

Selected Topics of the CrossSAVE-CH Project

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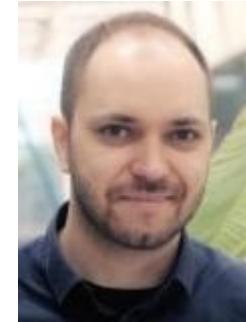
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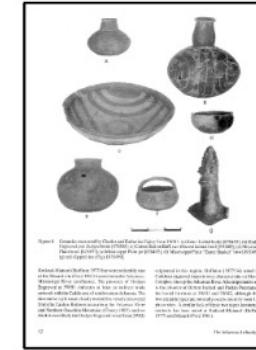
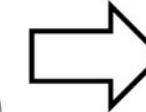
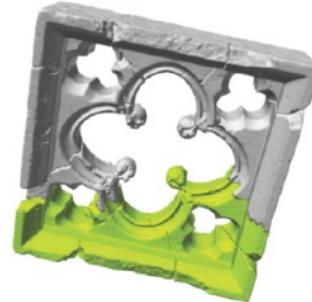
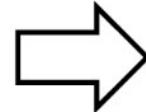
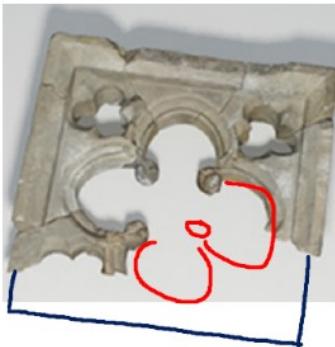
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- Varied modalities of CH data



Sketch/Drawing



Photographs



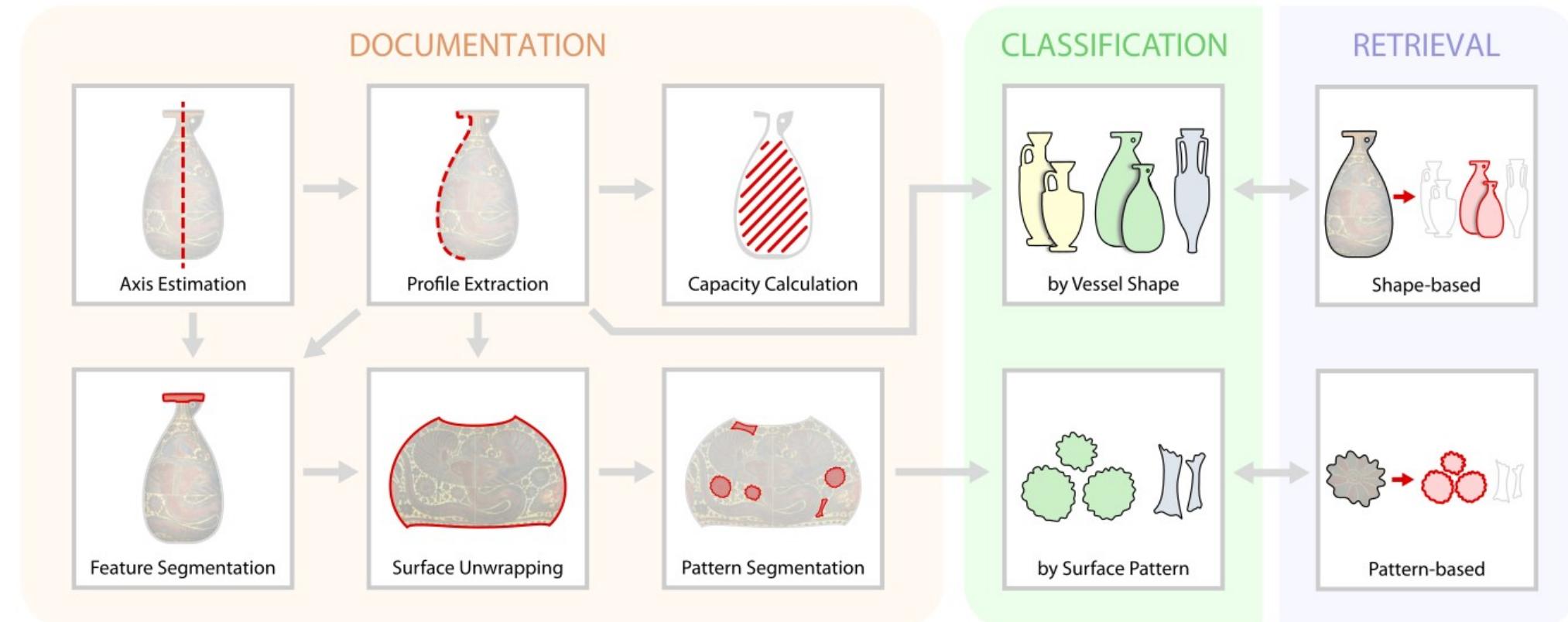
3D Model



Metadata

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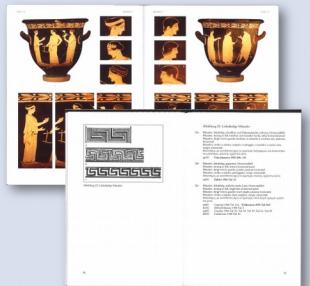
- Computerized methods for pottery research



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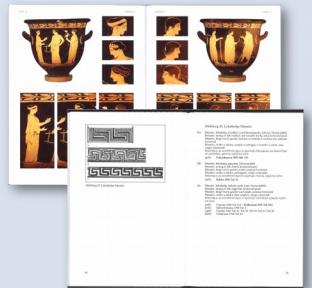


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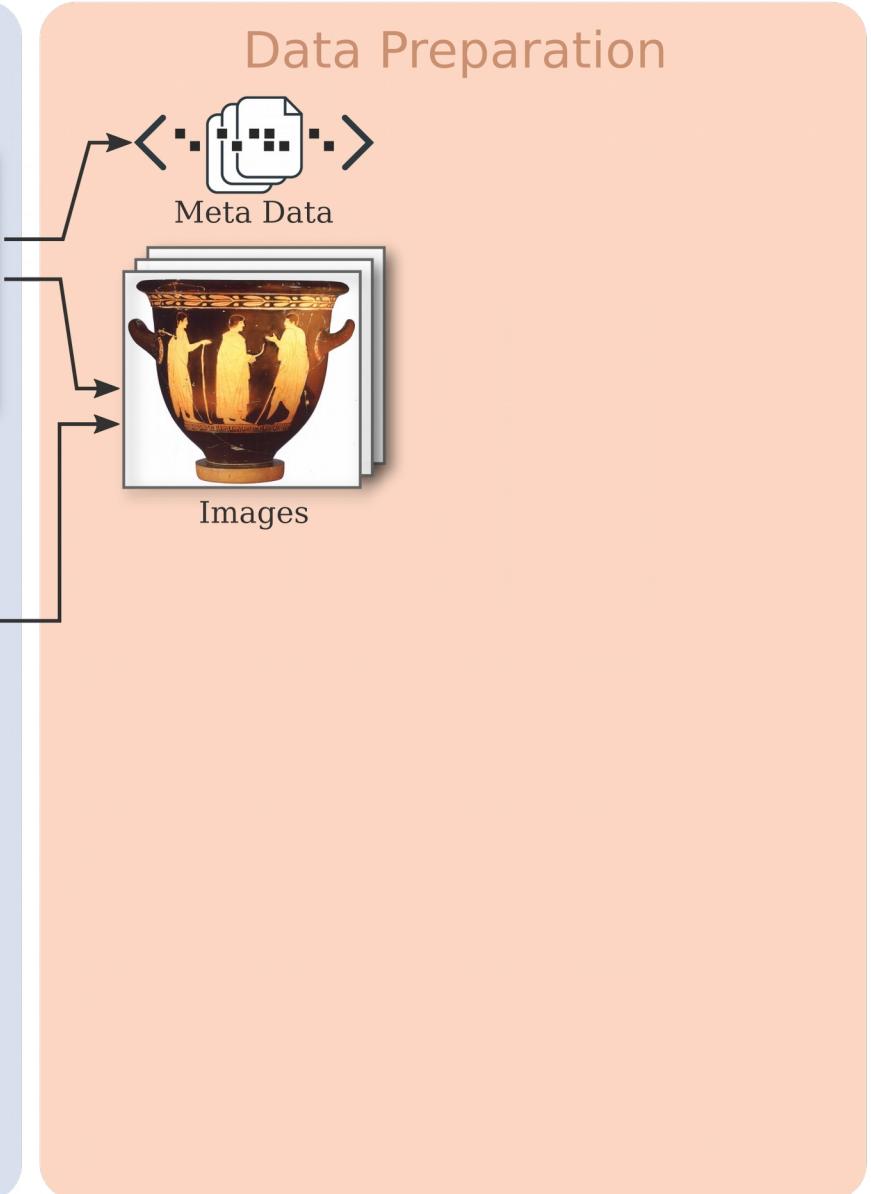
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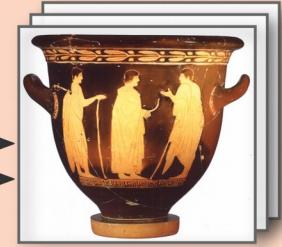


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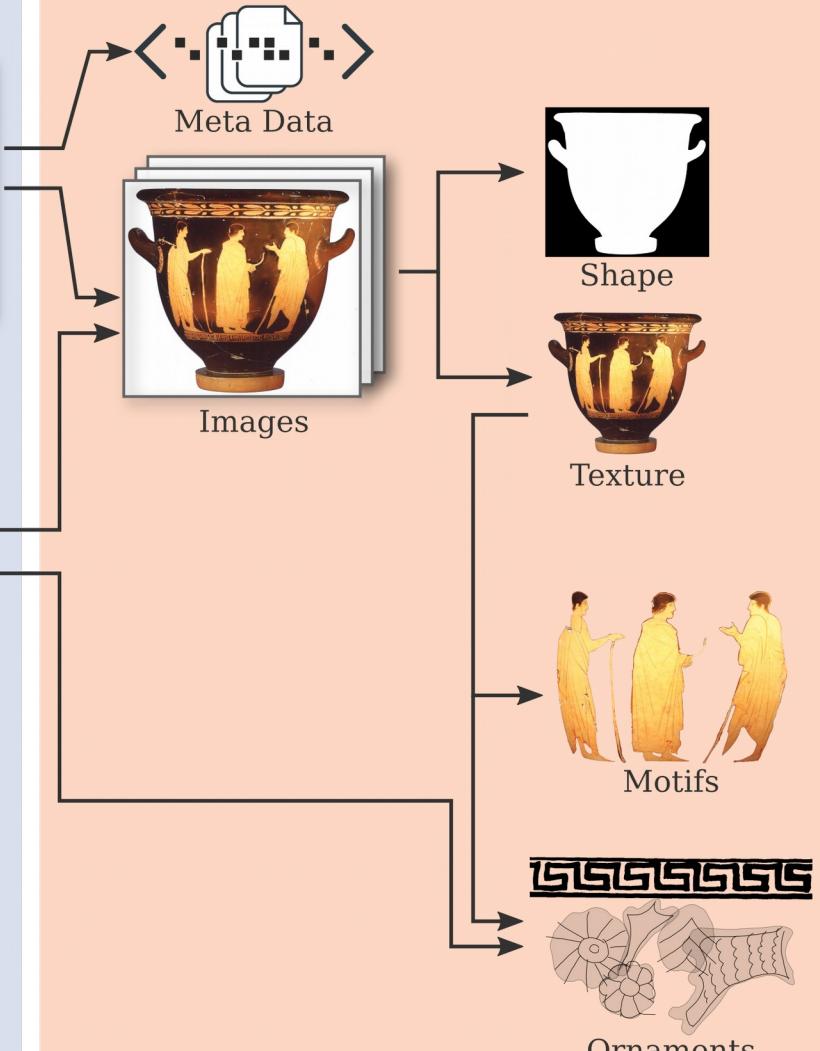


Texture

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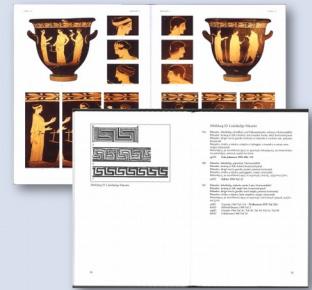
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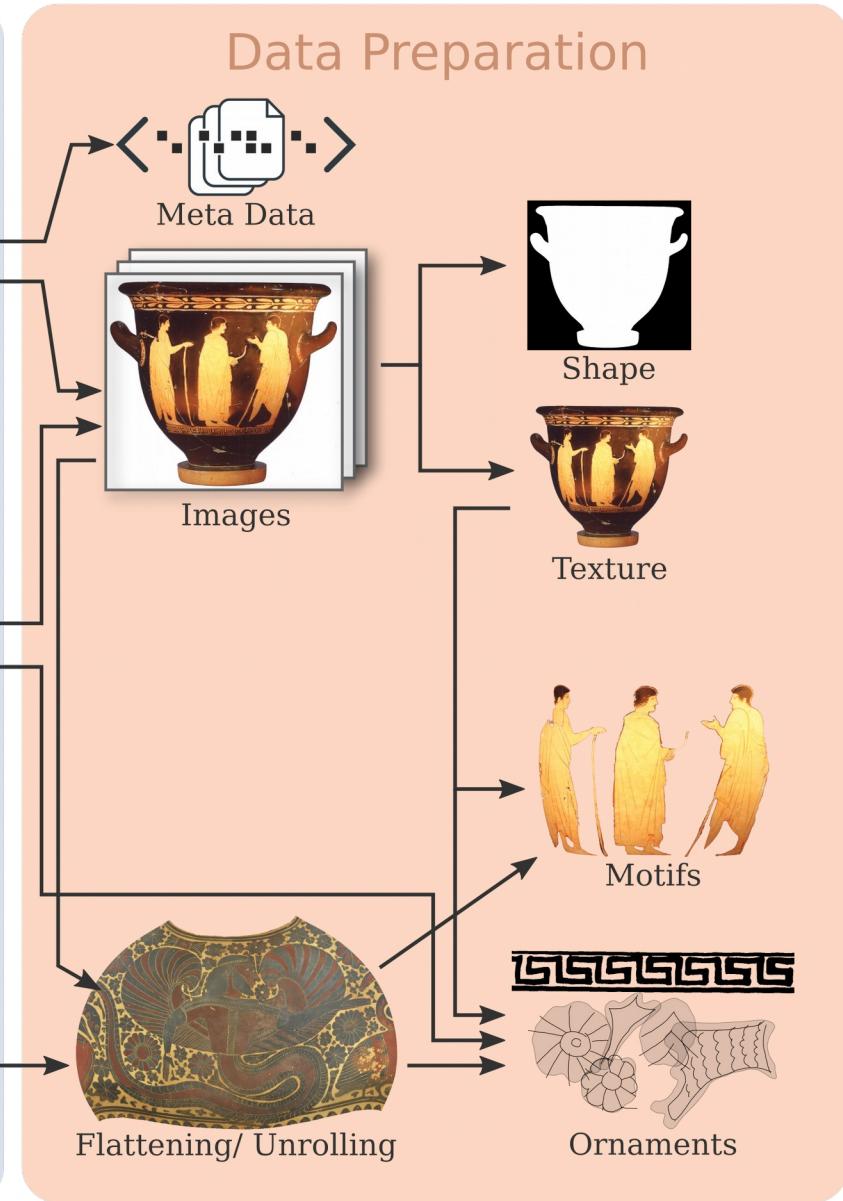
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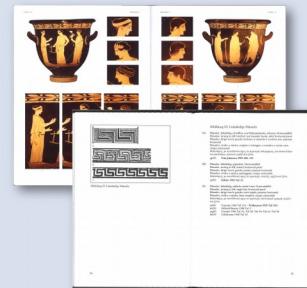
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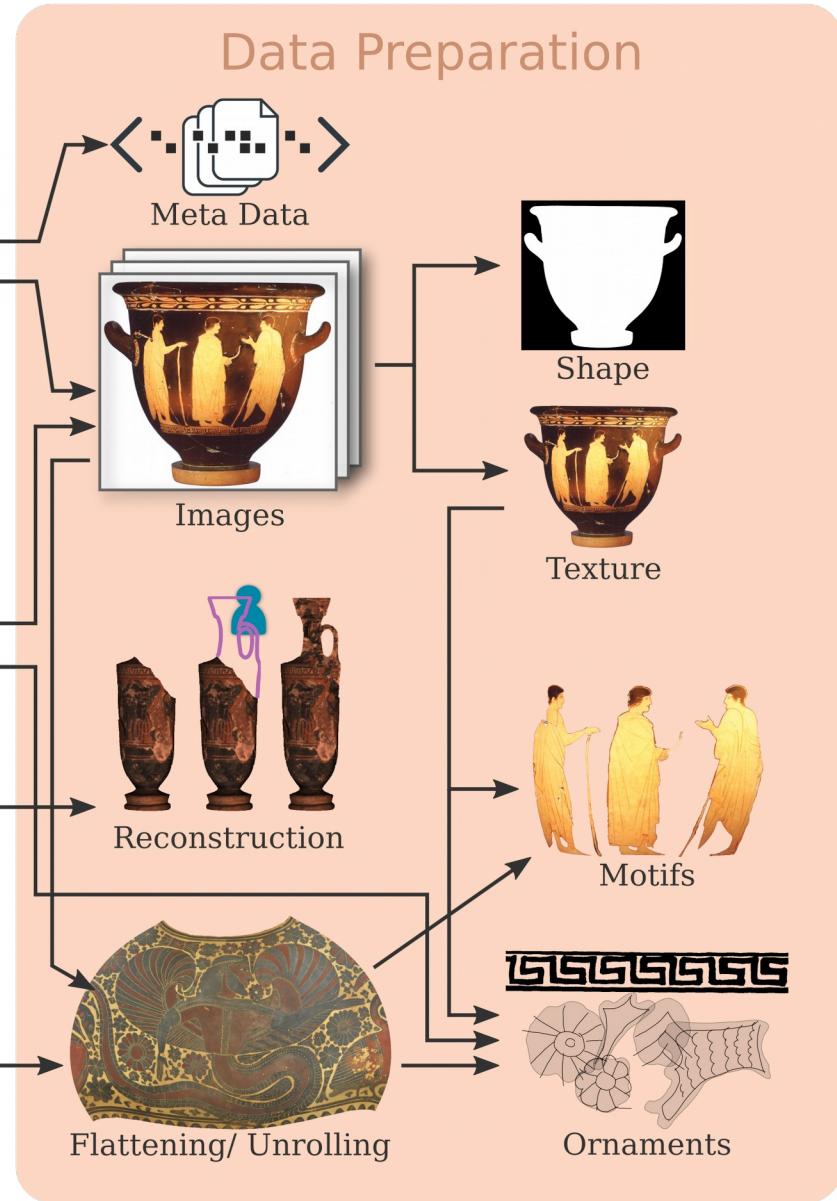
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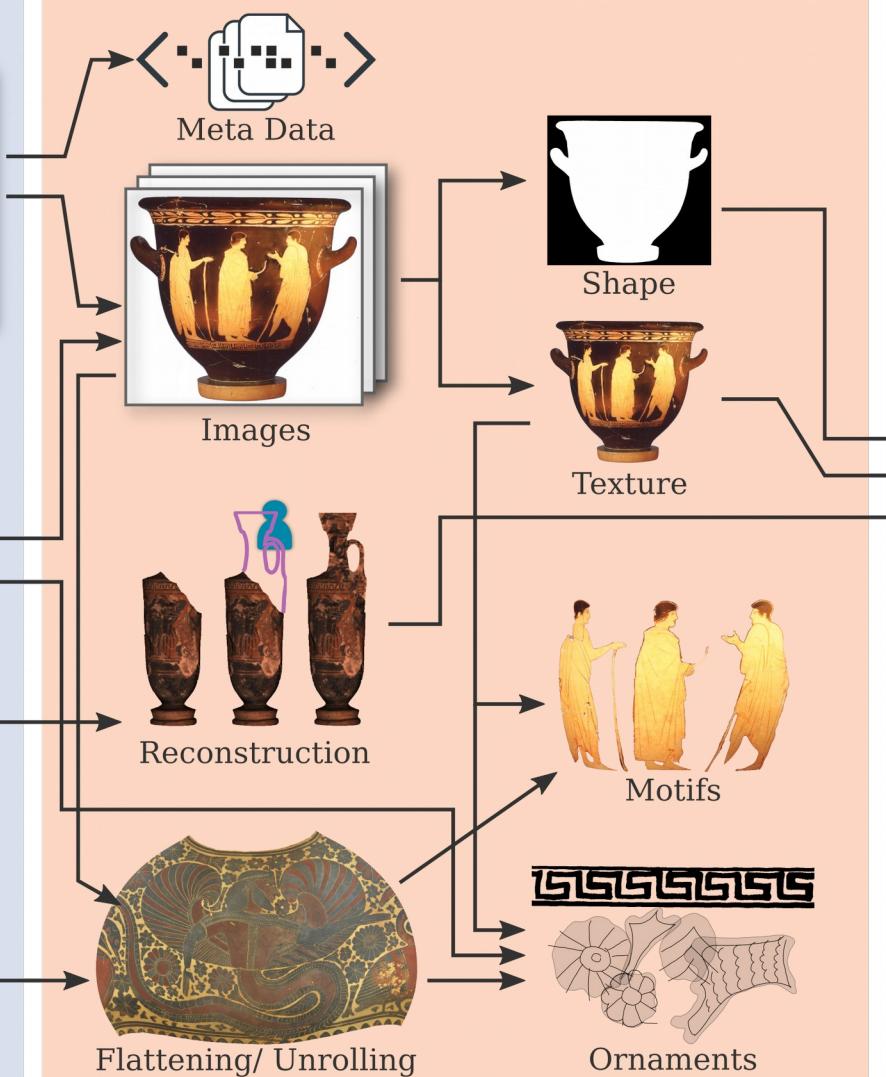


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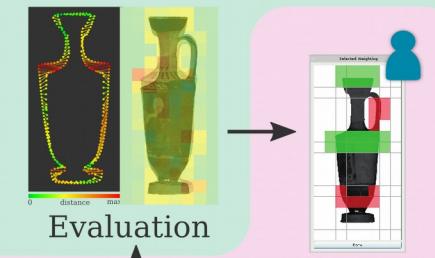


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Exploration/ Analysis



Search



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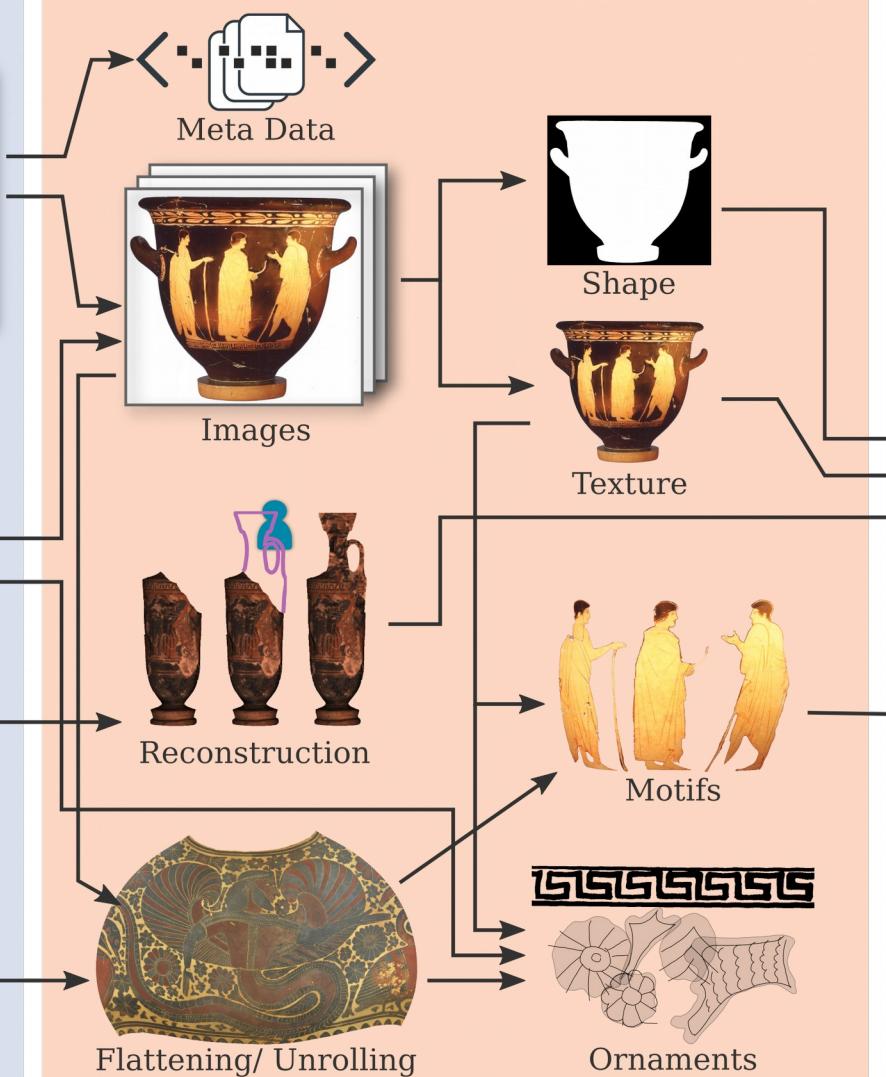


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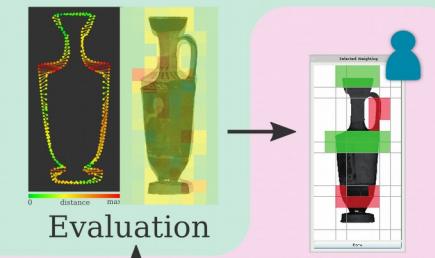


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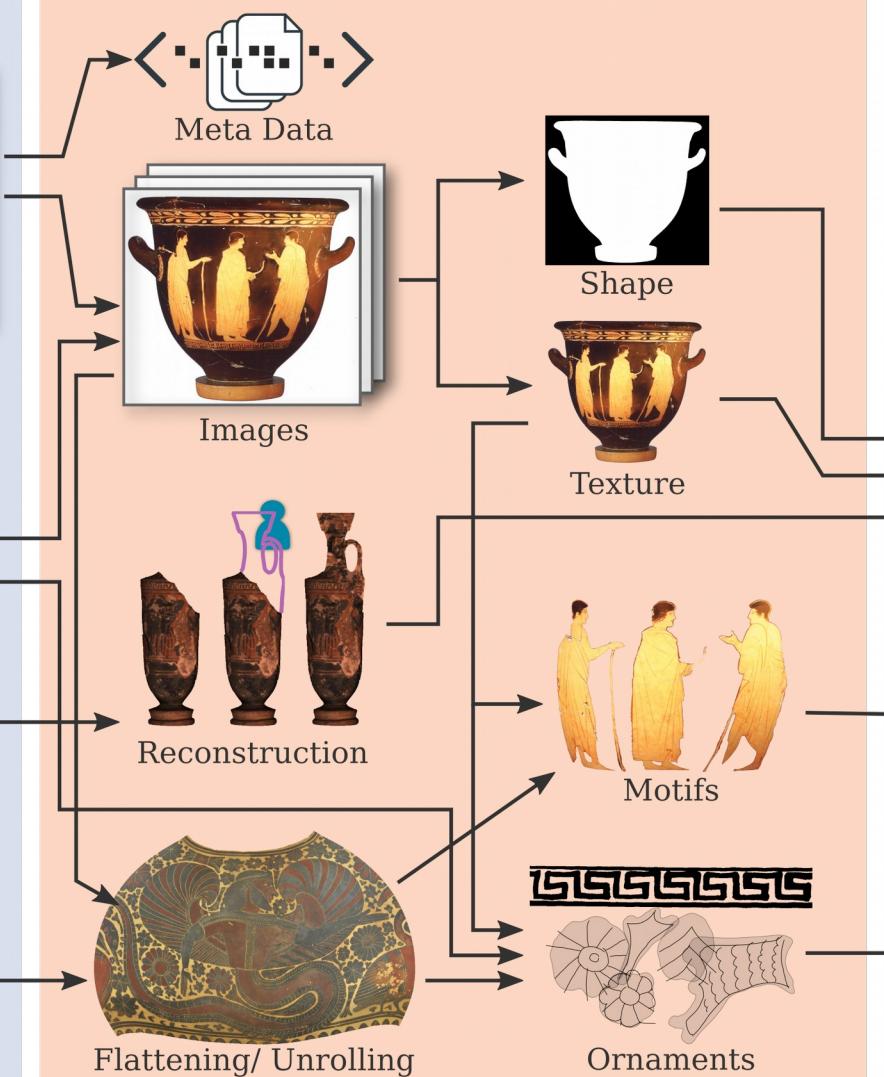
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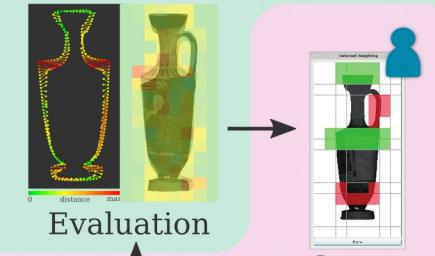
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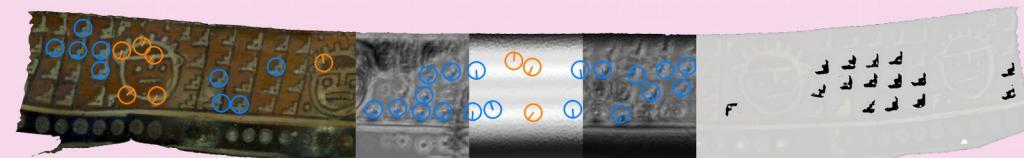
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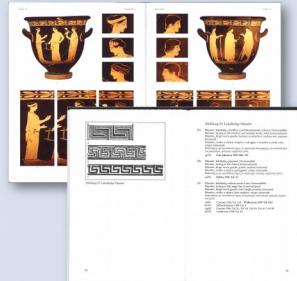
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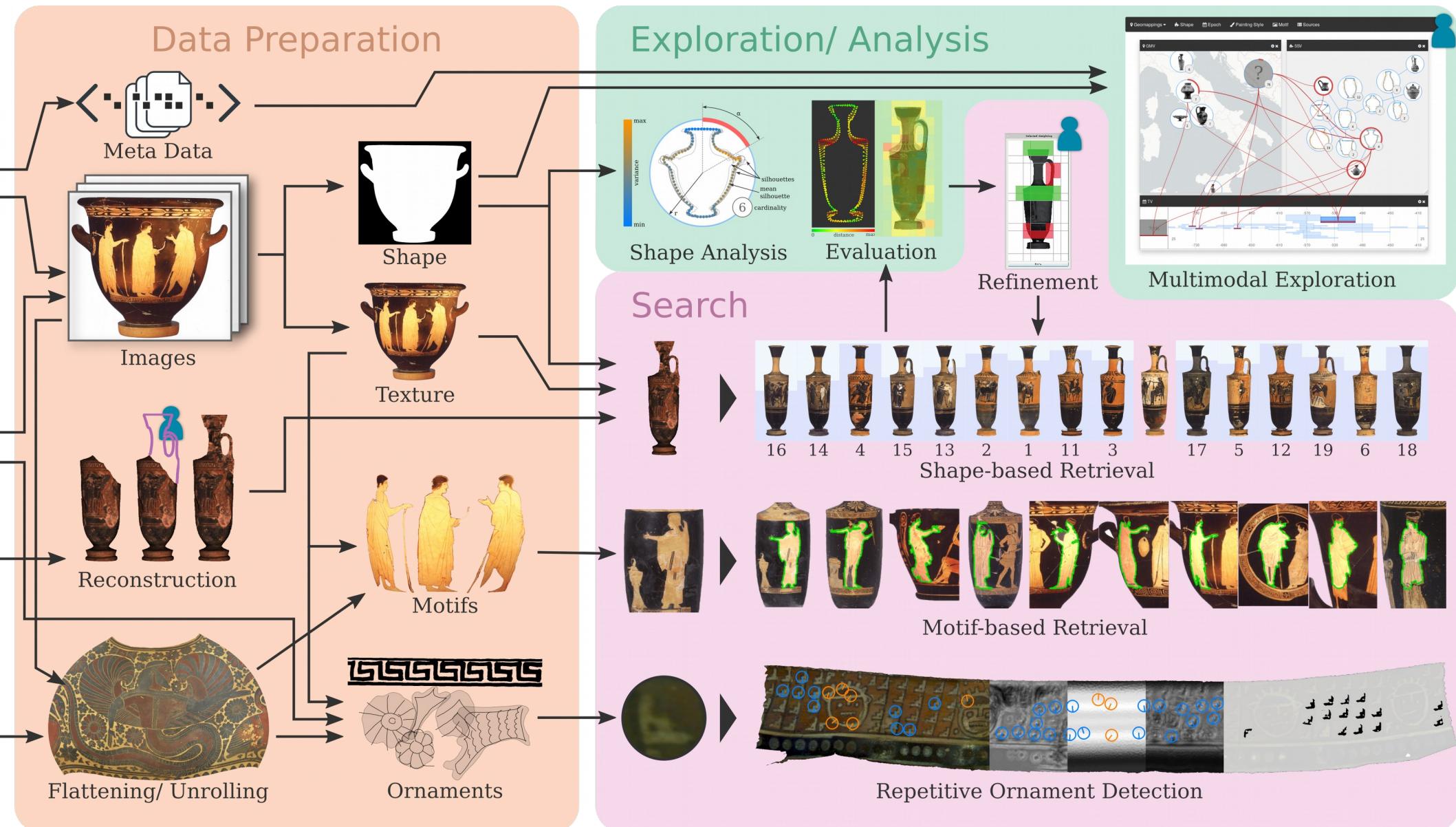
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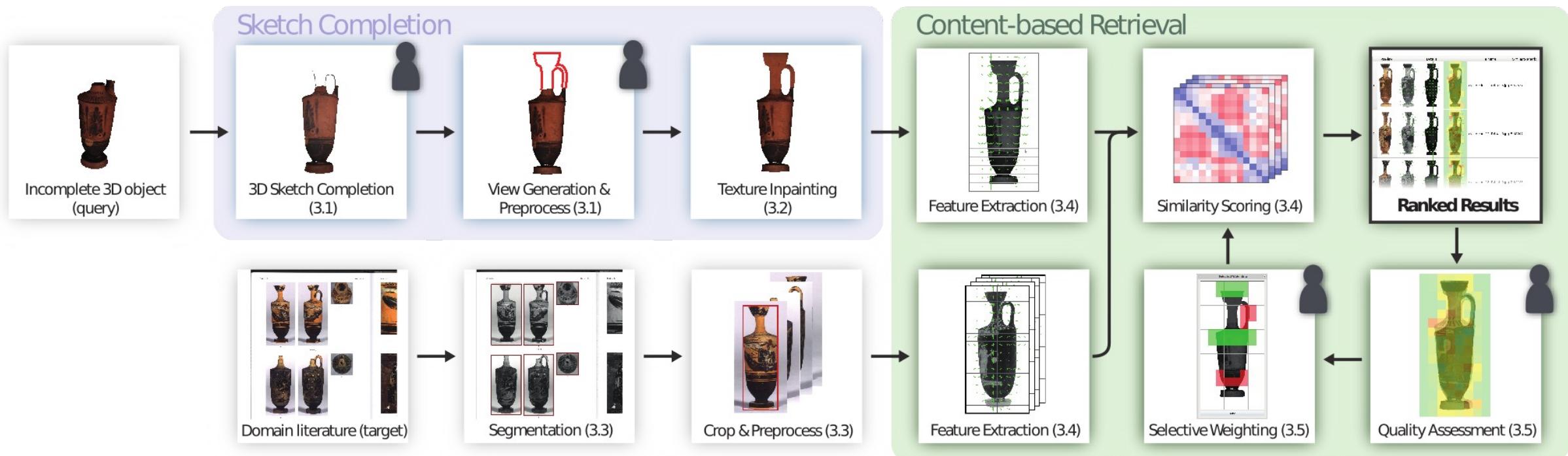
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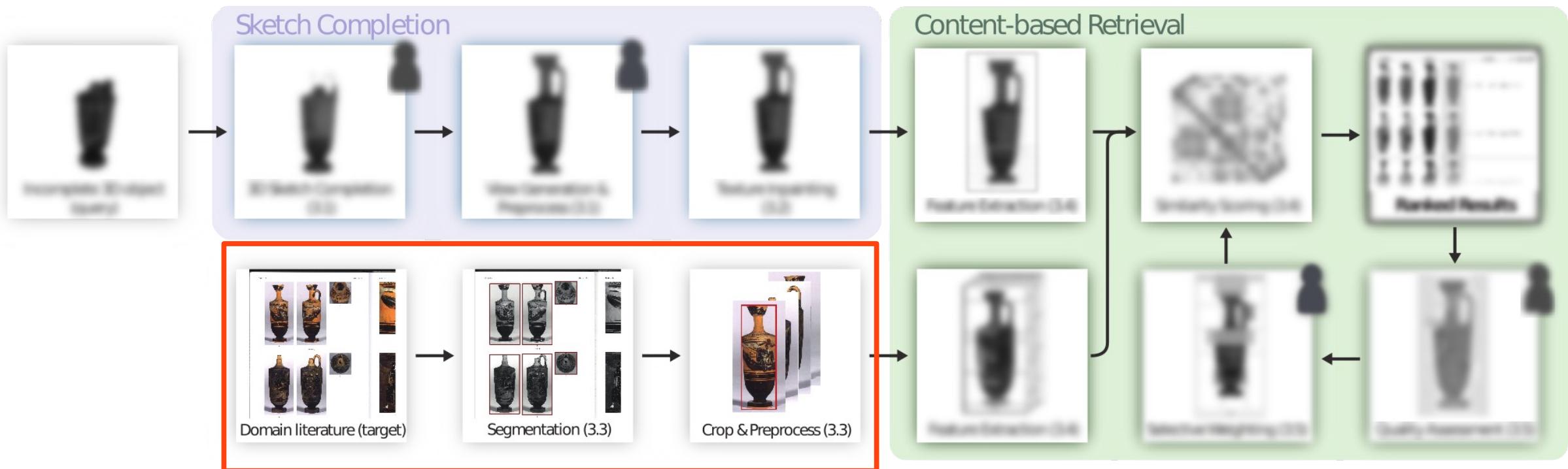
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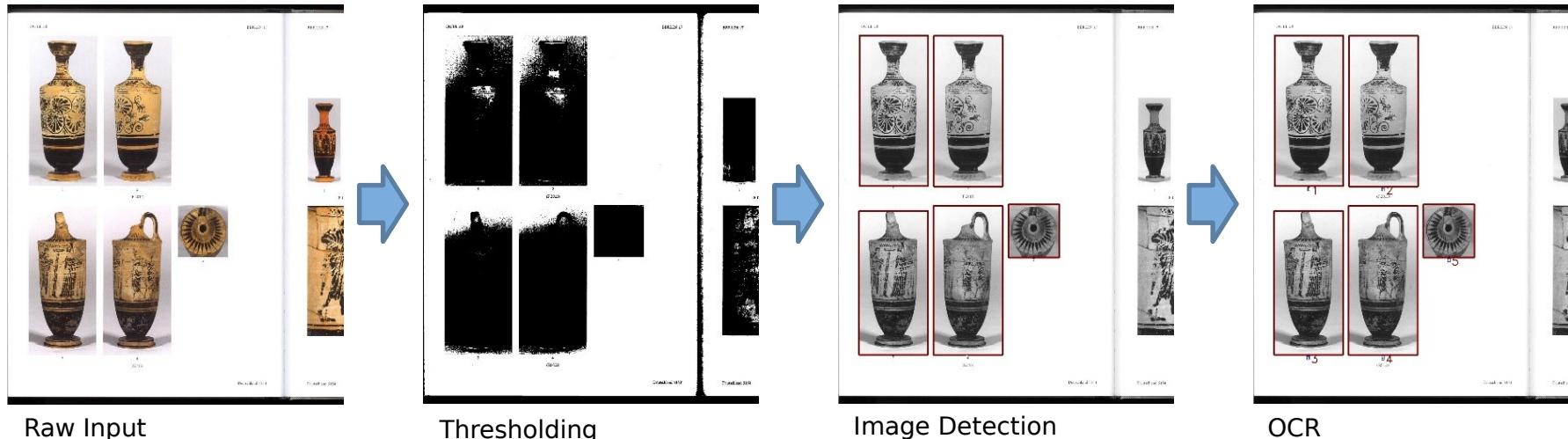


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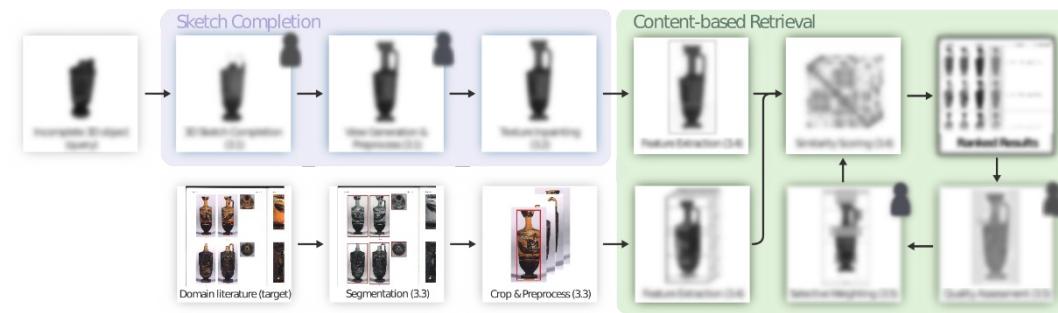


Search Space Generation

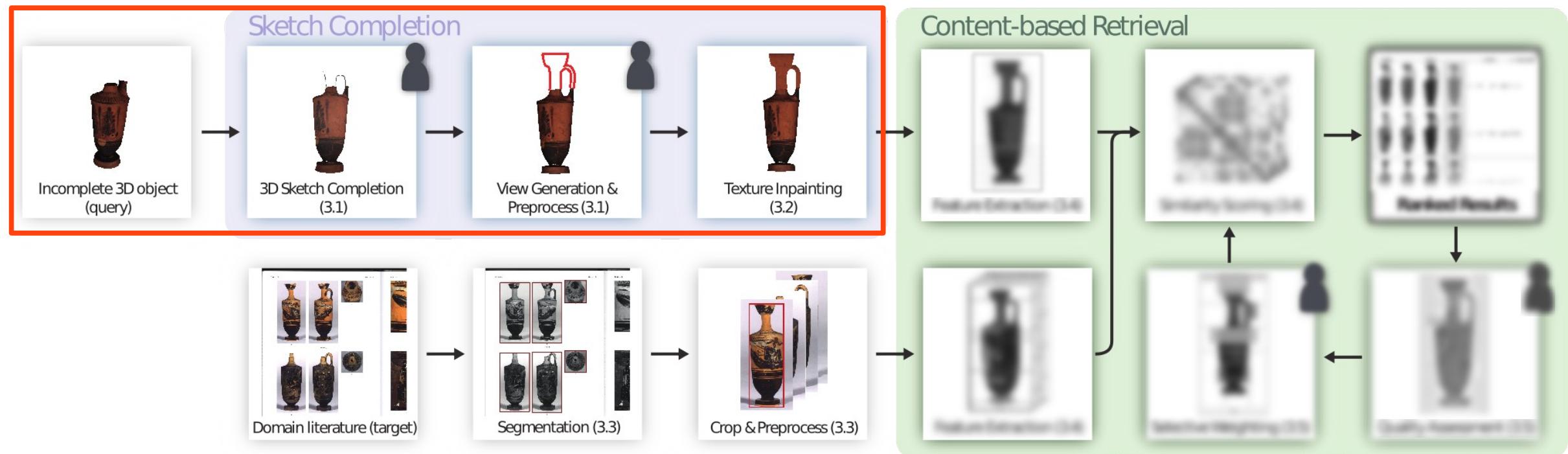
- Search space based on photographs published in the Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum (CVA)^[3]
- Scanned print fascicules available as PDF
- Photographs detected with image processing techniques
- In total 3,340 photographs extracted



^[3]<https://www.cvaonline.org/cva/>



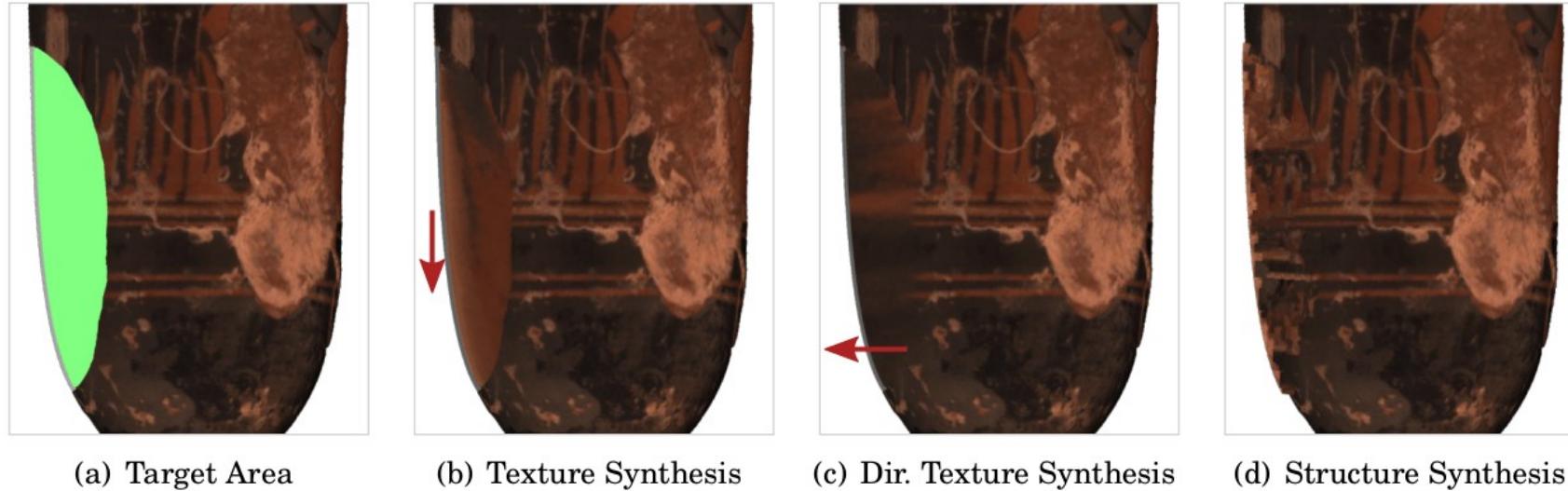
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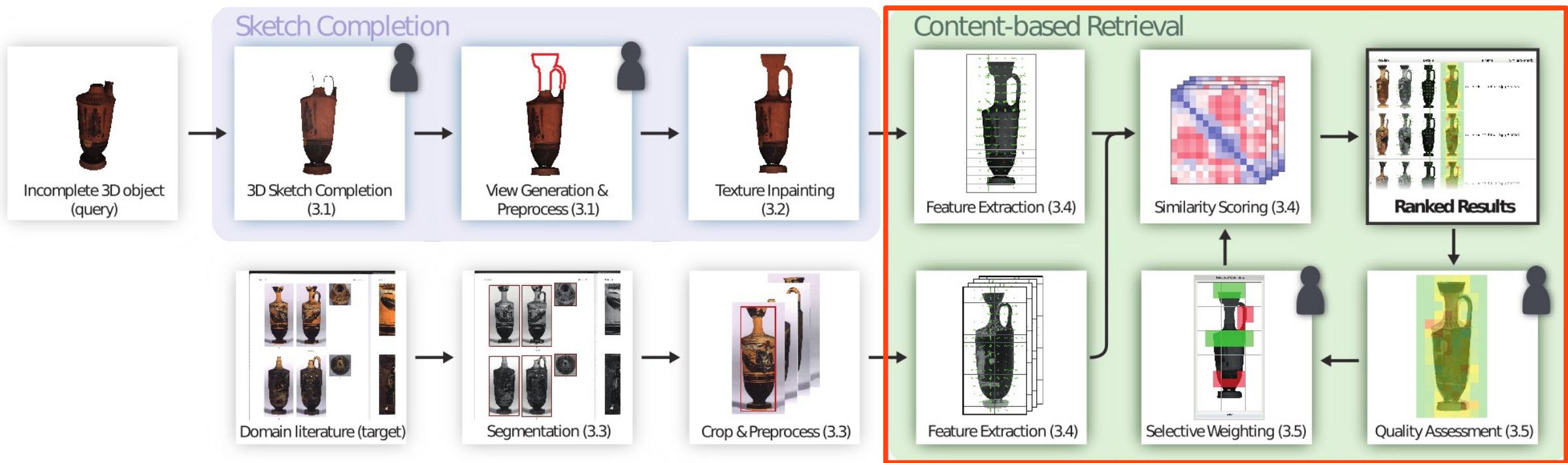
- **Goal:** Generate an image similar to the search space photographs
- Sketching of missing parts (and pruning)
- View selection
- Filling newly generated areas with plausible texture^[3,4]



^[3]Wei, L.-Y., Levoy, M., "Fast texture synthesis using tree-structured vector quantization", in *Proceedings of the 27th annual conference on Computer graphics and interactive techniques*, 2000, pp. 479–488.

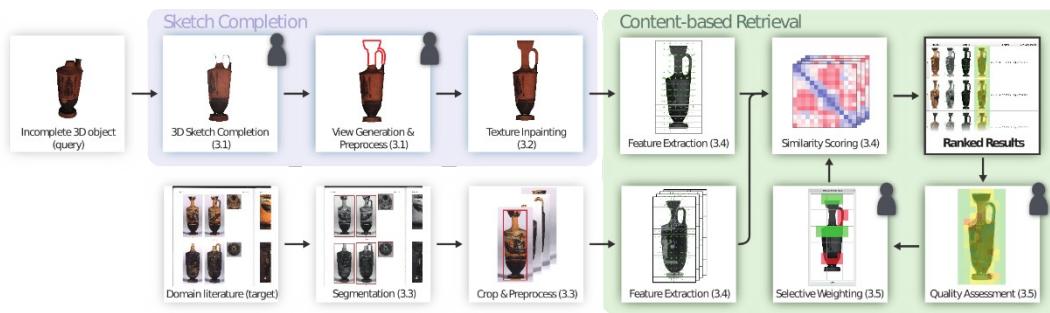
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Concept for shape-based retrieval



Content-based Retrieval

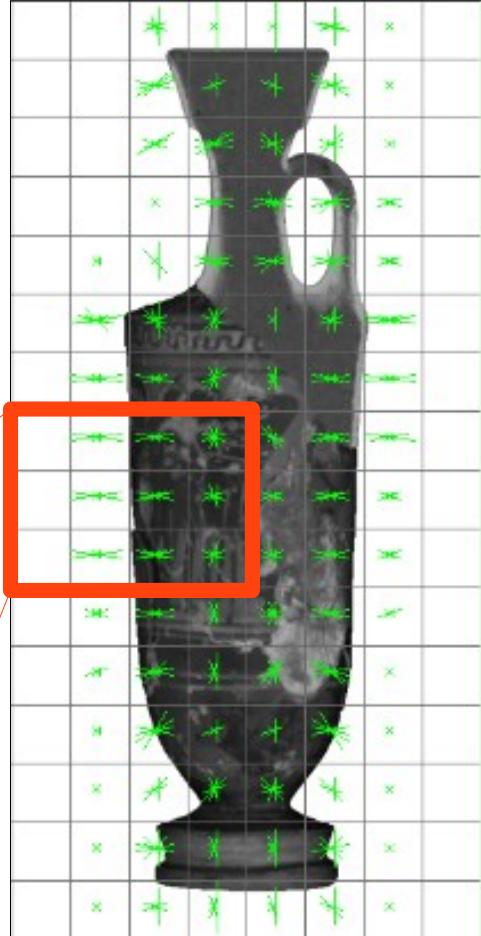
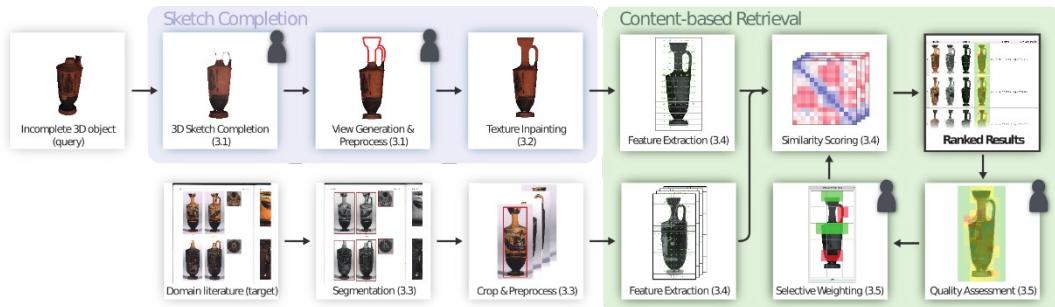
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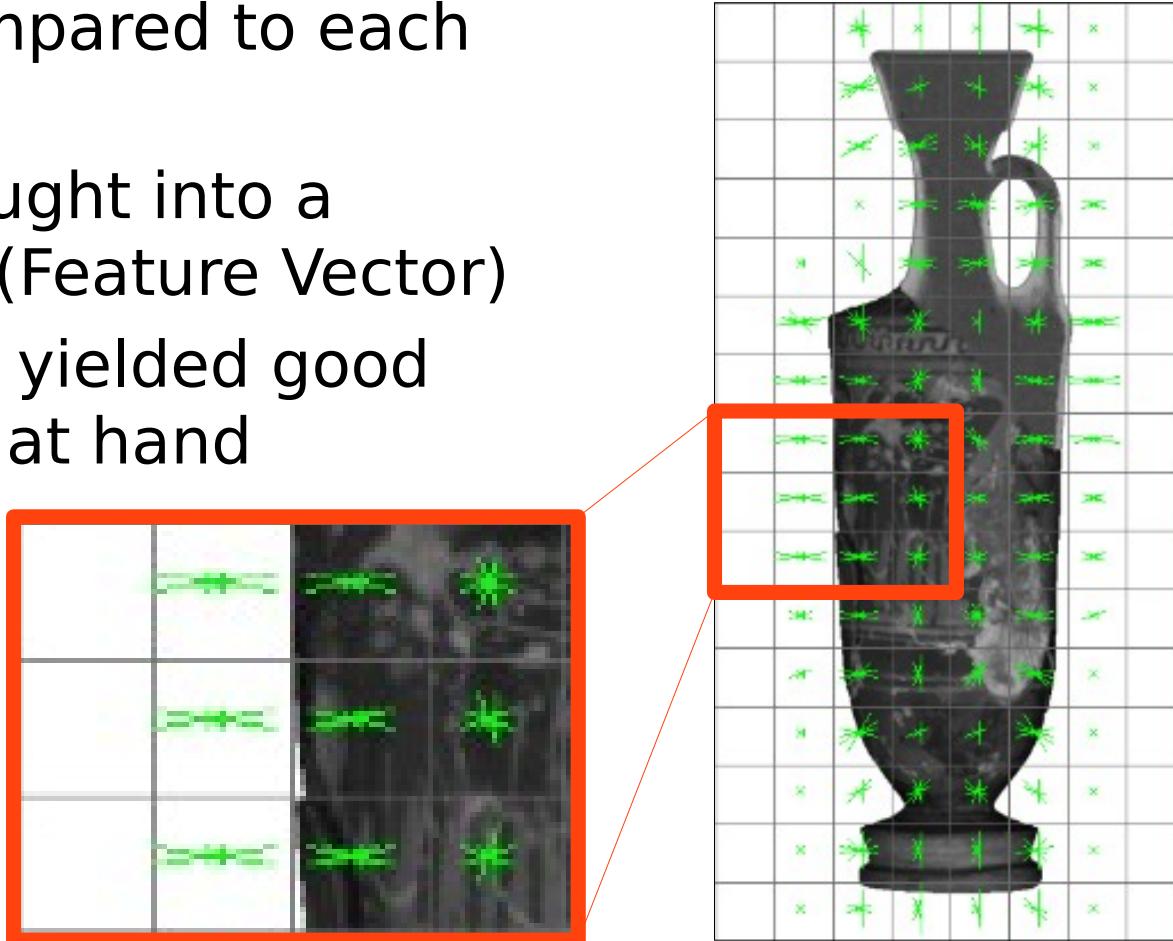
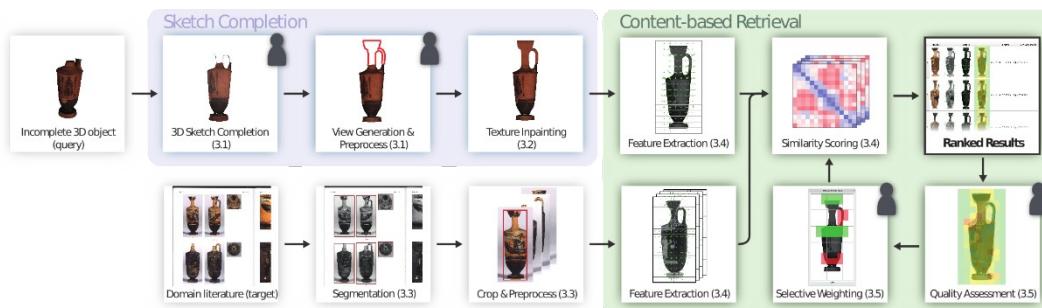
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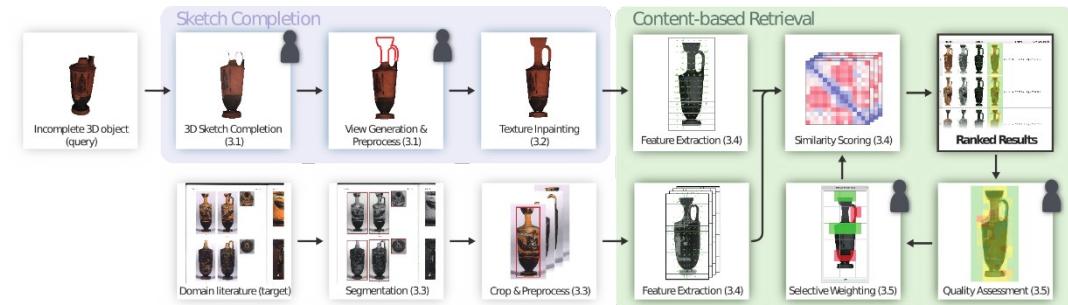
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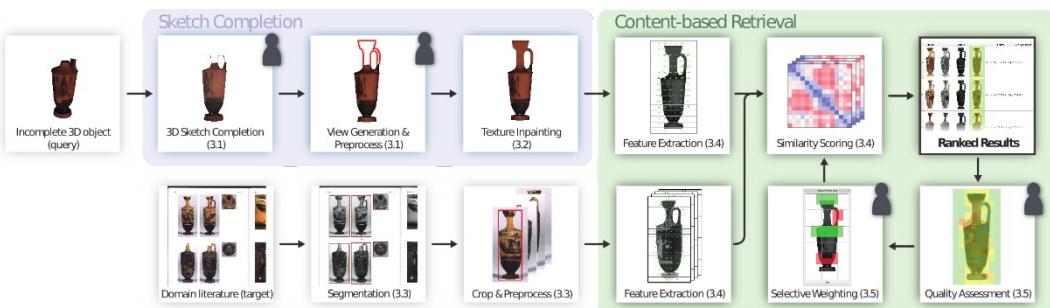
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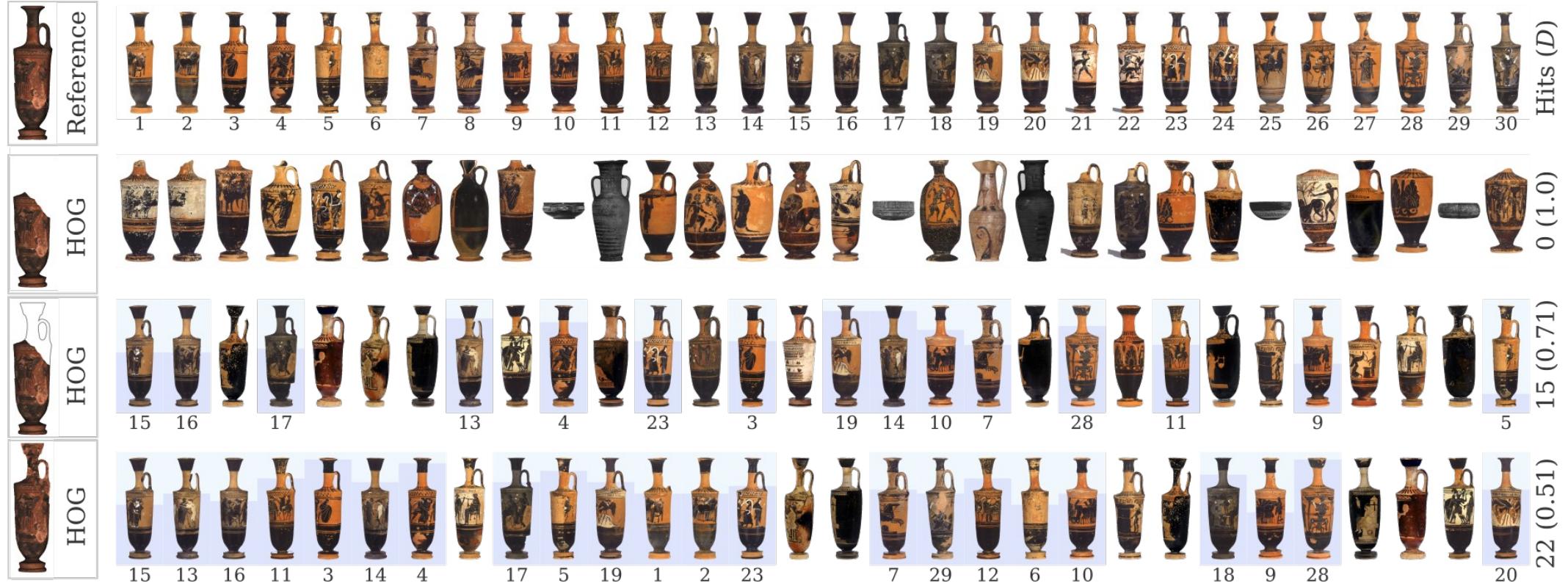
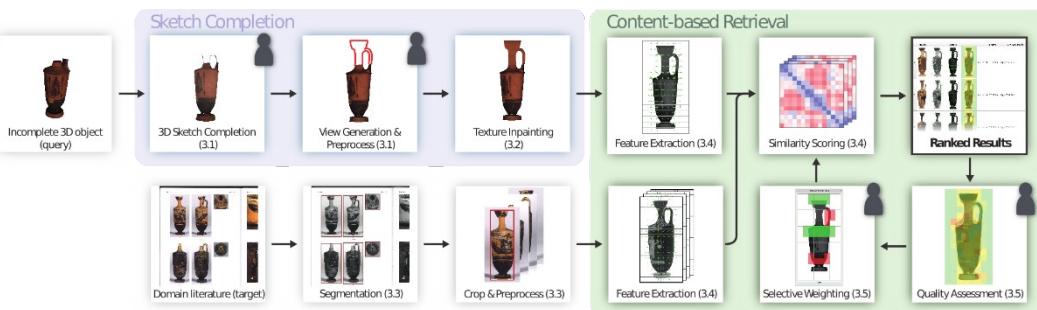
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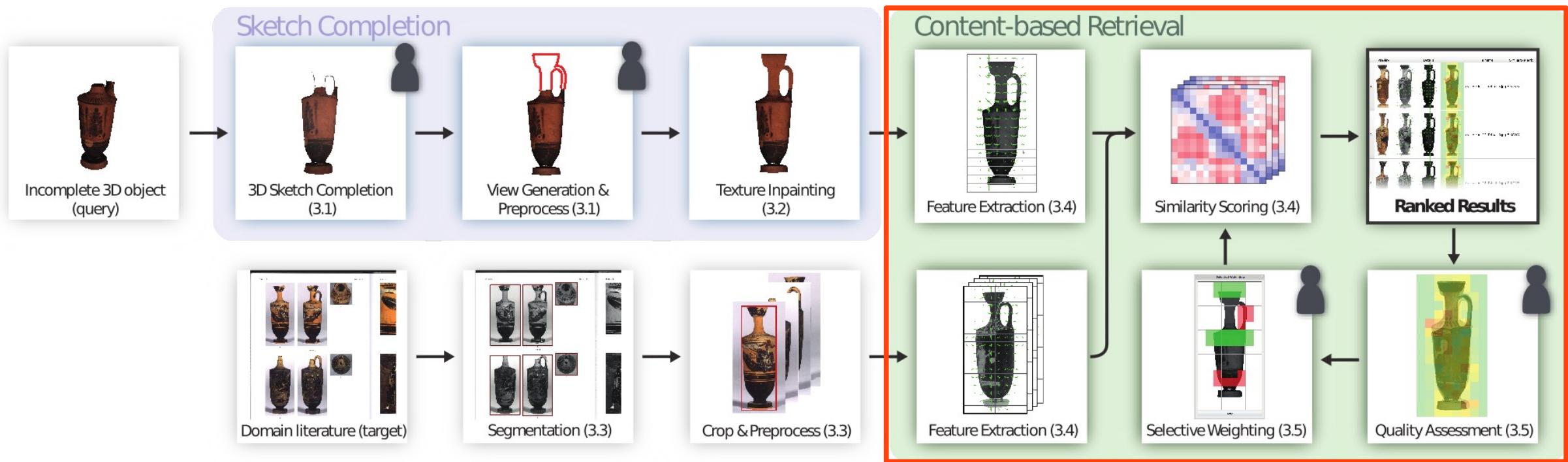
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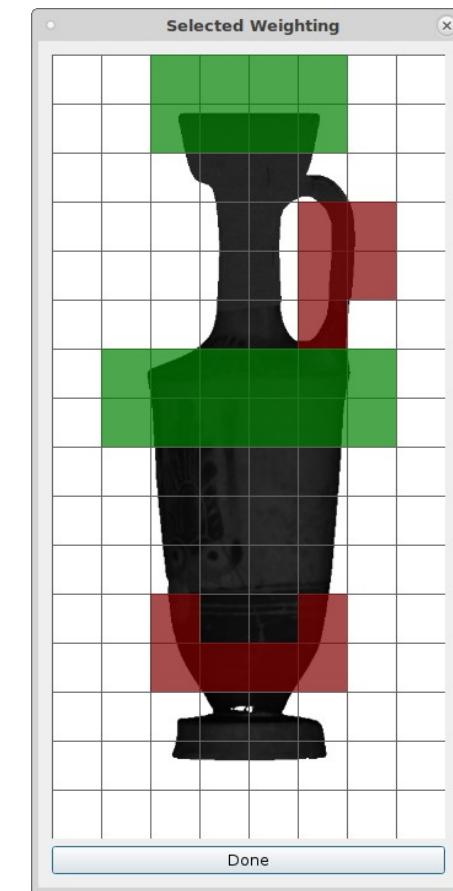
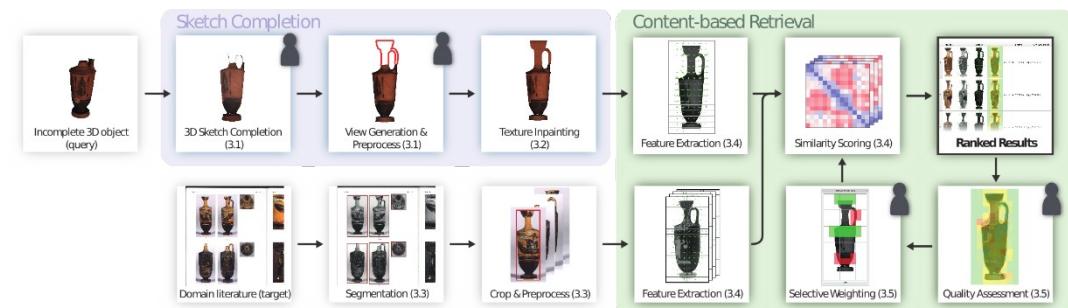
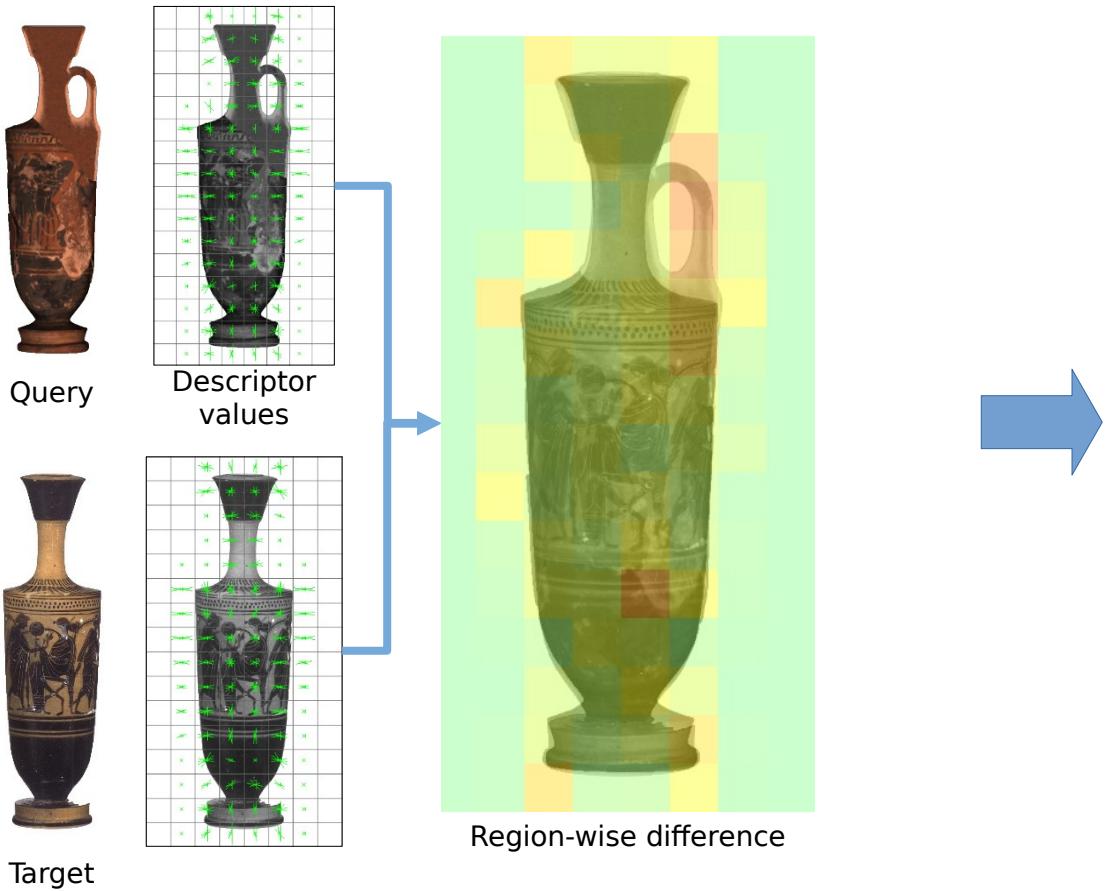


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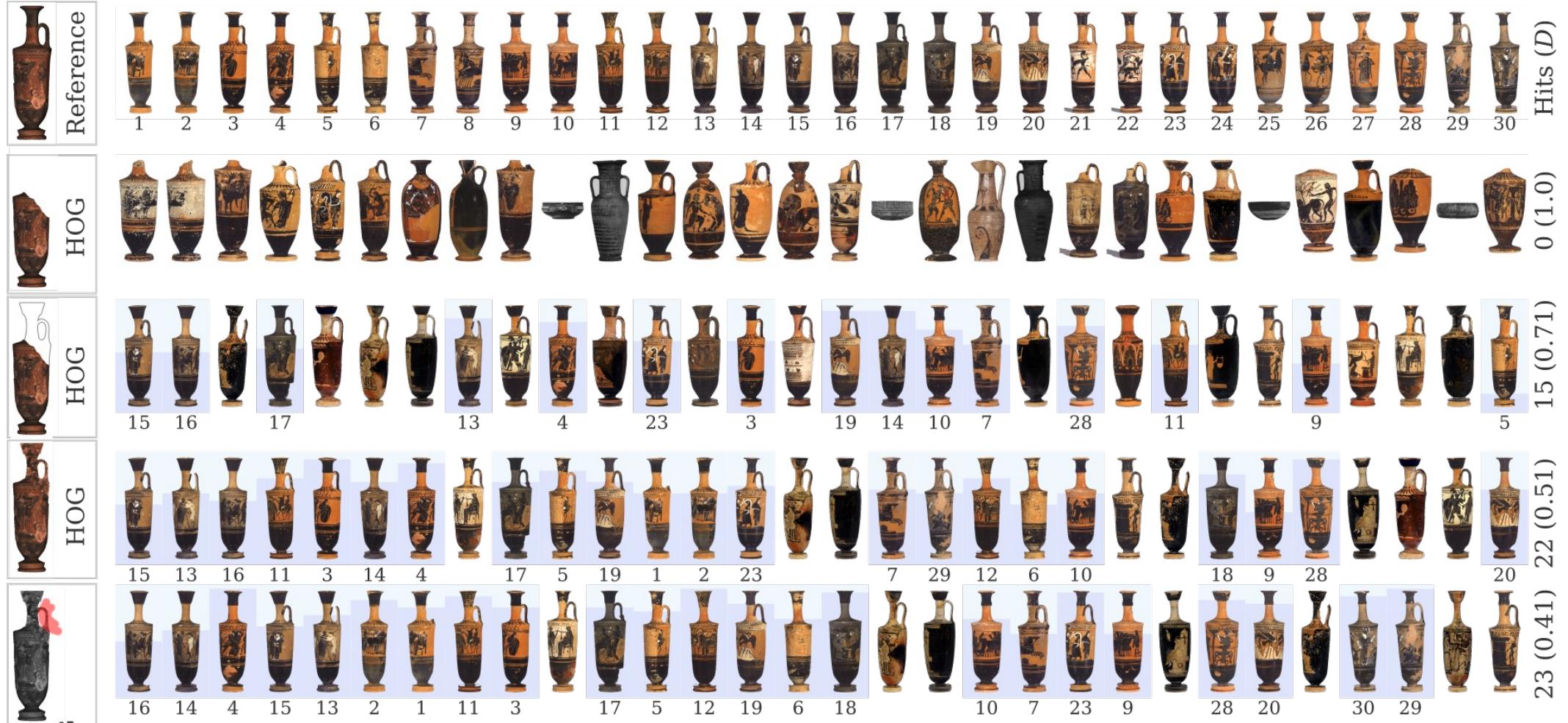
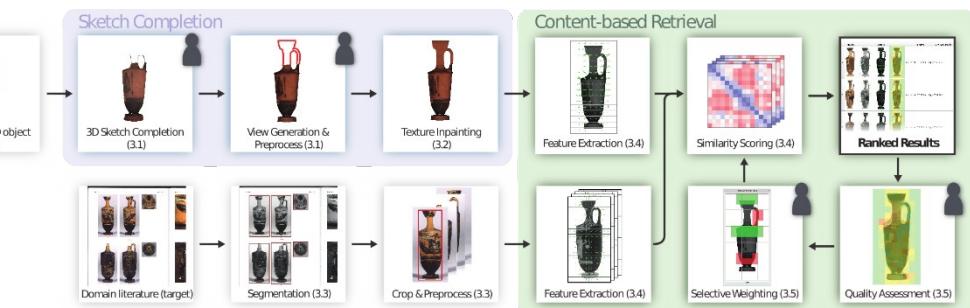


Relevance Feedback

- Iterative result analysis and selective weighting



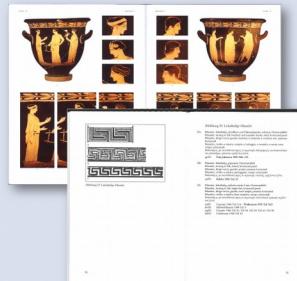
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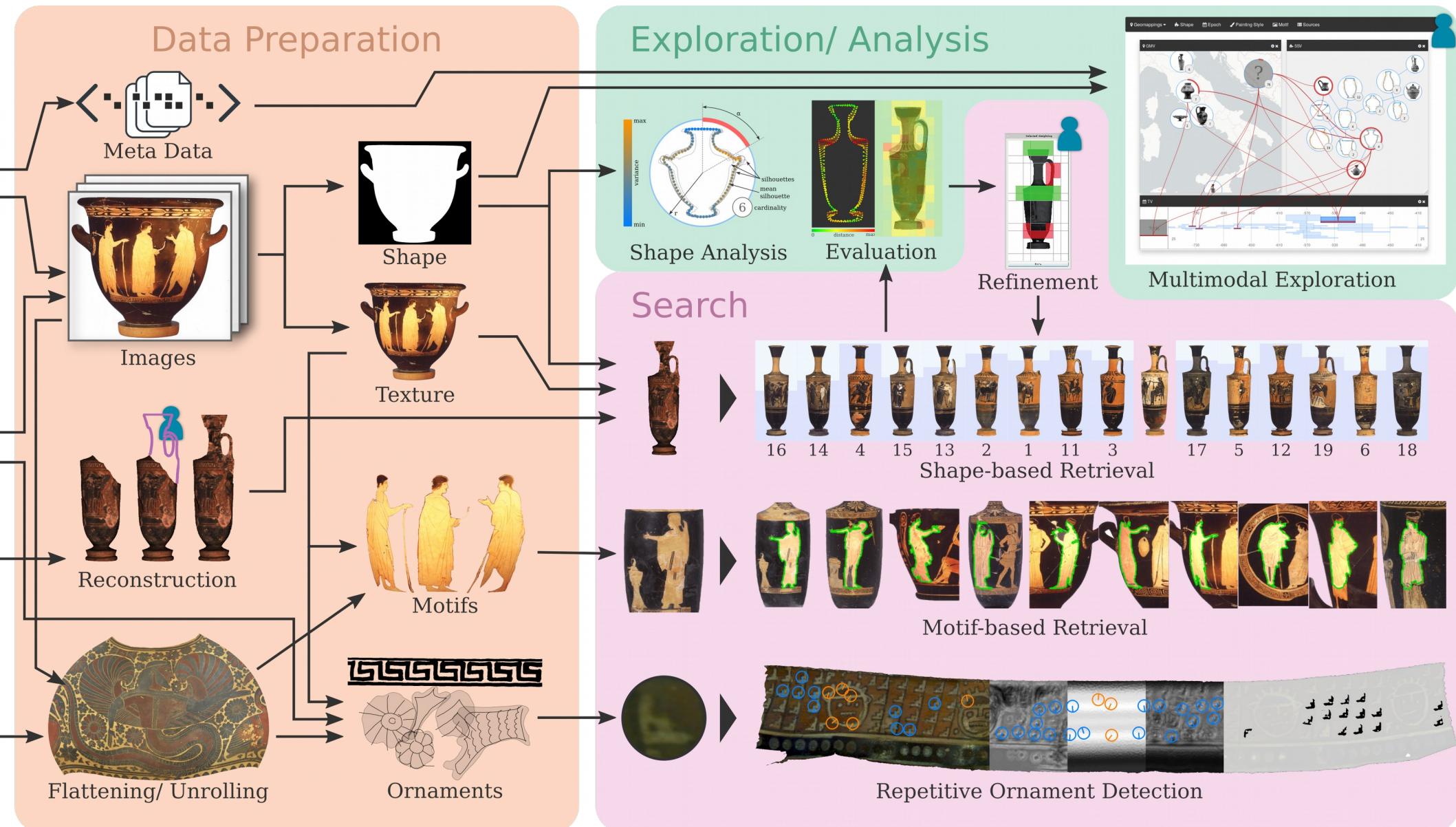
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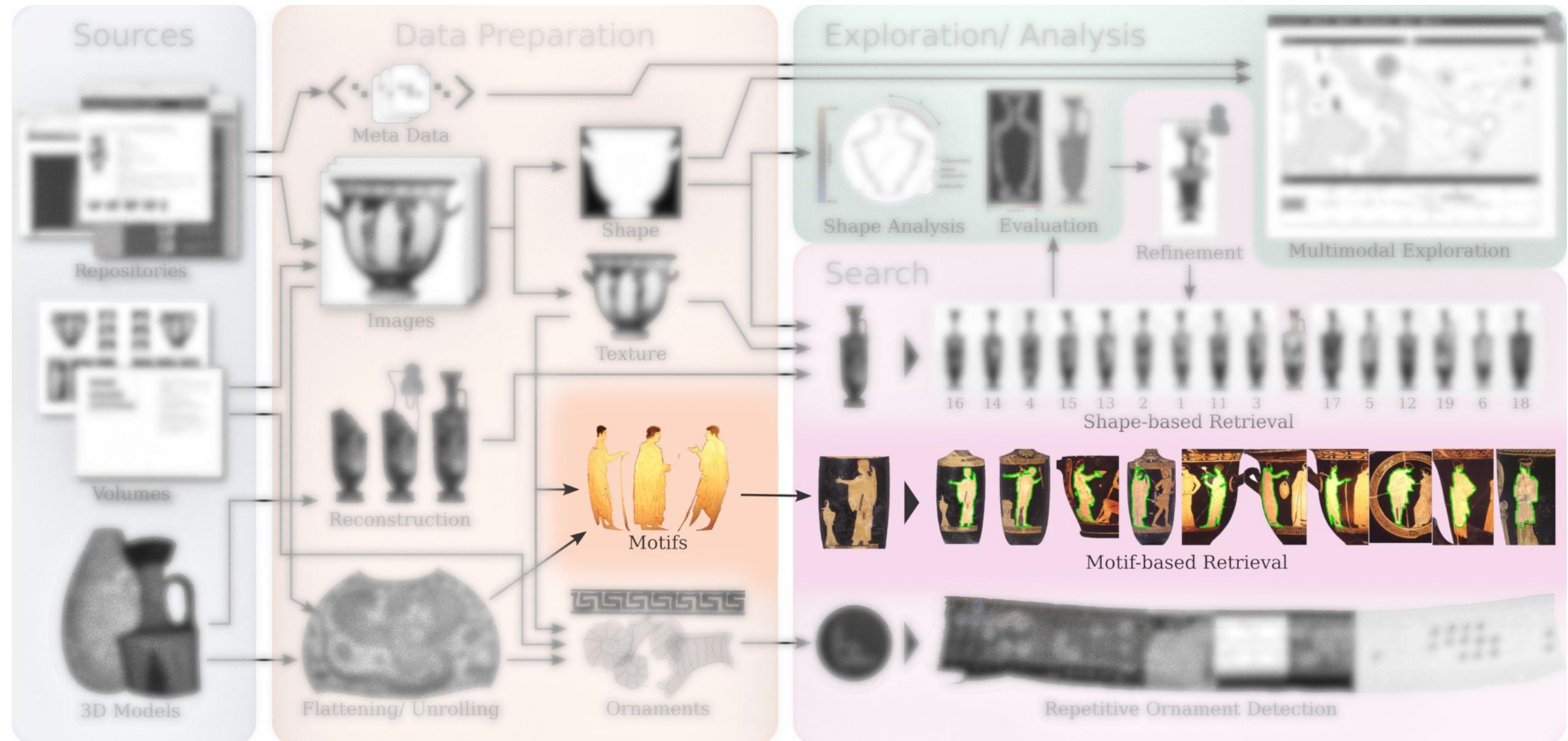


Volumes



3D Models





Concept

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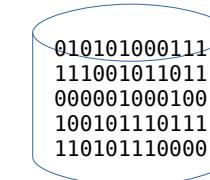
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Preprocessing
Feature Extraction



Search space

Concept

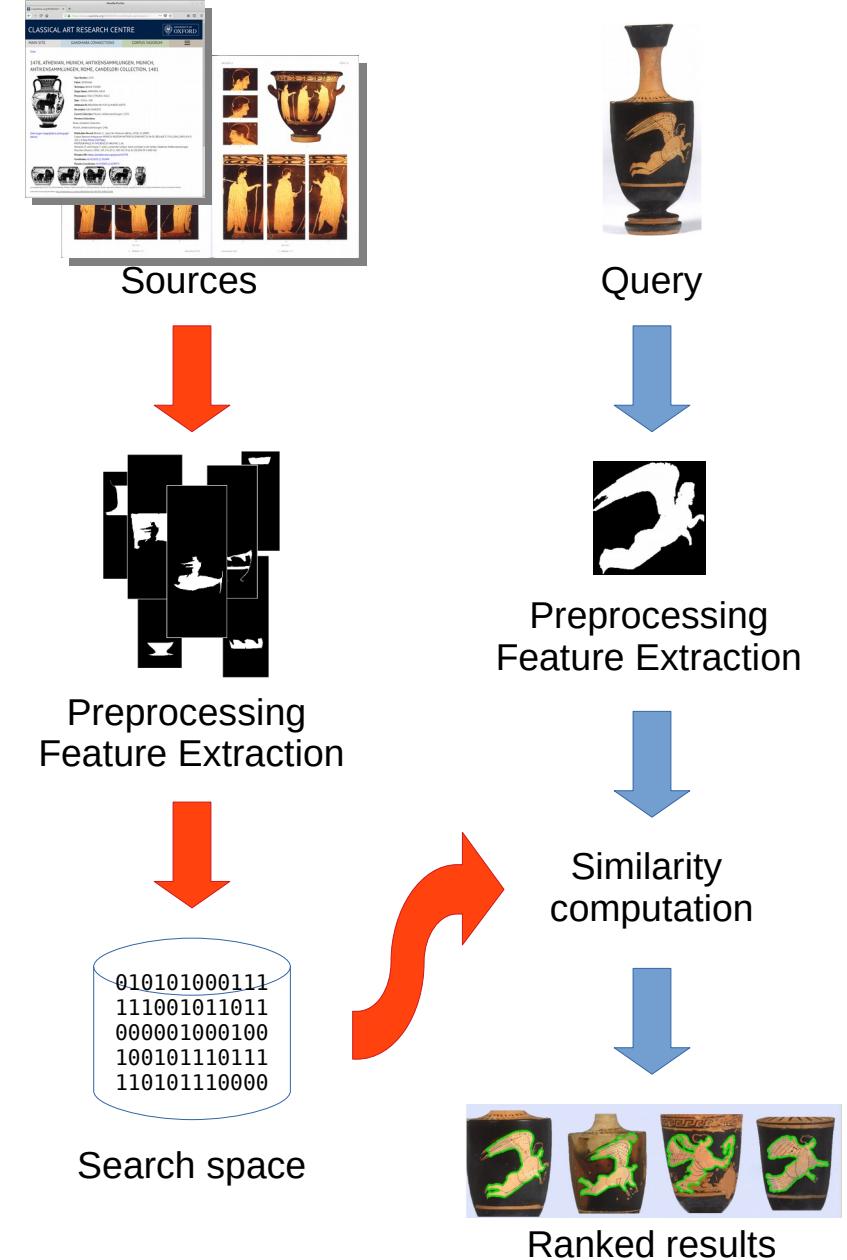
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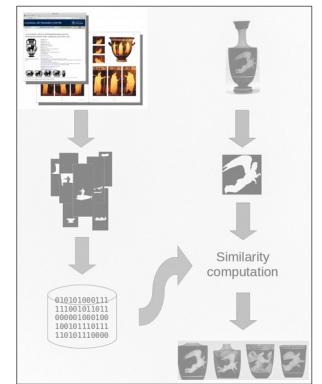
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Output: Ranked list of results



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 - Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum Berlin 13^[6]
 - Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum Dresden 3^[7]
- Search space
 - Different vessel shapes (lekythoi, crates, cups, plates, etc.)
 - Numerous motifs of various types
 - 99 images → **937** (152 + 785) silhouettes

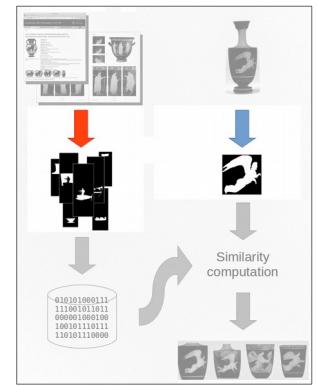
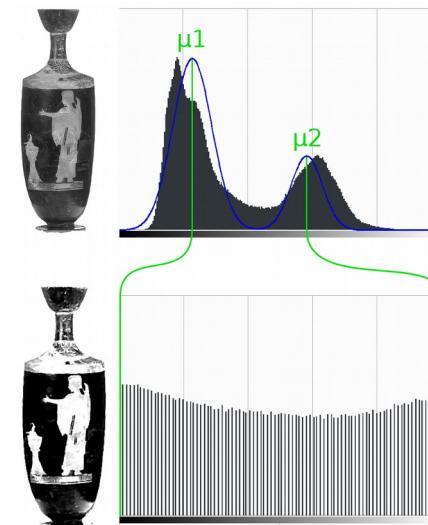
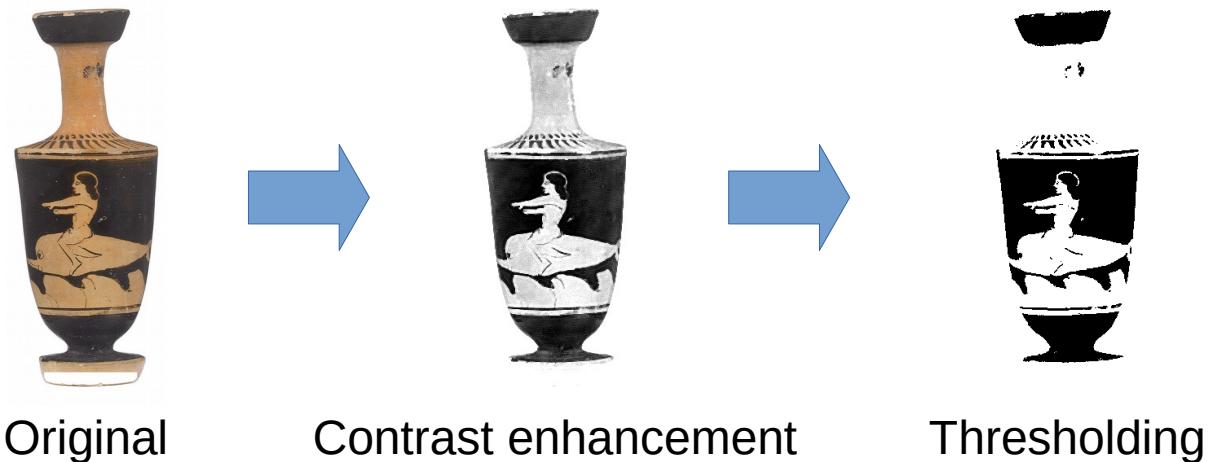


^[6]Zimmermann-Elseify, N., CVA Berlin 13: Attisch rotfigurige Lekythen. C.H. Beck, 2013.

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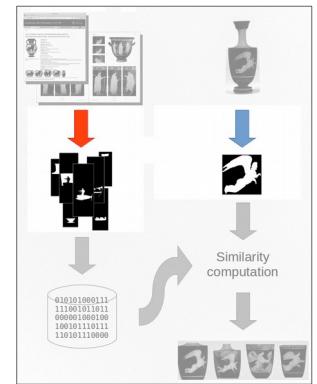
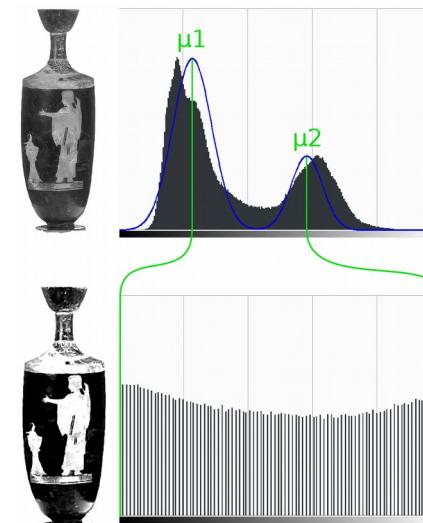
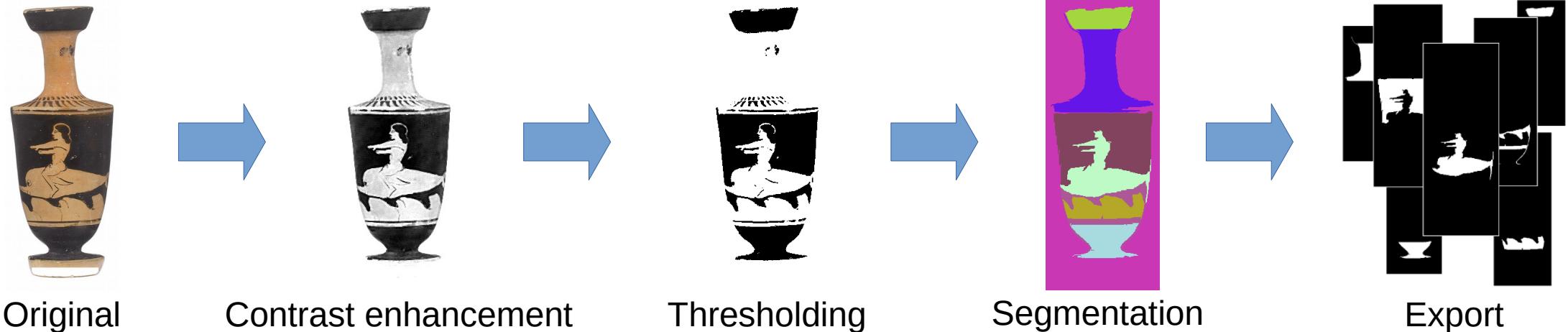
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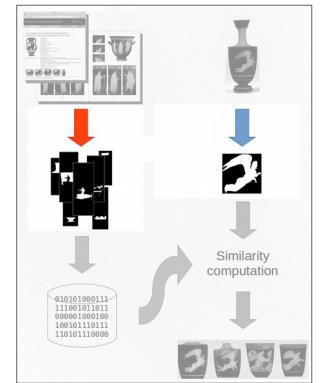
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- Segmentation^[8]
 - Labels are assigned to coherent image areas



^[8]Felzenszwalb, Pedro F., and Daniel P. Huttenlocher. "Efficient graph-based image segmentation." *International journal of computer vision* 59.2 (2004): 167-181.

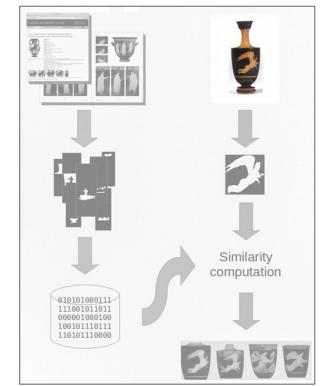
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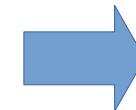
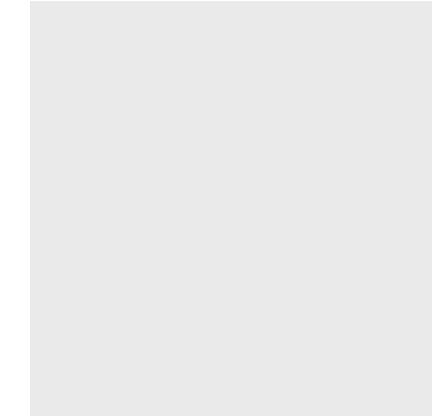
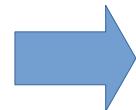
Segmentations obtained from two different approaches

Query Specification

- Loading reference image
- Rough selection of motif with brush tool
- Real-time silhouette extraction in the background
- Same feature extraction as with the search space objects



Brush Selection



Silhouette Descriptor

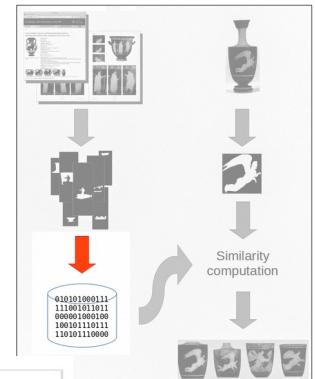
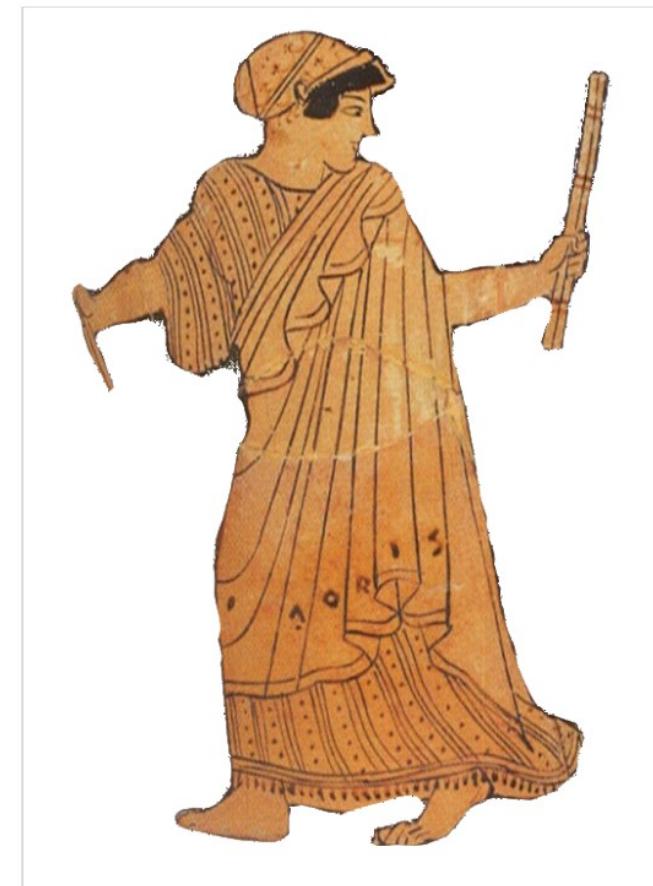
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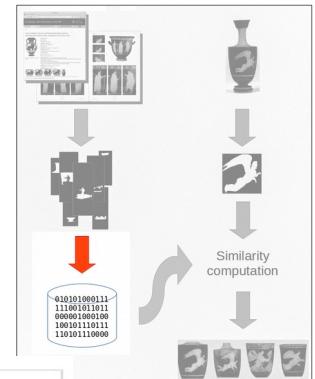
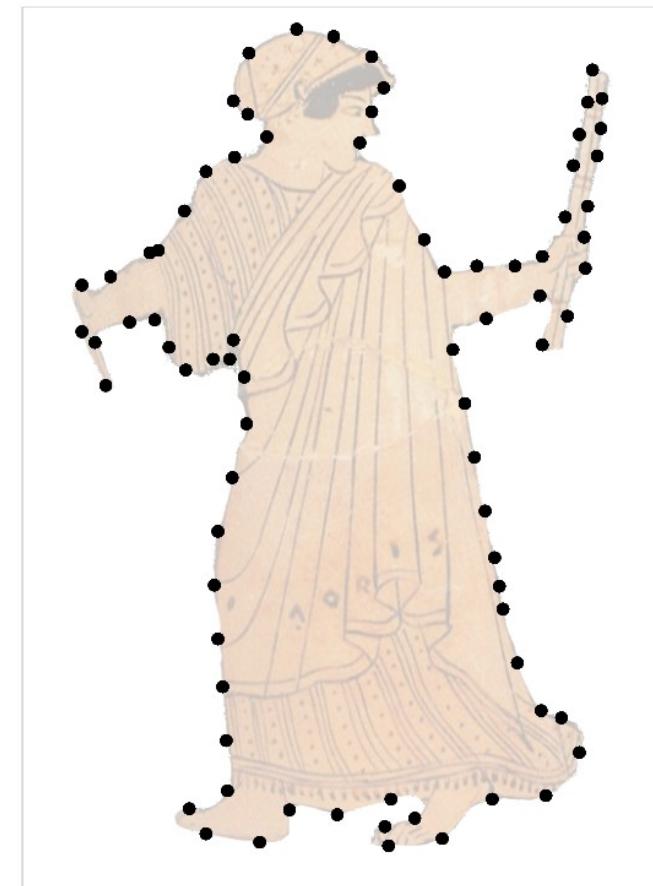
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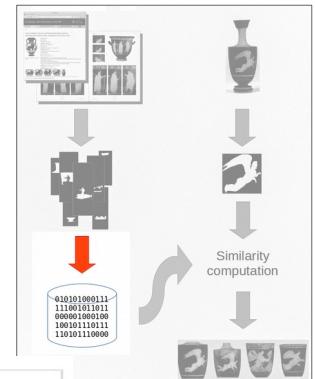
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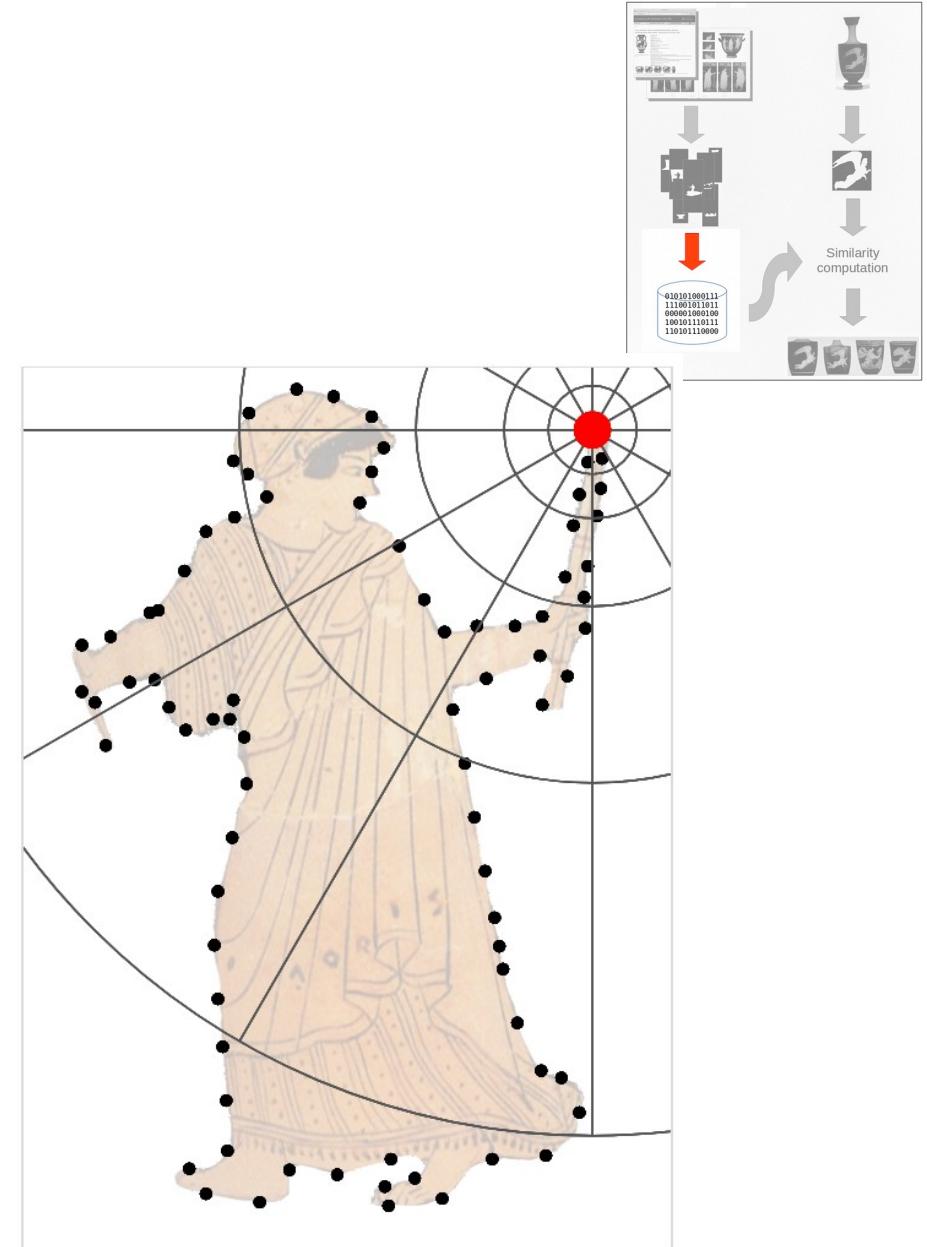
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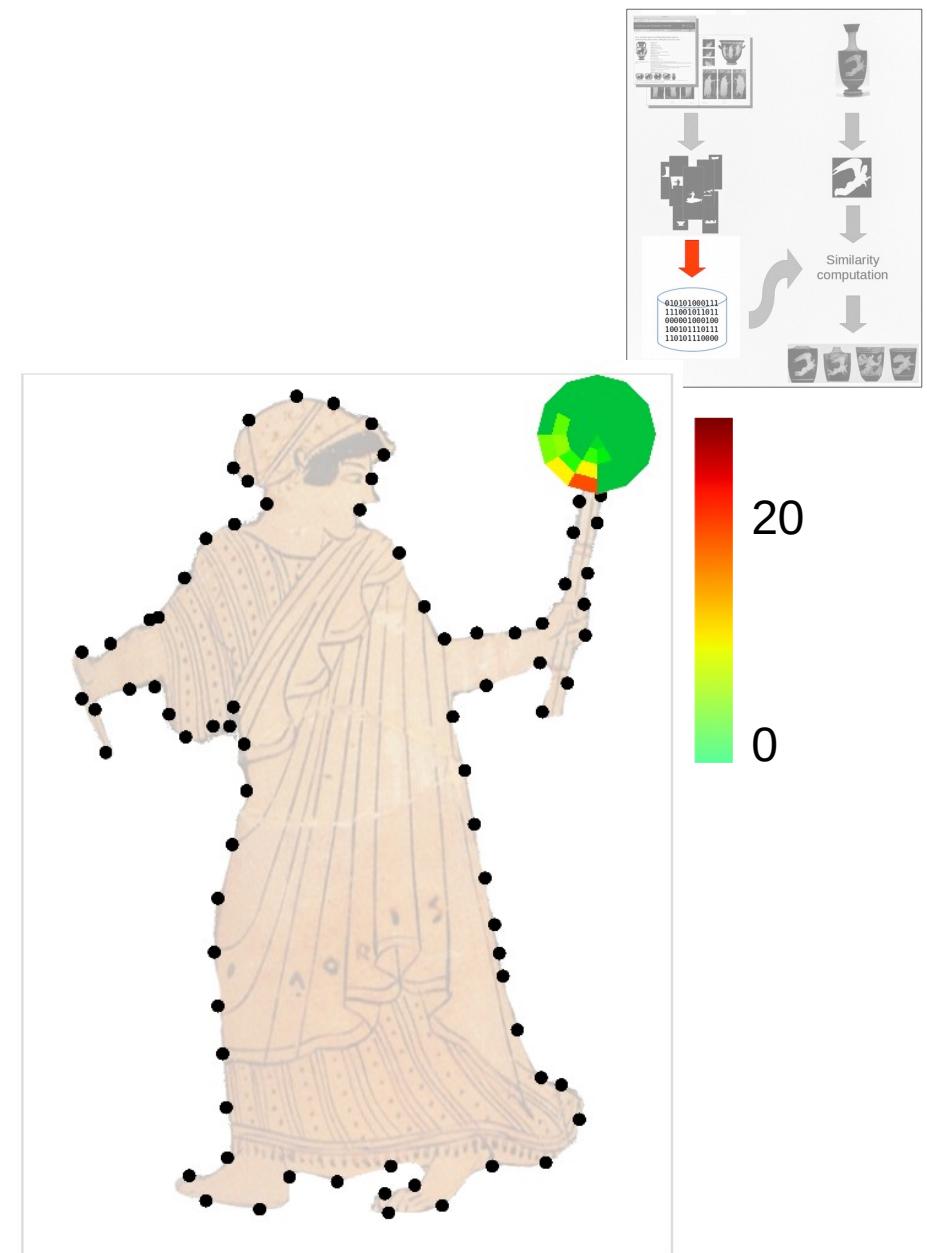
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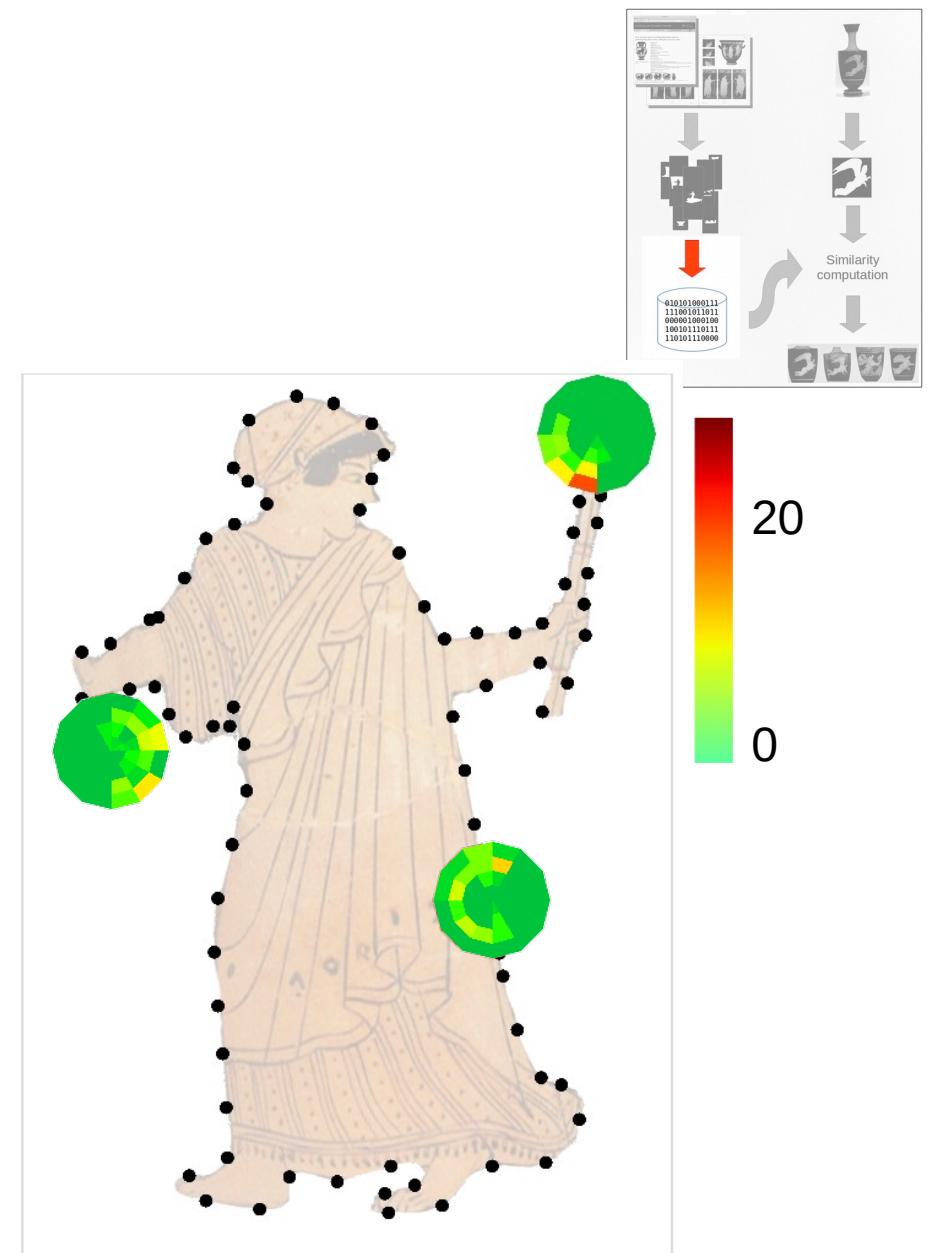
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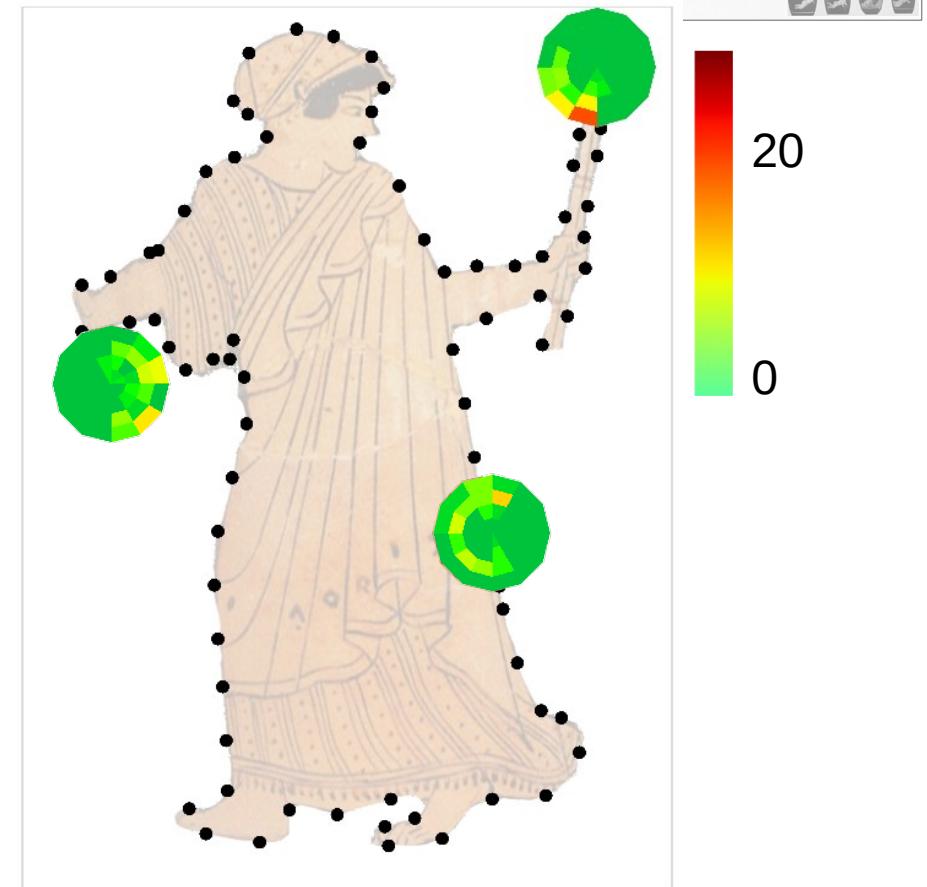
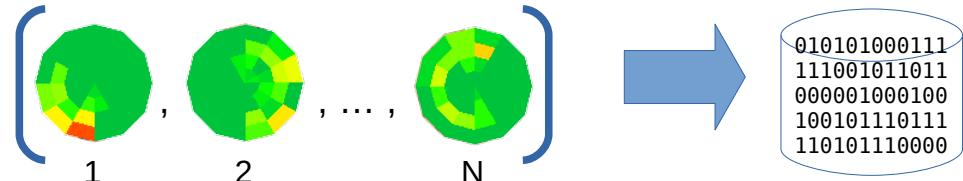
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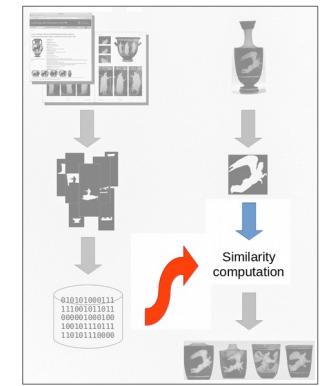
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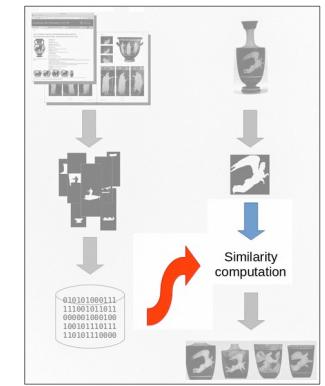


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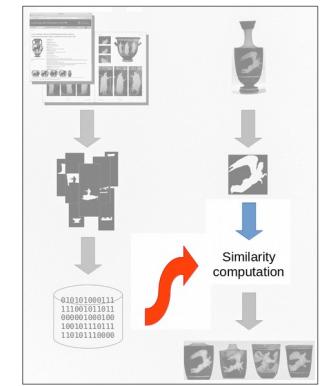


$$H(\text{silhouette 1}, \text{silhouette 1}) \approx 0$$
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- Ranking of search space silhouettes according to similarity



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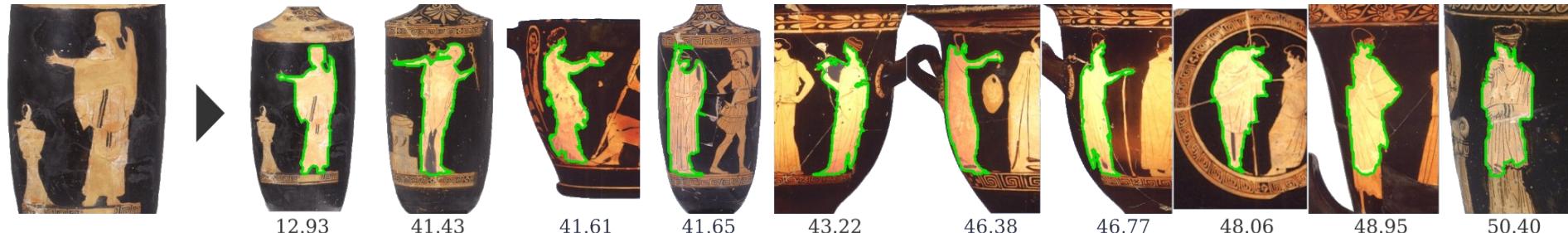
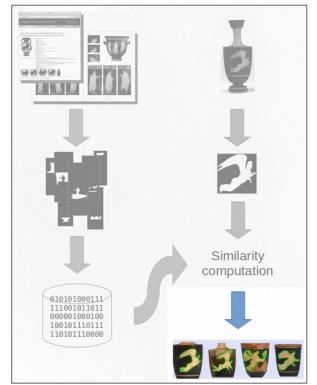
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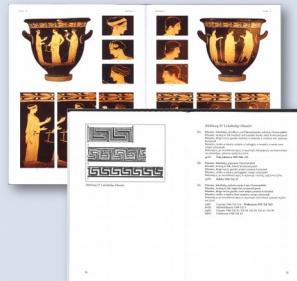
Proof of concept with queries taken from the search space



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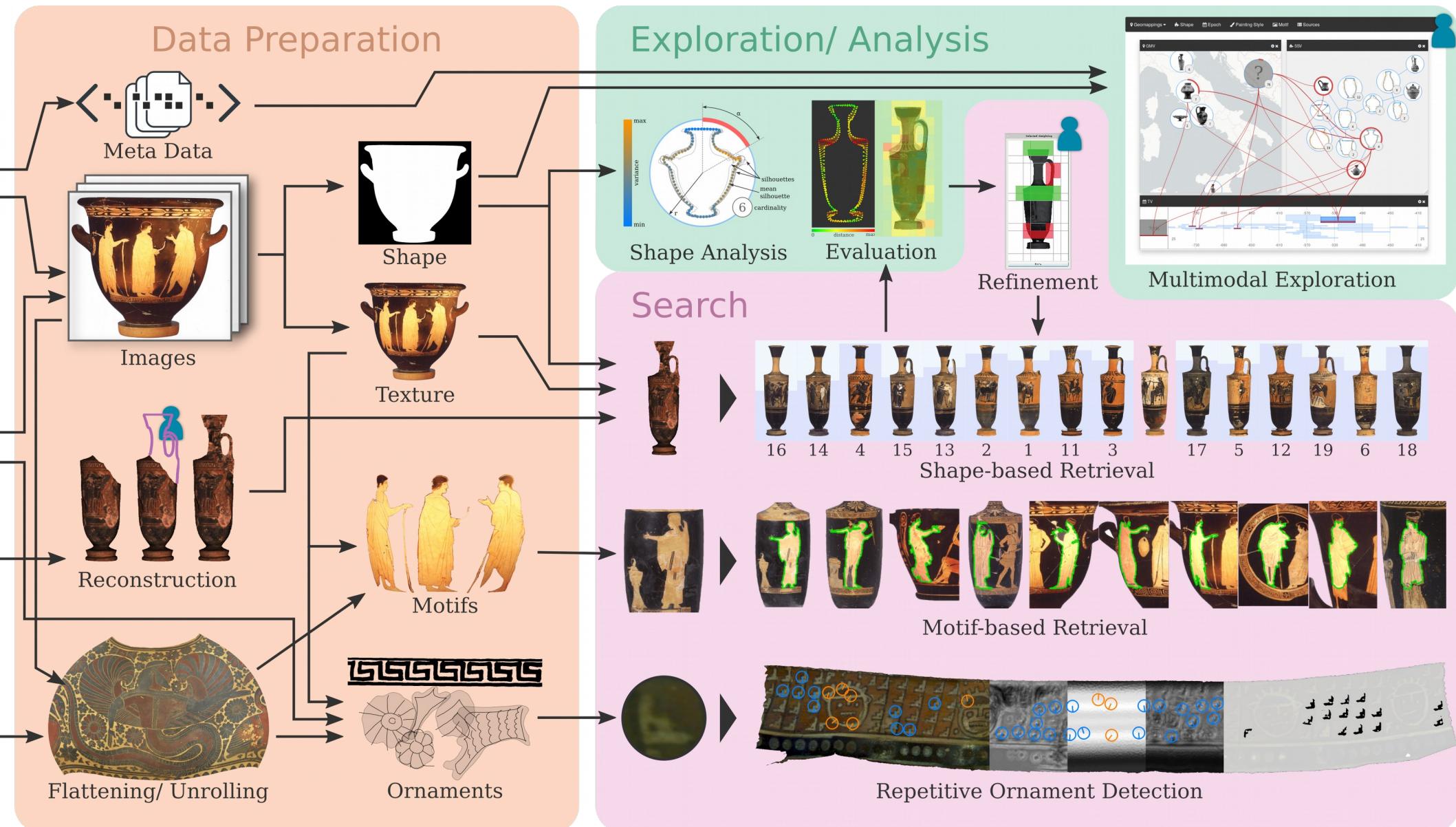
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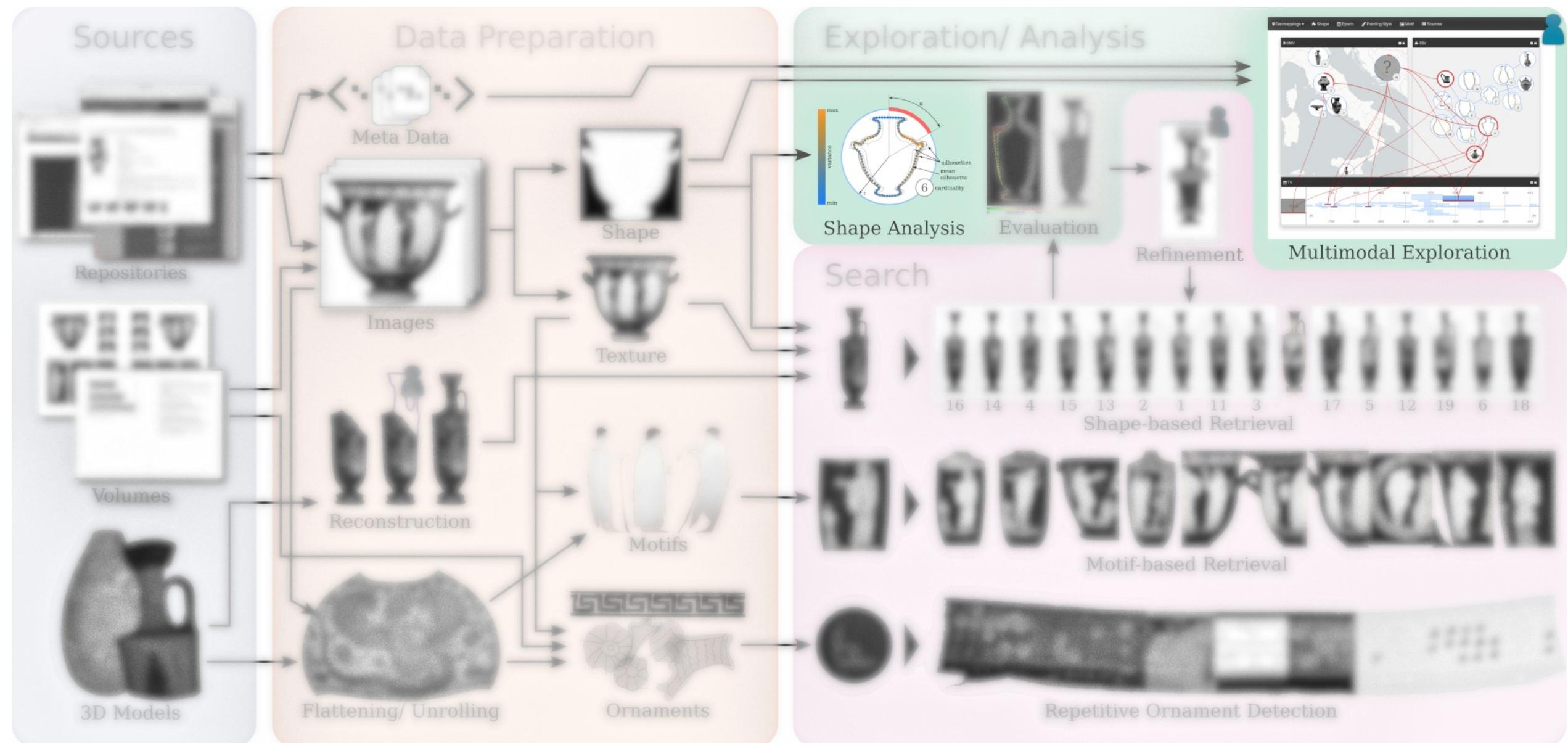


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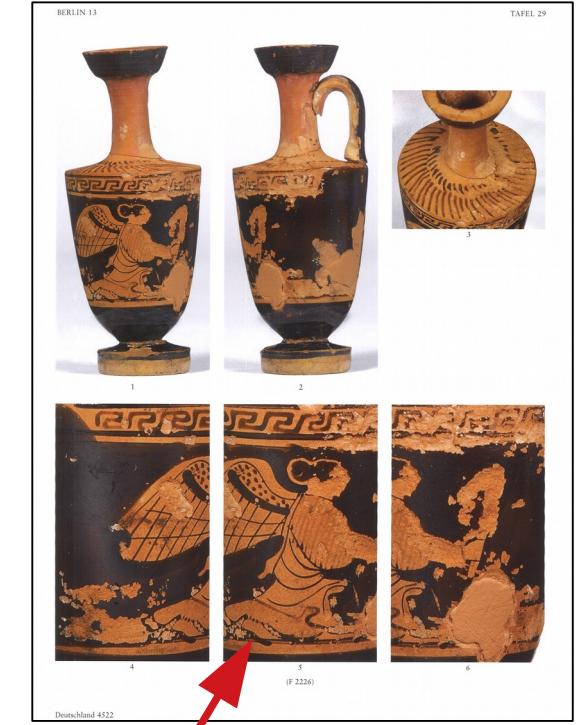
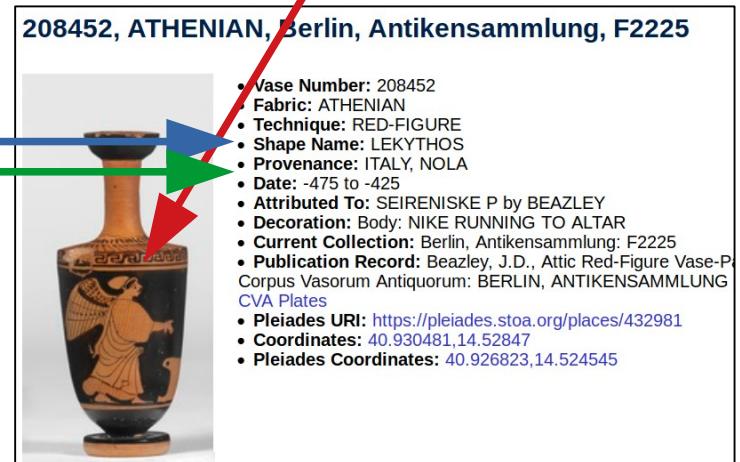
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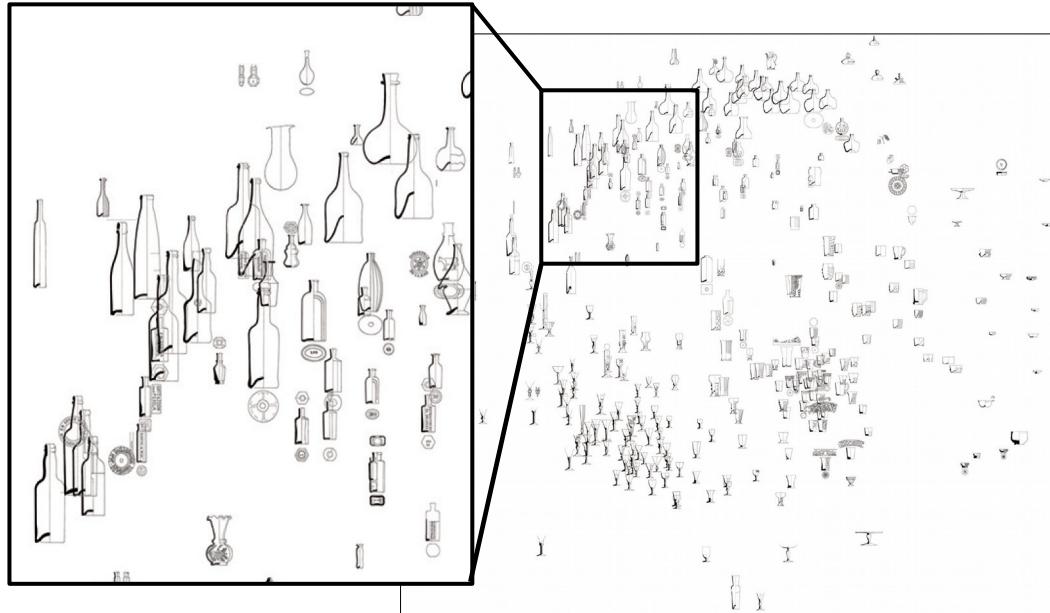


Motivation

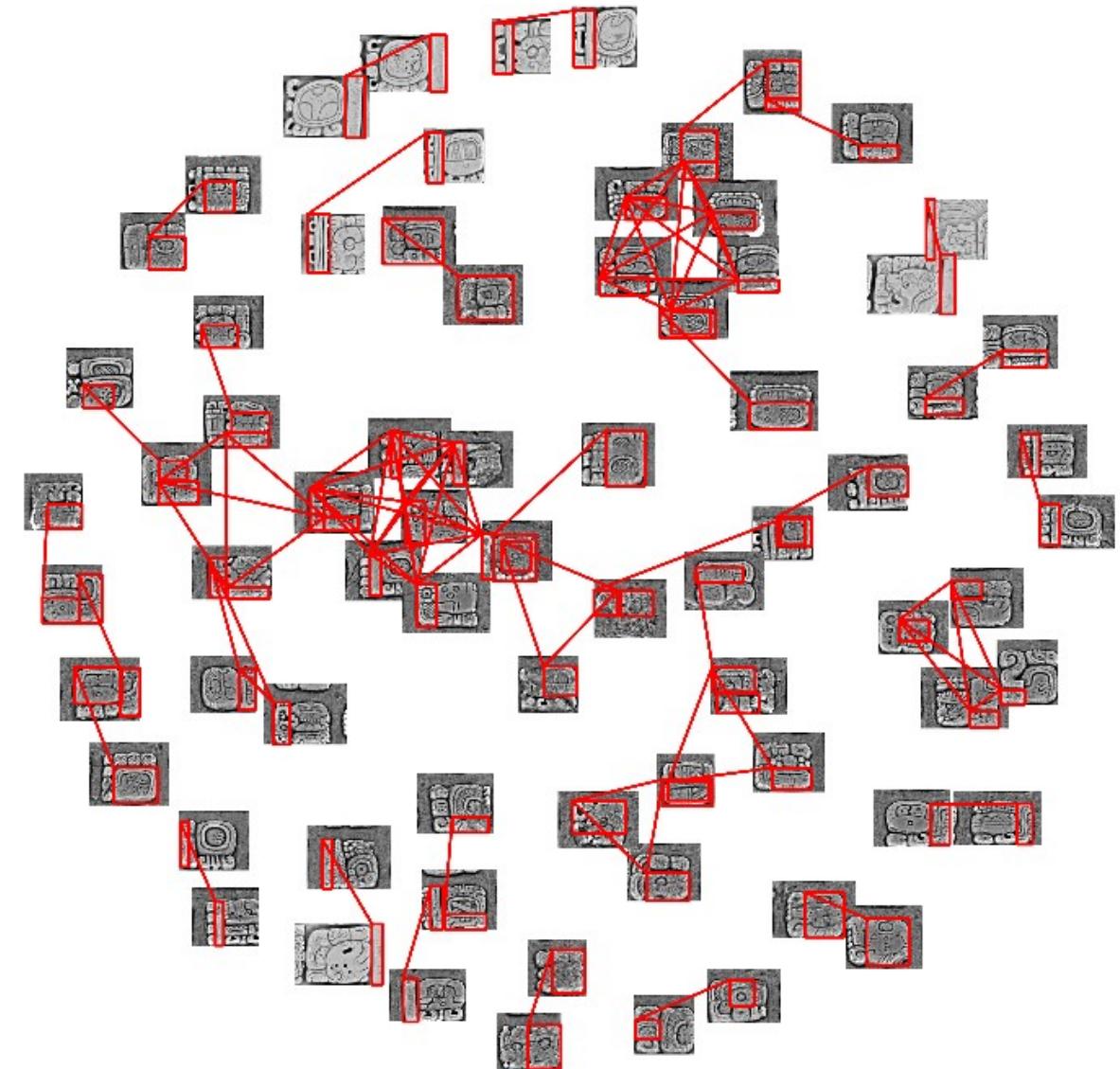
- Relations of objects along different traits essential for gaining new insights
- Different modalities have to be considered simultaneously
 - Shape
 - Provenance
 - Date
 - Fabric
 - Decoration
- Established techniques for single attributes



Related Work

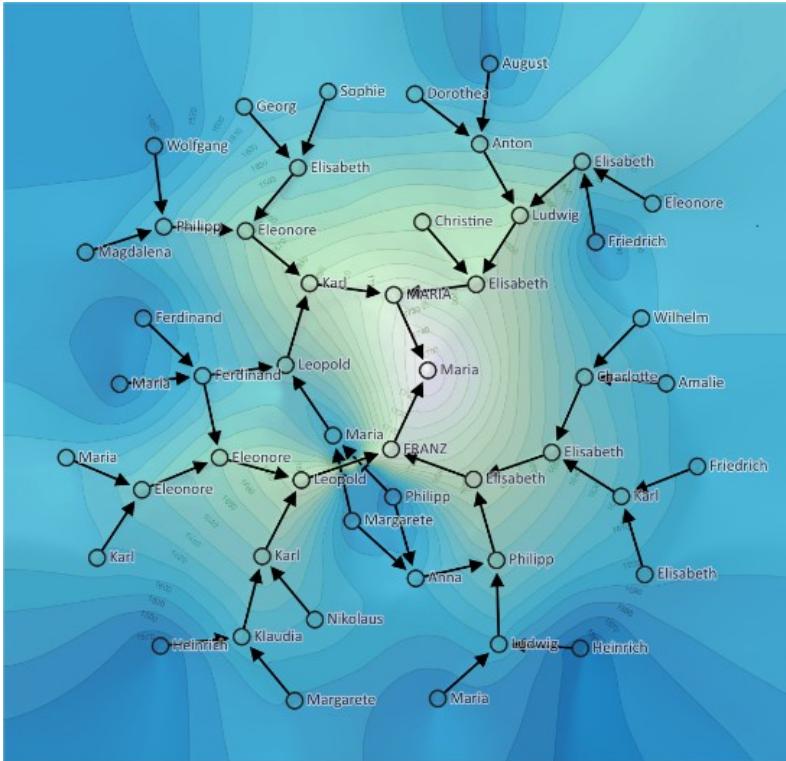


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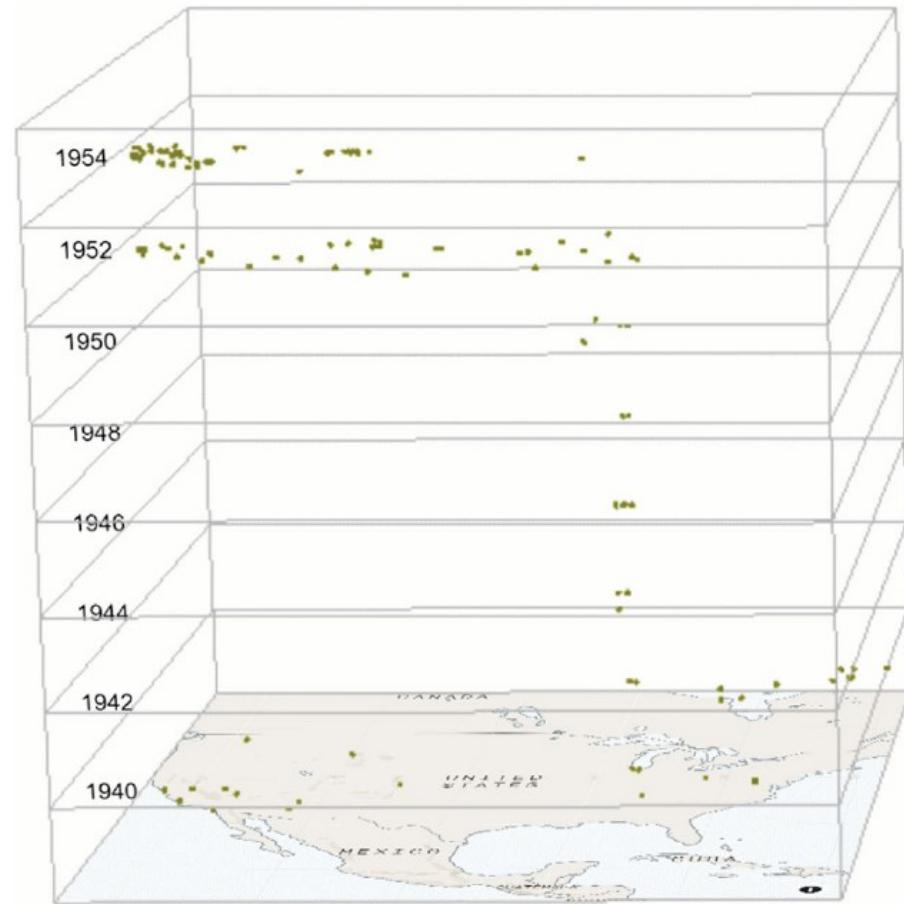


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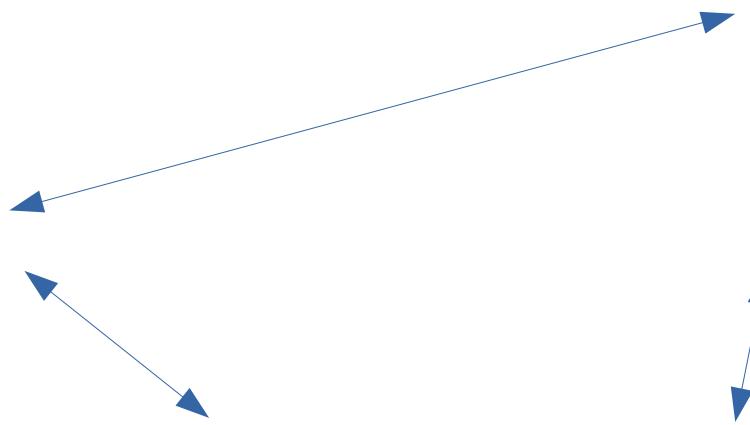
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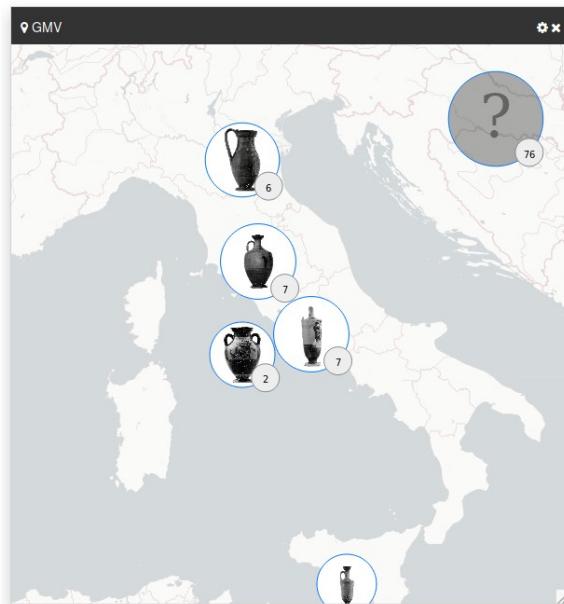
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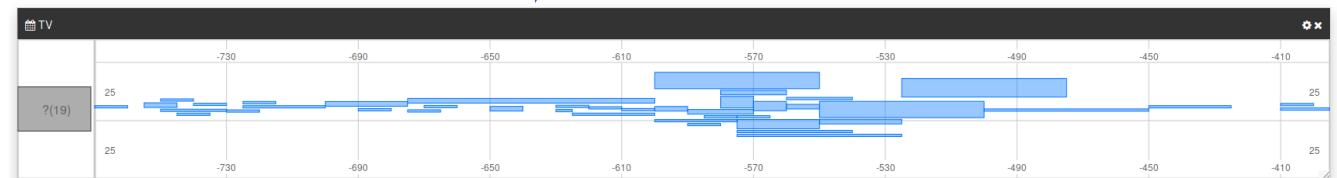
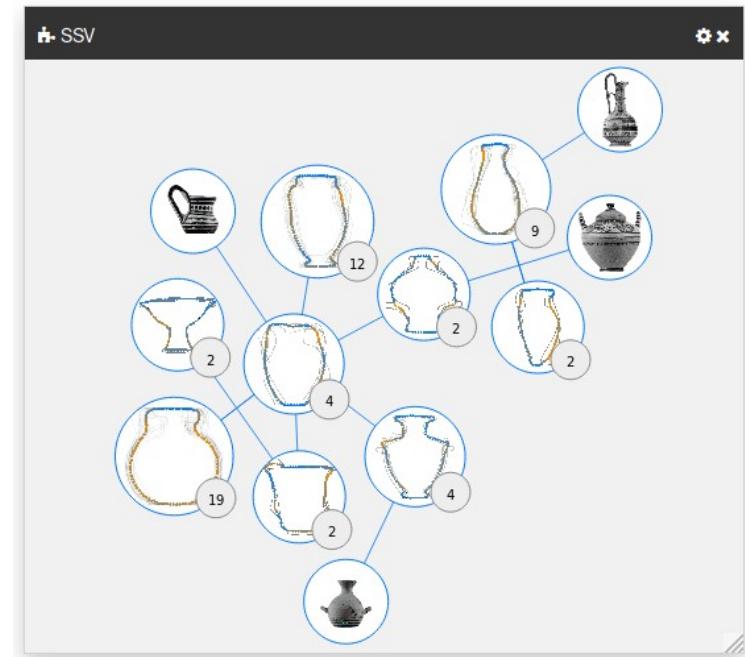


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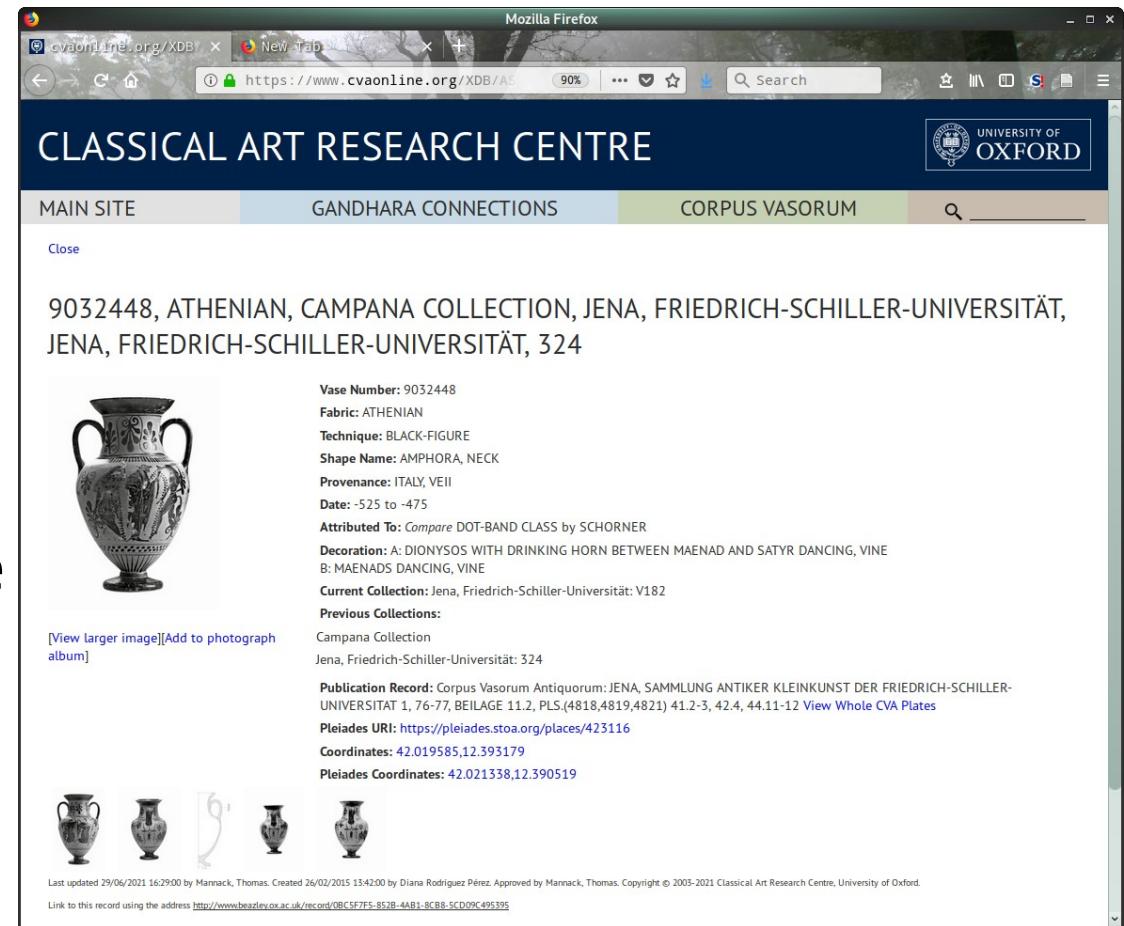
Findplace



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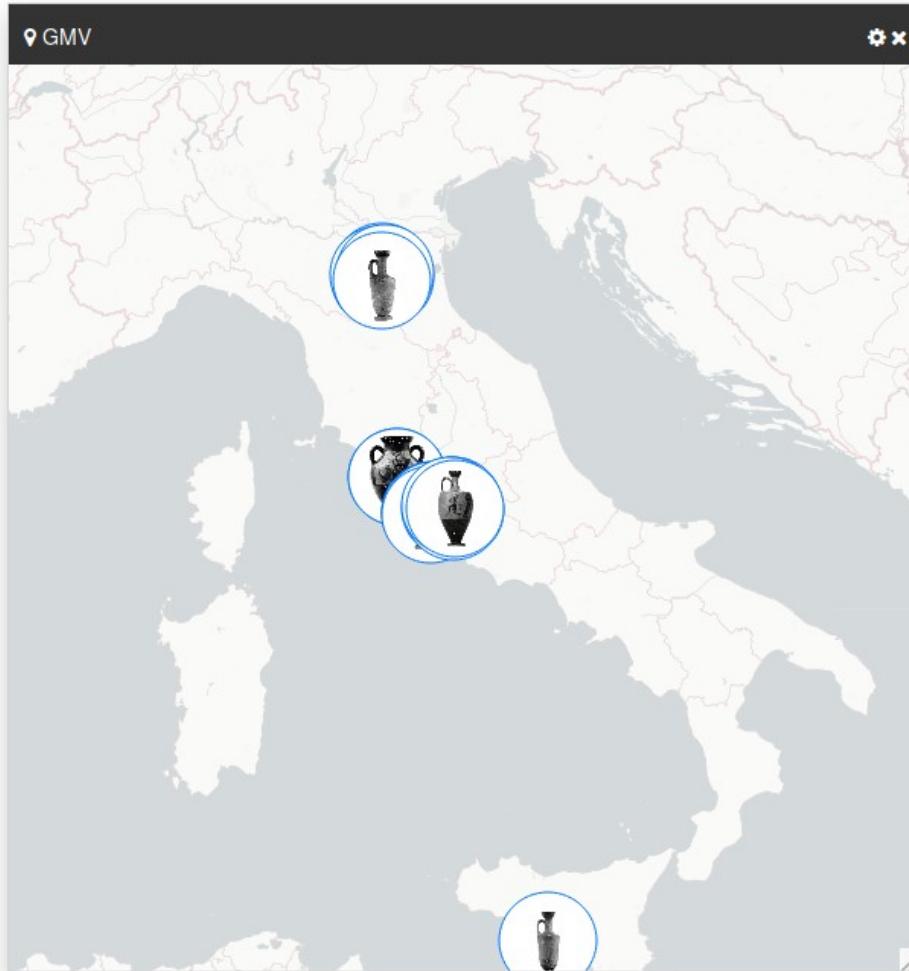
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- Sources: CVA Volumes
 - Dresden 2
 - Erlangen 2
 - Göttingen 3
 - Jena 1
 - Munich 16
- Related Metadata extracted from the *Beazley Archive Pottery Database*^[11]
- 614 Vases with 2,799 images
 - 61% have dating information
 - 32% have provenance information



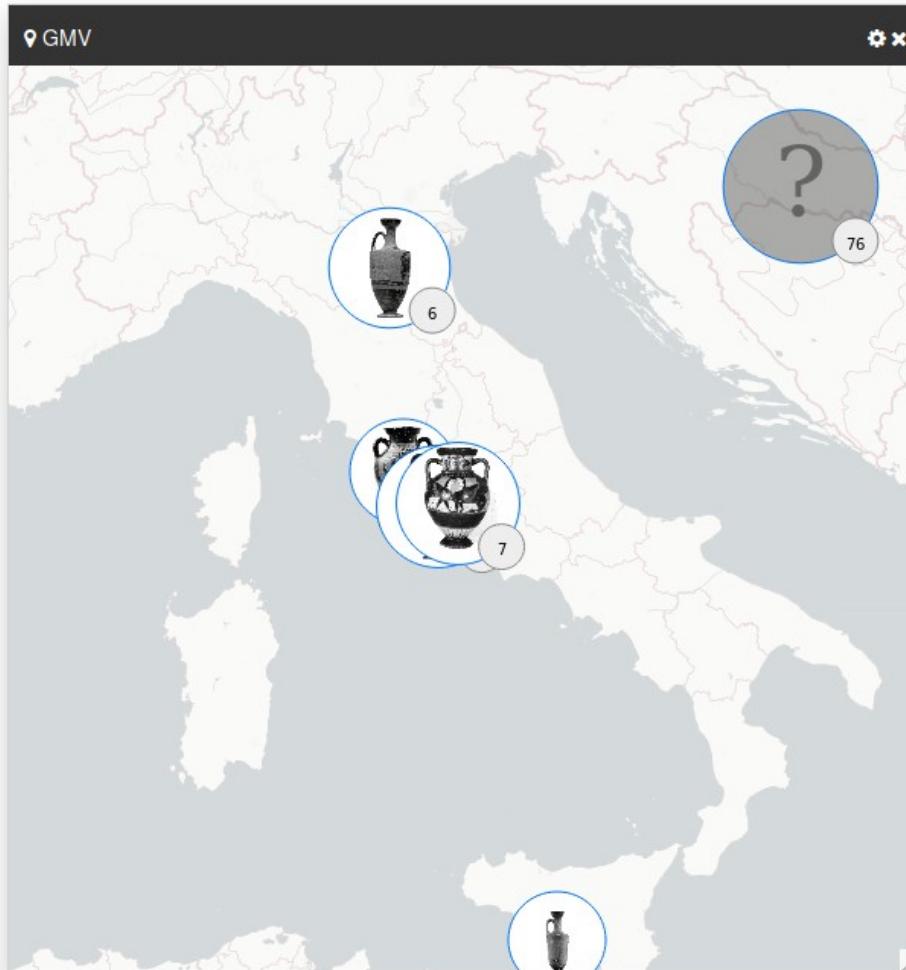
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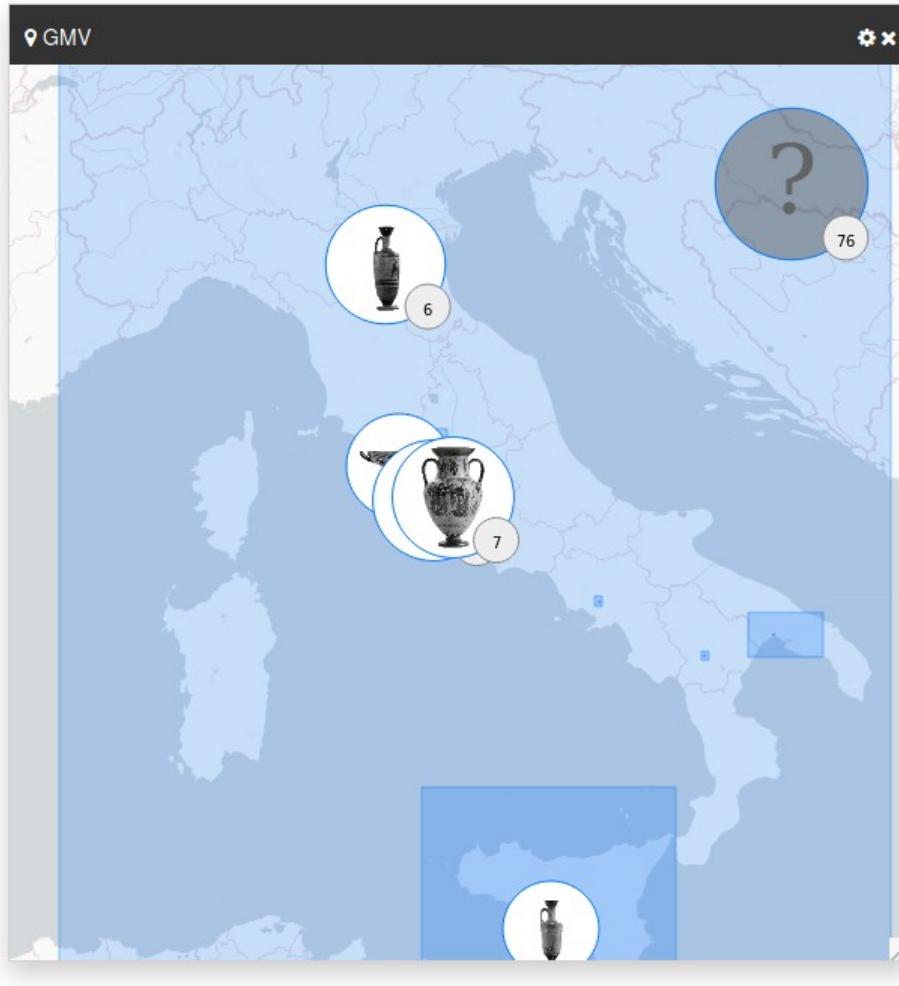
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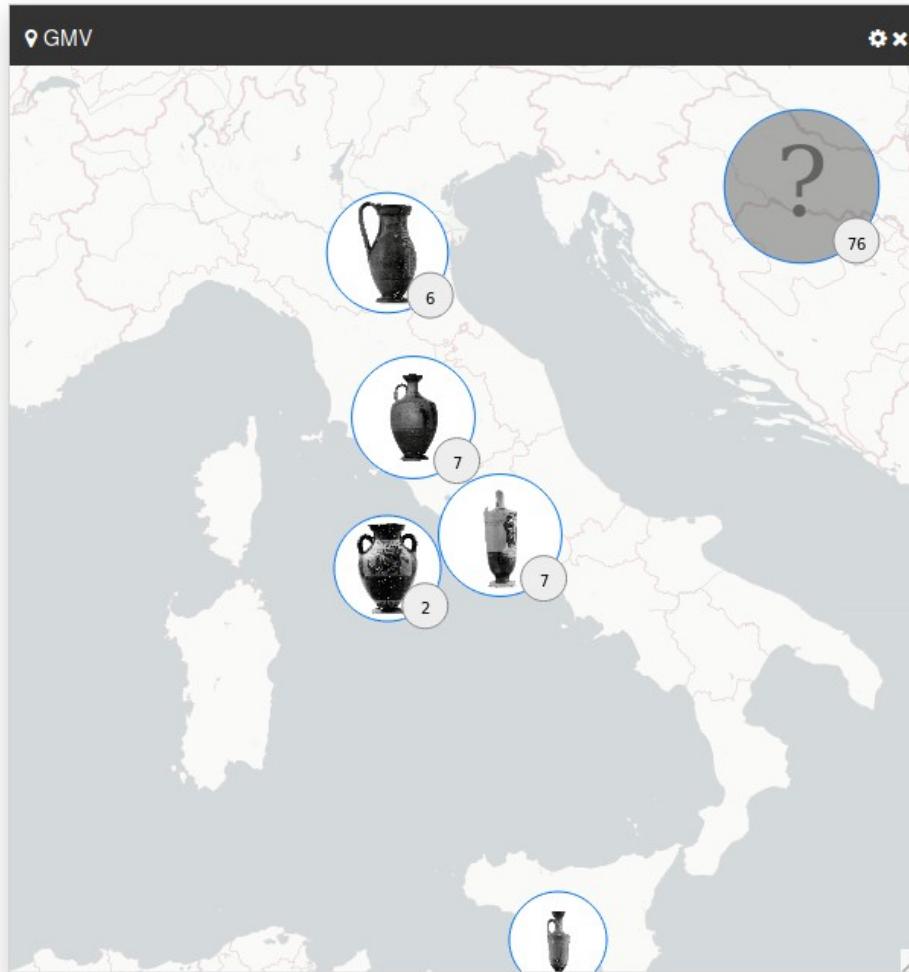
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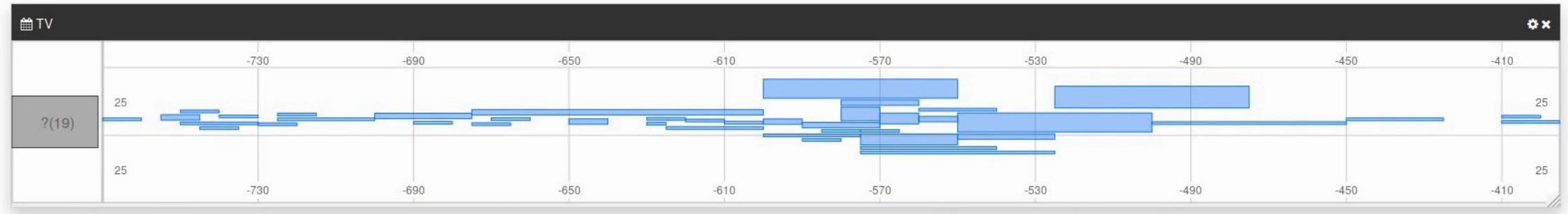
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 - Collision Avoidance
 - **Separate node for unattributed objects**

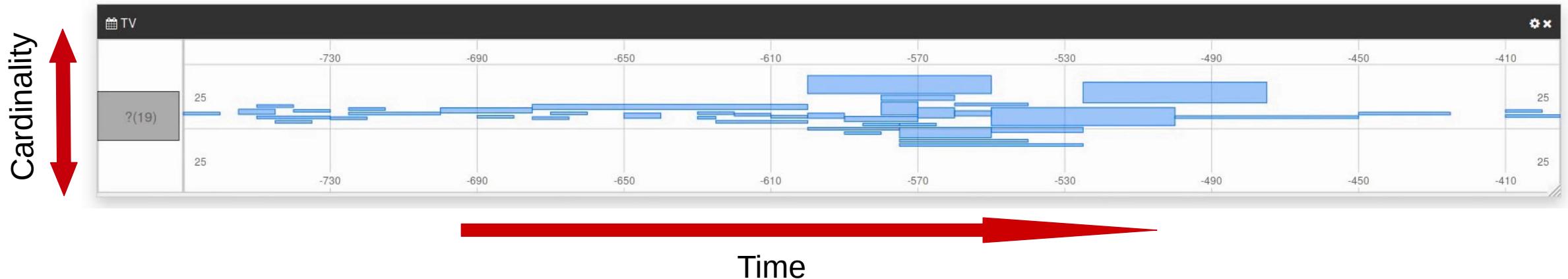
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 - E.g. “-525 to -475”
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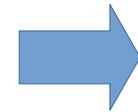


Shape Similarity Viewer

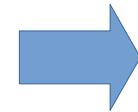
- Extract silhouettes from object depictions



Source



Fg/Bg Segmentation



Silhouette

- Silhouette similarities determined by *Shape Contour Descriptor*^[12]

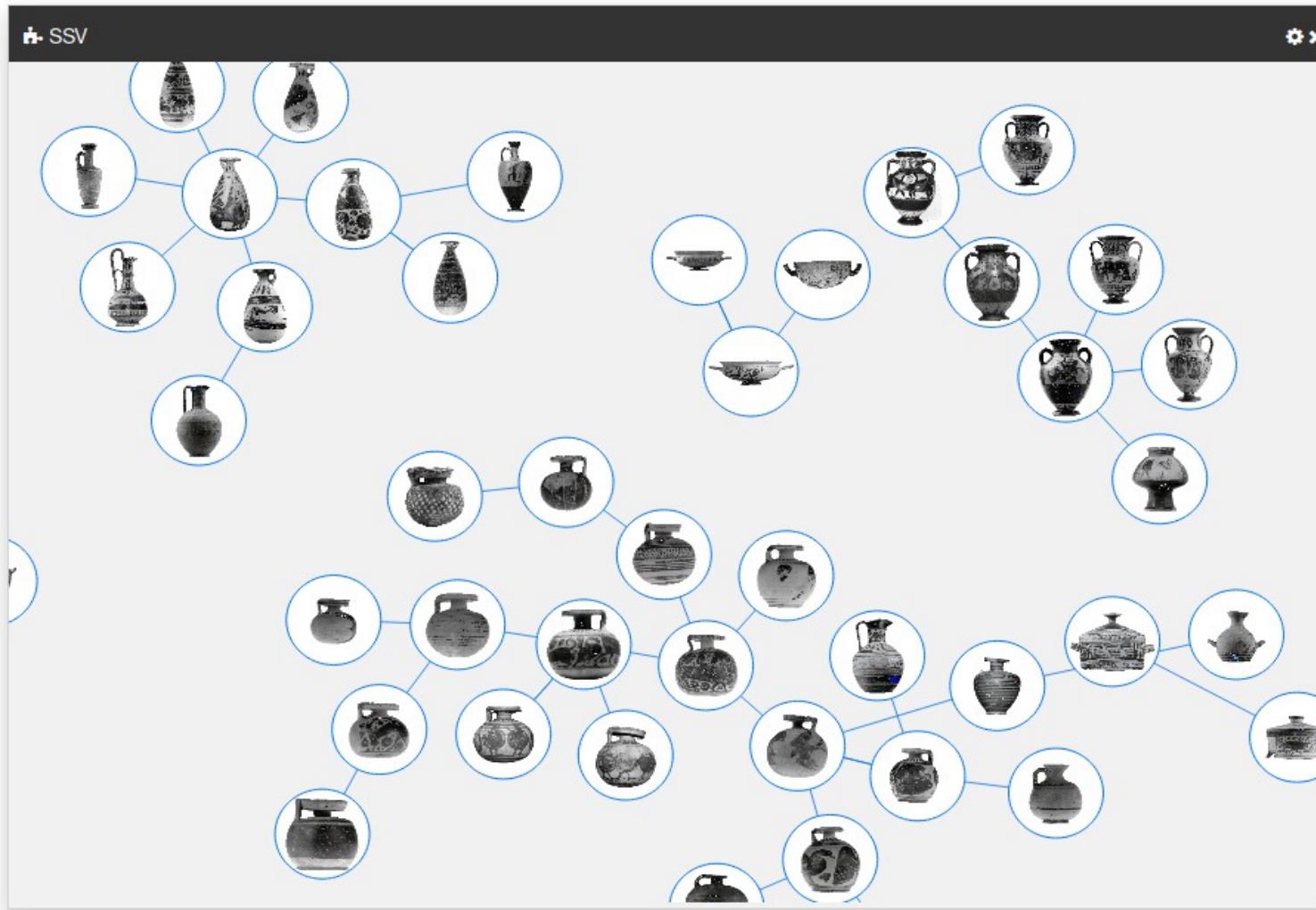
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Shape Similarity Viewer



- Network visualization for shape similarity
 - Similarity indicated by connecting links
- **Issue:** Links between all nodes overconstrain the layout

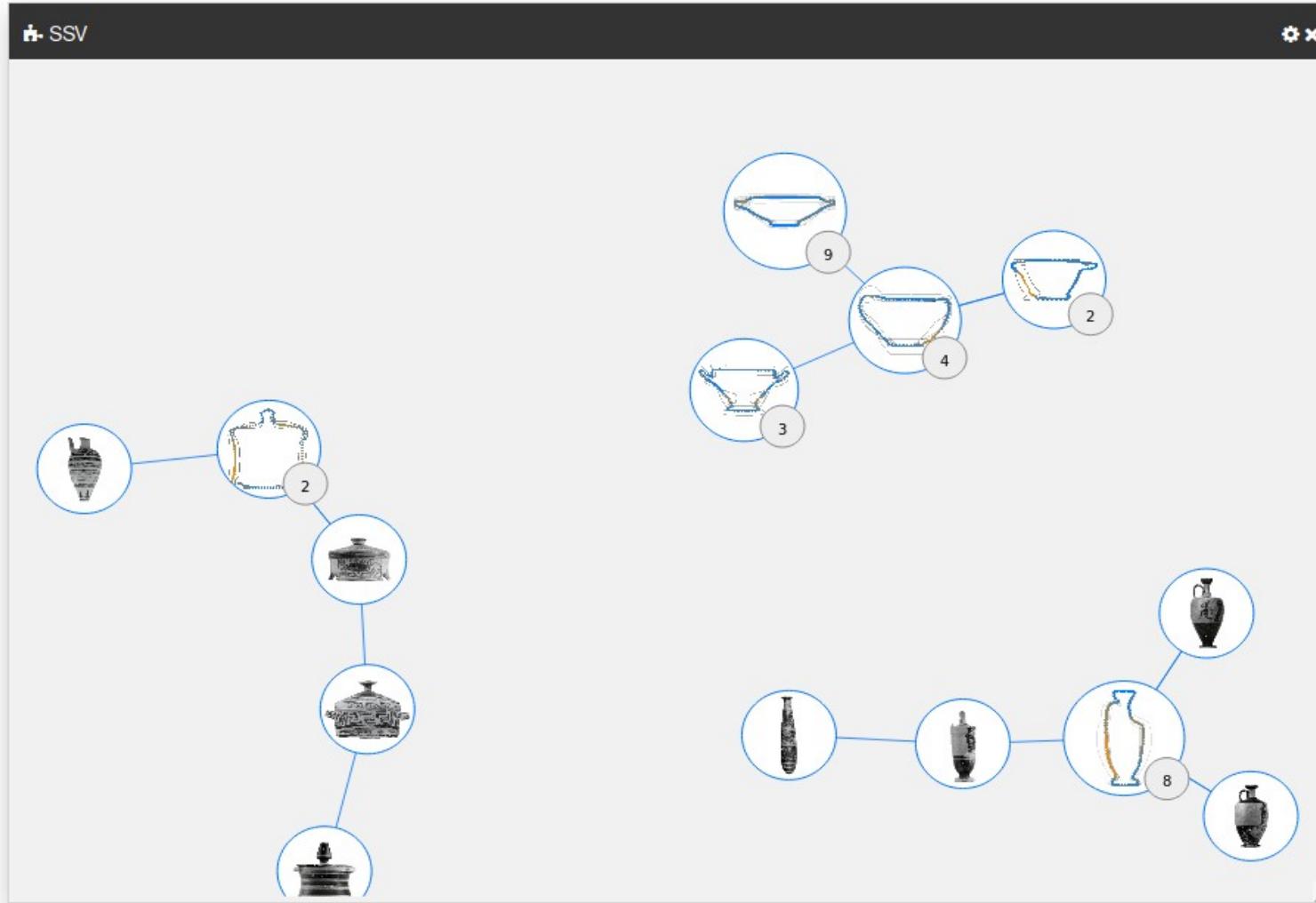
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- Link sparsification^[13] preserves only the '*most significant*' links

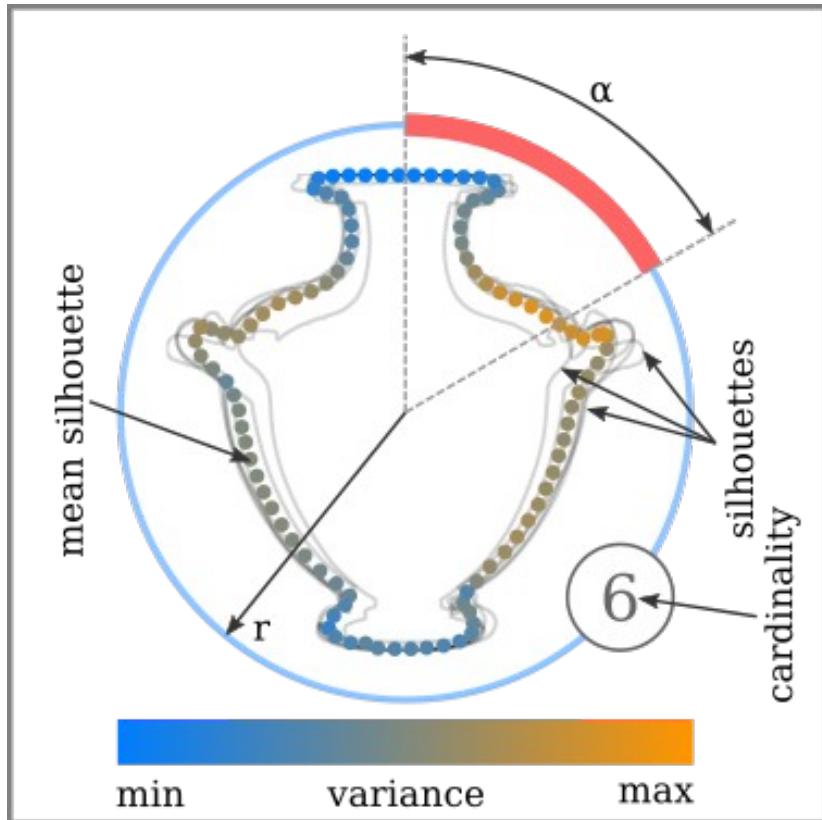
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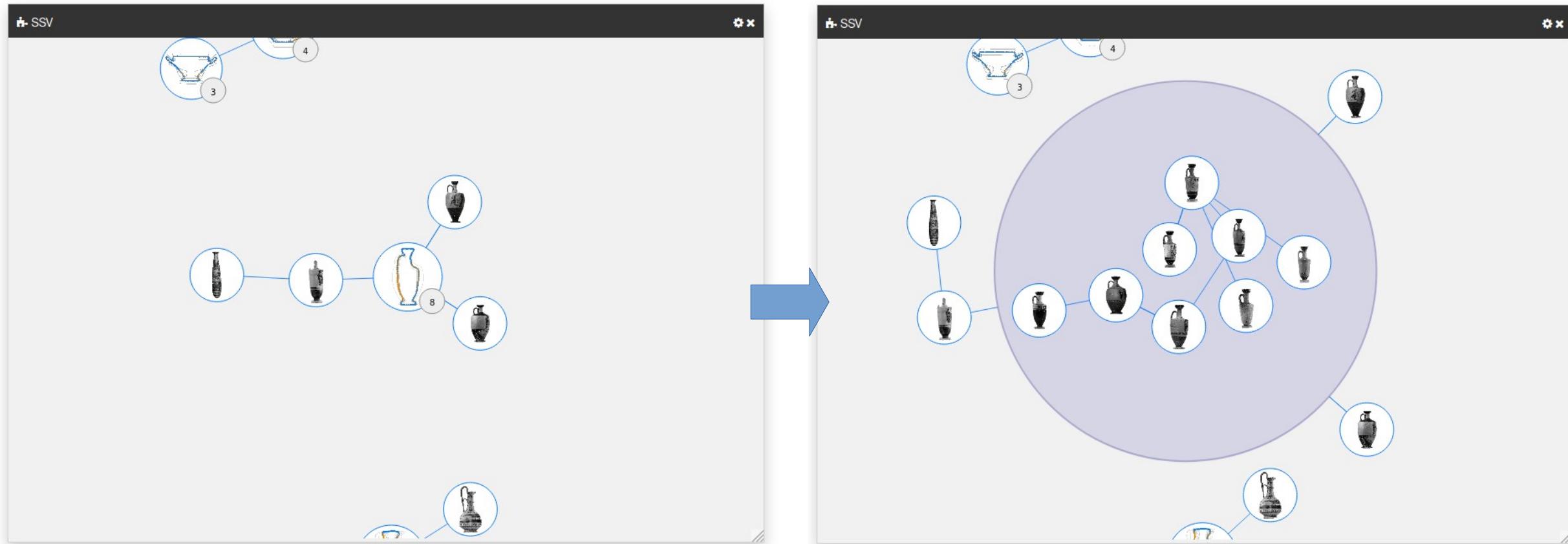
- Pairwise aggregation of objects with strongest link force

Shape Preview Surrogate

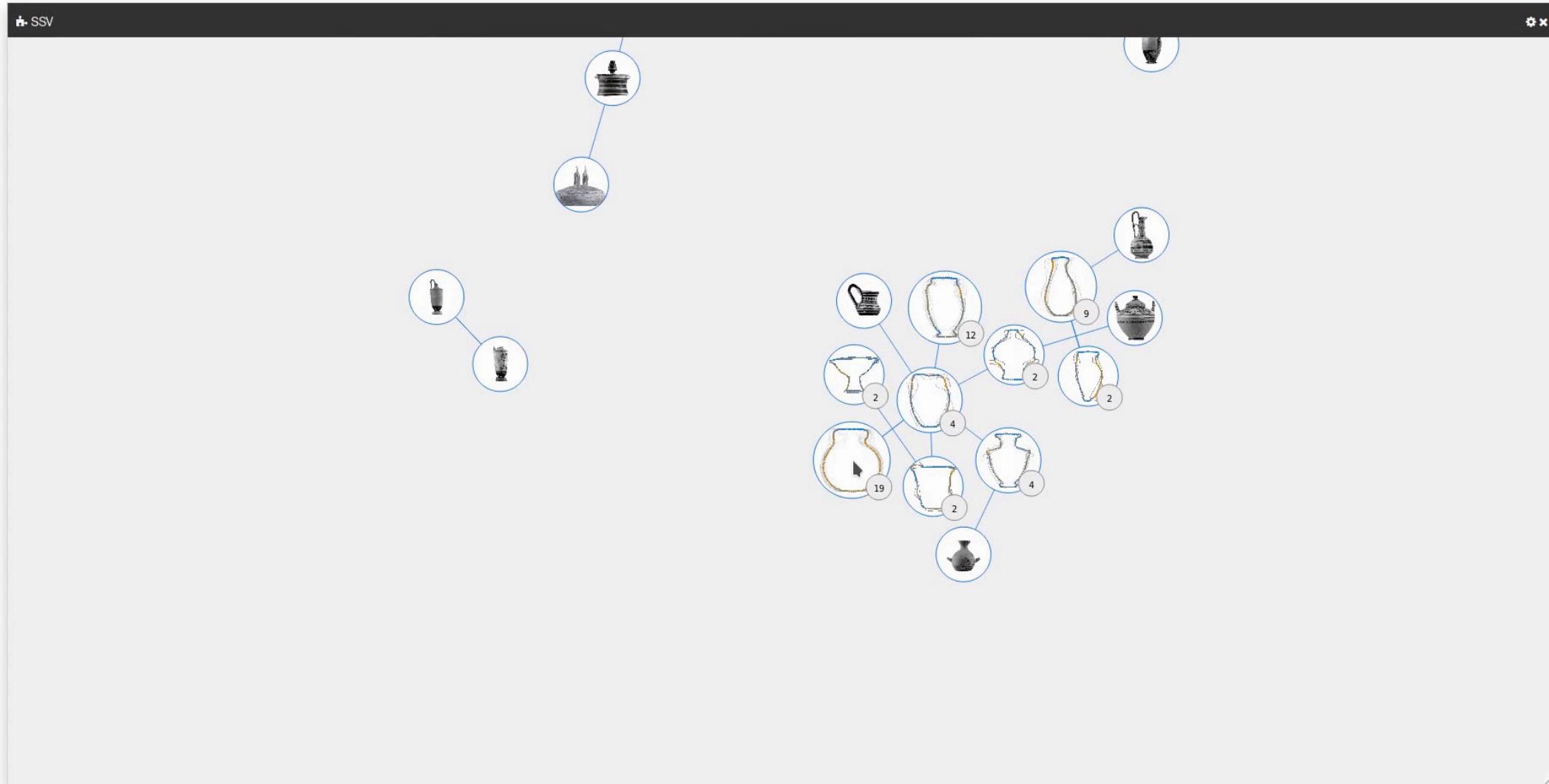


- Multi-object preview for aggregated nodes
- Silhouettes
 - All silhouettes as semi-transparent gray line
 - Mean silhouette as dotted line (the color encodes the local variance)
- Cardinality := # of incorporated objects
- Radius $r = r(\text{'cardinality'})$

Hierarchic Balloons



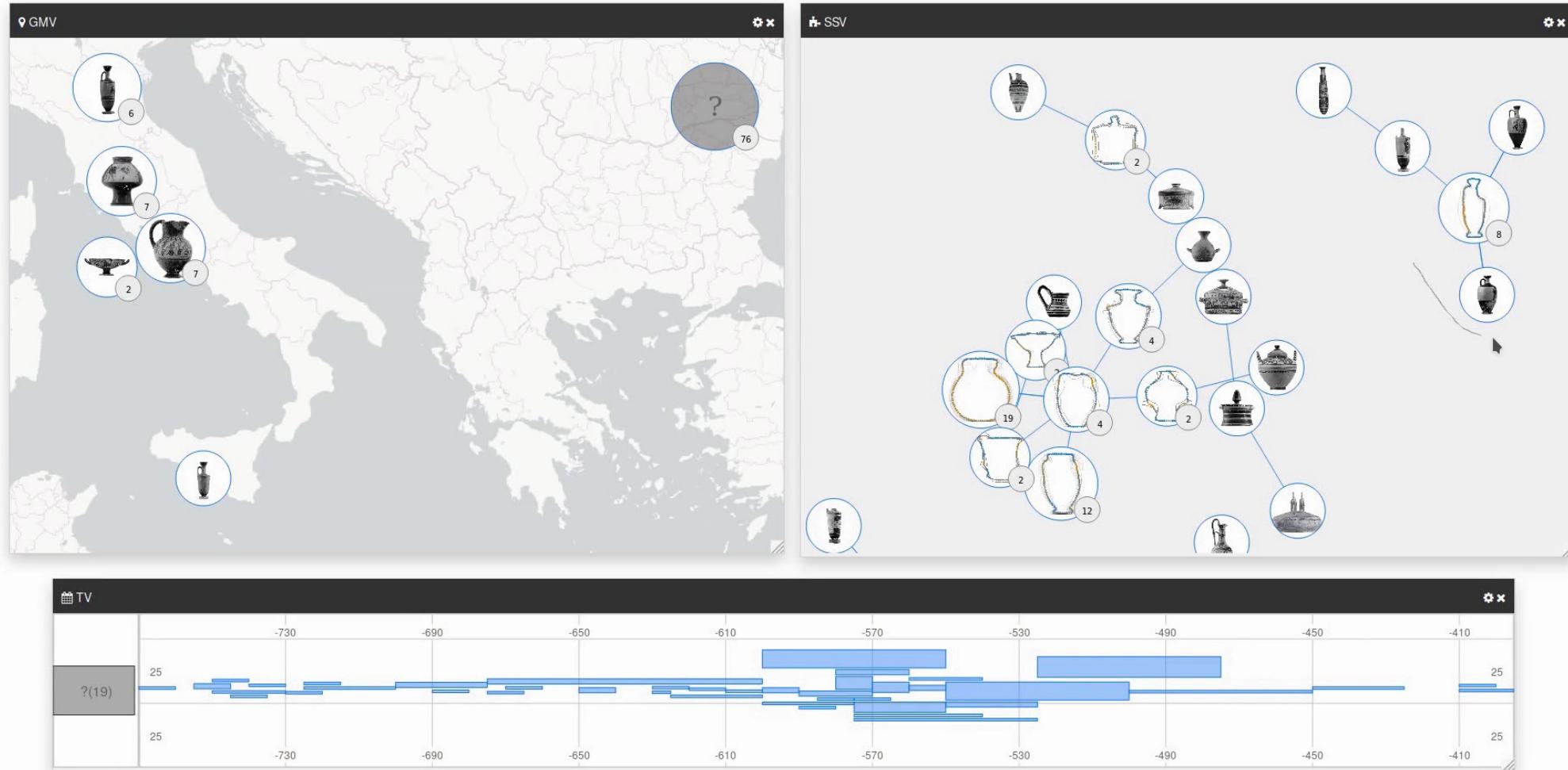
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Intra-View Highlighting

- Highlighting of object subsets reveals the attribute relations
- Red border around a node indicates a highlight
- Subset selected through lasso selection

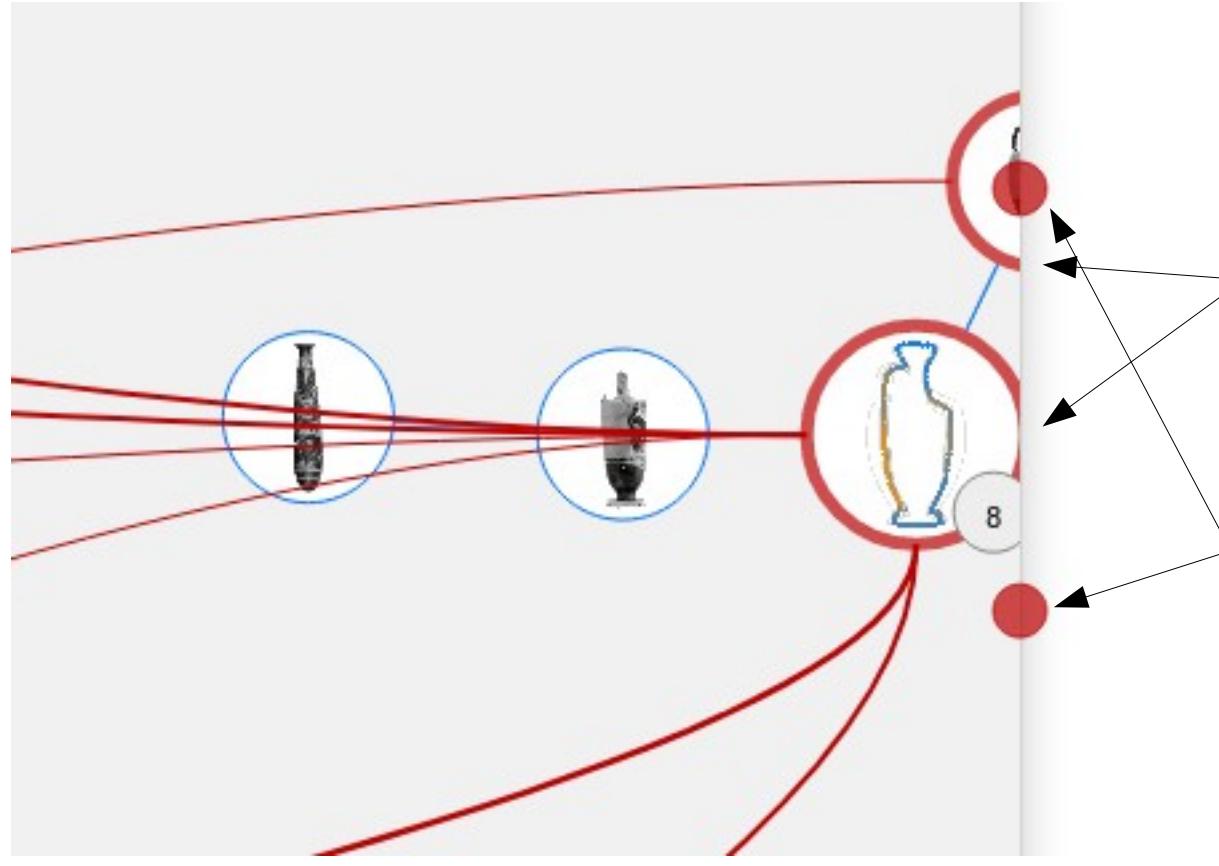
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Highlighting based on user selection

Intra-View Highlighting

Alluvial flow links to other views

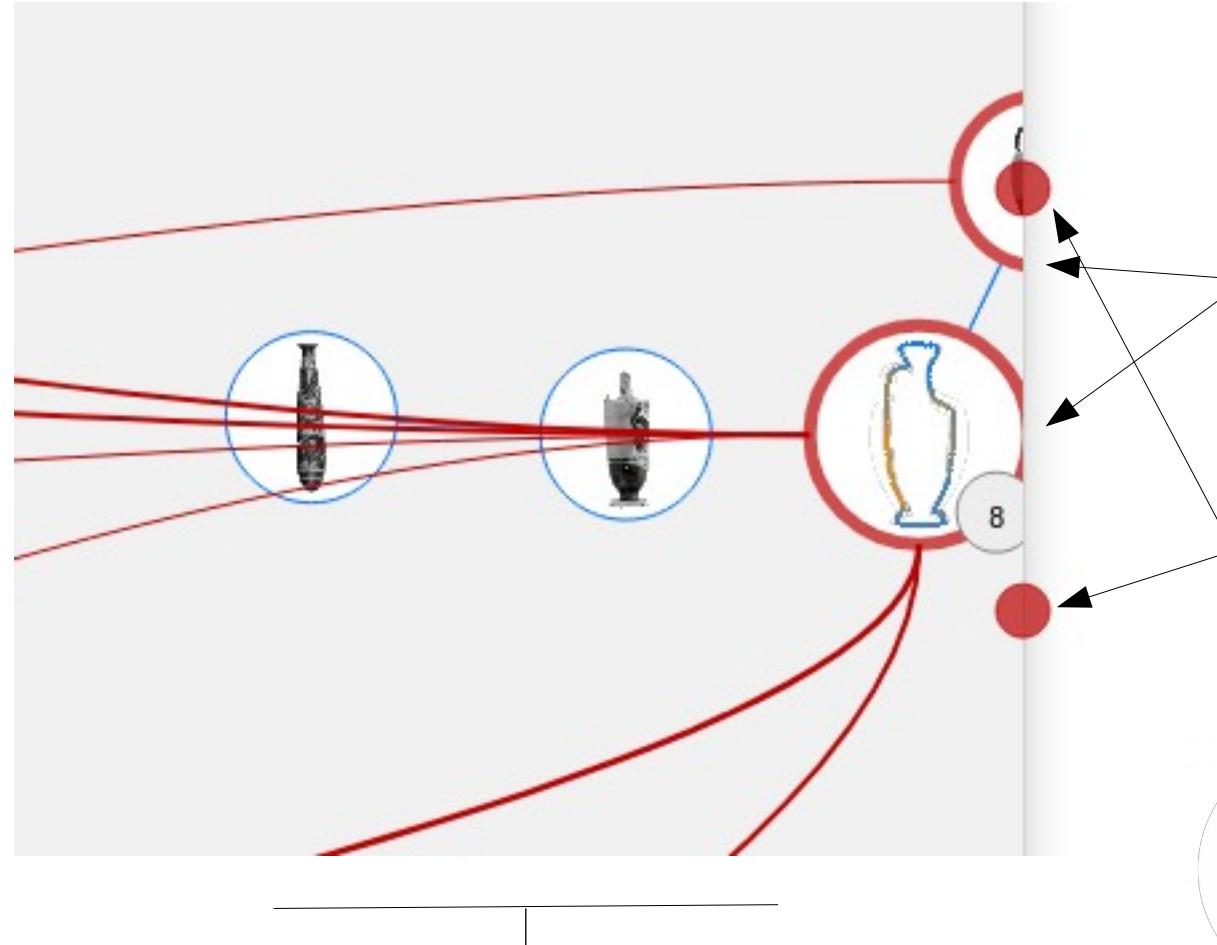


Selected Objects marked with red color

Landmarks for selected Objects outside the currently displayed section

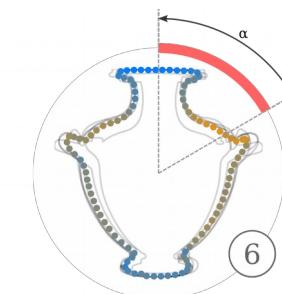
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Partial highlight for aggregated node

Expert Feedback

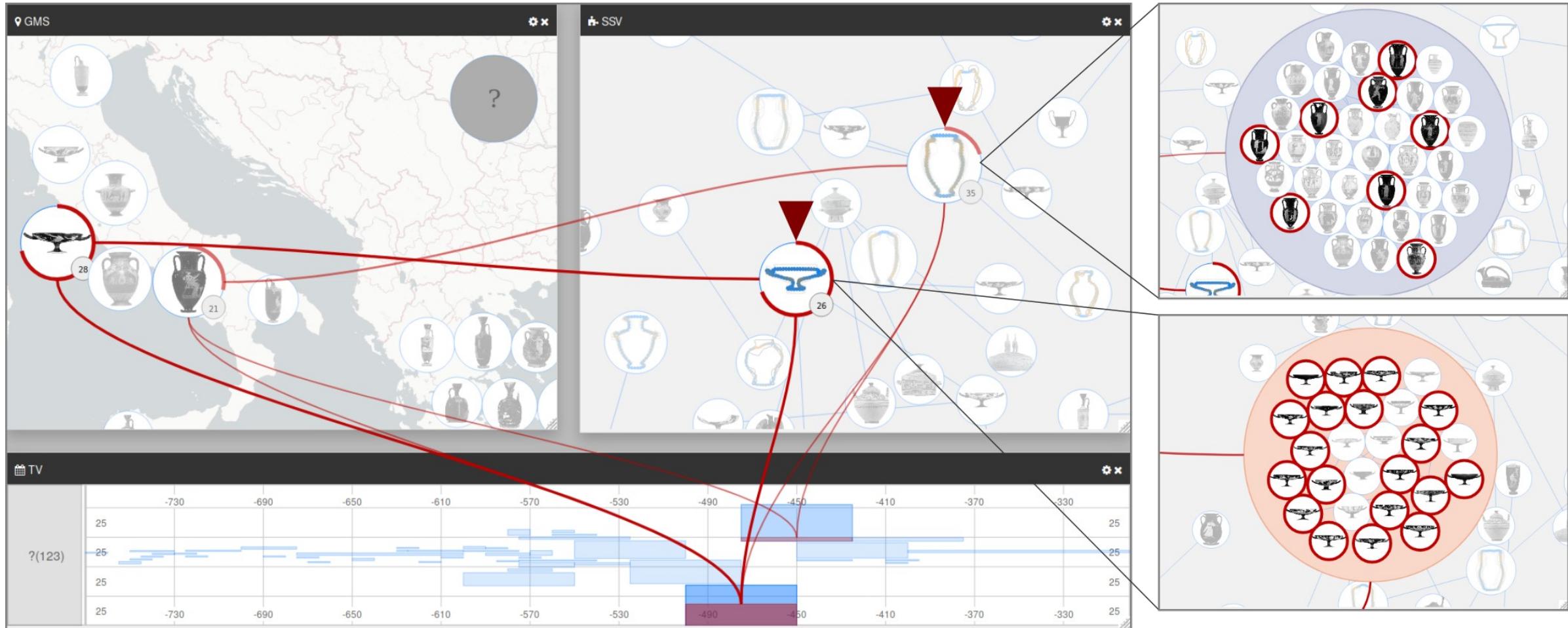


Which dating is related to *aryballois* shape?



Which other objects belong to the same period?

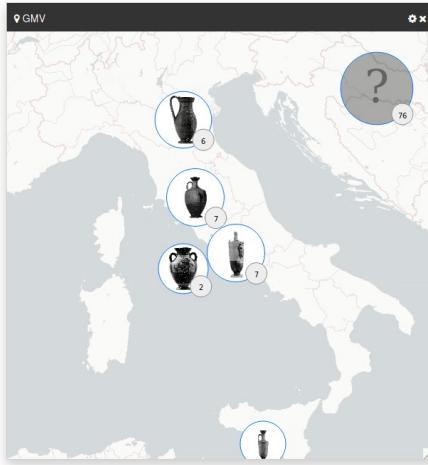
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‘Most significant’ links determined by Intra-view cross-correlation

Limitations / Future Work

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- Fabric



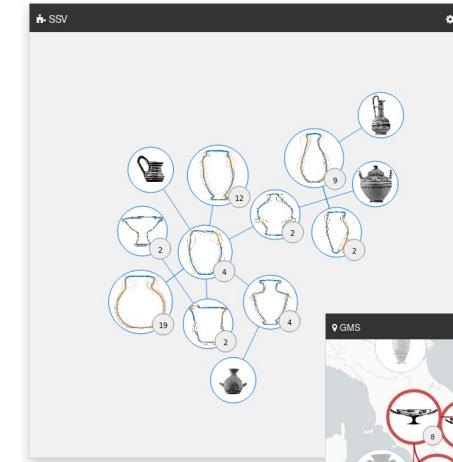
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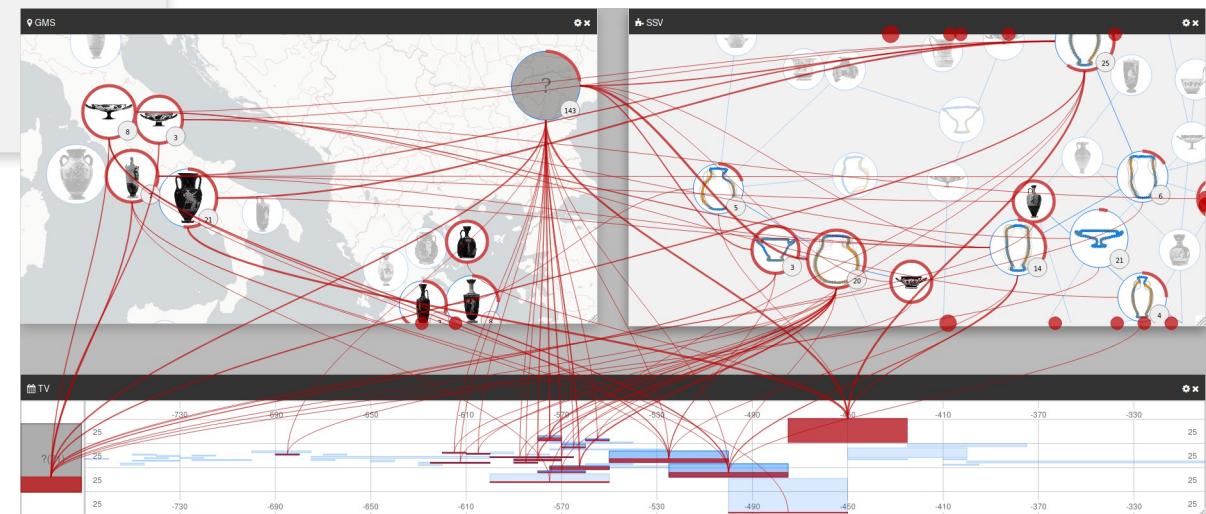


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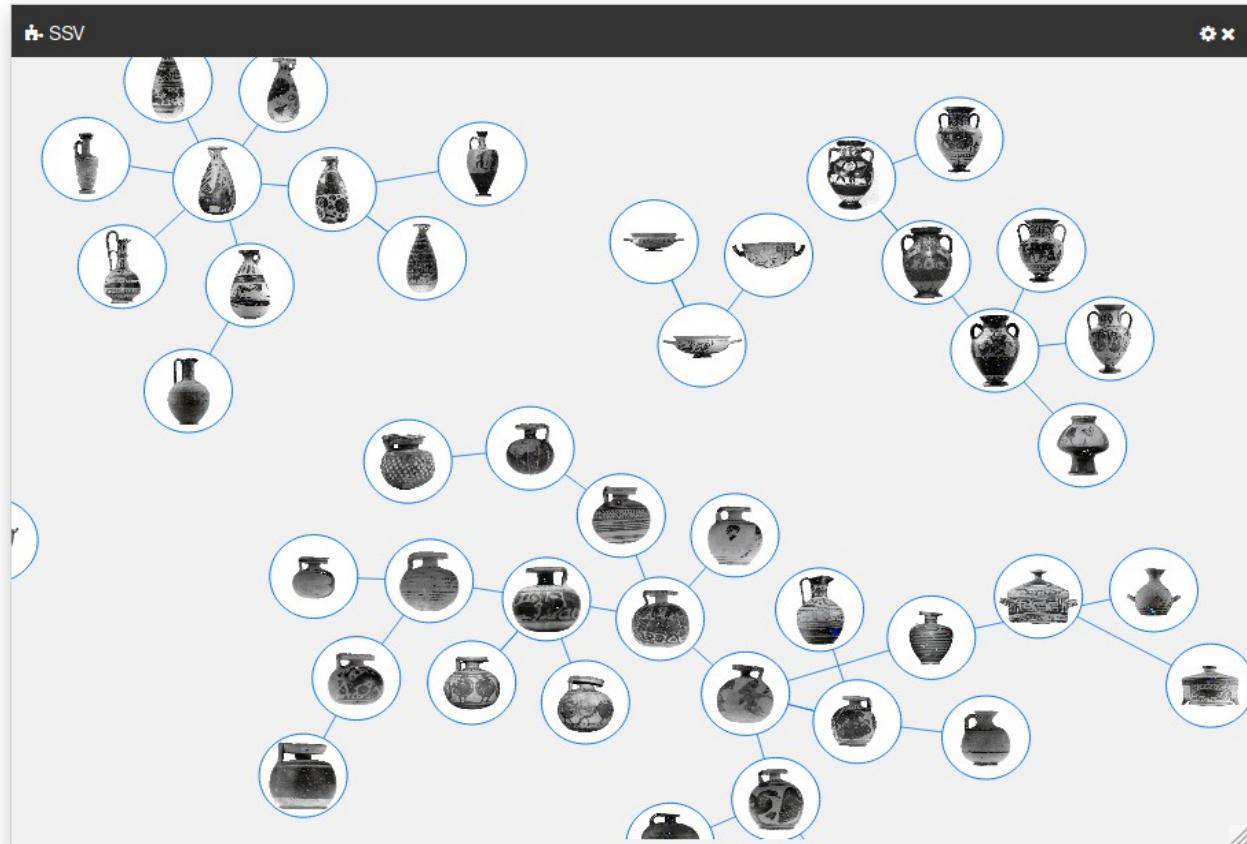
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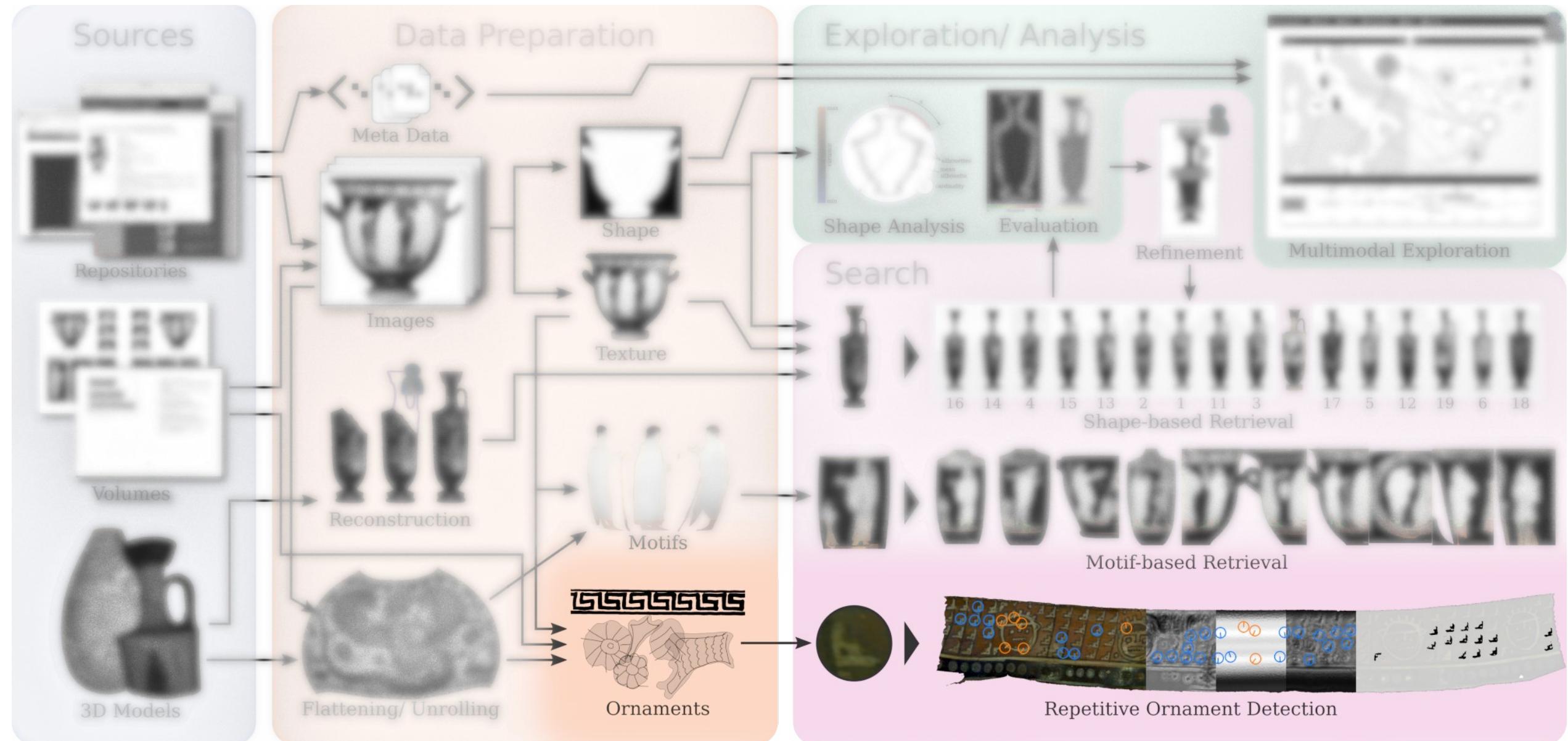
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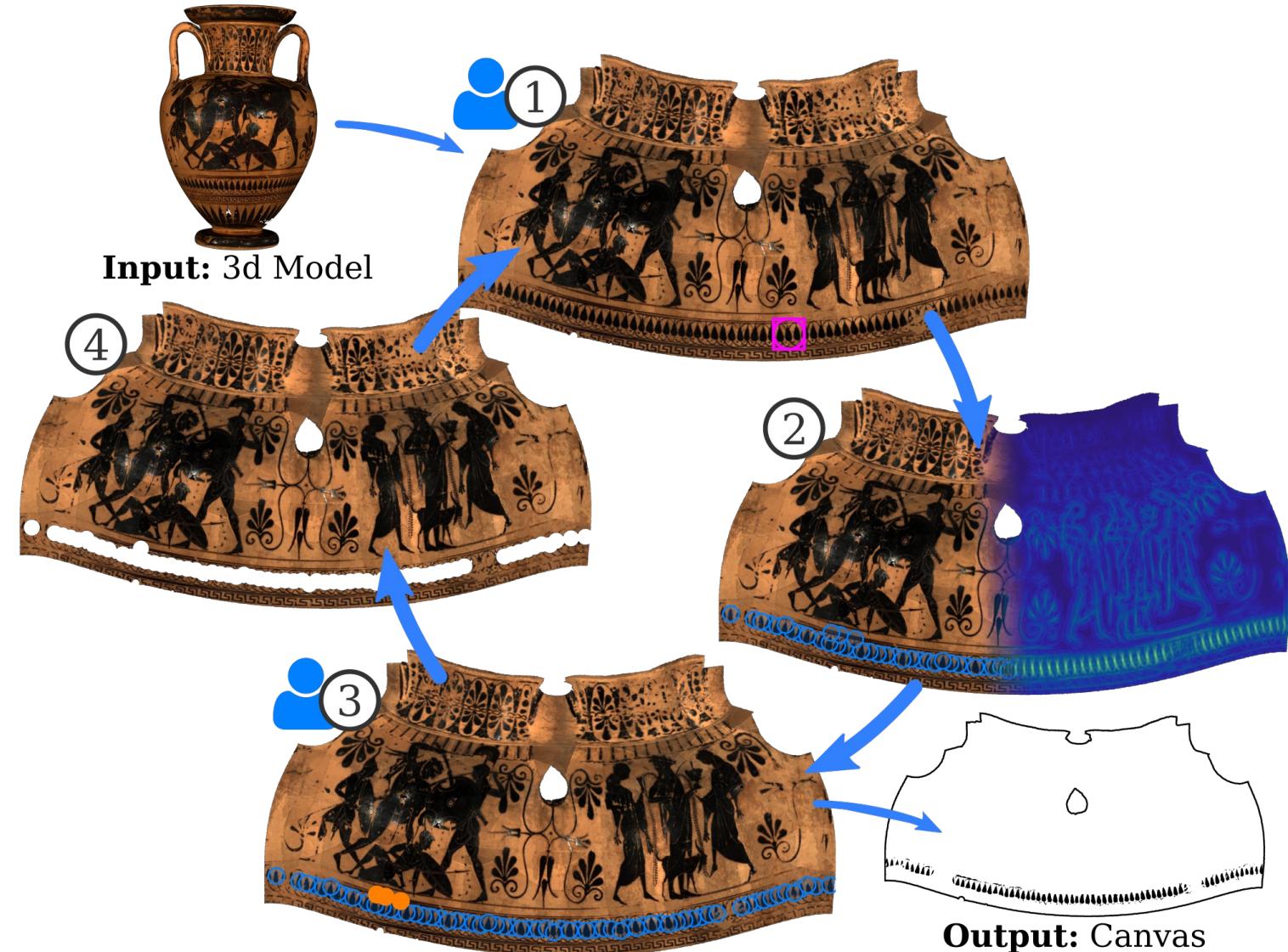
Workflow

Input: 3d model

Iterative dissection of the flattened^[1] surface:

- 1) Query selection
- 2) Self-similarity detection
- 3) Results refinement
- 4) Surface subtraction

Output: 'Canvas' with detected and extracted ornaments



^[1]Preiner R., Karl S., Bayer P., Schreck T.: Elastic Flattening of Painted Pottery Surfaces. In Eurographics Workshop on Graphics and Cultural Heritage (2018), The Eurographics Association, pp. 165-168.

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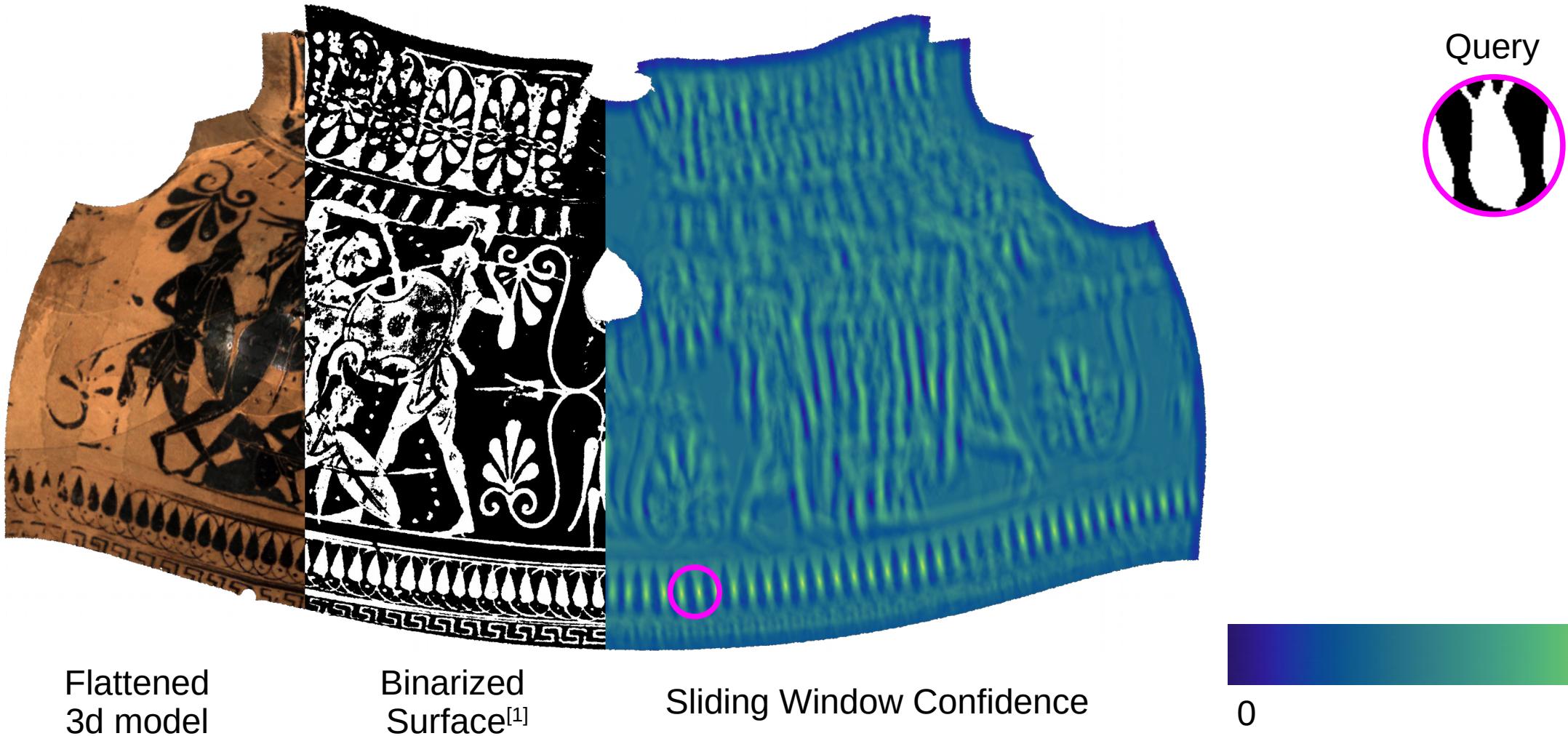
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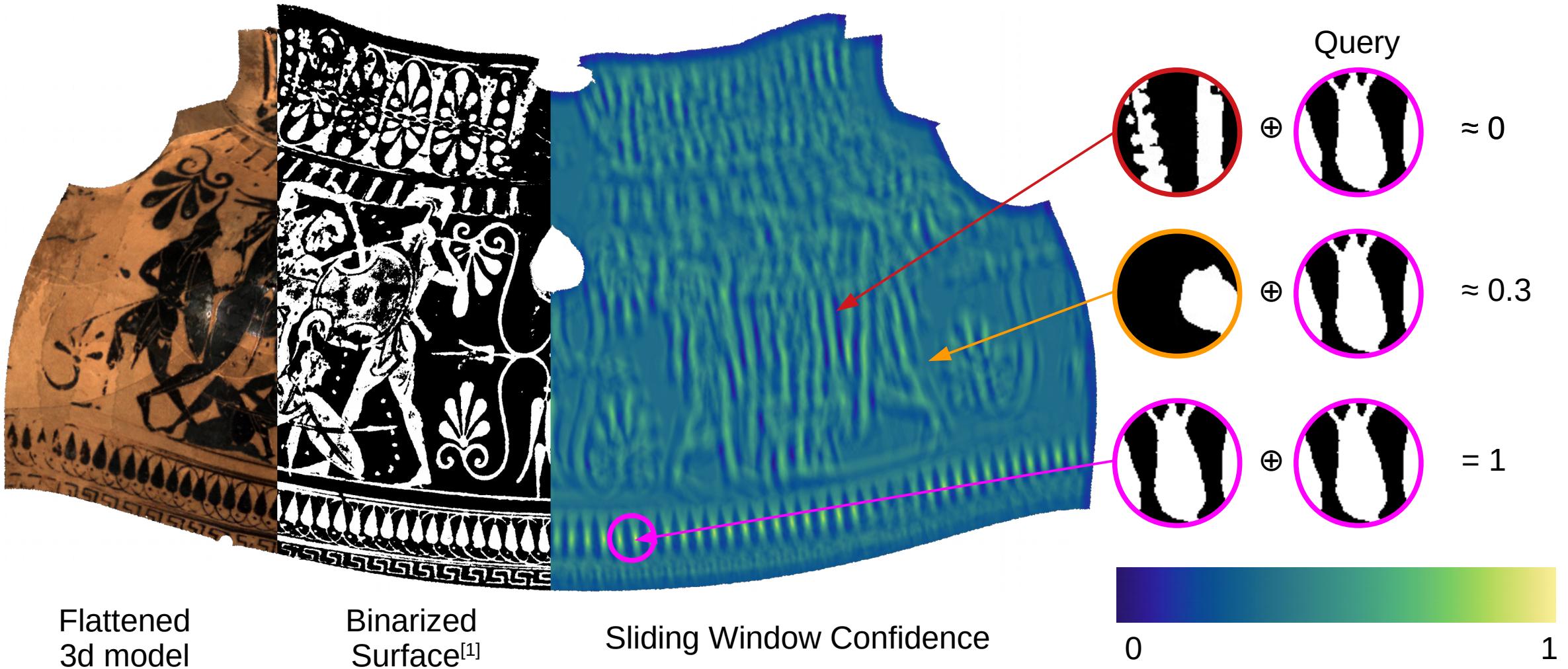
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Flattening-induced
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- Rotation invariance required



Alternating orientation of ornaments

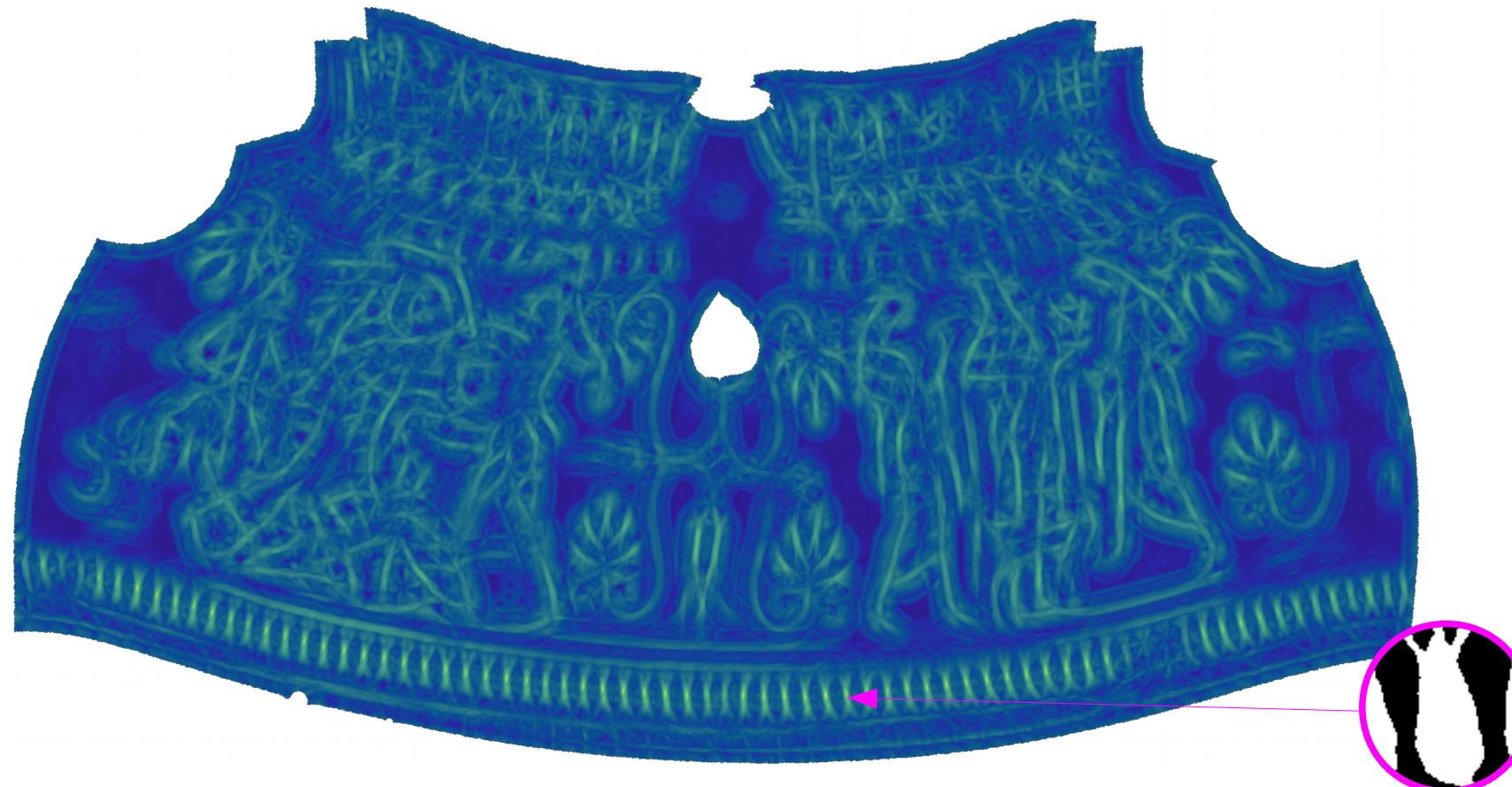


Flattening-induced
distortions

$$C_{sw} = \max_{\theta} \left\{ \text{[Three images of the vase fragment at different rotation angles: } \theta=0, \theta=\frac{2\pi}{K}, \text{ and } \theta=\frac{2\pi(K-1)}{K} \text{, with a red circle highlighting a specific region in the third image.]} \right\} = \text{[A final image showing the entire fragment with a dense green overlay, indicating the detected self-similarity regions. A white hole is visible in the center of the fragment.]}$$

Self-similarity Detection

- Non Maximum Suppression (NMS)



Query

Self-similarity Detection

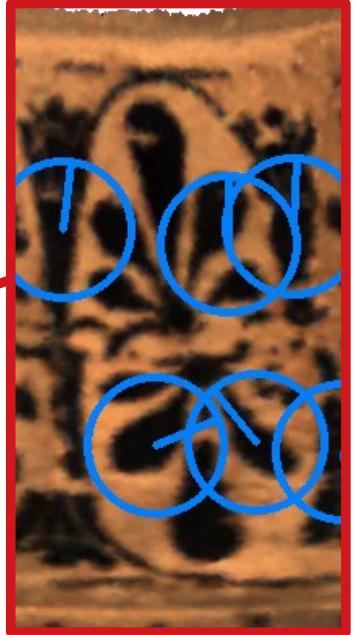
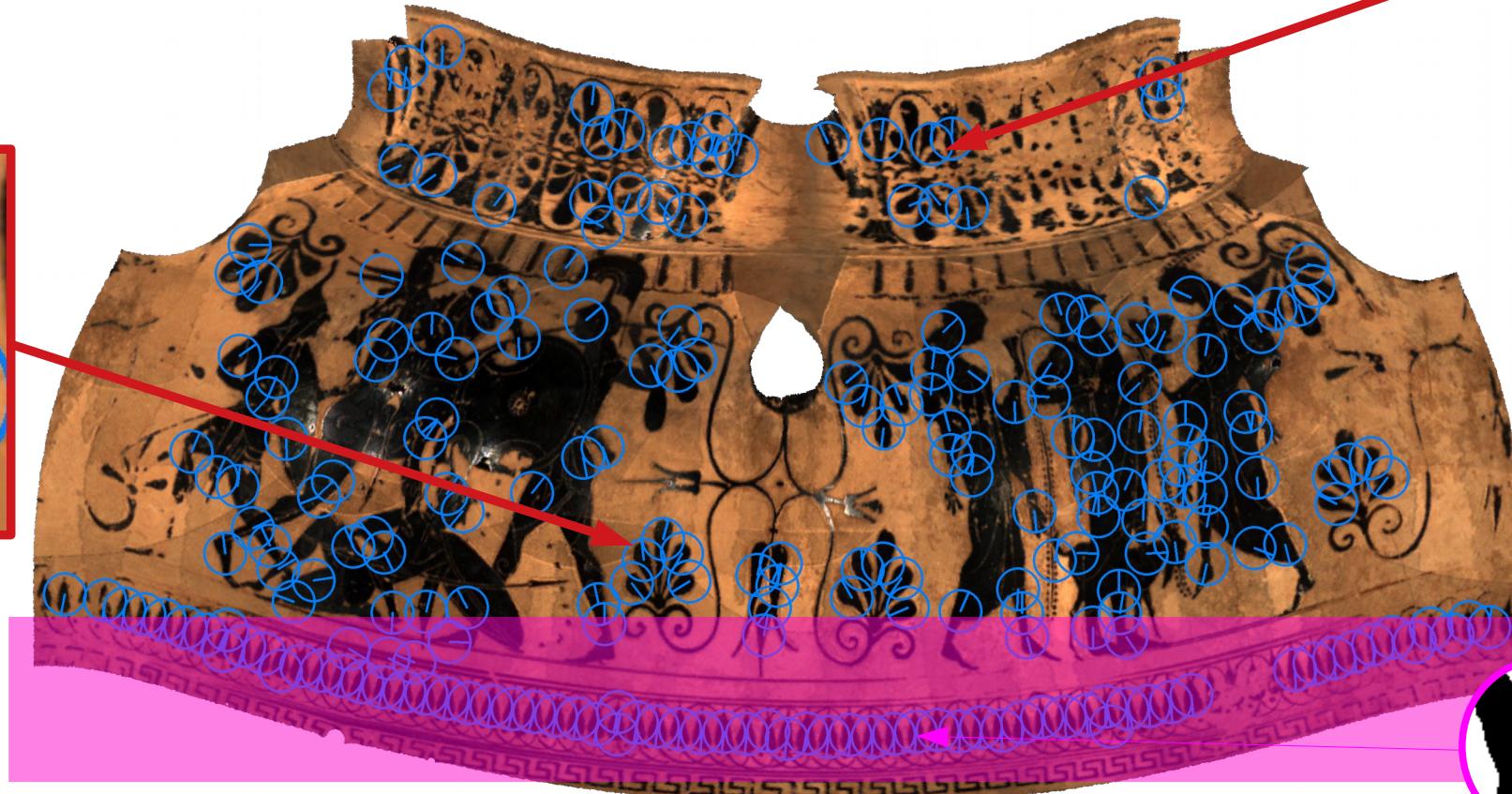
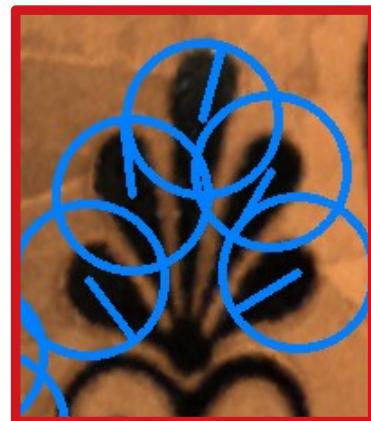
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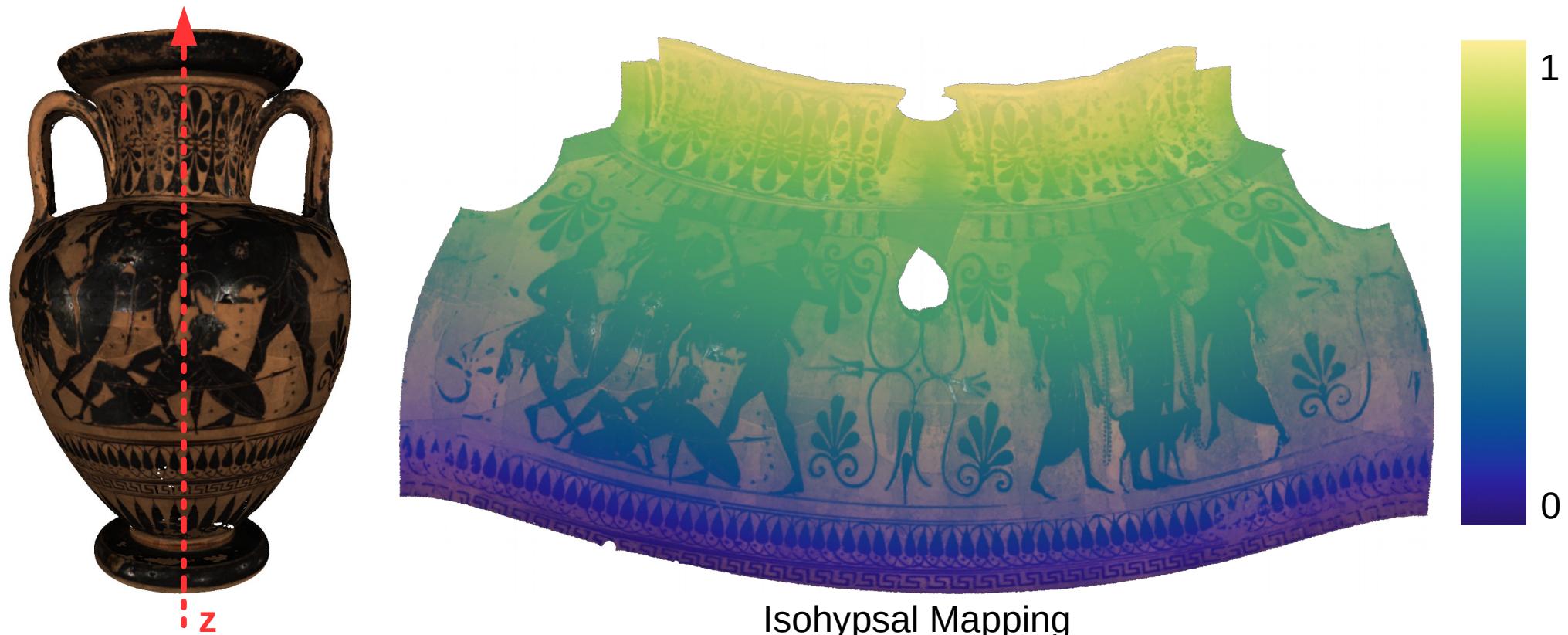


Refinement with Isohypeses Map

- **Assumption:** Repeating ornaments are arranged in ornamental bands around the rotational axis of the solid of revolution.

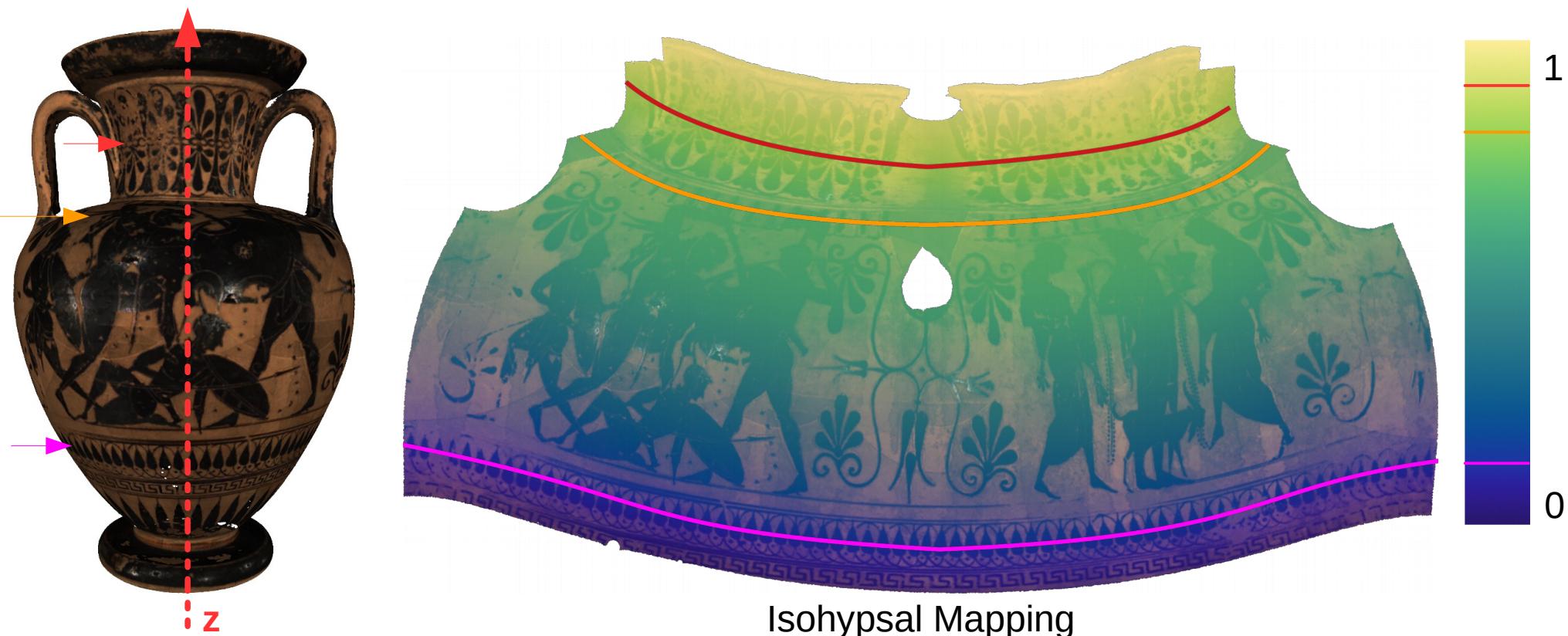
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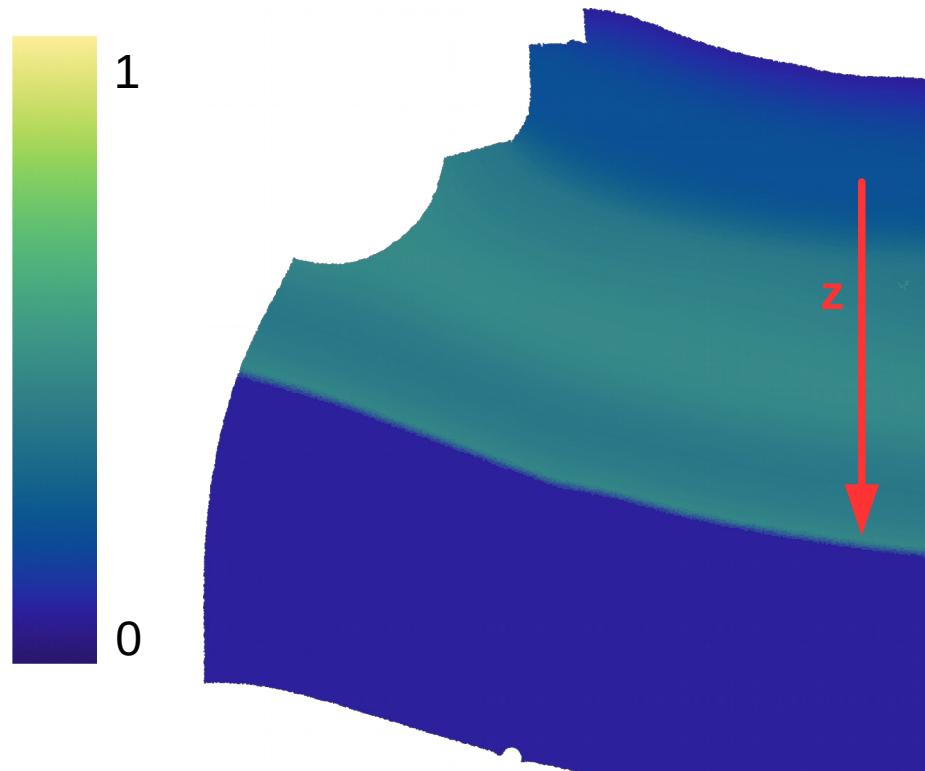


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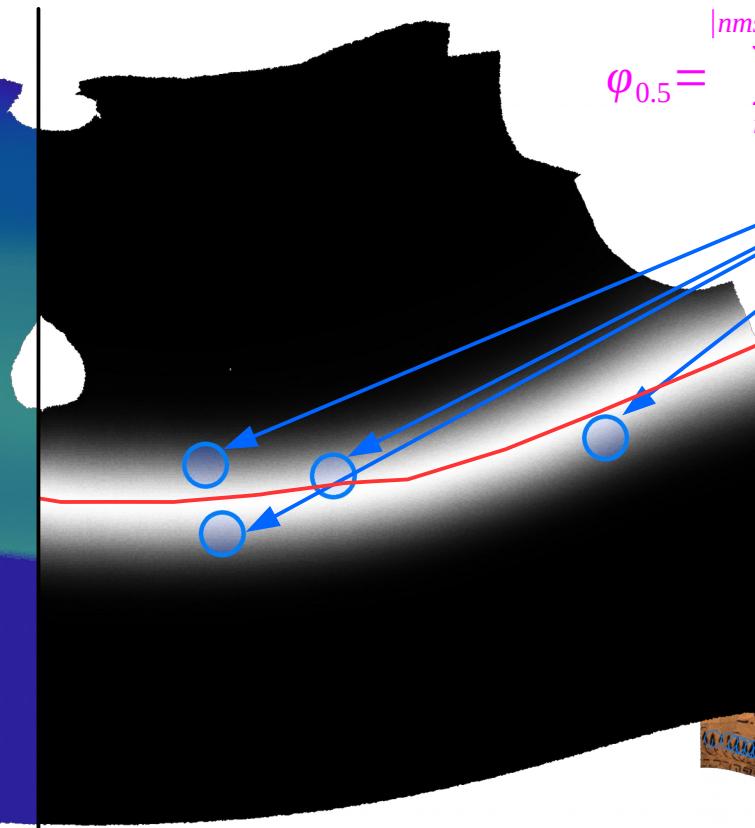
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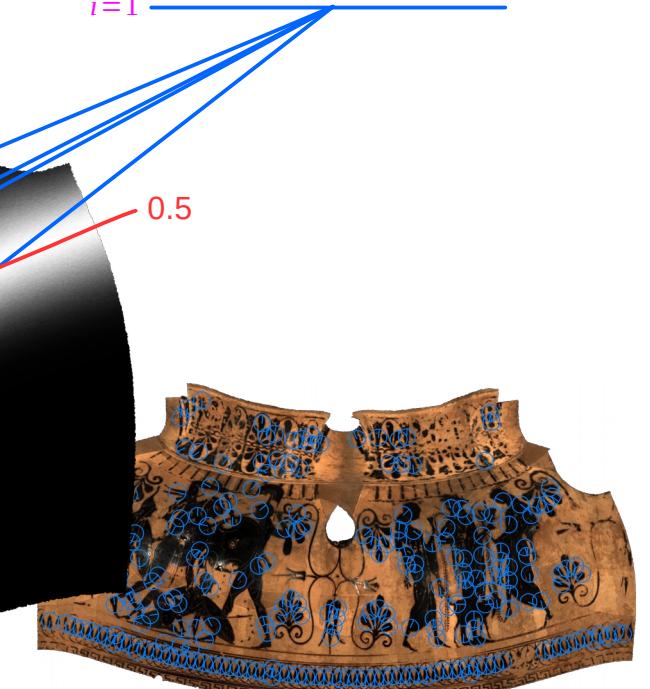


Isohypsal Confidence $C_{ih} = \sum H_z \varphi_z$

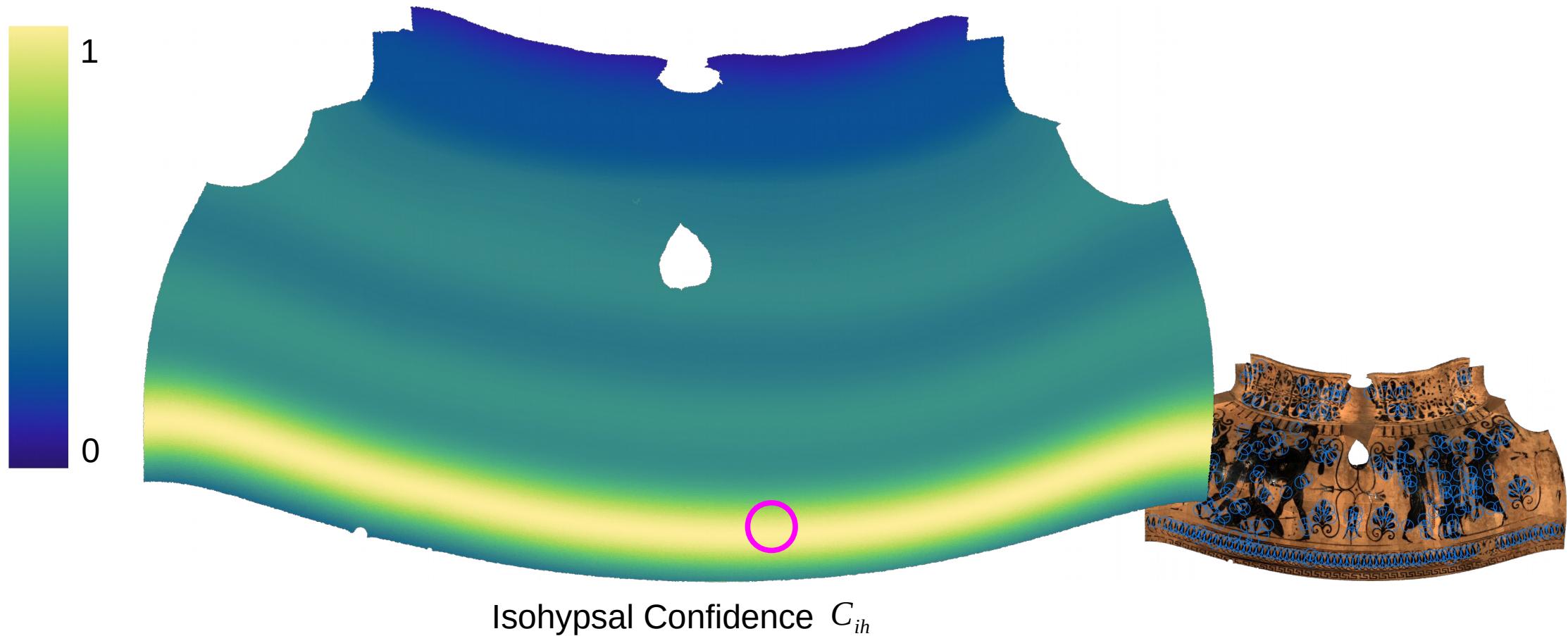


Isohypsal Mask $H_{0.5} = N(0.5, \sigma^2)$

Weighted Candidates

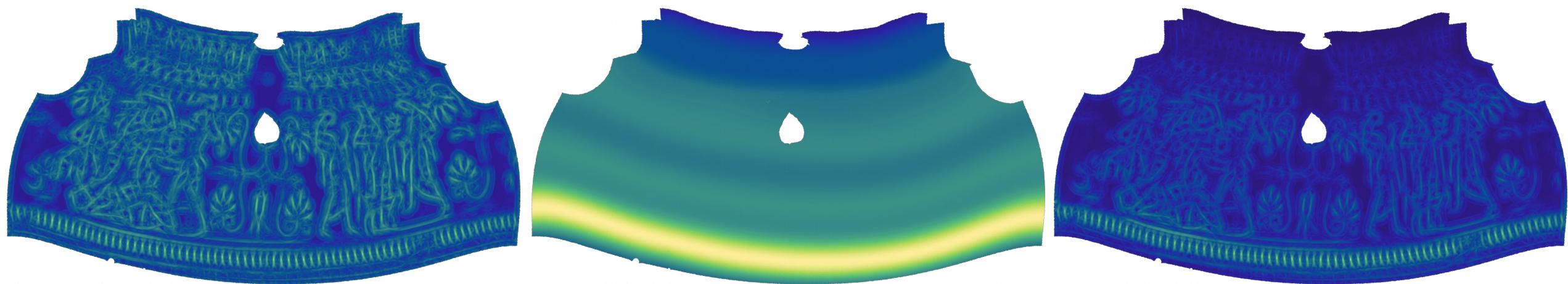
$$\varphi_{0.5} = \frac{|nms(H_{0.5})|}{\sum_{i=1}^{|nms(H_{0.5})|} conf(nms(H_{0.5})[i])}$$


Refinement with Isohypsels Map



Refinement with Isohypses Map

- Refined confidence map results from element-wise multiplication of sliding-window and isohypsal confidence



Sliding Window Confidence C_{sw} \odot

Isohypsal Confidence C_{ih}

=

Combined confidence C

Refinement with Isohypeses Map

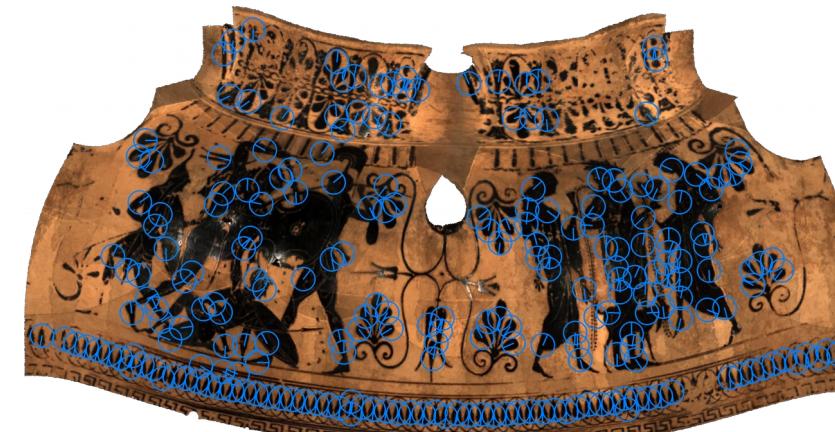
Sliding Window Confidence



Combined Confidence



Confidence Maps



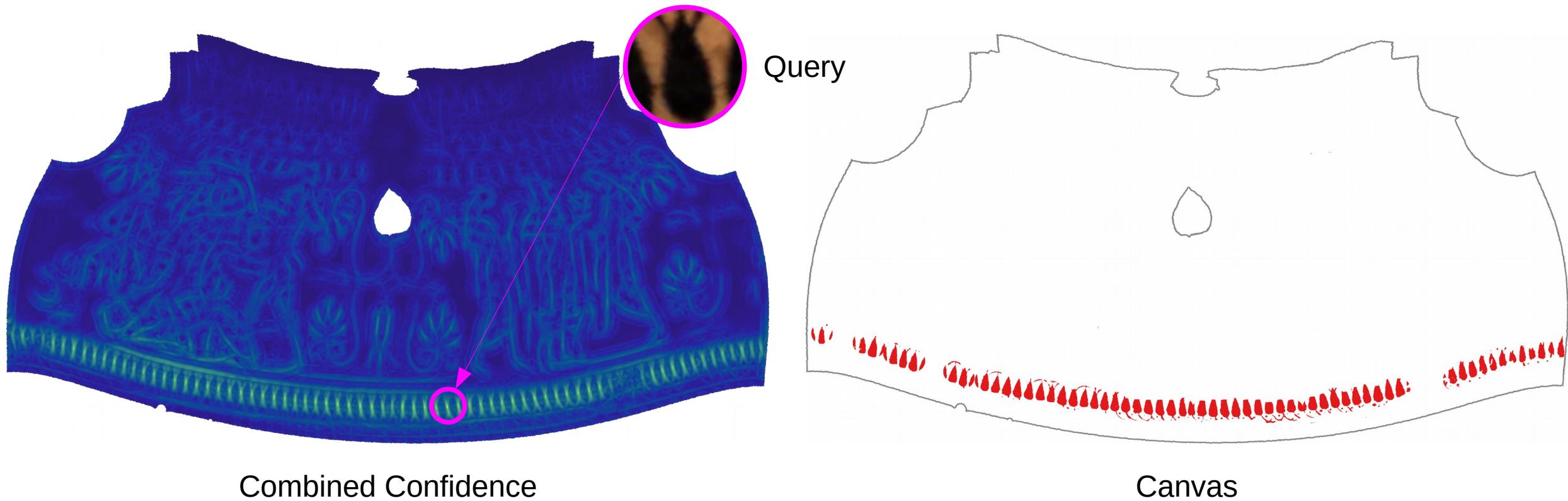
Candidates after NMS



Experimental Results

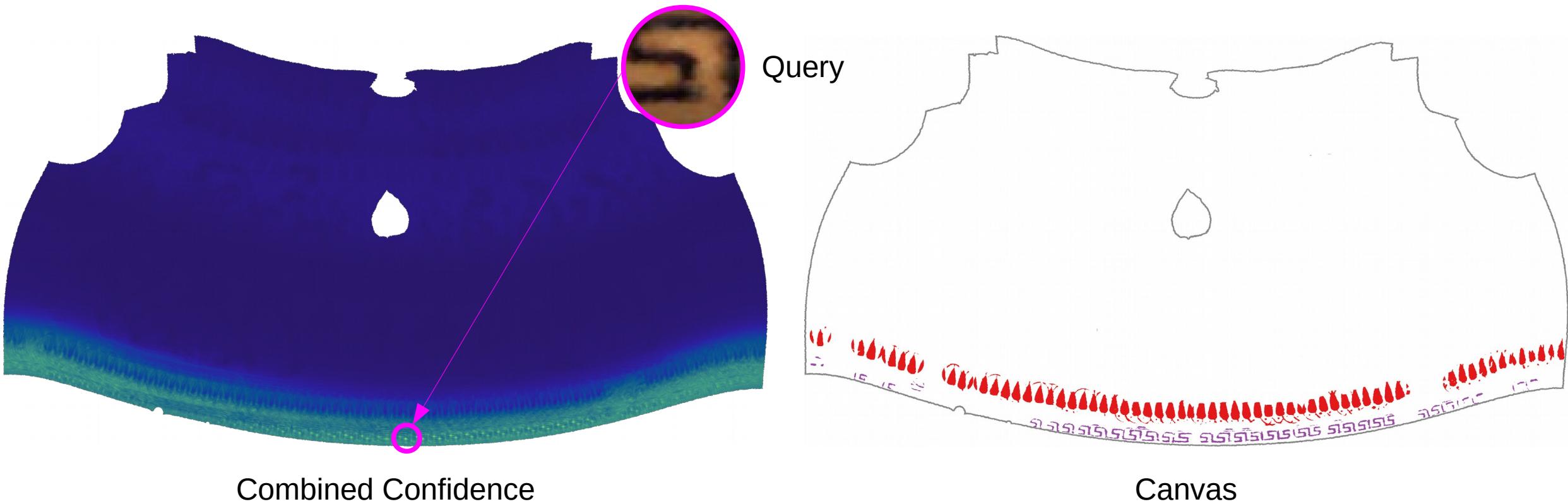
Experimental Results

- Attic black-figured amphora (Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna)



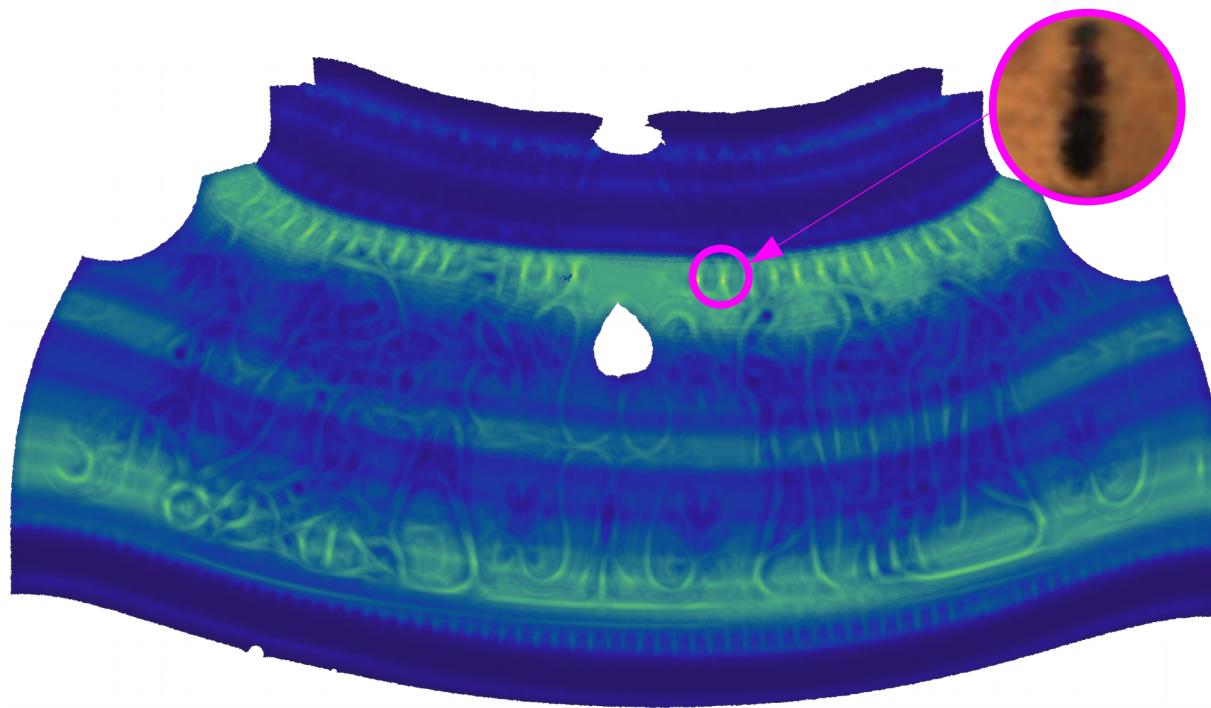
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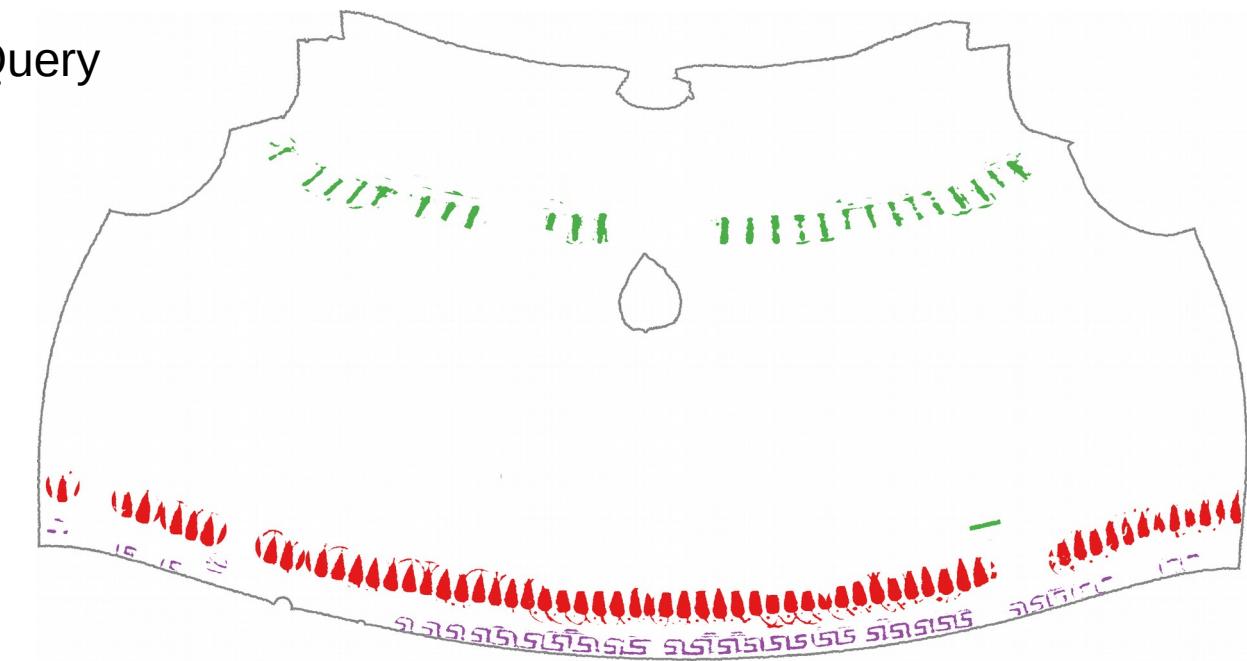
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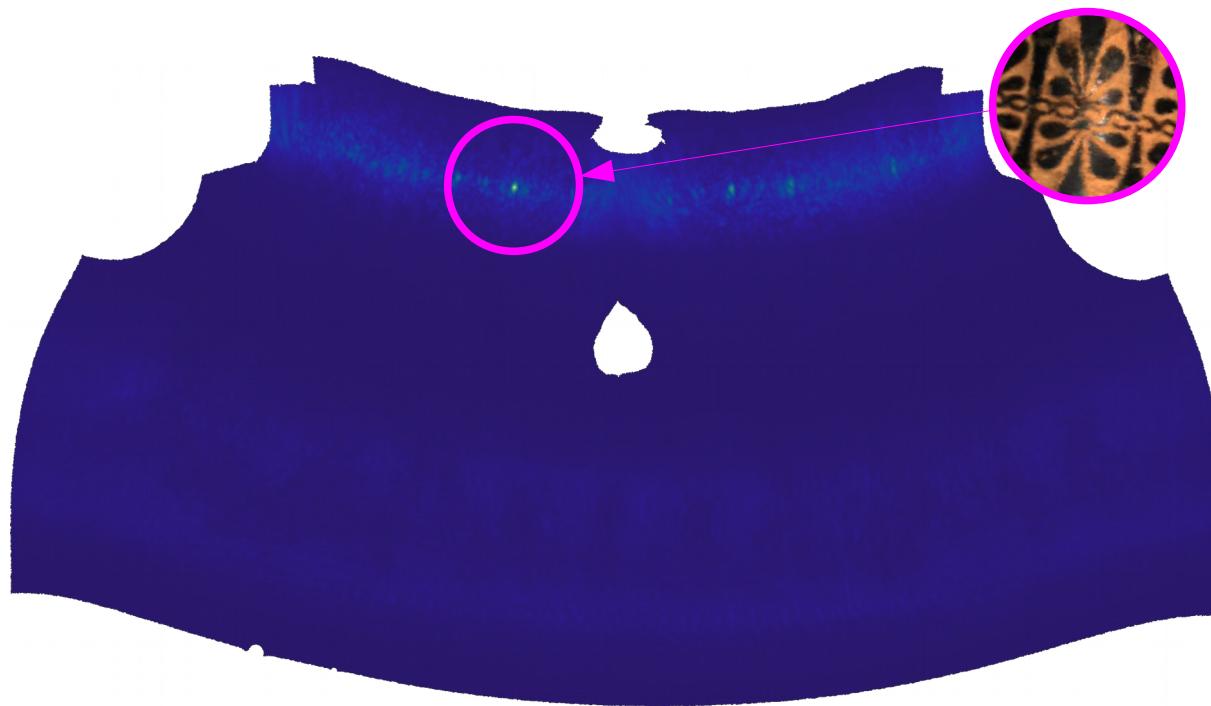
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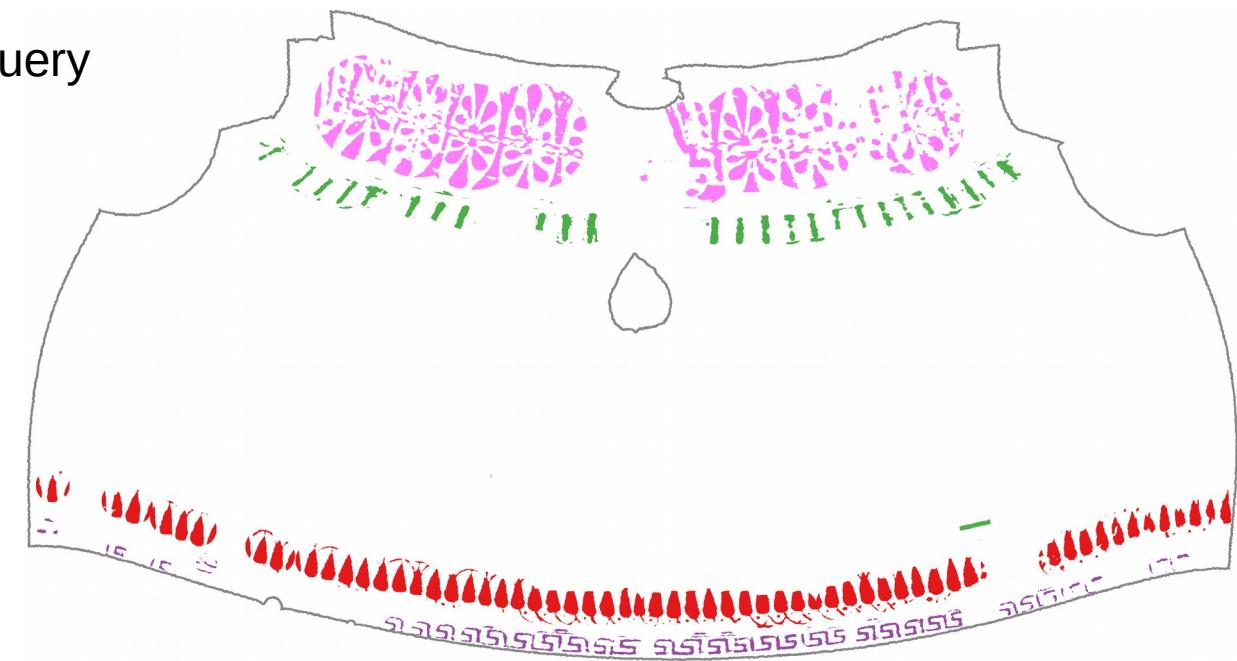
Canvas

Experimental Results

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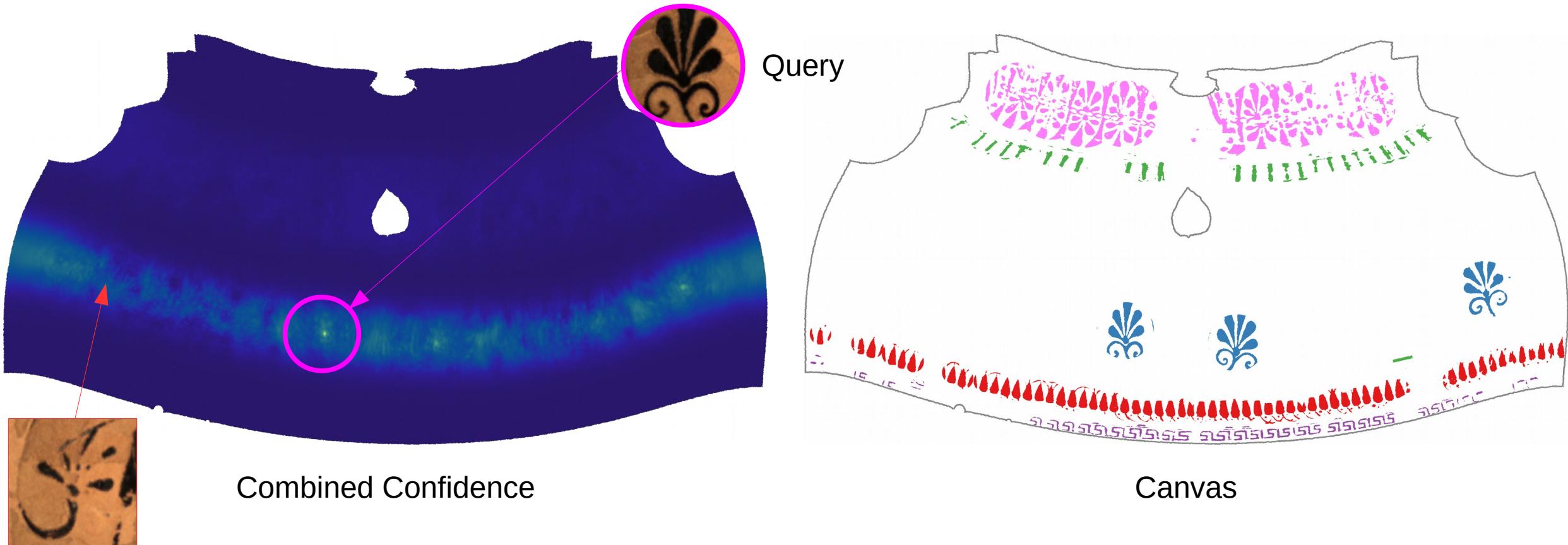


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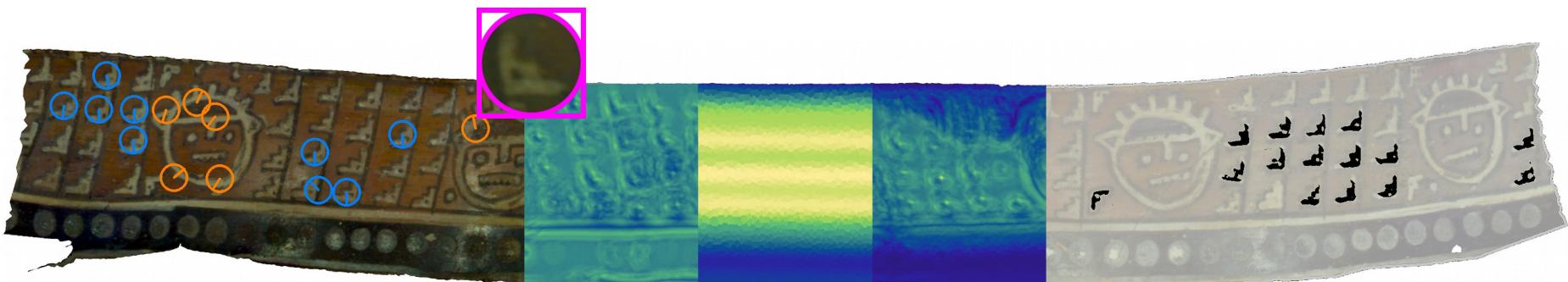
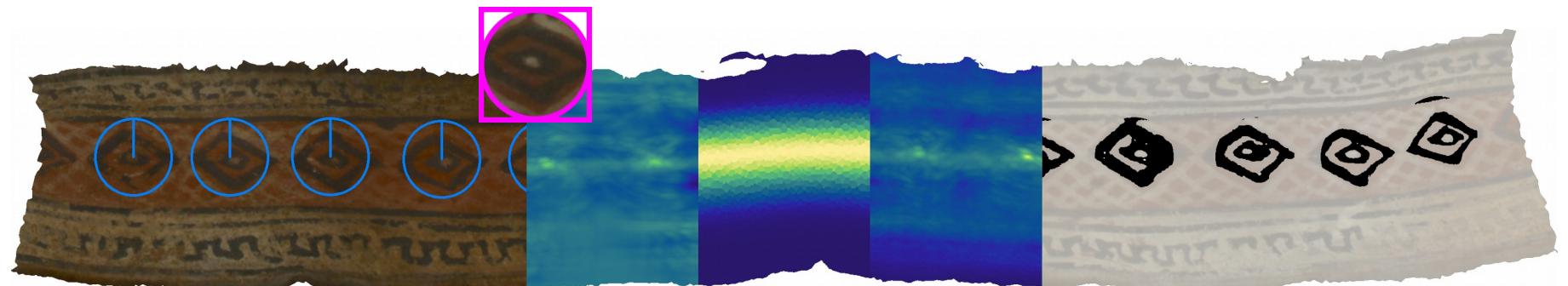


Experimental Results

- Pre-Columbian pots (Josefina Ramos de Cox museum, Lima, Peru)

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3d model

Flattened Surface $\rightarrow C_{sw} \odot C_{ih} = C \rightarrow$ Resulting Canvas