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AMBCAT - Digital Amber Catalogue

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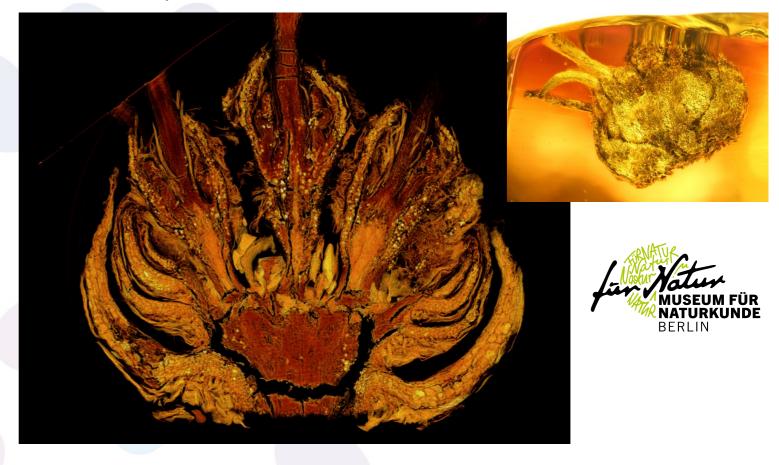
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What problem(s) are you going to solve?

- Amber fossils are rare and unique objects -> access is limited
- Microscopic inspection is limited to externally visible characters
- X-ray computed tomography allows to study hidden characters and share data easily

Flowers of *Castanopsis kaulii* (Fagaceae) from 34-38 million-years-old Baltic amber





What are you planning to do to solve the problem?

- More than 1500 unique amber fossils FAIR & OPEN available
- SciCat catalogue
- Userfriendly web frontend
- Crosslink metadata from related databases e.g. collection data from museum
- Interactive online visualization and inspection service included in the web portal





What will be the results and how do you plan to make them available to the broader community?

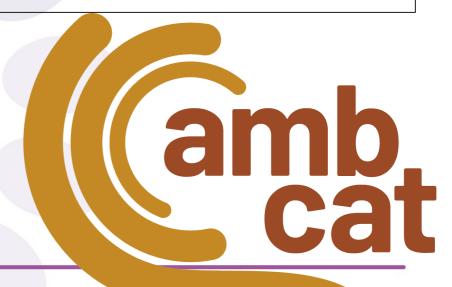
- Webservice providing access to CT data and additional meta data
- Online visualization tool implemented in webservice
- Free and open accessible as a service to the community and public





What risks could limit the success of the project, and how can they be mitigated

- All required data already available
- Use of established tools to implement the service
- Online visualization tools not yet tested performance?





Who is doing it

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- Dr. Jörg U. Hammel (Hereon)

Consortium Use Case Partners

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- Dr. Eva-Maria Sadowski (MfN) Germany
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What steps are to be taken?

- 1.) Data curation
 - Ingest existing P05 data into SciCat
 - Automate continuous ingestion for future experiments
- 2.) Tools for data maintenance
 - Improve data curation with user-friendly tools
 - Interface with external sources (e.g. museums or universities)
- 3.) Implementing AMBCAT
 - Create a new Streamlit web application
 - Architecture similar to the 'Human Organ Atlas'
- 4.) Data visualisation
 - Investigate ParaView
 - Integrate features into AMBCAT





Tasks

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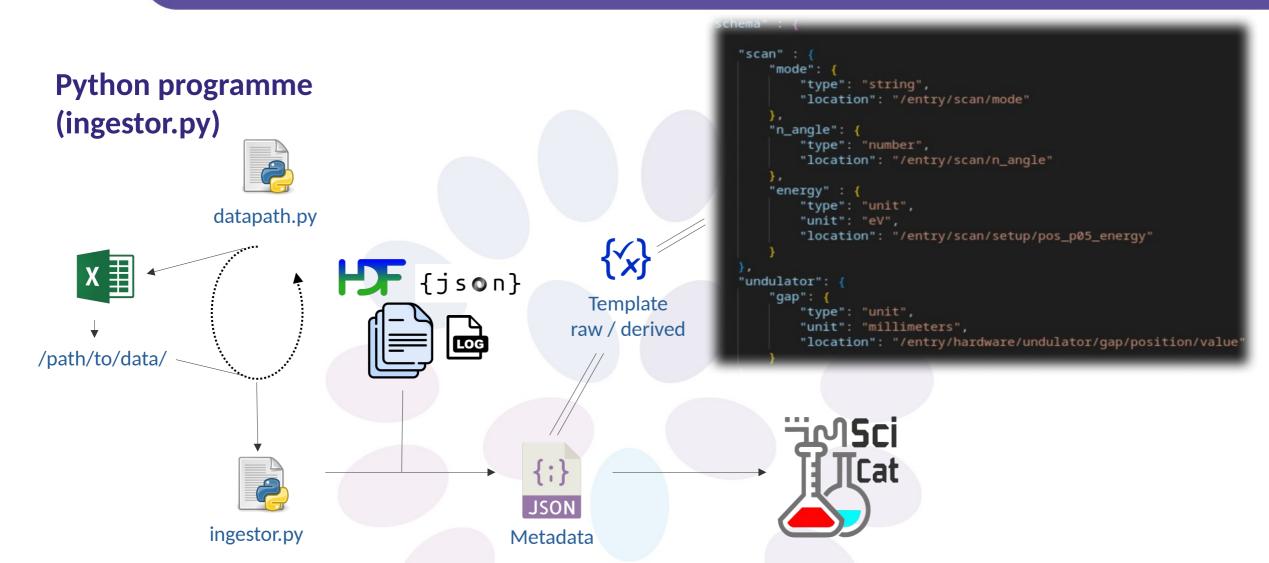


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def main() -> None:
    # Get the data path given as an argument by the user
   path = ArgumentParser().get_path_from_argument
    # Create a scicat metadata class that reads files containing metadata
metadata_creator = SciCatMetadata(path)
   # Check if files could be read and metadata can be created for scicat
    error = metadata_creator.can_create()
    if not error:
        # Create common metadata
        metadata_common = metadata_creator.retrieve_common_metadata()
       # Create scientific metadata
       metadata_scientific = metadata_creator.retrieve_scientific_metadata()
        # Combine metadata
        metadata = {
            **metadata_common,
            **{"scientificMetadata": metadata_scientific},
        # Read ingestor credentials
        ingestor_username, ingestor_password = get_ingestor_credentials()
        # Ingest metadata to scicat
        scicat = SciCatRequestor(ingestor_username, ingestor_password)
        error = scicat.can_ingest(metadata)
       if not error:
           scicat.ingest_dataset(metadata)
    # Print an error message (if it occurs) and save it in a file
    if error:
        ErrorPrinter().print_error(path, error)
```

Python programme (ingestor.py)

- 1) Takes a data path as an argument
- 2) Reads HDF5, JSON and log files for one dataset
- 3) Creates general and scientific metadata from these files automatically
- 4) Uploads the metadata to SciCat, or updates the data if PID already exists
- 5) If an error occurs, an error message is saved

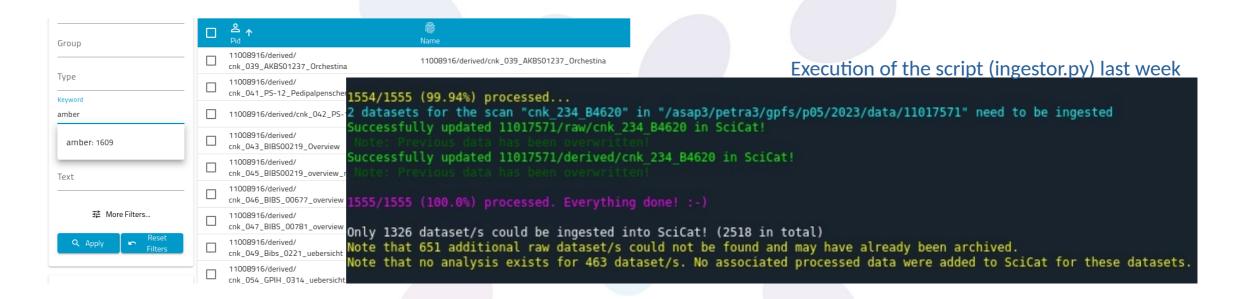






Python programme (ingestor.py)

- 762 raw and 847 derived datasets (1,609 in total) already added to SciCat
- Some of the data has already been archived and must be retrieved
- Code and templates can be extended and used for future datasets
- Further metadata will be added, especially attachments





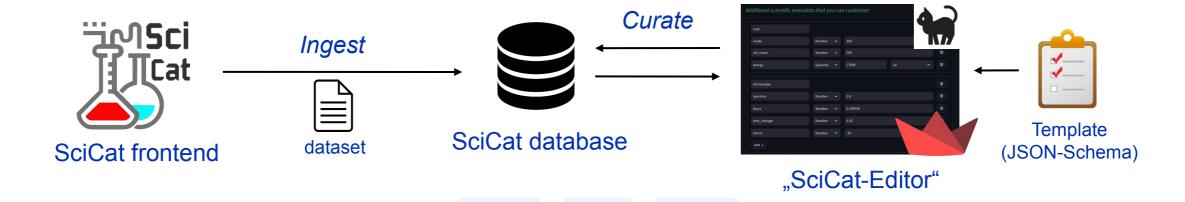
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SciCat-Editor

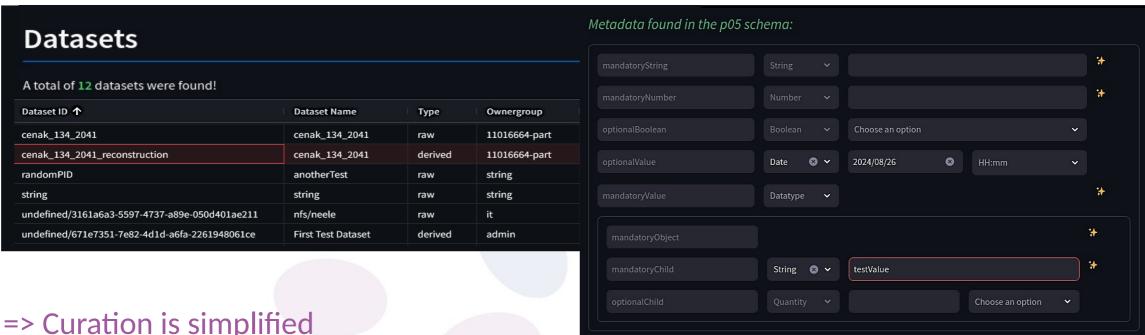


- Web application created with the Streamlit framework
- Allows manual input of scientific metadata for datasets in SciCat
- Structure and validation of metadata can be specified via a template (e.g. data types, mandatory fields, ...)









- => Curation is simplified
- => Control, guidance and validation

Website is currently unavailable, but will be relaunched in the future!



SciCat-Editor

- Data curation can be improved using the SciCat-Editor
- Further data fields, such as comment, rate or linking data, need to be added

Automated ingestion (via scripts)

- Just as important, and enables metadata to be added quickly in the future too
- Some information is still missing, such as sample information (code of automated scripts must be extended)
- Curation of amber data beyond P05 data is also planned (e.g. Senckenberg Search)



» Identifikation

 AQUILA-ID
 sesam-1558437

 Katalognummer
 3724-Be 3724.1a

Katalognummer (num.) 3724

Sammlungsname Bernstein - SMF

» Bestimmung

 Taxon
 Hypotrigona kleineri Solórzano-Kraemer and Engel, 2022

Taxonomie Animalia-fossil: Arthropoda: Mandibulata: Hexapoda (Insecta): Pterygota: Hymenoptera: Apidae: Meliponini: Hypotrigona: kleineri

Typus Holotypu

» Material - tabellarisch

| Erhaltung | Präparationsart | Stadium | Präparatbeschreibung | Bemerkung | Anzahl | Körperteil |
|-----------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Harz | Synchrotron | adult | Eingebettet in araldite | preserved in piece SMF Be-3724 | 1 | Körper |

» Fundinformationen

Fundortname Defaunation resin from Tanzania
Administrative Einheit Tansania
Kontinent Afrika

» Sammlungsobjekt - allgemein

Bemerkung Objekt Syninclusions: 1 Hypotrigona kleineri SMF-Be 3724.2a Paratype

» Verknüpfte Medien



Head in lateral view of SMF Be 3724.1a.jpg



Habitus in ventral view of SMF Be 3724.1a.jpg



Head in anterior view of SMF Be 3724.1a.jpg

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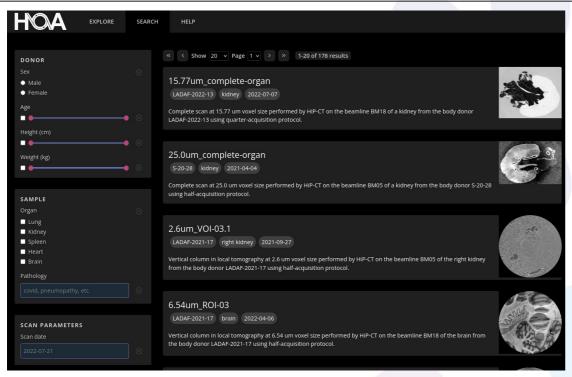
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Tasks

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Search, Access and Explore

- Amber datasets from DESY and partner institutions are displayed
- Data is searchable and filterable
- Links provide access to the data
- Data can be viewed using 3D models

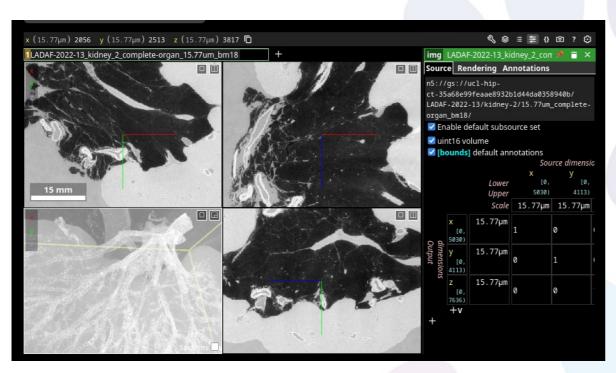
The web application "Human Organ Atlas"

4.) Data visualisation



Tasks

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- Integrate features into AMBCAT





ParaView

- An application for data analysis and visualisation
- Hopefully, it will enable improved 3D visualisation compared to the Human Organ Atlas (to be tested)

3D models on the "Human Organ Atlas" website



AMBCAT (Amber Catalogue)

- AMBCAT is a Streamlit web application that enables users to **search for**, **access** and **explore** amber data
- AMBCAT serves as a collection point for amber data, providing a **higher-level context** (in terms of temporal/geographical origin, phylogenetics and ecological environment)
- AMBCAT makes a significant contribution to the FAIR data principle
- AMBCAT is accessible to everyone and can raise public ecological awareness







