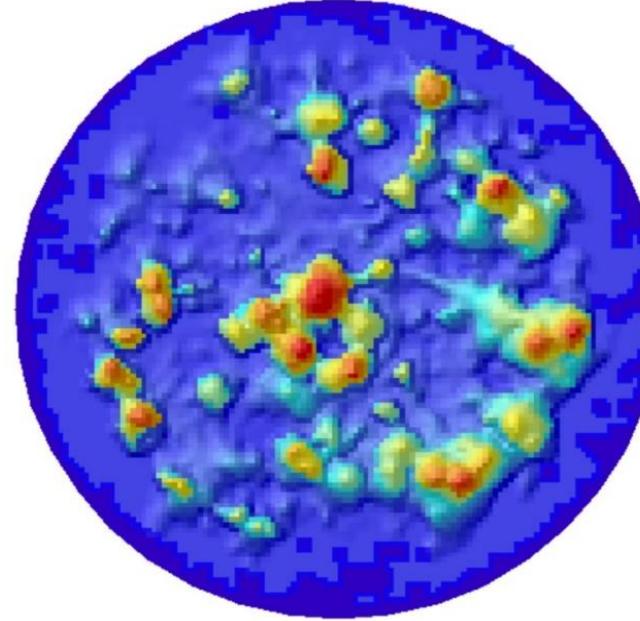
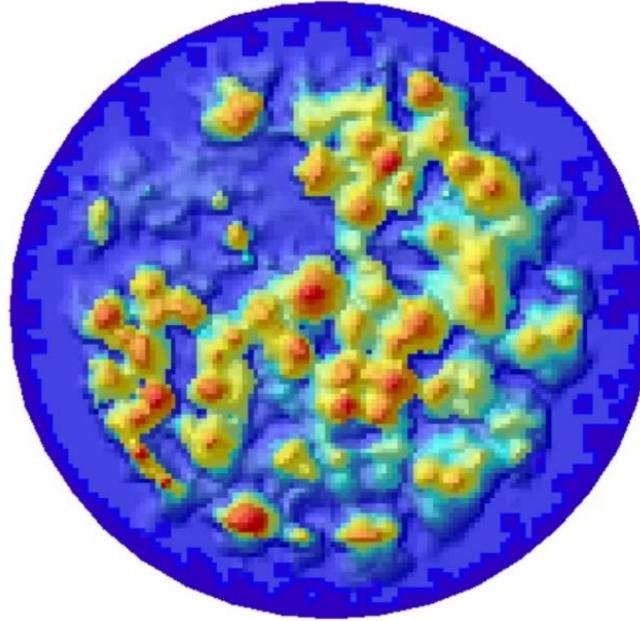
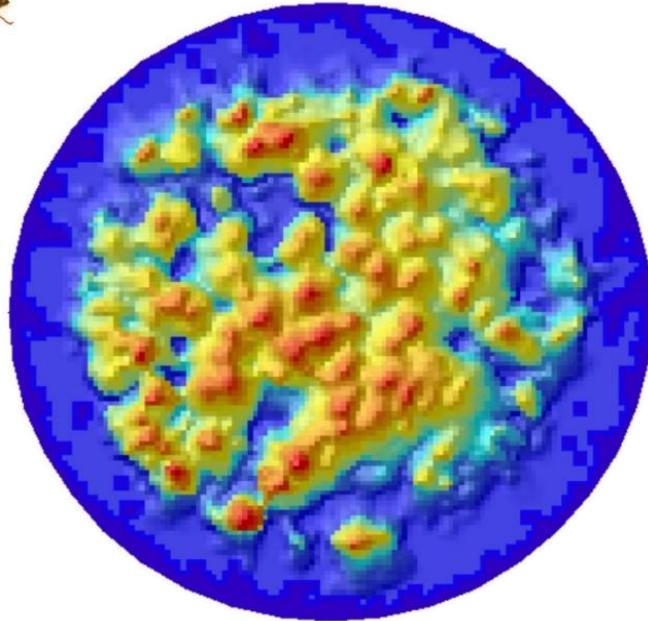




# Using LiDAR and photogrammetry approach for bark beetle infestation detection

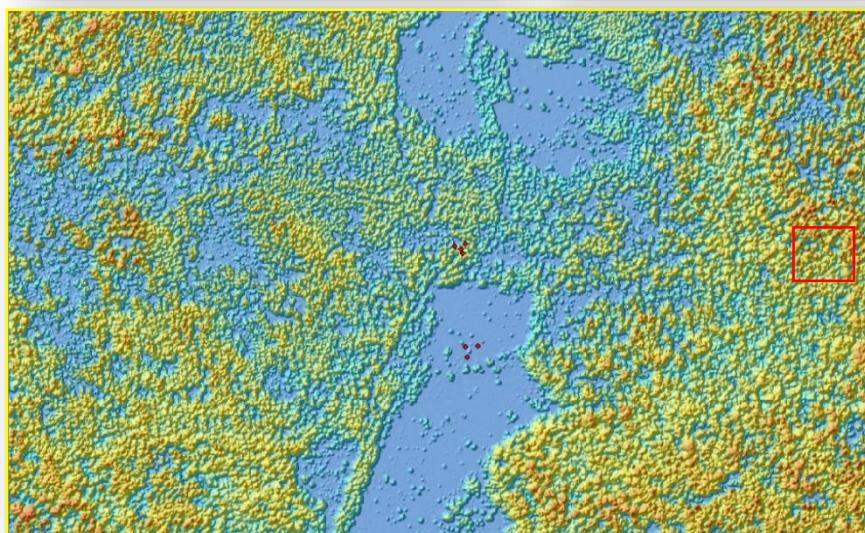


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# TLS LiDAR inventory of „bark beetle nest” Gorce National Park (South Poland)





# TLS LiDAR inventory of „bark beetle nest” – FAFO Focus Gorce National Park 2012/2016/2018



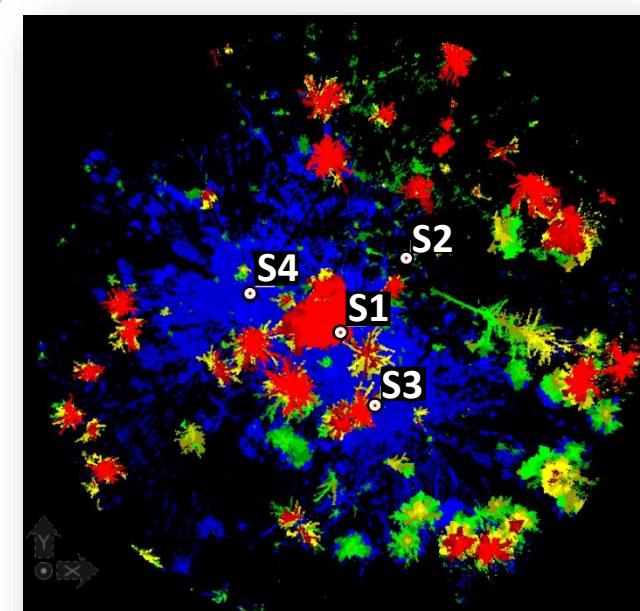
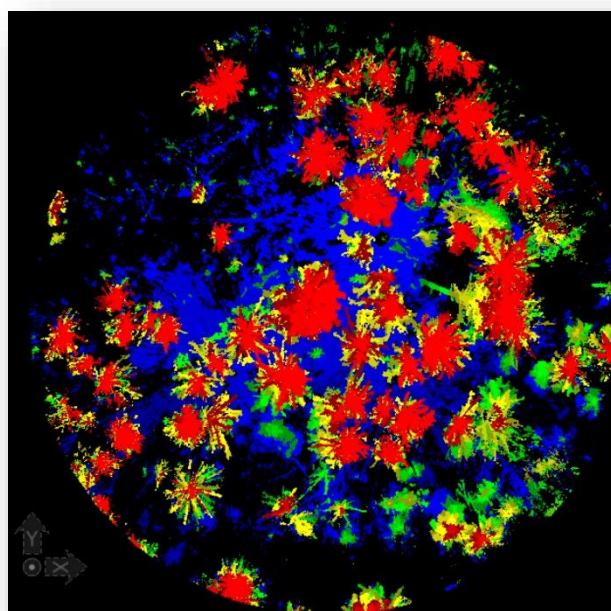
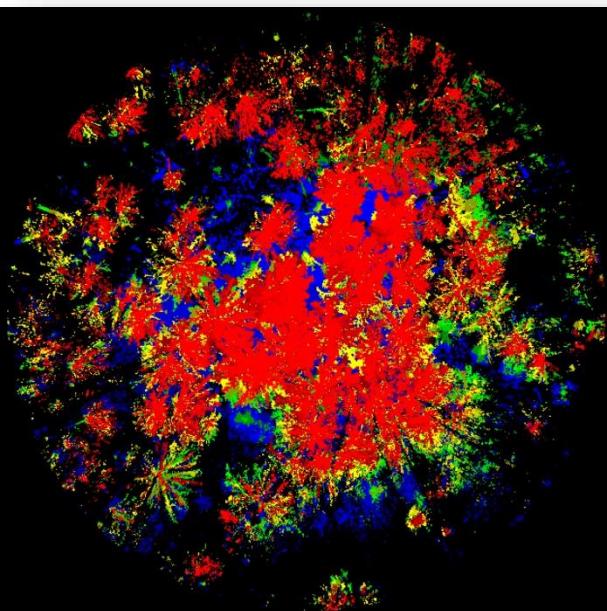
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2016



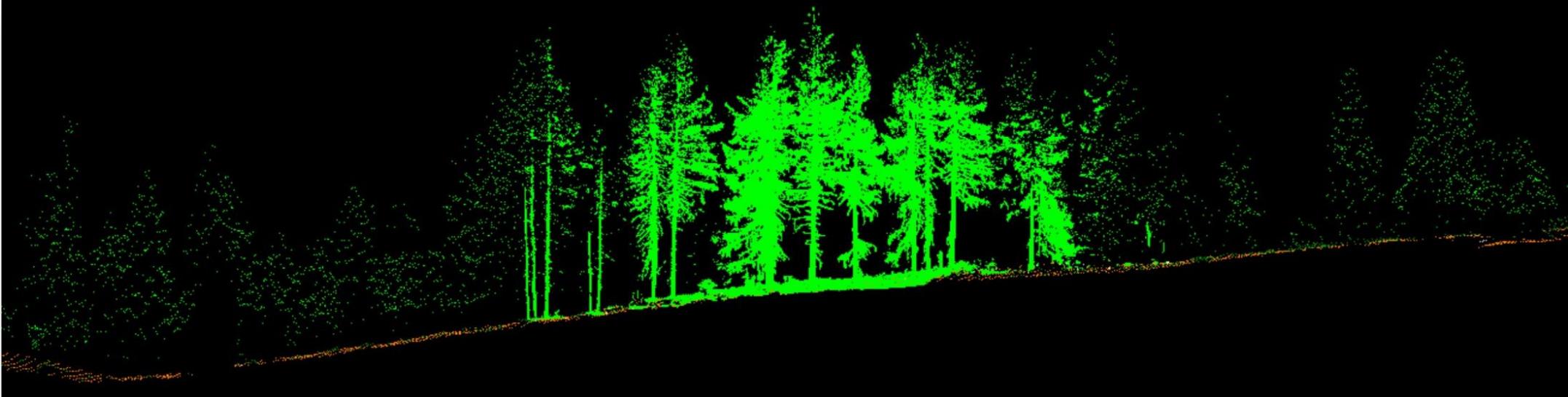
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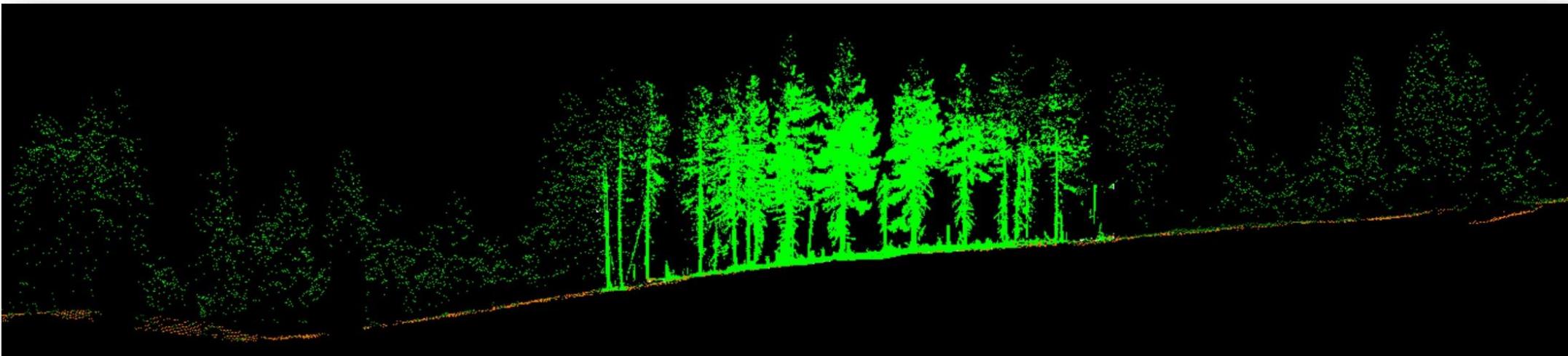


# ALS LiDAR (2013) and TLS LiDAR (2012) integration

## Test site Gorce National Park



ALS point cloud (ISOK, 2013) – 4pkt/m<sup>2</sup>, color by classification; TLS (2013) – light green color





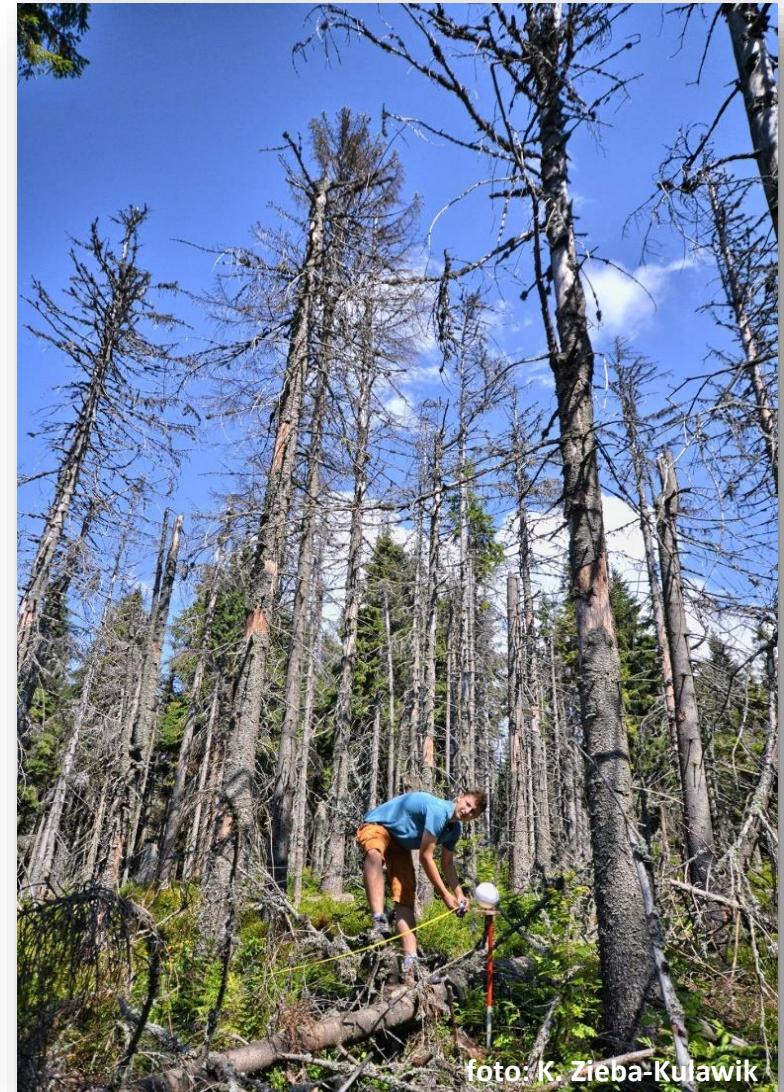
# TLS point cloud 2016 and 2018 - Gorce National Park



TLS point cloud (2016) – color by RGB

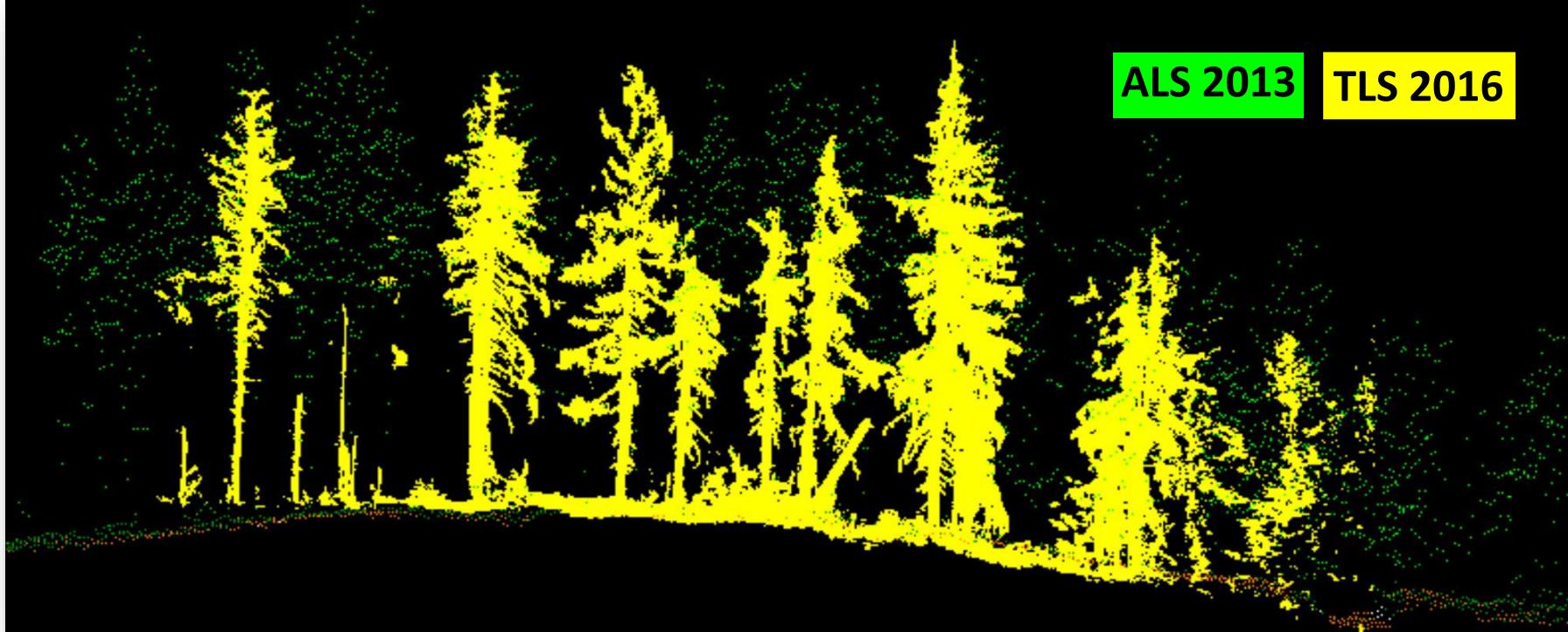


TLS point cloud (2018) – color by RGB

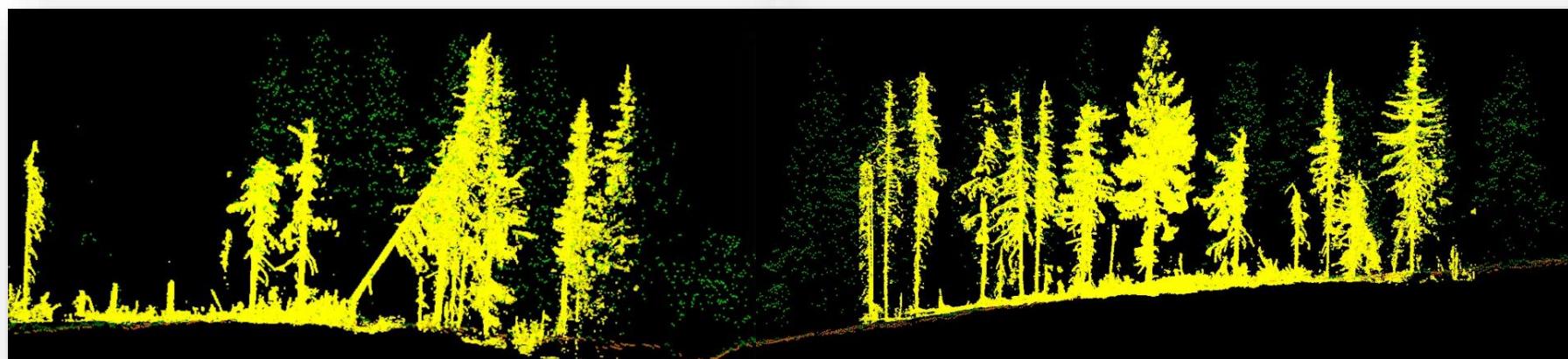




# ALS (2013) and TLS (2016) integration

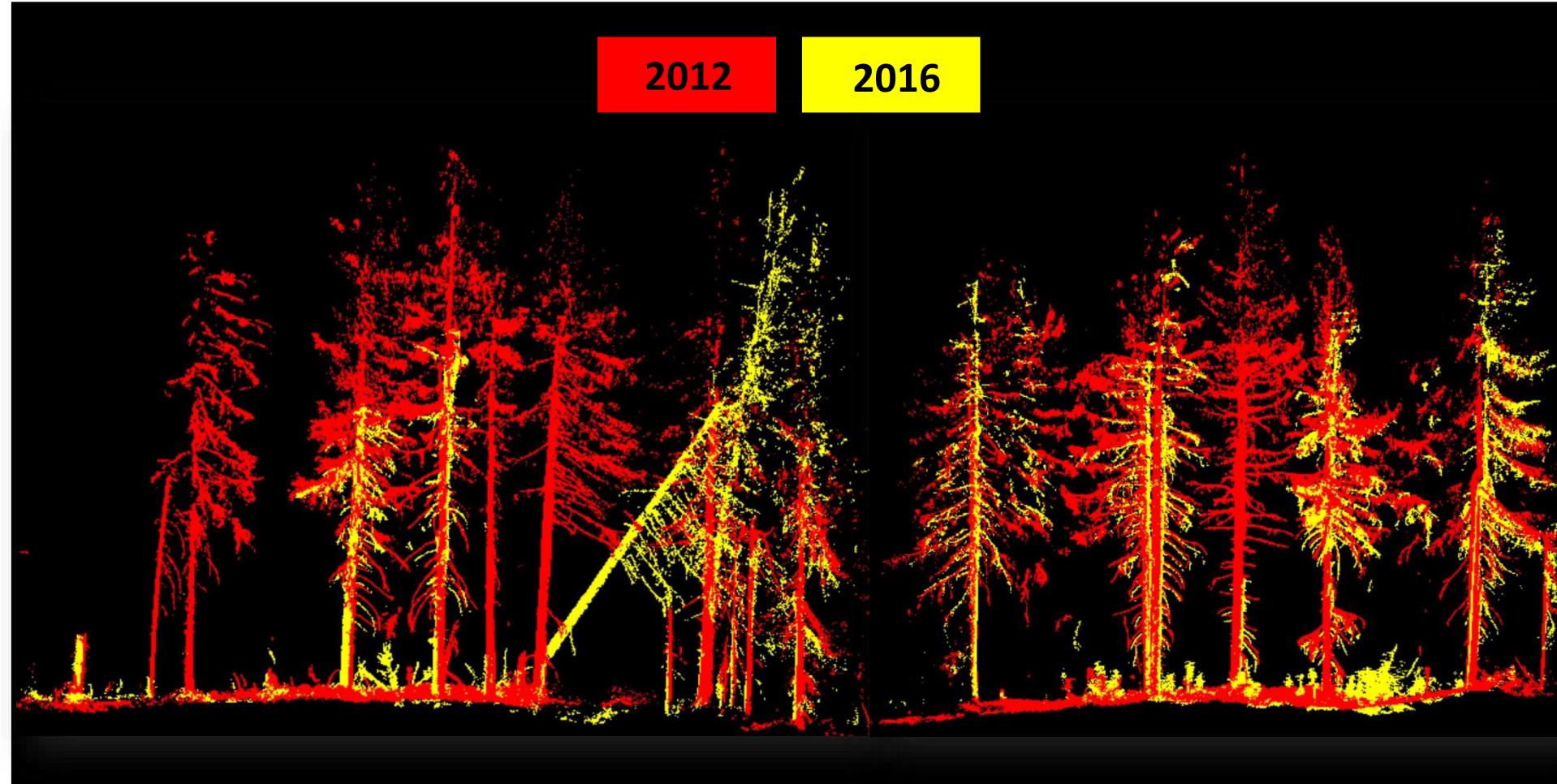


ALS point cloud (ISOK, 2013) – 4pkt/m<sup>2</sup>, color by classification; TLS (2016) – yellow color





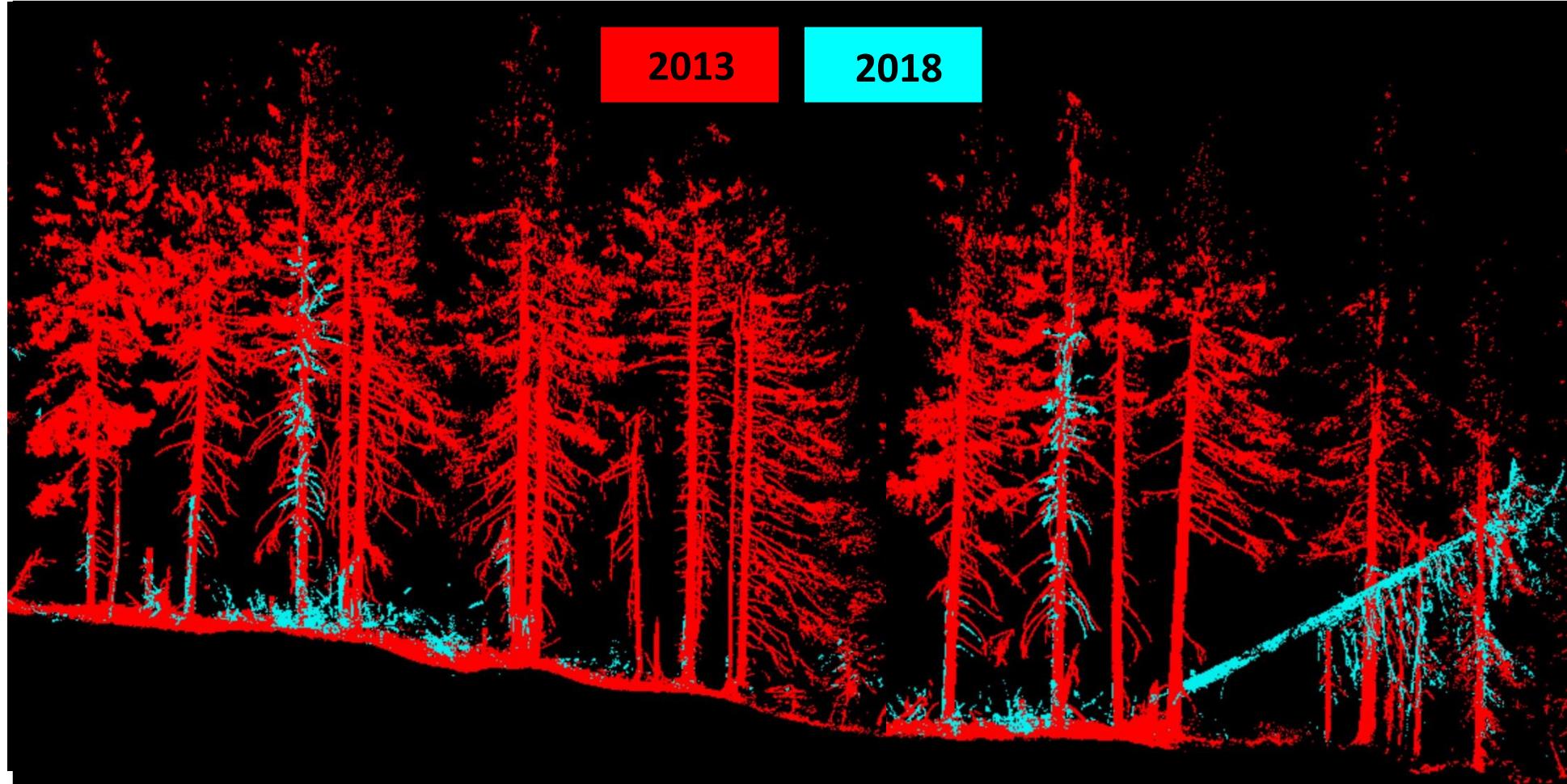
# Comparison of TLS point clouds 2012 and 2016 Gorce National Park



TLS point clouds (red – 2013; yellow – 2016)



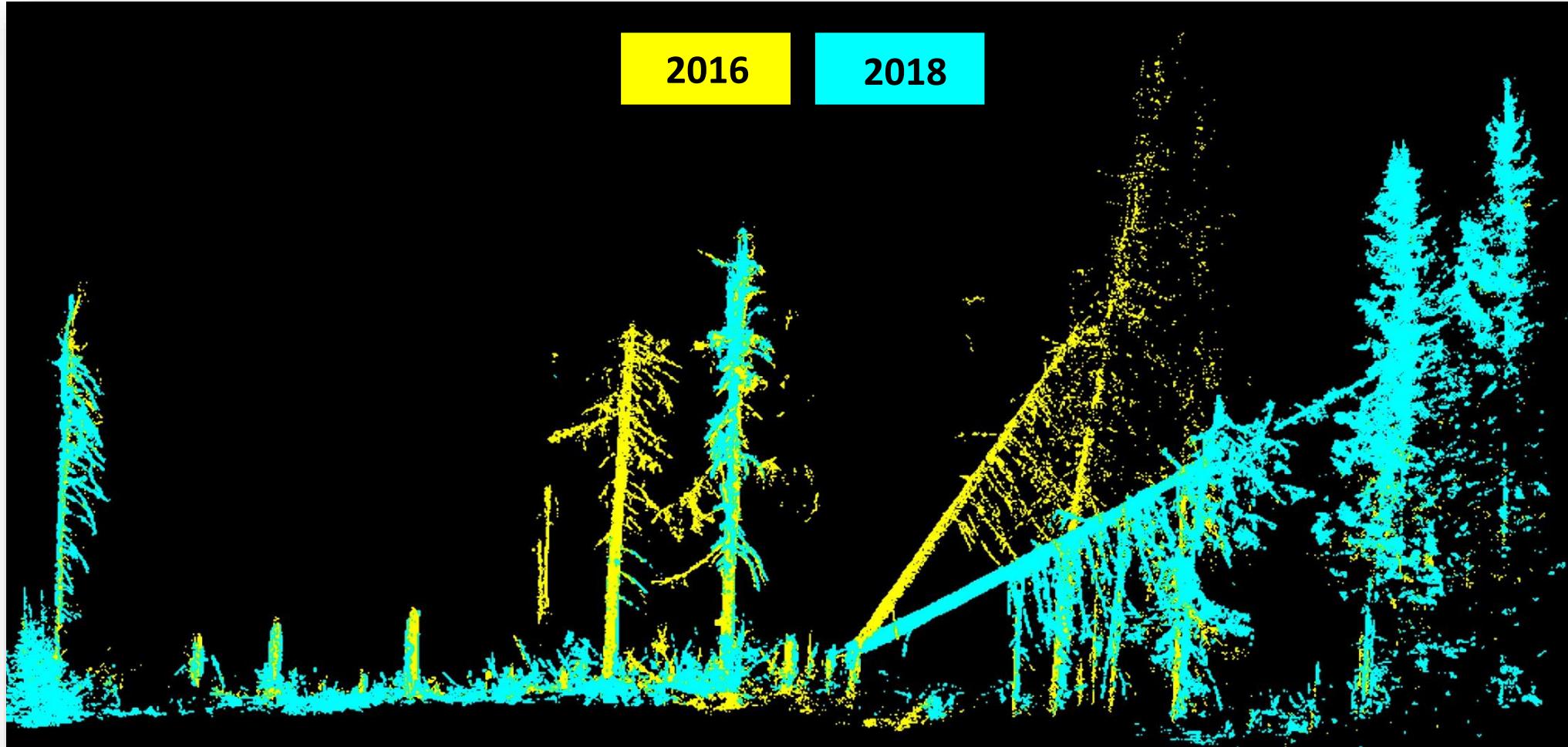
# Comparison of TLS point clouds 2012 and 2018 Gorce National Park



TLS point clouds (red – 2013; blue – 2018)



# Comparison of TLS point clouds 2016 and 2018 Gorce National Park



TLS point clouds (yellow – 2016; blue – 2018)

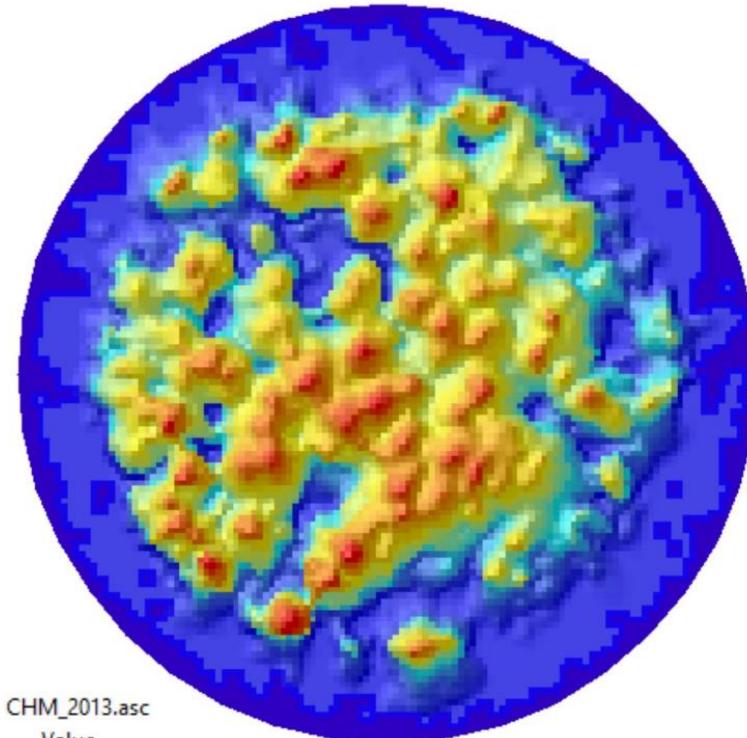


# Canopy Height Model (CHM) based on TLS

## 2012 – 2016 - 2018

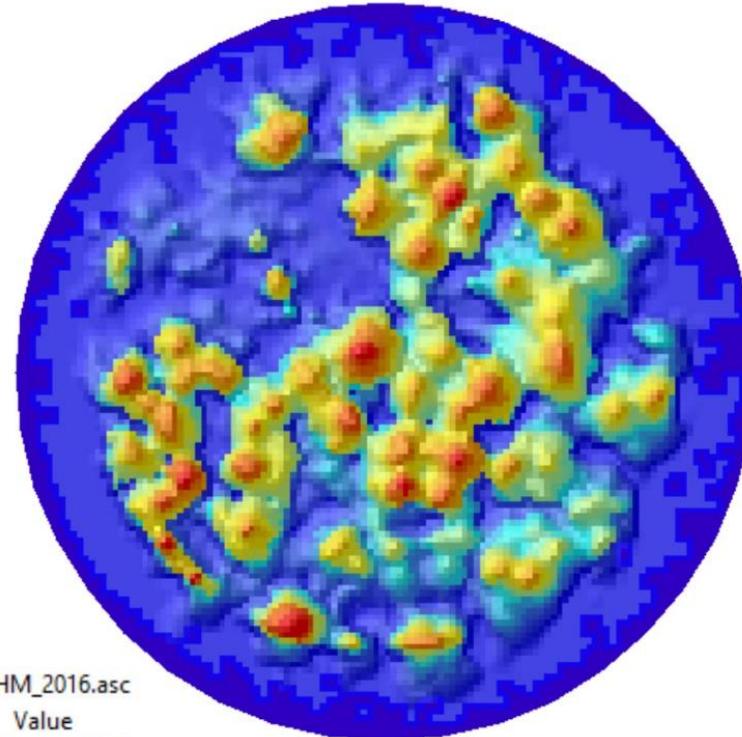


2012



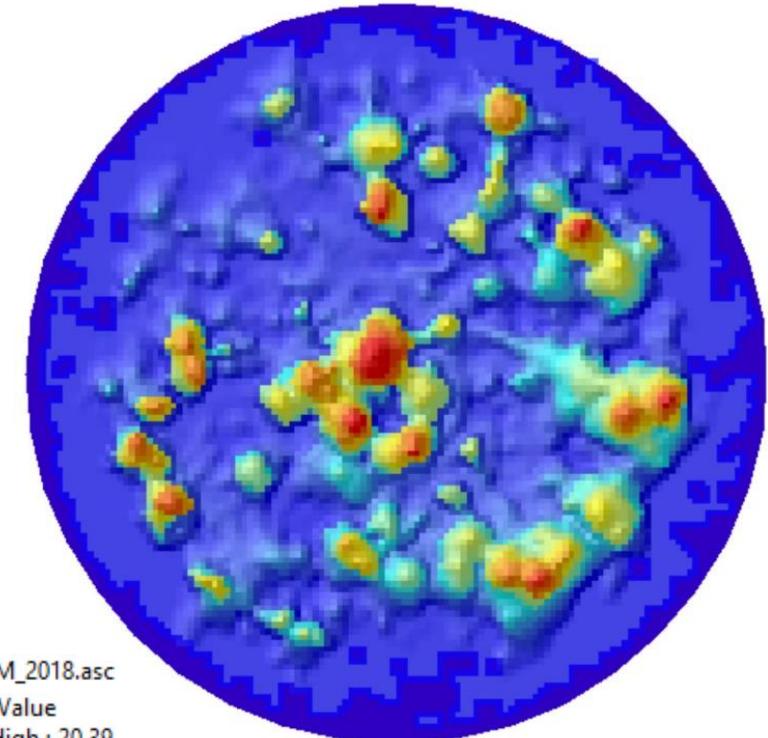
| CHM\_2013.asc  
Value  
High : 21,18  
Low : 0

2016



CHM\_2016.asc  
Value  
High : 21,13  
Low : 0

2018



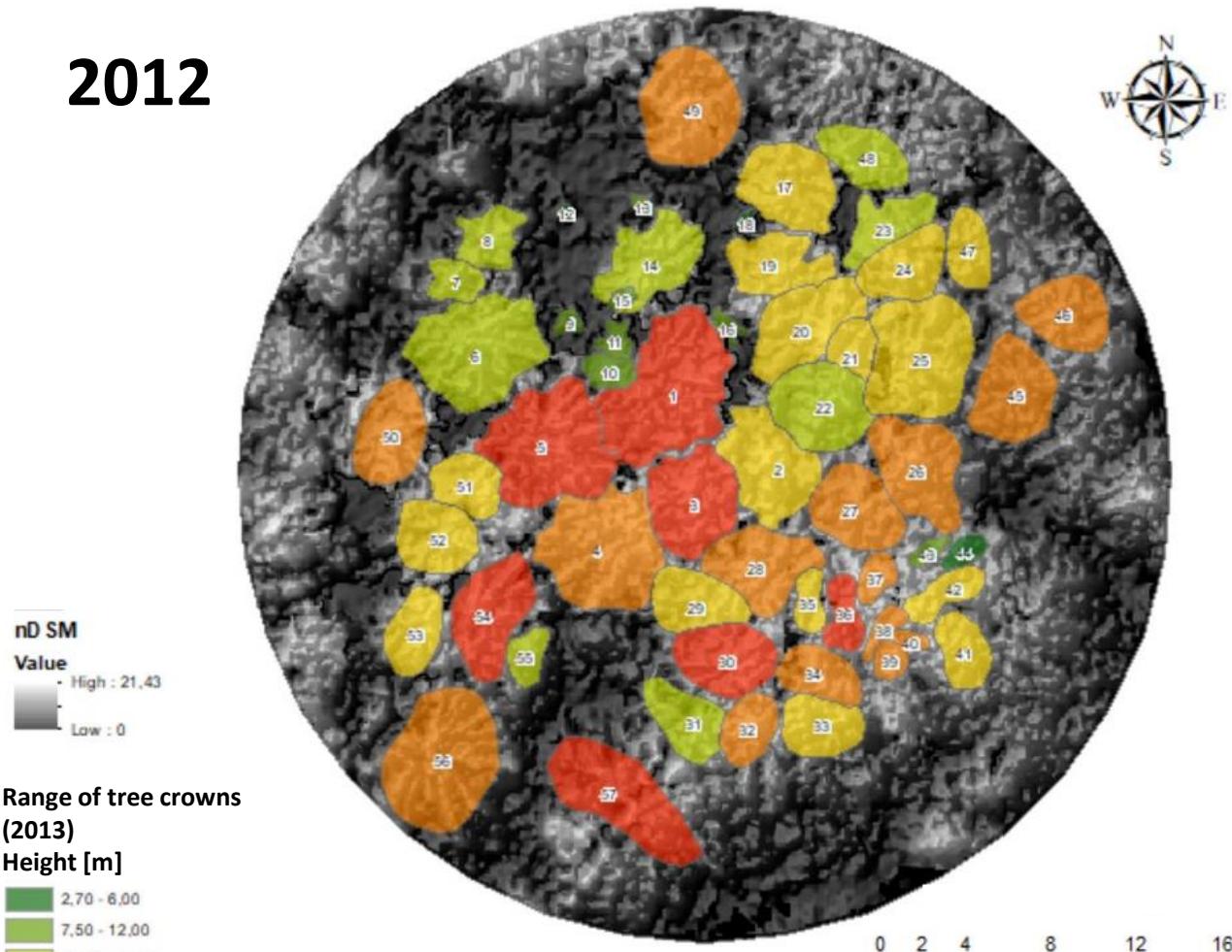
CHM\_2018.asc  
Value  
High : 20,39  
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nDSM - Difference between DSM and DTM, which is the height of vegetation



# Inventory of „bark beetle nest” Tree height in 2012

2012



Height SUM: 915.17 m

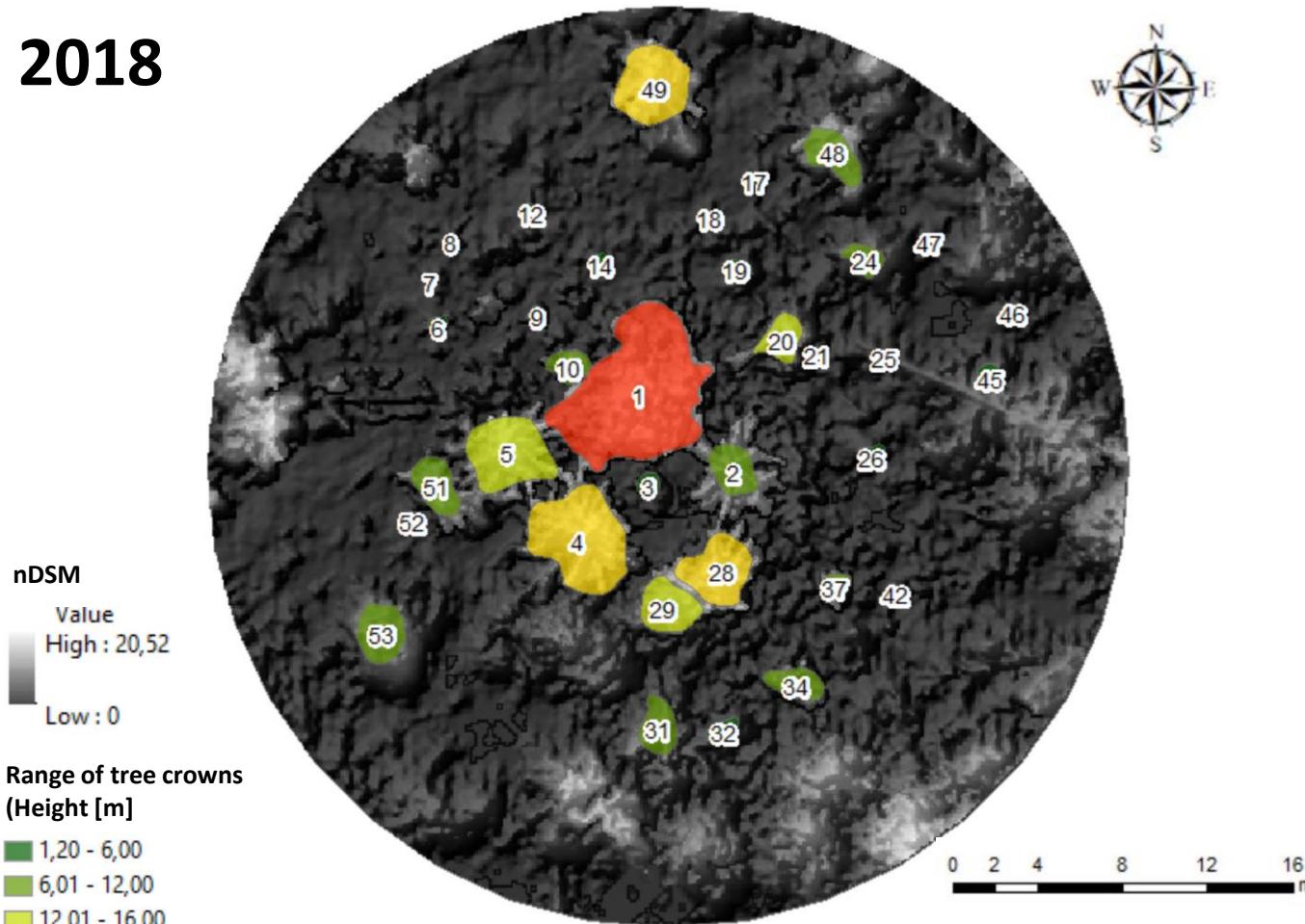
Tree number	H [m]
1	20,3
2	17,5
3	20,8
4	18,8
5	21,2
6	15,1
7	13,2
8	15,2
9	7,6
10	10,4
11	8,2
12	2,7
13	7,6
14	15,4
15	8,5
16	7,5
17	17,7
18	5,7
19	16,8
20	17,8
21	17,1
22	15,2
23	15,17
24	17,5
25	17,8
26	19,9
27	18,5
28	19,3
29	16,9
Mean	16,05

Tree number	H [m]
30	20,7
31	15,9
32	19,7
33	17,8
34	20
35	16,3
36	20,5
37	18,3
38	18,9
39	19,3
40	18,8
41	16,1
42	17,1
43	8,3
44	4,6
45	18,9
46	19,6
47	16,9
48	15,8
49	18,8
50	18,9
51	18
52	17,7
53	17,6
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55	14,4
56	19,5
57	21,2
Mean	16,05



# Inventory of „bark beetle nest Difference between 2012-2018

**2018**



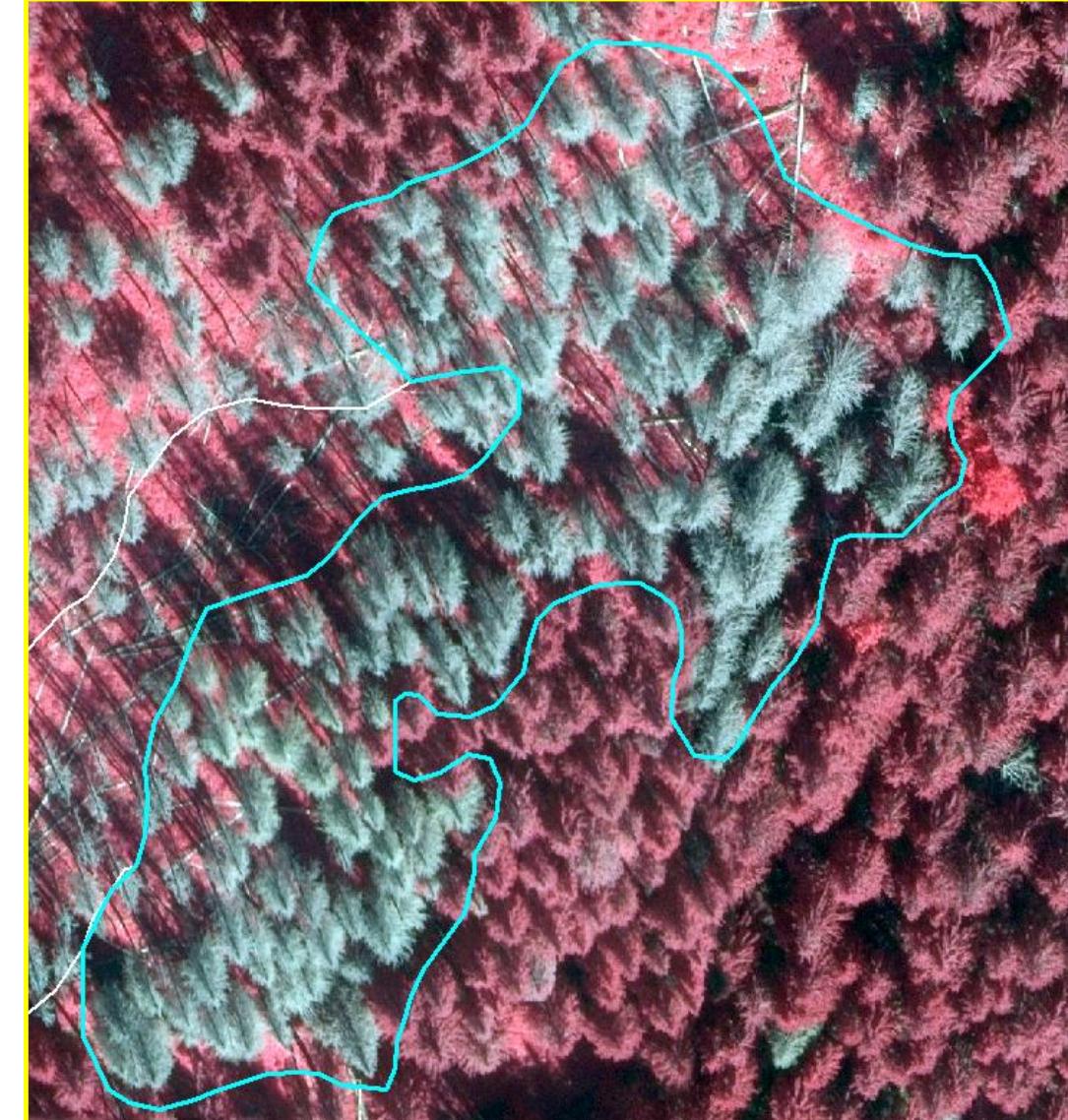
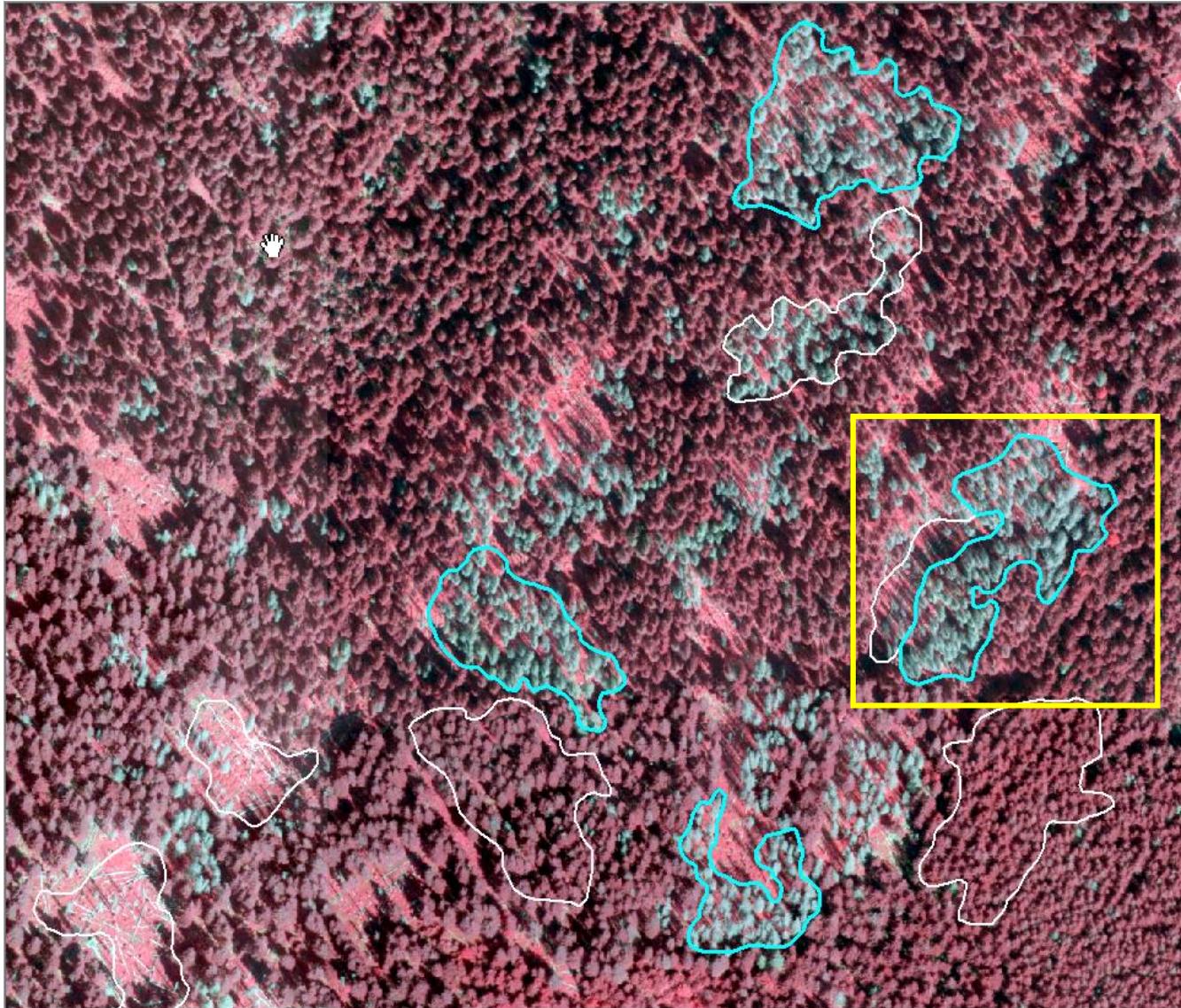
**Height SUM: 264.50 m  
Decreasing : 71% ↓**

Tree number	H [m]	Tree number	H [m]
1	20,4	30	0
2	10,8	31	7,6
3	4,5	32	4,1
4	18	33	0
5	15,2	34	8,8
6	1,8	35	0
7	1,6	36	0
8	2,9	37	9,3
9	4,8	38	0
10	10,4	39	0
11	0	40	0
12	2,5	41	0
13	0	42	2,3
14	2,5	43	0
15	0	44	0
16	0	45	4,5
17	2,6	46	1,6
18	4,5	47	1,2
19	4,1	48	10,2
20	12,2	49	17,3
21	1,6	50	0
22	0	51	11,3
23	0	52	1,2
24	6,9	53	8,3
25	1,2	54	0
26	4,2	55	0
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28	17,1	57	13,2
29	12,5	Mean	4,64



# ALS LiDAR very dense point cloud - case study 2018

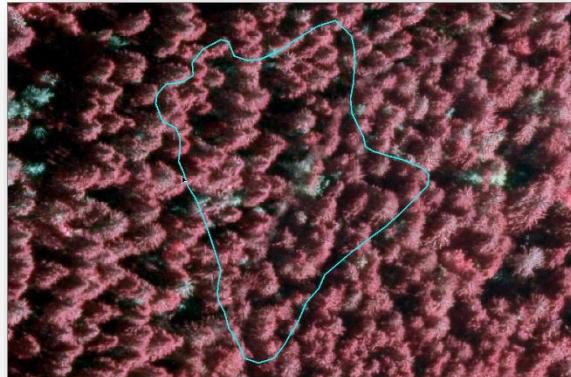
High resolution CIR aerial orthophos GSD 10 cm (Sept. 04, 2019)



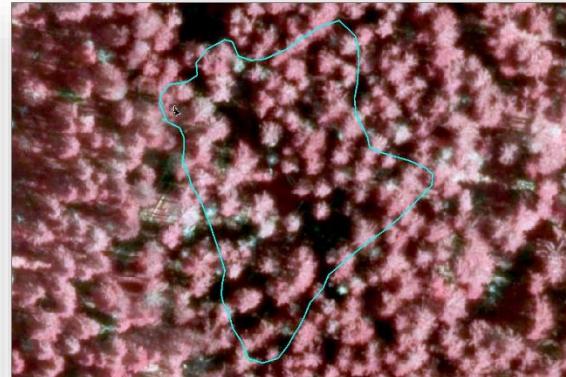


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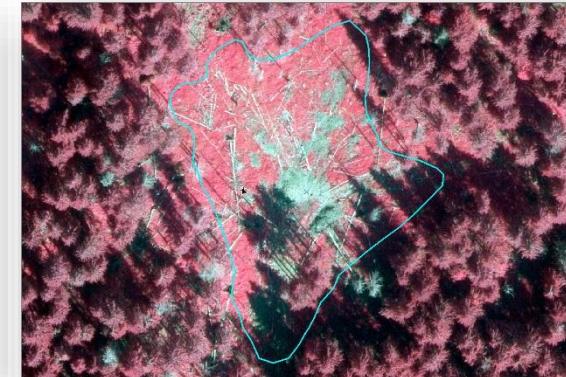
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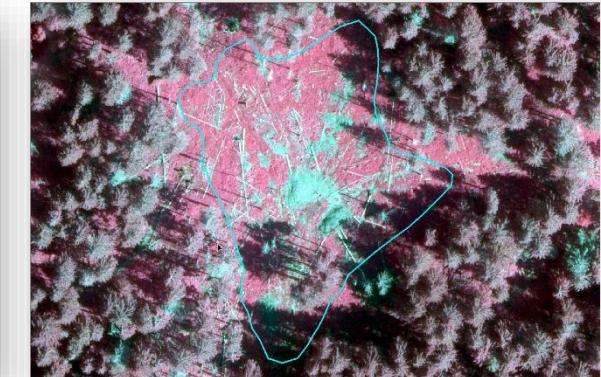
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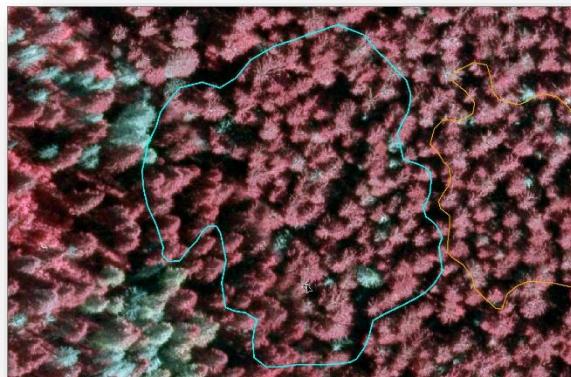
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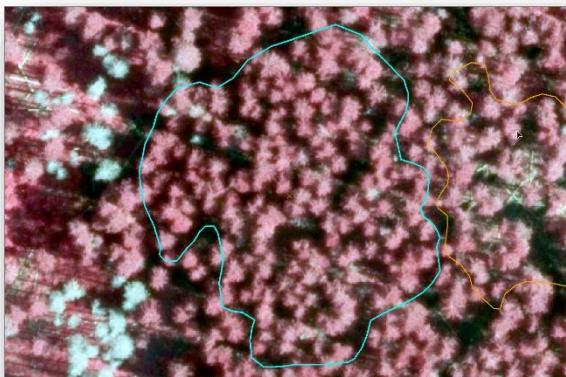
Test site 7



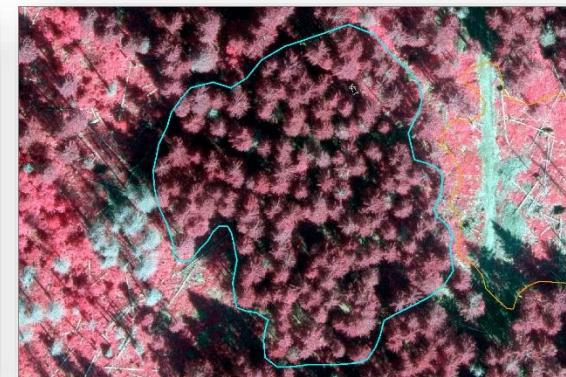
2020



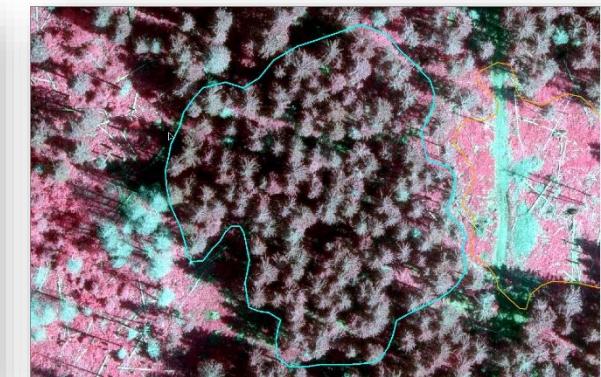
2012



2014



Test site 11

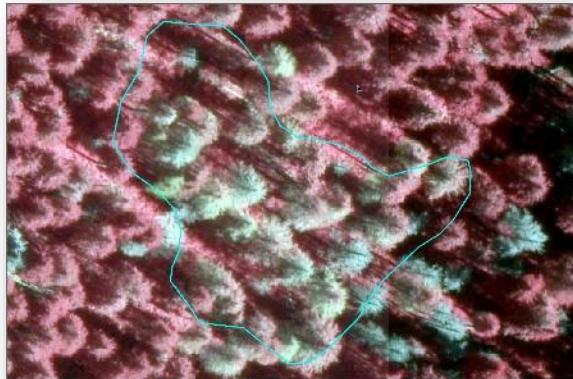


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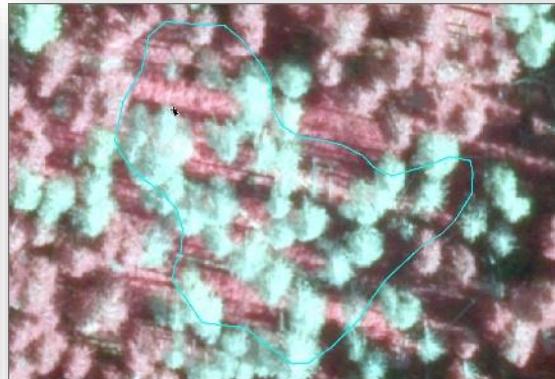


# ALS LiDAR very dense point cloud - case study 2018

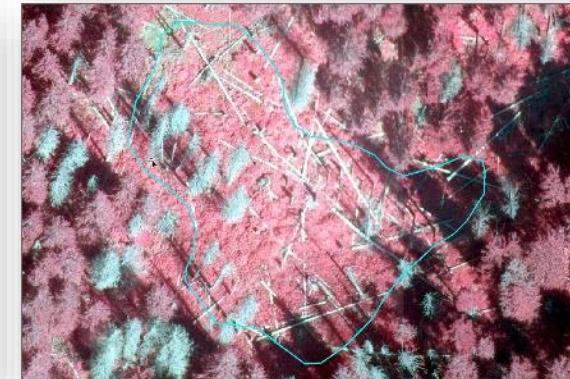
## High resolution CIR aerial orthophos GSD 10 cm (Sept. 04, 2019)



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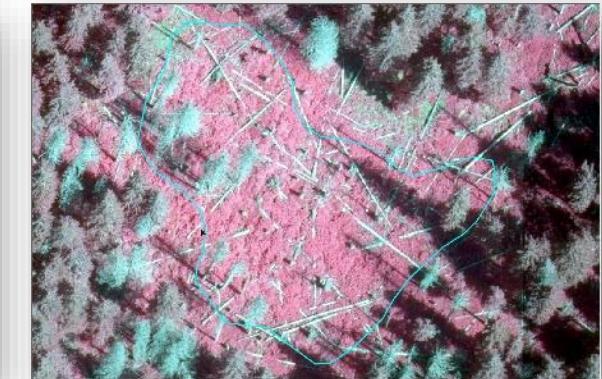


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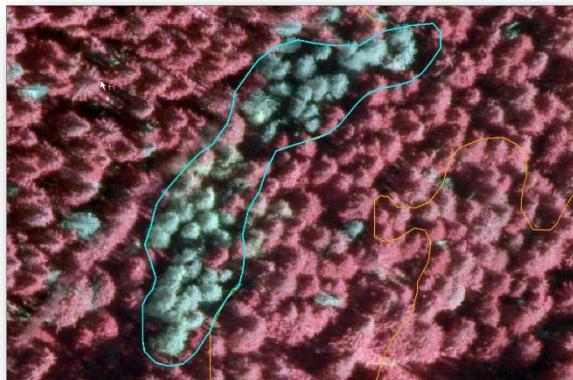


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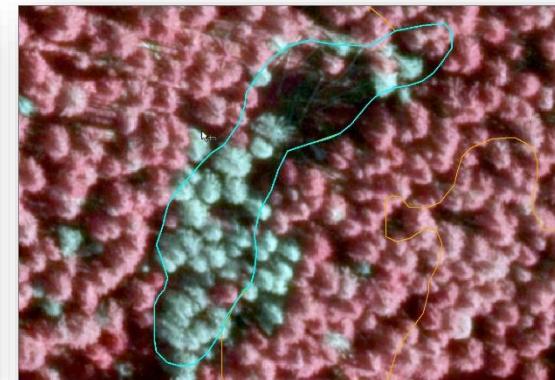
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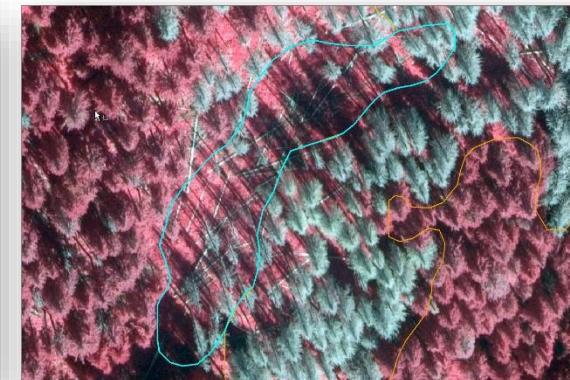
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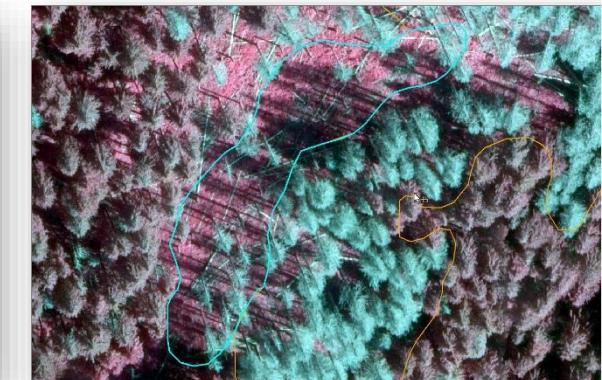


2014



Test site 5

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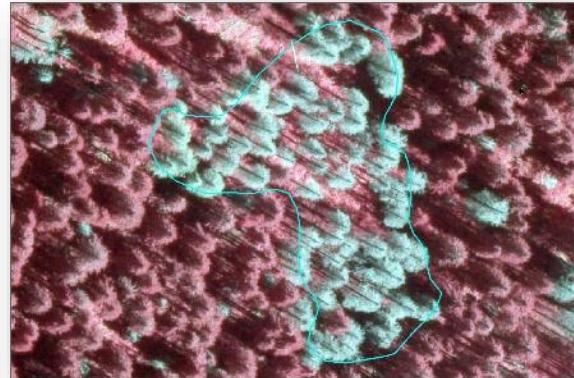


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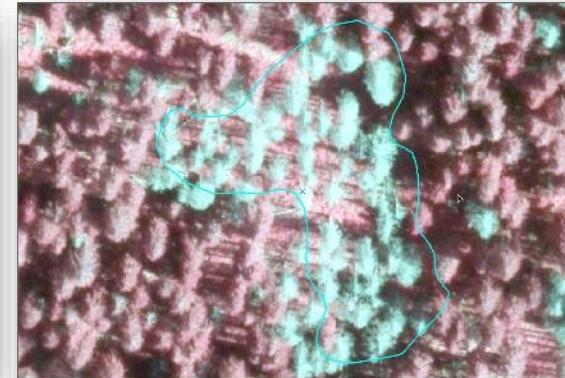


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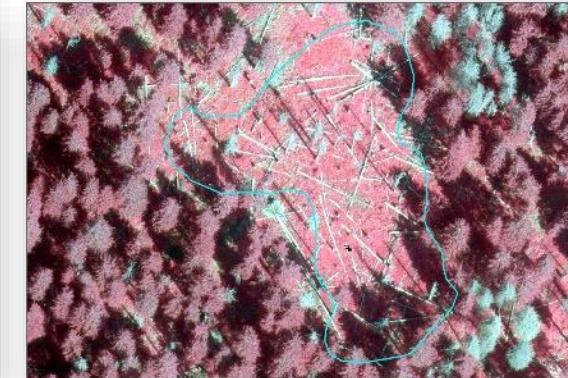
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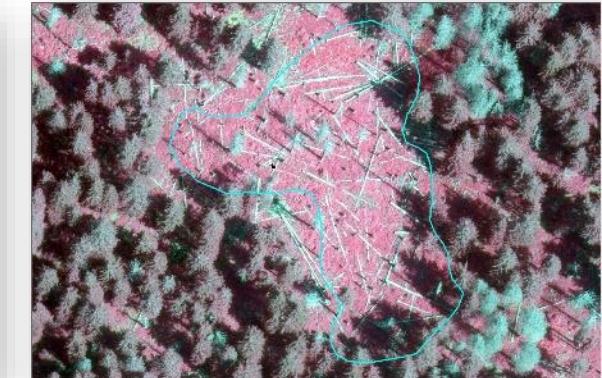
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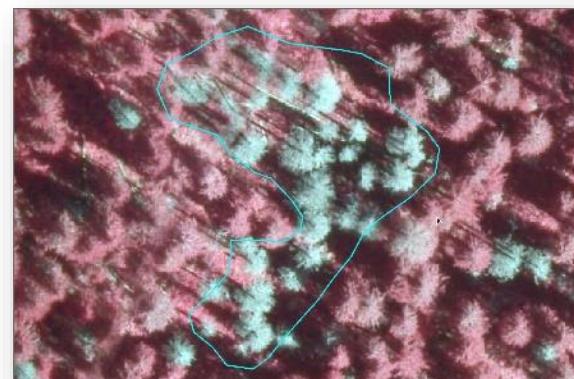
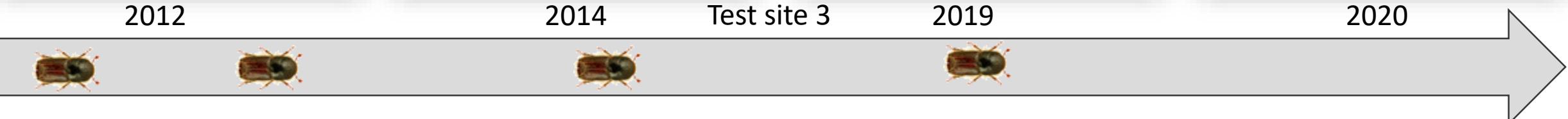
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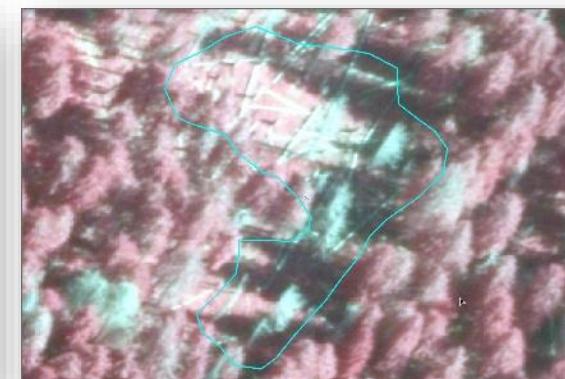
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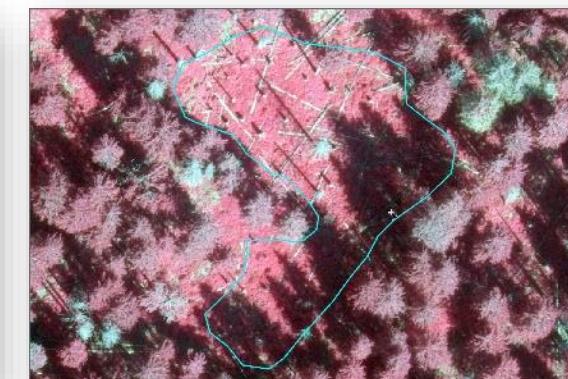
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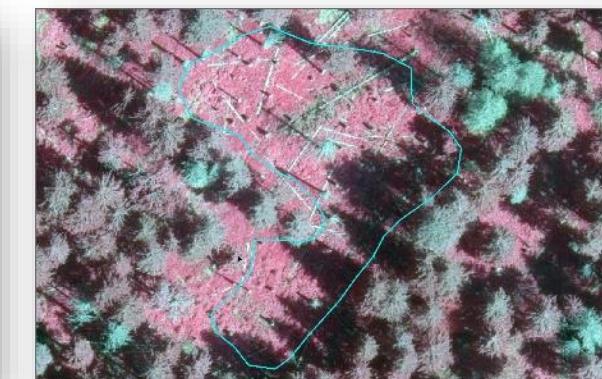
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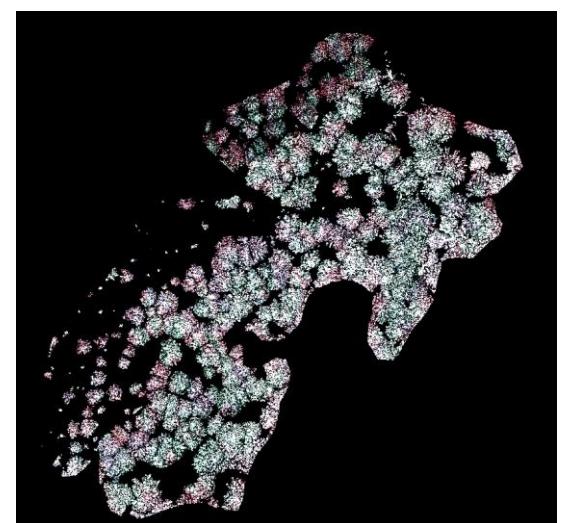
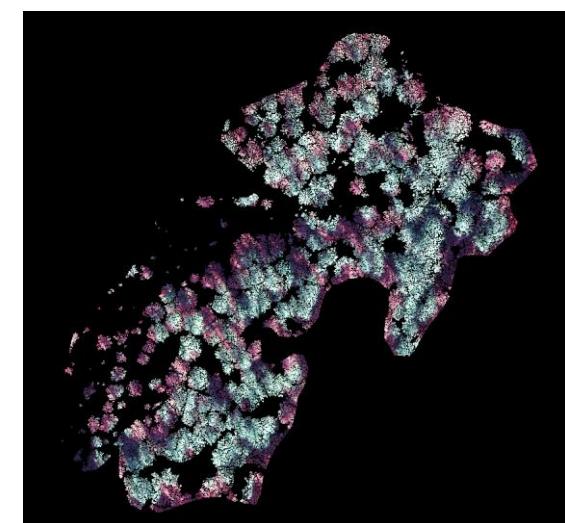
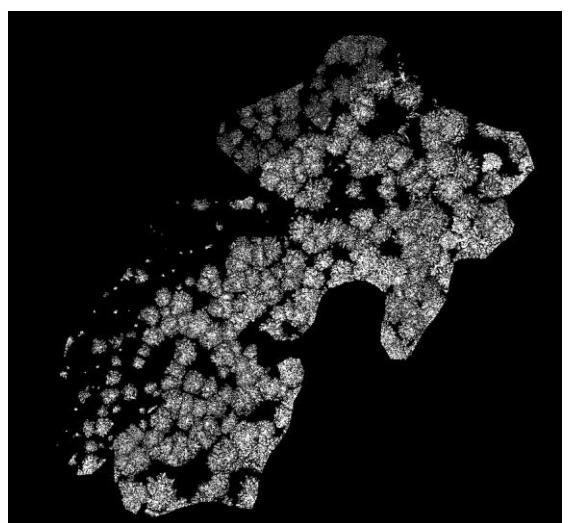
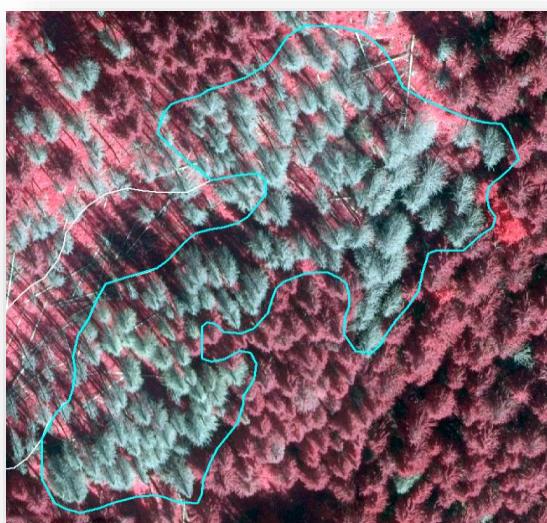
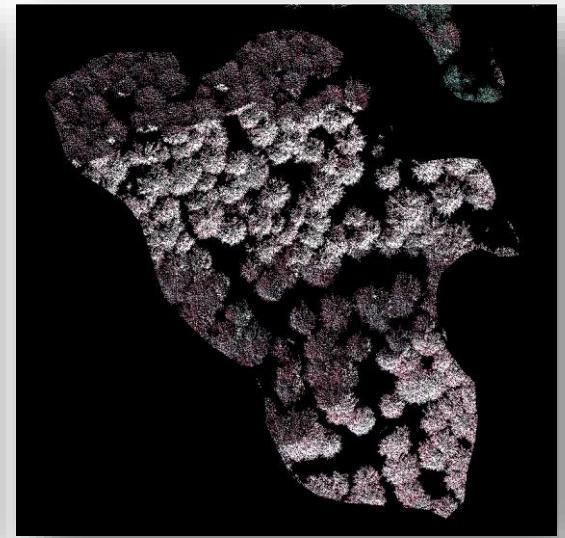
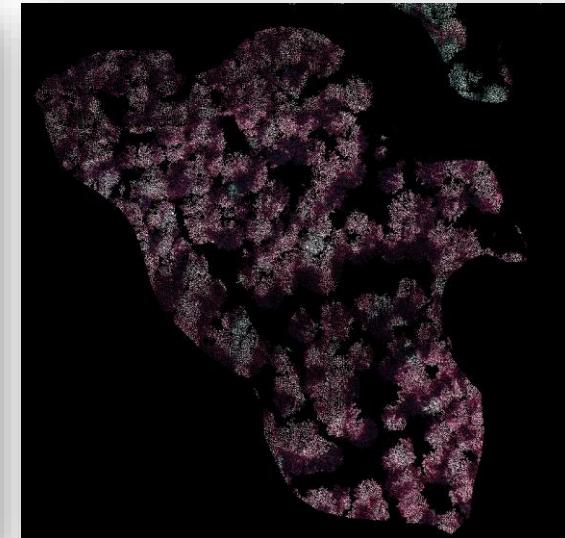
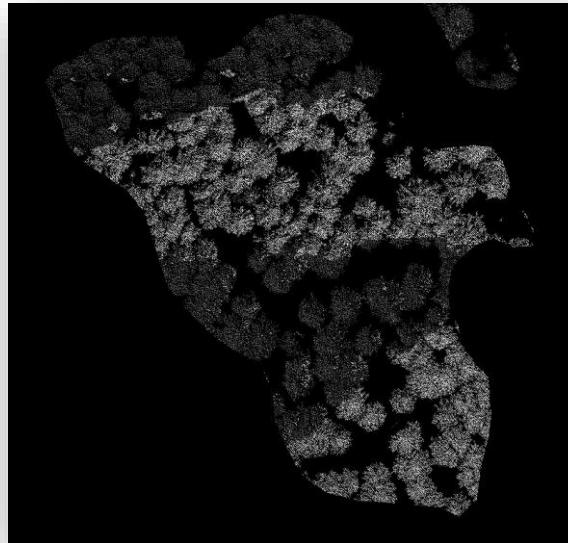
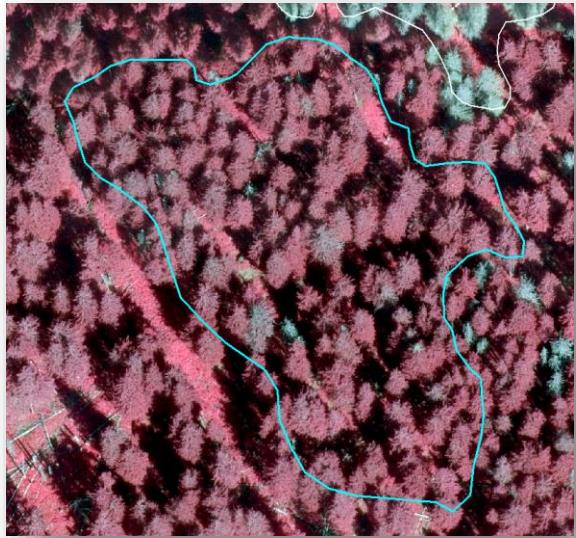


Test site 23



2020

# ALS LiDAR very dense point cloud - case study 2018



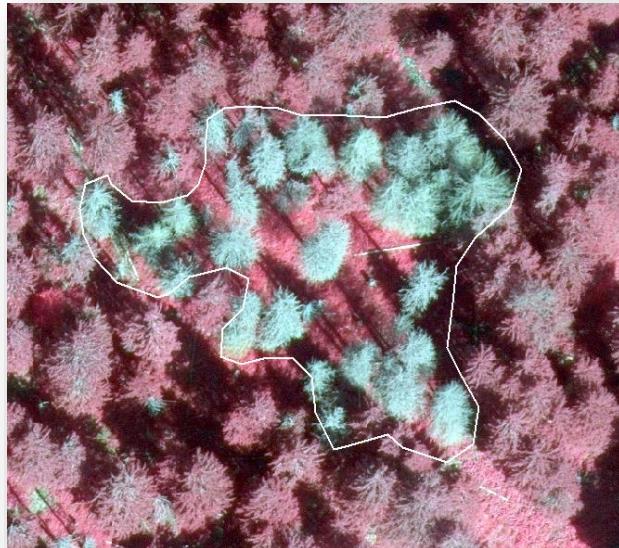


# ALS LiDAR very dense point cloud - case study 2018

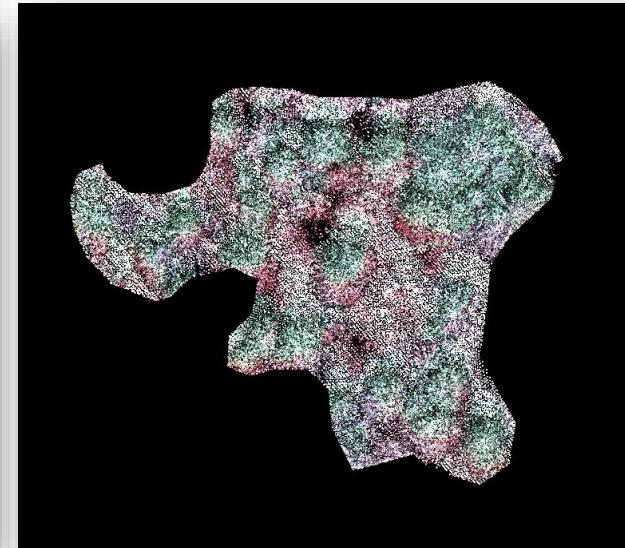
## Coloring of LiDAR point clouds



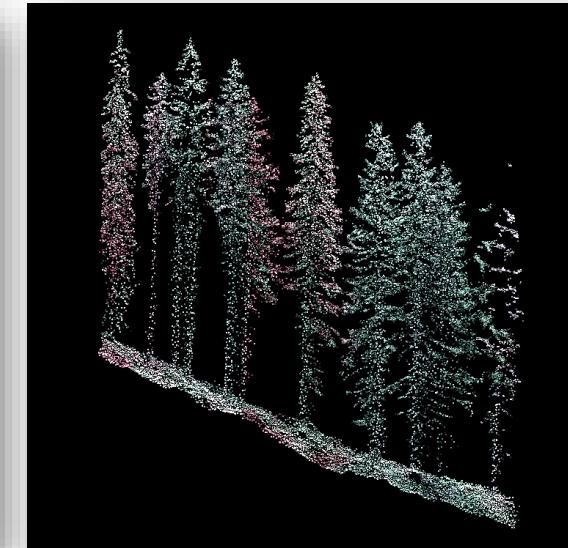
Coloring the ALS point cloud with digital photogrammetric photos in mountainous areas often causes problems with incorrect colors of tree crowns or ground. Correct EO (external orientation) calculated for a single aerial photo is absolutely required, preferably during the INS readings as the ALS LiDAR platform. The best way is to use aerial photos (medium format cameras) and obtain a dense point cloud at the same time.



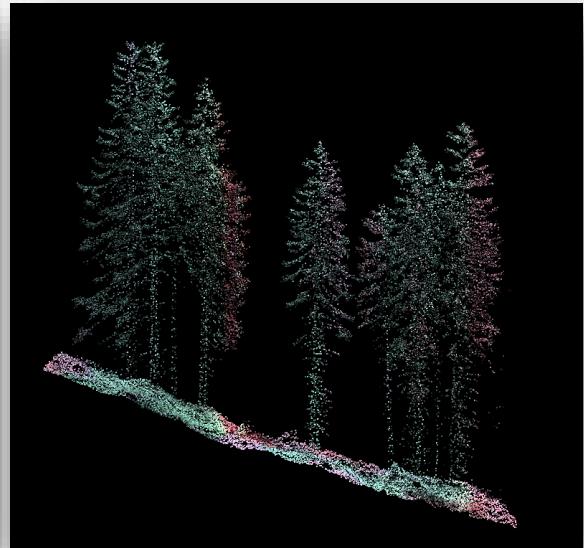
CIR true orthophoto



Colorized dense ALS point cloud



Cross-section 1, some problems with coloring



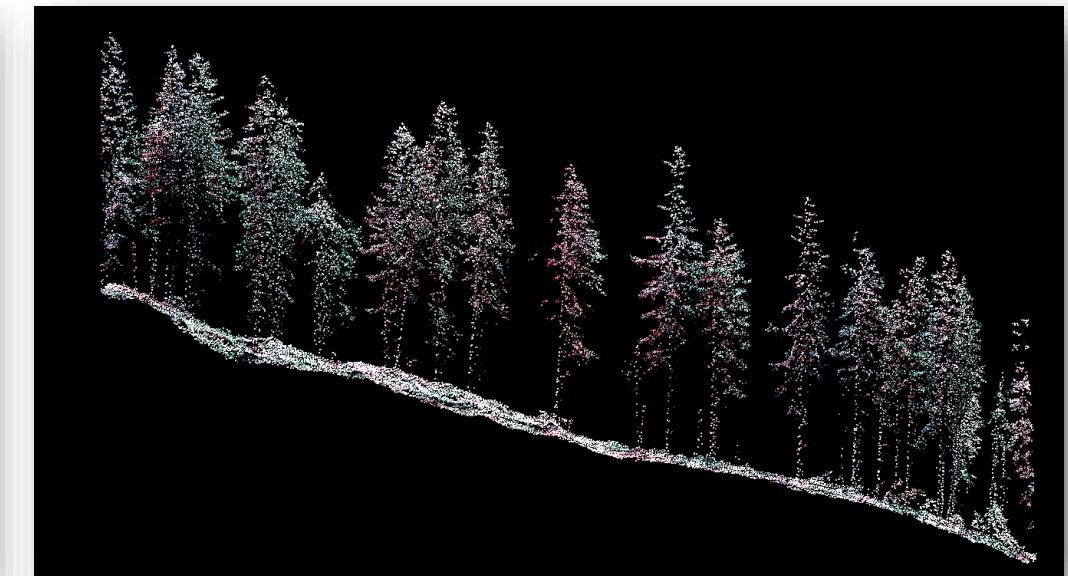
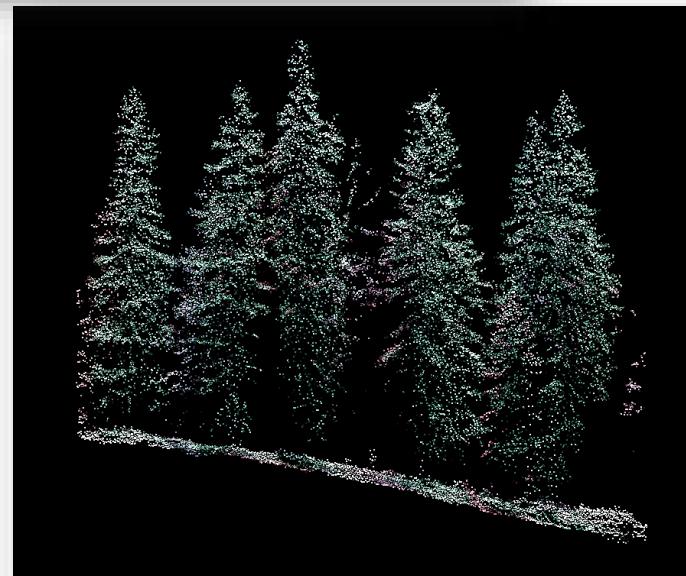
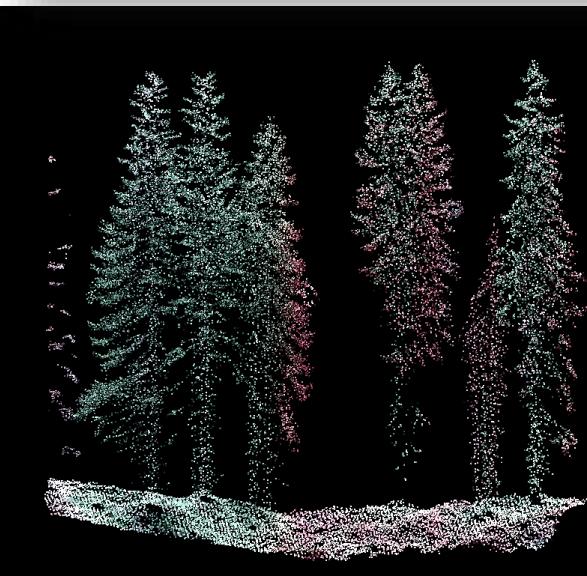
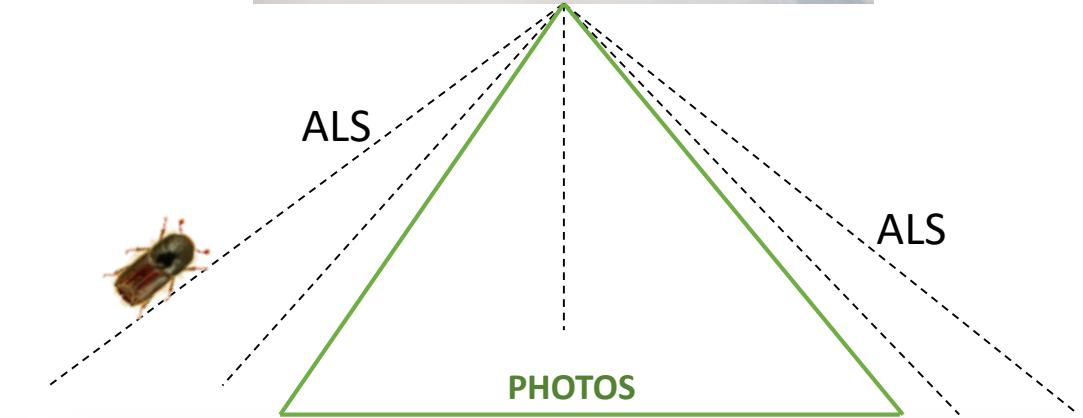
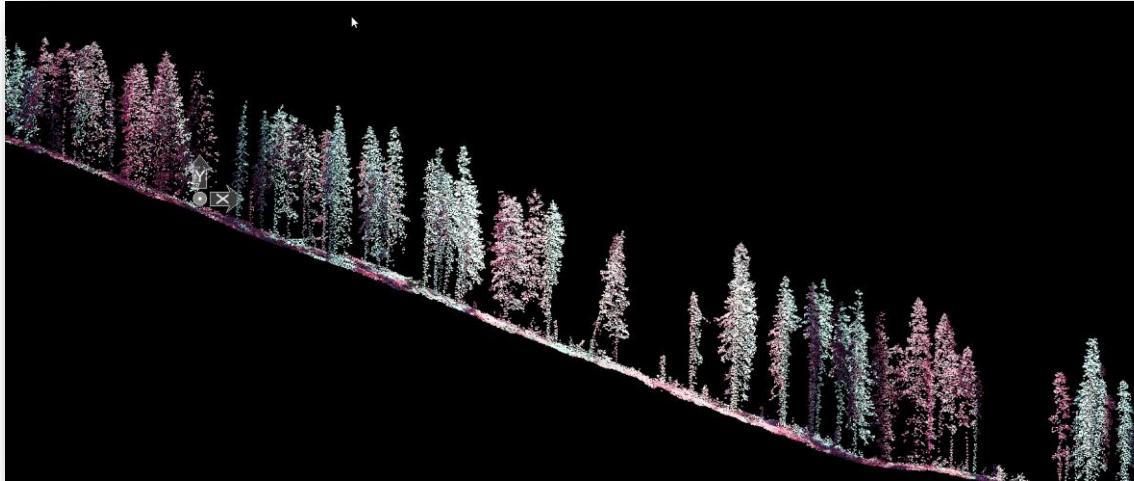
Cross-section 2, some problems with coloring





# ALS LiDAR very dense point cloud - case study 2018

## Coloring of LiDAR point clouds





# ALS LiDAR very dense point cloud - case study 2018

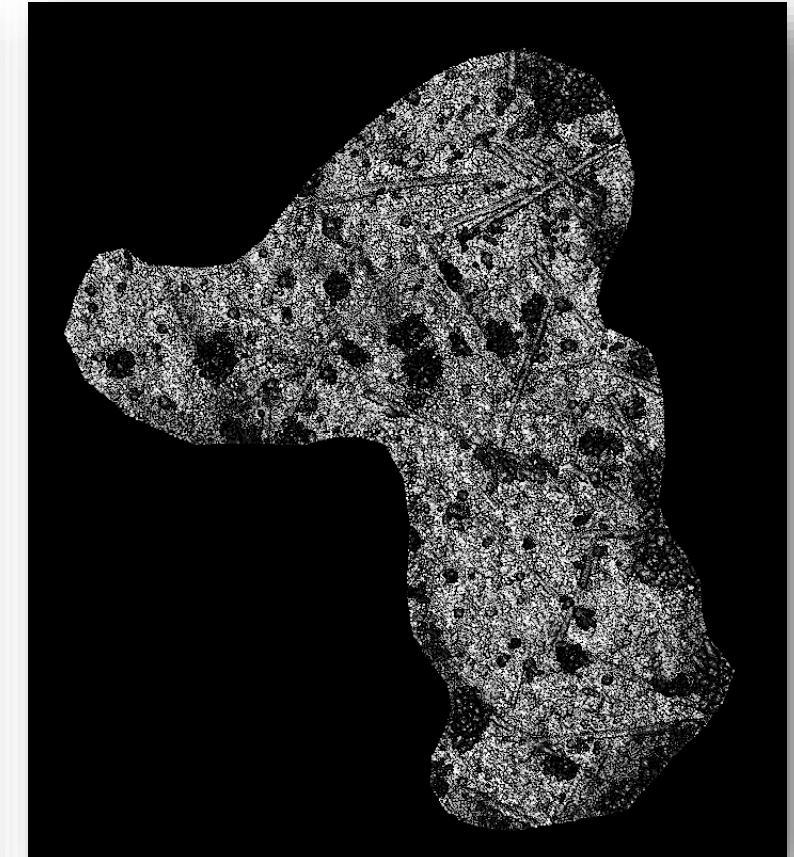
## Visualisation – TerrasScan (Terrasolid)



CIR orthopoto 10cm GSD



ALS color + Intensity

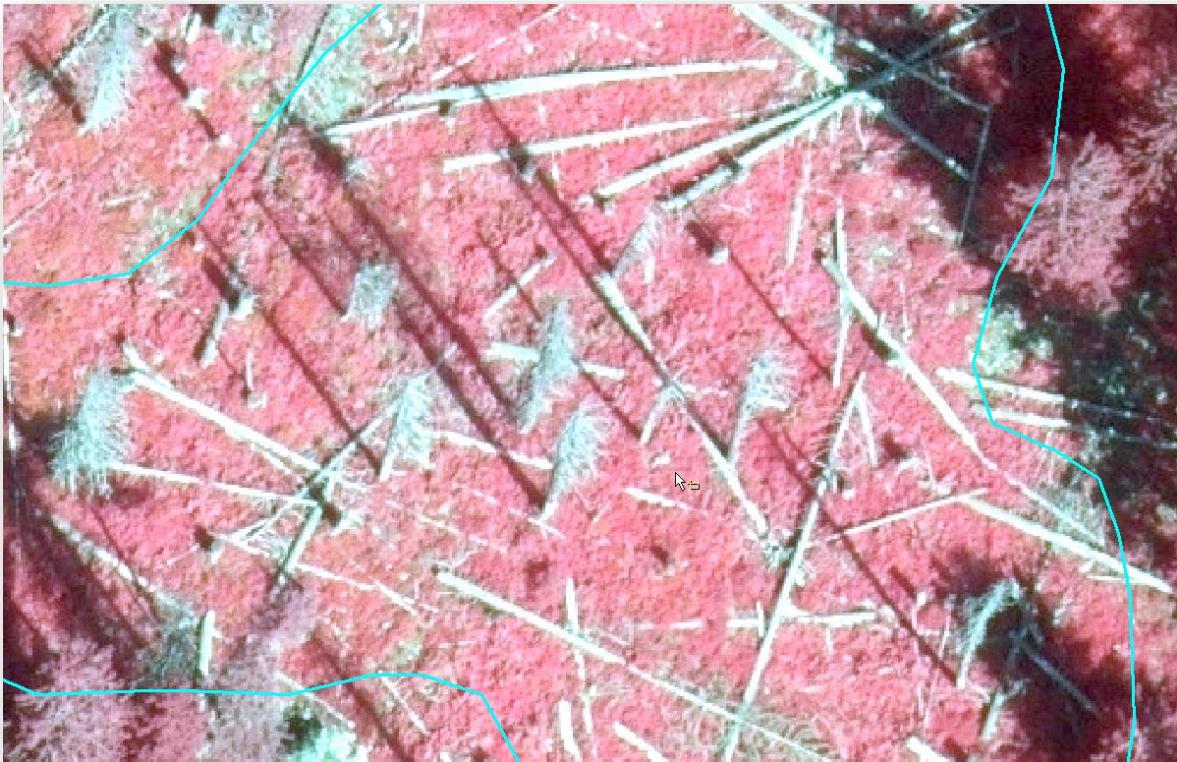


ALS Intensity

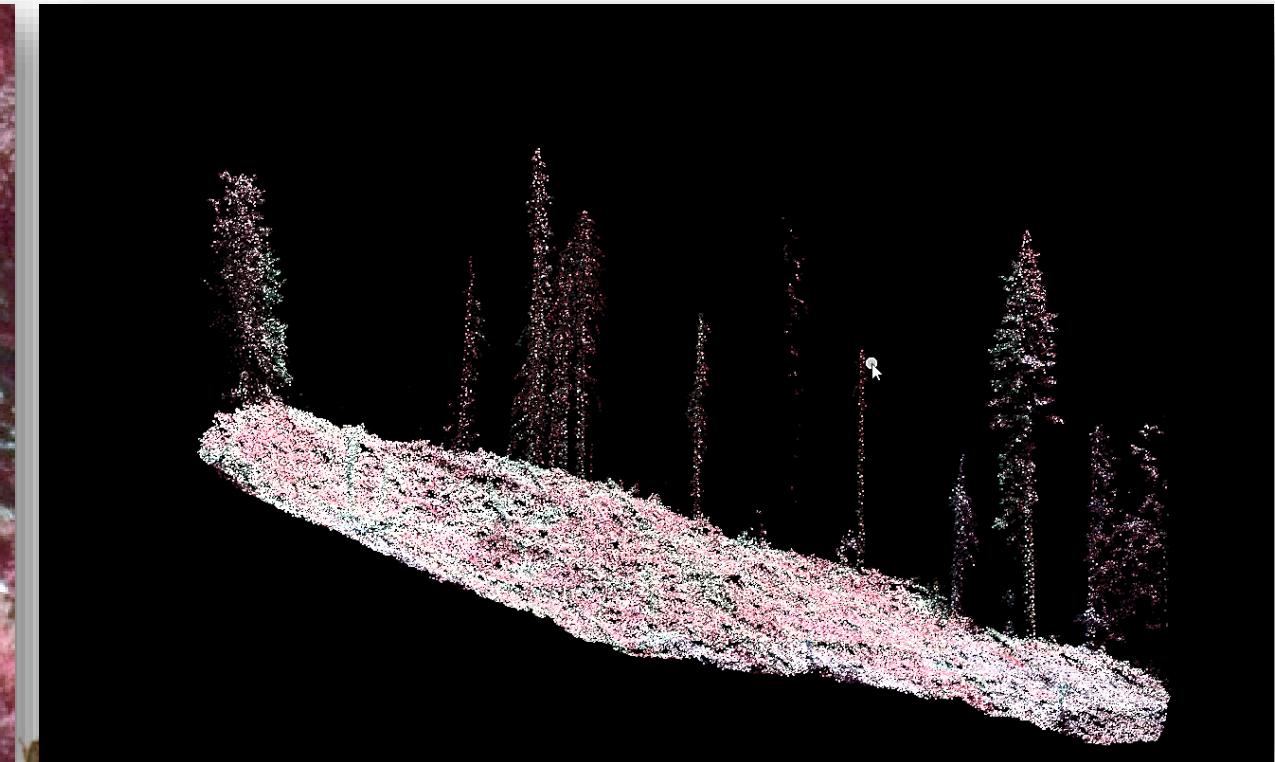


# ALS LiDAR very dense point cloud - case study 2018

## Single crown visualisation – TerrasScan (Terrasolid)



**Dead trees – no full crown**  
**CIR orthopoto 10cm GSD**



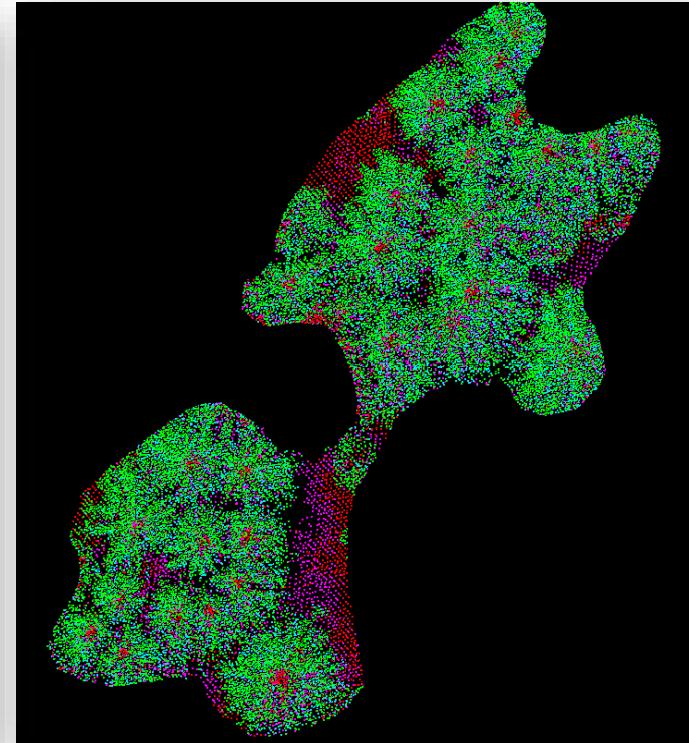
**ALS color + Intensity**



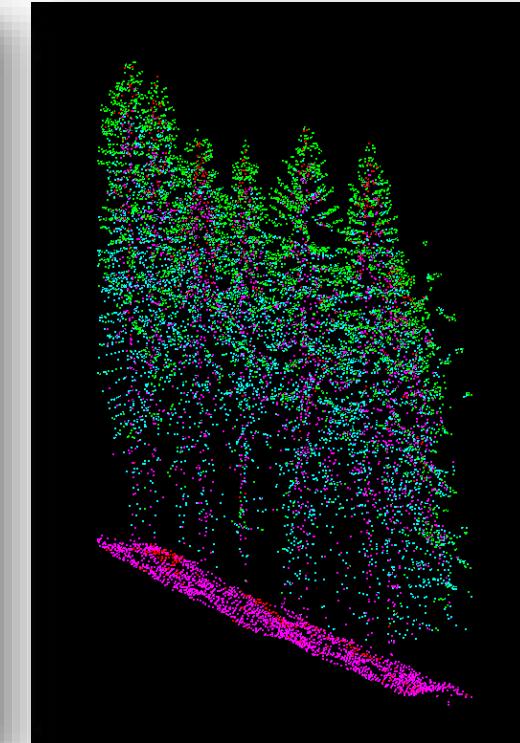
# ALS LiDAR very dense point cloud - case study 2018 Echo (Return) visualisation – TerraScan (Terrasolid)



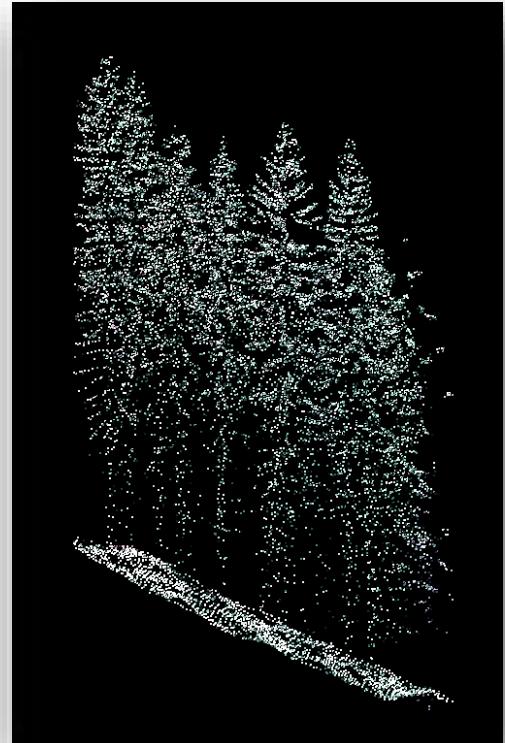
CIR orthopoto 10cm GSD



ALS Echo (TOP)



ALS Echo (cross-section)

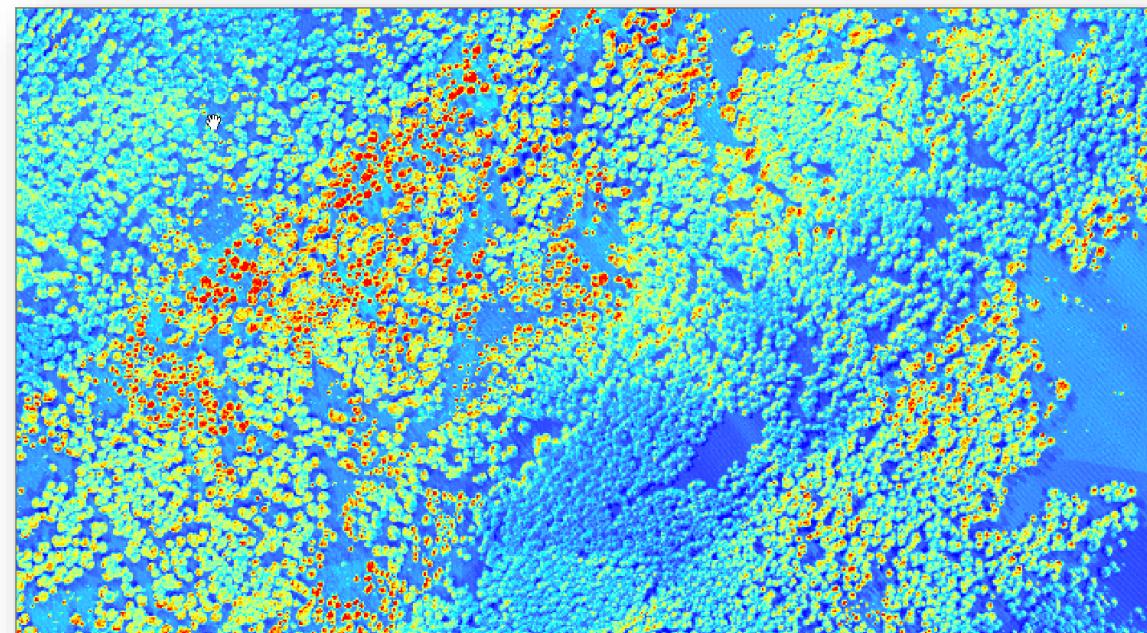
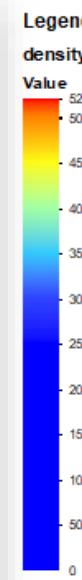
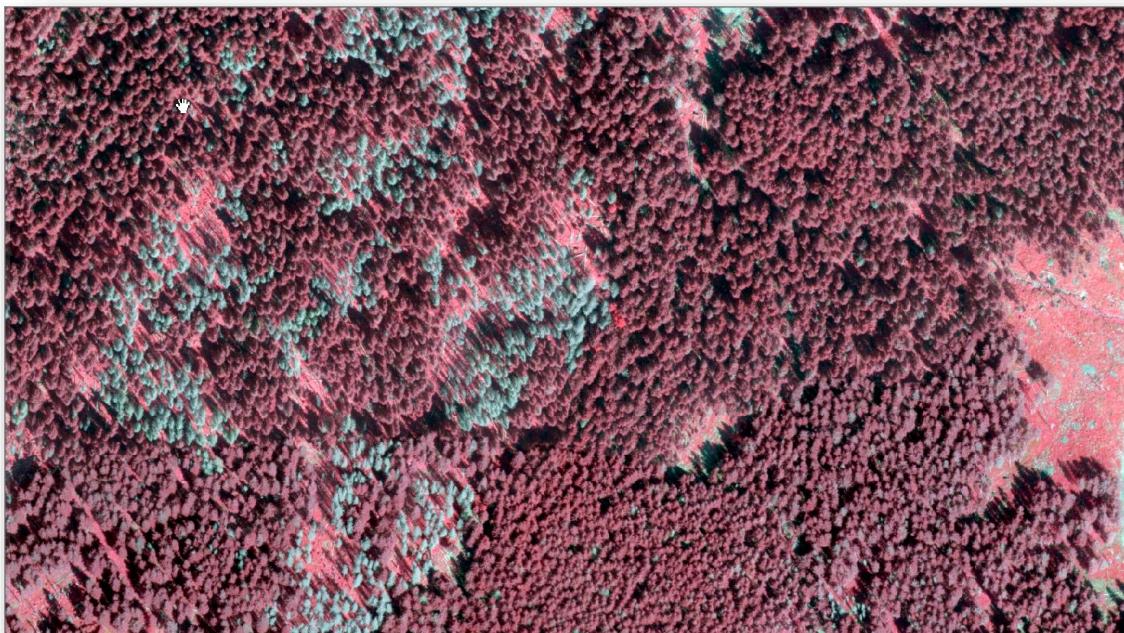


ALS Intensity

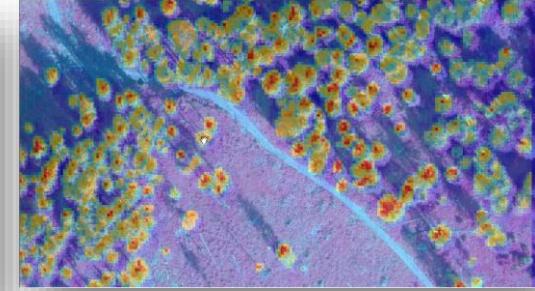
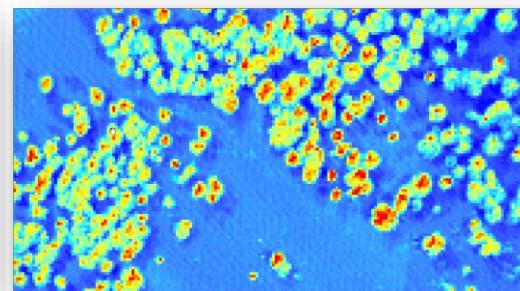
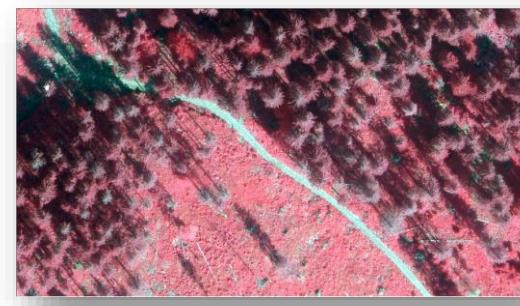
The loss of the assimilation apparatus by dying spruce trees causes a greater penetration of the laser beam through the tree crowns and thus a greater number of indirect reflections (echoes) before the laser beam reaches the ground. This feature allows for better detection of places with increased density (richer structure of laser-illuminated branches)



# Classification of death trees based on ALS point density

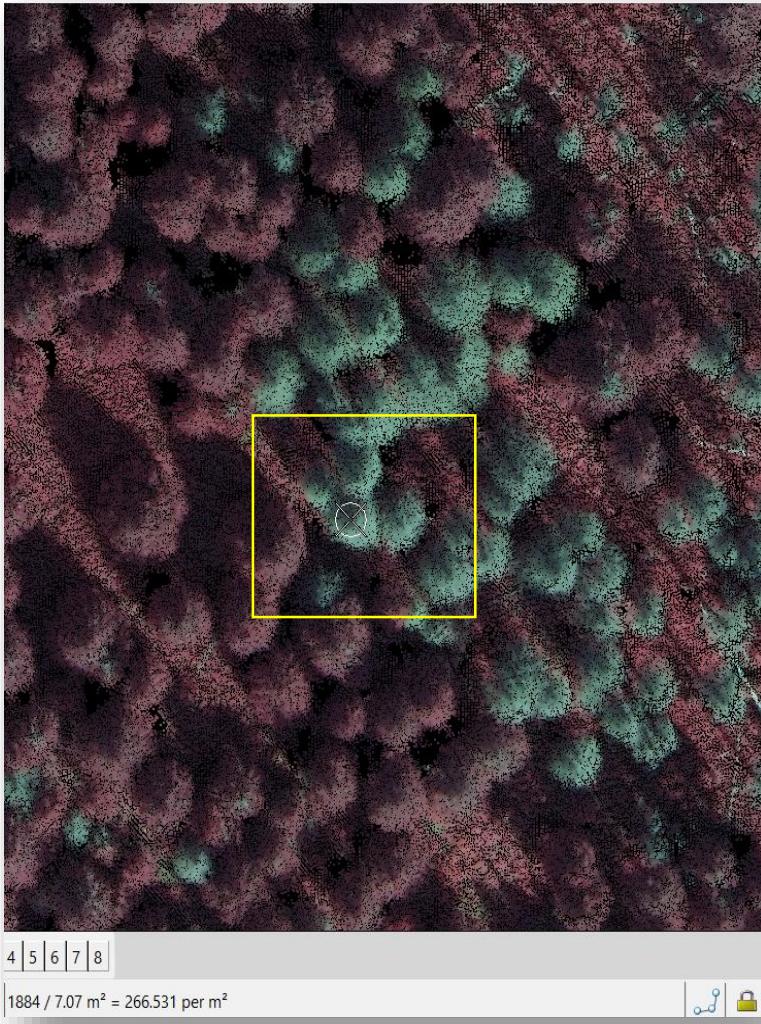


The ALS LiDAR point density of bark beetle dead trees is apporx. 200-300% higher then the density of health Norway spruces.



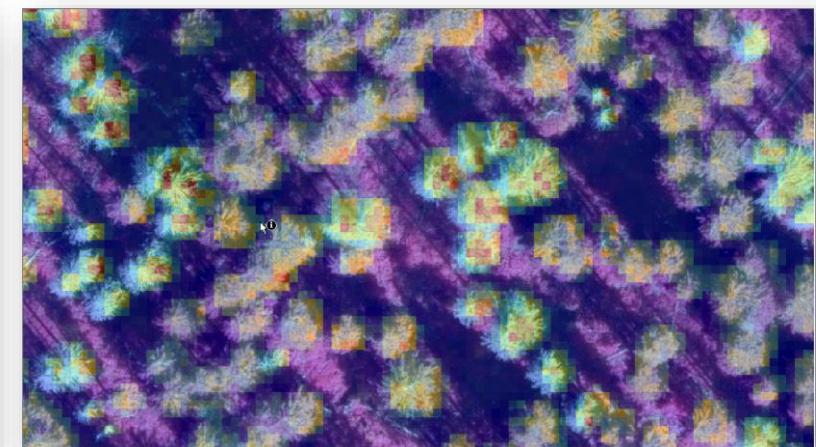


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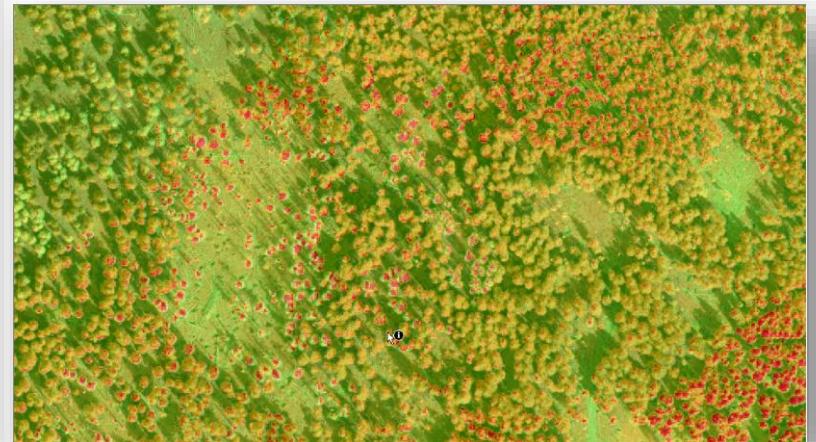


**Dead Norway spruce = 270 pt/m<sup>2</sup>**

**Healthly Norway spruce = 130 pt/m<sup>2</sup>**



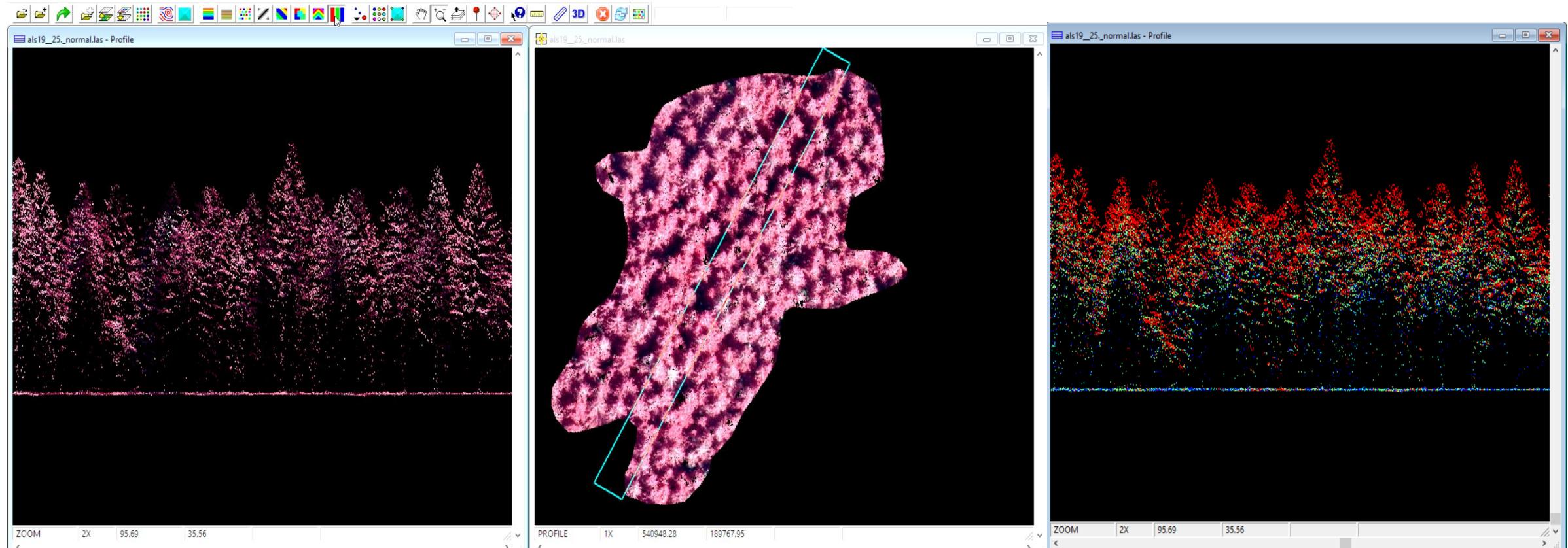
Density of ALS point cloud transparent  
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Classification based on denisty



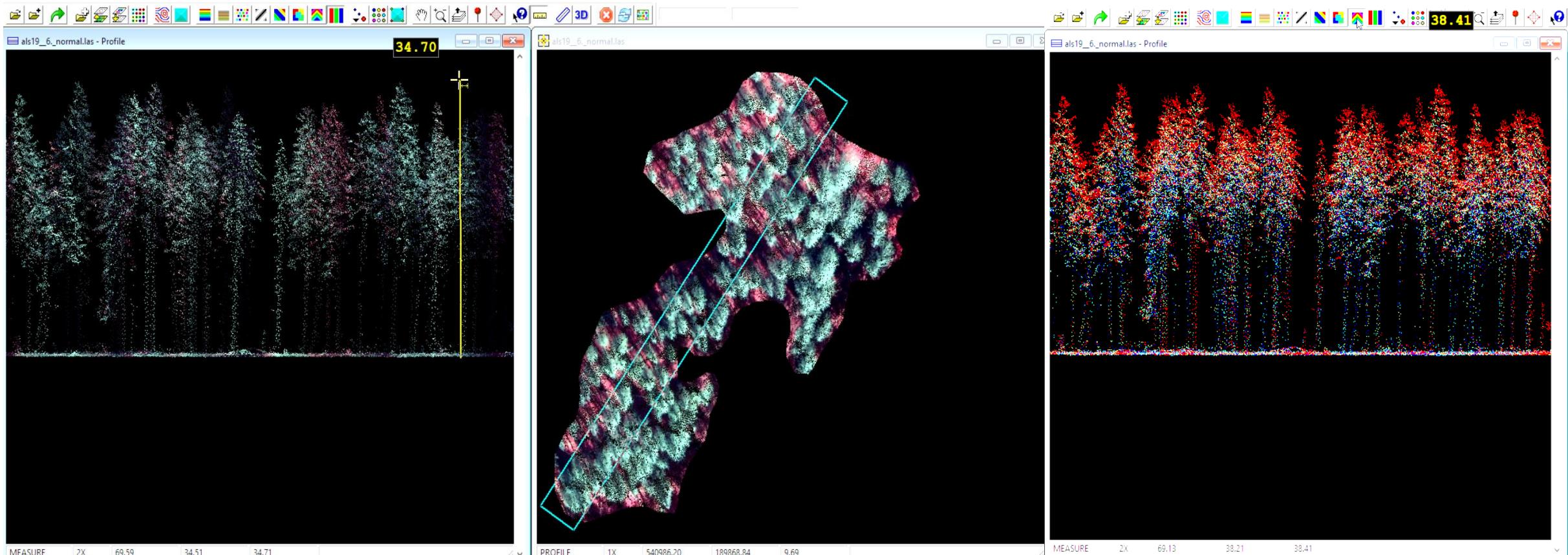
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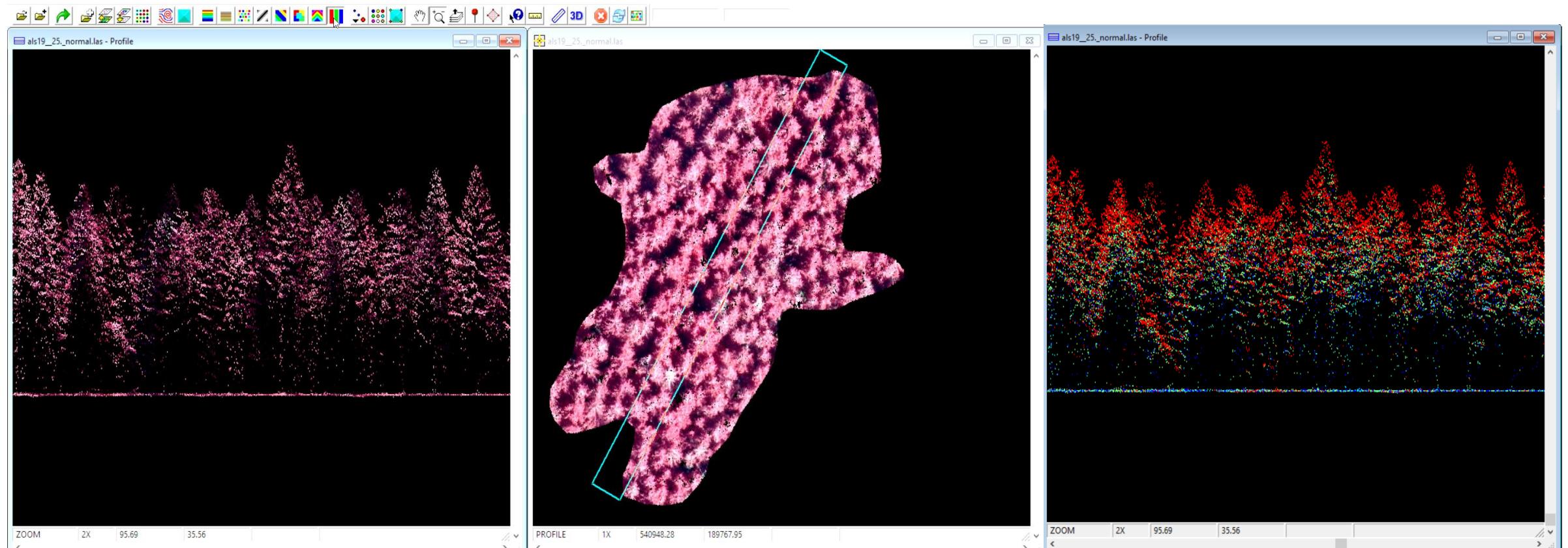
Healthy forest Norway spruce stands (AOI = 25) survived the bark beetle attack. Left: Cross-section through the normalised colorised ALS point cloud (Sept. 2019; density > 70 pts sqm); right: first echos (in red) at the upper external part of tree crown



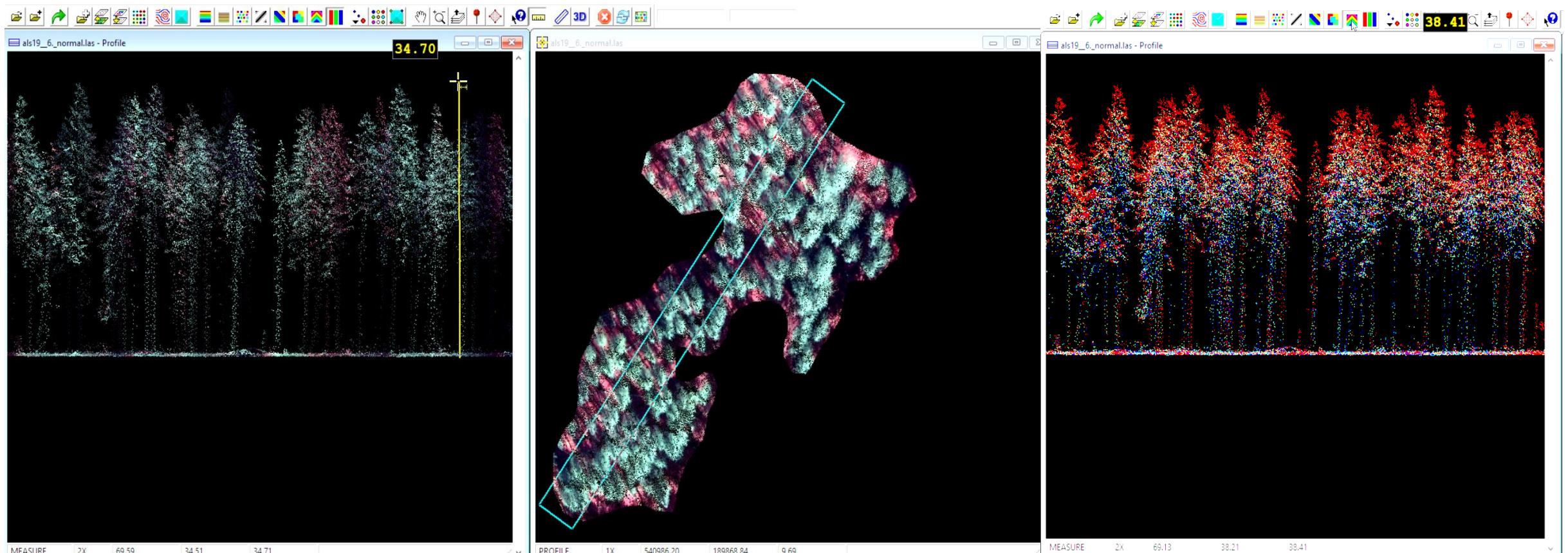
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Dead forest Norway spruce stands after bark beetle attack. Left: Cross-section through the normalised ALS pointcloud (Sept. 2019; density > 70 pts sqm); right: different echos in the full tree crown range



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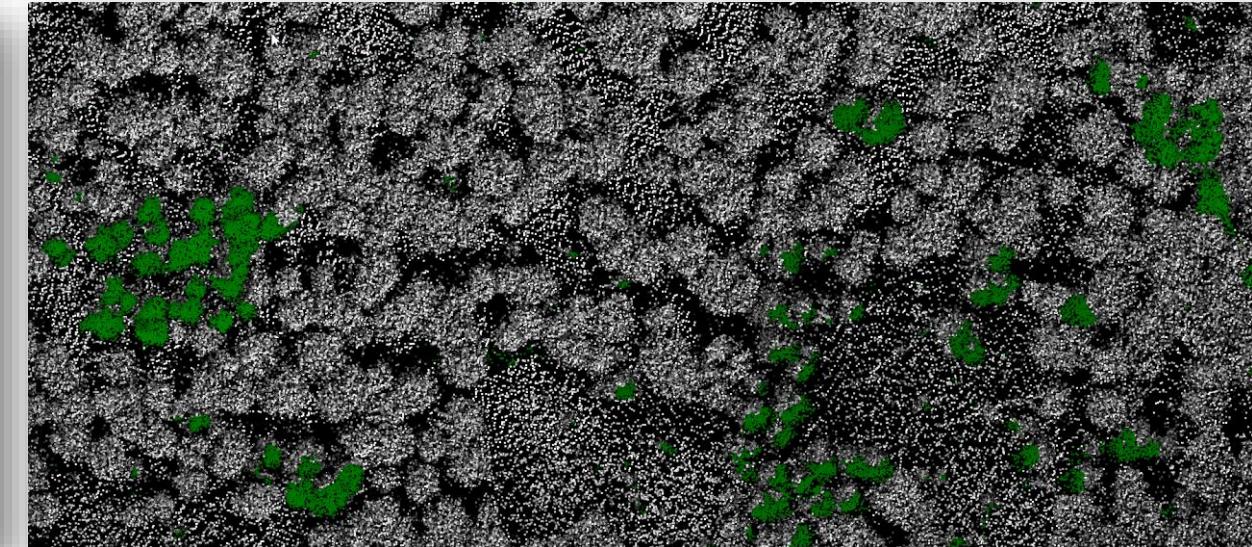
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# NDVI point cloud classification of dead trees

$$\text{NDVI} = (\text{NIR} - \text{RED}) / (\text{NIR} + \text{RED})$$


ALS LiDAR dense cloud (> 70 ppsqm) colorised with aerial photographs

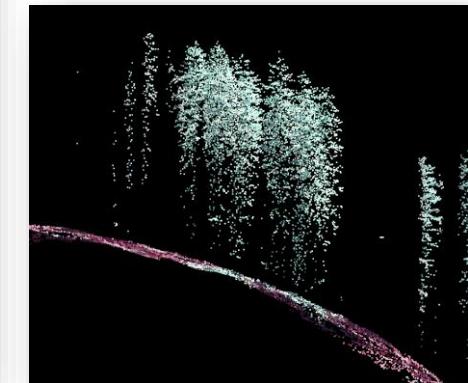
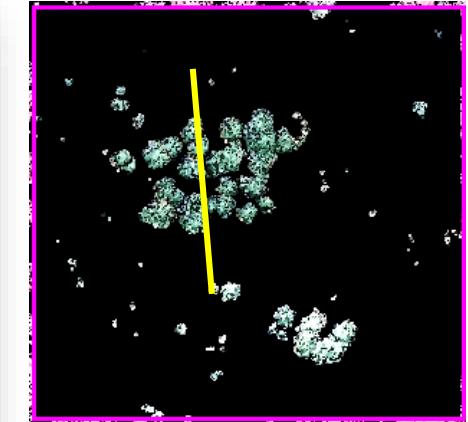
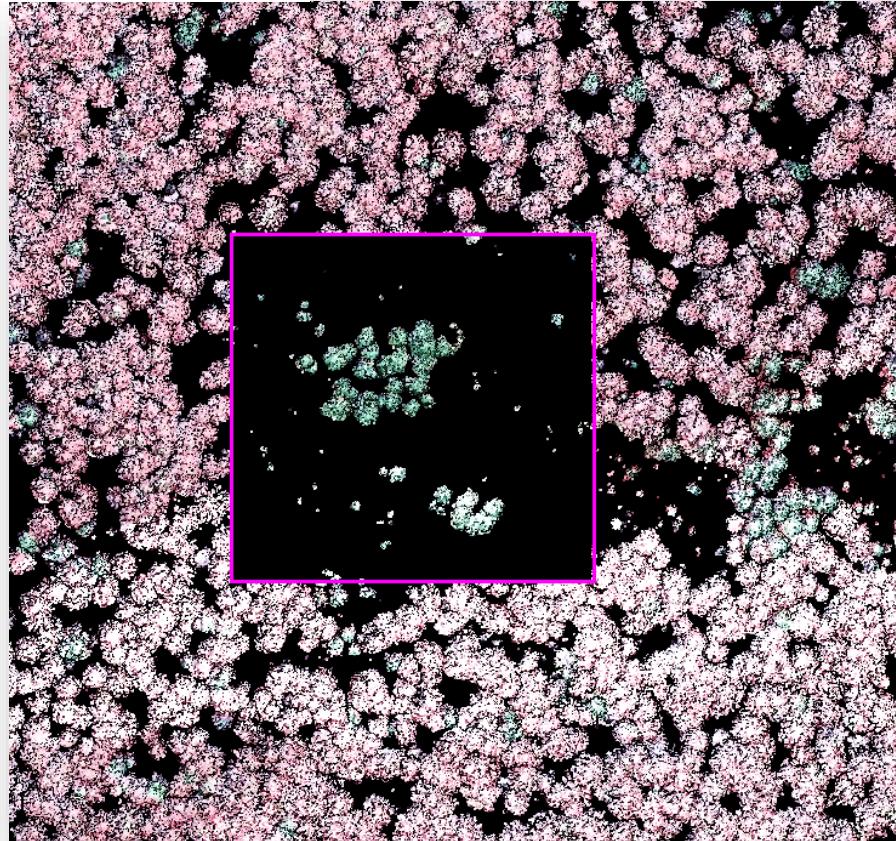
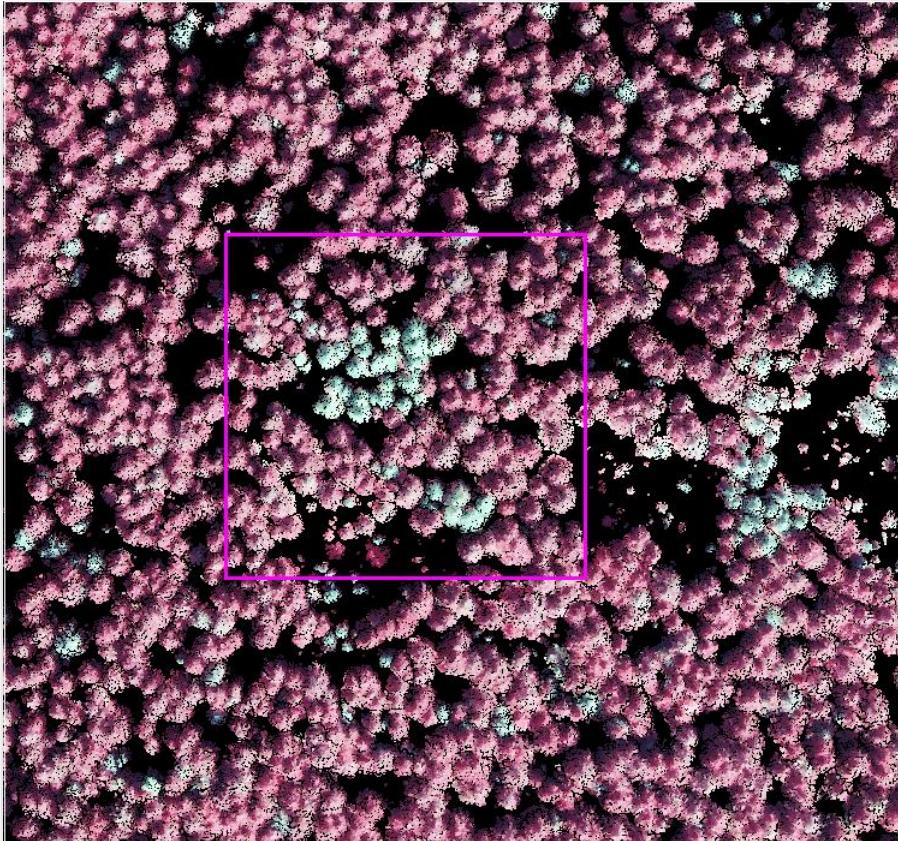


ALS LiDAR dense cloud (> 70 ppsqm) visualisation using the NDVI ratio



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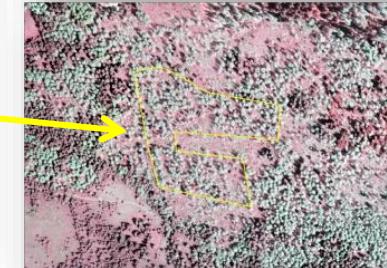
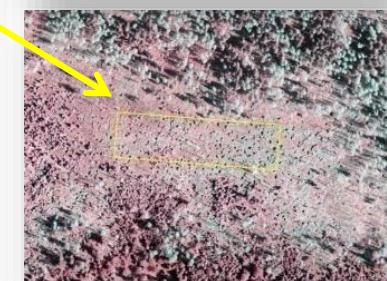
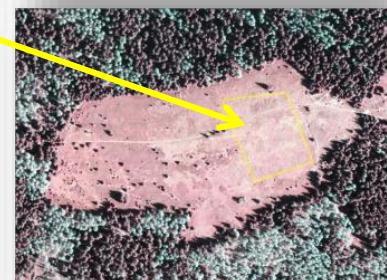
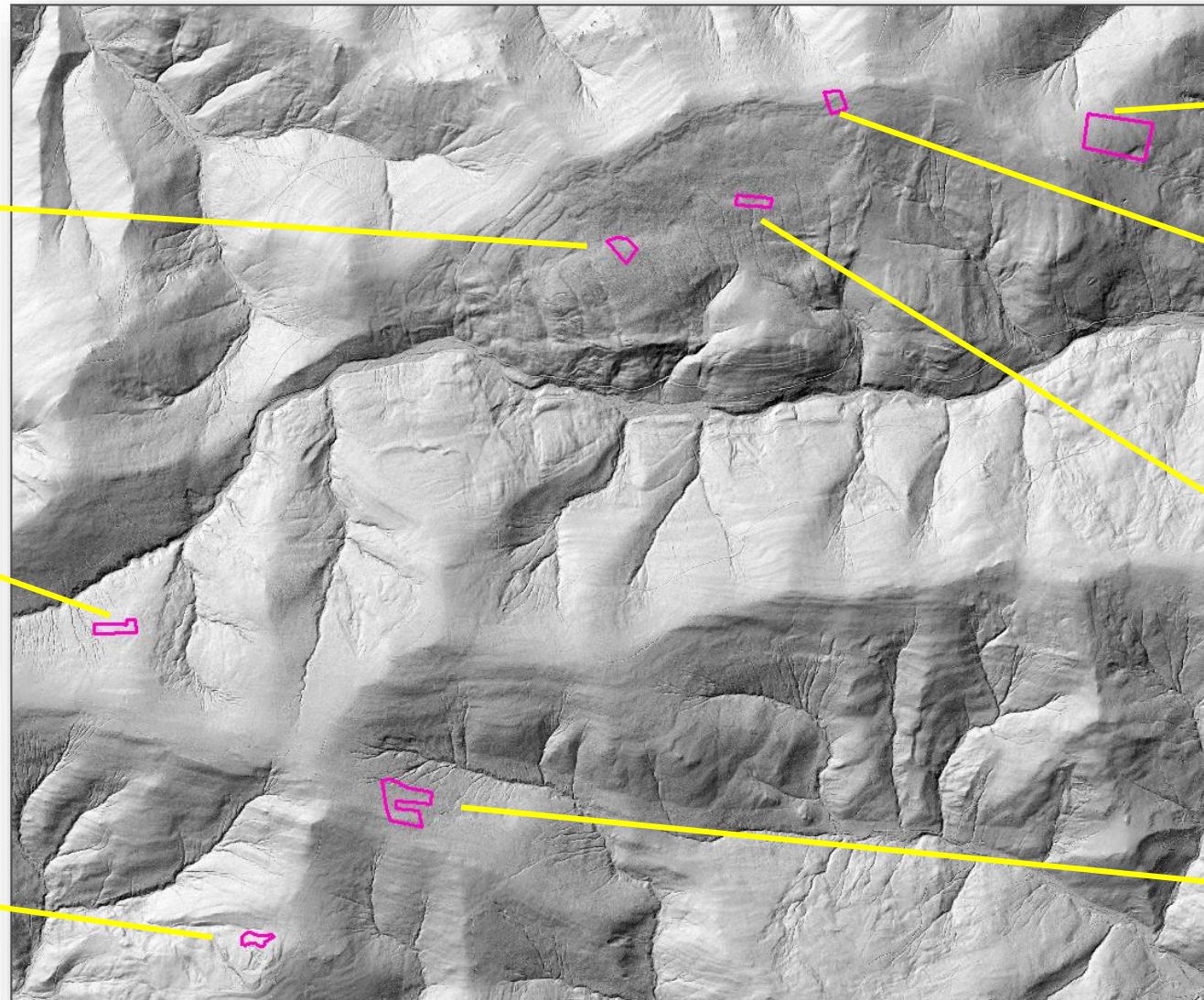
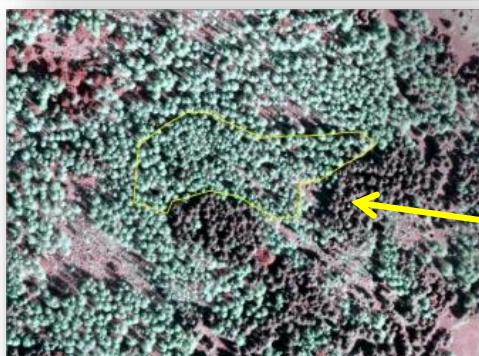
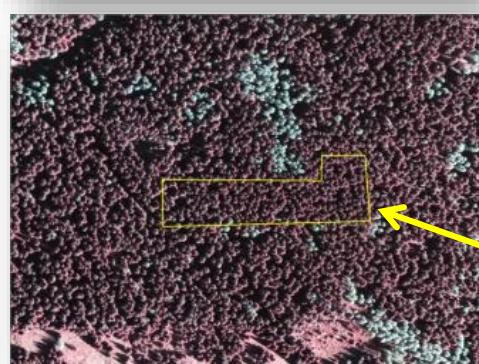
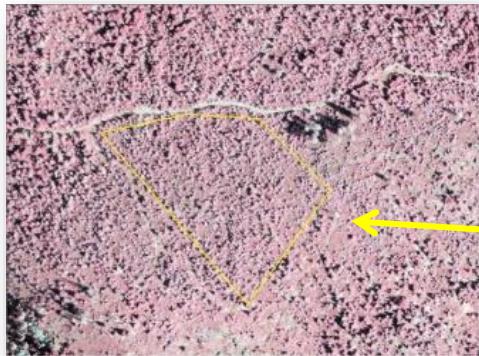


NDVI based point classification



# Image-based point clouds

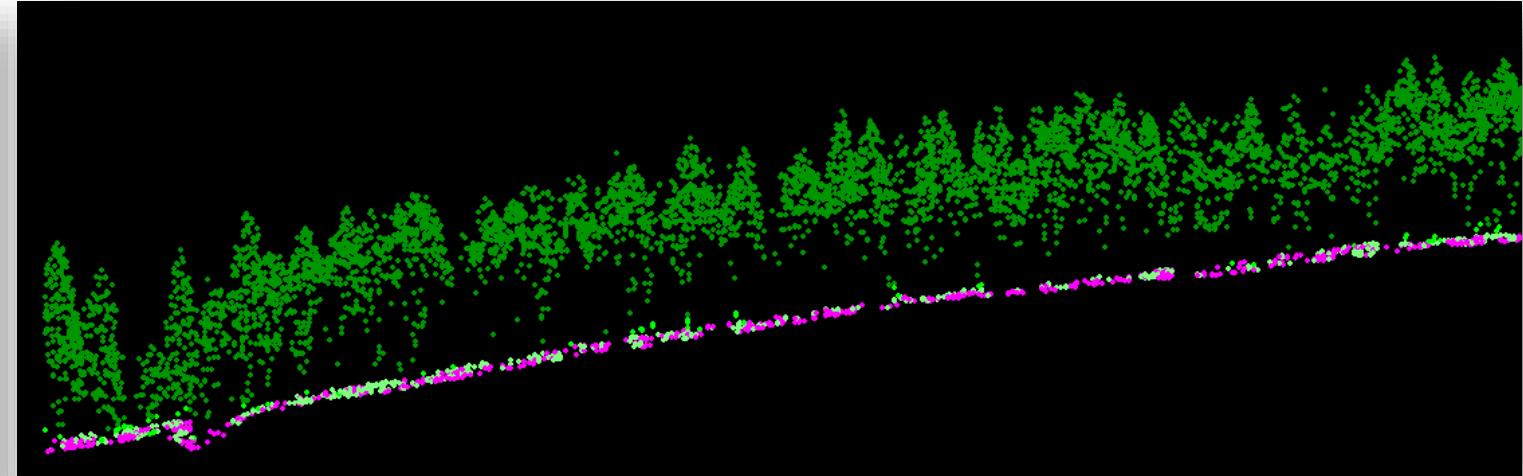
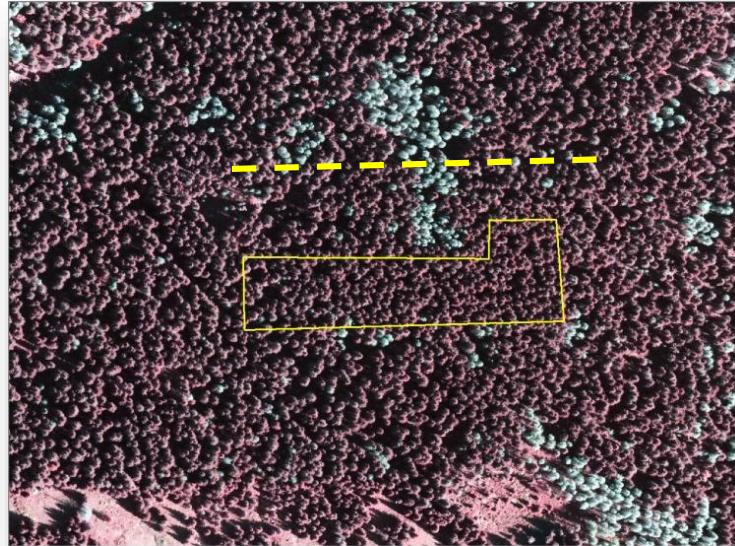
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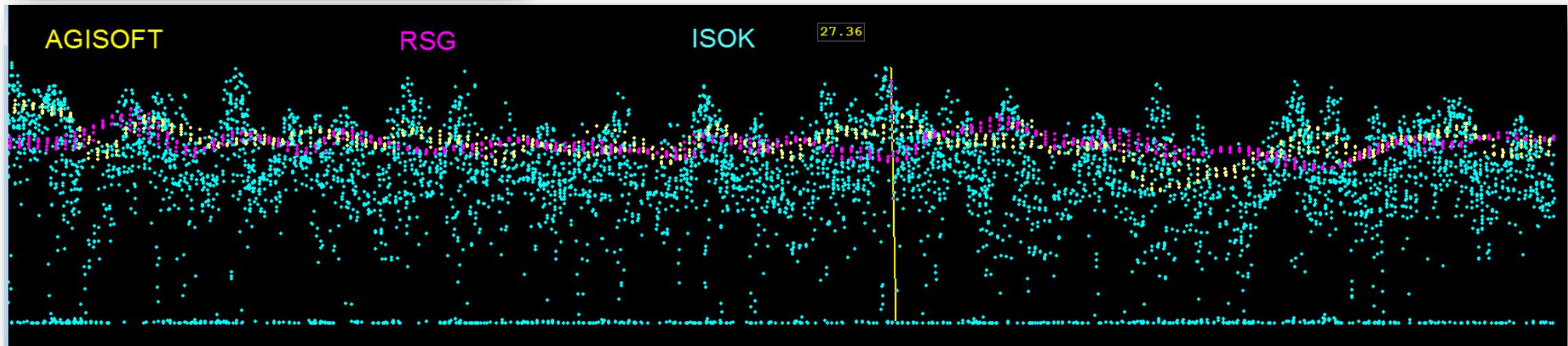


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## Norway spruce stands in Gorce NP



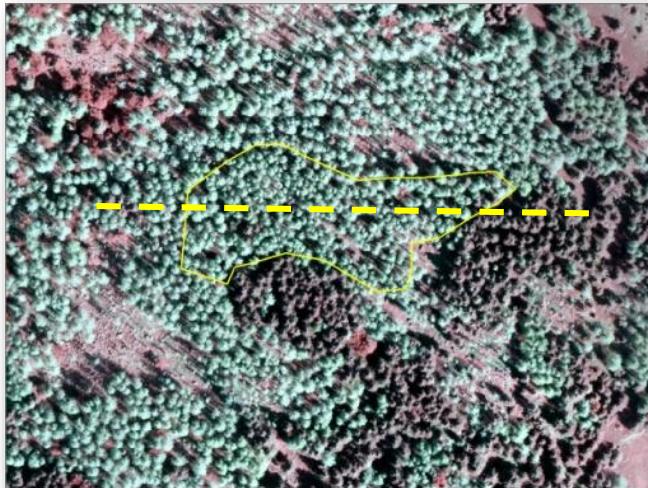
ALS ISOK point cloud before normalisation





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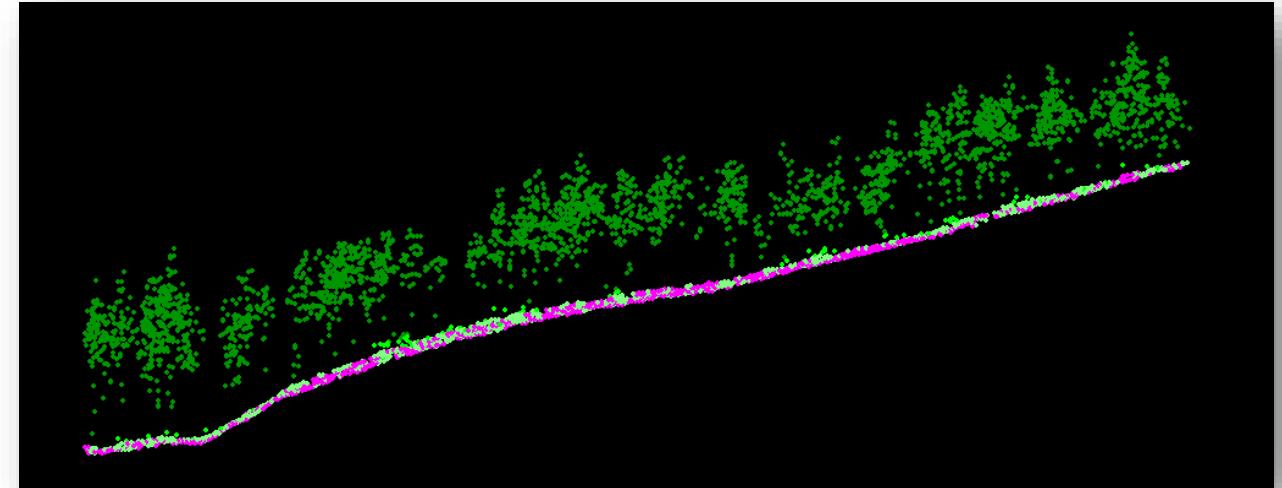
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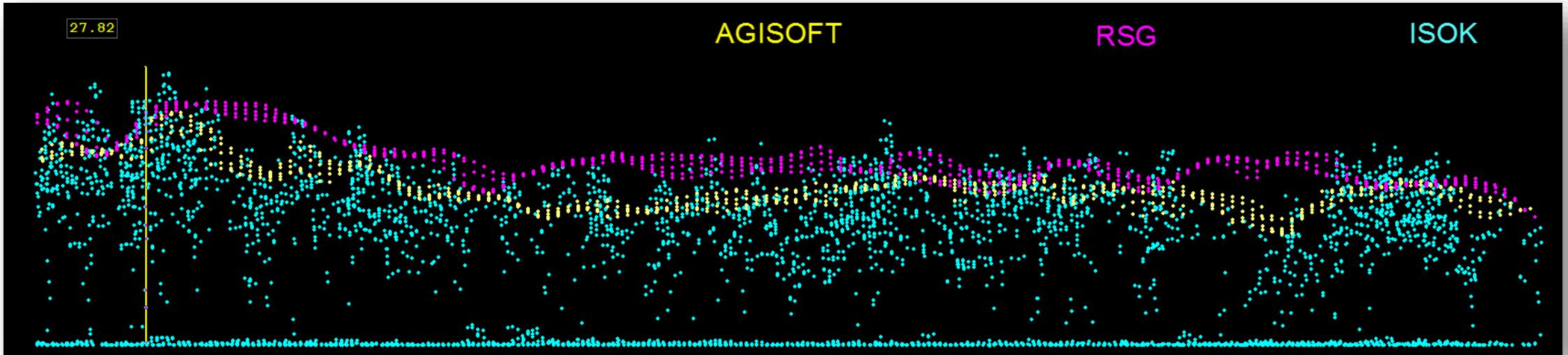
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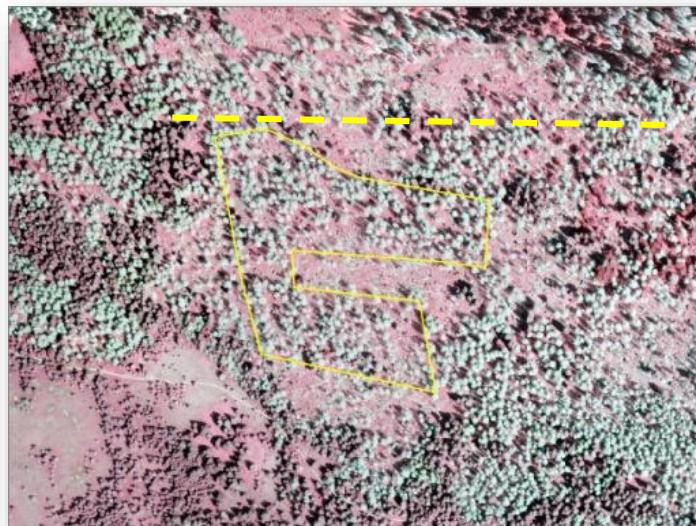


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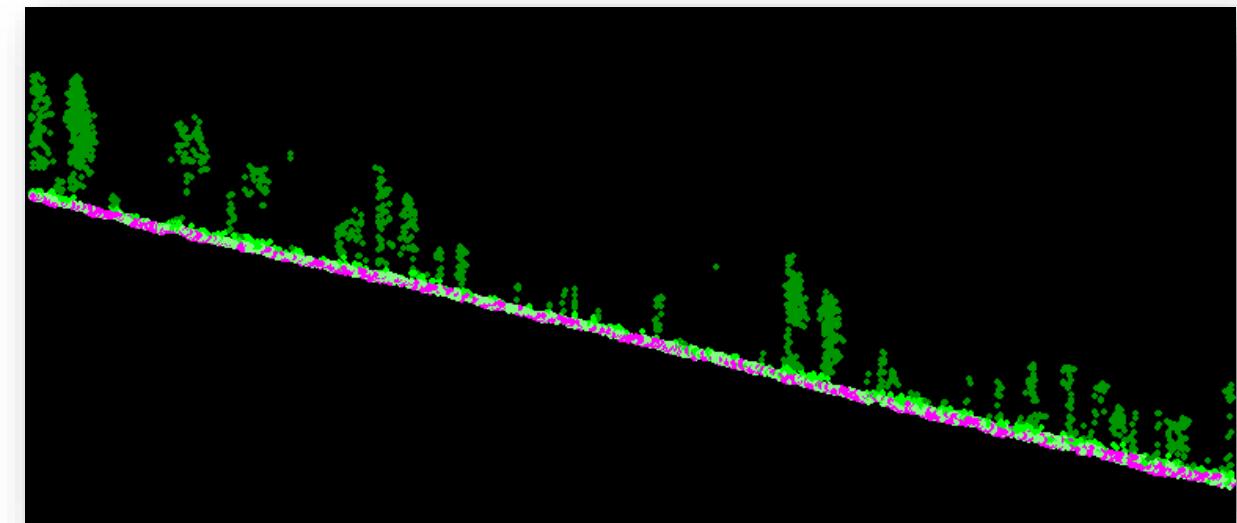
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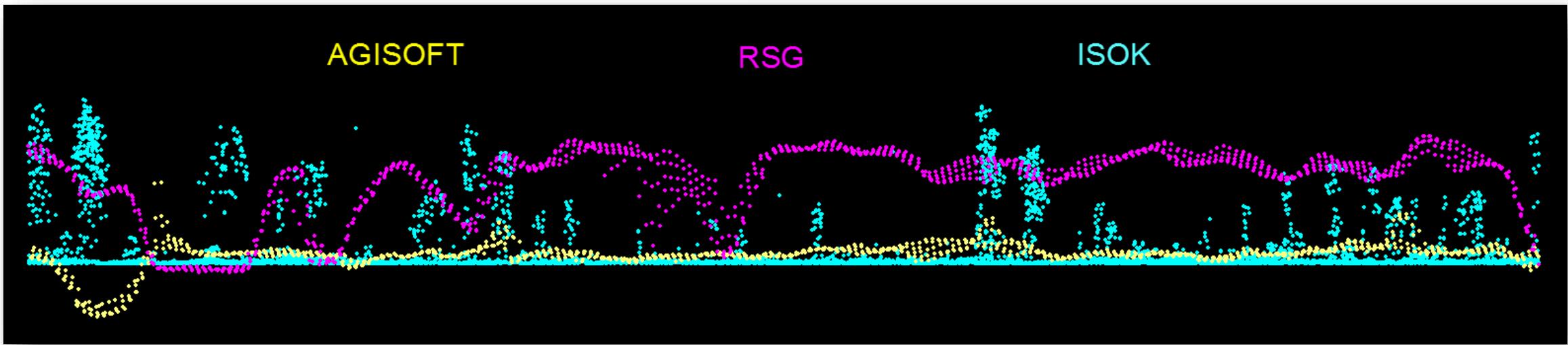
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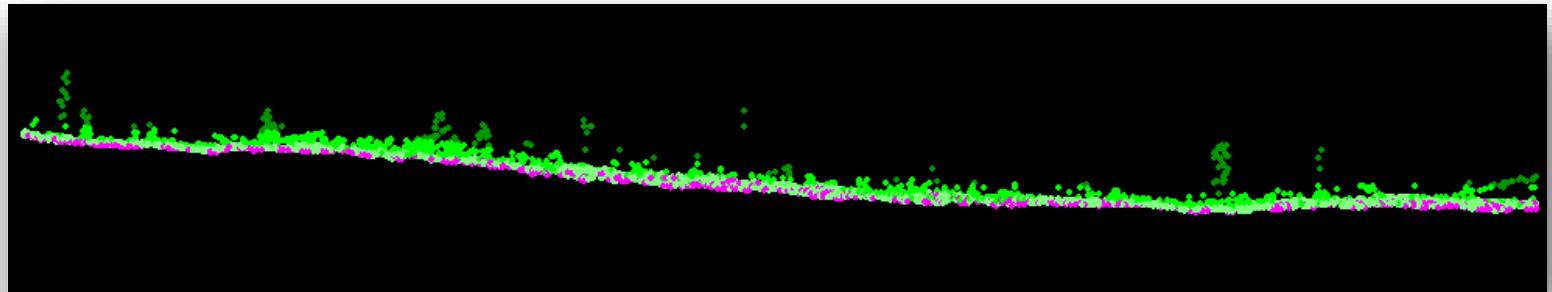
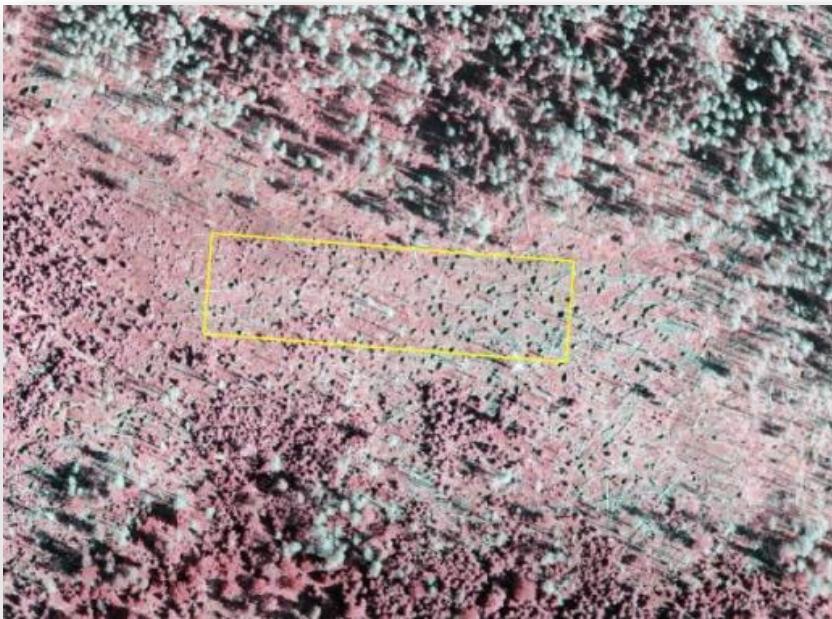


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# Image-based point clouds – destroyed stands



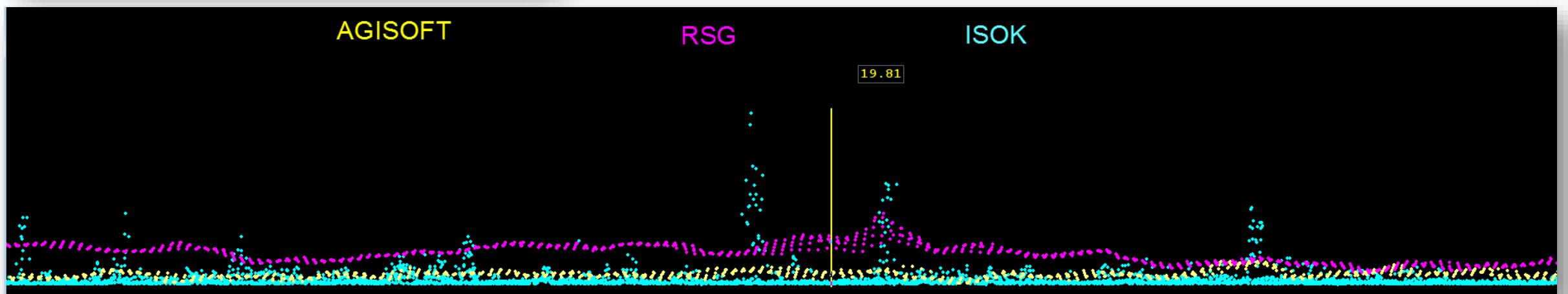
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# Stereomatching approach – SGM

## Difference between DSM<sub>RSG</sub> - DSM<sub>ALS ISOK</sub>

