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Mapping Underground Voids by Multirotor Flying Vehicles

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Short Bio:

BICT, MCogSc and PhDComputerSc. Currently a CSIRO Data61 PostDoc Researcher formally belonging to the Robot Systems Team in the 'Connecting to the World Research Program' and working in the 3D Systems Team for the 'Decision Sciences Program' in Australia.



Before:

Entertainment Industry Massive/Ubisoft –build up a lab with eye tracking and physiological logging in relation to FPS team play.

(Today Ubisoft's Tom Clancy game is implemented with Tobii eye gaze input for gameplay, ...) Defence Research (Aviation -fast paced decisions and training evaluation –HIFI engine, ARMA engine, ...) Been part of developing 3 major 3-year bachelor programs in Sweden, still running (2001-...): Game Programming with Game Design 3D Graphics with Game Design Technical Artist

Alex Grace, Ben Evans

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4. Systemisation of the world

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Hardware and Software Team



Hardware	Software		
Multirotor Flying Vehicle	Pipeline for 3D Mapping	3D Mine Virtualisation	Remote Control
David Biggins	Md Sumon Shahriar	Alex Grace	Ben Evans
Maciej Matuszak	Andrew Davie	Charlotte	Sennersten

UAV Reasoning and workload

COGNITION & AI	Cognitive Psychology
Charlotte Sennersten	Martin Lochner

Data Mining and Machine Learning

Mill Plant Optimisation	XRF
Greg Smith	Greg Timms

Team and Project leader: Craig Lindley

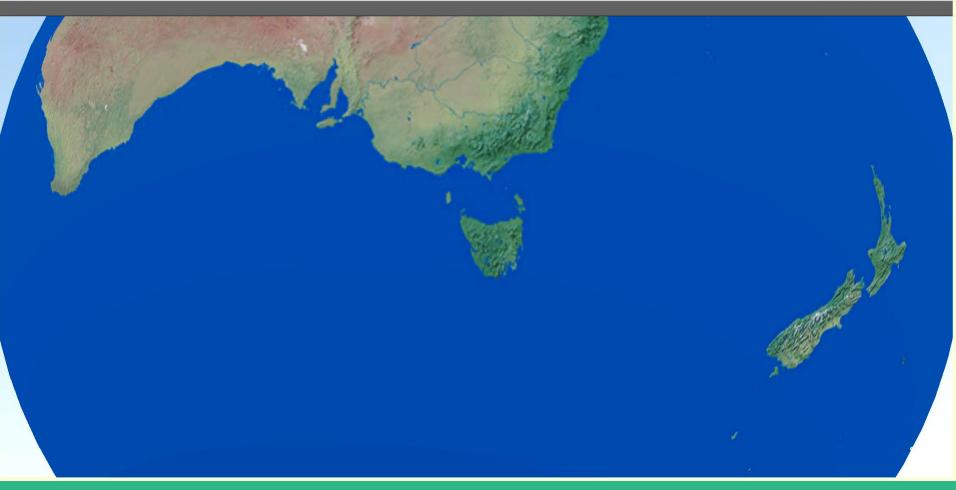


1. Where in the world?



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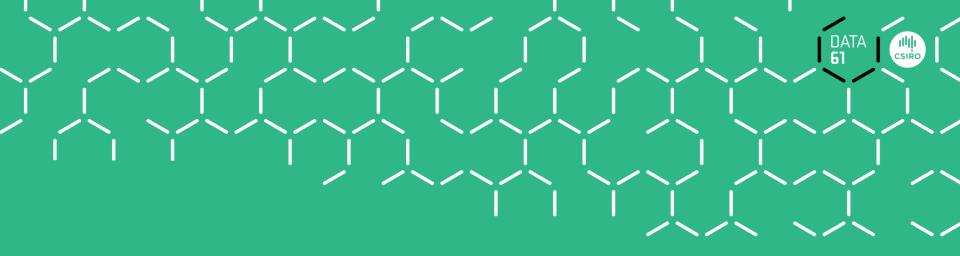
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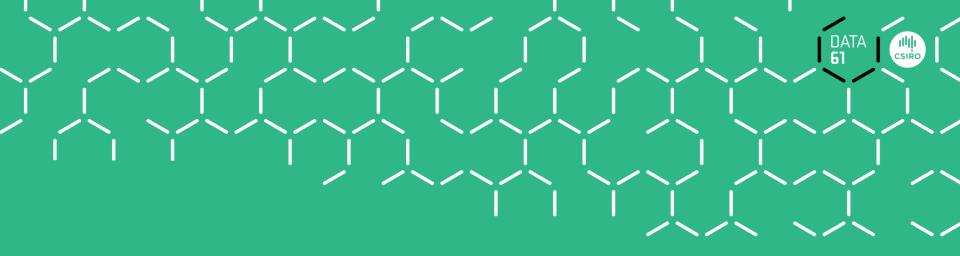
1.1 Research in CSIRO/Data 61

CSIRO Business Units Nationally



Agriculture	Energy	Manufacturing
Health and Bio Security	Food and Nutrition	Mineral Resources
Data61	Land and Water	Oceans and Atmosphere
		Astronomy and Space

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1.2 Research overview in Tasmania

Business Units in Tasmania



Data61 (Former Digital Productivity and NICTA (National ICT Australia))

Mineral Resources

Oceans and Atmosphere

Land and Water



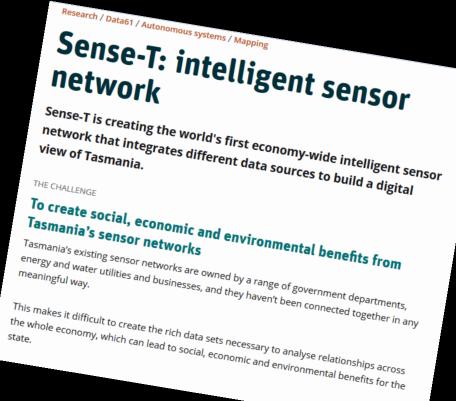
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Other Research in Tasmania

Access to detailed data

Innovation in sensor capabilities

Case studies Smart tech keeping track of bats Swarm sensing Bio sensors in oysters





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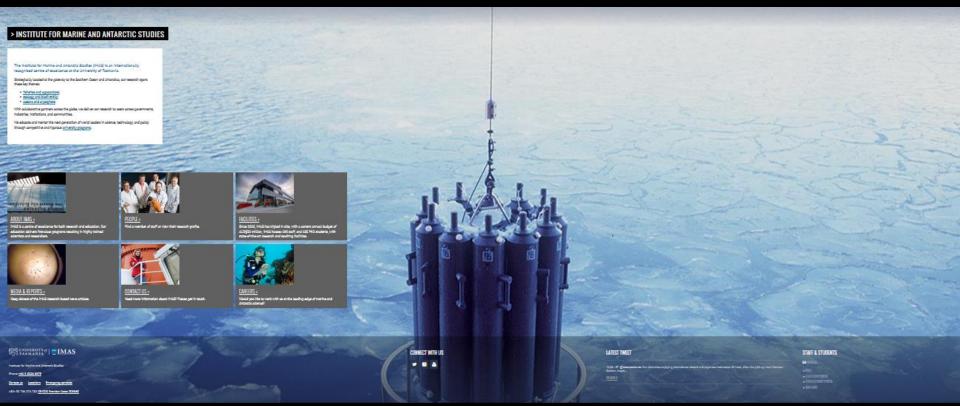
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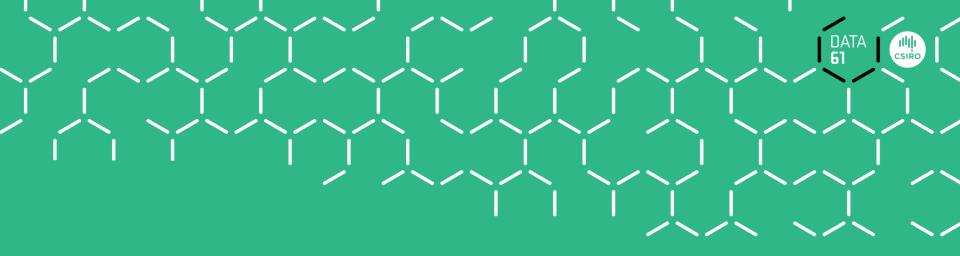


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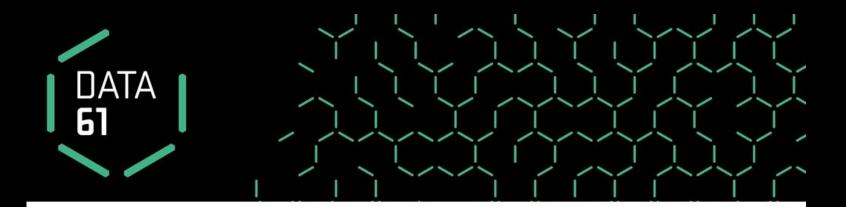
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Other Research in Tasmania





1.3 Our Research, Data61



Research

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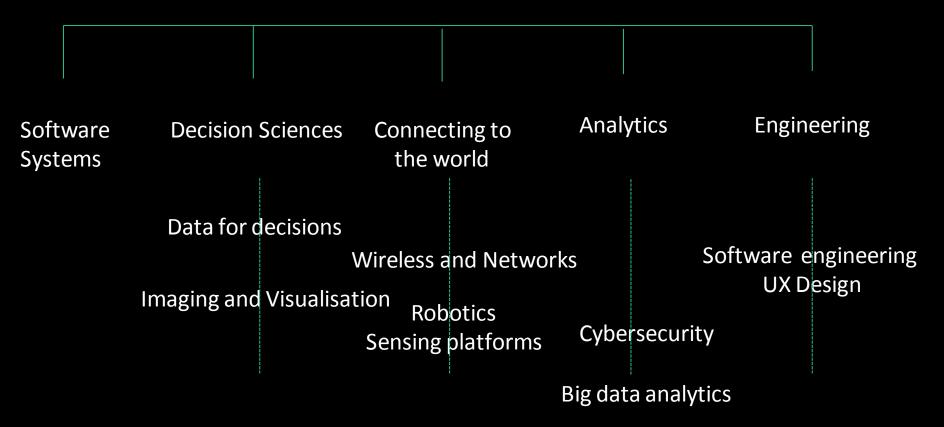
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FEATURED CASE STUDY

CSIRO and NICTA join forces to create digital research powerhouse >

DATA61 PROGRAMS



Robotics Sensing platforms

Field Robotics

We're developing robotic system that can go anywhere, improving safety and efficiency for research and industrial applications

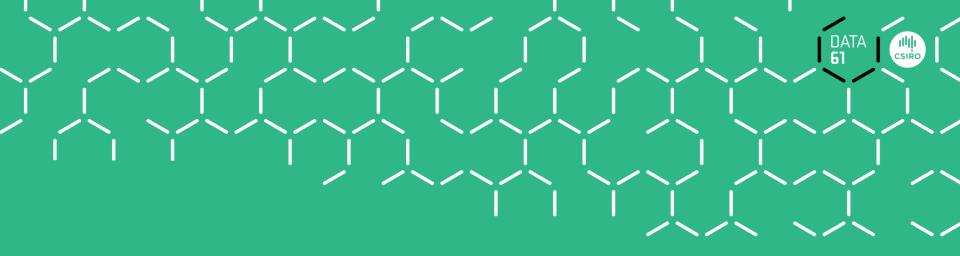
Guardian Technologies

A new breed of industrial robots and ICT systems

Internet of Things

Sensing and Napping our Environment

Telepresence Technologies



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UAV Flight Underground

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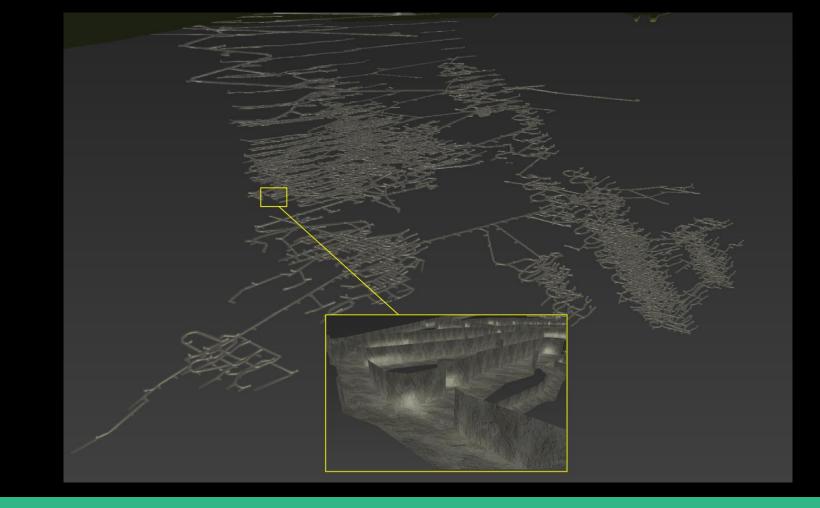
Mine Informatics Team, Sandy Bay, Tasmania, Australia, February 2015.

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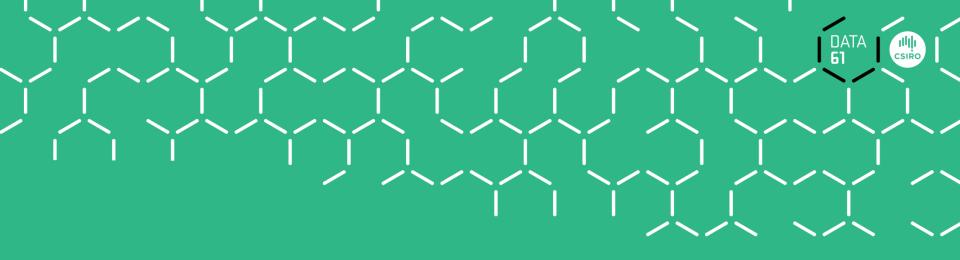
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2.1 Applications: Mine Virtualisation

UAVs for Optimising Stope Design in Underground Mines

Project Overview



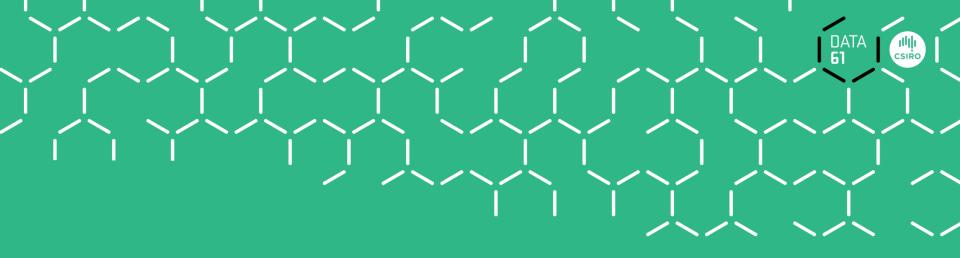
Problems to solve	Solution
 Underground mining procedures often extract excessive invaluable material from blasting and drilling This increases costs and wastes resources It's difficult to know how much useful ore is in a given volume of rock The process of investigating this is costly and may carry risk 	 Use unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for flying into unmapped areas Use sensors on UAVs to Generate maps of greater accuracy Map dangerous or unknown areas Automatically classify mineralogy of rock surfaces Outcomes include Decreased risk Higher quantity and greater

Virtualisation



The UAV must be able to fly beyond line of sight

- A first person camera feed gives us some information, but
 - Difficult to perceive depth
 - Little use for identifying mineralogy
 - Limited field of view
 - Lighting is poor
- Virtualisation addresses these issues by using other sensors on UAV and visualising this data in a virtual version of the mine
 - Better peripheral vision
 - Depth visualisation
 - Mineralogy visualisation
 - No lighting issues



2.1.1 The 3D Mapping Pipeline: Mine Virtualisation

UAVs for Optimising Stope Design in Underground Mines

REAL TIME FOR REMOTE CONTROL PURPOSE

CAPTUREING OPTICAL DATA





CONVERSION OF FILE FORMATS



ACCESS FOR VARIOUS USERS

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Line of Sight (LoS) Tests (for mapping devices)

	UAV with manual RC	Camera with storage	UAV legs attached	LED light source obtained	Camera mounted on UAV	LiDAR mounted on UAV	Battery mounted on UAV	RGB-D unit integrated with data logger	
Test1 Camera 1	х	Х	X		Х		х		
Test 2 LiDAR	x								
Test 3 RGB-D	х	х	х	х	х		x		

Non Line of Sight (NLoS) Tests (for mapping devices)

	UAV with manual RC	Camera with storage	UAV legs attached	LED light source obtained	Camera mounted on UAV	LiDAR mounted on UAV	Battery mounted on UAV	RGB-D unit integrated with data logger	
WiFi	х	х	х	х	X		Х		

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EXAMPLE OF TESTS FOR MAPPING DEVIICES

Line of Sight (LOS) Tests

Test 1 - Camera

UAV payload includes camera and LED lighting illuminating the region captured by the camera. The UAV is flown manually in the LOS area and rotated at multiple locations such that as much of the viewable void surface is captured. Data from the camera is stored locally on a microUSB.

Test 2 - RGB-D

Identical to Test 1, however the payload now includes an additional RGB-D system and a data logger unit which stores data locally. Power consumption higher due to increased weight and RGB-D/logger system operation. The UAV is flown in a manner that it is within RGB-D range (0.8-3.5m) of void walls, and oriented such that RGB-D system illuminates void walls. The light is required to fill the RGB-D field of view of 60deg azimuth, 45deg elevation.

Non Line of Sight (NLOS) Tests

Test 3 - WiFi

A wifi access point (AP) is positioned with the UAV operator. The operator repeats Test 2 now using a video feed from the UAV to fly the UAV. A wifi signal power monitor tracks the wifi signal received from the UAV. The UAV is then flown into NLOS regions to gather additional data. Region accessible depends on UAV operator awareness and wifi signal level.

Line of Sight, Underground in Mine.				
Round 1 (Boo) [WiFi]				
START and Pilot Position	10m	20m	30m	40m (Maximum length)

Voidmapping:

Pointcloud import to ROS and export from ROS to mesh

Import to TerraSim/VBS and how to stitch added mesh to current pointcloud/mesh.

Citations from Lukas Kaul's Master's Thesis "A passively actuated 3D laser scanning system for mapping and autonomous navigation with a quadrotor UAV", 2014.

"...the range measurements can be projected into a common coordinate frame to generate a 3D pointcloud."

"The Zebedee mapping system is capable of producing highly accurate 3D maps of the environment. To do this, it manages the three steps of mapping: Data acquisition, data processing, and representation."

"A highly advanced SLAM algorithm that can register the measured points based on the detection of reobservations is used to project them into

a common coordinate frame."

•I am interested in what coordinate frame they use?

•How do you anchor a local position and its coordinate frame to a global one?

"Occupancy Grids

As sensor readings are never absolutely reliable, subject to noise and outliers, the problem of reconstructing the actual physical environment from

sensor data becomes an estimation problem. Occupancy grid methods divide the environment into a spatially discretized grid, either 2D or 3D. This grid I

s the map that the robot builds. Each cell in the grid can be either empty, representing free space, or occupied, representing an obstacle."

•What update frequency does the cells have?

"Aerial Mapping

The term map also refers to the representation of geometrical features of real-world objects that can be used for further study of these objects.

Geometrical mapping: Usually acquired data with distance information between a number of points, one of which might or might not be fixed via RADAR, LIDAR, stereo cameras."

"Real-time perception and obstacle avoidance

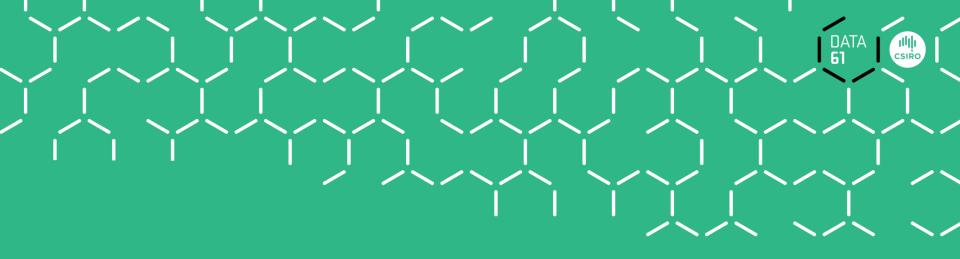
The goal for the obstacle avoidance functionality is to be seamlessly integrated into the normal flight operation, assisting the pilot during operation rather than taking over control completely.

That means that the Eagle carrying the scanning sensors should be under full control of the human operator and fly as if flown completely manually when no obstacle is present. However, when the copter g ets too close to obstacles, it should try to stay away from them automatically, while still reacting to radio commands. The desired effect is that of "virtual springs" that push the UAV away from the obstacle as s oon as it comes too close." P.55

"The map assembler

The Zebedee SLAM is far too computationally expensive to run on the logging computer, especially in real time. This is why a separate local map building technique is introduced light enough to run in real time and precise enough to enable obstacle detection "n 57

time and precise enough to enable obstacle detection.	p.57	Go from A to B	Aerial work at B	Remote control at A
time and precise enough to enable obstacle detection. " "the Cartesian coordinate system that does not rotate	e with respect to the world. How	vever, it translates together with th	e UAV".	
Below is a matrix in how I think our problem space.				for B
Boo, it is remote control at A for B with manipulation wit	th Operator Control & Vision Sy		My last questions at QCAT was follo	wing: What degree of *Think* in Se
Think, and Act is developed at current stage and the ans	swer is collision_detection_I wa			e the pointcloud/mesh/geodata/sin
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Remote Control when to design FOR/FROM/REPLACE	e of sight. Object tracking/steel			
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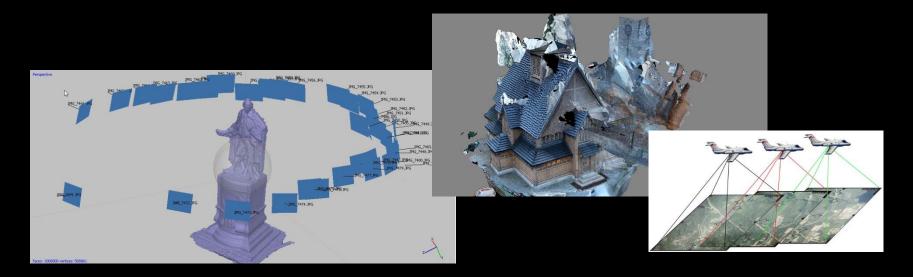


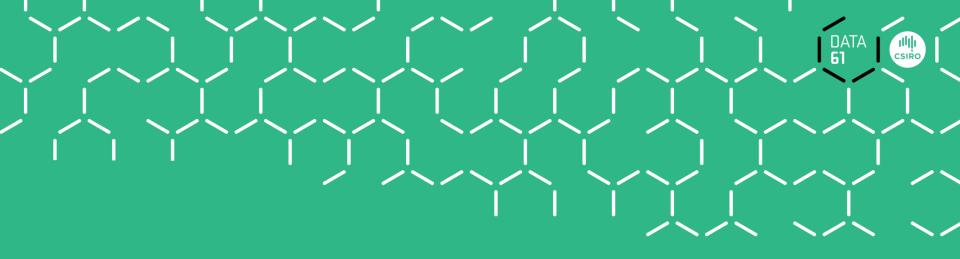
2.1.1. Photogrammetry: Mine Virtualisation

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Photogrammetry is the science of making measurements from photographs. The output of *photogrammetry* is typically a map, drawing, measurement, or a 3D model of some real-world object or scene. Many of the maps we use today are created with *photogrammetry* and photographs taken from aircraft.

http://www.photogrammetry.com/





2.1.1.2 Structure for Motion: Mine Virtualisation

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It is studied in the fields of computer vision and visual perception. In biological vision, SfM refers to the phenomenon by which humans (and other living creatures) can recover 3D *structure* from the projected 2D (retinal) *motion* field of a moving object or scene.

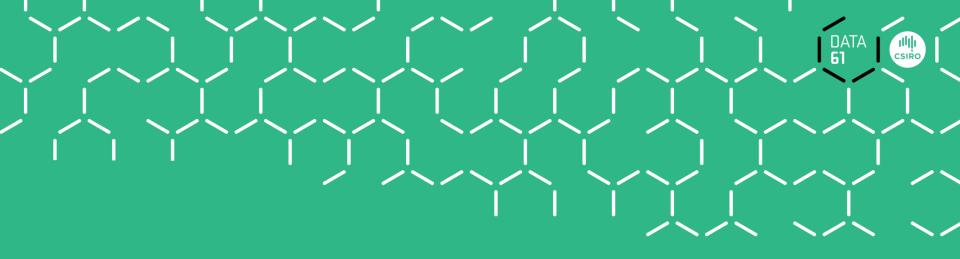
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/**Structure**_from_motion

- 1. Take a lot of images of an object
- 2. Identify points in the images that possibly can be detected in other images.
- 3. Search for corresponding points in other images.
- 4. Compute camera positions and 3D point positions such that corresponding viewing ray cast intersect.

=670 images = 50 000 3D points



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7ierVkXYa8



2.1.1.3 LiDAR Mine Virtualisation

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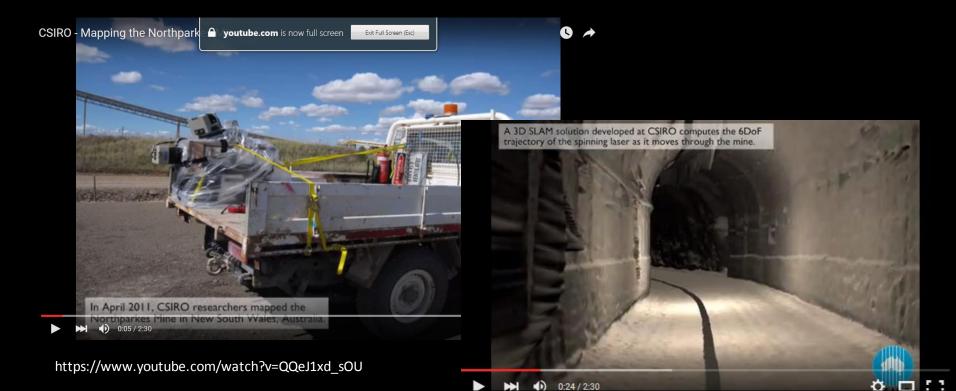


Hokuyo UST-10LX Scanning Laser Rangefinder Product Code: RB-Hok-24

by <u>Hokuyo</u> Be the first to review this produc

•Small, accurate, high-speed scanning laser range finder

- •Obstacle detection and localization of autonomous robots
- •Detection distance (maximum): 30m
- Light source: Laser semiconductor (905nm)
 Scan speed: 25ms (Motor speed 2400rpm)



Published on Apr 29, 2012

In April 2011, CSIRO researchers mapped over 17km of the Northparkes copper/gold mine in New South Wales, Australia. The mine operators required a locally accurate 3D surface model in order to determine whether and how large equipment could be moved through the decline.

Hovermap

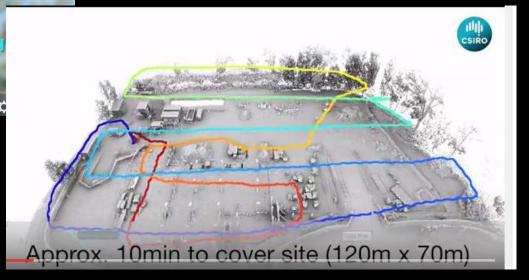
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UAV lidar mapping payload

Construction Site Mapping Examp

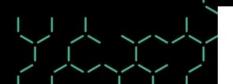
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Sensing and mapping

Monitoring structures Mollusc bio-sensors Smart tracking technology HeatWave thermal sensor Intelligent sensor network Research / Data61 / Autonomous systems / Mapping

Zebedee: handheld laser

scanner

Zebedee is a handheld laser scanner that creates 3D maps of difficult environments in the time it takes to walk through them. It doesn't rely on GPS, making it suitable for a range of scientific and commercial applications.

THE CHALLENGE

The system offers a unique combination of portability, efficient data collection, accuracy in areas with no GPS, rapid scanning of large areas, and automatic data processing.

Zebedee is being used by us and others for mapping mines, heritage sites, and crime scenes.

Case studies

Fighting crime with Zebedee >

Helping industry with Zebedee >

The Queensland Police Service is using Zebedee to help piece together crime scene puzzles.

g We've partnered with global company 3D Laser Mapping to license Zebedee to UK start-up GeoSLAM, offering a low-cost cloud based 3D mapping service for business and industry.

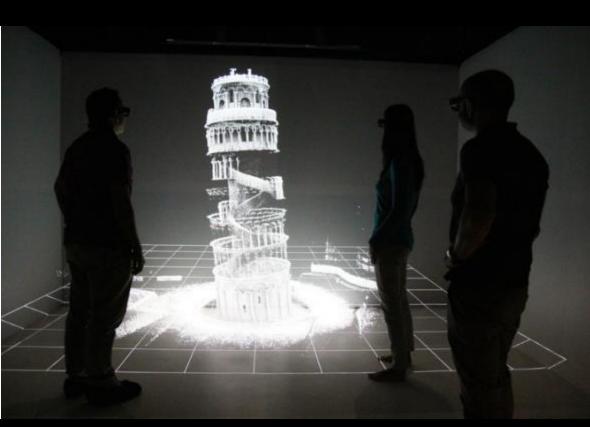
3D mapping a 'Pisa' cake>

We have created the first ever interior 3D map of Italy's iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa using Zebedee, helping to preserve the cultural heritage of an important international landmark.

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Interactive map of CSIRO projects around the world >

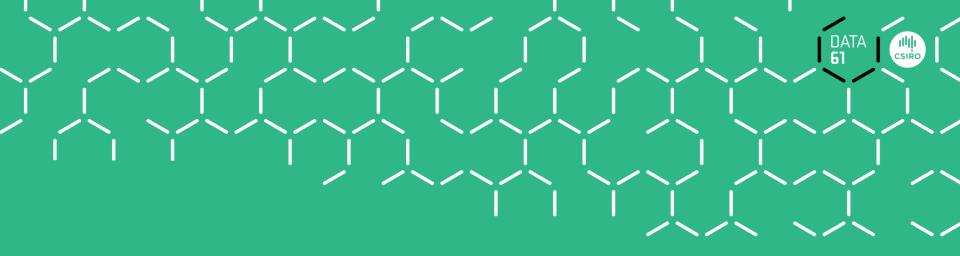
Technical information on Zebedee>



Within 20 minutes we were able to use Zebedee to complete an entire scan of the building's interior. This allowed us to creat e a uniquely comprehensive and accurate 3D map of the tower's structure and composition, including small details in the stairs and stonework.

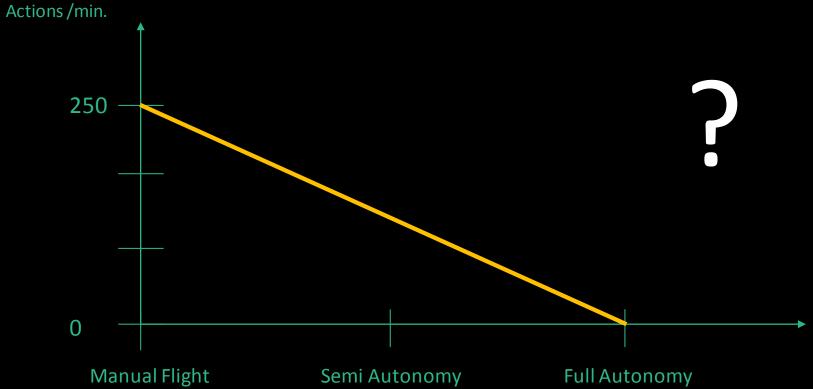
When we have a LiDAR scan then we need to subdivide the whole data information into objects. Therefore a LiDAR scan needs to be run with "Classifiers" so we can extract the objects we are especially interested in.

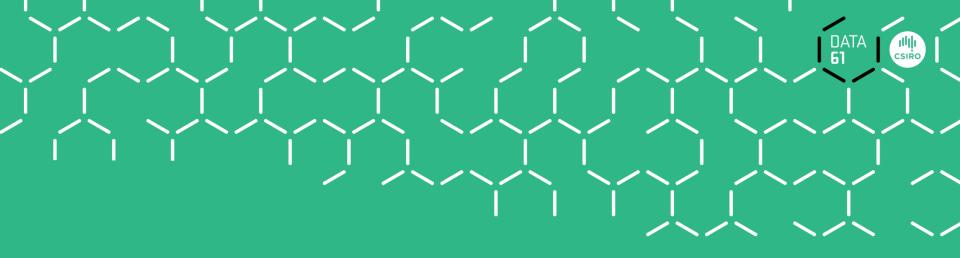
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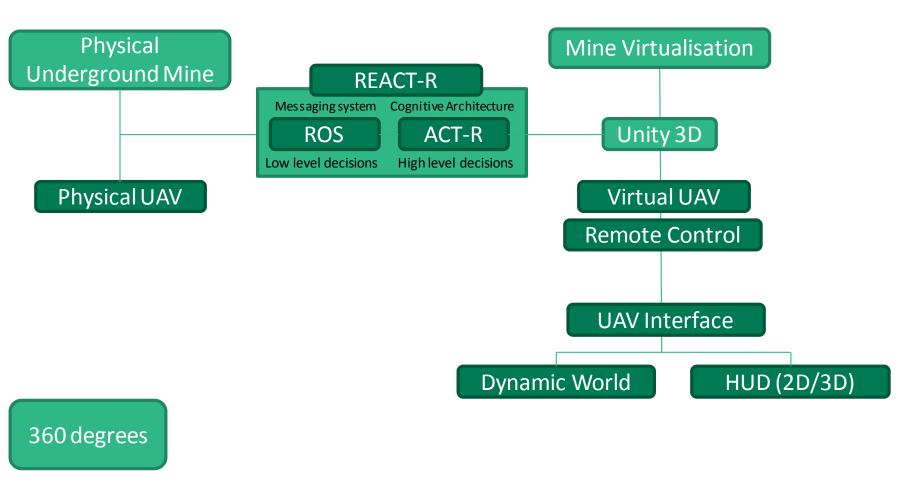
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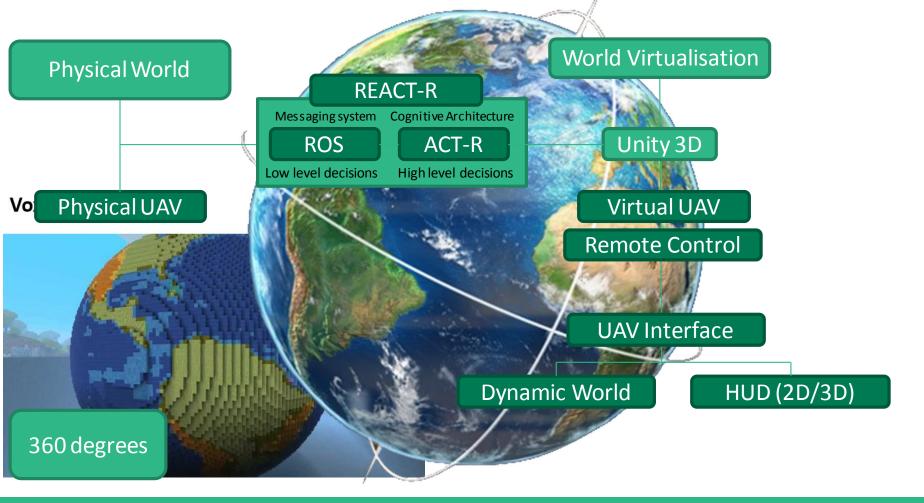




3.1 ACT-R, the Robot Operative System (ROS) and Unity 3D



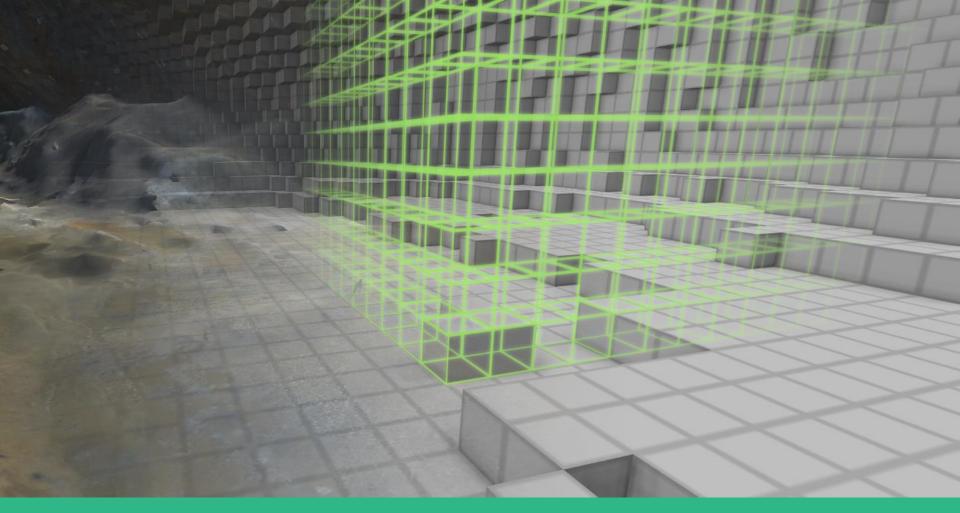
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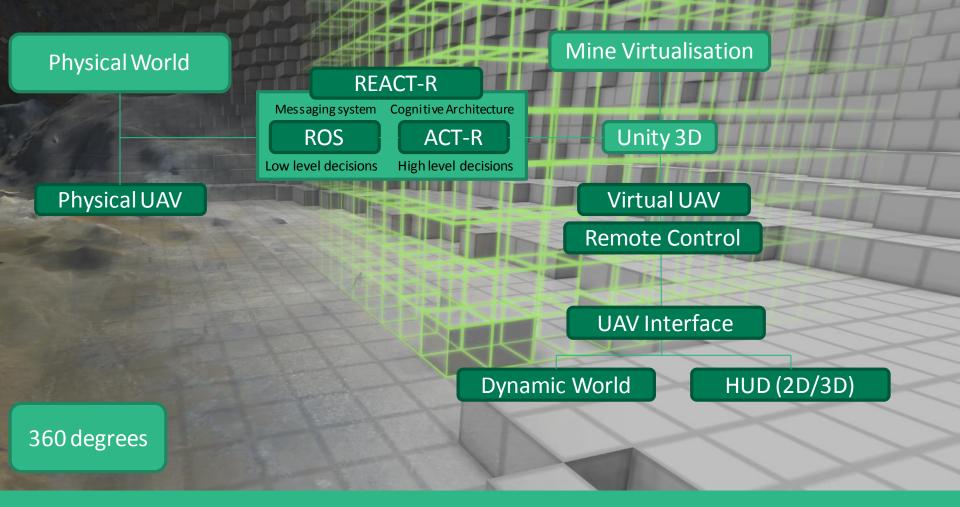


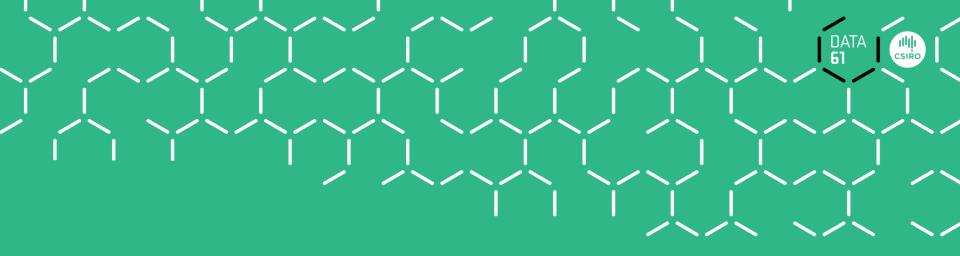
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3.2 How do we create local and global intelligence?







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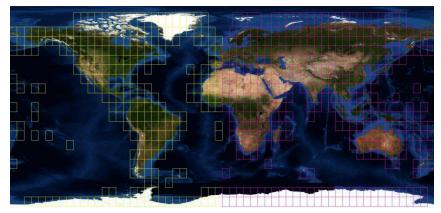
Geolocation

The virtual mine is geolocated

• Uses GPS and altitude coordinates

Internally the system uses the military grid reference system

- Earth is split up into zones, which contain chunks, which contain voxels
- Voxels can be of any arbitrary uniform dimensions
- Can be used in a global context and can handle any geographical structure on or near the Earth's surface



Grid Zone Designators that intersect land (http://mgrs-data.org/, 2015)

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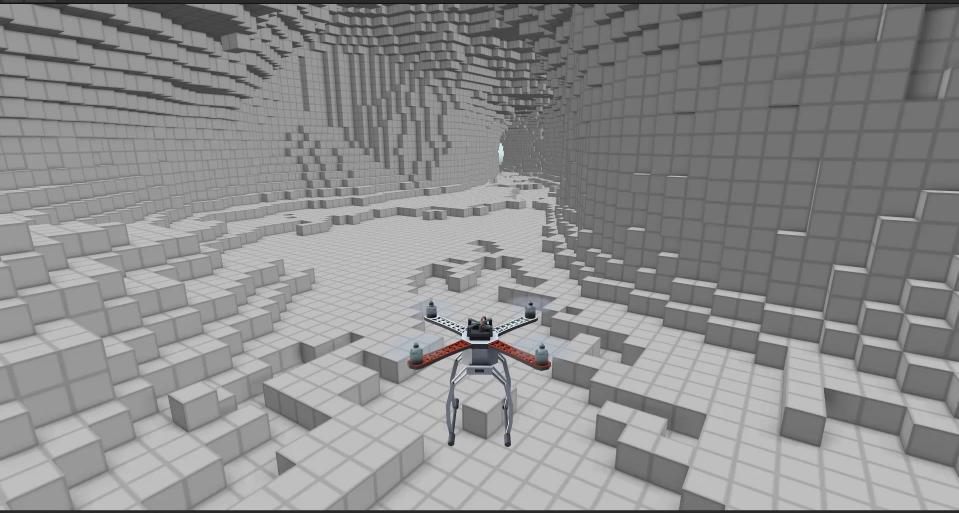
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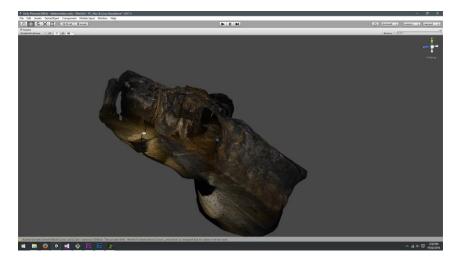
4.1 VoxelNet



Voxels from Point Cloud



Point cloud data from the UAV can be used to construct a high resolution model of the mine surface, which can then be voxelised.





Mesh from point cloud

Mesh to voxel conversion

Why?

Divide the world up to sub entities so we can share our data and knowledge

A 3D indexation tool with local annotation

Location of Measurements (sensors and machines)

Point cloud, raster and vector graphics with cross correlation

Relationships, change, dimensions and time dependencies

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Implementation

-we have inhabited the whole virtual earth with 1m³ voxels with individual ID's, next we will extend with individual IP's.

f54ab







4.2 VoxelNet Off Earth Applications

VoxelNet in an asteroid/comet mining context



Detailed studies of asteroid mining are presented by NASA (2005) and Lewis (2015). If a spherical body of diameter 1km is mostly made of iron, even at a low terrestrial commodity price of \$60/t, this represents a value for a single body of around <u>\$240 billion</u> (Lindley et al., 2015).

A thorough pre-planning phase is required due to the expectation of asteroid/comet mining to be *highly automated* (Mueller, et al. 2015).

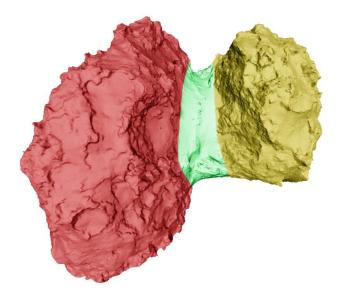
Block Model Operations



TERRESTRIAL MINING BLOCK MODEL OPERATIONS	OFF EARTH MINING BLOCK MODEL OPERATIONS
GIS interpolation algorithms such as kriging	GIS interpolation algorithms such as kriging
Visualisation tools such as filtering for ores	Visualisation tools such as filtering for ores
Optimum ore removal sequence	Optimum ore removal sequence
	Surface Temperature Calculations
	Rotation/Orbit variation after removal of mass
	Gravitation at various surface points

67P/Churyumov–Gerasimenko





(ESA, 2014a)

- Rosetta's lander Philae touched down 12th of November 2014, becoming the first spacecraft to make a soft landing on a comet. (ESA, 2015a)
- Cylindrical/Spherical Mapping techniques can result in ambiguities (Preusker et al., 2015).
- Military Grid system/UTM is not applicable in this context.
- Approx 4km in diameter. (ESA, 2015b)
- Use Cartesian indexing as mining would likely occur throughout the *entire volume* rather than the *crust*.

Voxelisation of 3D Shape Model



- 1. Create a <u>voxelised shell</u> from each individual triangle.
- 1. Sample texture UV on surface using barycentric coordinates.
- 1. Use <u>scanline algorithm</u> with face normals to fill mesh.

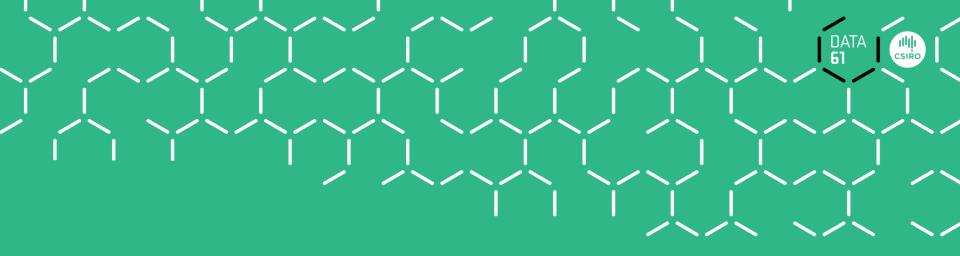
Textured Mesh

Coloured Voxels

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5. Future

The Prototype



A voxel-based rendition of a mine's geometry was generated from existing data

- Voxels are identified as rock or air
- UAV flight is simulated in a real time physics engine
- Depth perception is enhanced by using
 - a proximity shader, and
 - ruler guides
- Adjustable camera angles
- Map view provides overview of mine

Where do we go from here?

- Leave the simulated UAV and track a real one
- Visualise more voxel data
- Create a real time feedback loop of UAV data
- Use this data for path finding (for autonomous flight)

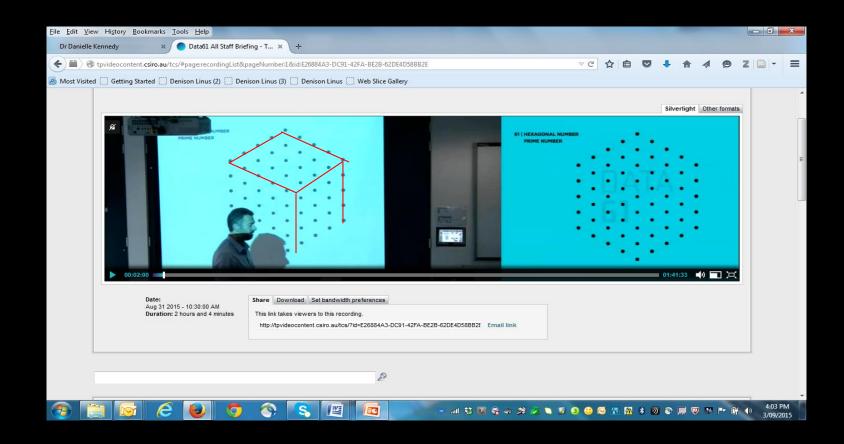
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Thanks from us!

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