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Bridging Traditional Sculpture Methods with 3D Scanning/Printing

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Introduction

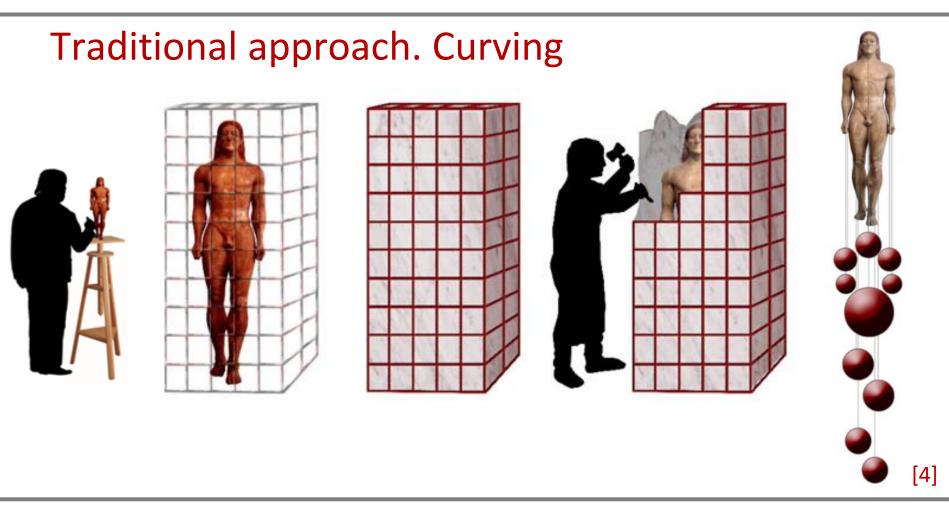
- In the ever-evolving landscape of art, the convergence of traditional craftsmanship and state of the art technology has become a dynamic arena for creative exploration [1, 2, 3].
- The project at hand delves into this intersection, unraveling the symbiotic relationship between traditional sculpture techniques and state-of-the-art 3D scanning and printing technologies [4].
- Initiated in the summer of 2023, G.-Fivos Sargentis crafted two intricate clay sculptures as the cornerstone of this innovative exploration.
- The project transcends the boundaries of conventional artistry, as it seamlessly integrates classical sculpting methodologies with the transformative potential of modern innovation.
- Following the initial sculpting phase, where I formed the clay model, each model underwent a revolutionary metamorphosis, exemplifying the synthesis of time-honored artistry and contemporary advancements.

Model 1: The bust of Prometheus



Model 2: Gia

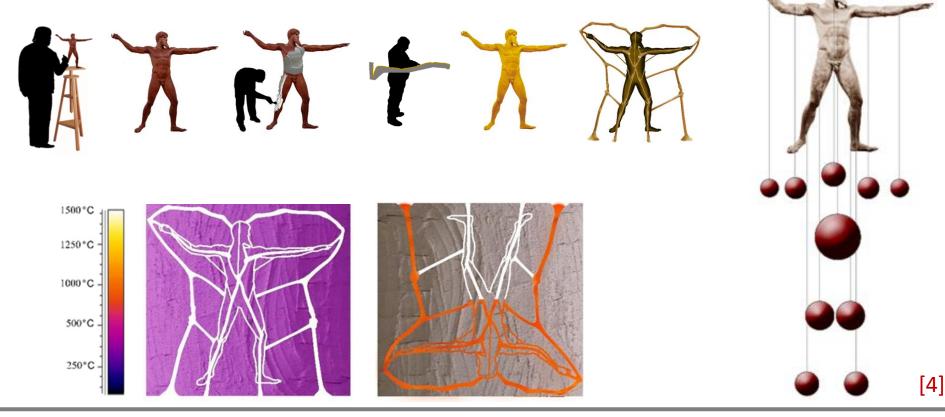


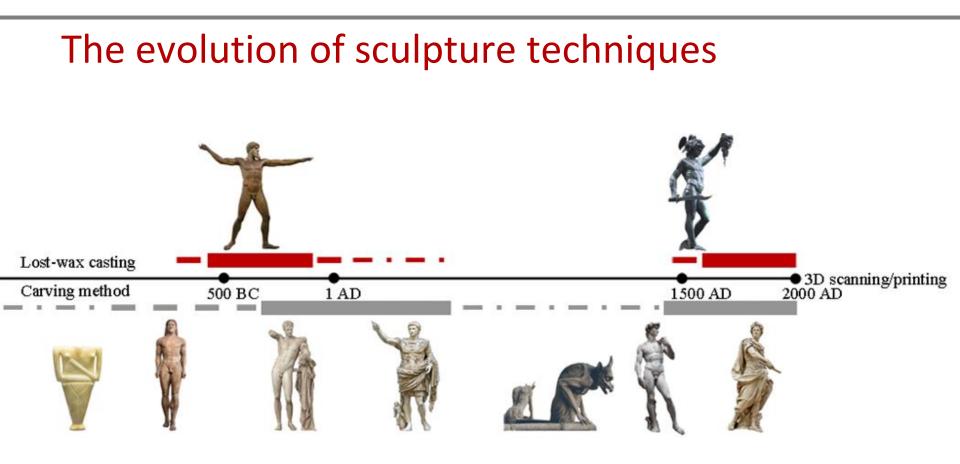


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Traditional approach. Lost-wax casting

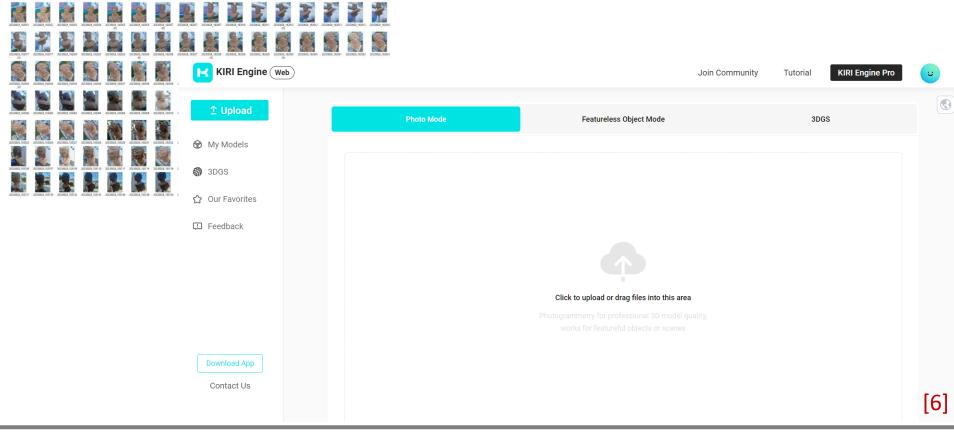


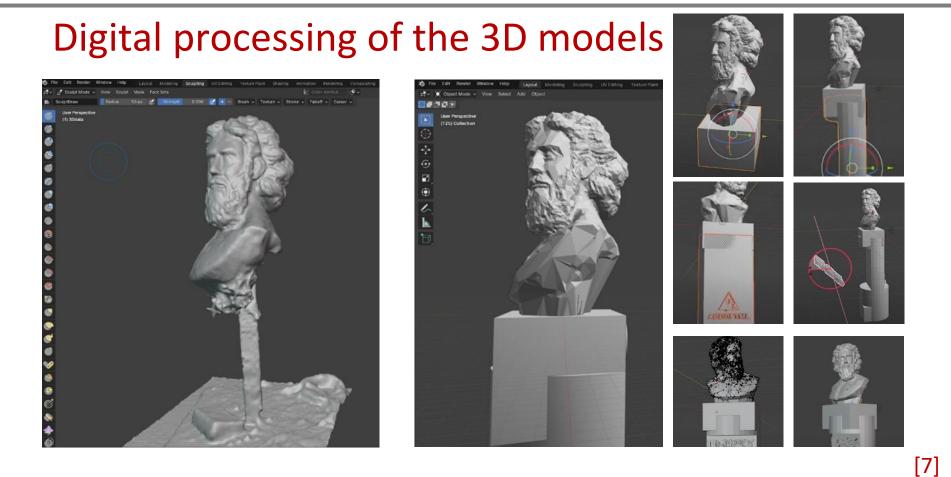


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Creation of 3D models





3D printed wax models and lost-wax bronze casting











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Shaping the metal and patina



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The bust of Prometheus.

- 3D printing in wax
- lost-wax bronze casting



The bust of Prometheus. 3D printing in plastic



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The bust of Gia.

- 3D printing in wax
- lost-wax bronze casting



Conclusions

- The works which were presented in this case study, Prometheus and Gia, would have been lost if there was a commitment to traditional mold-making practices, as the region where they were created lacked the necessary tools and materials at that time.
- Using the 3D scanning method, the artworks were preserved in digital models and could be printed and reproduced through 3D printing. This process is estimated not only to have preserved artistic creation but, on the contrary, to have added value, provided freedom of expression, adaptation to various sizes, and ultimately capitalized on artistic creation.
- In essence, 3D printing in artwork not only introduces novel possibilities for artistic expression but also addresses practical considerations of accessibility, efficiency, and technological innovation. The ability to replicate artworks in various scales marks a transformative shift in the art landscape, enhancing both the creative process and the audience's engagement with art.

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