



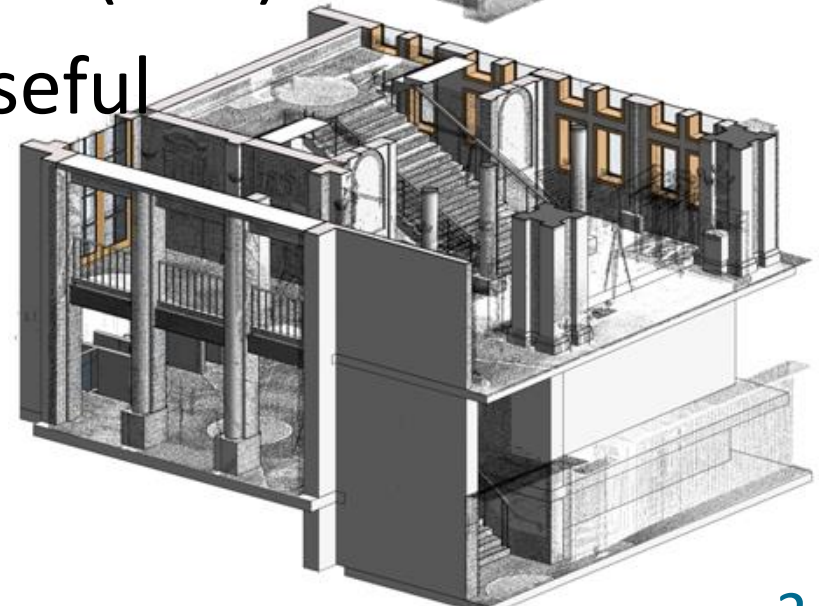
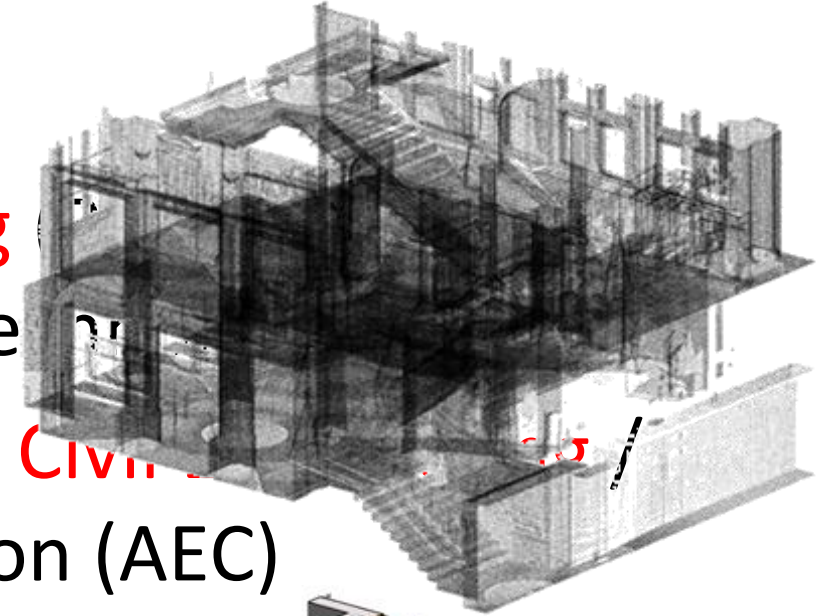
Point cloud quality metrics for Building Information Modelling

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Introduction

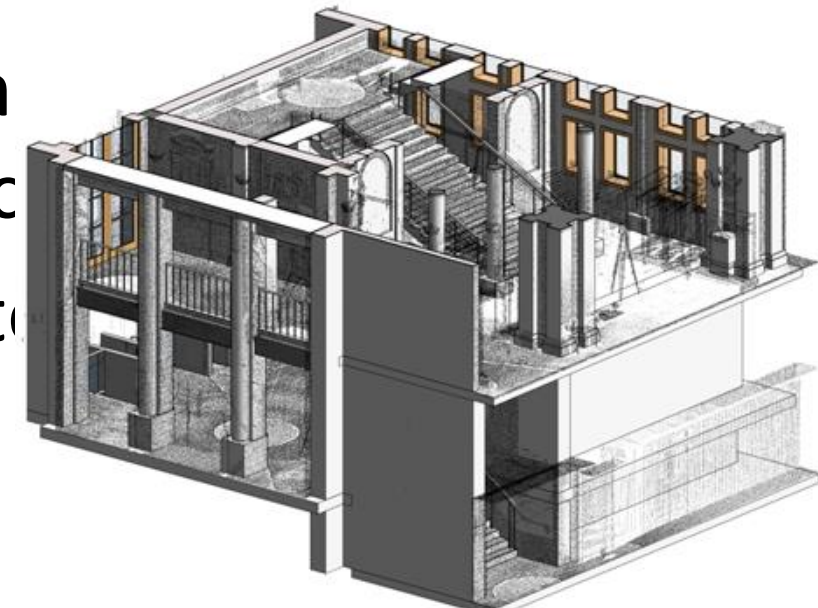
- **Building Information Models & Modelling** a mature and standardised (ISO 19650) technology
- BIM is the fundament for **digitalisation in Civil Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC)**
- **Point clouds** are becoming increasingly useful
 - Construction progress Monitoring (Scan – vs – BIM)
 - Digitalisation of existing Buildings (Scan – to – BIM)





Purpose of our research

- To support Scan – vs – BIM processes by providing **appropriate point cloud quality metrics**
- which can help **setup efficient scanning equipment and procedures** (scanning plan)
- Existing point cloud quality definitions on parameters (Level of Details, Level of Accuracy)
- that don't represent a useful input to determine the efficiency of Scan – vs – BIM





Methodology

1. **Classification of building elements** according to their size, (which also correspond to construction phases)
 - Large elements (L): $\text{Size} \geq 5 \text{ m}^2$,
 - Medium elements (M): $1 \text{ m}^2 \leq \text{Size} < 5 \text{ m}^2$,
 - Small elements (S): $0.25 \text{ m}^2 \leq \text{Size} < 1 \text{ m}^2$
 - Very small elements (XS): $\text{Size} < 0.25 \text{ m}^2$



Methodology

1. **Classification of building elements** according to their size
2. **Definition of point cloud quality parameters** that can be derived from the point cloud and related to the scanning methodology
 - Minimum local density [points / m²]
 - Minimum local accuracy [m]
 - Level of scatter [%]



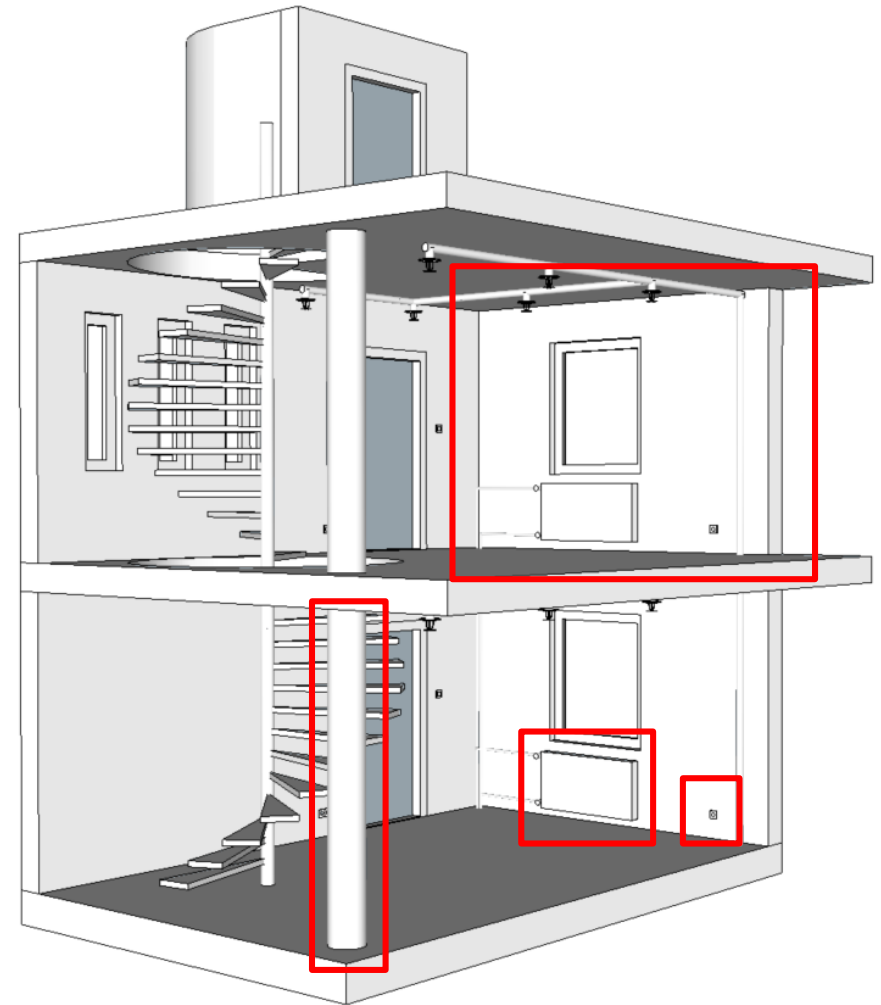
Methodology

1. **Classification of building elements** according to their size
2. **Definition of point cloud quality parameters**
3. Experimental **correlation of building element classes and quality parameters** during a series of Scan – vs – BIM processes using point cloud simulation
4. **Calculation of point cloud quality criteria** (threshold values of quality parameters) for successful element identification in a Scan – vs – BIM process



Experiment – Representative BIM model

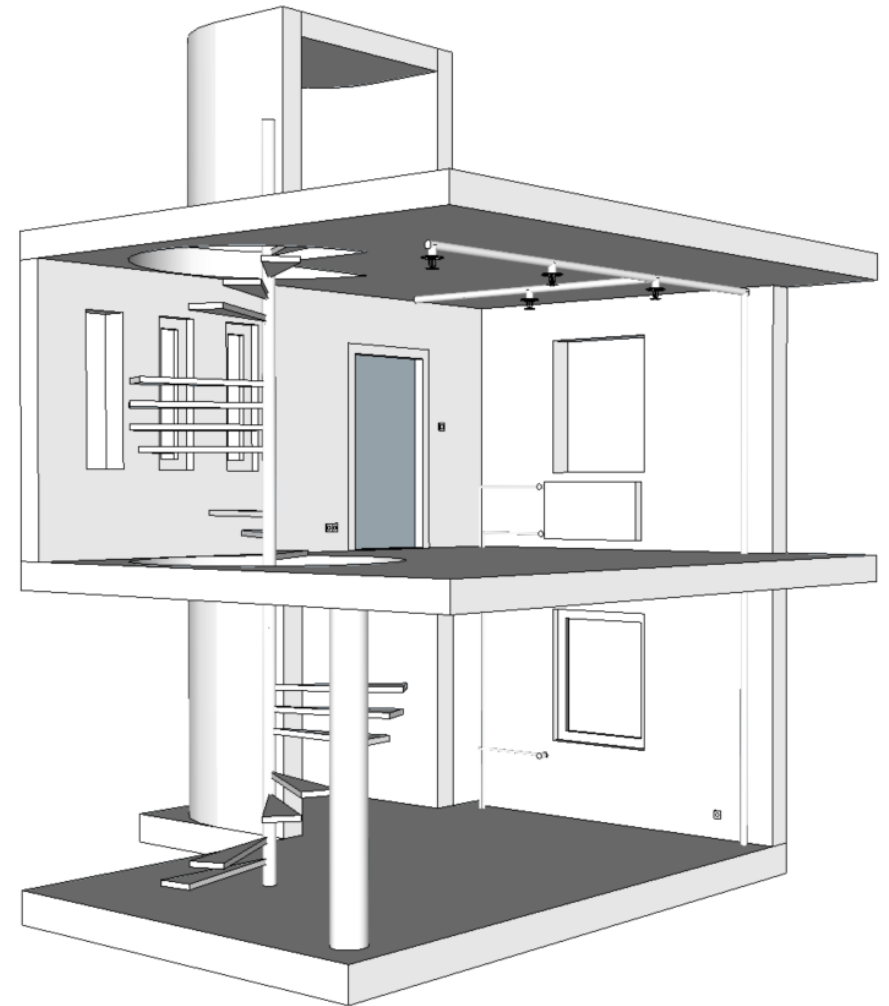
- A BIM model was designed that **includes all classes** of elements (**As-Designed model**)
 - L (walls, slabs, shafts),
 - M (columns, doors, windows),
 - S (stairs, radiators) and
 - XL (pipes and valves, sprinkler system, outlets and switches)





Experiment – Point cloud simulation

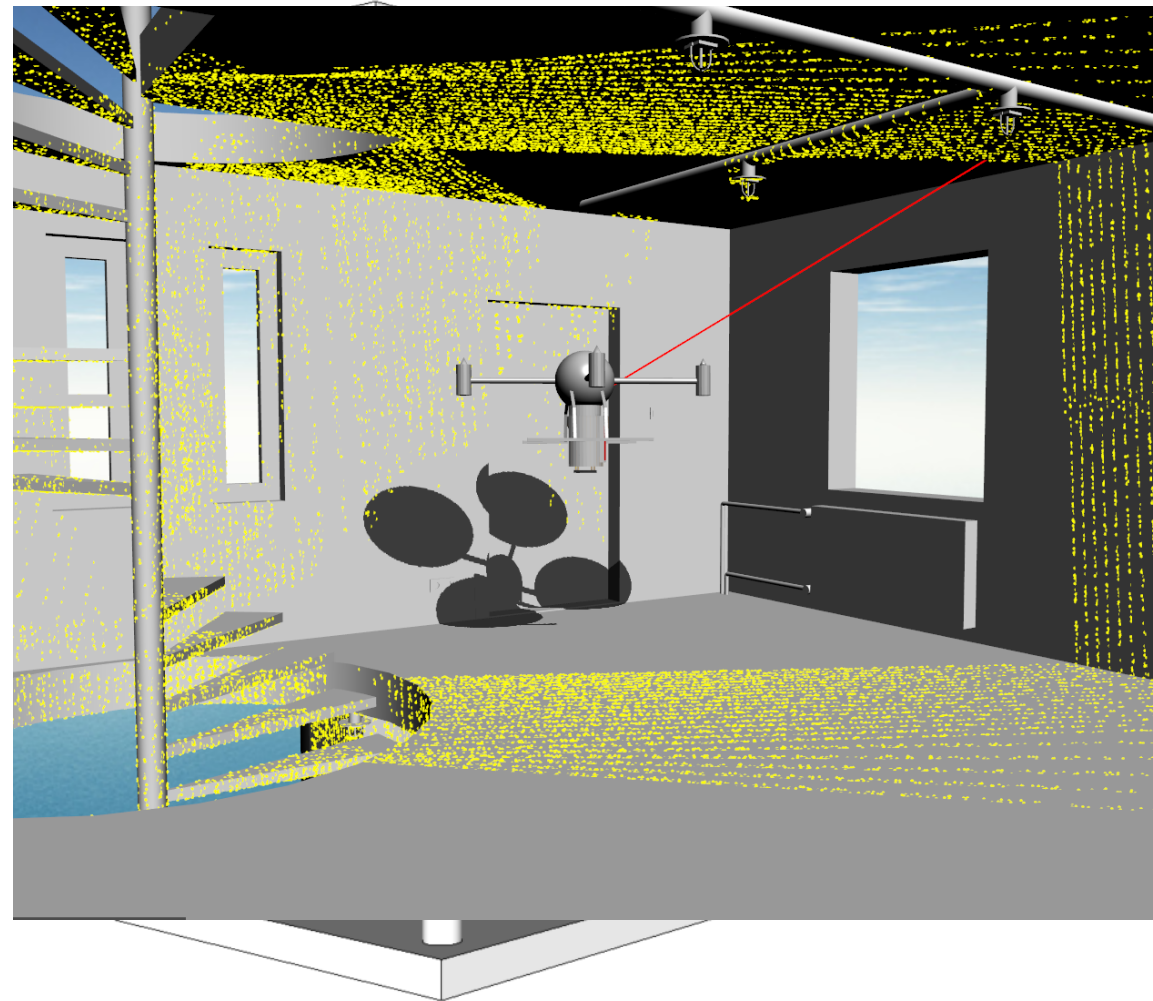
- To determine threshold values of quality parameters an **As-Built model** was designed, missing some elements of each class





Experiment – Point cloud simulation

- 108 different **As-Built point clouds were simulated** by combining scanner parameters (depth accuracy, beam divergence, and frequency)
- Simulation was performed using a multi-purpose laser scanning simulation framework HeliOS





Experiment – Criteria calculation

- Scan – vs – BIM was performed using each point cloud
- threshold parameters were determined for limits of correct identification

Form	Calc	A [mm]						BD [deg]						F [KHz]								
		5	20	50	100	150	200	5	20	50	100	150	200	5	30	30	30	30	30			
		min ↓	max ↓	LOS →																		
Sprinkler_pi	0,455 S	28	0	1																		
EX	D		8,2254	10109	180,96	1505,4	951,7	635,41	442,11	306,4	261,16	1429,2	1022	596,34	472,96	326,96	234,42					
	C		0,0323	0,9987	0,5004	0,7334	0,7404	0,8016	0,7575	0,6529	0,6011	0,7231	0,7523	0,7661	0,7498	0,6774	0,5689					
	A		5	200	50	5	20	50	100	150	200	5	20	50	100	150	200					
Pipe_12_2	0,381 S	29	0	1																		
EX	D		2,6281	6168,2	386,33	835,74	691,2	386,33	244,42	183,97	136,66	917,21	691,2	465,18	260,18	215,51	157,69					
	C		0,0088	0,8228	0,5341	0,6658	0,6648	0,5341	0,4439	0,3701	0,3096	0,6561	0,6481	0,5825	0,4228	0,4149	0,3263					
	A		5	200	50	5	20	50	100	150	200	5	20	50	100	150	200					
Pipe_12_1	0,337 S	30	0	1																		
EX	D		0	6243,7	317,98	876,67	630,01	395,25	237,74	211	166,42	814,26	695,39	404,16	211	234,77	172,36					
	C		0	0,8556	0,5519	0,7084	0,6981	0,5982	0,4917	0,4623	0,347	0,6817	0,6931	0,5928	0,4228	0,4808	0,3459					
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Experiment – Criteria calculation

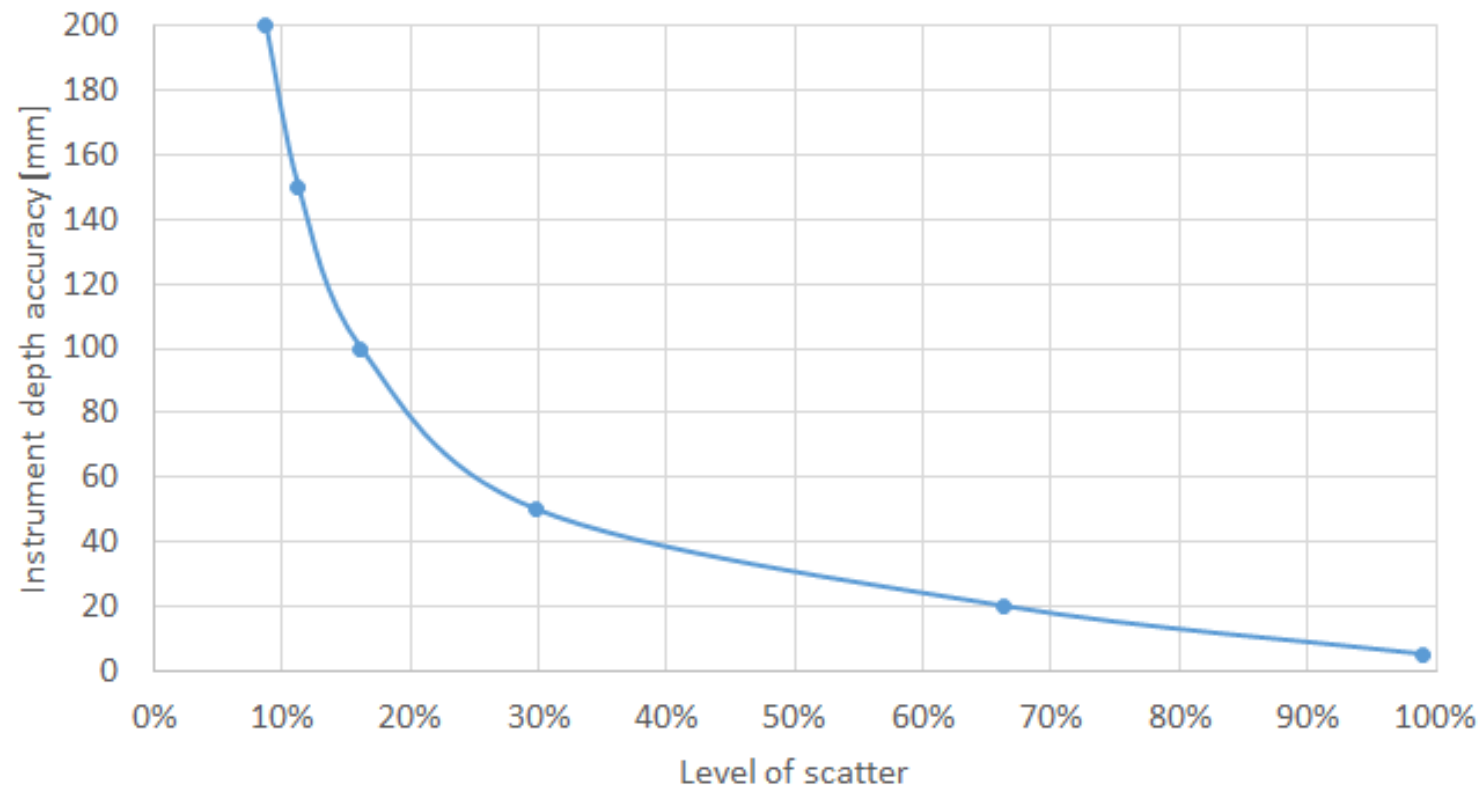
- **Criteria values of point cloud quality parameters** for correct Scan-vs-BIM element identification were calculated

Class	Size (surface area)	D_c	A_c	C_c
L	$\geq 5 \text{ m}^2$	≥ 14	$< \min(\text{side})_E / 2$	> 0.5 for existing elements ≤ 0.5 for missing elements
M	$1 \text{ m}^2 \leq \text{Size} < 5 \text{ m}^2$	≥ 70		
S	$0.25 \text{ m}^2 \leq \text{Size} < 1 \text{ m}^2$	≥ 530		
XS	$\text{Size} < 0.25 \text{ m}^2$	≥ 4500		



Experiment – Criteria calculation

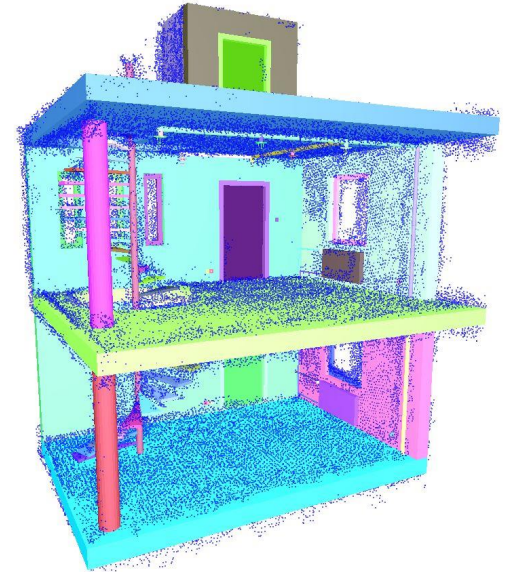
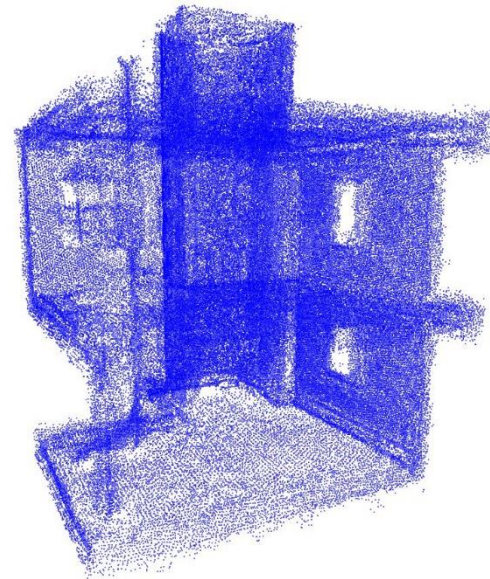
- Correlation between the Level of scatter (LOS) and the simulated scanner depth accuracy (A) was calculated





Validation of quality parameters

- 3 validation experiments, including:
 - Videogrammetry and
 - Scanning with Kinect
- confirmed the developed metrics
- The defined criteria represent useful guidelines for scan planning





Further development of PC quality metrics

- We are currently developing a method to **explicitly define the quality of a point cloud with independent parameters**
- using an algorithm that is able to **assign each point to the corresponding element and calculate the Local Level of Scatter.**

