## VISUALIZATION OF FUSED STRUCTURE FROM MOTION AND MICRO X-RAY COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY DATA SETS FOR NOVEL 3D VIRTUAL ASTROMATERIALS SAMPLES COLLECTION OF NASA'S APOLLO LUNAR AND METEORITE SAMPLES



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# INTRODUCTION

Our team continues to develop streamlined processes to collect, process and visualize new high-resolution precision photography (HRPP) and X-ray computed tomography (XCT) data of NASA's Apollo Lunar and Antarctic Meteorite samples for the 3D Virtual Astromaterials Samples (3DVAS) Collection project. The goal of the 3DVAS project is to create a digital database of research-grade 3D models of combined HRPP and XCT datasets for 60 of NASA's Apollo Lunar and Antarctic Meteorites, which will be available to researchers and the public via NASA's Curation website [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9].





The main objective is accurate fusion and subsequent visualization of two unique data sets - 3-dimensional Micro X-Ray Computed Tomography (XCT) internal composition data and a Structure-From-Motion (SFM) high-fidelity, textured external polygonal model of Apollo Lunar Sample 79115,0. The developed process utilizes innovative all-in-one functionality now available in off-the-shelf software VG Studio Max (VGS-MAX), providing a platform to "slice through" a photo-realistic rendering of a sample to analyze both its external visual and internal composition simultaneously.

# DATA & METHODS



**Data Fusion** 

HRPP Data Acquisition

### HRPP 240 60-Megapixel TIFF images Hasselblad H4D-60 NASA Lunar Sample Laboratory



SFM Photogrammetric Triangulation Agisoft PhotoScan





# 79115,0

HRPP\_79115-0\_2017-08-02\_0001-HighPass5.tif 79115,0 is classified as a medium gray soil regolith breccia, was collected during Apollo 17 on the rim of the Van Serg Crater [2] and is currently stored at NASA Johnson Space Center's Lunar Sample Laboratory Facility in the Astromaterials Acquisition & Curation Office [7].



**XCT** Data Acquisition



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Isosurface Model Volume Graphics VG STUDIO MAX



Before (left) and after (right) application of a clipping box to the XCT 3-D reconstructed data of 79115,0 in VG Studio MAX



# RESULTS & DISCUSSION

Through this effort, a streamlined process for XCT 3-D reconstruction, XCT/SFM data fusion and slice visualization within a single software package, VGS-MAX, has been developed. We have achieved successful fusion of the two datasets for Apollo Lunar Sample 79115,0 into one coordinate system using an improved technique from our first efforts [4, 8]. We used HRPP and XCT data acquired from Lunar Sample 79115,0 to develop and further our procedure in combining the two datasets. The VGS-MAX best fit registration algorithm has yielded accurate fusion of 79115,0 XCT 3-D reconstruction and SFM model data sets.

The results allow for a novel visualization of 79115,0 and the rest of the 3D VAS Collection using data acquired with high-resolution modern photography and X-ray CT data acquisition systems, to be served on NASA's Astromaterials Acquisition and Curation website: https://curator.jsc.nasa.gov.



Before (left) and after (right) application of a clipping plane to the registered SFM model of 79115,0 in VG Studio MAX Single slice visualization of 79115,0 fused XCT and SFM data sets in VGS-MAX

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