

# Nuages de points & SIG

Concepts, traitement et manipulation

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# Présentation

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  - Analyse et traitement des nuages de points







# Contenu

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2. Applications et cas d'usages
3. Nuage de point et SIG
  - QGIS
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  - Polyfit
  - CityGML et CityJSON
4. Mon sujet de recherche

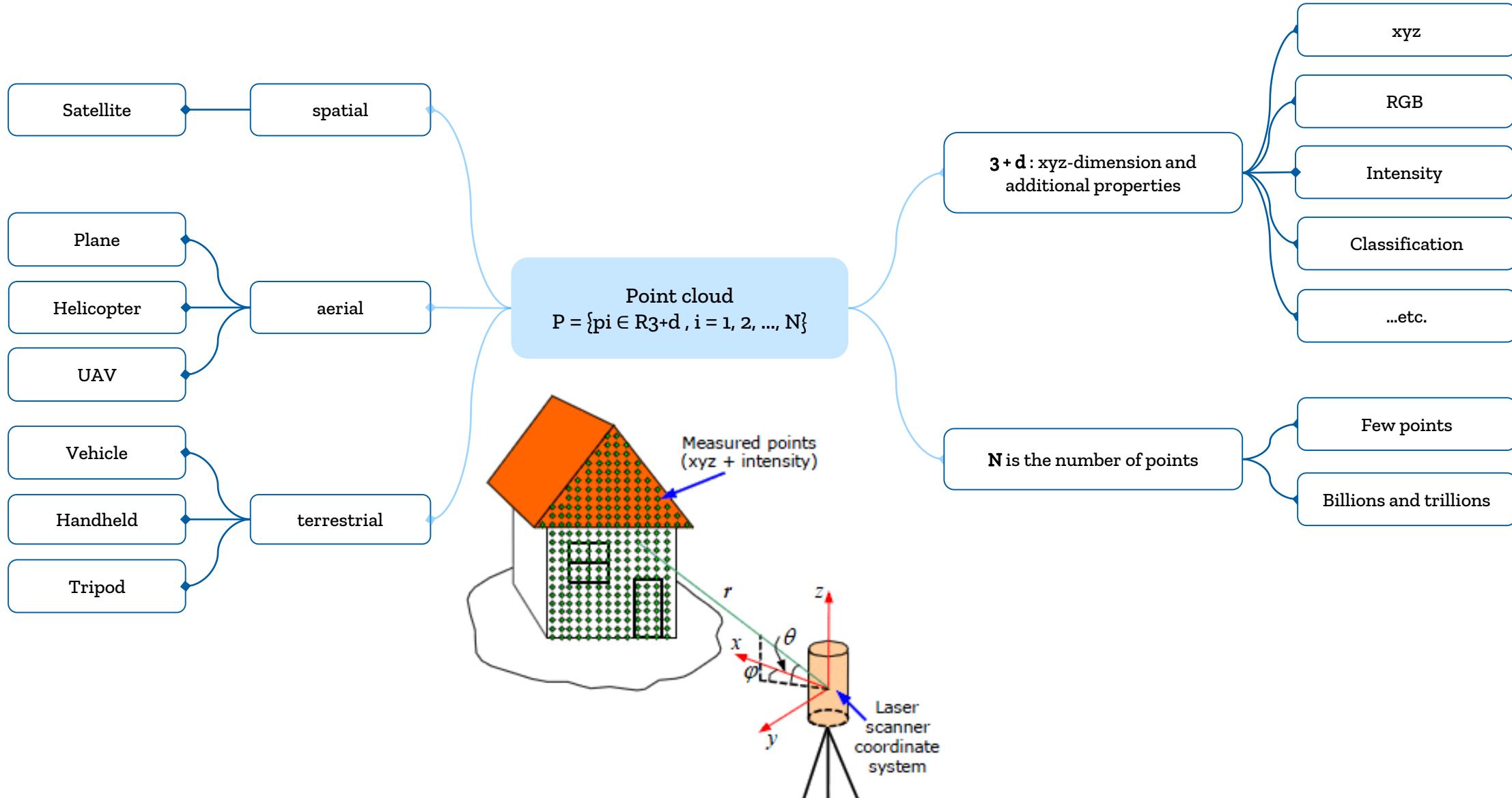


# Nuage de points 3D

## Notions & rappels



# Un nuage de points ?





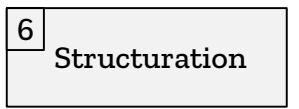
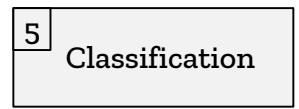
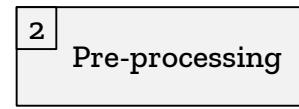
Lasergrammétrie

Photogrammétrie



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## Scanner Laser

Au sol, embarqué ou aéroporté

## Principe

Balayage haute fréquence (2M de points/s)

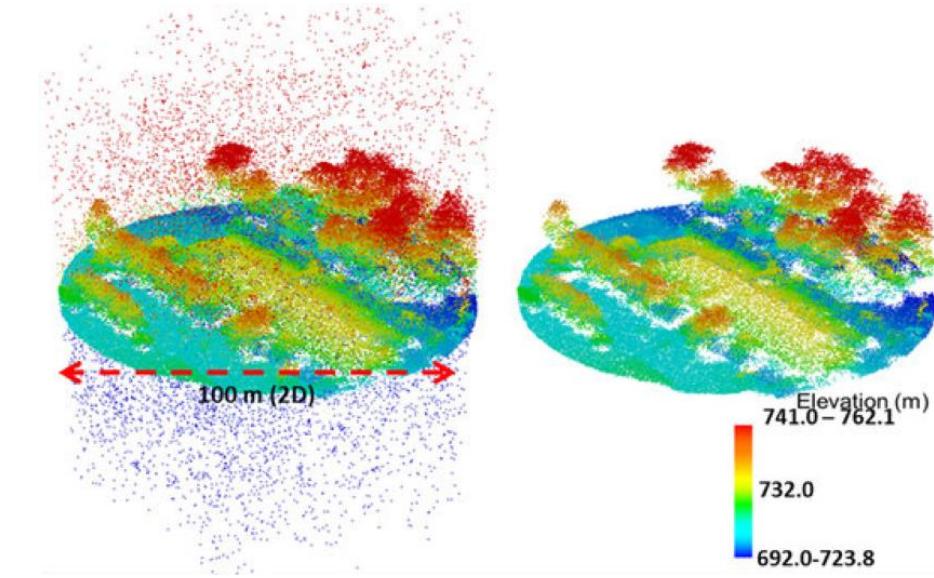
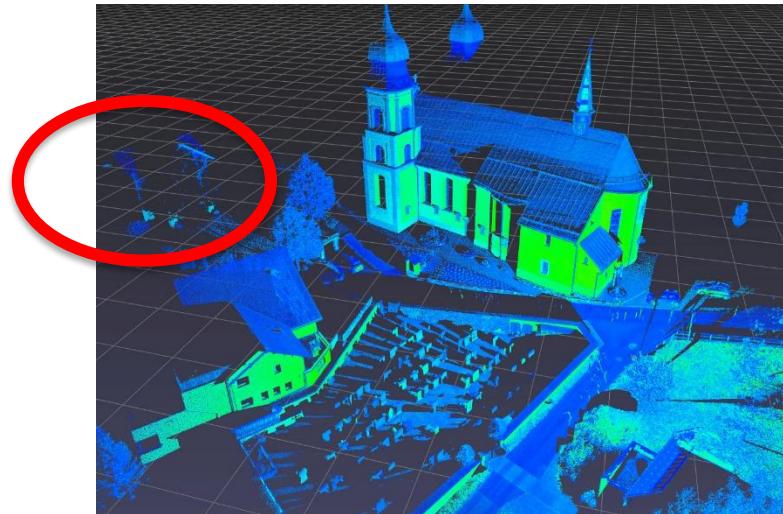
Le laser émet des impulsions

Le scanner récupère les signaux réfléchis par le sol,  
végétation, les bâtiments....

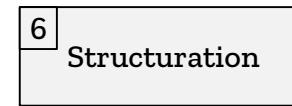
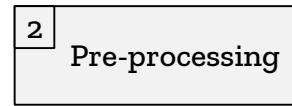




- Filtre statistique
- Double scan
- ...



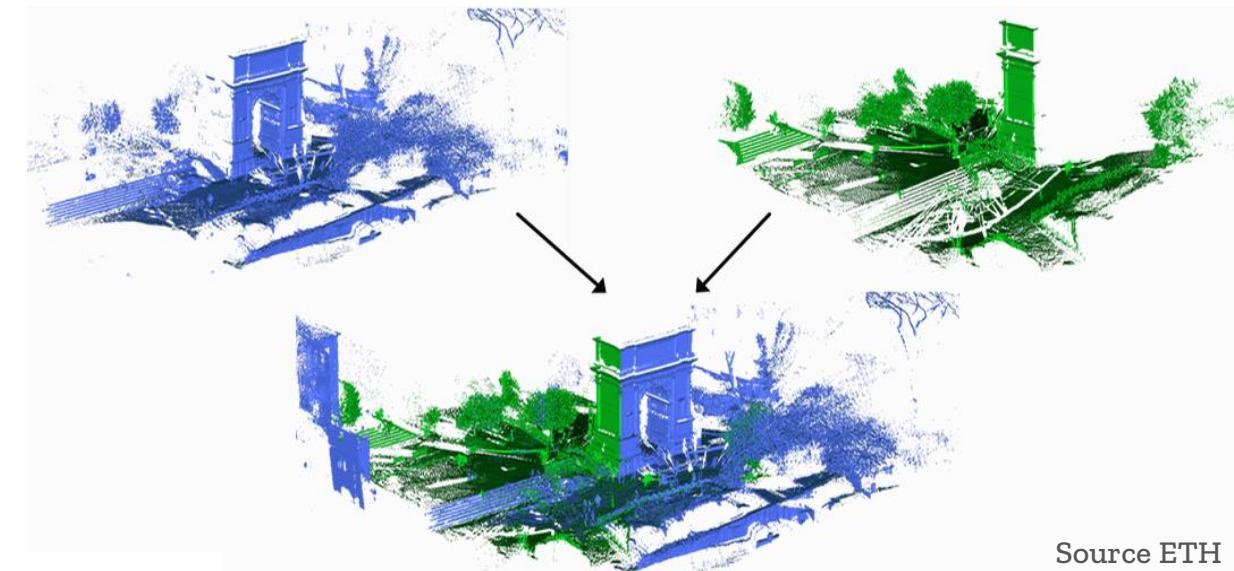
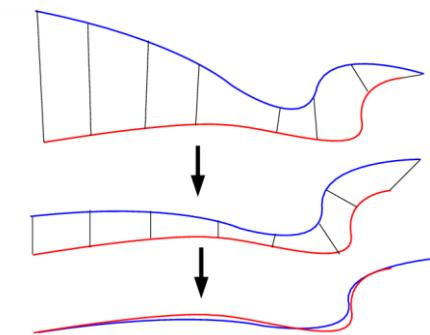
Nettoyage, filtrage, échantillonnage...etc.



- Par cible

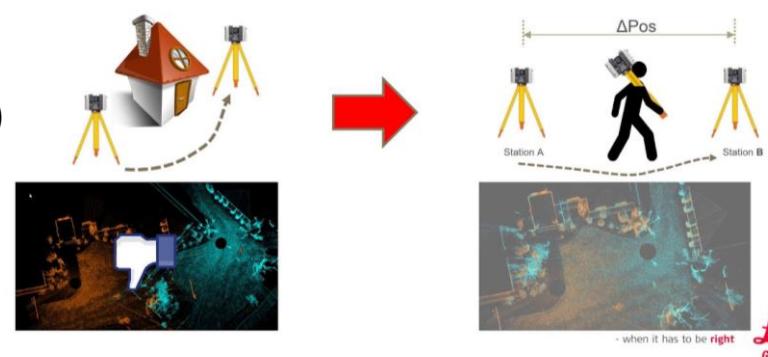


- Cloud to cloud (ICP...etc)

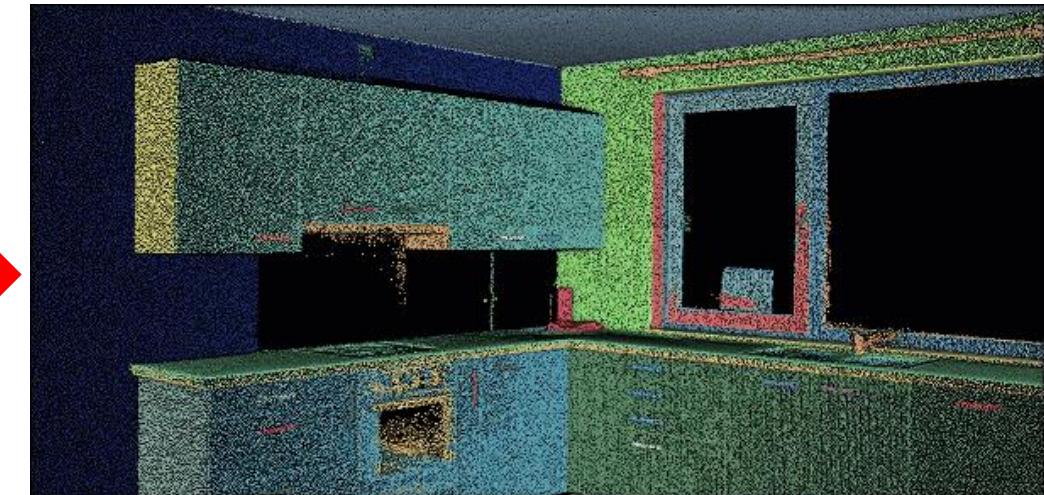
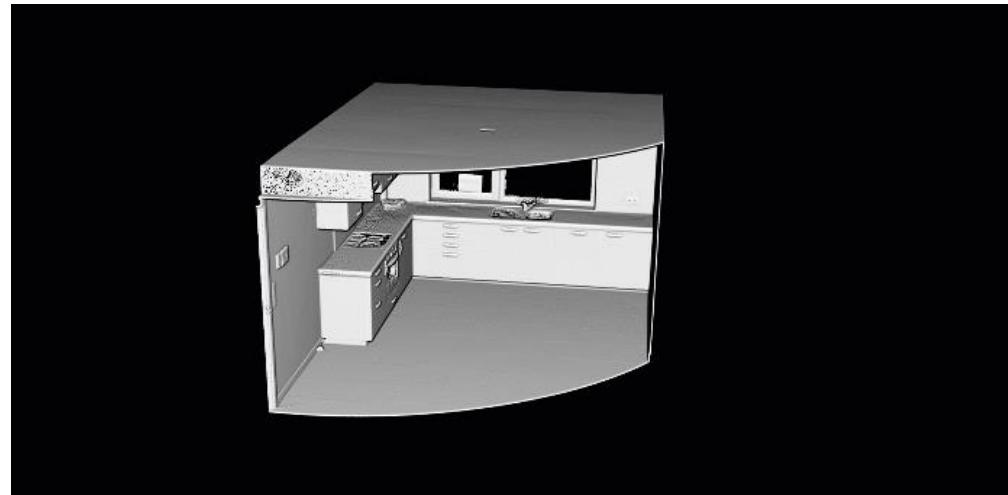
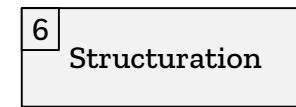
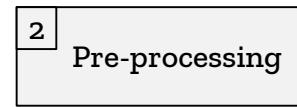


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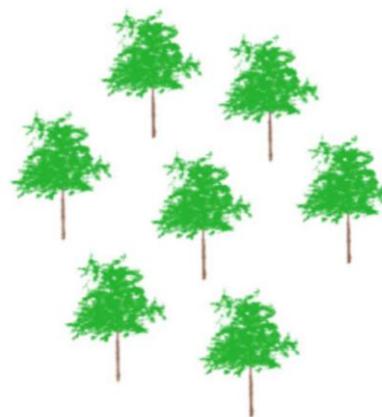
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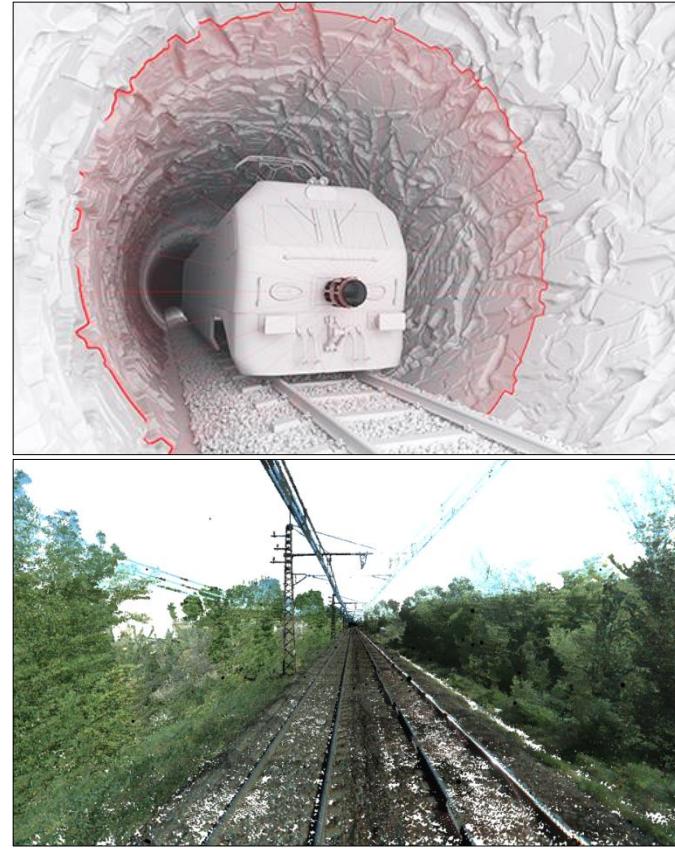
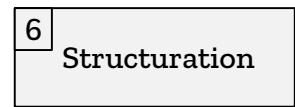
- Grand SLAM (INS+VIS)



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- RANSAC, Croissance de région, DBSCAN, HDBSCAN...etc



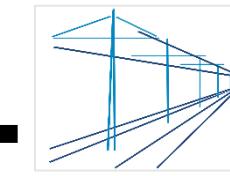
Raw 3D data

(1),(2)

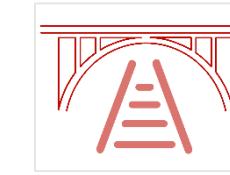
## Semantics



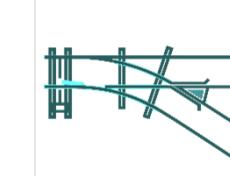
Cable



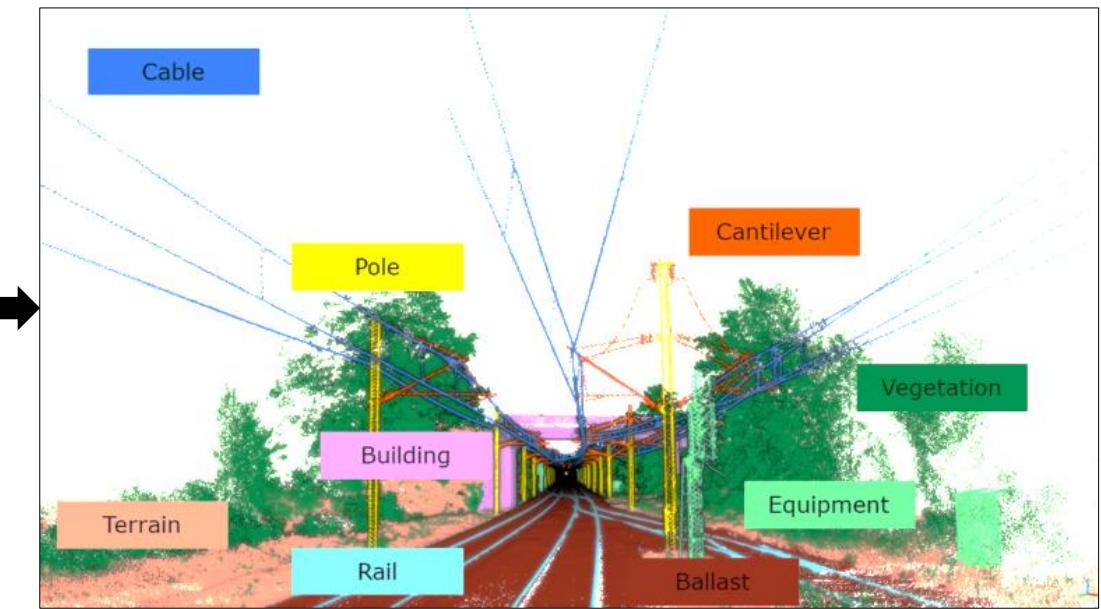
Pole



Terrain



Rail



Turning data into information

(3)

1  
Acquisition

2  
Pre-processing

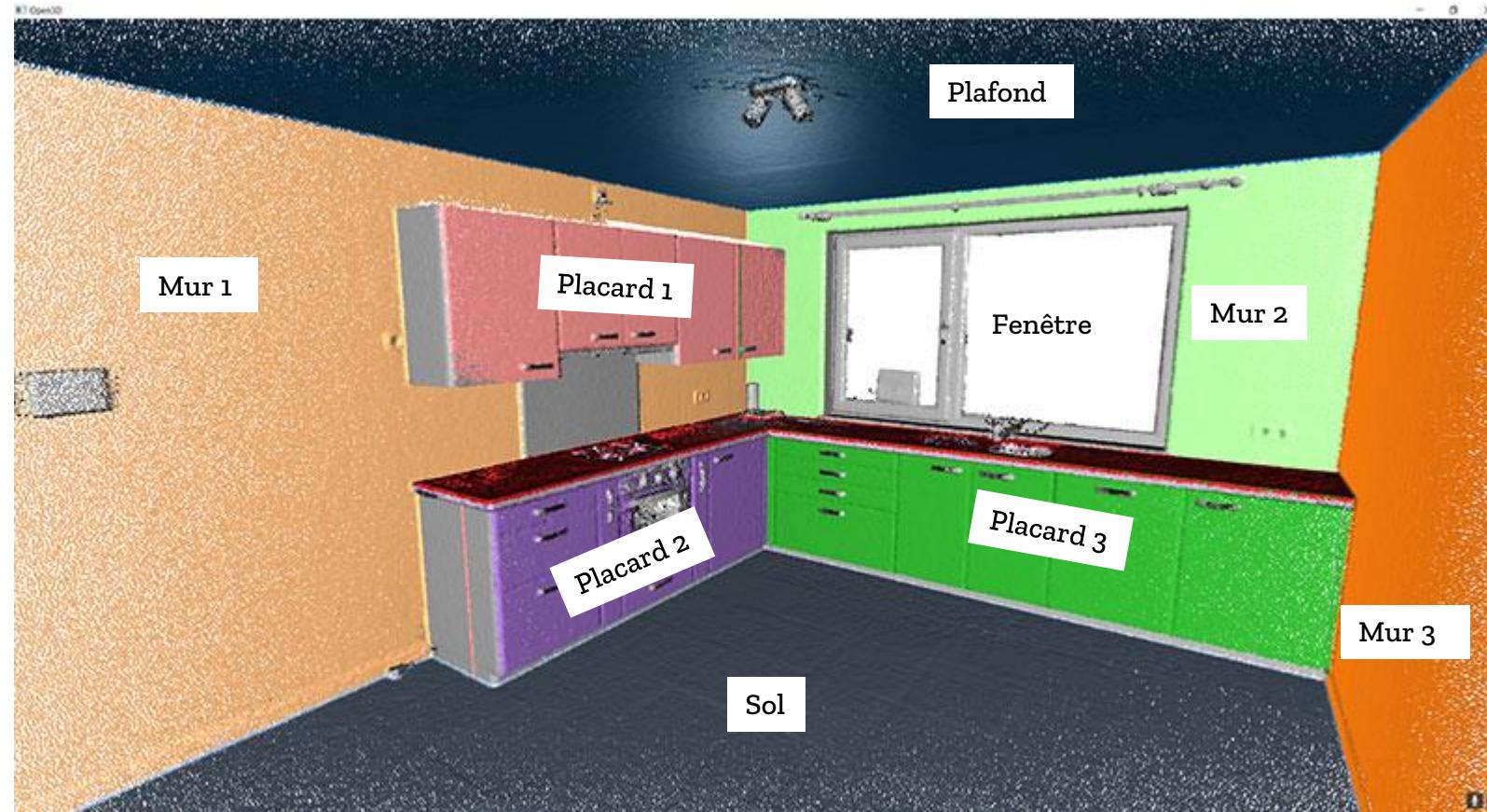
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Registration

4  
Segmentation

5  
Classification

6  
Structuration

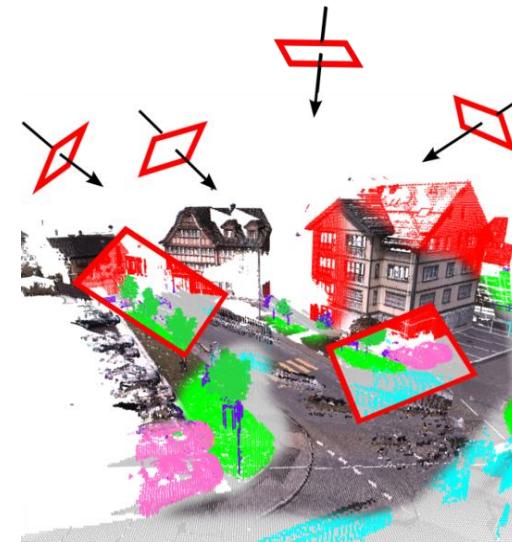
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Application



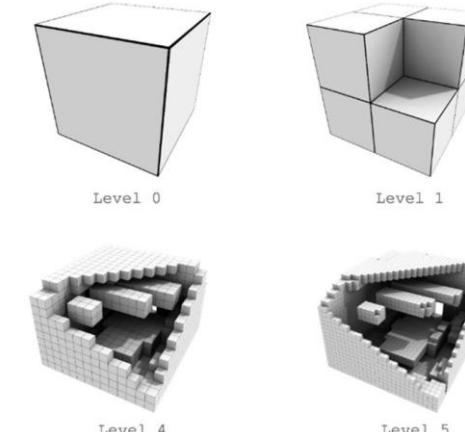
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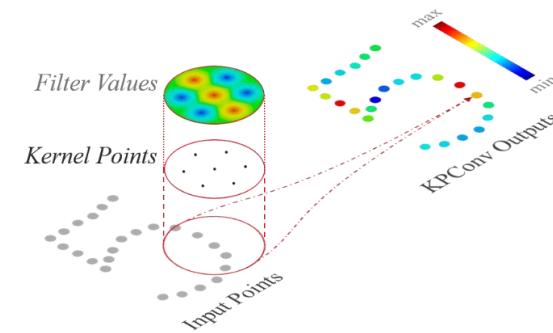
- Multi-View images [2]
- 3D regular voxel grid [3]
- Graph-based structure [1]
- Convolutional-based structure [5]
- Unordered ensemble of point [4]



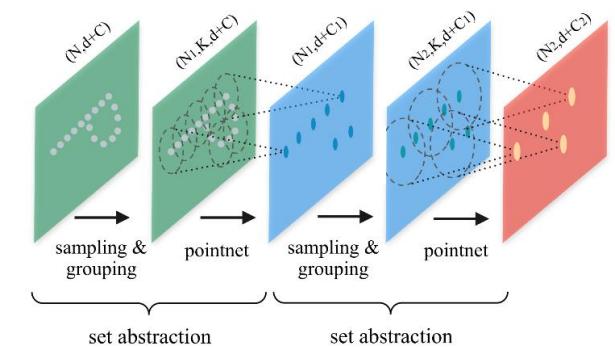
Credit: Boulch et al. 2017



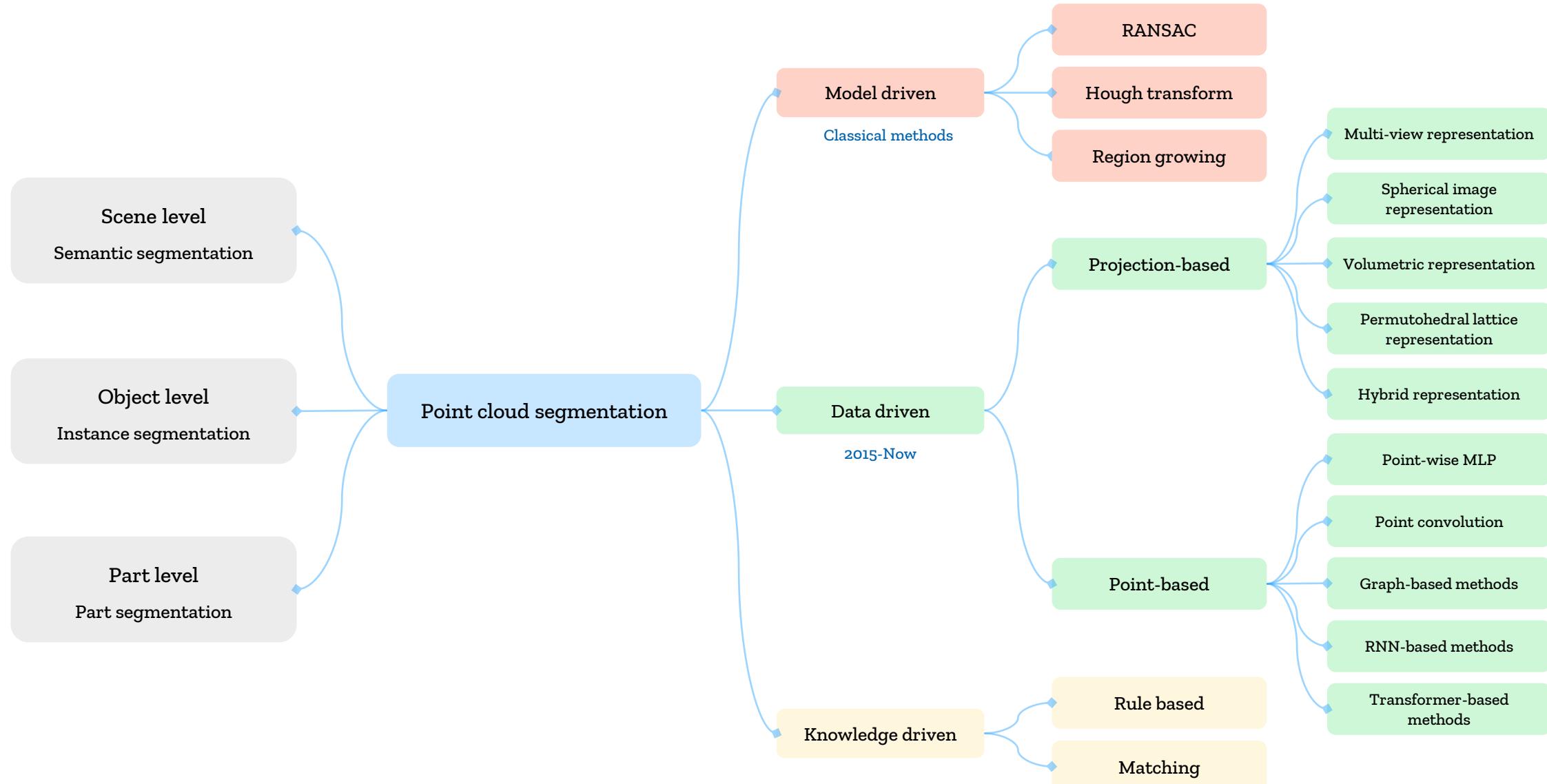
Credit: Poux et al. 2019

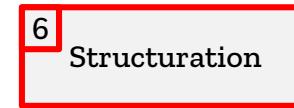
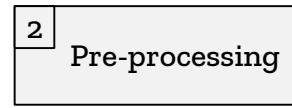


Credit: Hugues et al. 2019



Credit: Charles et al. 2019





<https://nasa-ammos.github.io/3DTilesRendererJS/example/bundle/index.html>

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Acquisition

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Pre-processing

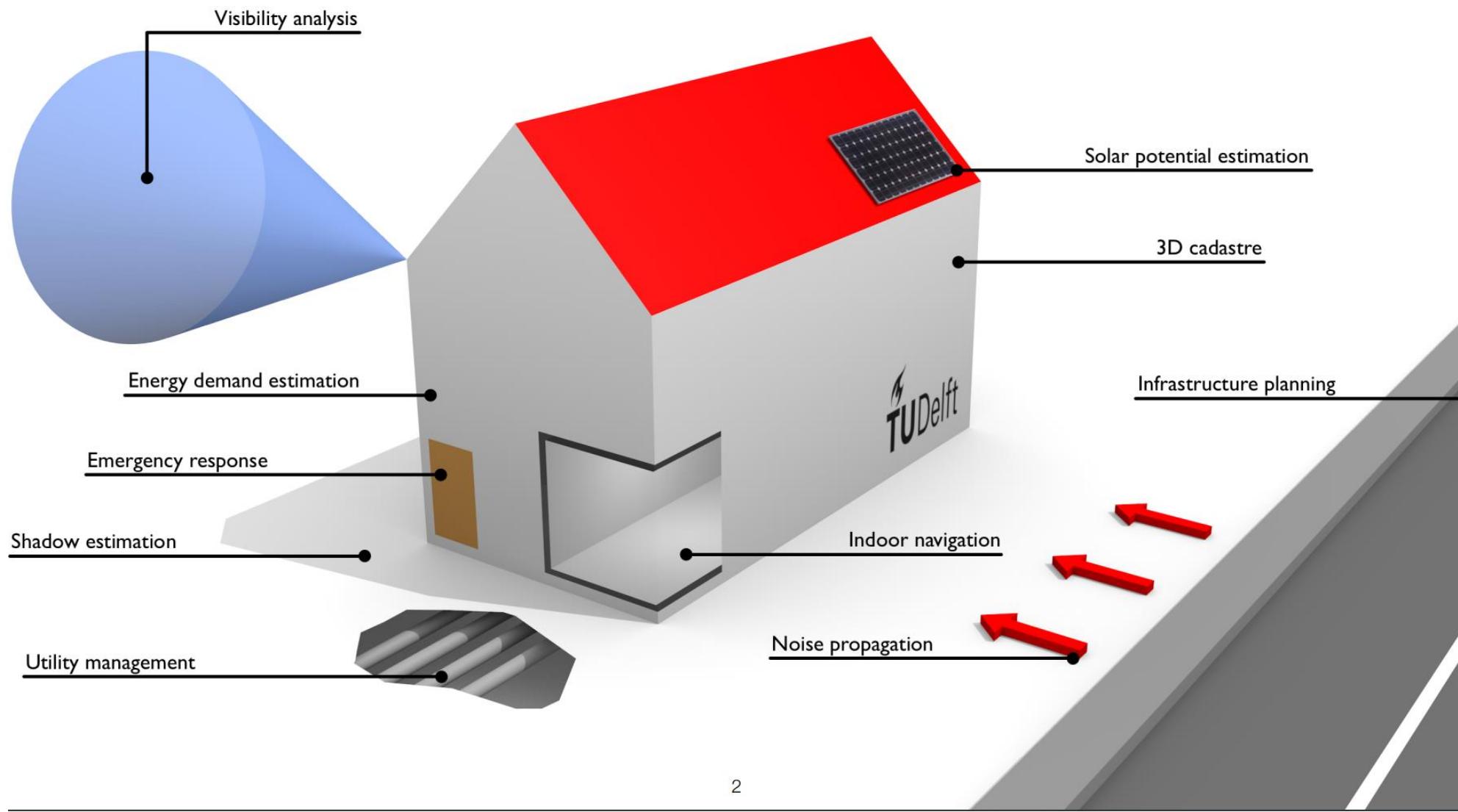
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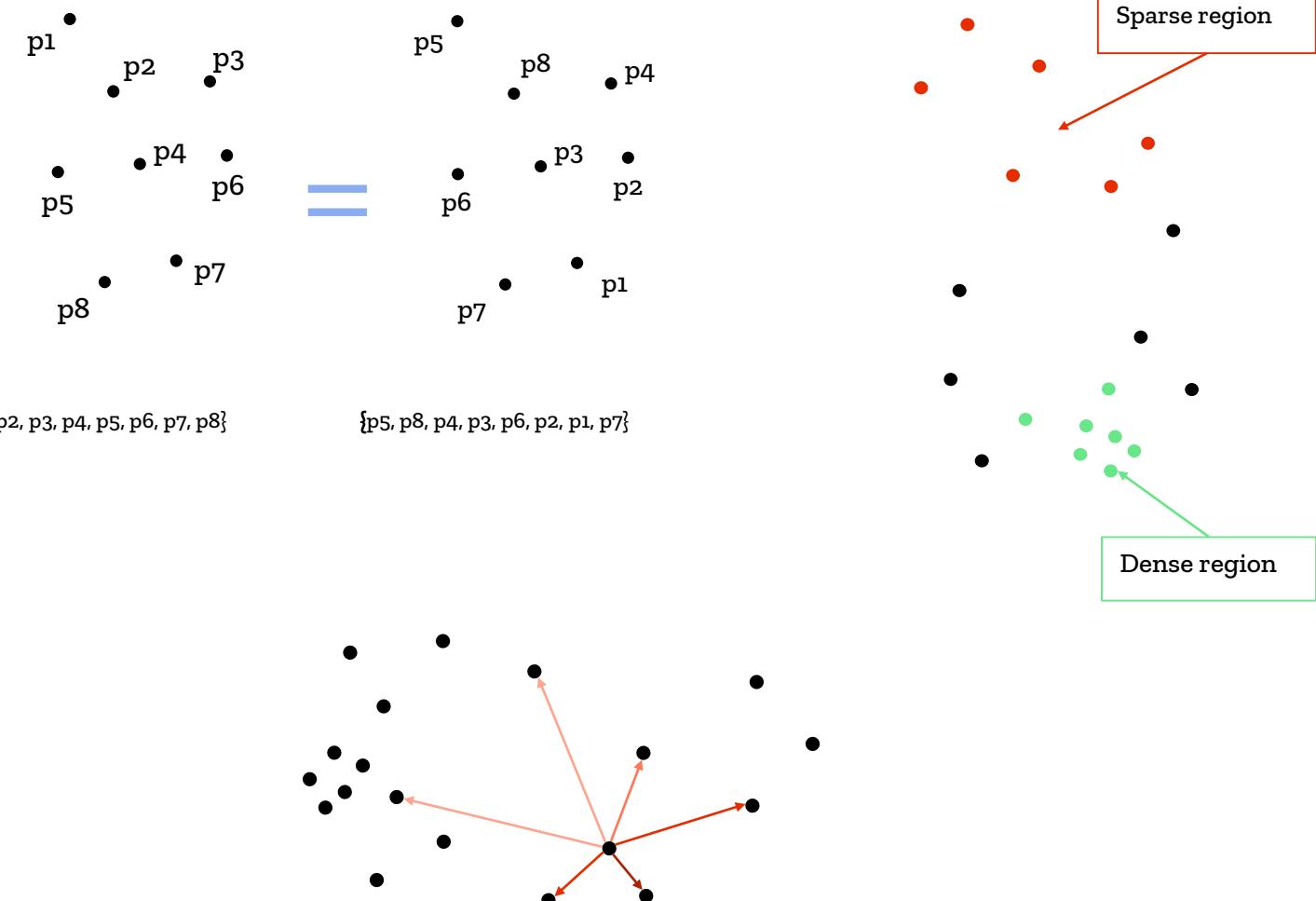
6  
Structuration

7  
Application



# Les spécificités des nuages de points

- Data volume 2M pts/s
- 1h acquisition  $\rightarrow$  7 B points
- Lack of regular grid
- Invariance by permutation
- Variable density
- Acquisition artefacts
- Occlusions



# Démonstration

Open3D + CloudCompare



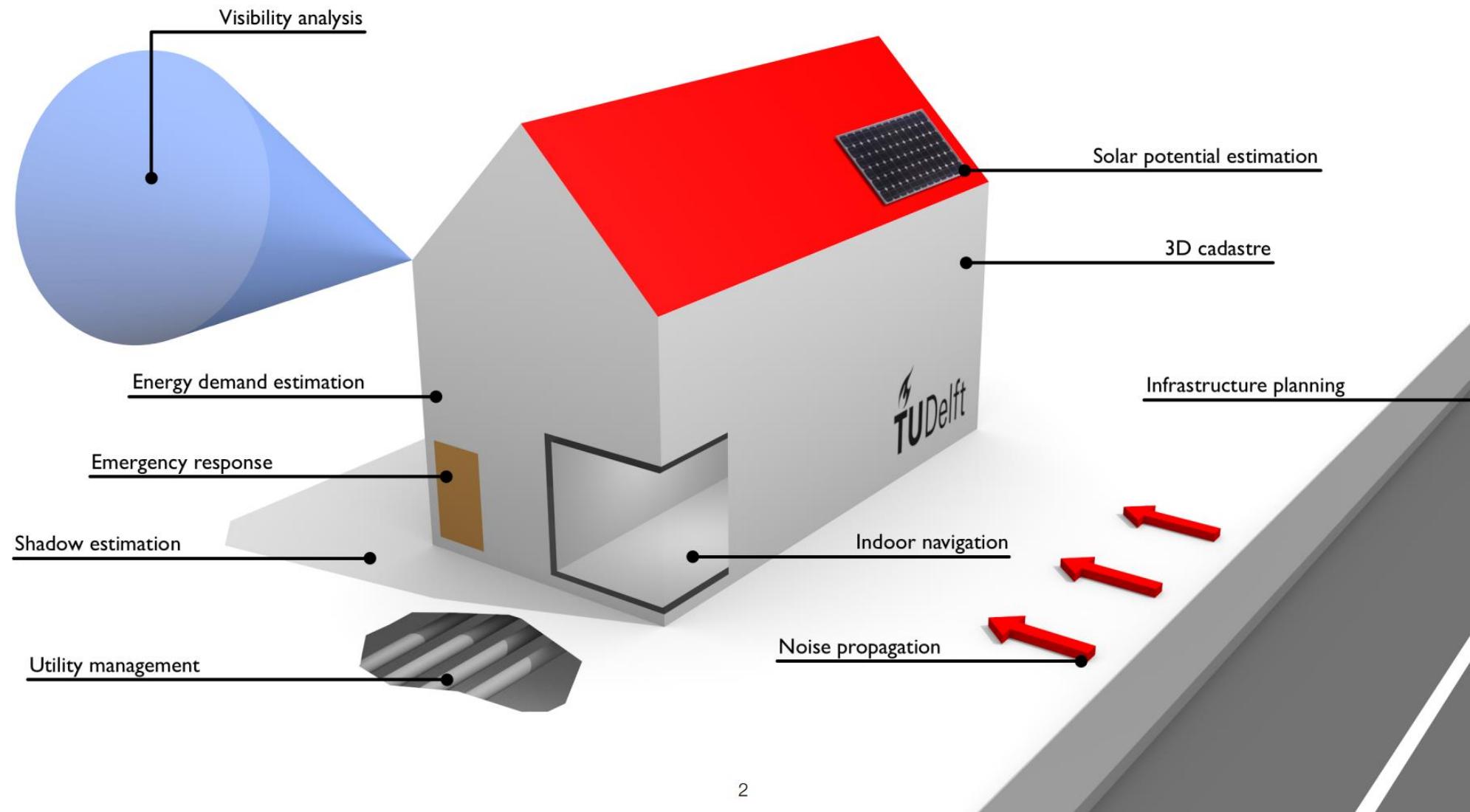
# Étapes installation et traitement

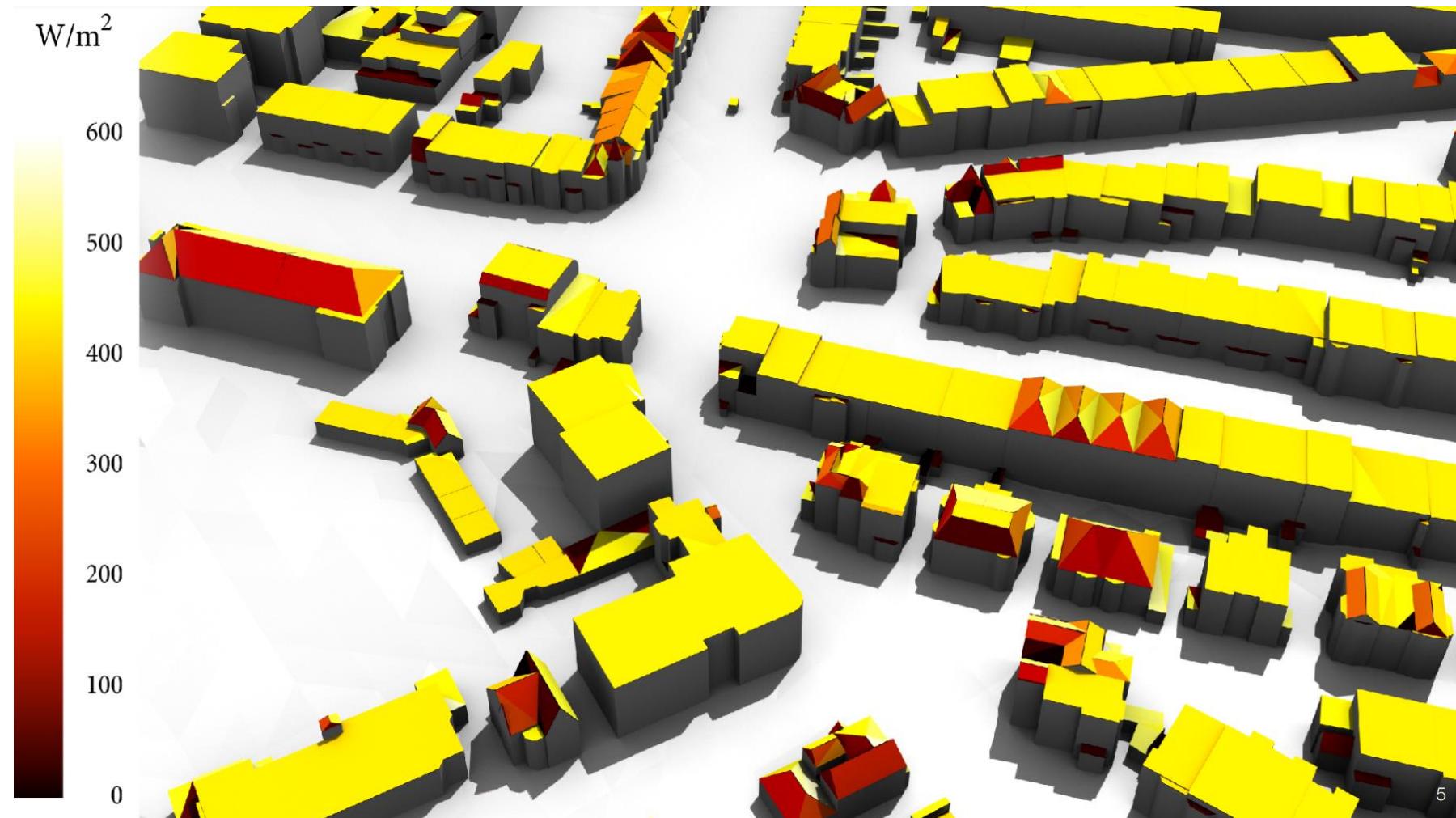
- Installer [CloudCompare](#)
- Télécharger nuage de points à partir de [PDOK-AHN3](#) ou [OpenTopography](#)
- Import du nuage de point
- Filtrage
- Segmentation
- Classification
- Export



# Nuage de points et SIG

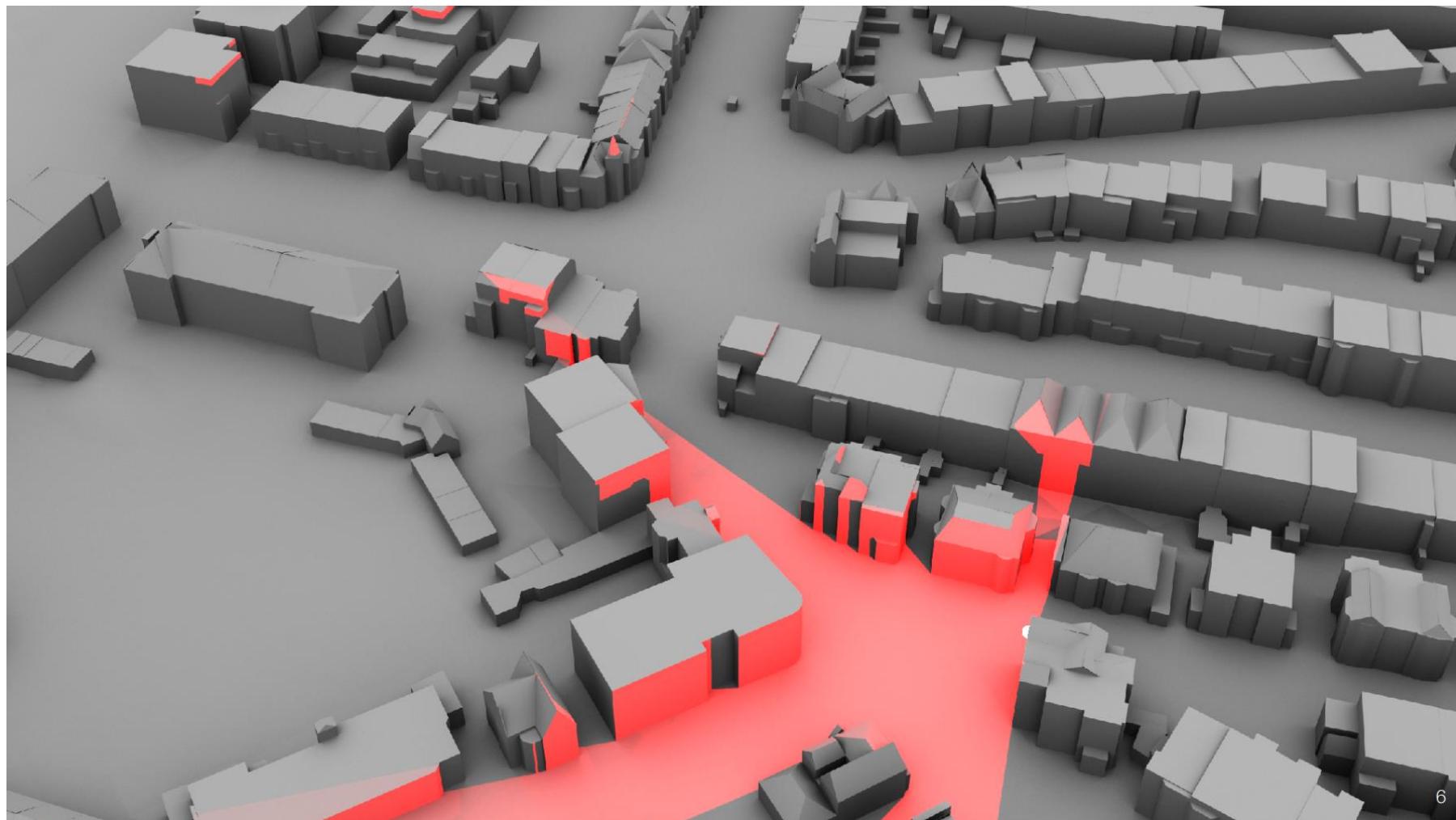
## Applications et cas d'usages





## Solar potentiel estimation

Source: TU Delft



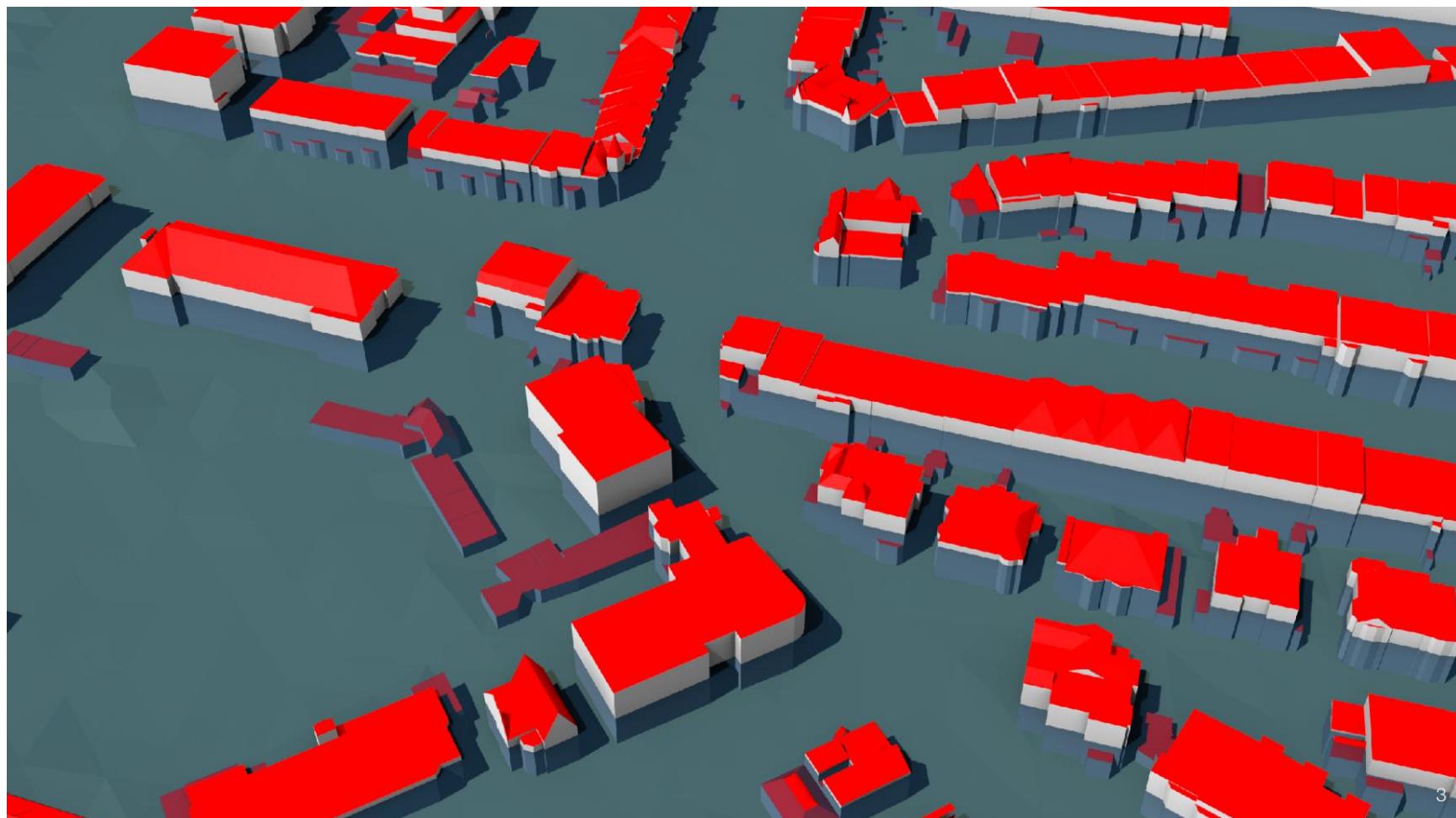
## Visibility analysis

Source: TU Delft



## Noise propagation

Source: TU Delft



## Inondation

Source: TU Delft



Nuage de points et SIG  
Démonstration sur QGIS



# Étapes d'installation



- **Installer QGIS version > 3.18** ([with native support for point cloud data](#))
- **Télécharger WhiteboxTools plugin**
  - From the **Plugins** menu, select **Manage and Install Plugins....**
  - Select the **Settings** tab and press the Add button.
  - In the **Repository details** dialog box, enter something logical, such as LiDAR Plugins in the **Name** textbox.
  - In the **URL** textbox, enter <https://plugins.bruy.me/plugins/plugins.xml> and press OK.
  - Select the All tab and enter the word 'whitebox' in the search box. Whitebox for Processing should appear the search listing. Select and check this toolbox and press the Install button.
  - ...etc
- **Le reste des étapes disponible:** [https://www.whiteboxgeo.com/manual/wbt\\_book/qgis\\_plugin.html](https://www.whiteboxgeo.com/manual/wbt_book/qgis_plugin.html)



# Étapes de traitement

- Télécharger un nuage de point à parti de PDOK-AHN3, ou OpenTopography
- Importer le nuage de point sur QGIS
- Découvrir les propriétés du nuage de points
- Hillshading (*LidarHillshade*)
- Importer l'orthophoto associée
- Installer OSMQuick
- Coloriser le nuage de point à partir de l'ortho (*Lidarcolourize*)
- Intersection polygone et lidar (*Erase polygon from lidar*)
- Classification (*ClassifyBuildingInLidar*)
- *Lidar to digital surface model*
- *Install terrain shading->*

# Démonstration

## QGIS



# Nuage de points et SIG

## Démonstration sur Pgpointcloud



# Stockage fichier

- Standard (de facto) pour échanger et stocker les données LiDAR

LAS

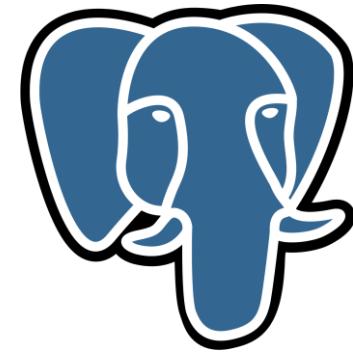
LAZ (version compressée du LAS)

- Problèmes du stockage fichier
  - Beaucoup de petits fichiers
  - Gestion arborescente compliquée
  - Nécessité des scripts parallélisés pour traiter ces gros volume de données...



# Utiliser un SGBD

- Requêtes
  - Spatiales
  - Temporelles
  - Attributaires
- Croiser les données
- Mettre à jour
- Centraliser la gestion de la donnée



ORACLE



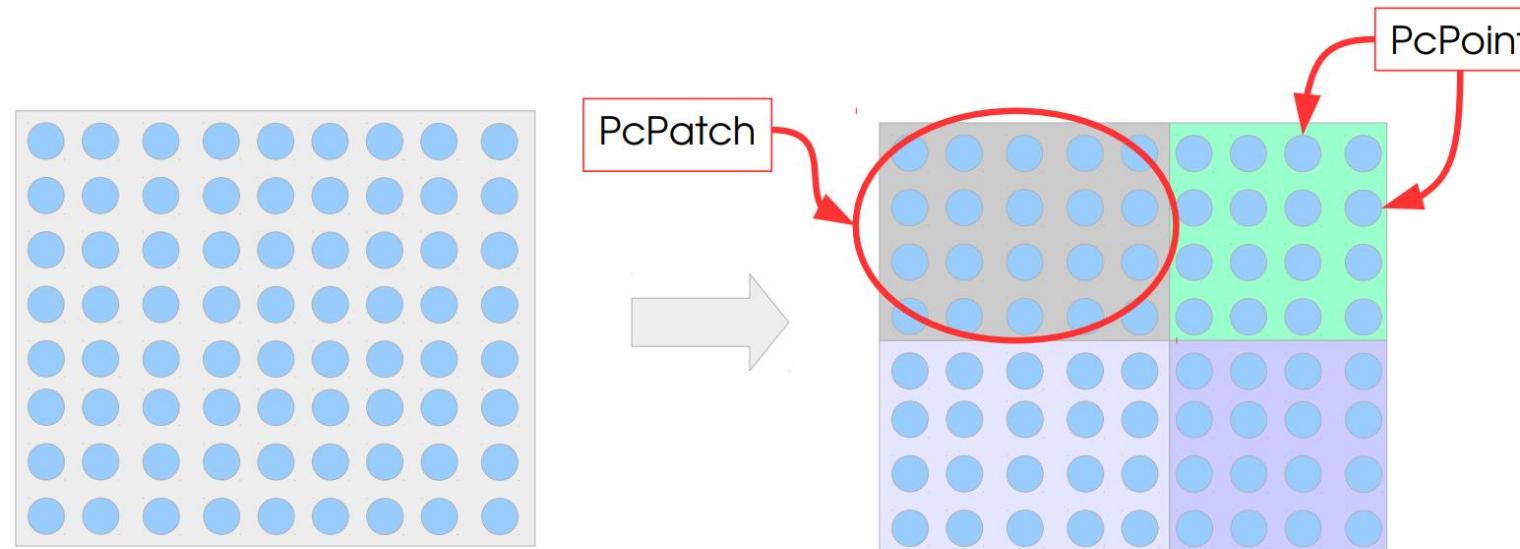
# SGBD

- Chaque point est géoréférencé → PostGIS ?
  - Difficile de stocker un point par ligne avec une telle volumétrie
- Besoin de regrouper les points pour optimiser le stockage



# pgPointCloud

- Lien: pgPointCloud <https://github.com/pgPointCloud/pointcloud>
- Extension PostgreSQL pour stocker les nuages de points.
- Organiser les points en Patch pour réduire la taille de la table!



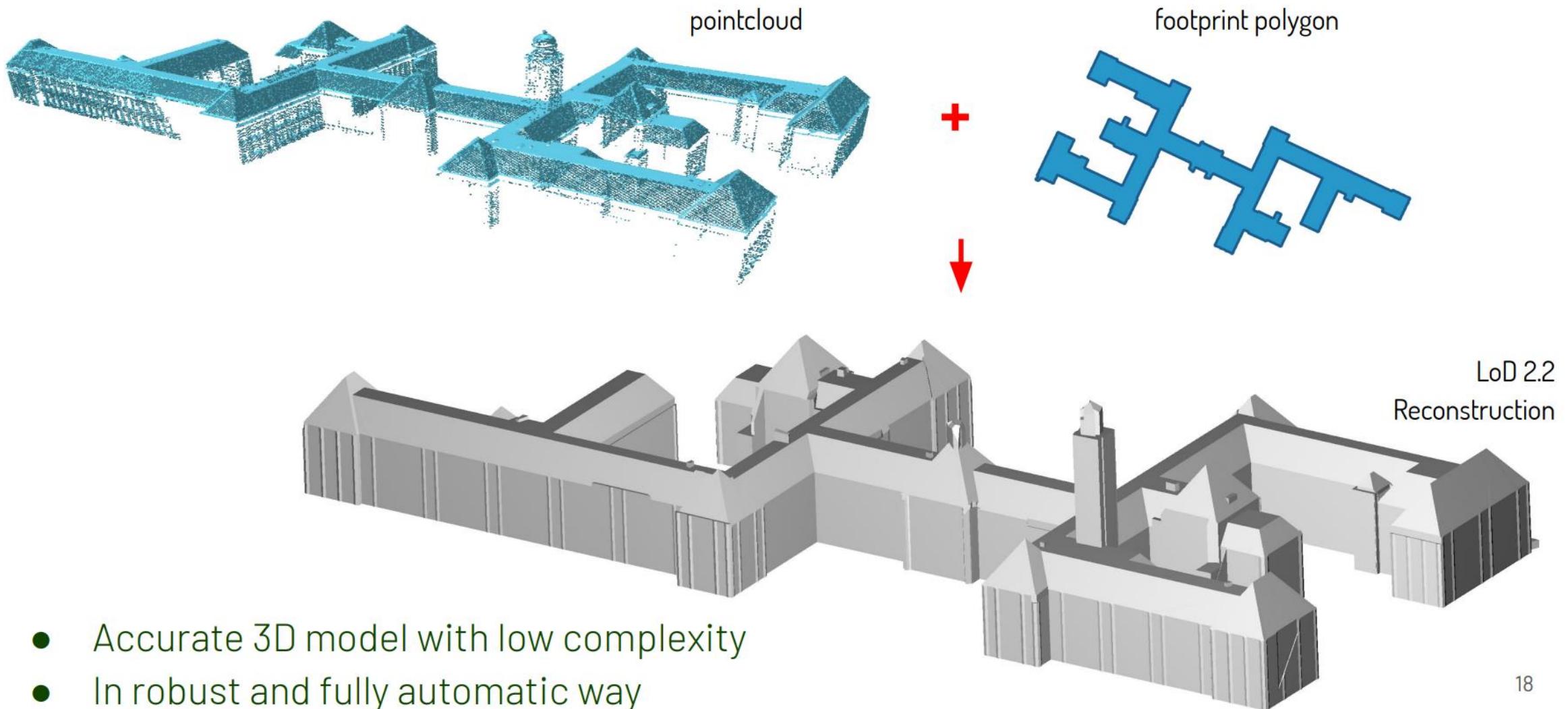
# Démonstration

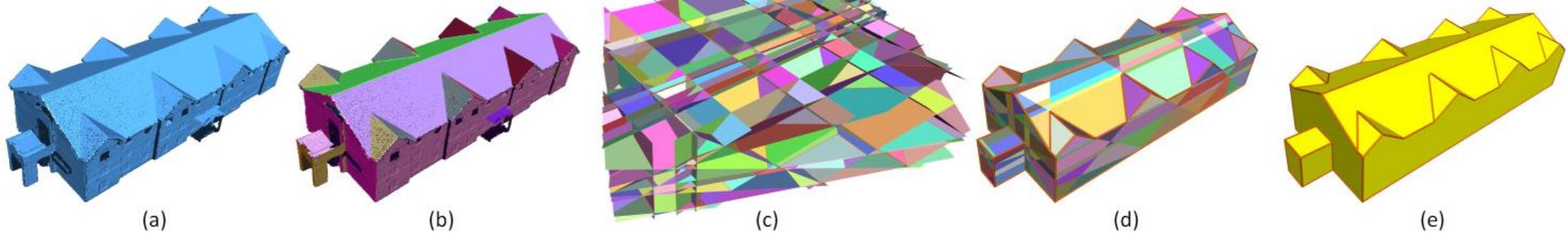
PostGIS/Pgpointcloud



# Nuage de points et SIG

## Démonstration sur Polyfit





(a) Input point cloud.

(b) Planar segments.

(c) Candidate faces generated using pairwise intersection.

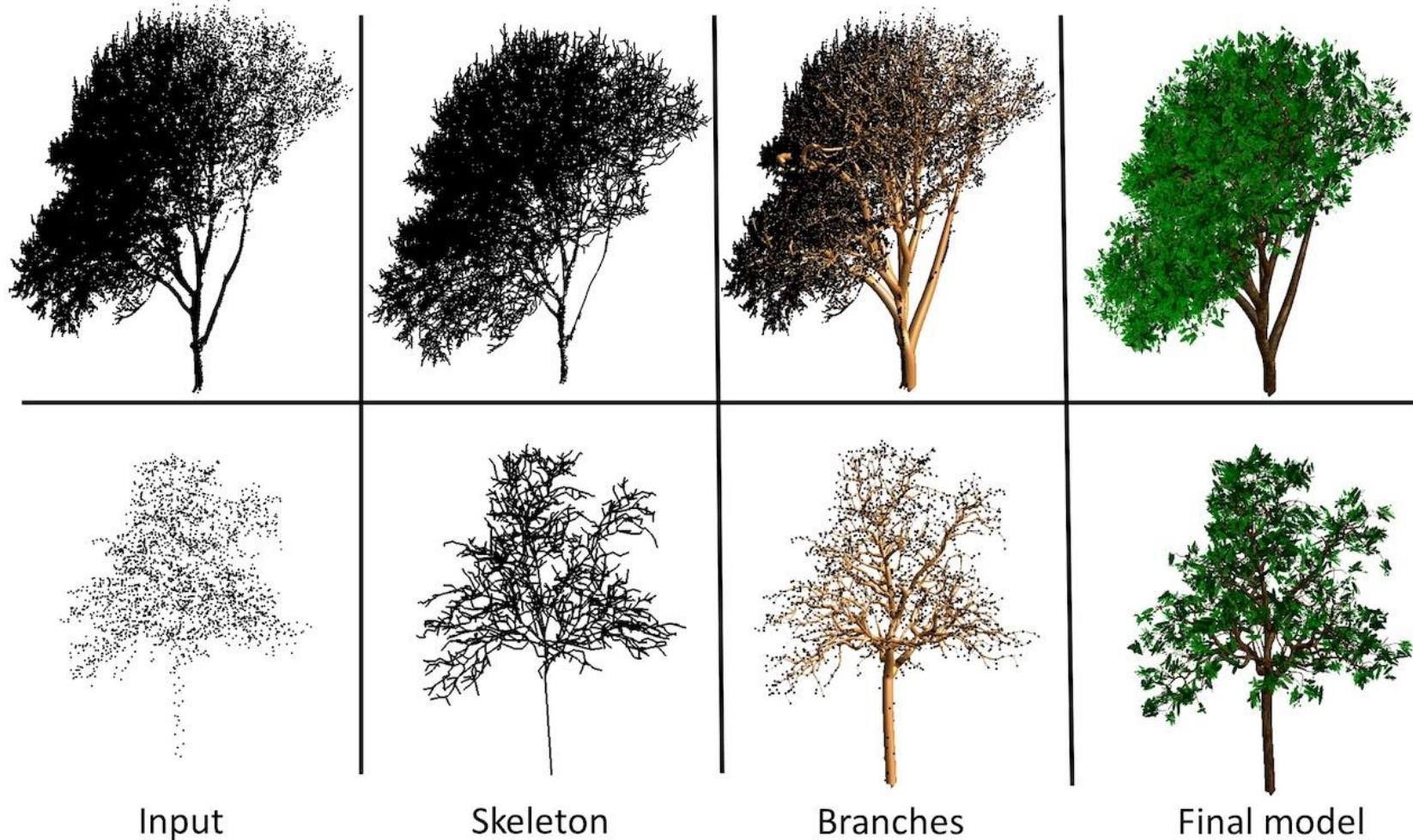
(d)

(e) Reconstructed model

Region growing  
RANSAC

Download and install

<https://3d.bk.tudelft.nl/liangliang/publications/2017/polyfit/polyfit.html>



AdTree: 3D Trees reconstructed from point clouds

# Démonstration

## PolyFit



# Nuage de points et SIG 3D

## CityGML and CityJSON

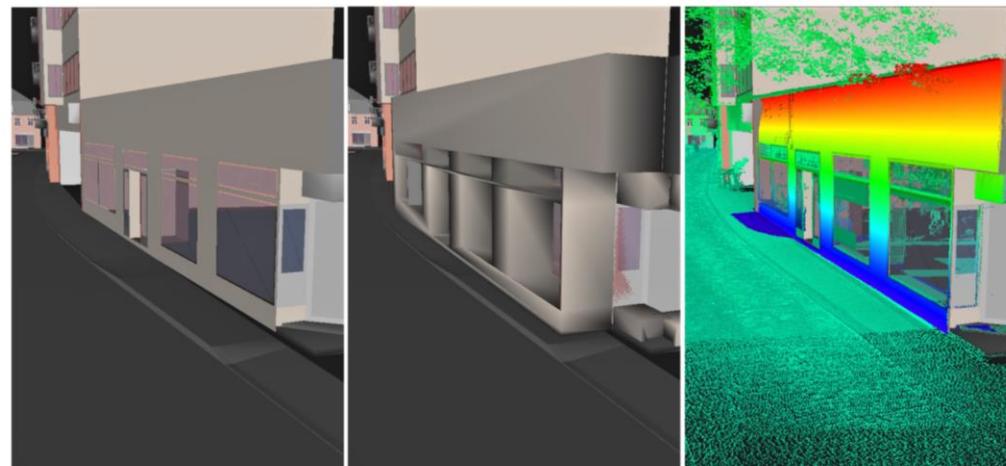
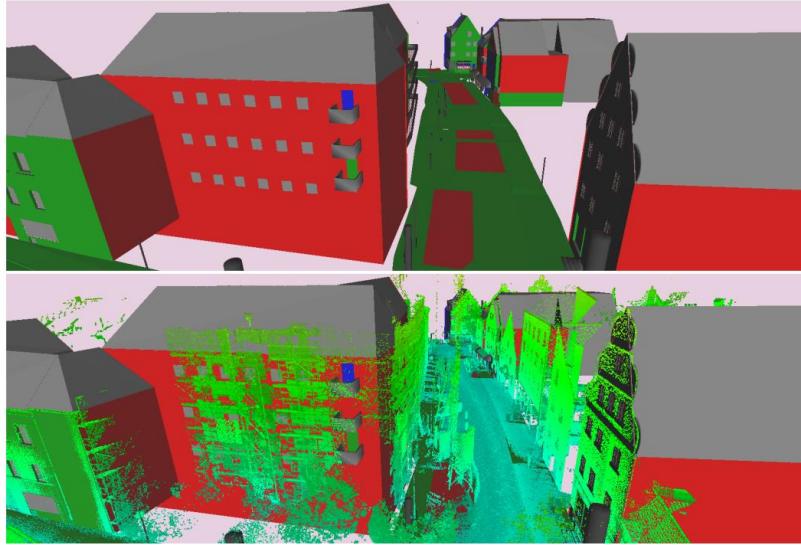


**CityGML** is an open data model and XML-based format  
for the storage and exchange of virtual 3D city models.

**CityJSON** is an open data format for distributing 3D city  
models (also known as digital twins), and a JSON-  
encoding of the **CityGML** data model.



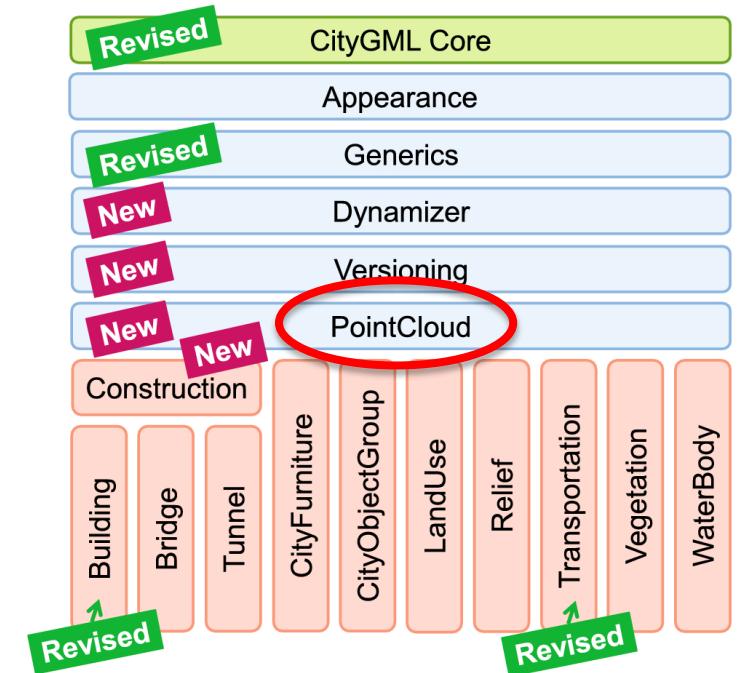
# Point cloud integration in CityGML 3.0



(i) Semantic model

(ii) 3D Buffering

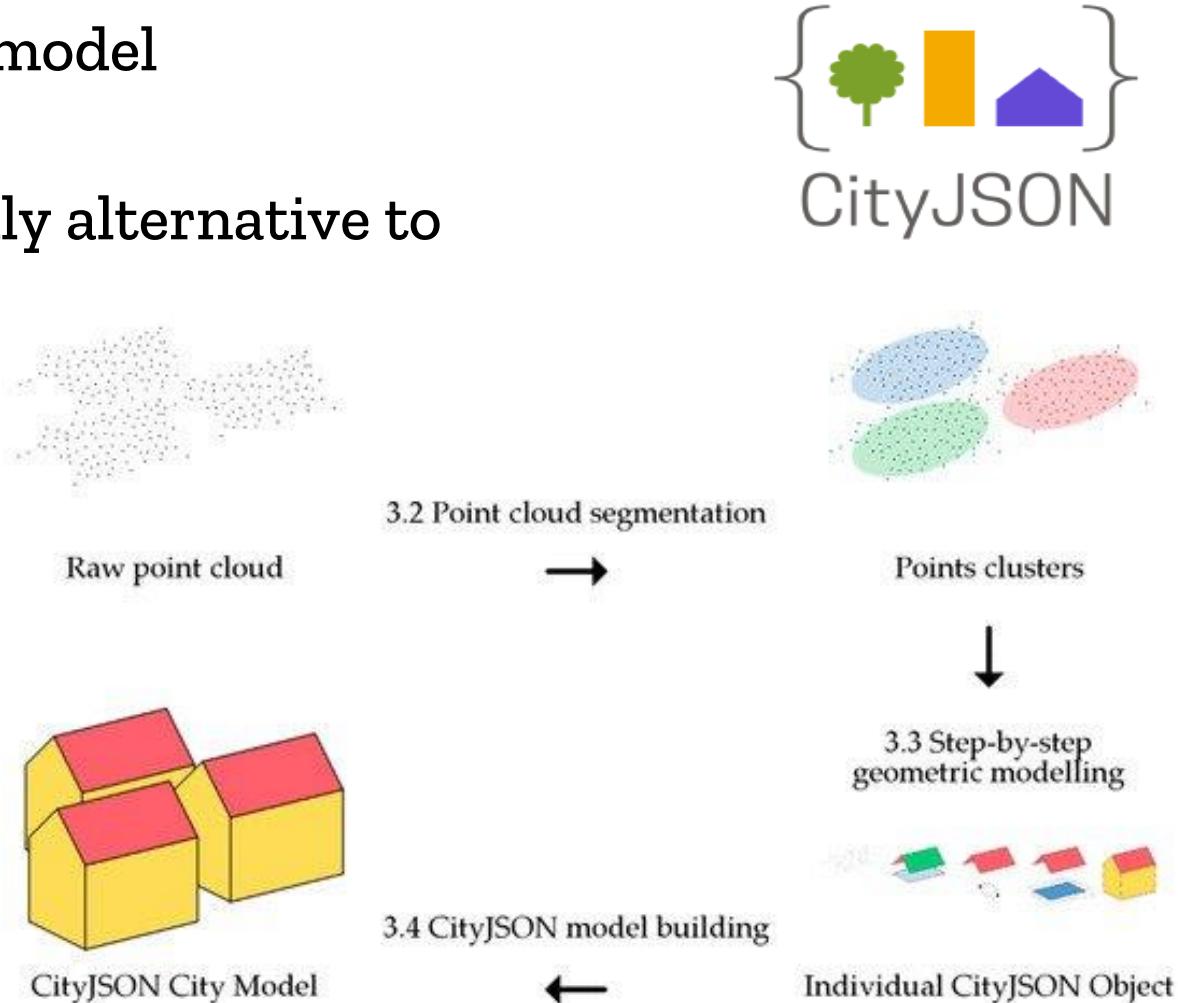
(iii) Subset (colorful)





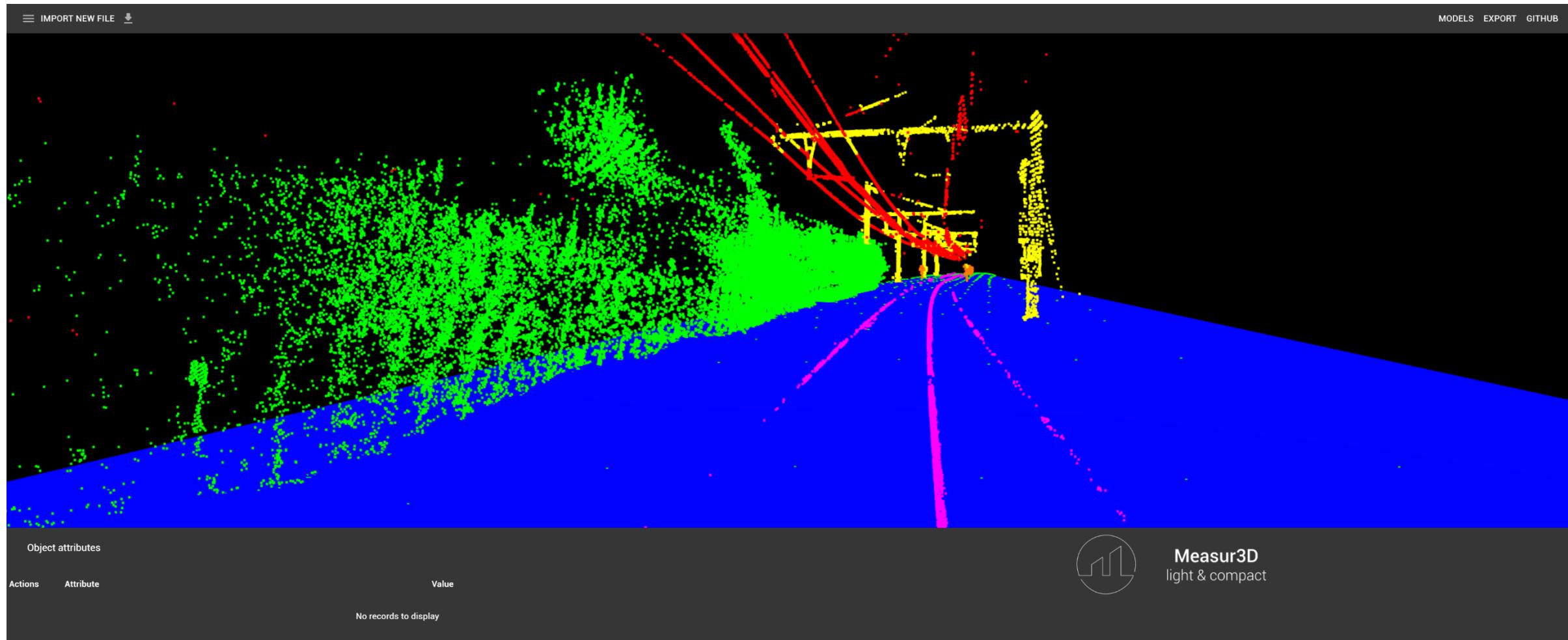
# CityJSON

- Based on the CityGML conceptual model
  - JSON encoding
- Lightweight and developers-friendly alternative to CityGML.
  - 6-7x more compact
- Measur3D - Web application
  - First management in database
  - Viewer
  - Attribute management
  - 0.2.1 Version: Concurrent models
  - OGC API – Features





# Point cloud integration in CityJSON



Gilles Antoine Nys: <https://ganys.github.io/Measur3D/>



# Ma recherche

## Cartographie du changement 3D



# 3D Change detection

From a time-serie, detect locations where changes occurred over time, e.g:

- Man-made changes: appearance/disappearance of building,...
- Natural changes: vegetation growth, deforestation, flooding, fires,...
- Variations of terrain: glacier displacements, land subsidence,...



# Change types



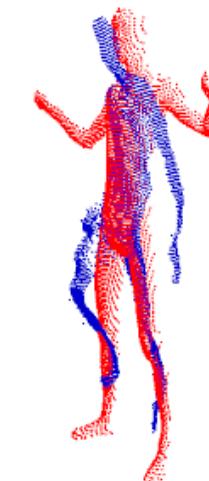
Seasonal changes

[Credit: Matheus B. Vicari, al \(2019\)](#)



Furniture moved in  
between scans

[Credit: Gianpaolo Palma, al \(2015\)](#)



Walking person

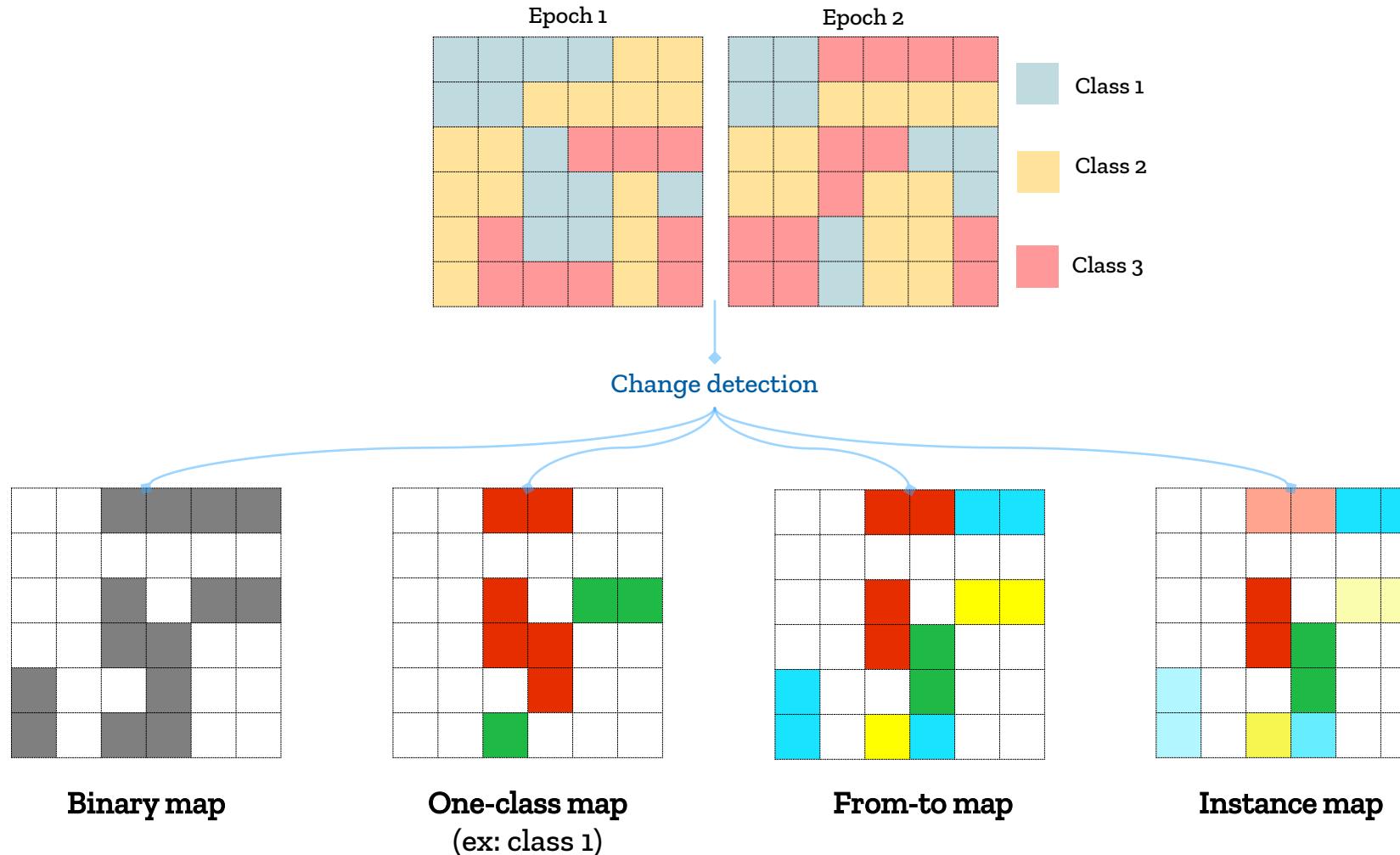
[Credit: Mao Ye, al \(2011\)](#)

Slow  
long-term changes

Rigid and/or non-rigid

Fast  
Short-term changes

# 3D Change detection type

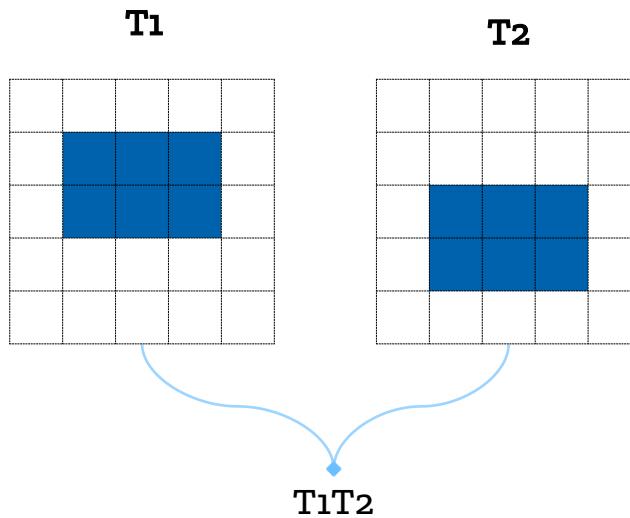




# Standard approaches problems

## Case 1: moving objects

Same object but change detected



Disappeared

Appeared

Unchanged

## Case 2: Similar objects

Different object but no change detected



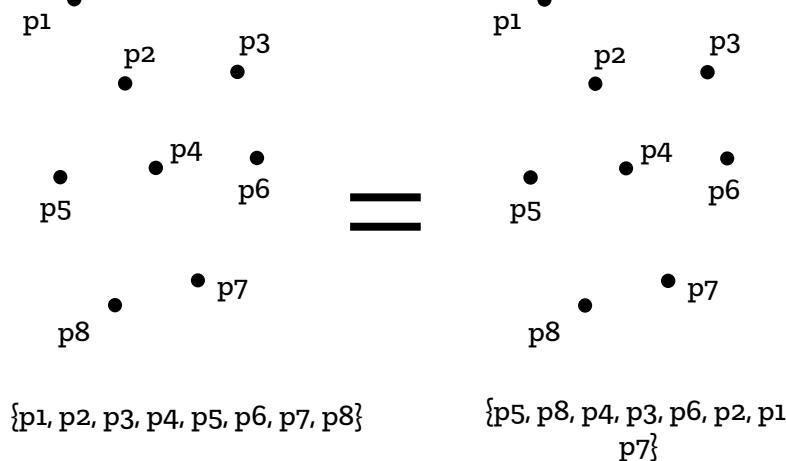
Credit : [Evan Herbst, al \(2011\)](#)

How to achieve object-level  
change detection with  
uncertainty evaluation ?

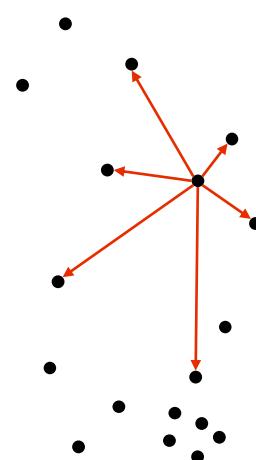


# Related challenges

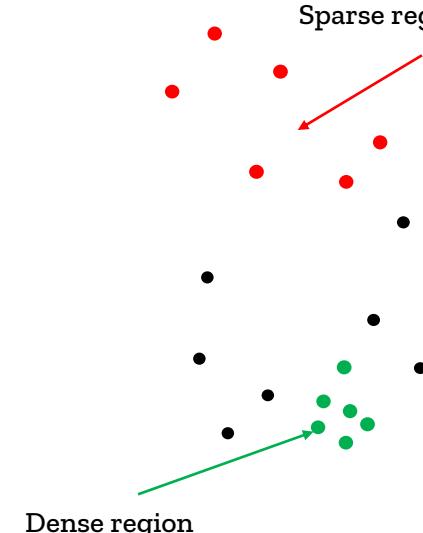
Sensitive to: Noise, Occlusion, Registration error



Unstructured

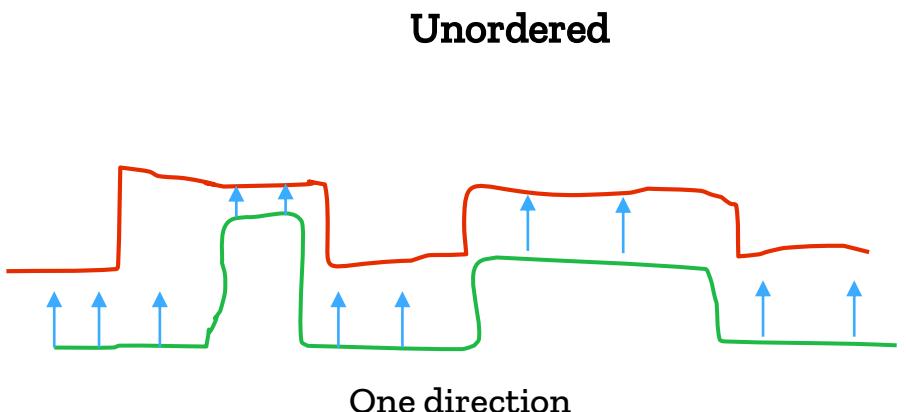


Sparse region

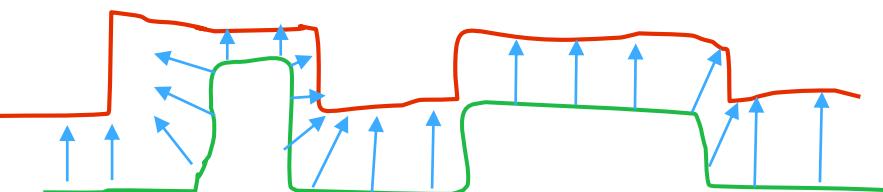
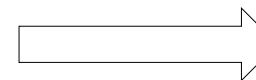


Dense region

Irregular



One direction



Multiple direction



**Essentially you must MINIMIZE changes due to  
characteristics you are NOT interested in, in order  
to IDENTIFY changes you ARE interested in.**



# Existing approaches

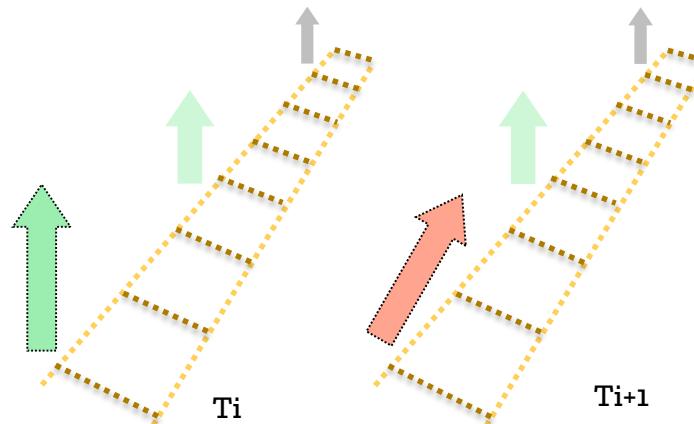
- **Image differencing methods**
  - Subtract High value of one date from another
  - Select a threshold to identify change
  - Results in positive and negative values areas of change and zero (in theory) in areas of no change
- **C2C (Cloud to cloud)**
- **M3C2 (Multiscale Model to Model Cloud Comparison)**
- **Machine learning with handcrafted features**
- **Deep learning**

# Semantics-aided change detection



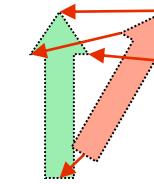
$$P = \{P_k \in R^{3 \times N_k}\}_K$$

$$Q = \{Q_l \in R^{3 \times M_l}\}_L$$



1. Enriched point clouds  
(object level)

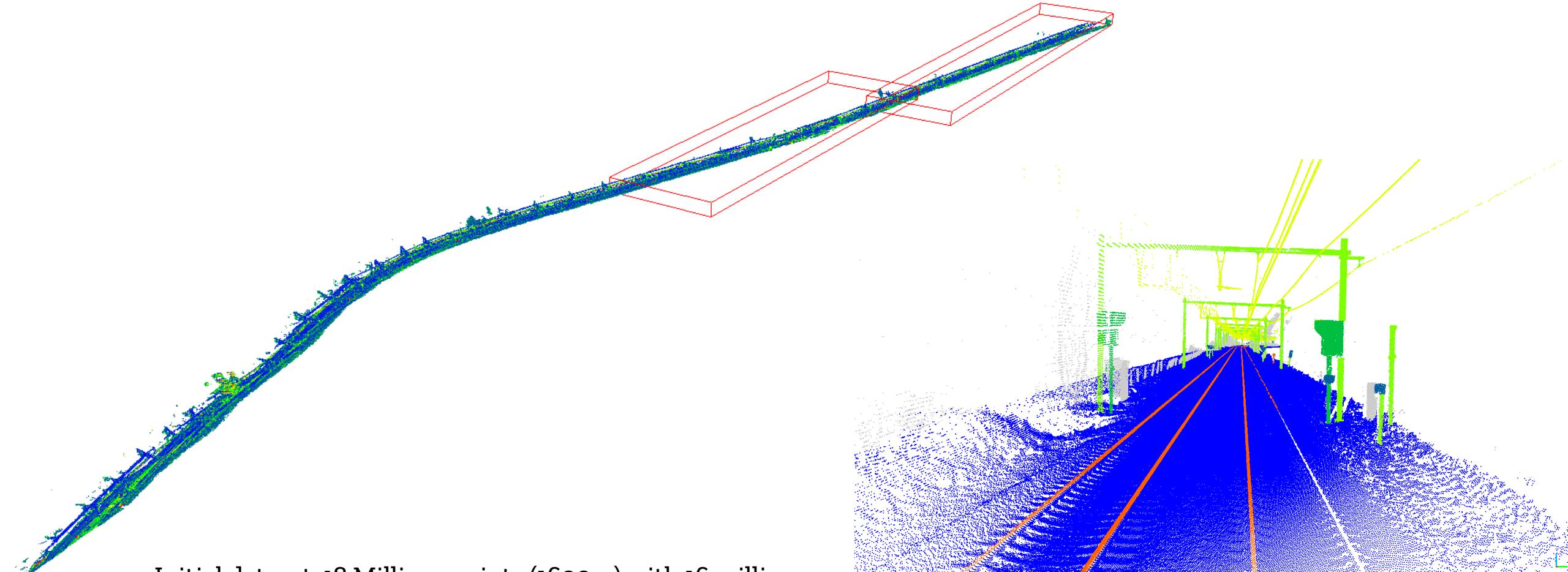
$T(p) = R^*p + t$   
where  $t \in R^3$  is the translation and  
 $R \in SO(3)$  is the rotation



2. Object registration

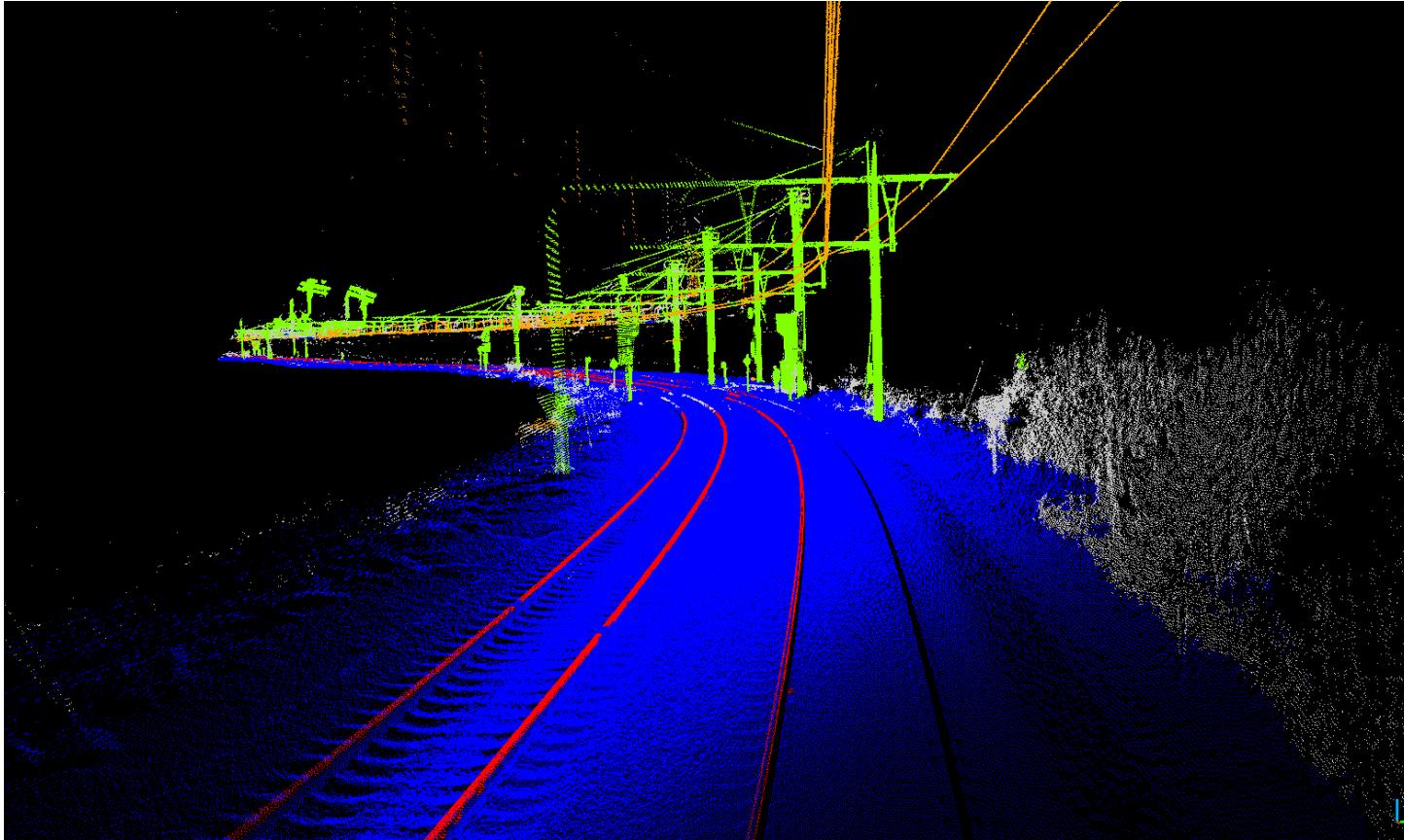
3. Correspondence

# Semantics-aided change detection



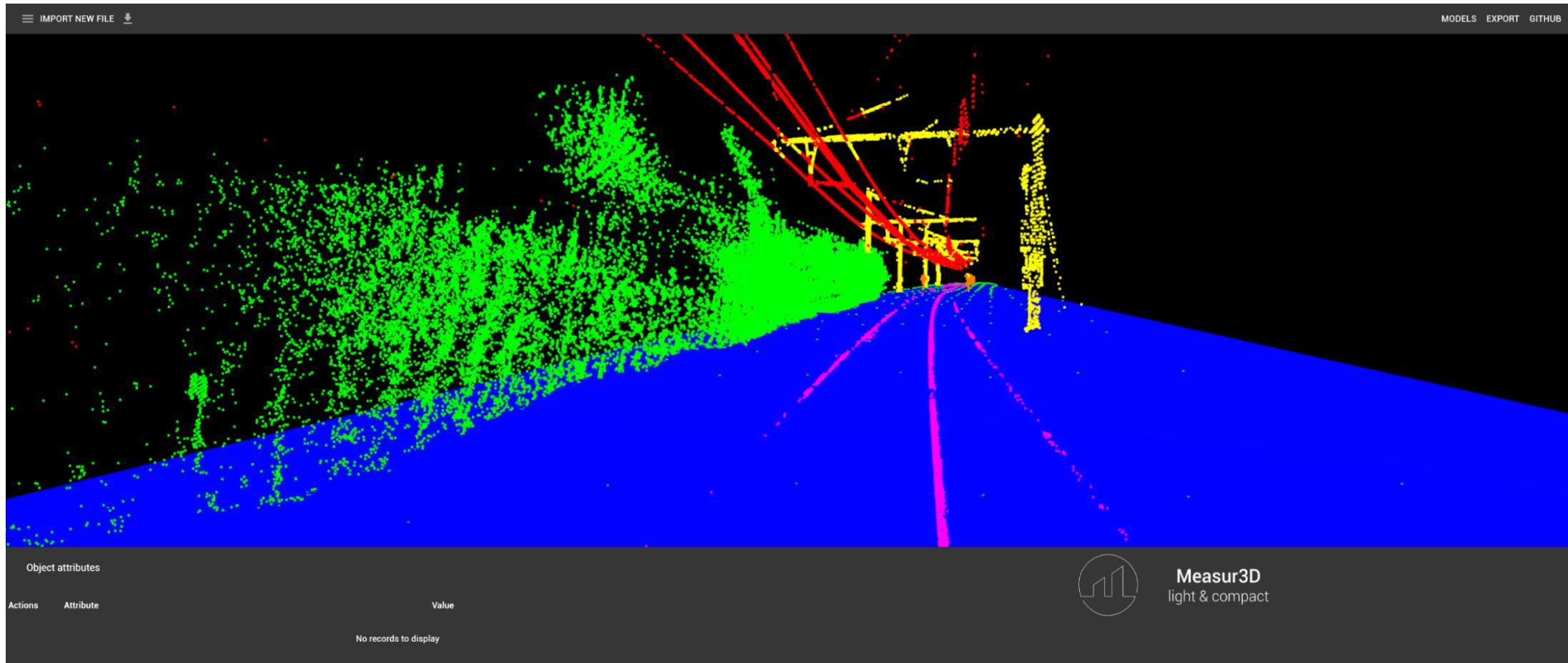
Initial dataset 48 Millions points (1600m) with 16 millions  
labelled points

# Semantics-aided change detection



Semantic segmentation  
for railways using  
RandLA-Net

# Point Cloud and 3D GIS for web



Gilles Antoine Nys:  
<https://ganys.github.io/Measur3D/>

# Do not hesitate to ask me !



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