

# Generating 3D models of Shukhov towers by laser-scanning and UAV photogrammetry

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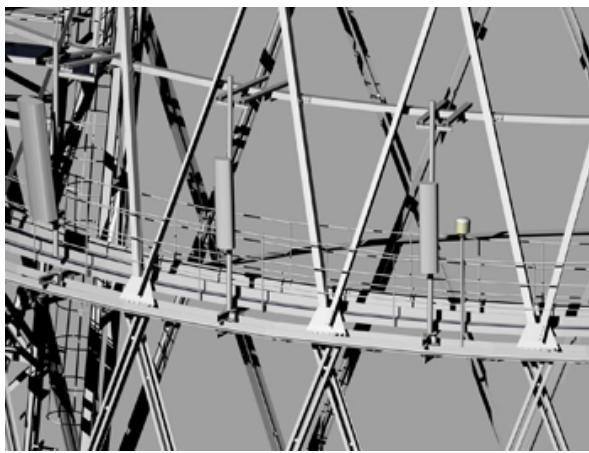
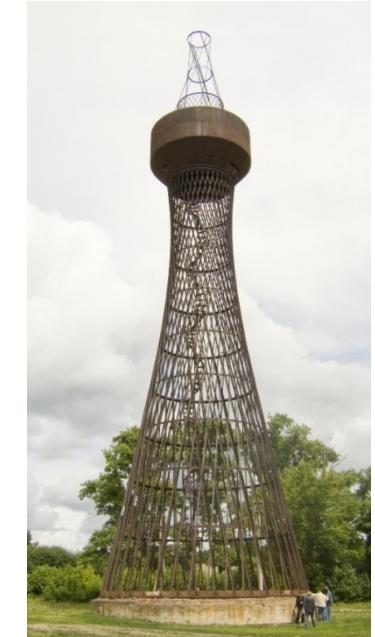
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## 1. Introduction

## 2. Schabolovskaya, Polibino

## 3. Conclusions, perspectives



# Advantages of UAVs

- Flexibility in sensor design and integration, data acquisition and flight pattern (navigation, flying height)
- Use in high-risk situations
- Flight close to object
- Production of vertical, oblique and horizontal images
- Fast data processing (download, on-line, real-time)
- Inexpensive platform (manufacturing, operation)
- High educational value



# Disadvantages of UAVs

- + Weather conditions
- + Weight restrictions (small sensors)
- + Local operation ~1-3 km
- + Limited absolute flying height (helis: lack of uplift and oxygen)
- + Professional training and attendance for helicopter pilot
- + Safety issues
- + Cannot cope with obstacles (avoidance of collisions)
- + Payload limit in Switzerland < 30 kg
- + Other legal regulations (permissions from terrain/object owners, flight control authorities, etc.)
- + Technology (hard- and system software) is not mature enough



# Schabolovskaya Tower (Shukhov)

Built 1919-1922

Radio station for international connections of the young Soviet state

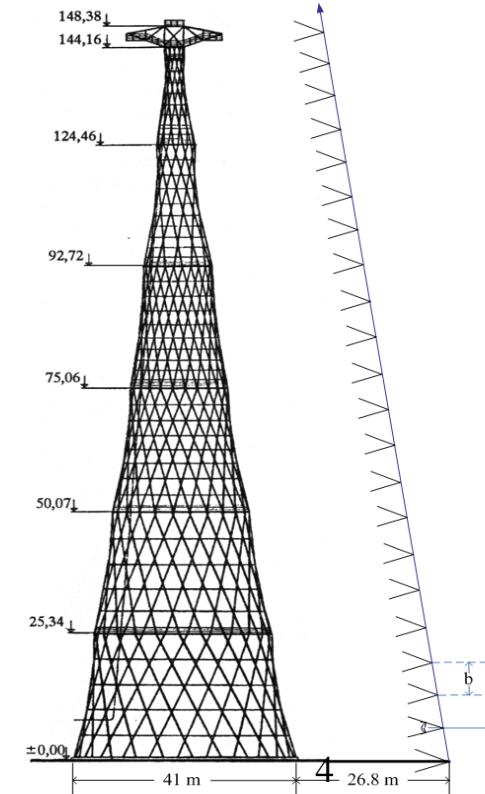
First version: 350 m high, with Lenin's permission

After 1939: TV antennas

**Today:** Belongs to Russian State TV

Restricted accessibility

**Transmitters for mobile communication**



# Vladimir G. Shukhov (1853-1939)

Engineer, architect, inventor

## Lattice towers

Iron, steel, hyperboloids

20 of more than 200 towers survived

+ Polibino, 1896

+ Schabolovskaya, 1921-22

+ Nigres, 1927

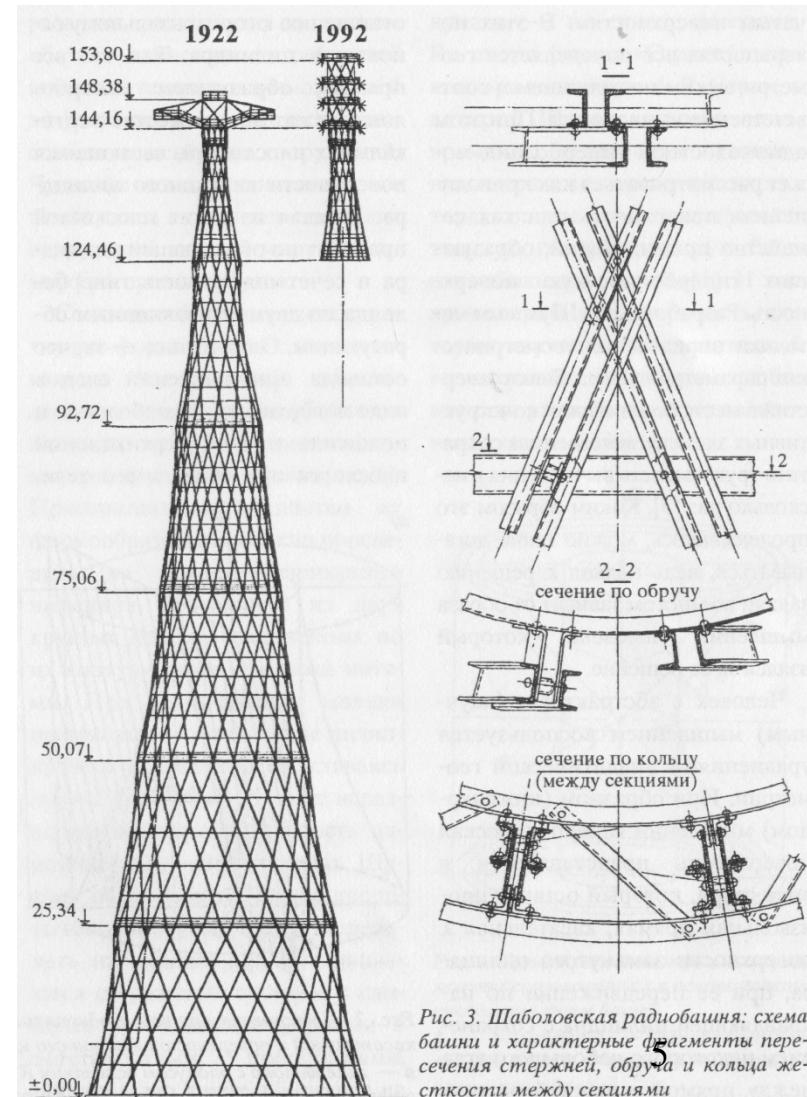
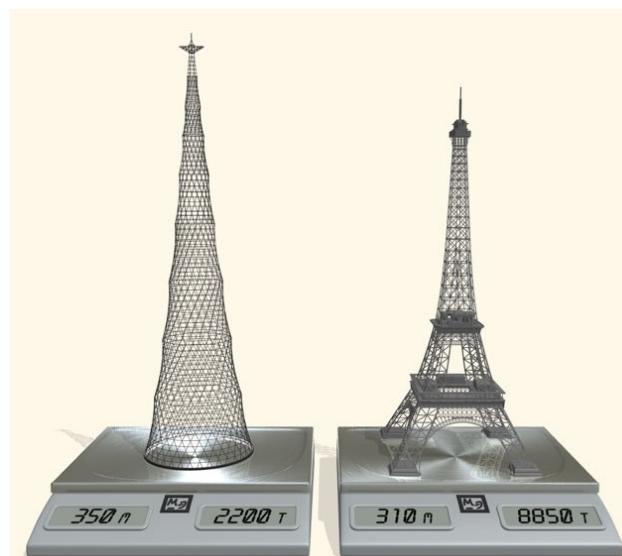
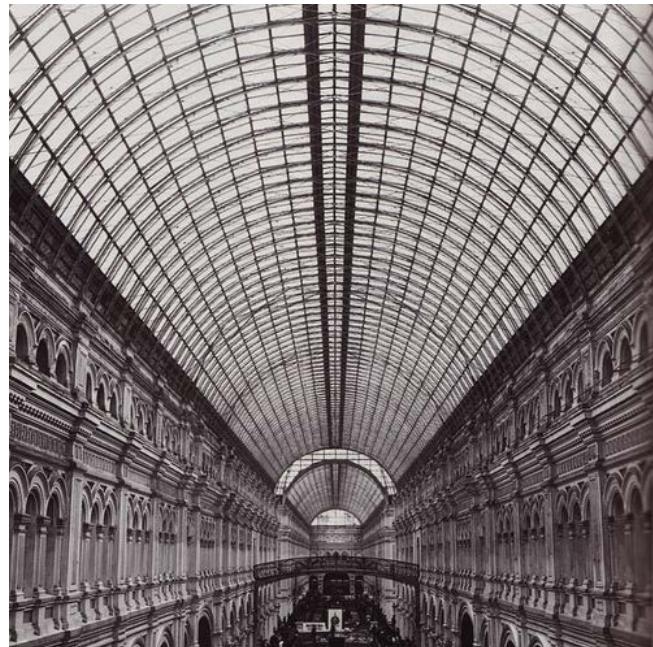


Рис. 3. Шаболовская радиобашня: схема башни и характерные фрагменты пересечения стержней, обруча и кольца жесткости между секциями

# Project Vladimir G. Shukov (1853-1939)



Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich  
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich



Department Store Gum,  
Moscow, 1889-93

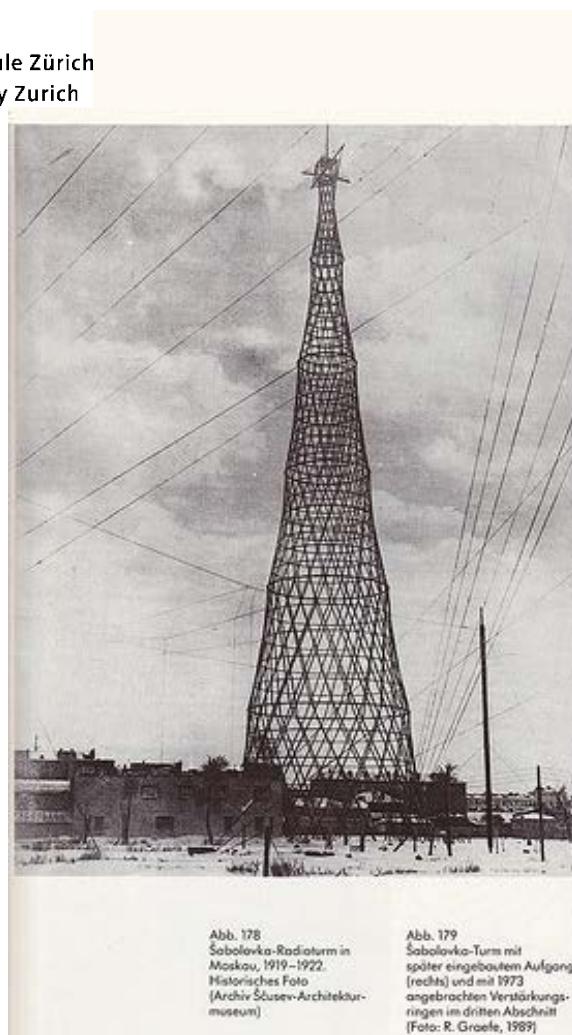


Abb. 178  
Šabolovka-Radioturm in  
Moskau, 1919–1922.  
Historisches Foto  
(Archiv Ščusev-Architekturmuseum)

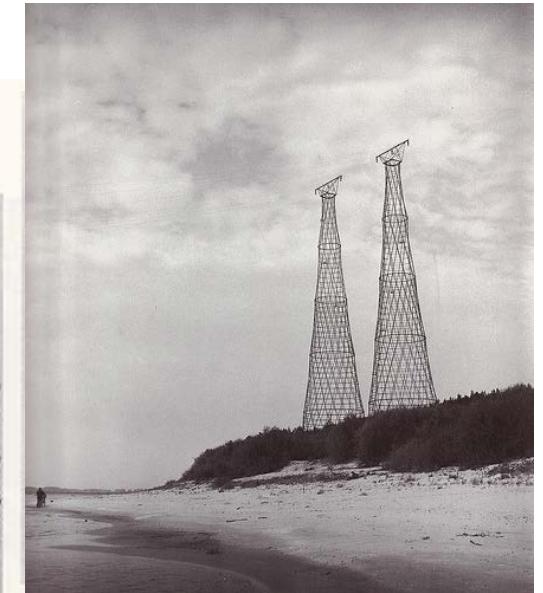
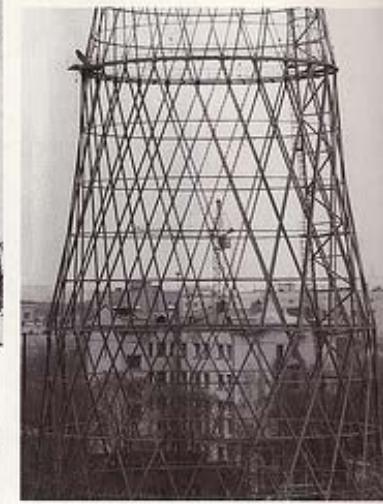


Abb. 179  
Šabolovka-Turm mit  
später eingebautem Aufgang  
(rechts) und mit 1973  
angebrachten Verstärkungs-  
ringen im dritten Abschnitt  
(Foto: R. Große, 1969)



# Project Vladimir G. Shukov



**How to measure and model  
complex steel rods in 3D space ?**

- + Resolution?
- + Accuracy?
- + Integration of rod models  
(combination of CAD and  
photogrammetry)

## Sensors

- + UAV photogrammetry
- + GPS/INS for autopilot
- + Laserscanning
- + GPS for control points and  
for control of high frequency  
movements



Falcon-8 flight

## AscTec Falcon 8 - Facts

500 g load

max 20 min flight time

max 10 m/s wind speed

redundancy through 8 rotors

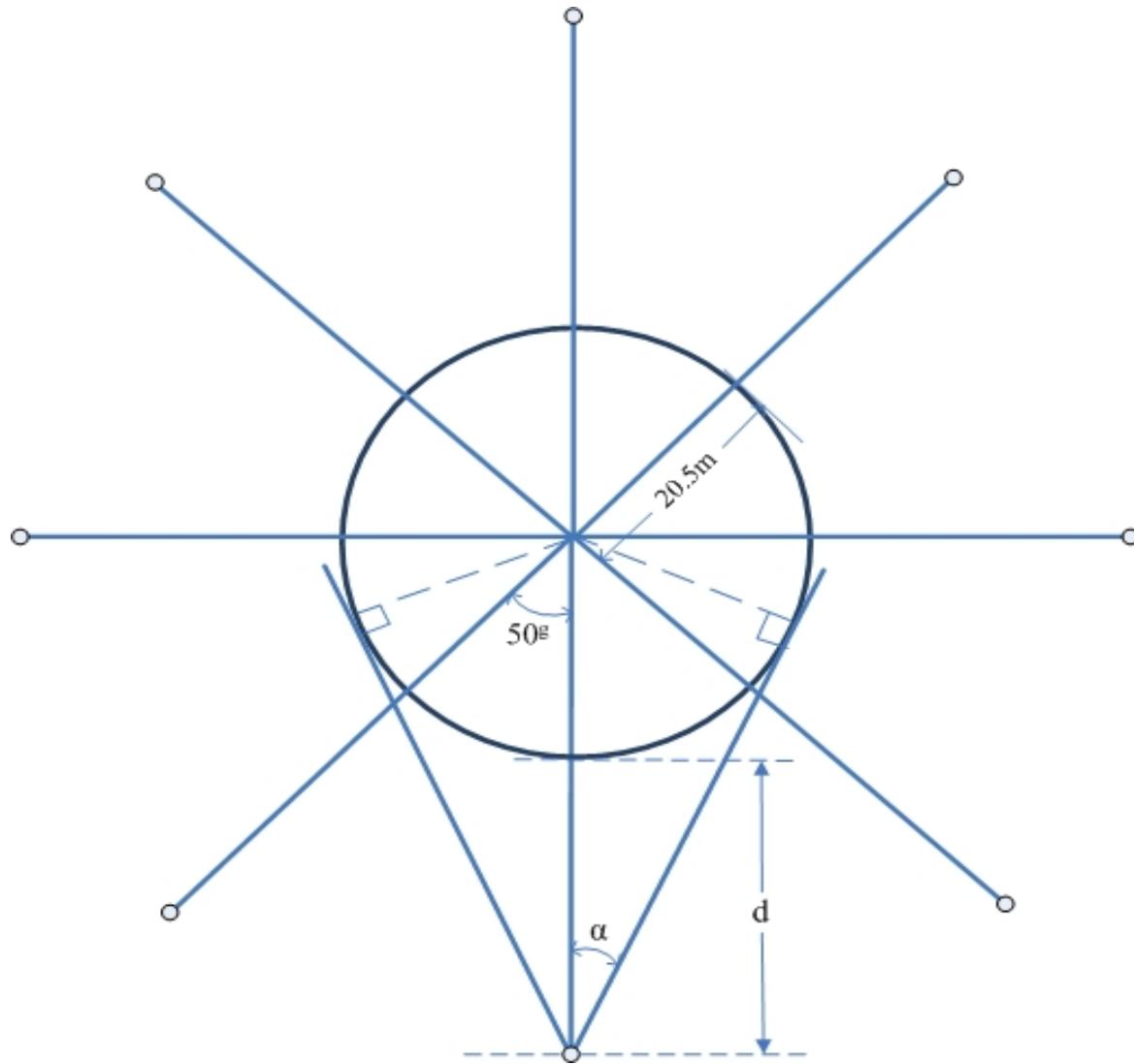
GPS, height sensor, compass, IMU

max. Total weight 1,8 kg

## Camera Sony NEX-5

16mm lens fix, 14.2 Mpi, APS-C,  
focus manually, live video,  
 $\pi = 5\text{micron}$

# 8-Star Design



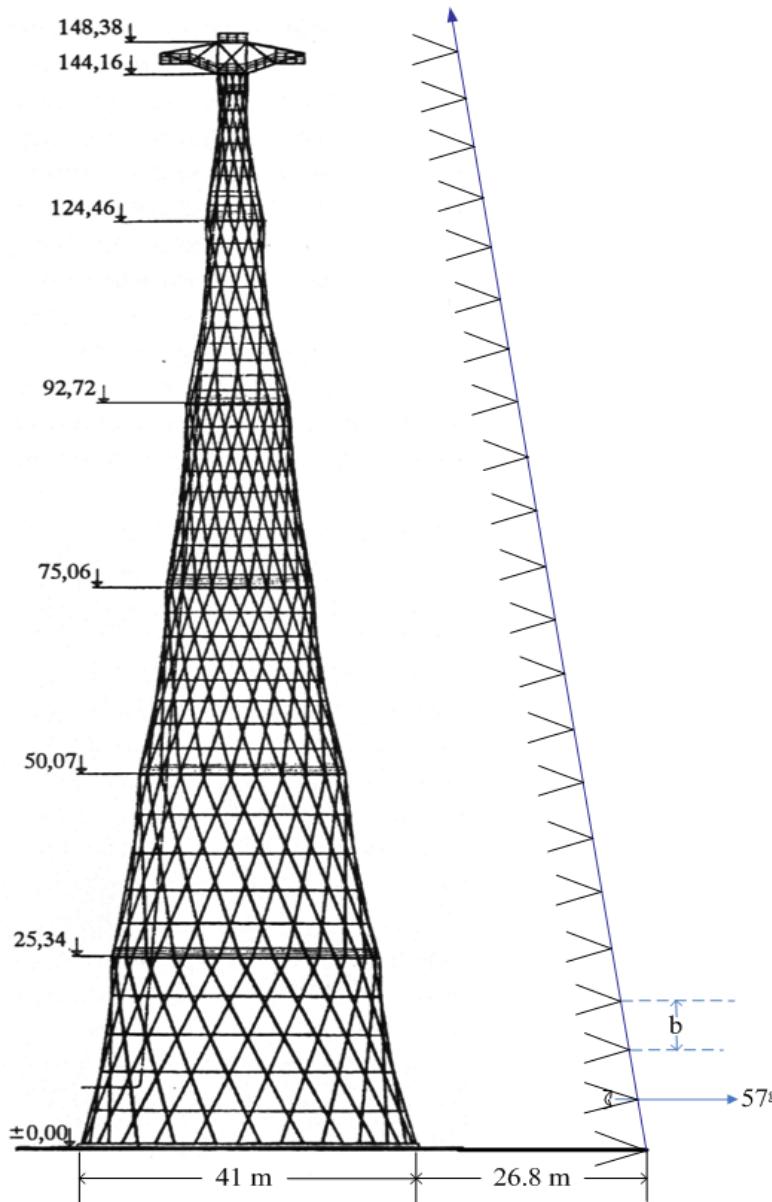
$$d \approx 26.8 \text{ m}$$

$$\alpha = 28.5^\circ$$

Object format (frontal):  
25.8x38.7 sqm

MB = 1:1677

Footprint: 8.4 mm foreground



**Network design:**  
 $80\%l > b = 7.7\text{m}$

- 20 images per strip
- 160 images in total

# Schabolovskaya – UAV images





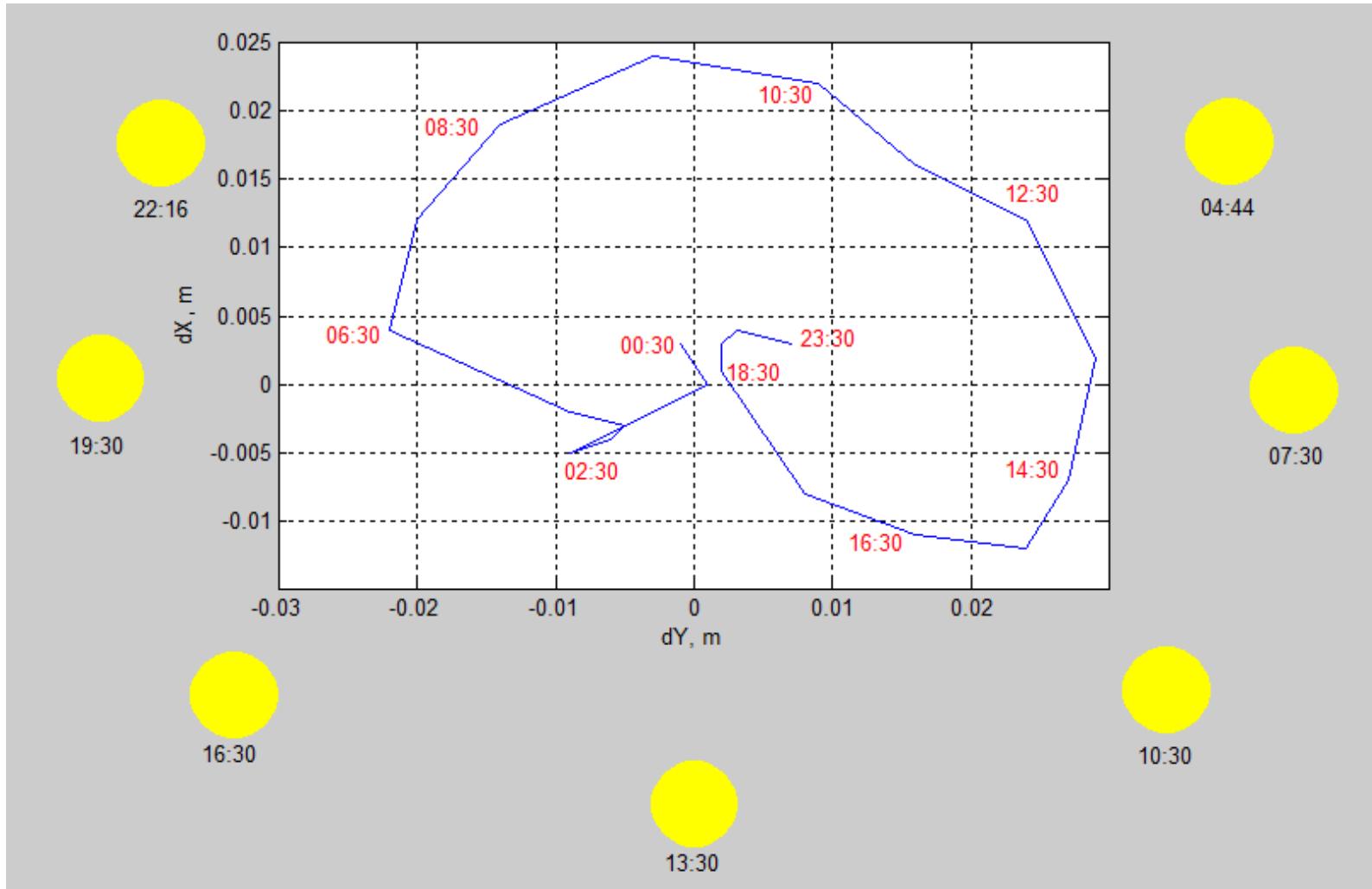
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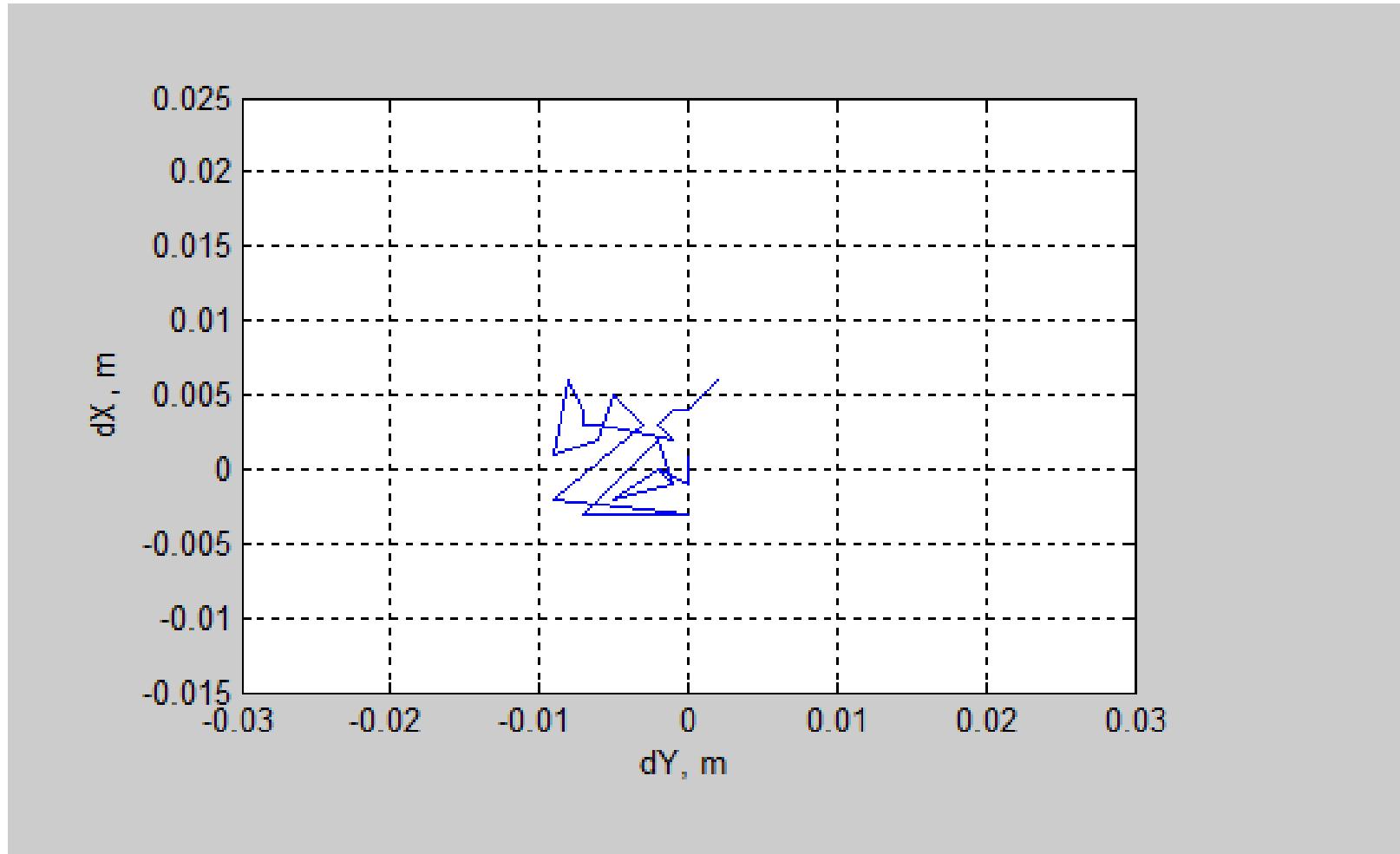


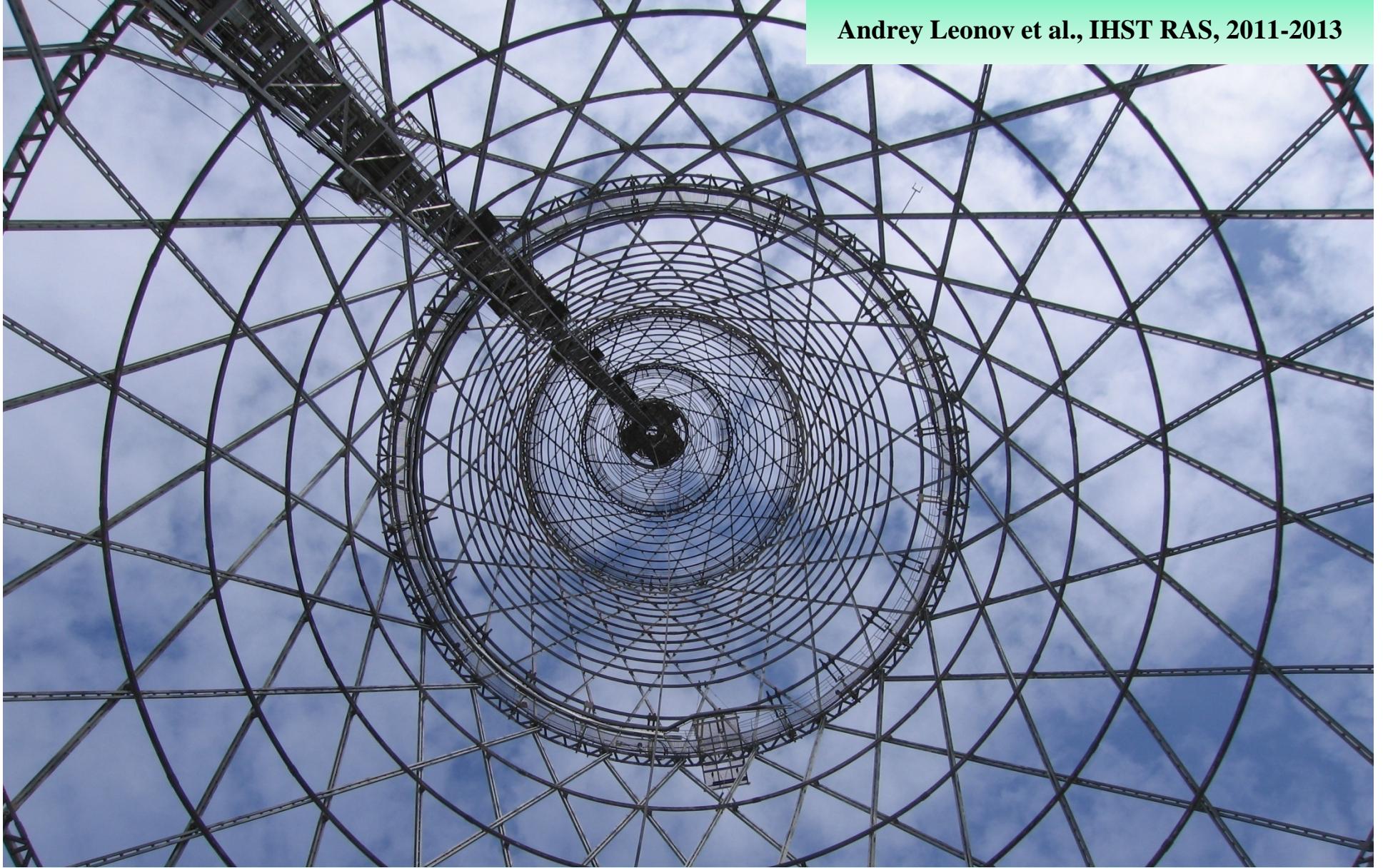
# Movement of tower top, measured by GPS Sunny



$dX < 4 \text{ cm}$   
systematic

## Movement of tower top, measured by GPS Overcast





**Laser scanning and 3D modeling of the Shukhov  
tower on Shabolovka (Moscow, Russia)**

# Laser-scanning of Schabolovskaya

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History of the Science and Technology.

Support of Trimetari Consulting (St. Petersburg, Russia)

## **Polibino image processing**

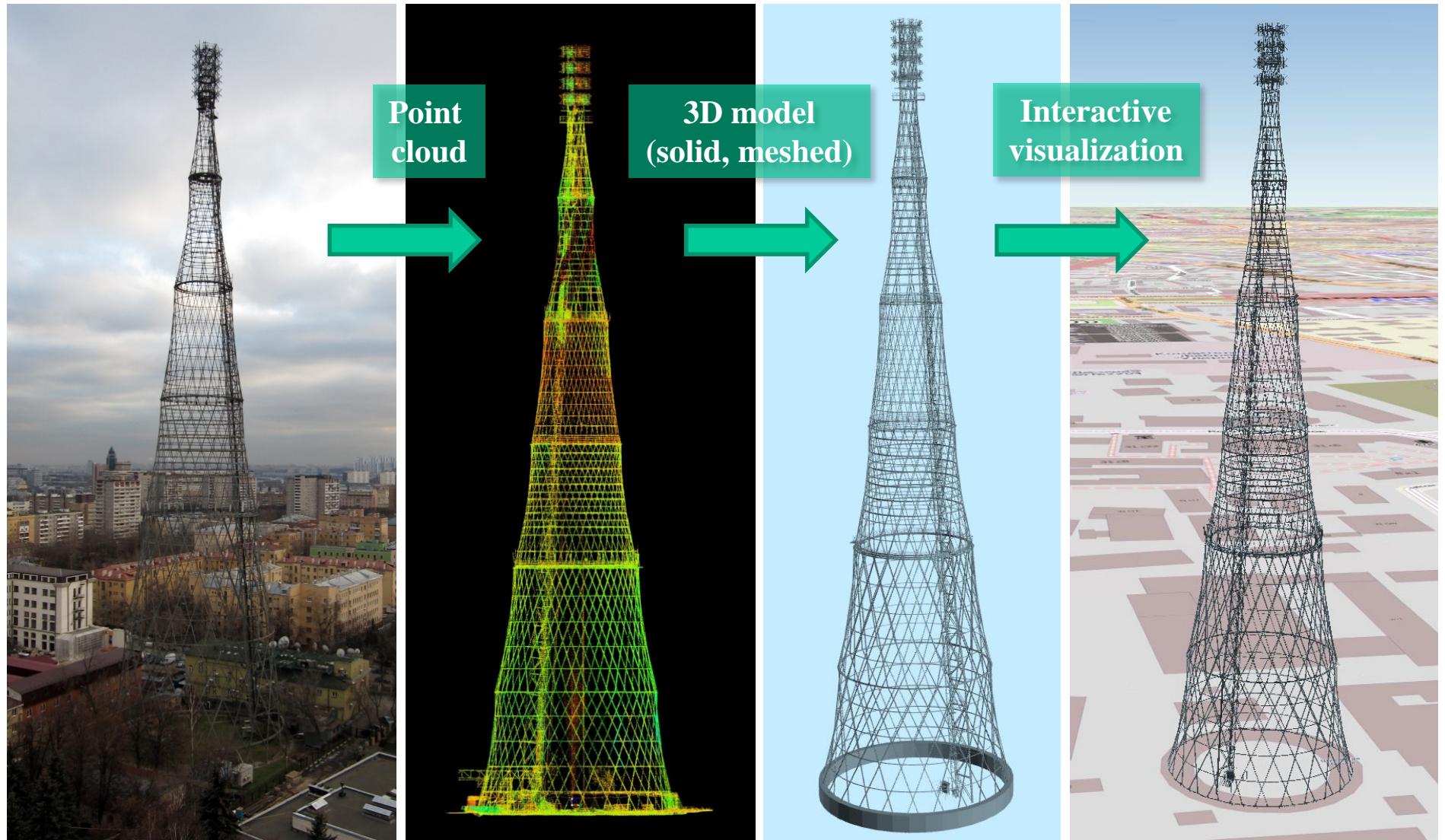
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GosNIIAS (State Research Institute of Aviation System,  
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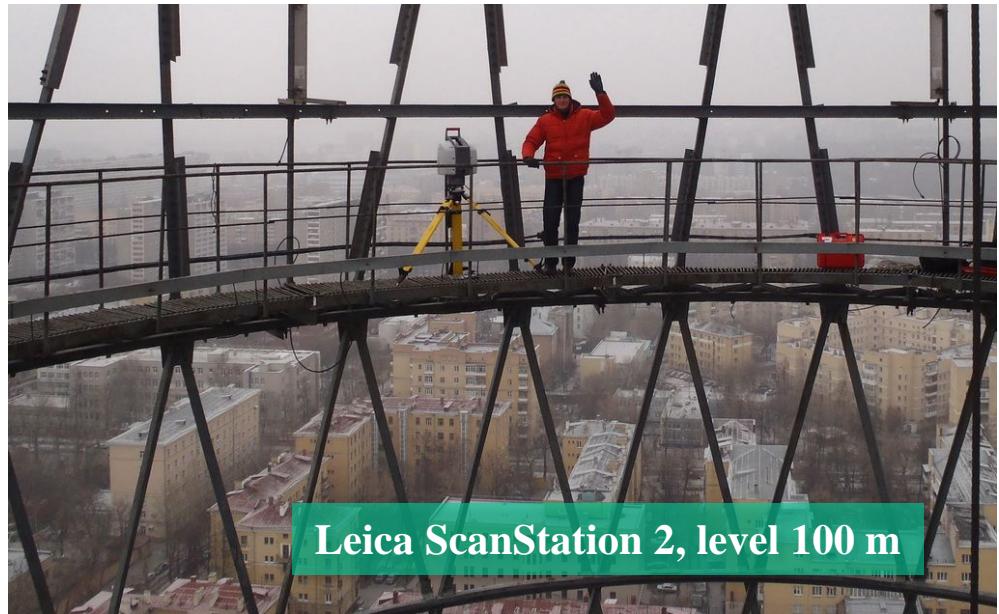
Prof. A. Mikhaylov

Moscow State University

# Stages of the project



# Laser scanning



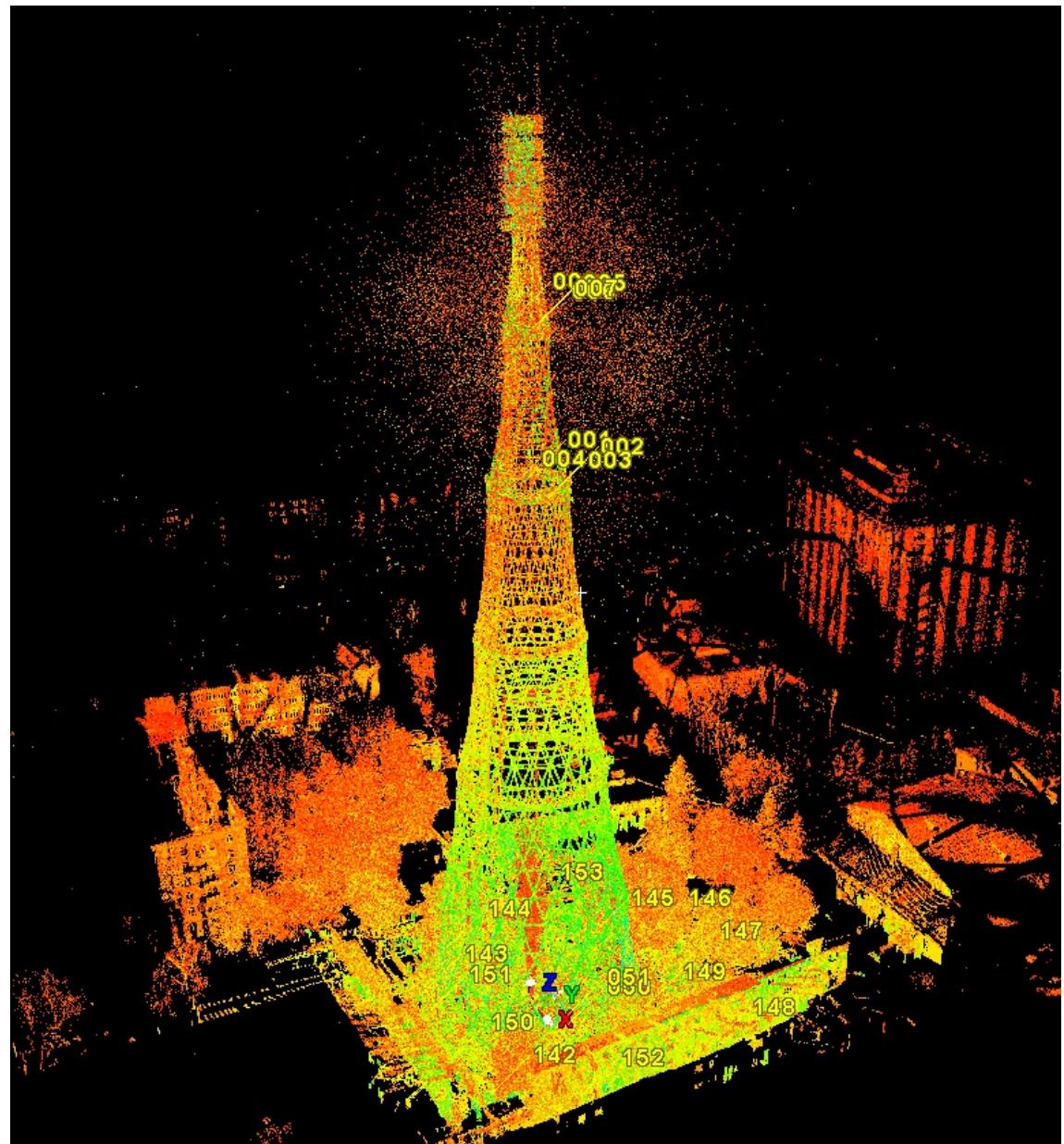


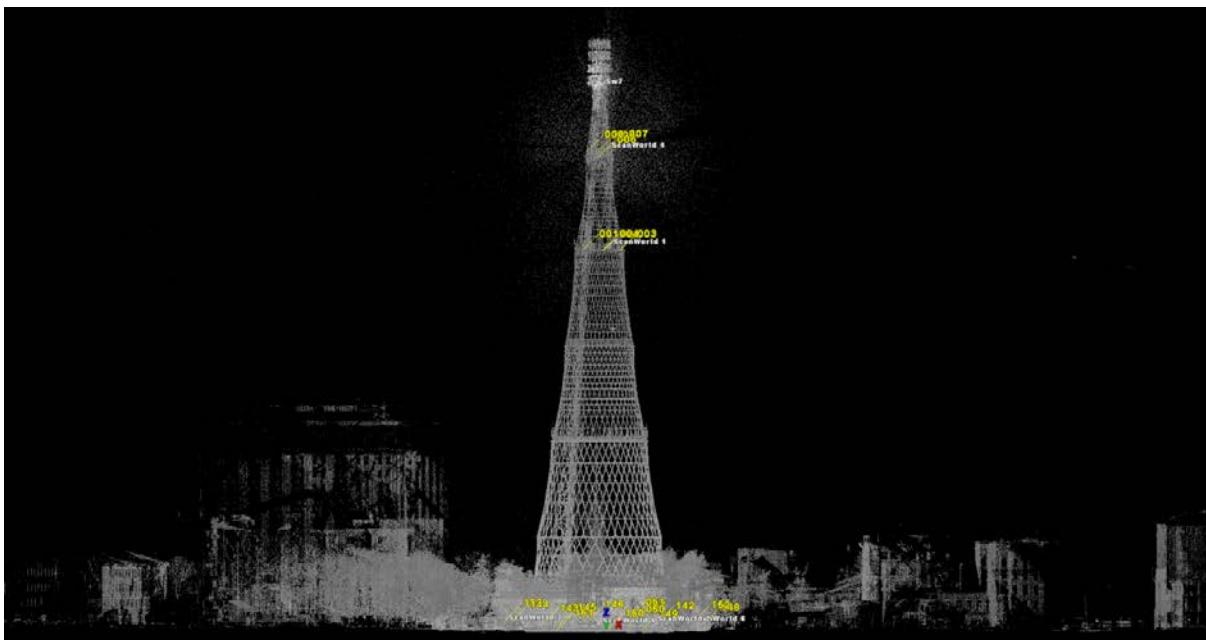
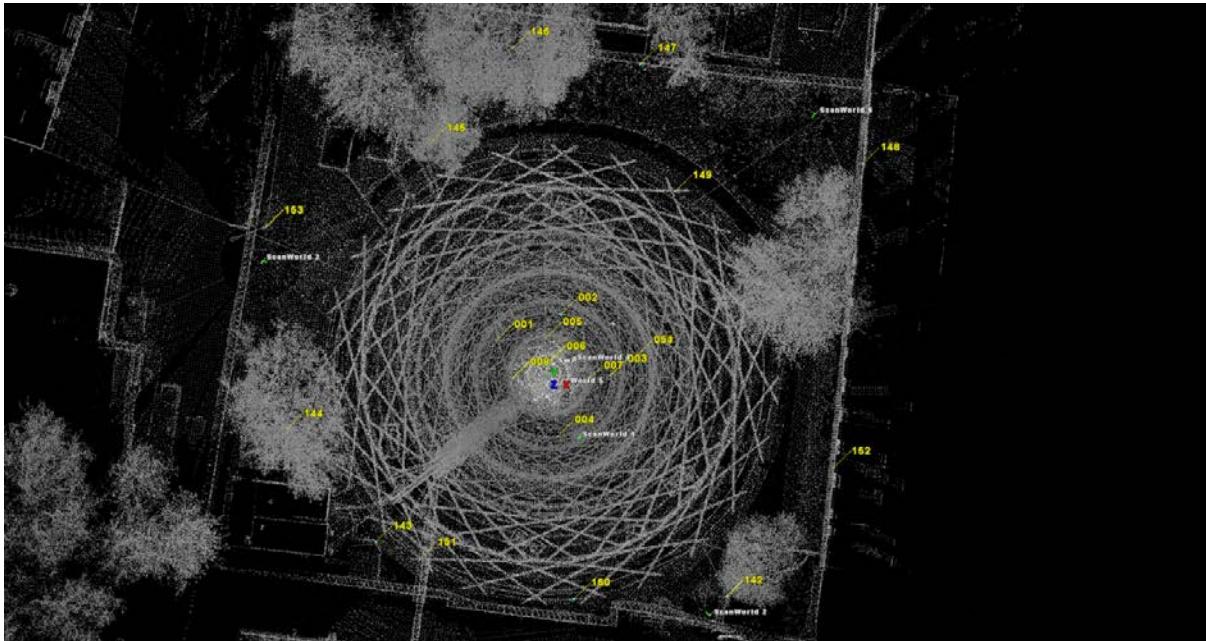
## Laser scanning



FARO Focus3D, level 141 m

# Schabolovskaya, point cloud





**2 working days,  
7 scan-stations**

**Data processing:  
Leica Cyclone**

**100 mln. points  
(65 mln. after cleaning)**

**Accuracy of scans'  
inter-alignment  
is 7 mm**

# Geo-referencing of the model



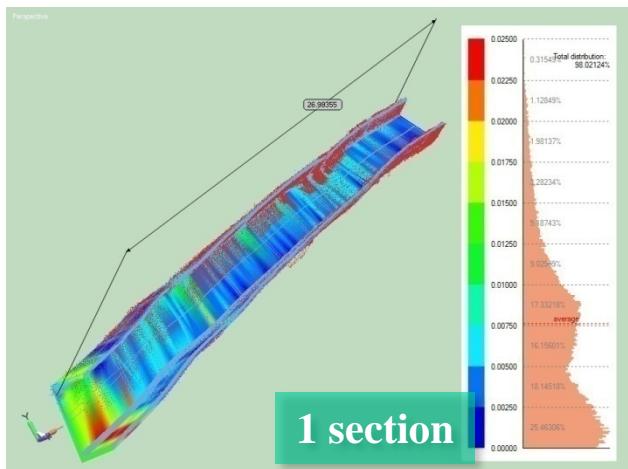
Accurate geo-referencing  
to the Moscow city  
geodetic network

Transformation  
parameters:

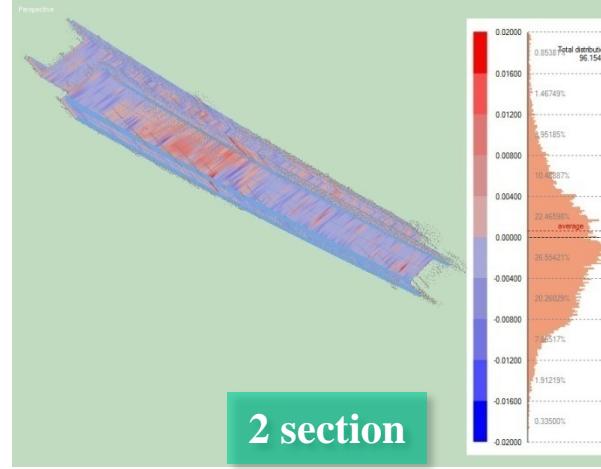
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dN: 5604,231434 m  
dH: 134,954 m  
Rot: -6° 02' 06.882424"



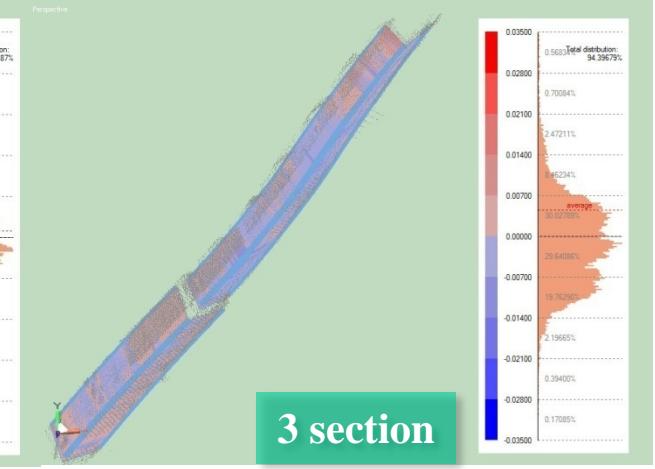
The average accuracy of the fit of the 3D model to the point cloud is 2-8 mm for different elements



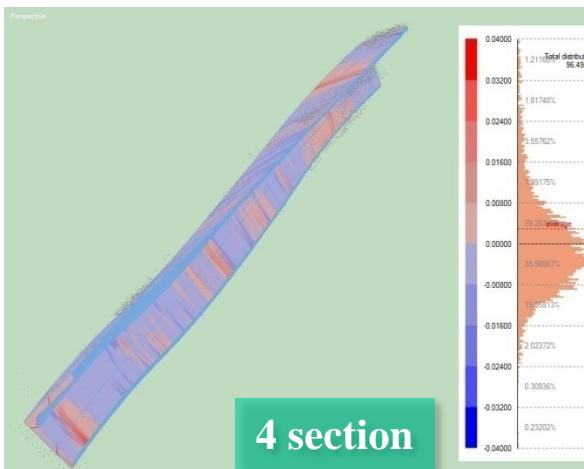
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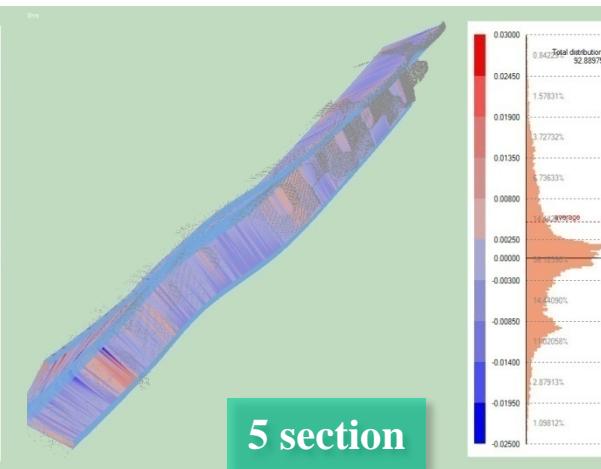
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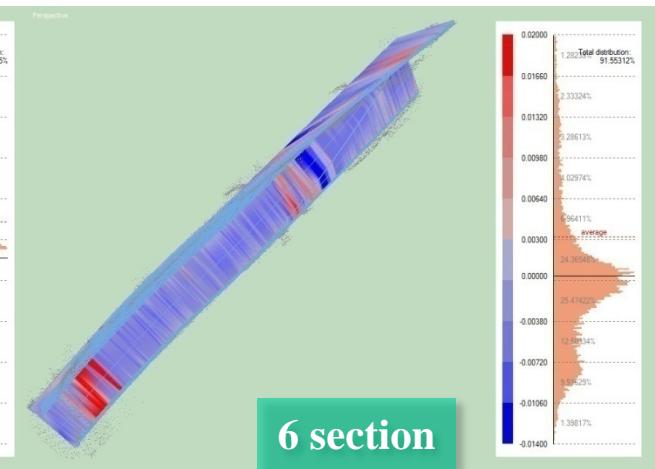
## 3 section



## 4 section



## 5 section

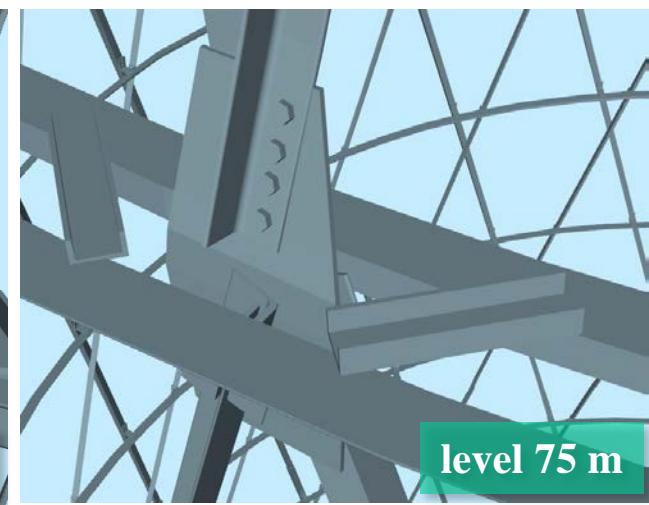
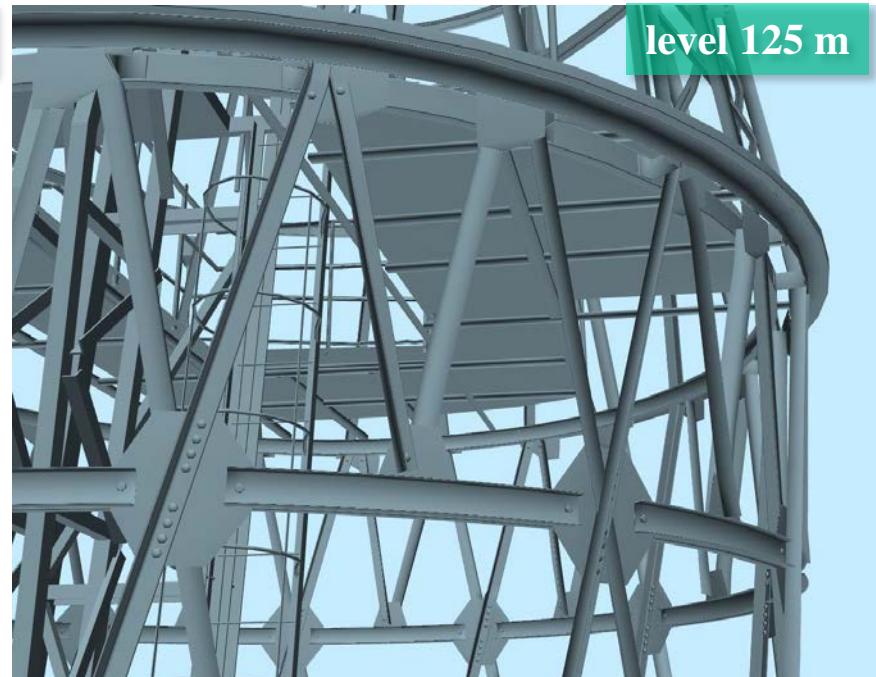
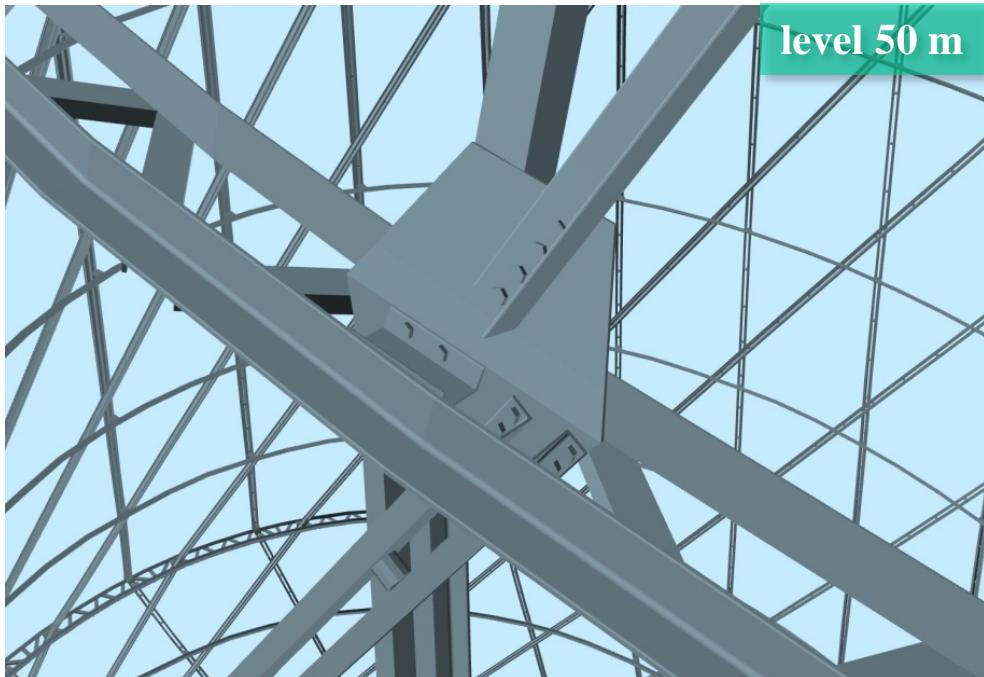


6 section

# Point cloud + cross-sections + 3D model



# Modeling of junctions (generic, reality-based)



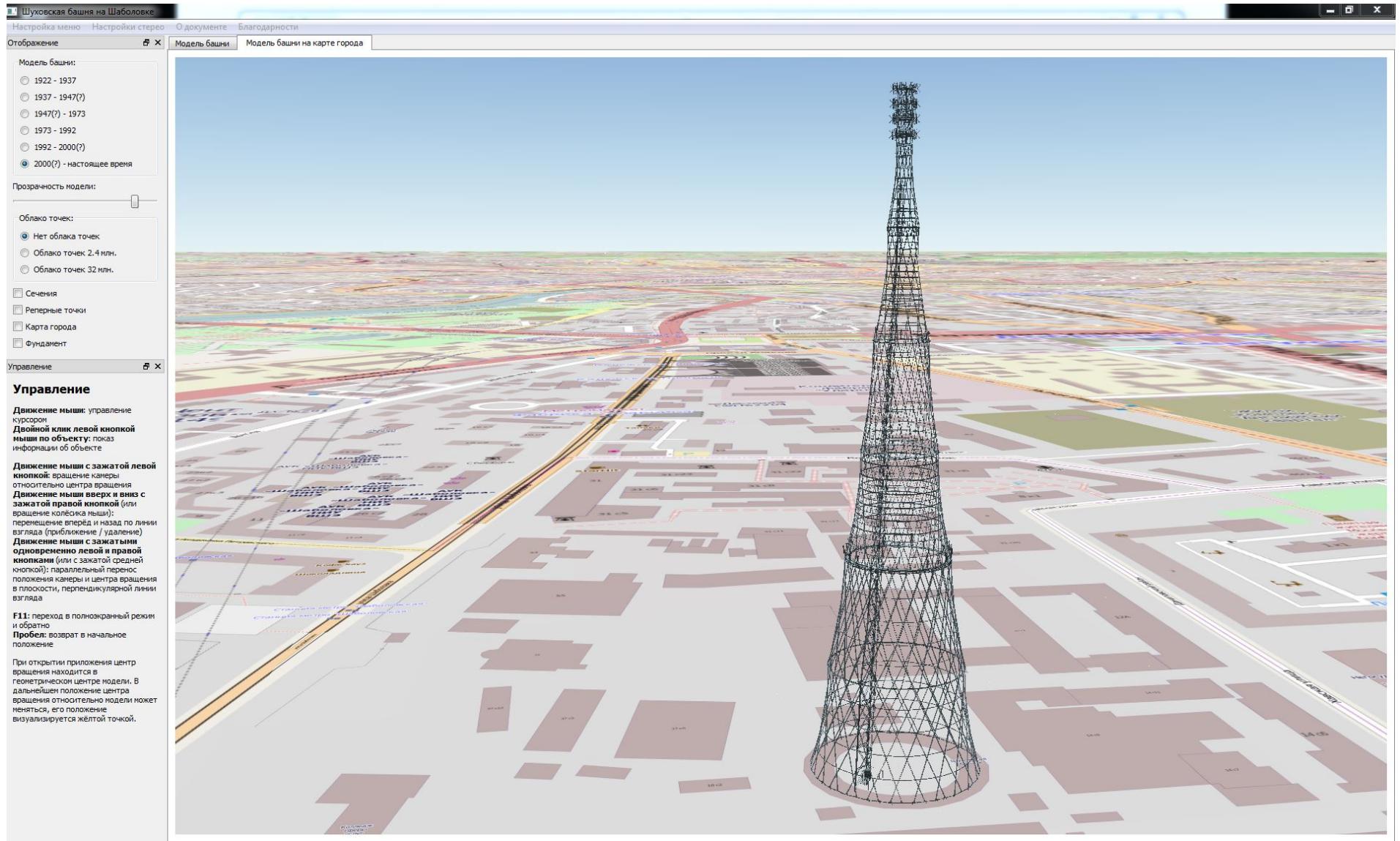
# Point cloud + 3D model





Final model  
general view

# Model on a virtual globe, interactive visualization



# Polibino tower



ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ПРОМЫШЛЕННАЯ  
И ХУДОЖЕСТВЕННАЯ ВЫСТАВКА.  
г. Нижний Новгород, 1896 г.



All-Russian Exhibition in Nizhny Novgorod in 1897

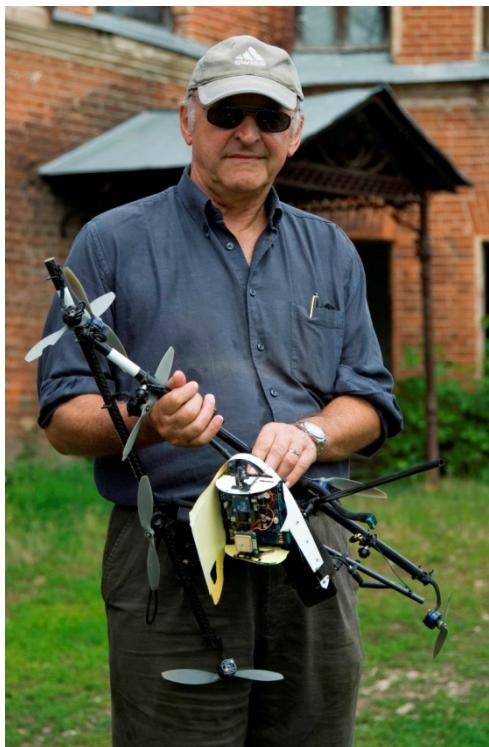
# Polibino tower – UAV in operation



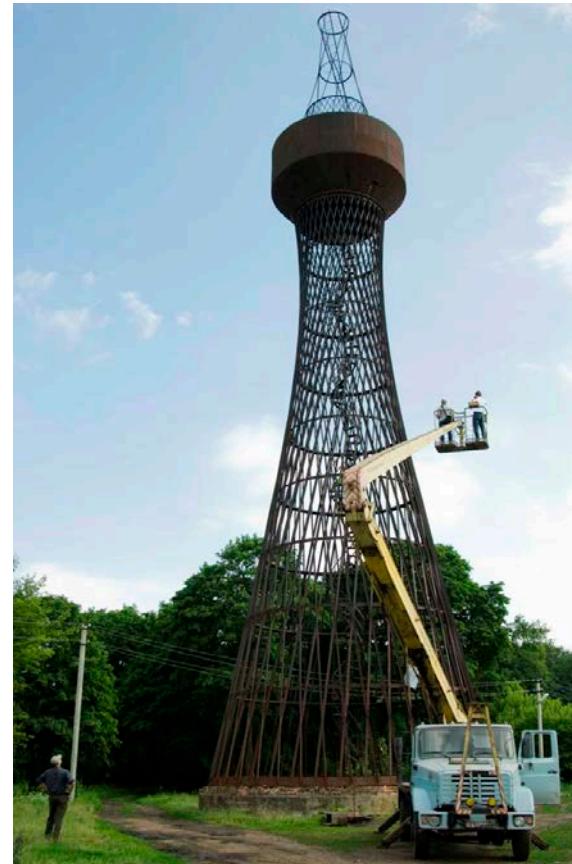
# Polibino tower – manual control



# Polibino tower – UAV crash



# Polibino tower – substitute platforms



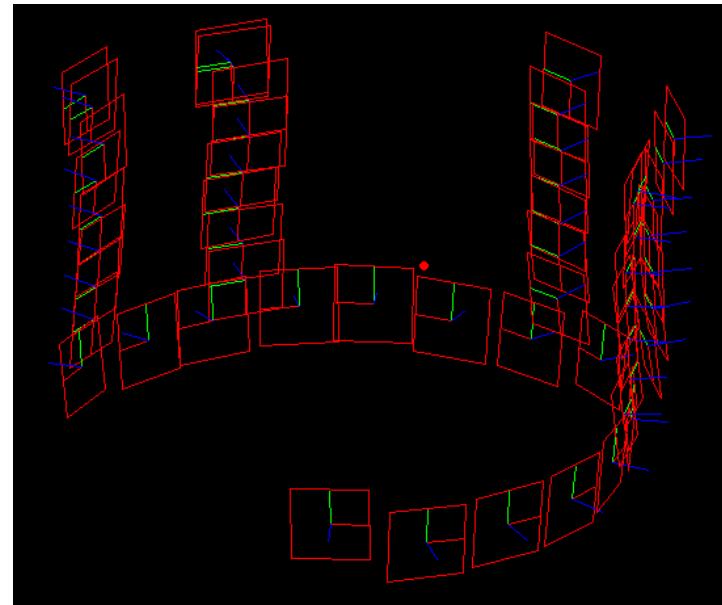
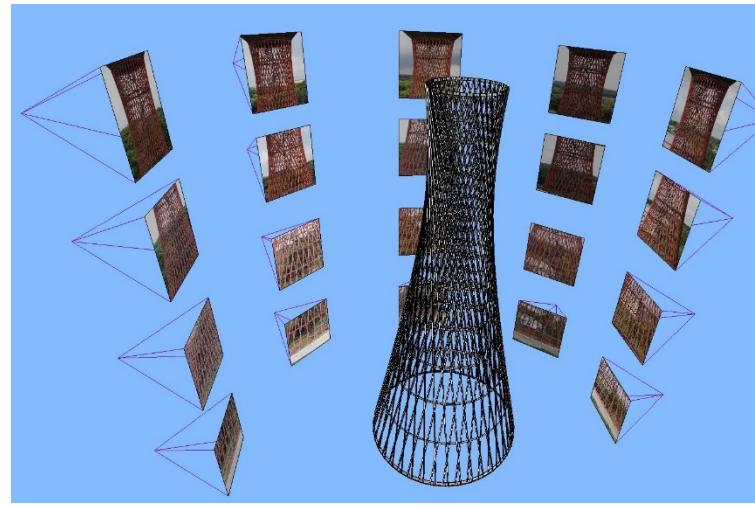
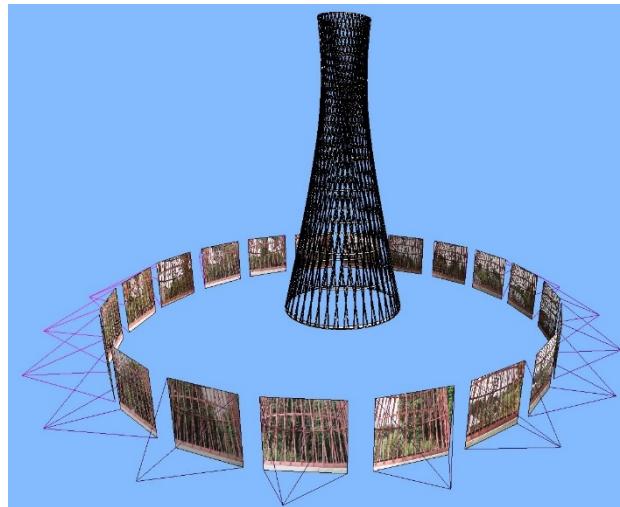
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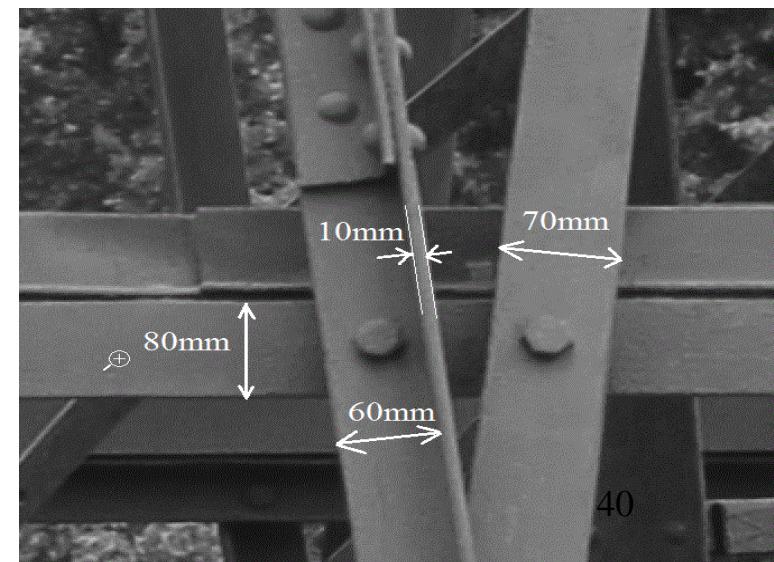
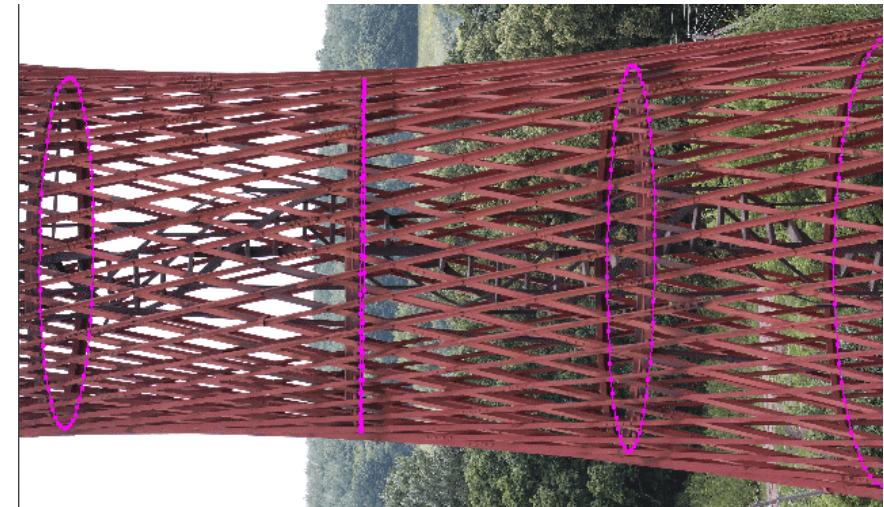
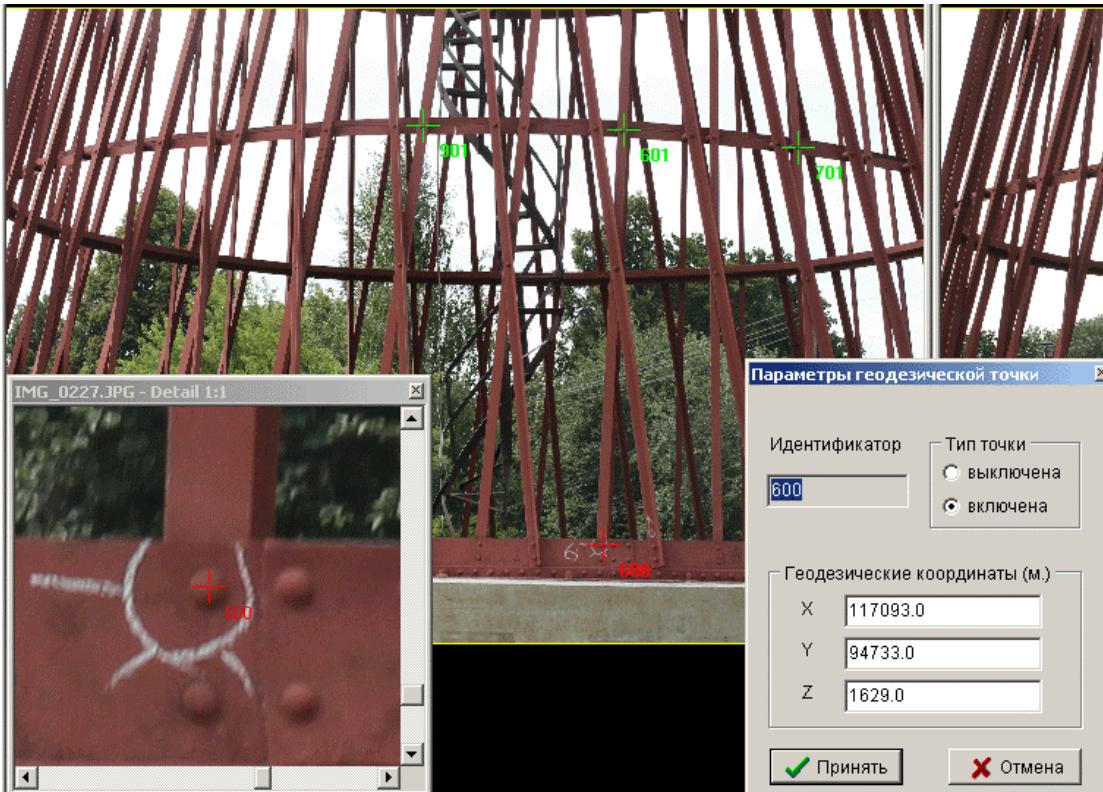
# Polibino terrestrial stereo



# Polibino terrestrial network



# Polibino results



# Shuhkov Tower Buchara



Problem  
Occlusions

# A history of UAV failures

- + Pinchango/Peru: Crash of mini-helicopter (bad fuel, dust)
- + Randa/Switzerland: Mini-helicopter almost hit rock face (high altitude < 2000m)
- + Palpa/Peru: Mis-functioning of mini-helicopter because of high altitude (1600 m ASL)
- + Drapham Dzong/Bhutan: Quadrocopter: Loss of 2 batteries (cold), failure of autopilot, 2 fall-downs
- + NUS/Singapore: Octocopter: Fall-down on roof
- + Moscow/Russia: Octocopter: Failure of navigation system (mobile antennas)
- + Polibino, Russia: Octocopter: Crash through total failure of navigation system

# UAV specific problems

- + Cheap sensors – low data quality (GPS/IMU)  
Navigation/positioning often not accurate enough
- + Interference with external microwave sources: Mobile antennas – electronic compass; control signal disturbance
- + Cameras (off-the shelf), 24Mpi, temperature instability, but main problem: Lens (colour refraction/colour seams, unsharpness in corners)
- + Errors in system software (spurious images, images and GPS/IUM not synchronized)
- + Overlap often irregular
- + Sometimes oblique images, complex networks
- + Much room for improvement of data processing methods<sup>13</sup>

# Conclusions

- + Model helicopters are very flexible devices for recording (cameras, orientation, navigation, real-time capabilities)
- + Cost-efficient
- + Many diverse applications, if area is not too large

But:

- + Technology (system hard- and software) not mature**
- + Much room for improvement of data processing methods**
- + Flight permissions, safety concerns**

