Issues of Scale: Imaging Micro to Oversized Objects

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University of Wyoming Fossil Vertebrate Collection

- 40,000 specimens
- 2,600 Localities
- 6,000 species represented

- Only 1 Full-Time (shared) Position
- Very Limited Income





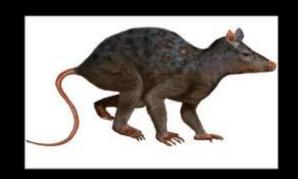
Mesozoic Vertebrates (Dinosaurs and Marine Reptiles)







Mesozoic and Paleogene Mammals

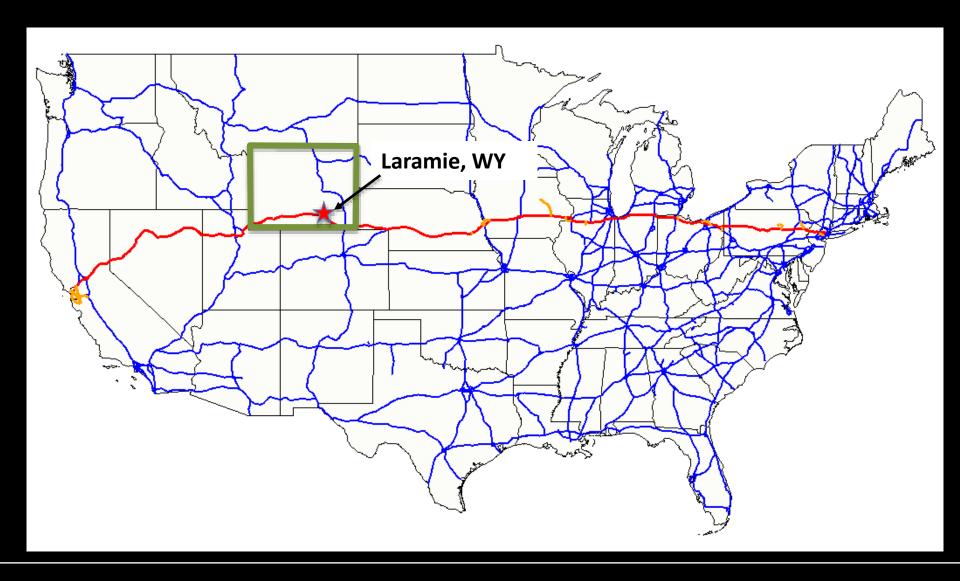






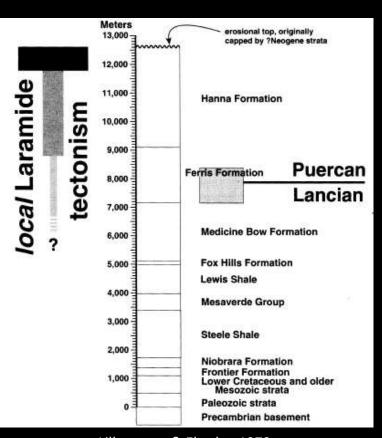


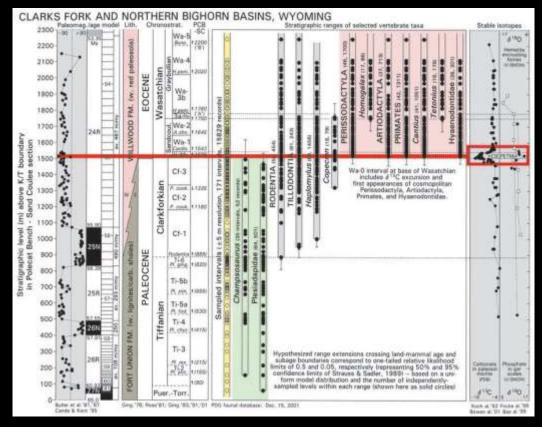
Why Digitize





Research Potential





Lillegraven & Eberle., 1979

Gingerich (2006)



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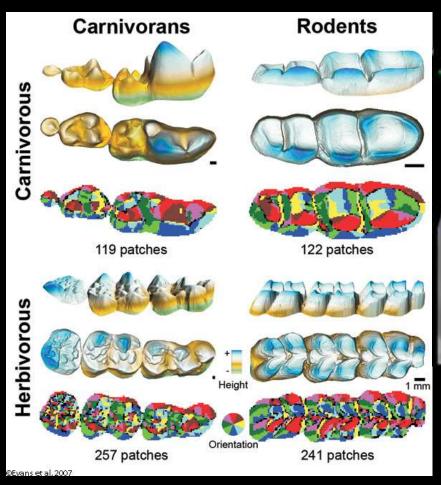


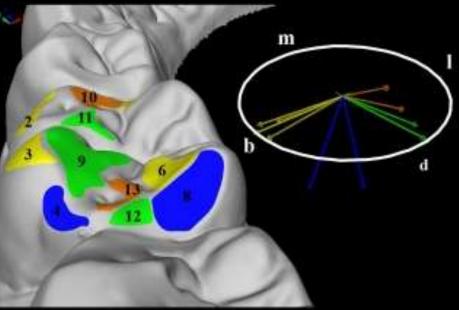
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Research Potential





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Outreach/Education Potential



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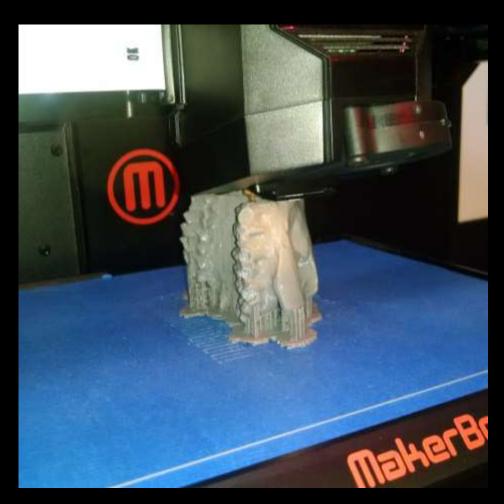
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Platystrophia acutilirata
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Digitization Goals



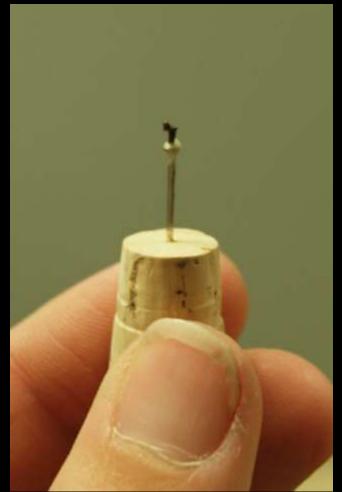






Challenges (Variation in Size)







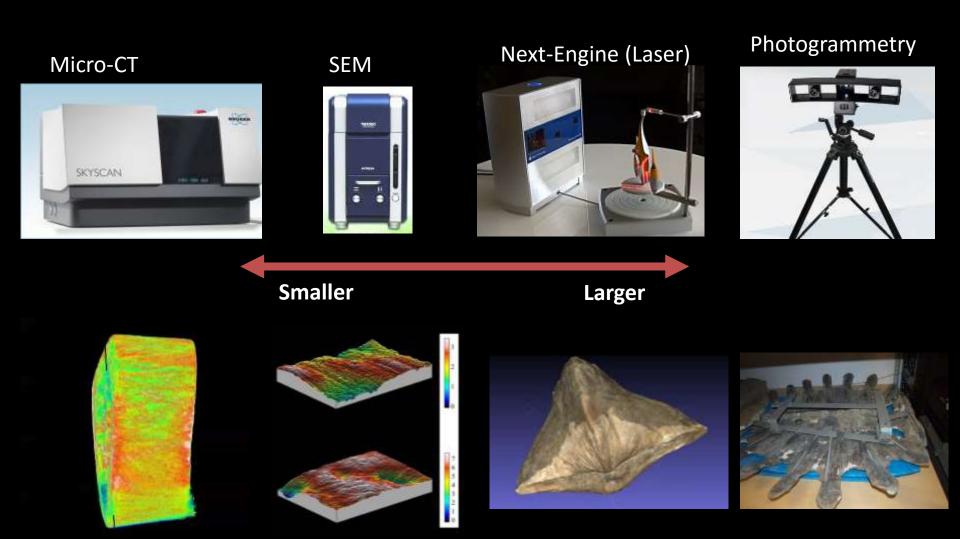
Challenges (Variation in Size)

- Small mammal teeth are Especially Challenging
 - Limited Personnel
 - Limited Funds





Digitization Requires Multiple Methods:





3D Scanner Aids

Paleo Digitization Workshop

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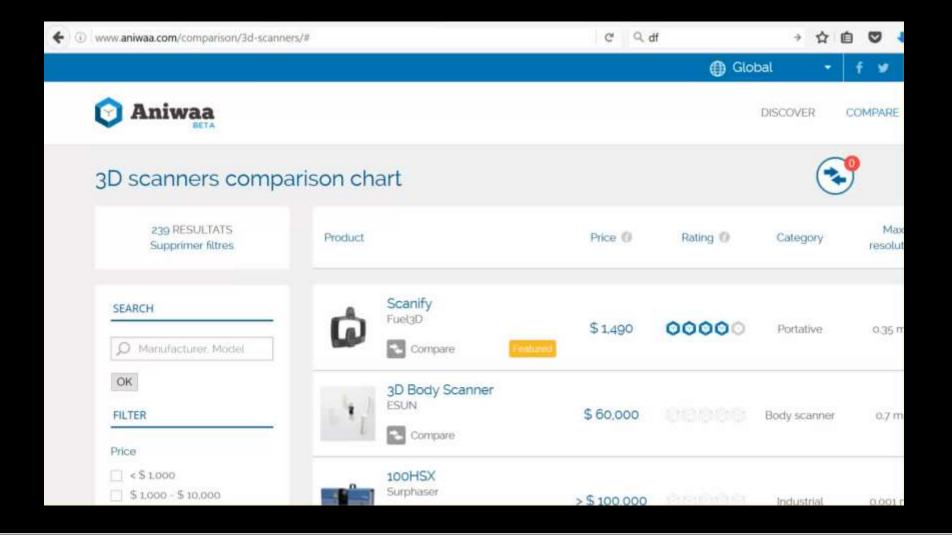
This is the wiki page for the paleo digitization workshop held at the Yale Peabody Museum, late September, 2013.

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3D Scanner Aids





Trade-Offs in Digitization to Consider





Funds



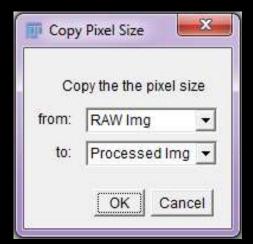


Storage





Ease of Use/ User- Interface



File Processing





Approach by the Univ. Wyoming Fossil Vertebrates





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Approach by the Univ. Wyoming Fossil Vertebrates

Large Medium Small

Proof of concept. Not tested on a collections level scale...stay tuned









Large Specimens (Elements Larger than 1 meter)





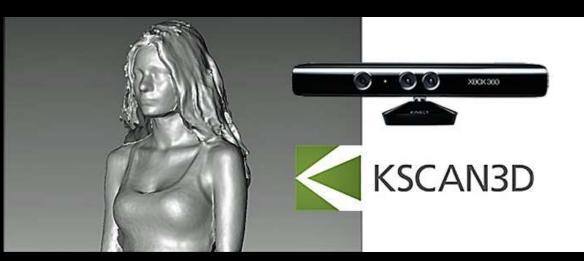
Large Specimens (Elements Larger than 1 meter)



Course Resolution (1mm)

Cheaper: \$200-\$500









Medium Specimens (Elements 10cm - 1 meter)





Medium Specimens (Elements 10cm - 1 meter)

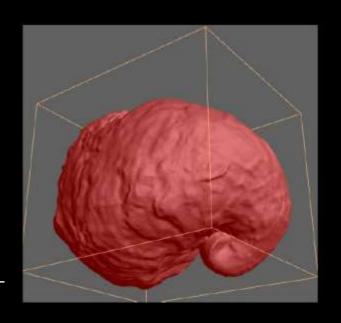




David Scanner (3-5k Dollars)

Moderate Resolution (best 50 microns)

Moderate Priced: \$2000-\$5000















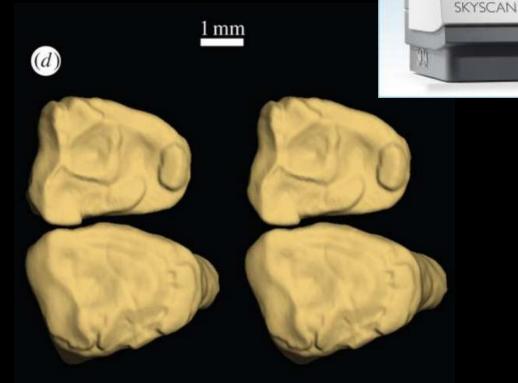








Micro-CT



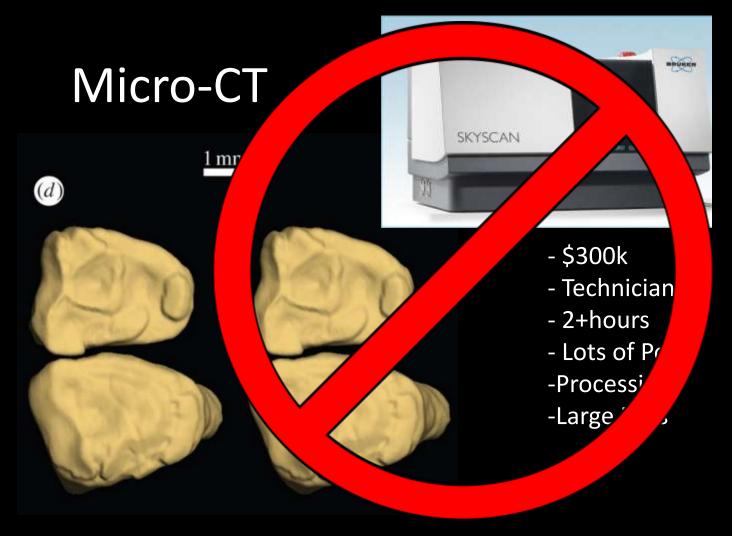


- Technicians
- 2+hours
- Lots of Post
- -Processing
- -Large Files





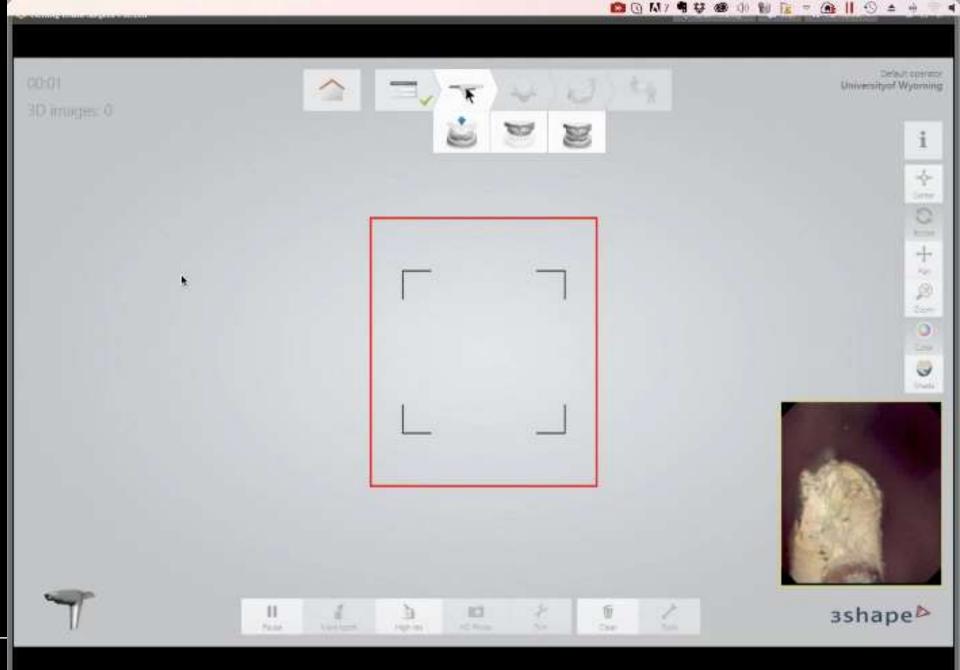


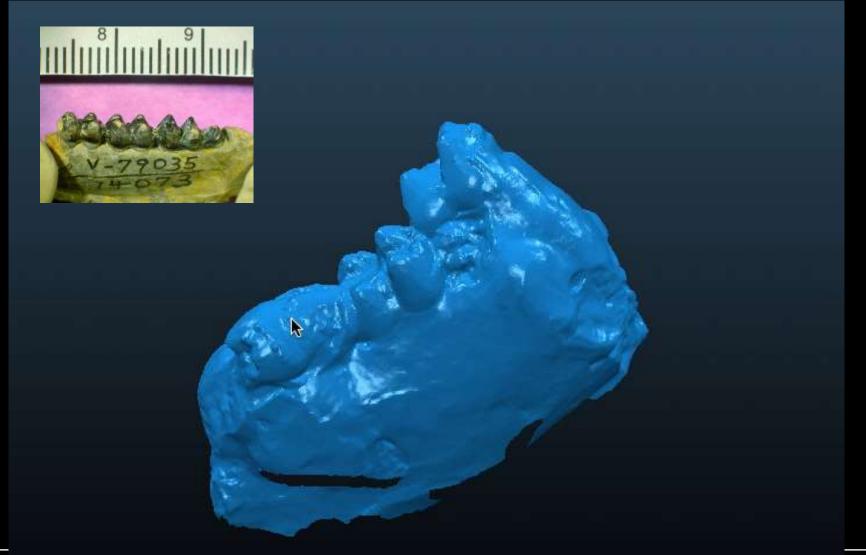






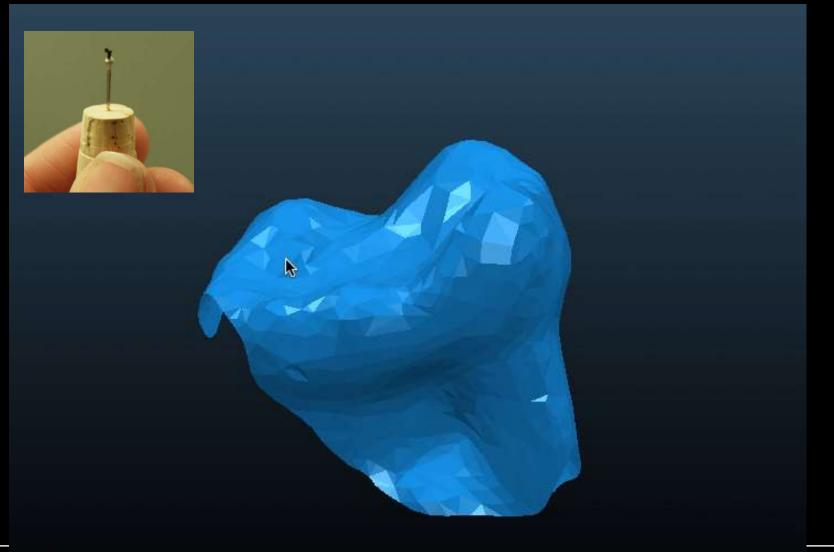
























Hirox Digital Microscope



Macropod Digital Camera Station





Multiple Lenses and Adaptors Increases number of samples it can digitize



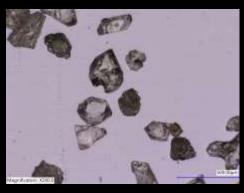
0-2000x magnification

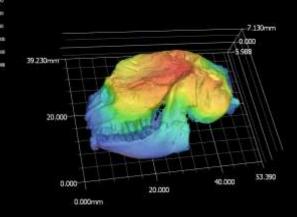
180 Deg. Lens Tilt

Detachable Lens

Multiple Adapter/Diffuser

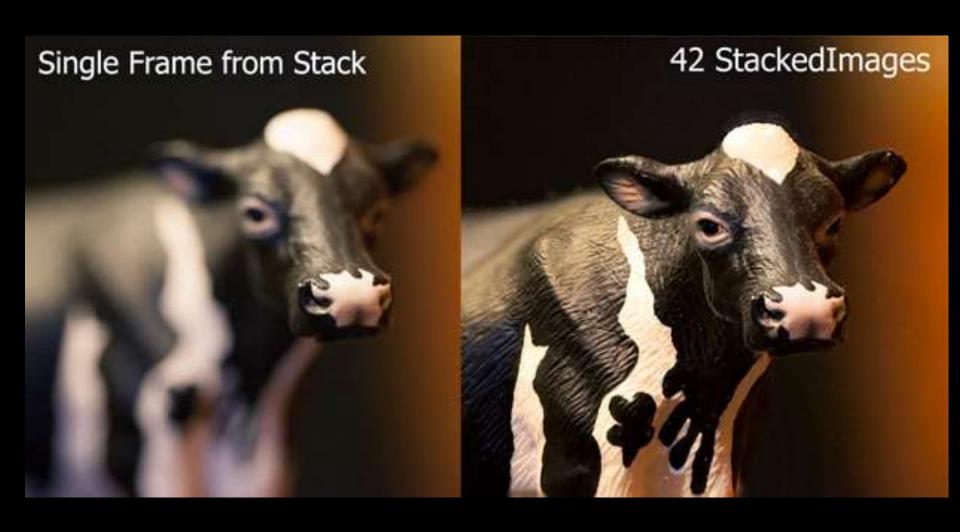








Automated Focal(z) Stacking





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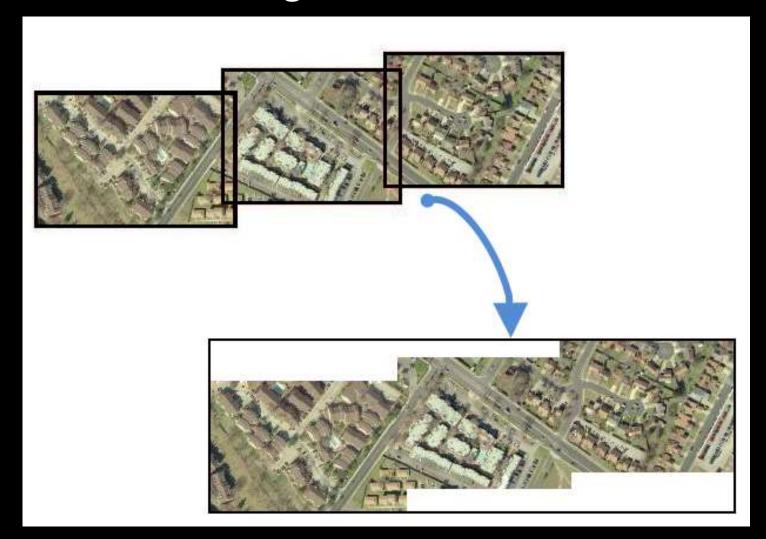




1 mm



Automated Tiling of Focal Stacked Sections





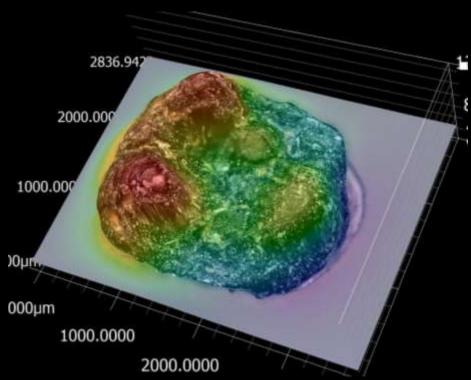
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3D Model Generation







Automated Mag/Scale and Annotation and Composite



Multi-View





Multi-View and Photogrammetry







Thank you!











