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Software aimed at 3-D Sight Distance
Estimations**

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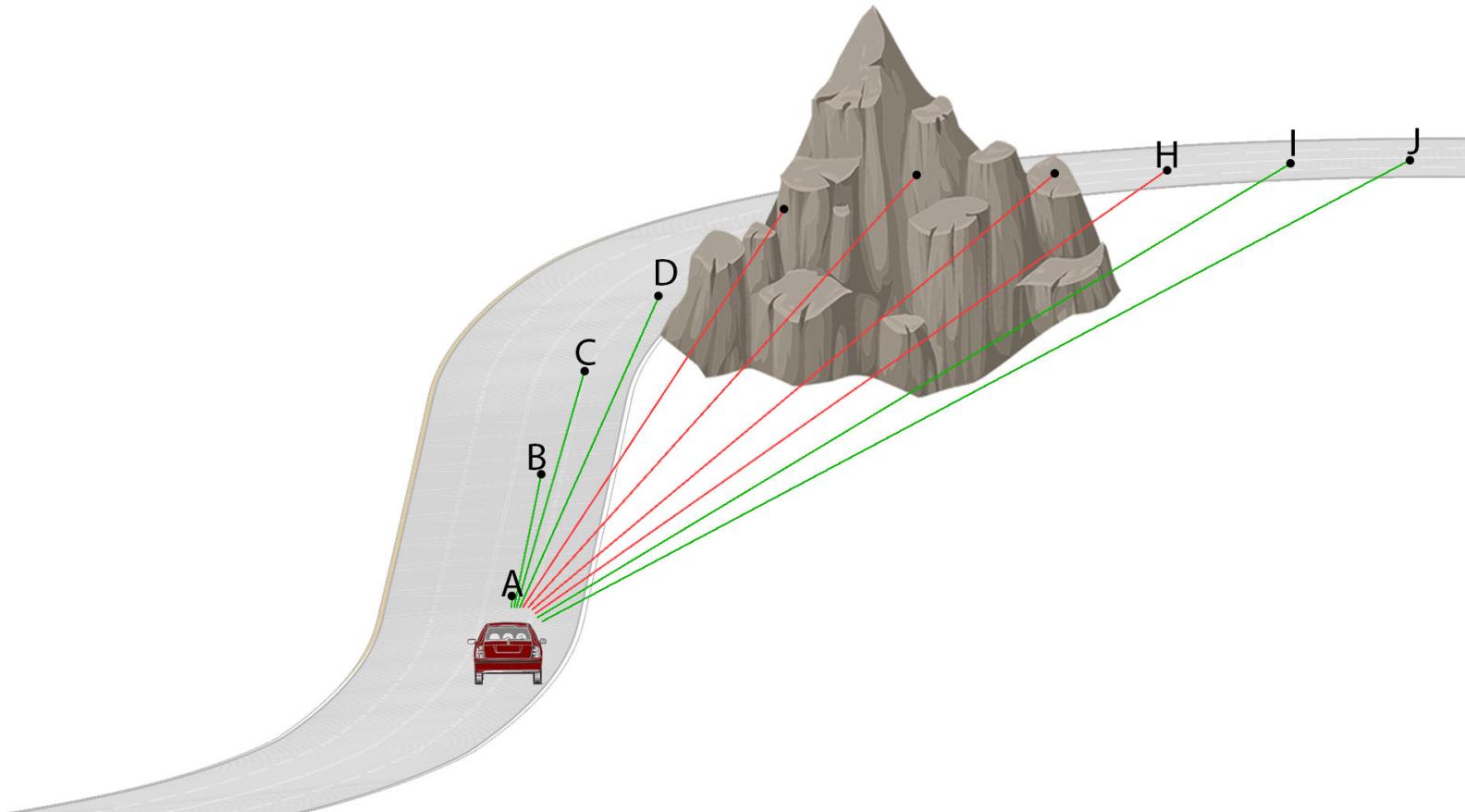
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Introduction

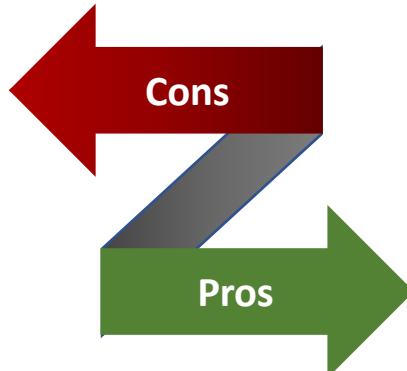
- Sight distance estimations operational roads



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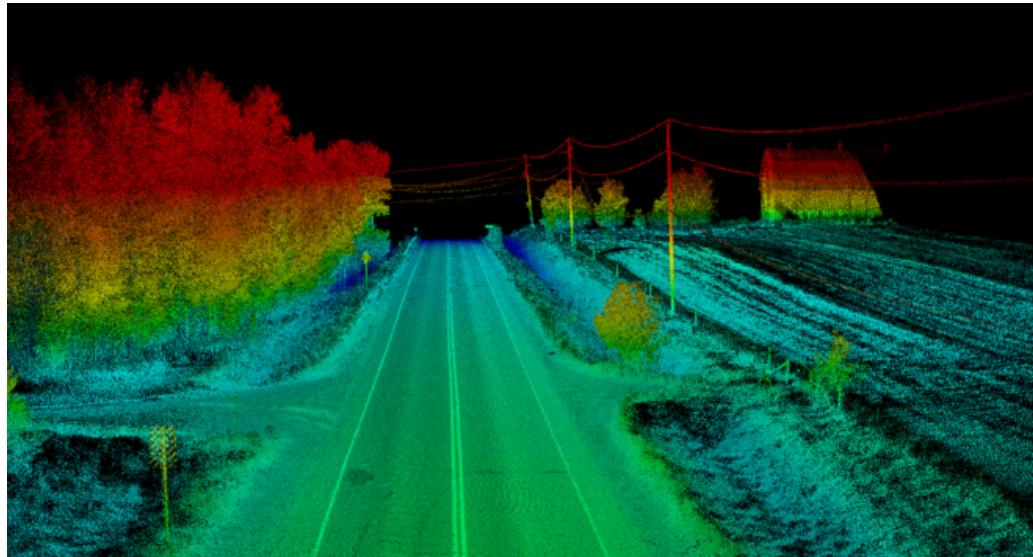
- On Service roads surroundings are dynamic
- Off site 3D estimations make use of accurate road representations
- Mobile Lidar -->“ A tool in the toolbox”

- Massive data
- Geomatics Knowledge
- Several software suits when on house processing



- Highly accurate and dense 3D data; 1,000,000 pps
- Productivity
- Deployment

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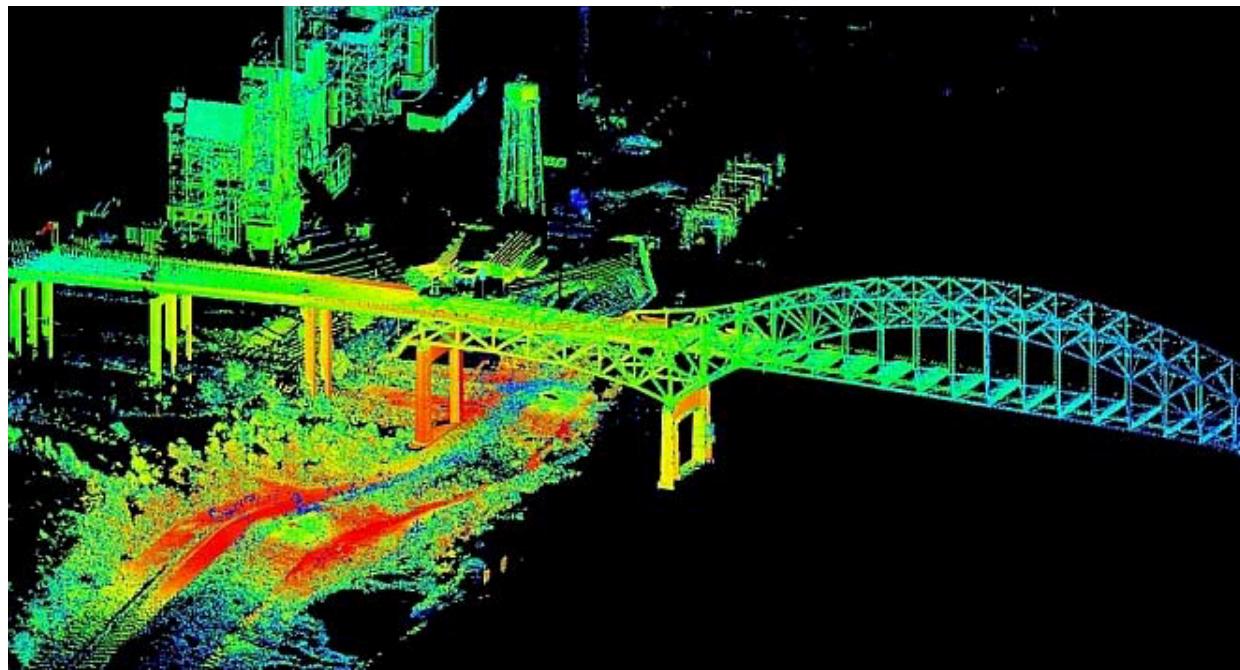
ALS / **MLS** / TLS

Scan configuration

Crop

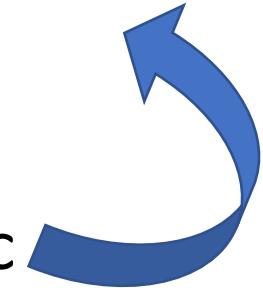
Project / Transform

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Goals

- Identify ASD tasks required --> Input data
- Evaluate selected software on providing specific functionalities --> Completeness
- Evaluate software performance --> Resources
- Statistical Analysis of ASD results from data



Background

- Literature on ASD utilizing Geospatial representations of roads
- Deliverables - Models or directly on Point cloud
- Line-of Sight-algorithms

- Models :

Raster or vector

Completeness vs
Simplification

Digital Terrain or Digital
Surface

Software Selection Process

LiDAR derived → Geospatial representation → GIS, CAD, Road, ...

Useful for → Civil engineering → Transportation applications + GIS tasks

Widespread, Mature, Interoperable, Load Point size, Coordinate Reference System, Skills required

3DReshaper



LAStools

Case Study



- Rural
- 4 Million points
- IP-S2
- **Suitability**



- Rural
- 120 Million points
- IP-S3
- **Performance**

Evaluation

- Suitability: Comparing required to completed

Data Import and Export

Point Cloud decimation

Noise Removal

Filtering & classification

Modelling

Feature extraction

- Efficiency: Behavior & Capacity
- Statistical: Analysis of sight distance results obtained

Results and discussion: Suitability

- Data import and export: I/O LiDAR formats WMS, imagery, Polyline.
- Point cloud decimation → Clever & non Clever options →
- Noise Removal → Specifying isolated distance, manually, outliers.... Vehicle filtering less straight forward for MMS data.



Results and discussion: Suitability

- Filtering and classification → Black box algorithms make harder to find more suitable; Parameters →:

- Adaptive TIN
- Morphologic
- Terrain type
- Statistical

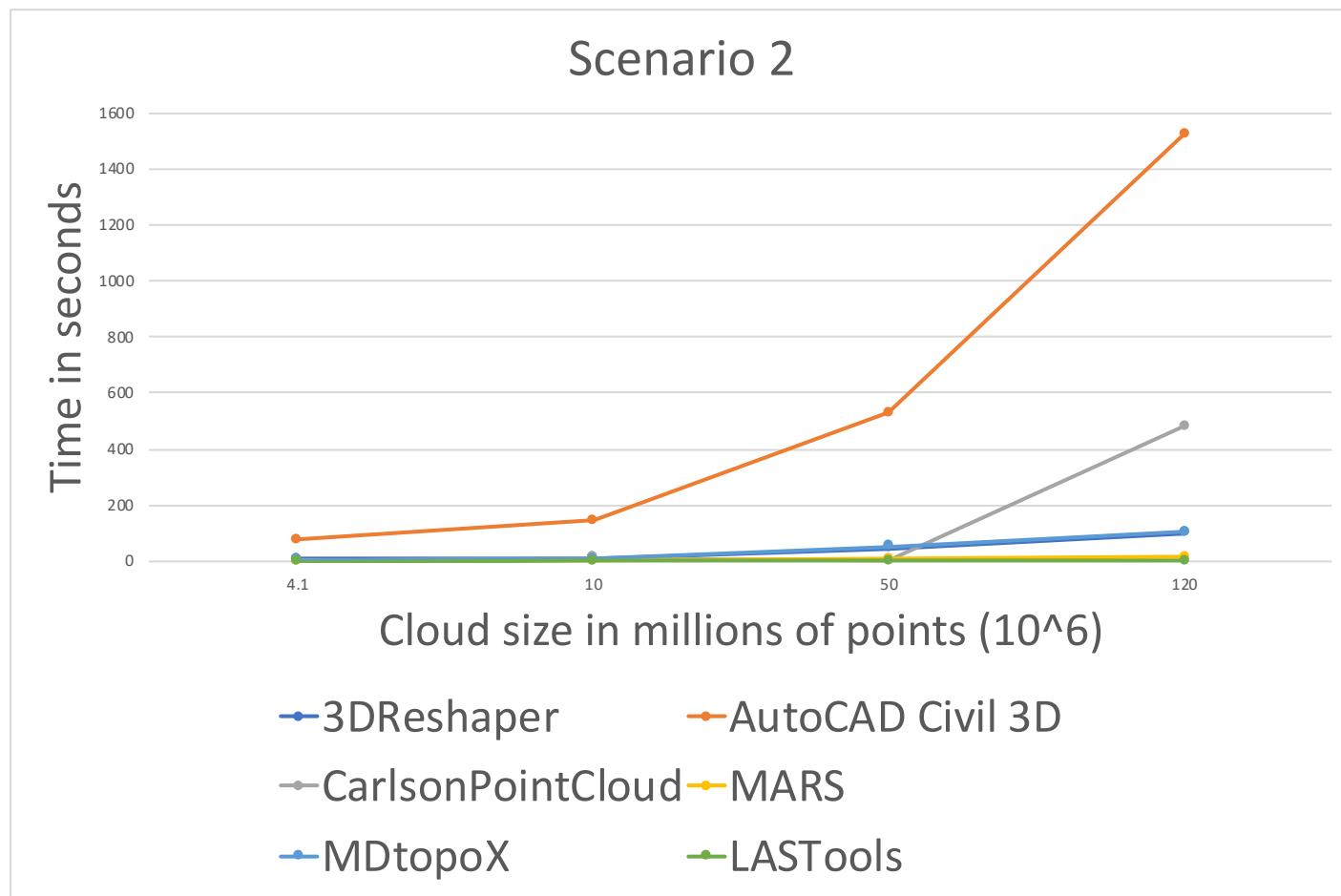
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Software	Parameters required
3DReshaper	Terrain Type
Carlson Point Cloud	Varies depending on the method selected (Grid or Profile)
FUSION	Cell size
<i>Global Mapper</i>	Curvature deviations, Height departure from local mean, distinctive parameter information and extern files
LAStools	Terrain Type, granularity
MARS	Varies depending on the algorithm selected
<i>MDTopX</i>	Terrain Type, distinct parameter information and extern files

Results and discussion: Performance

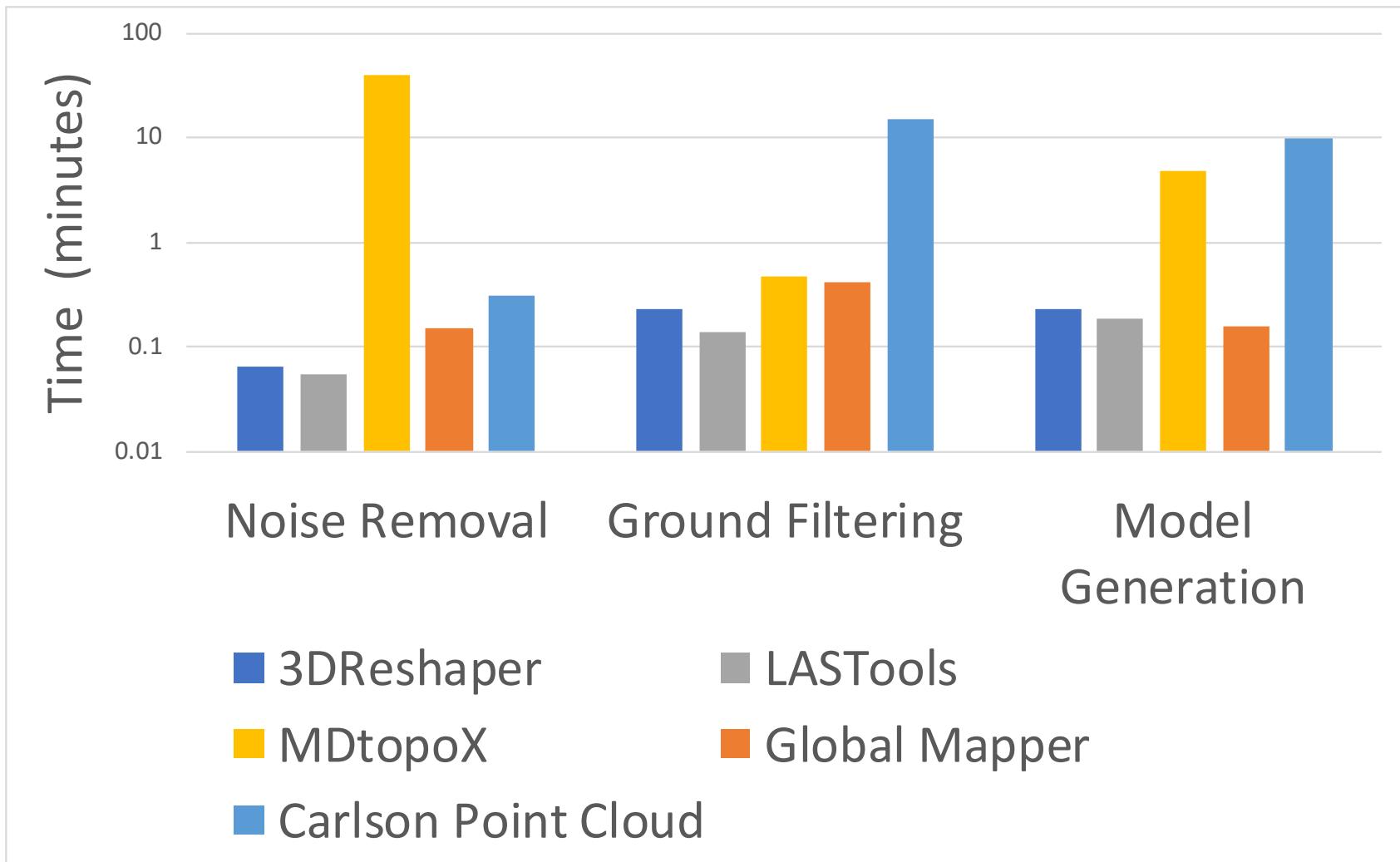
- Loading :



- Capacity: 240 all but MDtopoX

Results and discussion: Suitability

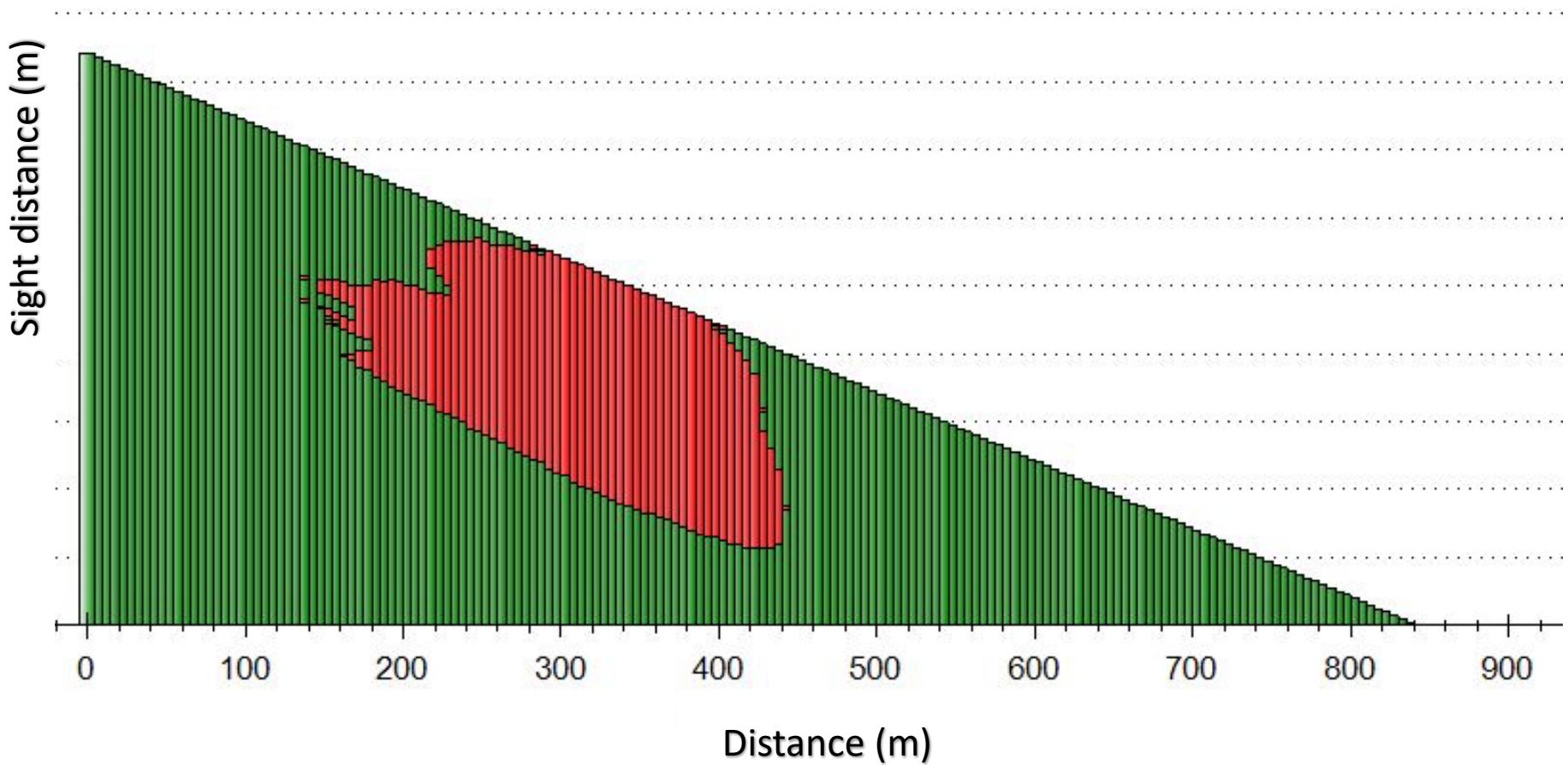
- Task performance:



Results and discussion: Statistics

- Mann–Whitney–Wilcoxon in pairs of two:

No significant differences obtained results of sight distance



Conclusions

- Mobile Lidar -->“ A tool in the toolbox”
- Most tasks are provided → several MMS transportation applications share workflow
- *I/O .las format → interoperability
- Connect or overlay reference information adds value to datasets

Conclusions

- Classification & Filtering → required more knowledge from users & good understanding of LiDAR and dataset
- Straightforward software allows staff with little formation to carry out complete workflows
- Ongoing performance & capacity improvements
- Statistical differences of sight distance

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