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**Recenti evoluzioni nella strumentazione per analisi  
non invasive sulle opere d'arte.**

**Strumenti portatili, mapping e combinati**

**Webinar – 25 Maggio 2021**

# Speakers

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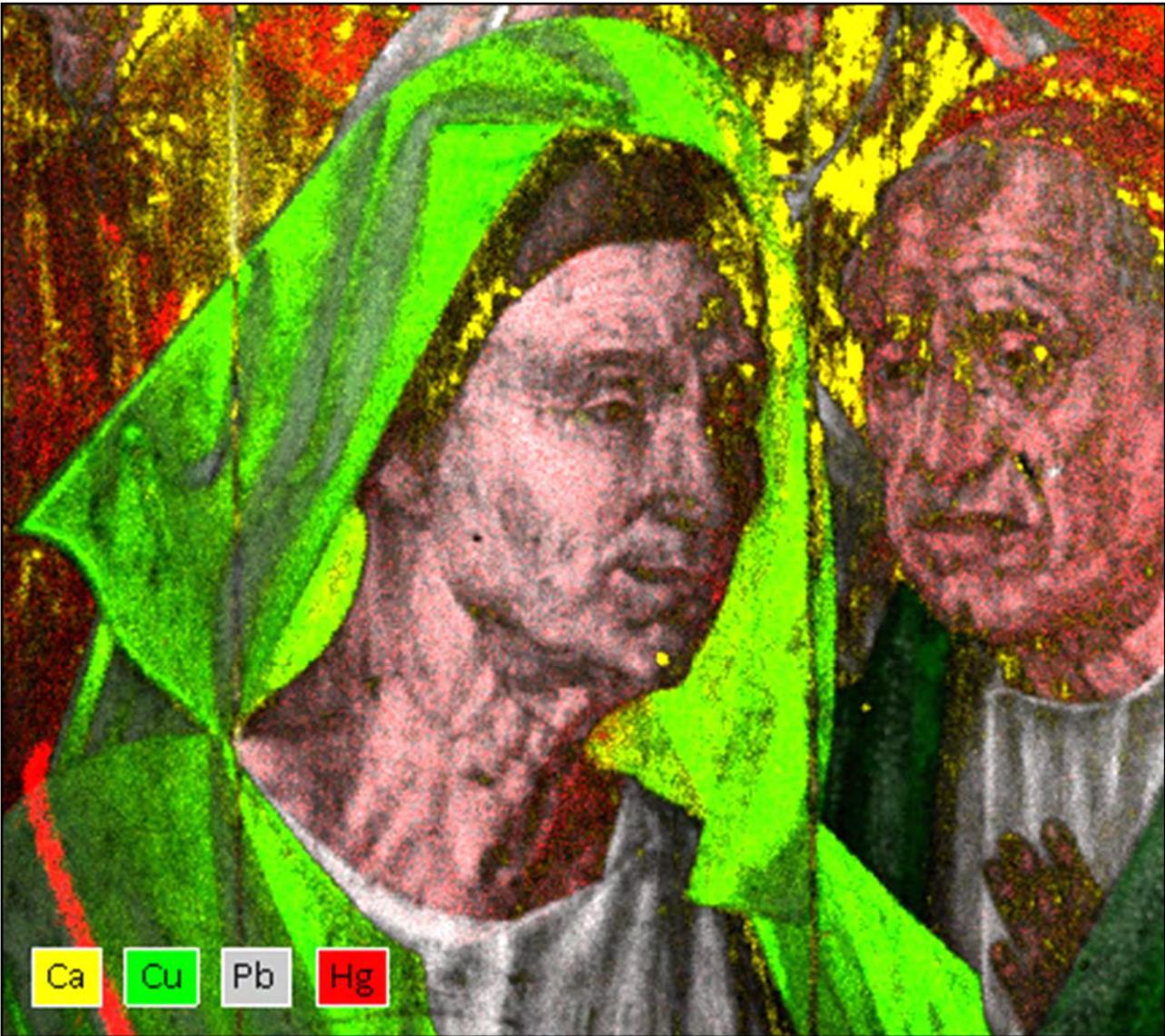
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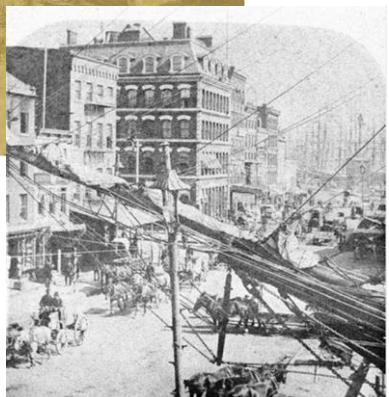
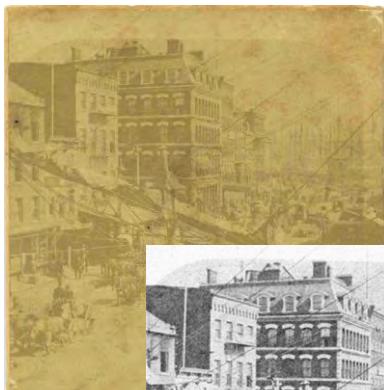
**Part I – Recenti evoluzioni nella strumentazione per analisi non invasive sulle opere d'arte**

**Part II – Novità dai nostri laboratori R&D: combinando l'XRF con tecniche di analisi complementari**

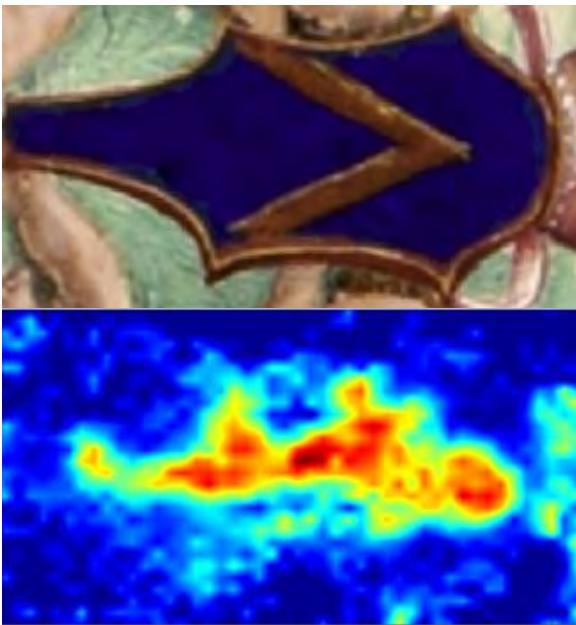
**Part III – Strumentazione portatile e archeologia da campo: sfide tecniche e prospettive di ricerca**



# XRF in Art



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 as XRF spectrometers analyze the fluorescence
- An XRF scanner records the fluorescence on multiple points to determine the element distribution
- In most cases X-rays can penetrate deeper into matter than visible light allowing identification of hidden paintings or faded colors

# XRF in Art

- 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



# XRF, Art and Collections Management

Mapping

Spot



TRACER



ELIO



CRONO



M6  
JETSTREAM



M4 TORNADO



SEM  
EDS-WDS- $\mu$ XRF

Portable

Lab based

# TRACER 5 Handheld XRF

The standard in handheld-XRF analysis for cultural heritage



# ELIO mapping XRF

Ultra-portable point and mapping XRF

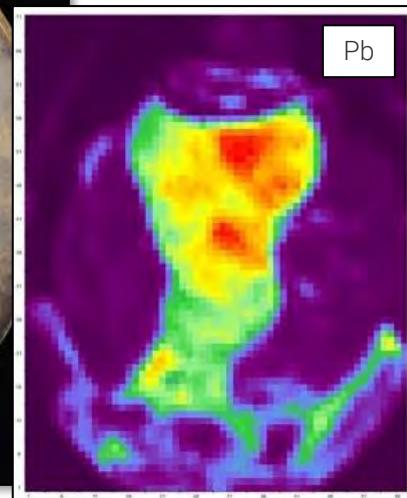


# ELIO mapping XRF

Flexibility of approach  
and positioning –  
ideal for manuscripts,  
books and other  
documents



Mesoamerican manuscripts, Bodleian Library  
Oxford (see Grazia et al. 2019)



Isaac Oliver miniatures,  
Fitzwilliam Museum,  
Cambridge University  
(Dr. Paola Ricciardi)

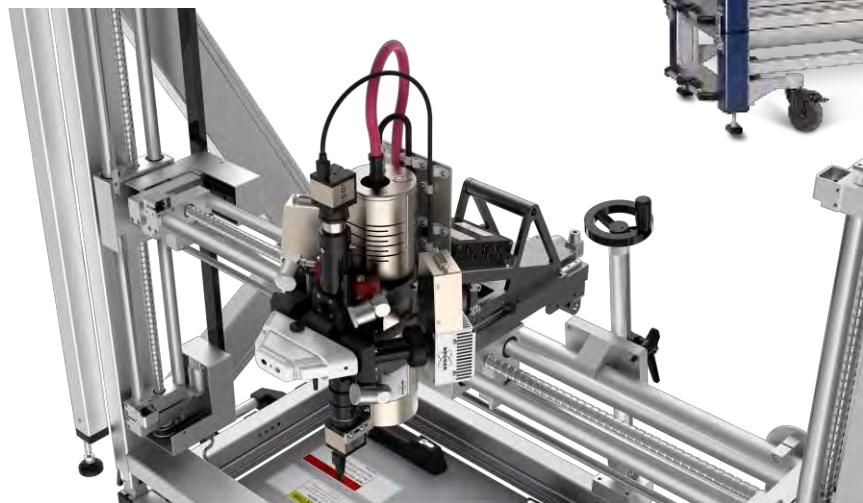
# CRONO mobile large-area micro-XRF mapping

Trolley or frame mounted  
- lightweight for mobile positioning while retaining MA-XRF capabilities



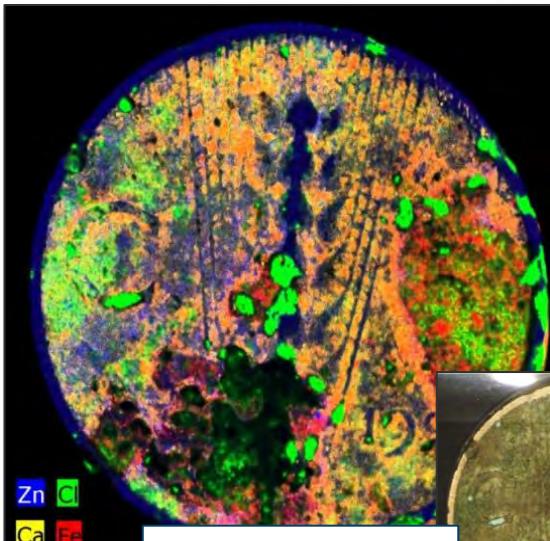
# M6 JETSTREAM large-area micro-XRF mapping

Museum- & lab-based mapping solution

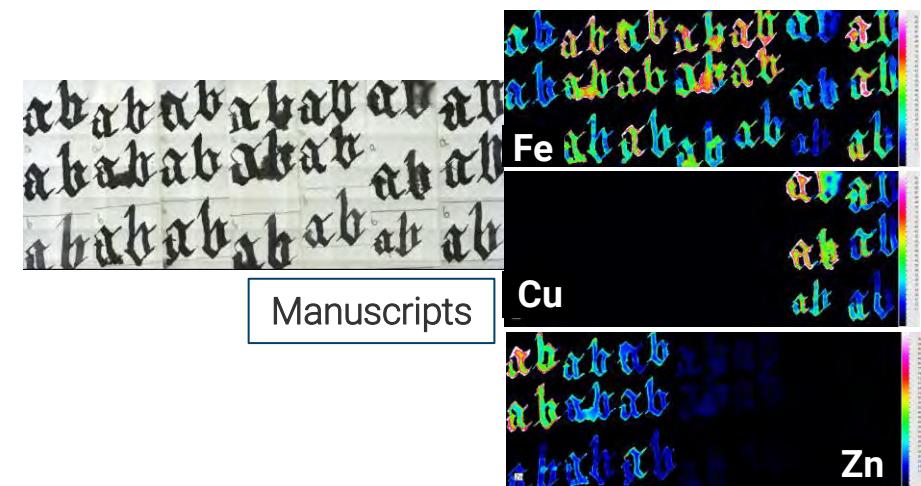
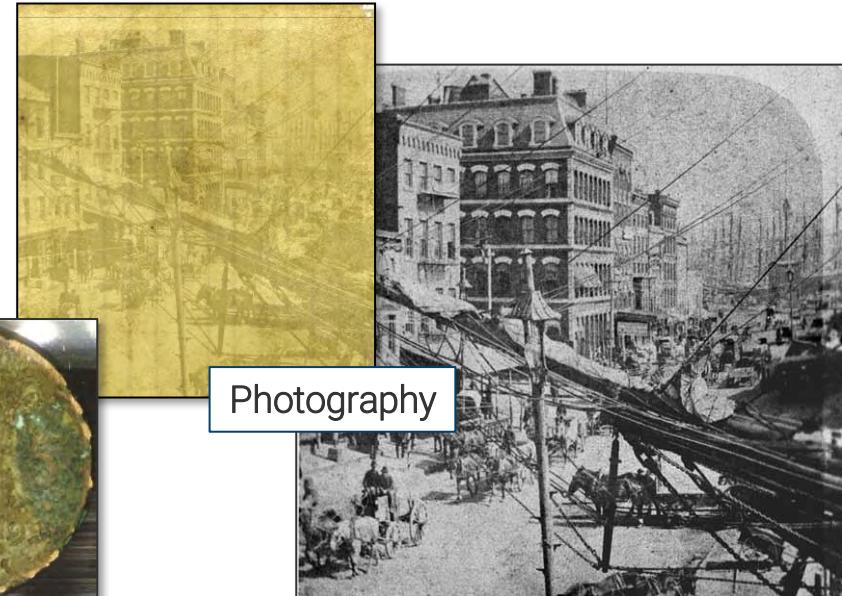


# M4 TORNADO micro-XRF

Small spot,  
closed-beam  
μXRF



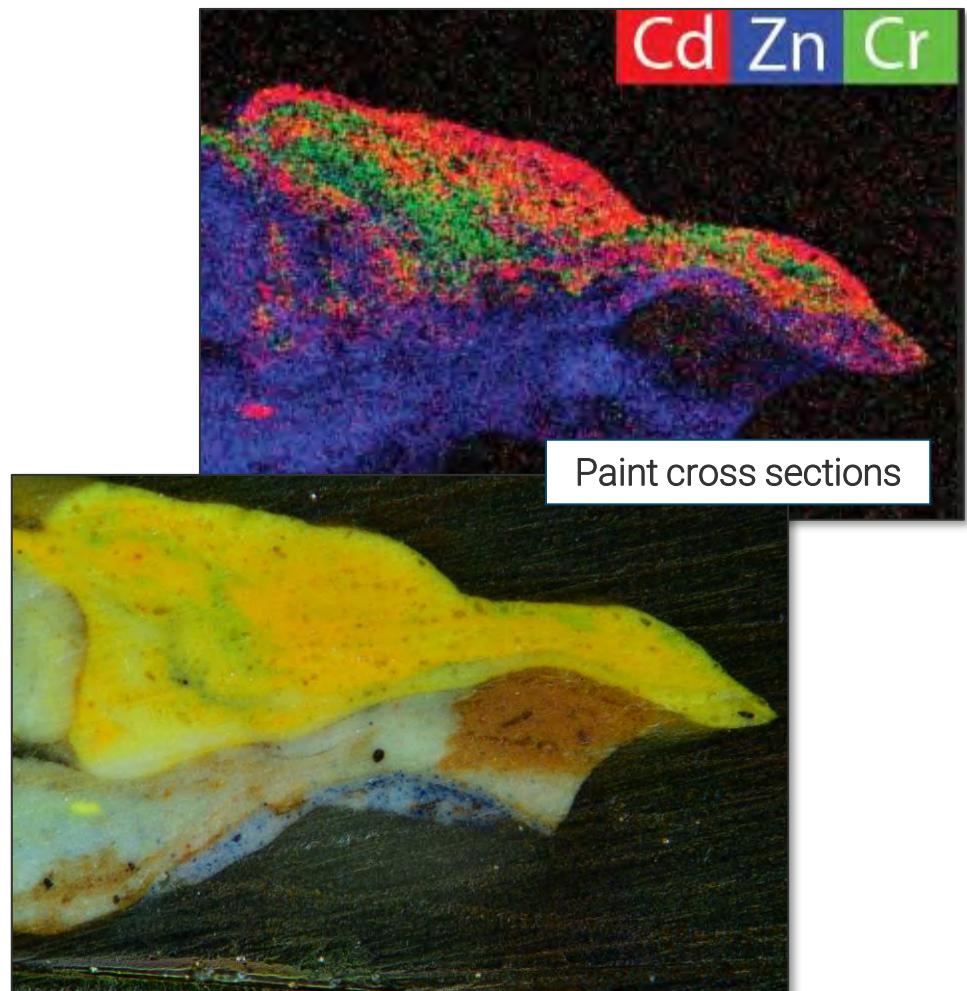
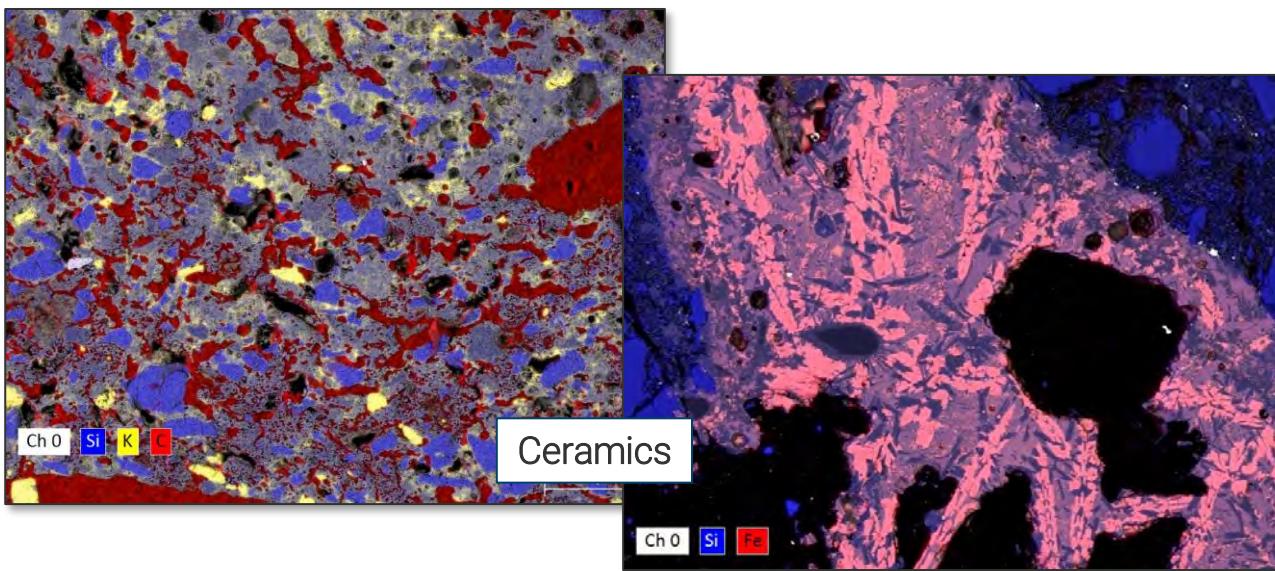
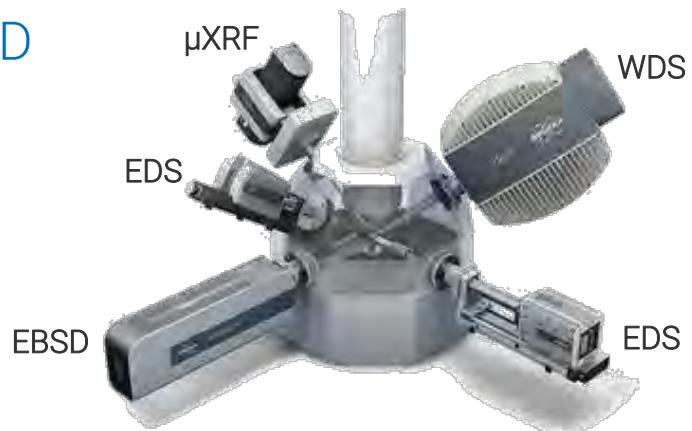
Metallic objects



# QUANTAX detectors for Scanning Electron Microscopes

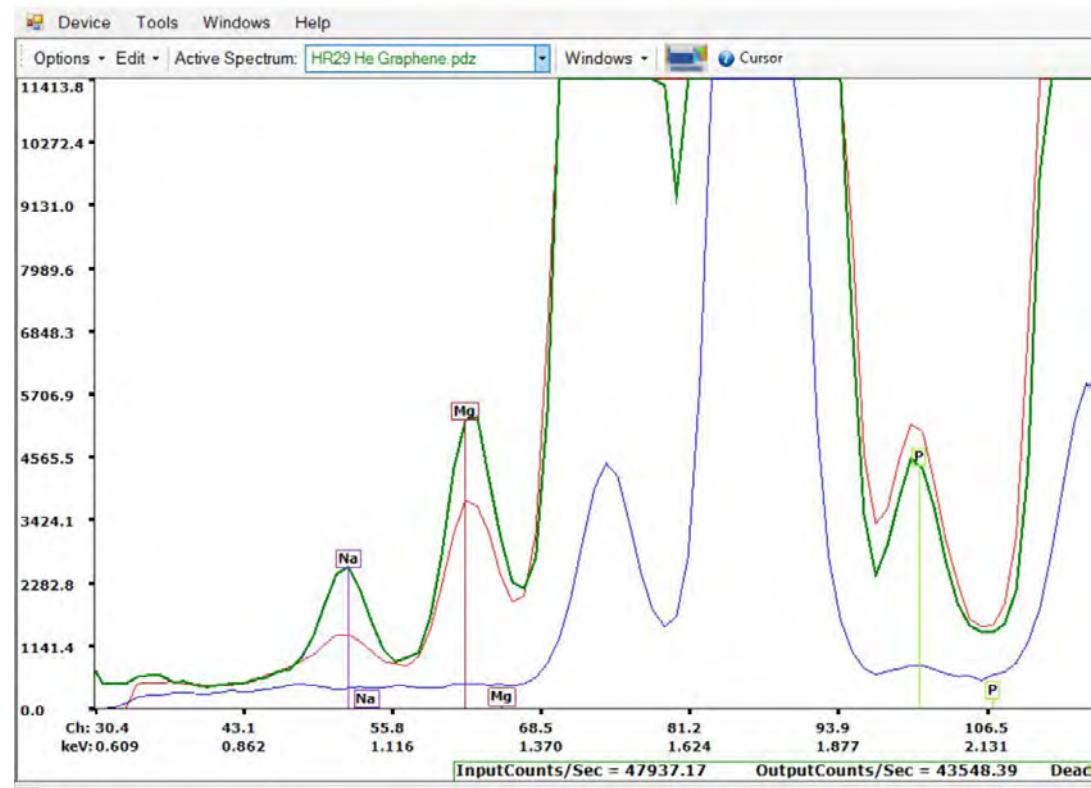
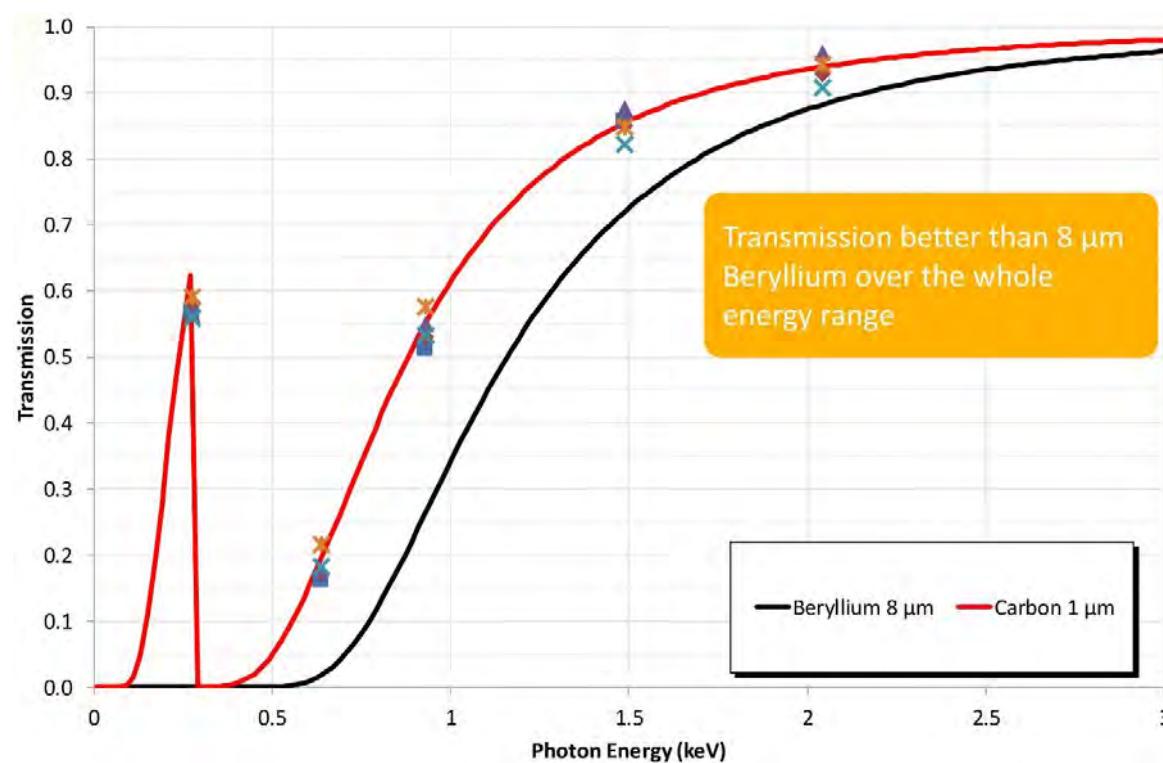
EDS, WDS and EBSD  
detectors for SEM

XTrace micro-XRF  
source for SEM



## Novelties – TRACER 5g

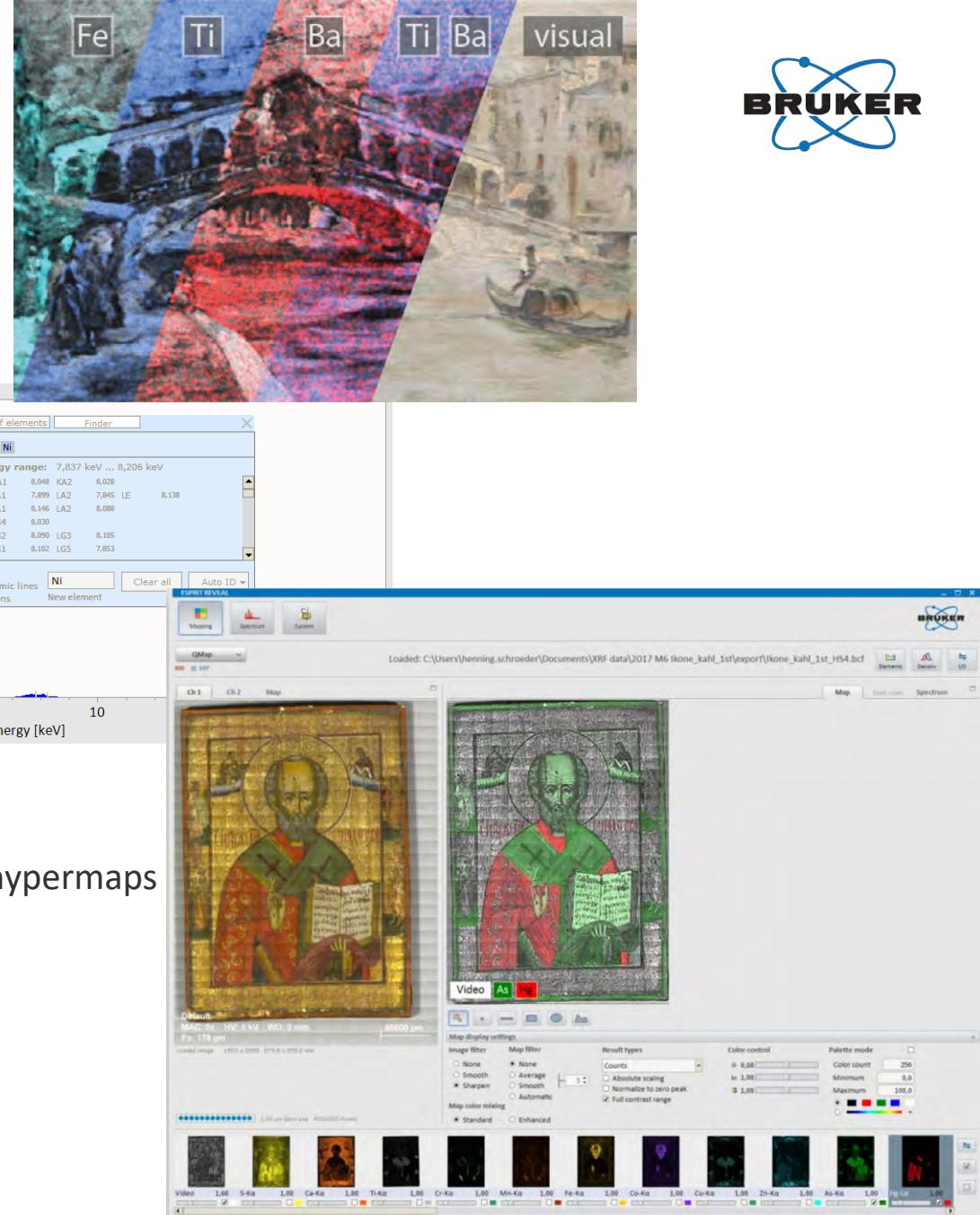
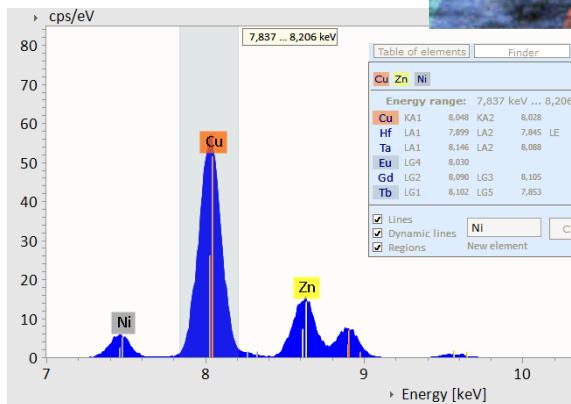
- Incorporates new Graphene window detector
- Dramatically improves the low energy sensitivity of the instrument



- 3x Sensitivity for Na
  - 2x sensitivity for Mg
- In Nose down; no window; He flush (60 sec)
- LOD Na <300 ppm
  - LOD Mg <100 ppm

# Novelties – ELIO & CRONO: ESPRIT Reveal

- easy manual and automatic peak identification
- compare spectra
- background subtraction and deconvolution / peak fitting
- spectra quantification with selectable and customizable evaluation methods



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

# Study of historic photography

## Elemental analysis by micro-XRF

### Why scan historic photography?

- Recovery of damage, accessing the original image when no longer easily visible optically
- Understanding historic photographic processes, including materials and methods
- "Seeing through" later retouching and overpainting

### M4 TORNADO micro-XRF

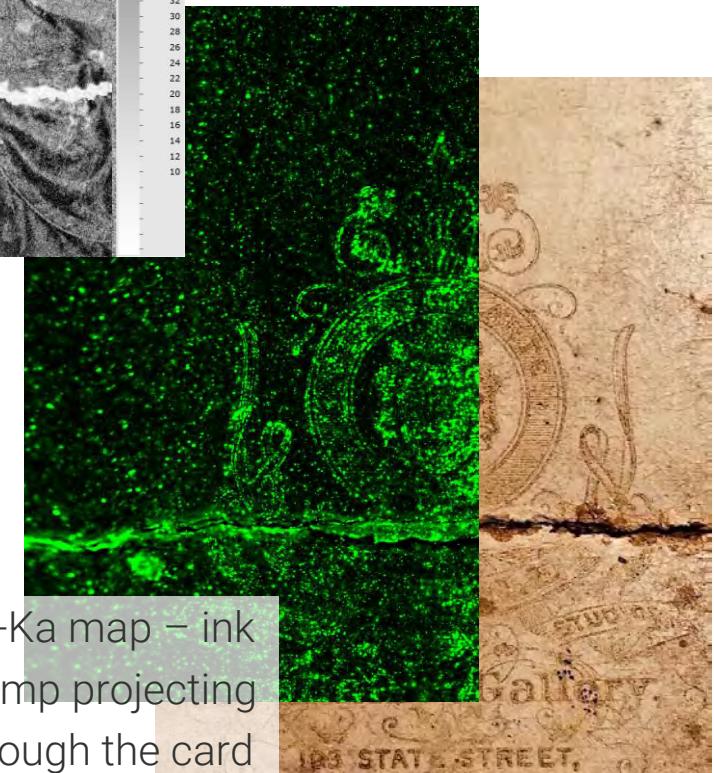
- Recovery of fine elemental detail



Optical image of late 1800's  
B&W print on card



Ag-La element map  
(gradient inverted) to  
show "positive" image



Cu-Ka map – ink  
stamp projecting  
through the card

# Study of historic photography Elemental analysis by micro-XRF

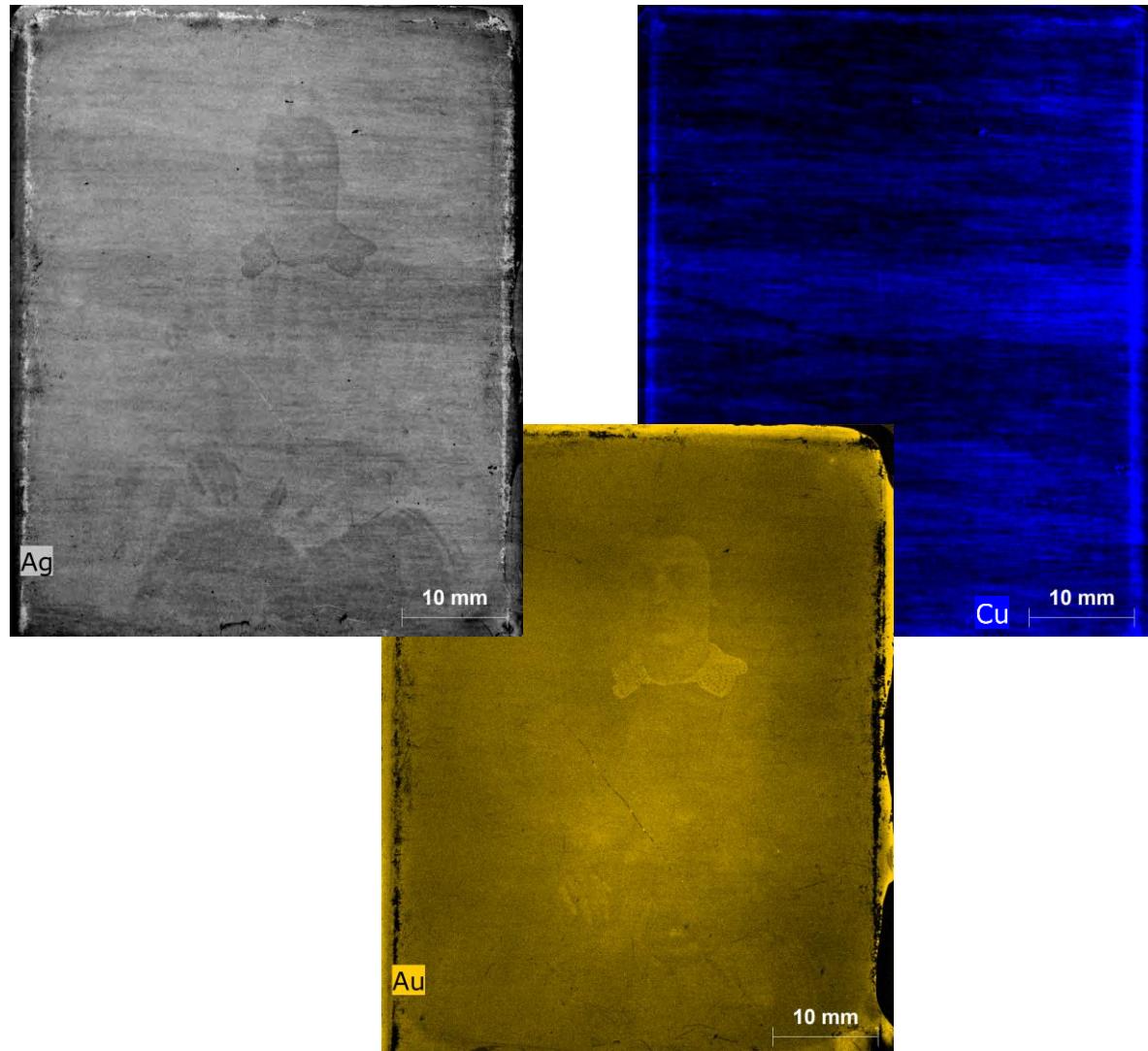
- Recovering images from a damaged daguerreotype



Optical image of a 1/9 plate daguerreotype photo that is mildly scratched and tarnished

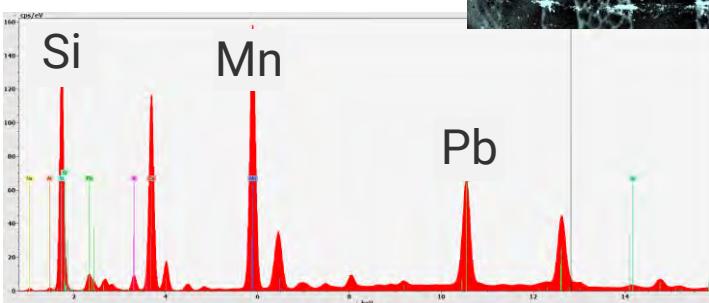


Hg image occurs as a "positive" due to the daguerreotype process, recovering fine detail



# Study of historic photography Elemental analysis by micro-XRF

- Tin-type photograph on a base of Si-Pb-Mn glass



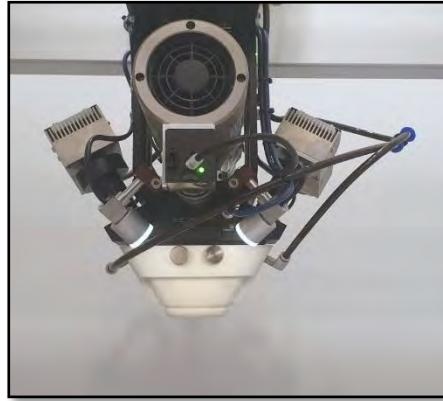
Si-map appears as a "negative" due to shielding by the Ag that defines the image



The photograph was retouched with Au-paint to "create" jewelry, which is lacking in the original image

## Novelties – M6 JETSTREAM : Double Detector

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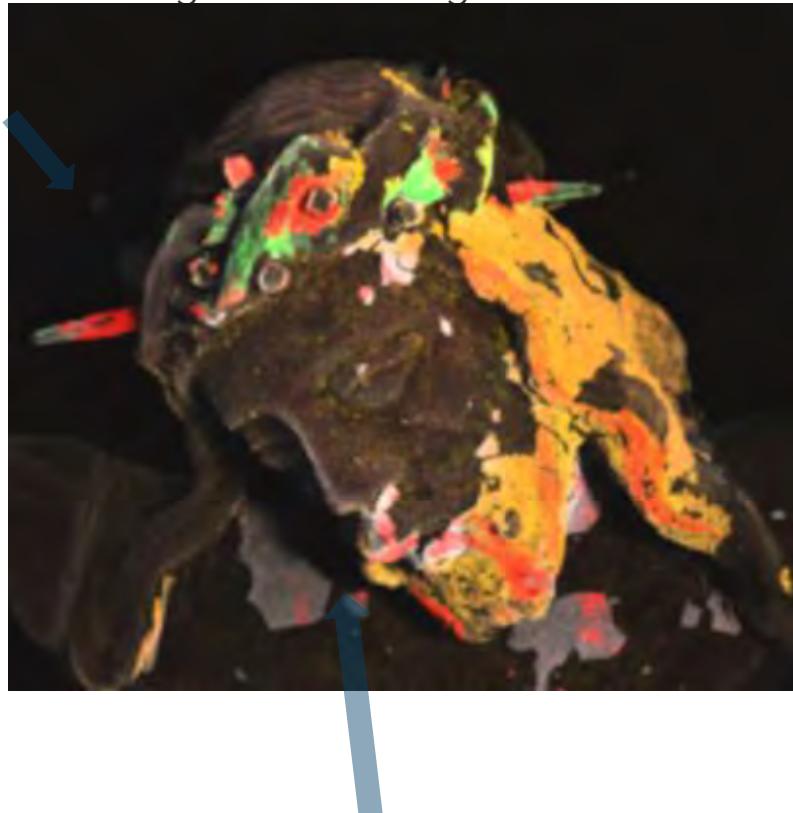
Using 2x 60 mm<sup>2</sup> SDDs results in a significant improvement of signal acquisition

- The Geometry reduces the “shadow” effect
- The dual-detector setup with independent signal processing units allows for maximizing the detectable counts while retaining good spectroscopic resolution and low dead times

More signal per time → faster scanning and/or better signal to noise ratio and lower sample dose → passive improvement without increasing sample irradiation

## Novelties – M6 JETSTREAM : Double Detector

Single detector  
“looking” from the right

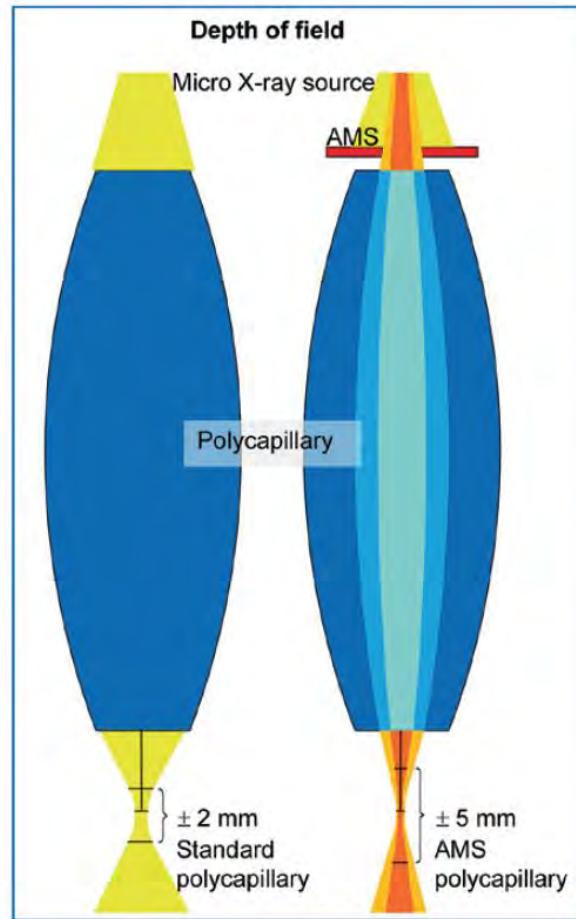


Double detector  
“looking” from both sides



Detection “shadow”

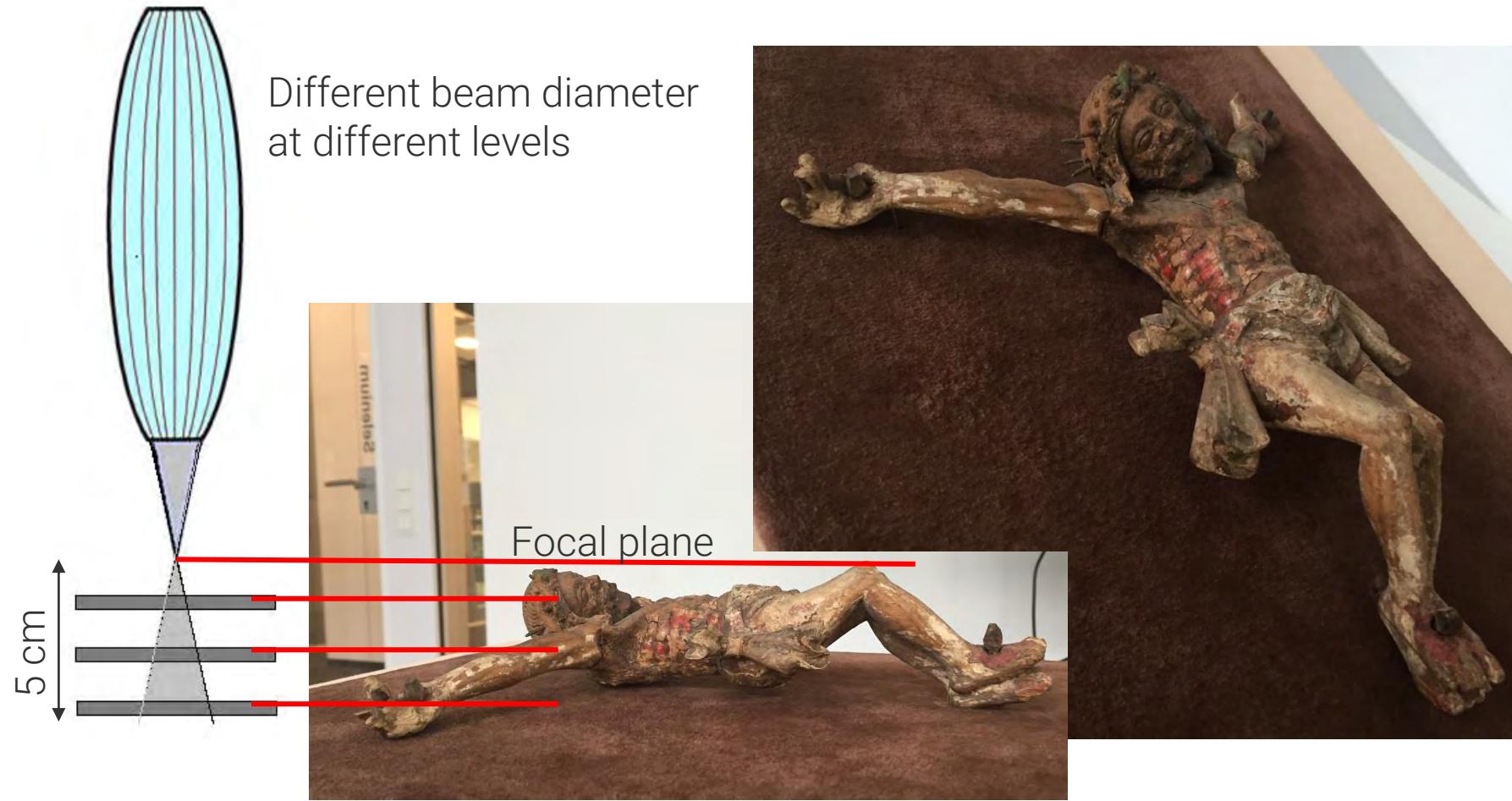
# Novelties – M6 JETSTREAM : Aperture Management System



The AMS enables:

- A narrower beam
  - ➔ To keep things in focus, even below and above the analytical distance
- A longer working distance
  - ➔ Less chance of collisions
  - ➔ So variations in sample height are not critical
- Smaller spots for light elements
  - ➔ So lighter elements are resolved better

# Novelties – M6 JETSTREAM : Aperture Management System



## Novelties – M6 JETSTREAM : Aperture Management System

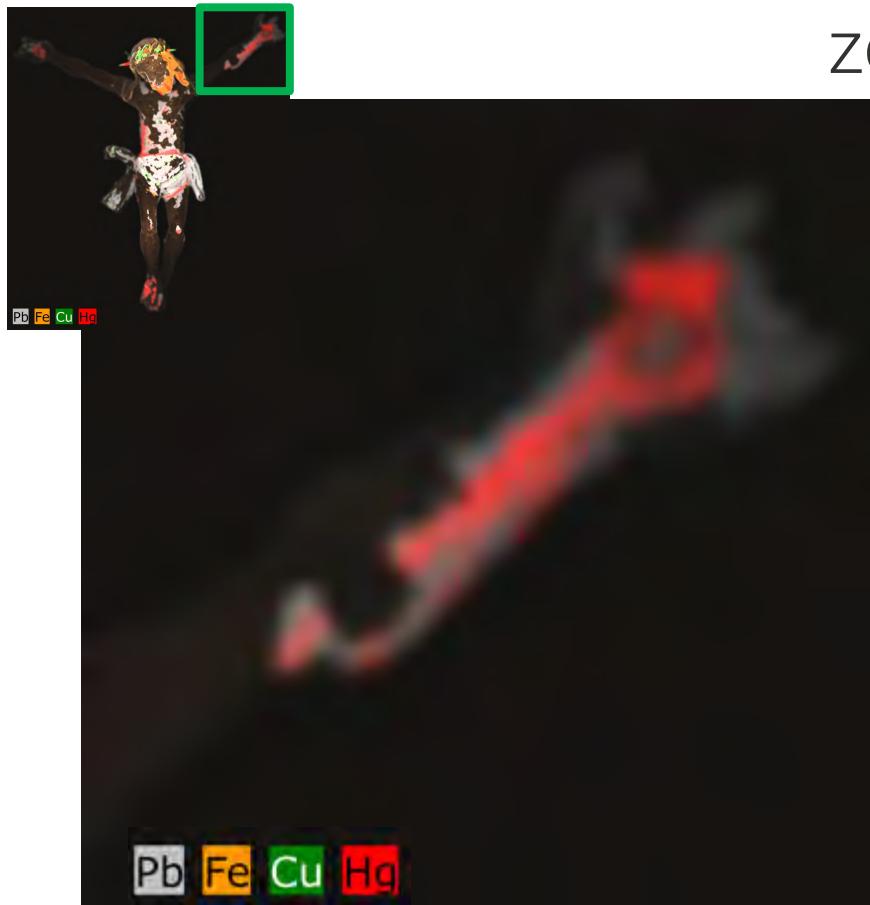


Standard setting



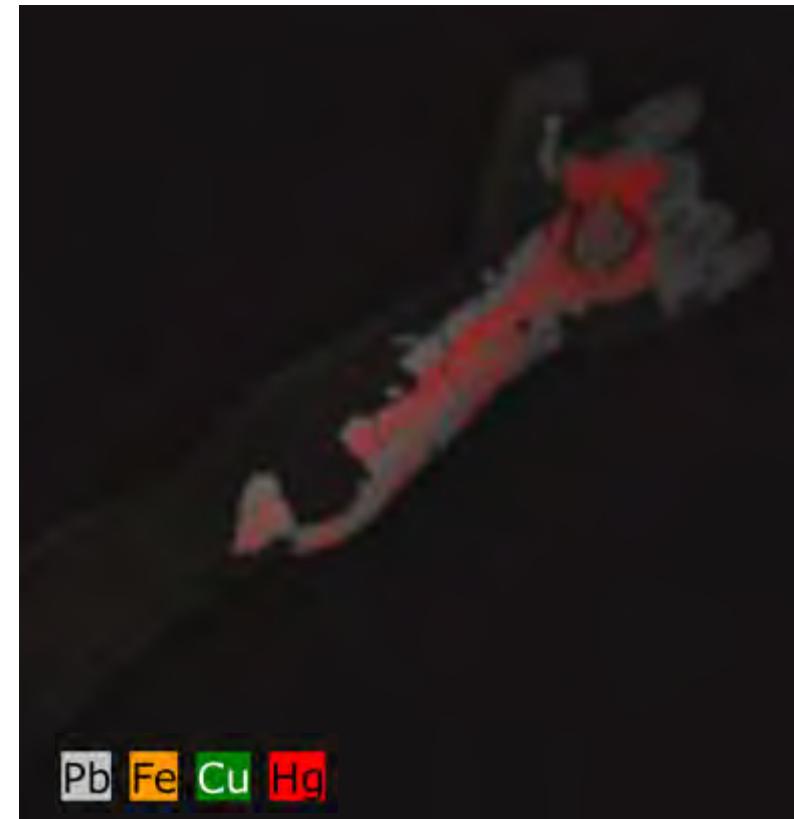
AMS 500  $\mu\text{m}$

# Novelties – M6 JETSTREAM : Aperture Management System



Standard setting

zoom



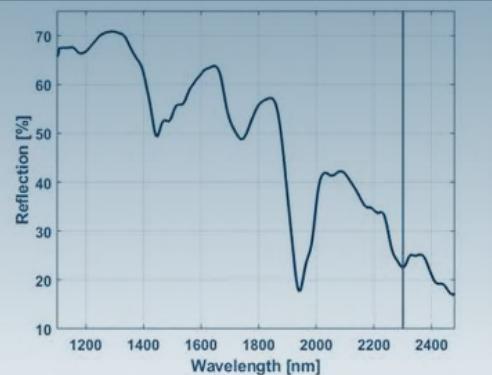
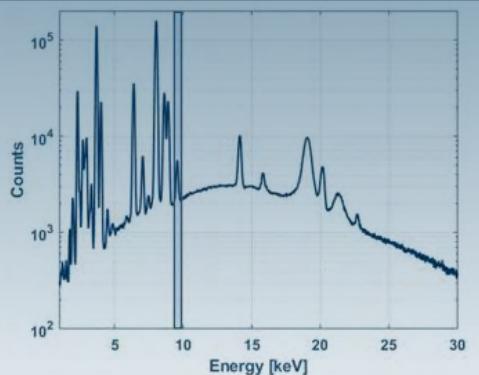
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BNA XGC

# Novità dai nostri laboratori R&D: combinando la tecnica XRF con tecniche di analisi complementari

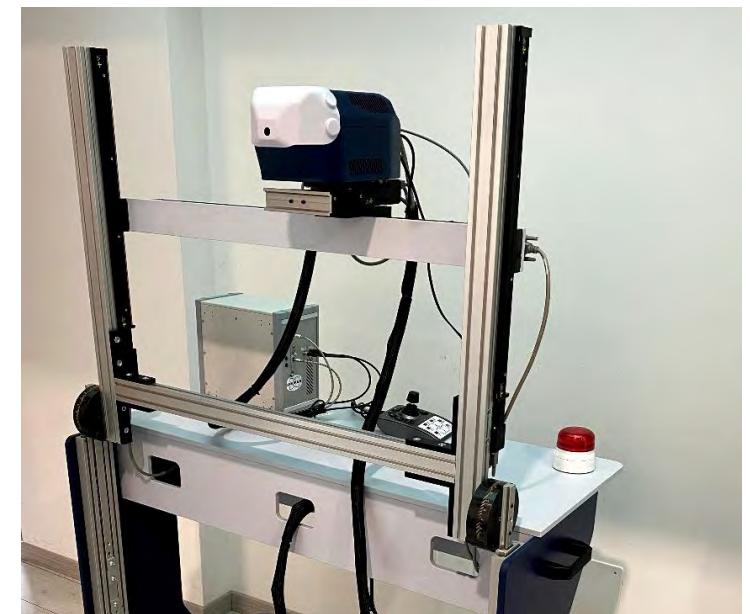
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# BRUKER Engineering Specials for Art & Conservation

- XRF is a widely adopted technique in Art & Conservation studies, but the data obtained with XRF are often completed by other techniques:



Towards a more comprehensive analysis: XRF combined with complementary techniques

# HYDRA – Portable XRF-XRD

HYDRA Detection head



Vertical Mounting on Tripod



0°-90° Tilt for Horizontal setups

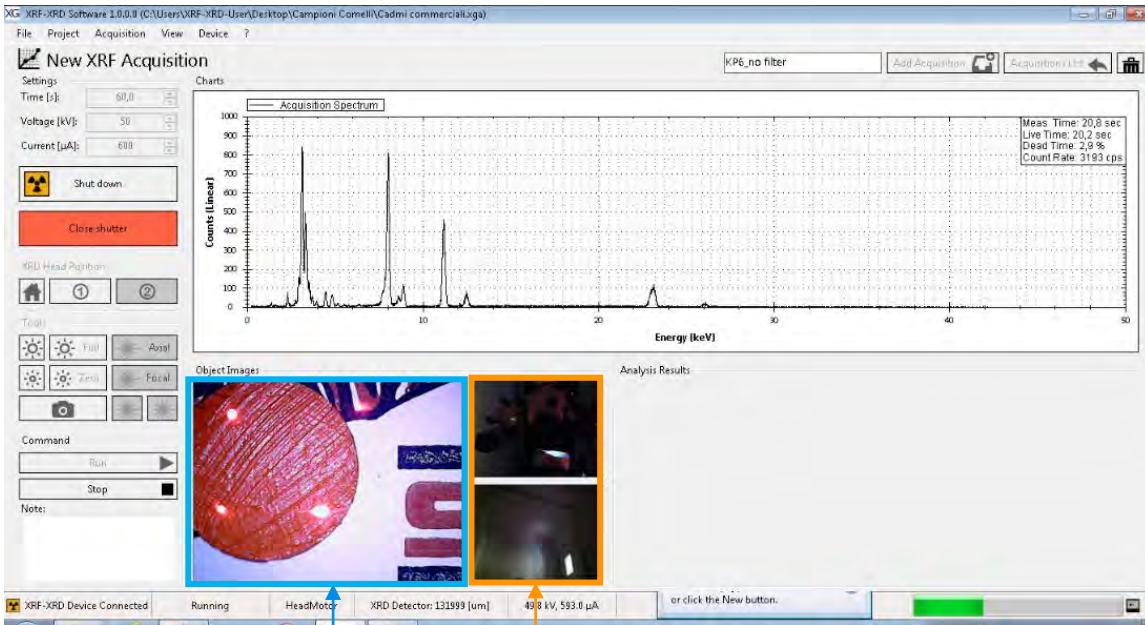


- X-ray Tube: 30W, 10-50kV (Cu anode)
- XRF detection: SDD with < 135 eV FWHM@Mn K $\alpha$
- XRD detection: 2D Photon Counting detector, 20°-55° in 2 $\theta$

# HYDRA – Portable XRF-XRD

- HYDRA Acquisition Software overview

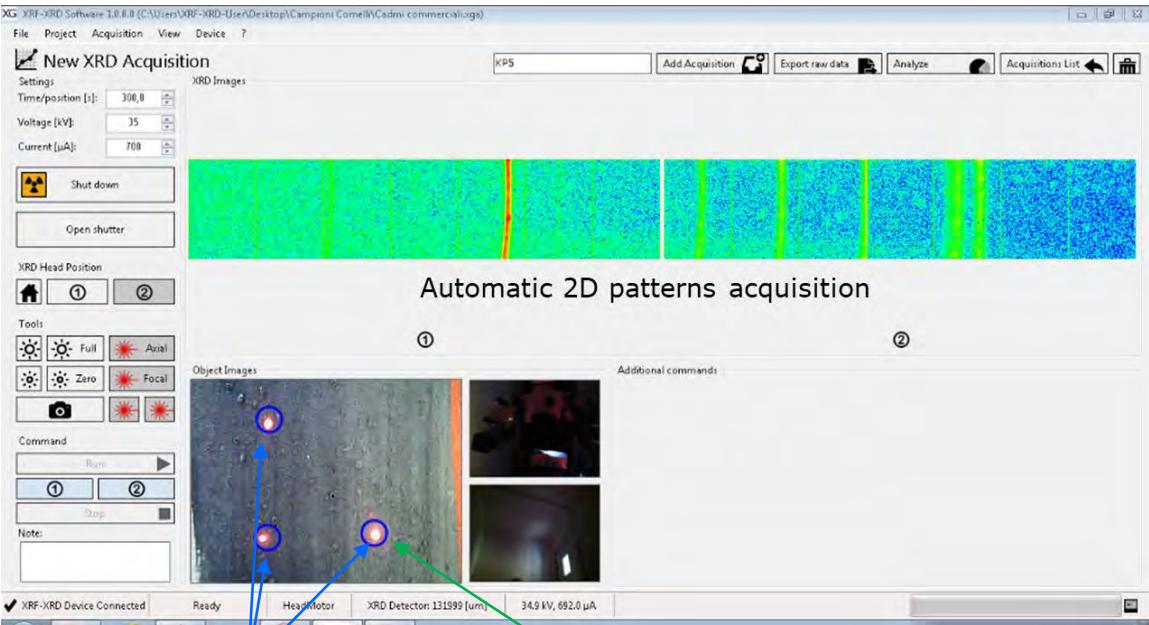
**XRF Acquisition Panel**



Live microscope camera on area of analysis

Possibility to add up to 2 external cameras

**XRD Acquisition Panel**

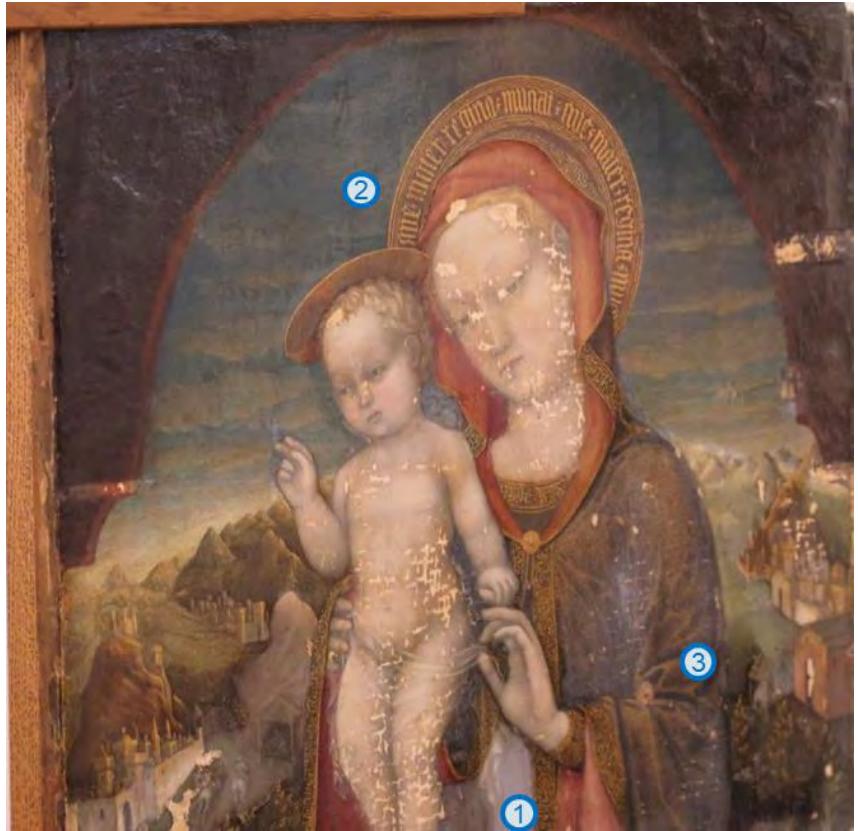


Automatic 2D patterns acquisition

Alignment and focusing system based 4 LASERS

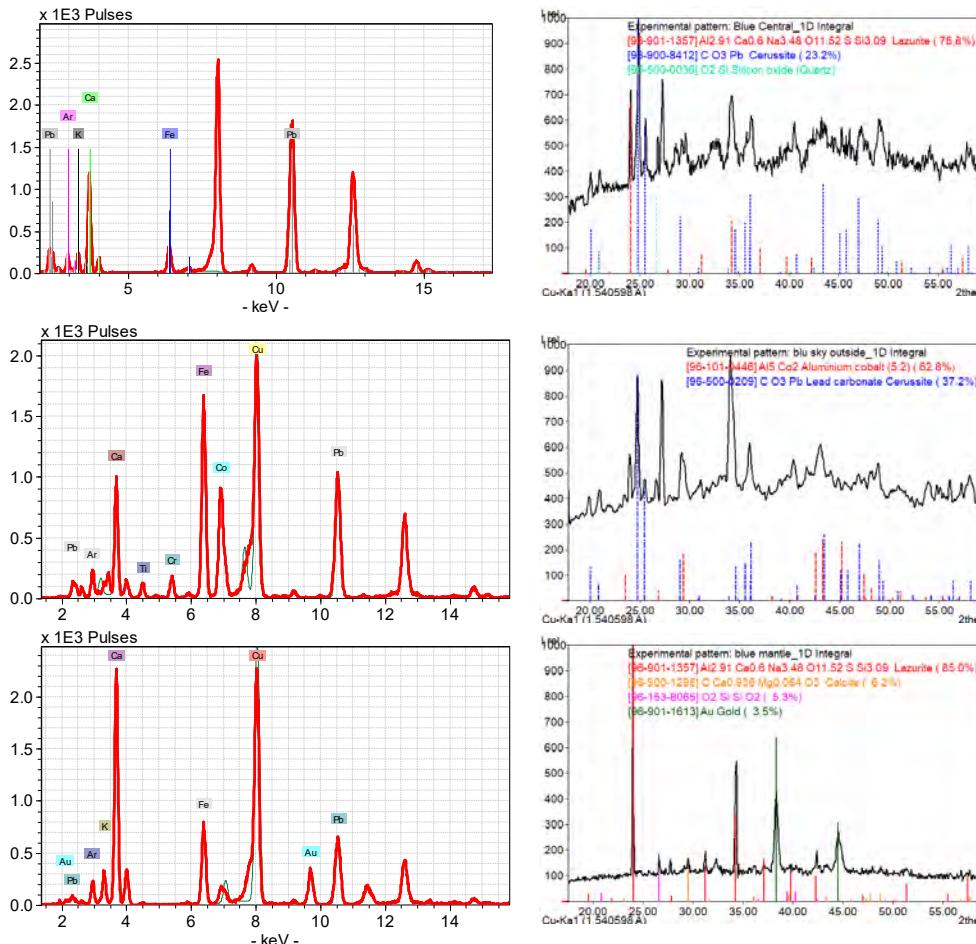
Point of analysis

# HYDRA – Portable XRF-XRD



Measurements on “Madonna dell’Umiltà adorata da un principe della casata estense”, Jacopo Bellini, Louvre, Parigi

Courtesy of C2RMF



## Point 1:

- Lazurite
- Cerussite
- Quartz

## Point 2:

- Aluminum cobalt
- Cerussite

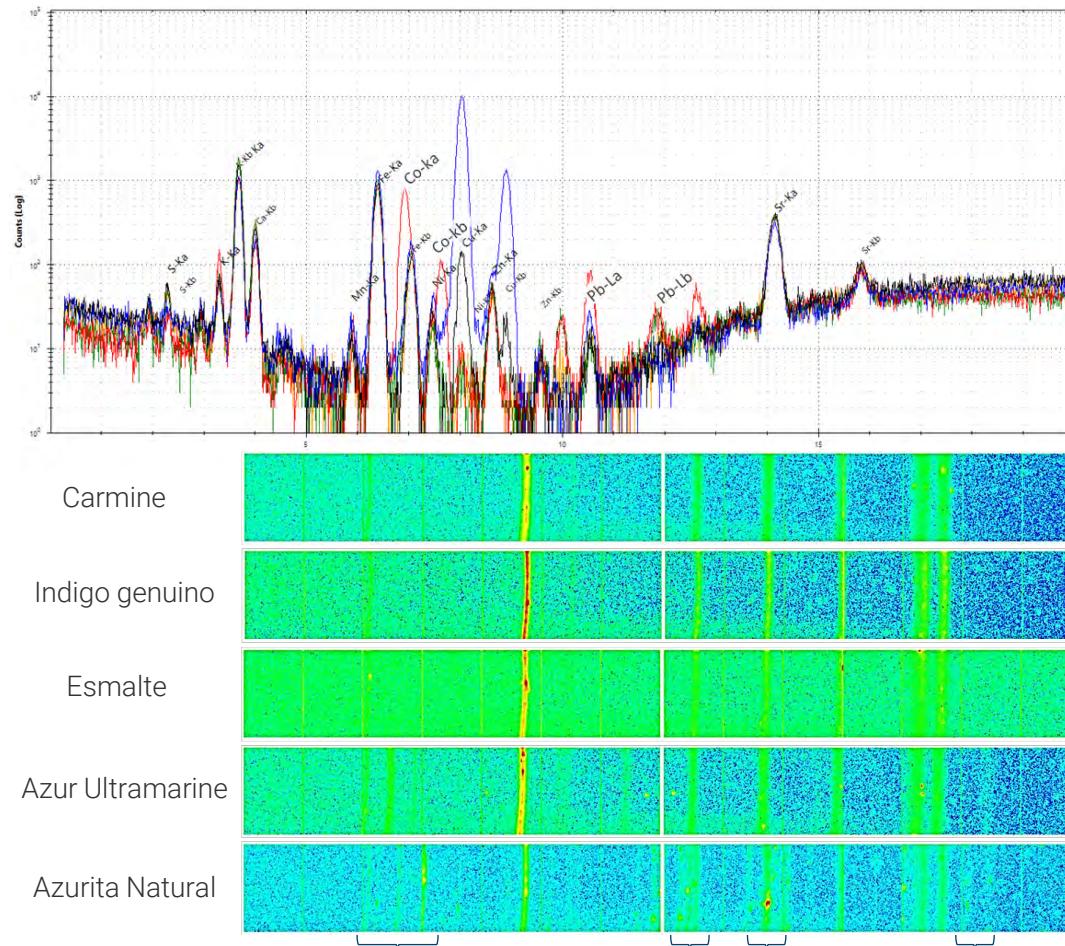
## Point 3:

- Lazurite
- Calcite
- Gold

# HYDRA – Portable XRF-XRD



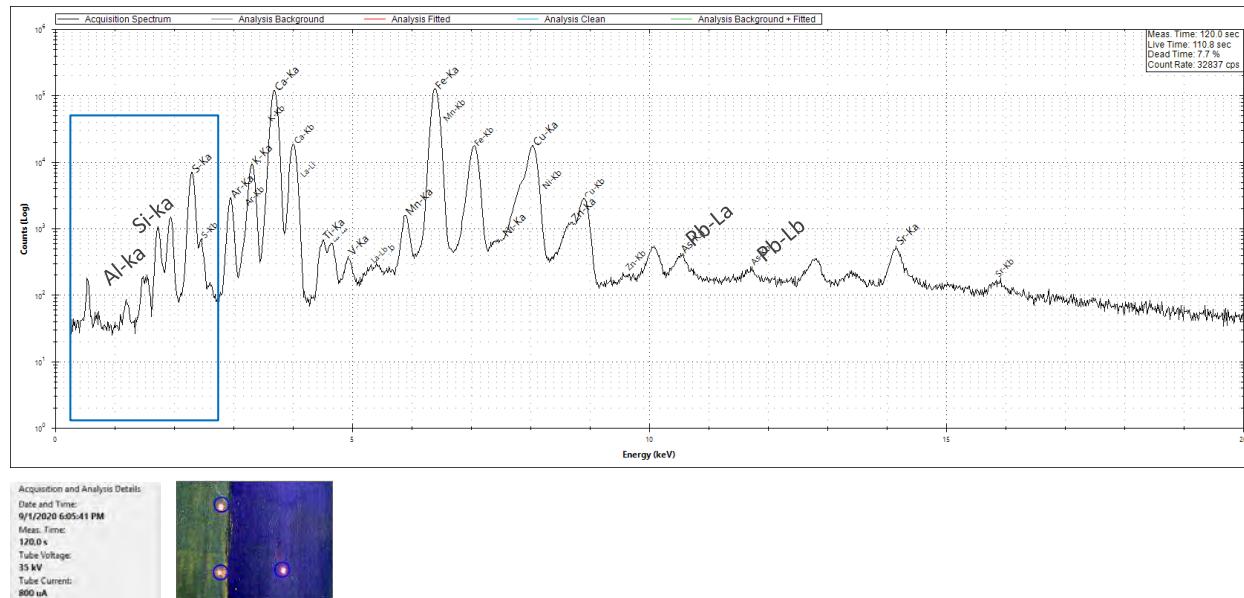
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- Comparison of different pigment XRF spectra
- Identification of preparation layers
- Comparison of 2D diffractograms for different acquisitions
- Identification of common and different diffraction patterns

# HYDRA – Portable XRF-XRD

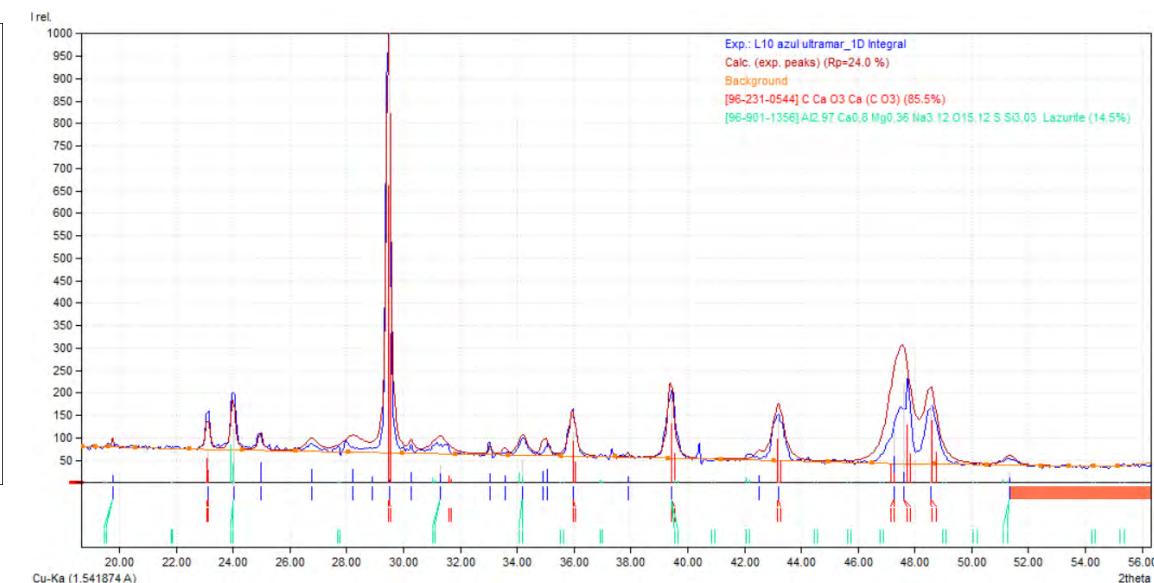
- The case of ultramarine blue



Thanks to the selectable filtering options, Hydra has outstanding performances at low energies (<2keV) in air.

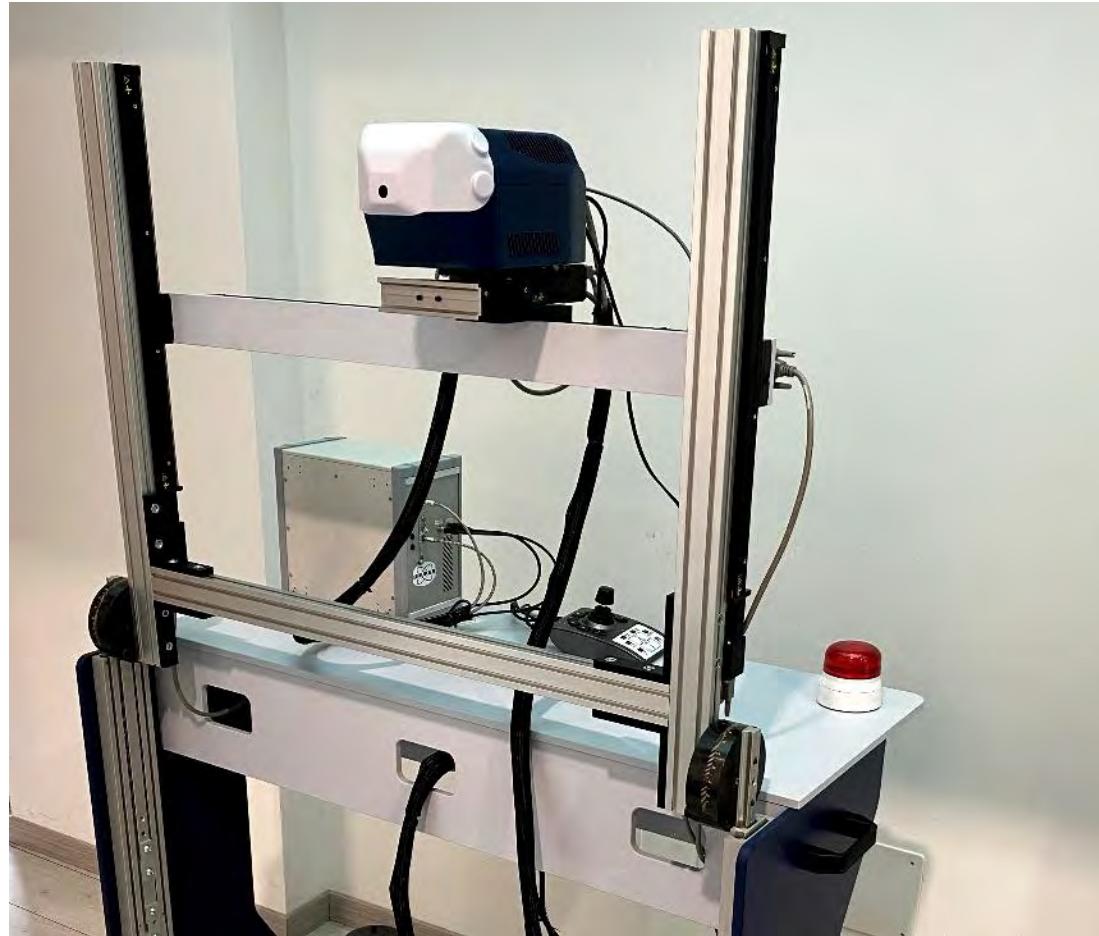
Aluminum [Al-ka] and Silicon [Si-ka] were successfully detected.

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By setting the constraints on the presence of Aluminum, Silicon and Sulfur first and on the presence of Calcium after, it was possible to identify the presence of Calcite and Lazurite (used typically for ultramarine blue)

# IRIS – XRF/VIS-NIR-SWIR HYPERSPECTRAL SCANNER



Instrument developed under the project "MOBARTECH", co-financed by Regione Lombardia  
(POR FESR 2014 – 2020)4

## XRF

- Excitation: compact tube (10W, 50kV)
- Detection: SDD 50mm<sup>2</sup>, from **Na** to **U** (with optional He flux)

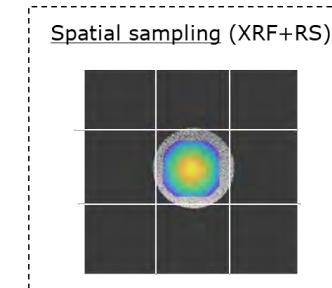
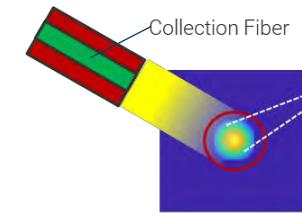
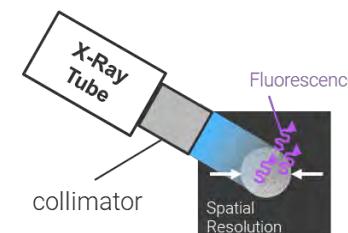
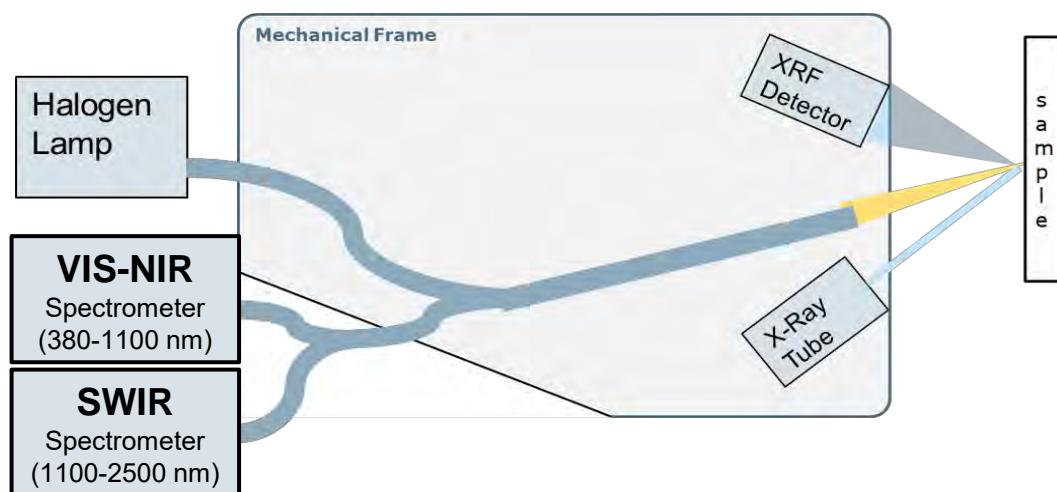
## Reflectance Spectroscopy

- Excitation: Halogen Lamp
- Detection: two spectrometers covering 380 nm to 2500 nm



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- XRF and Reflectance Spectroscopy excitation and detection are integrated in a compact detection head:

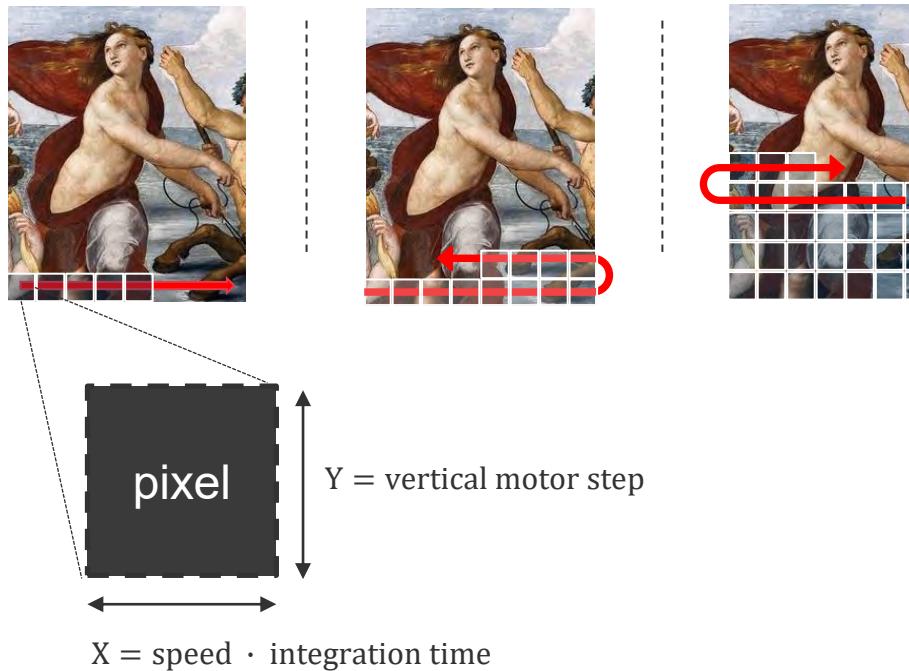


- X-ray fluorescence optimal geometrical setup
- Coaxial VIS-NIR-SWIR excitation and detection
- Perfectly registered XRF and RS spot of analysis

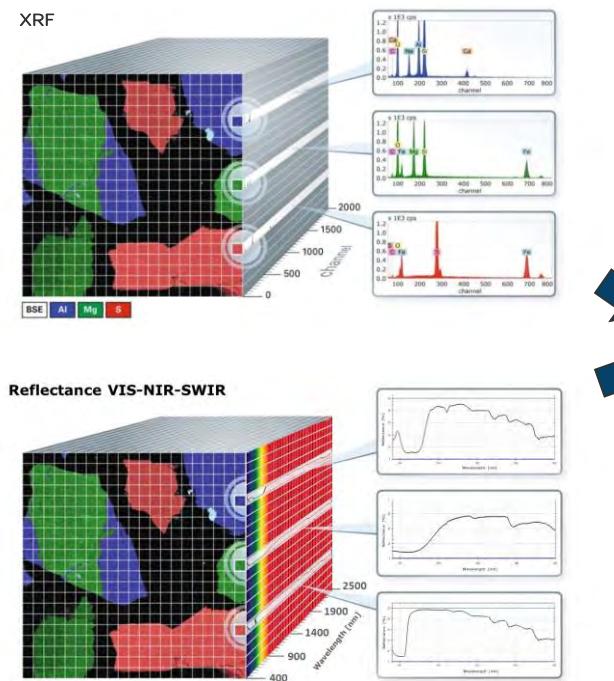
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- Hyperspectral scanning and data output:

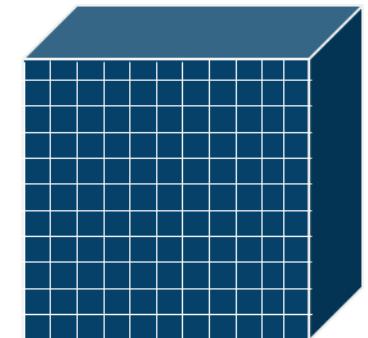
*Whisk broom scanning*



*Data output*



*Hyperspectral Data Cube*

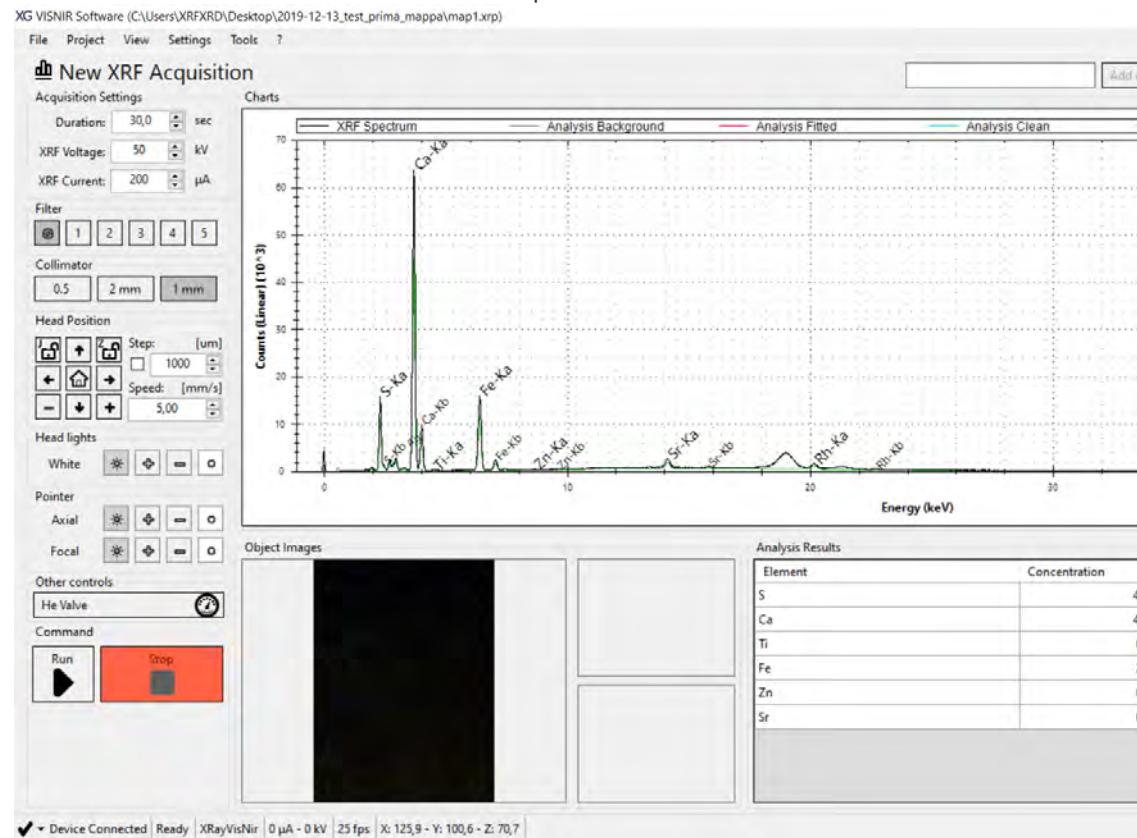


XRF+VIS-NIR+SWIR consistent information for each pixel

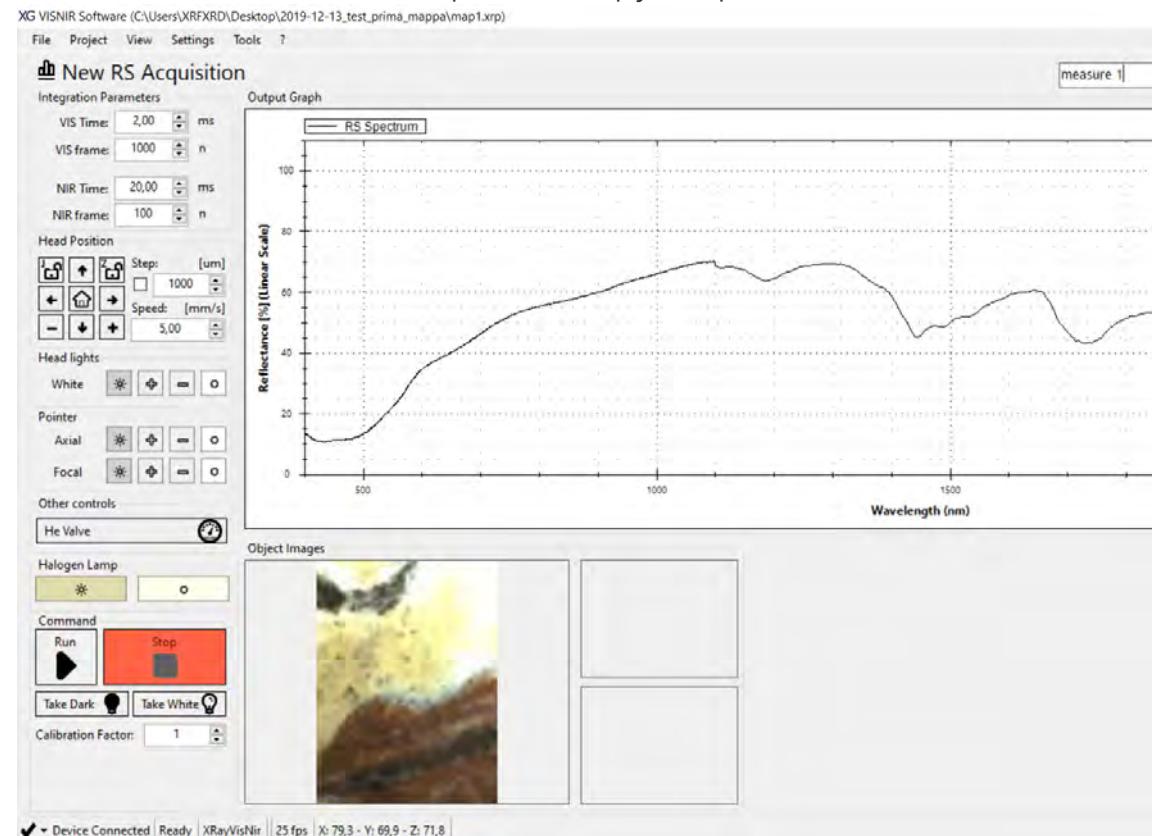
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- IRIS Acquisition Software overview

XRF Acquisition Panel

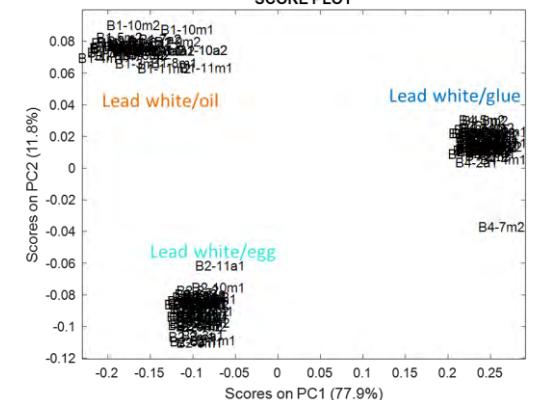
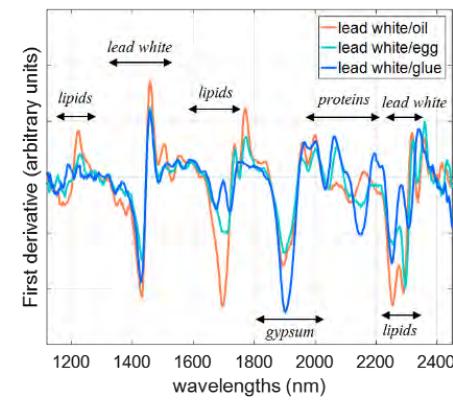
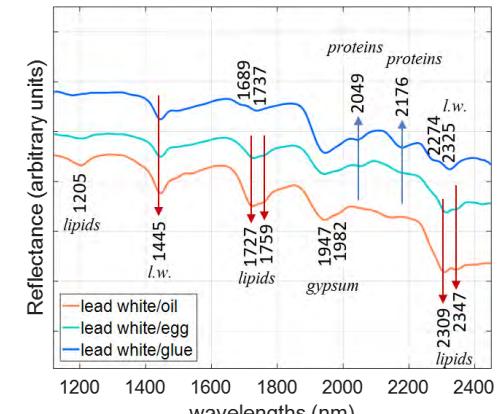
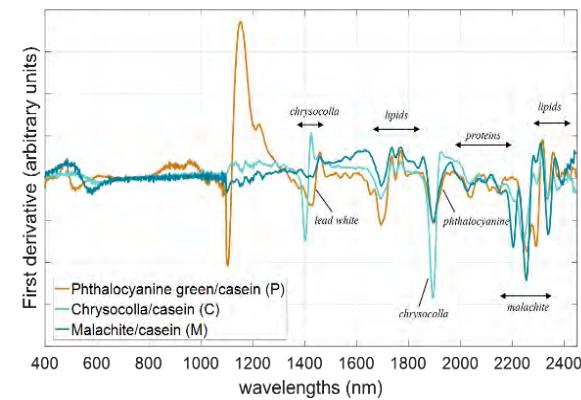
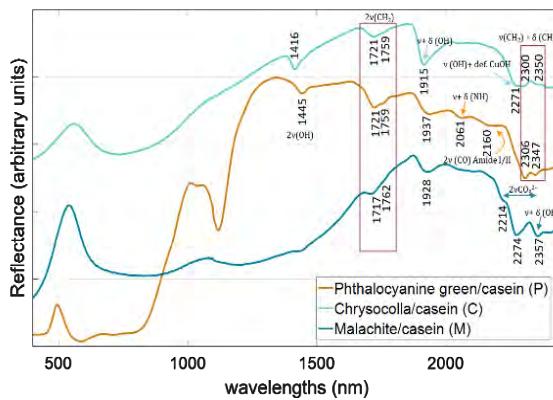
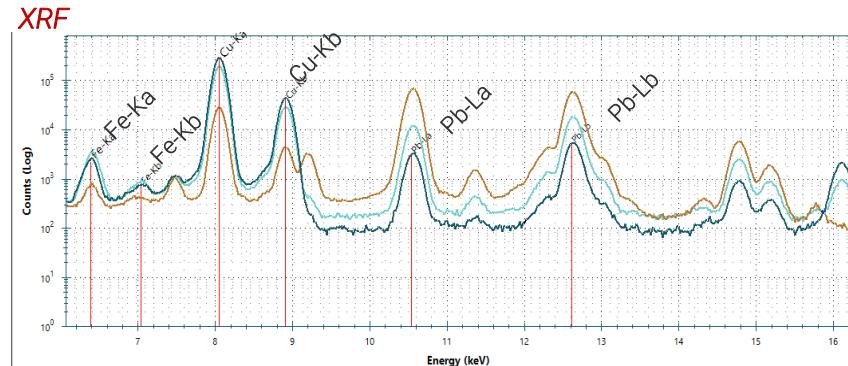
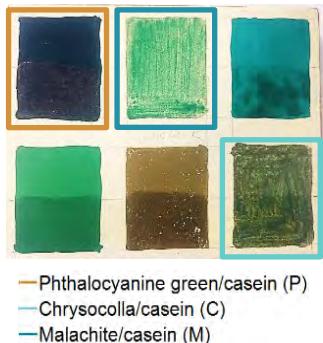


Reflectance Spectroscopy Acquisition Panel

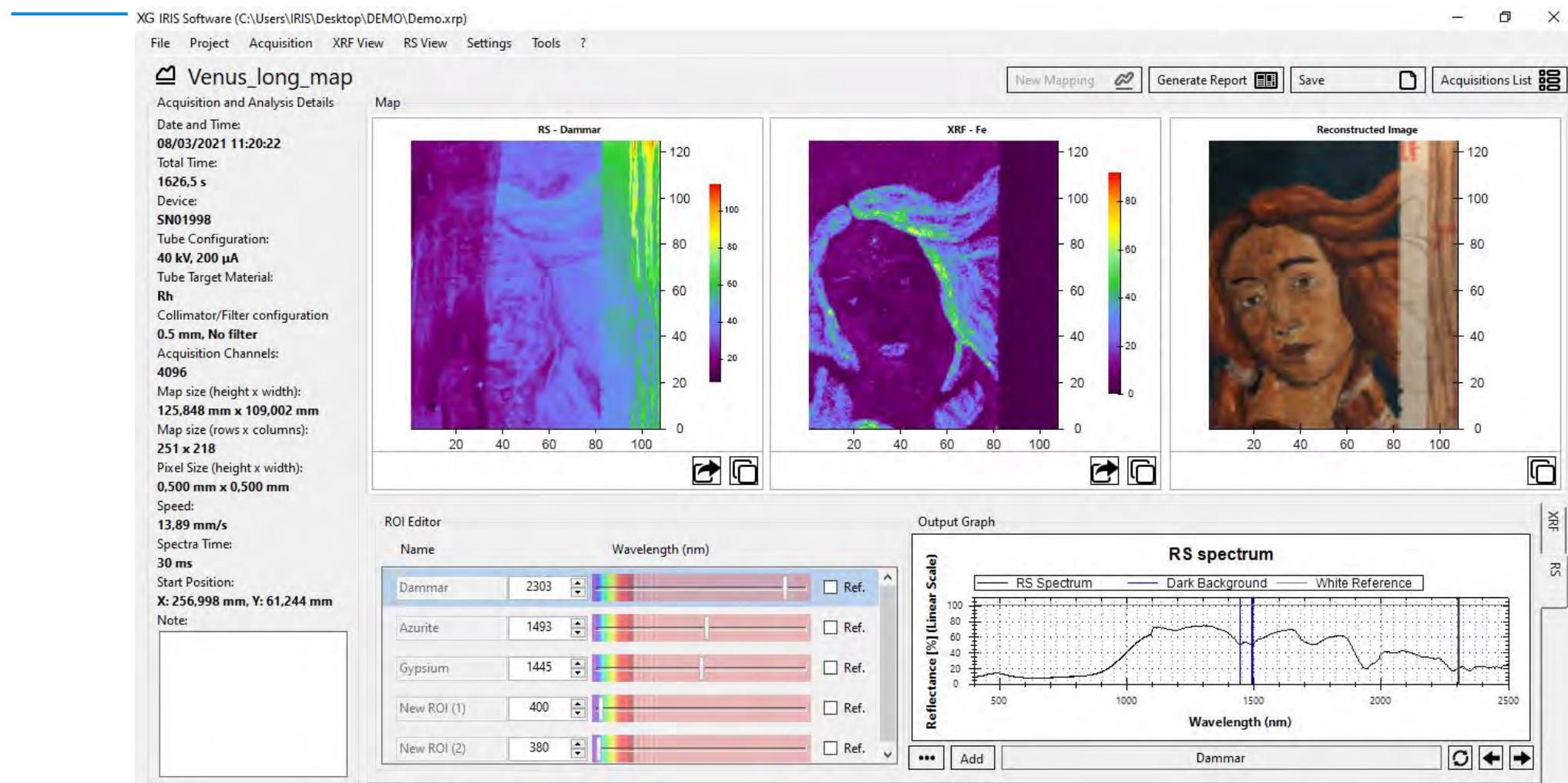


# **IRIS – XRF/VIS-NIR-SWIR HYPER SPECTRAL SCANNER**

- Examples of elaboration and analysis enabled by the VIS-NIR-SWIR acquisition

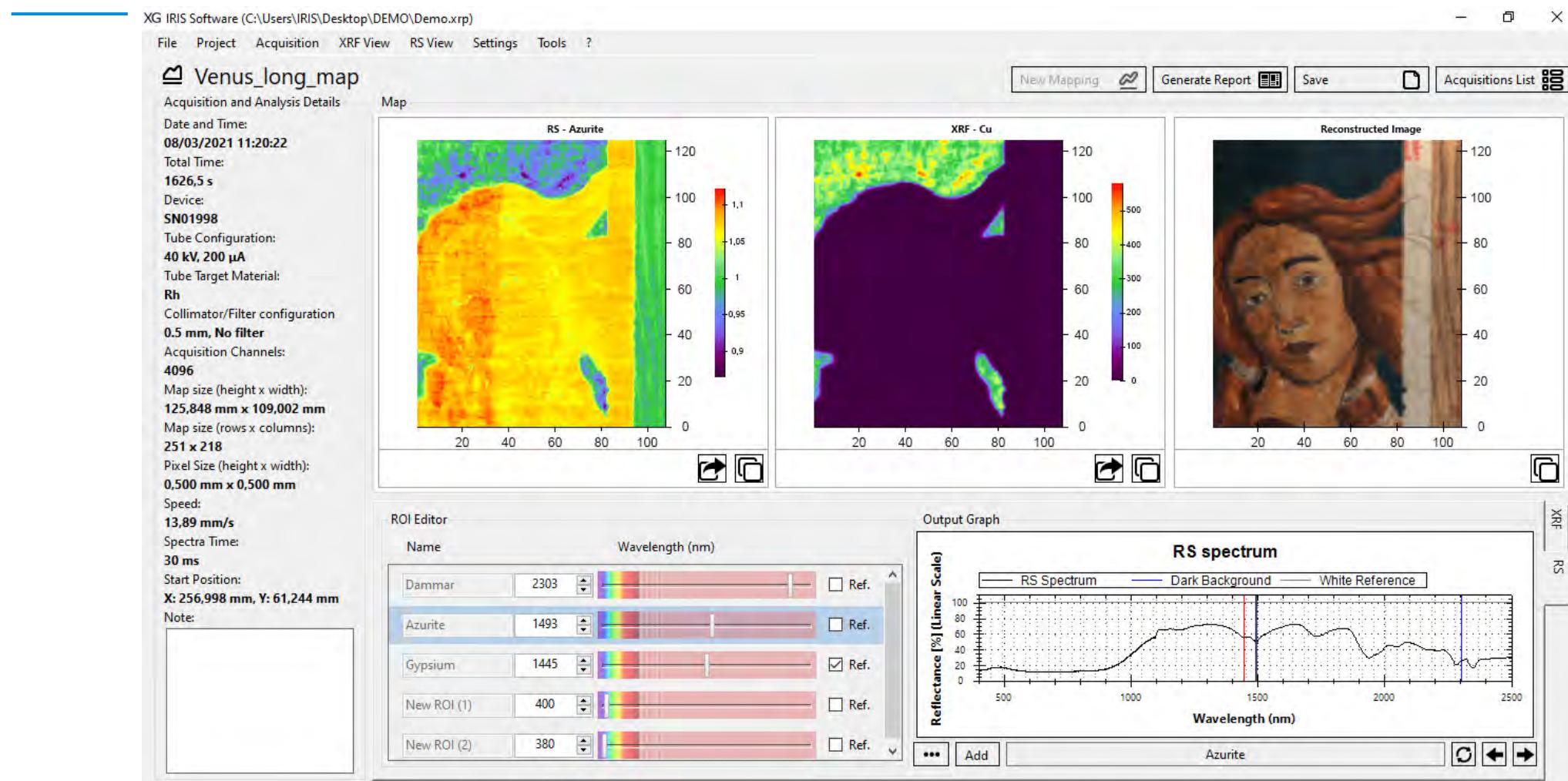


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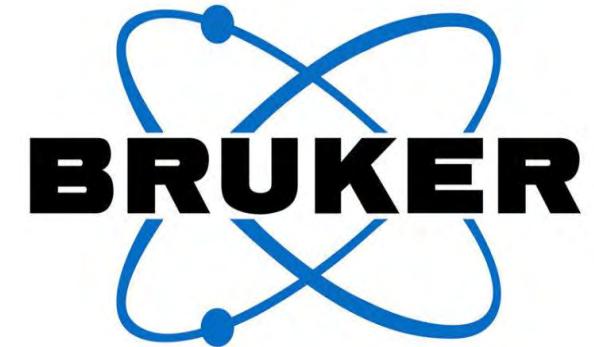


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WEBINAR



# Strumentazione portatile e archeologia da campo sfide tecniche e prospettive di ricerca

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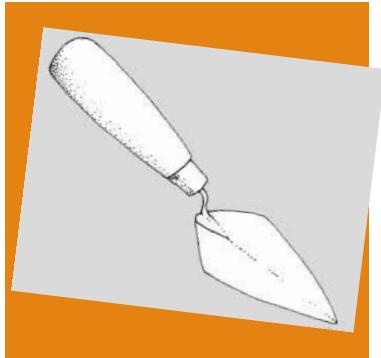
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# LAD-Laboratorio di Archeometria e Diagnostica

- Sviluppo di protocolli non distruttivi per l'analisi in situ e in laboratorio
- Raccolta e condivisione di reference data
- Data sharing, repositories e open data archeometrici





# Attività e ricerche archeologiche sul campo

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Italia, Francia, Grecia,  
Turchia, Egitto, Iran,  
Oman

# La rivoluzione dell'archeometria da campo

VERSO UN CAMBIO DI  
PARADIGMA?

Material biographies  
come  
indicatori ambientali,  
sociali e tecnologici





**'The apparent  
“discipline” of  
archaeology thus  
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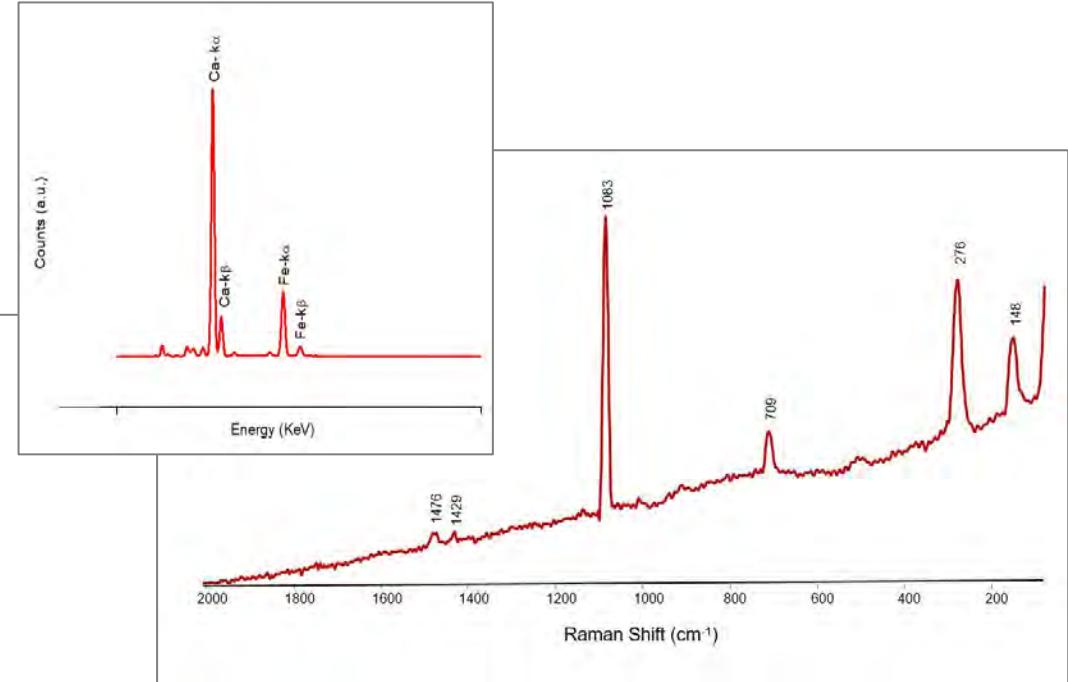
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## Archeometria “da campo”: challenges

Contesti e problematiche:

- posizionamento della strumentazione
- caratteristiche dei target
- condizioni ambientali
- superfici non “pulite”



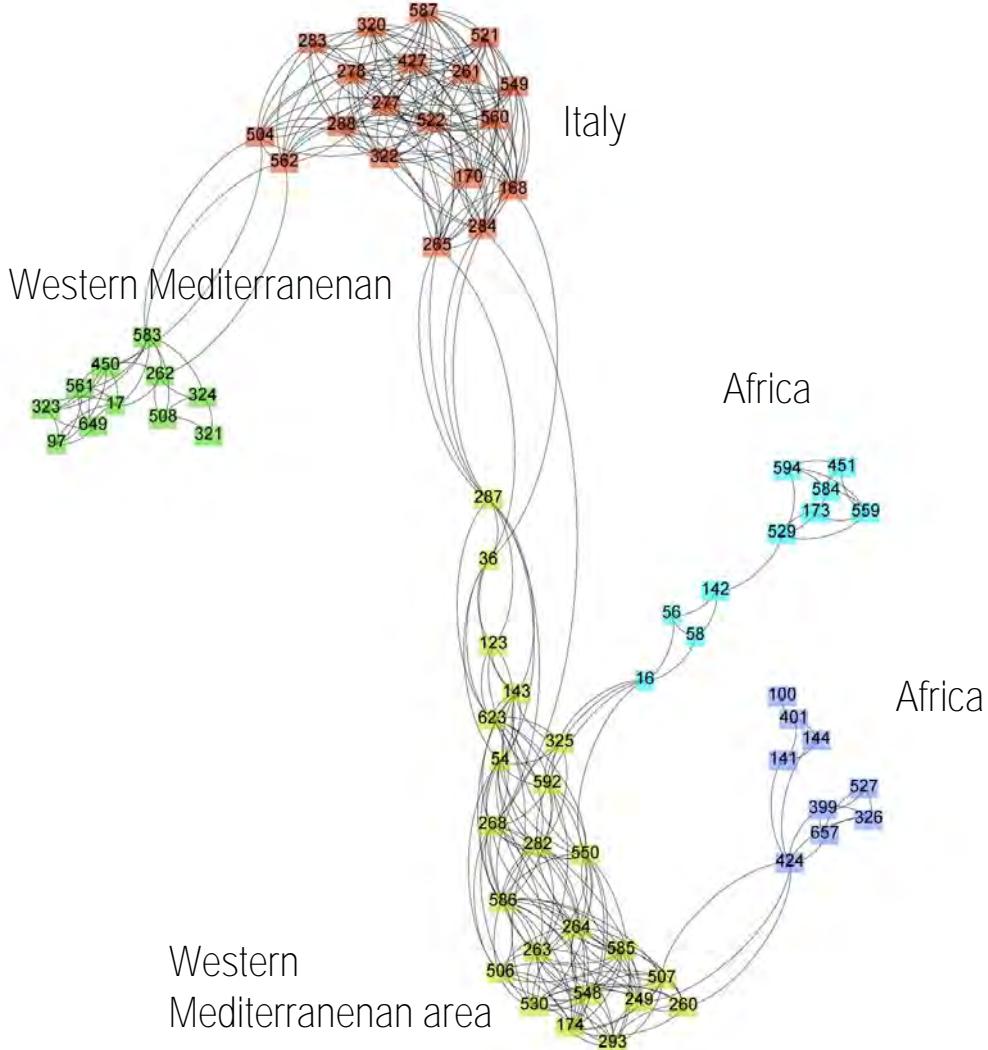
Ricostruzione di cantieri in grandi strutture (Villa Tardo Romana dei Vetti, Capraia-Limite sull'Arno, Firenze)

Provenienza delle materie prime per interpretare rapporti tra maestranze e modelli architettonici



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Murature affrescate frammentarie. ricostruzione del “puzzle” per lettura delle iconografie



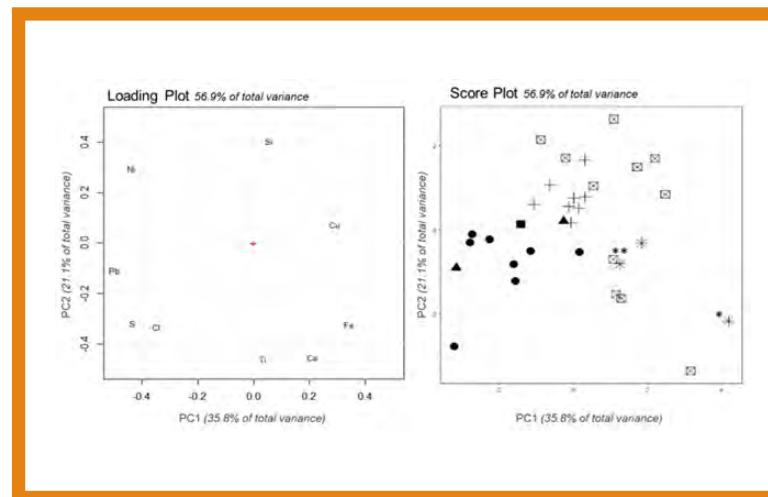
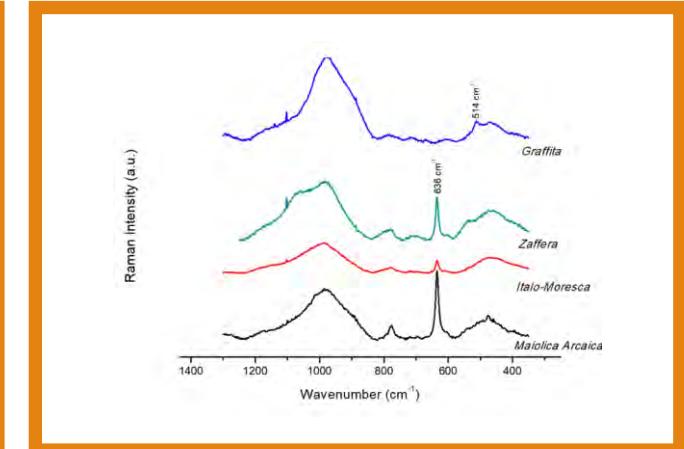
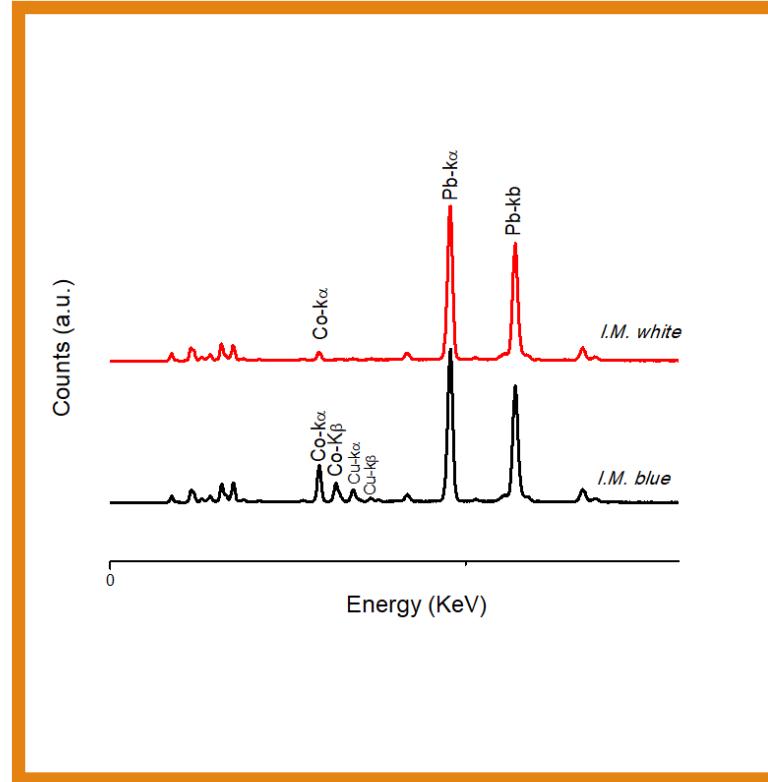
# Classificazione provenienza anfore da trasporto (Acropoli di Volterra)

- screening per classificazione rapida di un gran numero di frammenti
  - 3 misure per campione
  - superficie: pulita, sezione ceramica, no superficie (slips o coatings)
  - analisi qualitativa e metodi statistici: Graph Clustering

Confronto classificazione geochimica e tipologica:  
75.35% attribuzione corretta  
23.3% discrepanze: impasti grossolani, in alcuni casi tempers possono influenzare il dato

## pXRF per classificazione ceramiche archeologiche

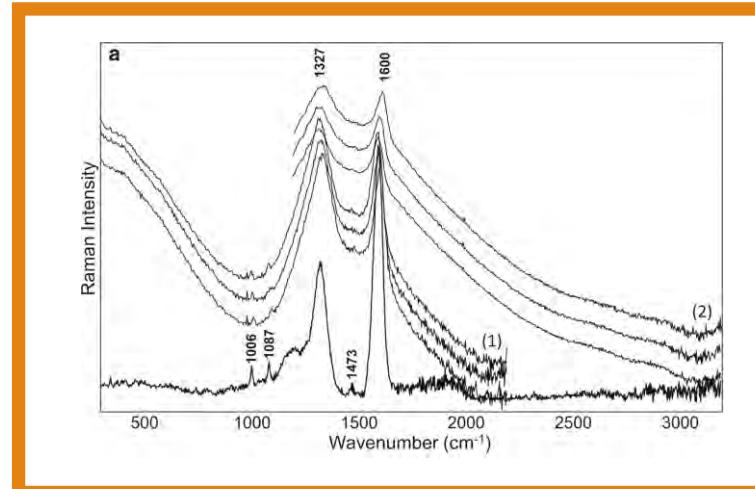
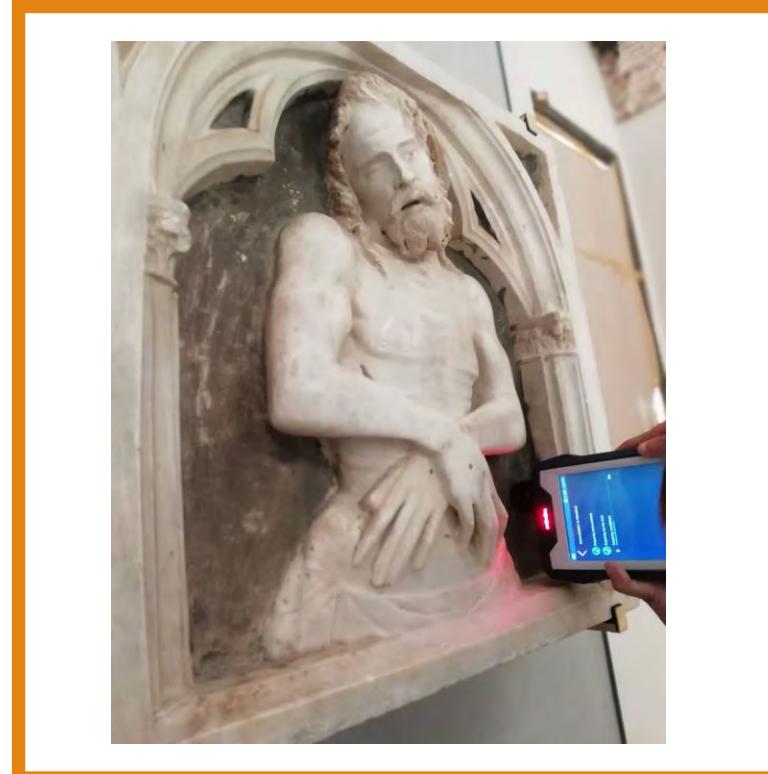
# Classificazione vetrine, smalti e ingobbi da marker tecnologici



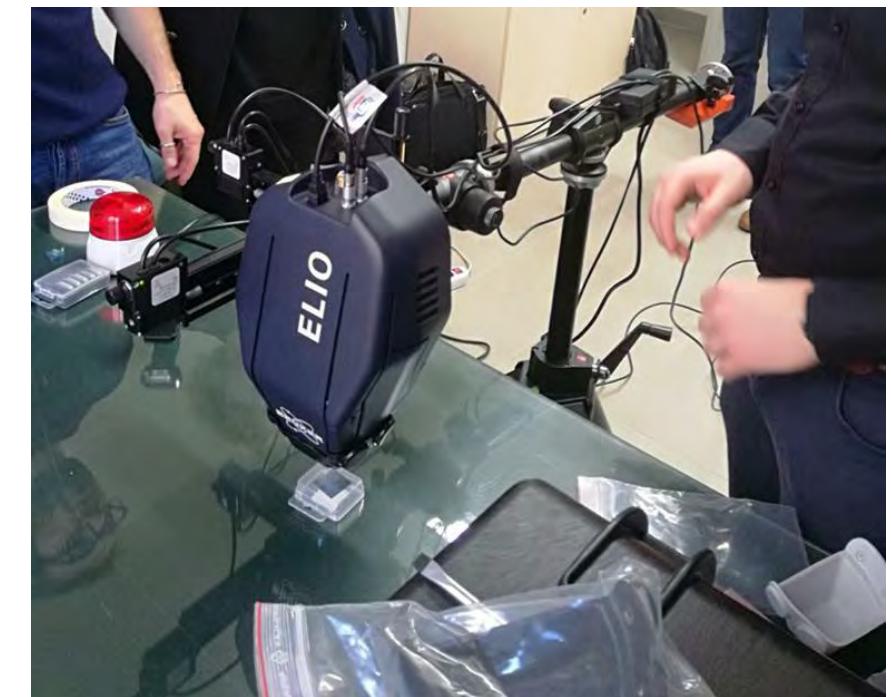
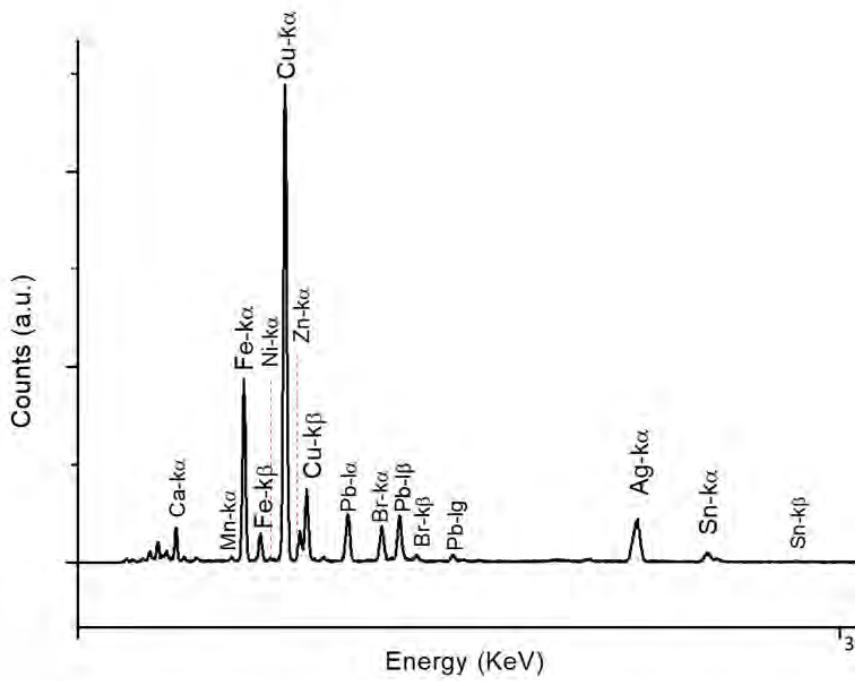
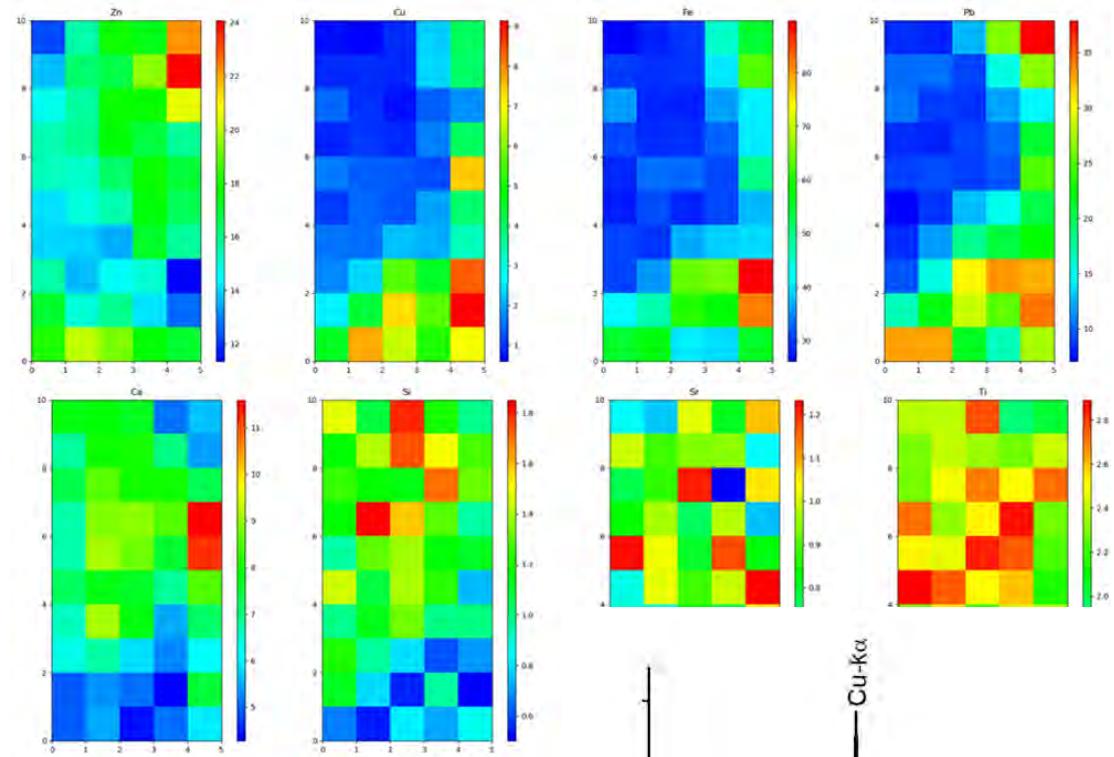
# Tracce pittoriche

Materiali “organici” su substrato inorganico:

- XRF solo risultati su substrato (marmo)
- Raman utile per determinare natura dei pigmenti e eventuali patine/alterazioni
- Nota: The results retrieved from this handheld system should be handled with caution regarding spectral features and matrix details.



# XRF mapping per l'archeologia



# Microchemical mapping su geomateriali eterogenei: protocolli NDT e micro-distruttivi, data fusion

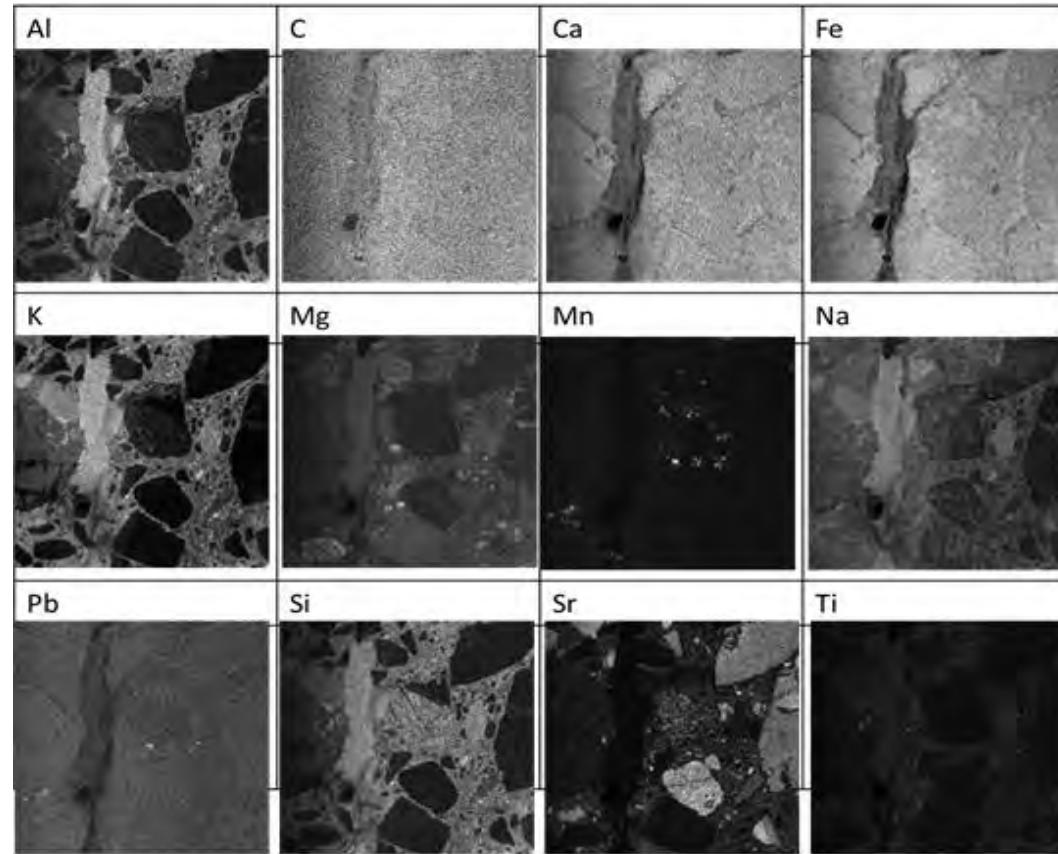
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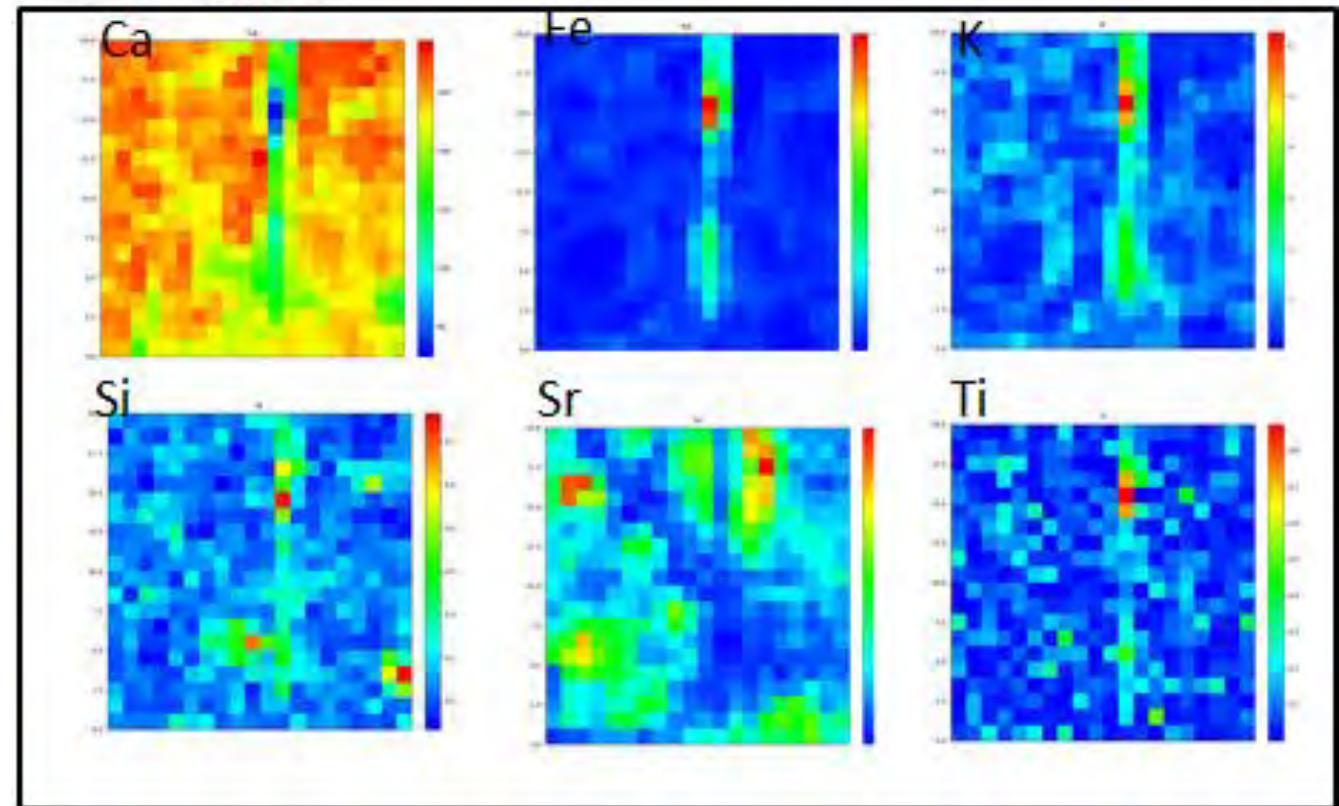
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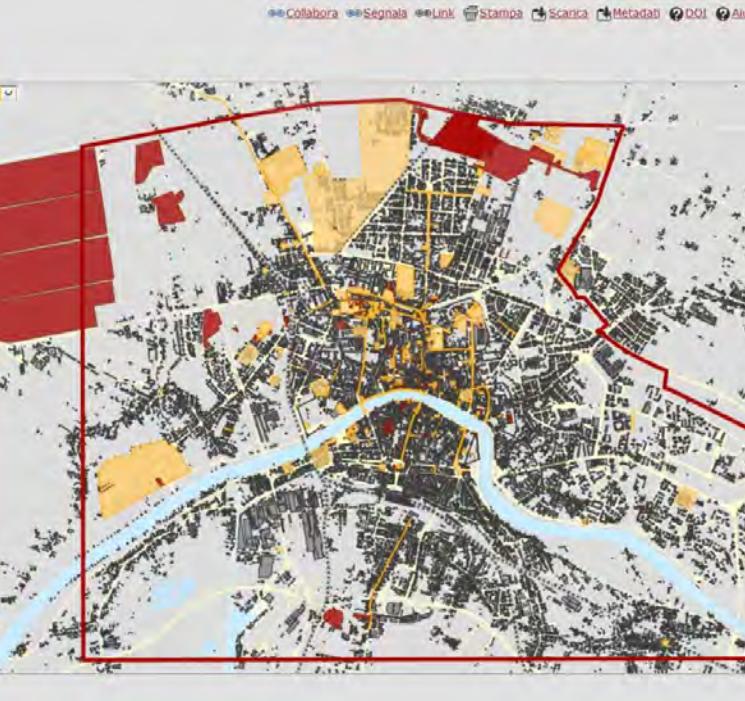
# Mapping XRF e micro-LIBS



micro-LIBS

XRF mapping





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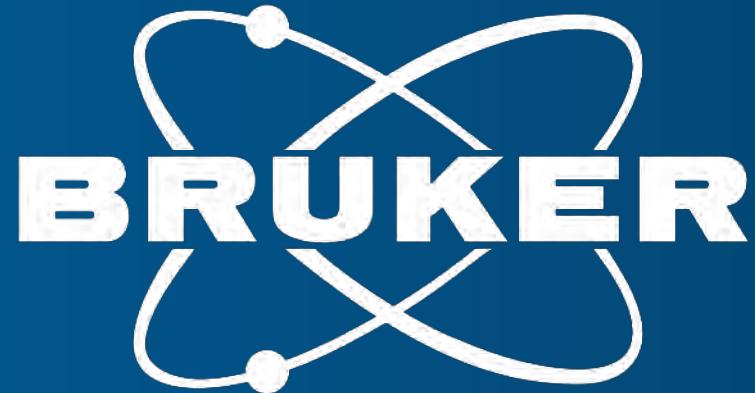
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- BASSO MEDIOEVO (67)**
- ETA' MODERNA (66)**

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