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## Extracting Features from 3D Point Clouds in the Preparations of Topographic Survey Maps

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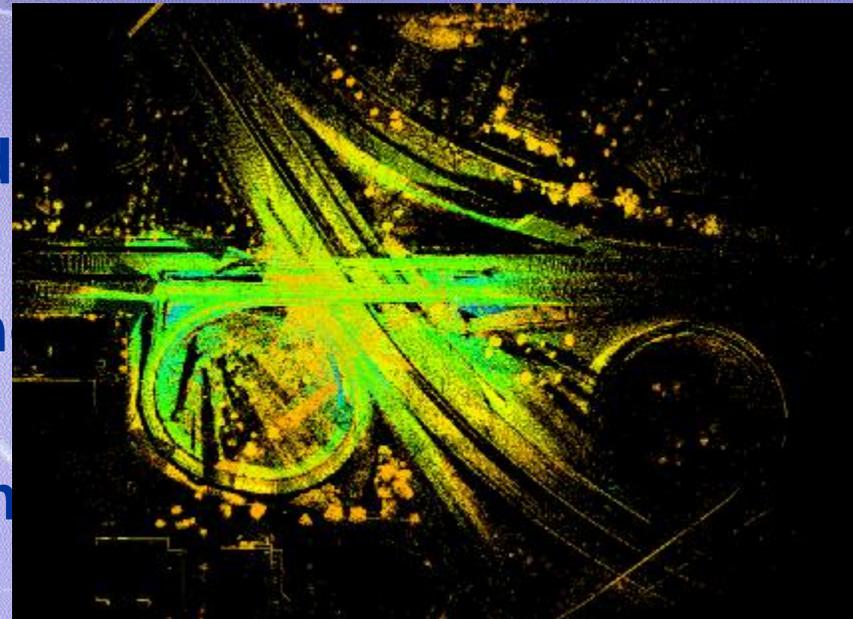
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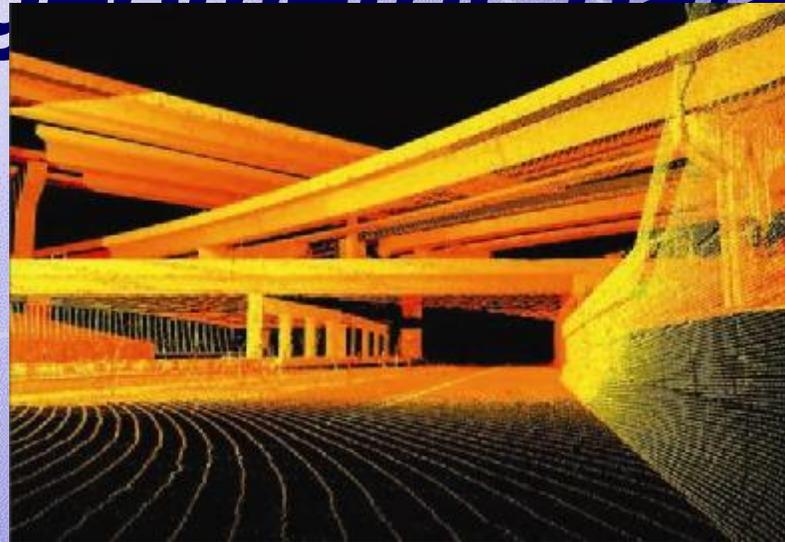
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# Presentation Outline:

- High Definition Surveying Explained
- Executing Projects that Include Scanning
- Basic Methods/ Options for Extracting Geometry
- Final Delivery Example I-94/ Hwy. JJ, Waukesha, Wi.

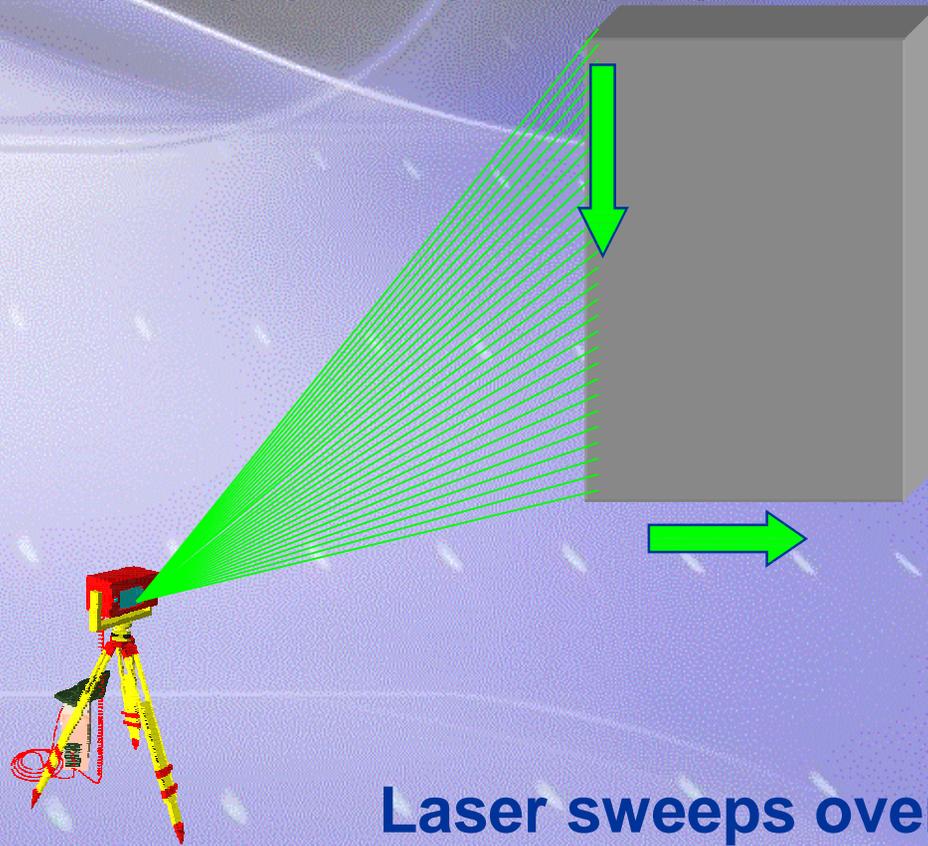


**Primary differentiating  
feature: high density  
“as-built” or “as-is”  
geometric data**



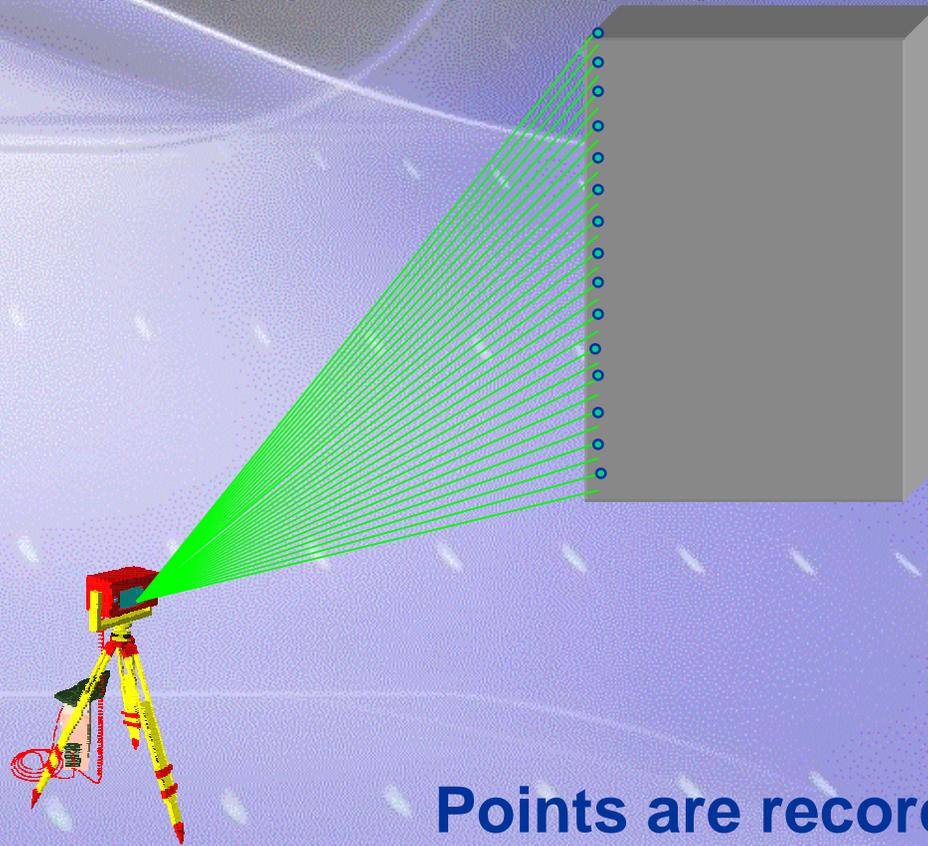
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# HDS Fundamentals:



Laser sweeps over surface

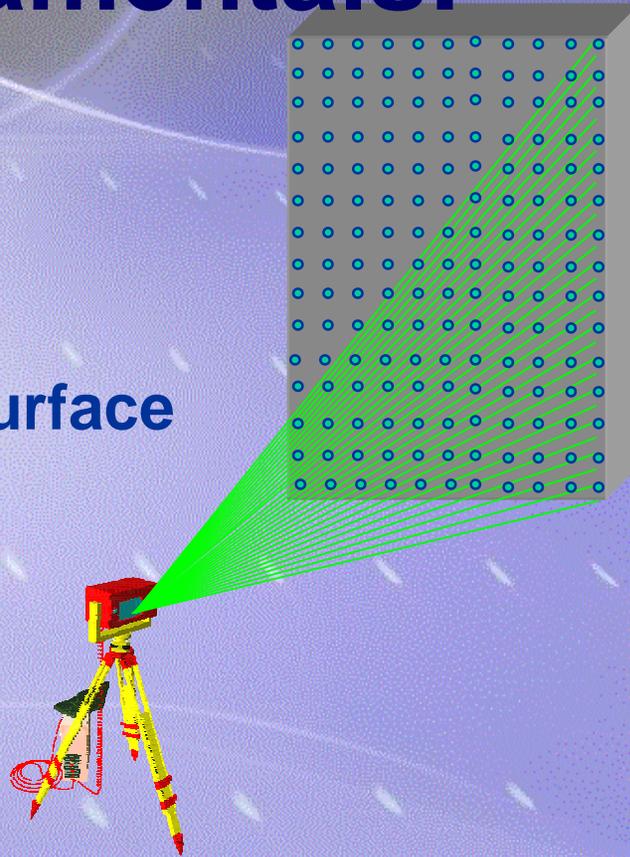
# HDS Fundamentals:



Points are recorded . . .

# HDS Fundamentals:

... Over the entire surface





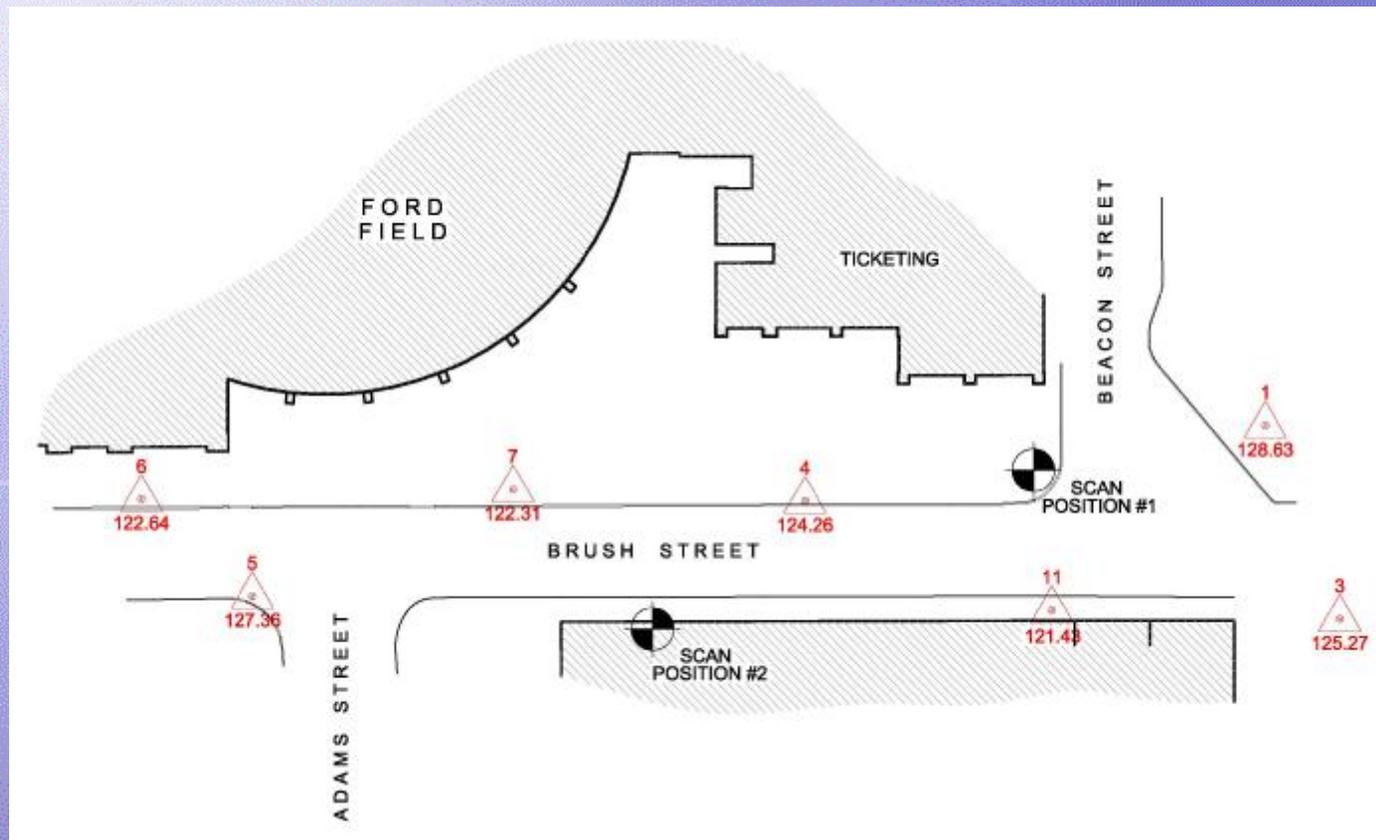
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# Executing Projects that Include Scanning

- Overall project flow
- Field workflow
- Office workflow

# Overall Project Workflow

Planning, Site Visit?



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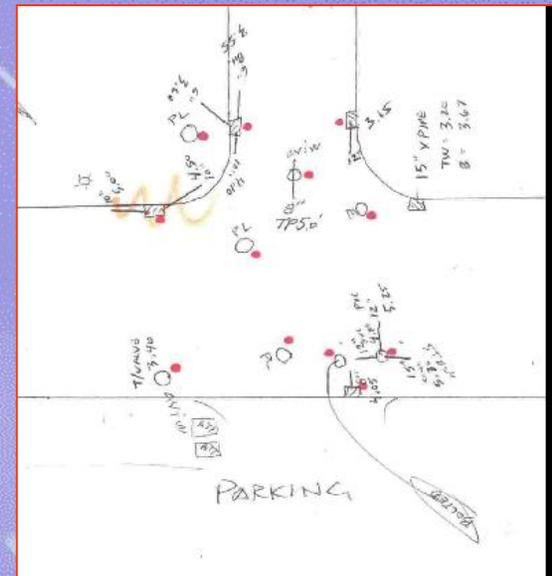
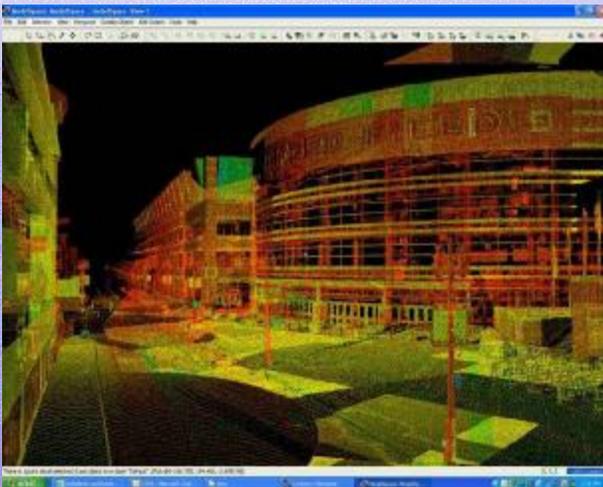
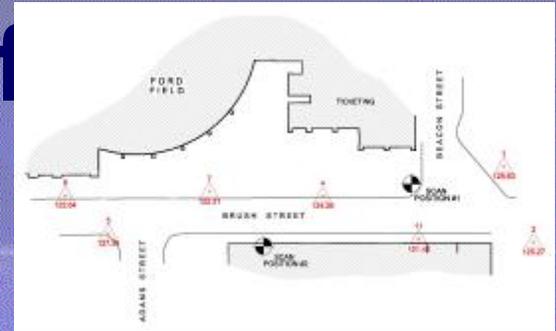
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Field scanning

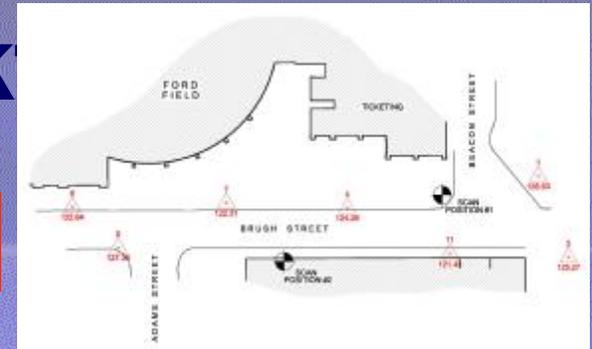
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Traditional surveying



# Overall Project Work

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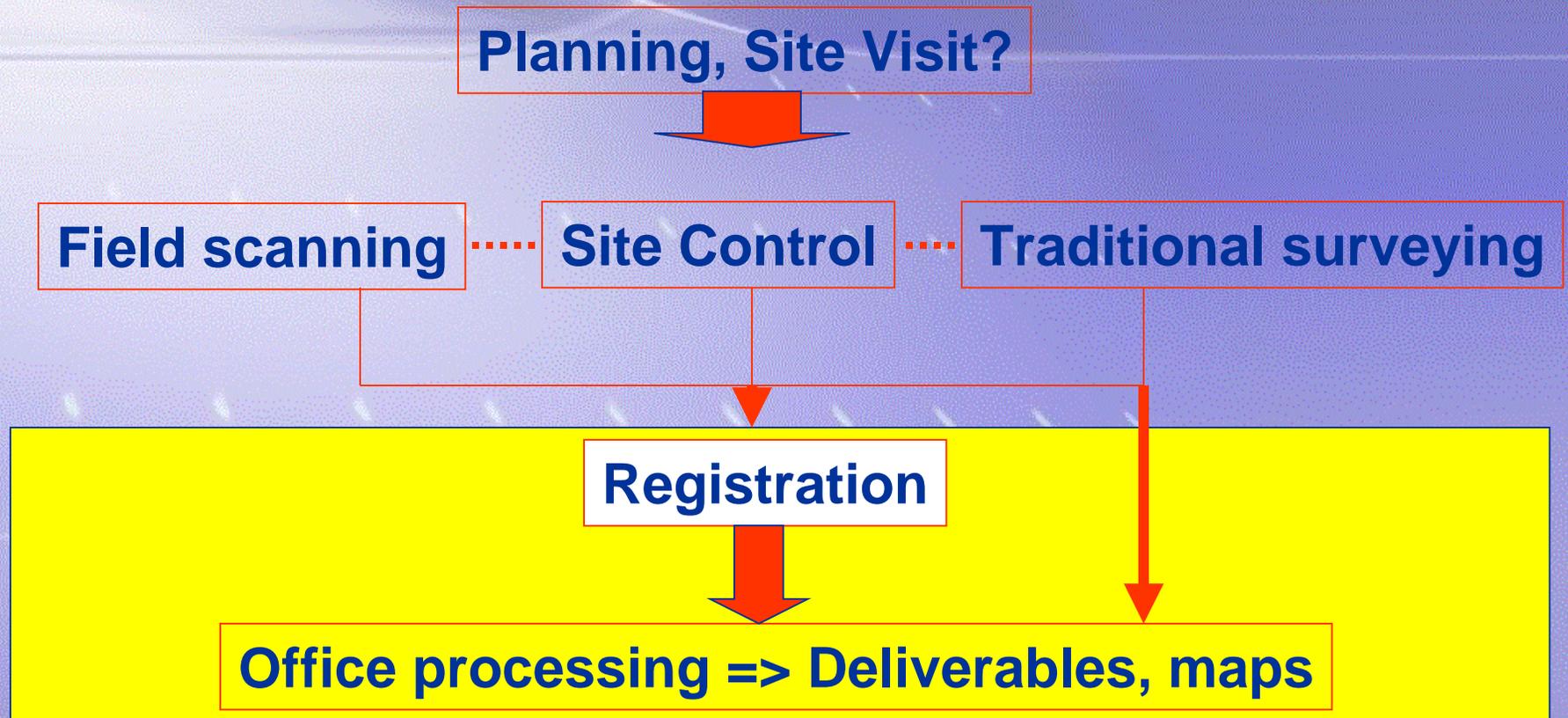
Site Control

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Registration

Office processing => Deliverables, maps

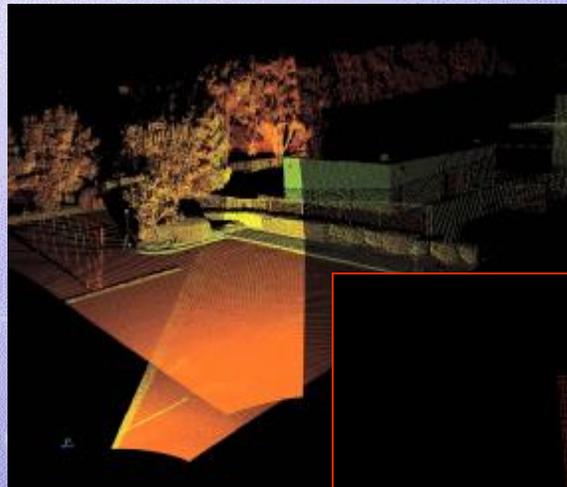
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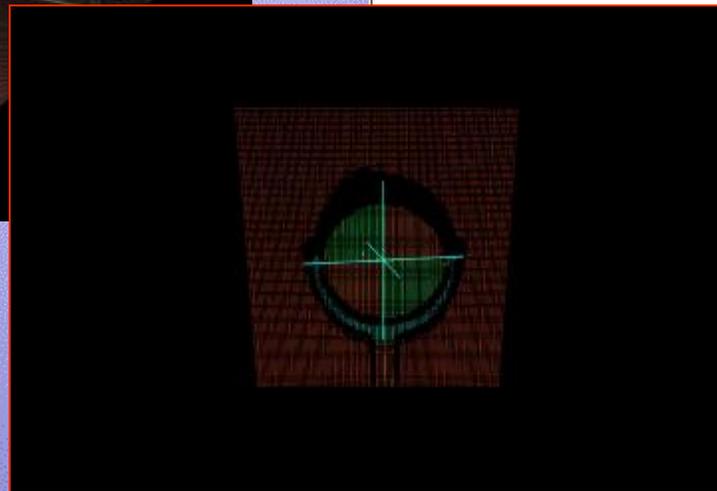
# Office Workflow

Geo-referencing/registration

Import other survey data



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BM2	200	2000000.000	BM	OK	200.000	2000-01-01	BM
BM3	300	3000000.000	BM	OK	300.000	2000-01-01	BM
BM4	400	4000000.000	BM	OK	400.000	2000-01-01	BM
BM5	500	5000000.000	BM	OK	500.000	2000-01-01	BM
BM6	600	6000000.000	BM	OK	600.000	2000-01-01	BM
BM7	700	7000000.000	BM	OK	700.000	2000-01-01	BM
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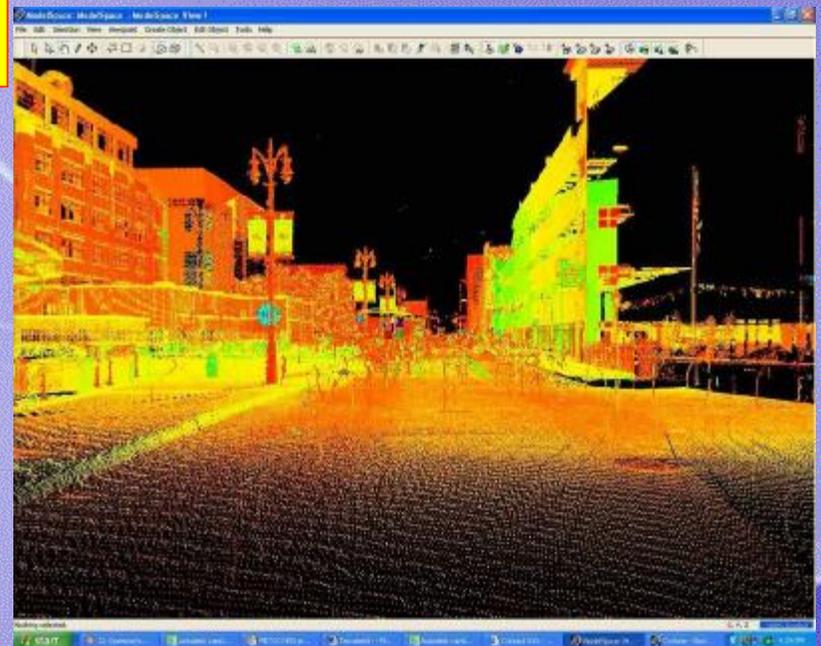
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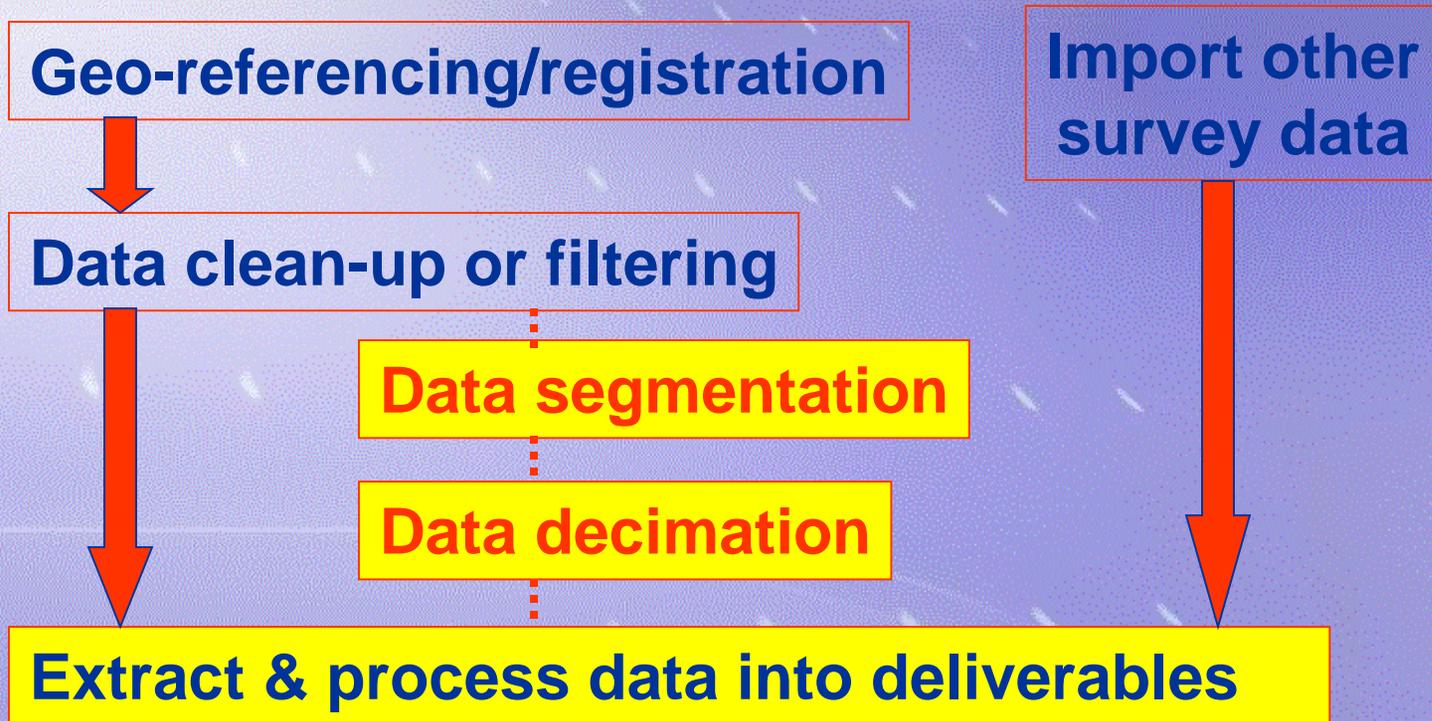


Data clean-up or filtering

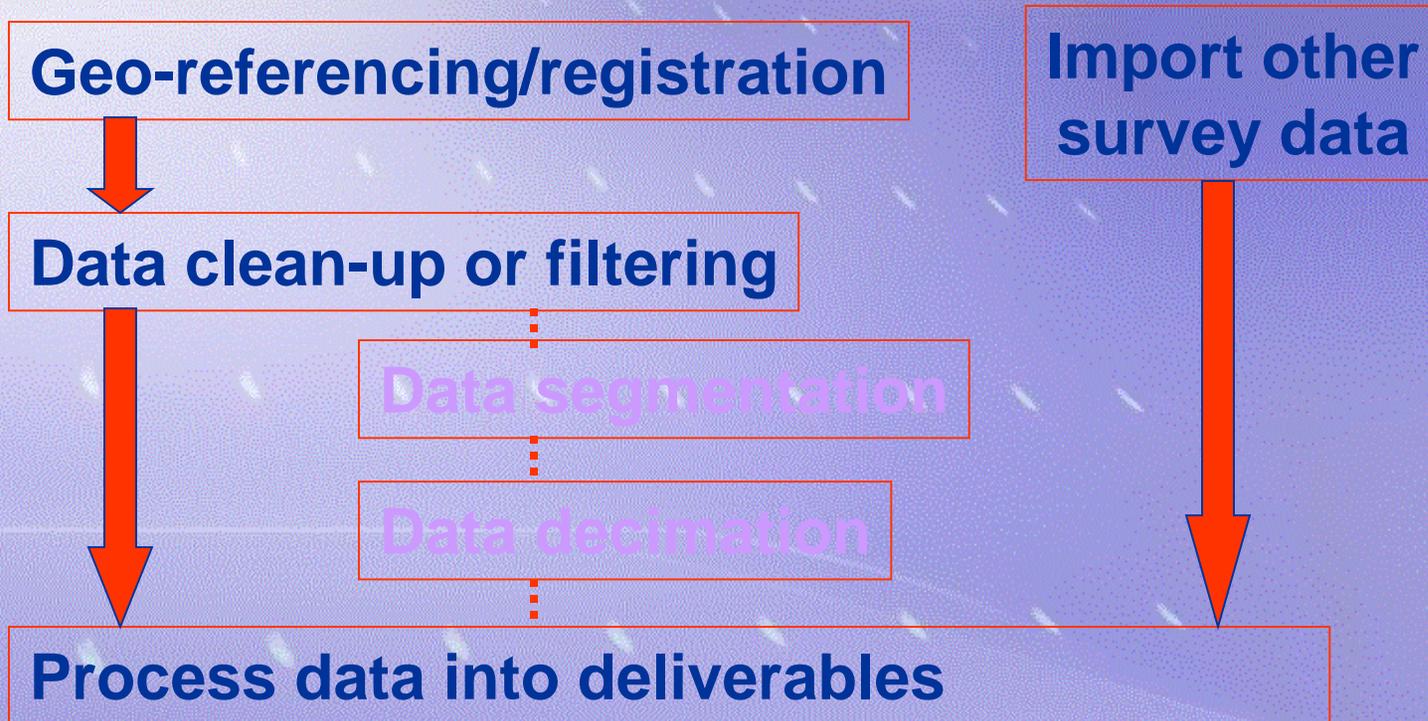
Import other  
survey data



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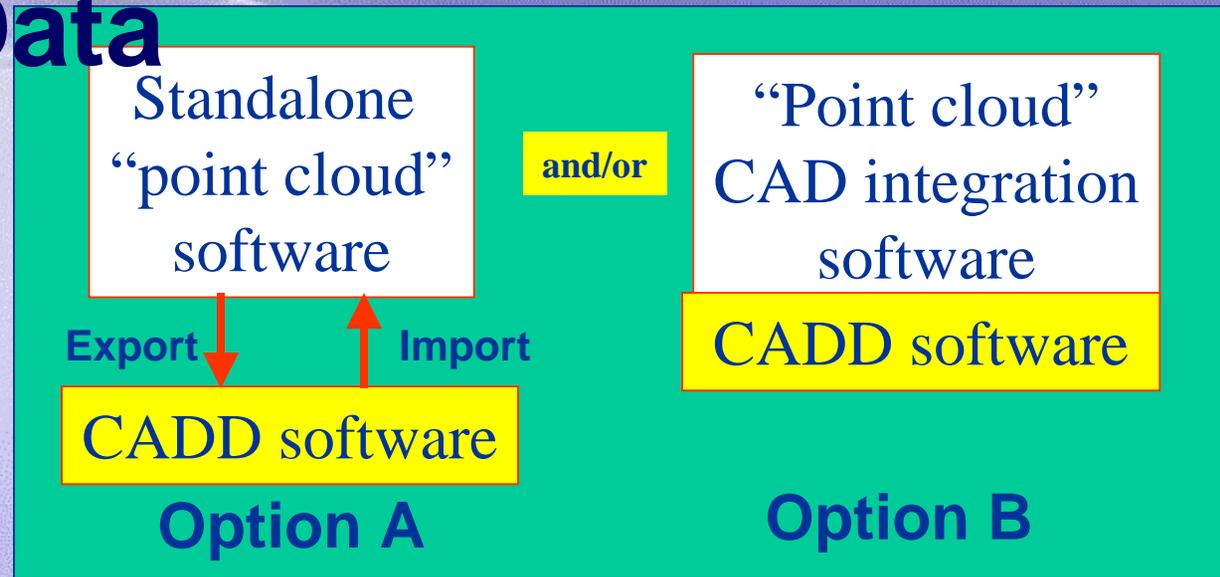


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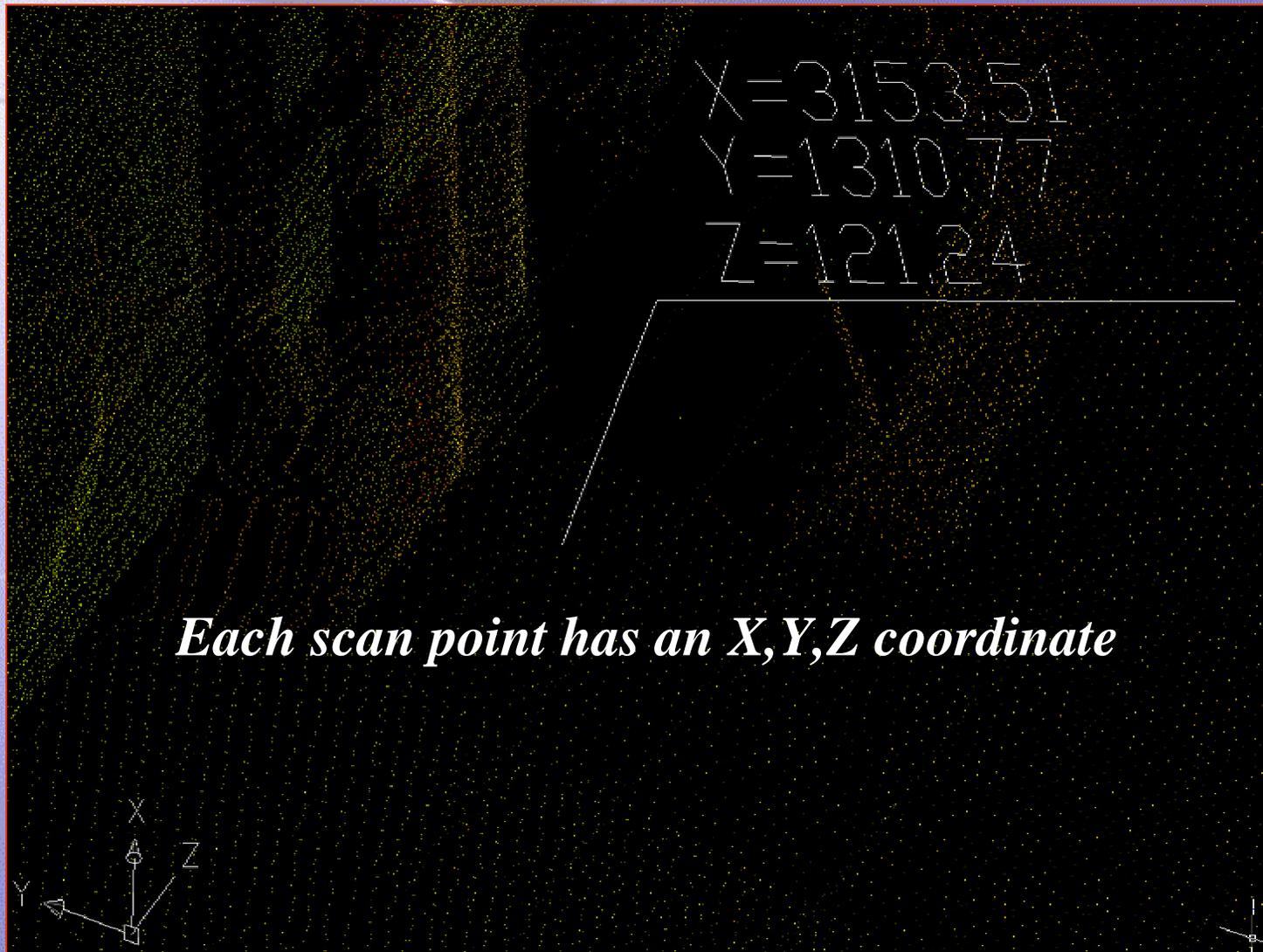


# Basic Methods/ Options for Extracting Geometry & Creating Deliverables from Scan Data

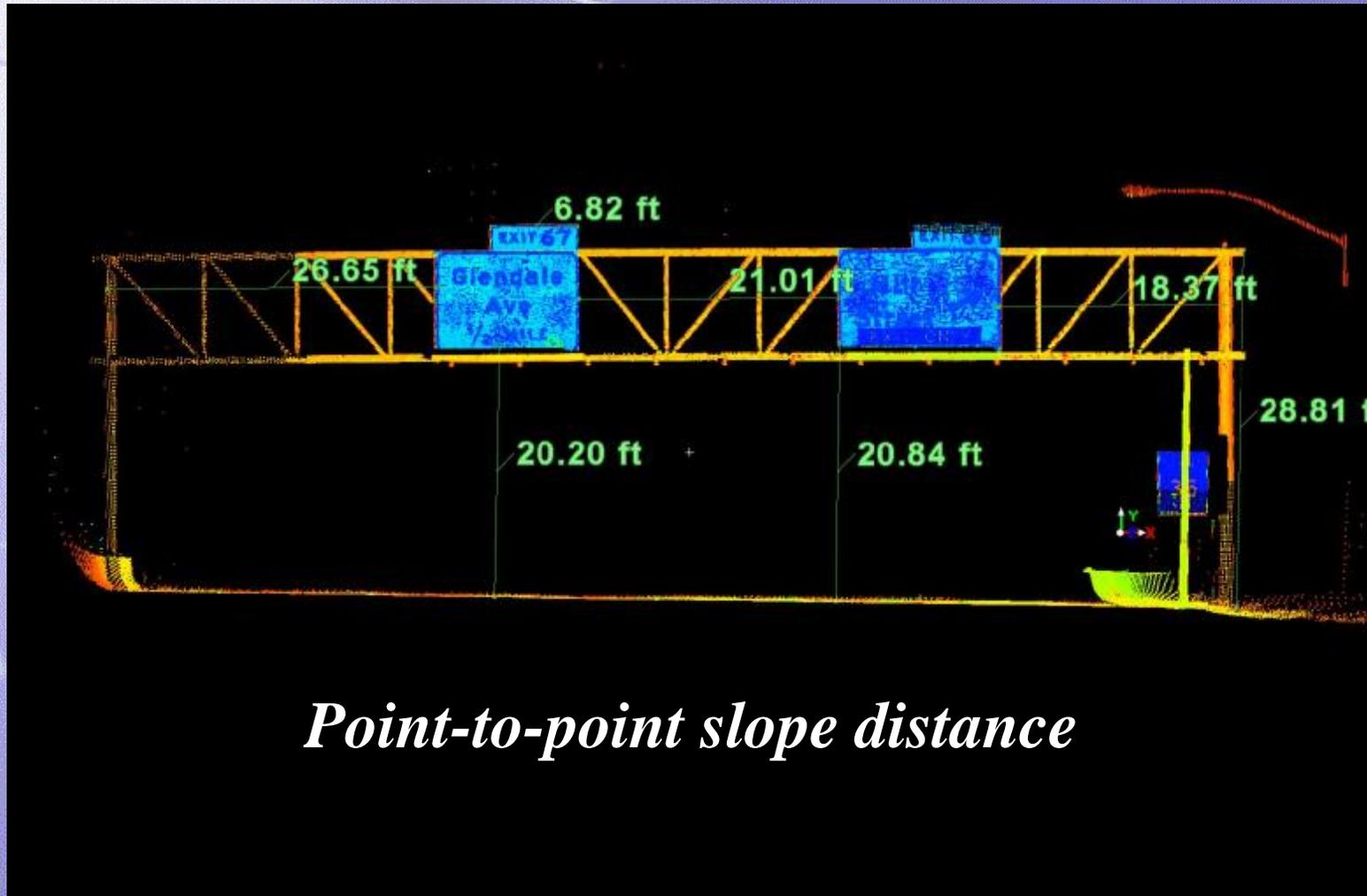
1. Surfaces
2. Distances
3. Lines
4. Surfaces
5. Volumes
6. Features
7. Models
8. Using point clouds directly in design and construction QA



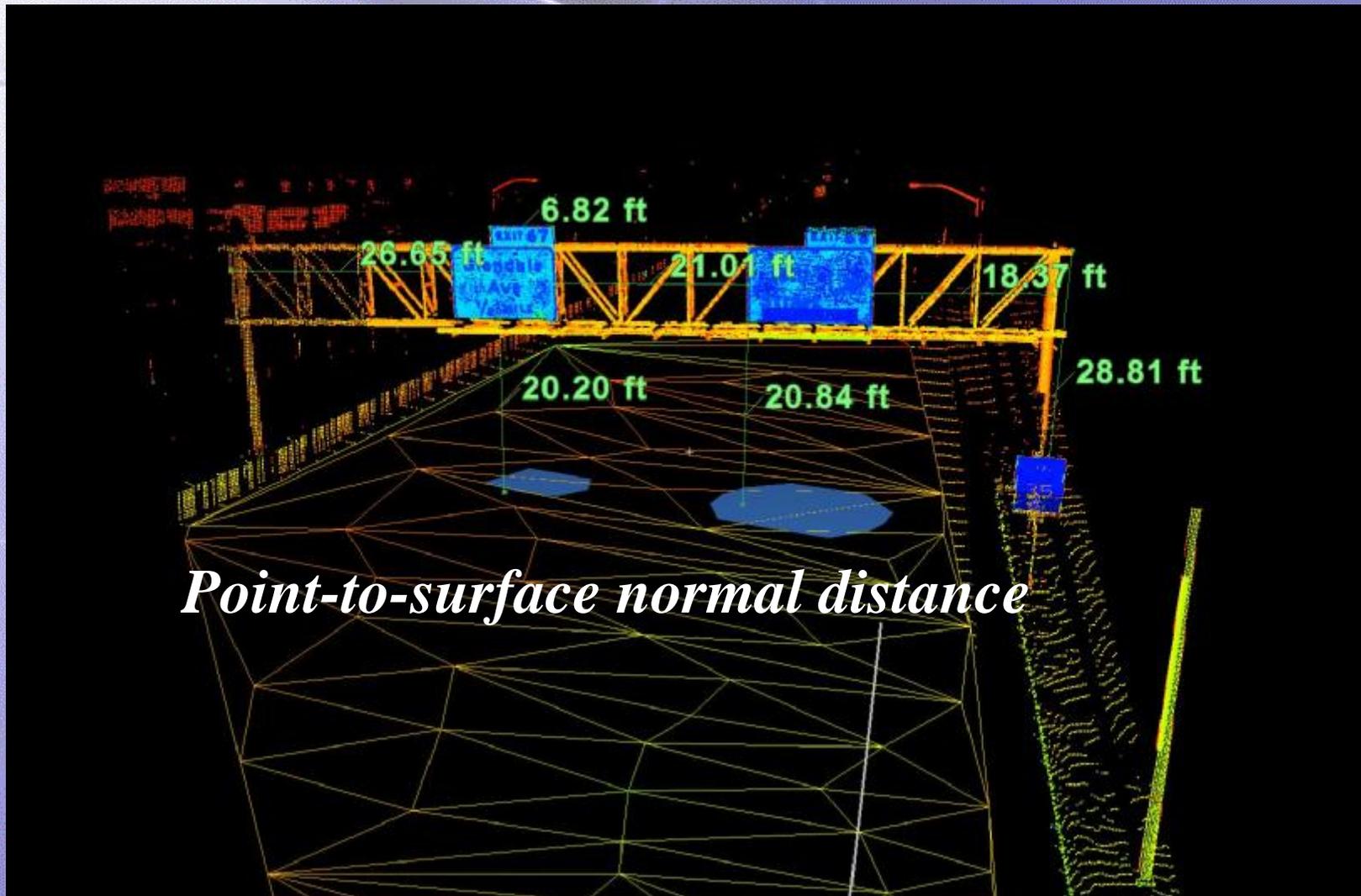
# Extracting Points & Distances



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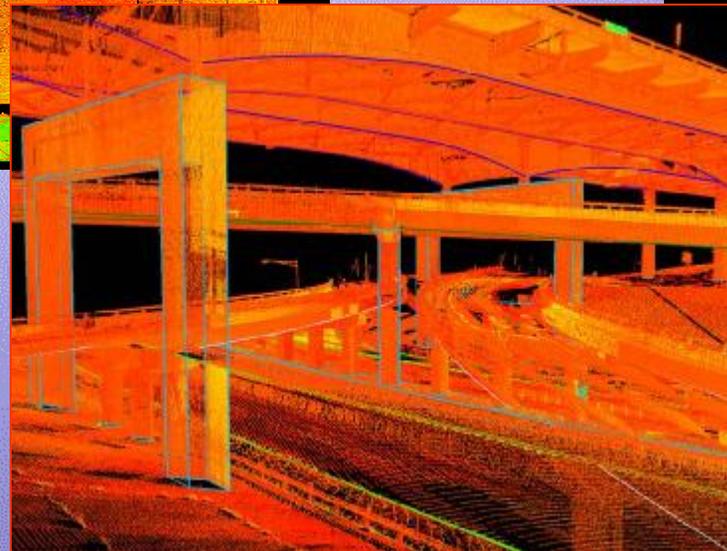
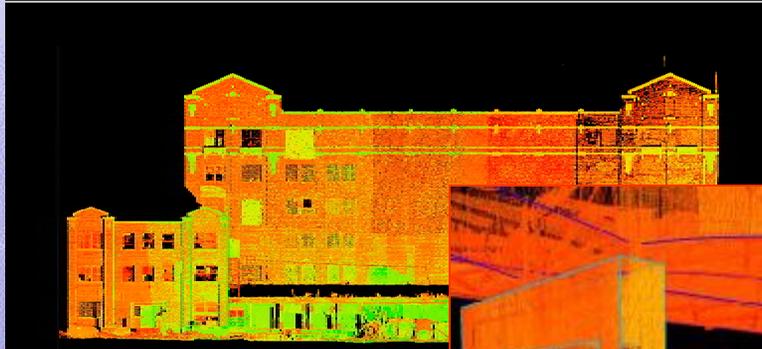


# Extracting Line Work: Automatic Sections



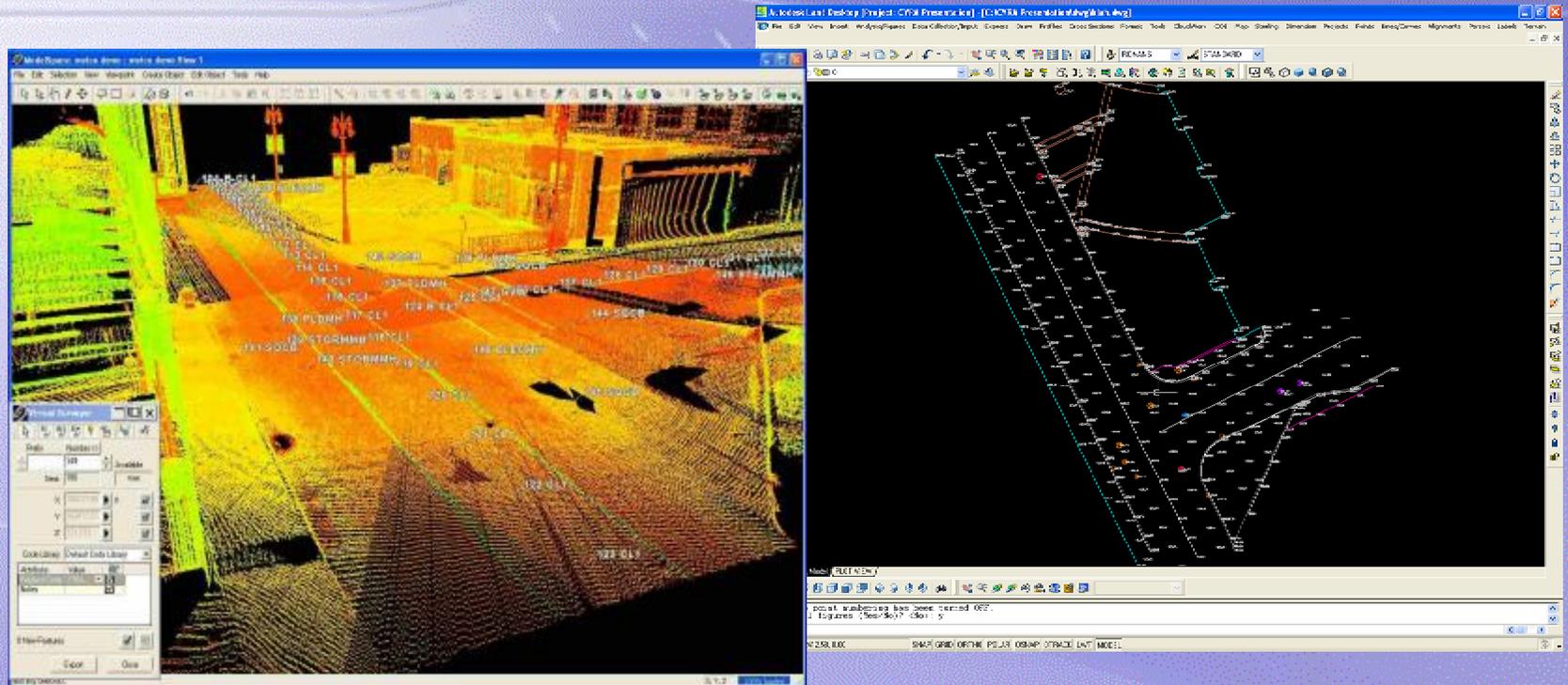
*Any interval  
along the  
alignment  
can be  
selected*

# Extracting Line Work: Tracing Over Points



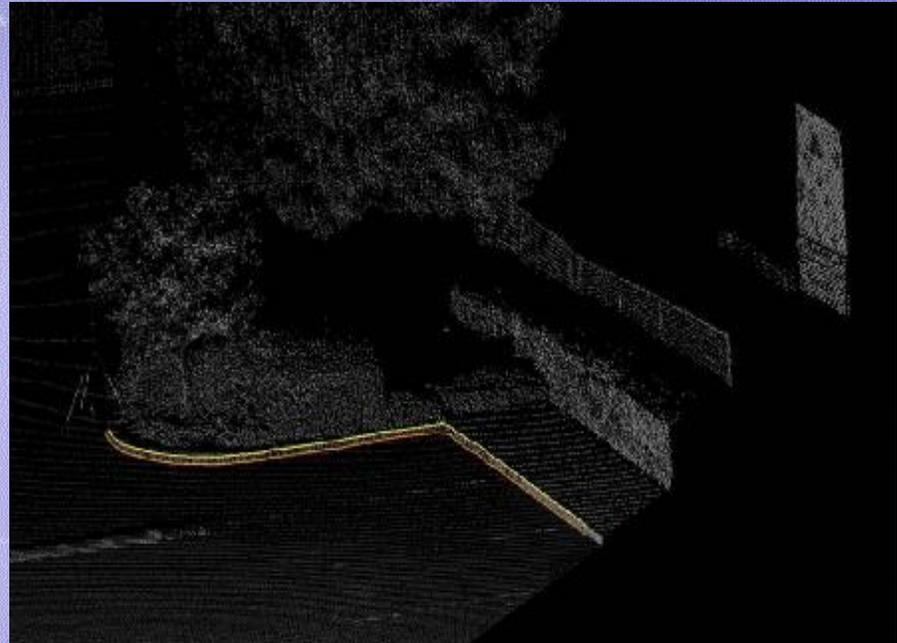
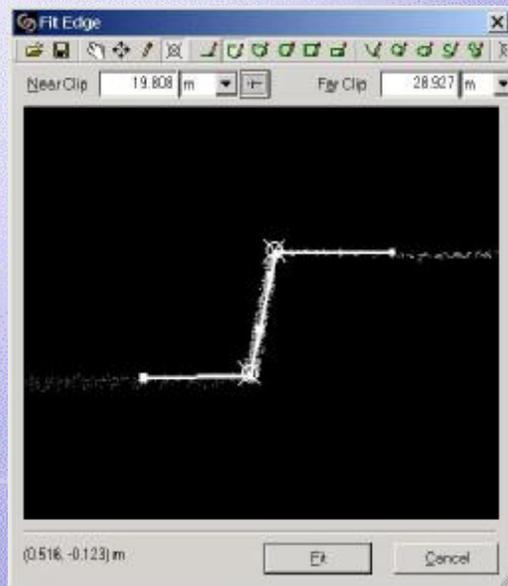
*Work in 2D or  
3D*

# Extracting Line Work: from ASCII Coded Points

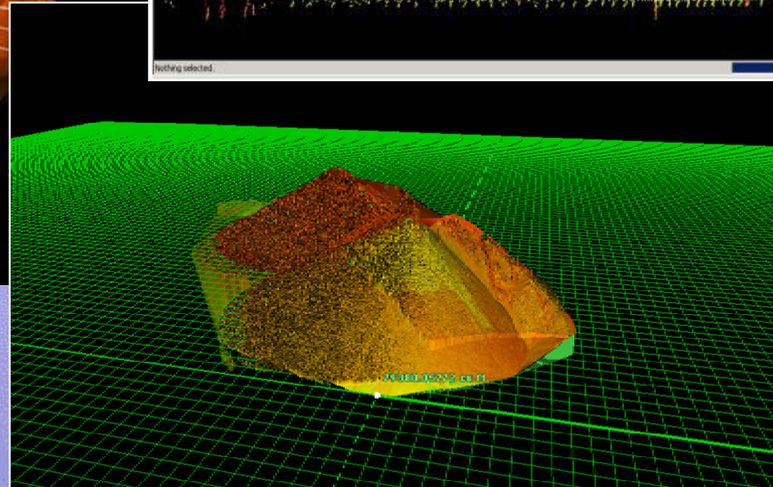
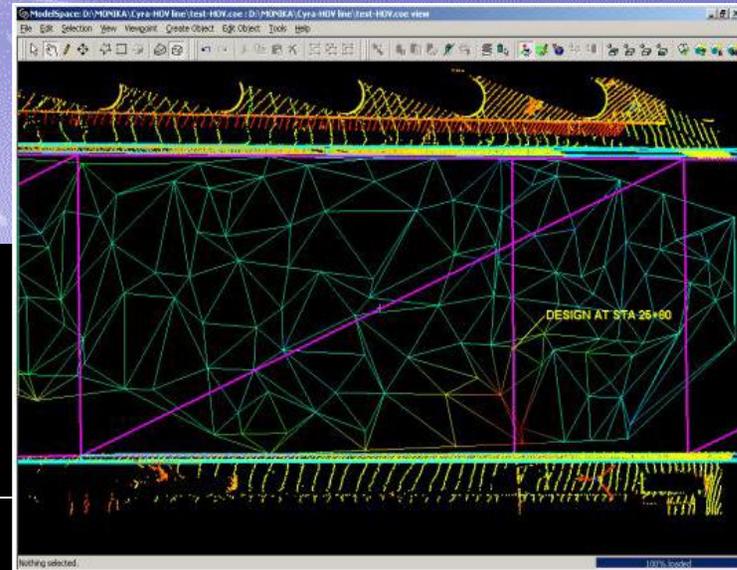
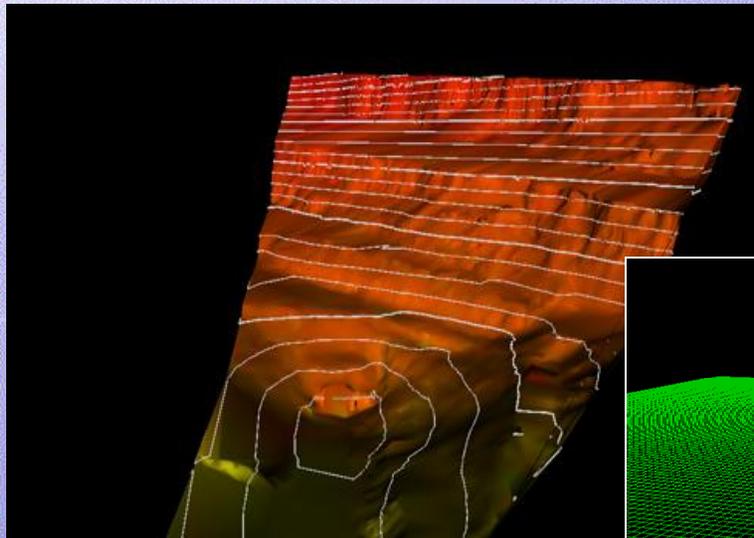


*This technique is also known as “Virtual Surveying”*

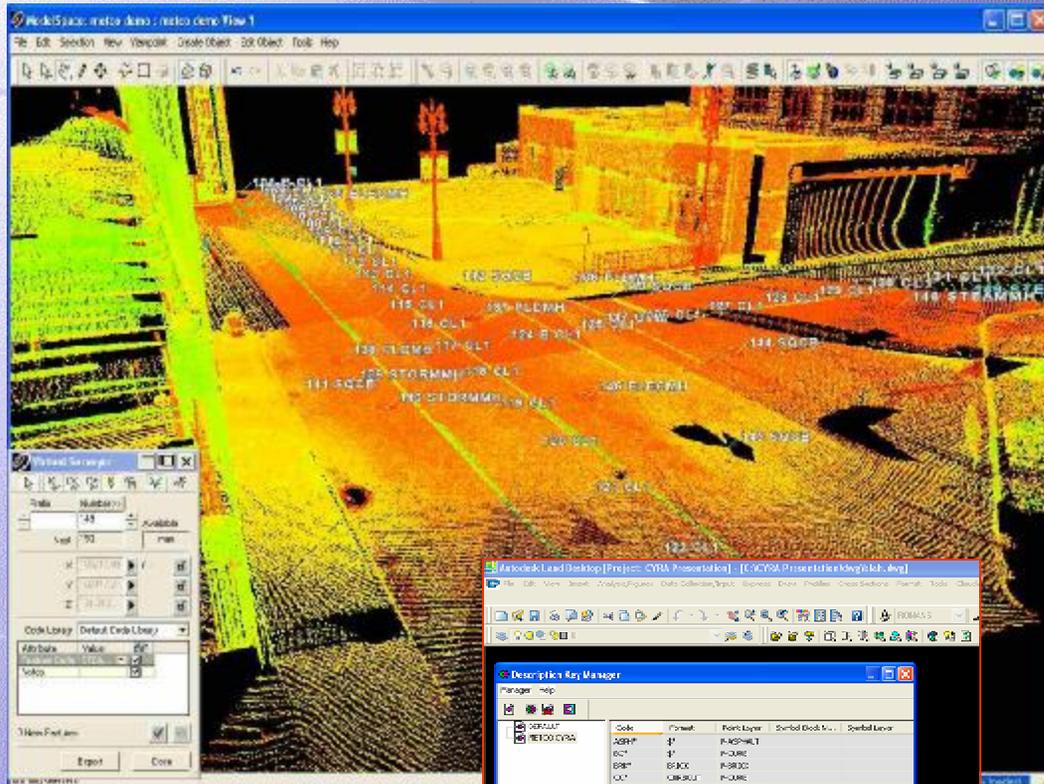
# Extracting Line Work: Best-fitting of Curb Lines



# Extracting Surfaces & Volumes



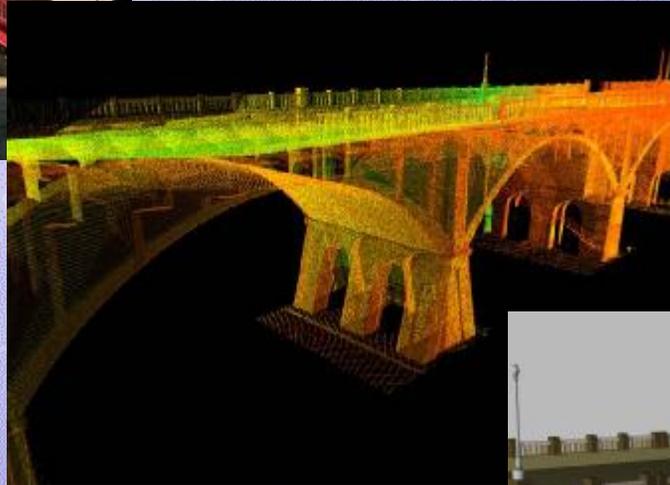
# Extracting Features & Symbols



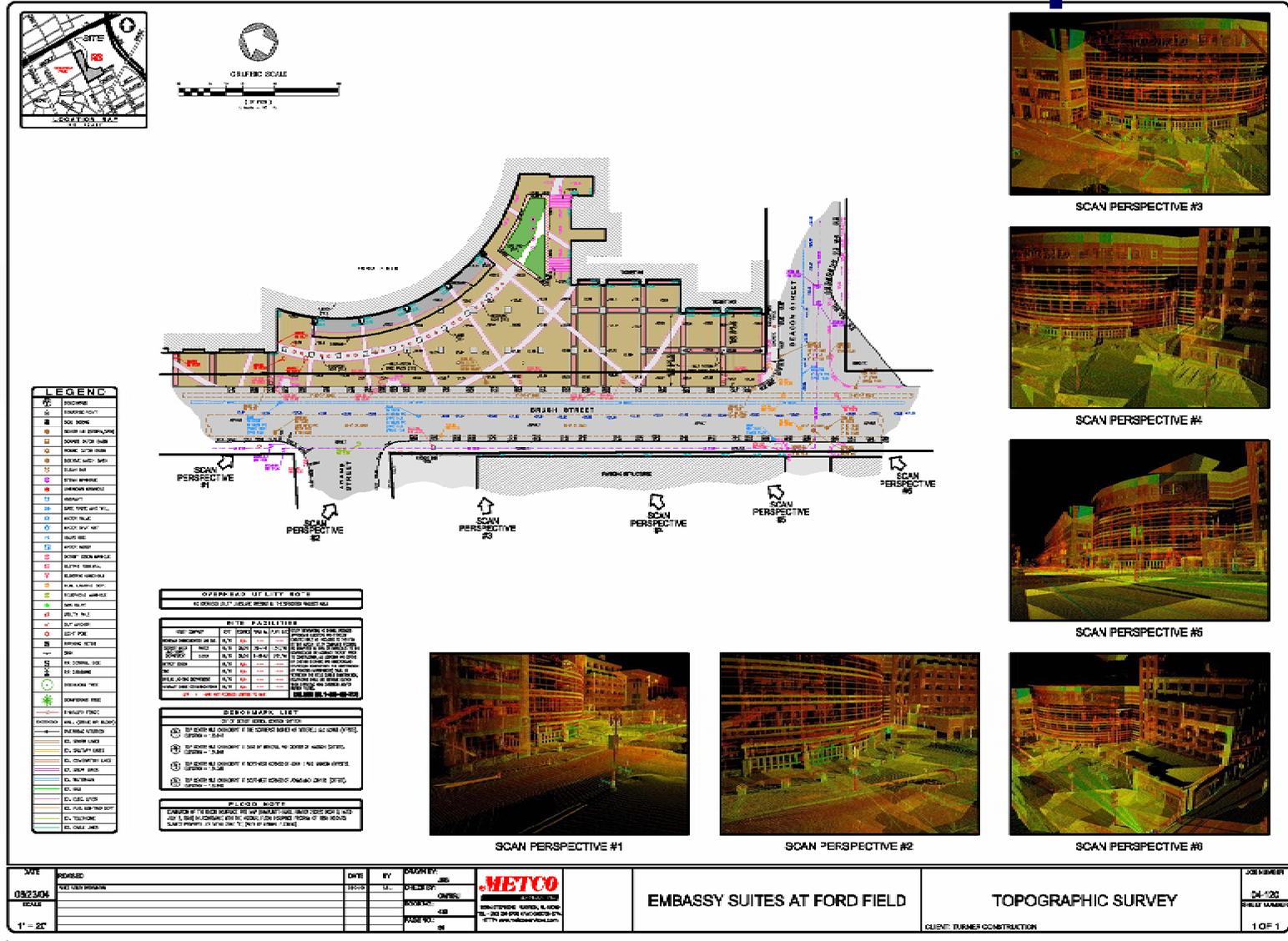
*Description keys allow points to be imported to designated layers with symbols attached according to point descriptions.*

*Data is imported to AutoCAD as Fieldbook file (.fbk)*

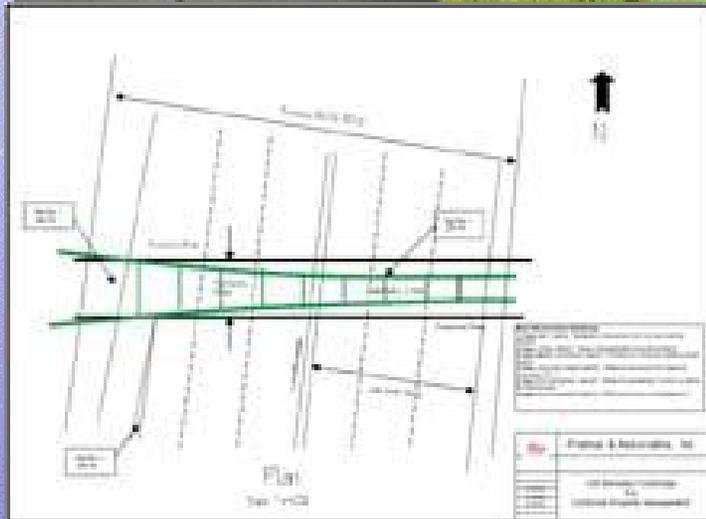
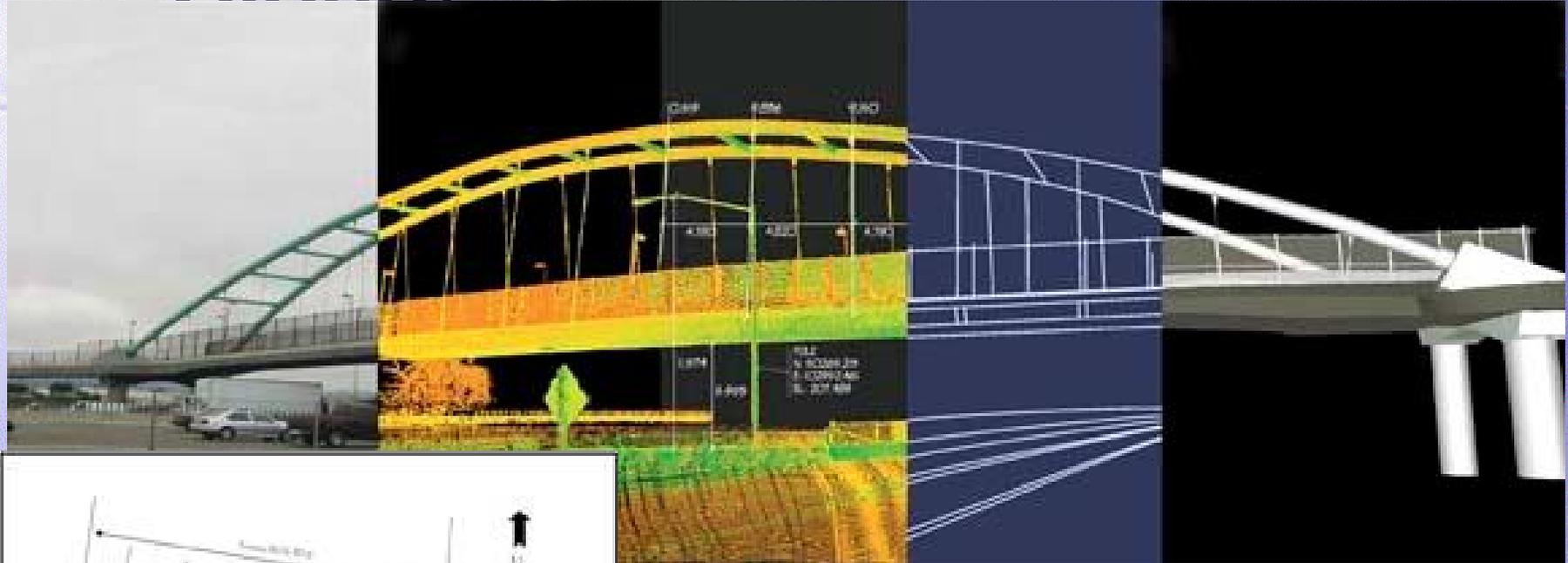
# Creating Models



# Final Deliverable Example



# HDS: The Potential is in the Cloud!



Mining the Cloud...  
Capturing Reality  
“Delivering the Deliverables”