Introduction to Agisoft Metashape

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Tutorial notes
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Example for the demo is from the Eolian Islands north of Sicily: Vulcano Island
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Step 1: Check OT for images/data (image folder provided)
Step 1: Add Folder of photos
Step 2: Align photos (=SIFT plus Structure from Motion)

Alignment parameters set the foundation for following workflow steps. High accuracy may take substantial time. We use medium alignment here to save time and still acquire a desirable model. Medium means the photos are downscaled by a factor of 4 leading to possible errors in camera position calculations.

Generic preselection pairs photos on first pass and speeds up alignment. Reference is most useful with quality GPS tagged photos or georeferenced model.
Step 2: Align photos (=SIFT plus Structure from Motion)

Now we have a sparse cloud along with calculated camera positions.
Step 2: Build Dense Cloud

High quality dense cloud is recommended but again is time consuming. A first pass with low quality is good for visualization and helps determine errors within alignment settings.

Use the workspace on left side to navigate or see symbols in toolbar.

Take some time to explore.

This may be the last step for some purposes. Dense point cloud can now be exported and analyzed in software such as CloudCompare.
Step 3: Build Mesh

Using Dense Cloud as source data gives best results. Arbitrary surface type is recommended although height field can be useful with flat topography.

Triangle calculated from dense point cloud

Use the workspace on left side to navigate or see symbols in toolbar
Step 4: Build Texture

Default settings work here. Detailed explanations for all settings are provided in Agisoft Metashape User Manual.

Not bad. Have a look around.
Step 5-6: Build DEM and Orthomosaic

Note the product resolution quality and that they are derived from previous workflow options.

Need paid version to complete these steps
Finished. We can now export all models and generate a processing report.