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3D Vision UE

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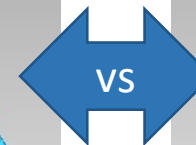
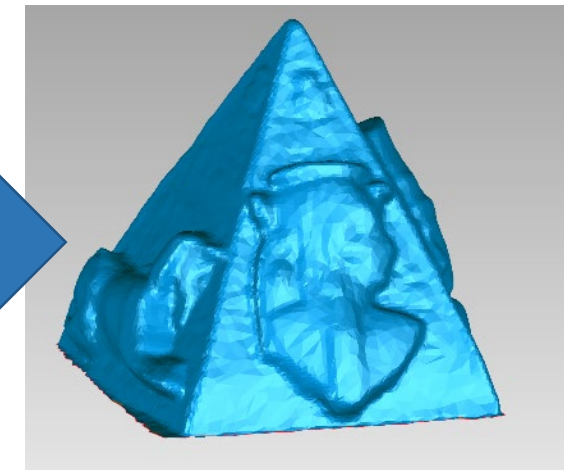
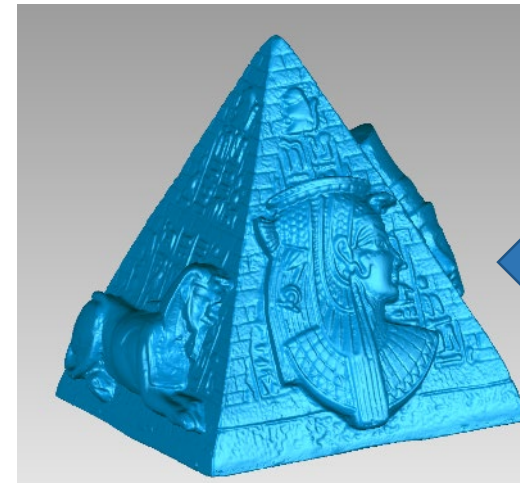
Course overview

- Tasks:

1. Scan an object of your choice with our Structured Light Scanner
2. Create a Structure from Motion (SfM) model of the **same** object
3. Evaluate / compare the results

- Team size:

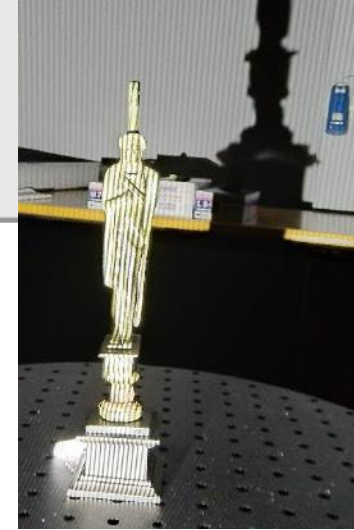
- 2-3 students
- **1 object per student**



Part 1: structured light scanning

Structured Light Scanning overview

- Scanning sessions in our lab
 - group appointments
 - Supervised by tutor
 - You have **one job**: bring a suitable object
 - 1 object **per student**
- Post-Processing
 - Use 3D processing software (recommended: Geomagic Wrap)
 - Noise/background removal, registration, merging, filling holes
 - Expected result: clean, closed („waterproof“) 3D Model



Choosing the Object

- Choose an object which you can access throughout the whole term
- Size: apple – pineapple
- Ideally a waterproof object (for volume measurements)
- Matte surface, moderately textured
- Avoid:
 - Uniform colored surfaces → hard for SfM
 - Black surfaces → bad signal/noise ratio
 - Specular / transparent / translucent surfaces → nope.



Good objects



Bad objects



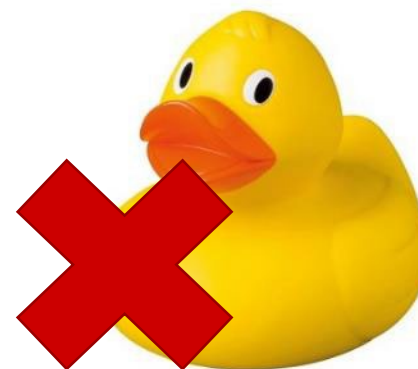
shiny



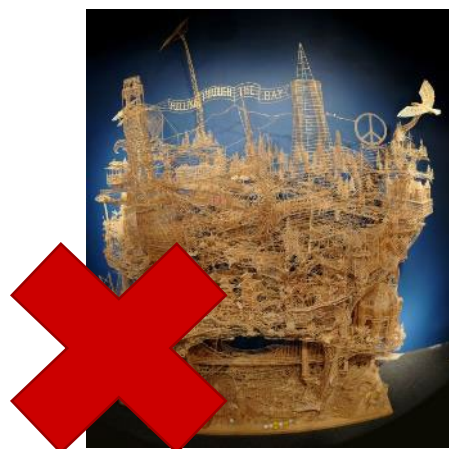
Transparent /translucent



High contrast texture



No texture



Too complex



Too simple / symmetric



deformable



No texture AND black

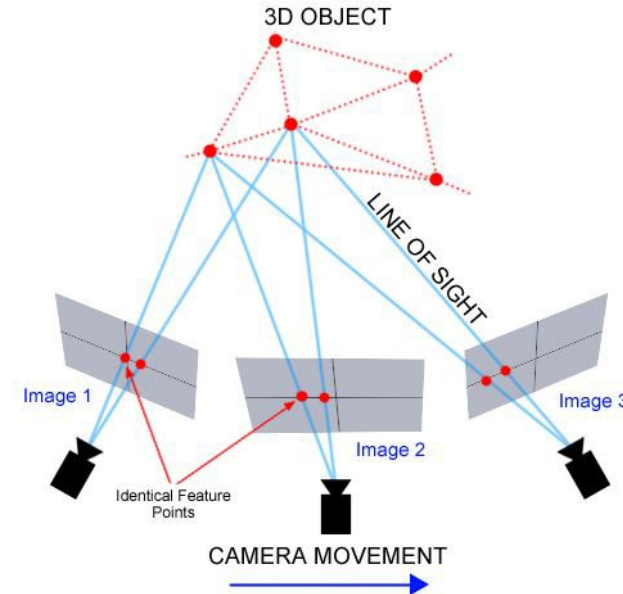
Geomagic Wrap – professional post processing tool

- Use at home (Windows only ☹):
 - Download latest installer: <https://support.3dsystems.com/s/article/Geomagic-Wrap> (accessed 2024-03-10)
 - Activate 14 days full trial (should be enough for completing the exercise, with proper planning)
- Use at the lab:
 - Installed on 8 workspaces in **Pong Lab** (Favoritenstraße 9, ground floor)
 - From the start of the tutorial sessions until end of semester (see TISS)
 - Lab access outside of tutorial sessions: TBD (InfLab policies...)
- Documentation:
 - See additional slides at the end
 - Also here: <https://support.3dsystems.com/s/article/Geomagic-Wrap>

Part 2: Structure from motion

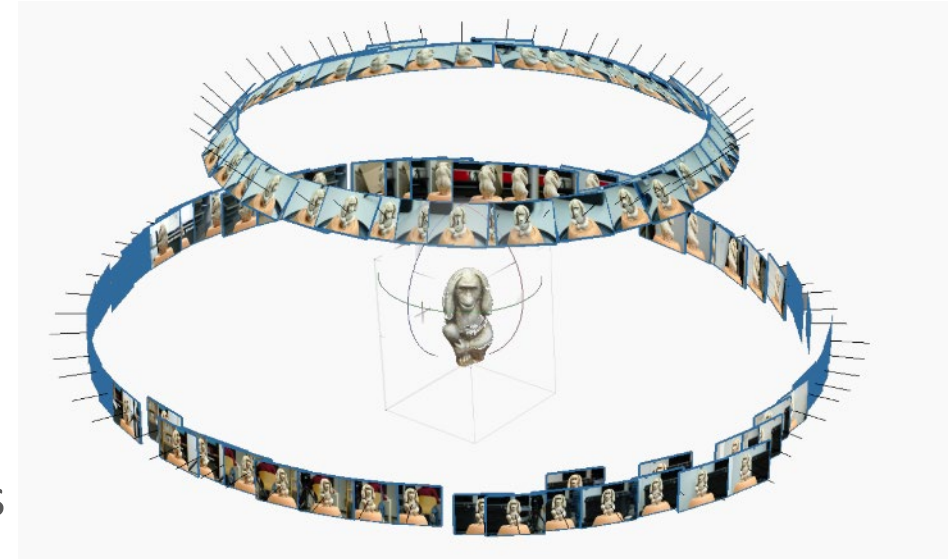
Structure from Motion overview

- Take **good** pictures
- Create 3D model with SfM software, e.g:
 - **Agisoft Metashape Professional**: commercial, lots of handy features, 30 days full trial available
 - Meshroom: open source, standard pipeline works very well
 - VisualSFM: open source, very basic
 - Regard3D
 - ...
- Export model and refine it (e.g. in Geomagic Wrap; noise removal etc)
- Compare output to scanned object



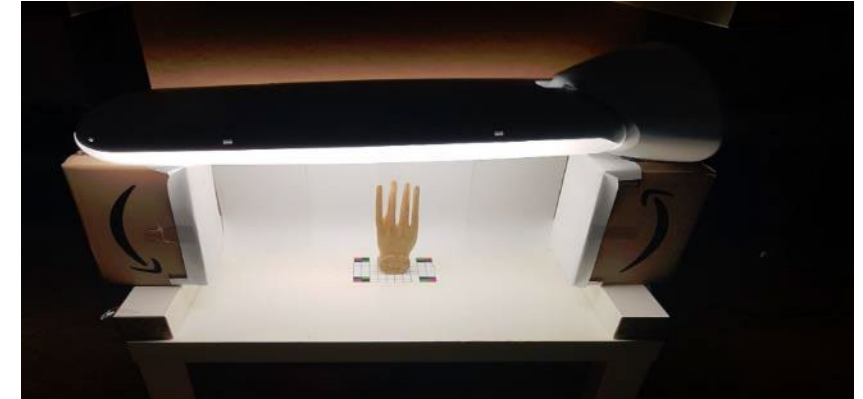
Recommended approach for taking pictures

- **Move the camera around the object**
 - at a constant height & distance
 - in $\sim 10^\circ$ -steps;
 - do several rounds from different heights
- **Do not move the object!**
 - Changing the relation between object and background leads to contradictions
 - Moving the object can lead to different shadows and thus different local appearance
 - Exception: if you need to turn around the object to scan it from the bottom:
 - Create separate models for each object pose (different „chunks“ in Metashape)
 - Merge them afterwards

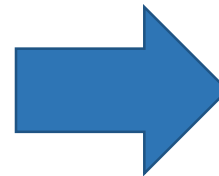


(Alternative Approach)

- Stationary camera, object is rotated
- Rotate the object in small increments ($\sim 10^\circ$)
- be sure to capture from all sides
- Avoid shadows:
 - two light sources, symmetric to the camera axis
 - Preferably area lights \rightarrow "soft"
- Background removal recommended
 - Metashape has tools for that



DIY solution from a previous semester



Taking pictures – camera settings

- Use constant camera settings!
- Preferably: “real” camera (DSLR, mirrorless)
- Manual mode
 - Fixed aperture, shutter speed and ISO
 - Fixed focal length → if you have a zoom lens, don’t touch it during imaging
- When using a mobile phone camera:
 - Use a camera app that allows manual settings → same rules as above
 - No fancy image enhancements (background blur, color enhancements, etc..)



For DSLRs: use a small aperture

- Most of your object should be sharp in your image
- Small aperture (=high f-number) → large Depth of field
- This leads to longer exposure times → Use a tripod!



Life hack

- Shoot outdoors on a cloudy day
 - Enough light
 - Soft shadows
 - Fresh air 😊



Use a reference scale

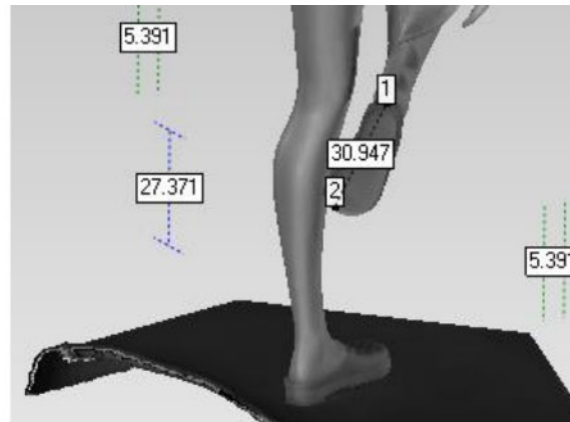
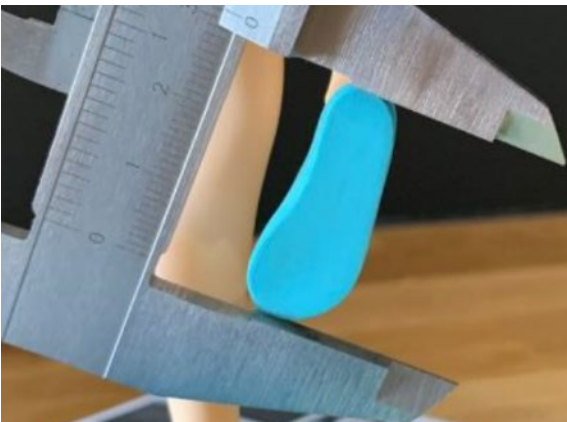
- Necessary to correctly scale your model
 - Grid, Ruler
- How?
 - In Metashape (recommended): Create markers & scalebars, update scale
 - In Wrap: measure same distance in real world & in the model, scale model accordingly



Part 3: Evaluation, Documentation, Presentation

Evaluation

- Give a quantitative evaluation (measure accuracy)
- Measure the same quantities for real object, structured light model and SfM model
- ≥ 3 lengths
 - Real object: caliper (recommended) or ruler
 - Models: Geomagic Wrap
- volume (if possible)
 - Real object: water/sand displacement
 - Models: Geomagic Wrap
- Document what you have measured (screenshots or photos)



Documentation

- 2-4 pages per student
- Describe / document your workflow (especially for SfM)
- Show your results
 - Structured light and SfM
 - Compare results qualitatively
- Give a quantitative evaluation
 - measure ≥ 3 **lengths & volume**
 - compare in a table: real object / scanner / photogrammetry
 - Document the lengths measured with images
- Write about the lessons learned when scanning & editing your object
- (Do not explain how scanning methods work...)

Final Presentation

- Length
 - 5-7 minutes **per group**
 - Max. 12 slides **per group**
- Content
 - Summary of your report
 - Anything that could be interesting for the audience

Grading Scheme

- Max. achievable points: 100
 - Structured Light model: 30p
 - 9p creation of one single connected surface model (baseline)
 - 7p watertightness (absence of holes)
 - 7p quality of geometry (are there non-manifolds, self-intersections, noise, etc.)
 - 7p truthfulness to original (were parts omitted/added, excessively smoothed, etc.. the more complex the object, the more generous we are)
 - SfM model: 30p
 - 9p creating a 3d model from photographs (baseline)
 - 7p correct scaling
 - 7p quality of geometry (are there multiple disconnected parts, reversed surface orientations, self-intersections, etc.)
 - 7p truthfulness to original
 - for certain kinds of surfaces, bad SfM results must be expected - we are generous here, **if the problems are discussed in the report**
 - Report: 30p
 - 10p documentation of the workflow (especially for photogrammetry)
 - 10p documentation of results
 - 10p evaluation
 - Presentation: 10p
 - presentation of workflow & results
 - answers to questions

Points	Grade
87-100	1
75-86	2
63-74	3
51-62	4
0-50	5

Schedule

- 3D scanning: March / April (see TUWEL for slots)
 - At the institute (HA 0420, Favoritenstraße 9)
- Supervised lab sessions: May / June (see TISS for dates)
 - Pong Room (HG EG15, Favoritenstraße 9)
 - Mainly for post-processing
 - Attendance **not** mandatory
 - You can work on your models, ask a tutor for help, etc.
 - Only 8 workplaces with Wrap installed – first come, first serve
 - No SfM software installed
- Deadlines
 - Final Model & Documentation: **June 12**
 - Presentations: **June 17/18**

Registration is now open. Please register for the groups
/ scanning slots via TUWEL.



Questions?

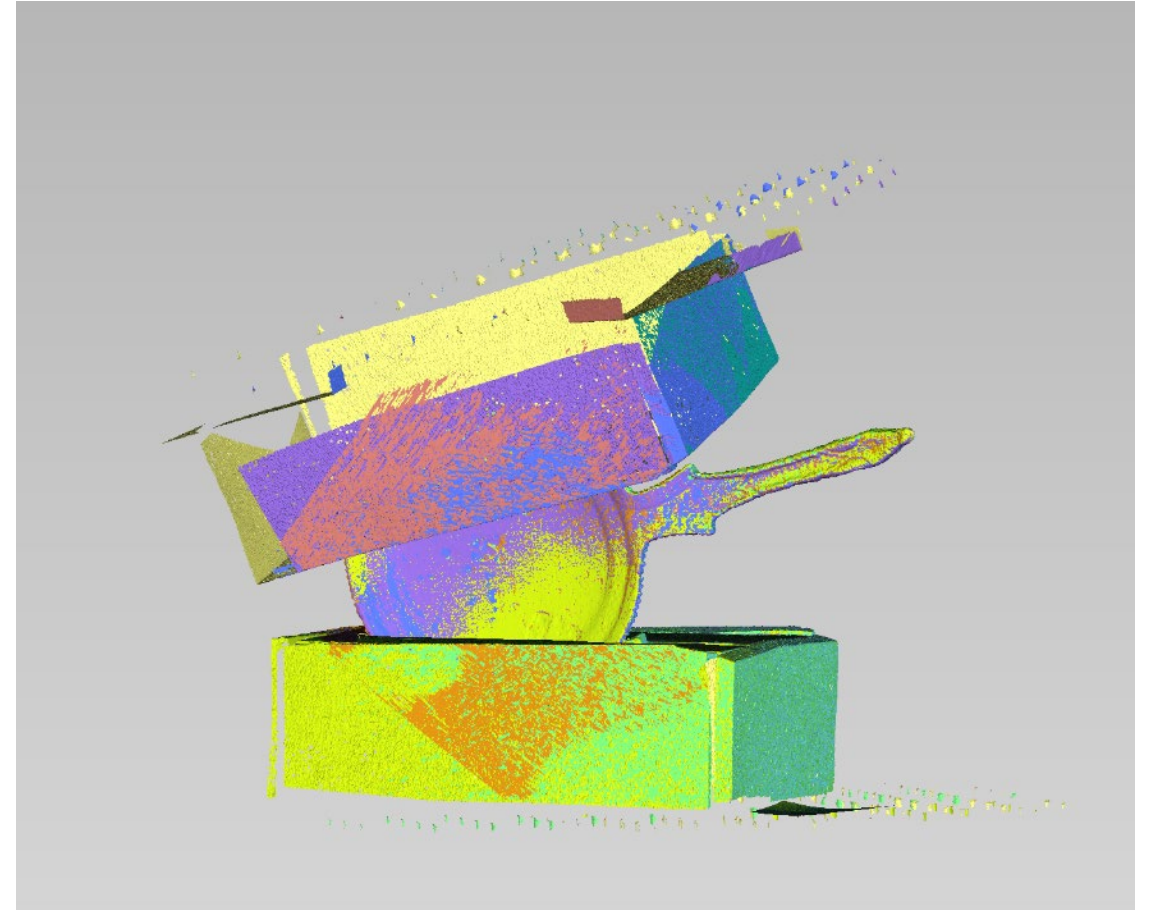
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Geomagic Wrap: processing structured light scans

1. Import .bre files
2. Background removal
3. If necessary: registration / alignment
4. Merging / Meshing
5. Cleanup
6. Close holes

Import .bre files

- ordered point clouds
- one file per scan direction
- Unit: mm

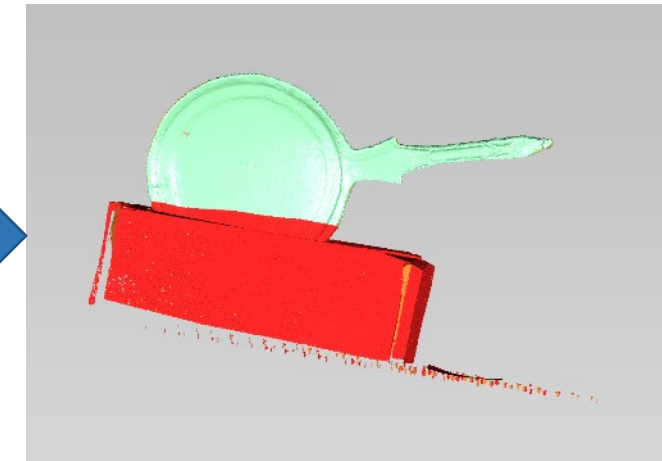
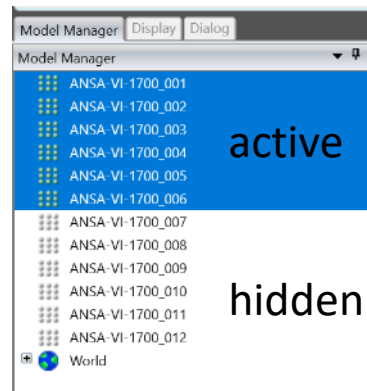
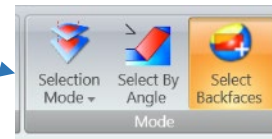
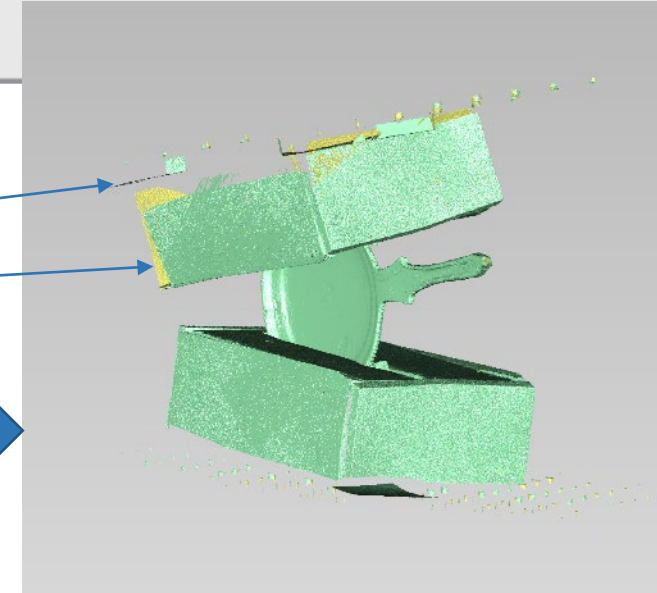
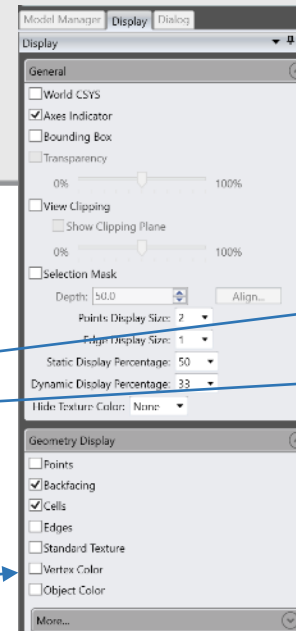


Background removal

- Remove artifacts from turntable / positioning aids

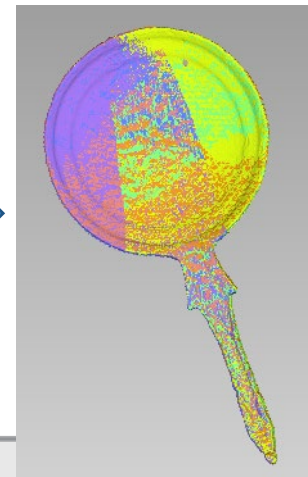
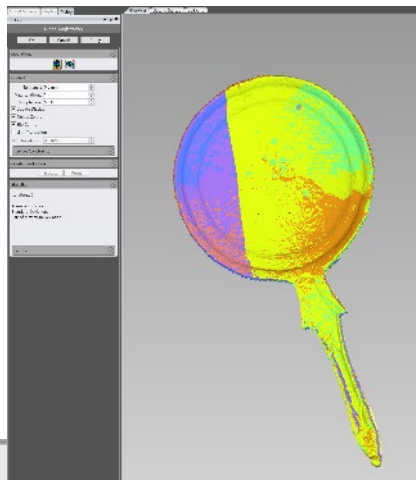
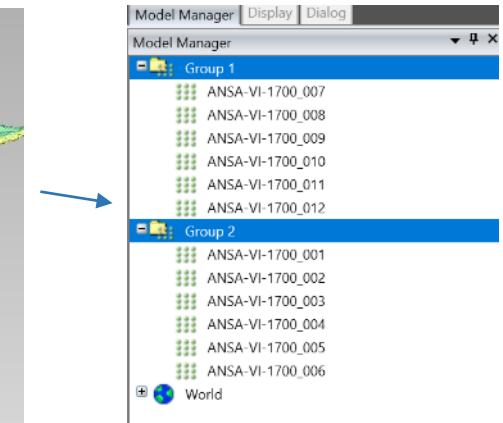
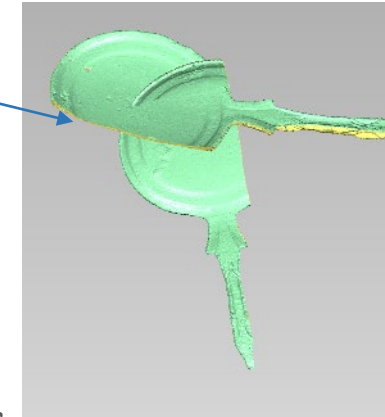
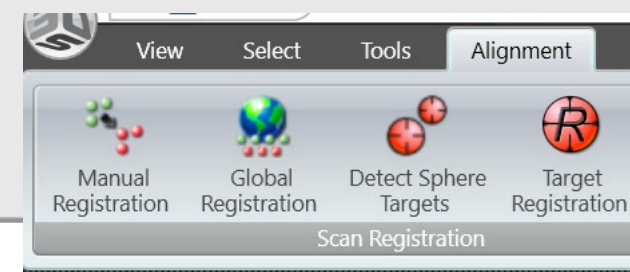
- Tips:

- Disable all coloring
- Pay attention to selection mode
- Treat each object position individually
- Clear selection: ctrl+c

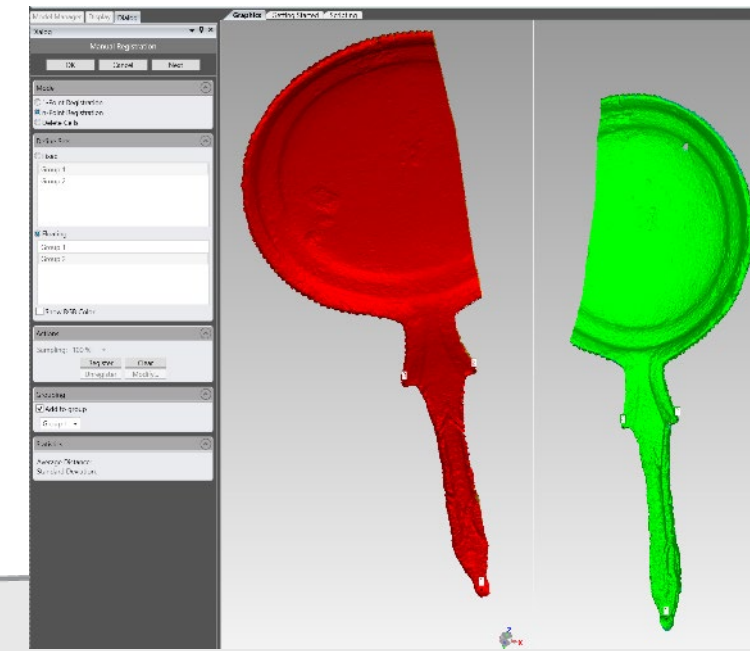


If necessary: registration / alignment

- „Manual Registration“: for large displacements (perhaps a mistake during scanning)
 - Put misaligned parts in groups
 - Start manual registration with 2 groups selected
 - Choose n-point registration, select matching points
- „Global Registration“: for small displacements, optimizes distances between overlapping parts

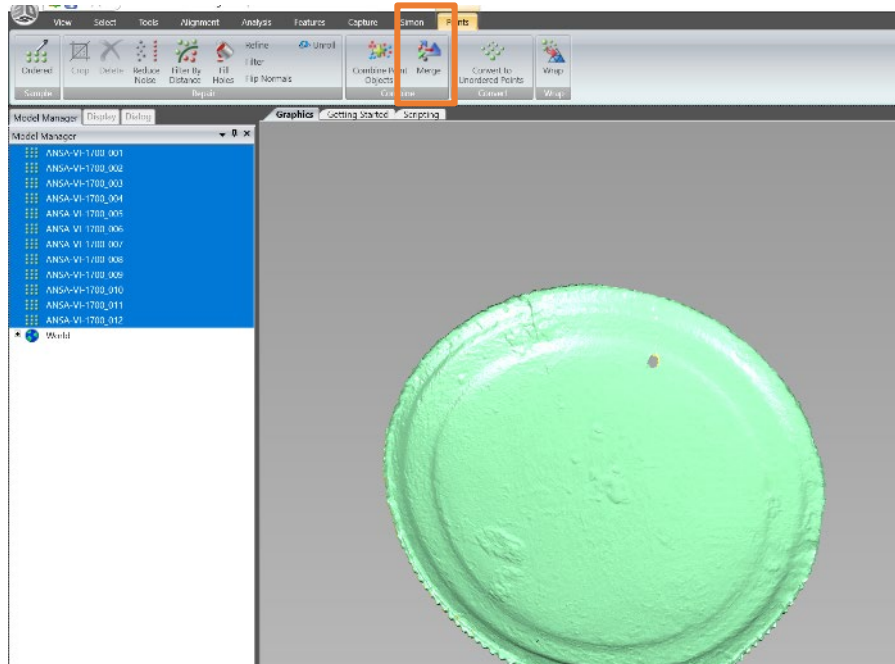


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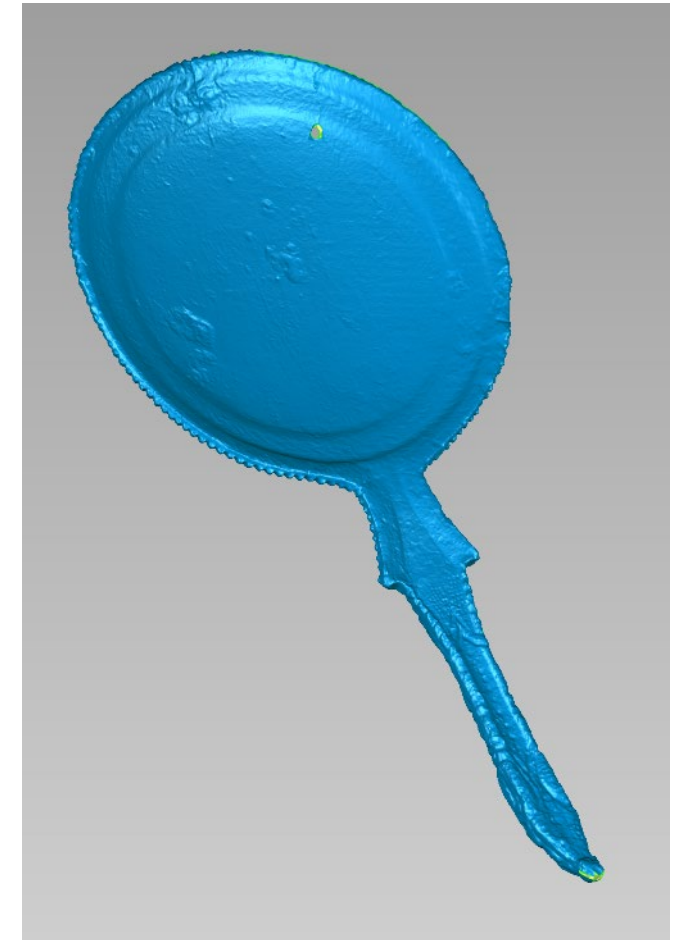
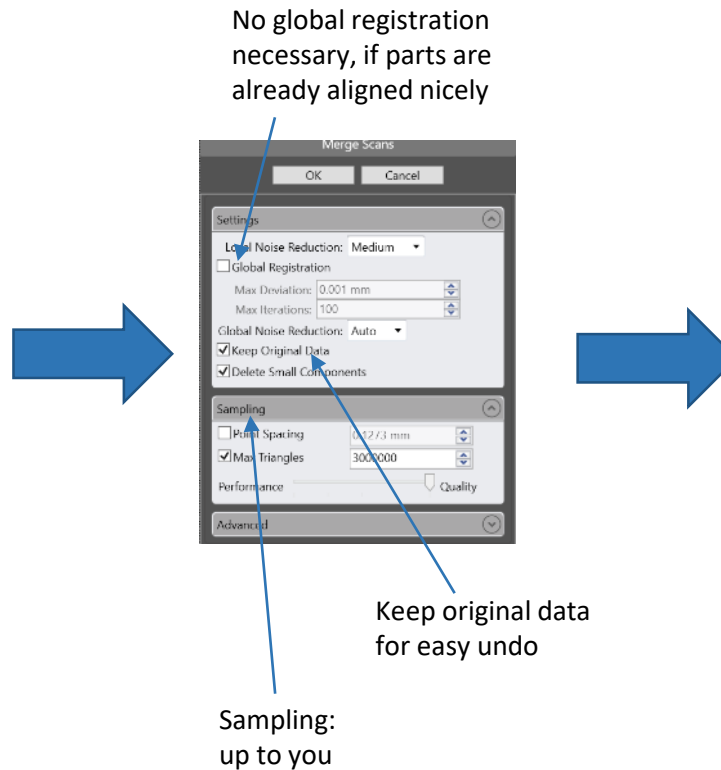


Merging & meshing

- Merge parts and create surface model from point cloud
- „Merge“ tool does both at once



Multiple point clouds

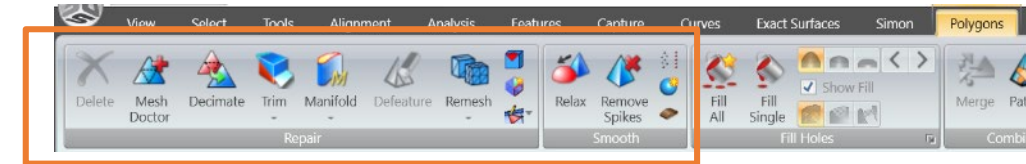


Single mesh / surface model

Cleanup and hole filling

- Cleanup:

- a palette of tools available, just try them
- „Mesh doctor“: removes most of the nasty stuff



- Hole filling:

- Use „Fill Single“, treat holes individually
- Different continuity options
- Use partial fill or bridges when filling large holes with irregular borders, for more control

holes

