



Vertical Geology Conference 2014

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

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**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**

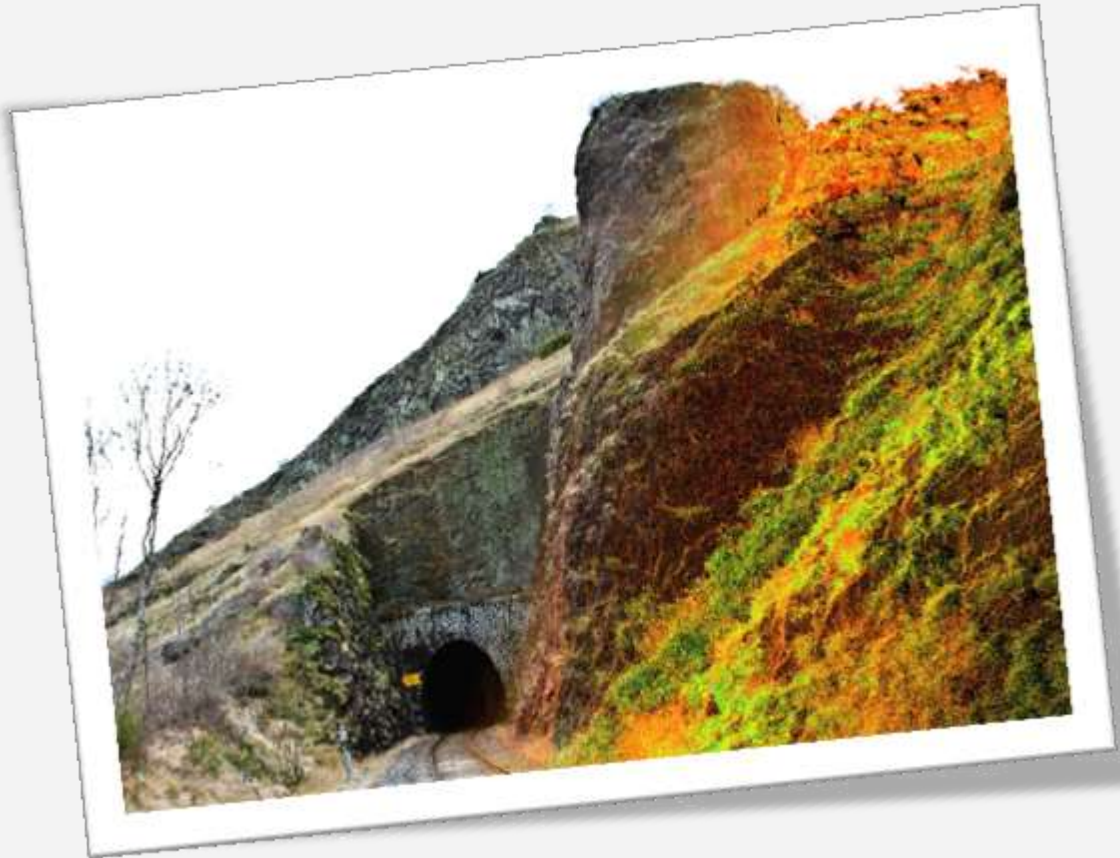
- **SOLID IMAGE**

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

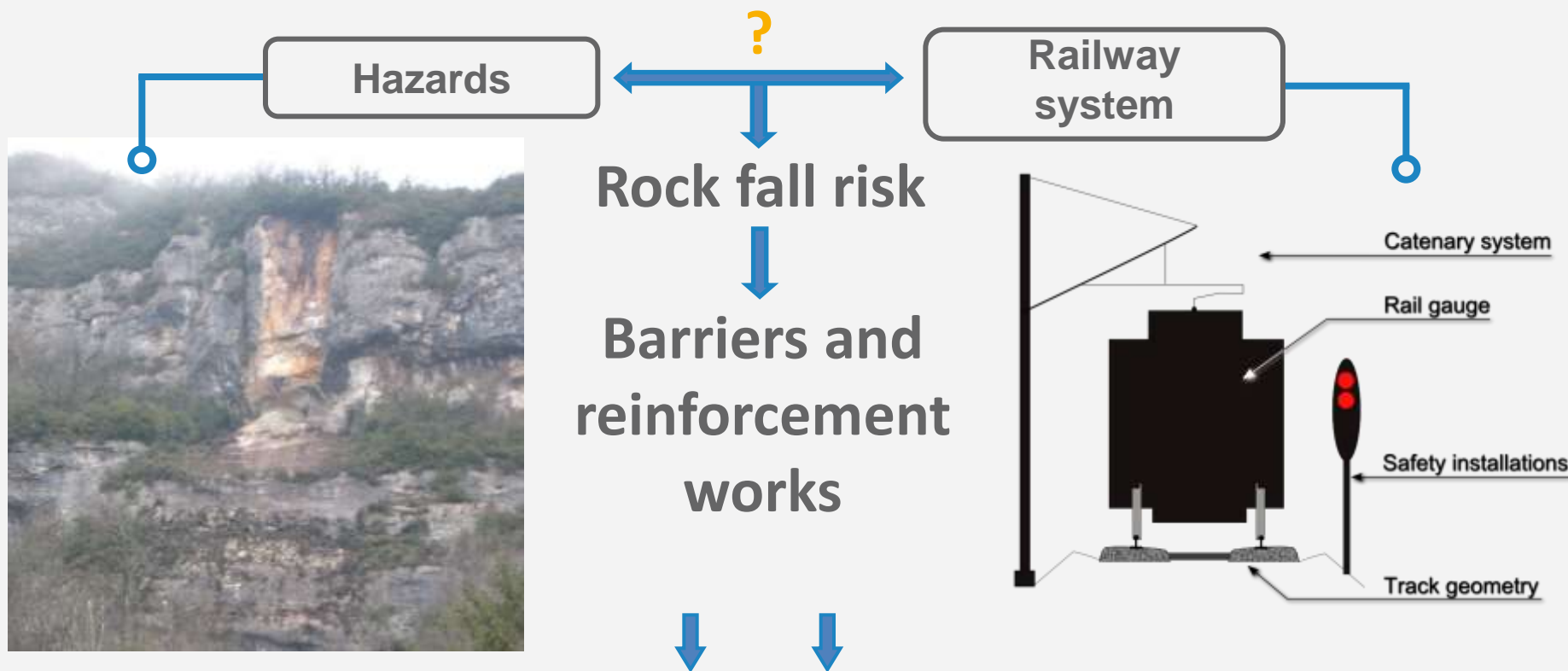
- Natural hazards are the **second most frequent cause of traffic disruption**



CONTEXT & RAILWAY ENVIRONMENT

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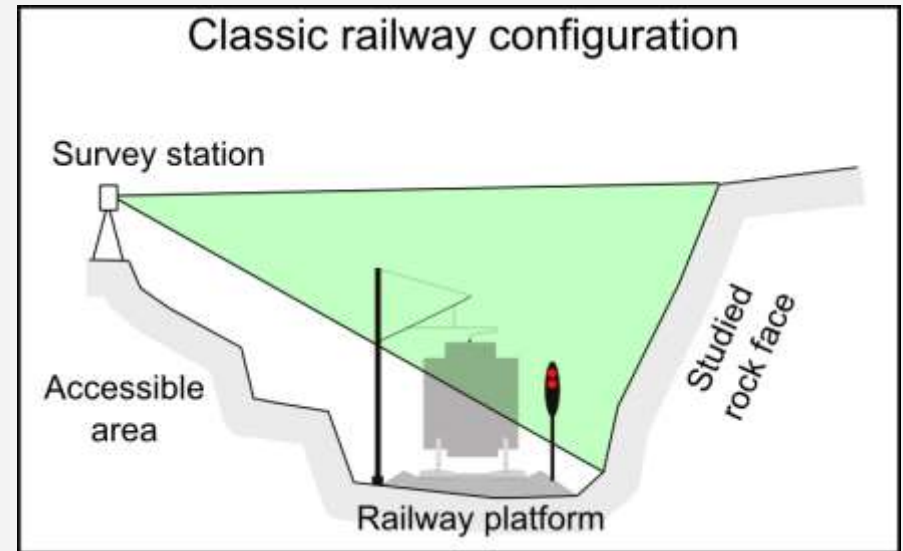
**Railway performances :
Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, Safety and Costs**



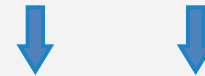
DENSE 3D POINT CLOUDS...

... from :

- Terrestrial Laser-Scanning
- Dense Image Matching



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

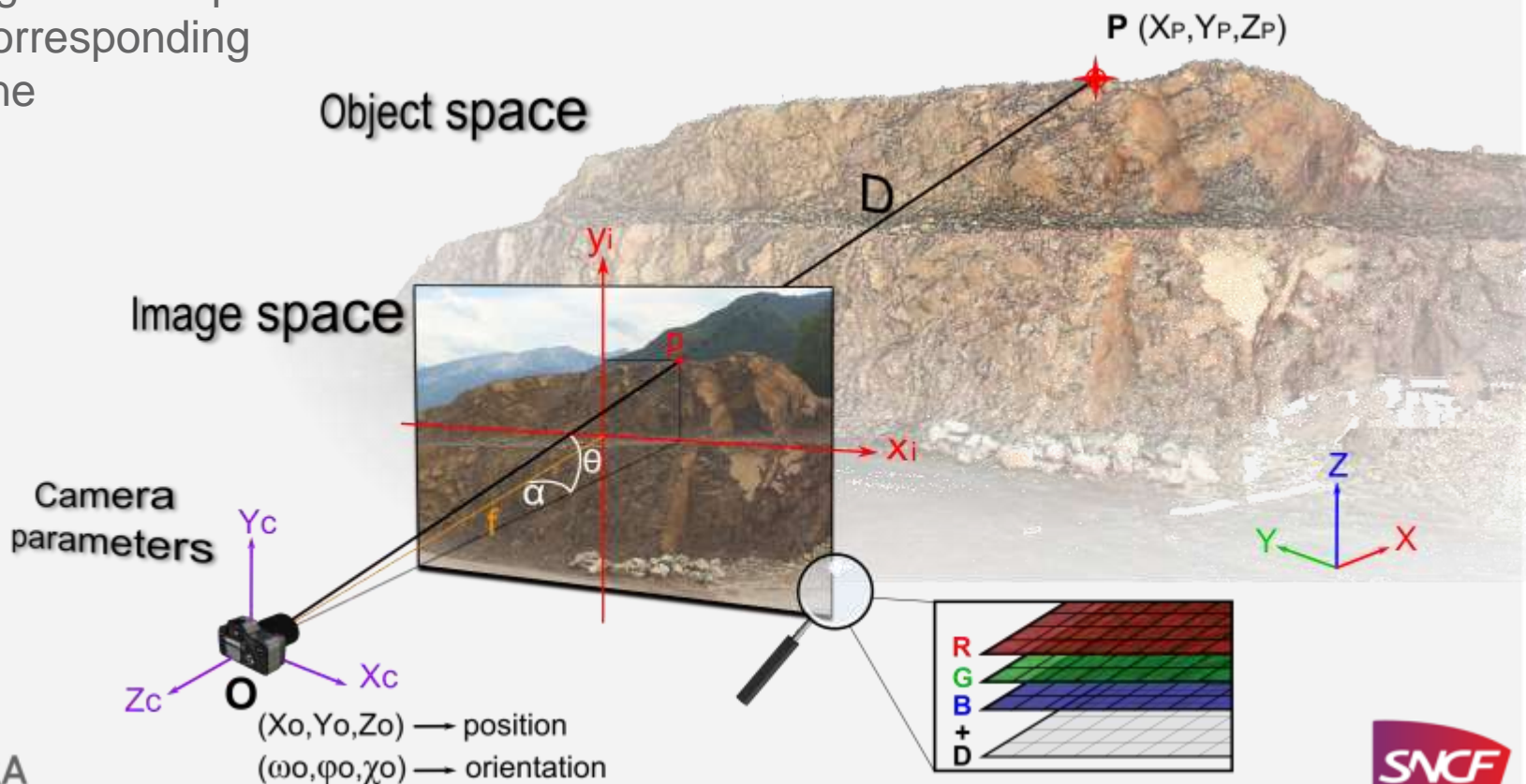


Solid image contributions

SOLID IMAGE : CONCEPT & STRUCTURE

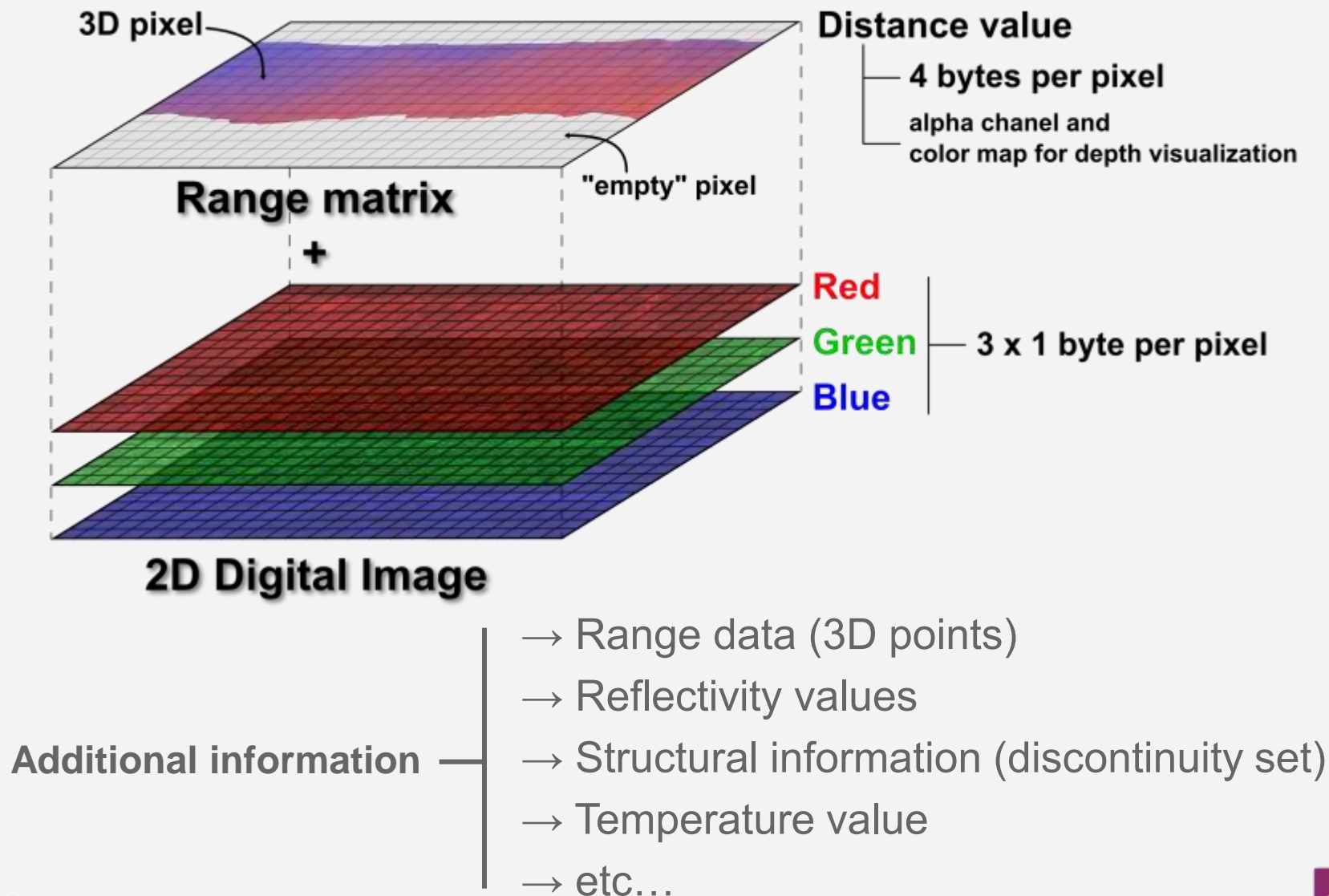
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- Enrichment of a classical 2D digital image with the corresponding 3D geometrical information [Bornaz and Dequal, 2003]
- Co-referencing the camera and the 3D model by surveying few control points
- Calibrated camera : focal length ? lens distortions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



SOLID IMAGE : CONCEPT & STRUCTURE

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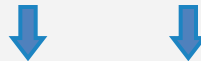
Case study



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

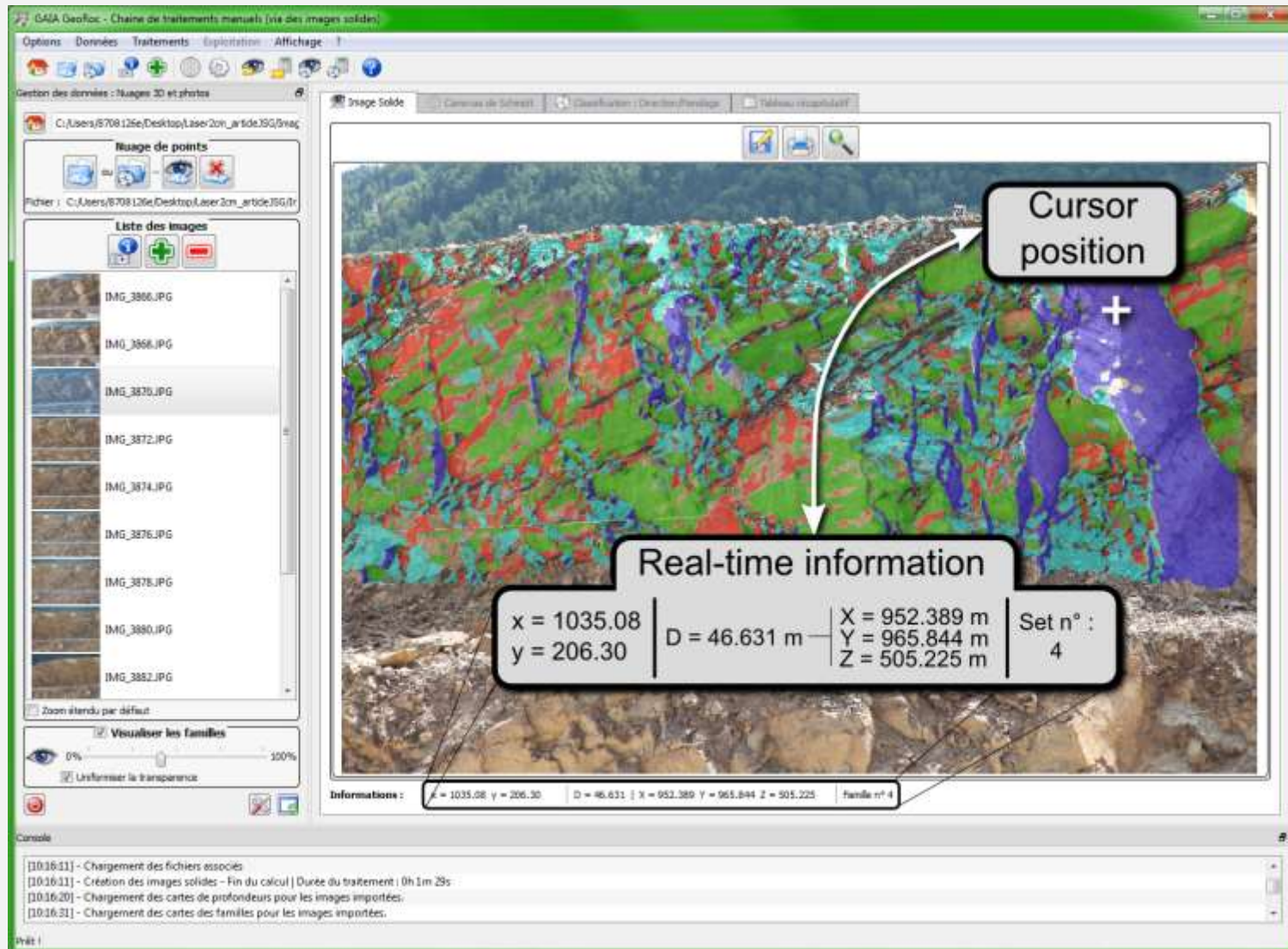
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Graphical
user interface

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



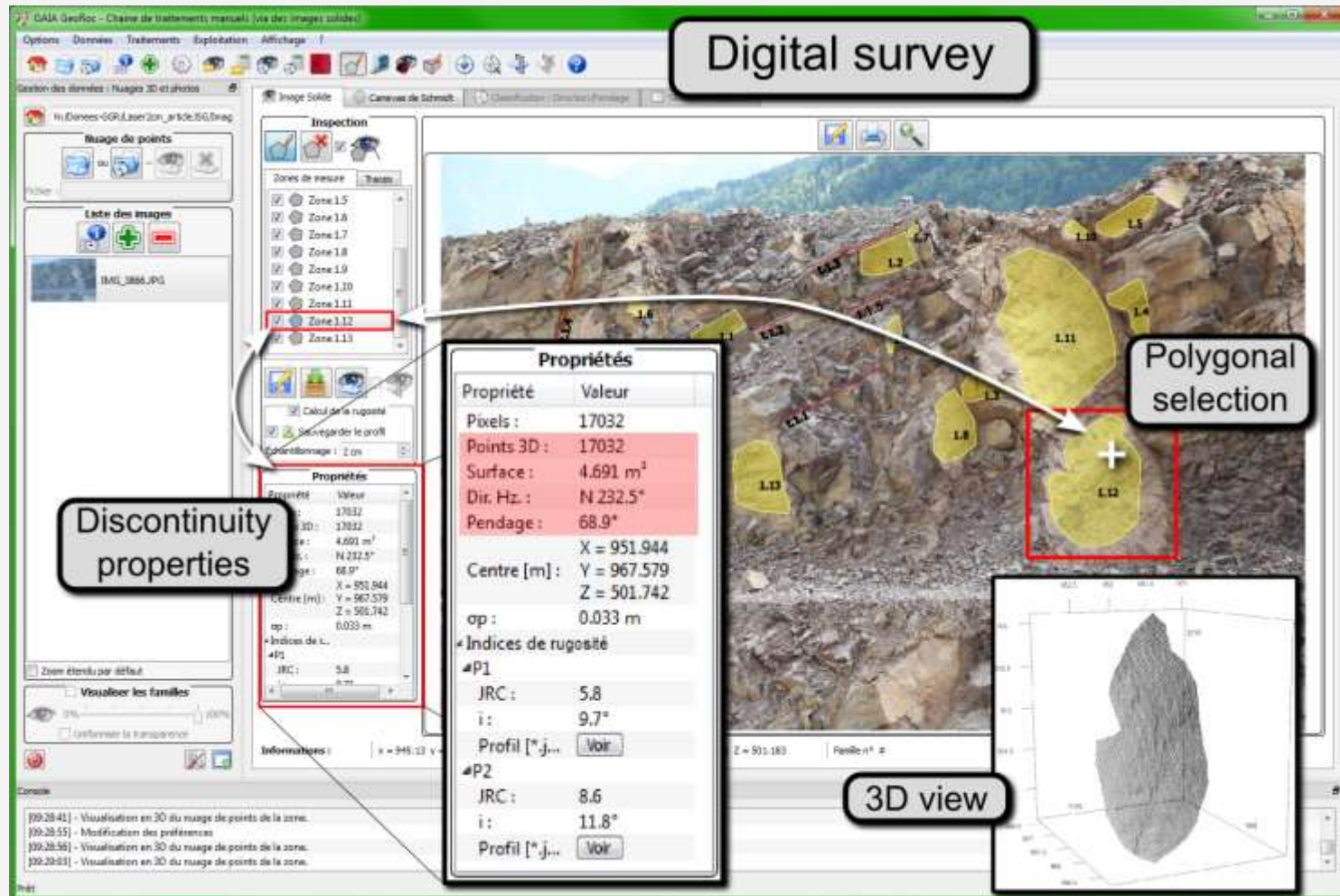
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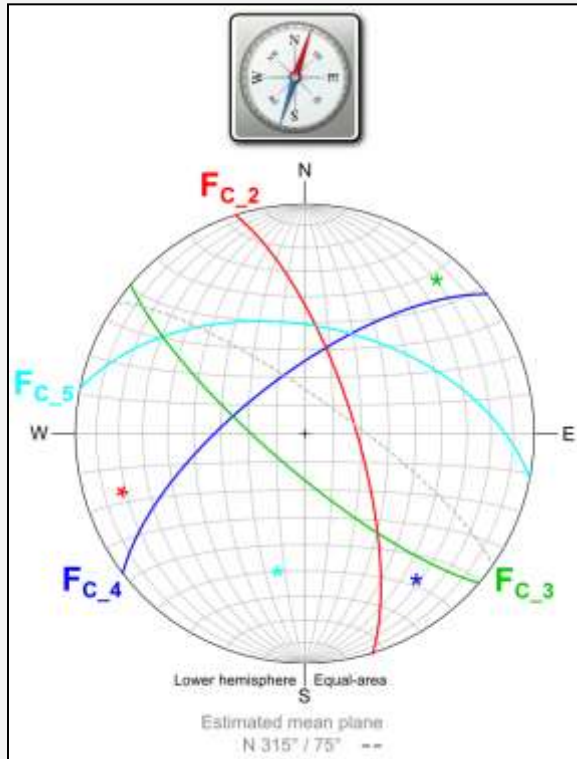
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Discontinuity sampling :

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

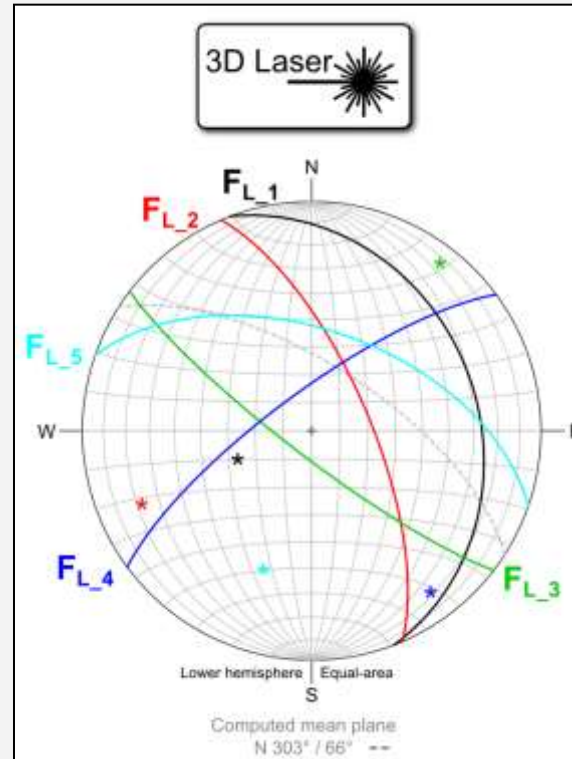


Check and validation for the discontinuity orientation



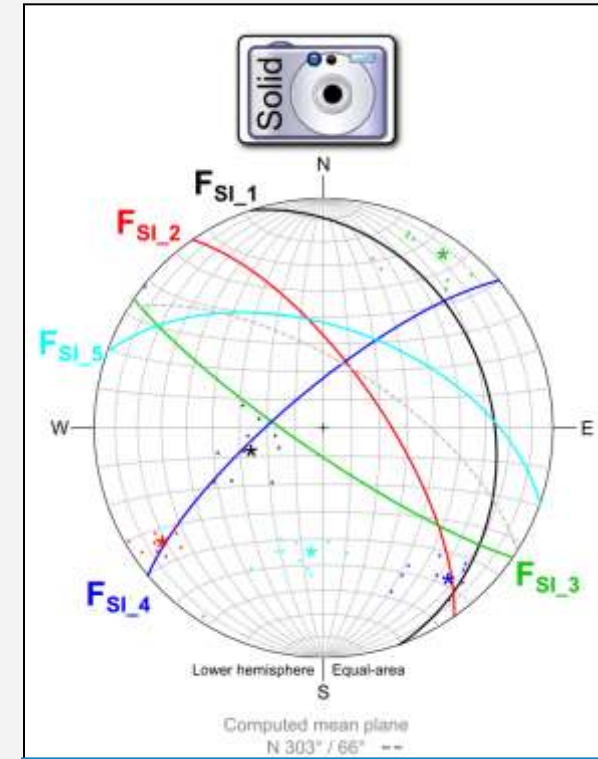
Compass-clinometer survey

- 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

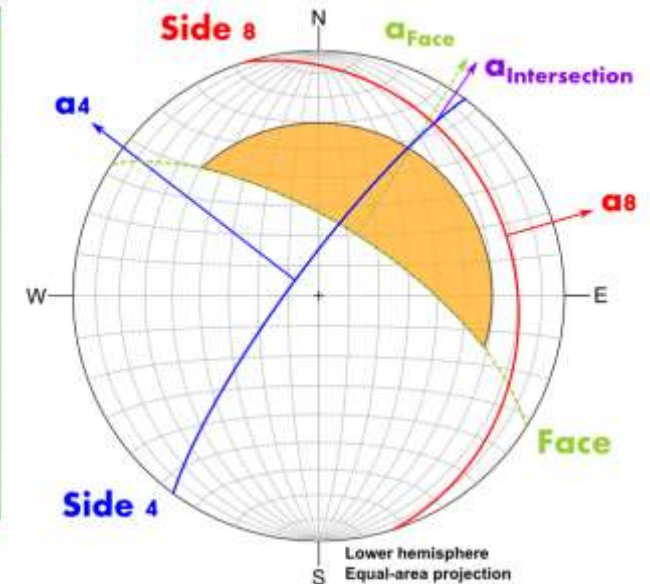
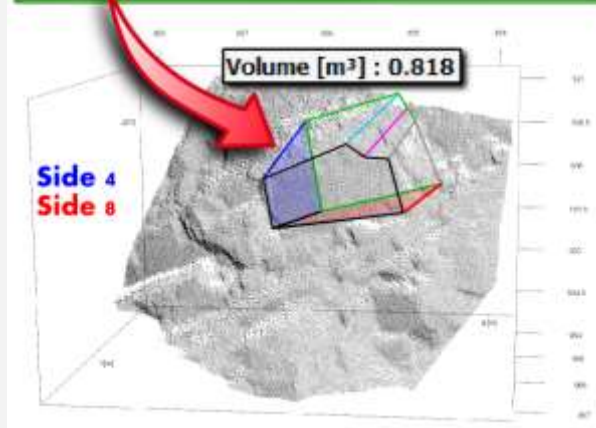


Key block modeling

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**



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**

SAFETY	for field and office staff, thanks to remote sensing technologies and the 3D data
RELIABILITY	Complete and reliable geometrical model of the studied outcrop (structural analysis ↗)
COSTS	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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FOR YOUR ATTENTION**



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