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Multi-scalar 3D documentation. Linking up ALS, TLS, and Object Scanning.

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Outline

- Very brief review of key aspects of technologies
- Compare and contrast capabilities and features
- How to decide
- Sources of more info
- Questions

Focus ... acquisition and analysis of HDSM data

- HDSM
 - High density survey and measurement
- Technologies involved
 - Airborne photogrammetry
 - Airborne LiDAR
 - GPS (esp) high resolution
 - Terrestrial “laser” scanning
 - Terrestrial photogrammetry

Focus ...acquisition of spatial data

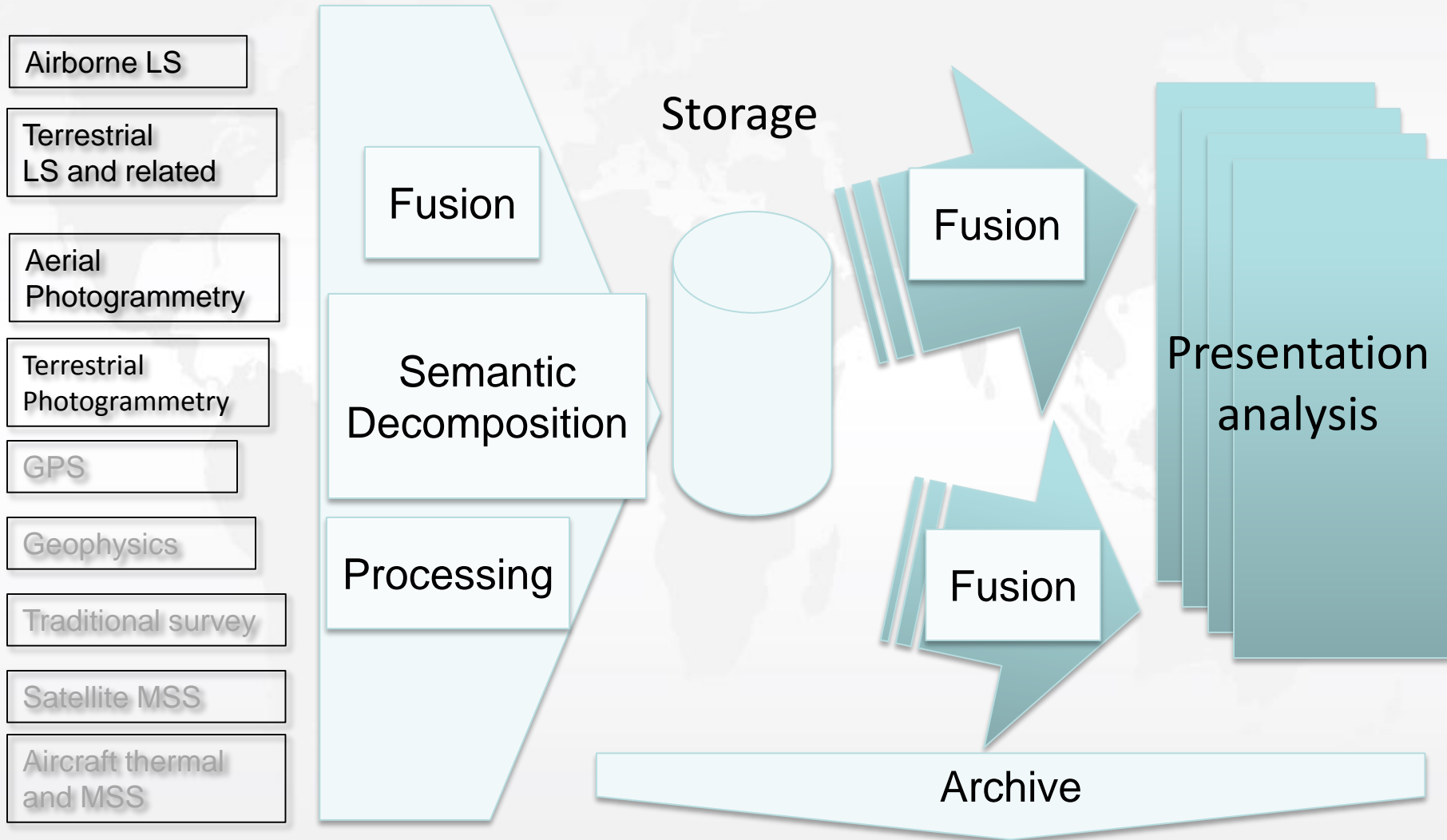
- Airborne photogrammetry
- Airborne LiDAR
- GPS (esp) high resolution
- Terrestrial LS and related
- Terrestrial photogrammetry



A single (class of) tool(s) is not adequate

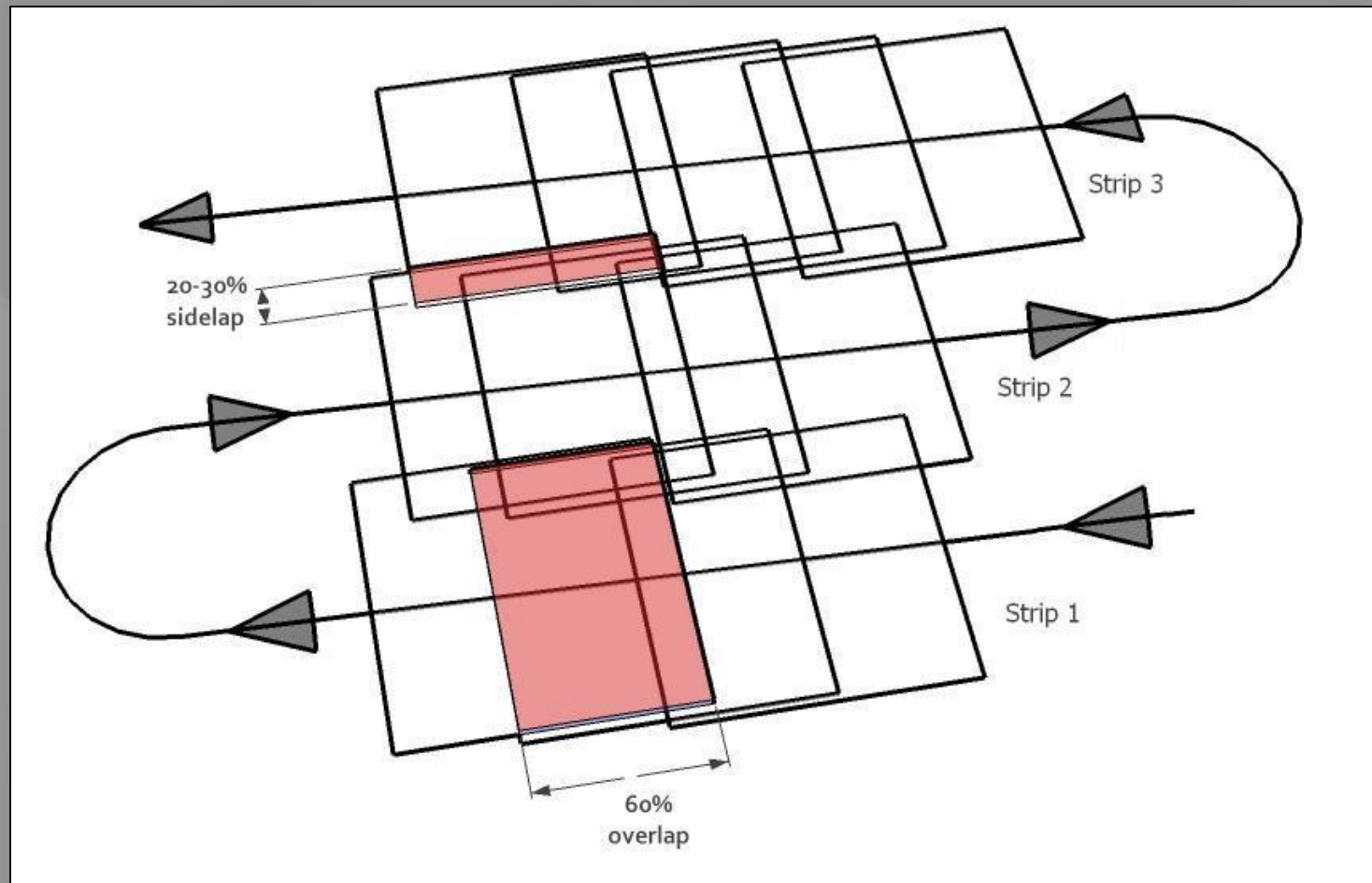
- One environmental factor does not define a healthy ecosystem
- One technology does not define a healthy **digital ecosystem**
- Need integration of technologies of:
 - Representation
 - Capture – data acquisition
 - Measurement
 - Etc..
- ALL are needed

Acquisition Representation Query/ Retrieval

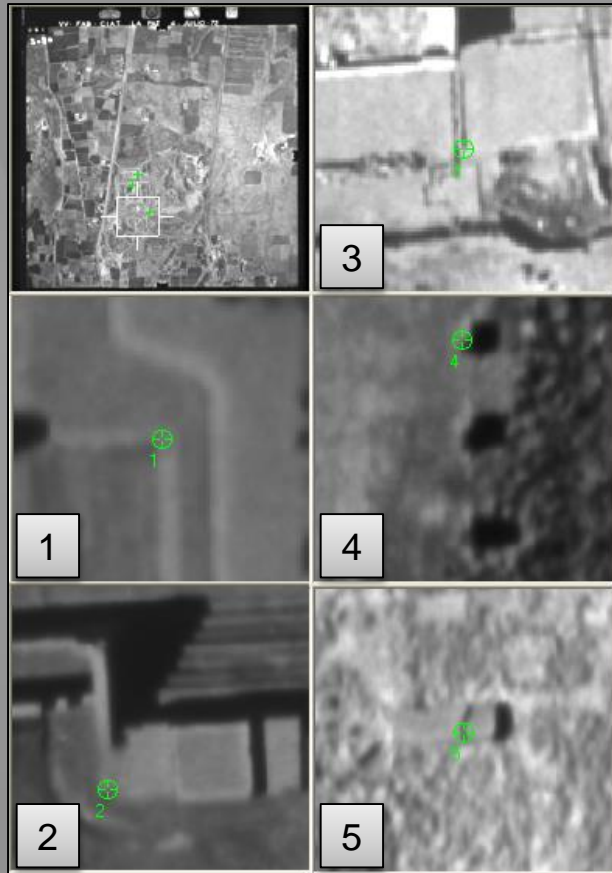


AERIAL PHOTOGRAMMETRY

Aerial Photogrammetry



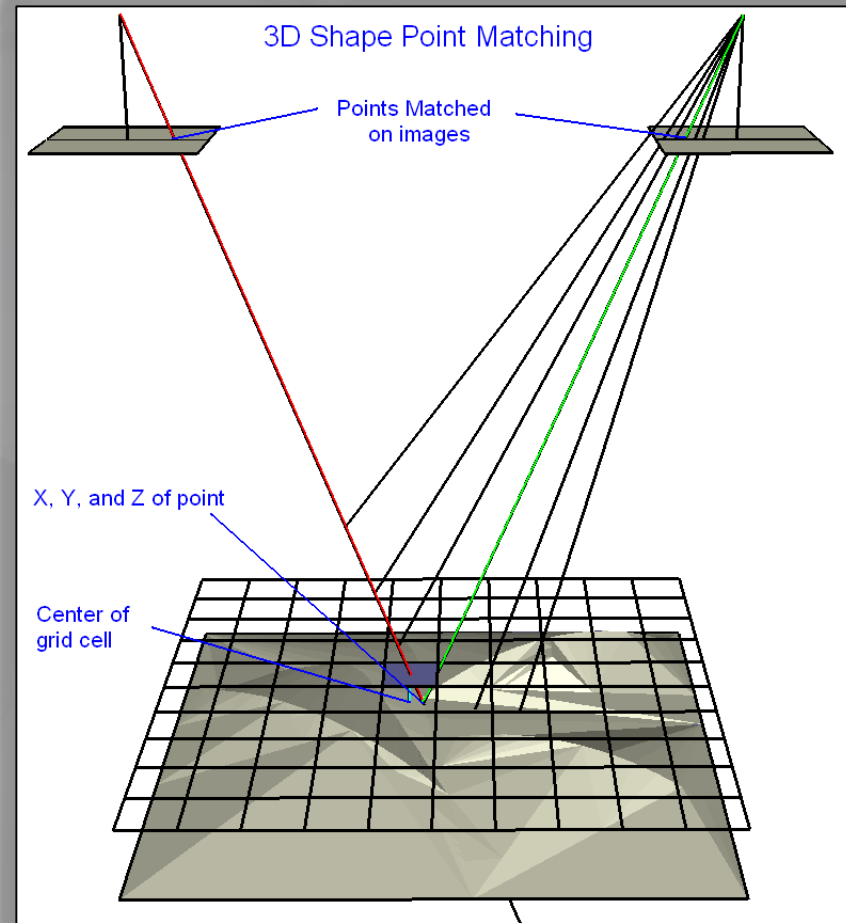
Basic Requirements



- Stereo (overlapping images)
- Ground Control Points (GCP)
 - Photo identifiable
 - Know real world coordinates

ID	X	Y	Z
1	798.70	774.70	-12.186
2	756.55	797.13	-9.691
3	629.10	732.95	-10.588
4	803.86	635.33	5.112
5	1018.66	696.55	-9.504

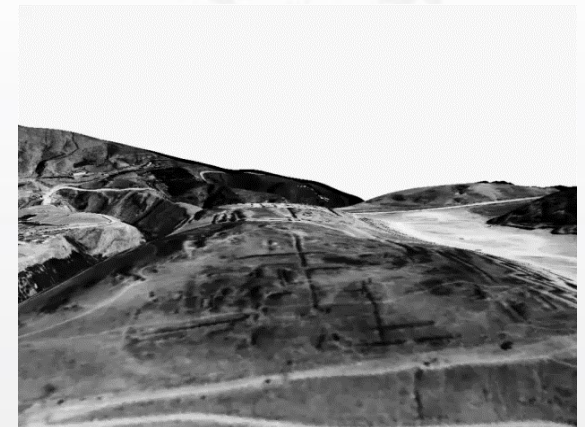
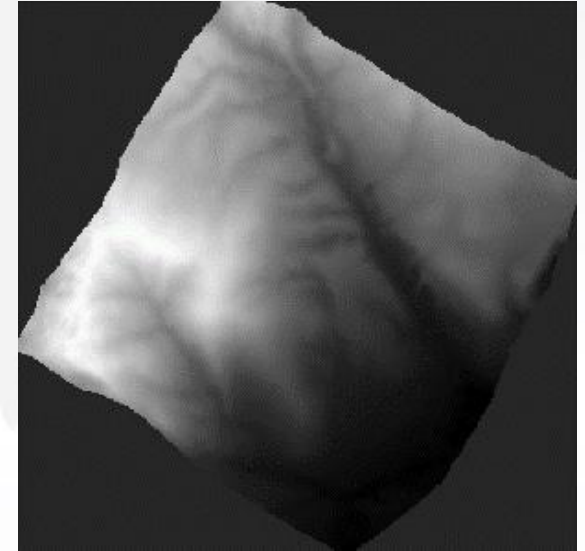
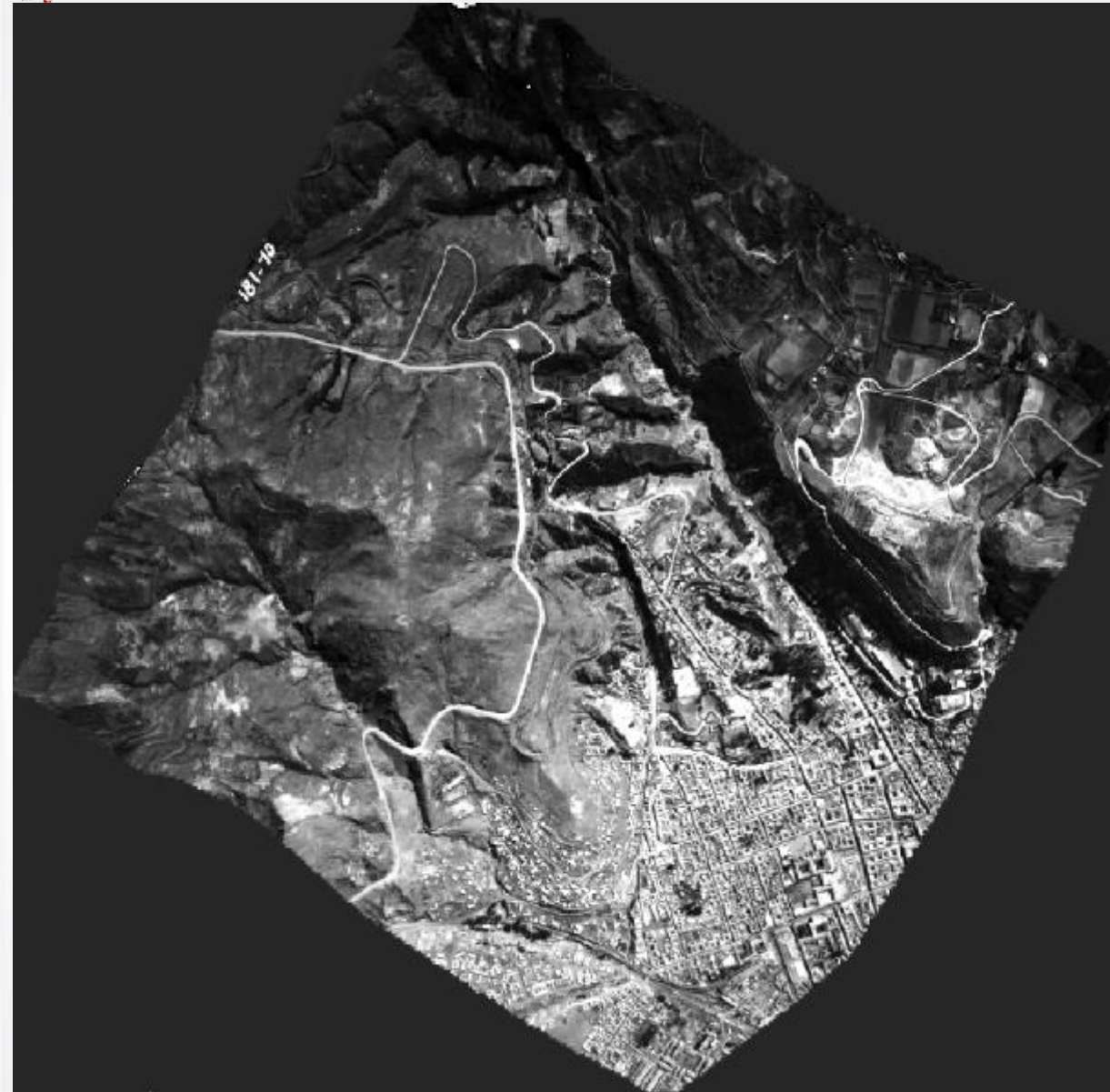
Automated 3D point extraction



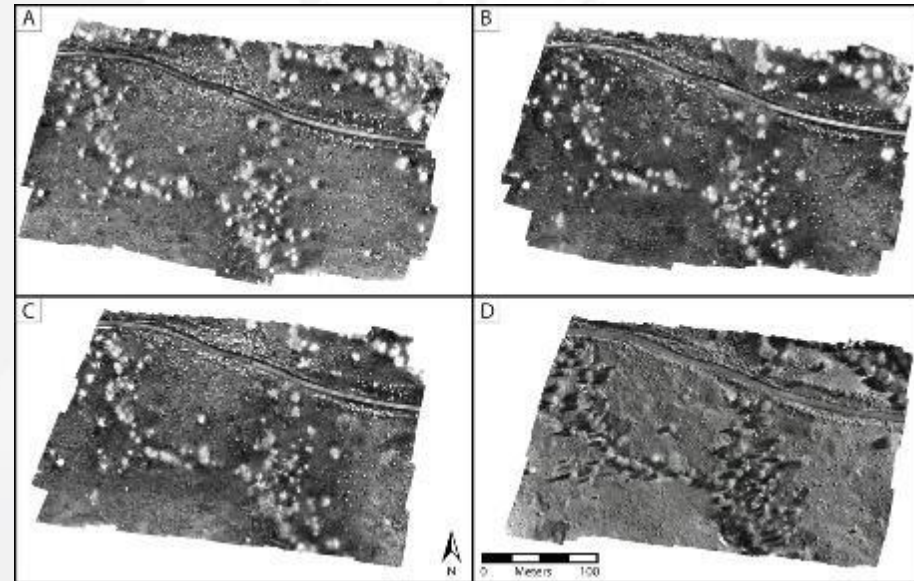
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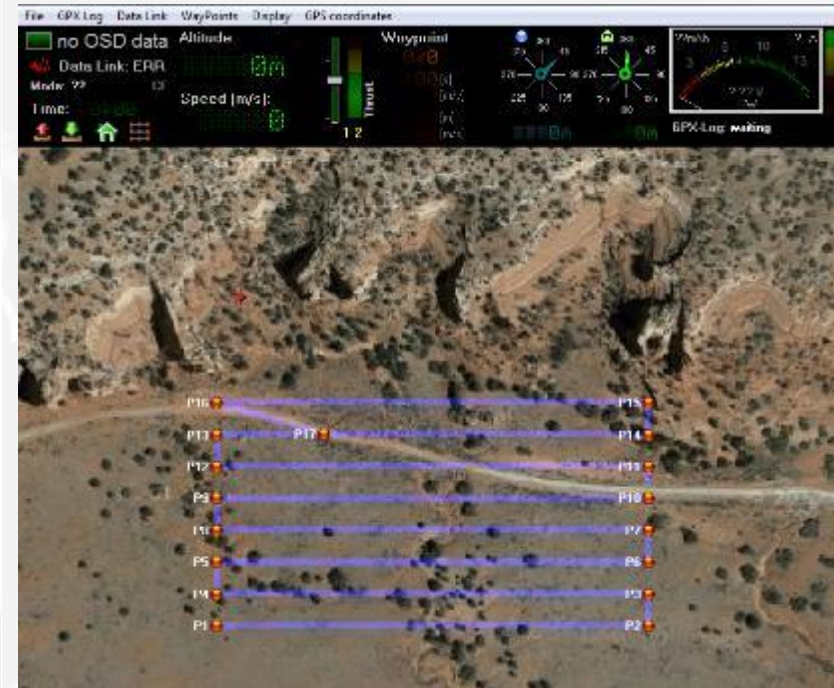
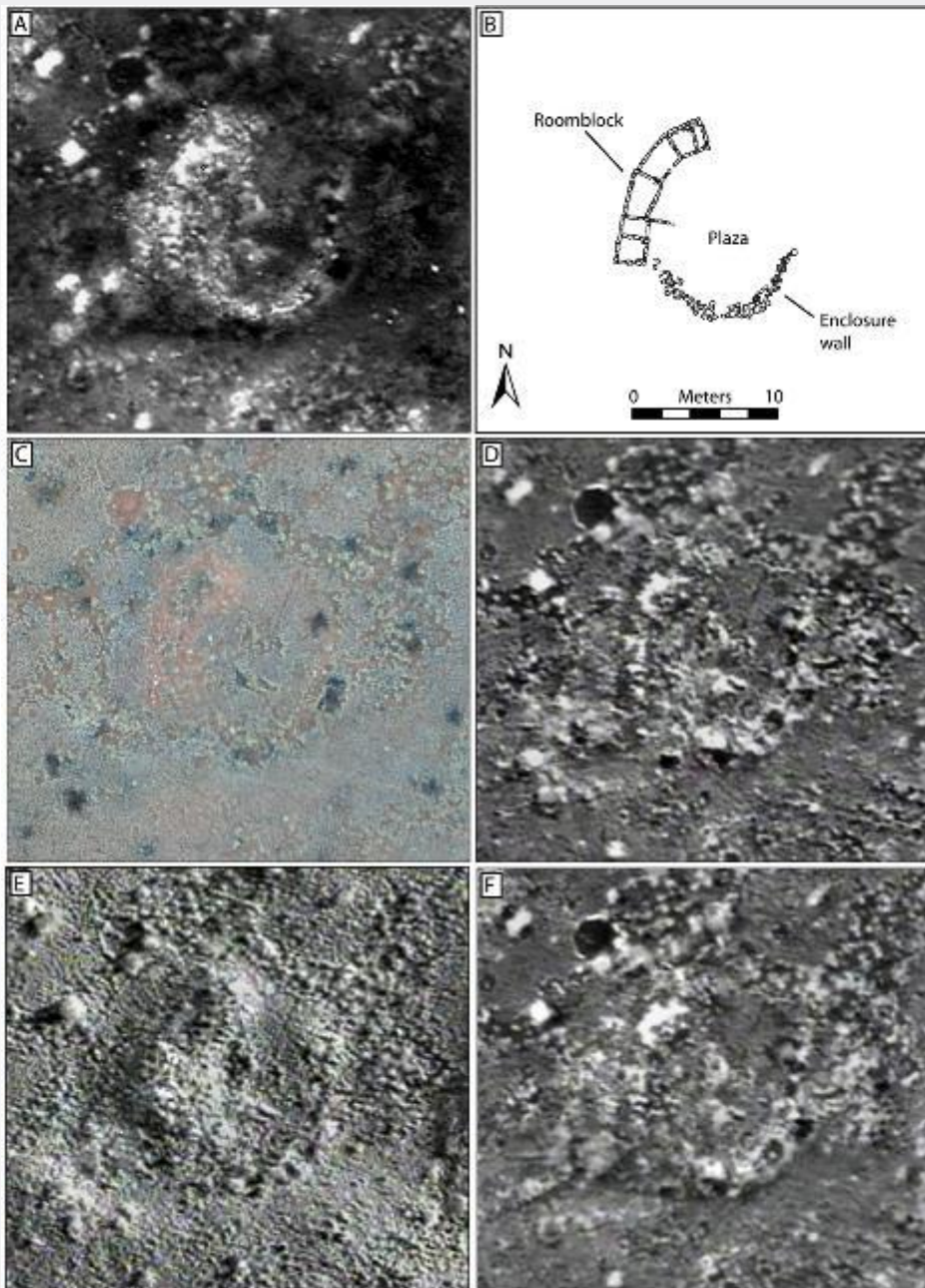
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photography



UAVs as platform ...

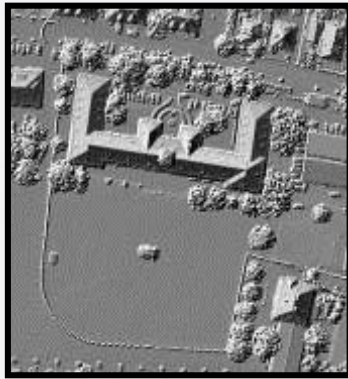




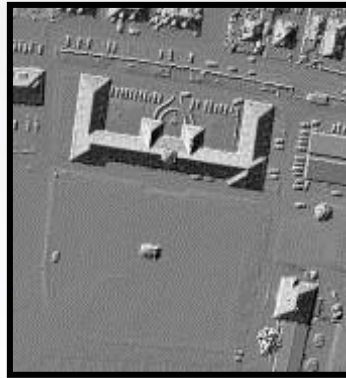
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AERIAL LIDAR

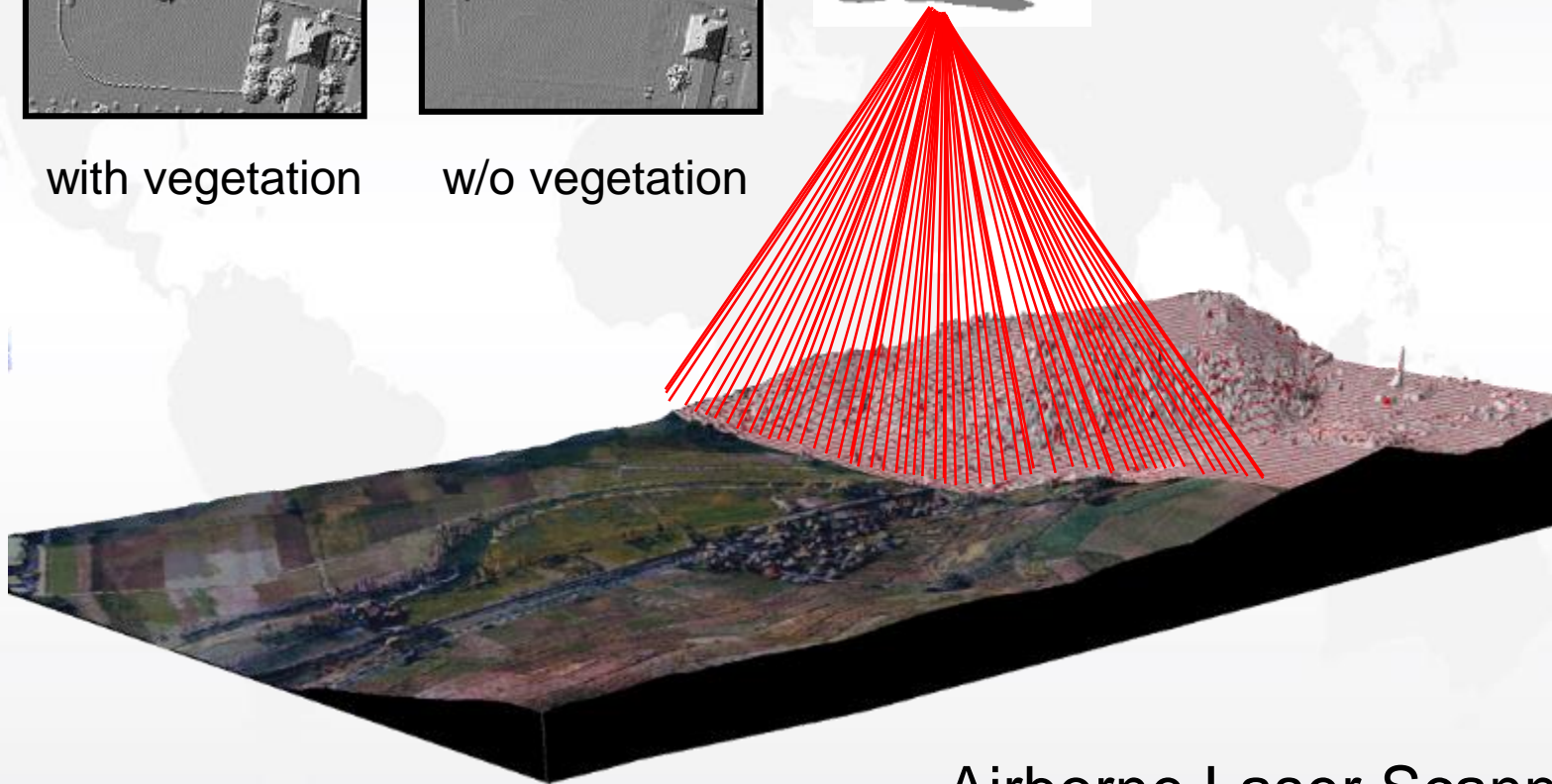
ALS 50 Leica Geosystems



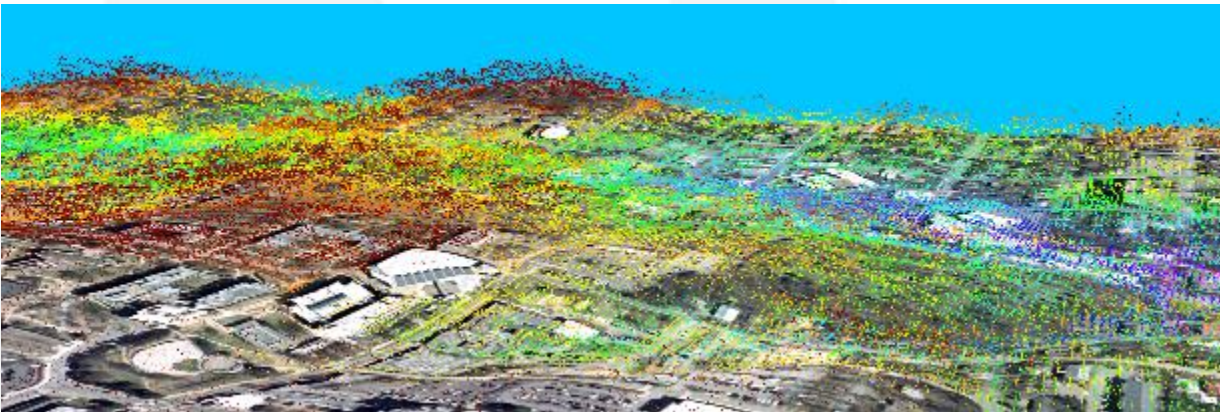
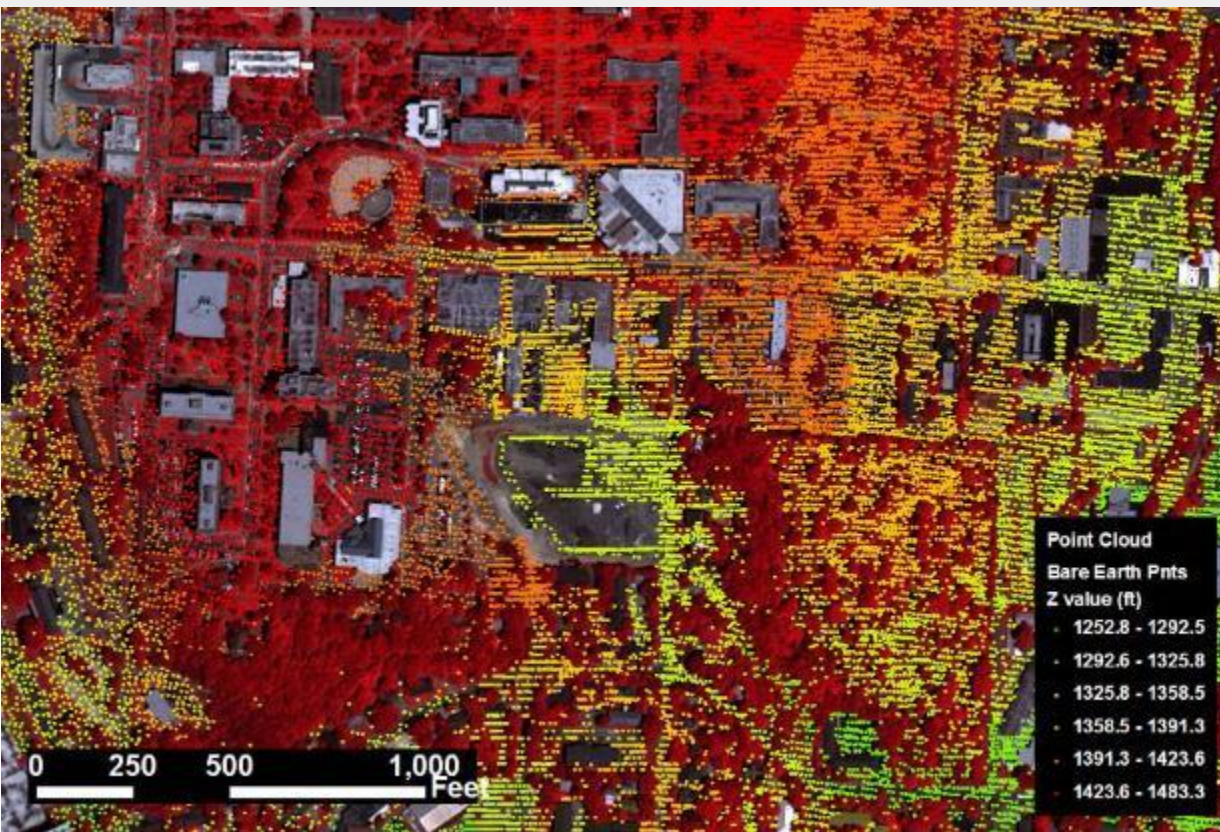
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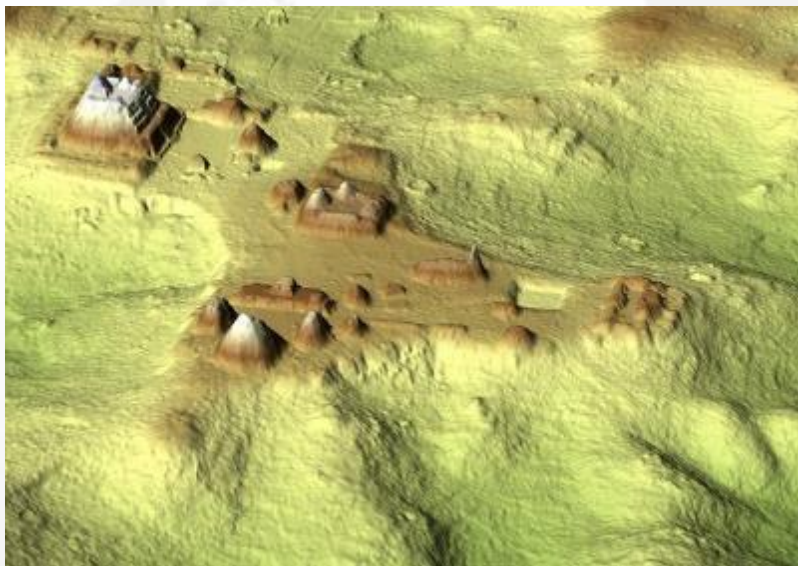
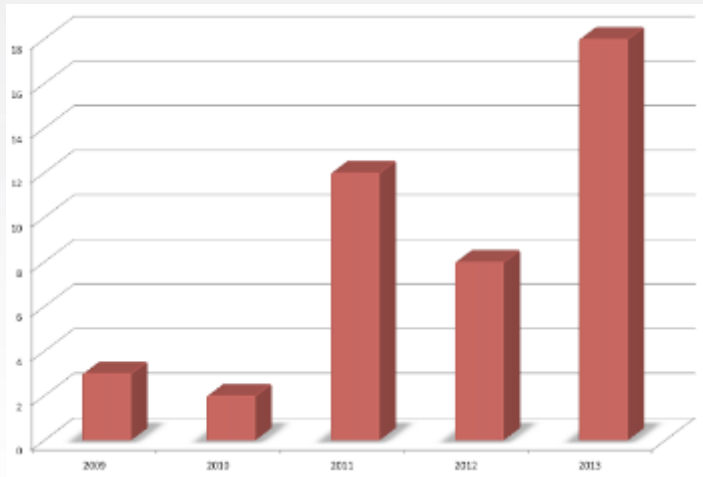
w/o vegetation



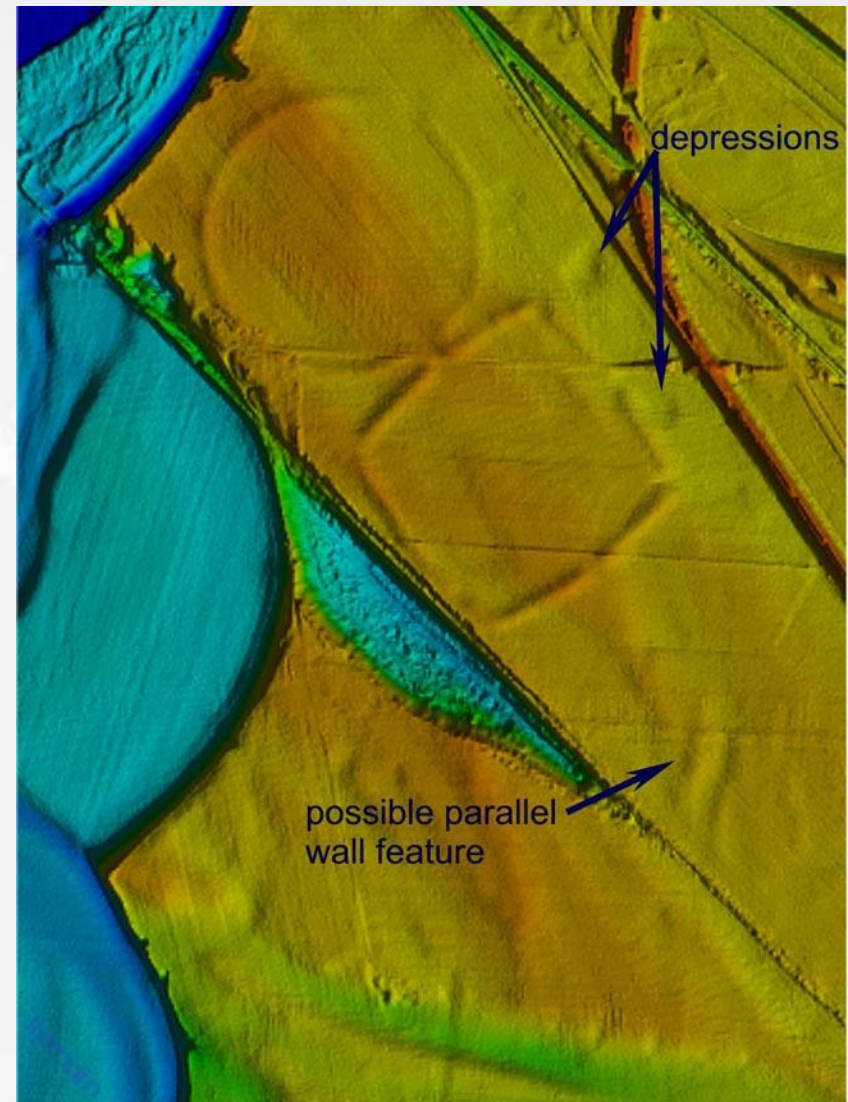
Airborne Laser Scanning



LiDAR Articles in JAS



Caracol Archaeological Project
PNAS 2012 Chase et al



Ohio Archaeology
Romain and Burks 2008

QUESTIONS?

HIGH RESOLUTION GNSS

GPS common in archaeological survey

- Mapping grade (single channel – L1) code based autonomous systems
 - Routinely provide under 3-4 m capabilities
 - Modest cost
 - Rapid acquisition times
 - DGPS solutions
 - Improve results to (up to) decimeter accuracies
- High resolution capabilities via RTK
 - Dual L1 and L2 carrier
 - \$10-20K+ in cost – complex to configure
 - Base and rover
 - Rapid acquisition after initialization
 - Point occupations of a few seconds
 - Common to achieve < 5 cm precision (H and V)



GNSS developments

- Near term (now)
- Much larger satellite constellations
 - GPS, GLONASS, Beidou
- RTK network (PP-RTK)
 - Less complex than base/rover
 - Wide area coverage
 - Fast initialization
 - Under 10 sec
- Precise point positioning
 - Dual frequency receiver
 - Access to real-time satellite correction data



Next developments ...

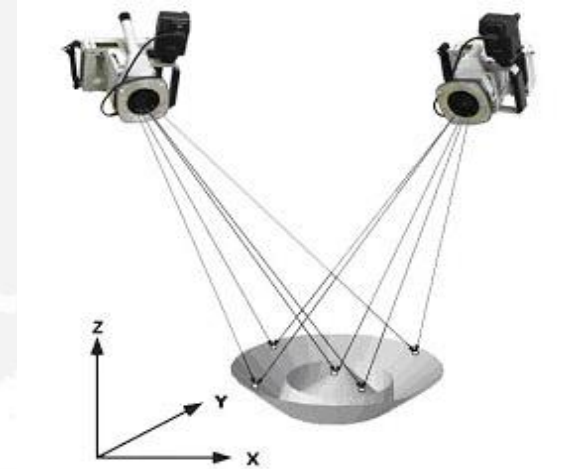
- L2C (Block IIRM and later)
 - Civilian moderate and long codes on L2
 - Support dual channel code based systems
 - Removal of ionospheric delay
 - Faster acquisition
- L5 (Block III satellites)
 - Much stronger signal (+2x)
 - Improved code/signal structure
 - Capabilities in challenging settings
 - Under tree canopy
 - High relief
 - Urban
 - Indoors?

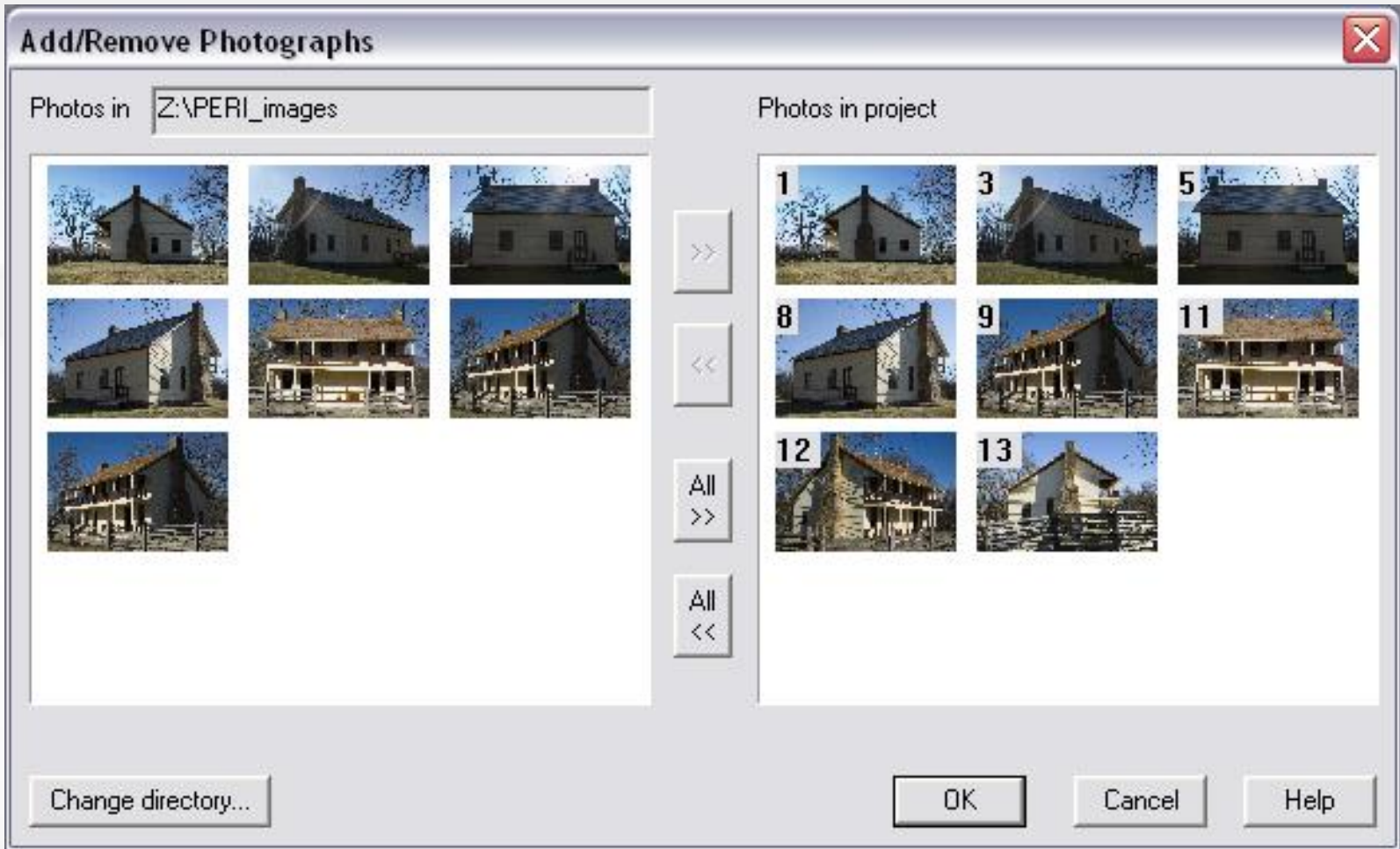
TERRESTRIAL PHOTOGRAMMETRY

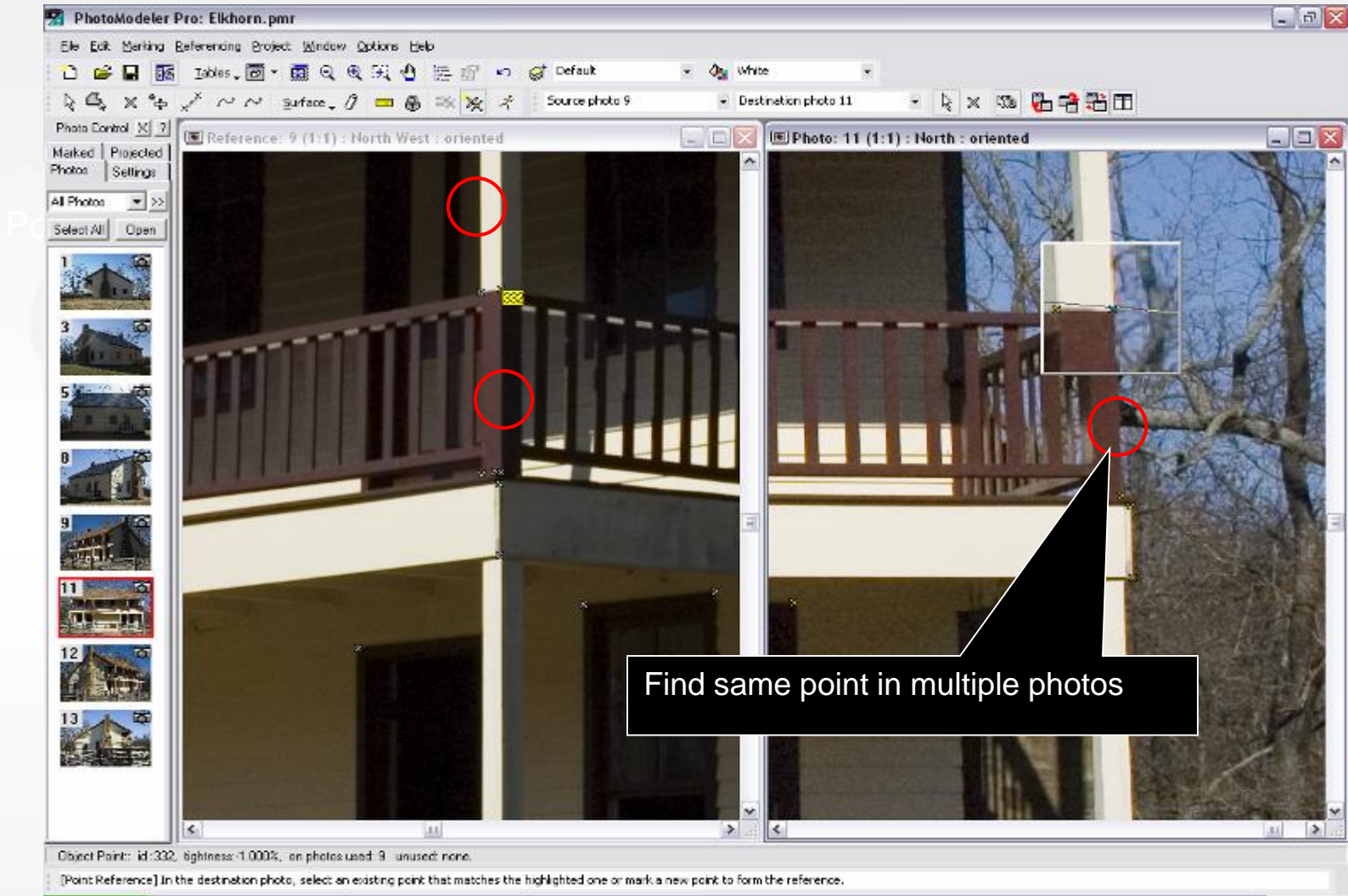
AKA “Close-range” photogrammetry



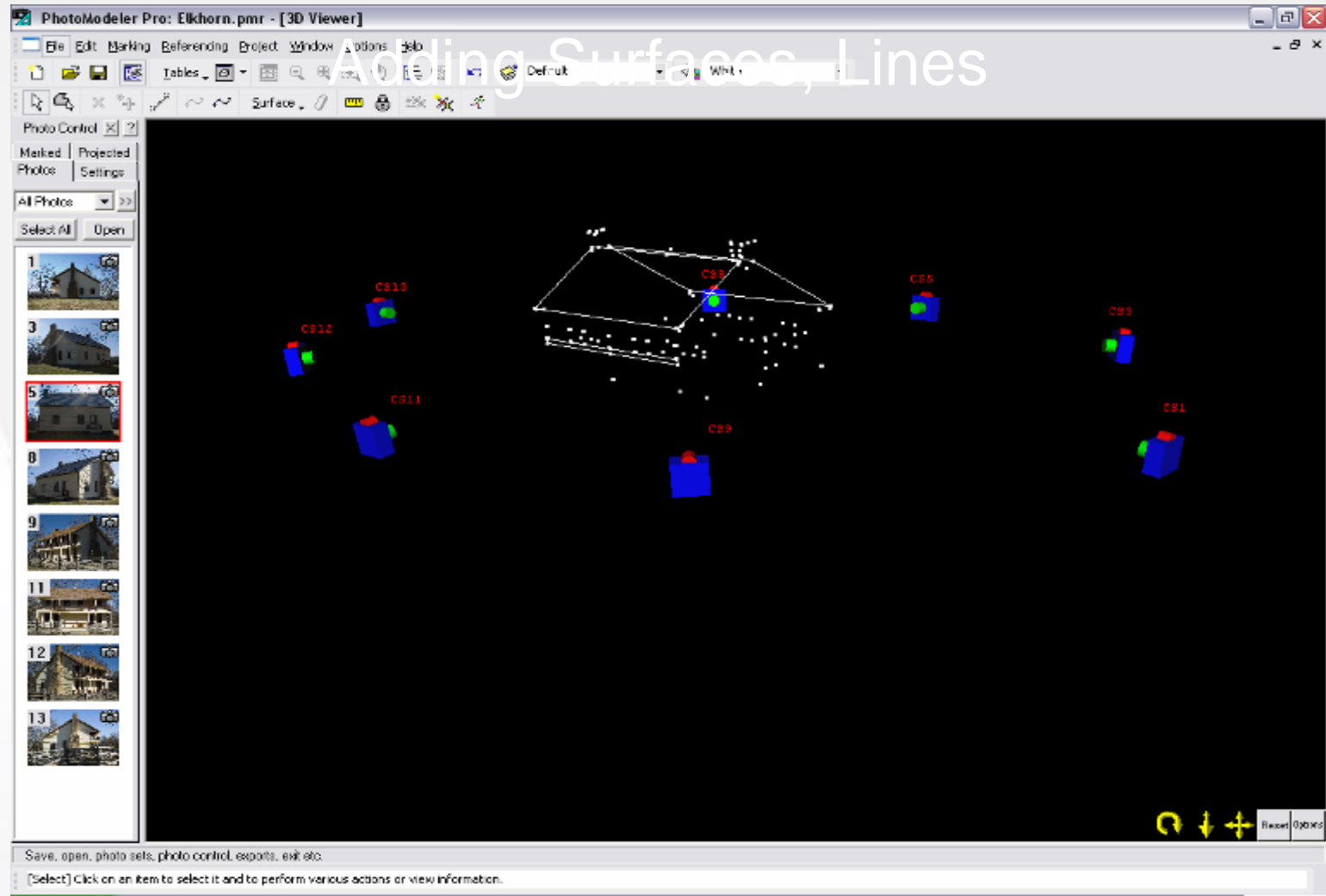
Photography at El Zotz







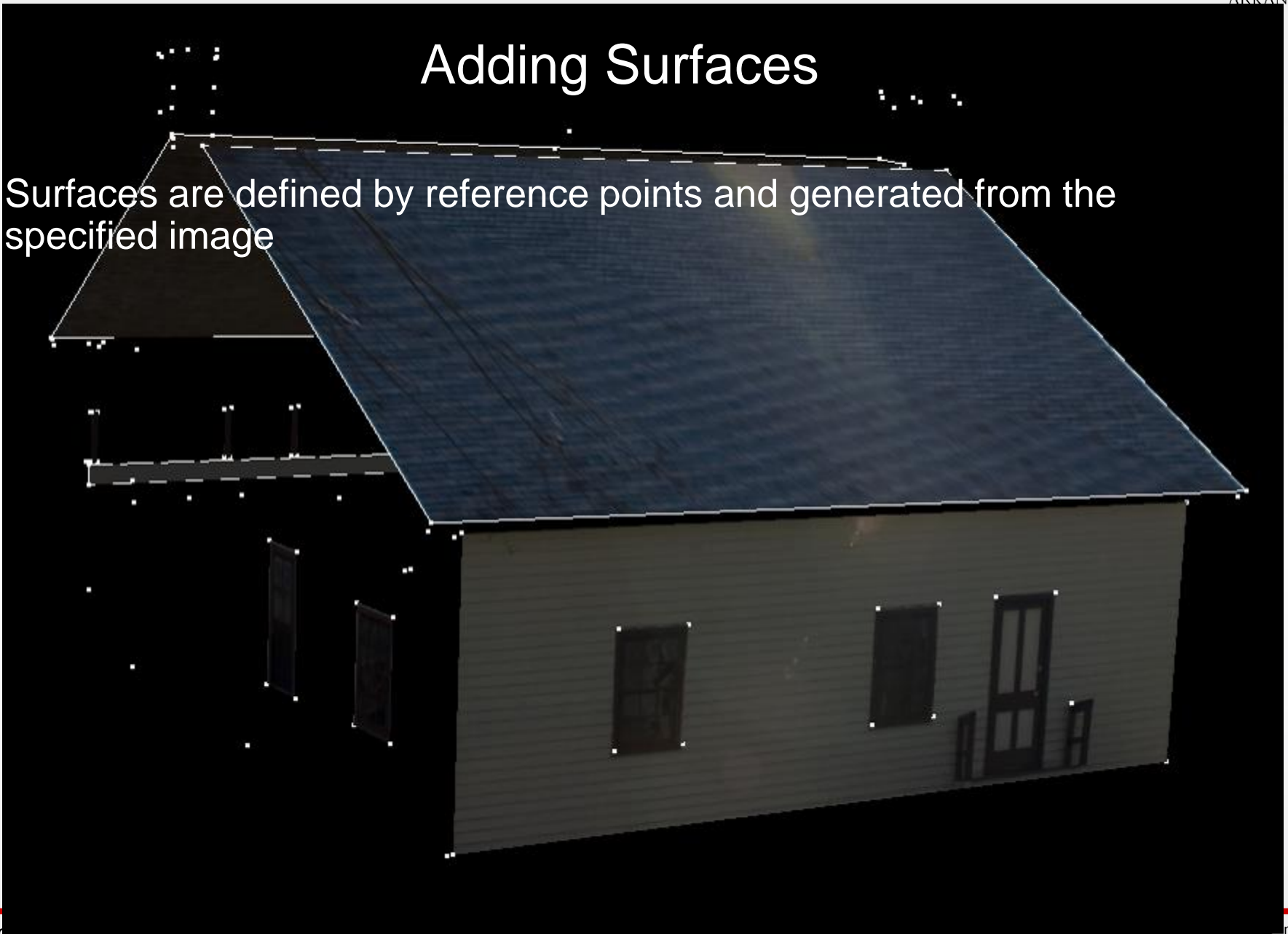
Use multiple photos that show same areas
 “old way” ... Manually link the same location in multiple photos



Camera location and parameters
automatically calculated

Adding Surfaces

Surfaces are defined by reference points and generated from the specified image

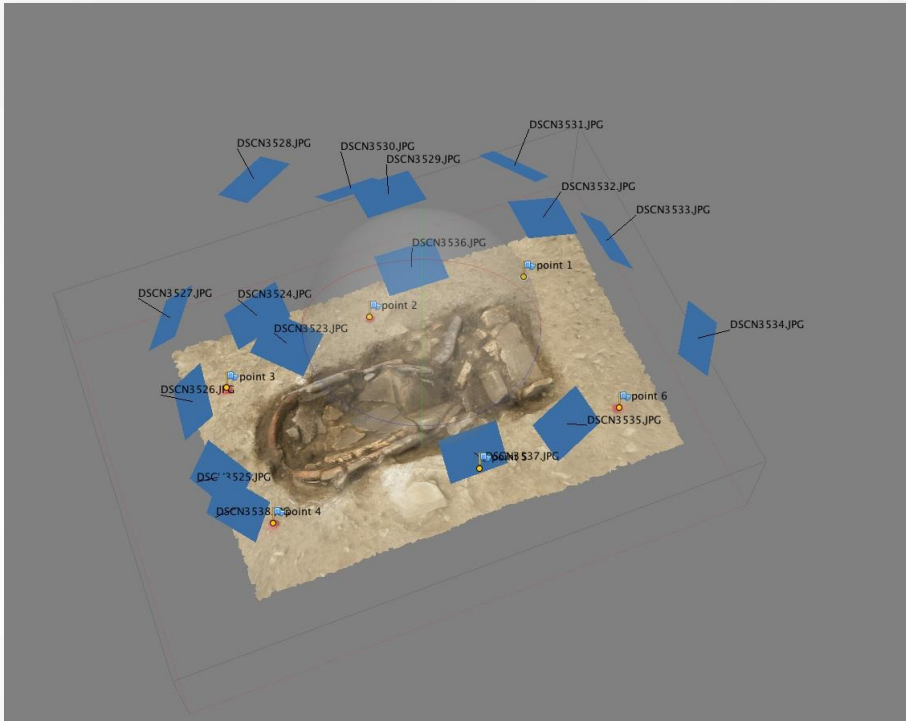




Problems w/ multiple images



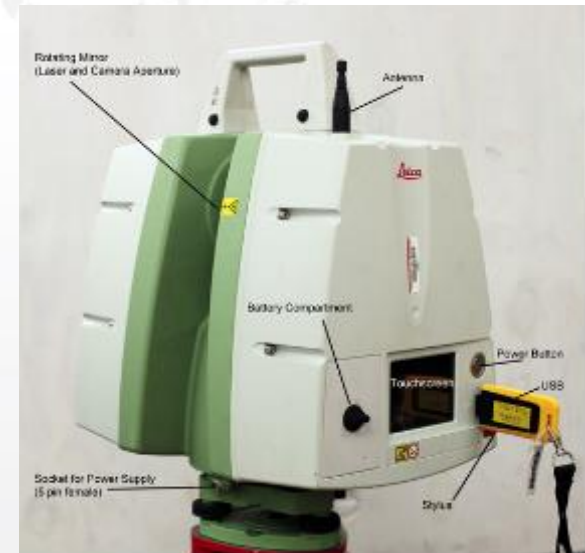
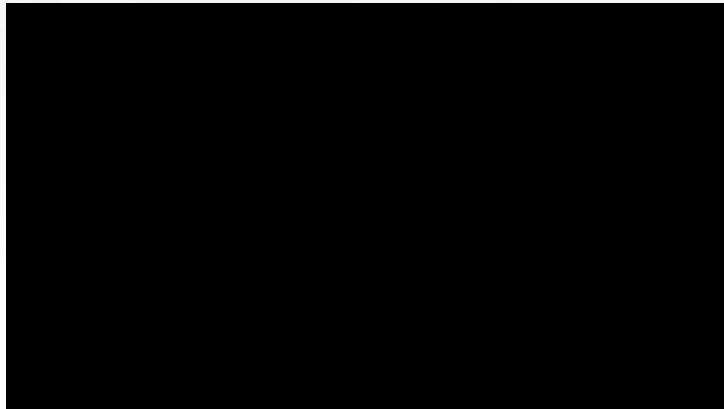
Automatic camera orientation



QUESTIONS?

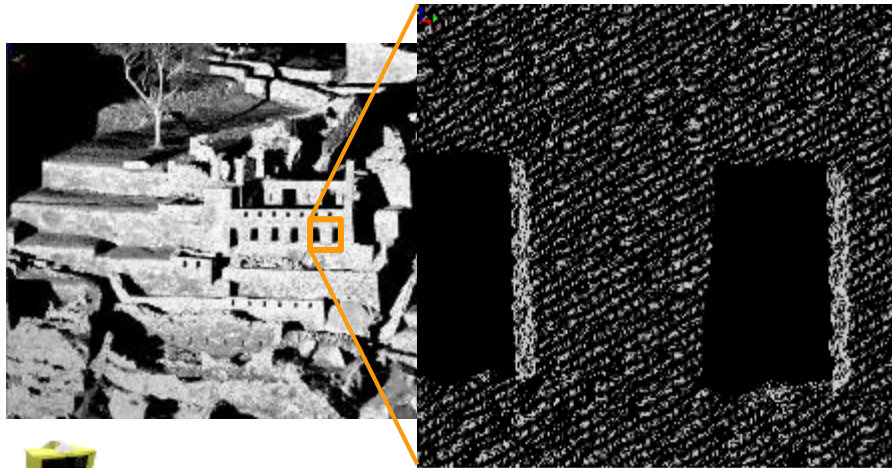
TERRESTRIAL “LASER” SCANNING

Terrestrial “Laser” Scanners



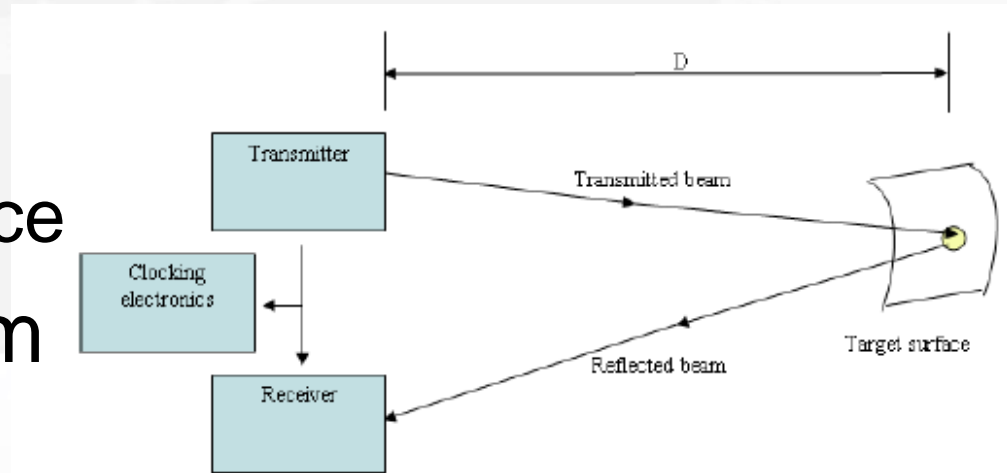
3D Scans:

- A digital representation of an object consisting of hundreds of thousands to millions (or more) of precisely measured X, Y, Z (and often RGB) coordinates collected with a 3D scanner*



Time of flight

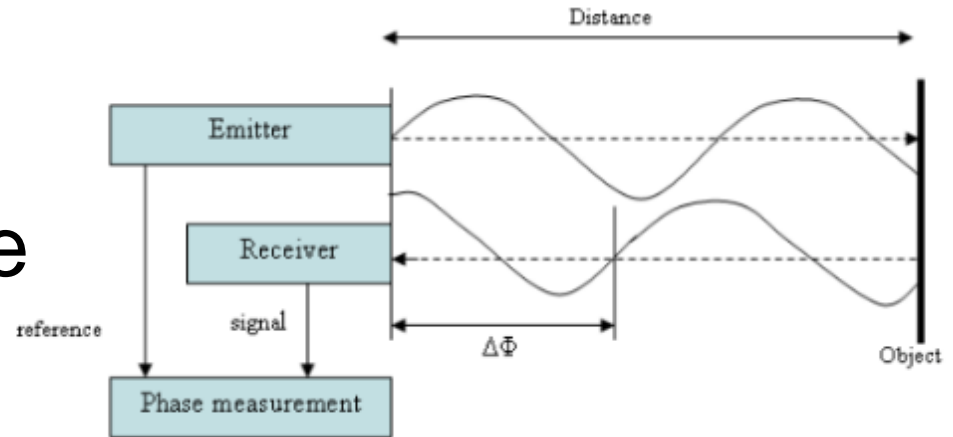
- System sends out laser pulse
 - Times its return
 - Determines distance
- Precise mechanism increments pulse horizontally and vertically to determine angles to locate pulse in x, y, and z



Graphic: 3Driskmapping.org

Phase comparison

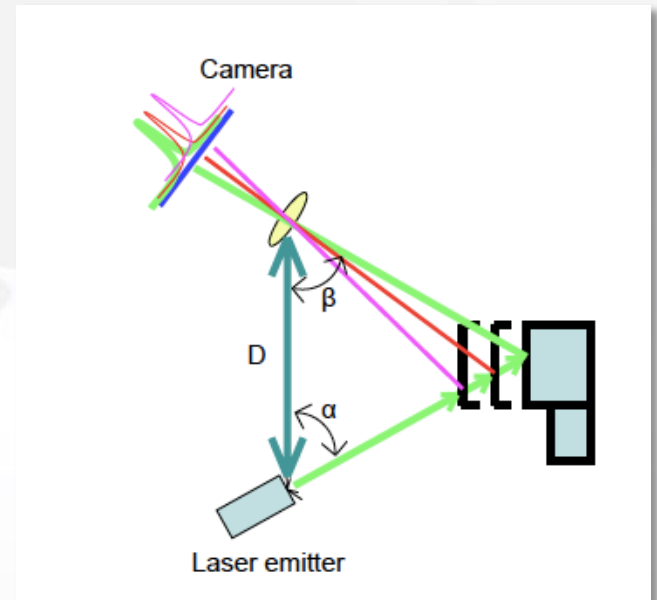
- Sends out pulse
- Transmitted wave and received wave properties are compared using signal processing methods to determine distance traveled



Graphic: 3Driskmapping.org

Triangulation

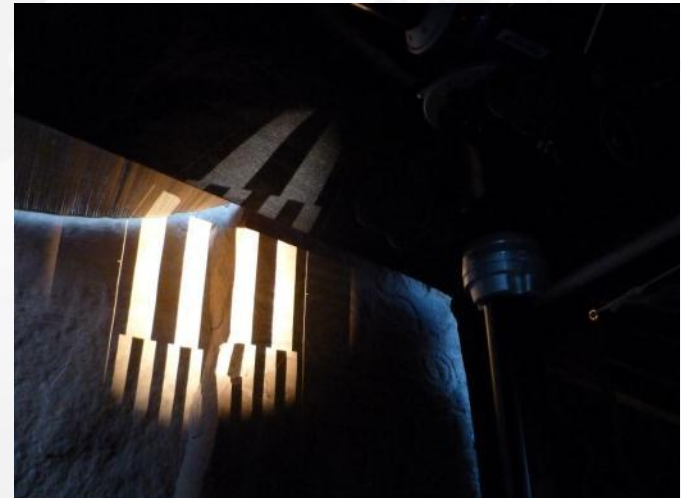
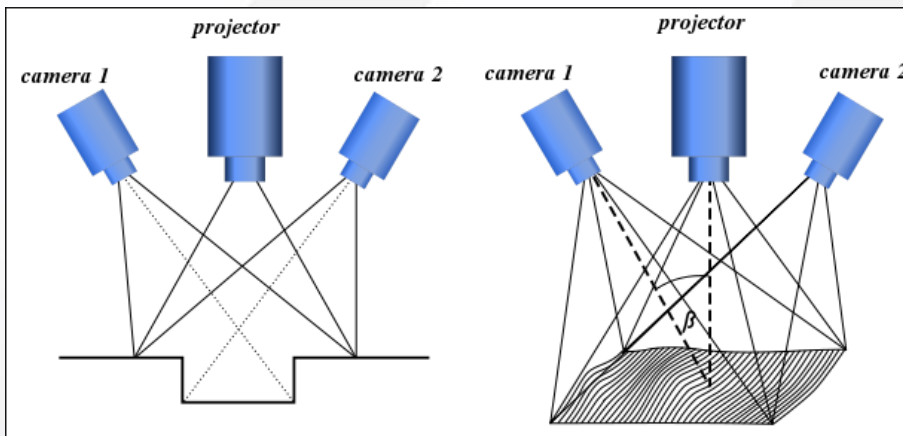
- Sweeps laser “line” across surface
- Receives at a separate (precisely located) CCD camera surface
- Using geometry of CCD and laser determines the parallax of line locations



Graphic: 3Driskmapping.org

White light/Fringe Projection

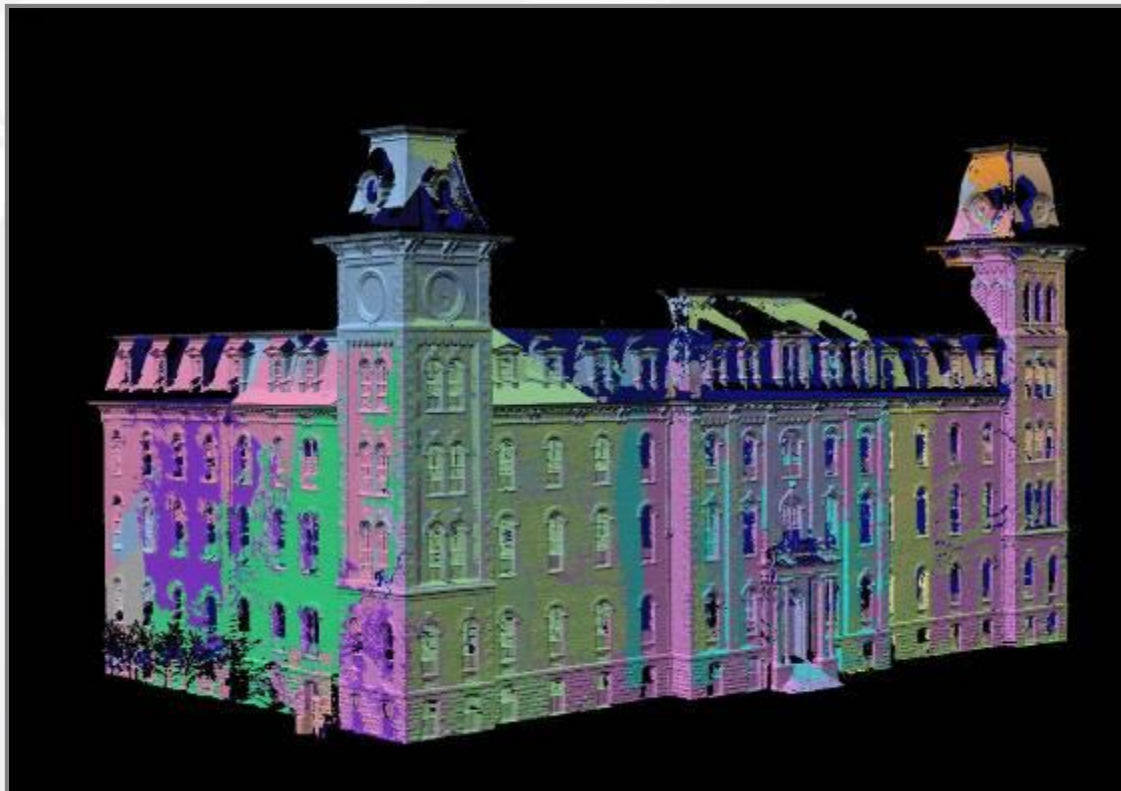
- A type of triangulation system
 - Projects a pattern (fringes) onto an object
 - Sensor takes multiple images and uses images to triangulate 3D coordinates
 - High resolution – 10s of micrometers



Laser “moves” across surface like a tight flashlight



Aligning the individual scans (each color is a separate scan)



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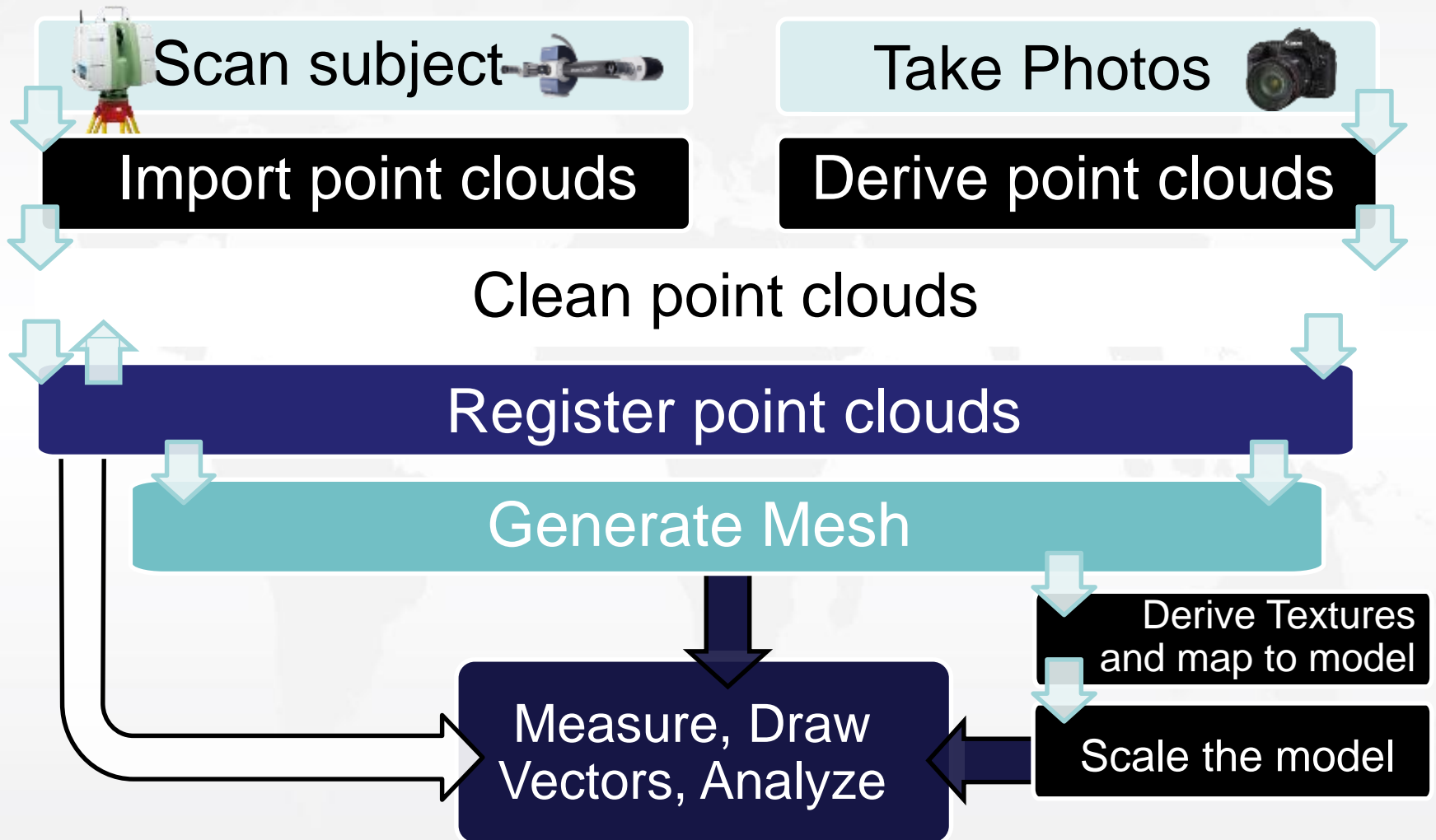
<http://guides.archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/>

Element	Description
Project Name	Name of the project
Name of monument, survey area, or object	Name of object, monument, or area scanned
Monument/Object Number	The ID number or code, if applicable, of the object or monument
Survey Location	Exact location of survey with complete address and/or coordinates
Survey Date(s)	Dates(s) of survey
Survey Conditions	The overall weather trend during survey (sunny, overcast, indoors, etc.)
Scanner Details	Details of the instrument(s) with serial number(s) and scan units
Company/Operator Name	Details of company and/or scan operator
Control data collected?	If yes, then list control_file_name.txt.
Turntable used?	Yes/No
RGB data capture?	If yes, then specify whether: - Internal or external? - Was an additional lighting system used? If yes, then provide a brief description of the lighting system.
Estimated Data Resolution	The estimated data resolution across the monument or object.
Total Number of Scans in Project	Total number of scans
Description of final datasets for archive	What datasets will be archived (include file names if possible)
Planimetric map of scan coverage areas	If applicable, then provide the image name.
Additional project notes	Additional notes
Images from survey	Optional, if yes, then provide the image file names

Example of Project Metadata

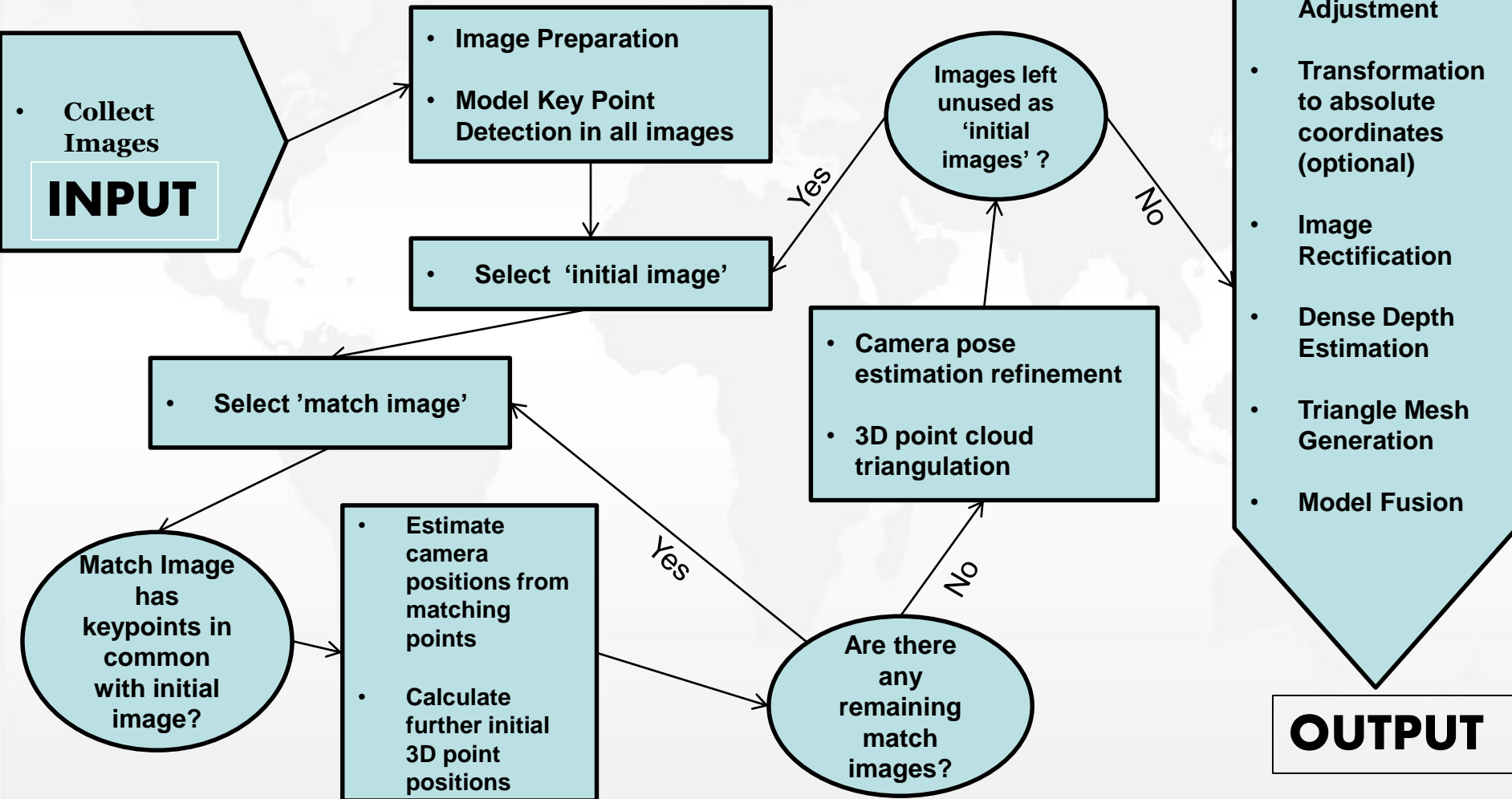
http://guides.archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/g2gp/LaserScan_Toc

General 3D Data Pipeline



Close-Range Photogrammetry:

Many Parameters and Processing Choices



Key Issues

- Data collection
 - Access
 - Reflectance
 - Surface
 - Angle
 - Resolution
- Processing
 - Time
 - Computing
- Reporting

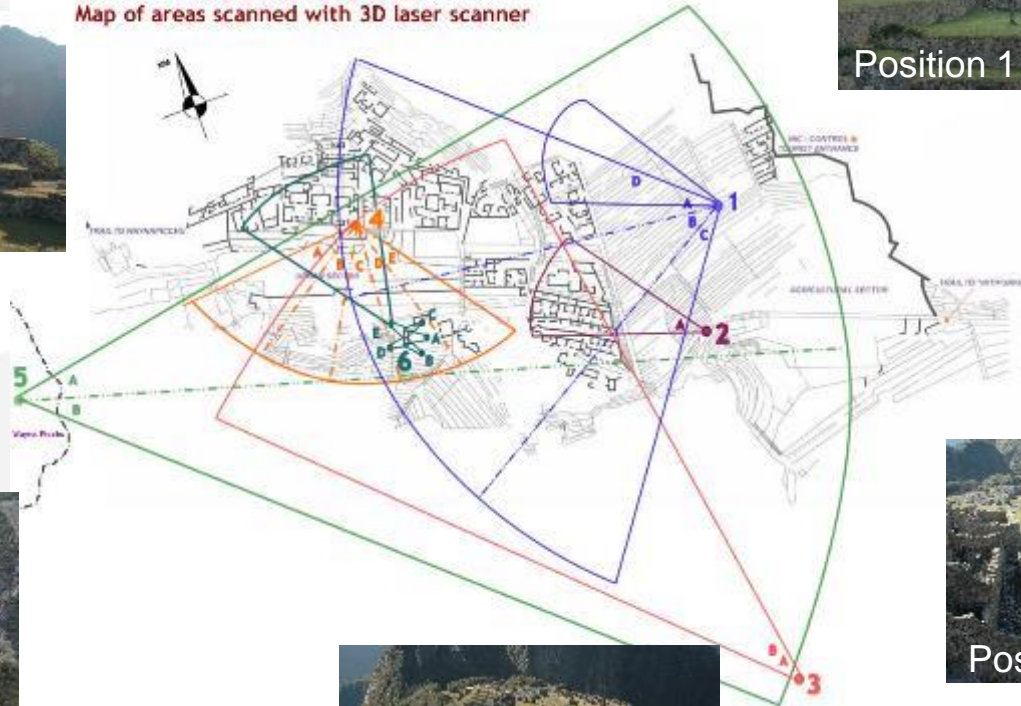


Data Collection

- Access

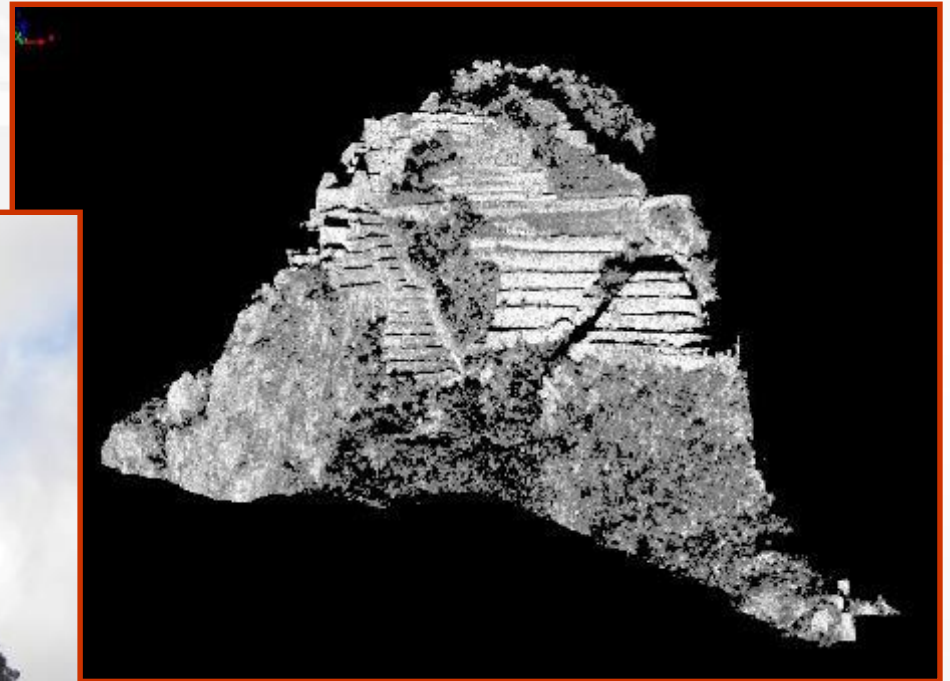


Machu Picchu
Map of areas scanned with 3D laser scanner



Data Collection

- Access



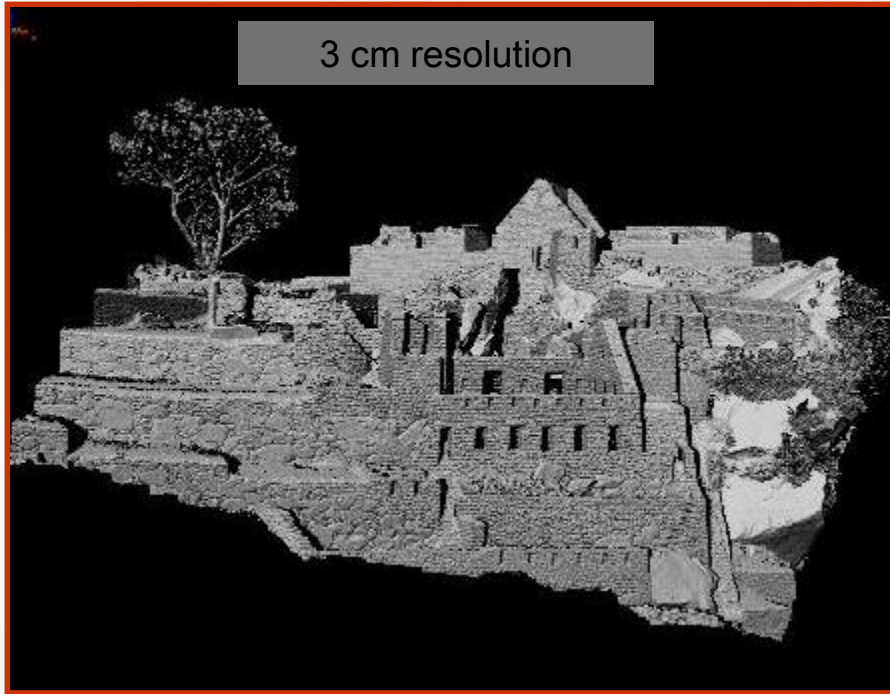
Data Collection



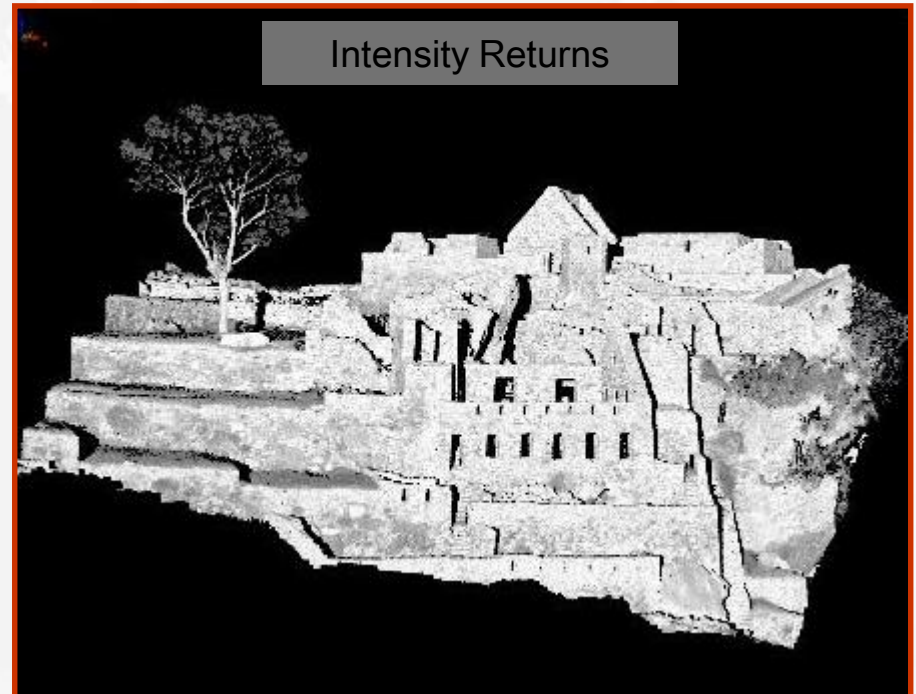
Data Collection

- Return Intensity and surface reflectance

3 cm resolution



Intensity Returns



Data Collection

- Resolution

2 cm data

Scan time: 2.5 minutes

File Size: 2mb



5 mm data

Scan time: 34.5 minutes

File Size: 44mb



1 cm data

Scan time: 9 minutes

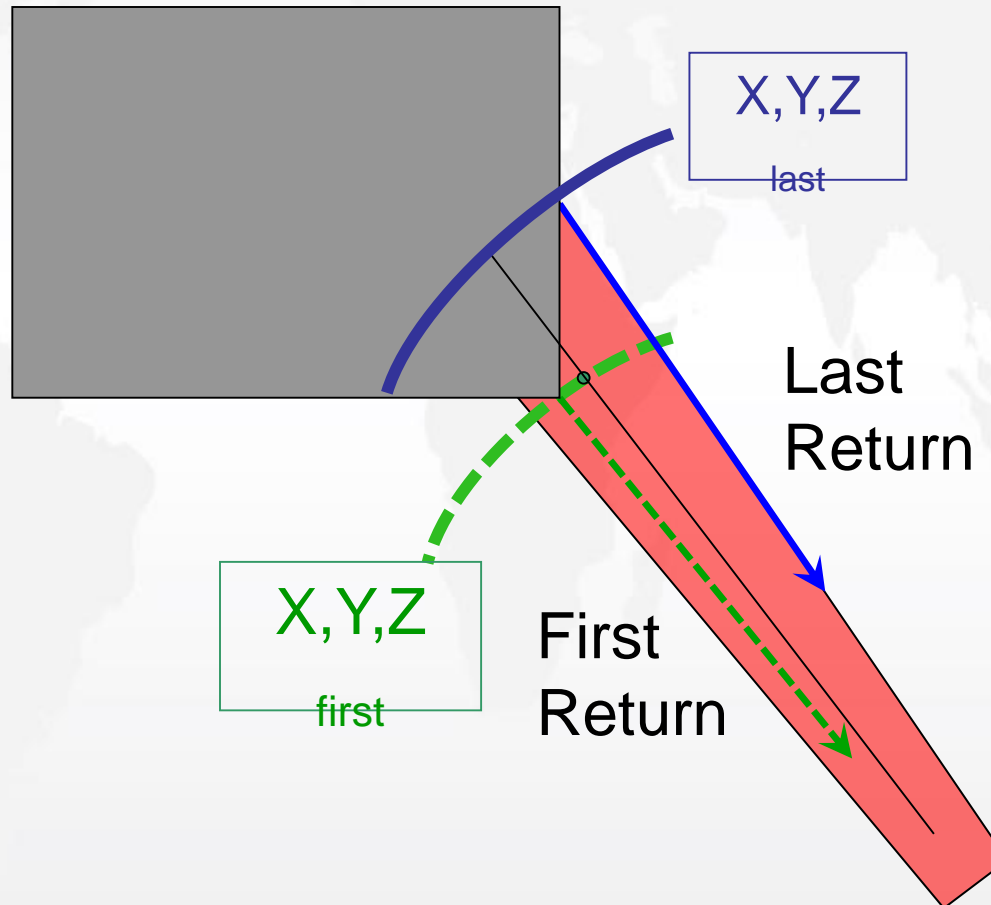
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Note the detail of individual bricks in the 5mm dataset

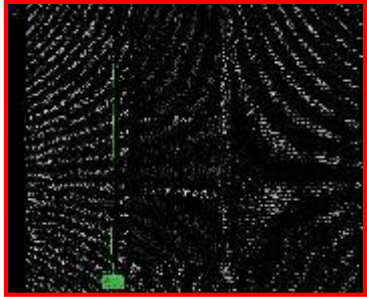
Data Collection

- Resolution and edges

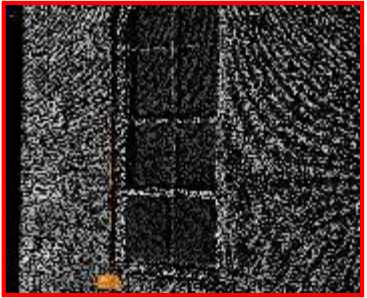


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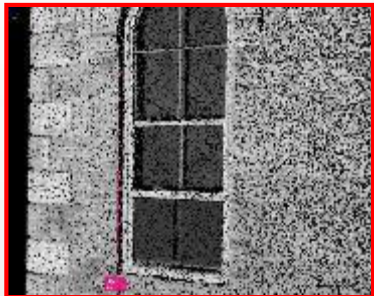
- Resolution



2 cm data



1 cm data

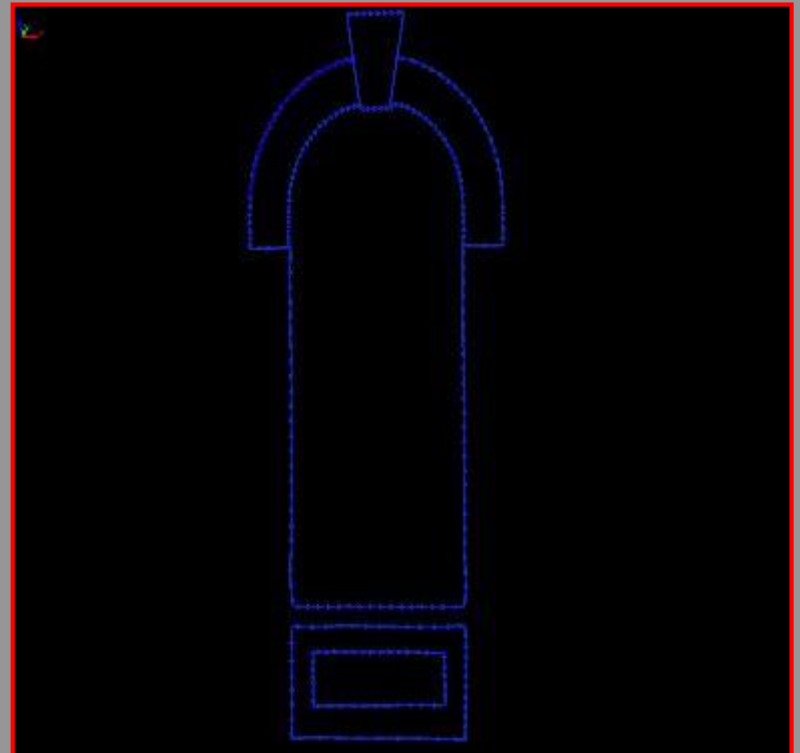
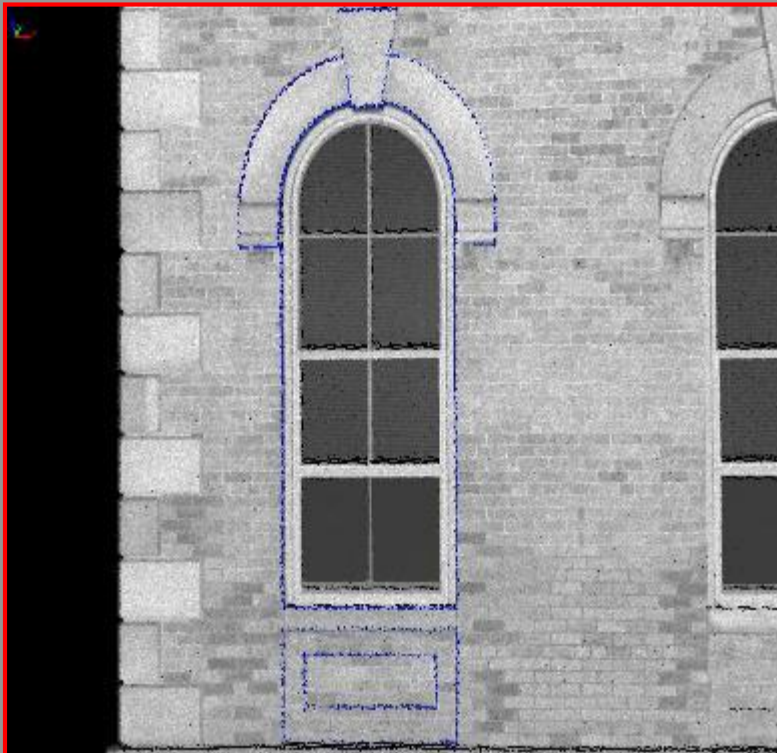


5 mm data



Data Collection

- Resolution



Window features extracted from 5mm dataset.

Data Collection

- Beam Divergence

Laser Beam Width

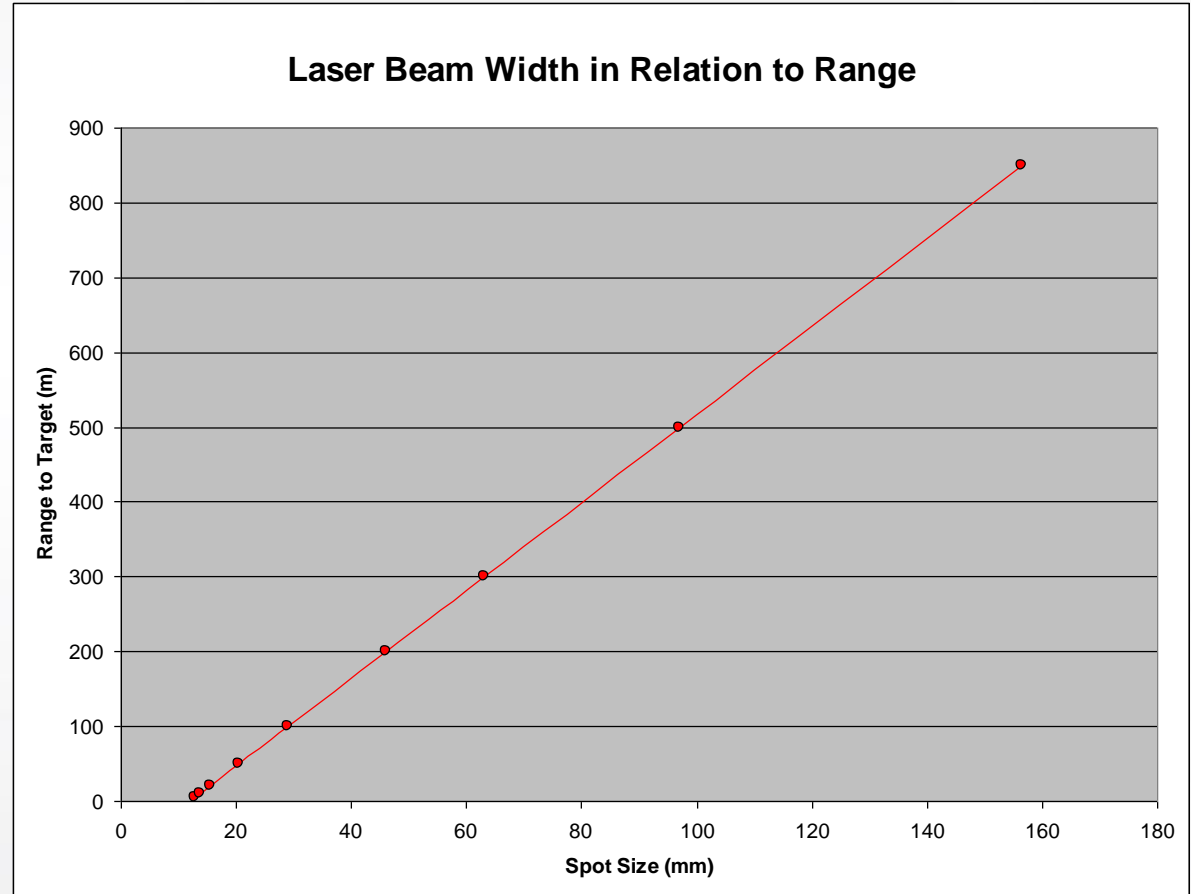
$D = 0.17R + 12$, where

D = Diameter of Spot (mm)

R = Range to target (m)

Range (m)	Diameter (mm)
5	12.85
10	13.7
20	15.4
50	20.5
100	29
200	46
300	63
500	97
850	156.5

Minimum width: 12mm



Range (m)	5	10	20	50	100	200	300	400	500
Beam Diameter (mm)	13	14	15	20.5	29	46	63	97	156
Diameter (Inches)	0.5				1.1				6.1

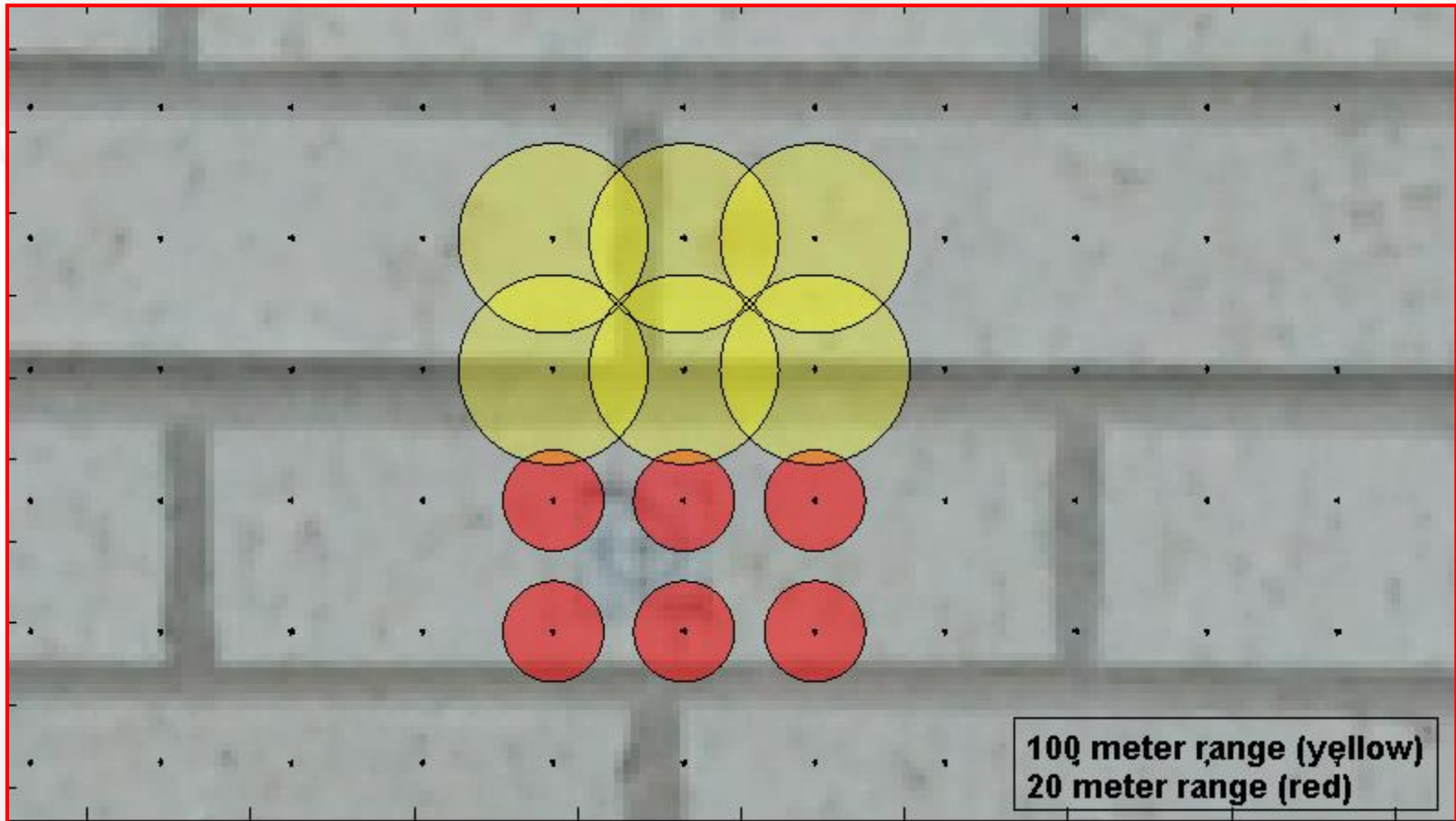
Beam divergence for Optech ILRIS

Diameter in mm = (0.17)* (Range to target in m) + 12 mm.

Note that Optech has one of the better beam divergence numbers

Data Collection

- Beam Divergence

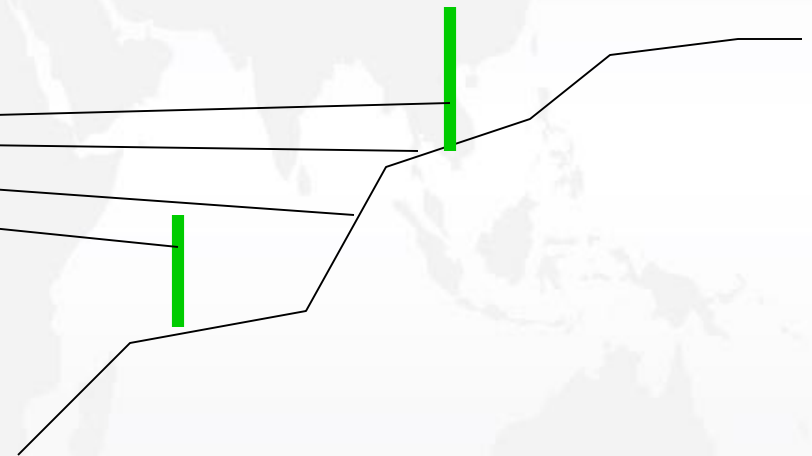


Data Collection

- Obstructions



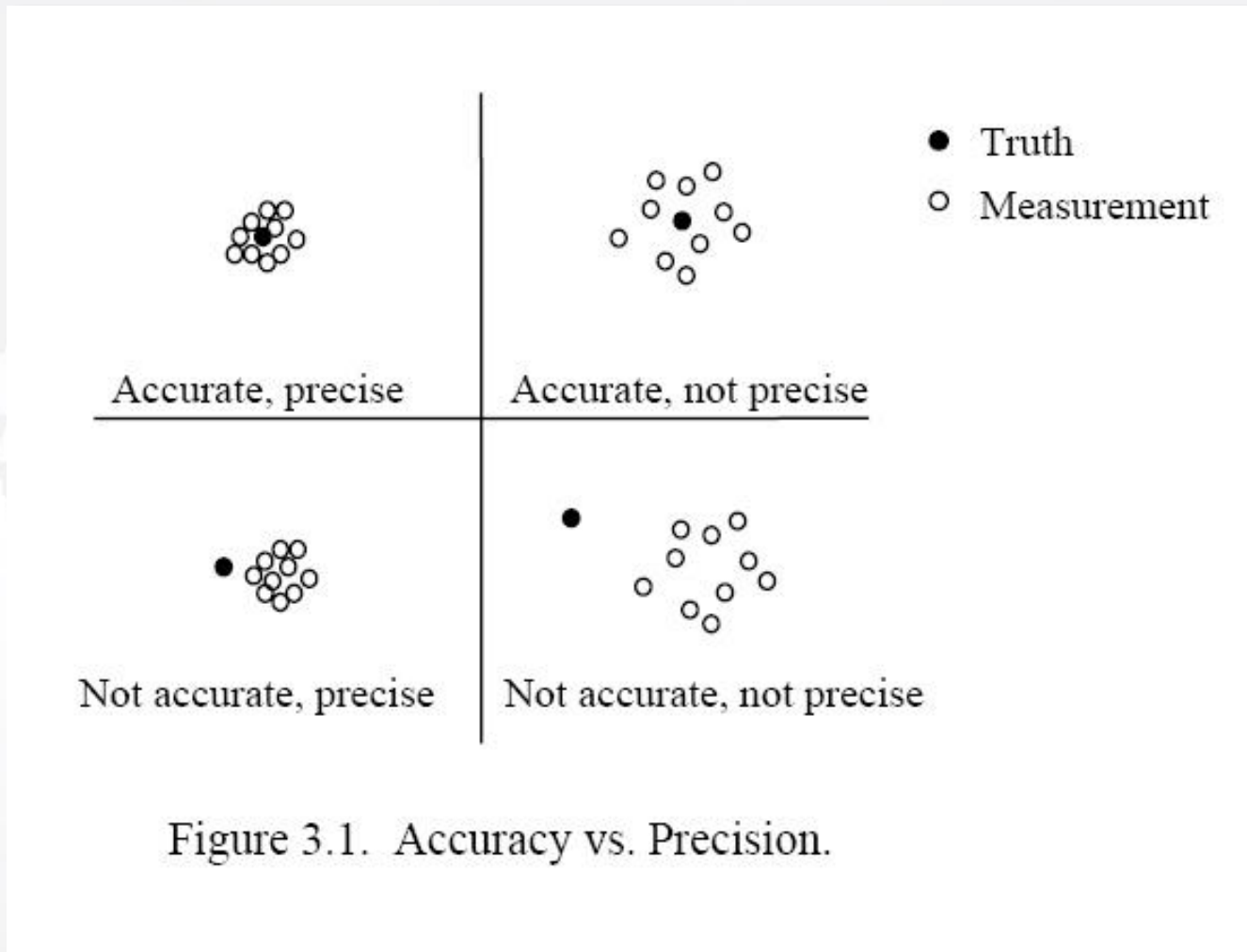
Significant horizontal
vegetation impacts on
infrared system



ASSESSING PERFORMANCE

Some potential criteria

- Accuracy
- Resolution
- Noise
- Speed
- Repeatability
- Portability
- Range or maximum object size
- Data formats/interoperability
- Cost!



NIST 2005

6 meter range

22 meter range

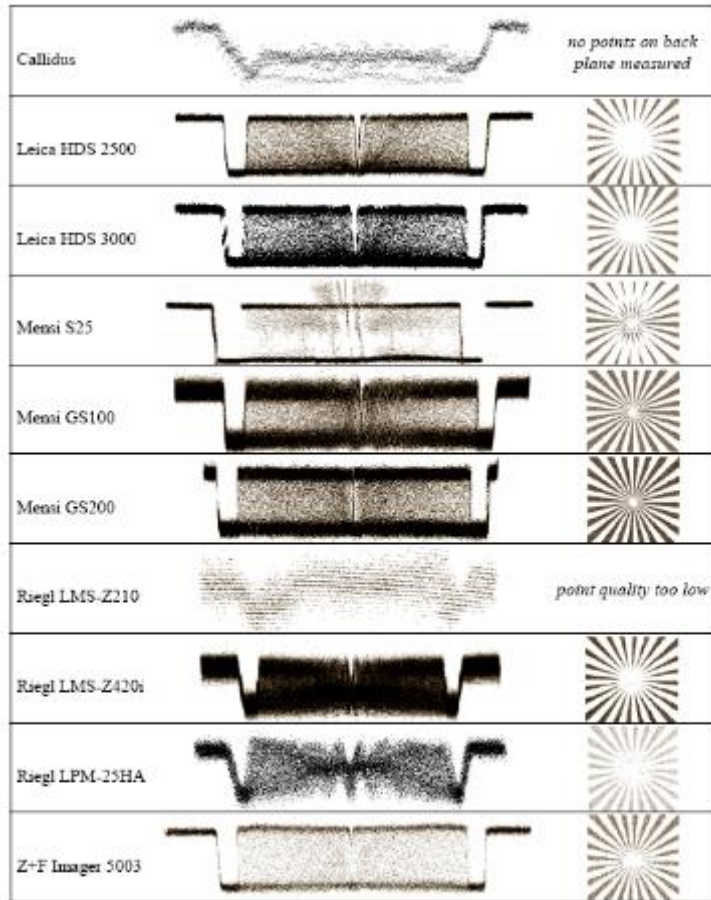


Figure 9a. Results of the resolution test using the target shown in Figure 5. Scanned at 6 m range.
Left: Cross section of point cloud. Right: Points on back plane of target (in smaller scale).

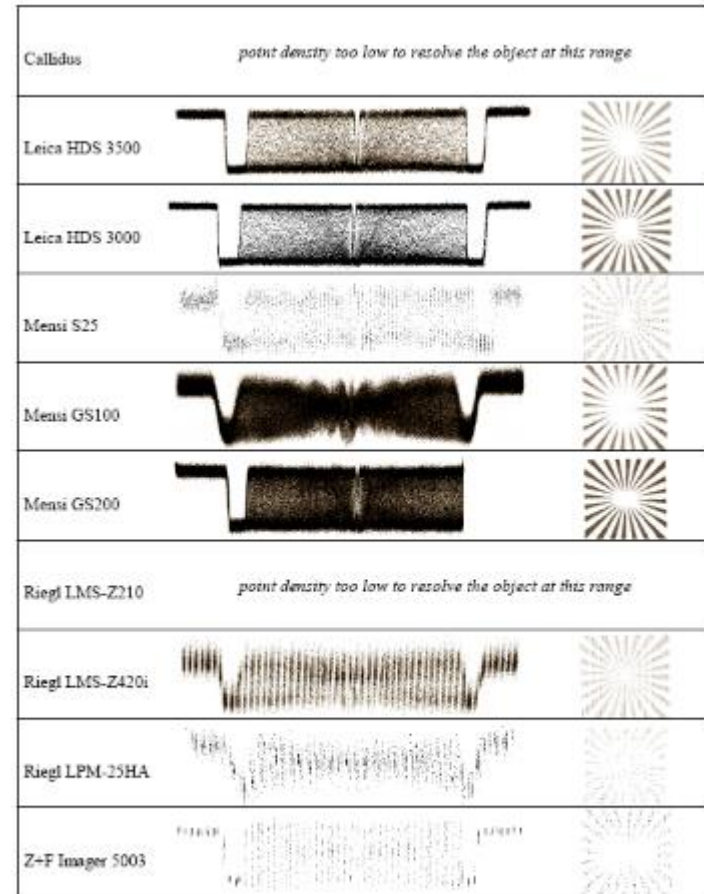


Figure 9b. Results of the resolution test using the target shown in Figure 5. Scanned at 22 m range.
Left: Cross section of point cloud. Right: Points on back plane of target (in smaller scale).



INVESTIGATING LASER SCANNER ACCURACY (2005)
<http://www.scanning.fh-mainz.de/scannertest/results300305.pdf>

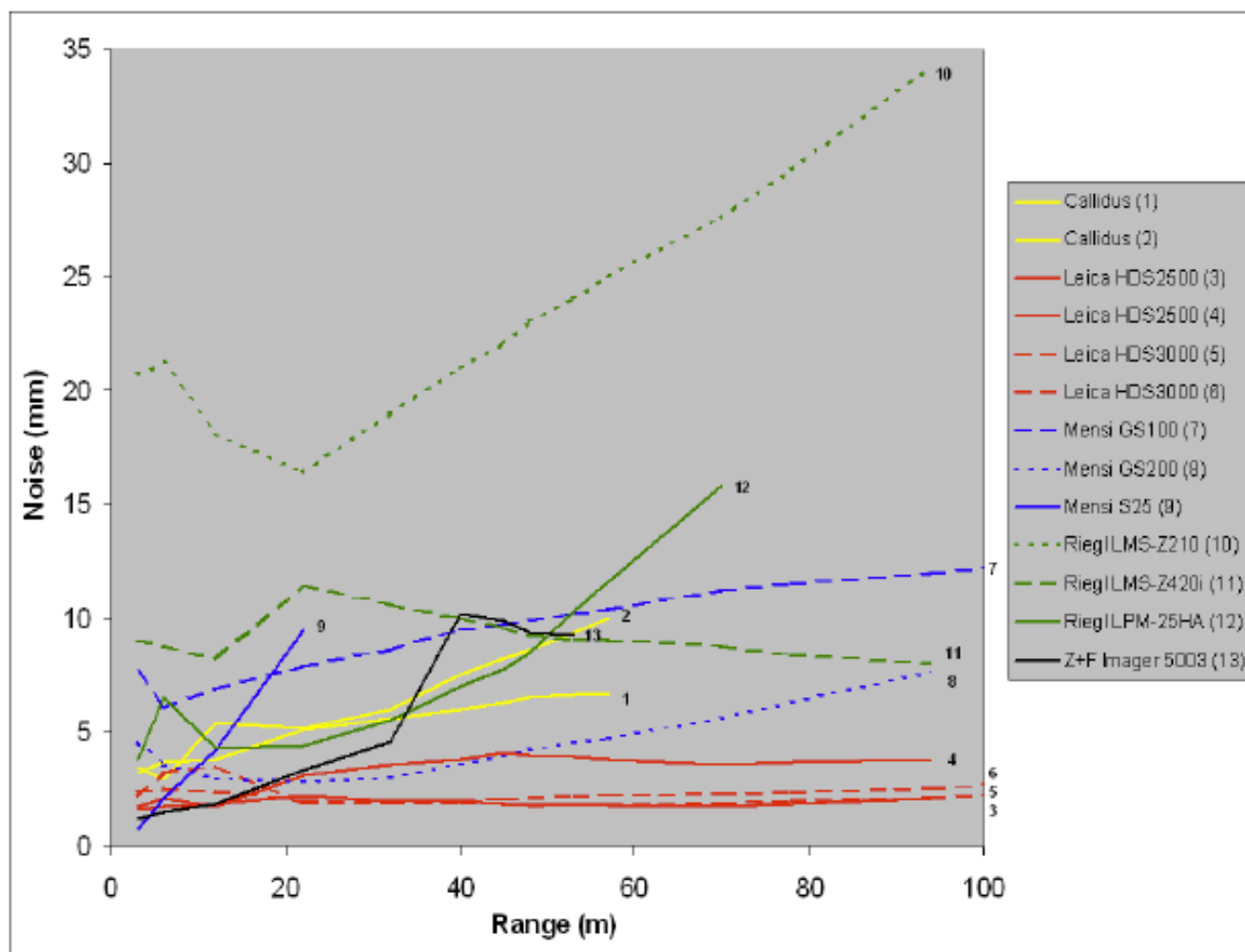


Figure 8. Measuring noise in range direction (standard deviation for a single point) for different scanners on a gray surface (40% reflectivity).

Table 2. Differences between known and scanned distances between two spheres orthogonal to range. Standard deviations (mm) based on 12 independent vertical and 12 independent horizontal spatial distances.

^a Because of limited angular increment tested for short ranges only.

^b Influenced by low range accuracy due to triangulation principle at far range; much better for close ranges (e.g. 0.8 mm vert. and 0.2 mm horiz. at 4 m range)

	Vertical distances (std. dev.)	Horizontal distances (std. dev.)	Maximal absolute difference
Callidus Precision Systems (1)	5.6 ^a	4.3 ^a	12.2 ^a
Callidus Precision Systems (2)	9.9 ^a	2.5 ^a	18.3 ^a
Leica HDS2500 (1)	0.8	0.8	1.6
Leica HDS2500 (2)	0.5	0.5	1.1
Leica HDS3000 (1)	1.3	1.1	2.9
Leica HDS3000 (2)	1.1	1.8	2.8
Mensi S25	3.8 ^b	3.4 ^b	9.2 ^b
Mensi GS100	1.9	2.3	3.3
Mensi GS200	4.7	2.2	8.3
Riegl LMS-Z210	10.2 ^a	16.8 ^a	27.1 ^a
Riegl LMS-Z420i	1.7	2.1	4.1
Riegl LPM-25HA	2.5	3.9	6.5
Zoller+Fröhlich Imager 5003	2.9	7.5	11.1

- 3DMD Qloneator
- FR1 projection +1 camera
- FR2 projection +3 cameras
- KM 910
- Polhemus FastTrack

Scanner	Mean Global Accuracy	Mean Repeat Accuracy	Number of Points	Number of Polygons
3DMD	0.106504	0.067726	11000	22000
FR1	0.35859	0.243976	3000	5500
FR2	0.924995	0.606283	50000	100000
Minolta	0.07977	0.014917	92000	185000
Polhemus	0.152945		46000	90000
Ground Truth			70000	140000

Scanner	RMS Global Accuracy	RMS Repeat Accuracy	Number of Points	Number of Polygons
3DMD	0.242287	0.515699	11000	22000
FR1	1.783649	1.564316	3000	5500
FR2	1.21512	1.14467	50000	100000
Minolta	0.181542	0.20415	92000	185000
Polhemus	0.281818		46000	90000
Ground Truth			70000	140000

Accuracy numbers shown are in millimeters

Table 2: Accuracy Summary

Boehnen and Flynn 2005 Accuracy of 3D scanning technologies in a face scanning scenario
 Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on 3-D Digital Imaging and Modeling (3DIM'05)

Forensic Science International article

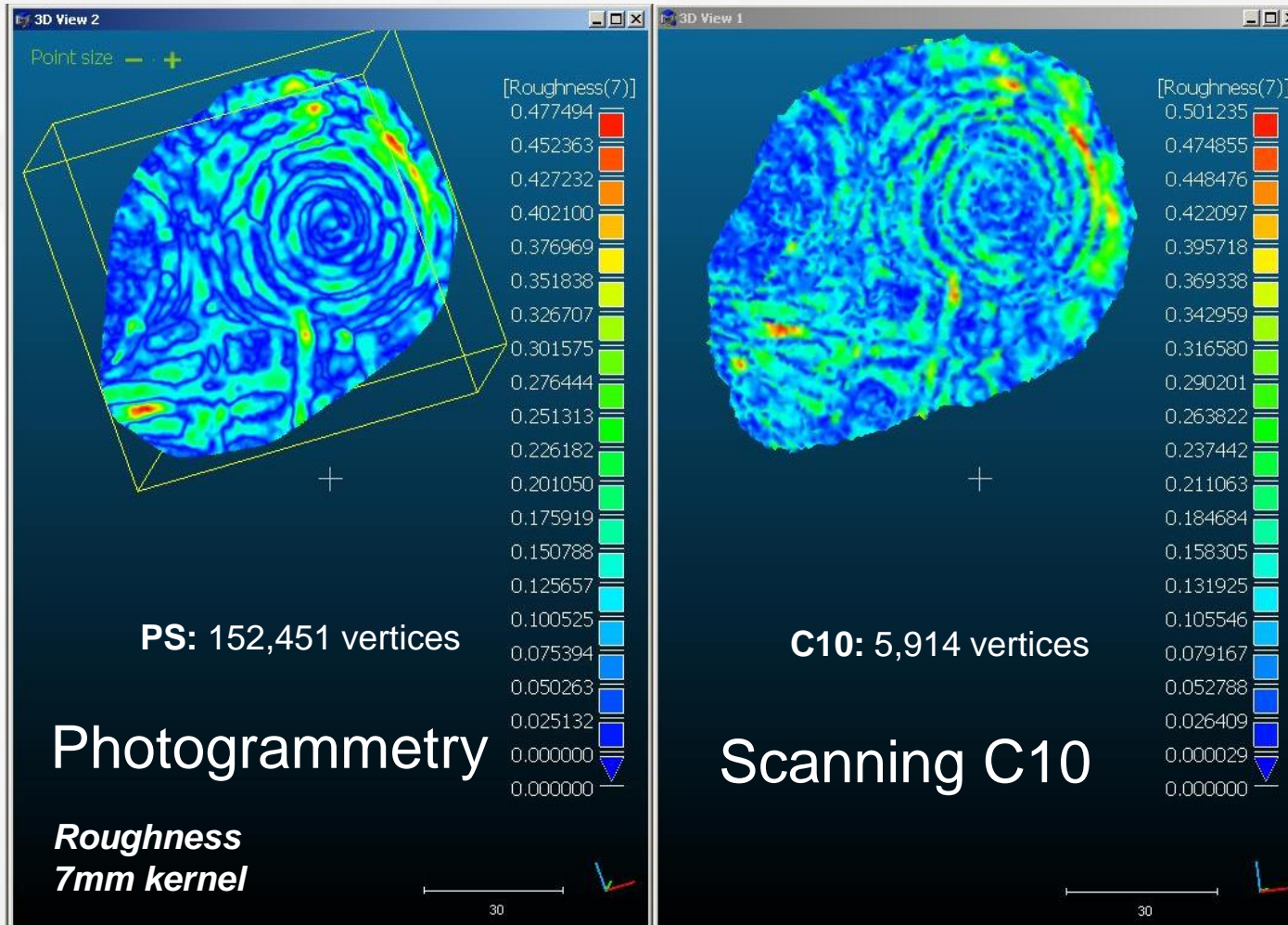
The results of the present study validate the use of the Di3D stereo-photogrammetry system for indirect anthropometric measurements. Linear measurements on 3D soft tissue surface model made with the Minolta Vivid 900 laser scanner, KaVo 3D exam CBCT scanner and Di3D stereo-photogrammetry system are accurate when compared with direct calliper measurements. **Therefore, the measurements recorded by all three 3D systems appear to be extremely accurate and very reliable for research and clinical use.** There were also no clinical differences between the 3D techniques suggesting that data obtained from these systems maybe combined for future research. By analyzing human remains via 3D models, forensic anthropologists can construct biological profiles using precise and accurate metrical data to determine key aspects of identity.

Evaluation of anthropometric accuracy and reliability using different three-dimensional scanning systems 2011 Z Fourie, J Damstra , P. Gerrits, Y Ren

Table 1
Mean and standard deviations (SD) of the four anthropometric measuring techniques (all measurements in mm).

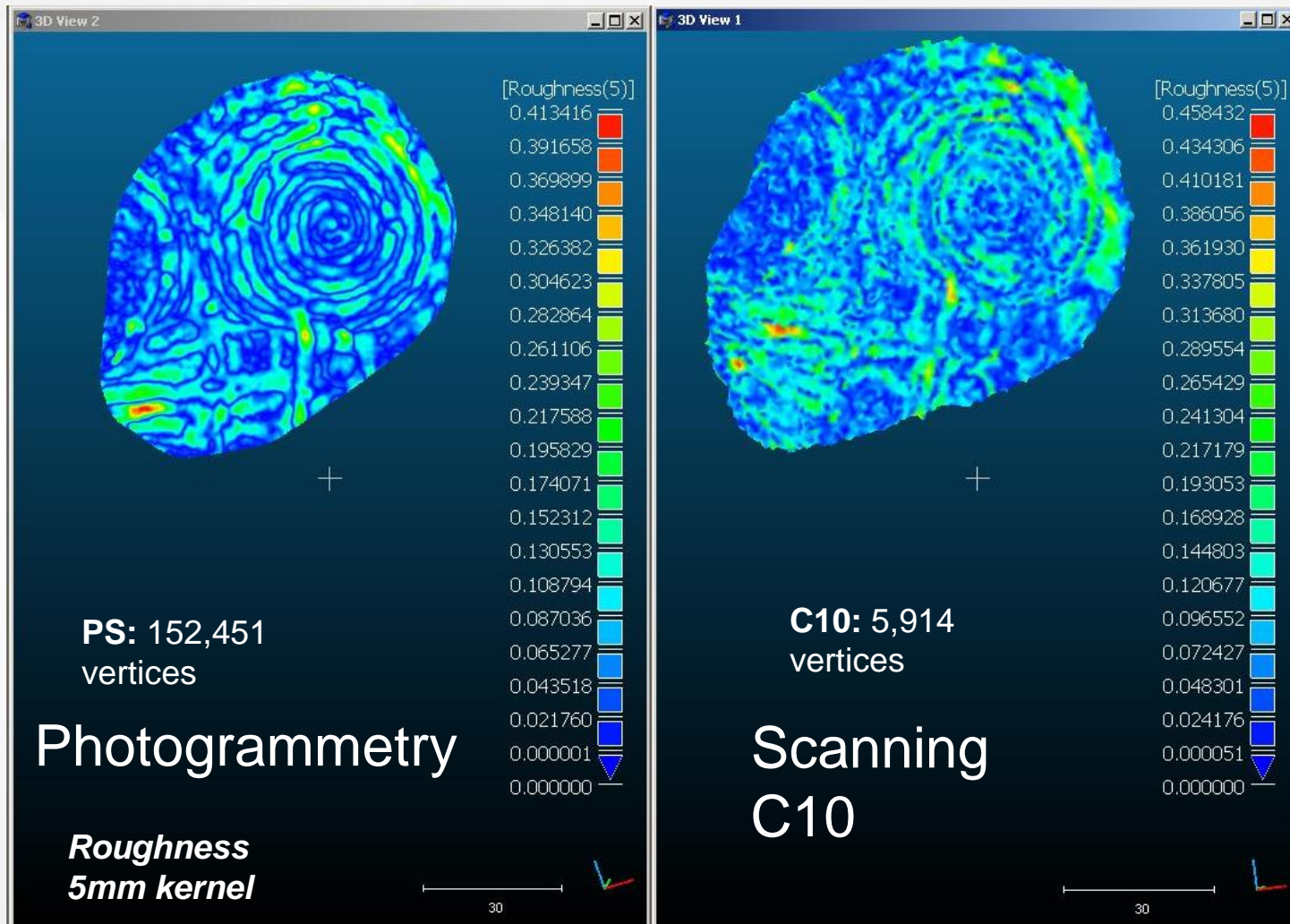
Soft tissue measurements	Measuring techniques							
	Reference (calliper)		Cone beam CT		Laser surface scan		3D stereo-photogrammetry	
	Mean	SD (±)	Mean	SD (±)	Mean	SD (±)	Mean	SD (±)
1. (n-gn)	114.99	6.10	115.48	6.04	115.06	6.04	115.01	6.06
2. (n-sto)	77.68	3.92	78.16	3.69	78.24	4.05	77.83	3.60
3. (sn-gn)	60.27	5.89	60.20	5.72	60.54	5.80	59.54	5.82
4. (g-sn)	70.02	5.96	70.16	5.90	70.72	5.51	70.31	5.48
5. (t-n) – right	125.72	6.61	125.53	7.39	126.65	6.74	126.55	5.68
6. (t-n) – left	126.14	6.30	125.77	6.61	126.15	6.40	126.49	6.86
7. (t-sn) – right	130.89	8.76	128.93	7.37	130.59	8.99	130.45	8.10
8. (t-sn) – left	131.14	2.24	131.59	2.78	128.31	6.68	129.50	6.63
9. (t-gn) – right	149.79	12.07	149.27	11.76	147.83	13.56	146.17	11.93
10. (t-gn) – left	148.24	9.05	149.63	7.61	146.72	11.02	147.98	9.36
11. (en-en)	33.62	4.03	33.92	3.66	34.04	4.02	33.48	3.71
12. (ex-ex)	89.81	6.22	88.86	5.95	89.75	5.46	89.43	6.28
13. (al-al)	37.70	4.66	36.99	3.84	37.30	4.81	36.99	4.92
14. (n-sn)	56.44	3.39	55.33	3.20	56.69	3.88	56.46	3.88
15. (n-prn)	53.52	3.20	50.09	5.26	51.46	4.44	51.87	4.75
16. (al-prn) – right	33.28	5.23	33.46	4.82	34.94	5.01	36.31	2.35
17. (al-prn) – left	33.03	3.52	32.02	4.60	34.29	4.02	31.49	4.30
18. (ch-ch)	55.04	10.10	57.77	8.79	58.03	9.30	56.87	8.67
19. (sn-sto)	23.90	3.66	22.92	3.50	21.68	2.60	21.72	3.11
20. (sn-ch) – right	43.76	3.97	43.24	3.89	41.38	5.04	43.27	4.30
21. (sn-ch) – left	43.20	1.97	43.10	2.21	41.98	3.44	42.95	2.39

Resolution on mesh saliency metrics – 7 mm kernel

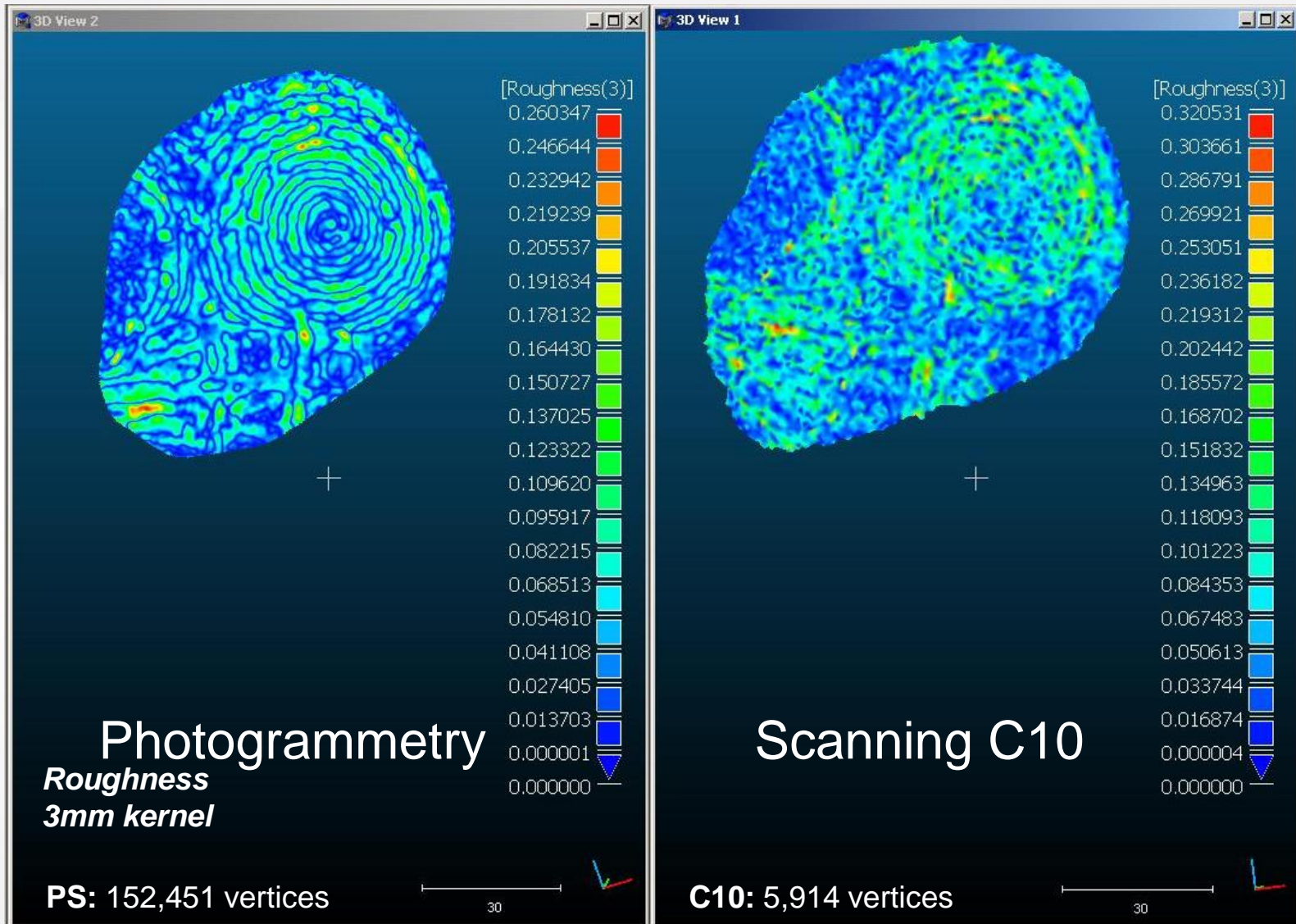


Mesh

saliency metrics – 5 mm kernel

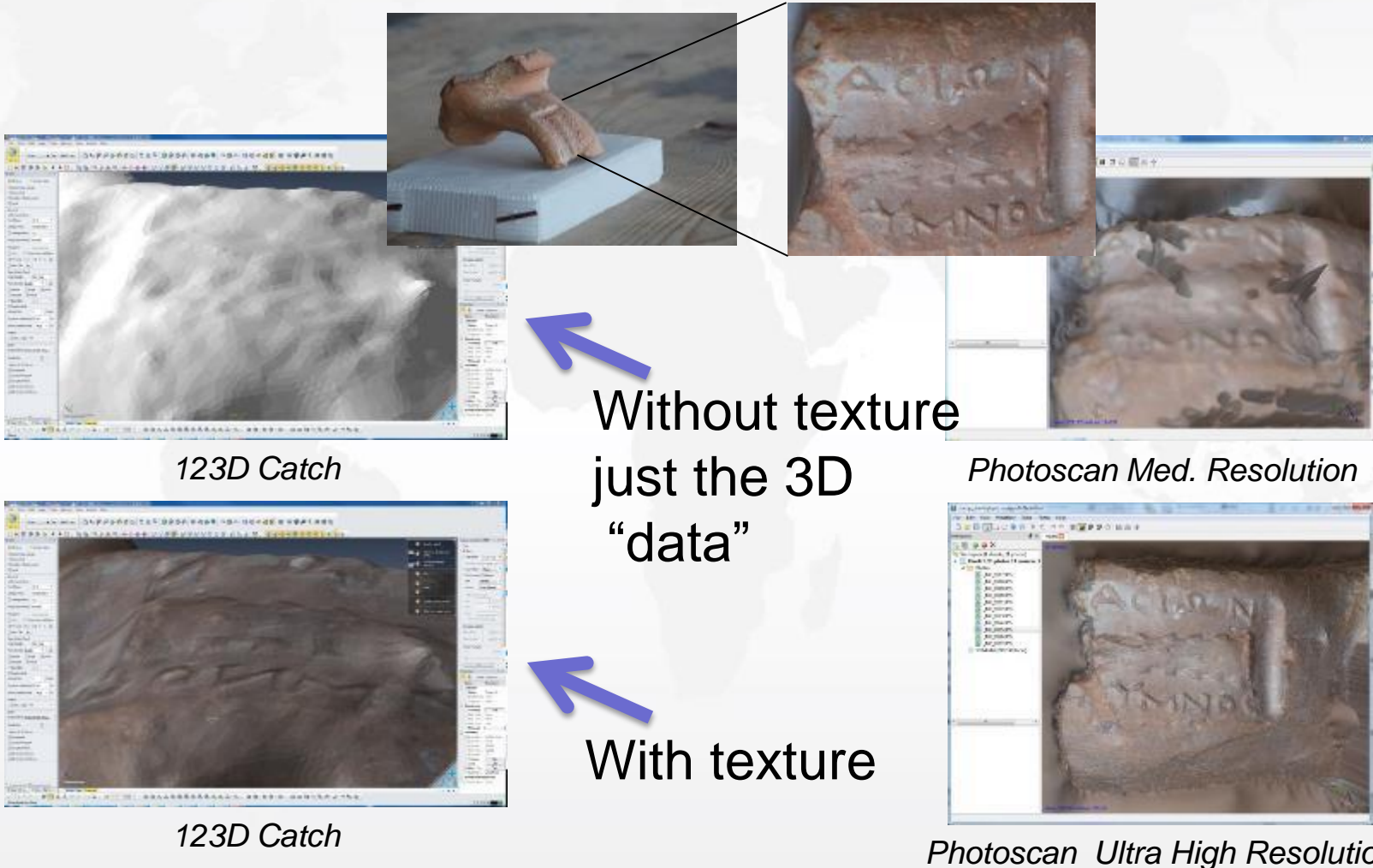


Mesh saliency metrics – 3 mm kernel

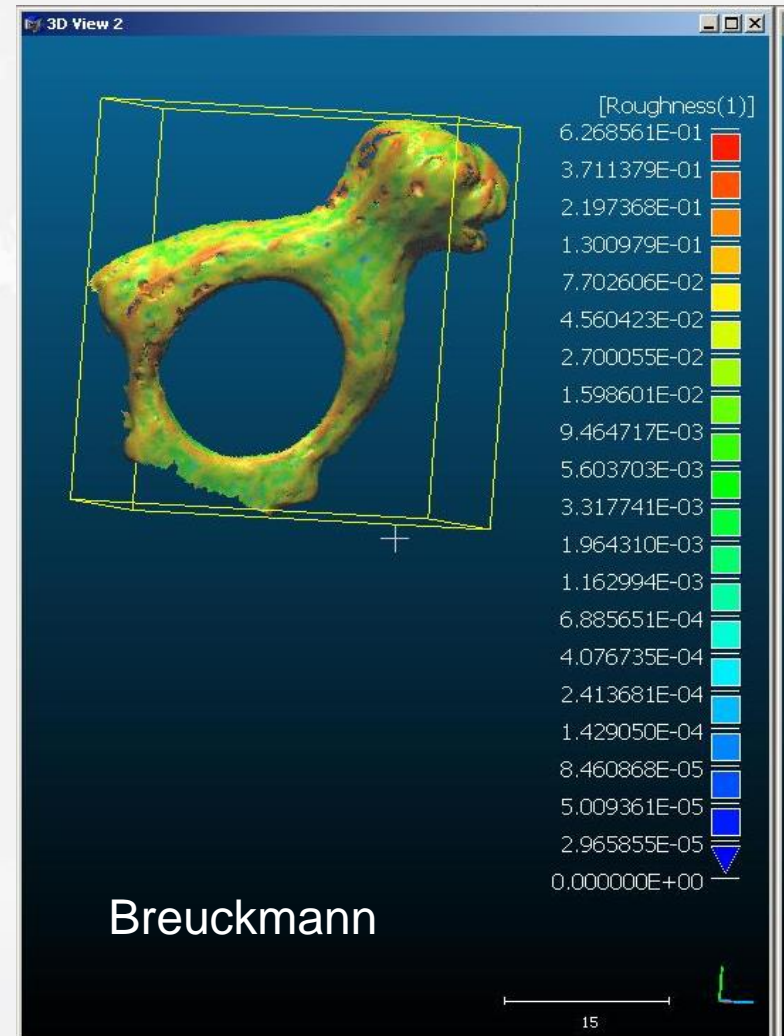
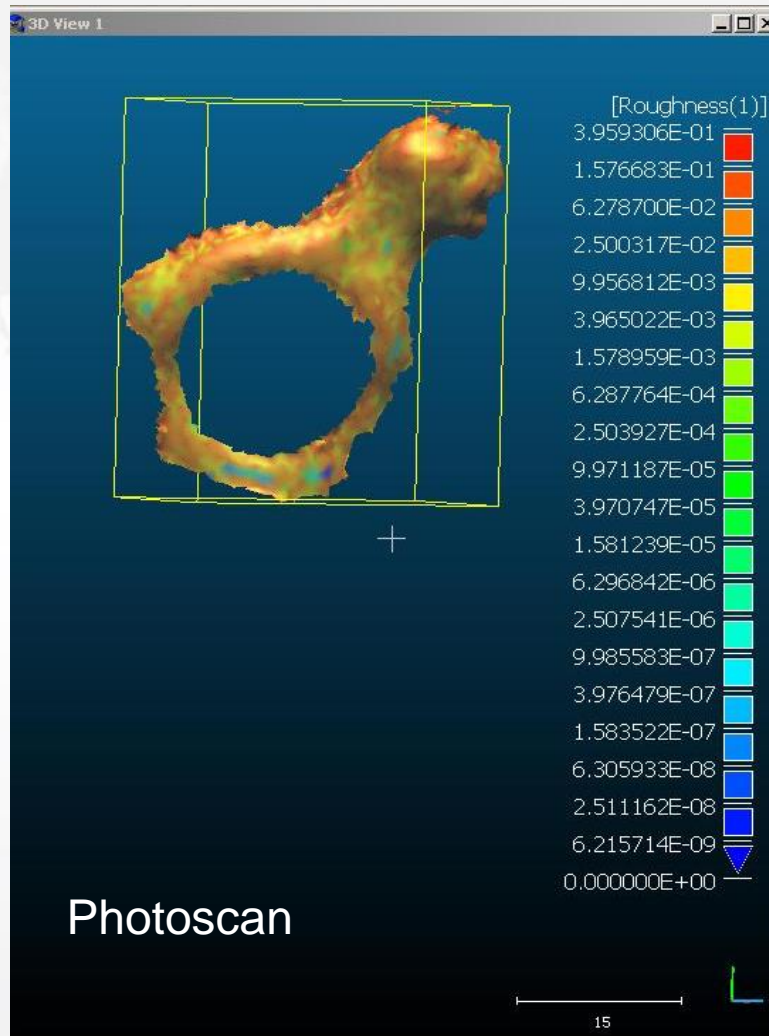


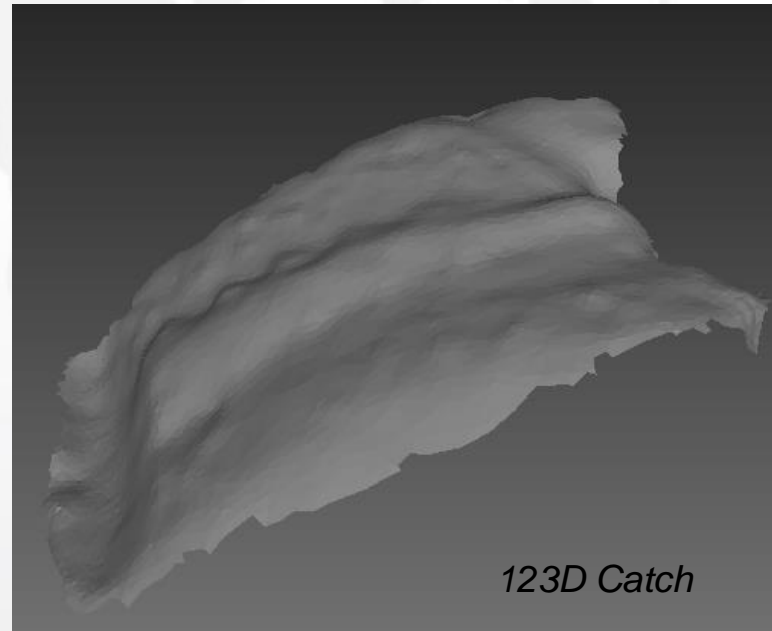
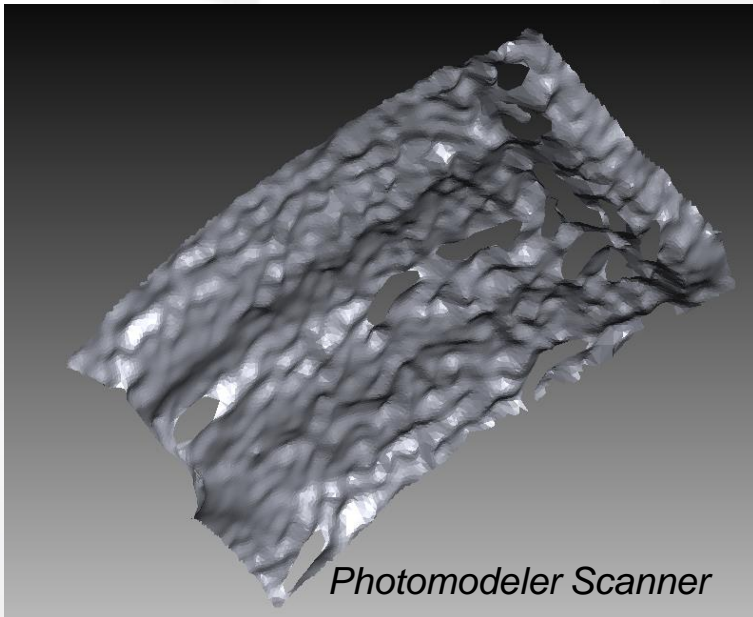
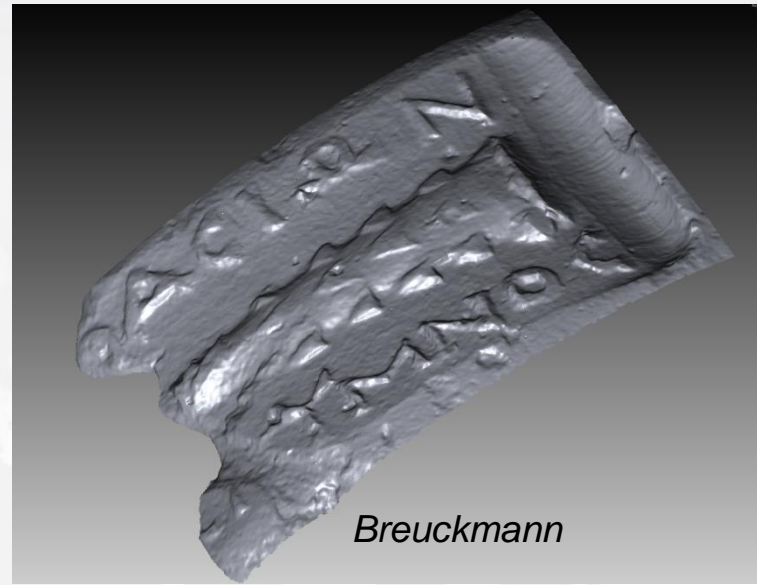
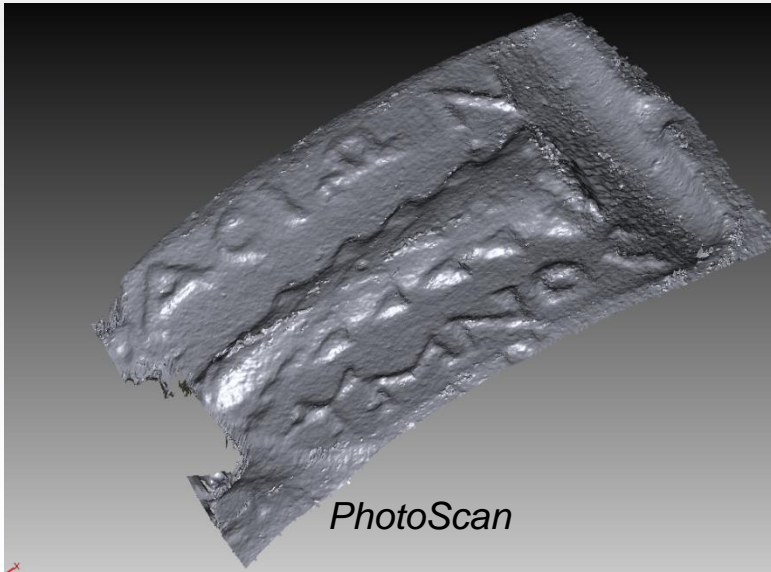
Comparing Photogrammetric Products:

Both the algorithms and how individual software implements the algorithms affect processing results.



Monochromes, uniform textures, and other obstacles





Close-Range Photogrammetry: Software

	Pros	Cons
123D Catch (Autodesk)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good point matching algorithm • No <i>a priori</i> camera calibration • Focus can be adjusted • Allows multiple focal lengths • Processing on remote server • Extreme smoothing/very clean results • Resulting models are a manageable size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme (over) smoothing • Black box processing • Minimal parameter control
PhotoScan (Agisoft)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good point matching algorithm • No <i>a priori</i> camera calibration • Focus can be adjusted • Allows multiple focal lengths • Extremely detailed models • Local processing (more control) • Good parameter control relative to 123D Catch • Detailed reporting/logs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing intensive • Memory intensive 12+ gb • Less parameter control relative to <i>PhotoModeler Scanner</i>
PhotoModeler Scanner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed reporting and logs • Best parameter control • Customizable processing • Local Processing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed focus required • A priori camera calibration required • Matching algorithm is dated • Time consuming with more manual intervention



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Performance evaluation of a multi-image 3D reconstruction software on a low-feature artefact

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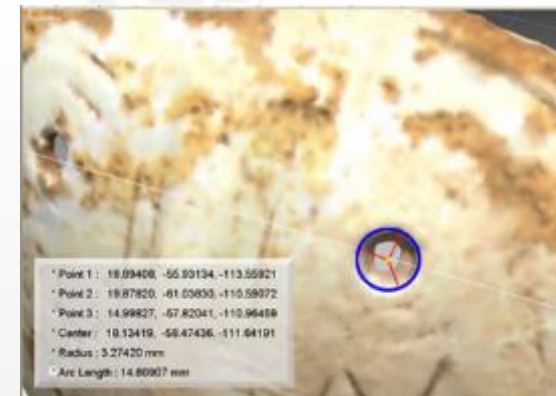
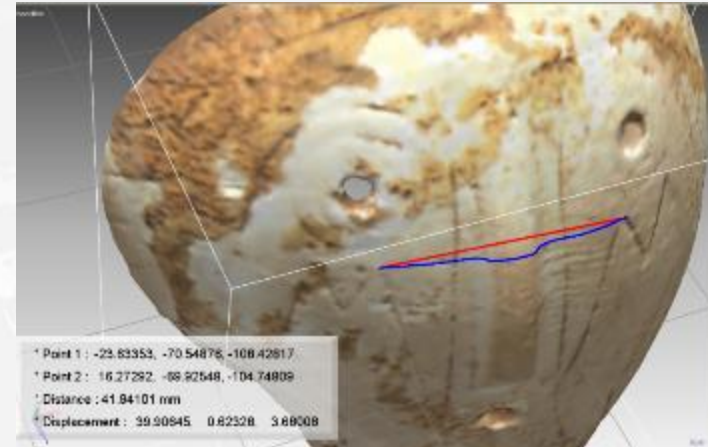
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“The model produced by the 3D laser scanner is of higher quality than the image-based 3D reconstructions and this can be easily understood even with subjective methods (e.g. visual comparison of the two models in terms of geometrical details and lack of noise). It should be mentioned that the current case study was based on a challenging, for image-based methods, artefact. This is due to its surface properties (e.g. lack of strong features, low frequency of colour changes, almost white surface).” page 4454

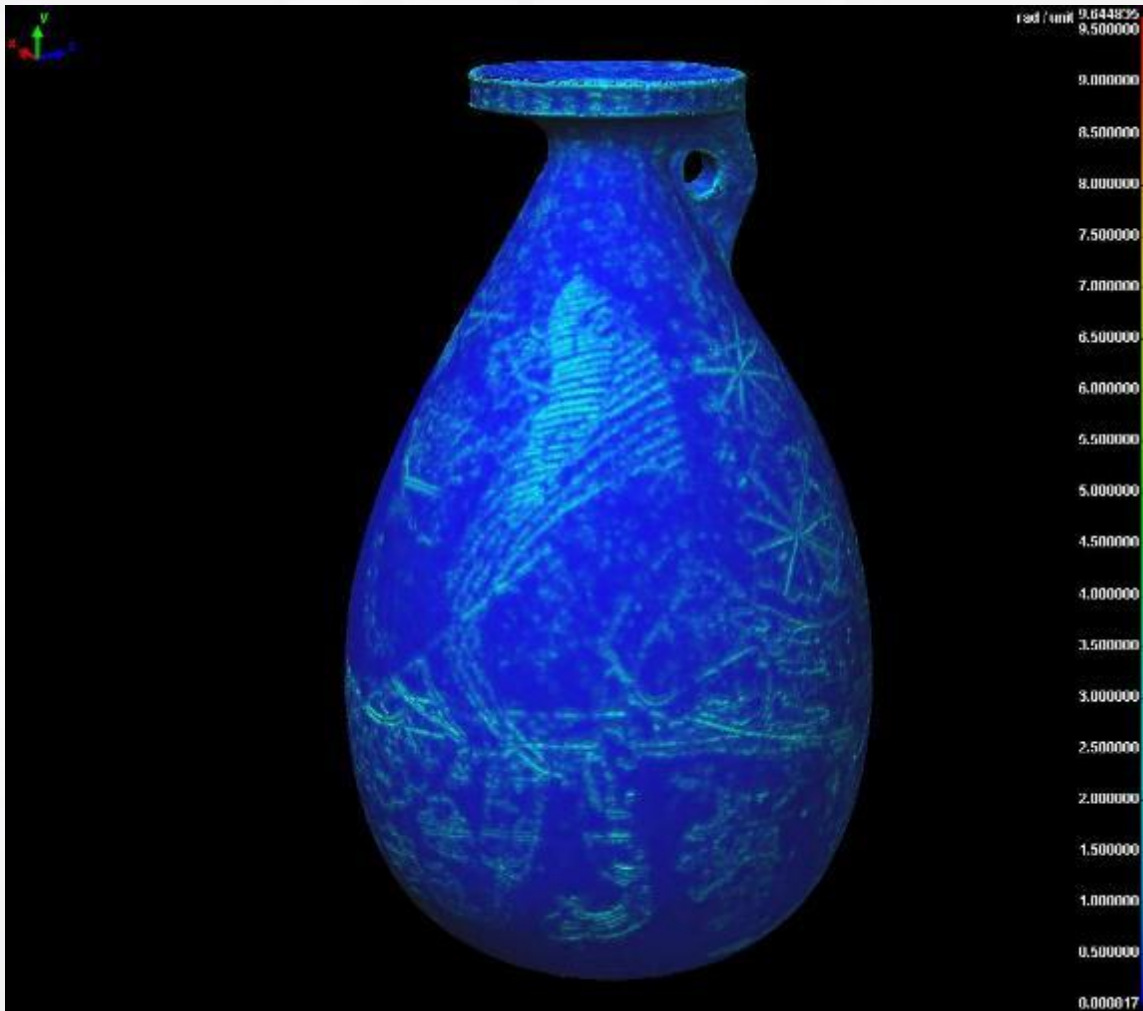
EXPANDING THE ANALYTICAL FRONTIERS WITH DIGITAL REPRESENTATIONS

Beyond Traditional Measurements

- Volume
- Radius
- Surface Area
- Perimeter Length
- Point to point
 - Can be constrained to an axis in 2d
 - Across a 3D surface
- Vertices and plane angle measurements (including dihedral)
- Ease of investigation around the entire object
 - sustained views at difficult angles

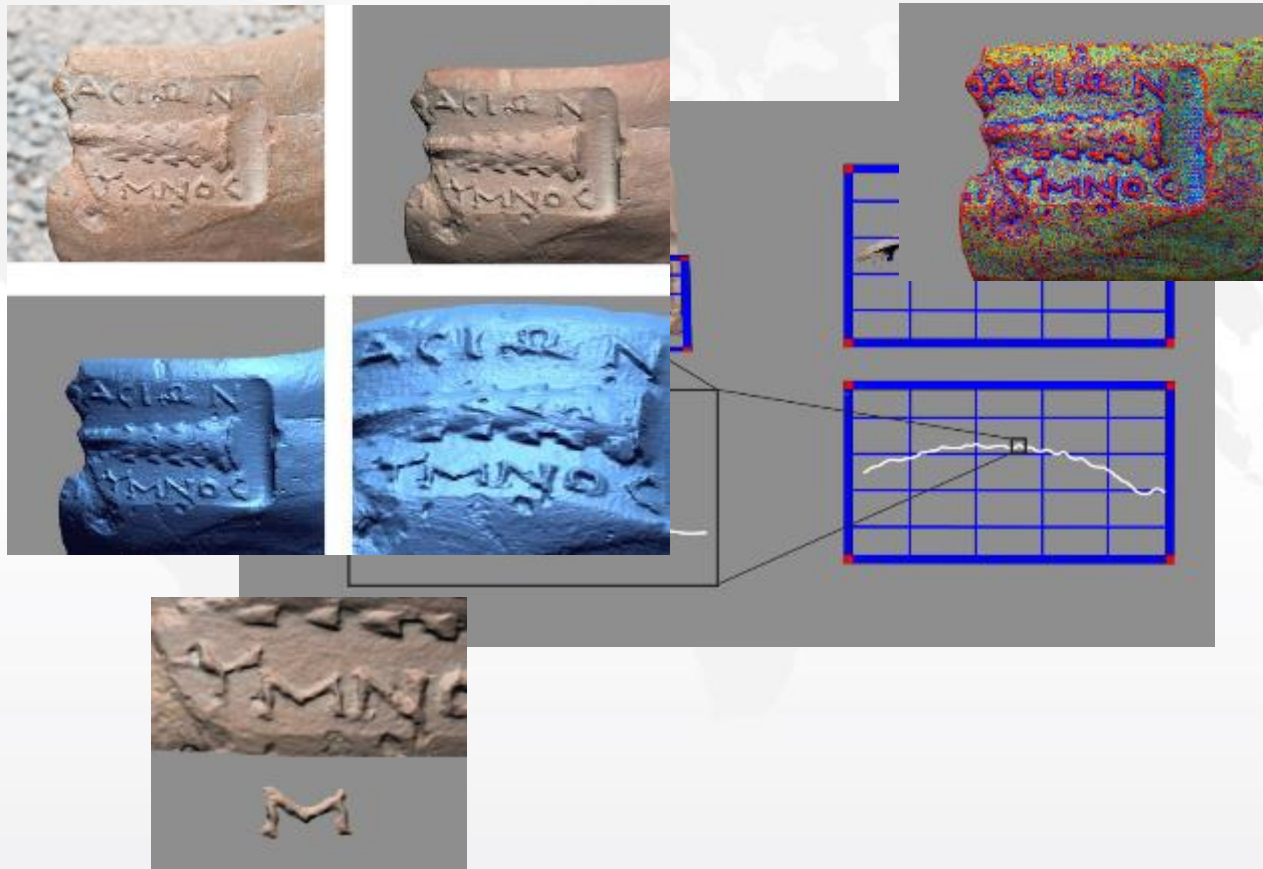


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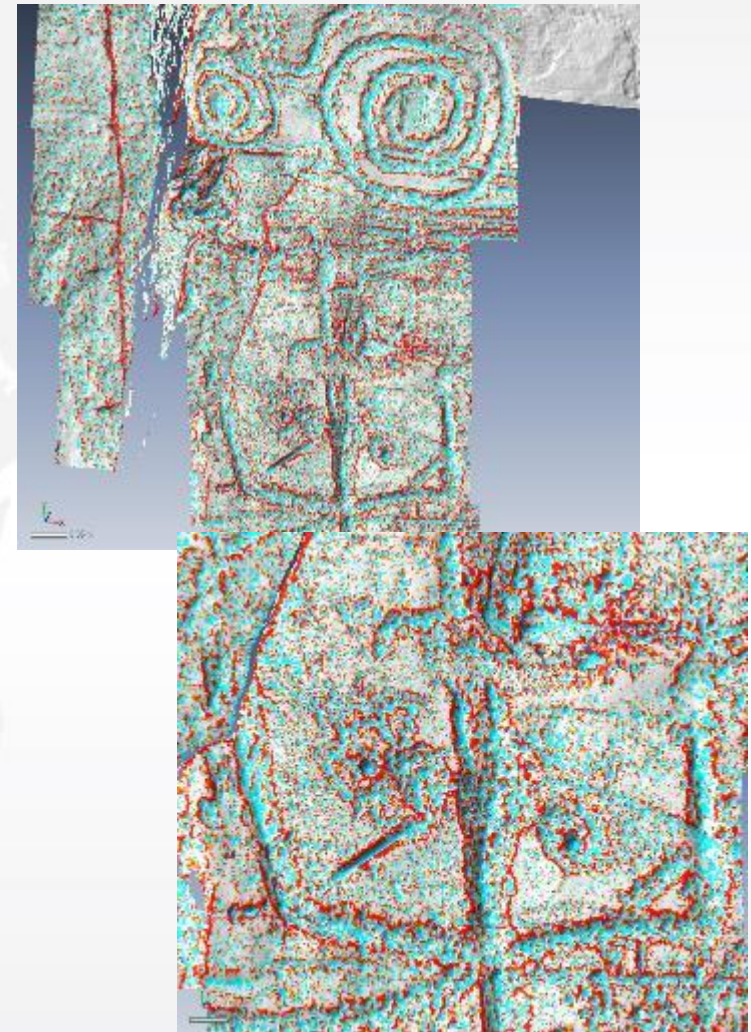
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Wear analysis on Greek amphora stamps



Automatic extraction of semantically relevant elements

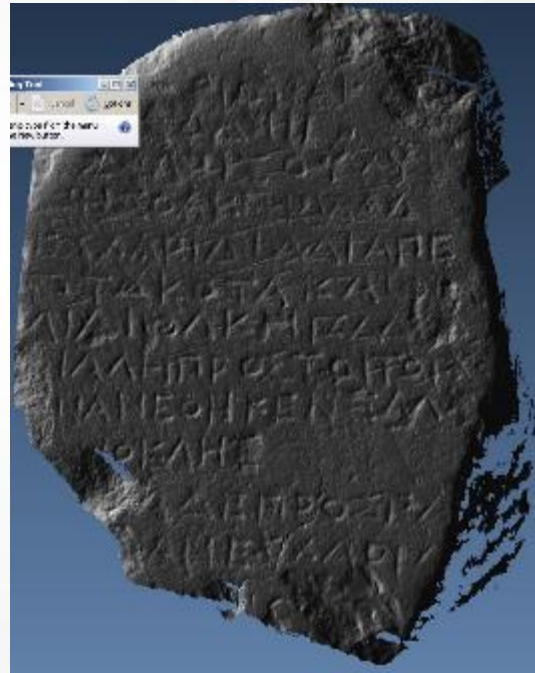
- Images to elements
 - Computer vision tools
 - Object recognition and isolation
- Selected “GIS” analytical operations



Identifying “hidden” characters on stele



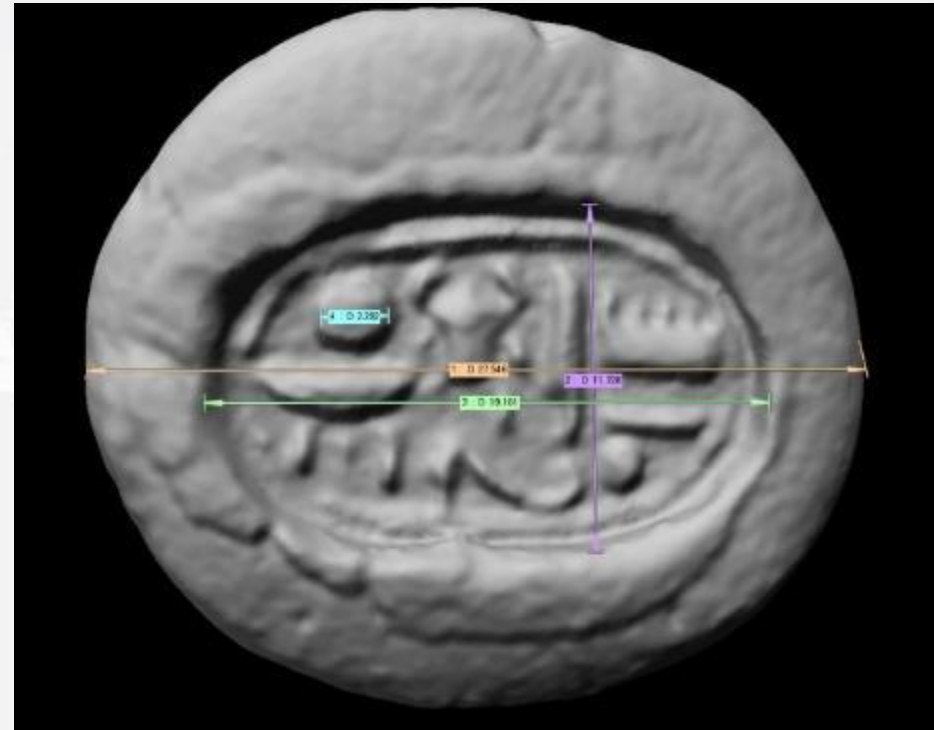
□ photo



• color stripped



□ curvature mapping



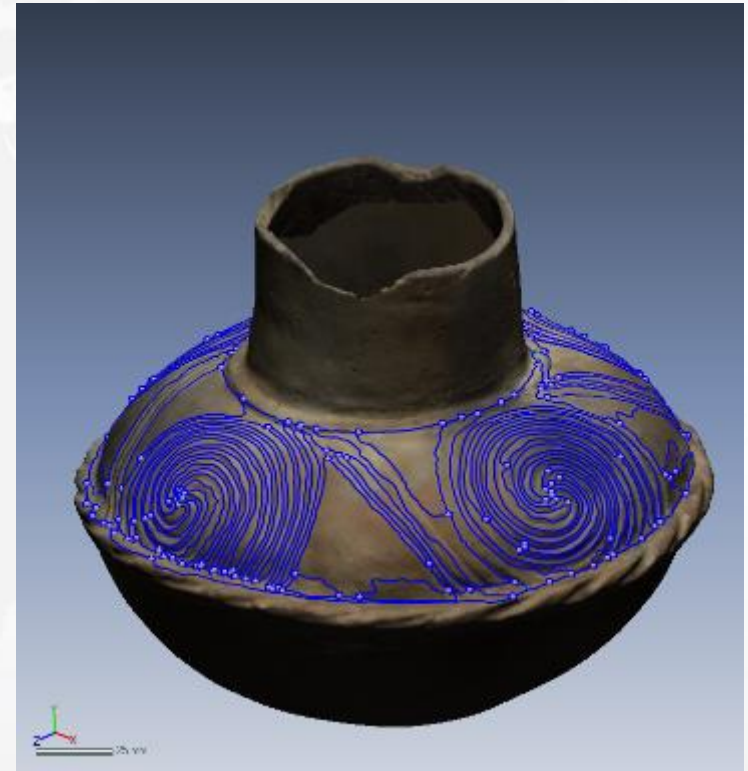
From Amarna Egypt

Artifact 8761 is a ceramic mould for a faience ring bezel that bears the name of Neb-Kefer-ru-ra (later Tutankhamen)

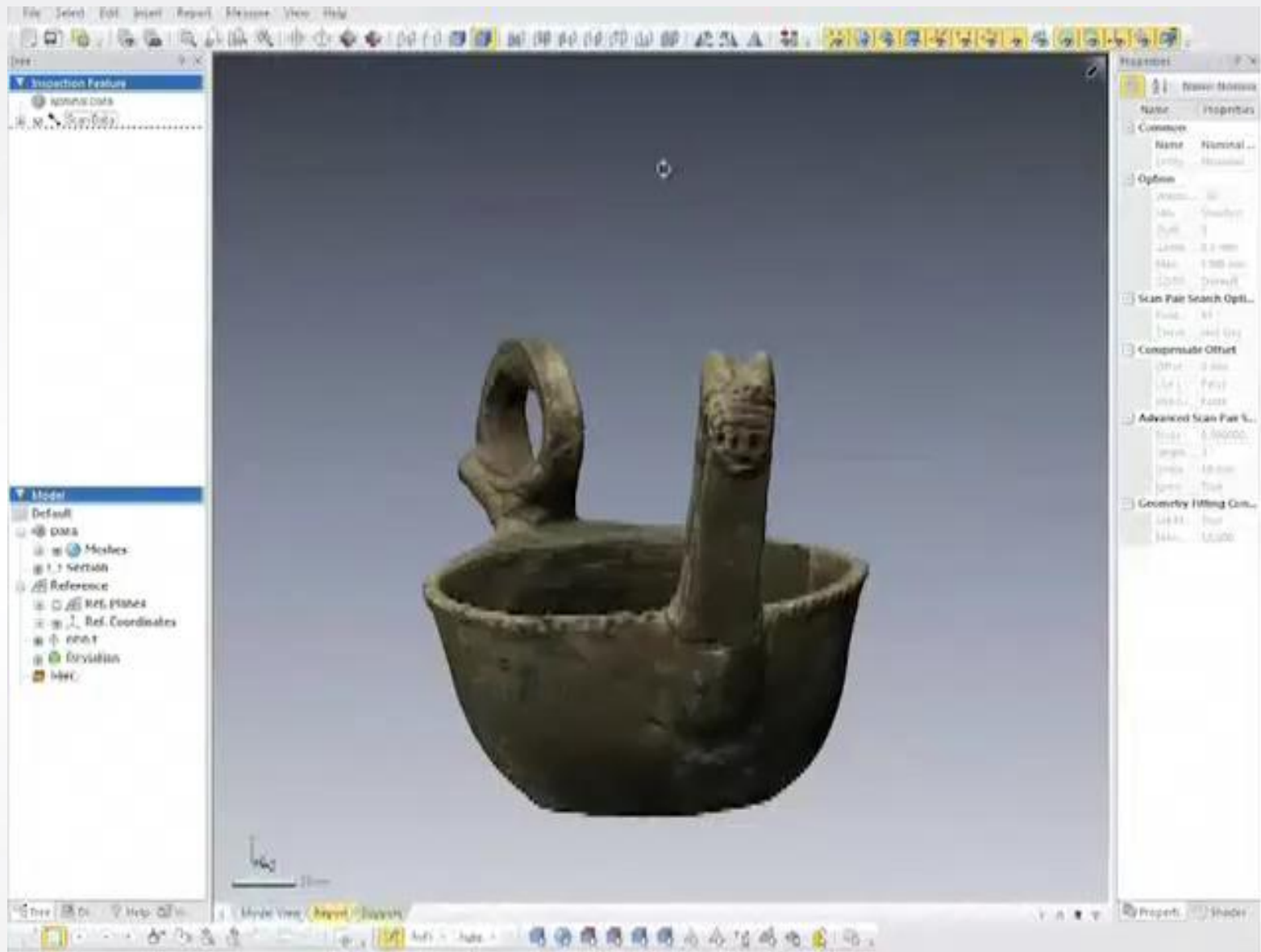
- 2.75 cm
- Note fingerprint and fabric imprints

Automated style analysis

- uses three dimension not just two







For more on methods -- NSF funded project

Geospatial Modeling & Visualization

GMV Geophysics GPS Modeling Digital Photogrammetry 3D Scanning

Data and Projects by Region

The Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies (CAST) is dedicated to research geospatial analysis and modeling, enterprise spatial databases, remote sensing photogrammetry and geospatial interoperability. At CAST we are committed expertise. The GMV site is designed to be a resource, providing information on and methods used in CAST projects around the world. The GMV is constantly up we learn to do new things.

Using the GMV

Understanding The Technology

Application	Geophysics	GPS	Modeling	Digital Photogrammetry	3D Scanning
Geophysics	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing
GPS	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing
Modeling	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing
Digital Photogrammetry	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing
3D Scanning	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing	Geophysical data collection and processing

Beginning a Project

Evaluating the Scope, Objectives, and Equipment

Collecting & Processing Data

Leica C10: Setting Up The C10

This workflow will show you how set up the Leica C10 Laser Scanner prior to beginning your scanning project.
Hint: You can click on any image to see a larger version.

INSTRUMENT'S COMPONENTS

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

PRE-SCANNING CHECK

C10 SCANNER SETUP

MEASURE INSTRUMENT HEIGHT

SCANNING WITHOUT A COMPUTER / 'ONBOARD'

ONCE BOOTED YOU WILL SEE THIS SCREEN...

LEVEL THE SCANNER

CONTINUE TO...

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NSF funded workflow and resources

Geospatial Modeling & Visualization

A Method Store for Advanced Survey and Modeling Technologies

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Evaluating the Project Scope

This document will introduce you to some of the initial issues involved in evaluating the overall scope of a project as it relates to data collection.

Hint: You can click on any image to see a larger version.

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DISTANCE, SIZE, DATA RESOLUTION

RANGE OF DISTANCE

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DATA RESOLUTION

SITE/OBJECT CHARACTERISTICS

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DEPTH & ANGLES OF THE SURFACE

SCATTERED OR SUBSURFACE FEATURES, VEGETATION

PHYSICAL & TEMPORAL ACCESS

Goal of this Guide

It is critical to note that the processes described here focus ONLY on the collection of data and the limited processing of that data necessary to make it ready for an archive and intelligible to others. The primary objective of this document is to provide a source of guidance on the various different methods and technologies that are possible and where and when such techniques are usually most effective. It aims to aid users in evaluating which technologies are appropriate by considering:

I. Distance, Scale and Resolution of Data

II. Which technologies are appropriate for which characteristics of the site or feature(s) of interest

III. The physical and temporal access that is available to the site/object

Disclaimer: Some factors, such as the physical size of the site(s) and/or object(s) that you are documenting, immediately suggest which technologies and methods might be used and which would generally be avoided. However, all projects are different - experiences, unique needs and specific situations often decide which technologies are appropriate.

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When considering long-range 3D scanning, beam divergence must also be considered. At greater distances, the diameter of the laser beam itself affects the density of points that may be captured across a surface. Consult specifications for individual scanners for more details on how range and beam divergence relates to data resolution.



Which technologies are appropriate for which characteristics?

While all sites and situations are different, there are some qualities that, if present, make certain survey methods more preferable than others. Deciding which technologies to use is largely based on characteristics of the site and/or object(s) and what type of information is needed. See the [Survey Options for GMV Technologies](#) table for a summary of the typical uses and abilities for the technologies at specific ranges given certain characteristics.

Common questions about the site and/or object(s) you wish to survey include:

I. Are there darkly colored, highly reflective (mirror-like), and/or translucent surfaces within the site that you want to capture?

II. What is the amount of relief and/or depth in the layer(s) of the surface being captured and what are the angles between these surface(s) and the equipment you are using?

III. Are there features or artifacts scattered across the site?

IV. Will subsurface features be included in your survey?

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HDSM Scanning Options

	General Usage/ Resolution	Primary Strength(s)	Primary Weakness(es)	Typical Data Collection Time	Typical Basic Processing Time (e.g. preliminary clean- ing & alignment)	Capture Standing Structures / Ruins	Capture Interior Spaces/Rooms	Capture Fine Scale Features (e.g. shallow inscriptions, tool markings)	Capture Planimetric Features	Capture Topography	Scattered Features / Artifacts
3D Scanning Long-Range (50-300 meters) ex: Optech ILRIS 3D	Long distance (>200m) 3D documentation of exterior, standing structures/remains & surrounding topography CENTIMETER RESOLUTION	- Long distance scans up to 800m are possible but depend on target reflectivity - With good vantage point, can capture large areas - Can scan at night with the same results as daylight scans	- Classified as Opportunistic - Small, fixed, 60° field of view - No color collected - More noise than Leica C10 - Very slow (2,100 pts/sec) - Terrible in interior spaces - Requires external power source (i.e. power outlet or batteries)	Typically 30 minutes per scan but dome scans over very long distances can take more than 1 hour 5-10 minutes of setup time per scan	Double the data collection time	✓		✓	✓	(if high vantage point is accessible)	
3D Scanning Mid-Range (1-200 meters) ex: Leica C10 (200 m, meter) ex: Z+F 5006i (50 m, meter)	3D documentation of interior & exterior standing architectural structures/remains & surrounding topography MILLIMETER to CENTIMETER RESOLUTION	- Relatively fast - Include options to collect color - 360°x270° full dome field of view - Works well in exterior & interiors	- Cannot capture 60° area below scanner resulting in a circular hole in data in this area - Darkly colored surfaces and/or highly reflective/ specular surfaces are problematic to scan	For full on resolution at 20 m distances: Times of flight & 10 is typically 30 minutes per scan* Phase-based (Z+F): 6 mins per scan* 3-10 minutes of setup time per scan * Collecting color & acquiring targets requires additional field time	Double the data collection time * Smaller targets were acquired in field, which significantly reduces processing time	✓	✓	✓	✓	(high vantage point helps significantly)	
3D Scanning Short-Range (1-5 meters) ex: Breuckmann HE	3D documentation of small objects, artifacts, engravings, inscriptions SUB-MILLIMETER RESOLUTION	- Extremely precise & accurate data for resolu- tion up to 60 microns - Excellent full-control w/ RGB capabilities - Can be used w/ turntable for efficient object scanning - Quick processing time when data capture is good	- Requires external power - Relatively time consuming collection time when subject is in fixed position (i.e. scanner moved for each scan) - Darkly colored and/or reflective surfaces are problematic - Systems are designed for use in interior / lab conditions, use in field is challenging but possible.	For fairly flat surfaces approx. 7 hours to collect 60 micron resolution of 1/2 hr area (30 x 30 micron resolution of 1/2 meter area) For exterior of simple, ceramic vessel with a non-reflective surface (size of a house bowl) 7 hour (literally) on computer, power source, use of a turntable & familiarity with the software 30 minutes of setup time per scan + 1 hour of collection time after travel or time change	1.8 - 3.4 data collection time (where noise is minimal or non- existent) Varies greatly if noise is present		✓			(best option for 3D)	

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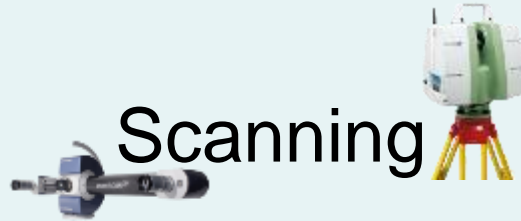
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Reflection Transformation Imaging (RTI)	2D documentation (w/ simulated 3D effect) of small objects, artifacts, engravings, inscriptions SUB-MILLIMETER RESOLUTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Very high resolution/ accuracy of surface normal information- Ability to analyse very finely scaled features- Fast data collection & processing- Very easy to view & share	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Final product is a fixed view of object/surface (i.e. cannot rotate or orbit)- Limited to ca. 1.5 x 1.5 meter area- Multiple RTI views cannot be 'itched' together/ registered but can be viewed simultaneously- Soft-focus in direct sunlight can be challenging	Typically 20-40 minutes to collect image set 15 minutes of setup time	1 - 1.5 hours (per RTI image set)			 (best option for speed but limited to 2D results)			
Terrestrial / Close-Range Photogrammetry (using a tripod)	3D documentation of large & small structures / objects MILLIMETER to CENTIMETER RESOLUTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fast data collection- Flexible camera mount- ing options (i.e. tall tripods to reach elevated features)- Very flexible in terms of shape/sizes/relief of object being surveyed- Highly automated processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Requires object/surface to be well-lit- Processing large projects can be difficult & time- consuming, requires high-powered computer- Requires scaling w/ known points or features for meaningful measurements	Varies greatly depending on the structure/object & conditions (i.e. 20 minutes to collect 50 images of an inscribed tablet vs. 2-3 days to collect 50+ images of the exterior of a large structure such as the Colosseum in Rome)	Varies greatly depending on the structure/object & conditions (i.e. 2 hours to process 10 images of an inscribed tablet vs. 2-3 days to process 50+ images of the exterior of a large structure such as the Colosseum in Rome)		 (mid-range scanning is typically a much better option)		 (if high vantage point is accessible)	 (depending on density and characteristics of artifacts)	
Low-Altitude Aerial Photogrammetry (UAV / Kite / Pole)	2D or 3D documentation of expansive sites 5 CENTIMETER + RESOLUTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Can document very large area in a short amount of time- Highly automated processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Must obtain permission to fly- If using an UAV, the pilot must be FAA qualified in the USA- Cameras have relatively short battery life	Varies greatly depending on the survey area and the flying height (i.e. 2 hours to process 10 images vs. 2-3 days to process 50+ images)					 (best option)	 (depending on density and characteristics of artifacts)	

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So how do you choose?

Data Capture



Scanning

Photogrammetry



\$ Equipment

\$60,000+ Purchase
\$1000+ Rental/week

\$100s - \$1000s Purchase

Dist. to Target

0.5 m to 2 km
(plus scanner dimensions)

Limited by focal length and depth of field

Capture Depth

Close-range = centimeters
Mid to long = range

Limited by depth of field/
aperture

Lighting

Close-range: low light to dark req'd
Mid to long: Lighting only affects texture

Light required
Diffuse light or minimal shadows ideal

Time

More complex geometry requires more scans/photos and more processing time
Higher resolution requires more time for data collection (i.e. longer scans, more photos)

Project Goals

Goal #1: Metric precision
Goal #2: Visualization


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Goal #2: Metric precision

Further reading – a start

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- 3D-COFORM EU Project www.3d-coform.eu
- Geospatial modeling and visualization gmvc.cast.uark.edu

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Application Forms

What is SPARC?

SPARC is a new program at CAST/AIL dedicated to promoting geospatial and geophysical research in archaeology. Through SPARC you can apply for awards to support research-oriented fieldwork or analysis. You can connect with potential collaborators or develop projects in partnership with SPARC. You can learn about the latest technologies and their archaeological applications through residencies at CAST/AIL or through our online resources and webinars. We also provide advice about data management and publication strategies for complex geospatial and geophysical data collections.

What is Spatial Archaeometry?


Spatial Archaeometry is application of scientific techniques to measure properties of archaeological materials at all scales, including objects, sites and landscapes, wherein the spatial properties of the measurements are central to their analysis and


What we do.


We help you **LEARN** about spatial archaeometry, **DEVELOP** your ideas through collaborative project proposal writing, **IMPLEMENT** your research plans through SPARC research support awards, and **SHARE** your results and experience with the archaeological community.


Why we do it.

Collaborating on research, sharing equipment and resources, and facilitating knowledge exchanges and best practices will promote the use of geospatial and geophysical methods in archaeological research and assist researchers in meeting their project's goals.


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- Jason Herrmann – Egyptian images
- Katie Simon – Amphorae data, measurement images
- Rachel Opitz – measurement processes, resolution, technique images
- Keenan Cole – Greek ceramics images
- Snow Winters – Hampson images
- Stephanie Sullivan – Stele data
- Jesse Casana – UAV and thermal images
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- RiskManagement – scanner technology images

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Laser Scanning at Machu Picchu
Researchers from CAST conducted a high-density survey (HDS) of the Inca ruins of Machu Picchu and Huayna Picchu in Peru. For details click here.



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