



Vertical Geology Conference 2014

**GEOSTRUCTURAL MAPPING  
AND KEY BLOC MODELING  
BY TERRESTRIAL LASER SCANNING  
AND DIGITAL IMAGING**

**SOLID IMAGE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR  
OUTCROP INSPECTION**



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# 3D GEOSTRUCTURAL MODELING OF ROCK FACES IN RAILWAY ENVIRONMENT



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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- CONTEXT & RAILWAY ENVIRONMENT

- DENSE 3D POINT CLOUDS

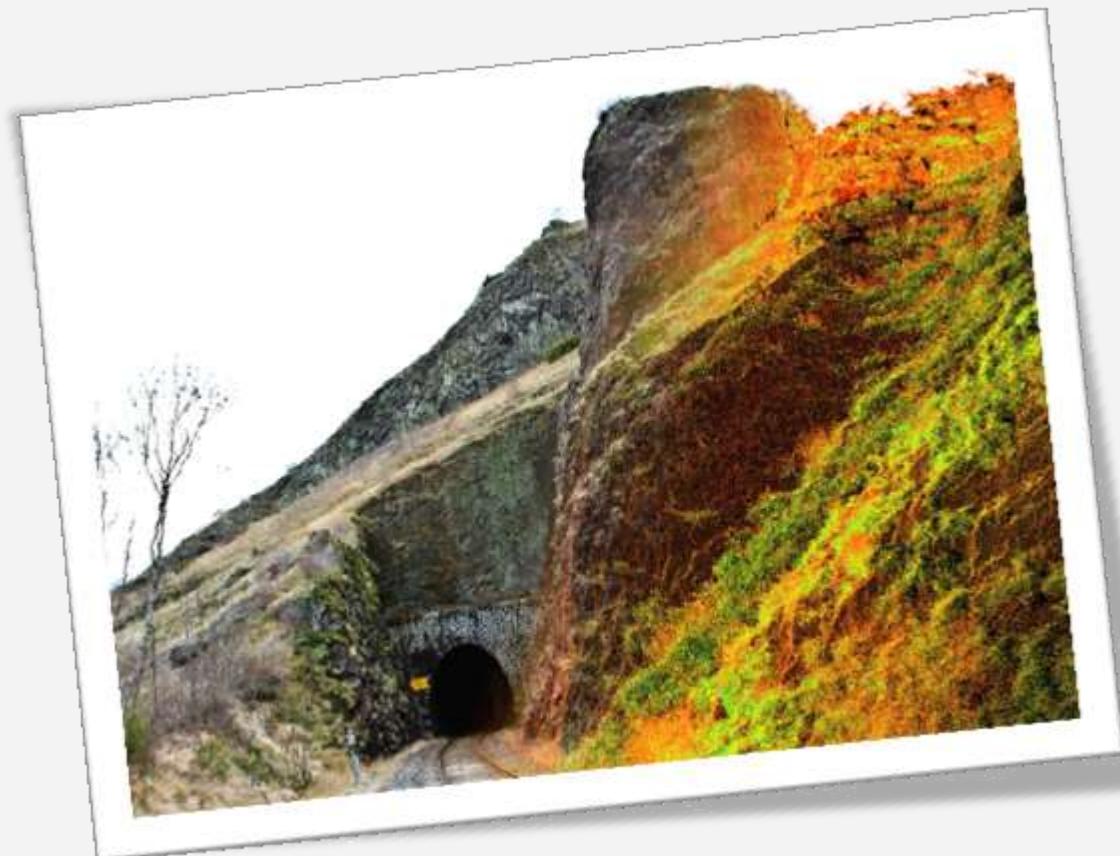
- SOLID IMAGE

Concept & structure

- DIGITAL SURVEY  
PROCEDURE FOR  
STRUCTURAL MAPPING

Discontinuity sampling

Key bloc modeling



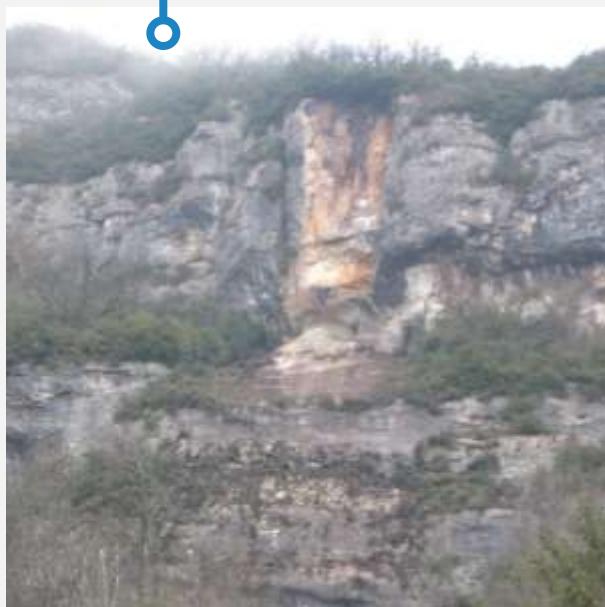
# CONTEXT & RAILWAY ENVIRONMENT

- 2 300 km of rock cuttings along the French railway network
- Natural hazards are the **second most frequent cause of traffic disruption**



# CONTEXT & RAILWAY ENVIRONMENT

## Railway performances : Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, Safety and Costs

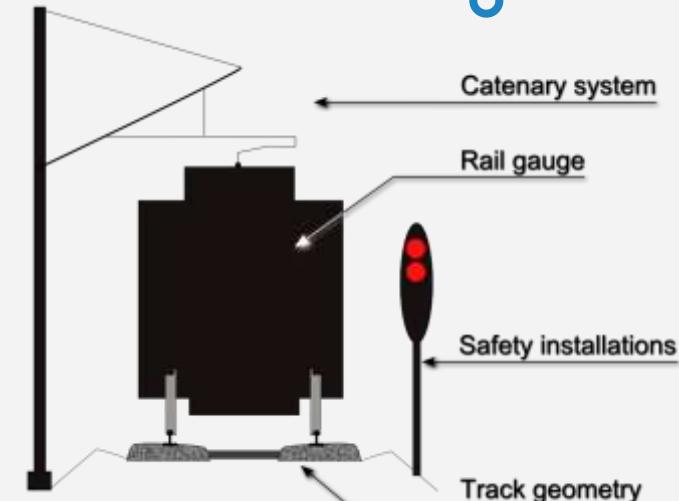


Hazards

Railway  
system

Rock fall risk

Barriers and  
reinforcement  
works

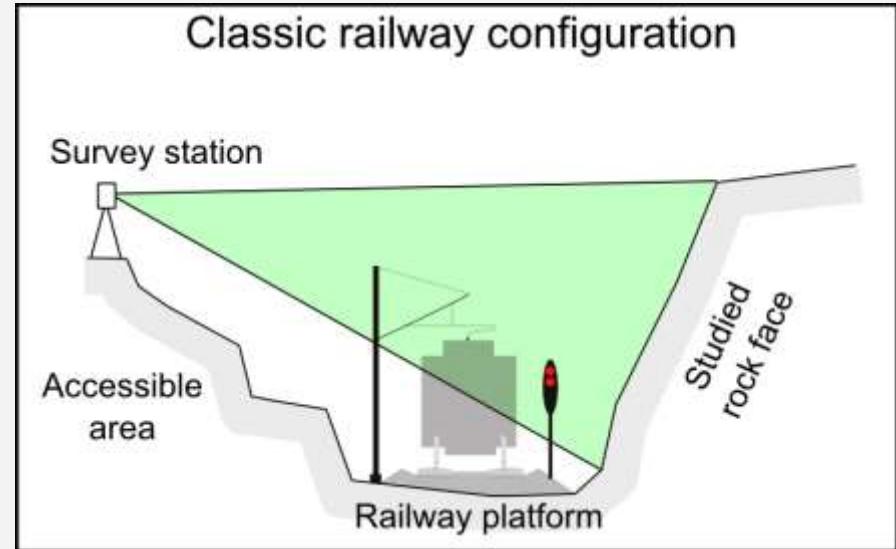


### Optimizing survey data for risk management ?

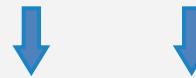
# DENSE 3D POINT CLOUDS...

... from :

- Terrestrial Laser-Scanning
- Dense Image Matching



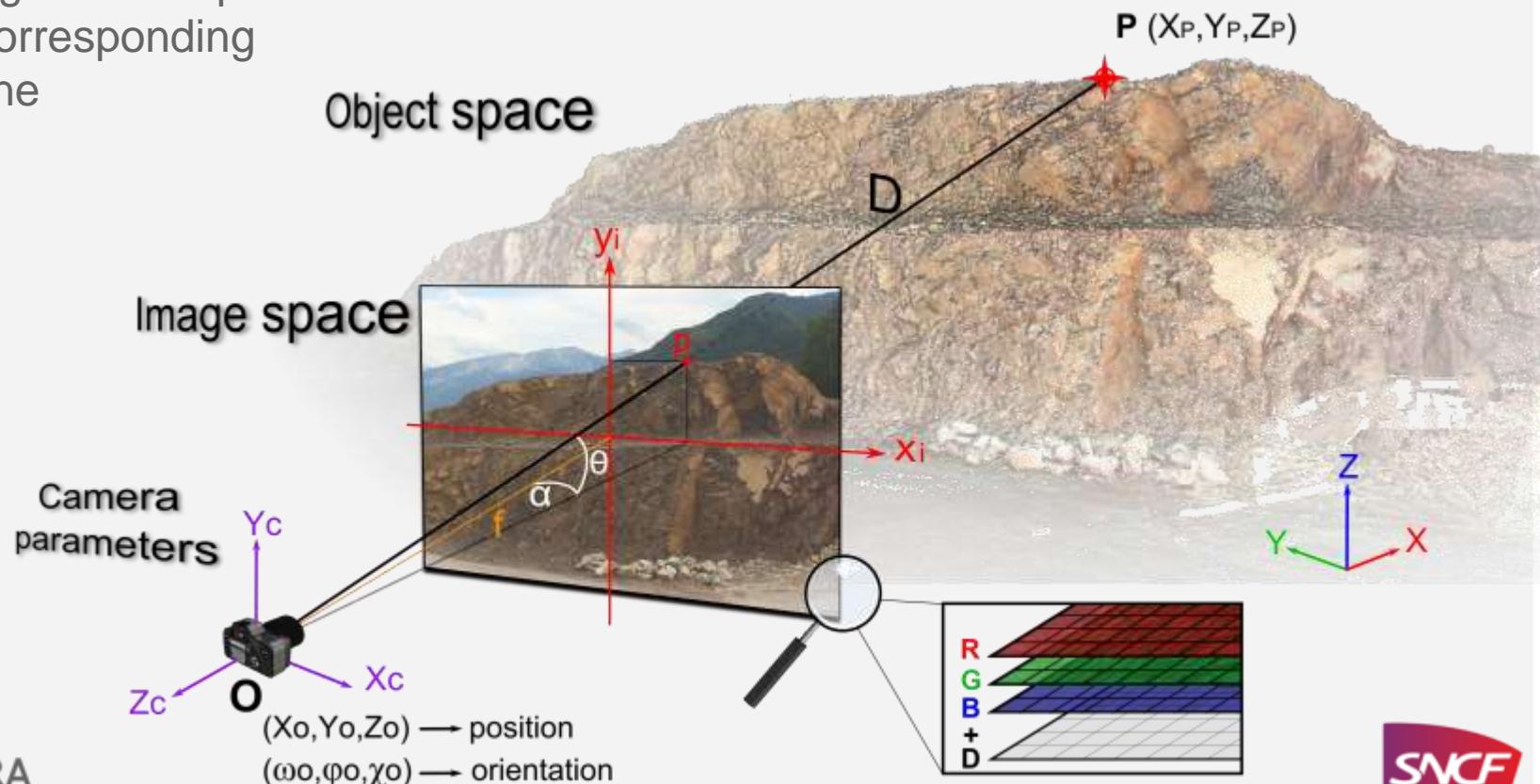
- New and massive data for the SNCF geologists
- How to handle and exploit it ?



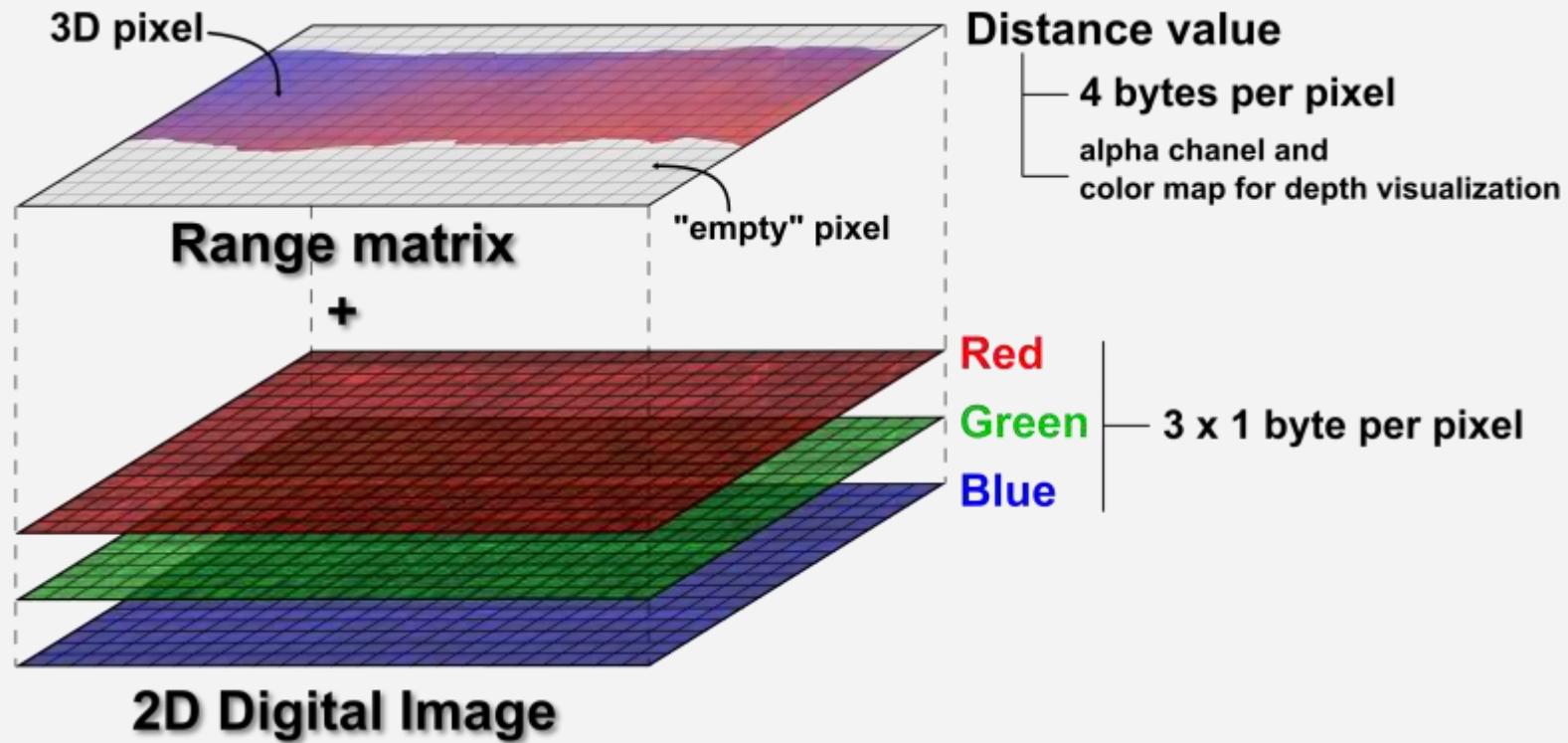
## Solid image contributions

# SOLID IMAGE : CONCEPT & STRUCTURE

- Enrichment of a classical 2D digital image with the corresponding 3D geometrical information [Bornaz and Dequal, 2003]
- Co-referencing the camera and the 3D model by surveying few control points
- Calibrated camera : focal length ? lens distortions ? ...
- Projecting each 3D point onto the corresponding image plane



# SOLID IMAGE : CONCEPT & STRUCTURE



# STRUCTURAL MAPPING AND DIGITAL SURVEY

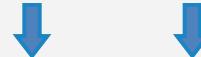
## Case study



11 images : Canon EOS 5D Mark II + 105 mm

TLS Point Cloud : Leica HDS7000

14 ground control points for the co-referencing



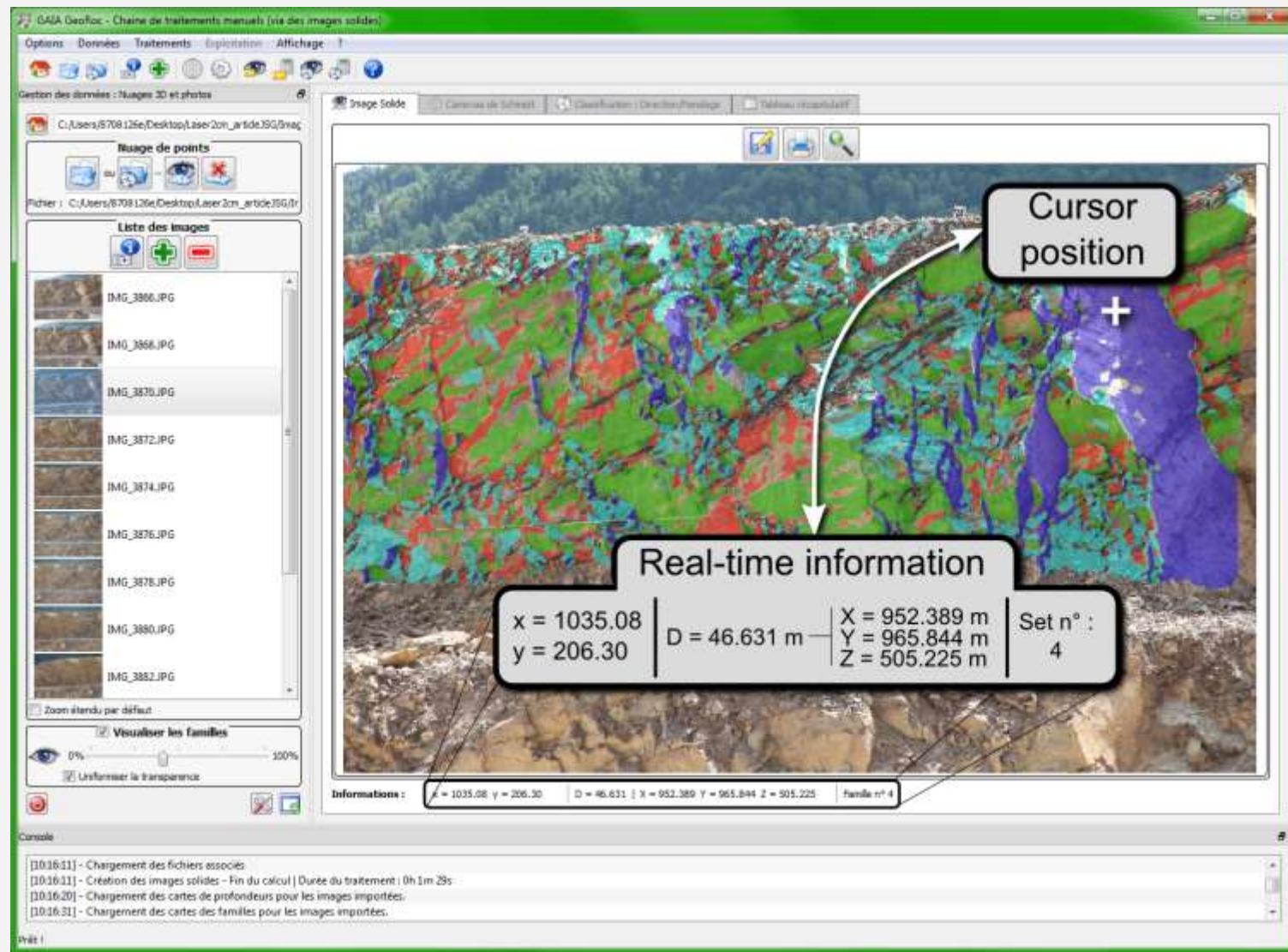
11 Solid Images

# STRUCTURAL MAPPING AND DIGITAL SURVEY

Graphical user interface

Real-time information directly on the image

Multiple layers helping with the structural interpretation



# STRUCTURAL MAPPING AND DIGITAL SURVEY



Converting 2D pixels selections into useful information for rock engineering

## 3D INSPECTION TOOLS



3D distances



Discontinuity survey and geometrical characterization



Orientation viewing



Specific orientation highlighting



Intersection/Propagation of fracture planes



Block modeling



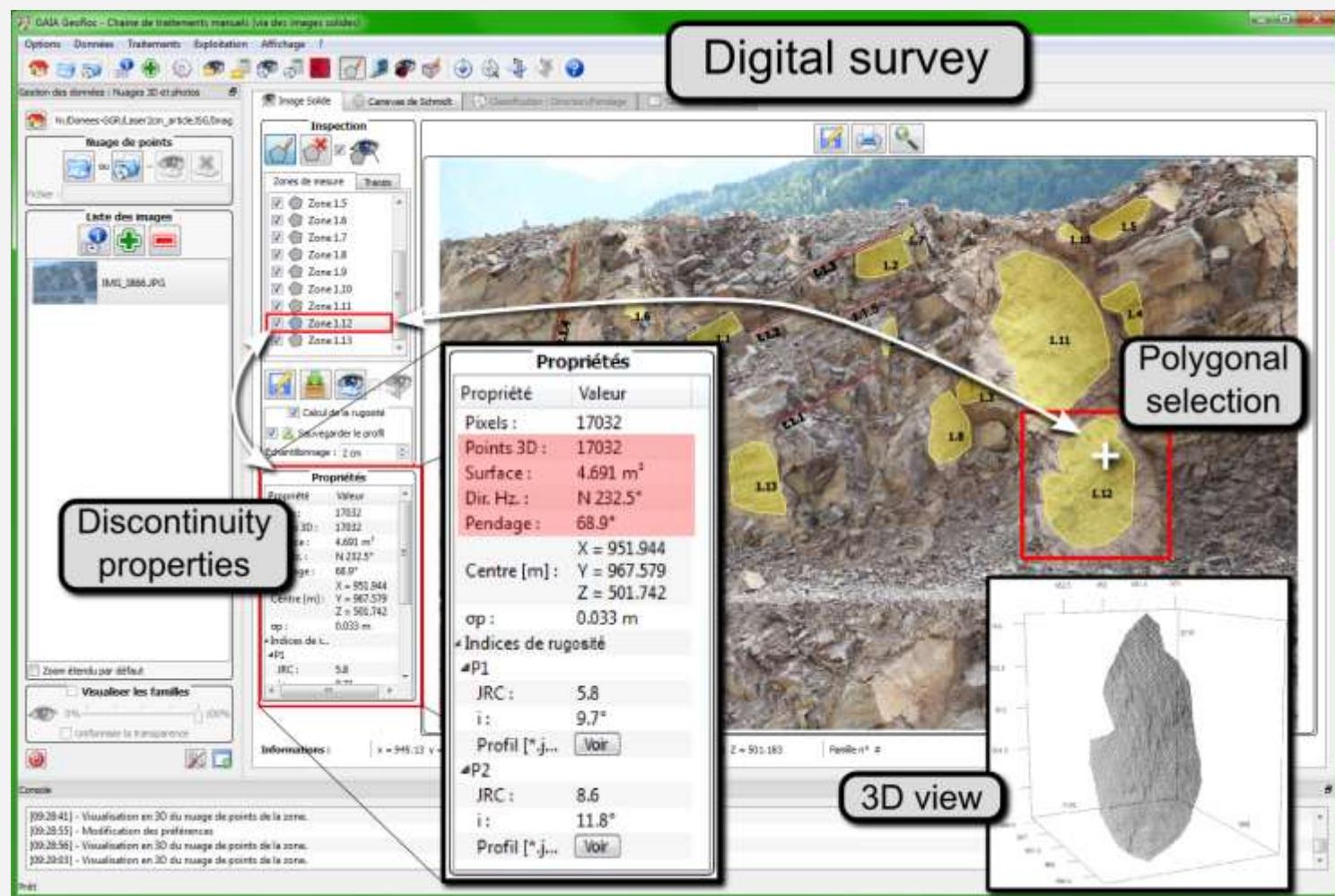
**Support the geologist** in its expertise

# STRUCTURAL MAPPING AND DIGITAL SURVEY

Converting 2D pixels selections into useful information for rock engineering

## Discontinuity sampling :

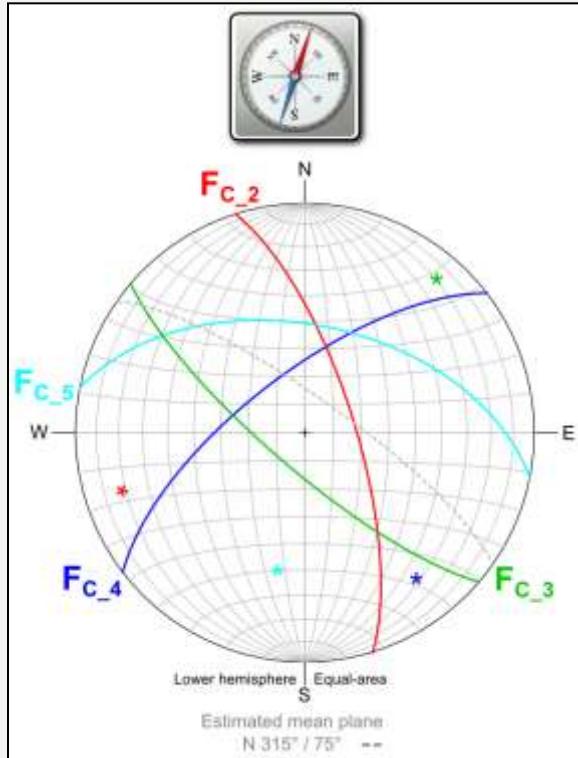
- Length/Surface
- Orientation and stereoplot
- Standard deviation from the mean plane
- Roughness profiles



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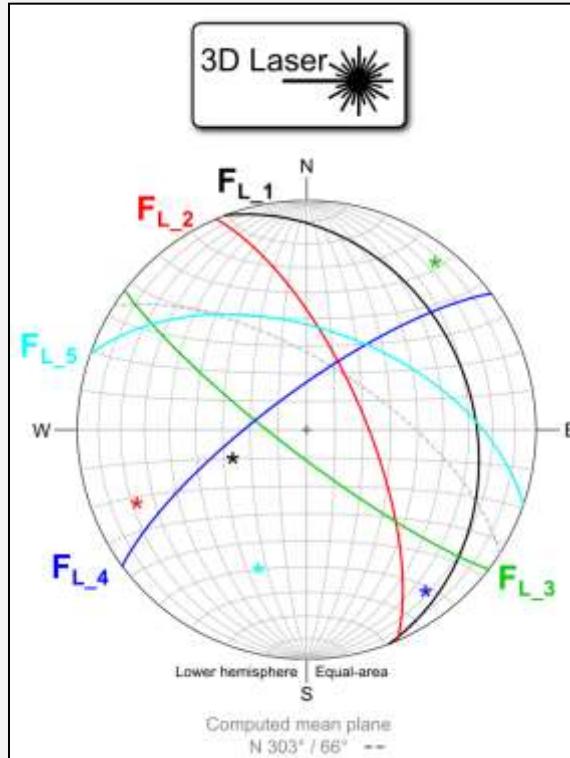


## Check and validation for the discontinuity orientation



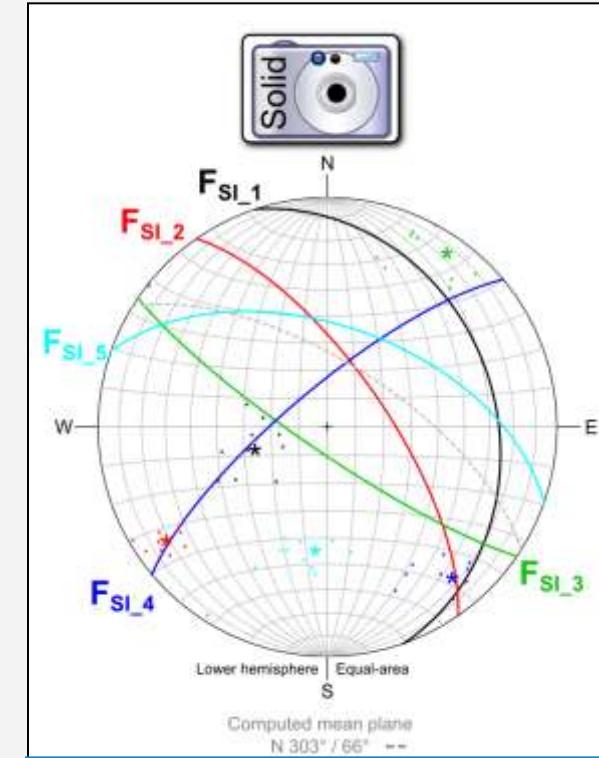
### Compass-clinometer survey

- weak statistical sample
- 1 set is missing



### 3D point cloud survey

- Automated and non-controlled operation



### Solid Image survey

- Controlled
- Quick, easy and precise

# STRUCTURAL MAPPING AND DIGITAL SURVEY

## Tools for structural investigations

Orientation N 228 ° / 80° from zone 1.8 - Threshold : 12°



Orientation N 329 ° / 35° from trace 1.5 - Threshold : 12°



Highlighting specific orientations with a given threshold

Fracture propagation or intersection with the 3D image

Trace 1.5



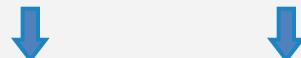
Intersection of discontinuity plane with the 3D Image



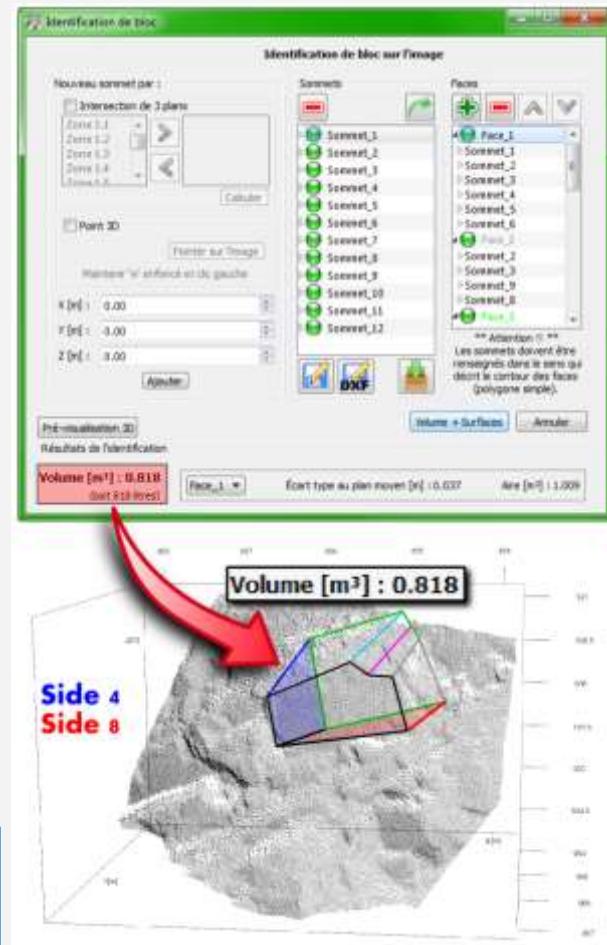
# STRUCTURAL MAPPING AND DIGITAL SURVEY

## Virtual delineation of the studied block

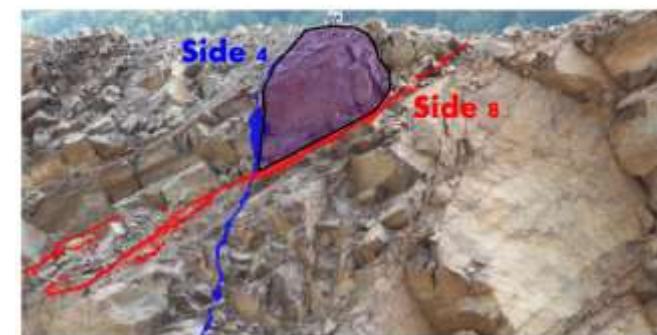
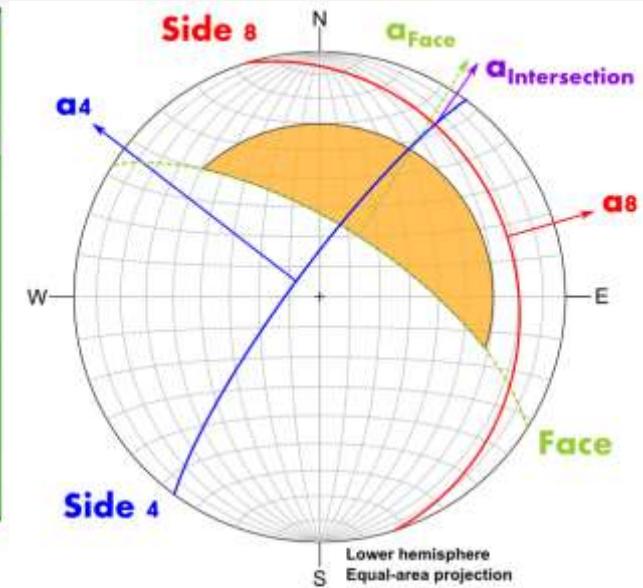
- Defining the number of sides
- Computing the 3D coordinates for every vertex
  - intersection of 3 planes
  - selection on the image
- 3D preview helping the process



**Volume & kinematic analysis**



## Key block modeling



# CONCLUSION

The presented tools are gathered into a standalone software :

**GAIA-GEOROC**

developed primarily for geologists in charge of rock fall risk management along the French railway network.



# CONCLUSION



- **GEOMETRIC CHARACTERISATION** of a rock face using dense 3D POINT CLOUDS

- **BENEFITS**

<b>SAFETY</b>	for field and office staff, thanks to remote sensing technologies and the 3D data
<b>RELIABILITY</b>	Complete and reliable geometrical model of the studied outcrop (structural analysis ↗ )
<b>COSTS</b>	Saving estimated between 10-20% compared to classical methodology

- **PERSPECTIVES :**

Integration of these geometric parameters into other solutions for modeling the mechanical behavior of a global rock solid mass (Discrete element method) in 3D...



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**MANY THANKS  
FOR YOUR ATTENTION**



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