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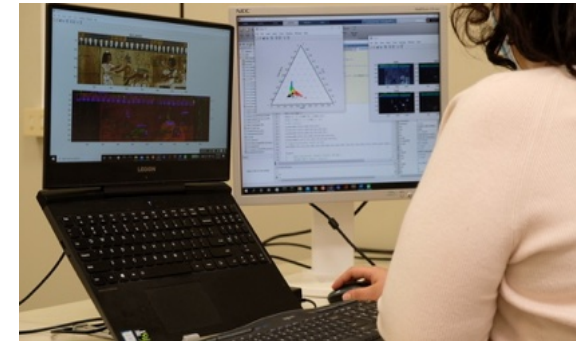
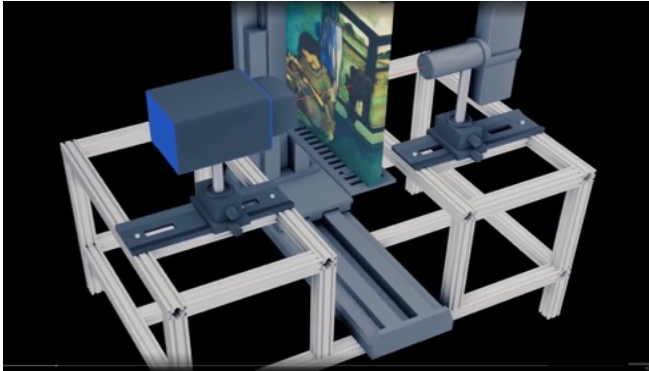


**X-ray science for the
non-invasive
investigation of tangible
cultural heritage**

CLAUDIA CALIRI

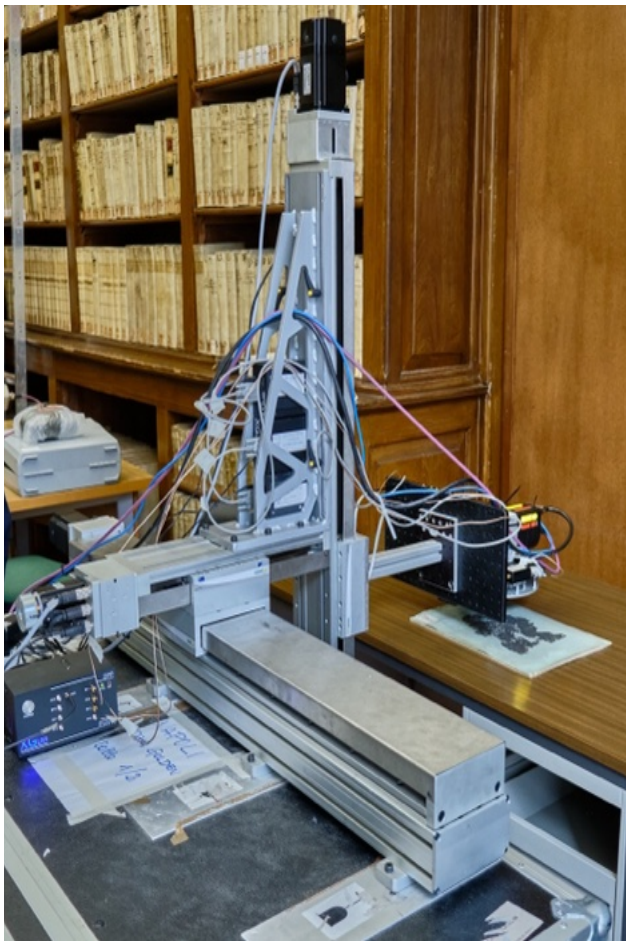
XRAYlab

an advanced mobile laboratory for X-ray techniques and technologies



- Scanner MA-XRF Imaging
- Scanner XRD/XRF Imaging
- Scanner micro-XRF e Confocal XRF Imaging
 - Full Field XRF Imaging
 - High-Resolution XRF Imaging
 - TXRF/GIXRF System for ultra-traces detection and selective depth-profile chemical characterization
 - Digital Radiography System
 - XANES/EXAFS System for degradation processes

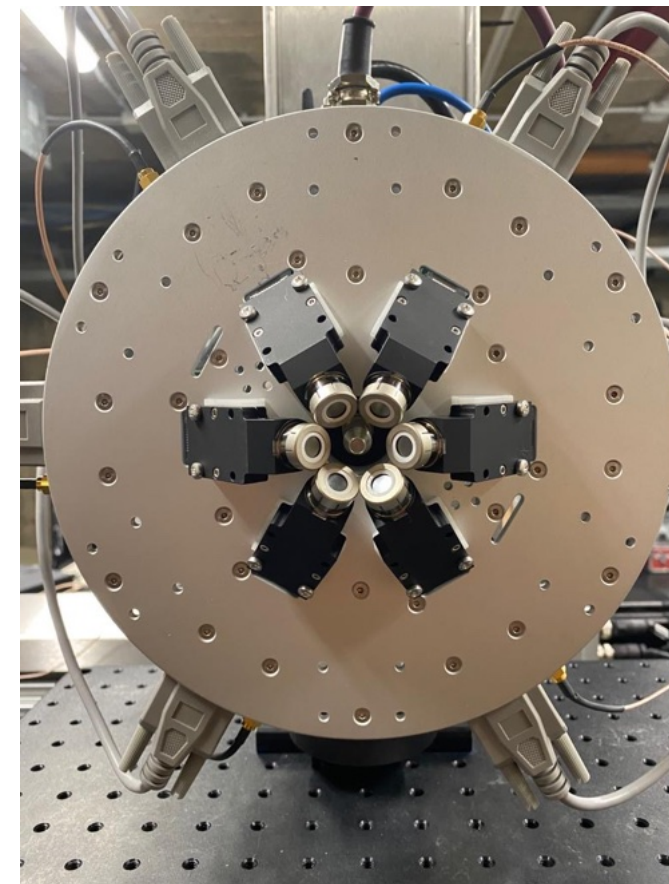




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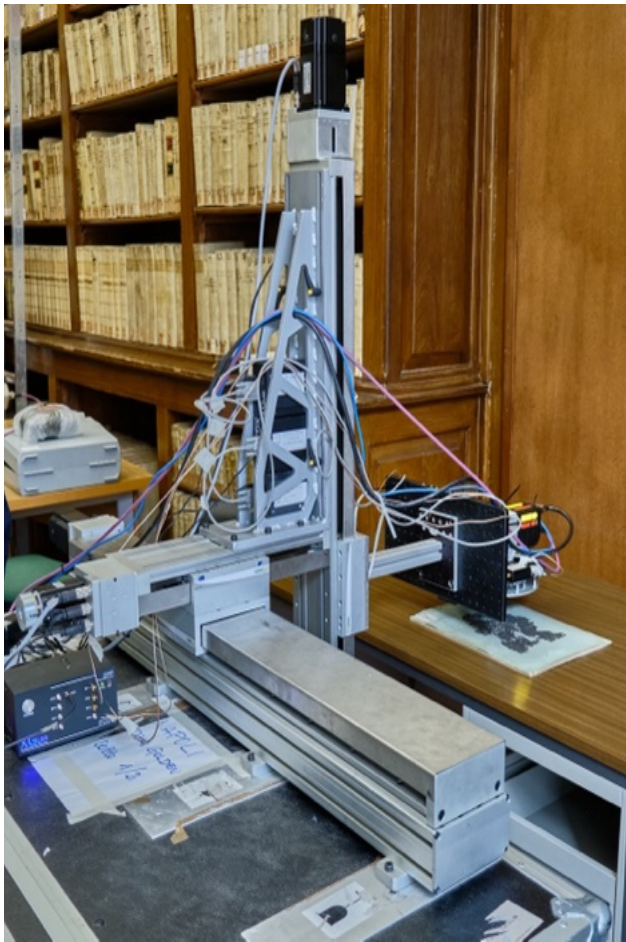
Scanner MA-XRF Imaging

- Spectroscopic head based on the simultaneous use of 6 detectors for **high chemical sensitivity**.
- **Reconstruction of the sample surface topology** through the odoscopic configuration of the 6 detectors.
- **Very large scanning area** - $120 \times 90 \text{cm}^3$.
- **High scanning speed** - 150 mm/sec (5ms dwell-time per 1mm pixel size).
- **Dynamic correction of the instrument-sample distance**.
- **Vertical/Horizontal configuration**.
- **Real-time** monitoring of all measurement parameters and on-the-fly analysis of all XRF spectra with **elemental image processing during scanning**.

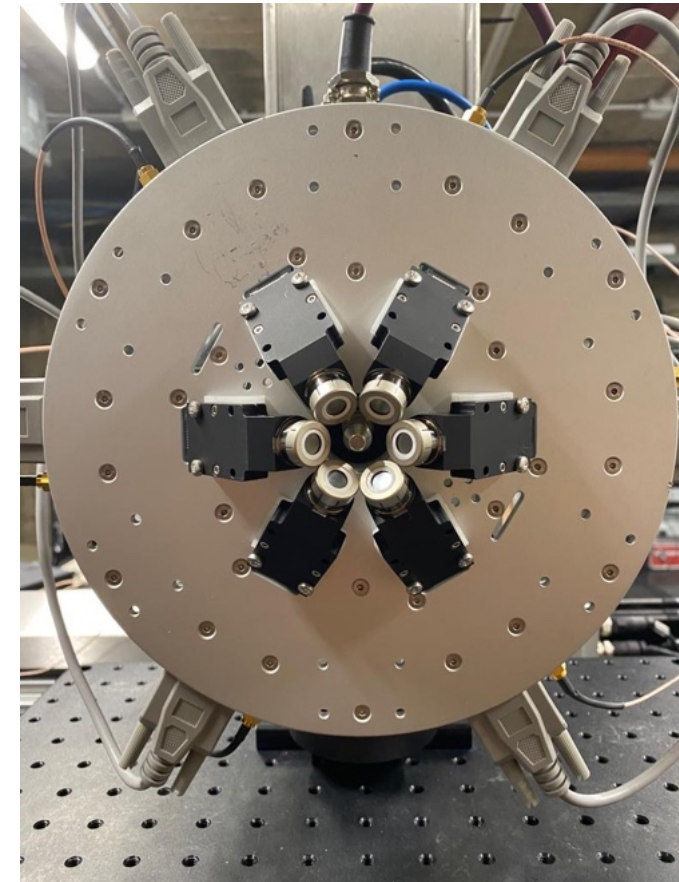
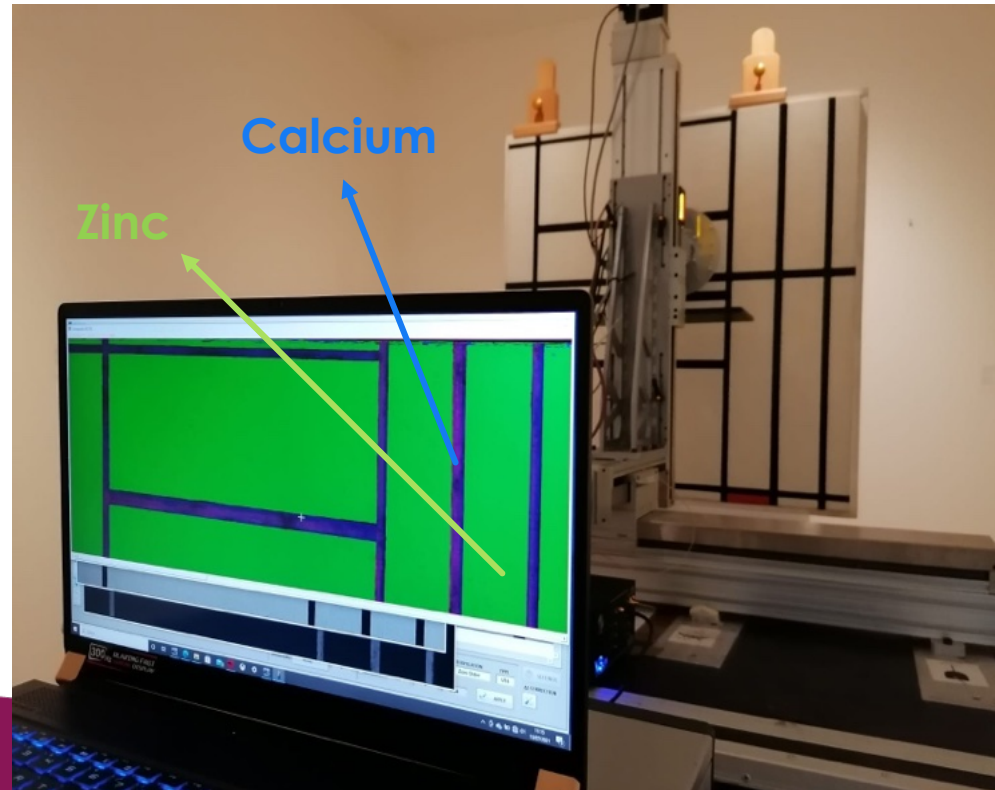


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Scanner MA-XRD/ MA-XRF

- Scanning-free acquisition of XRD pattern in the angular range of 16-42 degrees with high resolution in acquisition times of 3 sec/spot;
- Simultaneous acquisition of XRF spectrum at the



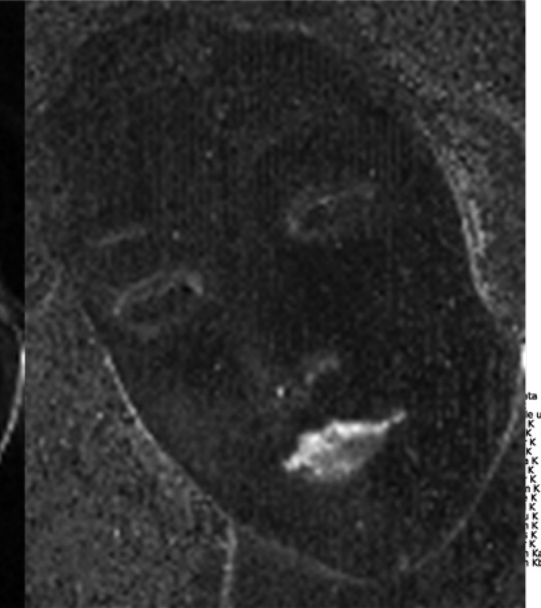
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Piombo



Pb₃(CO₃)₂(OH)₂
Idrocerussite



Hg
Mercurio

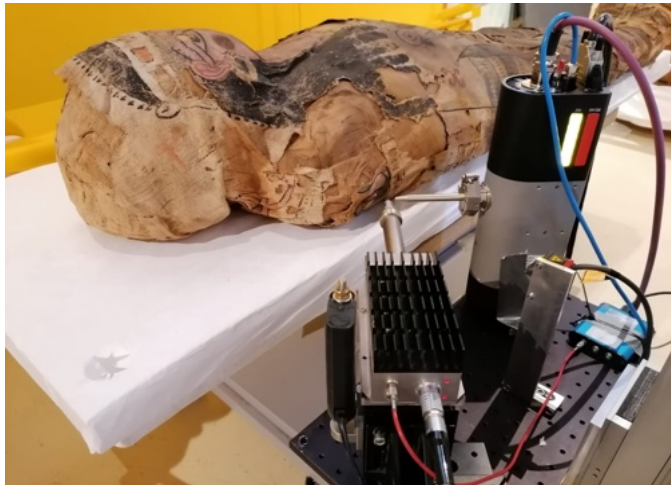
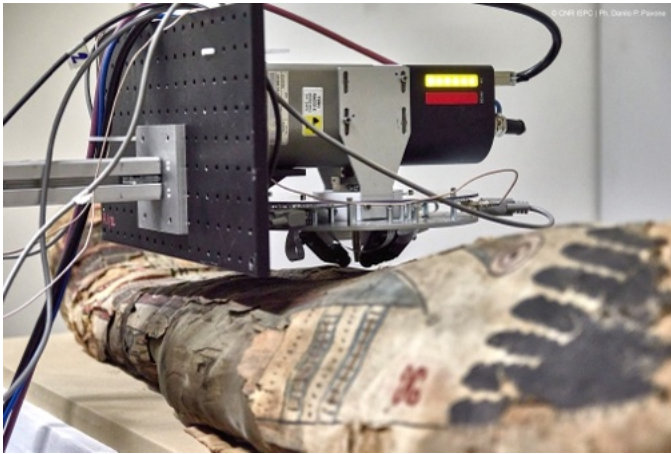


HgS
Cinabro

@Musei Reali (Turin)



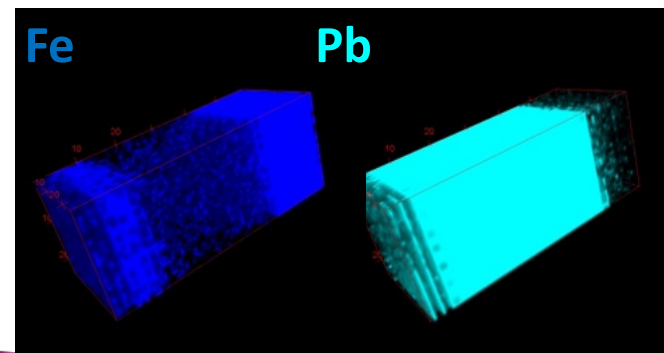
Scanner micro-XRF & CXRF Imaging



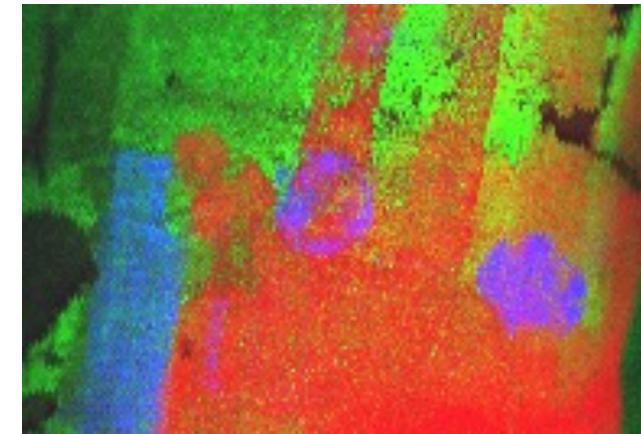
@Archeological Museum in Bologna

- **Multi-technique spectroscopic head** based on the simultaneous use of 4 detectors (micro-XRF) or a single detector coupled with X-ray optics (CXRF);
- **Large Analysis area:** 50x50cm²;
- Scanning speed > 50 mm/sec;
- **Lateral resolution up to 7 microns (micro-XRF);**
- **Stratigraphy resolution up to 10 microns (CXRF);**
- **Vertical/Horizontal configuration.**

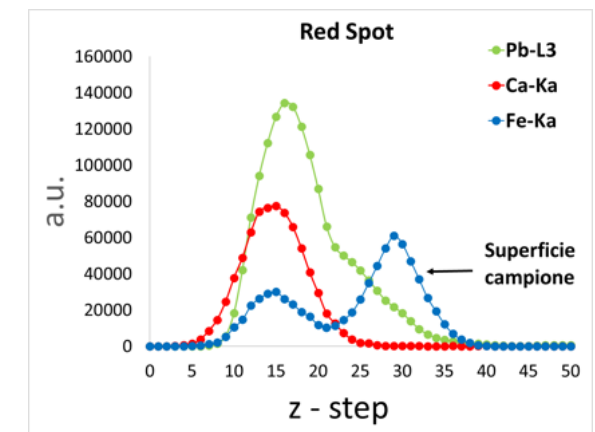
3D stratigraphy reconstruction.



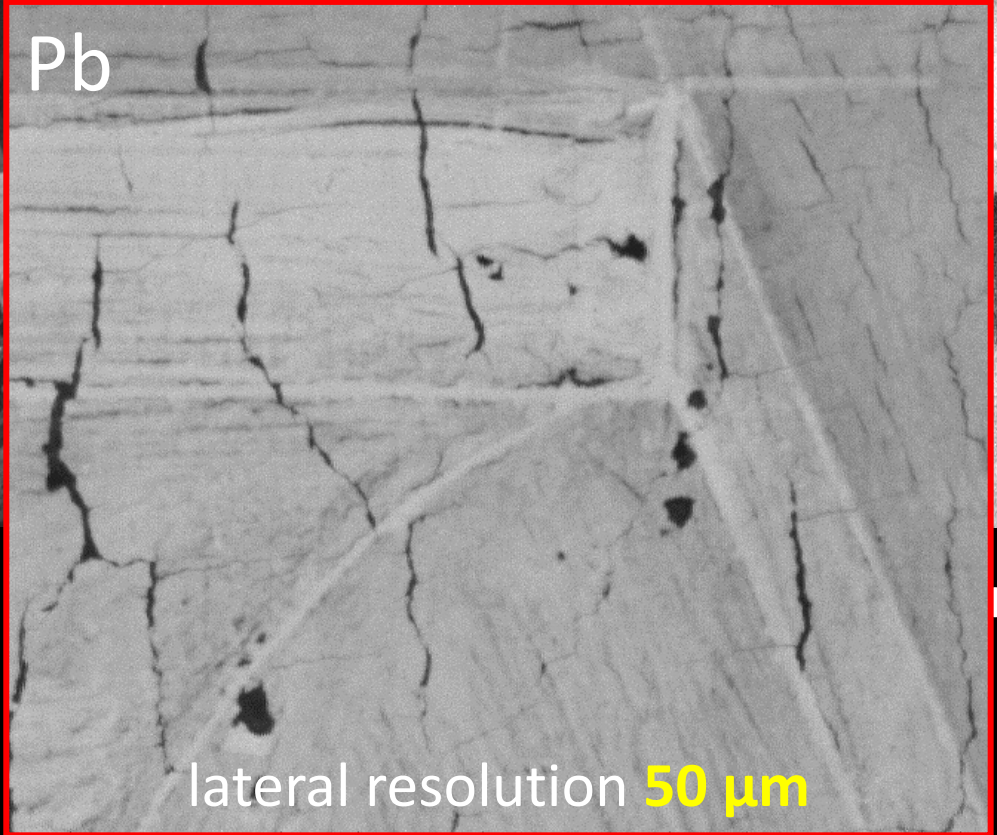
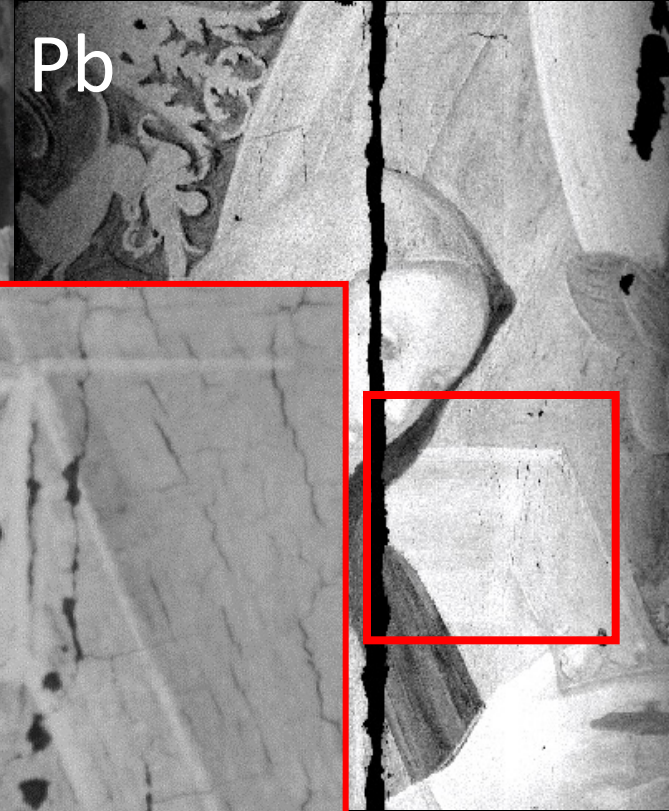
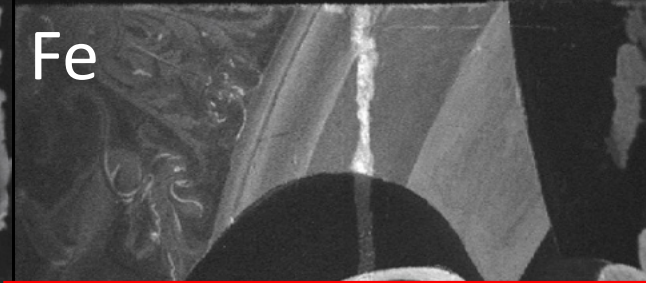
Micro-XRF Imaging **CaPbFe**



Puntual stratigrafic analysis
(CXRF)



MA-XRF Imaging: benefit of **high resolution**



Vergine by Raffaello
@Museo di Capodimonte in Napoli

n 250 μm

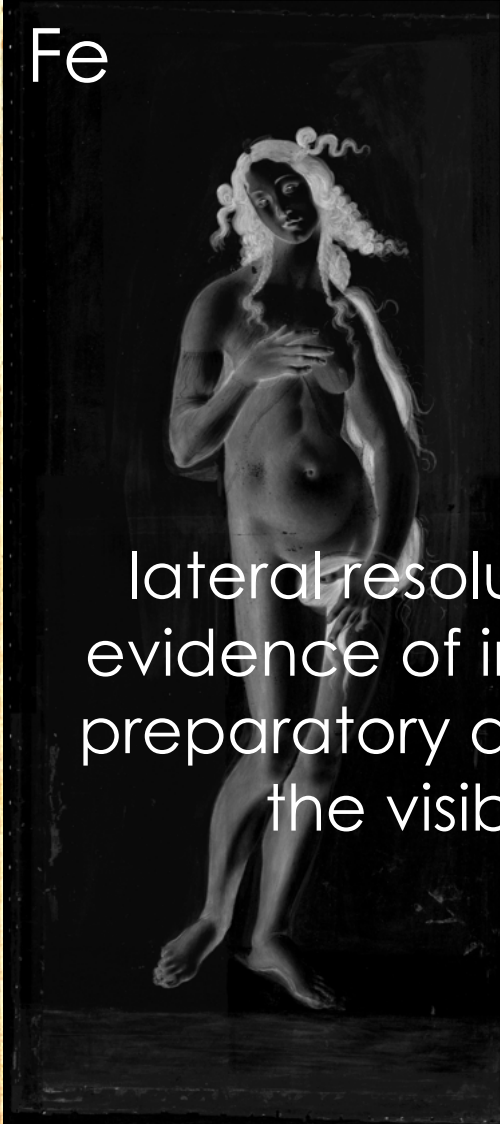
lateral resolution **50 μm**

MA-XRF Imaging: benefit of **high resolution**

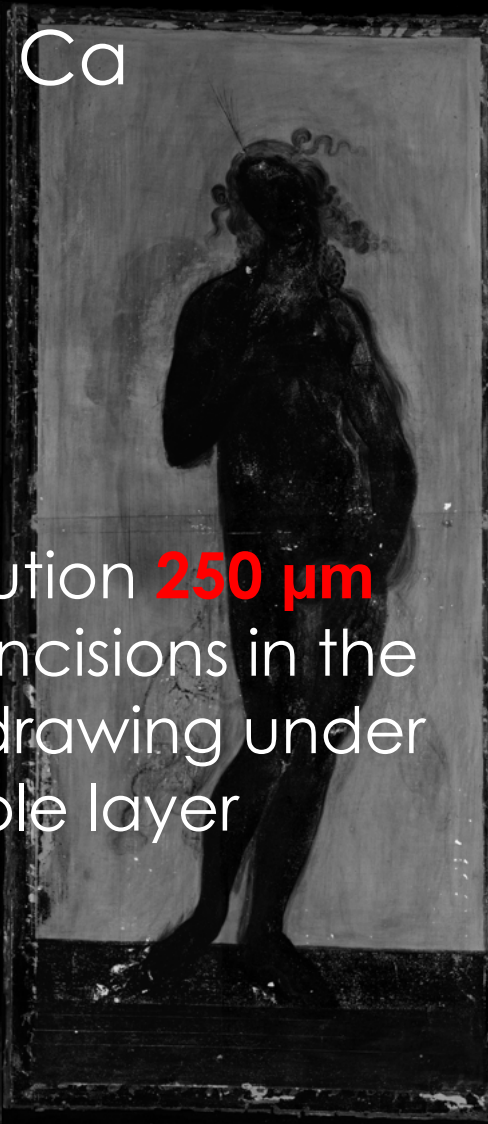
lateral resolution **500 μm**



Fe



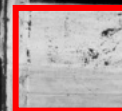
Ca



Pb

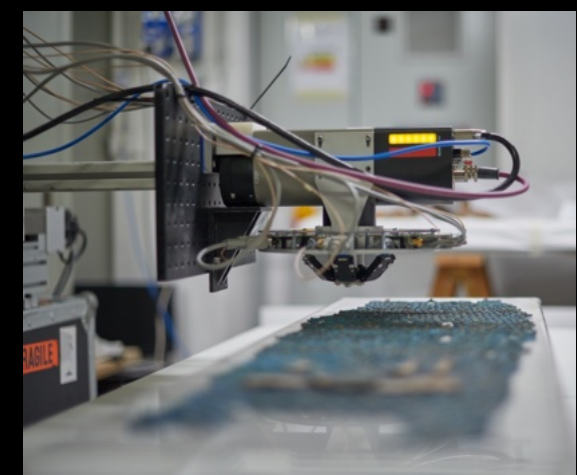
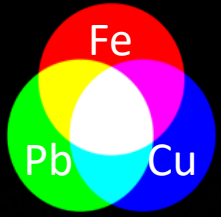


lateral resolution **250 μm**
evidence of incisions in the
preparatory drawing under
the visible layer

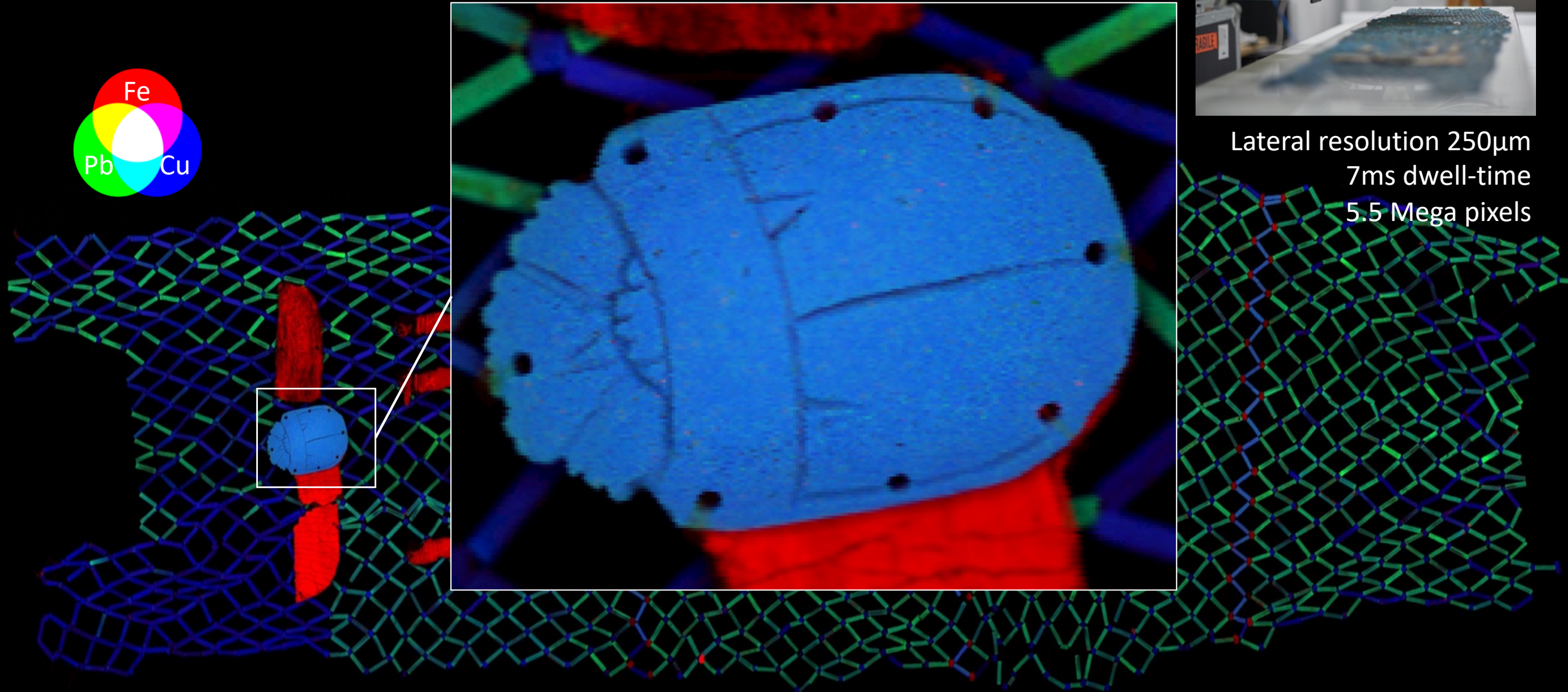




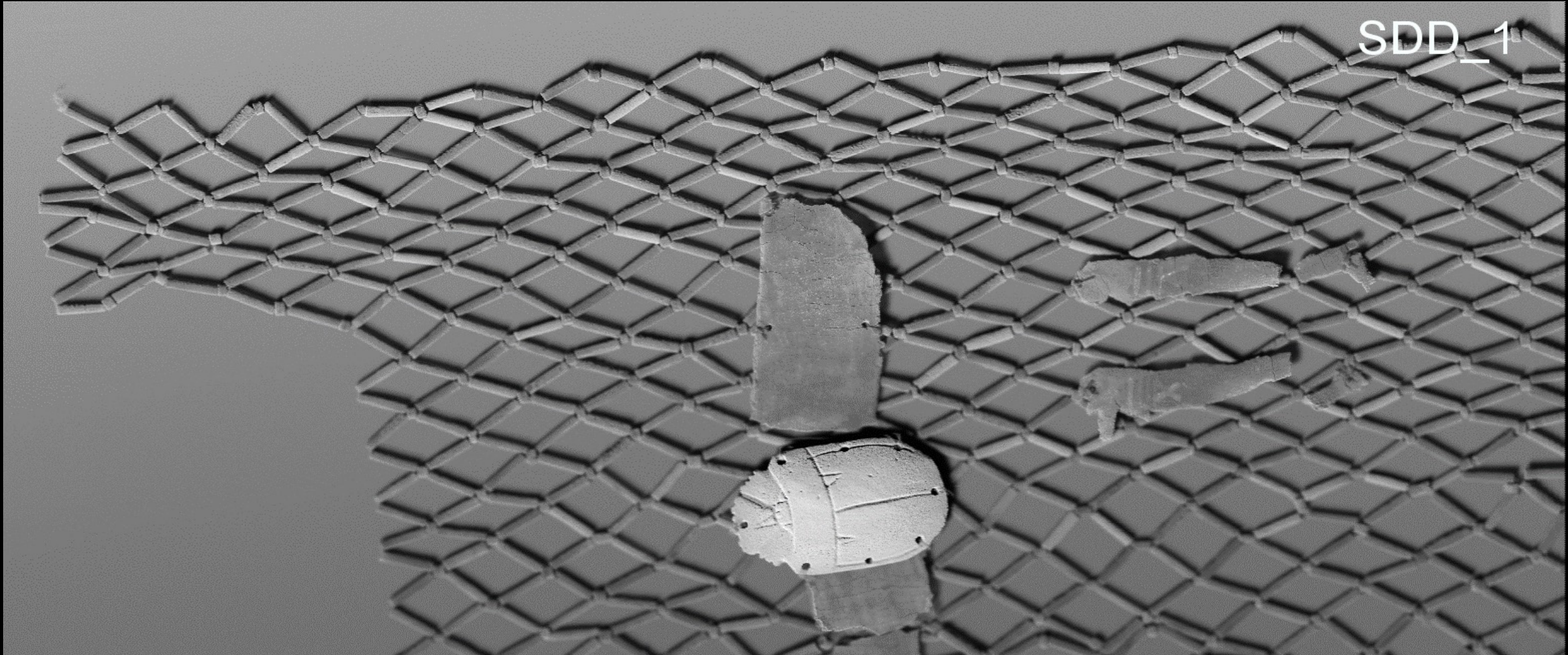
MA-XRF Imaging: benefit of **high resolution**



Lateral resolution 250 μ m
7ms dwell-time
5.5 Mega pixels



MA-XRF Imaging: Possibility to correct the elemental distribution images for the **surface topology** of the art object



MA-XRF Imaging: benefit of a **fast scanning**

Tomb of king Philip II
of Macedon at
Vergina, Greece



Hunt Frieze

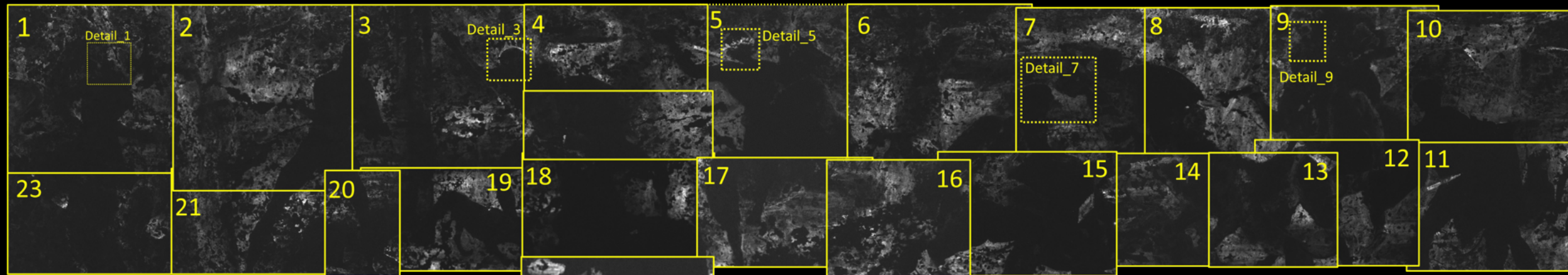
1.16m



5.56m

Entire surface mapped in 6
working days

Copper distribution map



MOLAB proposal by H. Brecoulaki,
A. G. Karydas, G. Verri, K. Tsampa



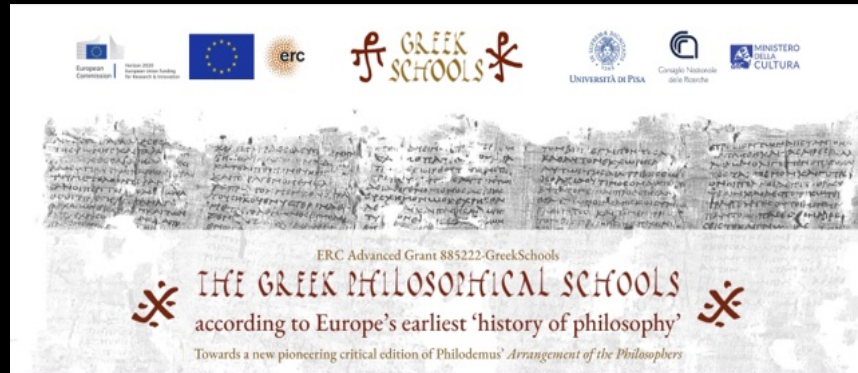
X-ray investigation of carbonized Herculaneum papyri



Have been possible to detect for the first time in situ even very **small traces of metallic elements** in degraded and brittle materials, such as the **carbonized Herculaneum papyri!**

X-ray investigation of carbonized Herculaneum papyri

Main topic of the *Greek Schools ERC Project* is to investigate advanced scientific methodologies to improve the reading of the text

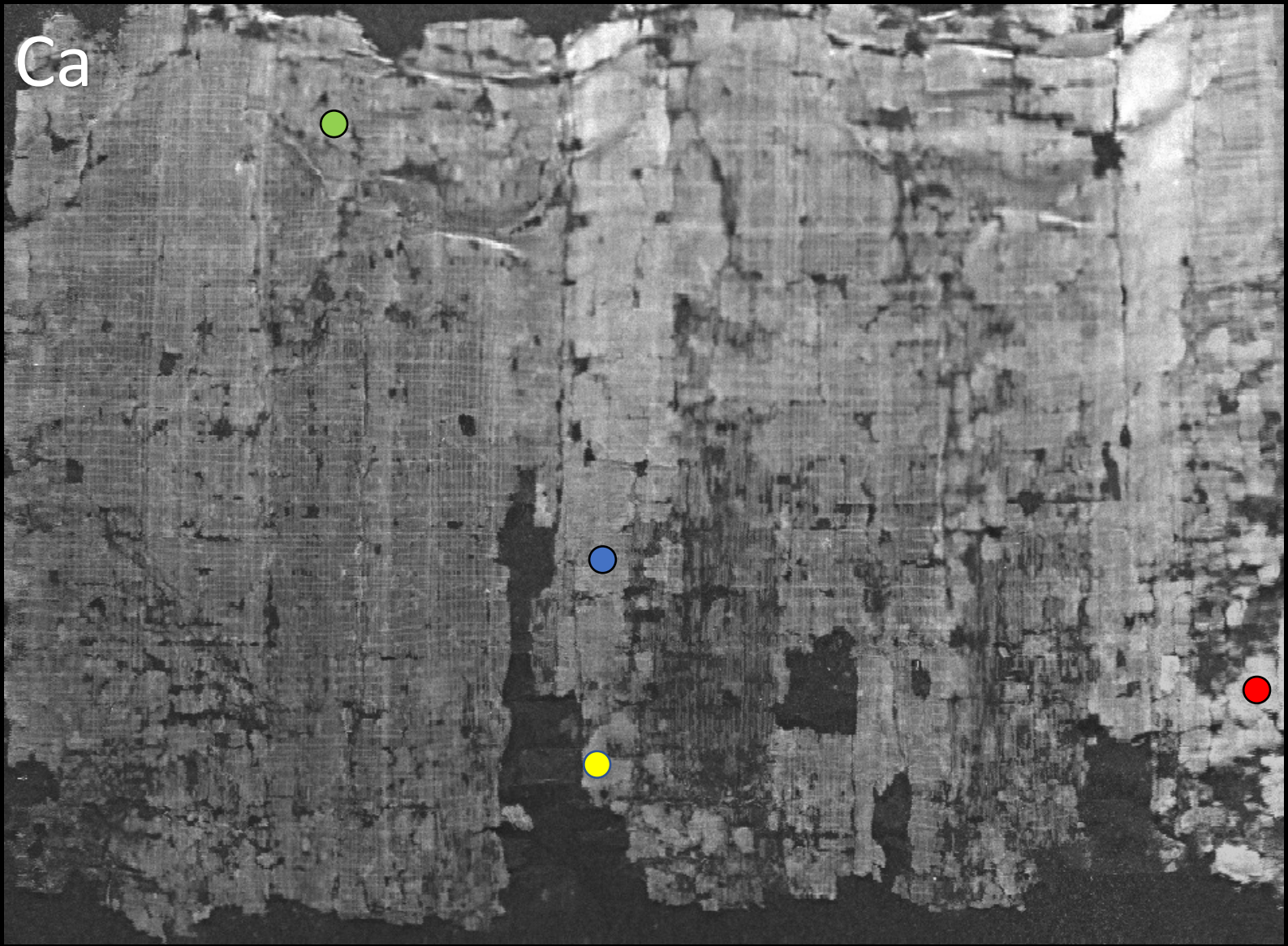


MA-XRF to investigate the presence of characterizing metallic elements on the carbonaceous inks

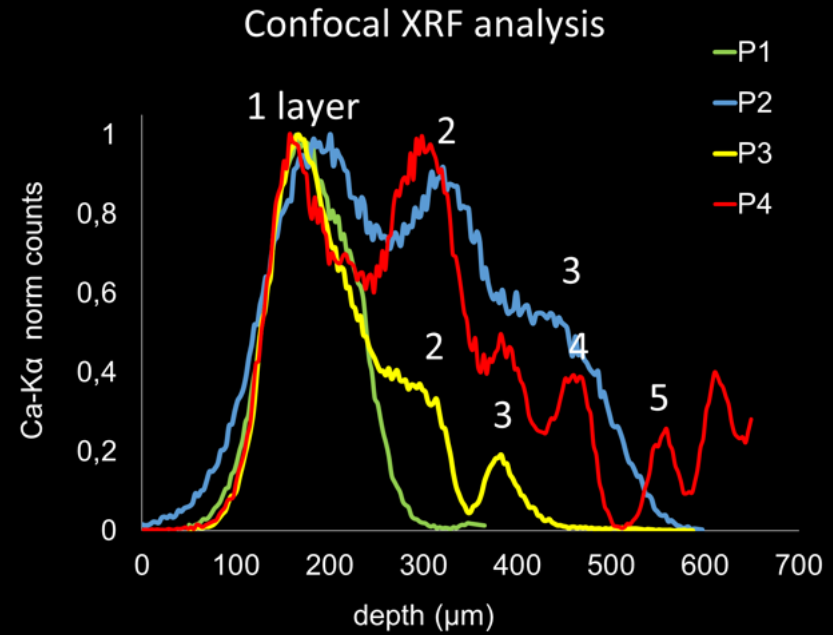
Confocal XRF for identifying and quantifying the presence of overlaid/underlaid layers occurred with the mechanical unrolling

MA-XRF investigation of carbonized Herculaneum papyri

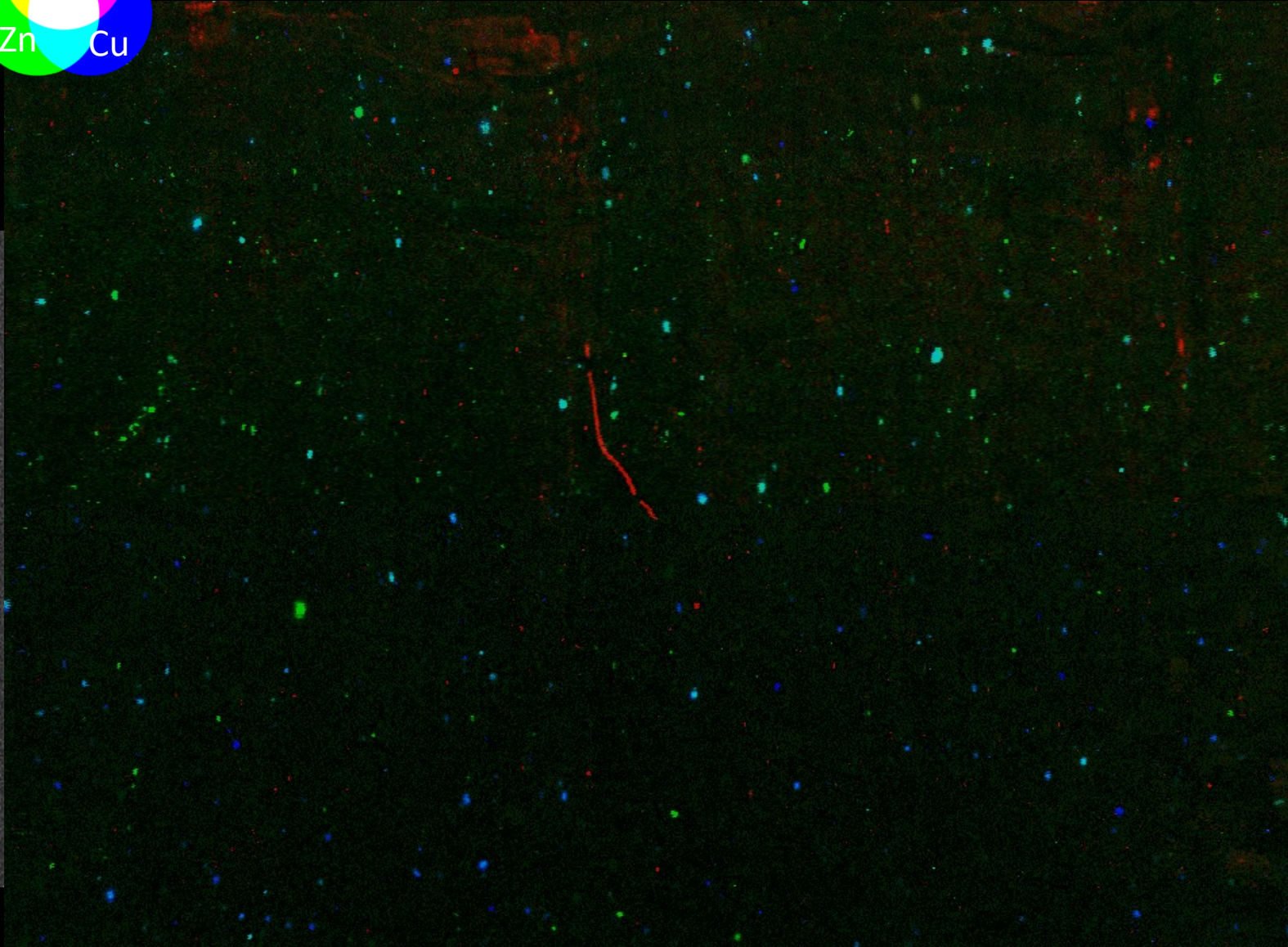
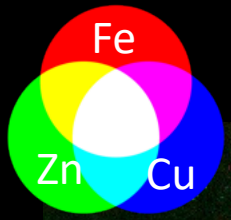
Ca map shows the Papyrus structure and conservation state



Ca-K α fluorescence signal along the stratigraphy for the identification of overlaid/underlaid layers



MA-XRF Imaging: benefit of **high sensitivity**



Metals traces (**Fe**, **Zn**, **Cu**) are heterogeneously distributed on the surface



MA-XRF Imaging: benefit of **high sensitivity**

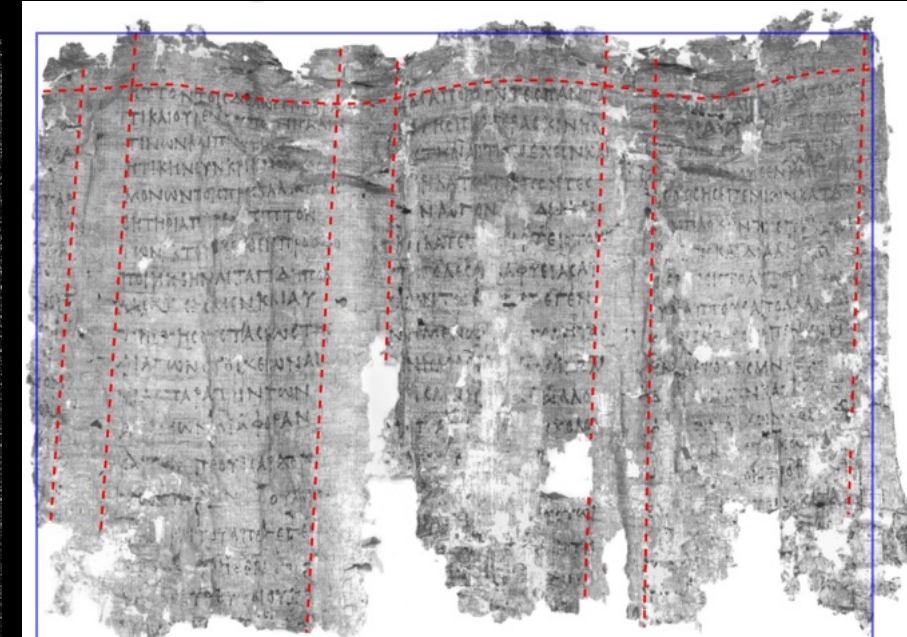
Pb-M

1st direct evidence of what is known from the hystorical literary sources:

From the greek epigrammatist Fania (2nd-1st century BC):
*“a ruler and a piece of **lead** used as an indicator”*

From Philip of Thessaloniki (30/40 AD):
*“with a ruler, a **lead** disk, which marks the side of the columns”*

From Roman poet Catullus:
*“all the parts are square **by means of lead**”*

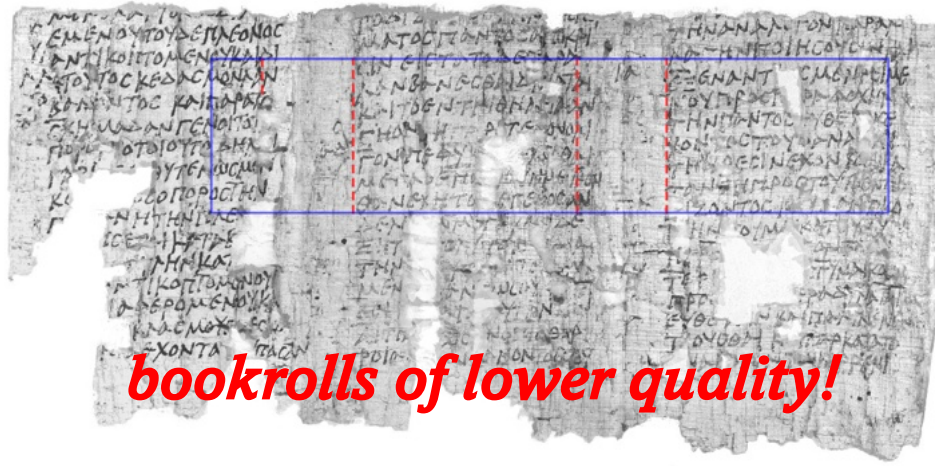
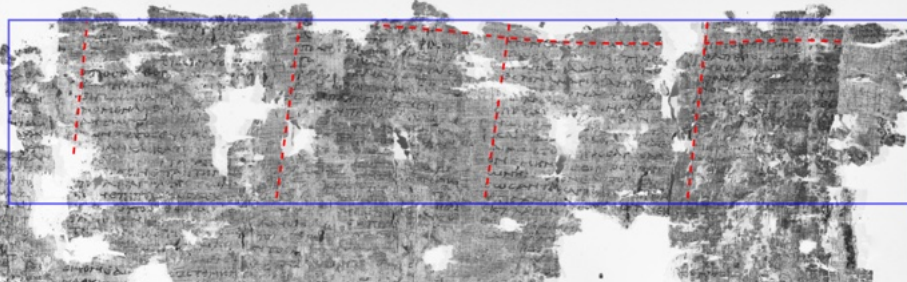
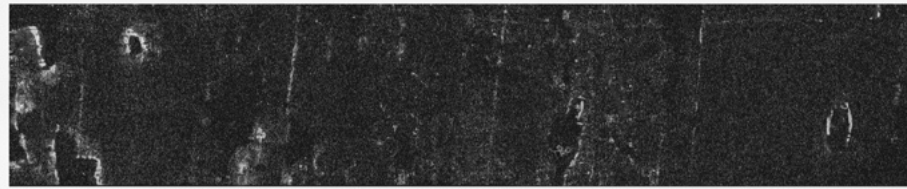


How the scribes
preliminarily
discriminating the written
space from the space to be
left blank?

Pb maps revealed a **textual layout**

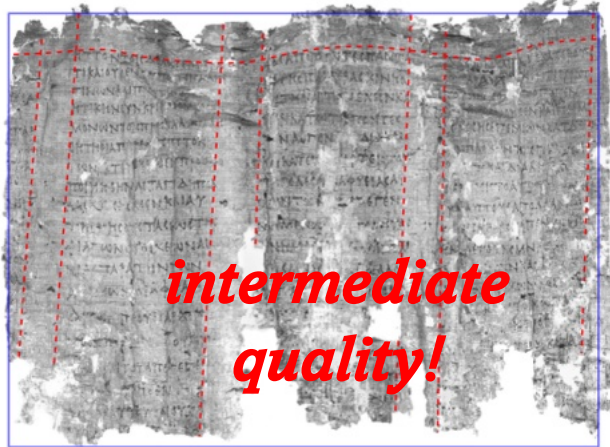
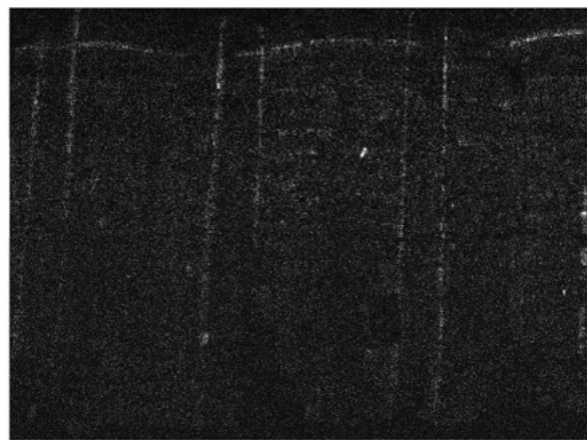
MA-XRF Imaging: benefit of **high sensitivity**

Delimitation of columns



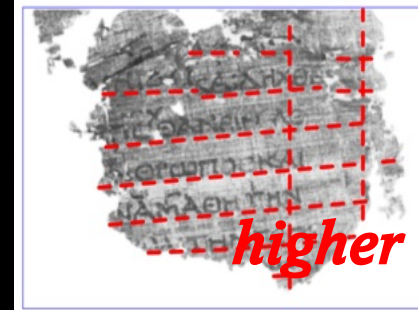
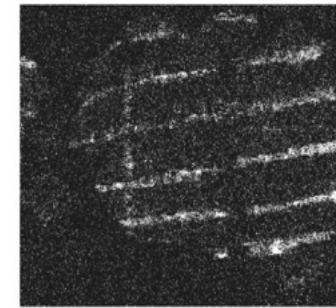
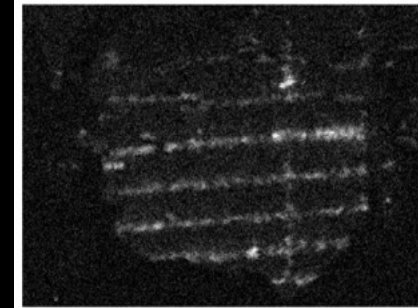
bookrolls of lower quality!

Columns and Inter-columns



intermediate quality!

Columns, intercolumns and lines



higher quality!

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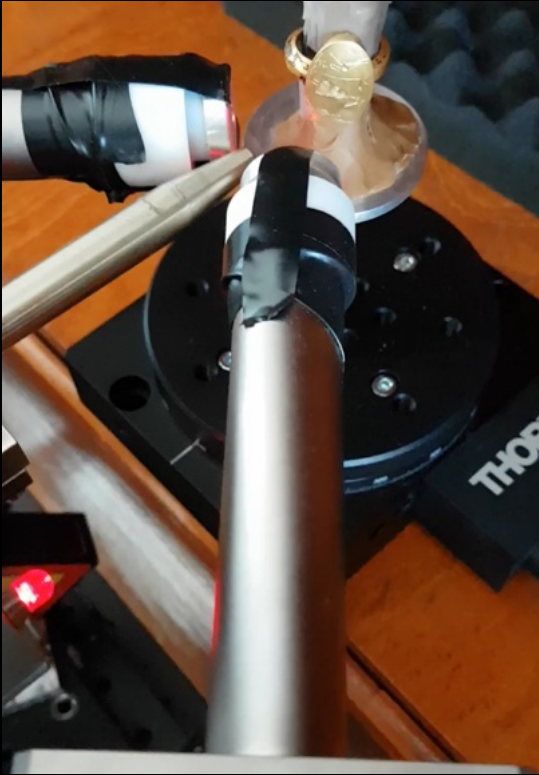
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Layout of ancient Greek papyri through lead-drawn ruling lines revealed by Macro X-Ray Fluorescence Imaging

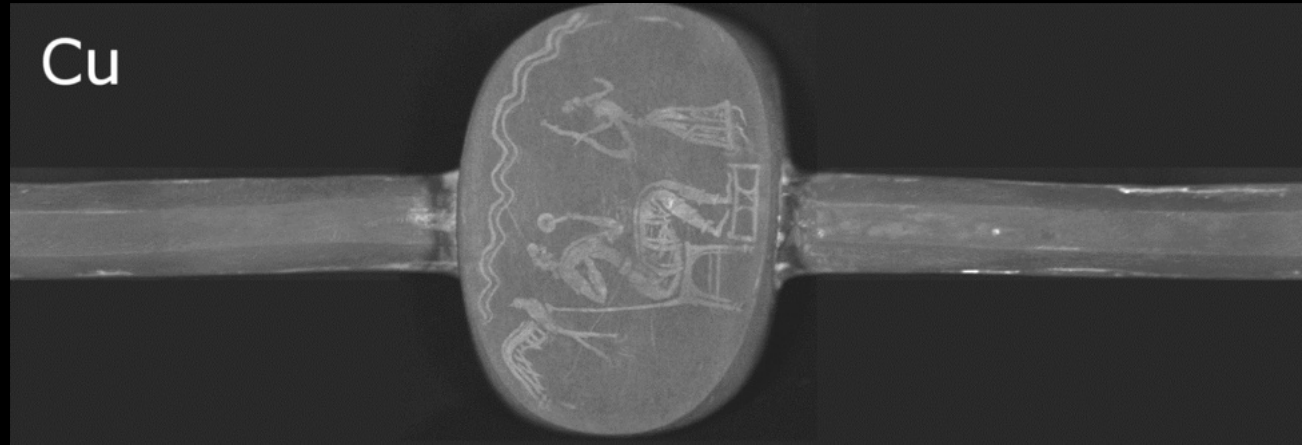
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Rotational MAXRF scanning - **Full mapping for 3D complex object**



The Griffin Warrior gold signet rings



Full mapping for
Information about
the elements
distribution at
soldering areas

Elemental Images
combined to the
photogrammetry for the
3D Visualization of
chemical maps





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HORIZON
2020

XRAYlab (ISPC-CNR) is host laboratory of Project CRAFT: Cartonnage Regionalism in the Ateliers of the Fayum Territory

CRAFT aims to investigate **Graeco-Roman cartonnage** from Egypt with a multidisciplinary approach, including advanced techniques such as 3D reconstructions and X-ray imaging. The objective is to study the materials and colors used, enabling the identification of artisan production centers and providing valuable information to identify specific local variations

3-year project (2022-2025) supported by the CNR ISPC.

1 year at the XRAYlab (Catania)

2 years at UC Berkeley



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THANK YOU *very much!*

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