

# **New Airborne Lidar Sensor Systems**



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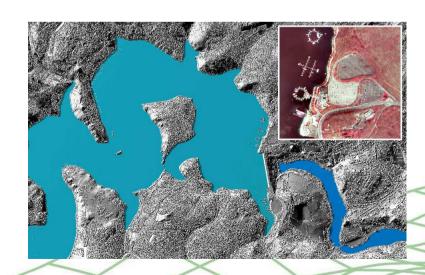


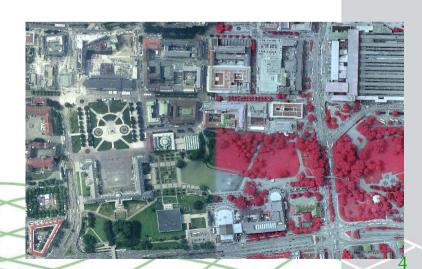
**About Us** 

## **About Us**



- Founded in 1995 as spin-off of Dornier GmbH
- 10 years experience in Lidar scanning
  - Established as European leading service provider
  - o Priority on high density DEM and RGB/CIR true ortho images
  - Full service ranging from consultancy to planning as well as from flight operations to data processing

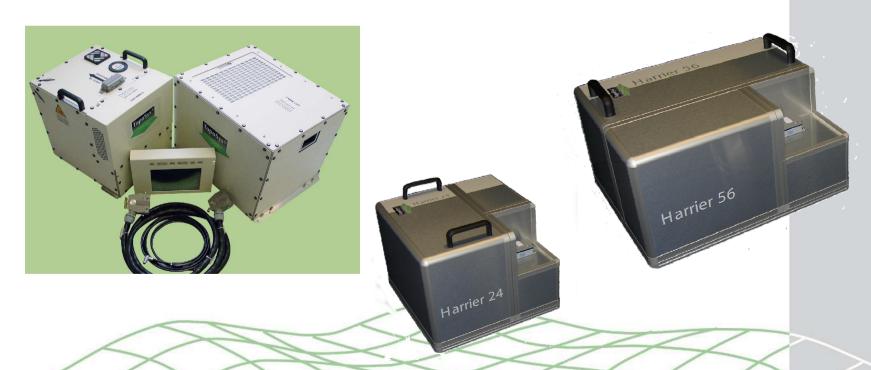




## **About Us**



- 10 years experience in Lidar sensor system development
  - o Fiber based sensor systems Falcon I, Falcon II and Falcon III
  - o Polygon mirror system Harrier 56 and 24
  - o Full service like training, support, maintenance



## **About Us**



- Outstanding dual role as
  - o a Lidar system manufacturer and
  - o a Lidar data service provider

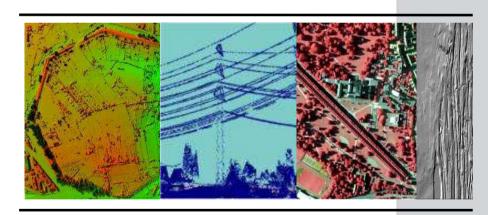
High Precision
Lidar Data And RGB/CIR
True-Ortho Images

Fiber Based High-End Lidar Sensor Systems

"Precision is our Dimension"

Maximum of customer benefits is the result





**Lidar Service Business** 

## **Applications**



- Urban planning
- Wireless network planning
- Noise protection planning
- Corridor mapping
- Forest inventory
- Flood plain mapping
- Hydraulic simulations

- Coastal monitoring
- Power line mapping
- Monitoring of deposits and mines
- Environmental protection
- Disaster management
- Archeology

"Precision is our Dimension"

We deliver reliable data for demanding applications

## References



- Germany
  - Large scale mapping projects
  - Open pit mines
  - o Urban planning
  - Hydraulics, flood protection
  - Gouverment and military projects
- Spain, Portugal, Belgium
  - o Flood plain mapping
  - o **Power line mapping**

- Netherlands
  - Coastal survey
- Italy
  - Flood plain mapping
- Denmark
  - o City models, urban planning
- Finland
  - Forest inventory
- Austria
  - o Mapping of mountainous areas
  - o Motorway mapping

"Precision is our Dimension"

**Customer trust us - internationally** 





**Lidar Sensor Systems** 

# History: Falcon I (1996)

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- Fiber scanner core technology developed since 1984 at Dornier GmbH for obstacle detection
  - Helicopter obstacle avoidance
  - o Autonomous vehicle guidance
- Main design goals
  - Precision
  - o Reliability
- Usage
  - **o** Military helicopters
  - Military vehicles
  - o Civil helicopters (Eurocopter)



## History: Falcon I (1996)



- For TopoSys internal usage only
- Used since 1996 for precise Lidar scanning
- One system in the air
- Parameters
  - o Fiber Scanner 128 fibres
  - o Measurement rate 83 kHz!!
  - o 14 degree viewing angle
  - o Max. altitude 800m
  - o 30 to 7 points / sqm
  - o **Operative 1996 2003**



## Presence: Falcon II



- Used by TopoSys since 2000 for precise Lidar scanning basically in Europe
- Available to the global market since 2004
- Parameters
  - o Fiber Scanner 128 fibres
  - o Measurement rate 83 kHz
  - o 14 degree viewing angle
  - o Max. altitude 1600m
  - o 30 to 3 points / sqm
- Improvements until 2005
  - o Echo separation 1.2 m
  - Distance measurement accuracy1.95 cm
  - o RGB/NIR Line scanner
  - o Roll angle compensation



## **Future: Sensor System Family**



- FALCON III
  The real wonder of the world: Add precision to wide area mapping at effective measurement rate of 125,000 Hz
- HARRIER 56
  Get the real details: Wide-angle full waveform digitization
  Laser scanner combined with a calibrated 22M digital camera
- HARRIER 24 Enhance your business opportunities: Medium-format digital imaging system combined with a wide angle Laser scanner





NeW: 125 kHz 811,000 m

Add precision to wide area mapping at 125,000 effective measurement rate

The Falcon III sets a new edge for high end Laser scanning and allows its operator to offer a never seen before combination of precise, dense elevation data, high-quality digital imagery and survey capacity.



- Main Features
  - o Beam deflection
  - Field of view
  - Measurement rate
  - **Operating altitude**
  - o Intensity capture
  - Scan frequency
  - o Echo separation
  - o Eye save
  - Swath width
  - o Range resolution
  - Operation
  - o Camera

Fixed, fiber based

30 degrees fixed

50 kHz - 125 kHz

30 m - 2,500 m

12 bit dynamic range

165 Hz - 415 Hz

2.0 m

> 0.27 m

51 % of op. altitude

0.010 m

Aircraft and helicopter

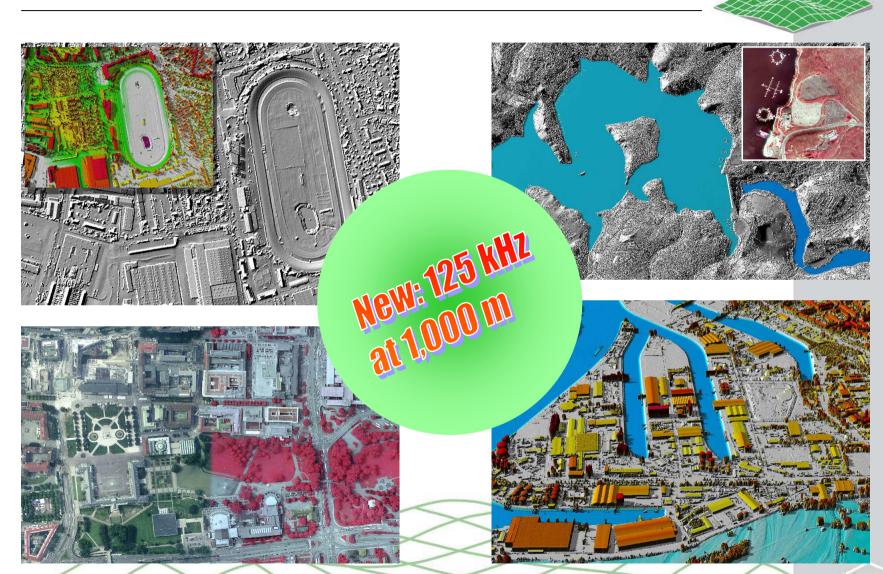
**Integrated RGB/NIR line scanner** 



- Options
  - Integrated line scanner (RGB, NIR)
  - o Integrated Applanix DSS 322
  - o Full waveform digitization
  - o Integrated flight management system

- Customer Benefits
  - Highly satisfied service customers due to outstanding data quality
  - Economical success of the service provider due to survey efficiency
  - Use of LIDAR data for much more applications

- Applications
  - Efficient precise wide area mapping and high definition corridor mapping
  - O City models, forest mapping, corridor mapping, flood protection, hydraulic simu-lations, archeology, costal survey, erosion monitoring, etc



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## Get the real details

The combination of a wide angle full wave form digitization Laser scanner and a calibrated 22M digital camera makes the Harrier 56 the perfect tool for corridor mapping, aerial survey and remote sensing whenever your customer asks you to deliver the real details

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#### Main Features

o B	eam deflection	Fixed, polygon
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- Field of view 45 degrees fixed (60 as option)
- o Range capture Full waveform digitization
  - Measurement rate 55 kHz
- Operating altitude 30 m 1,500 m
- o Intensity capture 16 bit
- o Scan frequency 5 Hz 160 Hz
- o Eye save Class I
- o Swath width 76 % of op. altitude
  - Range resolution 0.020 m
- Operation Helicopter and aircraft
- o Camera Integrated Applanix DSS 322 as option



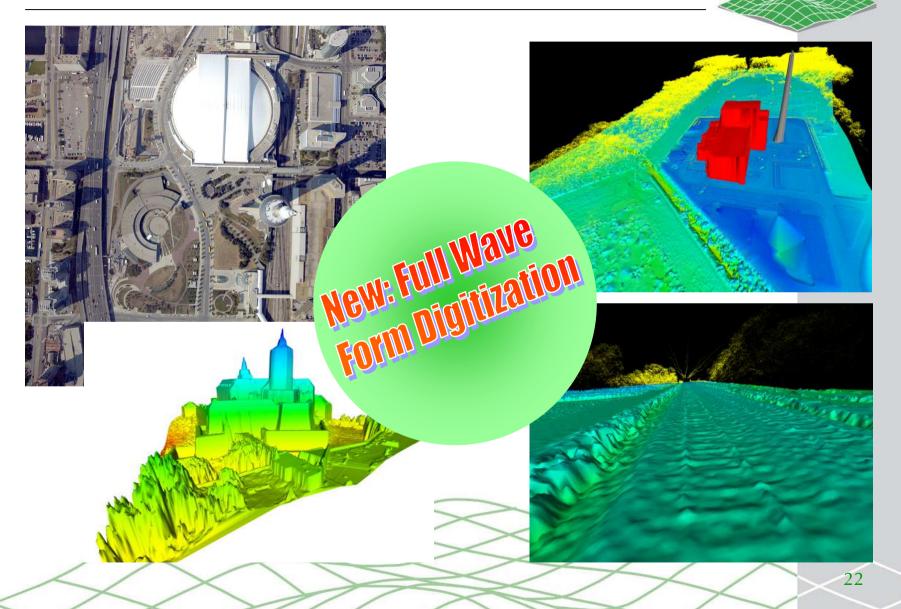
- Options
  - o Integrated Applanix DSS 322
  - Enhanced field of view
  - o Integrated flight management system
  - Portable storage system

- Customer Benefits
  - Compact system
  - Complete solution
  - o Competitive advantage
  - o Flexible usage
  - o Integrated data flow and work flow of LIDAR data and image data processing

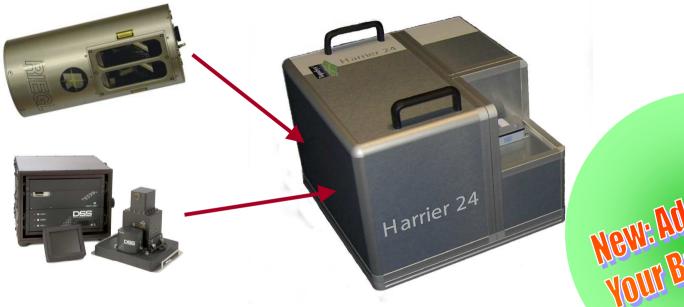
- Applications
  - O Corridor mapping and area mapping, aerial survey and remote sensing
  - O All kind of high resolution ortho images, rapid response, pipeline monitoring, power line mapping, corridors, city models, com-mon Lidar projects, detailed analysis and studies, target classification

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## **Harrier 56**







New: Add Lidar To Your Business

## **Enhance your business opportunities**

The Harrier 24 is basically the digital imaging answer for aerial survey and remote sensing. But the system is not restricted to images only. Having a wide angle Laser scanner integrated, the Harrier 24 allows you to add new business just by switching on the Laser



#### Main Features

- o Beam deflection
- o Field of view
- Range capture
- Measurement rate
- **Operating altitude**
- Scan frequency
- o Eye save
- o Swath width
- o Range resolution
- Operation
- o Camera
- **Operating altitude**
- o Array size

Fixed, polygon

60 degrees fixed (80 as option)

**Full waveform digitization** 

10 kHz

30 m - 450 m

6 Hz - 80 Hz

Class I

100 % of op. altitude

0.020 m

Helicopter

**Integrated Applanix DSS 322 as option** 

0 - 6,500 m

4,092 x 5,436 pixel



- Options
  - o Integrated Applanix DSS 322
  - o Enhanced field of view
  - o Integrated flight management system

- Customer Benefits
  - Low budget LIDAR system
  - Complete aerial image solution
  - o Competitive advantage
  - o Flexible usage
  - o Integrated data flow and work flow of LIDAR and image data processing

- Applications
  - O Low-resolution area mapping, stereo corri-dor mapping, aerial survey and remote sensing
  - O All kind of high resolution ortho images, rapid response, pipeline monitoring, power line mapping, corridors, ice and snow monitoring, glacier monitoring



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# **Efficiency and Point Densities**



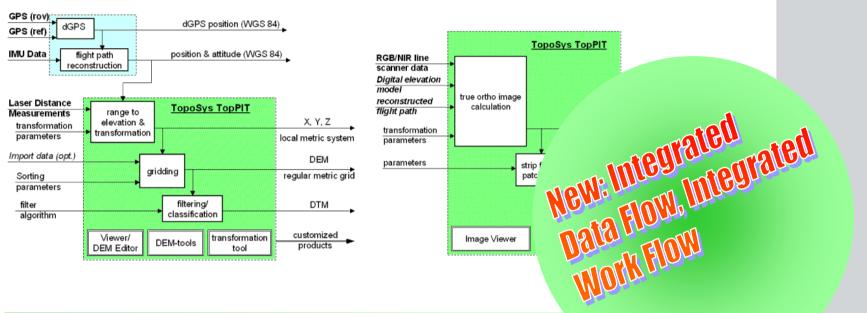
•	Falcon I		LiDAR I	Image (GSD)	Productivity	
	O	30m/s, 400m:	27 points/sqm	-	11 sqkm/hour	
	O	60m/s, 800m:	7 points/sqm	-	43 sqkm/hour	
	Fa	lcon II				
	О	30m/s, 400m:	27 points/sqm	10 cm	11 sqkm/hour	
	О	60m/s , 1200m:	5 points/sqm	50 cm	65 sqkm/hour	
Falcon III						
	O	15m/s, 250m:	66 points/sqm	3 cm	7 sqkm/hour	
	O	30m/s, 400m:	21 points/sqm	3 cm	22 sqkm/hour	
	O	60m/s, 2000m:	1,3 points/sqm	15 cm	215 sqkm/hour	
Harrier 56						
	O	20m/s, 200m:	15 points/sqm	3 cm	12 sqkm/hour	
	O	40m/s, 800m:	1,8 points/sqm	5 cm	95 sqkm/hour	
•	Ha	arrier 24				
	O	15m/s, 100m:	4 points/sqm	3 cm	6 sqkm/hour	
	Ο	30m/s, 200m:	1 points/sqm	3 cm	25 sqkm/hour	

Note: productivity is calculated without turns and overlapp.

Depending on the structure of the project, the real productivity will be lower

## **TopPIT Software**





Streamline your production, lower your costs

Integrated data flow and work flow for Lidar data and aerial image data

## **TopPIT Software**



#### Features

- o Pre-Processing of Lidar data
- Post-Processing of Lidar data
- o RGB/CIR true-ortho image processing
- At present over 50 coordinate sys-tems implemented
- O Simple integration of user-defined coordinate systems, ellipsoids, transformations and geoids (open data base)
- TopoSys Converter (TSC), a high-performance, versatile tool for converting elevation models.
- O TopPIT-XV for visualization and for manually editing of raster data and RGB/NIR data

## **TopPIT Software**



- Customer Benefit
  - Workflow oriented, reduces pro-duction time
  - Complete solution
  - No additional software required
  - Open system, easy to be integrated in an existing environment
  - Standard interfaces
  - Three sensor systems, one processing software

New: Integrated

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## **Sensor Sales**



- Falcon II
  - Available to the global market since 2004
  - Three units sold in 2005
  - o Two letter of intent signed, closing expected Januar 2006
- Harrier 56 and Harrier 24
  - Available to the global market since end of 2005
  - Already two purchase contracts signed
  - Two additional contracts under final negotiation
- Falcon III
  - Will be available to the global market fourth quater of 2006
  - O Already one letter of intent signed for a pilot customer
- After one year of sensor business activities TopoSys has achieved a market share of about 15% to 20% in the global sensor business



# Thank you very much



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