

Photogrammetrie et risques naturels: Application à la dynamique des avalanches et aux chutes de séracs

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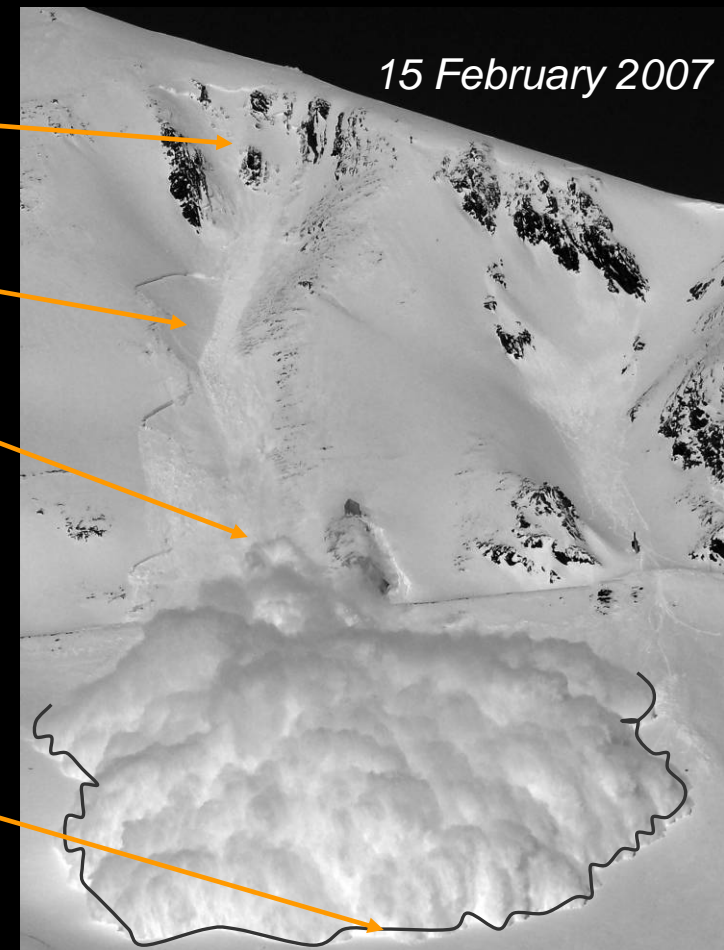
Objectives:

AVALANCHE

Provide avalanche *in situ* data for validation / calibration of avalanche flow models:

- Initial conditions
 - mass input*
 - mass erosion*
 - & deposition rates*
- Mass balance of avalanche flow
- Front velocity, run-out distance

Lautaret avalanche test site



Objectives:

SERAC FALLS

Provide icefall dynamics measurements

- Surface velocity, serac edge position in time

- Precursory signs of serac fall:

crevassing, acceleration,

cliff upper lip ultimate equilibrium position

- Volume and frequency of calving

return period?

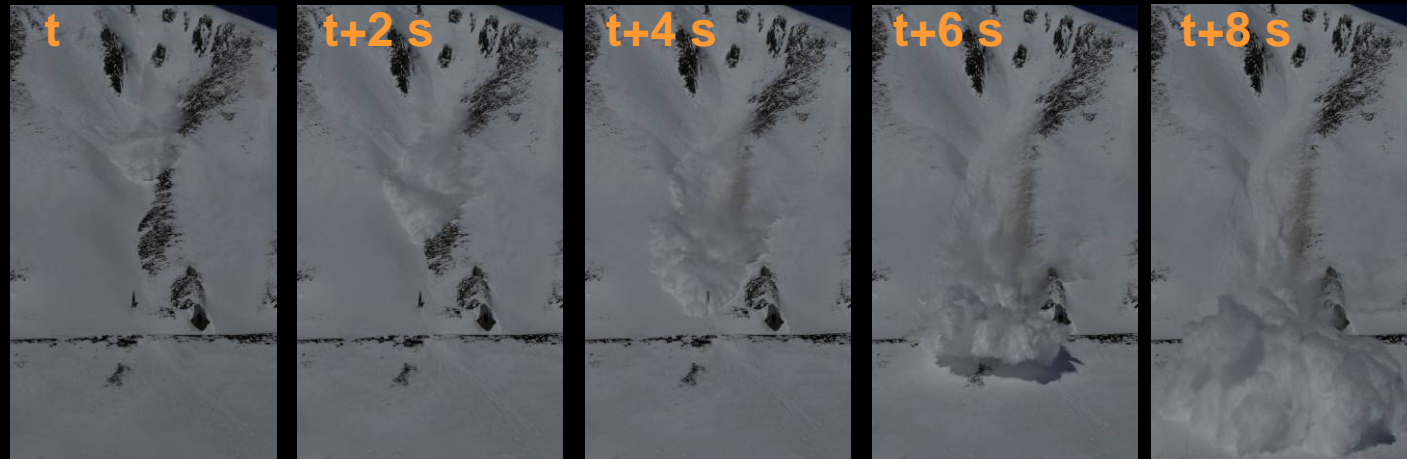
Taconnaz icefall
(Les Houches - Chamonix valley)



➔ Acquisition of time series of Digital Elevation Models (DEM)

Constraints

Acquisition rate: up to 1-2 DEM per second

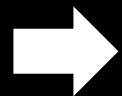


Distance: up to 4-5 km



Method:

~~Laser scan~~

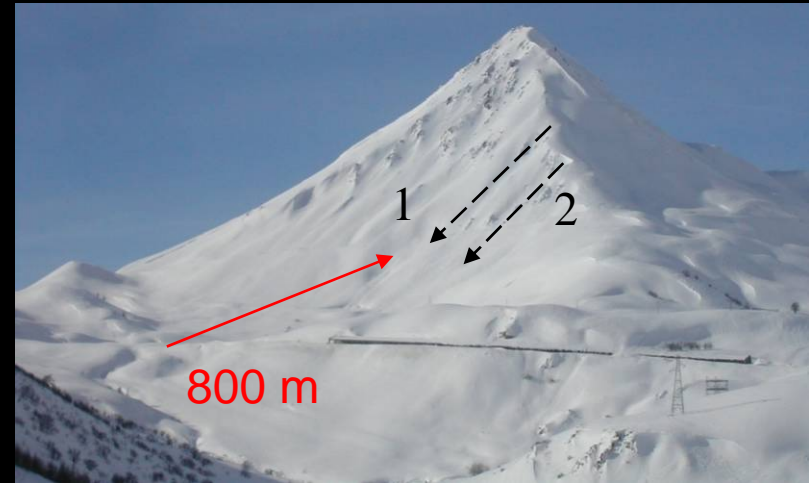


Terrestrial Photogrammetry

Specifications:

- low cost, adaptable system
- non-metric cameras
- low distortion fixed focal length lenses
- wireless synchronized cameras (Lautaret)
- automatic release (Taconnaz)
- hardened – rugged devices (-15°C, wind...)
- operating at 800 - 4000 m from surveyed surfaces

Lautaret avalanche test site

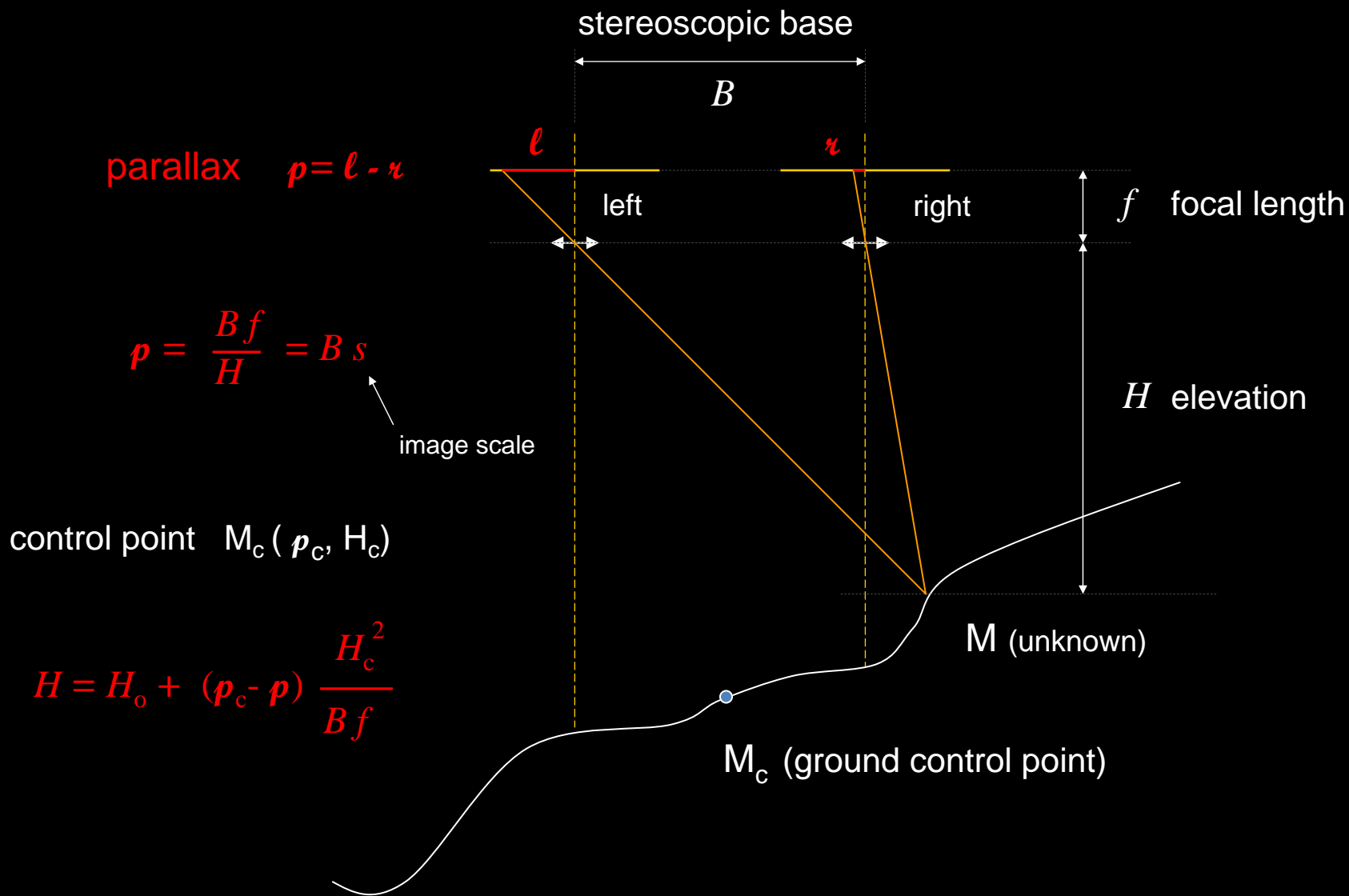


Taconnaz icefall
(from Cosmiques hut)



Photogrammetric principle

reconstruct and measure a surface topography from different perspectives captured on images



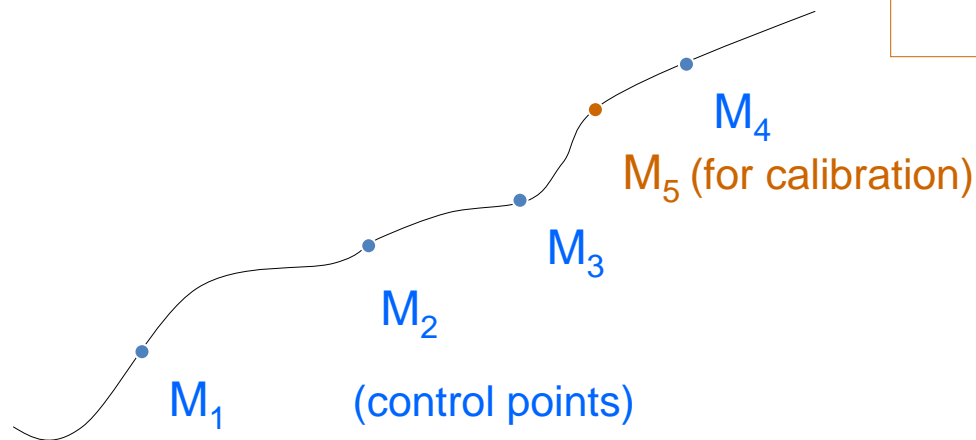
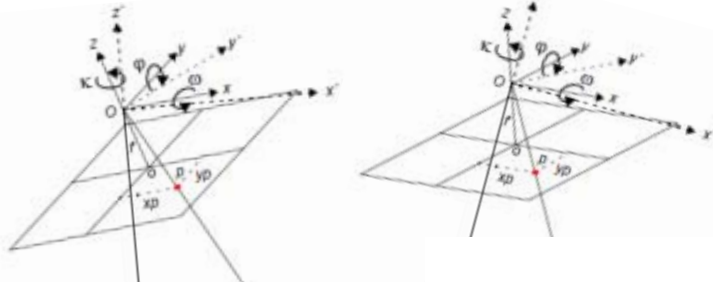
Photogrammetric principle

general case : non coplanar images

Aerotriangulation (+ calibration)

left

right



aero.

12 (+12) unknown parameters :

- camera perspective centre coordinates $(x_o, y_o, z_o)_{\text{left}}$ and $(x_o, y_o, z_o)_{\text{right}}$
- camera orientation Euler angles $(\omega_o, \phi_o, \kappa_o)_{\text{left}}$ and $(\omega_o, \phi_o, \kappa_o)_{\text{right}}$

calib.

- focal length and real image principal point $(f_l \text{ and } f_r)$ and $(x_{pp}, y_{pp})_{\text{left \& right}}$
- radial distortion odd order polynomial $(k_1, k_2, k_3)_{\text{left \& right}}$

to be determined from

- at least 4 (8) control points
(4 (8) x 3 coordinates)
- more than 4 (8) to have a control
(σ = rms orientation/calibration residuals)

Photogrammetric process

1°) Image acquisition

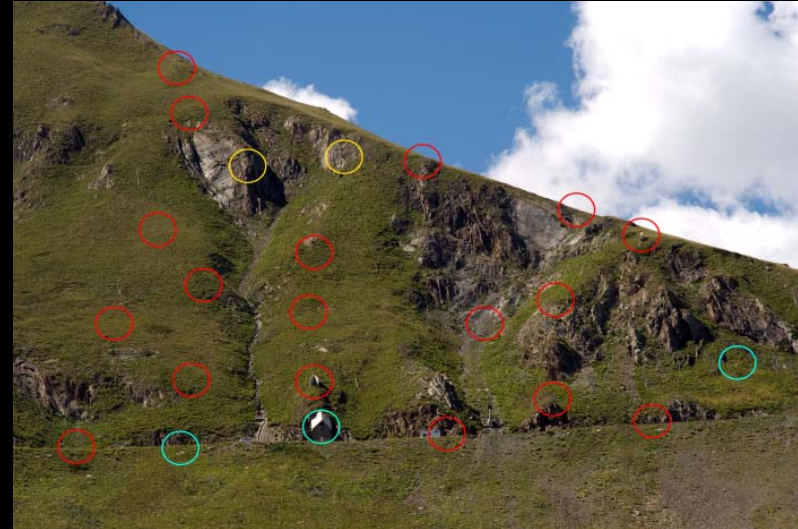
Left image



Right image



2°) GCP's Measurements



3°) Aerotriangulation & calibration

$$x_p - x_o = -f \left[\frac{m_{11}(X_p - X_{o1}) + m_{12}(Y_p - Y_{o1}) + m_{13}(Z_p - Z_{o1})}{m_{31}(X_p - X_{o1}) + m_{32}(Y_p - Y_{o1}) + m_{33}(Z_p - Z_{o1})} \right]$$

$$y_p - y_o = -f \left[\frac{m_{21}(X_p - X_{o1}) + m_{22}(Y_p - Y_{o1}) + m_{23}(Z_p - Z_{o1})}{m_{31}(X_p - X_{o1}) + m_{32}(Y_p - Y_{o1}) + m_{33}(Z_p - Z_{o1})} \right]$$

4°) Photogrammetric restitution



1° Image acquisition (Lautaret)

Nikon D2Xs camera



1/2500 s, f/8, raw 12 bits RVB (color), ISO 100

AF Nikkor 85 mm 1.4D
control



internal focusing, focusing via manual

Dx format CMOS : 23.7 x 15.7 mm

Resolution = 4288 x 2848 = 12.84 Million pixels

Pixel size : X=5.53 μm ; Y= 5.51 μm

Sampling rate: 1-4 frames/s ; max 32 frames/sequence

Synchronization via wireless radio triggering transceivers



1° Image acquisition (Taconnaz)

Canon 5D mkII cameras



f/8, raw 12 bits RVB (color), ISO 100

Canon EF 100 mm 2.8



Fx format CMOS : 24 x 36 mm

Resolution = 5616 x 3744 = 21.1 Million pixels

Pixel size : X=6.40 μm ; Y= 6.40 μm

Sampling rate: ~ 4-6 frames/day

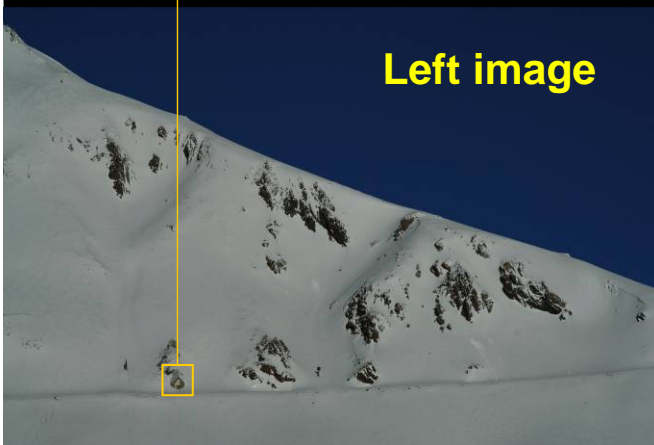
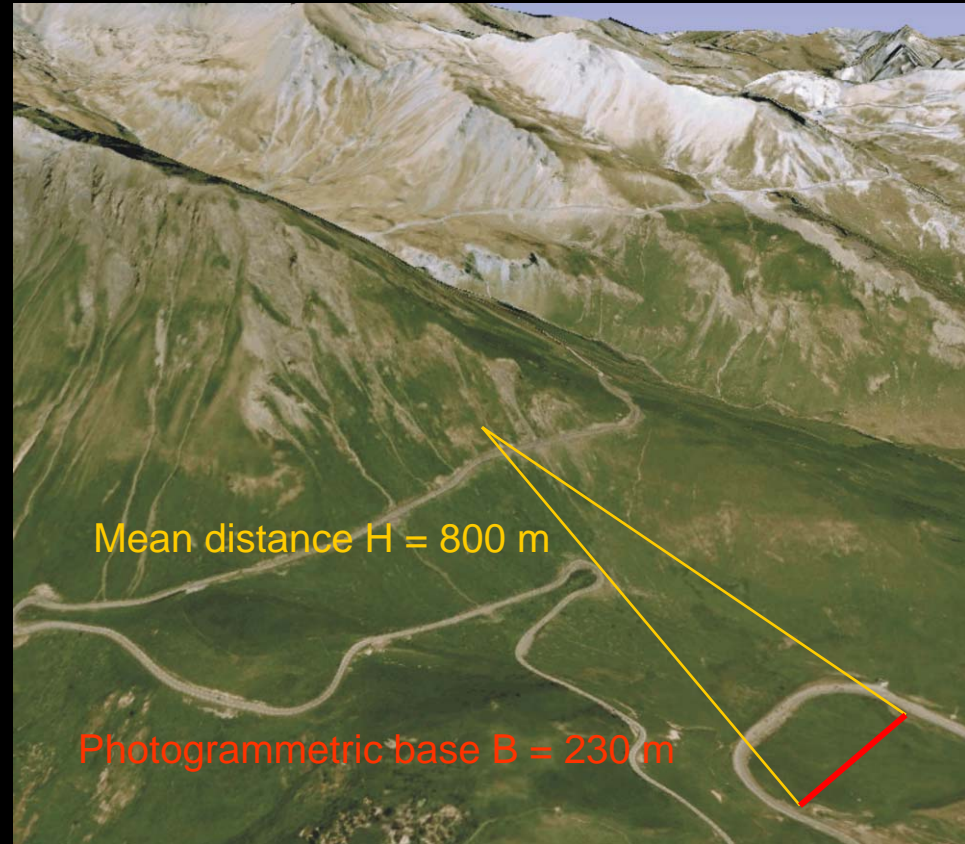
Controlled by remote timer

Powered by 12V lead battery + solar panel



1°) Image acquisition: Lautaret

mean ground pixel size PS = 5.15 cm (at 800 m)

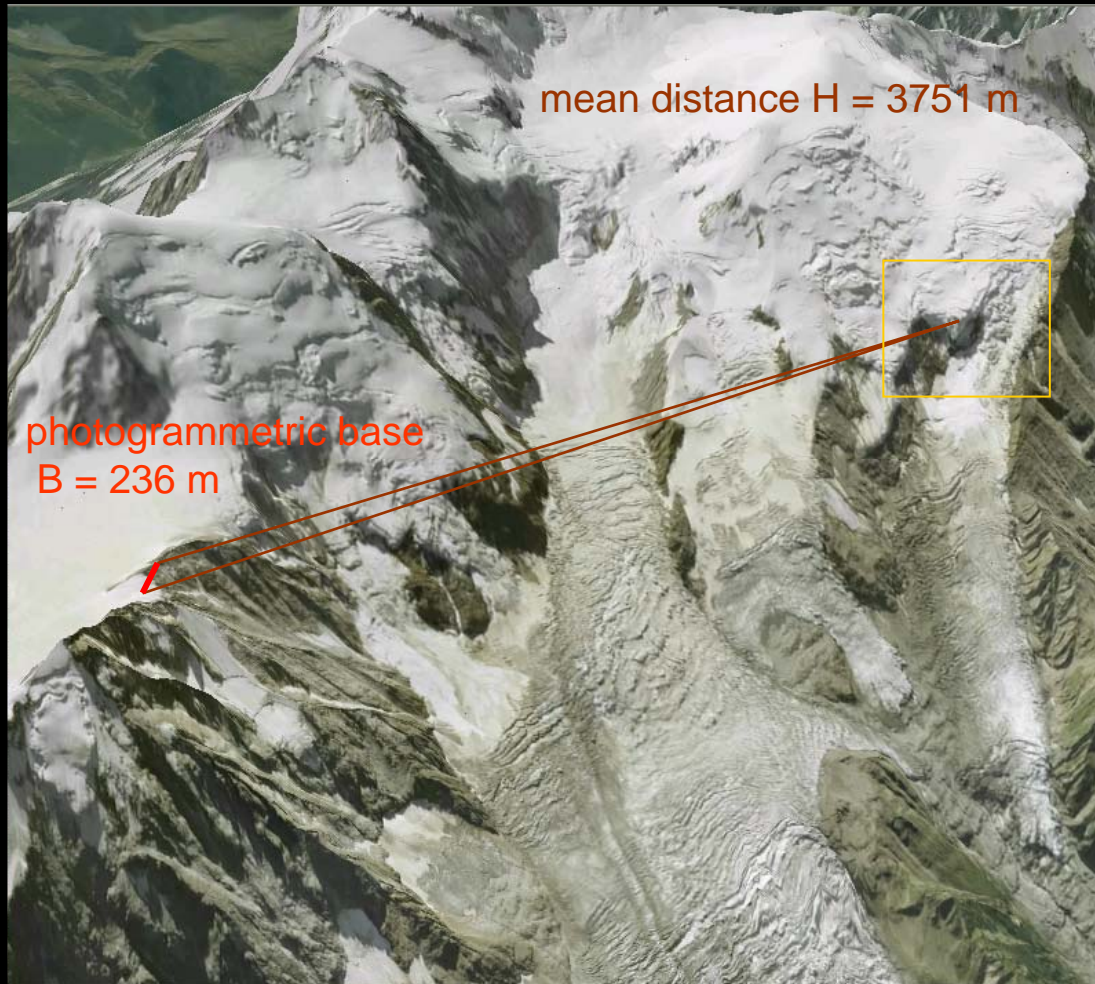


Theoretical error using 2 pixels as sighting error ($\sim 11 \mu\text{m}$)

- planimetry $\sigma_{xy} = 2PS \frac{H}{f} = 8.4 \text{ cm}$

- altimetry $\sigma_z = 2PS \frac{H^2}{Bf} = 21 \text{ cm}$

1°) Image acquisition: Taconnaz



Left image



mean ground pixel size PS = 26.7 cm
(3750 m)

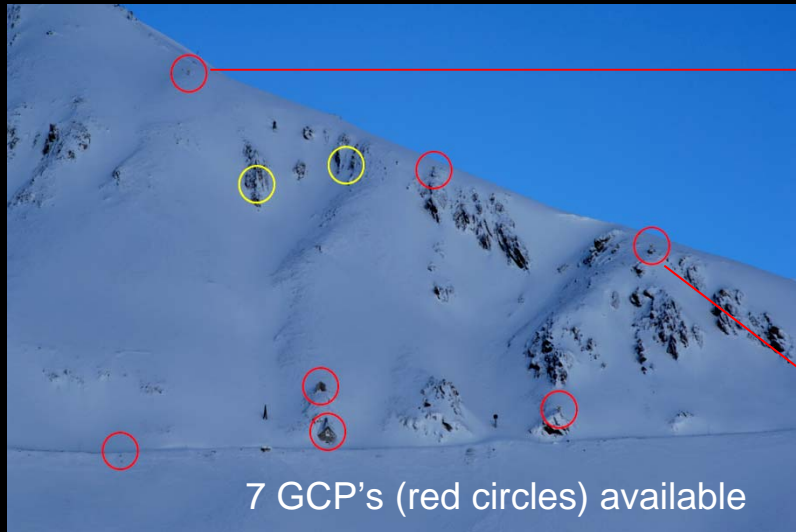


Theoretical error using 2 pixels as sighting error ($\sim 13 \mu\text{m}$)

- planimetry $\sigma_{xy} = 2PS \frac{H}{f} = 48 \text{ cm}$ - altimetry $\sigma_z = 2PS \frac{H^2}{Bf} = 7 \text{ m}$

2° Ground control points: GCP

orientation



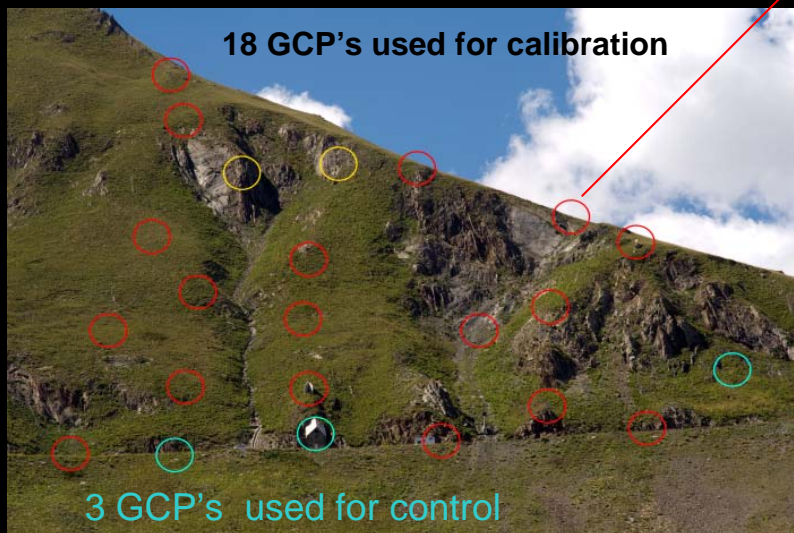
farrest control point at 1.02 km from left camera

XYZ measurement with differential geodesic GPS (L1+ L2)



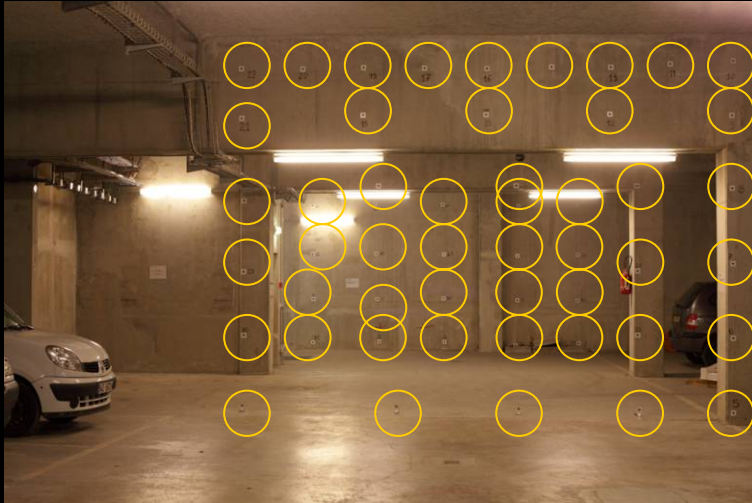
XYZ accuracy a few cm

In situ calibration



3°) Aertriangulation & camera calibration

IGN Calibration



- Software: Poivilliers and Etalon (IGN)
- 85mm focused at 25 m
- 56 points (precision mm)

- 6 images → 3 pairs
- 81 points measured

$$f \rightarrow 85.70\text{mm}$$

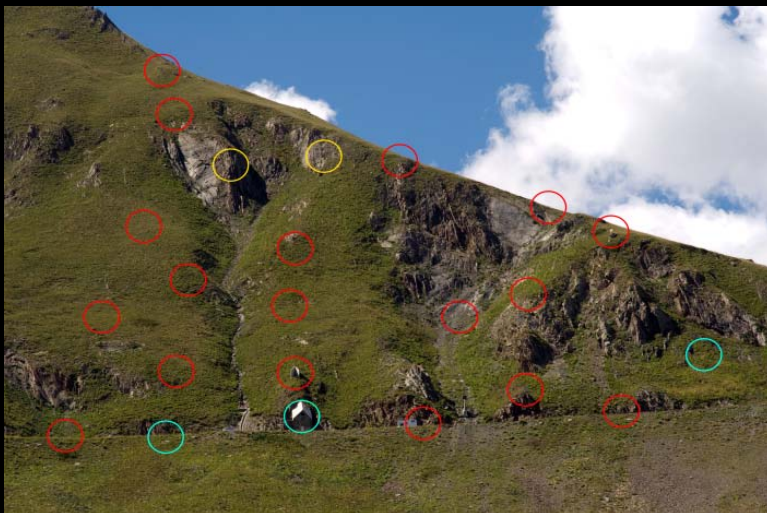
$$PP_x \rightarrow -45.7 \mu\text{m}$$

$$PP_y \rightarrow -92.4 \mu\text{m}$$

non negligible decentration

focal length dependence to focus

In situ self-calibration at Lautaret



- Software: ORIMA and LPS (Leica-Geosystem)
- 85mm focused at ∞
- 19 points (precision 5 cm)

- 2 images → 1 pair
- 152 Tie's measured

$$f \rightarrow 85.51\text{mm}$$

$$PP_x \rightarrow -65.7 \mu\text{m}$$

$$PP_y \rightarrow -45.7 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\sigma_x = 0.06 \text{ m}$$

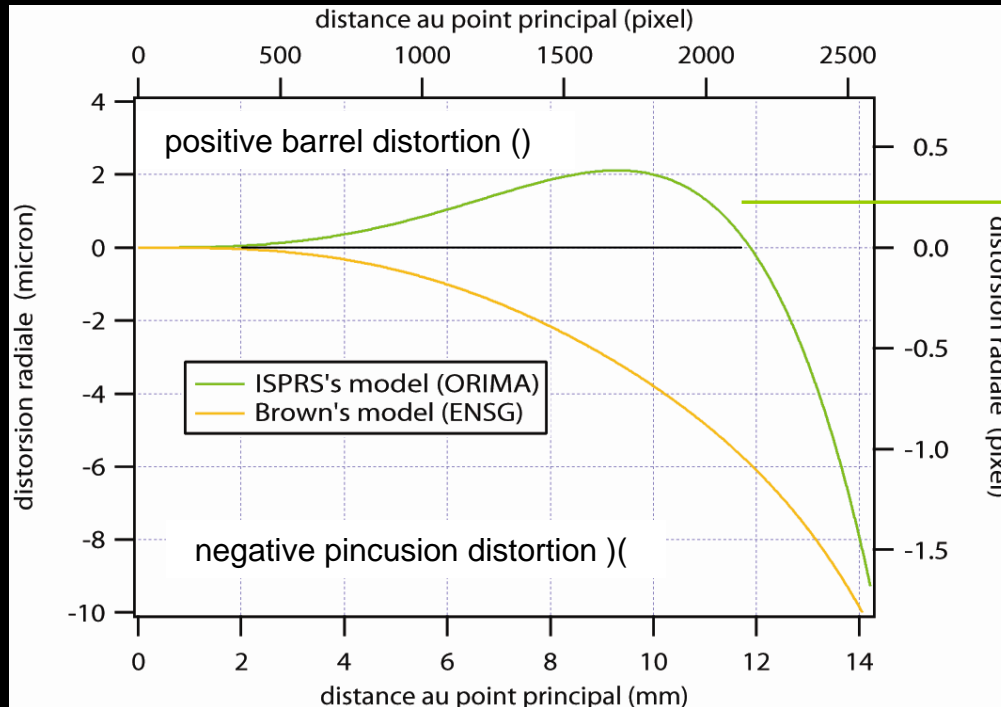
$$\sigma_y = 0.02 \text{ m}$$

$$\sigma_z = 0.04 \text{ m}$$

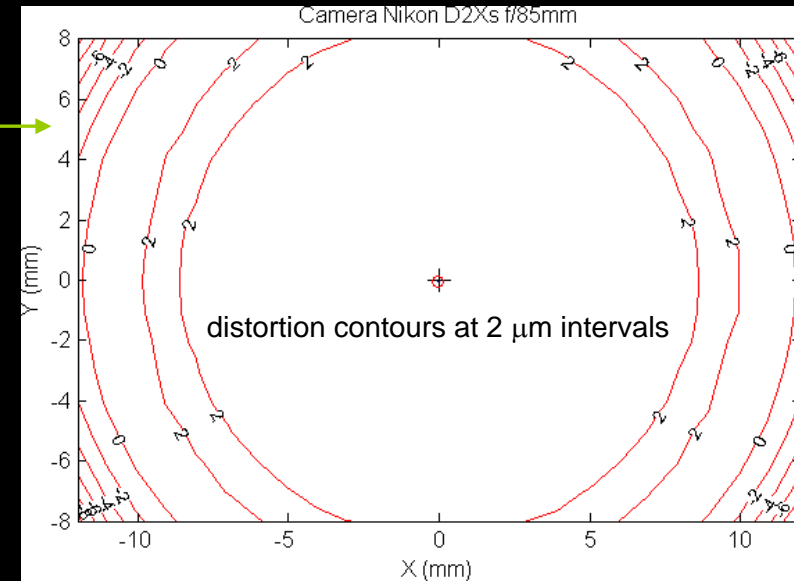
lens decentration

3°) Aerotriangulation & camera calibration

Radial distortion



ORIMA and LPS (Leica-Geosystem)



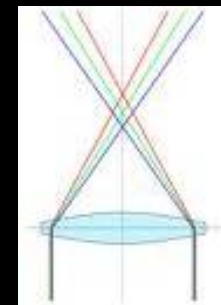
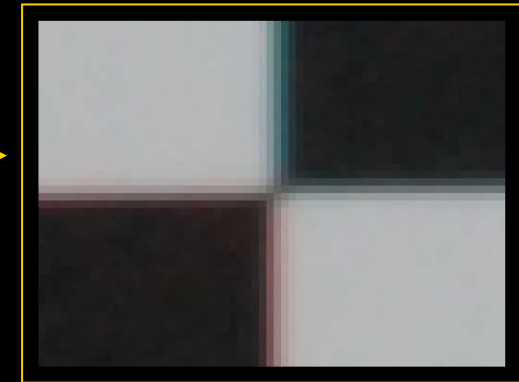
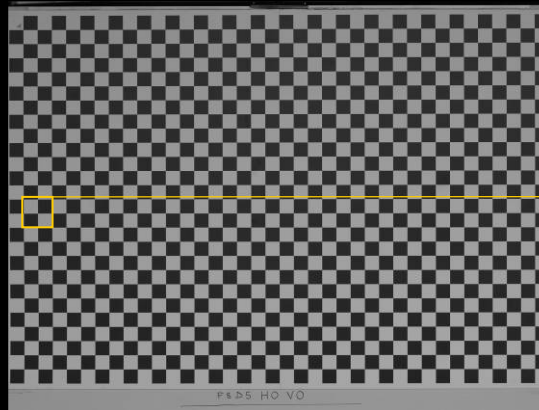
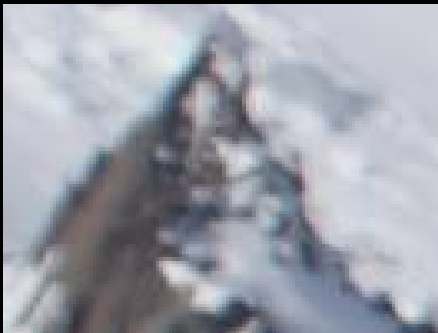
- Less than 10 μm (one pixel and a half) at image corner
- Very low and acceptable distortion

3°) Aerotriangulation & camera calibration

Canon USM 100 mm f2.8

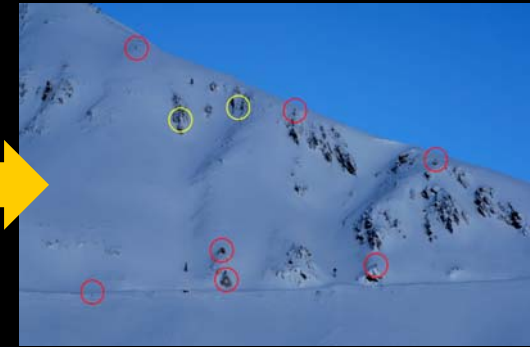
Chromatic aberration:

+ 7 pixels B band
- 7 pixels R band

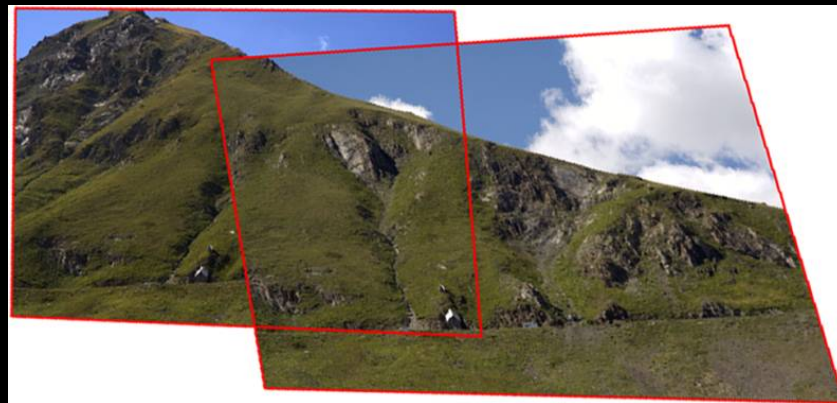
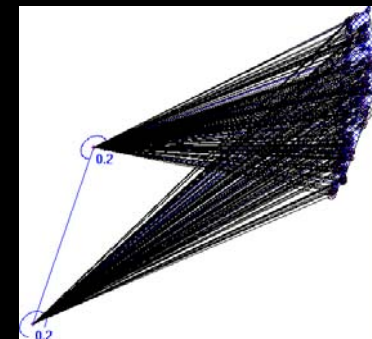


- Exchange unit from Canon France S.A.

3°) Aerotriangulation with calibrated cameras

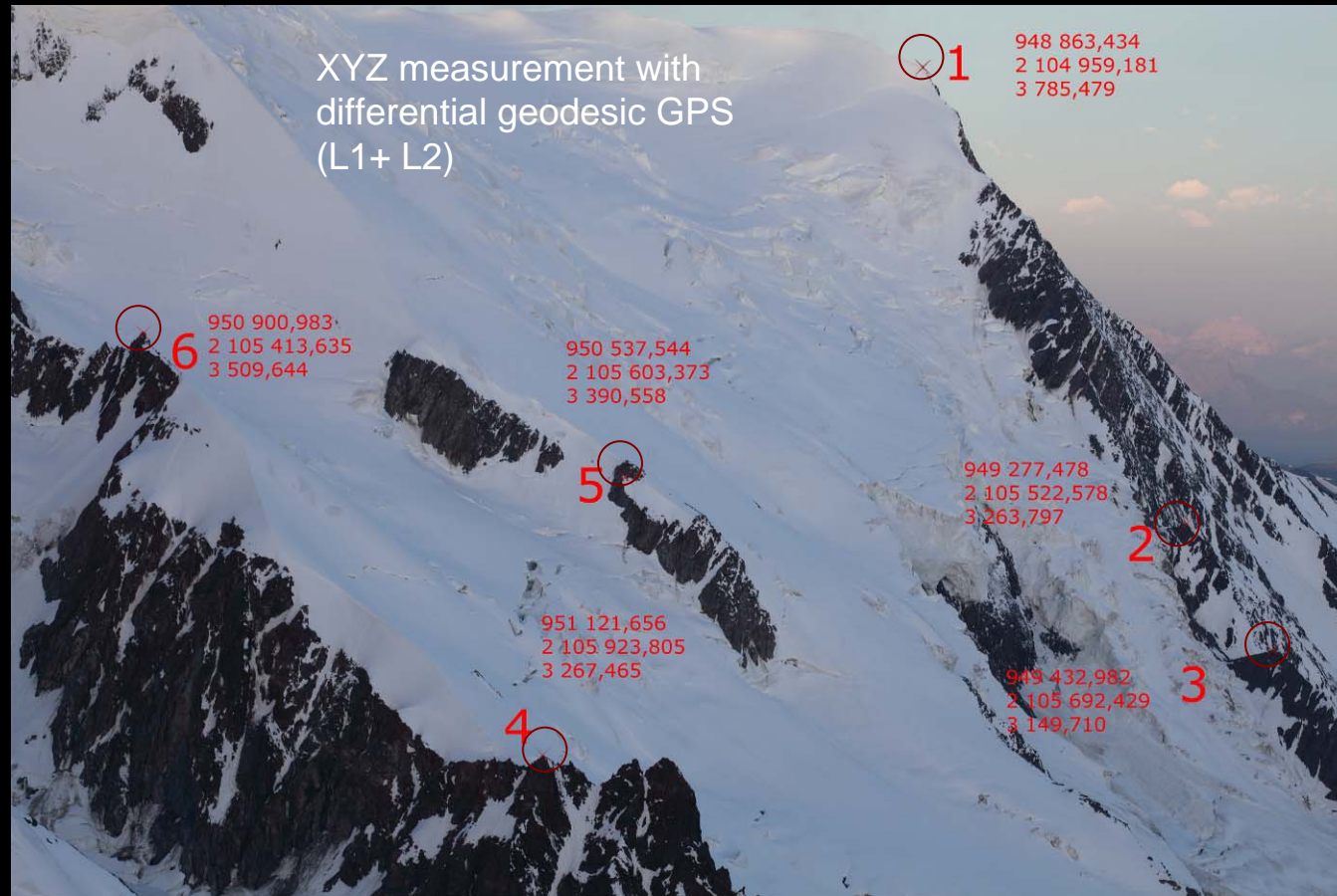


7 GCP's measured
152 Tie's measured between images

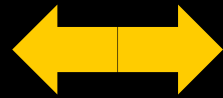


$\text{Sigma}0 = 1.1 \mu\text{m}$
RMS Max X = 0.14m RMS Mean X = 0.08m
RMS Max Y = 0.05m RMS Mean Y = 0.03m
RMS Max Z = 0.11m RMS Mean Z = 0.06m

3°) Aerotriangulation with calibrated cameras



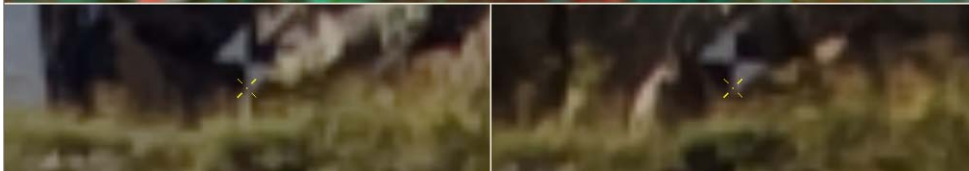
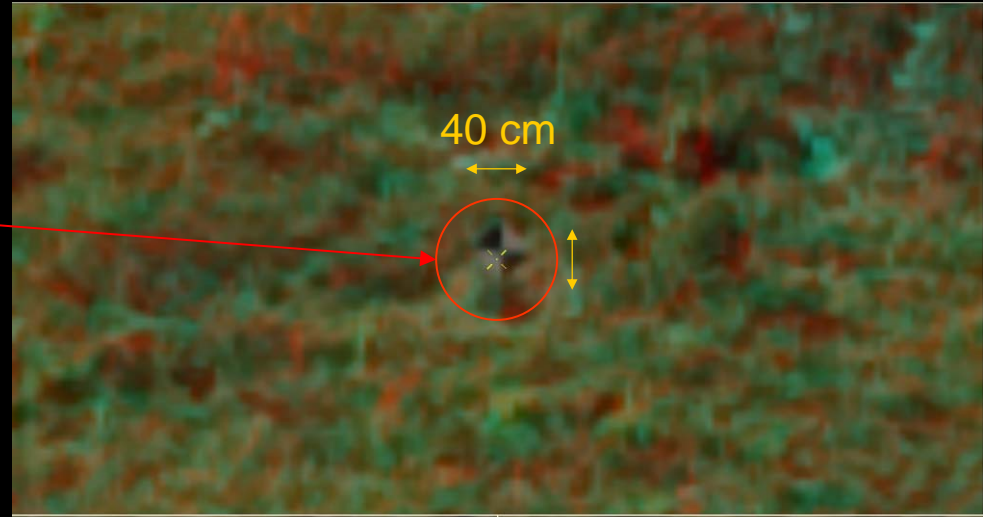
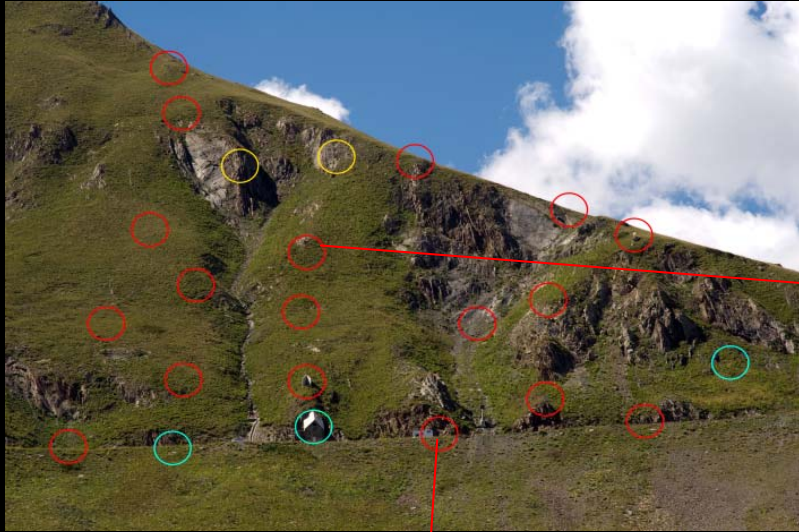
6 control points



Aero 13 August 2010
Sigma0 = 1.94 μm

RMS Mean X = 0.11m
RMS Mean Y = 0.11m
RMS Mean Z = 0.02m

3°) Validation of aerotriangulation

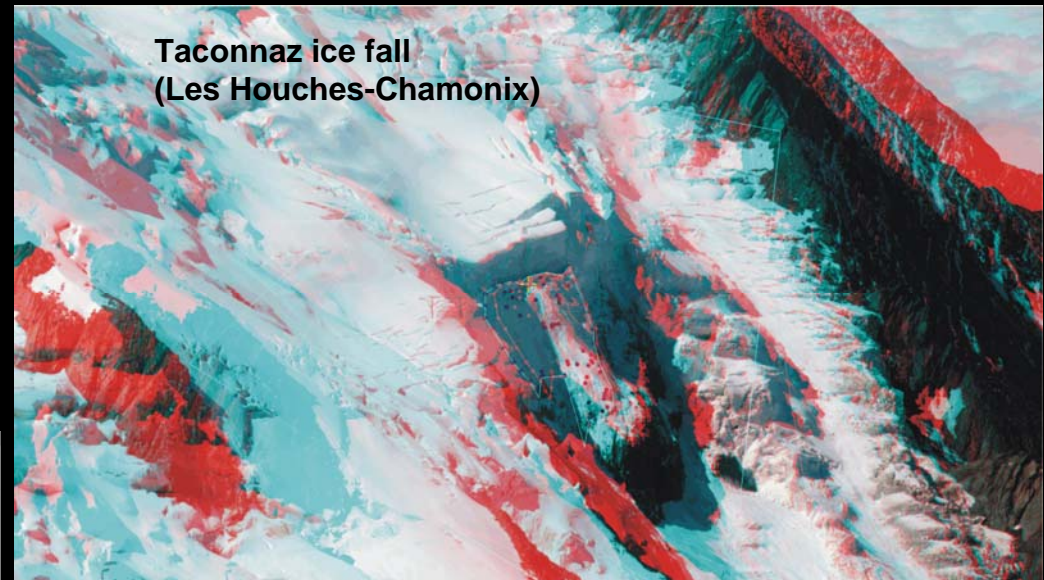


Validation with 2 control points not used in the aerotriangulation

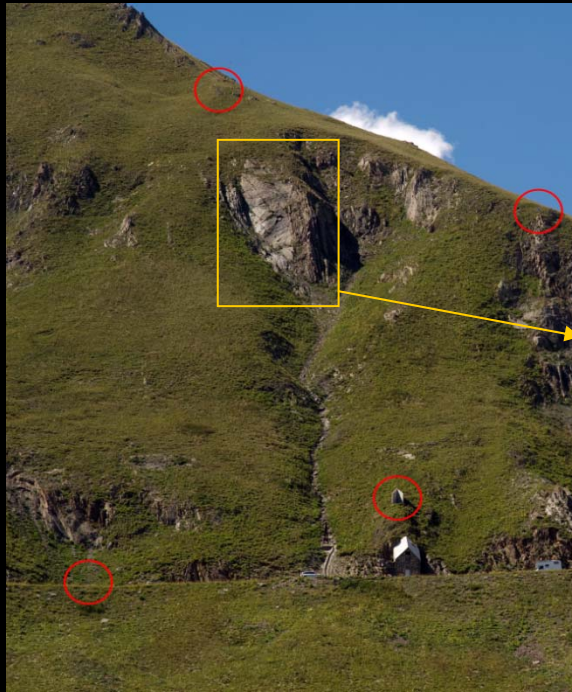
→ between 5 and 10 cm of discrepancy

4°) Photogrammetric restitution

- software: ArcGis 9.3 + Stereo Analyst extension (ERDAS)
- manual restitution by plotting in stereoscopic vision (anaglyph)
- help of stereo-correlation
- exportation of ASCII XYZ
- DEM interpolation & calculation IDRISI



4° Validation of restitution

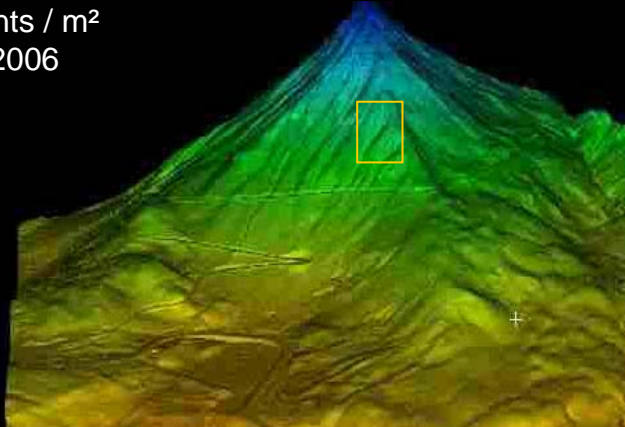


Validation with DEMs comparison

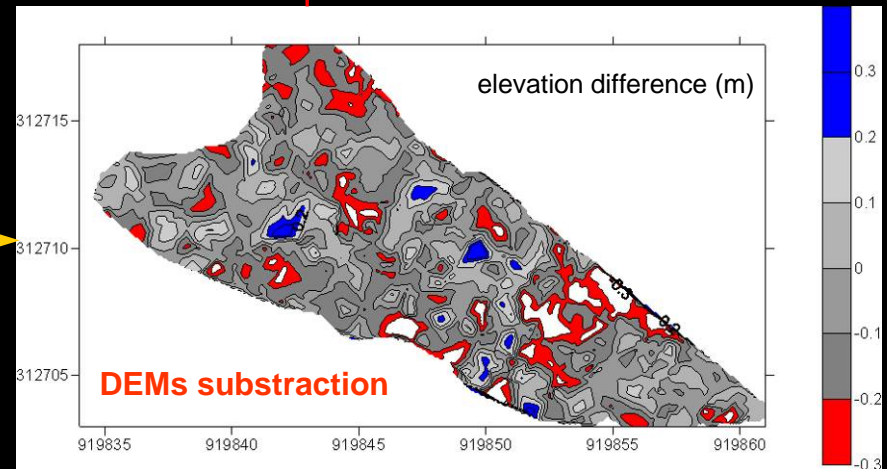
- 2 DEMs generated from:
- photogrammetry
 - laser scan

- no bias
- σ (RMS) = 0.11 m

DEM Laser Scan (RMS XYZ~10cm)
2 points / m²
July/2006



Laser scan (snow cover free)



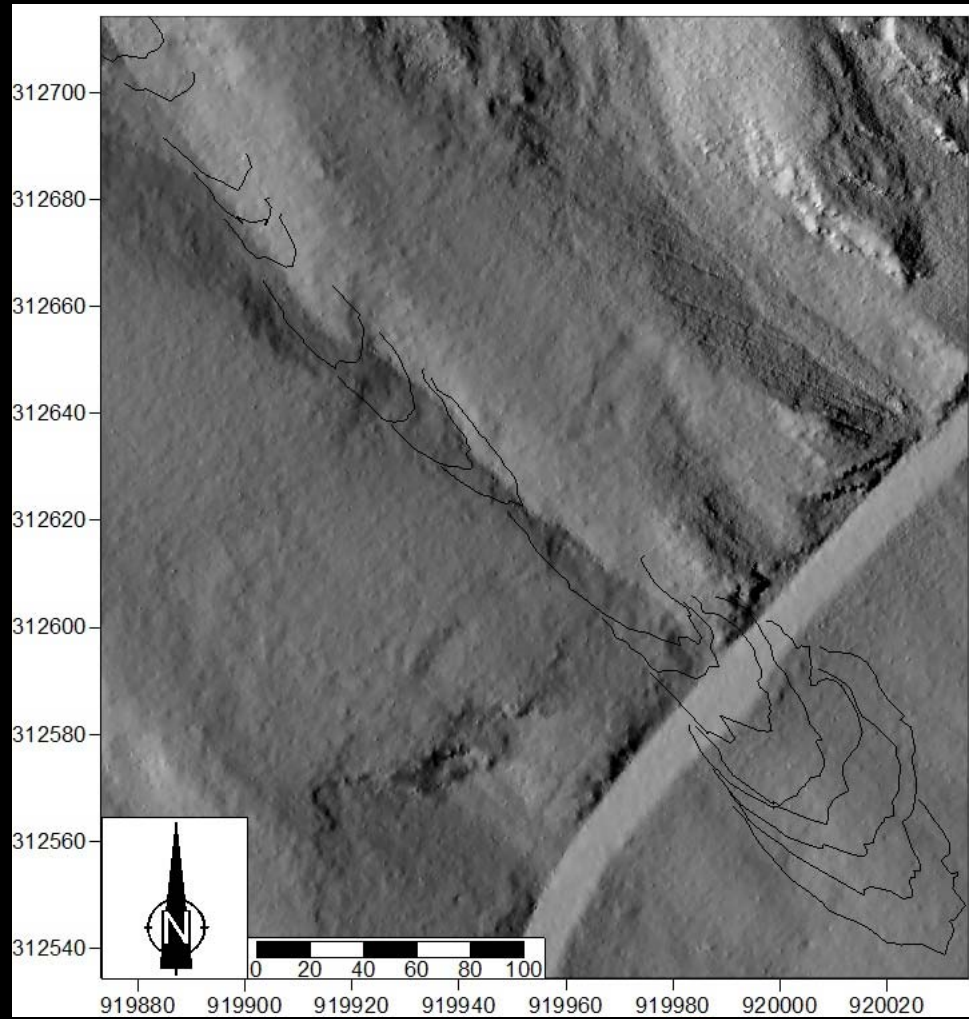
5°) Results

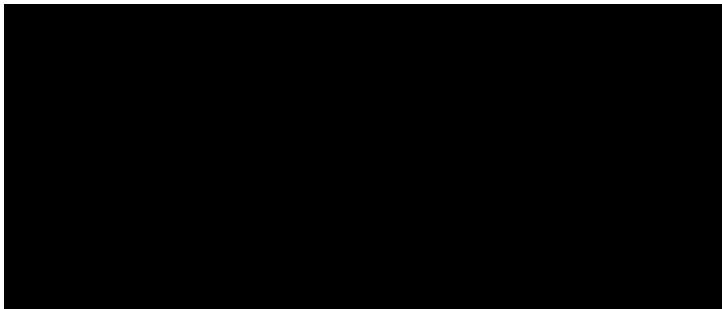
Lautaret: avalanche release 2 March 2010



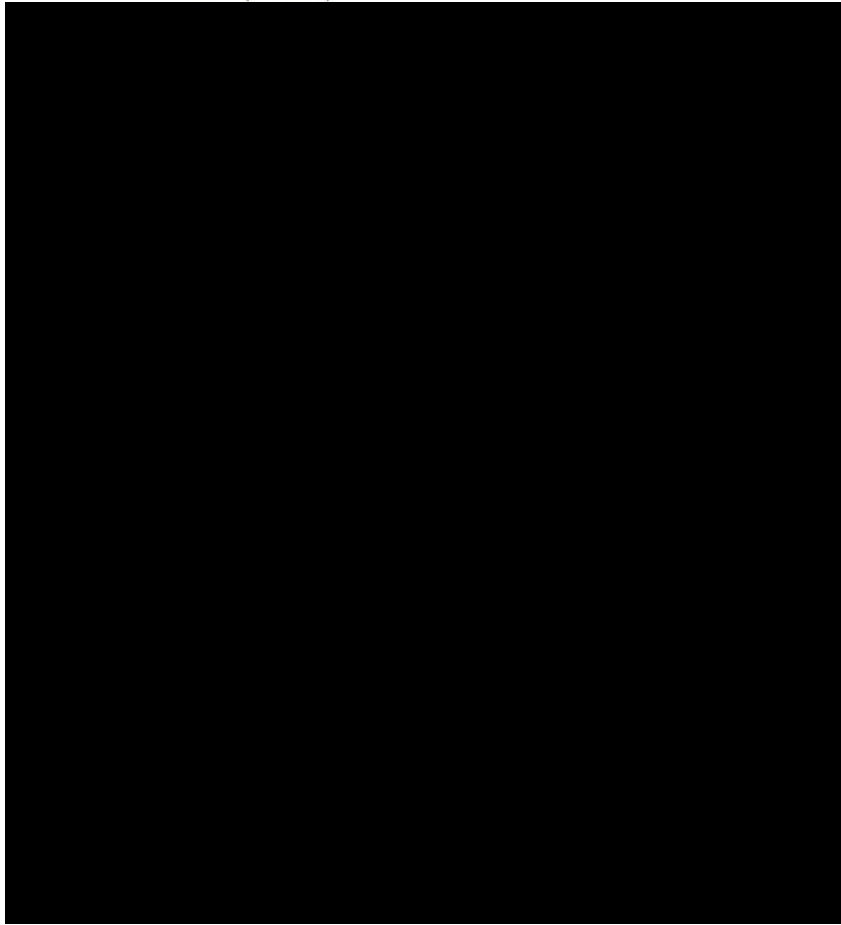
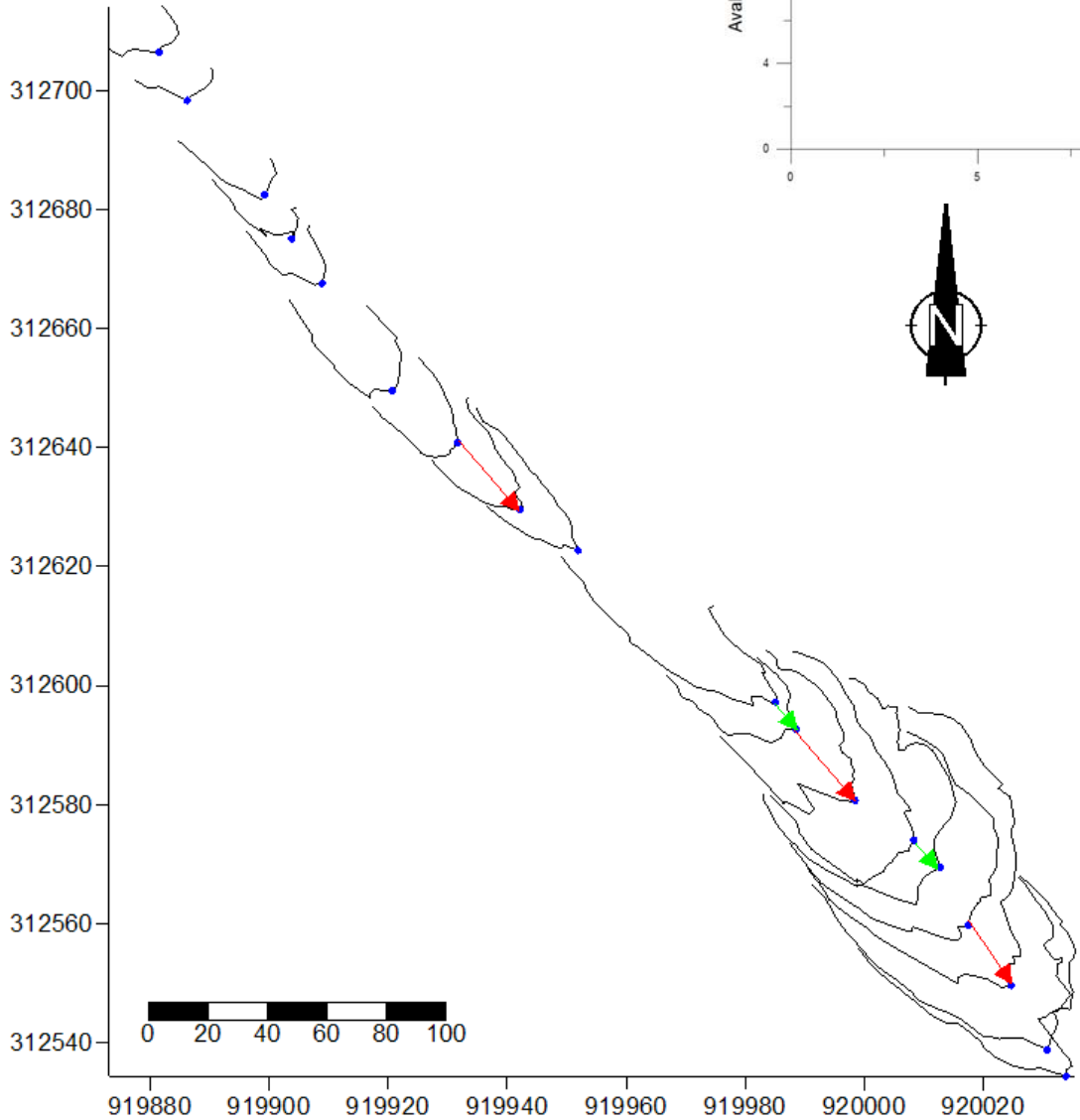
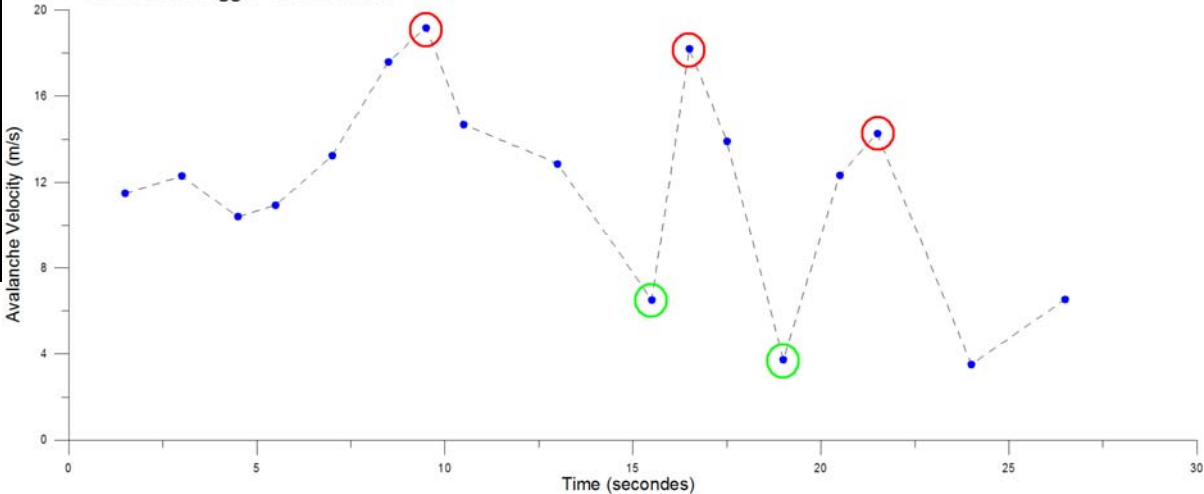
Front velocity

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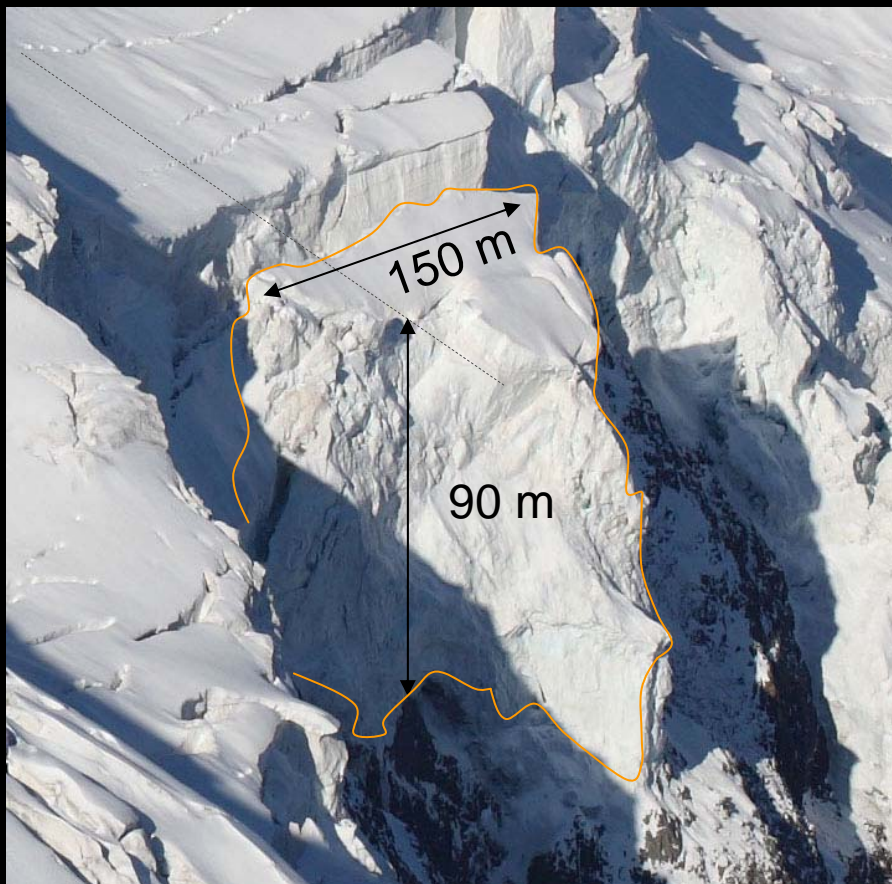


Avalanche Trigger on 02/03/2010

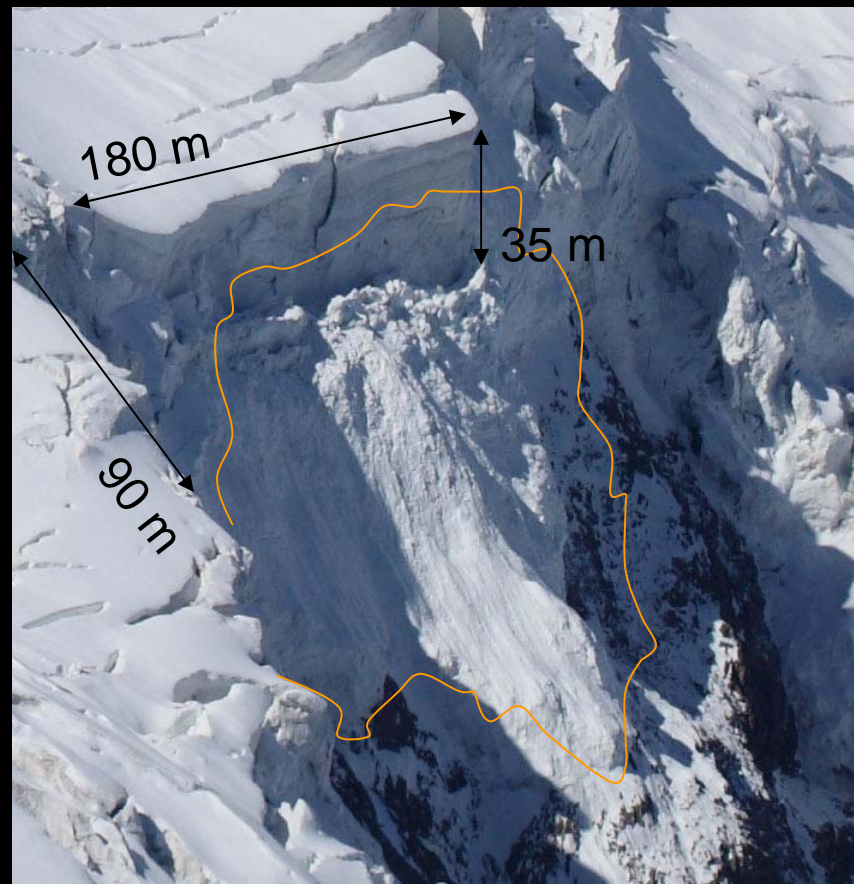


5°) Taconnaz: serac fall 12-13 August 2010

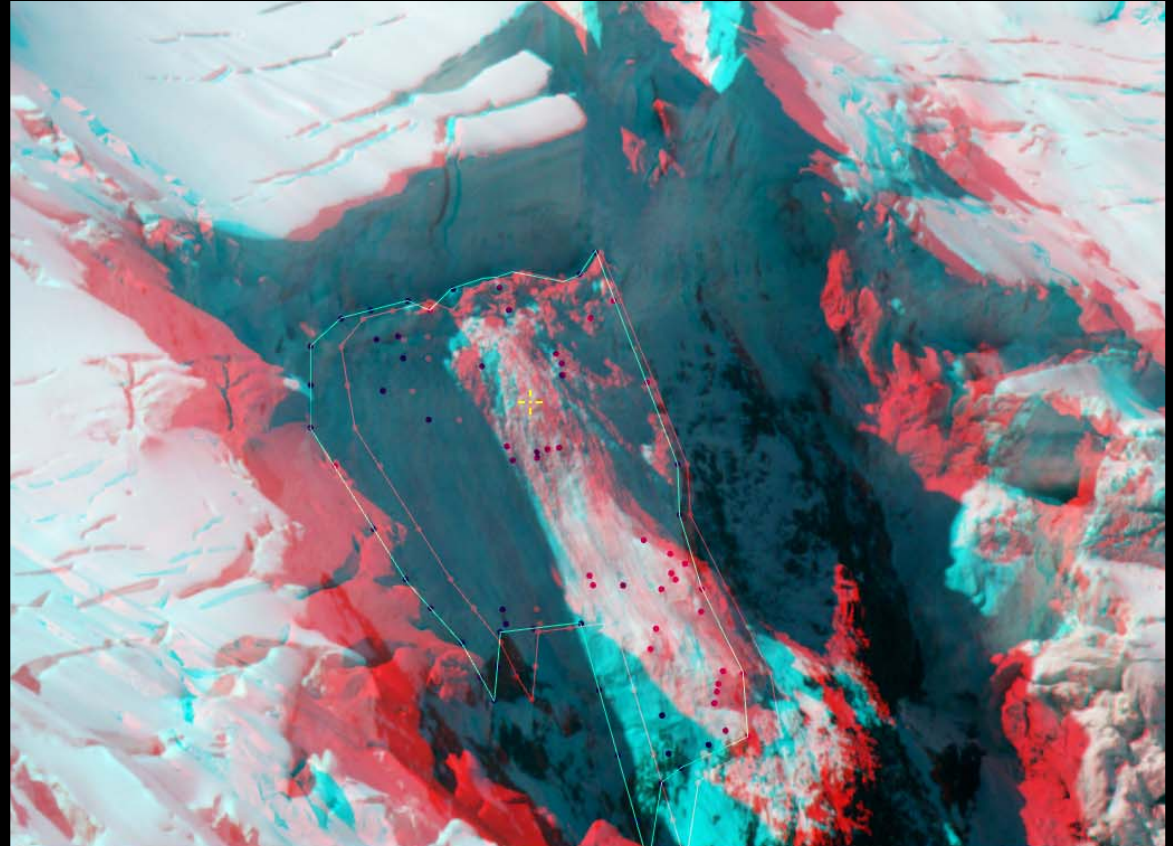
8 August 2010



13 August 2010



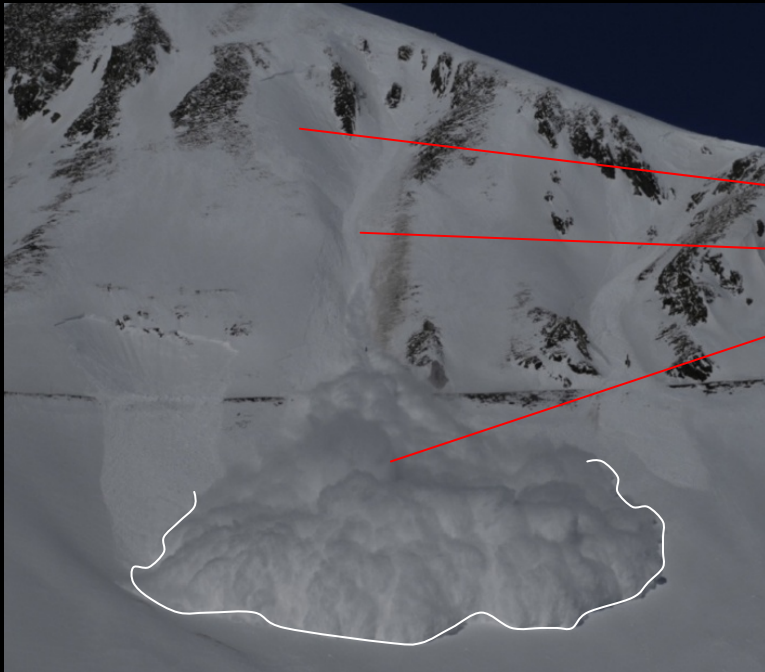
5°) Taconnaz: serac fall 12-13 August 2010



Volume = $109\,000\text{ m}^3 + 15\,000\text{ m}^3$ (hidden faces?)

Conclusion & further developments

- operational photogrammetric field device
- high resolution (1-2 pixels) and accuracy (2-3 pixels) with non-metric cameras
- survey and DEMs can be generated at various time rates



Avalanche mass balance

- snow volume released
- erosion along the avalanche track
- snow deposit in the run-out area

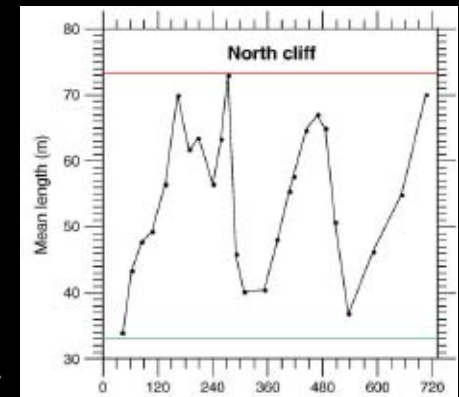
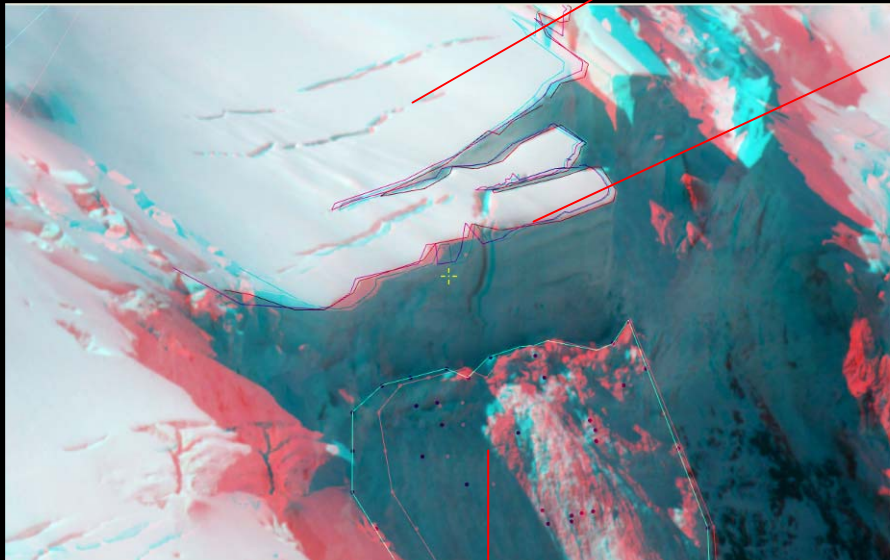
Avalanche dynamics

- front velocity at higher time rates
- run-out distance

Conclusion & further developments

Ice fall surface velocities

Ice cliff upper lip position in time



LeMeur & Vincent CRST 2006

Serac fall return period

