



Speed-up Railway Site Management: the Power of Automation and AEC Collection (CES501505)

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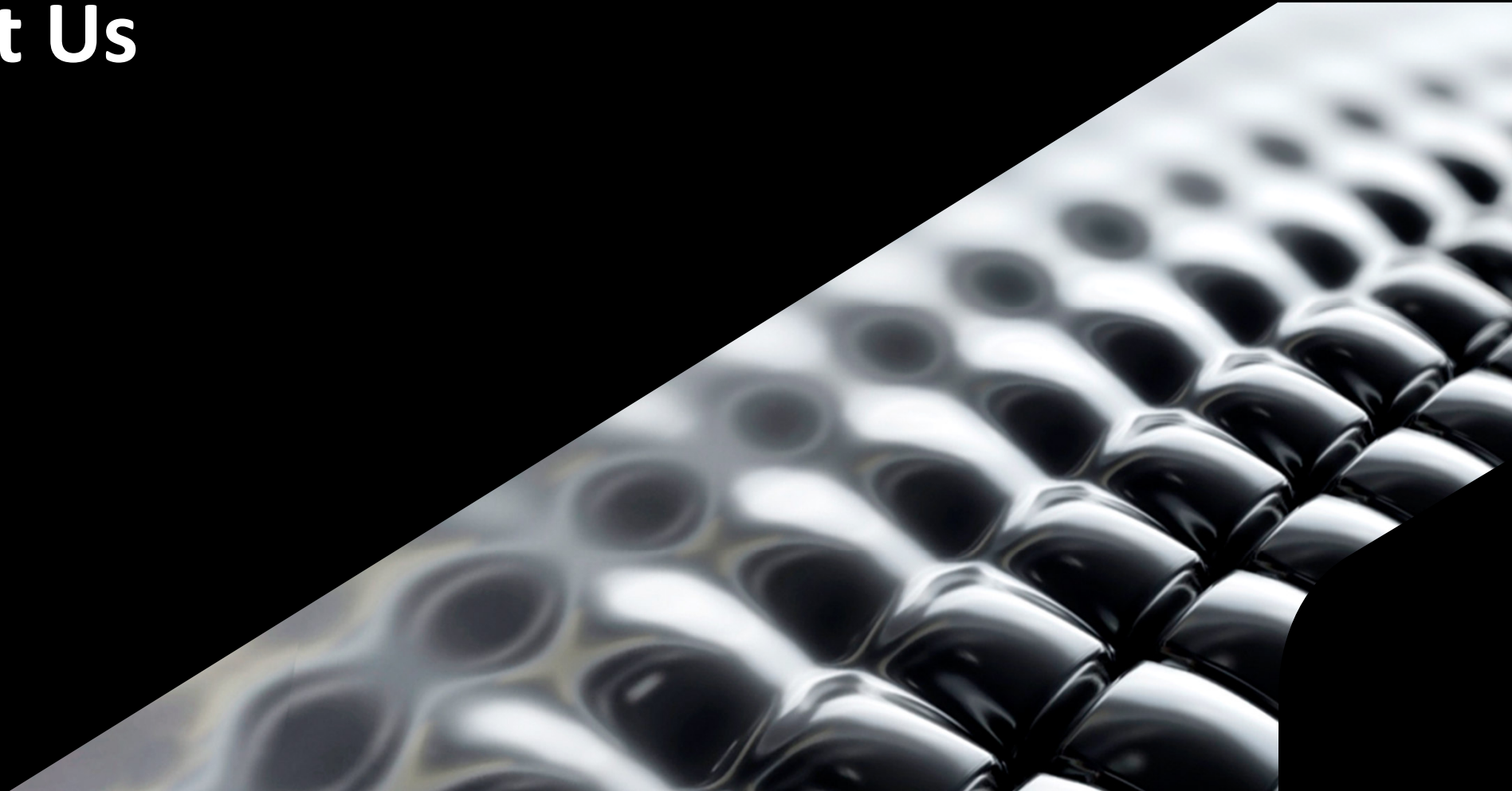
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The mission of FSTechnology is to strengthen and support digital innovation among all the group companies, and ensure top levels of quality, efficiency and time to market in customer services.



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The BIM and GIS Competence Center

The BIM and GIS Competence Center is a team within FSTechnology.

The main objective of our team is to research and implement new technologies to improve the management of the processes and the workflows of the entire life cycle of infrastructure projects.

Considering the core processes of the group, we mainly support linear infrastructure projects, and therefore:

- **Italferr**, the engineering company of *Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane*
- **Rete Ferroviaria Italiana**, the company of *Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane* which owns of entire railway network



The BIM and GIS Competence Center



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TEN-T: Trans-European Transport Network

The Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) policy addresses the implementation and development of a Europe-wide network of railway lines, roads, inland waterways, maritime shipping routes, ports, airports and railroad terminals. The ultimate objective is to close gaps, remove bottlenecks and technical barriers, as well as to strengthen social, economic and territorial cohesion in the EU.

TEN-T comprises two network 'layers':

- The Core Network that includes the most important connections, linking the most important nodes, and is to be completed by 2030
- The Comprehensive Network that covers all European regions and is to be completed by 2050.

https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-themes/infrastructure-and-investment/trans-european-transport-network-ten-t_en



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Support Construction Site Managers



**Construction health and
safety checks**



**Work in Progress and
Quality checks**



**Environmental inspections
during construction**



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The Technologies Used



Drone Surveys

- Ortophoto or Ortomosaic
- Point Clouds Models
- BubbleViews



BIM-GIS Integration

- Cut and Fill volumes calculation
- Construction site progress



Data Analytics

- Artificial Intelligence
- Augmented Reality
- Virtual Reality
- Environmental Control

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Data Post Processing



Artificial Intelligence

- Automated Analysis of images
- Specific item identifications
- Time reduction
- Illegal landfills
- Dangerous chemicals leakage
- Environmental contamination



AR – VR

- Integration Bim Models & Gis Data
- Easy Navigation (WASD or Mouse&Arrows Keys)
- Easy Sharing
- Immersive Experience



Environmental Control

- Post operam analysis
- Assets protection
- Dangerous chemicals leakage
- Environmental contamination

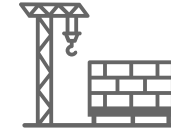
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Two needs - Two workflows



Semi-automated calculation of cut&fill volumes

- Point clouds from drone surveys
- Cut-out and DEMs from site areas
- Volumetric surfaces for comparison in Civil 3D
- Output reports for further analysis



Estimate of the physical progress of the works

- Automated production of a Revit model
- Automated parameter population
- Clash detection in NavisWorks
- Algorithm to calculate the progress and integration within the project dashboard

Workflow analysis

Requirements and solutions implemented

- Requirements:
 - Set up a workflow with a few clicks and checks
 - Reduce processing times
 - Get manageable drawings/outputs, that can be reused on other processes
 - Preserve a good accuracy
- Technical Solutions:
 - Point cloud decimation
 - DEMs elaboration
 - Automation through scripts
 - Use of calculation algorithms

Workflow analysis

Required formats

For the post processing of the images and the scans acquired on site by our surveyors, we request different formats for different purposes:

- **Ortophotos**

Technical data

- 45Mpx and 102 Mpx cameras
- Ortophoto resolution $\geq 2\text{cm/pixel}$
- Image acquisition rate: 1 photo / 2 seconds



Formats:

- Tif,
- tfw

Workflow analysis

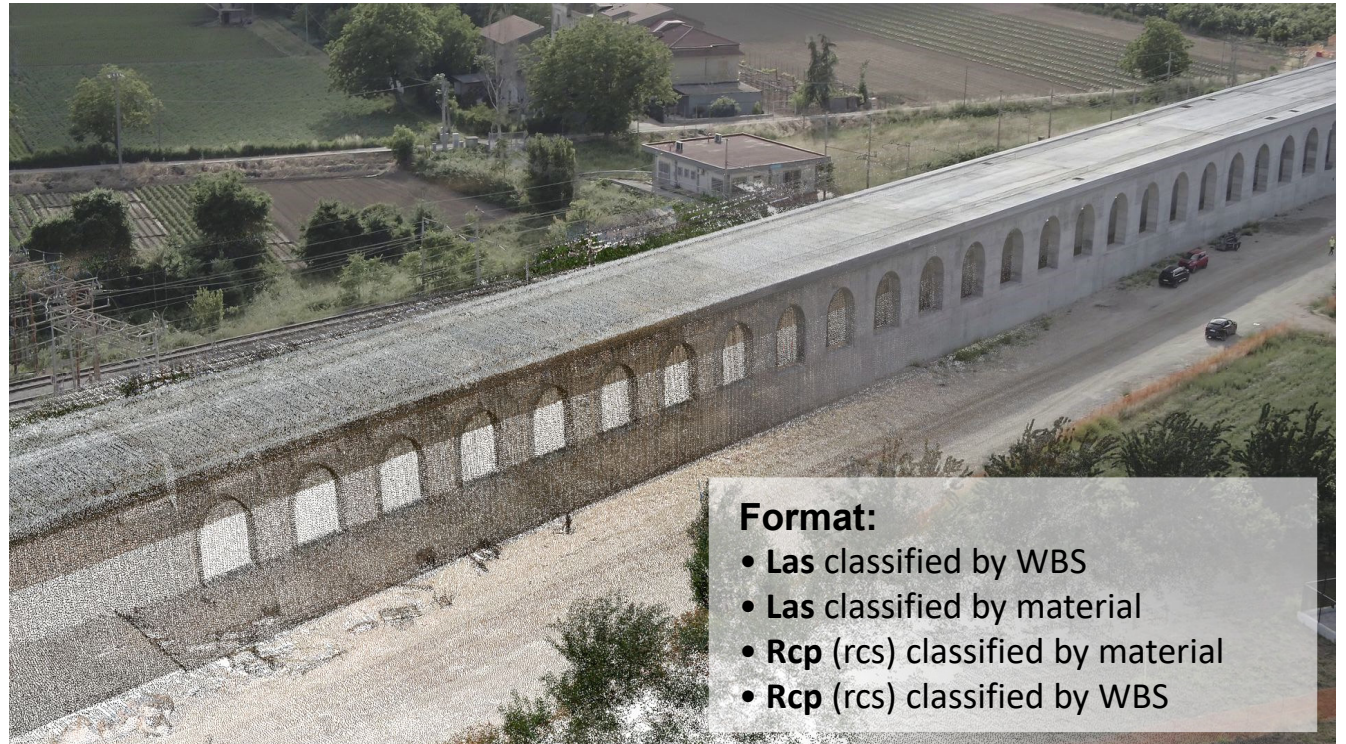
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- **3D Point Cloud Models**

Technical data

- Accuracy $\leq 15\text{mm}$
- Precision $\leq 10\text{mm}$



Format:

- **Las** classified by WBS
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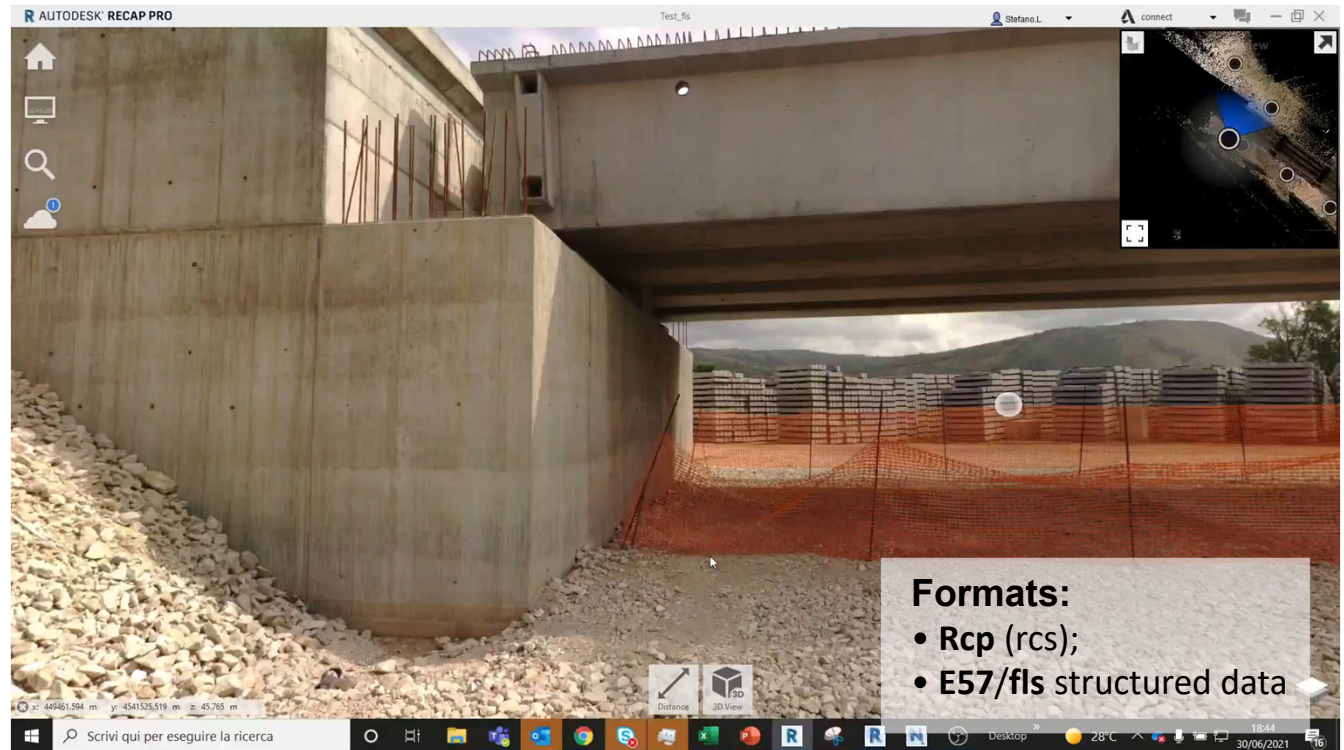
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- **360° Photos for the Bubbleviews**

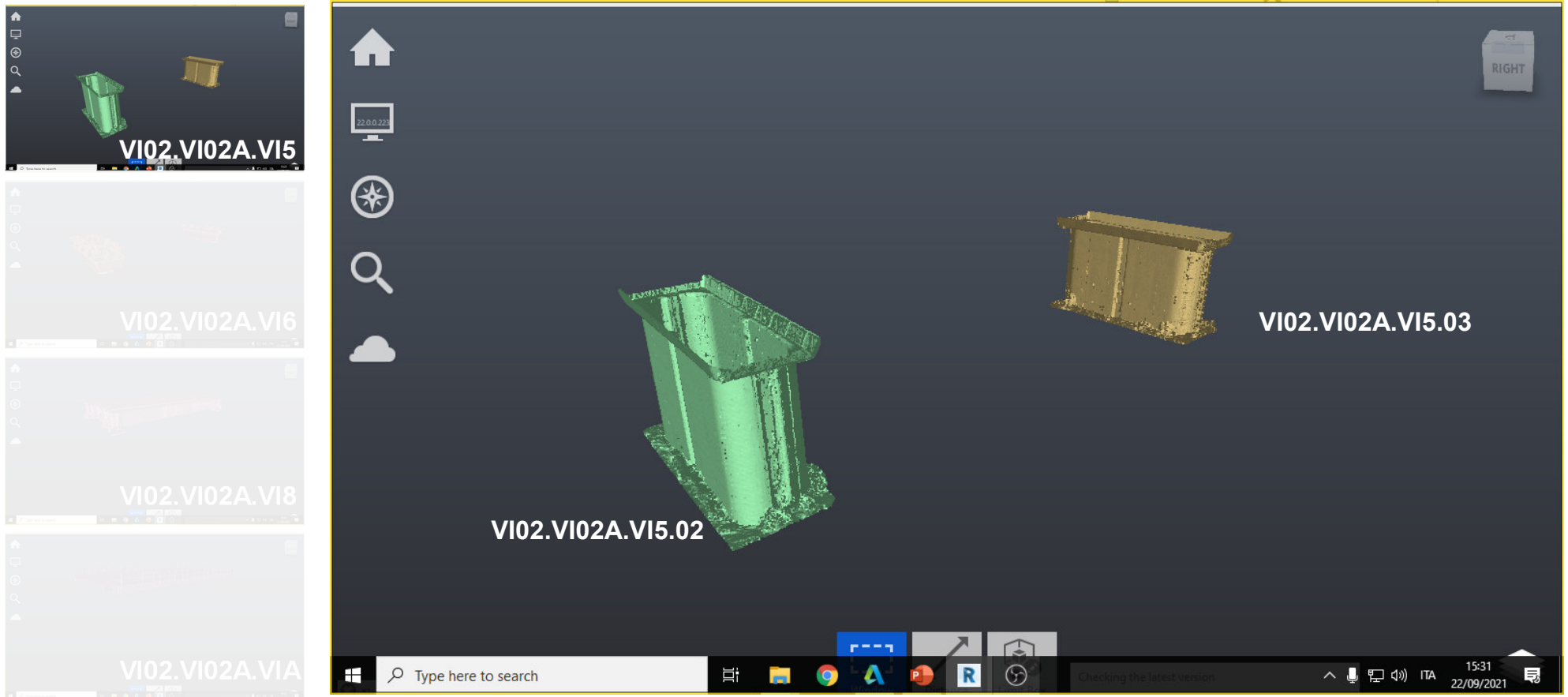
Technical data

- Point acquisition rate: 2 million/s
- Range: 70 metri
- Precision $\leq 1.9\text{mm}$ at 10m



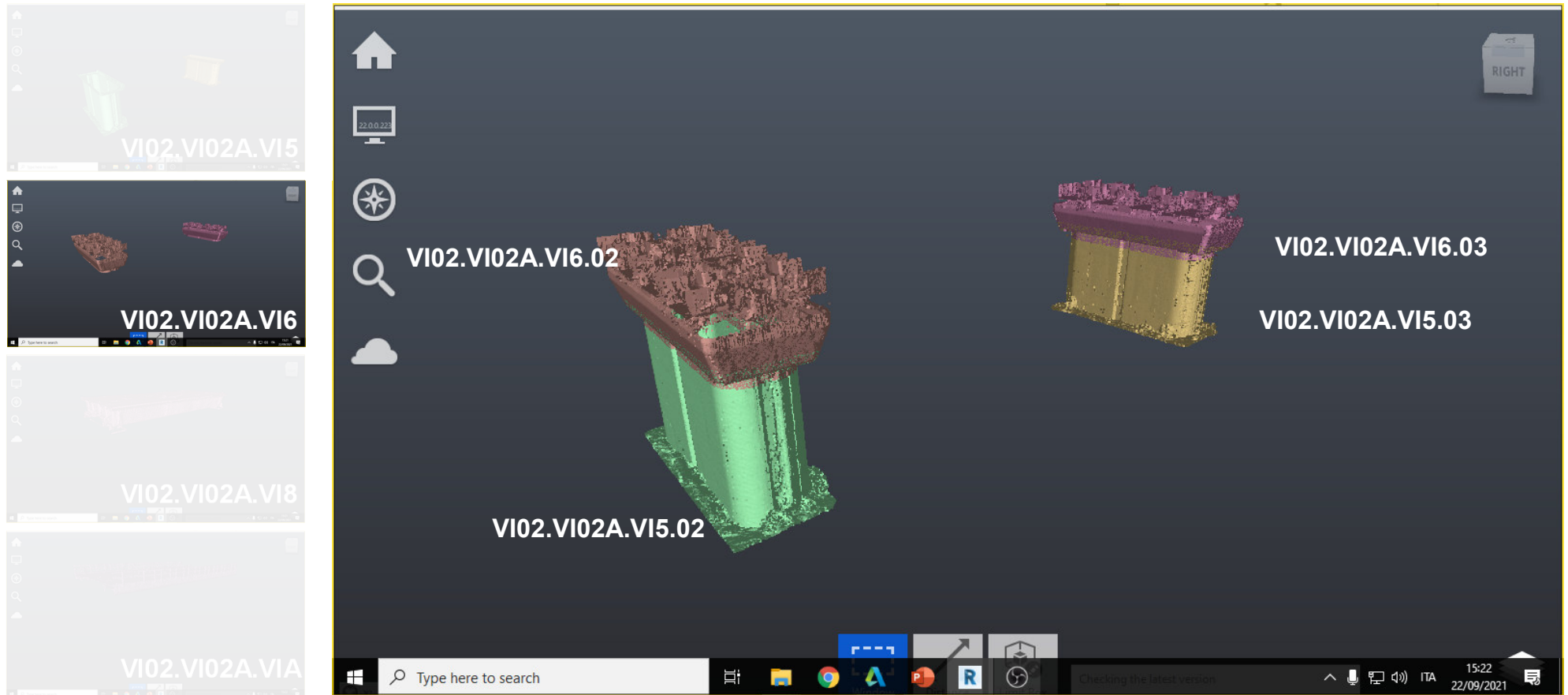
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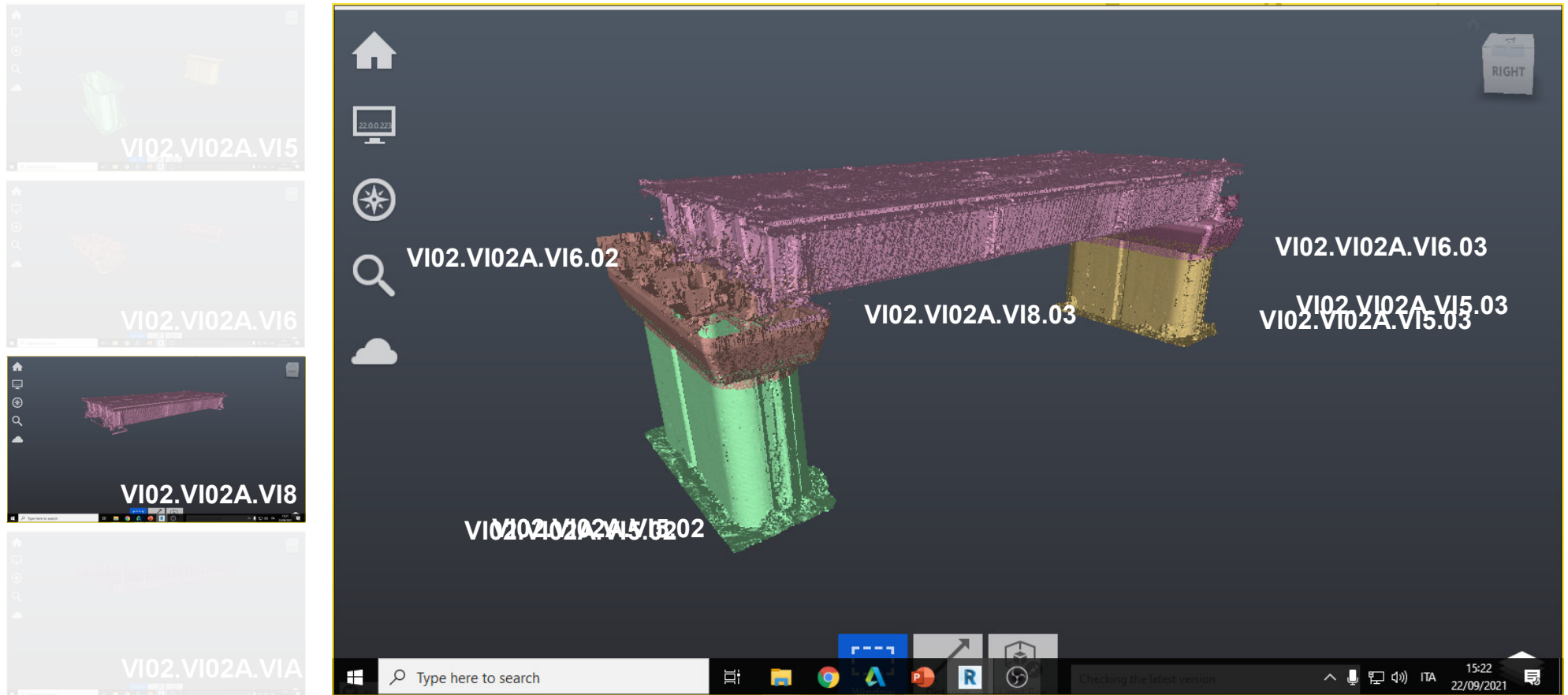
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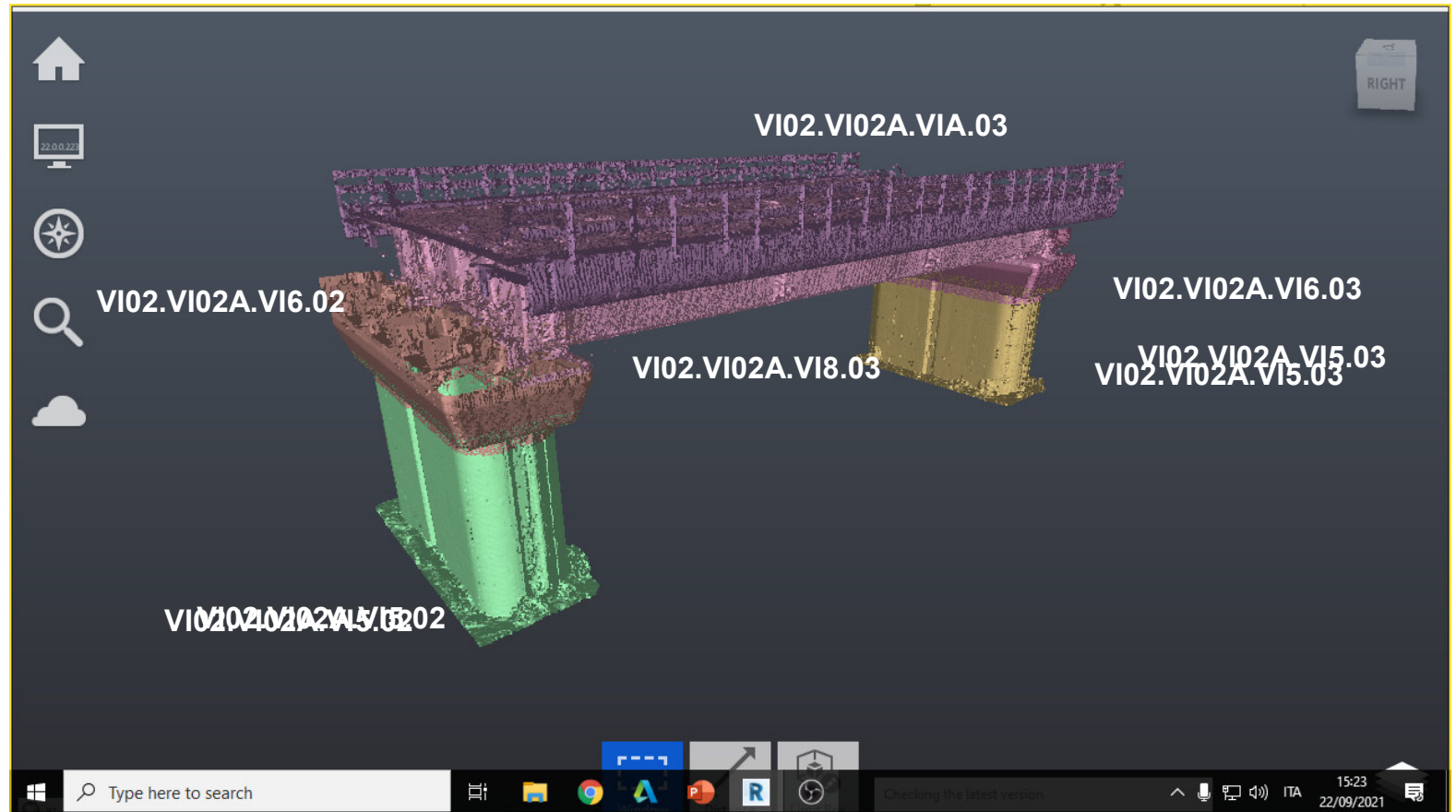
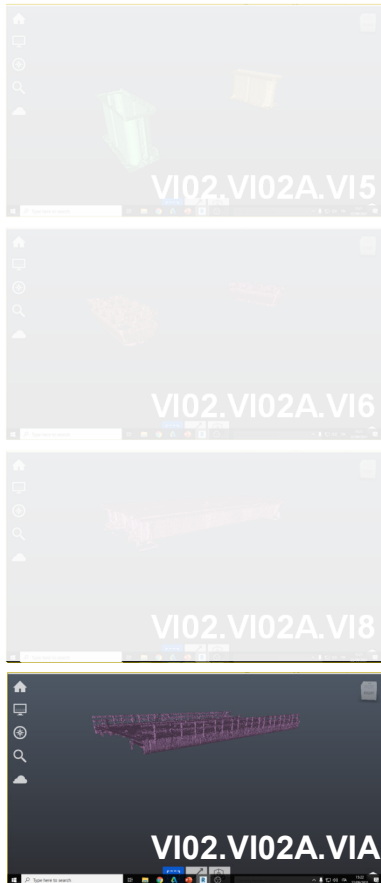
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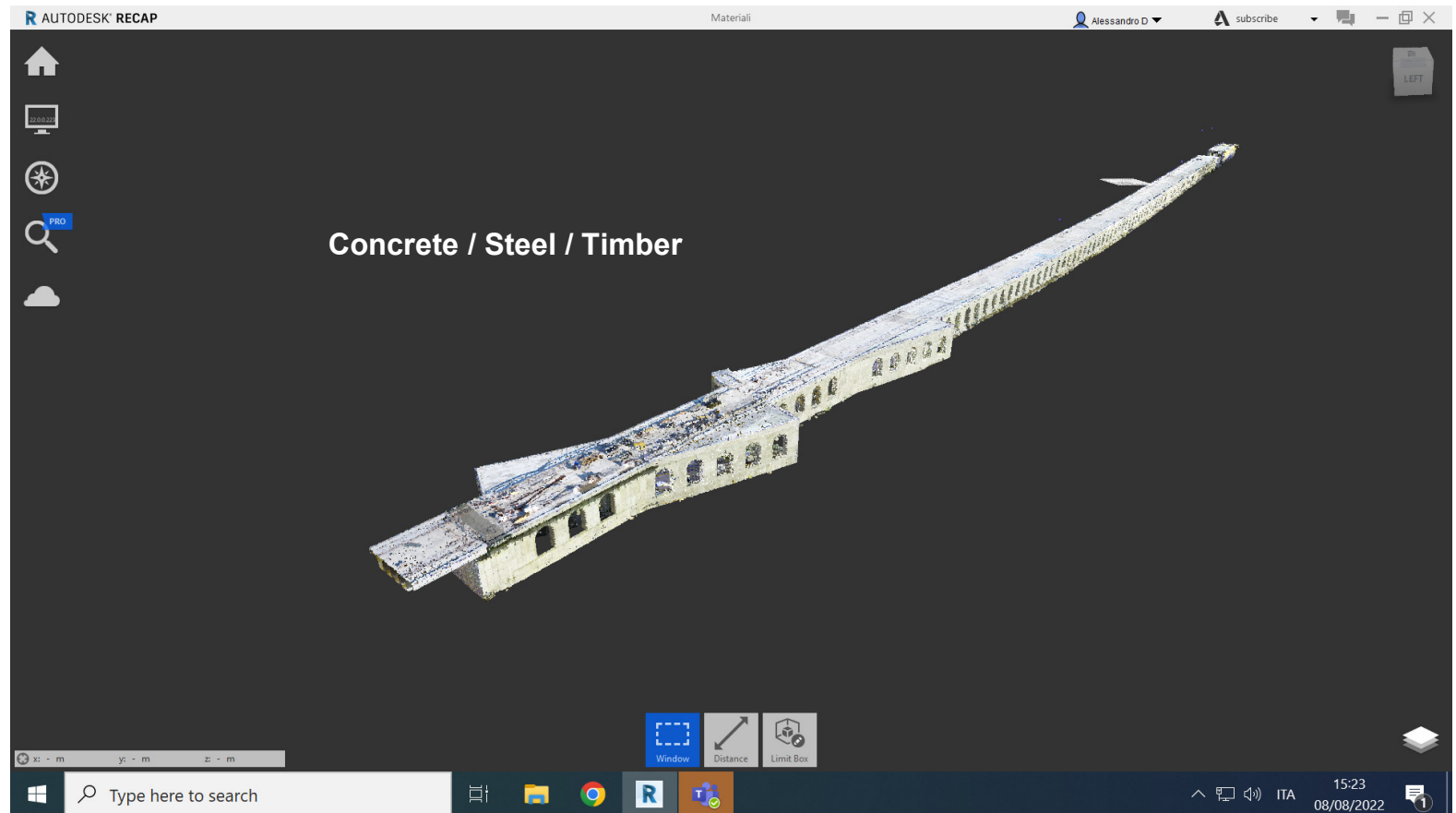
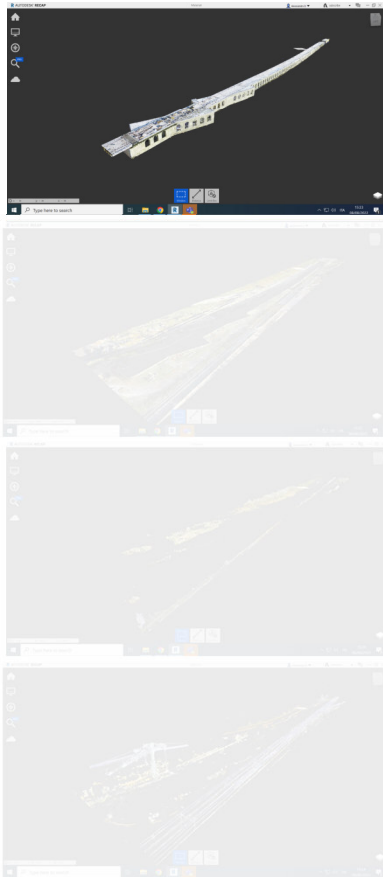
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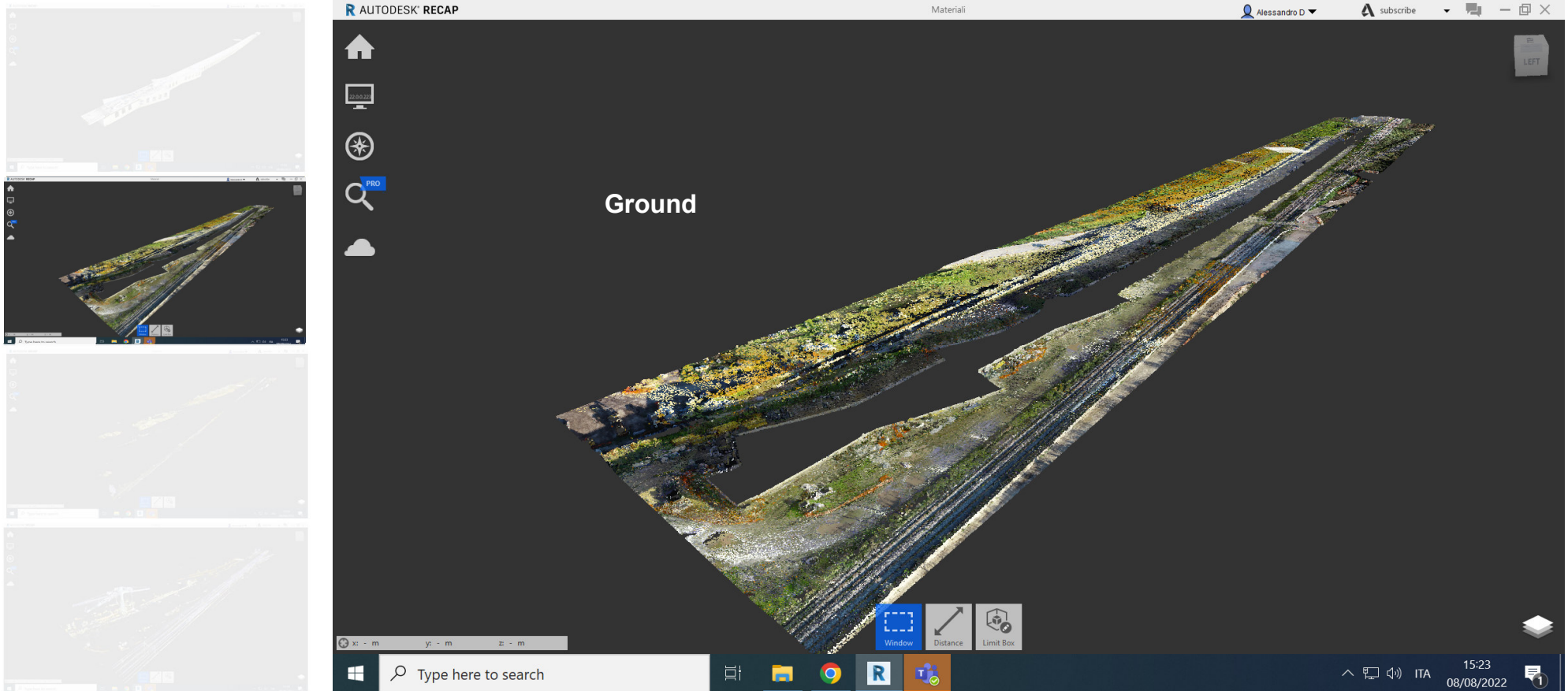
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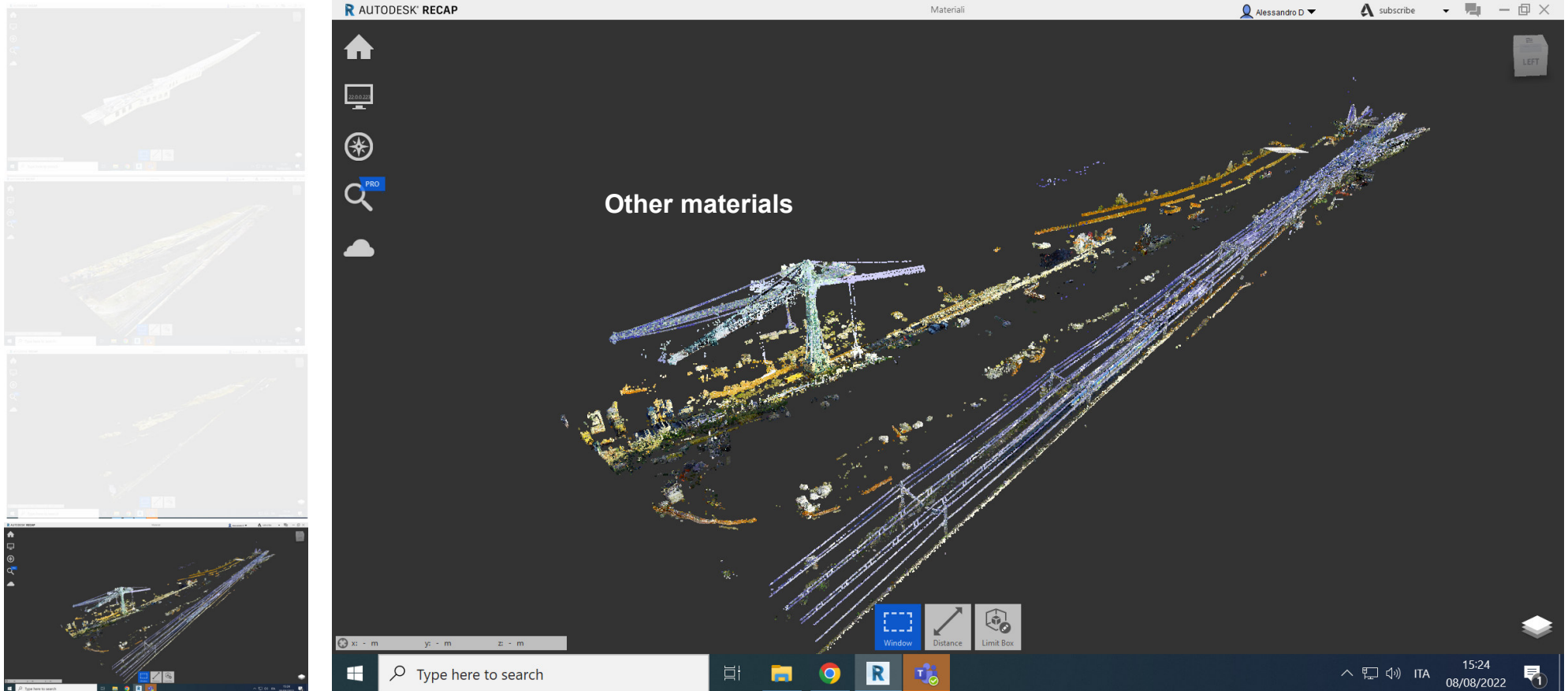
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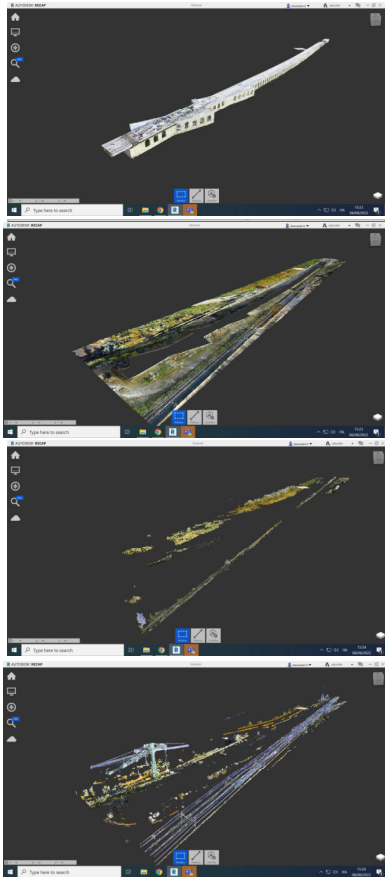
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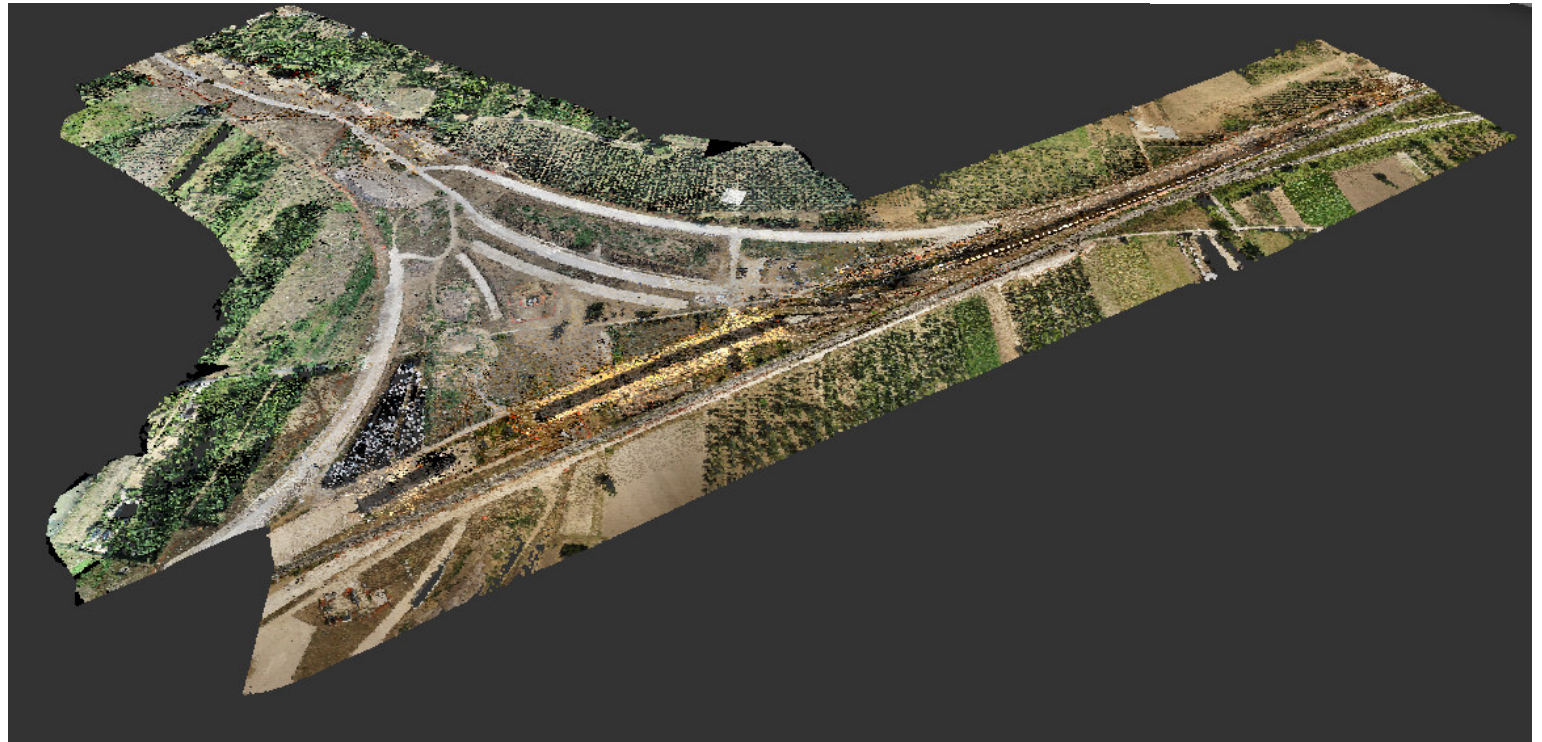
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Construction site areas

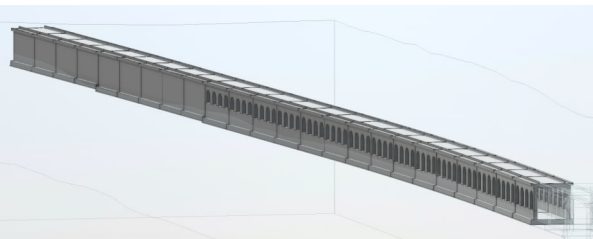
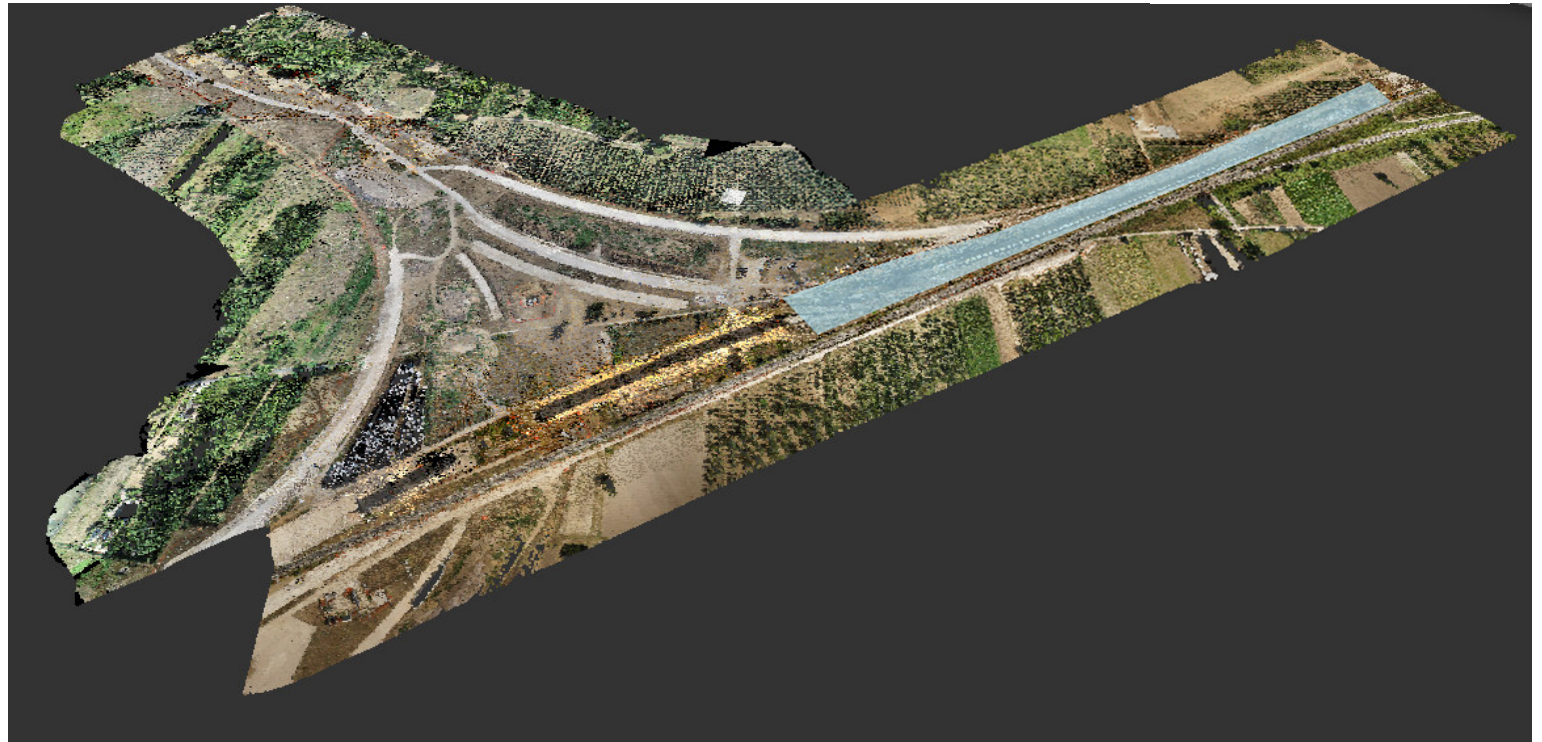


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Construction site areas



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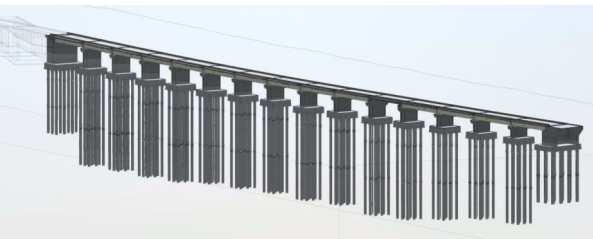
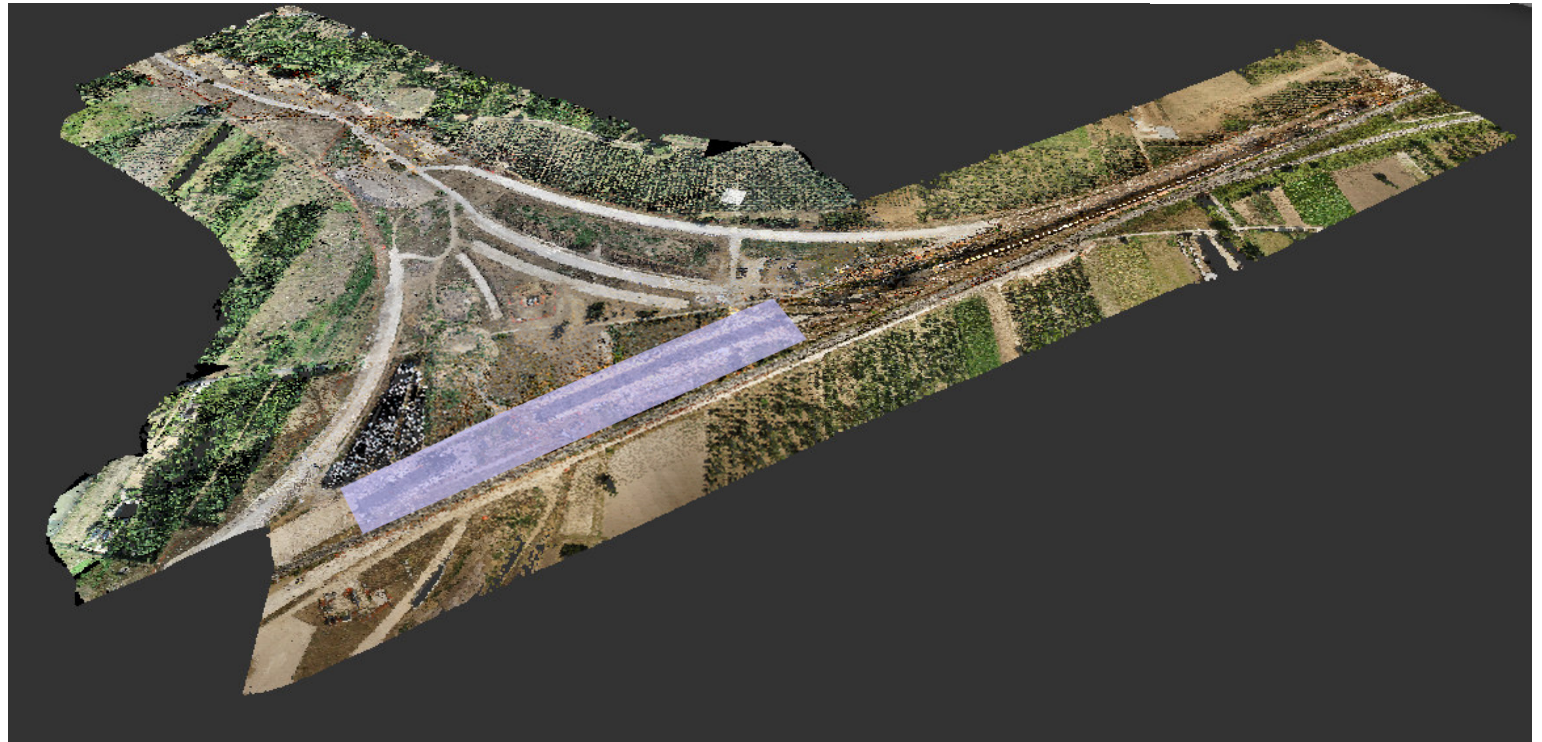
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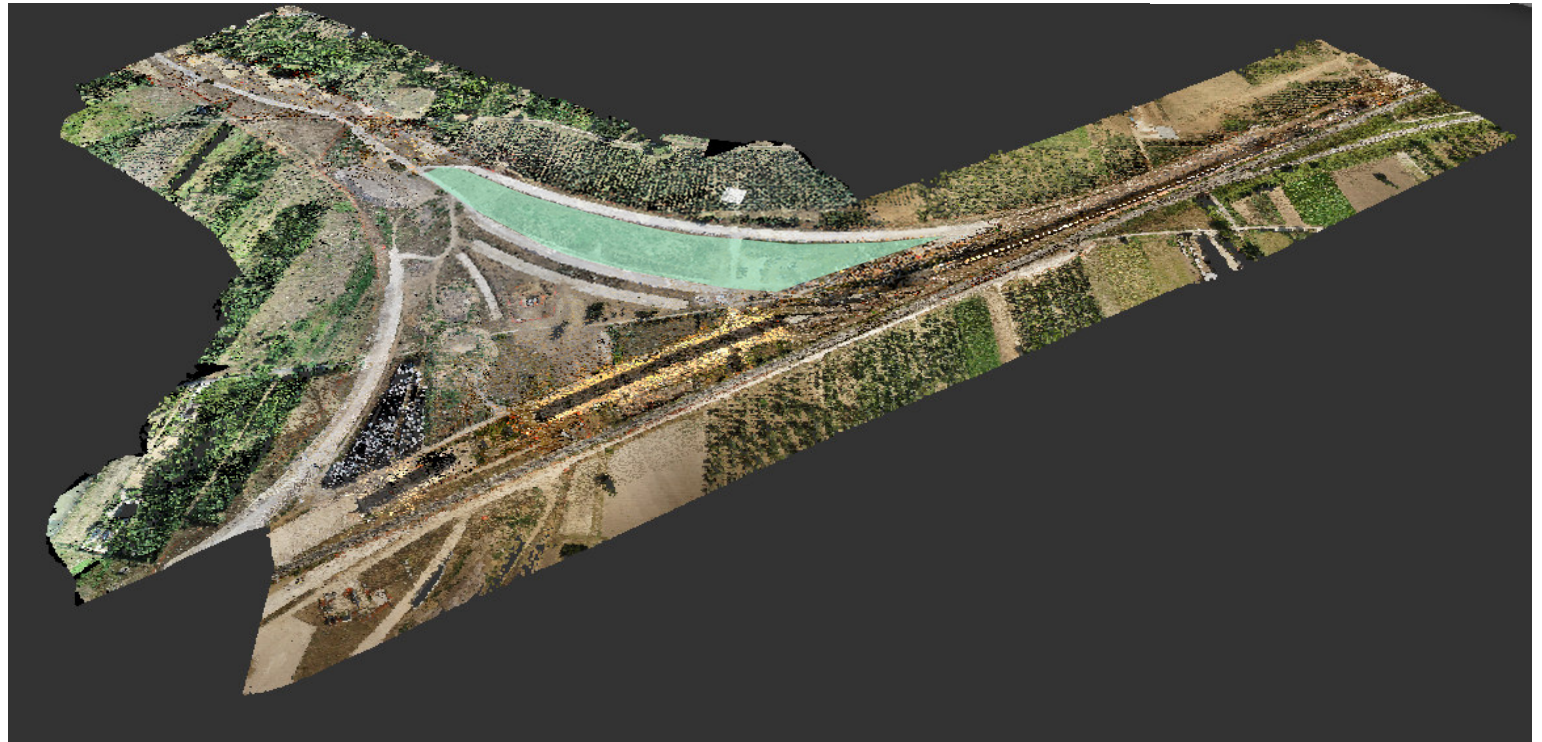
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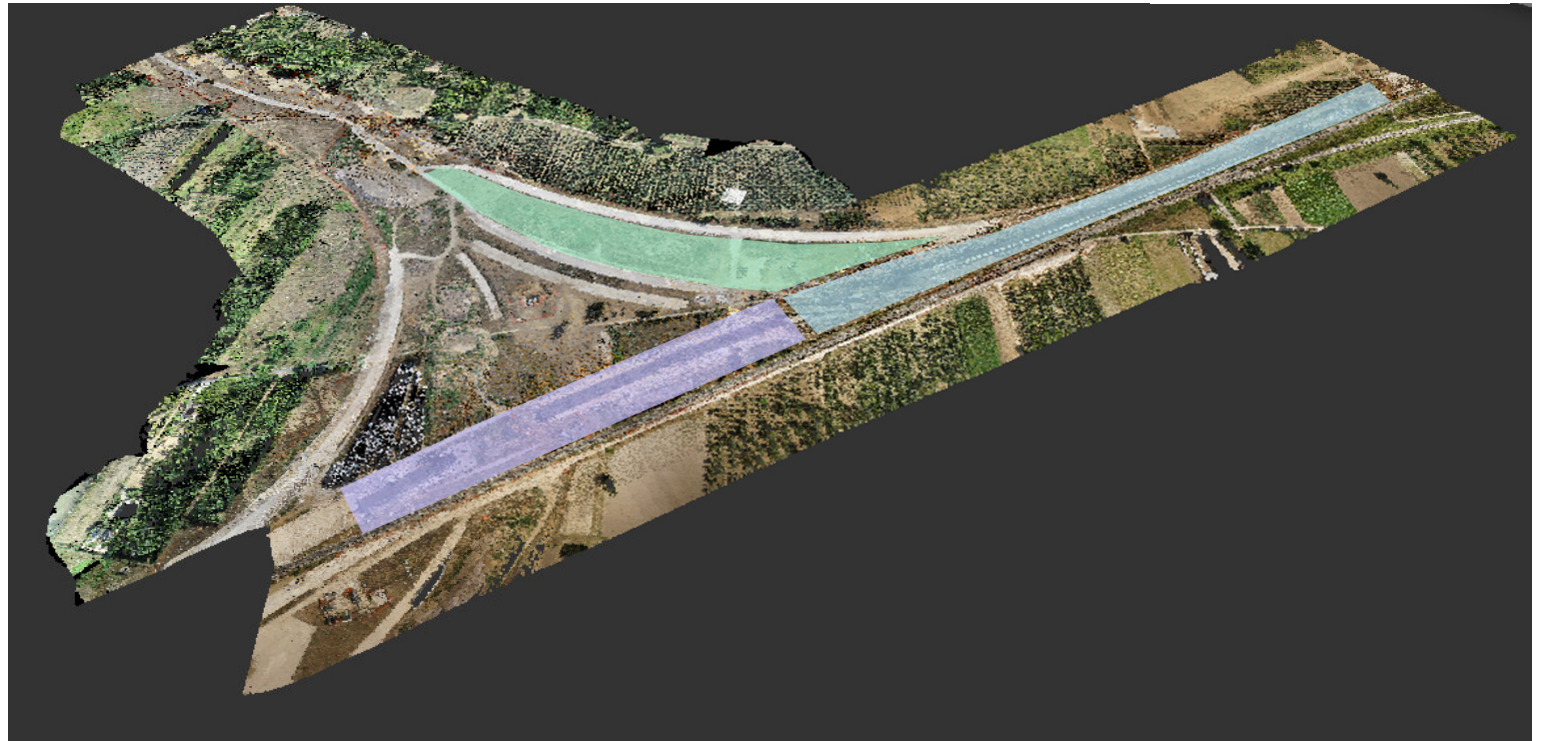


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Construction site areas



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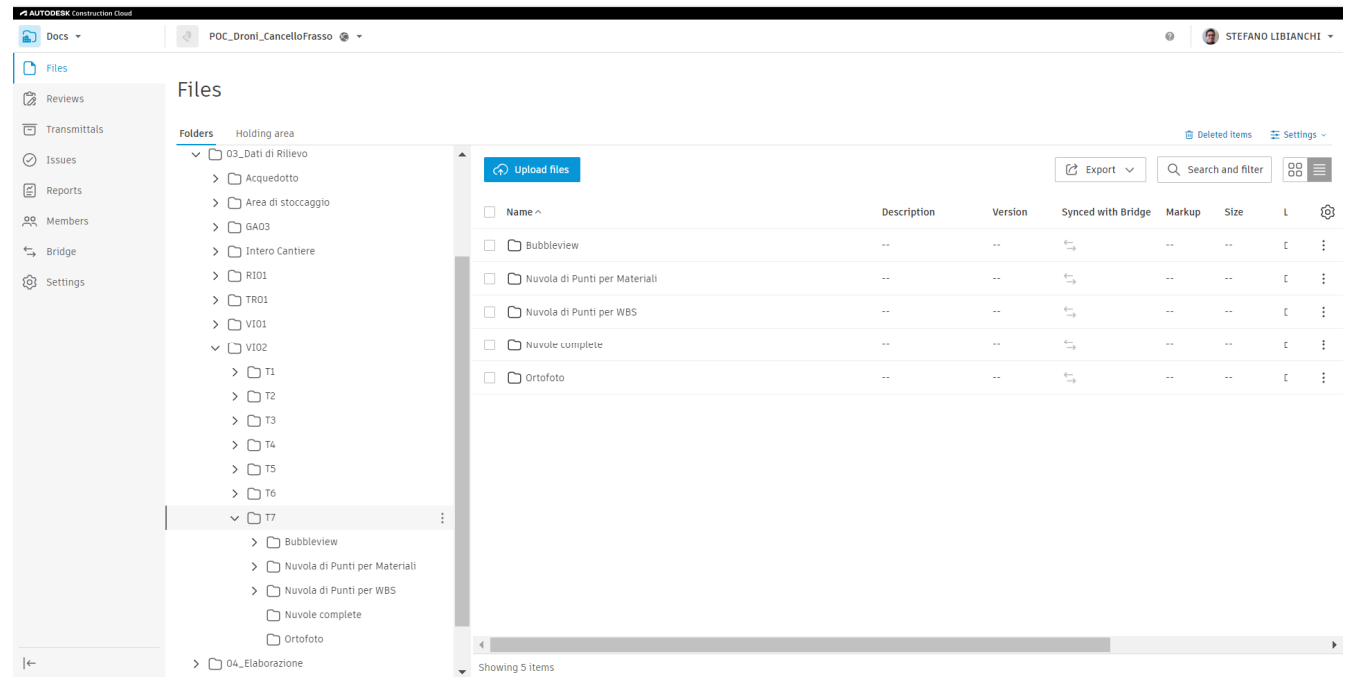


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Folder structure on ACC

ACC folder structure:

- **Main WBS Element**
 - **Survey**
 - **Bubbleview**
 - **Point Clouds by Material**
 - **Point Clouds by WBS**
 - **Structured Point Clouds**
 - **Ortophotos**



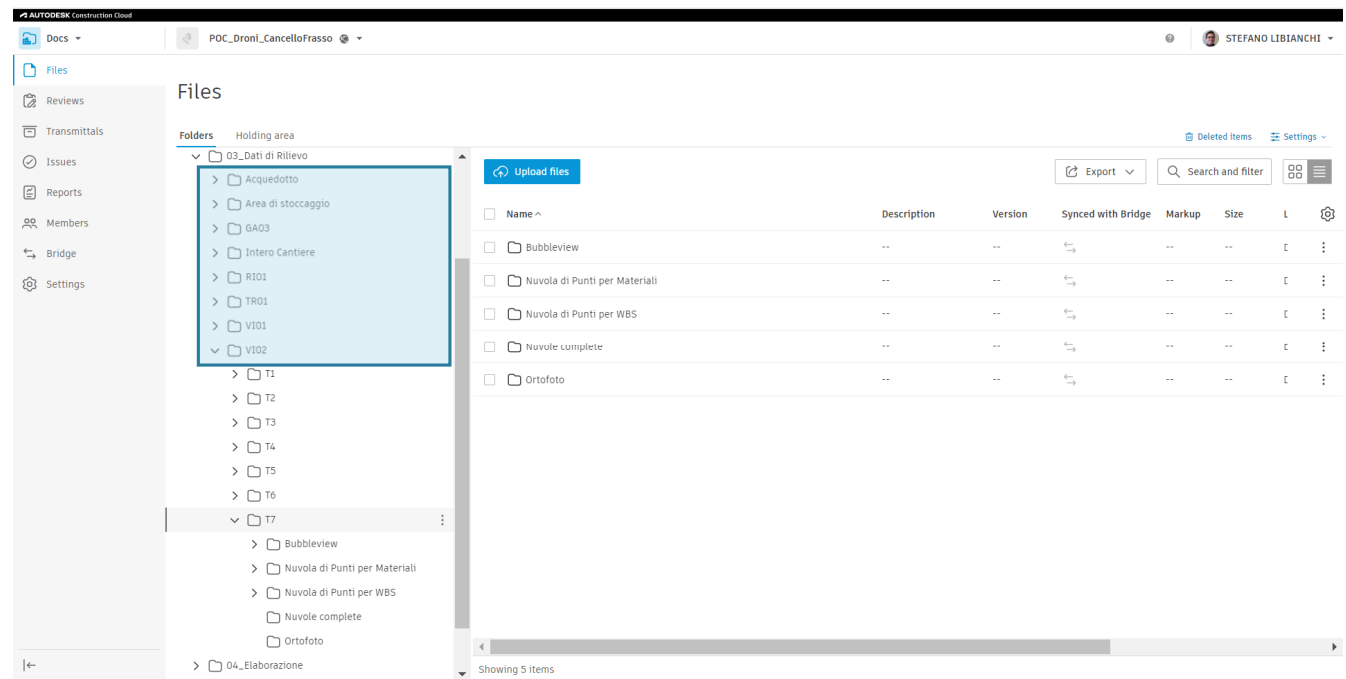
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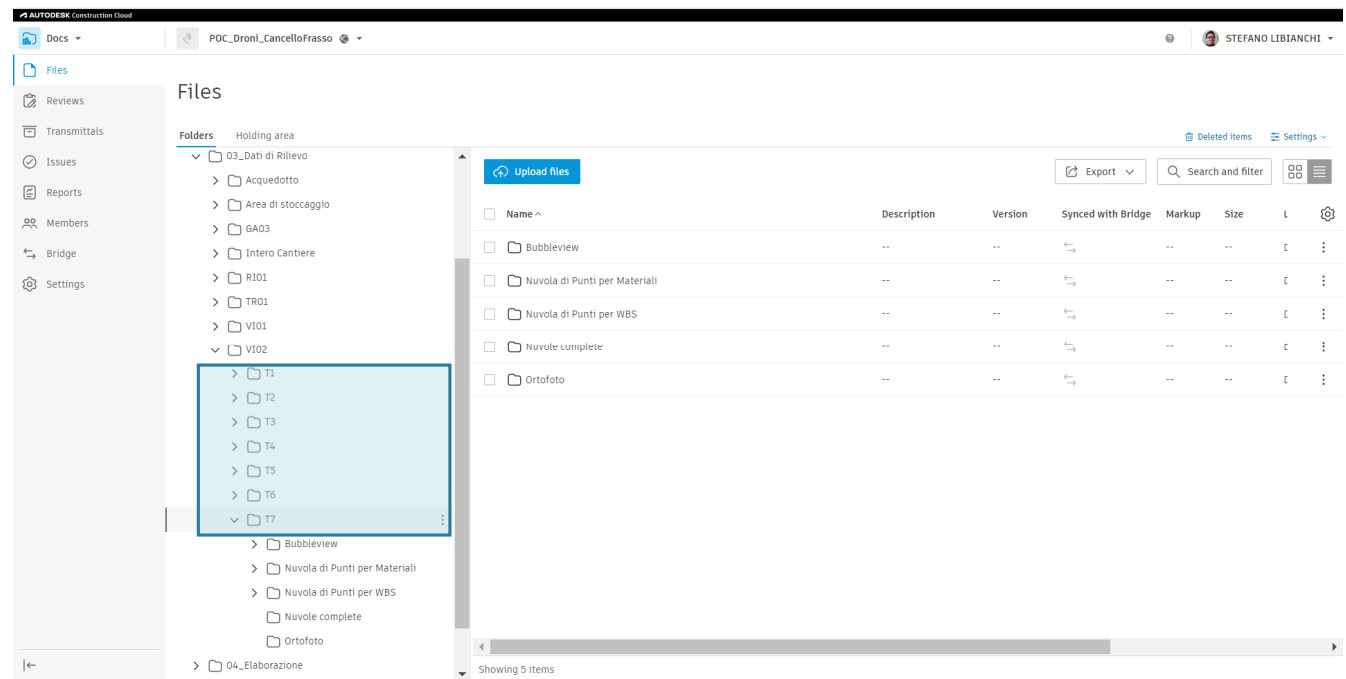
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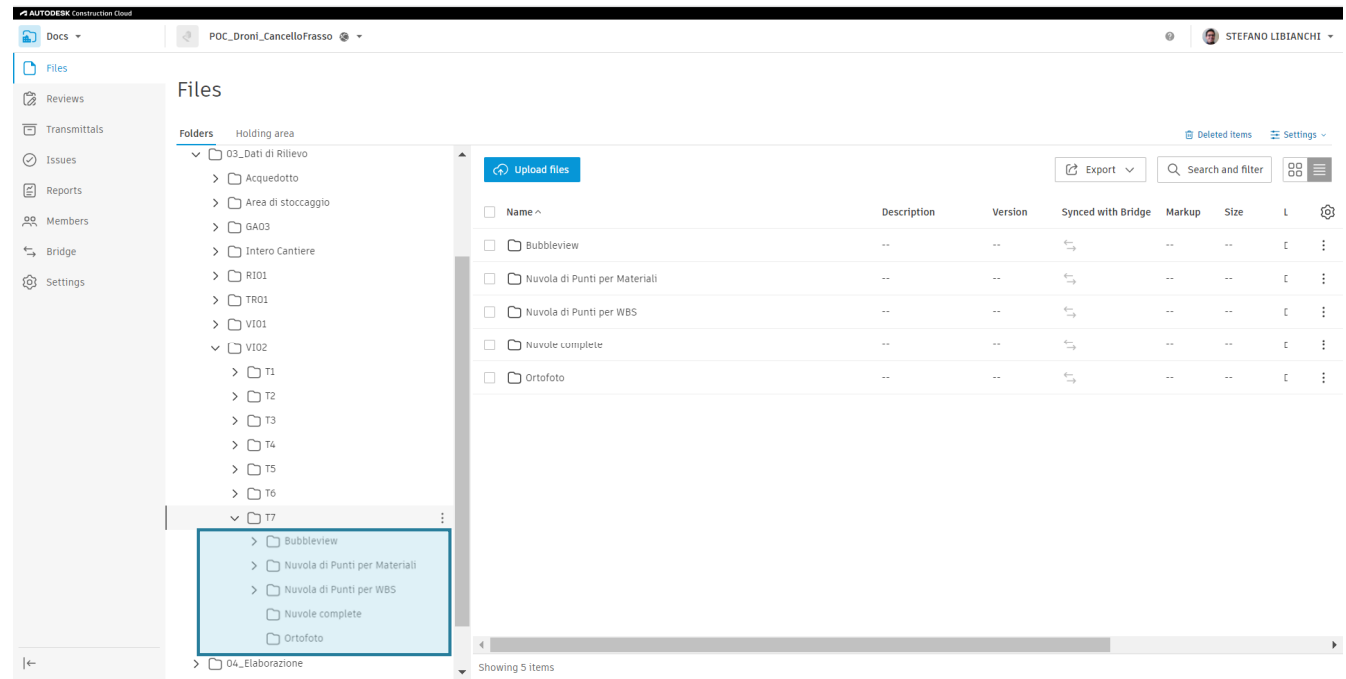
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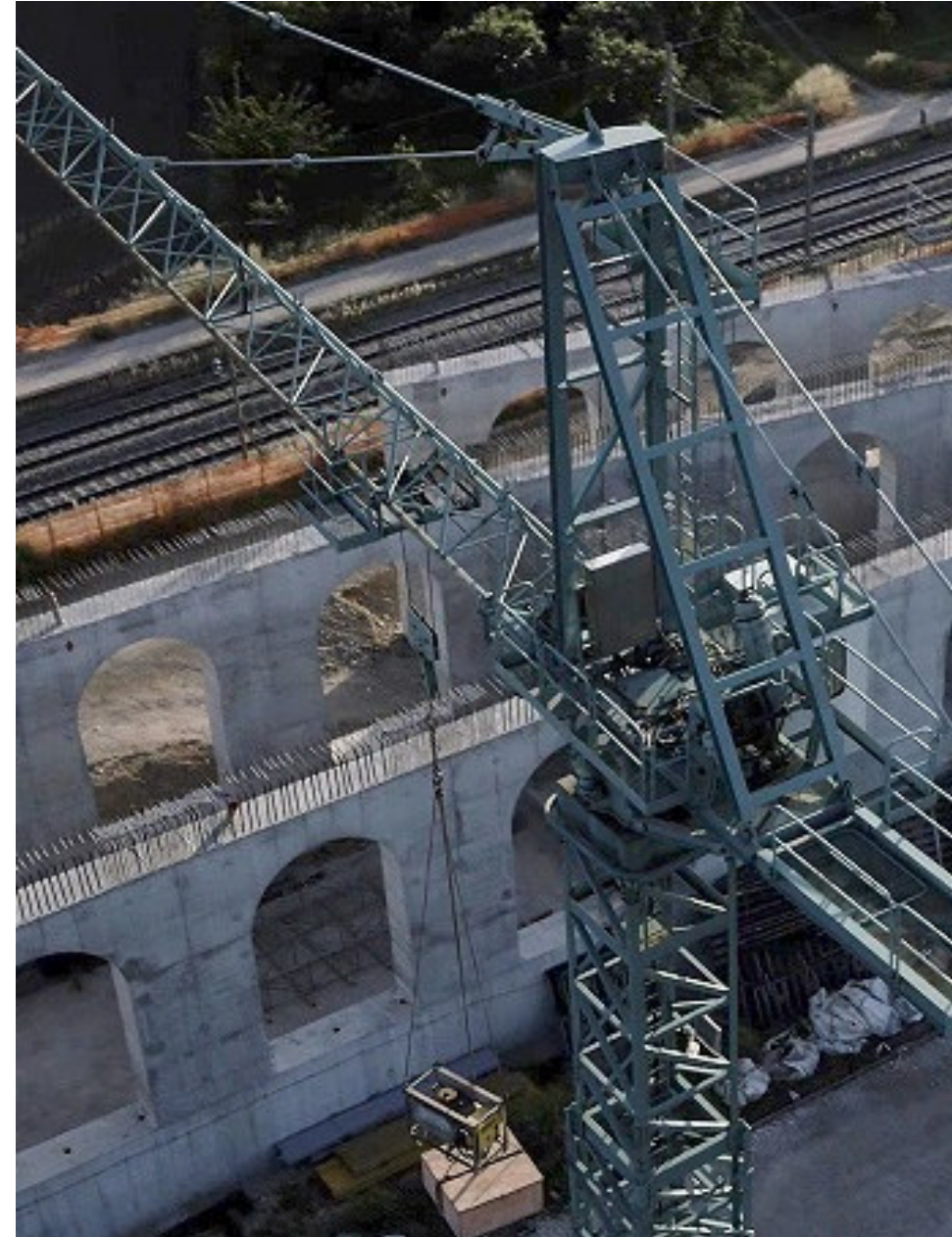
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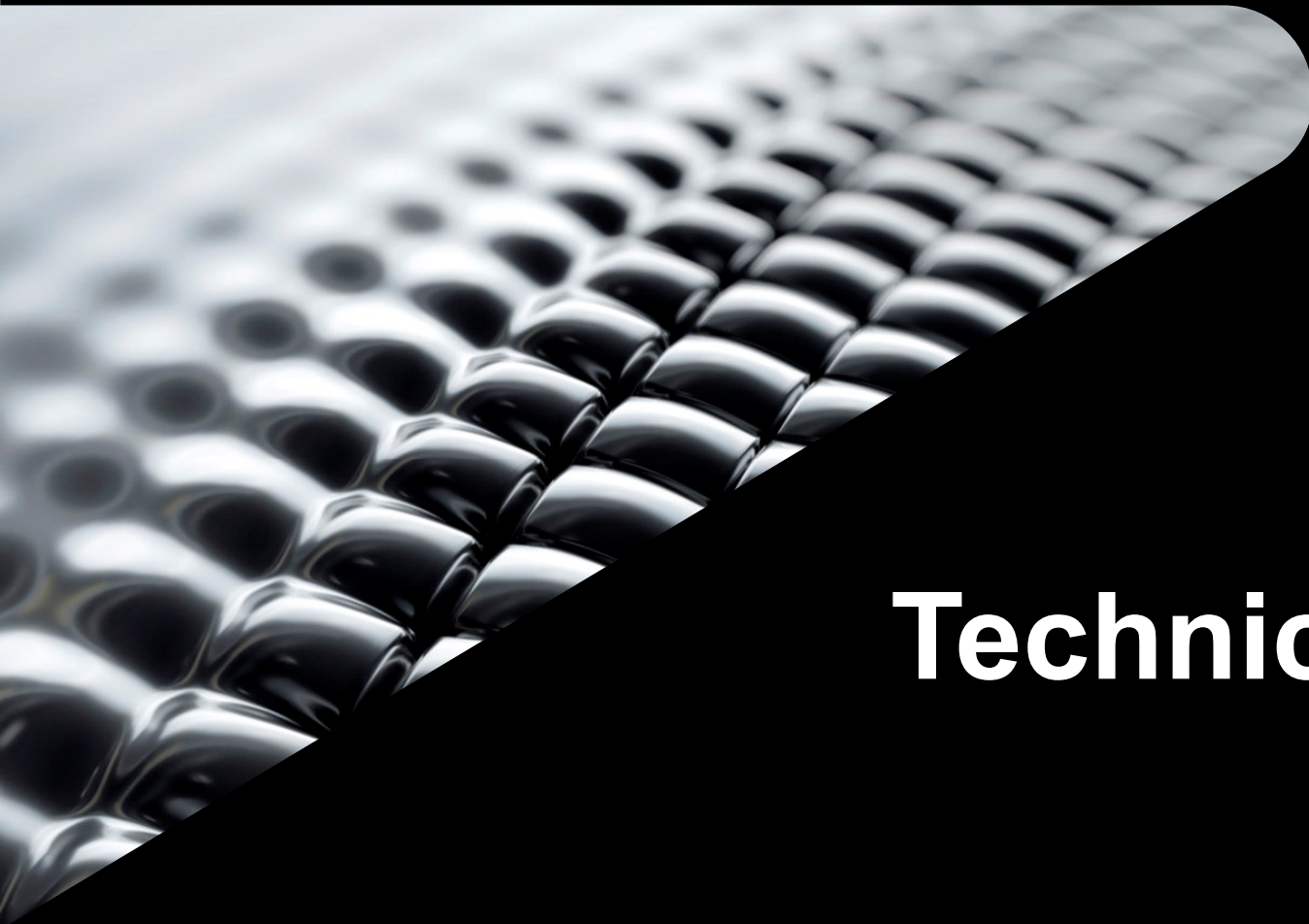
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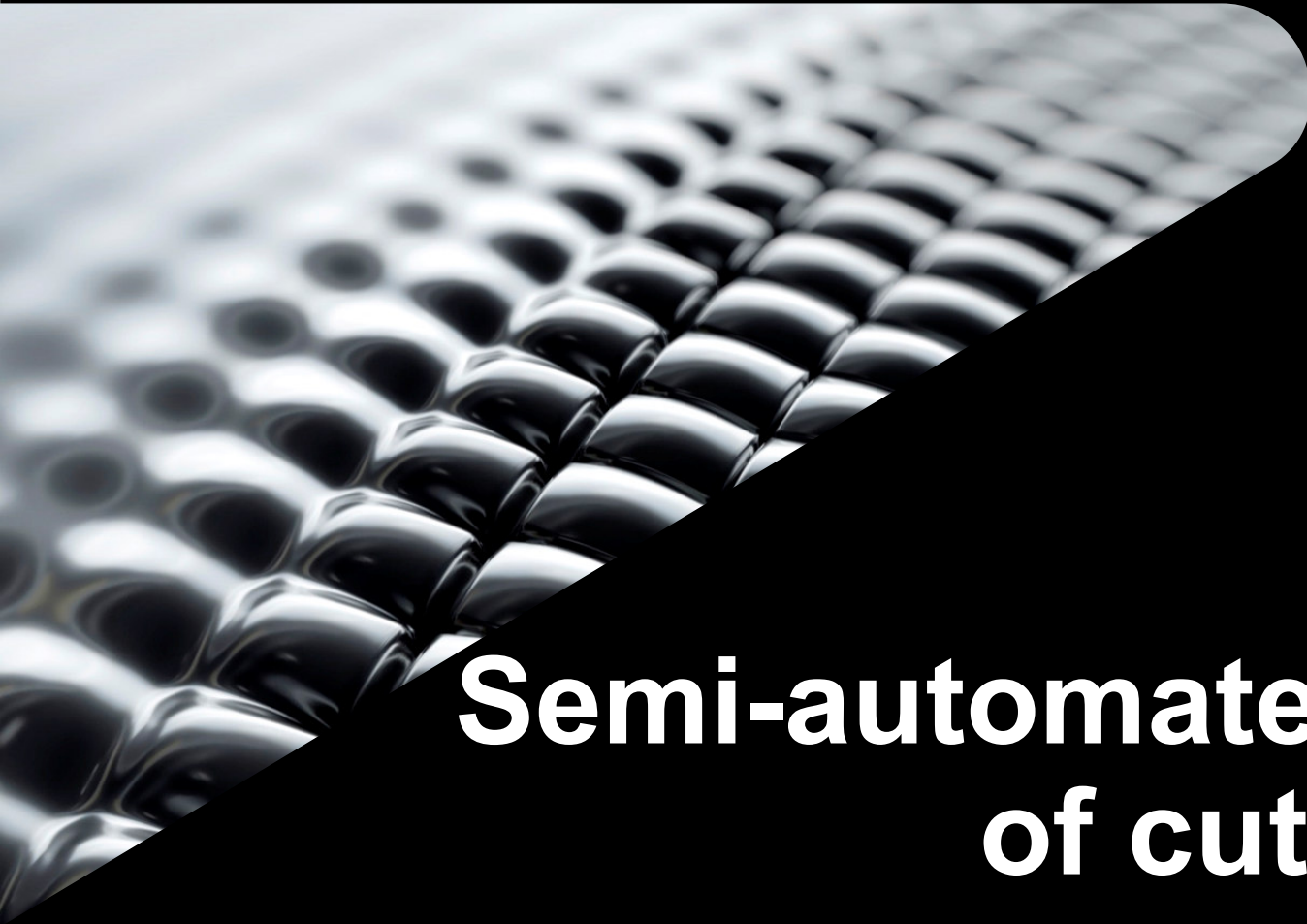
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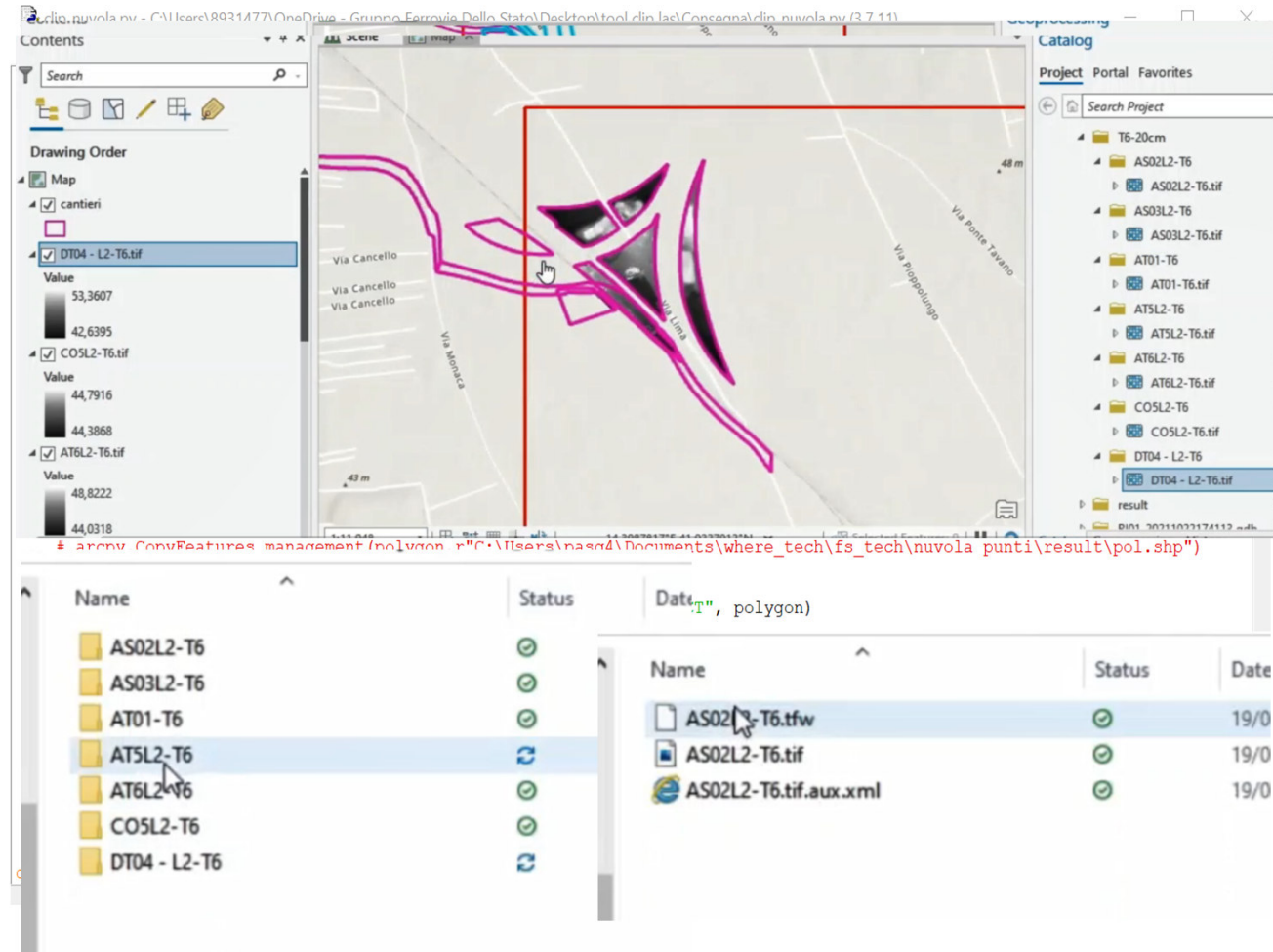
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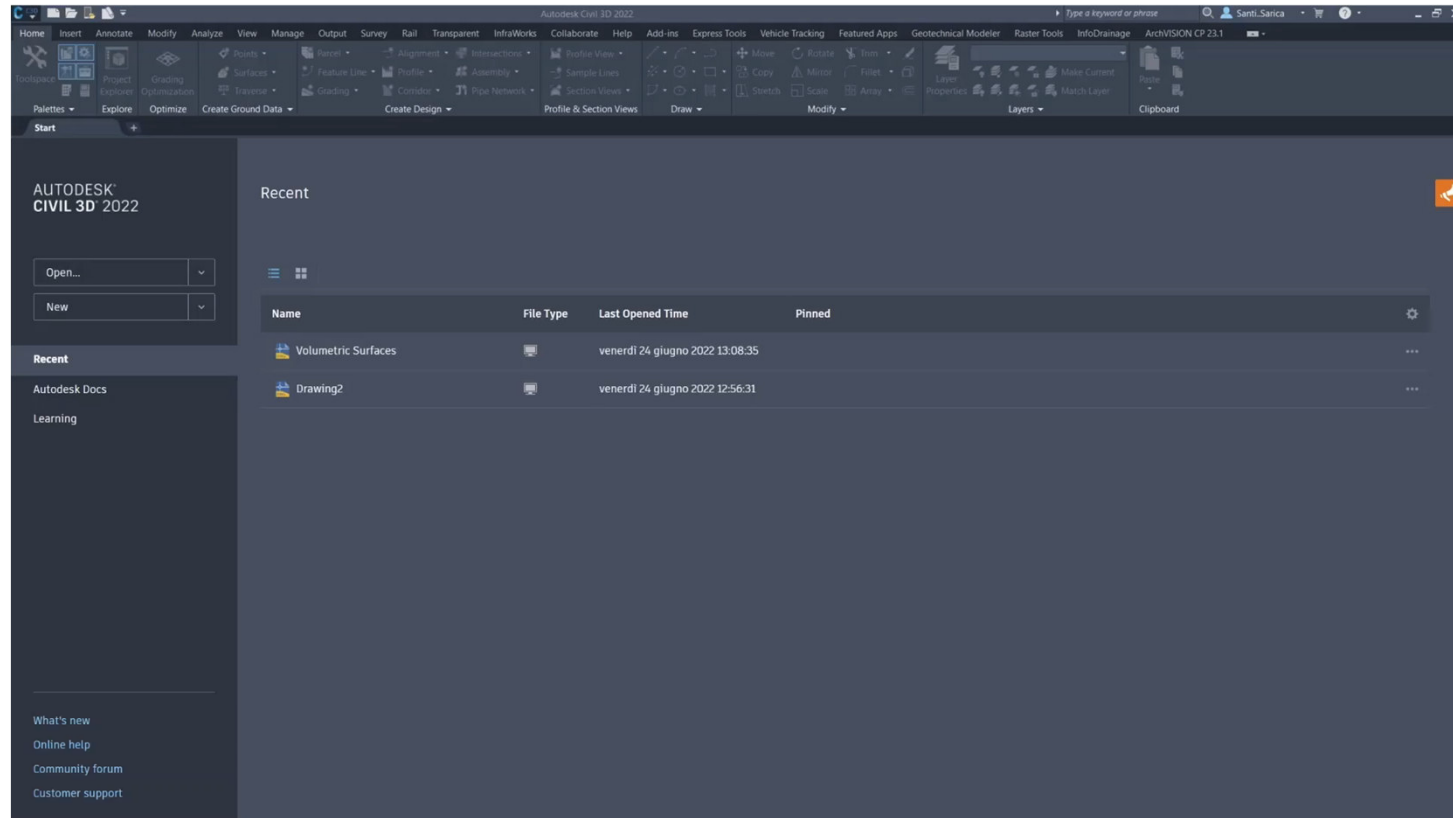
Data preparation

- Point Cloud Management:
 - Classification and Ground Level
 - .las files merge
- Construction Site Feature Classes
 - Area name as a data attribute
- Python Script :
 - DEMs trimming by area
 - Renaming area + survey suffix



Creating the volumetric surfaces - Civil3D

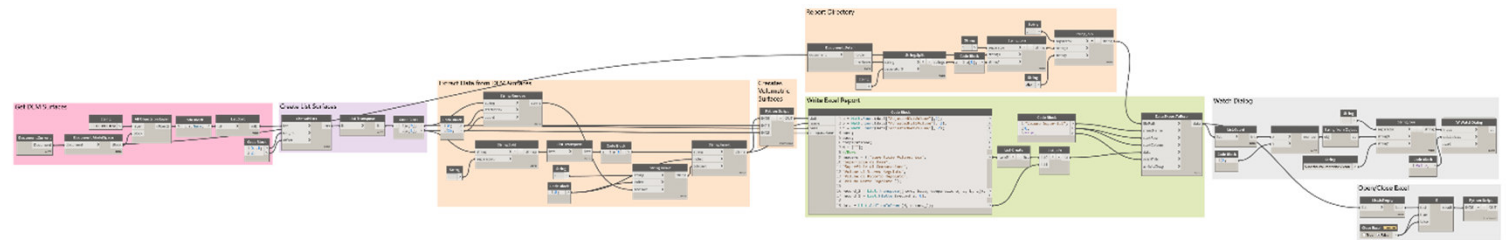
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Creating the volumetric surfaces - Civil3D

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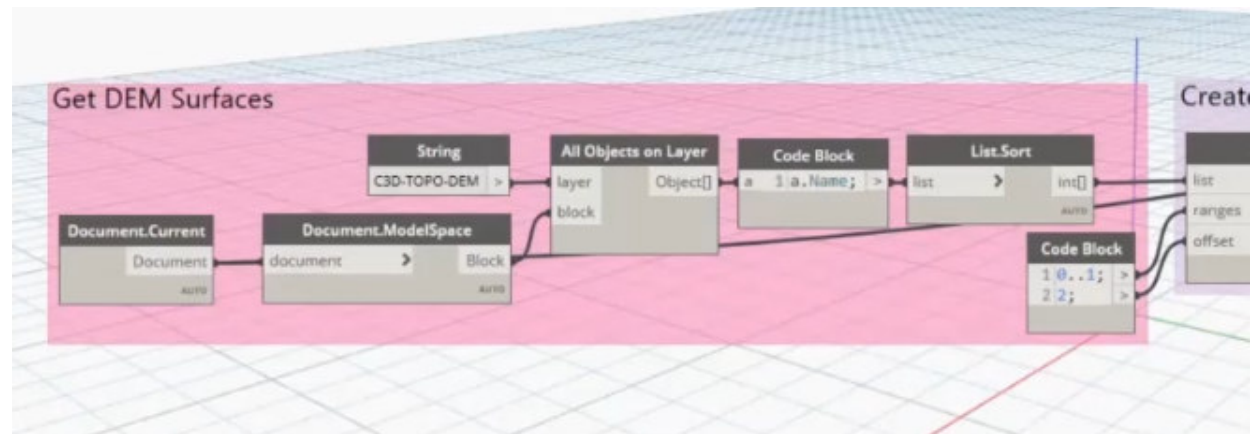
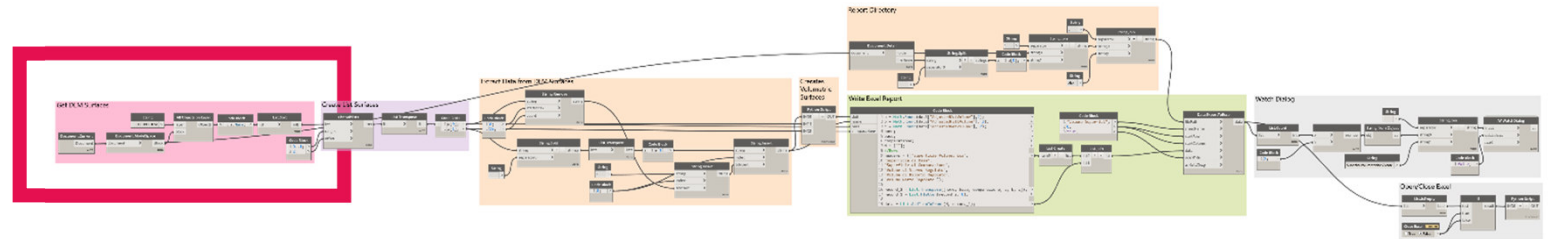
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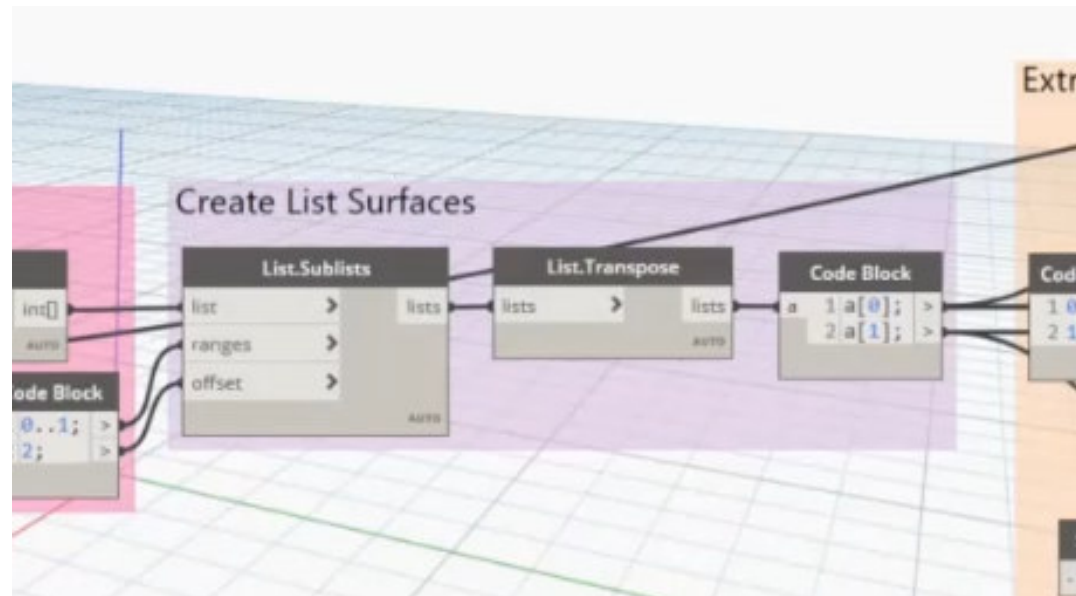
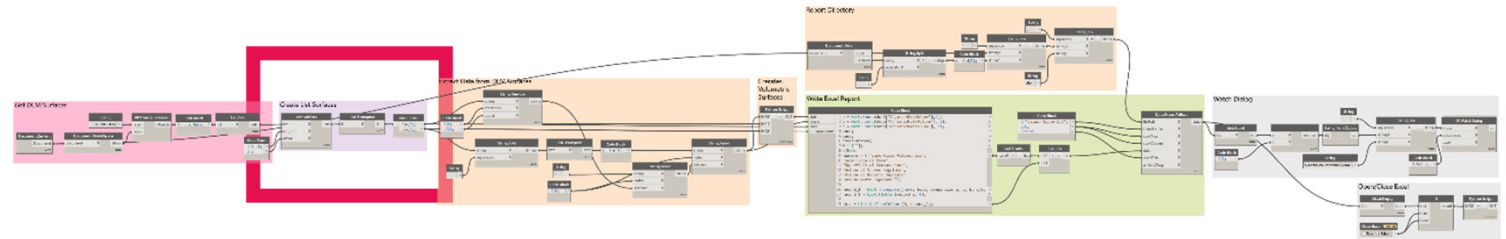
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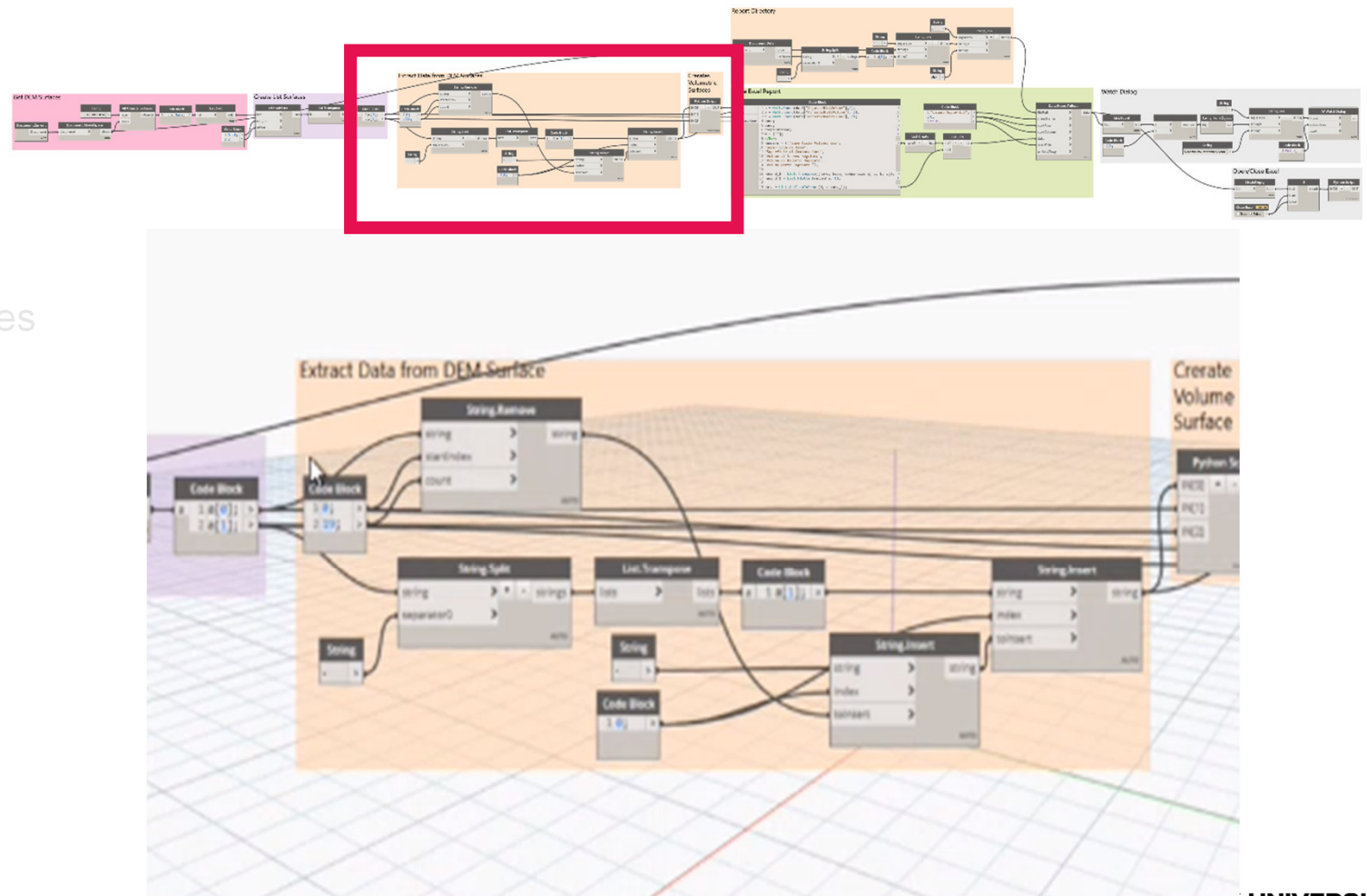
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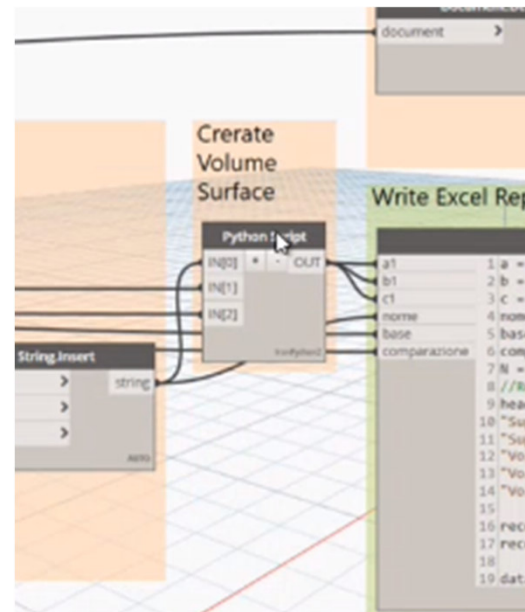
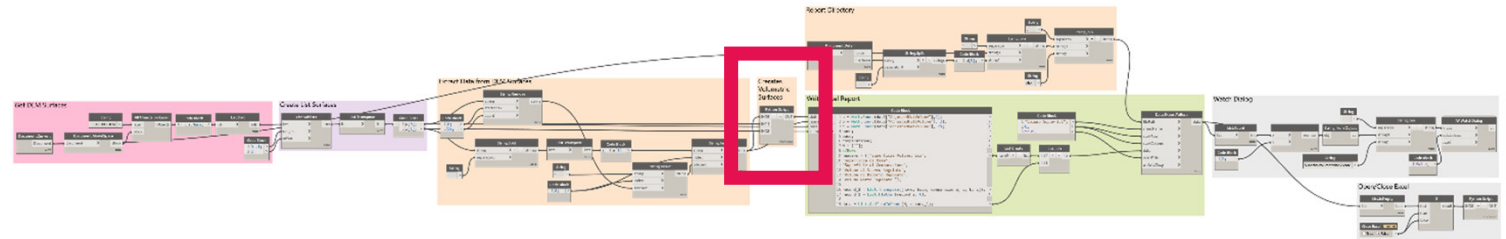
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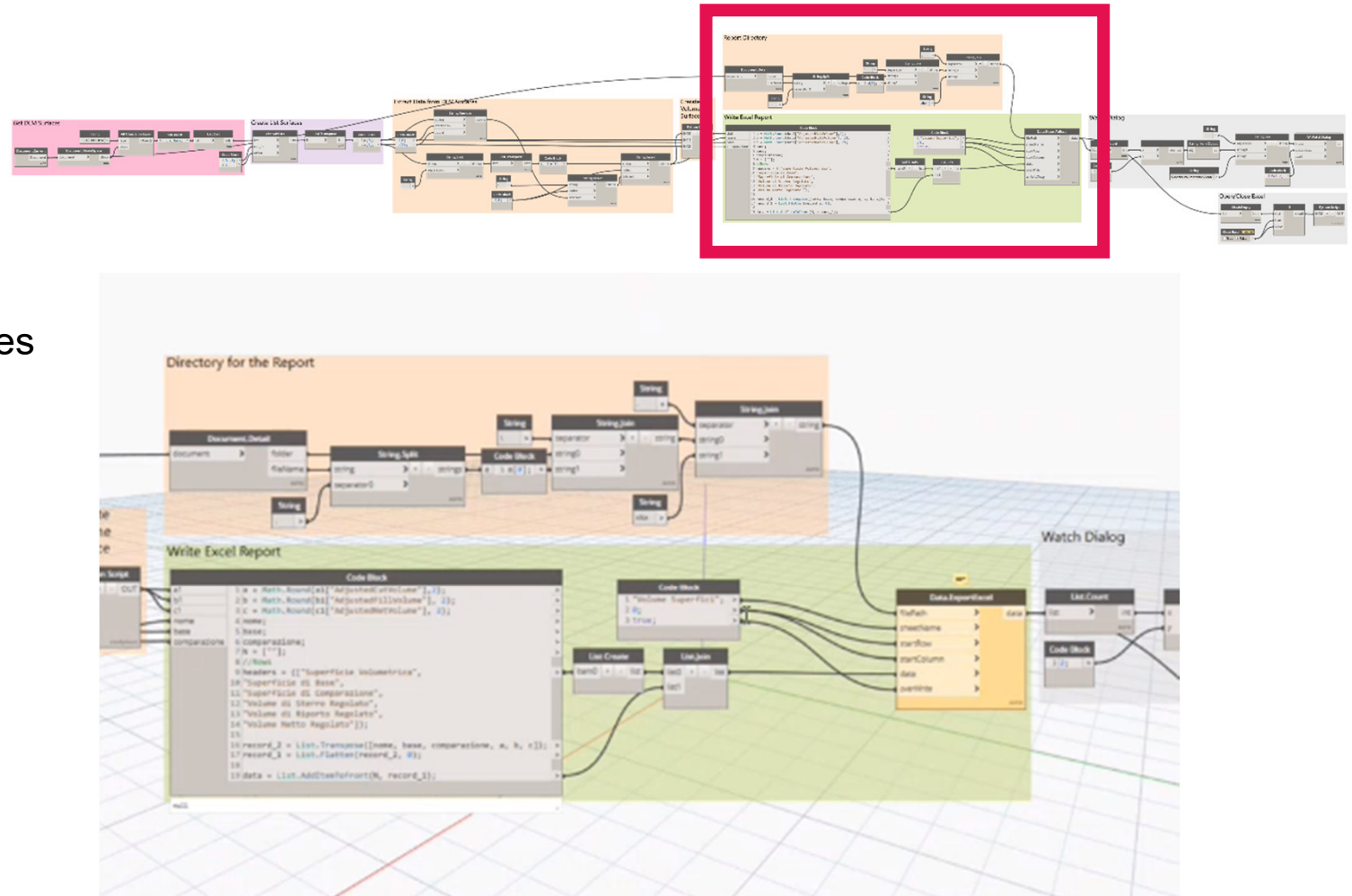
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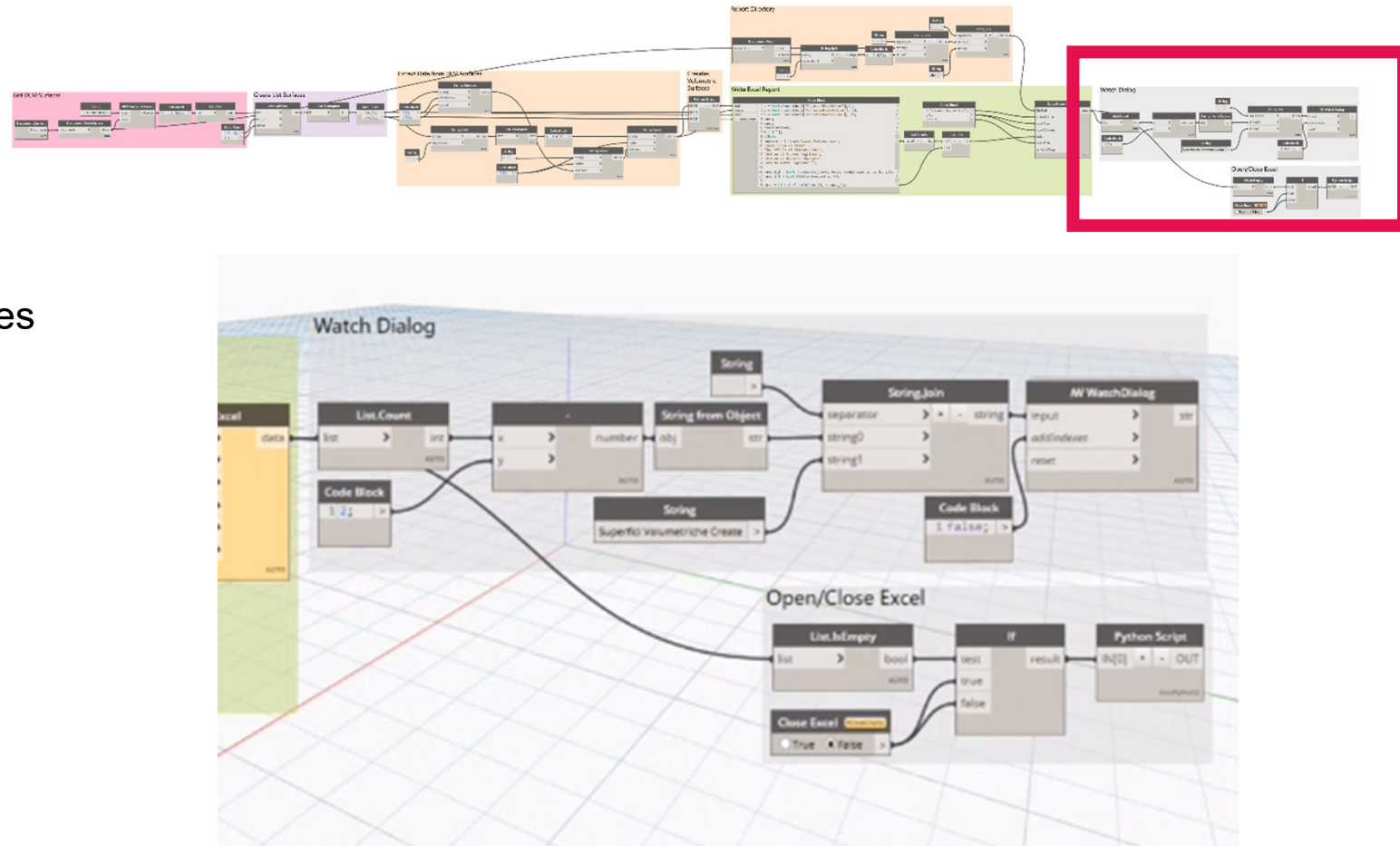
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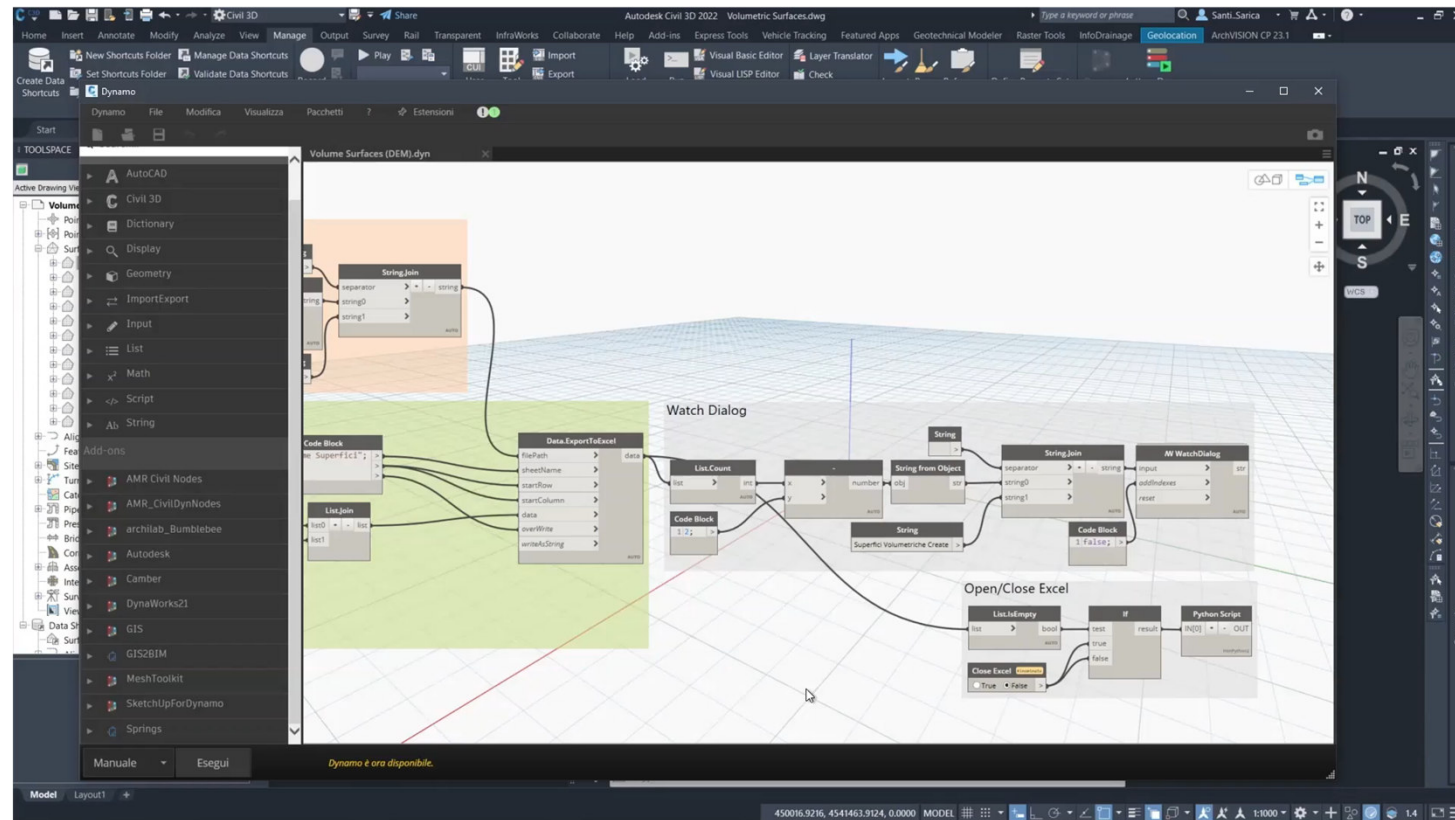
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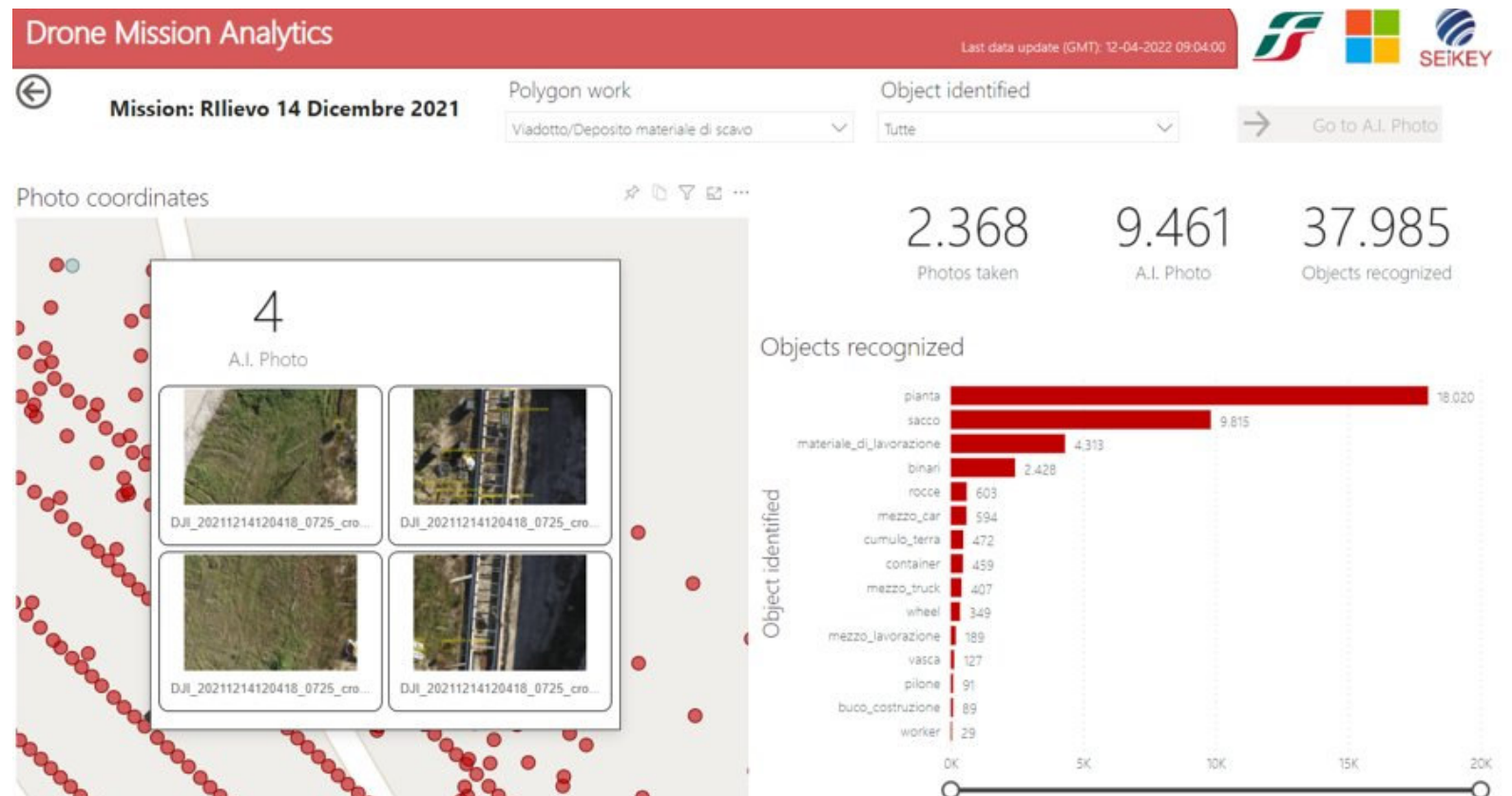
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Building the Project Dashboard

- The reports extracted suitable for Business Intelligence tools
- Project dashboard to interrogate and visualize on a map

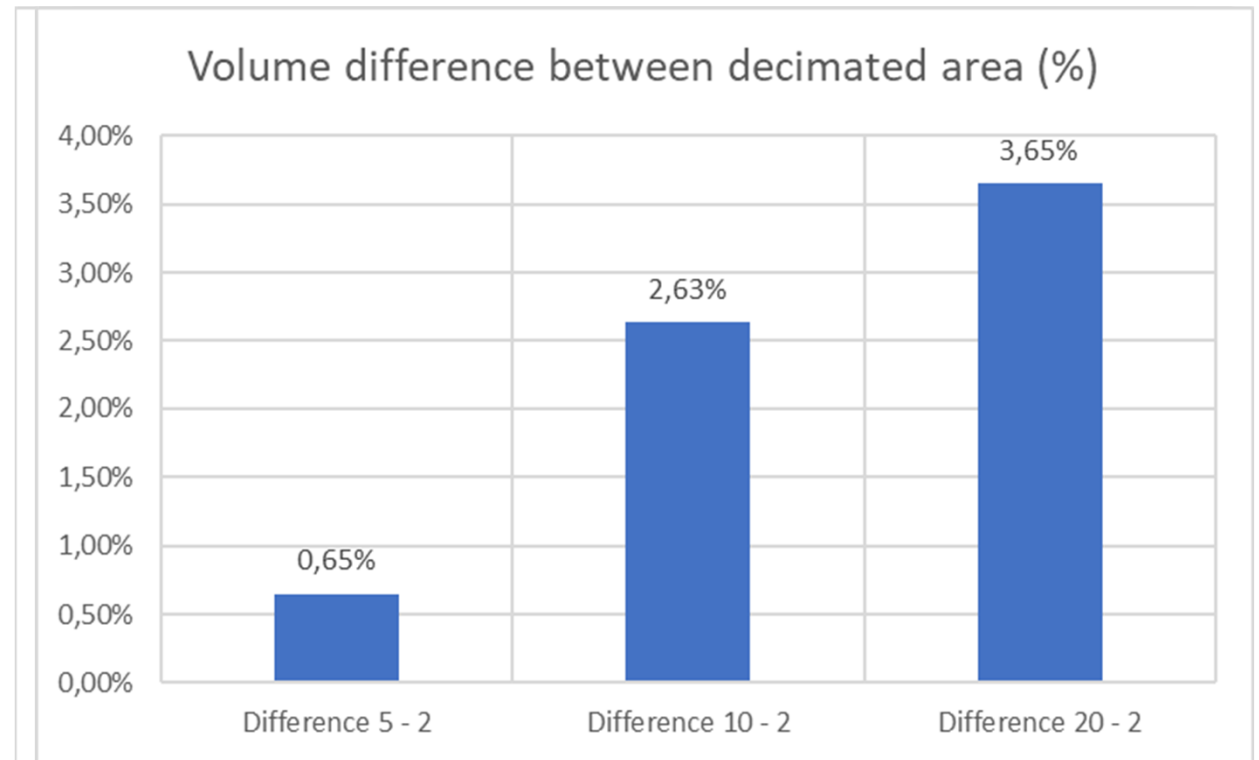


Workflow analysis

Estimating processing time and accuracy

- Result:

- Point cloud decimation
- DEM processing
- Surfaces generation in Civil 3D

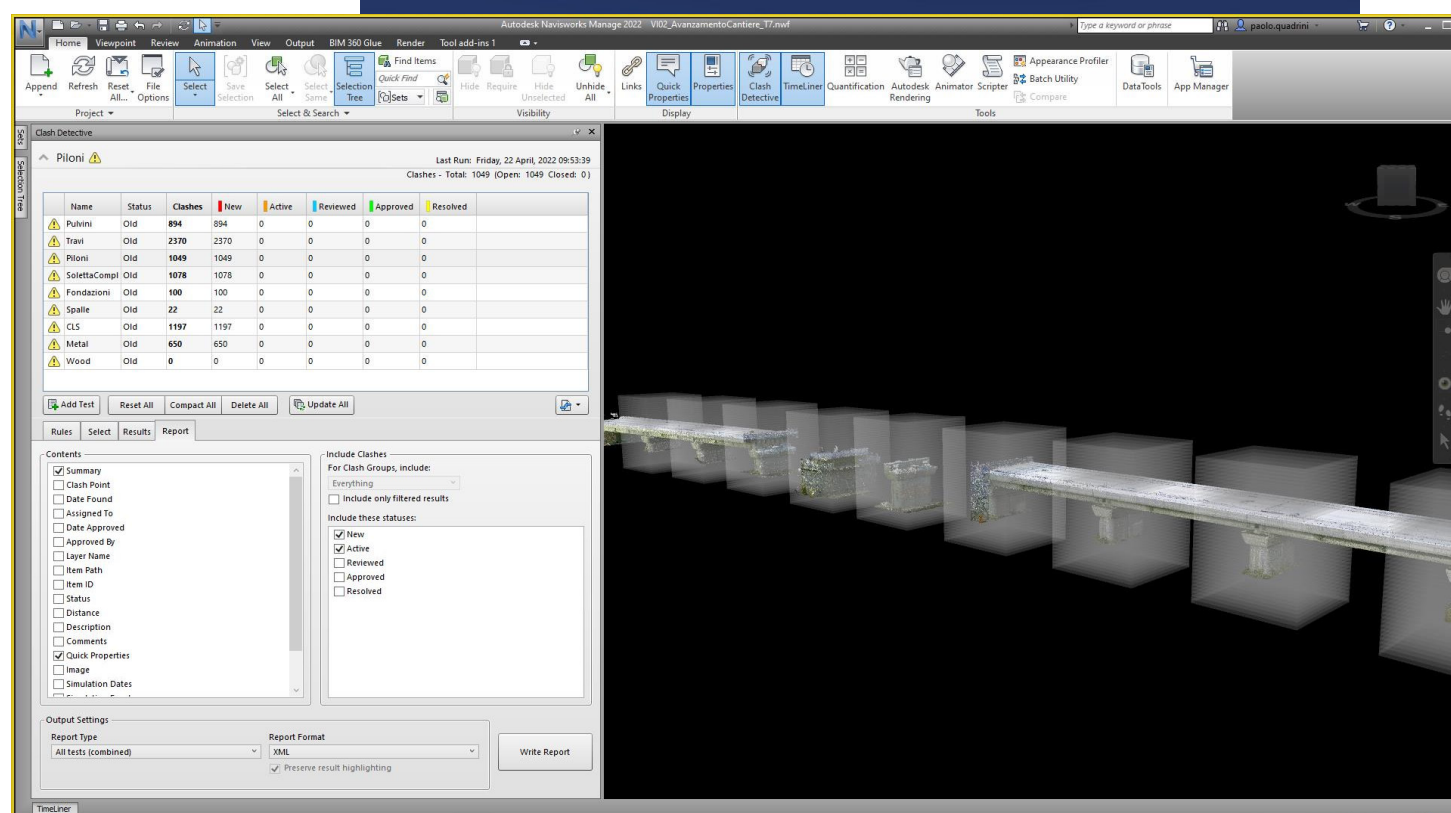


A close-up photograph of a textured surface, possibly a metal mesh or a woven fabric, with a grid of raised, rounded elements. The image is in black and white and has a rounded top edge.

**Estimate of the physical
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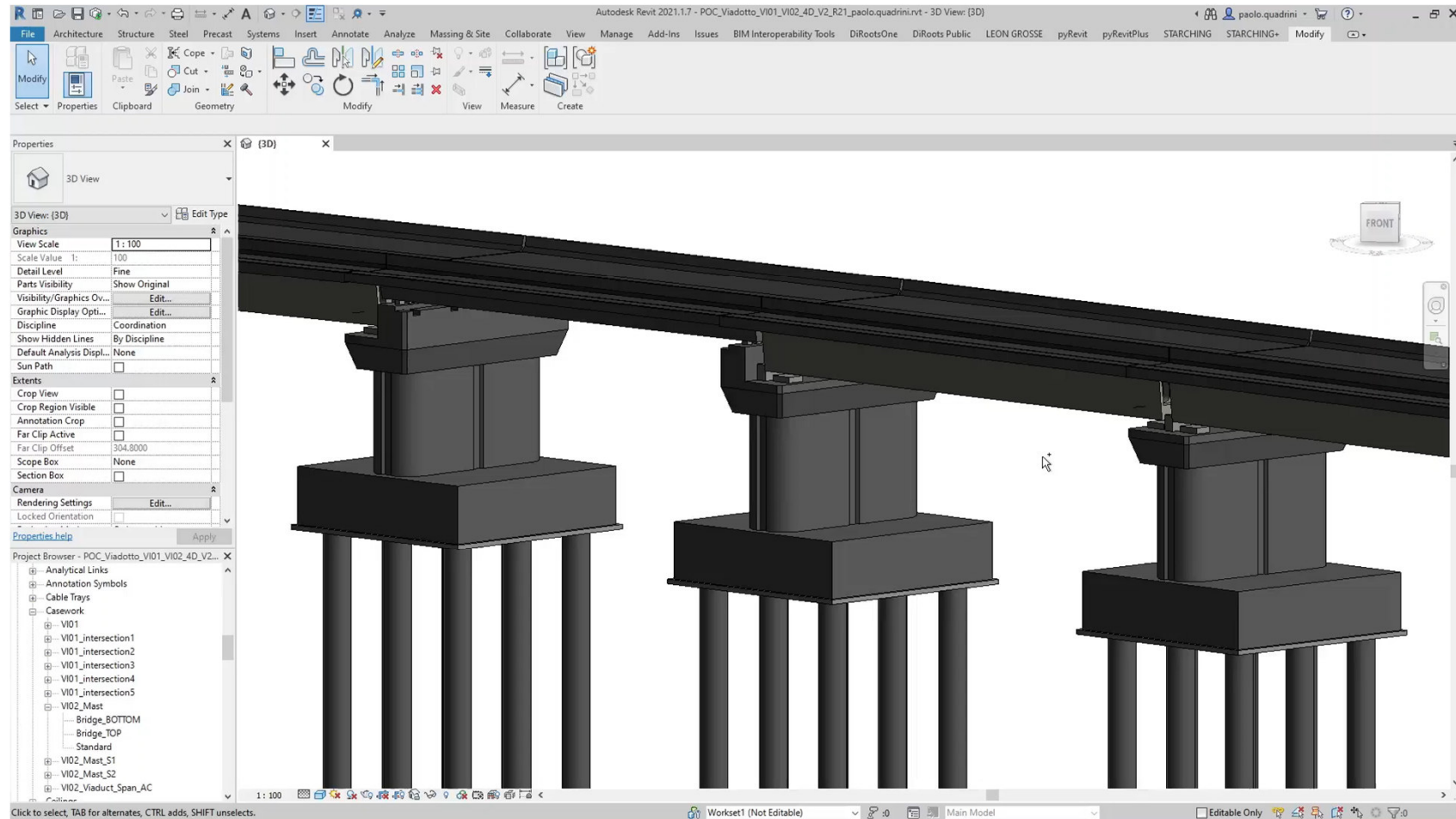
Solution for Calculating the Physical Progress of Infrastructures

- Physical Progress of the Structures
 - True model
 - Simplified model
- Railway Embankments
- Navisworks Clash Detection
- Calculation algorithm and dashboard data integration



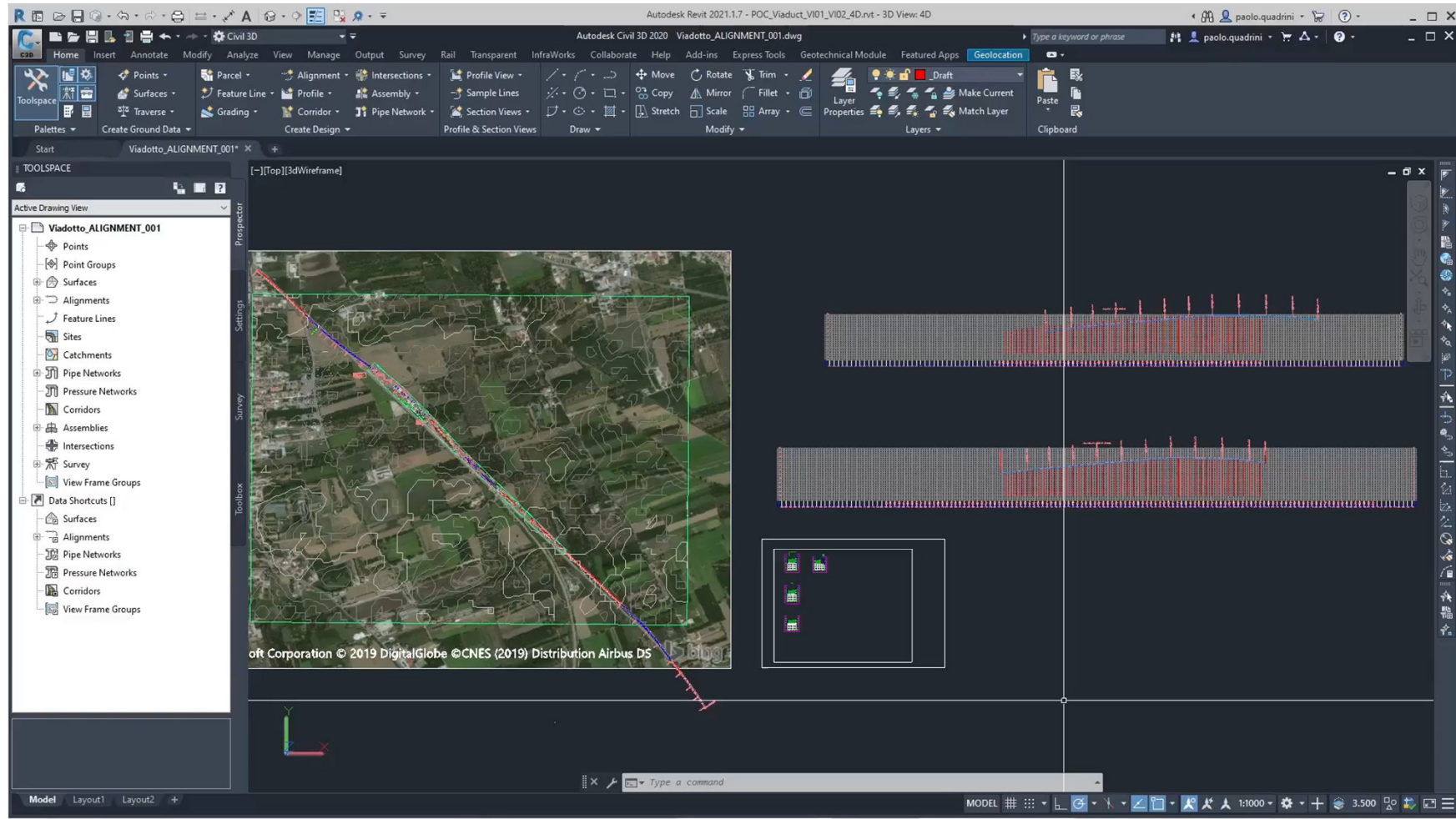
Physical Progress of Viaducts – True BIM Model

- Pre-loaded families
- Parameters



Physical Progress of Viaducts – True BIM Model

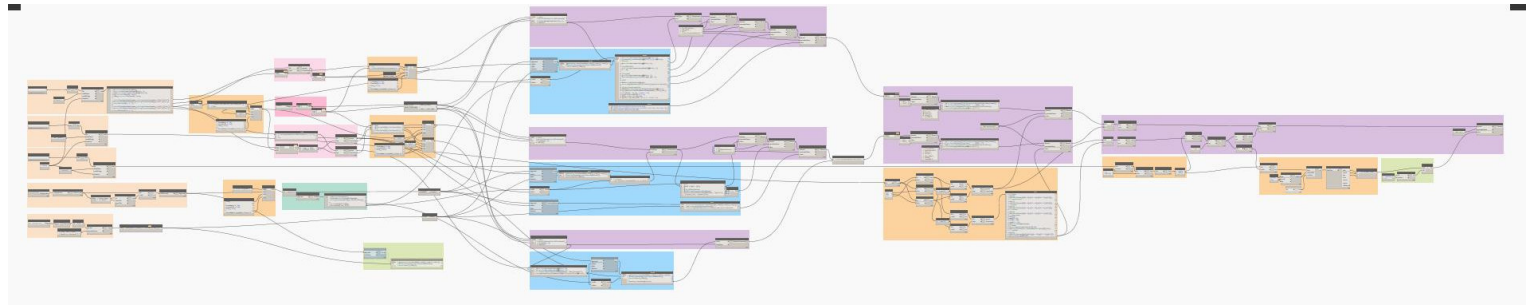
- Civil 3D Project
 - Path and elevation
- Shared coordinates
- Blank Revit project
- Dynamo Script



Physical Progress of Viaducts – True BIM Model

- **Dynamo Script**

- Input
- Graphic User Interface
- Manage data to build Revit elements
- Manage data to visualize Revit parameters



Physical Progress of Viaducts – True BIM Model

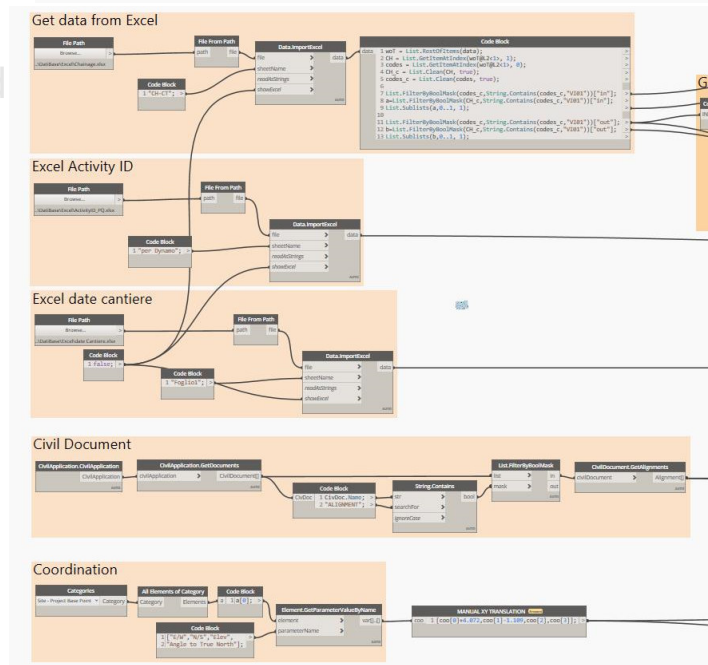
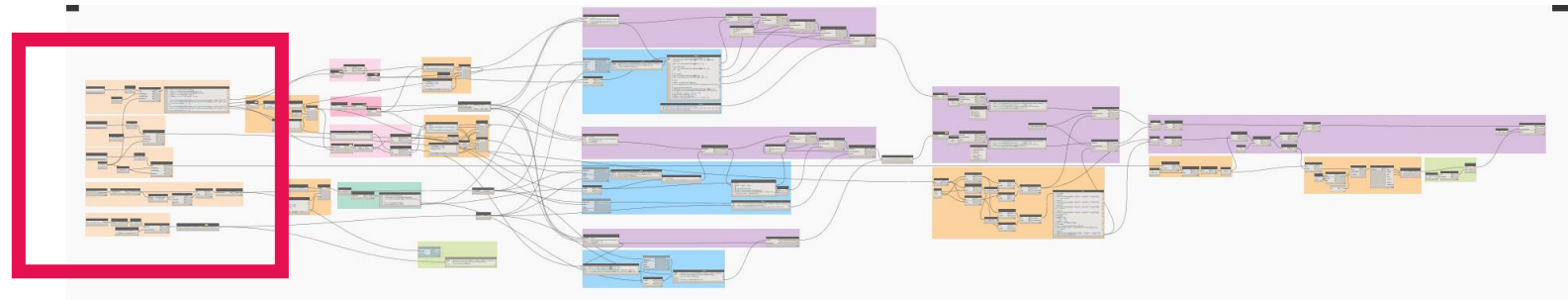
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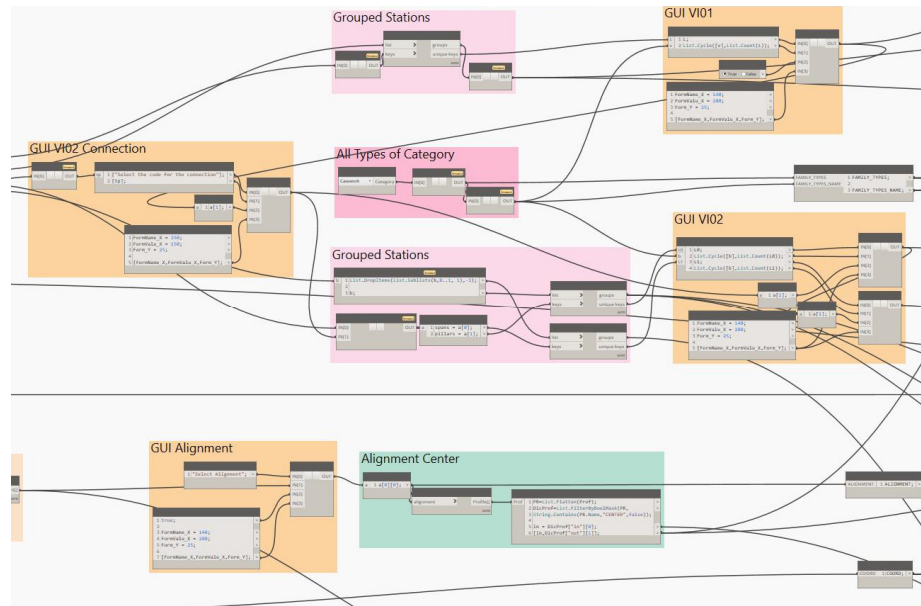
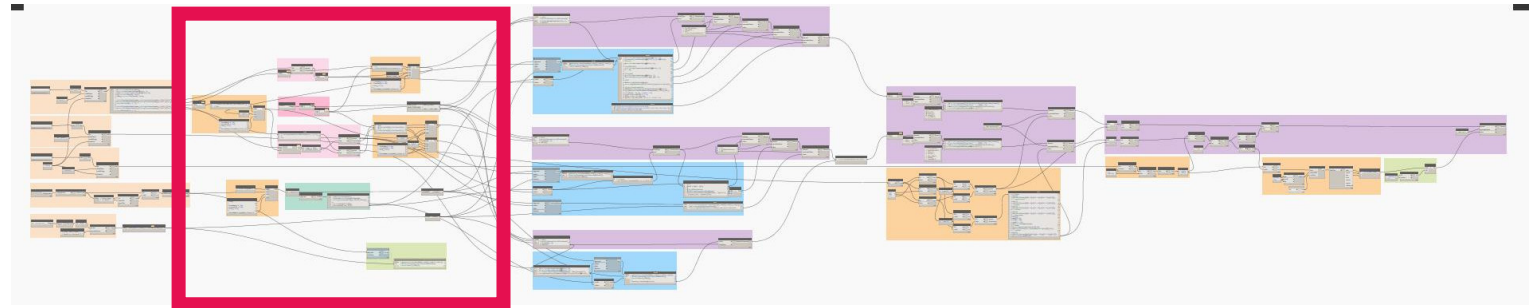
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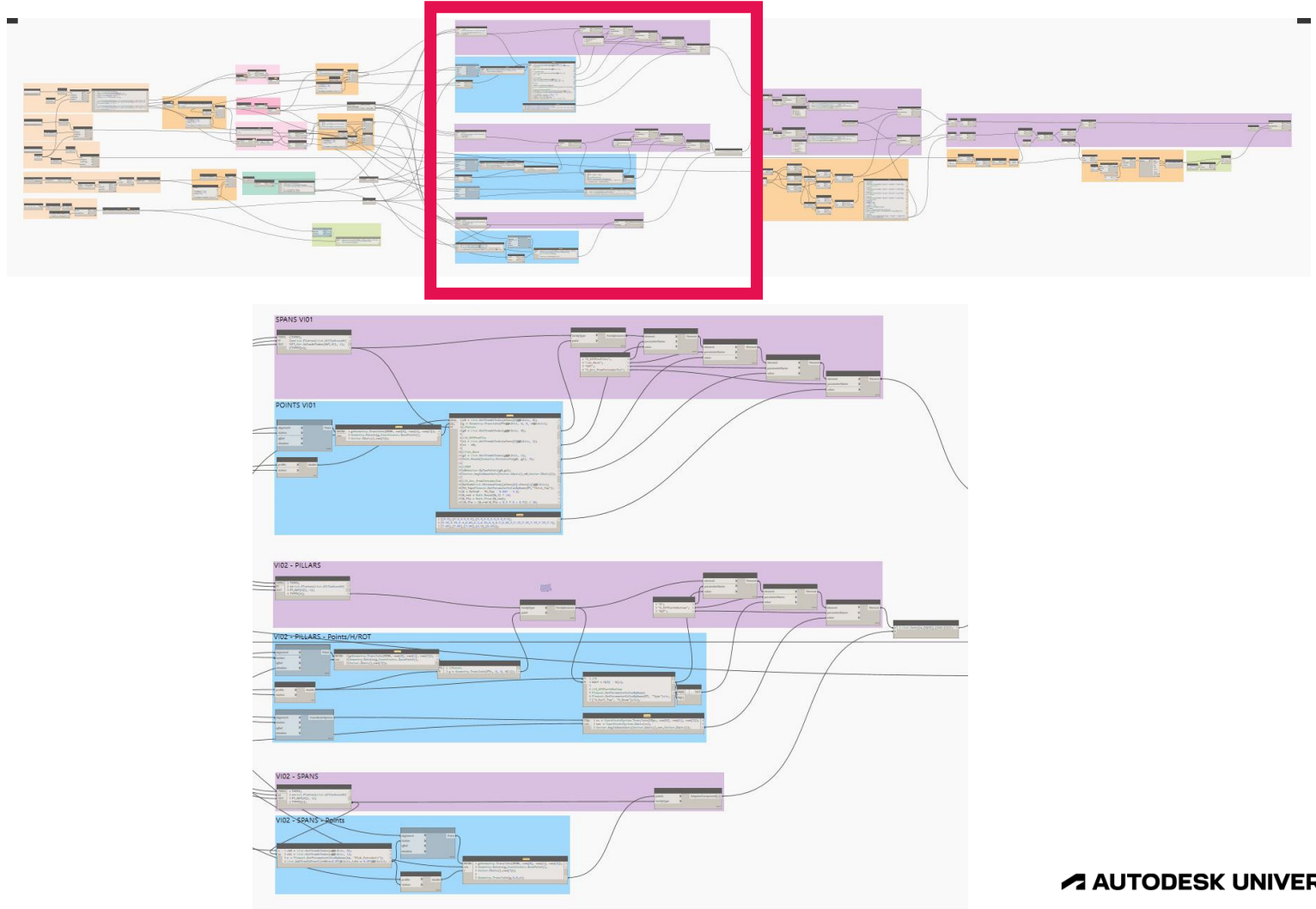
Physical Progress of Viaducts – True BIM Model

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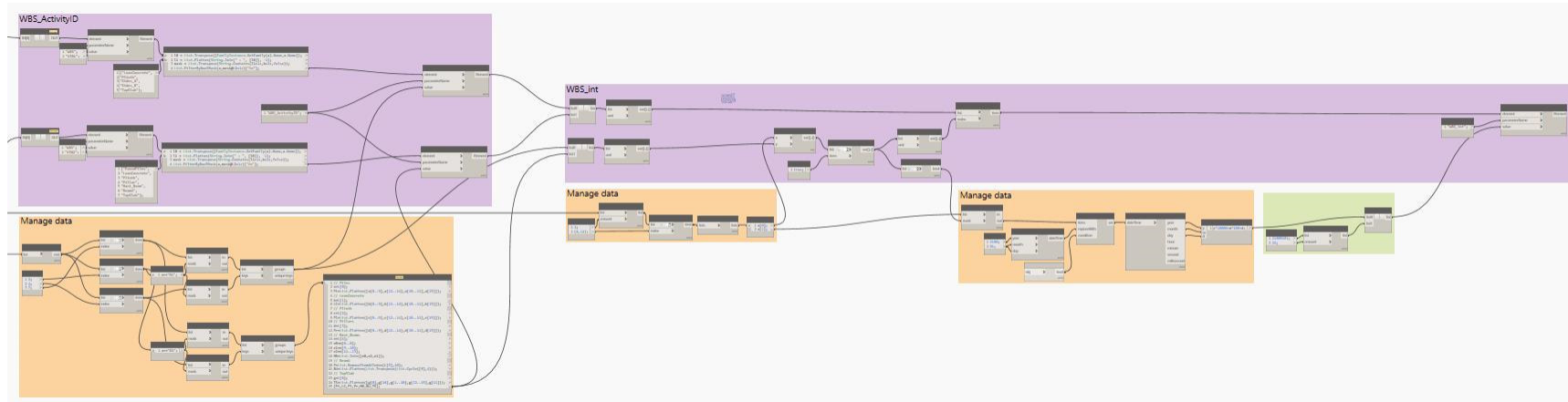
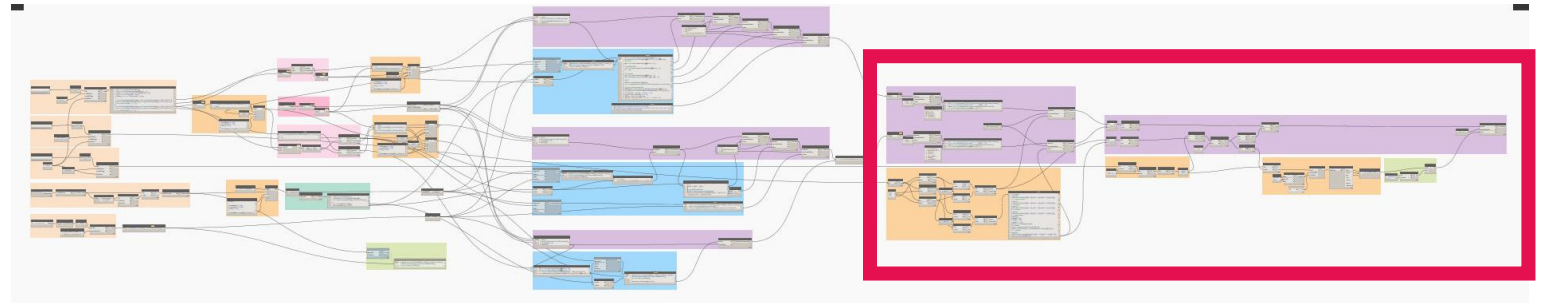
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Physical Progress of Viaducts – True BIM Model

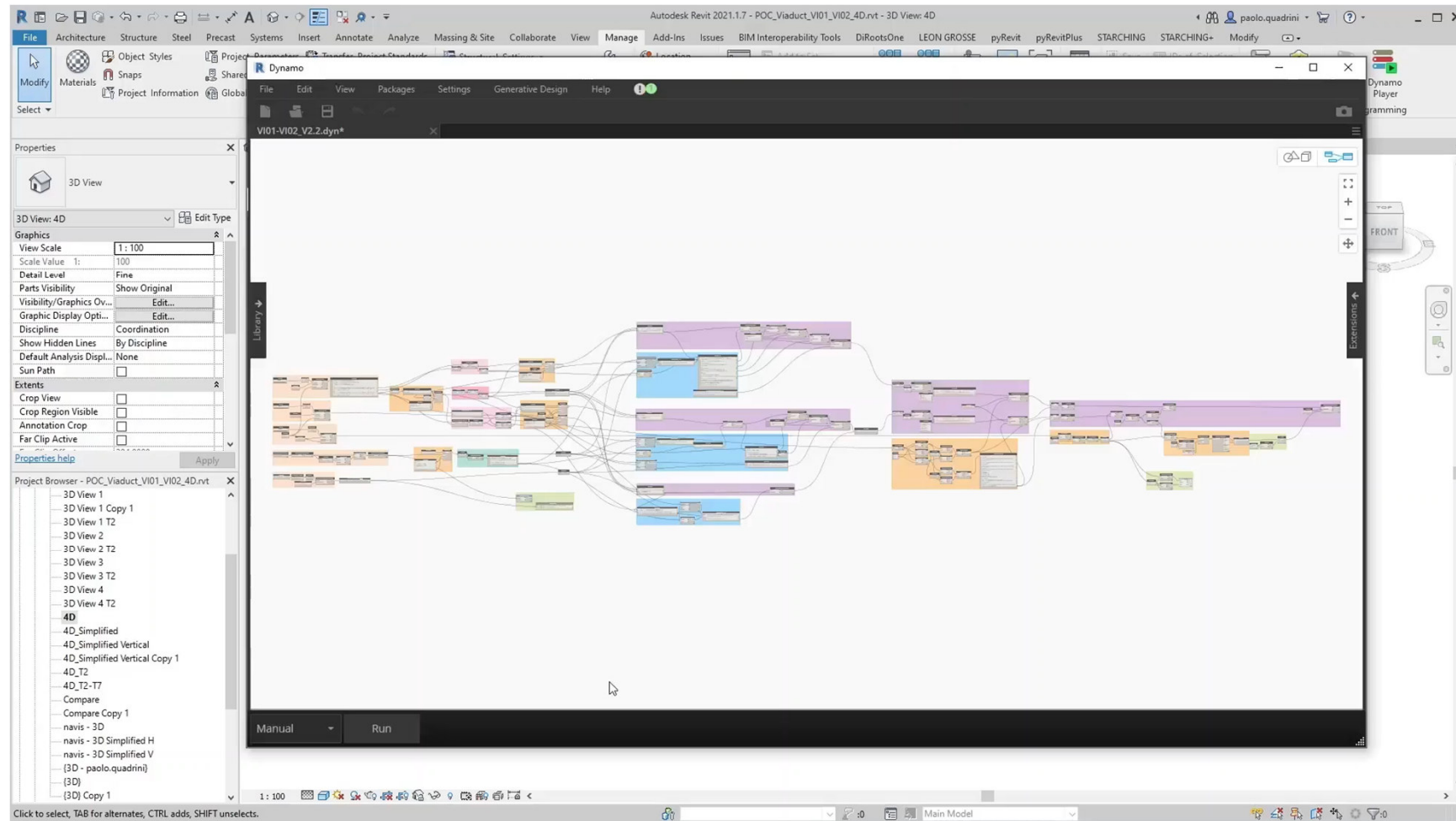
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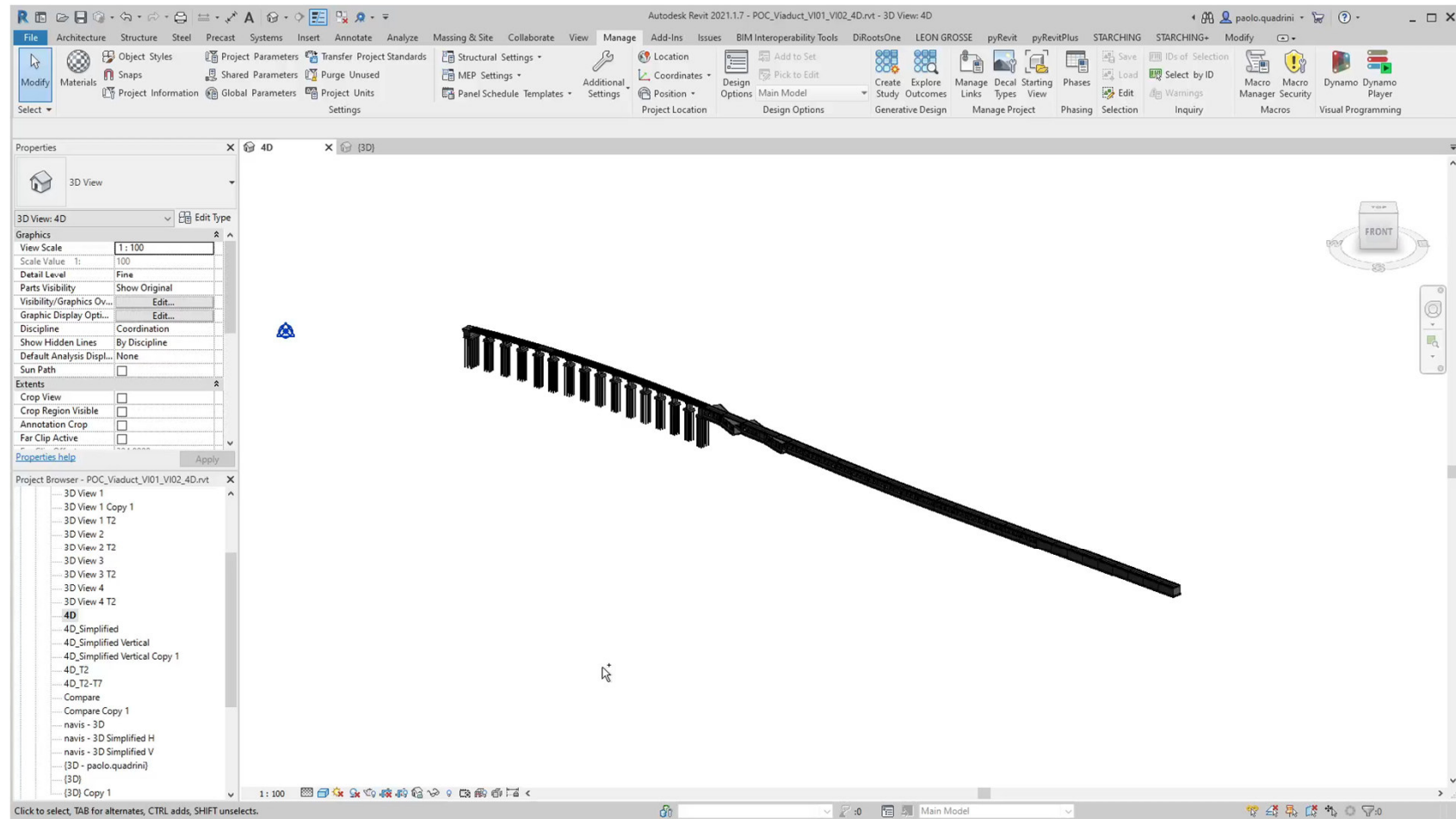
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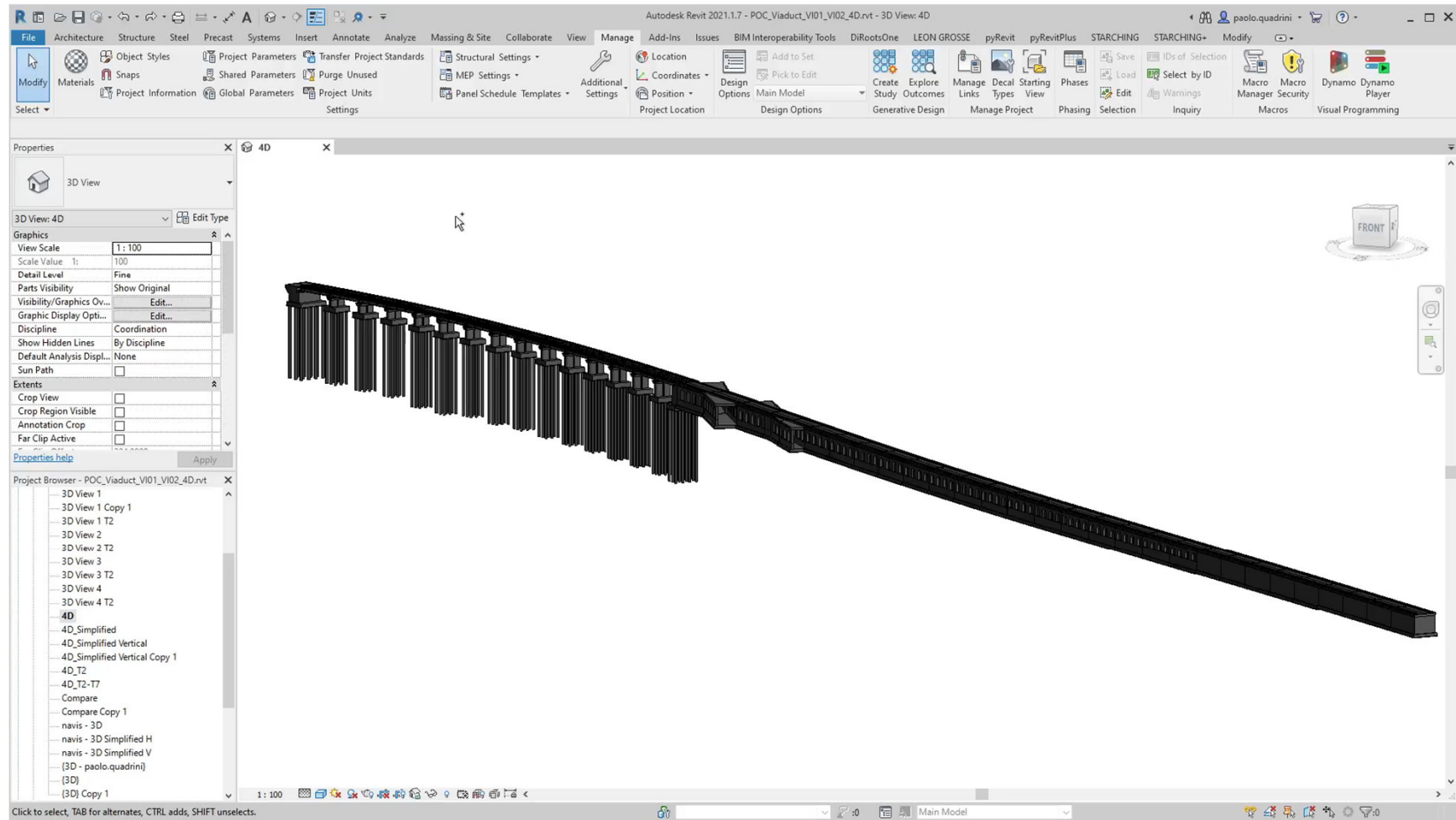
Physical Progress of Viaducts – True BIM Model

- Revit
 - Elements placement
 - Parameters population
 - NWC Export



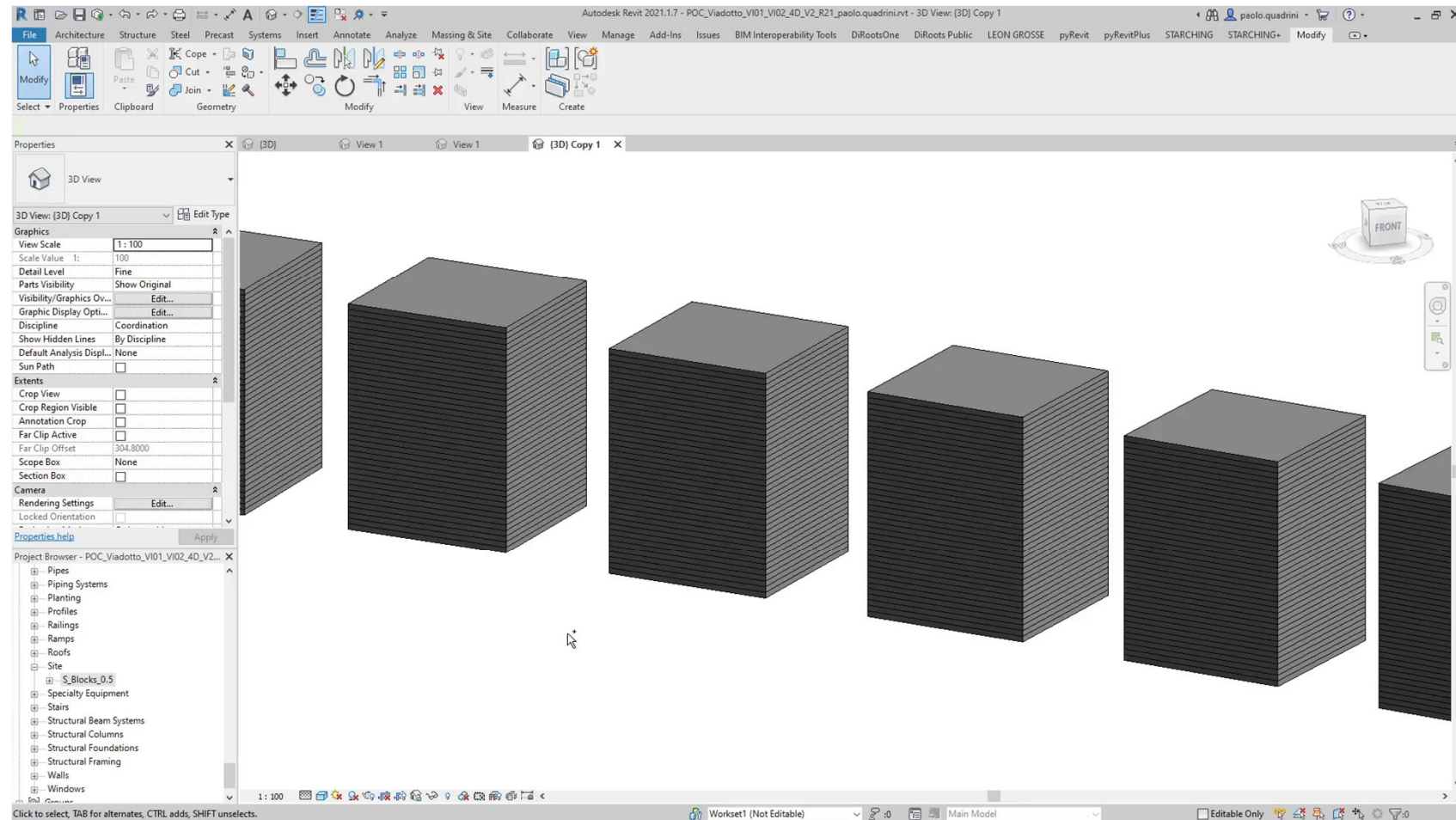
Physical Progress of Viaducts – True BIM Model

- Revit
 - Visualization and analysis of the physical progress

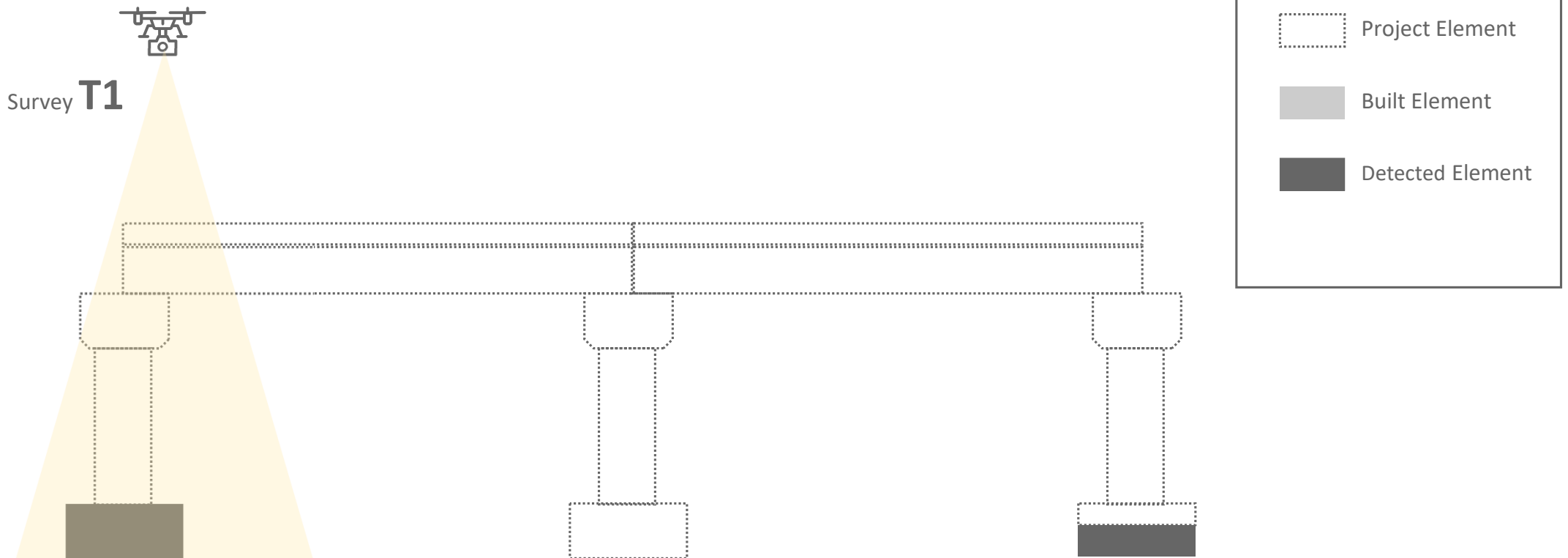


Physical Progress of Viaducts – Simplified Model

- One single family
 - Horizontal plane
- Parameters
 - Zero datum update



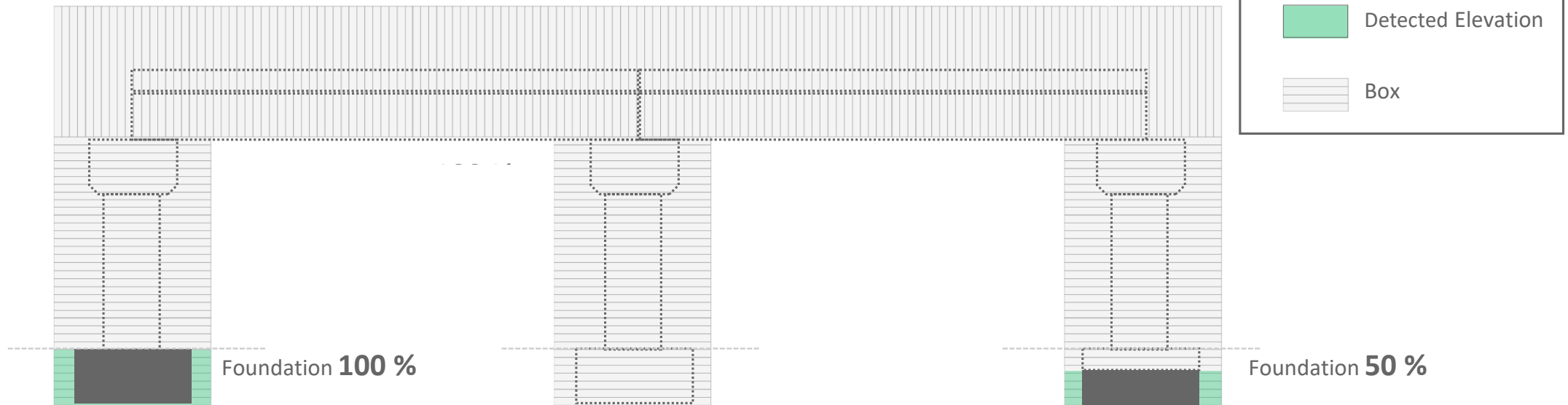
Physical Progress of Viaducts – Simplified Model



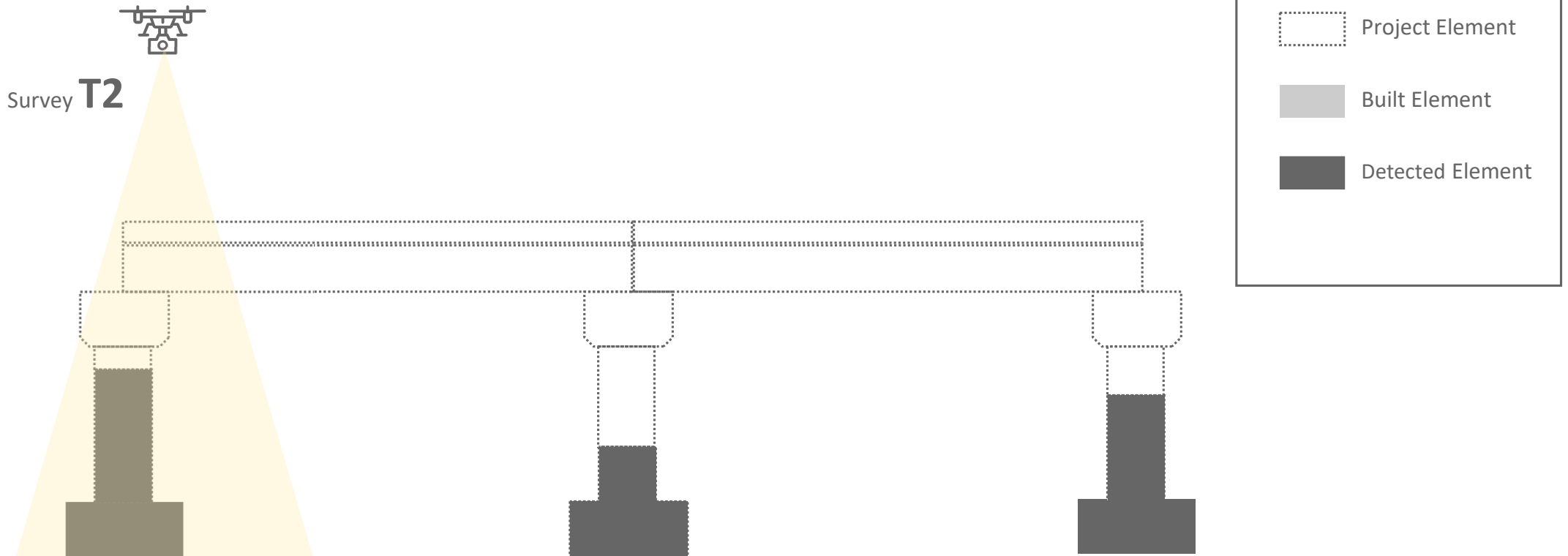
Physical Progress of Viaducts – Simplified Model



Survey **T1**



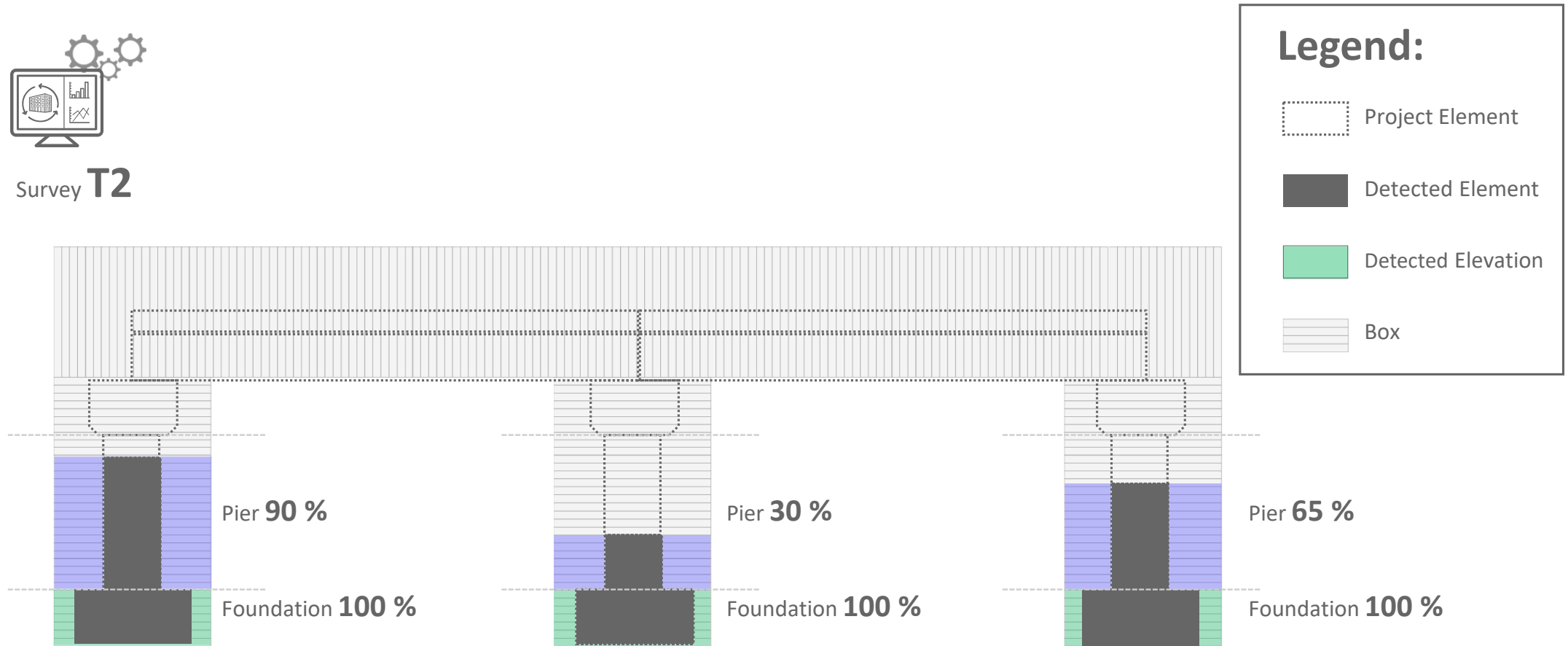
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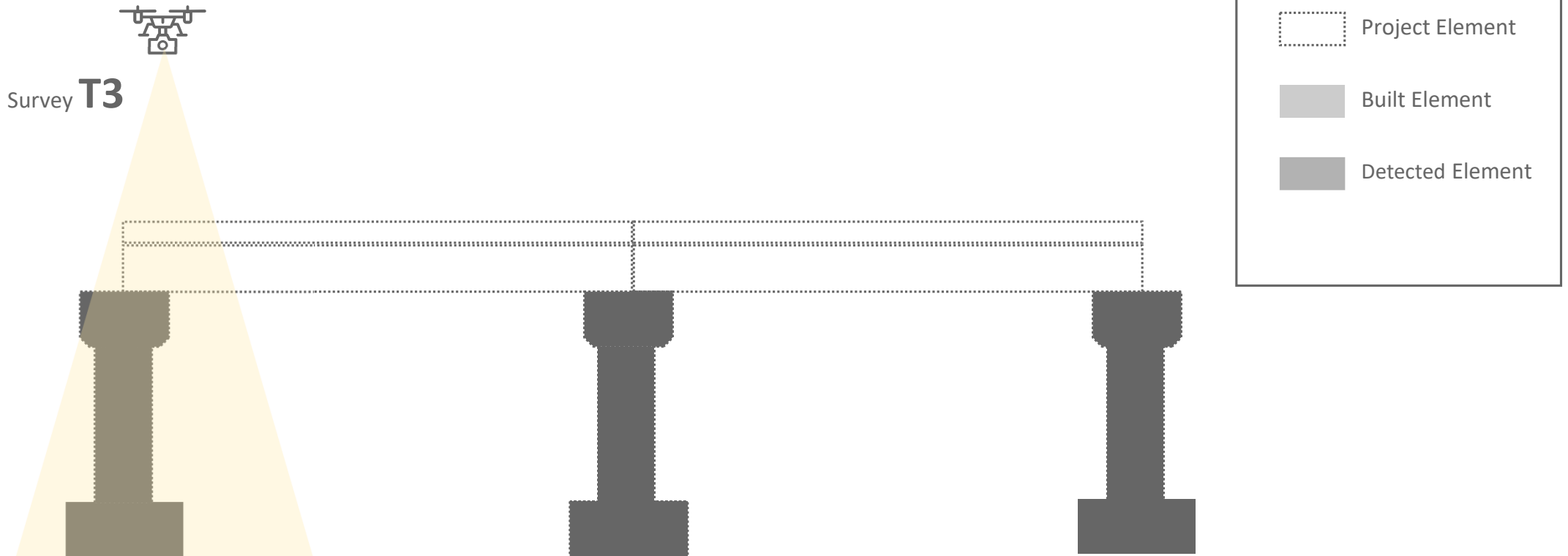
Physical Progress of Viaducts – Simplified Model



Survey **T2**



Physical Progress of Viaducts – Simplified Model







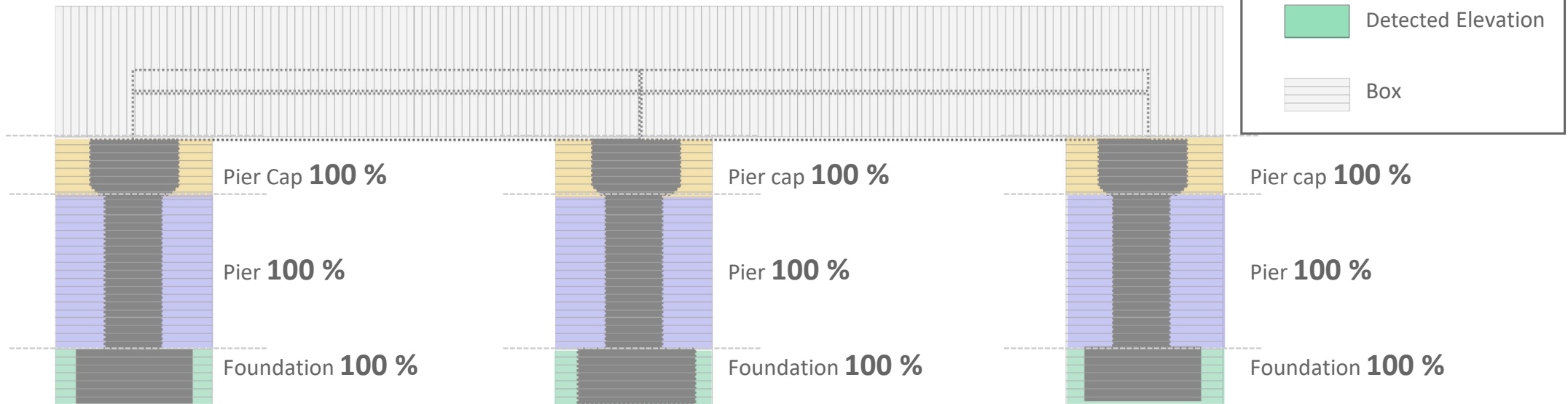
Physical Progress of Viaducts – Simplified Model



Survey **T3**

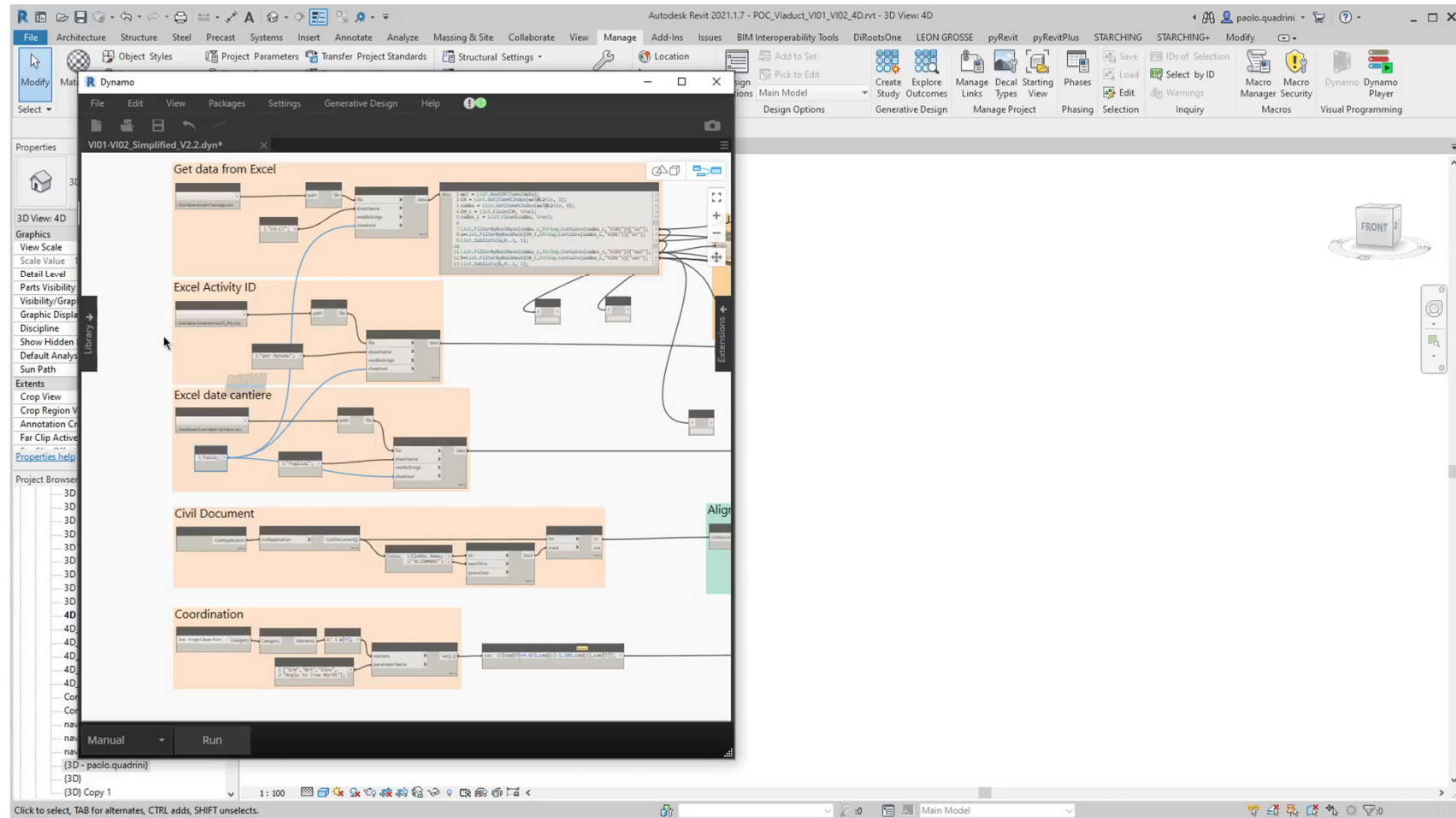
Legend:

-  Project Element
-  Detected Element
-  Detected Elevation
-  Box



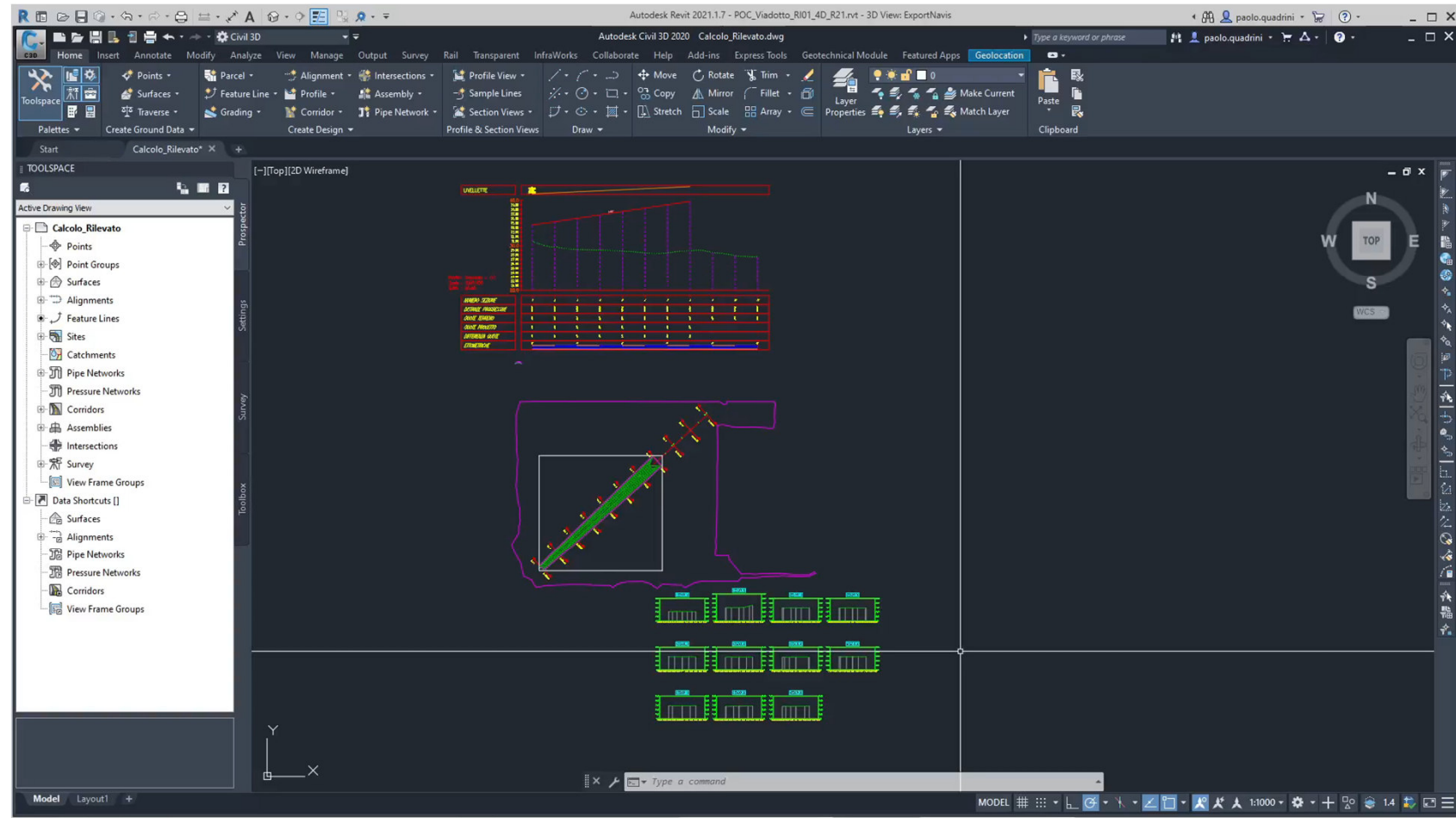
Physical Progress of Viaducts – Simplified Model

- Dynamo



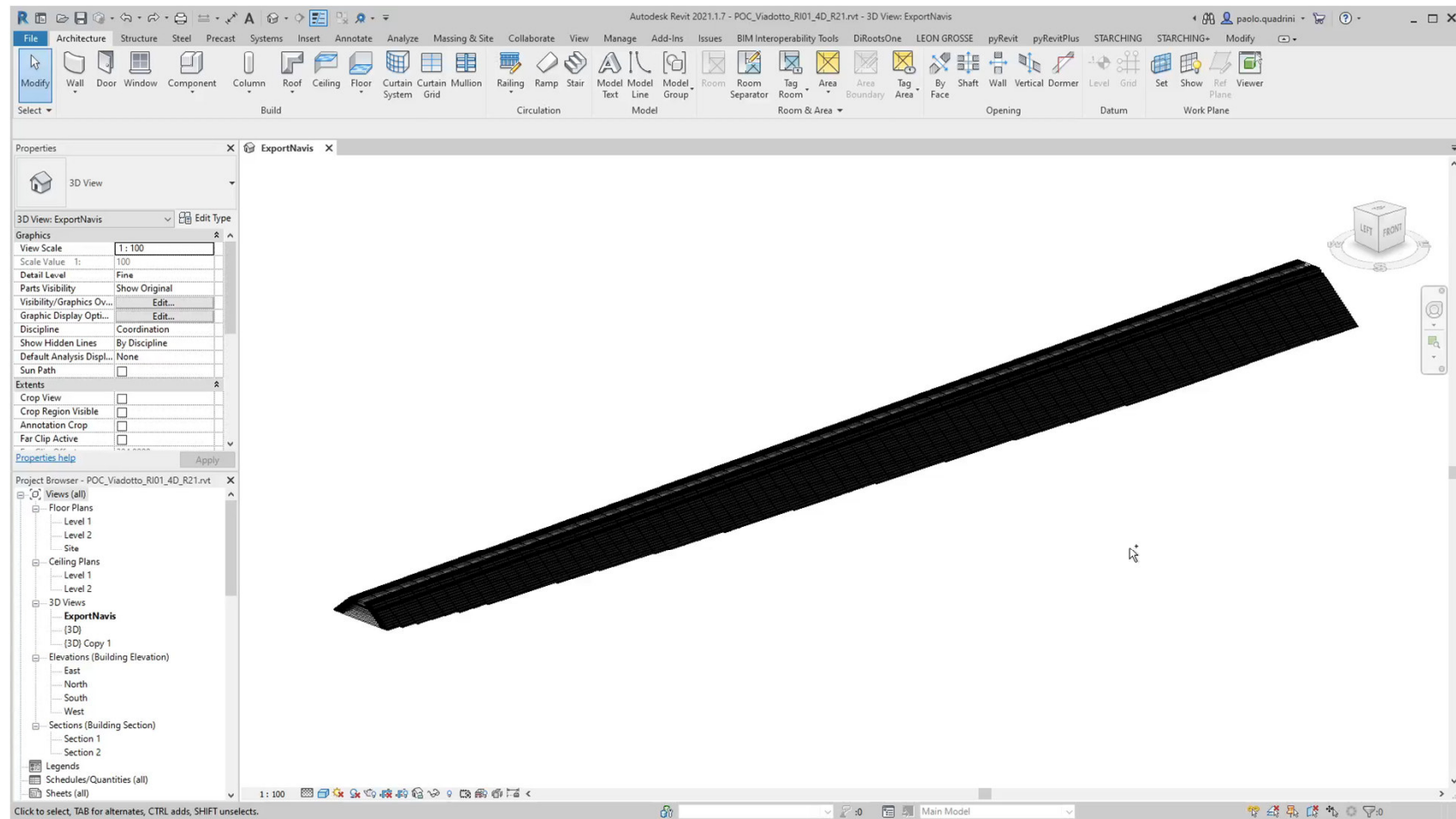
Physical Progress of Railway Embankments

- Dynamo
 - Typical section
- Revit
 - Elevation blocks
 - Cross-section blocks
 - NWC Export



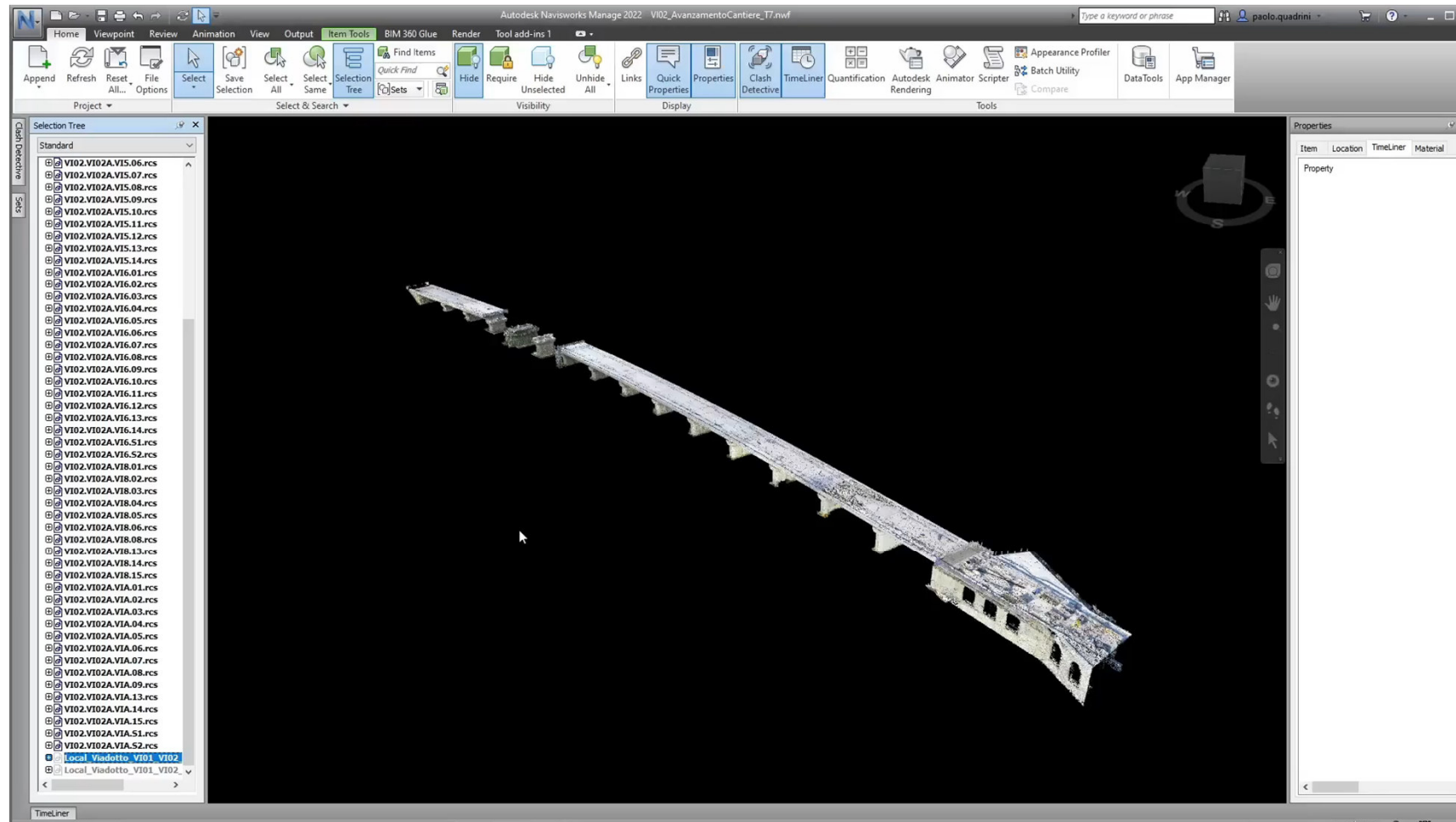
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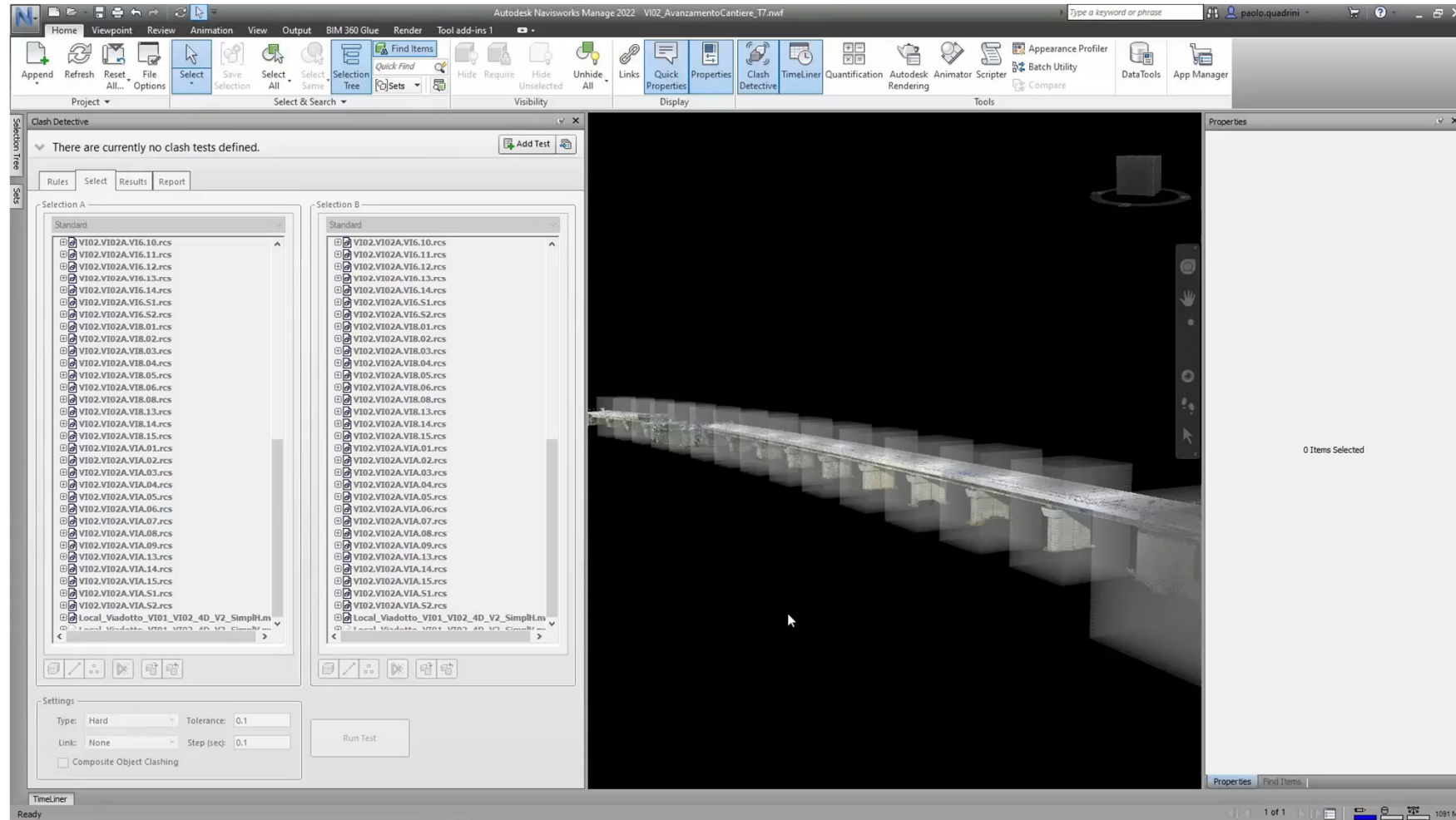
Clash detection - Navisworks

- Import
 - Point clouds
 - Revit Model
- Clash Matrix



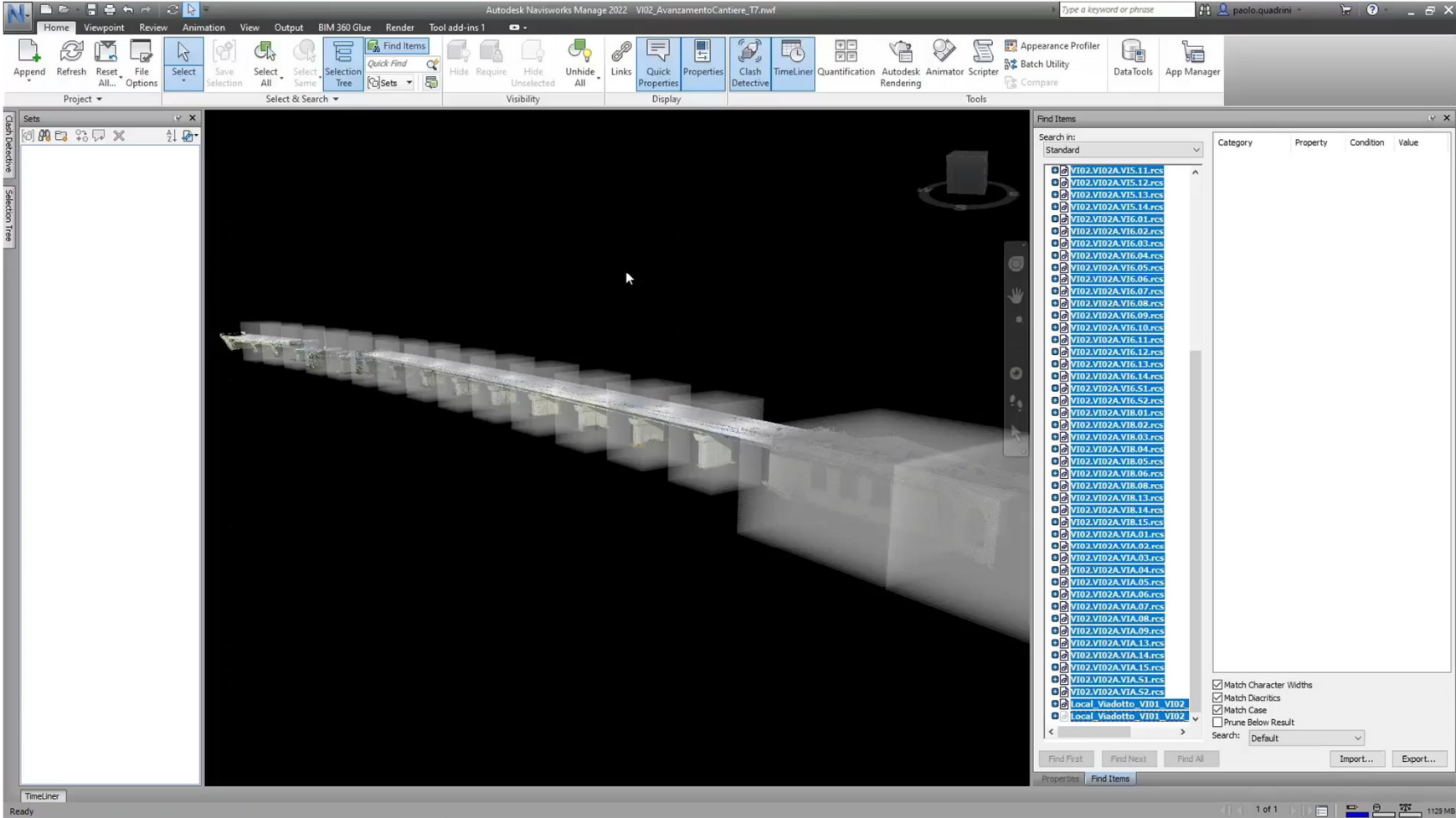
Clash detection - Navisworks

- Clash Matrix
 - Clash Tests
 - Revit Model
 - Clash Matrix
 - XML Export



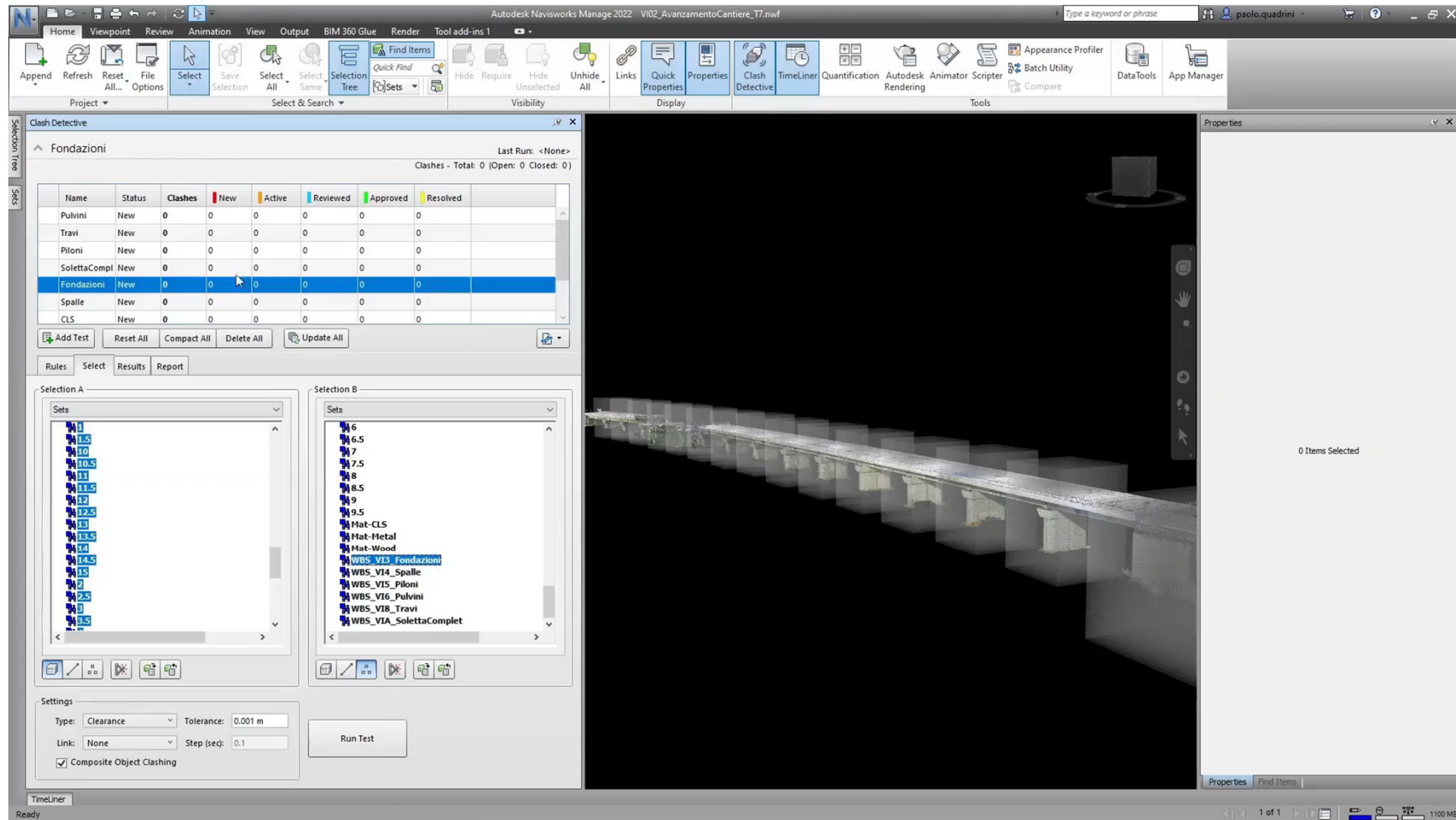
Clash detection - Navisworks

- Clash Matrix
 - Search sets
 - Clash test



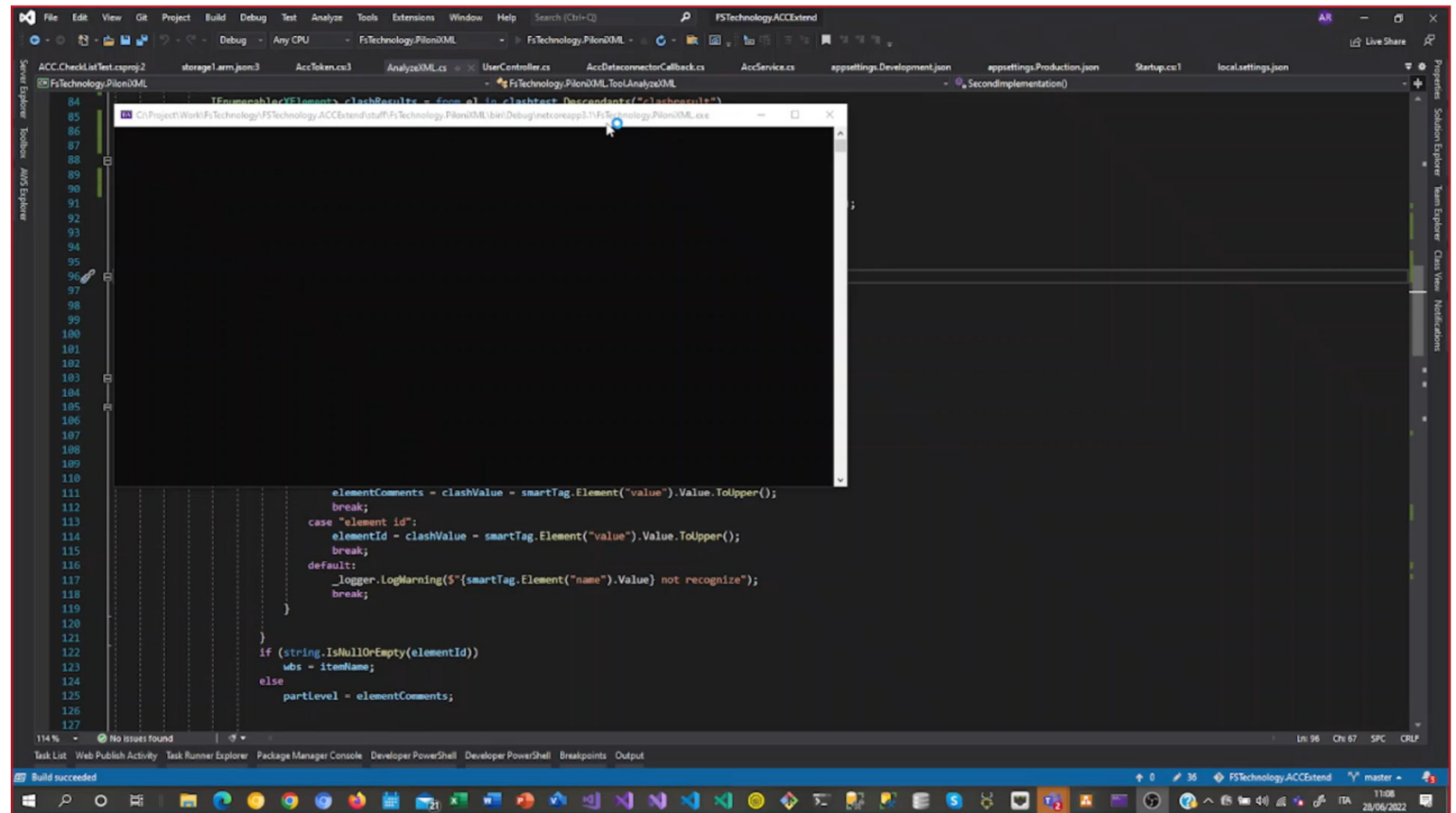
Clash detection - Navisworks

- Clash Matrix
 - Results analysis
 - Report export



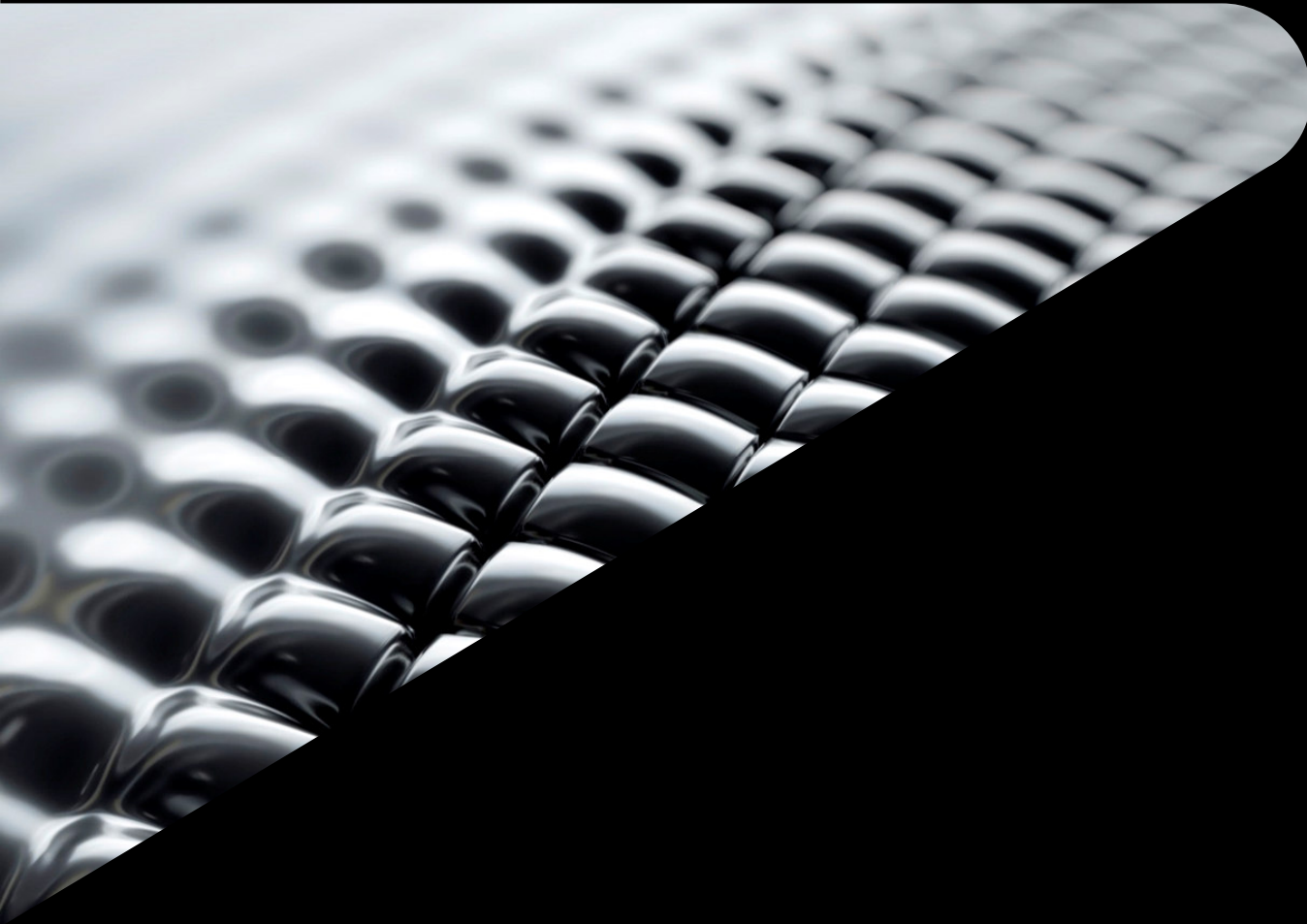
Clash detection report post-processing

- Group the clashes in the Navisworks export
- Remove duplicate clashes
- Define the elevation for each material



Automated compilation of SIL

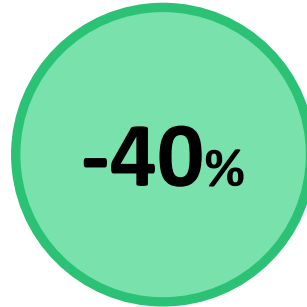
- Automated compilation
- Calculation of the percentages of each element and material built
- Adding alerts to indicate possible anomalies



Conclusions

Virtual construction site management

How to achieve up to 40% in overall time reduction



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Supervision Time**

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-40%

**Overall Site
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+50%

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**Physical Progress
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+90%

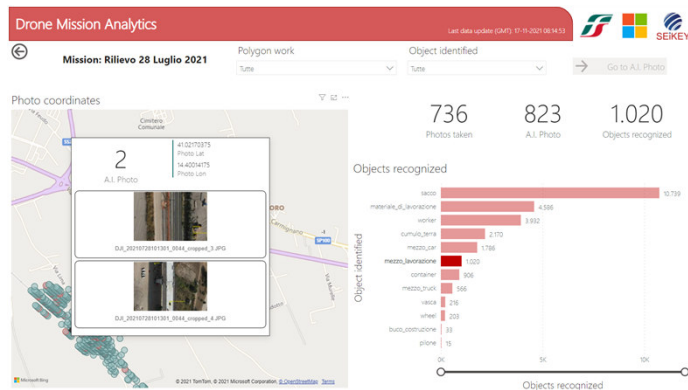
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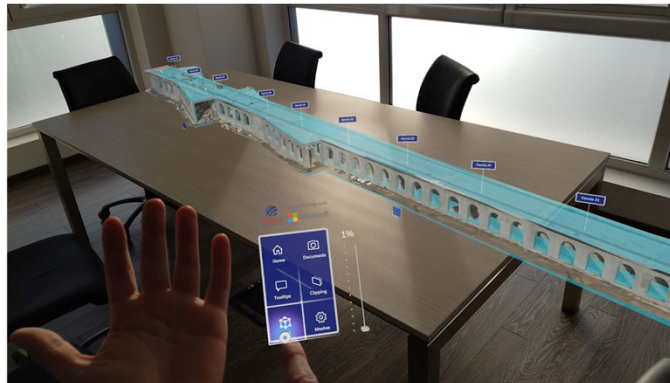
Next steps



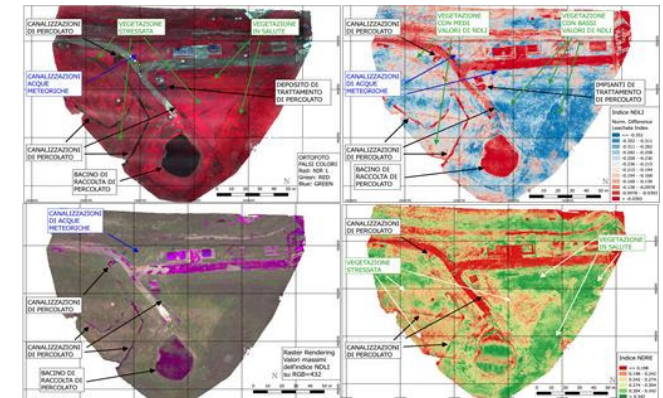
Artificial Intelligence



AR - VR



Environmental Control







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