

# 3D VDT

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# Nondestructive Testing and Evaluation (NDT)

Combining Terrestrial Laser Scanning  
&  
Infrared Thermography

Case Studies

# Why use both NDT technologies for testing/evaluation of historic structures?

## **3D Laser Scanning:**

- Real-time, geometric measurement
- Defines a reference for structural monitoring
- Detects residuals / intensity of reflection from the surface

## **Infrared Thermography:**

- Identify anomalies
- Cost effective thermal cameras
- 2D data acquisition

## Infrared Thermography (IRT):

A contactless and visual temperature measurement technology.

## Infrared Camera:

A non-contact device that detects infrared energy (heat) and converts it into an electronic signal, which is then processed to produce a thermal image on a video monitor and perform temperature calculations.



# Terrestrial Laser Scanning (TLS):

A contactless and visual laser measurement technology, whereby each point represents a 3D coordinate.

## Point Cloud:

A collection of data points defined by a given coordinate system (3D data set).

Information from each recorded point:

- Position, as a set of coordinates
- Reflectance, as a ratio between the emitted and reflected phases of the laser wave.



- ✓ Building Facade Maintenance
- ✓ Building Efficiency
- ✓ Building Conservation
- ✓ Building Assessment after Disaster



## ✓ Building Facade Maintenance

Administration Bulletin AB-110 signed by the Director of the San Francisco Department of Building Inspection to establish policies for implementing the SF Existing Building Code Chapter 4E regarding building facade inspection and maintenance.

### Inspection Procedures

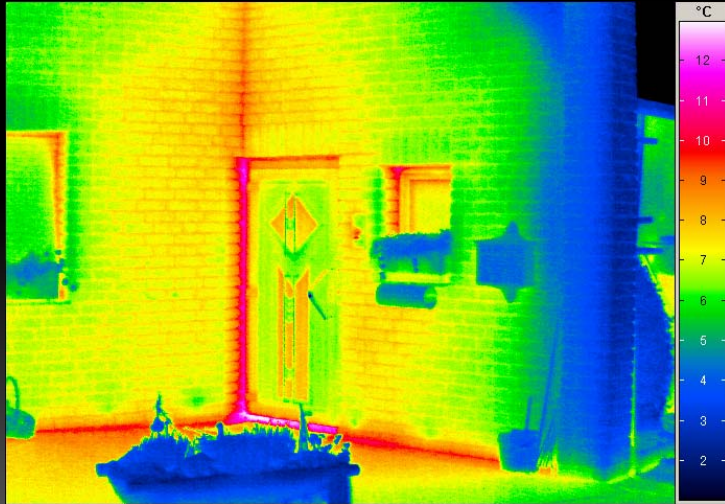
*E. Remote sensing techniques, including 3D survey may be proposed by the qualified professional . . .*

### Inspection of Historic Resources

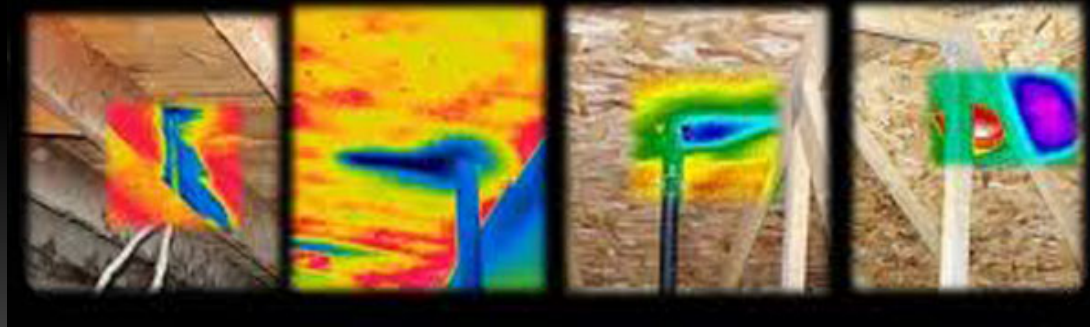
*2. Inspection methods for historic resources shall use the least intrusive or invasive means feasible to effectively assess hidden conditions.*

## ✓ Building Efficiency

The ability to visualize heat makes thermography a powerful tool for studying energy efficiency. Excessive levels of heat loss through a structure and/or damage are easily located with further investigation required to determine the cause (e.g. poor insulation, air leakage, moisture damage)



Roof Leaks Detected





# ✓ Building Assessment after Disaster

Case Study: South Napa Earthquake



*Of the approximately 1,900 tagged buildings, around 700 are “historic”.*

# ✓ Building Conservation

St. Augustine Monumental  
Compound  
Coscenza, Italy

*Located in the historical center of town, the monastery built in 1507 had suffered extensive damage from earthquakes, fire and subsequent seismic events.*

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# Case Study

Overlaying and comparing the collected data using a combination of 3D laser scanning (TLS) for 3D reconstruction and Infrared Thermography (IRT) to detect the thermal anomalies aimed to realize a monitoring system of monumental buildings in seismic areas and to analyze the vulnerability of the structural elements.



# Methodology

TLS was used to define accurate:

- geometry of the building;
- spatial position;
- geometric dimension of all structural elements.

Some architectural elements were scanned at a higher resolution and some were meshed for a more realistic representation.



# Observation

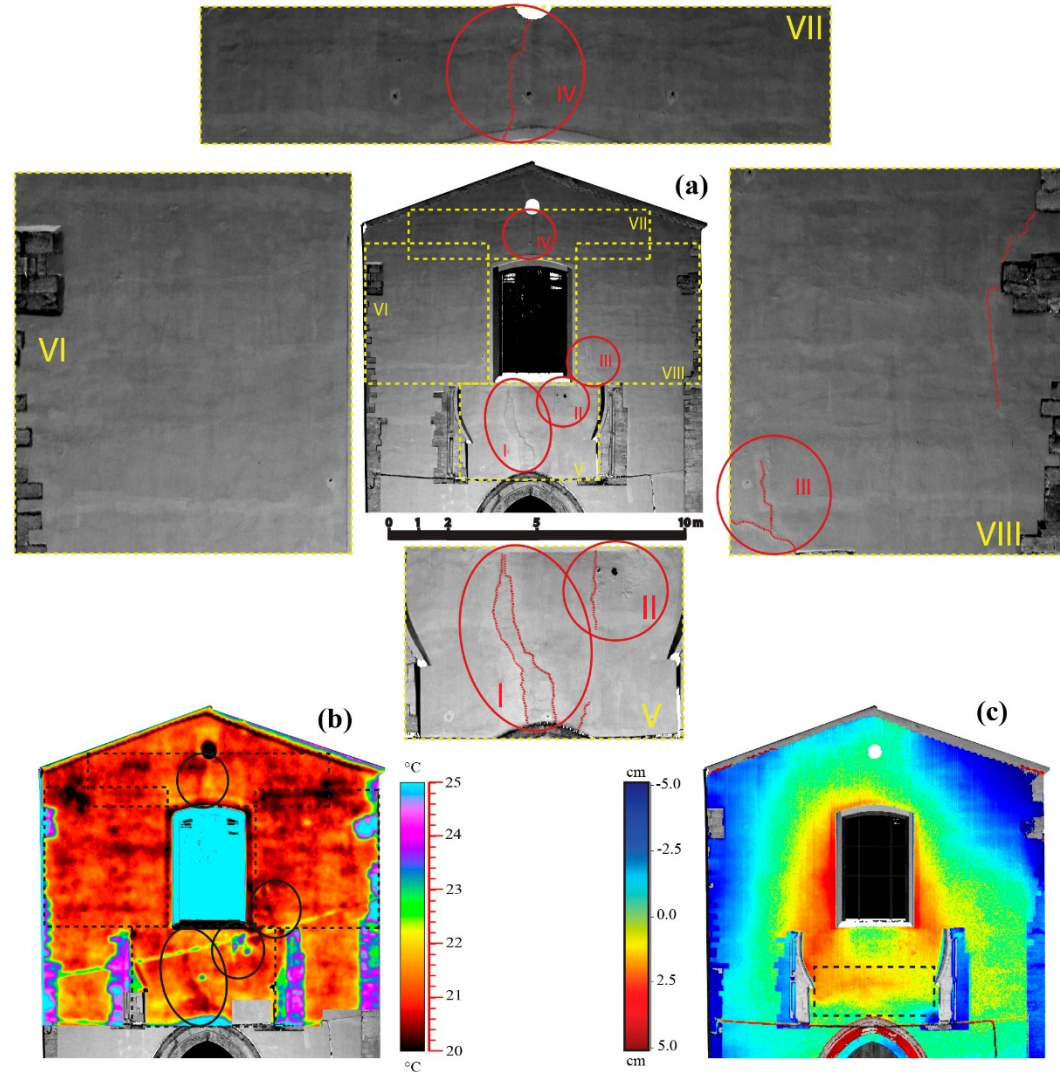
Anomalies barely visible to the naked eye are detected.

a) 3D mesh

b) Thermal image projected over the mesh.

c) Intensity of surface reflection mapping residuals.

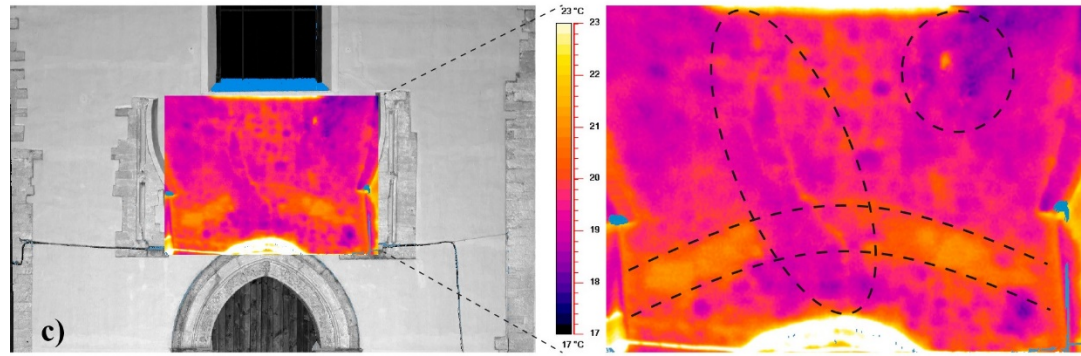
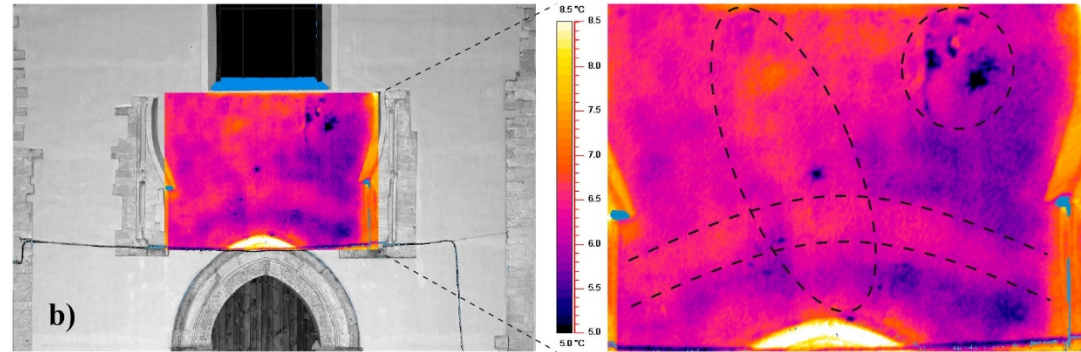
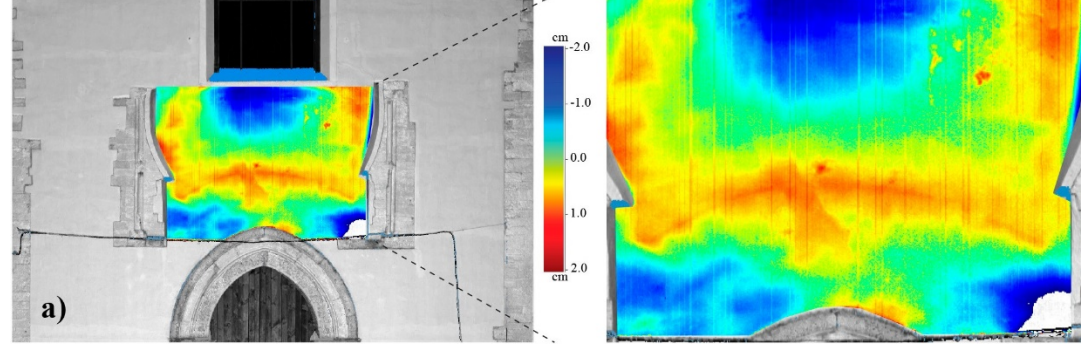
- I. Detaching of the plaster
- II. Swelling of plaster
- III. Cracks



# Observation

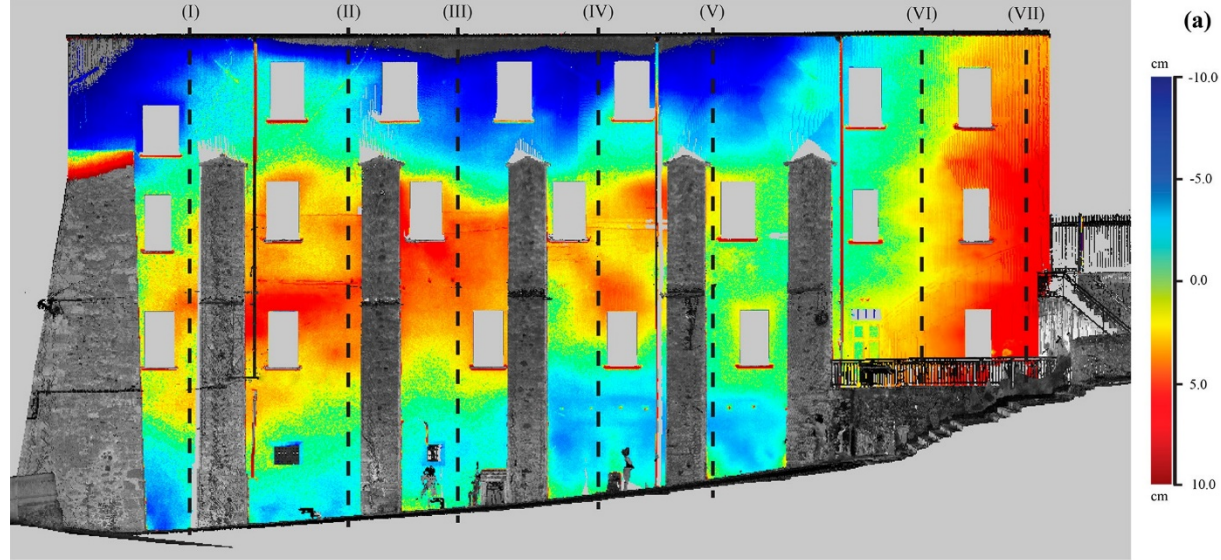
- a) The map of residuals assumes the shape of a segmental arc linking the two columns.
- b) Thermal image obtained in the evening.
- c) Thermal image obtained in the morning.

Different lighting conditions can influence the detection of anomalies.

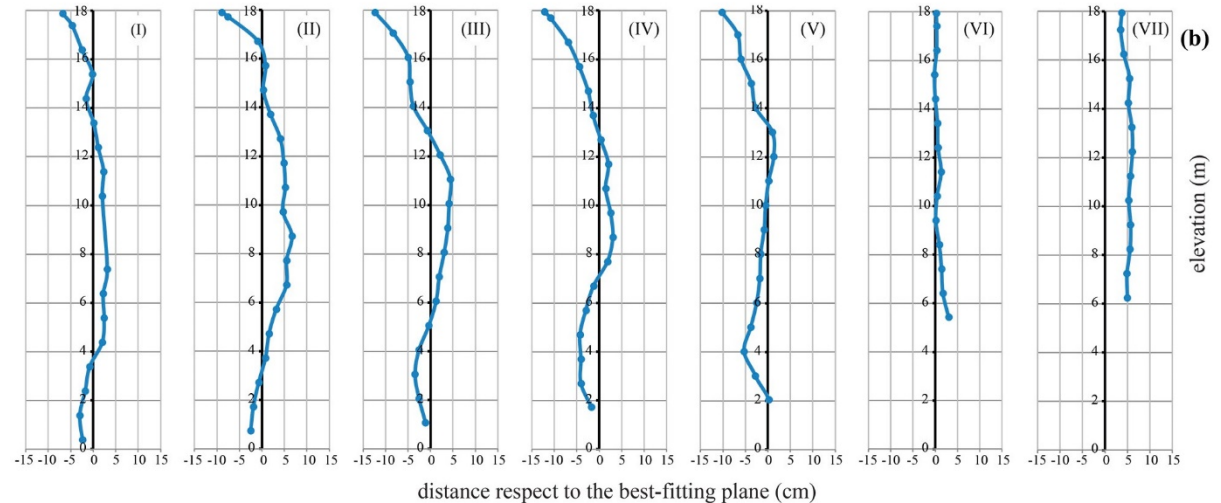


# Observation

- a) Point cloud and map of residuals of the exterior wall.
- b) Vertical profiles of the distance out of plane.



The temperature analysis demonstrates high local differences in the masonry.



# Observation

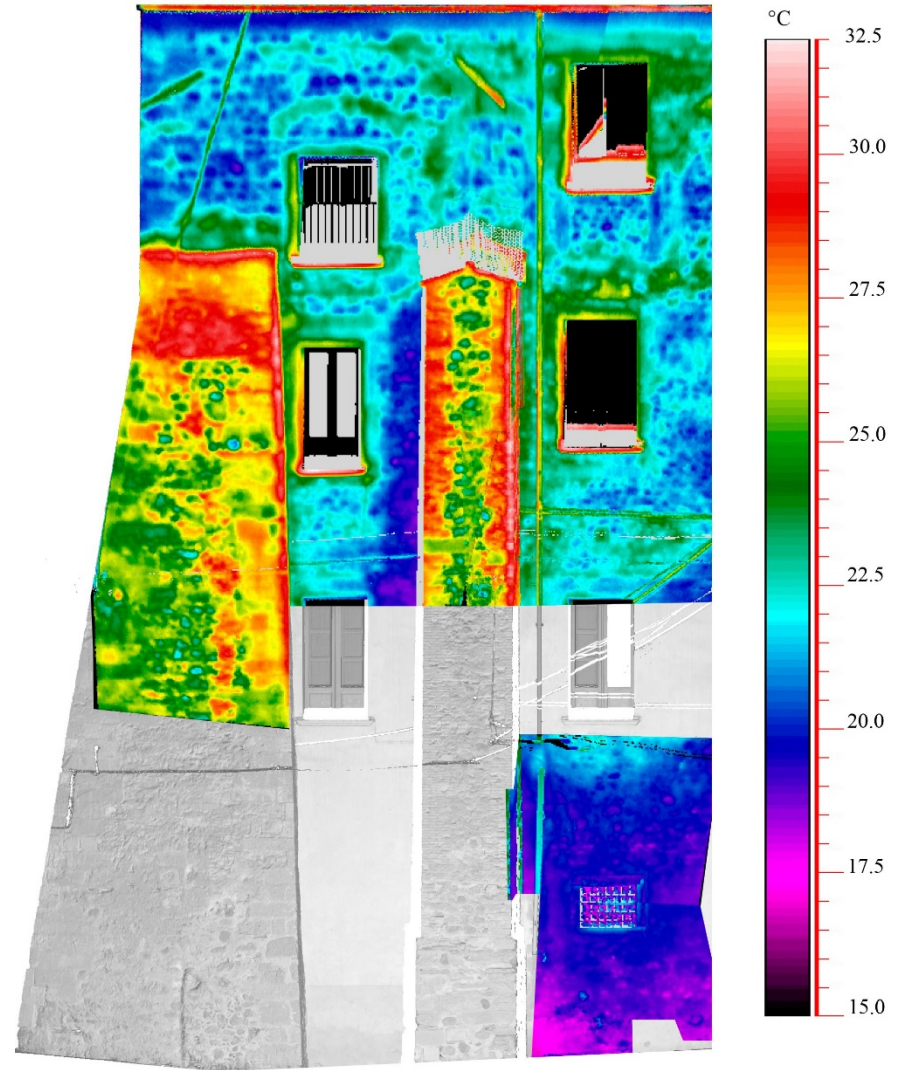
Thermograms projected onto the point cloud of the wall, constructed with stones covered by plaster.

The buttresses are made up of composite material containing both stones and brick.

Evaluation:

- Structural strength
- Period built
- Alterations

The lower right of the wall shows the presence of moisture due to the capillary rise of water from the subsoil.





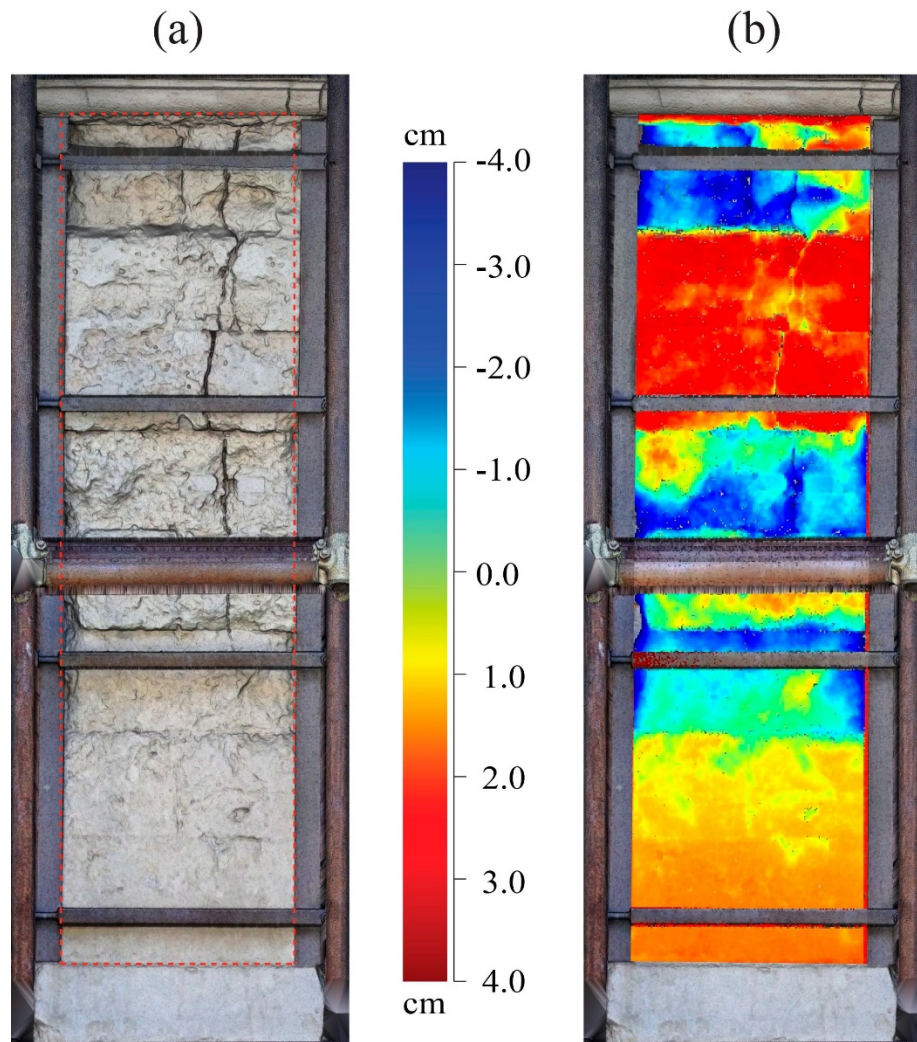
# Observation

- a) 3D mesh at high resolution.
- b) Point cloud and map of residuals of one of the most damaged columns.

The cracks are measurable from the point cloud.

The variable degradation of the stone material is indicated by the color scale.

The more degraded zones of the stone blocks are indicated by the blue areas.



# Case Studies: South Napa Earthquake 2014

We can use 3D imaging technology for developing preservation strategies for post-disaster public safety recovery and reconstruction methods.

- Historic Gordon Building
- Historic Center Building
- Historic Goodman Library

# National Landmark - Gordon Building, Napa, CA



West Elevation



South Elevation



Axonometric &  
Plan View

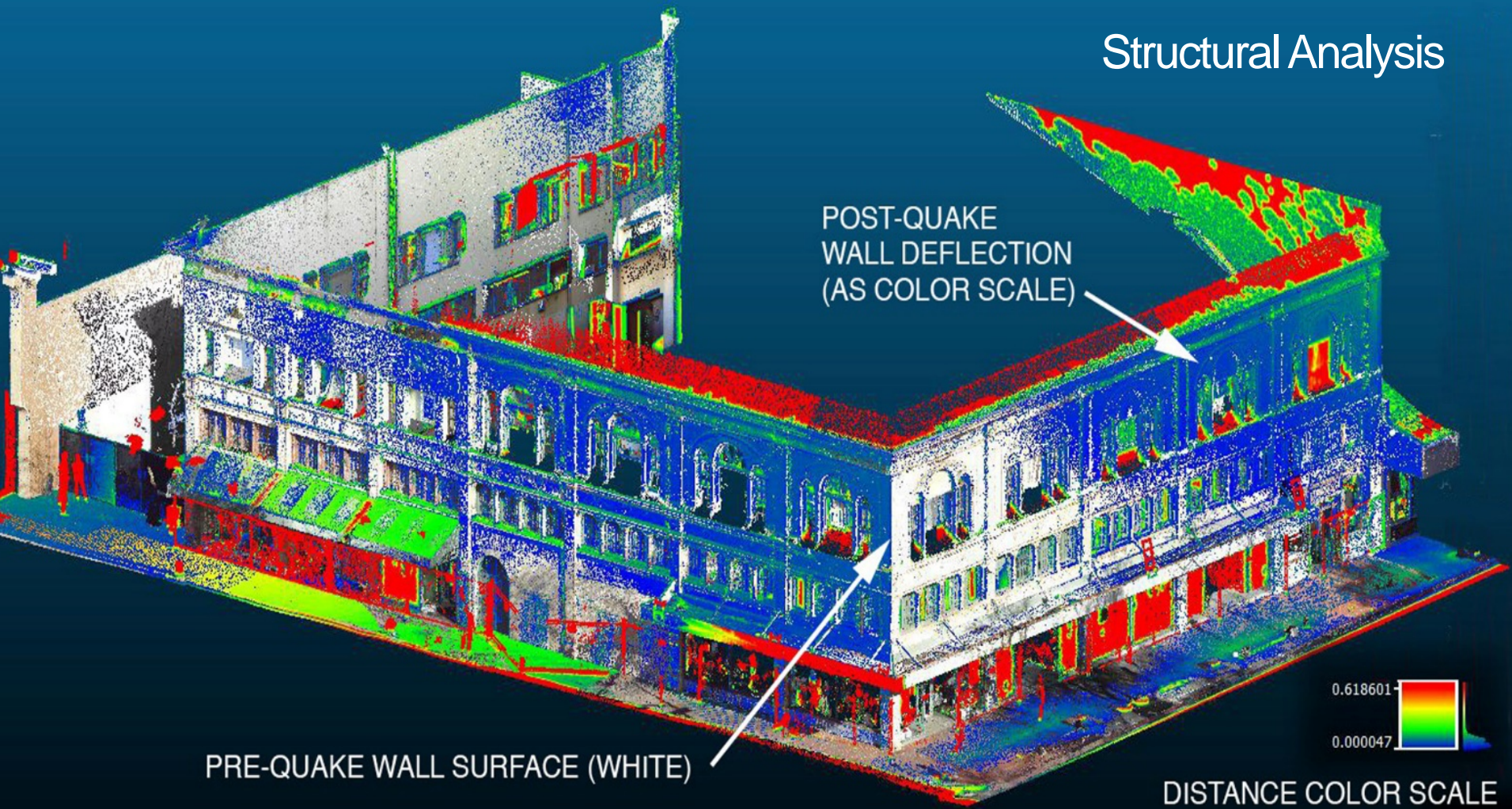
Pre-Earthquake



# Post-Earthquake



# Structural Analysis



# Local Landmark – Center Building, Napa, CA



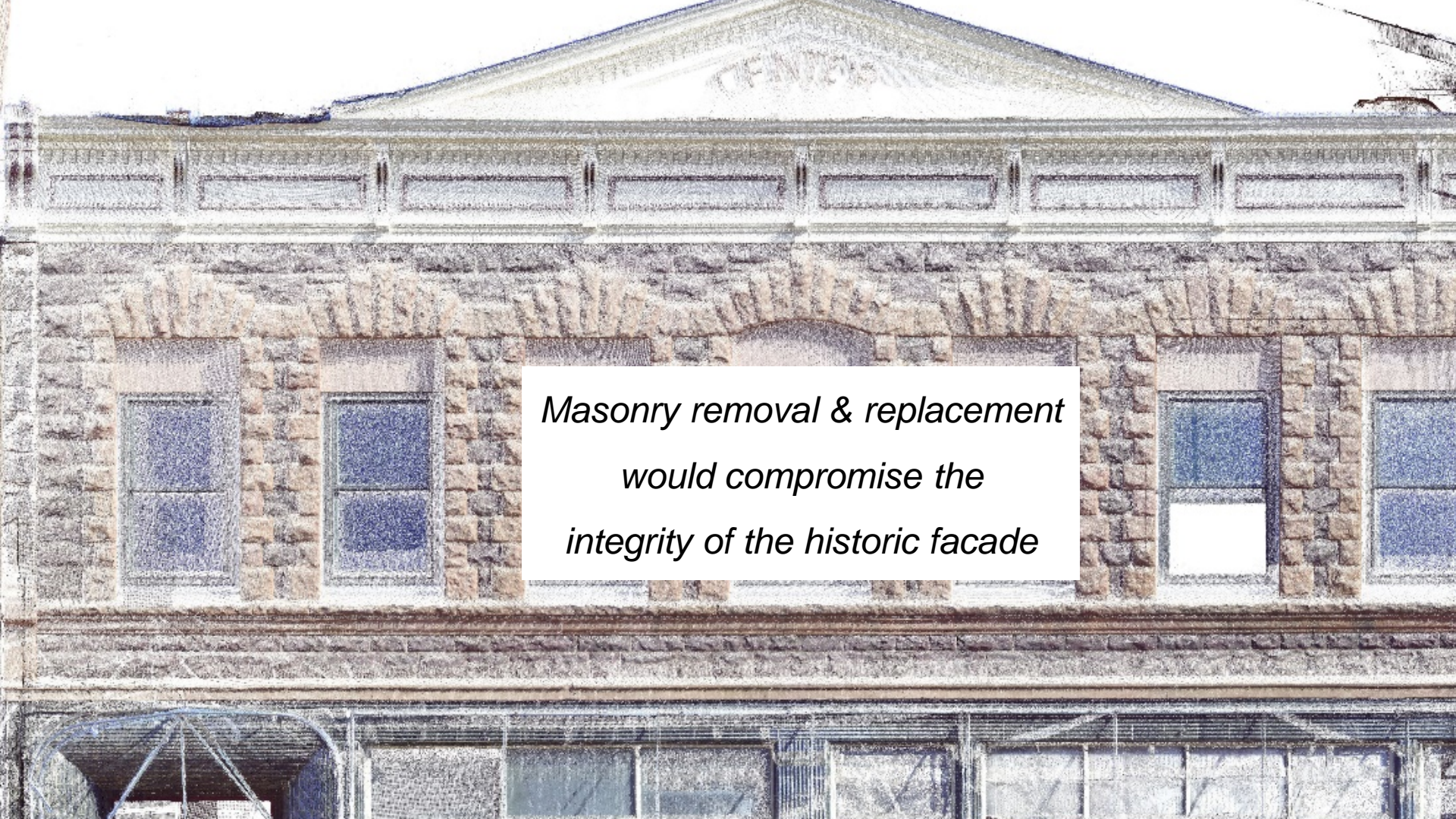
Before



After

At risk of demolition





*Masonry removal & replacement  
would compromise the  
integrity of the historic facade*

# 2D CAD masonry layout & stone mapping



LEGEND:  
 TF-XXX = TOP FIELD BLOCK  
 MF-XXX = MIDDLE FIELD BLOCK  
 SB-XXX = SILL BLOCK  
 ST-XXX = SILL TRIM BLOCK  
 TB-XXX = TRIM BLOCK  
 CB-XXX & CB-XXX-BLOCK - WINDOW # - XXX

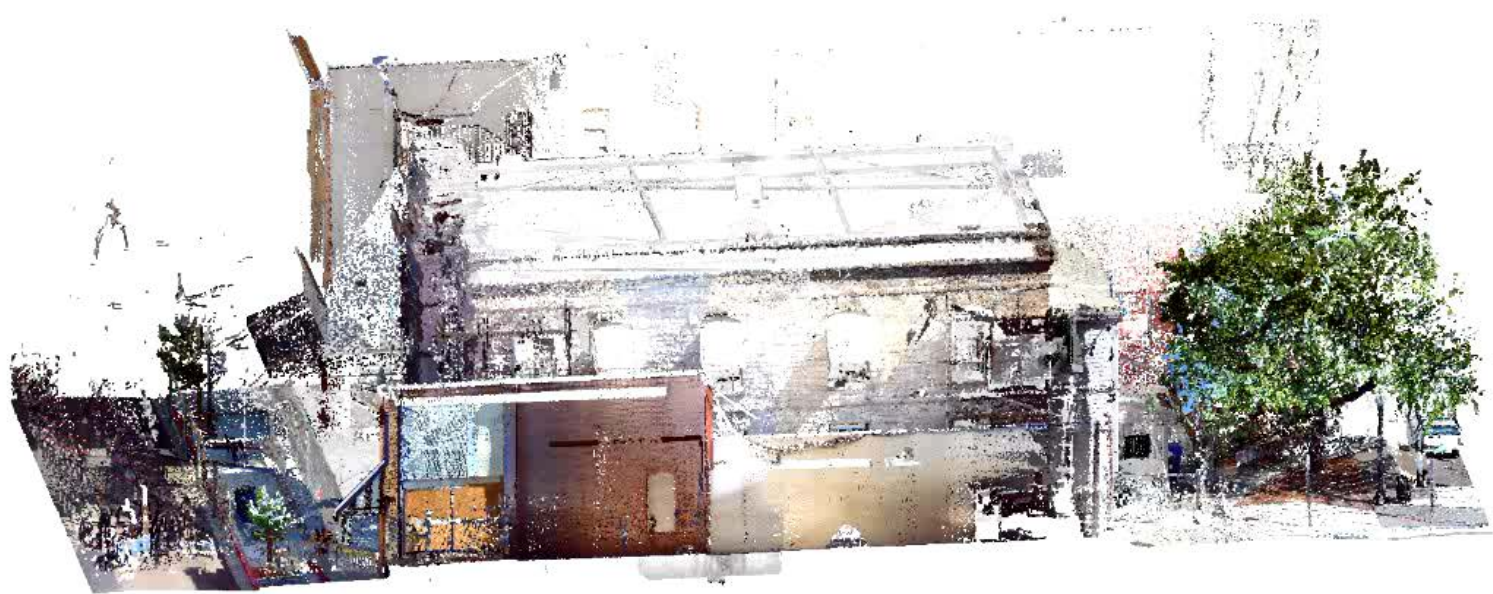


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# National Landmark - Goodman Library, Napa, CA

Laser scanning is an effective, non-invasive method to capture a building too fragile or structurally unsound for direct contact.





# Conclusion

Combining TLS & IRT for NDT/NDE to:

- improve knowledge of the conservation state of historic buildings;
- expand methodologies for assessment of historic building conditions;
- monitor the effects on historic buildings due to decay and natural disasters, such as earthquakes;
- provide quick data acquisition for immediate analysis with significant results.

## 3D LASER SCANNING TECHNOLOGY

Key in Preserving Historic Structures After South Napa Earthquake

### Objectives

- Present alternative preservation strategies for post-disaster public safety recovery and reconstruction methods.
- Educate city officials and disaster service workers with the Office of Emergency Services about the value of using 3D laser scanning technology to set priorities for shoring up and stabilizing buildings that present "imminent hazards."
- Serve as a model for other communities in demonstrating the effectiveness of immediate response to a seismic disaster using 3D laser scanning technology.



Figure 1: 3D point cloud overlaying the 3D BIM model.

### Background

Many San Francisco Bay Area residents were rudely awakened at 3:20 a.m. on August 24, 2014, by an earthquake in south Napa, Calif.—one with a magnitude of 6.0, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It was the largest earthquake to strike the Bay Area since 1989, when the region was shaken by the unforgettable and destructive 6.9 Loma Prieta earthquake.

The epicenter was located about five miles southwest of Napa (a city of about 77,000 people) reported the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center;

University of California at Berkeley. Although Napa received the brunt of the tremor, other nearby cities including American Canyon, Vallejo and Sonoma felt the impact. Located on the northern shores of San Francisco Bay, the Napa region is internationally known for its burgeoning wine and tourist industries.

The south Napa earthquake caused significant ground-shaking damage in the epicentral region, initially yellow tagging (restricted use) approximately 1,700 buildings in the City of Napa alone, while 200 received red tags (unsafe to enter or occupy). Of these

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