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Novel Infrastructure Monitoring Using Multifaceted Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems - Close Range Photogrammetry (UAV - CRP) Data Analysis



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Introduction

- ❑ **Photogrammetry is the art and science of making measurements and 3-dimensional point clouds from two or more photographs**
 - **Smart phone cameras to sensor mounted satellites**
 - **Terrestrial and Aerial**
- ❑ **UAV Types**
 - **Rotary-wing – Lift from the continuous rotation of its blades**
 - **Fixed-wing – Single rigid wing across its body (Tahar and Ahmad 2012)**
- ❑ **Close Range Photogrammetry (CRP) – <1000 ft radius**

Research Objective

❑ **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) coupled with Close Range**

Photogrammetry (CRP) – Infrastructure data

❑ **Infrastructure condition monitoring**

- **Qualitative**

- **Quantitative**

Infrastructure Monitoring

- ❑ Traditional Inspection methods – Tedious, Costly, and Dangerous (Sometimes)
- ❑ Infrastructure inspection and damage assessments (outside sensor embedment systems)
 - Helicopters and Small Aircrafts – Expensive
 - Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (sUAV or sUAV or Drones) – Major Advantages



- ❑ Diverse Infrastructure applications
- ❑ Aug 29th, 2016 FAA- Released set of new regulations on commercial use of Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAV)

Infrastructure Monitoring

- ❑ **Proactive monitoring – Preventive maintenance**
 - **Low life cycle cost of infrastructure**
 - **Higher return on investment**

- ❑ **Two types of monitoring**
 - **Qualitative – QA/QC**
 - **Quantitative – Infrastructure Characteristics**

- ❑ **Aerial Data Collection – 3-Dimensional Mapping Products of Infrastructure**
 - **Dense Point Cloud**
 - **Digital Elevation Model (DEM)**
 - **Orthomosaic**

UAV Flight Planning Rules (TxDOT FOM)

Rule 1: Increase flight crew safety by locating their operations further from the roadway or railway

Rule 2: For roadways with a speed limit greater than 40 mph, the aircraft will cross the roadway at an altitude no less than 50 feet AGL

Rule 3: Take-off and landings between lanes of a divided highway is prohibited

Rule 4: The aircraft will not operate within six feet of any fixed object

UAV Flight Planning Rules (TxDOT FOM)

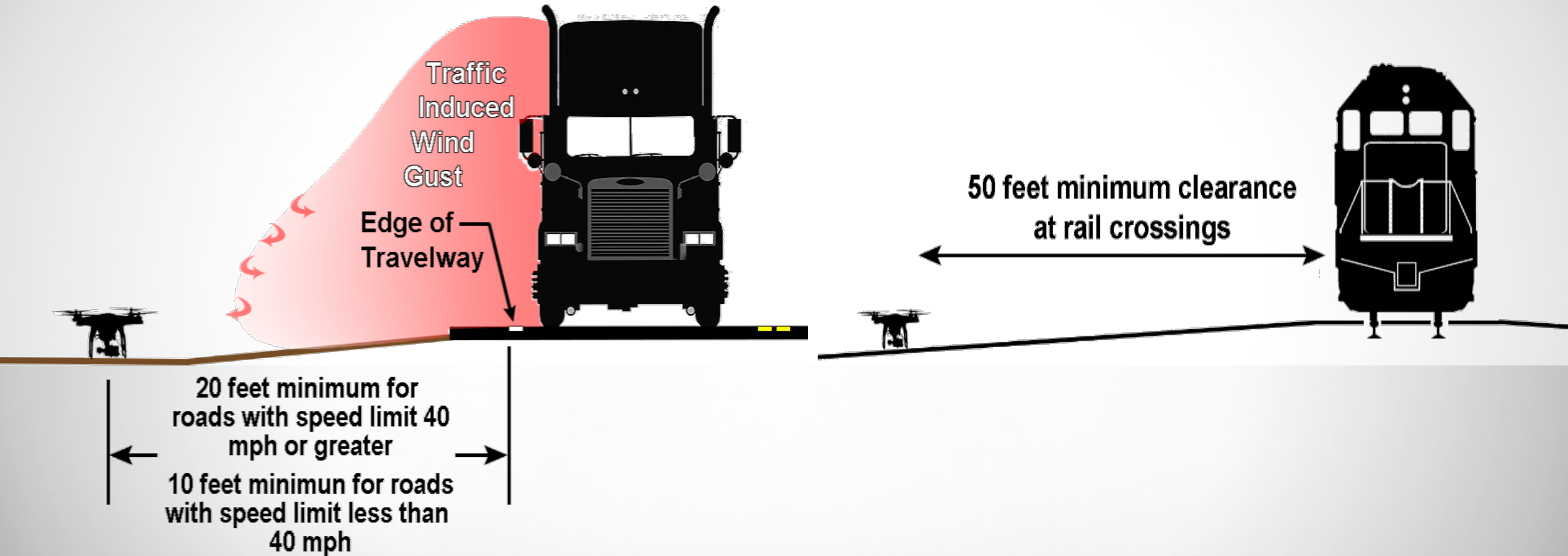
Rule 5: When working along a road right-of-way the aircraft is prohibited from entering into an adjacent railroad right-of-way without the approval of the UAS Coordinator

Rule 6: No aircraft will operate under the deck of an overpass bridge with traffic on a lower roadway without an approved traffic plan

Rule 7: The aircraft will not operate directly above a roadway when vehicles are present

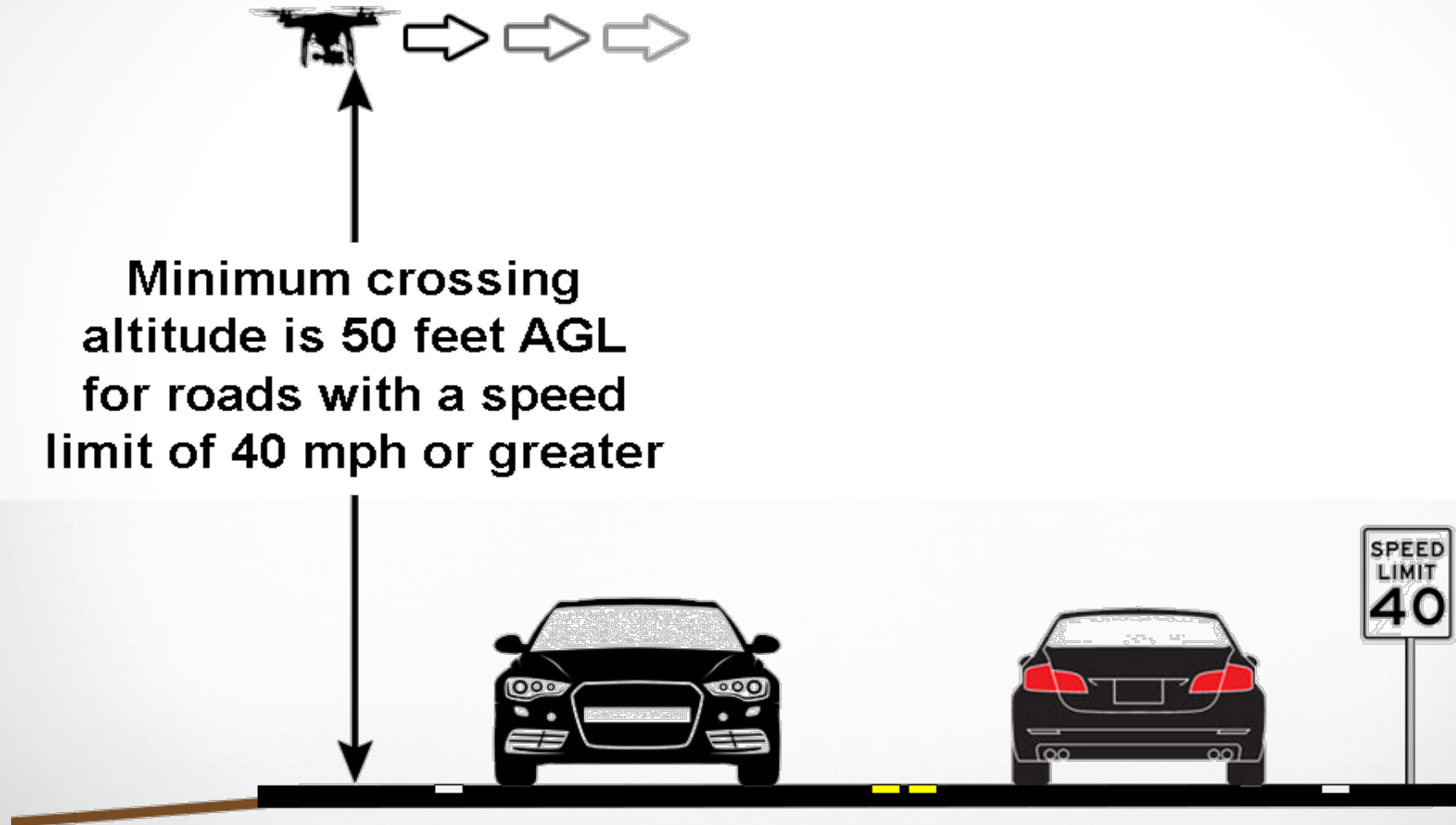
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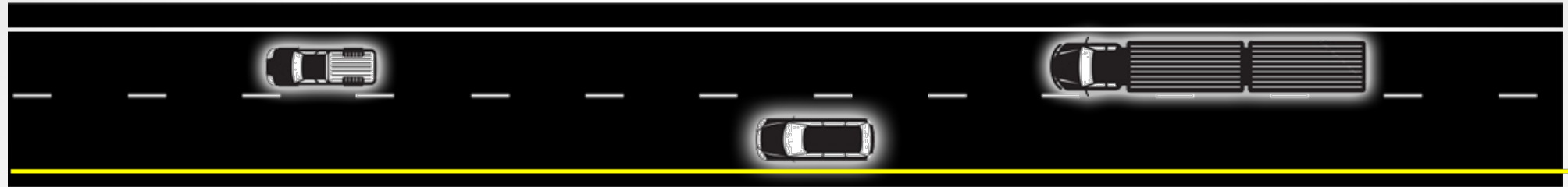
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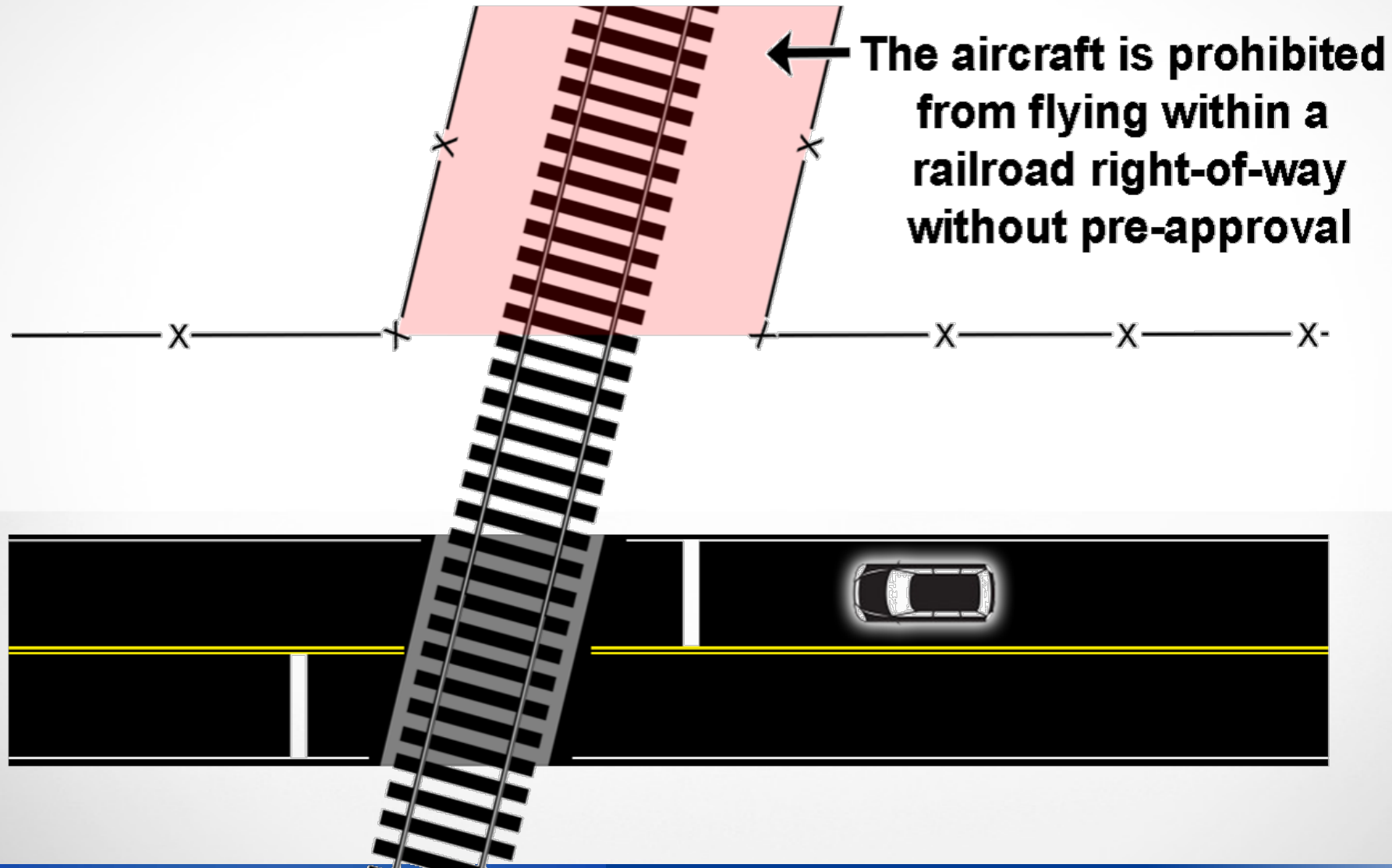


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Rule 5

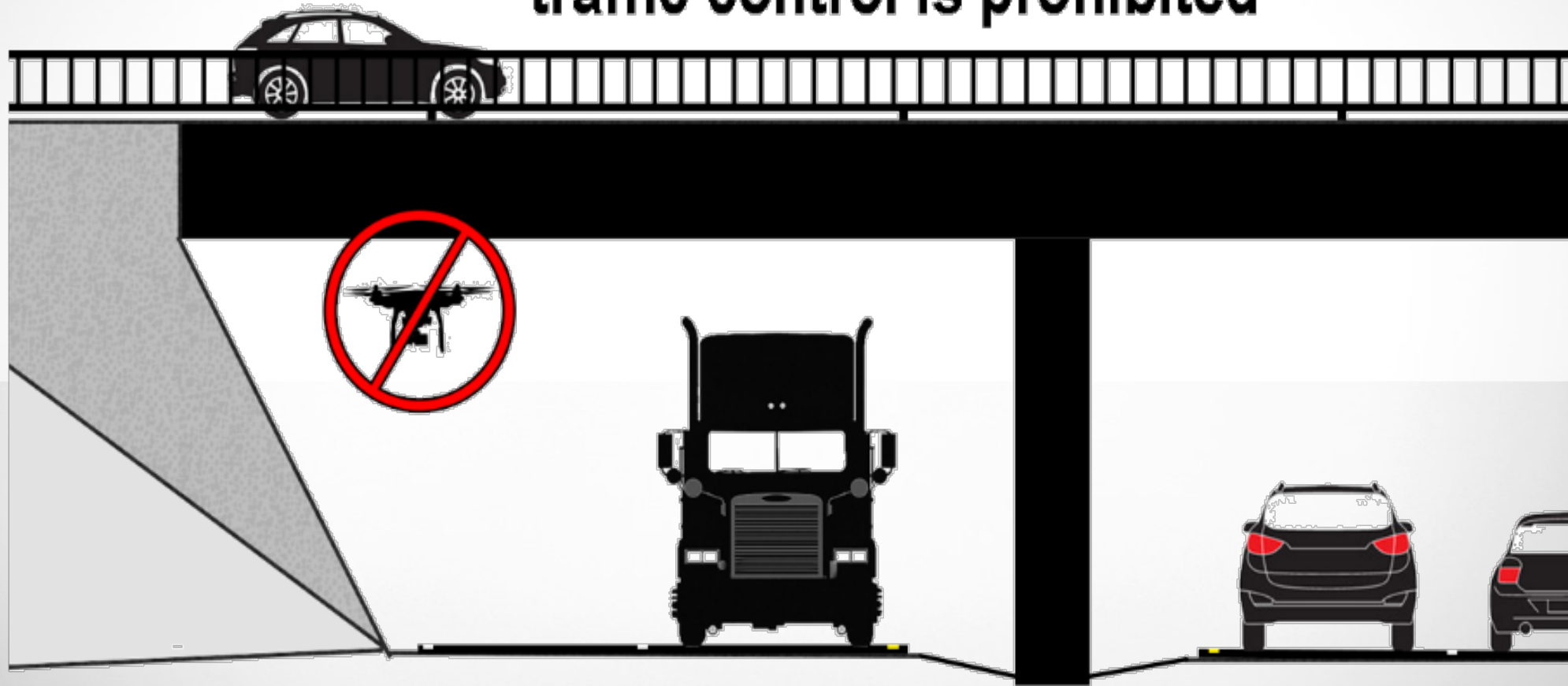
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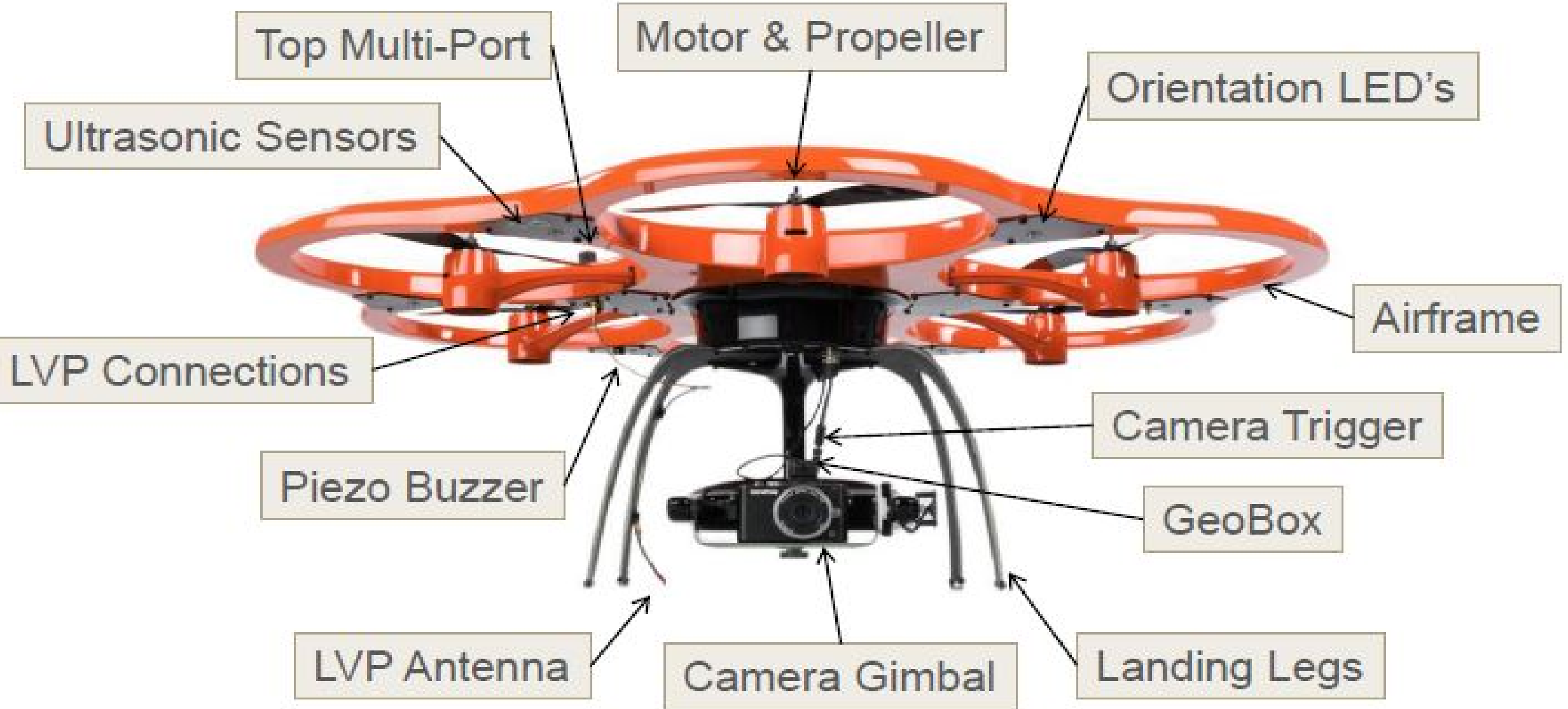
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Flight under an overpass without traffic control is prohibited



Aibot X6 V2 Hexacopter

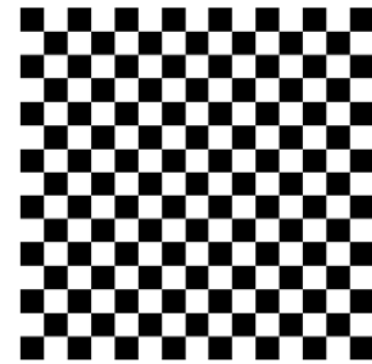


Total Calibration and System Error Analysis

- Total System Error Analysis – Comprehensive checks
- Compatibility of UAV and other accessories – Quality data

Specific Objectives: Studied

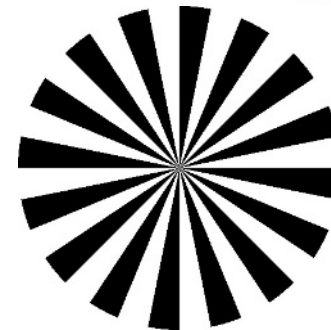
- Accuracy in geotagging the images
- Variation in the focal length of camera
- Thermal effect on lens
- Non-linear errors
- ‘Structure from Motion’ (SfM) errors
- To analyze resolution and resolving power of the system



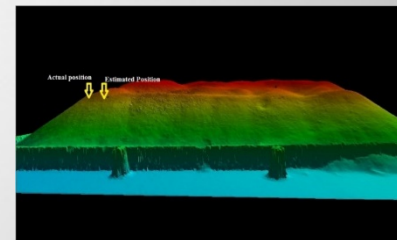
Checkerboard



Fluke 59 Max IR thermometer

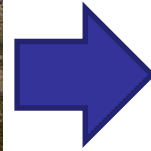


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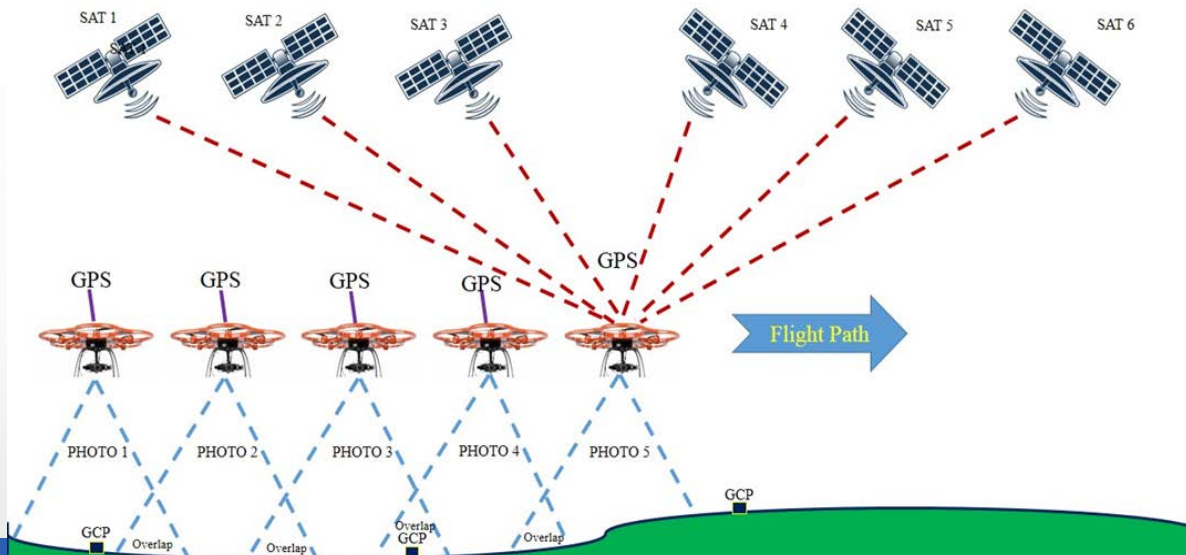
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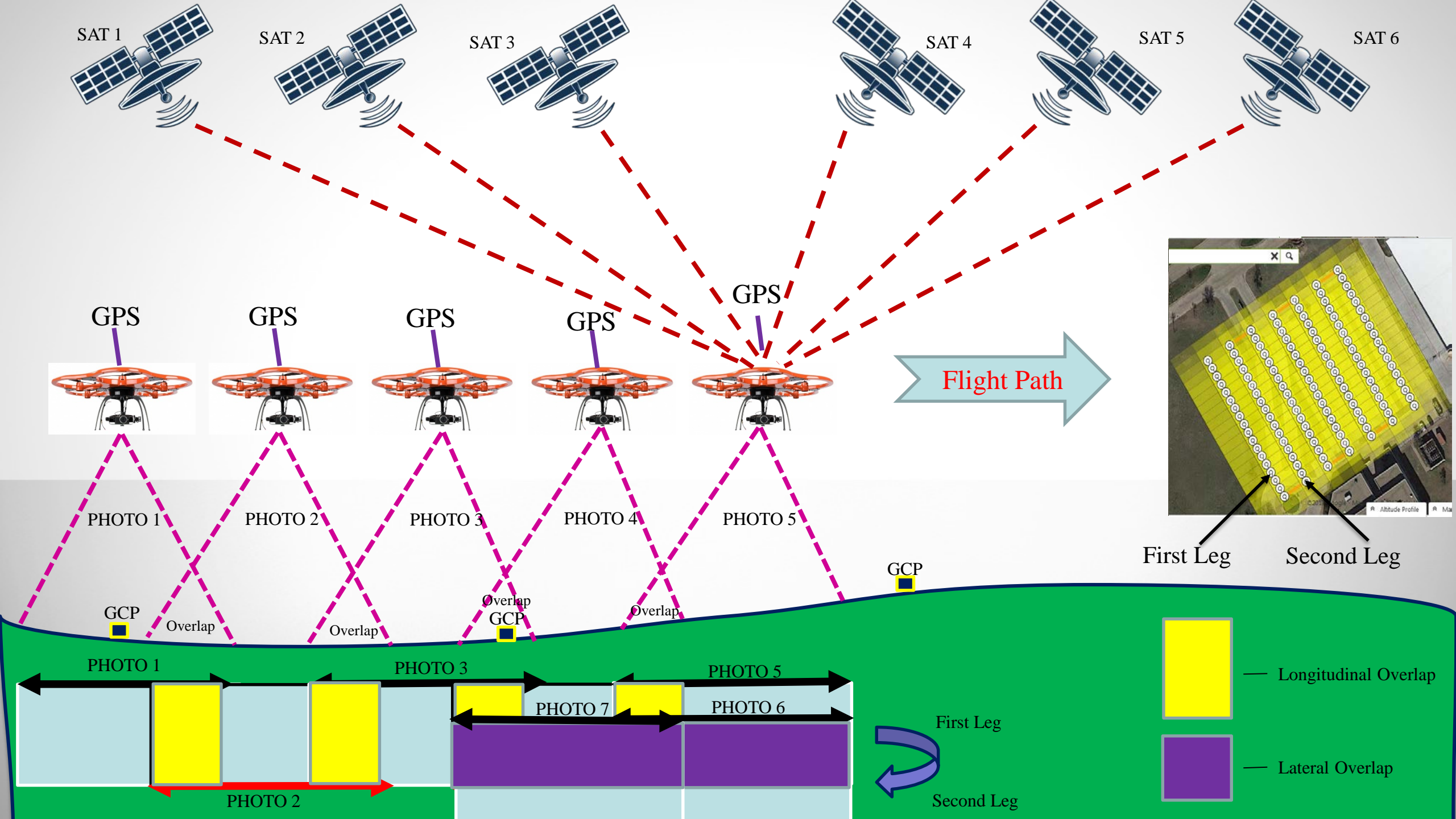
Field Data Collection Procedure with UAVs



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2	Ⓞ	WP2	32.7848553	-97.2199255	30.00
3	Ⓞ	WP3	32.7848196	-97.2198989	30.00
4	Ⓞ	WP4	32.7847839	-97.2198723	30.00
5	Ⓞ	WP5	32.7847482	-97.2198457	30.00
6	Ⓞ	WP6	32.7847126	-97.2198191	30.00
7	Ⓞ	WP7	32.7846769	-97.2197924	30.00

Waypoints Points of Interest





SAT 1

SAT 2

SAT 3

SAT 4

SAT 5

SAT 6

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Flight Path

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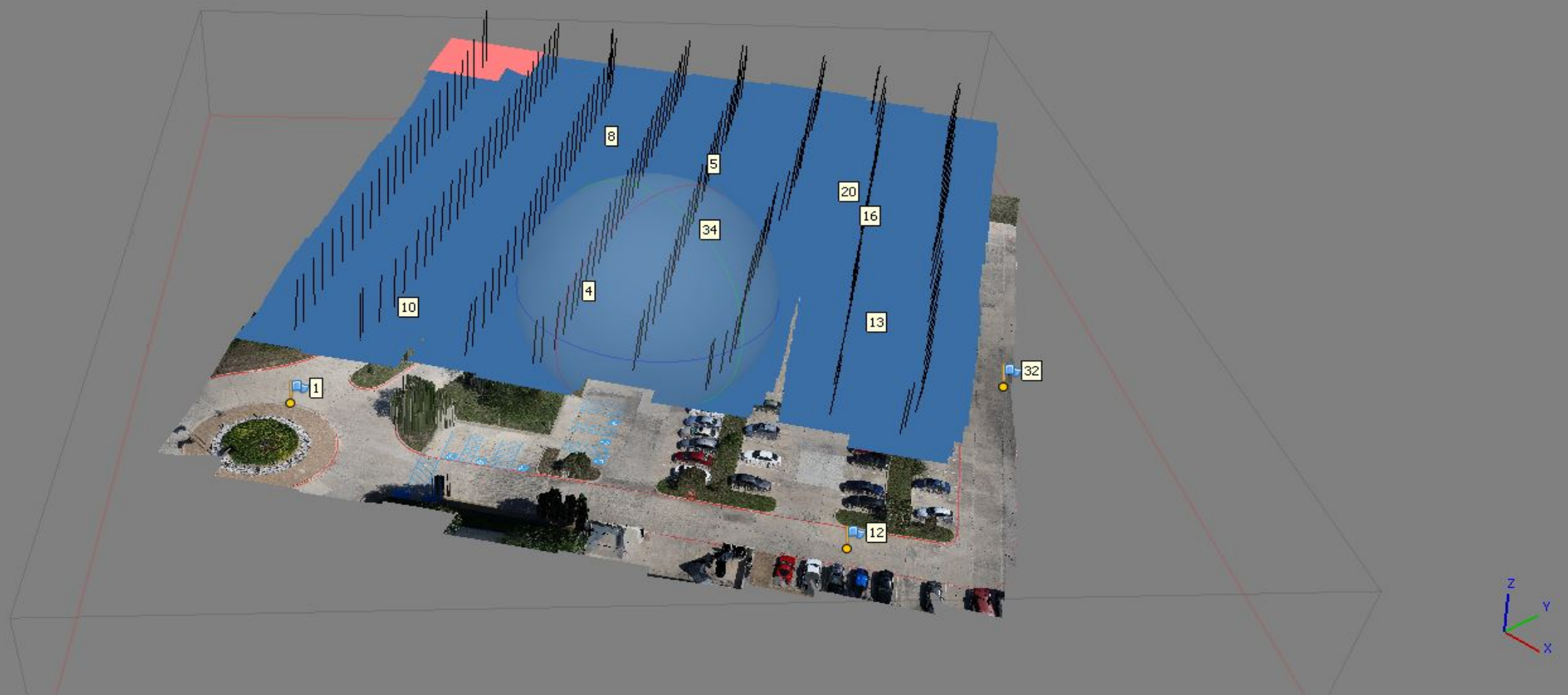
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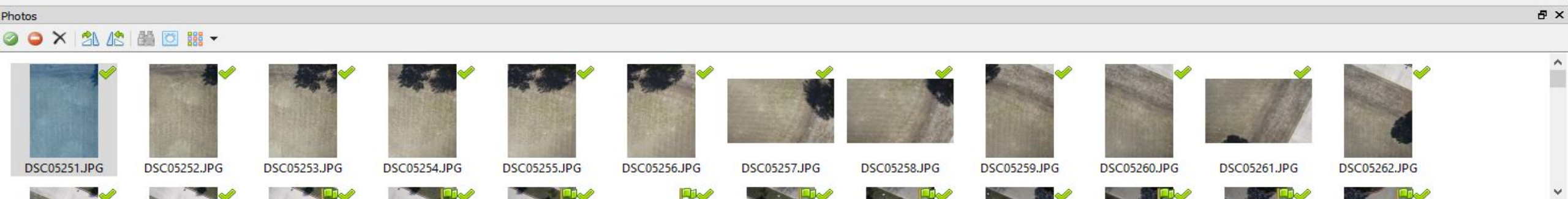
— Longitudinal Overlap

— Lateral Overlap

Analysis Steps Performed for Photogrammetry Studies



faces: 28,792,683 vertices: 14,404,614



Report

Position (TIN) [v] Source Points ...

Z Probe Location
 Control X,Y
 Measured X,Y Calculate DZ

Unique Name Field: Name [v] Measure Mode Points that exceed limits of 90% CI
 Points that exceed limits of 95% CI Precision: 3

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6970903.395	501.316	2362128.767	6970903.396	501.238	Control	-0.041	-0.001	0.041	0.078
6970883.960	501.303	2362097.948	6970883.956	501.260	Control	0.008	0.004	0.009	0.043
6971002.322	501.468	2362057.107	6971002.239	501.537	Control	-0.022	0.083	0.086	-0.069

Average Pixel Size: []

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[-0.210, 0.348]	Error Range: [-0.023, 0.143]	Error Range: [-0.491, 0.078]
1.210	Skew: 0.341	Skew: -1.088
0.122	RMSE: 0.069	RMSE: 0.192
-----	Y Accuracy Class: -----	Vertical Accuracy Class: 0.20
	Horizontal Accuracy Class: -----	Min Contour Interval: 0.60

* The Mean Error exceeds 25% of the RMSE. Further investigation of the error values is recommended to determine if the errors follow a normal error distribution.

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Asset Management

Pavement Monitoring

- Qualitative – Construction
- Quantitative – Surficial Distress and Design Features

Bridge Monitoring

- Qualitative – Underbridge Inspection
- Quantitative – Scour Depth and Spalling

Rail Corridor Monitoring

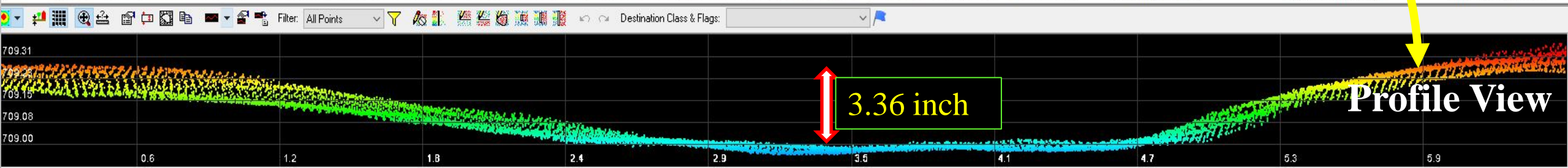
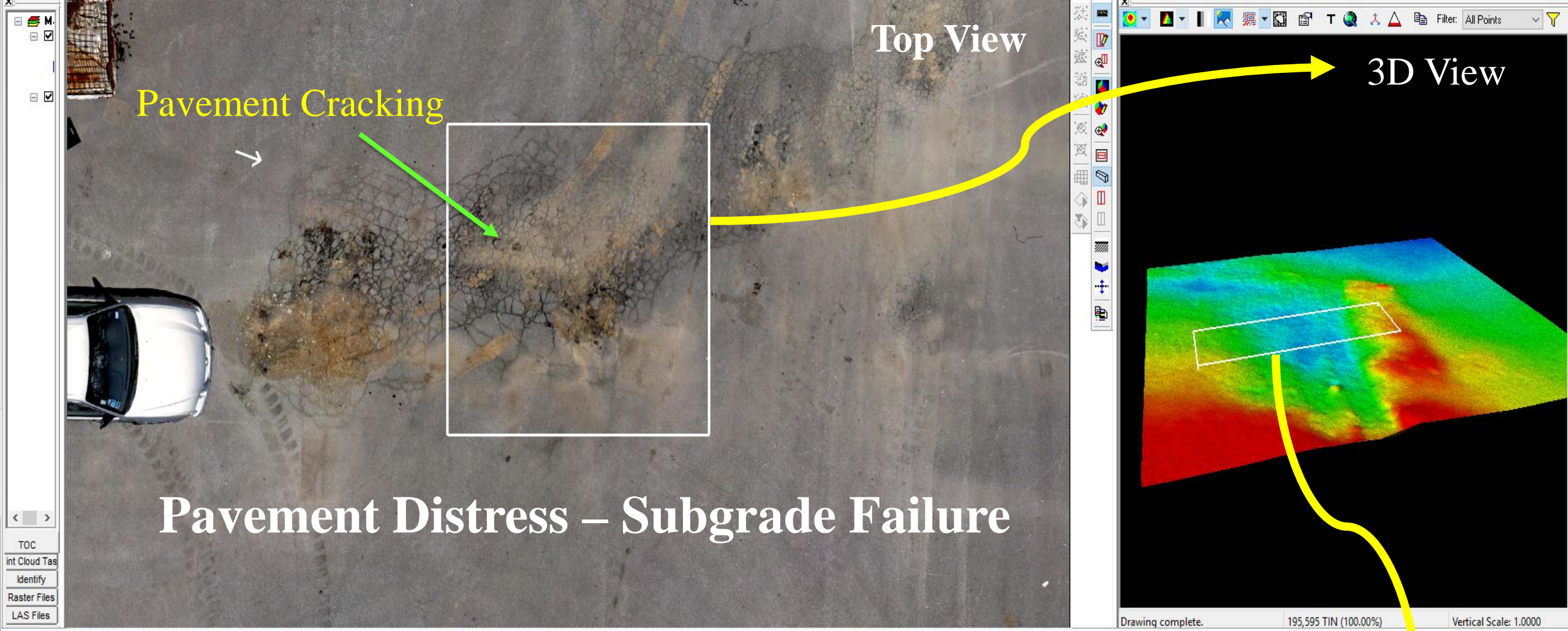
- Qualitative – Buckling
- Quantitative – Rock Cut Slope Geometry and Washout

Pavement Infrastructure Management: Parameters

- Cracking percentage
- Cracking length
- Edge Distress – On-grade Drainage Inlets
- Rutting
- Pavement longitudinal & Cross Slope
- International Roughness Index (IRI)
- Faulting
- Present Serviceability Rating (PSR)

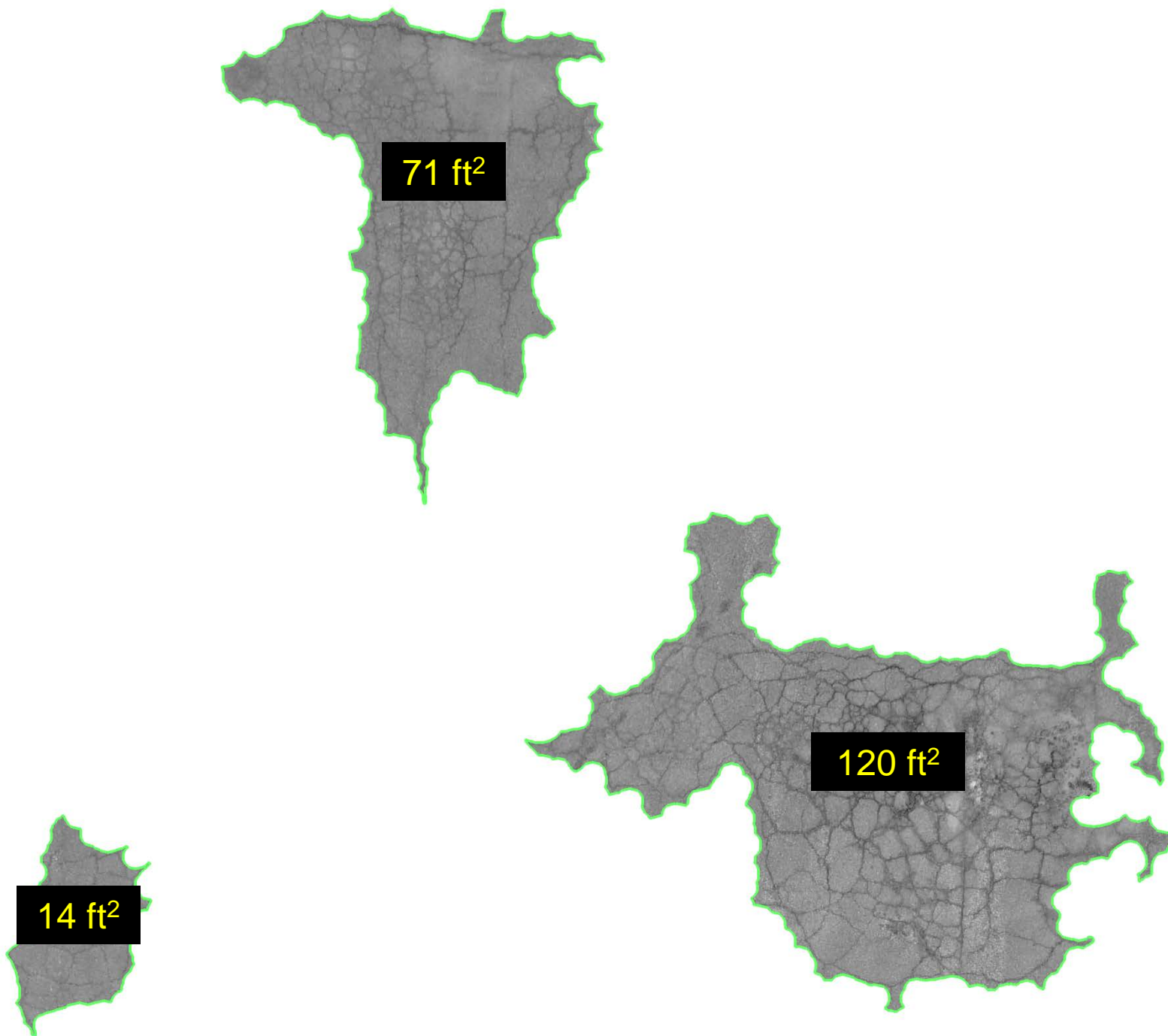
Pavement Construction Progress





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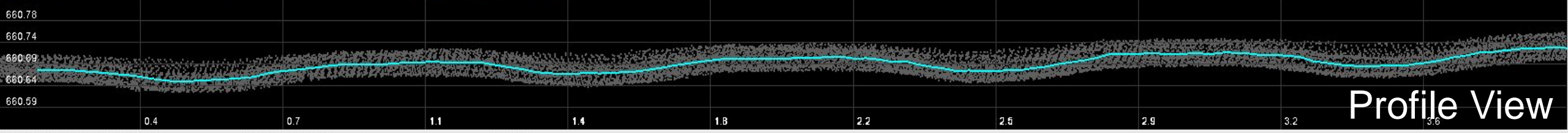
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- Dummy_8.61ft
- dummy
- CLine_Longitudinal
- LAS Layer_1
Elevation
- Raster Layer_1



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Filter: All Points Destination Class & Flags: 30 Reserved



Profile View

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Top View

Pavement Transverse Slope & Ponding

Traffic Cones

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Transverse Slope

Pavement Sloping Direction

3D View

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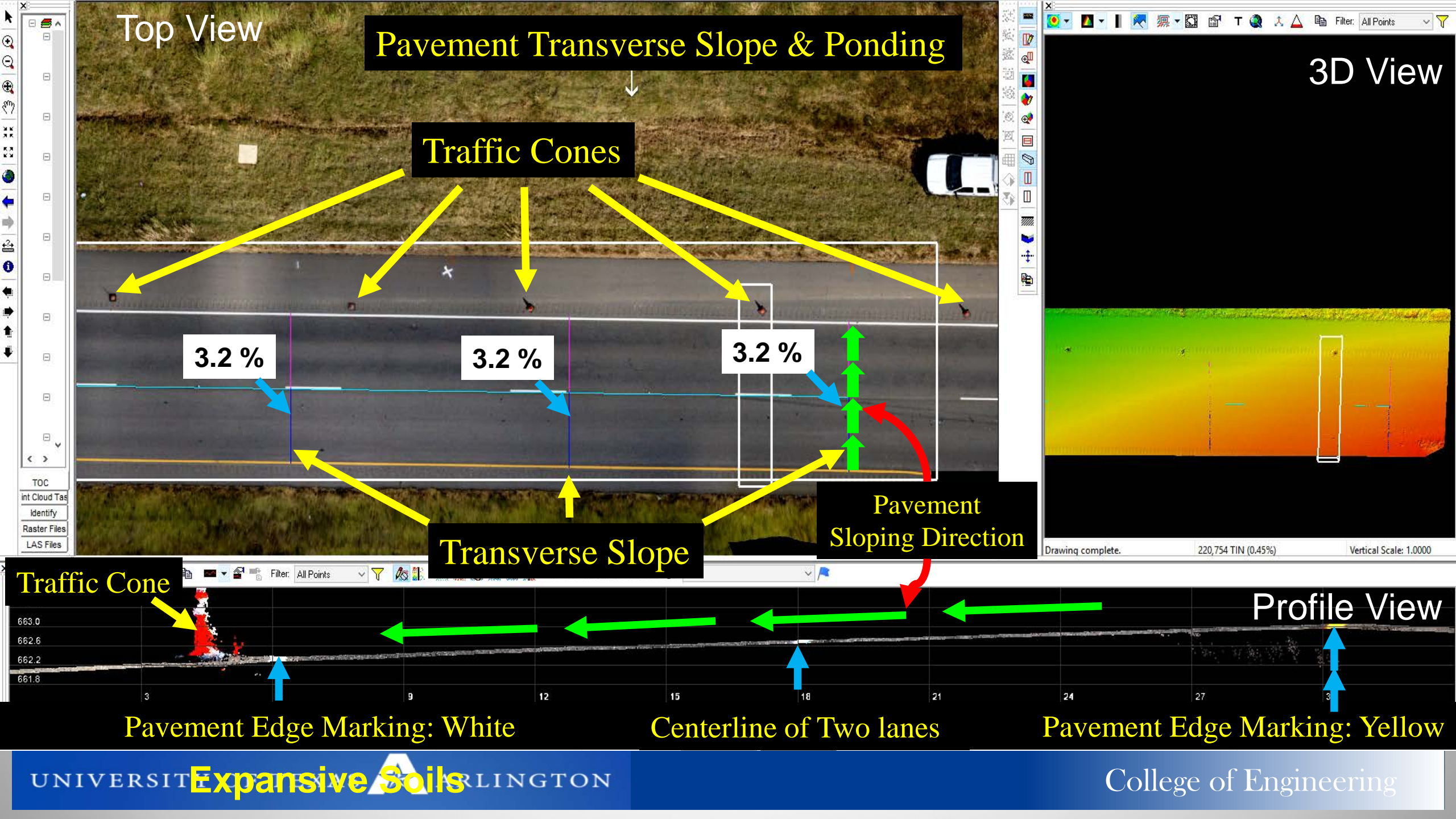
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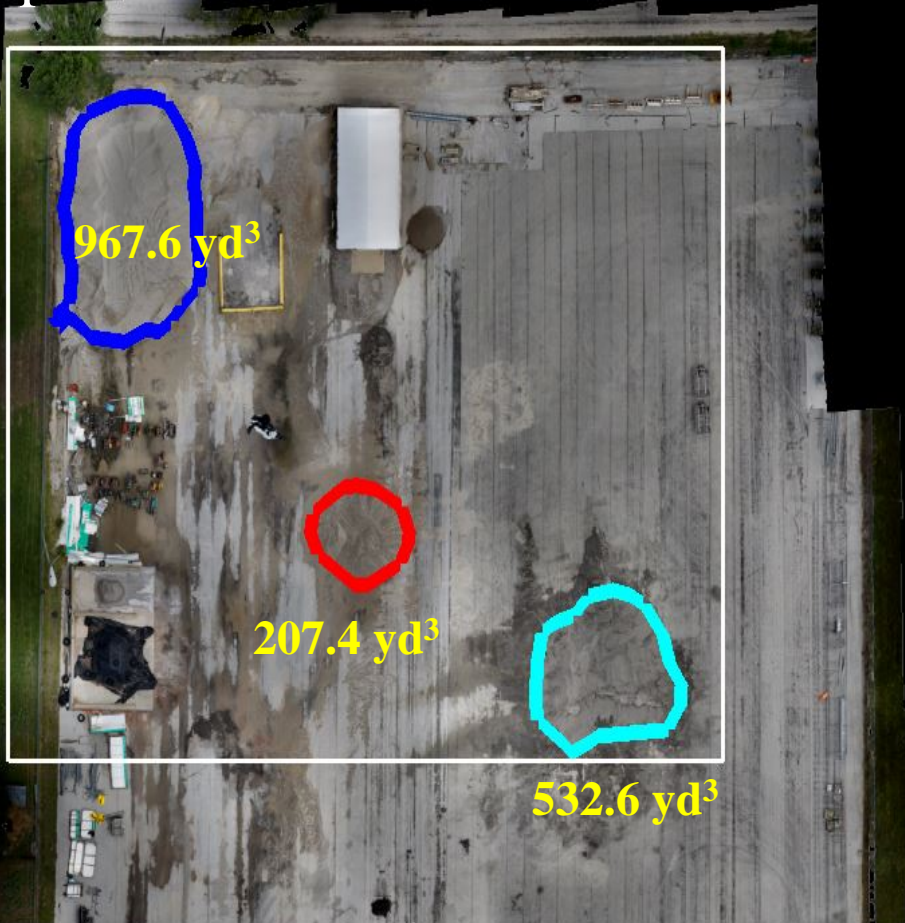
Pavement Edge Marking: White

Centerline of Two lanes

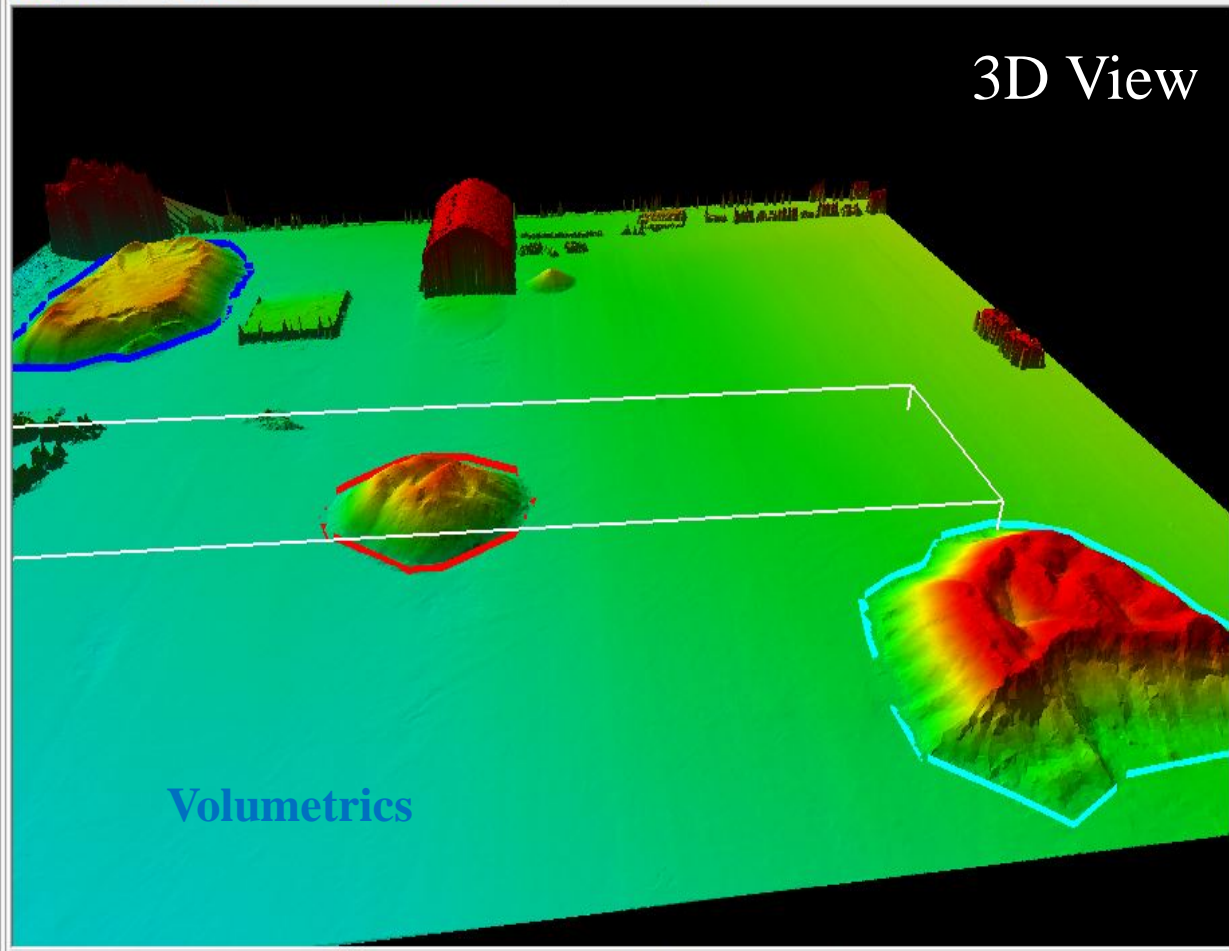
Pavement Edge Marking: Yellow



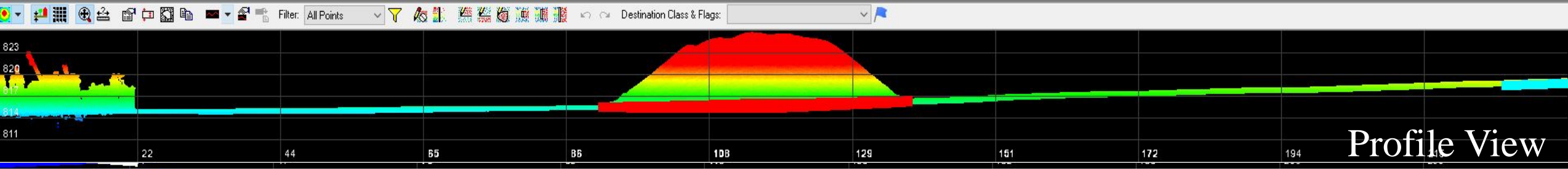
Top View



3D View



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Profile View

Stockpile Volumetrics

(Comparison with Ground Truth Measurements)

SNo	Site Description	Calculated Volume from UAV-CRP (yd ³)	Approximate Volume (yd ³)	Error (%)
1.	Site 1	1567.4	1545.0	1.4
2.	Site 2	11.3	11.0	2.3
3.	Site 3	804.3	825.2	2.5
4.	Site 4	5552.4	5547.0	0.1
5.	Site 5	104.0	101.4	2.5

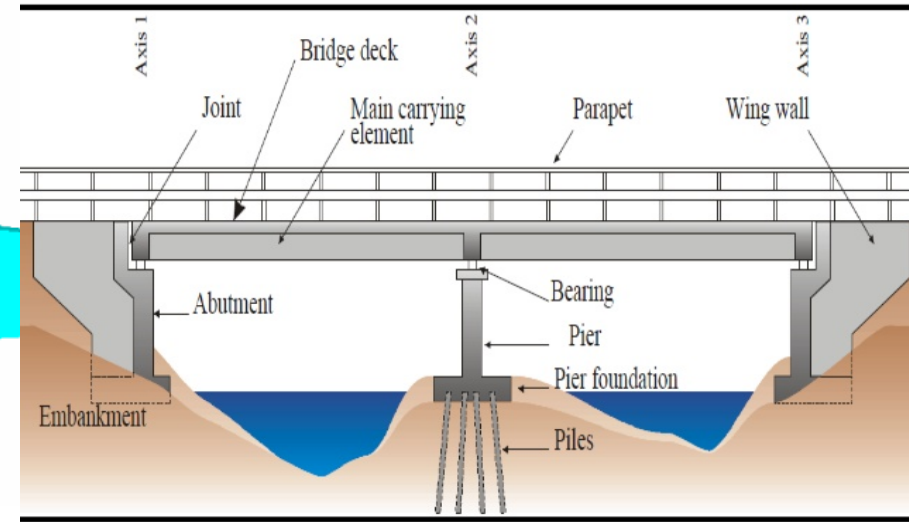
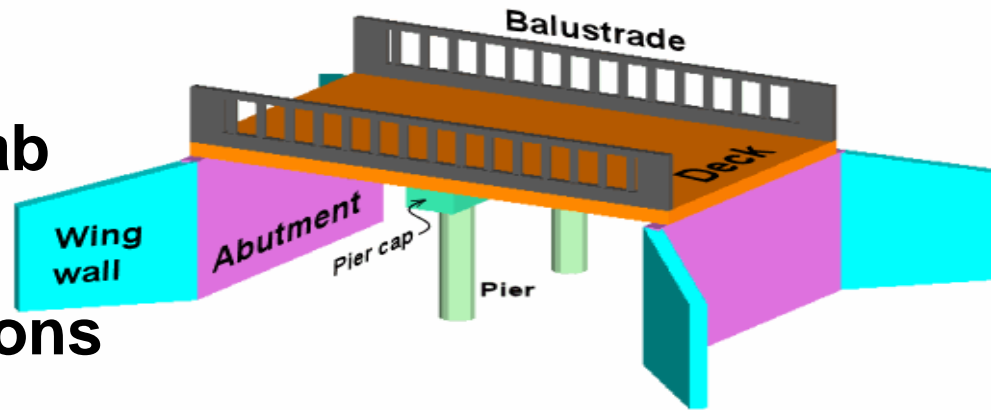
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Bridge Infrastructure Monitoring

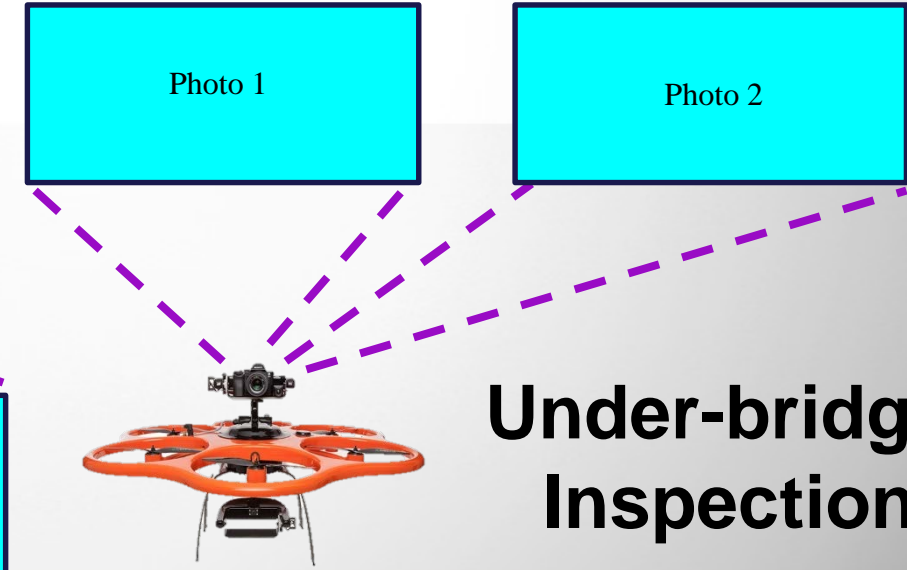
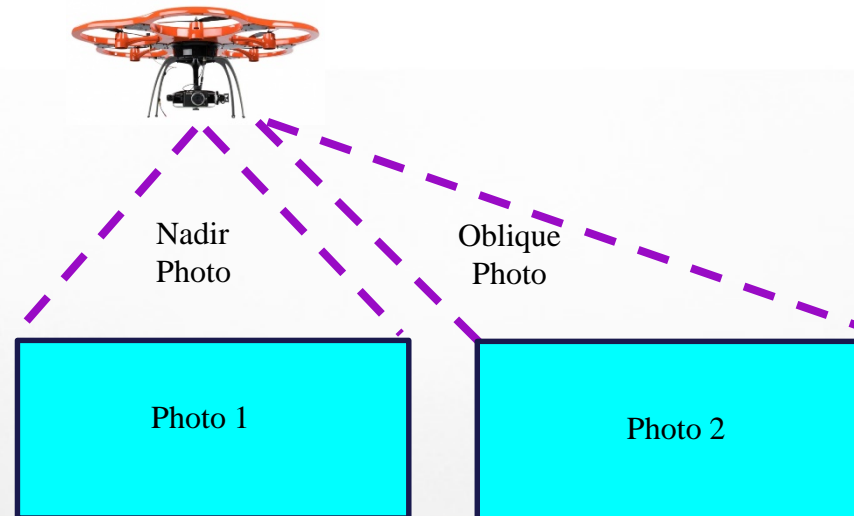
□ Super-structure

- Bridge Deck
- Approach Slab
- Railings
- Joint Conditions



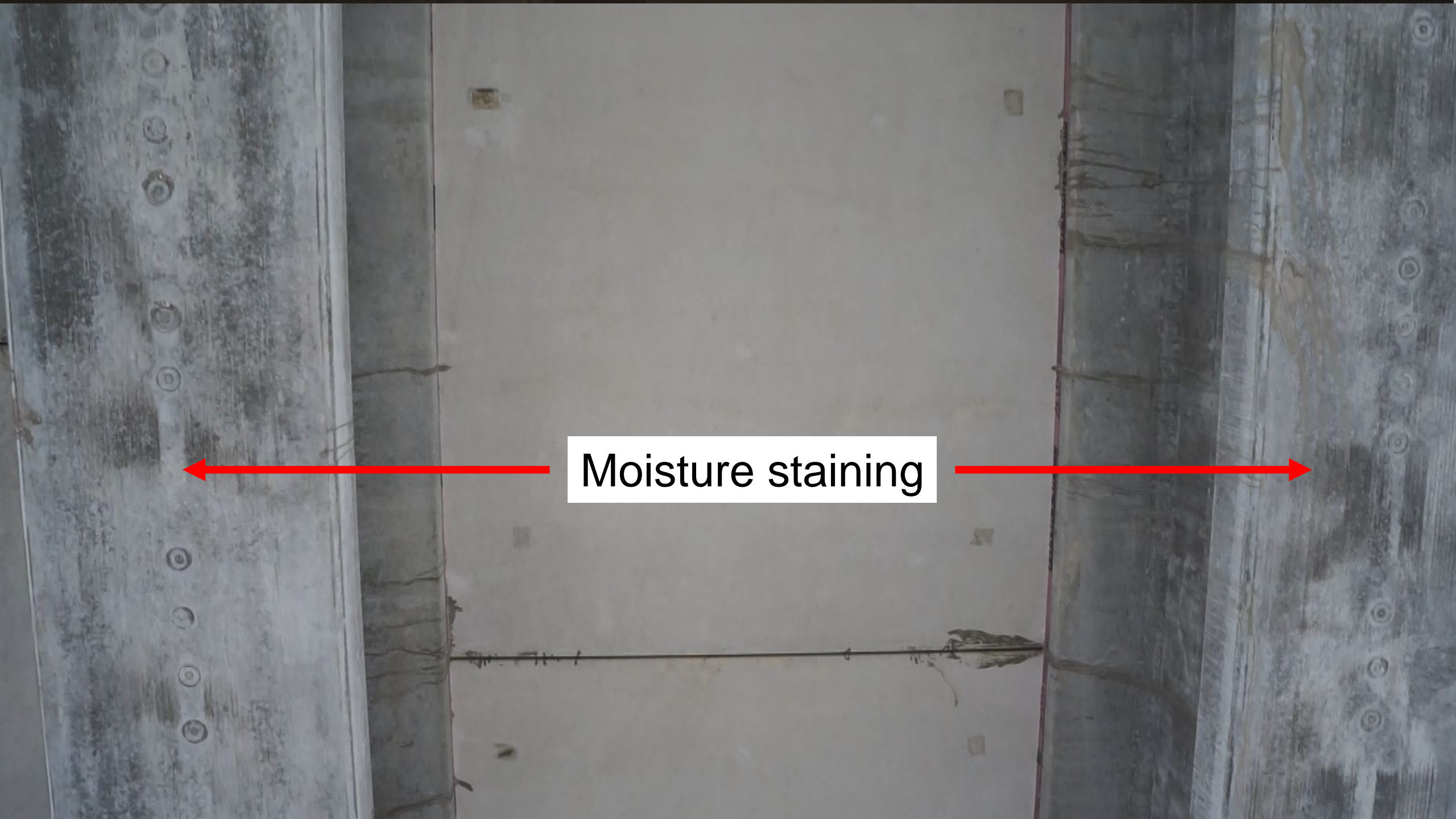
□ Sub-structure

- Beams
- Soffits
- Bearings
- Wing Walls
- Abutment
- Pile and Cap
- Foundations



Under-bridge Inspection





Moisture staining

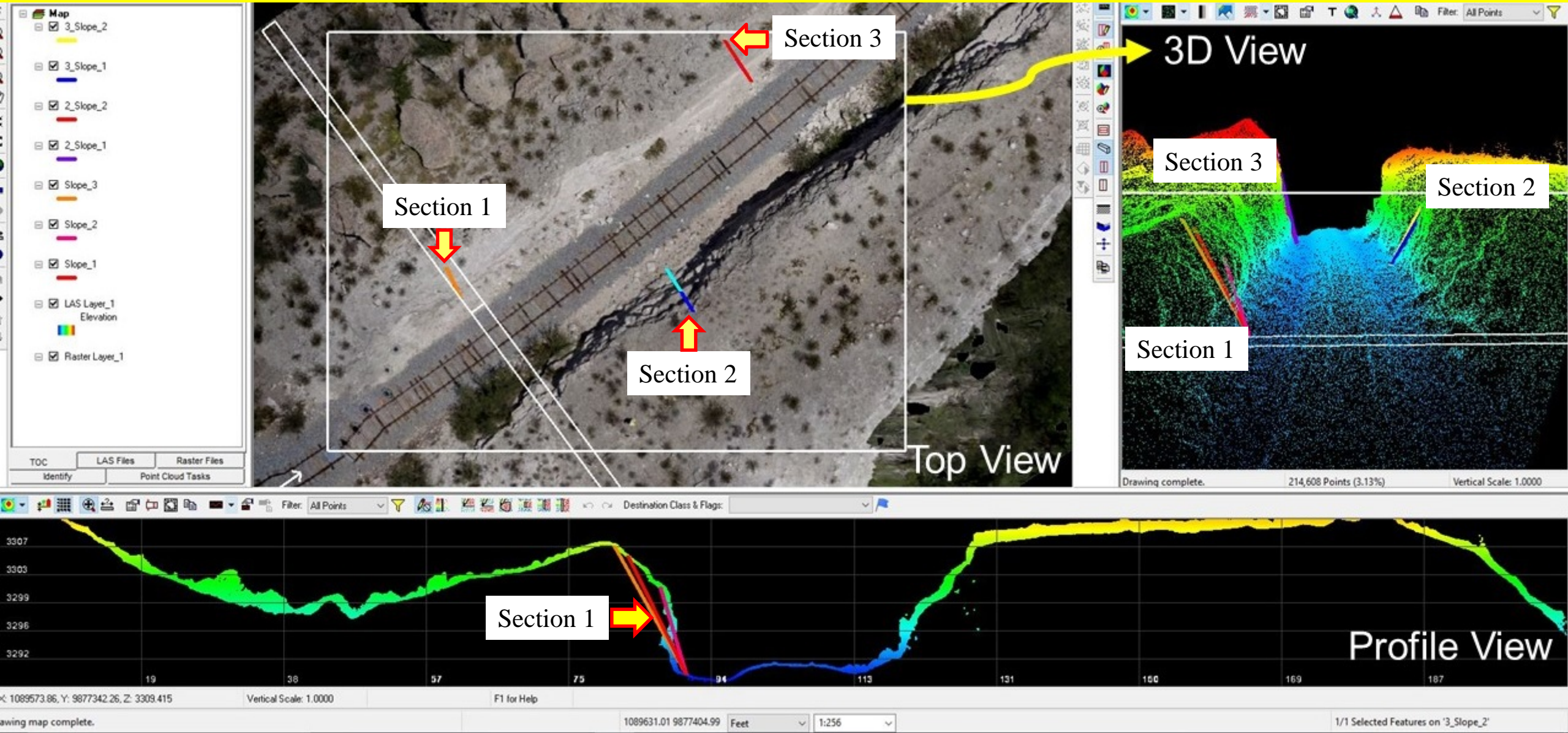




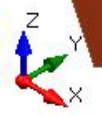
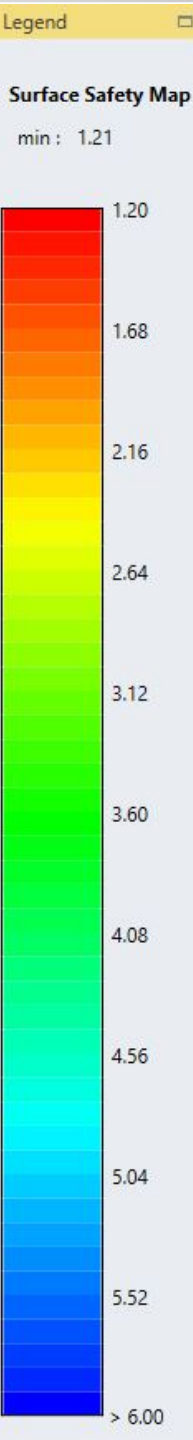
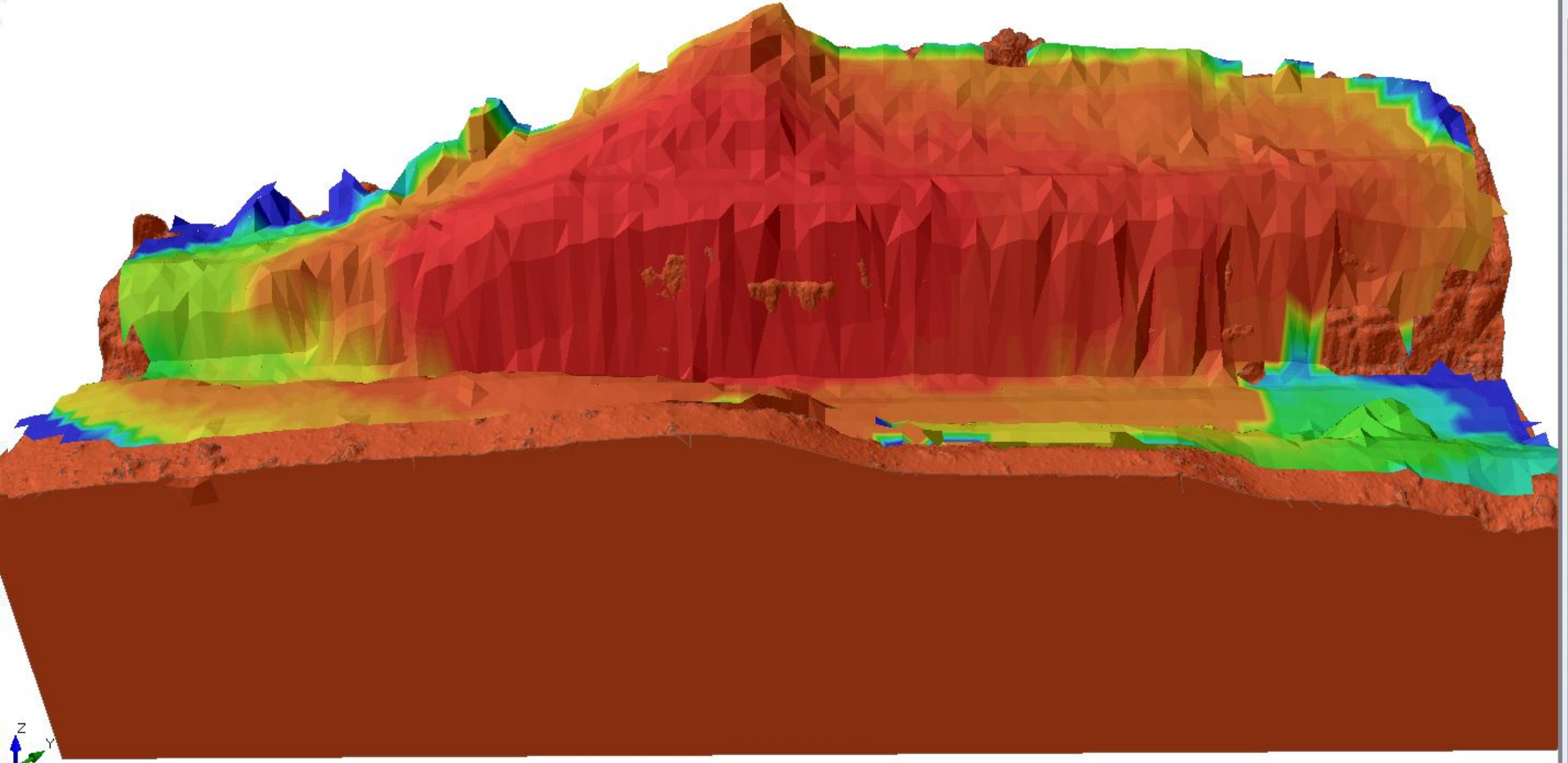
Railway Operations



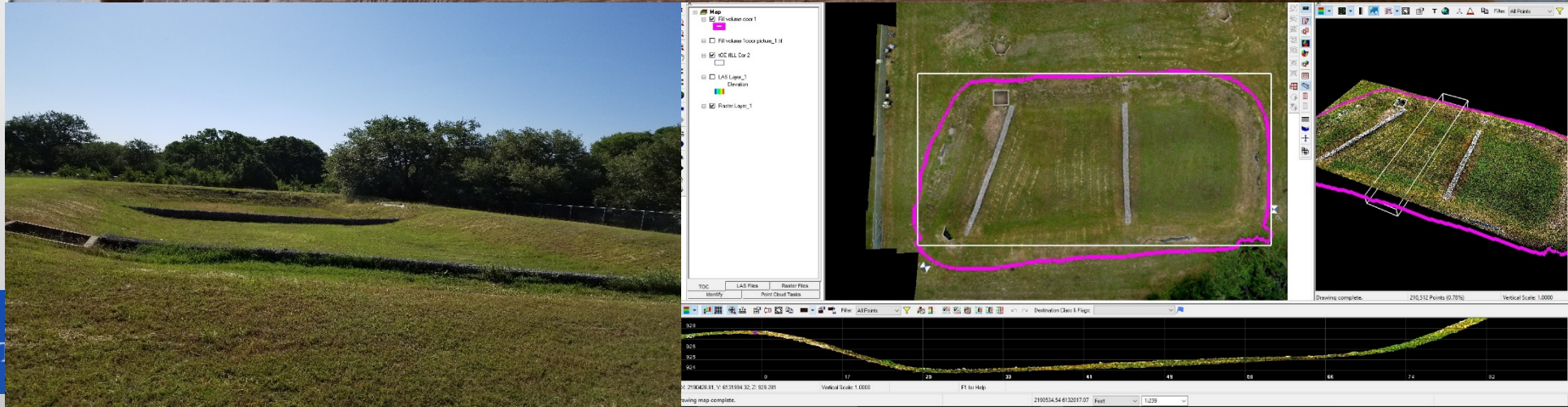
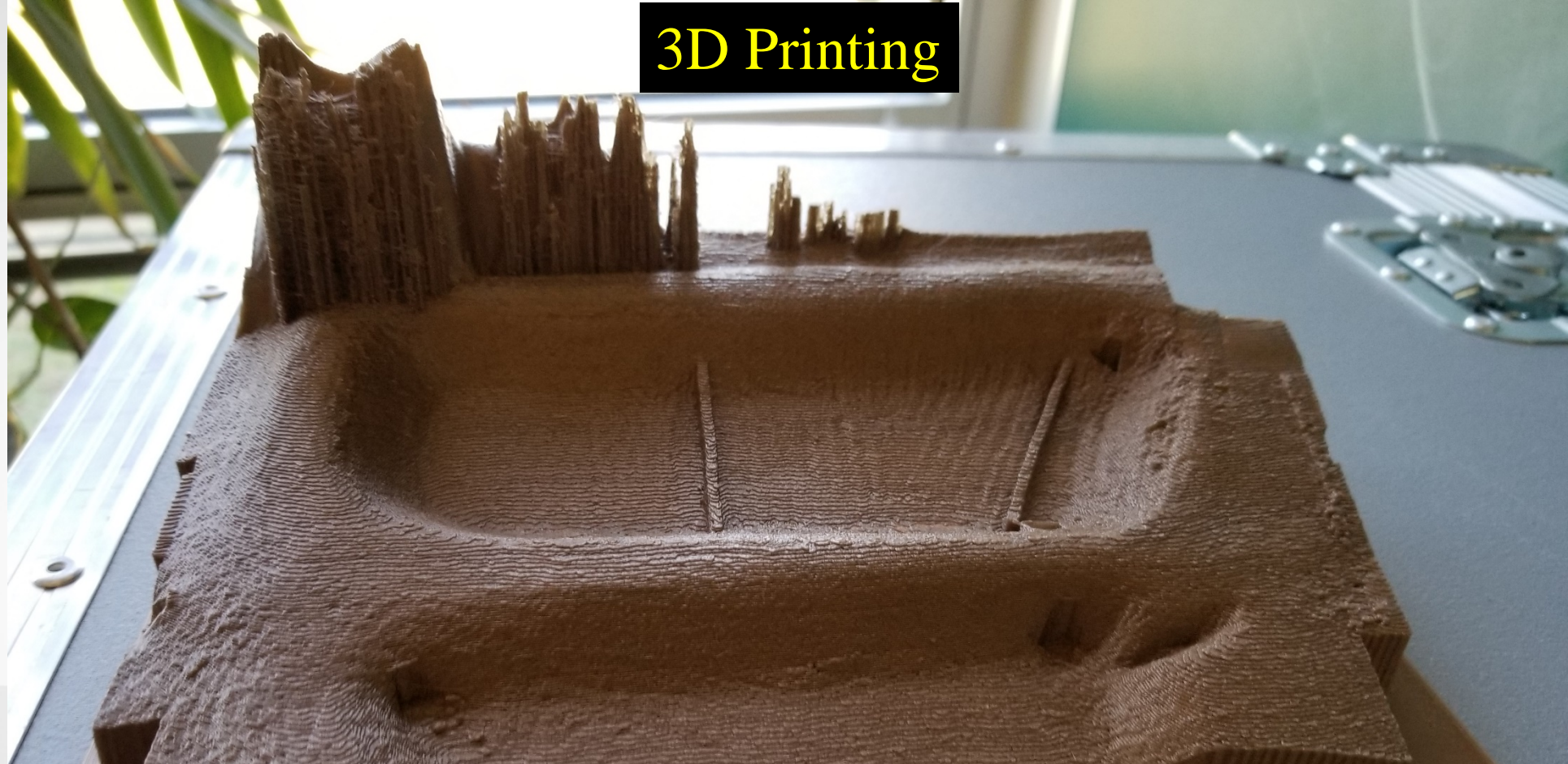
Rock Cut Area - Slope Stability Analysis



Slope Stability Analysis: Morgenstern–Price Method



3D Printing



Concluding Remarks....

- Visualization tools and analyses – better perception of reality...**Data driven...**
- Site characterization – 2D and 3D visualization plots – Condition assessments for better infrastructure design
- Photogrammetry & UAV platforms: 3D Visualization plots – Geotechnical infrastructure condition assessment to asset management
- Proactive remote monitoring – **Early damage detection**
- Multidisciplinary nature of research – UAVs, 3D Printing, & AI tools (for identification of geotechnical issues by analyzing visualization **data**)



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