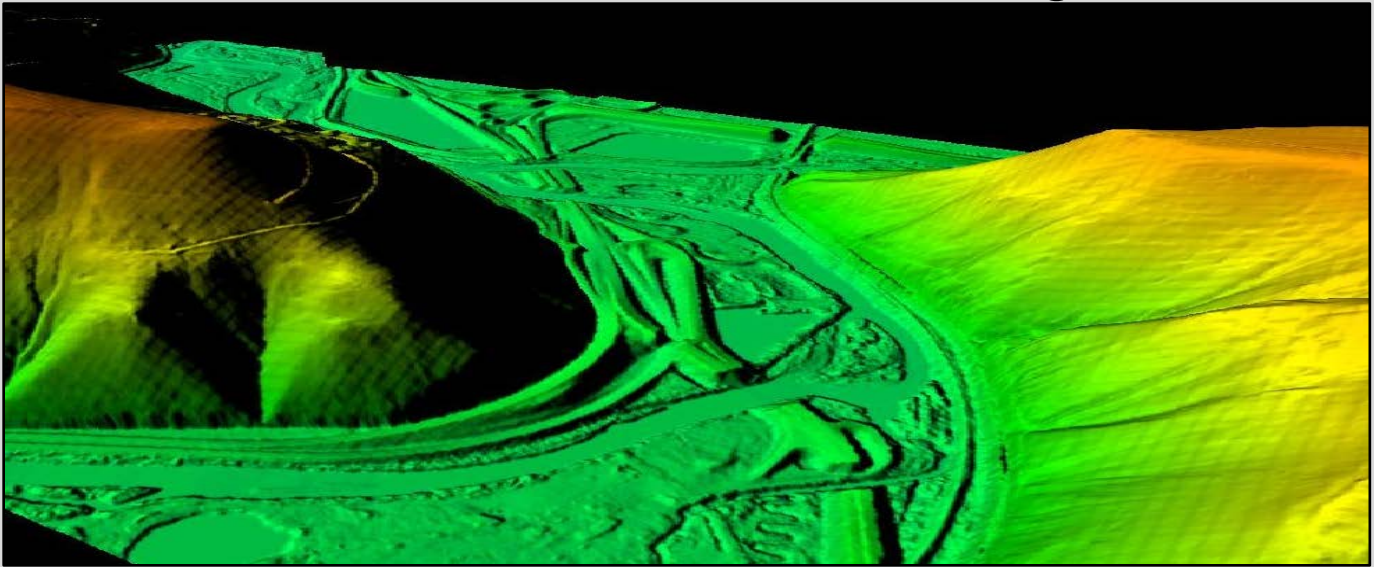February 10, 2014

FINAL REPORT:

LiDAR Acquisition of Naches River from Hwy 410 to Mouth, Yakima River from Naches confluence to Parker Bridge

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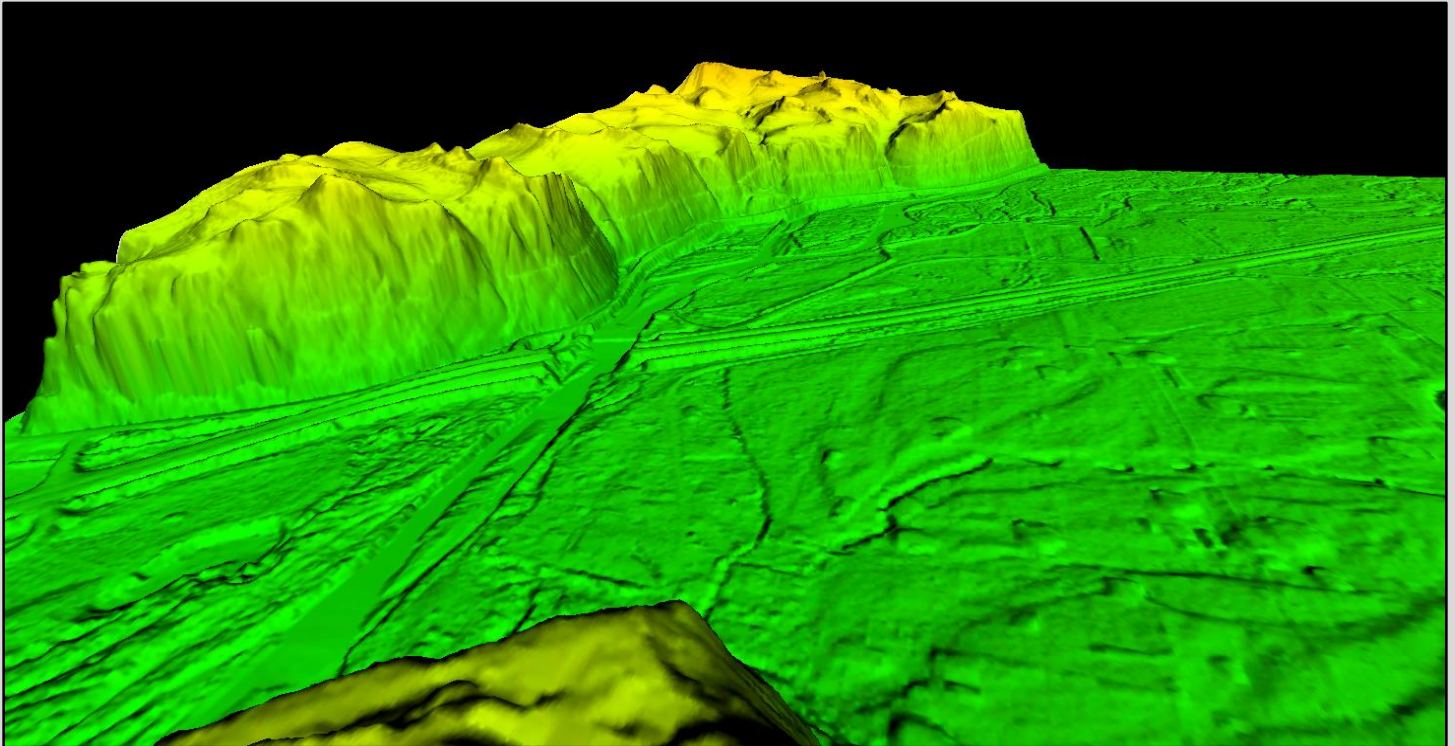
Naches and Yakima Rivers LiDAR

1. Introduction

This report contains a summary of the Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data acquisition and processing for the project area to include the Naches and Yakima Rivers. See Section 1.3 for specific areas included.

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1.2 Purpose

Quantum Spatial acquired high accuracy LiDAR data of the Naches and Yakima Rivers for Rogers Surveying, Inc. in accordance with requirements outlined in the Task Order Agreement, signed September 18, 2013. Rogers Surveying Inc. requires the LiDAR data to aid in analysis of Yakima County's hydraulic and geomorphic investigations of Naches and Yakima Rivers.

1.3 Project Locations

The project consists of roughly 32 square miles of the Naches and Yakima Rivers, located near central Washington. The specific areas of LiDAR acquisition were the Naches River from Hwy 410 to the Yakima confluence, and the Yakima River from the Naches confluence to the Parker Bridge. Image 3.3a shows a graphic of the area of acquisition.

1.4 Time Period

LiDAR data acquisition for complete coverage of the project was acquired on November 14th - 15th and 19th-20th, 2013, as well as on January 31st, 2014. Project data includes five (5) flight missions totaling seventy (70) flight lines, and roughly 14 hours of flight time.

1.5 Project Scope

Data collection was accomplished by the staff of Quantum Spatial. Multiple flights were required to collect LiDAR data coverage. Quantum Spatial's high accuracy, dense LiDAR topographic data was requested to aid Yakima County in the engineering analysis of the specified areas of the Naches and Yakima Rivers.

2. Geodetic Control

Control data was provided by Rogers Surveying, Inc. See section 8 for the control report.

3. LiDAR Acquisition and Procedures

3.1 Acquisition Time Period

LiDAR data acquisition and Airborne GPS control were completed on five occasions between November 14th, 2013 and January 31st, 2014.   Data from the seventy (70) flight lines and five (5) flight missions are included in the project.

3.2 LiDAR Planning

The LiDAR data for this project was collected with aircraft operated by Quantum Spatial. The aircraft is equipped with LiDAR sensor system as well as a system to collect GPS and IMU positioning data during flight. All flight planning was done with Leica Mission Pro Software, and flights were completed using Leica ALS60 and ALS70 sensors.

3.3 LiDAR Acquisition

Data acquired from five (5) flight missions was utilized to provide project area coverage. Refer to Table 3.3a for acquisition parameters. See Image 3.3a on the following page for a graphic of the acquisition missions.

A Leica ALS60 sensor (for 2013 flight missions) and a Leica ALS70 sensor (for 2014 flight mission) was used on board a Cessna Caravan to collect airborne GPS, IMU position, and trajectory data. The Airborne GPS and IMU system was initialized for a period of five minutes before takeoff and after landing. The missions acquired data according to the planned flight lines and included a minimum of one (usually two) cross flights. The cross flights were flown perpendicular to the planned flight lines and their data used in the in-situ calibration of the sensor.

Table 3.3a: Acquisition Parameters

	2013 Missions:	2014 Mission:
Sensor ID	SN6105	SN7131
Field of View	30°	30°
Flying Height (Above mean sea level)	900m	1400m
Pulse Rate Frequency	105.9kHz	198kHz
Mirror Scan Rate Frequency	61.1Hz	43.8
Ground Speed	105kts	125
Nominal Point Spacing/meter	4.06pts/m^2	8
Flight Line Overlap	50%	60%

Image 3.3a: Acquisition areas indicating flight lines relative to the surface. The colors represent separate missions.
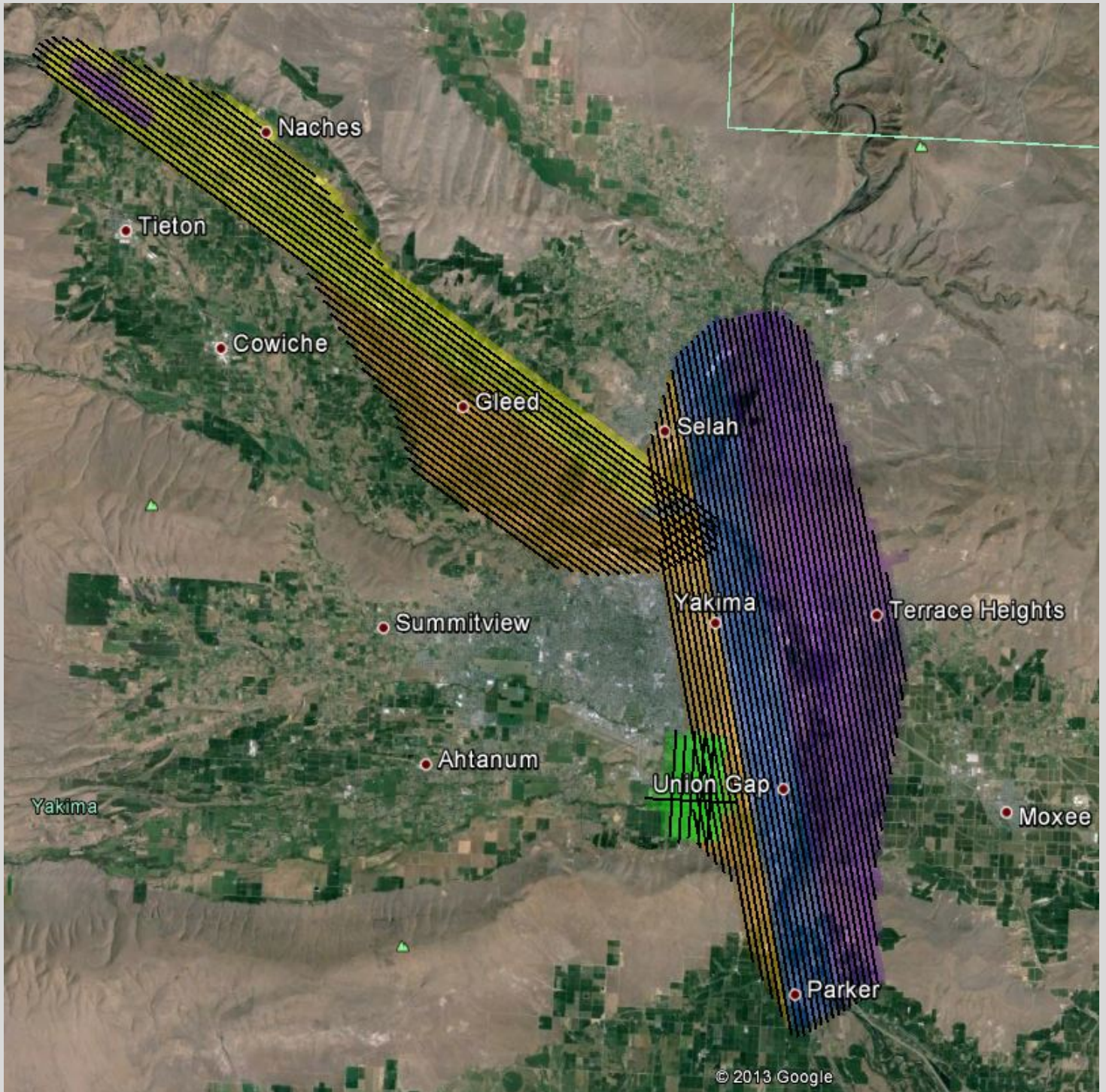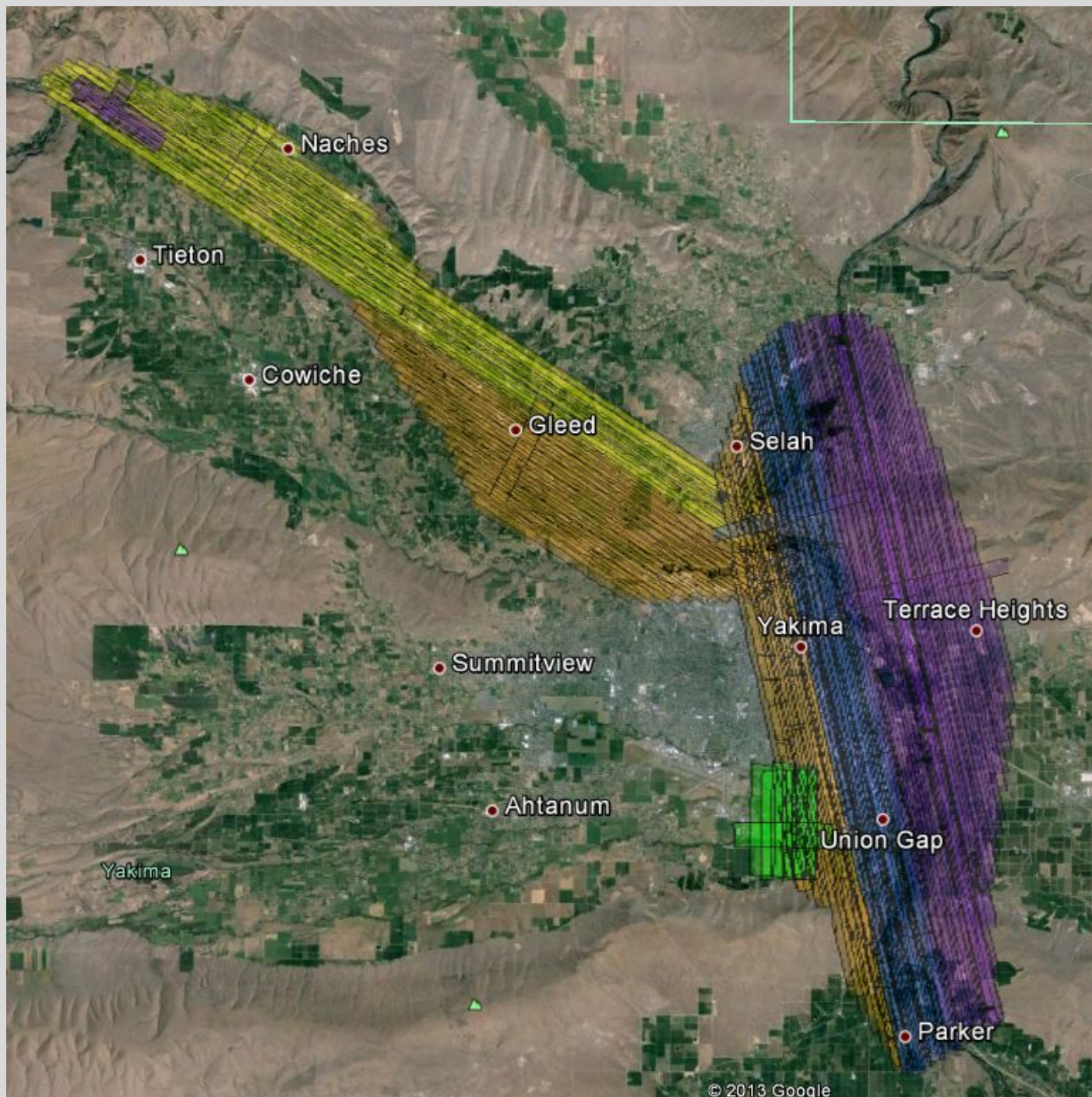
3.4 LiDAR Relative Swath Locations

Image 3.4a: Swath locations by mission. Mission 2013.11.14_SN6105 is orange, 2013.15.14_SN6105 is yellow, 2013.19.14_SN6105 is blue, 2013.20.14_SN6105 is purple, and 20140231_183724 is green.

4 Quality Control Surveys

A field survey was performed by Rogers Surveying, Inc.

See Section 8 for further details of the ground survey control data.

5 LiDAR Processing

Quantum Spatial LiDAR Calibration Steps	Software Used
Resolve GPS kinematic corrections for aircraft position and aligns all source data by time and filters. Smoothes the data, and provides a trajectory file indicating the latitude, longitude, ellipsoidal height, roll, pitch and heading of the scanner at intervals of 1/200 second in .sol format.	Leica IPAS TC v. 3.2
Calculate laser point position by associating .sol file information to each laser point return time, with offsets relative to scan angle, intensity, etc. included. As part of this process, correction for atmospheric refraction (bending) of the light path and correction for variations in the speed of light over the path are made. The post processor also provides inputs for various alignment coefficients (e.g., roll, pitch, heading, range offsets, etc.).This process creates the raw laser point cloud data for the entire survey in *.las (ASPRS v1.2) format, in which each point maintains the corresponding scan angle, return number (echo), intensity, and x, y, z information.	Leica ALS Post Processor v. 2.75 Build #25
Import .las strips from ALS Post Processer into GeoCue for calibration. Populate relative bin layout of mission extent. Filter bins for noise and run ground by flight line macro for calibration.	GeoCue v. 2013.1.45.1
Test relative accuracy using ground classified points per each flight line. Perform automated line-to-line calibrations for system attitude parameters (pitch, roll, heading), mirror flex (scale). Calibrations are performed on ground-classified points from paired flight lines. Every flight line is used for relative accuracy calibration.	TerraMatch v. 13, TerraScann v.13, GeoCue v. 2013.1.45.1
QC each mission line-to-line calibration by running DZ-orthos for each mission and after each mission is merged together for final project coverage.	GeoCue v. 2013.1.45.1
Assess Fundamental vertical accuracy via direct comparisons of ground-classified points to ground survey data.	TerraScan v.13

See Section 7 of the report for the final accepted trajectory plots.

5.1 LiDAR Processing Quality Control

Relative accuracy of flight line to flight line alignment is assessed. Image 5.1a illustrates relative vertical alignment of flight lines.

- Green indicates a flight line comparison of less than 0.05 m / 0.16ft;
- Yellow…. 0.05 – 0.1 meters / 0.16 – 0.32 feet;
- Orange… 0.1 – 0.15 meters / 0.32 – 0.5 feet;
- Red…….. 0.15 – 0.20 meters / 0.5 – 0.66 feet;

Areas containing dense vegetation coverage or inundation from water will show a greater elevation offset then is actually present in the ground data. This is due to these regions having a high number of returns from vegetation or non-ground objects and few returns from the ground causing the elevation offset to be exaggerated in the relative accuracy assessment procedure. Relative accuracy for DZ-ortho rasters can be skewed when multiple flight line coverage occurs due the extra point density of the multiple overlaying flight lines.

Image 5.1a: Relative Accuracy Assessment
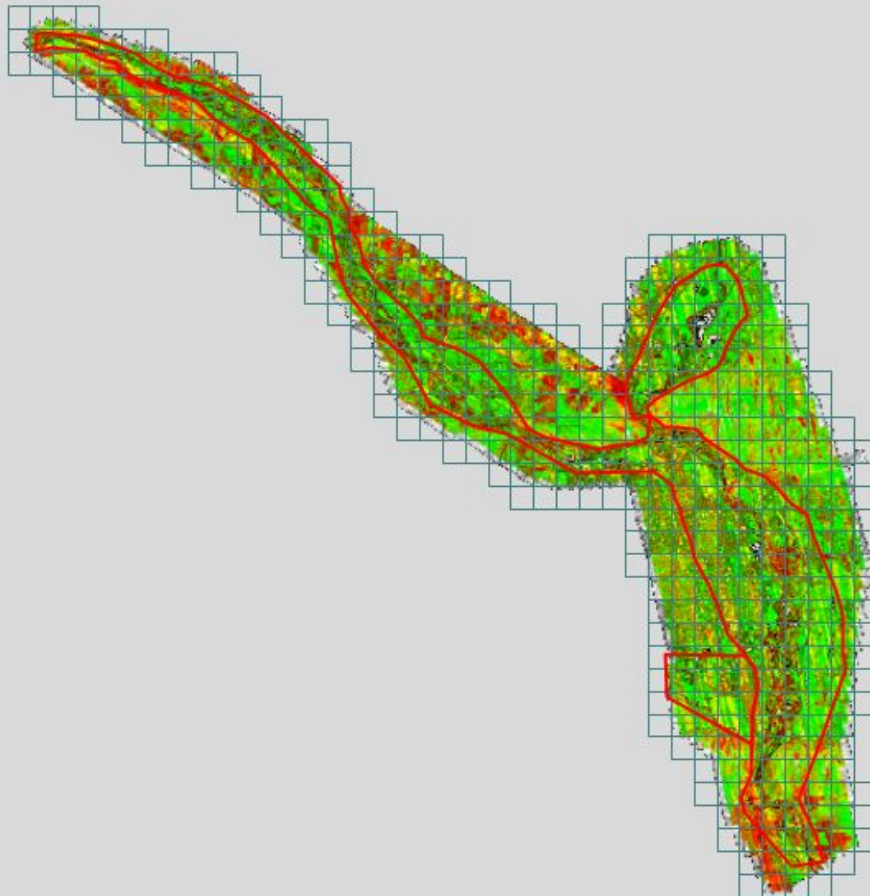
A few tiles are evaluated to ensure that the desired point density has been met. Quantum Spatial utilizes proprietary software to complete this task. A grid, sized according to the USGS version 13 specifications, based on the nominal post spacing, is used for point analysis. The USGS version 13 specification allows that a grid size up to 2 times the nominal post spacing be used. Point density is analyzed on the basis of this grid space size or cell and the result indicates the point density of the sampled tiles.

Once both the accuracy between swaths and data density is accepted an automated classification algorithm is performed using TerraSolid's TerraScan, version 013.011. This produces the majority of the bare-earth datasets. Further, the data is processed to classify specific vegetation classes and man-made structures.

The remainder of the data is classified using manual classification techniques. The majority of the manual editing involves changing points initially classified as ground (class 2), to unclassified or non-ground (class 1). Erroneous low points and high points, including clouds, are classified to Noise (class 7).

5.2 Check Point Validation

To ensure position of the assembled data it is verified against surveyed ground control data. TerraScan computes the vertical differences between surveyed ground control points and LiDAR collected points.

Check points are surveyed within the project area to provide calibration checks of the LiDAR point cloud. A report indicating comparative positional statistics is produced when LiDAR has been adjusted to control and can be found in Section 8 of this report.

5.3 LiDAR Data Deliveries

Classified point cloud data is being supplied using the following criteria.

- LAS, version 1.2 in 1500 meter grid
- Classification scheme:
  - 1 – Processed, but unclassified
  - 2 – Bare Earth, Ground
  - 7 – Noise (Low or High, Manually identified, if needed)
  - 9 – Water
  - 10 – Ignored Ground (Breakline proximity)
  - 15 – Bridge

Deliverables:

Delivered on a per tile basis following the 1/100th USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle:

- Bare Earth ASCII files

- Classified LAS following the standard established by The American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) for LAS data on a per tile basis

Delivered on a per tile basis following the 1/4th USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle:

- Bare Earth Digital Elevation Models (DEM), hyrdo flattened, as ESRI grid

- First Return Digital Elevation Models (DEM), as ESRI grid

- One foot and two foot contours in ESRI shapefile

- First Return Intensity raster images in .tiff format with world files

Aircraft Trajectory files in ACII format

Metadata, FGDC standard

6   Conclusion

Sound procedures and use of new technologies ensure this project data will serve Rogers Surveying, Inc. and all users of the provided LiDAR derivative products well into the future. The models produced are accurate and representative of surface conditions at the time of data acquisition.

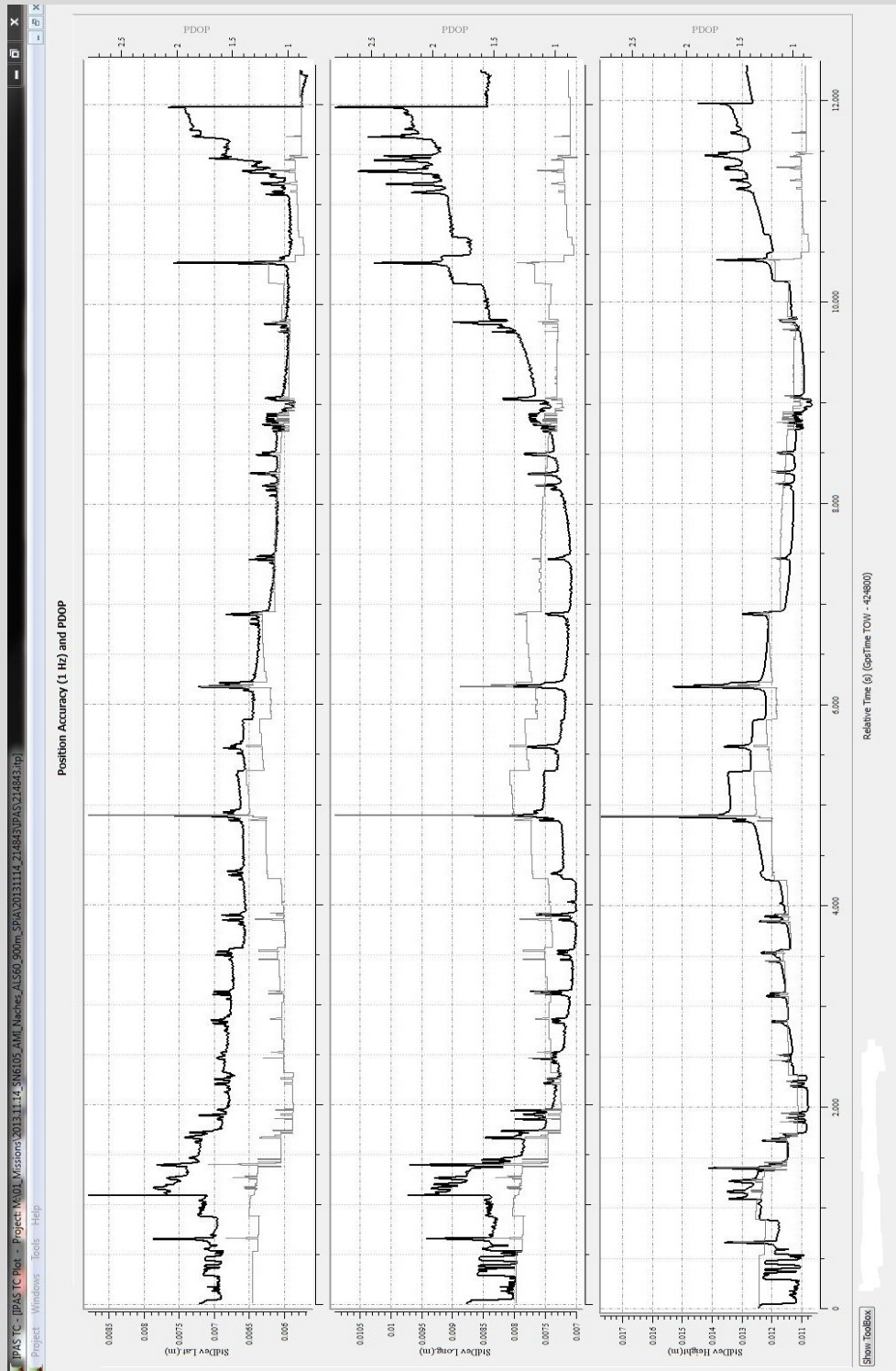# 7   LiDAR GPS Processing Plots
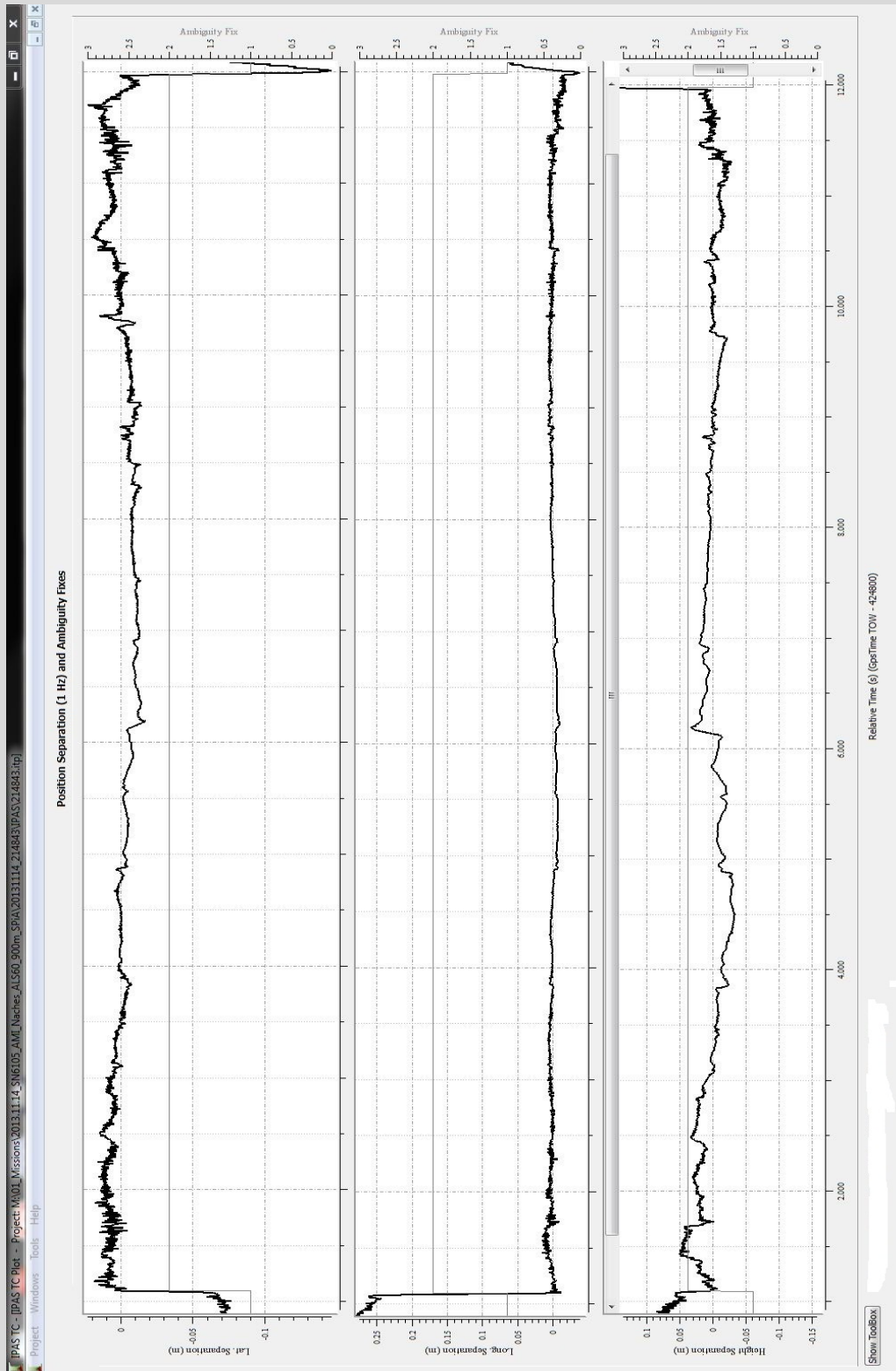

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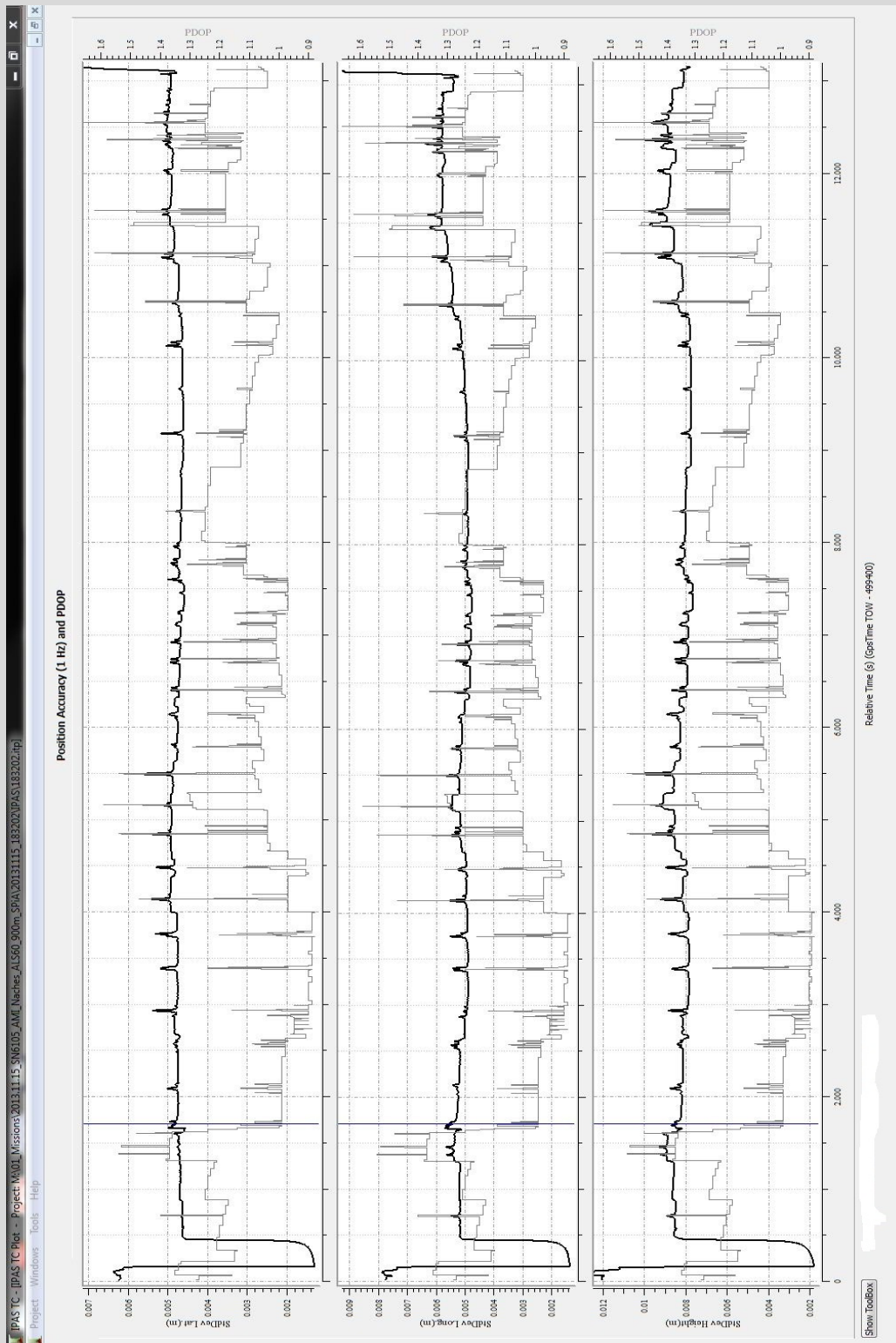
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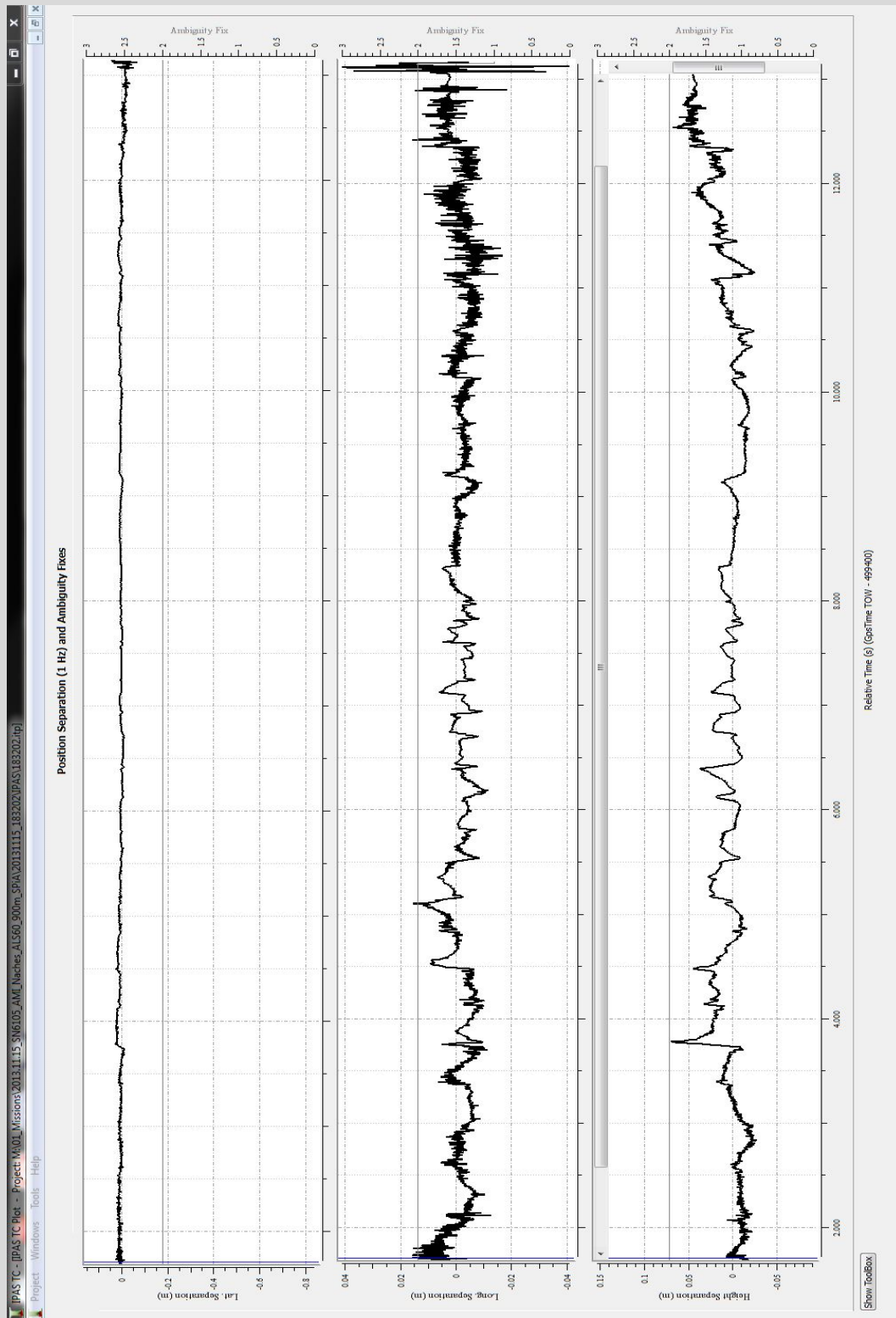
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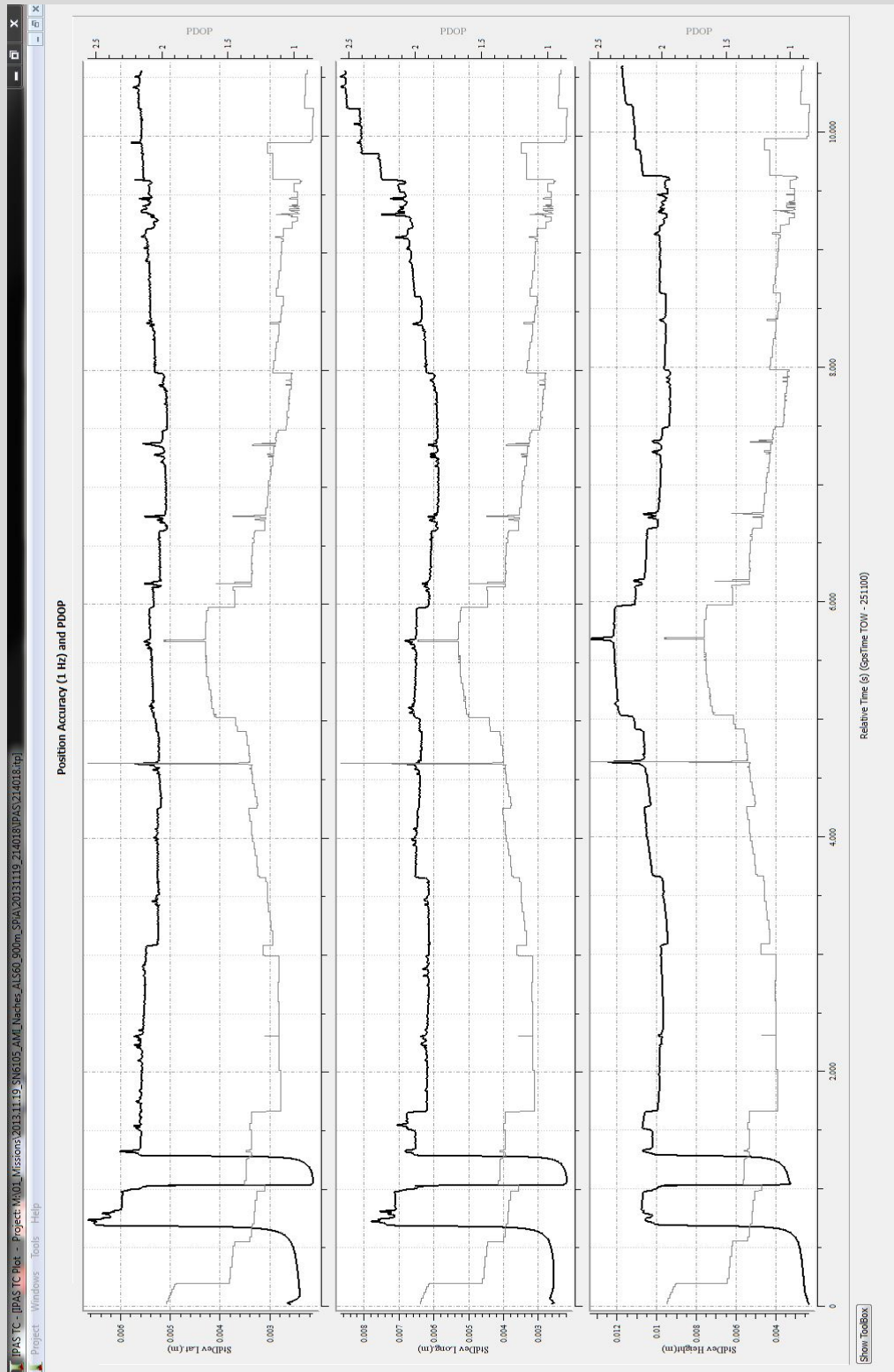
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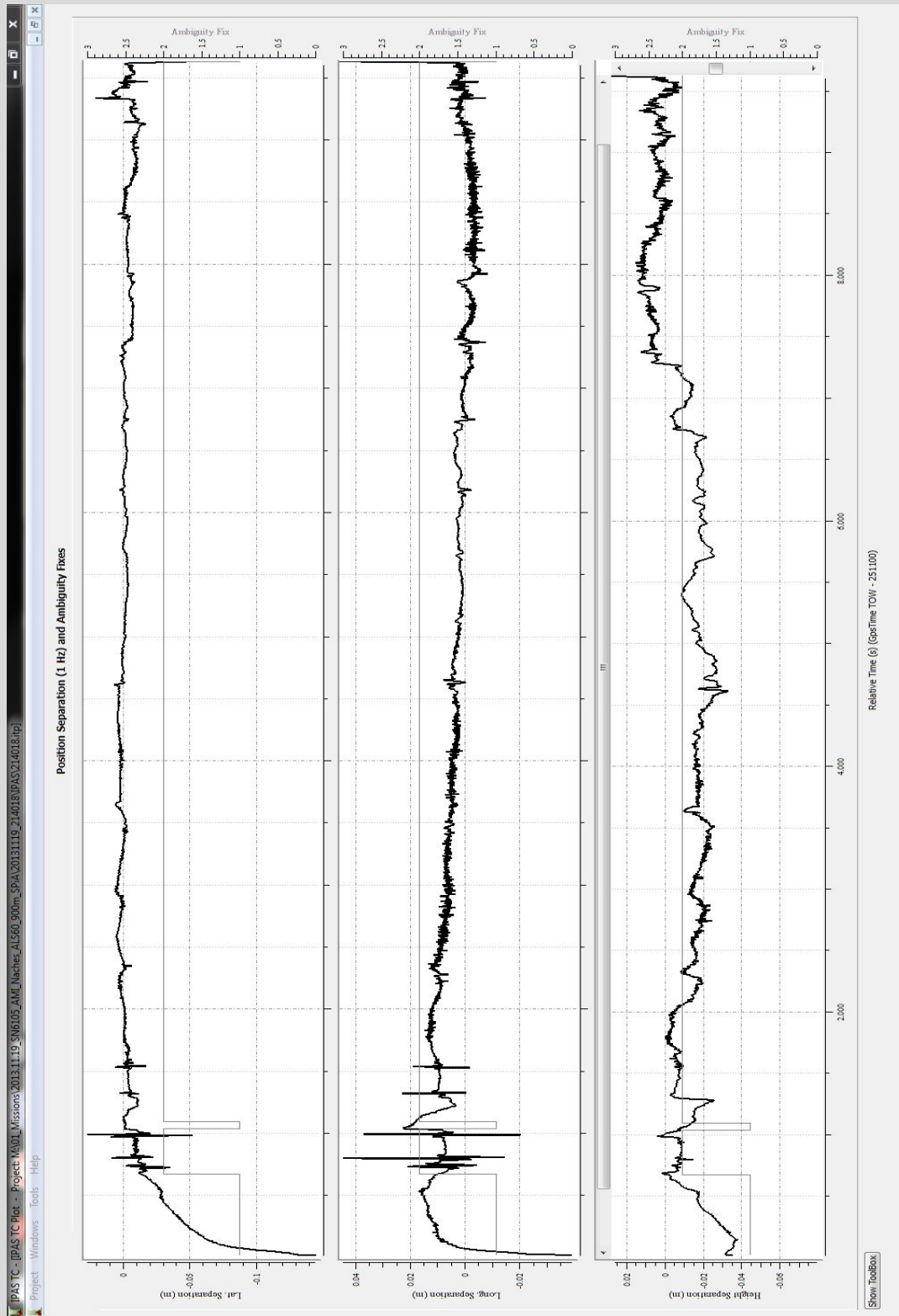
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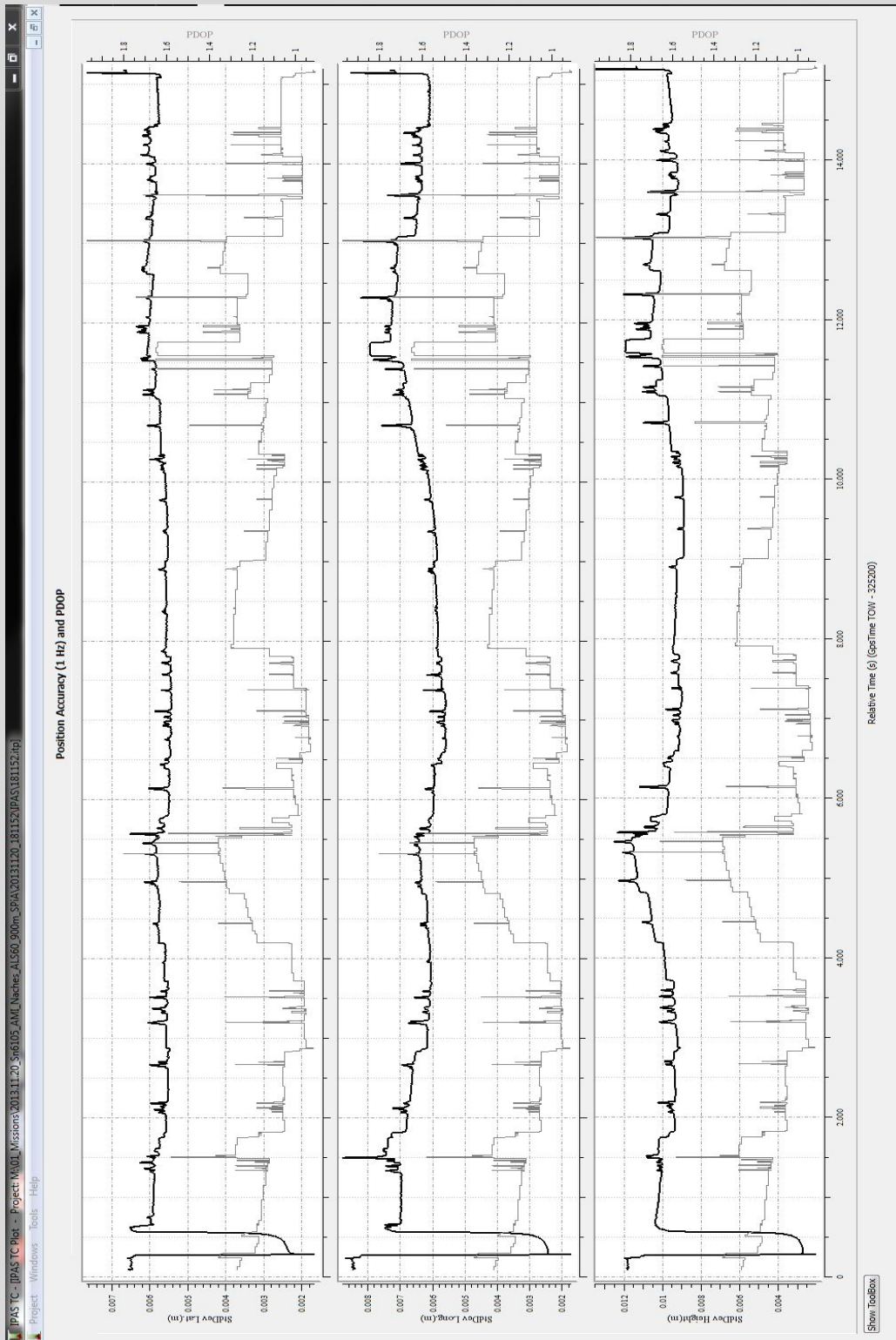
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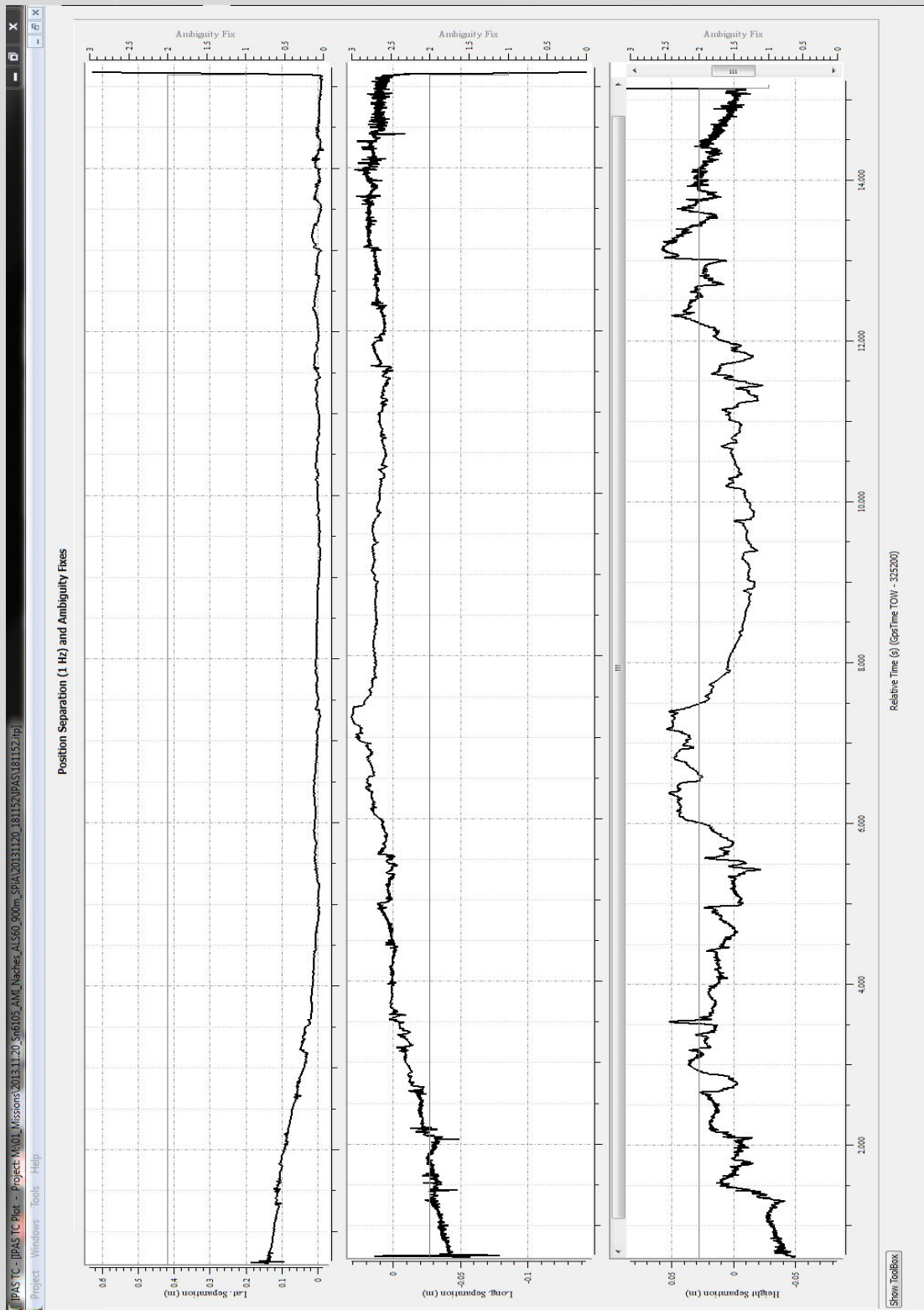Image 7g: 20131120 PDOP Plot

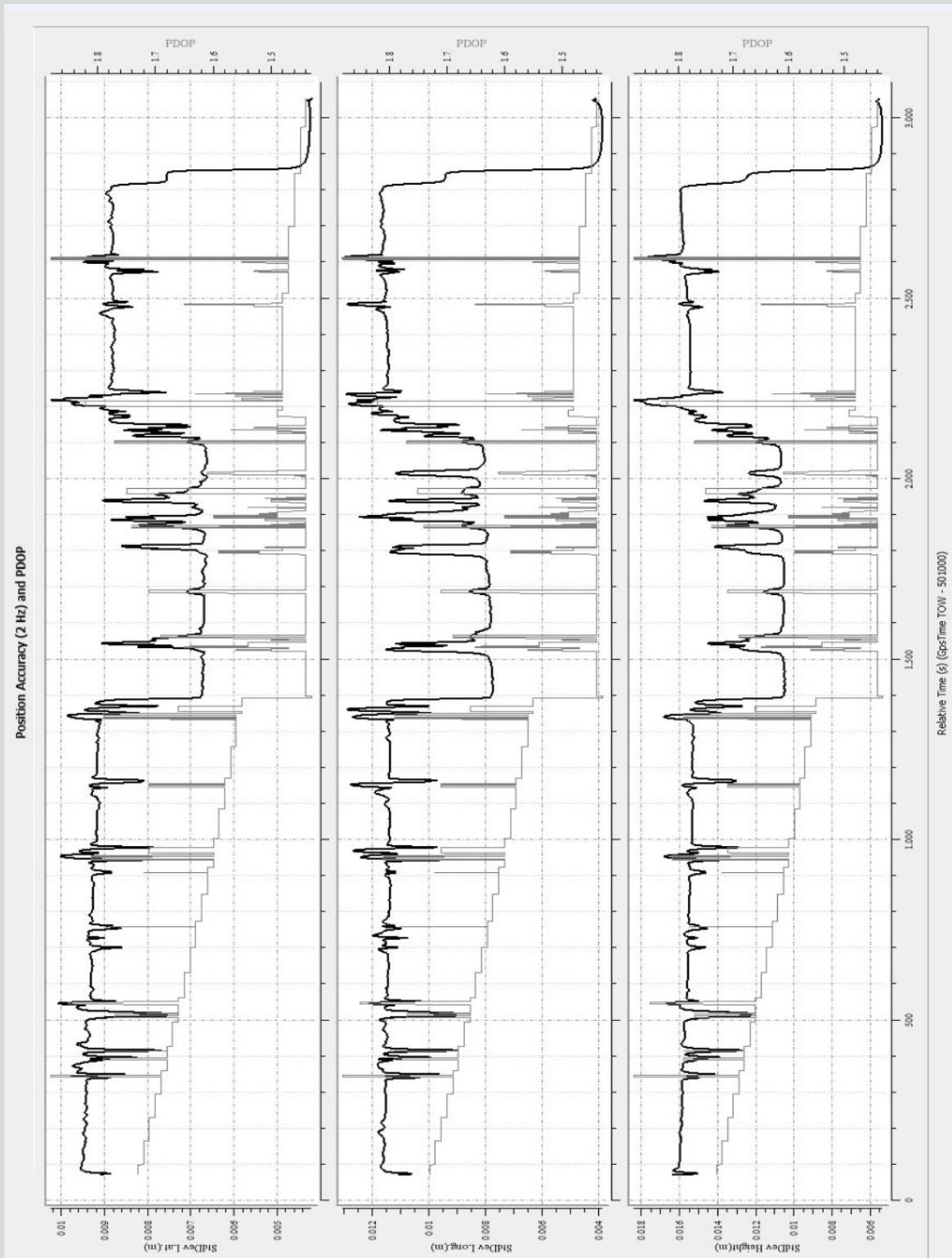Image 7h: 20131120 Separation Plot
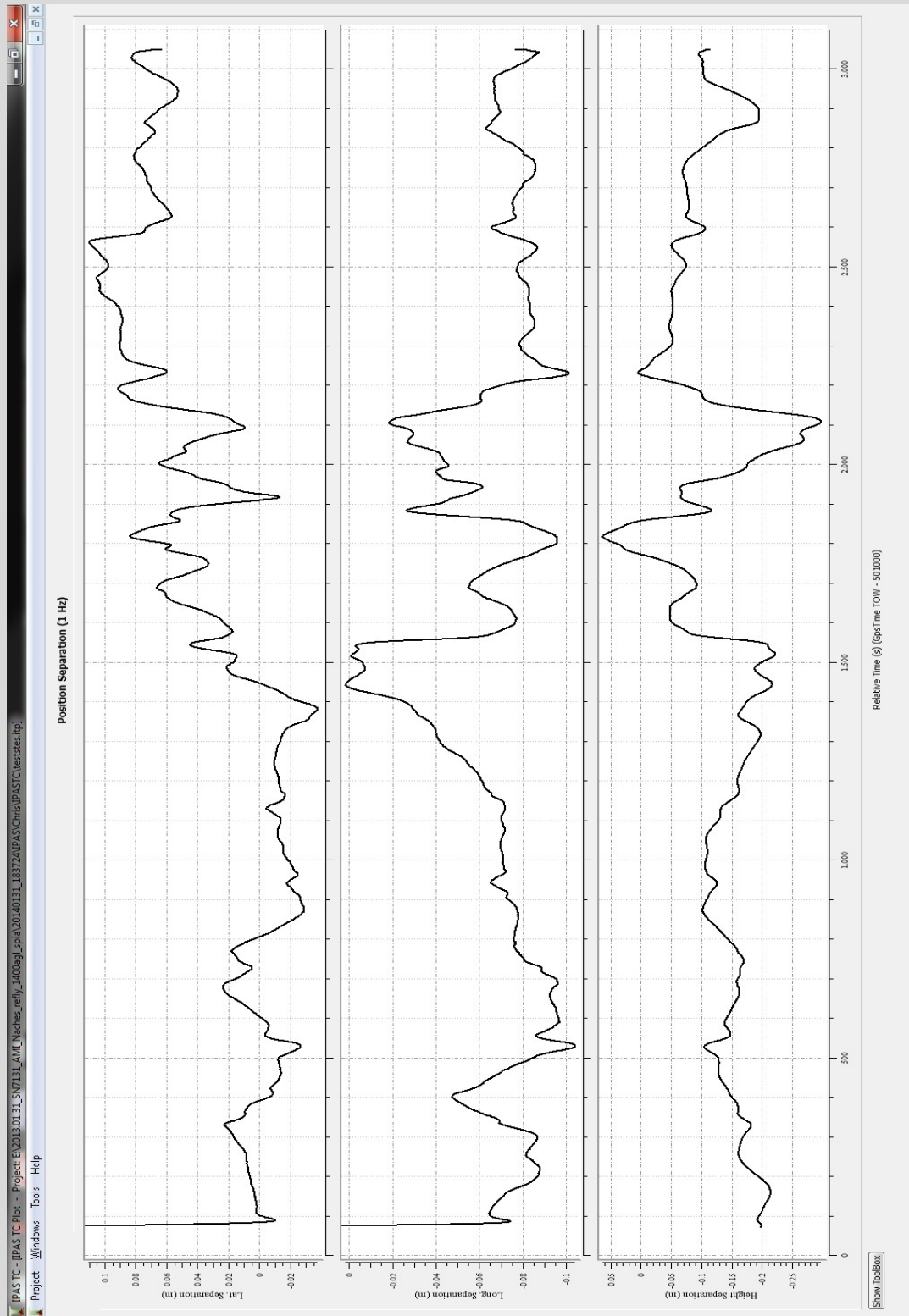
Image 7i: 20140131 PDOP Plot

Image 7j: 20140131 Separation Plot

Focus

8   QA/QC Output Control Report

See below for the Control Report. The check points were collected across the Naches and Yakima Rivers project area and used to calibrate LiDAR data position.

Naches and Yakima Rivers Control Report

Control	Easting	Northing	Known Z	Laser Z	Dz
100	1646314.0720	462954.4300	1031.5500	1031.3100	-0.2400
101	1646326.2090	462846.1310	1030.3400	1030.1100	-0.2300
102	1646332.0280	462740.9300	1030.0480	1029.8900	-0.1580
103	1646338.4160	462634.1520	1029.5840	1029.3700	-0.2140
104	1646351.3330	462519.3120	1029.0110	1028.8500	-0.1610
105	1646618.5610	462671.3720	1043.4690	1043.1400	-0.3290
106	1646572.0780	462760.1670	1041.4460	1041.2200	-0.2260
107	1646531.1490	462855.7920	1038.7260	1038.4500	-0.2760
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110	1646251.6490	462977.1460	1031.6420	1031.4100	-0.2320
111	1647677.909	448785.119	984.769	984.58	-0.189
112	1647675.292	448688.528	984.235	984.03	-0.2050
113	1647792.02	448565.873	983.882	983.65	-0.2320
114	1647849.988	448488.291	982.031	981.84	-0.1910
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125	1648312.829	448635.325	978.565	978.5	-0.065

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Control	Easting	Northing	Known Z	Laser Z	Dz
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128	1643954.489	488627.956	1122.876	1122.68	-0.196
129	1643895.631	488521.104	1122.233	1122.13	-0.103
130	1643832.245	488399.601	1121.807	1121.83	0.023
131	1643777.811	488295.635	1121.576	1121.54	-0.036
132	1643728.737	488183.99	1122.779	1122.86	0.081
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146	1628622.416	470436.137	1126.142	1125.99	-0.152
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159	1572326.421	515337.279	1576.44	1576.7	0.26
160	1572432.849	515322.867	1574.981	1575.24	0.259

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Control	Easting	Northing	Known Z	Laser Z	Dz
161	1572533.95	515303.068	1575.693	1575.99	0.297
162	1572635.344	515271.523	1574.966	1575.2	0.234
163	1572722.249	515210.862	1575.164	1575.41	0.246
164	1572807.013	515157.202	1575.989	1576.08	0.091
165	1572919.202	515136.378	1574.189	1574.45	0.261
166	1573006.989	515172.343	1574.213	1574.34	0.127
168	1593564.259	506707.3	1444.218	1444.63	0.412
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178	1594233.798	506016.647	1437.734	1437.92	0.186
179	1594310.877	505951.251	1437.116	1437.31	0.194

Average Dz	0.0837
Minimum Dz	-0.2710
Maximum Dz	0.6880
Average Magnitude	0.1910
Root Mean Square	0.2250
Standard Deviation	0.2276