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Why 3D?



Eliminate Stakes and Stringlines

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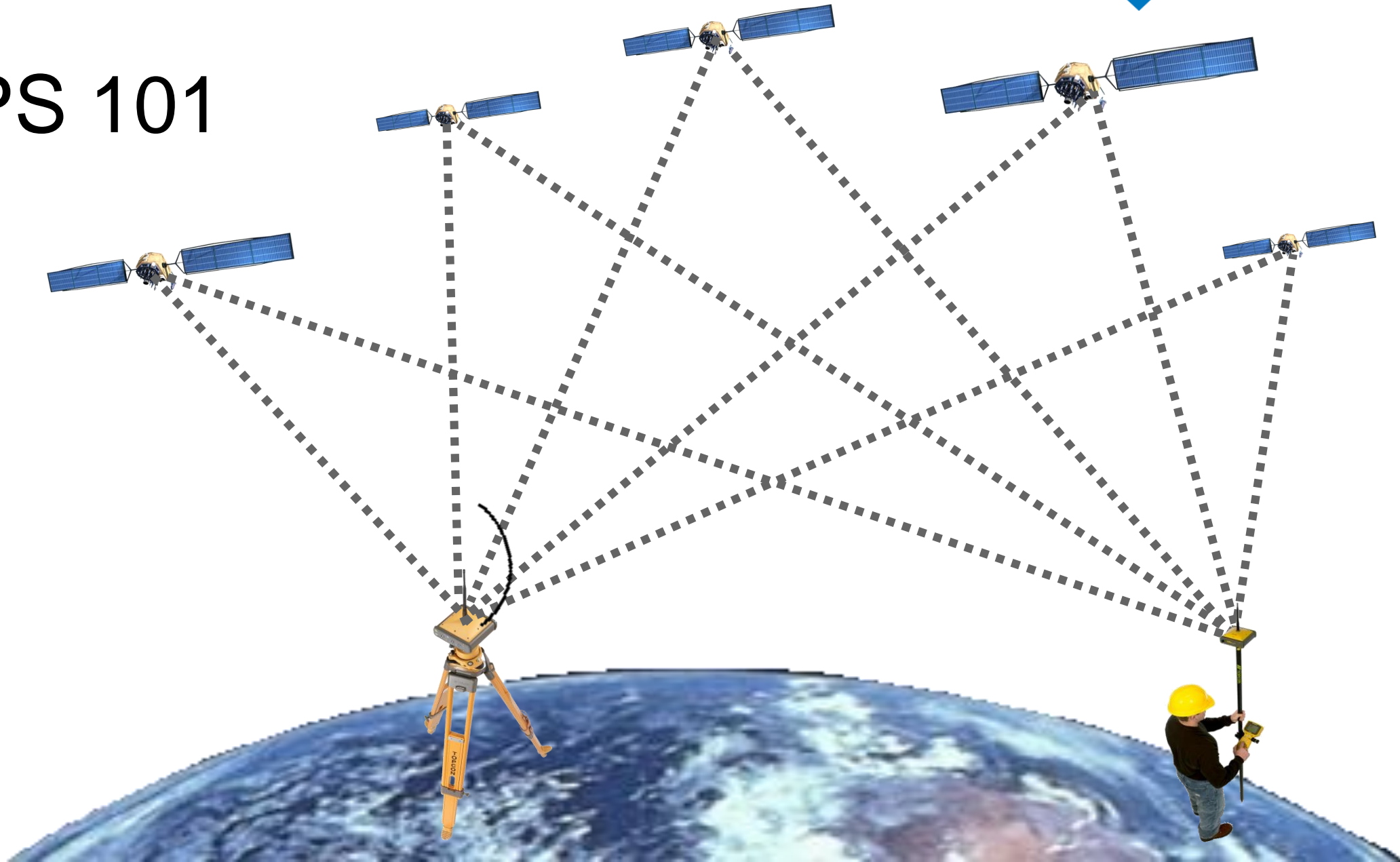
GPS

The **Global Positioning System (GPS)**, originally Navstar **GPS**, is a satellite-based radionavigation system owned by the United States government.

GNSS

Global navigation satellite system (GNSS) is a general term describing any satellite constellation that provides positioning, navigation, and timing

GPS 101



GPS

Vertical accuracy for
GPS is +/- .10/ft.



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mmGPS is patented technology, only from Topcon that solves the vertical accuracy limitation of GPS. **Vertical accuracy for GPS is +/- .10/ft.** This is not good enough for high precision applications such as finished grading and paving.

mmGPS was created by combining :

- Topcon's Laser Technology
- Topcon's Optical Robotic Technology
- Topcon's GPS Technology



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mmGPS System Components

PZS-1 Survey Rover

- 1000' Range
- Rechargeable Battery

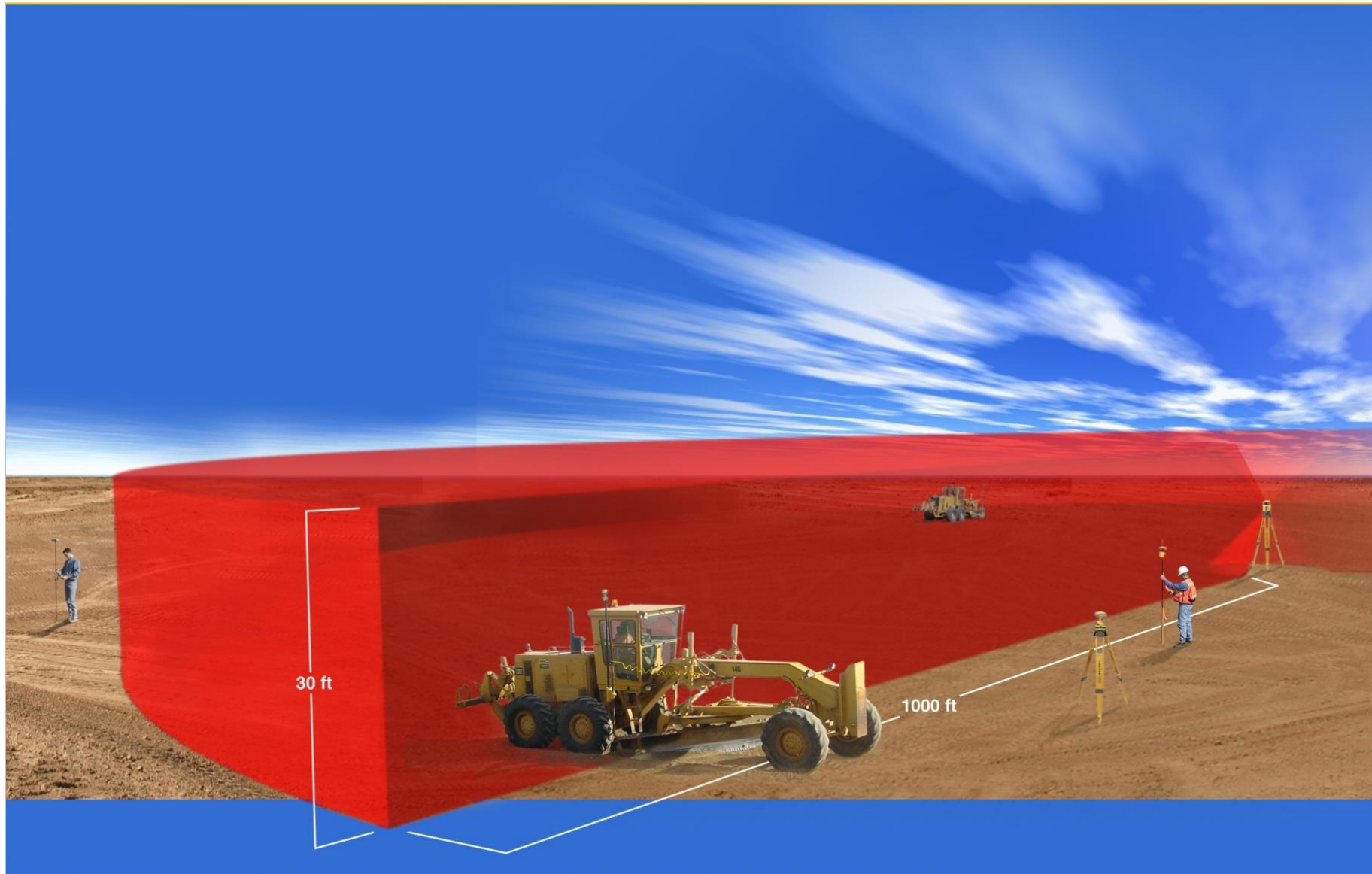
PZS-MC Machine Receiver

- 360 degree window
- Standard mast mount

LZ-T5 mm Transmitter

- Self Leveling easy to use transmitter
- Unparalleled accuracy





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Robotic Total Stations and Machine Control

Machine control is most commonly associated with GPS/GNSS positioning systems. However, it can be just as efficient and accurate to use a LPS (Local Position System) method. LPS employs the use of a robotic total station tracking an on-machine prism and utilizing radio communications to inform the machine control system of the machine's real-time position. You can build a dedicated Topcon LPS system or LPS can be an option on a system already outfitted for GPS machine control. LPS provides a useful option in areas of bad or impossible satellite or RTK network acquisition. This can include areas with tree cover, near tall buildings inside or under overhead structures.

- Can be the only installed, preferred system
- Can be an add-on option when needed
- Efficient and accurate
- Can solve GPS/RTK connection issues

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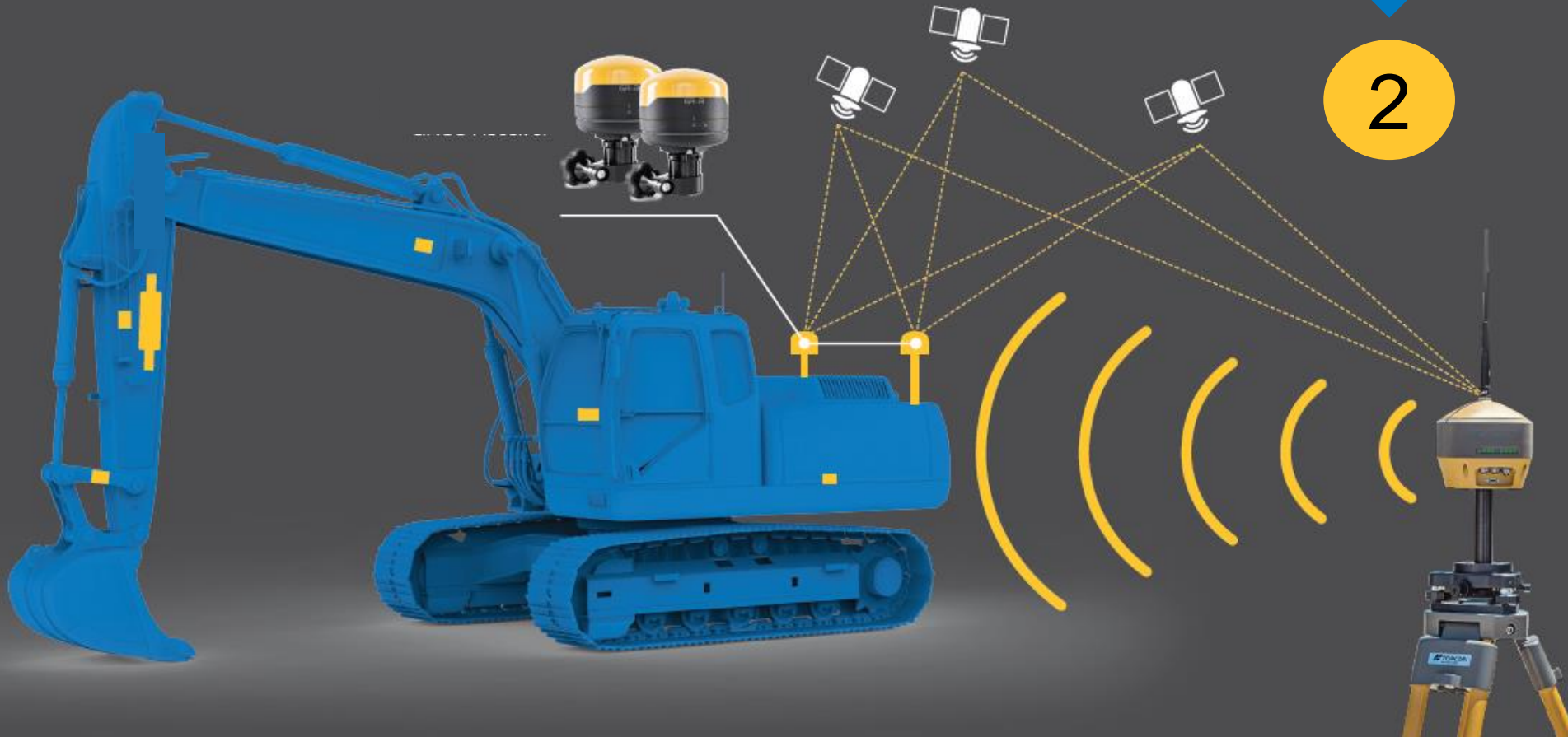
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3D Dozers



3D Motorgraders





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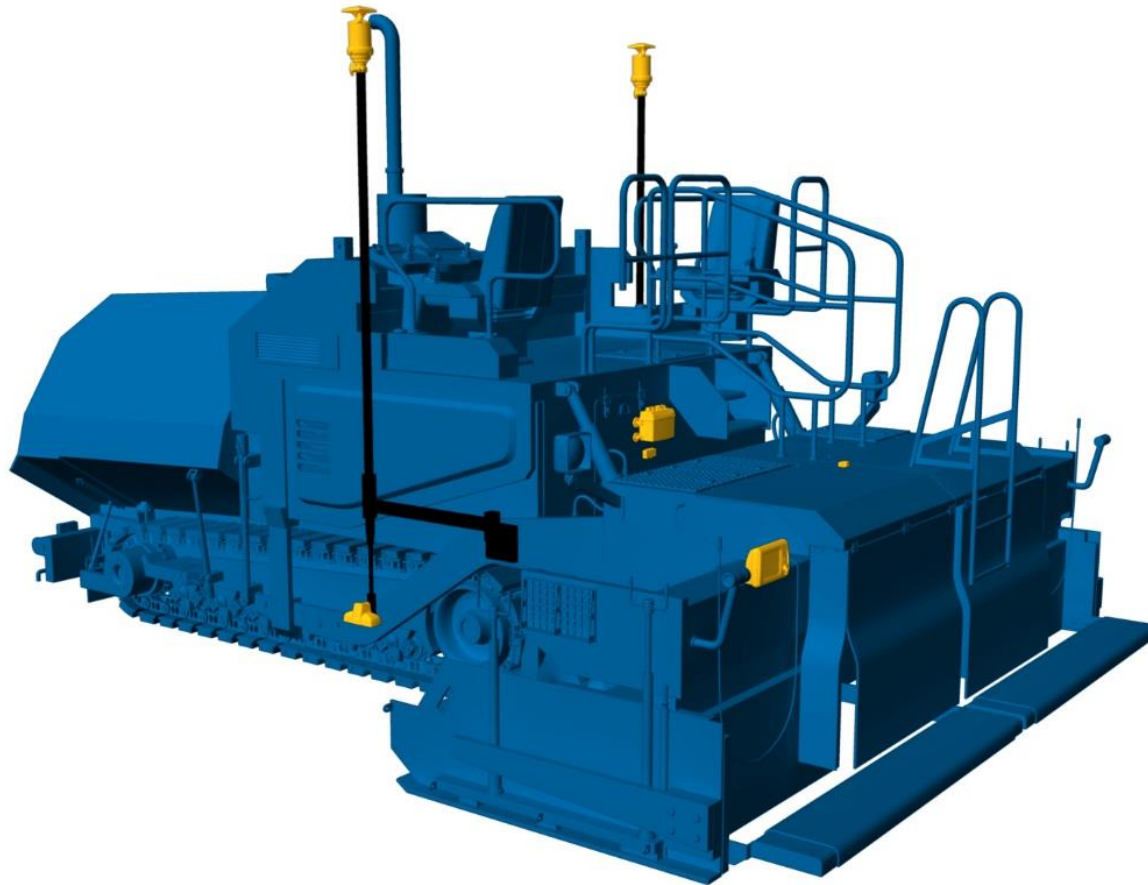
- GPS position on earth
- RTK corrections
- On-board 3D design model

mmGPS Applications

- Dozers
- Graders
- Profilers
- Trimmers
- Pavers
- Grading Boxes



P-63 Millimeter Paving



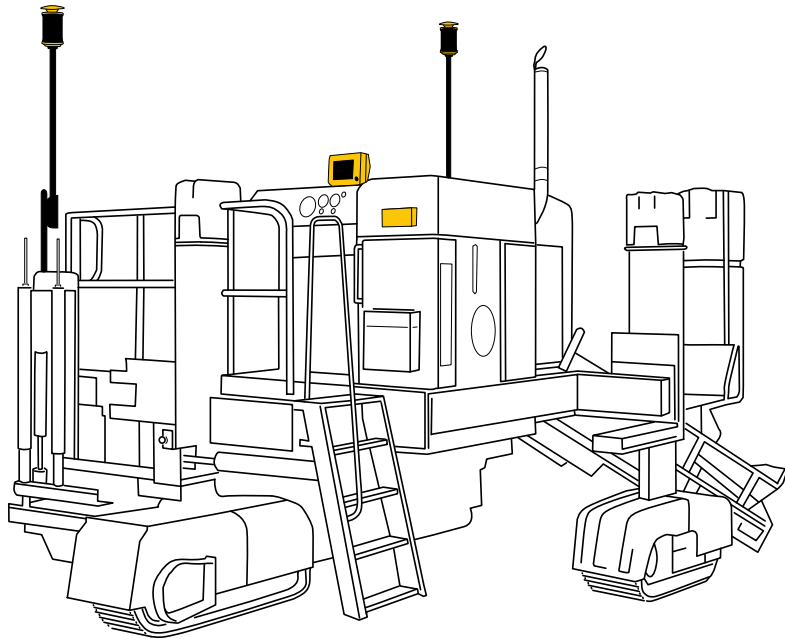
mmGPS Milling



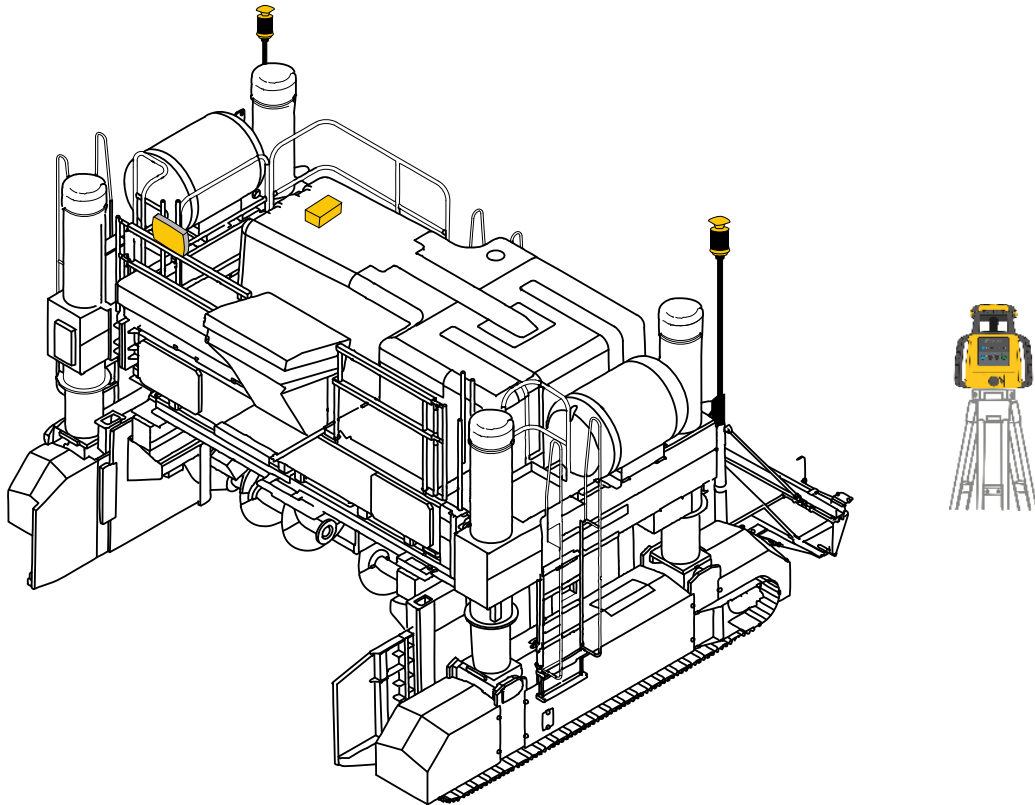
mmGPS Trimmers



mmGPS Curb and Gutter



Dual mmGPS Concrete Paving



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Robotic System Overview

- Multiple robotic total stations tracking two prisms mounted on a concrete paver for steering and elevation control.
- Another set of robotic total stations setup required for handover procedure for continuous paving.
- MC-i4 is the central modem on paver, Longlink communication being used.



LPS HMA Paving



LPS Concrete Paving



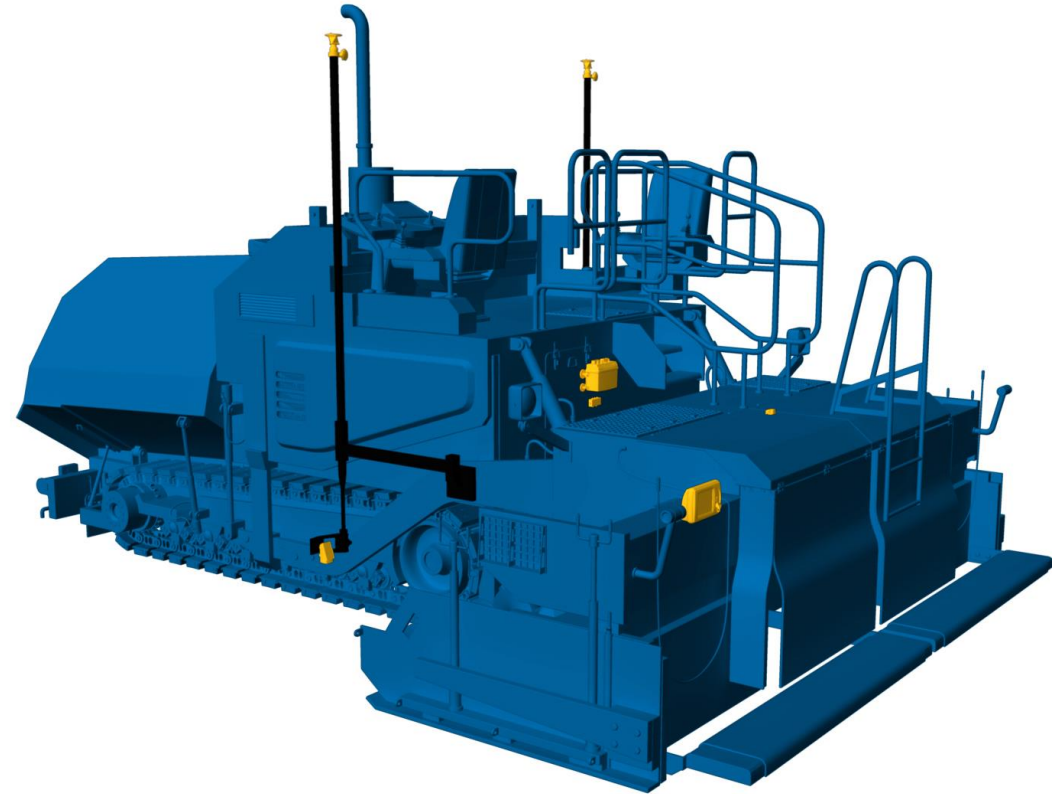
3D Milling and Paving **With SmoothRide**



RD-M1 Road Scanning

RD-MC Milling and Paving

- *Realistic Dimension*
- Sonic Tracker vertical control
- GNSS horizontal control
- Variable thickness paving
- Variable depth milling
- Accounts for differential compaction
- TopNETlive GNSS network service, no base required



RD-MC Milling



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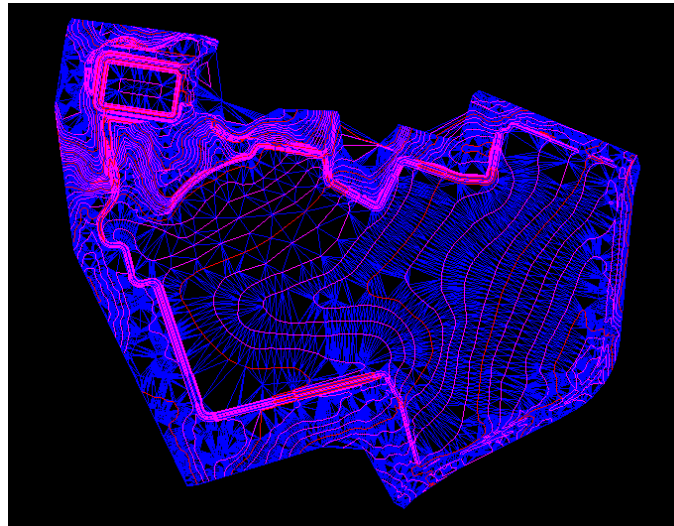
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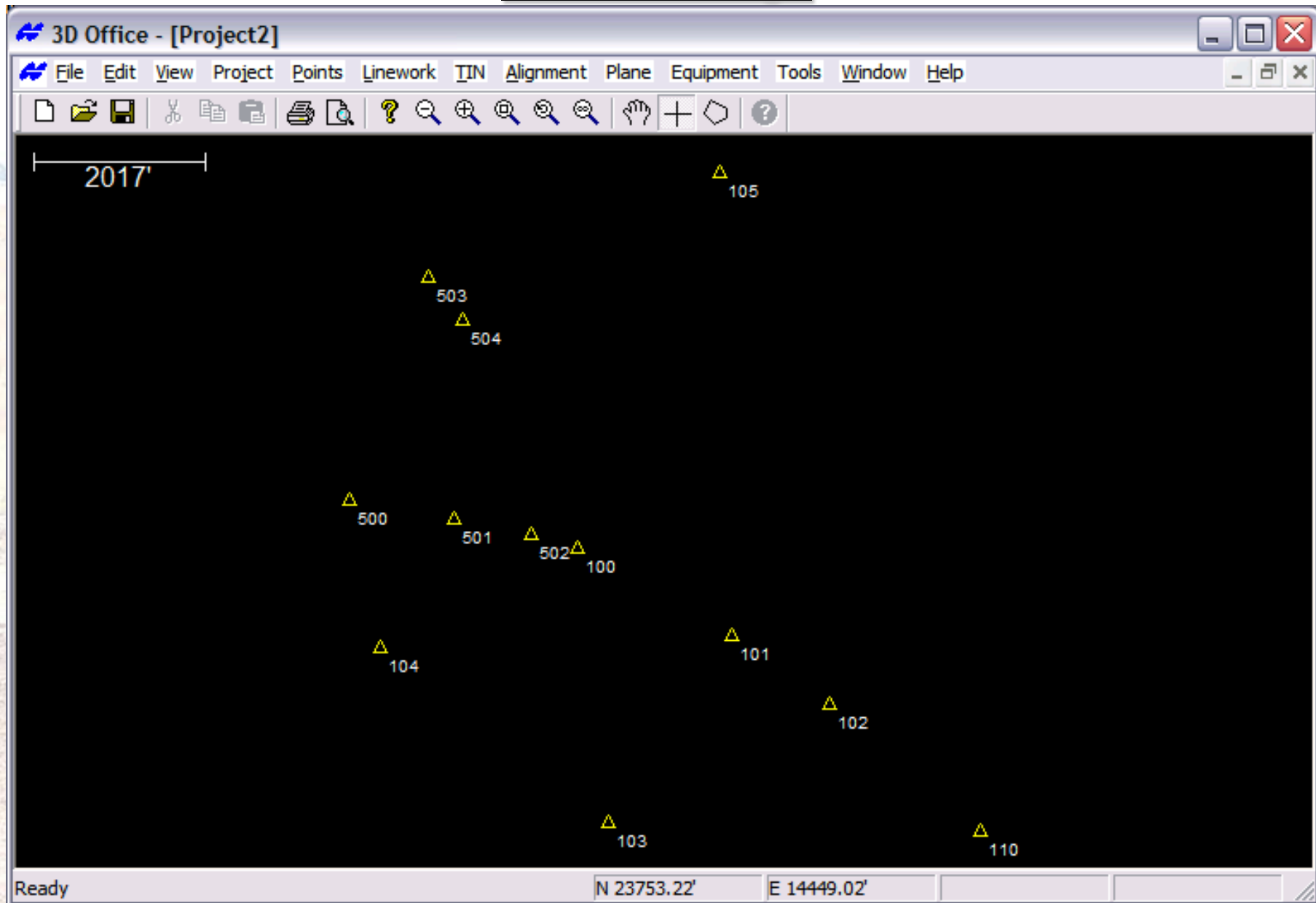
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Control point

Name

101

Description

North

21304.98'

East

13581.86'

Elev

795.71'

☒

Use this point for horizontal localization

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Use this point for vertical localization

WGS84 latitude

N42°18'35.01897"

WGS84 longitude

W88°05'11.51811"

WGS84 height

682.97'

OK

Cancel

Survey

Control points

Control points | GPS localization

Name	Description	H.Error	V.Error
BASE			
100			
101			0.00'
102		0.05'	-0.01'
103			0.02'
104		0.01'	0.00'
105		0.05'	0.02'
110		0.02'	-0.01'
500		0.01'	0.02'
501		0.01'	-0.04'
502		0.02'	0.02'
503		0.03'	-0.02'
504		0.03'	-0.00'

Add... Edit... Delete

OK Cancel

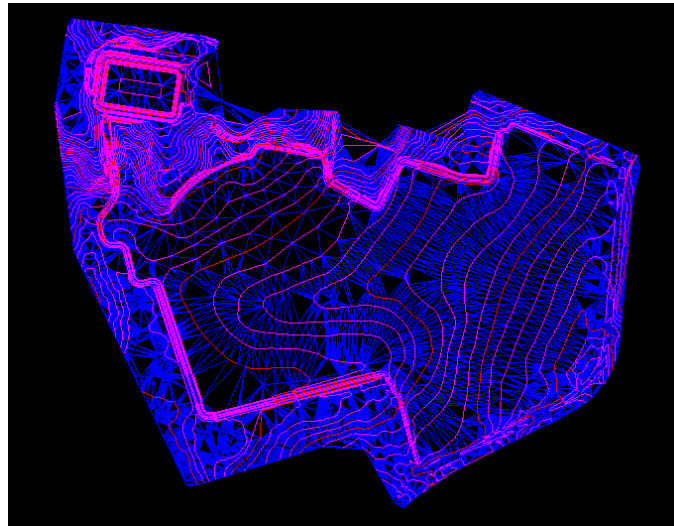
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Data Prep – Data Modeling

DATA MODELING

1/3 END USERS HANDLE “IN HOUSE”

1/3 END USERS “FARM OUT”

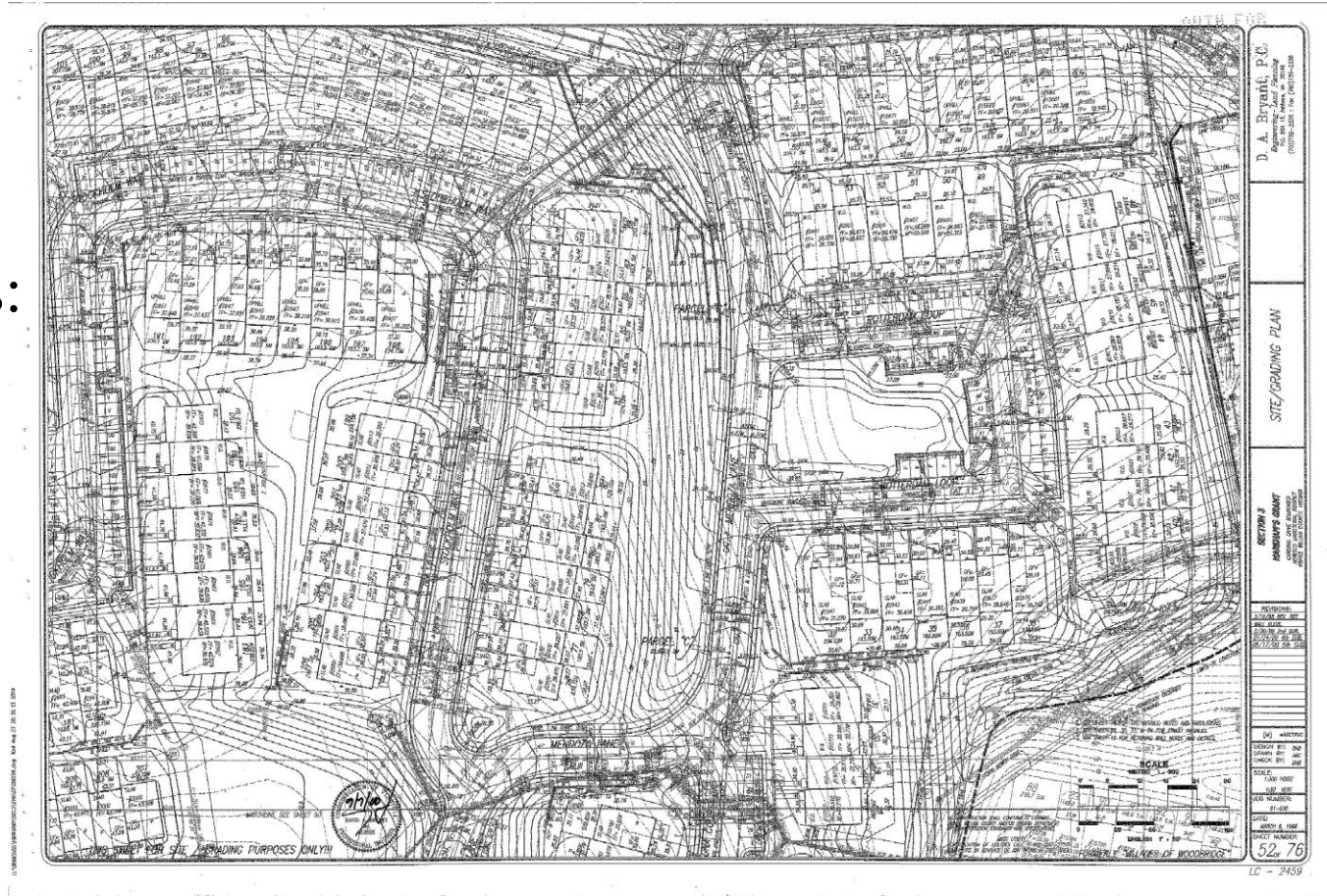
1/3 END USERS “DO BOTH”

DATA IS NOT AN ISSUE

Engineering / Surveying Plans

2 Dimensional Plans:

- Digitized
- Coordinates

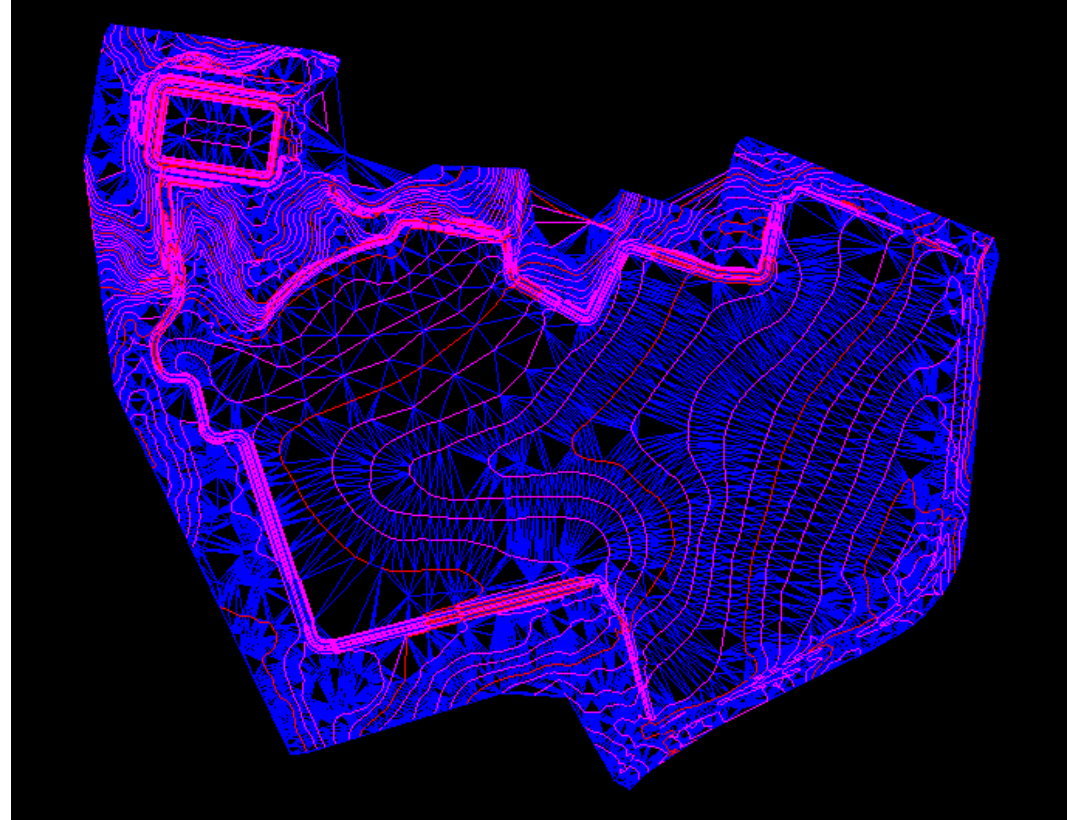


3-Dimensional Faces

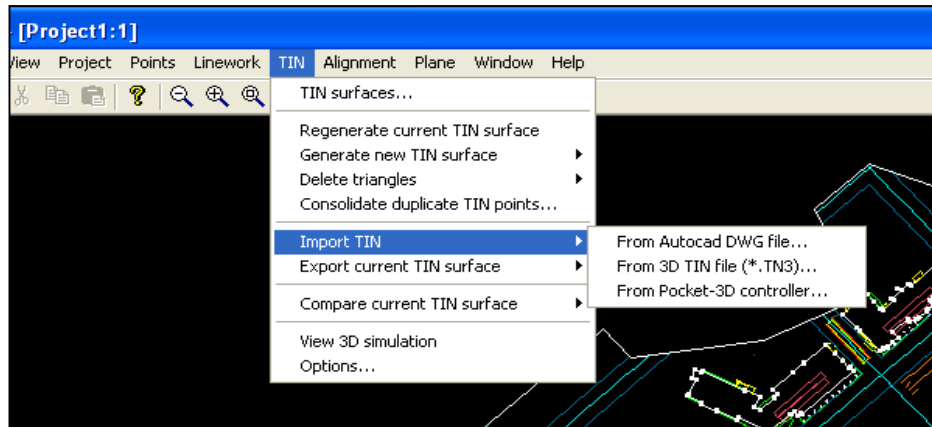
3 Dimensional CAD Files

-X, Y & Z information

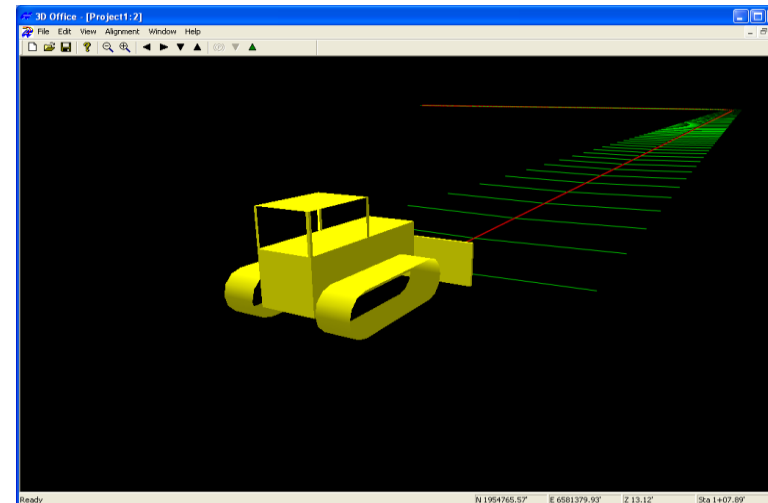
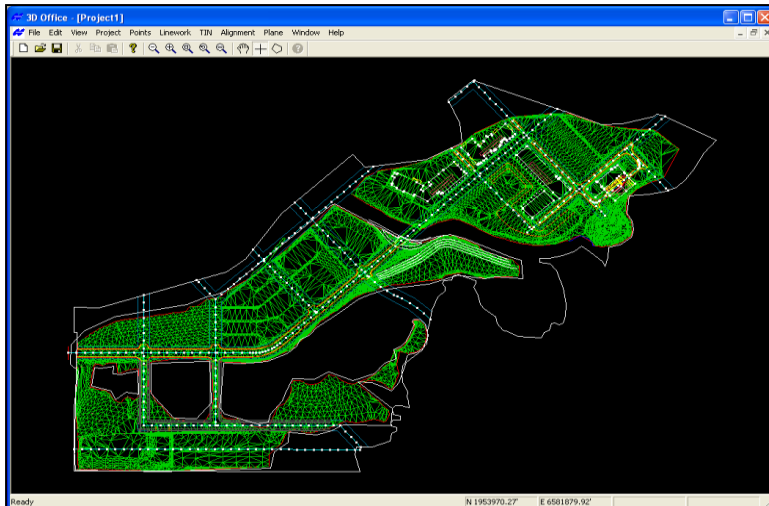
3 Dimensional Triangles
(3D Faces)



Office-3D



- Windows based file conversion software
- Import DXF, DWG and ASCII files
- Simulator to review 3D model



3D Surface without Modeling

Surface Name and Type

Name

Surface type

Flat plane surface

Sloping plane surface

Crown road surface

Triangulated surface from topo survey

Raise/Lower Existing Surface

Subgrade of Existing Alignment


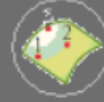
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3D Surface without Modeling

Flat Plane Surface

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E <input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="1106884.01'"/>	
Z <input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="641.15'"/>	

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3D Surface without Modeling

Sloping Plane Surface

<p>Point on surface</p> <p>N <input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="1939830.42'"/></p> <p>E <input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="1106881.46'"/></p> <p>Z <input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="641.21'"/></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 10px;">   </div>	<p>Main-fall (A -> B)</p> <p>Direction <input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="0°00'00'"/></p> <p>Grade <input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="5%"/></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>A</p>   </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>B</p>   </div> </div>
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<p>Grid interval</p> <p><input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="50.00'"/></p>	<p>Crossfall</p> <p>Grade <input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="2%"/></p>
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Back
Finish
Cancel

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




Subgrade of Existing Alignment

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3D Surface without Modeling

Crown Surface

Starting point		Main-fall (A -> B)	
N	1939830.64'	Direction	0°00'00'
E	1106878.95'	Grade	5%
Z	640.96'	Length	200.00'
 		A   B  	
Width of road		Cross-fall from crown	
20.00'		Grade	2%
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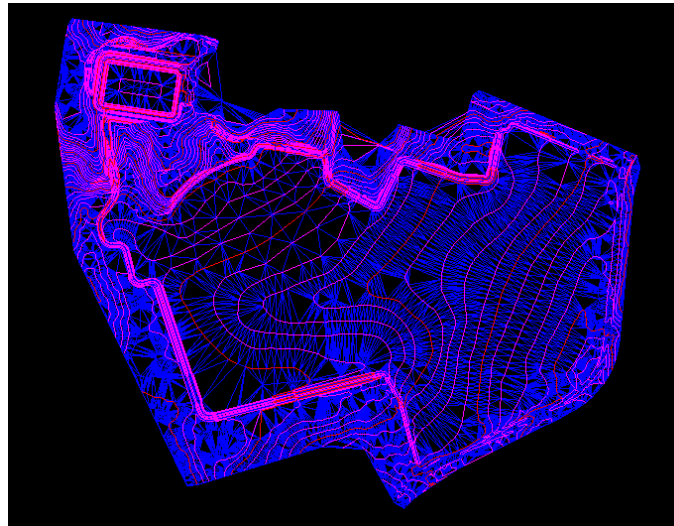
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Mast vs Mastless

3D-GPS Machine Control

- No installation of antennas or cables
- Turn on and go



Mastless

3D-GPS Machine Control

- More input choices
- GPS Antenna
- mmGPS Antenna
- LPS Prism
- Laser Receiver



Mast Systems



Machine Utilization



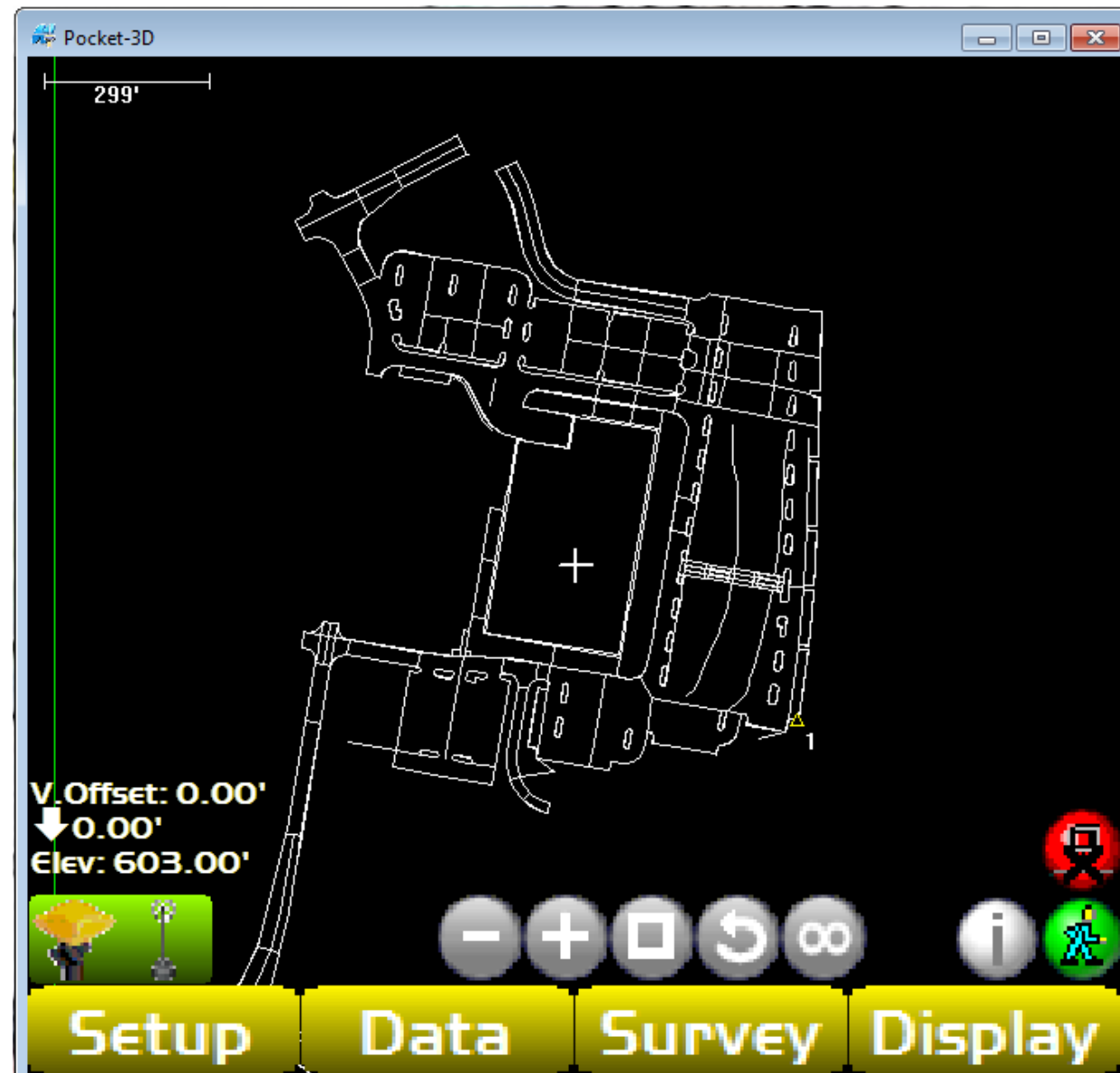


Grade Checking Pocket 3D

Grade Checking

- Grade checking can be easily done by one individual with minimal training
- Grades can be quickly checked anywhere on the 3D surface at any time
- Easily apply offsets to account of pavement and sub-base thicknesses





Questions?

Thank you.