

Multibeam Echosounder Errors Characterization on Dumped Rocks Areas

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OUTLINES:



Introduction



Datasets description



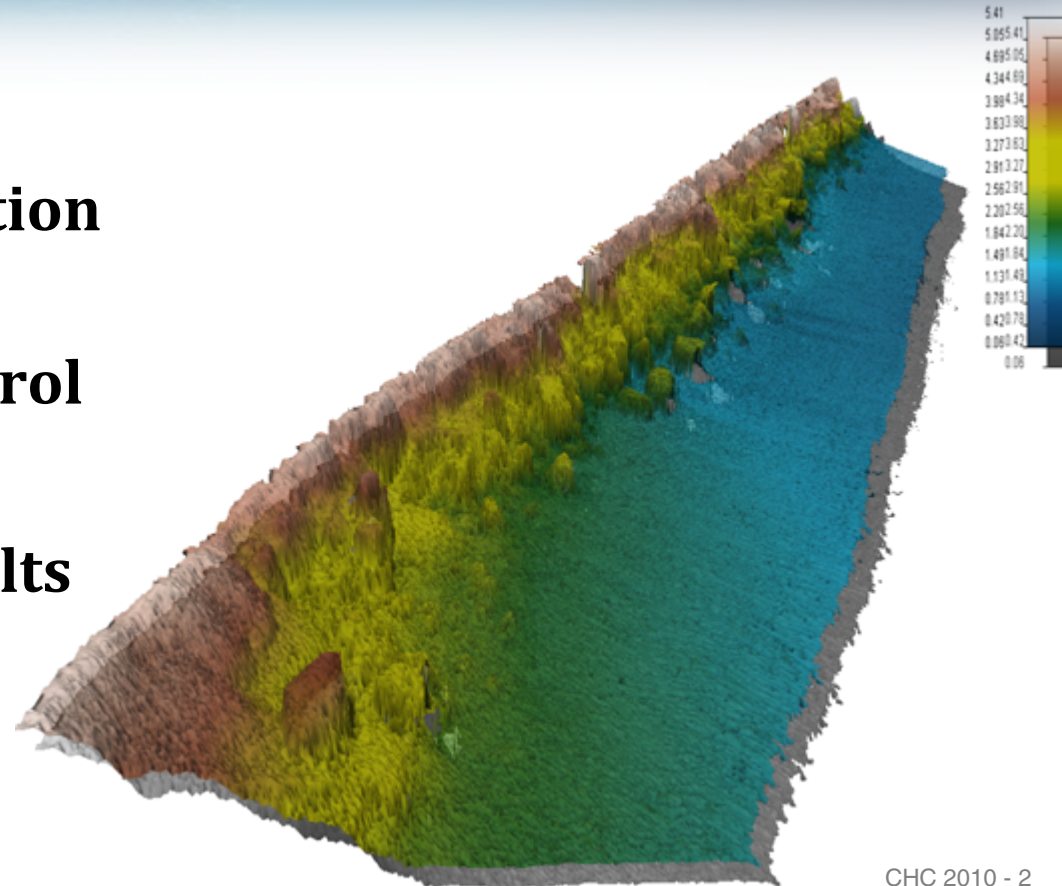
Data quality control



Comparison results



Conclusion





Boskalis observation:

filling up the hole between rocks with concrete was ten centimeter higher than the expected results from the dumped rock survey



Investigation of systematic depth error made in surveying dumped rocks areas with MBES

These errors may induce:



Dangers for navigation in very shallow water areas



Huge costs for coastal engineering contractors who performs rock dumping operation



Analysis of four different MBES systems

Comparison to a reference digital terrain model obtained from a fixed 3D laser scanner



Leica HDS6100
Laser



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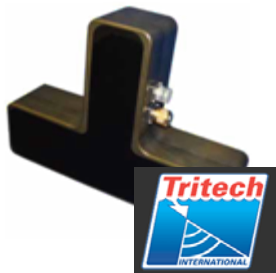


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● MBES survey systems



installed on the quay in front of the rocky area.

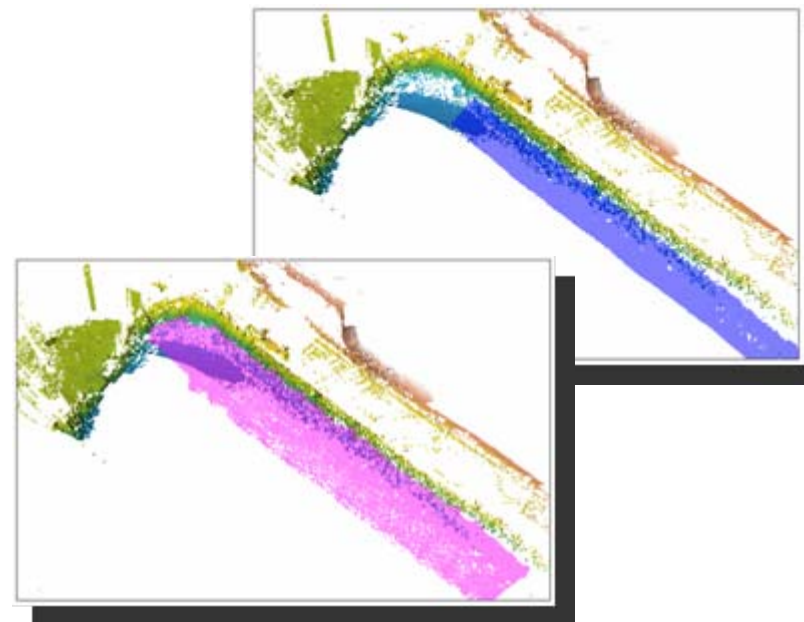


SIMRAD EM3002

Reson 8101

Sonic 2024

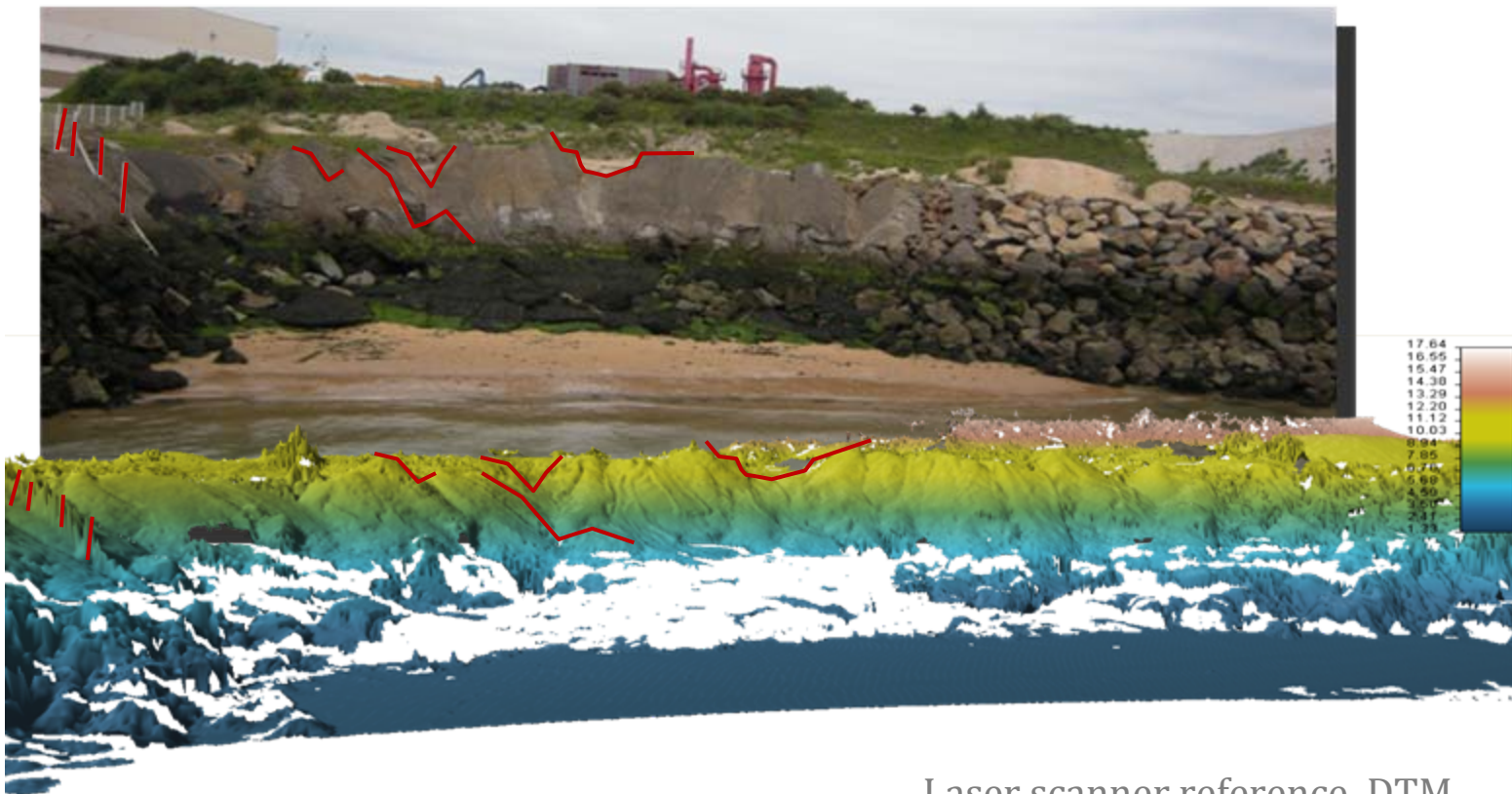
Tritech Horizon



Swath line	Sounding number	Mean density (number of soundings per meter square)	Swath number
EM3002	2 060 137	1 290	3
Reson 8101	1 279 735	493	4
Horizon	5 684 552	3 337	12
R2sonic	1 549 953	634	2
Scanner 3D	685 745	448	-

Depth uncertainty estimation

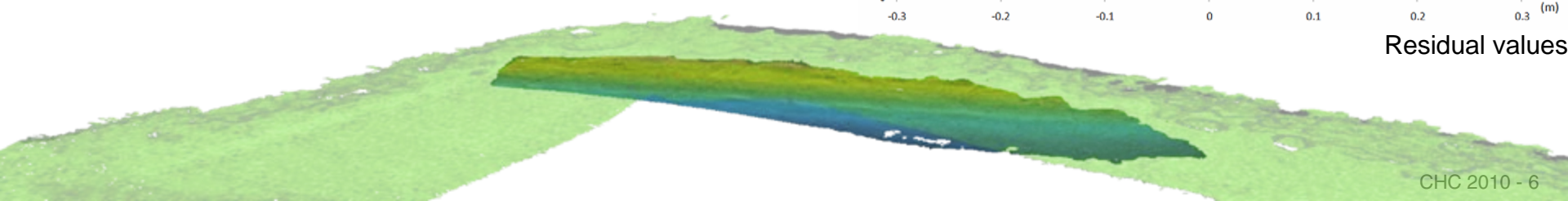
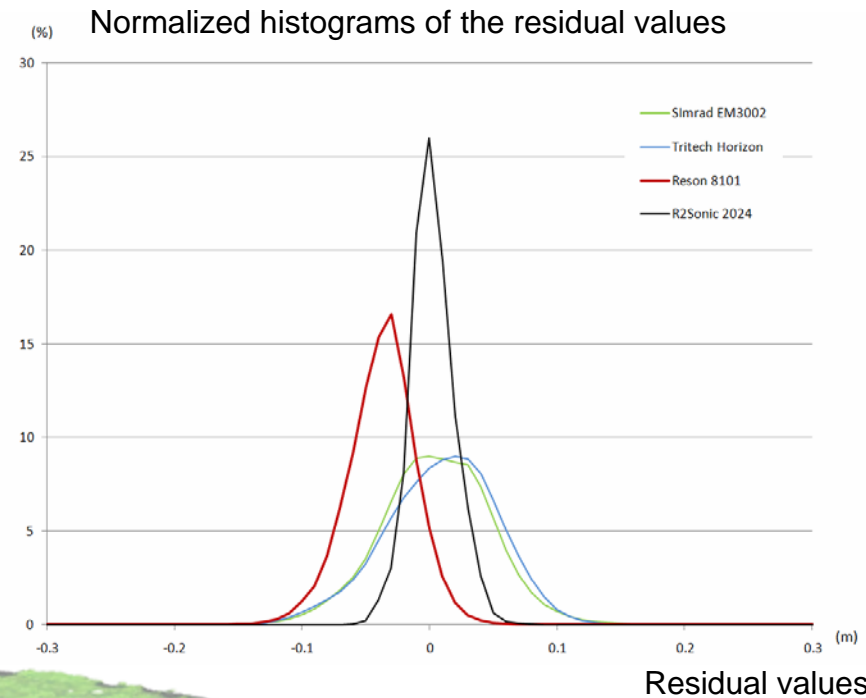
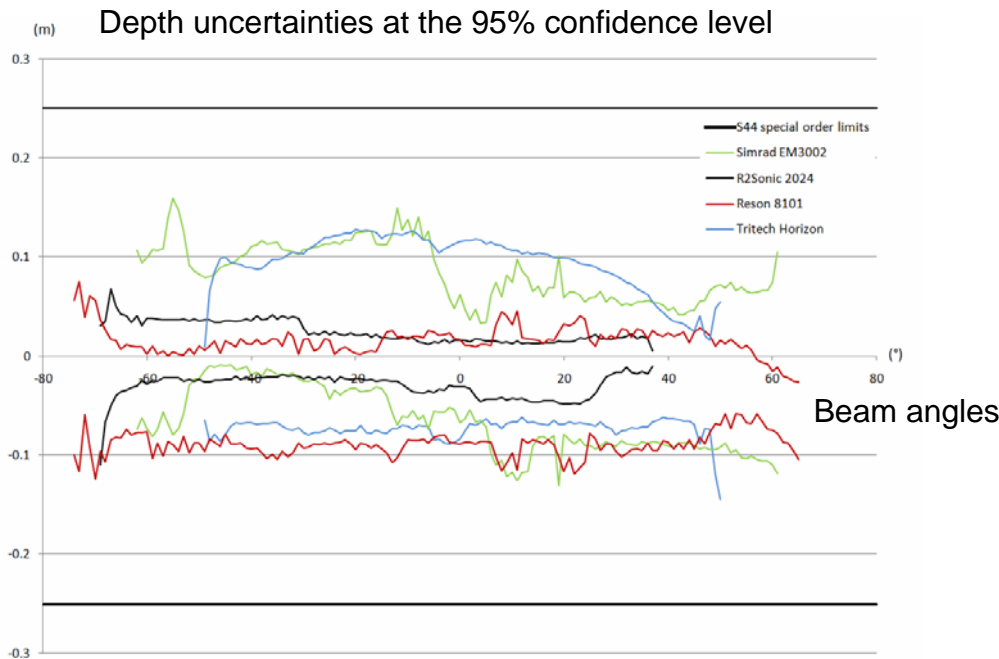
● MBES swathes versus Laser Scanner DTM on the beach



Laser scanner reference DTM

Depth uncertainty estimation

● MBES performances results

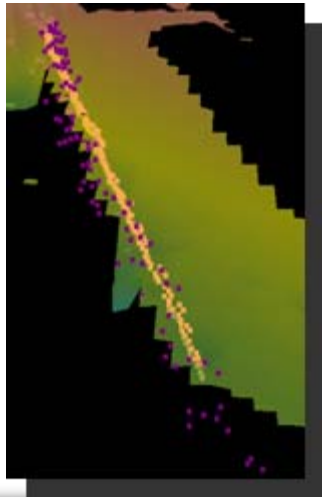


Location uncertainty estimation

Tests were carried out on a concrete beam

A straight line was fitted to the laser soundings belonging to this front using a least square procedure

X and Y distances between nadir beam MBES soundings and the reference line were then computed



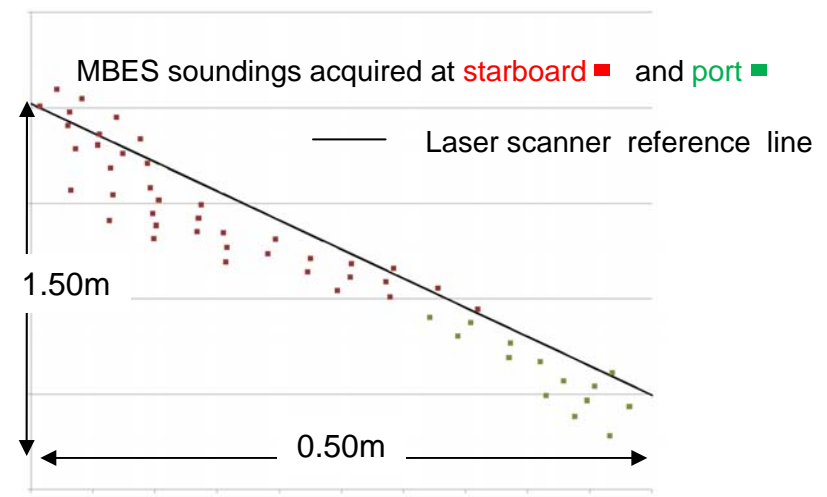
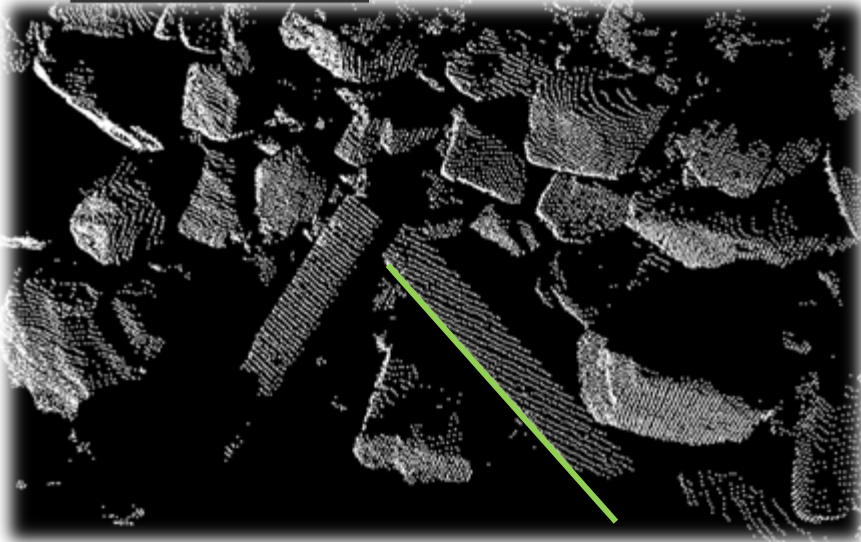
- soundings from one MBES swath
- Laser scanner soundings



Statistics based on 9 datasets

Mean values: $(\Delta x, \Delta y) = (-2.2\text{cm}, -0.7\text{cm})$

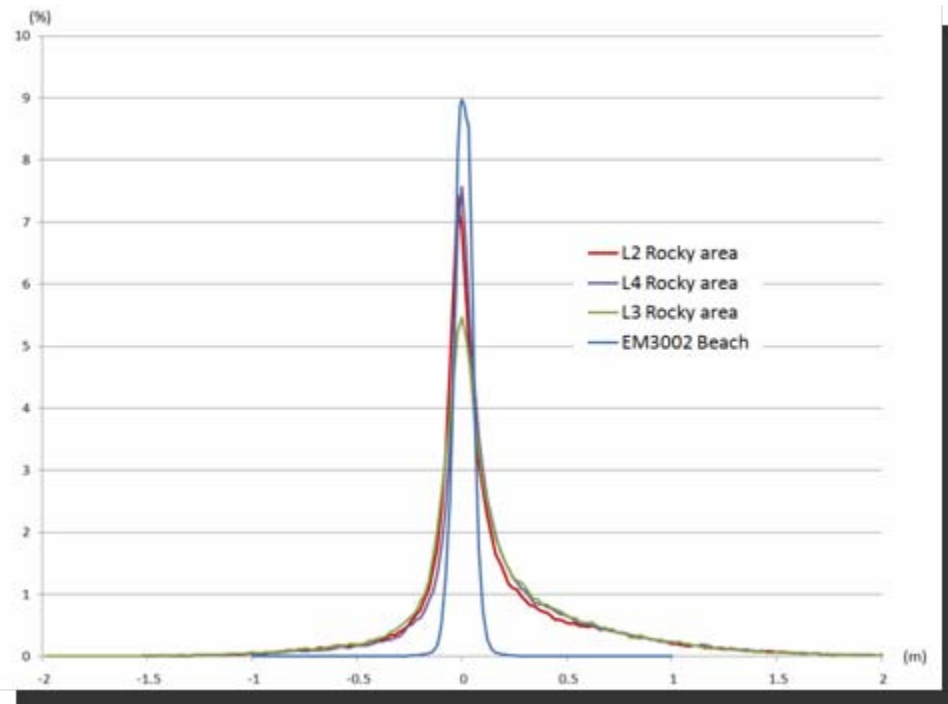
Standard deviations: $(\sigma_{\Delta x}, \sigma_{\Delta y}) = (2.8\text{cm}, 0.9\text{cm})$



● MBES sounding datasets compared to the laser scanner reference DTM: EM3002 example

The tendency is the same **whatever the swath:**

Normalized histograms of the residual values – EM3002 swathes



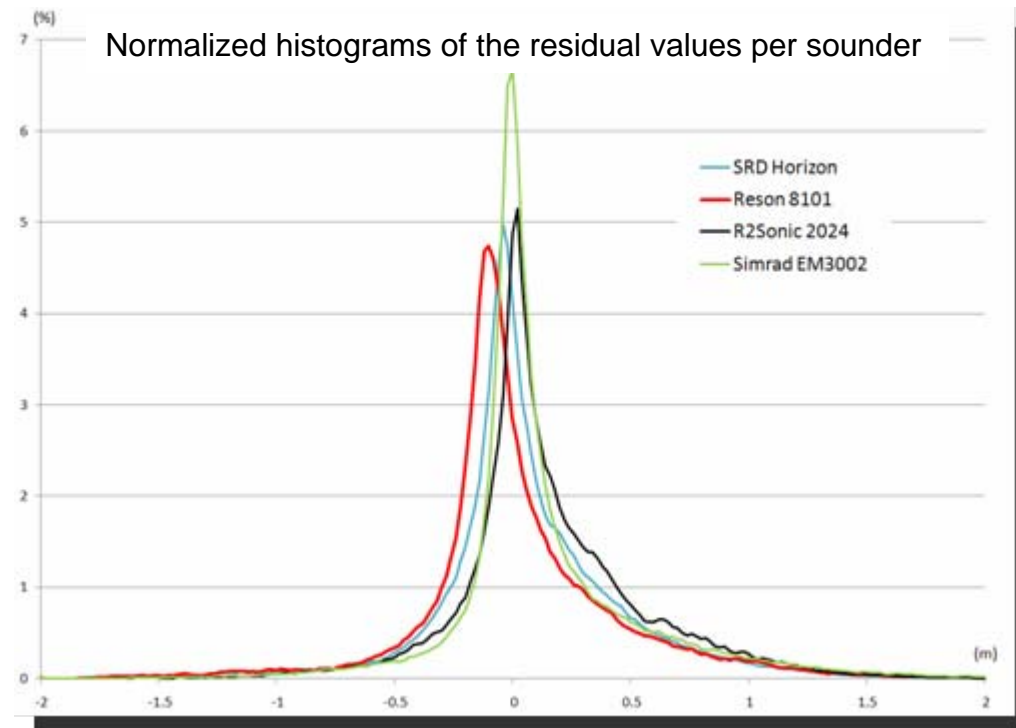
Compared to the histogram obtained on the beach area, the distribution of the residual values is **asymmetric**



Positive residual values are in large number meaning that **MBES soundings are deeper** than the scanner laser DTM

● MBES sounding datasets compared to the laser scanner reference DTM

The tendency is the same **whatever the sensor:**



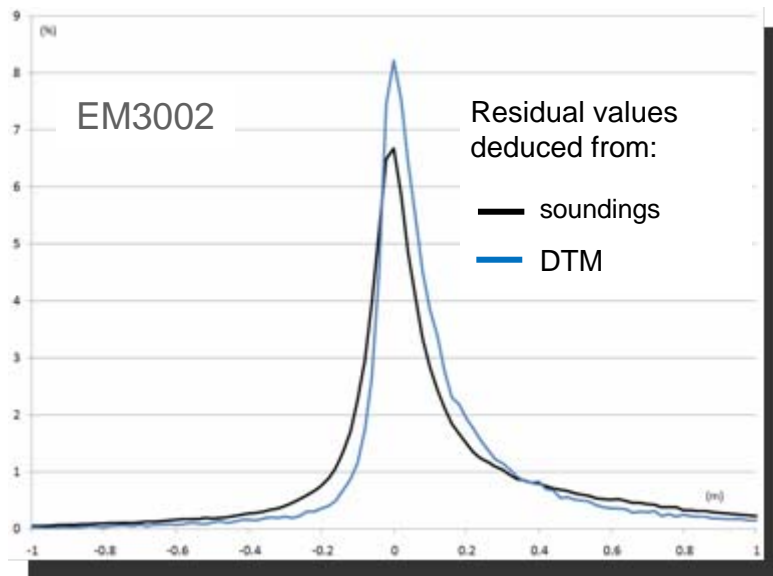
Asymmetric distributions, more or less noticeable depending on the echosounder



The positive residual values can reach **70%**

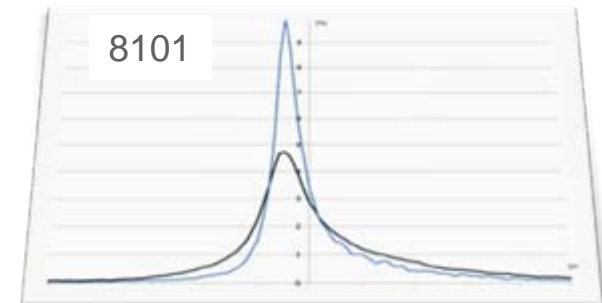
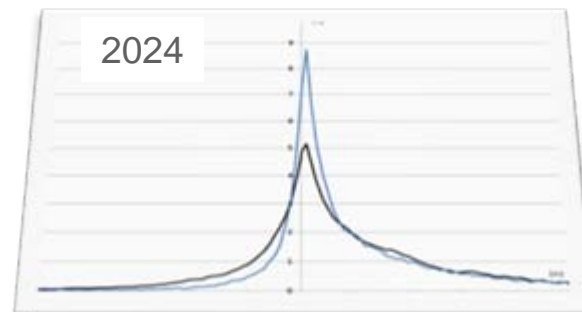
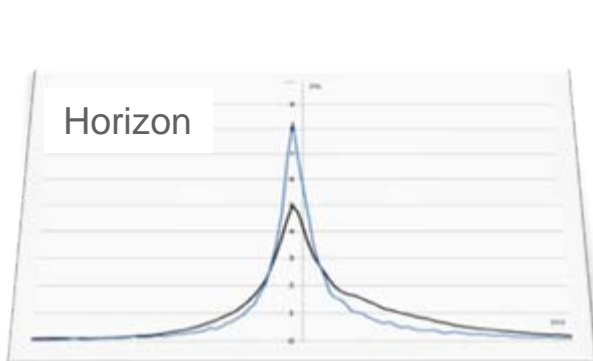
DTM impact on the seabed analysis

Normalized histograms of the residual values



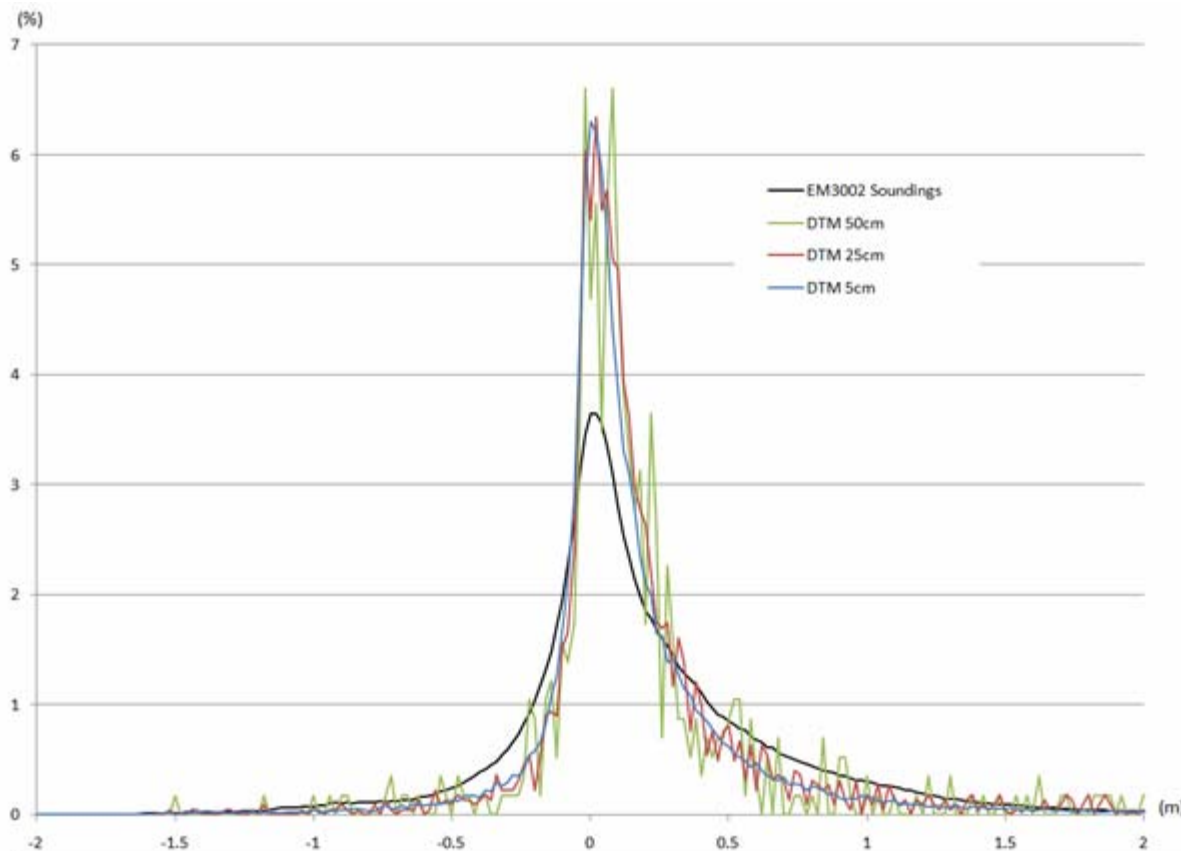
DTM were built from each MBES dataset using a grid cell size of 5cm

Differences between each of the MBES DTM and the laser scanner reference DTM were computed measuring the interpolator impact



● Impact of the grid cell size on the DTM analysis

Normalized histograms of the residual values – EM3002 swathes



Residual values

● Differences between MBES soundings and the scanner laser DTM

Whatever the sensor and the swath:



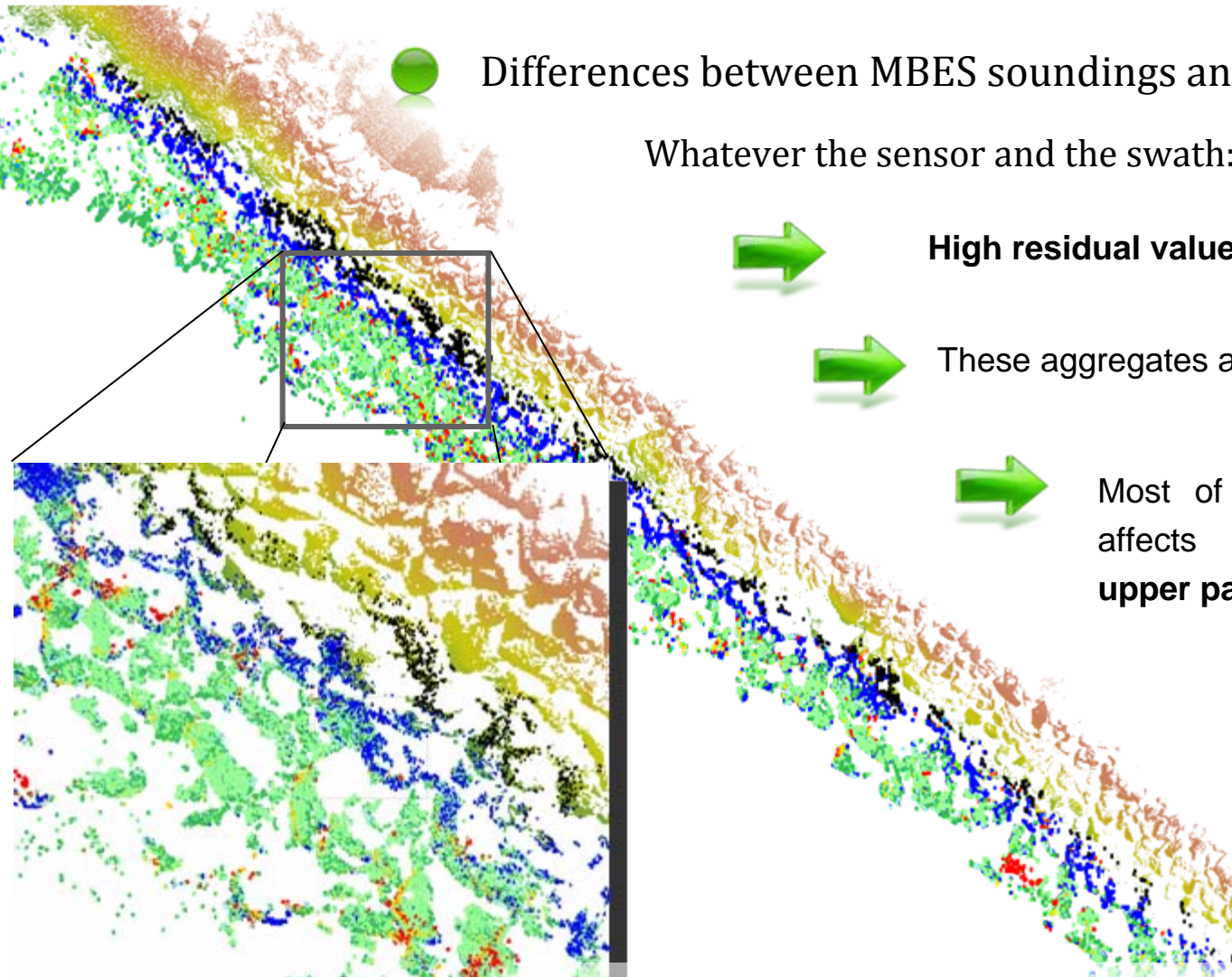
High residual values are grouped in **aggregates**



These aggregates are located **around the rocks**

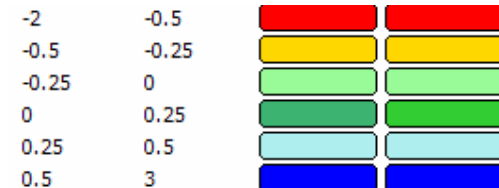


Most of the higher residual values affects **the outer beams**, on the **upper part of the slope**



Color coding scheme

$$z_{MBES} - z_{DTM}$$



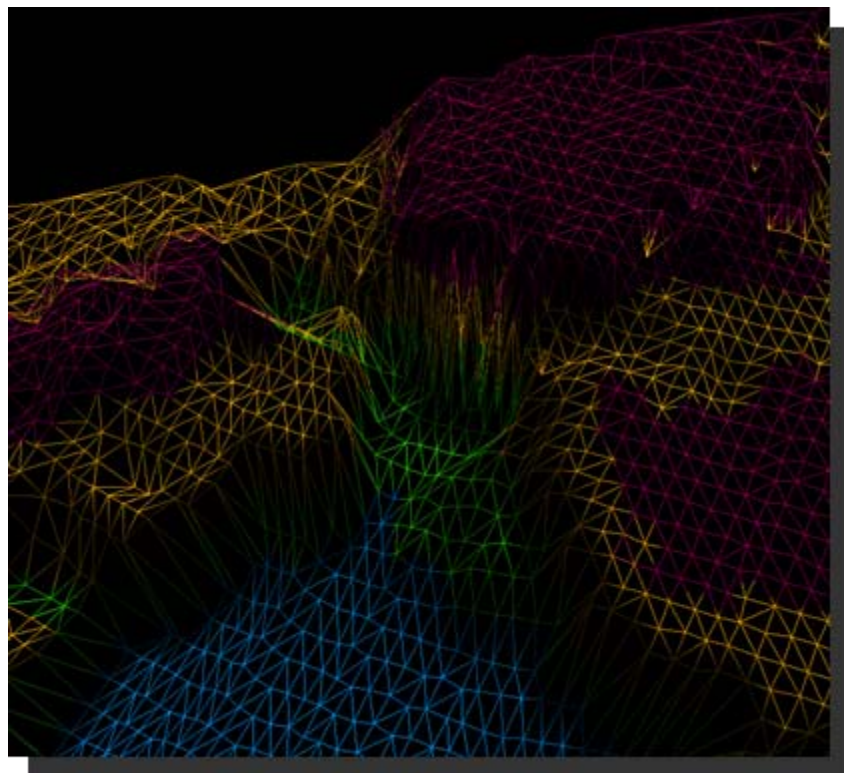
Residual values map: all the swathes are taken into account



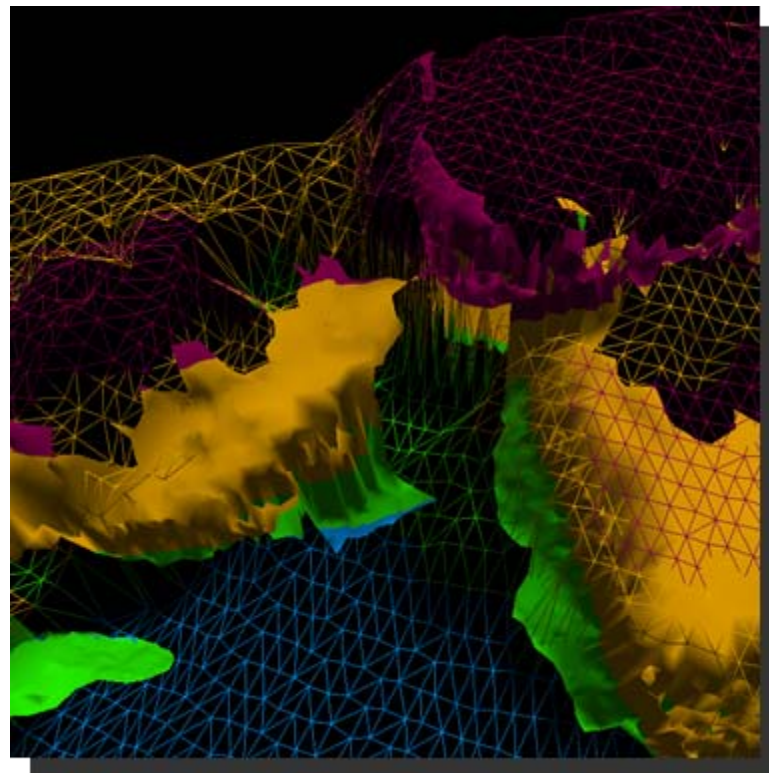
Local analysis



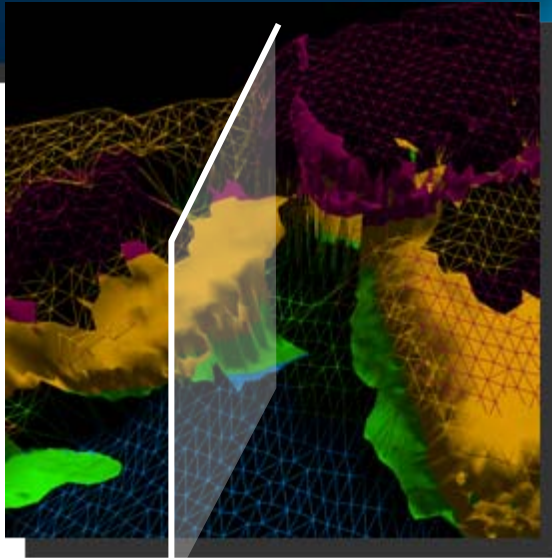
Aggregates of high residual values may be explained by the lack of scanner laser soundings



3D representation of the TIN built from EM3002 soundings



The Laser scanner TIN - represented in shaded surface - was superimposed to the TIN

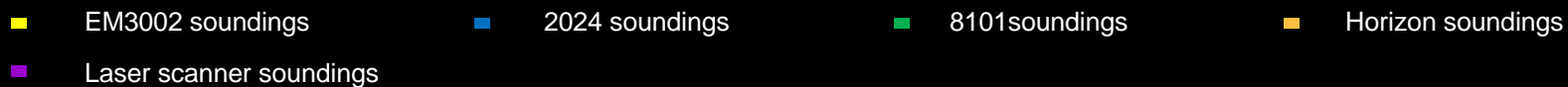
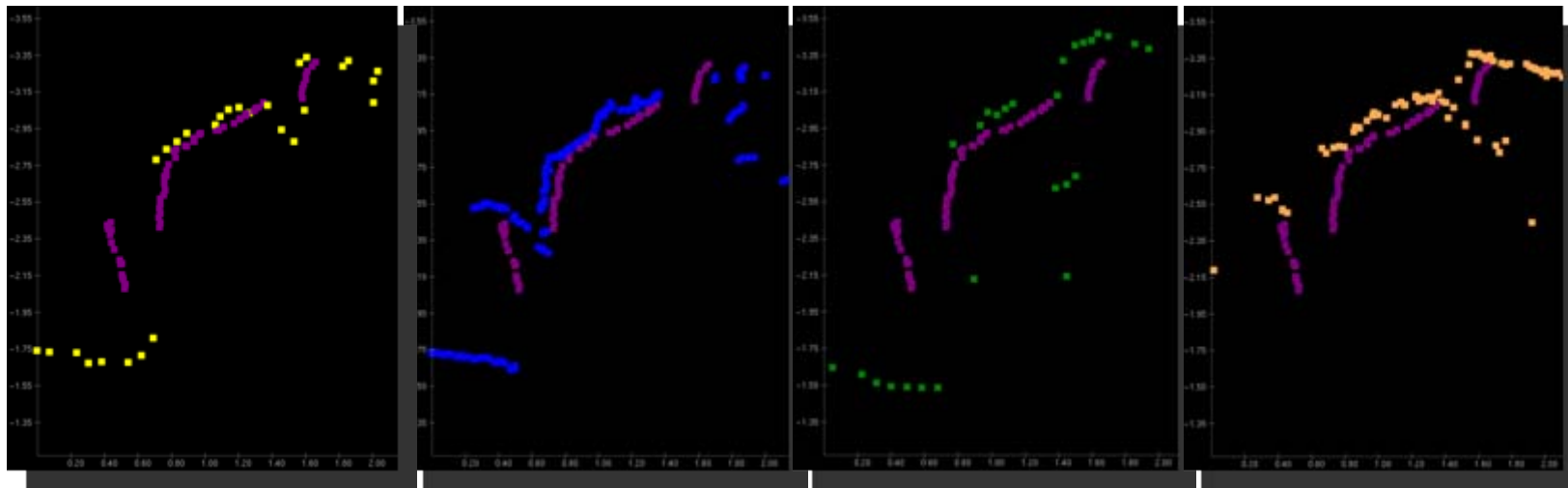


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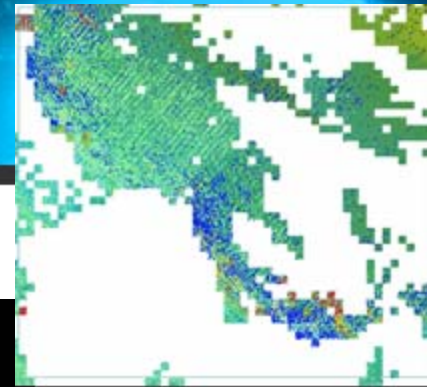


Nevertheless, rocks description differs from one MBES to others

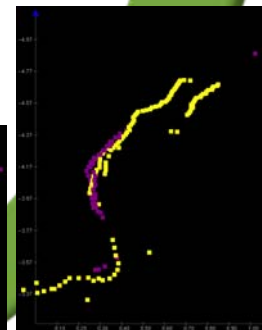
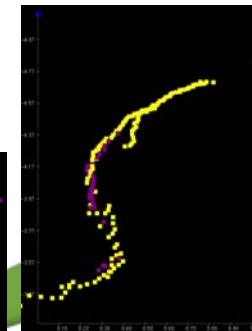
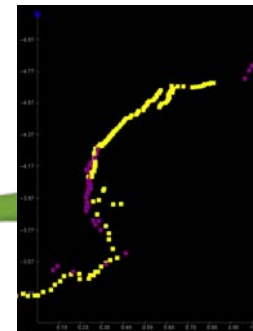
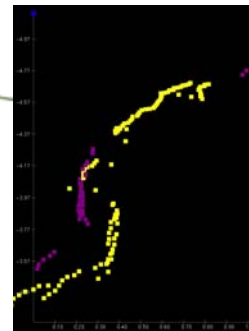
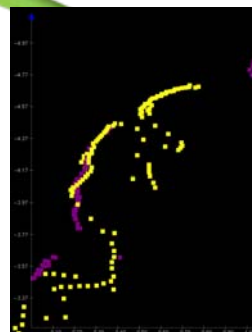
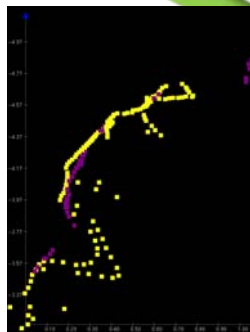
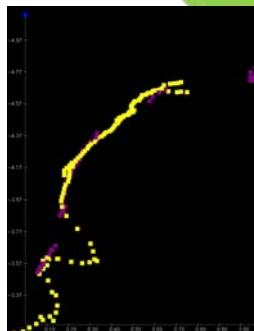
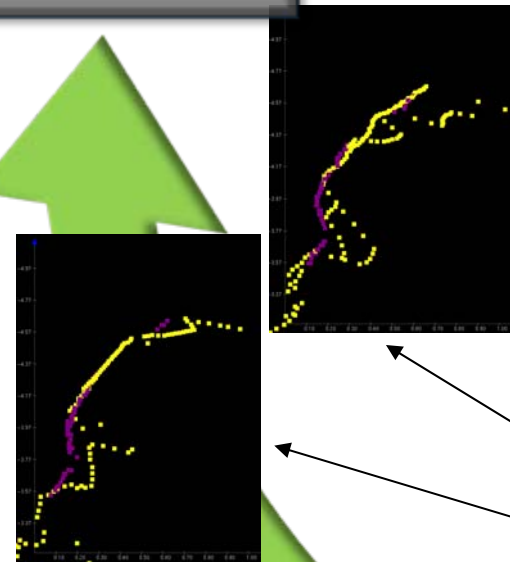
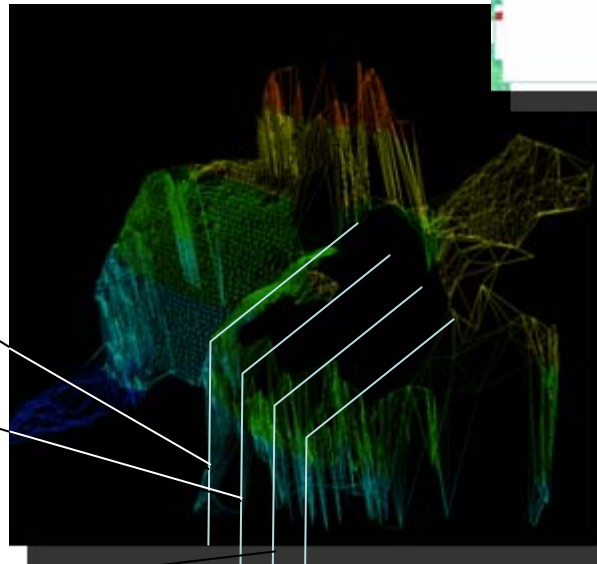
Profile across the rock:



Local analysis



3D representation of the TIN built from the Scanner laser soundings



Profile across the rock:



EM3002 soundings
 Laser scanner soundings

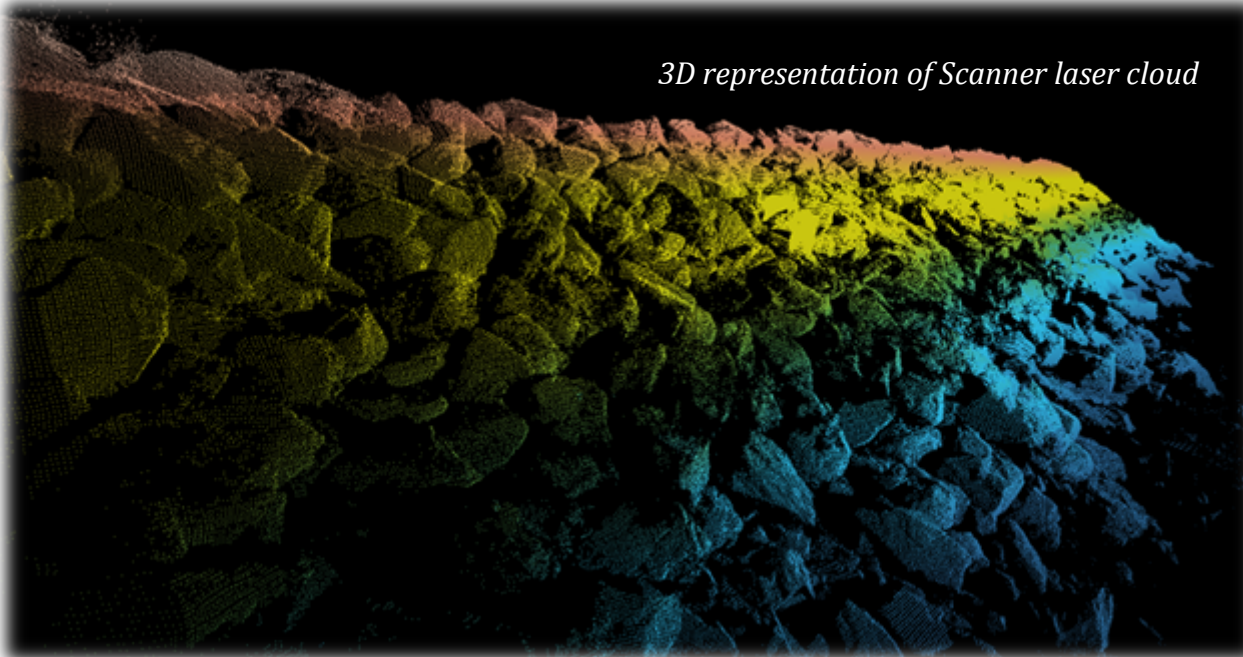
Local analysis

Laser scanner 3D dataset acquired from one point of view: cavities between are not described



Multiple returns, side lobe detections or time window filtering may explain high residual values near cavities

3D representation of Scanner laser cloud



CONCLUSIONS:

- Boskalis observation are confirmed

- Analysis has to be carried on:

With the acquisition of a second laser scanner dataset acquired from a different point of view

With the analysis of raw data MBES (Tritech Horizon)

- Results in terms of rocks normalized diameter:

$D_{n50} = 120\text{mm}$  Error = 0.9 D_{n50}

$D_{n50} = 1002\text{ mm}$  Error = 0.2 D_{n50}