



# Terrestrial Laser Scanners for determination of biomass

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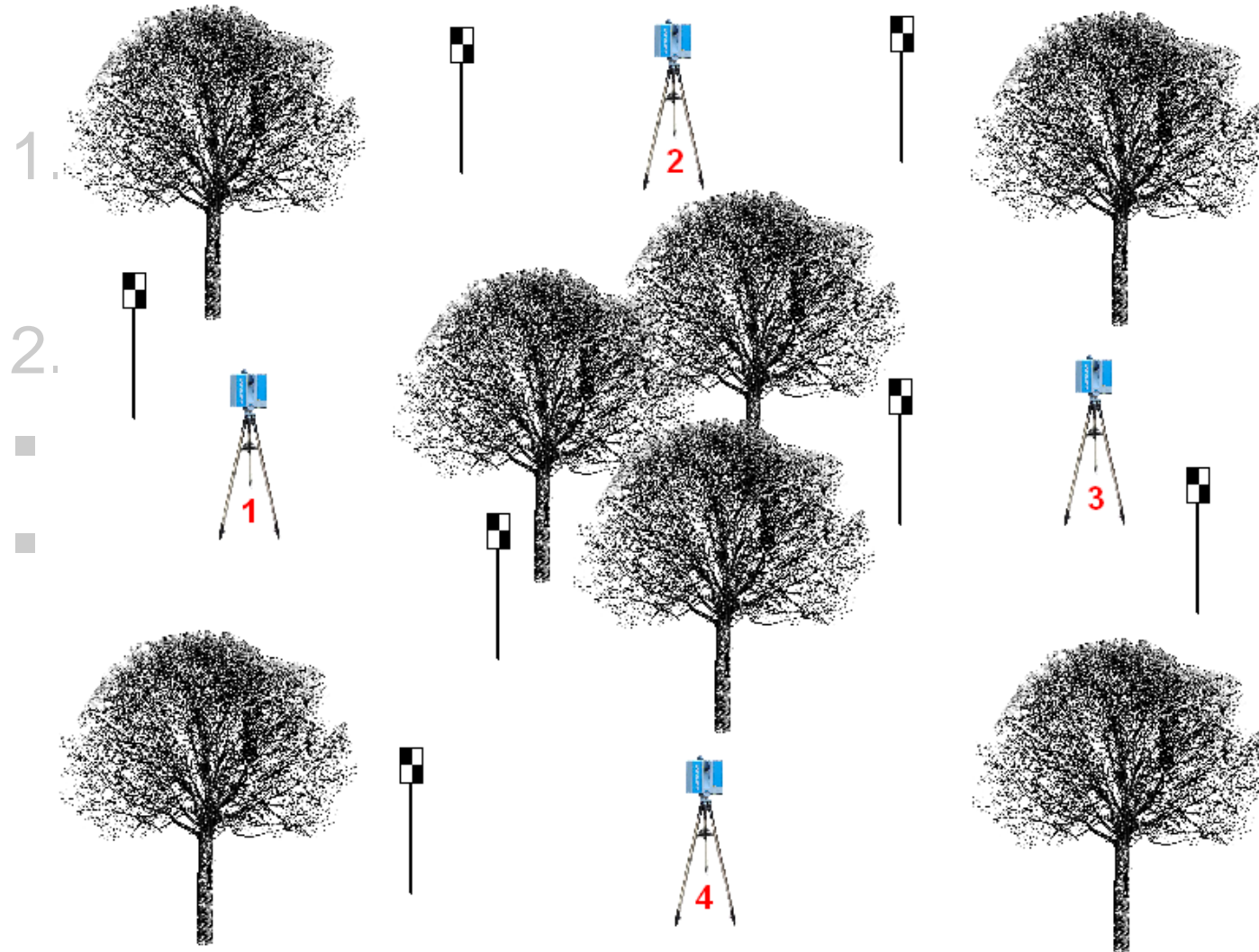


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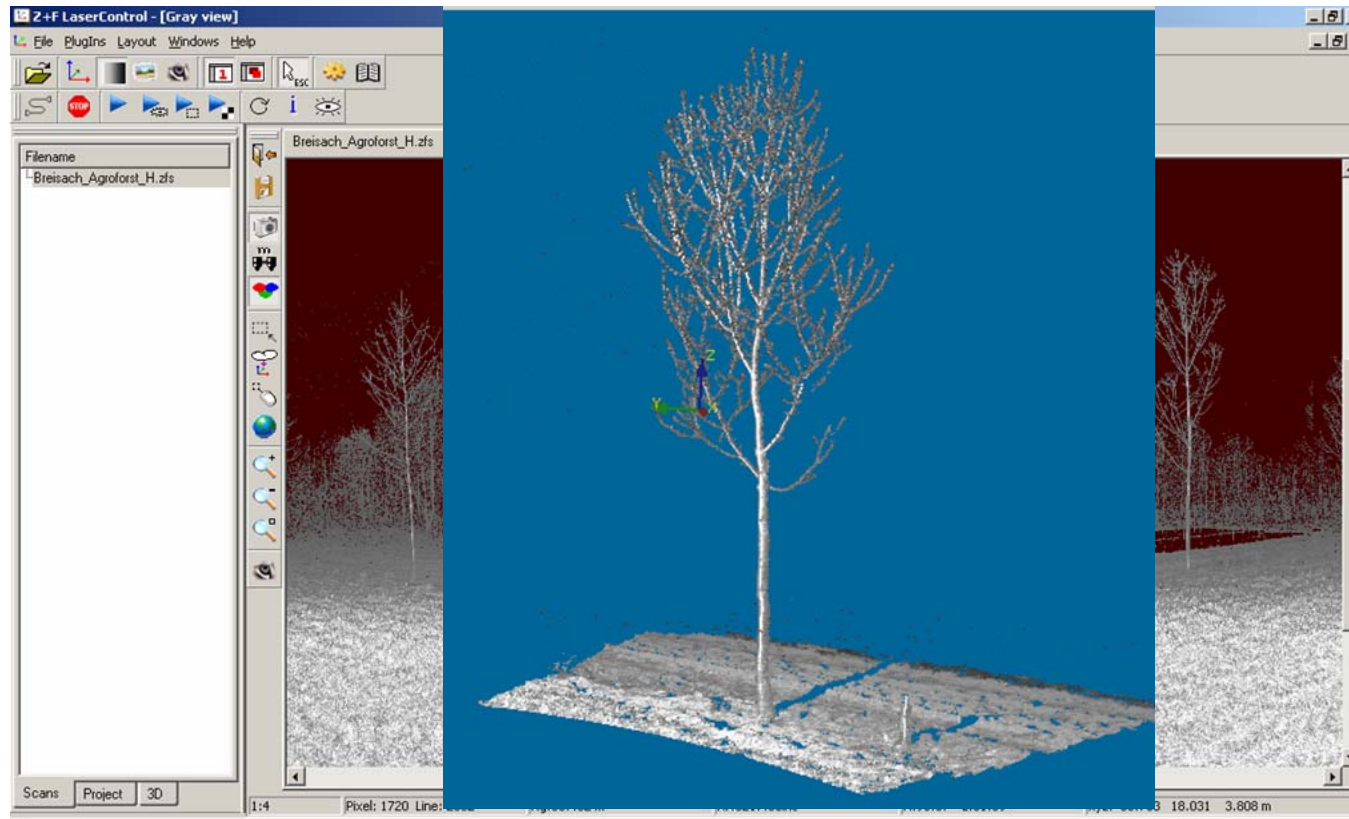
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# 1. Light detection and Ranging (LiDAR)



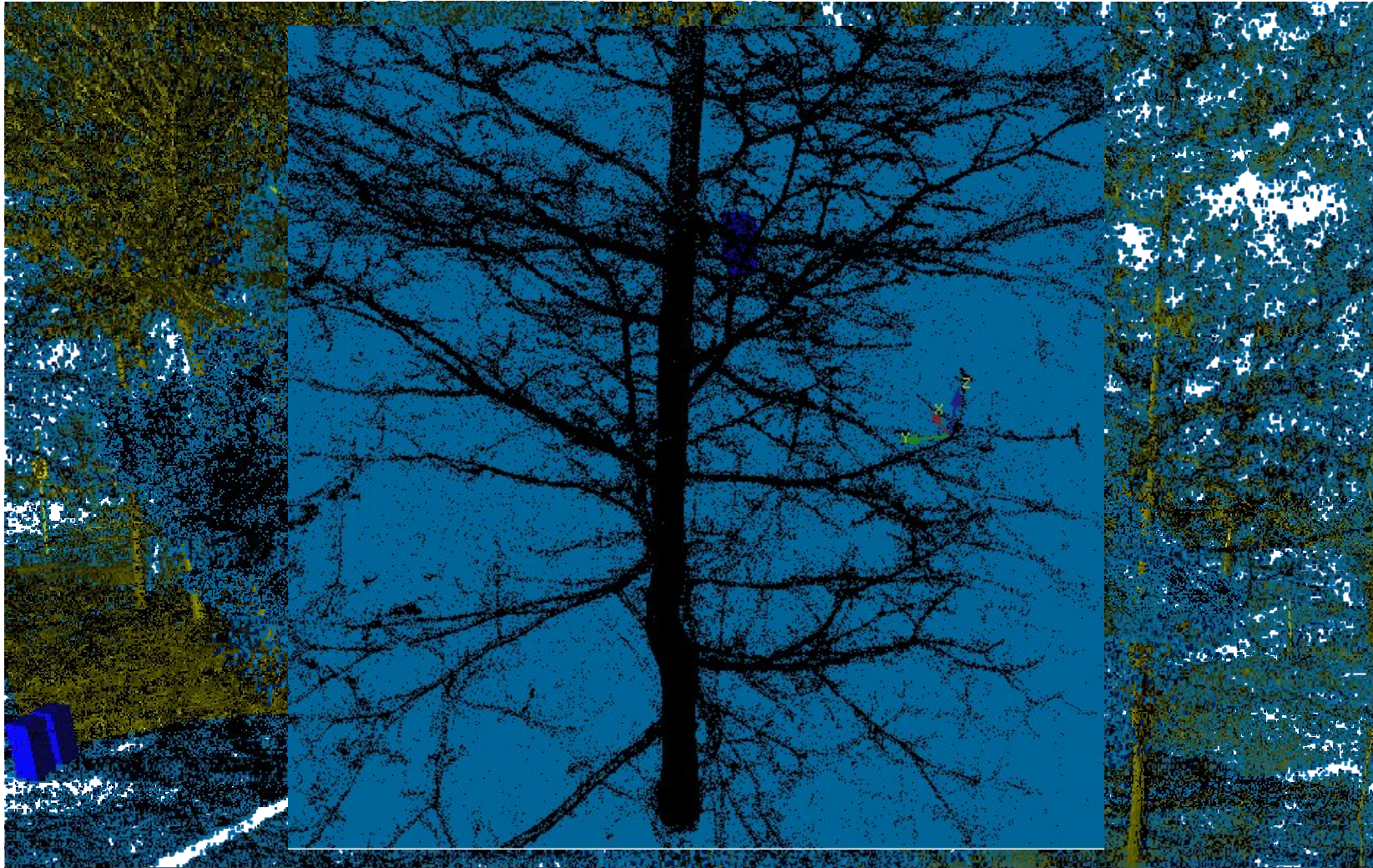
- High amount of data (multiple > single scan)



→ Main task: filtering „get what you want“



## 2. Multiple scan modus

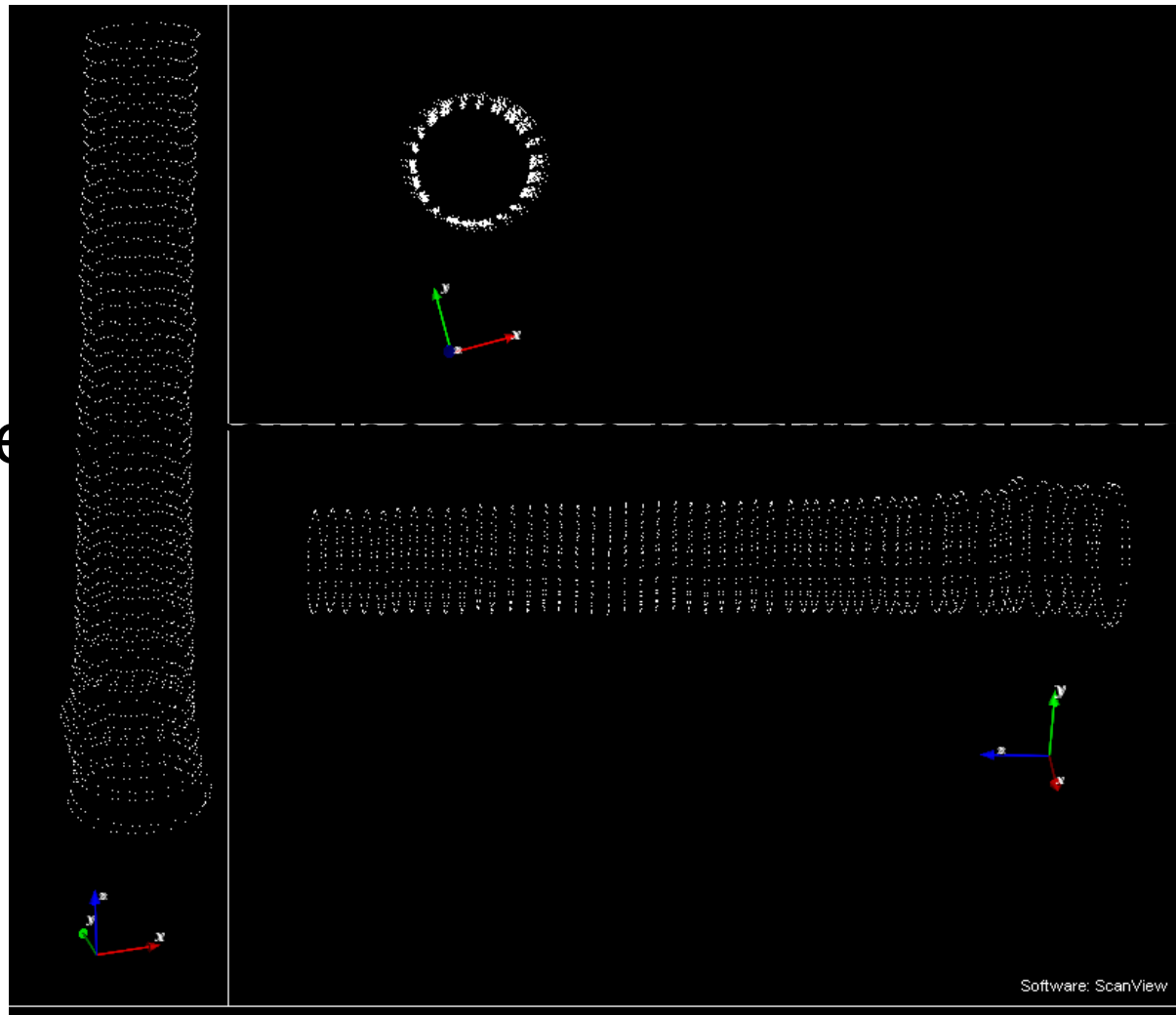






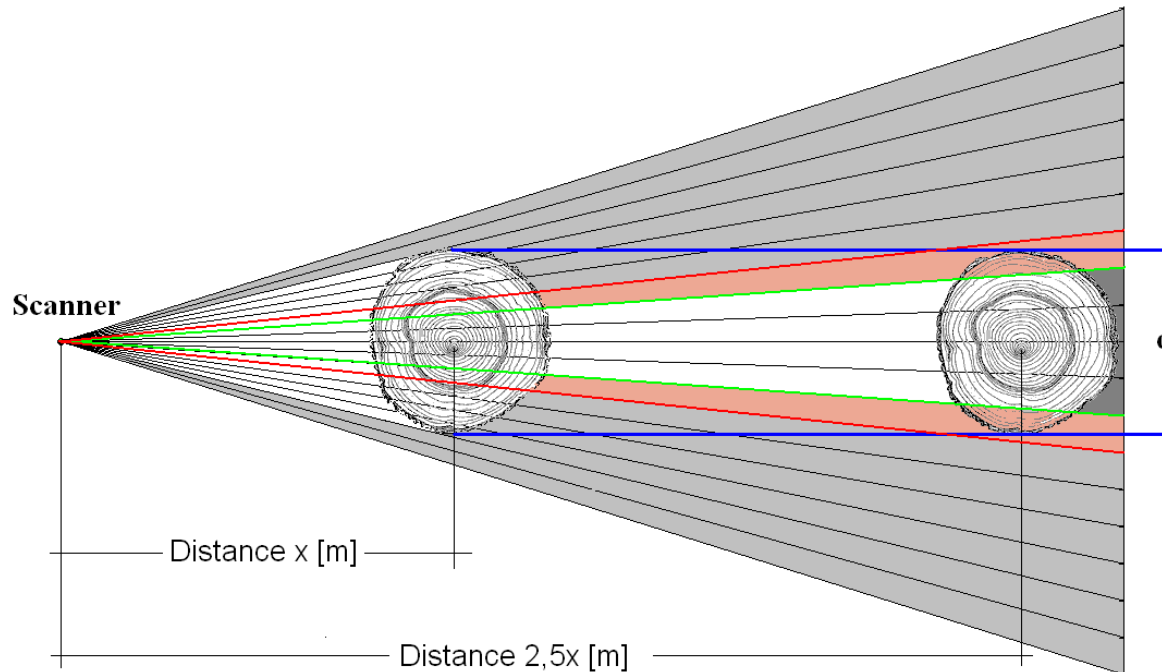
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## Diameter estimation (single scan)

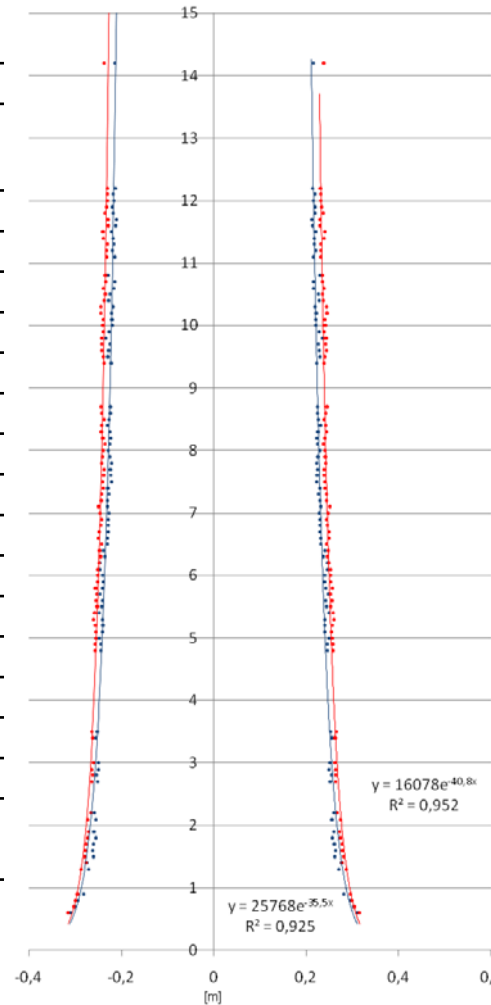
- Increasing distance  $\rightarrow$  decreasing amount of information





- Based on diameter measurements in different heights
- Same tree in 2002 and 2007

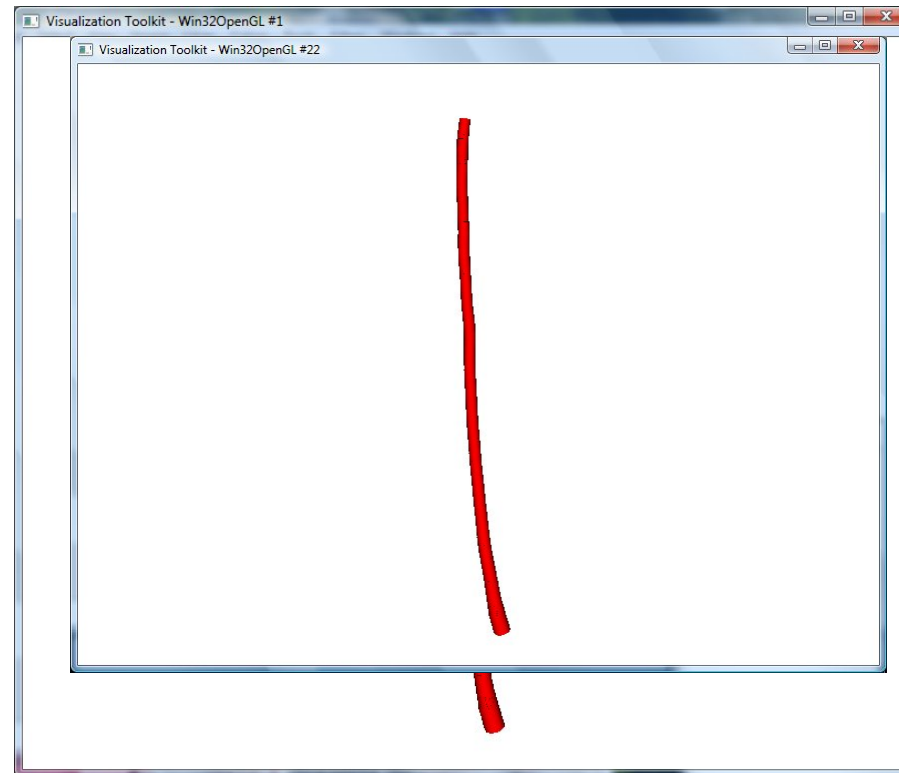
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11-12
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13-14
Sum
Deviation
TLS - Modell



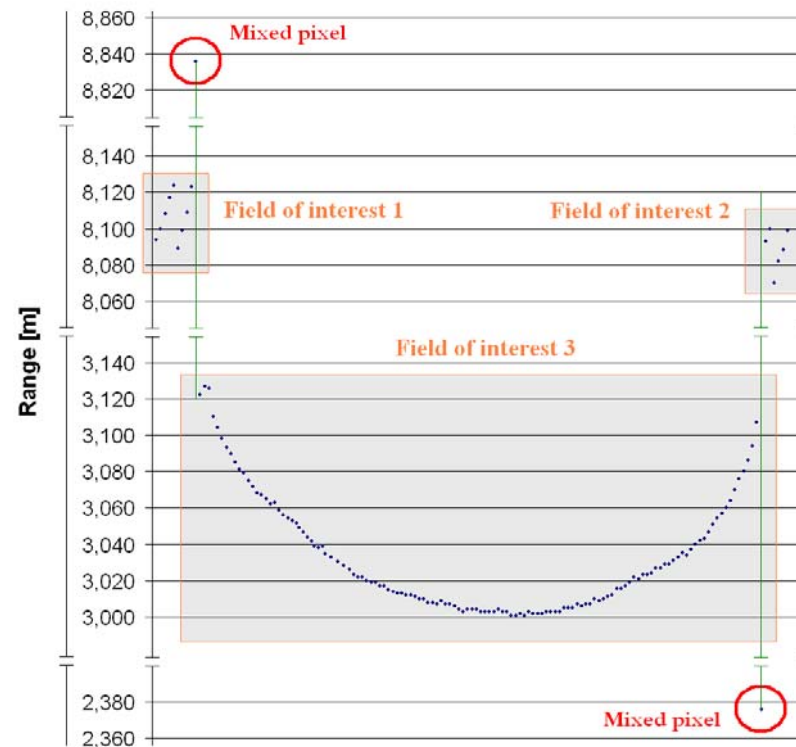
Model	
2007	
	added [%]
†	11.4
	21.3
	30.0
	38.0
	45.4
	52.5
	59.2
	65.6
	71.8
	77.9
	83.7
	89.4
	94.9
	100.0
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## Cylinder approximation



- Outside influences like wind, rain and snow
- Technique of the scanner
- Software used to analyze the data

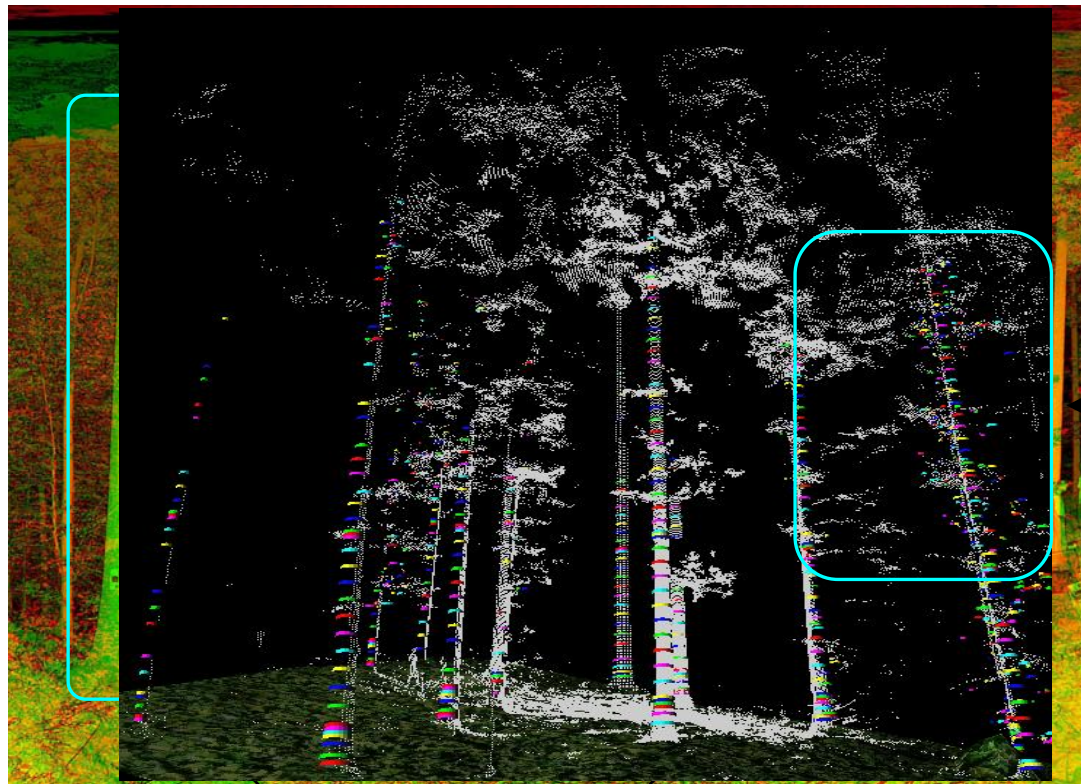




- + Very accurate technique
- + Objective technique
- + Data collection easy
- + Differences between datasets automatically detectable
- + retrospective measurements possible
  
- Quite time consuming
- Still some manual work required
- Problem: Occlusion
- Expensive (1000€ per day)

- Connection to additional data sources (RGB images already possible)
  - Higher resolution
  - Lower power required
  - Mobile use possible (e.g. mountable on a bag pack or vehicle)
- Vision of forest inventories

TLS for forest inventory  
TLS: Z+F Imager 5006  
Years: 2002 and 2007



Branch growth

Harvested trees



- Fast & effective technique
- Key: data processing
- Tool for the future

# Thank you for your attention!

