

A large, ancient tree with a thick trunk and sprawling branches, with a person standing next to it for scale.

# Detecting Decay with Sonic Tomography

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## *PICUS SONIC TOMOGRAPH:*

An improvement over increment borers, hand drills, and “resist-o-graph” in locating and diagnosing decay in trees:

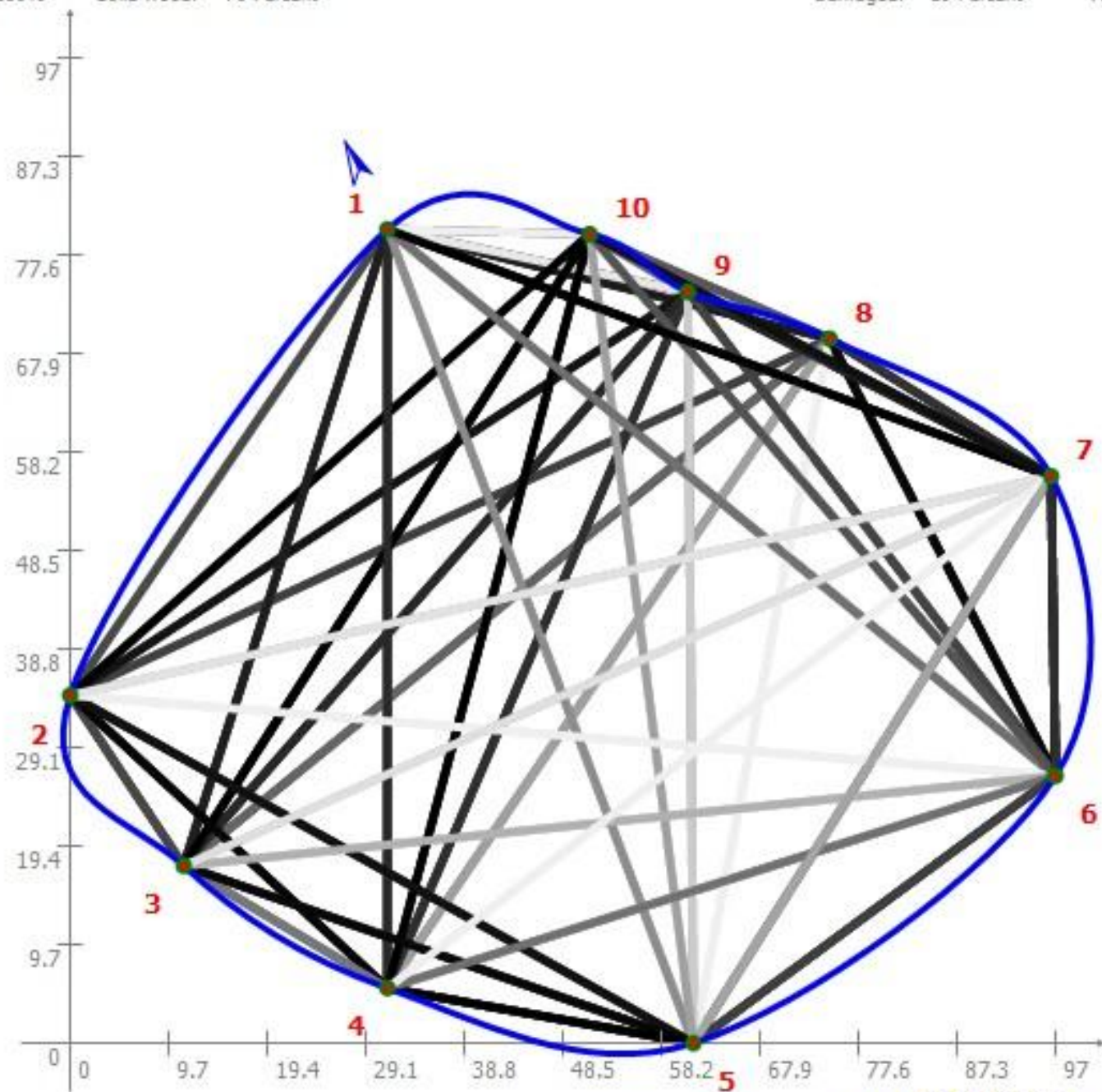
- Creates more data
- Does not breach the tree’s defenses
- Produces a digital image of the inside of the tree

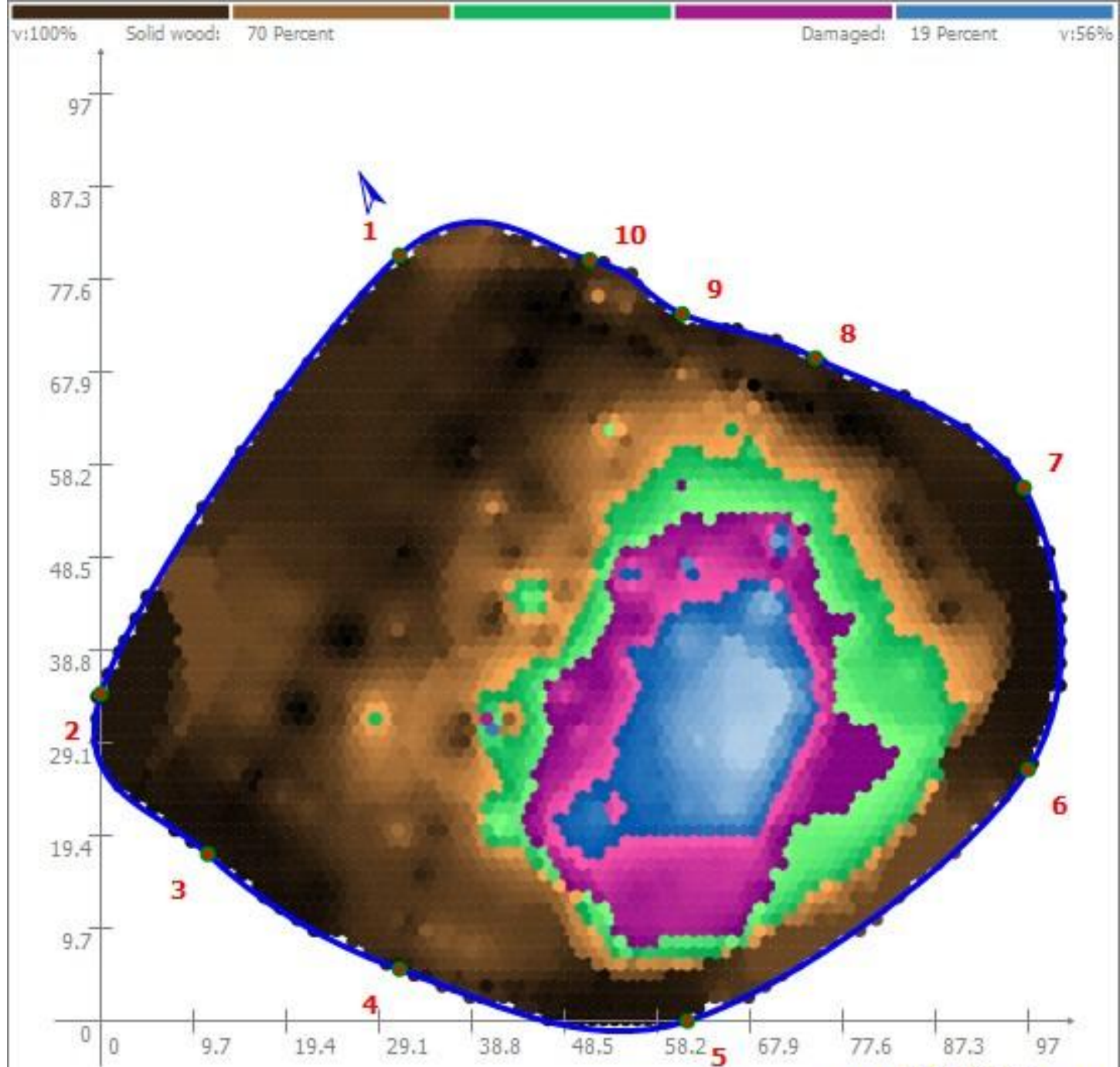






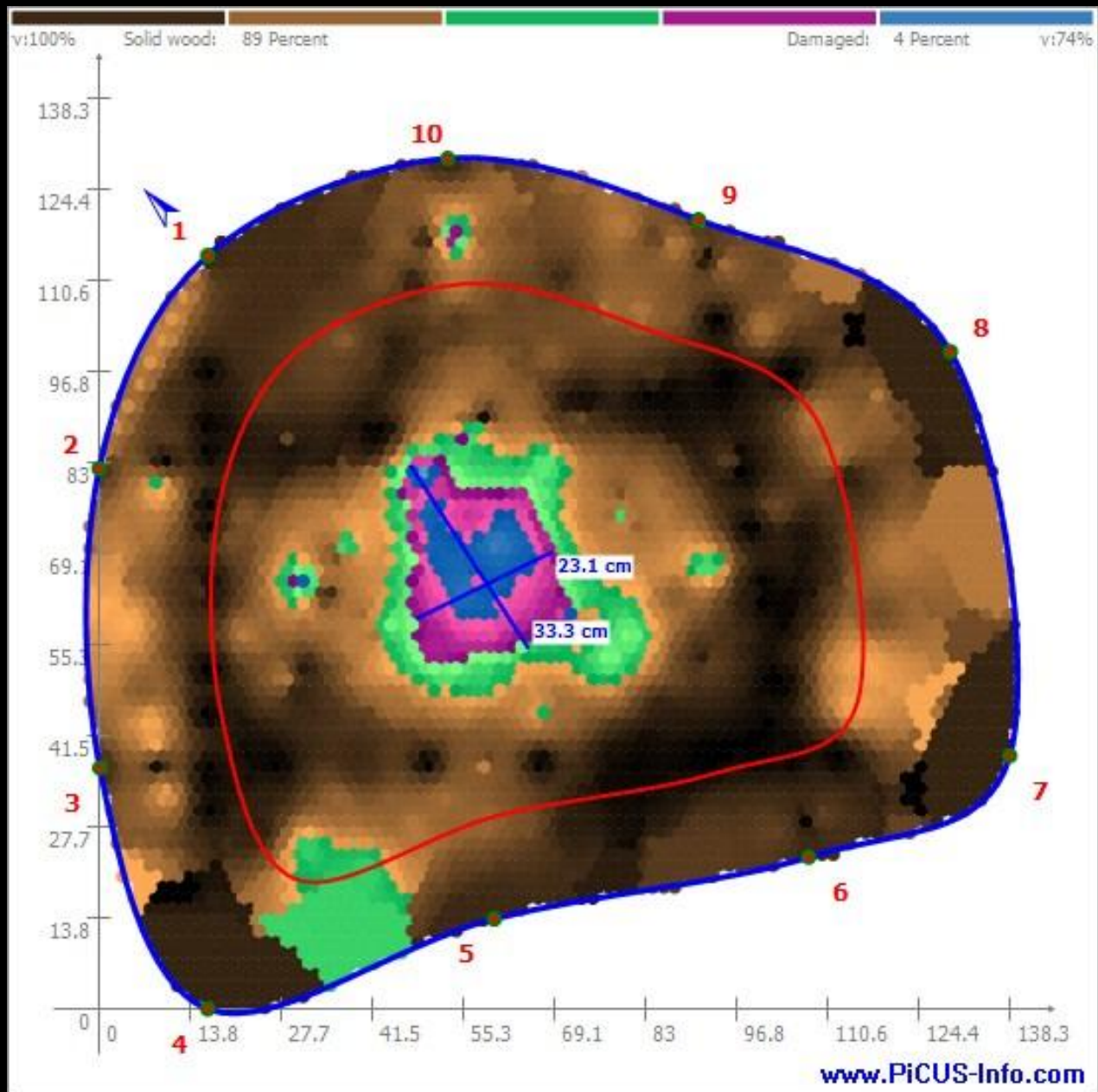




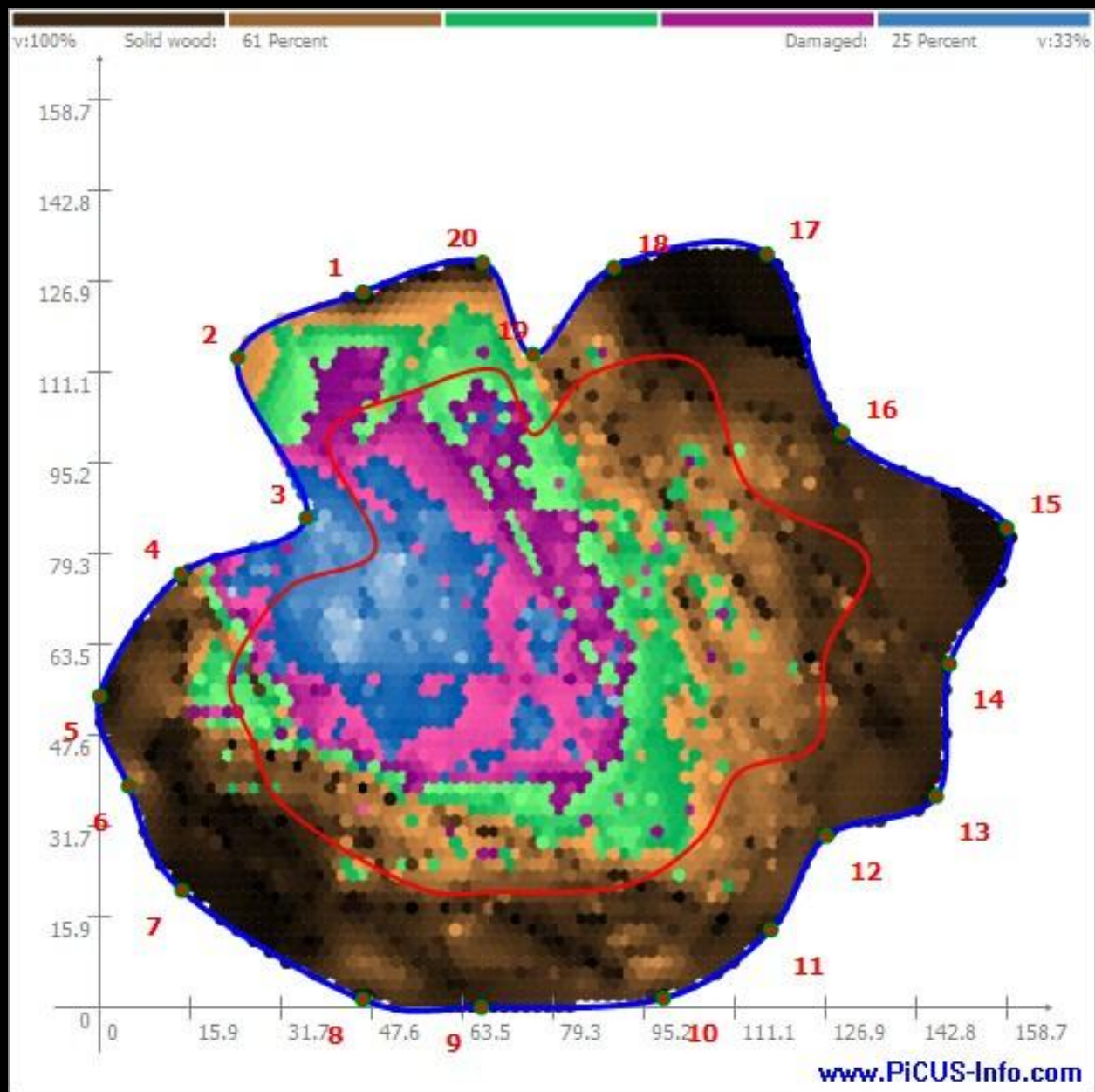


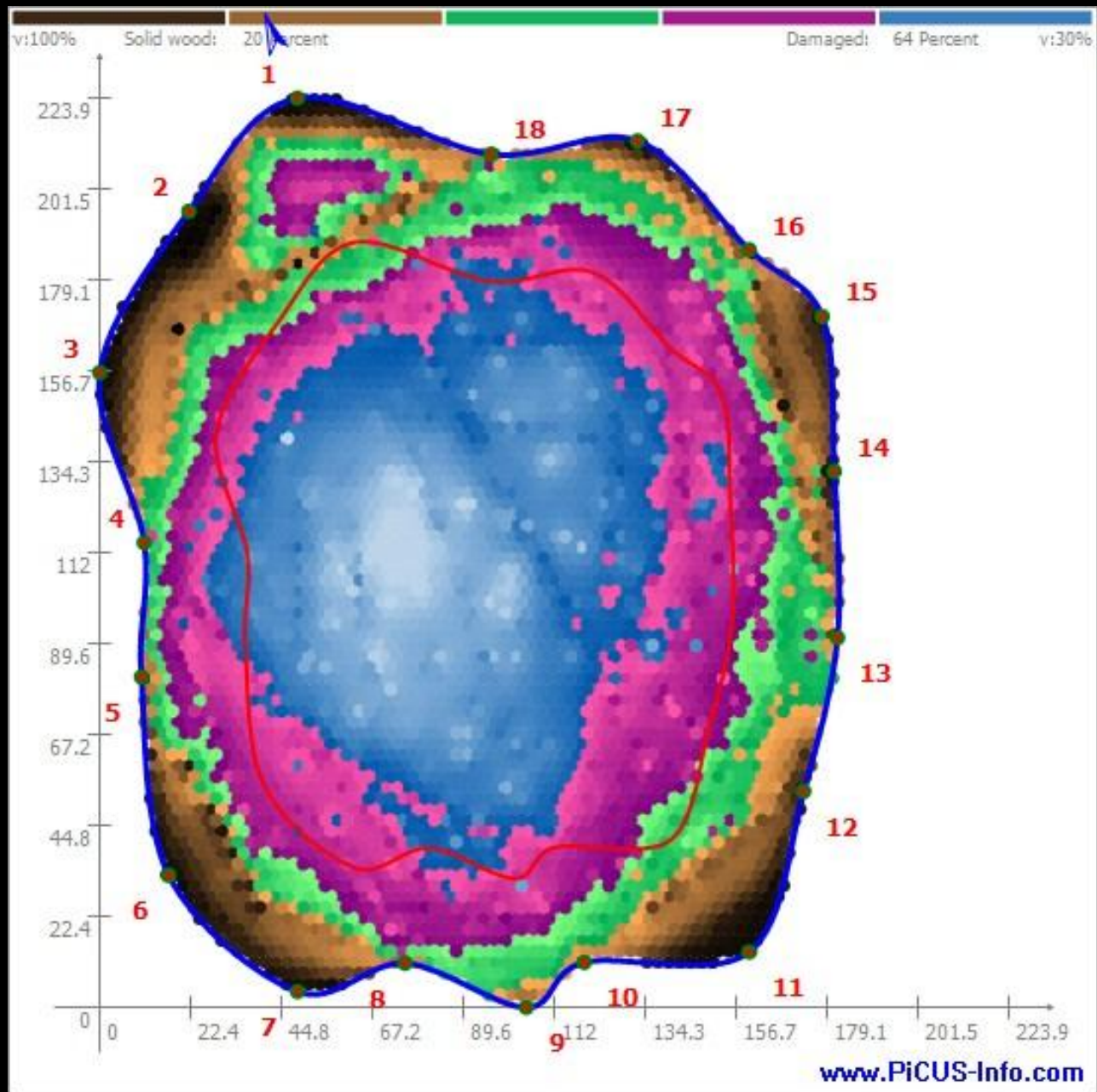






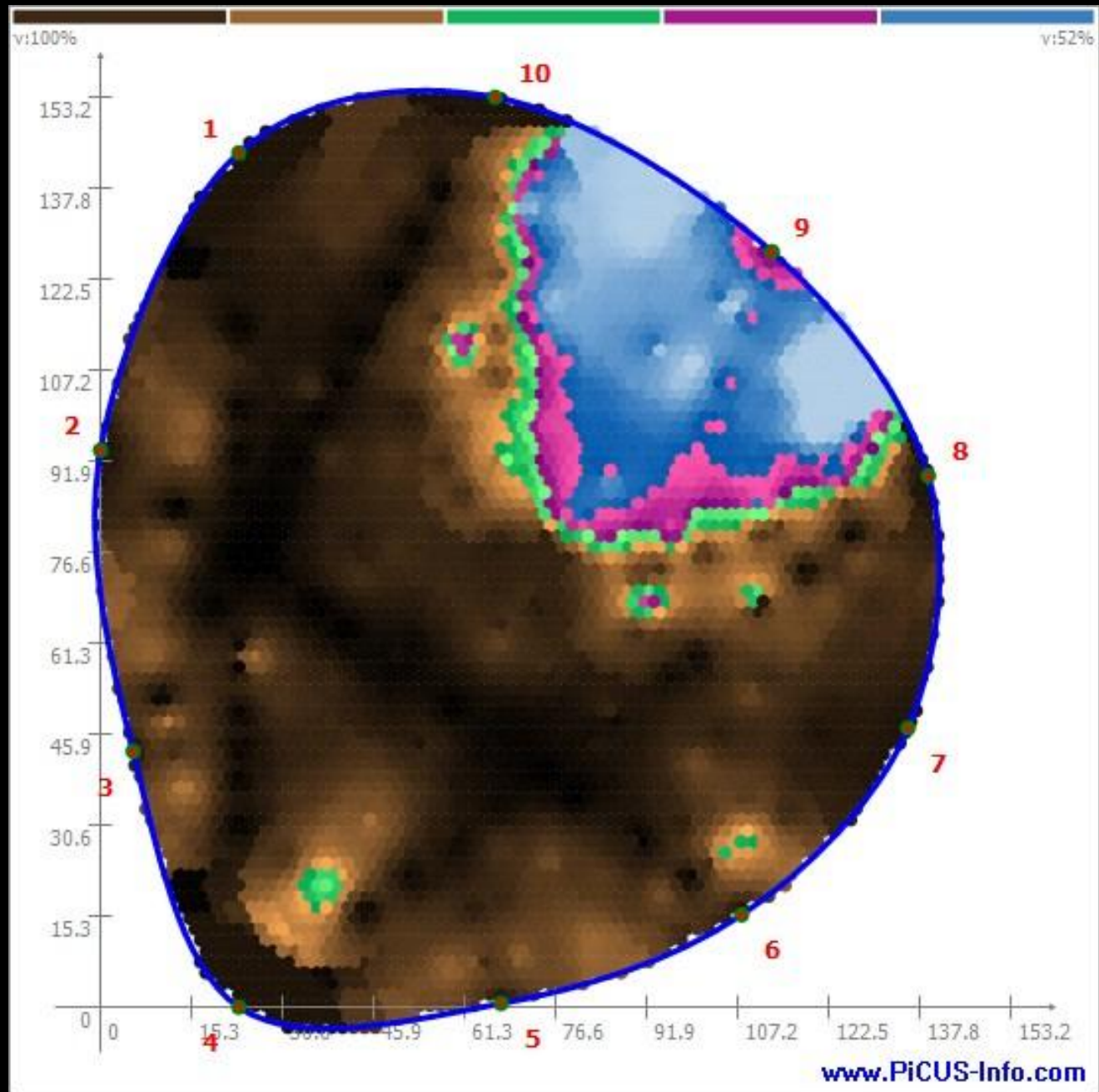












# Formulas cannot predict tree failures

