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Role and Relevance of Geospatial Technology in Mining Sector



Welcome !



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- The implementation of novel systems and adoption of improvised equipment in mines help mining companies in two important ways: enhanced mine productivity and improved worker safety.
 - There is a substantial need of adoption of state-of-the-art automation technologies in the mines to ensure the safety and to protect health of mineworkers.

IT in Mining Industry

During 1960s

mini ERP comprising of preparation of pay rolls, listing of store items, manpower control etc

During 1970s

designing of civil engineering constructions, laying of tracks, roads, etc

During 1980s

MIS, MPS and TDS

During 1990s

GPS and GIS (a visualizing technology that captures, stores, checks, integrates, manipulates and displays data using digital mapping)

Major Application of Geospatial Technology in Mining

❑ Semi Automated /Automated Systems

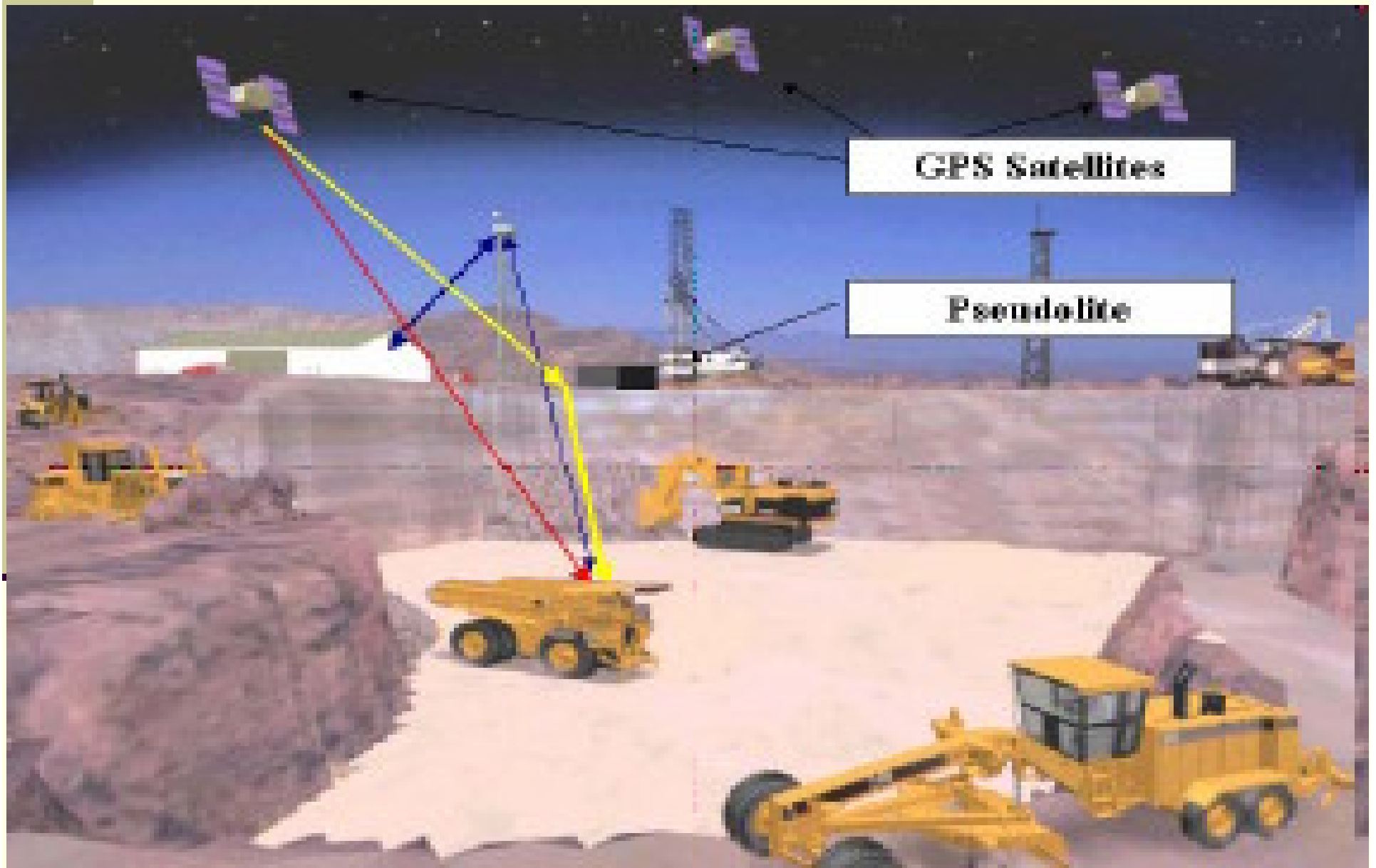
- Machine health and maintenance monitoring
- Geo-sensing and artificial intelligence
- Systems safety and human factors
- Automated loading, transport and dispatch systems (OITDS)
- Global Positioning Satellite applications
- Monitoring of Dump slope stability in an opencast mine using 3D laser Scanners & Slope Stability Radars
- Remote Survey Vehicles

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- GPS, GIS & Remote Sensing: Mine positioning, facility locations and layouts, land use patterns, reclamation & rehabilitation planning
 - Alignment and orientation surveys

GPS based systems

- ❑ These systems require **all mobile equipment to have a GPS receiver**, thus allowing having absolute real time position information of the equipment
- ❑ **Fatalities among equipment operators in open pit mines can be reduced** if GPS technology is incorporated in their machines

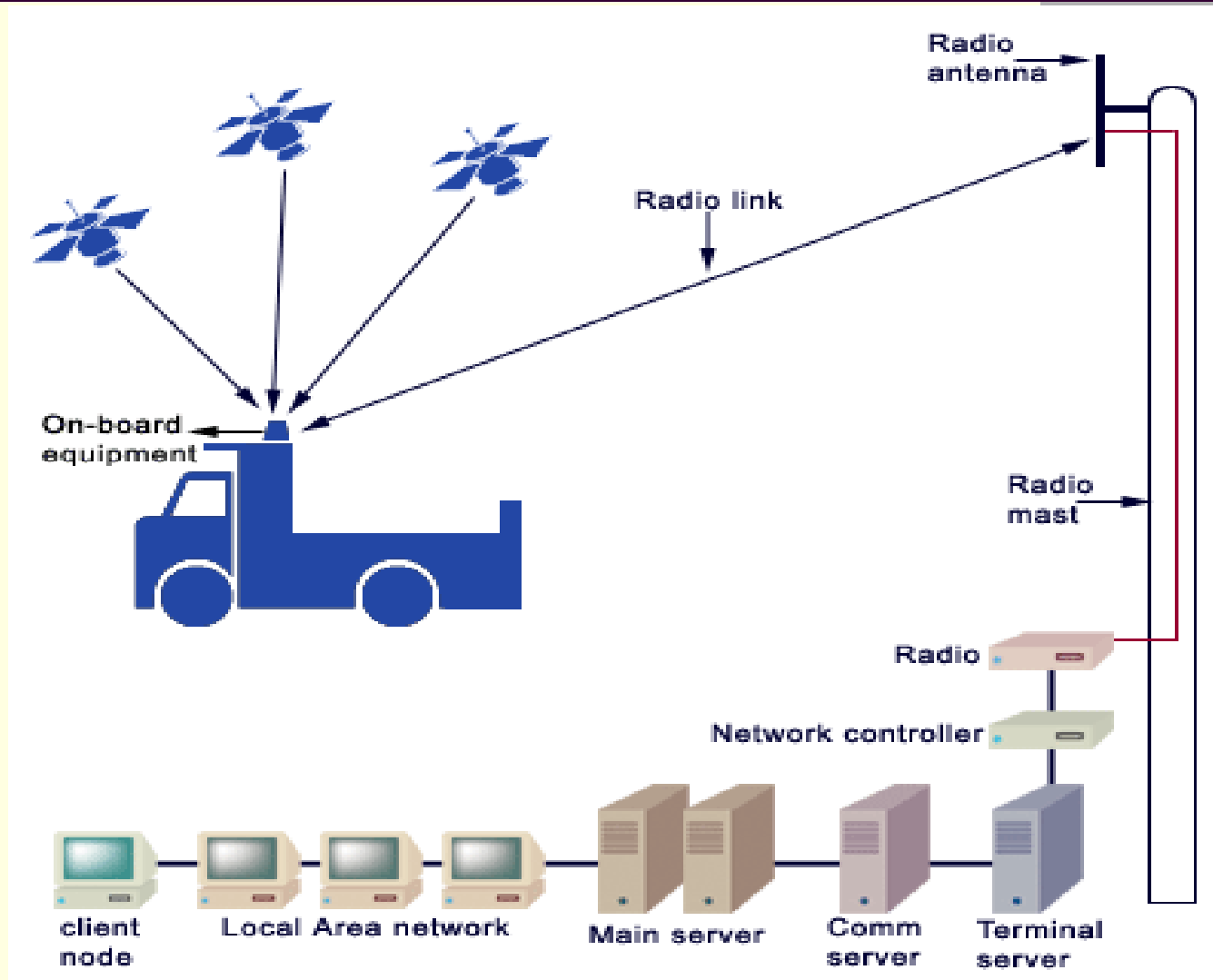
GPS based systems



DynaMine: Online Truck dispatch system (OITDS): a Case Study (CMC Ltd)

- ❑ A global positioning system (GPS)-based, operator-independent truck dispatch system (OITDS) suitable for open cast mines at Jayant, NCL
- ❑ The Mine handles 30 million cubic metres of mine overburden (the waste product generated during mining operations) and around 10 million tonnes of coal in a year.
- ❑ It has a fleet of 15 excavators with a capacity ranging from eight to 14 cubic metres, 50 trucks of 85-tonne capacity and 30 trucks of 120-tonne capacity.
- ❑ The OITDS system covers the entire fleet of excavators and trucks.
- ❑ This system was conceptualized in 1999 and was implemented in September 2002

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- ❖ Global positioning system (GPS)-based on-board equipment with voice and data communication facilities and vital signs monitoring devices (VSMDs) is mounted on the excavators and trucks.
- ❖ Three **communication masts with repeaters are installed** at strategic locations to ensure reliable radio communications over an **area of around 20 sq km**, covering the entire mine.
- ❖ Fibre-optic cables are laid over a length of **18 km for LAN connectivity** between the main control room and various user locations.
- ❖ Around 25 clients are connected to the host application and database server for online monitoring.

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- The system is integrated with the **attendance recording** system for the operating staff based on card swiping, and manages an automatic **crew-mining equipment-allocation** facility.
 - The system directs each truck to move on **optimised route**, increasing productivity through a dynamic programming technique.
 - The system **tracks the movement of mining equipment** and maintains a register of warnings

GPS BASED TDS

DAILY SHIFT REPORT

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O404	8.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	3.0	150.0	
O407	8.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	9.0	540.0	
O408	7.9	0.0	99.8	0.0	8.0	480.0	
O414	7.9	0.0	99.8	0.0	5.0	300.0	
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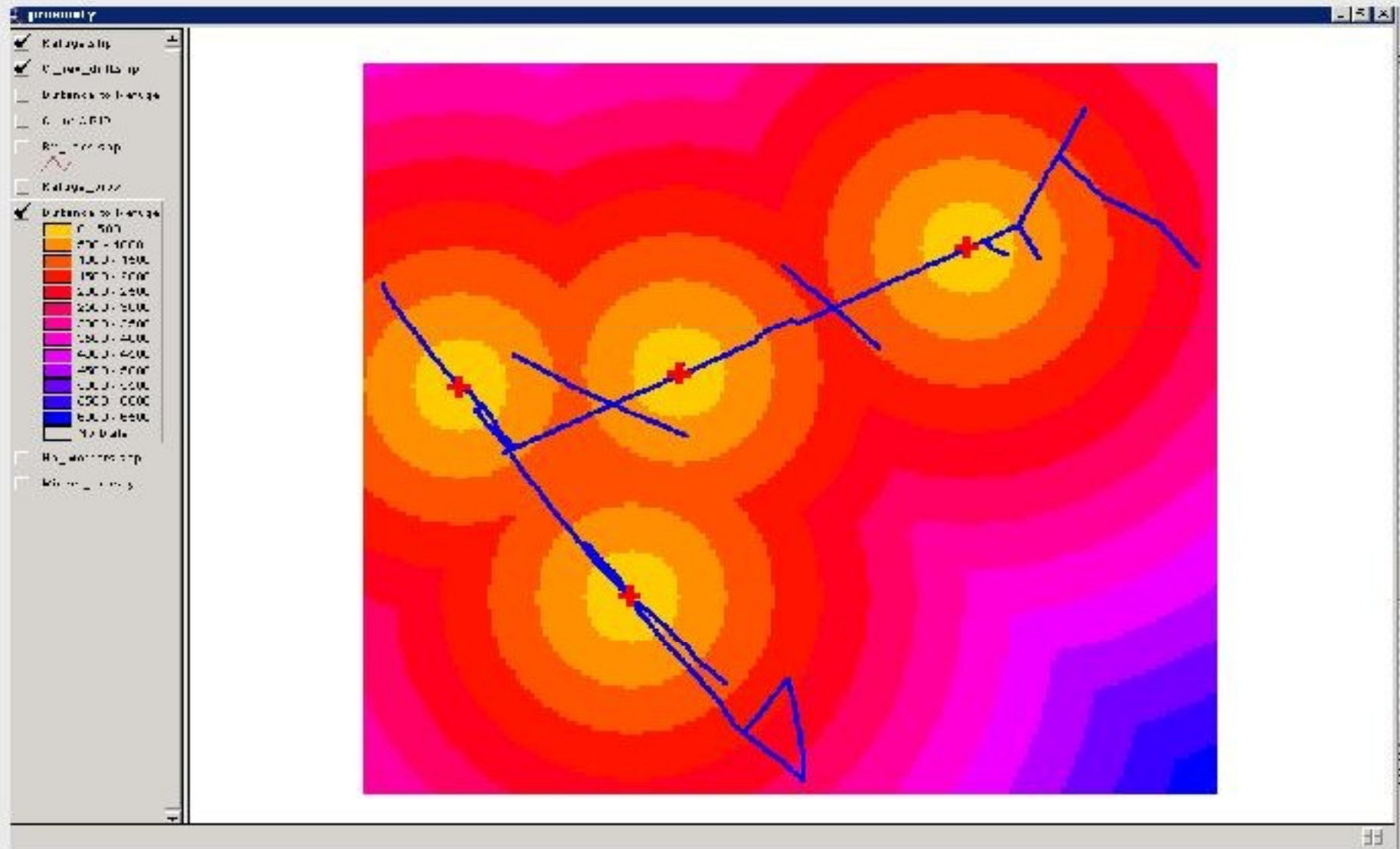
DECISION MAKING IN THE MINES DEPENDS ON

- **GRAPHIC INFORMATION i.E. Mine plans of various types.**
- **Information derived from data either collected from field or known from other sources.**
- **Visual inspection of the site.**
- **Past information available from records.**

GIS & Remote Sensing

- GIS can contribute in providing a safe working environment in underground mining by performing **network analysis** and determine the appropriate sites for **refuge chambers** and facilitate the prompt evacuation of mine personnel
- GIS and remote sensing assist the planners in identifying **natural hazards** such as **potential landslides, floods, and earthquakes** prior to the construction of **production** and housing installations
- GIS can be also used for the **selection of a housing site that meets safety, scenic, and recreational requirement** within reasonable proximity to the mining operation

Safety – Grid: Distance to Refuge Chambers

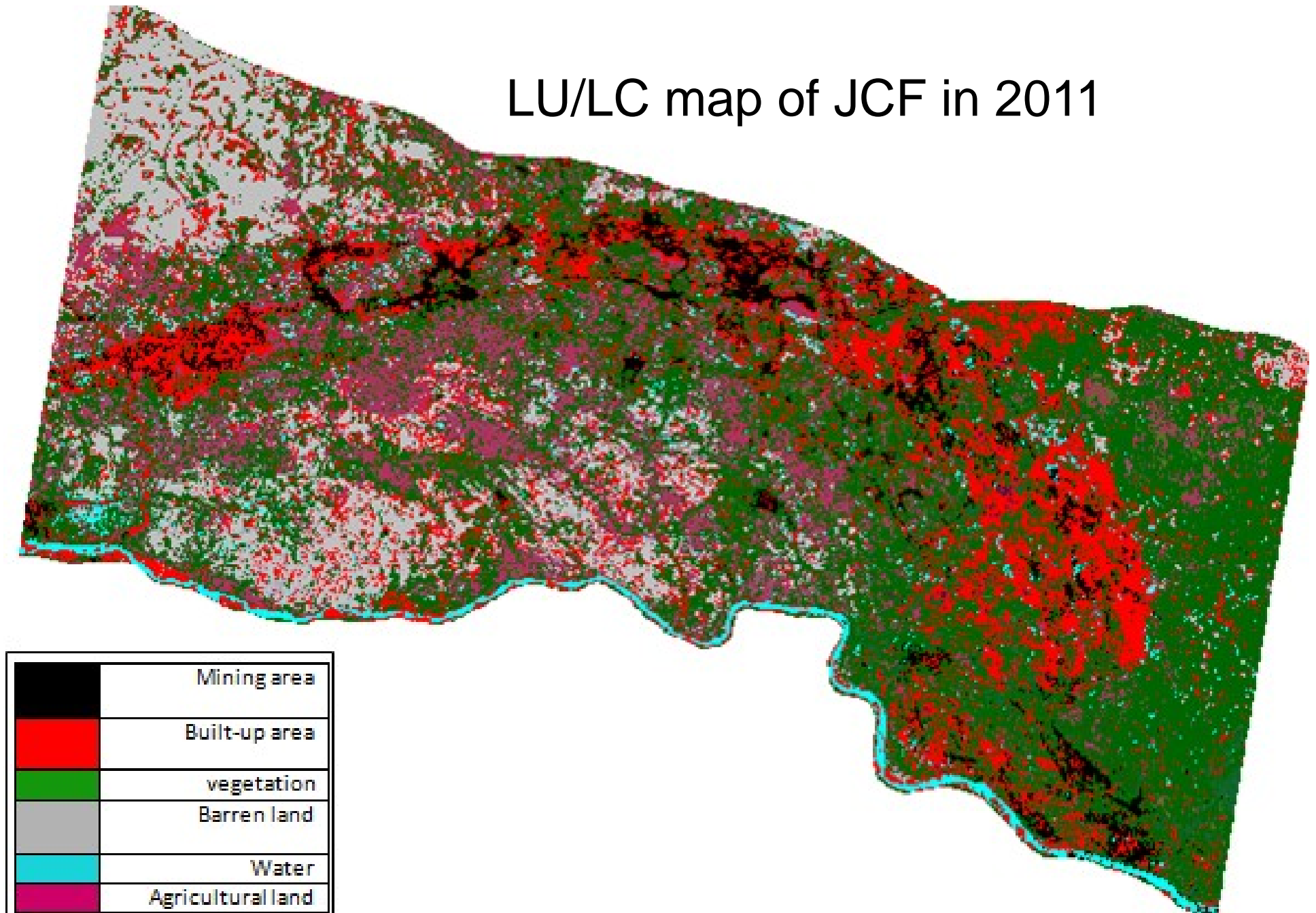


GIS and Remote Sensing

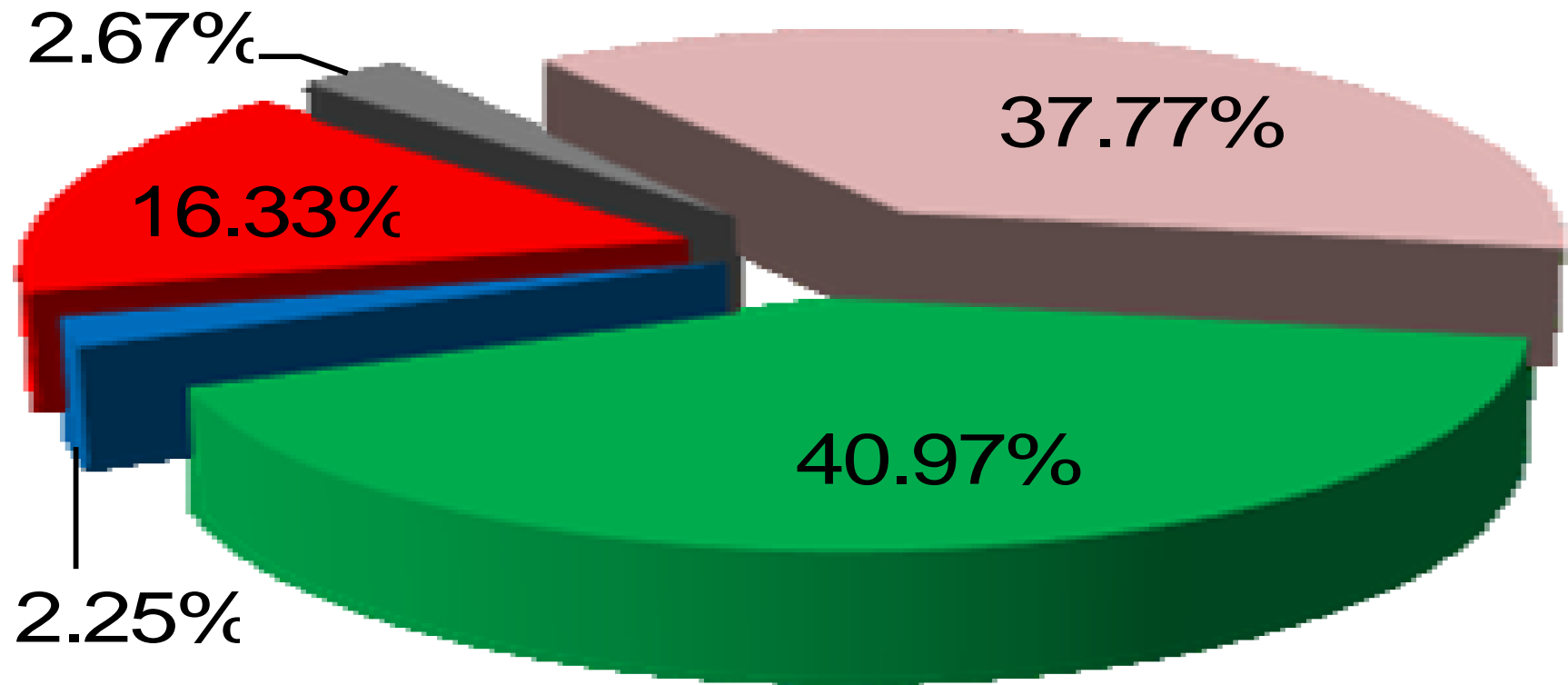
Other applications :

- Assessment of **land use and land resource pattern** in the mining areas
- Determination of **ground deformations and slope stability** in the vicinity of open pit mining operations
- **Mapping the Mines region** with the Remote Sensing technology integrated with GIS
- mapping the **regions affected by underground fires** and its surrounding areas
- Developing and implementing a **rehabilitation plan** for the same
- **Digital Imaging** in the Mining Industry

LU/LC map of JCF in 2011



Land cover in 2011



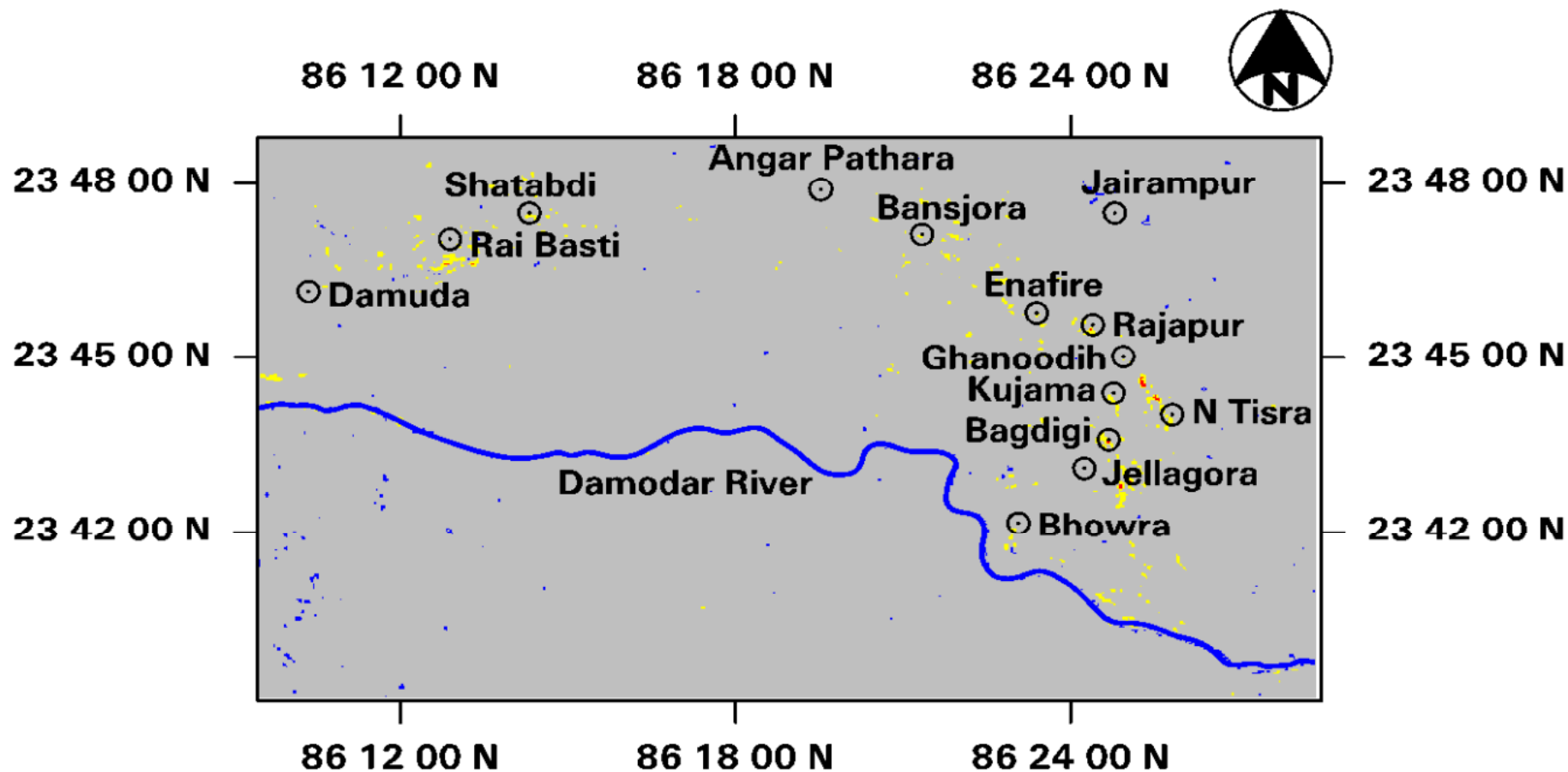
Vegetation

Built-up

Barren land & OB

Water bodies

Mining area



Thermal infrared band and short wavelength infrared bands of Satellite imageries haven been extensive used for detecting and mapping sub-surface coal fires of Jharia

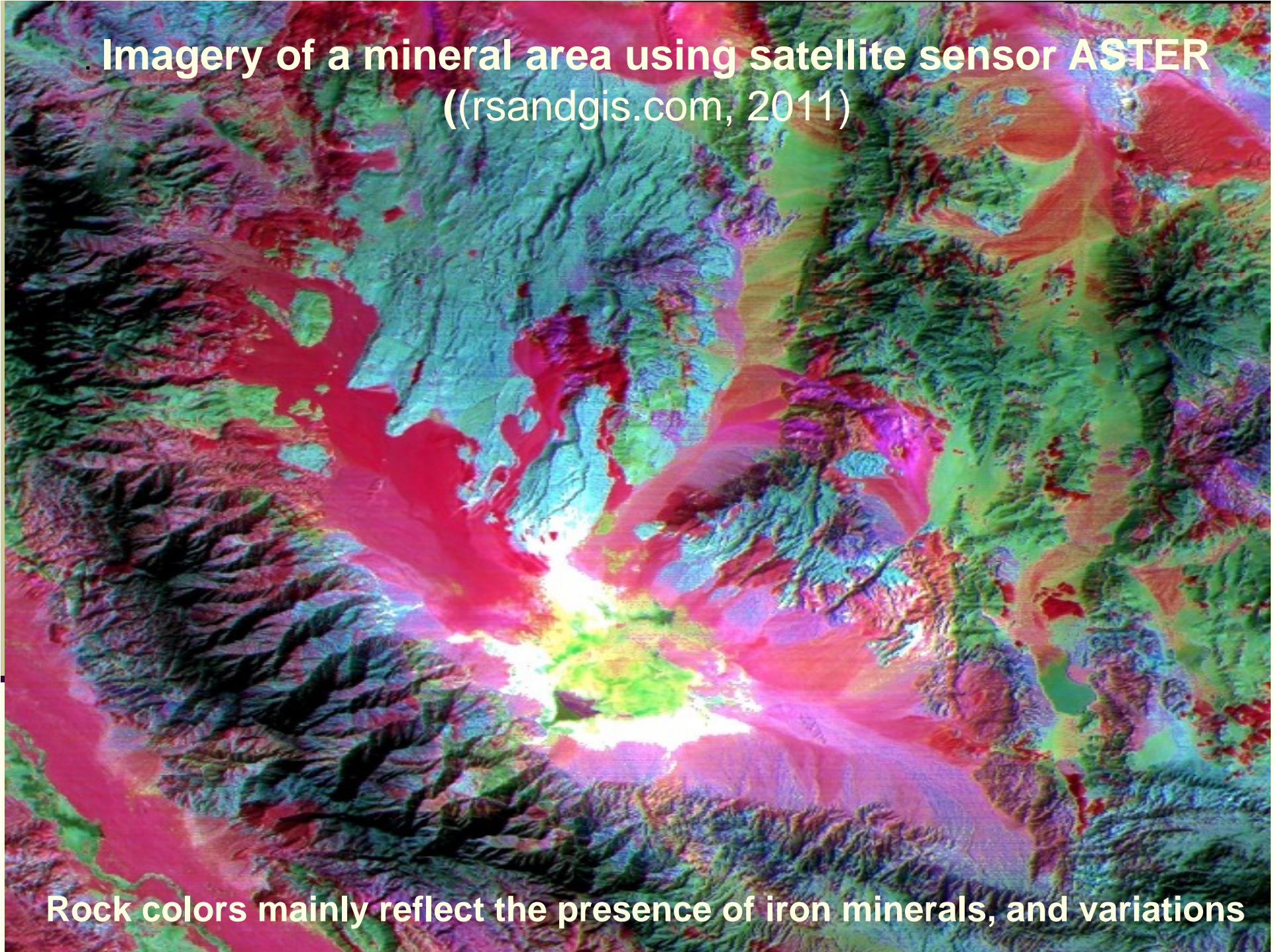
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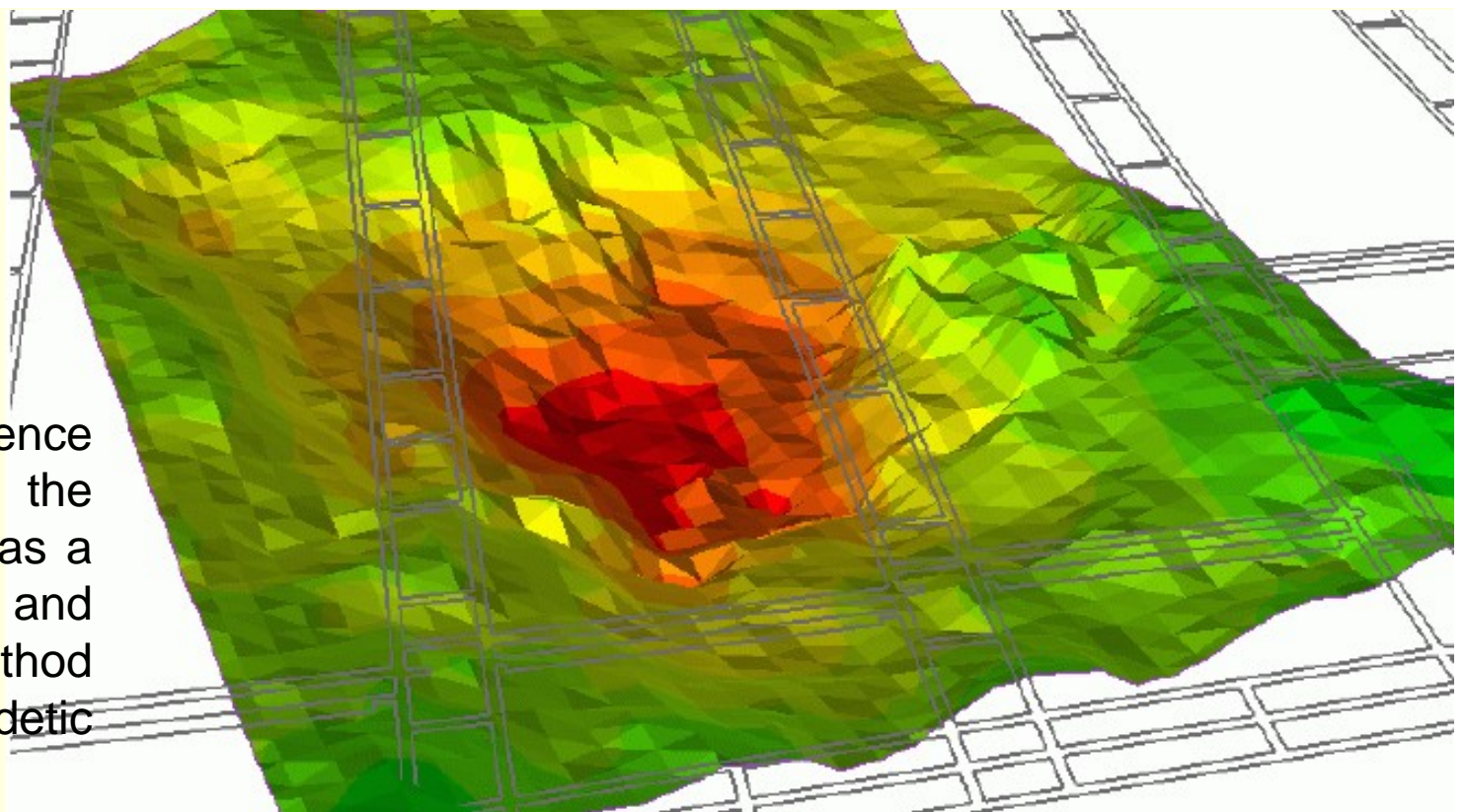
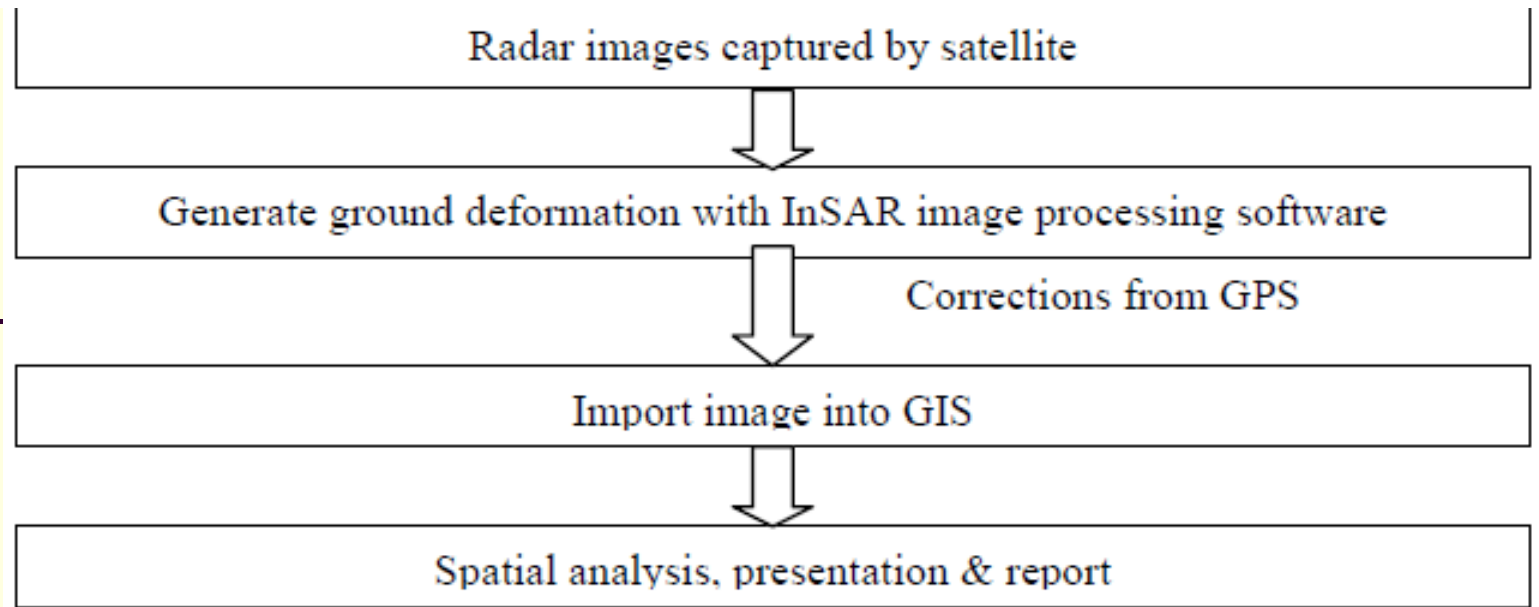
- Land ownership and mineral claims
- Exploration management
- Siting of ore pass, draw points, ramps, shaft, winze, raises, haulways that are within a certain distance of production centers (stopes) and meeting production criteria.
- Querying the production stopes affected by unstable ground conditions, hazardous gas, refractory ore, etc.
- In mine development, GIS can assist the planners in establishing the optimal location for exploration drifts, crosscuts, sublevels, man ways, ventilation shafts

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- The use of **satellite imagery** in **mineral exploration**, generally a combination of **panchromatic and multispectral image** information has been used in mineral and petroleum industries over the final decade.
 - Imagery from satellite sensors such as **ASTER, LANDSAT, GeoEye-1 and WorldView-2** apiece supplying panchromatic and multispectral total color imagery have benefited geologists, scientists and exploration managers in earth sciences due to the sensor containing multiple band colors

Imagery of a mineral area using satellite sensor ASTER (rsandgis.com, 2011)



Rock colors mainly reflect the presence of iron minerals, and variations



Mine subsidence monitoring using the DInSAR technique as a cost-effective and complementary method to conventional geodetic techniques

3D Laser Scanning

- accurately map, model and interpret geological structures in a pit
- conduct daily or end of month survey - detailed and accurate model of a stope or development face
- contract volume measurement, truck and shovel load measurement and analysis
- survey for pit production measurement, underground development and void survey
- conduct rapid pre- and post-blast surveys
- conduct airborne surveys for reserves assessments (where topography is critical in shallow flat lying deposits)
- conduct stope surveying

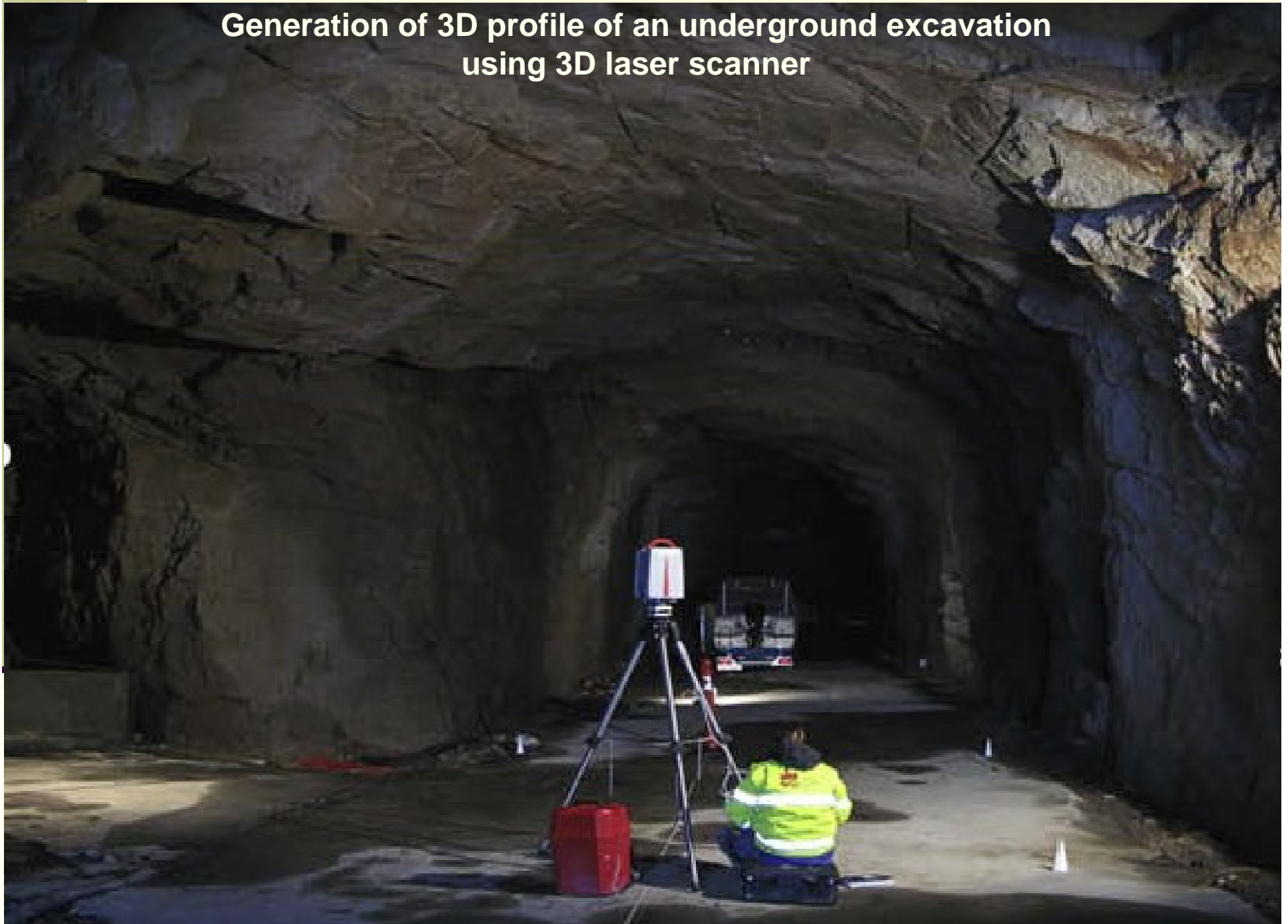
Automated Remote Survey Vehicle



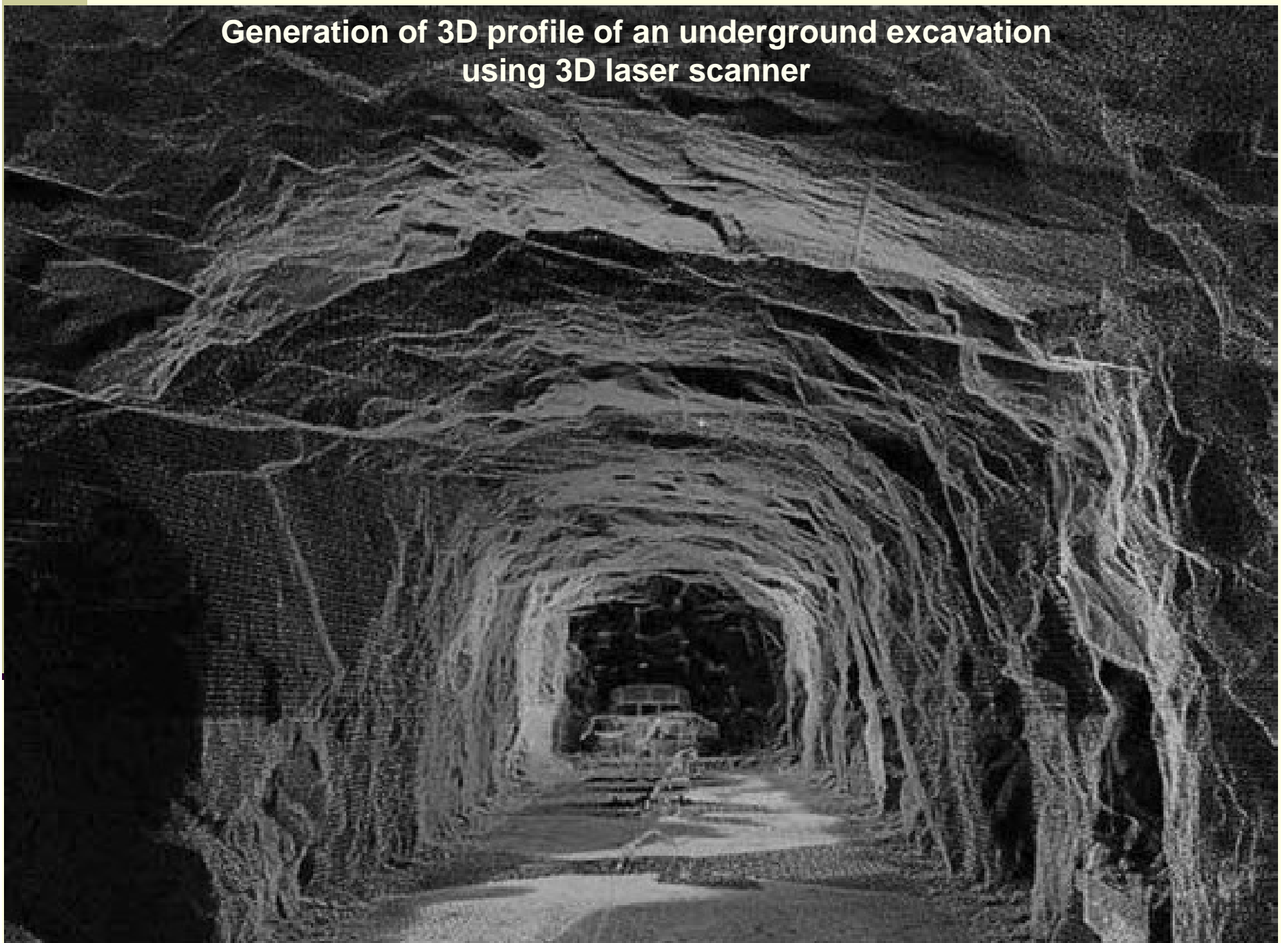




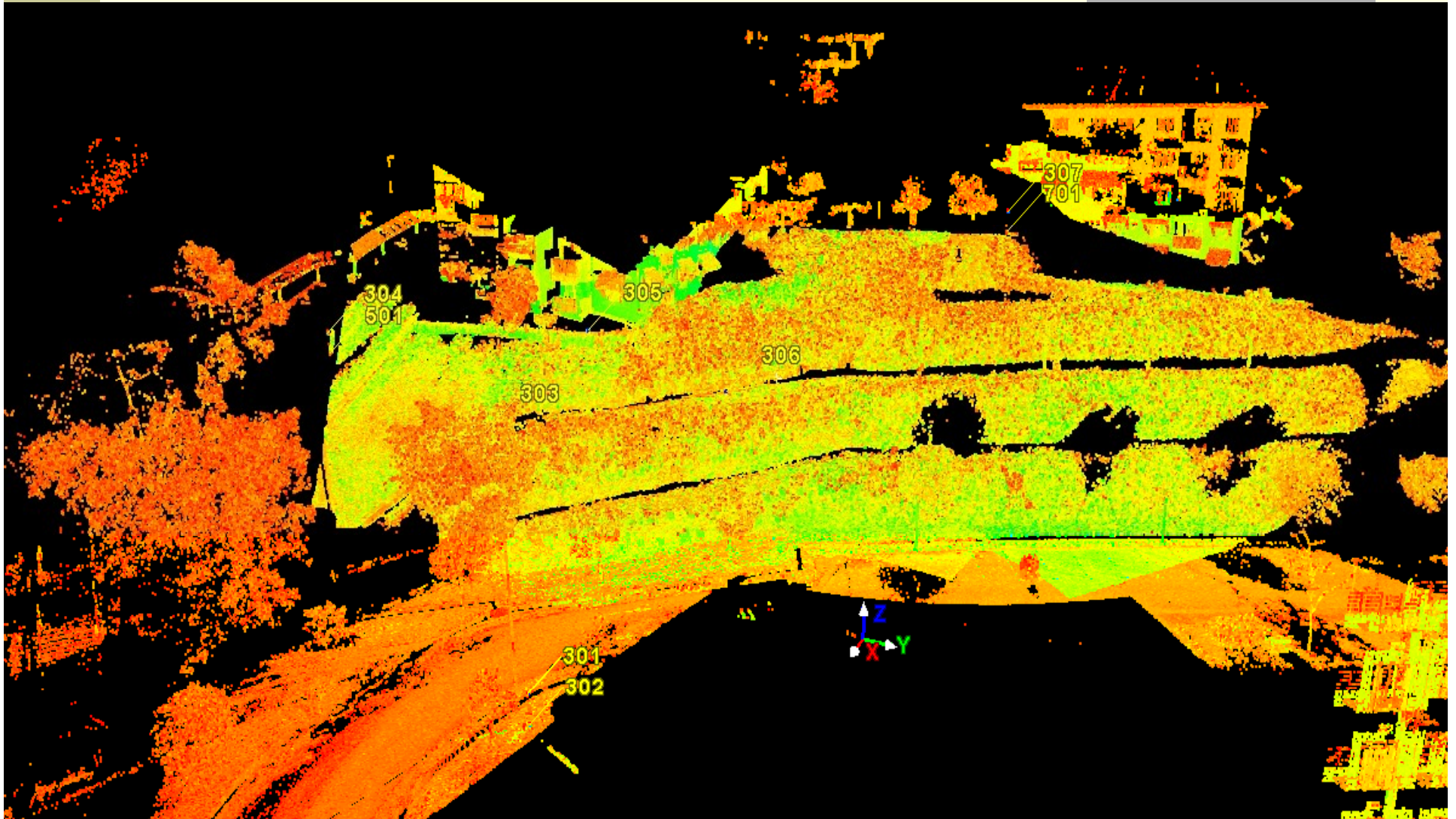
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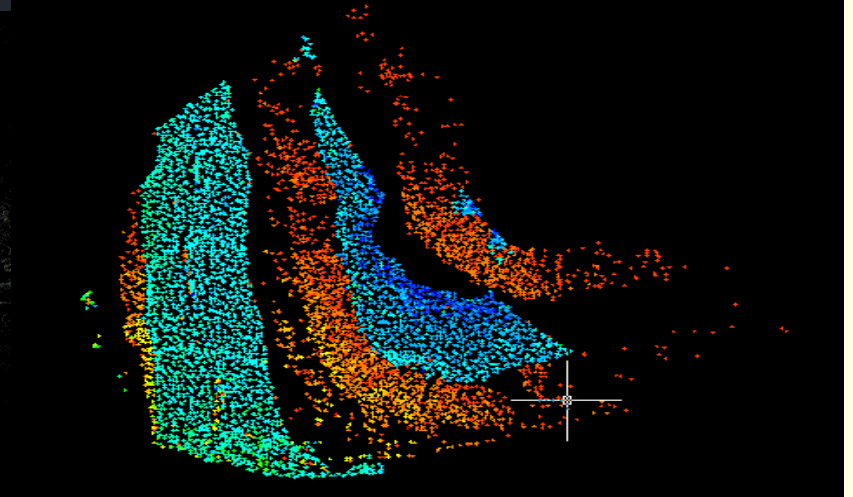
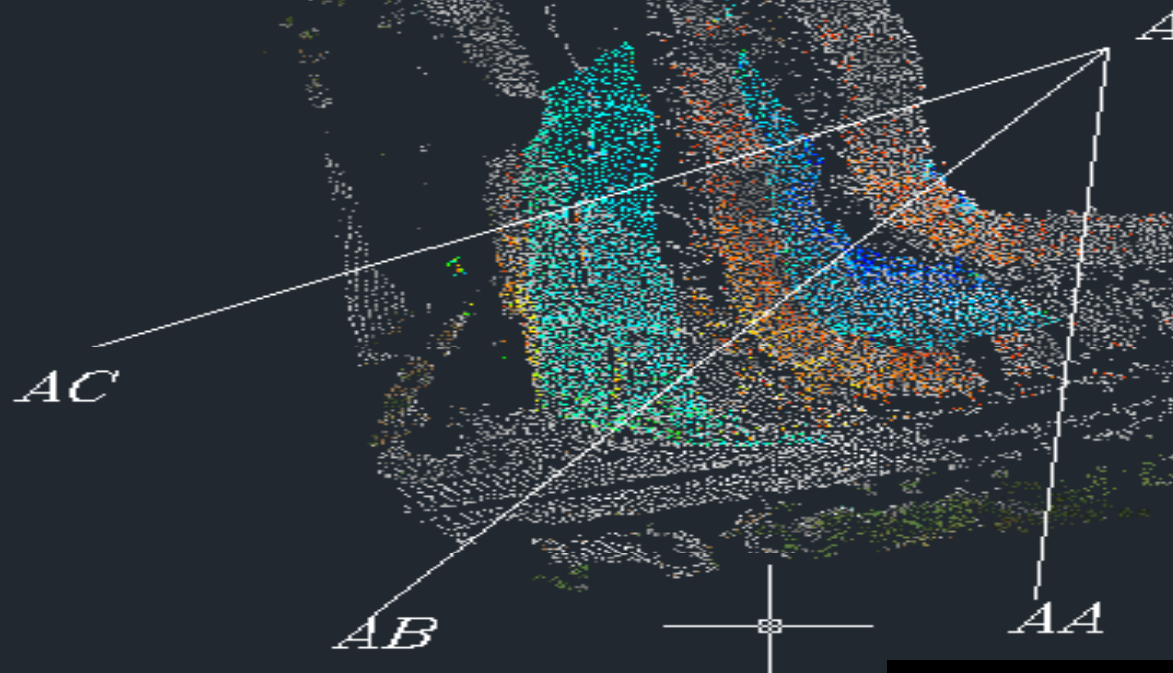
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3D point cloud modelling of an opencast benches using Terrestrial Laser Scanner



Monitoring of Dump slope stability in an opencast mine using 3D laser Scanners






Alignment and Orientation Surveys

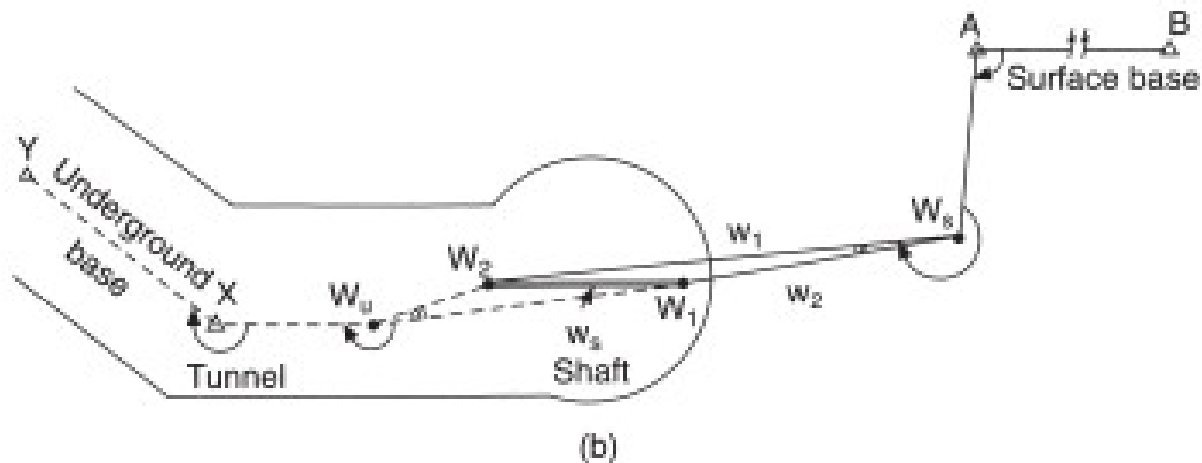
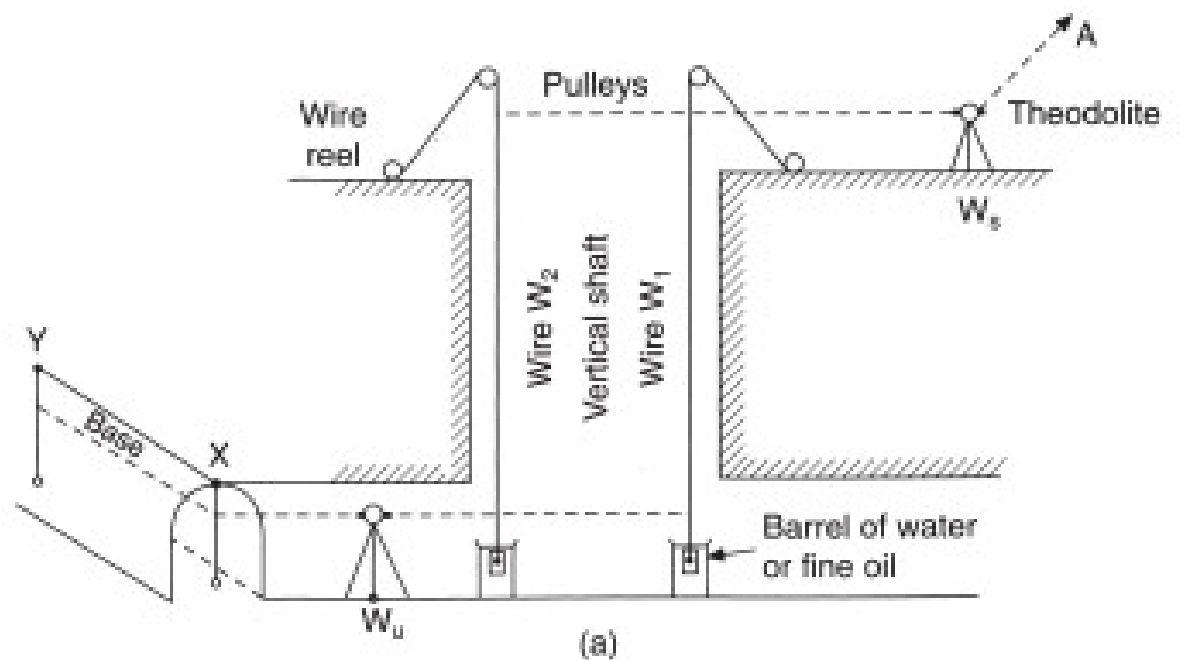


Correlation surveys are essential for :

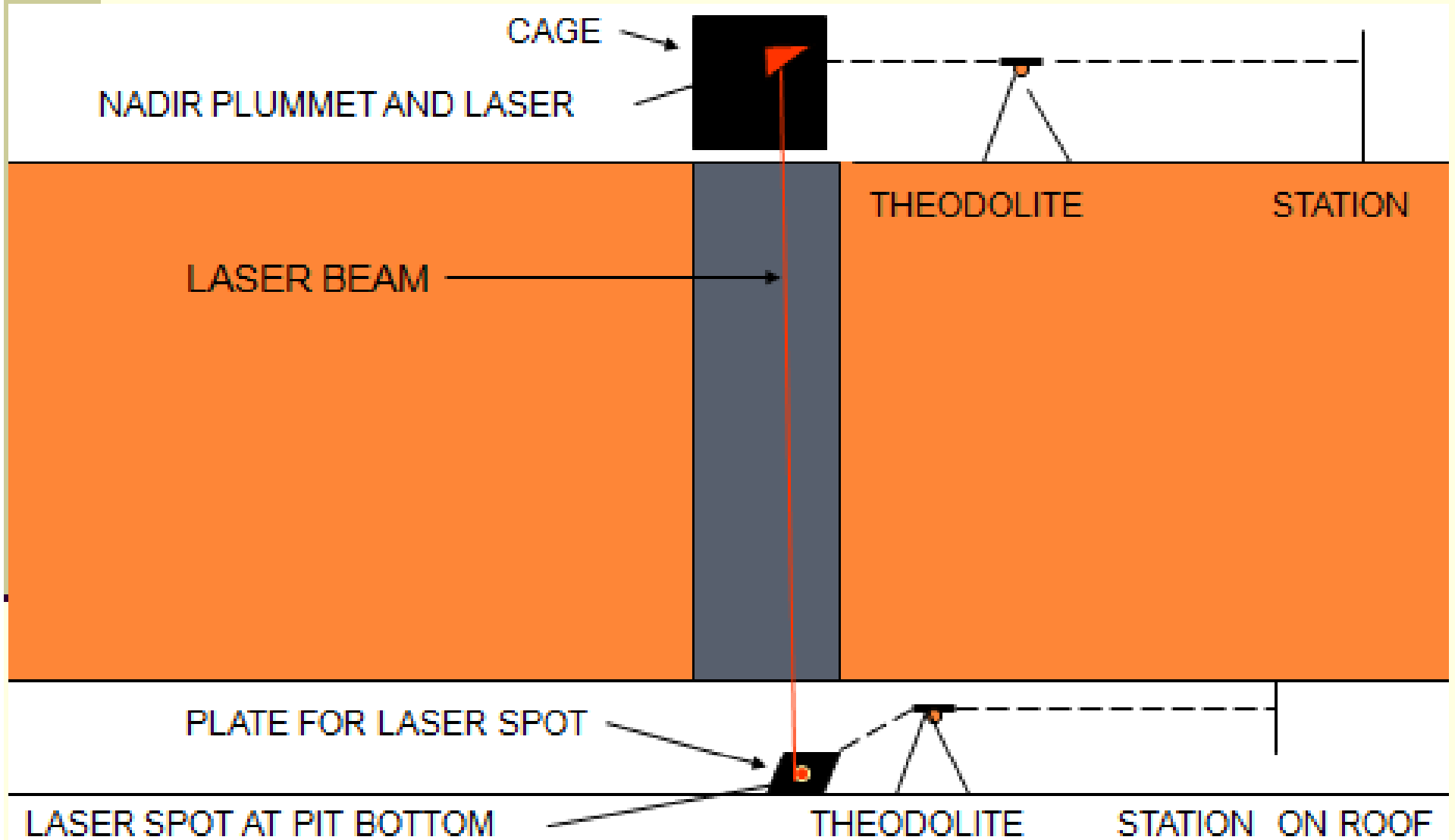
- **Correct location of underground workings with respect to the surface features.**
- **Combined workings of adjacent areas and adjacent seams.**
- **Connection of underground workings.**
- **Mine expansion works.**

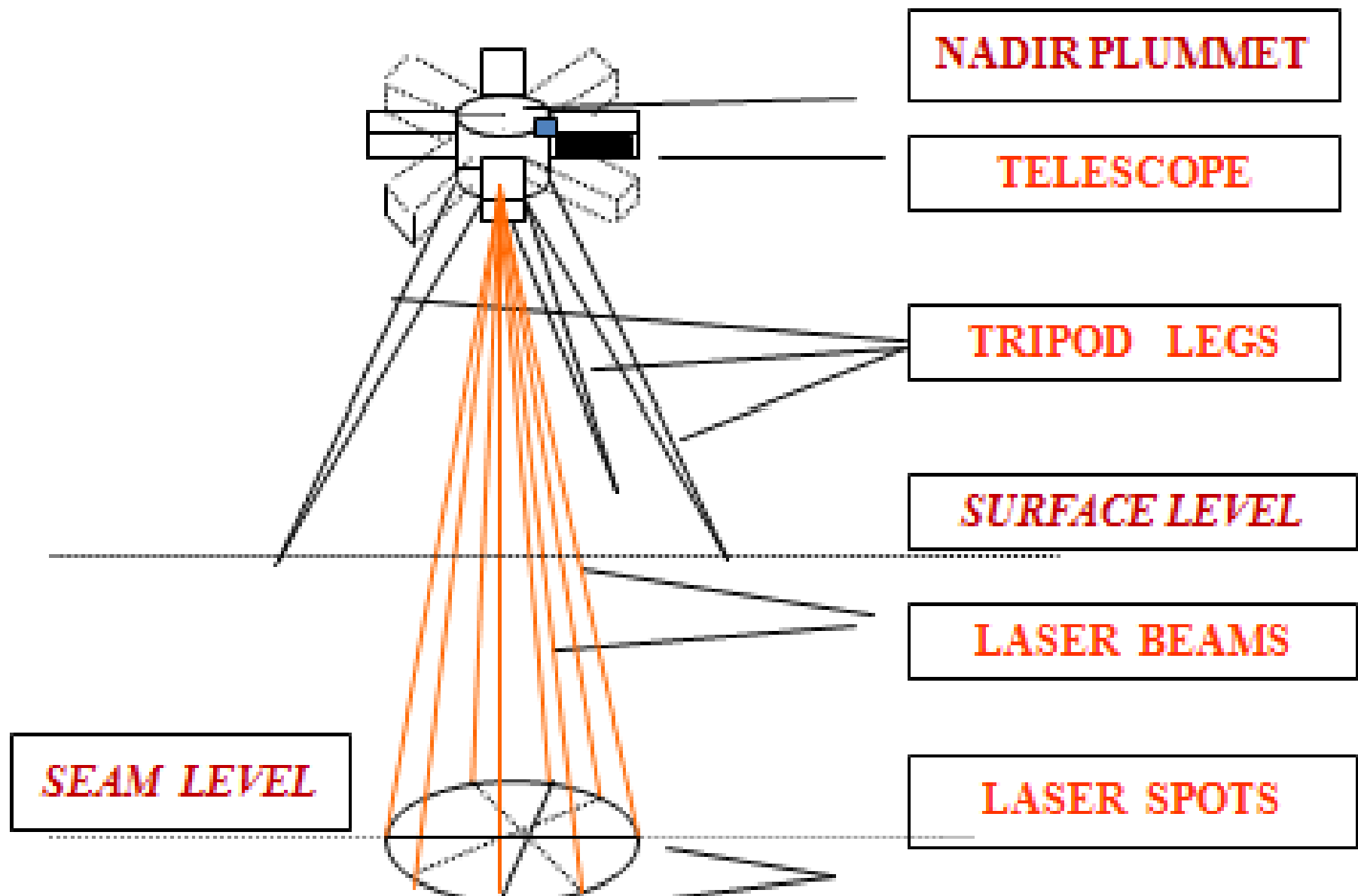
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- Coordinates of at least one point in surface coordinate system.
 - Bearing of at least one line in surface reference system.
 - Height (or r. L.) Of at least one point with respect to the datum or mean sea level.

Correlation by suspension of plumb wires



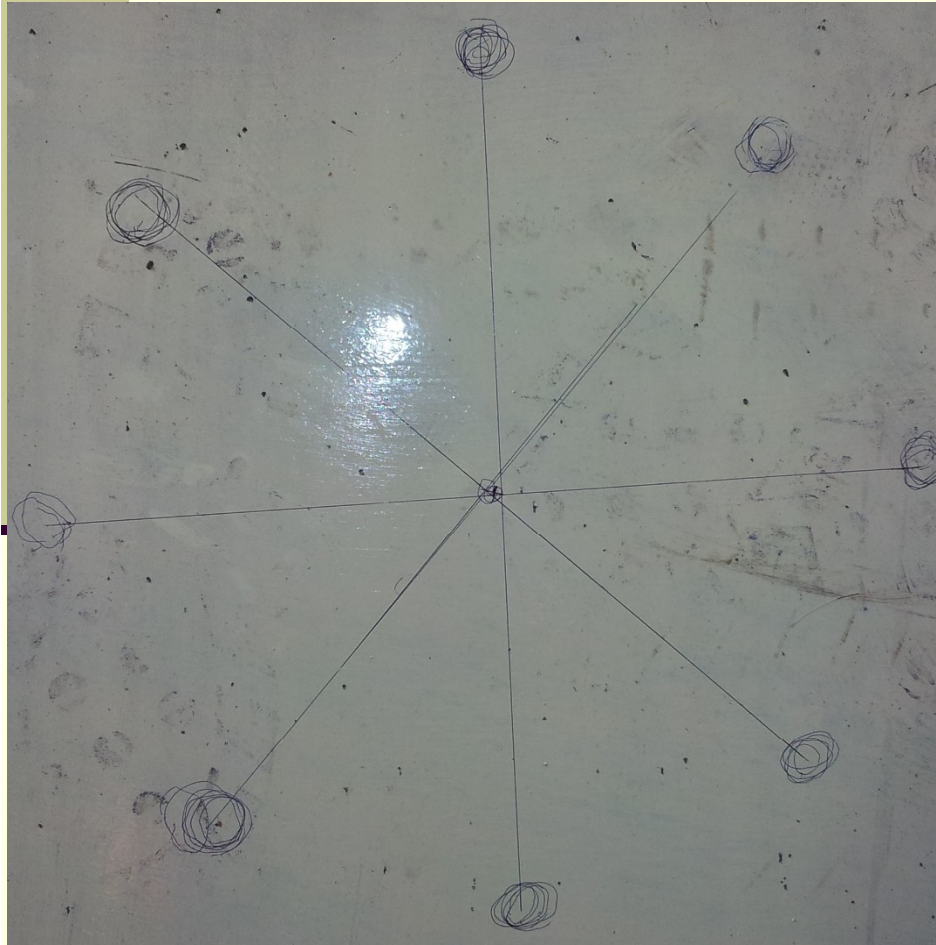
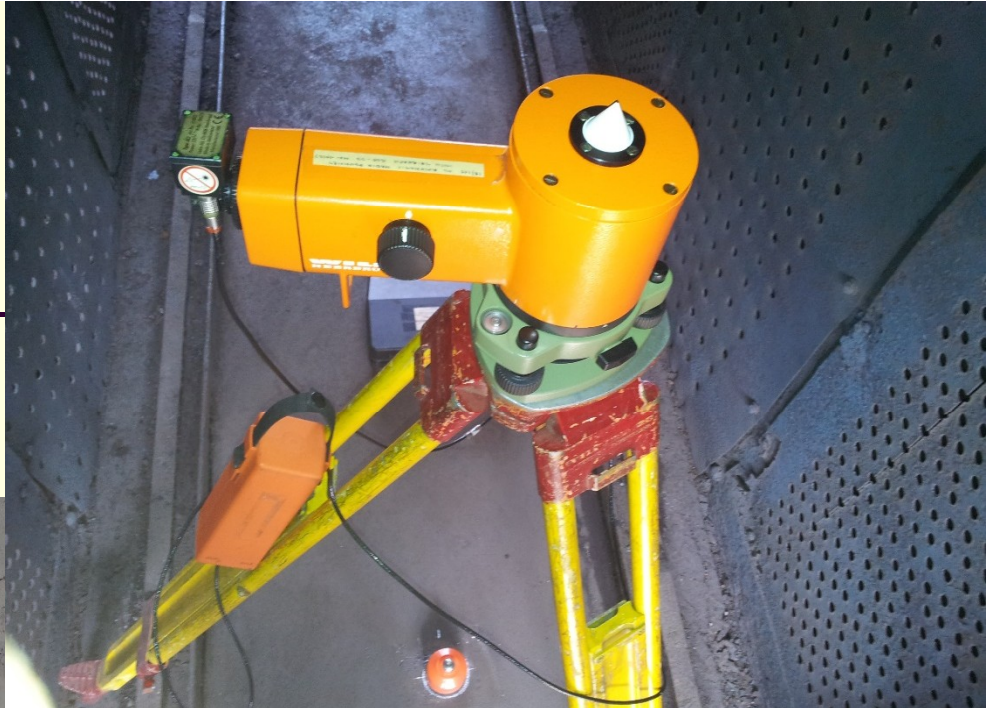
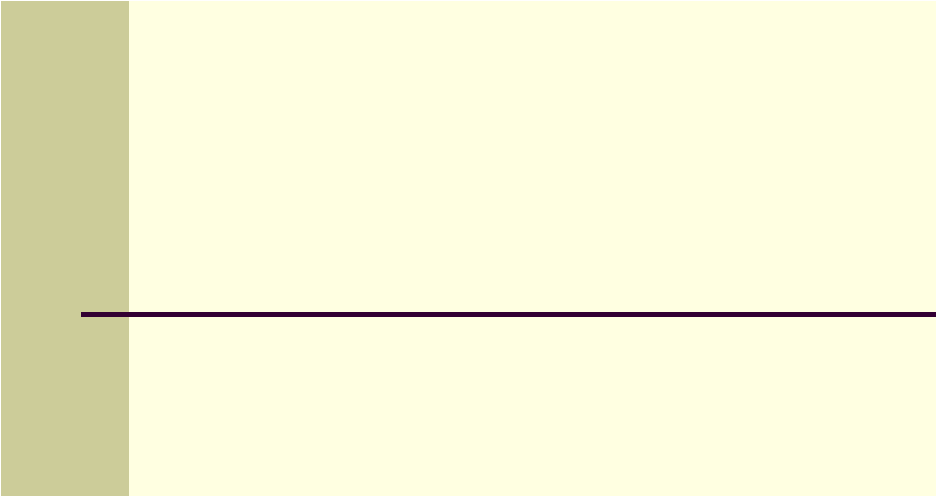
Correlation and alignment by Laser-Gyro combination





**CORRELATION SURVEY AND DEPTH
MEASUREMENT IN A SHAFT IN
MOONIDIH MINE**

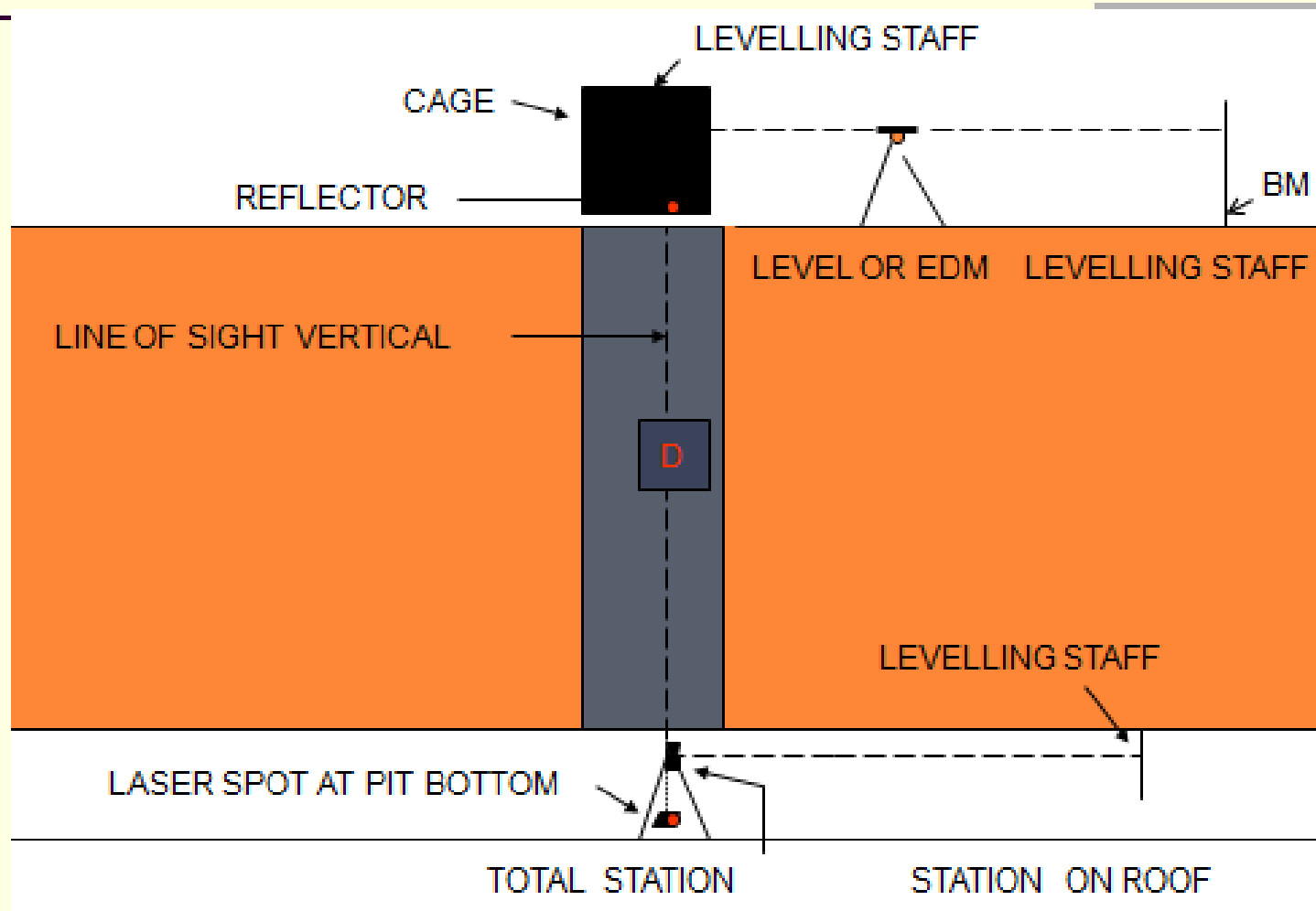




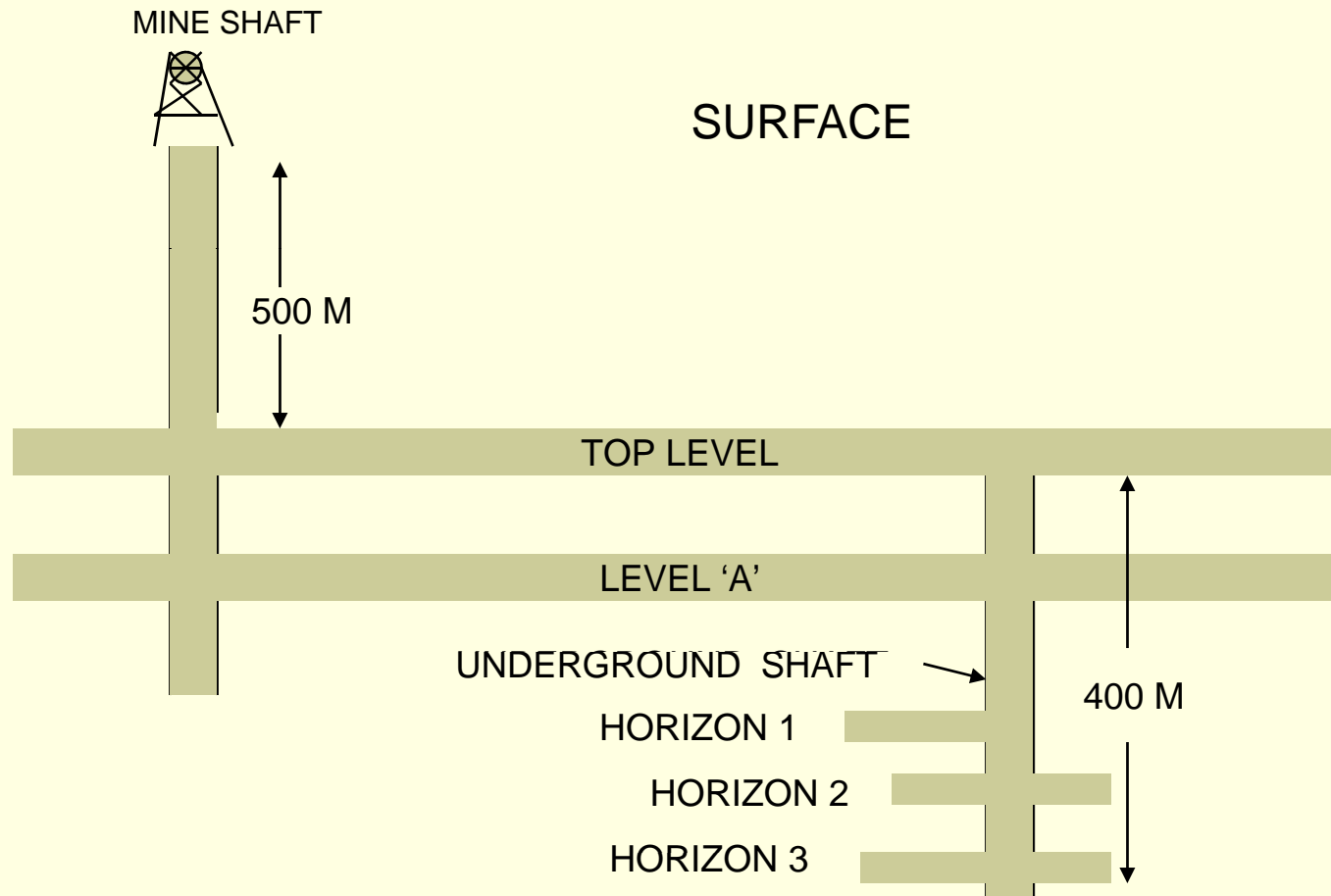
Orientation Surveys by Gyromat 3000



Shaft depth measurement with total station



CORRELATION SURVEY IN A METAL MINE (A CASE HISTORY)



TOTAL STATION, PRECISE LEVEL AND GPS

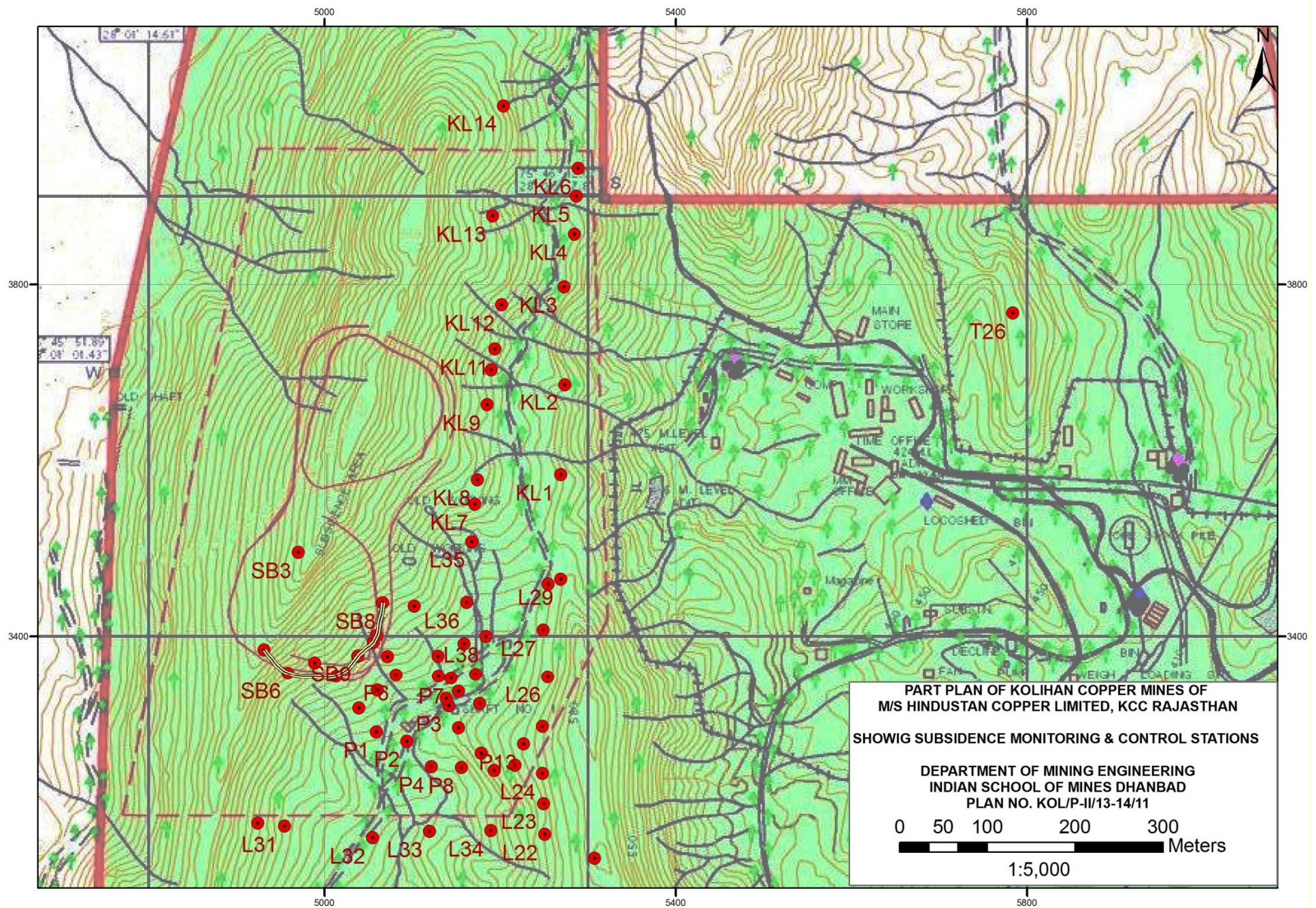
- Subsidence Monitoring
- Dump slope monitoring
- Control surveys

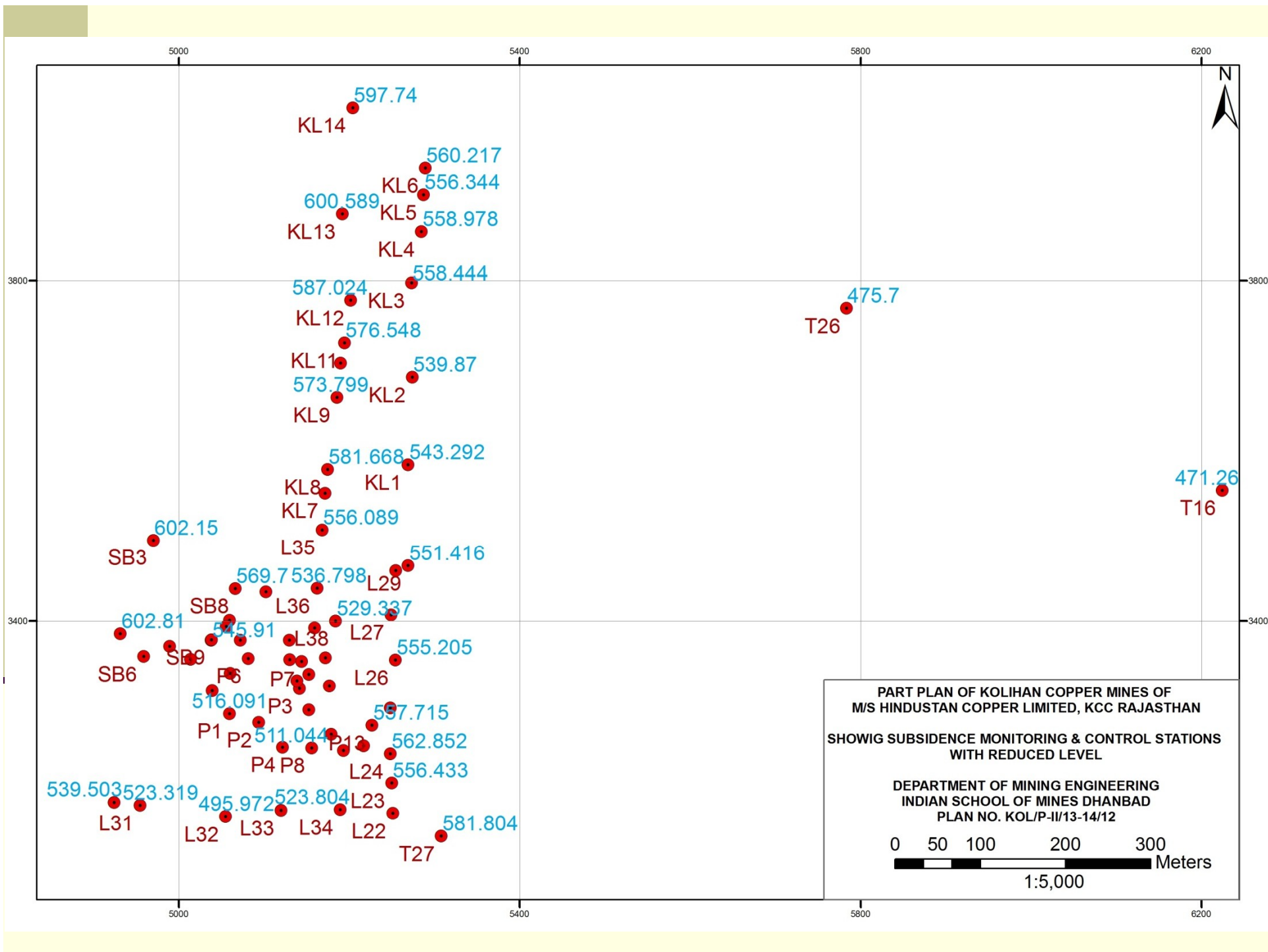
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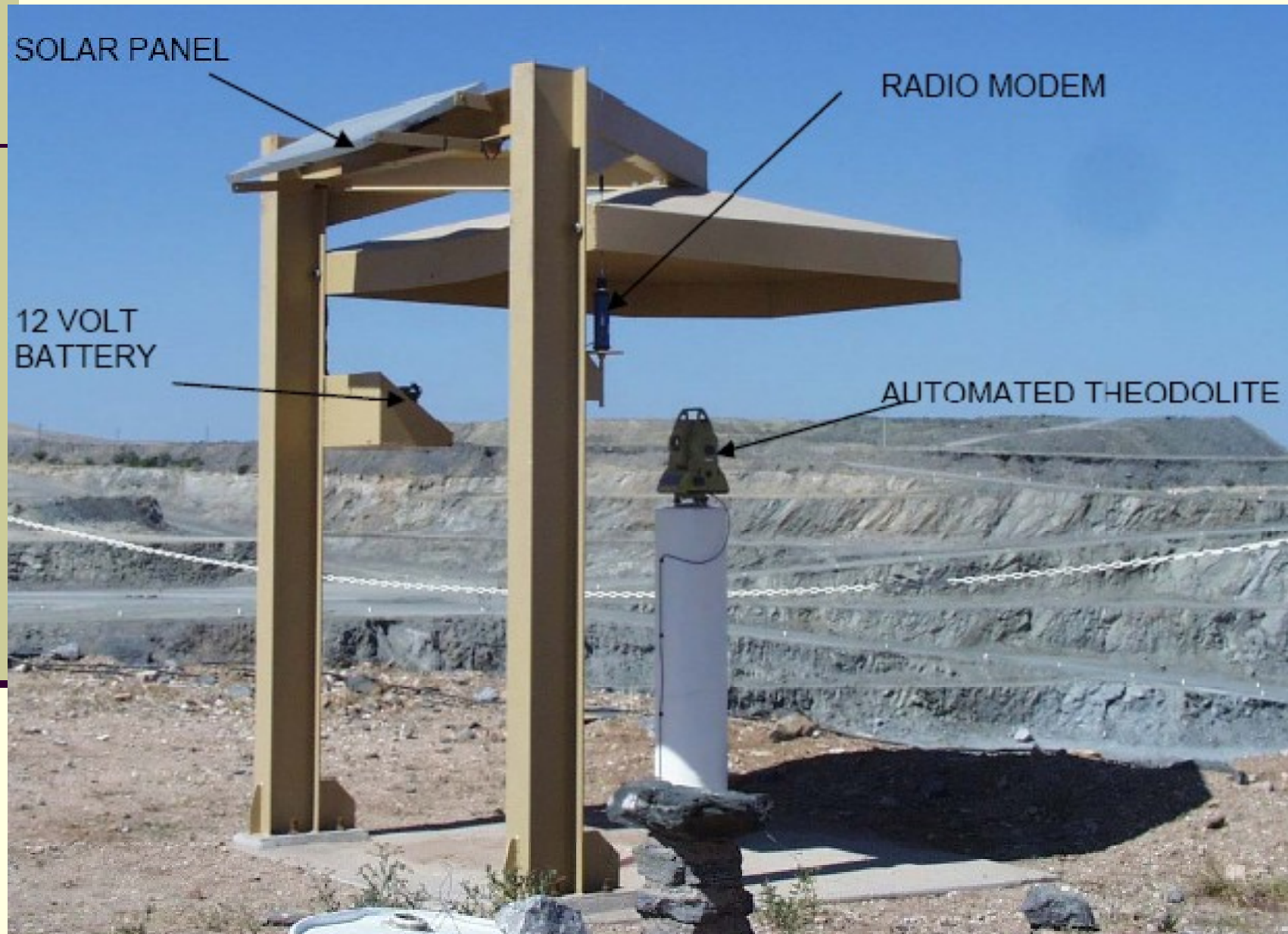
Monitoring of subsidence over the permanent subsidence monitoring station on hilltop using Prism monitoring (EDM) keeping total station on stable ground







Geodetic Monitoring of OB dumps using Total Station





SUSIDENCE MONITORING BY DIGITAL LEVEL

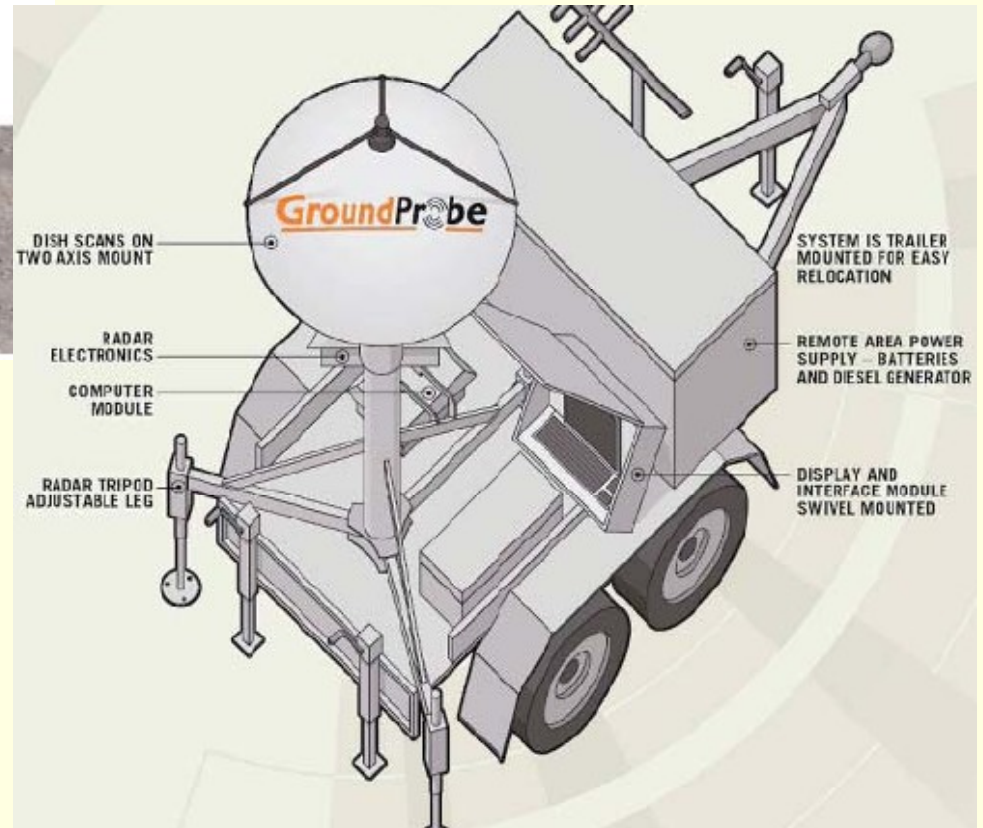




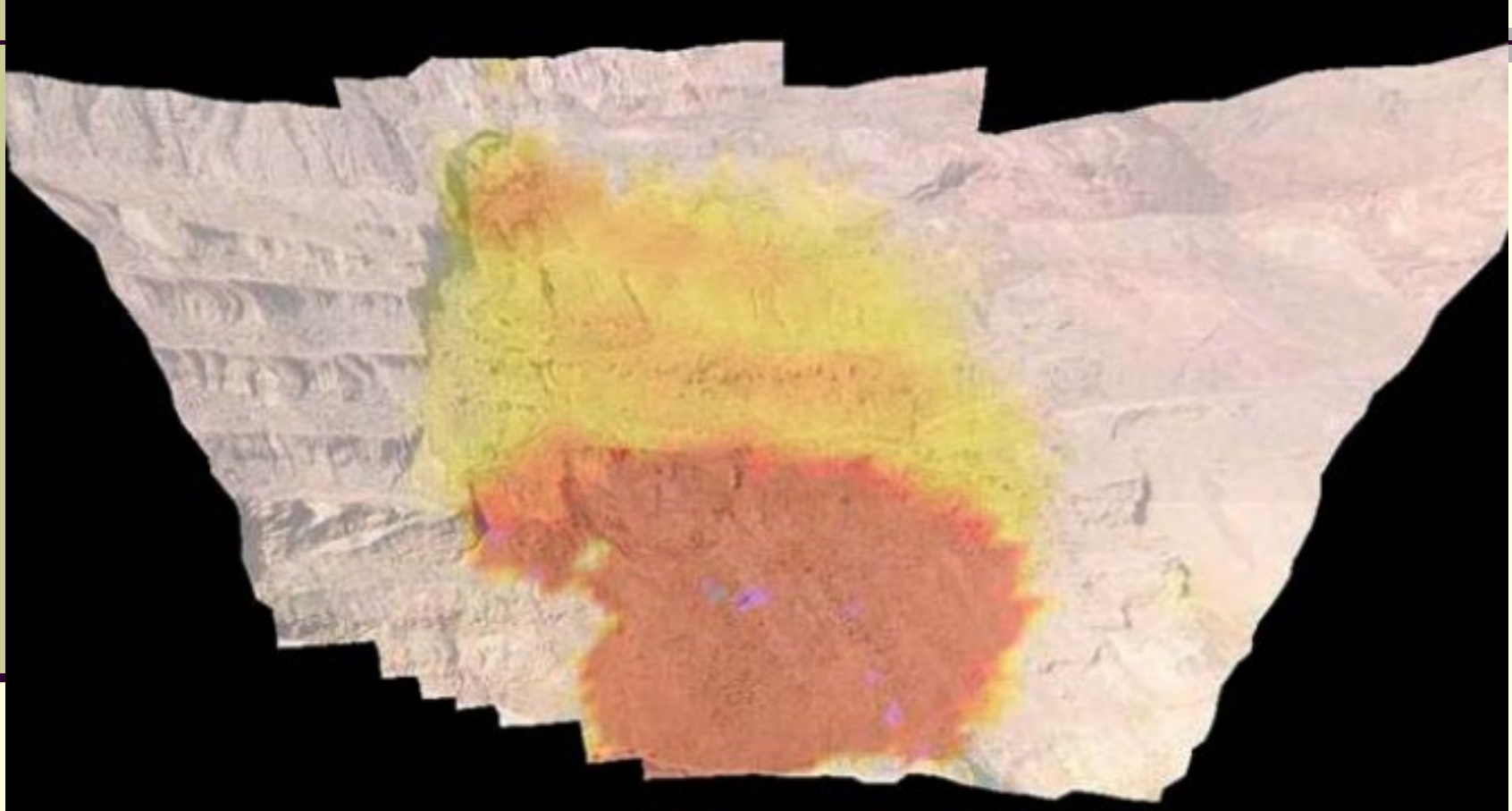
Slope Stability Radar

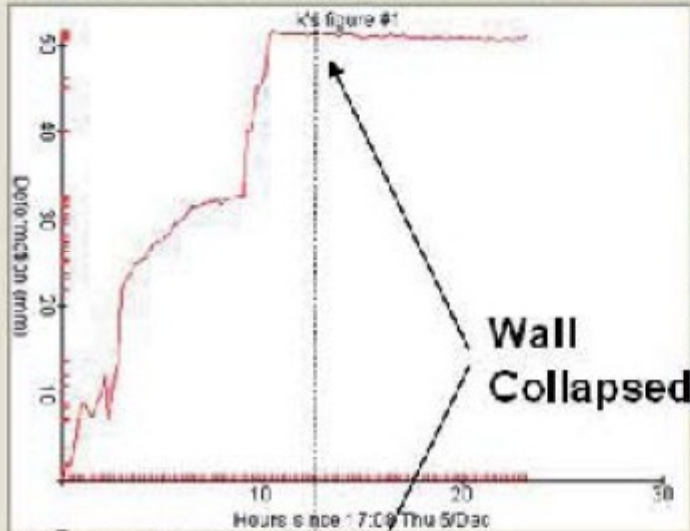
- It provides for high density, high precision measurements of up to **0.2 mm** accuracy.
- The SSR has the ability to cover a broad area simultaneously (approximately **170° horizontal** view and **120°** vertical at ranges between **30m and 850m**, potentially 1400 m at a reduced resolution).
- The system has the ability to **monitor continuously** and depending on the scan range it completes a **scan area after about five to seven minutes**

- The slope stability radar utilises the **differential interferometry processing technique** on a stationary platform positioned **50m to 1700m** back from the foot of the wall.
- The system scans a region of the wall in a grid pattern and compares the **phase measurement** of each footprint (pixel) with the first scan to determine the nature of movement on the rock face, and hence the stability of the slope.
- The SSR system has a pixel size of **1m x 1m** at a range of 50 metres and of **15m x 15m** at 850 metres.

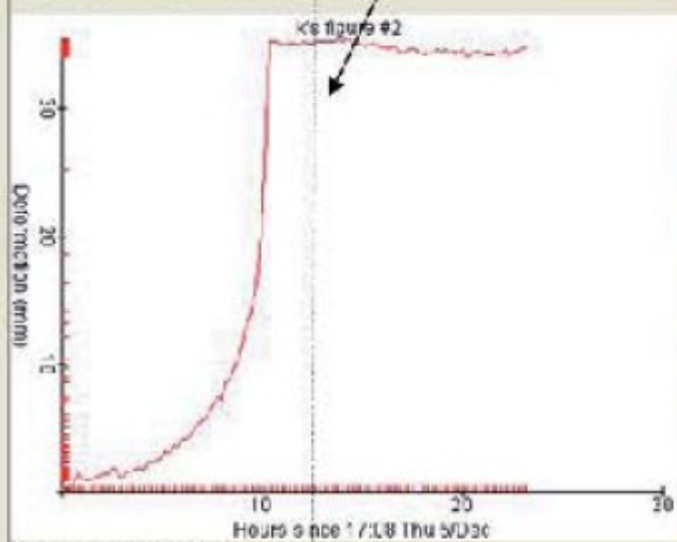


- The system provides immediate monitoring of slope movement without calibration and prior history.
- Scan times are typically every 1 to 10 minutes, depending on the size of the selected scanned area.
- Data can be viewed directly on the SSR unit or uploaded to a remote location via a dedicated radio link.

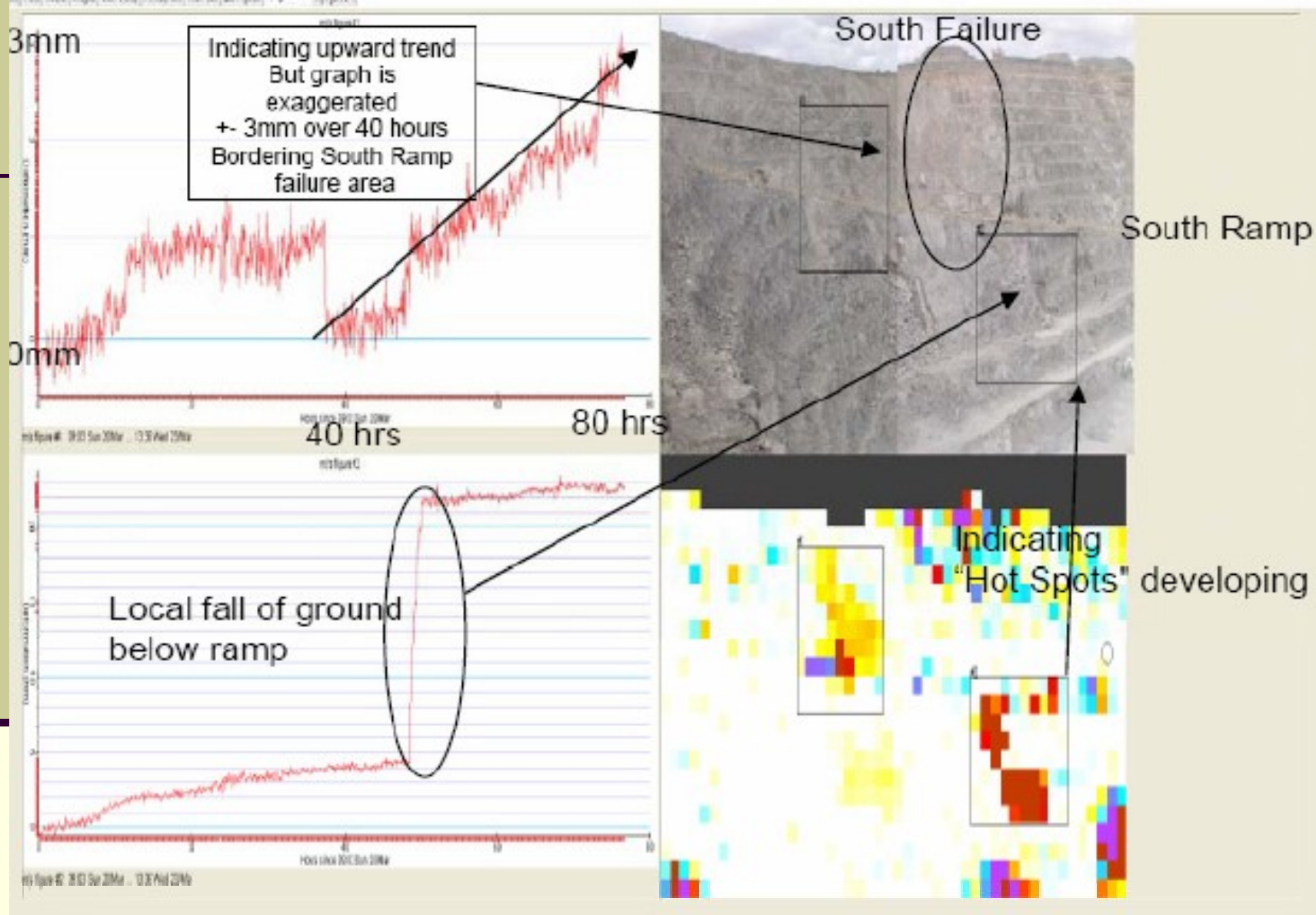




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SSR alert

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WARNING RED ALERT RAISED

CONTACT SLOPE ENGINEER IMMEDIATELY AT 555-123-4567

REMOVE GROUND PERSONNEL IMMEDIATELY AND SECURE AREA

CONTACT NINE OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR FOR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION

Be quiet

Close Alert Window

Visual Image cam_highres_050503_090740.jpg

☐ Real-time triggered points

Visual

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700.0m



-700.0m

GroundProbe

Major Suppliers

Reutech Radar Systems Pty Ltd

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Groundprobe Slope Stability Radar

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Virtual Reality in Mineral Industry



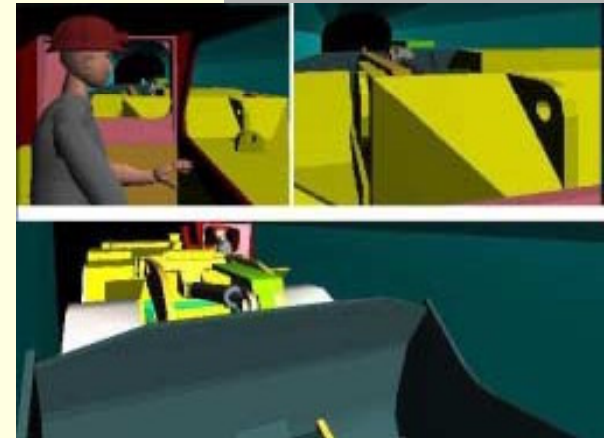
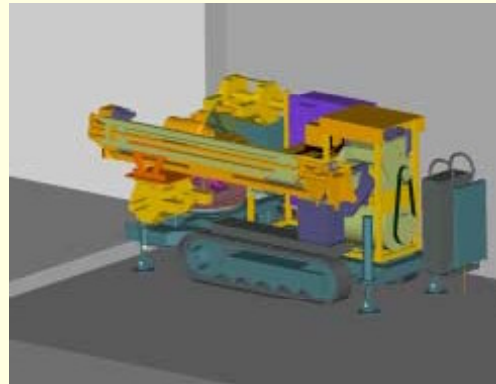
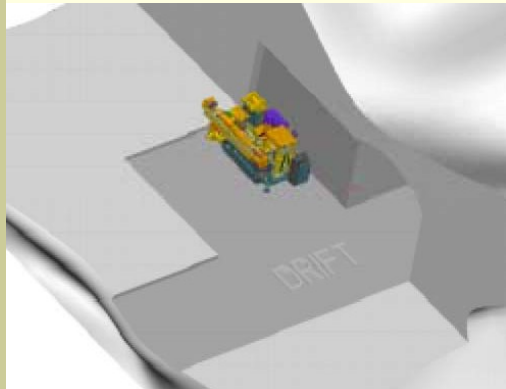
Virtual Reality in Mineral Industry

It helps mine planners and designers through a strong capability to visualize overall impact of various factors in a complex mining environment.

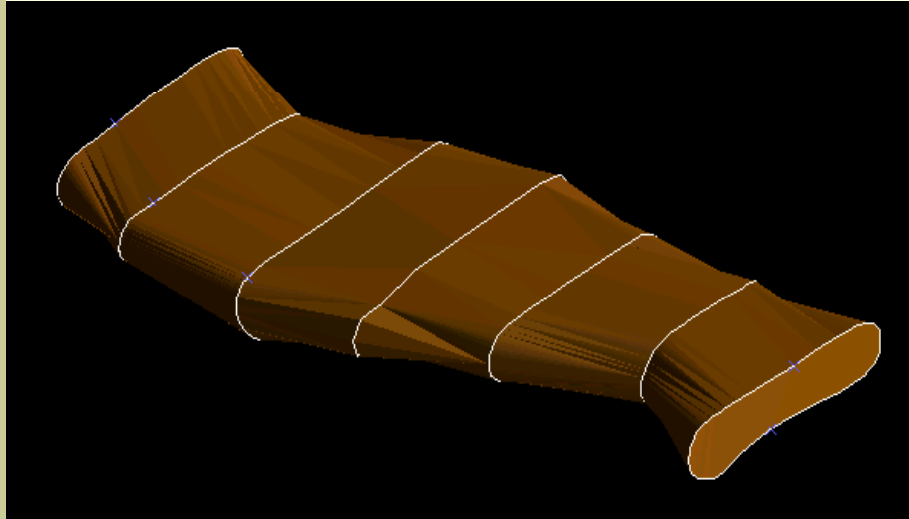
Virtual Reality in Mineral Industry

- Mining Equipment **Concept development**
- **Design Review, Operator Input, Maintenance Procedure Review and Simulations**
- Development of a **simulation / animation model** for mine planning
- Presentation of **Mining Concepts** to an Approving Authority

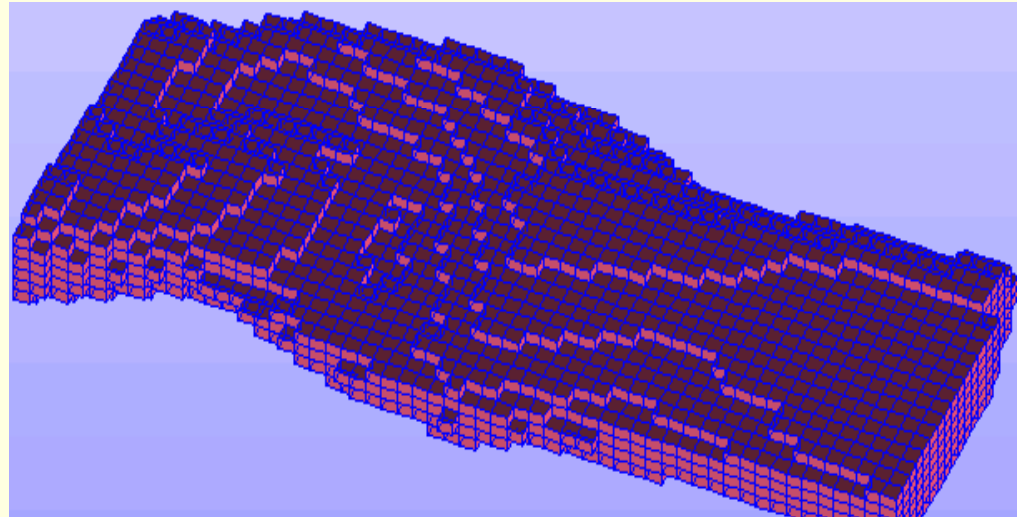
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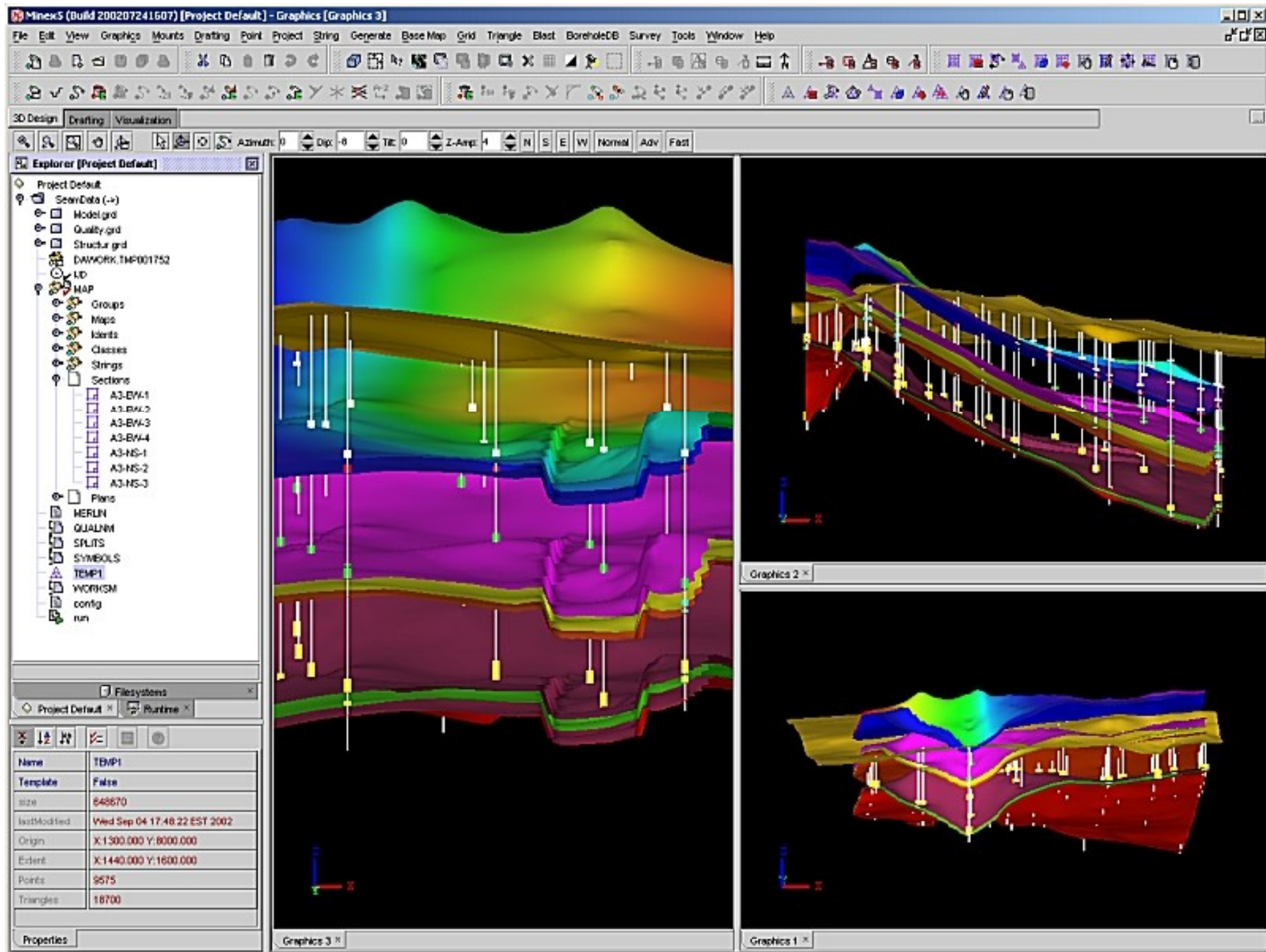


Computer Aided Mine Plan and design



Solid modeling & block modeling of an iron ore deposit using SURPAC





Conclusion

- There is a substantial need of **adoption of state of the art automation technologies** in the mines to ensure the **safety** and to protect **health** of mineworkers.
- The paper has highlighted some of the **applications of Geospatial Technology** in the Indian mines for **safe mining operations**
- Significant developments have been made in the areas of surface and underground **communication, robotics, smart sensors, tracking systems etc.**

Conclusion

semi-automated / automated mining technologies **backboned with information technologies** is need of the day

This will satisfy the two most important goals of any mining operation: improved productivity and safer working conditions.

