



Geomatics Engineering and Autonomous Vehicles



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Advanced Driver Assistance Systems: Motivation



- Collision avoidance



- Traffic congestion avoidance



- Air pollution avoidance



Advanced Driver Assistance Systems: Levels

- **Level 0:** Full human control
- **Level 1:** Some functions (steering/acceleration/deceleration) are controlled by the car.
- **Level 2:** Driver is disengaged from physically operating the vehicle by having his/herself hands off the steering wheel AND foot off the pedal at the same time.
 - However, the driver must still always be ready to take control of the vehicle.
- **Level 3:** The driver is still present and must intervene if necessary, but is not required to monitor the situation in the same way as for the previous levels.
- **Level 4:** Fully autonomous – vehicles are designed to perform all safety-critical driving functions and monitor road conditions for an entire trip.
 - limited to the Operational Design Domain meaning it does not cover all driving scenarios
- **Level 5:** Fully-autonomous – expects the vehicle's performance to equal that of a human driver, in every driving scenario

The car becomes safer.

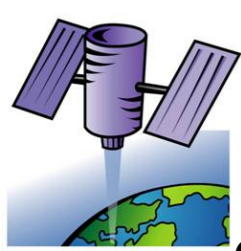


Connected/Autonomous Vehicles

- Implementation of connected and autonomous vehicle technology will produce a shift in the decision making paradigm as it relates to existing and planned transportation infrastructure.
- Automation of road vehicles is accelerating:
 - Substantial private investment,
 - Successful demonstrations, and
 - Significant public discussion
- Self-driving cars would not go far without **Geomatics Engineering technologies.**



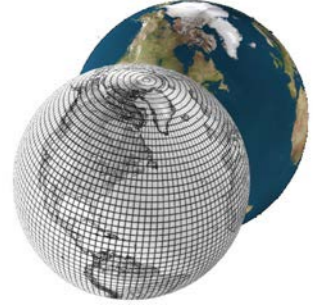
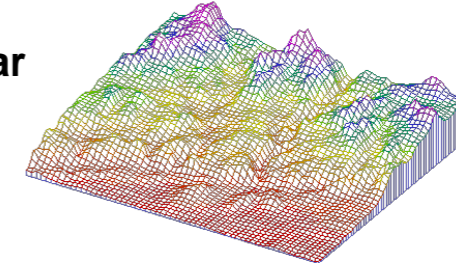
Geomatics Engineering



GPS, Remote Sensing



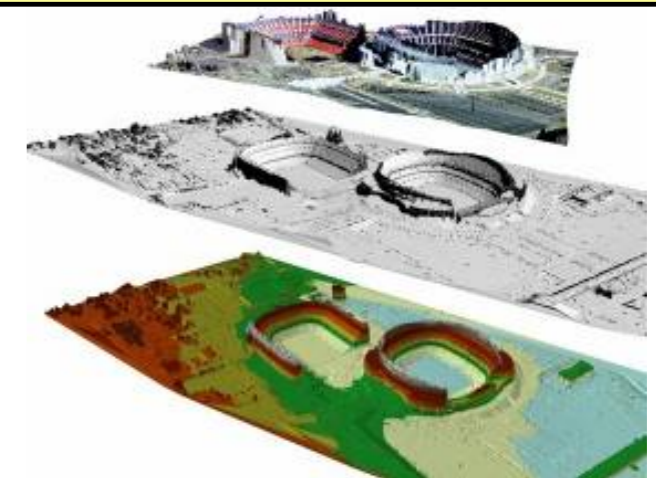
Camera,
LiDAR, Radar



*Spatial Data
Acquisition*

*Spatial Data
Modeling*

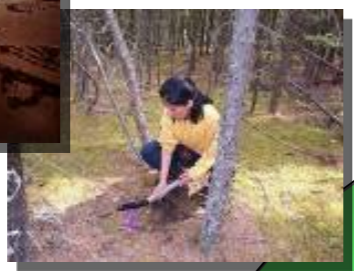
Geomatics Engineering: The science of the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data, especially instrumental data, relating to the **Earth's surface**.





Geomatics Engineering

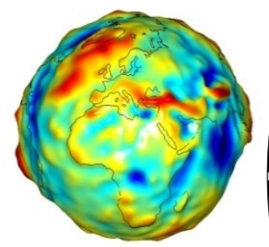
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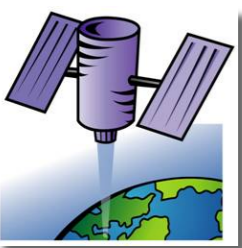
Remote Sensing



Airborne Mapping
(Camera, LiDAR)



Gravimetry



GNSS
Navigation

Earth
Observation

Digital
Imaging

Positioning
Navigation and
Wireless Location

GIS and
Land Tenure



Google Earth



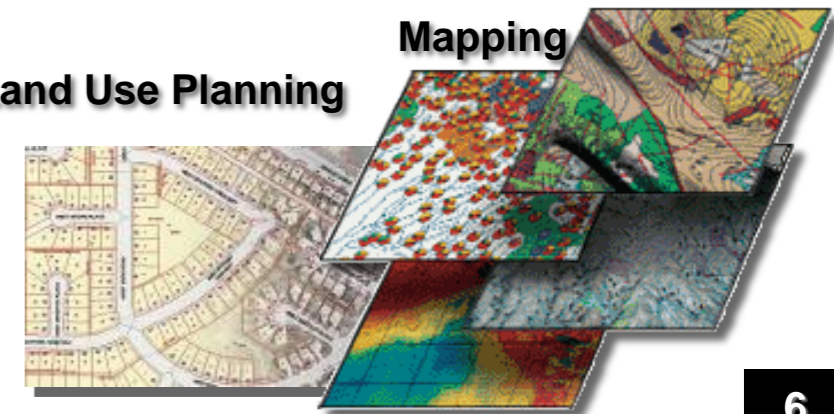
GPS



Surveying



Land Use Planning



Mapping



Geomatics Engineering: Emerging Applications

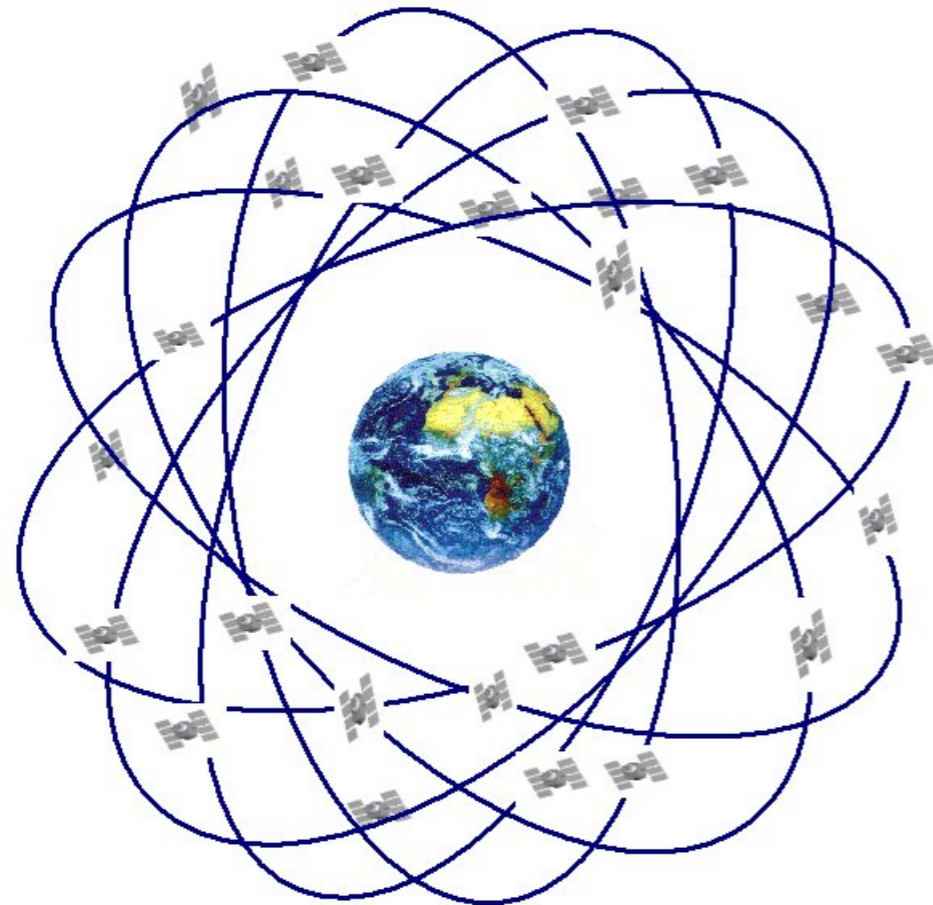
Infrastructure
Monitoring

Geomatics Engineering technologies are witnessing unprecedented advances in several fronts.

Transportation
Management



GNSS Positioning

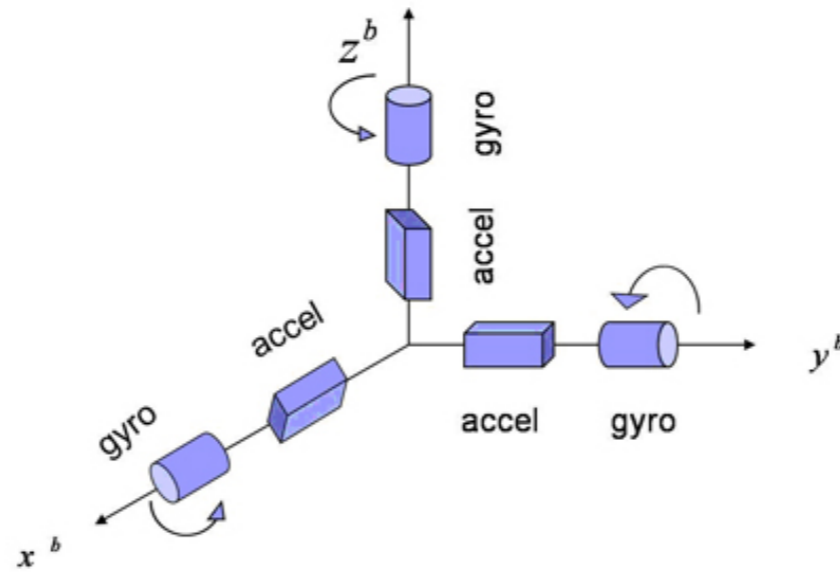


GPS (USA)
Galileo (EU)
GLONASS (Russia)
COMPASS (China)





INS for Position & Attitude Estimation



Inertial Measurement Unit
3 accelerometers, 3 gyroscopes



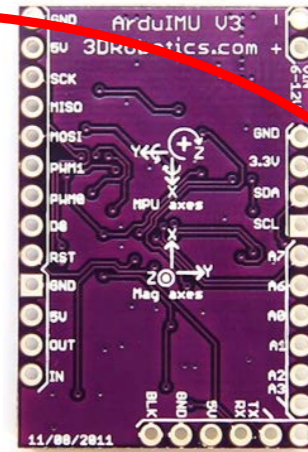
Navigation Grade
>\$50K
>5lb



Tactical Grade
\$10K-20K
~1lb



Commercial
\$0.5K-3k
<5oz



MEMS
<\$500



Imaging Systems



Traditional Mapping Cameras

Large-Format Imaging Systems



Low-Cost Digital Cameras

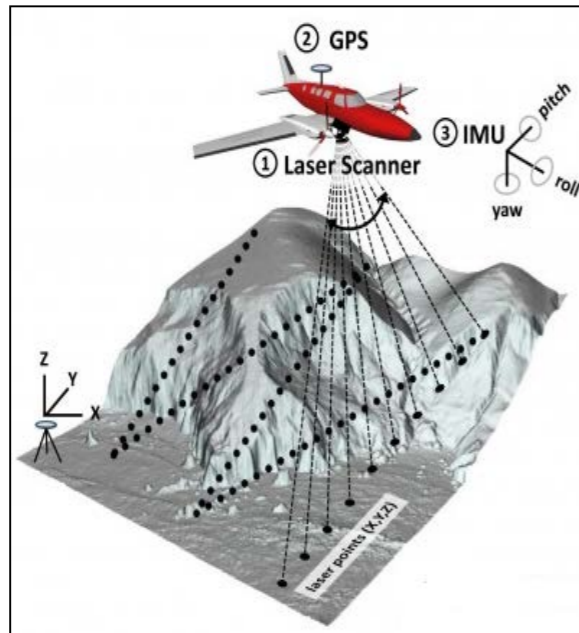


Medium and Small-Format Digital Imaging Systems

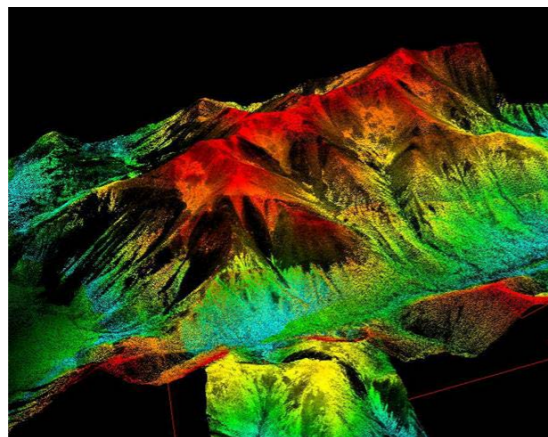


Laser Scanning

Airborne Laser Scanning



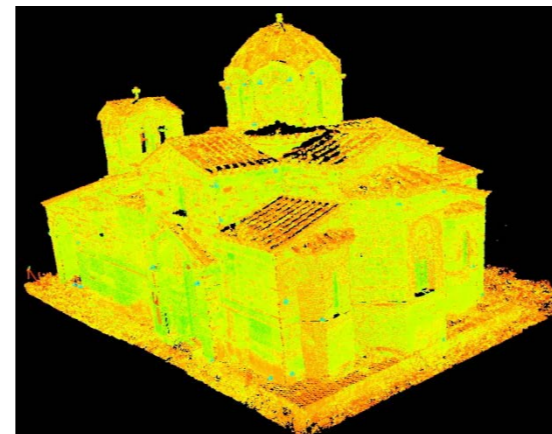
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Static Terrestrial Laser Scanning



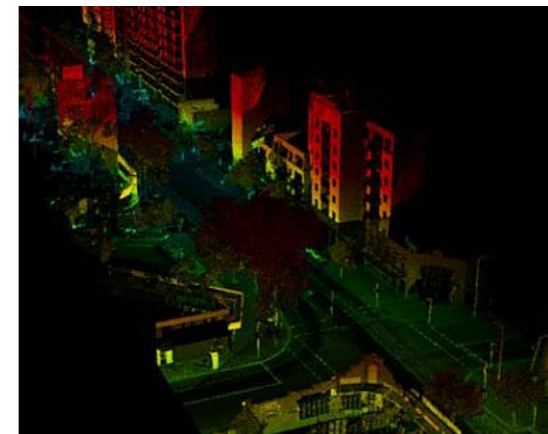
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Kinematic Terrestrial Laser Scanning



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Laser Scanning



Optech Pegasus System

In addition to sensor technologies, Mobile Mapping Systems (MMS) have changed the way we derive geospatial products.



RIGEL VUX-1
Survey-grade sensor



Velodyne HDL-32



Velodyne VLP-16



Mobile Mapping Systems (MMS)

Airborne

Mobile Mapping Systems (MMS) are moving platforms upon which multiple sensors/measurement systems have been integrated to provide three-dimensional near-continuous positioning of both the **platform's path** in space and **simultaneously collected geo-spatial data**.

UAV



Mobile Mapping Systems: Wheel-Based





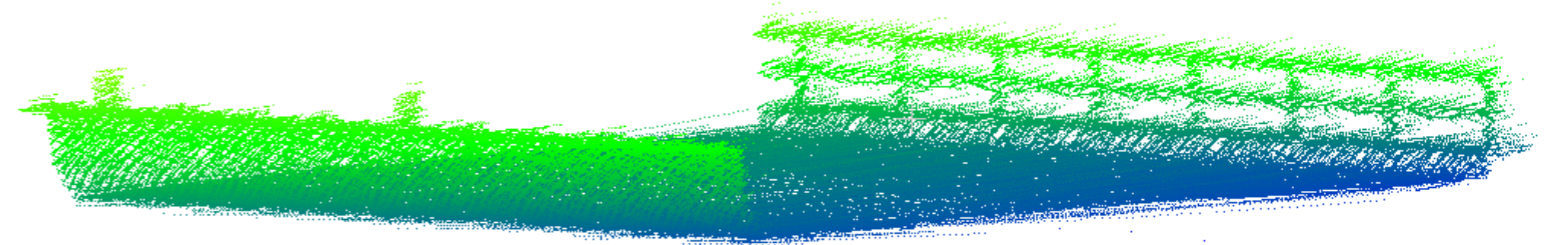
Mobile Mapping Systems: Wheel-Based



University of Calgary



Mobile Mapping Systems: Wheel-Based



Purdue University



Wheel-Based Mobile Mapping Platforms: Sensors

- **HDL32E**

- 32 Channels
- 700,000 Points per Second
- +10° to -30° Vertical FOV



- **VLP16**

- 16 Channels
- 300,000 Points per Second
- -15° to +15° vertical FOV



- **SPAN-CPT**

- 20 Hz GNSS position collection rate
- 100 Hz IMU measurement rate
- Accuracy in position < 2cm
- Accuracy in attitude
 - ~ 0.008° in the roll/pitch
 - ~ 0.035° in heading directions





Wheel-Based Mobile Mapping Platforms: Sensors

- Imaging Unit**

Flea2G 5.0 MP Color

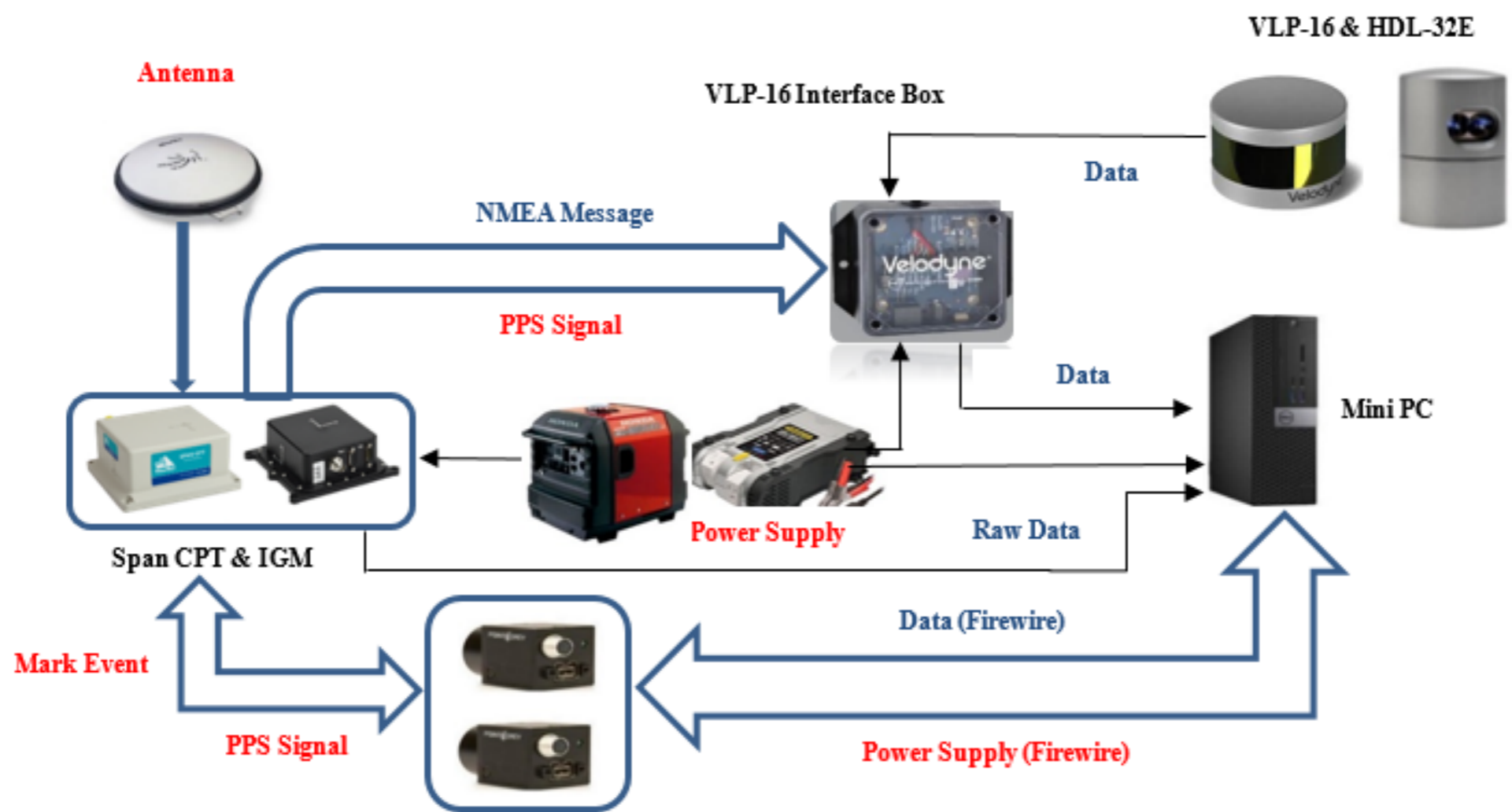
Resolution	2448 x 2048
Frame Rate	7.5 FPS
Megapixels	Up to 5.0 MP
Chroma	Color
Sensor Type	CCD
Readout Method	Global shutter
Sensor Format	2/3"
Pixel Size	3.45 μm
Lens Mount	C-mount
ADC	12-bit





Wheel-Based Mobile Mapping Platforms

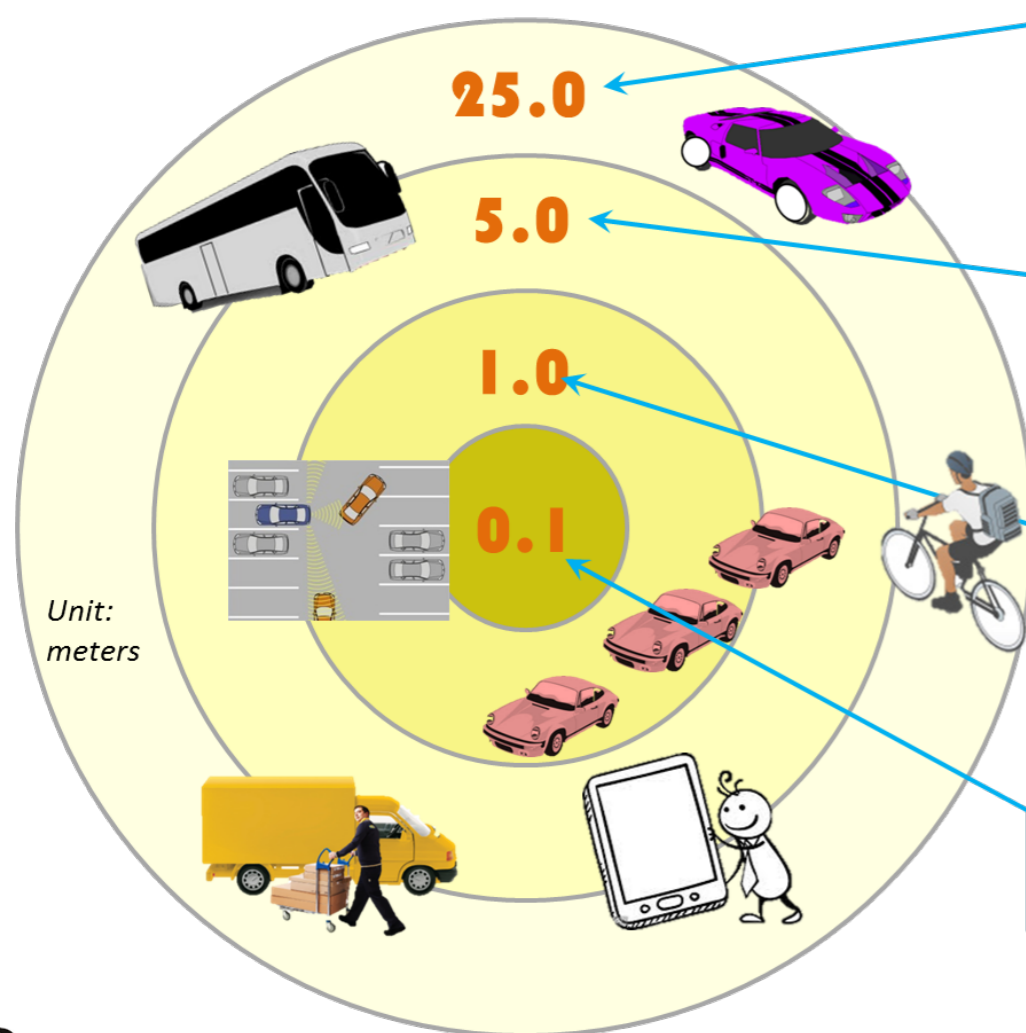
Sensor Integration





Connected/Autonomous Vehicles: Challenges

Level of Required Accuracy in Transportation Management



- Trip travel information
- fleet management
- stolen vehicle recovery
- dynamic route guidance

- in-car navigation
- urban traffic control
- emergency call
- road user charging

- collision avoidance
- restraint deployment
- intelligent speed adaptation

- Automated highway
- lane control

- Real world problems:
 - *Weather*
 - *Construction*
 - *Obsolete information*
- Sensors:
 - *Cost*
 - *Calibration*
 - *Wear and tear*
- Interactions:
 - *Communication*
 - *V2V Coordination*
- Reliability:
 - *Driver education*
 - *Driver testing*
 - *Uniformity among states*
 - *Accuracy requirements*



Connected/Autonomous Vehicles: Current Status

- Data processing for extraction and transmission of useful information, such as:

- Accurate 3D point cloud reconstruction
- Feature identification
 - ✓ Lane markers,
 - ✓ Stop/yield signs,
 - ✓ Pole-like features
 - ✓ Zebra-crossings





Ubiquitous Mobile Mapping Systems



- **Rack**
up to 4 cameras with
4 possible combinations
- **GPS Receiver**
- **Inertial Navigation
System**





Ubiquitous Mobile Mapping Systems

- The regulation sets a 2018 deadline for rearview monitoring technology to be standard on passenger vehicles sold or leased in the United States.
- In most vehicles, the technology will consist of a back-up camera.
- In conjunction with onboard GNSS units, we have the basic elements of a low-cost MMS.





Ubiquitous Mobile Mapping Systems

- **Velodyne Solid-State Hybrid Ultra Puck Auto**
- **Cost \$500; Range 200m**
- **Intended for ADAS level 4 & 5**
- **Ford will be using the Velodyne Solid-State Hybrid for its ADAS.**





MMS & Work Zone Data Collection (I65 – 178/158)



August 12nd, 2016



MMS & Work Zone Data Collection (I70 – Vigo)



November 5th, 2016



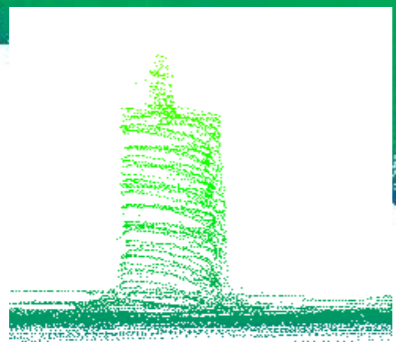
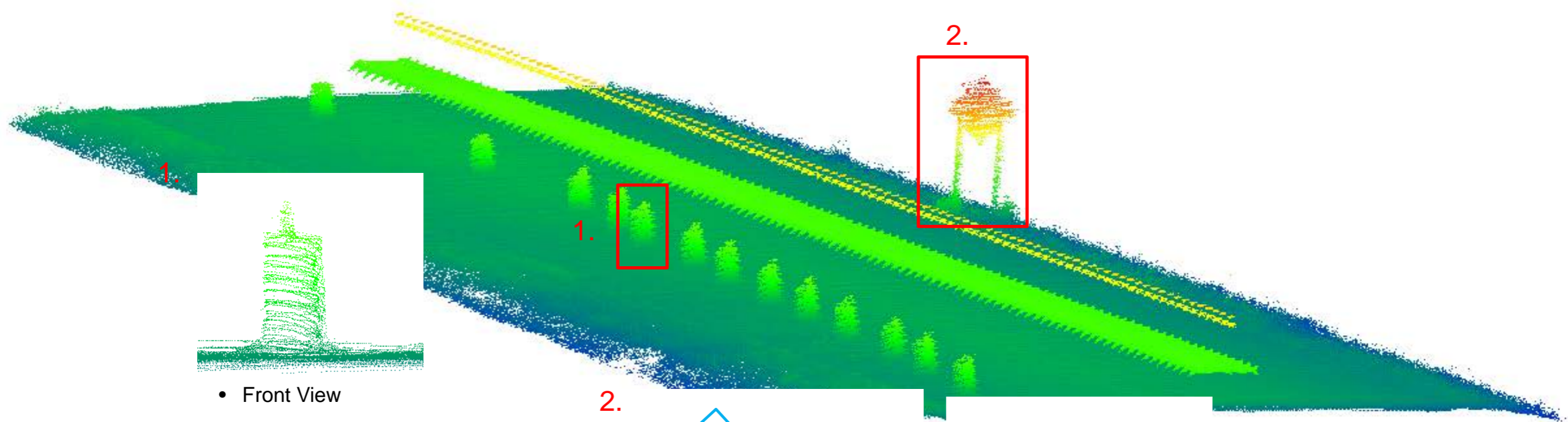
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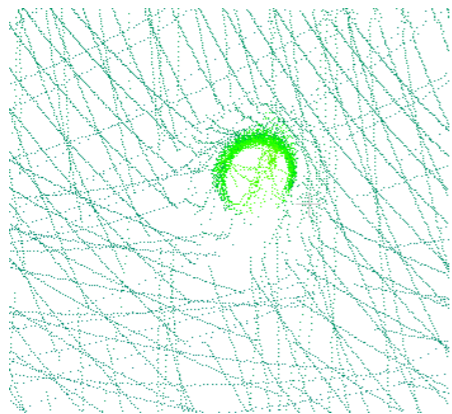
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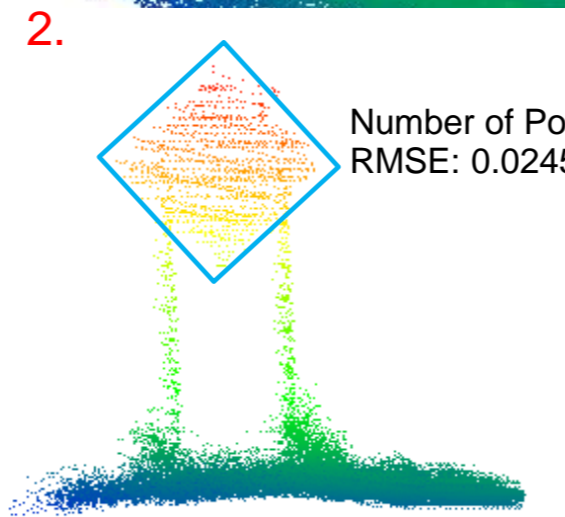
Identifiable Features in Mobile LiDAR Data



• Front View

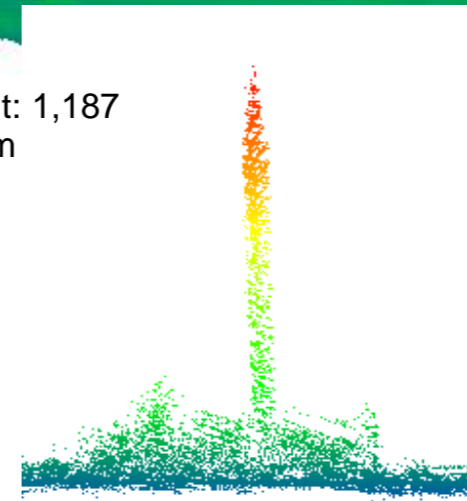


• Top View



• Front View

Number of Point: 1,187
RMSE: 0.0245m

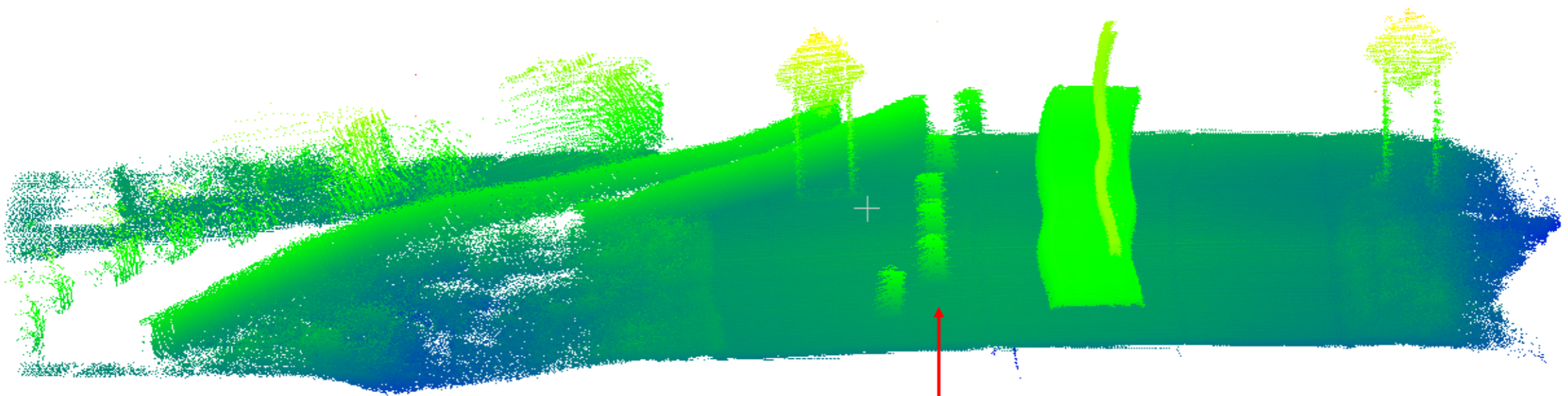
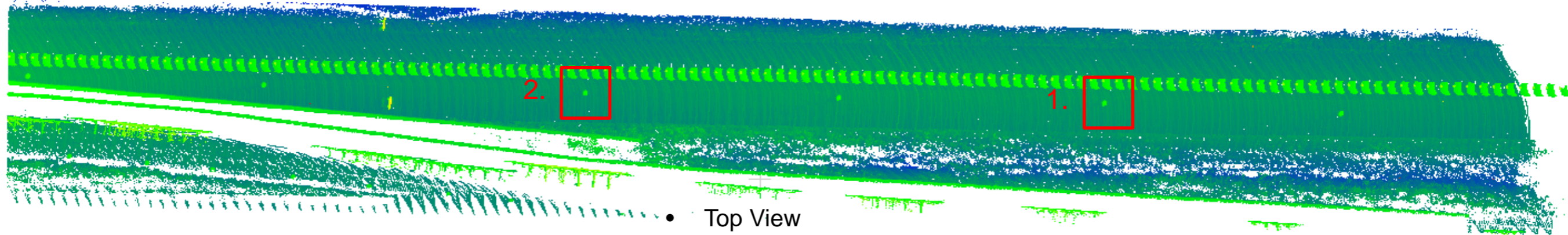


• Side View

• Colored by height



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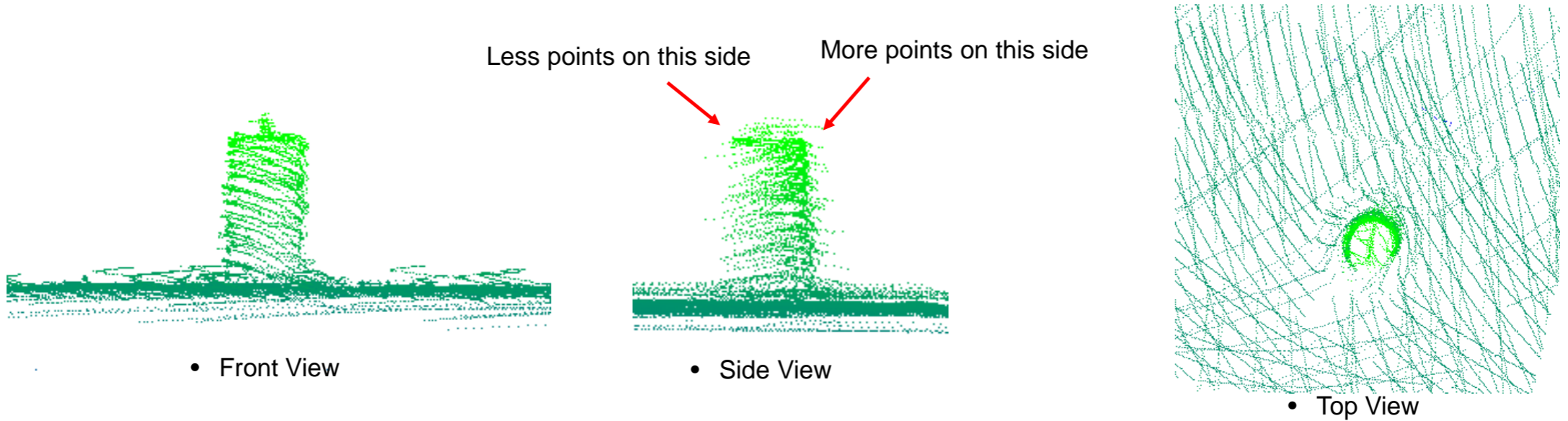


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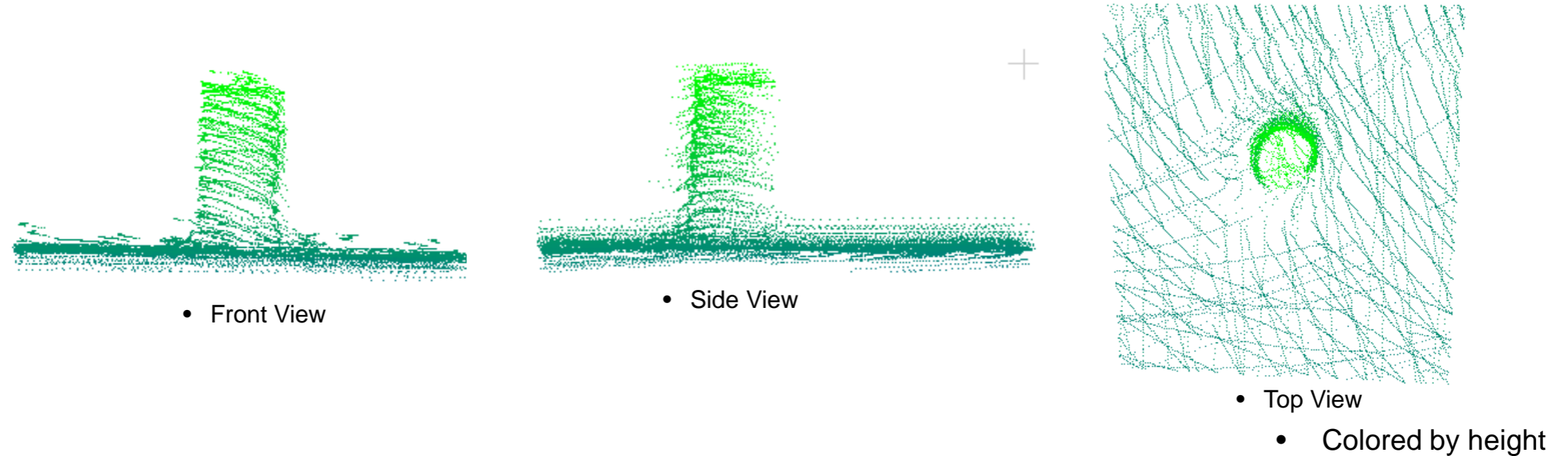


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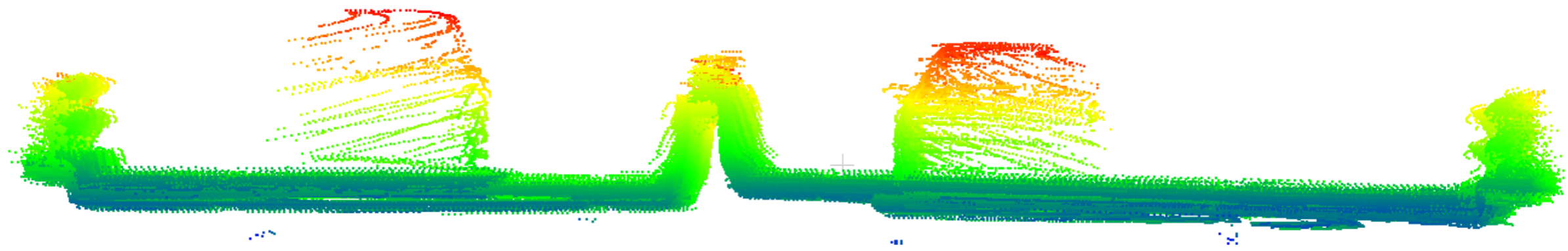


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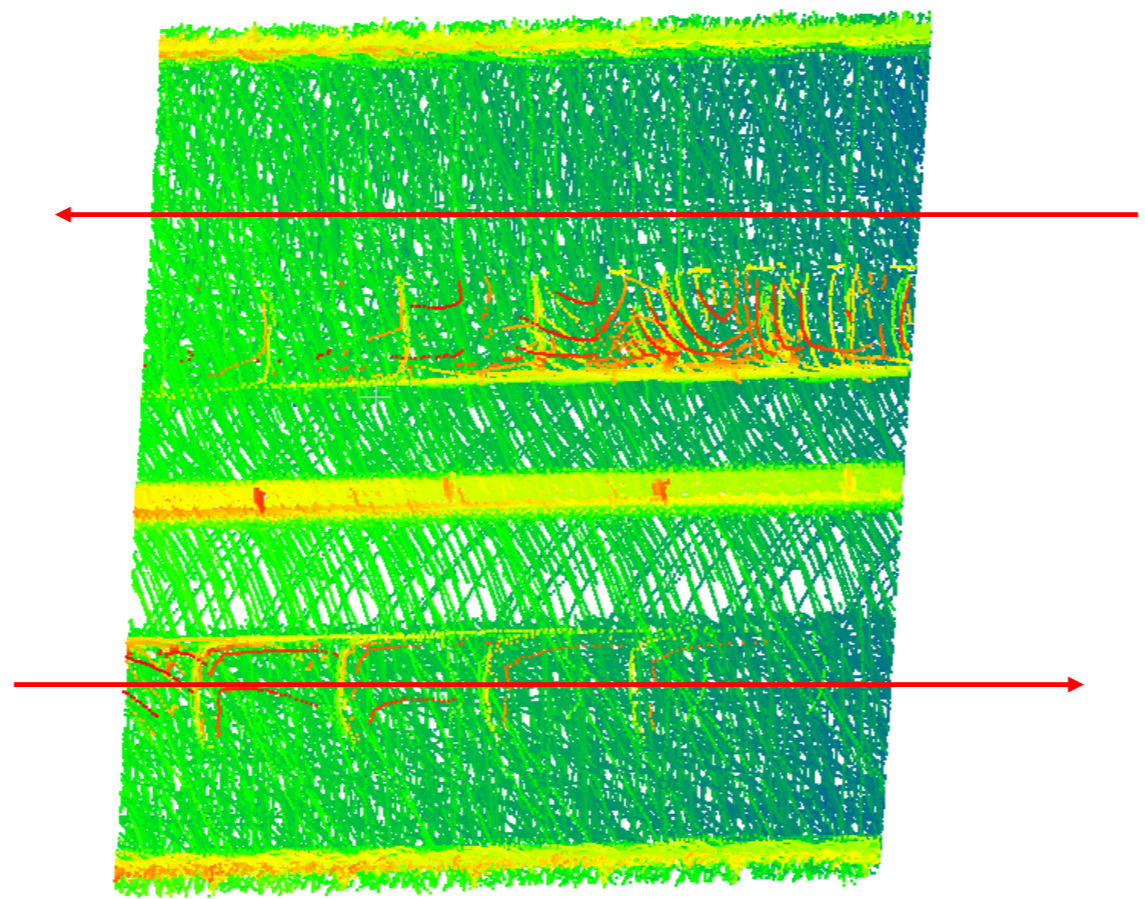




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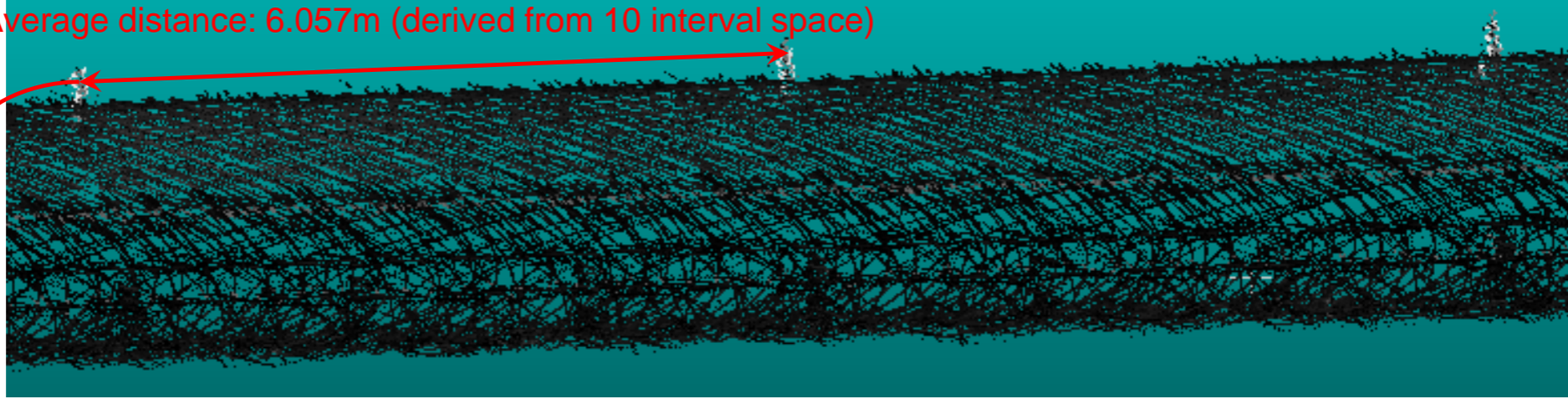
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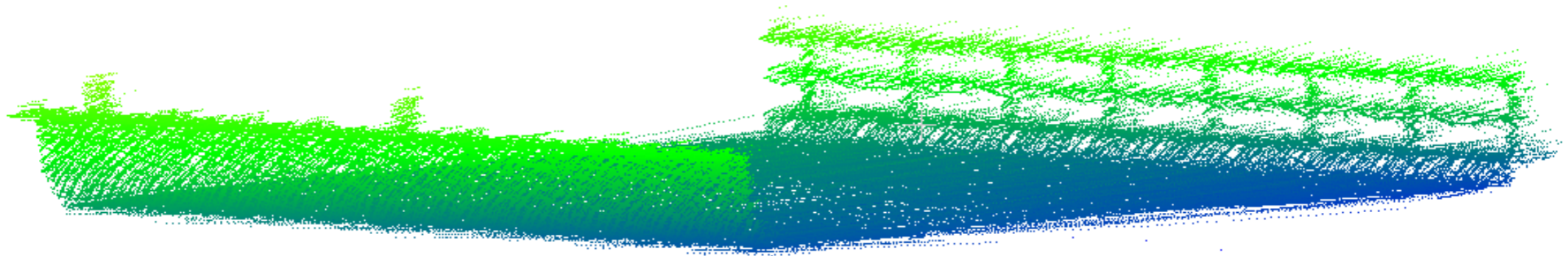
Identifiable Features in Mobile LiDAR Data

Average distance: 6.057m (derived from 10 interval space)



We can see the reflective boards

- Colored by Intensity

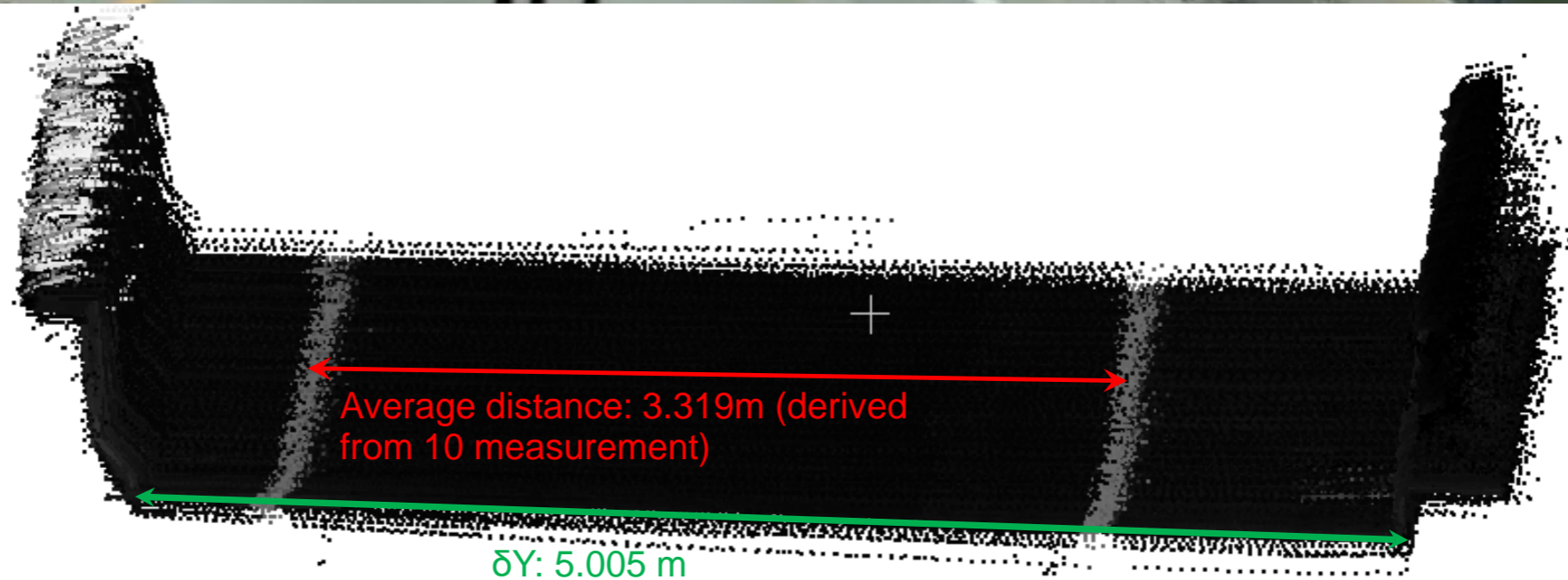


- Side View

- Colored by height



Lane-Width Evaluation

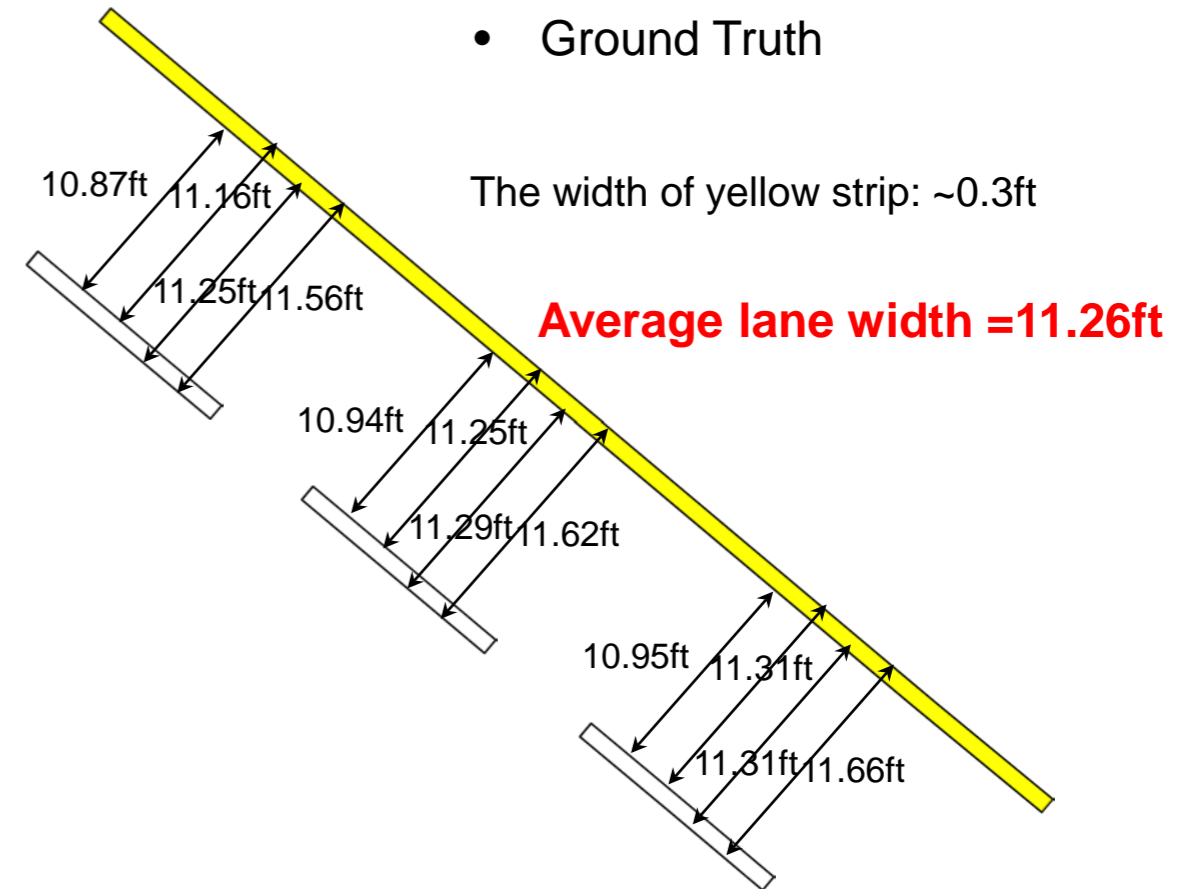
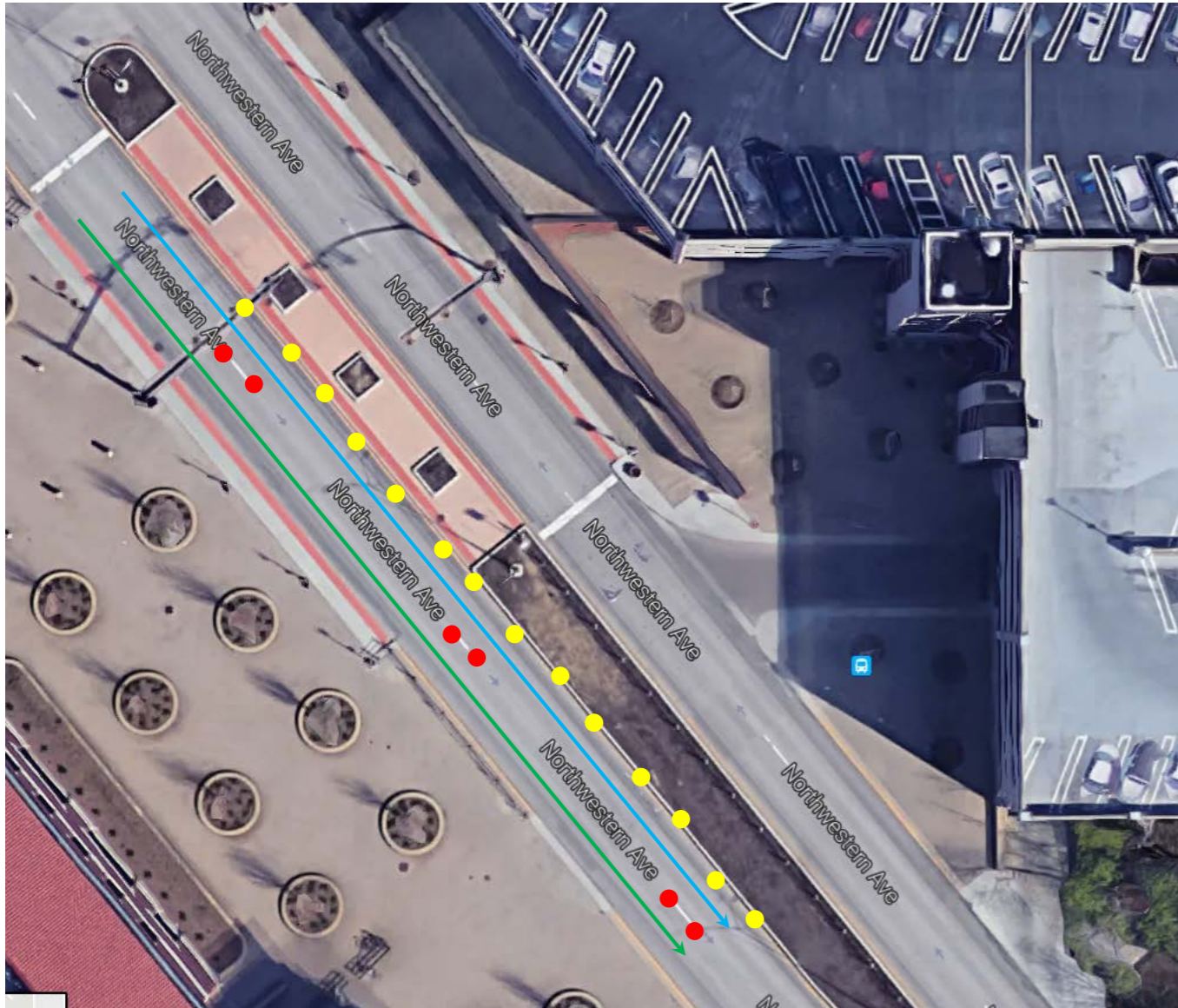


• Colored by Intensity

• Side View



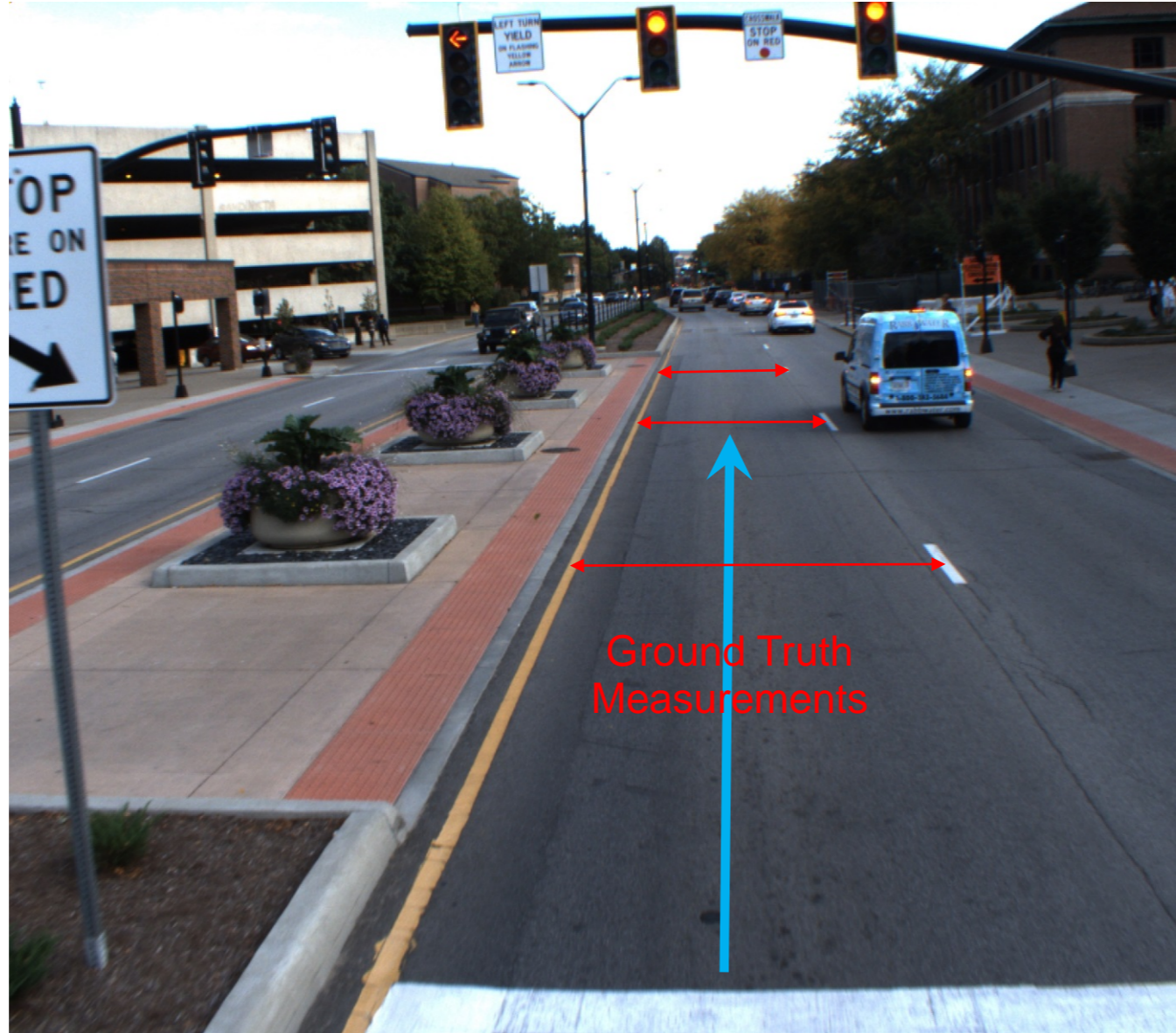
Lane-Width Evaluation: Quality Control



- LiDAR dataset from two driving runs are tested (green & cyan).
- We have a central white line and yellow edge line.
- The illustrated red and yellow dots are the digitized points.



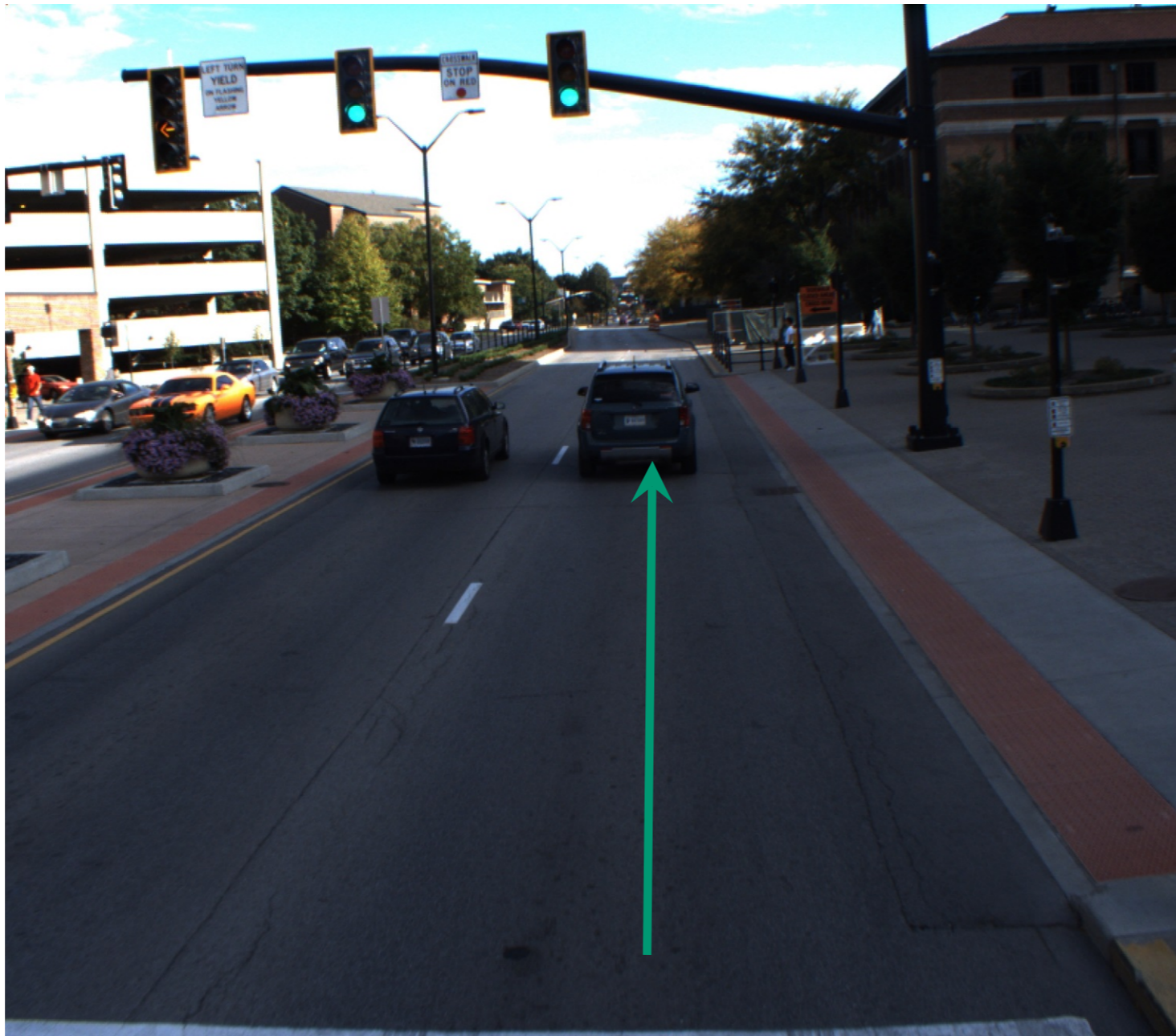
Lane-Width Evaluation: Quality Control



- Captured by Flea Camera
- **Left Lane Run**



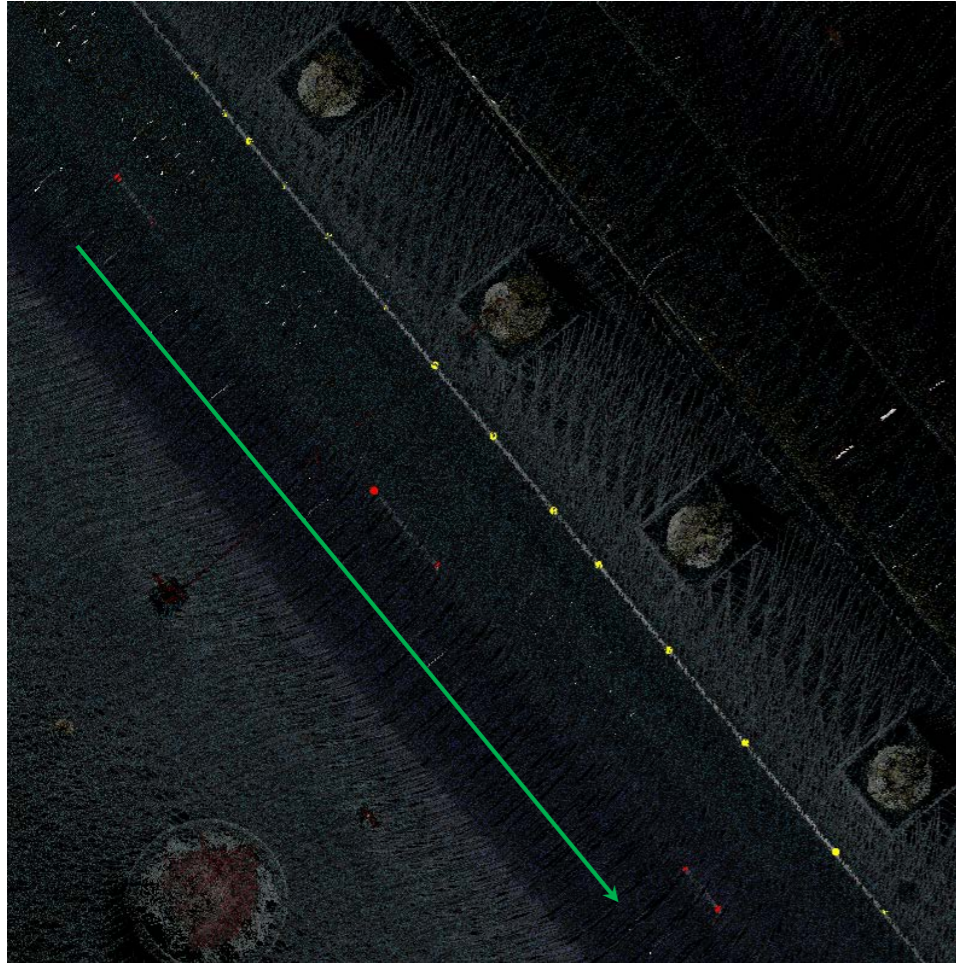
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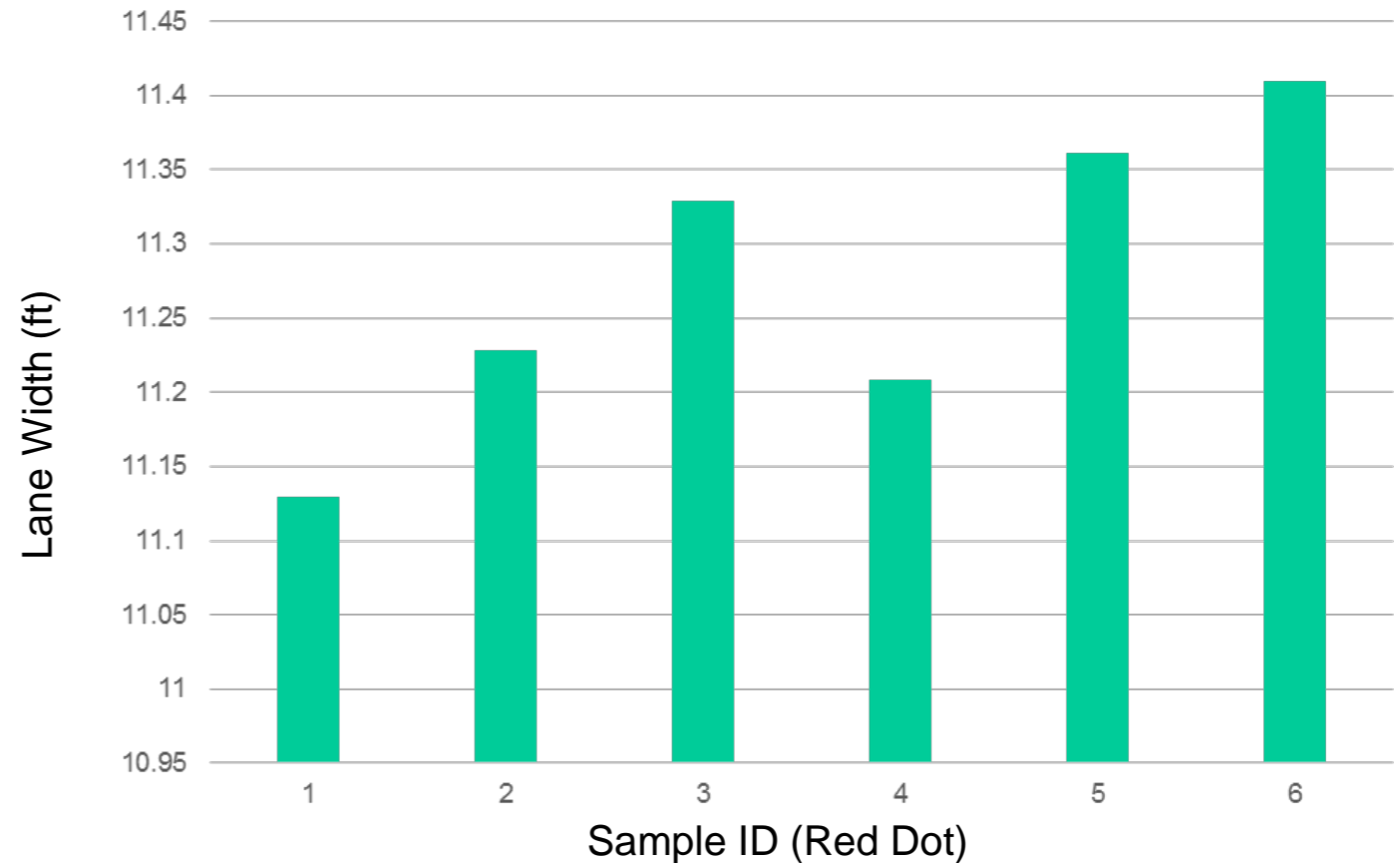
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Lane-Width Evaluation: Quality Control (Right Run)



- Collected by HDL32E
- Red (6 pts) & yellow (14 pts)

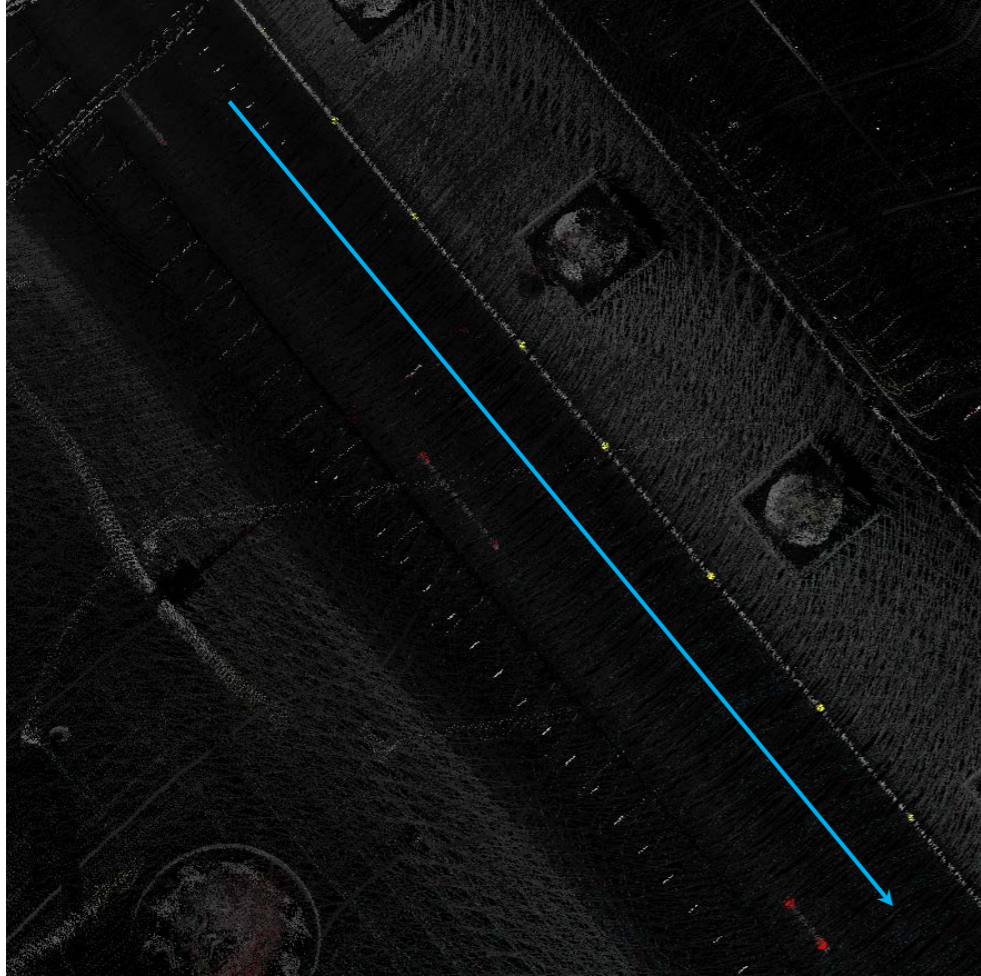


Average lane width = 11.28ft

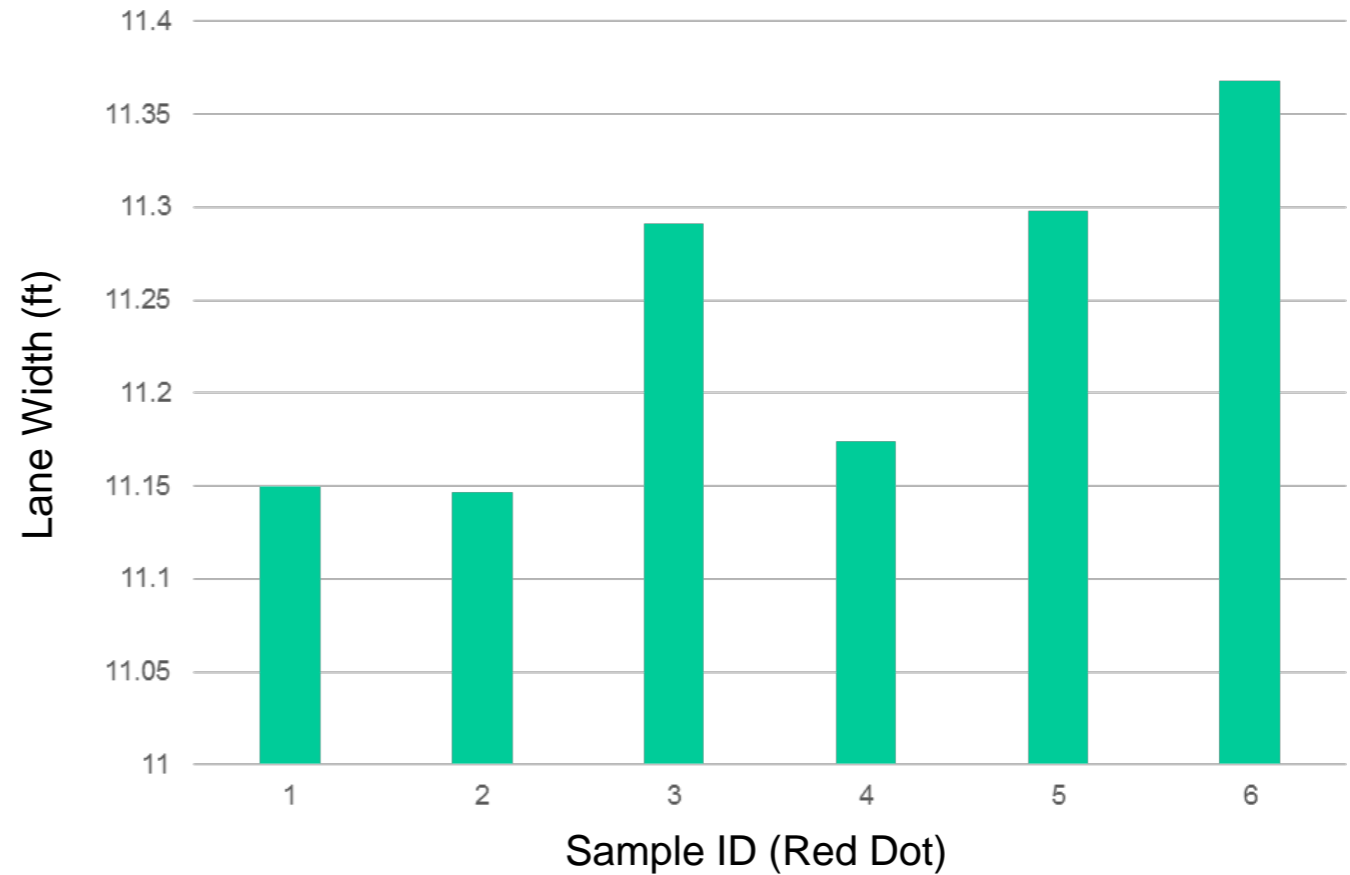
Ground Truth: Average lane width = 11.26ft



Lane-Width Evaluation: Quality Control (Left Run)



- Collected by HDL32E
- Red (6 pts) & yellow (10 pts)



Average lane width = 11.24ft

Ground Truth: Average lane width = 11.26ft



Thank You

