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MONUMENTUM on-going research project (2013-2017)

The investigations that are made on a building for conservation purposes need an important work that is transcribed in a lot of kind of numerical and printed data: surveying data and scientific imagery, damage mapping, photographic collections, historical archives, physical and chemical data etc. Given the difficulty to collect, compare, analyze and validate data prior to restoration, the presented approach aims to mobilize various disciplines (architecture, conservation, mechanics, and computer sciences) to define a novel information processing chain including metric surveys, analysis of surfaces, geometric models of structures, heterogeneous documentary sources management, temporal data, etc.

Objective
- Designing and development of an open and extensible web platform for the capitalization and the management of knowledge needed for the understanding and analysis of degradation phenomena affecting historic buildings.
- It requires the definition of a common and continuous process that establishes a technological and conceptual interconnection between the stages of 3D digitization, semantic annotation and structuring of the geometric model (including multi-layers analysis of surfaces), characterization of the state of the building and management of restoration actions.
- It concerns the image-based modeling of architectural heritage, the development of a 3D information system for the management of conservation data and also a numerical modeling tool (FEM-DEM) for the physical and structural analysis.

Results
- Scientific advances: Identification of a continuum of spatial information structured around a domain ontology, new protocols to acquire spatialized data, to analyze them
- Technical advances: 3D scanning using images, data fusion, 3D information system for cultural heritage.
- On-going computer platform: Cloud service; some calculation moduli already inserted, web interfaces concerning the interaction 2D/3D, 2nd beta testing cycle in progress

2017: finalization of the computer platform dedicated to conservation scientists, conservators and sites managers

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Fusion of multi-band imaging
AND/OR
(geometric information using photogrammetry)

Sites
3 French cases studies that present conservation issues on:
- stones, Castle of Chambord and Caromb’s church,
- wall paintings, Notre-Dame des Fontaines’ chapel

In progress, e.g.

Towards an ontology for annotating degradation phenomena