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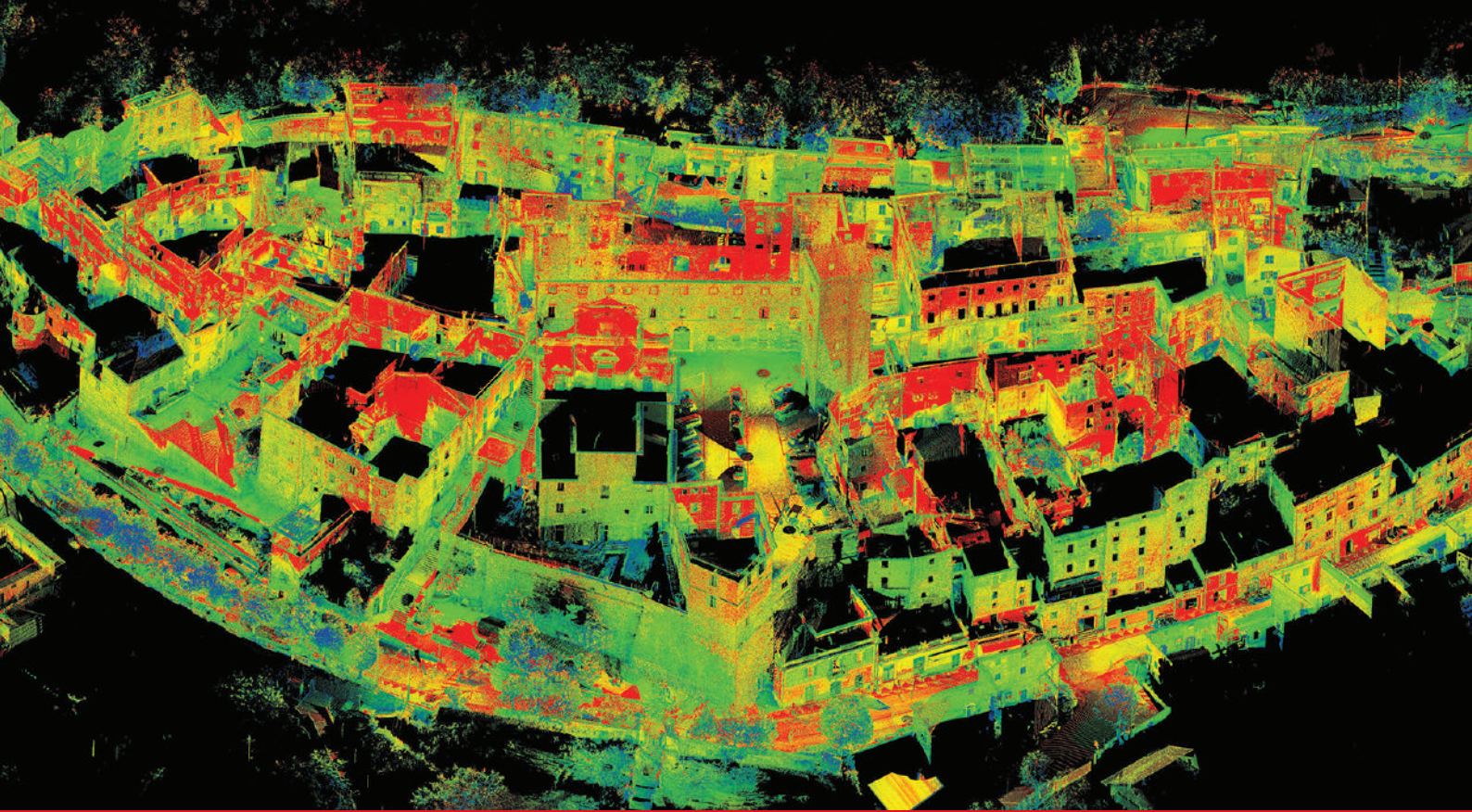
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ABSTRACT

In the field of Cultural Heritage fast survey becomes essential, because it responds to needs to restore historical, architectural and environmental heritage to avoid damage and degradation. In recent years there have been several applied research in this field. This paper reflects on two different case studies (which were acquired with deferred and fast survey techniques using UAVs), investigating integrated survey and information level of reliability for redevelopment and restoration purpose.

FAST ASSESSMENT SURVEY FOR PROTECTED ARCHITECTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SITE

1. INTRODUCTION

In last 10 years, in field of representation, communication and valorization of Cultural Heritage, there has been a succession of experiments with innovative digital processes and a very large production of high-potential and low-cost technologies. This has led to a radical upheaval in a sectorization of some disciplines, proposing ever wider objectives in scientific, productive and social fields, extending, in fact, the possibilities of managing and using knowledge. In field of survey, most of the processes and methodologies now considered consolidated (TLS - SfM) are now further strengthened thanks to the development of automatic control technologies that expand the possibilities of investigation in different scales, from territorial to architectural detail. Ever-growing offer of remote-controlled UAV technologies, equipped with high-resolution cameras, has raised horizons - literally - in the field of scientific research, offering accurate results - from a metric and material point of view - that can be reached quickly.

Speed in field of Cultural Heritage is a fundamental aspect, which responds to a need to urgently recover historical, architectural and environmental heritage, avoiding deterioration, instability and loss. It can be said that a survey is fast when relationship between data acquisition times and quantity of useful data acquired is positive. The research focuses on a part of building heritage spread throughout Italy, historic town: urban agglomerations - historic center, walls, scattered buildings - which integrate perfectly with the surrounding areas. These places are open and/or complex spaces, made up of

historical-artistic artifact and elements of environmental-landscape value. For this reason, survey, at the same time, must satisfy accuracy from architectural scale (blocks and individual buildings) to urban one, and detailed one. It is therefore necessary to have integrated digital sensing techniques that combine data accuracy and relatively short fieldwork times. To test critical issues and skills of these techniques and for the purpose of recovering the widespread built heritage, a case study is tested, declined on three different scales: the medieval town of Pofi and its Parco della Rimembranza (little city park), the first seen as an architectural value and the other as a territorial value, which is entered through a gate, the detail value.

2. CASES STUDY

First evidence of existence of Pofi can be found in a document from the Montecassino archive, dated 1019 (De Santis et al, 1997) where the town is described as "Castellum" (Cioci, 2013). The term Castellum, in addition to real fortress, also indicates a fortified town, including a church (S. Maria) (Campoli F. M., 1982).

Expansion of the city in medieval times was characterized by construction of tower houses that followed an ovoid shape around the first fortified part of the town (Campoli E., 2010). Materials used in town construction were local basalt (gray or black), extracted from the volcanic rocks on which was built Pofi. Medieval part of Pofi represents the first case study.

Main part of the Castle consists of a massive 25 m high basalt stone watchtower and walls with two gates and fortified ramps. The two gates were called "Ulivo" and

“Melangolo”. Ulivo gate was demolished in 1872 due to a new urban layout that connected the new market square with the medieval village. Melangolo gate still exists today and is made of a double perpendicular passage with a triple defensive closeout. It was made of local chiselled basalt stone with a wall texture consisting of regular parallelepiped ashlars joined by mortar (Cristofanilli, 2004). Melangolo gate represents a detail of city walls, and it is the second case study.

Environmental area located outside the town walls and called “Parco della Rimembranza”, was made by Giovanni Battista de Carolis between the end of the seventeenth and the beginning of the eighteenth century (Campoli, 1982). He built the so-called “Villino al Giardino”, whose entrance was located in Via Carbonaria (now called Via Marconi). The gate consists of two chiseled tuff monoliths. On the south-west side there are terraces bordered by walls that mark the slope up to the Villino, made with local sandstone and lava stone. A staircase leads from the park entrance to the Villino and is bordered by walls with sandstone/tuff blocks and lava stone. The area of environmental value is the third case study. (Figures 1,2,3)

3. DIFFERED SURVEY

Firstly, we take advantage of a type of data acquisition belonging to fast survey category. It can be called “deferred survey”, which means the existence of a time distance between the period of data collection and their processing (Empler, 2017).

Data consists of digital archive documentation made available by institutional and non-institutional corporation, by open access platforms or, more generally, by web data. This survey should not be confused with simple documentary or cartographic research: the research consists on using directly drawings or representations, on the contrary, in deferred survey, unprocessed collected data are used (aerial photos, panspheric images from google, geotiff, etc.) as well as editable data and vector shapefiles. A problem of data coming from this surveys is the difficulty on checking their quality, accuracy and



Figure 1. Nadiral view of Pofi's ancient town.



Figure 2. View of the environmental area next to the town.



Figure 3. Merangolo gate, object to be studied in detail.

reliability, also because they could grant condition of things of places that may no longer be the current one.

First survey session therefore consists in acquisition of "derived" data (Calvano, Guadagnoli, 2016) from two website: official website of Lazio Region and Open Street Map.

Lazio Region website provides shape files that contain both spatial information in vector format and attributes that can be associated with spatial information themselves. They are a series of numerical and textual metadata concerning, for example, height of buildings, number of floors, etc.

Type of data and data accuracy allow to provide only general state of places in urban and territorial scale. Indeed, it is possible to model a morphology of the ground and generic volumes of buildings, and their distribution on the ground.

However, geodata acquired thanks to this process (latitude, longitude) made it possible to georeference subsequent data deriving from massive data acquisition. The procedure, to become multidimensional, requires changing from a concise model to a detailed one through massive acquisitions data. (Figure 4)

4. MASSIVE ACQUISITION

Pofi's hancient town has a complex morphology, made up by very narrow streets and views of the landscape panorama. This spatial conformation meant that it was not possible to use a single survey technique: acquisitions via TLS were conducted with the aim of acquiring ground attacks of buildings along streets, but limitations were found regarding the upper part of the buildings and the roofs (Carnevali et al. 2018).

We therefore proceeded to use UAV technology with the aim of obtaining, in a short time, a three-dimensional digital model of roofs and ground.

It must be compatible with numerical model deriving from Laser Scanning, considering an integrative workflow between processes based on elaboration of structured point clouds (from TLS) and unstructured point clouds (from UAV).

Survey campaign in Pofi was organized into three days, by acquisitions of various density depending on the object of study (open environmental space, city walls, detailed elements). We used a TLS FARO CAM2 Focus 3D X 130 series, a phase shift laser scanner with color camera, multi-sensor GPS, compass, height sensor and dual axis compensator, used for 174 automatically merged scans per day, which were then automatically merged with SCENE.

During acquisitions step we positioned, in addition to spherical targets, also two-dimensional targets of a size that could be clearly visible even from drone (Ground Control Point - GCP).

We used a 3-axis mechanical DJI - MAVIC PLATINUM PRO drone, equipped with an integrated 12 MP camera and Gimbal. In two days, we took 1265 photographs in nadiral and inclined modes, at different heights; we defined shooting parameters according to different purposes: to guarantee the integration with data by laser scanner, to obtain a high level of automation in the subsequent phases, and to allow a GSD (Ground Sampling Distance) ranging from 2cm for territorial areas to 5mm for detailed elements (see next paragraph). We processed pictures within Agisoft Metashape: were created two chunks corresponding to every day acquisition, in order to simplify automatic point clouds creation by images with same exposure and lighting.

Following Sparse Clouds creation, we placed markers on same place of two-dimensional targets and on other recognizable points, associating spatial coordinates from laser scanner point cloud. This made it possible to obtain two dense clouds, suitably scaled and georeferenced, automatically registered. This essential step also allowed an automatic merging process based on common georeferenced coordinates between structured and unstructured point clouds within the Cloud Compare software, allowing the creation of an overall and unique numerical model (Rodriguez Navarro 2012; Bolognesi et al. 2014; Federman et al. 2017).

For each case study, through appropriate selection and cleaning, we extrapolated three point clouds - one for the park, one for the town, one for the gate- each decimated

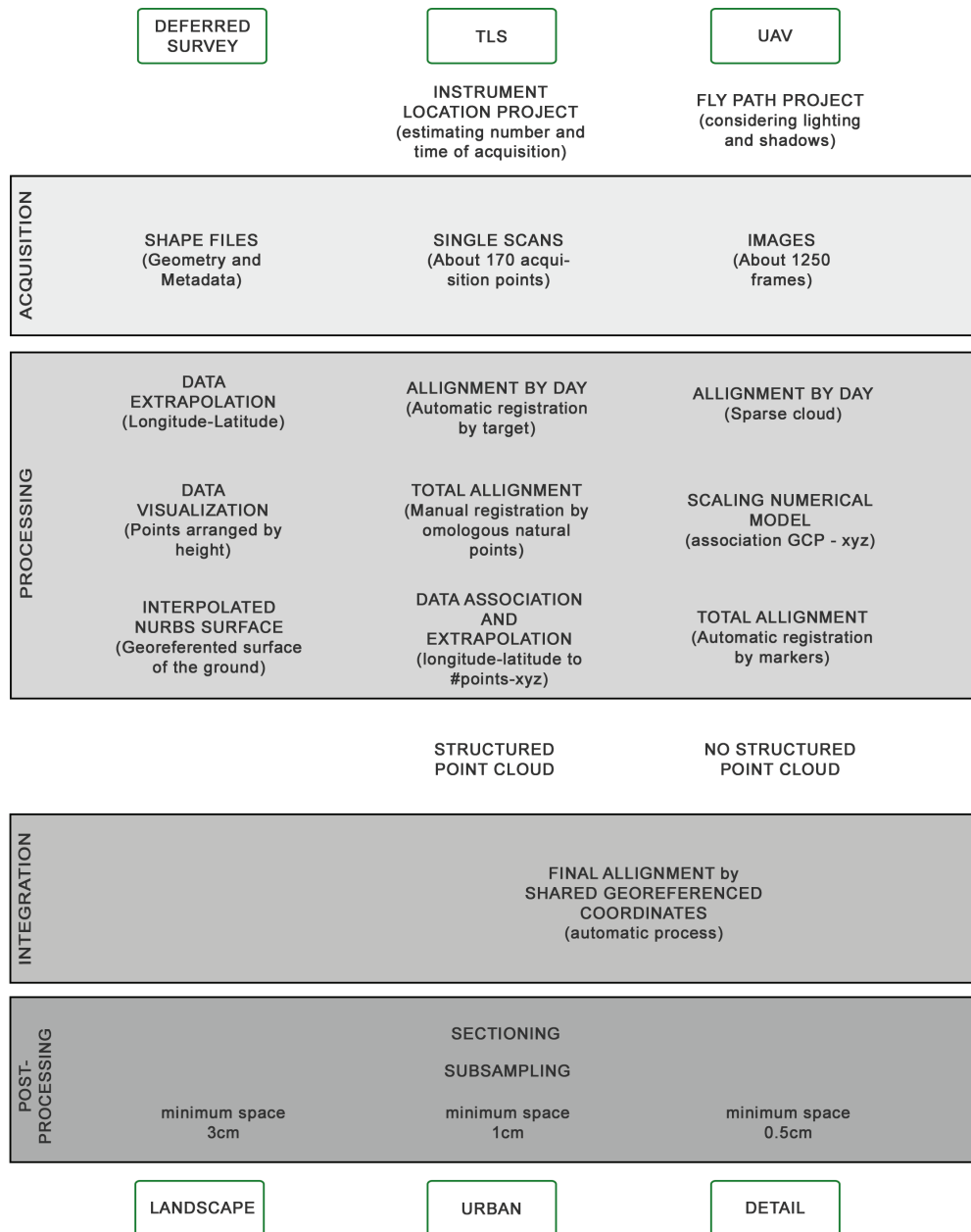


Figure 4. Workflow.

with a different criterion - 3cm, 1cm, 5mm. This is in order to obtain results with representation scale of the specific case study and in order to ensure homogeneous representations of documents that will be the basis of a conservation and enhancement planning. (Figures 5, 6, 7)

5. DATA ACQUISITION ACCURACY AND PROCESS ACCURACY

In acquisition stage, evaluating data accuracy according to purposes, we considered frame scale (depending on camera lens and sensor). Therefore the first flight was set at an altitude of about 50 m AGL (Above Ground Level) which corresponds to a GSD on the ground of about 2 cm. Second flight was set at an altitude of about 25 m above ground level, which corresponds to a GSD of about 1 cm. The third flight was set with a close distance, to obtain a GSD of 5mm, which is consistent with detailed scale of representation, positioning drone not in nadiral or inclined mode but mostly in a parallel position with main position of the gate. In order to obtain a numerical 3D model (unstructured point cloud), it is necessary to consider two different levels of accuracy: relative and absolute ones. Relative accuracy refers to alignment stage of pictures and is closely linked to the error with which images are relative positioned one to the other. Absolute accuracy refers to the error found between points of the 3D numerical model and their real position in space (georeferenced coordinates), depending on the survey and depending on frame scale. Thanks to this procedure we were able to certify that numerical model's relative accuracy is about 6,5 cm for the garden area, it is about 4 cm for the historical town and the walls, and it is about 10 mm for the gate. The absolute accuracy calculated is instead about 5 cm for environmental value area, it is about 2,5 cm for urban-built area and about 5mm for the detailed object. Empirically, we can deduce that GSD values identified during acquisition stages lead to an accuracy (relative and absolute) in processing step ranging from one to three as large as GSD values. Acquisition and processing phases, thanks to the GCP coordinates detected by the scanner, made it possible to scale the object according to its real size starting from

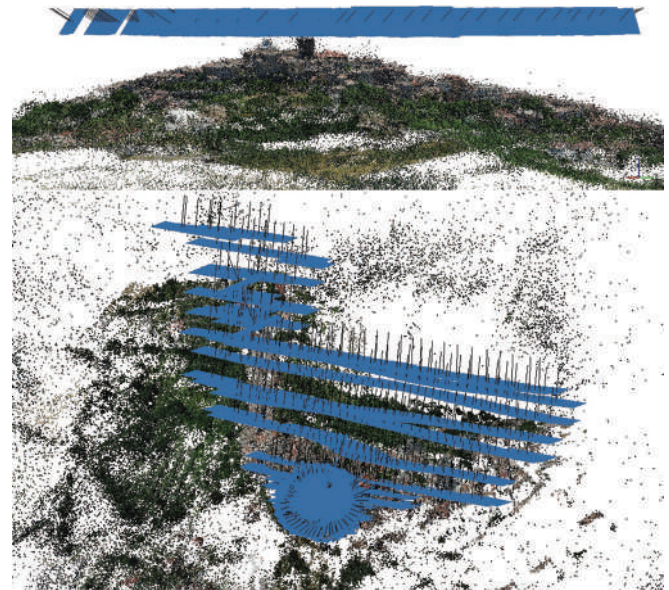


Figure 5. Views of the flight plans in the two different acquisition days (nadiral and 45° images).

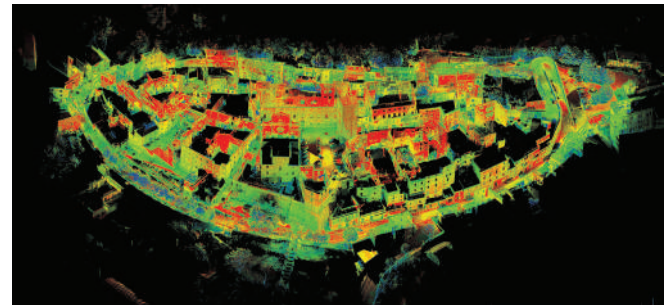


Figure 6. Structured point cloud by TLS.



Figure 7. Query of structured point cloud and coordinates acquisition.



Figure 8. Creation of dense clouds scaled based on coordinates from TLS and automatic integration of the two numerical models.

the frame scale. In this way we created a coordinate system coherent with the real one and coherent with single case study. (Figures 8, 9)

6. RESULTS AND RESEARCH ENHANCEMENTS

Research investigates data reliability collected by photomodeling from UAV, integrated with TLS data and derived data, depending on whether they are areas of environmental, architectural-urban or detail value, for dissemination and conservation purposes. Massive acquisition technique - numerical and image-based - and fast development of digital technologies facilitate and speed up traditional technical-scientific processes Cultural Heritage survey and they propose new strategies of perception and transmission of heritage for its conservation and / or valorization over time.

The development of the entire illustrated procedure (deferred survey + TLS + UAV), including data processing for an area of 54,000 square meters, required six days, (three days for survey campaign and three for data processing) and we obtained a homogeneous and geo-referenced point cloud of the entire ancient town of Pofi.

Procedure allows to understand what are, nowadays, timing of fast survey, guarantee speed and decreasing margins of error (about few cm) for urban spaces or single objects.

Numerical integrated model can be further elaborated and placed at the base of a continuous 3D model (mesh and mathematical models) characterized by dimensional features (measurability and scalability of the model), geographical features (position and morphology of the ground), geometric features (complex shapes of the fabric and buildings) and chromatic ones (RGB value).

These models can be subsequently integrated, from a BIM oriented perspective, with information deriving from specialist surveys aimed at both conservation and enhancement aspects of assets surveyed.

This Procedure was tested in the application field and proved to be effective: data collected allowed specialized people to structure a project to make alleys and medieval walls of the historic center safe and to reuse the park.

If we think of the urgency that characterizes safety measures and these projects, also to allow access to PNRR by municipal administrations, fast integrated survey proves to be an essential tool for knowledge and planning. (Figures 10, 11)



Figure 9. Point cloud automatically integrated between TLS and UAV based on shared coordinates.



Figure 10. Territorial section analysis used as a basis for conservation and valorization planning for ancient town.

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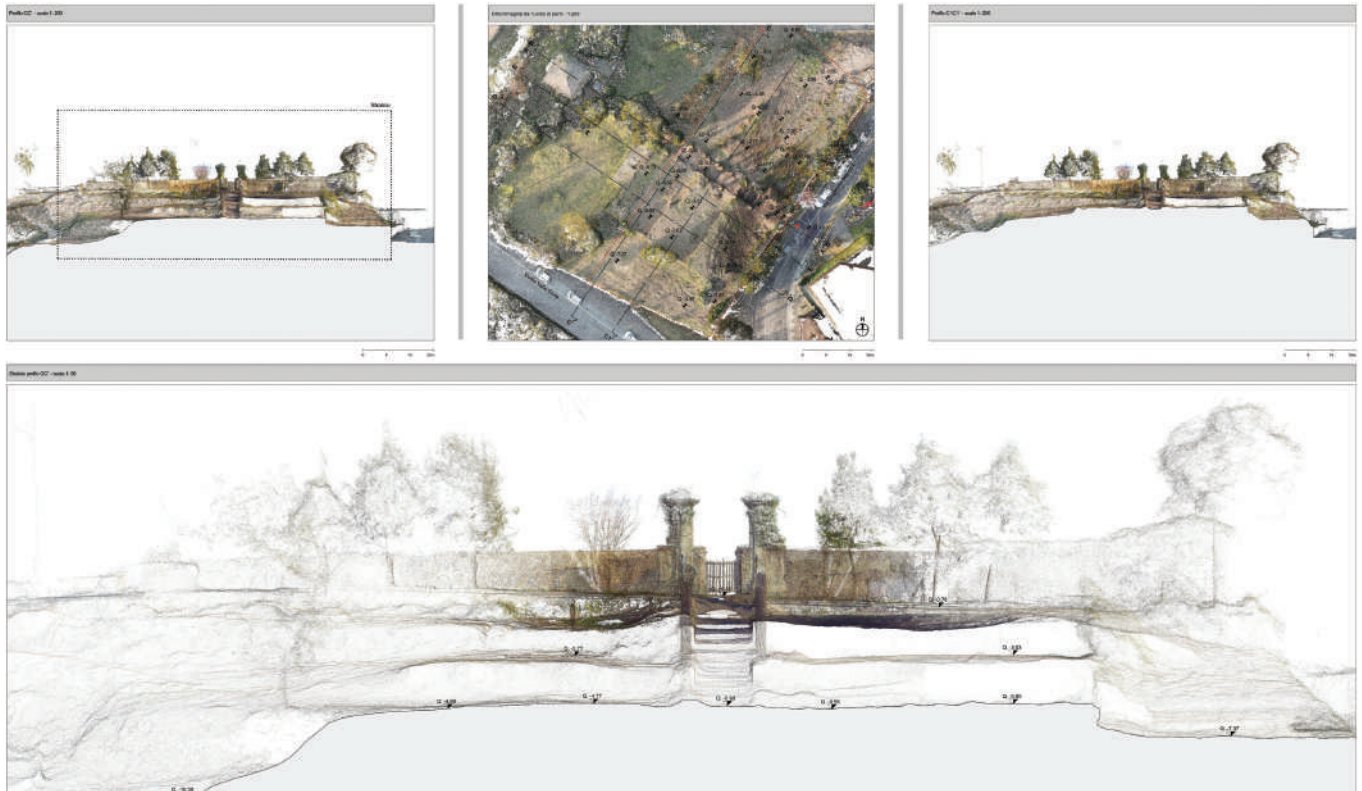


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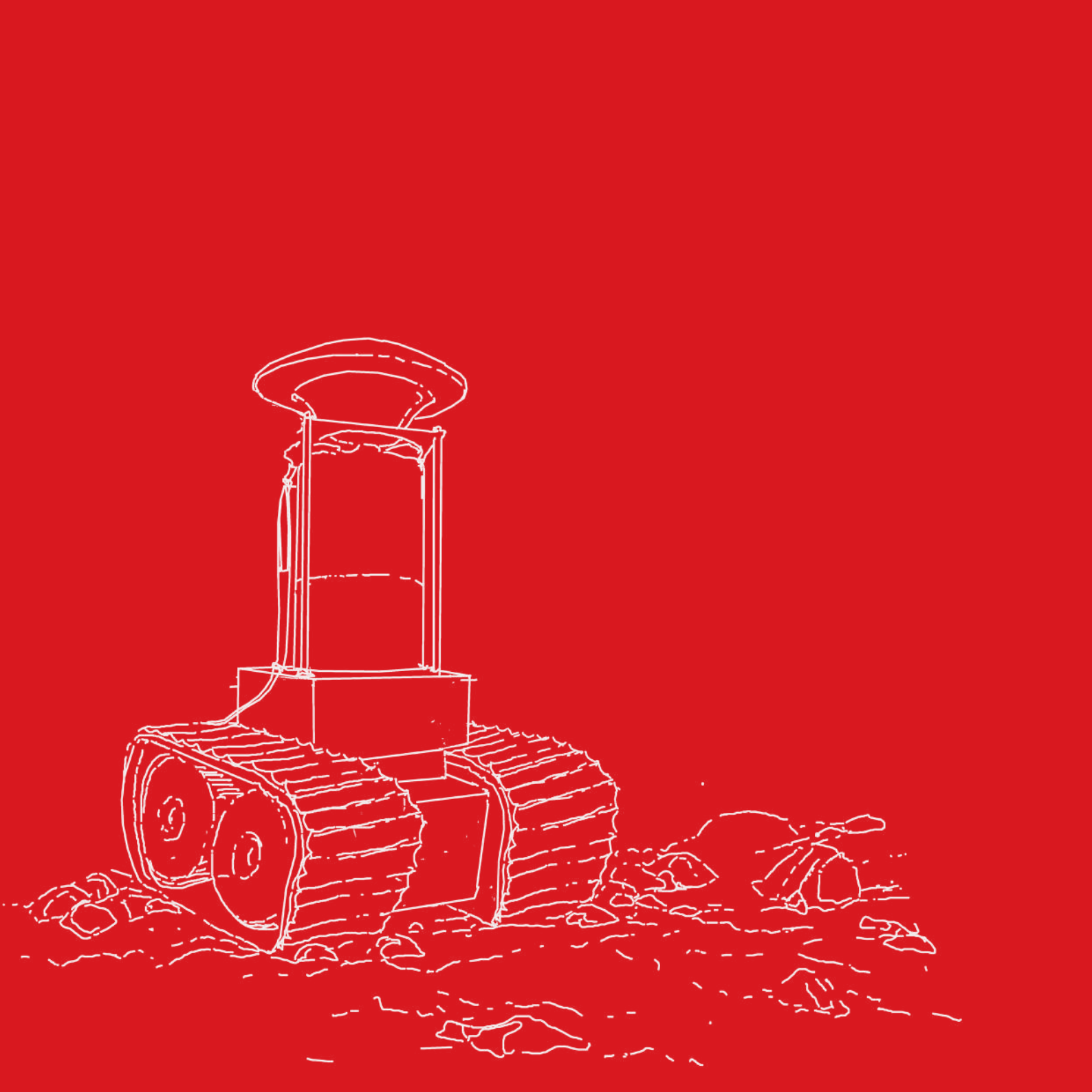
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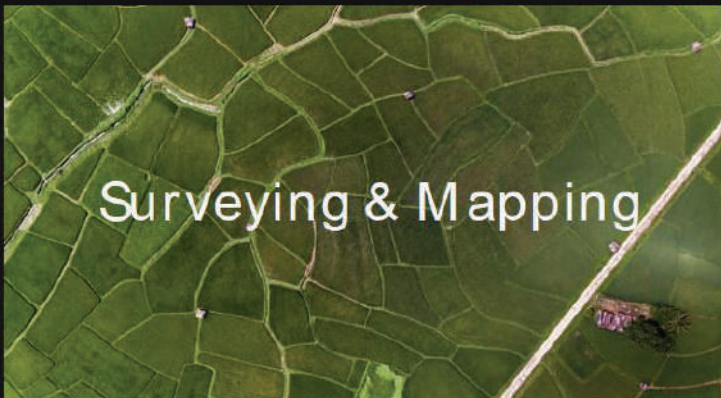
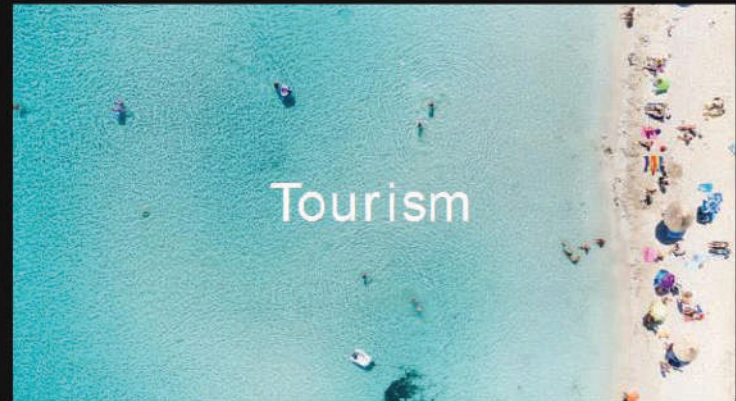
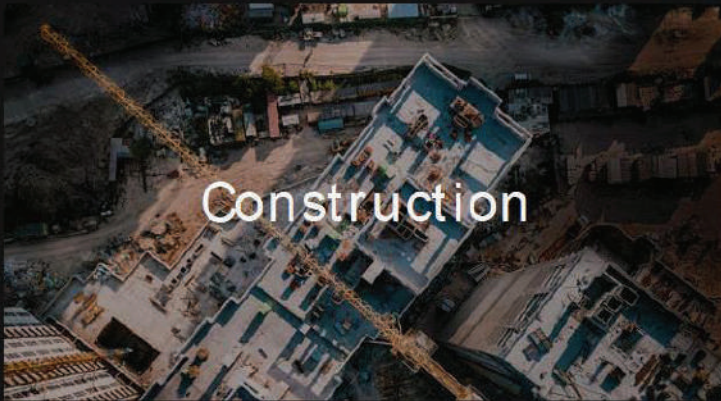
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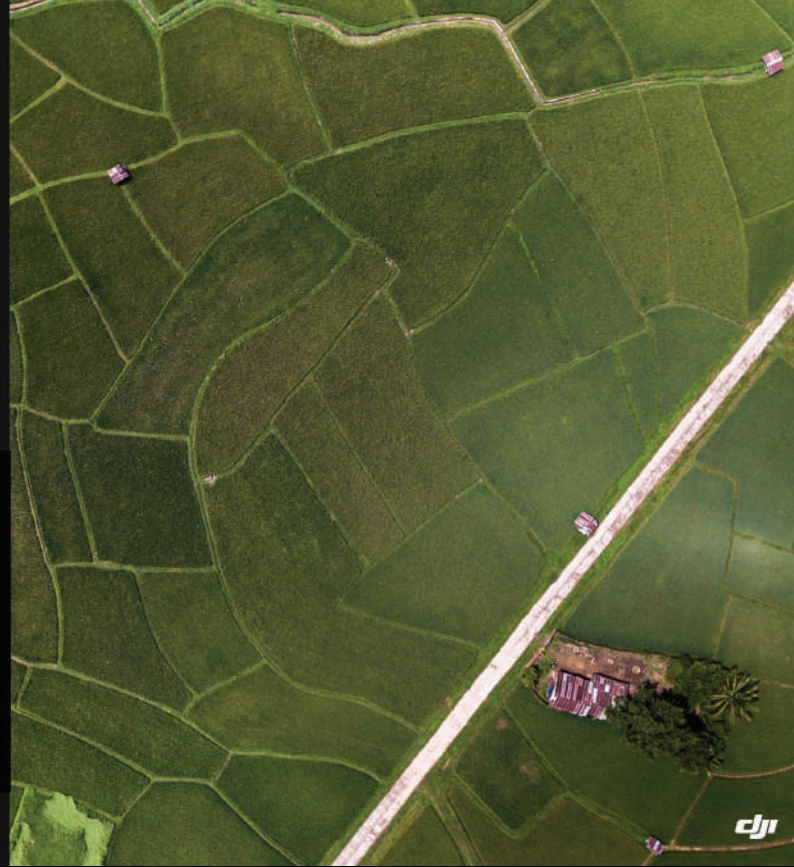
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Solution 4: Have the Phantom 4 RTK natively store all satellite observation data for image post-processing in PPK (Post-Process Kinematic) software, then compare data results with the offline data captured by the D-RTK 2 mobile station / third-party base station.



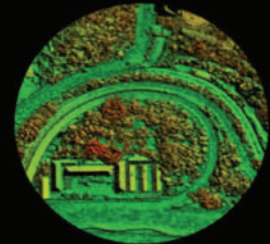
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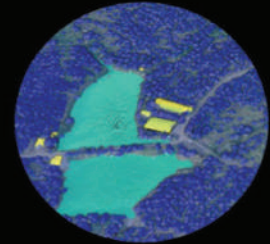
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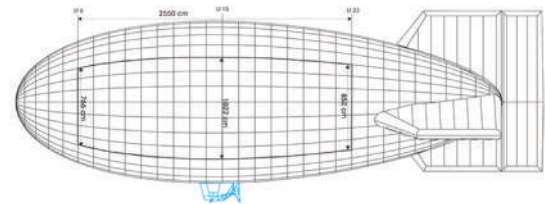
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This type of teaching is possible through the classic courses of photogrammetry (RGB, IR and multispectral), and special courses in which we focus particularly on the specific activity that pilots will perform. Particular were the courses for AERU Lombardia, where we trained the Alpine and Speleological Rescue of Lombardy Region to operate efficiently with drones in the impervious alpine areas; or for Publiacqua S.p.a. (Florence). In addition to be instructors, we are also operators, and in order to be able to perform acquisition operations different from what is ordinary, it is spontaneous to use our decades of experience to create aircraft, sensors and procedures that adapt efficiently to the need of the activities that are required. Typical example is the use for years of IR sensors to carry out scans for structural verification, or to verify the geomorphology of the soil, or energy efficiency; or the combined use of typical and atypical sensors to verify the state of water, soil and air. Doing both Instructors and Operators and Builders, helps us to see what we do in a broad way and without losing sight of the objectives, imagining the “drones” as a convenient aerial stand that we can place where we need, it comes spontaneously to imagine and create an efficient “stand” that we can stop where we like, equipped with sensors suitable for the needs and duly modified, with the aim of acquiring multiple reliable data that can be used concretely. If one adds knowledge, love, passion and tenacity, the results are the natural consequence.



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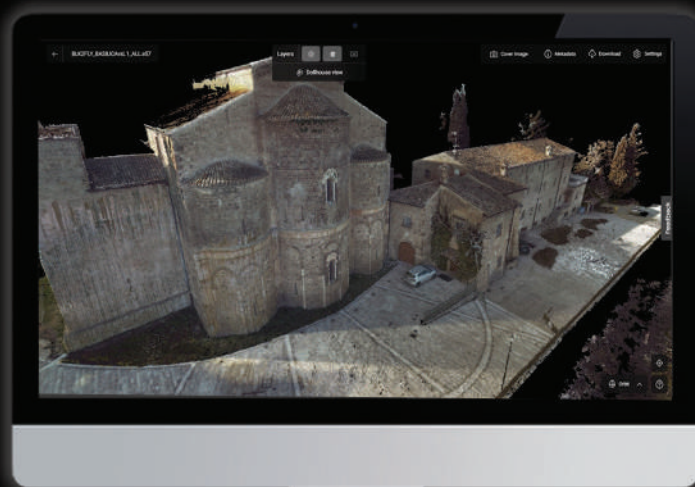


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