

# Optimizing Point Cloud Data for the 3D Digitalization of the Physical World

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# Agenda

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- **Presenter background**
- **Company overview**
- **Point cloud use cases and issues today**
- **InfiPoints solution overview**
- **Demos**
- **Customer case studies**
- **Q&A**

# Presenter Background

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## Danielle (Williams) Perelli

### Customer Engagement Specialist - Elysium Inc.

- Manage customer engagements to address Data Migration, Multi-CAD Interoperability/Collaboration, Data Quality Management, Data Optimization, and Validation
- Collaborate with technical team members, development, and Elysium offices globally on product enhancement, global marketing, and to support customer engagements



## Nate Soulje

### Application Support Specialist - Elysium Inc.

- Collaborates with sales and development to support both current and future customers with Elysium solutions
- Focused on industry knowledge in topics such as MBD/MBE, LOTAR, Validation, etc.
- B.S. in Nuclear Engineering
- M.S. in Mechanical Engineering



# Elysium Company Intro

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- Over 30 years of CAD expertise
- Strong partnerships with CAD vendors
- 3D Data Expertise:
  - Translation
  - Geometry Healing
  - Quality Management
  - Validation
  - Simplification
  - Reverse Engineering / Point Cloud Rendering
- Off-the-Shelf, OEM, & Migration Services



# Elysium Solutions

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- 3D Data Translation
  - Geometry, product structure, PMI/FTA, attributes, features, constrains, etc.
- 3D Data Applications
  - Optimization, validation, quality checking and healing, polygon operation, point cloud handling, reverse engineering



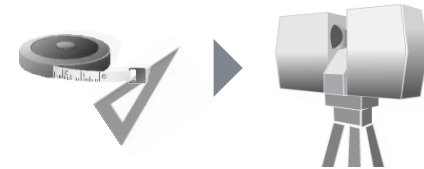
# Use Cases of Point Cloud Data



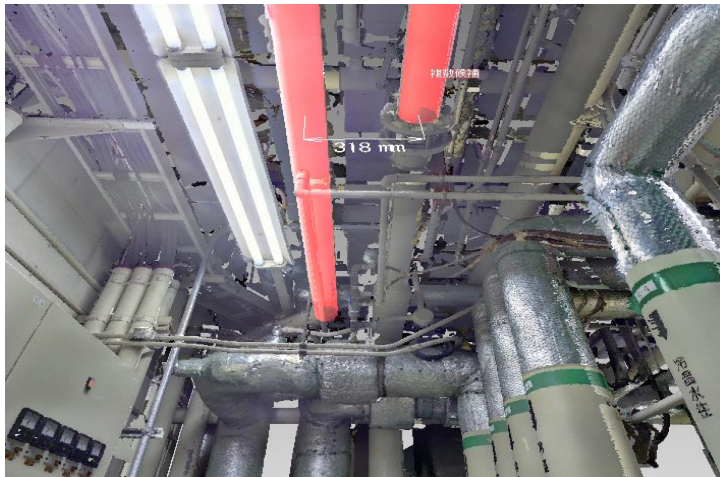
# Digital Measurements

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**Easily measure dimensions of your equipment and facilities without the haste of facing danger of hand measuring**



Measurement at the ceiling



Measurement at large equipment or at heights



# Capture As-Built

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**Digitally capture as-built products, systems, facilities, etc.**

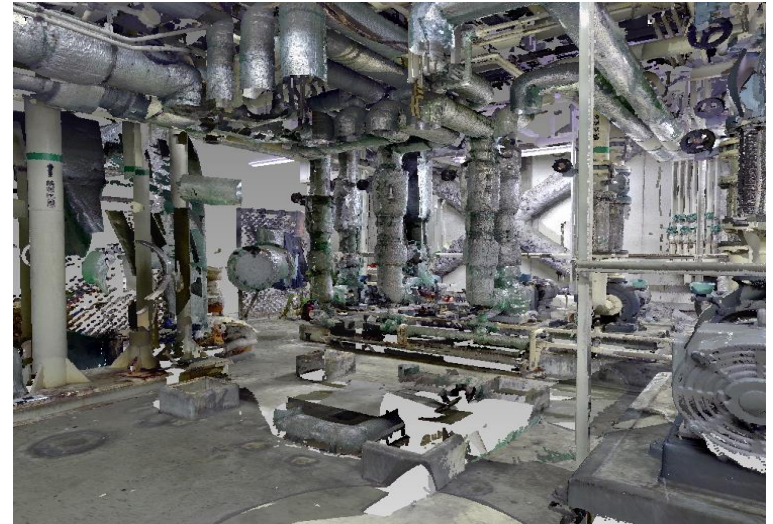
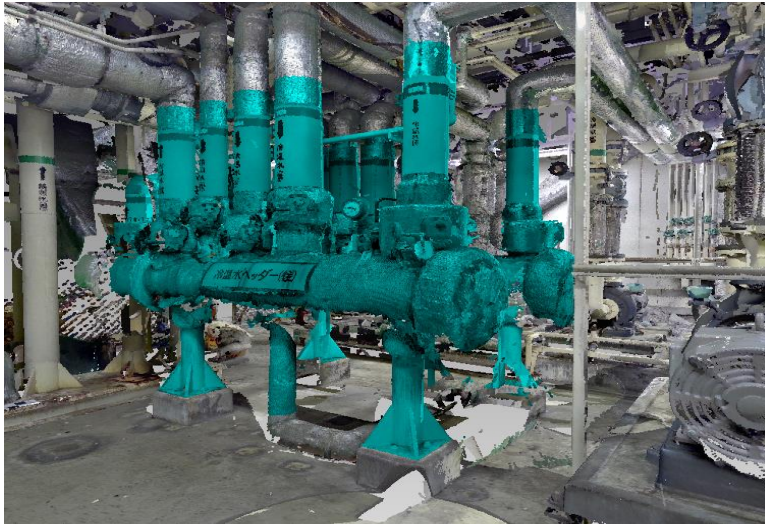




# Layout Planning Removal/Movement Simulation

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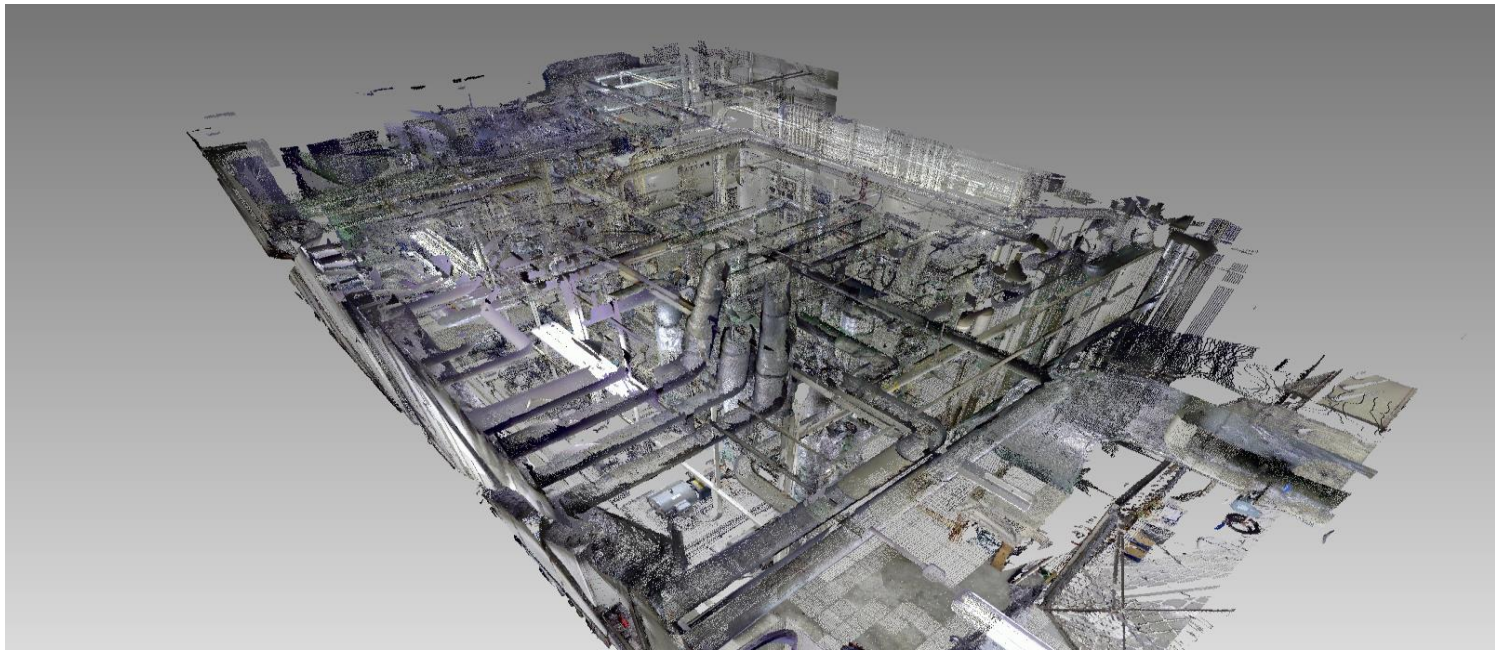
## Clip out an equipment to examine before/after of construction



# CAD Modeling

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## Automatically extract planes/cylinders from point cloud to easily perform CAD modeling



# Issues Using Point Cloud Data Today

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- Specific points need to be determined to perform **measurements** which can be inaccurate and take time
- Manually cleaning up **noise** within the data is extremely time consuming
- Point cloud data can be very **large and difficult** to work with
- A lot of **manual work** can be required when modeling features like pipes and equipment
- It can take **multiple software packages** to prepare the data for downstream uses
- **Limited formats** to work with, such as CAD formats
- **Collaboration** can be difficult

# The Solution

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# InfiPoints



# What is InfiPoints?

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- A large scale point cloud handling tool developed by Elysium
- Used in various industries/fields

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Plant



Manufacturing



Construction



Architecture



Aerospace



Automotive



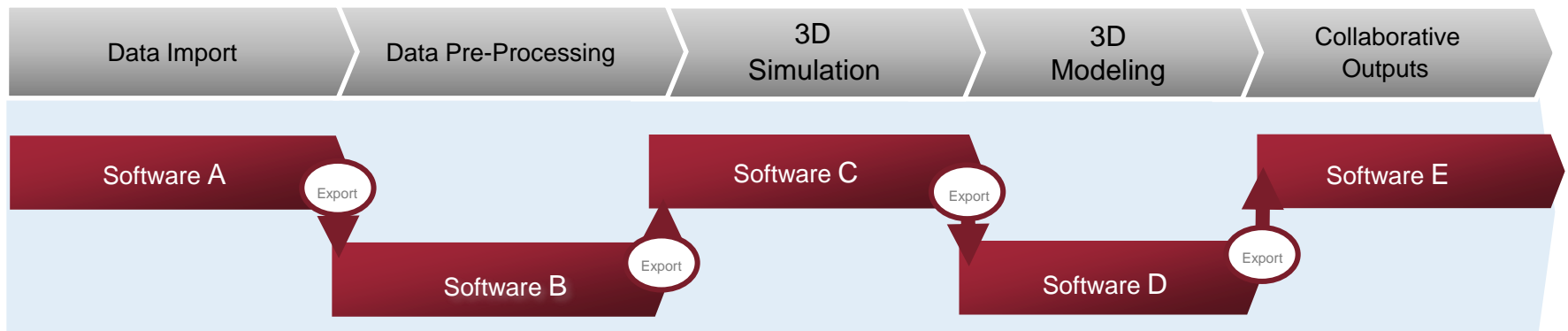


# InfiPoints Concept

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## Comprehensive Software to Facilitate the Entire Process of Point Cloud Utilization

### Point Cloud Utilization Flow



**InfiPoints, your One Stop Solution streamlines the process**

# InfiPoints Concept

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## Easier Utilization of Point Cloud Data

### Reducing Time for Data Preparation

- Dramatically reduce time and labor to prepare data for utilization by easily registering multiple scans from a laser scanner and performing powerful noise reduction

### Smoothly Work in a Large Scale Environment

- Billions of points will not stop you from smoothly handling your point clouds
- Dramatically reduce time and labor of modeling by using plane/cylinder automatic extraction and tools

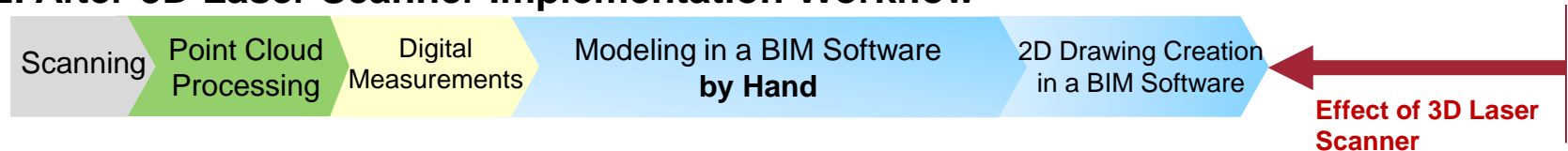
# Data Preparation Time Reduction Scenario

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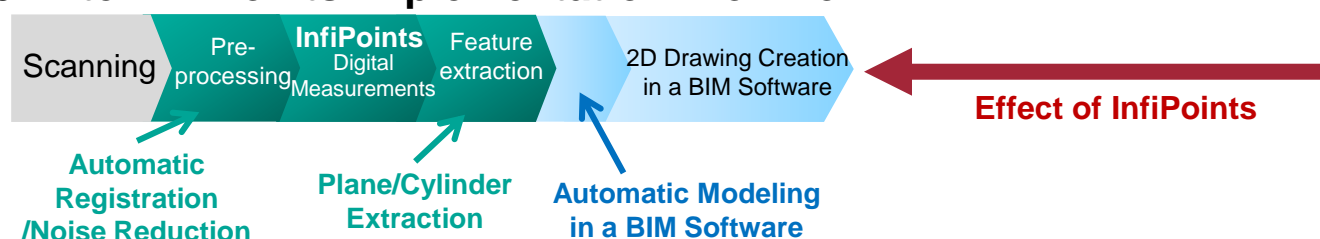
## 1. Conventional Workflow



## 2. After 3D Laser Scanner Implementation Workflow



## 3. After InfiPoints Implementation Workflow



# 50% Reduction in time!

# Functions – 5 Processes

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**InfiPoints supports your one-stop point cloud utilization in the following 5 processes**



Data Import



Data Pre-processing



Analysis



Modeling



Collaborative  
Outputs

# Data Import

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- Import multiple scan data formats including native scanner data
- Viewing of large scale point clouds (billions)





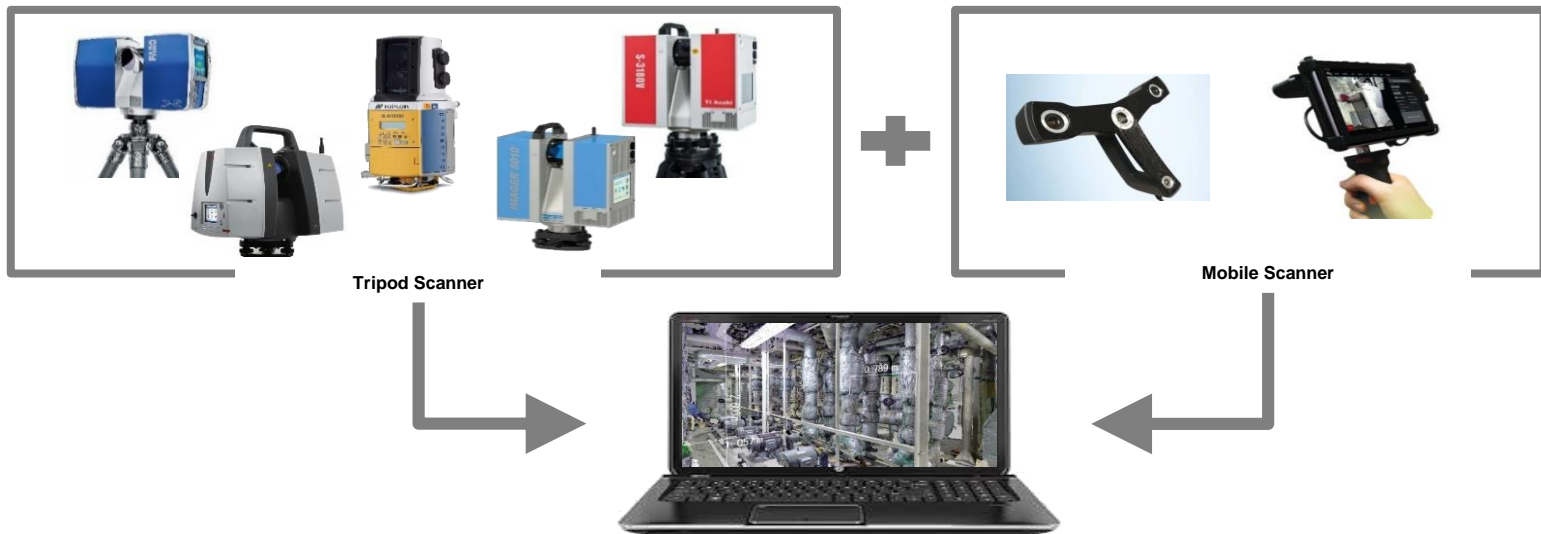
# Data Import

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## Register Point Clouds from Different Scanners



Register your point cloud data from data coming from both a tripod scanner and a mobile scanner



# Data Pre-processing

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- **Markerless Automatic Registration**
- **Automatic Noise Reduction**
- **Target Recognition, Coordinate Transformation**

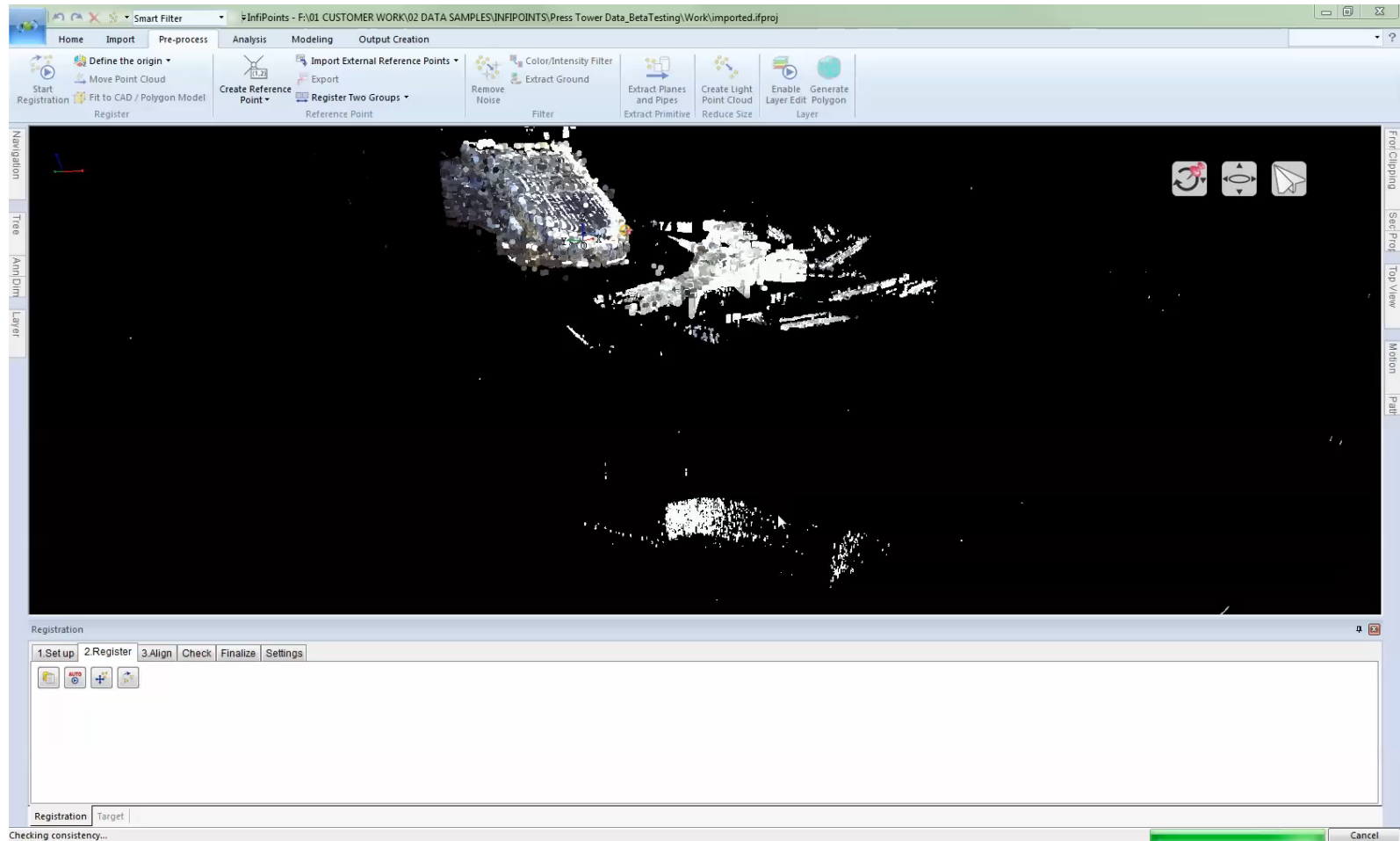
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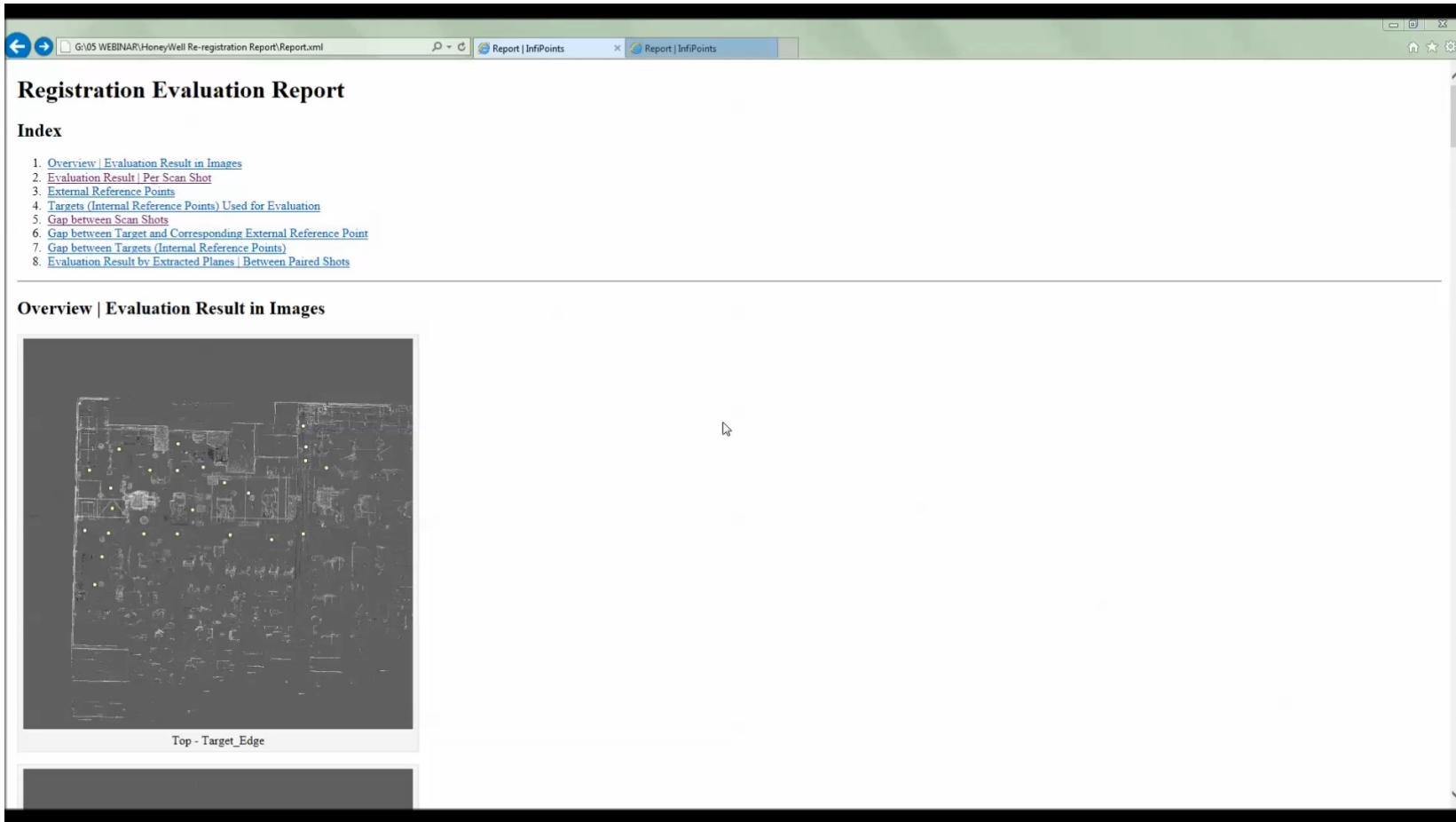
# Markerless Registration

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# XML Report

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'G:\05 WEBINAR\HoneyWell Re-registration Report\Report.xml'. The browser has two tabs open, both titled 'Report | InfPoints'. The main content area displays the 'Registration Evaluation Report' with an 'Index' section containing eight links:

- [1. Overview | Evaluation Result in Images](#)
- [2. Evaluation Result | Per Scan Shot](#)
- [3. External Reference Points](#)
- [4. Targets \(Internal Reference Points\) Used for Evaluation](#)
- [5. Gap between Scan Shots](#)
- [6. Gap between Target and Corresponding External Reference Point](#)
- [7. Gap between Targets \(Internal Reference Points\)](#)
- [8. Evaluation Result by Extracted Planes | Between Paired Shots](#)

Below the index, the 'Overview | Evaluation Result in Images' section is active, showing a 3D point cloud visualization of a mechanical part. The visualization is labeled 'Top - Target\_Edge' at the bottom. A mouse cursor is visible over the right side of the image.



# Automatic Noise Reduction

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## Overlapping Noise





# Automatic Noise Reduction

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## Removing Kinetic Noise



# Analysis

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- **Measurements using extracted planes/cylinders**
- **Real-time interference check along path and with interaction**
- **Comparison between CAD and Point Cloud**

# Measurements Using Extracted Planes/Pipes

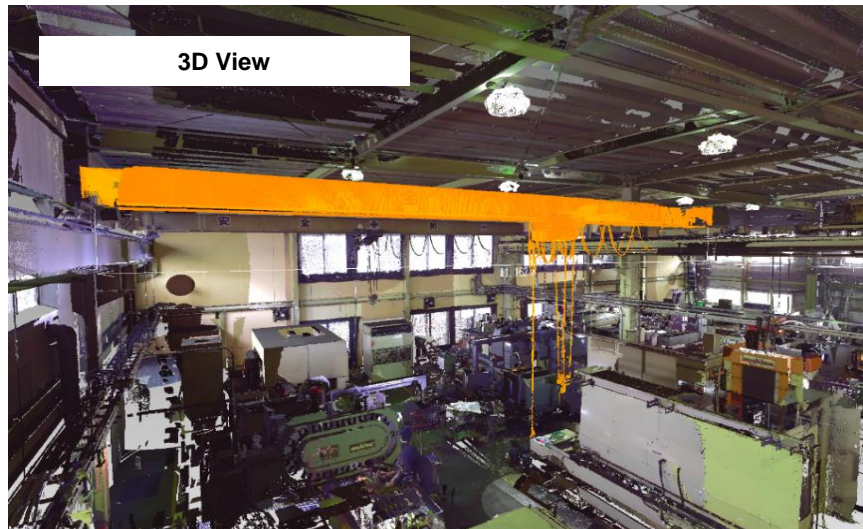
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# Case Study-Ceiling Crane Rail Measurements

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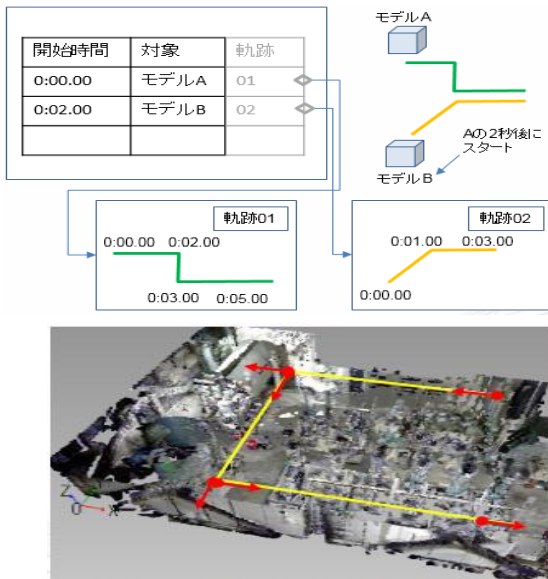
**Reduce dangerous height work using digital measurements**

# Real-time Interference Check Along Path

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**Path creation, movement of CAD model along the path and performance of real-time interference checking**  
**Save your CAD model path movement as a movie as well**





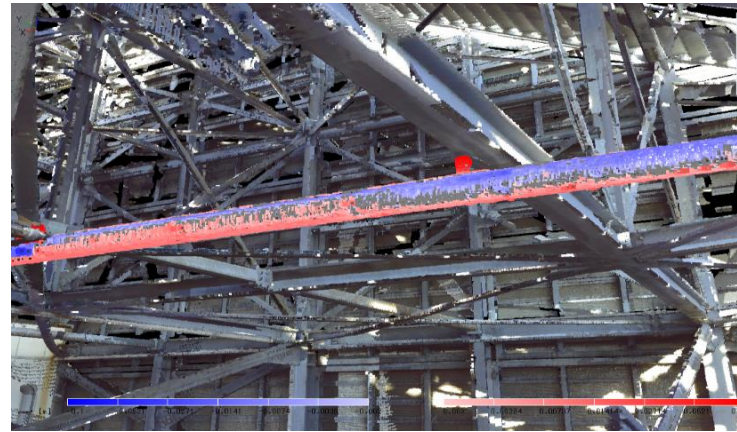
# Comparison Between CAD and Point Cloud

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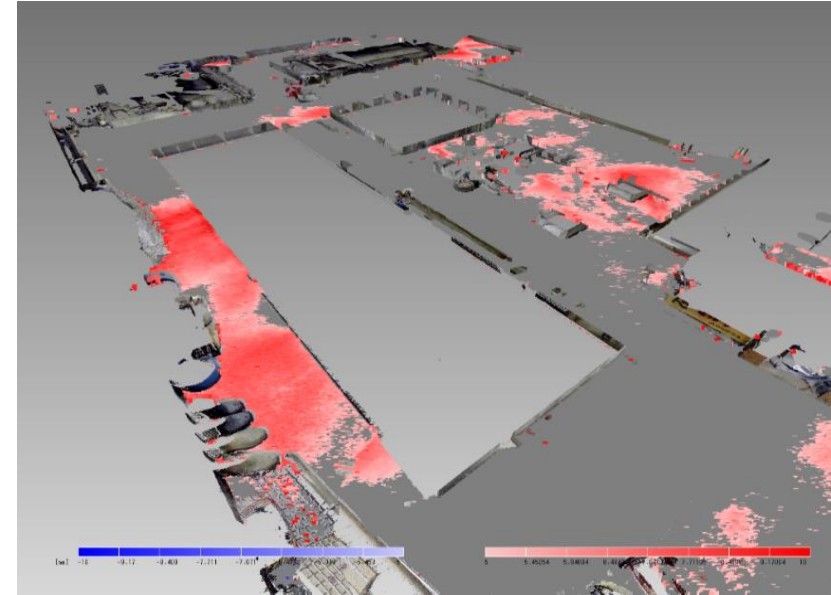
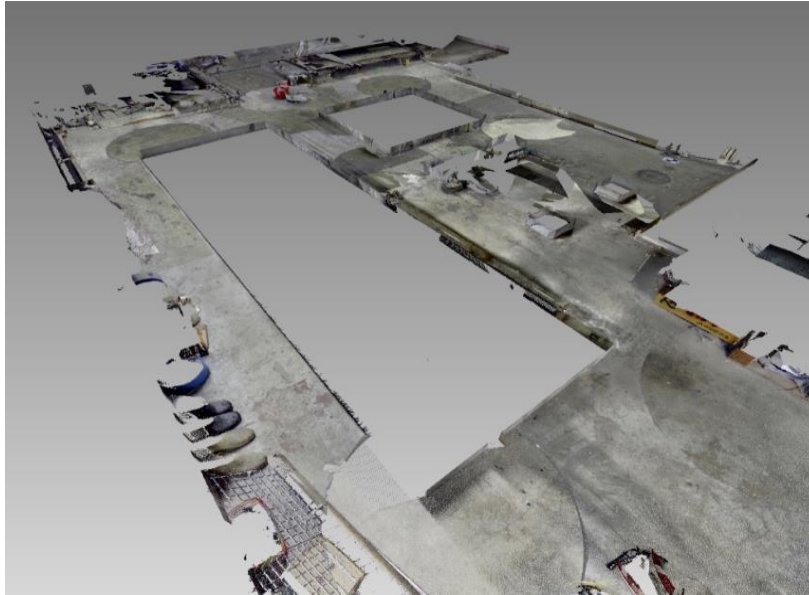
**Overlay a CAD model to a scanned point cloud data and extract deviation**

**Examine deviation between planned and result or  
used for monitoring of secular changes of equipment**



# Case Study-Examine Inclination of Construction Plane

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**Prevent implementation problems of equipment by checking inclination of the construction plane**

# Modeling

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- **Mesh Creation**
- **Pipes**
- **Equipment**
- **Steel Structures**
- **Ducts**

# Mesh Creation

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## Layer Classification of Point Cloud for Mesh Creation



Layer Classification



Mesh Creation





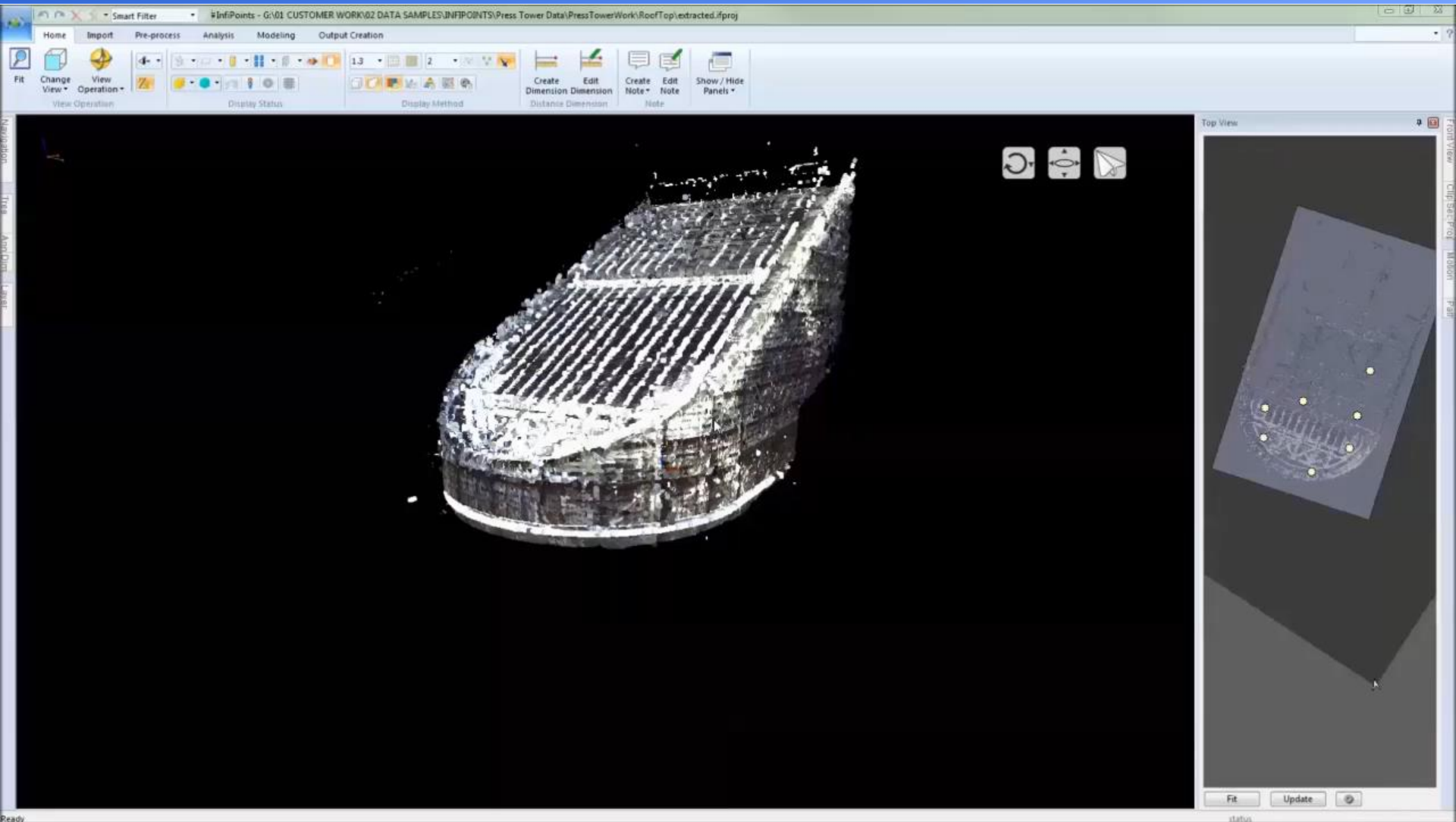
# Pipe Modeling

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# Pipe Modeling

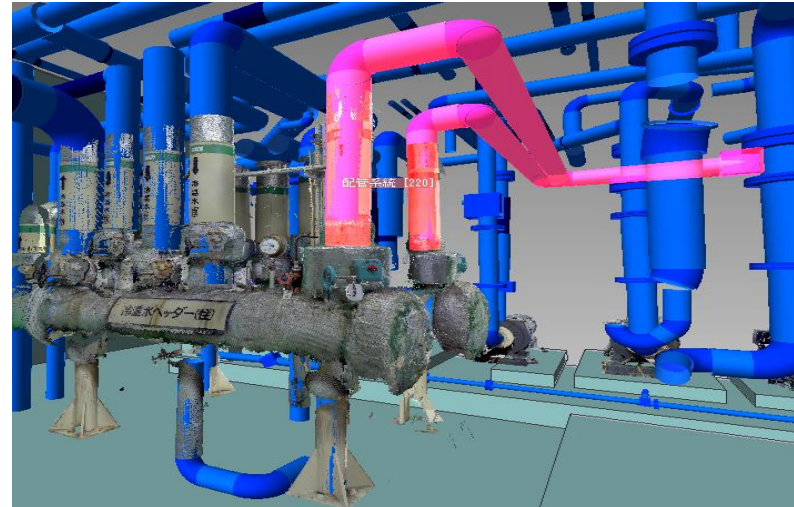
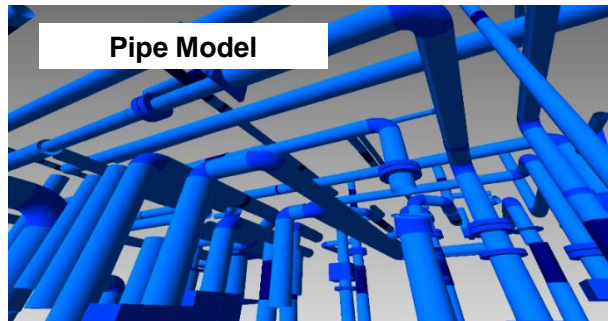
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# Case Study-Existing Pipe Renewal/Construction

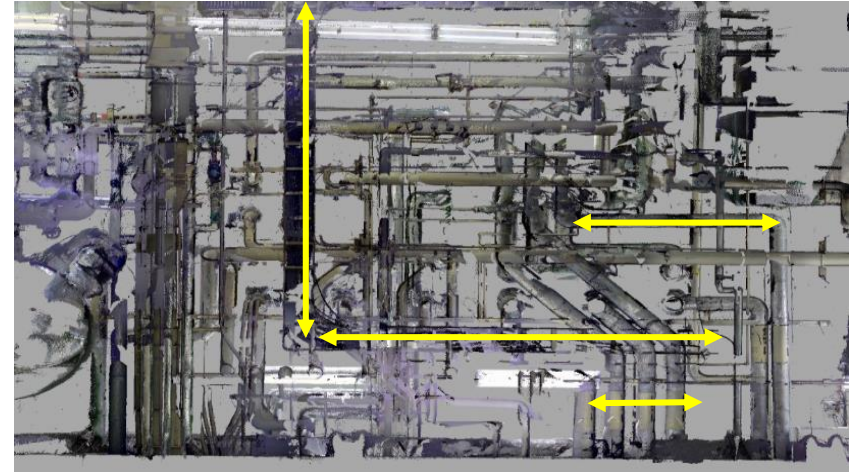
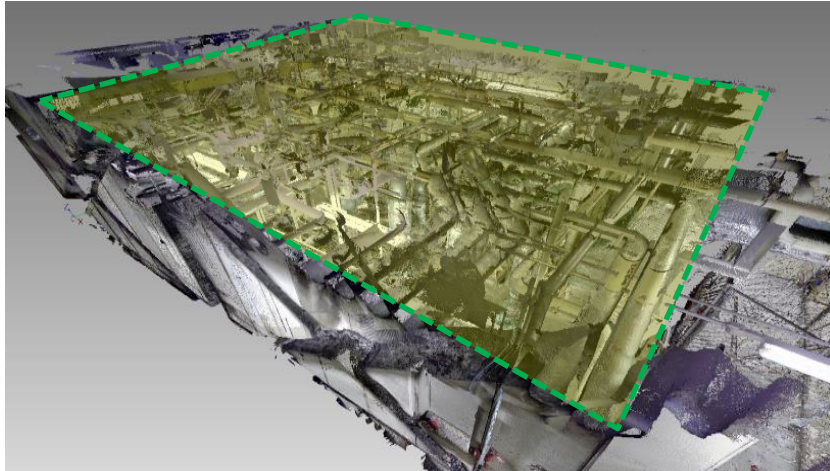
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**Check connection of pipes to an existing equipment and estimate new piping needed for construction**

# Case Study-Piping Renewal Study

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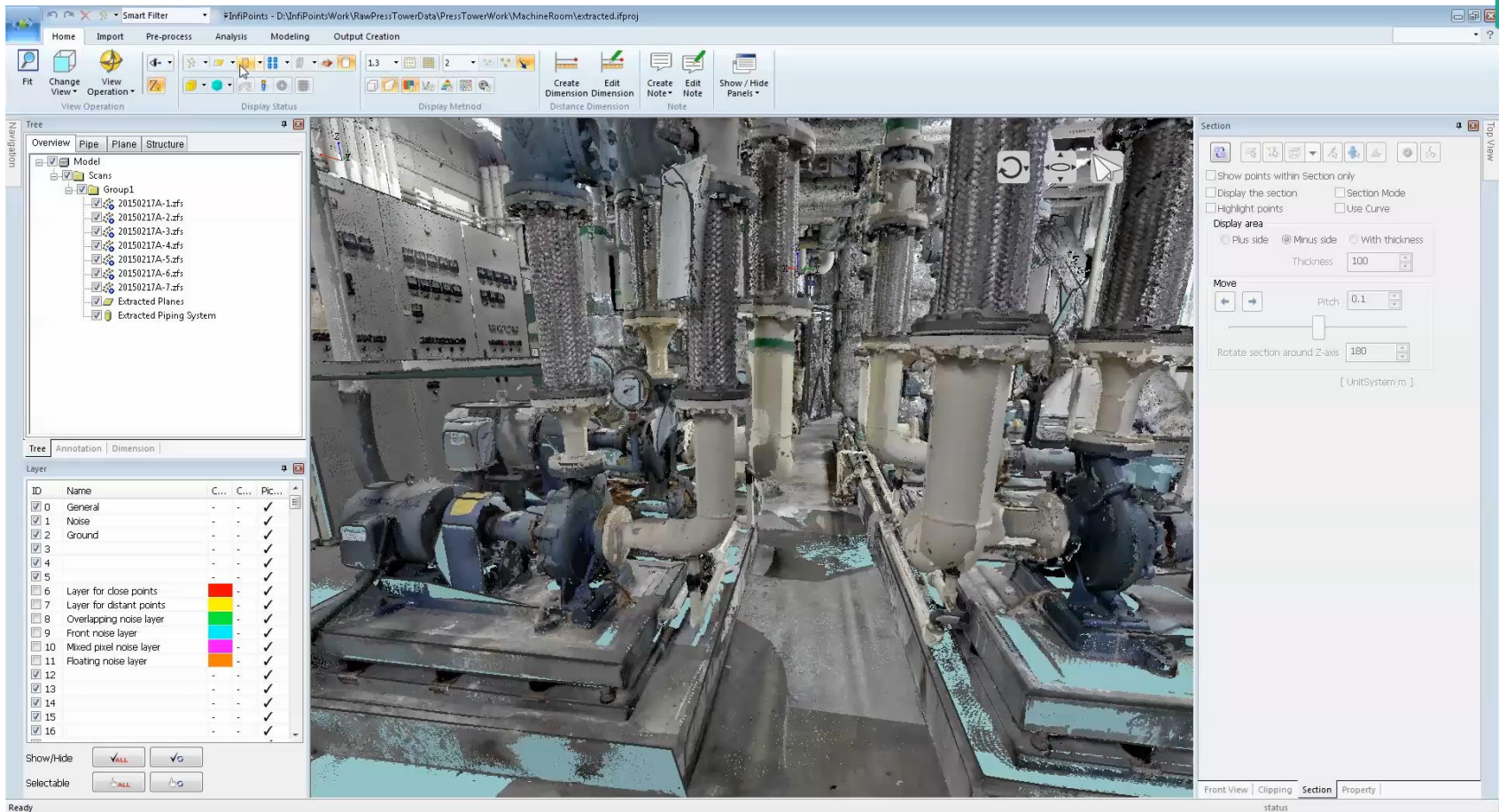
Example of a section view displaying pipes near the ceiling

**Cut a cross section of your desired area and measure walls and near ceiling areas  
Very difficult to hand measure and not have any human errors**



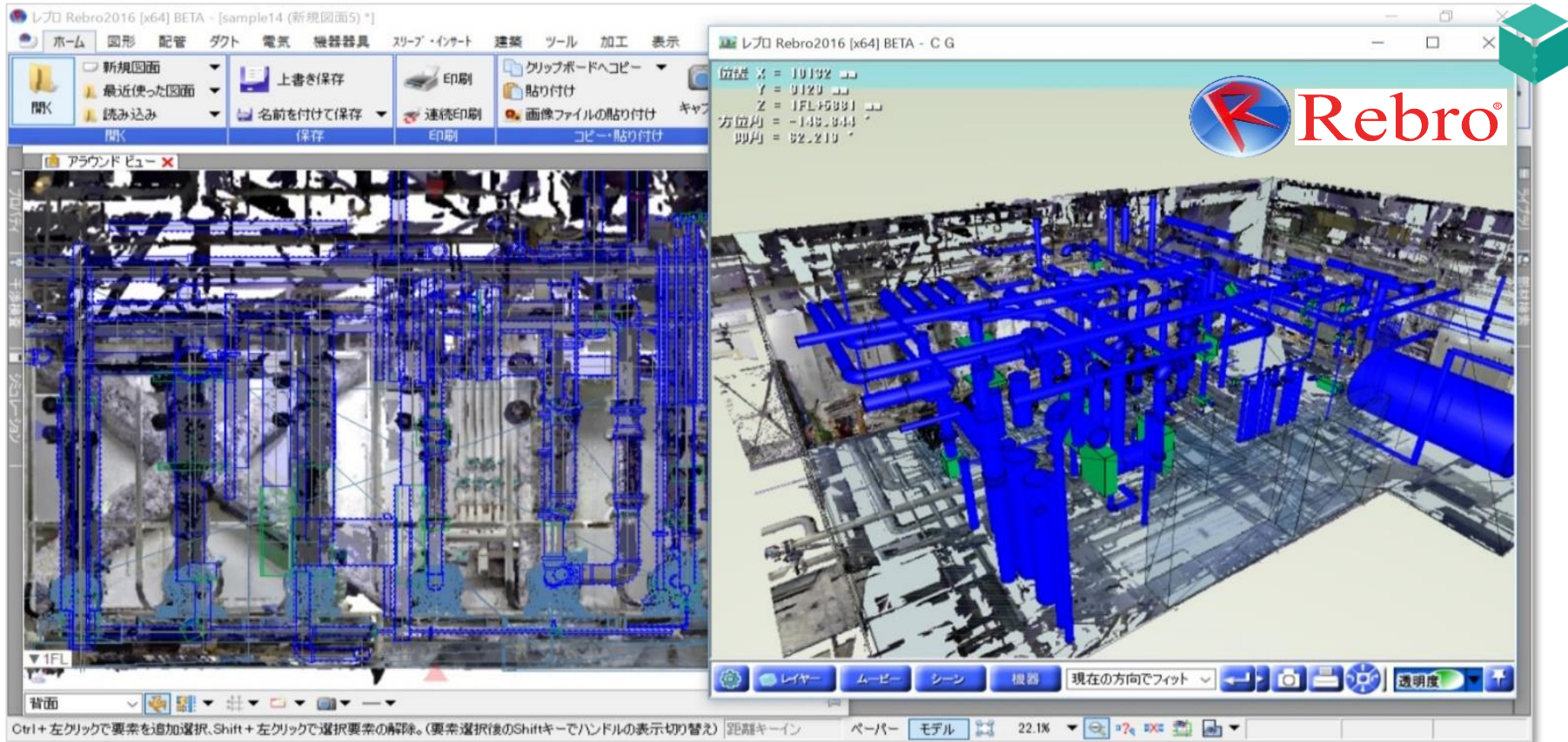
# Equipment Modeling

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# Case Study-Equipment Modeling CAD Connection

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**Use automatically extracted planes/cylinders of InfiPoints to complete your workflow in other software**

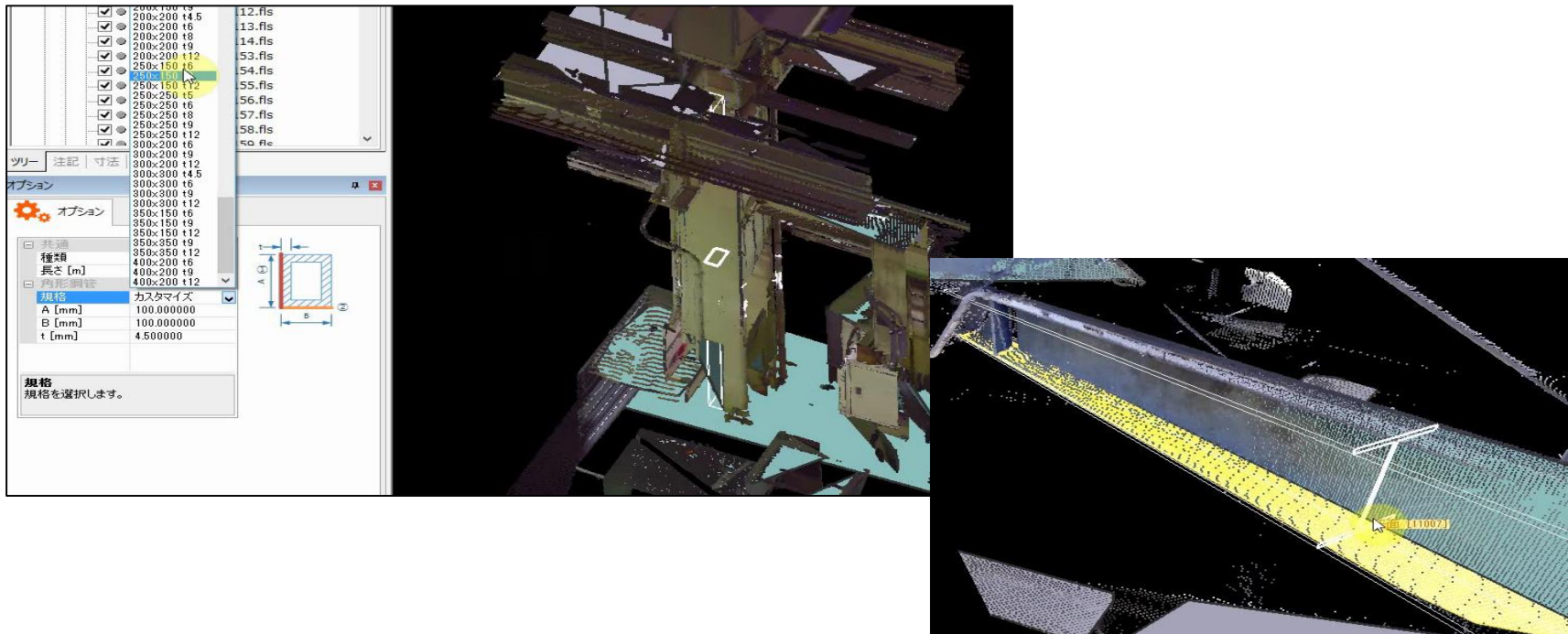


# Steel Structure Modeling

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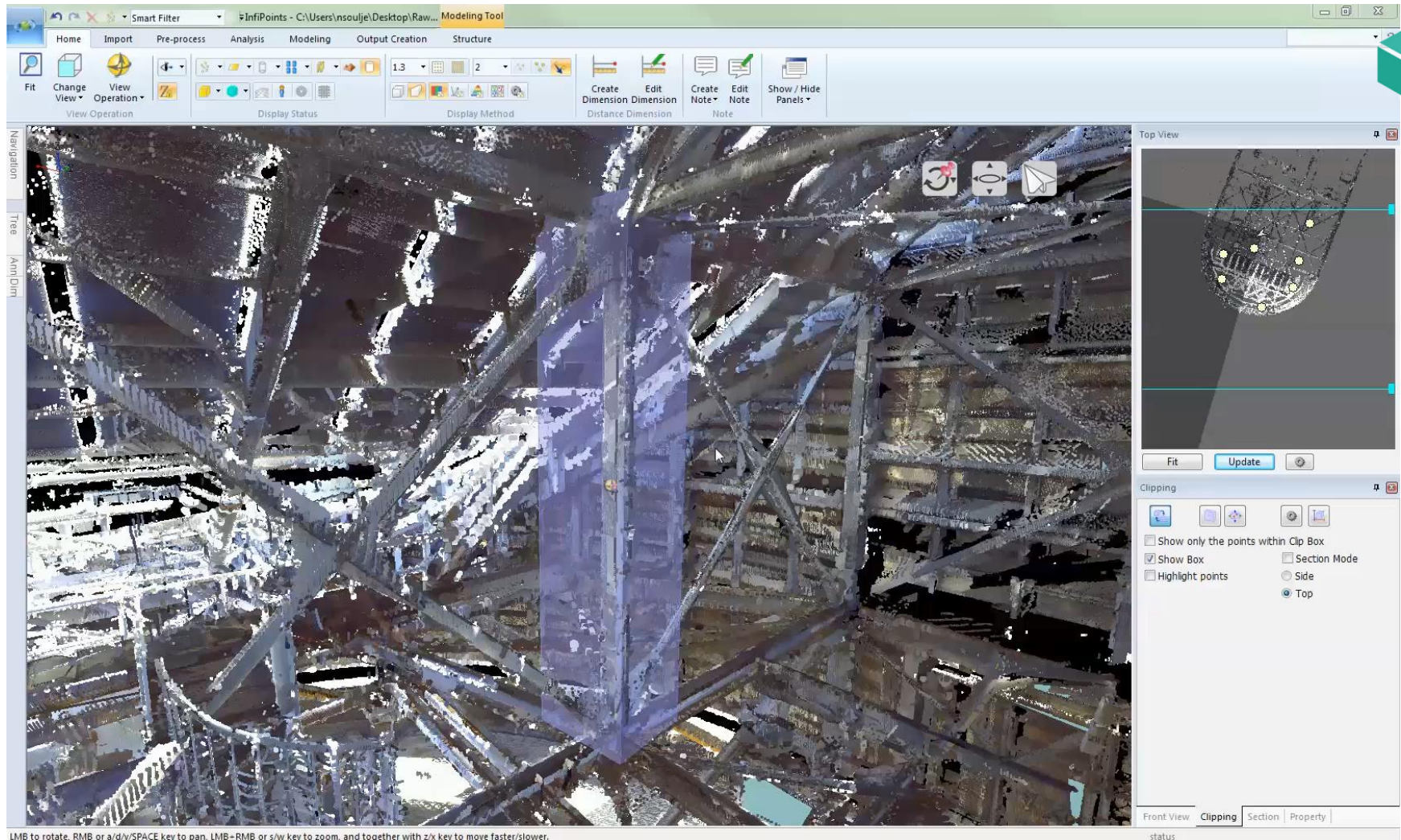
## Modeling of H-beams, I-beams, etc.





# Steel Structure Modeling

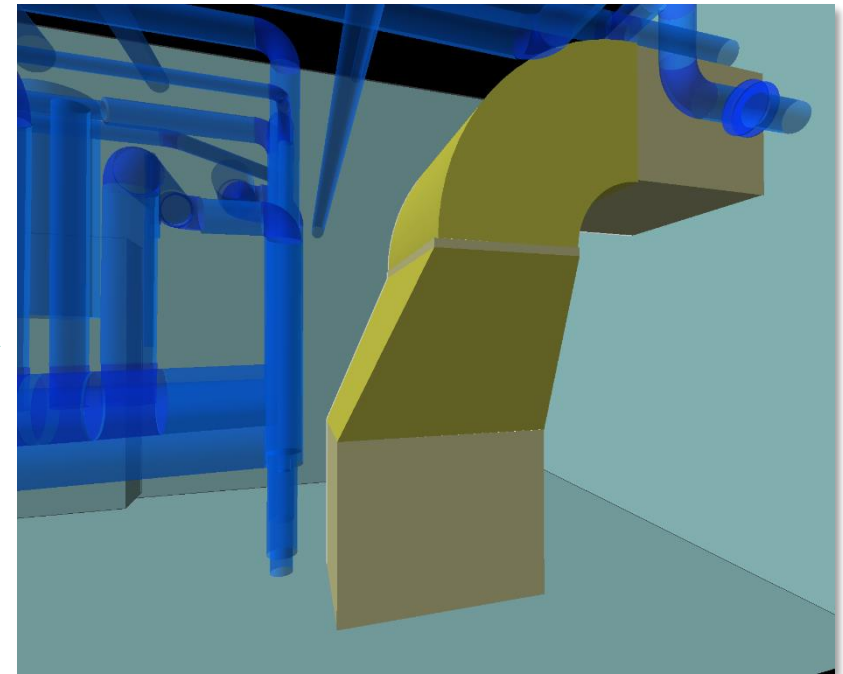
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# Duct Modeling

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## Added duct exclusive modeling function utilizing automatically extracted planes





# Collaborative Outputs

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- **Export Ortho Images**
- **Fly-through Movie**
- **Export Viewer File**
- **External Links**

# Export Ortho Images

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**Specify a reduced scale and export high precision ortho images  
Import into a 2D CAD for drawing creation reference or  
print it out for information sharing**



# Fly Through Movie

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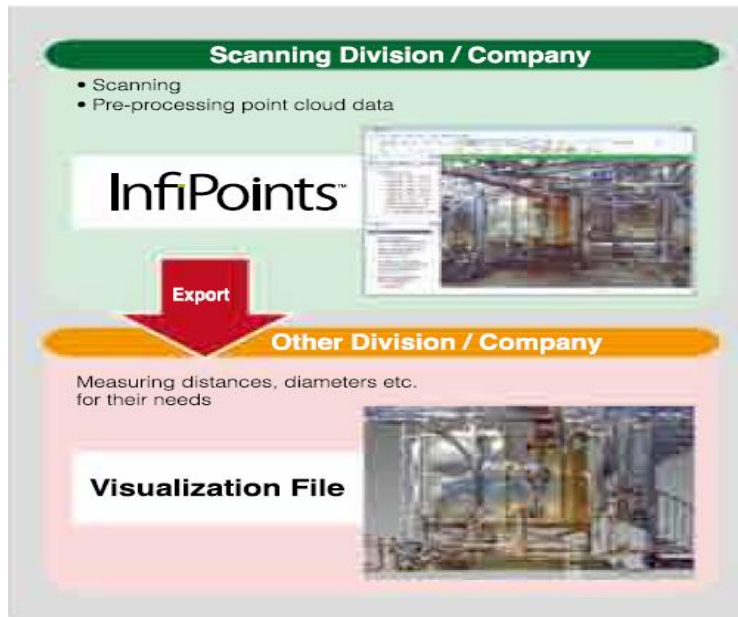


# Export Viewer File

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**Export a viewer file for distribution to other departments or clients**  
**Point cloud data could be viewed without an installation or the license of the application**



<Possible things in the viewer file>

1. Viewing of point cloud, CAD data, notes and dimension
2. Switching view/hide of layers
3. Section movement along a pre-set path
4. Drawing creation, DWG export [\*]
5. Ortho image export [\*]
6. Adding dimensions [\*]
7. Adding notes

[\*] Authority settings could be done at the time of viewer file export

- ✖ Point cloud rendering capabilities are the same as that of Infipoints
- ✖ Users could save drawings, notes, and dimensions added in the viewer file

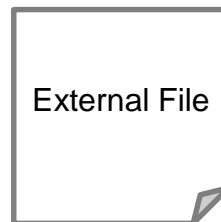
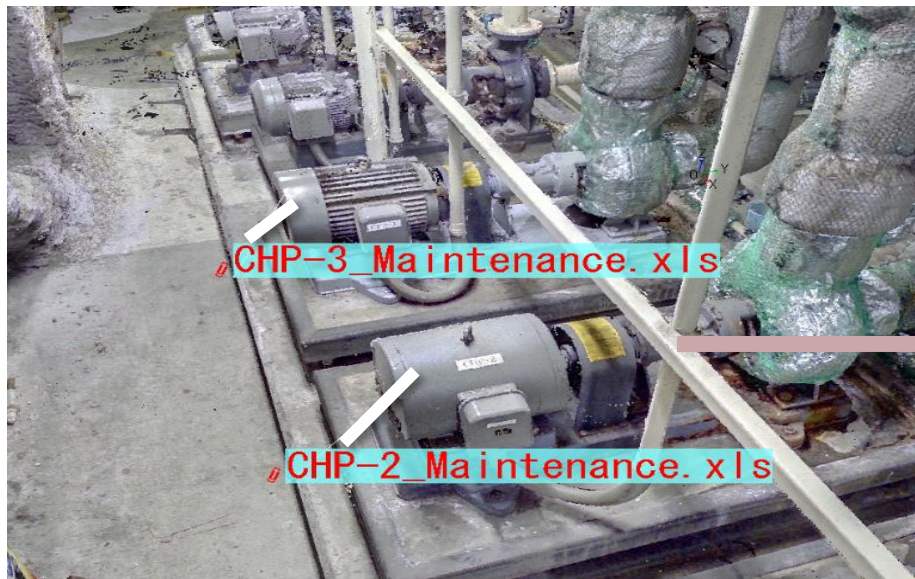
# External Link

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Add notes and comments on the point cloud



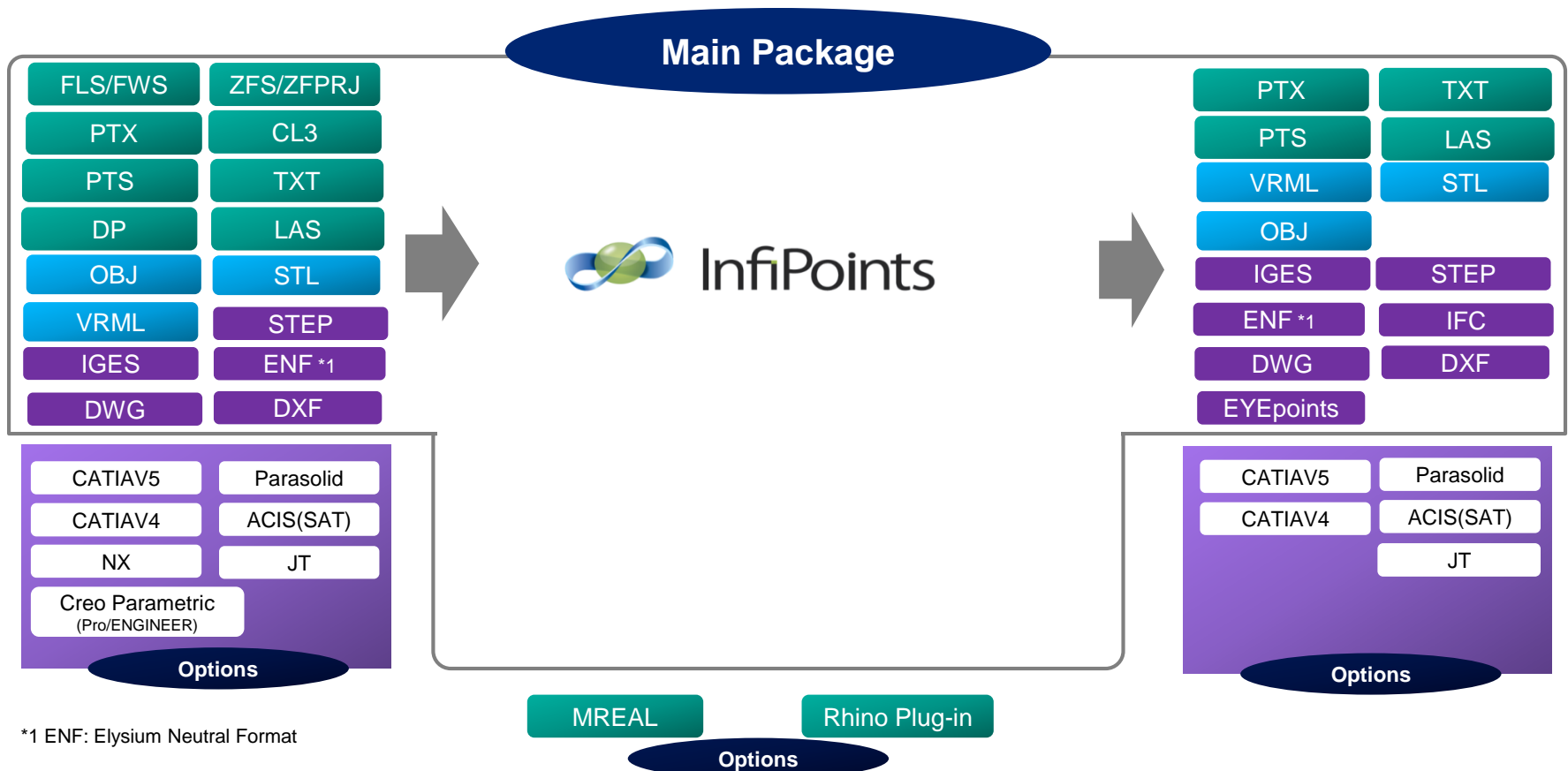
Link saved files (i.e. manuals) or  
attach a reference hyperlink on the point cloud



# Viewer File Demo

# Supporting Formats

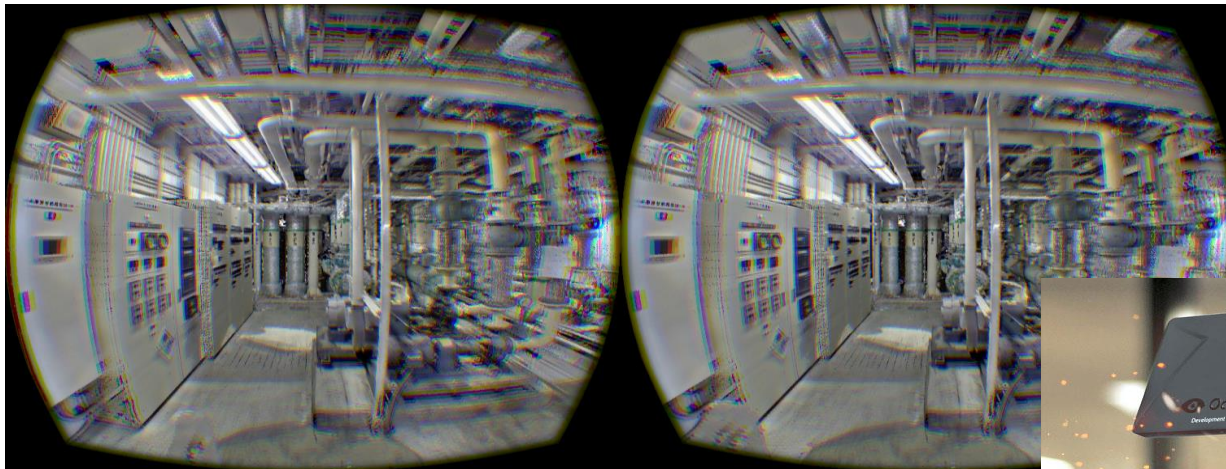
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# Head Mount Display

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**Realize the experience using the head mount display (Oculus) to view your scanned point cloud data.**



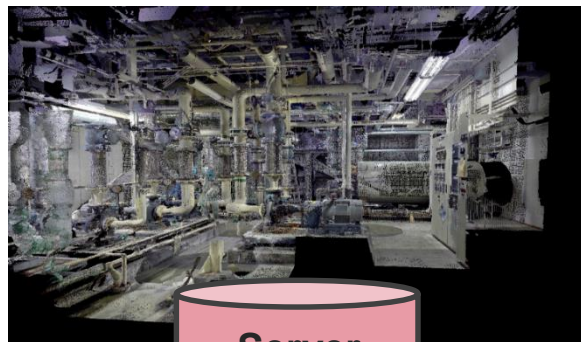
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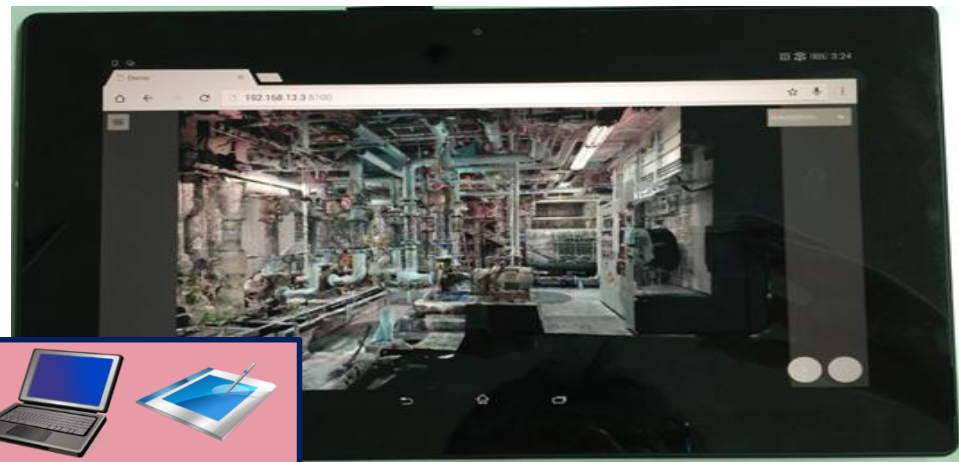
# Point Cloud Web Viewer

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**Access the server from the client (PC, tablet, smartphone, etc.) and lightly view your point cloud data**



- Access a URL in a web browser to view your point cloud
- Software installation is unnecessary on the client side



# Customer Case Studies

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- **Shinryo Corporation**



- BIM case
- 30% reduction in lead-time by utilizing automatic registration, denoising, feature extraction, and the CAD JT export

- **Tonets Corporation**



- BIM case
- Utilizing automatic feature extraction, Rebro connection, and IFC export option to other BIM software
  - 2 month process down to 14 days

- **Matsue College**

- Silver mine investigation
- Utilized automatic noise reduction and ground extraction

# Customer Case Studies

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- **Shinko Plantech**

- Avoid rework by virtually checking for interferences for construction maintenance
- Utilizing automatic feature extraction, polygons, and collision detection, were able to avoid 30 areas that would have caused interference



JFE Plant Engineering Co., Ltd.

- **JFE Plant Engineering**

- Looking at the inclination of their plants after earthquakes for maintenance
- Utilizing automatic noise reduction, measurement capabilities, and CAD to Point Cloud validation
  - Saved time, reduced human danger, increased measurement capabilities

# Thank You!

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## Questions?

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