

AirborneHydroMapping

*Modelling a Mountain Stream by  
Topo-Bathymetric LiDAR Data*



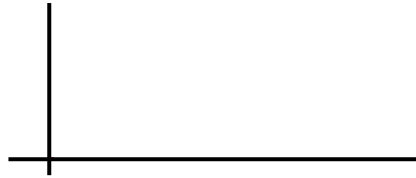
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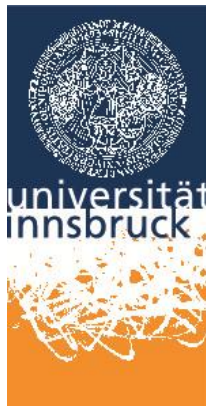
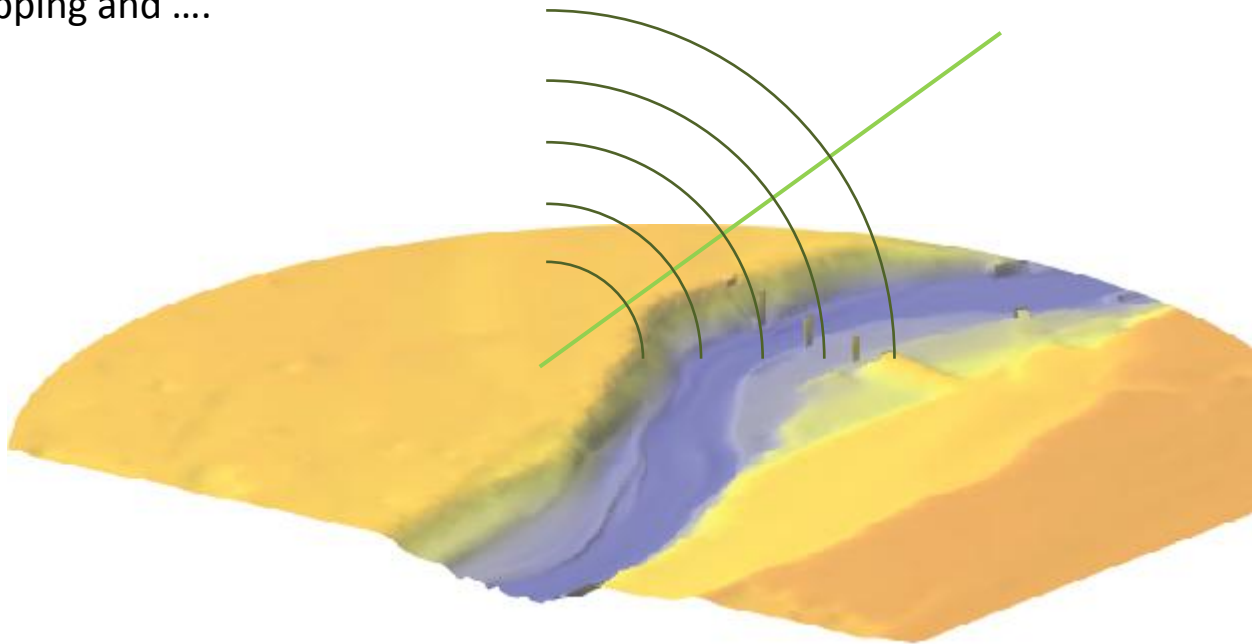


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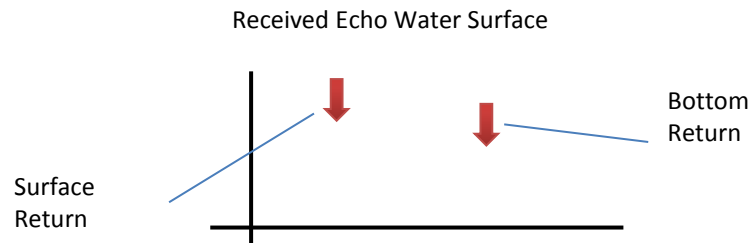
Received Echo Signal



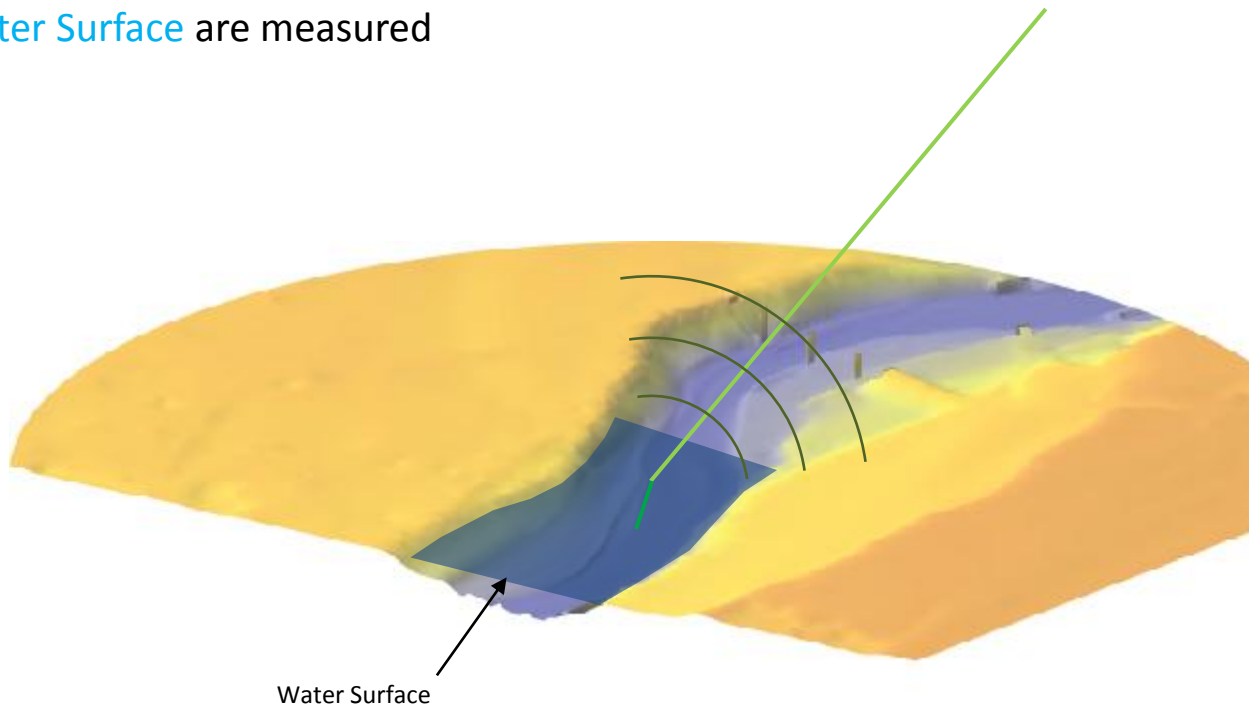
Green Laser is capable of  
land mapping and ....



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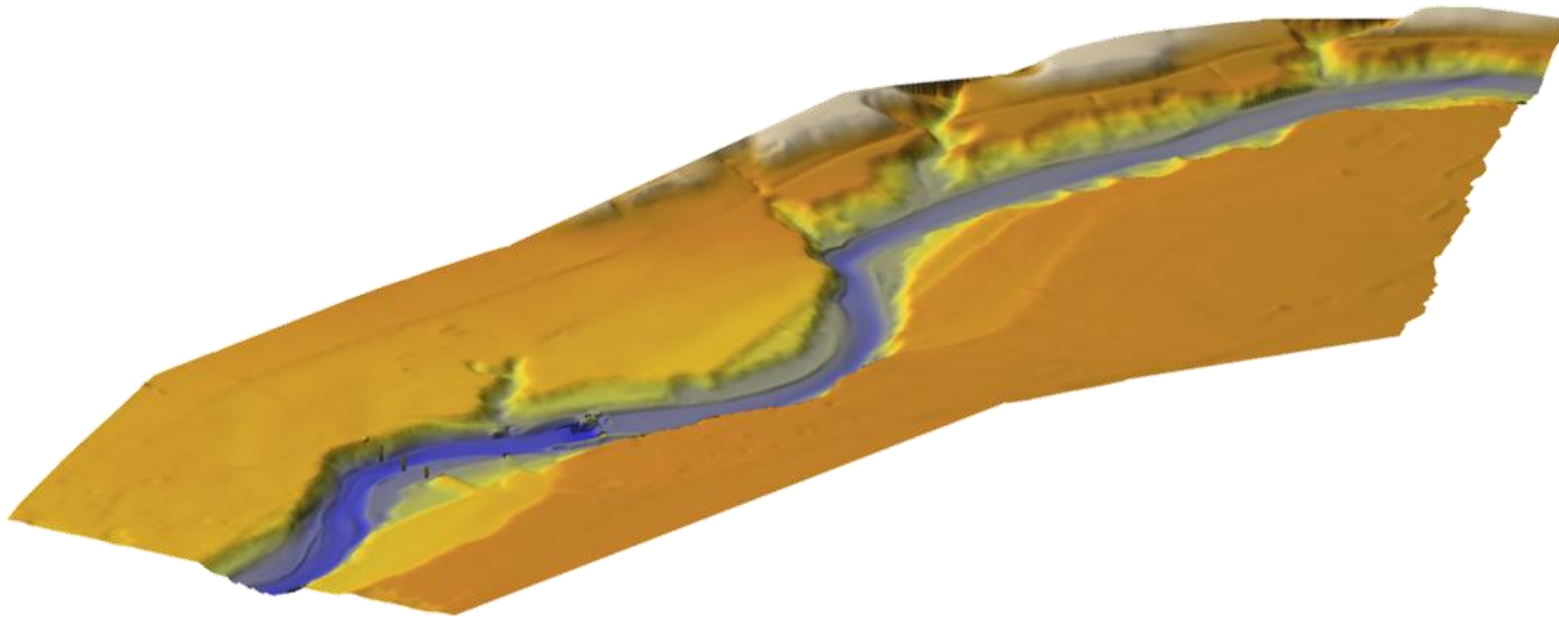
.... of bathymetry. **River Bed**  
and **Water Surface** are measured





# Motivation:

The topobathymetric LiDAR dataset enables the first time an entire and areal calibration of a numerical model with **Water Surface**, **River Bed** and **Foreland** as well as discharge (gauge stations).



# Project Area:

## Location:

Italy, South Tirol, Between Sand in Taufers and Bruneck

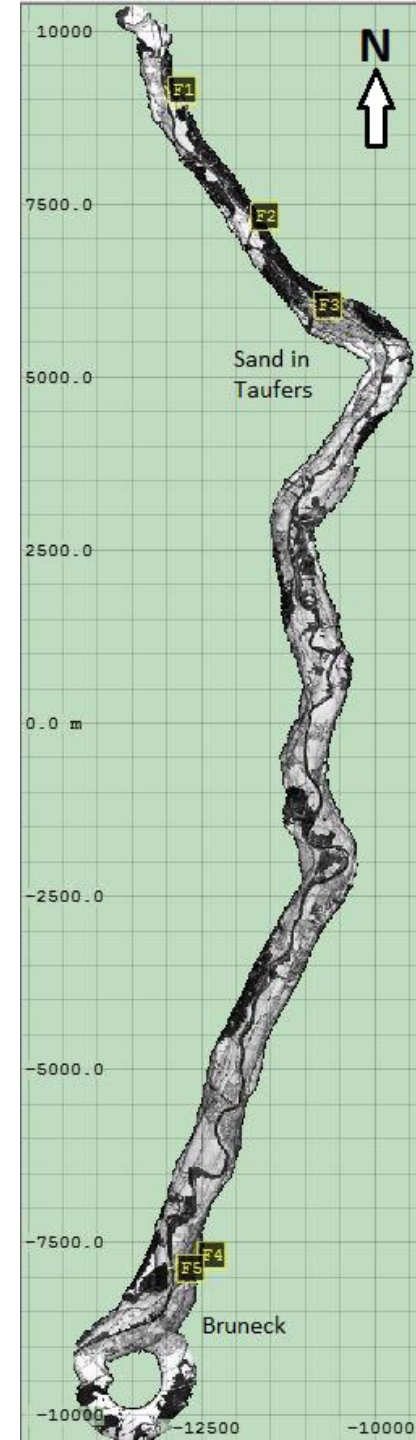
**Length:** ca. 15 km

**Point Density:** 25 – 40 pts/m<sup>2</sup>

**Strip adjustment:** 6 cm

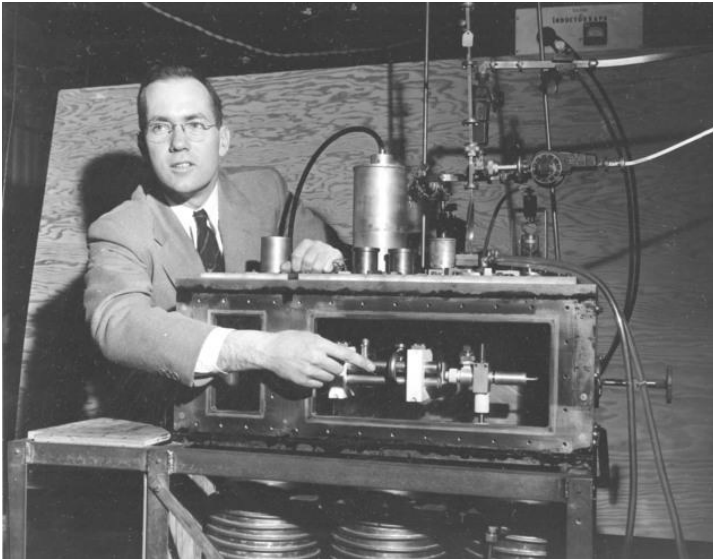
## Georeferencing:

3 cm (5 Reference planes along the river)



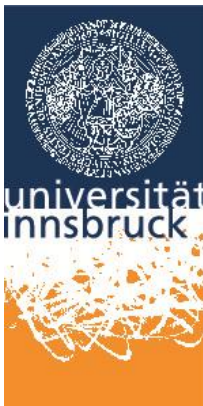
# Convert data from laser to F5 (HDF5)

Charles Hard Townes, 1955



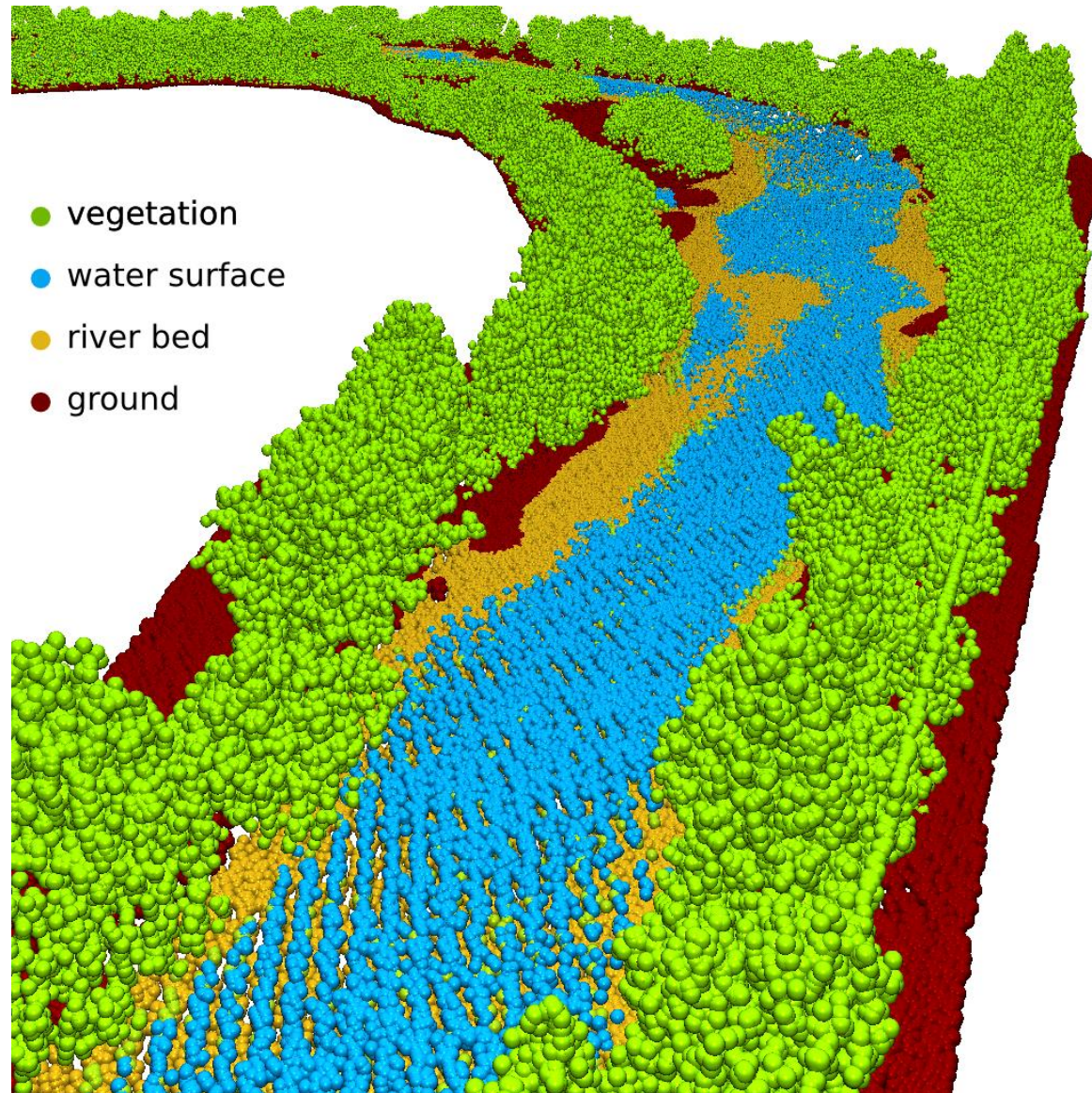
RDB (Riegl-Database) to F5 – Transformation to local coordinate system e.g ETRS/UTM

raw data: 10 GB -> 12 min -> 6 GB as f5





# Classification and refraction of the Point Cloud:

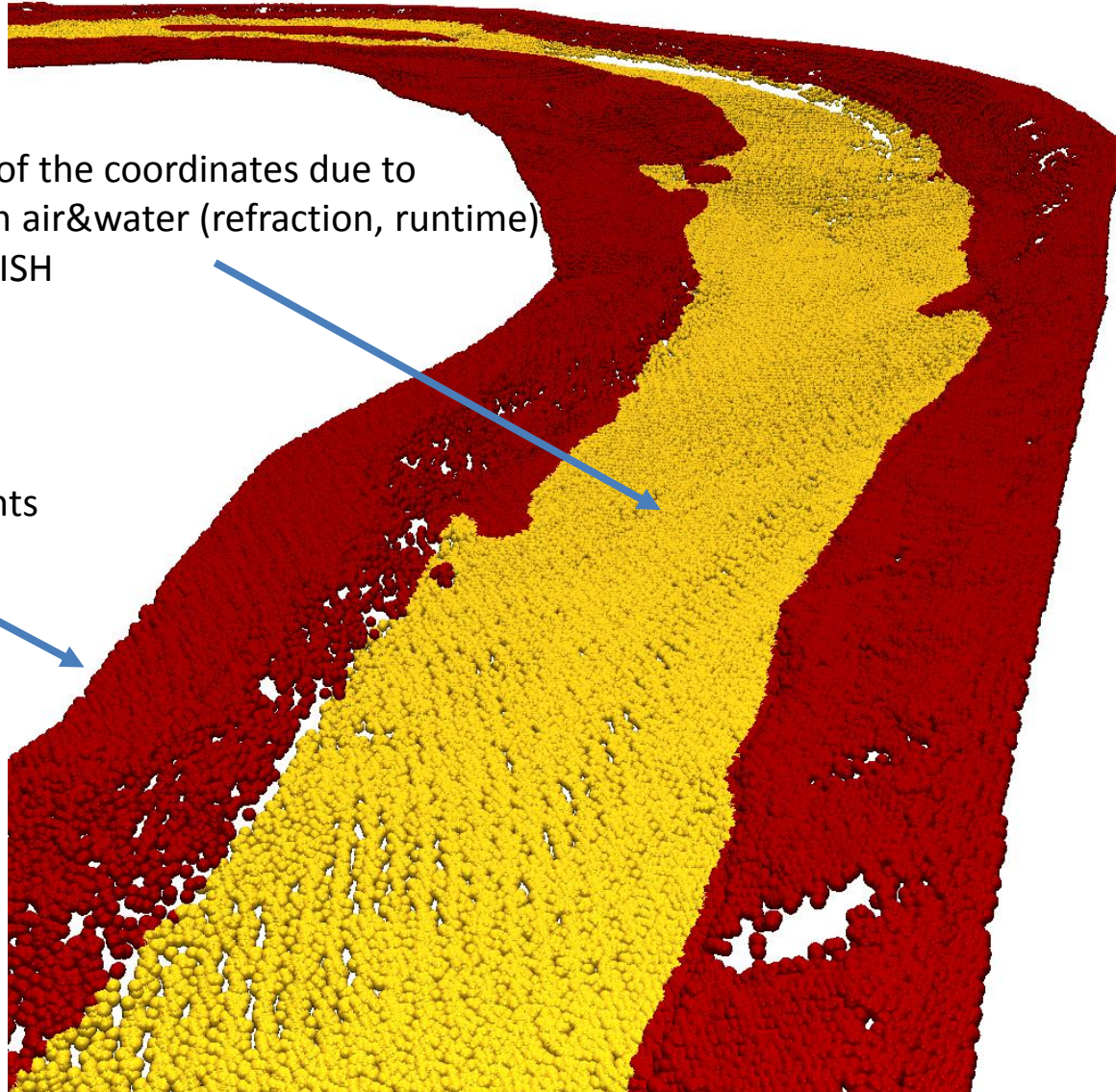




# *Mesh -> Only ground- and river bed points are needed:*

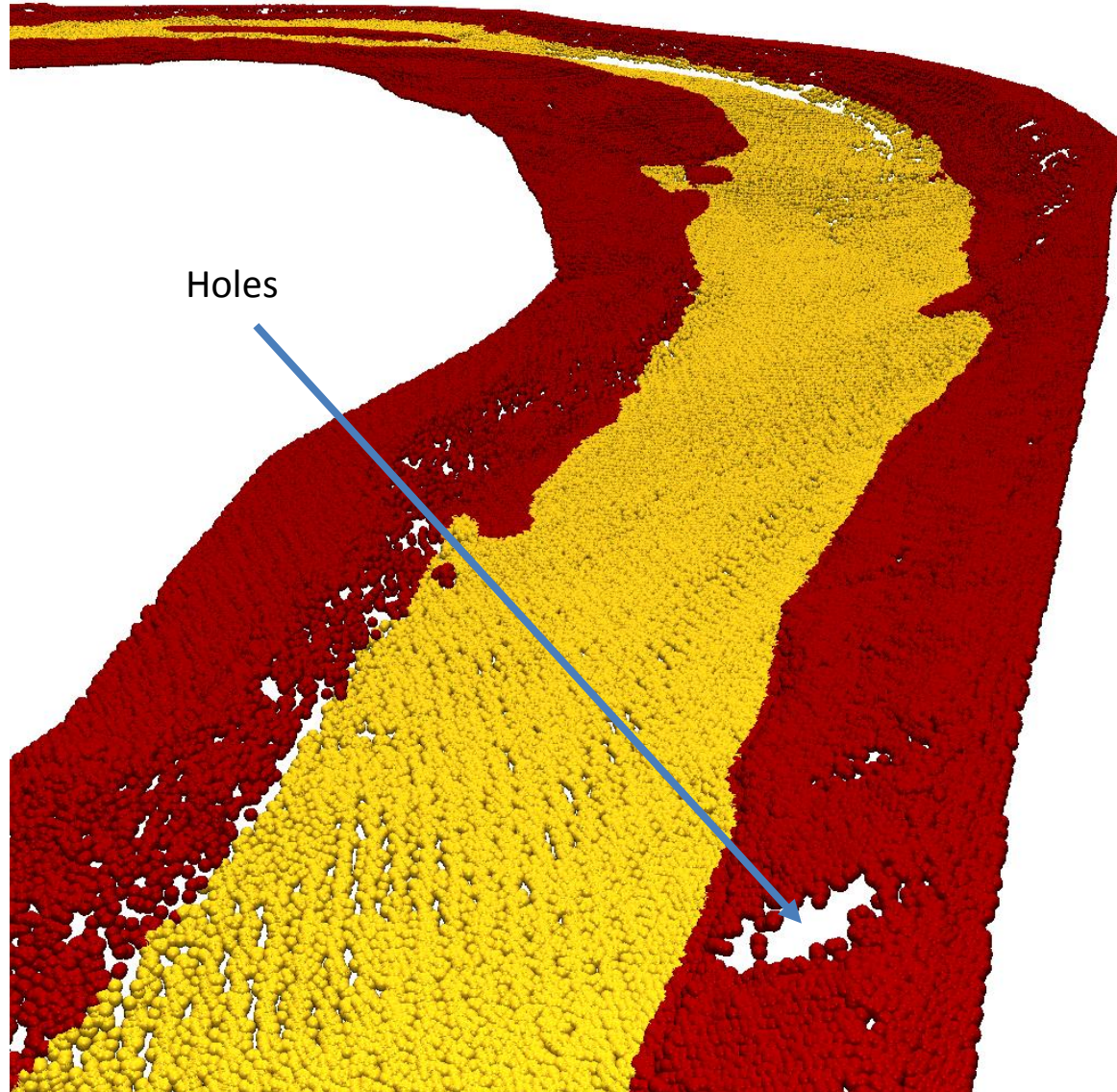
River Bed: Correction of the coordinates due to the transition between air&water (refraction, runtime) are applied by HydroVISH

Foreland: Ground Points

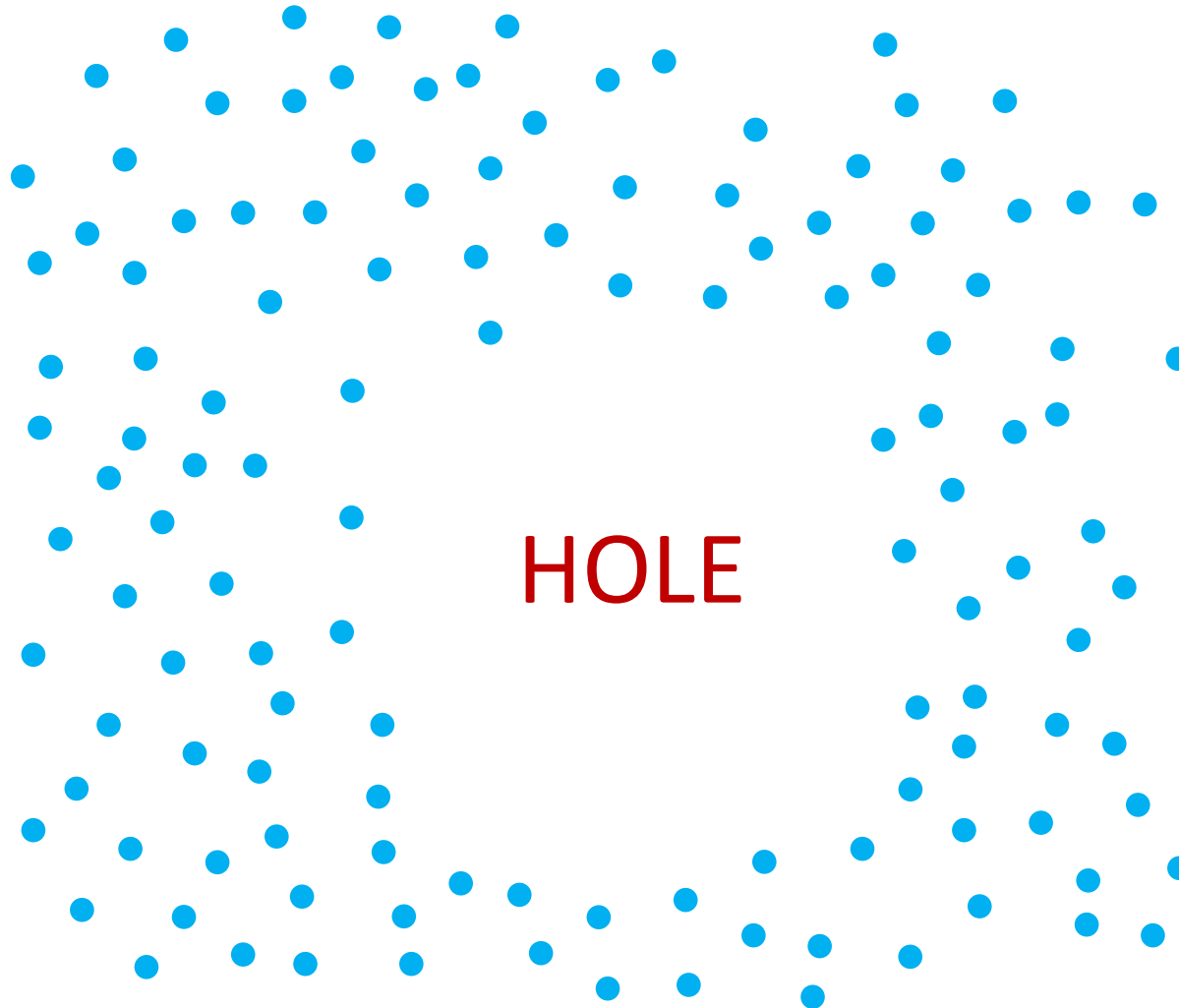




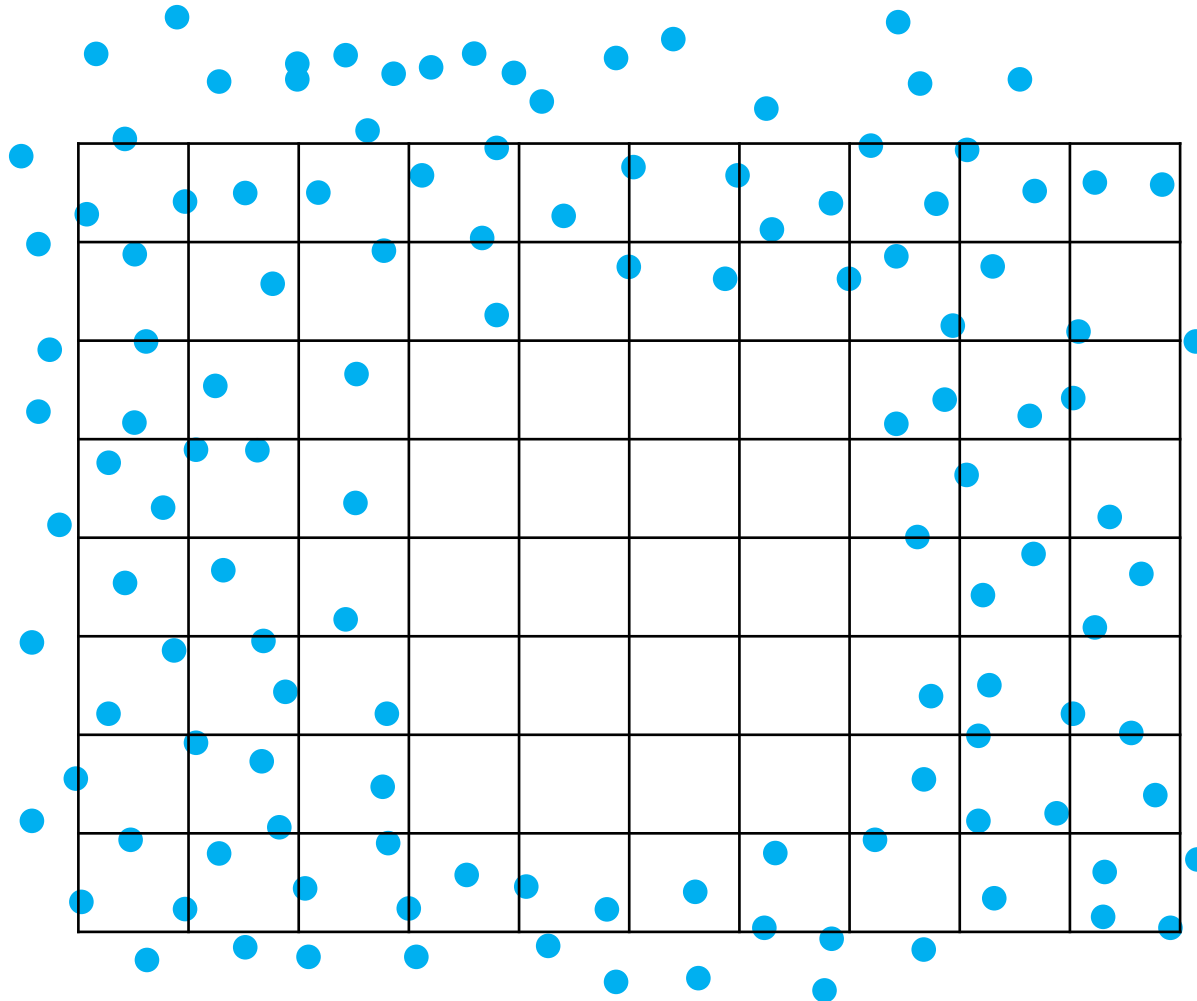
*Mesh -> Missing data by shadowing effects are filled up with a region growing algorithm:*



# *Fill holes in point cloud:*

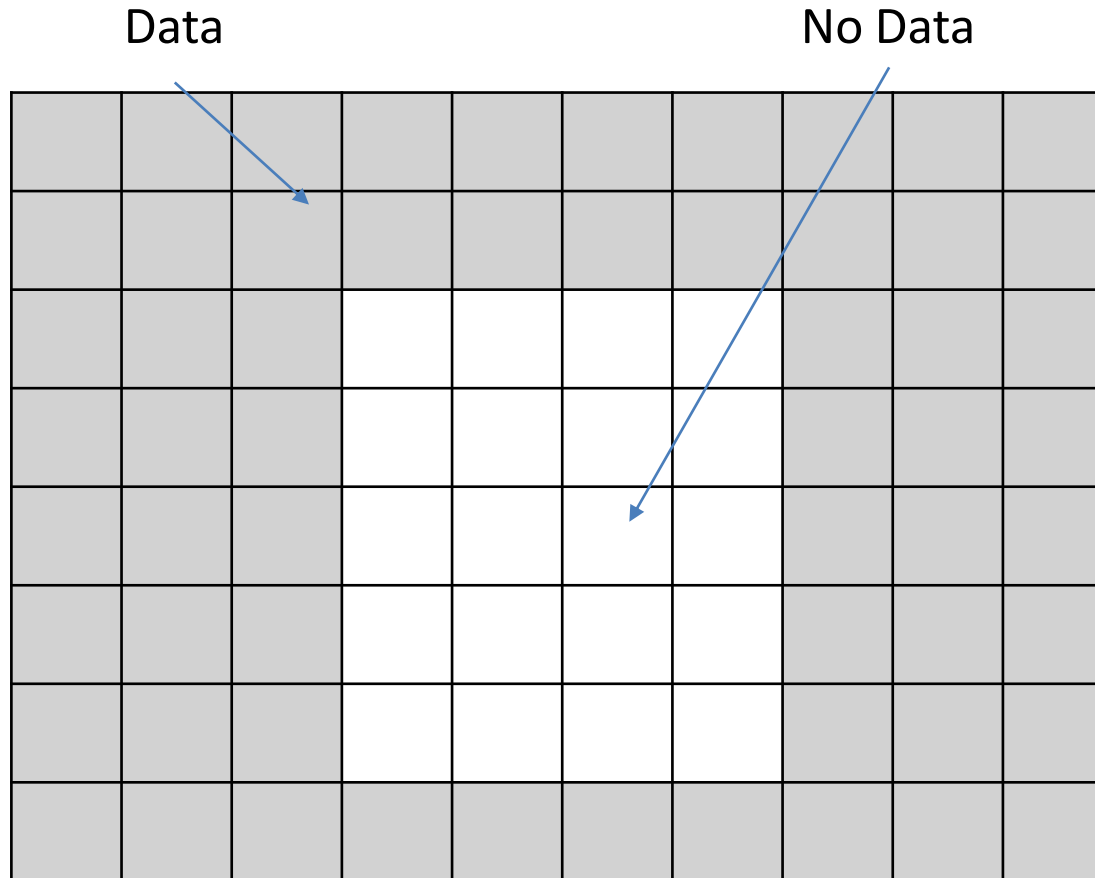


# *Fill holes in point cloud: Map points on a raster*

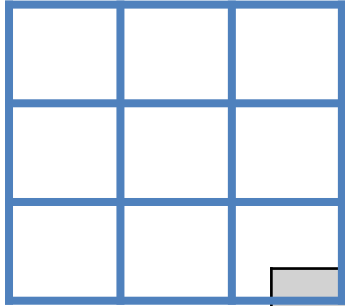




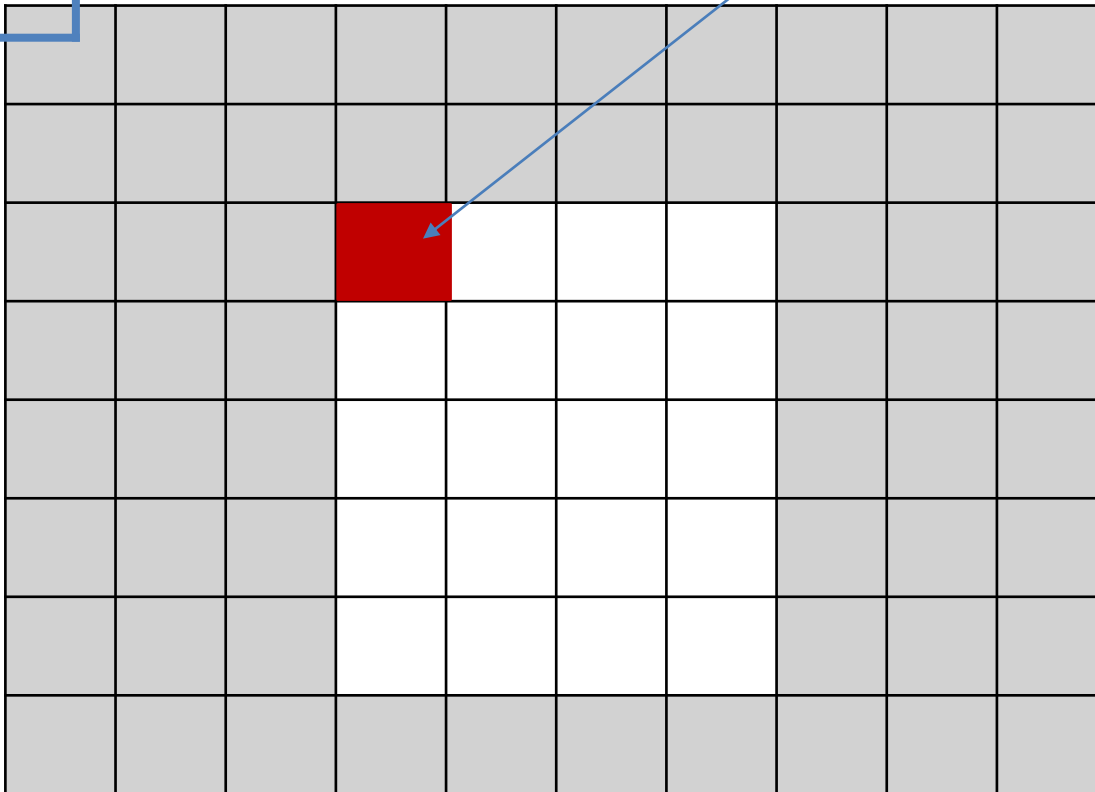
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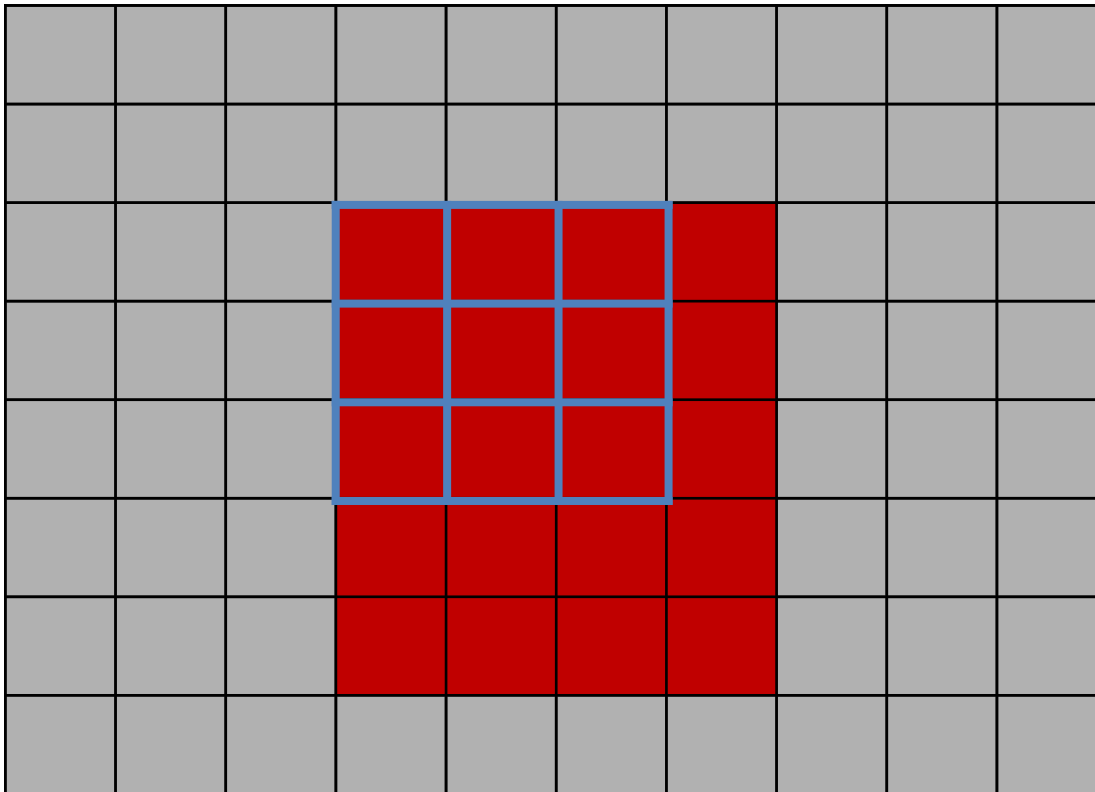
Kernel Size 3x3 or higher  
New Height Value (Mean of Kernel)



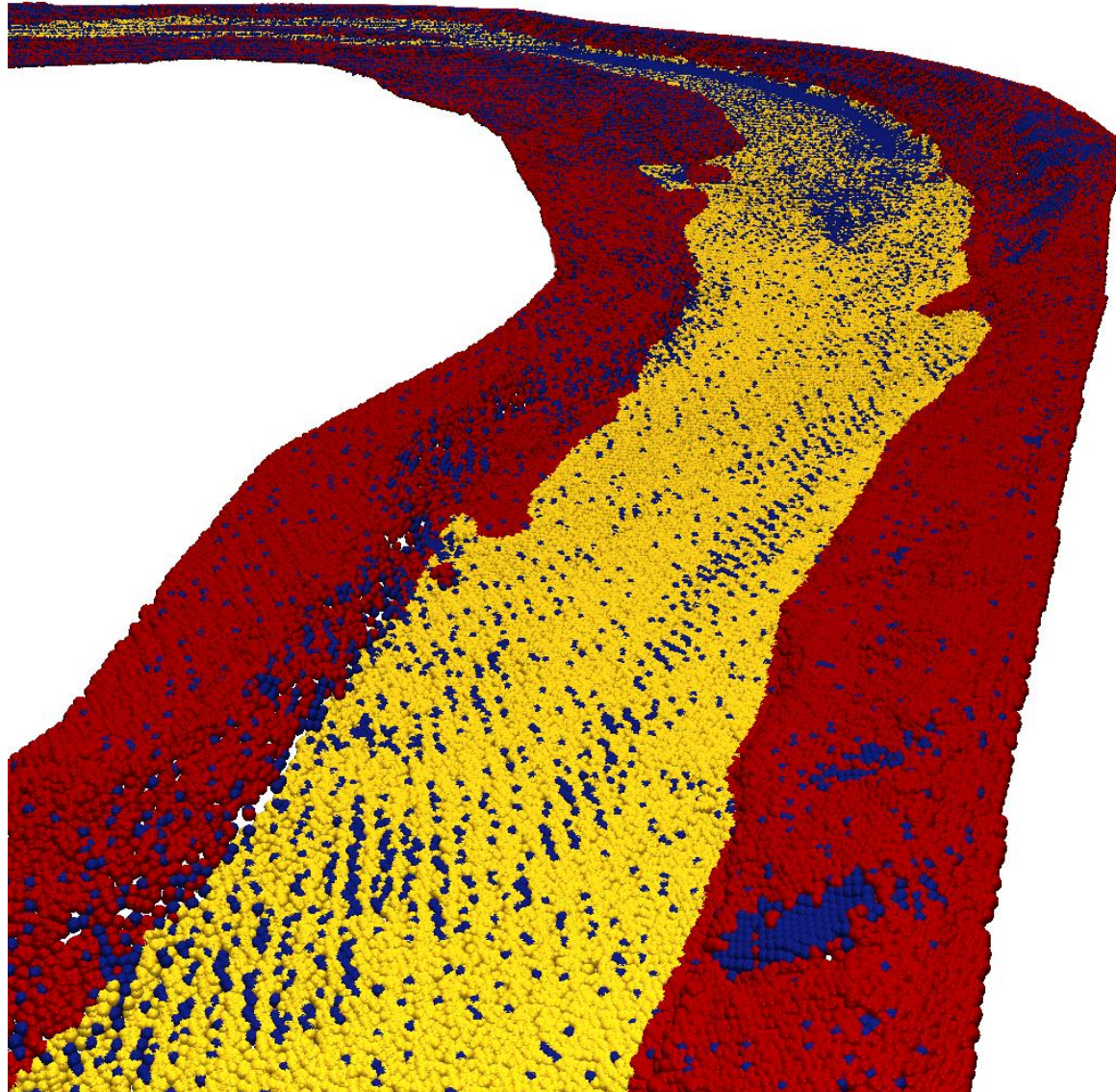
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First run over the entire raster

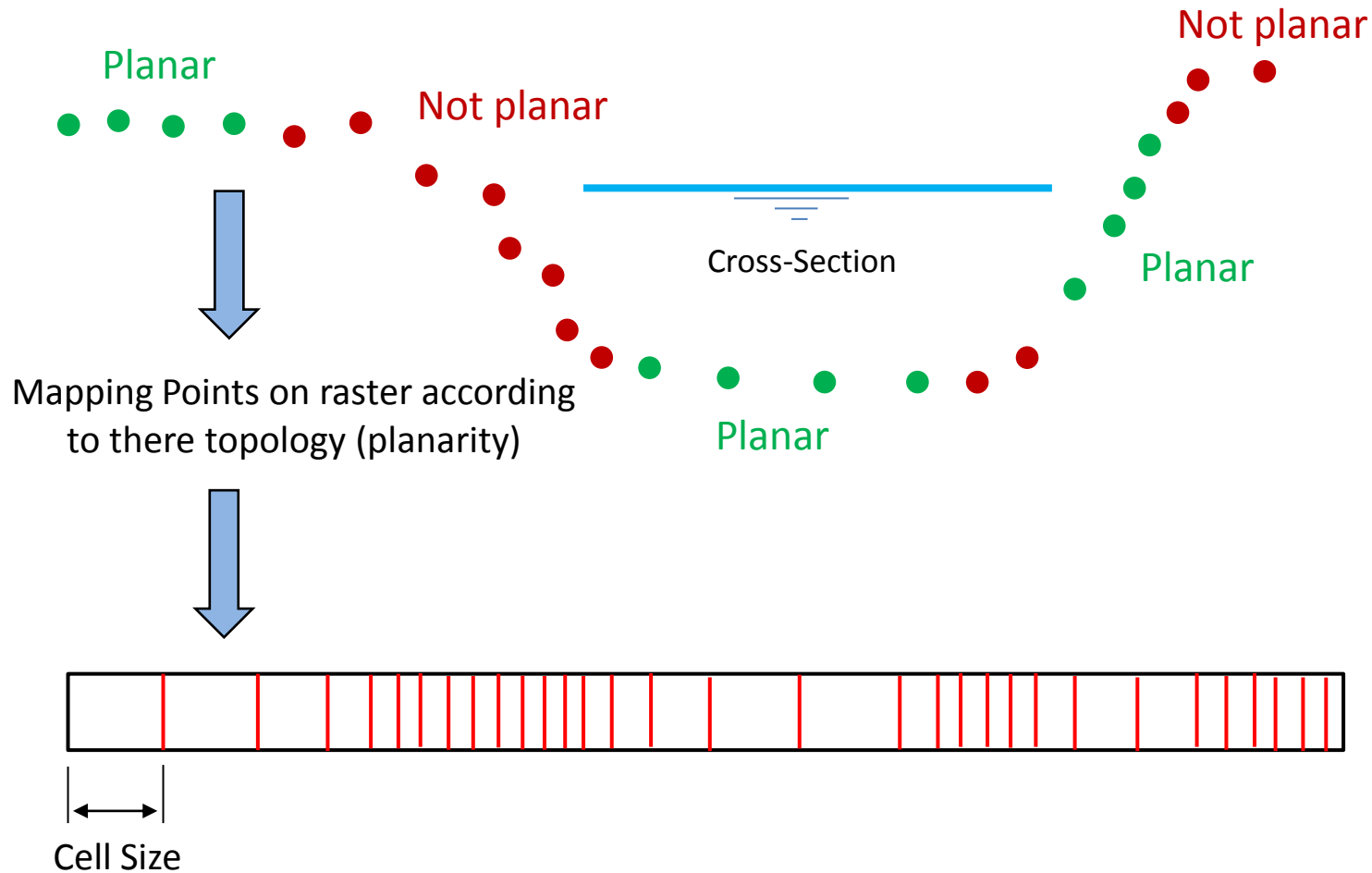
Second run over the entire raster



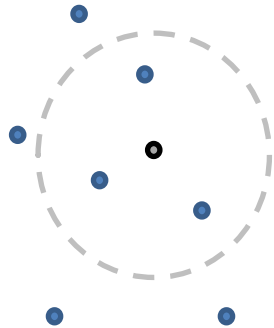
*Missing point in the point cloud are filled up*



# *Downsampling: Mapping points on raster with different cell size*

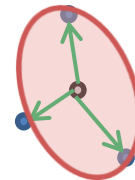
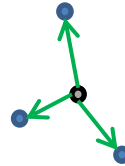


# Downsampling: Calculating the planarity of points

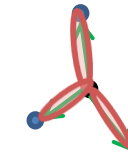
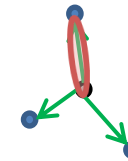


set of Points  $P_{i=0\dots n}$

$$t_{ik} = P_i - P_k$$



$$t_{ik} \otimes t_{ik}^{\tau}$$



$$S(P_i) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \omega_n(|t_{ik}|, r) (t_{ik} \otimes t_{ik}^{\tau})$$

$\omega_n(|t_{ik}|, r)$  weighting function



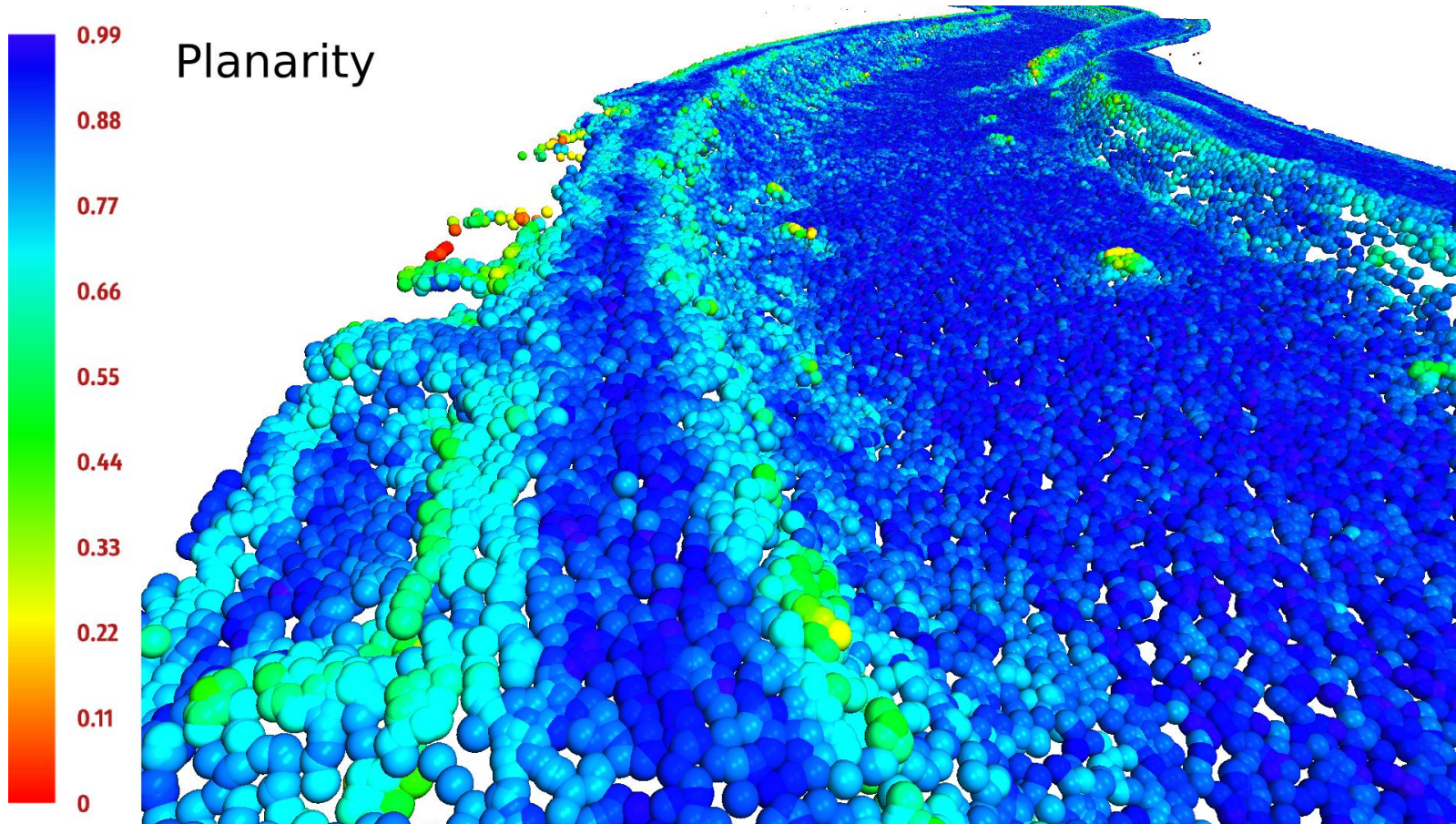
# Downsampling: Eigen-Values of the point distribution tensor

- Shape factors by [Westin97]
- $S(P_i)$  is a 3x3 symmetric tensor and positive definite
- 3 Eigen-Values:  $\lambda_3 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_1$
- Shape factors:
$$\begin{aligned} C_{linear} &= (\lambda_3 - \lambda_2) / (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3) \\ C_{planar} &= 2(\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) / (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3) \\ C_{spherical} &= 3\lambda_1 / (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3) \end{aligned}$$



[Ritter]

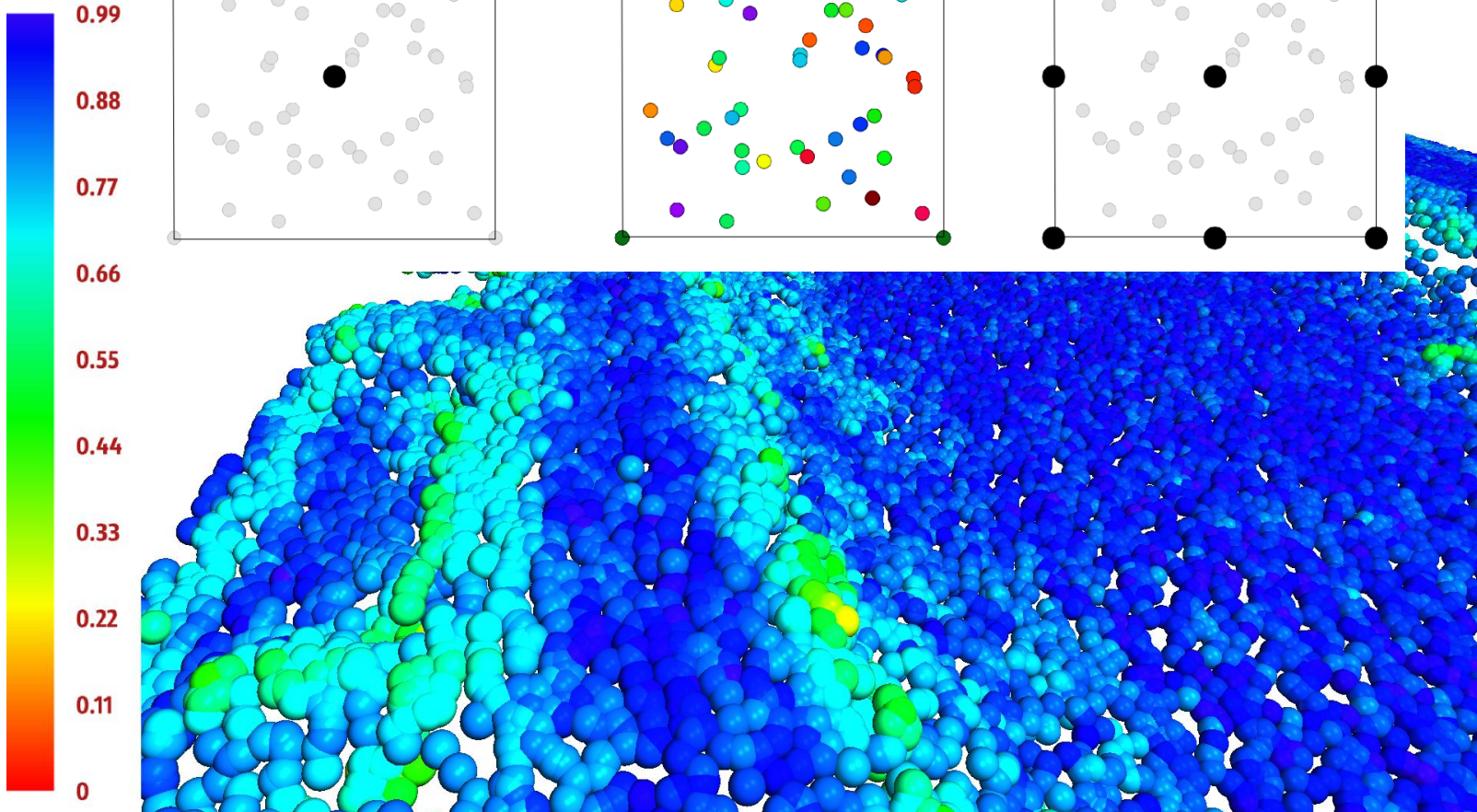
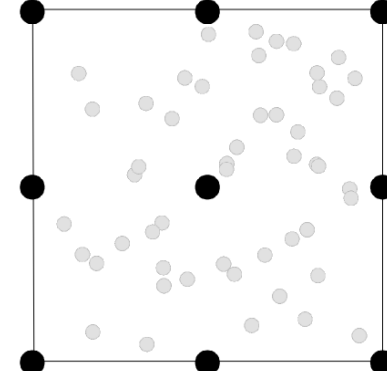
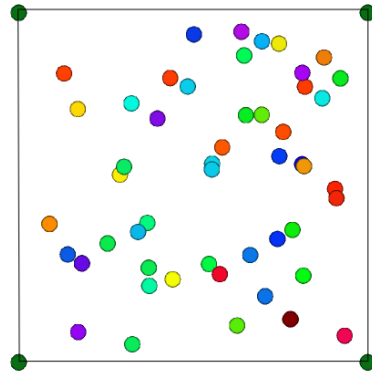
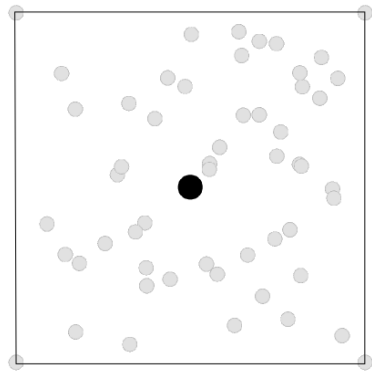
# Downsampling: Planarity of the Point cloud





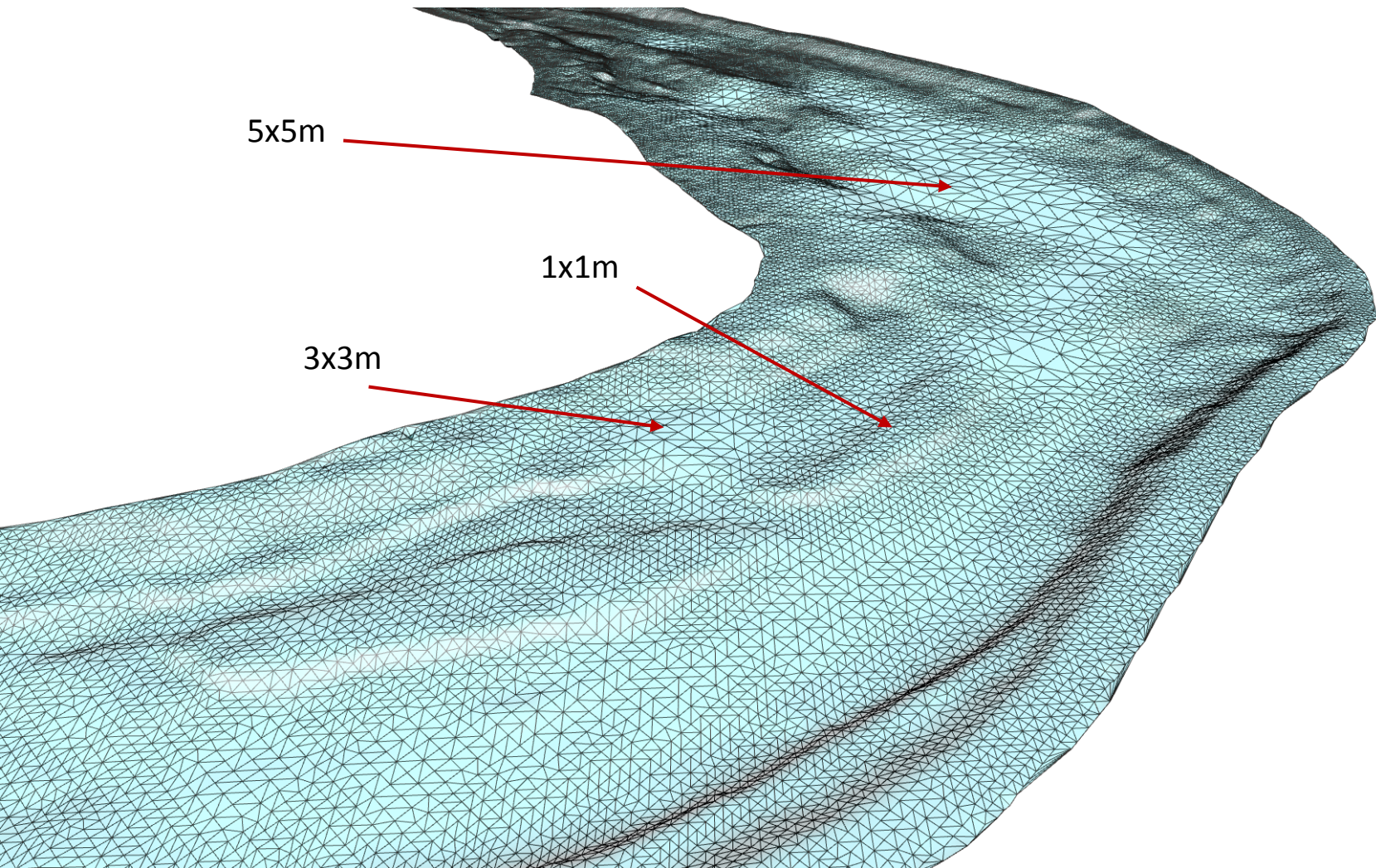
# Down sampling: Switching between grids

High Planarity ← Sample Cell → Low Planarity

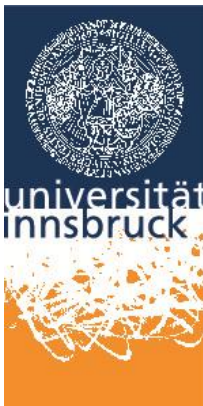




# *Downsampling: Resulting points on a uniform grid with different cell size-> Qhull triangulation:*

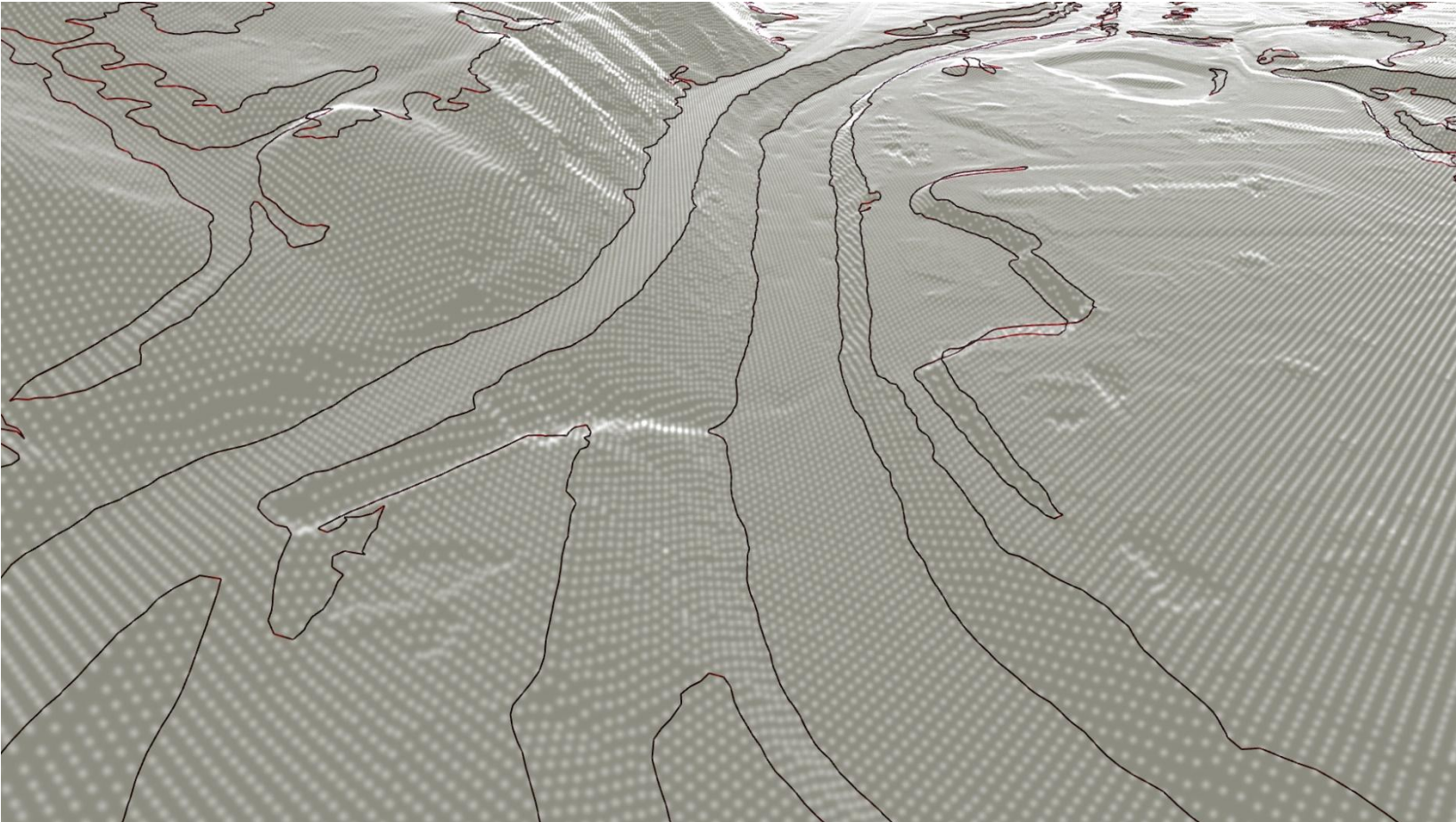
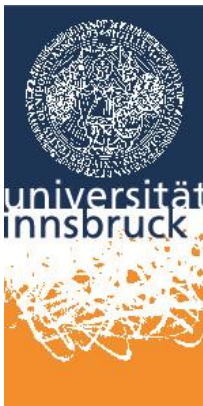


# Merging Shape Lines of Buildings with Mesh

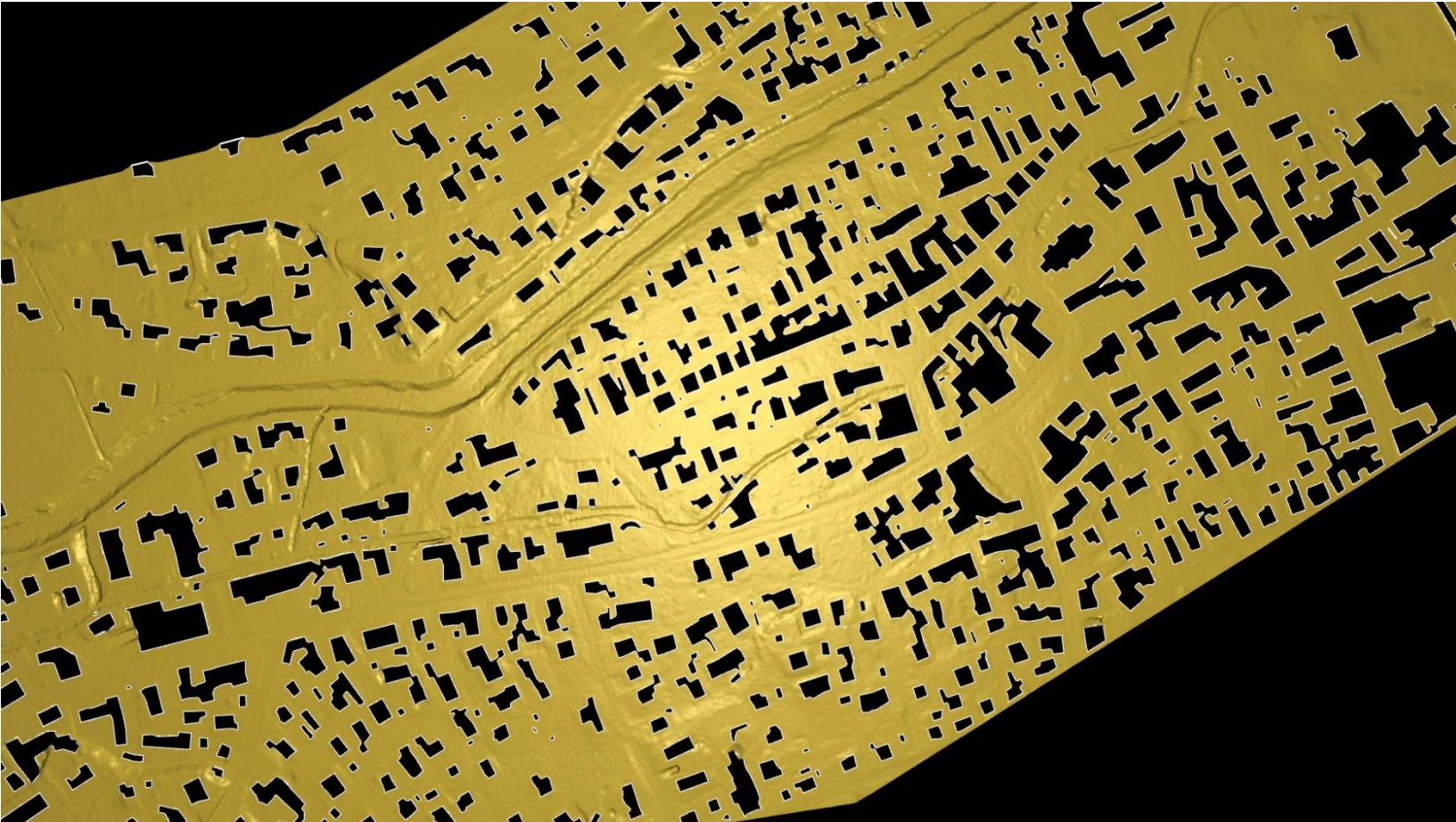
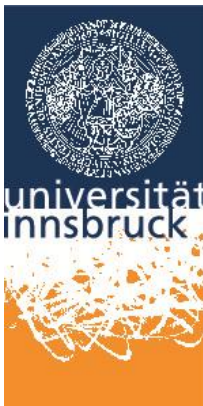




# Merging Breaking Edges with Mesh

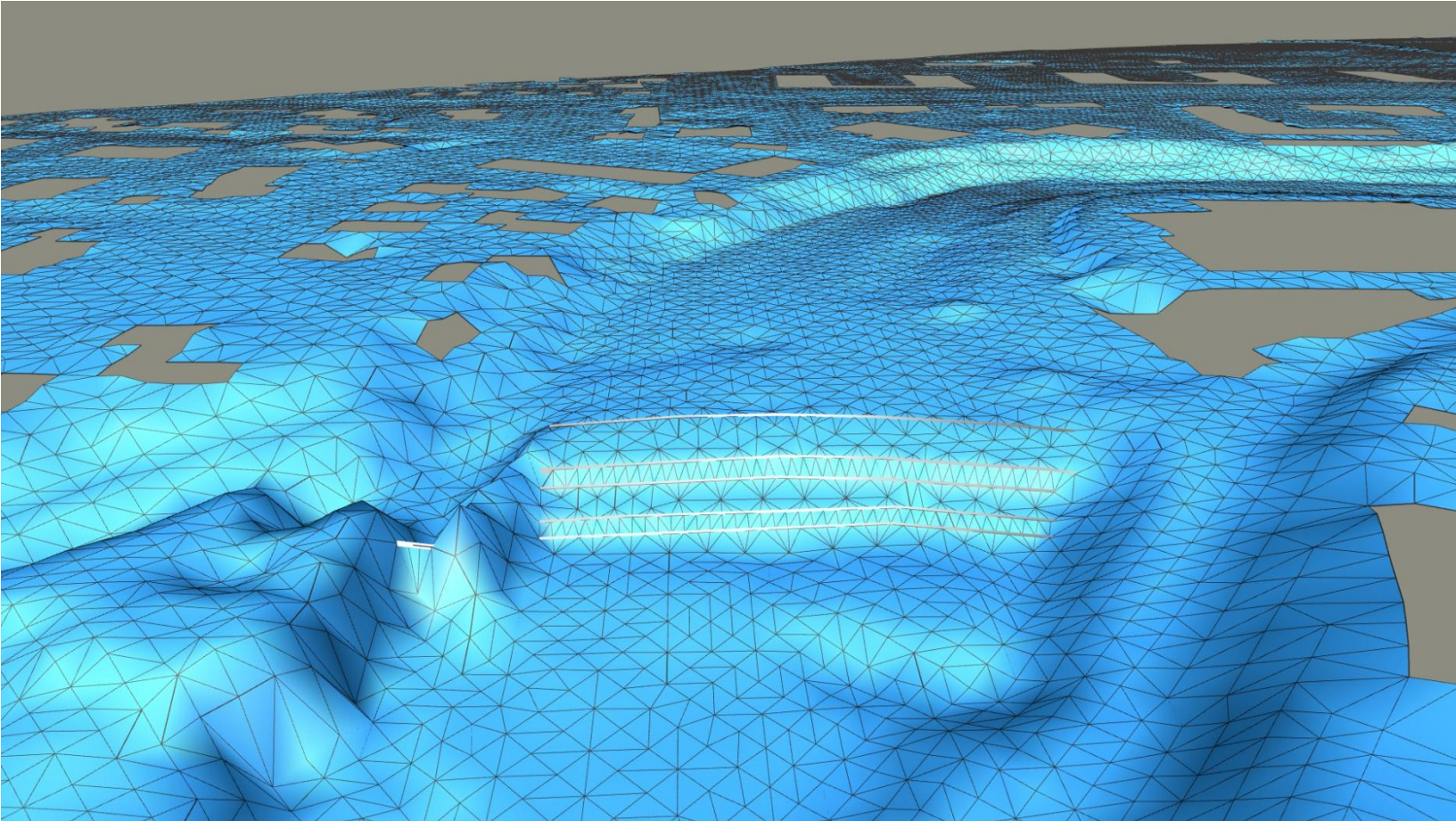
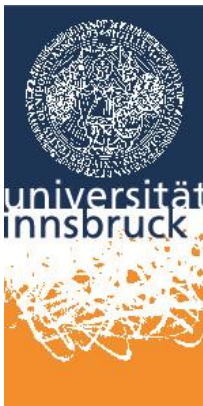


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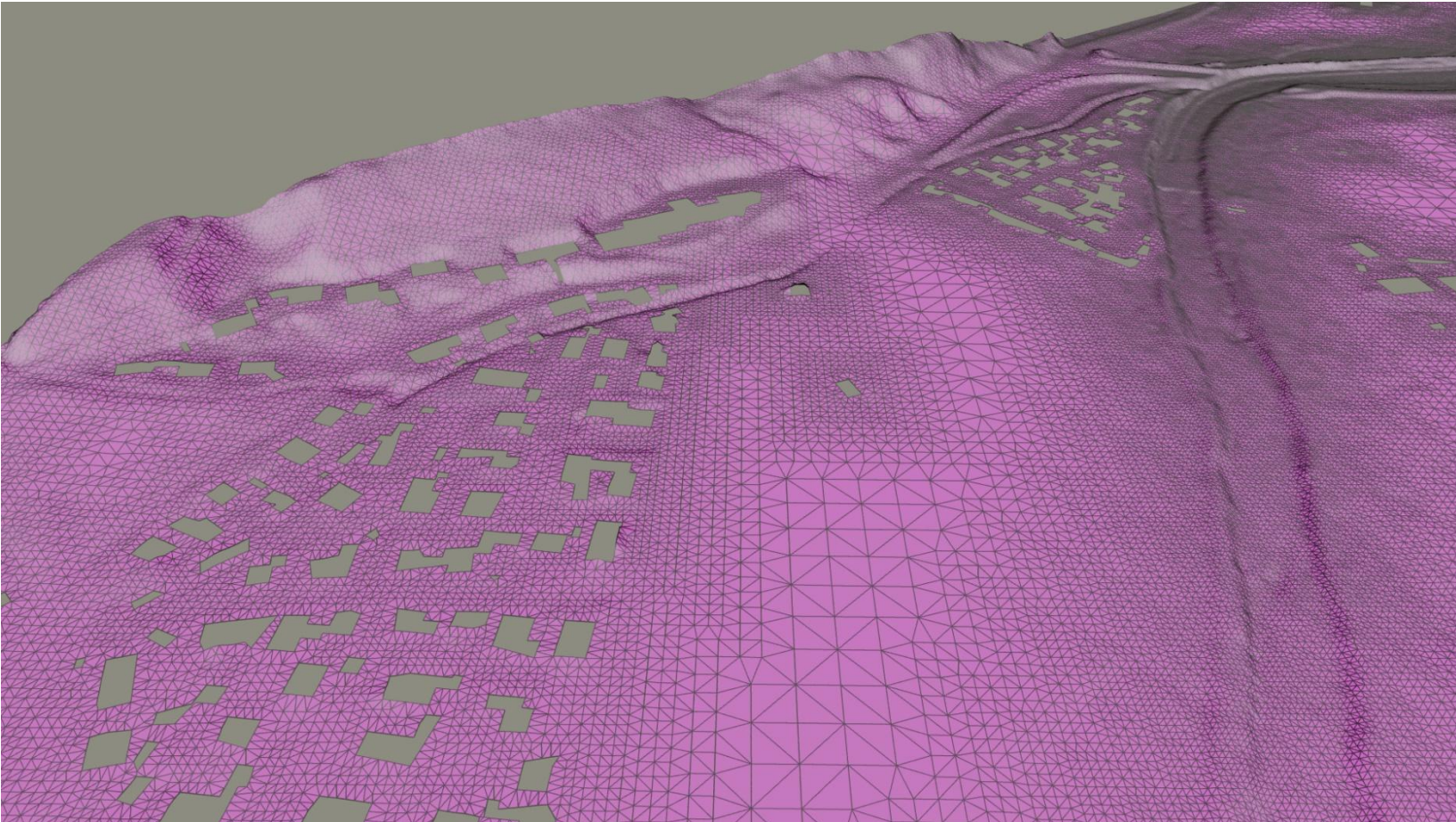
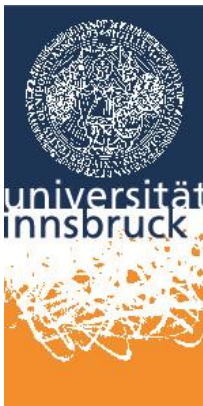


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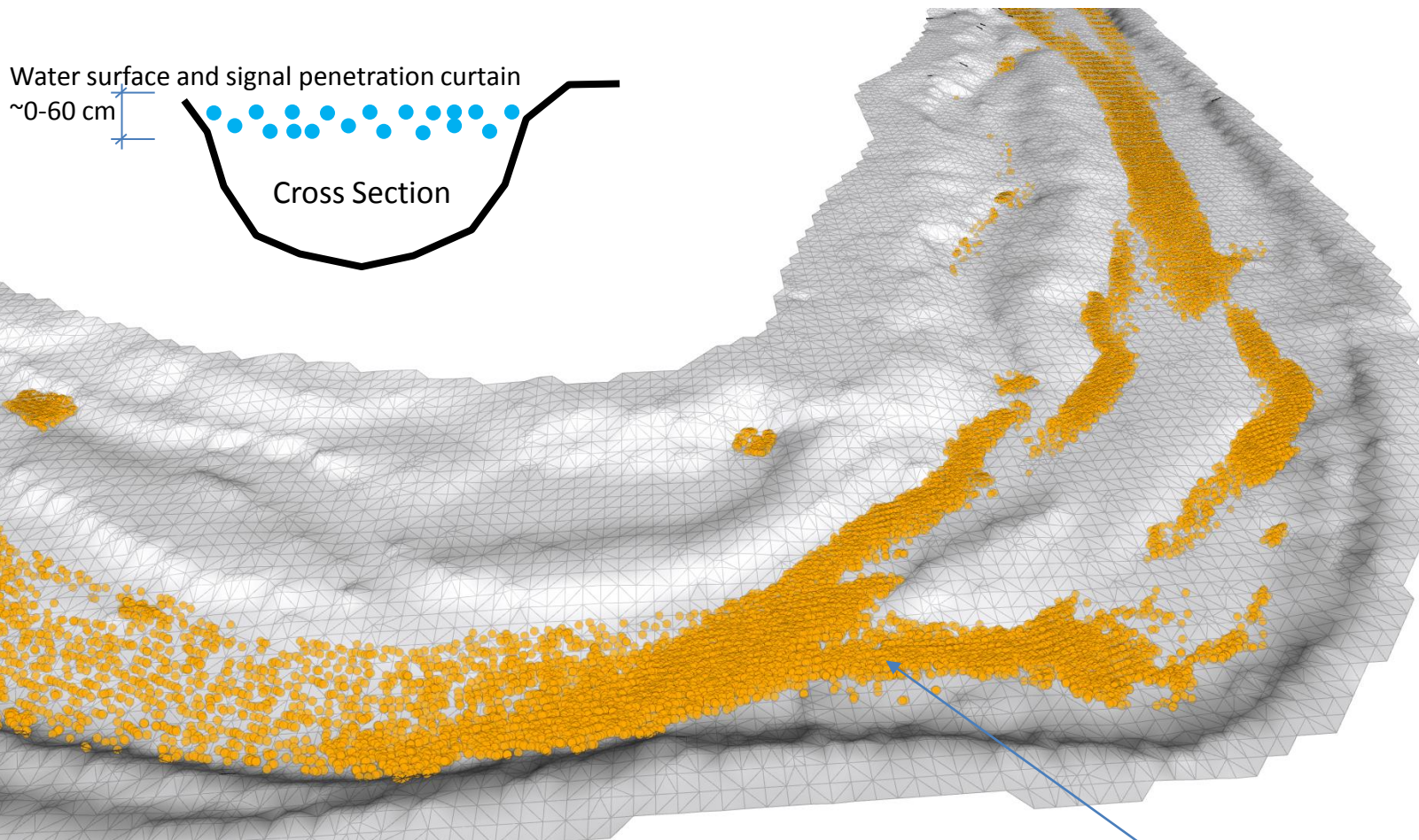


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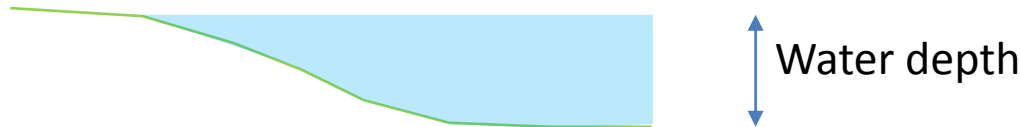
# *Preparing the LiDAR Water Surface modelling: extraction of 1.1 mio points out of the signal penetration curtain within a 30 cm layer:*



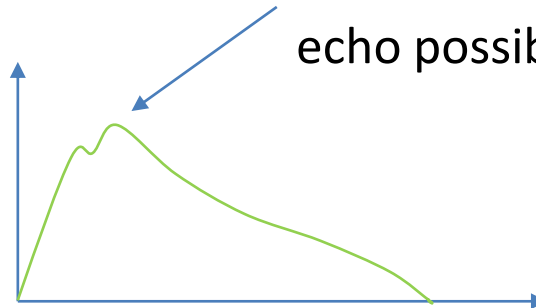


# *Not every laser shot delivers a water surface signal:*

1. Too low water depth
2. Smooth water surface
3. Low turbidity



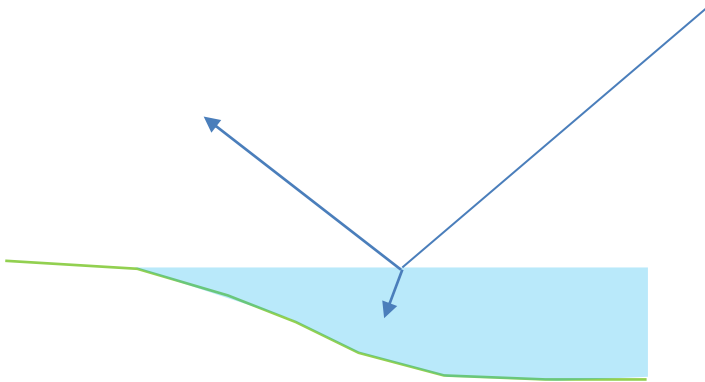
Time difference too small.  
No discretion of water  
surface echo and ground  
echo possible (~15cm)



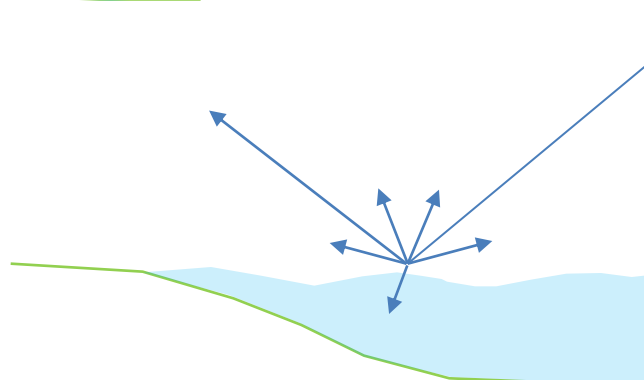
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Transmitter & Receiver  
(total reflection may be possible)



Transmitter & Receiver

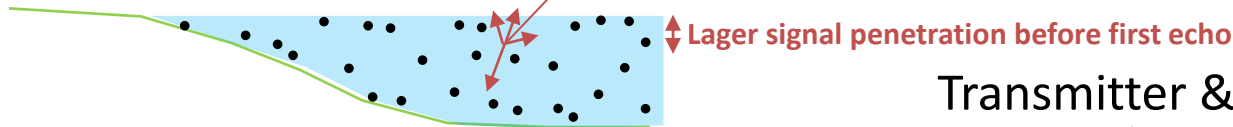


Little waves are good!

# *Low turbidity may deliver first echo underneath actual water surface:*

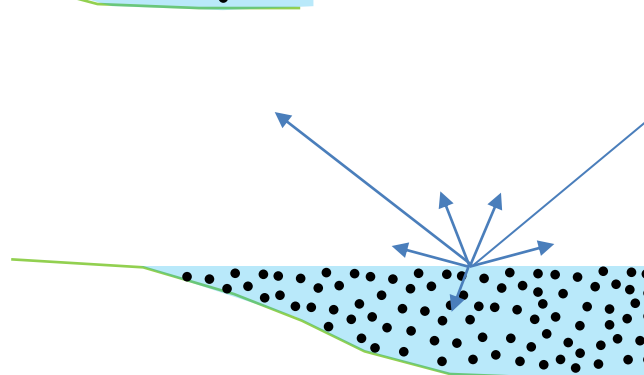
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Transmitter & Receiver  
(energy of backscatter too low to be recognized by receiver)



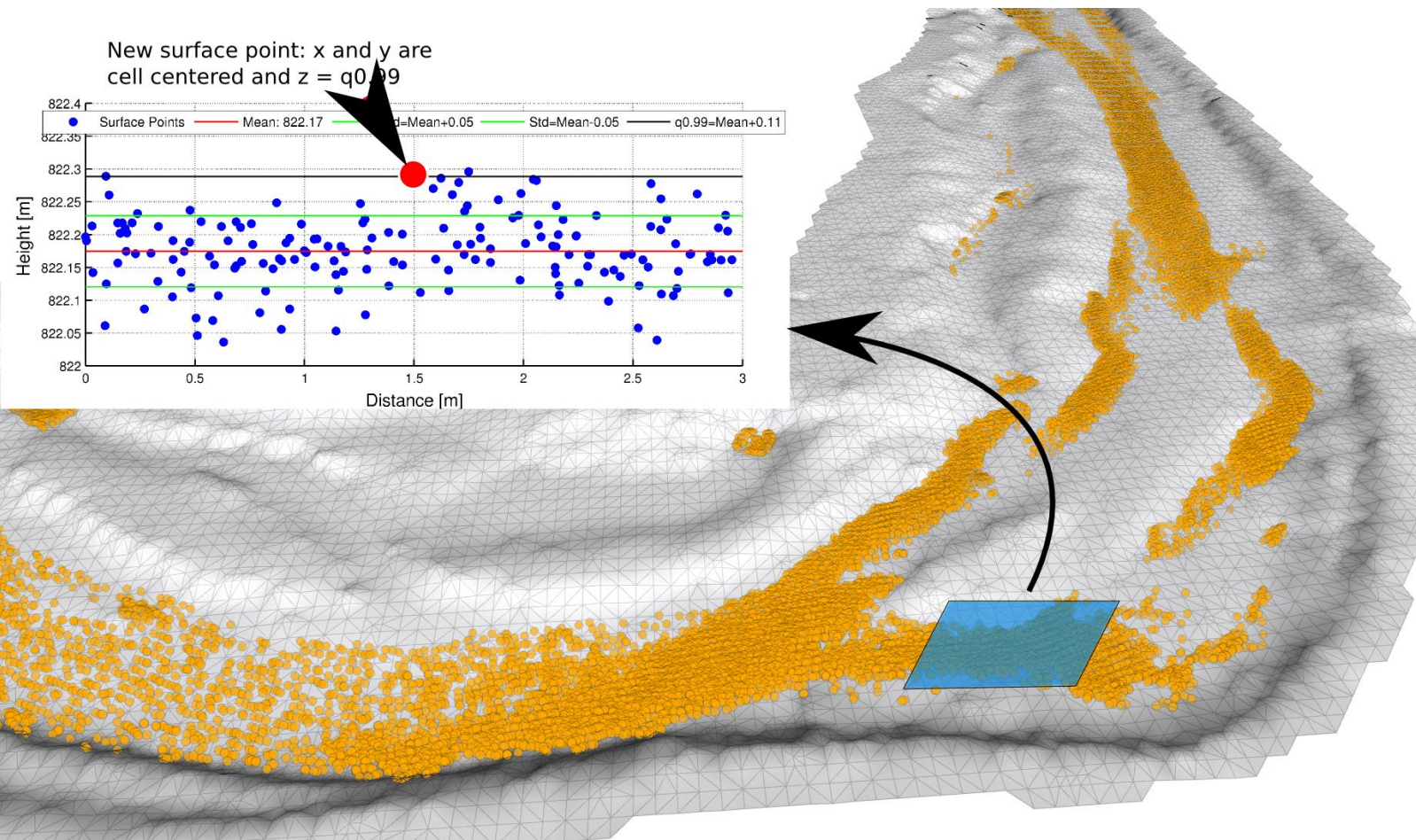
↕ Larger signal penetration before first echo

Transmitter & Receiver



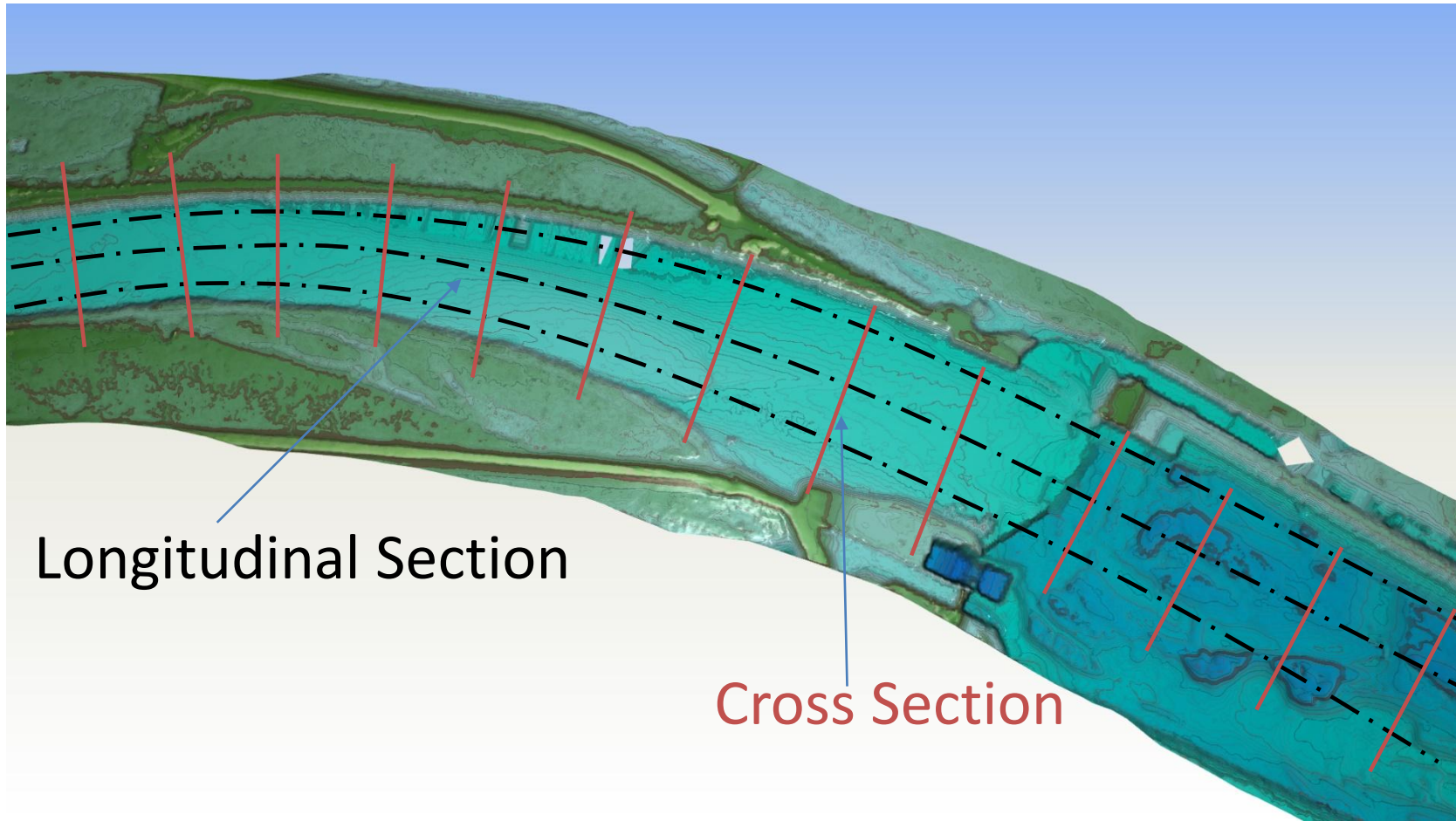
Higher turbidity is good for water surface but bad for penetration

# LiDAR Water Surface: reconstruct water surface based on 1x1 m cell. 99% Quantile is used

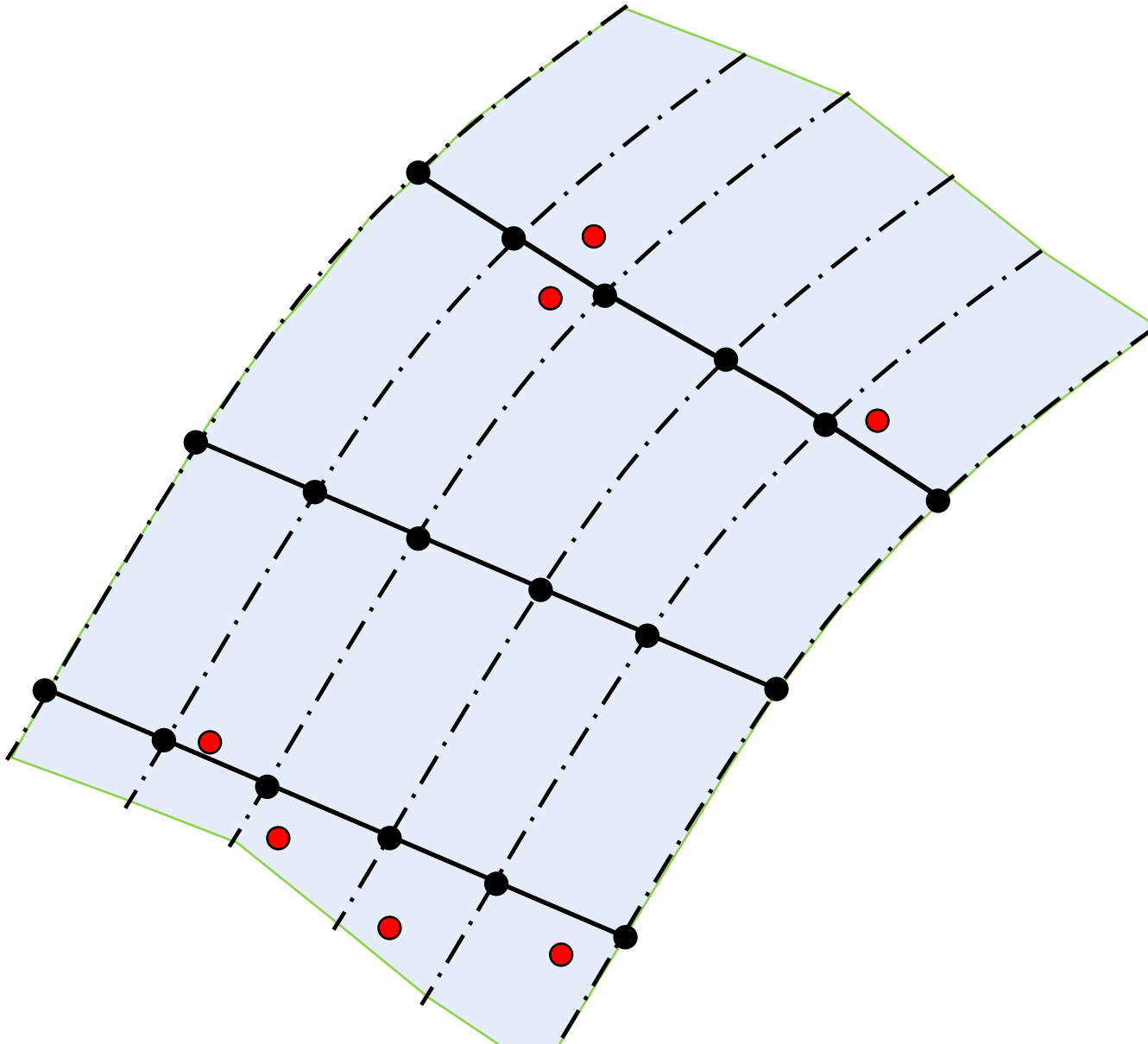




# *Reconstruct Water Surface based on a Curvilinear Grid (Transient interpolation)*

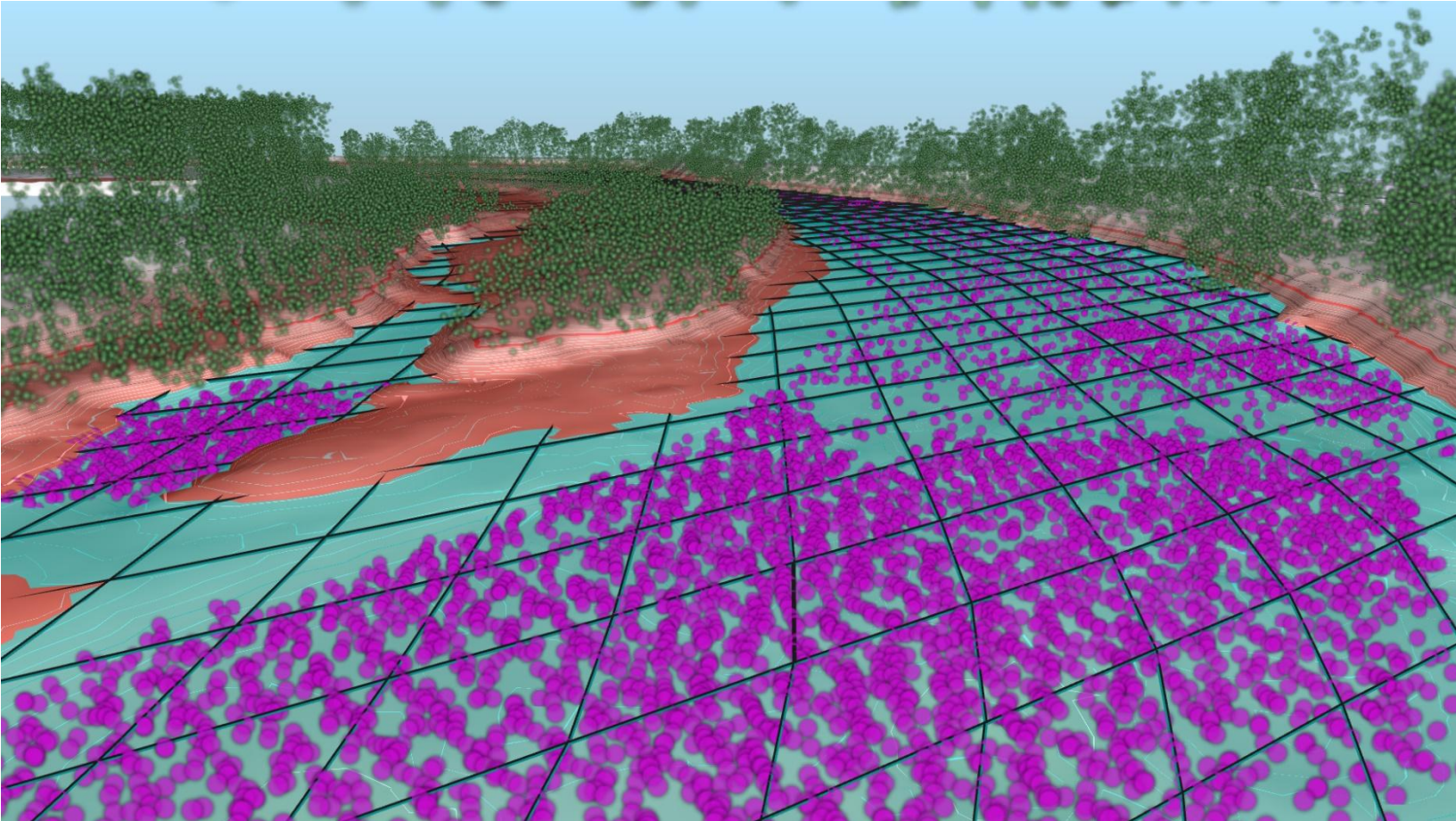
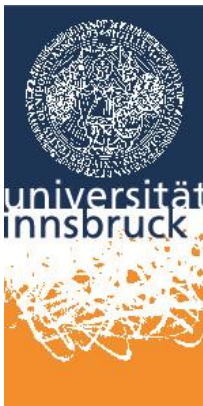


# Reconstruct Water Surface based on a Curvilinear Grid (1m x 1m)





# *Reconstruct Water Surface based on a Curvilinear Grid*



# Calibration of the Telemac2d-Simulation:

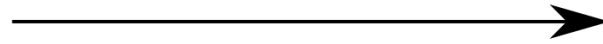
- Discharge  $q=13.00 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$
- Inlet: prescribed  $q$
- Outlet: prescribed height
- Turb. model: constant eddy viscosity ( $0.1 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ )
- Roughness: automatically calculated based on LiDAR Water Surface Model





# Roughness height based on LiDAR

Roughness Adjustment



CFD

LiDAR

roughness at  $t_0$



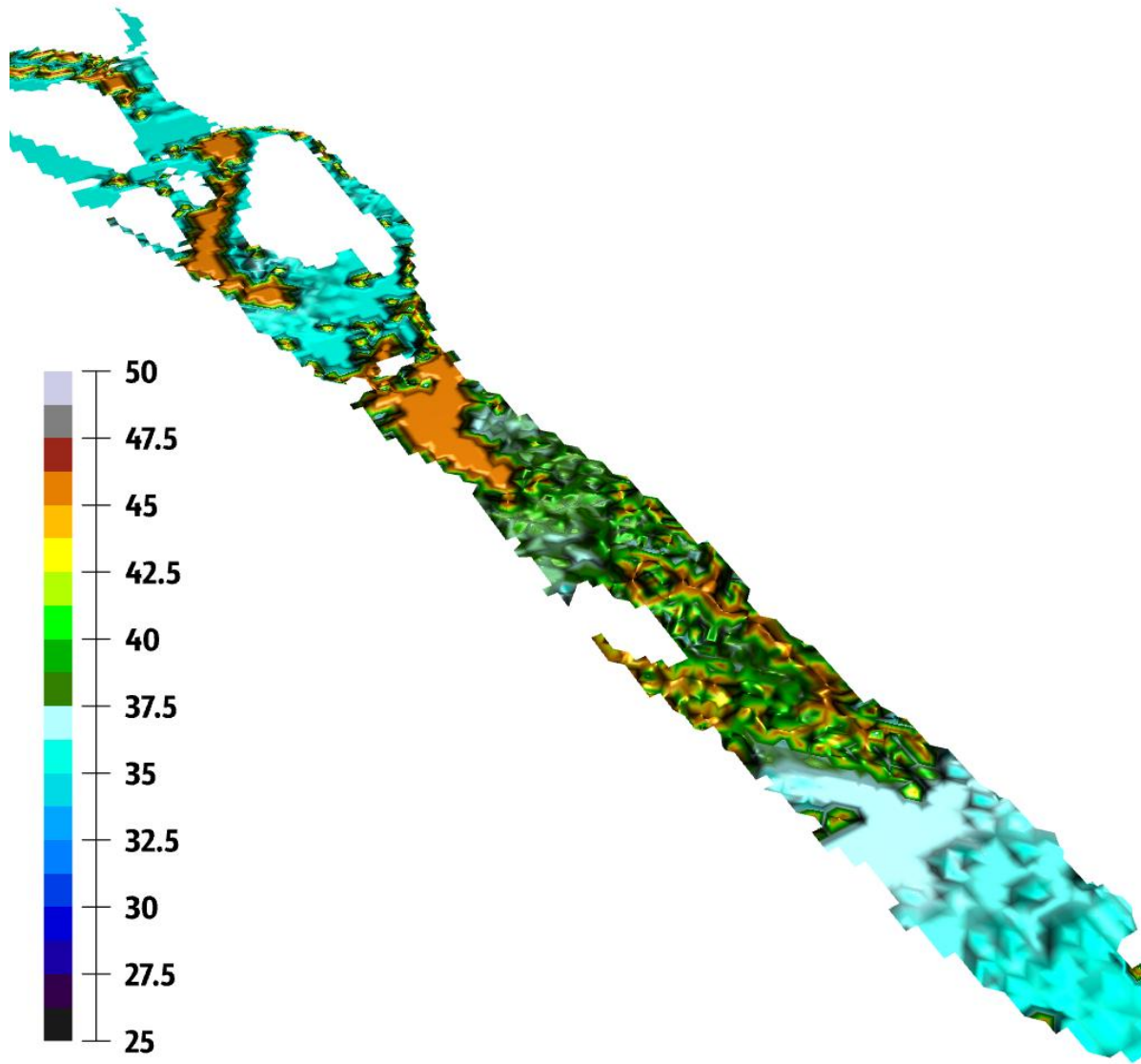
CFD LiDAR



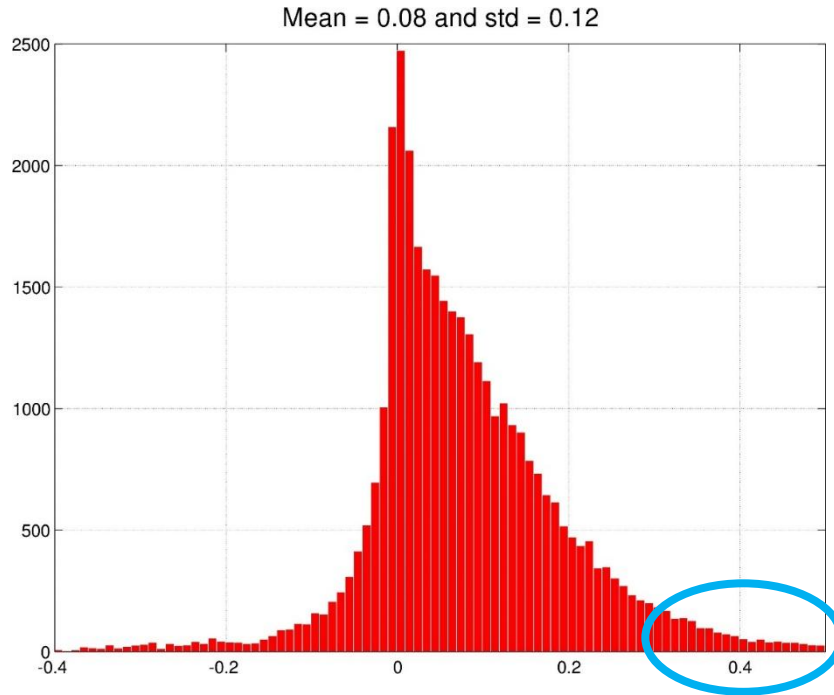
smoother roughness at  $t_1$



*Based on LiDAR Water Surface intermediate  
Strickler values [ $m^{1/3}/s$ ] are calculated*



# *Difference of the water surface between CFD and LiDAR: 8 cm*

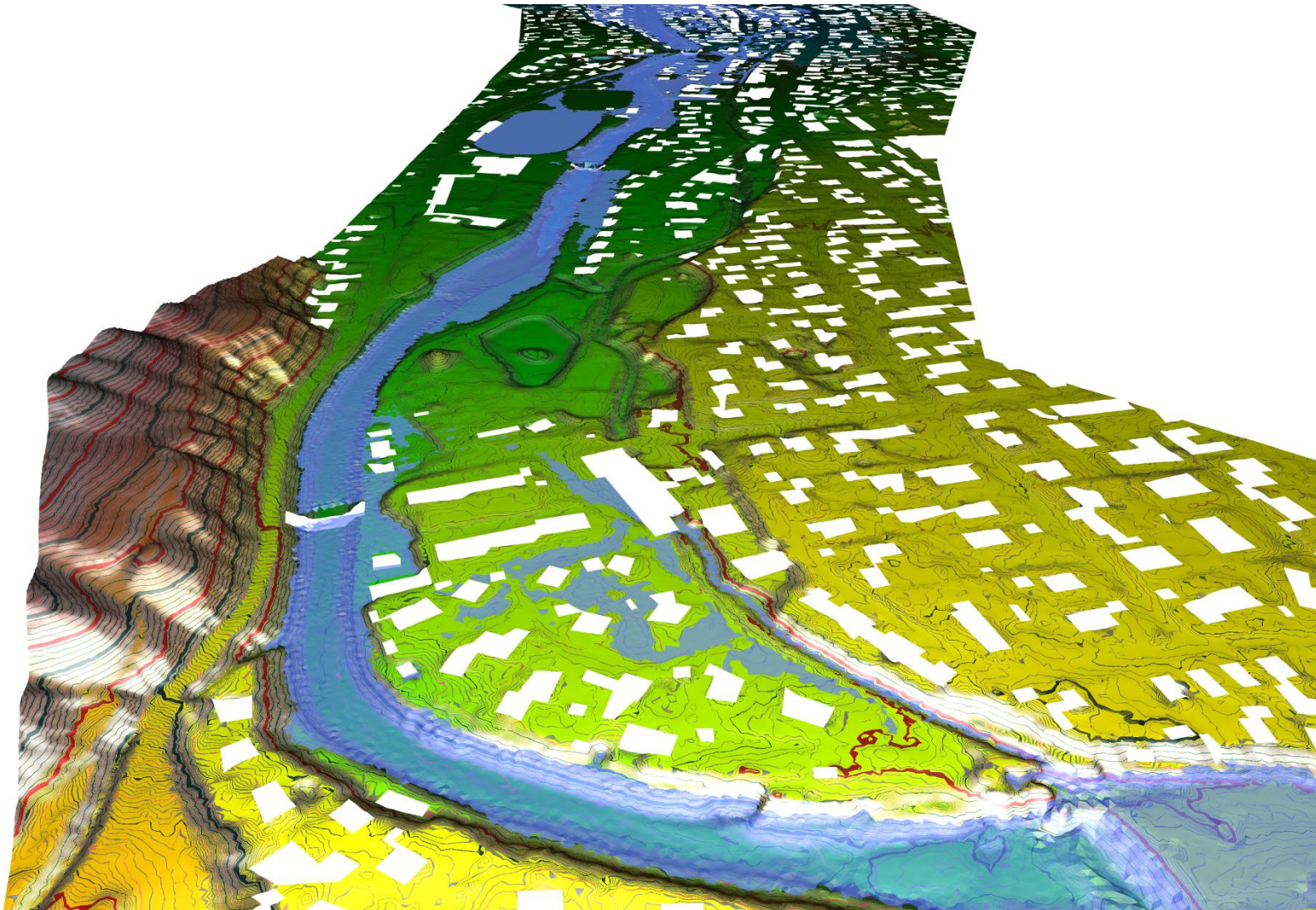


CFD Water surface in the domain is slightly higher than LiDAR (not including ~5cm signal penetration before first lidar echo)

- > different intensities of signal penetration (middle of river/bank area due to turbidity change in river sections)
- > adjustment of water table may be necessary – tendency of deeper signal penetration (for first echo) is an indicator for low turbidity.

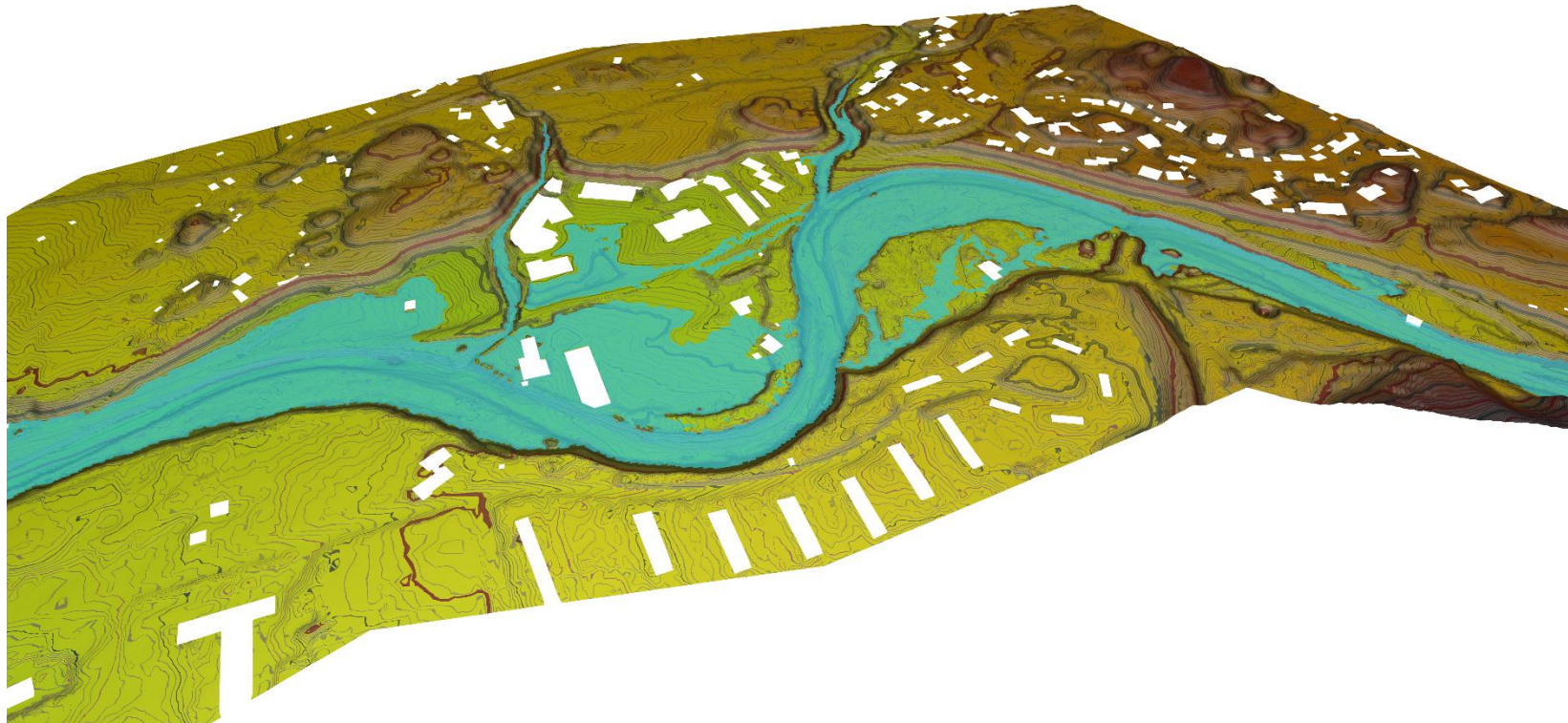


# Result of flood wave



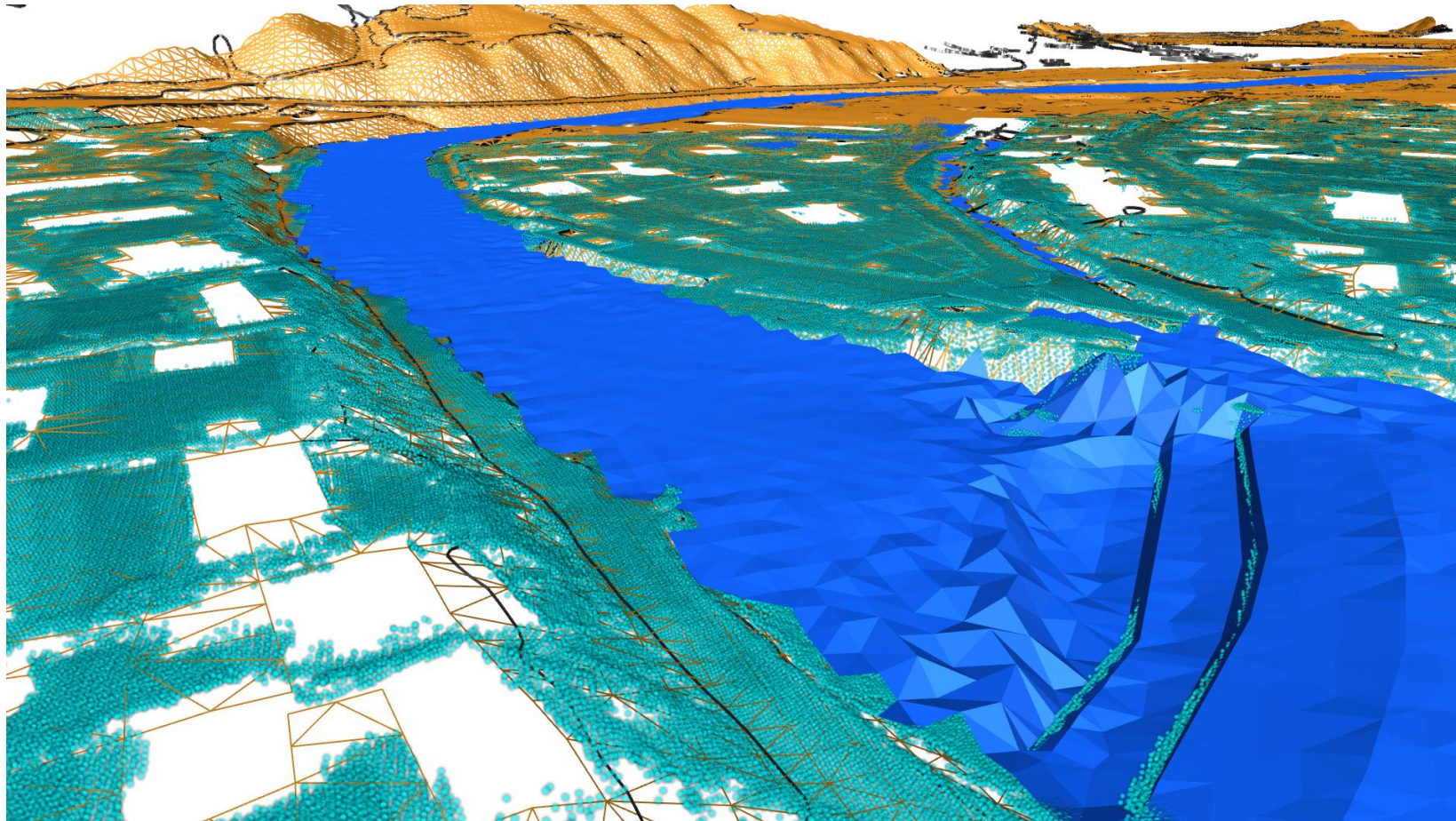


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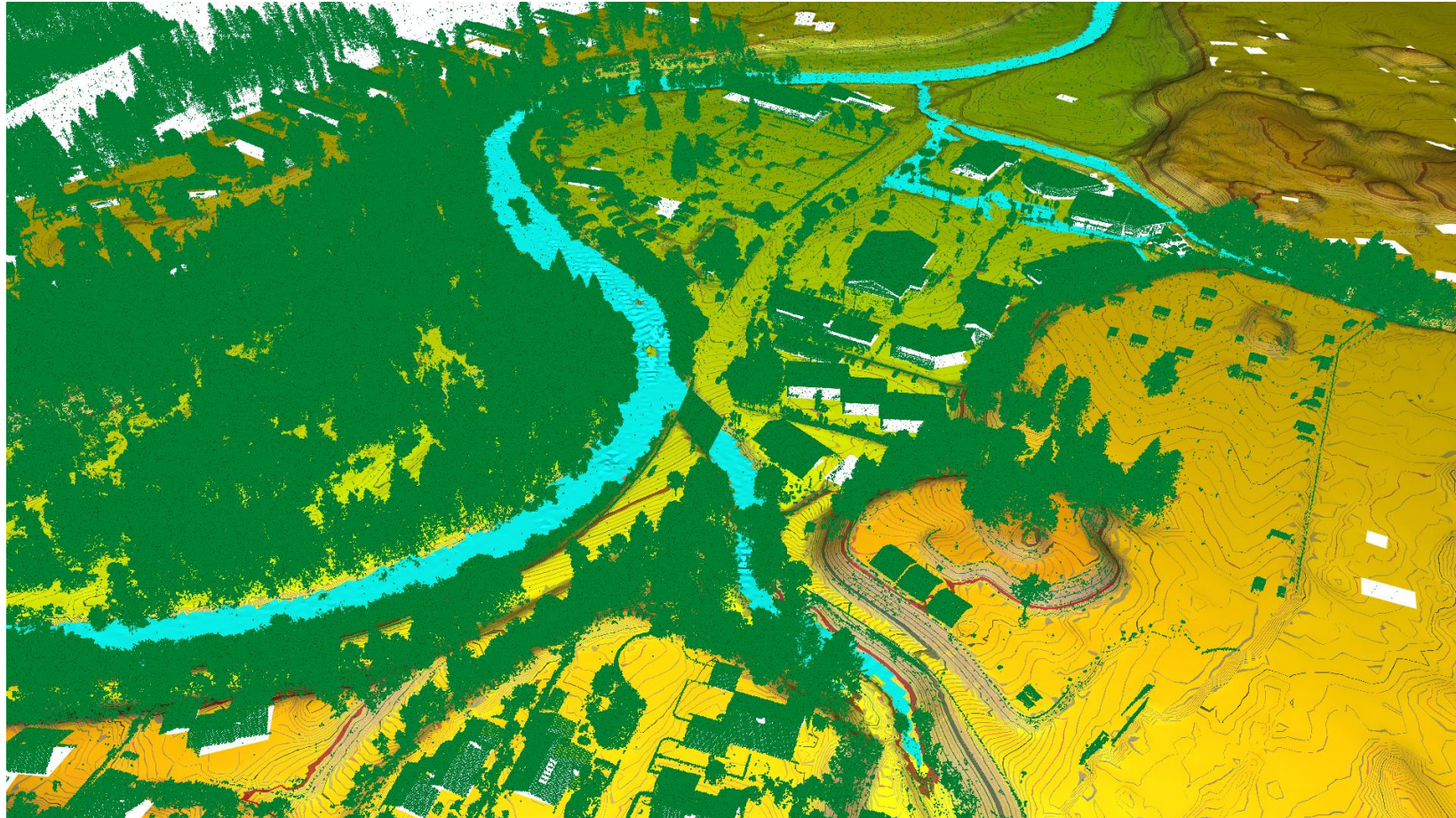


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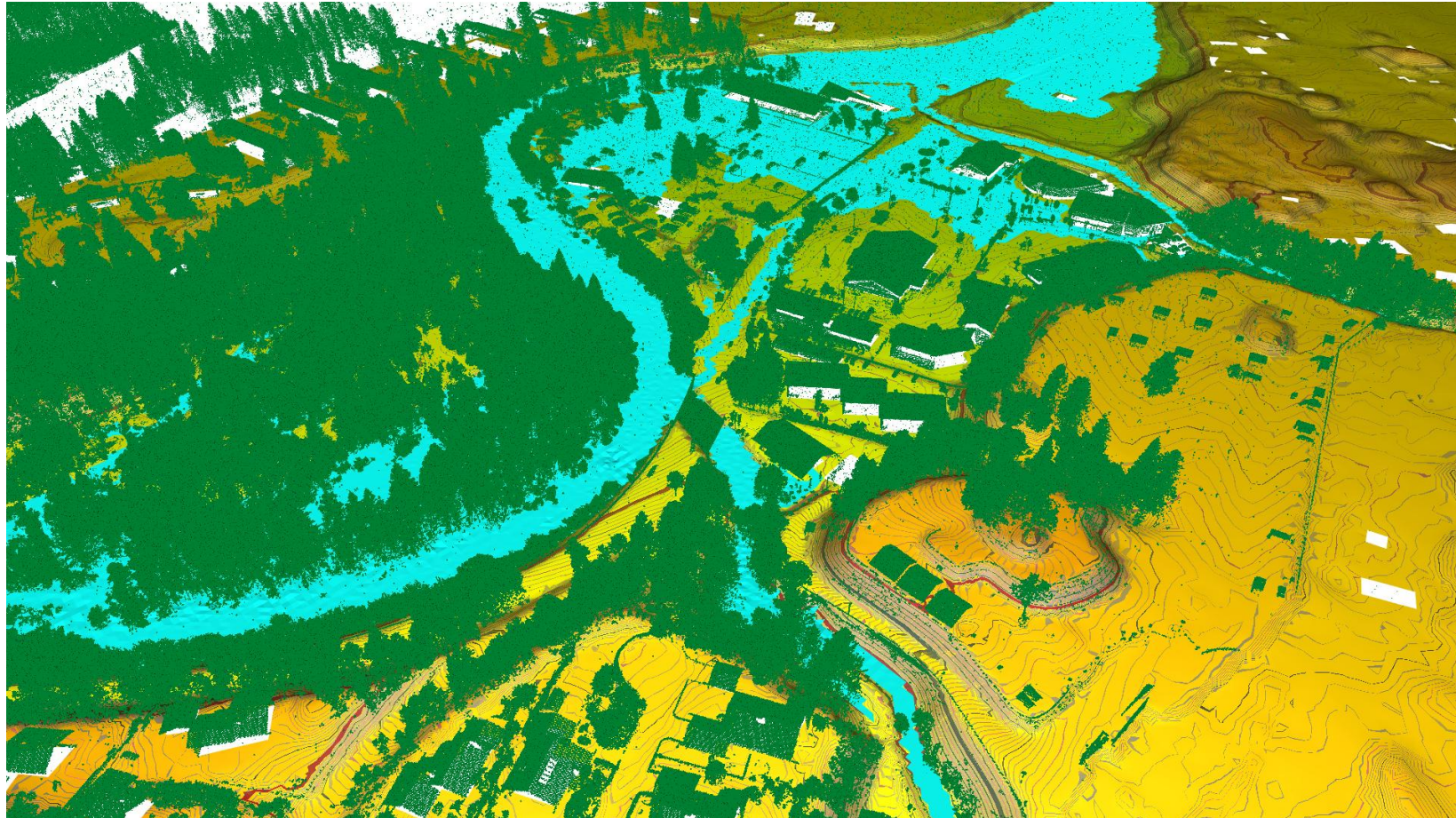


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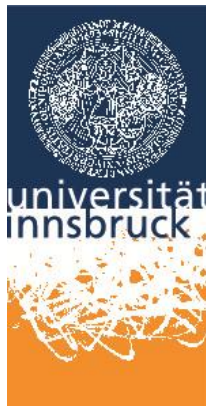
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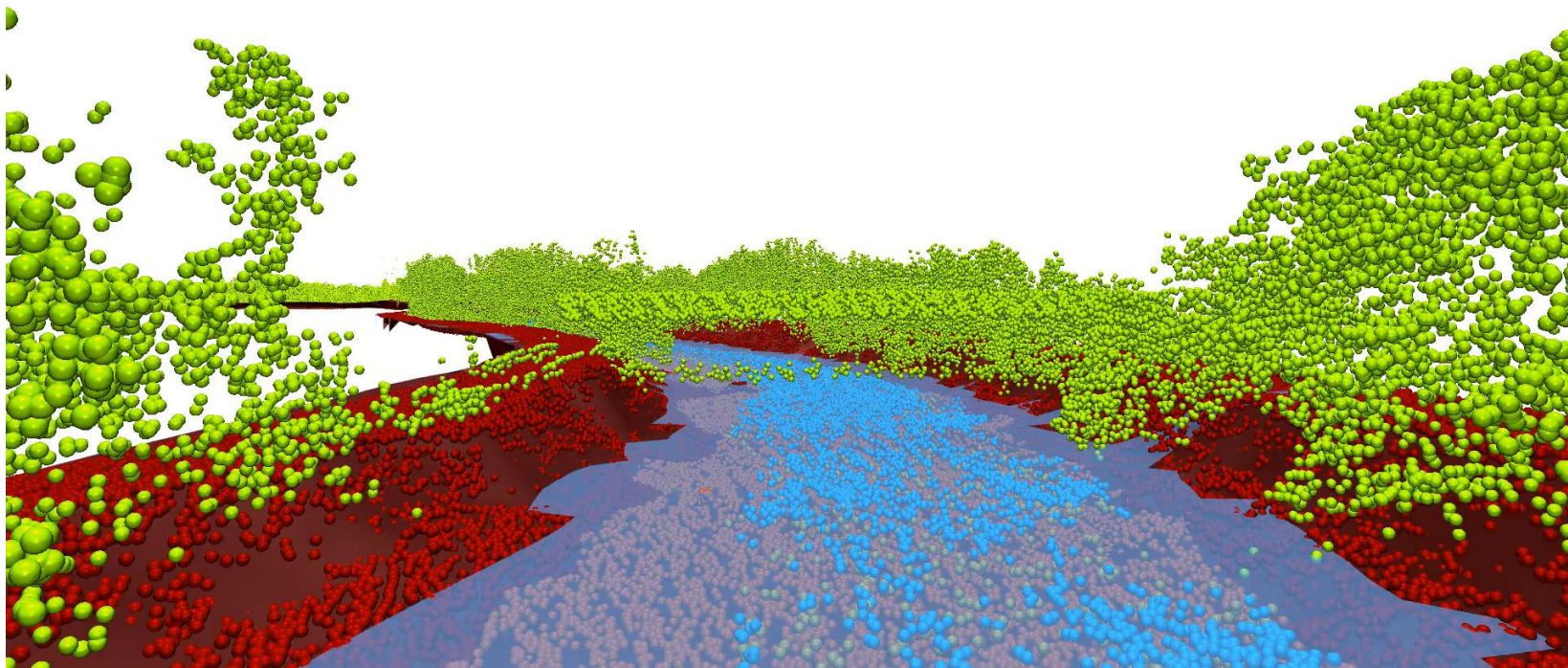
# Conclusion:

1. **Topo-Bathymetry** (25 – 40 pts/m<sup>2</sup>) provides **better data for hydraulic modelling and calibration** due to spatial, dense geometrical information of water surface, foreland and river bed compared to classical approaches.
2. **High point density** needed to guarantee a **high quality water surface** model for refraction and run-time correction.
3. **First echo penetration** depends on water **depth**, water surface **conditions** and **turbidity**.
4. **Reconstruction of Water surface model** based on survey points (**99% quantile**) and a curvilinear grid
5. Time for hydraulic modelling improved due to **reduced work load on mesh generation**



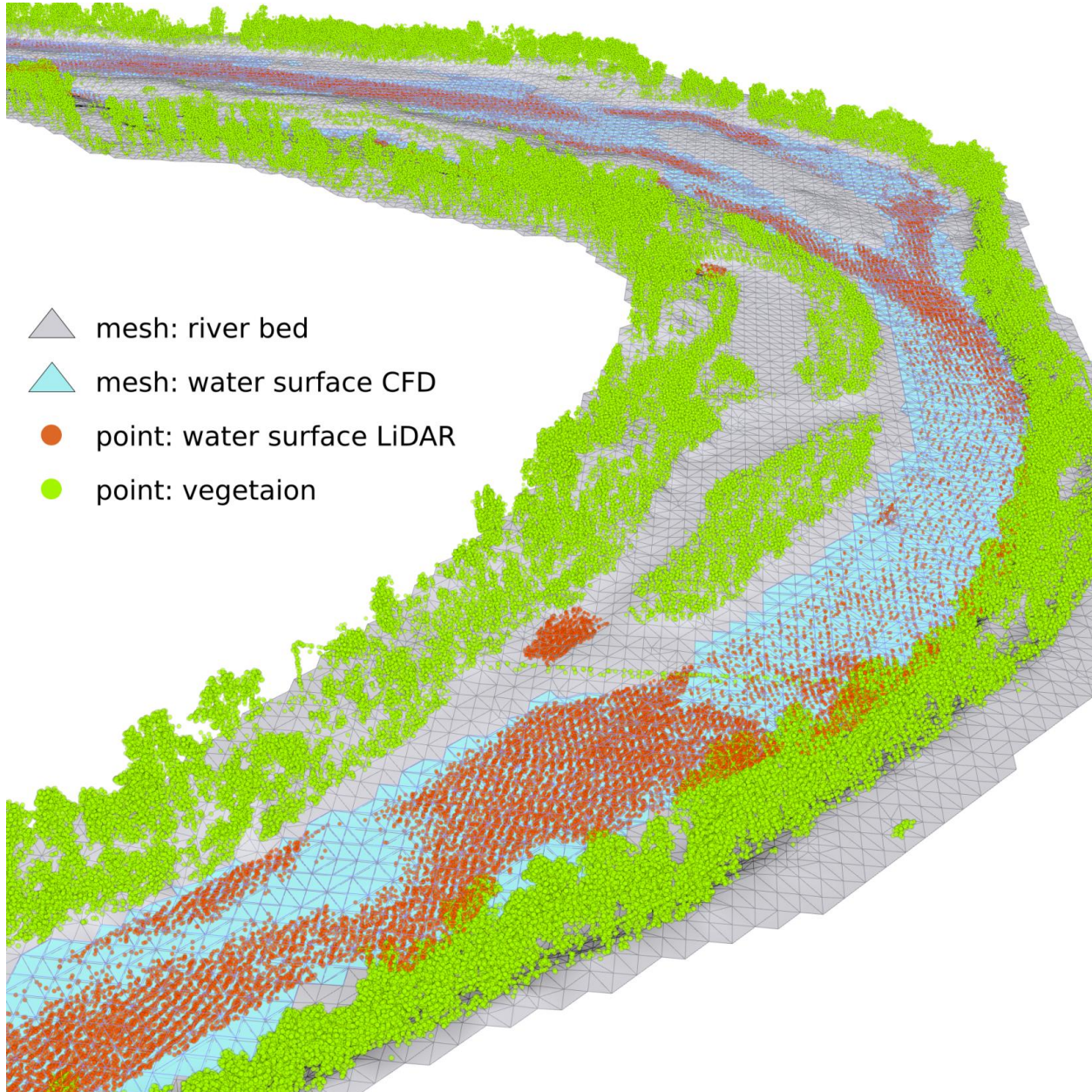
*Thank you!*

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# Thank you!





# *LiDAR Water Surface: For very shallow waters (< 15cm) no water surface points are measured*

