



2022 MALSCCE Convention

Workforce Development and Attracting the Next Generation of Surveyors



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Welcoming Letter

Workforce Development and Attracting the Next Generation of Surveyors

Welcome to the 2022 MALSCCE Convention! The theme of this year's convention is *Workforce Development and Attracting the Next Generation of Surveyors*. The past two years have been very challenging for us professionals and technicians. The COVID-19 virus has altered the way we operate with many employees choosing to work from home. Of course, those who work outside in the field haven't been allowed that luxury. Compounding the COVID situation is the so-called Silver Tsunami. Many of us land surveyors, and the population as a whole, have graying hair. By my estimate, over half of the current registered PLSs will be retired in the next ten years or so. These demographics are clearly working counter to the stability of our profession. Finding capable workers is one of our biggest challenges.

The Central MA Chapter and the Convention Planning Committee has worked hard to put together relevant sessions in the professional track to address this key issue facing all employers. In the technical track we have sessions on improving surveying measurements, instrumentation, and structural monitoring. We trust that you'll find the sessions timely and informative.

As always, we'll be joined by over a dozen exhibitors; please make an effort to visit with them. Once again, we'll be running our plan and field notes contests and we'll be holding the Auction to benefit the MALSCCE Education Trust on Friday evening which is always a lively event. This year, recent retiree Dave Humphrey will be our auctioneer. Bid early and often!

In closing I want to thank you for participating in the convention and for your continued volunteer efforts. I hope you find the sessions fruitful and fulfilling.

Best regards,



Kenneth T. Strom, PLS
Central Massachusetts Chapter President

2022 MALSCCE Convention

Schedule of Events

Friday, March 18, 2022

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Online Plan and Field Note Contest

7:50 AM - 8:00 AM

Opening Remarks

Kenneth T. Strom, PLS, Director of Surveying, WDA Design Group, MALSCCE Central Massachusetts Chapter President

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

**Session 1: Exhibitor Quick-Fire Session
(Zoom Conference 1)**

Moderator: Kenneth T. Strom, PLS, Director of Surveying, WDA Design Group, MALSCCE Convention Planning Committee Cochair

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Break

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Session 2A: Workforce Development
(Zoom Conference 1)**

A. Richard Vannozi, MS, PLS, Assistant Professor, Surveying Engineering Technology, University of Maine

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Session 2B: 50 Ways to Improve Your Surveying Measurements
(Zoom Conference 2)**

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Joseph V.R. Paiva, PhD, Principal and CEO, GeoLearn LLC

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Break

11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

**Session 3: Reinvigorating our Profession – Perspective from the Next Generation Surveyors
(Zoom Conference 1)**

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Moderator: Michael A. Feldman, President, Feldman Geospatial, MALSCCE Proprietors' Council Chair

Panelists: Charles G. Dexter, Survey Technician, Field Chief, Feldman Geospatial, Shaine R. Bonin, Project Manager/Survey Technician, BSC Group, Inc., Sterling Hooke, PLS, Project Manager, Encompass Energy Services

1:45 PM - 2:15 PM

**Session 4A: Surveying Career Slide Deck for Student Outreach
(Zoom Conference 1)**

David Prince, PLS, Vice President Survey Services, WSP

1:45 PM - 3:45 PM

**Session 4B: 50 Ways to Improve Your Surveying Measurements (A Continuation of Session 2B)
(Zoom Conference 2)**

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2:15 PM - 2:30 PM

Break (A Track Sessions)

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

**Session 5A: MassDOT New Engineering Directive E-21-005, Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE): Its Impact on Mass-based Engineers, Surveyors, and the Future of the Industry
(Zoom Conference 1)**

Michael Twohig, Director of Subsurface Utility Mapping, DGT Associates

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Break (B Track Sessions)

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Session 5B: Things About Instrumentation You May Have Forgotten or Never Learned
(Zoom Conference 2)**

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Joseph V.R. Paiva, PhD, Principal and CEO, GeoLearn LLC

4:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Break (A Track Sessions)

4:15 PM - 6:00 PM

**Session 6A: Structural Monitoring – Tracking Movement in a Fast-Paced World
(Zoom Conference 1)**

William T. Derry, Prof. LS, Technical Sales Engineer- Solutions, Monitoring, Leica Geosystems, Inc.

Zoom Webinar Access Information

Zoom Conference 1

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Webinar ID: 894 9137 6309

Passcode: 589827

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Zoom Conference 2

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Saturday, March 19, 2022

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

General Session: Re-Engineering Surveyors and Their Businesses
(Zoom Conference 1)

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Joseph V.R. Paiva, PhD, Principal and CEO, GeoLearn LLC

10:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

General Session: Re-Engineering Surveyors and Their Businesses (Continued)
(Zoom Conference 1)

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Zoom Webinar Access Information

Zoom Conference 1

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Friday, March 18, 2022

Featured Sessions

7:50 AM – 8:00 AM

Opening Remarks



Kenneth T. Strom, PLS, Director of Surveying, WDA Design Group, MALSCCE Central Massachusetts Chapter President

Kenneth Strom is a licensed professional land surveyor with 36 years of experience in surveying and 14 years' experience in civil engineering design. Mr. Strom earned registration as a Professional Land Surveyor in 1992. Prior to joining WDA Design Group, Mr. Strom has worked with area land surveying and civil engineering firms as a chief surveyor/ survey office manager, civil engineering designer, and senior project manager. Mr. Strom has been involved in all types of land surveys including boundary, Land Court, title insurance (ALTA/NSPS), data collection (topographic, utilities and detail surveys), condominium, highway layout alterations, easement and right-of-way, construction layout and as-builts, and deformation monitoring. Ken has utilized various surveying equipment including total stations (manual and robotic) and data collectors, traditional and digital levels, laser levels, high-definition laser scanners, and GNSS receivers.

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

General Session: Exhibitor Quickfire

Featuring a rapid-fire format during which convention exhibitors will provide a quick overview of the products and services they offer.



Moderator: Kenneth T. Strom, PLS, Director of Surveying, WDA Design Group, MALSCCE Central Massachusetts Chapter President

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Breakout Session: Young Surveyors Network Meeting



Presiding: Charles G. Dexter, Survey Technician, Field Chief, Feldman Geospatial, MALSCCE Young Surveyors Network Chair

Charlie is a UMO graduate with a bachelor's degree in survey, a minor in business and has passed the FS exam. He has been with Feldman since graduating in 2012. In that time, he has spent 2 years as an instrument operator, 6.5 years as a crew chief, and recently moved into the office as a survey technician. Charlie has also been working on getting the young surveyors of Massachusetts started.

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Breakout Session: North East Surveying Societies Meeting



Moderator: J. Dan Bremser, PLS, Senior Project Manager, Hancock Associates, MALSCCE President

Dan Bremser has spent the last 21 years of his 38 years surveying at Hancock Associates, serving as a Branch Manager, a partner, and currently a Senior Project Manager easing toward retirement. Dan has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut. Before specializing in surveying at Hancock, Dan's previous experience included title examination and work as a project engineer. Dan has represented clients in hundreds of public hearings before Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, Boards of Health, Boards of Appeals and various other boards.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Concurrent Session 2A: Workforce Development

At the core of workforce development is training and education. Historically this has meant that the jobs had to be plentiful enough in one location to bring in training and attract workers, or the jobs and workers needed to be in close proximity to existing educational institutions. Combinations that have rarely existed in surveying. However, by accessing online education, workforce development programs, employers and prospective employees can couple jobs and workers and the necessary education simultaneously virtually anywhere. In just over three years, the University of Maine's online Baccalaureate has revolutionized undergraduate surveying education in the United States. In the same way, the University's online surveying undergraduate certificate program can be leveraged to create a robust workforce development program for surveying, in turn revolutionizing the creation of the next generation of technicians and professionals.



A. Richard Vannozzi, MS, PLS, Assistant Professor, Surveying Engineering Technology, University of Maine

Mr. Vannozzi is a graduate of the University of Maine where, in 1984, he earned a BS in Forestry and, in 2006, earned an MS in Forestry, both with a surveying emphasis. Mr. Vannozzi has taught surveying across New England since 2003. Most recently, Mr. Vannozzi joined the faculty of the Surveying Engineering Technology program at The University of Maine in the Fall of 2019 where he teaches courses across the curriculum both in the traditional classroom and on-line. He is registered as a Professional Land Surveyor in Massachusetts have been licensed first in 1988 at the age of 25. He is a Past-President of the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers (MALSCE) and, in 1998, was recognized as MALSCE's Surveyor of the Year.

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Concurrent Session 2B: 50 Ways to Improve Your Surveying Measurements

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You often encounter best practice suggestions from many sources. How many of these do you follow? Do you share these with your team that conducts the field work? Joe Paiva takes you quickly through 50 tips, techniques, and procedures that all surveyors should be following to help ensure good measurements. They include tips for blunder prevention or to reduce know errors that are easy to overlook. With one-person so prevalent how do new field techs "learn the ropes?" If you supervise or lead teams, how do you ensure everyone is "signing from the same page?" Joe's an experienced surveyor who has also taught thousands of students in field practices, worked for manufacturers, so he has some "insider" tips, as well as his own experience as a surveyor.



Joseph V.R. Paiva, PhD, Principal and CEO, GeoLearn LLC

Dr. Joseph V.R. Paiva, is principal and CEO of GeoLearn, LLC (www.geo-learn.com), an online provider of professional and technician education since February 2014. He also works as a consultant to lawyers, surveyors and engineers, and international developers, manufacturers and distributors of instrumentation and other geomatics tools, as well being a writer and speaker. Joe is an expert on instrumentation and field techniques for eliminating blunders and improving accuracy. He teaches students in undergraduate courses on the basics and advanced methods of surveying measurement, taking the principles of errors analysis into account. He enjoys speaking with surveying practitioners in an informal manner, taking ad hoc questions as they arise during his presentations.

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

Session 3: Reinvigorating our Profession – Perspective from the Next Generation Surveyors

Sponsored by the MALSCE Proprietors' Council

We have heard from survey business owners, PC Members and leaders for years about our profession: challenges, successes and where they see things headed. This year we are going to provide a fresh perspective from three next-gen surveyors so we can hear their perspectives on the profession, where they want to be and how we can reinvigorate our profession for years to come. This will be an interactive session where the moderator will encourage audience questions/comments and feedback so we can get thoughts from everyone in the business – from field to office, project management, and PLS to owners.



Moderator: Michael A. Feldman, President, Feldman Geospatial, MAL SCE Proprietors' Council Chair

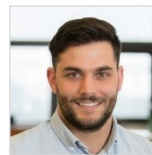
The undisputed visionary of the firm, Michael oversees everything from the daily operations to the future direction of his family-owned company. A believer in leading by example, he employs a hands-on approach with his 70-person team, ensuring that the company provides a winning and healthy culture and a great place to work. Under Michael's leadership, Feldman Geospatial has been recognized in several Boston Business Journal lists, including "Pacesetters," "Fastest Growing Companies" and as one of the region's largest family businesses. His dedication to investing in new technologies has earned the business a reputation as the go-to firm for emerging practices such as 3D laser scanning and BIM. Michael is a graduate of George Washington University in Washington, D.C. with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Among other things his current activities include permitting and building out Feldman's new office in Downtown Worcester.

Panelists:



Charles G. Dexter, Survey Technician, Field Chief, Feldman Geospatial

Charlie is a UMO graduate with a bachelor's degree in survey with a minor in business and has passed the FS exam. He has been with Feldman since graduating in 2012. In that time, he has spent two years as an instrument operator, 6.5 years as a crew chief, and recently moved into the office as a survey technician. Charlie has also been working on getting the young surveyors of Massachusetts started.



Shaine R. Bonin, Project Manager/Survey Technician, BSC Group, Inc.

Shaine is a Massachusetts Engineer in Training (EIT), Land Surveyor in Training (LSIT), an FAA Part 107 sUAS Pilot, and serves as a project manager as part of BSC Group's Boston-based survey team. He is a graduate student at the University of Maine, pursuing his Professional Science Master's in Engineering and Management with a focus in surveying engineering technology. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Lowell, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Engineering with a major in civil engineering. He also received an Undergraduate Certificate in surveying engineering technology from the University of Maine. Complementing his educational background is Shaine's previous experience serving as a project lead at a construction company, where he collaborated with project engineers and contractors regarding existing structure surveys, cost estimations, and plan implementations for shallow foundation construction and residential septic systems.



Sterling Hooke, PLS, Project Manager, Encompass Energy Services

Sterling is a Professional Land Surveyor currently licensed in five states (ME, RI, CT, NJ, KY). He received his bachelor's degree in Surveying Engineering Technology at the University of Maine while interning at GM2 Associates, Inc., and then was hired on full time at SGC Engineering, LLC in 2012 after graduation. At SGC Sterling worked for seven years on a range of projects throughout the eastern U.S., both field and office. Currently, Sterling works at Encompass Energy Services as a project manager and team leader, primarily dealing with ALTA/NSPS surveys in the renewable energy sector, supporting and consulting clients with the land acquisition and development process throughout the northeast.

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM

Lunch, MAL SCE Annual Meeting & Awards Presentations



Presiding: J. Dan Bremser, PLS, Senior Project Manager, Hancock Associates, MAL SCE President

Keynote Address: NSPS, National Surveying Advocacy, and the Future of Surveying

Like many jobs in this age of automation, the surveyor is quickly becoming an endangered profession. There are many facets in our everyday lives that are the responsibility of a surveyor, but the number of practitioners is dwindling. The pandemic may have turned our world upside down for many reasons but for surveyors, it increased our visibility and workload. Attrition will claim many within our ranks over the next several years, so we must rise together and find a way to prolong our profession through all avenues, including word of mouth, marketing, social media, and recruiting at all ages. NSPS is leading the way as the national voice and advocate for the surveying profession. We are working with legislators across the country to safeguard our professional licensing process and continuing to educate the public on the importance of our profession.

The future of surveying remains at the forefront of the NSPS list of advocacies. We recognize the challenges faced not just by surveyors but by many other professions and occupations. We also recognize that inclusion is a key component to creating diversity and we are ramping up our efforts to be more inclusive of all nationalities, races, and genders. Together, we grow as a profession and a nation. The future of surveying is very bright, and NSPS is continuing to lead the way in creating a positive career path for our future geospatial professionals.



Keynote Presenter: Timothy W. Burch, PLS, Executive Director, NSPS

Timothy W. Burch, PLS, is the Executive Director of the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS). He also served as President-Elect, Vice President, and Secretary (2015-2019) of the NSPS Board of Directors, and as Governor/Director representing Illinois (2007-2014). Tim has been involved with the organization for more than 20 years as a member of the Certified Survey Technician Board, Joint Government Affairs, and ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey committees. Along with content contributor for NSPS social media, he is creator and producer of the NSPS podcast "Surveyor Says!" and a contributing writer to the NSPS newsletter "News and Views." Tim also serves as a Brand Ambassador for the "Get Kids into Survey" initiative created by Elaine and Elly Ball and was instrumental in establishing NSPS as the North America distributor for the GKIS posters.

Tim was recently named to serve as Chair for the FIG Commission 1 – Working Group 1.1 (Professional Ethics) and will serve as Chair for the overall Commission 1 (Professional Standards) starting in 2023. He is a co-contributing editor for survey in GPS World Magazine (2015-present) and contributor to the various surveying society newsletters and blogs. Mr. Burch is a Professional Land Surveyor licensed in the States of Illinois and Wisconsin.

1:45 PM – 2:15 PM

Concurrent Session 4A: Surveying Career Slide Deck for Student Outreach

It's never too early to start attracting the next generation of surveyors to the profession! View the presentation the MALSCE Public Awareness Committee put together to bring to local schools to teach children about land surveyors and what they do.



David Prince, PLS, Vice President Survey Services, WSP

David is a multi-state Licensed Land Surveyor with 30 years' experience. David, who possesses an Associates Degree in Land Surveying from Paul Smith's College ('90) and a Bachelor's Degree in Survey Engineering from Ferris State University ('93), currently holds the position of New England Survey Manager for WSP USA Inc. David has spent the past 25 years with WSP working out of their NH Office but managing and overseeing projects throughout the New England / NY Region.

1:45 PM – 3:45 PM

Concurrent Session 4B: 50 Ways to Improve Your Surveying Measurements (A Continuation of Session 2B)

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Joseph V.R. Paiva, PhD, Principal and CEO, GeoLearn LLC

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Concurrent Session 5A: MassDOT New Engineering Directive E-21-005, Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE): Its Impact on Mass-based Engineers, Surveyors, and the Future of the Industry

Subsurface Utility Mapping (SUM), also known as Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE), is an engineering discipline dedicated to locating and mapping buried facilities. This session's presenter will discuss SUM, the roles and responsibilities of the owner, engineer, and contractor in protecting subsurface utility assets and the impact the latest technology will have on investigations. He will also examine national law changes requiring SUE, MassDOT's recently released Engineering Directive E-21-005, Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE), and how the U.S. compares to other countries making effective policy changes to improve public safety through survey practices.



Michael Twohig, Director of Subsurface Utility Mapping, DGT Associates

Michael A. Twohig is a Subject Matter Expert in the field of Subsurface Utility Mapping (SUM). Michael has more than 38 years of industry experience across the US, Australia, India, and Europe with a focus on the integration of traditional utility locating procedures with land survey best practices. As head of SUM at DGT, Michael spearheads the firm's subsurface utility locating, 3D utility mapping and subsurface utility damage prevention programs. Michael is currently developing Multi-Sensor Mobile Mapping platforms using the next generation of multi-channel, multi-frequency Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) systems for the SUM and void detection industry. In the span of his career, Michael has authored more than 50 articles relating to utility mapping, underground damage prevention, and utility industry best practices, and he is a frequent speaker at international conferences such as the Common Ground Alliance CGA, SPAR, Hexagon, and the international Lidar conference ILMF and GEOBIM in Amsterdam. Michael has also presented SUM best practices at military, transportation, commercial and GITA conferences. One of Michael's greatest achievements is the advancement and development and implementation of new 3D deliverables for geospatial projects, integrating LiDAR, utility locating systems, GPR, infrared, land surveying, and multi-sensor platforms to provide high quality, reliable and accurate data for CAD, GIS and BIM delivery format.

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Concurrent Session 5B: Things About Instrumentation You May Have Forgotten or Never Learned

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Today's projects require the ability to assess measurement challenges and make decisions on which technology and approach best suit the needs of the client, who often do not understand what they need. Whether to deploy a solution involving geotechnical sensors, GNSS or automated total stations requires a solid understanding of what each can provide and how they can be deployed as a system to maximize effectiveness. This session will provide a generic review of some typical projects, considerations in planning projects and review of available technologies, without focusing on one brand. There will be time for questions and answers, exploration of how to fully explore equipment and software capability, and common pitfalls.



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4:15 PM – 6:00 PM

Concurrent Session 6A: Structural Monitoring – Tracking Movement in a Fast-Paced World

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Saturday, March 19, 2022

Featured Sessions

8:00 AM – 12:15 PM

General Session: Re-Engineering Surveyors and Their Businesses

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Surveyors often ponder their status as professionals – are they or aren't they? This program will begin by examining what surveyors do currently and how it affects their self-perception and perceptions by others. We will discuss how these perceptions are created and what we might do to alter them as individuals, a group, and as businesses. Learn how you might manage an “image improvement” program, as this type of activity is a difficult thing for surveyors to implement on their own. This session will help you formulate a plan for developing a plan for improving the perception of the profession from within, as well as by the public and affiliated groups.



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8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Surveyor in Training Refresher Course

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Coupling On-line Education with Workforce Development Initiatives

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Abstract

At the core of workforce development is training and education. Historically this has meant that the jobs had to be plentiful enough in one location to bring in training and attract workers, or the jobs and workers needed to be in close proximity to existing educational institutions. Combinations that have rarely existed in surveying. However, by accessing online education, workforce development programs, employers and prospective employees can couple jobs and workers and the necessary education simultaneously virtually anywhere. In just over three years, the University of Maine's online Baccalaureate has revolutionized undergraduate surveying education in the United States. In the same way, the University's online surveying undergraduate certificate program can be leveraged to create a robust workforce development program for surveying, in turn revolutionizing the creation of the next generation of technicians and professionals.

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NSPS Education Policy:

Education Policy

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By vote of the NSPS Board of Directors on October 24, 2014, the NSPS Education Policy states:

"The official position of the National Society of Professional Surveyors shall be that a Bachelor's Degree in Surveying, Surveying Engineering, or Surveying Engineering Technology be the minimum educational requirement for licensure as a Land Surveyor in all jurisdictions."

<https://www.nsps.us.com/page/EducationPolicy>

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NSPS Education Policy:

Realities:

- Policy was understood to be a long-term goal;
- Licensure education requirements currently vary greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction;
- Intermediate steps would be practically necessary in most jurisdictions before the over-arching goal is realized in all jurisdictions.



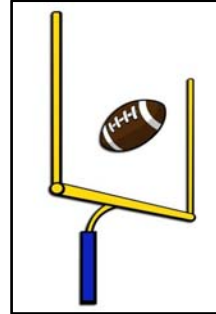
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NSPS Education Policy:

Major Factors driving the realization of the policy:

- Regional approach “*White Paper*” (1974);
- Technological advances (1970’s to date);
- *Body of Knowledge* publication (2011);
- NSPS 100% membership program (2014).



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NSPS Education Policy:

Regional approach white paper (1974):

- Provided the framework for creating regional BS/MS/PhD programs;
- Described a local/state focused system of AS programs to feed into these regional programs. (Note: this was written in the pre-undergraduate certificate era)



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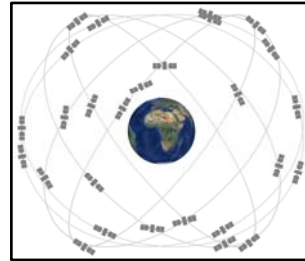
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NSPS Education Policy:

Technological advances (1970's to date):

Pace of new technology adoption in practice outstrips historic apprenticeship/mentor education licensure model's effectiveness:

- Licensees unable to adequately provide education to mentees since they lacked knowledge themselves;
- Need for theoretical knowledge to support practice-based decision processes;
- National licensure exams moved from practice-based to knowledge-based exams.



<https://www.gps.gov/systems/gps/space/>

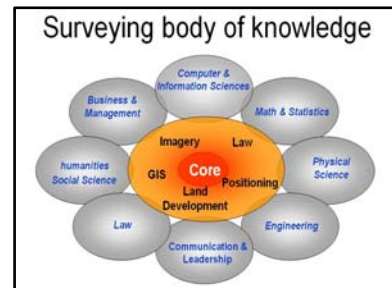
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NSPS Education Policy:

Articulated the basis for Surveying as a separate and distinct profession:

- Defined the breadth and depth of knowledge necessary to competently practice;
- Inescapably evident that the knowledge (quantity and quality) necessary for competent practice requires a bachelor's degree in the discipline.

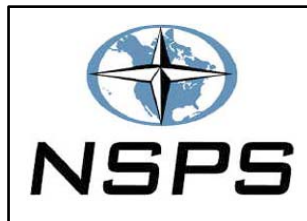


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NSPS Education Policy:

NSPS 100% Membership Program:



Realization that creating an educated profession was a national issue and required national leadership:

- Larger, more engaged, Board of Directors;
- Focused roll in providing support for local/state initiatives.

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The Historical Surveying Educational Models

Beginning of Time until late 20th Century:

Apprentice supplemented with “informal” education

transitioned to:

Late 20th Century to today:

**Formal post-secondary education and shorter
experience/apprenticeship terms**

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Brief History Lesson:

1970's-1980's Accredited BS Degrees in Surveying Engineering began popping up

1970's to date: NSPS and State Surveying Societies develop and implement numerous programs (outreach) to support, populate and grow such programs:

- Videos (e.g. *Career without boundaries*)
- Scholarships
- Trig Star
- NSPS Student Competition
- CST
- Numerous ad-hoc committees
- 2+2 Programs
- Articulation Agreements
- Regional Tuition Pacts

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Brief History Lesson:

Additional Models for Surveying Education Developed:

- Associates Degree Programs
- Certificate Programs
- Minors (e.g. for Civil Engineers and Forestry)

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40± Year Results:

- Continued low enrollments
- Fewer programs
- Fewer graduates
- Fewer faculty
- Nearly all programs in the US have gone through a period of instability threatening their existence.

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- Demand for services
- Demand for educated surveyors
- Entry level/technician personnel needs
- High salaries

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- Low enrollments
- Fewer programs
- Fewer graduates
- Fewer faculty

Why the disconnect?

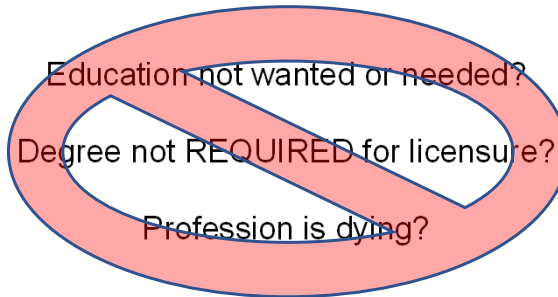
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Why the disconnect?

NO!

NO!



NO!

NO!

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It's the MODEL!

How do I know?

University of Maine Surveying Engineering Technology

Spring 2019: 50ish students working on BS in Surveying Engineering Technology (traditional on-campus education)

Fall 2019, began enrolling in 100% on-line

Spring 2022: **160-ish** working on BS in Surveying Engineering Technology, **100-ish** working on an undergraduate (15 credit) certificate from at least **39** states and **5** countries and **30-ish** Masters students.

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It's the MODEL!

It wasn't that no one wanted the education, or the profession was dying, or it wasn't required, it was **ACCESS!**

Those that wanted the education couldn't get it.

#1 issue in Adult and DEI Education is removing barriers!

Issue	Solution
Day Jobs	Night School
Financial	Scholarships
Family	Campus Childcare
Transportation	Public Transportation
Geographic Remoteness	On-line Degrees

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It's the MODEL!

There is still another issue remaining:

- Most students working on degrees and certificates are gainfully employed already and happy/settled at graduation.
- Educating the existing workforce is important.
- Growing the surveying workforce is another.

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- Can we add on-line surveying education to existing workforce development efforts to:
 - Introduce surveying to more individuals entering the workforce.
 - Provide a pathway(s) for both technical staff and licensure that leverages on-line education and credentialing.
 - Provides access to underserved populations, those typically targeted in DEI efforts as well as our geographically isolated known demographic?

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In workforce development lingo the term used is
“Pathways”

How do you craft “pathways” for individuals that wish to explore or enter a field?

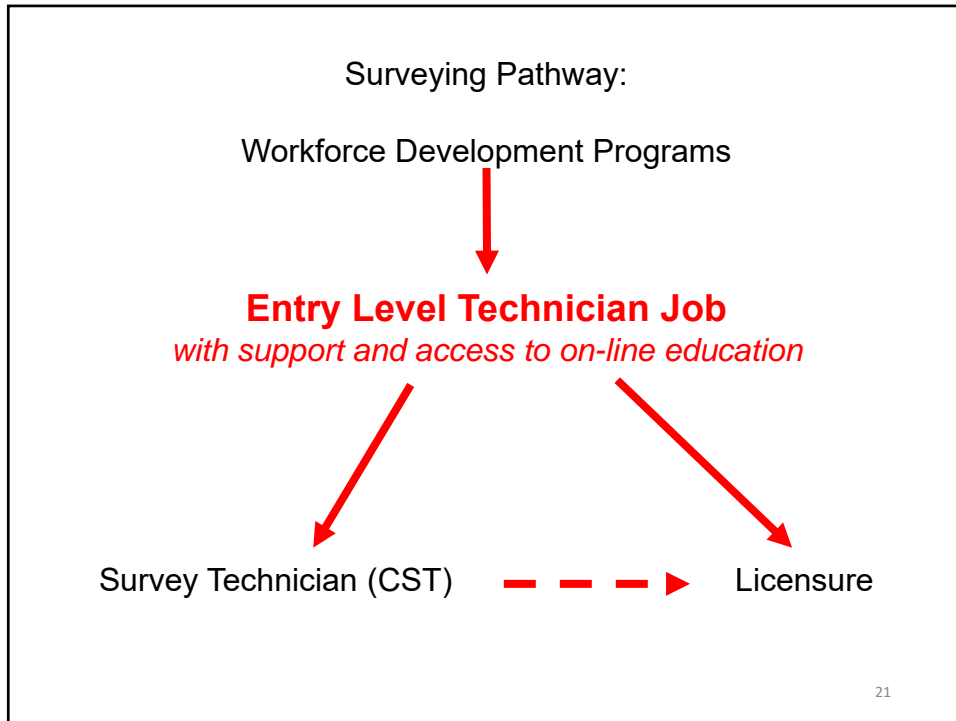
So, rather than continue trying to get high school kids to go directly into traditional on campus BS programs (It hasn't worked after nearly 40 years of intense effort)...

How about developing a supported “pathway” that tracks the actual pathway that most educated surveyors actually follow?

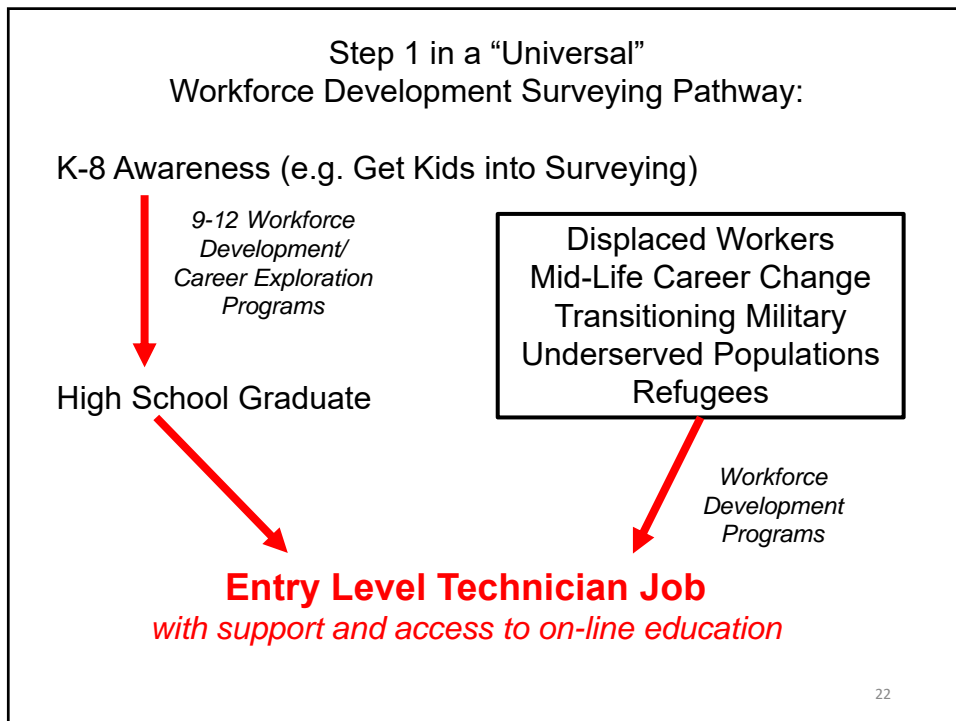
“Something”to job in surveying...to surveying education...to licensure

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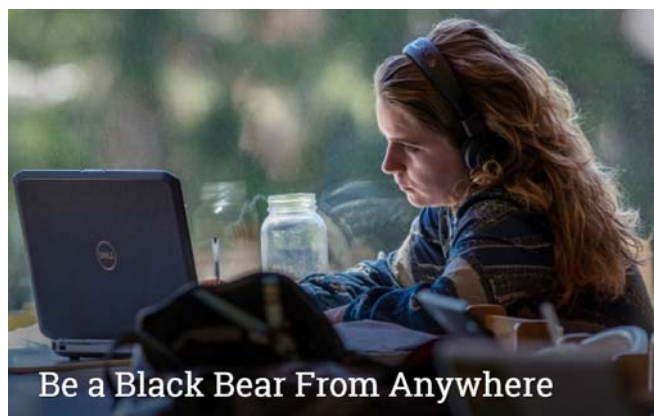
Prototype “K-12” Surveying **Pathway:**

- K thru 6: Age-Appropriate Awareness:(e.g. Get Kids into Surveying)
- Grades 7 thru 9: Awareness Programing in Curriculum
- Grade10 &11: Identify Interest, Mentoring, Job Shadowing, Field Trips, Speakers
- Summer between 11 and 12: Job Shadow/Internship
- Grade 12: CST Level 1 training and exam, Intro Surveying CAD class on-line apply to Certificate Program.
- Graduation, Start F/T employment, Continue education on-line

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On-line undergraduate certificate, baccalaureate and graduate degree programs at University of Maine



Be a Black Bear From Anywhere

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University of Maine Surveying Engineering Technology

The screenshot shows the main website for the Surveying Engineering Technology program. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Admissions, Campus Life, Academics, Research, and About Us, along with a search bar and a 'Quicklinks' menu. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Home, Prospective Students, Curriculum, Faculty, and Contact Us.

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Resources' and contains a list of links: Apply Today, Academics, Transfer Agreements, Career Opportunities, Alumni, FAQ - Students & Family, FAQ - Employment, Newsletters & Announcements, Links, and Contact Us. Below this list is a link for 'Engineering News'.

The right column is titled 'Home' and features three links: Graduate Degree, Surveying Emphasis; Online Surveying Degree; and Surveying Certificate. Below these links is a sub-header: 'A Combination of Surveying, Practical Engineering, and Business'. The main text describes the program as a surveying program focusing on skills and education for professional practice, accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET (<https://www.abet.org>). It also mentions that the program starts with a basic grounding in mathematics and physical sciences.

Two images are included: one showing a person operating a surveying instrument on a red utility vehicle in a wooded area, and another showing a person using a surveying instrument on a tripod in an open field.

At the bottom of the page, there is a URL: <https://umaine.edu/svt/>

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University of Maine Surveying Engineering Technology

The screenshot shows the 'UMaineOnline' website. At the top, there is a large 'UMaineOnline' logo with a play button icon. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for Online Courses, Orientation, Tuition & Fees, Contact Us, How to Apply, and More.

The main content area features four program cards, each with a photo and a title:

- Undergraduate Certificate in Surveying Engineering Technology**: Includes a photo of a person at a computer workstation.
- Bachelor of Science in Surveying Engineering Technology**: Includes a photo of people working with surveying equipment.
- Graduate Certificate in Surveying Engineering**: Includes a photo of a group of people standing outdoors.
- Professional Science Masters in Engineering and Business**: Includes a photo of people working with surveying equipment.

At the bottom of the page, there is a URL: <https://online.umaine.edu/surveying/>

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On-line surveying baccalaureate degree program values:

- No geographic constraints;
- National access problem is solved;
- Most direct path to body of knowledge and NSPS policy realization;
- Precursor to a Masters degree.
- (U. Maine is ETAC of ABET accredited so portability is not an issue.)

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Surveying certificate program values:

- Entry credential for technicians with licensure or baccalaureate degree aspirations;
- Career change exploration;
- Viable option to fulfill education requirements in states without 4-year surveying degree requirements for licensure;
- Viable option for those with non-surveying baccalaureate to obtain discipline specific undergraduate course work;
- Precursor to an on-line degree (baccalaureate or masters).

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On-line certificate program values (the “slam-dunk”)

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Surveying UG Certificate Program:

Core Courses(9 credits):

- SVT 101: Basic Surveying Field and Office Processes (3 credits) *Fall and Spring*
- SVT 202: Route and Site Surveying (3 credits) *Fall and Spring – Prereq. SVT 101*
- SVT 221: Boundary Law (3 credits) *Fall and Spring – Prerequisite SVT 202*

Electives: two electives (6 credits). All have a prerequisite of SVT 202.

- SVT 201: Adjustment Computations (3 credits) *Offered Spring*
- SVT 331: Photogrammetry (3 credits) *Offered Spring*
- SVT 341: Advanced Surveying (3 credits) *Offered Fall*
- SVT 352: Practical Field Operations (3 credits) *Offered Spring*
- SVT 437: Practical GPS (3 credits) *Offered Fall*

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Surveying **UG Certificate** Program Admissions Info:

Transfer Credits:

- Students will be able to transfer in up to 6 credits of similar courses from other institutions.
- Any other substitutions will be at the discretion of the surveying engineering technology program coordinator.

Requirements:

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- Knowledge of basic trigonometry
- Ability to use a scientific calculator with trigonometry functions

Application Materials:

- [An online application](#)
- Official academic transcripts

International students may ONLY pursue this certificate online and from the country in which they are citizens.

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Surveying **UG Certificate** Program:

Extra Courses/Credits:

Students enrolled in this certificate can take up to 21 credits at the *e-rate*.

After 21 credits, they will need to be admitted into an undergraduate or graduate degree program for the *e-rate* or *pay the out-of-state rate*.

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Graduate - Business	\$650/credit hour**	\$650/credit hour***
Graduate - Engineering***	\$700/credit hour	\$700/credit hour
Graduate - Education***	\$550/credit hour	\$550/credit hour
Graduate - All Other Programs***	\$590/credit hour	\$590/credit hour
Graduate Programs - Non-Degree/Not Enrolled in a Program	\$541/credit hour	\$1,623/credit hour

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50 Ways to Improve Your Surveying Measurements

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Another Way...

50 Ways to Screw Up Your Surveys

if you don't pay attention!



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I Hope You Will Find This Useful

- Whether you are a business owner or senior manager
- Or are in a lower rank within your business

- If you are an owner or manager of a business, or any level supervisor, it is important to coach your teams on good processes and understanding of what they are doing.

- I hope this helps.
- My background is surveying, engineering and EDUCATION

Many of These...

- You probably already know
- I'll try to refresh you on the importance of doing them...or explaining to your teams why they need to keep these things in mind

1. Centering On a Point

- To check your plummet
- If on rotatable alidade, center on the point, before or after leveling
- Then rotate 180°
- See where the reticle lands
- If it doesn't move from original position...all good

Why?

What good is measuring an angle at a point that you didn't intend?

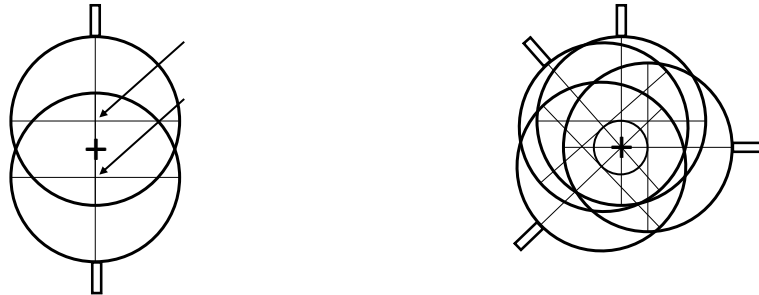
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Centering

- If reticle moves as you rotate, the true "aim" of the vertical axis is halfway between those two positions (assuming you rotated the alidade 180°)
- So you can still center accurately, just keep the indicated, but erroneous line of sight such that it moves in a circle around the ground point!
- If you check at 180° intervals, the two points should fall such that the true point is in the midpoint between them

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2. Correct Plumbing Point



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Check and Correct For This Every Setup

- Don't wait to get it adjusted!
- Correcting for this problem is a field procedure that all technicians should follow
- No excuses... "but we didn't know how to adjust" or "no time to get it to the shop"

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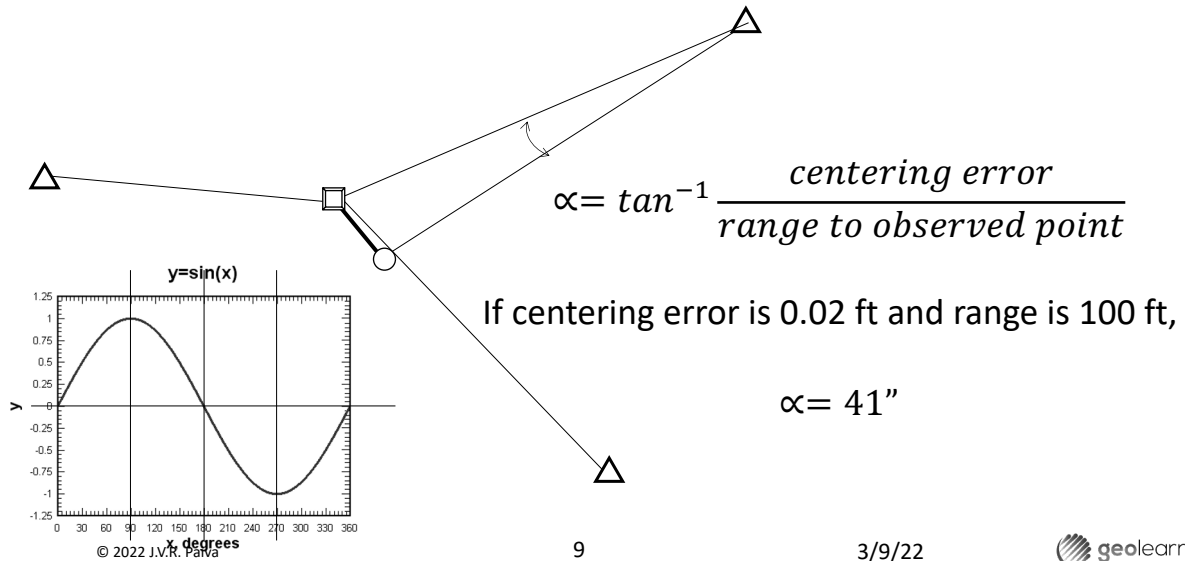
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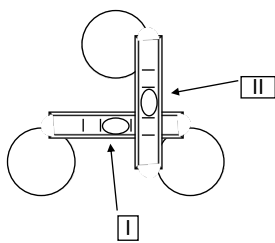
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3. Magnitude of Mis-Centering – H. Angle

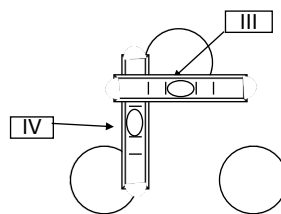


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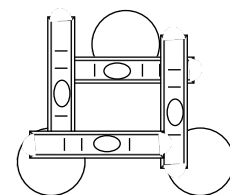
4. Leveling



BTW: most experienced operators can center within 1/5 of span of 2 mm graduations. So, if 30" bubble, $\pm 6''$ centering.



Bubble movement at III indicates TWICE the error in bubble adjustment



Key is to find REVERSING point...where bubble stays in same position as you rotate alidade

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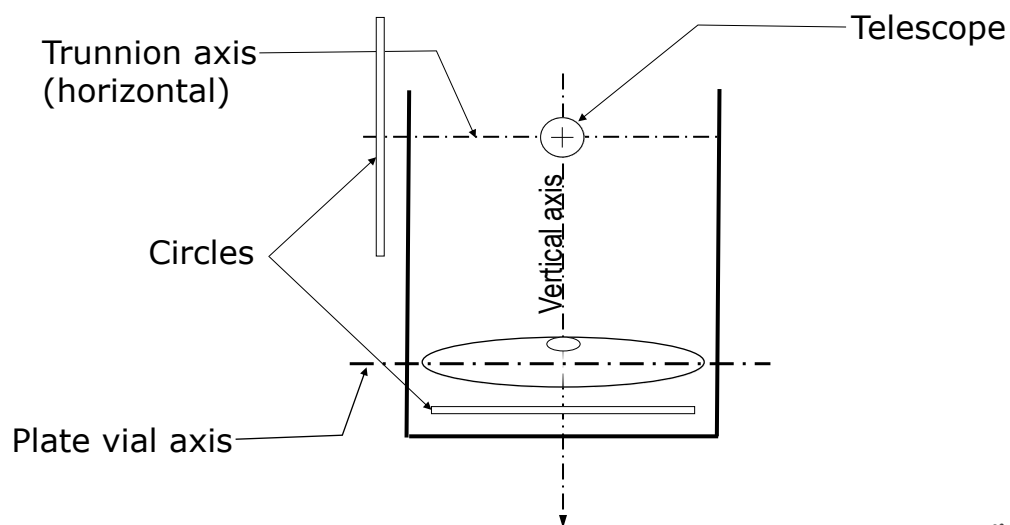
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5. Electronic Compensator

- Single axis or dual axis?
- What does this mean?
- Let's look at anatomy of theodolite

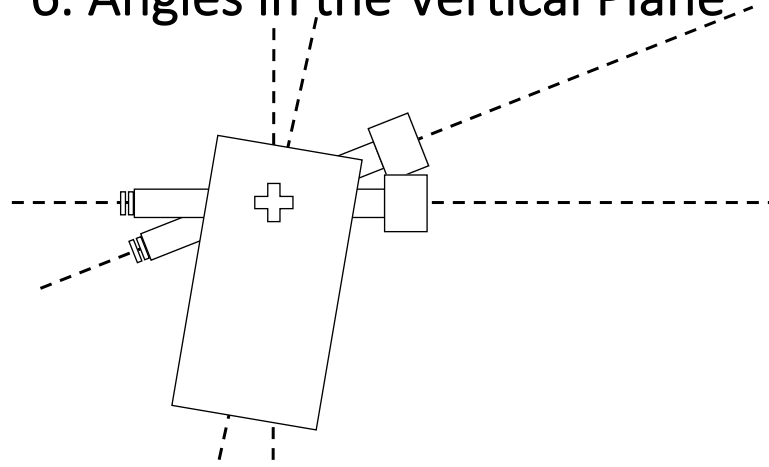
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Basic Alignment of Theodolite



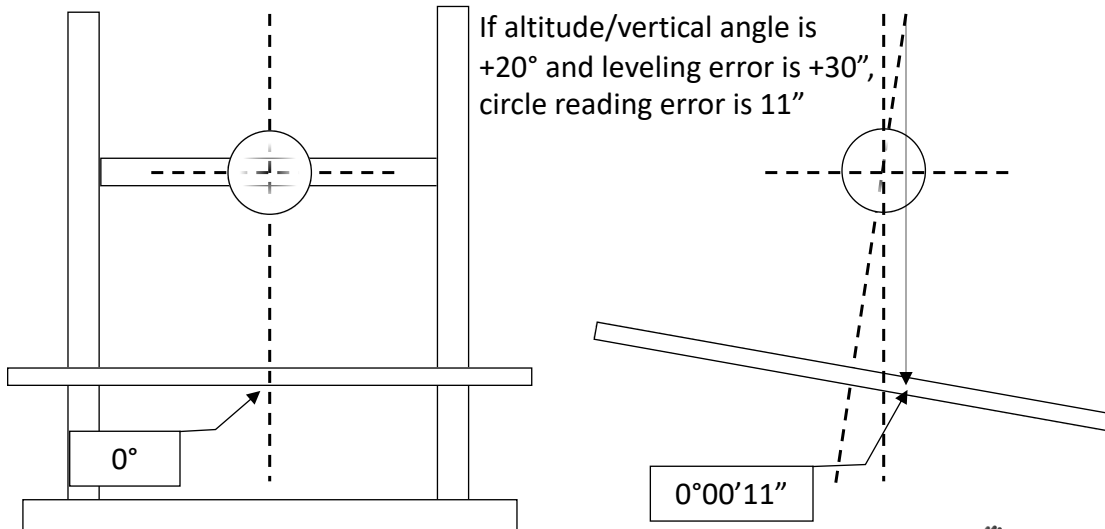
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6. Angles in the Vertical Plane



Single axis compensator corrects zenith angles for tilt of the vertical axis, i.e. in the direction that telescope points. Tilt is measured and applied to observed zenith angle.

7. Angles in the Horizontal Plane



Solving For Error in H. Reading

- H. angle affected by tilt in direction of horizontal or transverse axis
- Error is solved with

$$E_H = \alpha \tan \nu$$

- Where
- α is leveling error
- ν is vertical (or altitude) angle
- E.g. Leveling error is 30", vertical angle is +20°
- $E_H = 11"$ (note this is for single reading, or one direction – to measure an angle you have two readings or directions)

8. Compensator in Adjustment?

- How to tell?
- Answer: same way you check plate bubble
- Level up (i.e. get to zero tilt) with display aligned with two leveling screws in position I
- Now rotate 90° to position II and level up
- Go back and forth until both show no error
- Now rotate to position III

If Compensator is Out of Adjustment

- If it doesn't show zero tilt, movement is twice the compensator error
- You can still use without adjusting compensator by using reversing point principle
- Note, if dual axis, look in both sighting and transverse axis directions on compensator display and level both in position I using all three leveling screws
- Move to position III and see the error, etc.

9. Reversing Point

- This is the position on the plate bubble or compensator where bubble position or compensator tilt indication remains the same as you rotate alidade

10. Collimation

- Is cross hair aligned with optical axis of telescope?
- How to check
- Basic procedure is get a nice clear, sharp target about 150-250 ft away (close to horizontal, i.e. $Z=90^\circ$); this distance depends on quality of instrument and magnification—you may need to be only 50-75 ft away
- Level up instrument and sight at the target in F1, record H and Z readings
- Invert into F2, sight target, record H and Z readings

Interpreting Readings

- What should you observe?
- This should be obvious if you know your instrument

Collimation Check

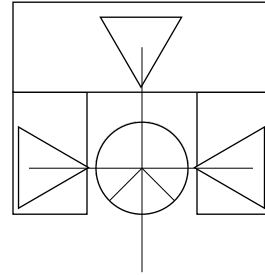
- Example data
- F1 $H = 236^{\circ}14'32''$, $Z = 87^{\circ}15'16''$
- Above values should be mean of four to eight sightings
- F2 what should you get if it is in good adjustment?
- Again, take mean of same number of readings as in F1

Collimation Check

- Example data
- Mean F1 $H = 236^{\circ}14'32''$, $Z = 87^{\circ}15'16''$
- Above values should be mean of four to eight sightings
- Mean F2 $H = 056^{\circ}14'36''$, $Z = 272^{\circ}44'50''$
- Conclusion: variation in H is 4", variation in Z is 6"
- H error +2" Z error +3"

11. EDM Check – Collimation (different!)

- EDM axis of measurement energy must be aligned with optical axis and reticle
- Conduct sweep test
 1. Sight at prism, put cross hairs on center
 2. Take distance reading
 3. Now tangent to right 1 minute, take reading
 4. Repeat until you get no response
 5. You will see variation in distance



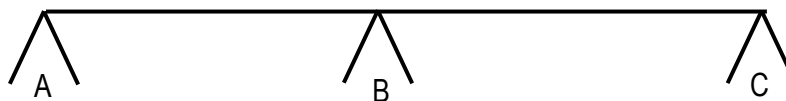
EDM Collimation Check

- Now repeat same pattern to left, right, up and down
- Are you getting the most consistent readings on center?
- If not, take EDM to your certified, qualified instrument shop
- Make sure they have an infrared alignment scope
- They can't do this adjustment without it (they may not know how)
- Think about how you use your car, your mechanic needs to understand how your car is supposed to work

12. EDM Check – Prism Constant

- There are constant errors (fixed errors) in all EDMs
- We compensate for these with (a) an instrument offset (usually only set in the shop), and
- (b) prism constant (user settable)
- To test for the combined effect of these two error sources...
- Find a flat area about 250 ft long
- Set points at ends and middle (pacing is OK)
- Optical plummets must all be at the “no visual error” level

Determining Prism & Instrument Offsets



AB + BC should equal AC

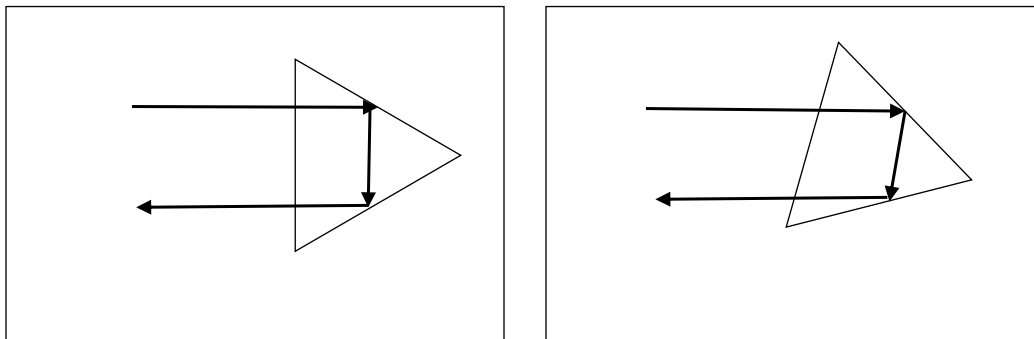
If error exists (e), then it will be in each
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of the measurements, thus

$$AB + BC - AC = e$$

Important Pointers

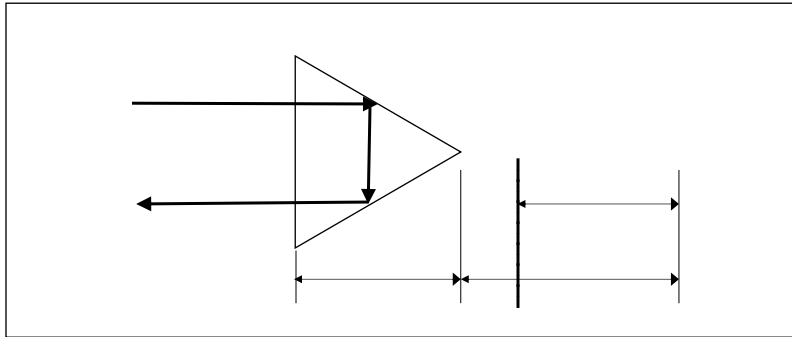
- Keep observations as flat as possible
- Use only one prism for all readings
- You can repeat with other prisms to see if you get different results
- Set your instrument to what the manufacturer tells you the prism constant is
- Any other difference is possibly due to instrument constant
- There can also be small variations in prism constants!

13. Prism Constant “Why”



Retroreflector or corner
cube is not a mirror

14. Geometric Application of Prism Constant

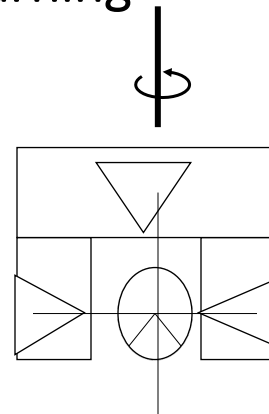


EDM measures to a theoretical point 30 mm back of plumbing point

- Distance traveled inside prism is $2t$
- Equivalent distance traveled $\approx 1.5 \times 2t$
- [refractive index of glass approx. 1.5]

15. Zero Offset Prism Warning

- Don't sight on "star"
- You will have angle error with all prism offsets (minimum with "advanced" prism offset)
- It is the worst with zero offset prisms
- Affects H. and Z. angles depending on prism misalignment
- There is a smaller error on distances measured as well



16. Use “Auto Pointing? How Accurate?”

- OK for topo
- Check for collimation of auto pointing system by auto pointing to target
- Then check with telescope if reticle is on target (not prism, per #15!)
- Don't use auto point for traverse

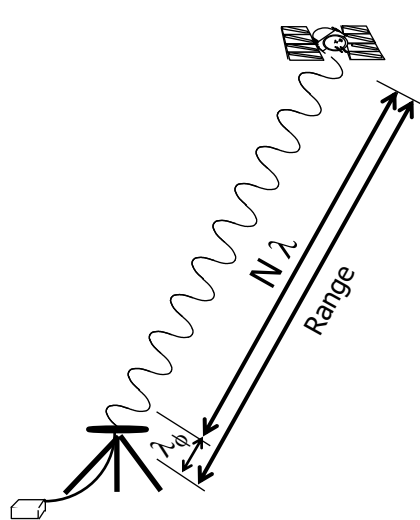
17. GNSS Buffer (under trees, in canyons, etc.)

- Cannot violate laws of physics
- Most RTK systems have a display “buffer”
- Wait for system to settle before measuring an epoch or more
- Repeat occupations with “quick” RTK fixes will only reinforce the systematic error
- Set two good points in the clear (three best for redundancy)
- Then set up total station on each and calculate position of point that is shadowed

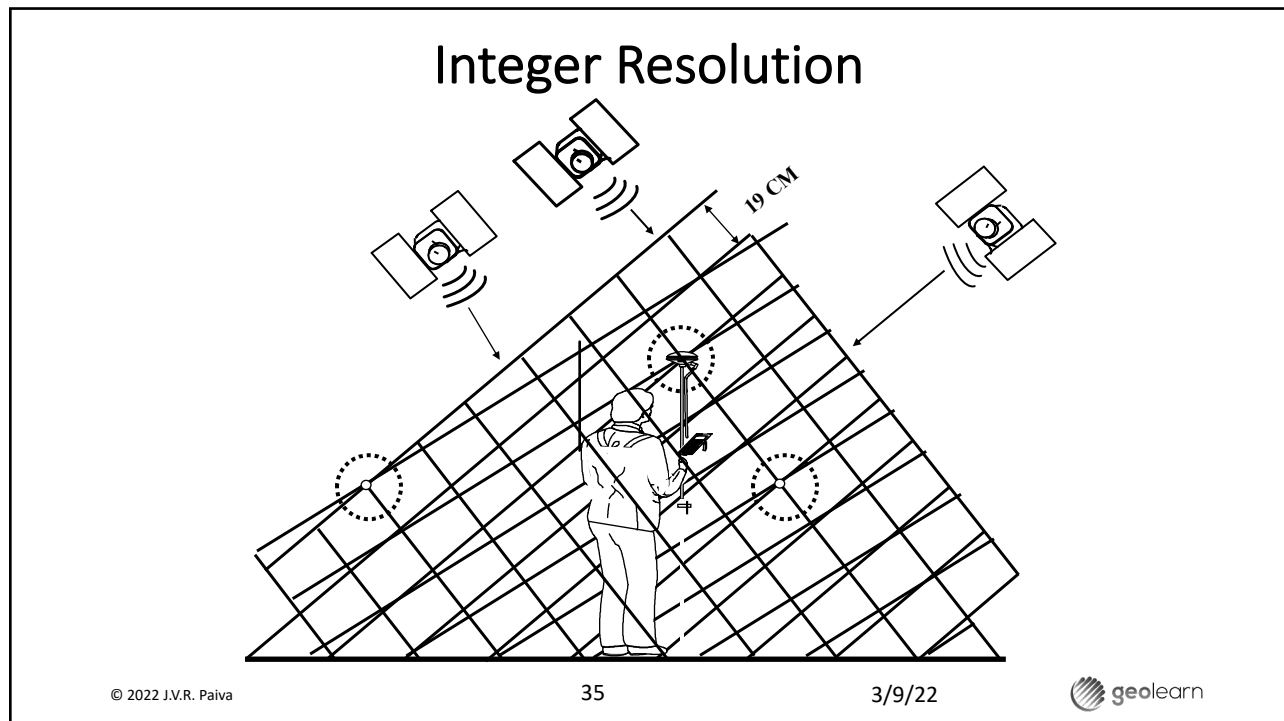
18. Faulty GNSS RTK Initialization

- RTK is not perfect
- Manufacturer's spec doesn't duplicate real life
- What's there in real life that's not in the test?
- Multipath
- Shadowing resulting in smaller number of satellites
- Latency
- Space weather
- Do you look at skyplots anymore?

The Integer Ambiguity



- Receiver measures partial wavelength when it first locks on
- Partial, circularly polarized phase is read like a clock
- Receiver counts successive cycles after this
- Receiver does not know whole number of wavelengths (behind that first partial one) between it and SV



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Faulty Initialization Mitigation

- Occupy all points or key points or control points more than once
- When you do the re-occupation, break lock and re-initialize
- Occupy known control set by either/and other different methods, different bases, different time of day; usually guarantee of different constellation
- Static GNSS is accurate because satellites move during observation
- Very little movement with RTK/RTN even 3-5 minute occupations

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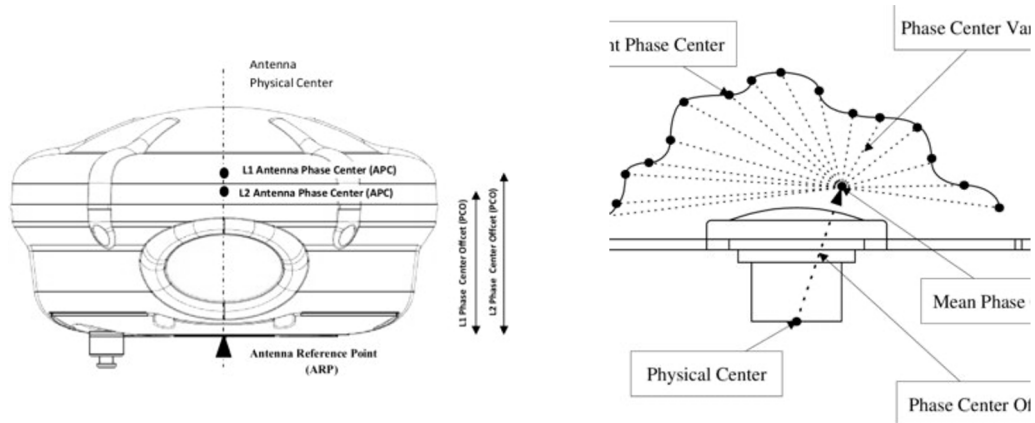
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19. Know Your Phase Center Reference Mark



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20. Close Your Traverse

- With total station, this is easy
- Have we forgotten!
- BUT....precision can be meaningless if you've not attempted to deal with systematic errors
- Measuring all distances that are 1% too long will still give you good precision
- So don't black box it!

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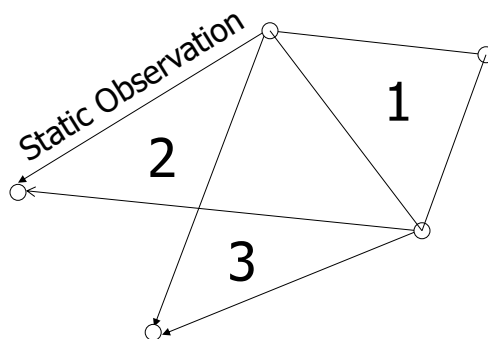


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21. Adjust Your Traverse

- Whether it is compass rule or least squares, purpose of adjustment is to mathematically, theoretically account for random error
- IT is NOT supposed to deal with systematic error
- To deal with systematic error, know your instrumentation system and the environment

22. Adjust Your Static GNSS Positions



- Yes, you can traverse
- Solve the baselines that form triangles
- Now use those distances to calculate traverse triangles
- Do they add up to 180?
- Another option: proper least squares adjustments
- OPUS is great but don't take it and use without redundancy!

23. Adjust Your RTK GNSS Positions

- If you are using RTK, you are doing a radial survey
- How do you adjust your positions?
- One way is to set up a new hub for your radial measurements
- Or use RTN with redundancy
- As usual always check into known control periodically
- If possible observe at a different time to swap out the constellation

24. Total Station Angle Error

- DIN or ISO spec published by manufacturers is NOT the angle uncertainty
- E.g. instrument has spec of $\pm 3''$
- This means when you sight at a target, such as BS or FS, you have an uncertainty of $\pm 3''$ standard deviation of the mean of F1 and F2 *in that direction*
- For the angle, you have two of these, so total angular error (standard deviation) is $\pm 4.2''$ (i.e. $\sqrt{2}DINspec$)

A Few More Total Station Angle Random Error Examples

$$E_{\text{doubled angle}} = \frac{E_{\text{spec}}}{\sqrt{2}} \times 2$$

No. obs. in 1 angle (points to the 2 in the numerator)
No. repetitions (points to the 2 in the denominator)

- For a “normal” angle in F1 and F2, $n = 2$
- So with 3” spec, total error = 4.2”
- What if you’re shooting topo? (i.e. one F1 reading)
- $E_{F1\text{only}} = \frac{E_{\text{spec}}}{\sqrt{1}} \times 2$
- So, with 5” spec, angle error = 10”

Calculating Total Station Angle Random Error

- General equation: $E_{\text{gen}} = \frac{E_{\text{spec}}}{\sqrt{n}} \times 2$
- For a “normal” angle in F1 and F2, $n = 4$ (twice in F1; twice in F2) with instrument spec of ± 2 ”
- Random error in angle = ± 2 ”

25. EDM Error

- Usually stated as $\pm (x \text{ mm} + y \text{ ppm})$ standard deviation
- So if it is $\pm(2 \text{ mm} + 2 \text{ ppm})$, realize uncertainty is variable
- Do a few test calculations
- The basic method: for 100 ft shot, start with 2 mm (0.007 ft)
- 2 ppm of 100 ft: $100 \times \frac{1}{10^6} \times 2 = 0.00005 \text{ ft}$
- Total: round up to 0.01 ft (using full precision, equivalent to 1:14,000)

Create a Table for Your Instrument(s)

This is for an instrument with accuracy $\pm(2 \text{ mm} + 2 \text{ ppm})$

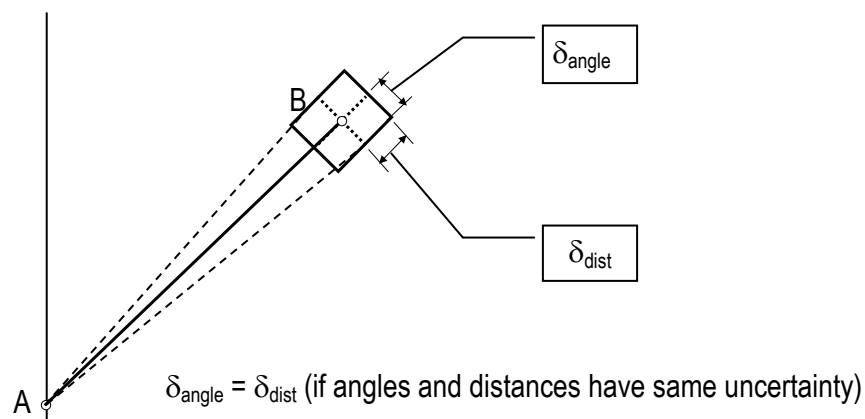
Distance	Constant (ft)	Variable (ft)	Combined (ft)	Precision (1: x)	PPM
10	0.007	0.00002	0.007	1519	658
25	0.007	0.00005	0.007	3781	264
50	0.007	0.0001	0.007	7506	133
100	0.007	0.0002	0.007	14789	68
500	0.007	0.001	0.008	66124	15
1000	0.007	0.002	0.009	116801	9
2000	0.007	0.004	0.011	189365	5
3000	0.007	0.006	0.013	238823	4

26. Combining Angle and Distance Error

- Are your angles more accurate than your distances?
- Vice versa?
- How do you know?
- [Why would you want to know?]

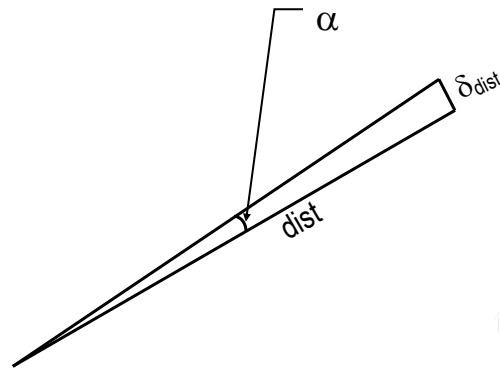
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Angle-Distance Relationships



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Angle-Distance Relationships

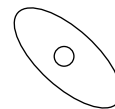


$$\tan \alpha = \text{precision}$$

So equivalent of $\pm 5''$ is 1:41,000
Distance precision of 1:25,000 is $\pm 8''$

27. What About Error Ellipses?

- Let's say on a particular shot you measured the angle to the point F1/F2 with a 5" instrument, so angle uncertainty is $\pm 7''$
- The distance shot is 750 ft with a $\pm(3 \text{ mm} + 3 \text{ ppm})$ EDM
- The side to side uncertainty for angle is $\pm 0.025 \text{ ft}$
- The in/out uncertainty is $\pm(0.01 + 0.002) = \pm 0.012 \text{ ft}$
- Let's say for that shot, your line of sight azimuth is 45°
- Then, error ellipse looks something like this:



Want to Know More?

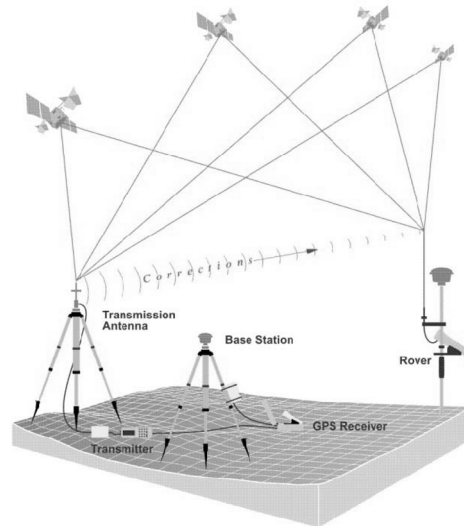
- Check out Charles Ghilani's

"Adjustment Computations"

Parting Thought on Evaluating Errors

- The specs are only part of your error budget
- The instrument manufacturers are not allowing for errors in centering, leveling, sighting, atmosphere, etc.
- You have to use your judgment to add-on to the spec'd uncertainty!
- Pretty sure bet that the errors (random and systematic) you experience with *any instrumentation* are going to be larger than the manufacturer's spec'd value

28. RTK Uncertainty



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28. RTK Uncertainty

- Specs are usually $\pm(1 - 2 \text{ cm} + 1 - 3 \text{ ppm})$ standard deviation
- Do you know what your RTK system spec is? If not, why not?
- Where is that manual?
- 1-2 cm is easy to understand: ± 0.03 to 0.07 ft
- PPM applied just like with EDM to the distance between base station and observation
- Generally, if RTN, you can assume this PPM error is negligible
- But...you must look up RTN provider's specs for uncertainty—if not given, demand it!

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BTW: Check on RTN Health

- Best way: have reliable points (minimum of three)
- Observe them with RTN
- Develop your allowable variations from what you believe are the control values
- Have a systematic plan for evaluating and then deciding whether to use RTN that day (or week, or hour or ...)

29. Checking Between Two Monuments

- You are told that the distance between two monuments (A and B) is 4,529.32 ft
- Uncertainty at A, 95% confidence is ± 0.15 ft
- Uncertainty at B, 95% confidence is ± 0.20 ft
- With your static GNSS system you measure this line and get a number, but it doesn't match
- GNSS spec is $\pm(1 \text{ cm} + 2 \text{ ppm})$ standard deviation
- How to figure out whether your number fits?

Uncertainty in Your Control

- Random error combines as the square root of the individual terms squared and summed, in other words
- $E_{total} = \sqrt{E_1^2 + E_2^2 + \dots + E_n^2}$
- So for line AB, based on published uncertainty we can expect uncertainty in the distance to be $\sqrt{0.15^2 + 0.20^2} = 0.25$ ft
- This is at the 95% confidence level
- If we want std deviation, 68% confidence, we divide by 2 (actually 1.96, but OK to round to 2), so $\sigma = 0.125$ ft

But Our Measuring System is Not Perfect

- It has defects, and in fact the manufacturer tells us that each position determined with a receiver has an uncertainty of $\pm(1 \text{ cm} + 2 \text{ ppm})$, which converts for this distance to
- $0.033 + 0.009 = \pm 0.042$ ft per end point with 68% confidence
- So our result has uncertainty of $\sqrt{0.042^2 + 0.042^2}$
- This can be simplified, if you wish, to $\sqrt{2} \times 0.042 = 0.059$ ft
- So your “measuring tape” you’ve stretched between A and B has an uncertainty of 0.059 ft at 68% confidence

...And Our Control is Not Perfect

- Our control is only good to 0.125 ft standard deviation
- To figure out how much our measured distance should fit within, we use the same equation again
- *uncertainty of fit* = $\sqrt{0.125^2 - 0.059^2} = 0.11$ ft
- So we can have a measurement that is within the range of ± 0.11 ft of the inversed distance between control of 4529.32 and still call it good!

30. Using Least Squares

- Don't simply plug in specifications of your manufacturer
- Their numbers are "ideal" and not always written the way you work, i.e. the direction vs. angle definition for angle accuracy
- But look at your whole system
- How are you centering? Is it accurate?
- How are you leveling is it accurate?
- What about tribrach O.P and prism pole bubble?

What About...

- Prism constant
- Instrument constant
- Optical plummet on tribrach
- Heating/cooling of instrument
- If the line is long enough, are you considering temperature and atmospheric pressure?
- Is the (tripod, etc.) setup stable?
- How long does it take to collect your measurement?



What About...

- Vibrations from construction, traffic, trains, foot traffic
- Frozen ground, windy day
- Warping of the instrument from sunshine
- Do you let the sunlight directly hit your bubble/compensator?
- All these factors affect the uncertainty level you should plug into your least squares software
- If you haven't done the experiments to determine impact from these factors at least use factor of safety of 2 – 5 (YES)!

31. Impact of Atmospheric Temperature on EDM

- Normal response is “PPM is so small, I can ignore it”
- Or “I just put in X”
- What is the impact of temperature?
- Well...start by looking up the temperature at which no correction is required [you should know this]
- It is 68°F on many instruments, 32°F on others, etc.
- Change in a distance due to temp is 1 ppm for approximately every two degrees Fahrenheit (more closely 1 ppm per 1°C) away from the standard temp

Calculating Temp Effect

- Light goes through atmosphere faster as temp goes up and atmosphere gets thinner
- Thus when it is hot, you get a shorter distance on the EDM than it really is
- So the correction is to ADD 1 ppm for every two degrees warmer and SUBTRACT if colder
- Standard temp is 68°F, surveying at 108°, $\Delta = +40^\circ$
- Therefore impact is ≈ 20 PPM



Calculating Temp Effect

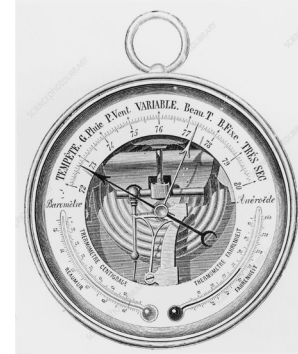
- If the distance being measured is 1000.00 reported by EDM with PPM set to 0
- The error is 0.04 ft
- You would add this number to the displayed value
- Note: use thermometer IN THE SHADE, approximately at the height of your total station telescope, NOT your phone, bank sign, radio, weather bureau report, etc.

32. Impact of Atmospheric Pressure on EDM

- Impact: about 10 ppm per inch of Hg, actually 1.1 inch
- Pressure also changes (lessens) about 1 inch for every 1000 ft
- When pressure is high, air is thicker, so light travels through it slower
- So displayed distance will be longer and correction will have to be SUBTRACTED
- When pressure is low, air is thinner, so ADD correction to displayed value

Calculating Pressure Effect

- What is standard pressure?
- 1 atmosphere = 14.7 psi = 29.92... inches Hg
= 760 mm Hg = 1,013.25 millibars (mbar)
= 101.325 kilopascals
- If pressure is 29.0", then PPM is $0.92 \times 10 = 9.2$ PPM
- Pressure has dropped, so add 9.2 ppm to displayed value



Calculating Pressure Effect

- Use barometer!
- NOT your phone, bank sign, radio, weather bureau report, etc.
- Electronic devices now available for phone, phone apps and stand alone handhelds
- All instruments used for pressure must be periodically calibrated against a mercury barometer

Final Word on Atmospheric Pressure Measurements

- Do not use weather reports; they report pressure as if the barometer is set up at sea level, even if you are in Denver
- That information is useless for correctly applying pressure correction
- Weather station might report 29.92" of Hg but the pressure at the surface in Denver will be about 5" lower!
- At altitude the elevation dominates over atmospheric pressure changes day-to-day (with some caveats)

33. Tribrach Circular Bubble Adjustment

- Put instrument in tribrach
- Level up properly using reversing point if needed
- Inspect circular vial
- If not centered, adjust bubble to center
- That's it (after repeating it to refine and/or check)
- Remember the circular bubble has a sensitivity of only about 8-10 minutes per 2 mm
- Your total station vial has a sensitivity in the range of 20 – 40 seconds per 2 mm



34. Optical Plummet on Tribrach



- Either optical or laser
- Equipment: tripod, “hockey puck,” tribrach AND the tribrach you are checking/adjusting
- Set up tribrach on tripod indoors, firm footing, but leveling not needed
- Put hockey puck in tribrach, then tribrach to be checked upside-down on hockey puck
- Observe mark on ceiling with reticle, rotate tribrach 180°
- Any observed movement is TWICE the error in the plummet

Adjusting Optical Plummet

- You may need adjusting pin, Allen wrench or screw driver
- You can mess it up!
- May be better to take it to your service shop
- This way, if they strip the screw, they’ve got the parts!

Better Option Instead of O.P. Tribrachs



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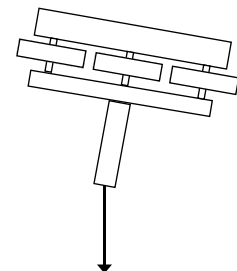
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34. Field Check of O.P. Tribrach

- Use plumb bob
- This is only approximate as it hangs from hook on tripod fixing screw
- 1-2 cm of error is possible
- Take a lot of care to “eyeball” tripod head



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35. Field Check of O.P. Tribrach (#2)

- Center on point
- Trace outline of tribrach
- Rotate 120°, check O.P.; note difference
- Rotate 120° again, check O.P.; note difference
- If no difference, all is good
- If there are differences true point is at the center of the triangle formed by the three points where reticle projected to ground point

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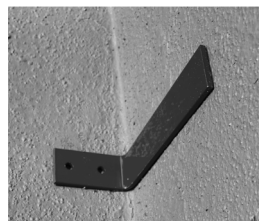
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36. Prism Pole Bubble Check and Adjust



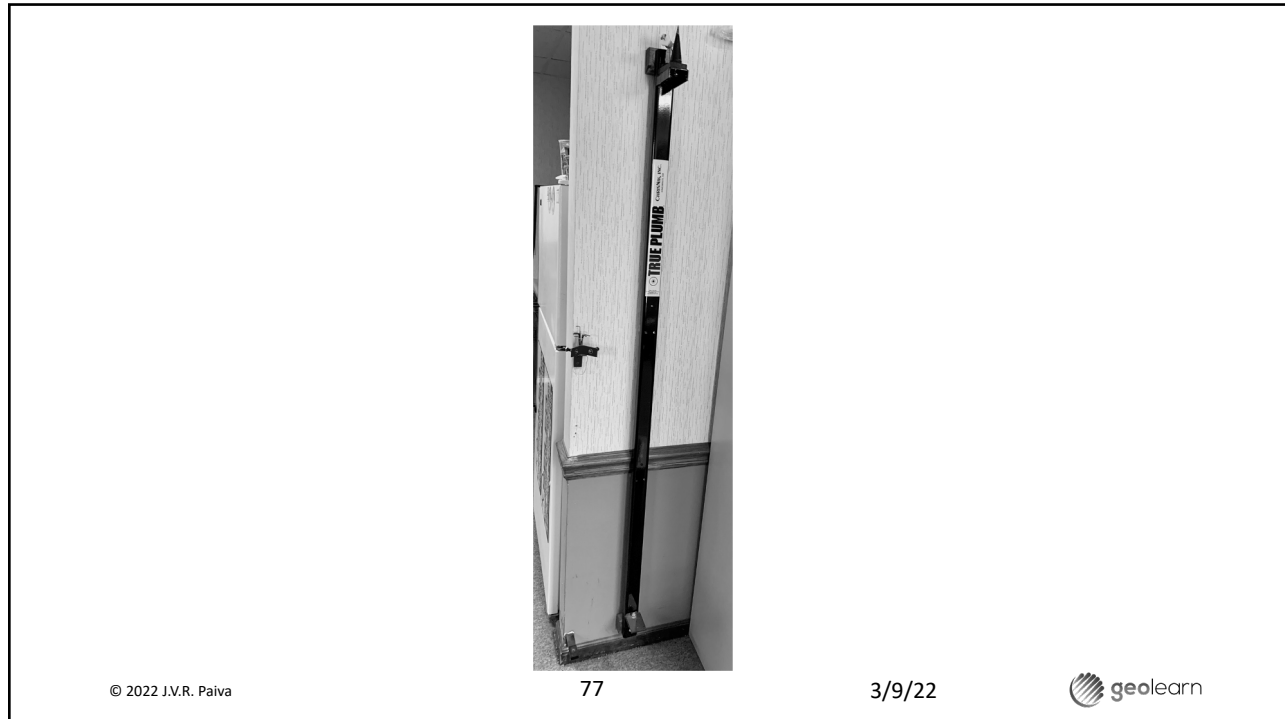
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37. Field Check of Prism/Antenna Pole

- Find any pair of planes that come together at 45° to 90°
- Indoors this might be desk and desk drawer (pulled out)
- Outdoors this might be tailgate of truck and bumper
- Carpet is preferred indoors
- Smooth surface if outdoors, not too soft, not too hard
- Align pole with two surfaces, place point on the ground such that bubble is centered
- Carefully rotate pole 180°; any movement is twice the error

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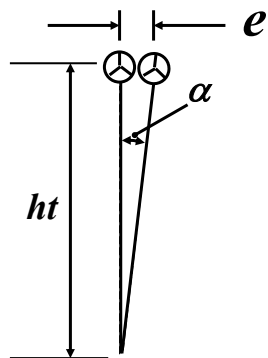
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Importance of Prism Pole Circular Vial Adjustment



$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{e}{\text{height}}$$

$$e = \text{height} \times \tan \alpha = 6 \text{ ft} \times \tan 30' = 0.052 \text{ ft}$$

38. Serialize Your Peripherals

- To keep track of equipment condition, apply permanent labels or engrave inventory numbers on any components that don't already have an easily observable serial number: tribrachs, individual prisms, prism poles, tripods, etc.
- Put I.D. tags/flags with permanent inventory numbers on smaller parts like cables

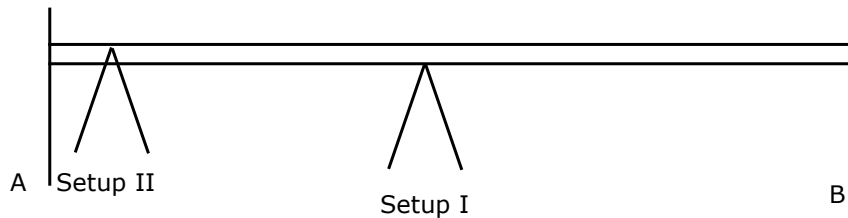
39. Have a Record Book

- Record purchase date, item description, who purchased from
- For major equipment, one page per item
- You can group prism poles, etc. several to a page, but only after you've serialized them
- Have supplementary paper field book in truck to record instrument issues, adjustments, errors as well as other survey related items – not enough to document on your phone

40. Scheduled Inspection and Maintenance

- Check total station top to bottom once a month; record results
- Optical plummet and plate bubble or electronic bubble should be checked on every set up
- H and Z collimation angle check should be done once/day
- EDM tests such as “sweep” test and auto point test once/mo
- Prism pole check once/week
- Optical plummet check once/mo, if rough duty once/week

41. Level Two Peg Test & Adjustment



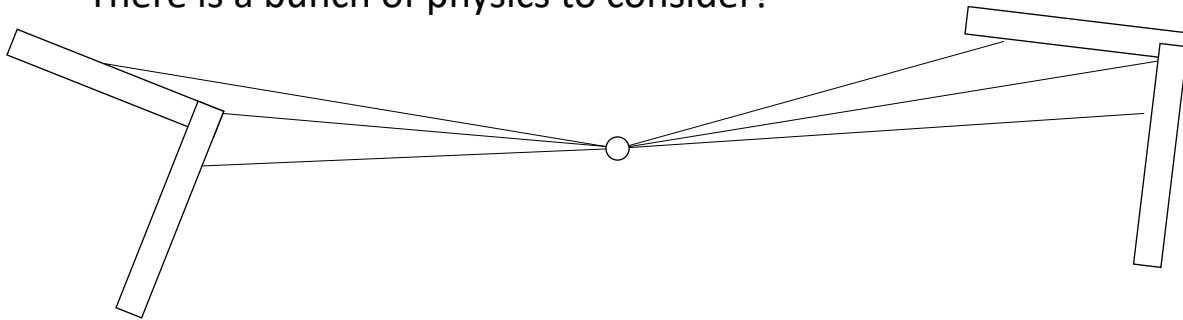
- Setup I in middle gives true Δ elev
 - If BS on A is 5.00 and FS on B is 6.00, Δ elev = 1.00
- Setup II is *very* close to A
 - If BS on A is 5.45 and FS on B is 6.35, is the line of sight high or low?
 - What should it be adjusted to?

42. Using Steel Tape to Calibrate EDM

- Don't do it!
- Enough said

43. Prismless EDM

- Just because you put the reticle on a corner doesn't mean the technology is capable of measuring just to that corner
- There is a bunch of physics to consider!



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44. GNSS Principles to Remember

- Network design
- Meaningless measurements because they are NOT independent
- Most flagrant errors caused by not understanding that GNSS does NOT directly measure rover's position—it resolves VECTOR between base and rover

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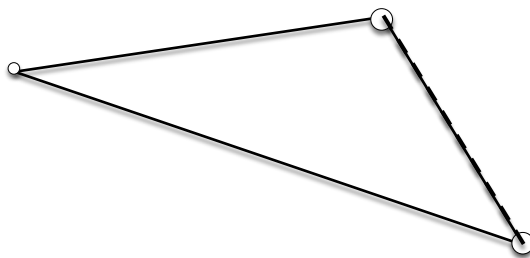
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45. Static GPS Independent Baselines

- Biggest blunder is not having independent observations (after blunder of not setting up on correct point)



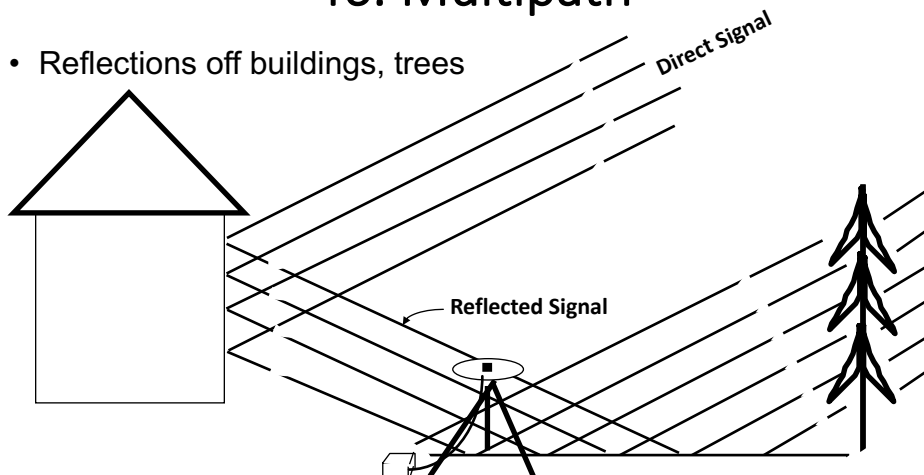
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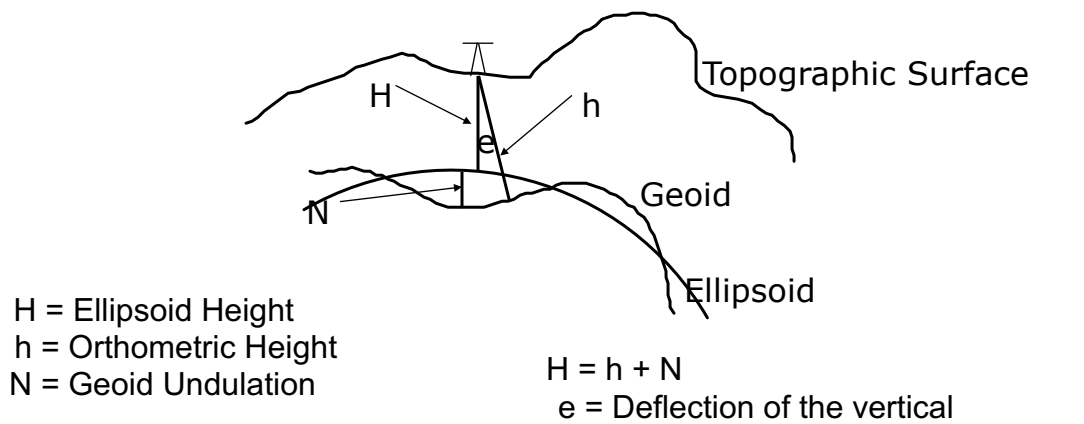
One more session with 2 receivers

46. Multipath

- Reflections off buildings, trees



47. Geometric Relationships



48. Coordinate Systems

- GPS measures in WGS-84 Cartesian
- Surveyor could be using SPCs, UTM's, other systems—*never* WGS-84
- Converting from “native” GPS system to surveyor’s system can be fraught with errors (and mistakes)
- “Localization,” “calibration,” “transformation” add problems of their own

49. Tripods

- Easily forgotten
- Easily fixed
- Match the tripod to the job
- Be aware of the weak points: hinges, clamps, shoes, head
- Look at your tripod carefully to identify where components can loosen, shift, etc.

50. Unmanned Airborne Systems

- Most common blunder—not enough ground control and no or not enough check points
- Check points cannot be used to confirm the result unless you have independent check points
- Automatic exposure
- Auto focus
- Use of “easy” button too much
- Assumption that results are always good

Other Issues

- Targets too large or too small—must be sized based on ground sampling distance (GSD)
- Non-prime lenses, i.e. zoom lenses are a BAD idea
- Not focused to infinity
- Clouds
- Shadows where it is critical to have good matching

Other Drone Issues

- Not understanding the photogrammetric process, i.e. shortcomings
- Insufficient ground control quality
- Insufficient ground truthing
- Digital scaling up of small scale map/model

The Aircraft

- Test flight control components
- Pay attention to winds (vibration and excess speed)
- Insufficient accuracy of GNSS or autopilot creates gaps
- Target: all points must be imaged 12-15 times

RTK PPK or Ground Control

- RTK is fine
- But still have check points and some limited ground control
- PPK is fine, but know what you are doing and that data is being fully logged

SO...



The Fancier It Gets, the Harder It Is

- When a steel tape breaks, you know about it, and how to respond to it
- When your EDM, total station, GPS, LiDAR, drone, etc. malfunctions, how to detect?
- What to do about it?
- Black box technology requires more, not less, knowledge about the technology, how it works and how to defend against erroneous or spurious data

Thank You!

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Dr. Joseph V.R. Paiva, is principal and CEO of GeoLearn, LLC (www.geo-learn.com), an online provider of professional and technician education since February 2014. He also works as a consultant to lawyers, surveyors and engineers, and international developers, manufacturers and distributors of instrumentation and other geomatics tools, as well being a writer and speaker. One of his previous roles was COO at Gatewing NV, a Belgian manufacturer of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) for surveying and mapping during 2010-2012. Trimble acquired Gatewing in 2012. Because of this interest in drones, Joe is an FAA-licensed Remote Pilot.

Selected previous positions Joe has held includes: managing director of Spatial Data Research, Inc., a GIS data collection, compilation and software development company; senior scientist and technical advisor for Land Survey research & development, VP of the Land Survey group, and director of business development for the Engineering and Construction Division of Trimble; vice president and a founder of Sokkia Technology, Inc., guiding development of GPS- and software-based products for surveying, mapping, measurement and positioning. Other positions include senior technical management positions in The Lietz Co. and Sokkia Co. Ltd., assistant professor of civil engineering at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and partner in a surveying/civil engineering consulting firm.

Joe has continued his interest in teaching by serving as an adjunct instructor of online credit and non-credit courses at the State Technical College of Missouri, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and the Missouri University of Science and Technology. His key contributions in the development field are: design of software flow for the SDR2 and SDR20 series of Electronic Field Books, project manager and software design of the SDR33, and software interface design for the Trimble TTS500 total station.

He is a Registered Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor, was an NSPS representative to ABET serving as a program evaluator, where he previously served as team chair, and commissioner, and has more than 30 years experience working in civil engineering, surveying and mapping. Joe writes for *POB*, *The Empire State Surveyor* and many other publications and has been a past contributor of columns to *Civil Engineering News*. He has published dozens of articles and papers and has presented over 150 seminars, workshops, papers, and talks in panel discussions, including authoring the positioning component of the Surveying Body of Knowledge published in *Surveying and Land Information Science*. Joe has B.S., M.S. and PhD degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Joe's past volunteer professional responsibilities have included president of the Surveying and Geomatics Educators Society (SaGES) 2017-19 and various *ad hoc* and organized committees of NSPS, the Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors, ASCE and other groups.

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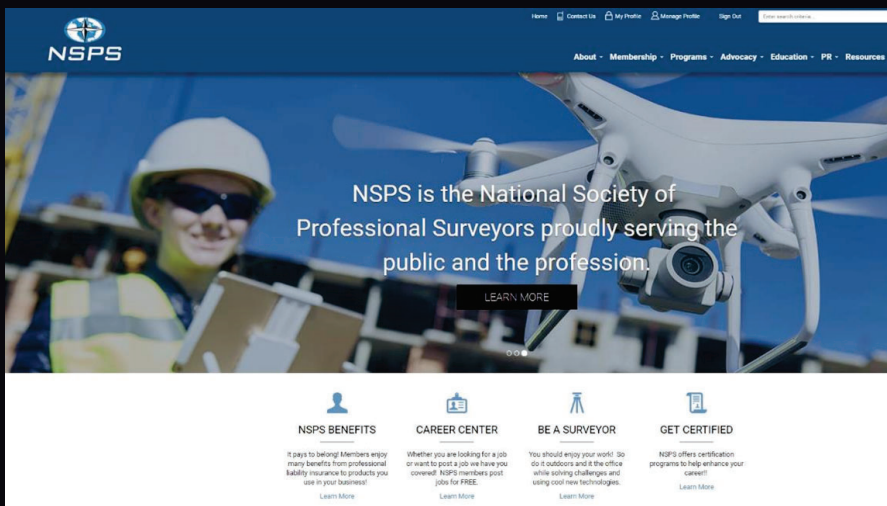
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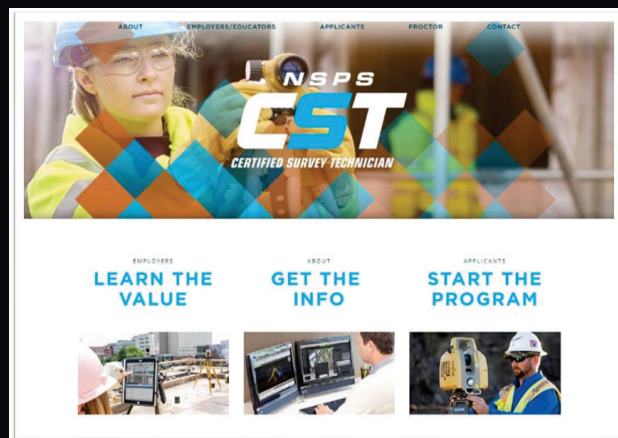
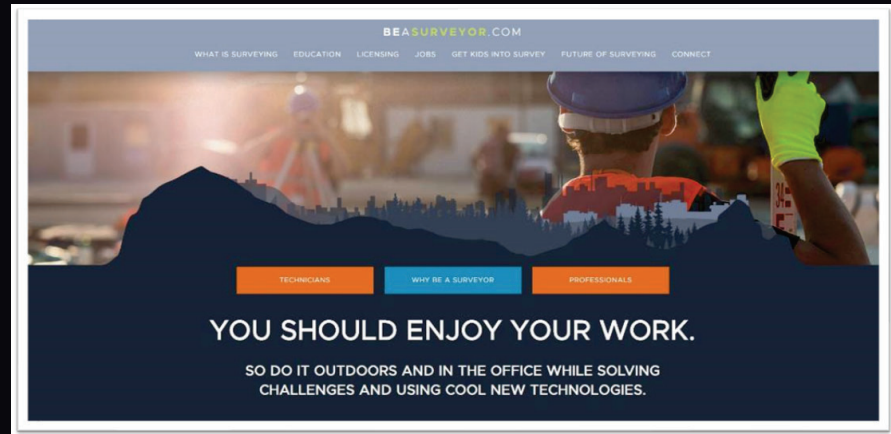
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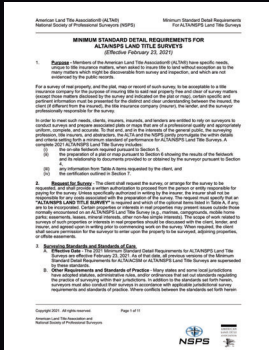


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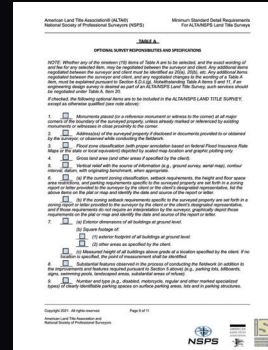


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WE NOW HAVE A NEW SET OF ALTA/NSPS STANDARDS, BUT...THEY ARE NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 23, 2021.

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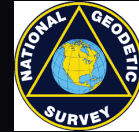


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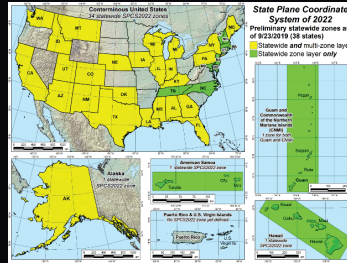
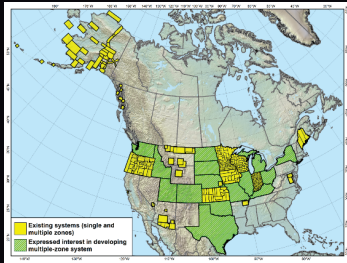
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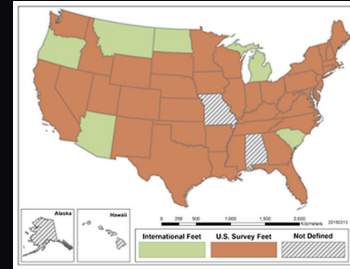
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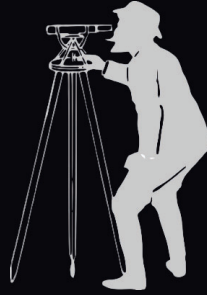
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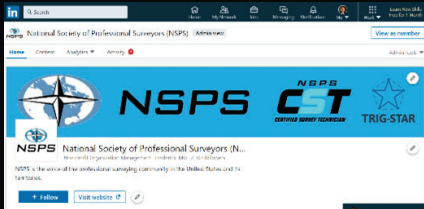
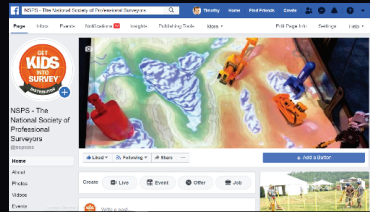
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Presentation Overview

- What is Land Surveying?
- Who is a Land Surveyor?
- Clients We Work With
- Everyday Projects
- Is Land Surveying for You?
- Path to Becoming a Surveyor

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Fun Fact Trivia #1

QUESTION	ANSWER
<p>Measured at the equator, the Earth has a circumference of approximately 24901 miles. The Earth is approximately 70% water and 30% land. A mile is 5,280 feet long. The area of one square mile of land is equal to 640 acres.</p> <p>How many acres of land are there on the face of the Earth?</p>	<p>37 Trillion Acres!</p>

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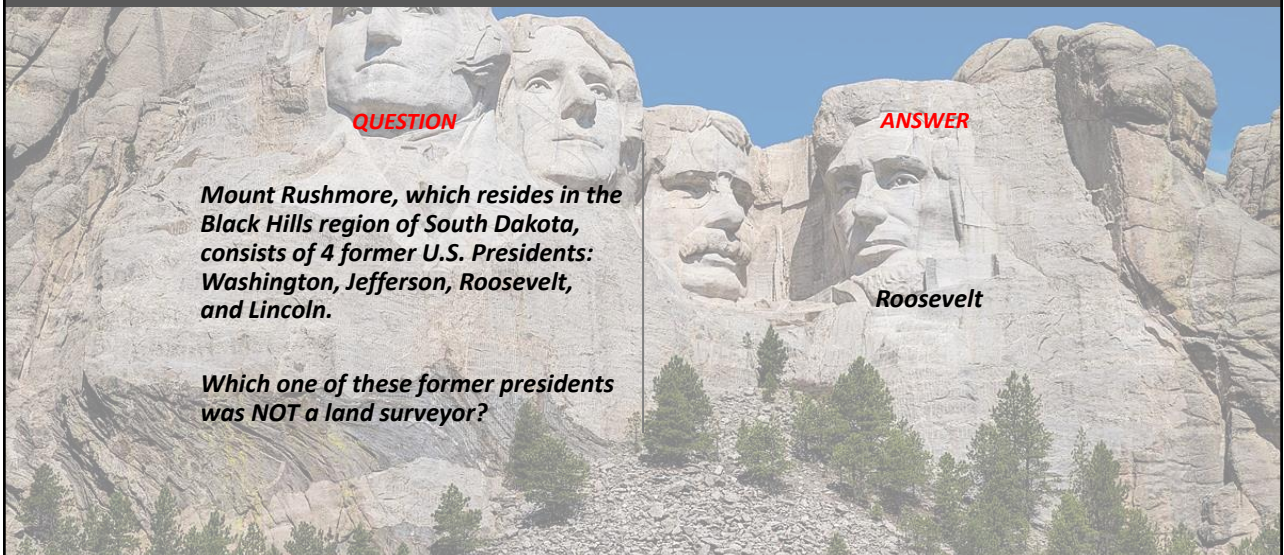


What is the Land Surveying Profession?

A profession made up of professionals and non-professionals with varying degrees of education, ranging from Bachelor of Science to high school diploma, responsible for determining property boundaries and encumbrances for all parcels of land and collecting georeferenced spatial data in an organized manner to provide to engineers and architects for design projects.

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Fun Fact Trivia #2



QUESTION

Mount Rushmore, which resides in the Black Hills region of South Dakota, consists of 4 former U.S. Presidents: Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln.

Which one of these former presidents was NOT a land surveyor?

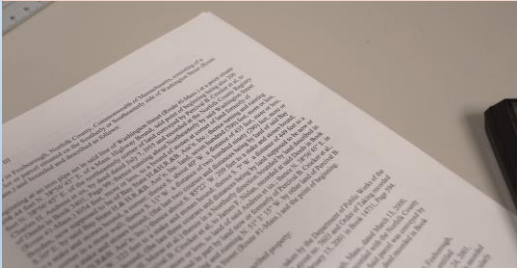
ANSWER

Roosevelt

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Who is a Land Surveyor?

Boundary Experts



Data Acquisition Experts



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Who do Surveyors Work With?



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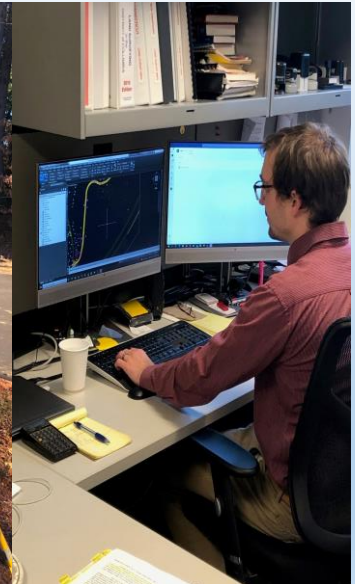
Robotic Total Station, Total Station, Computer

What Types of Surveys do We Perform?

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Outdoor/Indoor Profession

Why Land Surveying is for You!



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Opportunity Fun Fact Trivia #3

QUESTION

There are estimated 800,000 professional engineers in the United States whose average age is 41 years old.

How many licensed land surveyors are there currently employed in the U.S. and what is their average age?

ANSWER

*Est. 60,000 in Total
Average Age of 55*

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How do You Become a Professional Land Surveyor?

- Complete the level of education required in your state
- Pass the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) Exam
- Gain sufficient work experience under a licensed surveyor
- Pass the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) Exam
- State Specific Exam

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Augmenting Traditional Underground Utility Locating using Radar Tomography

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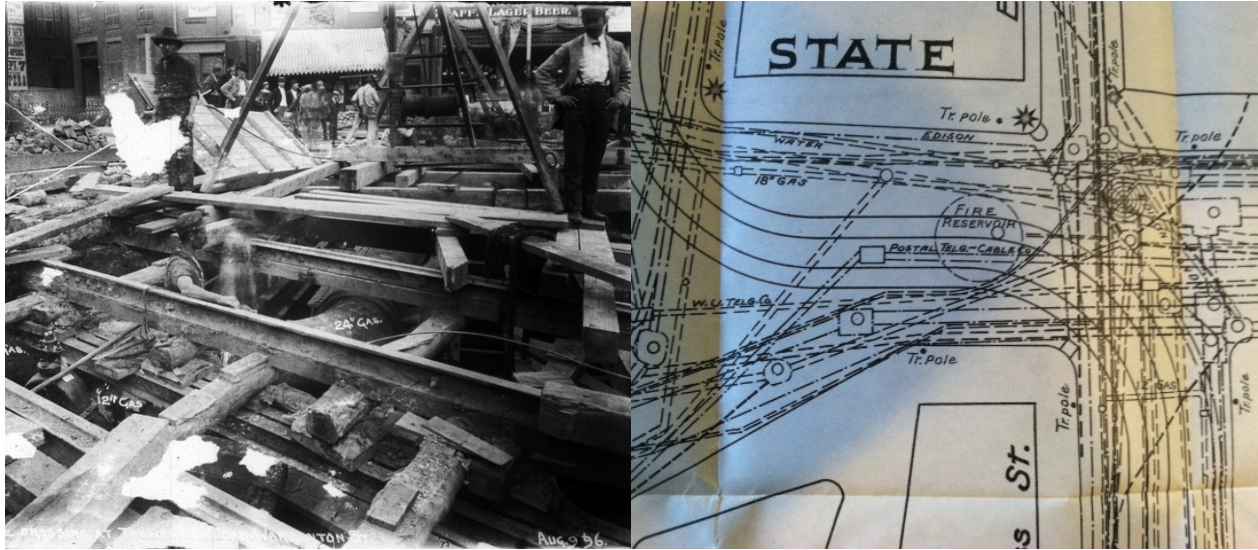
SUM and Underground Damage Prevention programs are closely connected.




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Old streets in cities and towns do not give up their secrets easily.



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Massachusetts Department of Transportation
Highway Division

Number: E-21-005
Date: 12/21/21

All new projects...shall include scope and workhour provision for completion of SUE Level B

ENGINEERING DIRECTIVE

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CHIEF ENGINEER

Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE)

Effective immediately, all new projects approved by the Project Review Committee (PRC) and anticipated to involve subsurface utility relocations shall include scope and workhour provisions for the completion of Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) Level B during the project design phase. This requirement applies to all new projects, regardless of whether MassDOT, a municipality or another entity is responsible for funding the design.

Once the design commences, the District Utility and Constructability Engineer (DUCE) will determine whether SUE Level B is required upon their initial review of the project. Preferably, all required SUE Level B work will be performed at the pre-25% or 25% design stage.

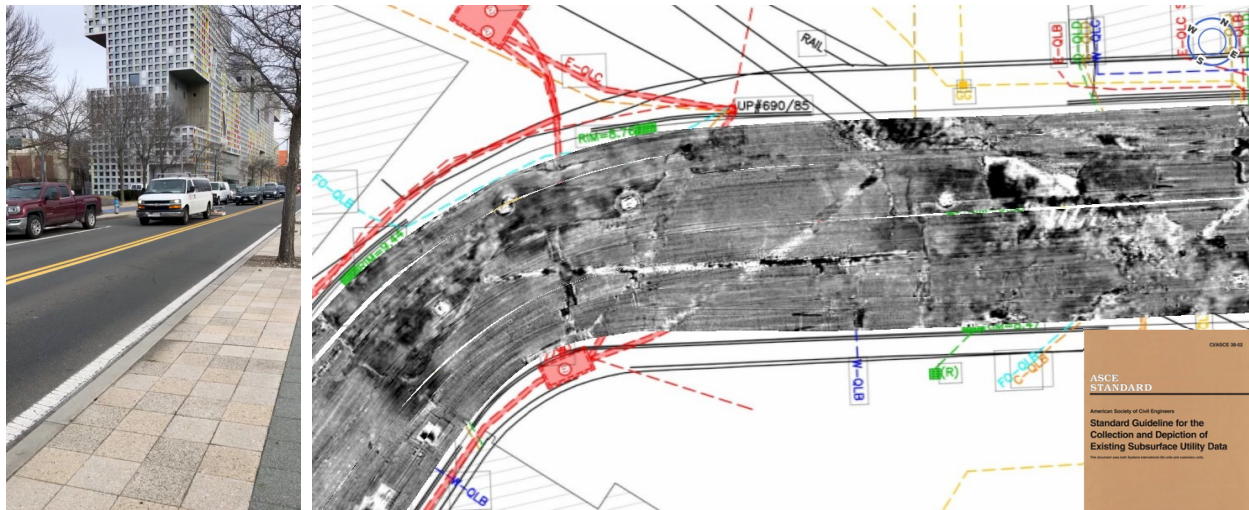
The Designer is responsible for performing the required services or for hiring a qualified subconsultant to perform the required services. The work shall only be performed by qualified firms. The MassDOT Architects and Engineers Review Board maintains a list of prequalified SUE firms, which is publicly available on mass.gov (<https://www.mass.gov/prequalification-of-architectural-engineering-firms>).

For active designs and other projects approved by the PRC prior to issuance of this directive, MassDOT recommends the use of appropriate Subsurface Utility Engineering services where subsurface utility relocations are required.

How can we best respond?

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Radar Tomography. Using wide array Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR). ASCE 38-02 Quality Level B

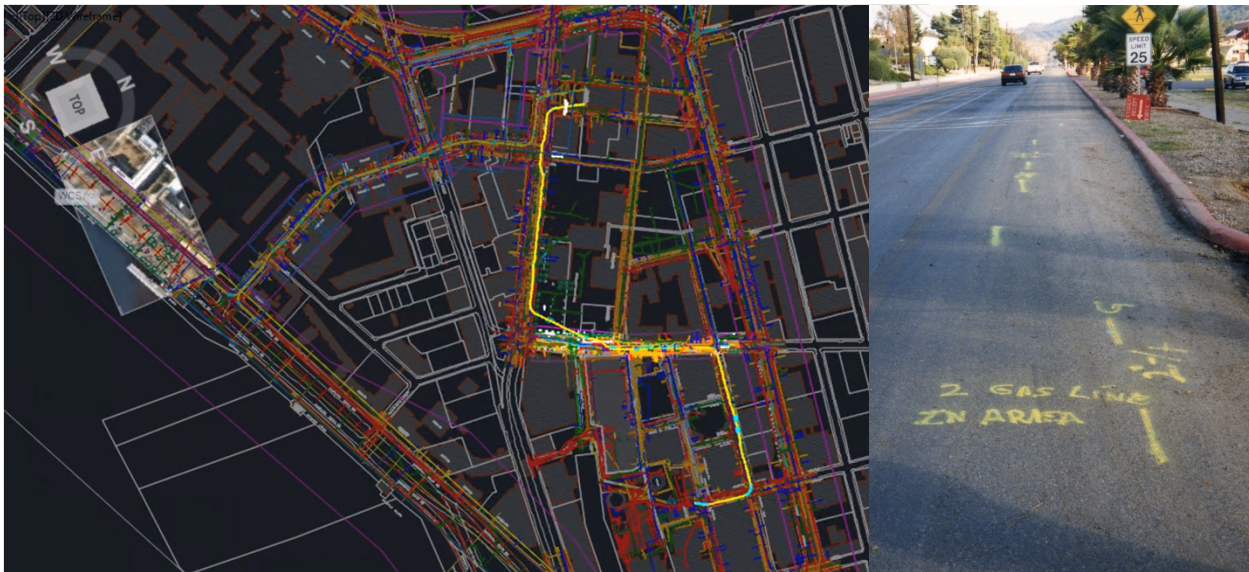


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Resolving ambiguity using Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR). ASCE 38-02 Quality Level B

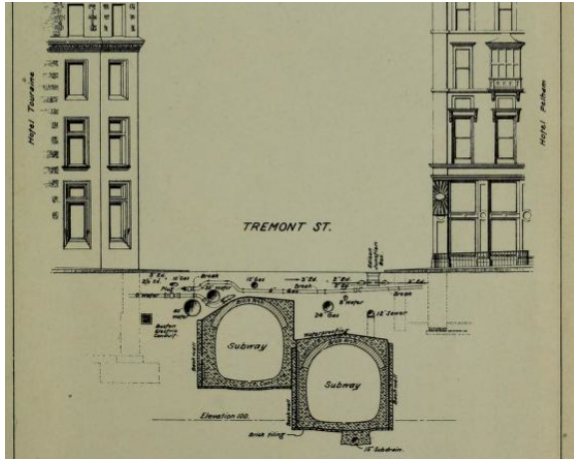


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A short history of underground utilities



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Ancient civilizations have been burying utilities for thousands of years.



This picture is a 2000-year-old wooden pipe in an old Roman garrison in the United Kingdom.



A 3000-year-old clay pipe in an ancient Greek site

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In the late 1800's there was an infrastructure boon across the globe.



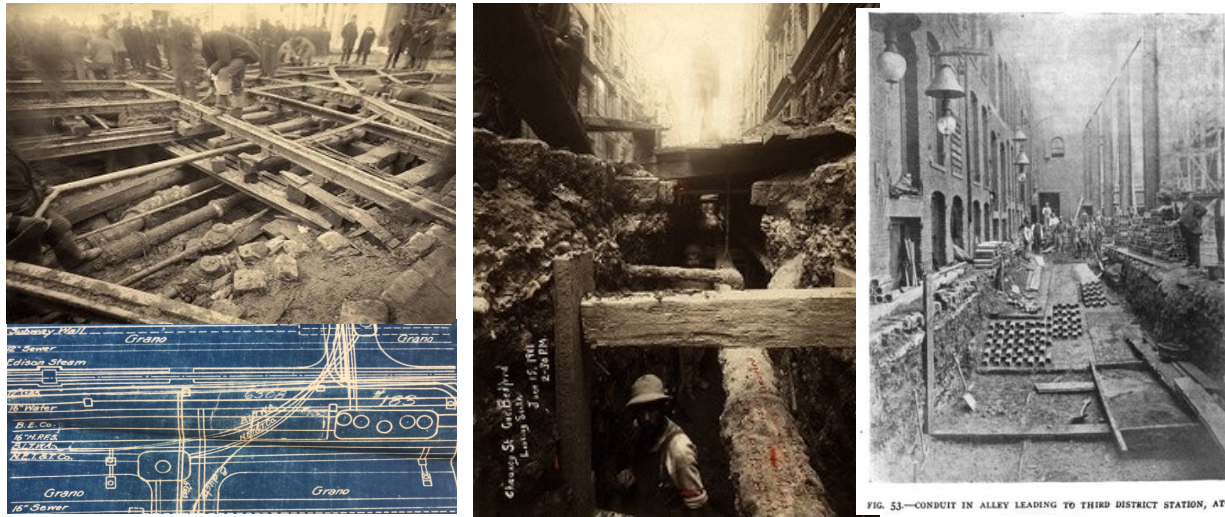
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1840 – The asset owners began constructing extensive underground infrastructure networks.



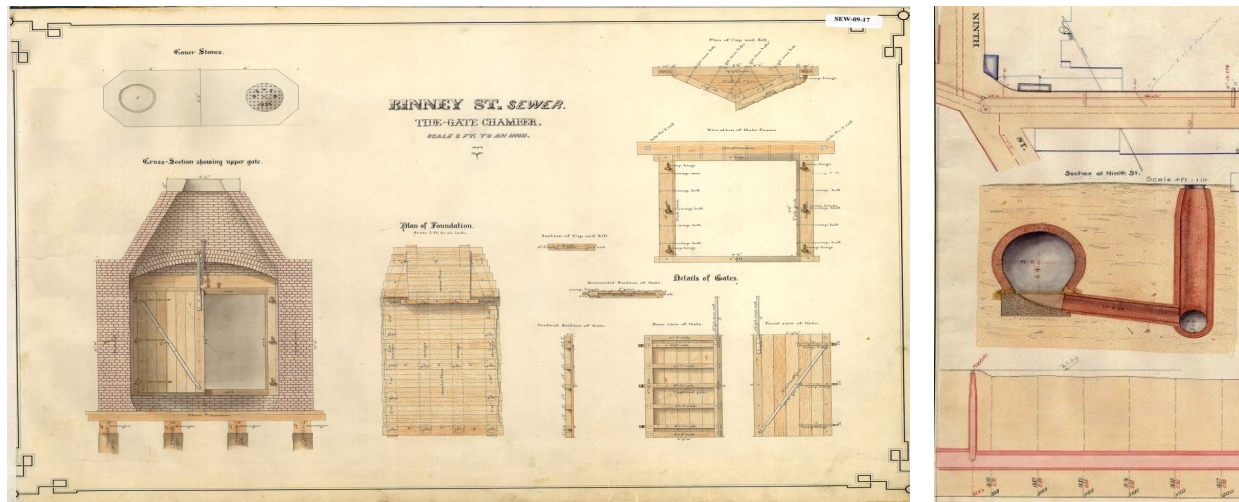
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1870s – Historic Utility Plans, Cambridge, MA.



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1890 – The asset owners of the day struggled with aging infrastructure.



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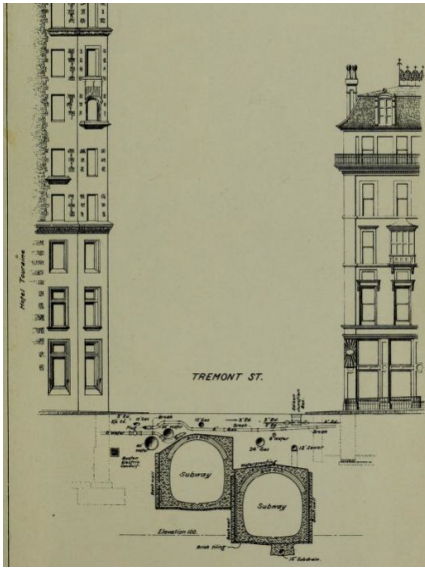
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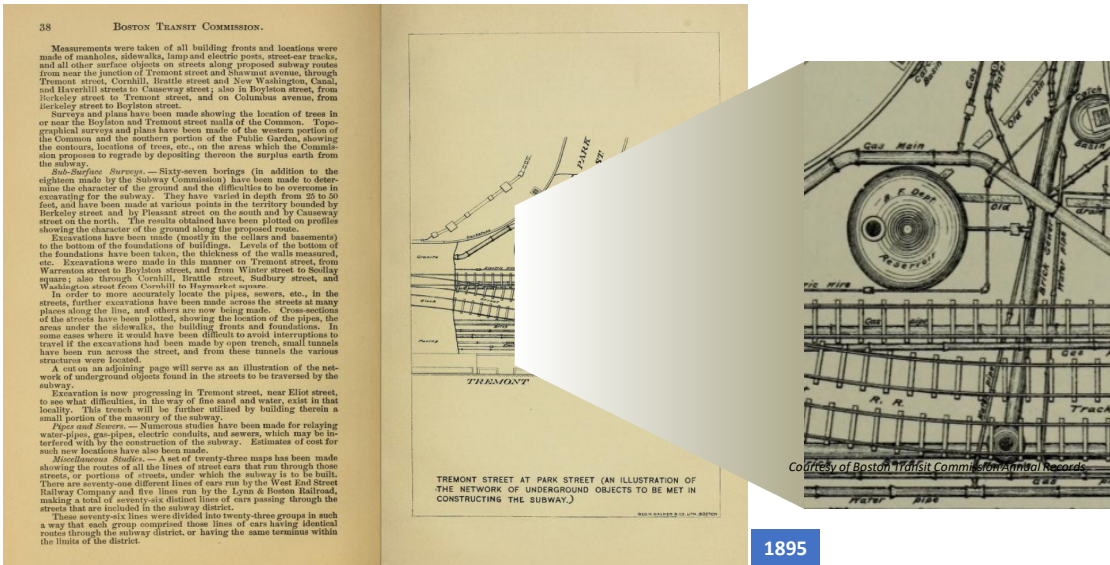
Building major infrastructure networks throughout the US in the late 1890's



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Documentation, Reporting, and Dissemination of existing condition surveys



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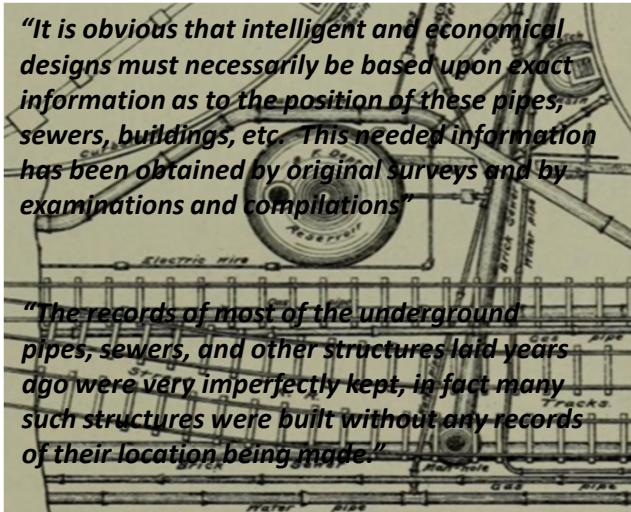
Reports documented the project's approach and the site surveys work required to prepare the contract plans.

Most of the subway route will necessarily lie along narrow streets which are nearly filled with street railways, gas-pipes, water-pipes, electric conduits, sewers, etc. The subway construction will extend deeper than the foundations of most of the buildings which lie along its side. Injury to these structures would necessarily entail a great loss, and the subway should be so planned and built as to avoid such injury. It is obvious that intelligent and economical designs must necessarily be based upon exact information as to the position of these pipes, sewers, buildings, etc. This needed information has been obtained by original surveys and by examinations and compilations, some account of which is given in the following pages. Careful examination has been made of what has been done by others, so as to avoid unnecessary duplication of work.

Search was made in the various City Departments, and in the offices of the various gas, electric, and other companies, for plans giving locations of their pipes, conduits, etc.

The officers of the city departments and of the companies have aided in facilitating this search. The records of most of the underground pipes, sewers, and other structures laid years ago were very imperfectly kept, in fact many such structures were built without any record of their location being made. The plans obtained were usually on scales less than fifty feet to the inch, many of them on a scale as small as one hundred feet to the inch. They, however, have been useful in showing the approximate positions of the

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Courtesy of the Boston Transit Commission Report 1895



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Late-1800s Subsurface Investigations for Design and Construction Projects



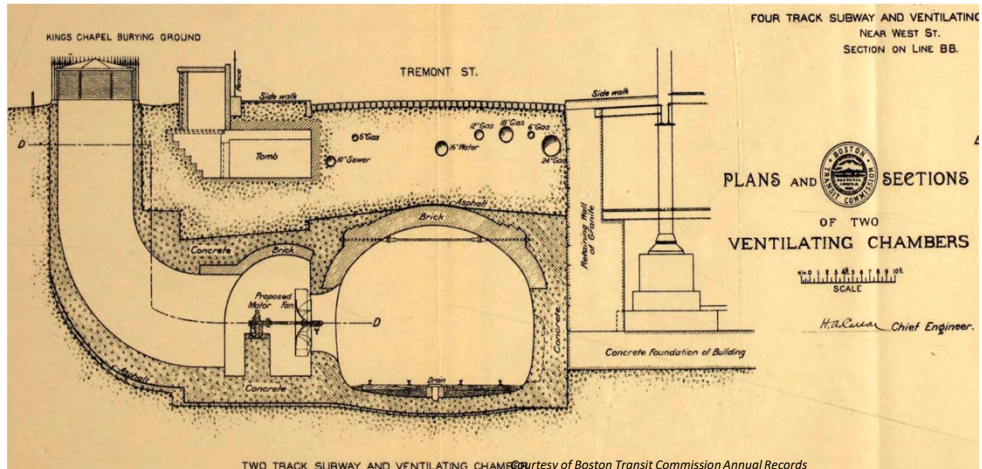
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1894 – Utility Locating and Mapping for Proposed Subway Project. Existing Conditions Survey.



TWO TRACK SUBWAY AND VENTILATING CHAMBERS Courtesy of Boston Transit Commission Annual Records

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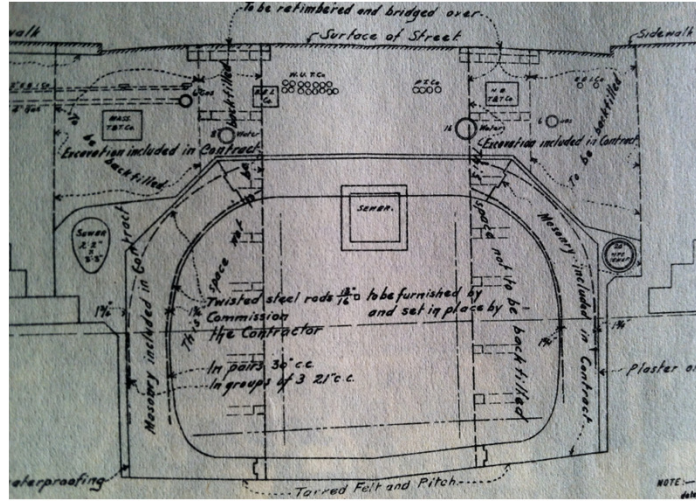
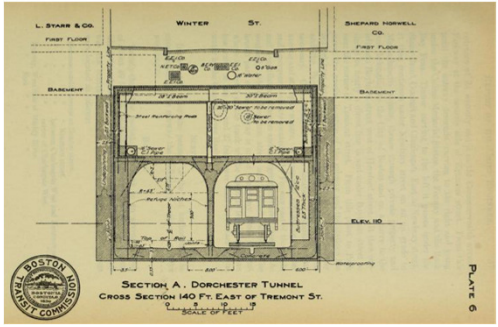
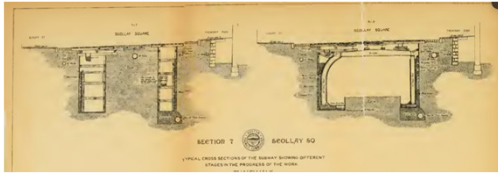


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1897 – Boston Subway System Plans.

1897 Subsurface Information Modeling (SIM)?

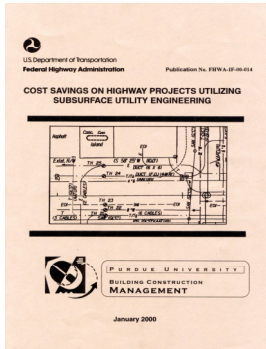


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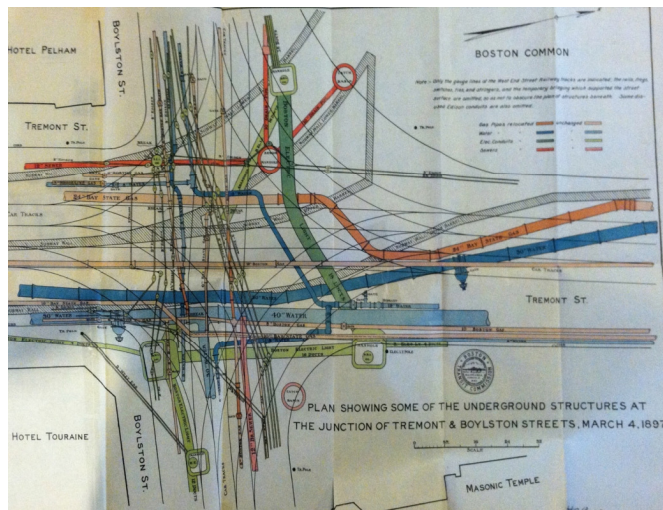
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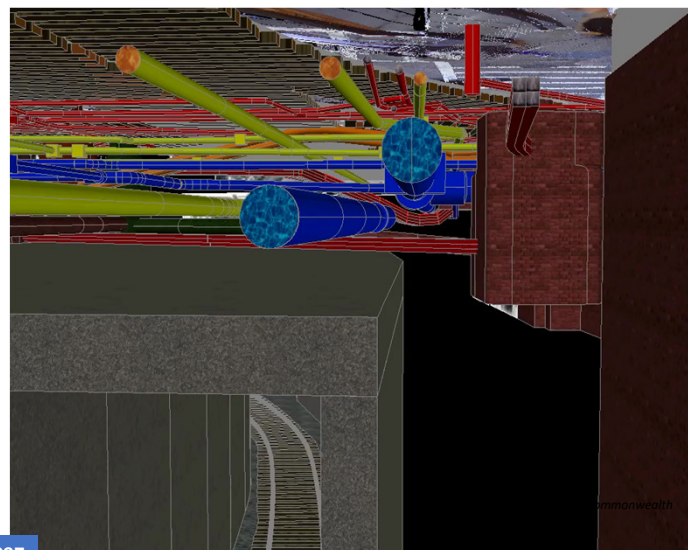


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A Historical Perspective of Subsurface Utility Mapping (SUM)



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US. The Common Ground Alliance (CGA) Dirt report for tracking damage to underground assets.

CGA DIRT
Damage Information Reporting Tool
2020 Analysis & Recommendations
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Root Cause Detail	Unique Damages	% of total
Marked inaccurately due to Abandoned Facility	20,569	23.97%
Not marked due to Locator error	17,539	20.44%
Marked inaccurately due to Locator error	15,163	17.67%
Site marked but incomplete at damage location	8,551	9.97%
Marked inaccurately due to incorrect facility record/maps	7,006	8.17%
No response from operator/contract locator	5,330	6.21%
Unlocatable facility	4,615	5.38%
Not marked due to incorrect facility records/maps	2,729	3.18%

Facility Damaged

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- Natural Gas 3K
- Cable TV 15K
- Electric 18K
- Unknown 38K
- Water & Sewer
- Liquid Pipeline
- Steam

Equipment Type

- Direct... 2K
- Handtools 3K
- Backhoe 19K
- Unknown 53K

Excavator Type

- Municip... 3K
- Utility 9K
- Contractor 39K
- Unknown 36K

Facility Type

Where Does DIRT Data Come From?

- Locators continue to submit the majority of DIRT reports, with most of those involving telecommunications as the damaged facility.
- Liquid pipeline and natural gas self-submit the majority of reports about incidents to their own facilities.

Damages by Event Source

- Operator 37.15K (14.8%)
- Natural Gas 34.52K (13.7%)
- Excavator & Road Builders 34.52K (13.7%)
- Telecommunications 34.52K (13.7%)
- Regulator 34.52K (13.7%)
- Electric 34.52K (13.7%)
- Others 34.52K (13.7%)
- Other sources (by number of reports of the same event) 7.26K (2.9%)

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Sydney light rail construction delayed after disused underground utilities found

By Sarah Hawke
Updated 9 Aug 2016, 2:48pm

The discovery of 400 disused utilities, including underground pipes and cables, will push out work on the light rail network in Sydney's CBD by up to five months.

The mostly redundant utilities were found during works on George Street and authorities said they needed to identify the companies that own them before work could progress.

"For every redundant utility find we have to go through a two- to four-week process to validate it, because if we snip it, something really bad could happen and we could take a telecommunication cable or something," said Transport for NSW CBD coordinator general Marg Prendergast.

PHOTO: The light rail construction on George Street is unlikely to finish until April 2017. (AAP: Dan Himbrechts, file photo)
MAP: Sydney 2000

High-speed rail project vastly underestimated cost of relocating utility lines beneath Fresno

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The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has agreed to pay nearly \$300 million more to the contractor of the San Diego (405) Freeway widening project to resolve a long dispute over responsibility for schedule delays, design changes and cost overruns, it was reported Monday.

The settlement will increase the cost of the Sepulveda Pass project above \$1.6 billion, about 55 percent higher than the original budget, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The \$297.8-million agreement follows years of disagreements between Kiewit Corp. and Metro over how the freeway widening was managed. Kiewit has said in legal filings that Metro's repeated changes to the project's design and failure to identify and relocate utilities added significantly to delays, according to The

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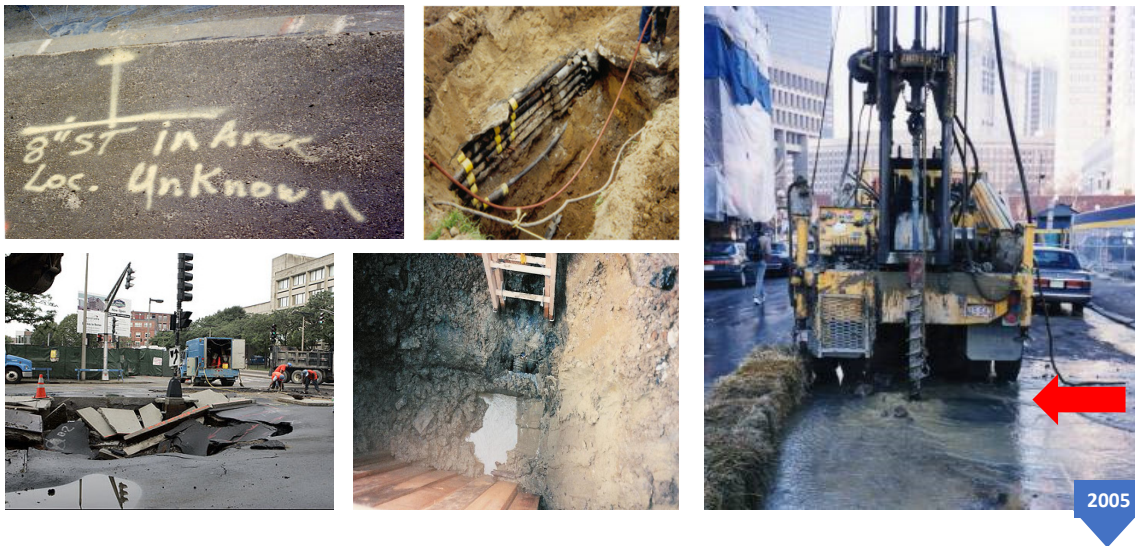


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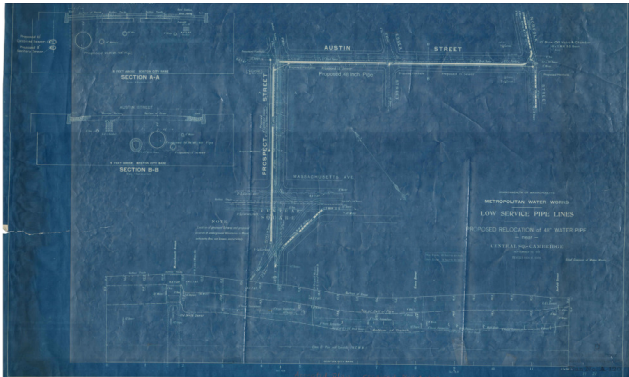


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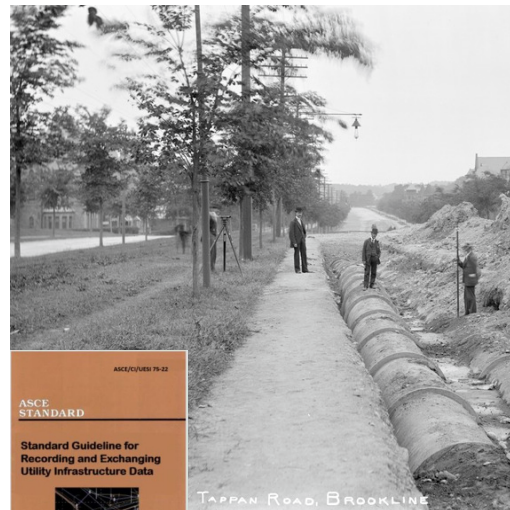
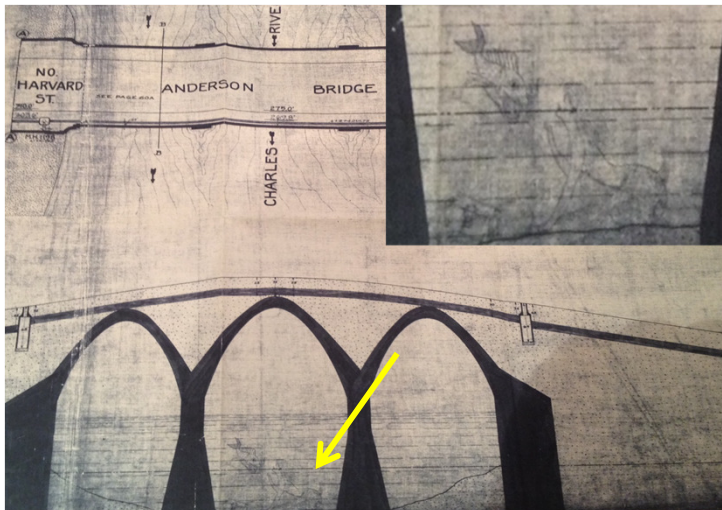
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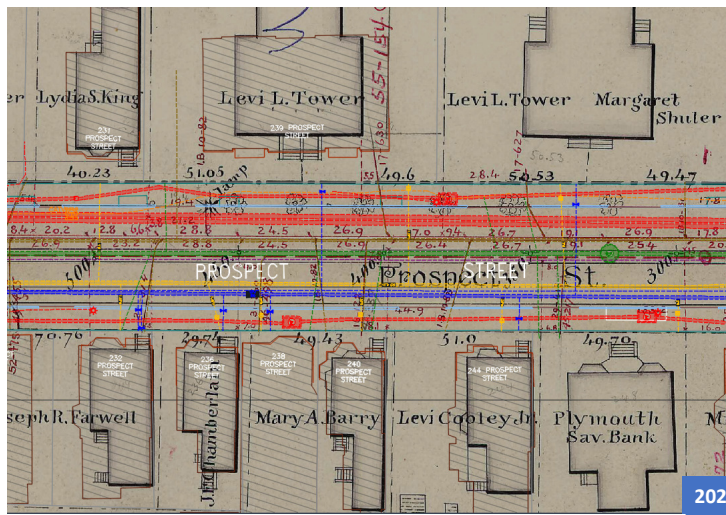
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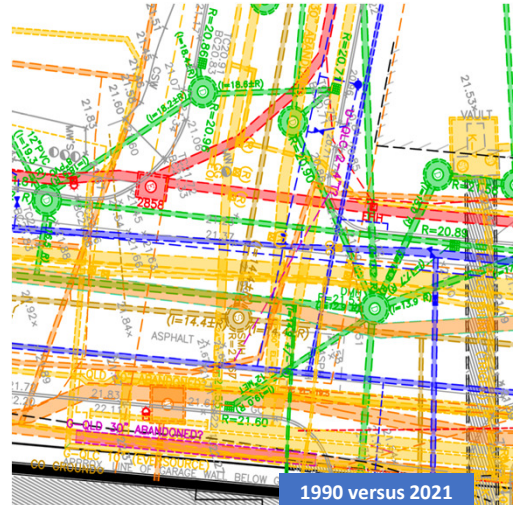
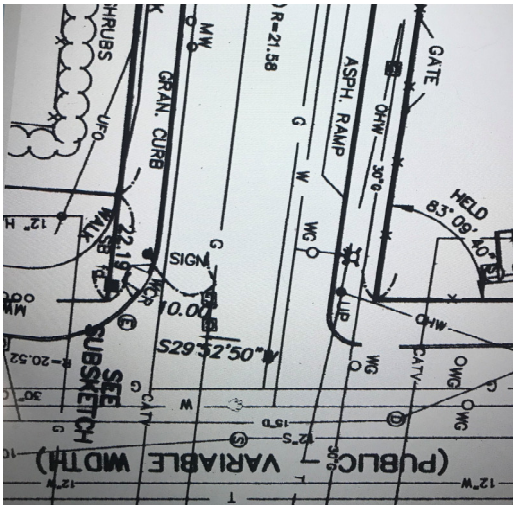


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This is the difference between a typical utility compilation from a Surveyor compared to a SUM plan

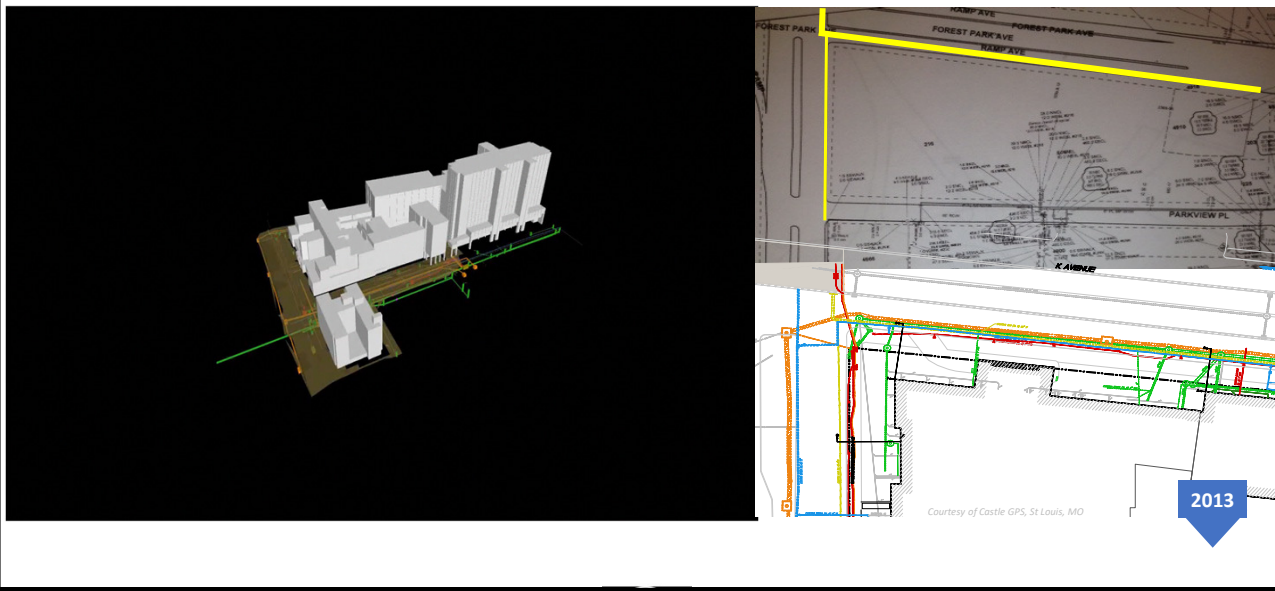


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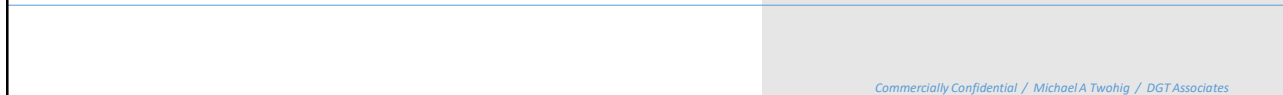
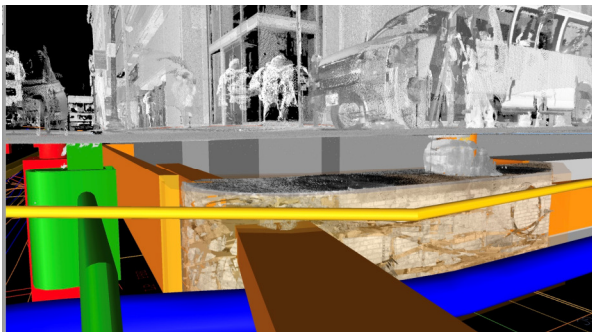
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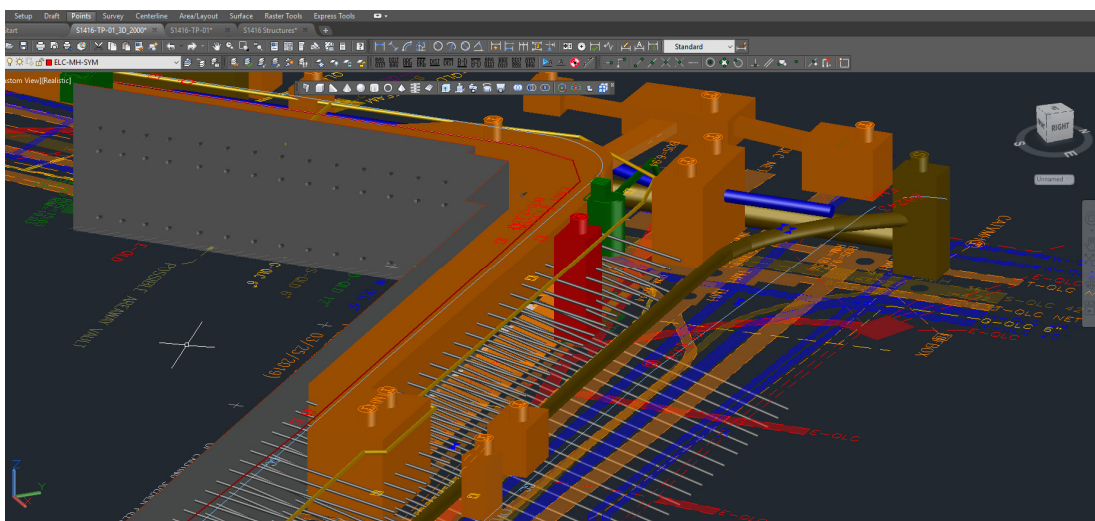


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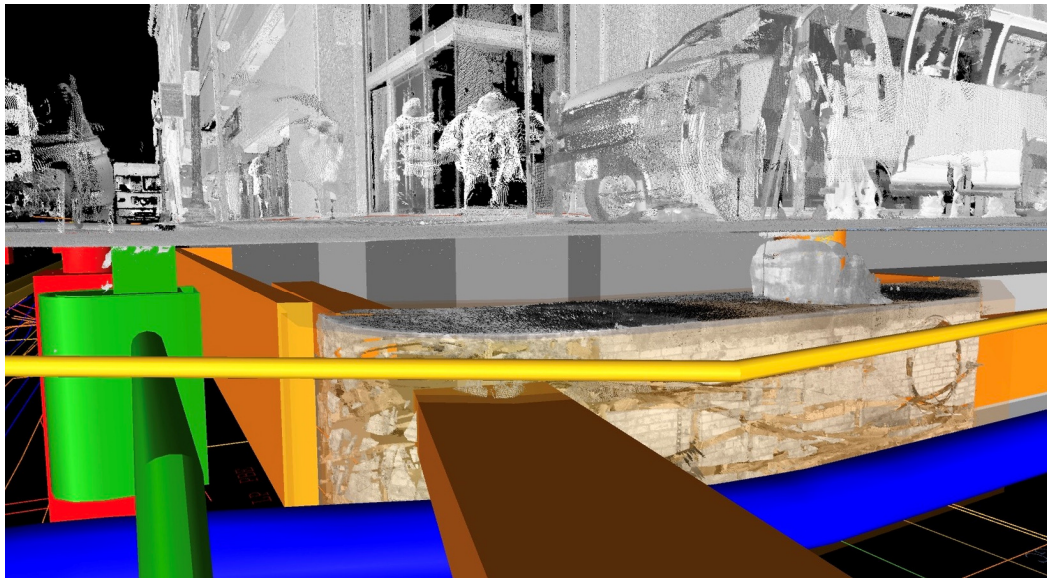


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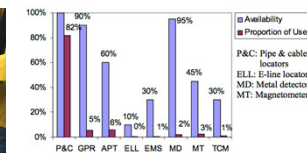
EMI and GPR Locating Systems. The most frequently used devices for utility locating.



Hand-Held Electromagnetic Devices



Push-Cart Ground Penetrating Radar Systems are designed to detect the location of buried facilities and structures.



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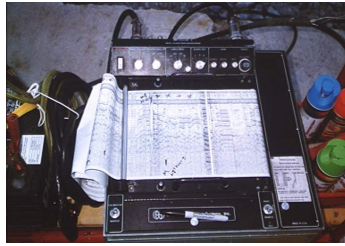
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Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR). Many customers ask for GPR surveys



SER 90 on one of my projects in Illinois, 2010

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Most people think of utility locating they think of hand-held EMI devices.



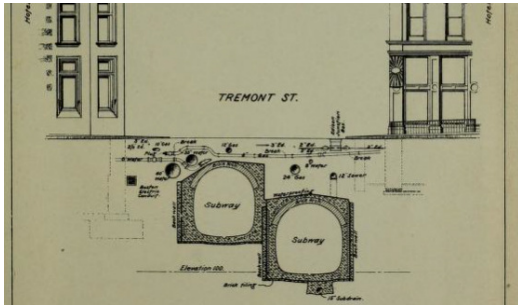
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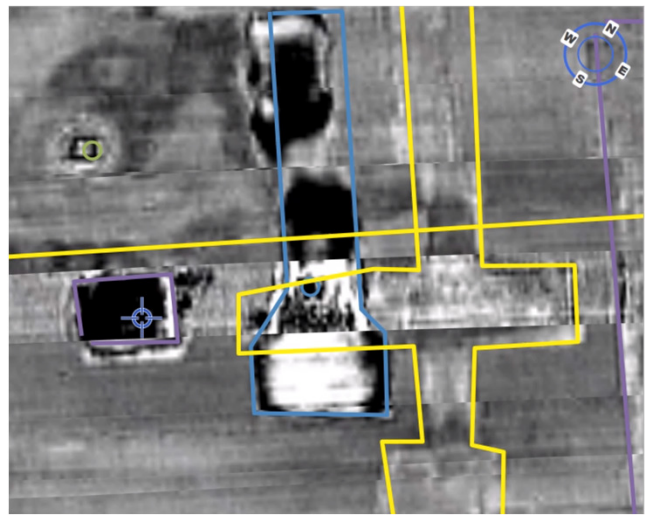


Between 2006 and 2009 33% of construction workers were killed by cars, vans and tractor-trailers.

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Mobile Mapping with help find anomalies, tanks, vaults and unidentified structures, rails, geology, and "surprise discoveries"

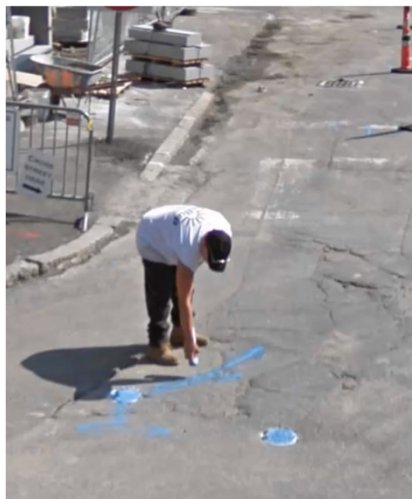
This sink hole appeared over night on the interstate in Denver



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Marking utilities can be very dangerous for utility company personnel and contract locators.

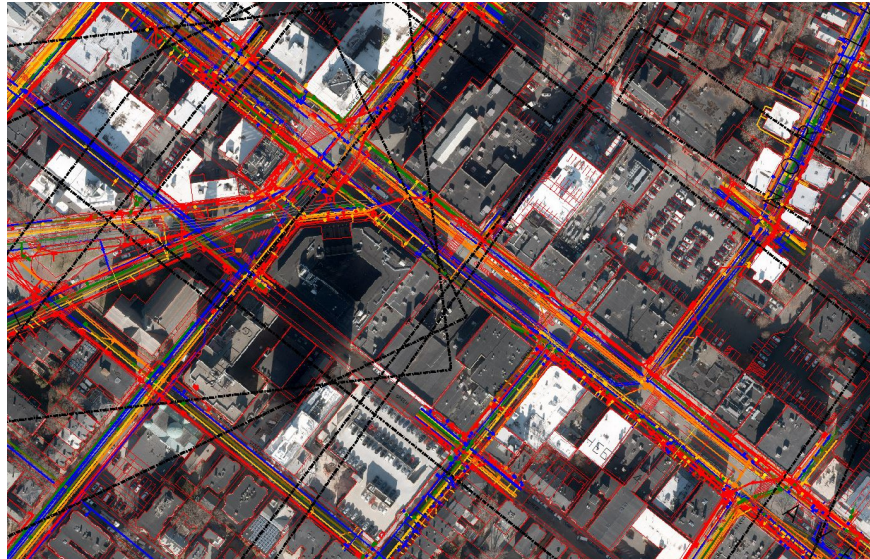


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Subsurface Utility Mapping – The Solution to Managing Risk Associated with Underground Work



• “The existence of a low-cost, easy, and quick-to-use surface geophysical tool that identifies all utilities during a planned-route field survey at any site regardless of soil conditions would remove most barriers to effectively managing utility issues in transportation projects. Unfortunately, such a technology does not exist.”

• – Dr. Ray Sterling
Sharp 2 Federally Funded
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Why is there a need for Mobile Mapping Platforms?

The benefit of a mobile system is the ability to cover large areas in streets, busy roadways and highways without exposing workers to unnecessary traffic risks



Hand-held and push systems are best suited to the safety of sidewalk area.



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1973 – Subsurface Utility Mapping | GSSI GPR wide arrays



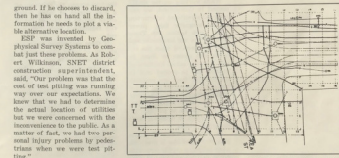
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SPRING CONSTRUCTION ISSUE: Construction techniques in a growth situation



USE OF THE tracking system makes it easy to see the location of each trench. The system shows the location of each trench and recording instruments in track, very desirable in real time in a survey and recorded on computer tape.



ground. If he chooses to discard, then he has to build all the information he needs to plot a viable alternative location. ESP was invented by Geophysical Survey Systems, Inc. in 1967. SSET district construction superintendent, said, "The problem was that the way we were running our trenching was not the actual location of utilities but we were concerned with the inconvenience to the public. As a result of that, we had some personal injury problems by pedestrians when we were not plotting. On the Washington side, SSET used Geophysical's ESP system by trenching along the 14,000 trench foot route. This was a 32-foot system that tapered to a 22-foot system. As a result, we had a 10-foot-tall savings in the trenching. We expect this system to begin to make our contractor jobs much easier. That's why, in fact, we're interested in it so much. The first trench had to be open at all times. We would have had to

THE NEED FOR telcos to "look underground" has been accepted for years. From a completely theoretical basis, it would make little sense to test pit or trench if the actual path of underground utilities followed closely the original plans of Engineering. But as any Civil Engineer in the phone industry with two months' experience knows, utility maps often reflect outdated routes or routes as "planned," not as "dug." With the "spaghetti" problems under streets getting worse, the incidence of mistakes and cost over-

HOWARD M. ANDERSON is Vice President of Geophysical Survey Systems, Inc., North Billerica, Mass.

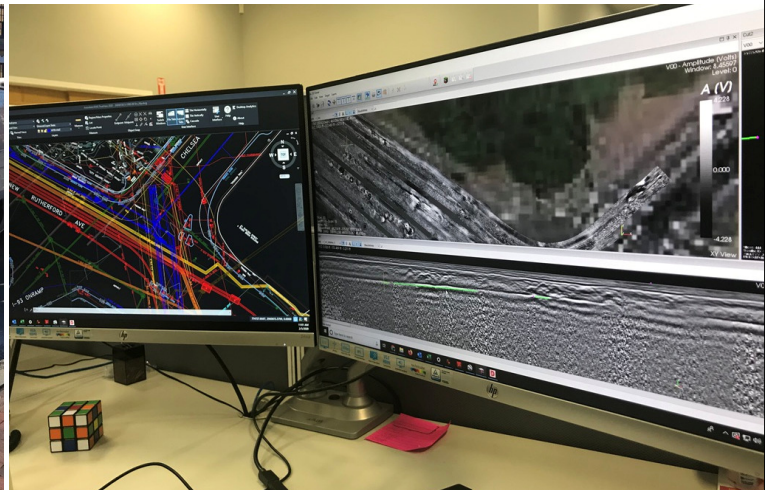
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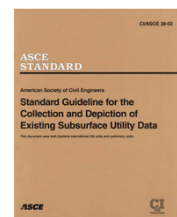
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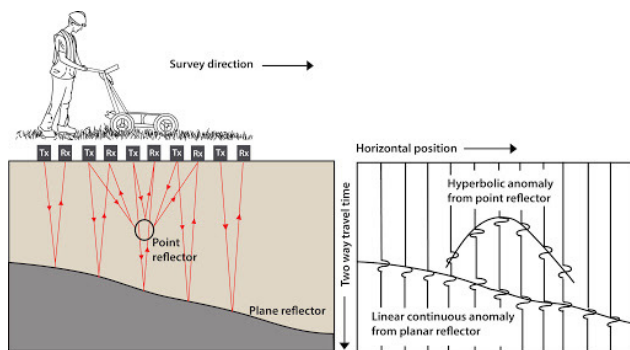
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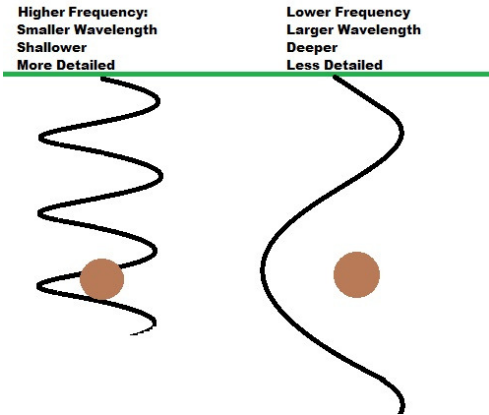
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The GPR Method



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GPR Resolution



Antenna Frequency (MHz)	Penetration (m)[ft]	Resolution (cm) [in]
100	30 [100]	100 [40]
250	8 [26]	30 [12]
800	1.5 [5]	15 [6]
1600	0.45 [1.5]	6 [2.5]
2600	0.3 [1]	2.5 [1]

- Typical rule of thumb - resolution ~ 1 in per foot of depth

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- Common 2D GPR surveys use 1 signal frequency
- Collect 1 “slice” at a time at walking speeds

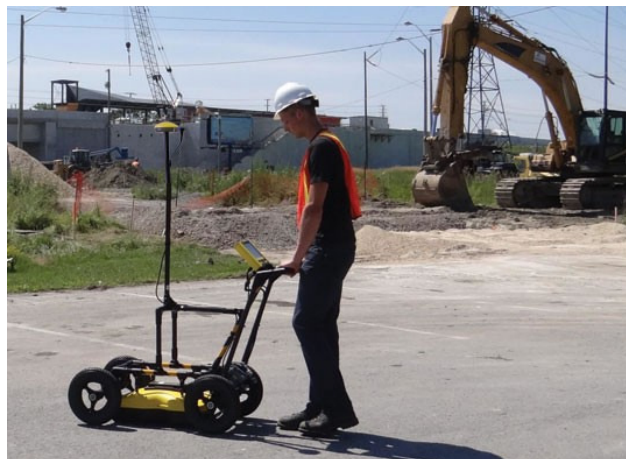
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GPR Collection

PROS

- Versatile
- Accessibility
- Immediate identification of targets



CONS

- Slow collection
- Safety concerns
- Single frequency limits findings
- Not reasonable for large-scale collection

- Common 2D GPR surveys use 1 signal frequency
- Collect 1 “slice” at a time at walking speeds

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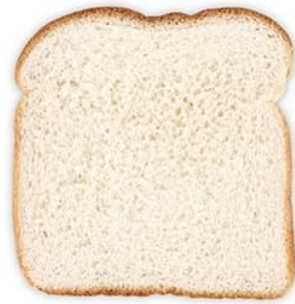
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The diagram illustrates the GPR collection process. On the left, a perspective view of a road with lane markings and traffic lights is shown. Red horizontal lines are drawn across the road surface, representing the GPR scan lines. A small inset image shows a person operating a GPR system on a cart. An arrow points from this inset to a large stack of sliced bread on the right. The bread stack is composed of many thin slices, with a few slices separated and stacked to the right, symbolizing the collection of multiple GPR data slices.

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GPR Collection

System Diagram

The System Diagram details the hardware and data flow for GPR collection. It includes an RTK Base Station (optional) connected via a UHF Data link to an RTK GPS antenna (optional). The RTK GPS antenna is connected to a Survey wheel (odometer) and an Antenna array. The Antenna array is connected to a GeoScope Radar Unit, which is in turn connected to an Operator PC via Ethernet. The diagram also shows a 3D coordinate system with axes for In-line direction (x), Cross-line direction (y), and Depth (z) (time, ns). Red lines on the ground represent the scan lines.

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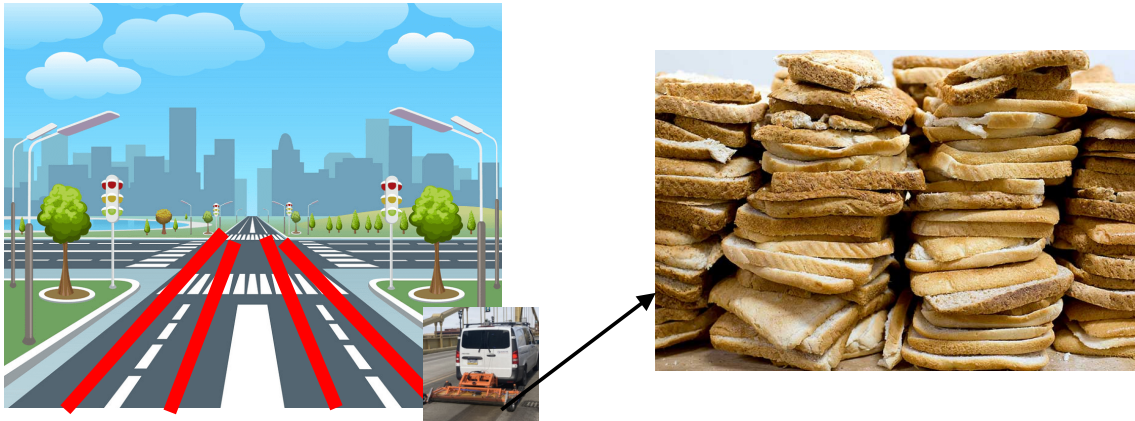
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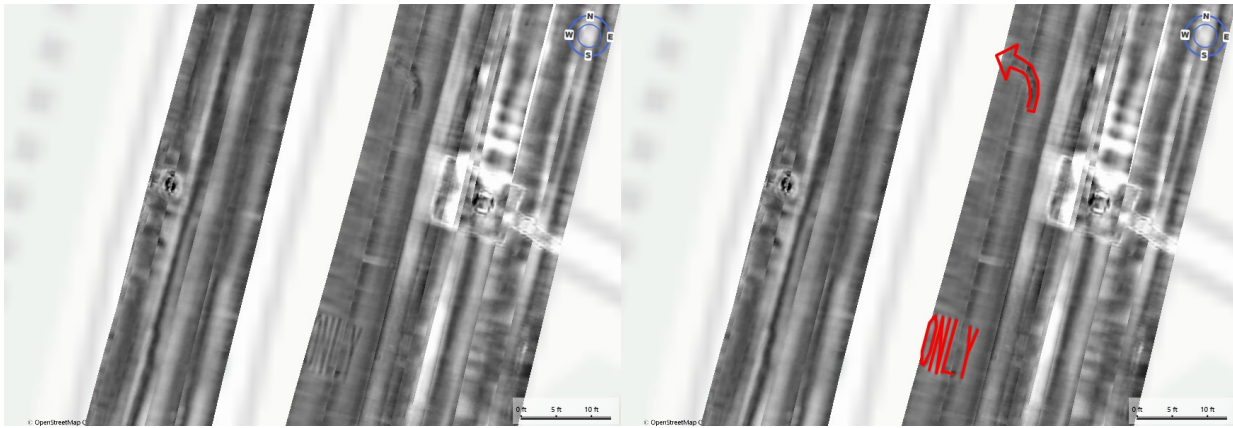
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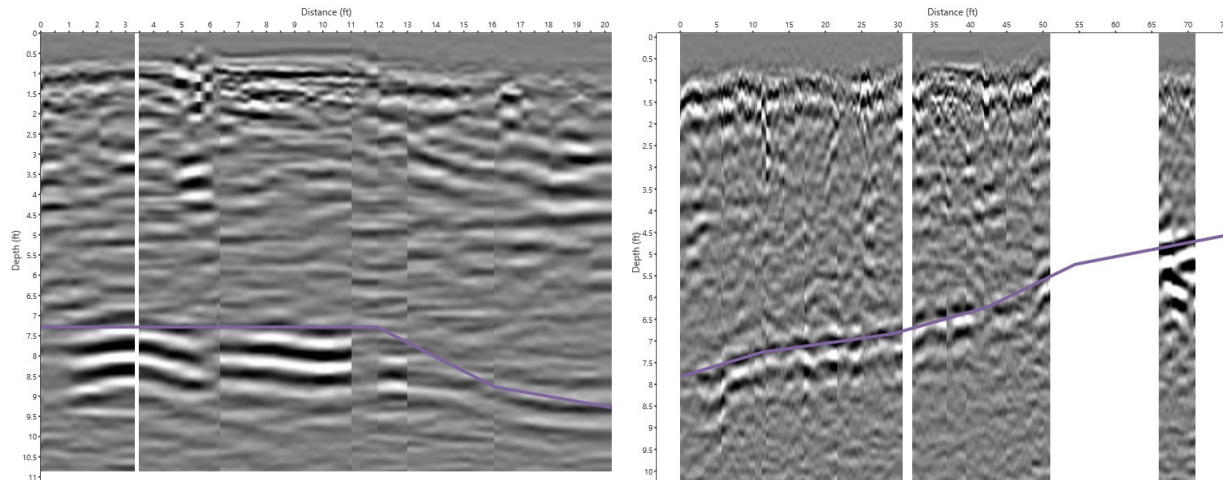


- High frequencies allows high resolution near the surface



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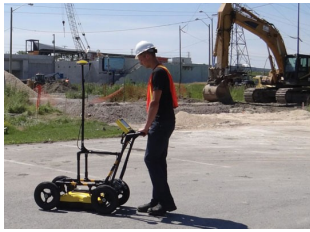


- Low frequencies allow resolution at depth



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GPR Collection



- Single frequency push-cart is limited to one penetration depth and resolution
- Broad band collection has applicability at near surface and depth

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GPR Collection



- ~10 miles of collection/day (max quality)
- 240 miles of GPR data (24 channels simultaneously)



- ~ 3 mph speed
- ~24 hours of walking to collect the same sq footage
- **80 hours (!)** to get comparable amount of GPR data

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Value of GPR



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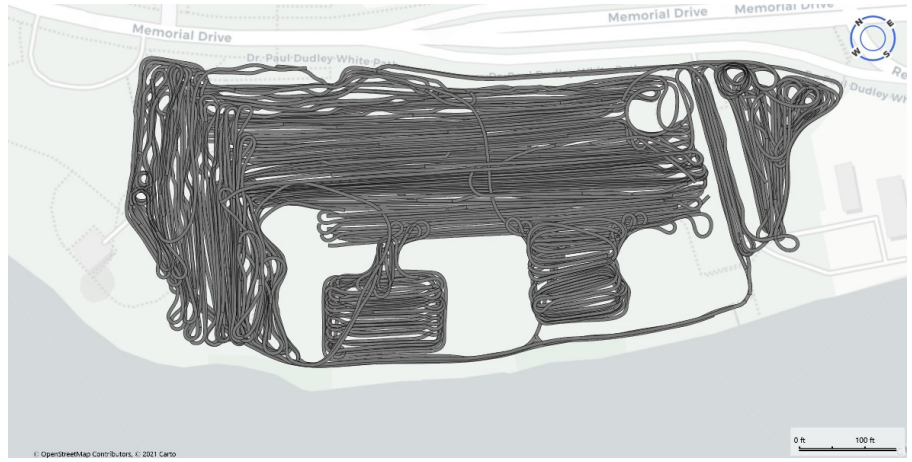
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2. Fast Collection



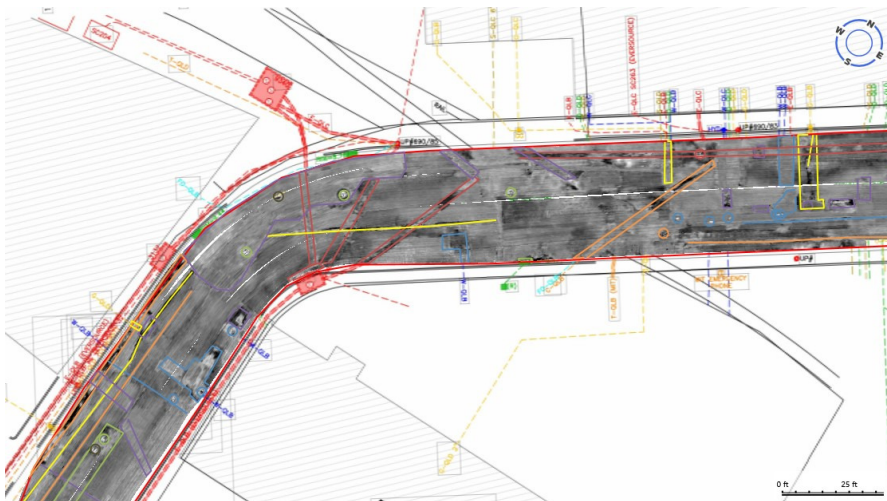
- Data collected and processed in the field at driving speeds



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3. Confirming Locations



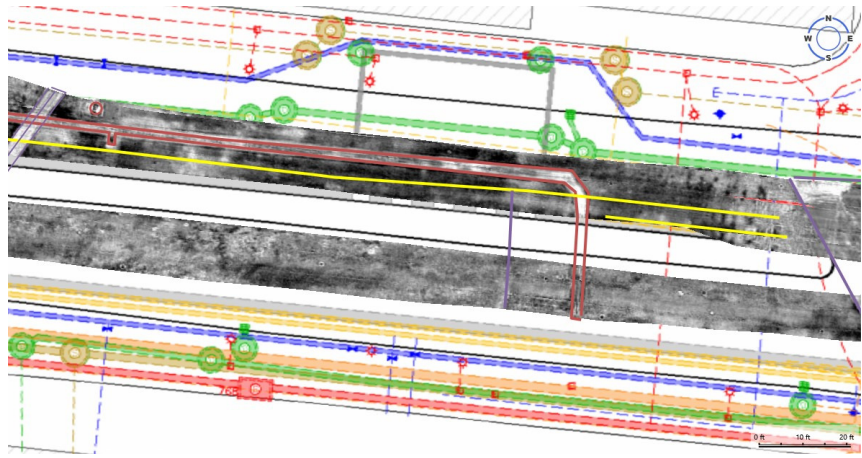
- Color-coded trench and pipe markings (Vassar Street)



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4. Finding Deviations



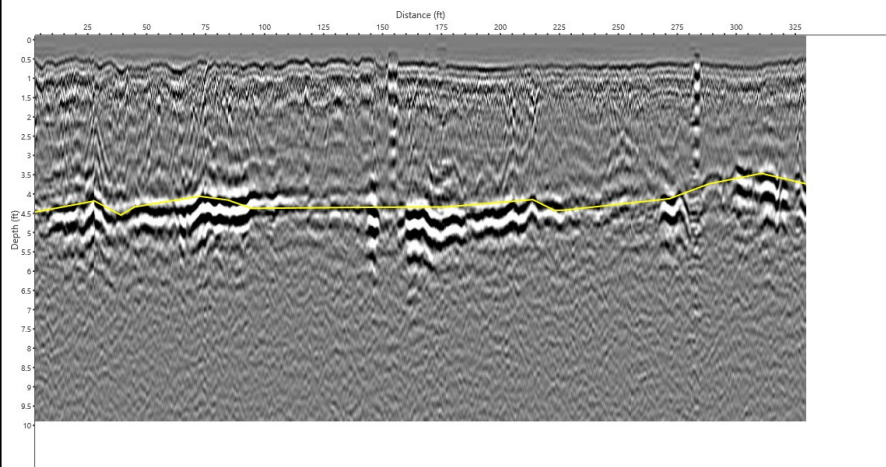
- Electric trench with previously unknown cross-street turn (Main Street)

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5. Determining Depths

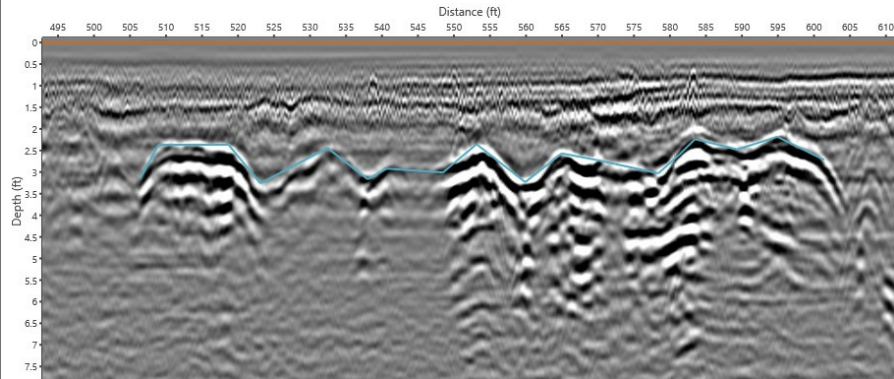


- Gas pipe depth cross-section (Main Street)

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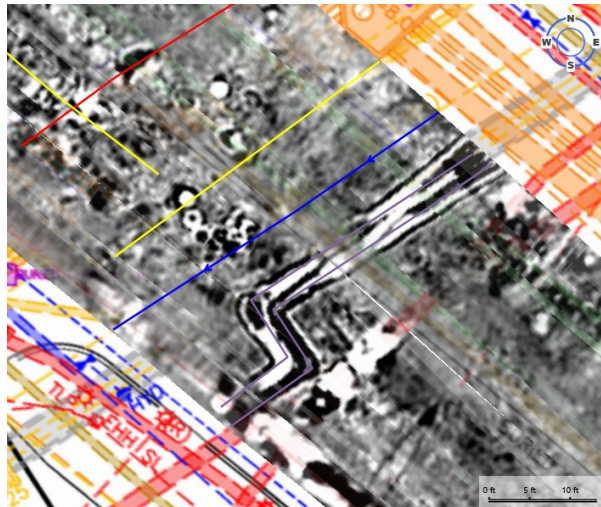
- Tracking the depth change of fiber optic cables (Mass Ave)

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6. Finding Unknown Features



- Unknown utility with 90-degree kink (Mass Ave)

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6a. Finding Unknown Features

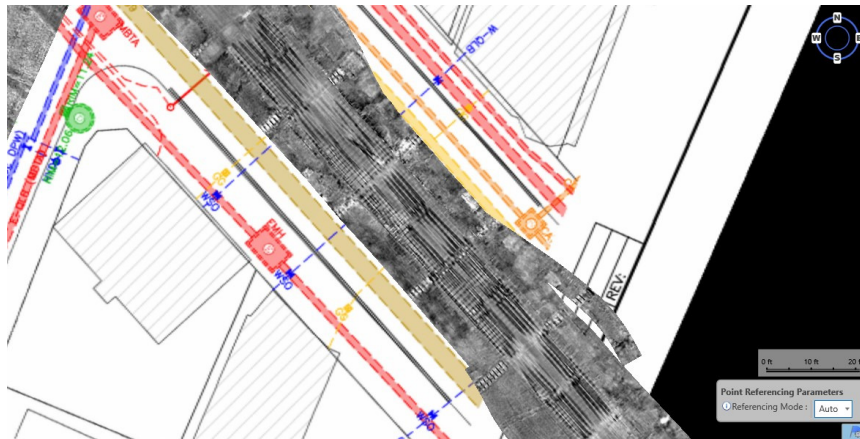


- Unknown chamber and pipe system with no surface expression (Linskey way)

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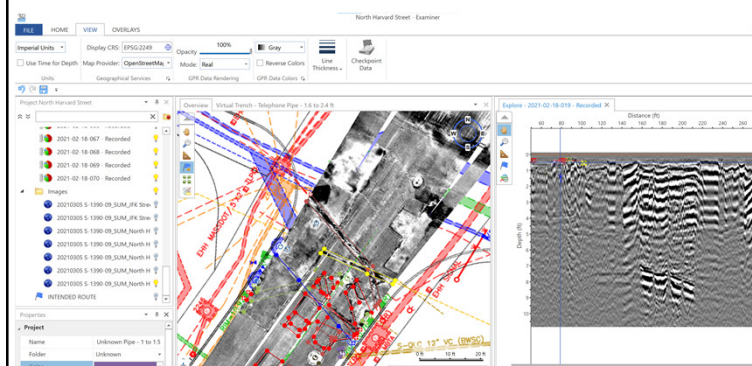
7. Confirming Excavation Ability

- Reinforced portion of roadway at 1ft depth (Hampshire Street)

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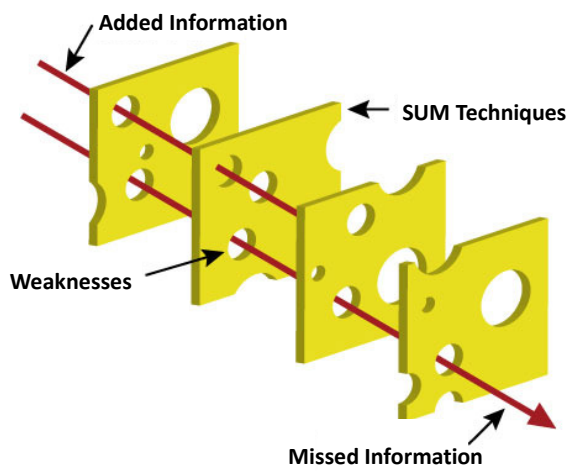
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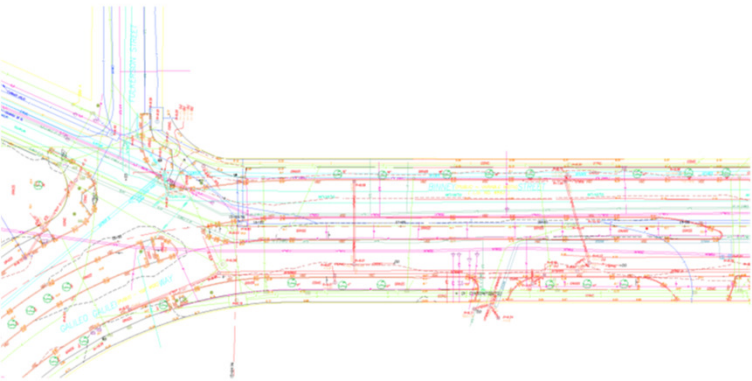
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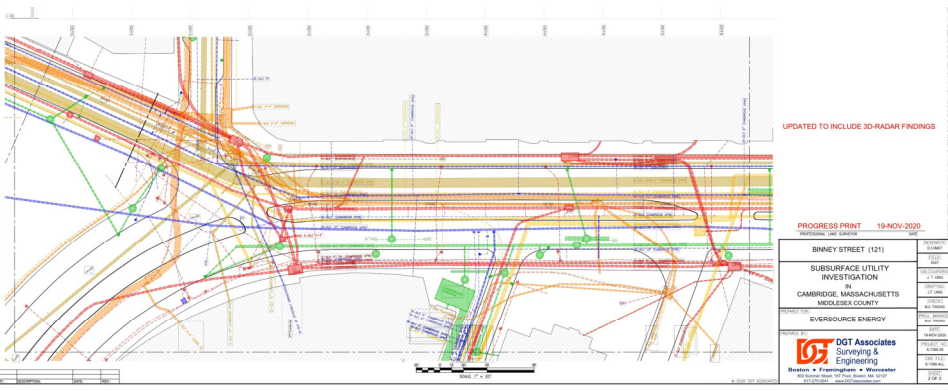
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EM Pipe location Data

- Holistic integration of GPR data begins with Quality Level C and D Map




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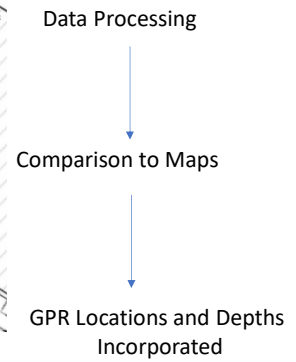
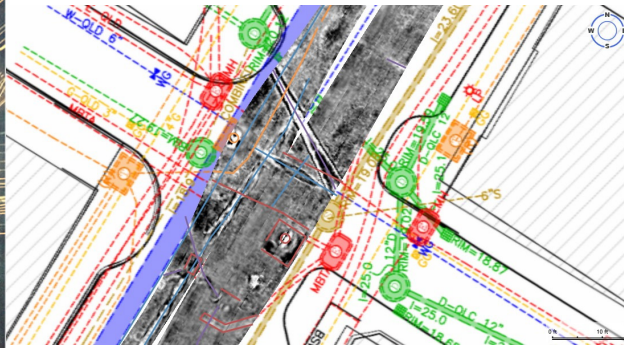
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- Fulkerson to Sixth Street with GPR information added



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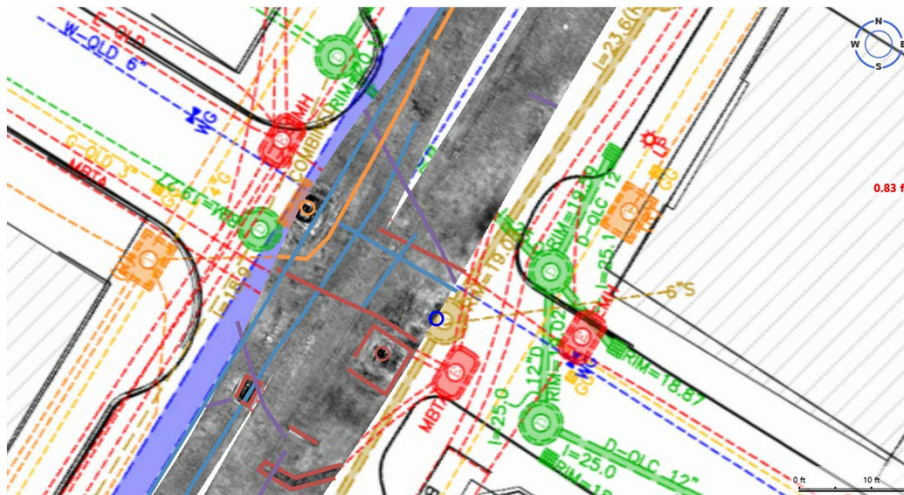


- North Harvard Street legacy map informs analysis of modern GPR data



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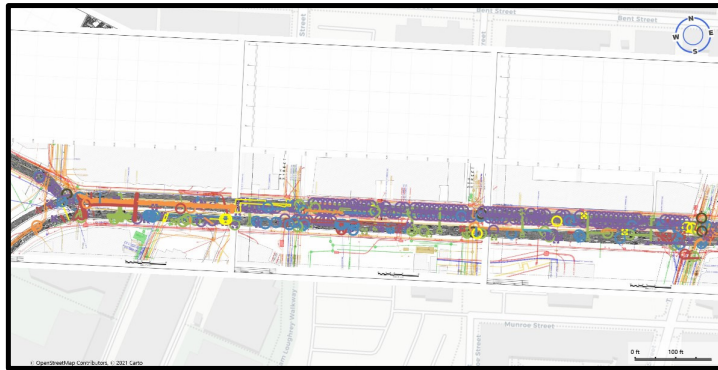


- GPR features correlated to known utilities
- Uncorrelated features incorporated into future deliverables



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Binney Street



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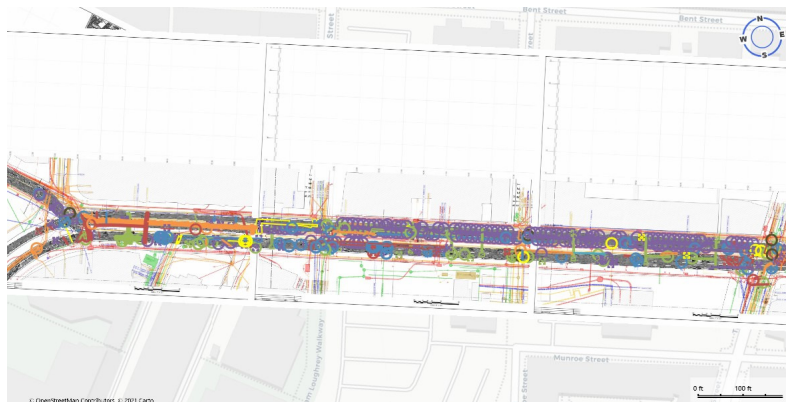
- Signals from 200 MHz to 1200 MHz
- Resolution of ~6in near the surface to 12in at depth

- 3200 linear feet → ~13000ft curb-to-curb



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Binney Street – Findings

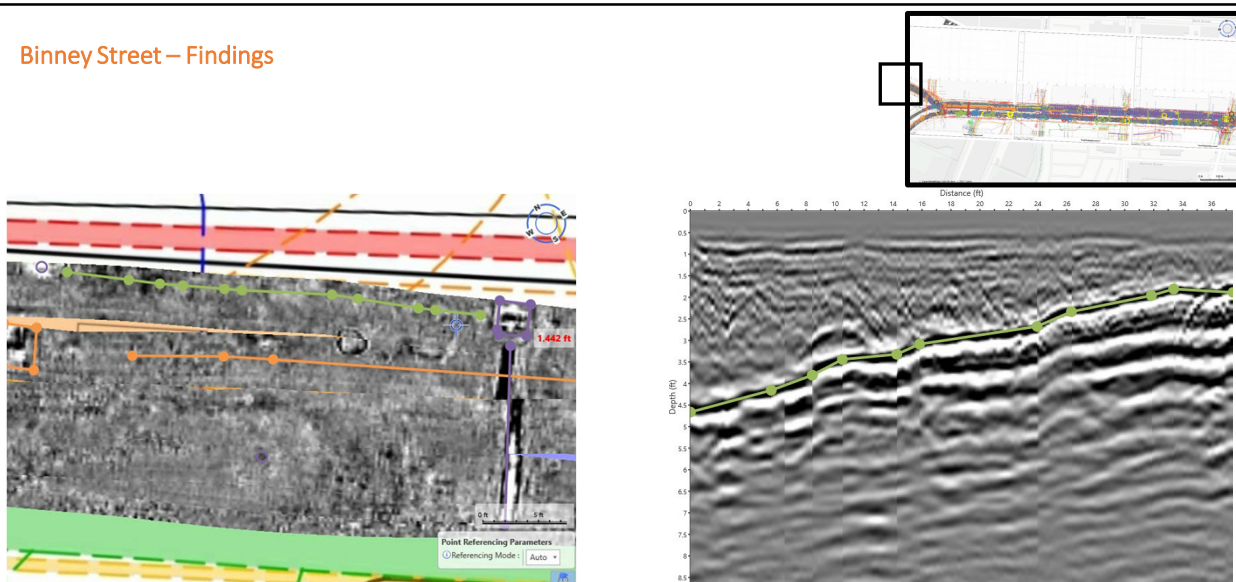


- **583** Total features identified in GPR data from **0.2 to 10 ft depth**
- **103** depth determinations to pipes or objects
- **211** Unknown/unconfirmed anomalies or trenches



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Binney Street – Findings

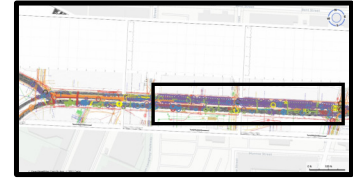
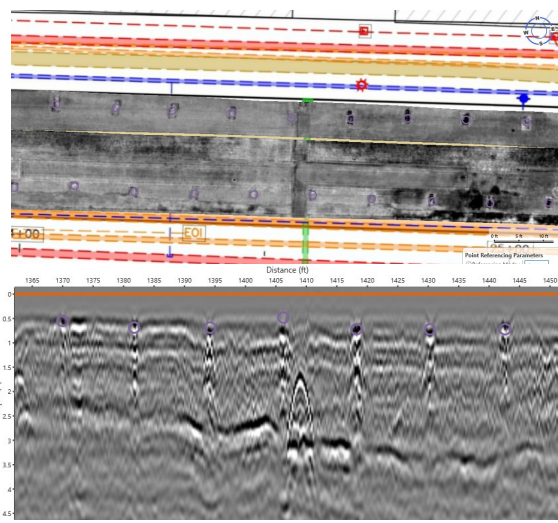


- Unmarked drain system in plan view with video and profile



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Binney Street – Findings

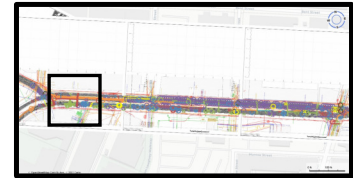
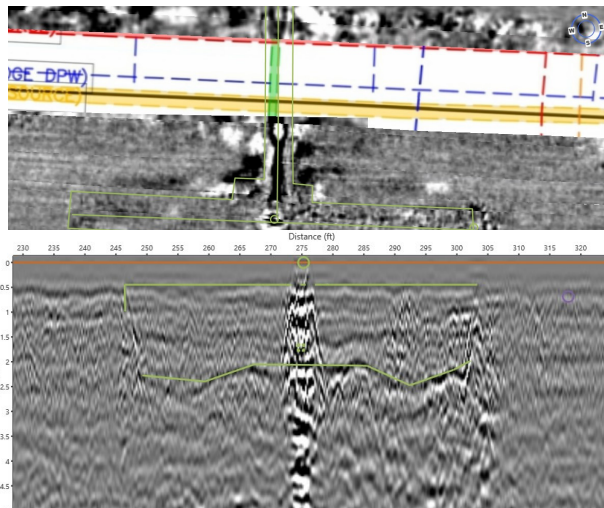


- Series of ~12ft regularly spaced unknown rectangular anomalies or pits
- Only on north lanes from 6th to 3rd street
- Cross-section shows consistent depth and character of the anomalies



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Binney Street – Findings

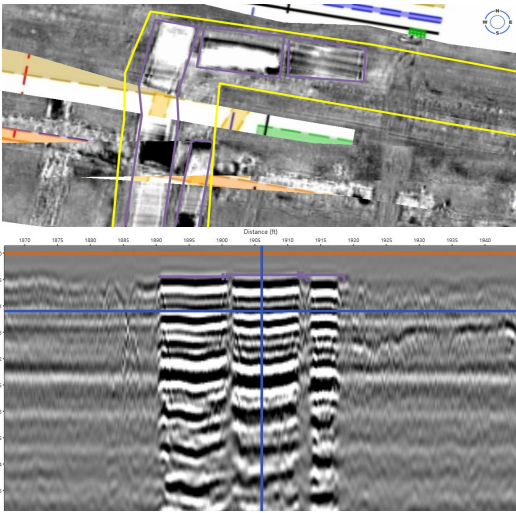


- Drainpipe leading to drain manhole visible at 3.3 ft depth
- Extent of detention system seen in cross section




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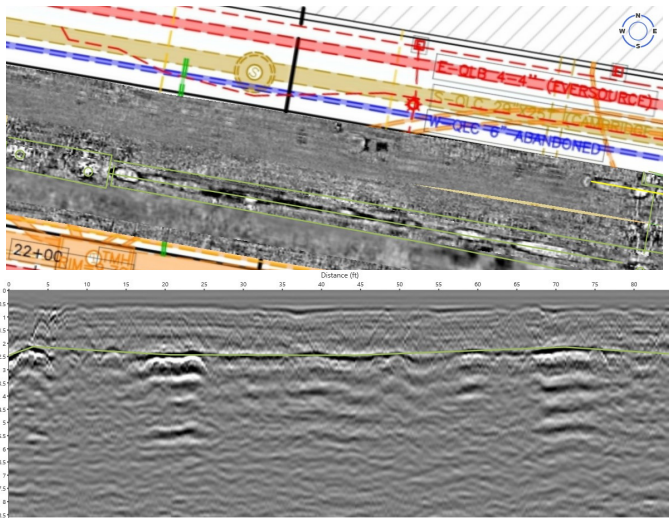


- Shallow metal plates at 0.3ft on top of a steam line
- Bright ringing reflection indicative of metal plates




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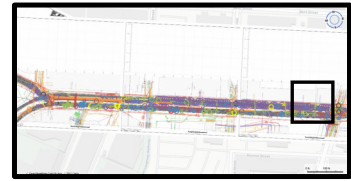
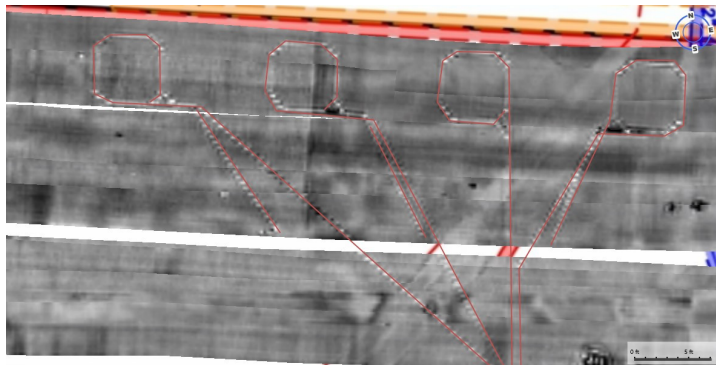


- Drainpipe visible at 2.5ft depth along street axis
- Traced via cross-section



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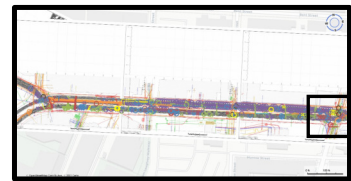
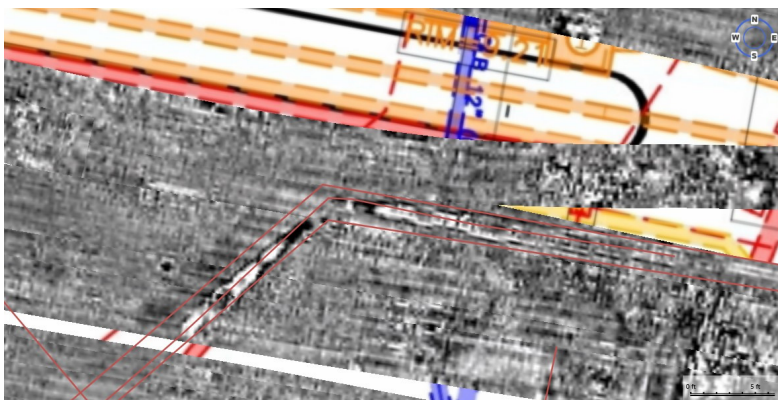


- Induction loops ~0.3 inches wide traced at 0.2 ft depth



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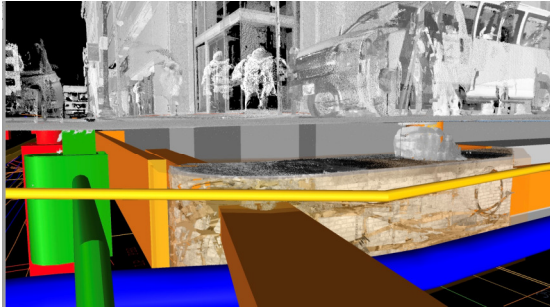


- Electric pipe depth determination at 1.6 ft near 3rd street



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Finding the Z



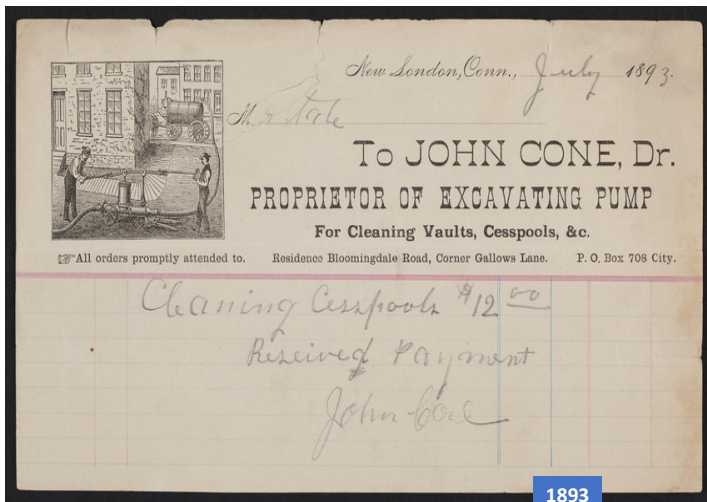
- 2 and 3D Subsurface Utility Mapping programs



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Non-Destructive Vacuum Excavation Systems



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Locating Utilities Has Been a Rudimentary Process for 100 Years



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Any interference or problems in the designation phase of a project should be resolved using vacuum excavation.



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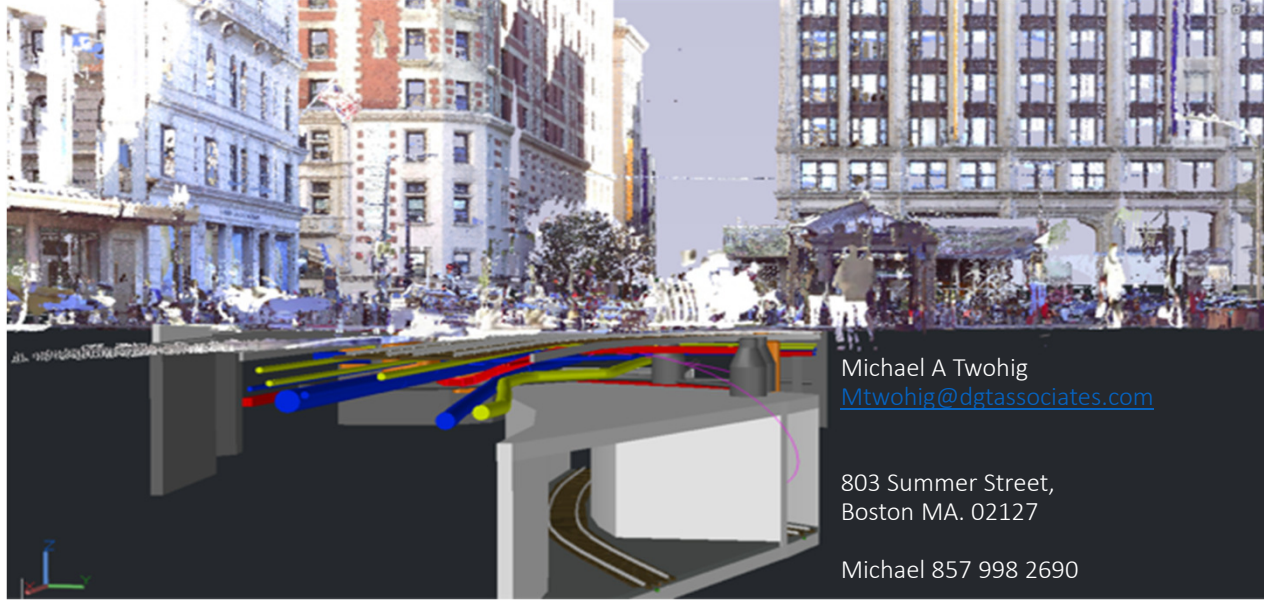


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Things About Instrumentation You May Have Forgotten or Never Learned

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Outline

- Highest priority things to check - things to get your field people to constantly monitor
- Easiest things to check - things your field people must learn to do daily
- Most difficult things to check and how to do these
- Operational/equipment suggestions



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Highest Priority

- Level bubble and/or compensator check (every setup)
- Optical plummet check (every setup)
- Tripod stability (including tripod components)
- Cleanliness of instrument case (dust, vacuum)

Highest Priority

- Accessories in instrument case
- Checklist for things like batteries, charging, history, other checks, repairs
- Transfer data to in-house records

Highest Priority

- Prism pole bubble check (daily)
- Prism pole check (bent, warped, point, etc.)
- Prism check (cracks, confirm constant, clean)

Highest Priority

- Tribrach check (snugness of fit, lock smoothness)
- Clean
- Grease? (service shop only)
- O.P. in tribrach check (weekly)

Highest Priority

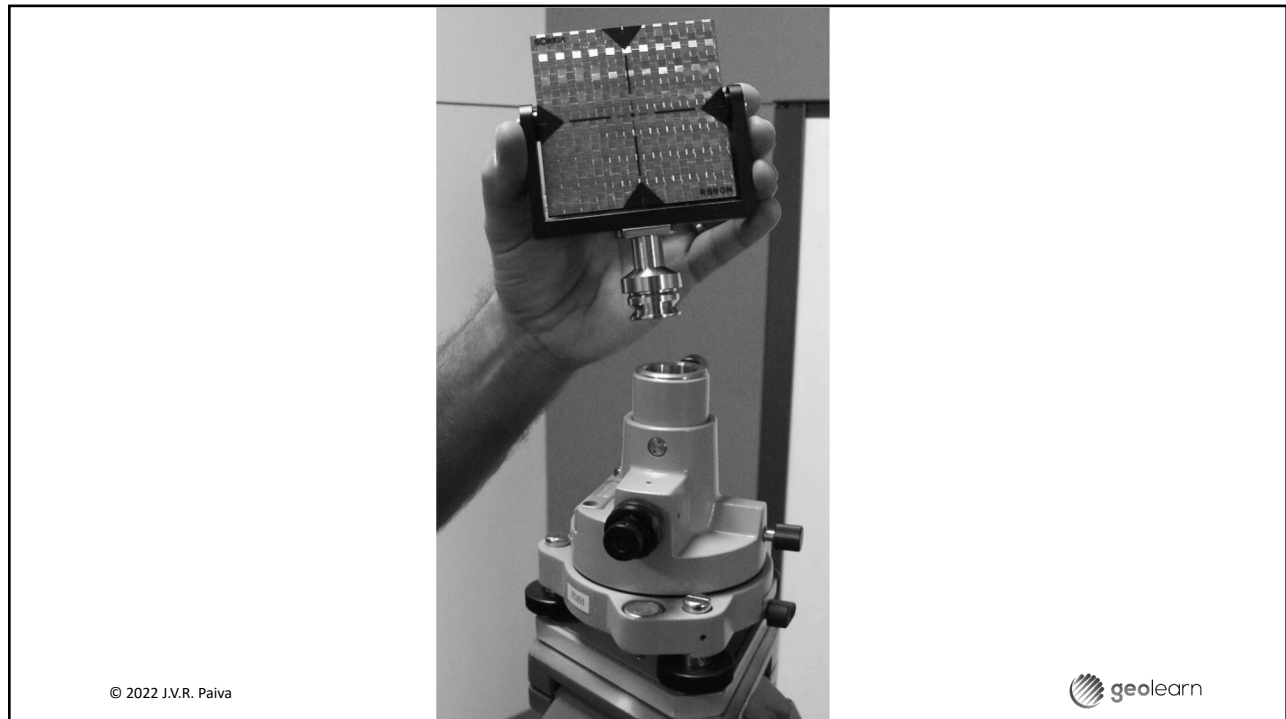
- Horizontal cross hair on auto or digital level
- Get rid of well-used level rods, prism poles, antenna poles, cracked prisms, cracked/broken tripods, etc.

Easiest to Check/Do

- Optical plummet check on alidade or anything rotatable
- Reversing point of tubular vials and digital vial tubes based on compensator
- Adjust electronic compensator on instruments with “0 Set” key or menu selection

Easiest to Check/Do

- “Eyeballing” tripod, components and nuts, bolts, hinges, etc.
- Once learned, checking bubbles on tribrachs
- Once learned, bubbles on prism and antenna poles
- H and V collimation checks



A Bit Harder

- Optical plummet tribrach (includes laser plummet)
- Trunnion axis adjustment (shop)
- Any reticle adjustment (shop)
- Any collimation adjustment of secondary technology on basic instrument (EDM, auto target seeking device, laser pointer, video/still camera)

Optical Plummet

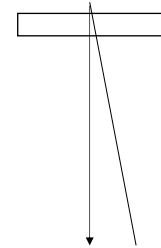
- Understand why this is important
- Is it working correctly?
- How to check?
- What is implication of inaccurate plummet?

Why?

What good is measuring an angle at a point that you didn't intend?

If Your Optical Plummet Or Leveling is Out

- What Are the Implications?
- Let's say it is 5" or 10" or 20" or 30" or 60"
- $offset = \tan 5'' \times 5 = 0.0001 \text{ ft}$
- $offset = \tan 60'' \times 5 = 0.001 \text{ ft}$



But Look At It Correctly

- Optical plummet misses point by 0.01 ft (case 1)
- Or level bubble is out of adjustment by 30" (case 2)
- Case 1: $\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{0.01}{5} = 6'32''$
- Case 2: see previous slide (negligible)

Collimation and Compensator Errors

- Zenith angles
- You measure $91^{\circ}00'00''$
- But because of collimation error, the angle is *really* $91^{\circ}00'30''$
- What is impact on positioning
- Zenith angle affects reduction of slope distance to horizontal AND determination of vertical distances when elevations/heights are being determined

Collimation and Compensator Errors

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- Slope distance, let's say you measured 500.00 ft
- Using the *correct* zenith angle, $H = \sin 91^{\circ}00'30'' \times 500 = 499.923 \text{ ft}$
- Using *incorrect* zenith angle, $H = \sin 91^{\circ}00'00'' \times 500 = 499.923$

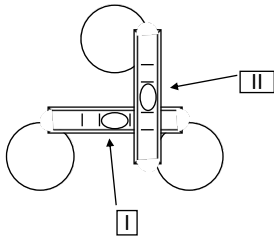
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- Using the *correct* zenith angle, $V = \cos 91^{\circ}00'30'' \times 500 = -8.799 \text{ ft}$
- Using *incorrect* zenith angle, $V = \sin 91^{\circ}00'00'' \times 500 = -8.72 \text{ ft}$

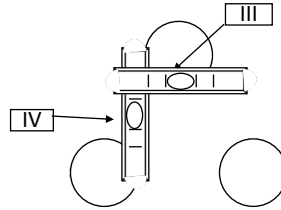
Collimation and Compensator Errors

- Horizontal angles
- You measure $178^{\circ}00'00''$
- But because of collimation error, the angle is *really* $178^{\circ}00'30''$
- Horizontal distance of 500.00 ft
- Using the *correct* horizontal angle, assuming N0.0, E0.0 for instrument, P is at N -499.698, E +17.377
- Using *incorrect* zenith angle, P (N -499.695, E +17.450)

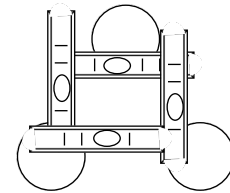
Adjusting for Reversing Point on Compensator



BTW: most experienced operators can center within 1/5 of span of 2 mm graduations. So, if 30" bubble, $\pm 6''$ centering.



Bubble movement at III indicates TWICE the error in bubble adjustment



Key is to find REVERSING point...where bubble stays in same position as you rotate alidade

Where/How To Get Weather Info

- Use barometer!
- NOT your phone, bank sign, radio, weather bureau report, etc.
- Electronic devices now available for phone, phone apps and stand alone handhelds
- All instruments used for pressure must be periodically calibrated against a mercury barometer
- Temp should be in shade, about 5-6 ft above ground

Atmospheric Pressure Measurements

- Do not use weather reports; they report pressure as if the barometer is set up at sea level, even if you are in Denver
- That information is useless for correctly applying pressure correction
- Weather station might report 29.92" of Hg but the pressure at the surface in Denver will be about 5" lower!
- At altitude the elevation dominates over atmospheric pressure changes day-to-day (with some caveats)

Sensitivity of Prism Pole Bubble, etc.

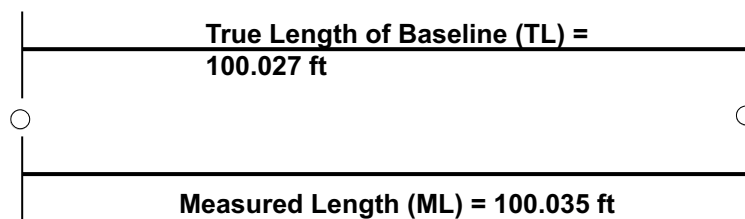
- If you can't get your distributor or manufacturer to give you a reliable number for the sensitivity of your leveling bubbles (tubular, circular and electronic), maybe you should find another supplier
- There are some approximate ways to get these values yourself with your basic surveying instruments

Calibration of Tape

- Why talk about this?
- Because surveyors sometimes have trouble with this concept

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Tape Calibration

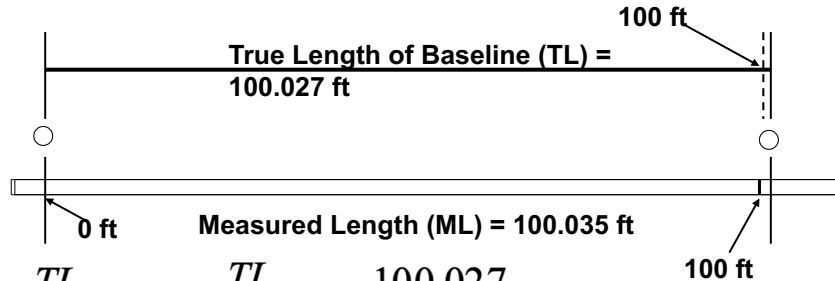


What is the true length of the tape?

i.e. what is the length between the zero and the 100 ft marks?

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Calibration Analysis



$$\frac{TL_{tape}}{ML_{tape}} = \frac{TL_{baseline}}{ML_{baseline}} = \frac{TL_{tape}}{100.00} = \frac{100.027}{100.035} \quad [99.9920028]$$

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Measuring vs. Measuring OUT

- You have an EDM that you know is running long, meaning, it gives you an incorrect value that is larger than the correct value
- i.e. It indicates 200.00 ft when you actually have 199.96 ft
- You measure the distance two points and get an indicated value of 350.00. What is the true length?
- Error is 0.02/100 ft
- Total error is 0.07
- Correct, i.e. true length is $350.00 - 0.07 = 349.93$

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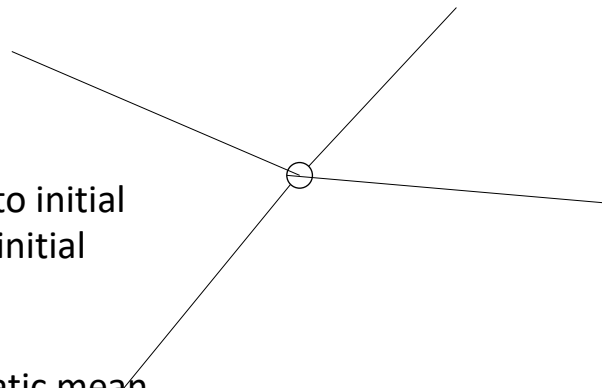
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- i.e. It indicates 200.00 ft when you actually have 199.96 ft
- You want to measure the distance two points and to get a true value of 350.00 between them. What should you measure?
- Error is 0.02/100 ft
- Total error is 0.07
- Correct, i.e. indicated value is $350.00 + 0.07 = 350.07$

How DIN Values Are Measured

- 4 targets
- 4 sets of F1/F2
- Calculate average direction
- Calculate 16 residuals
- Average for each round, apply to initial
- Reduce each other residual by initial
- Take sq. rt of (sum of the sq.)
- Divide by n-1, i.e. 15
- Run four times and take quadratic mean



Data for Least Squares

- Do not use mfr values
- Estimate multiplier to apply
- Depends on your methods, how many times you measured and averaged, condition of equipment, condition of crew
- Best if you have a system that lets you put in each individual measurement

What About...

- Prism constant
- Instrument constant
- Optical plummet on tribrach
- Heating/cooling of instrument
- If the line is long enough are you considering temperature and atmospheric pressure
- Is the setup stable
- How long does it take to collect your measurement

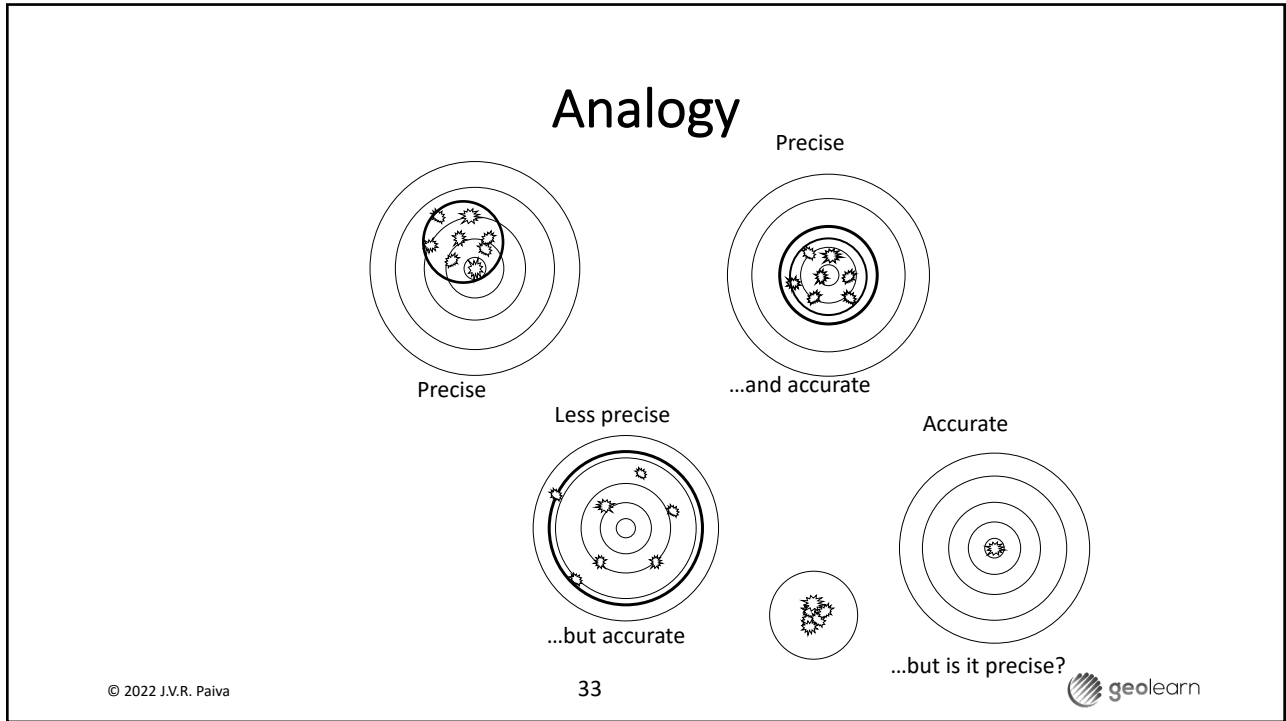


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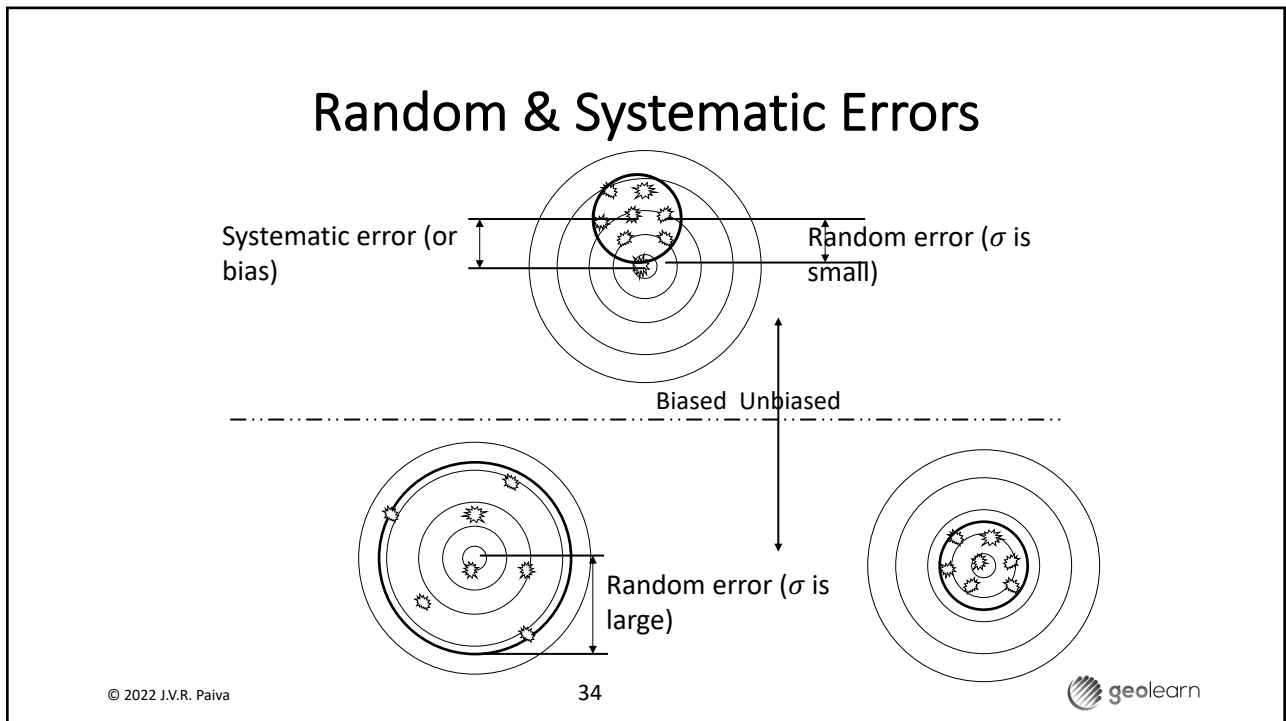
- Vibrations from construction, traffic, trains, foot traffic
- Frozen ground, windy day
- Warping of the instrument from sunshine
- Do you let the sunlight directly hit your bubble/compensator?
- All these factors affect the uncertainty level you should plug into your least squares software
- If you haven't done the experiments to determine impact from these factors at least use factor of safety of 2 – 5 (YES)!

Hint

- You WANT scatter in your values to demonstrate that you are actually picking up variations due to random error
- BTW if you want random error analysis that works, measure 8-10 times at least



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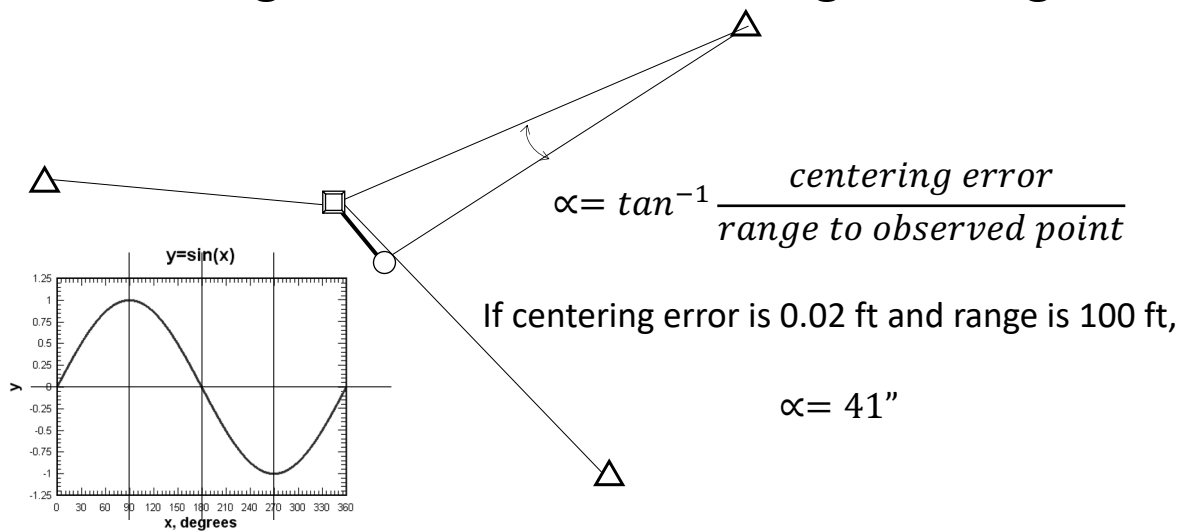
Analysis of Distance Measurements

If 1762.01 is rejected, average and σ must be recalculated

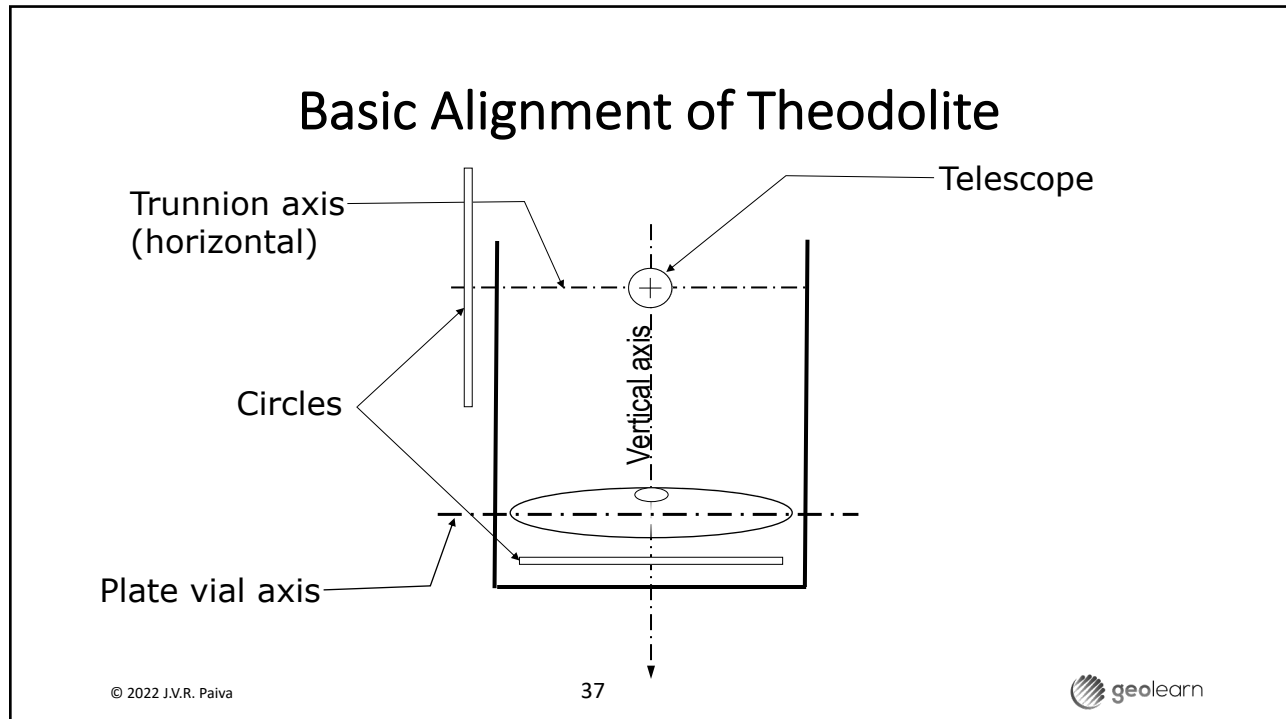
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 - 1763.03 ←
 - 1762.74 ←
 - 1762.98 ←
 - 1762.01 ←
 - 1762.49 ←
 - 1762.80 ←
 - 1762.79 ←
 - 1762.68 ←
- Average is 1762.676
 - $\sigma = 0.287$
 - 1762.38 to 1762.96
 - $2\sigma = 0.574$
 - 1762.11 to 1763.25
 - $3\sigma = 0.861$

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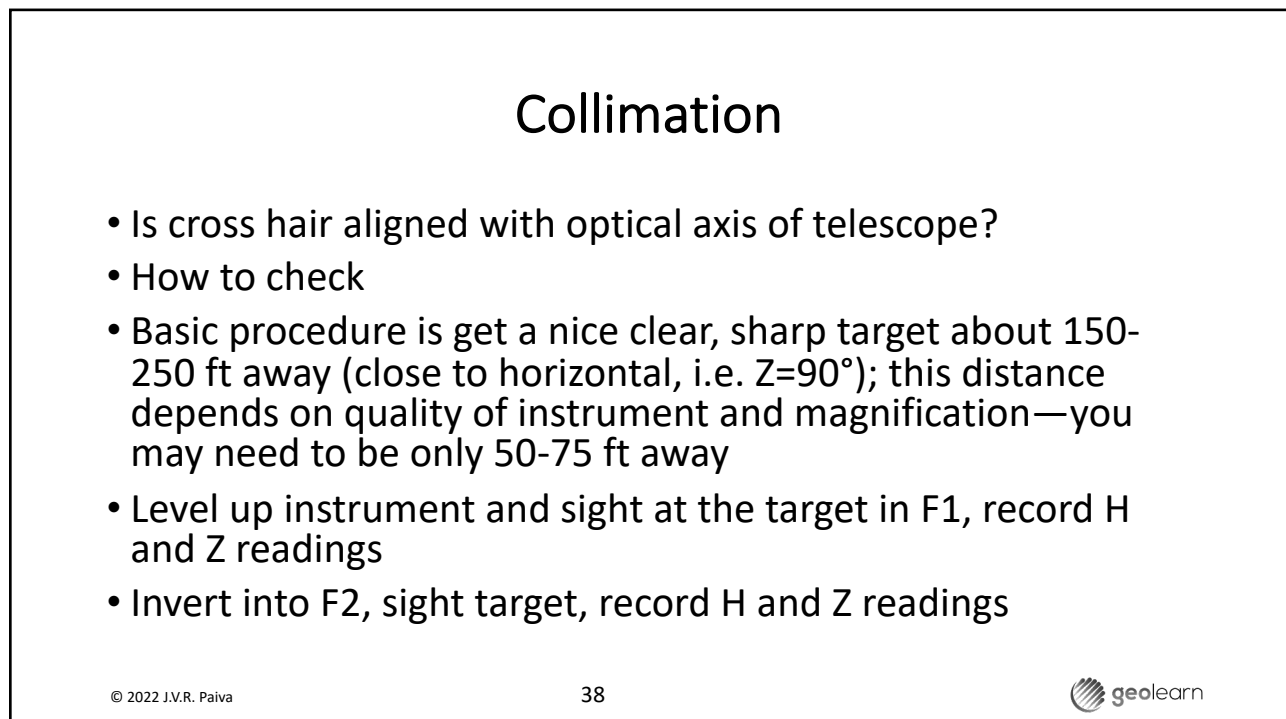
Magnitude of Mis-Centering – H. Angle



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Interpreting Readings

- What should you observe?
- This should be obvious if you know your instrument

Collimation Check

- Example data
- F1 $H = 236^{\circ}14'32''$, $Z = 87^{\circ}15'16''$
- Above values should be mean of four to eight sightings
- F2 what should you get if it is in good adjustment?
- Again, take mean of same number of readings as in F1

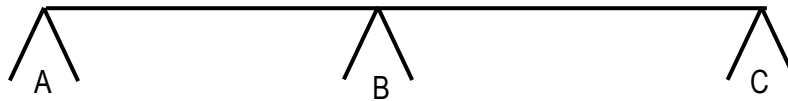
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- Example data
- F1 $H = 236^{\circ}14'32''$, $Z = 87^{\circ}15'16''$
- Above values should be mean of four to eight sightings
- F2 $H = 056^{\circ}14'36''$, $Z = 272^{\circ}44'50''$
- Conclusion: variation in H is 4", variation in Z is 6"
- H error +2" Z error +3"

EDM Check – Prism Constant

- There are constant errors (fixed errors) in all EDMs
- We compensate for these with (a) an instrument offset (usually only set in the shop), and
- (b) prism constant (user settable)
- To test for the combined effect of these two error sources...
- Find a flat area about 250 ft long
- Set points at ends and middle (pacing is OK)
- Optical plummets must all be at the “no visual error” level

Determining Prism & Instrument Offsets



$AB + BC$ should equal AC

If error exists (e), then it will be in each of the measurements, thus

$$AB + BC - AC = e$$

Important Pointers

- Keep observations as flat as possible
- Use only one prism for all readings
- You can repeat with other prisms to see if you get different results
- Set your instrument to what the manufacturer tells you the prism constant is
- Any other difference is possibly due to instrument constant
- There can also be small variations in prism constants!

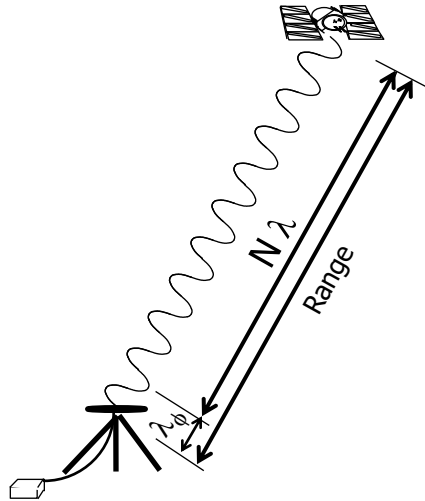
GNSS Buffer (under trees, in canyons, etc.)

- Cannot violate laws of physics
- Most RTK systems have a “buffer”
- Wait for system to settle before measuring an epoch or more
- Repeat occupations with “quick” RTK fixes will only reinforce the systematic error
- Set two good points in the clear (three best for redundancy)
- Then set up total station on each and calculate position of GNSS point and/or position of point that is shadowed

Faulty GNSS RTK Initialization

- RTK is not perfect
- Manufacturer’s spec doesn’t duplicate real life
- What’s there in real life that’s not in the test?
- Multipath
- Shadowing resulting in smaller number of satellites
- Latency
- Space weather
- Do you look at skyplots anymore?

The Integer Ambiguity



- Receiver measures partial wavelength when it first locks on
- Partial, circularly polarized phase is read like a clock
- Receiver counts successive cycles after this
- Receiver does not know whole number of wavelengths (behind that first partial one) between it and SV

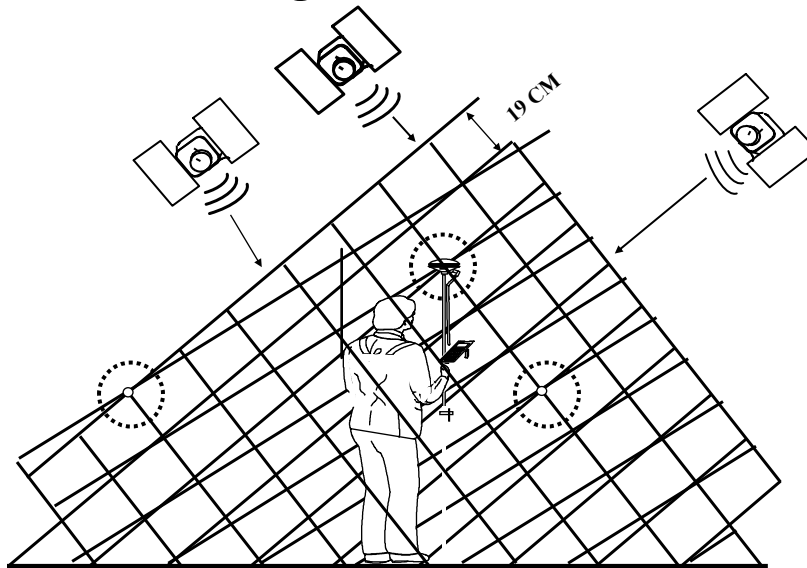
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Integer Resolution



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Faulty Initialization Mitigation

- Occupy all points or key points or control points more than once
- When you do the re-occupation, break lock and re-initialize
- Occupy known control set by either/and other different methods, different bases, different time of day; usually guarantee of different constellation
- Static GNSS is accurate because satellites move during observation
- Very little movement with RTK/RTN even 3-5 minute occupations

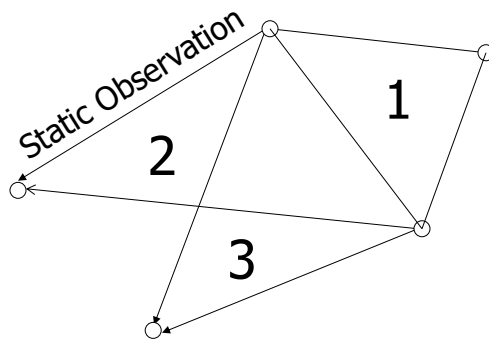
Close Your Traverse

- With total station, this is easy
- Have we forgotten!
- BUT....precision can be meaningless if you've not attempted to deal with systematic errors
- Measuring all distances that are 1% too long will still give you good precision
- So don't black box it!

Adjust Your Traverse

- Whether it is compass rule or least squares, purpose of adjustment is to mathematically, theoretically account for random error
- IT is NOT supposed to deal with systematic error
- To deal with systematic error, know your instrumentation system and the environment

Adjust Your Static GNSS Positions



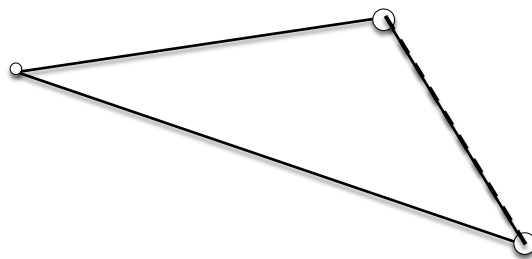
- Yes, you can traverse
- Solve the baselines that form triangles
- Now use those distances to calculate traverse triangles
- Do they add up to 180?
- Another option: proper least squares adjustments
- OPUS is great but don't take it and run!

Adjust Your RTK GNSS Positions

- If you are using RTK, you are doing a radial survey
- How do you adjust your positions?
- One way is to set up a new hub for your radial measurements
- Or use RTN with redundancy
- As usual always check into know control periodically
- If possible observe at a different time to swap out the constellation

Static GPS Independent Baselines

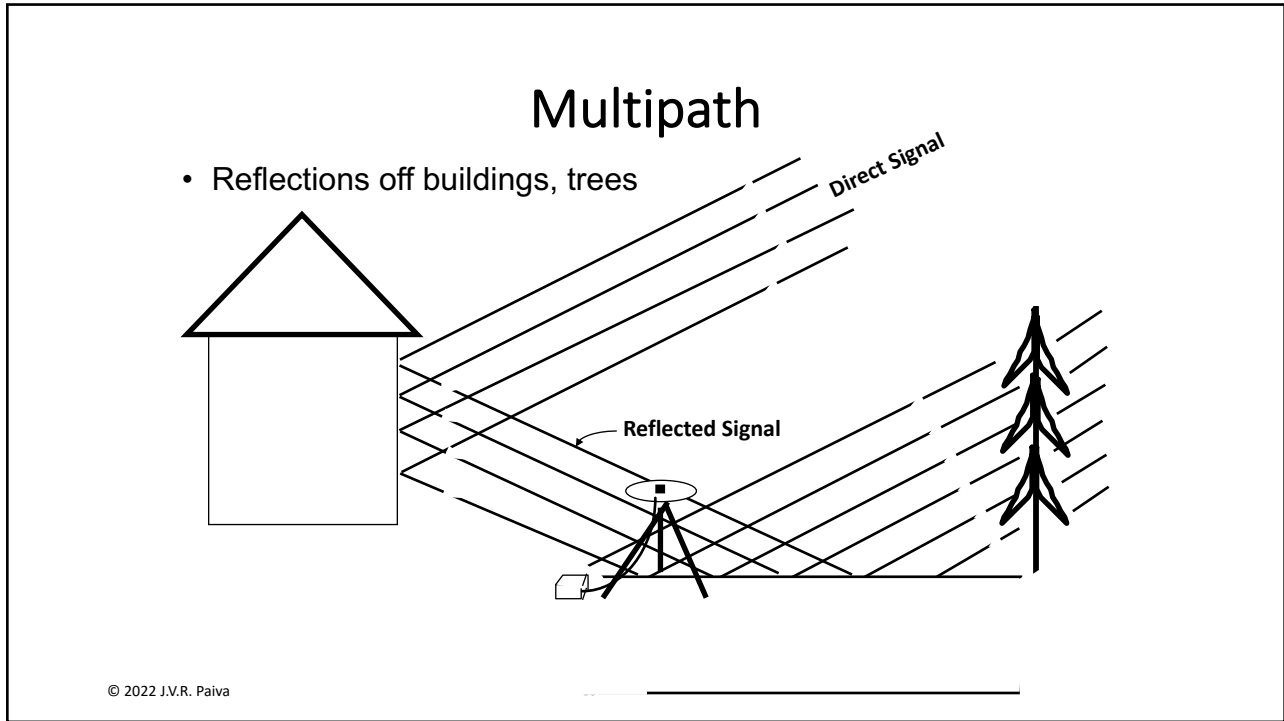
- Biggest blunder is not having independent observations (after blunder of not setting up on correct point)



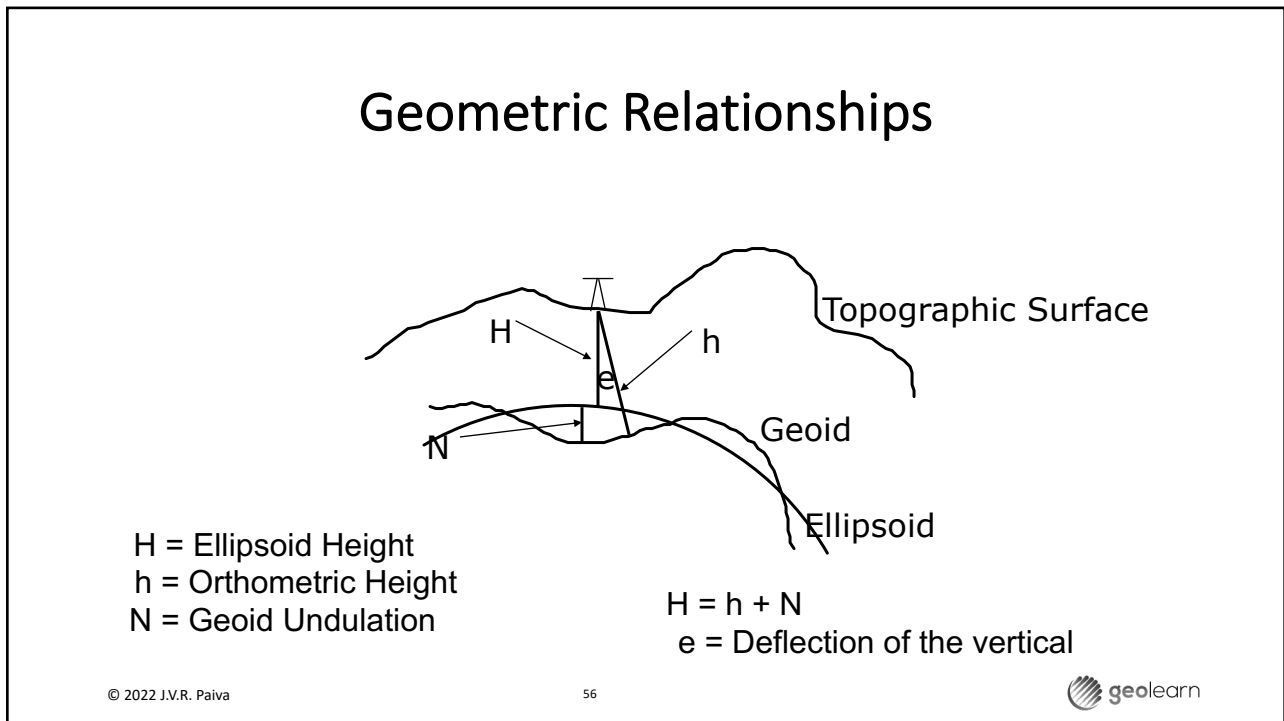
3 receivers; 1 session

Only 2 independent baselines

One more session with 2 receivers



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Coordinate Systems

- GPS measures in WGS-84 Cartesian
- Surveyor could be using SPCs, UTM, other systems—*never* WGS-84
- Converting from “native” GPS system to surveyor’s system can be fraught with errors (and mistakes)
- “Localization,” “calibration,” “transformation” add problems of their own
- GIGO!

The Fancier It Gets, the Harder It Is

- When a steel tape breaks, you know about it, and how to respond to it
- When your EDM, total station, GPS, LiDAR, drone, etc. malfunctions, how to detect?
- What to do about it?
- Black box technology requires more, not less, knowledge about the technology, how it works and how to defend against erroneous or spurious data

Thank You!

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**Structural Deformation
Monitoring Technology-
Concepts, System Planning
and Hardware**

William T. Derry, Prof. LS

Solutions, Structural Monitoring

Agenda

- Introduction/Bio
- Why/What/How
- Campaign or Permanent?
- General Considerations for projects
- Questions-General Discussion
- Overview of recent projects
- Questions-General Discussion
- Monitoring Hardware
 - Instruments- ATR, Imaging, reflectorless, Scanning
 - GNSS- RTK and Static
 - Geotechnical Sensors
- Monitoring Software-
 - GeoMoS Monitor, Analyzer, Adjustment
 - GeoMoS Now!
 - GeoMonitoring Hub
- Questions-General Discussion

Who I am:

William T. Derry, Prof. LS

- Licensed in PA, DE, MD and NC
- 38 years experience, with 24 as licensee
- Formally trained as a geodetic surveyor in the USMC prior to the common availability of GPS (1984)
- Background in GNSS control, boundaries, ALTAs, structural layout, topo
- Wild Heerbrugg/Wild Leica/Leica Geosystems user since 1984 (T2, T3 etc.)
- Started with Leica as a Technical Sales Engineer in June 2018
- Solutions Team, Structural Monitoring
- Technical support and installations, Sales Support in US, Canada, Mexico





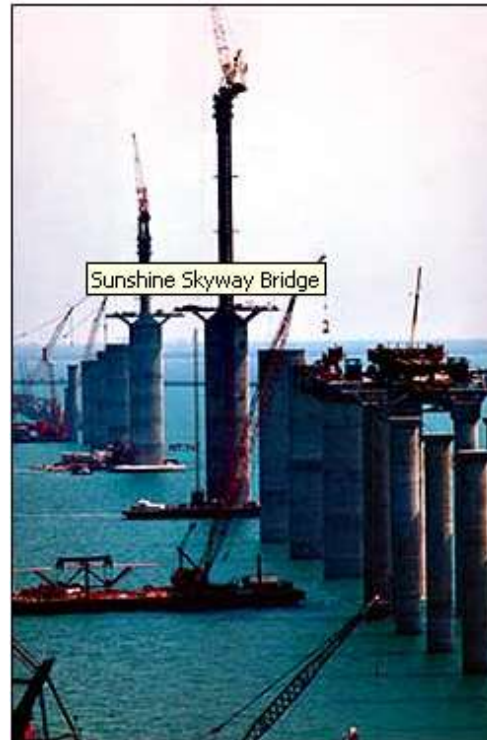
Please Ask Questions

In Monitoring, the question is-

Did it move, yes or no?

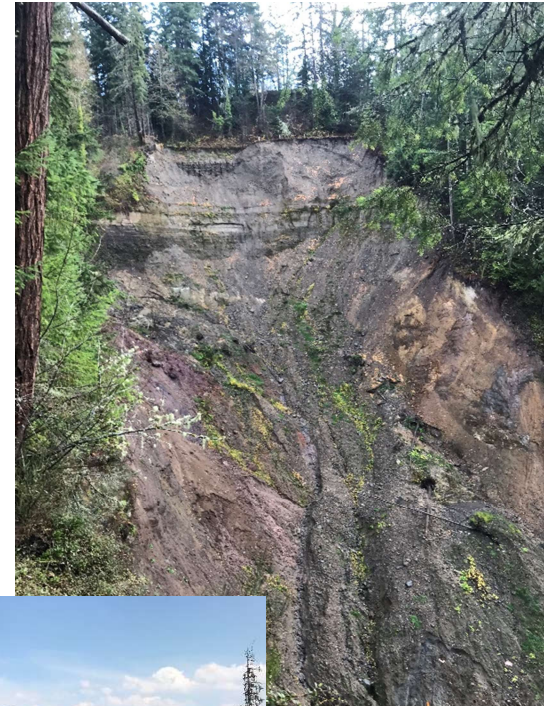
We know structures move so the questions really are-

- When?
- Where and What?
- Why?
- How much?
- What is the impact?
- How do I know if it is local “resonation” and environmentally induced?
- Did it move back?
- ???



What can be monitored

- Manmade objects
 - Bridges/Dams/Buildings/Walls
 - Tunnels/Aqueducts/Railroads/Highways
 - Excavations/Slopes/Mines/Reserve Structures
 - Clearances/Moving Components/Ships
 - Core Wall (Super tall etc.)
- Natural Objects
 - Landslides/Avalanches/Volcanos/Embankments
 - Tectonic Motion



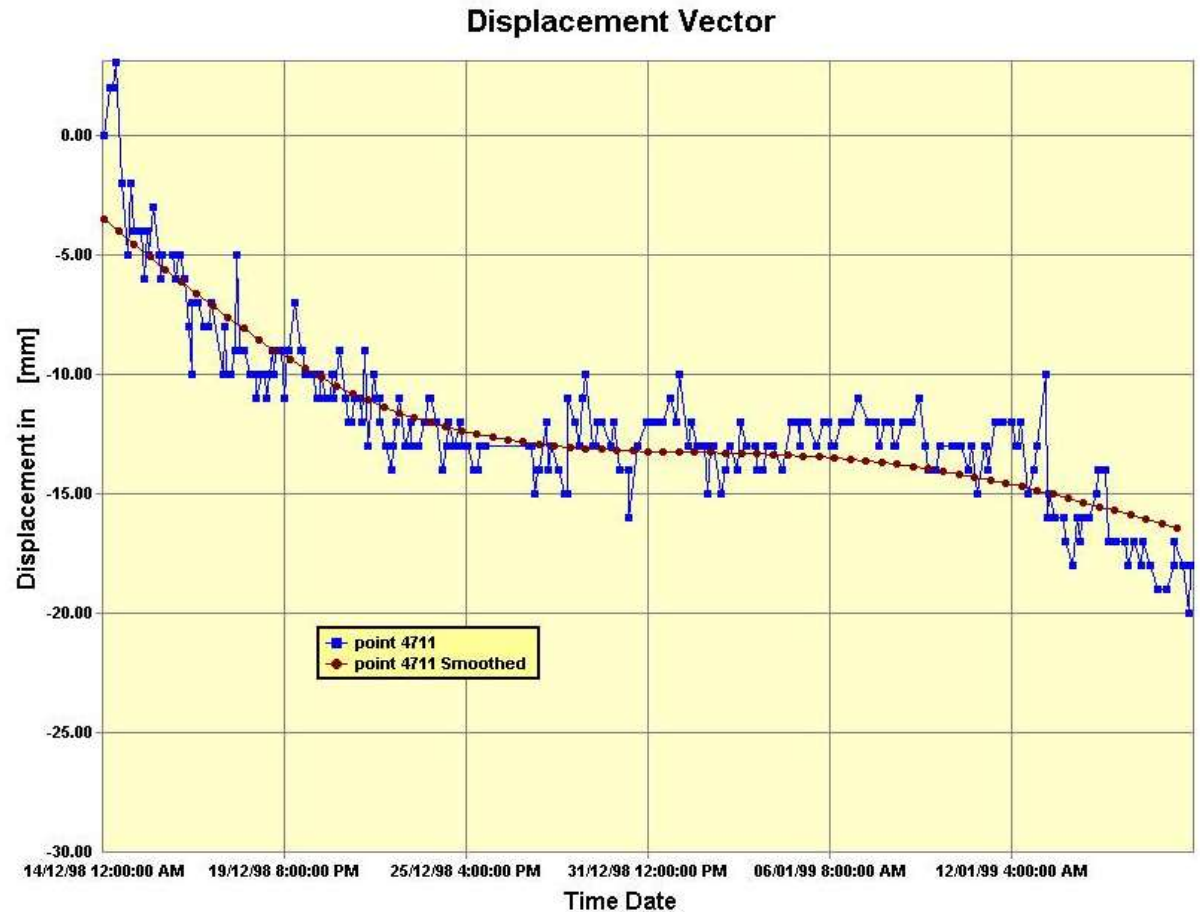
Why we Monitor

Safety

- Protect Life
- Protect Assets

Quality

- Site Supervision
- Better Serviceability
- Reduce Project Interruptions
- Liability
- Defend against Construction Defects Litigation
 - Design Errors
 - Environmental Damages
 - Insurance & Bonding

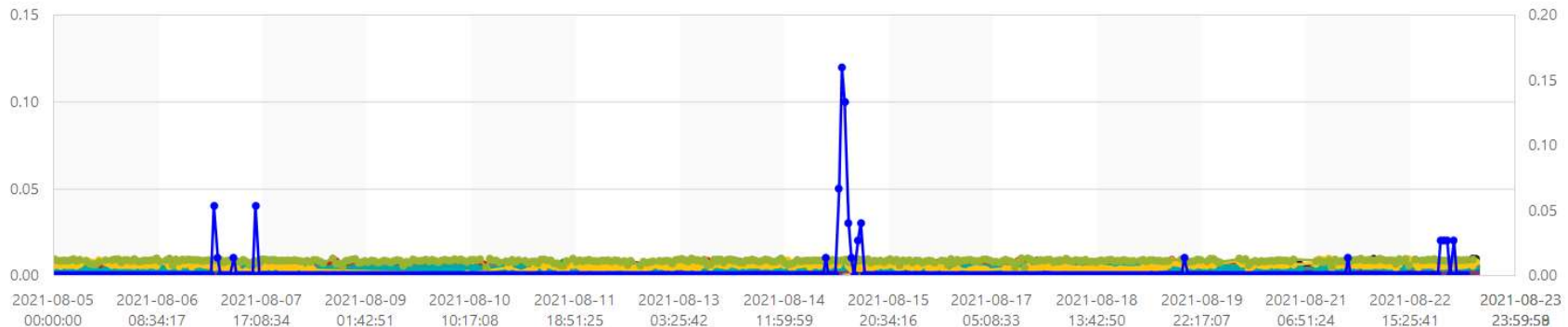


How can we monitor



- All Sensors
- Filter Sensors
- DATA LOGGERS
 - CR6 datalogger Data Logger
- TOTAL STATION
 - Cottonwood MS60 Total Station
- WEATHER
 - Cottonwood - Rain Gauge Weather Station
 - WT temperature Weather Station

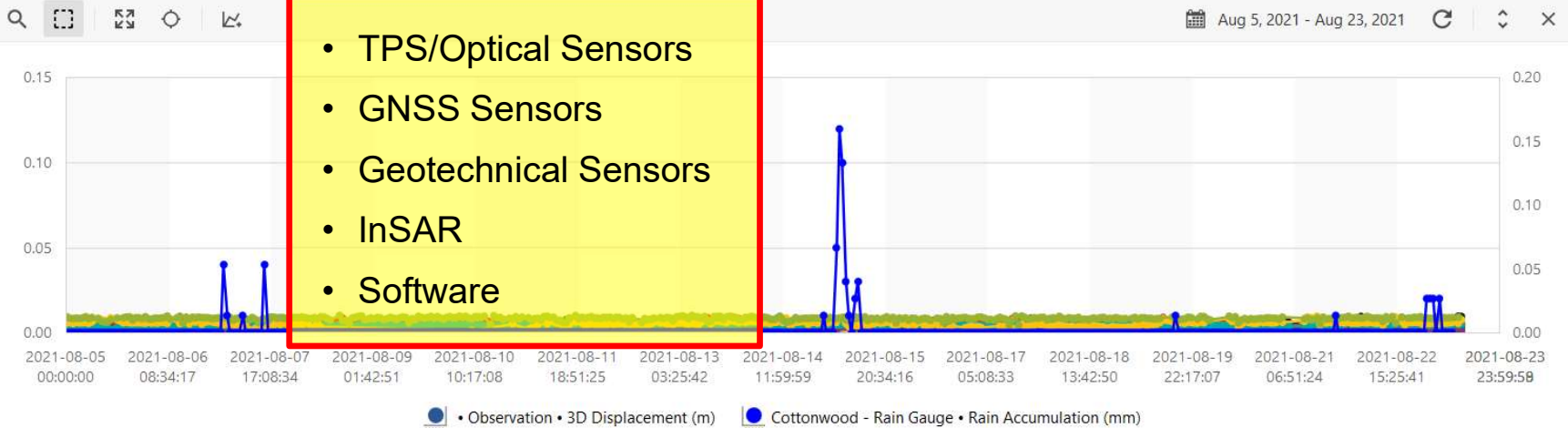
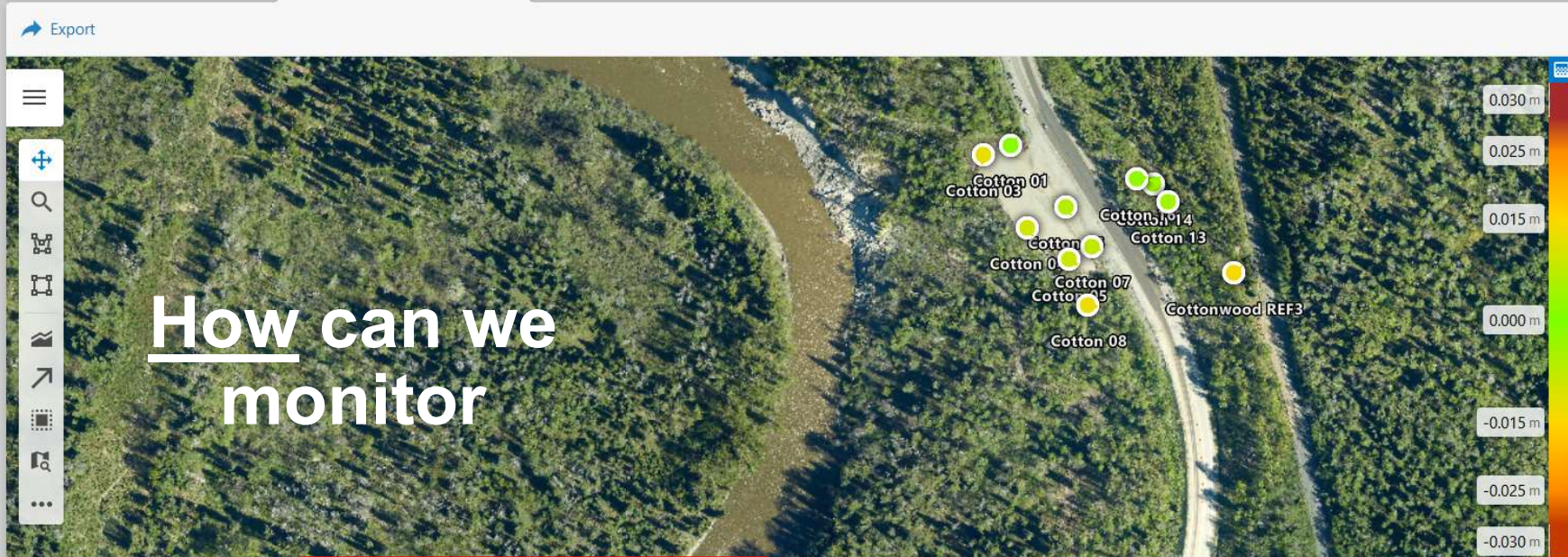
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● Observation • 3D Displacement (m)
 ● Cottonwood - Rain Gauge • Rain Accumulation (mm)

How can we monitor

- TPS/Optical Sensors
- GNSS Sensors
- Geotechnical Sensors
- InSAR
- Software



All Sensors

Filter Sensors

DATA LOGGERS

CR6 datalogger Data Logger

TOTAL STATION

Cottonwood MS60 Total Station

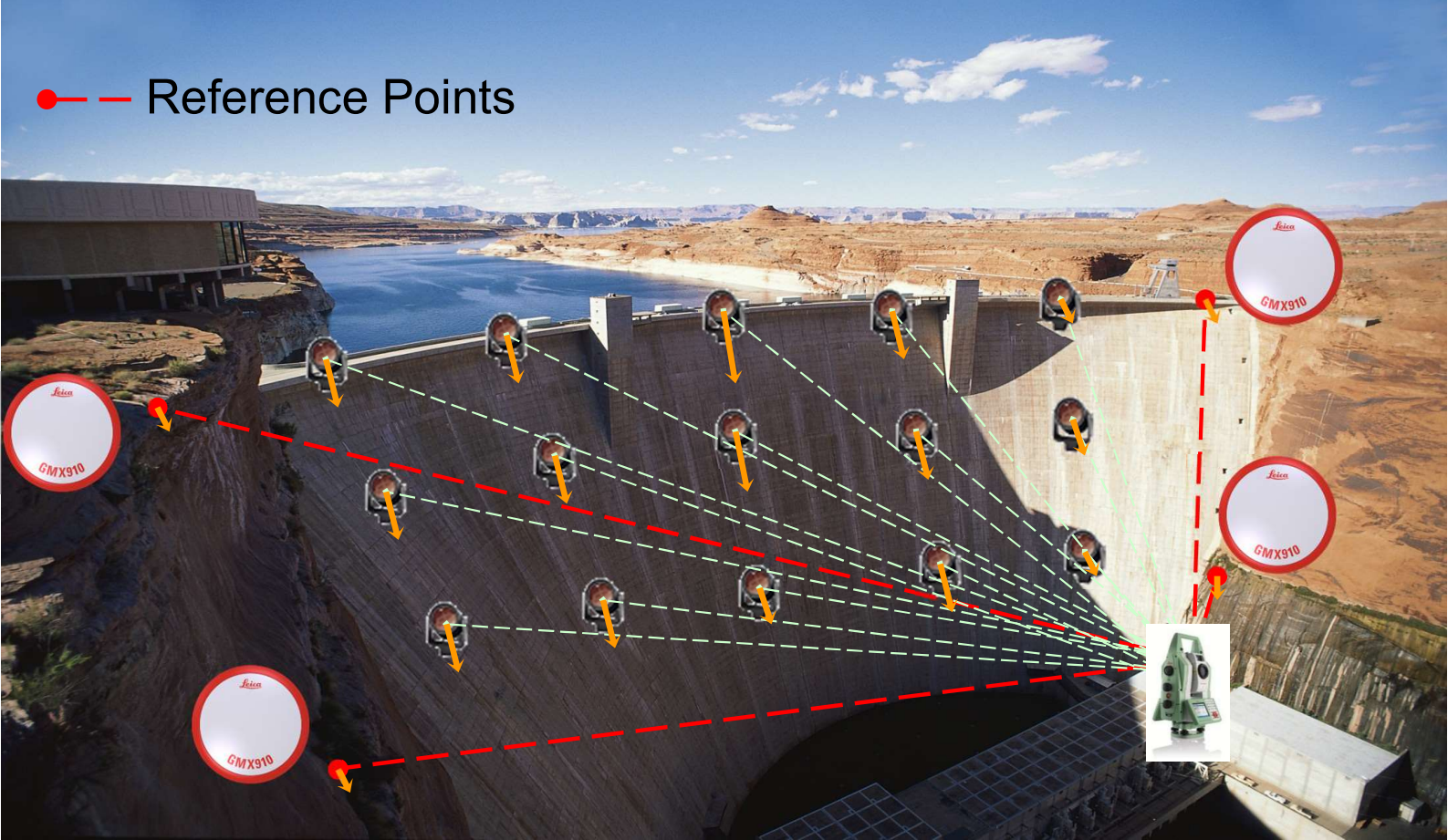
WEATHER

Cottonwood - Rain Gauge Weather Station

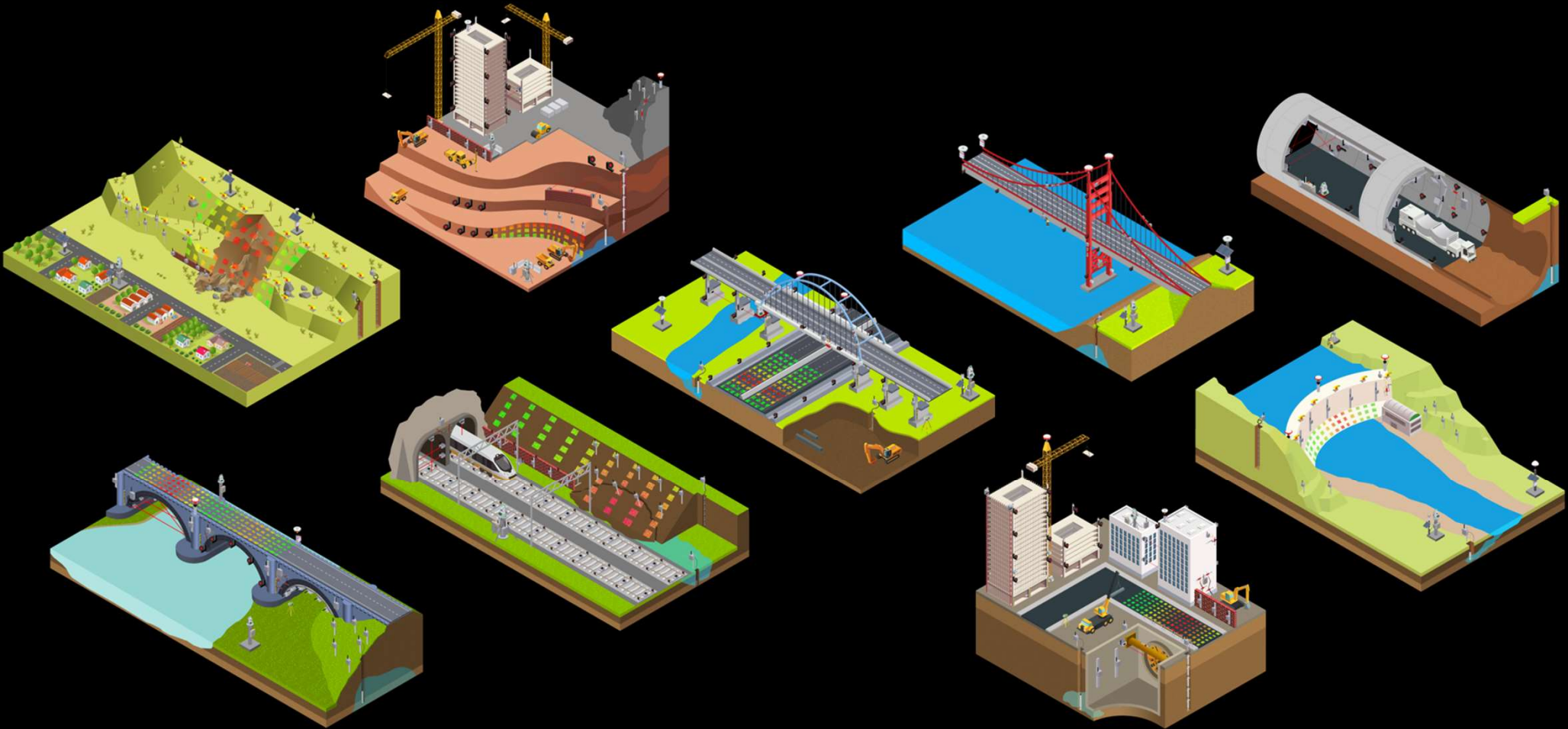
WT temperature Weather Station

Typical TPS/GNSS Monitoring Scheme

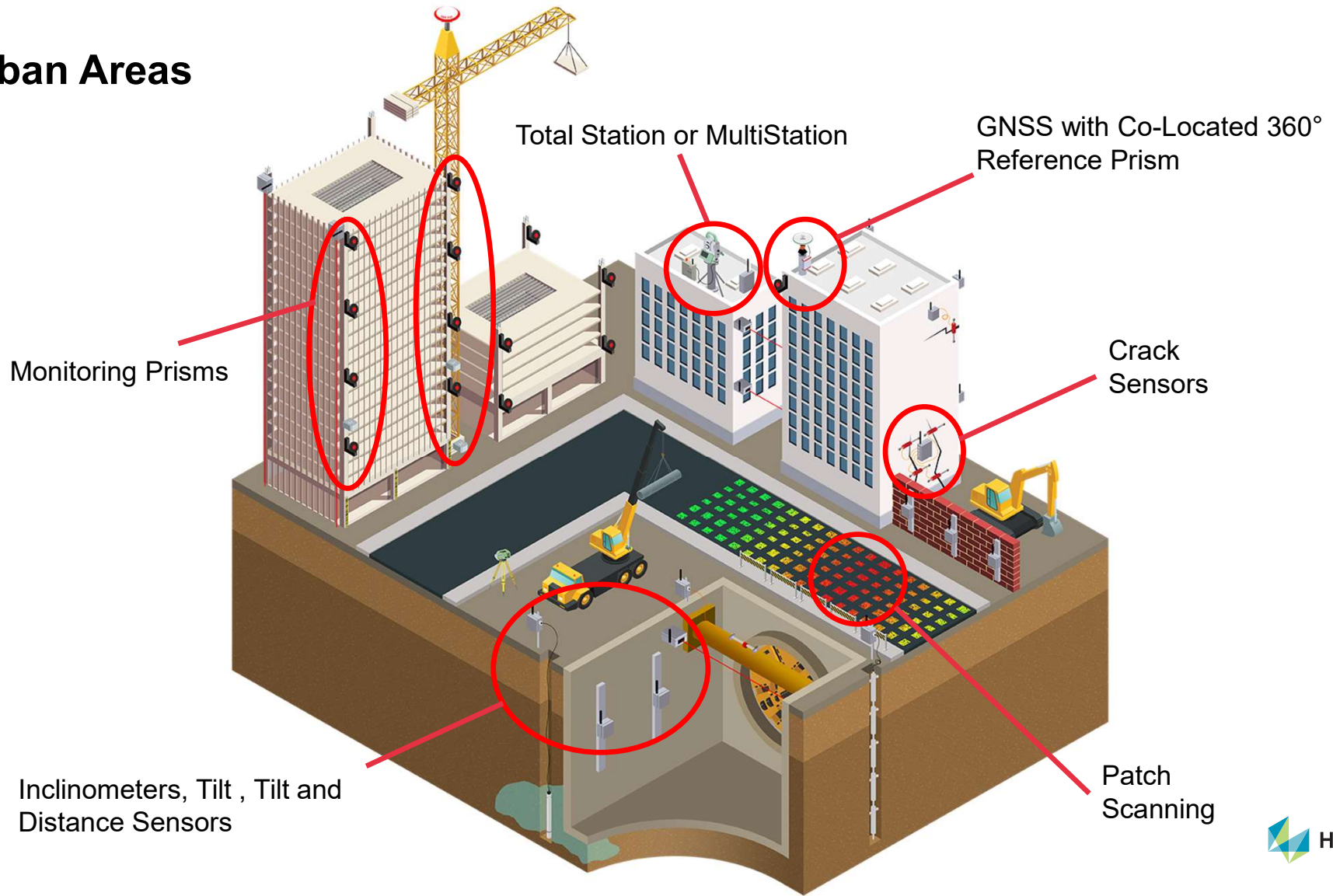
● — Reference Points



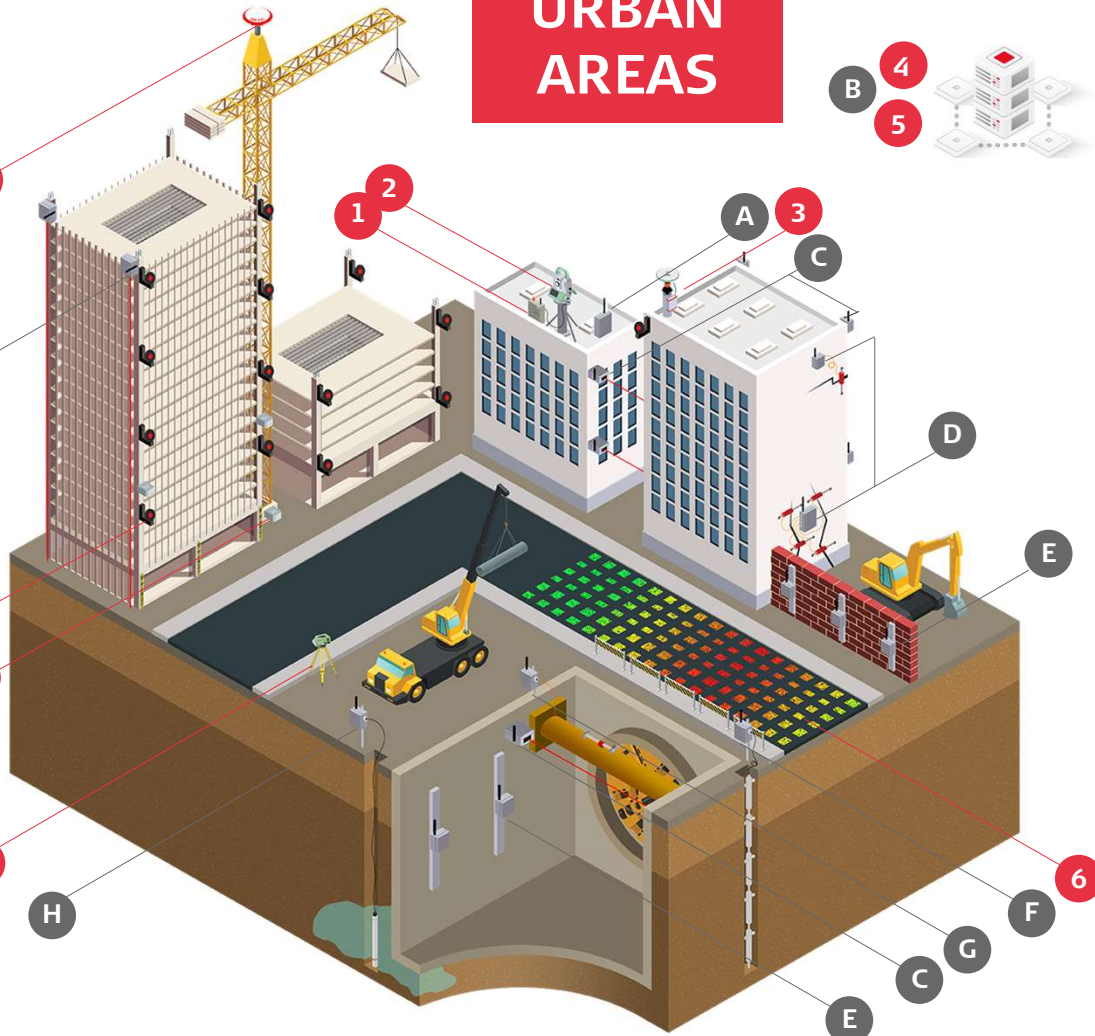
Monitoring Scenario Exploration



Urban Areas

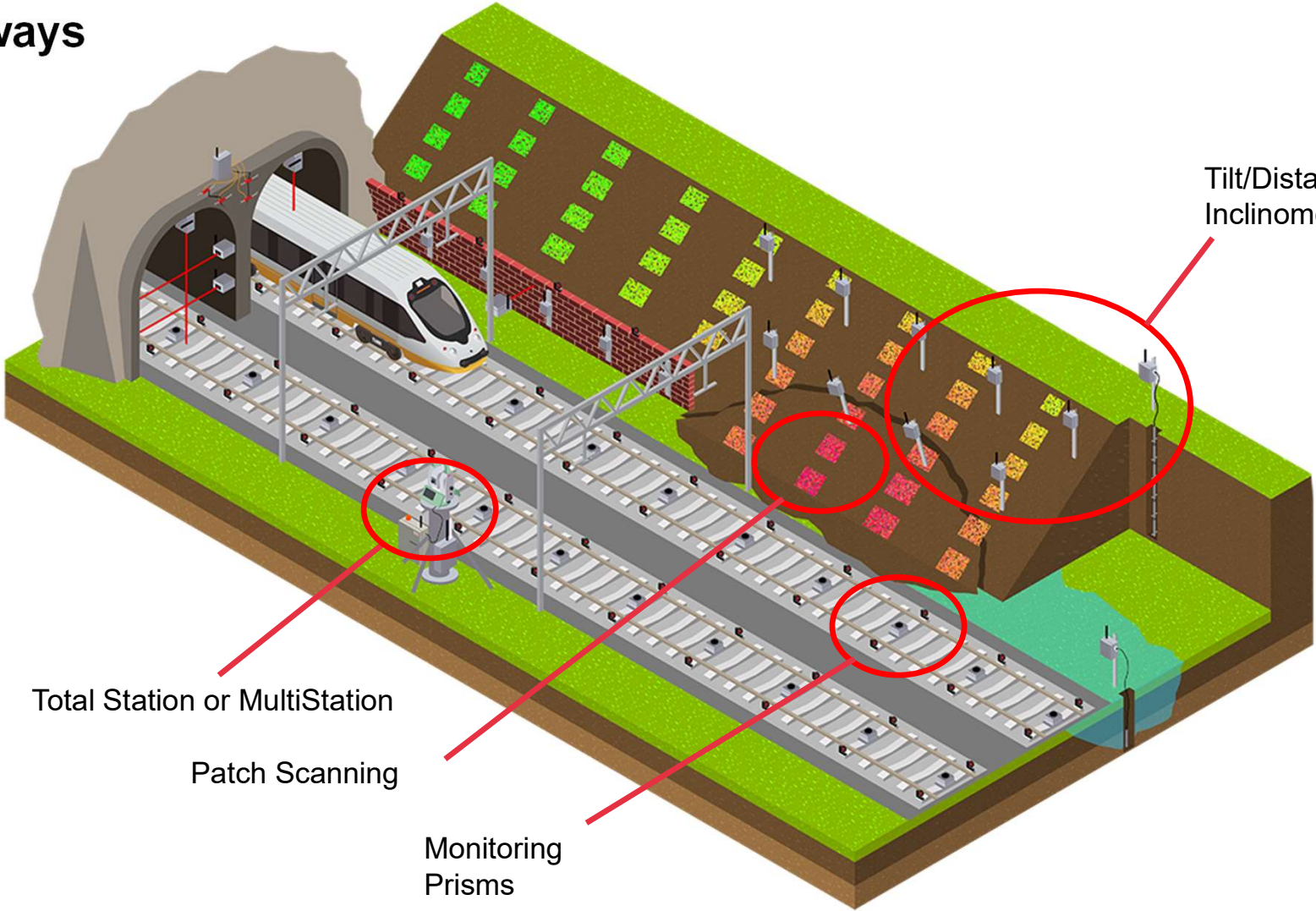


URBAN AREAS



- 1 Leica M-Com communication & power solution
 - 2 Leica Nova TM60 Total Station I or MS60 MultiStation for 3D measurement, images and scanning
 - 3 Leica AS11 / GM30 GNSS with co-located 360° reference prism
 - 4 Leica GeoMoS Monitor data acquisition & computation software
 - 5 Leica GeoMoS Now! data analysis & visualisation software / service
 - 6 Leica MS60 observations of vertical settlement by scanning
 - 7 Leica LS15 precise digital level used as part of manual campaign monitoring barcode targets on the buildings for precise detection of settlement
 - 8 Leica GMP104 monitoring prisms used for precise 3D structural Monitoring of buildings. Compression, alignment, rotation & tilt displacements
 - 9 Leica GNSS receiver GMX910 tracking crane position
 - 10 Leica NIVEL 220 ultra-precision inclinometer to measure crane foundation tilt
-
- A Wireless sensor network smart data hub
 - B Wireless data import into Leica Geosystems GeoMoS via AnyData
 - C Wireless sensor distance & tilt measurement for convergence/compression
 - D Wireless interface sensor with locally connected crack gauges
 - E Wireless tilt sensors with beam to measure inclination of objects
 - F Wireless interface sensor with locally connected in-place inclinometer
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Railways



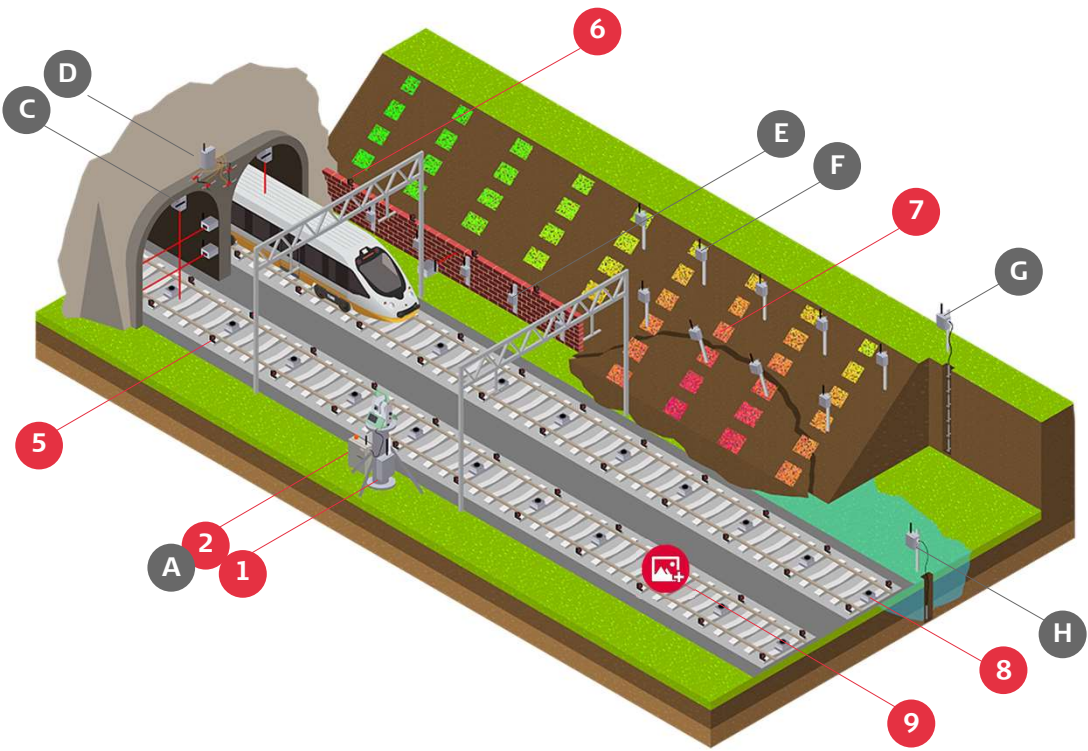
Total Station or MultiStation

Patch Scanning

Monitoring Prisms

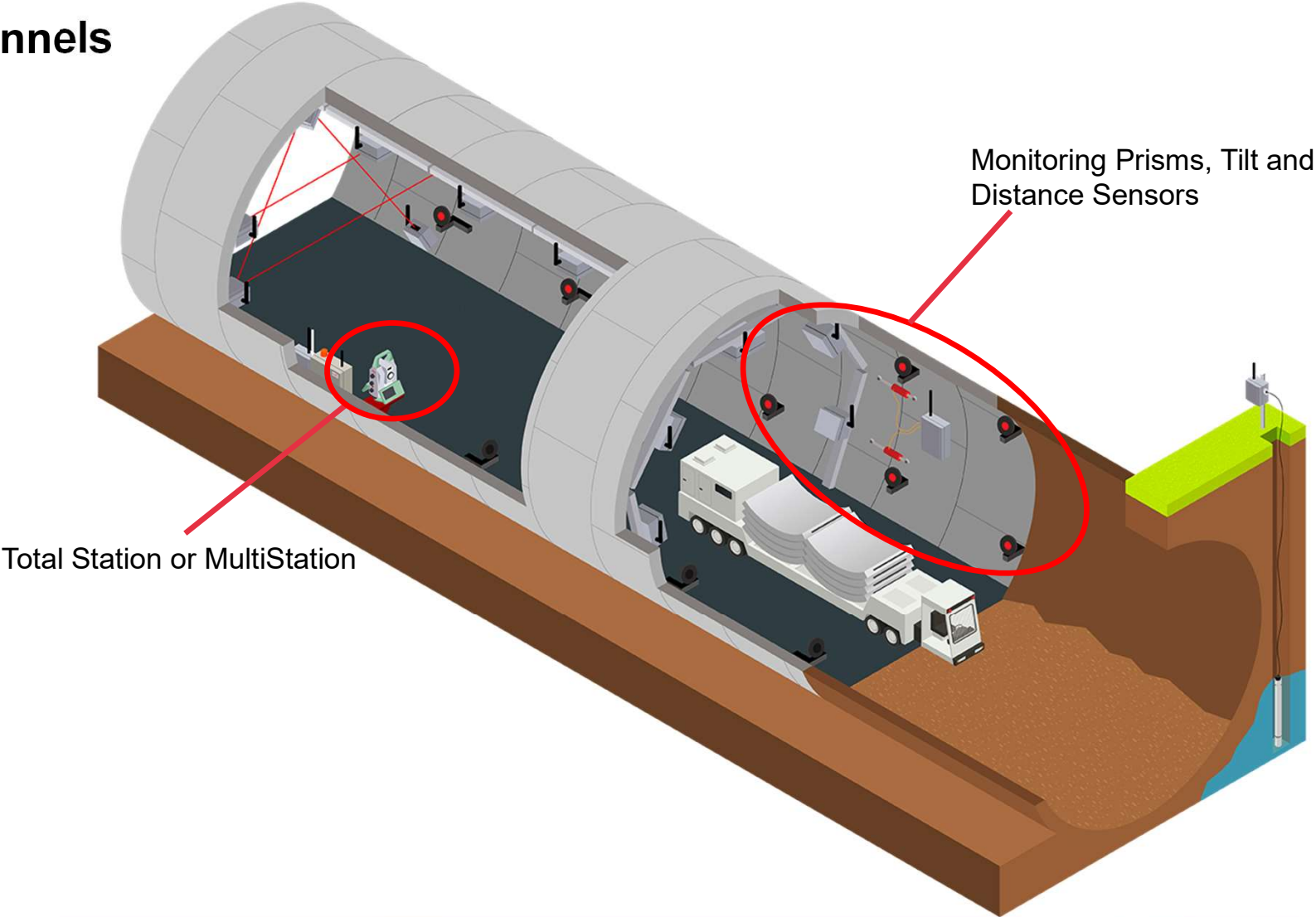
Tilt/Distance, Inclinerometers

RAILWAY

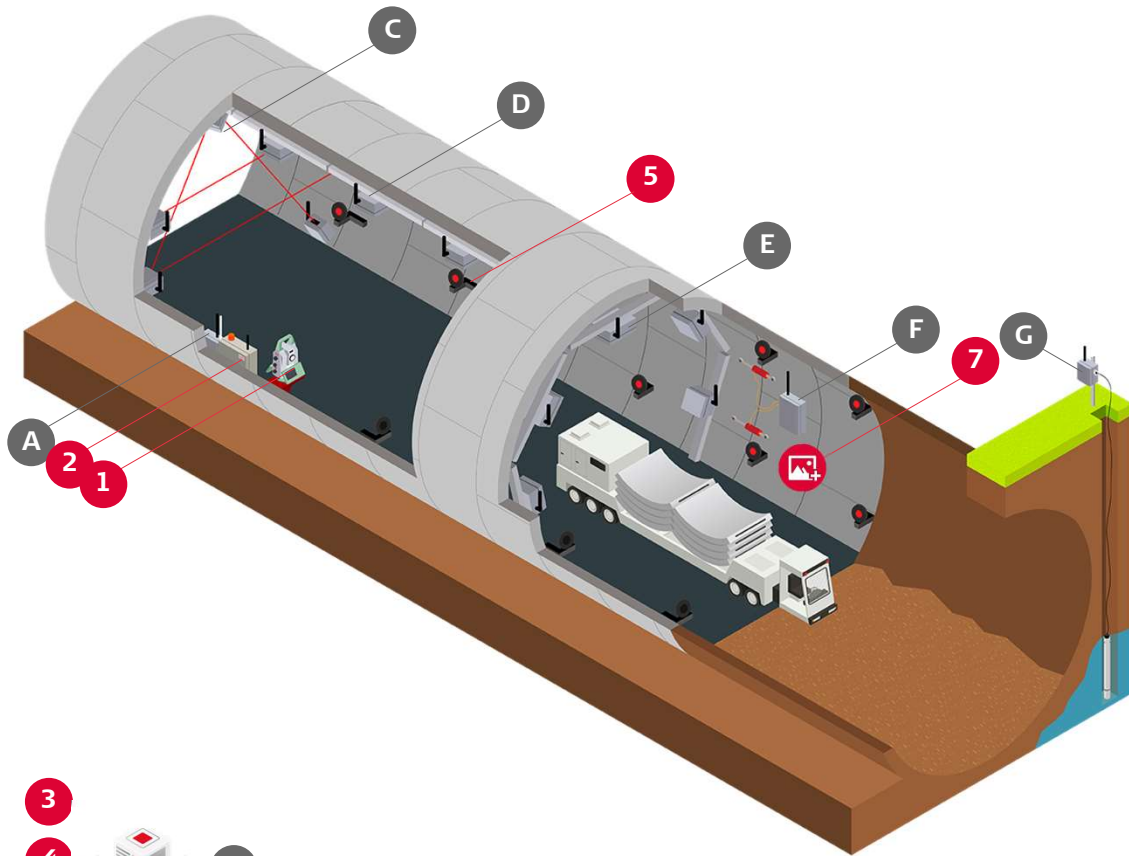


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 - 6** Leica GMP104 Prisms measuring absolute 3D structure position
 - 7** Remote detection of slope failure using fully automated 3D laser patch scanning technology via GeoMoS and MS60
 - 8** Automated track geometry changes computed and alarmed via GeoMoS
 - 9** Remote image capture / live video stream of embankment via TPS telescope camera
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- A** Wireless smart data hub for geotechnical sensors
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 - C** Wireless sensor distance & tilt measurement for convergence/compression
 - D** Wireless interface with locally connected crack gauges
 - E** Wireless sensor distance & tilt measurement for clearance /offset and verticality of trackside wall
 - F** Wireless tilt sensors to monitor landslide installed with ground anchors
 - G** Wireless interface with locally connected In Place Inclinator
 - H** Wireless interface with locally connected water level gauge

Tunnels



TUNNELS

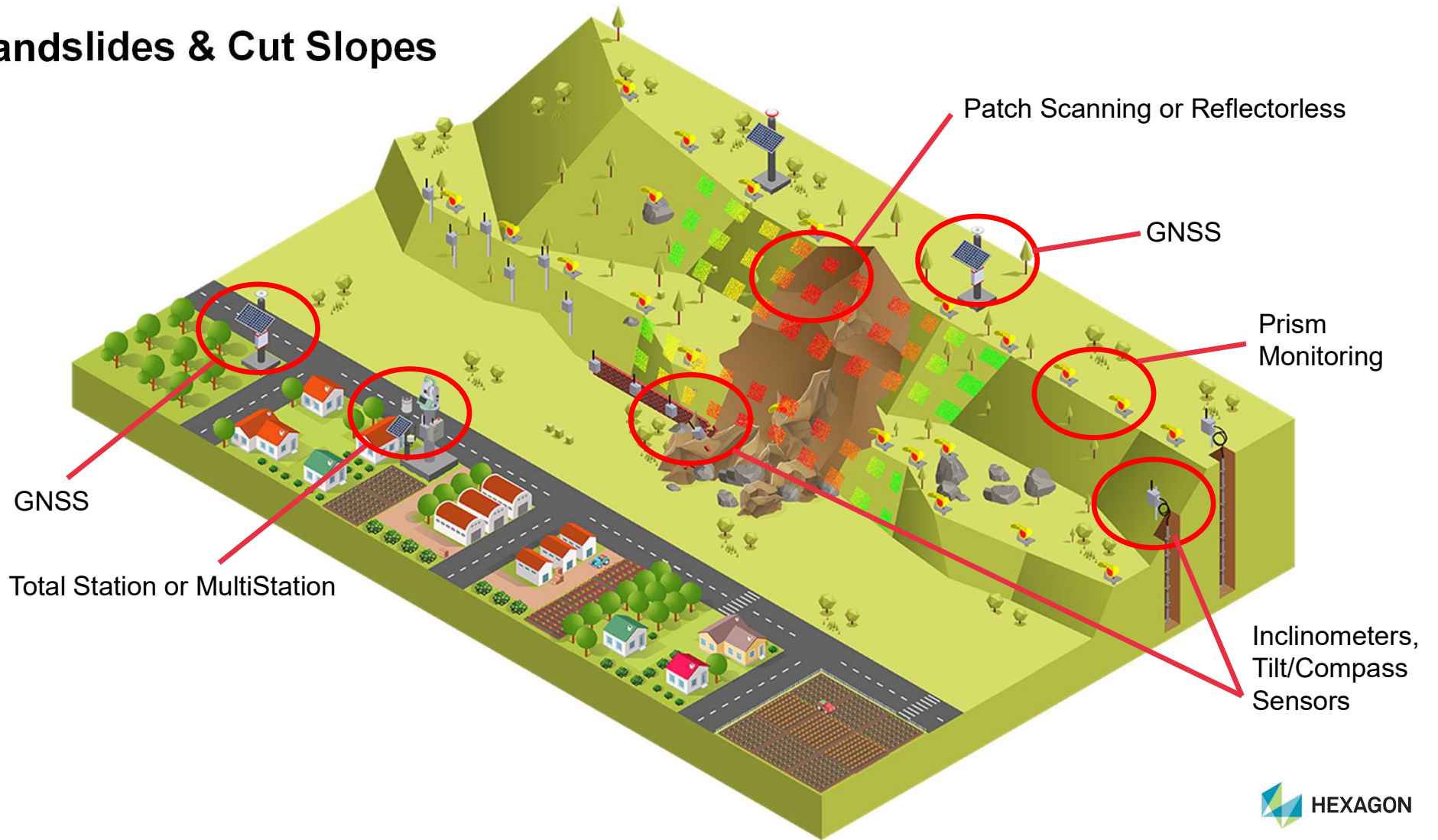


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- 6 3D geometry computations for tunnel convergence and longitudinal profile completed in GeoMoS Monitor using prism data and AnyData Import
- 7 Remote image capture / live video of construction site via TPS telescope camera

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- G Wireless interface with locally connected water level sensor / in-place inclinometer



Landslides & Cut Slopes



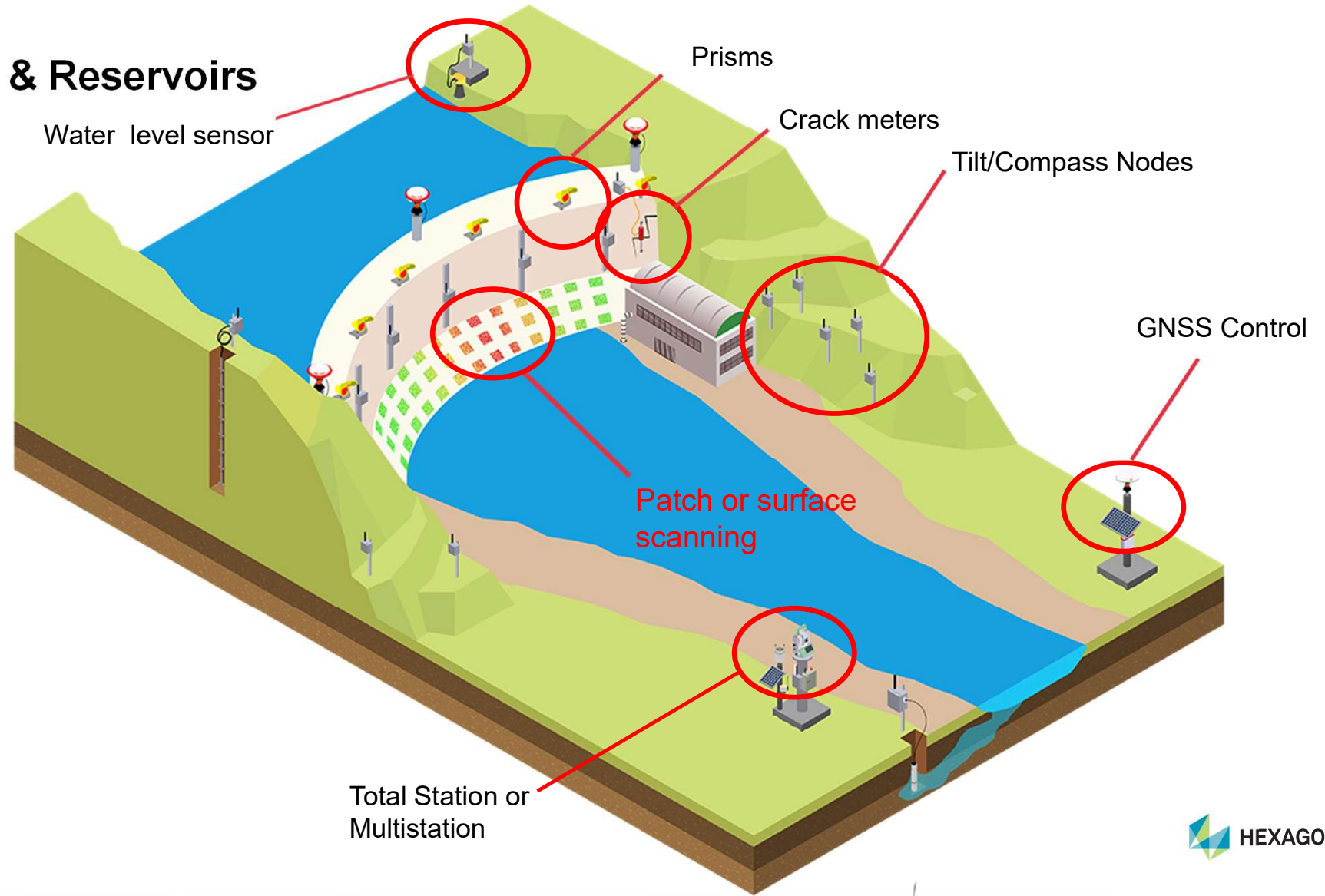
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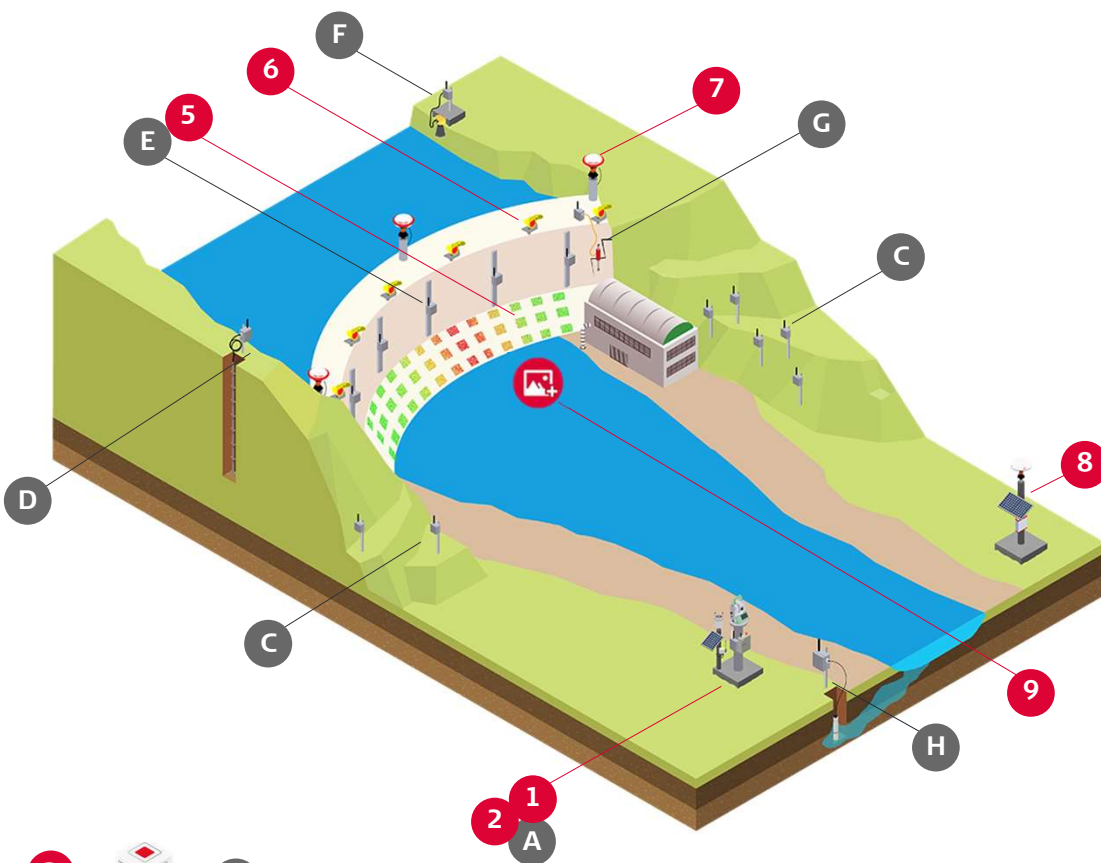
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- D Wireless interface with locally connected water level sensor / IPI / borehole extensometers
- E Wireless sensor tilt measurement for verticality of wall

Dams & Reservoirs



DAM & RESERVOIR

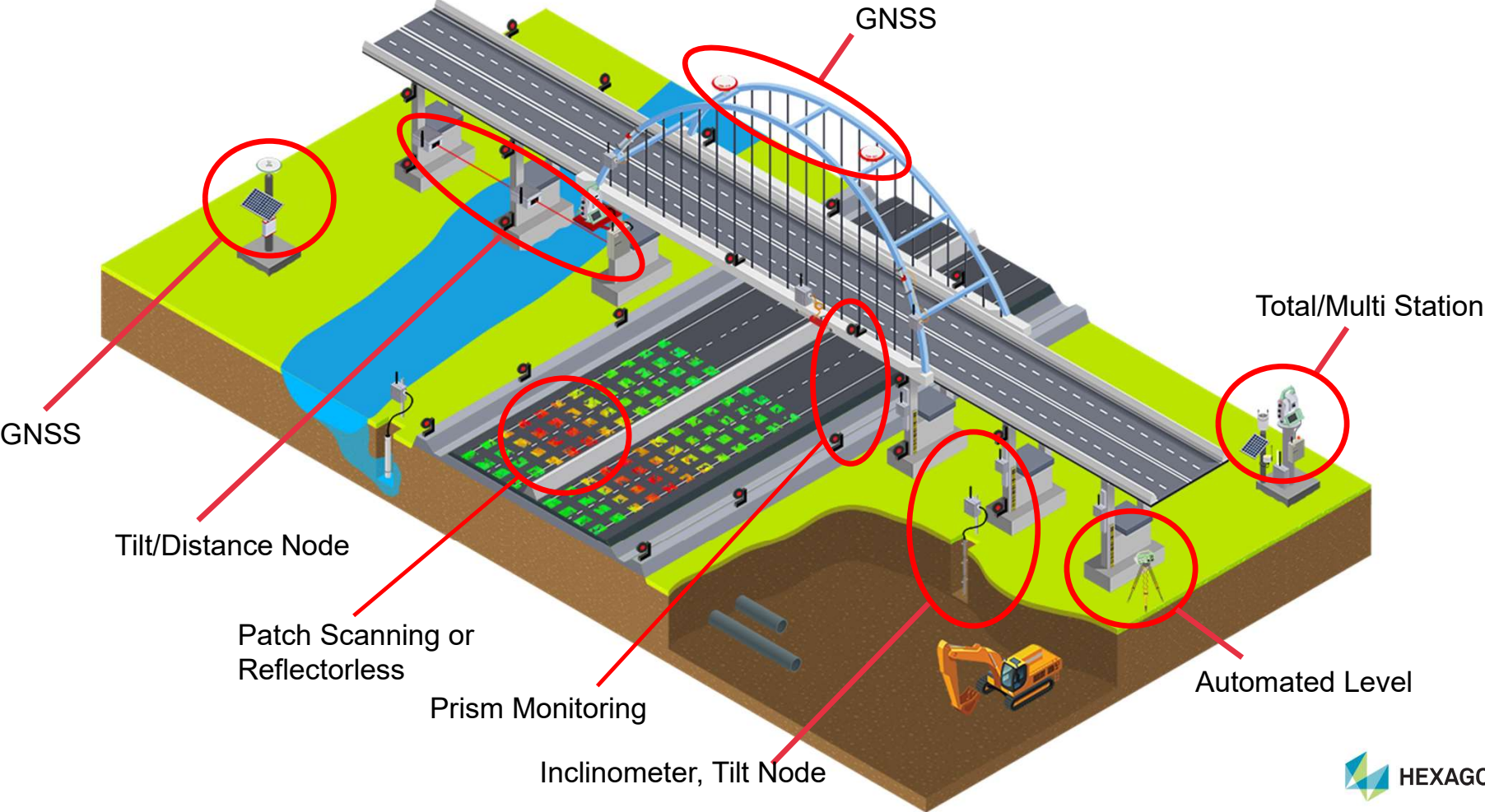


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 - 7 Leica GMX910 GNSS 3D monitoring, with co-located 360° prism for use with survey control and network adjustment software
 - 8 Leica AR10 antenna with GM30 GNSS reference station with co-located 360° prism and Leica CrossCheck service monitoring the stability of the reference point
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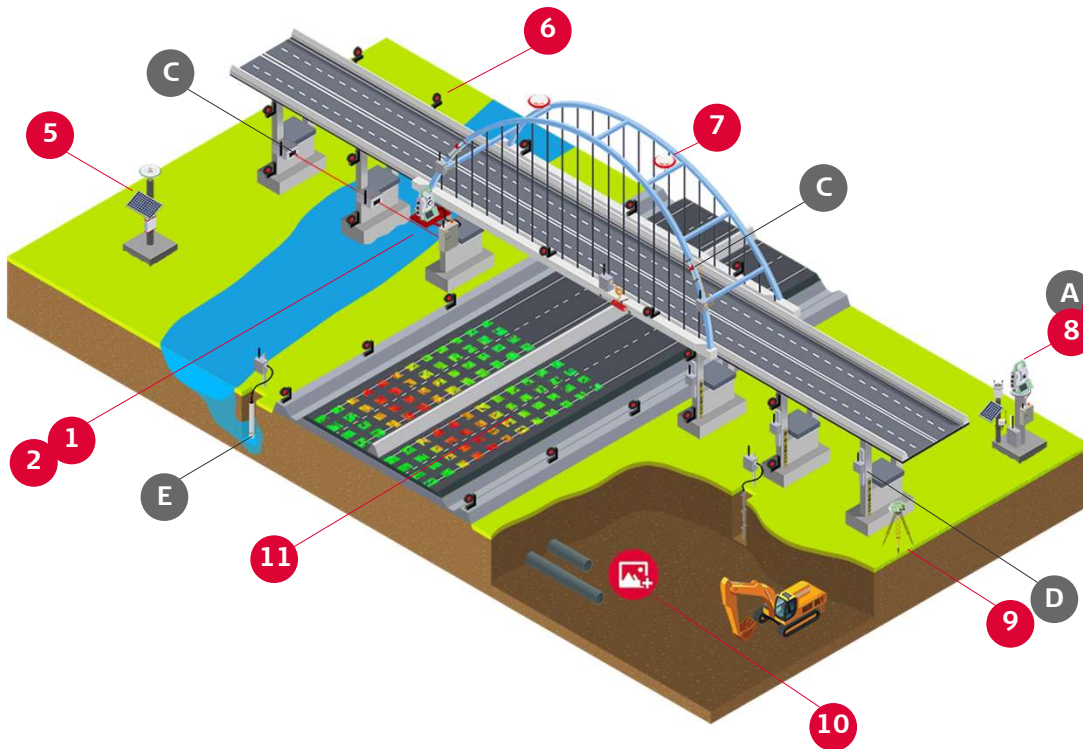
- when it has to be right

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Transportation Infrastructure



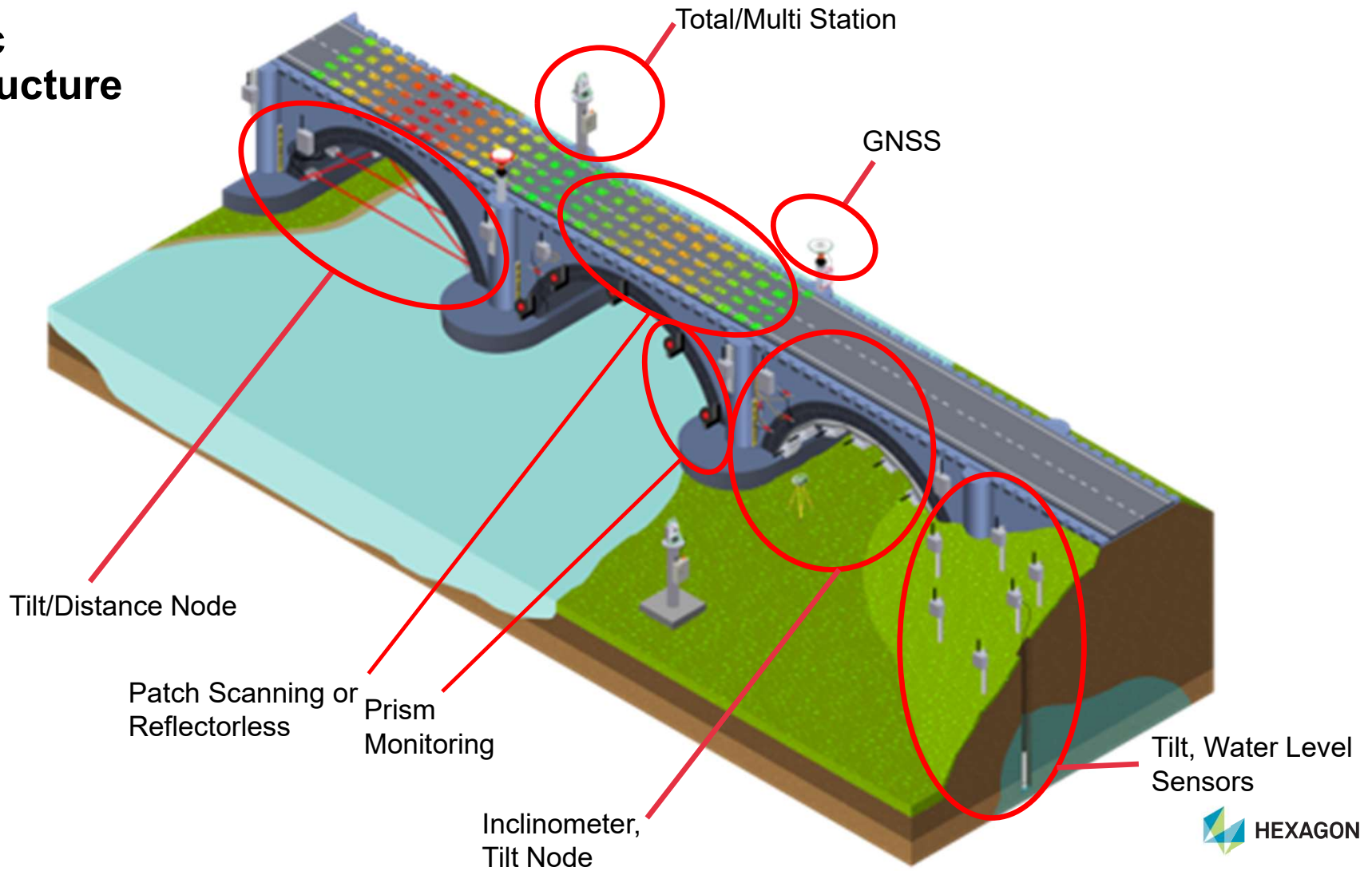
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Historic Infrastructure



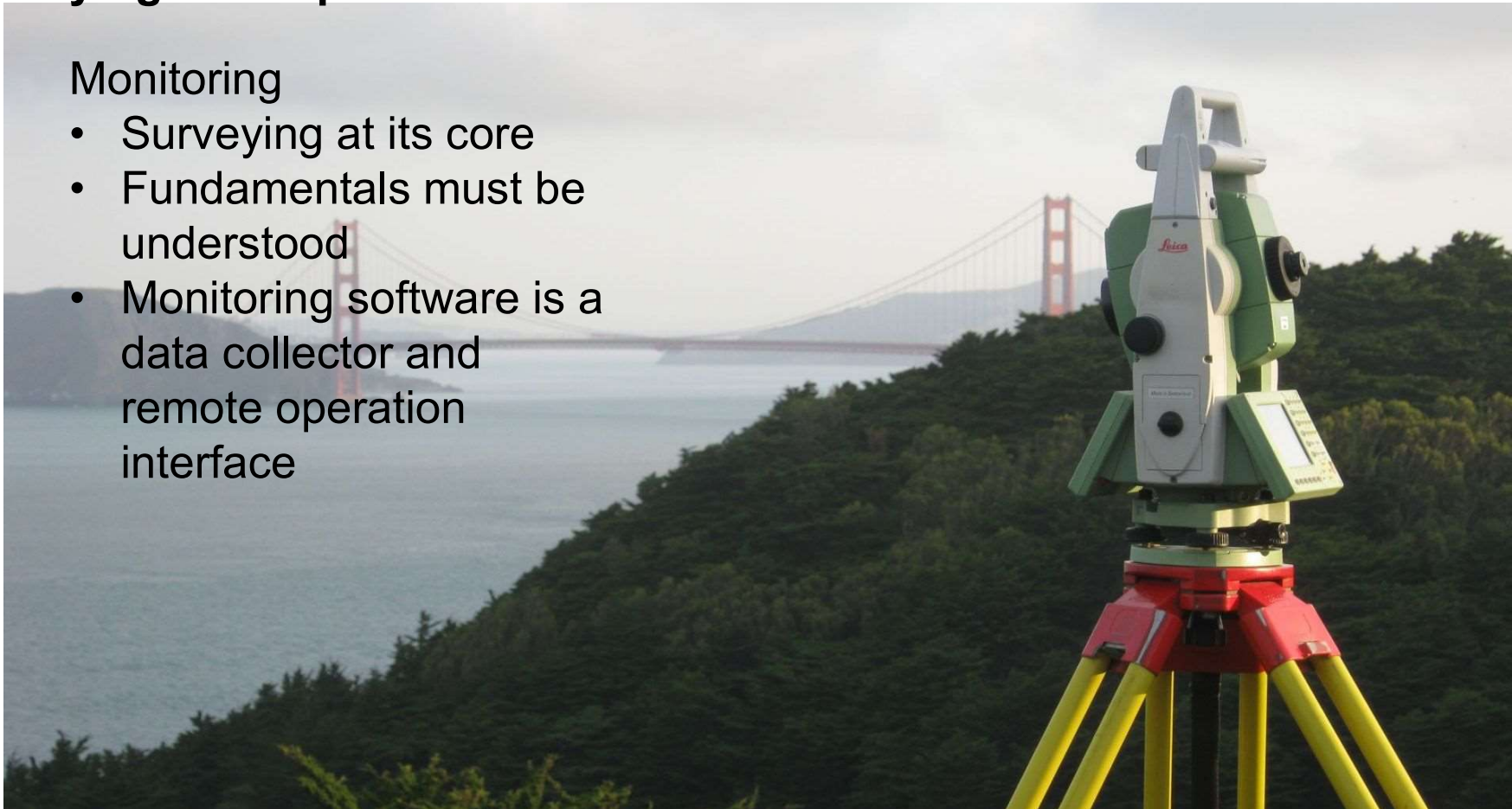
QUESTIONS?



Surveying Concepts

Monitoring

- Surveying at its core
- Fundamentals must be understood
- Monitoring software is a data collector and remote operation interface



Surveying Concepts

Fundamentals

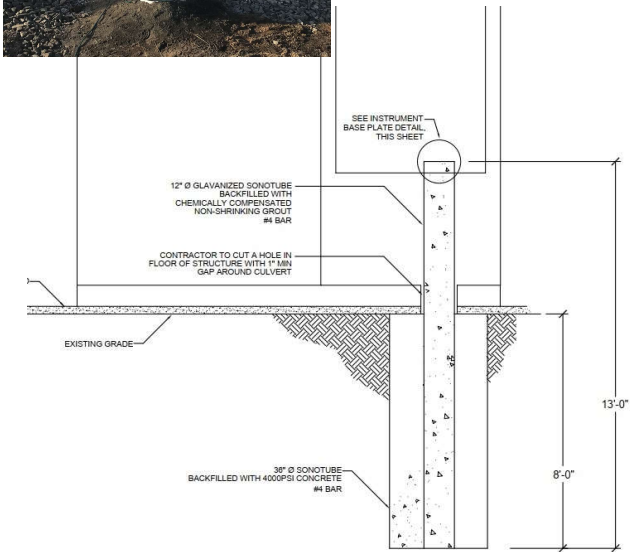
- Trigonometric calculations rule the day
- Basic data is horizontal angle, vertical angle and slope distance
- All calculations use an azimuth to determine geometric positions of objects
- Azimuth is based on orientation to a known point, a.k.a backsight
- The instrument is essentially a highly precise protractor, with an EDM for measuring distances



Surveying Concepts

Fundamentals

- Installation
 - Tribrach
 - Pedestal
 - Shack
 - Bracket



Surveying Concepts

Fundamentals

- Location of instrument
- Communications
- Orientation
- Freestation
- Corrections (Met)

Those two prisms are not the same location????



Surveying Concepts

Fundamentals

- Geometric Concerns
 - Geometric strength of figure
 - Adverse Refraction
- MET Corrections
 - Temperature
 - Pressure
 - EDM only, does not correct optical problems
 - Haze, fog, precipitation
 - Objects, people
 - Terrain



TPS Monitoring Approach

- Project considerations
 - Duration
 - Timeframe
 - Available assets
 - Infrastructure
 - Specifications
 - Thresholds
 - Frequency
 - Positioning Expectations
 - Specific approach



General Approach Analysis

Campaign or Permanent?

- Positioning requirements
- Schedule and interval
- Duration

Sensor?

- TPS- Many datapoints
- GNSS- single datapoint
- Geotechnical sensors- datapoint(s) but extended capabilities

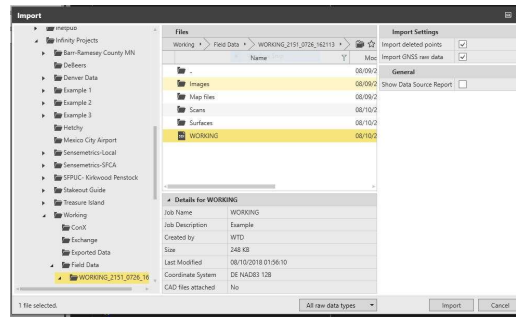
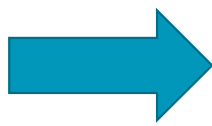


Campaign Approach

- Campaign approach is best for:
 - short term projects
 - non-intensive schedules
- Requires very solid procedures for repeatability



Manual Campaign Monitoring

A screenshot of an Excel spreadsheet displaying a large table of data. The columns include 'Station ID', 'Station Name', 'Easting', 'Northing', 'Elevation', 'Date', 'Time', 'Status', and 'Remarks'. The data is organized into sections such as 'Temperature Station', 'Height Station', and 'Bathymetric Station'. The spreadsheet is color-coded with various background colors for different sections.

Workflow-

- Data collection
- Data processing
- Excel reporting
- Manual Distribution

Installed Approach

- Installed permanent approach is best for
 - Long term projects - High precision - Continuous monitoring
 - Primary Benefits
 - Automation- Instruments stay in place
 - Dedicated infrastructure = true precision

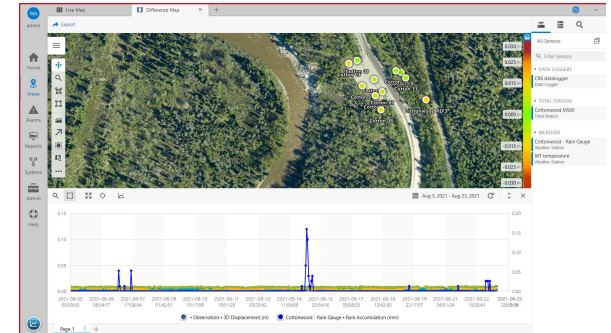
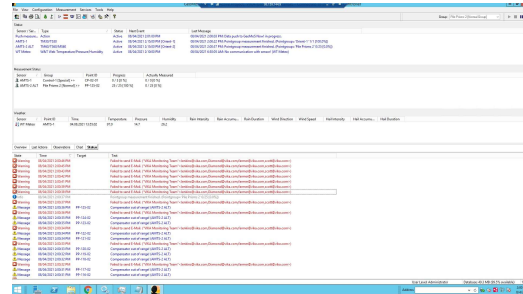
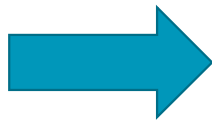




Installed Approach

- Considerations
 - Require stable power, communication, mounting
 - Solid planning
 - Requires dedicated computer (desktop or VM)
 - Operational support
 - Office – Field - Maintenance

Full Automation Monitoring



Workflow-

Automated data collection

Broader range of sensors

Automated data processing

Realtime updates to client - data and events

Automated distribution and review/analysis/reporting

Hybrid Approach

Campaign Monitoring with Automation

Manual Campaign Monitoring

TPS, GNSS, Level etc.
+
Office workflows



Geodetic Monitoring System (permanent, continuous 24/7 monitoring)

Detailed long term installation with
Communication & Power, hardware,
Software etc.



Hybrid Approach - Captivate Monitoring App

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TPS
Monitoring
App

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Automated Campaign monitoring
Repeated deformation measurements

One or more TPS with Monitoring App
+
GeoMoS Now! Survey Edition



Captivate Monitoring App

Field to Office Automation Workflow

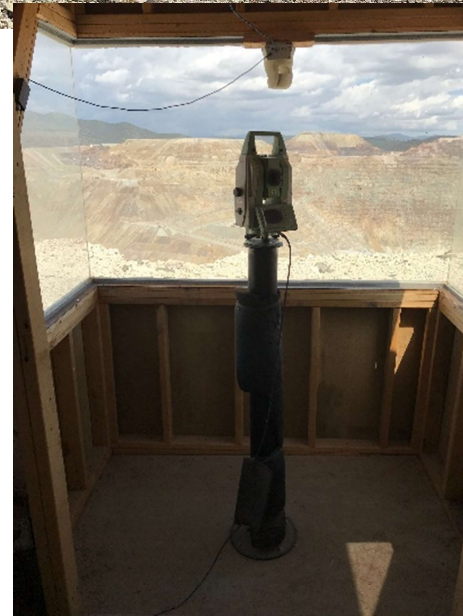


QUESTIONS?



Project Example- Open Pit Mine

Slope Stability Monitoring



Project Example- Open Pit Mine

Slope Stability Monitoring



Project Example- Mine Tailings Dam

Berm/Earthen Dam Monitoring



Project Example- Mine Tailings Dam

Berm/Earthen Dam Monitoring

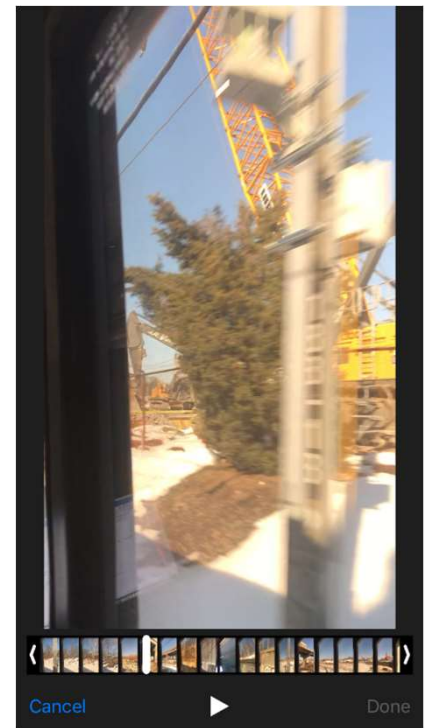


Project Example- Mine Tailings Dam

Berm/Earthen Dam Monitoring



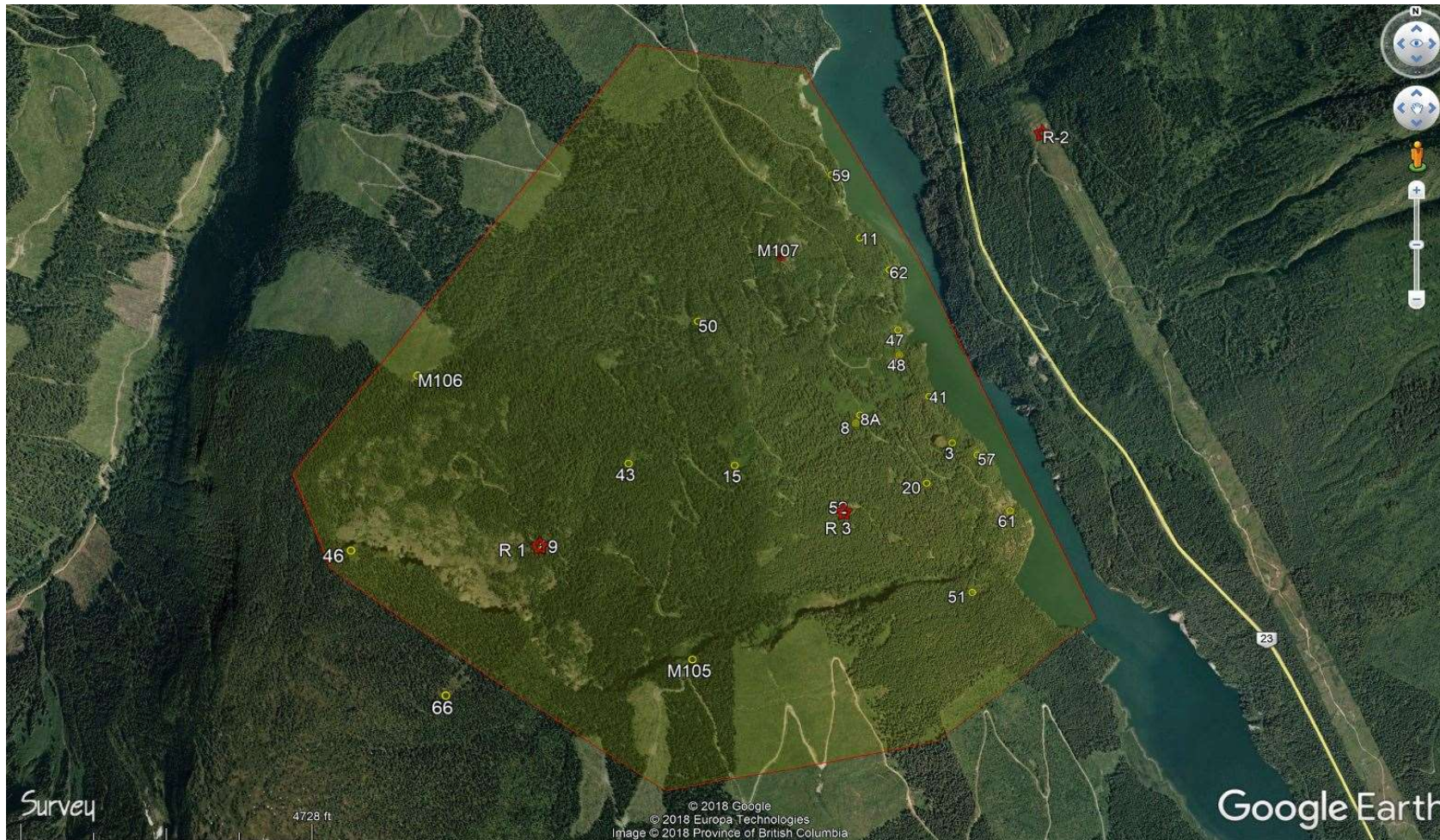
Project Example- Rail Monitoring



Project Example- Rail Monitoring



Project Example- Landslide Monitoring



Project Example- Landslide Monitoring



Project Example- Landslide Monitoring



QUESTIONS?



Thank you

Leica Geosystems: Who we are and what we do-

- Worldwide leader in high precision engineering products and services that are used to capture and measure natural and man-made structures, enabling our customers to model and analyze spatial information.
- Provide solutions for structural health monitoring and real-time asset management
- The focus is on our customers to acquire high precision, accurate data that enables increased productivity and greater safety.



Terrestrial Positioning Systems



TM60

TM60

- 3000 meter ATR range
- 0.5" or 1" angle rating
- 0.6 mm +/- 1 mm PPM
- Overview Imaging
- Telescope Imaging (30x)
- 3.5 km range to GPR112
- 1 km Reflectorless EDM

Terrestrial Positioning Systems



TS/MS60

TS60

- 0.5 and 1" angle ratings

MS60

- 1" Angle rating
- 1 mm +/- 1.5 mm PPM EDM
- 1500 meter ATR range
- 2000 meter Reflectorless EDM
- 250-30000 pts per second scanning

Global Navigation Satellite Systems



GMX902

GMX 902/902GG Series

- Streaming receiver with remote antenna
- Multiple constellations/frequencies
- Feed raw data to Spider
- 50 Hz positioning



GMX910

GMX910 SmartAntenna

- Data streaming antenna/receiver
- Multiple constellations/frequencies
- Feed Raw Data to Spider
- 50 Hz Positioning

Global Navigation Satellite Systems



GM Series

- Receiver with remote antenna
 - Multiple constellations/frequencies
 - Feed raw data to Spider/FTP/Crosscheck
 - Spider to GeoMoS Monitor
 - RTK Base/Rover data streaming direct to GeoMoS Monitor
 - 50 Hz positioning
 - Multiple Antenna choices
 - Internal or external radio/cellular
 - Web interface for configuration/updates/remote operation
 - VADASE (velocity/displacement engine)
 - Long cable and amplifier capable



AR-10



AR-20

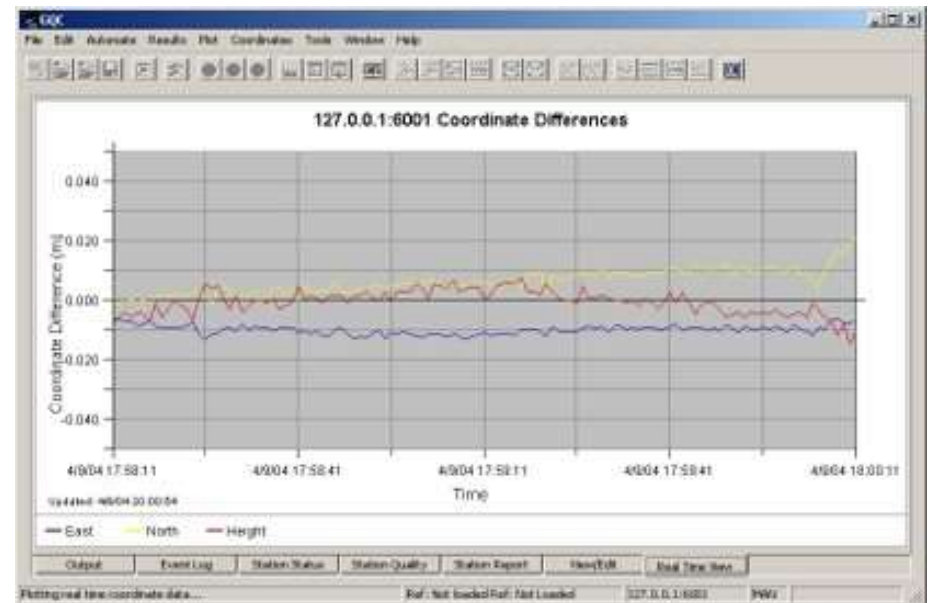
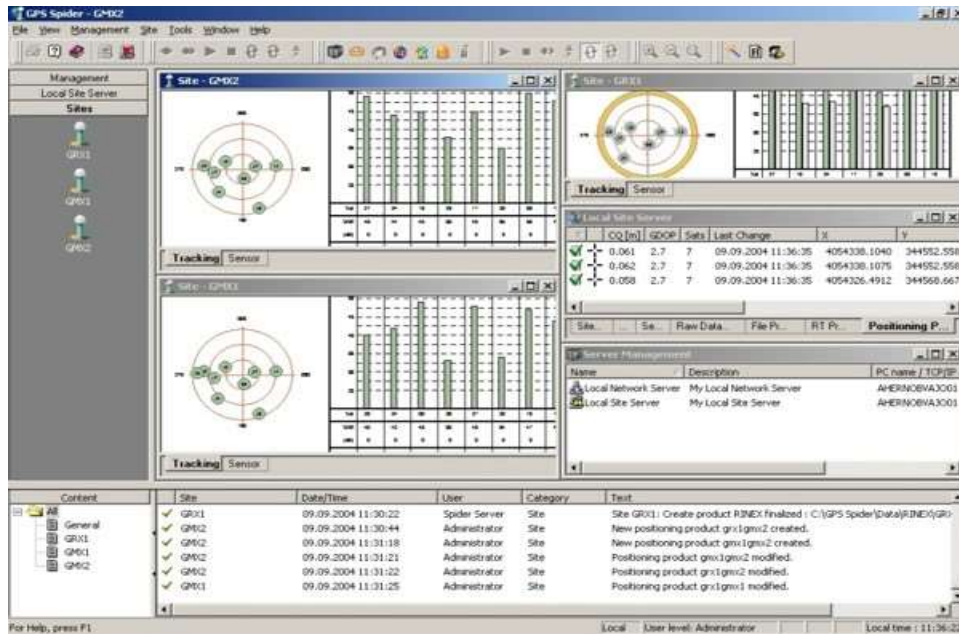


AR-25

GeoMoS Spider

GPS software is capable of managing GPS receivers and processing centrally all combination of baselines at the highest rate (50Hz) with ultimate accuracy in both real time and post-processing.

- The results are available in, TCP-IP ports, files or SQL DB for sharing of the data to analysis software.
- The “re-processing” option allows the project operator to review step by step the results obtained.



WisemeshNet Wireless Monitoring Sensors



- The SmartGateway & mesh nodes wake up at a set interval
- The sensors take their readings
- All mesh nodes measure telemetry parameters
- All mesh nodes ping and listen for returns then form a dynamic optimised mesh automatically
- Node data is transmitted layer by layer
- SmartGateway transfers data
- System enters hibernation

Typical devices

WiSenMeshNET: SmartGateway & power



SmartGateway

3303165 / 8251221

System controller and
Data hub for MeshNET
connectivity

Local memory

DC/AC power

Up to 1 year battery



Battery pack

0109015 / 8251250

Additional DC power

Up to 2 year battery



Solar

3303147 / 8251247

Renewable DC power



Vision unit

3303139 / 8251241

HD IR Camera

Visual warning system



Mini SmartGateway

3303096 / 8251225

Local mesh interface

Typical devices

WiSenMeshNET: Sensors



Tilt

3303079 / 8251228

Dual Axis Tilt
Range 30° / $\pm 0.0025^\circ$

Up to 10 year battery



Mini Tilt

3303097 / 8251229

Dual Axis Tilt
Range 30° / $\pm 0.0025^\circ$

Up to 3 year battery



Visual Warning

3303140 / 8251242

3 colour LED

Edge computation for
alarm trigger activation



Omni Tilt

3303168 / 8251514

Omni Axis Tilt
360° / 0.001°

Gravitational orientation

Up to 10 year battery



Omni Tilt & Distance

3303109 / 8251231 (33m)

3303110 / 8251232 (100m)

Omni Axis Tilt
360° / 0.001°

Laser Distance sensor
 $\pm 0.1\text{mm}$ / 0.3>100m

Up to 10 year battery



Tilt & Compass

3303068 / 8251230

Omni Axis Tilt
Range 360° / $\pm 0.001^\circ$

Gravitational orientation

Magnetic compass

Up to 10 year battery

Typical devices

WiSenMeshNET: Interface systems



Vibrating Wire

3303112 / 8251237 (1CH)
3303077 / 8251238 (4CH)
3303113 / 8251239 (8CH)

Up to 8 connections
400 to 6000Hz @ $\pm 0.015\%$
 $\pm 0.002\text{Hz}@400\text{Hz}$
 $\pm 0.050\text{Hz}@6000\text{Hz}$



Analog

3303087 / 8251240

Up to 2 connections
4~20mA
1~5VDC
 $\pm 0.1\%$ / $\pm 0.0003\text{mA}$
 $\pm 0.0001\text{V}$



Digital

3303111 / 8251233 (1CH)
3303105 / 8251234 (4CH)

Up to 4 connections
Custom RS485 interface



Foil Gauge

TBC

Up to 6 connections
Range 119.0 ~ 121.0 Ω
0.1% $\pm 0.0005 \Omega$

Captivate Software- Monitoring Application

- Onboard instrument or data collector
- Automates campaign style monitoring with automated data push to Now! for reporting

TPS single measurement

TPS or Level or ...
+
Infinity
Local software
MS Excel



Geodetic Monitoring System (permanent, continuous 24/7 monitoring)

Detailed long term installation
With Communication
& Power
utilizing
GeoMoS Monitor
GeoMoS Now!



Captivate Software- Monitoring Application

- We now offer a solution for simple monitoring setup:

TPS single measurement

TPS or Level or ...

+

Infinity

Local

MS E

Campaign monitoring

Repeated deformation measurements

One or more TPS/level

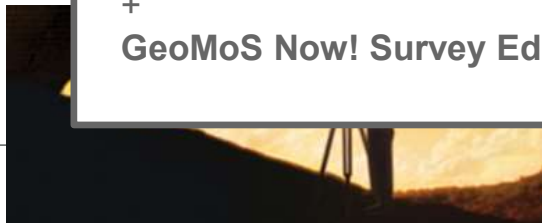
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Monitor
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GeoMoS Software

•GeoMoS Monitor

- Data collection and control platform
- Limit Checks and Messaging option
- Computations option
- Export to Adjustment option
- API option
- Scanning Option

•GeoMoS Analyzer

- Detailed, multi prism analysis, plotting
- Recalculation of data, prism changes, atmospheric

•GeoMoS Adjustment

- Epoch based least squares network adjustment
- Epoch based deformation analysis and adjustment

The screenshot displays the GeoMoS Monitor software interface. The title bar indicates it is an active project named 'WSCAddition' (Full license) connected to the Service Controller. The main window shows a 'Status' section with a table of sensors and their current states. Below this is a 'Measurement Status' section with a table showing progress for different points. The bottom section is a log of messages, including warnings about limit checks and messages about communication with sensors.

Sen...	Type	Status	Next Event	Last Message
AMTS-1	TMS0/TSS0/MS50	Active	26-10-2018 07:00:00 [AMTS-1_ORI]	26-10-2018 06:30:33: Pointgroup measurement finished. (Pointgroup=AMTS-1_ORI' 1/1 [100.0%])
AMTS-2	TMS0/TSS0/MS50	Active	26-10-2018 07:00:00 [AMTS-2_ORI]	26-10-2018 06:30:40: Pointgroup measurement finished. (Pointgroup=AMTS-2_ORI' 2/2 [100.0%])
Push me...	Action	Active	26-10-2018 07:05:00	

Sensor	Group	Point ID	Progress	Actually Measured
AMTS-1	AMTS-1_ORI [OrientationOnly] >>	SCP-999	1 / 1 [100 %]	1 / 1 [100 %]
AMTS-2	AMTS-2_ORI [OrientationOnly] >>	REF4-AMTS-1	2 / 2 [100 %]	2 / 2 [100 %]

State	Time	Sensor	Profile	Target	Text
Message	23-10-2018 08:02:40	AMTS-1		E69_AMTS-1	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-1)
Message	23-10-2018 08:32:33	AMTS-1		E69_AMTS-1	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-1)
Warning	23-10-2018 15:06:40	AMTS-1		E69_AMTS-1	Absolute limit check level 1 exceeded! (23.10.2018 15:06:39,Height Displacement, Result: +0.045, Tolerance: 0.040[fts])
Warning	23-10-2018 15:06:40	AMTS-1		E69_AMTS-1	Absolute limit level changed. (Level 1 exceeded. (23.10.2018 15:06:39,Height Displacement, Result: +0.045, Tolerance: 0.040[fts]))
Warning	23-10-2018 22:04:44	AMTS-1		E69_AMTS-1	Absolute limit check level 1 exceeded! (23.10.2018 22:04:44,Height Displacement, Result: +0.041, Tolerance: 0.040[fts])
Warning	23-10-2018 22:04:44	AMTS-1		E69_AMTS-1	Absolute limit level changed. (Level 1 exceeded. (23.10.2018 22:04:44,Height Displacement, Result: +0.041, Tolerance: 0.040[fts]))
Message	25-10-2018 01:01:49	AMTS-1		E70-AMTS-1	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-1)
Message	25-10-2018 02:02:04	AMTS-1		E70-AMTS-1	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-1)
Message	25-10-2018 03:01:48	AMTS-1		E70-AMTS-1	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-1)
Message	25-10-2018 04:02:03	AMTS-1		E70-AMTS-1	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-1)
Message	25-10-2018 05:01:48	AMTS-1		E70-AMTS-1	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-1)
Message	25-10-2018 09:02:43	AMTS-1		E70-AMTS-1	Point not found! (AMTS-1)
Message	25-10-2018 11:02:22	AMTS-1		E70-AMTS-1	Point not found! (AMTS-1)
Message	26-10-2018 01:02:01	AMTS-1		E70-AMTS-1	Point not found! (AMTS-1)
Message	26-10-2018 03:02:11	AMTS-1		E70-AMTS-1	Point not found! (AMTS-1)
Message	26-10-2018 05:01:53	AMTS-1		E70-AMTS-1	Point not found! (AMTS-1)
Message	25-10-2018 01:03:10	AMTS-2		E70-AMTS-2	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-2)
Message	25-10-2018 02:03:24	AMTS-2		E70-AMTS-2	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-2)
Message	25-10-2018 03:03:09	AMTS-2		E70-AMTS-2	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-2)
Message	25-10-2018 04:03:24	AMTS-2		E70-AMTS-2	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-2)
Message	25-10-2018 05:03:09	AMTS-2		E70-AMTS-2	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-2)
Message	25-10-2018 09:04:46	AMTS-2		E70-AMTS-2	Point not found! (AMTS-2)
Message	25-10-2018 01:03:56	AMTS-2		PCB1_AMTS-2	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-2)
Message	25-10-2018 02:04:10	AMTS-2		PCB1_AMTS-2	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-2)
Message	25-10-2018 03:03:55	AMTS-2		PCB1_AMTS-2	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-2)

Surveying Concepts

Fundamentals

- GeoMoS is the interface for all measurements
 - Instrument management
 - Point management
 - Calculation platform that turns measurements into positions from which displacements are calculated
 - Remote positioning
 - Simple analysis
 - Exporting tool
 - API
 - Adjustment
 - Now!

GeoMoS Monitor - Active Project 'Harvard' (Full license) - Connected to the Service Controller

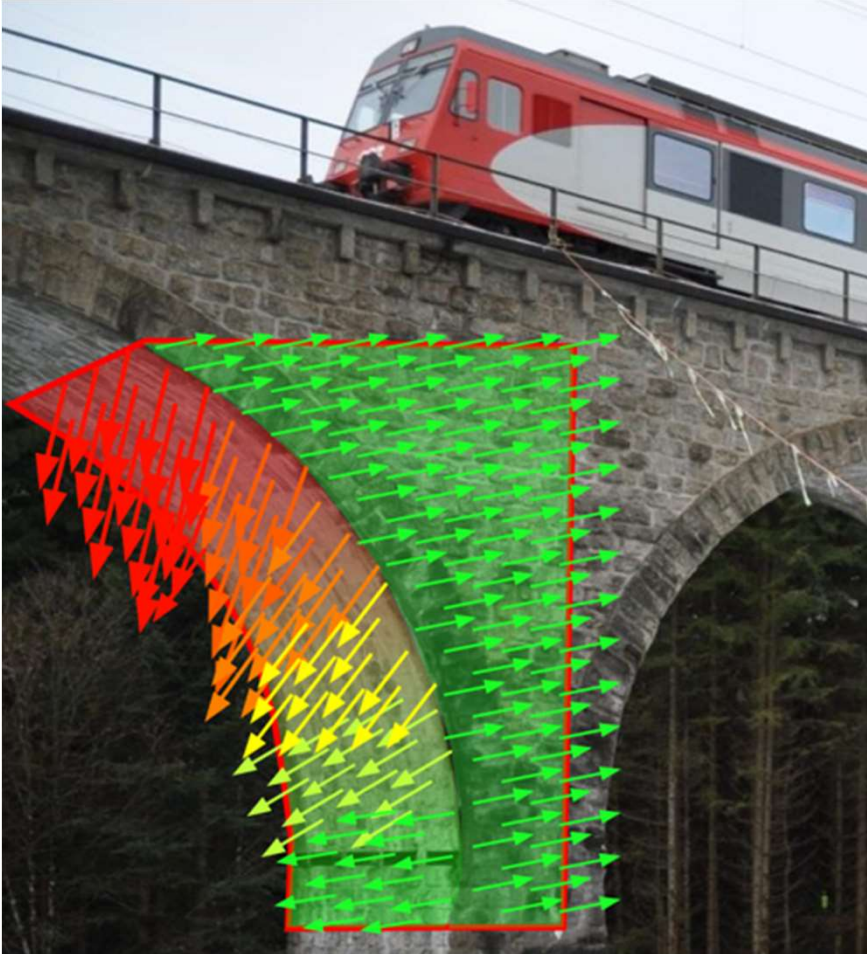
File View Configuration Measurement Services Tools Help

Time	Sensor	Profile	Point ID	Point Group	Type	Hz Angle	V Angle	Slope Dis...	3D Vector [m]	Longitudinal Di...	Transverse D...	Height Dis...	Easting [m]	Northing ...	Height [m]
02/19/19 8:33:20 PM	AMTS-W...	Wh2_03	TMP2_7475...	Wh2_03M	Normal	11° 38' 08...	80° 38' 47...	12.0779	0.0028	0.0026	0.0009	-0.0006	1932.3419	12024.7726	129.8594
02/19/19 8:33:10 PM	AMTS-W...	Wh2_01	TMP2_8125...	Wh2_01M	Normal	22° 19' 15...	86° 59' 56...	33.4711	0.0045	-0.0010	0.0003	0.0043	2122.9835	12010.4444	128.8024
02/19/19 8:33:00 PM	AMTS-W...	Wh2_03	TMP2_7475_6	Wh2_03M	Normal	10° 44' 53...	100° 35' 4...	12.2840	0.0024	0.0023	0.0006	-0.0004	1932.5426	12024.9103	125.6376
02/19/19 8:32:50 PM	AMTS-W...	Wh2_01	TMP2_8150...	Wh2_01M	Normal	22° 18' 13...	87° 30' 23...	41.1072	0.0039	-0.0006	-0.0002	0.0038	2130.2385	12012.8485	128.8385
02/19/19 8:32:32 PM	AMTS-W...	Wh2_03	TMP2_7500_3	Wh2_03M	Normal	8° 04' 32...	91° 26' 54...	19.0751	0.0029	0.0026	0.0012	-0.0007	1939.5112	12023.9826	127.4143
02/19/19 8:32:31 PM	AMTS-W...	Wh2_01	TMP2_8150_6	Wh2_01M	Normal	22° 03' 15...	93° 18' 32...	40.8672	0.0050	-0.0004	-0.0001	0.0050	2129.9268	12012.9326	124.6912
02/19/19 8:32:12 PM	AMTS-W...	Wh2_03	TMP2_7475_3	Wh2_03M	Normal	0° 46' 23...	91° 52' 21...	12.5376	0.0025	0.0020	0.0009	-0.0012	1933.3569	12026.9400	127.4868

State	Time	Sensor	Profile	Target	Text
Info	02/21/19 10:09:29 PM	-	-	-	Measurement process started. (Note, that these project options are Off: Scanning)
Mess...	02/21/19 10:12:40 PM	AMTS-W...	Wh2_02	TMP2_7700_9	Point not found! (AMTS-Wh2_02)
Info	02/21/19 10:14:13 PM	AMTS-W...	-	-	Pointgroup measurement finished. (Pointgroup=Control_Wh2_01_3/3 [100.0%])
Mess...	02/21/19 10:17:08 PM	AMTS-W...	Wh2_01	TMP2_7925_9_1	No communication with sensor! (AMTS-Wh2_01)
Info	02/21/19 10:17:09 PM	-	-	-	Measurement process interrupted.
Info	02/21/19 10:17:11 PM	-	-	-	Measurement process stopped.
Info	02/21/19 10:18:04 PM	-	-	-	Measurement process started. (Note, that these project options are Off: Scanning)
Mess...	02/21/19 10:25:48 PM	MassDOT...	CONTR...	AMTS-WBS-01_SAFE	Point not found! (MassDOT-WBS-01)
Mess...	02/21/19 10:25:48 PM	MassDOT...	CONTR...	AMTS-EBS-02_SAFE	Point not found! (MassDOT-EBS-02)
Mess...	02/21/19 10:25:49 PM	MassDOT...	CONTR...	AMTS-EBS-01_SAFE	Point not found! (MassDOT-EBS-01)
Info	02/21/19 10:25:49 PM	MassDOT...	-	-	Pointgroup measurement finished. (Pointgroup=MassDOT-WBS-01_SAFE 0/1 [0.0%])
Info	02/21/19 10:25:49 PM	MassDOT...	-	-	Pointgroup measurement finished. (Pointgroup=MassDOT-EBS-02_SAFE 0/1 [0.0%])
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Info	02/21/19 10:29:23 PM	-	-	-	Measurement process interrupted.
Info	02/21/19 10:29:25 PM	-	-	-	Measurement process stopped.
Info	02/21/19 10:36:01 PM	-	-	-	Measurement process started. (Note, that these project options are Off: Scanning)
Info	02/21/19 10:41:38 PM	MassDOT...	-	-	Pointgroup measurement finished. (Pointgroup=MassDOT-EBS-01_REF 3/3 [100.0%])
Mess...	02/21/19 10:42:43 PM	MassDOT...	CONTR...	WBN-2775	Point not found! (MassDOT-WBS-01)
Info	02/21/19 10:43:31 PM	MassDOT...	-	-	Pointgroup measurement finished. (Pointgroup=MassDOT-EBS-02_REF 3/3 [100.0%])
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Mess...	02/21/19 10:45:00 PM	MassDOT...	AMTS...	DMP-WBC-2350	Point not found! (MassDOT-WBS-01)
Mess...	02/21/19 10:46:42 PM	MassDOT...	AMTS...	DMP-EBN-2450-01	Point not found! (MassDOT-EBS-01)
Mess...	02/21/19 10:47:17 PM	MassDOT...	AMTS...	EBN-2725	Point not found! (MassDOT-EBS-01)
Info	02/21/19 10:48:18 PM	MassDOT...	-	-	Pointgroup measurement finished. (Pointgroup=MassDOT-WBS_MON 10/11 [90.9%])
Mess...	02/21/19 10:49:47 PM	MassDOT...	AMTS...	DMP-EBS-2400-01	Point not found! (MassDOT-EBS-01)
Info	02/21/19 10:50:22 PM	MassDOT...	-	-	Pointgroup measurement finished. (Pointgroup=MassDOT-EBS-01_MON 16/19 [84.2%])

User Level: Administrator Database: 127.3 MB (98.8% available) 14:28:56
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MS-60 and GeoMoS Scanning

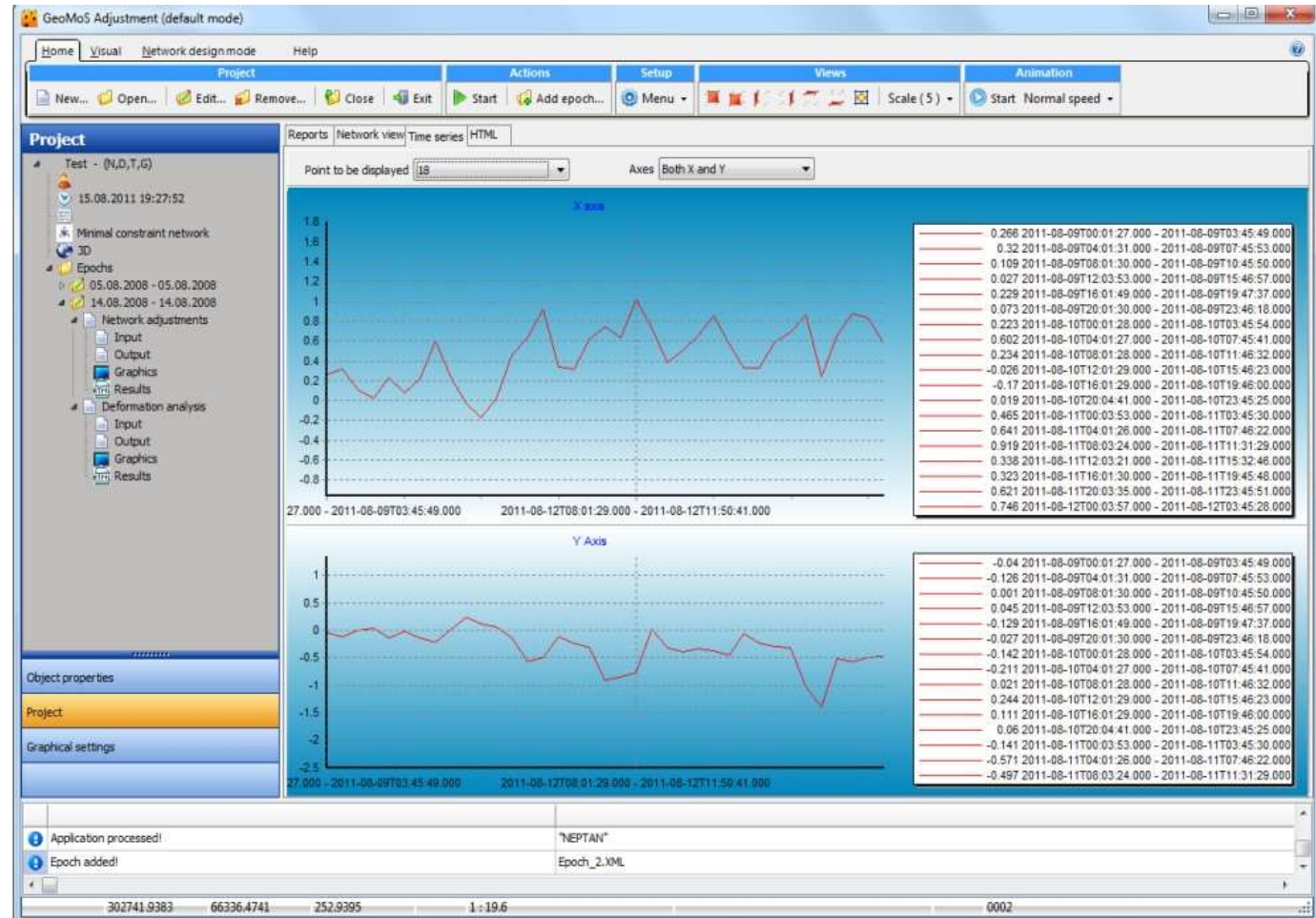


- Scanning based Monitoring
- Unattended area monitoring via standard measurement cycle
- Reporting, change calculations
- Image based work areas
- Displacement engine will identify vector of change

GeoMoS Adjustment

Least Squares Automated Adjustment Workflow

- High Precision/Accuracy
- Neptan based engine
- Increased data confidence
- Integrates GNSS/Instrument/Met sensor data
- Based on redundancy of data
- Feeds results back to GeoMoS



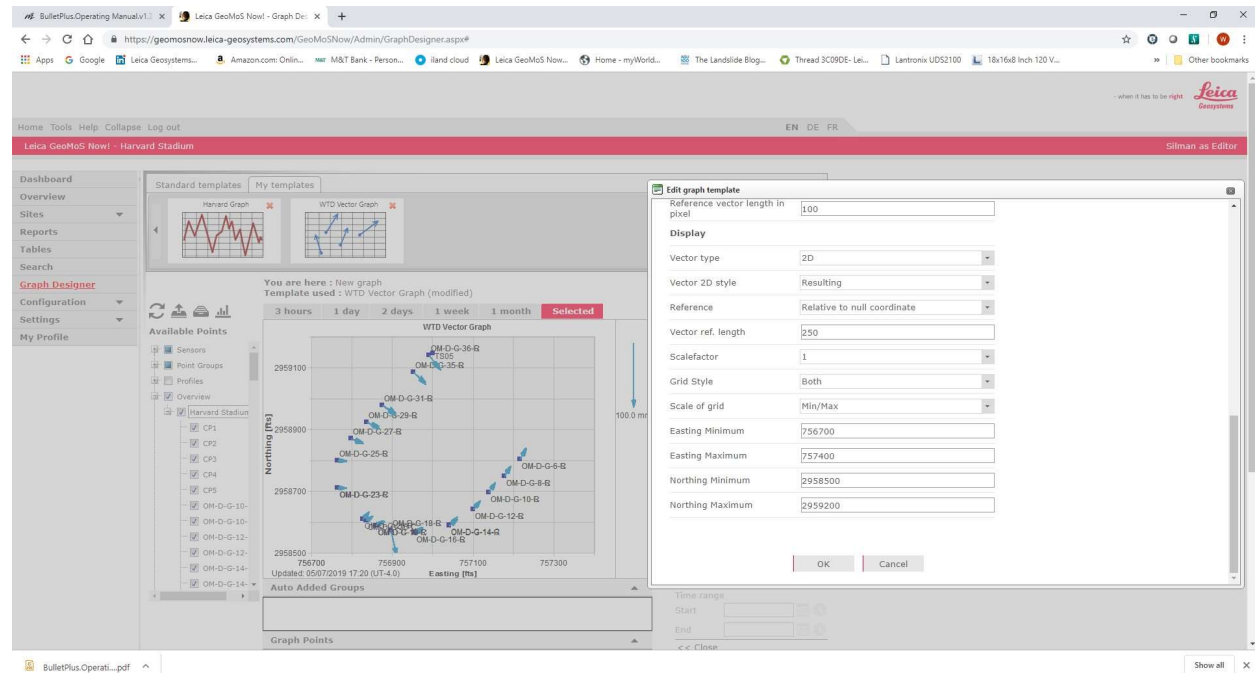
GeoMoS Now! and Now! Survey Edition

GeoMoS Now!

- Quarterly and Annual Subscription based web Application
- Enterprise Version

GeoMoS Now! Survey Edition

- More Surveying features available to support Monitoring Application
 - Import points



GeoMonitoring Hub

Export

admin



Home



Views



Alarms



Reports



Systems



Admin

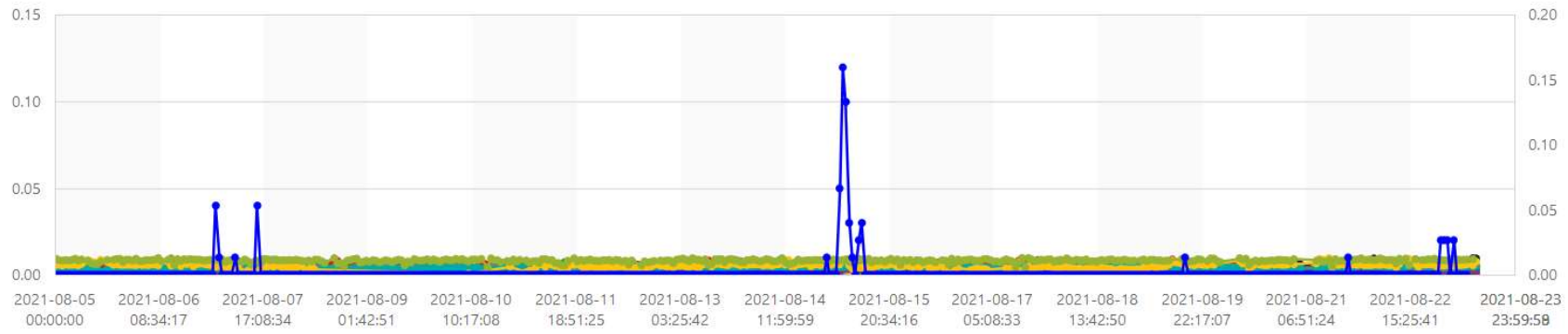


Help



- All Sensors
- Filter Sensors
- DATA LOGGERS
 - CR6 datalogger Data Logger
- TOTAL STATION
 - Cottonwood MS60 Total Station
- WEATHER
 - Cottonwood - Rain Gauge Weather Station
 - WT temperature Weather Station

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Observation • 3D Displacement (m)
 Cottonwood - Rain Gauge • Rain Accumulation (mm)

QUESTIONS?



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Thank you

Re-Engineering Surveyors and Their Businesses

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Change is Inevitable

- How will it affect us, if someone else or something else forces that change?
- Will we change in response to it?
- Why or why not?
- Do we need to initiate change?
- Why or why not?



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This Course

- Ideas to think about, IF you are looking for, or at, change
- Recognize the value we contribute
- Leverage that self-recognition into recognition by others
- The work isn't easy
- All kinds of obstacles, but mostly ourselves and due to ourselves and expectations we've created
- We are creatures of various habits and characteristics
- But if we are motivated to change, it is sure to be rewarding

Focus

- What
- Who
- Where
- How
- When
- ...



What?

- Surveyors' perennial complaints
 - No respect
 - No business
 - No respect
 - Lack of understanding about what we do
 - No pay
 - No or little benefits
 - No recognition

[Surveyors = anyone who is a surveyor or employed by a surveyor or surveying business]

Then, Re-New

- Why depends on you
- You have to know what it is you want to change
- Why you want to change
- This means being thoughtful
- Understanding the issues
- And figuring out solutions
- Then, carry out the solution: i.e. action!

Viewpoints of Some Observers

- Surveyors behave more like technicians than professionals
- Lost touch with services they provide
- Put themselves on the same value proposition as plumbers, when it should be realtors, engineers and contractors
- A new one: surveying may be slowly moving towards becoming de-regulated *a la* Uber and Airbnb models

Viewpoints of Some Observers

- Surveyors don't get paid enough
- People don't recognize that what surveyors do is important
- Everyone is trying to figure out how to go around getting a survey done; is crowd-sourcing a solution?
- What surveyors do is not understood or respected by the clients and often by the allied professions
- How much do surveyors respect what surveyors do?

Which Collar?

- White
- Blue
- Grey
- Pink
- Red
- Green
- Orange
- Yellow

DOES IT MATTER?

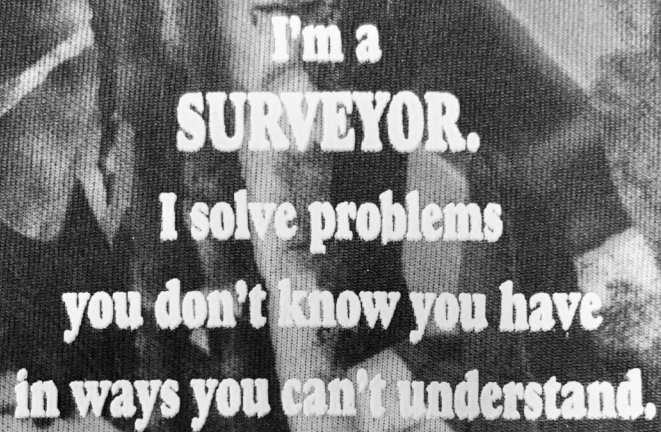
Don't Lose Sight of...

- Land is the basis of wealth
- Concepts of livery of seisin
- You add value to real estate whether with a property boundary survey or other surveys that improve the land
- But it is YOUR responsibility to tell the story
- STOP assuming people understand the intricacies of what you do?
- What else?

But If They Don't Understand...

- Explain it!
- Teach it!
- Demand understanding!

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**I'm a
SURVEYOR.
I solve problems
you don't know you have
in ways you can't understand.**

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But Property-Based Services Are the Tip...

- The “iceberg” is much more
- Surveying services not related to property are also valuable
- But we have to show the value

Do We Realize...

- Any plans (engineer's, architect's, anyone else's) have to be laid out to give them effect
- If a licensed surveyor lays them out, what does the client get?
- Many times surveying the plans is the first step in the realization of an abstraction into reality
- How many times do surveyors discover a problem?
- How is the next step handled?
- How do surveyors add value?

Surveyors Today

- Who are we?
- Professionals or not?
- How do we compare to other professionals?
- How do we interact with other professionals?
- What is the public's perception?

Surveyors Tomorrow

- Do we need a different image?
- What different image?
- Why a different image?
- Is it just image...or does it involve change at the core?

You – Today and Tomorrow

- Who you are today?
- What/where you would like to be tomorrow?
- Write this down

Your Organization – Today & Tomorrow

- What is your business like today?
- What/where you would like it to be tomorrow?
- Write it down

Revisit These Questions Annually

- At least

Helpful Hint

- Figure out how you would deliver services to your clients (and new clients) if your mantra was professional services (i.e. not the stake pounder they all know)
- What comprises *professional* services?
- How does the advent of technology, e.g. UAS, change things (if any)?
- What new services can you provide, e.g. SUE investigations

What Issues Do We Face?

- Sustainability (includes relevance)
- Maintaining technical know-how
- Having a broad base of experience
- Broadening knowledge base that the company has

...issues

- Having a broad base of services
- Developing a workforce that adapts
- Running the business so that it is responsive to client needs
- Finding new client bases
- Broadening existing client base

Helpful Hint

- Take the time, with the people in your business who count, to figure out the landscape
- Who are your customers?
- What are their needs?
- Could you be meeting more needs?
- What groups could be customers if only...?

Traditional Expectations Are OUT!

Some Common Myths (Owners)

- My business is valuable
- When the time comes to sell, I'll be struggling to keep the interested crowd under control
- The business is my nest egg
- The business model is good and doesn't need improvement/ tweaking/ refreshing/ examination

Some Common Myths (Sr. Managers)

- I have a right to succeed to ownership
- My job is guaranteed
- My income will continue to grow
- My employment benefits will grow
- I don't need to learn new "tricks"
- My only responsibility is to keep my head down and to manage the troops

Some Common Myths (Rank and File)

- Surveying is a good trade...once I catch on, I'm set for life
- I just do what I am told
- I don't need to learn (or keep learning) anything about what I do and why I do it
- I don't need to learn anything new...even about things that others in my organization do
- My job and salary are secure

More Common Myths

- My business has to be a clone of all the businesses out there
- There is nothing I can do to make my business stand out because we all deliver the same product or service
- We live and die depending on what "they" decide
- I can only compete on price

What Constitutes Re-New-ing?

- Really, it is whatever you want it to be
- You just need to want it
- You need to be able to talk and write about it
- You need to know why you are doing it, how you are going to do it, and what you expect it to “look” like at the other end...

Helpful Hint

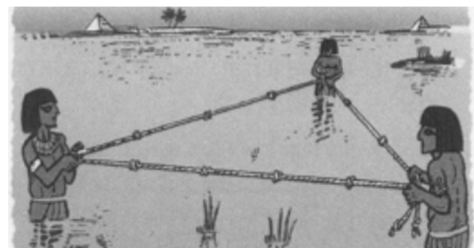
- Start, as much as you can, with a clean sheet of paper when re-newing

Re-newing

- If you accept that re-newing is needed...
- What?
- How?
- How to energize individuals, groups, companies, associations to re-new?

Begin At the Beginning

- Rope stretchers, etc.
- Servants of the kings
- Delineate the sovereign's lands and his lords', vassals' and serfs'
- An important aspect of measuring and accounting for the king's wealth
- Assist taxation process



Much More Recently...GLO

- The western lands (Louisiana Purchase) were surveyed by GLO
- “Surveyed” had a different meaning then
- The purpose of the GLO surveys was what?
- What was the final result of those surveys?
- How did the government use those results?



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As Old As Military Engineers

- Construction of war machines, fortifications, roads, bridges, calculation of weapons of war such as catapults, scaling poles, etc.
- Then civil engineers
- Use same or similar skills to help the civilian population
- Land was held by citizens, more skill required in construction



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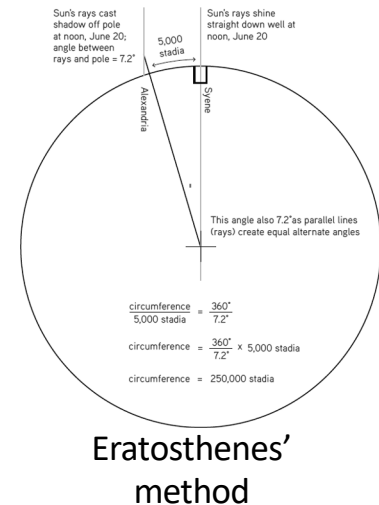
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Surveyors Became Experts At

- Measuring relationship between points on the surface of the earth
- Also lines, planes, volumes
- Also relationship between other measurable information and points, lines, planes and volumes



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FIG Definition

- “A surveyor is a professional with academic qualifications & technical expertise to
 - determine, measure and represent the land, three-dimensional objects, point-fields, and trajectories;
 - assemble and interpret land and geographically related information;



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FIG continued

- ...
- use that information for the planning and efficient administration of the land, the sea and any structures thereon; and
- to conduct research into the above practices and to develop them.

The Other Surveying “Flavors”

- Construction...most familiar modern uses are in transportation, buildings, communications, mapping, water projects
- Control; topographic; hydrographic; alignment; as-built; mine; solar; optical tooling; industrial measurement; aerial; satellite; various types of mapping; etc.

Surveys, Surveys, Surveys

ALTA; Archaeological; As-Built; Bathymetric; Boundary; Cadastral; Construction; Lay-out or setting-out; Deformation; Engineering; Topographic; Geodetic; Erosion and Sediment Control; Foundation; Plot Plan; Site Plan; Subdivision Plan; As-Built; Geological; Satellite imagery analysis; Aerial photogrammetry; Hydrogeological; Geochemical; Geomagnetic; Hydrographic; Coastline; Seabed; Mortgage; Physical; Zoning; Building code; Soil survey; Soil mapping; Cadastre; Land registry; Wetlands Delineation & Location

Building and Quantity Surveying

Building Surveying (in England)

- Construction design & building works
- Project Management & monitoring
- Planning Supervisor
- Property Legislation adviser
- Insurance assessment & claims assistance
- Defect investigation & maintenance adviser
- Handling planning applications

- Building inspection to ensure compliance with building regulations
- Undertaking pre-acquisition surveys
- Negotiating dilapidations
- Advise on many aspects of construction including:
 - design
 - maintenance
 - repair
 - refurbishment
 - Restoration

Quantity Surveying—includes many of the above plus assessment of value

Survey

- Pronunciation:\sər-'vā, 'sər-\
- Function:*verb*
- Inflected Form(s):sur·veyed; sur·vey·ing
- Etymology:Middle English, from Anglo-French *surveer*, to look over, from *sur-* + *veer* to see — more at view
- Date: 15th century
- *transitive verb*

(Thanks to Merriam-Webster)

Survey

- 1 a: To examine as to condition, situation, or value : appraise
- b: To query (someone) in order to collect data for the analysis of some aspect of a group or area
- 2: To determine and delineate the form, extent, and position of (as a tract of land) by taking linear and angular measurements and by applying the principles of geometry and trigonometry
- 3: To view or consider comprehensively
- 4: Inspect, scrutinize <he *surveyed* us in a lordly way>

Professional

- Characterized by or conforming to technical or ethical standards of a profession
- Exhibiting courteous, conscientious, and generally businesslike manner in the workplace

Professional (cont'd)

- Participating for gain or livelihood in activity often engaged in by amateurs <a professional golfer>
- Having a particular profession as a permanent career <a professional soldier>
- Engaged in by persons receiving financial return <professional football>
- Following a line of conduct as though it were a profession <a professional patriot>

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A Simpler Definition (maybe)

- Professional: provides service at a higher level than one would get from a layperson; advocates for the client, when possible, yet is impartial; possesses ethical standards of performance for the work and the client relationship; will admit when wrong or doesn't know; works with other professionals and stakeholders...for the good of the client, the profession and society

Bottom Line

- Surveyors are critical to a functioning society
- Contribute valuable services
- But...who knows it?
- Surveyors? Clients? Others?

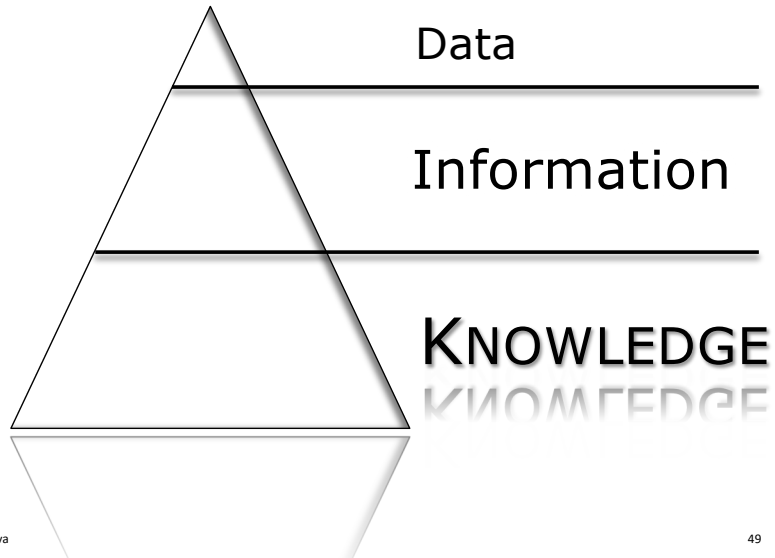
What Are You Proud Of?

- Take the time to list it out in writing

What Services Do You Provide?

- Property boundary services?
- Non-property boundary services?
- Data services?
- Information services?
- Knowledge services?

The Services Value Structure



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How/What Do You Communicate?

- With your clients?
- With potential clients?
- Your fellow professionals?
- Other professionals?
- Government?
- Your professional association?

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Relationships

- On the construction site
- In the courtroom
- With government at: city hall, recorder of deeds, tax assessor, planning agency, environmental protection agency, etc.

Relationships

- With the community
- With the press
- Schools
- Public service organizations

Helpful Hint

- Re-new so that relationships are important in a way that add value to your business and to what you deliver to your clients

Importance To Society

- If all surveyors didn't work for a day, what would happen?
- Other than surveyors, does anyone understand what would happen?
- What would stop?
- What would slow down?
- What would go on unimpeded?

Education

- One of the hallmarks of a profession cited in the dictionary talks about “a calling requiring specialized knowledge and often long and intensive academic preparation”
- Where does that education come from?
- Is it uniform? i.e. do all surveyors know the same things?

Is a New Image The Answer?

What Do We Want As Our Image?

- Professional?
 - Competent?
 - Reliable?
 - Communicative?
 - Knowledgeable?
 - Expert at measurement?
 - Analytical?
- WHAT ELSE?

Helpful Hint

- The re-newed business should make communication a priority

What Keeps Us Back?

- Plenty
- Some
- Nothing

How To Develop a New Image?

- Does it involve changing the way we do things?
- Does it involve working to manage people's perceptions?
- How do we do those things?
- Can you do it by yourself?
- Can you do it with others?

Remember...

- “Body of knowledge” is a core principle of a profession
- Next step is to make sure that all members (including our “helpers”) have enough knowledge to perform their respective roles

What Do Surveyors Offer?

- With respect to property boundary surveys?
- Topographic surveys?
- Construction surveys?
- Engineering surveys?
- Etc., etc.?

How Do We Convey The Value?

- First, understand the many ways you add value

Re-newing

- Ourselves
- Our businesses
- Our profession

Ourselves

- Work hard at developing and adding to the “big picture”
- Become more knowledgeable
- Become more visible
- Conduct more outreach
- Be more accessible

Our Businesses

[this includes all levels of staff]

- Portray professionalism
- Live professionalism
- Become more visible
- Conduct more outreach
- Be more accessible

Our Profession

- Be association members
- Participate as members
- Become more knowledgeable
- Become more visible
- Conduct more outreach
- Be more accessible

Develop Positive Attitudes

- Can do
- We will find out
- We will solve your problem
- We are experts
- We are creative
- Etc.

How Would You Answer These?

- I'm a realtor, I can buy a UAV and survey my client's land with more certainty and cheaper and quicker than you can
- I'm a contractor, and I can buy a top notch RTK system and do my own surveying. This will be faster, cheaper and more immediate than using you.

How Would You Answer These?

- Wow! That's a really large estimate. I called three other surveyors and they all would do the same thing for less. The least expensive was one-third what you have quoted.

Be Creative

- Pick businesses that you know are “can do” organizations that are on a drive to increase revenue
- How can you help them?
- Be creative
- Figure out a way to be a reliable partner that helps that business achieve its objectives

A Warning

- If you don't know the language of business, don't use it!
- Learn first
- Apply it to your own business first
- Understand what investment, ROI and true costs of a product are
- Understand about incremental costs and profits
- Learn to isolate the costs of *everything* your business does

Create a Plan

- Write it down
- Which means that you first talk about it
- Distill it
- Figure out resource limitations
- How do you address them
- How do you configure, and then manage, the new way?

Is Image Enough?

- Remember image change is only meaningful if true change within has occurred...otherwise it is just a façade

The Enemy

- Indifference
- Lethargy
- “I’m too busy syndrome”
- “Let George do it” syndrome
- The enemy is us (have we found “him/her/they”?)



How Will You Lead?



Doing “Something”

- A DREAM written down with a date becomes
- A GOAL broken down into steps becomes
- A PLAN backed by
- ACTION becomes
- REALITY

Good Luck

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