# Sub pixel aerotriangulation accuracy with a common drone and PHOTOMOD



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- Up to now we expect accuracy of common drones to be about the pixel size.
- Newer projects show that sub pixel accuracy is possible using photographs from a common drone and careful use of PHOTOMOD-UAS

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For this work several projects over villages were performed with:

- Phantom4 pro drone (1 inch sensor with mechanical shutter)
- PHOTOMOD-UAS 6.3

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# Characteristics of the flights

- Performed with the standard flight program of DJI with
- 5cm pixel size
- 60% overlap and 60% sidelap

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# Tasks for completing each project

- Premark Ground Control Points
- Geodetic measurments with GNSS
- Flight plan and Flight
- Download the geotaged photographs
- Process Photographs with PHOTOMOD-UAS



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#### **Premark Ground Control Points**

- Premarked on cement roads with red color
- Or with removable printed targets





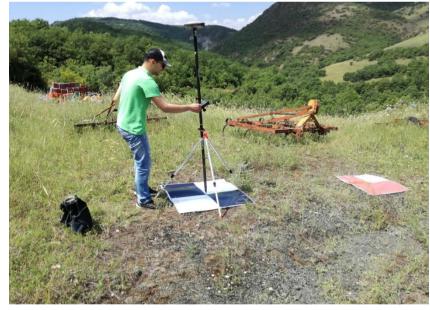


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#### **Measure Ground Control Points**







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## Planning and conducting the Flight





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# Download geotaged images

- Phantom geotags images automatically but only with X,Y,Z
- Mission Planner (open source) gives file with X,Y,Z,Yaw,Pitch,Roll of each image
- Photomod handles both cases effectively.



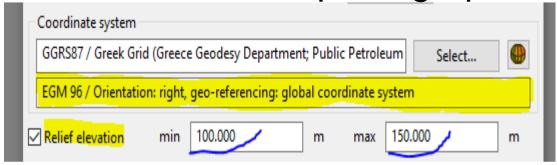
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# **Process Photographs with PHOTOMOD-UAS**

Several things must be taken into account.

- It is good to define a geoid
- Careful definition of project min, max relief elevation
- Phantom gives smallest values in Z of photographs



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# **Process Photographs with PHOTOMOD-UAS**

- Select a camera previously calibrated
- Split block by external orientation data

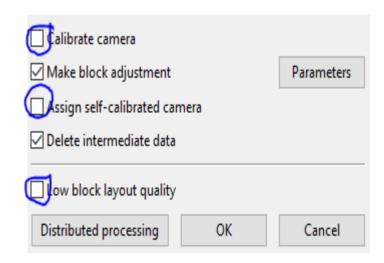
The result will be a well oriented block

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# **Process Photographs with PHOTOMOD-UAS**

- Automeasure points
- -Without camera calibration
  - -Without low block quality



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# **Process Photographs with PHOTOMOD-UAS**

- Import and measure GCP's
- Change accuracy of GCP's to a realistic value 1 or 2 cm
- Perform Block Adjustment using only GCP's and not projection centers
- Change image precision measurement to 0.5 or 1 pixel



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14486	F2	Ground Control	337883.247	4350243.324	117.569	0.01	0.01	0.02	6
14487	F3	Ground Control	337998.01	4350838.732	116.675	0.01	0.01	0.02	6
14488	F4	Ground Control	338337.425	4350721.999	116.613	0.01	0.01	0.02	9
14489	F5	Ground Control	338583.66	4351146.602	114.99	0.01	0.01	0.02	7
14490	F6	Ground Control	338305.879	4351268.769	115.715	0.01	0.01	0.02	10
14491	F7	Ground Control	338119.314	4351376.876	115.993	0.01	0.01	0.02	10
14492	F8	Ground Control	338401.621	4351731.967	114.889	0.01	0.01	0.02	4
14493	F9	Ground Control	338644.175	4351521.32	114.686	0.01	0.01	0.02	7



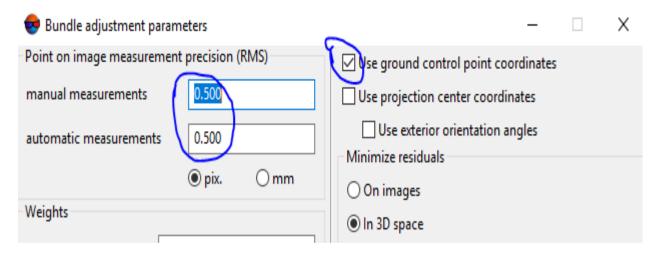


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#### **RESULTS**

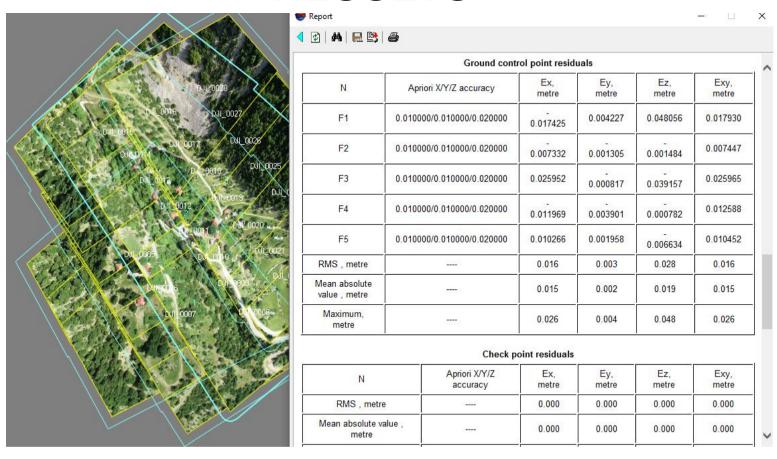
- More than 30 villages were processed with the above procedure.
- All RMS errors of GCP's were less than the GSD
- Some samples are give and a final table with accuracies



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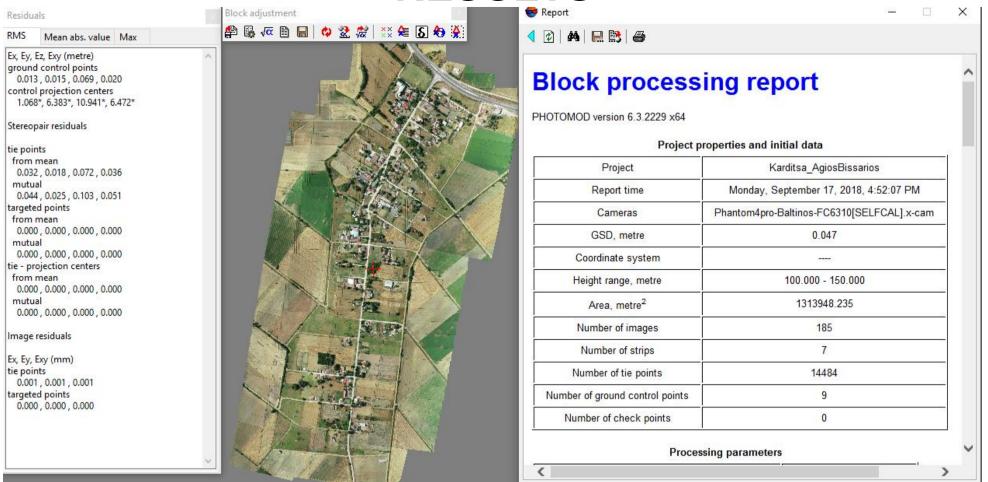




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AgiosBissarios	0.047	0.013	0.015	0.069	0.02	42.55%	0.944	flat
Argyri	0.044	0.036	0.023	0.048	0.043	97.73%	0.974	mountainous
Bathylakos	0.051	0.01	0.008	0.021	0.013	25.49%	0.92	mountainous
Bragkiana	0.054	0.029	0.018	0.121	0.034	62.96%	0.906	mountainous
Dafnospilia2	0.056	0.022	0.015	0.043	0.027	48.21%	1.039	Hilly
Filia	0.049	0.024	0.033	0.23	0.04	81.63%	0.961	flat
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KatvKtimeni	0.049	0.015	0.008	0.028	0.017	34.69%	1.034	Hilly
Kedros	0.051	0.024	0.015	0.018	0.028	54.90%	1.02	mountainous
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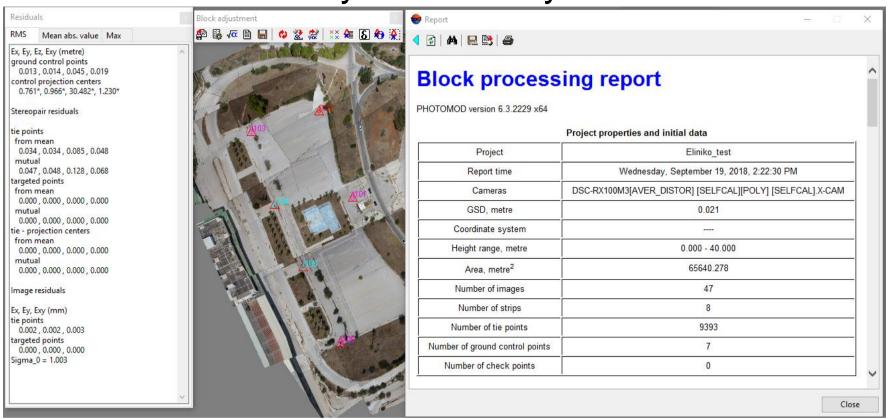


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And the accuracy with a Sony RX100 Mark III



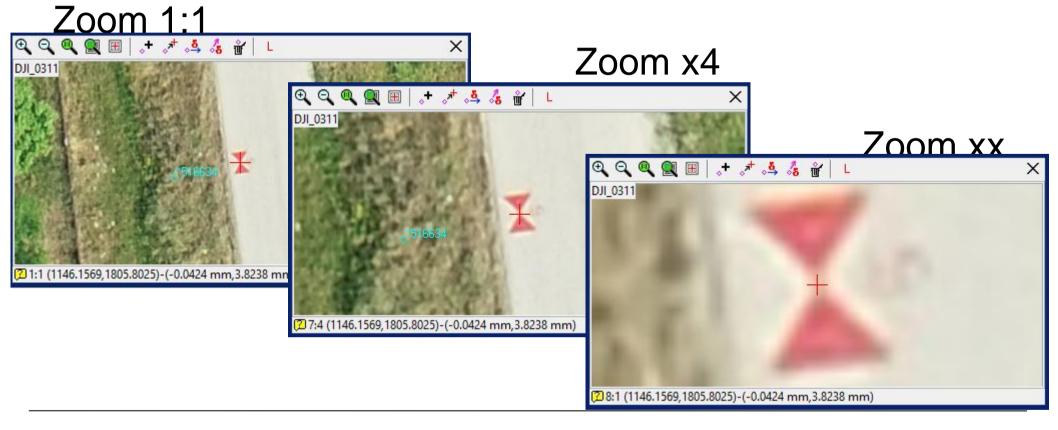


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#### **REASONS**

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#### **REASONS**

- Good targets: can be measured accurately
- Pre-calibrated camera.
- Rigorous and careful adjustment.



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# Final product accuracy

Ok with aerotriangulation data but what is the accuracy of final stereocompilation product?

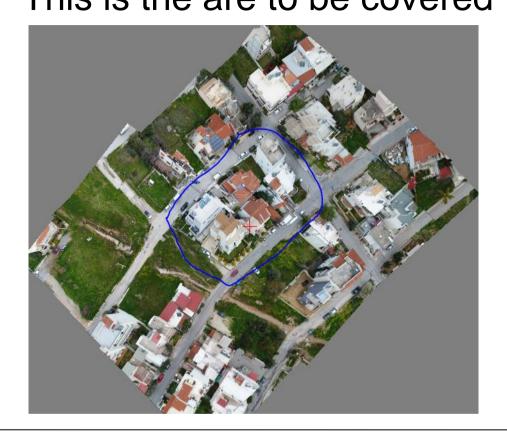
Below we compare photogrammetric with surveying data In case of a city square.



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# Final product accuracy This is the are to be covered





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# Final product accuracy

A survey crew of 2 persons with GNSS and total station, surveyed the area in **10 hours**.

With office work a final line drawing was produced.

A photogrammetric crew of 2 persons put 5 Ground Control Points, measured them with GNSS and made a drone flight with GSD of 2cm in 1 hour.

A photomod project was set up in the office, stereo compilation work was done producing a 3d line drawing. Other products were DSM, 3DTIN, True Ortho, 3D Model



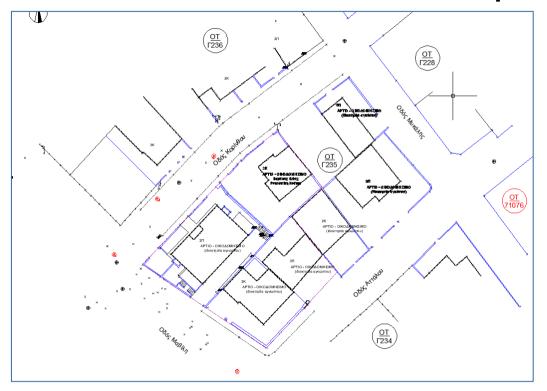
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# Final product accuracy

The product of the two methods compaired

Field survey



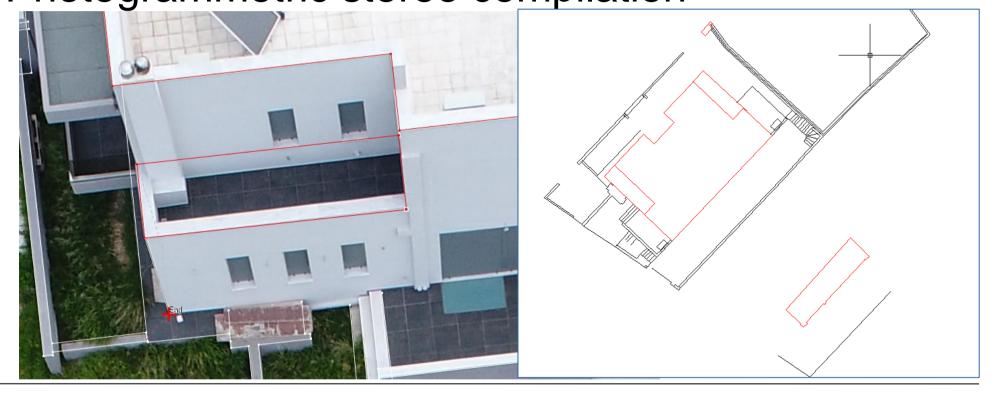


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The product of the two methods compaired Photogrammetric stereo compilation





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# Final product accuracy

The product of the two methods compaired 10 well defined points were compared horizontaly

		difference	difference
TYPE	AA	centimeters	m
surrounding wall	1	3	0.030
surrounding wall	2	1	0.010
surrounding wall	3	0.8	0.008
surrounding wall	4	1.3	0.013
surrounding wall	5	2.8	0.028
building corner	6	2.6	0.026
surrounding wall	7	3.7	0.037
building corner	8	1.6	0.016
surrounding wall	9	0.6	0.006
shaft corner	10	3.8	0.038
	mean	2.12	0.021



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