



# KIG-C1010 Introduction to geoinformatics 2023

## Lecture 7a: **PHOTOGRAMMETRY**

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# Learning objectives

- To realize potential applications of photogrammetric data
- To understand photogrammetric instruments
- To know the most important photogrammetric products

The second lecture focuses on

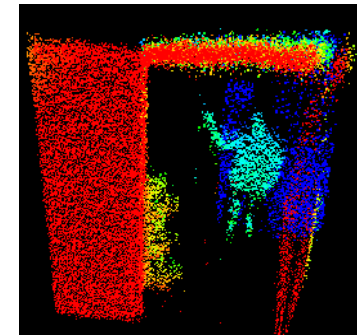
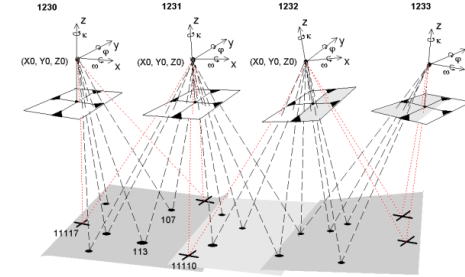
- To understand principles of photogrammetric measurements

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# Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

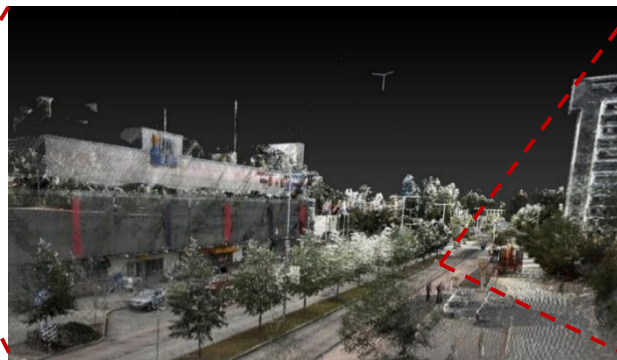
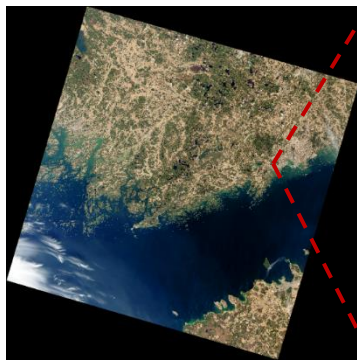
- The art, science, and technology of
  - obtaining reliable information
  - from noncontact **imaging** and **other sensor** systems
  - about the Earth and its environment, and other physical objects, and processes
  - through recording, measuring, analyzing and representation.



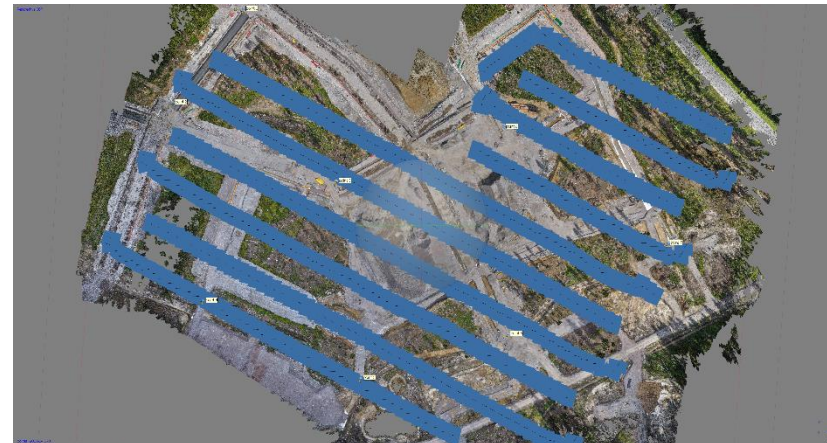
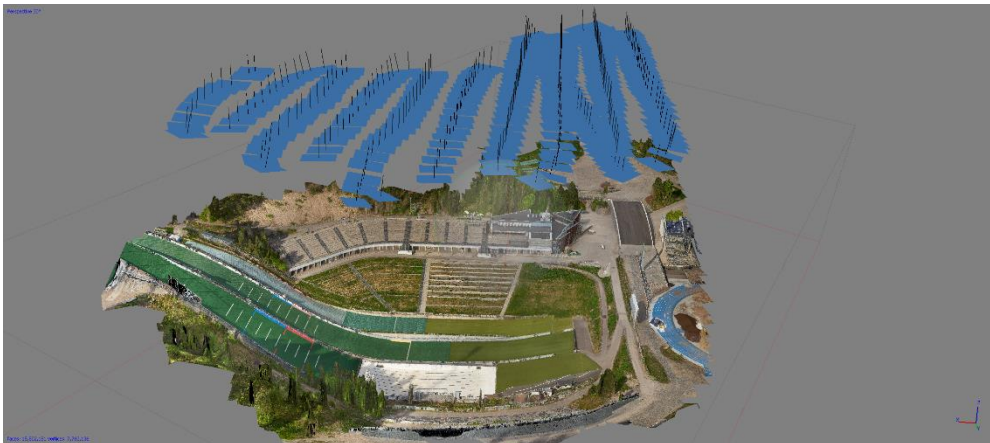
- Photogrammetry: The name comes from Greek "photos" (light), "gramma" (something written or drawn) and "metron" (measure)



- **Categorization** by camera position and object distance  
( $d$ , distance from sensor to object)
  - **Satellite photogrammetry**  $d > \sim 200$  km
  - **Aerial photogrammetry**  $d > \sim 300$  m
  - **Close-range photogrammetry**  $d < \sim 300$  m
  - **Macro photogrammetry** image scale  $> 1$ , (microscope imaging)
- **Different measurement/object scales: planets – nationwide mapping – forests – cities – buildings – road surface – dust particles**



- Categorization by number of measurement images
  - **Single image photogrammetry**  
(single image processing, mono-plotting, rectification, orthophotographs)
  - **Stereophotogrammetry**  
(dual image processing, stereoscopic measurement)
  - **Multi-image photogrammetry**  
(more than 2 overlapping images)

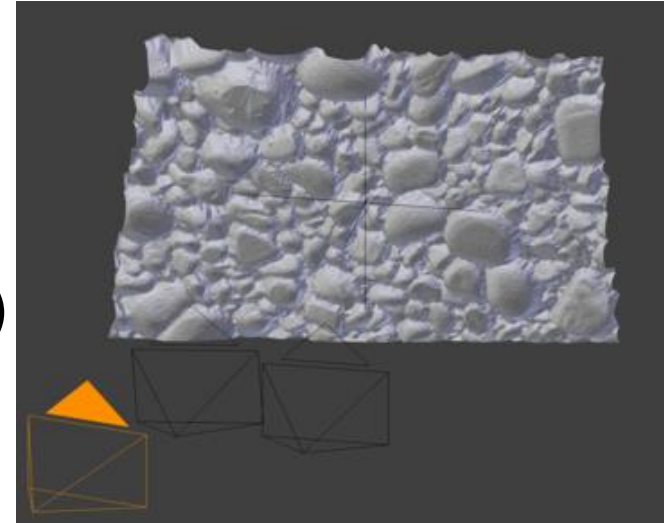
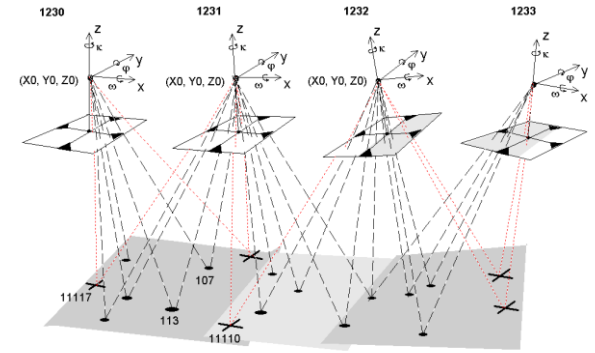


# Photogrammetric Process

*From object to object model:*

## Typical phases of the process

- **Camera calibration** (corrections to image distortions)
- **Image acquisition** (typically in stereo or multi-image approach)
- **Preprocessing of images** (improving image quality)
- **Corresponding point measurements** (manual or automatic approach e.g. with dense image matching)
- **Image orientations**
- **Object reconstruction / Automatic 3D modeling**



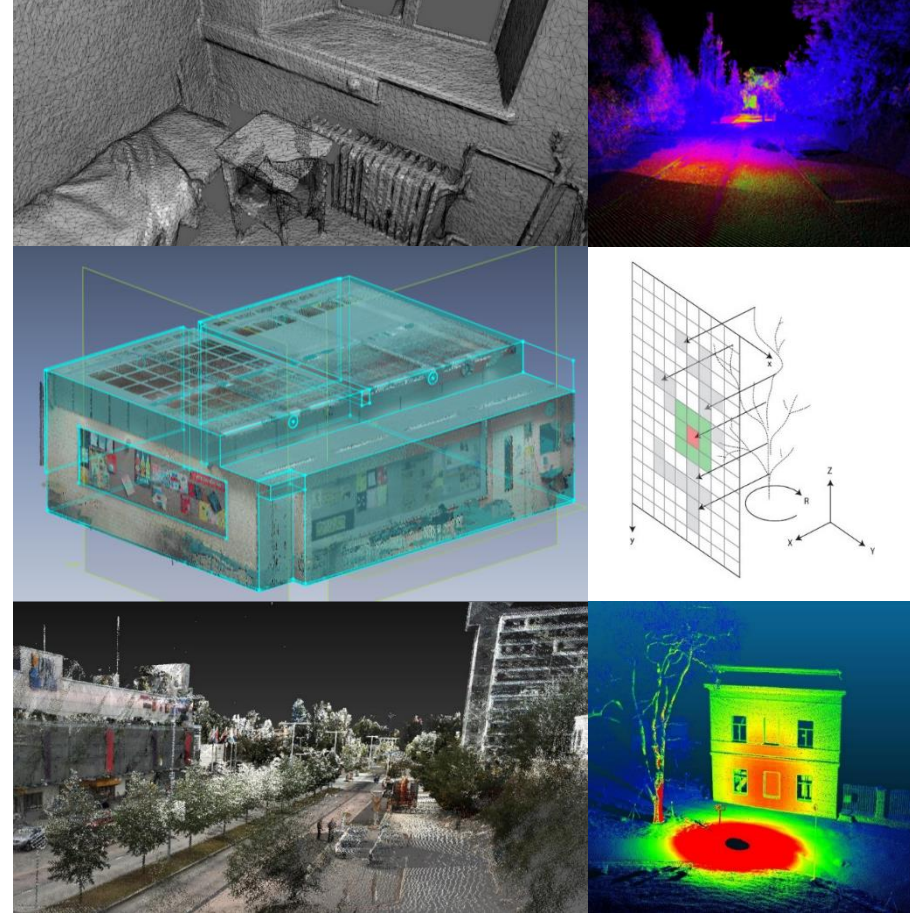
# Photogrammetric object model



# Obtaining information about the Earth

Information obtained or computed based on images (or laser scanning)

- **Geometric** (2D image or 3D point cloud (x, y, z))
- **Radiometric** (RGB, spectral)
- **Semantic** (object recognition)
- **Temporal** (change detection)
- **Attributes** (e.g. stem diameter, biomass, surface roughness etc.)



Images by JP. Virtanen (Aalto University)



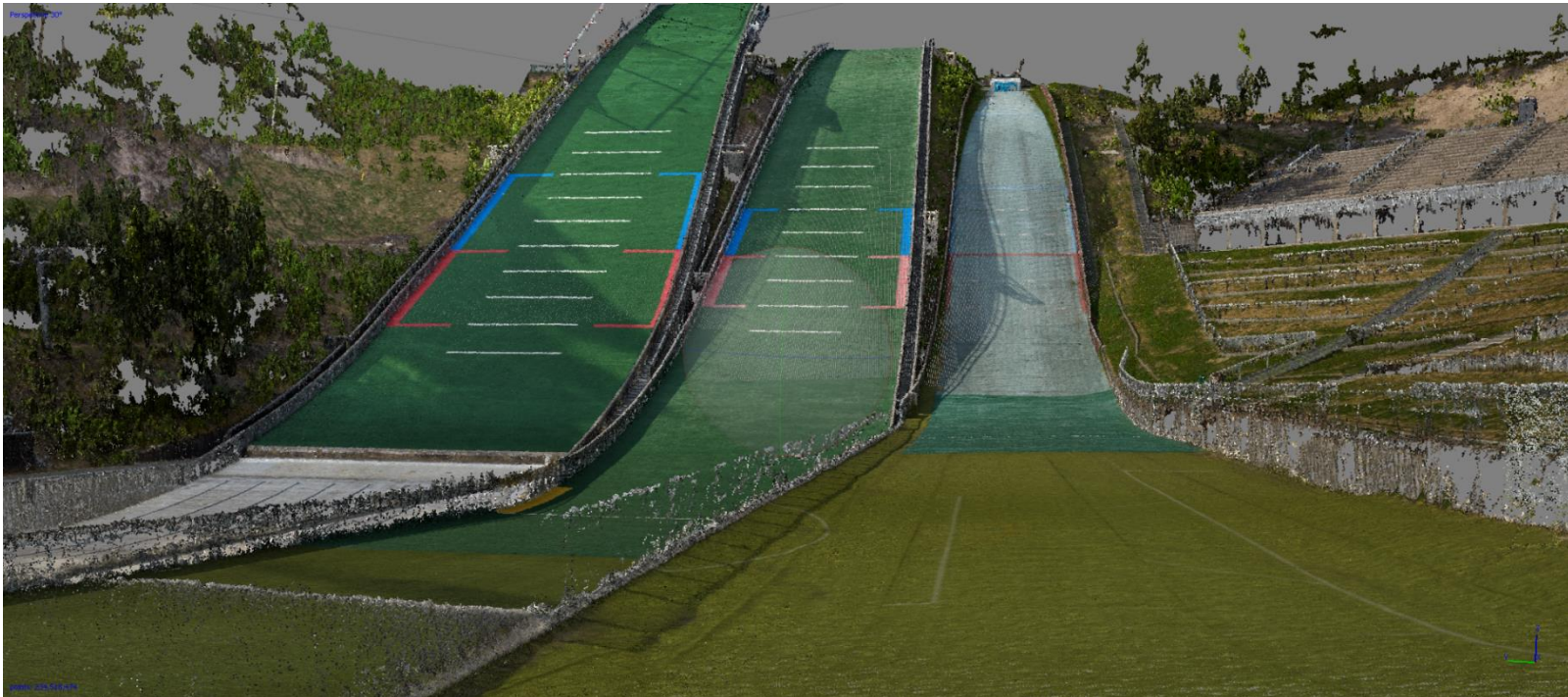
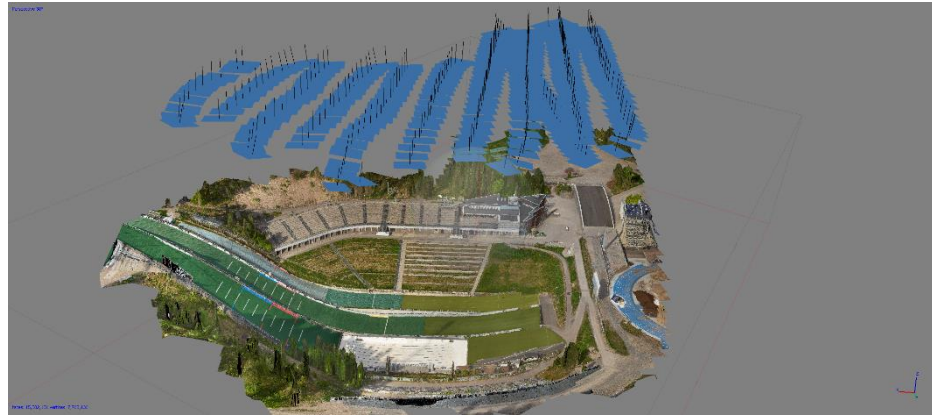
# (3D) point cloud data

- A set of points  $p$  in 3D space  $(x, y, z)$
- Additional attribute as **RGB-values** from images (and laser scanning **intensity**)



Espoo Cultural Centre indoor model created with laser scanning and images

# (3D) point cloud data from UAV/Drone photogrammetry



UAV, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

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# Sensors

- Typical sensors and methods for producing 3D point clouds

- **Digital camera**

- 2D image
- 3D point cloud (x, y, z, RGB) from overlapping images

- **Laser scanner**

- 3D point cloud (x, y, z, intensity)

- **Range camera**

- Range image or 3D point cloud (x, y, z, RGB)

- In addition: e.g. Radar and Sonar

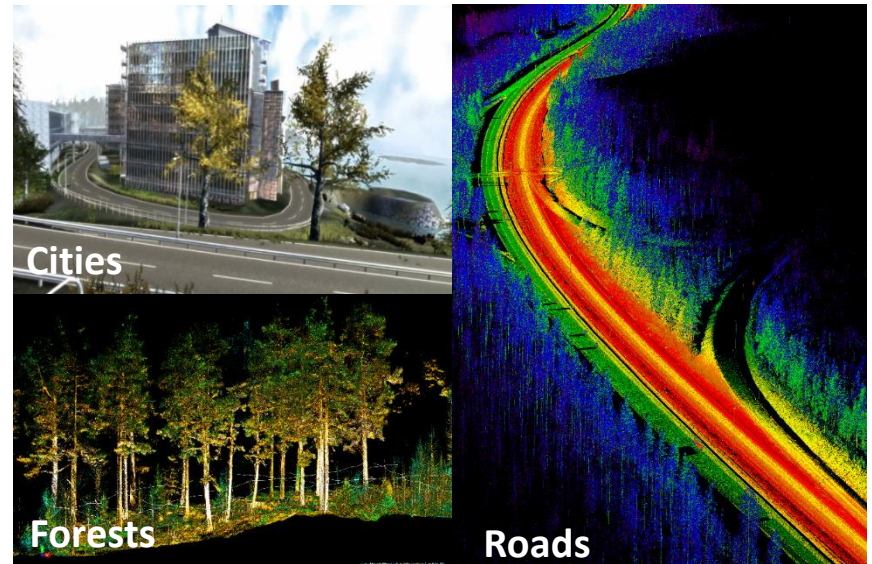
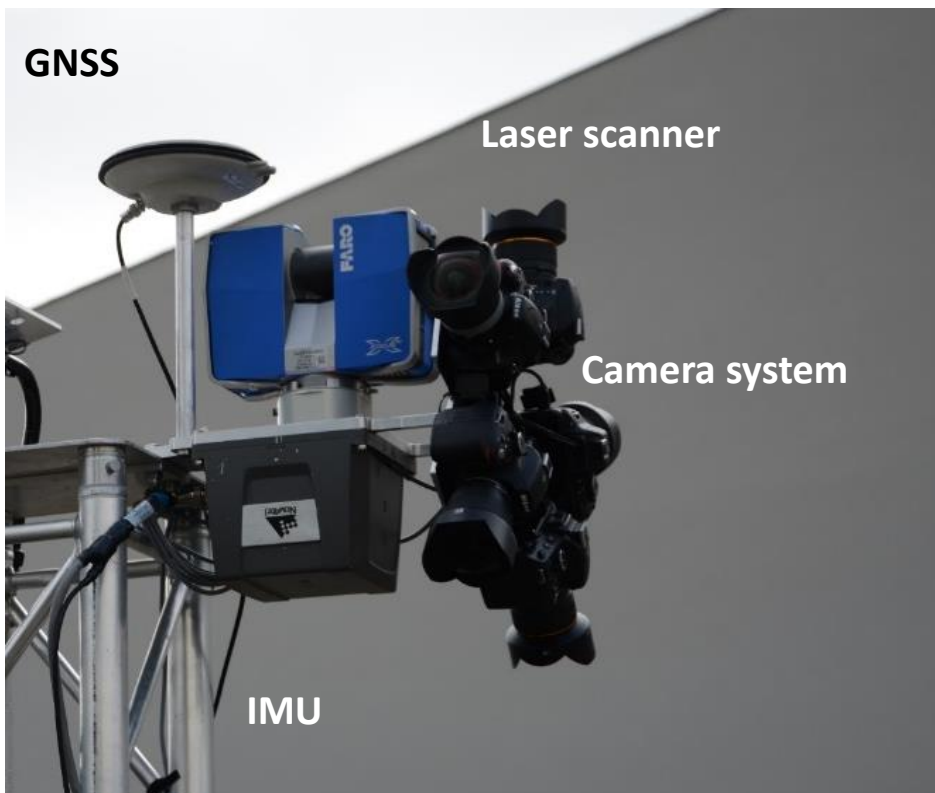


➤ Often different methods are combined in the same platform

➤ SENSOR INTEGRATION

# Sensor integration

- For example, **Mobile mapping systems**
  - Individual cameras, panoramic / 360-degree camera systems
  - Laser scanner (one or many)
  - Positioning and trajectory computation (GNSS-IMU)

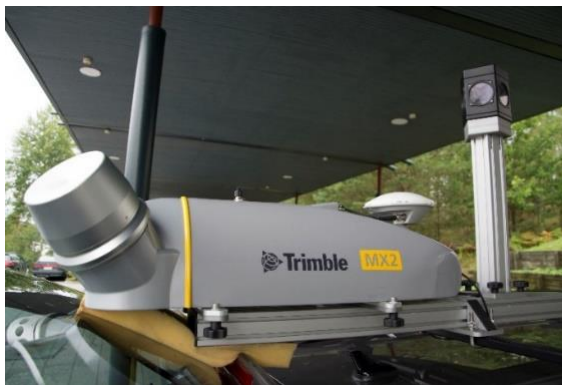


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# Mobile mapping methods



*AhkaR3 backpack system developed by Antero Kukko FGI*



*MX2 mobile mapping systems*



*Handheld GeoSLAM ZebREVO - scanner*



*Close-range single camera approach*



*UAV-mapping*

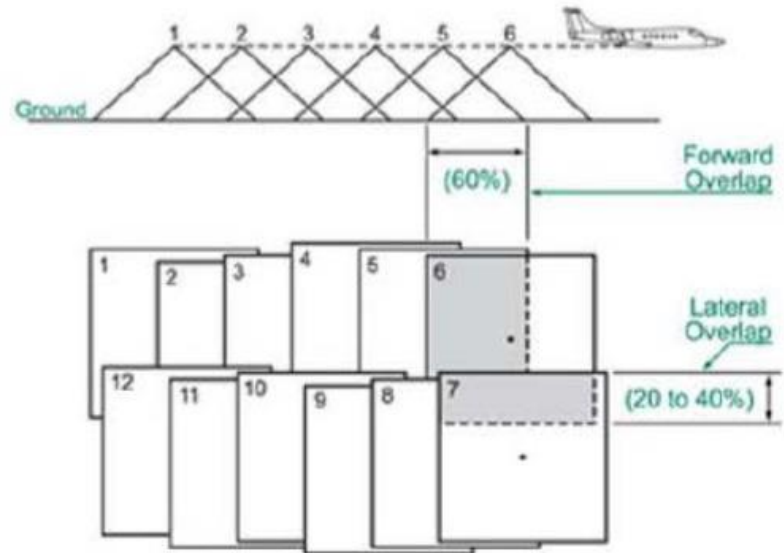
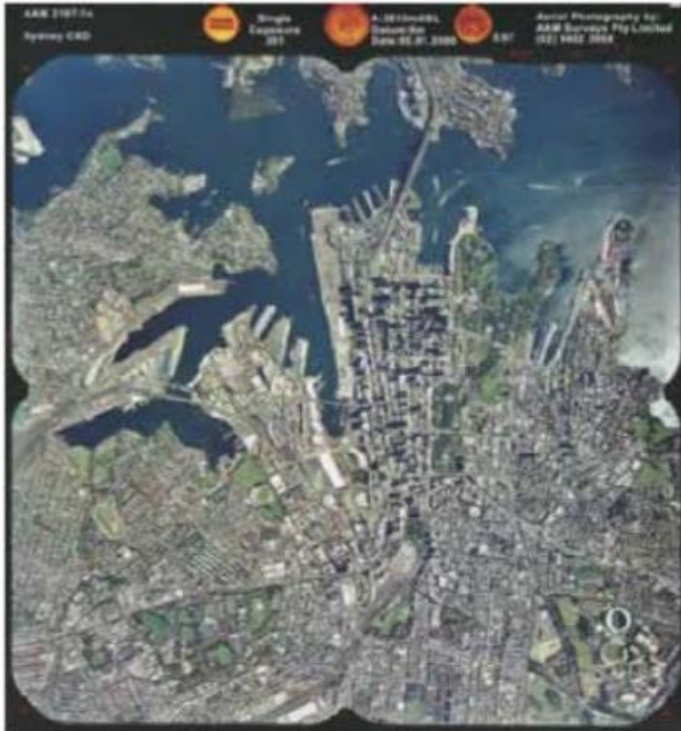
# History

- World War 1 has a major impact to development of aerial photography



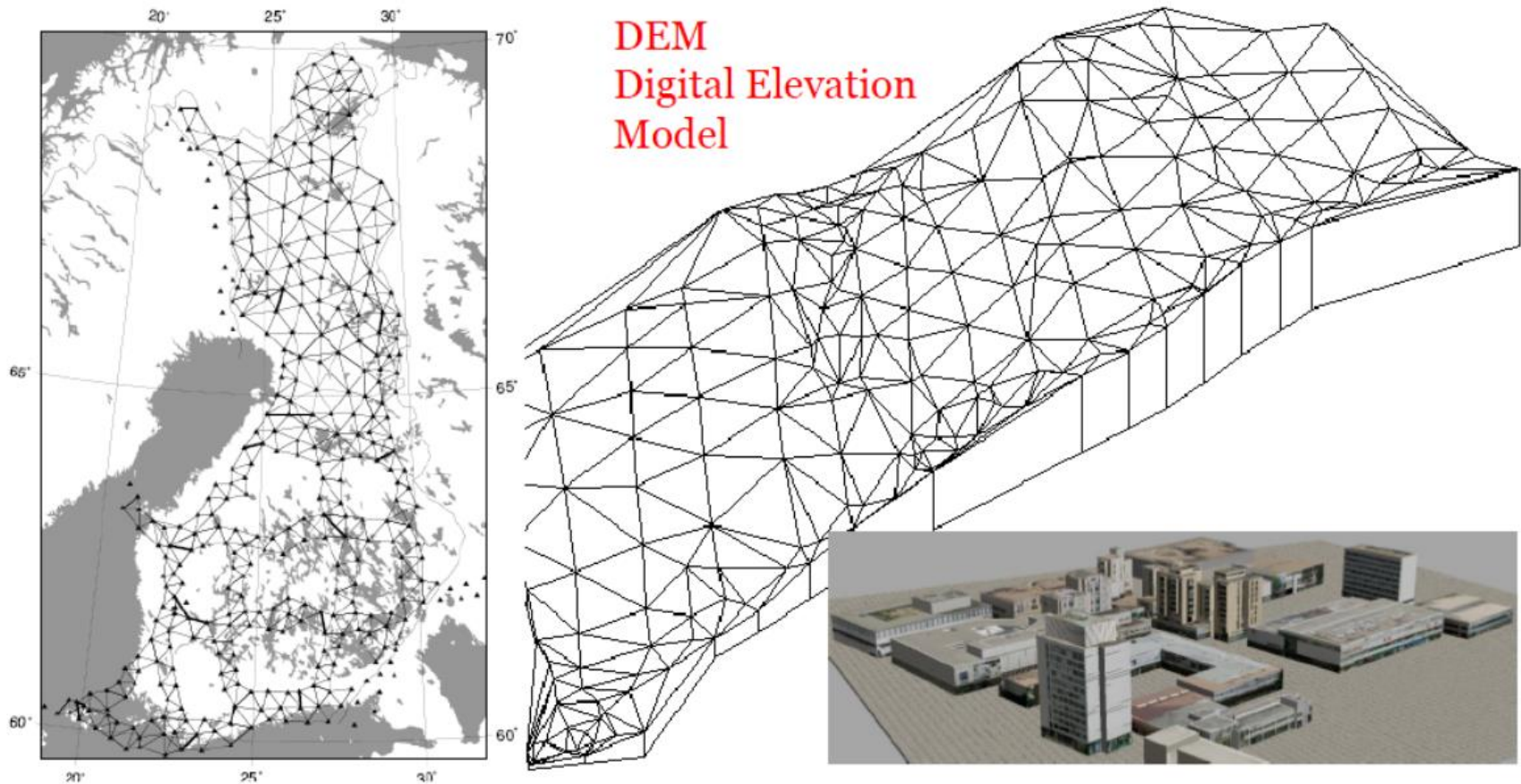
- After the war the photogrammetric technology was in state to start large scale aerial surveys

# Aerial photography block



# Aerial photogrammetry

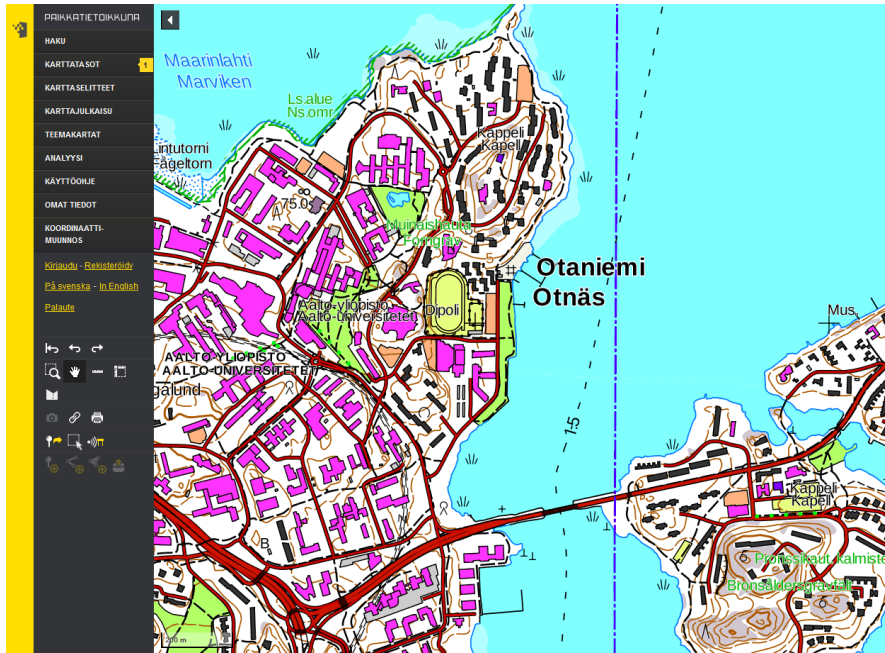
## Densification of 3D geometric information



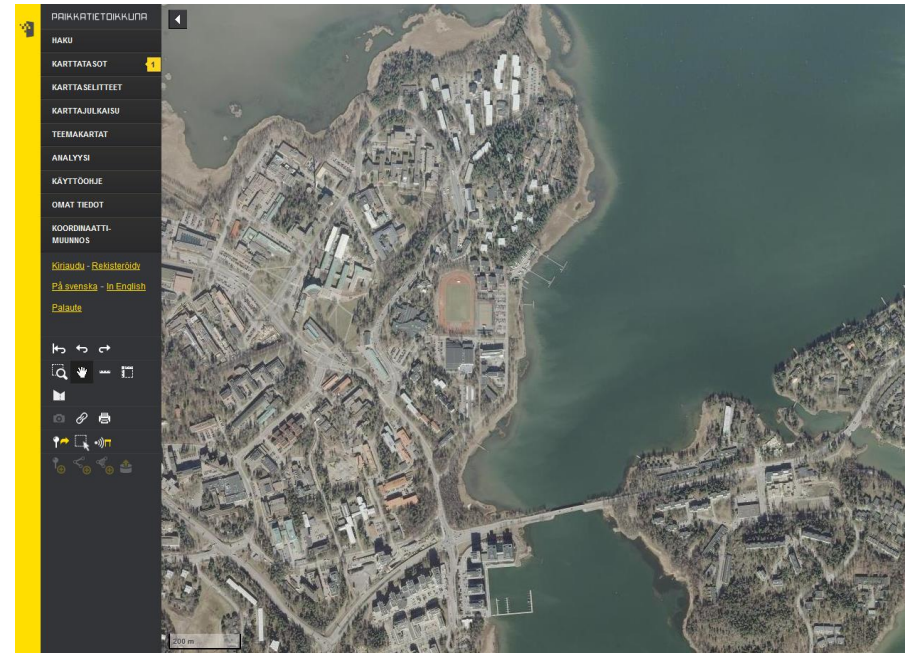


# Aerial photogrammetry

## Topographic maps



## Orthoimage

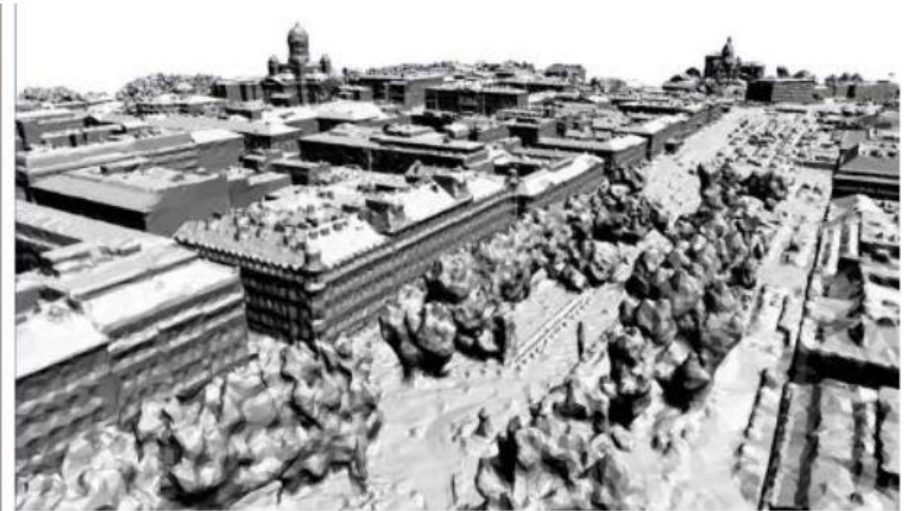
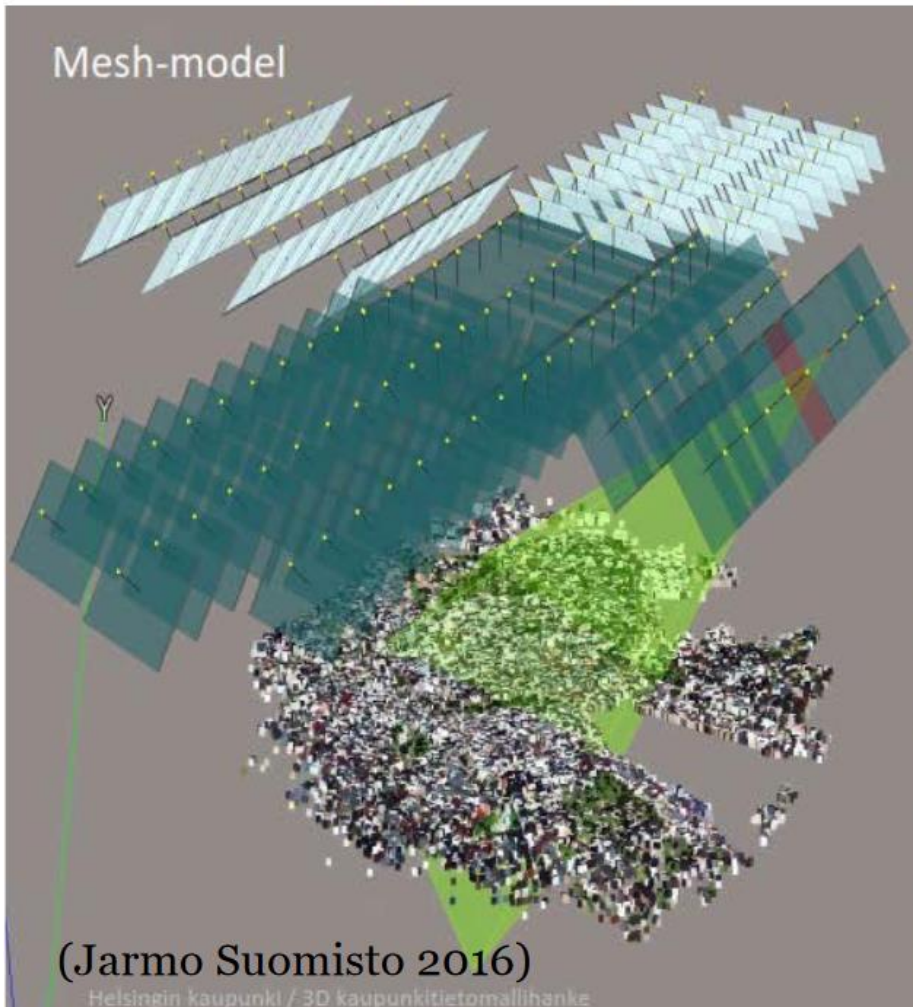


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orthogonal projection: A **2D** representation of a **3D** subject where all the projection lines are at right angles (**orthogonal**) to the projection plane, as with a **map** or **ortho-image**. Also termed **orthographic**.

# Aerial photogrammetry

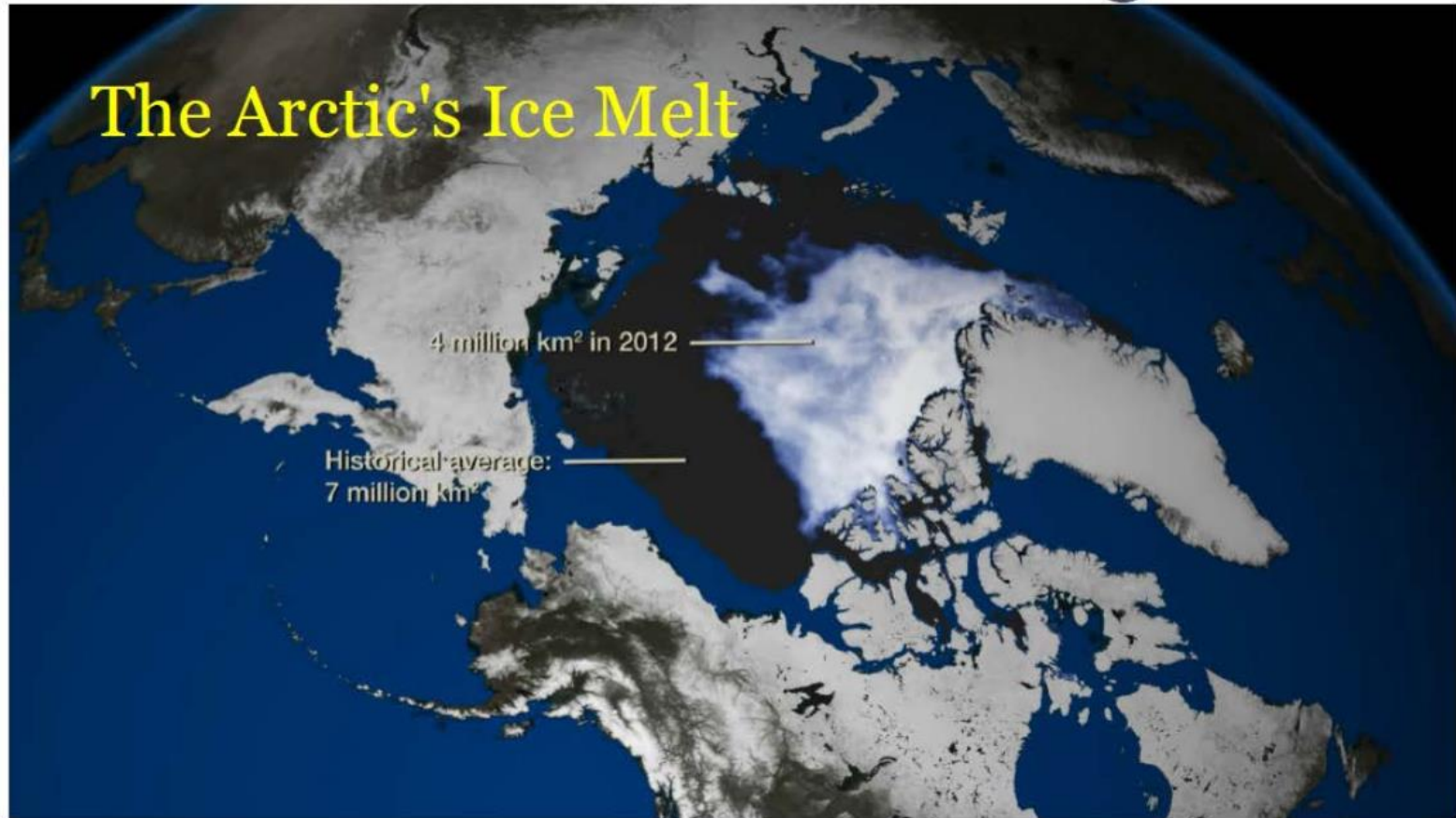
## 3D City maps



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# Satellite photogrammetry

## Environmental monitoring

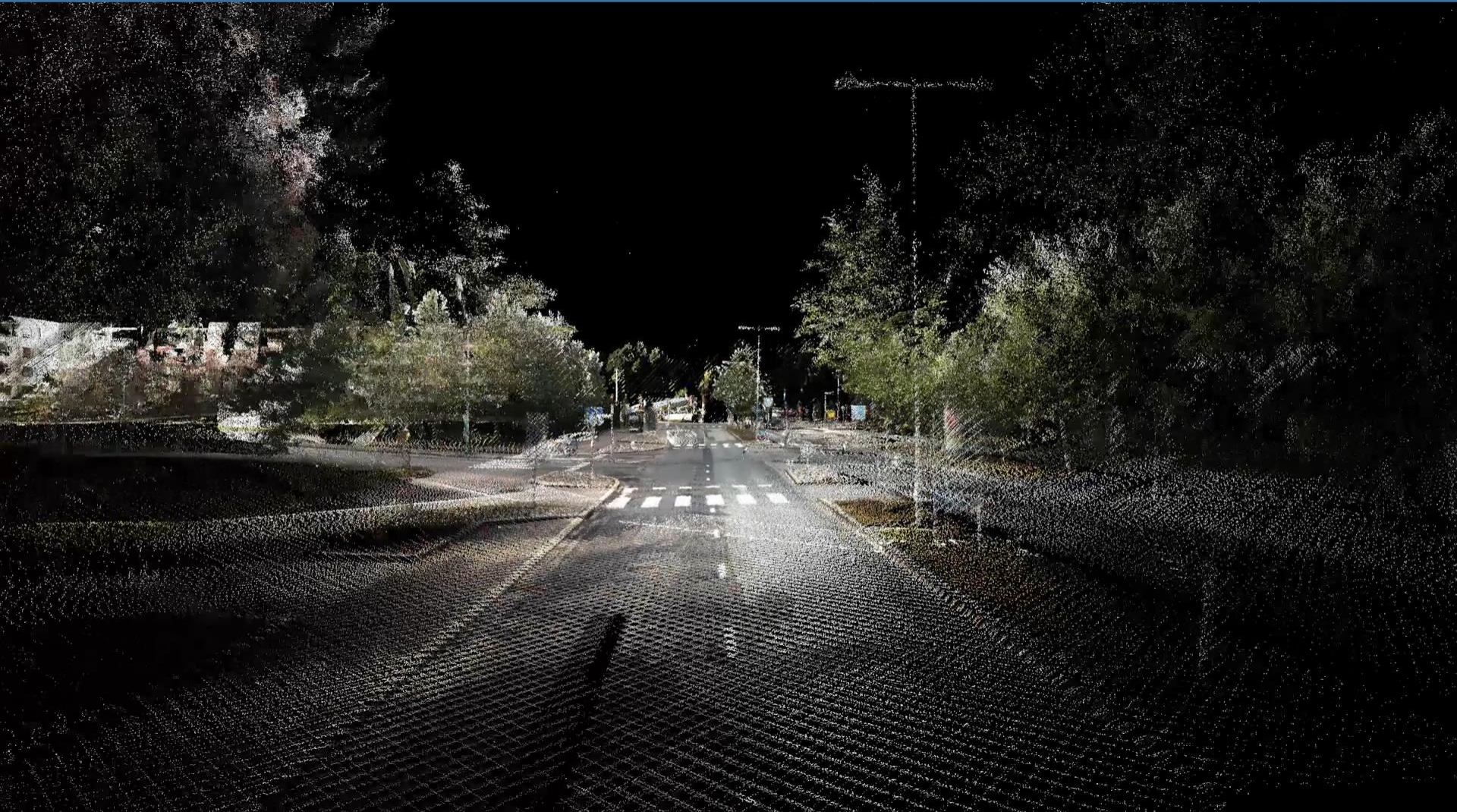


Arctic Sea Ice timelapse from 1978 to 2009

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6j8SGs\\_gnFk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6j8SGs_gnFk)

**Activation tasks:**

For which measurement method the video material is based on?



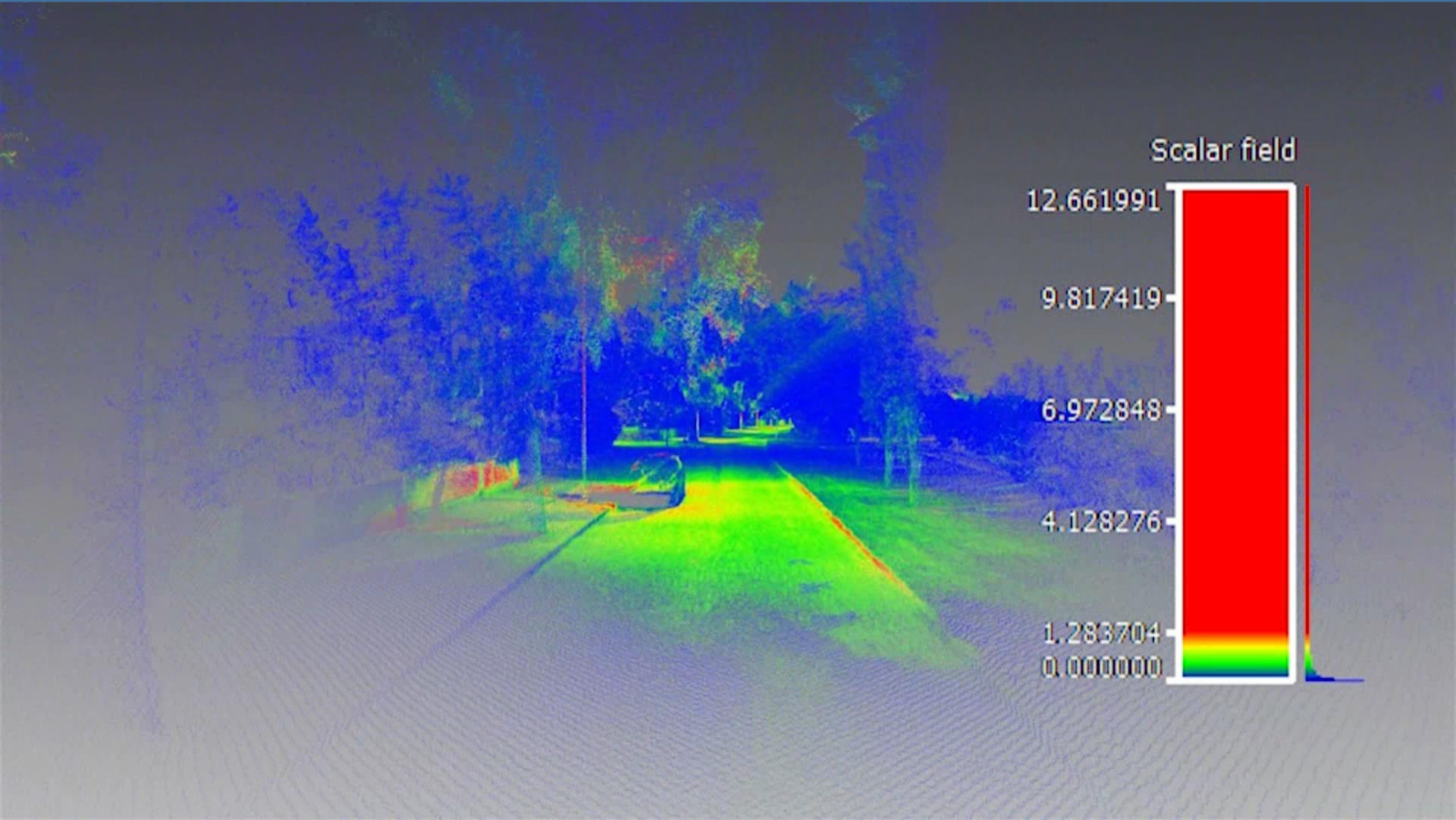
***A) Mobile mapping   B) Aerial imaging   C) Panoramic imaging***

## *A) Mobile mapping*



***Mobile mapping (Trimble MX2-system: 2\*laser scanner + panoramic camera + GNSS-IMU positioning)***

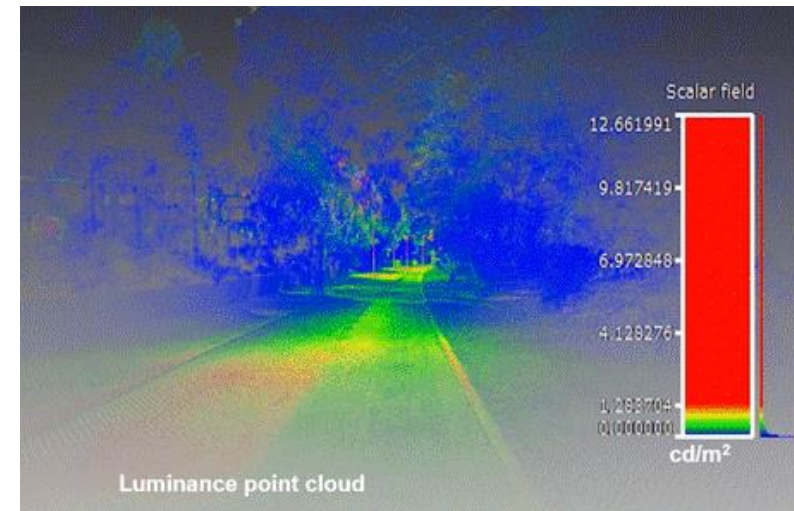
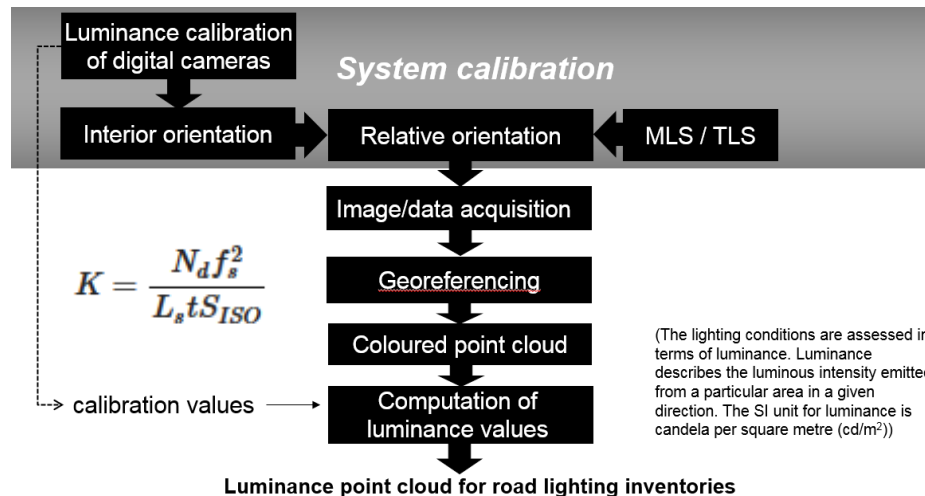
# For which application the video material is based on?



*Evaluation of A) Solar energy B) Lighting conditions C) Road surface roughness*

# Evaluation of road and street lighting conditions

- Based on **mobile mapping system**
- **Night-time measurements**
- Road and street lighting is the only light source
- 3D Luminance Point Cloud (luminance  $\text{cd/m}^2$ ) for lighting measurement and maintenance purposes





# 3D digitalization of cultural sites - The National Museum of Finland



*3D Cultural Hub project by Aalto University*

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# The Crowd Route Visualization for Event Production: Lahti ski jumping stadium



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# Products, methods and trends in field of Photogrammetry

- 2D maps, aerial image, orthoimage, stereoimaging, Digital elevation, terrain and surface models (DEM, DTM, DSM), change detection...
- Satellite and aerial imaging
- Static terrestrial imaging
  
- 3D point clouds by images
- 3D city model and Indoor modeling
- UAVs and mobile mapping systems
- Low-cost and lightweight systems
- Virtual reality (VR), Augmented reality (AR)
- 360-imaging systems
- ....

**Manual processing and computation**

**2D**

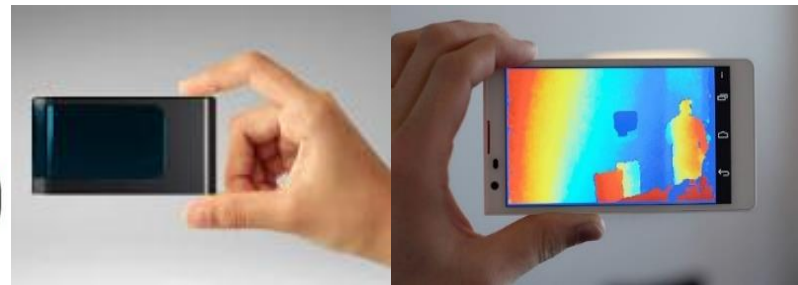


**3D**

**Automation**

# Future of photogrammetry

- Photogrammetry is **developing in cooperation with the other fields** including **Automation, Computer vision, Robotics, IT, Geodesy...**
- **Many different application areas:** Civil engineering, Traffic Engineering, Archeology, Geography, Forest Sciences, Game & Entertainment, Culture, Sport...
- **Sensor and data integration is needed** in many application (for example 3D city models)
- **Sensors are lighter and cheaper** (partly due to robotics applications)
- **New types of mapping systems:** UAVs, mobile mapping, handheld scanners, solidstate sensors, indoor measurement systems, personal measurement systems



# Lots of career options for photogrammetry professionals



- Many international companies like Google, Apple, Samsung, Microsoft and numerous car manufacturers (Mercedes, Audi, Toyota, etc.) are also developing applications for 3D measurement and modeling as well as their geospatial applications.

# Read and learn more

- E-books from Aalto library:
  - **Applications of 3D Measurement from Images.** (2007). John Fryer et al.
  - **Close-range photogrammetry and 3D imaging.** (2014) Thomas Luhmann et al.
- Brief history of photogrammetry
  - <https://alicevision.github.io/#history>
- Photogrammetry in game development
  - [unity.com/solutions/photogrammetry](https://unity.com/solutions/photogrammetry)
- Photogrammetry softwares
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