Application of Geospatial Information Technology in the Sustainable Development of Cultural Heritage

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1 Backgrounds

The existence of all cultural heritages are facing the challenge of sustainable development.



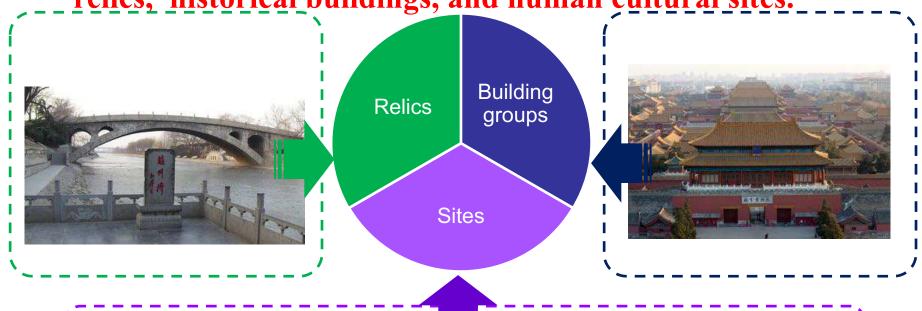
- Wenchuan Earthquake: A large number of cultural heritage including the **Dujiangyan ancient buildings** have been severely damaged, and the restoration funds need more than **6 billion**, at least **5** years.
- ➤ Global Foundation: **142** sites destroyed and disappeared in the **400** sites excavated in 2000-2009.
- The third national cultural relics survey: more than **30,000** registered cultural relics disappeared.

1 Backgrounds——Cultural heritage



♦ Cultural heritage definition: Tangible and intangible

"Tangible cultural heritage" Including historical relics, historical buildings, and human cultural sites.











1 Backgrounds——Cultural heritage



Cultural heritage definition

"Intangible cultural heritage" Various practices, performances, expressions, knowledge and skills and related tools, objects, crafts and cultural venues.



Shadow play Paper-cutting

Drama





1 Backgrounds——Realistic threat



◆ Cultural heritage faces the great threats of destruction







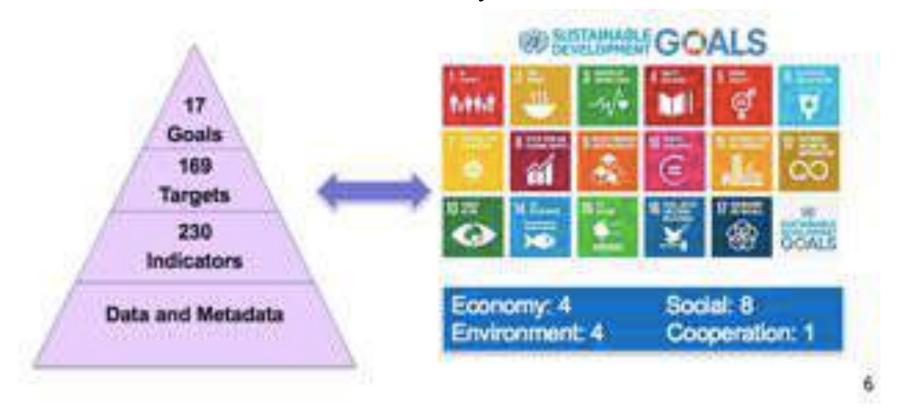


- 1 Bamiyan Buddha was blown up
- ② Dujiangyan Erwangmiao Wenchuan earthquake damage
- **3** Thousand hands painted layer erosion
- 4) Ying County Wooden Pagoda structural damage

1 Backgrounds——UN sustainable development goals

SDGs:

In **1982**, Rio, Brazil proposed the concept of sustainable development. In **2012**, world leaders gathered to set new Sustainable Development Goals In **2015**, the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" adopted by 193 member states of the UN General Assembly



1 Backgrounds-——UN sustainable development goals

- 8. Economic growth, full and productive employment
- 9. Infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization

- 14. Marine conservation and sustainable use
- 13. Combat climate change

6. Sustainable management of water and sanitation

15. Terrestrial ecosystem conservation and sustainable use

- 10. Reduce inequalities
- 12. Sustainable consumption and production patterns

Economy

SDGS

Environment

- 1. End poverty
- 2. End hunger, promote agriculture
 - 3. Ensure healthy lives
 - 4. Equitable quality education

- 5. Gender equality
- 7. Sustainable energy
- 11. Sustainable cities
- 16. Peaceful and inclusive society

Society

17. Economic, environmental and social cooperation

Geographic information for the heritage sites



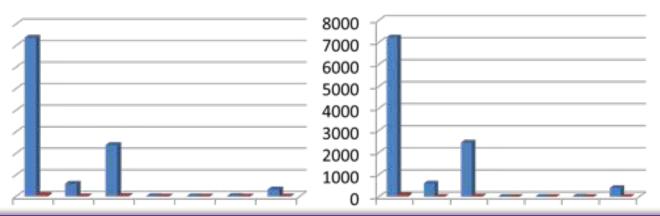
Sustainable conservation concept of cultural heritage





Positioning of Yingxian Wooden

Positioning of the Potala Palace



Although cultural heritage cannot be immortal, the sustainable protection and development of cultural heritage can be realized by

Sustainable conservation of cultural heritage

- > Disaster prevention incident emergendy
- > System monitoring combined with traditional repair
- > Regular inspection and routine maintenance
- Restoration of endangered ancient buildings
- Emergency protection after disaster
- Traditional protection concept



Preventive protection

- > Advanced monitoring technology
- > Disease production law
- > Advanced repair technology research and development
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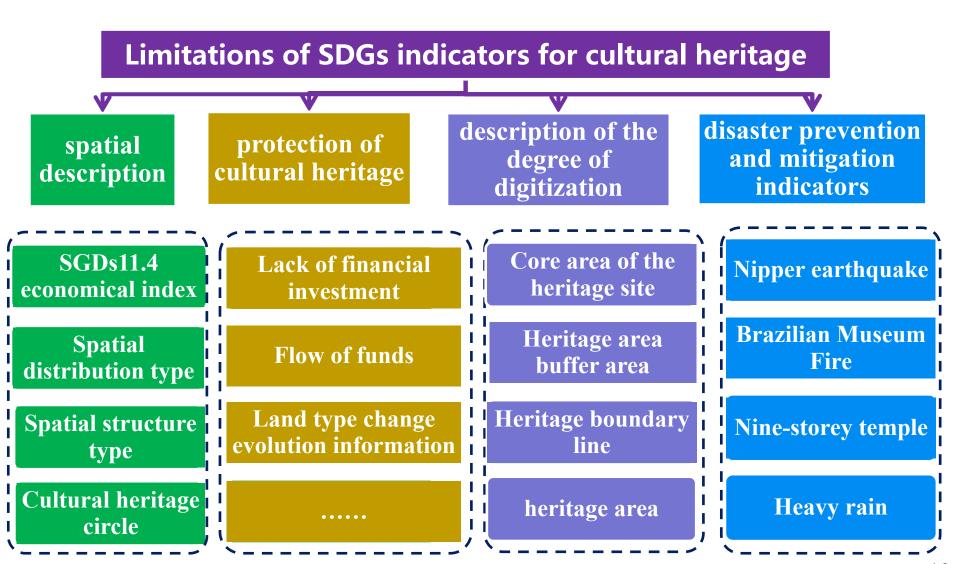
Rescue protection



Research protection



Sustainable conservation



Demand for sustainable development and protection

Acquisition and preservation of current and historical information



High precision digital protection technology

Environment, disease, security threat monitoring



Cultural heritage monitoring technology

Disaster assessment analysis



Disaster prevention and mitigation assessment model

Sustainable protection needs and implementation strategies

What kind of protection intensity status is currently in the cultural heritage?

The evolution of disasters in cultural heritage

Improve the cultural heritage's ability to resist disasters

The ultimate demand for the longterm continuation of the historical value of architectural heritage culture

♦ Technical requirements for sustainable conservation of cultural heritage

Technical content

- 3D laser scanning technology
- Close-range photogrammetry
- Digital modeling
- Sensing Technology
- Network data transmission
- Big Data.....
- New material development
- Structural reinforcement
- Earthquake resistance

Key technology

High precision digital protection technology

Cultural heritage health monitoring and disaster prevention and mitigation capabilities

Involved subject

- > Mapping
- > Computer
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- Automation
- > Computer
- > Engineering
- **>**
- Materials science
- > Chemistry
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High precision digital protection technology

Technology

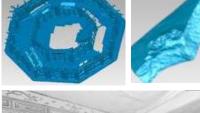
3D laser scanning

Low-altitude photogrammetry

Close-range photogrammetry

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Data





Result

High precision information retention

High fidelity original fingerprint

Virtual stitching and repair

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Limitations and problems

- The information mining of massive digital data of cultural heritage is not deep enough
- However, it has not yet provided a reasonable model for disaster prevention and mitigation capability assessment.

The status of Cultural Heritage Health Monitoring and Assessment

Technology



Monitoring



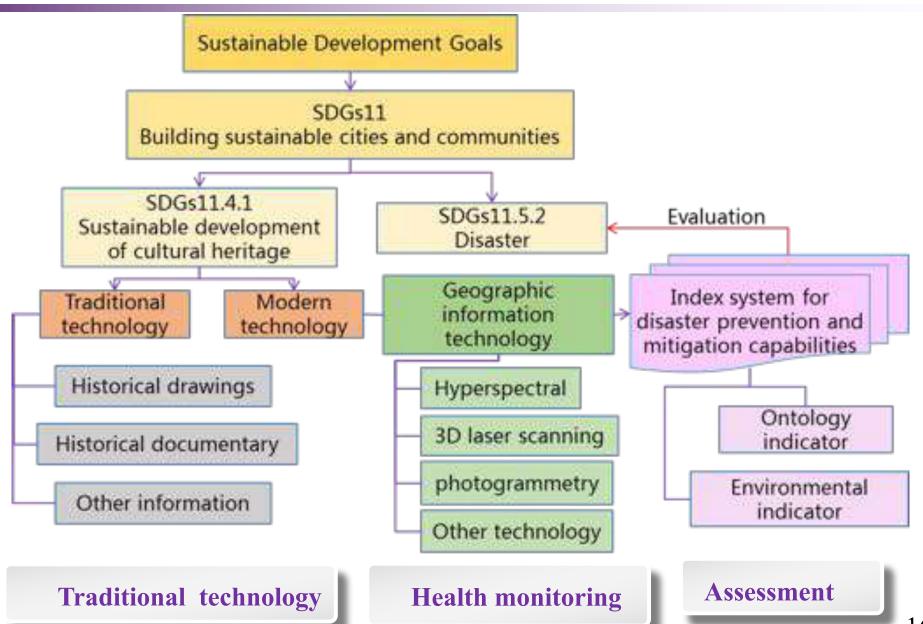
Results

- Accumulated a large amount of monitoring data;
- Disaster prevention and mitigation capabilities have gradually gained attention.

Limitations and problems

- No health monitoring indicator system has been established yet
- ➤ There is no system for disaster prevention and mitigation assessment theory and method





3 New methods (economy)



Construction of Evaluation Index System Based on Protection

Question

Protection strength evaluation index

Application

Unconscious injury

lack professionalism

Blind protection causes secondary damage

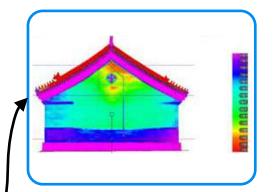
Lack of historical data

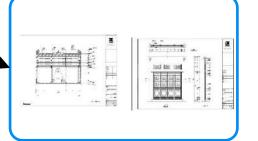
Cultural
Heritage Day

Professional talent coverage

Digital technology support

Financial allocation rate





Provide economic basis

3 New methods (technology)



Construction of Evaluation Index System for Digitalization

Question

Digital degree evaluation index

Unconscious injury

lack professionalism

Blind protection causes secondary damage

Lack of historical data

Professional class coverage

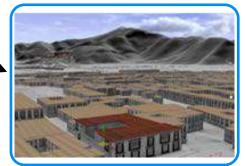
Compound talents

Degree of digitization

Frequency of technical exchanges at home and abroad

Application

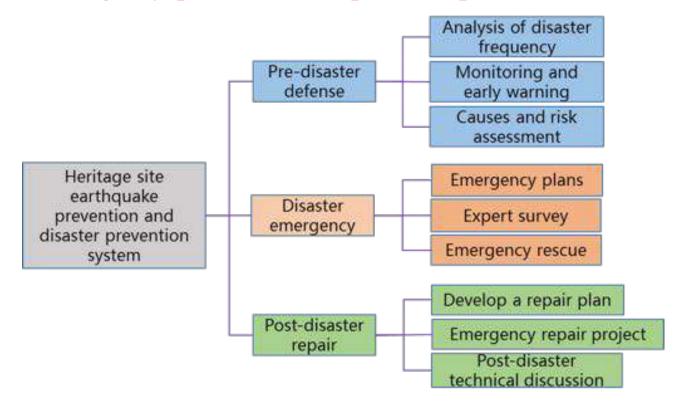




Provide technical basis



- Construction of Evaluation Index System for Disaster
 Prevention and Reduction Capability
- > Cultural relics suffered from earthquake damage, destruction of the ontology and living environment, preventive protection, pre-disaster defense, disaster emergency, post-disaster repair, and prevention of further damage.





Construction of Evaluation Index System for Disaster
 Prevention and Reduction Capability

From UNESCO:

Definition and method of computation: The percentage of the national (or municipal) budget provided for maintaining and preserving cultural and natural heritage. This indicator represents the share of national (or municipal) budget which is dedicated to the safeguarding, protection of national cultural natural heritage including World Heritage sites.

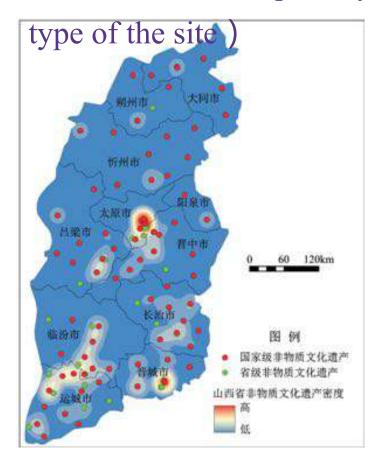
$$B_{Hi} = \frac{b_{h,i}}{B_i}$$

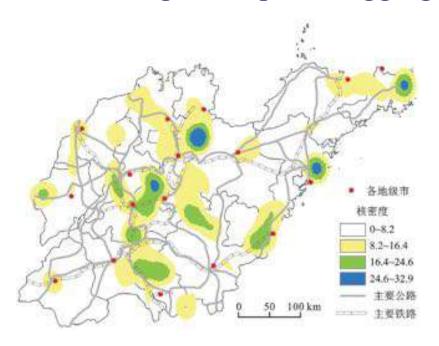
 BH_i = Percentage of annual budget provided for maintaining cultural and natural heritage in the year i $b_{k,i}$ = Total amount of annual budget provided for maintaining cultural and natural heritage in the year i B_i = Total amount of annual public budget in the year i

Rationale and interpretation: Protecting and safeguarding the world's cultural and natural heritage require public investment at different level of governmental including at city level. This indicator would allow insight whether countries are maintaining, expanding or decreasing their efforts for safeguarding their cultural natural heritage.



 Construction of Evaluation Index System for Disaster Prevention and Reduction Capability (Measuring the spatial aggregation





$$R(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{t^2} k(\frac{s - s_i}{t})$$

Kernel Density

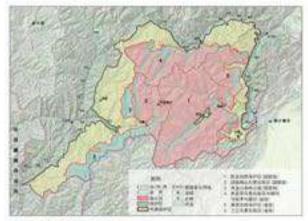


◆ Construction of Evaluation Index System for Disaster Prevention and Reduction Capability (Measuring the spatial aggregation type of the site)



Terraced heritage area and buffer distribution (above)

Planning area protection grading map (as shown on the right)





◆ Construction of Evaluation Index System for Disaster Prevention and Reduction Capability (Measuring the spatial aggregation type of the site)

 \checkmark Ratio of the area of the site to the population (R_h) :

$$R_h = \frac{A_h}{P} * 100\%$$

Where, $A_h = area$, P = the person's number

✓ Proportion of the area of the site and the total area of the area (R_H) : $R_h = \frac{A_h}{S} * 100\%$

Where, $A_h = \text{area of sites}$, S = total area

✓ Construction land accounts for the proportion of the total area of the buffer zone (R_a) :

$$R_a = \frac{A_b}{A} * 100\%$$

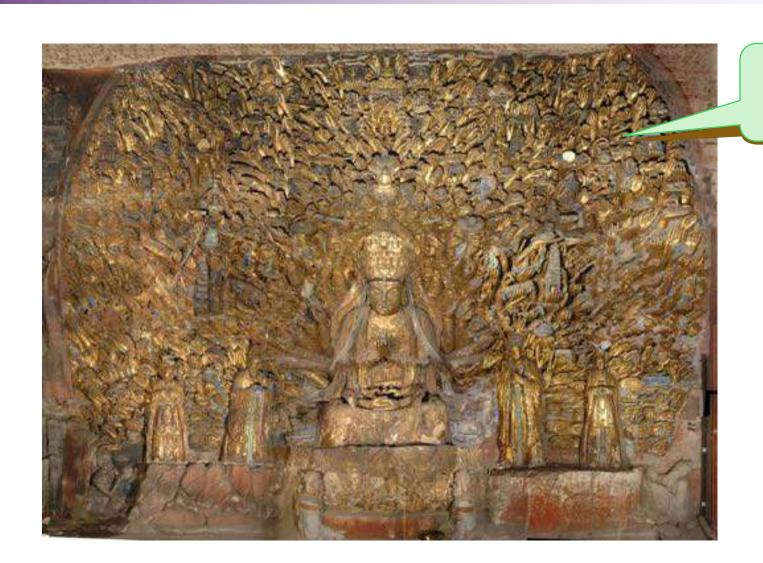
Where, A_b = area of construction land, A= total area of the buffer zone.

3D modeling of DaZu Thousand-Hand Bodhisattva Statue in China



Dazu Thousand-hand Bodhisattva Statue in China

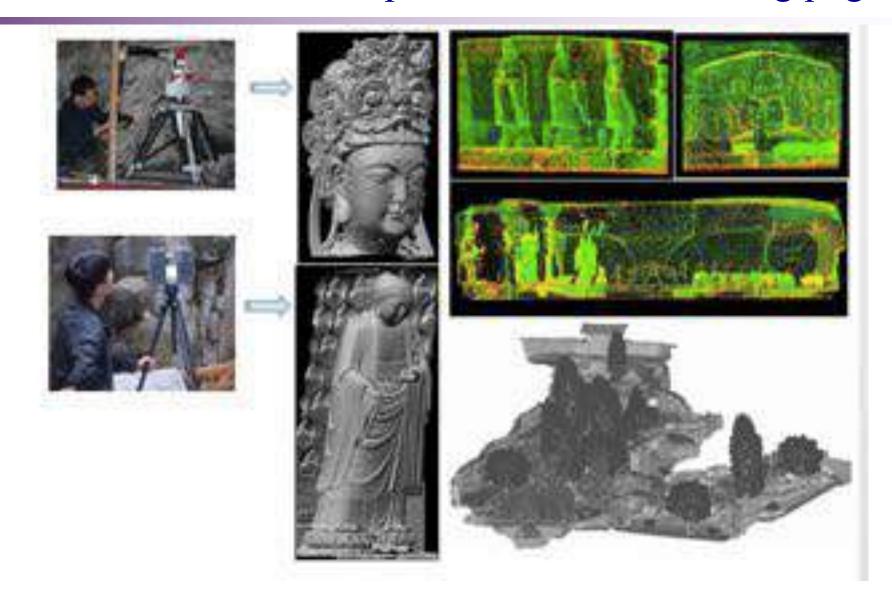




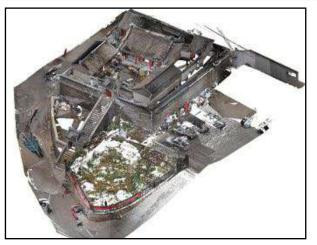
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Height is 7.7

☆ This is the 3D cloud points of DaZU in Chongqing



Beijing Cultural Relics 3D Point Cloud Spatial Information Database





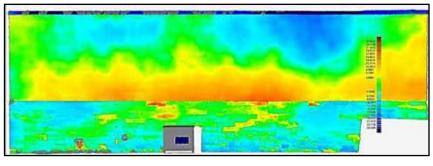


The demand for cultural

heritage protection is obvious

- BIM modeling based on point cloud data
- Using point cloud data to grasp the basic state of cultural heritage

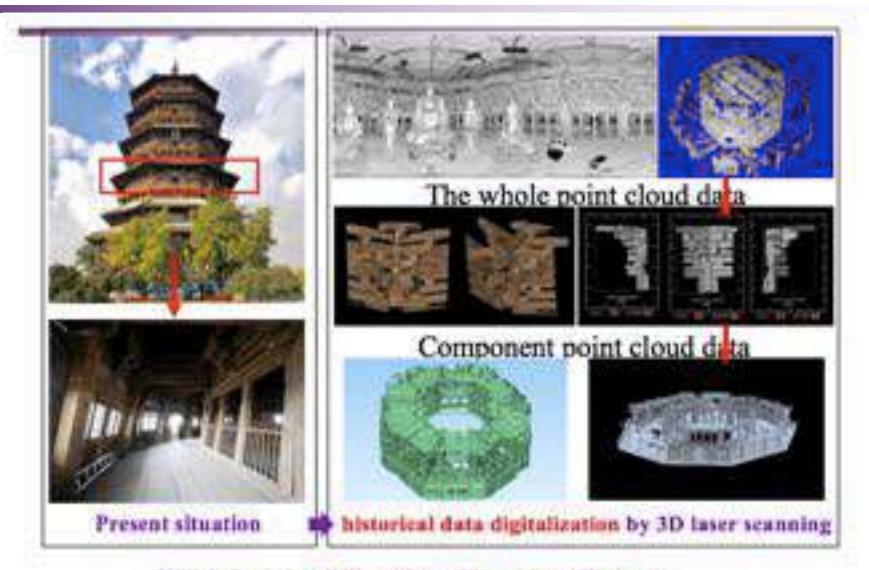




3D printing of Cave 18 of Yungang Grottoes



Multidisciplinary intersection: architectural history and culture, three-dimensional digital measurement, material science, three-dimensional sculpture, structural analysis, etc.



BIM for the Yingxian Wooden Tower

Conclusion



- ☐ We already have collected a large number of geography data, including 3D model, about our research heritage sites for almost ten years.
- ☐ We just began to use geography data to develop the 11.4 indicator, manily about heritage of SDGs.
- ☐ In the future, we can use the indicator we developed to show the sustainable status of heritage.

And help the government to make it better in the future.