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Anvendelsen af Augmented Reality til visning af underjordisk infrastruktur

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Hvem er jeg?

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- Veje og trafik civilingeniør fra Byggeri og Anlæg, Aalborg Universitet (færdig i 2018)
- Ph.d.-studerende på AAU
 - Augmented Reality for Subsurface Utility Engineering
 - Min Ph.d.-afhandling er indsendt!



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Motivation

- Graveskader påført nedgravet ledninger er dyrt problem! Årlige estimerede omkostninger for samfundet:
 - DKK 280 millioner i Danmark
 - GBP 270 millioner i UK
 - USD 30 milliarder i USA
- Anvend AR til at forbedre arbejdsprocesser i marken ifbm. ledningsarbejde
 - Forsøge at løse kendte visualiseringsproblemer ifbm. med at viser underjordiske ledninger i AR



Hvad er hovedårsagerne til graveskader?

- Eksisterende ledningsoplysninger er dårlige, unøjagtige og manglende

Undersøgelse fra Norge

Feil påvisning/feil på kart/feil antall kabler



Kilde: Rapport fra arbeidsgruppe graveskader, 2. nov. 2015, Norge.

Undersøgelse fra USA

Lack of depth.
Marks too far from the utilities.
Temporary nature of marking.

Table 4. Homogeneous groups of root causes based on respondents' experience

Group number	Deficiency	M	SD
1	Lack of depth.	6.38	3.3
2	Marks too far from the utilities. Temporary nature of marking.	5.8 5.7	3.0 3.2
3	Excavators relied on the general contractors to notify one call center. Excavators relied on the landowner's advice it was safe to dig.	5.18 4.96	3.3 3.5
4	Excavators do not wait for three working days. Schedule tight and cannot afford to hand-dig within 2 ft of the marks. Penalties are too low.	4.28 4.15 3.85	3.1 3.2 3.1
5	It is less expensive for excavators to damage utilities than to excavate safely.	2.98	2.89

Eksisterende AR løsninger

Trimble SiteVision



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Klassisk anvendelse af AR: 3D as-designed vejmodeller

- Forskningsprojekt fra 2017
- Case: Herning-Holstebro motorvejen

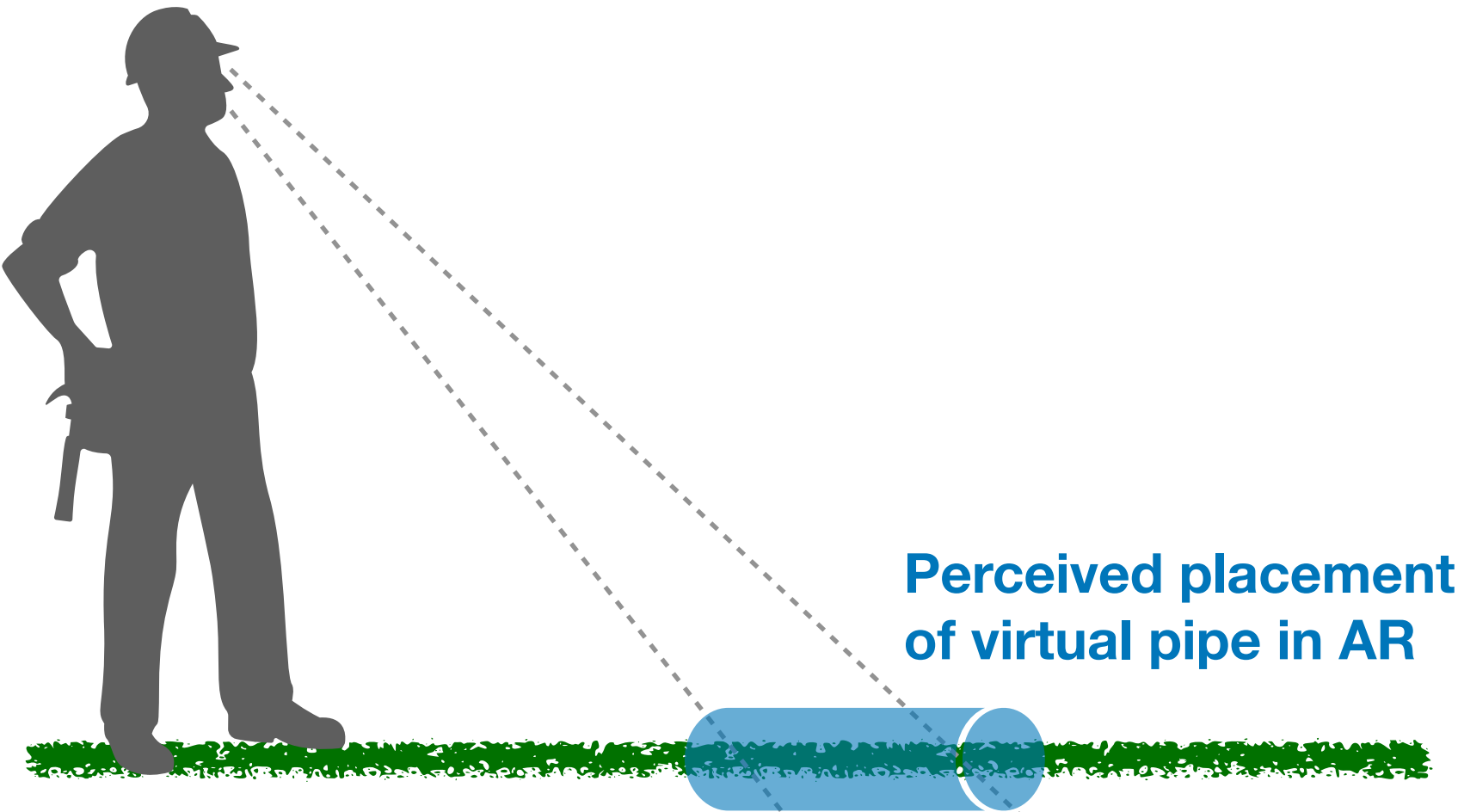
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Udfordringer med under-jorden visualisering



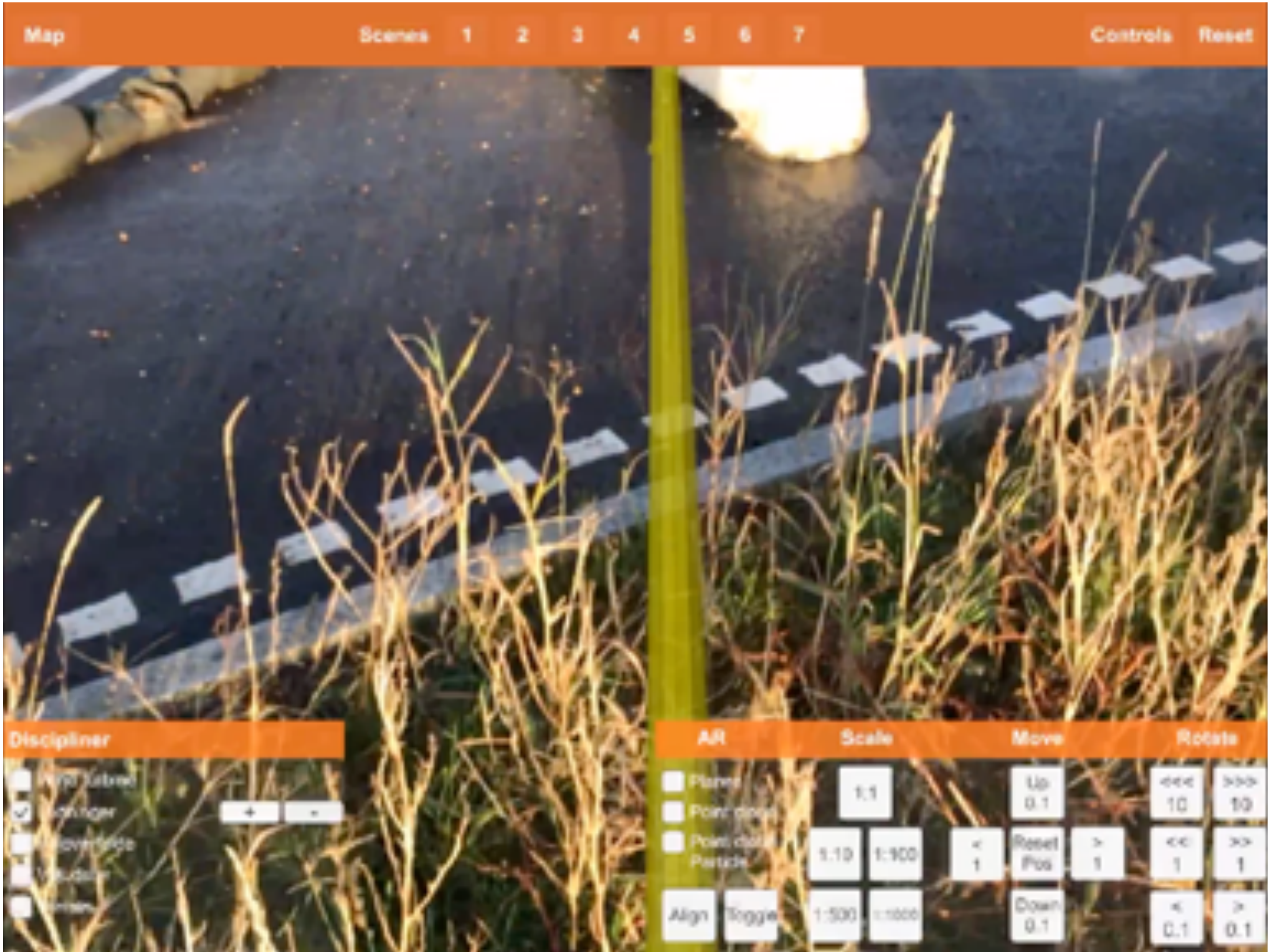
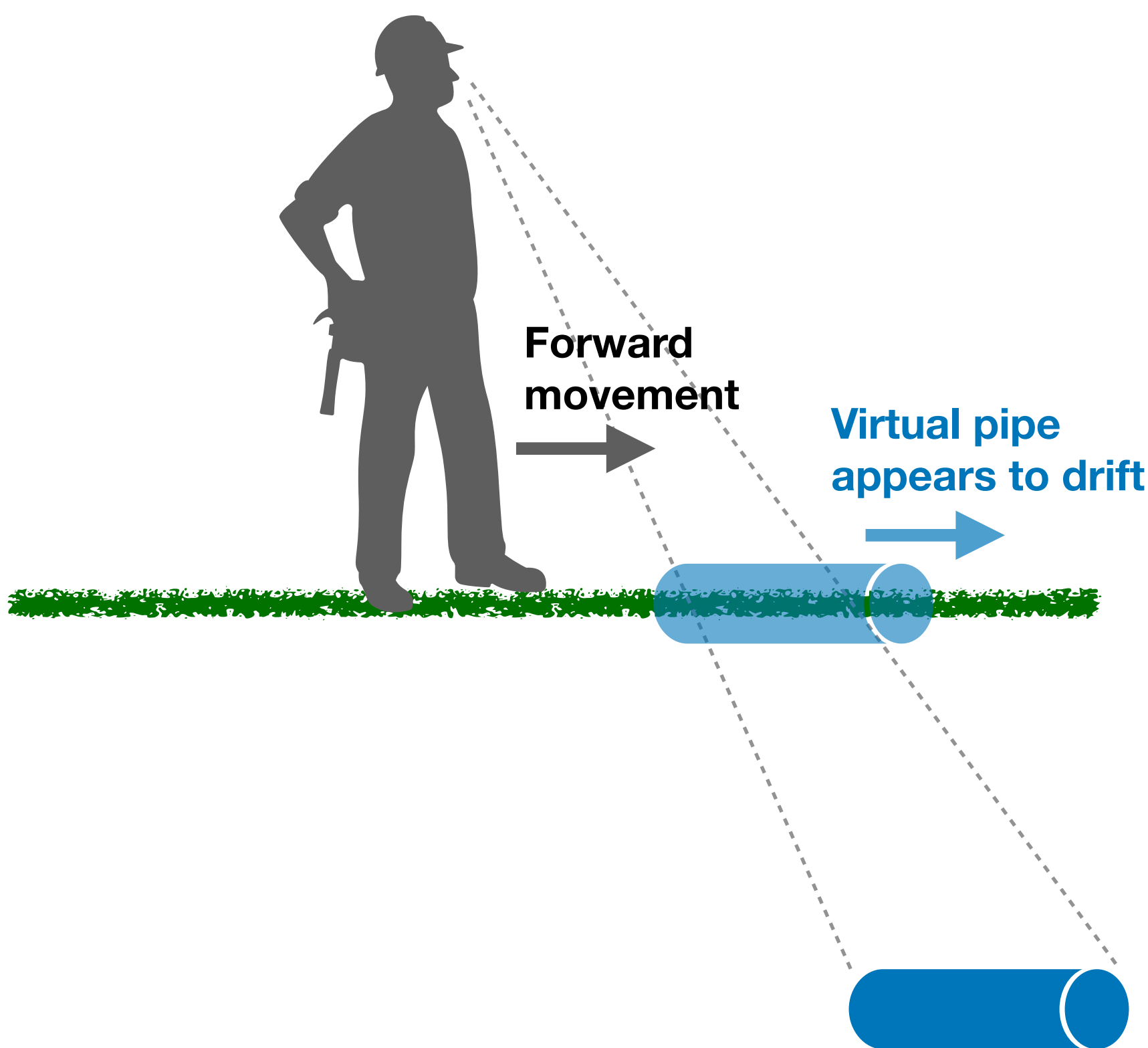
Perceived placement of virtual pipe in AR



Virtual pipe rendered beneath surface in AR



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AR for Infrastructure Visualisation

Status for nuværende AR løsninger:

- Ledningsdata i 3D
- Ingen nye metoder siden 2009

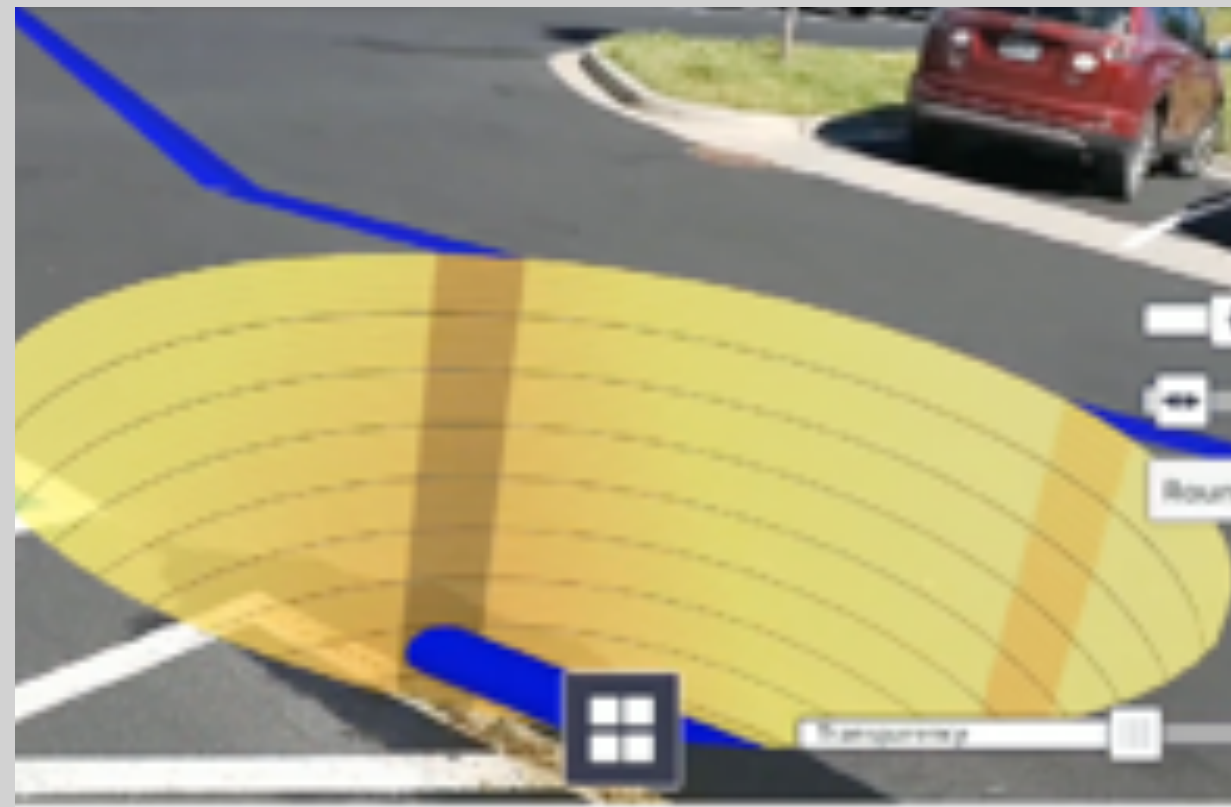
[1] G.Schall, E.Mendez, E. Kruijff, E.E. Veas, S. Junghanns, B. Reitinger, and D. Schmalstieg. Handheld augmented reality for underground infrastructure visualization. Personal and Ubiquitous Computing, 13(4):281– 291, 2009. doi: 10.1007/s00779-008-0204-5

Cut-away

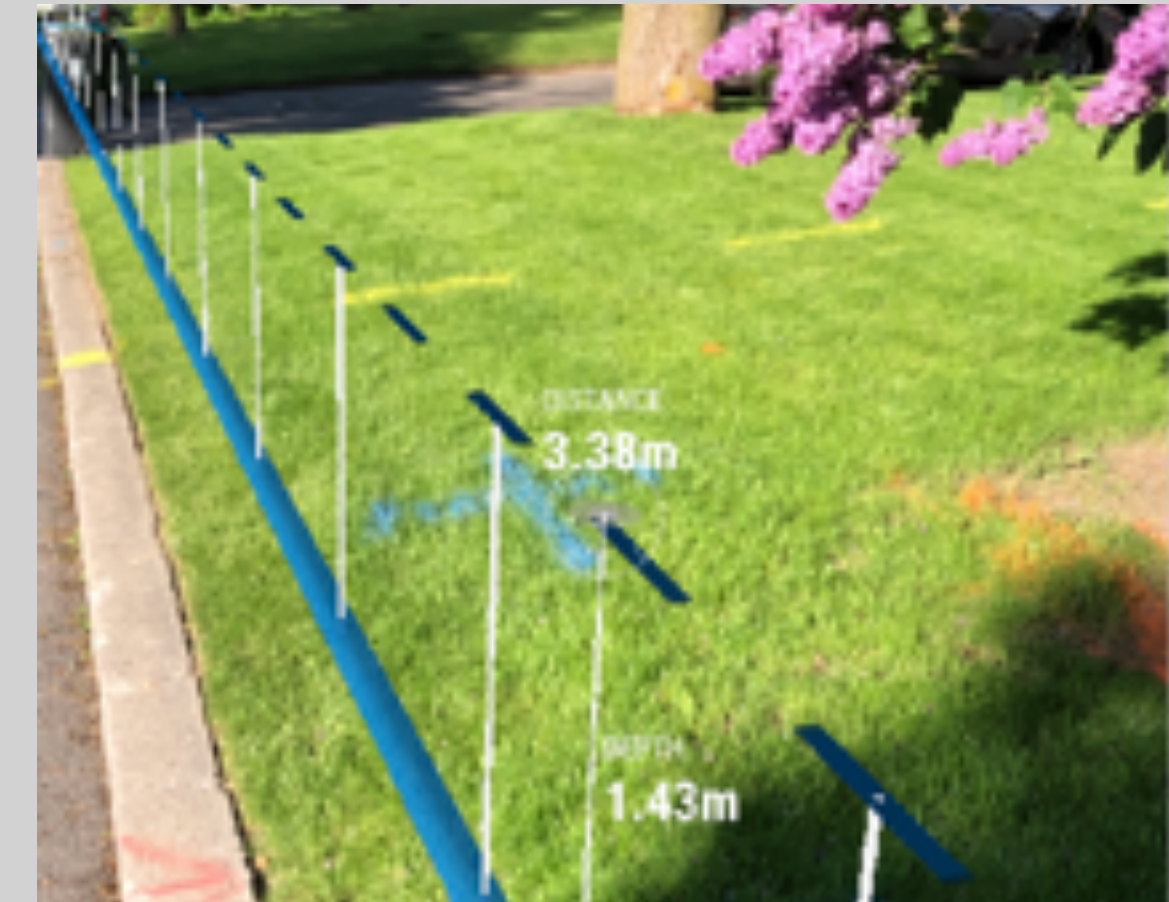
Shadow projection

Current commercial
Visualization methods

SiteVision



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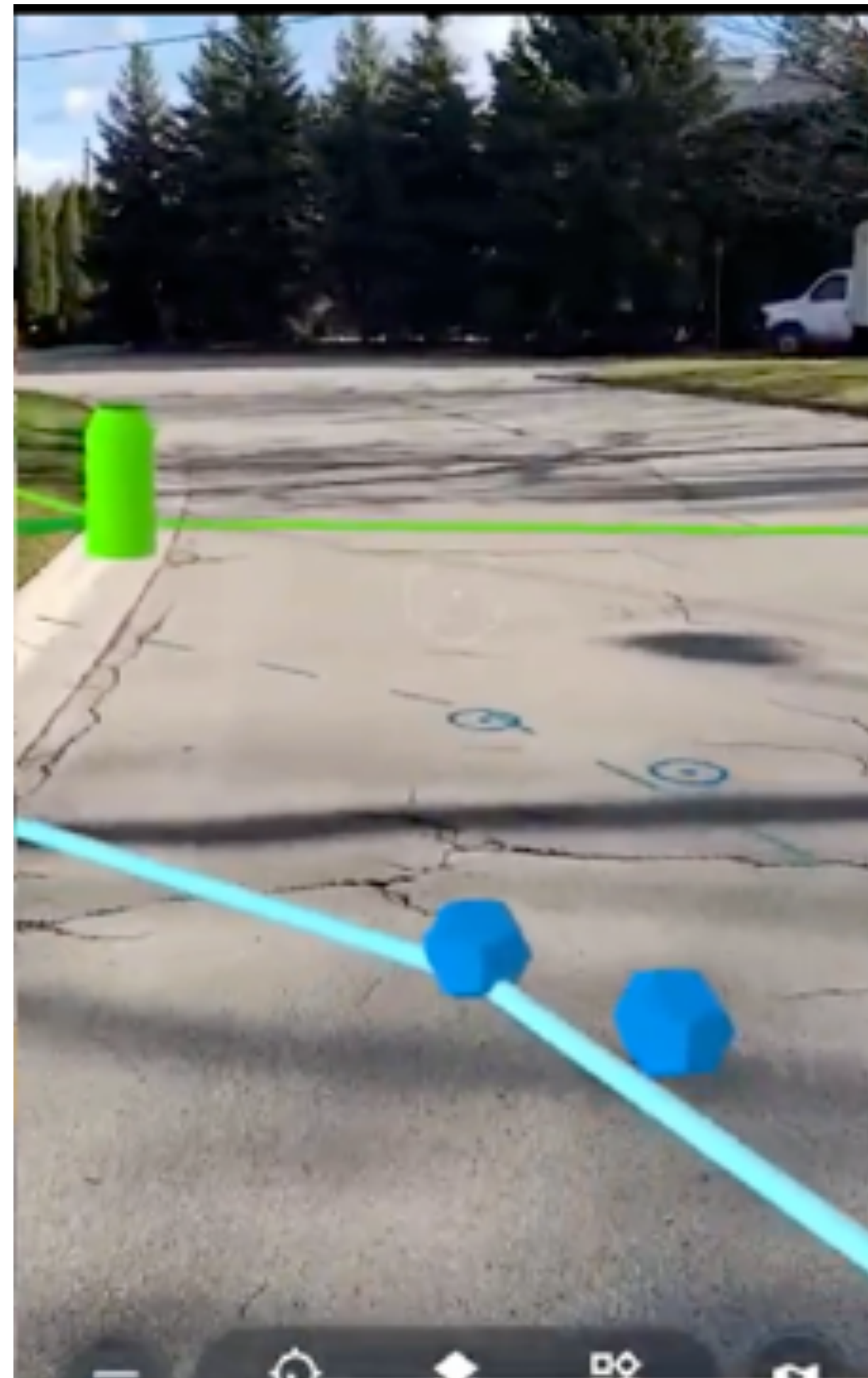
Visualization methods
from pervious research [1]



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- Planar ground surface estimation



Augmented Reality for Subsurface Utility Engineering

Vizario.CapsLoc:

A compact sensor box for centimeter-accurate outdoor positioning developed by AR4.io
<https://www.ar4.io/vizario-capsloc/>



Virtual Utility Marking

Reads conventional GIS utility data and outputs plausible looking *virtual utility markings* in AR that are relatable for utility workers.



Virtual Utility Daylighting

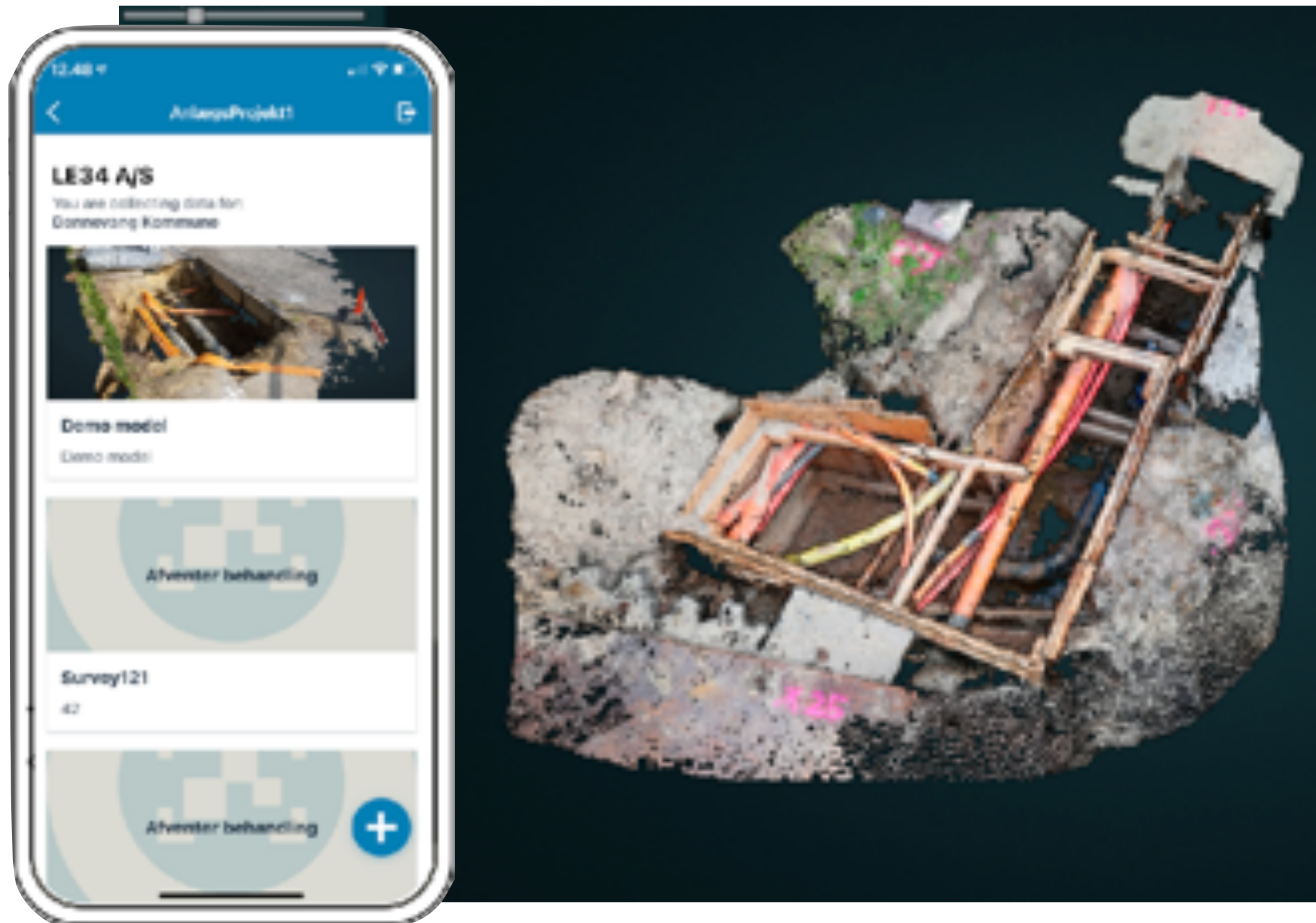
Visualisation of 3D reconstructions of real utility excavations holes by fusing seamlessly with the real environment to uncover the underground utilities



Reality Capture and Augmented Reality



Reality Capture LE34 SmartSurvey



Augmented Reality Trimble SiteVision



Punktskyer af ledningshuller

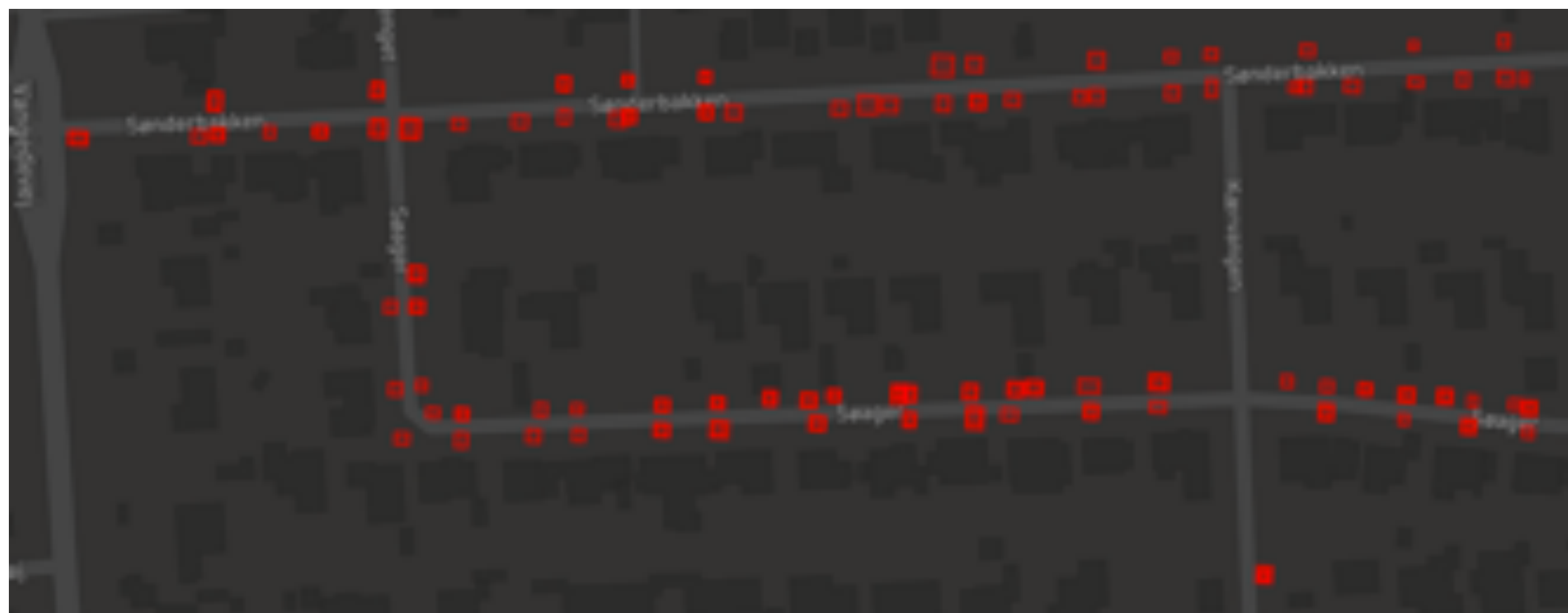
- +3500 ledningshuller af Novafos og Aarhus Vand
- Ønske om at anvende punktsky data ifbm. planlægning af nye ledningsprojekter
- Kan vi anvende det som visualiseringsdata i AR?

Novafos

LE34

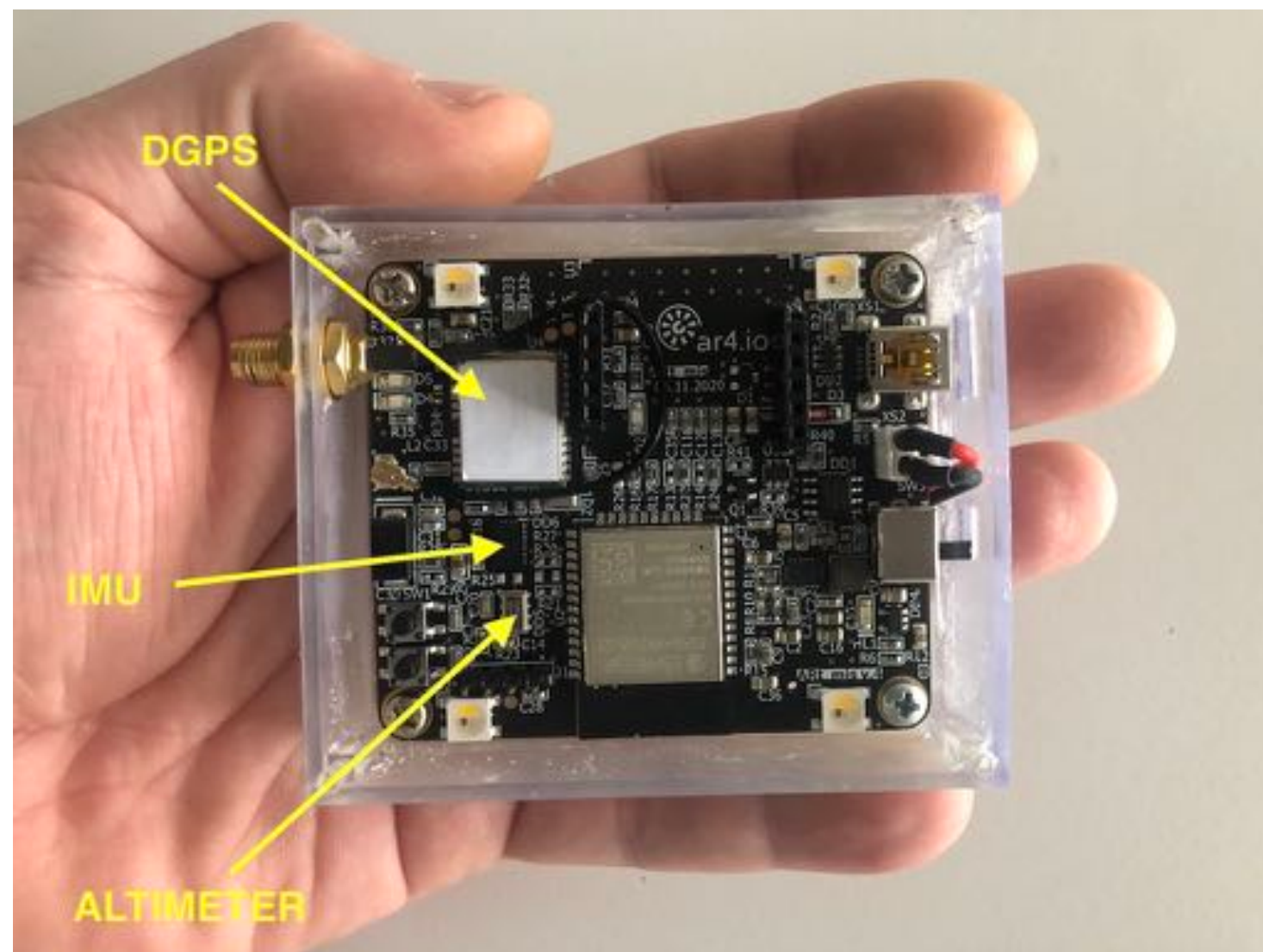
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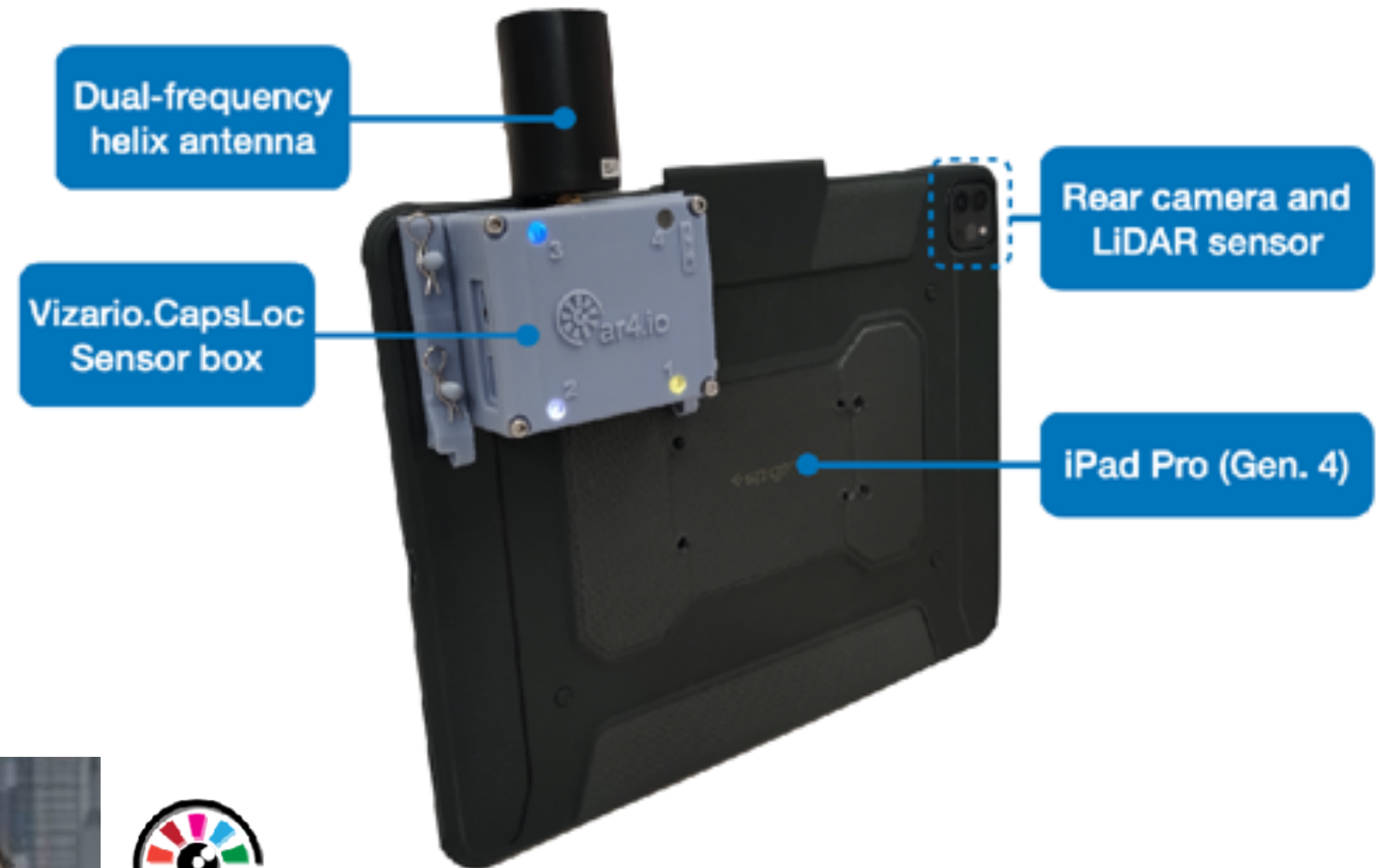


AR system setup

- iPad Pro (4th gen) with LiDAR sensor
- CapsLoc sensor-box by AR4 using low-cost components [4]
- Compact helix-based, dual-frequency antenna
~ 200 Euro



Clemens Arth
Founder
clemens@ar4.io



Accuracy evaluation

- The challenge is to keep a robust **fixed** RTK connection
- Helix antenna great for 6DoF movement = our use case



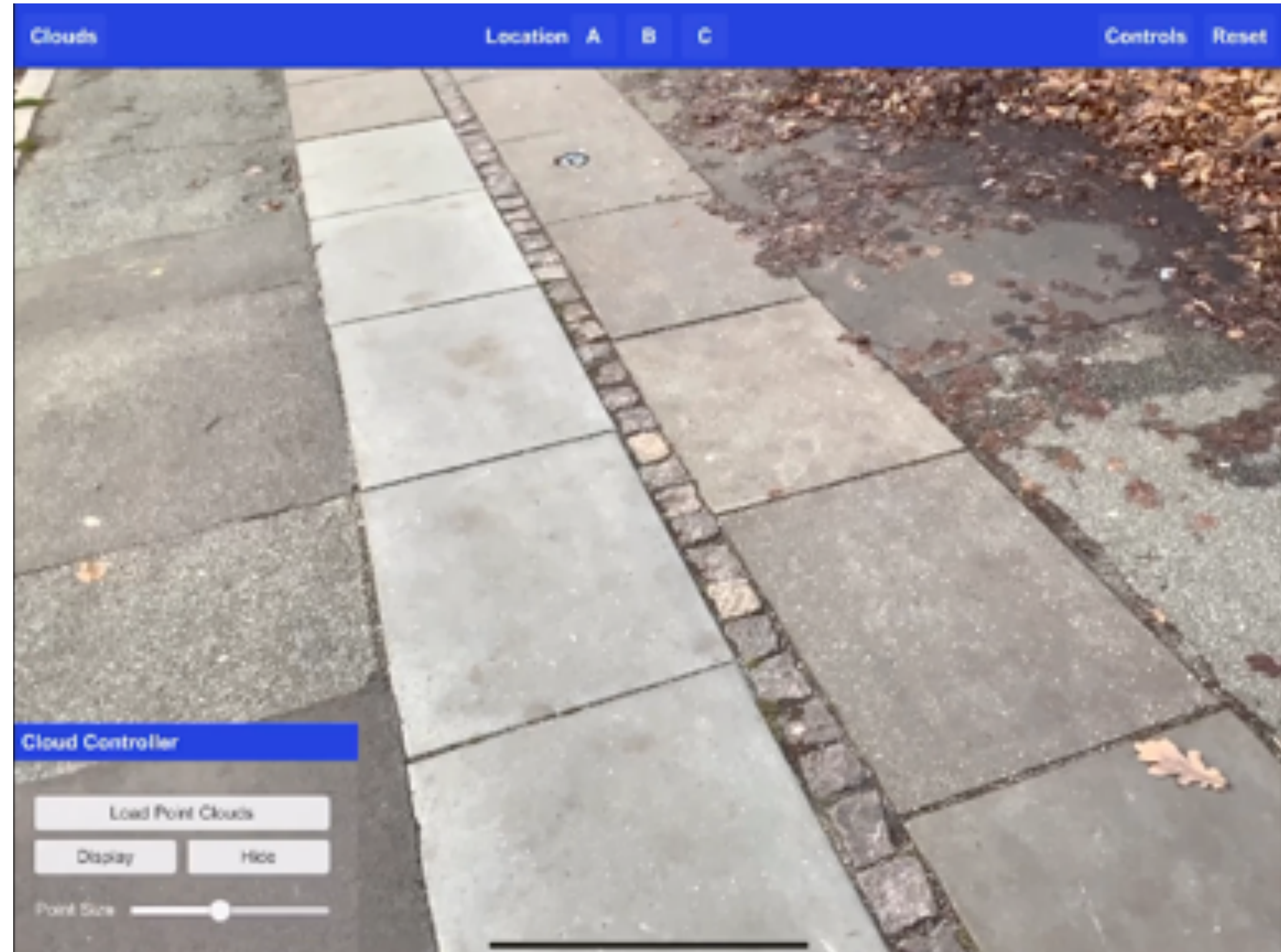
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31/5/21, 12:45	fixed	287	2	8	10	11
31/5/21, 12:38	fixed	291	1	1	3	9
31/5/21, 12:53	fixed	207	1	1	4	5
1/6/21, 15:54	float	91	30	23	21	19
1/6/21, 15:27	float	365	25	13	16	20
1/6/21, 15:34	fixed	199	9	6	10	12
2/6/21, 11:28	float	122	17	20	27	35
2/6/21, 11:24	float	264	15	21	30	33
2/6/21, 11:31	float	157	15	10	5	2
2/6/21, 11:34	fixed	59	10	11	9	7
2/6/21, 11:18	fixed	66	10	2	2	2
2/6/21, 11:14	fixed	281	6	2	2	4
2/6/21, 11:07	fixed	165	1	3	3	4

Mean (μ) fixed only	5.56	5.00	5.67	7.11
StdDev (<i>std</i>) fixed only	4.28	4.12	3.50	3.55
Mean (μ) float only	19.0	15.0	16.67	18.33
StdDev (<i>std</i>) float only	6.96	7.72	11.71	14.58
Mean (μ) fixed and float combined	10.93	9.0	10.07	11.6
StdDev (<i>std</i>) fixed and float combined	8.61	7.53	9.33	10.75

Virtual Utility Daylighting in action



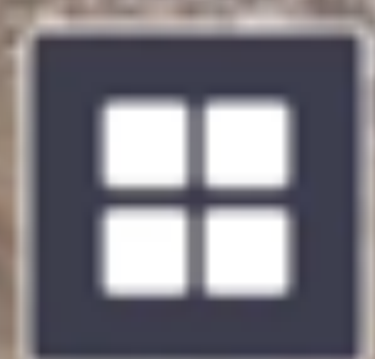
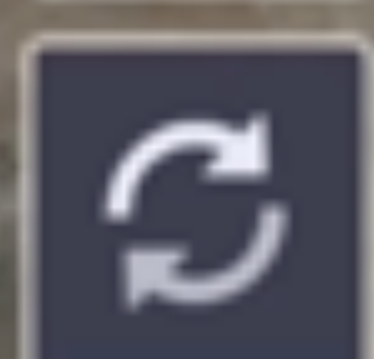
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Virtual Utility Daylighting med Trimble SiteVision

- Udført af mine bachelor studerende (veje og trafik, AAU)
 - Shout-out: Anders, Caroline, Elias og Johan





Transparency

Interview resultater

- Fordele
 - Giver et klart 3D billede af hvad der er nede i jorden.
 - Mulighed for at se dybder, udbredelse, materialetyper, osv.
 - Åbner for drømmen om at “se nede under jorden ” inden man graver.
- Ulemper
 - Kun punktsky data for steder som er 3D registreret.
 - Bekymringer om det giver en falsk tryghed
 - LER data er lovgivende data og vil derfor dominere

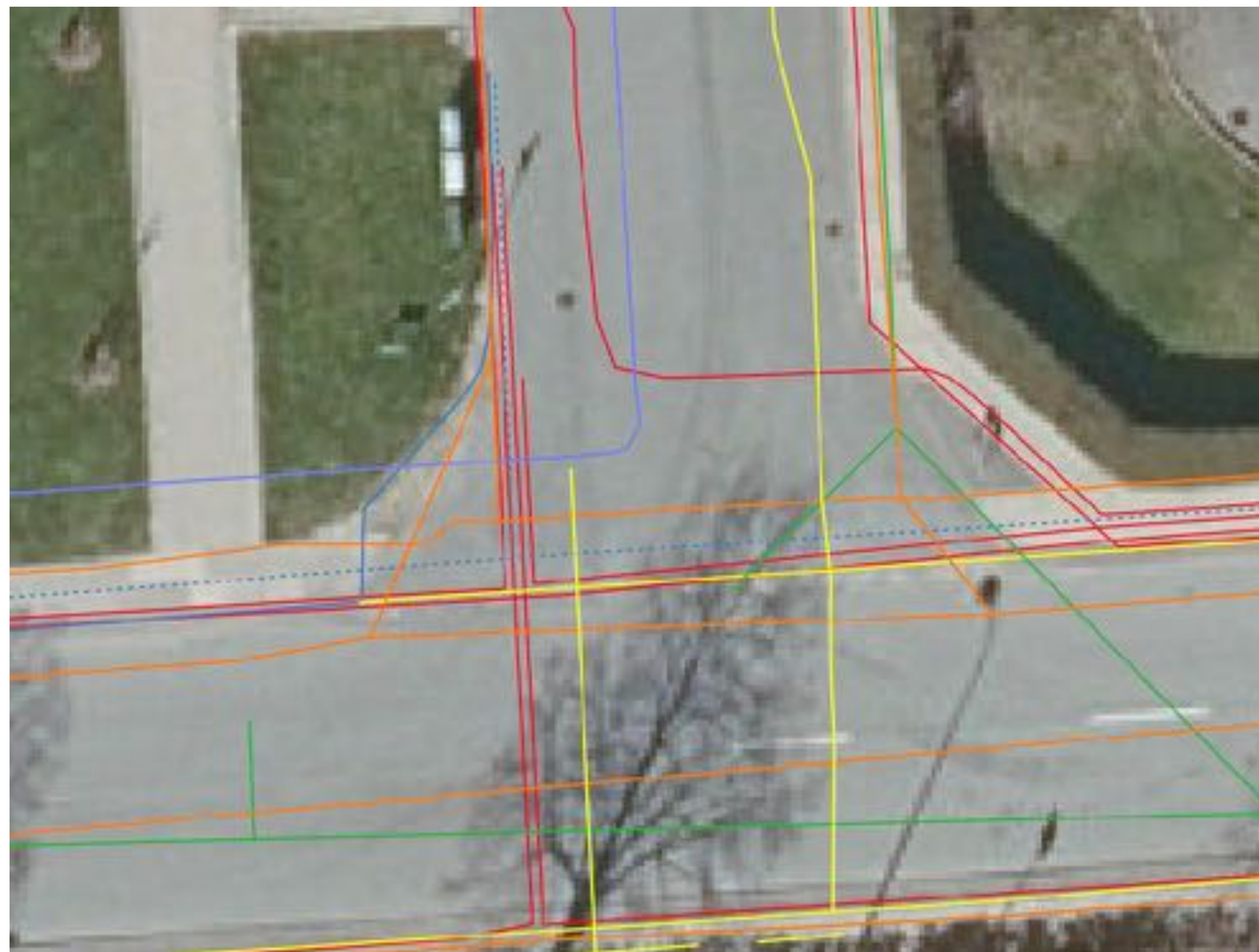
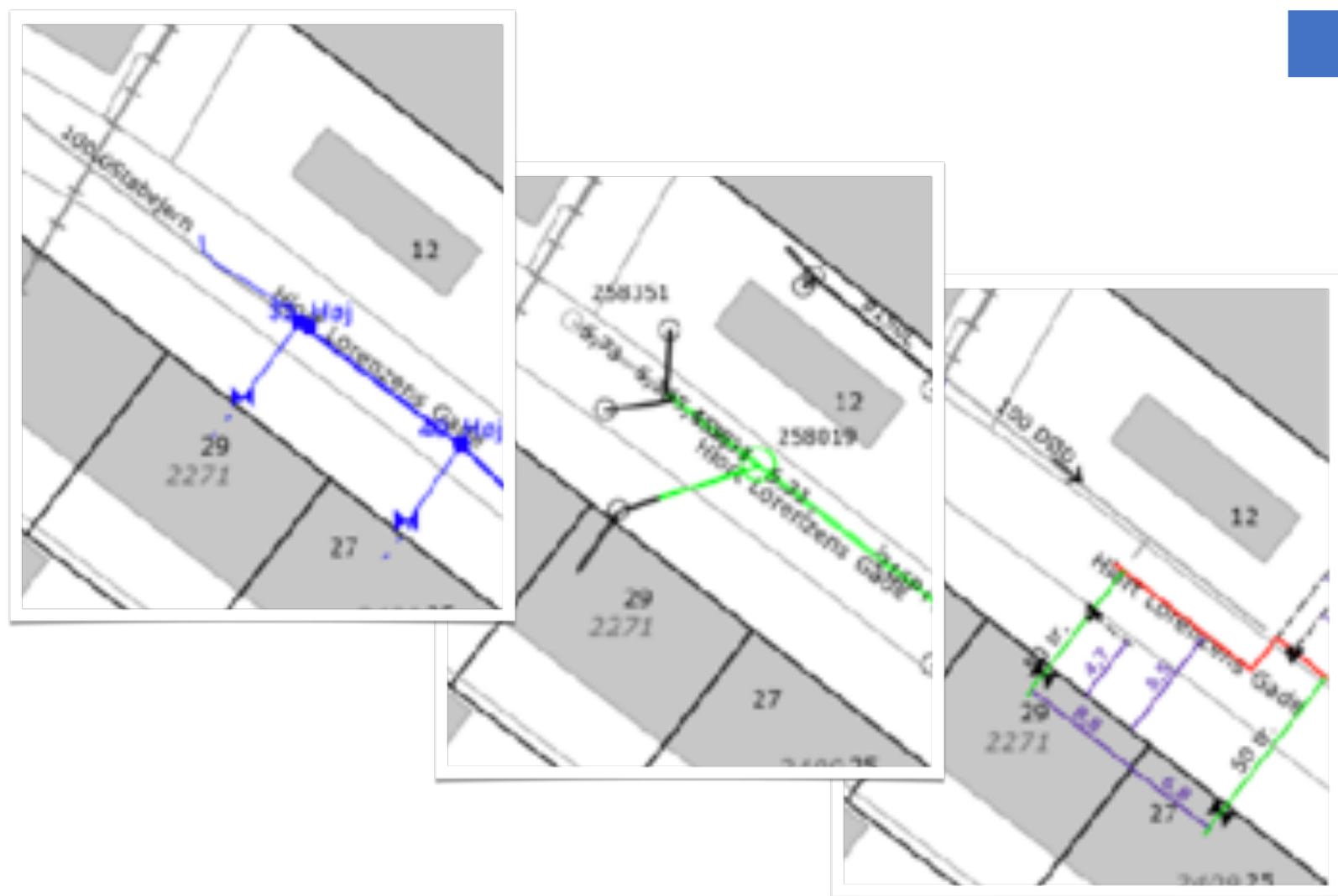
”... det vil være rigtig fedt det her, det vil være en kanon hjælp, fordi med traditionelle ledningsoplysninger ser man ikke alle de kabelkrydsninger, som vi ser nu [med AR prototypen]...”



Virtual Utility Marking

Vi tager udgangspunkt LER data

- **2D-vector data** af ledninger gemt i GIS
- Selvom i mange tilfælde kun pdf-tegninger



Virtual Utility Marking

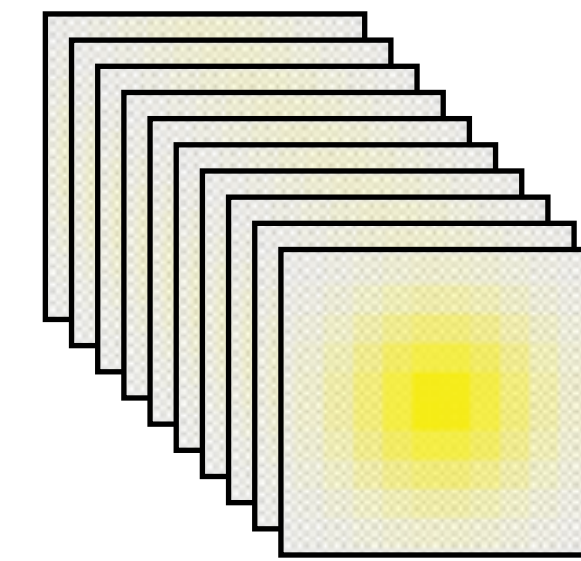
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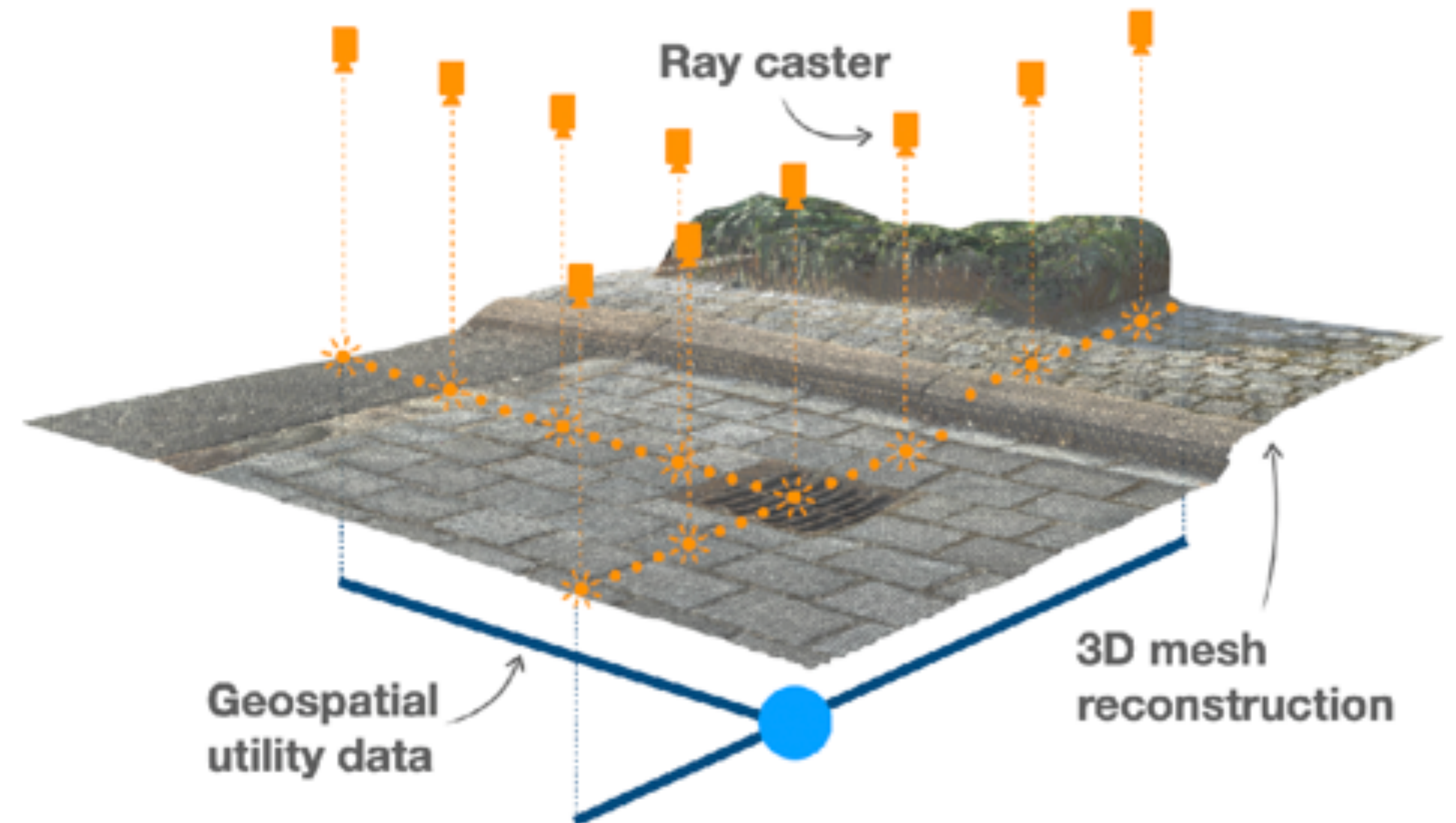
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16x16 pixel sprites

Resolution: 30 per meter



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Blending per-pixels luminance values of the ground layer, denoted by $g \in [0,1]$, and the top layer, denoted by $t \in [0,1]$, using the formula

$$f(g,t) = \begin{cases} 2gt, & \text{if } t < 0.5 \\ 1 - 2(1-g)(1-t), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

A.k.a: Overlay Blend mode effect in photoeditor software

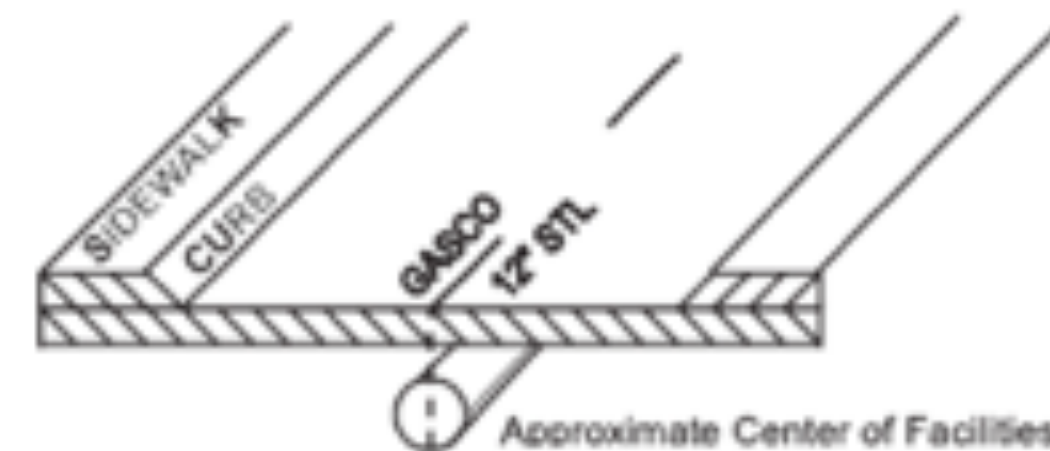


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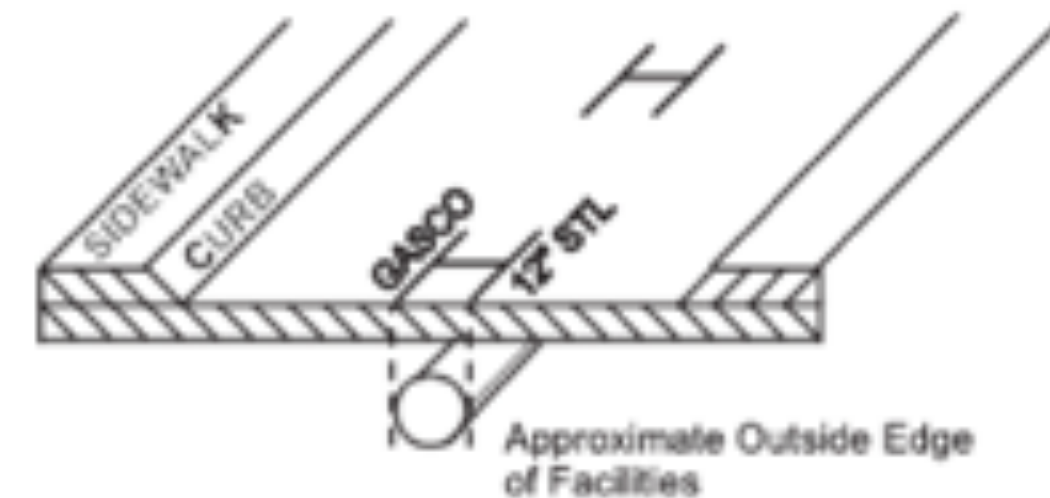
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Single Facility Marking



Large Single Facility Marking



Conduit Marking



Uniform Colour Code

White	Proposed Excavation
Pink	Temporary Survey Markings
Red	Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
Yellow	Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials
Orange	Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit
Blue	Potable Water
Purple	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
Green	Sewers and Drain Lines

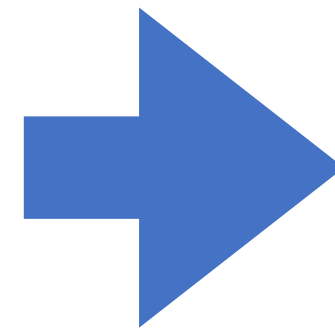
Common Abbreviations

CH	Chemical
E	Electric
FO	Fiber Optic
G	Gas
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
PP	Petroleum Products
RR	Railroad Signal
S	Sewer
SD	Storm Drain
SS	Storm Sewer
SL	Street Lighting
STM	Steam
SP	Slurry System
TEL	Telephone
TS	Traffic Signal
TV	Television
W	Water
W	Reclaimed Water "Purple"

Marking Dimensions



Virtual Utility Marking in action



Virtual Utility Marking in action

- On-surface placement by using real-time 3D reconstruction mesh from LiDAR sensor



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- Clearly useful when surface elevation change
 - Constructed environments



Virtual Utility Marking in action

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 - During excavation



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- Dark > light surfaces



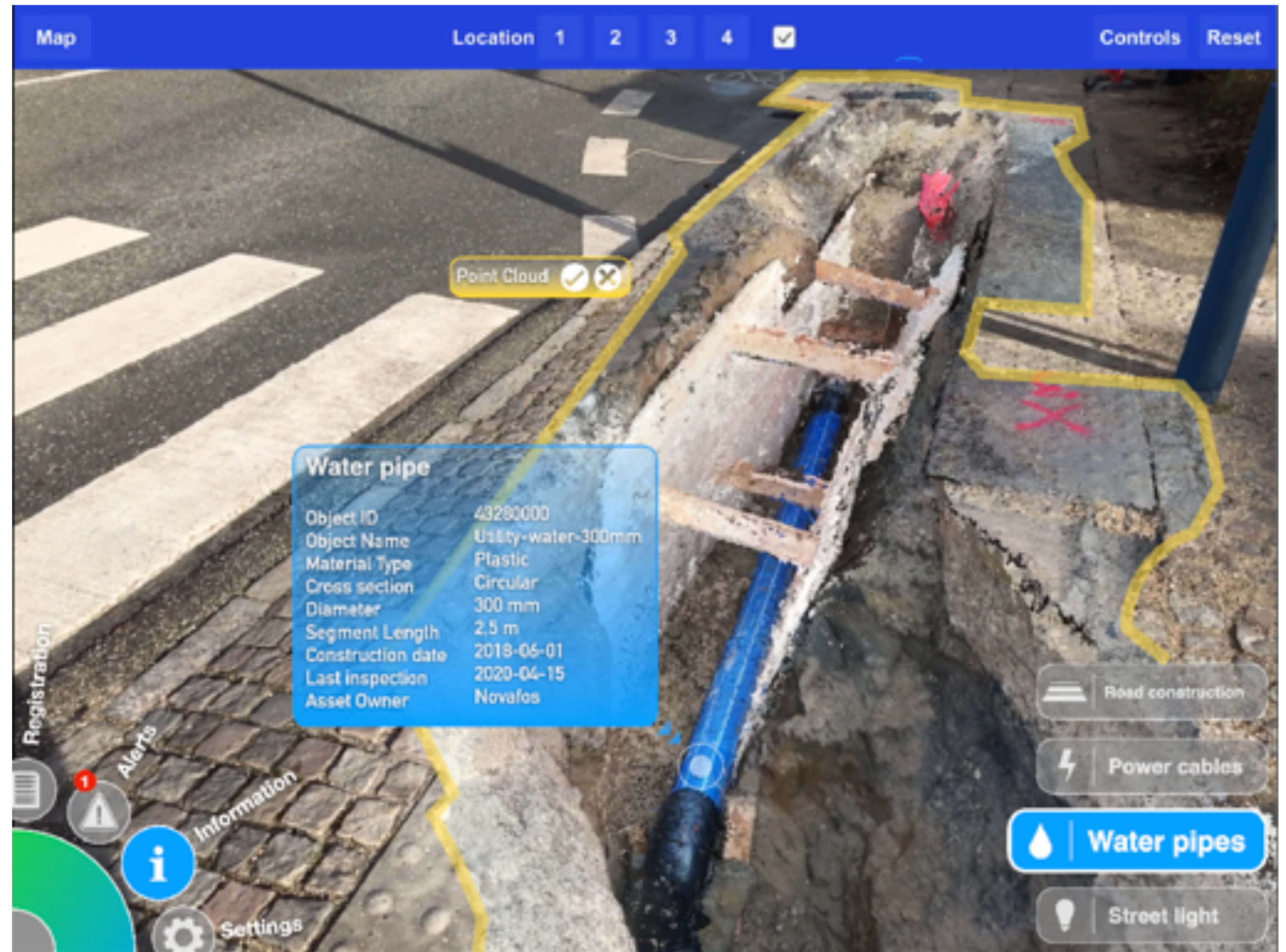
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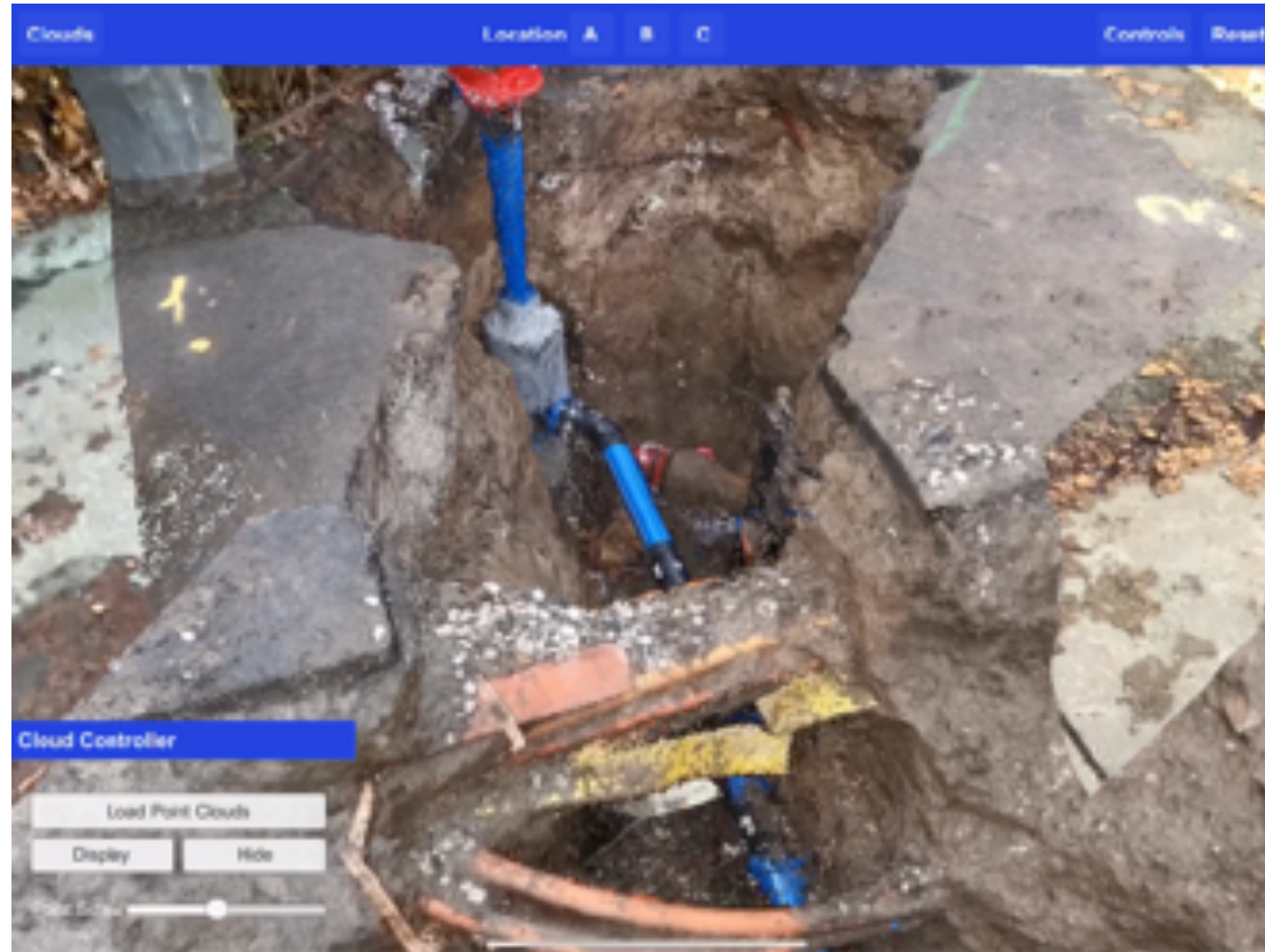
Interview

- Fordele
 - Meget forståeligt
 - Direkte til vores anvendelse
 - visualisering svæver ikke over jorden
- Bemærkninger
 - Ønske om at visualisere nøjagtighedsklasse (fra LER 2.0) af ledningsdata.
 - Ønske om koble LER ledningsdata med punktsky data





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