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## XRF Data Processing in Art and Conservation with ESPRIT Reveal

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# Art & Conservation Series – Part IV

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## Speakers



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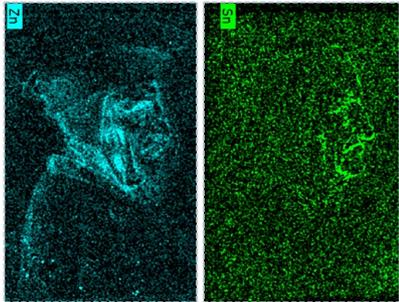
## Overview



- Introduction
- Features of ESPRIT Reveal
- XRF Data Processing with ESPRIT Reveal
  1. Oil painting: Venice
  2. Ceramic: Glaze Pottery
  3. Coin: Roman Denarius
- Live Demonstration
- Summary
- Questions and Answers

# Micro-XRF in Art

## Introduction



Trace element sensitive



Information from depth in the sample



No sample preparation

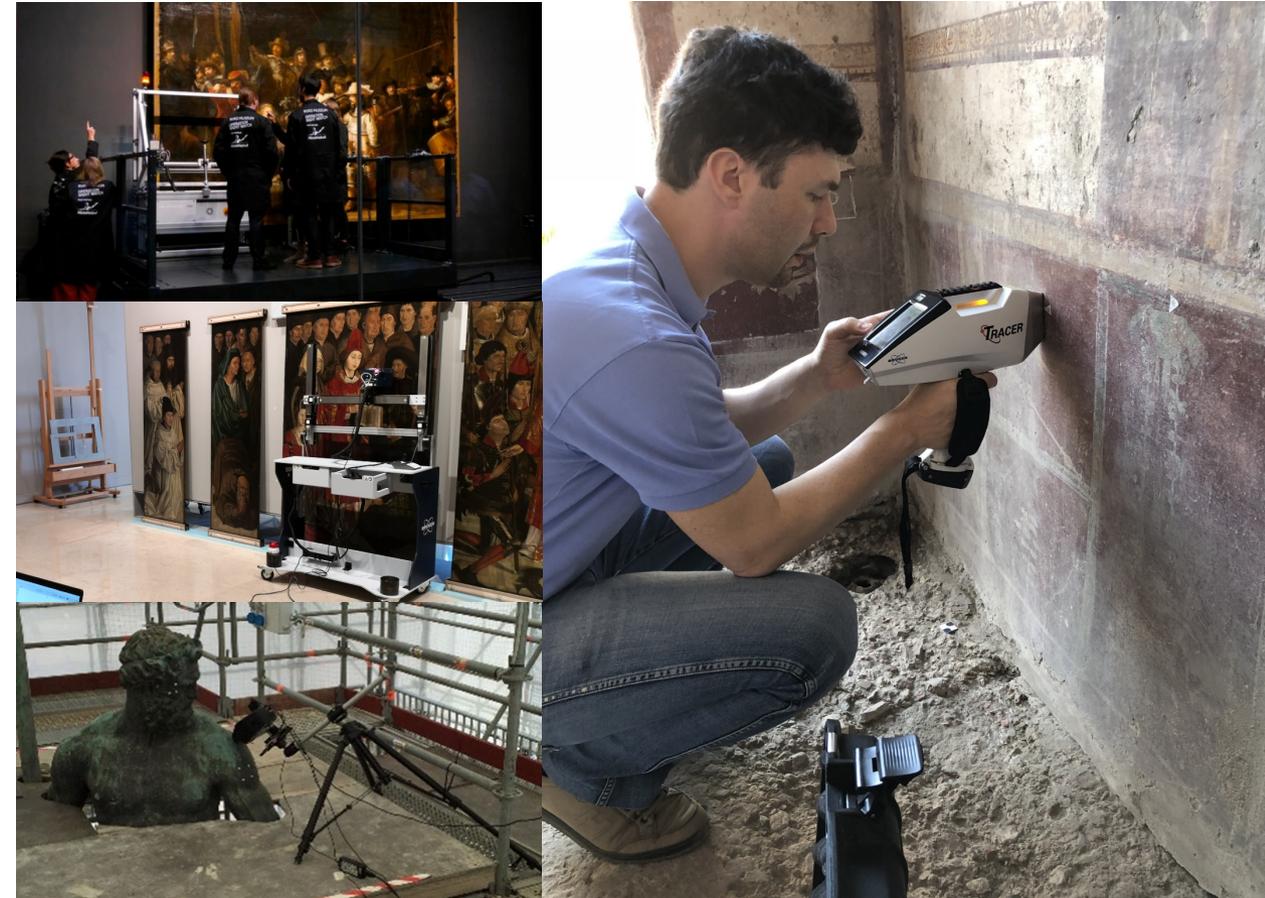
- XRF is an element specific technique as each element absorbs and emits fluorescence at its individual energy
- The element concentration can be determined from this data
- An XRF scanner records the fluorescence on multiple points to determine the element distribution
- X-rays can penetrate deeper into matter than visible light allowing identification of hidden paintings or faded colors

# Micro-XRF in Art

## XRF and Art – a Hand in Hand Partnership



- XRF has proven to be a **core analytical technique** in Cultural Heritage studies
- XRF provides key information on objects: **reliable, fast, and non-invasive**
- **But** application needs are not always the same. They differ in crucial ways with respect to the **what**, the **where**, and the **how**.
- Bruker offers several instruments for one analytical principle



# Micro-XRF in Art

## Our Product Portfolio for Art and Conservation



- Bruker offers the perfect instrument for your specific needs

mapping  
↑  
spot  
↓



TRACER  
Family



ELIO



CRONO



M4 TORNADO



M6 JETSTREAM

portable



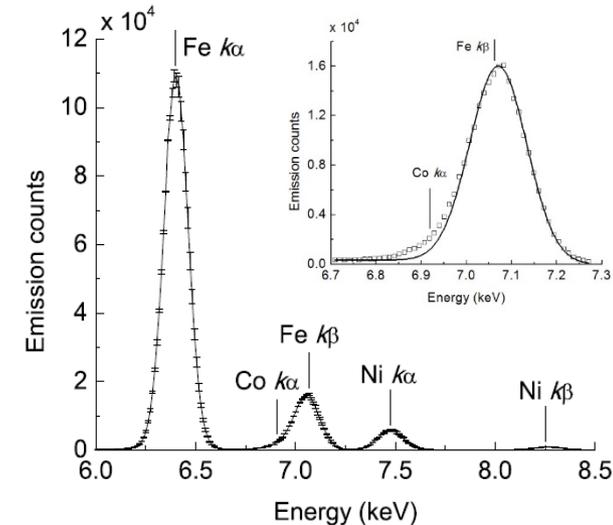
laboratory based

# X-Ray Fluorescence Data

## Introduction



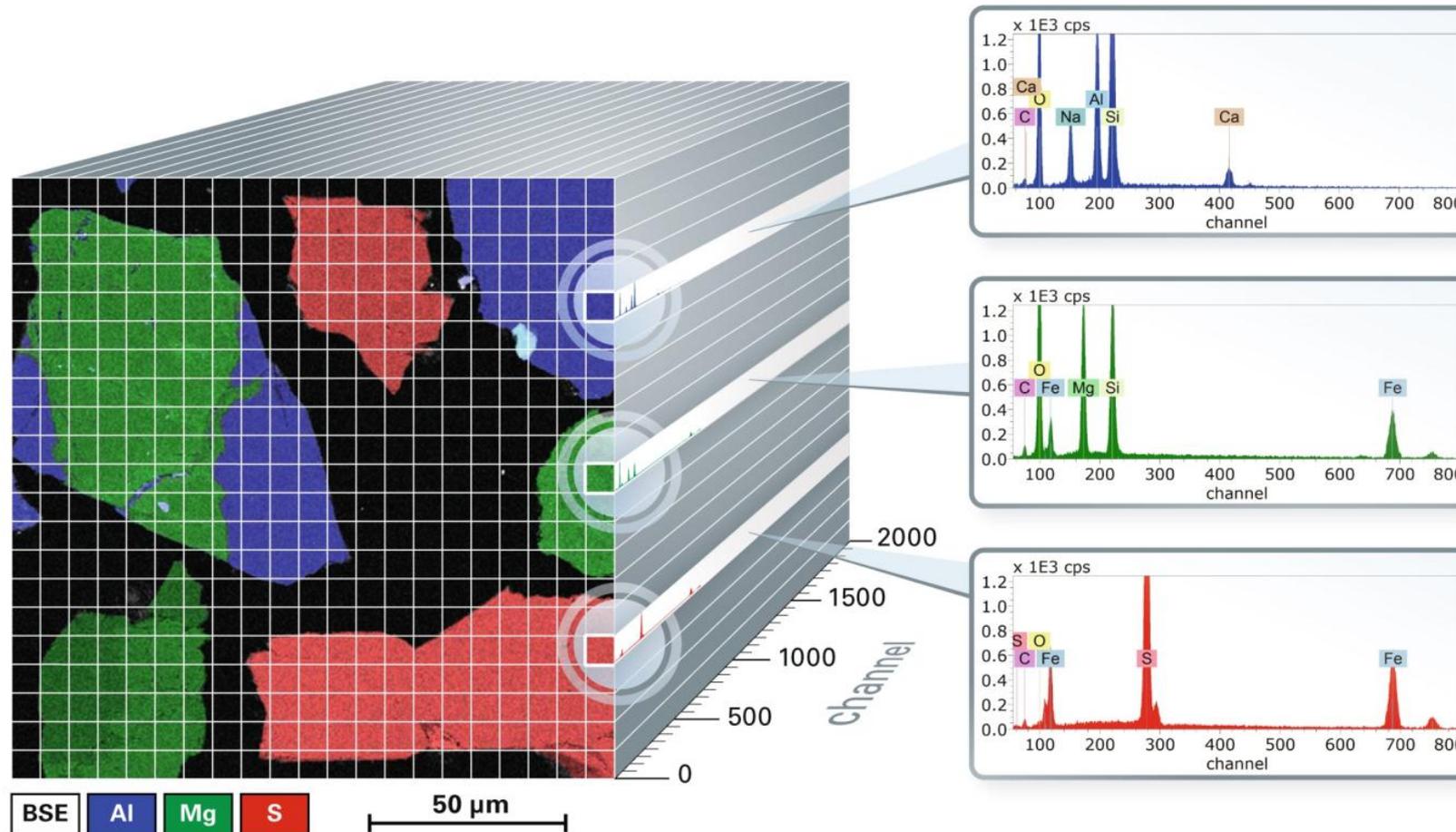
- **XRF-spectra** show the fluorescence as a function of detector channel or energy
- Each element can have several peaks
- The peak position is characteristic for each element
- The intensity can be related to the concentration of the element
- A correct reading of a spectra gives a very solid information about the presence of a given set of elements with the possibility to determine the quantity of that specific element



Tutankhamun's iron dagger and its gold sheath

# X-Ray Fluorescence Data

## From Point to Area Measurements



# X-Ray Fluorescence Data a Universe of Data



The latest technology developments and the flexibility in the design available in our portfolio of instruments give access to a universe of data depicting the magic link between chemistry and art

# X-Ray Fluorescence Data

## From Point to Area Measurement



This generates an extremely high degree of complexity when it comes to move **from data to information**

It is important to:

- interrogate
- sort
- analyze the data set

with a fast and reliable tool about aspects that are under investigation.

Mining into data becomes a necessity and it is in this activity Bruker is investing important engineering efforts to complete its instruments designed for art studies.



# ESPRIT Reveal

## What is ESPRIT Reveal?



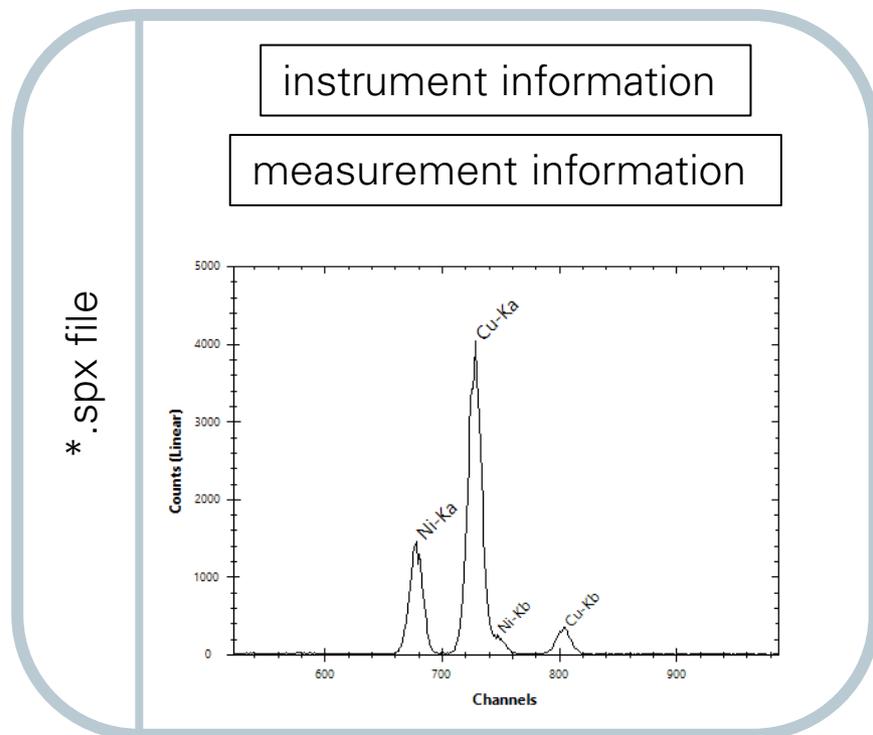
- XRF data analysis is a core competence of the Bruker Nano GmbH
- First ESPRIT version published in 2003
- ESPRIT Reveal is designed for Art & Conservation
- Focus: Analysis of XRF spectra and XRF hypermaps
- Import XRF data recorded with ELIO, CRONO, M4 TORNADO or M6 JETSTREAM
- Export: report, data file, Excel, image
- Easy installation, offline use only

# ESPRIT Reveal

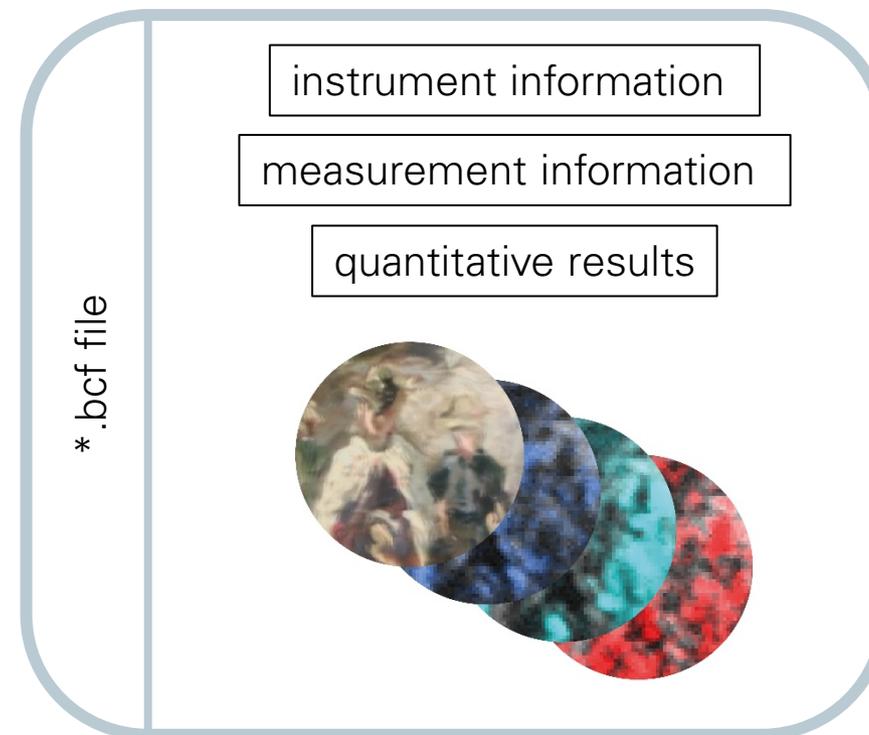
## Import Data Structure



**Spectra** can be exported from the ELIO or CRONO software as simple text, image, or spt-, mca-, spx-file

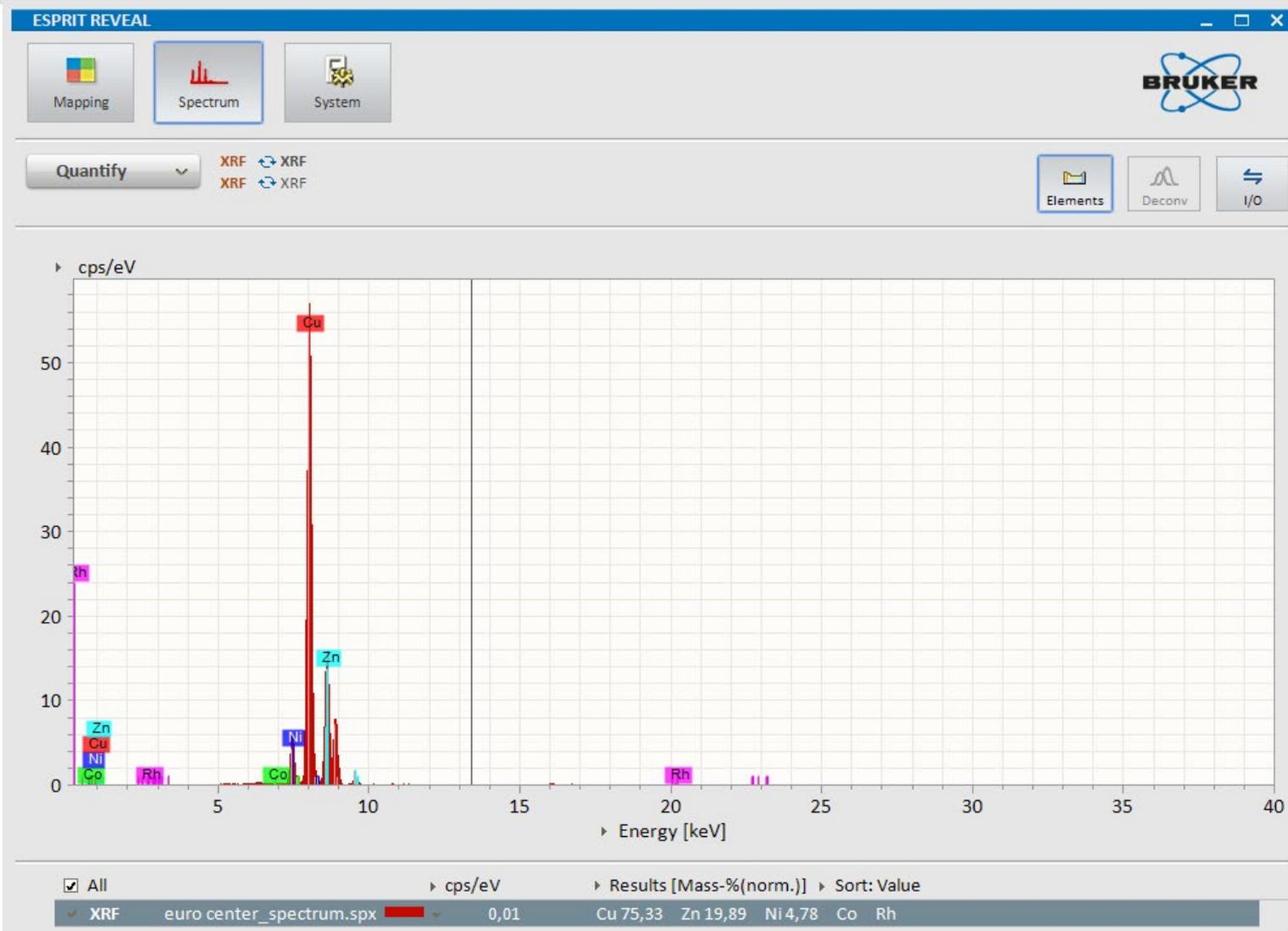


**Hypermap** (or map) files contain a spectrum for each point



# ESPRIT Reveal

## The Spectrum Workspace



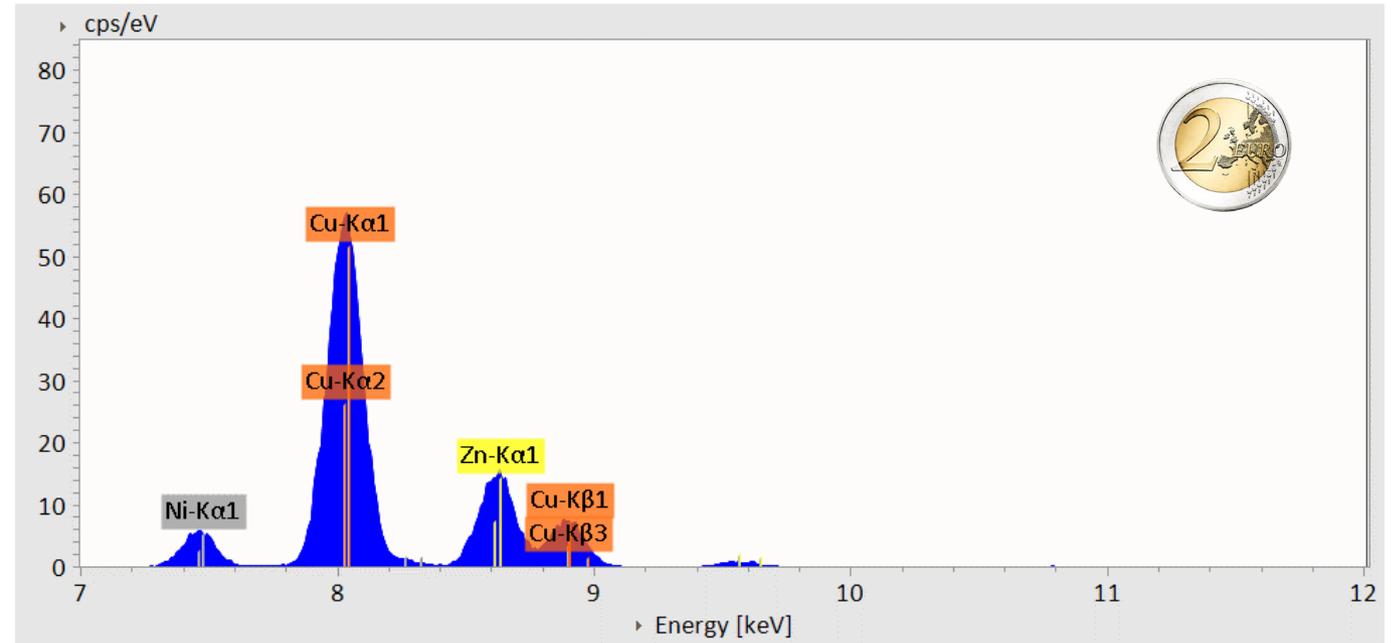
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## Spectra Processing Features



### Processing of spectra

- easy manual and automatic peak identification
- automatically optimized ROI setting for selected elements
- compare spectra
- background subtraction and deconvolution / peak fitting
- spectra quantification with selectable and customizable evaluation methods



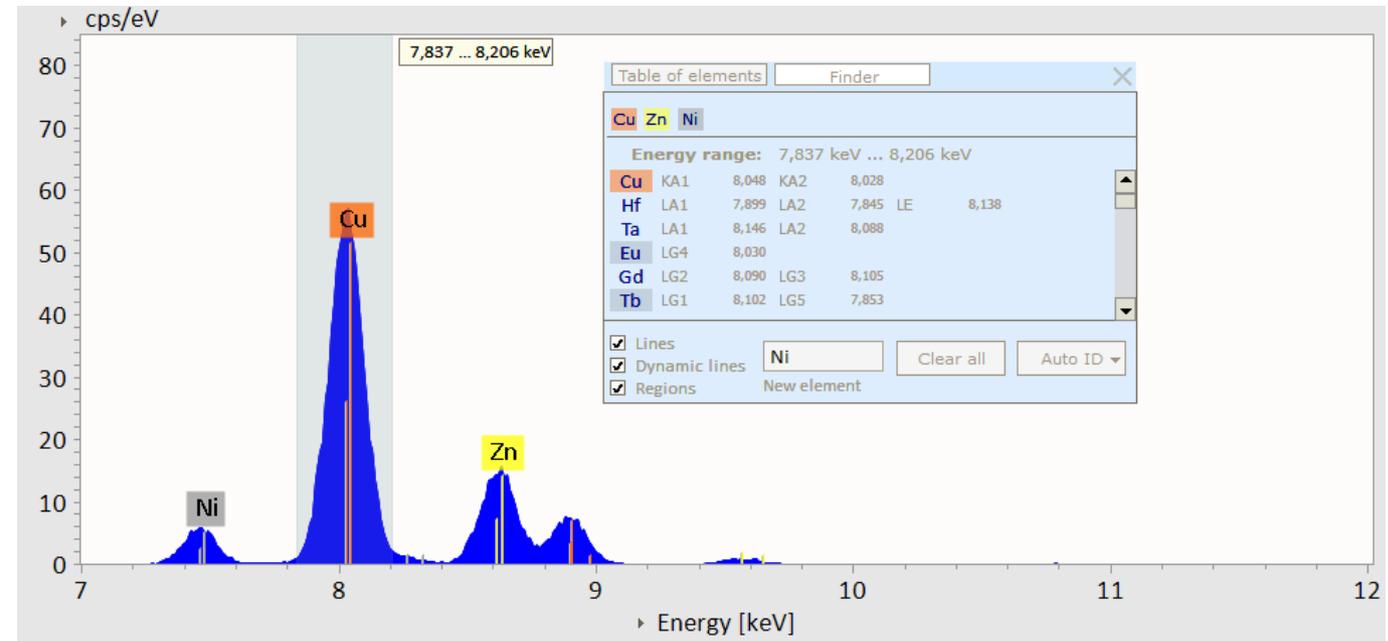
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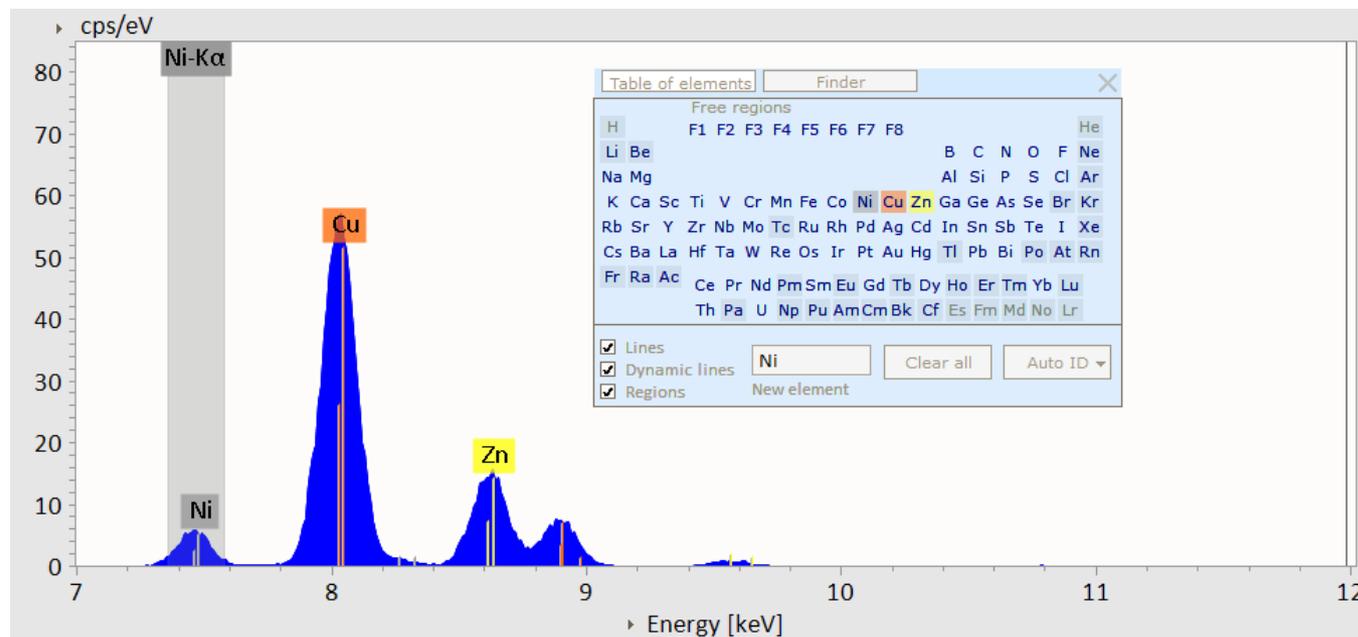
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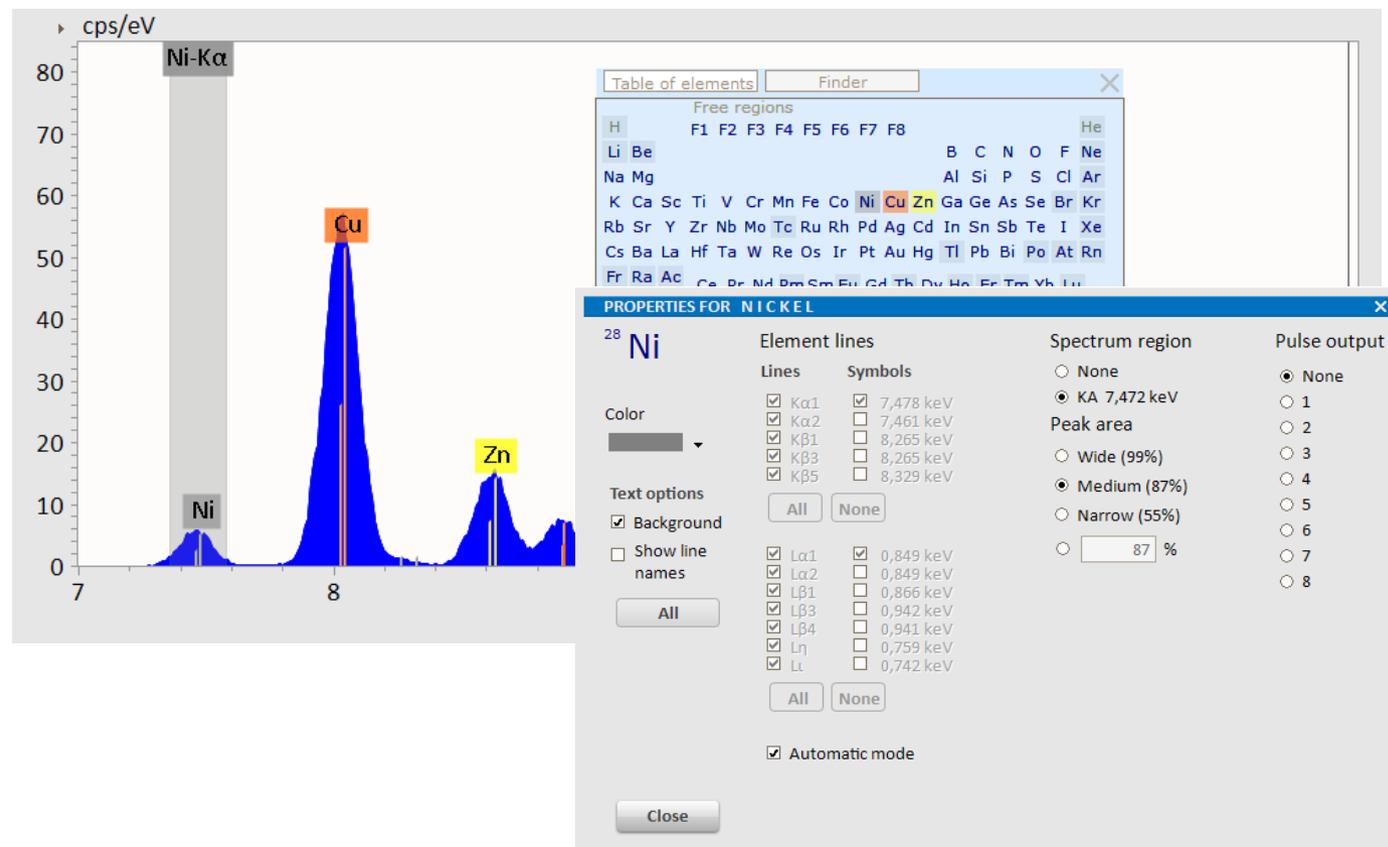
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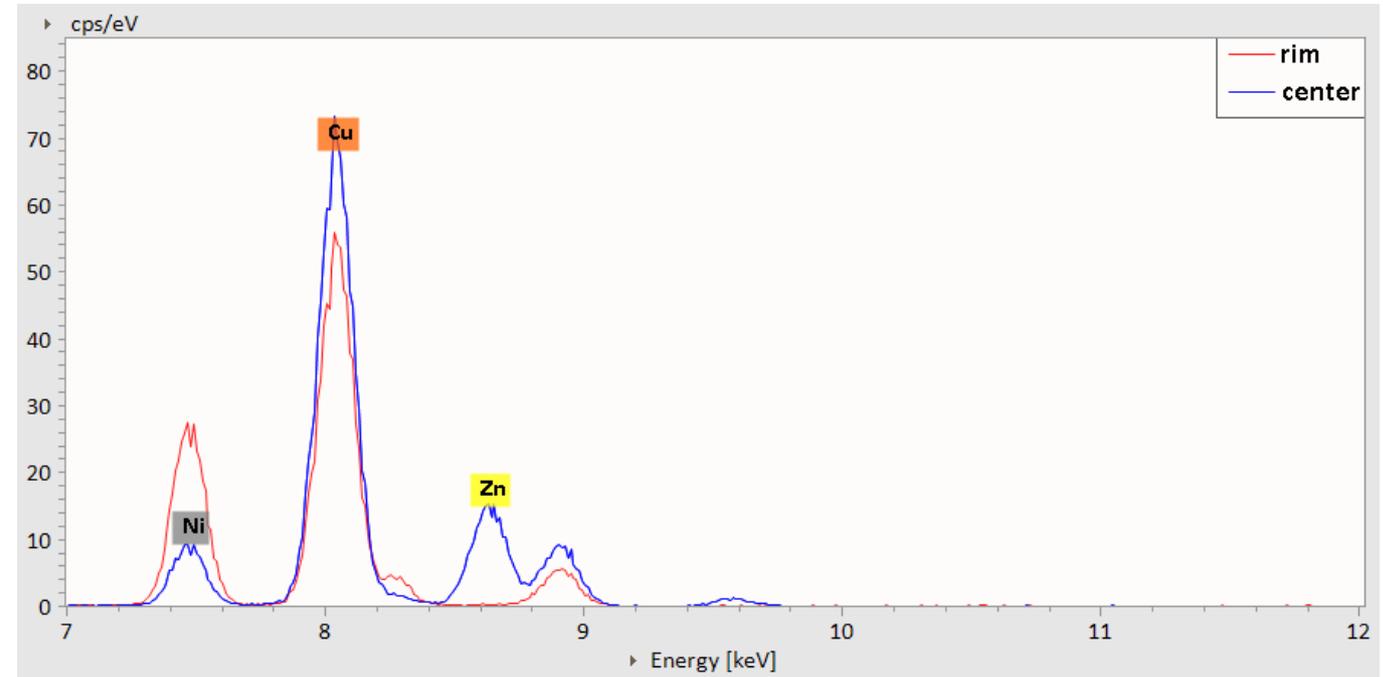
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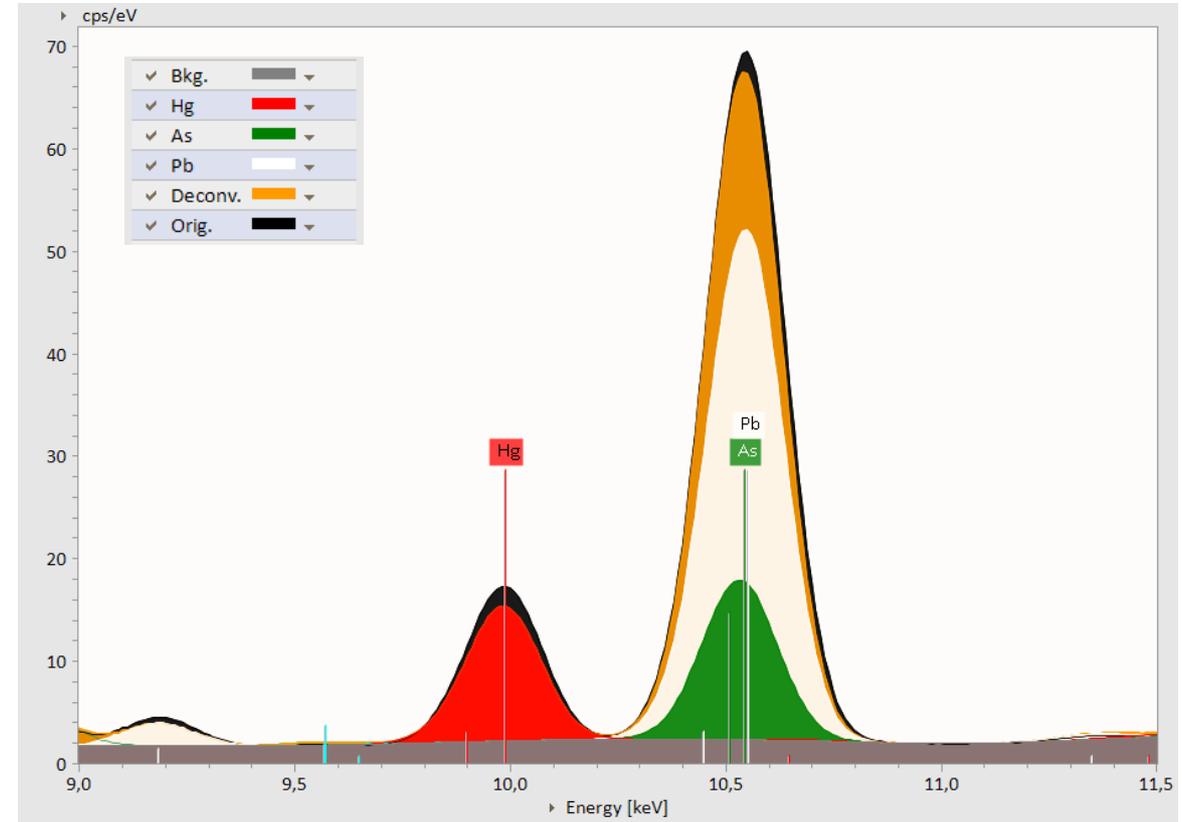
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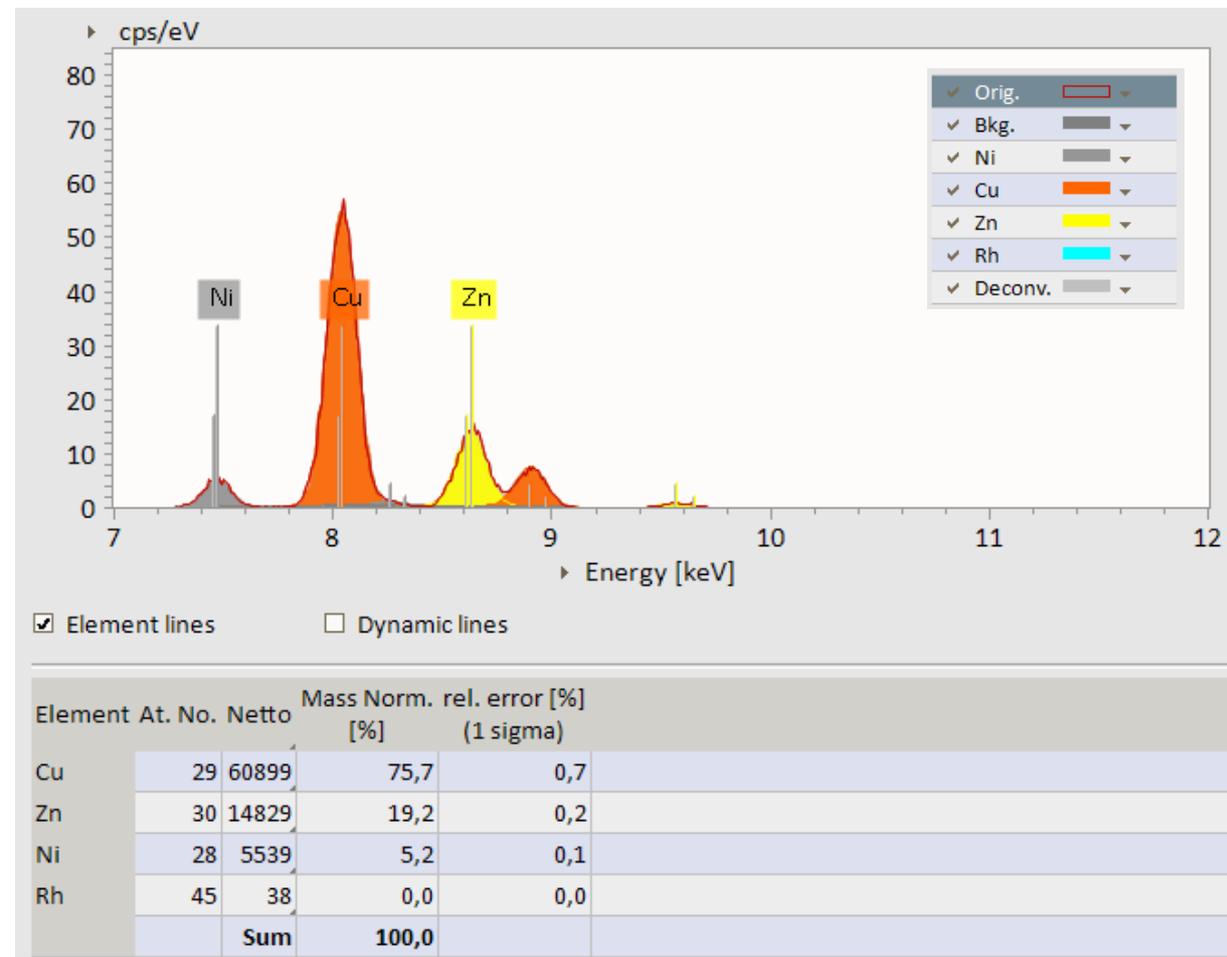
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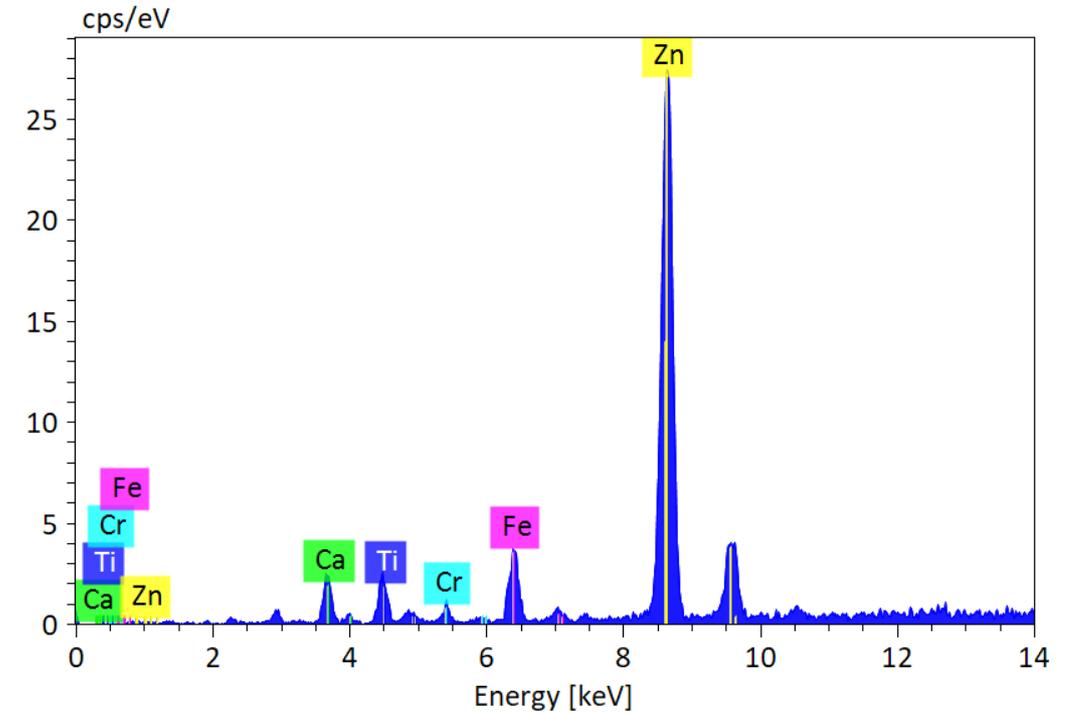
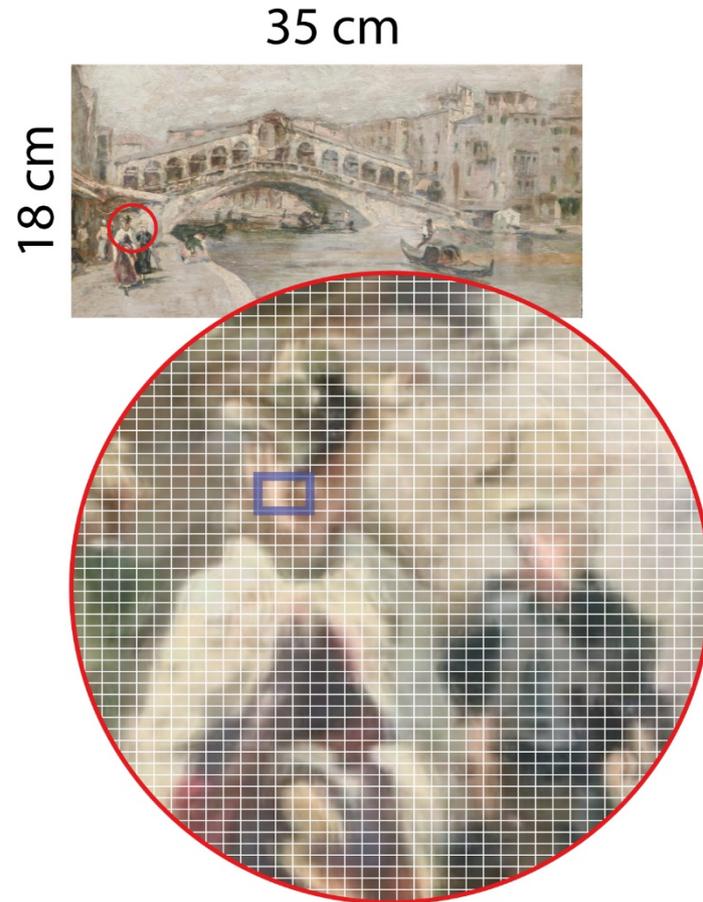
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# ESPRIT Reveal

## What is a Hypermap?



**Hypermaps** contain a spectrum for each point on the sample

# ESPRIT Reveal

## The Mapping Workspace



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Mapping Spectrum System

QMap Loaded: C:\ ahl\_1st\_HS4.bcf Elements Deconv I/O

XRF XRF

Ch 1 Ch 2 Map

Map Line scan Spectrum

Video As Hg

Default  
MAG: 0x HV: 0 kV WD: 0 mm  
Px: 178  $\mu$ m  
50000  $\mu$ m  
Loaded image 1521 x 2000 270,0 x 355,0 mm

Map display settings

Image filter:  None  Smooth  Sharpen

Map filter:  None  Average  Smooth  Automatic

Result types: Counts

Color control: \* 0,00 1,00 1,00

Palette mode:  Color count: 256 Minimum: 0,0 Maximum: 100,0

Map color mixing:  Standard  Enhanced

1,00  $\mu$ m Spot size 400x300 Points

Video 1,60 S-K $\alpha$  1,00 Ca-K $\alpha$  1,00 Ti-K $\alpha$  1,00 Cr-K $\alpha$  1,00 Mn-K $\alpha$  1,00 Fe-K $\alpha$  1,00 Co-K $\alpha$  1,00 Cu-K $\alpha$  1,00 Zn-K $\alpha$  1,00 As-K $\alpha$  1,00 Hg-L $\alpha$  1,00

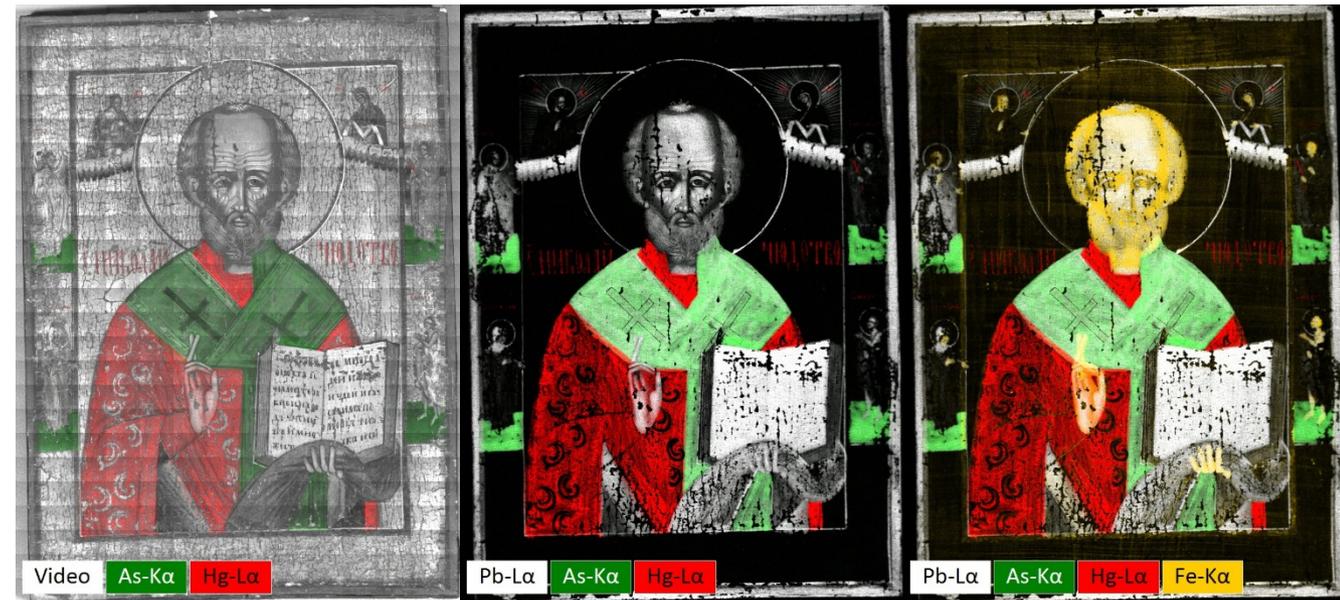
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## Hypermap Processing Features



### Processing of hypermaps

- visualization and overlay of sample images and hypermaps for multi-element display
- cut and extract object spectra
- maximum pixel analysis
- background subtraction and deconvolution



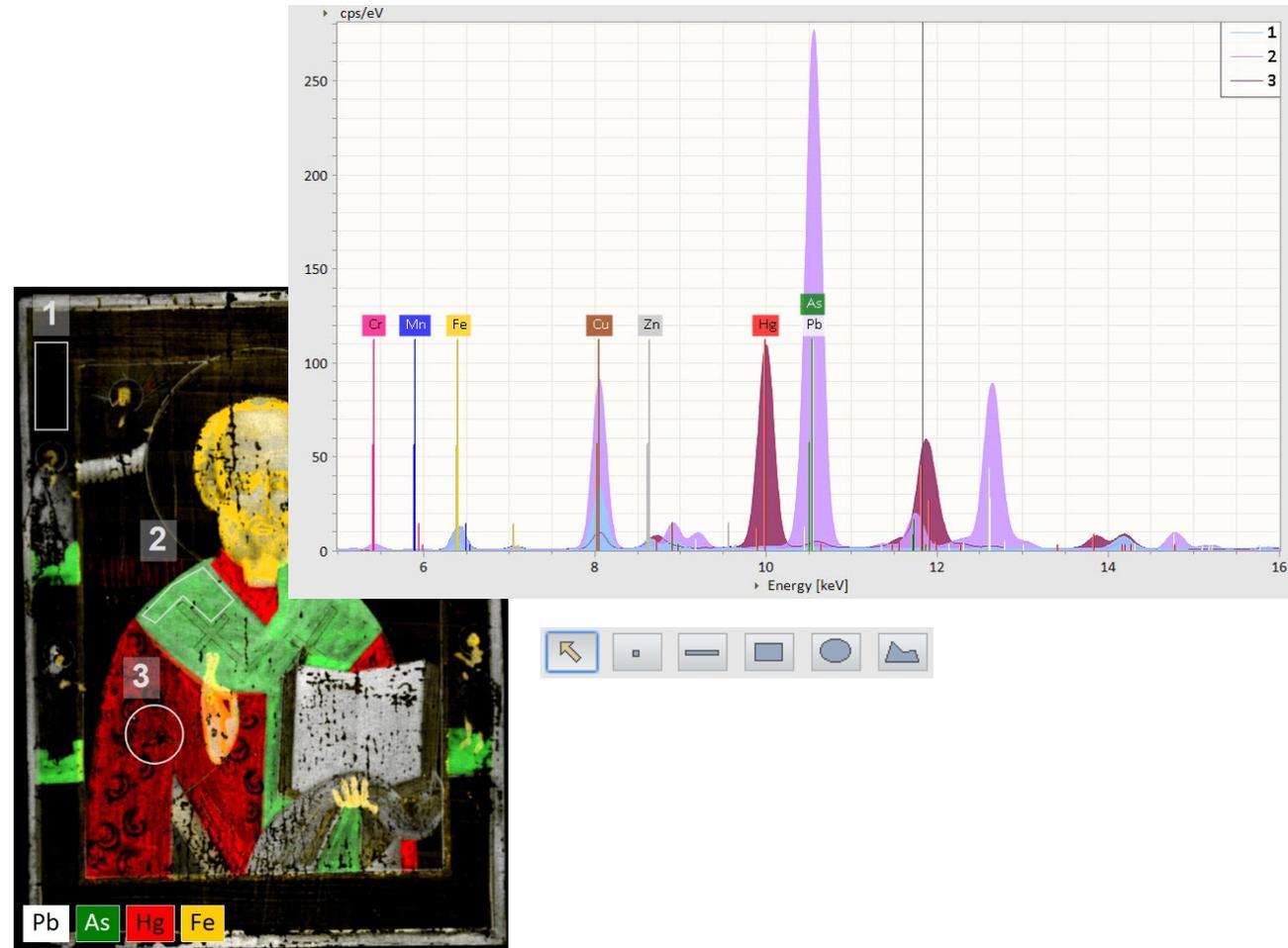
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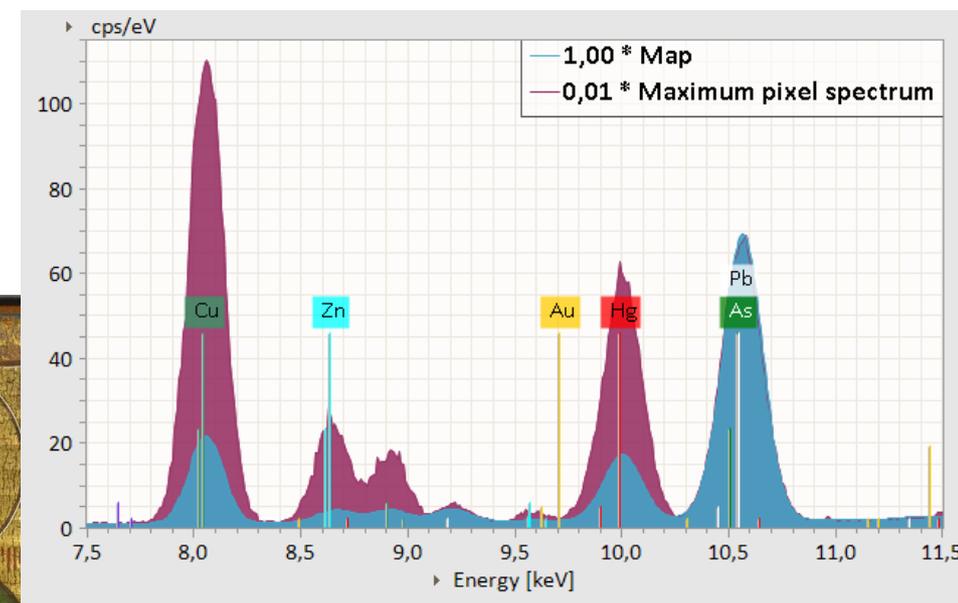
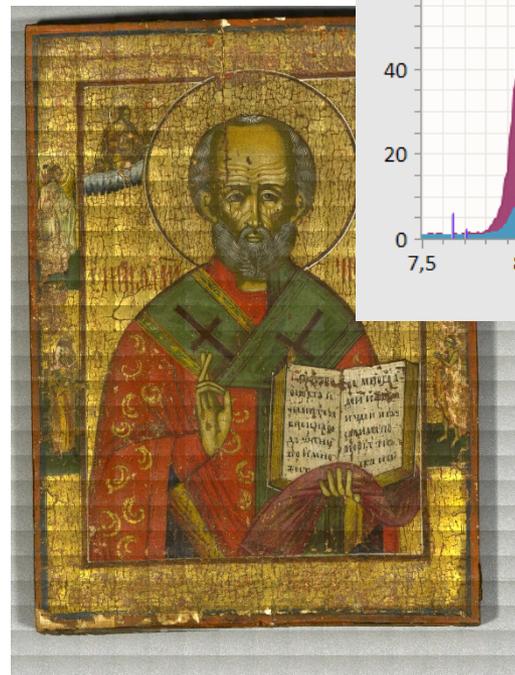
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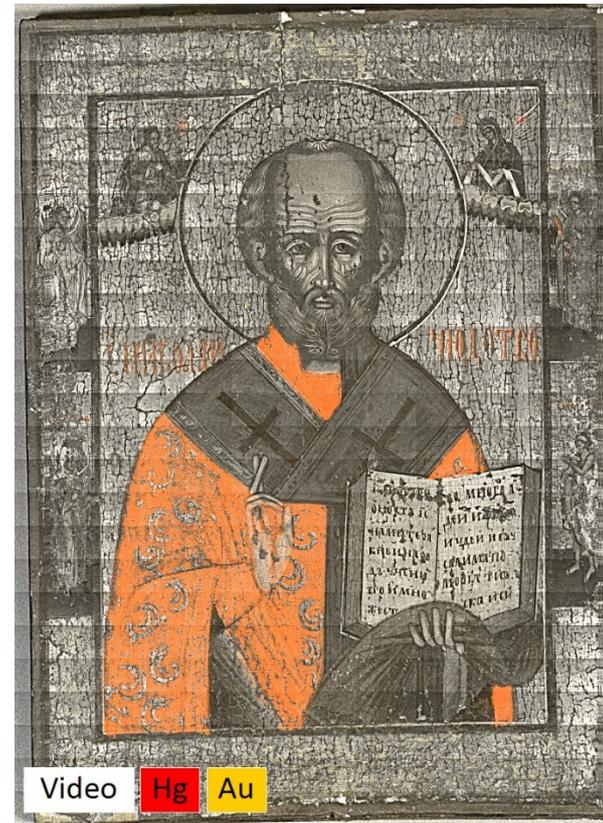
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without deconvolution



with deconvolution

# XRF Data Processing with ESPRIT Reveal

## Oil Painting

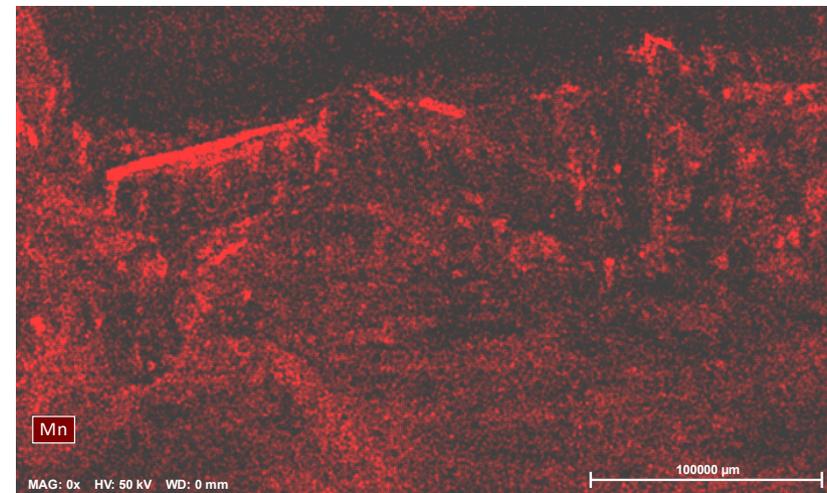
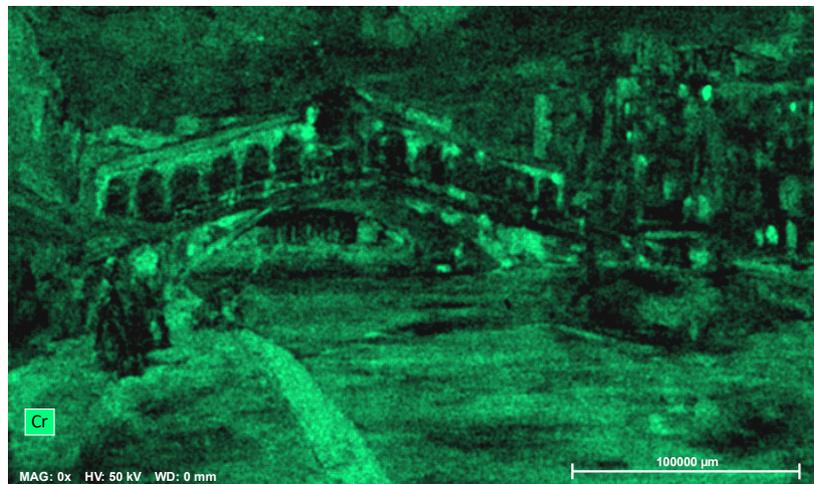
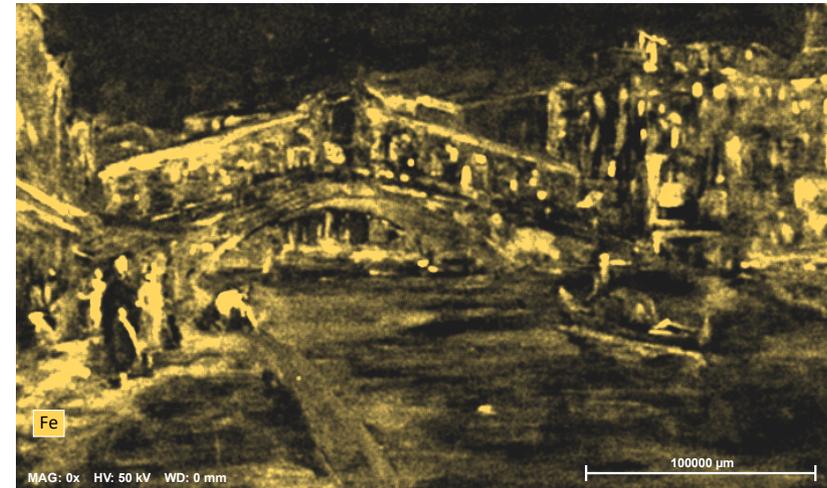


Visual image

- Oil painting on wood
- Nice combination of elements (modern pigments)
- Depicting the grand canal, Venice

# XRF Data Processing with ESPRIT Reveal

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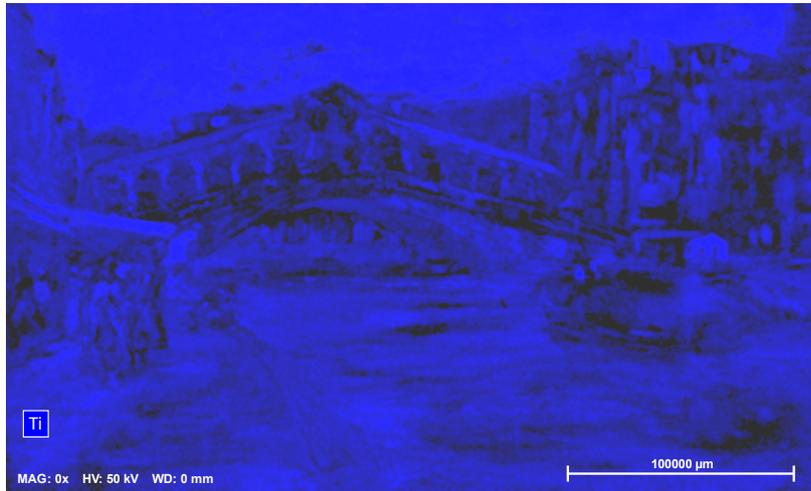
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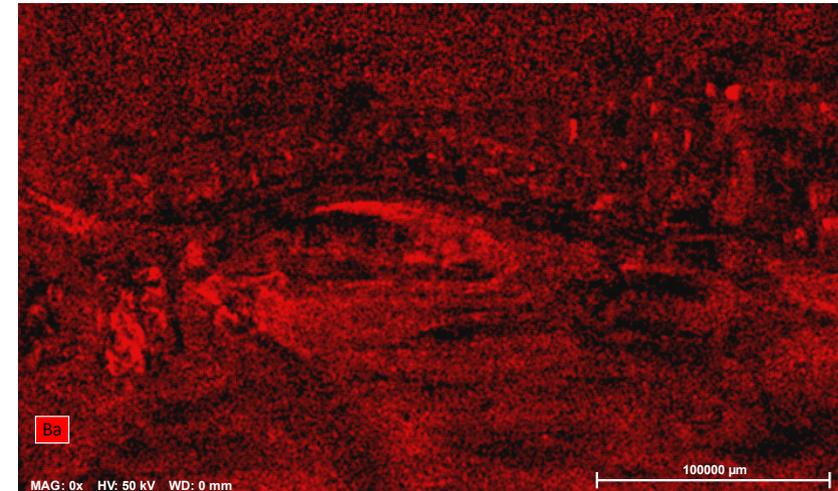
- Oil painting on wood
- Painting image reconstruction
- Elements display only

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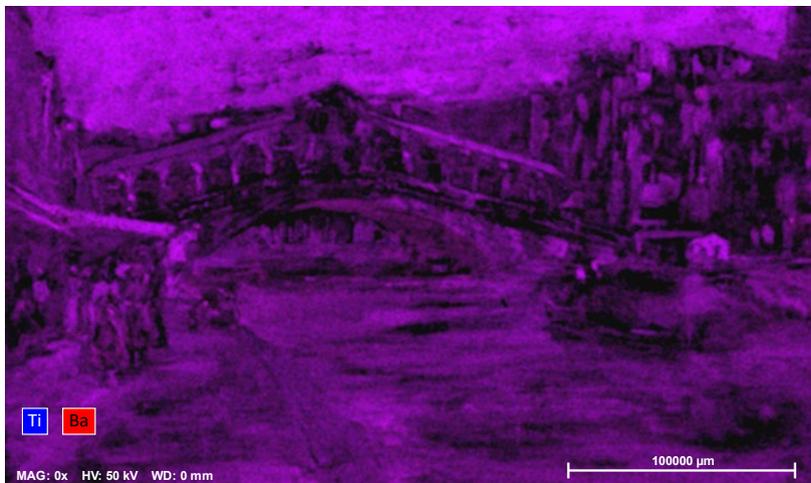
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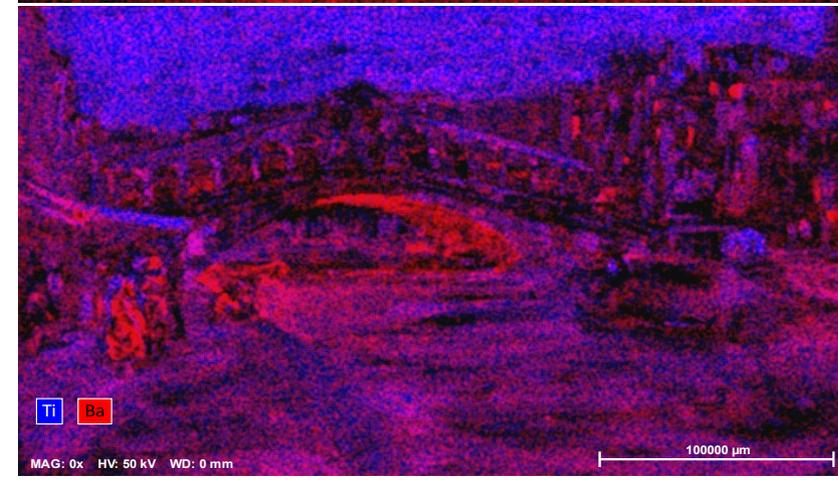
Titanium



Barium



Titanium and barium,  
without deconvolution



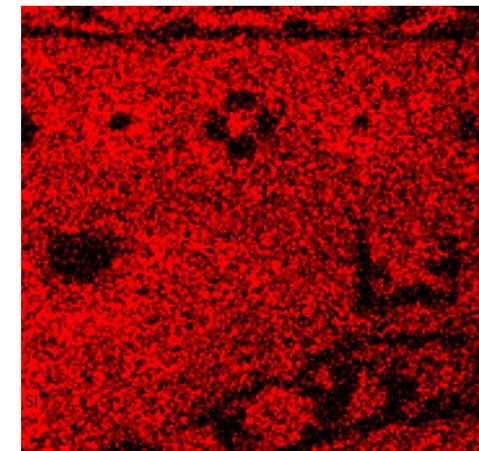
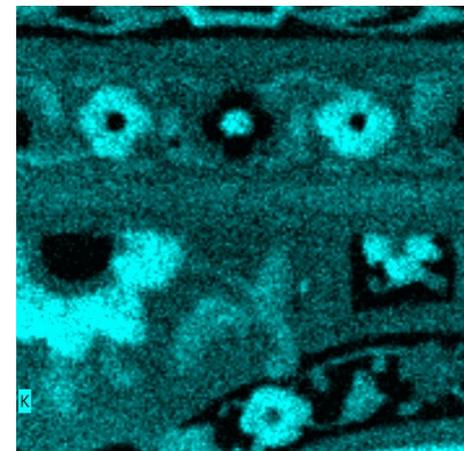
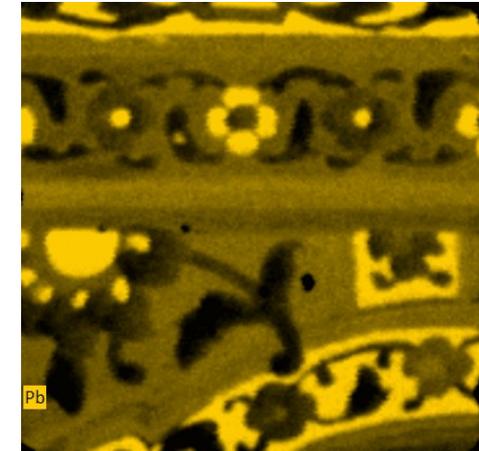
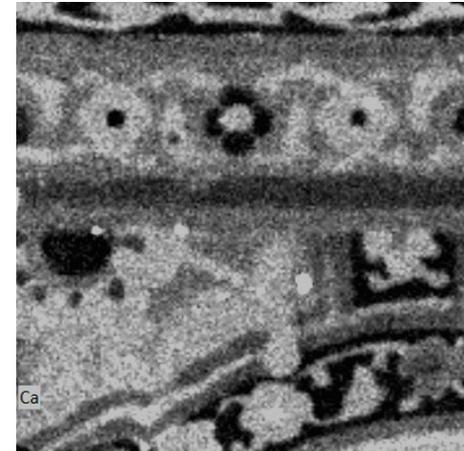
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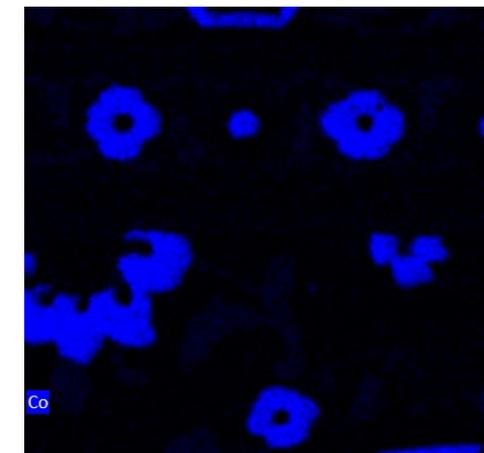
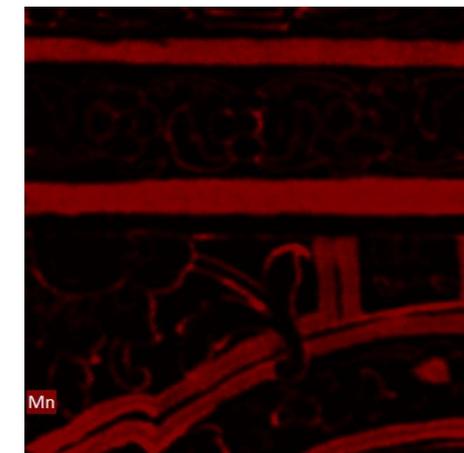
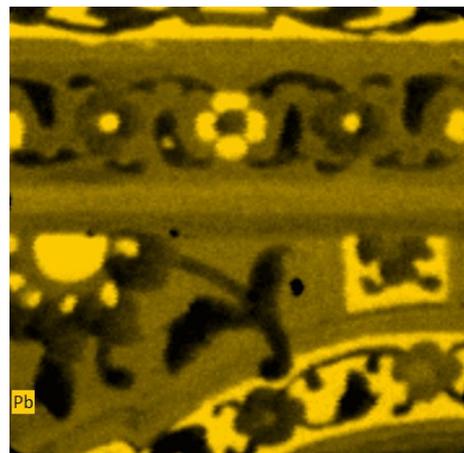
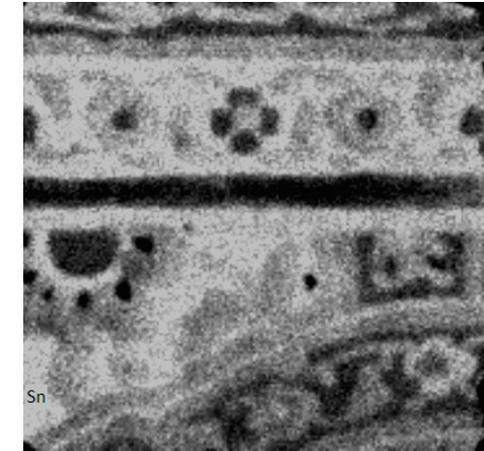
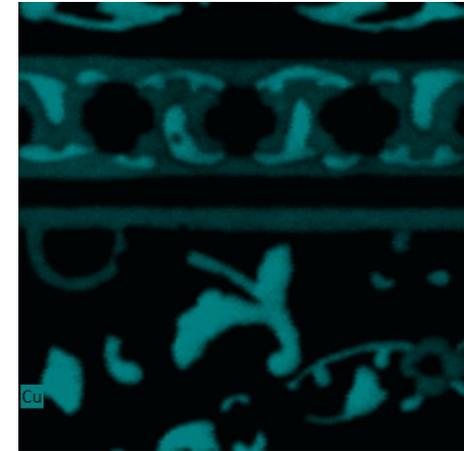
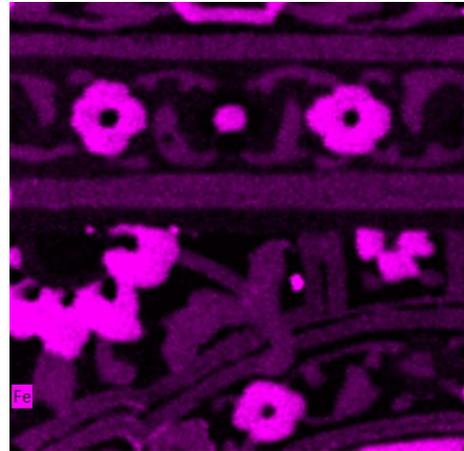


- Glaze pottery
- Safavid Dynasty (1501 AD to 1722 AD), Iran
- XRF data provided with the curtesy of the Archaeology department, Peking University, China

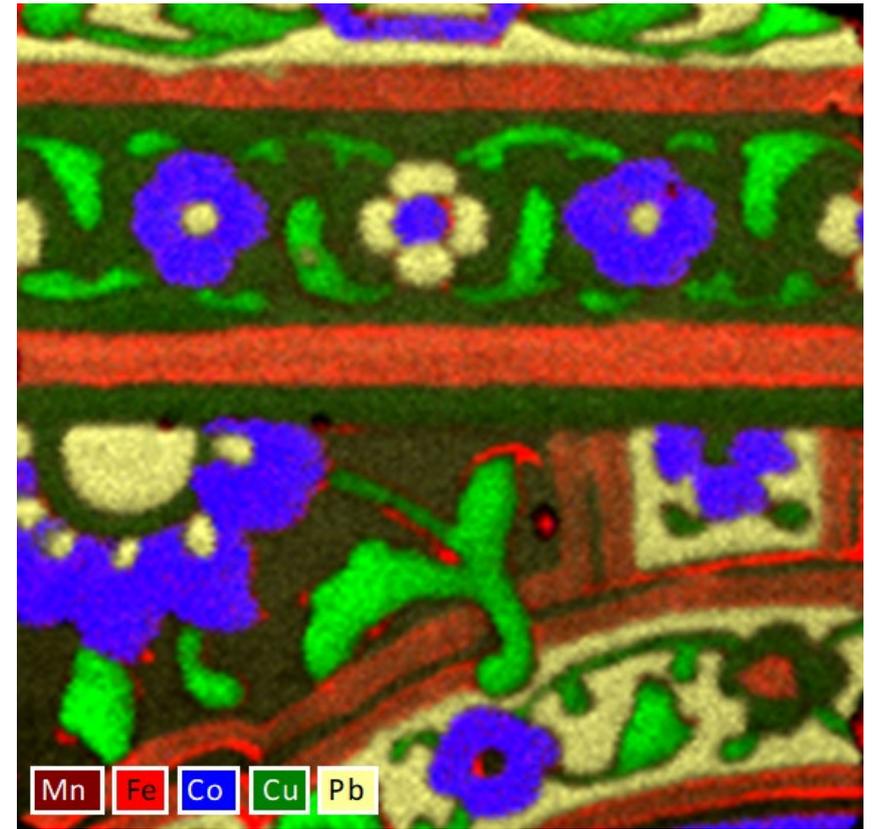
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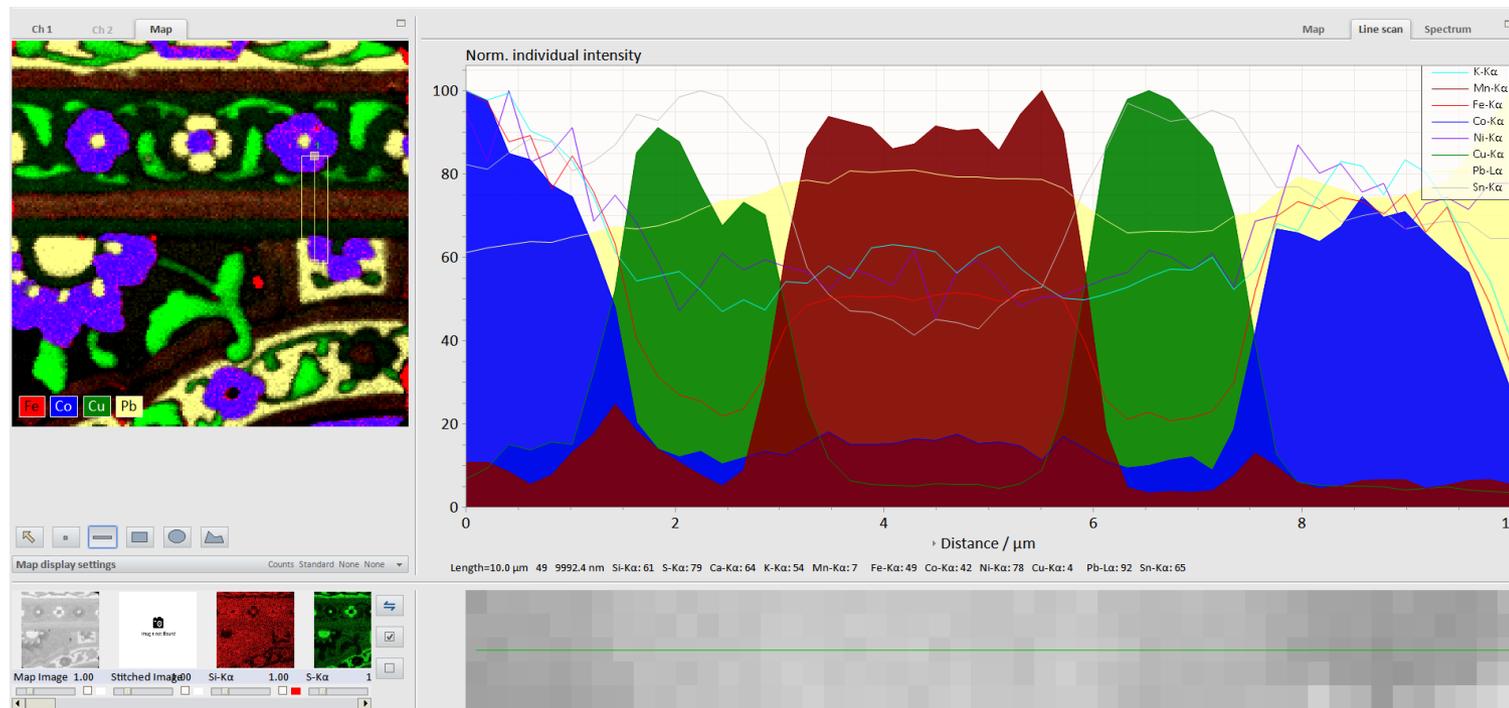
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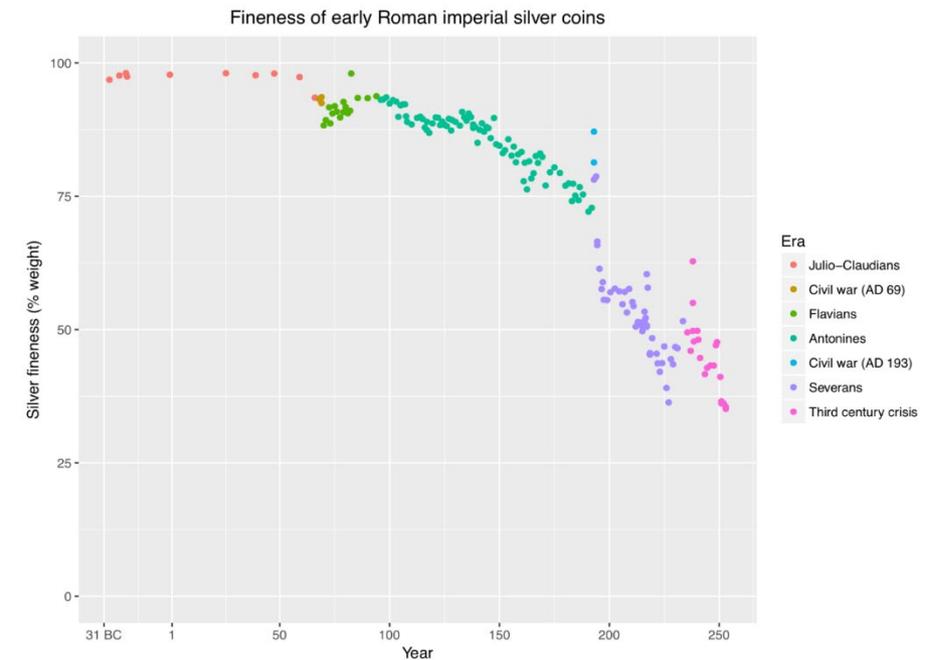


# XRF Data Processing with ESPRIT Reveal

## Denarius Coin



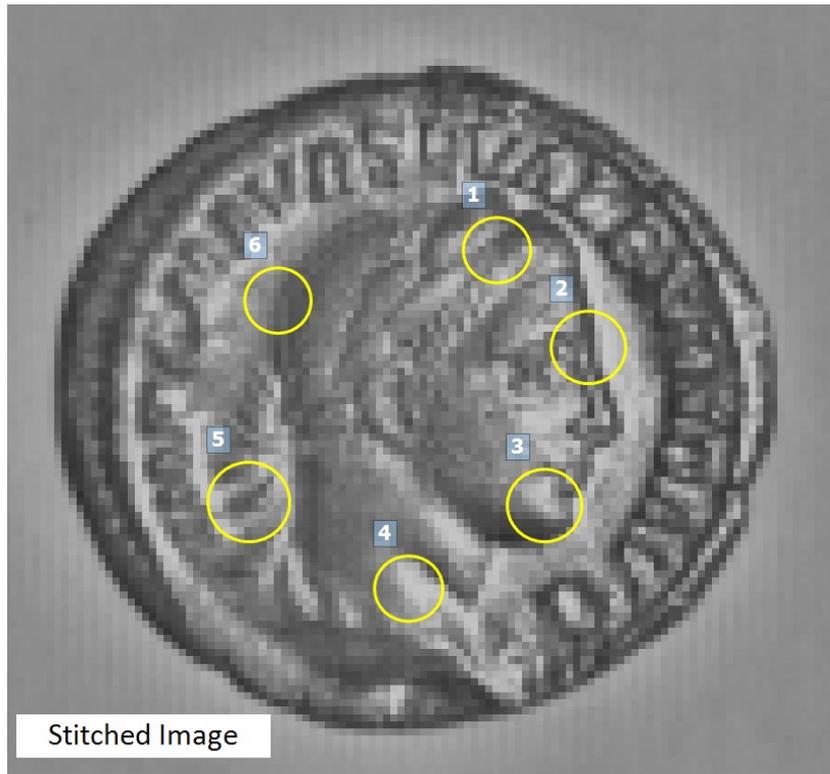
- Roman denarius (coin) depicting Roman emperor Severus Alexander (208 – 235)
- Matching production time via composition



Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denarius>

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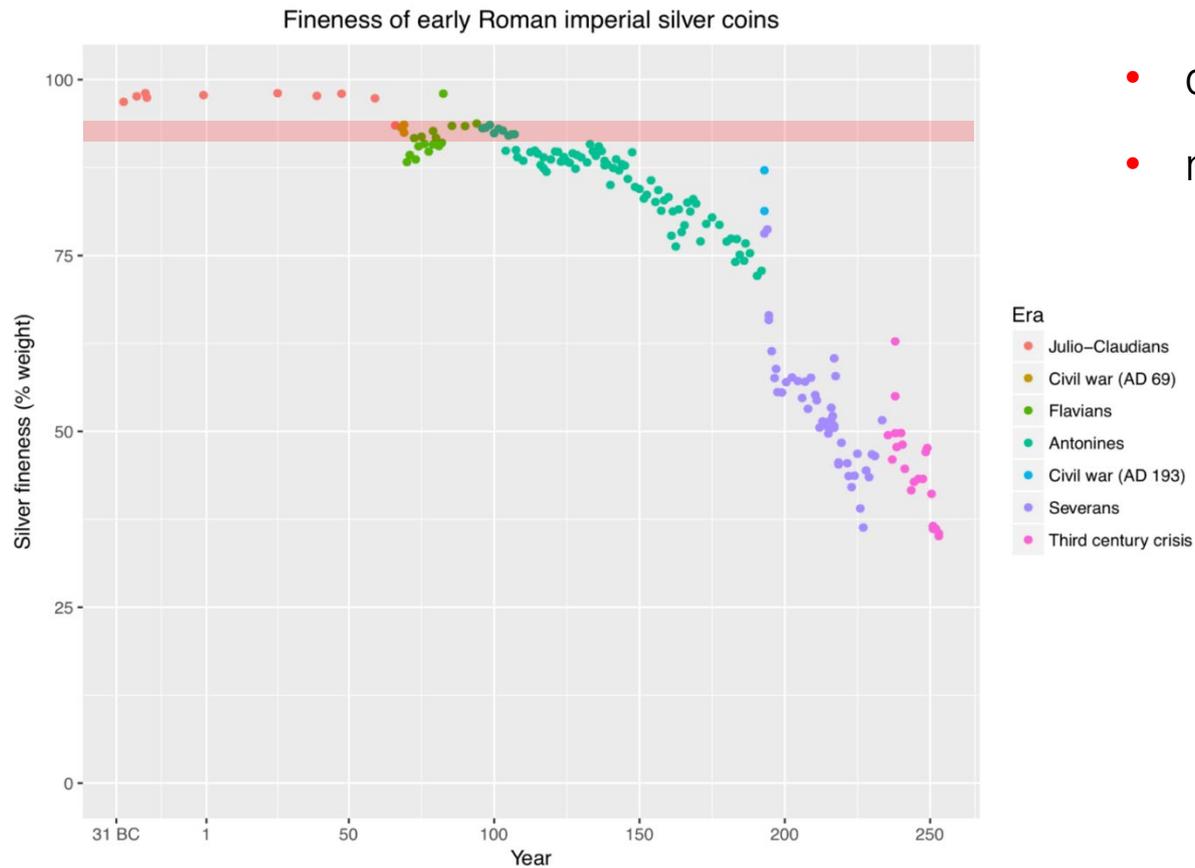


- quantification with ESPRIT Reveal: ~ 90% Ag

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✓ XRF	1	Ag 93,24	Cu 5,66	Pb 0,58	Au 0,25	Ni 0,17	As 0,04	Fe 0,02	Bi 0,03
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✓ XRF	4	Ag 88,32	Cu 10,58	Pb 0,53	Au 0,29	Ni 0,19	As 0,05	Fe 0,04	Bi 0,01
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- quantification with ESPRIT Reveal: ~ 90% Ag
- mismatch in Ag content and historic background

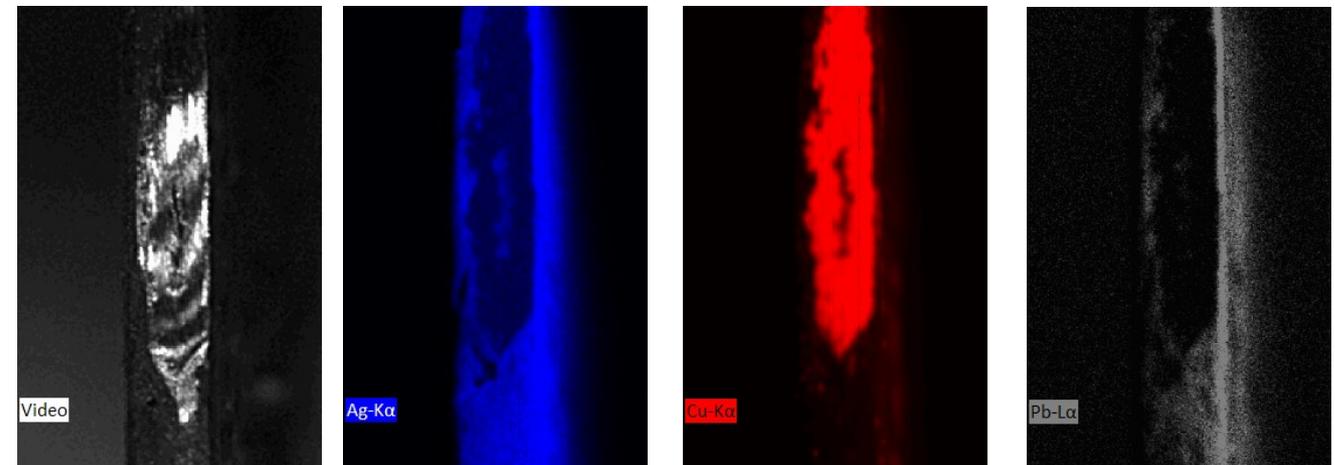
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# XRF Data Processing with ESPRIT Reveal

## Denarius Coin



- The composition is very different between the patina on the surface and the core
- Composition of the core is in line with the expected Ag-content of roman coins from this time
- For historic alloy is important to consider effects of patina when quantifying

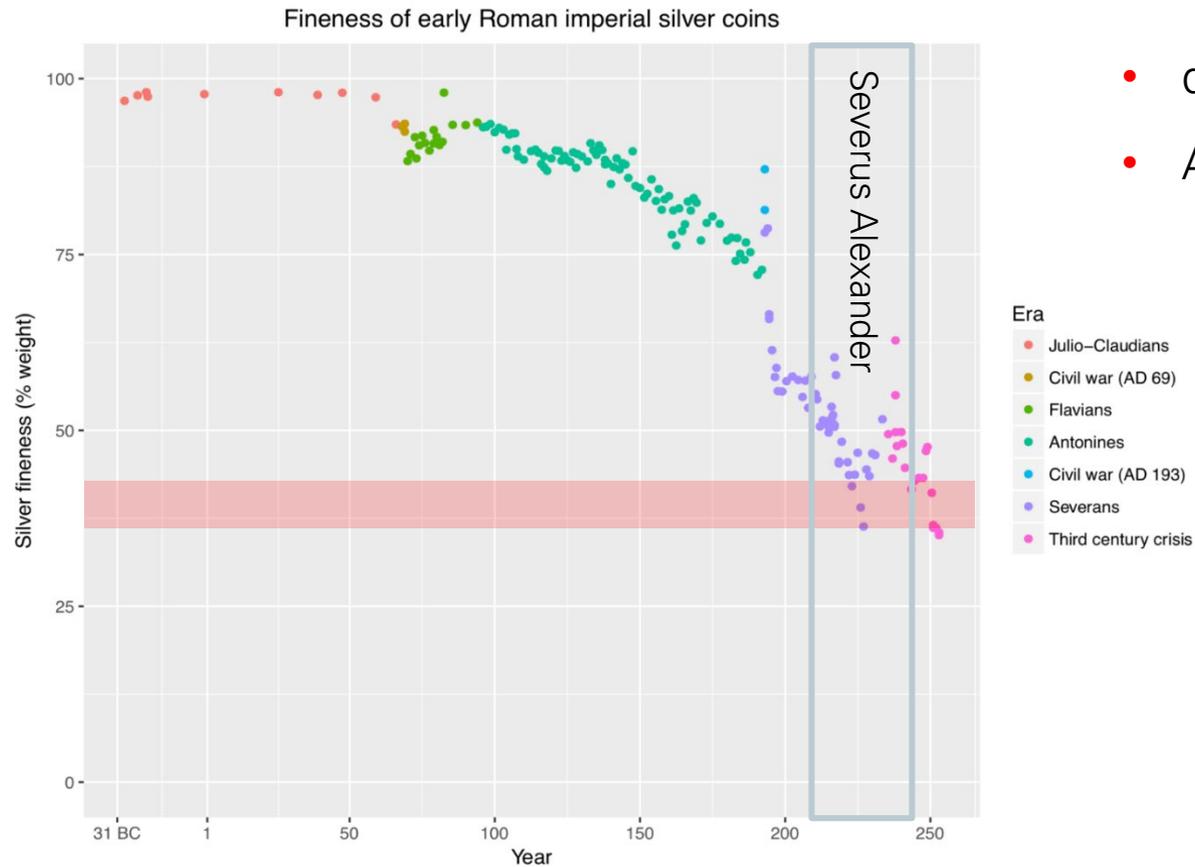


View of the coin rim

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## Denarius Coin



- quantification with ESPRIT Reveal: ~ 37% Ag
- Ag content matches historic background

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# XRF Data Processing with ESPRIT Reveal

## Development of a Standard Supported Fundamental Parameter Quantification



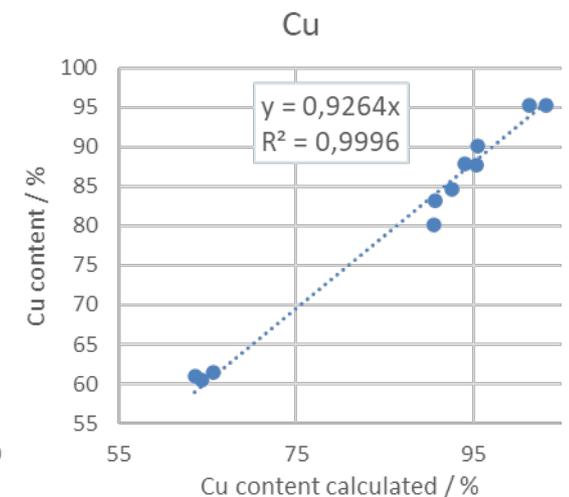
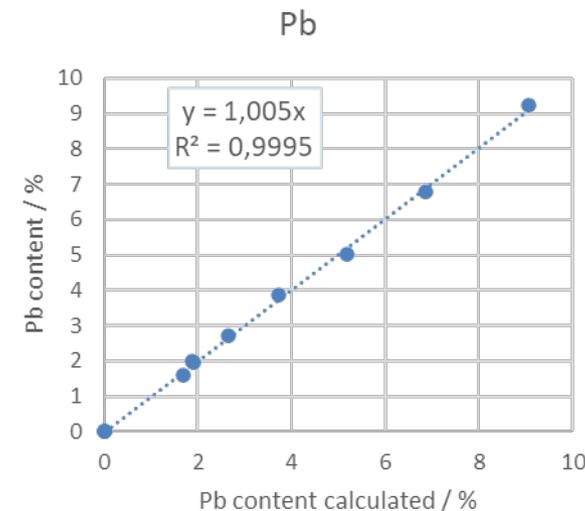
### A) Setting up an instrument specific calibration

- wide range of elements
- 60 second for following element alloys
- fixed collimator size
- precisely focused



### B) Refining with certified standards

- Standard supported fundamental parameter (FP) quantification with ELIO
- certified alloys



# XRF Data Processing with ESPRIT Reveal

## Live Demonstration



*live demonstration*

*by*

*Dr. Roald A. Tagle Berdan*

# Summary



BRUKER has very seriously decided to serve the Art & Conservation market designing and developing instruments. The wide portfolio perfectly allows to size a measurement campaign on very specific customer needs.

Data evaluation tools are key to complete analytical instruments and ESPRIT Reveal is a perfect solution as it is:

- Easy to install, operate and learn
- Fast, reliable and perfectly optimized to work in combination to our instruments (ELIO and CRONO in particular)
- Complete in covering common advanced analytical needs for either qualitative and quantitative analysis



# Art & Conservation Series – Part IV

## Questions and Answers



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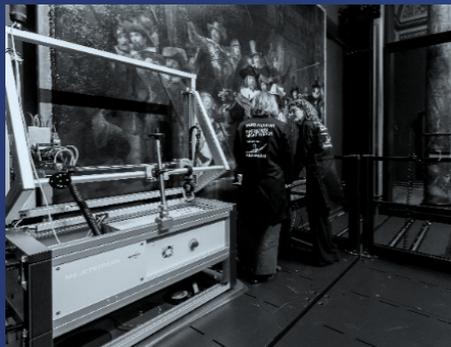
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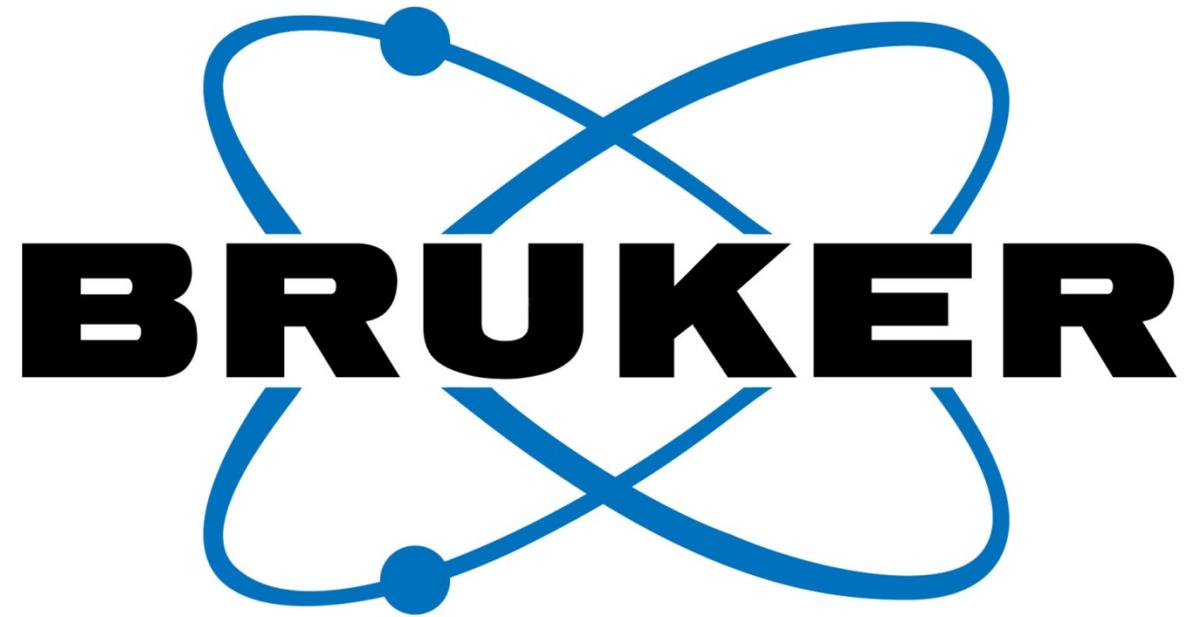
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## Overview



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