PHOTOGRAMMETRY FOR QUICK AND EASY DOCUMENTATION OF CONFLICT DAMAGE

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WHAT IS PHOTOGRAMMETRY?

- 3D reconstruction of a surface using imagery
- Provides non-invasive method of data collection
- Permanent record of feature



Photogrammetry workflow (Source: Javadnejad, 2018)

SFM PHOTOGRAMMETRY

- Structure-from-Motion (SfM) photogrammetry = automatic features matching on corresponding images:
 - Must take images from multiple directions and angles / lots of overlap between images
 - Adding scale: ground control to georeference







SOFTWARE

- Commercial
 - RealityCapture \$99/3 months
 - Agisoft Photoscan \$59/standard, \$529/pro for educational licence
 - Autodesk ReCap Photo \$40/month, \$350/yr (free for education)
- Free
 - VisualSFM
 - COLMAP
 - 3DFZephyr
 - AliceVision Meshroom

HARDWARE

- Camera
 - DSLR (plus macro lens) or video camera
 - Camera phone
 - Drone/UAV

- Other
 - Tripod
 - Turntable
 - Lighting tent
 - dGPS / total station

Computer

- Scales to the number of photos and level of detail required
- Can solve on an iPhone or tablet
- For 400 photo model, 4hrs @ 384GB RAM desktop PC
- Can solve on cloud if local computer resources are limited

PROJECT MOSUL

<u>Project Mosul</u> uses crowd-sourced imagery to digitally reconstruct heritage that has been destroyed (launched 2015)

• May 2019: 6231 images uploaded



Location of images crowd-sourced for Project Mosel May 2019 (Source: projectmosul.org)

HERITAGE IN THE CROSSFIRE



Wadi Rum, Jordan:

- To quantify material deterioration associated with bullet impacts on rock surface in Wadi Rum
- To determine the effect of bullet holes on petroglyph stability
- To extract information from petroglyphs

SfM photogrammetry using AgiSoft PhotoScan software





MATERIAL DETERIORATION ASSOCIATED WITH BULLET IMPACTS

- Depth of impact
- Volume loss of material
- Surface area of disturbance



EXTRACTING PETROGLYPHS

Problems associated with extracting information on petroglyphs

- Multiple layers of petroglyphs
- Graffiti damage





EXTRACTING PETROGLYPHS

Using both colour and depth from 3D models





ADVANTAGES FOR QUANTIFYING CONFLICT DAMAGE

- Low cost limited investment needed
- Basic equipment available to most users
- Straightforward requires limited training
- Field-friendly simple models can be made on-site
- Requires limited planning make models ad hoc
- Easily shared non-proprietary file formats and free software
- Can be crowd-sourced

SUMMARY

- SfM photogrammetry can provide a low-cost, portable, non-invasive method of reconstructing surfaces that preserves the integrity of the feature of interest
- Appropriate image capture is essential to ensure accurate reconstruction multiple images need to be taken from a range of angles and viewpoints (Garbage In Garbage Out)

Things to consider:

- If want to accurately represent feature then need to add scale / ground control and be able to quantify the errors in the photogrammetric process
- Specialist software is required industry standard is AgiSoft Photoscan, free software options available
- Computer requirements dependent on level of detail required