determine obstructions
- Traffic peaks
- Determine what can be covered by MLS



**Packaging and Delivery**

- Develop reports
- Zip Data
- Evaluate strategy efficiency for future missions
- Archive and backup data




**Data Acquisition**

- Verify system calibration
- Set and acquire control and validation points
- Drive and monitor the mission
- Scan Data
- GNSS\IMU
- Imagery
- Other sensors




**Geo referencing**

- Combine LIDAR, GNSS, and IMU
- Geometric Correction
- Local Transformation
- Validate accuracy\resolution\ completeness
- Tile Data





**Computations\Analysis**

- Create DEM derivatives
- Derive point density map
- Detect change\deformation
- Cut\Fill estimation
- QC analysis results



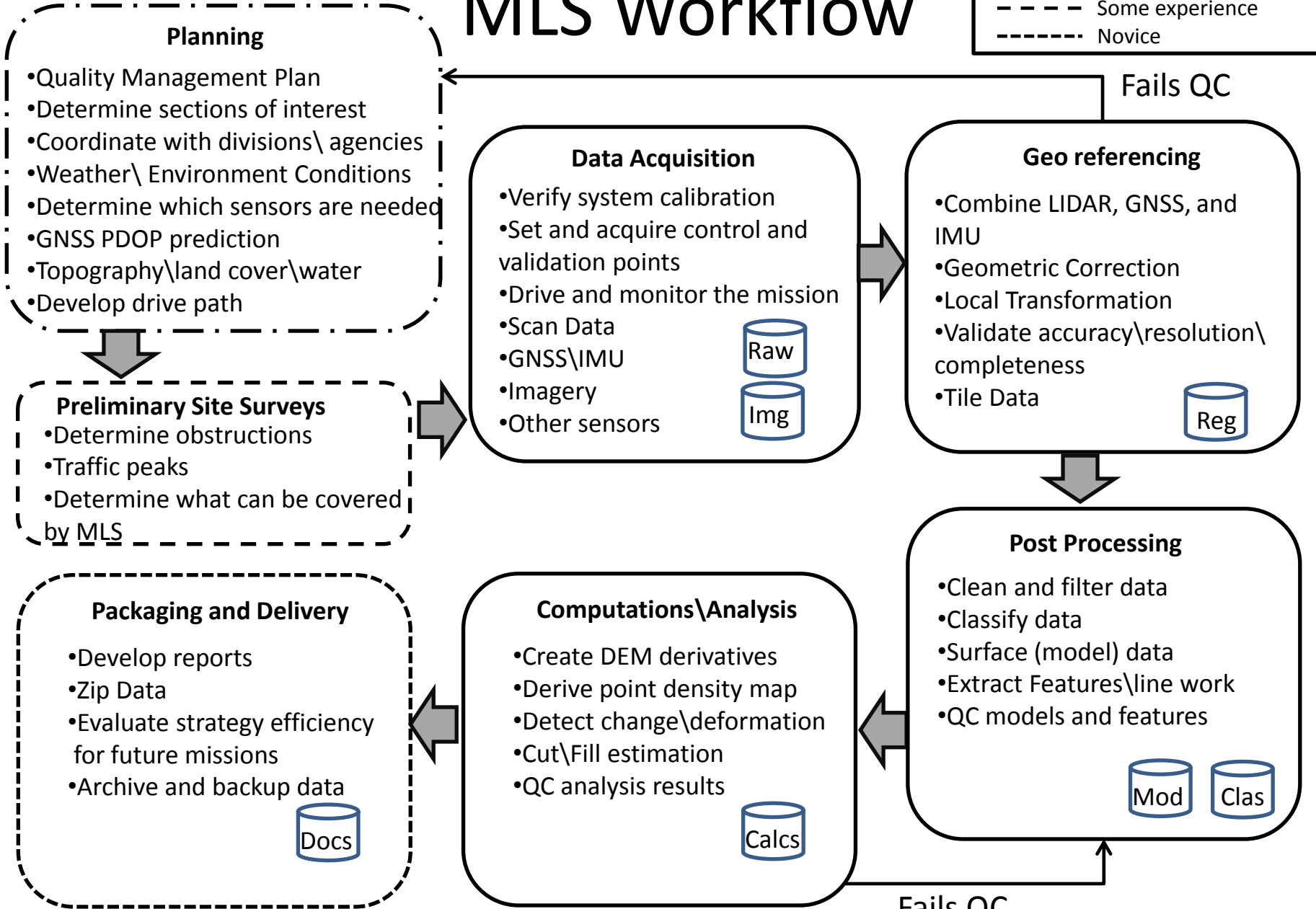
**Post Processing**

- Clean and filter data
- Classify data
- Surface (model) data
- Extract Features\line work
- QC models and features

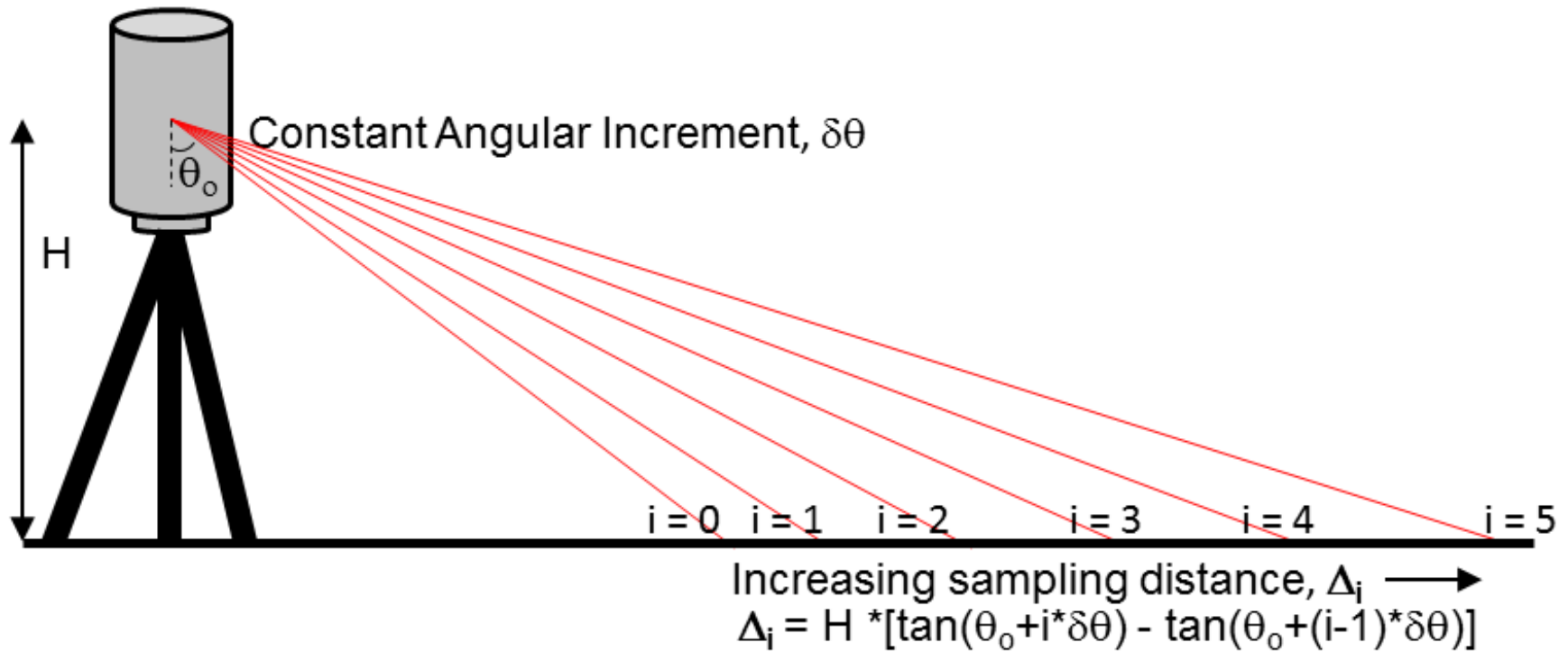


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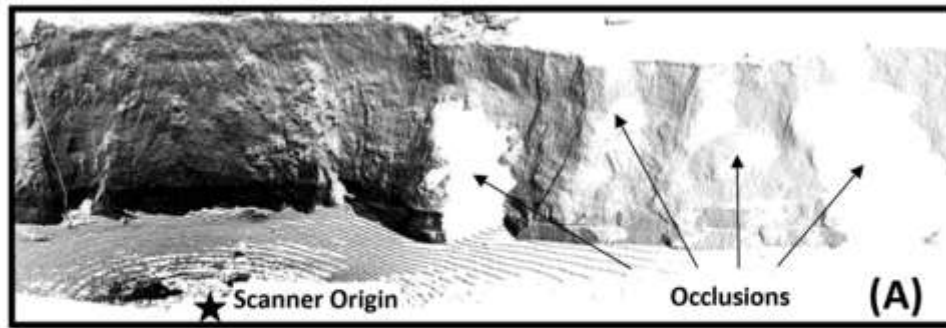
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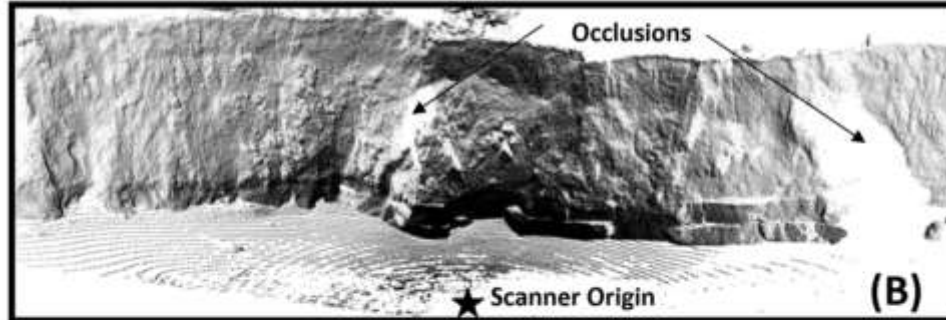
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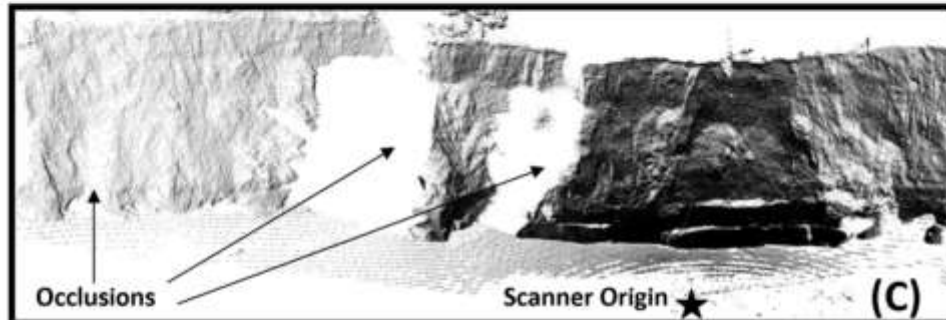
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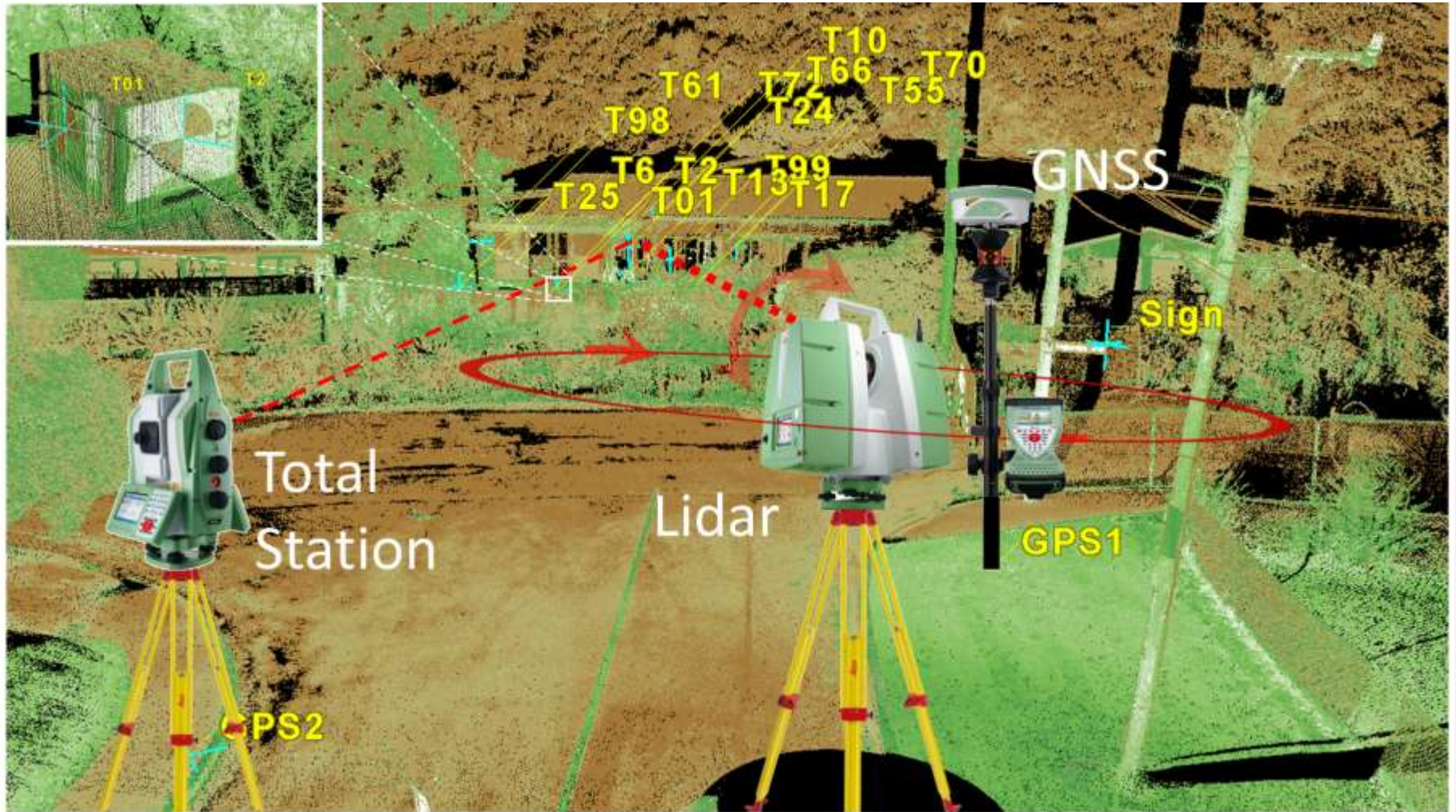
C



A+B+C



# Integration of Geomatics Technologies



# Mathematically defined, Geometric Primitives

points

lines and line segments

planes

circles and ellipses

triangles and other polygons

spline curves

spheres

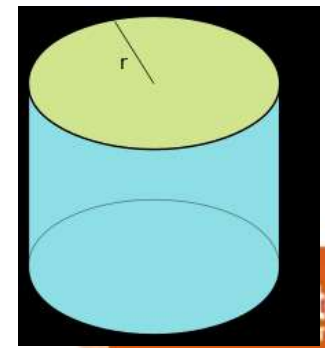
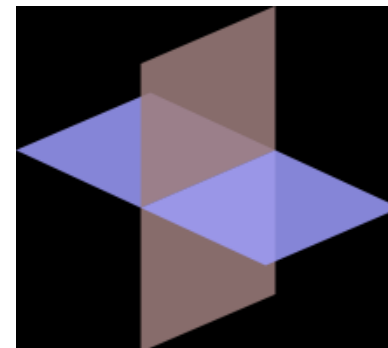
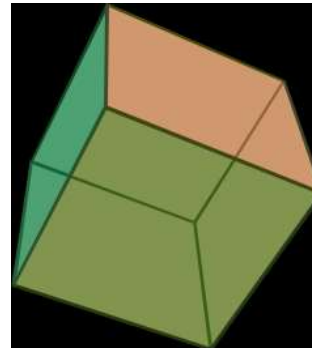
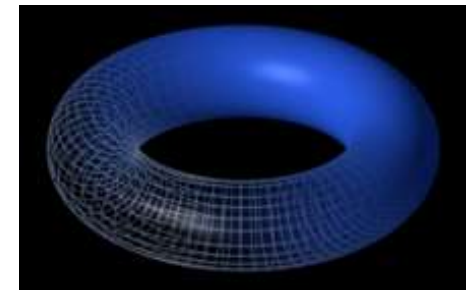
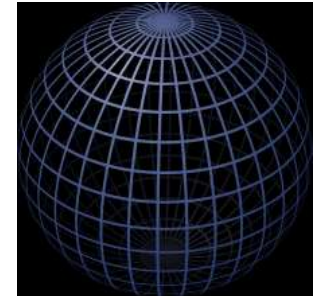
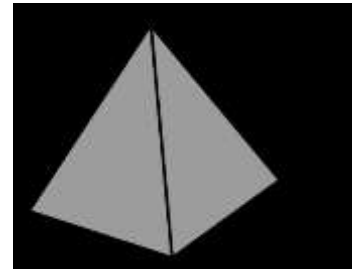
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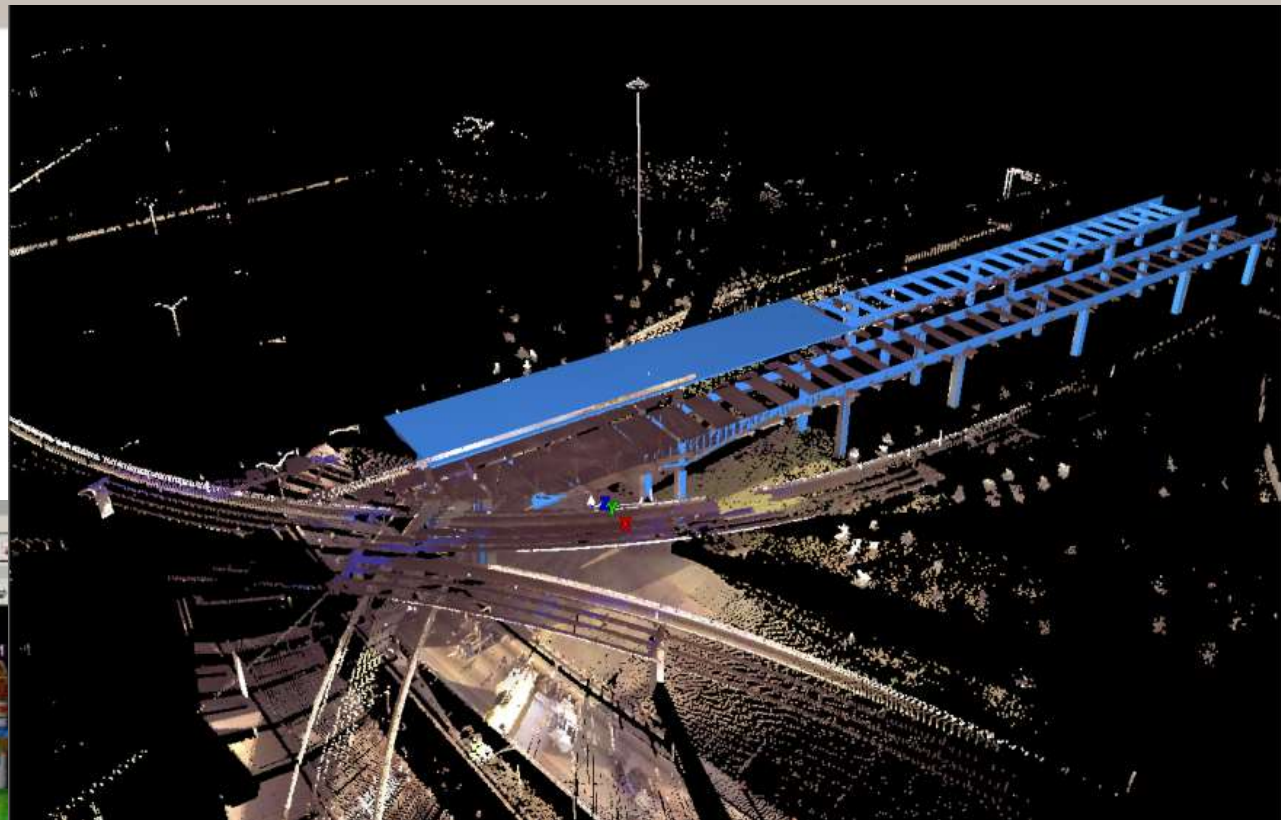
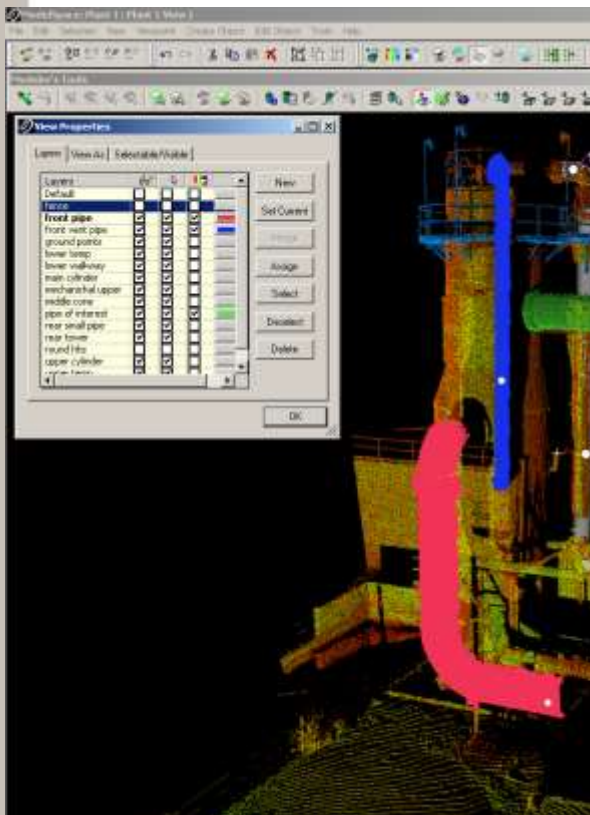
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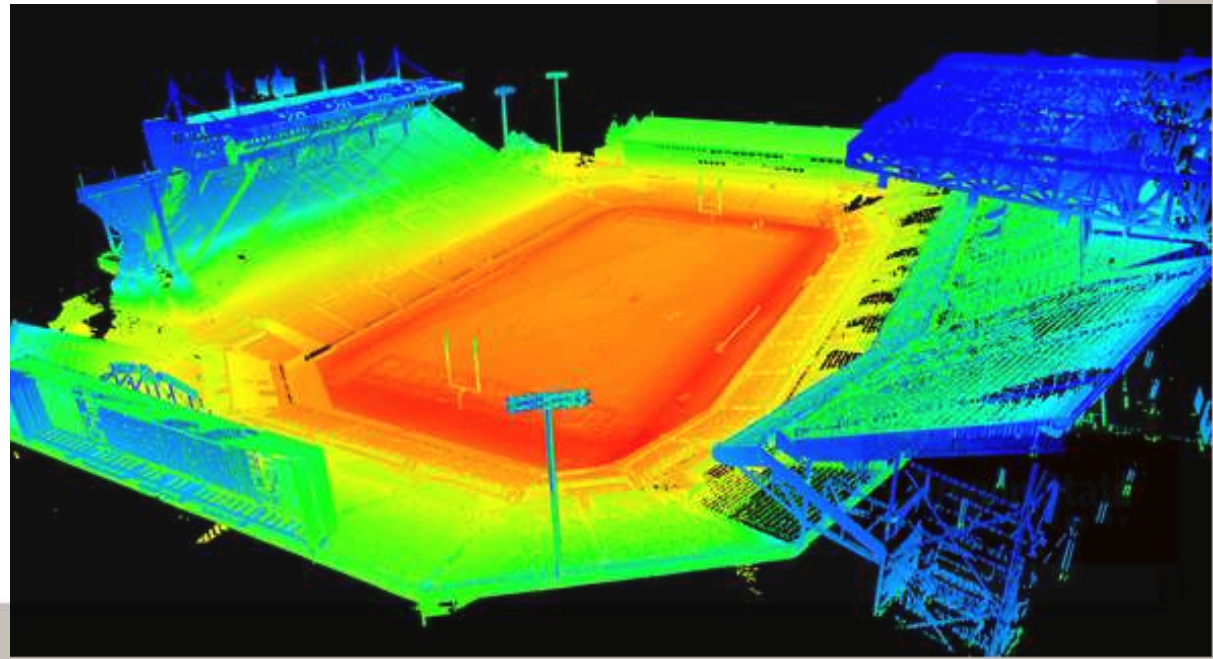


By:  
Logan Allendar  
Torgar Torgerson



# Example Applications

- Transportation
- Coastal Erosion
- Landslide Assessment
- Earthquake and Tsunami damage assessment
- Wireless signal mapping
- Cultural Heritage
- Laboratory Testing



# NCHRP 15-44 (Report #748) Guidelines for the use of mobile lidar in transportation applications



MPN Components

Persi Consulting

Martha Hales Design

Alisa Bolander Consulting



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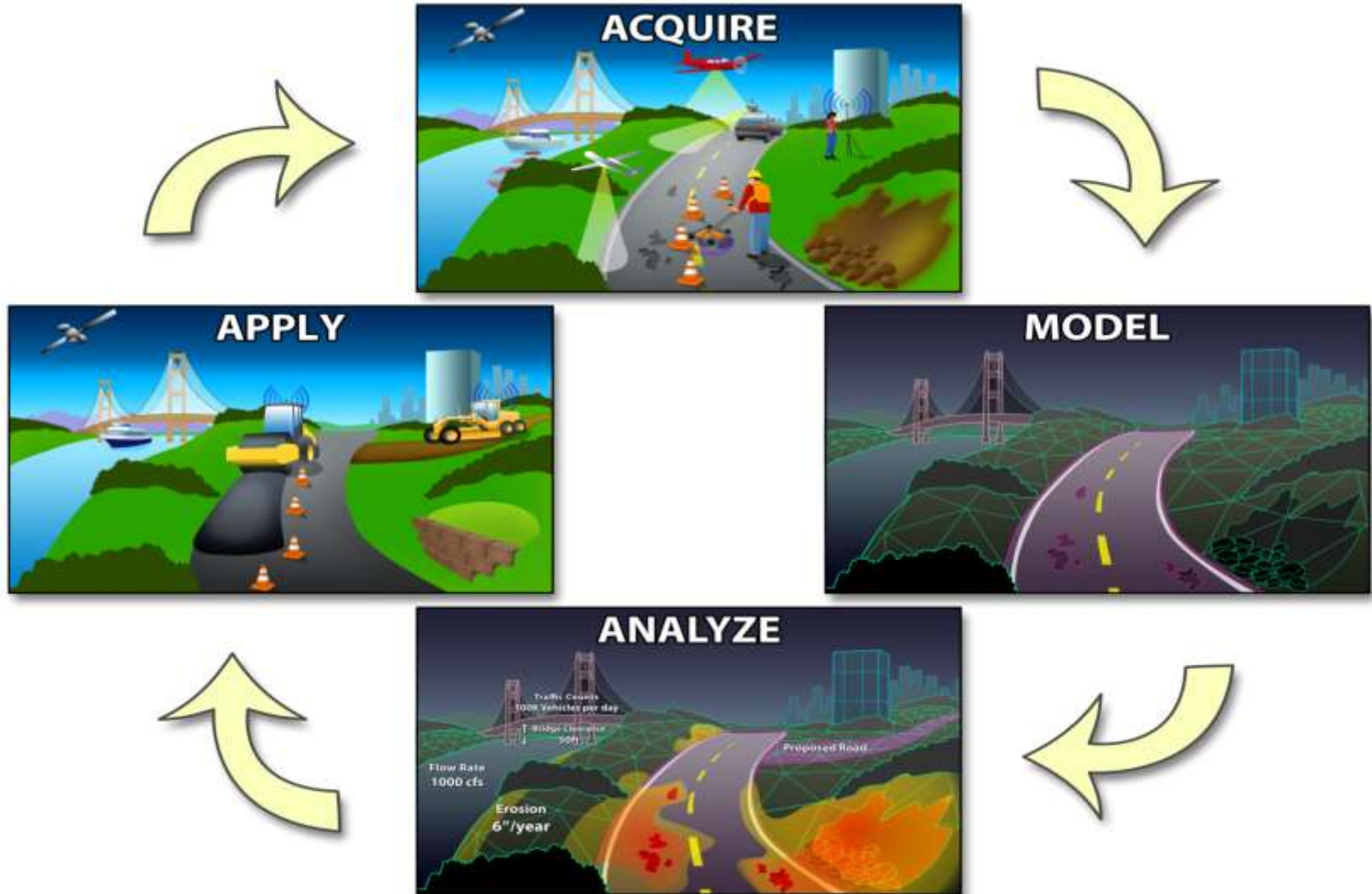
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Graduate Students: Keith Williams, Matt O'Banion

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# Transportation Asset Lifecycle





LEARN

# <http://learnmobilelidar.com>

## GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF MOBILE LIDAR IN TRANSPORTATION

*Welcome to the online resource for the NCHRP 15-44 Guidelines for the use of Mobile LIDAR in Transportation Applications. Mobile LIDAR is one of several new 3D technologies that offer the promise of transforming the way in which transportation agencies plan, design, construct and maintain their highway networks. This website is designed to facilitate the interactive learning of the guidelines document and serve as a central hub for discussion and transmission of knowledge amongst the Mobile LIDAR community.*

### Getting Started



Review key overview references for Mobile LIDAR.

### E-Learning Modules



Learn about mobile LIDAR technology and how to manage it.

### Mobile LIDAR Forum



Join others in the discussion of mobile LIDAR.

### News Feed

[International LiDAR Mapping Forum Launches 2014 Program - GISuser.com \(press release\)](#)

# Literature Database

Welcome to the Literature Database. This database includes all references cited in NCHRP Report 748 as well as other references relevant to mobile LIDAR and geomatics. Most references can be viewed by clicking on the title of the reference. If you know of relevant references which are not included or come across a broken link, please [Click Here](#) to let us know.



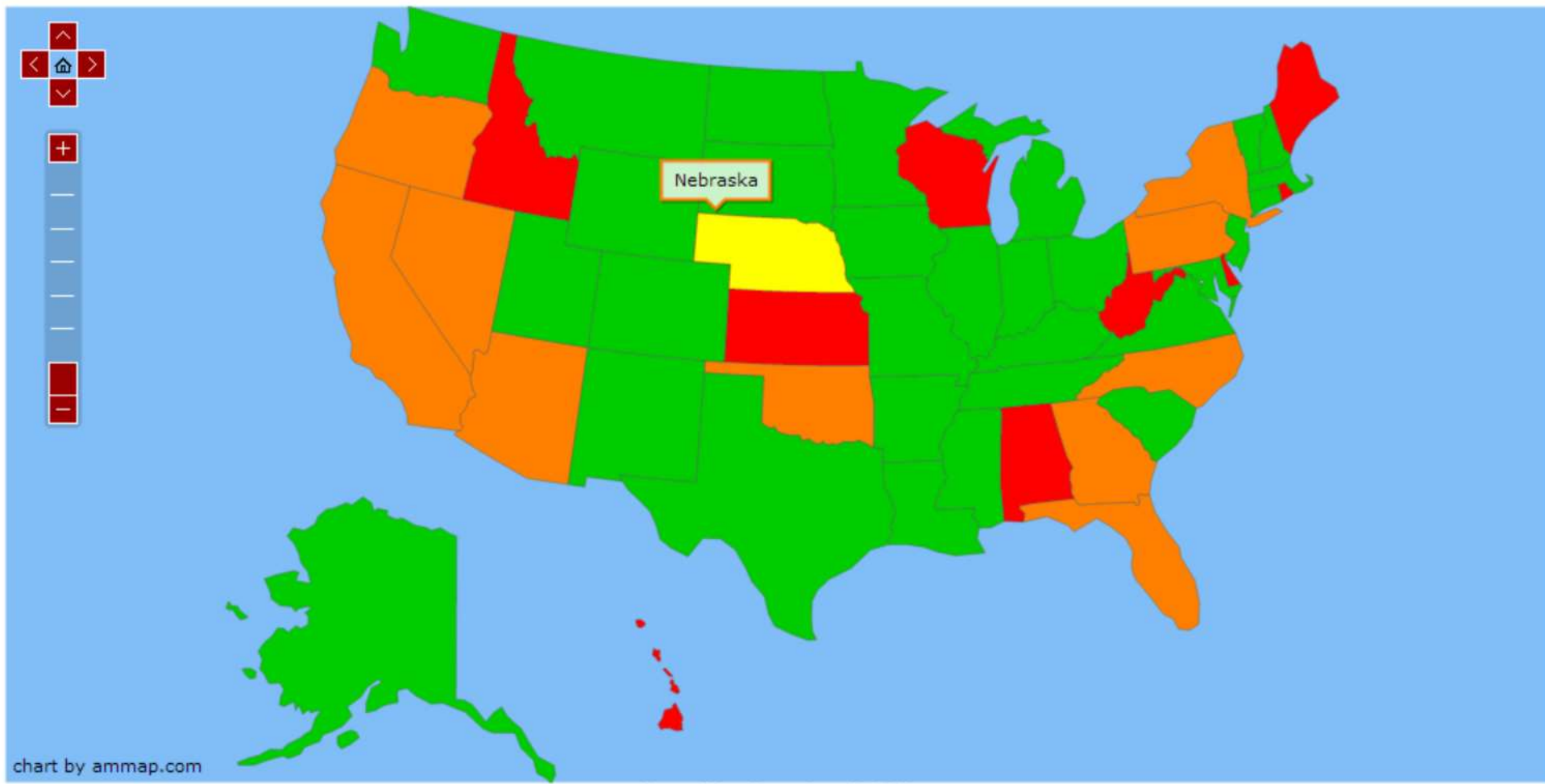
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| Guidelines for Procurement of Commercial Geospatial Products (DRAFT)   | 2011 | ASPRS                           | Geospatial, Mapping                               | Guidelines |
| ASPRS Guidelines: Vertical Accuracy Reporting for Lidar Data           | 2004 | ASPRS Lidar Committee           | Specifications, Standards                         | Guidelines |
| ASPRS LIDAR Guidelines: Horizontal Accuracy Reporting (DRAFT ver. 0.9) | 2005 | ASPRS Standards Committee       | Specifications, Standards                         | Guidelines |
| LAS 1.4 Specification Approved by ASPRS Board                          | 2011 | ASPRS                           | File Format                                       | Guidelines |
| LASer (LAS) Specification, Version 1.4-R11                             | 2011 | ASPRS Standards Committee       | File Format                                       | Guidelines |
| Lib E57: Software Tools for Managing E57 Files                         | 2010 | ASTM                            | File Format                                       | Guidelines |
| Airborne laser scanning: basic relations and formulas                  | 1999 | Baltsavias, E.P.                | ALS, scan patterns                                | Journal    |
| Geometric validation of a ground-based mobile                          | 2008 | Barber, D., J. Mills, S. Smith- | Accuracy, Terrestrial, Mobile Mapping, Validation | Journal    |

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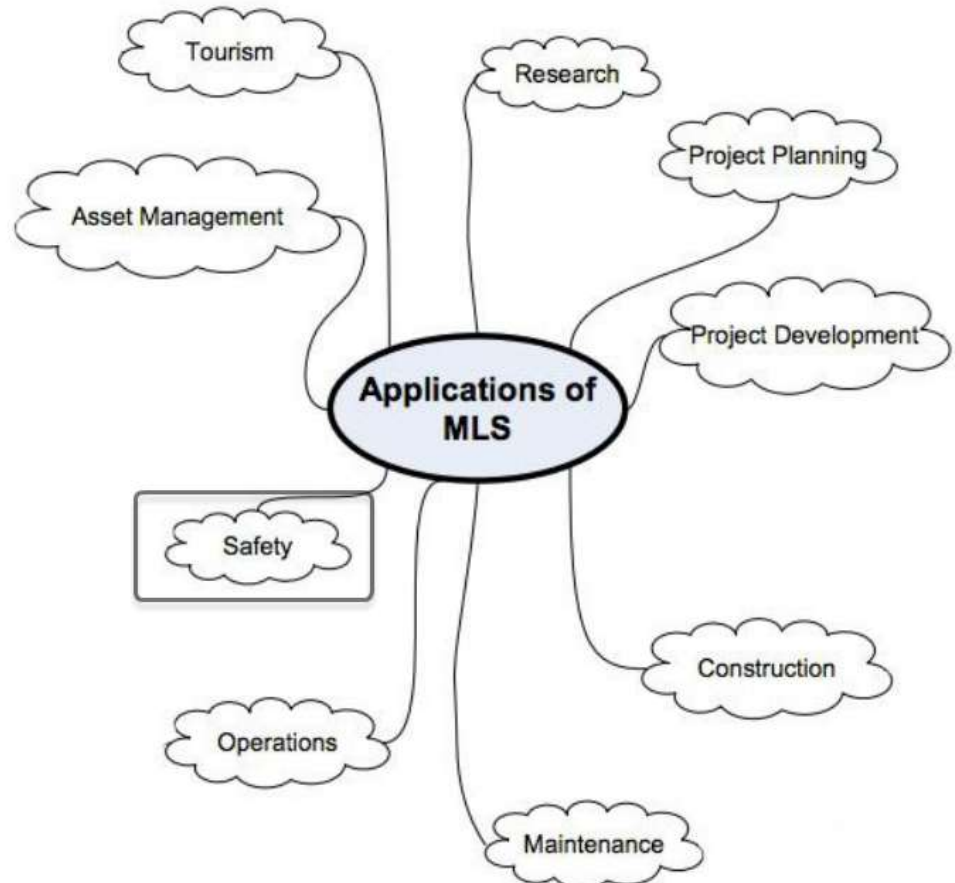
### Specification Availability

- Surveying
- LIDAR
- None



## Potential applications

Click on each of the applications shown at right to learn more about how Mobile LIDAR may be used in that context.



## Potential applications

### Tourism applications

Tourism is an emerging mobile LIDAR application. As tools to visualize point clouds from LIDAR systems become available, mobile LIDAR can provide a new generation of 3D, digital maps for navigation and exploration.

A 2009 report describes the efficiency gains possible with the acquisition of mobile LIDAR in the historic peninsula of Istanbul.

- Only 80 ha of the required 1500 ha were completed using static scanning in 6 months
- The remaining 1420 ha were completed in 3 months using mobile LIDAR.



*Stop-and-go LIDAR point cloud of Balboa Park, San Diego, CA*

*Guidelines, A.6.8.*

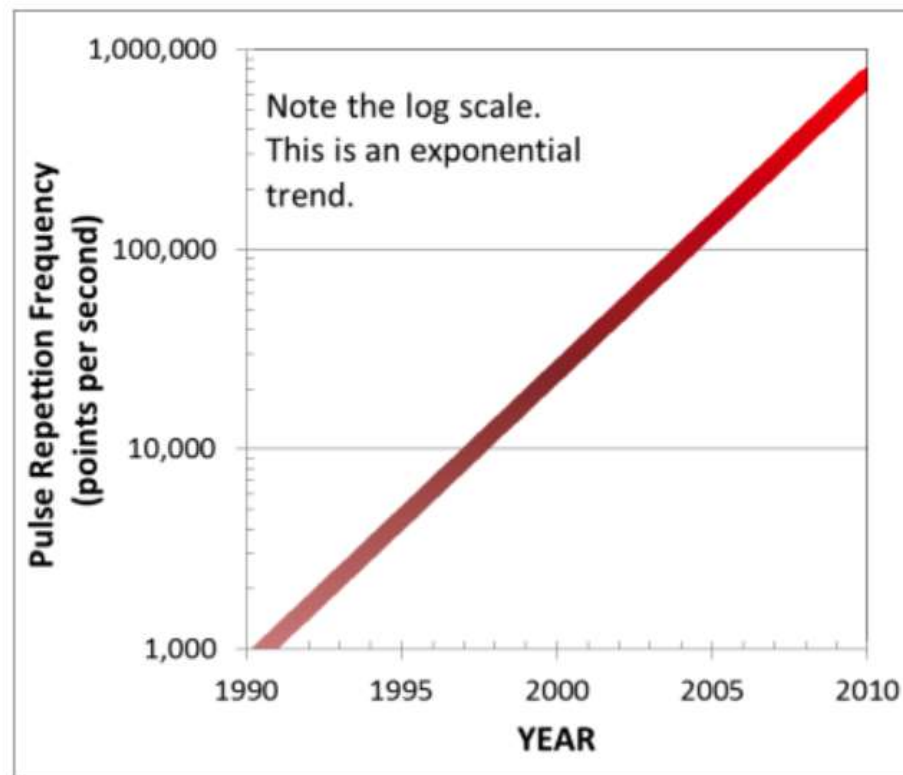
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## LIDAR point sampling

Percent complete: 82%

Over the 20 year period from 1990 to 2010, the point sampling capability of laser scanners has increased from 1,000 points/second to over 1 million. This impressive improvement in the ability to collect data faster also results in increased challenges when it comes to managing that data.



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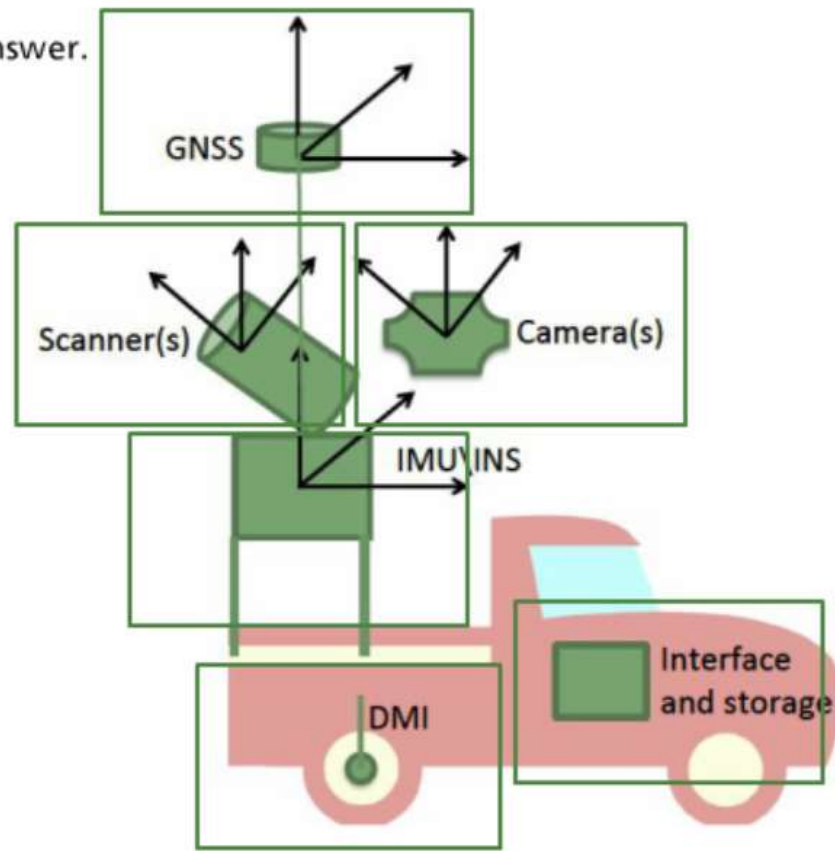
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## Knowledge check: How MLS technology works

Below is an image of an MLS system and with descriptions of the components. Drag each description to place it on top of the correct component.

Click **SUBMIT** to lock in your answer.

- Provides additional detail that allows color to be added to point clouds
- Provides time, position, and velocity measurements
- Provides orientation and attitude information and position estimation
- Fires pulses or continuous waves that determine the range to objects
- Provides an estimate of distance traveled



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SUBMIT

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**Incorrect**

That's not quite right. Try again.

**Try Again**

Fires pulses or continuous waves that determine the range to objects

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Provides an estimate of distance traveled



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Correct

Well done! You labeled all of the components correctly.

Continue

Provides orientation and attitude information and position estimation

Provides an estimate of distance traveled

Interface and storage



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SUBMIT

## Knowledge check: How MLS technology works

Below is an image of an MLS system and with descriptions of the components. Drag each description to place it on top of the correct component.

Click SUBMIT to lock in your answer.



Correct

Well done! You labeled all of the components correctly.

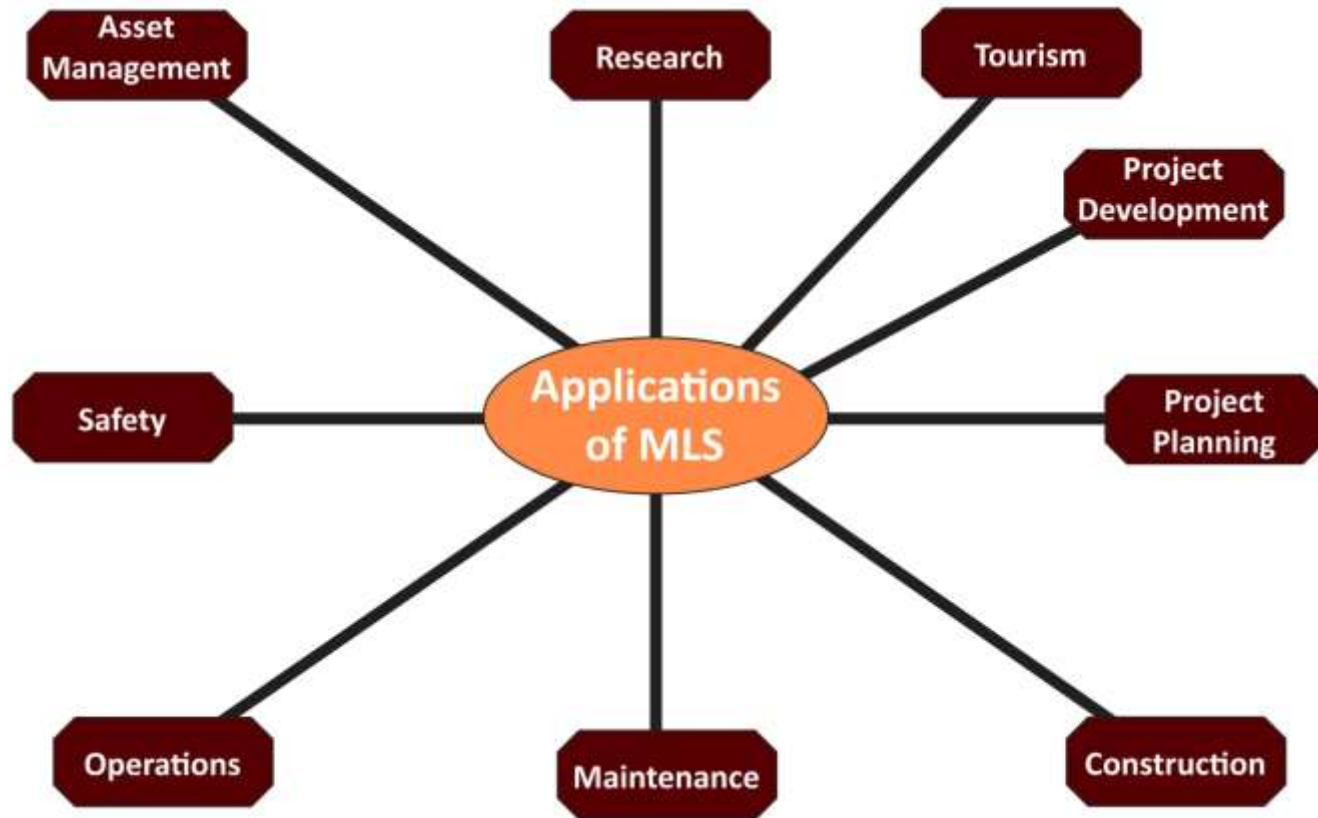
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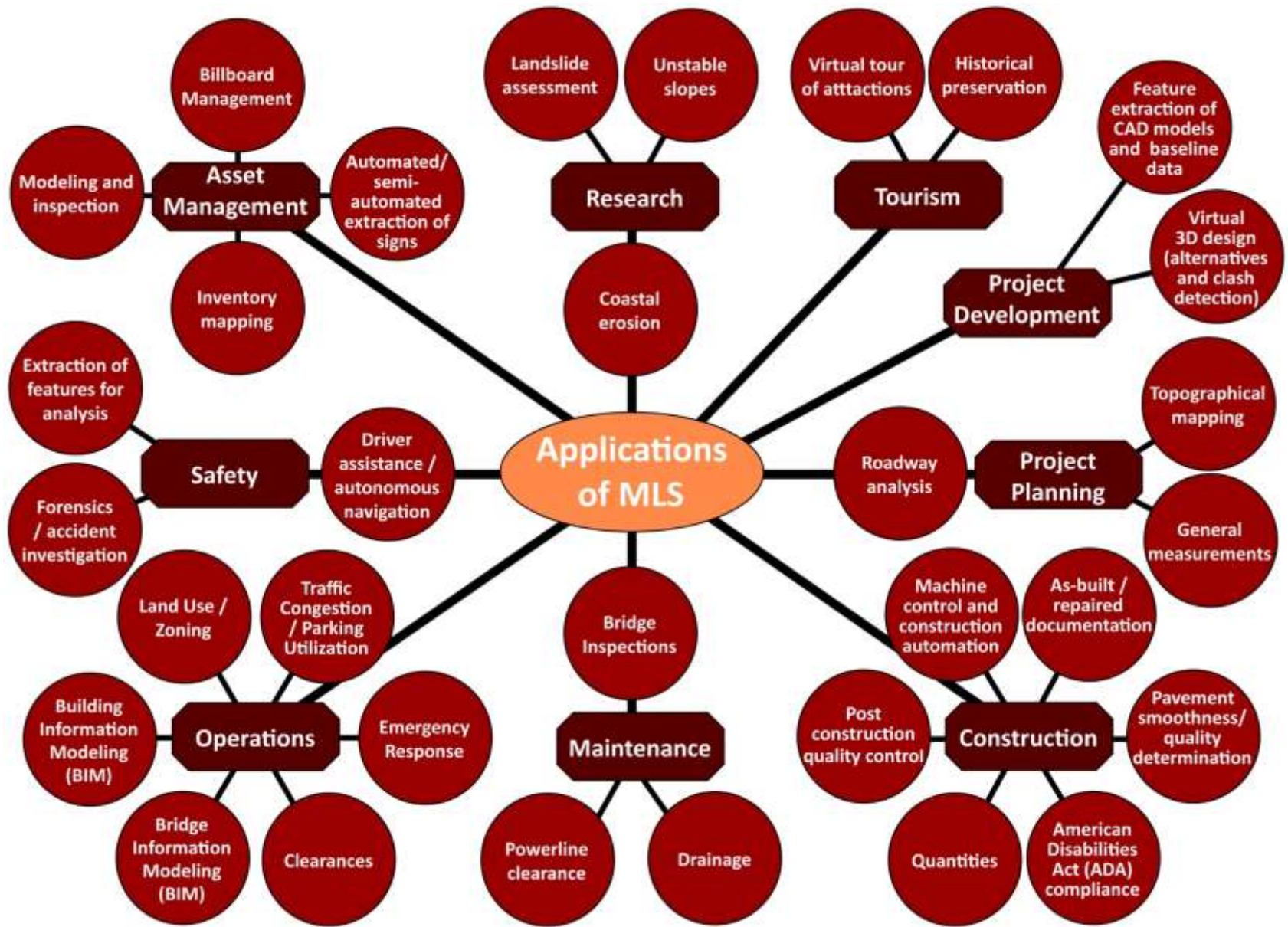
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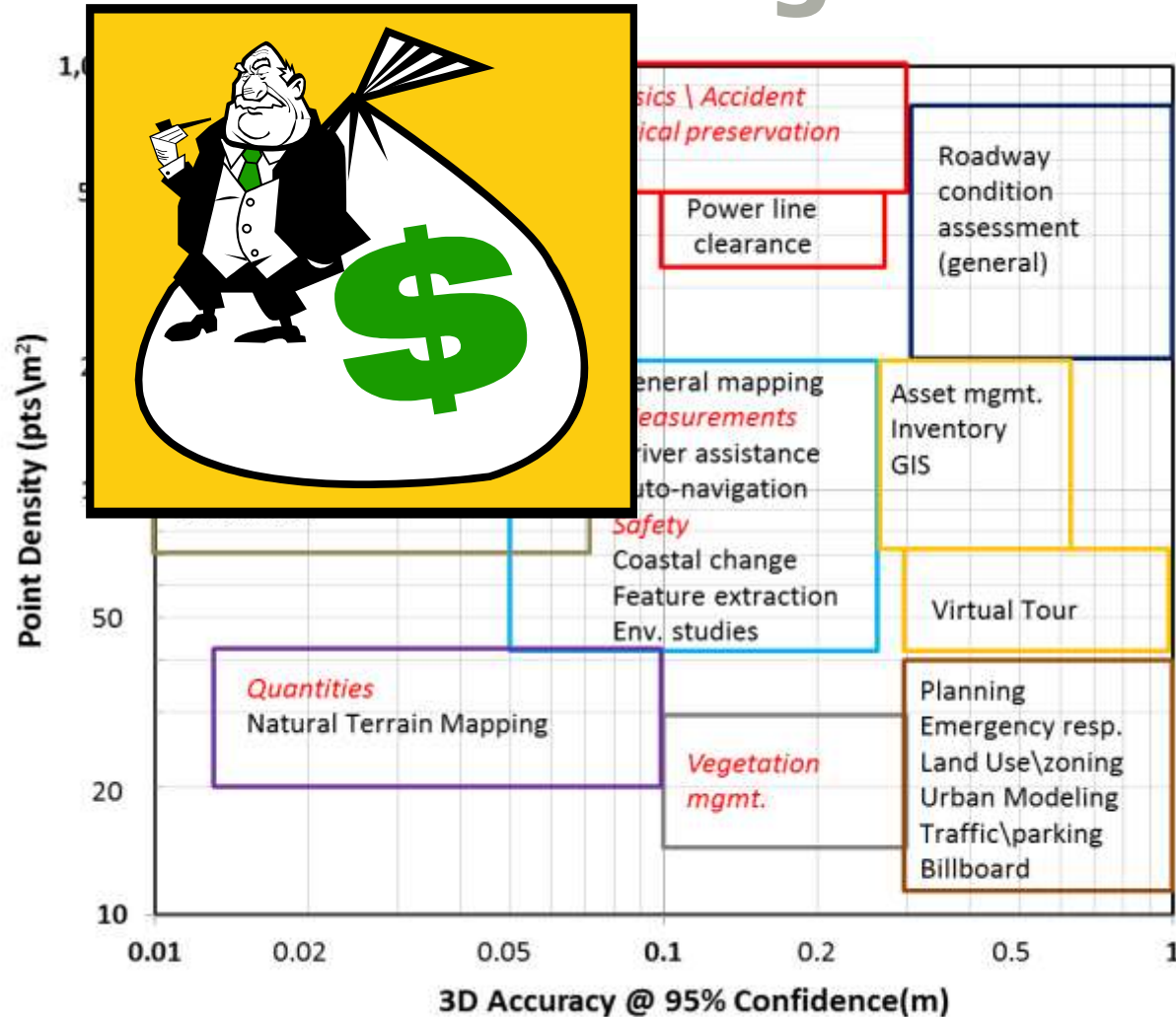
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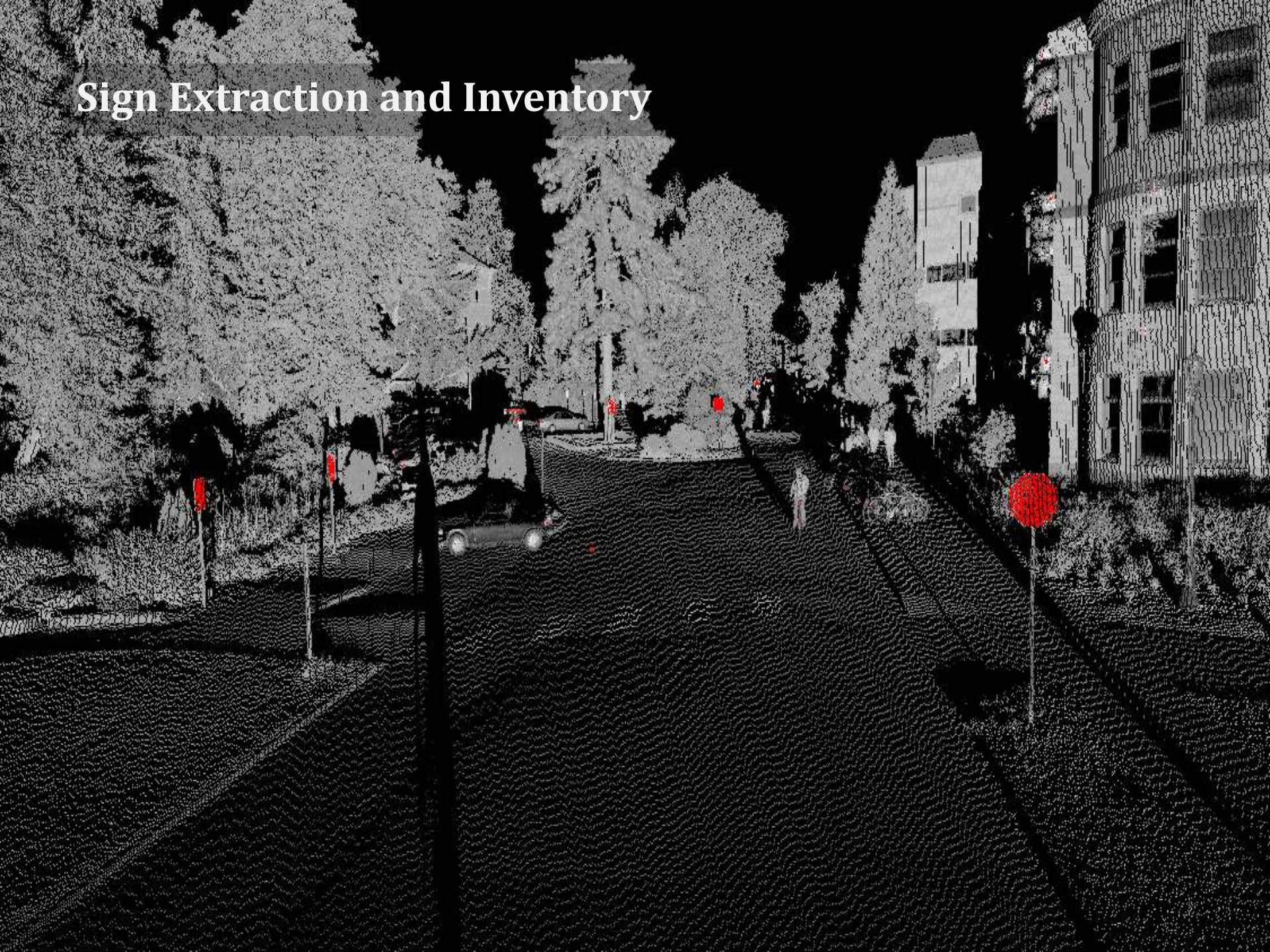
# Data Collection Categories



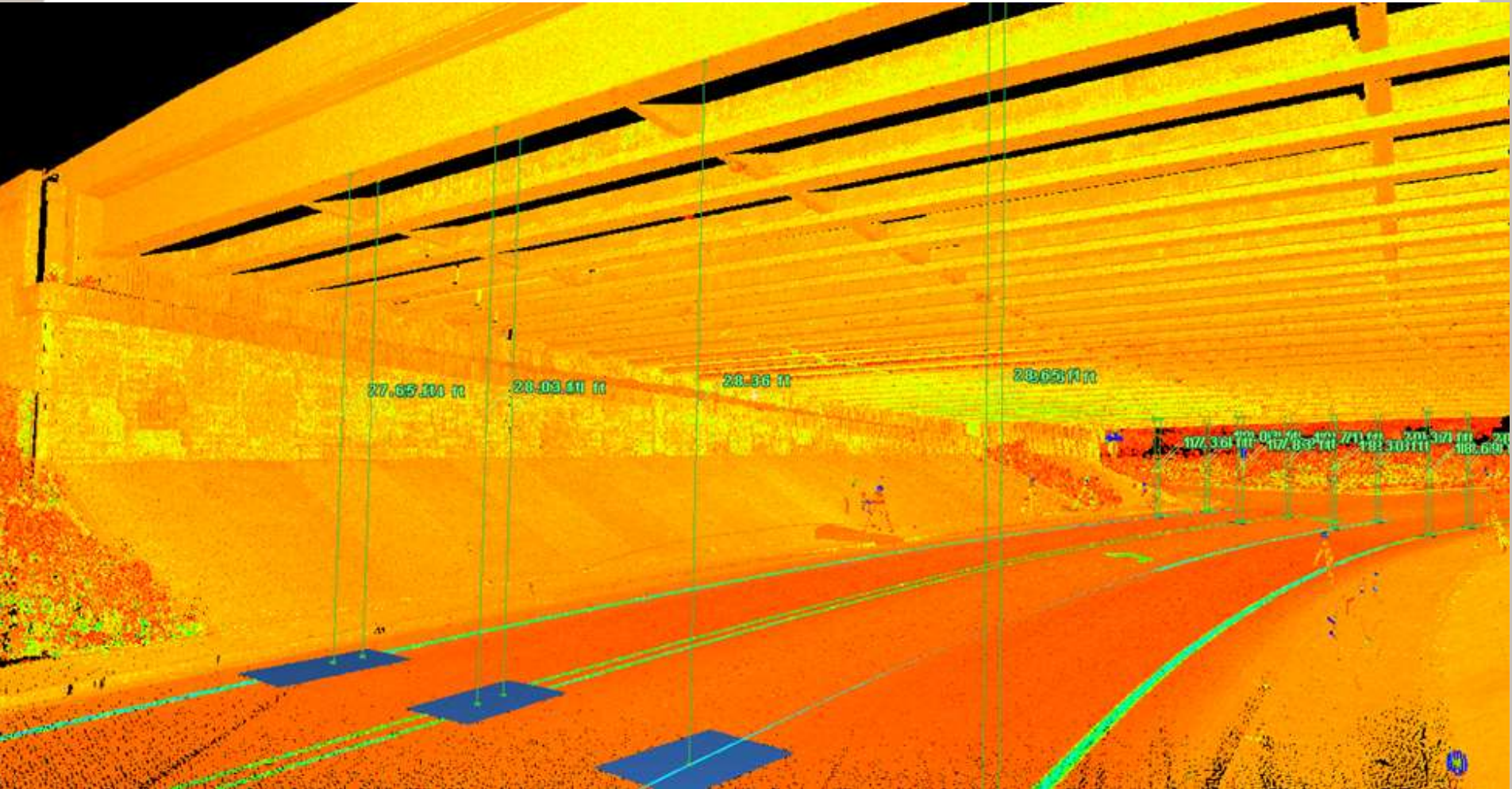
What do you need? What does it cost?



# Sign Extraction and Inventory



# Bridge Clearances

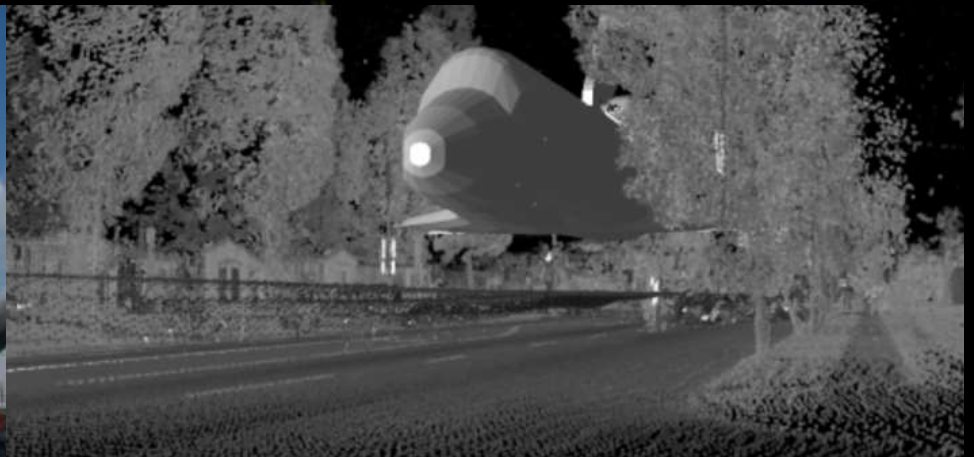
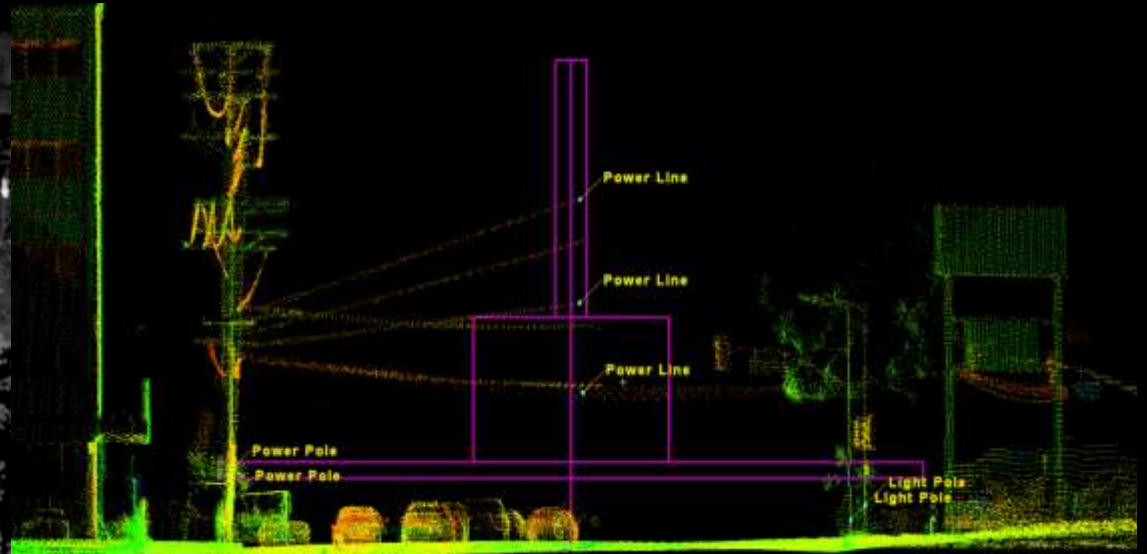


# Conflict Analysis - Endeavour

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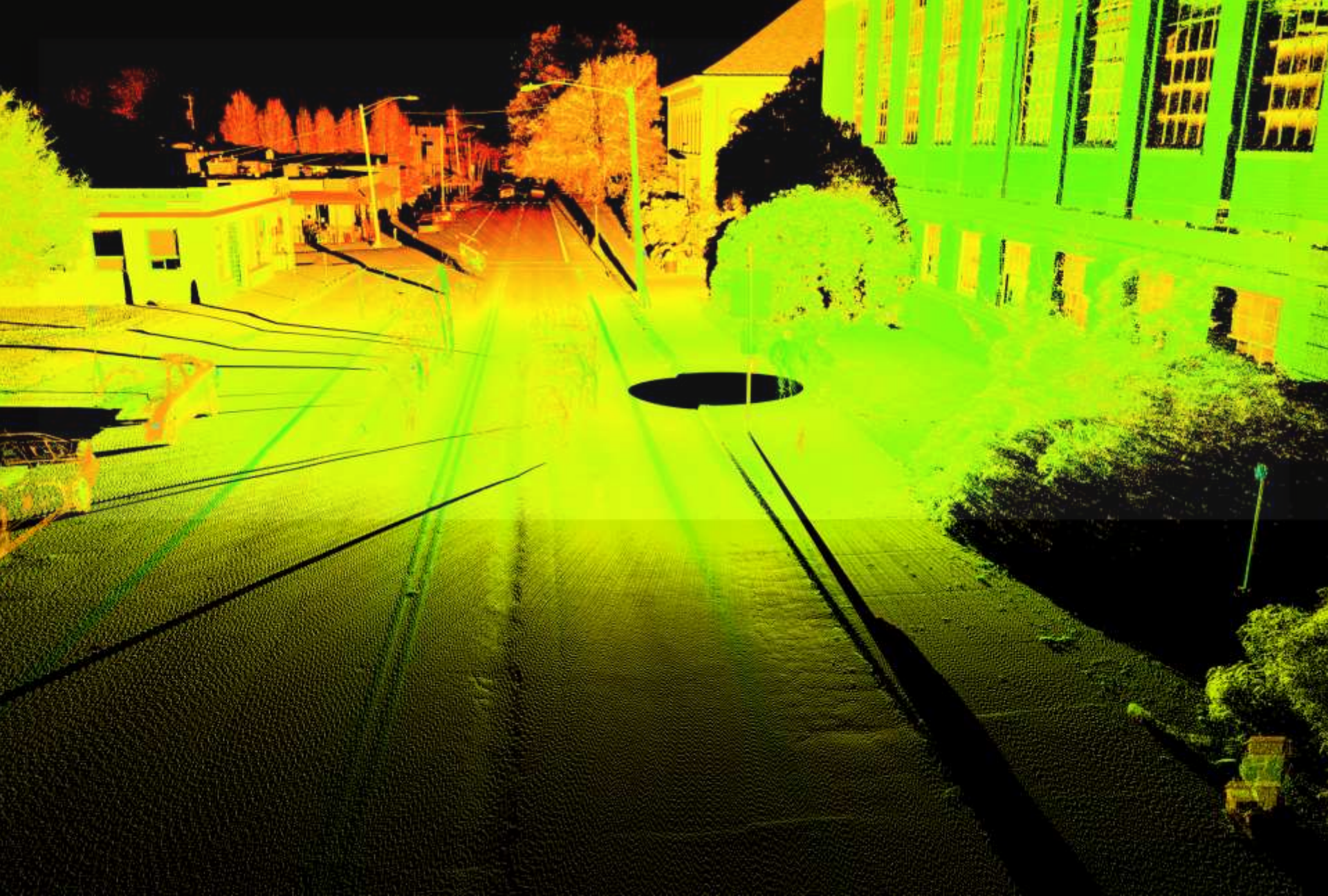


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Pavement Cracking and deterioration



Rutting

# A Platform for Proactive Risk-based Slope Asset Management

LIDAR acquisition  
and processing

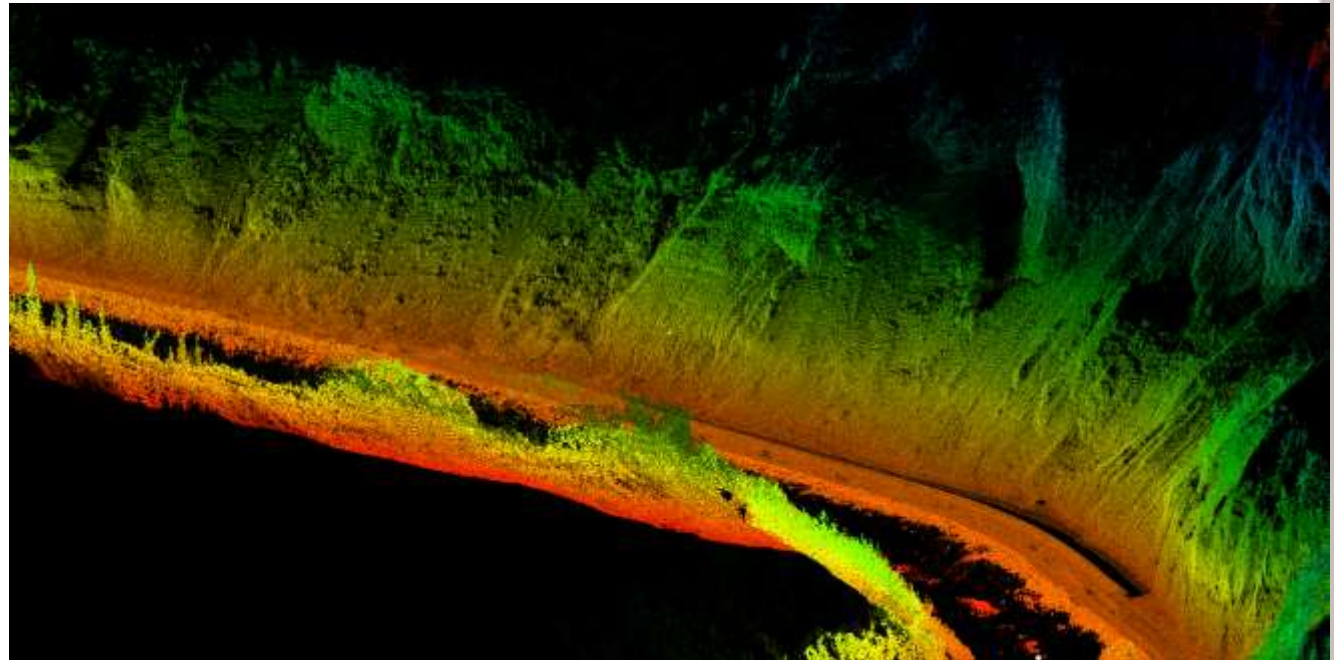
Michael Olsen  
*Oregon State Univ.*

Slope Assessment

Joe Wartman  
Lisa Dunham  
*Univ. of Washington*

Risk Assessment

Keith Cunningham  
*Univ. of Alaska, Fairbanks*



# Proactive Risk-based Asset Management

Develop a model that identifies and relates high resolution lidar morphological indices to slope hazard categories which can then be related to risk



LiDAR scanning



Slope Characterization



Determining Risk



Use emerging technologies to create an automated risk classification system

# Risk along Highway





The background of the slide is a dark, textured aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. The terrain is uneven, with various shades of brown, tan, and grey, suggesting a mix of rock, soil, and vegetation. The coastline is jagged and irregular, with many small inlets and peninsulas. The overall appearance is that of a remote, possibly mountainous or island region. The text is overlaid on this background, with the title in a large, bold, white serif font and the authors' names in a smaller, white sans-serif font on a dark rectangular background.

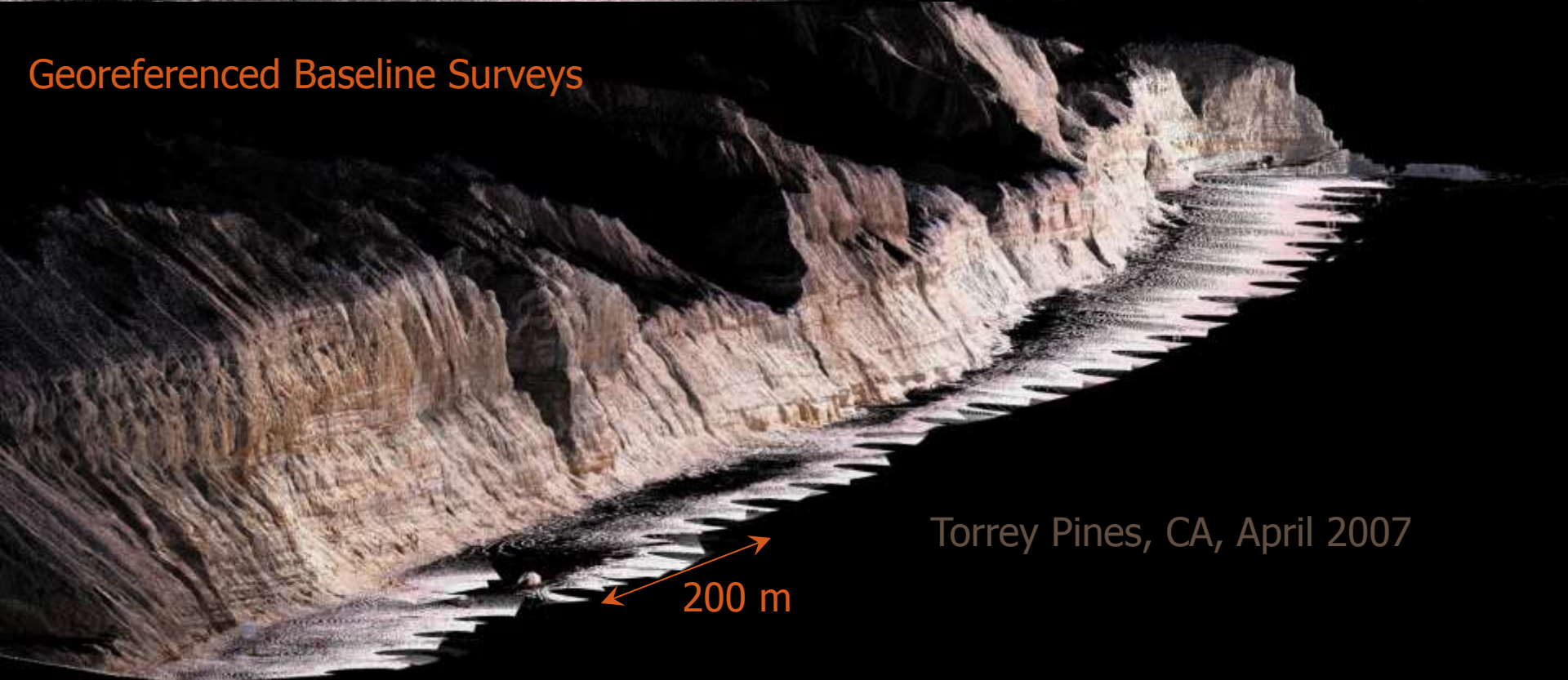
# Understanding coastal change through terrestrial laser scanning

Co-authors: Elizabeth Johnstone, Scott A. Ashford,  
Neal Driscoll, Falko Kuester

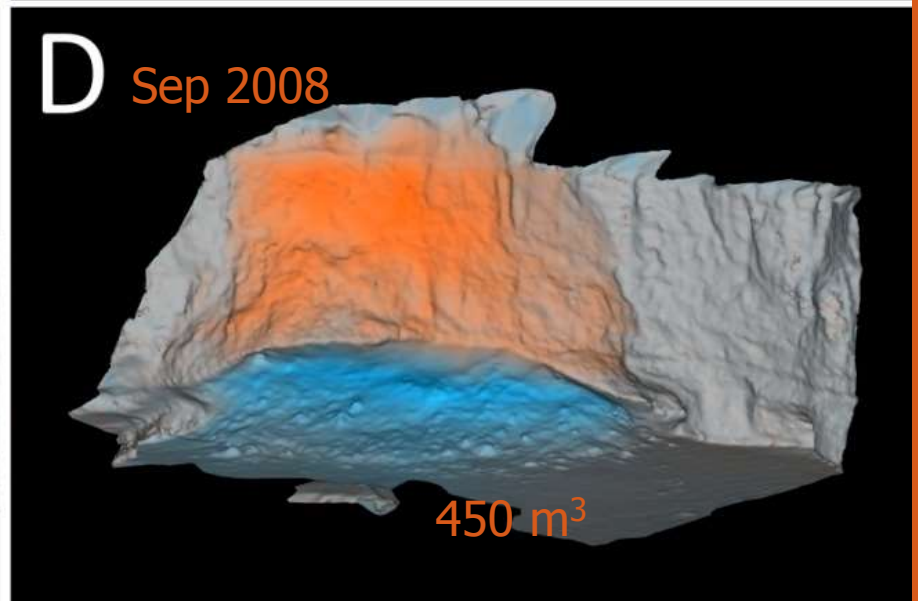
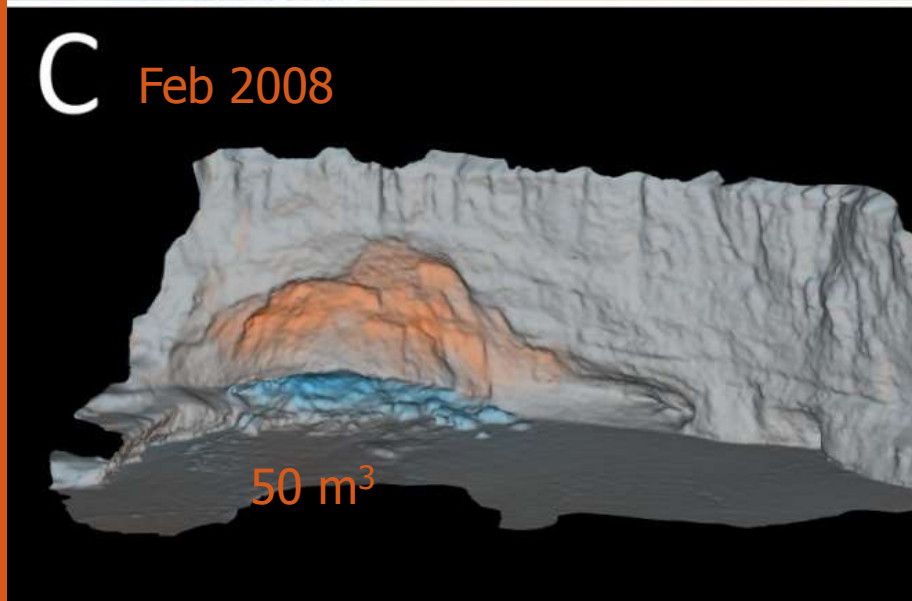
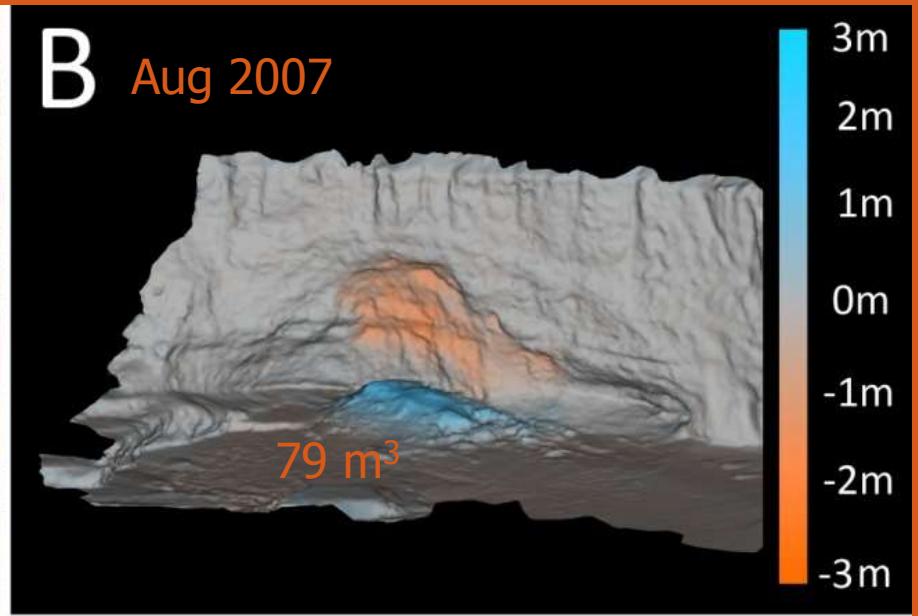


Encinitas, CA, Dec. 2006

Georeferenced Baseline Surveys

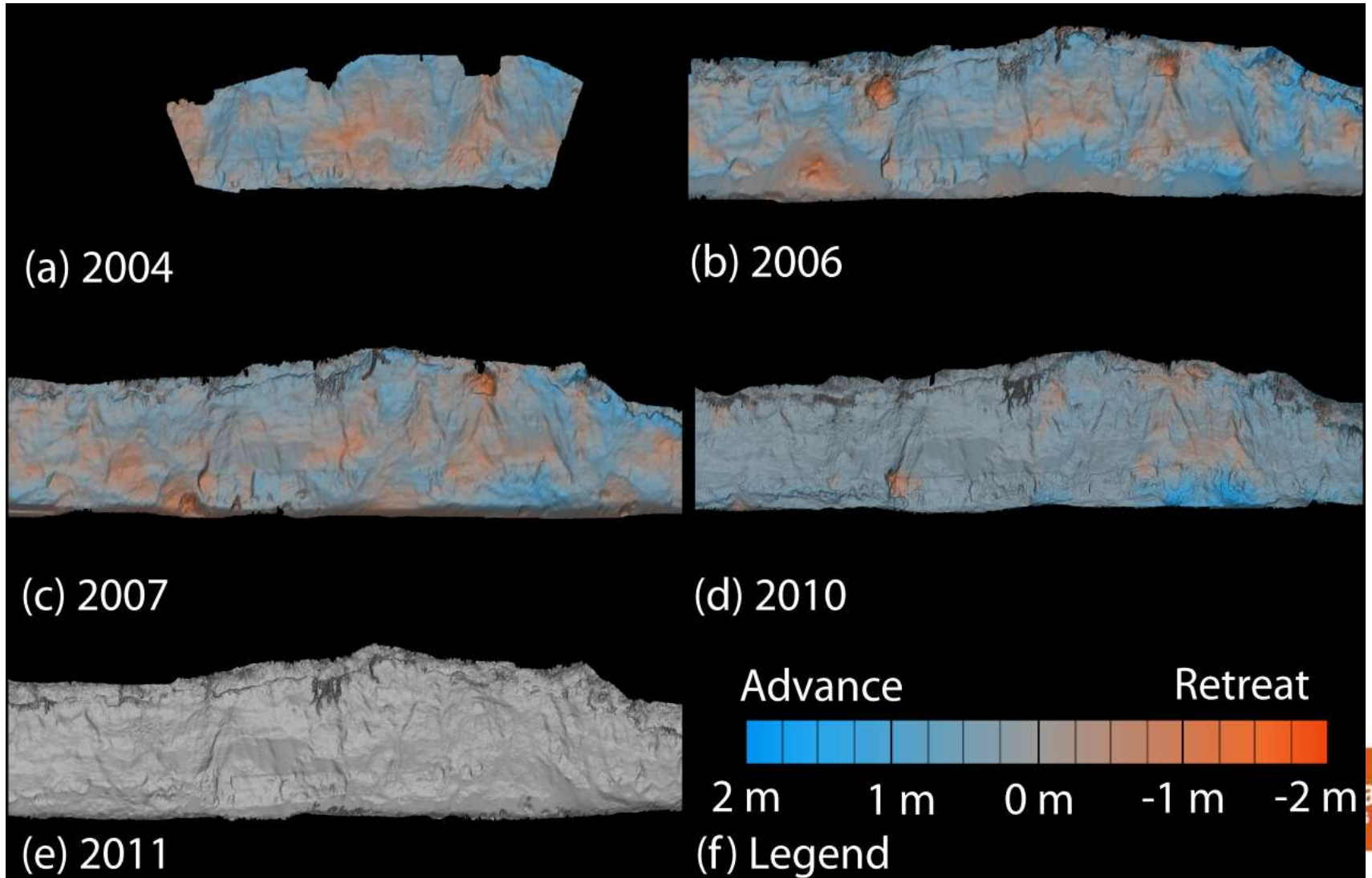


Torrey Pines, CA, April 2007

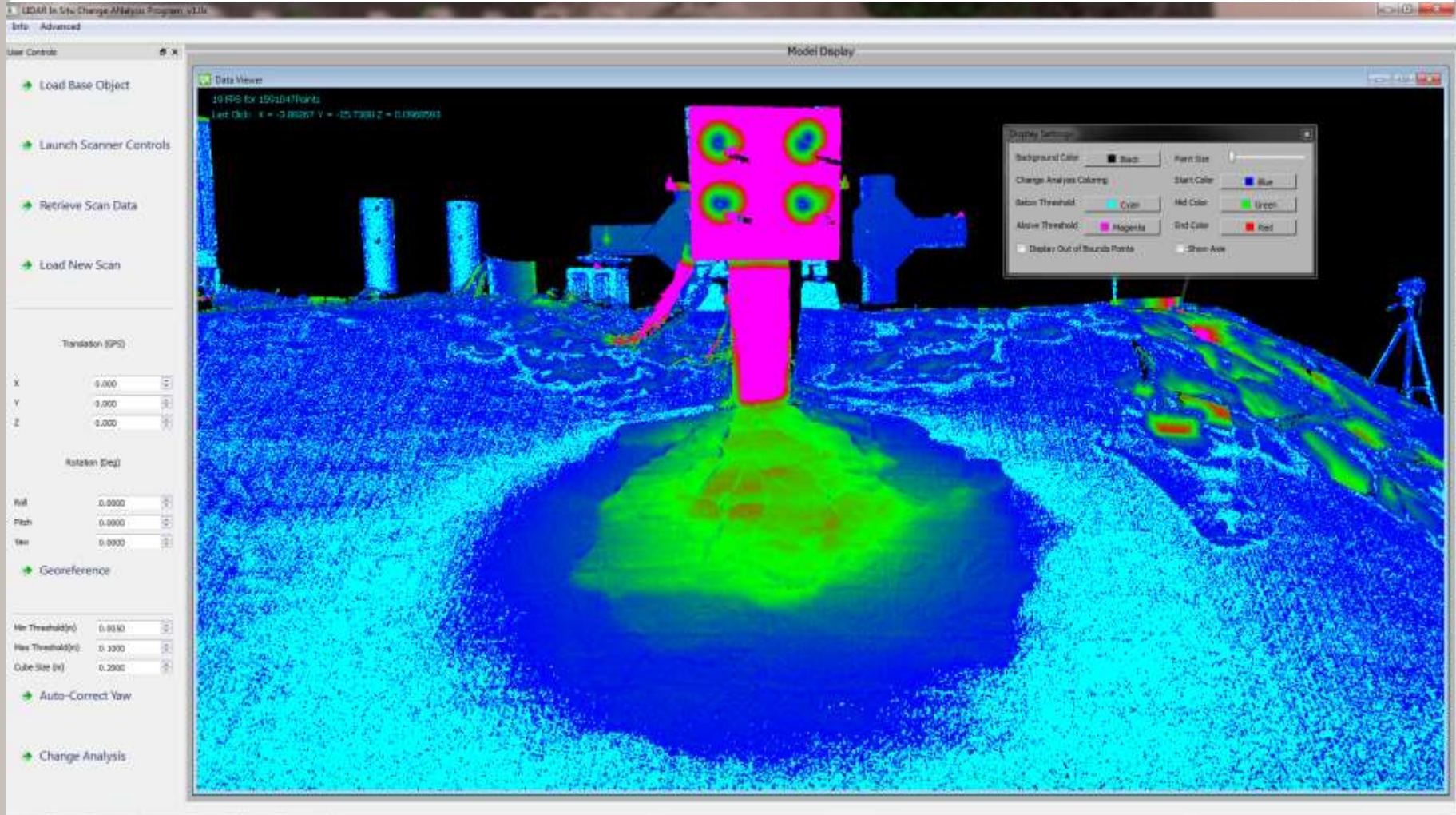


\*Change referenced to the November 2006 survey

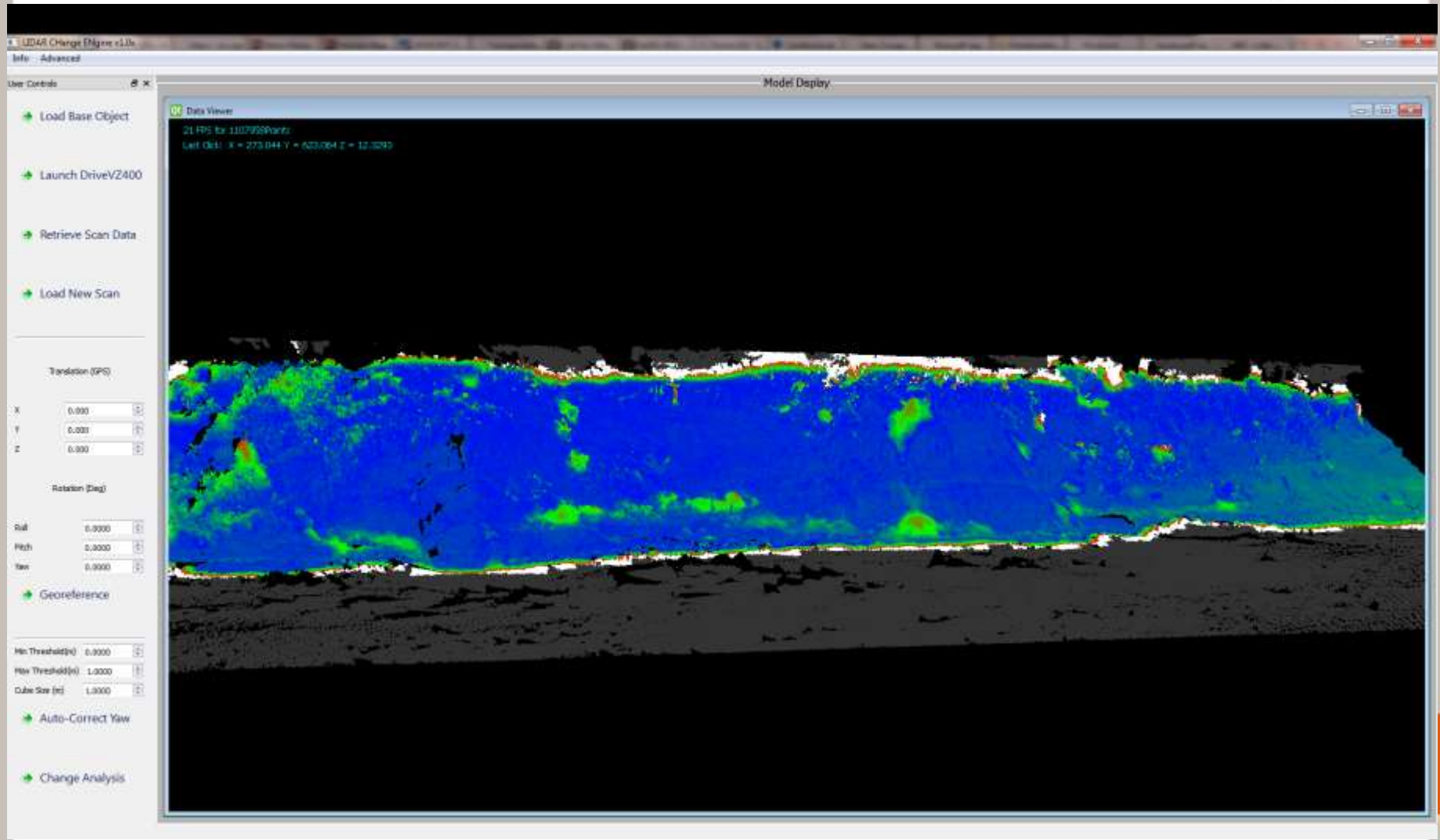
# Johnson Creek Landslide, OR



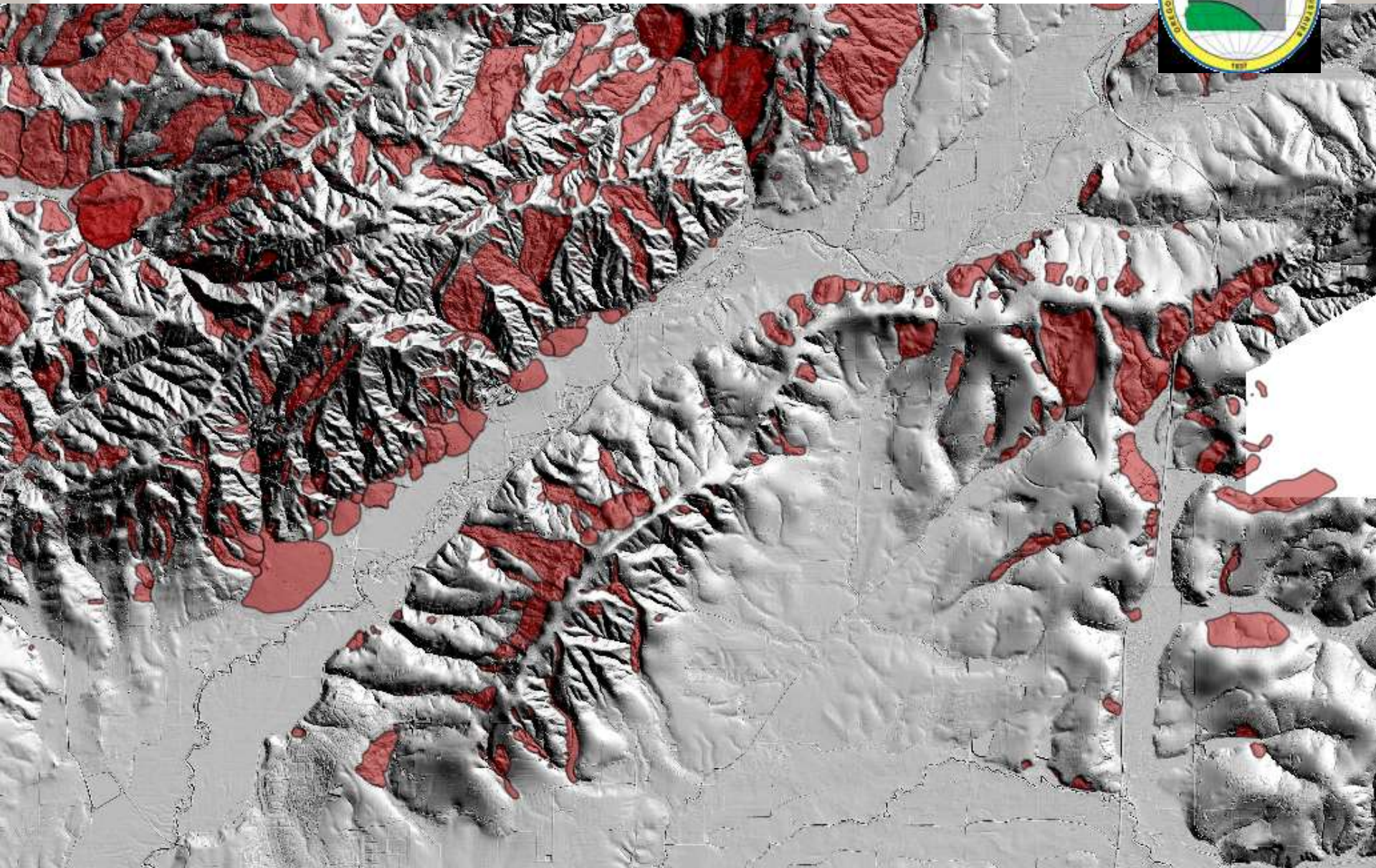
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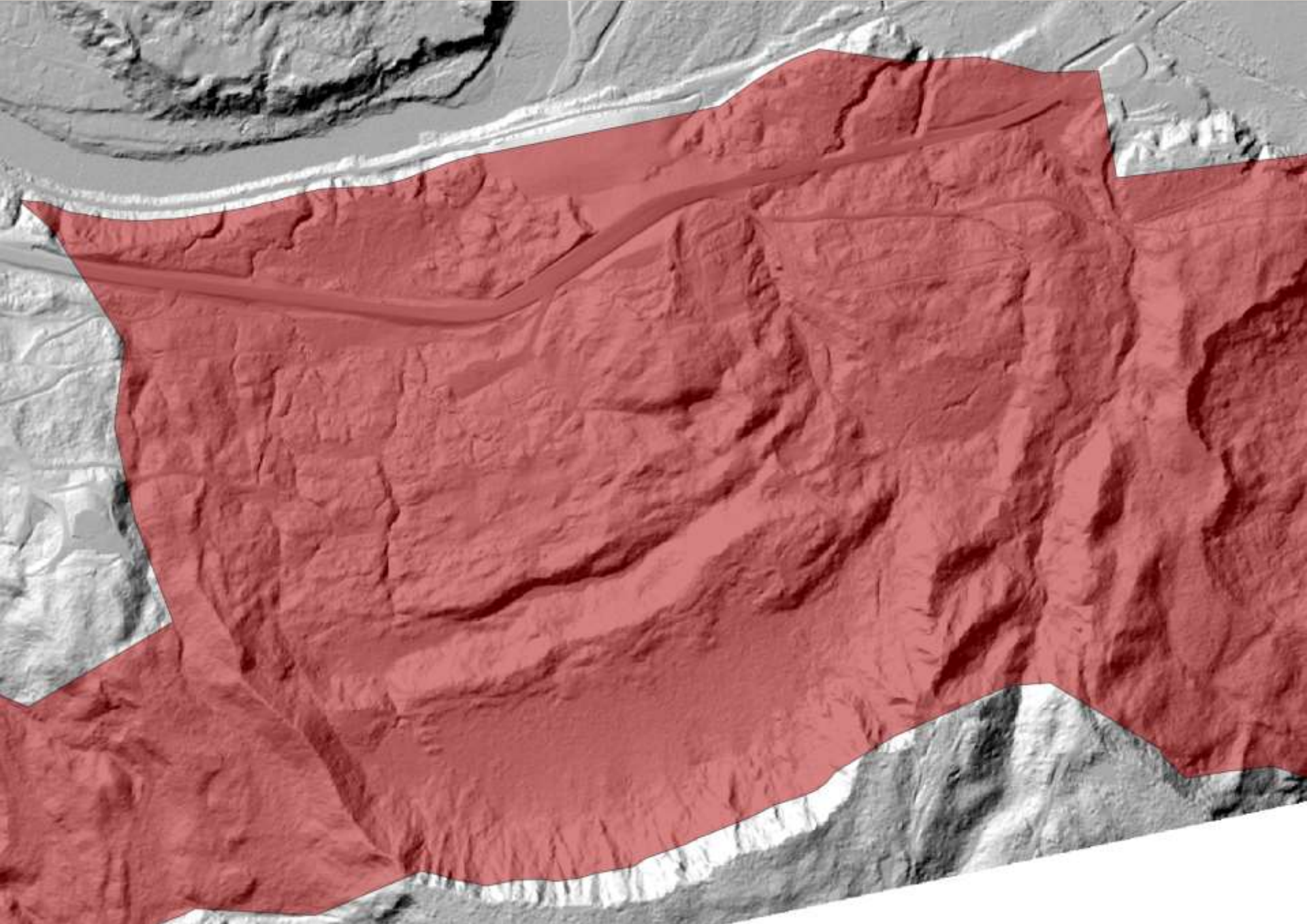


# LISCAN (In-Situ Change)



# Landslide Inventory- DOGAMI



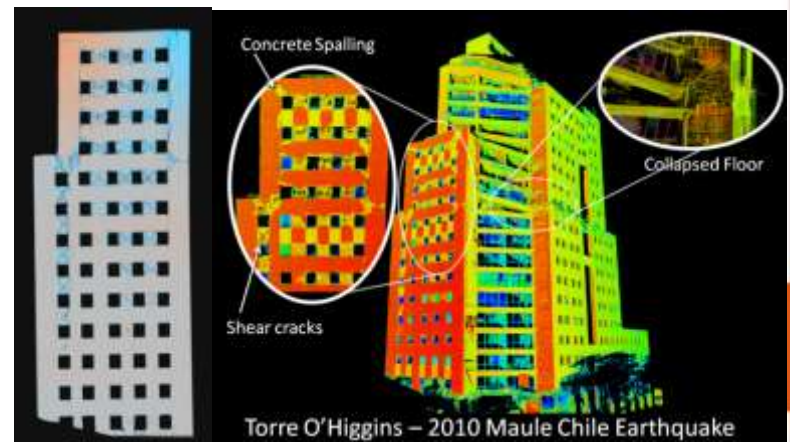
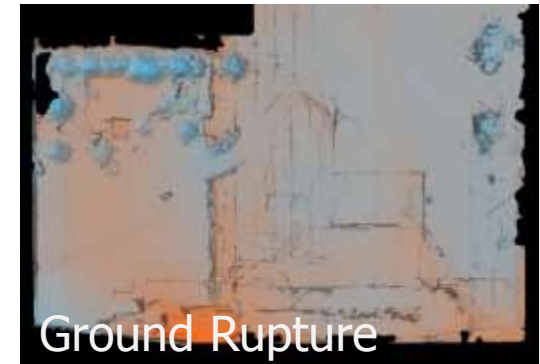
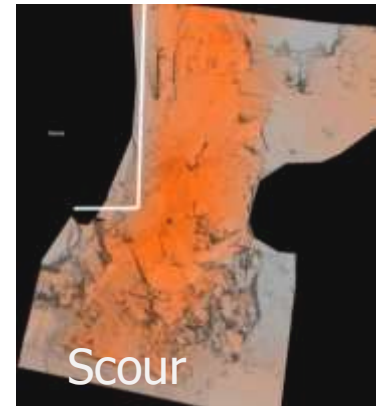


Contour Connection Method



# Post EQ/tsunami analyses

- Liquefaction\Lateral spreading
- Landslide\slope stability
- Coastal erosion
- Settlement
- Scour (Depth distribution and volume)
- Bridge Collapse
- Structural Deformations/displacements
- Shear cracking
- Spalled concrete
- Concrete wall blow-out
- Building rotation
- Quay, retaining, sea wall failures
- Surface Rupture



# Capturing the Impacts: 3D Scanning after the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake & Tsunami

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# Onagawa Buildings



Point Cloud



67% blockage

Cross Section Measurements



Photograph



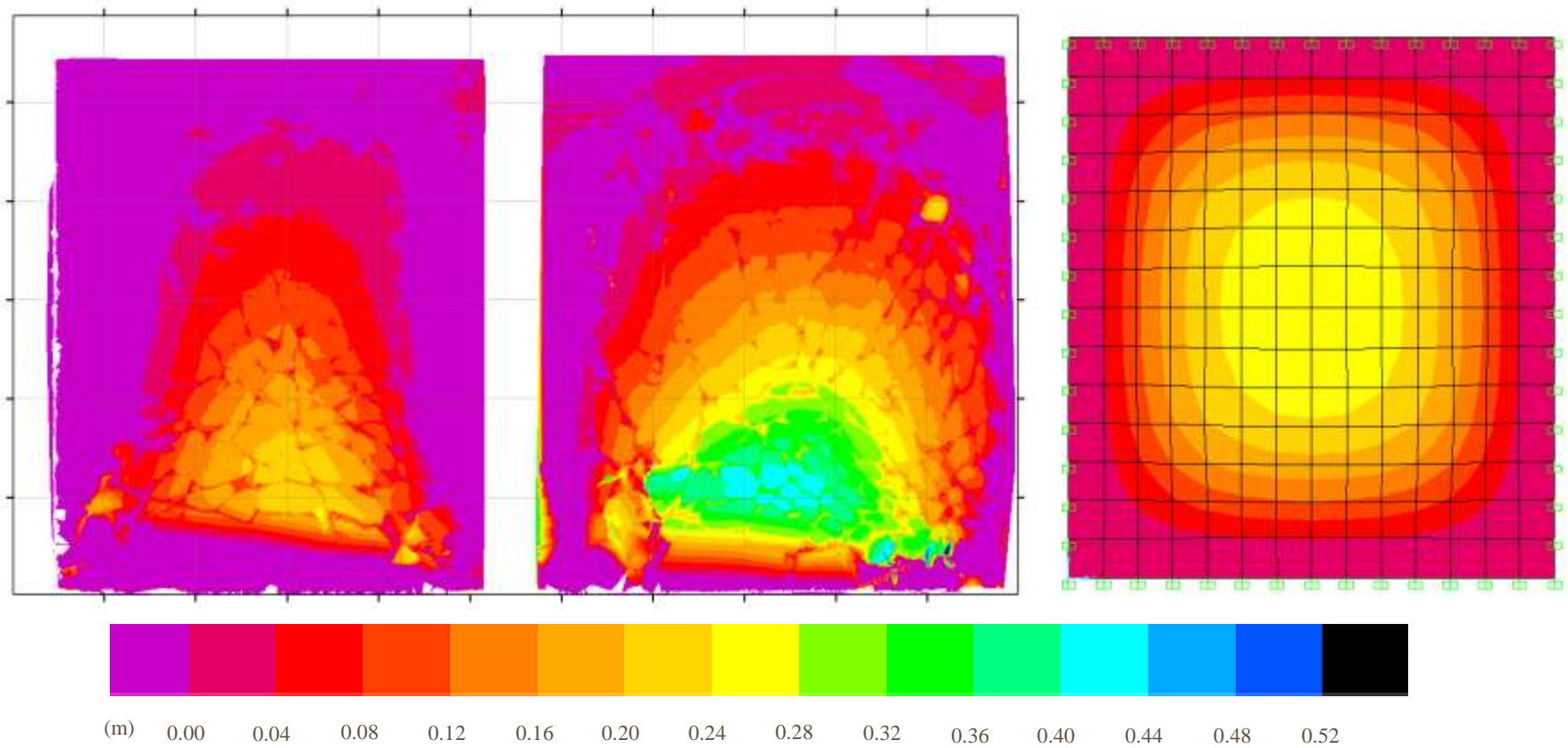
Flow 8 m/s

| Floor      | Lateral Displacement (m) |
|------------|--------------------------|
| 4 (roof)   | 0.505                    |
| 3          | 0.444                    |
| 2          | 0.224                    |
| 1 (ground) | 0.000                    |

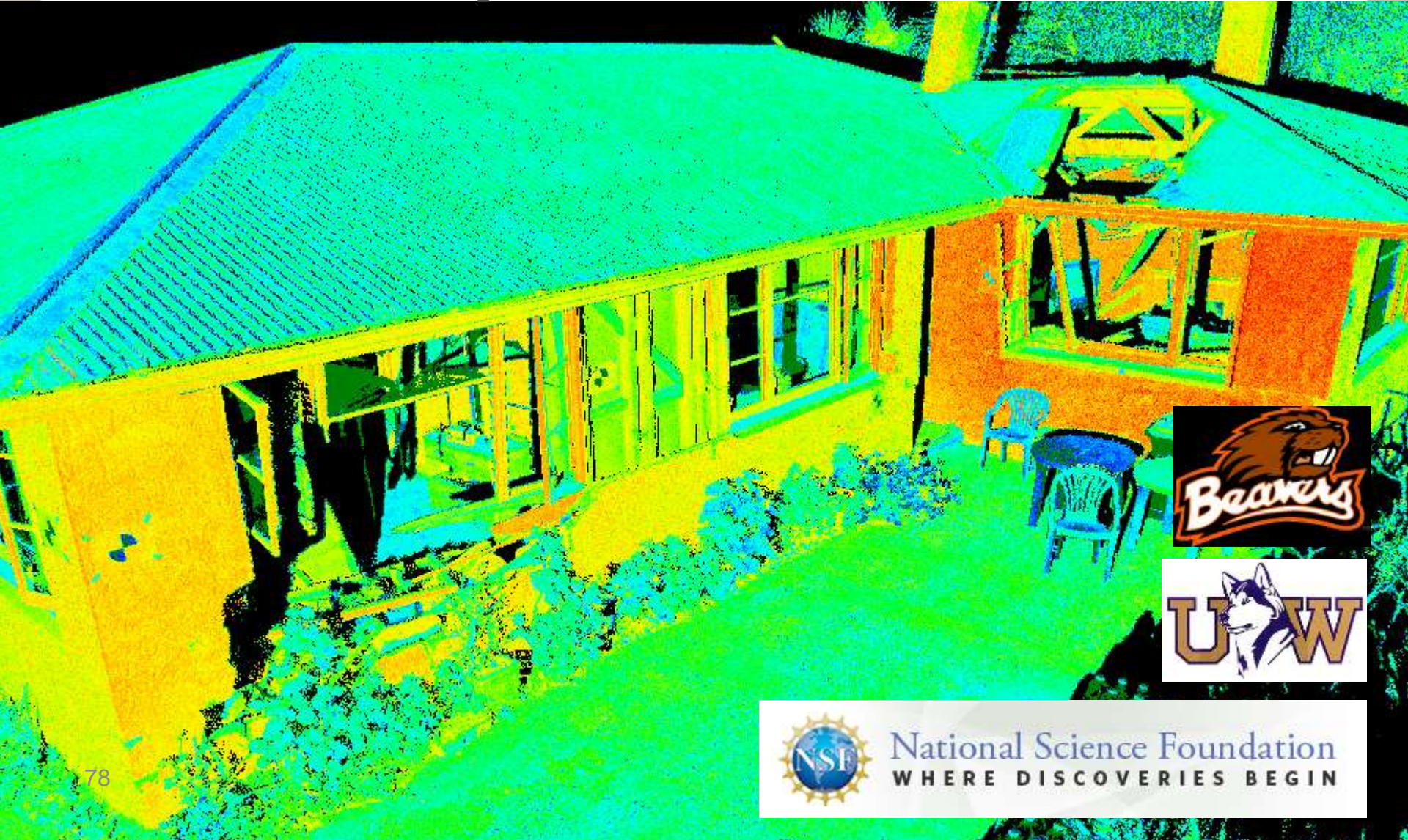
# Concrete Warehouse, Onagawa



# Wall blow-outs: LIDAR versus FEM.



# NSF- RAPID/Collaborative Research: Investigation of the Effects of Rockfall Impacts on Structures During the Christchurch Earthquake Series



## Lessons learned from TLS in disaster environments

- TLS preserves the data virtually, so you can explore anytime and from any location without safety concerns -> Virtual Time Capsule
- TLS provides data to validate and calibrate numerical models
- For structural analysis, TLS provides more information than can be used in current models
- TLS records vital information regarding surrounding terrain and objects -> puts data in context
- TLS maps the location, distribution, and patterns of deformations compared to relatively few traditional measurements and observations

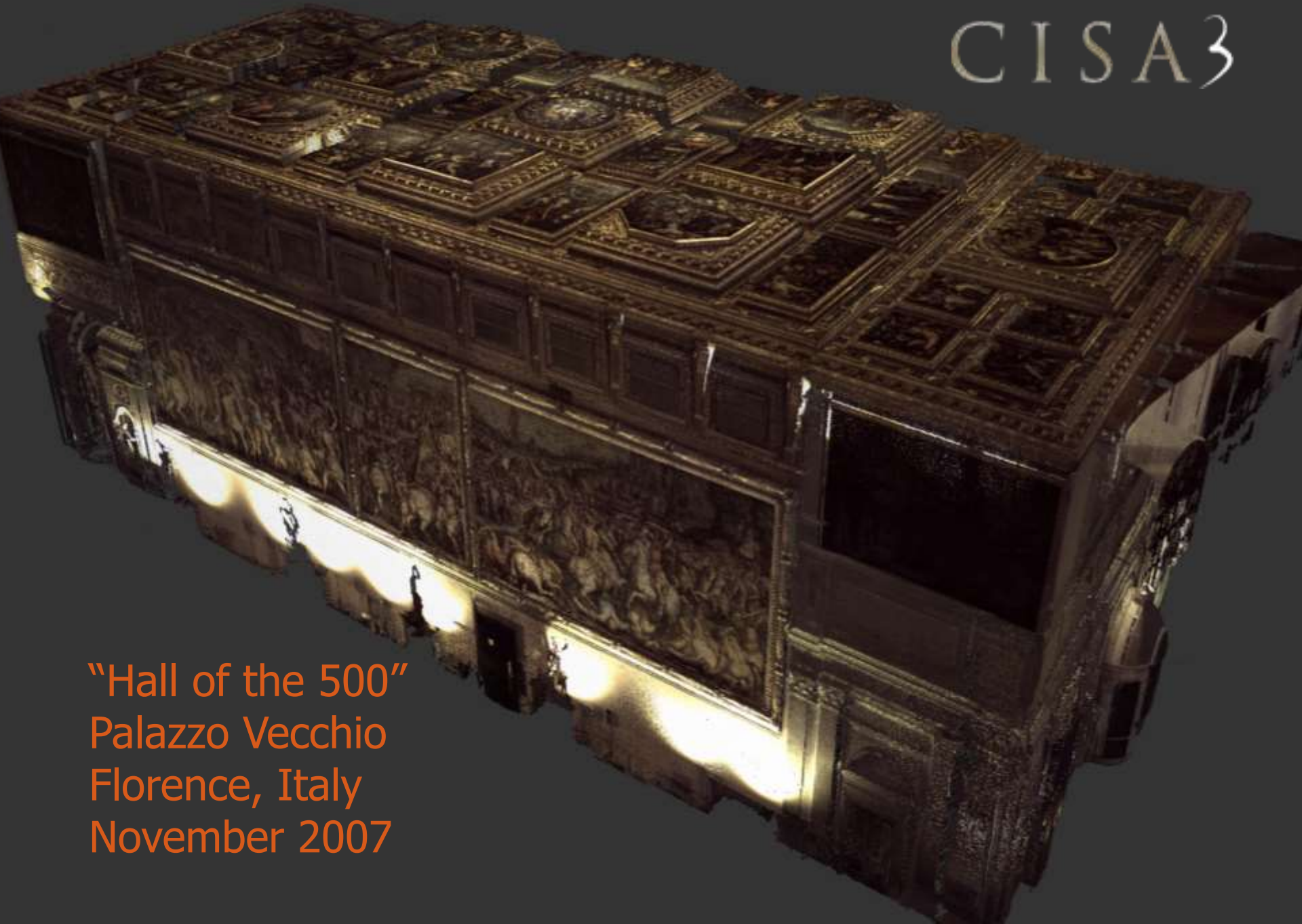




Balboa Park, San Diego, CA  
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"Hall of the 500"  
Palazzo Vecchio  
Florence, Italy  
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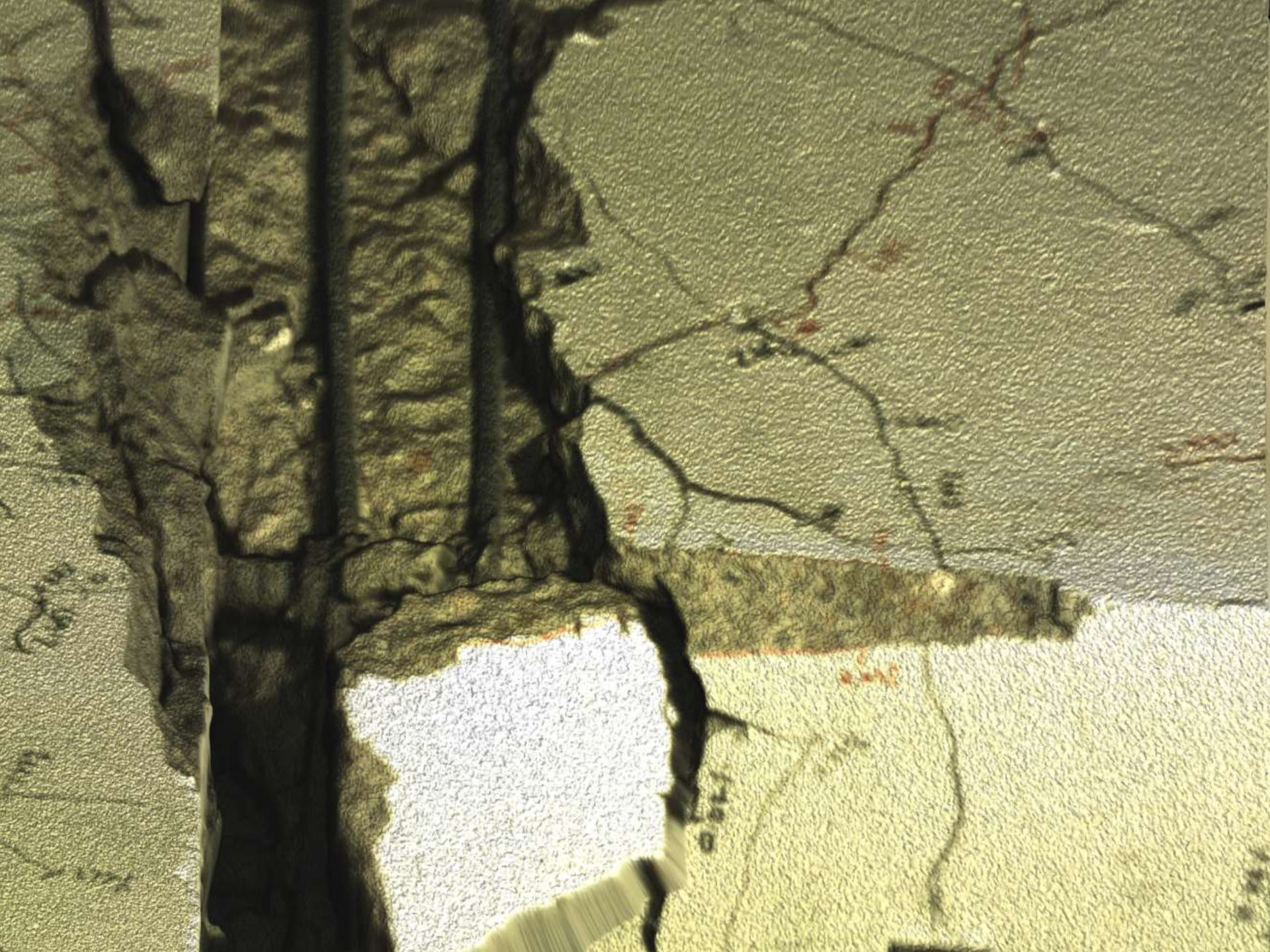
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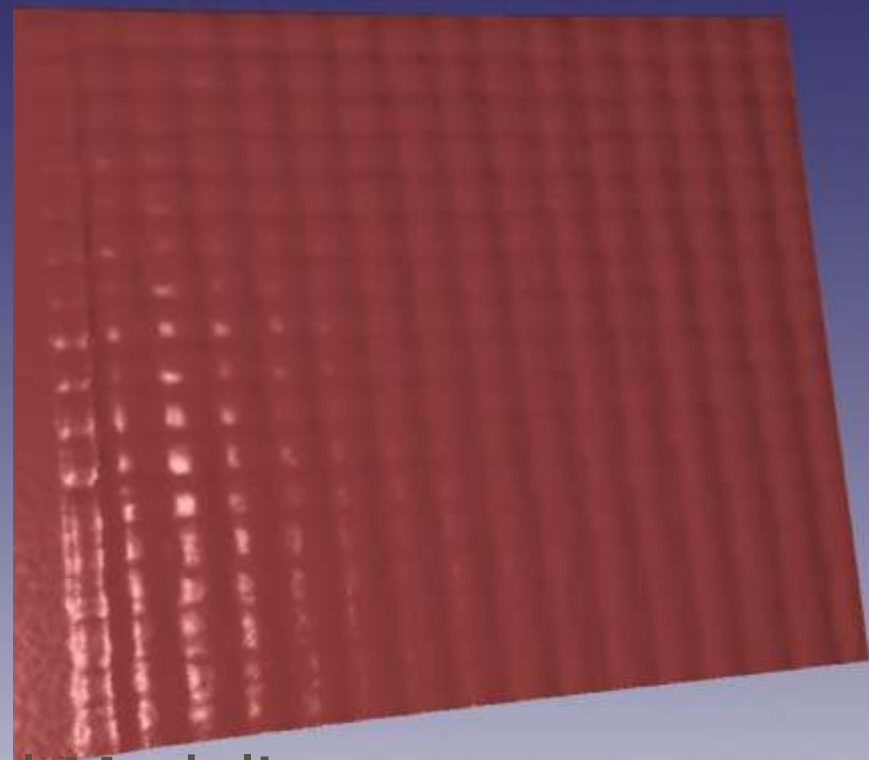
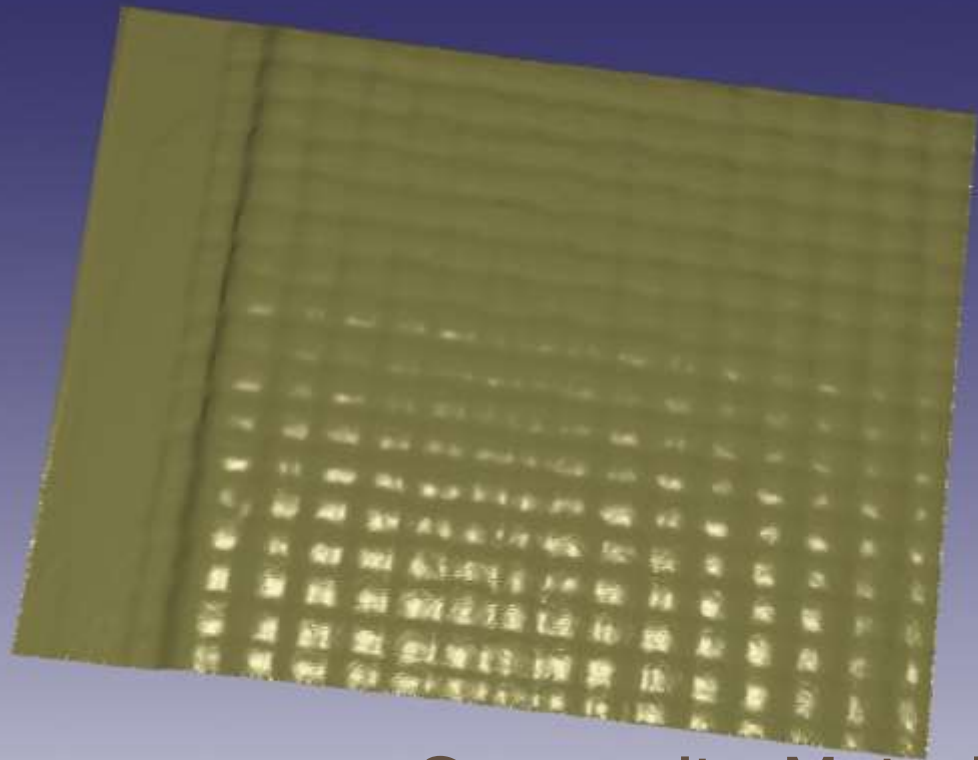




“Hall of the 500” Palazzo Vecchio Florence, Italy



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## Composite Material Modeling



## Value of lidar data

- Fast, accurate, safe way to survey
- Allows us to rapidly record time-constrained data
- Can see processes at scales that they occur
- Provides for more accurate quantification of damage
- Useful for input to develop and verify scientific models
- Captures information that can be continually queried without being present on site (New observations that can be missed in the field)



# The Future

- Hardware advancements
- Software advancements
- Full 3D planning, design and construction
- New, advanced 3D analysis techniques
- Structural monitoring and control
- Simultaneous Location and Mapping (SLAM)
- LIDAR data across the country
- (1-2m resolution vs 30 m)
- Handheld scanning/UAS



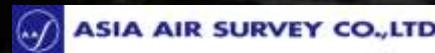
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# Need more info?



## Questions for discussion?

**You know what you guys should get? An ATV!!!!**

Is that the Mars Rover?

When will the aliens arrive?

Do you have a concession stand in there? I'll take a taco!!

Hi Wall-E!

How much did that wagon cost?

Can you beam me up, Scotty?

I don't need a computa, I can use my hand as a laser, right?

Well, now I'll go to bed less stupid, right?

Wanna see my geiods?

Are you communicating with the mothership?

Are you sending a satellite around the moon?

That looks suspiciously like a robot....is it?

Is that a submarine?

I was wondering if you were going to travel around the world in that thing, are you?

Do you keep your dollies in there? Can I play with them?

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