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# L3HARRIS INTELLIMATICS 3D VOLUMETRIC PROCESSING

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# Agenda

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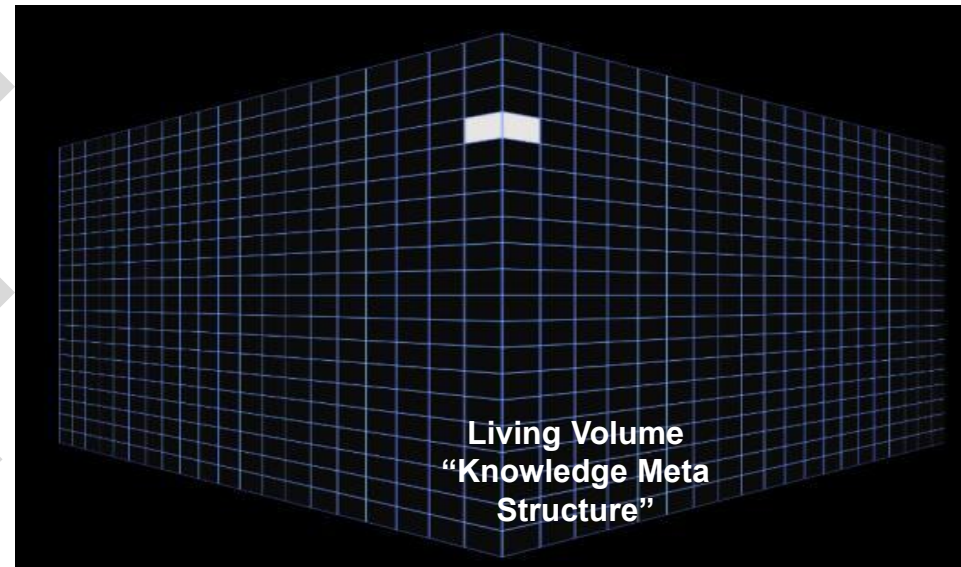
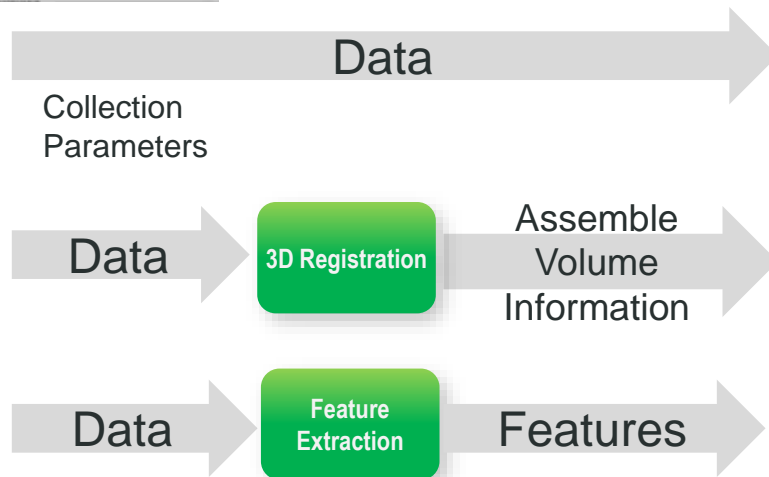
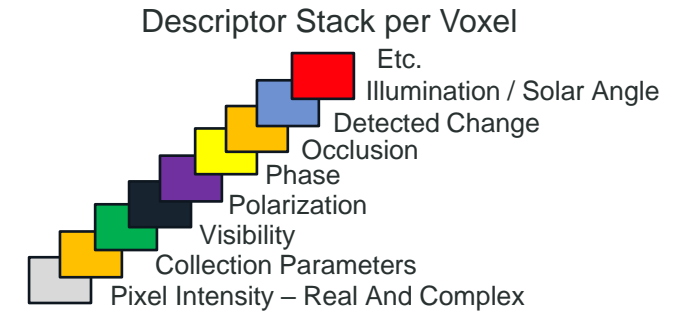
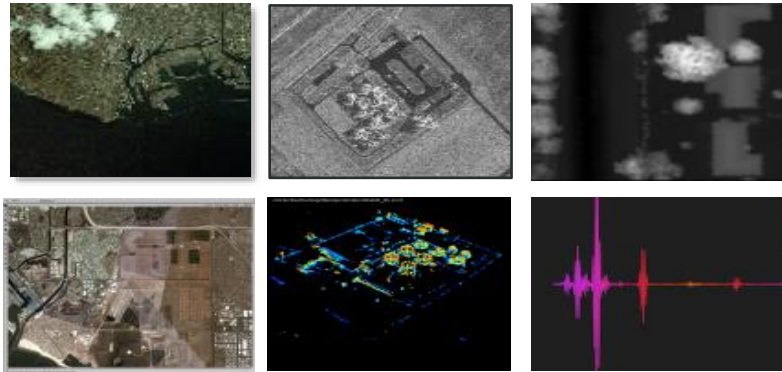
- Intellimatics Introduction
- Intellimatics Construction Site and Moved Earth Monitoring Overview and Results
- Technology Status
- Summary & Q&A

# What is Intellimatics?



- **Capability:** Provides Fully Automated, Sensor Agnostic, Collection Agnostic, Near-Real-Time, EO & SAR Intelligence.
- **Impact:** Increases analytic productivity while improving quality, speed, and accuracy of sensor-agnostic automated intelligence.
- **Value Proposition:** Benefits to NGA, IC and DoD analysis, analytics and near-real-time operations.

# Volumetric Processing – CRADA Construction & Moved Earth Approach/Overview



## 3D Volumetric Representation



### Operational Systems

- TacDSR SAR 2019
- TacDSR EO 2020
- MAGE
- NGA CRADA 2020-Present

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# What is unique about our solution

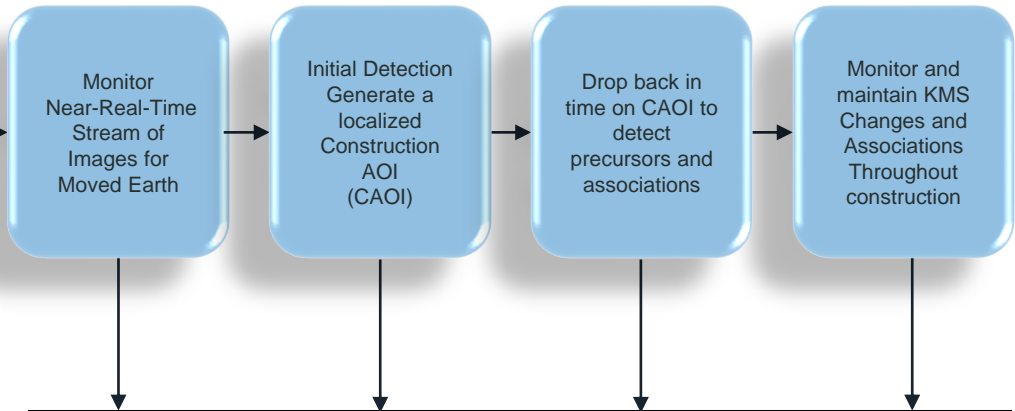


- Co-registration of all imagery in the volume (Fully automated QC)
  - Iterative Predictive Registration (IPR) ensures sub-pixel accuracy
- The system learns with each new image
- Volume is a 3D/4D representation of the real world – Not a stack of images
- Intellimatics is foundational and not an application
  - An implementation of the Autonomic Construct
- Leads to new discoveries and applications - Examples
  - Shadow Finder in SAR
  - Iterative Predictive Registration
  - Many new applications of AI
  - Etc.

# Fully Automatic Monitoring Overview



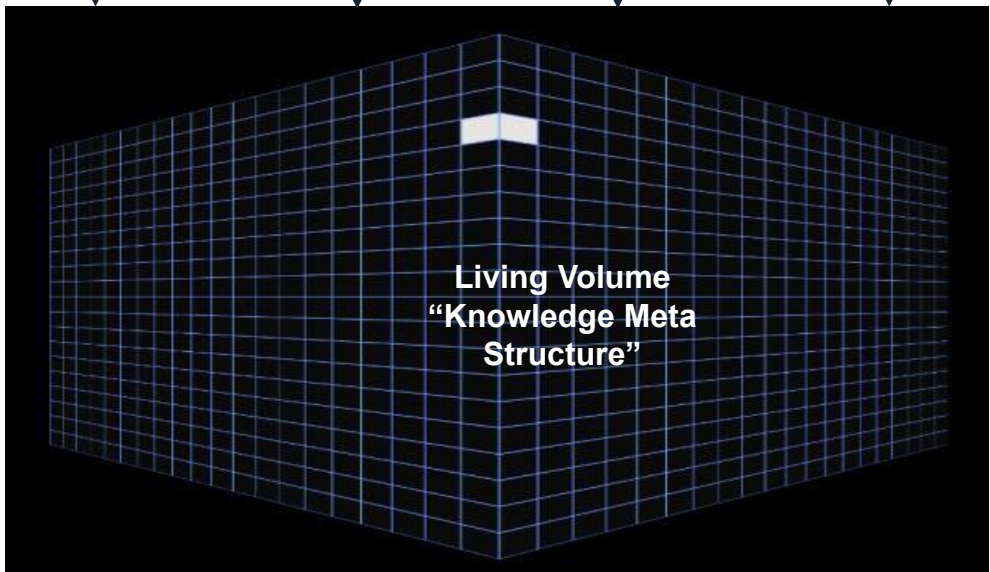
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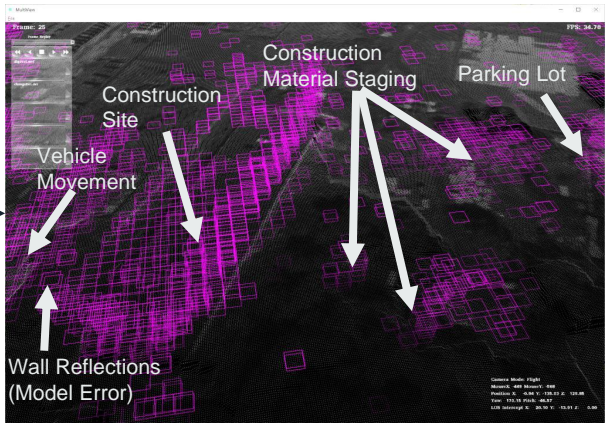
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- Automated 2D/3D/4D model generation
- Deliver automated predictive detections
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- Generate Reports
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Predictive Change Detection Products

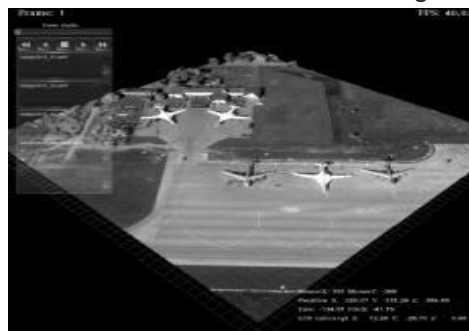
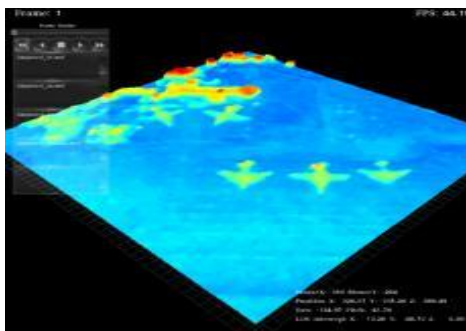


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# Growing the Volume



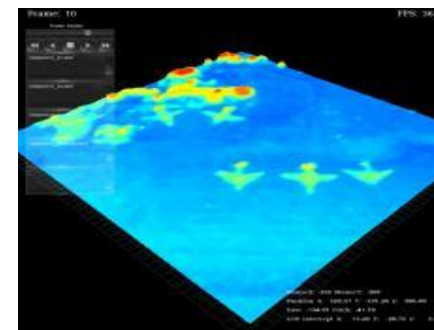
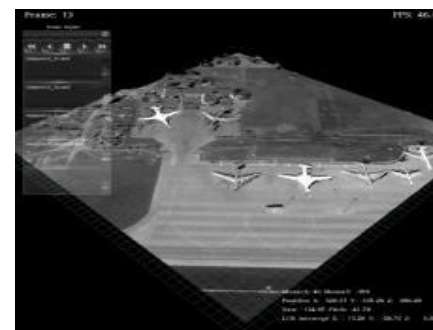
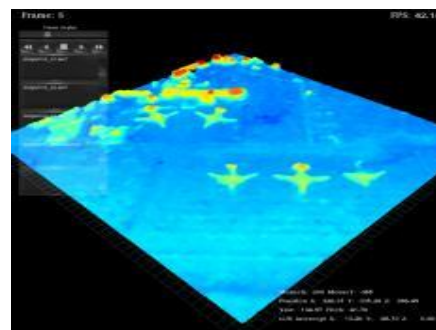
- Base Volume Formation
  - Initial Volume is formed with one surface and one image
  - Surface is created by L3Harris 2.5D Topo3 processing using multiple images
  - Image is projected onto surface with sensor model
  - Image header information added to voxel structure
  - Differing sensors handled automatically
- Growing the volume
  - Flexible volumetric data structure allows additional surfaces and images to be added in any order



Base Volume Creation



Grown Volume with 4 Surfaces and 14 Images from 3 Sensors



Adding Additional Surfaces and Images

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# Construction – Change Detection



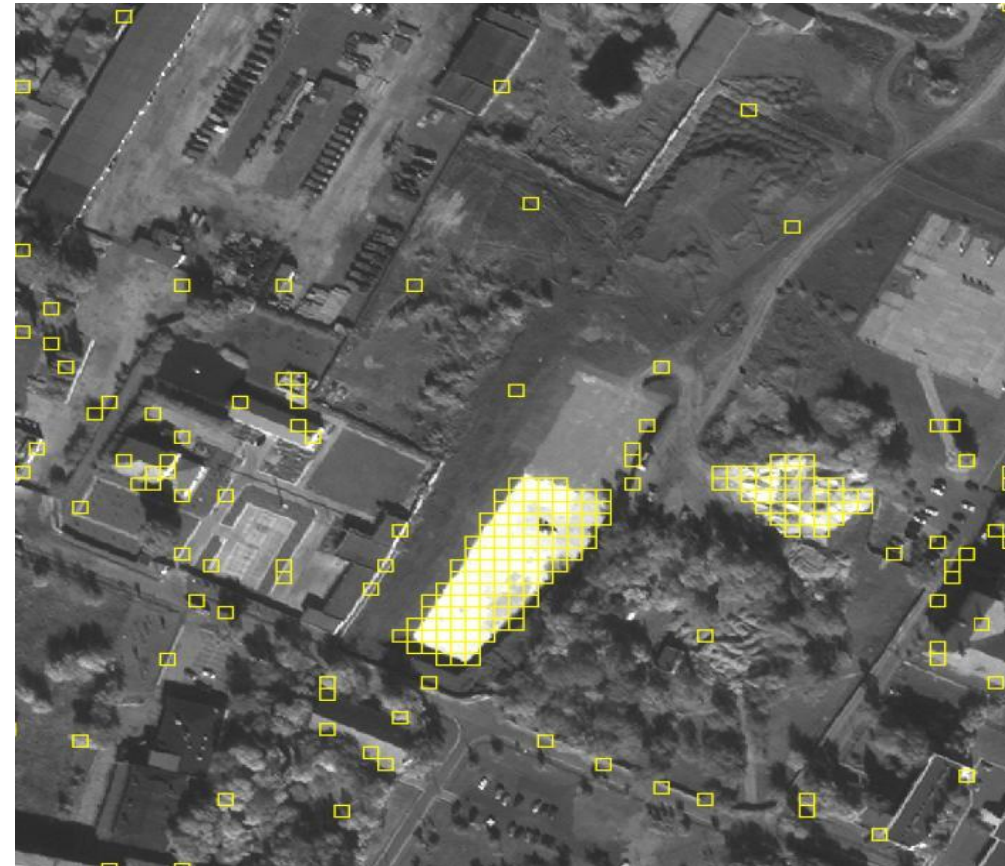
## Predictive Change Detection

Produces a prediction of a new collection and then allows change detection for the new image vs the predicted image



## Volumetric Change Detection

When we put a new image in the volume, we look for static changes in intensity and surface height in the volume



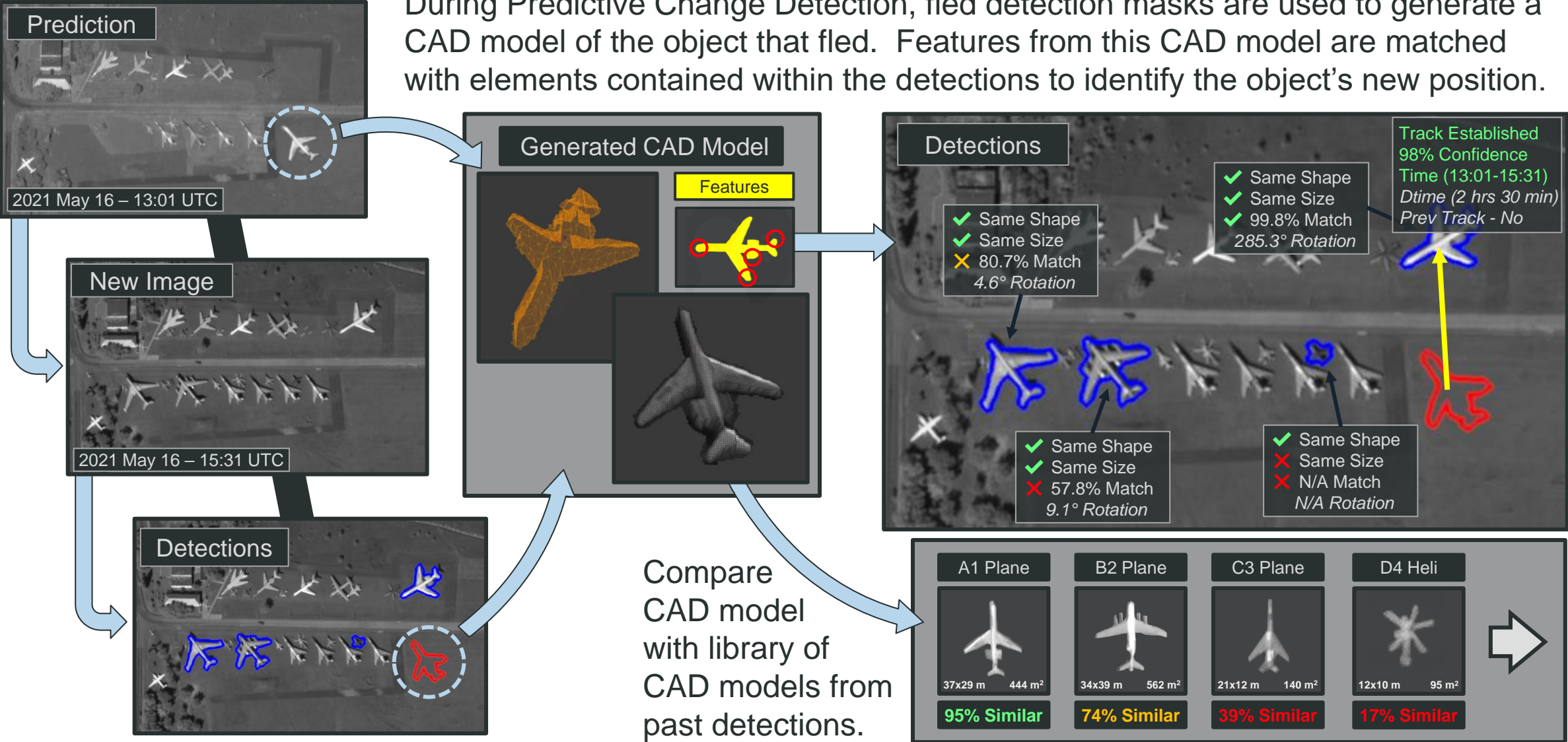
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# Automatic Detection of Objects Moving Within a Scene (Base Concept)



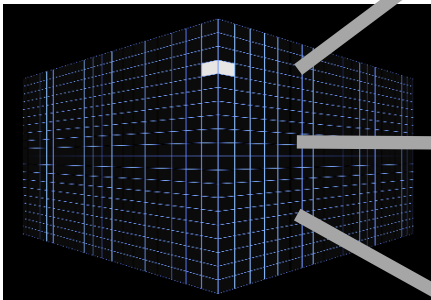
During Predictive Change Detection, fled detection masks are used to generate a CAD model of the object that fled. Features from this CAD model are matched with elements contained within the detections to identify the object's new position.



# Engels Airfield: Predictive Change Detection - EO



Volumetric Representation



Vol - t1

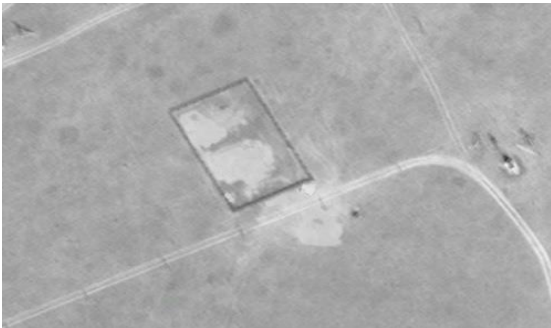
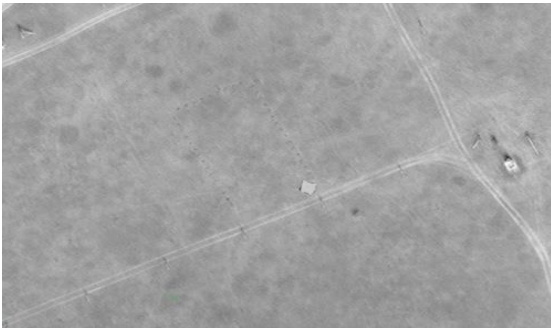
Vol - t2

Vol - t3

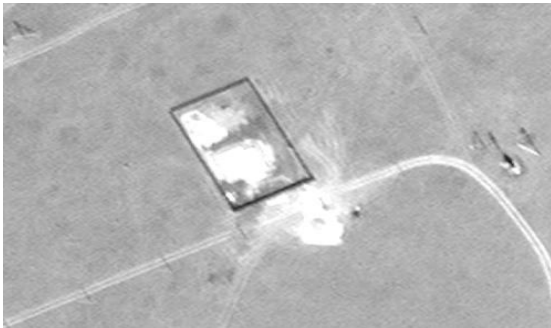
Volumetric image representation is used to create image predictions with the same parameters as actual image collections.

Change Detection is Inherent

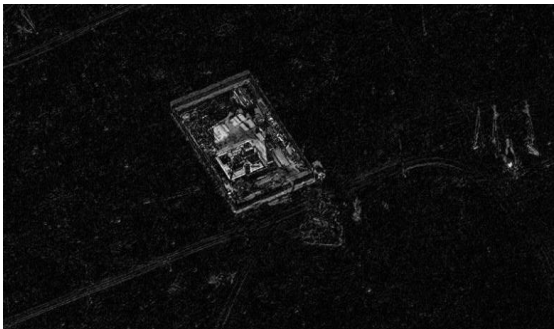
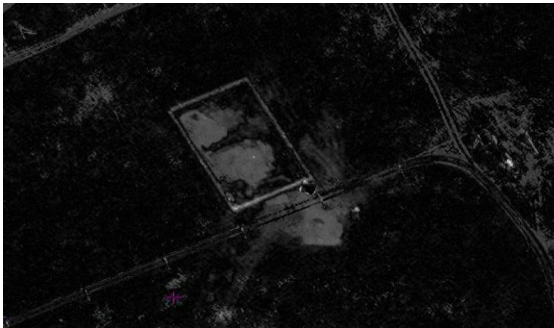
Predicted Digital Globe Image



Actual Digital Globe Image

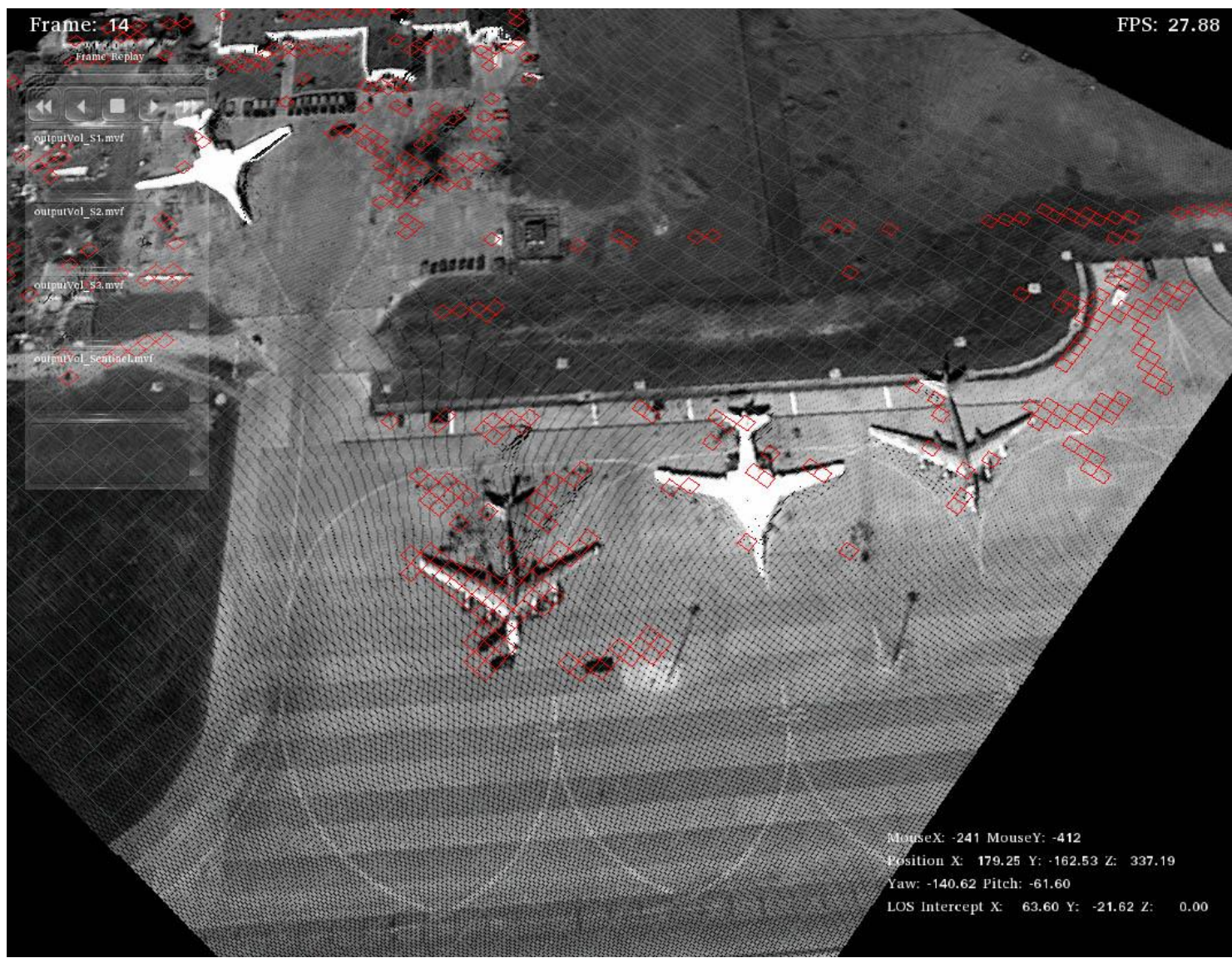


Difference Image





# Volumetric Change Detection

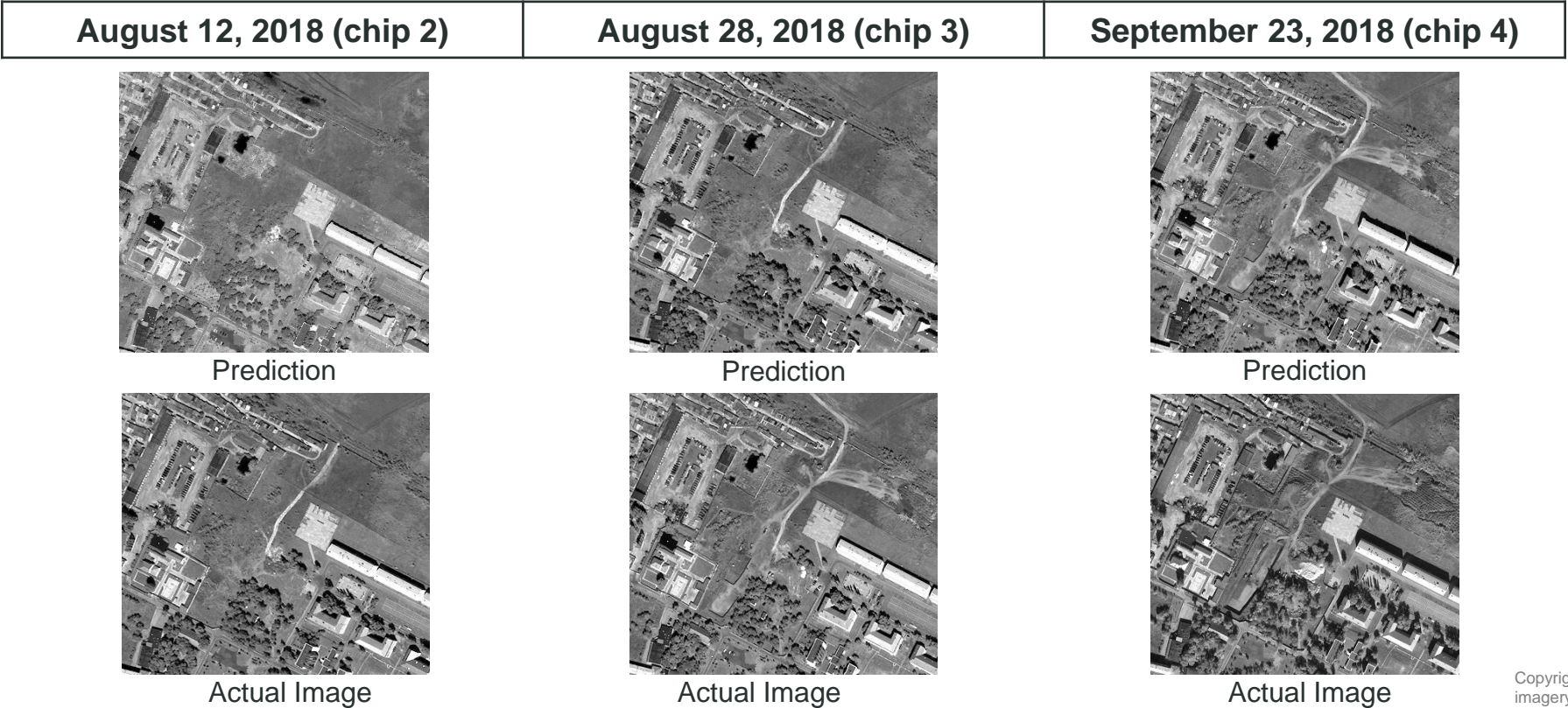




# CRADA Predictive Change Detection Images Over Engels Airfield



- A series of predictive and actual image chips are used such that chips 2, 3, 4.... N are in chronological order.
- Prediction is created by projecting the 3D Volumetric Knowledge to 2D Image plane.
  - It is the “Expected Value” based on the geometry and parameters of the system (Sensor Model)
  - Applicable across multiple sensors (Ex: WV and Pleiades) and INTs (Ex: EO-SAR)
- Detections are differences between the Prediction and the Actual Image

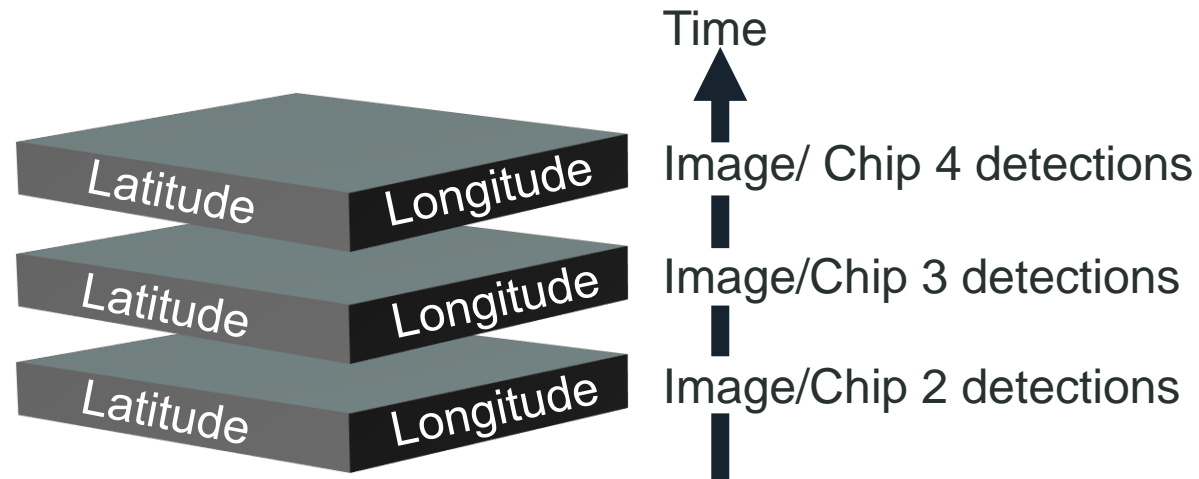


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# Volumetric and predictive change detections over time



- Since a series of original and predictive image chips are generated in chronological order, we can “stack” the plots of detections from each chip over time
- This creates a 3D Map of position and time: latitude (x), longitude (y), time (z)
- This allows us to visually analyze detections over time, and easily identify and isolate different phases of construction: Moved Earth, start of construction, etc.





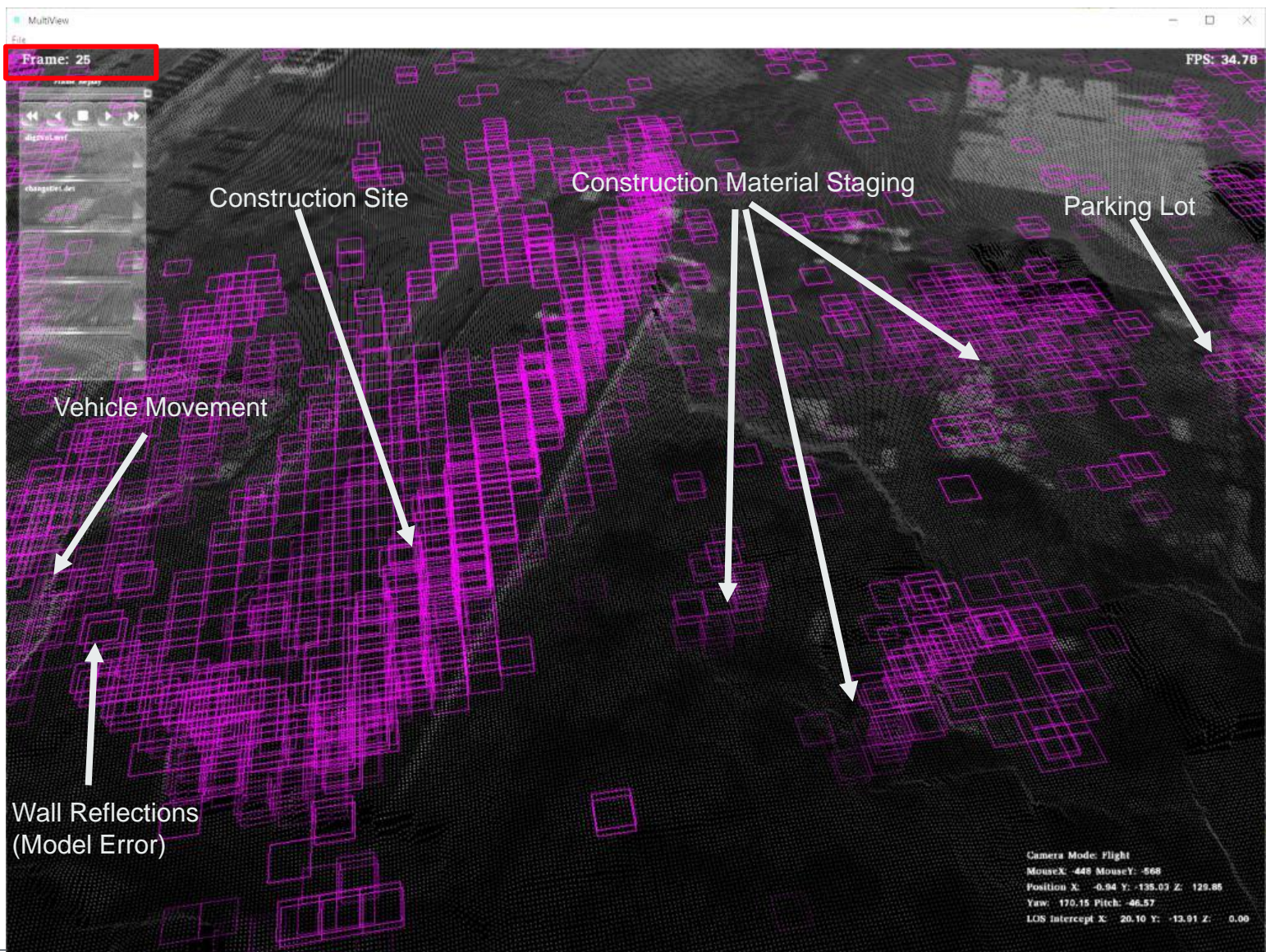
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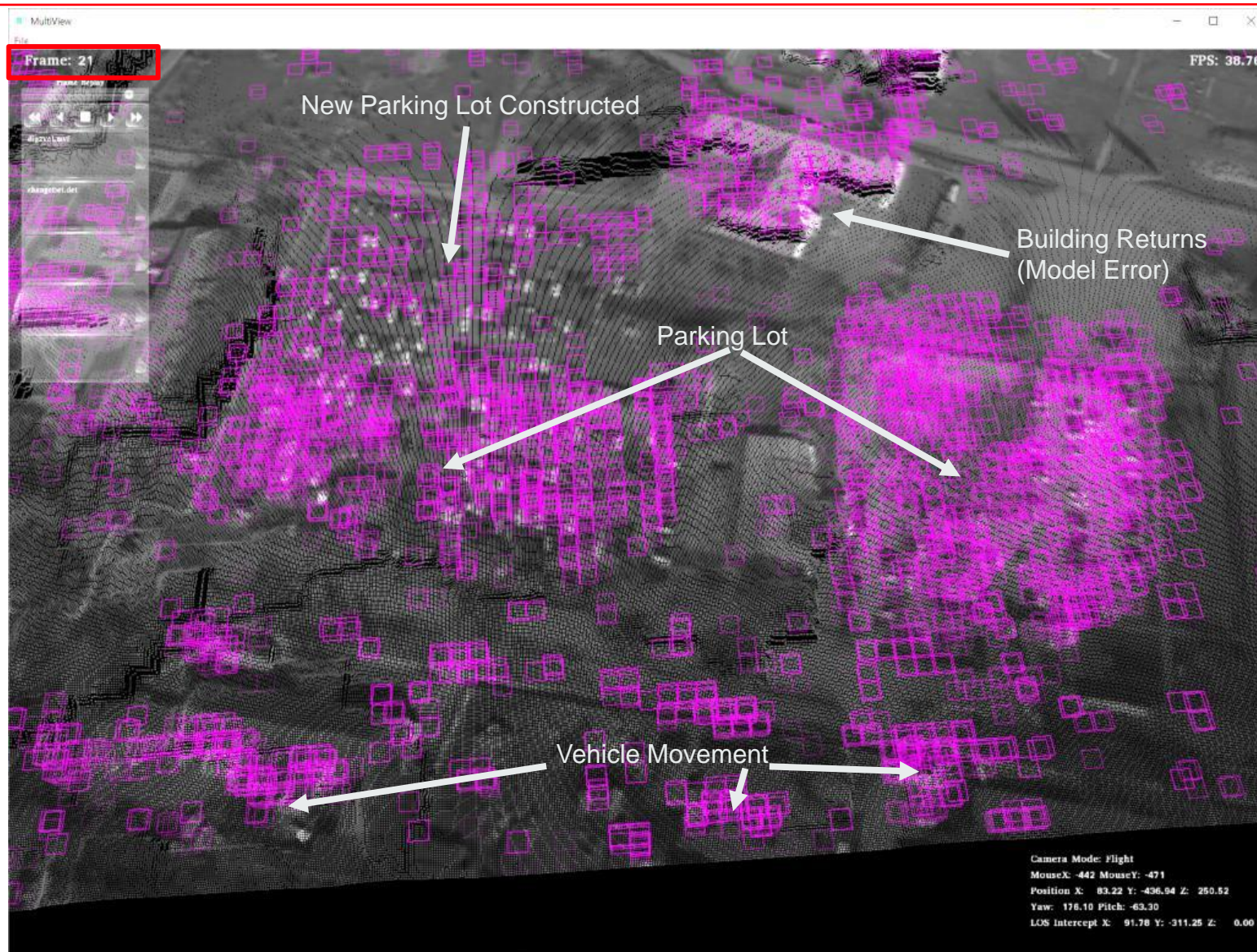
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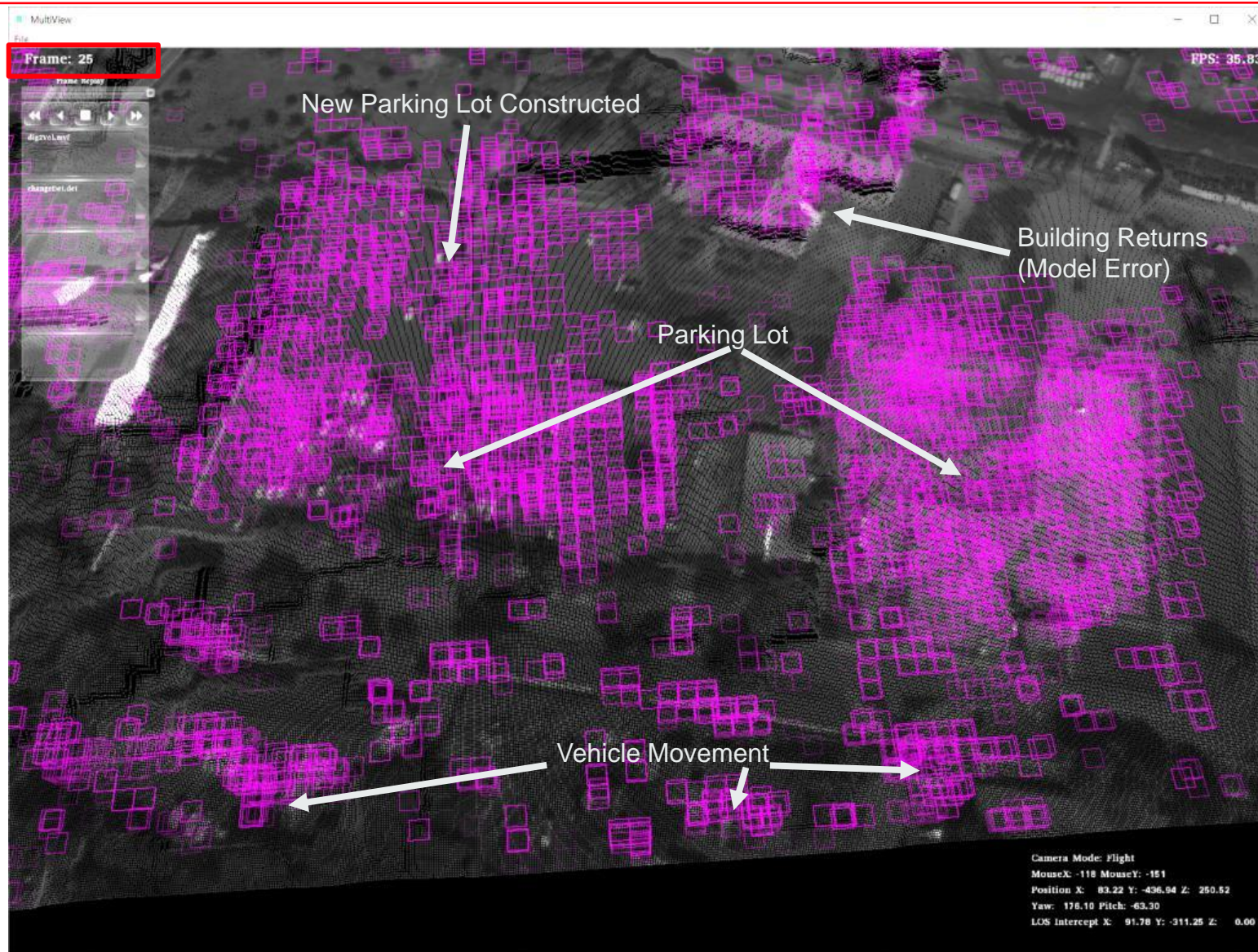
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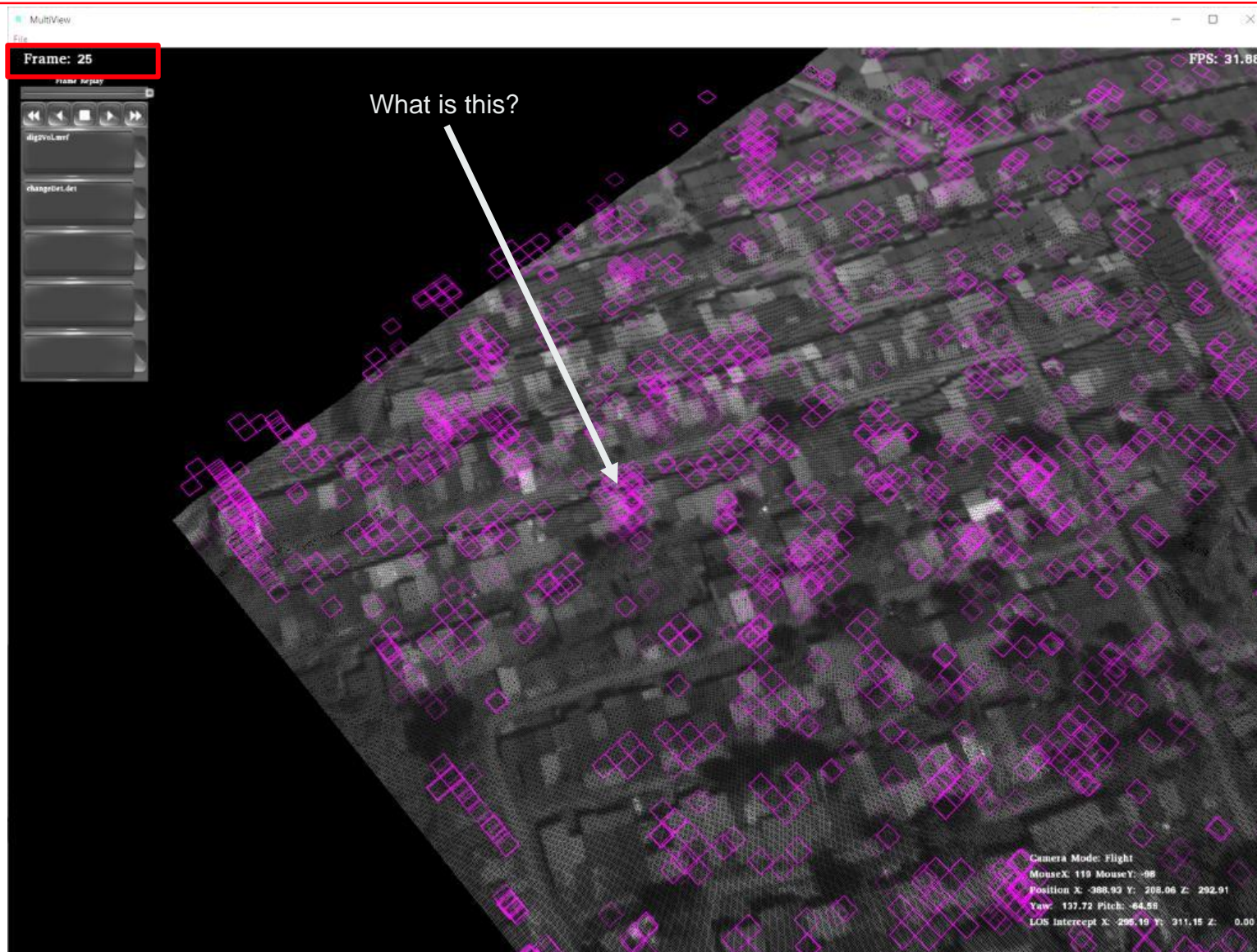
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# 3D Accumulation Map – Discovery

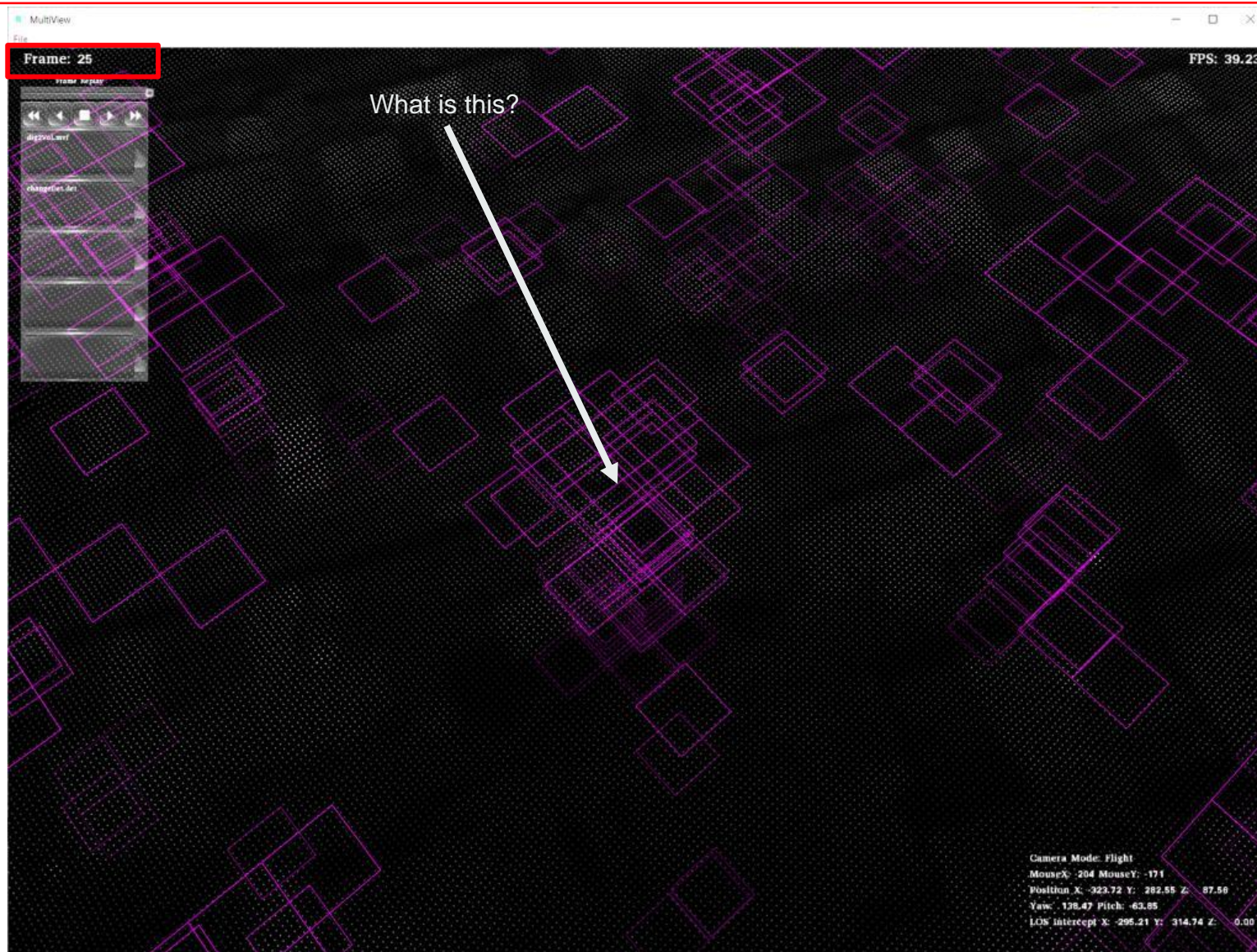


This change represents intensity and height changes over time

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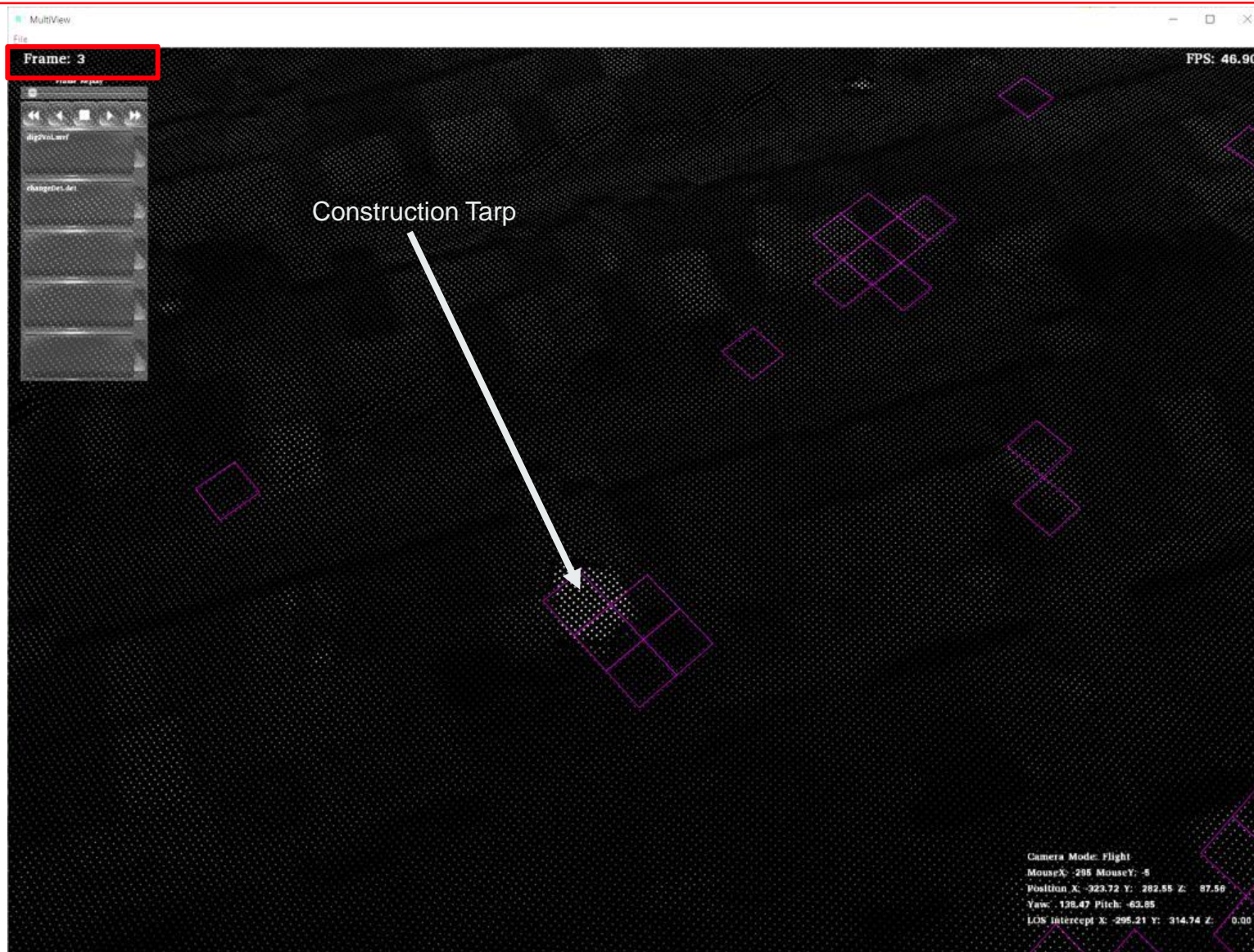
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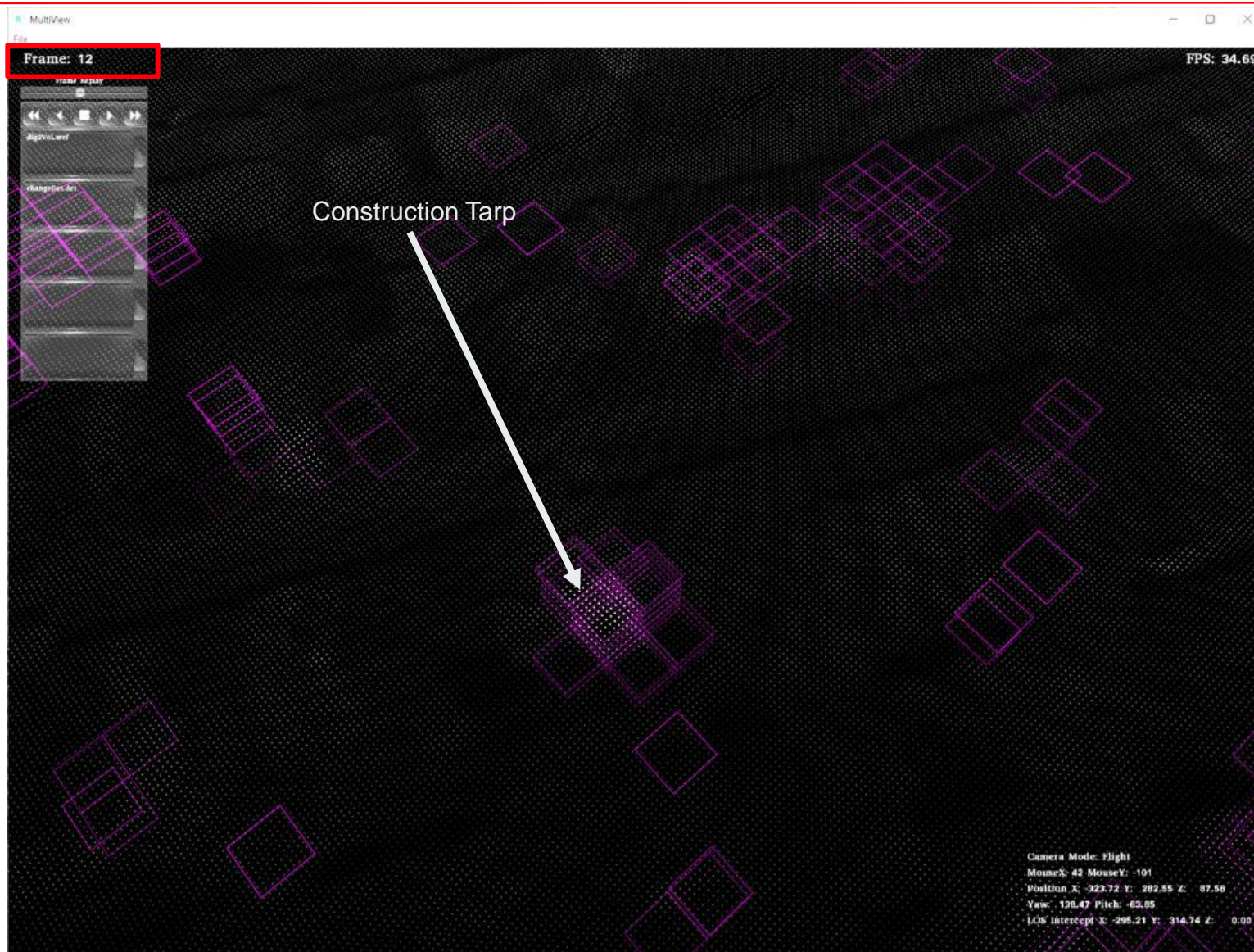
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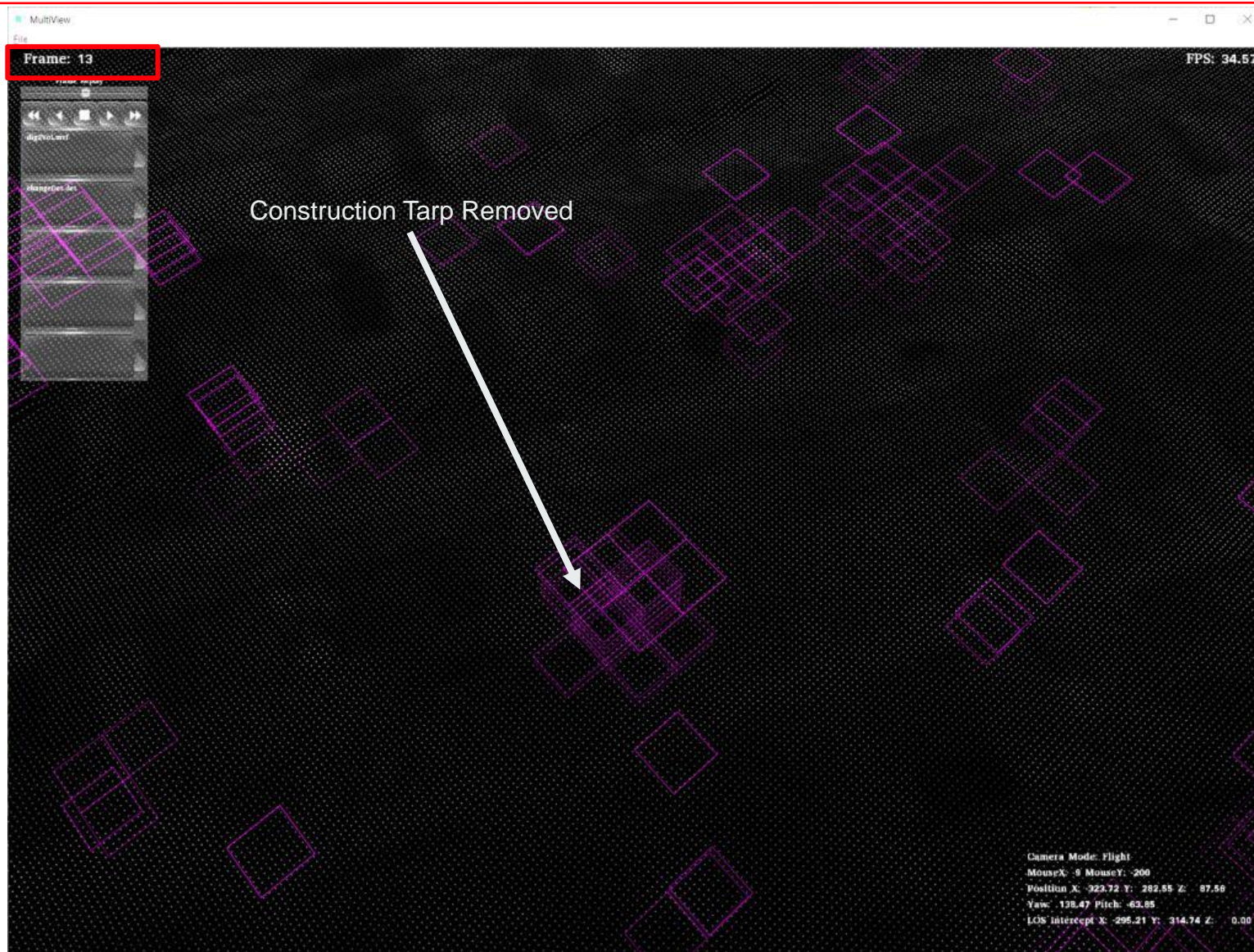
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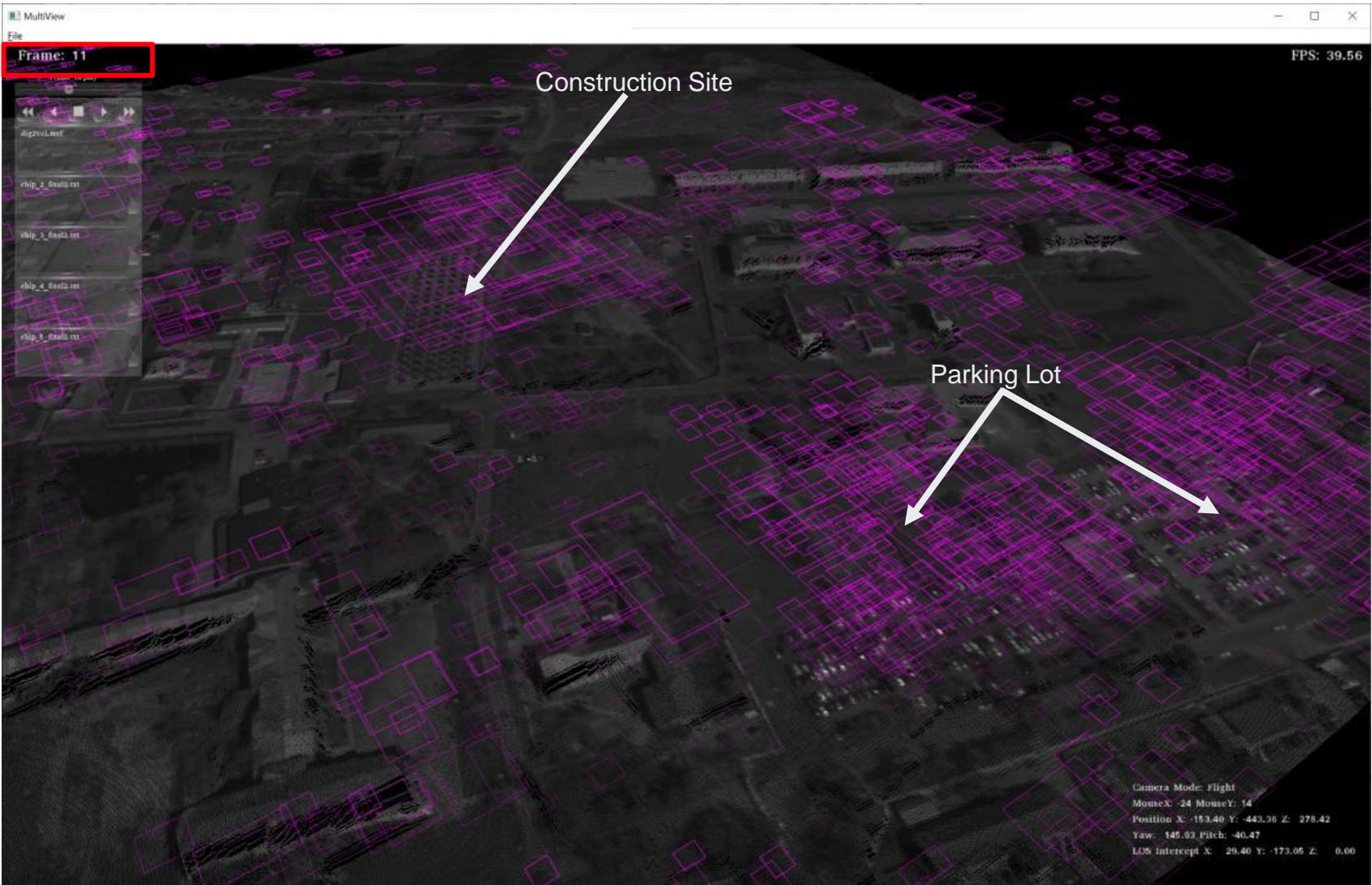
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# 3D Accumulation Map – Predictive Change Detection Map



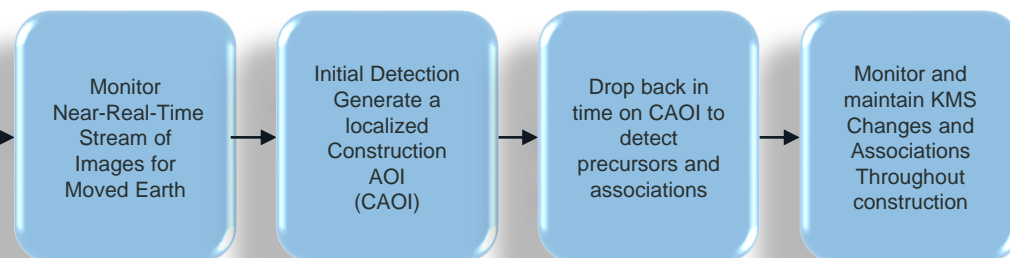
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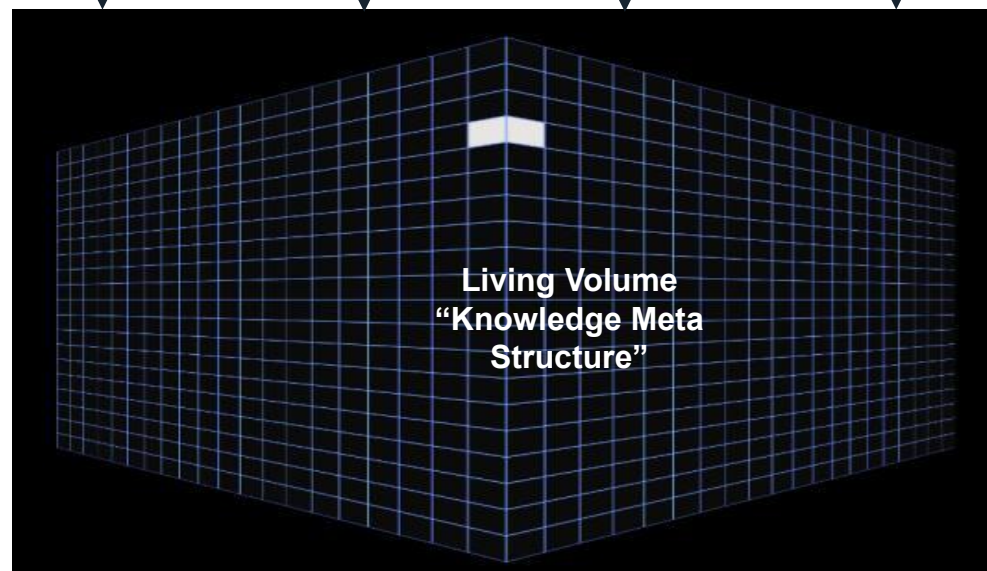
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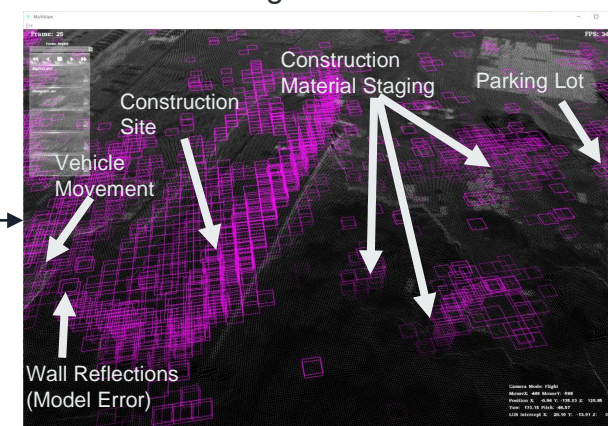
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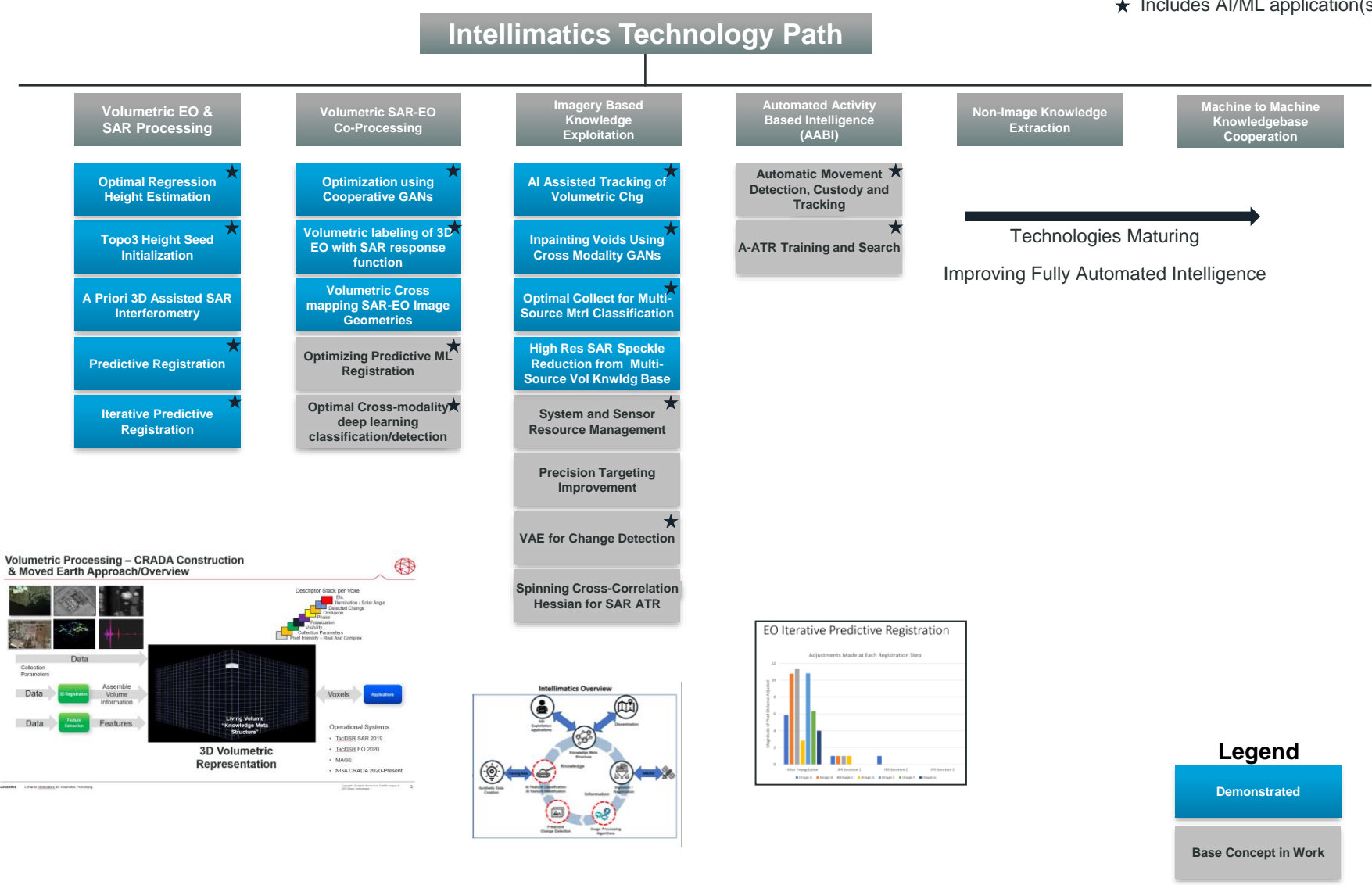
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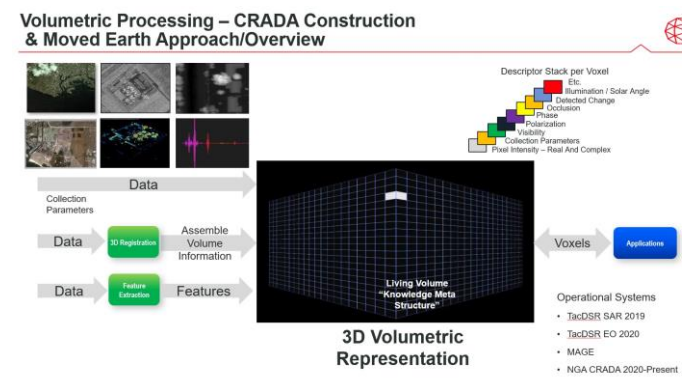
★ Includes AI/ML application(s)



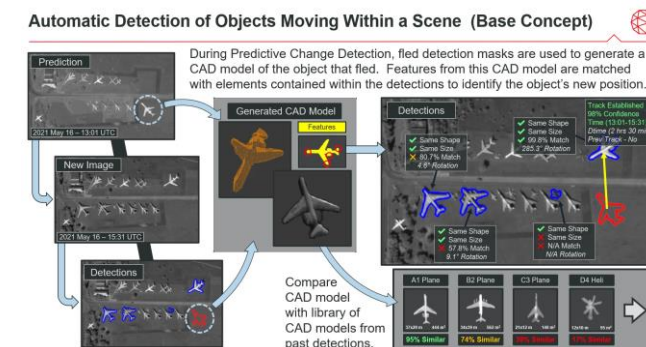


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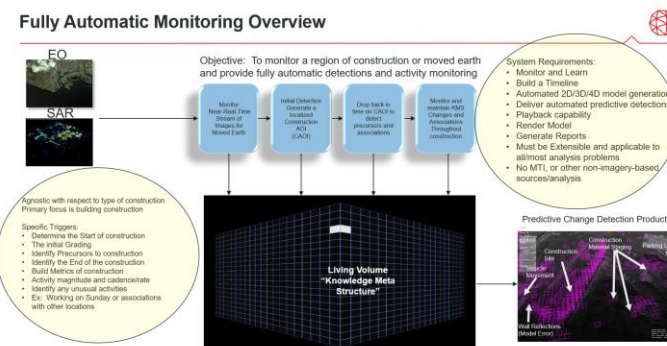
- Accurate 3D/4D Knowledgebase that Learns



- Applicable to a multitude of problems



- Demonstrated Objectives



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