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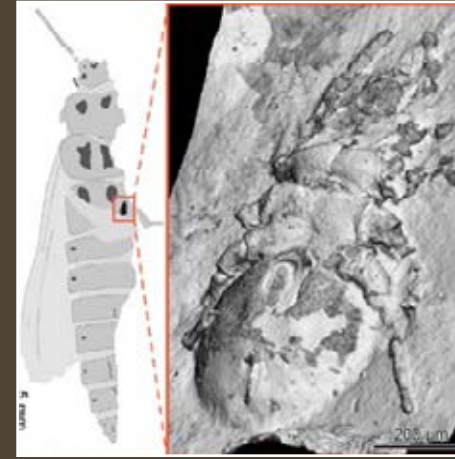
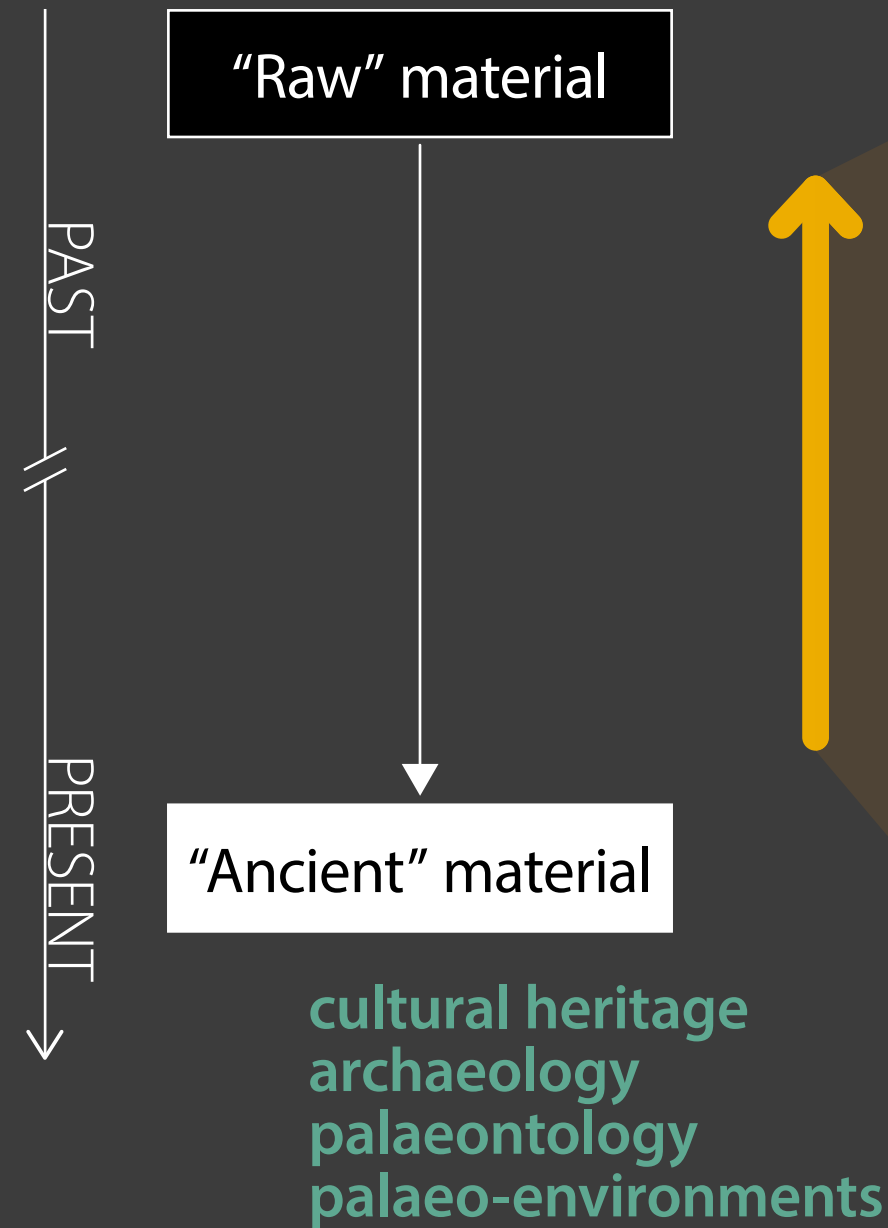
Synchrotron radiation and heritage materials

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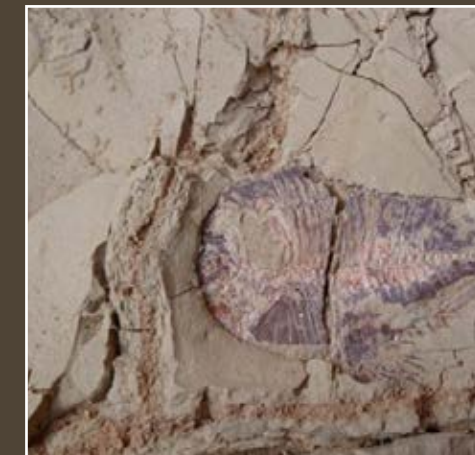
Origin of Life
Evolution / Development
Ecological affinities
Palaeo-environment



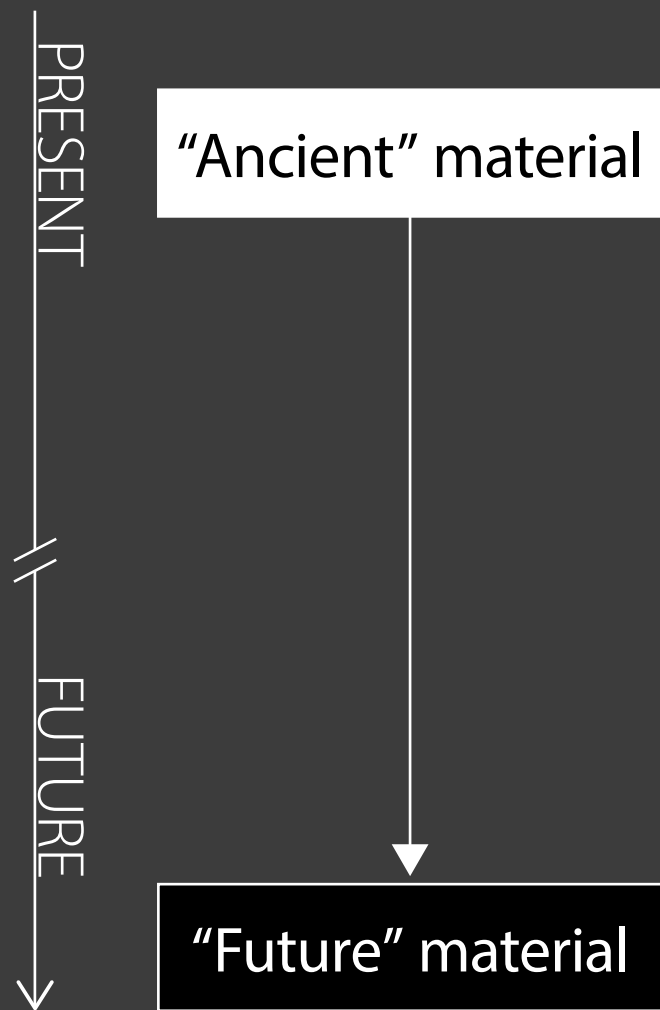
Sources of raw materials
Diffusion pathways
"Chaînes opératoires"



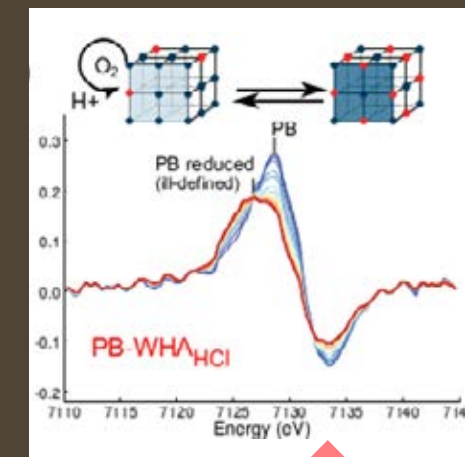
Technical art history
Chronology
Authentication



Alteration / Corrosion
Taphonomy
Exceptional preservations



Stabilisation
Consolidation
Restauration



New analytical methods
Analogous materials
Long-term behaviour laws

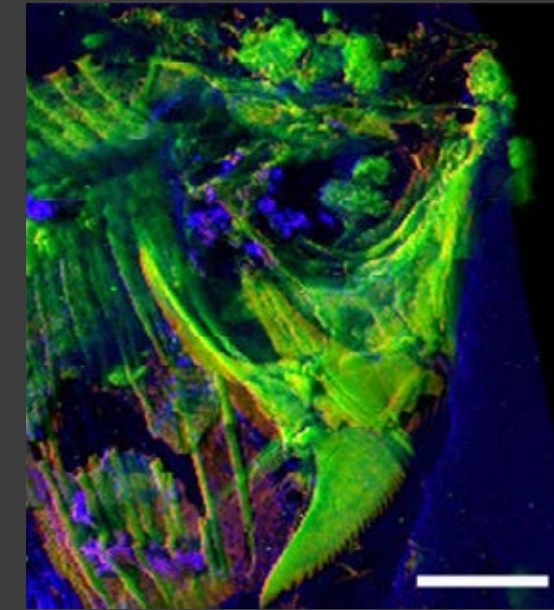
3 typical examples illustrating the problematics at stake and the diversity of the approaches developed



lute, detail, Laux Maler (1485–1552), Bologna, 16th c., Musée de la musique, Paris, inv. num. E.2005.3.1 (*J-M. Anglès*)



amulet, Mehrgarh, Baluchistan, Pakistan, period III, 4500–3600 BCE, inv. no. MR.85.03.00.01 (*D. Bagault*)



fossil fish, Late Cretaceous, -95 Myr, Djebel Oum Tkout Morocco (*P. Gueriau et al.*)

Musical instrument finishes

J.-P. Échard et al.



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16th c., Musée de la musique, Paris,
inv. num. E.2005.3.1 (*J.-M. Anglès*)



Antonio Stradivari,
Provigny violin, 1716,
inv. num. E.1730,
Musée de la musique,
Paris (*Cité de la
musique, A. Giordan*)



oral tradition

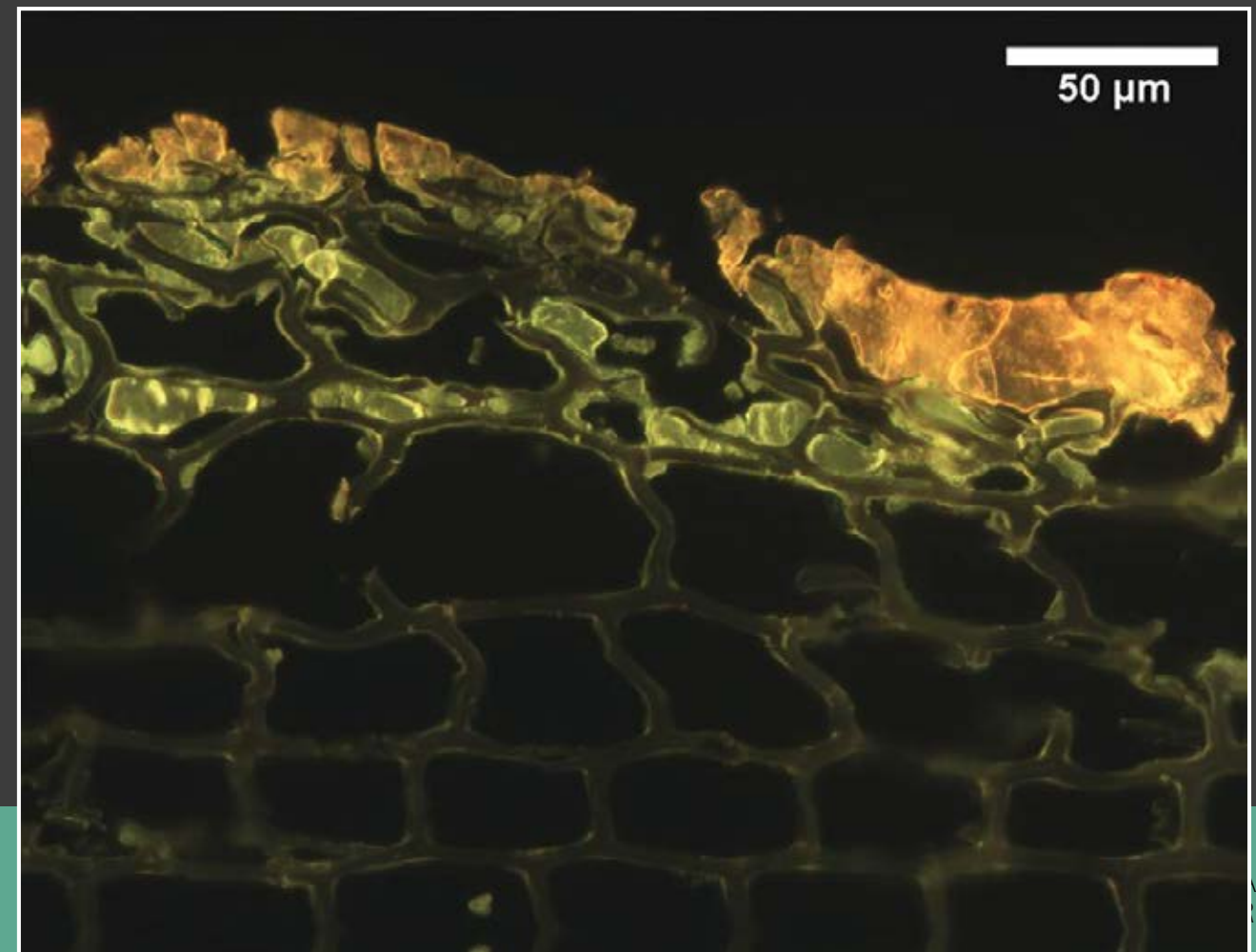


historical sources



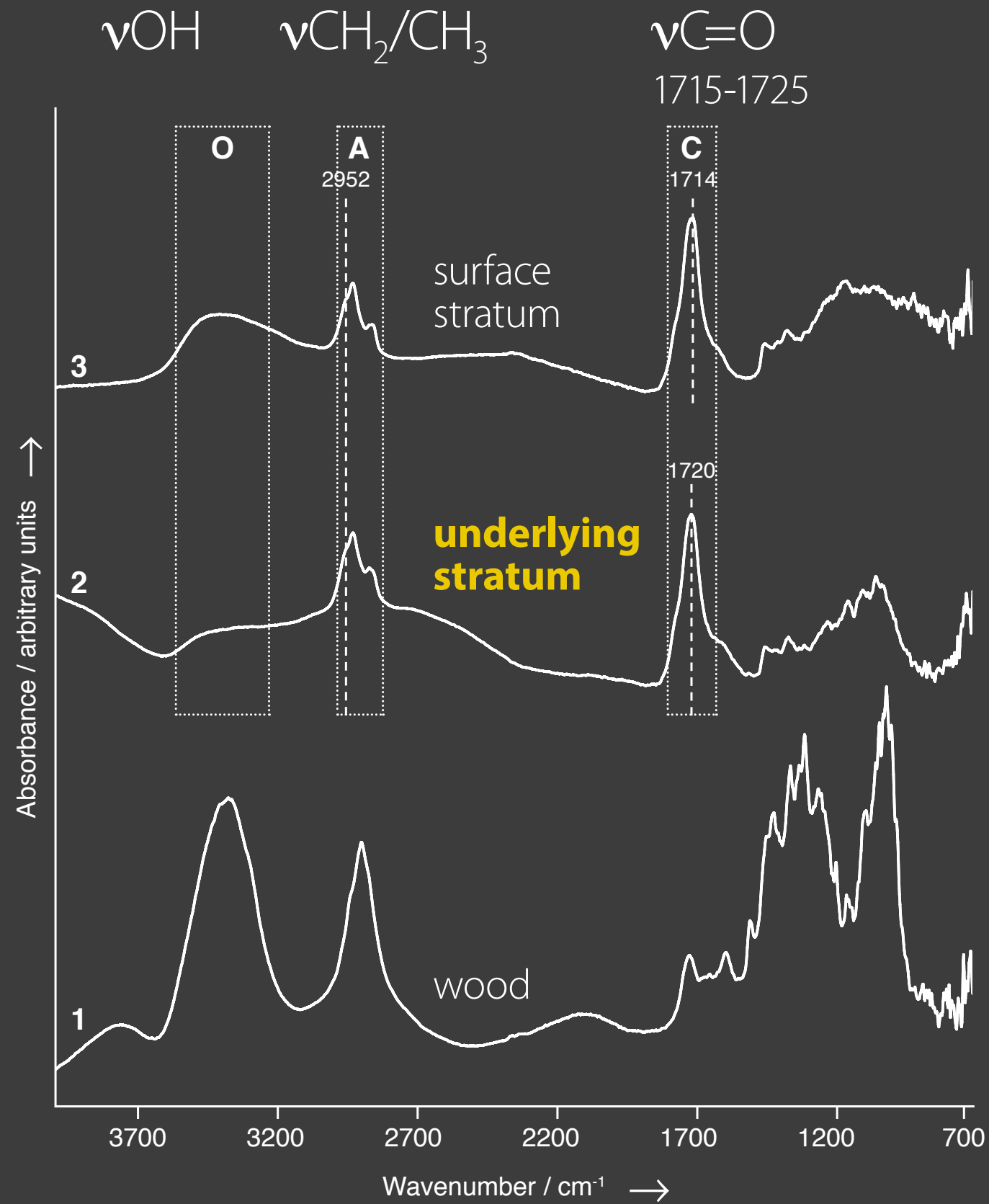
material evidence

light microscopy, Zeiss
Axio Scope.A1, filter Fs05,
395–440 nm exc. 2- μ m
ultramicrotomed cross-
section (Leica EM UC6,
J.-P. Échard)



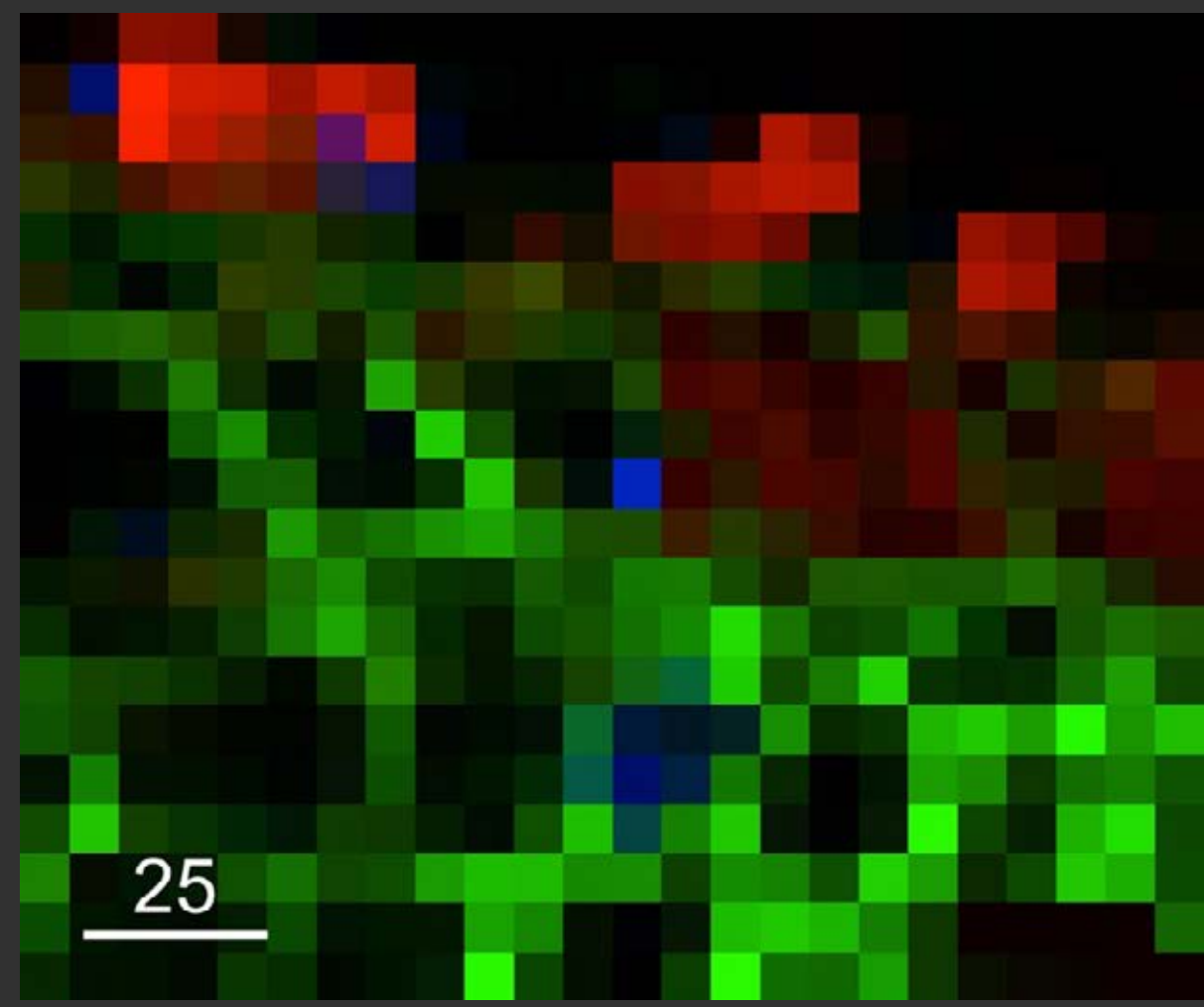
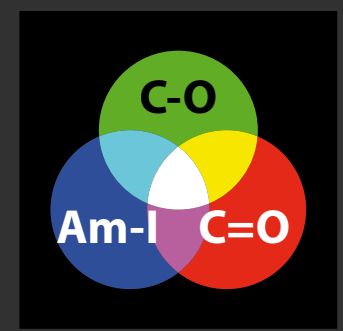
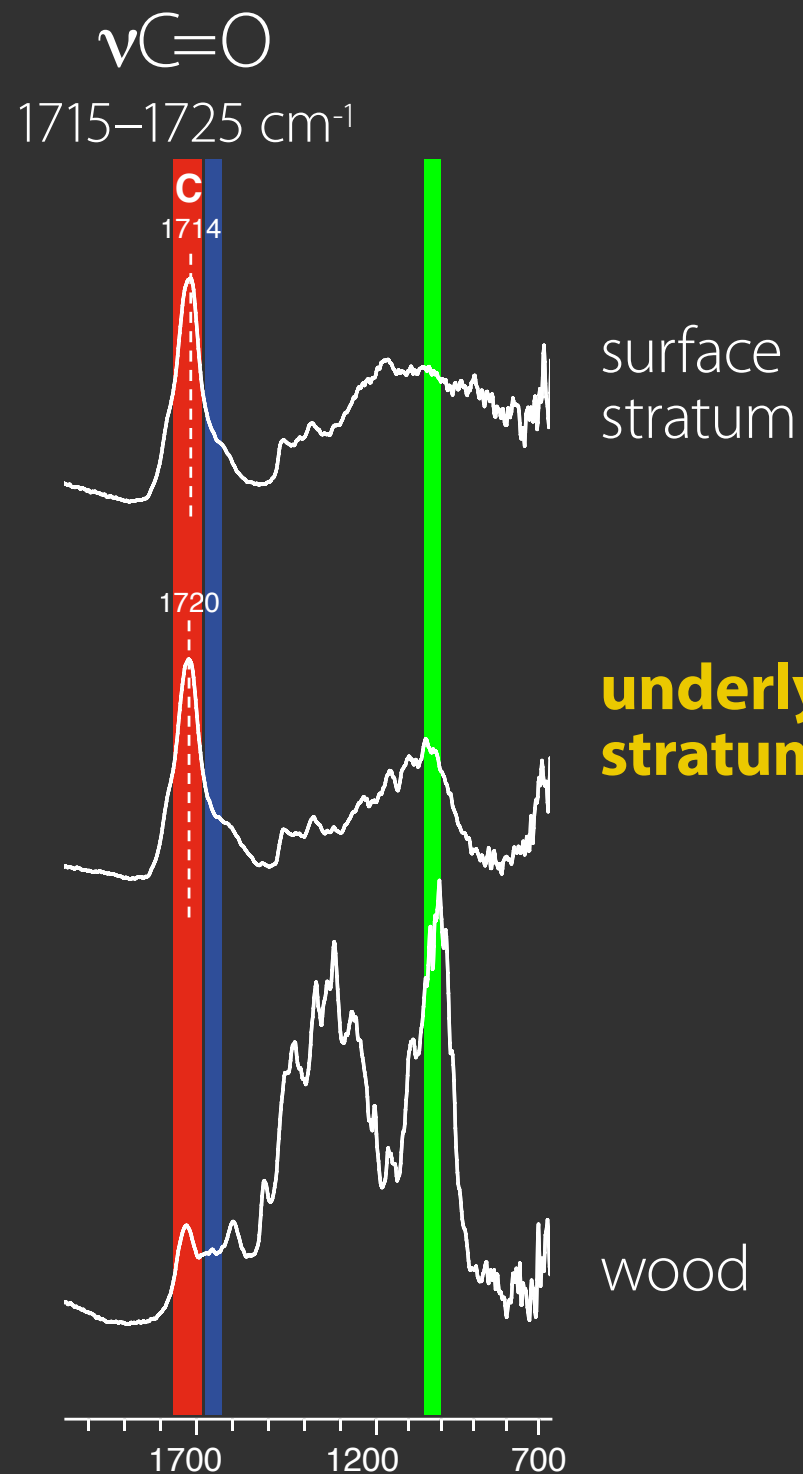
- surface stratum
- lower stratum
- wood cell

Radiation



PyGC/MS:
oil + diterpenic resin

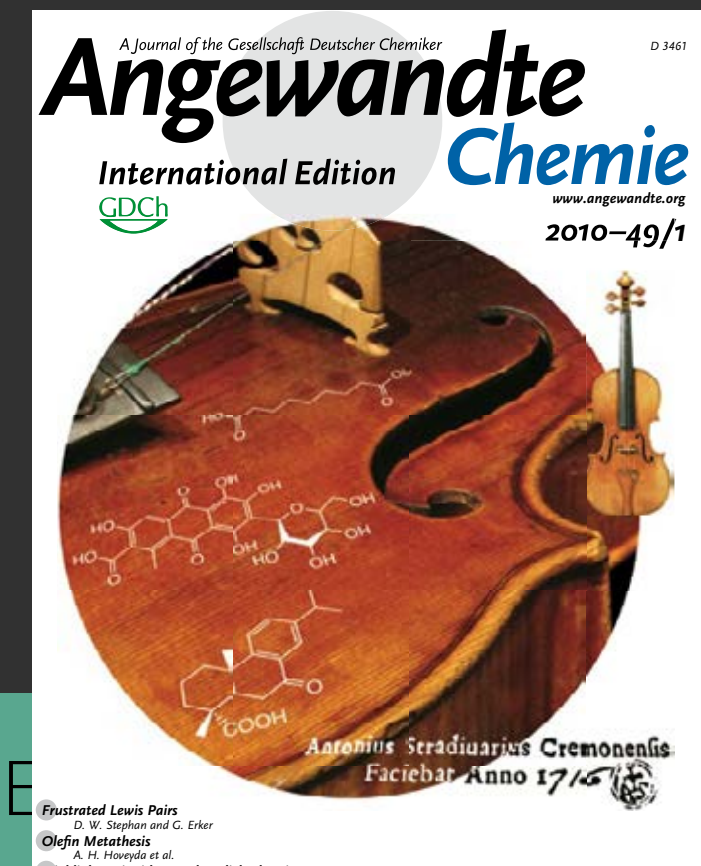
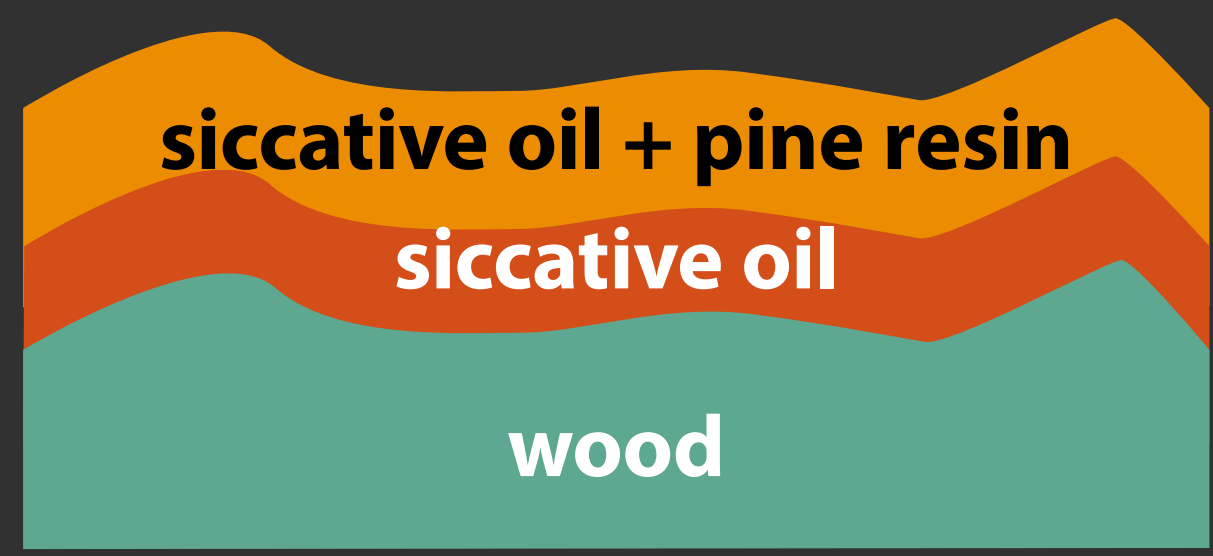
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surface stratum

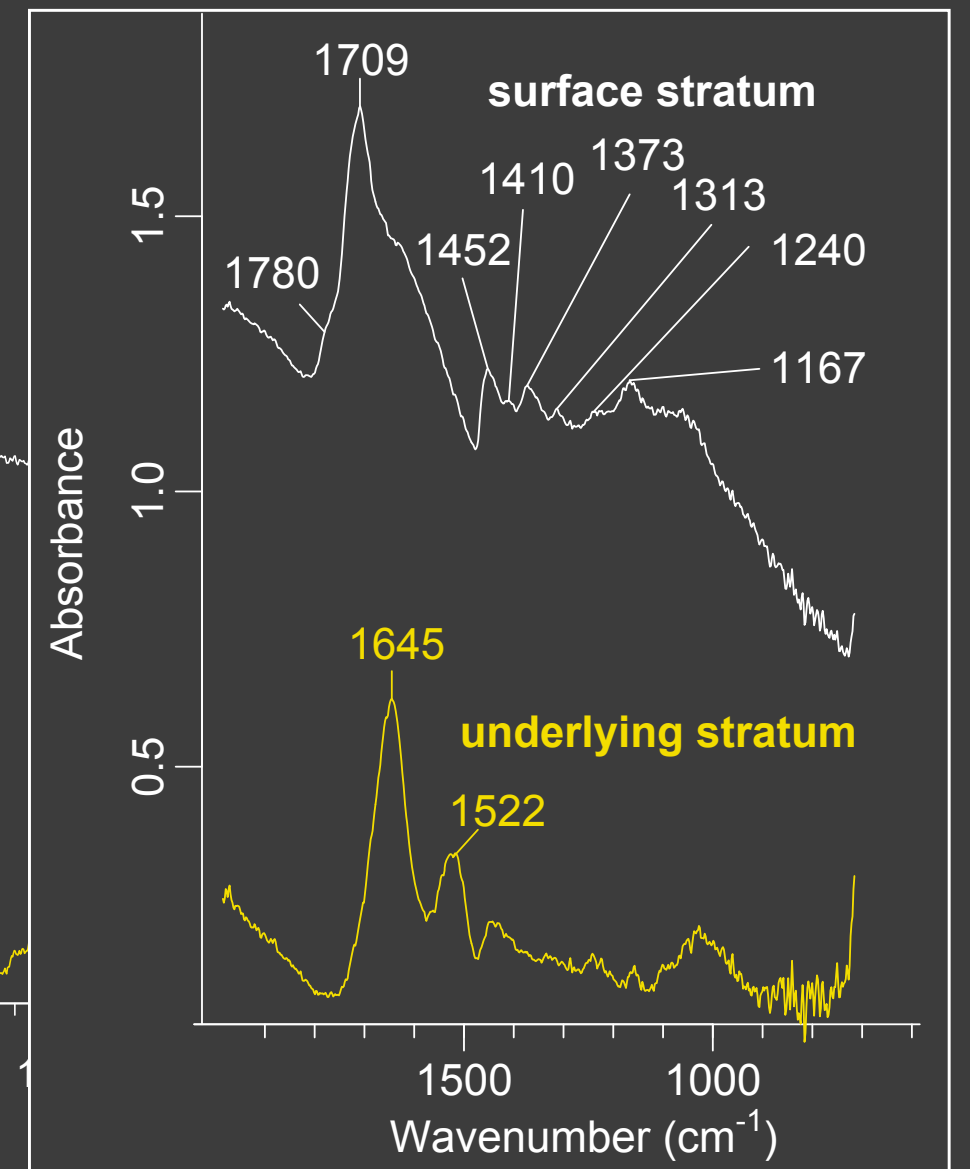
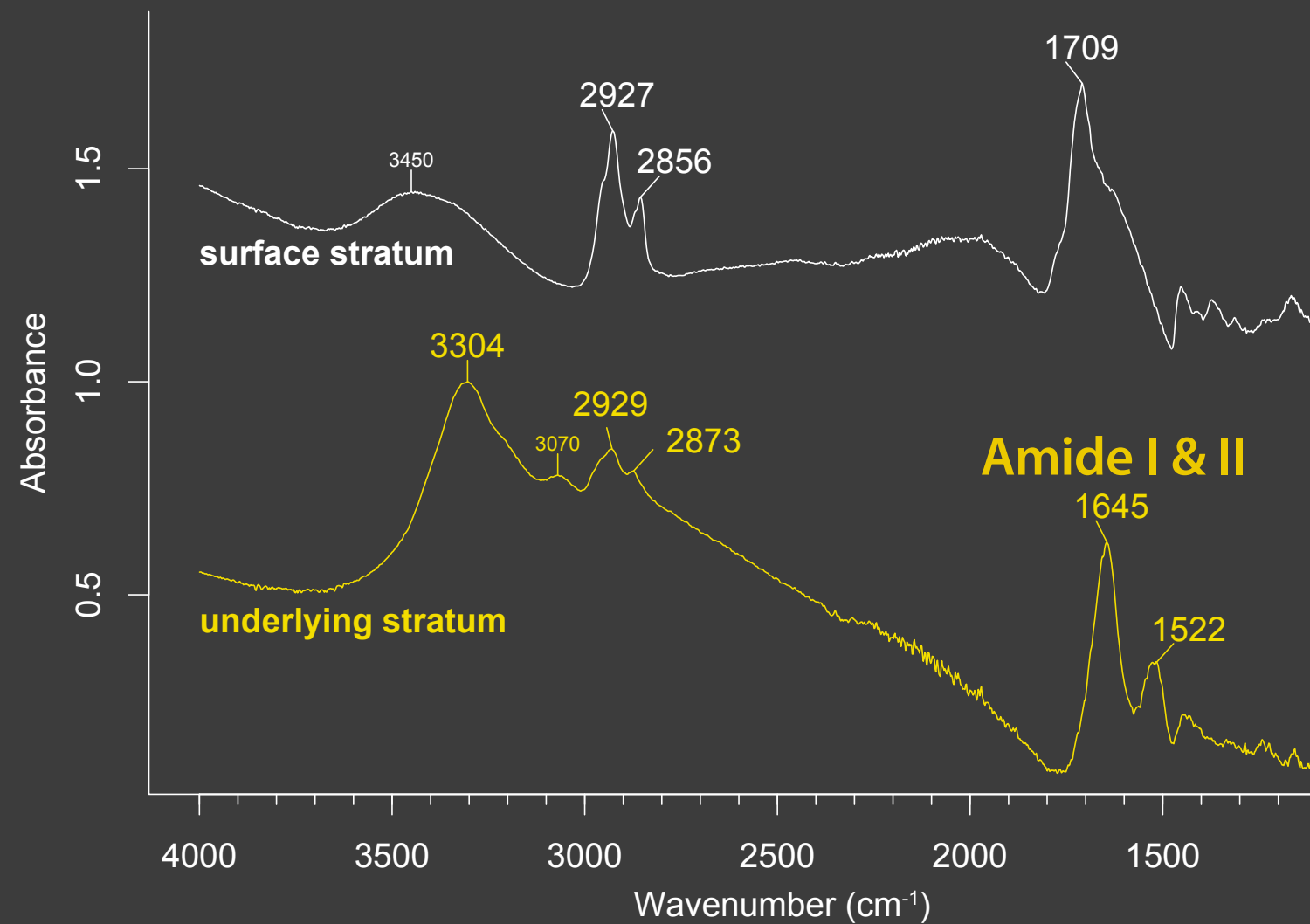
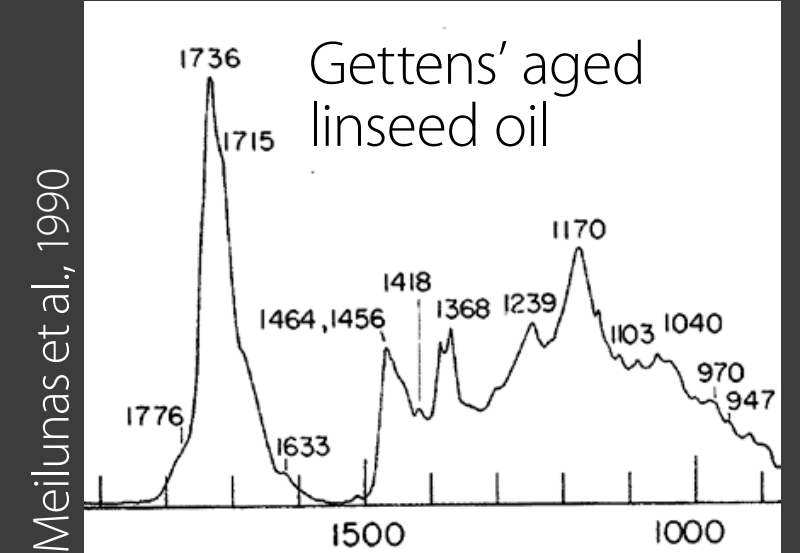
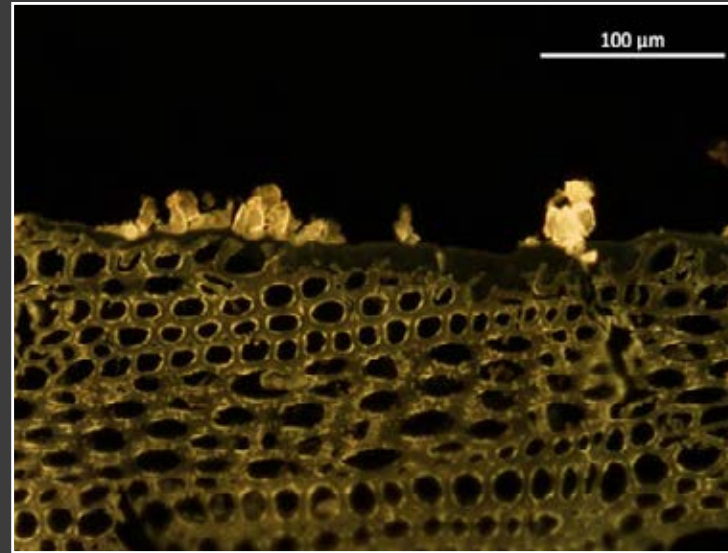
underlying stratum

wood cells



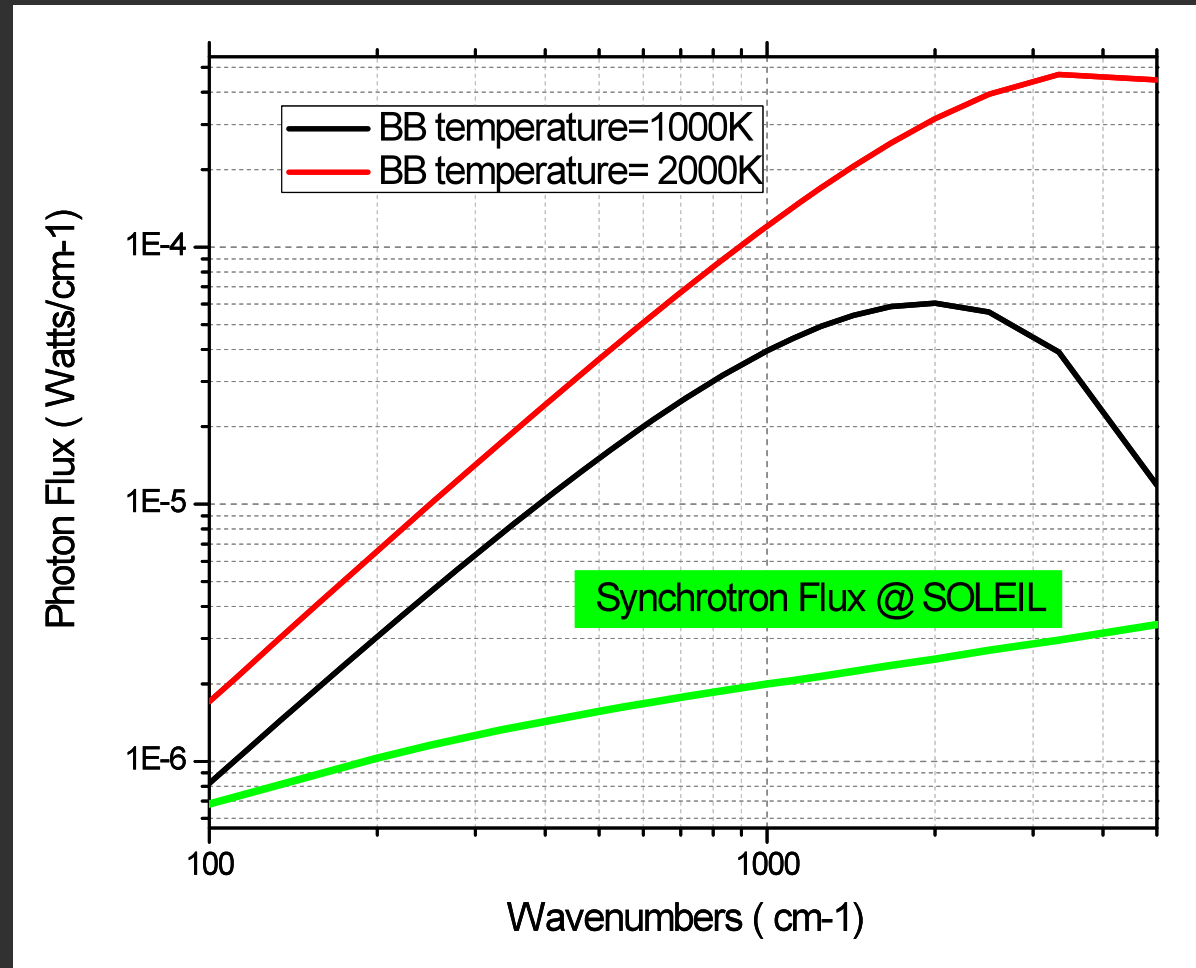


cello, Jacques Boquay, bef. 1715, Paris, priv. coll. (B. Soulier)

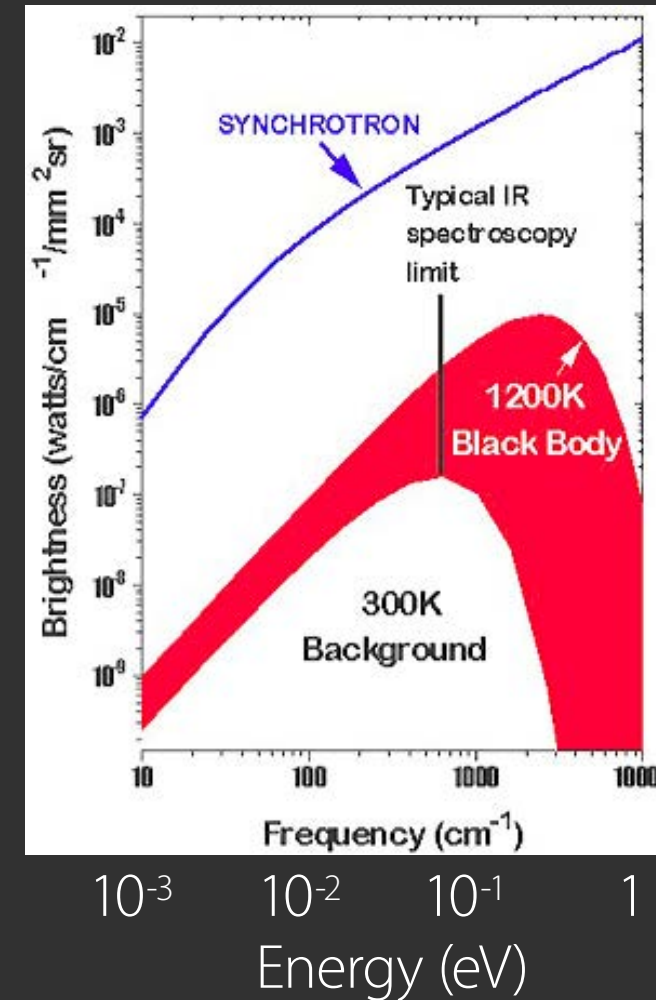
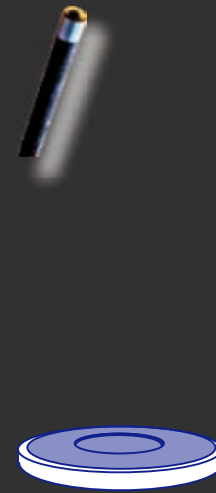


in the infrared, the specificity of the synchrotron source is not its high flux

...but its brightness!

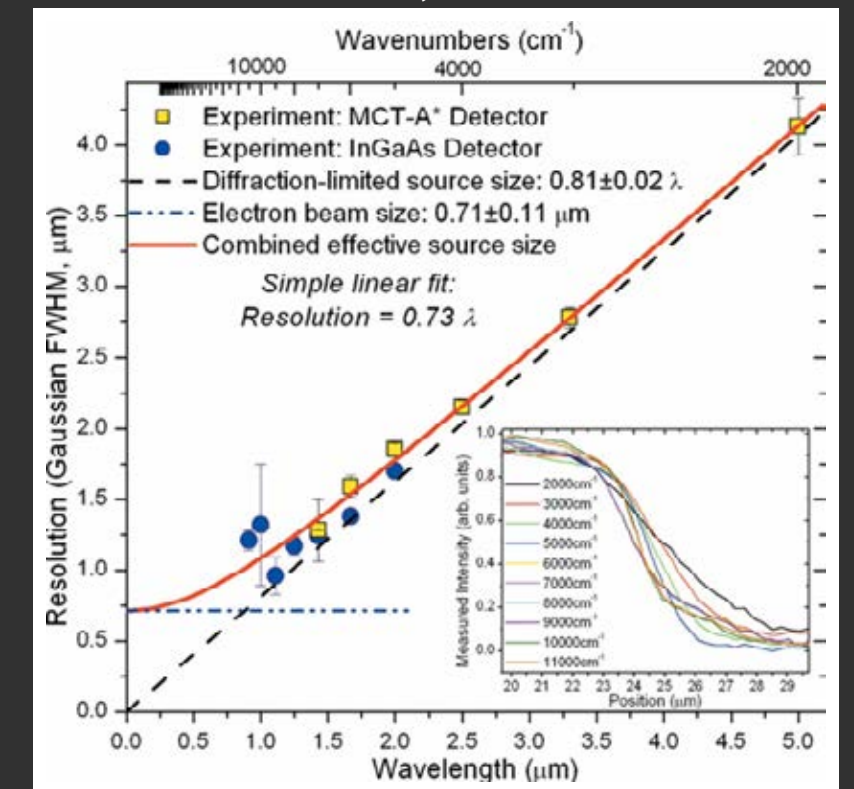


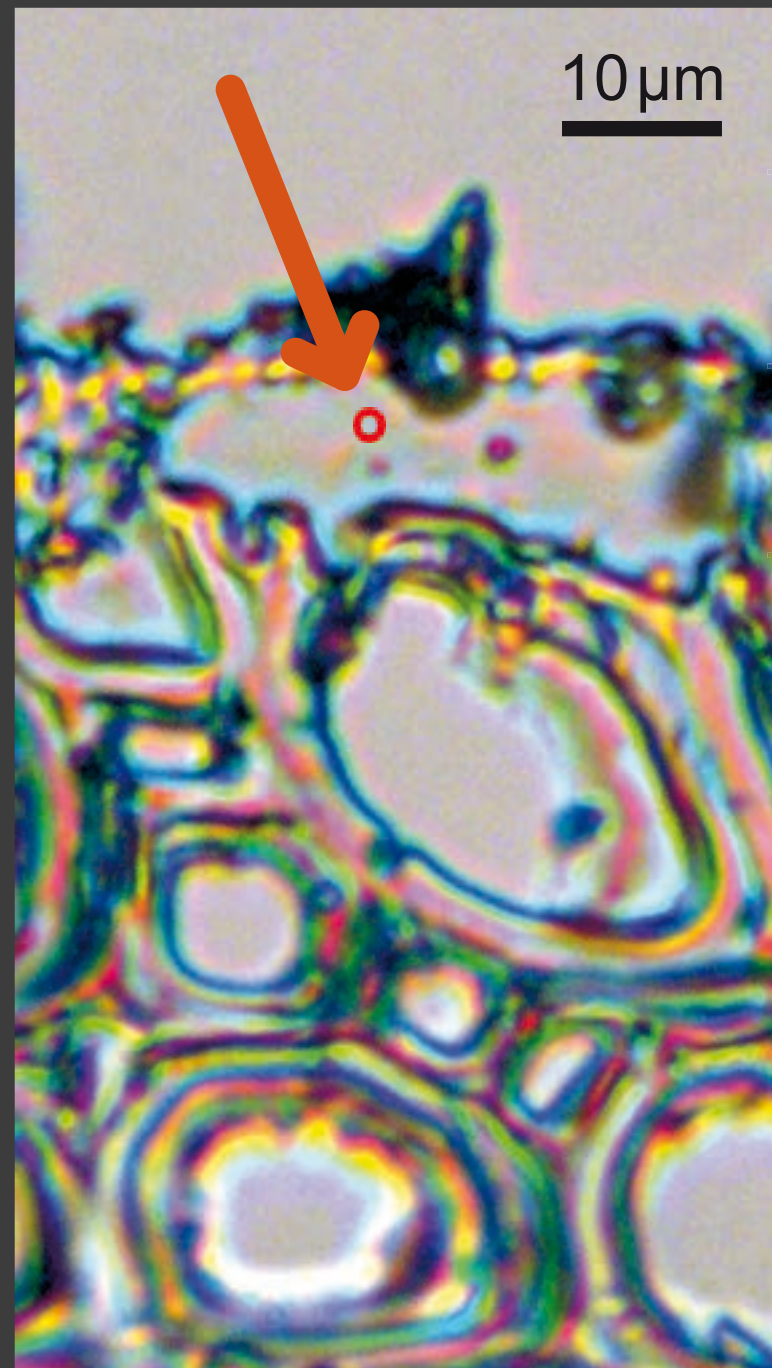
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E. Levenson et al. J. Synchrotron Rad., 2008.





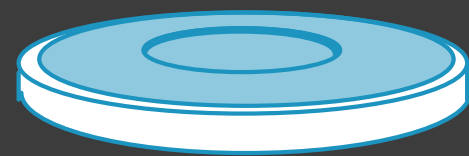
10 μm

fragmentary surface stratum

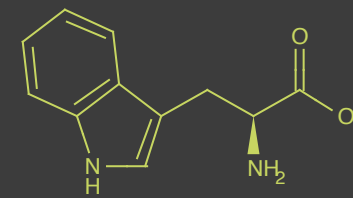
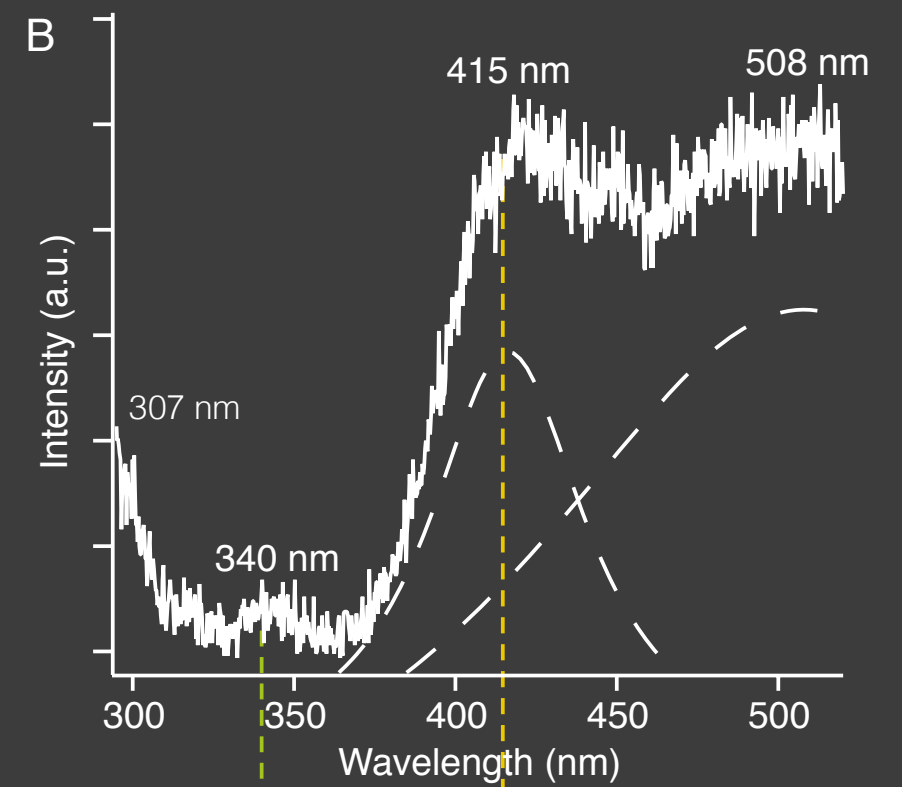
underlying protein stratum

wood cell walls

thin section from the Boquay cello

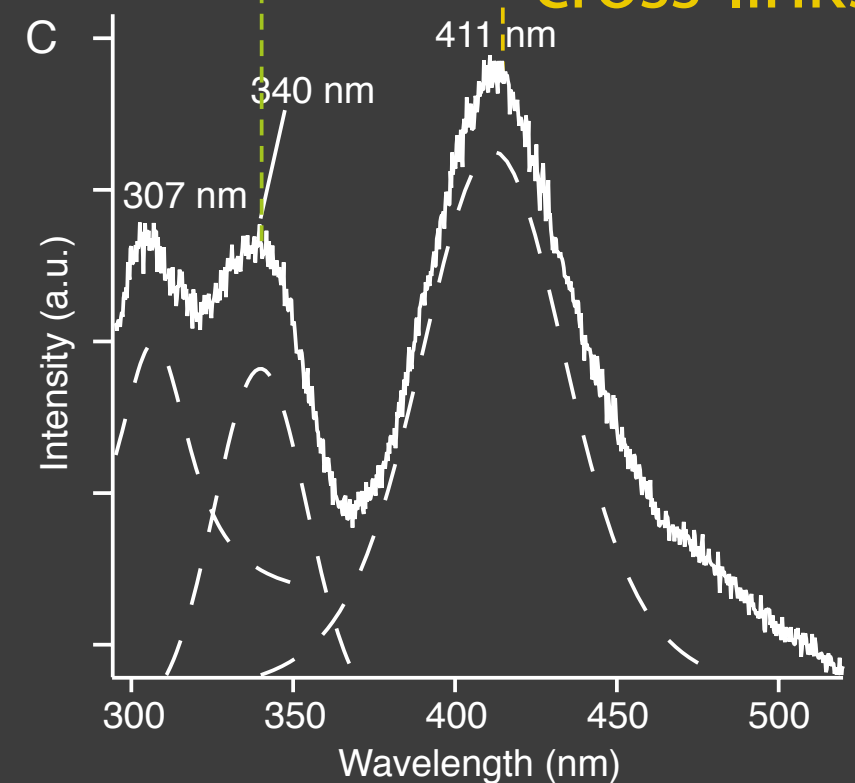


UV PL @ SOLEIL DISCO
 B. 272 nm exc. 60s
 C. 275 nm exc. 120s



hide glue reference:

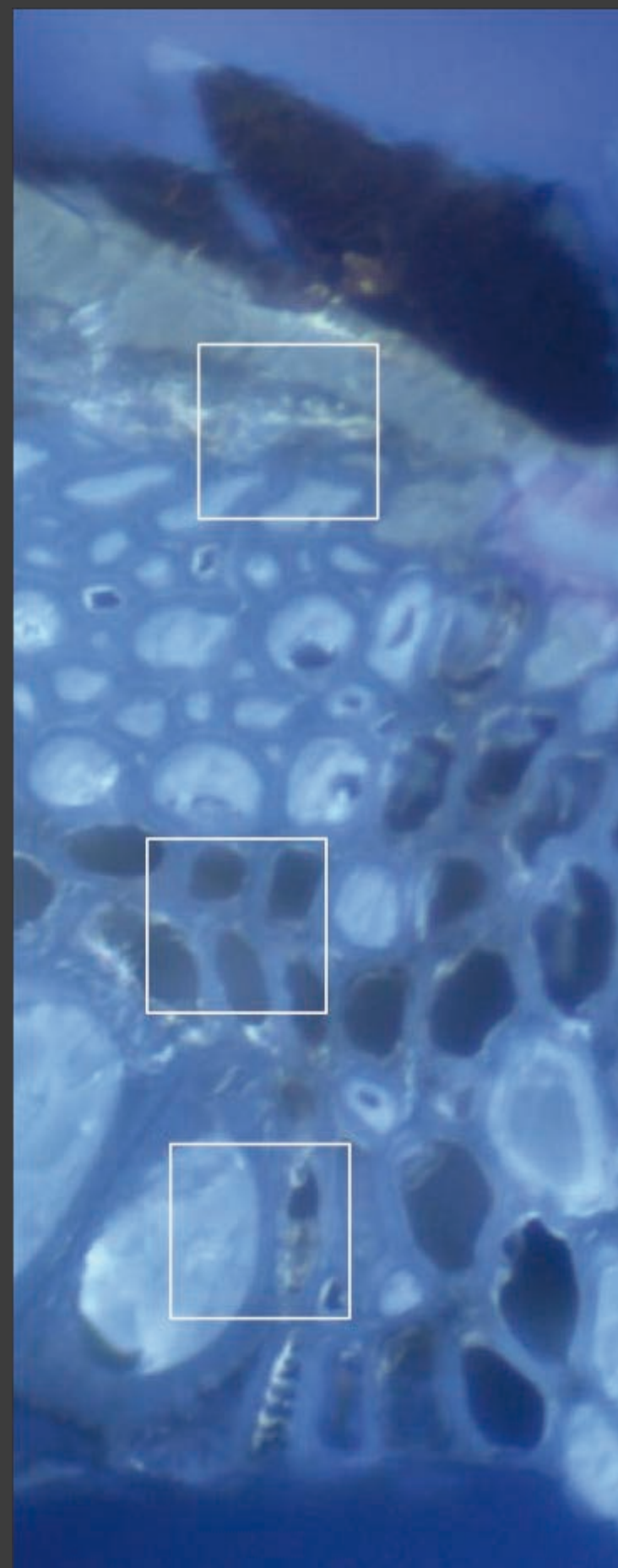
collagen cross-links



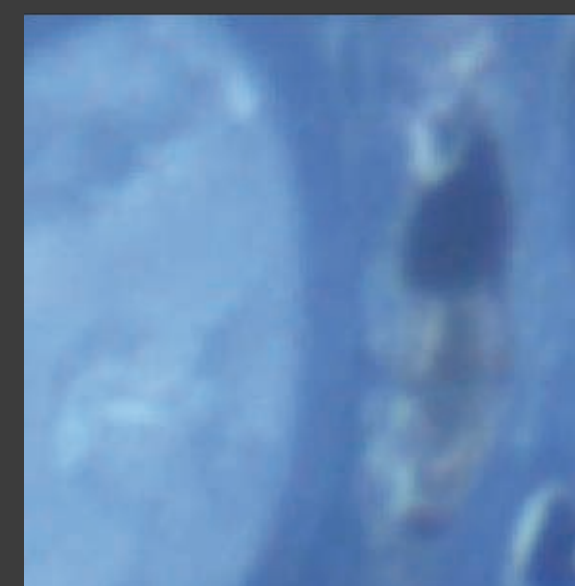
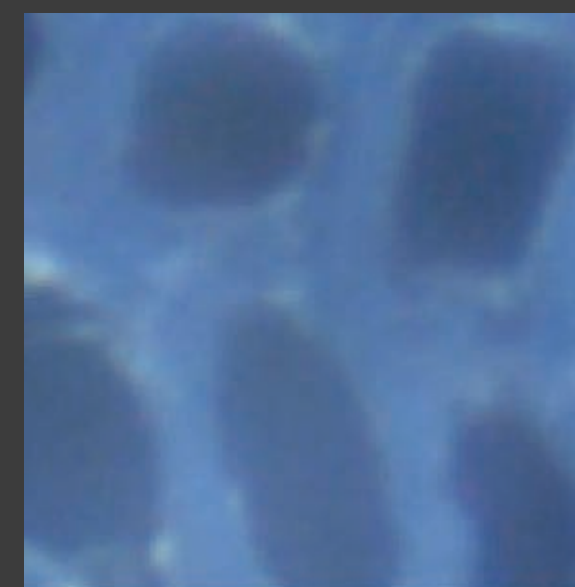
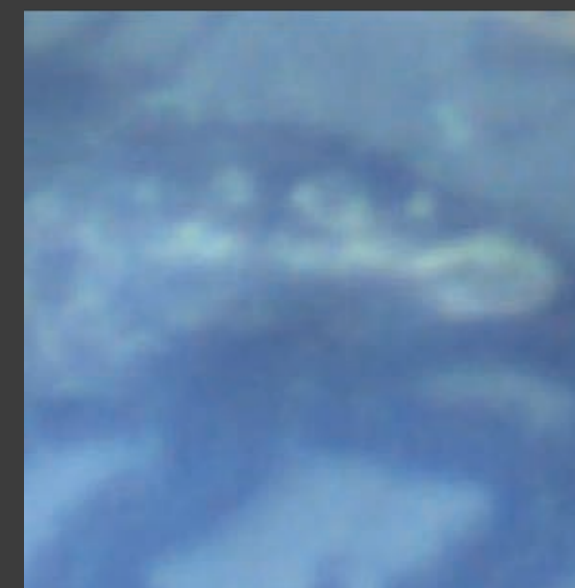


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one of the earliest surviving Italian lutes



epiluminescence
365 nm exc. (Hg)

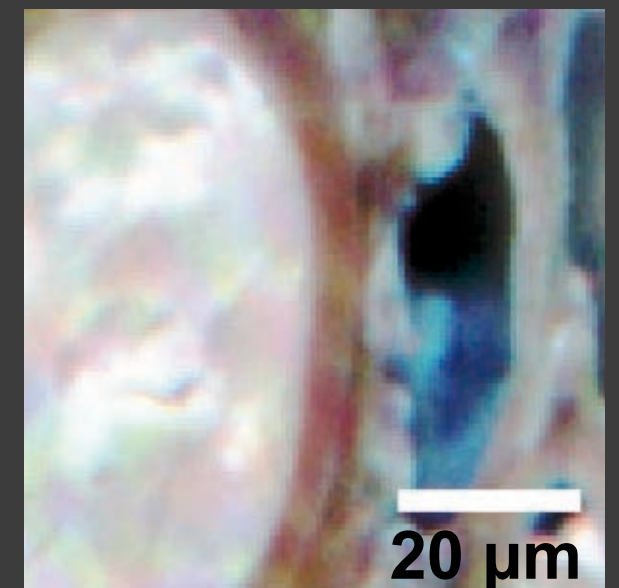
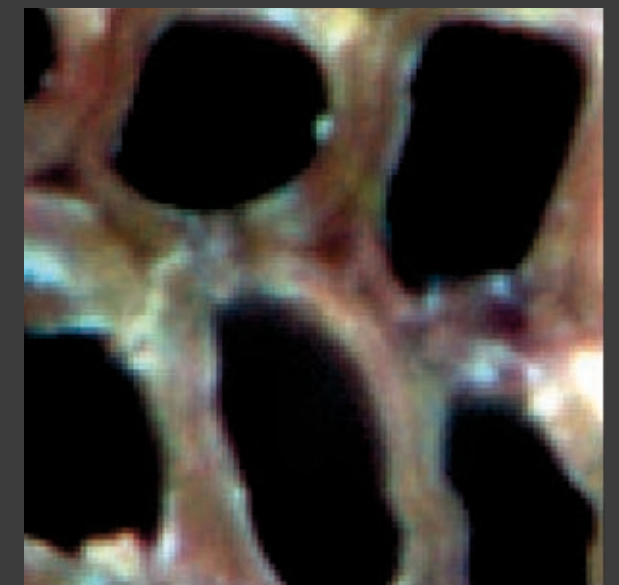
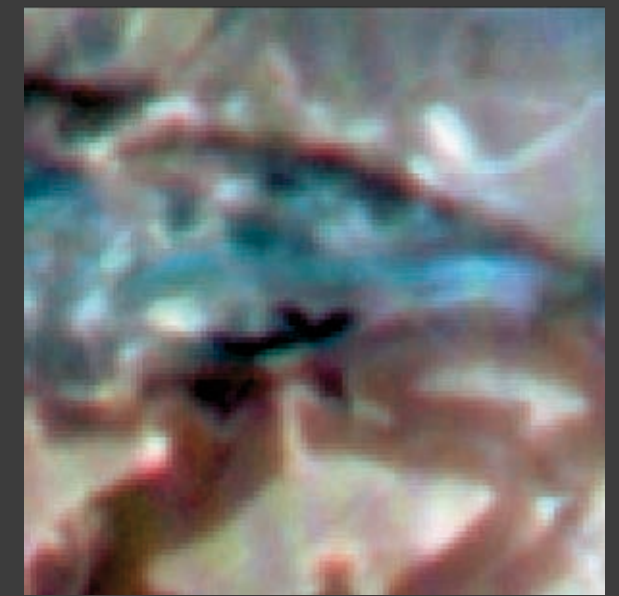
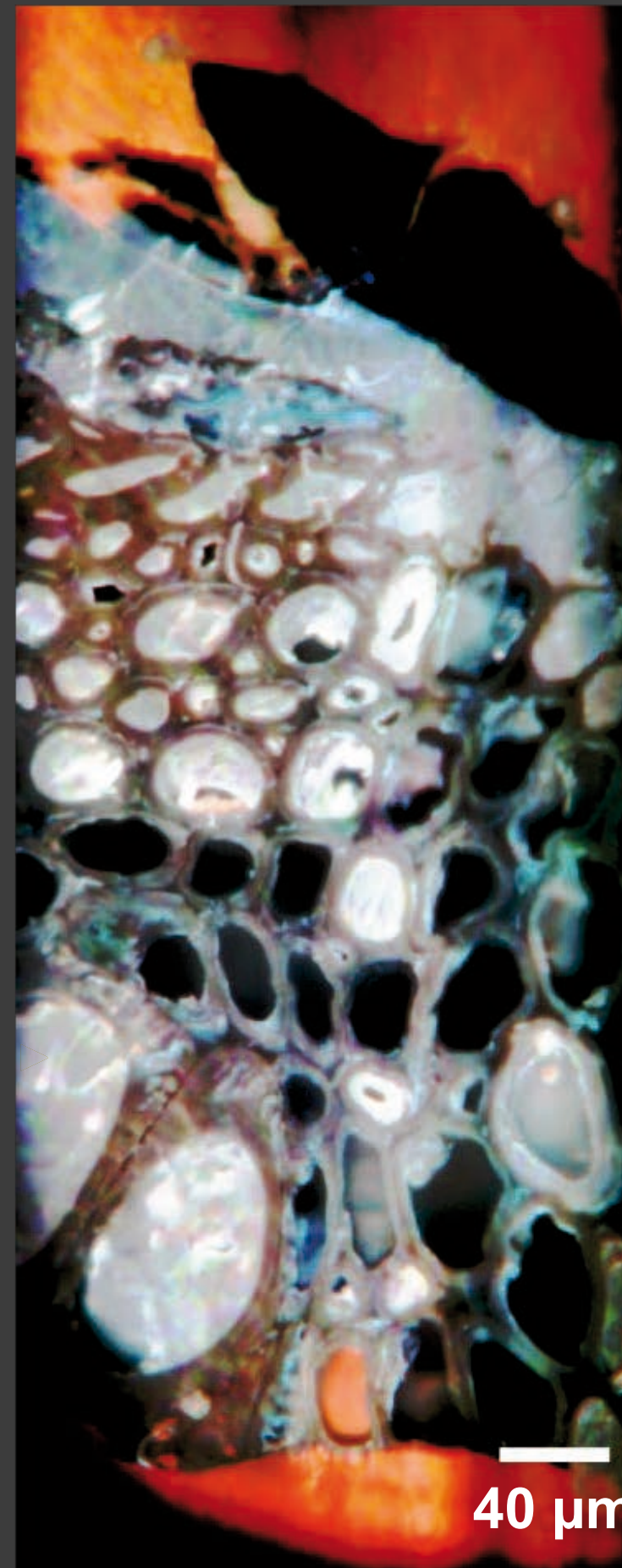




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light microscopy and Py-GC/MS:
 surface stratum: drying oil + diterpenic Pinaceae resin
 underlying stratum: drying oil
 ash wood (*Fraxinus* sp.)

Synchrotron deep UV PL @ SOLEIL DISCO
 275 nm exc. / 380, 465, 500 nm em.
 313 nm proj. pixel size



Early lost-wax cast

M. Thoury, B. Mille, T. Séverin-Fabiani et al.

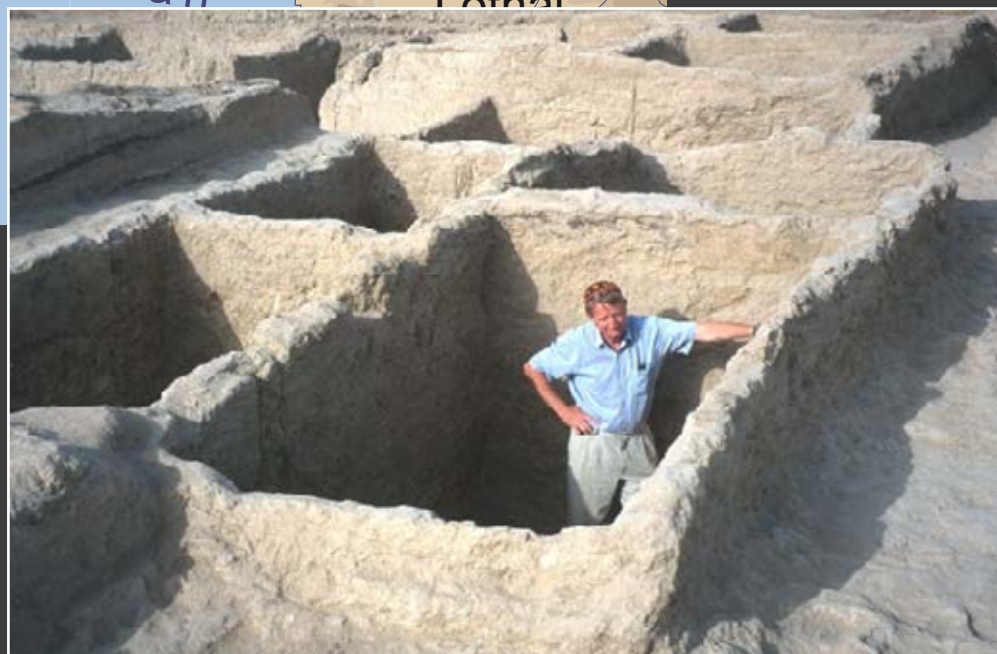
amulet, inv. no. MR.85.03.00.01,
Mehrgarh, Baluchistan, Pakistan,
period III, 4500–3600 BCE
(C2RMF, D. Bagault)



1974: Discovery of the Mehrgarh site



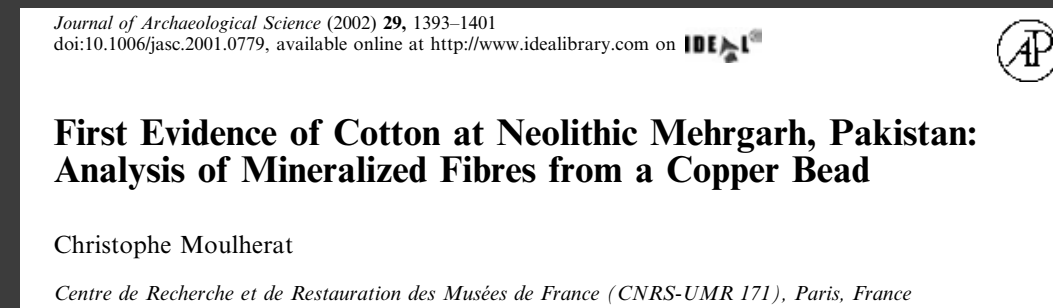
Jean-François Jarrige



Period I–II	7500 – 5500 BCE
Period III	4500 – 3600 BCE
Periods IV–V	3600 – 3100 BCE
Periods VI–VII	3100 – 2600 BCE
Period VIII	ca. 2100 – 1900 BCE



Coppa *et al.*
7000–5500 BCE



6th mill. BCE



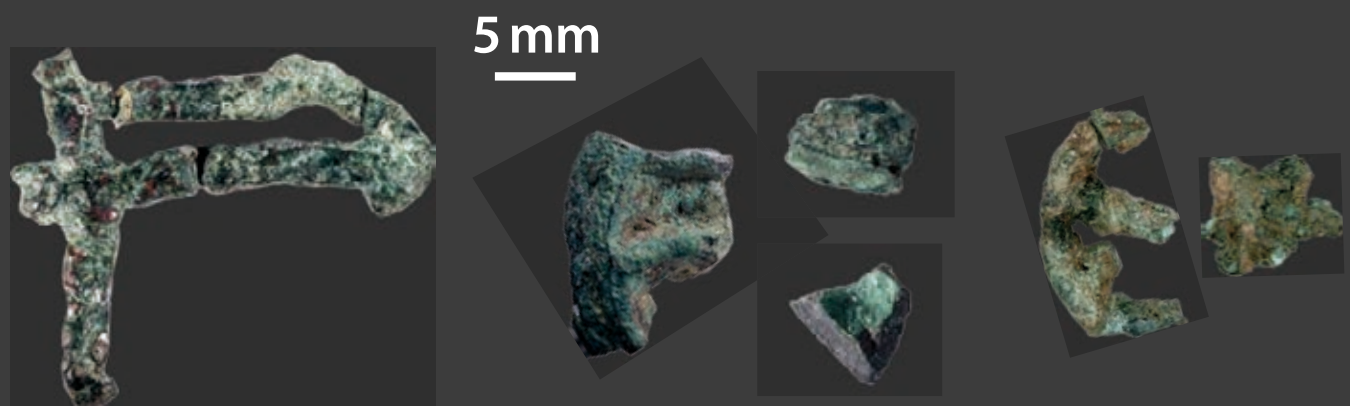
Togau ceramic vessel,
late 5th mill. BCE



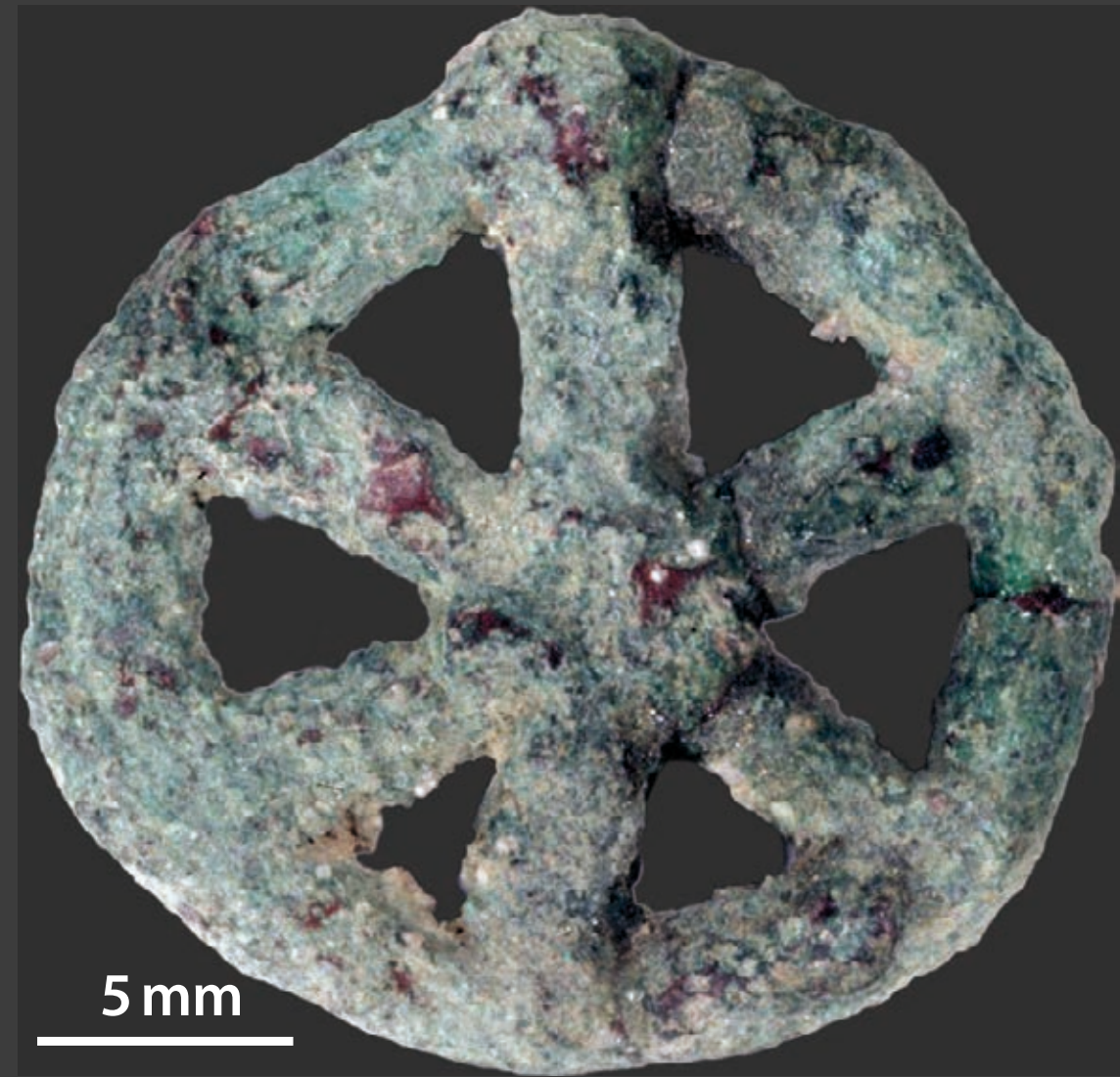
Figurine,
c. 3000 BCE
(Musée Guimet)

Polychrome ware,
c. 3600–3500 BCE

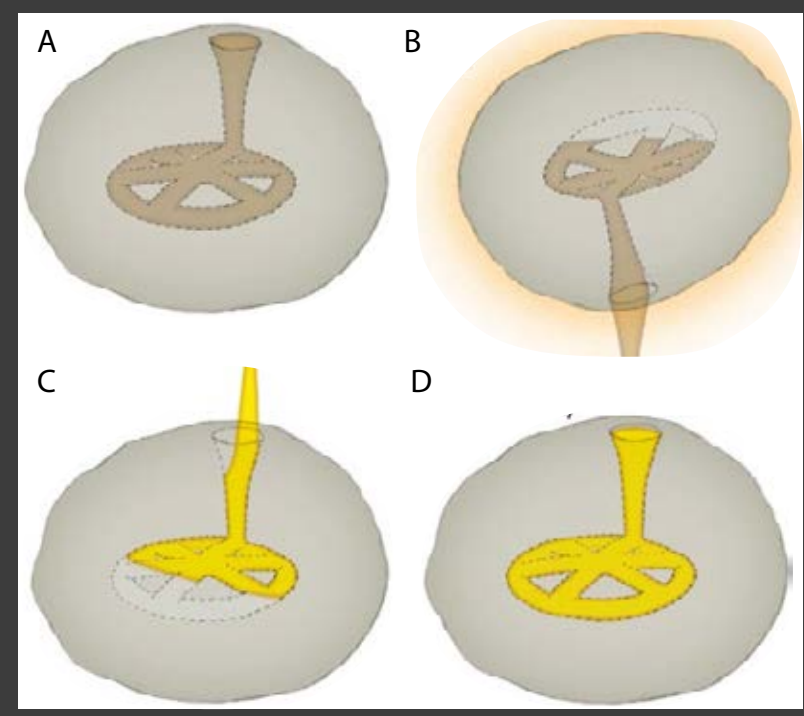




sector 10, MR2,
Mehrgarh,
Baluchistan, Pakistan,
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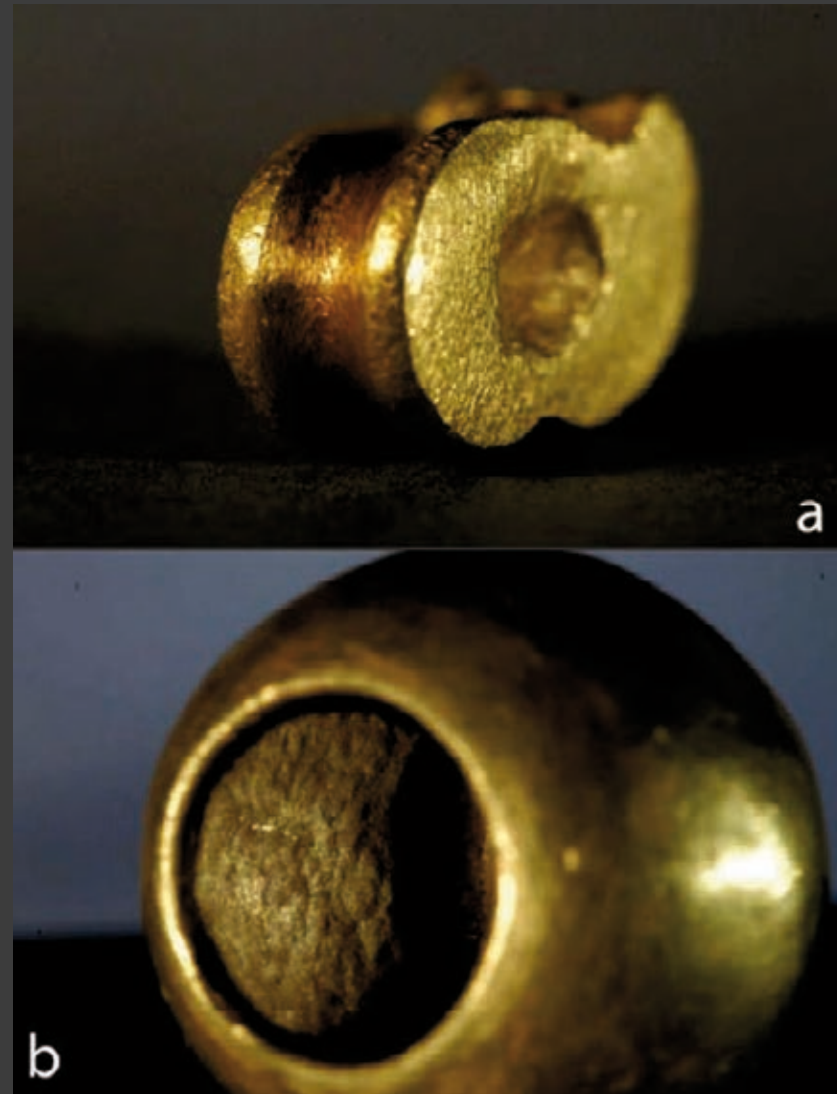
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Drawings by R. Chabrier

Early emergence of lost-wax casting

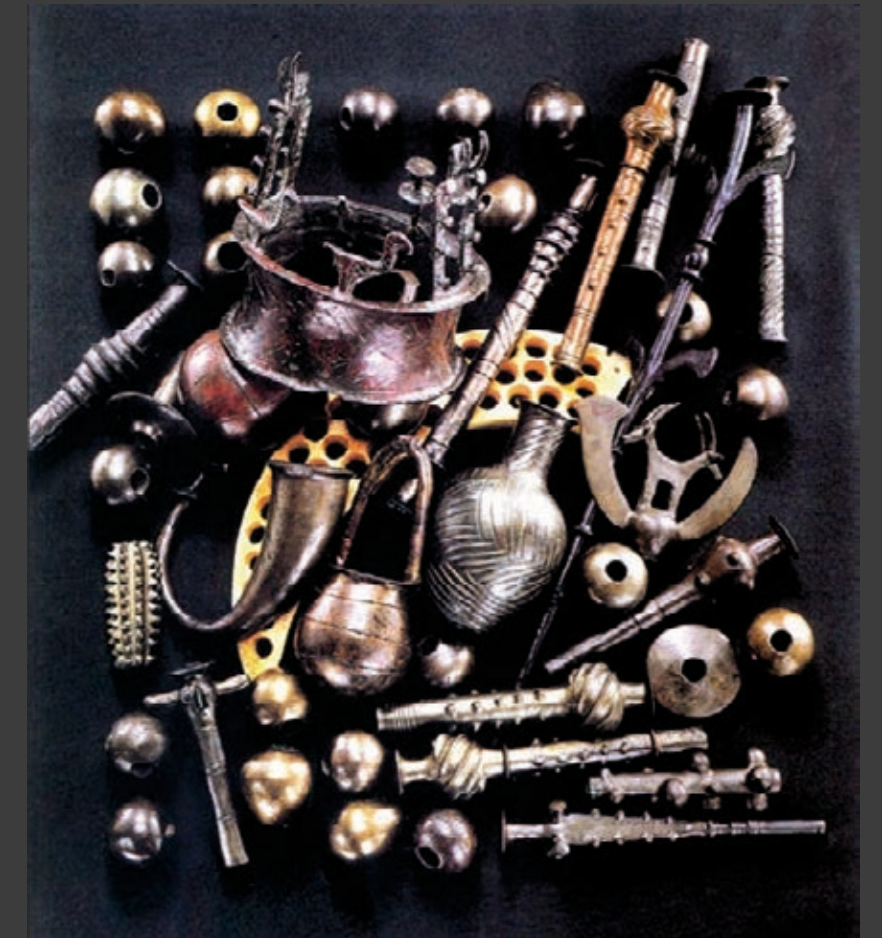
3 independent inventions in Eurasia?



Artefacts, **Varna Cemetery I**, Bulgaria
4550-4450 BCE
(Leusch, Armbruster, Pernicka & Slavcev 2015)



Artefacts, **Mehrgarh MR2**, Pakistan
4500-3600 BCE
(Thoury, Mille et al., 2016)



Hoard, **Nahal Mishmar**, Israel
4200 or 3800 BCE
(Bar-Adon 1980, Klimscha 2013)

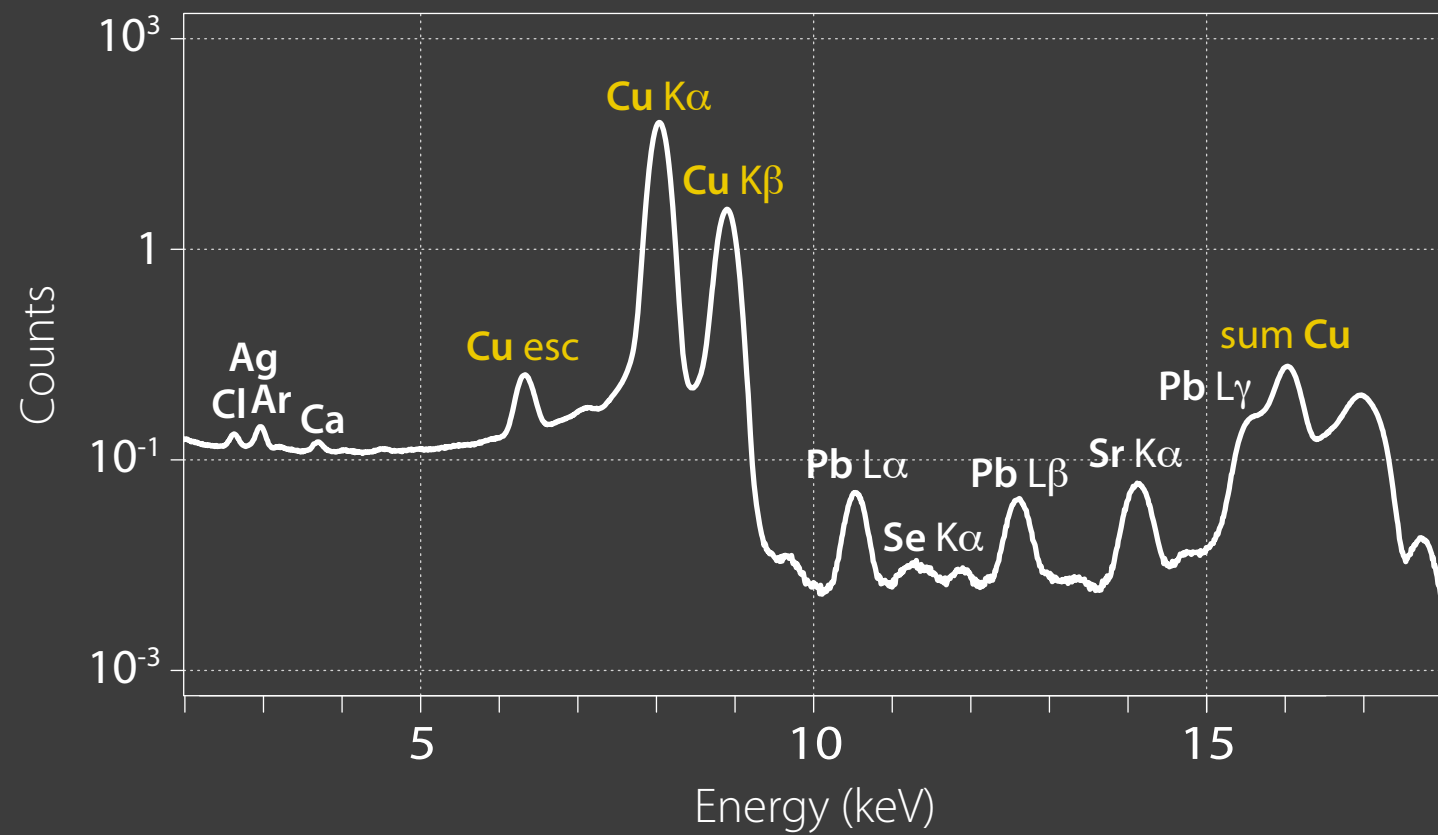


500 μm

dendrites



Synchrotron **XRF** mapping
DiffAbs, SOLEIL synchrotron



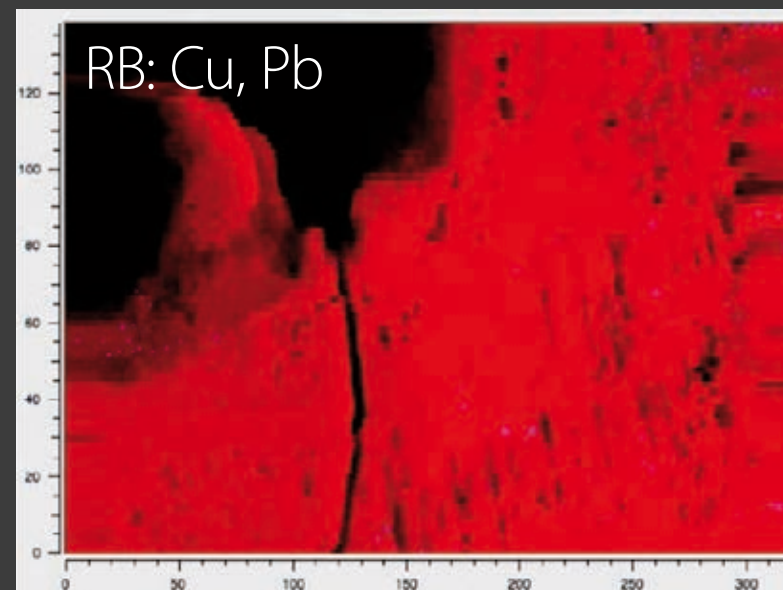
bulk:

[Ag] < 0.2%wt
[Au] = ~300 ppm
[Pb] ~ ppm
As, Se: traces

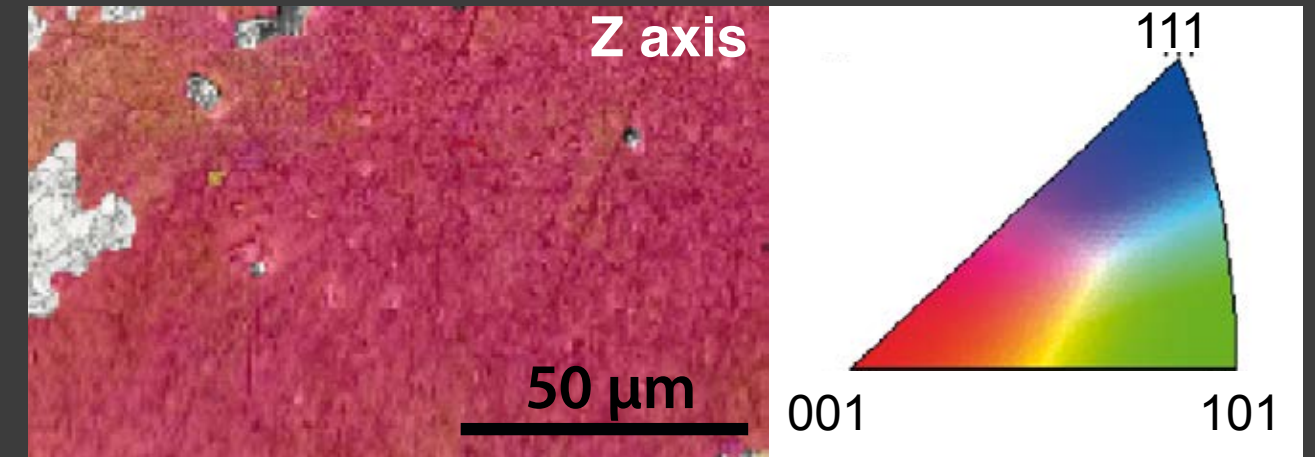
no signif. As, Sn, Pb

dendrites:

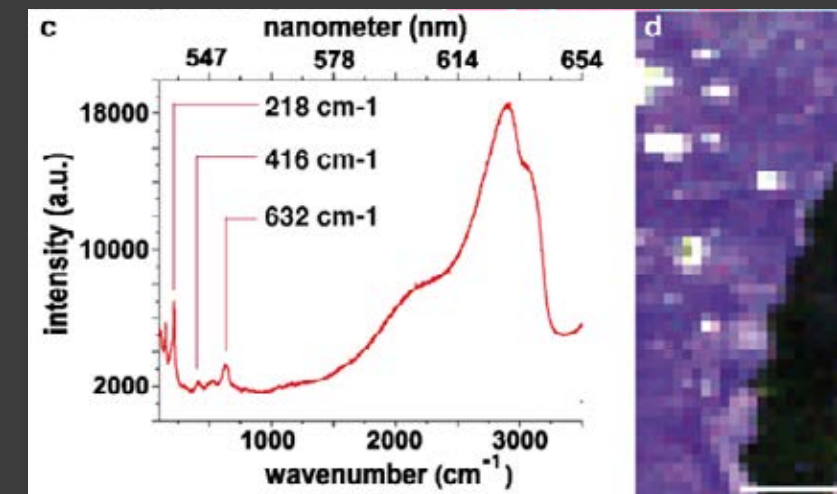
Cl



Inverse pole figure, **EBSD**, pixel step: 744 nm
local misorientation < 3.5°

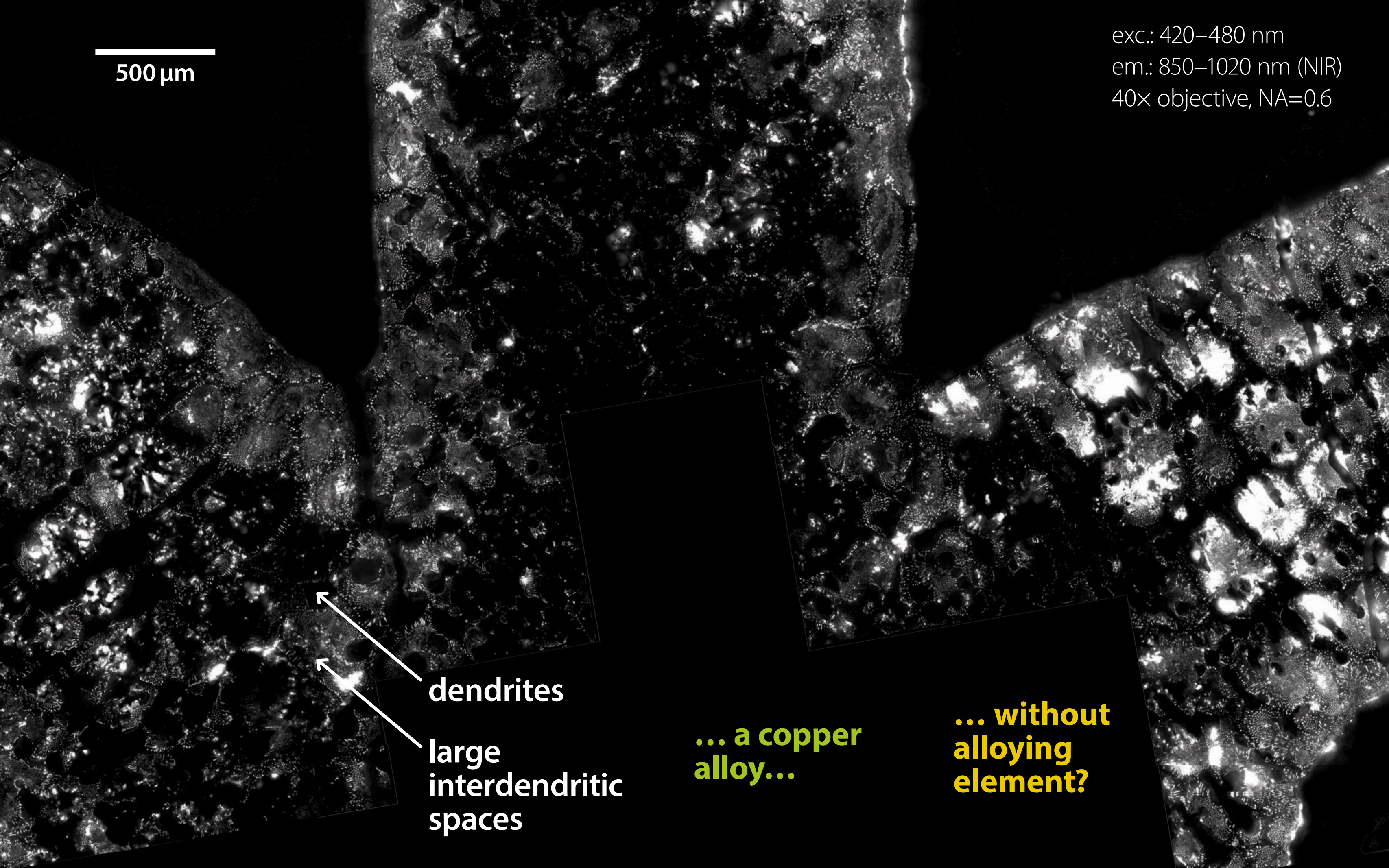


Raman spectroscopy
RGB: 632, 416, 218 cm⁻¹



exc.: 420–480 nm
em.: 850–1020 nm (NIR)
40× objective, NA=0.6

500 μm



dendrites
large interdendritic spaces

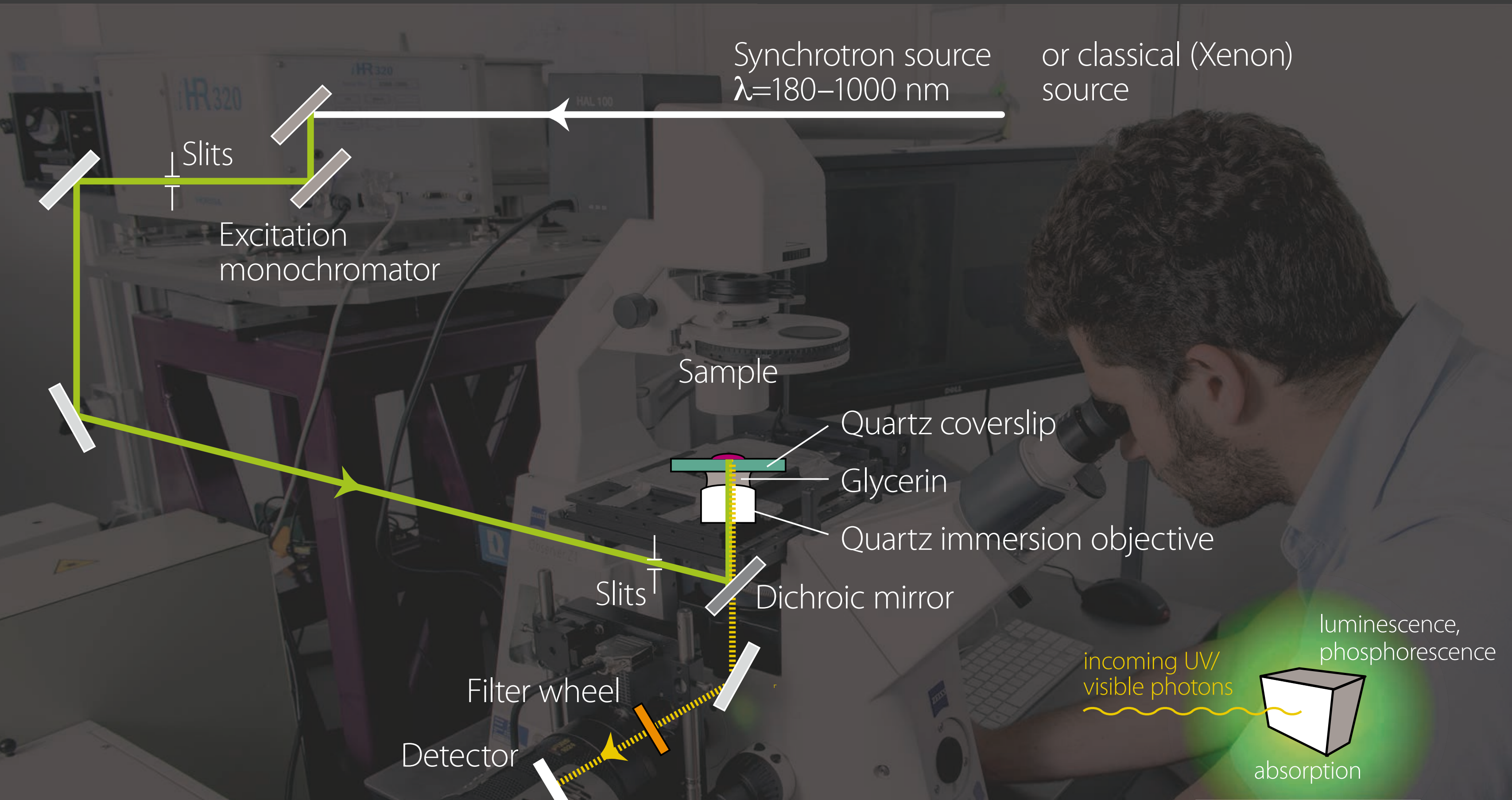
... a copper alloy...

... without alloying element?

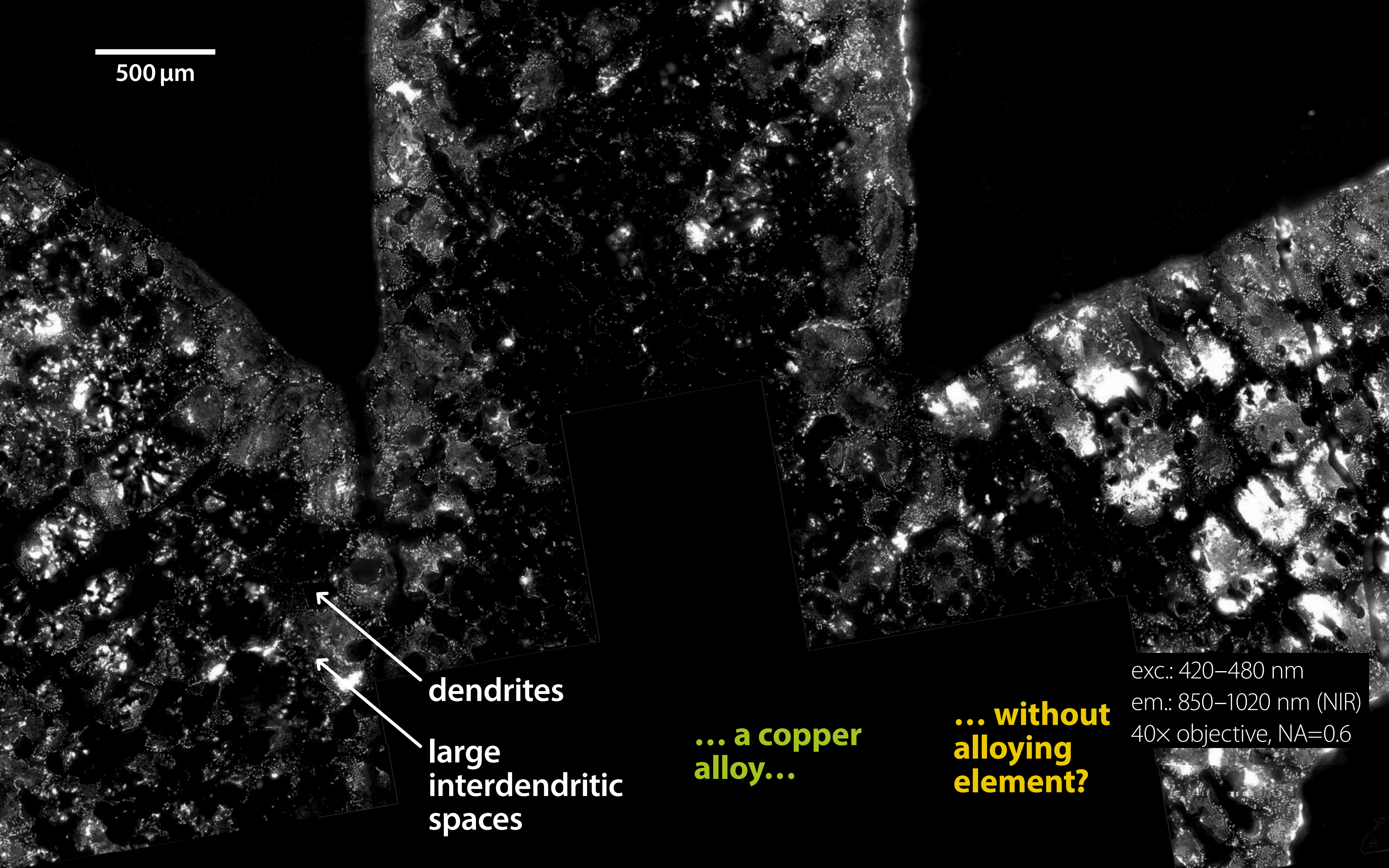
synchrotron UV/visible photoluminescence
TELEMOS instrument, DISCO beamline, SOLEIL (M. Réfrégiers et al.)



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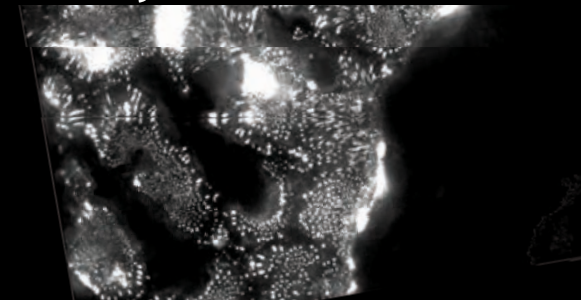


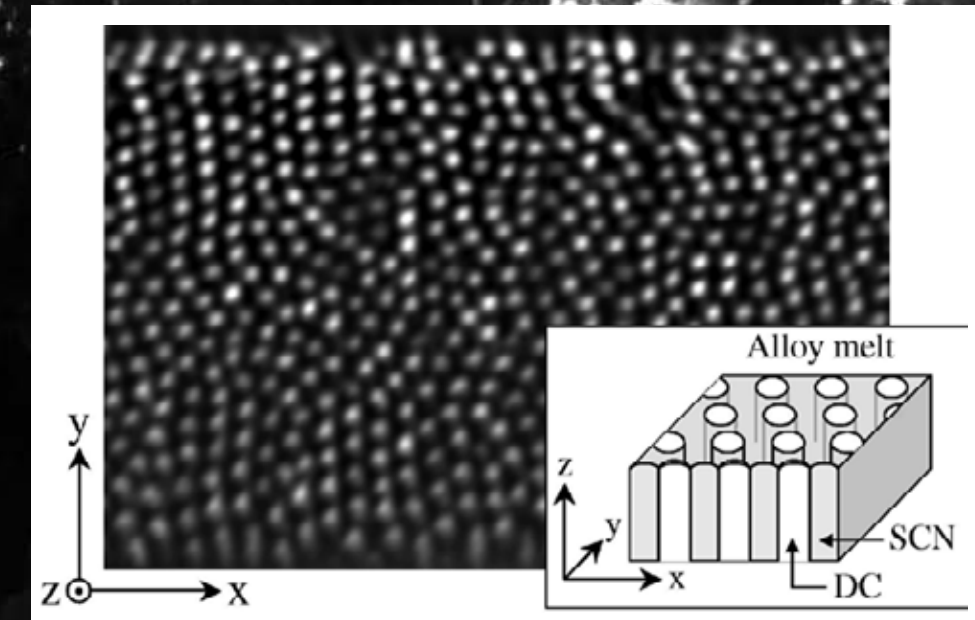
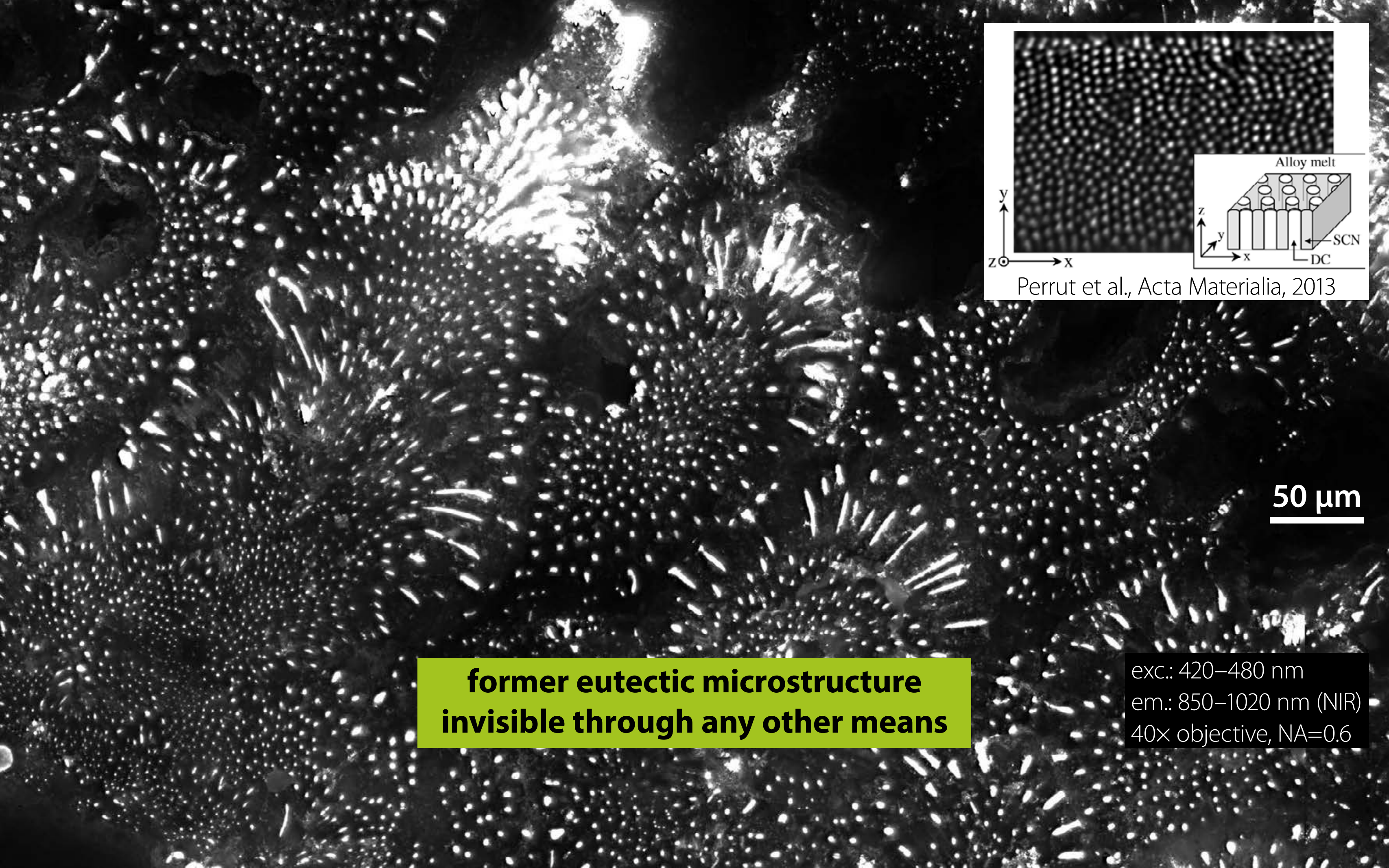
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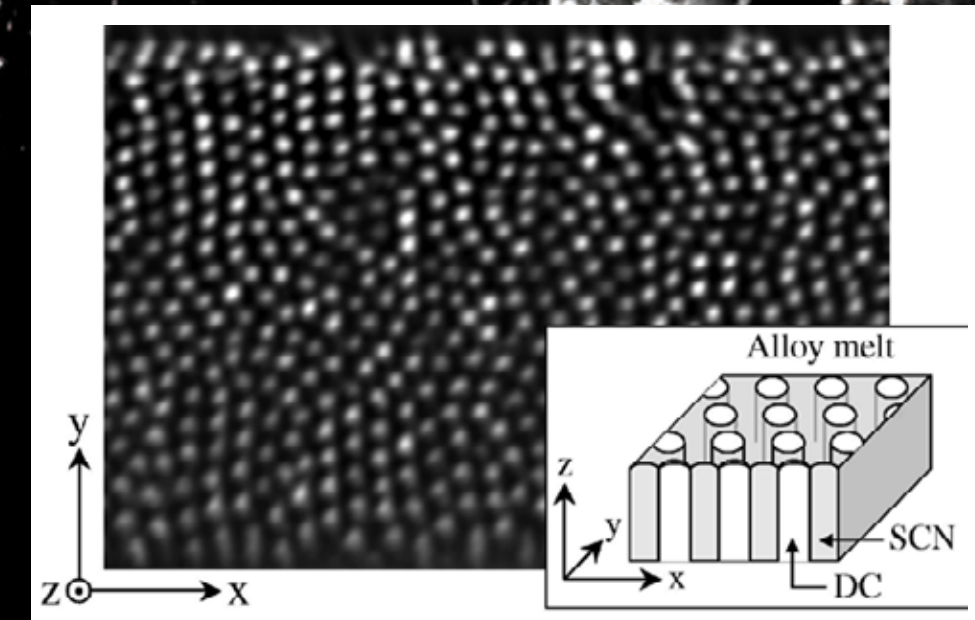
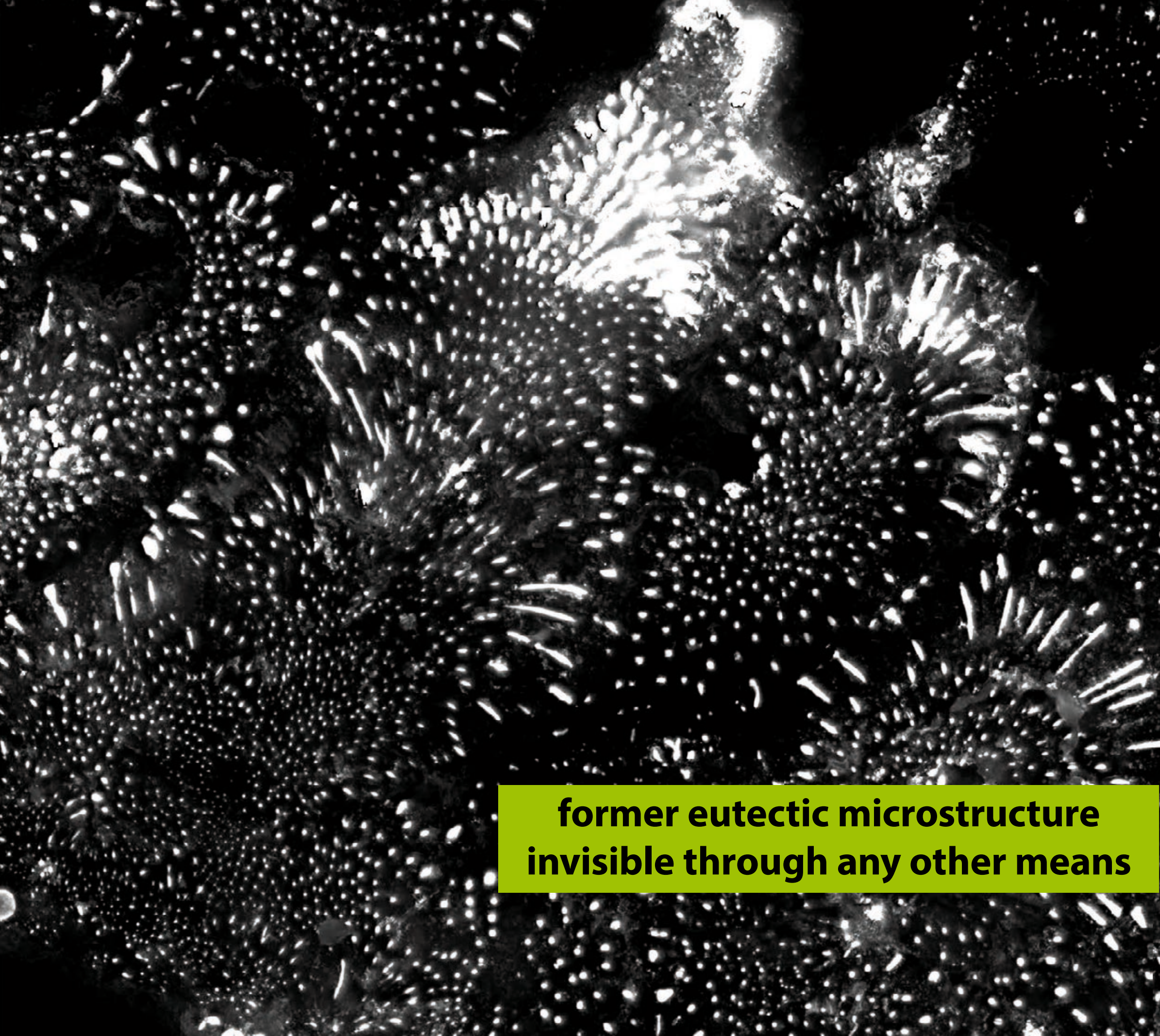


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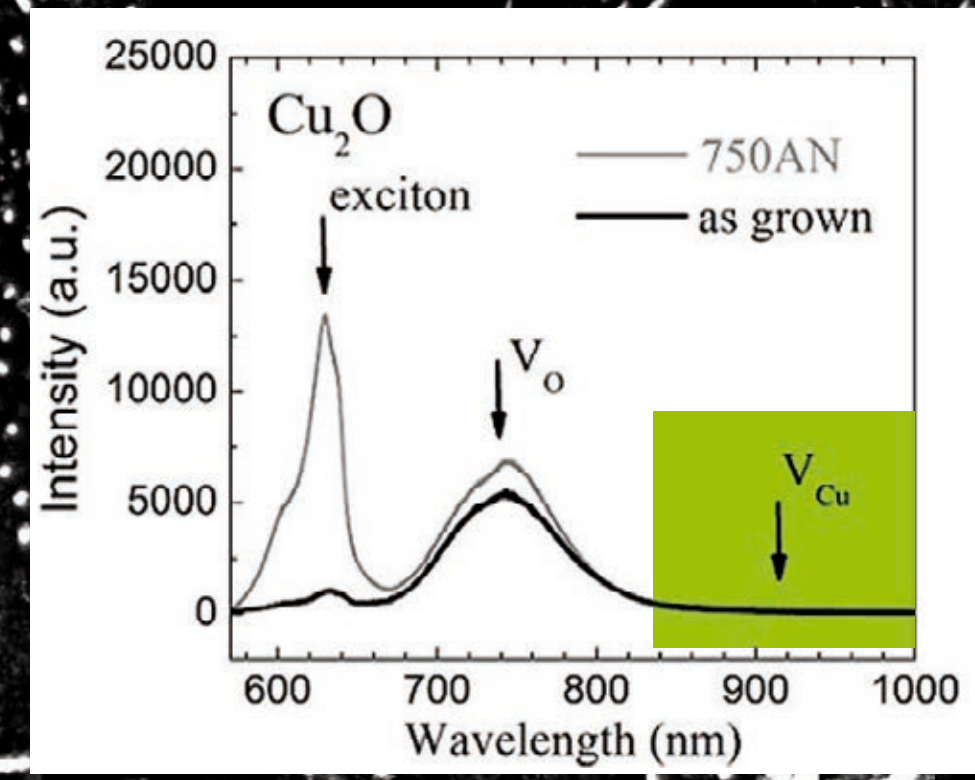
50 μm

**former eutectic microstructure
invisible through any other means**

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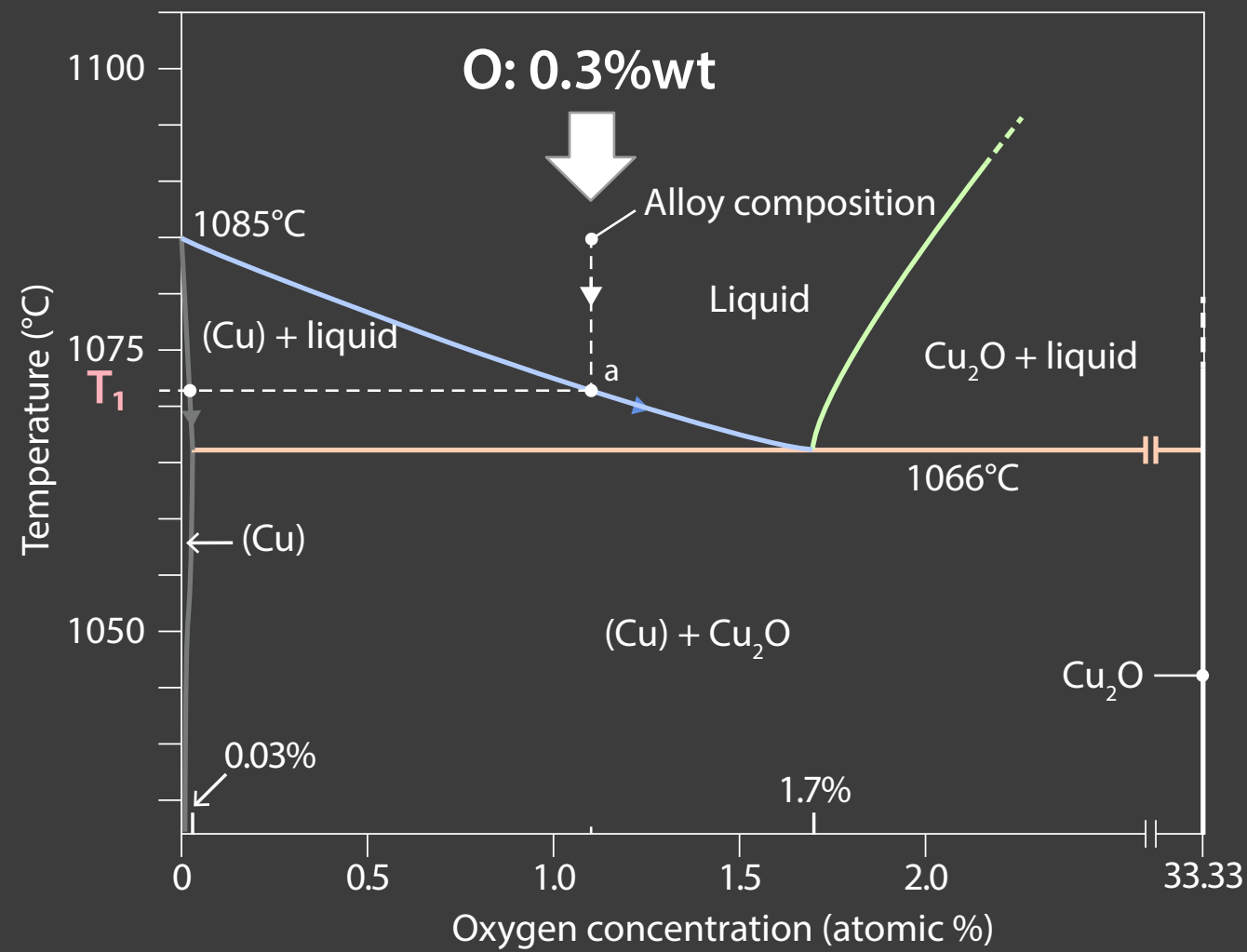
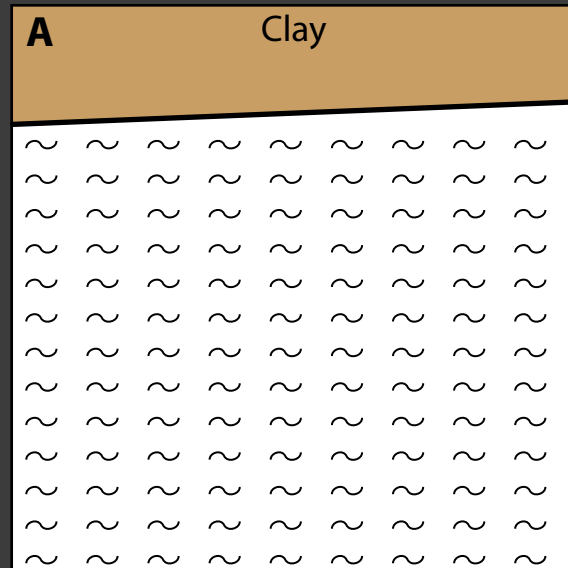


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Chalcolithic workers melted very pure copper

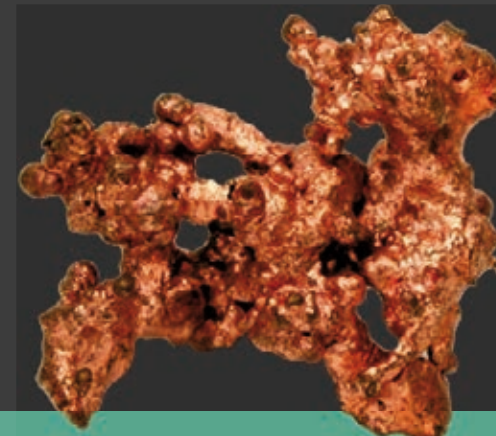
From $\mathcal{A}(\text{eu-Cu}_2\text{O})/\mathcal{A}(\text{eu-Cu})$: **O content 0.3%wt**

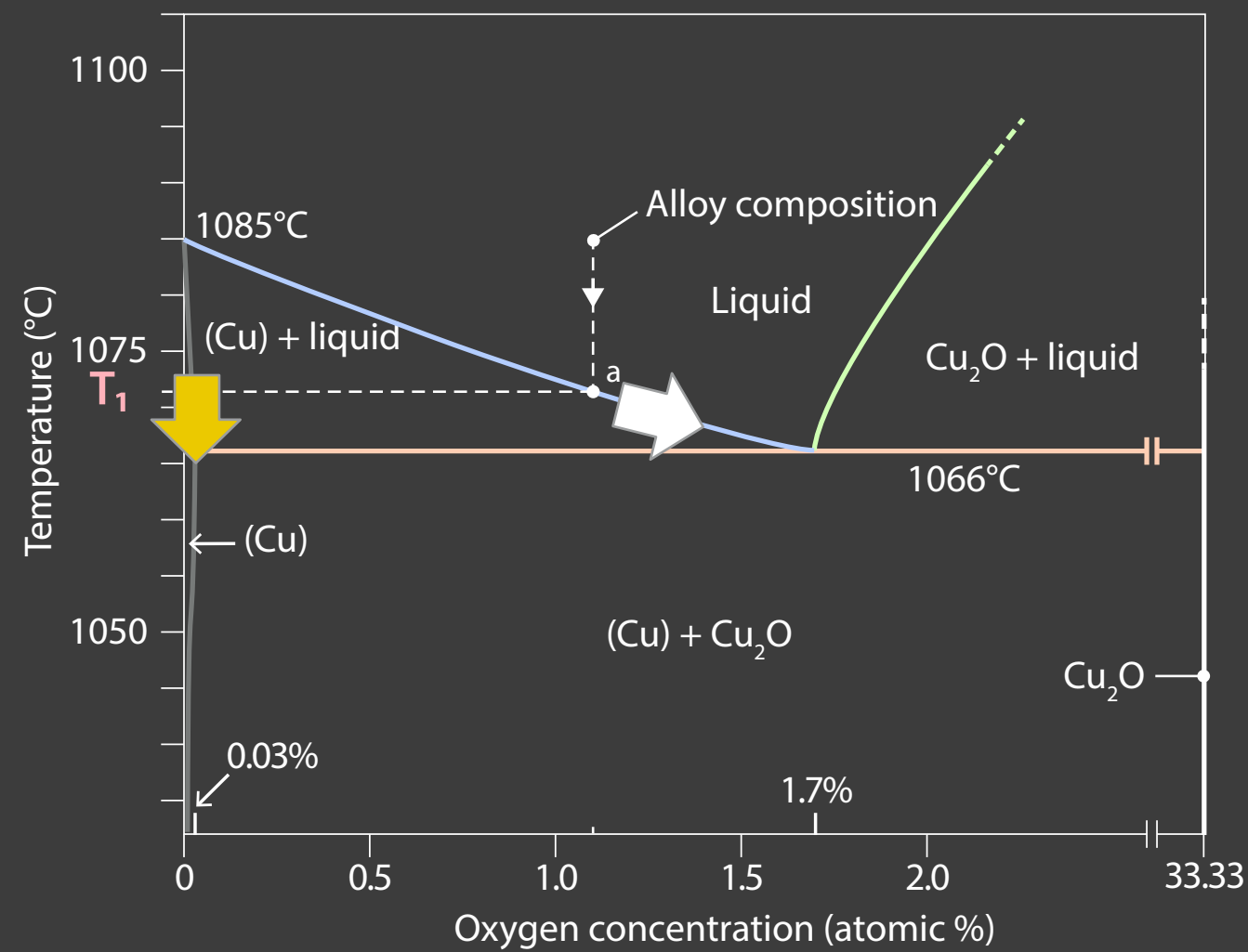
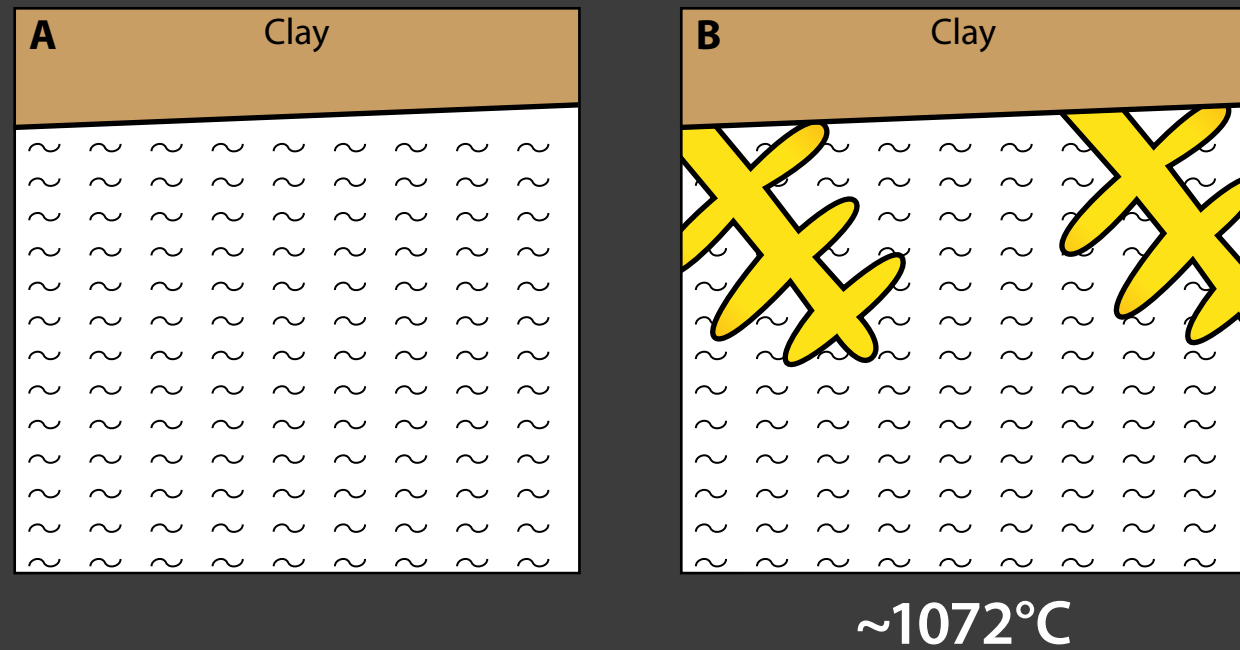
No significant As, Sb, Sn, Pb

High melting temperature: **> 1085°C**

Native ore?

Trace elements: Ag >> Au >> Pb >> As, Se, Hg



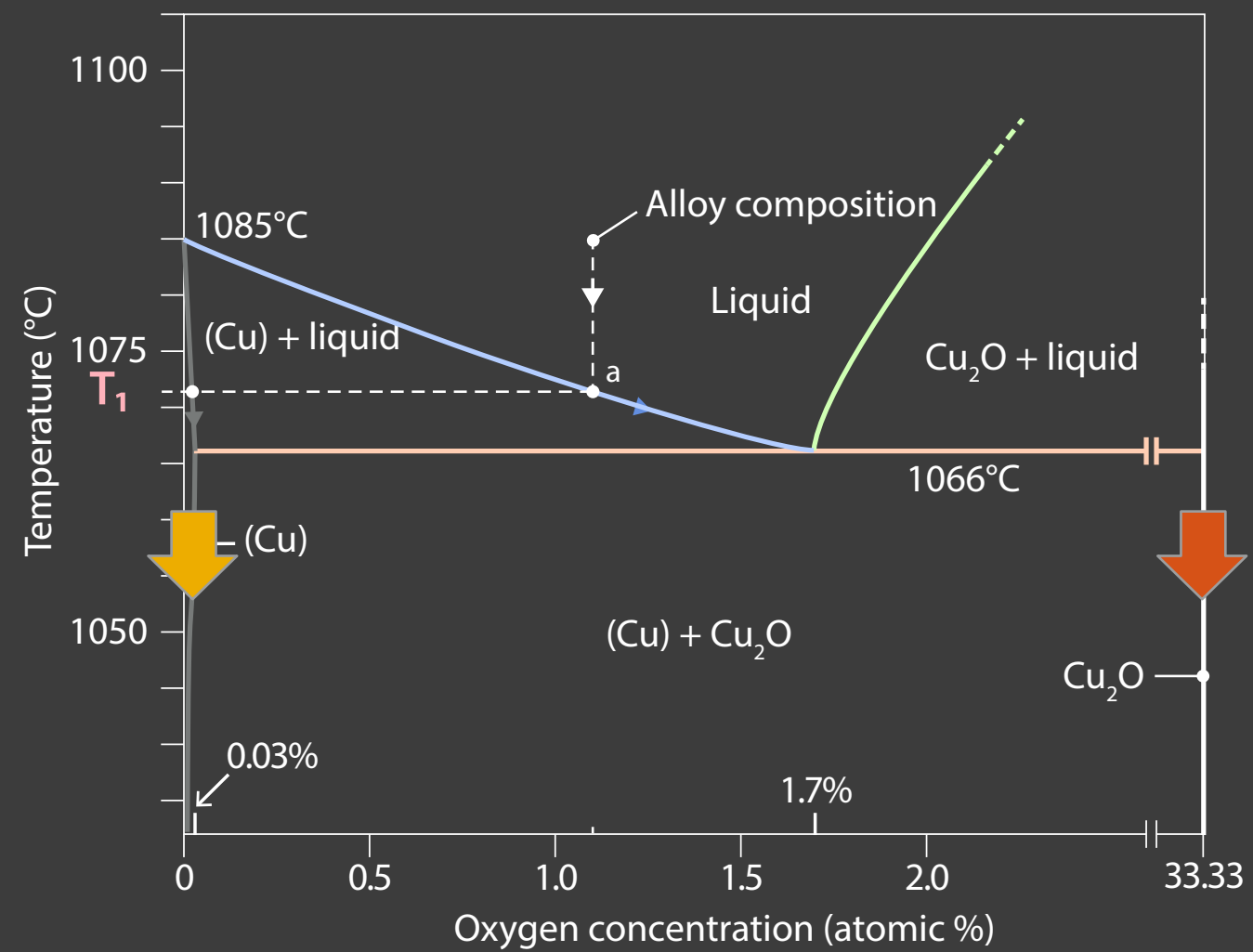
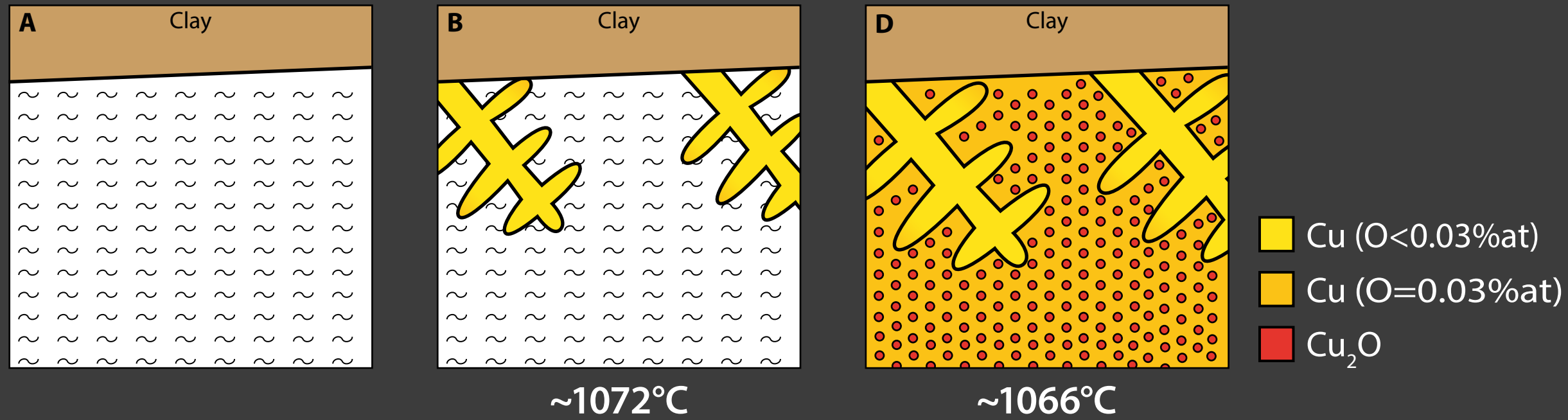


Solidification started at **1072°C**

Bad castability

A very atypical ore... **Specific status?**
A glimpse in the innovation process?

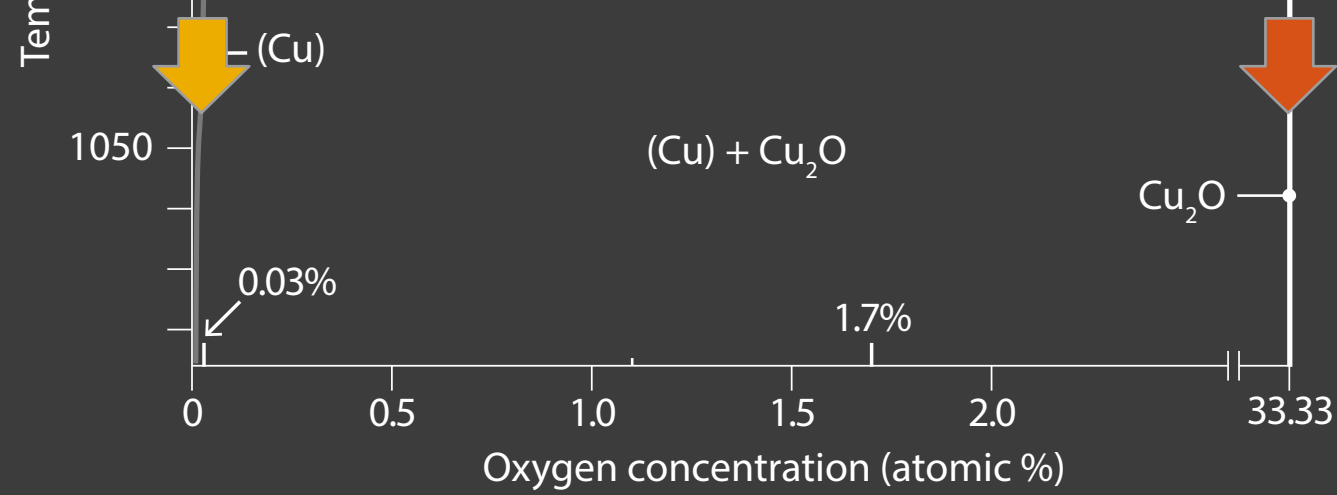
Towards Cu–Pb (10–30%wt) then Cu–Sn alloys



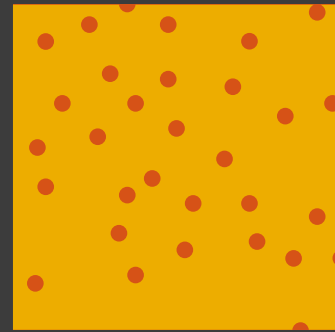
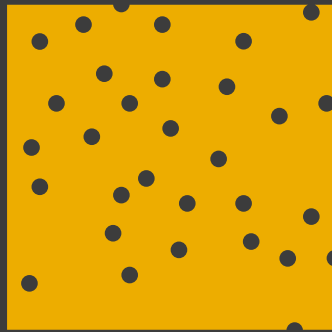
Hypo-eutectic microstructure
 Complete solidification at **1066°C**

Cu₂O in a Cu (O=0.03%wt) matrix

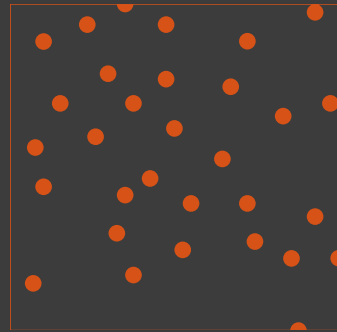
The melt cools down and the mould is broken to release the artefact



eutectic Cu

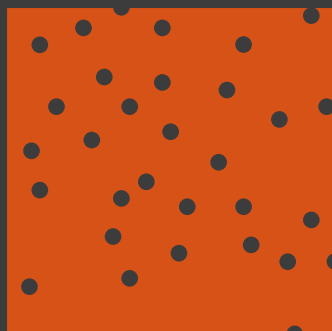


eutectic Cu_{2-x}O

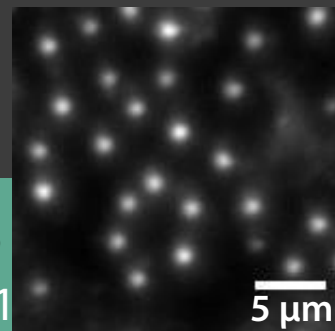
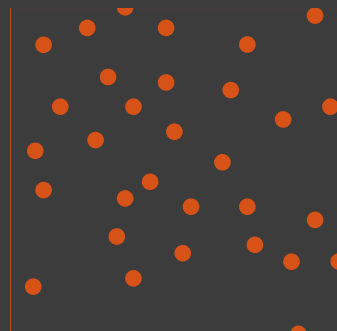


time ↓

corrosion Cu_2O



eutectic Cu_{2-x}O

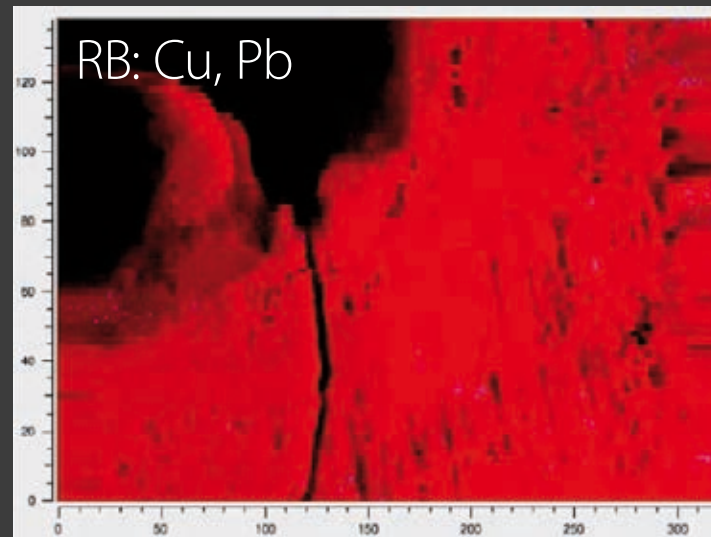


Slow corrosion to cuprite Cu_2O
Relatively **dry sandy clayey soil**

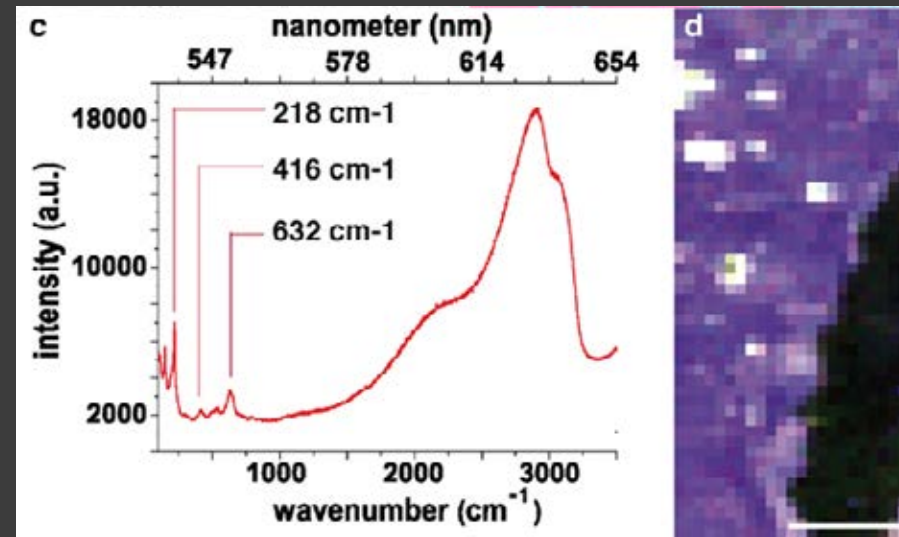
1 μm / year?

6 millennia later: **a single mineral phase**

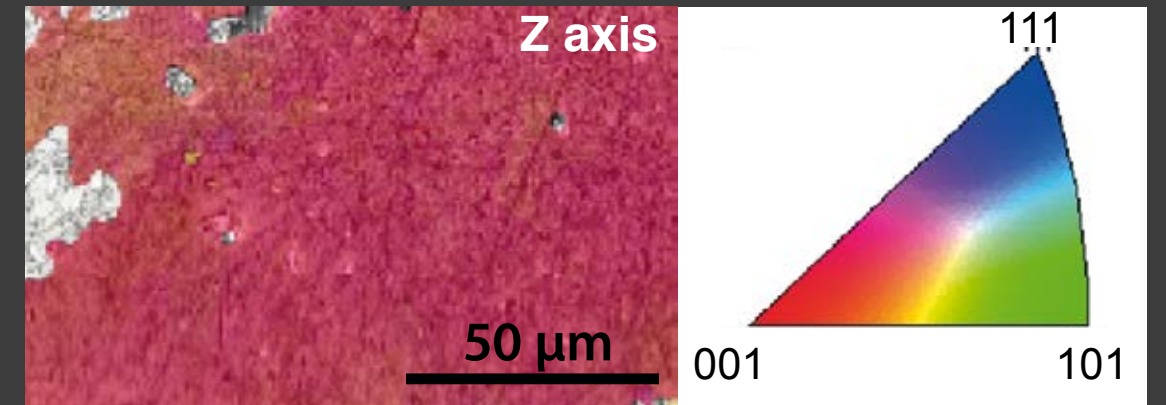
Full preservation of the ghost morphology of the eutectic



no elemental contrast



no molecular contrast



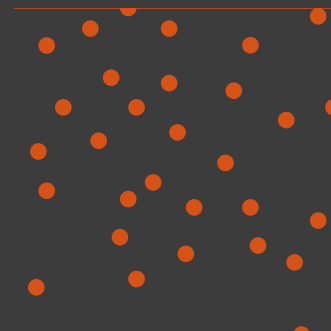
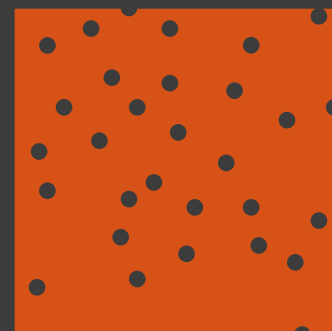
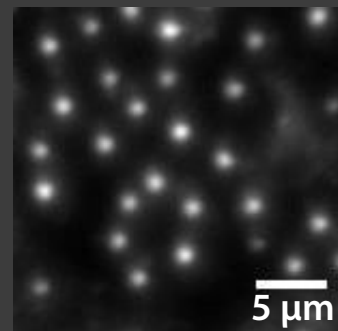
Inverse pole figure, **EBSD**, pixel step: 744 nm
local misorientation < 3.5°

no texture contrast!

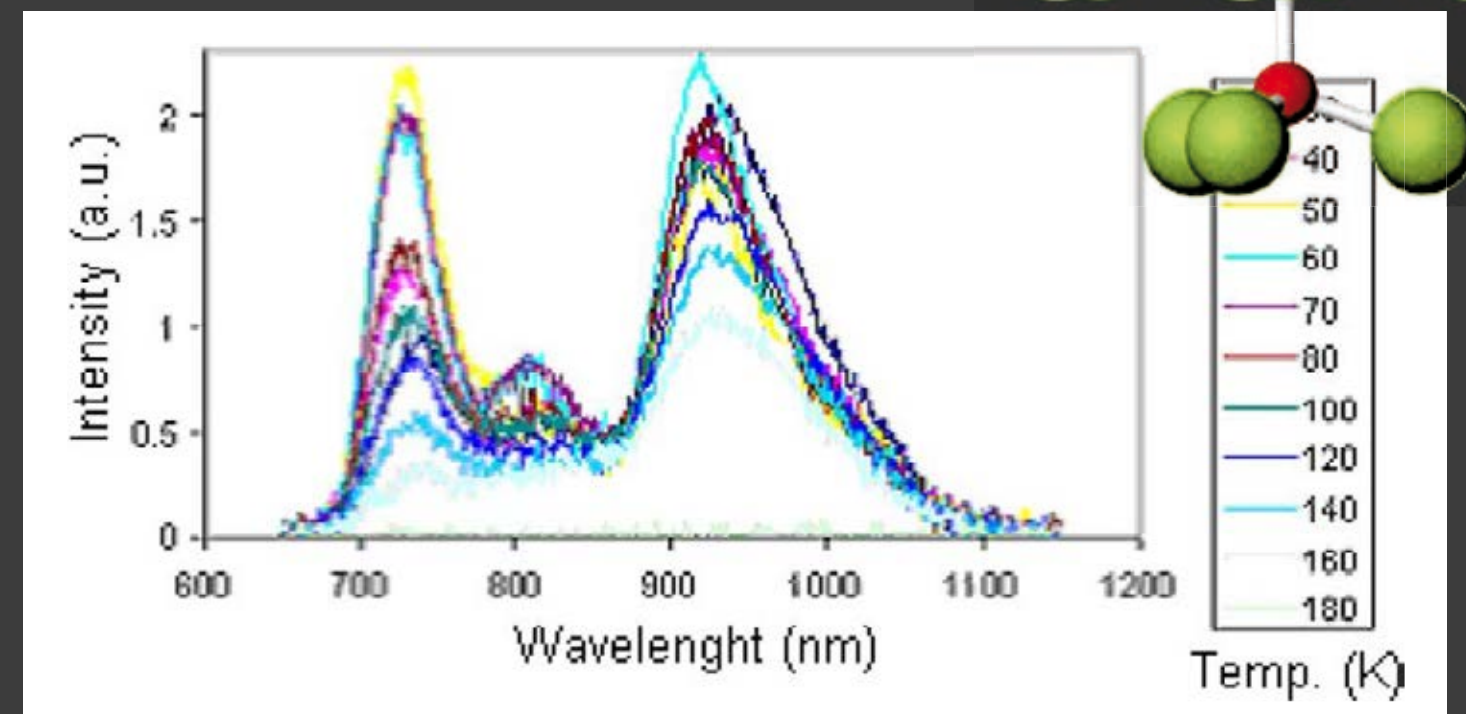
A "new" source of contrast

corrosion
 Cu_2O

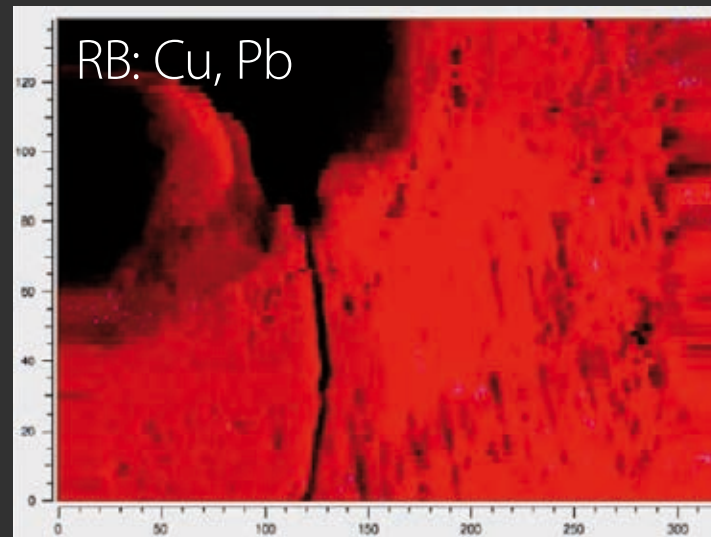
eutectic
 Cu_{2-x}O



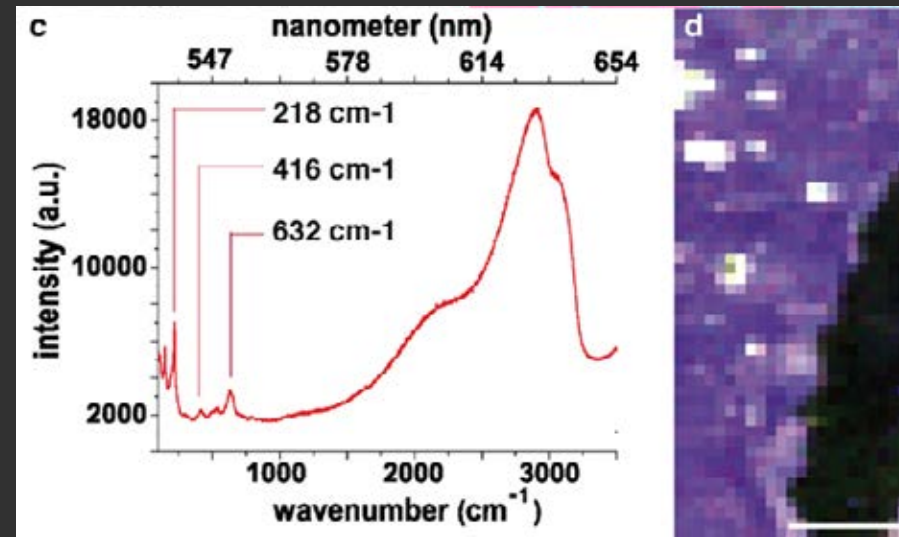
emission
 V_0



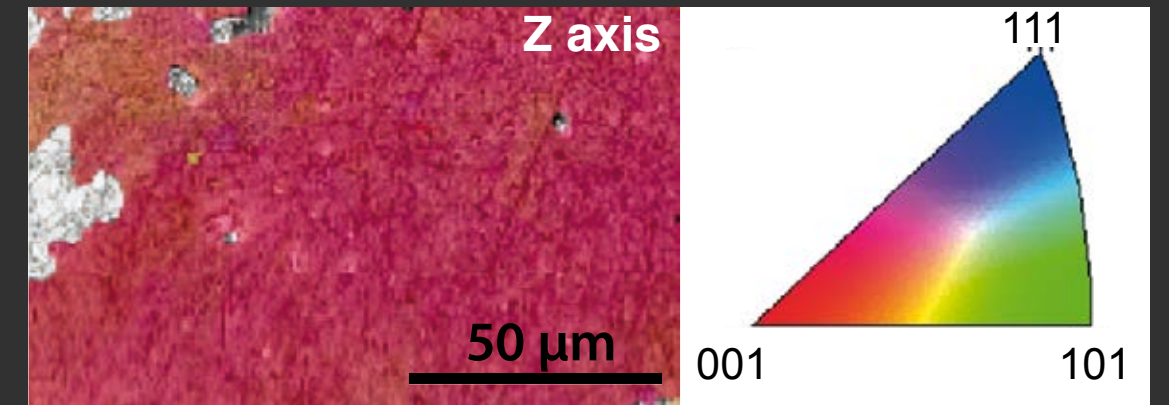
H. Solache-Carranco, 2009



no elemental contrast



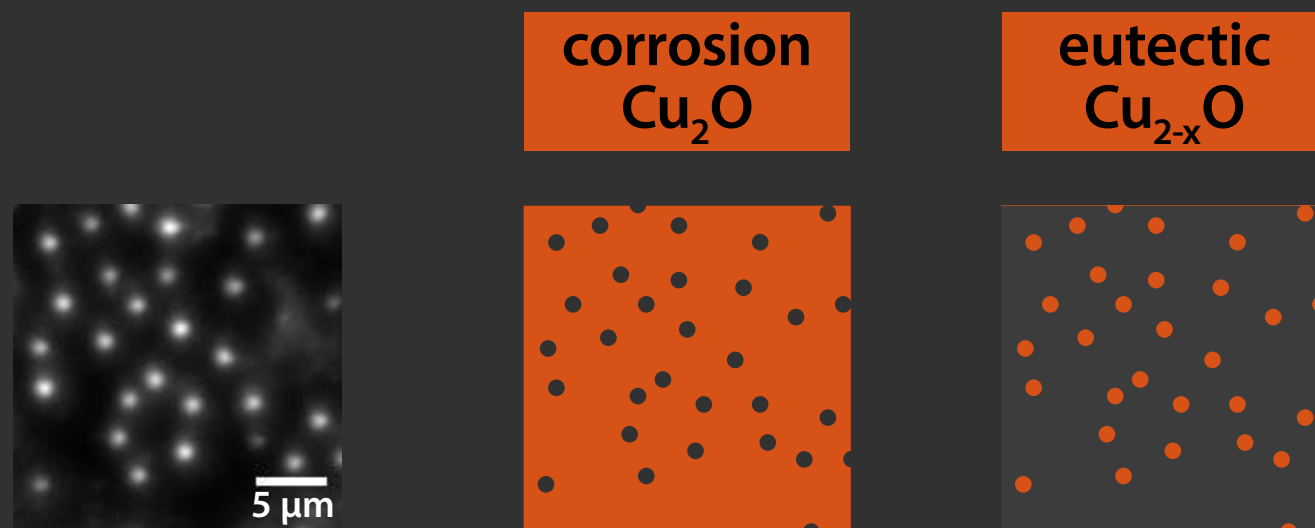
no molecular contrast



Inverse pole figure, **EBSD**, pixel step: 744 nm
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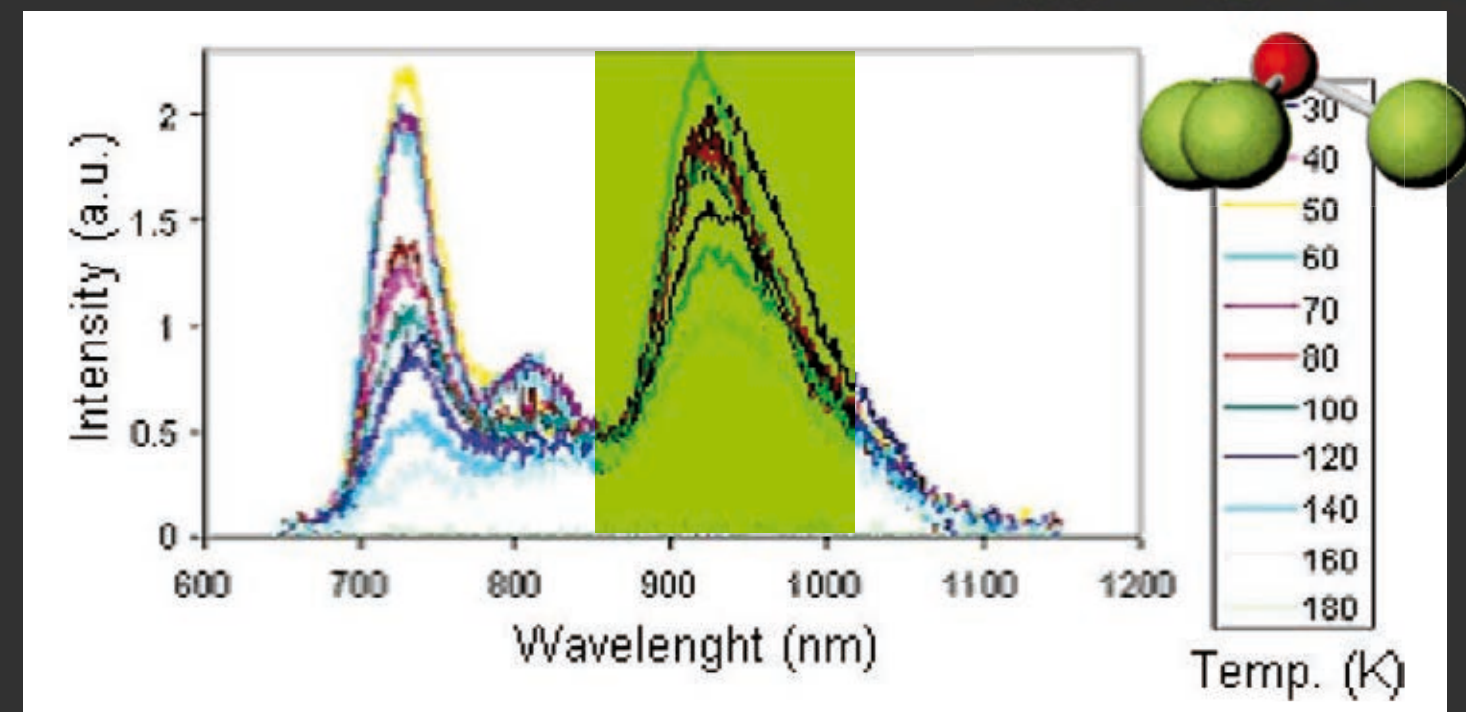
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A "new" source of contrast



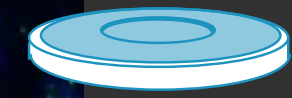
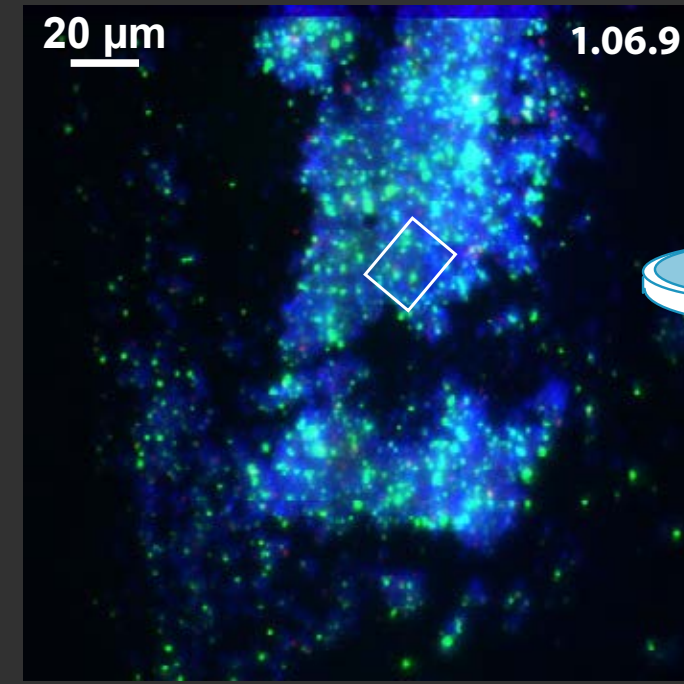
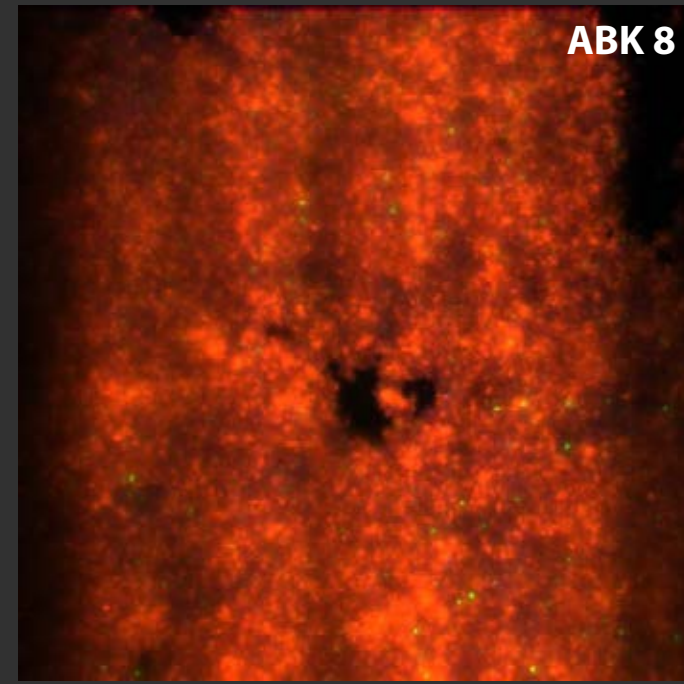
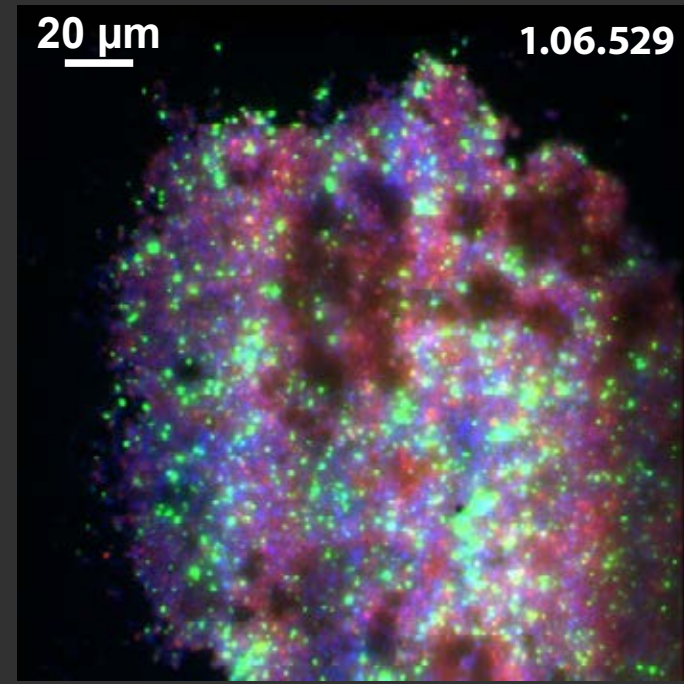
the morphology is only visible through a contrast in **atomic defect density** (Cu stoichiometry) in the Cu_{2-x}O cubic lattice!

emission V_{O} emission V_{Cu}

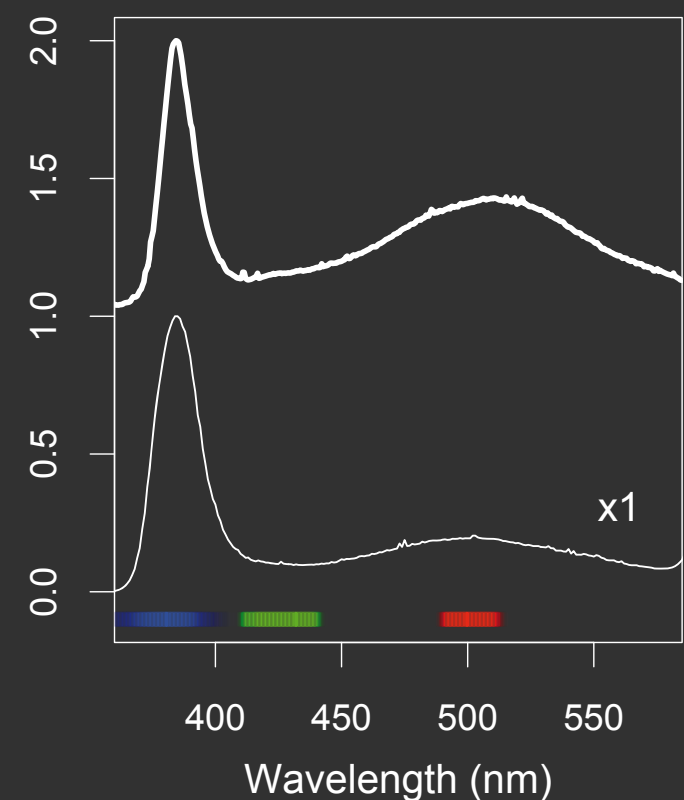


H. Solache-Carranco, 2009

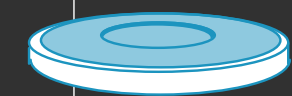
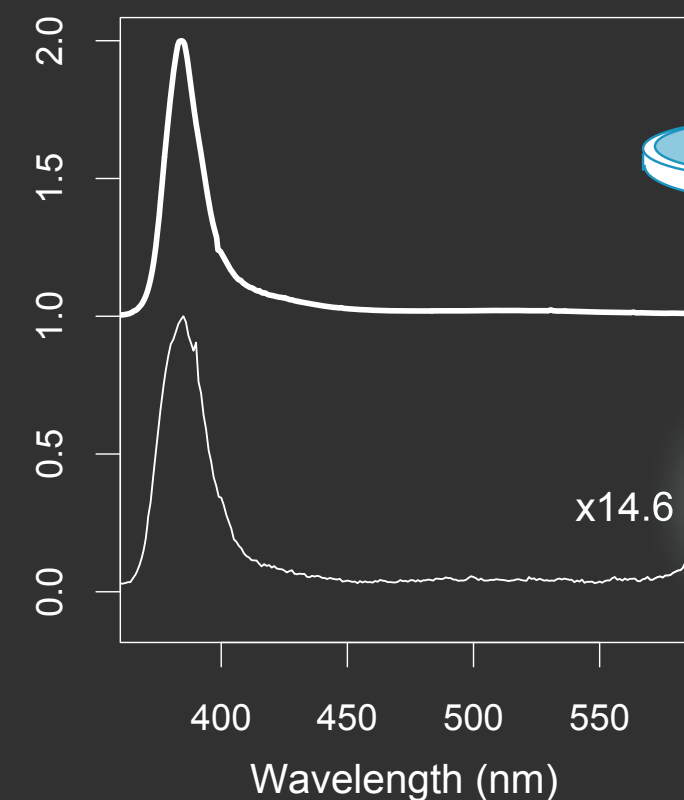
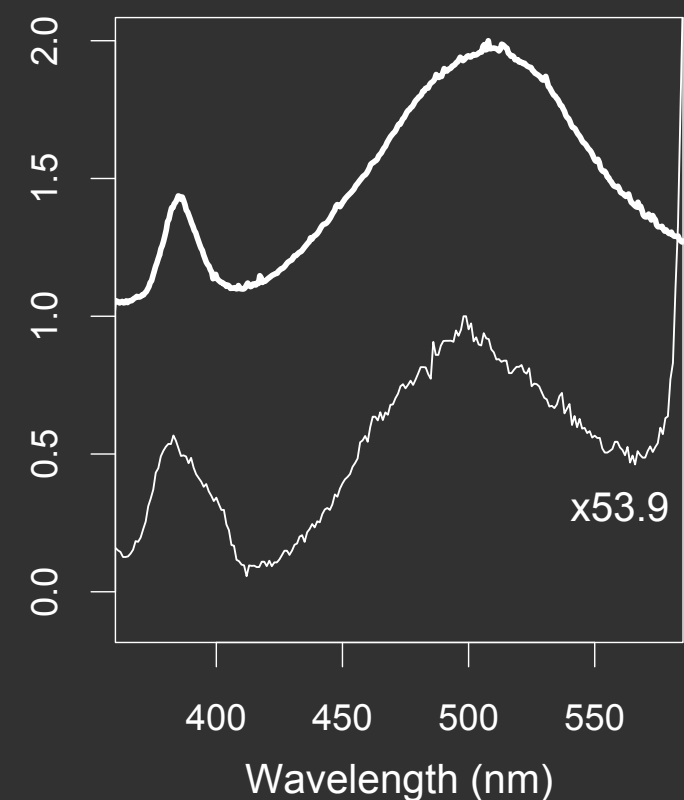
historical zinc whites (ZnO) artists' pigments



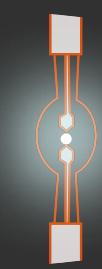
40x obj.
pps: 320 nm



$\lambda_{exc} = 275 \text{ nm}$



40x obj.
(20 μm)²

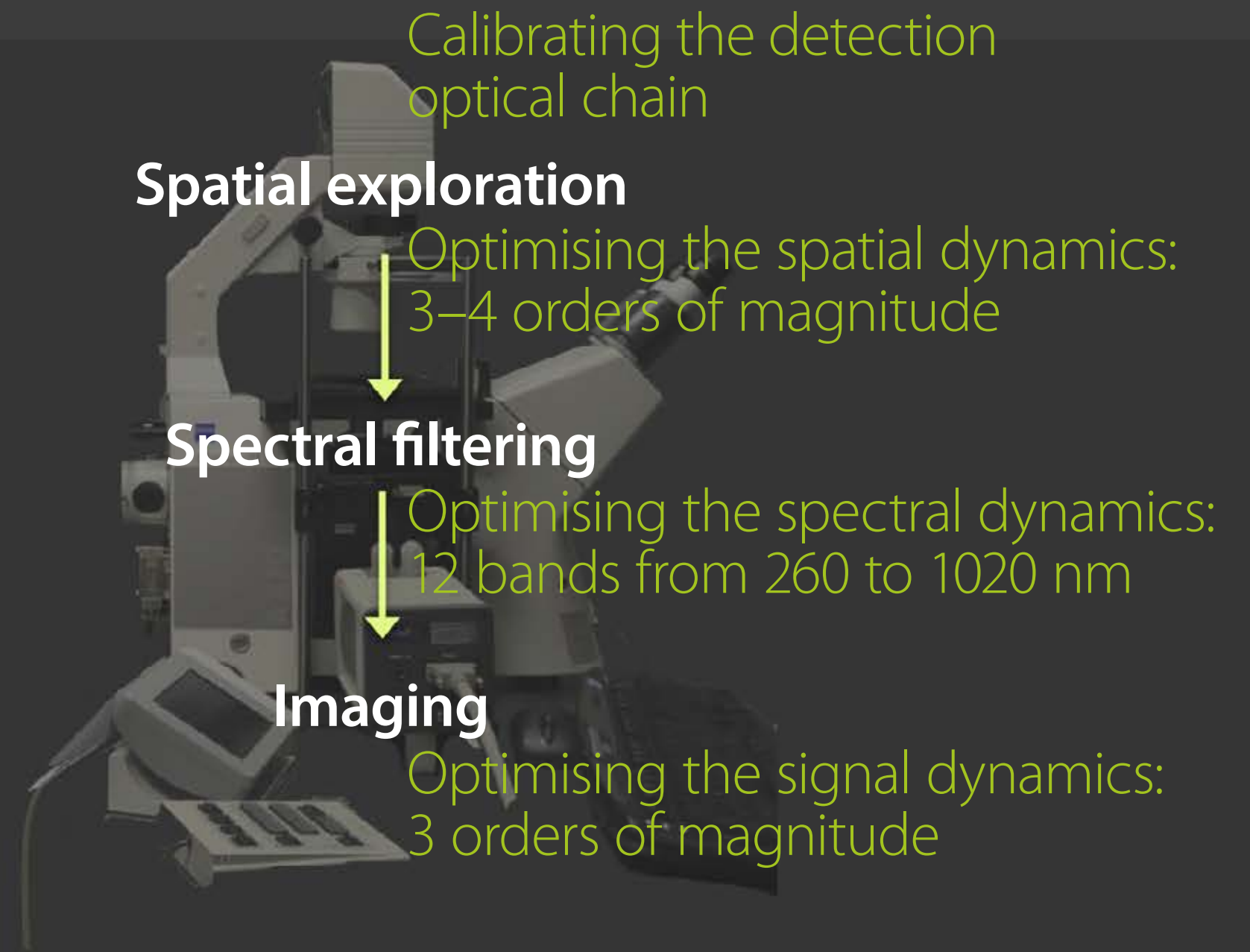


optical fibre
6 mm²

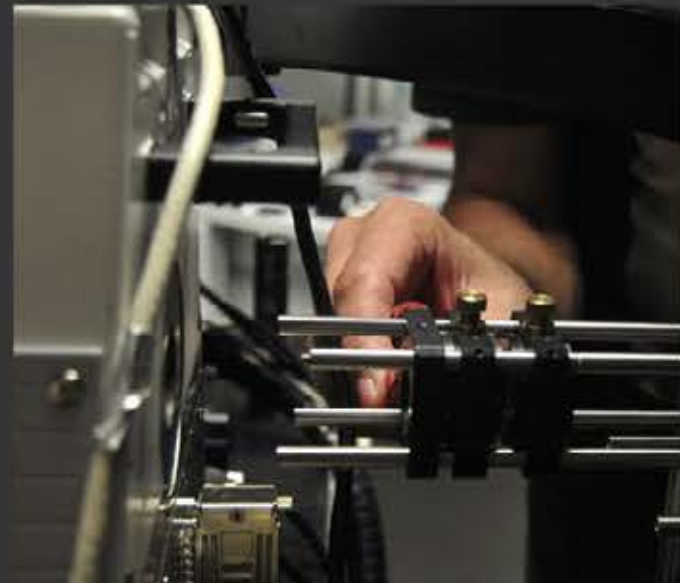
the clue to the question is as much in the **chemical composition** as in the **multiscale microstructure**



high spatial dynamics
in **spectral imaging**

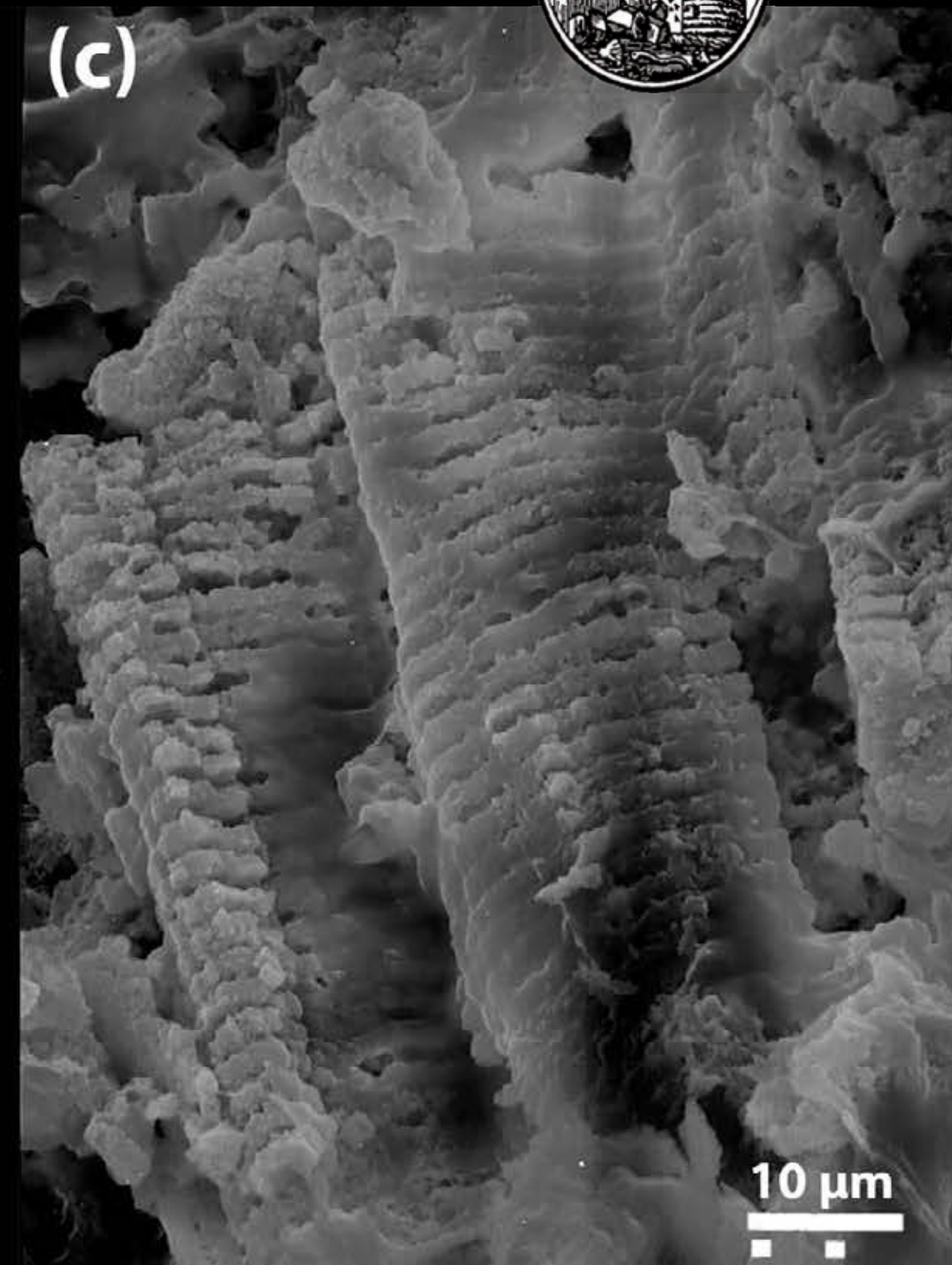
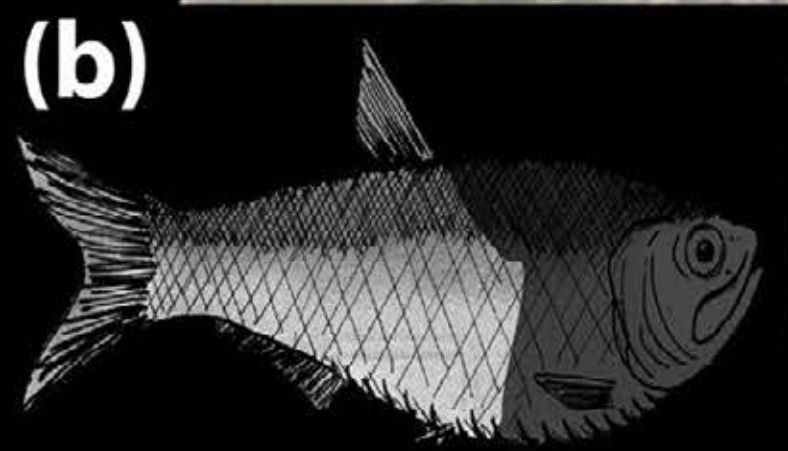
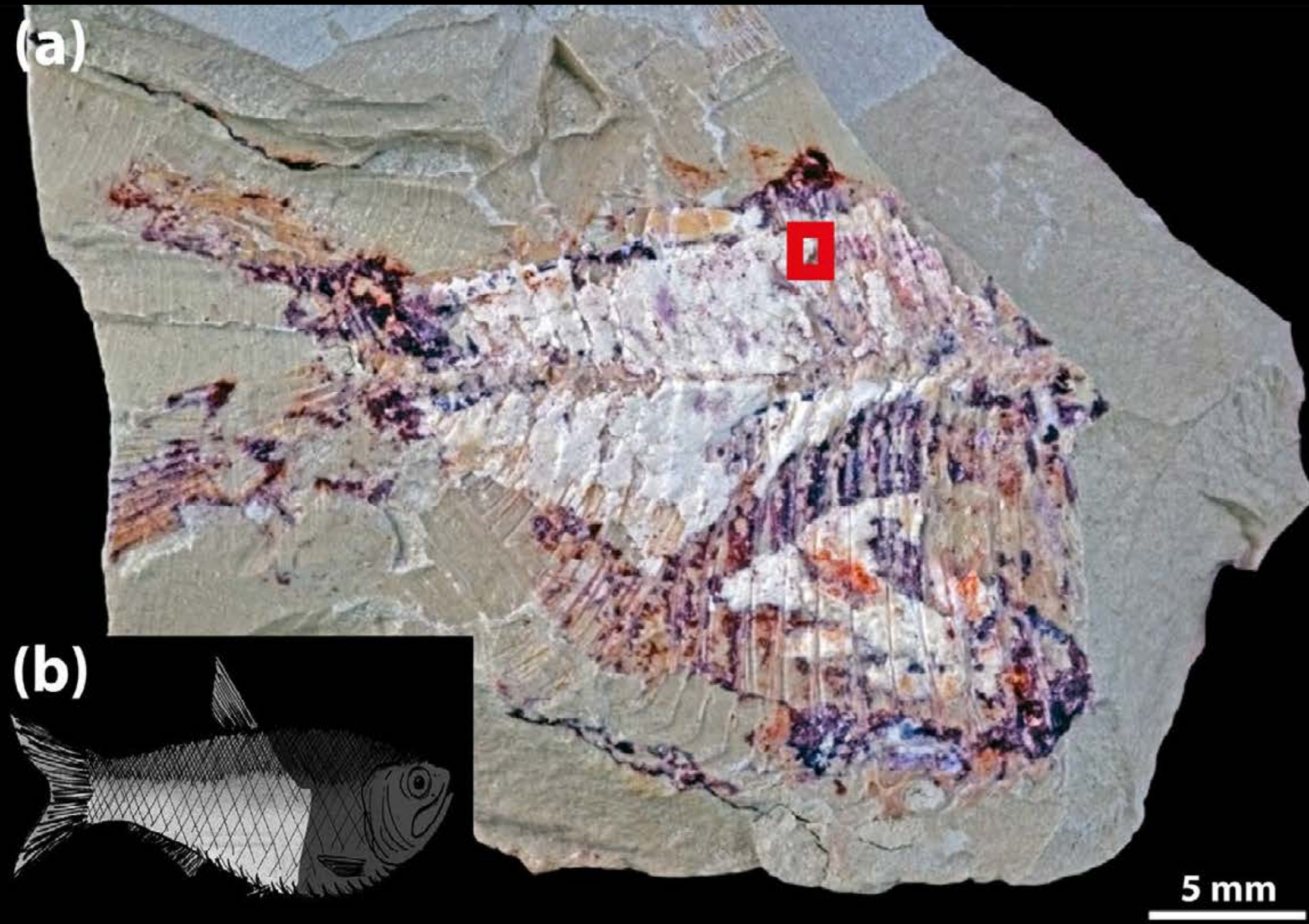


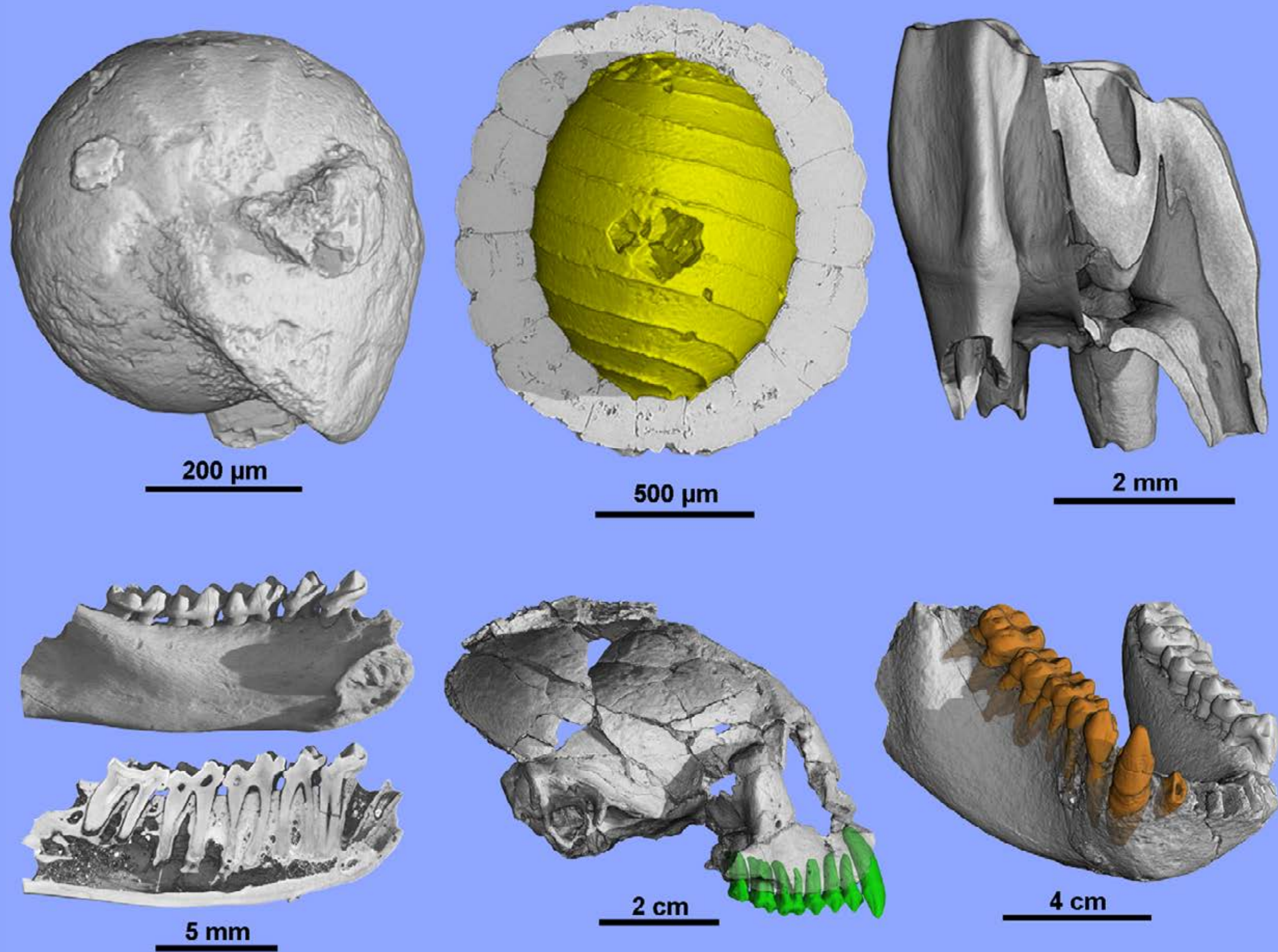
► T. Séverin-Fabiani's Ph.D., 2012–2016



Description and environment of Cretaceous fossils

P. Gueriau, S. Cohen, C. Mocuta, L. Bertrand

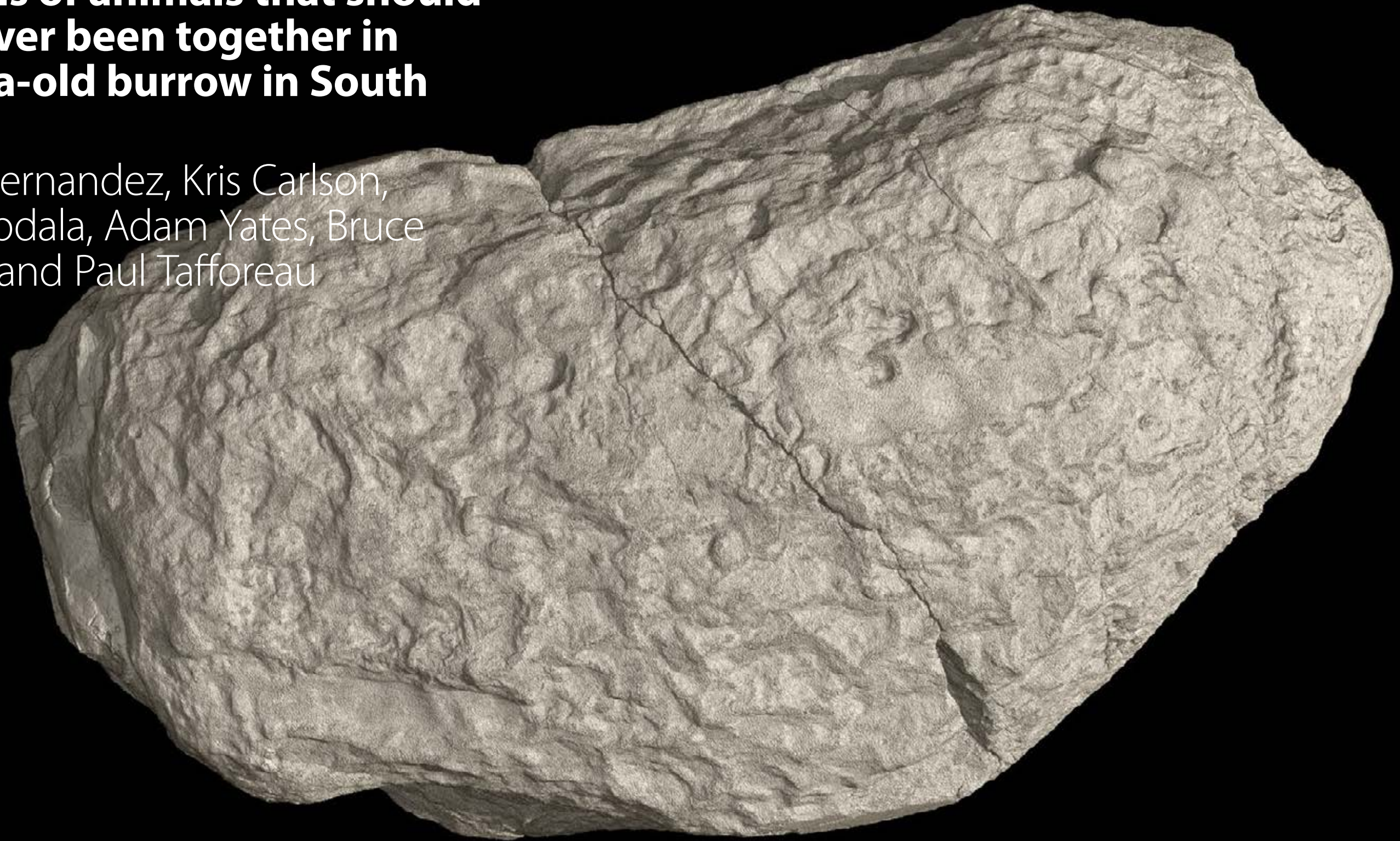




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Discovery of two complete skeletons of animals that should have never been together in a 250 Ma-old burrow in South Africa

Vincent Fernandez, Kris Carlson, Nestor Abdala, Adam Yates, Bruce Rubidge and Paul Tafforeau



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Thrinaxodon : Mammalian reptile,
close to the origin of mammals



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Broomistega : Temnospondyl amphibian, aquatic predator, the best skeleton ever discovered

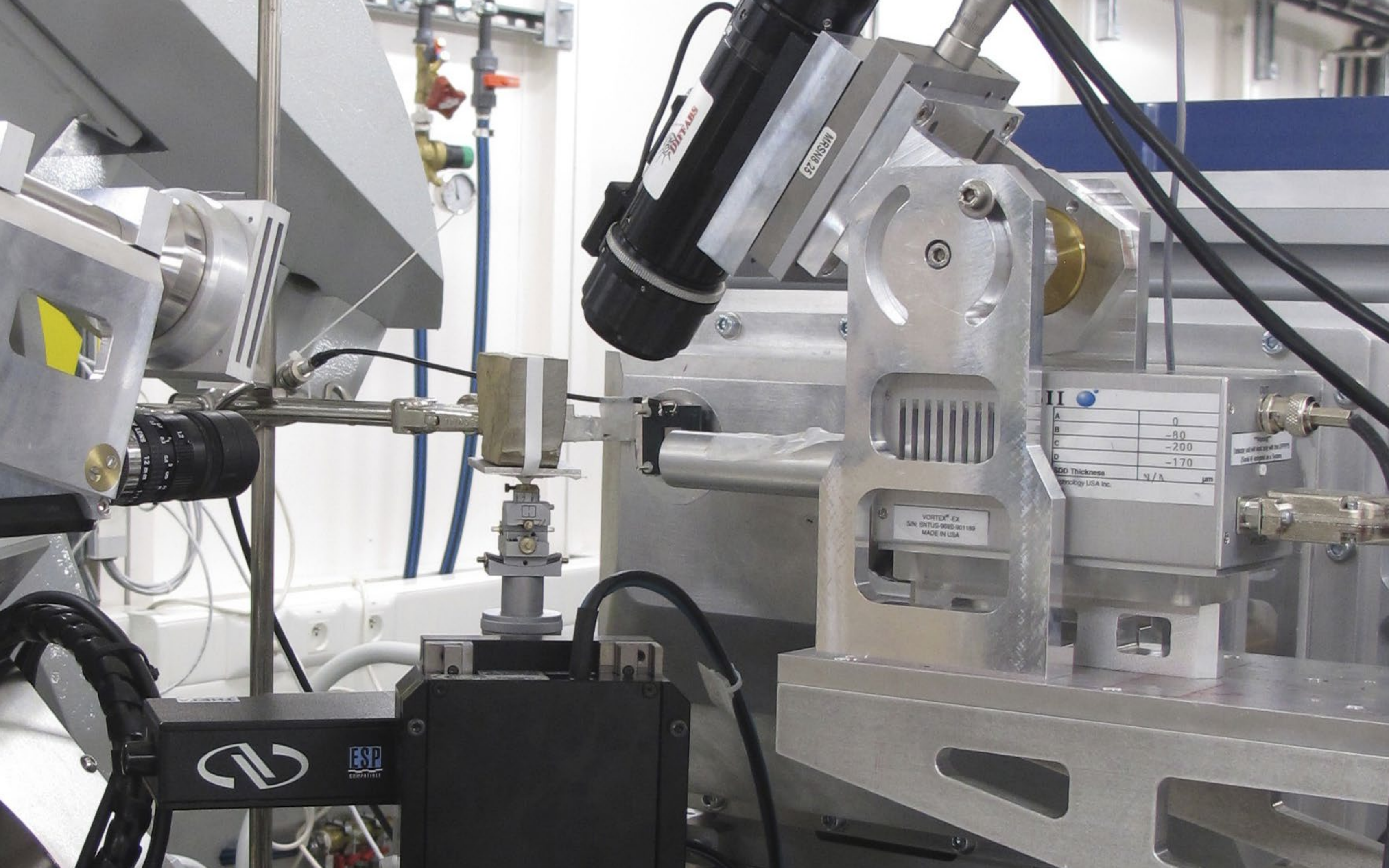


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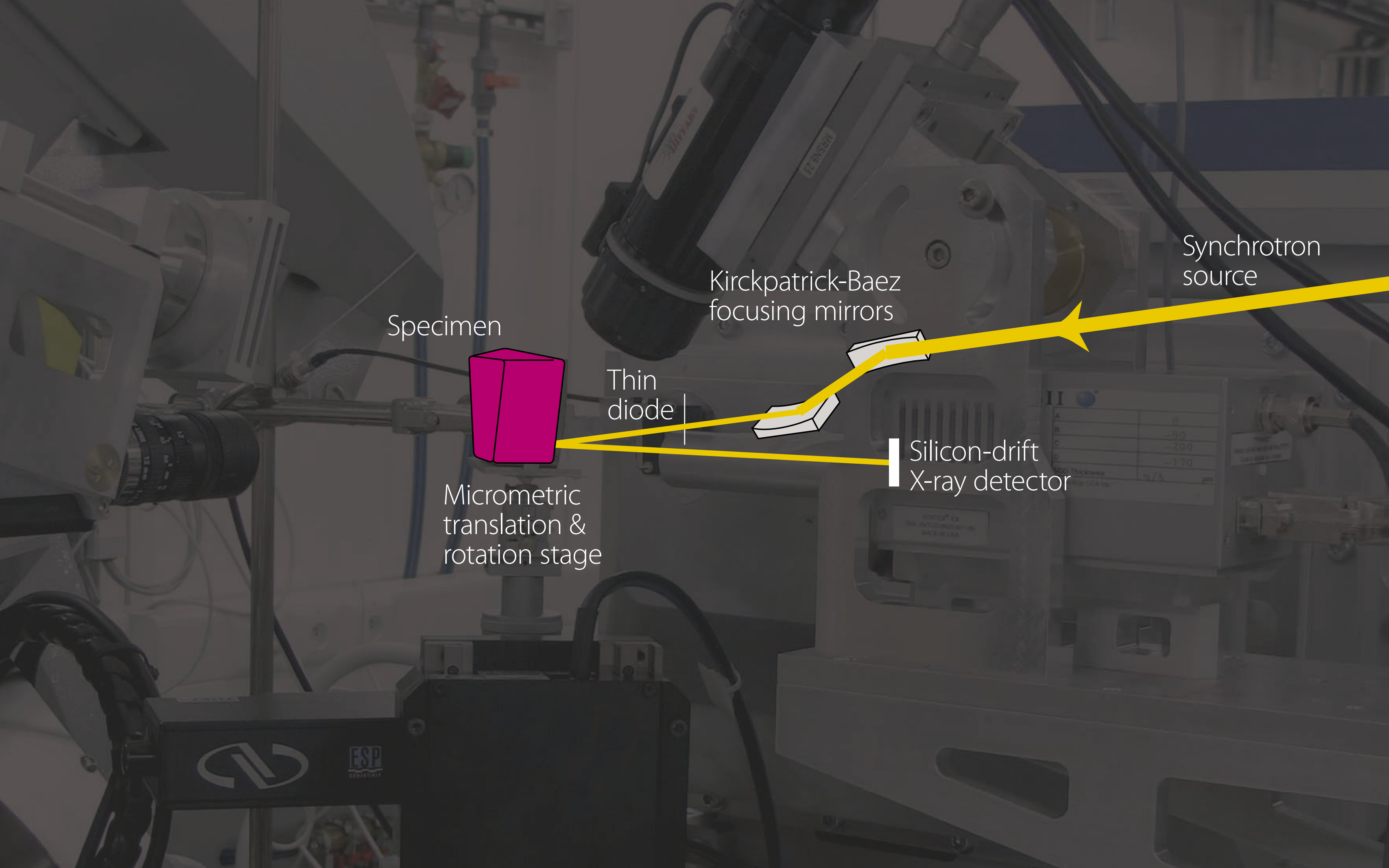
LENS 12mm

VORTEX EX
S/N: 02TLG-0002-001180
MADE IN USA

Parameter	Value	Unit
A	0	
B	-80	
C	-200	
D	-170	
MOD Thickness	N/A	µm



ESP
COMPATIBLE



Synchrotron source

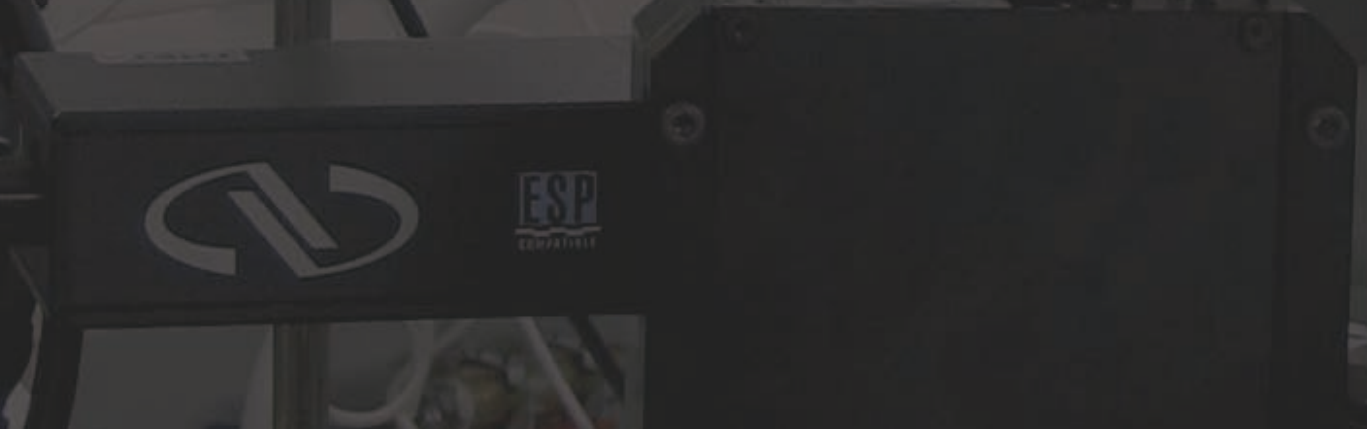
Kirckpatrick-Baez focusing mirrors

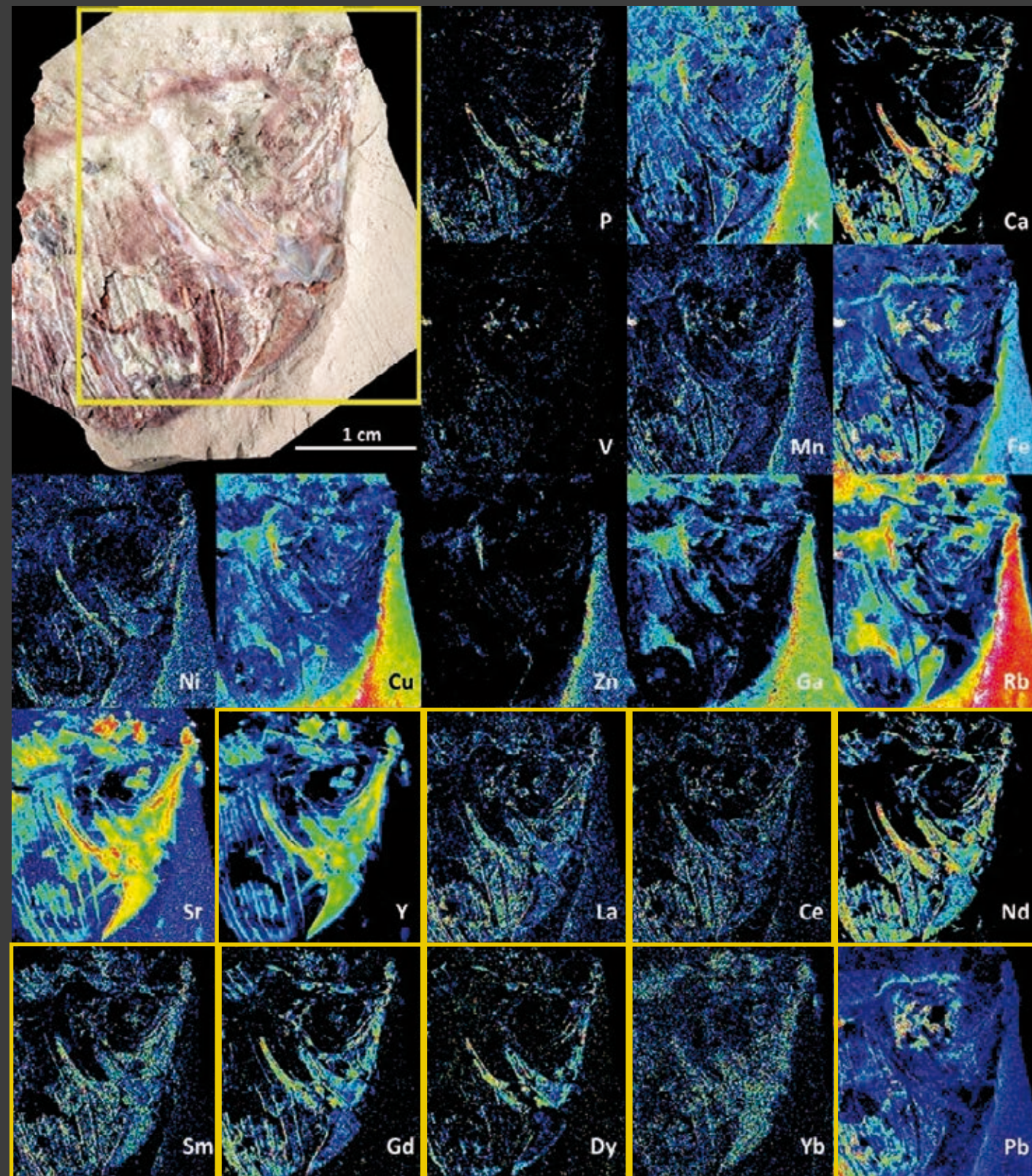
Specimen

Thin diode

Silicon-drift X-ray detector

Micrometric translation & rotation stage





Fish, Late Cretaceous,
-95 Myr, Djebel Oum
Tkout Morocco

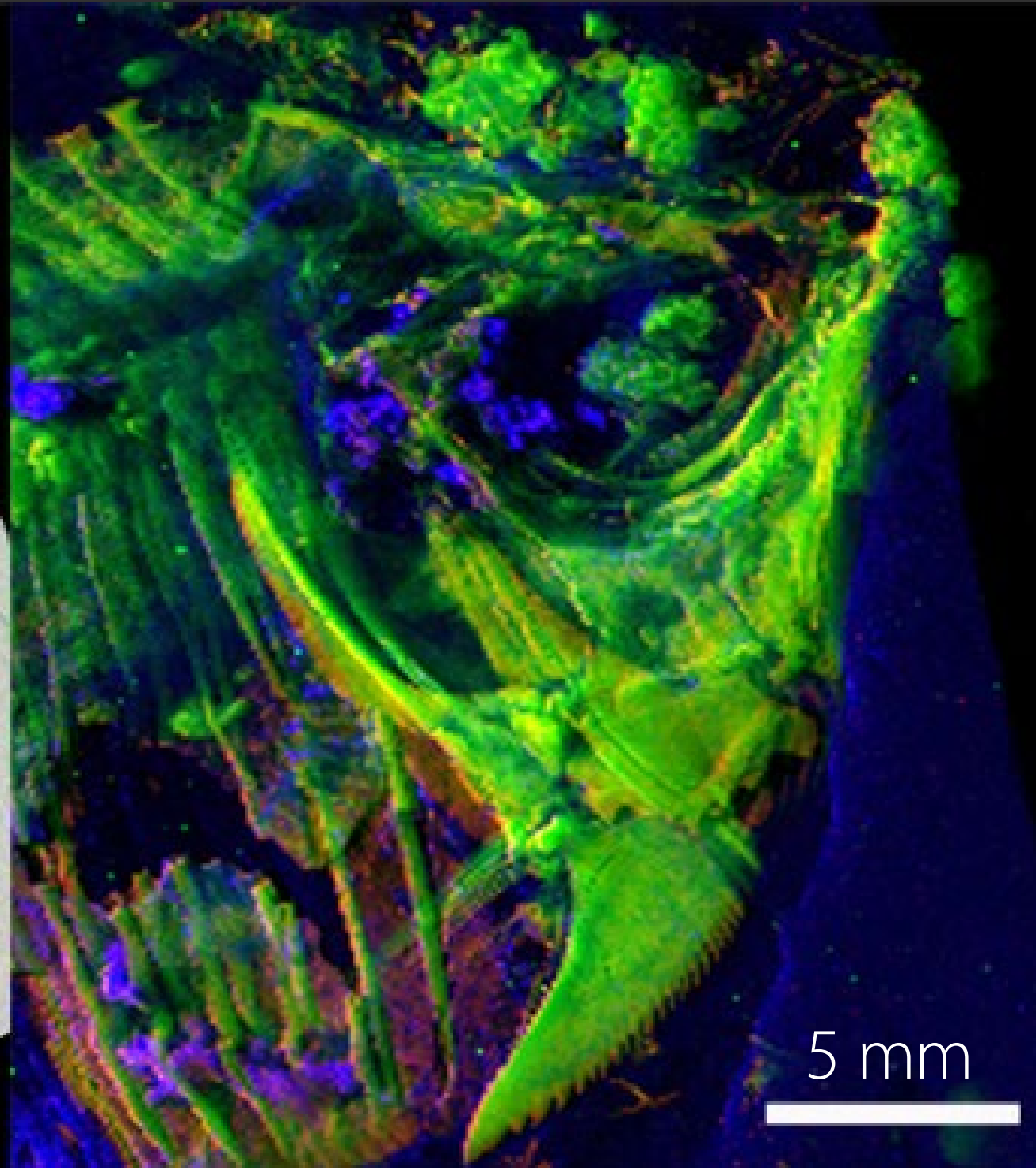
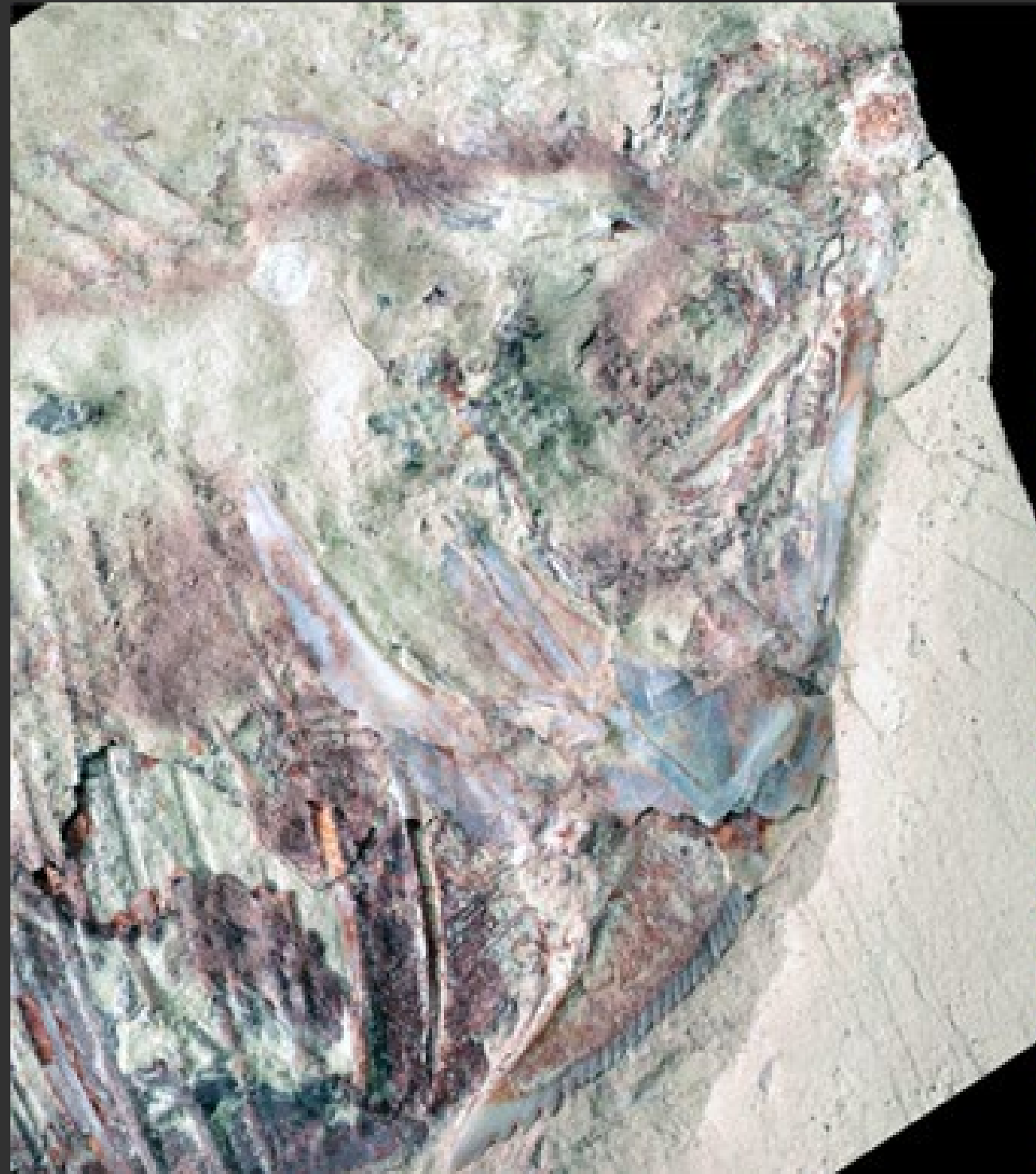
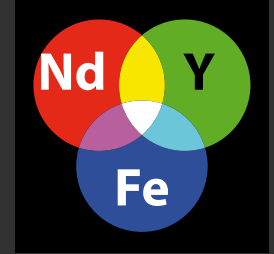
Cretaceous fossils from Morocco (95 Myr old)

strong contrast in
elemental distributions!

alkaline earths: Ca, Sr
pnictogen: P
transition metals: V, Mn,
Fe, Ni, Cu, Zn

heavy metals: Pb
alkali metals: K, Rb
other metals: Ga

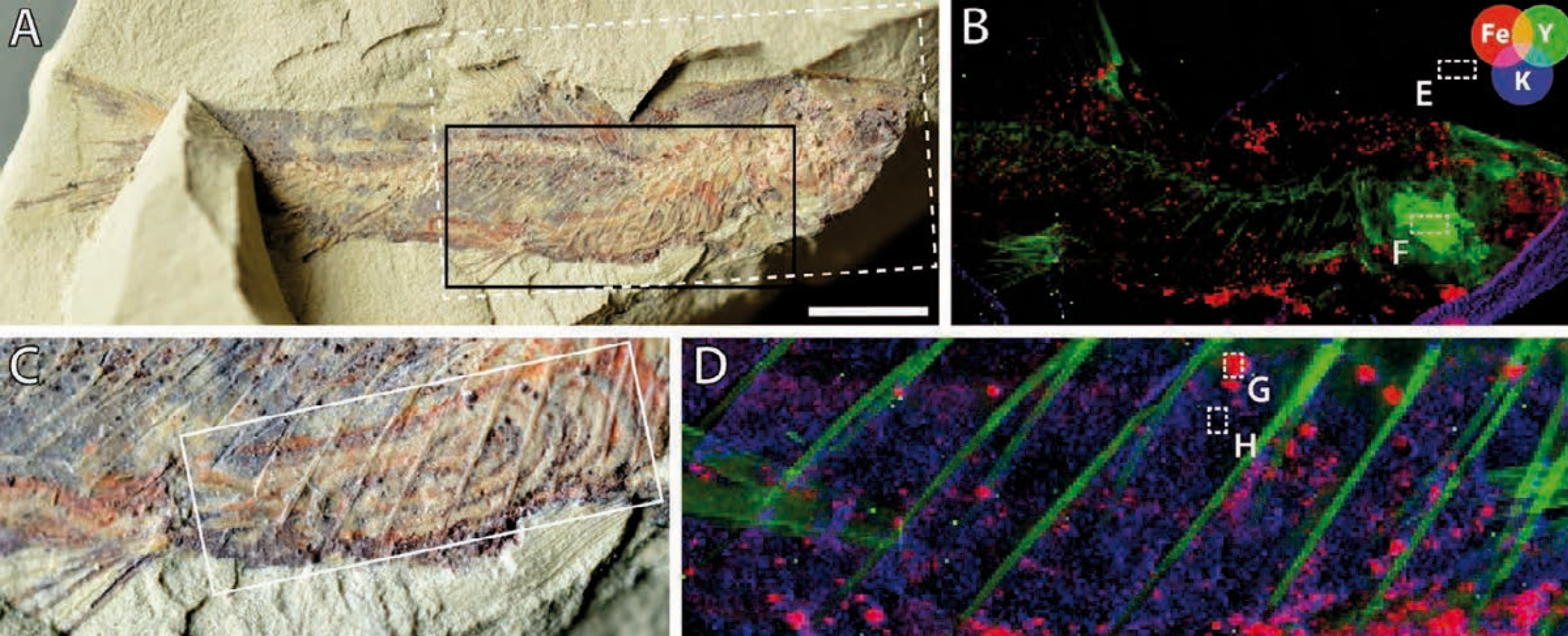
rare earths: Y, La, Ce,
Nd, Sm, Gd, Dy, Yb



XRF @ SOLEIL Diffabs

17.2 keV, beam 10x7 μm^2 (HxV, FWHM), 100 μm -step;
4-element Vortex ME4 SDD; step-by-step 500ms/pt

Fish, Late Cretaceous,
-95 Myr, Djebel Oum
Tkout Morocco



Freshwater acanthomorph,
Late Cretaceous -95 Ma, Djebel
Oum Tkout, Morocco

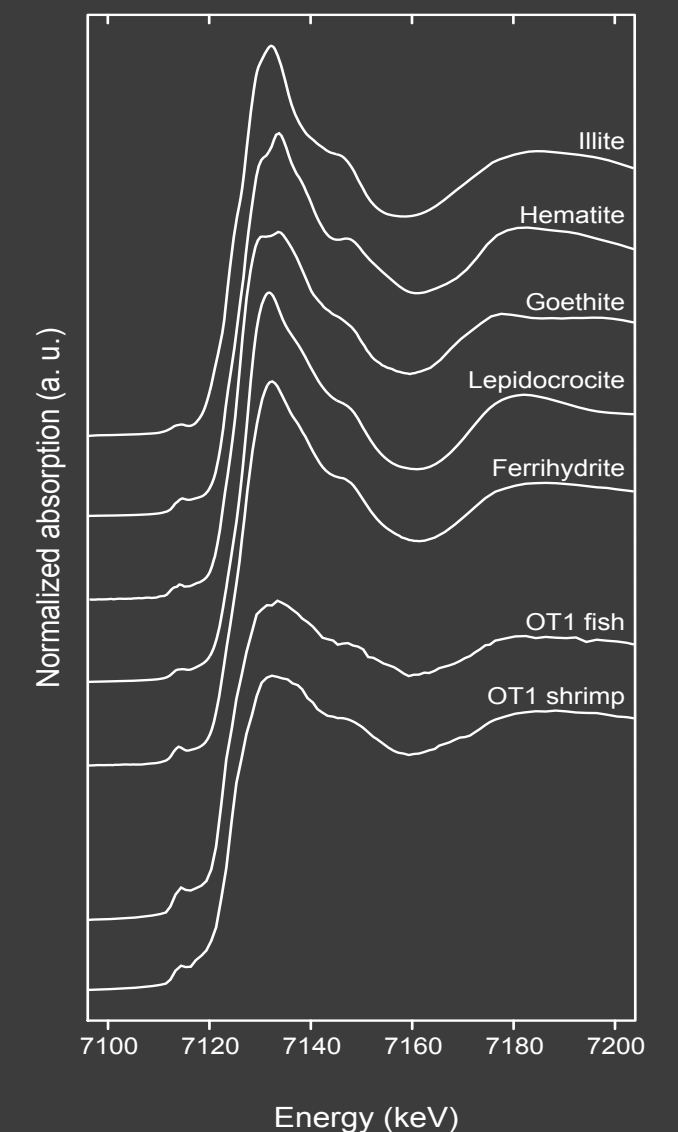
XRF @ SOLEIL Diffabs

17.2 keV, beam 11x7 μm^2 (HxV, FWHM), 100 μm (B) and 30 μm -step (D); single element Vortex SDD, step-by-step 500ms/pt

phosphatisation of a gut from bacterial activity in presence of PO_4^{3-} anions released by carcasses \rightarrow **anoxic environment** yet...

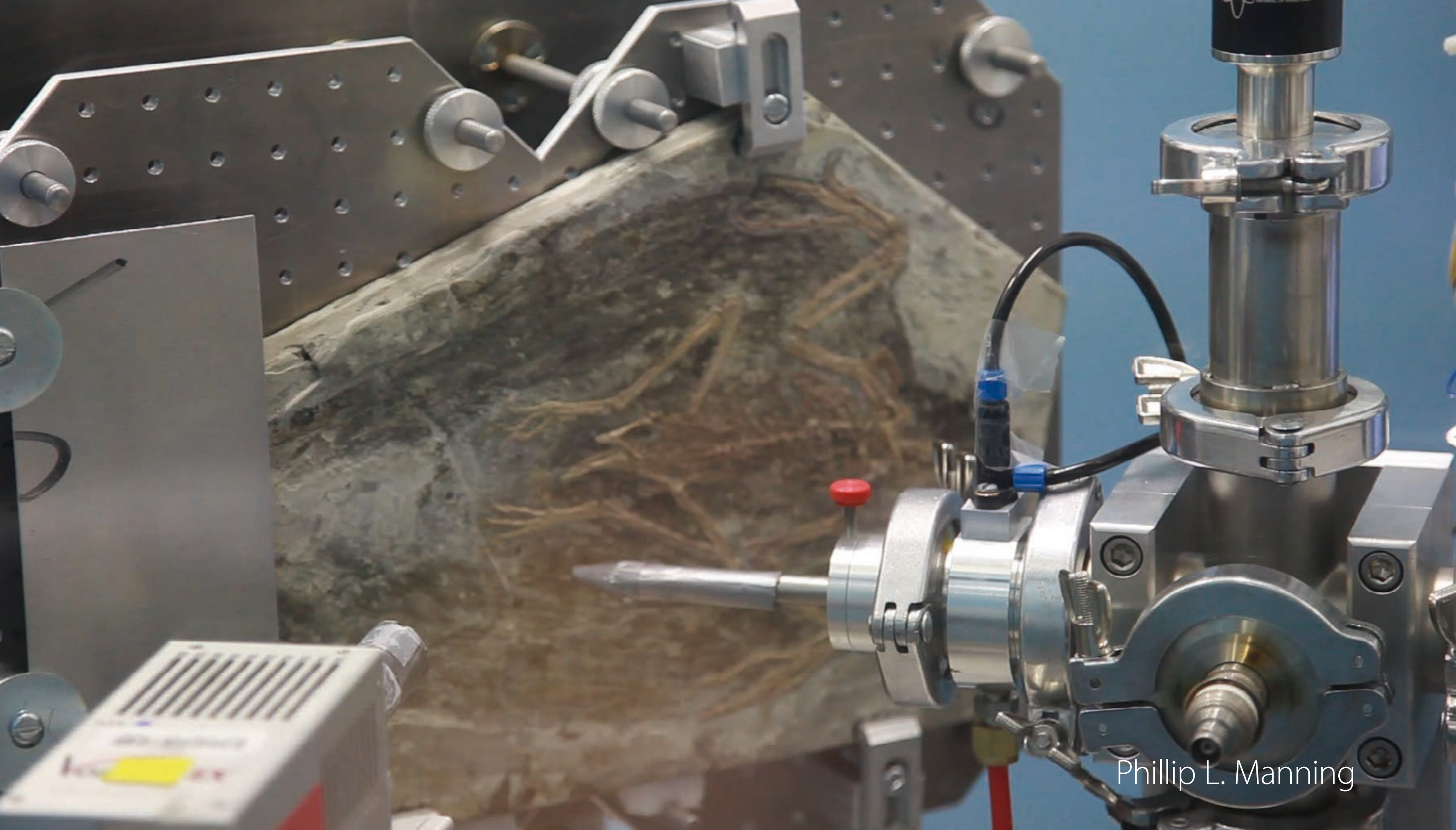
Fe(III) compounds forms, typically ferrihydrite $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ \rightarrow **oxic environment**

local change of environment from anoxic to oxic due to microbial mats formed at early fossilisation stages?



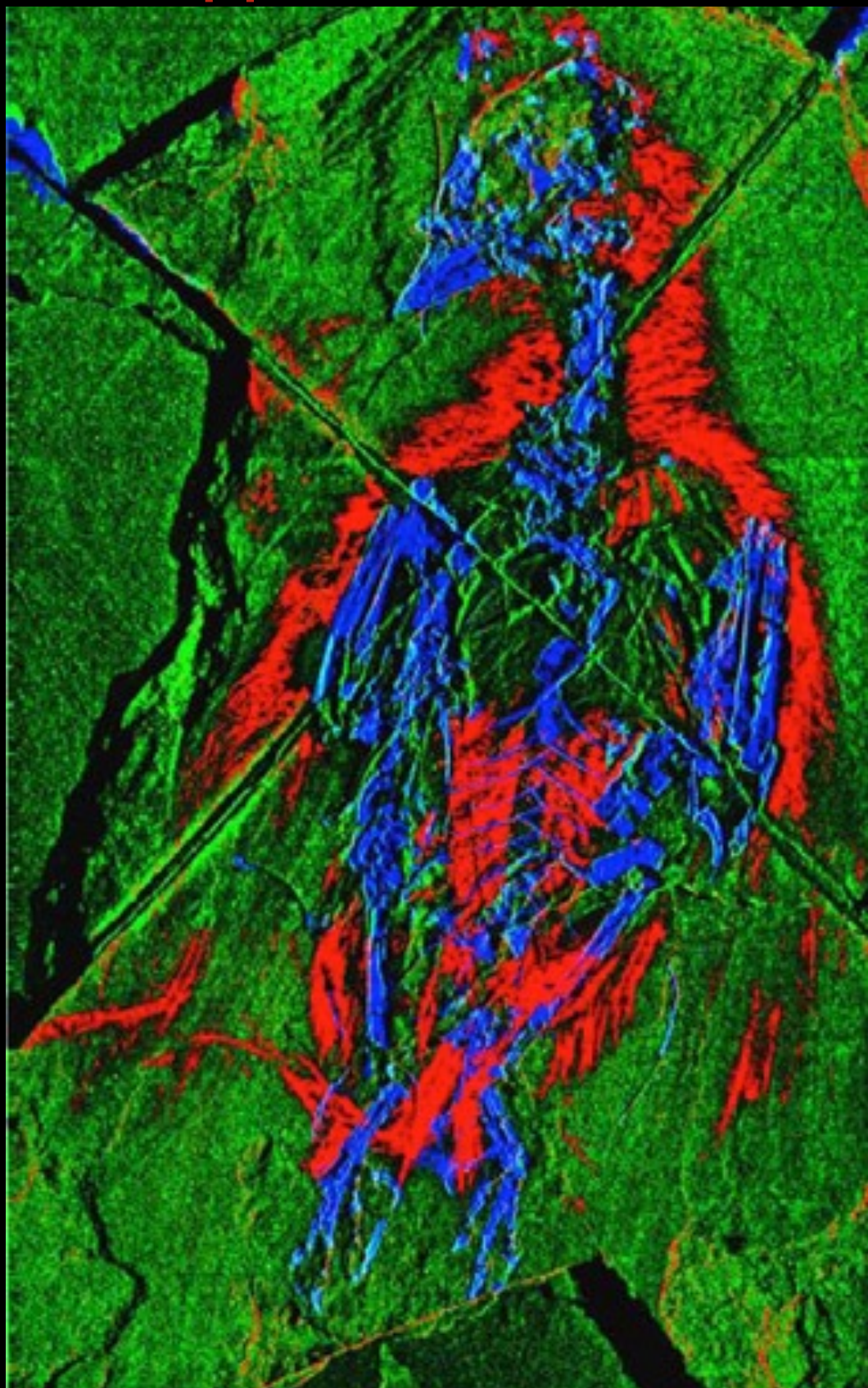


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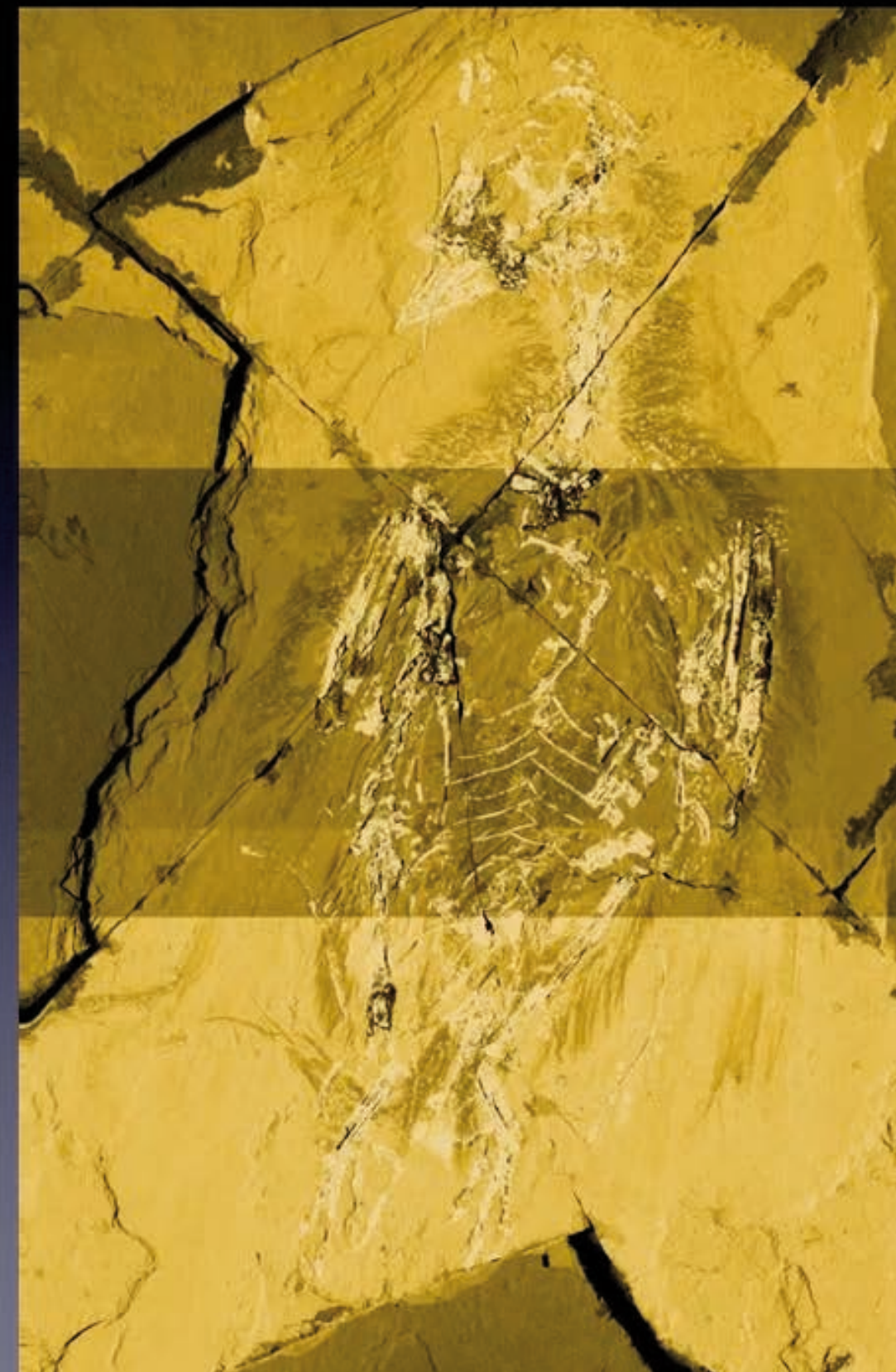


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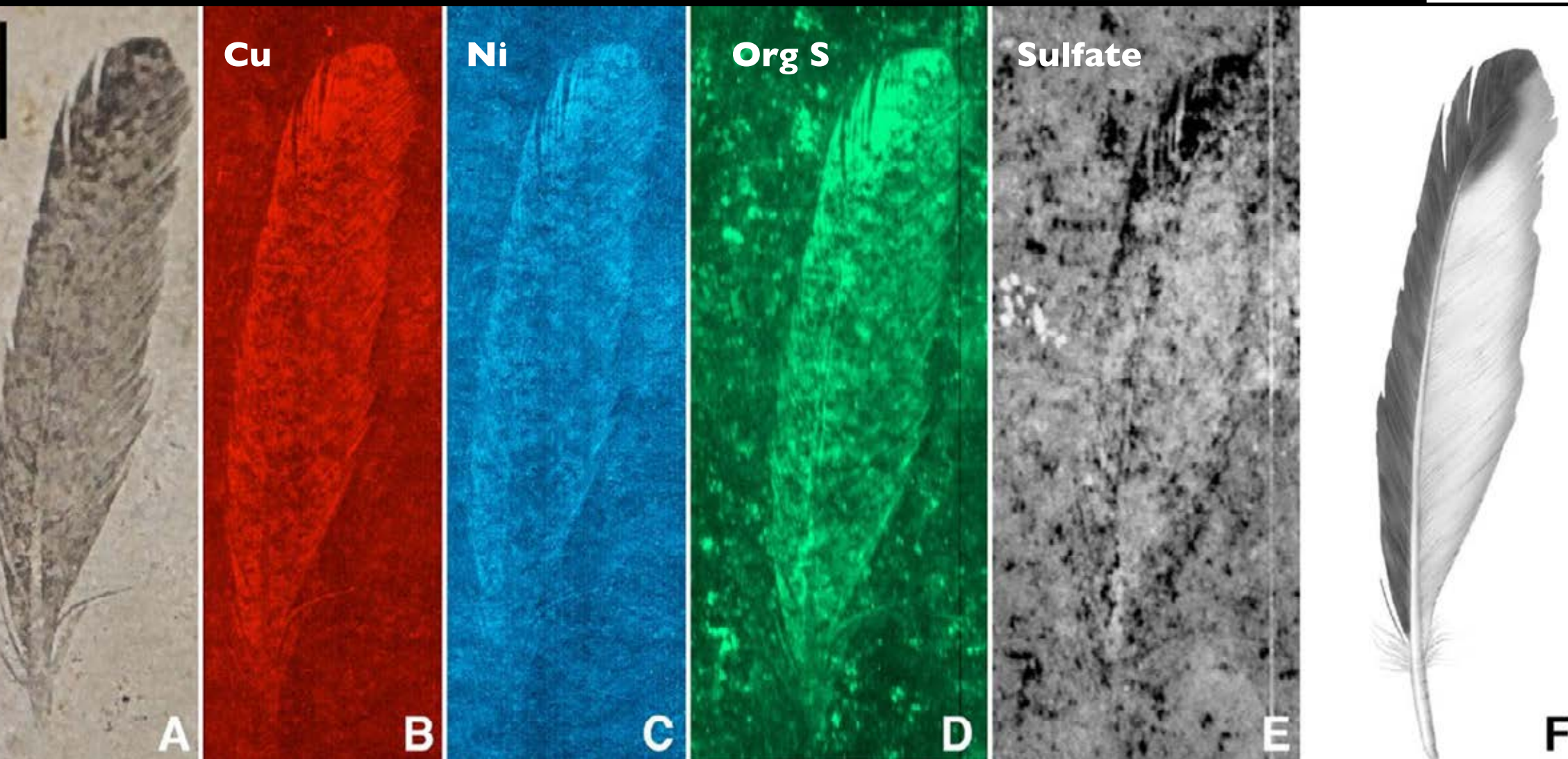
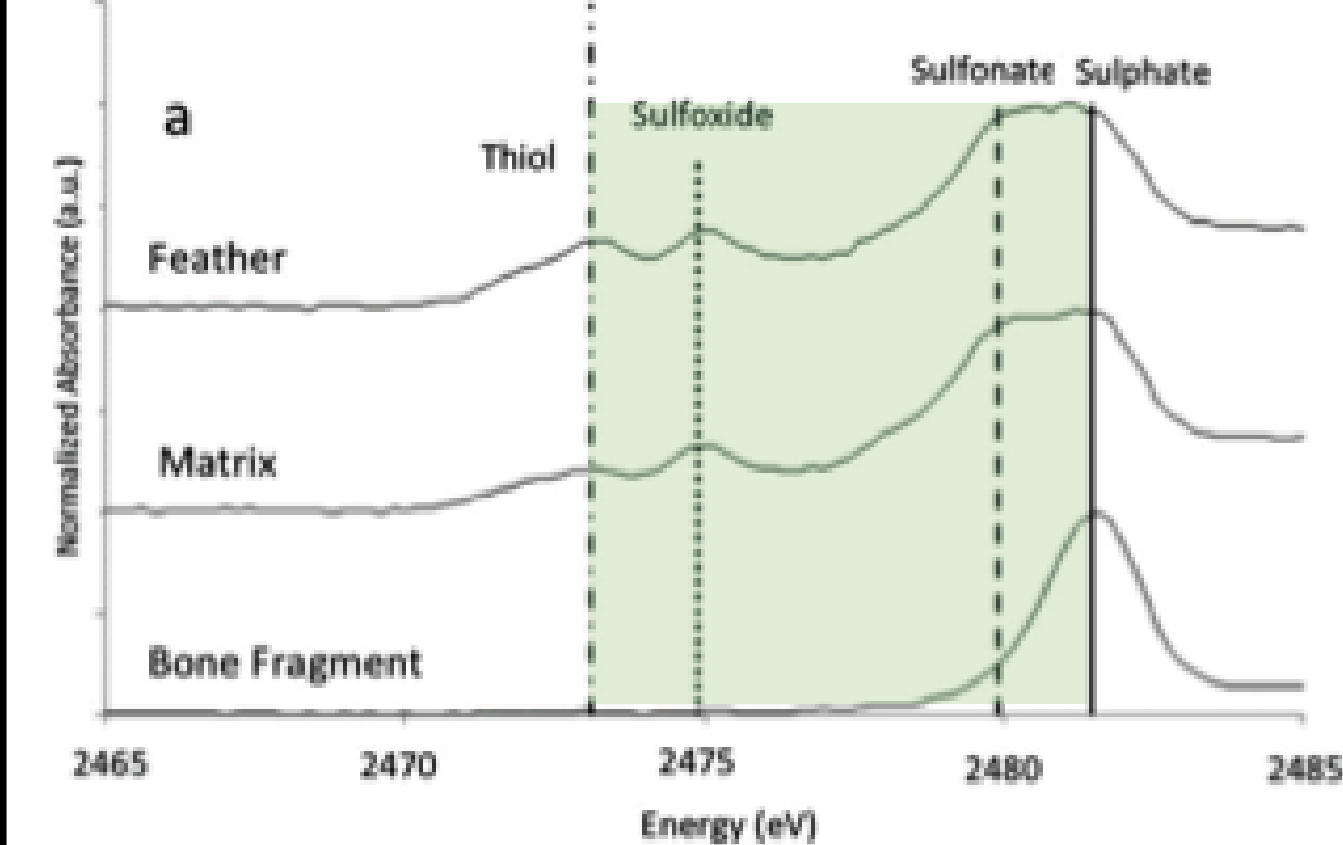
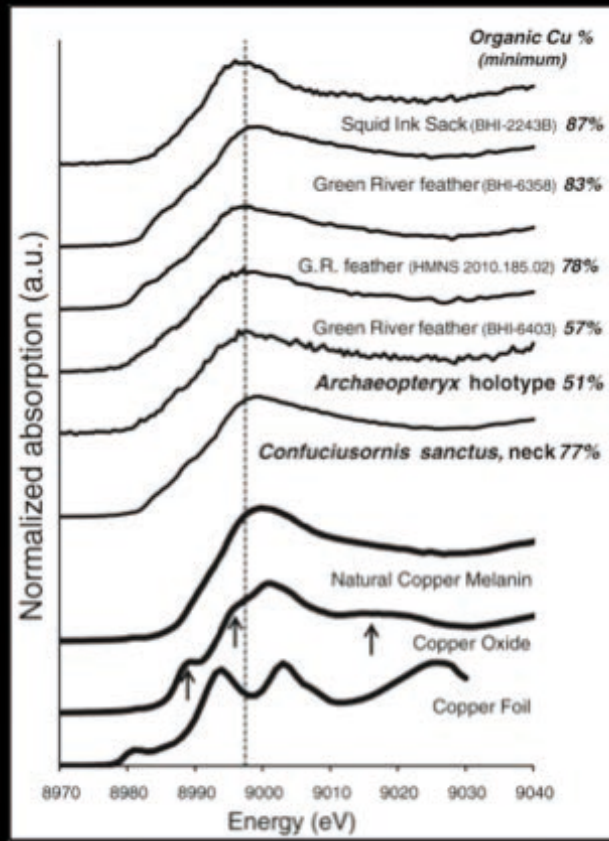
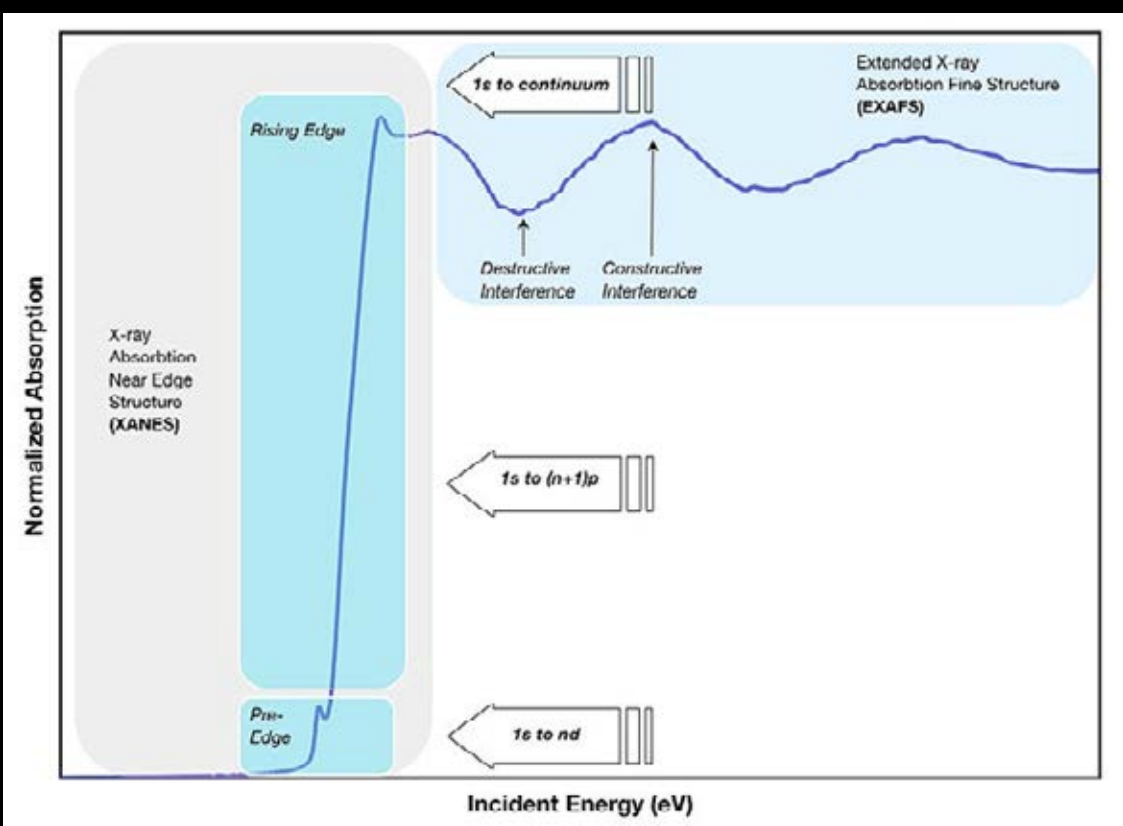
Copper, Calcium, Zinc



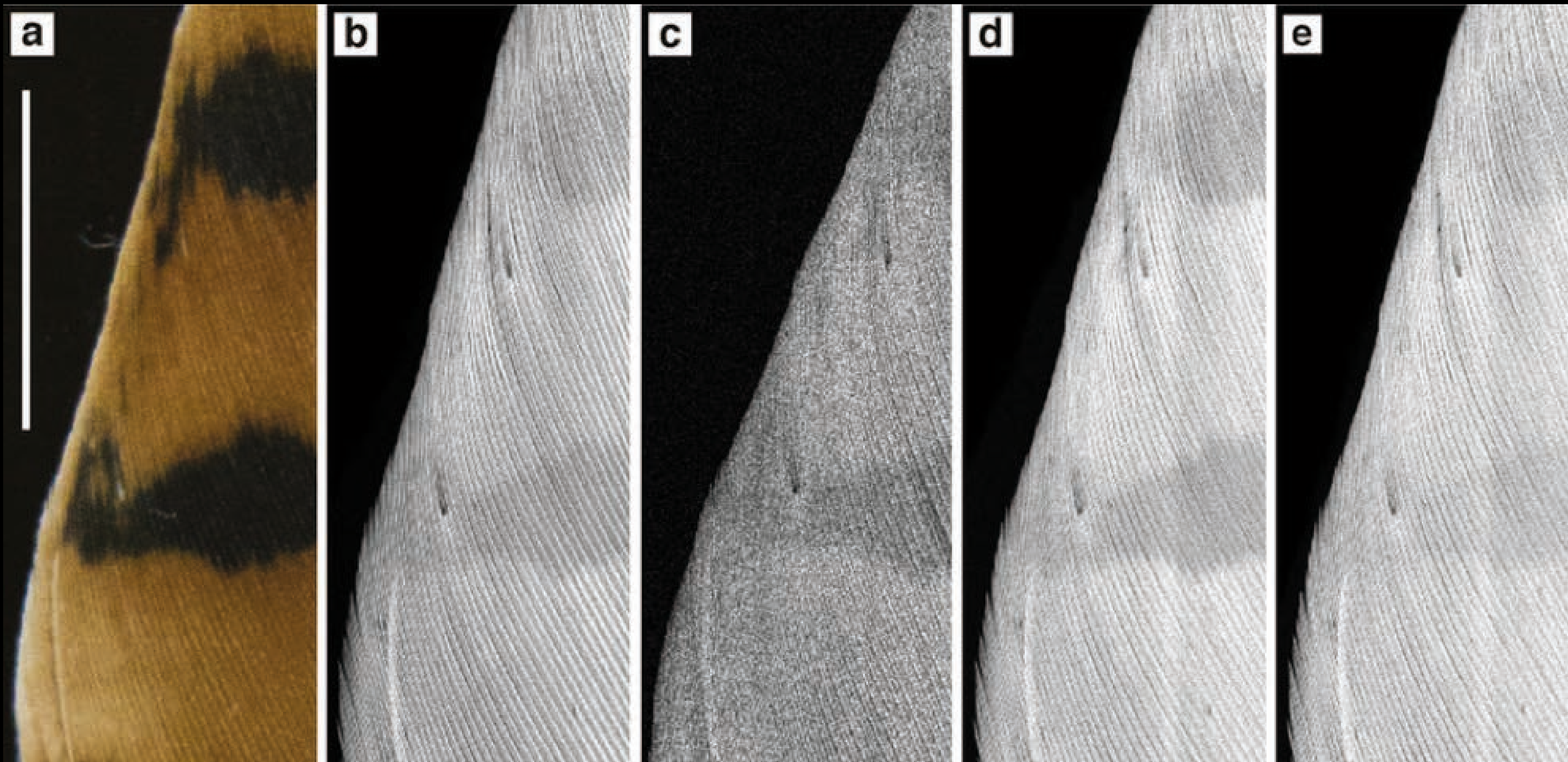
Phosphorus 2.010 KeV



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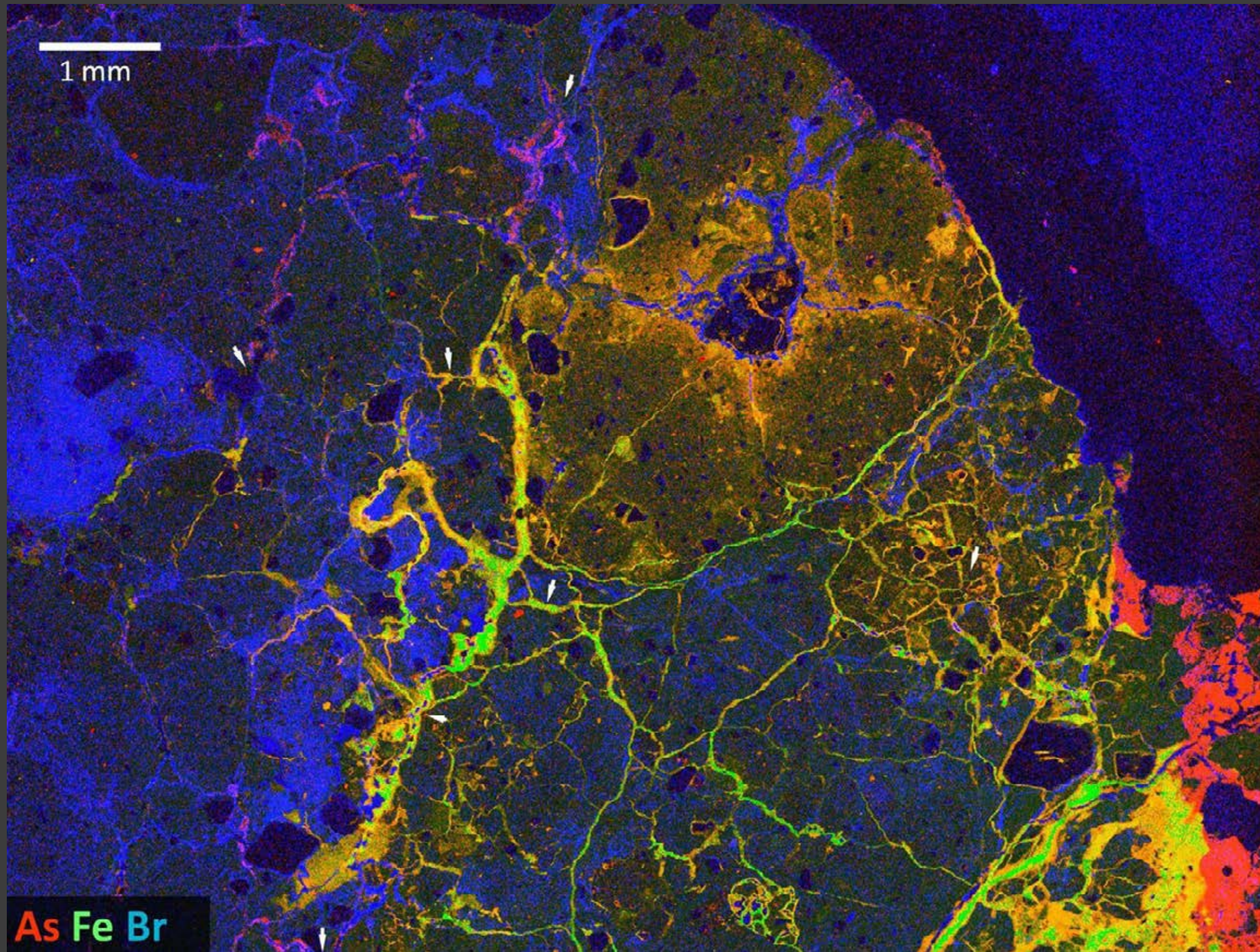


Manning, et al., 2013, JAAS



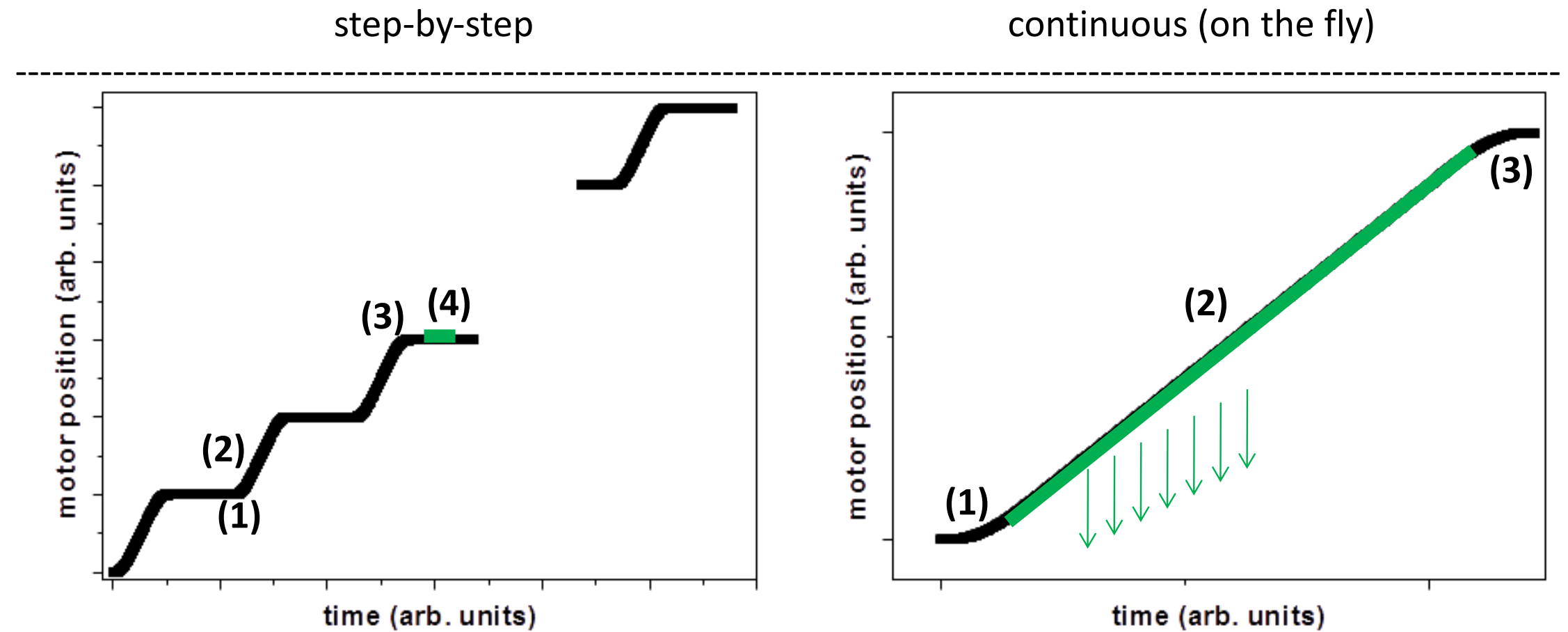
(a) Optical, (b) total sulfur (3150 eV), (c) 2476 eV, (d) 2473.5 eV, (e) 2472.3 eV. The total sulfur image shows that sulfur is elevated within and appears to correlate with red pigment compared to the dark stripes. Additionally, the distribution of specific oxidation states are not directly correlated. In particular, the striped pattern is more distinct in c and d compared to e. Pixel size = 50 microns. Map acquisition time = ~20 mins. Scale bar = 1 cm.

Edwards, et al., 2016, Nature Scientific Reports



C. G. Ryan *et al.* Proc. 20th Int. Cong. X-ray Optics and Microanalysis, 1221, 9–17. AIP Conf. Proc., Apr 2010.

Data acquisition schemes: step-by-step vs. continuous



- (1) motor acceleration phase
- (2) motor steady speed
- (3) motor deceleration phase
- (4) data (detectors) acq.:
 - send trig. signal
 - **acq.** + wait det. ready
 - save data, ...

Typical 'deadtimes' ~ 0.5-0.7 "

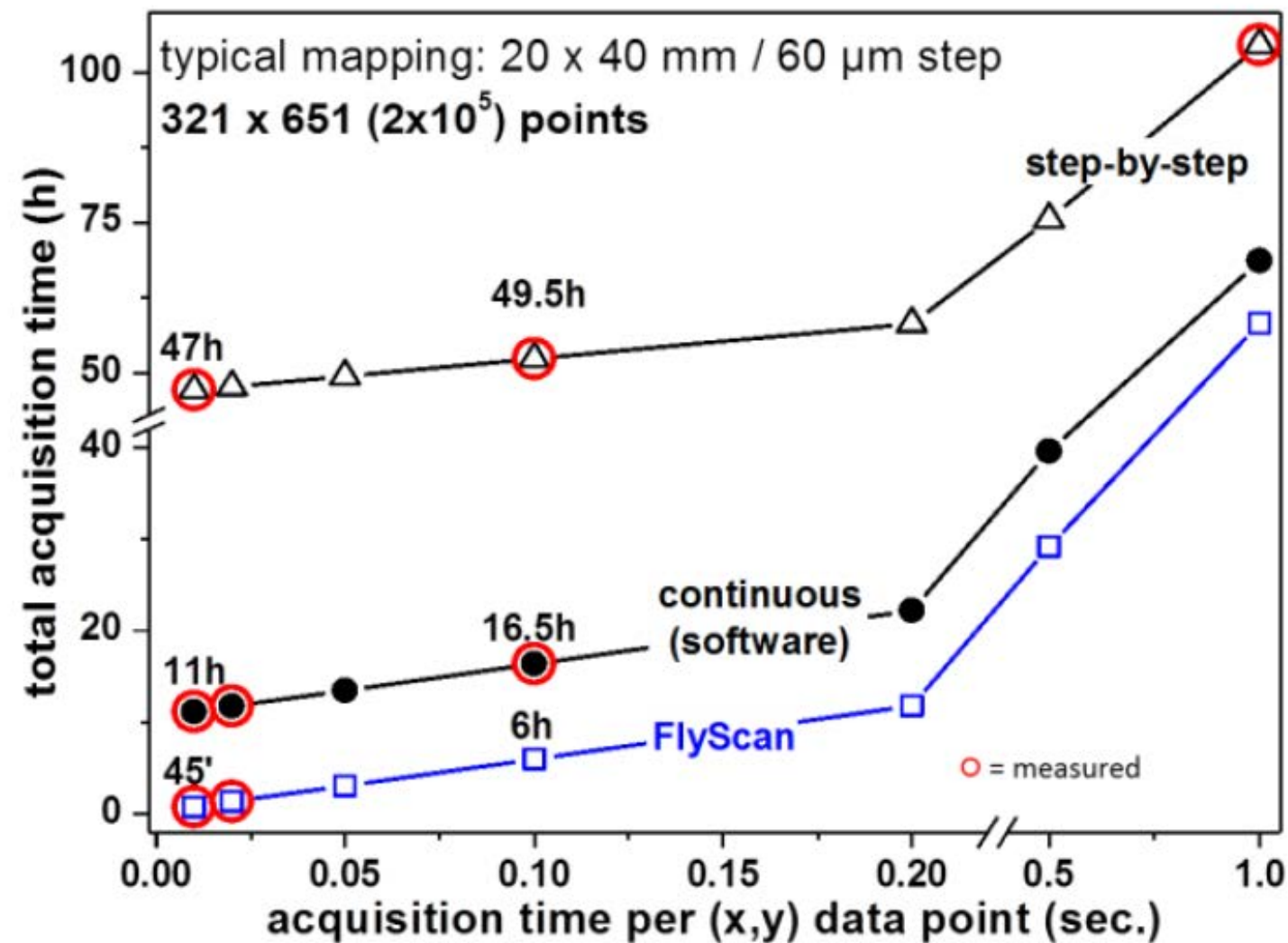
(e.g. DiffAbs beamline @ SynchrotronSOLEIL)

- (1) motor acceleration phase
 - (2) motor steady speed
 - (3) motor deceleration phase
- continuous data acq.**

Data is buffered and saved / merged with motor position asynchronously

C. Mocuta

Fast data acquisition scheme: the FlyScan platform at Synchrotron SOLEIL



Performance comparison between several scanning techniques: step-by-step, continuous (software), and Flyscan.

The latest improvements yield to a $\sim 15\%$ supplementary gain in terms of acquisition speed.

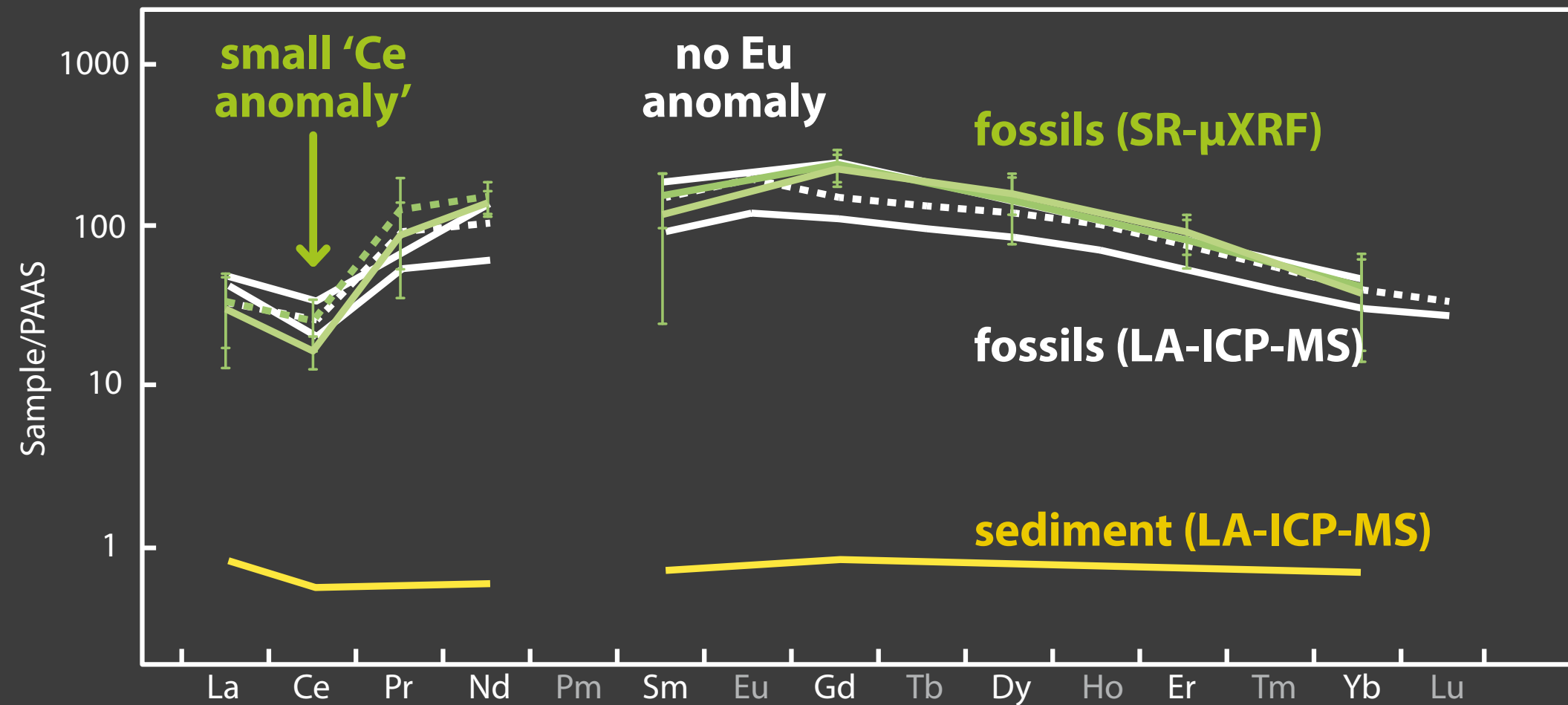
Issues to address:

- data storage / mining / accessing
- data treatment

N. Leclercq *et al.*, 15 ICALEPCS (2015) Melbourne, Australia.

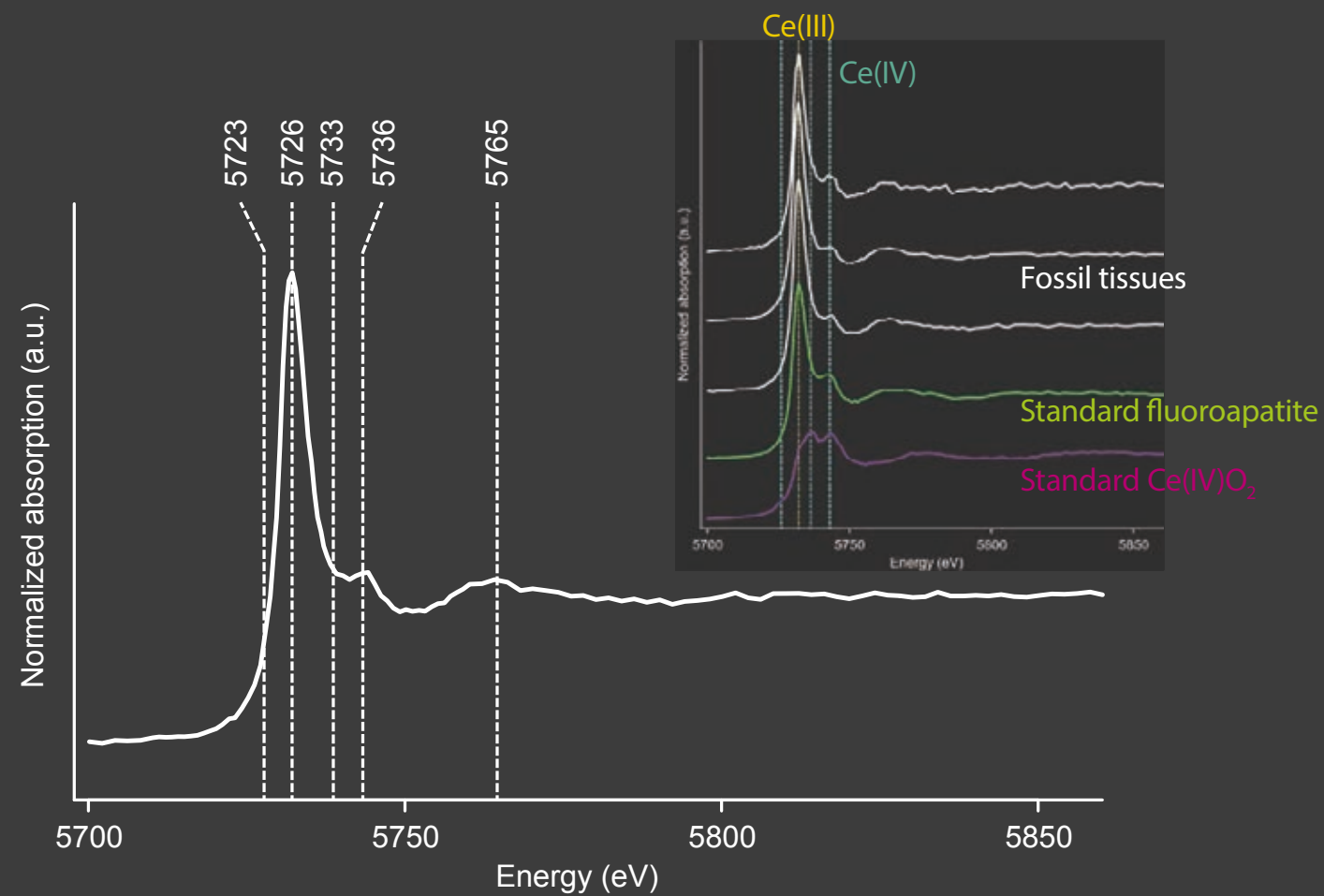
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palaeo-environmental conditions



slightly oxidizing local conditions during rare earths' deposition
all REE are trivalent and share mostly similar physicochemical behaviour except Ce (III and IV) and Eu (II and III)
rare earth concentration profiles at **macroscale** and **microscale**

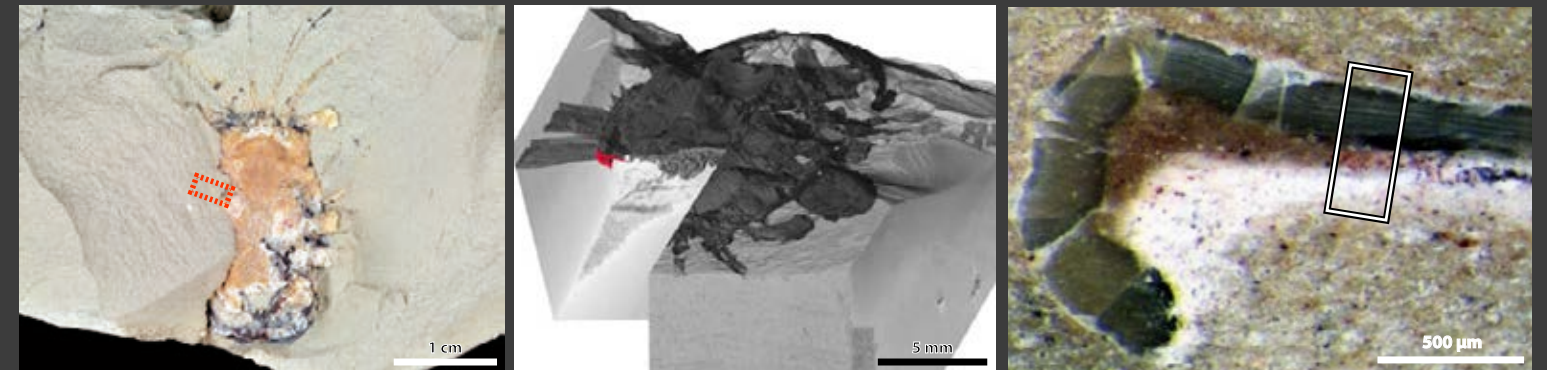




Fermi's golden rule:

$$\mu(E) \sim \sum_{N_{\text{fond}}} |\langle \Psi_{\text{fond}} | \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \cdot \mathbf{r} | \Psi_{\text{exc}} \rangle|^2 \cdot \delta(h\nu - (E_{\text{exc}} - E_{\text{fond}}))$$

Decapod crustacean "crab"
Late Cretaceous, -95 Myr,
Djebel Oum Tkout Morocco



XAS: local speciation

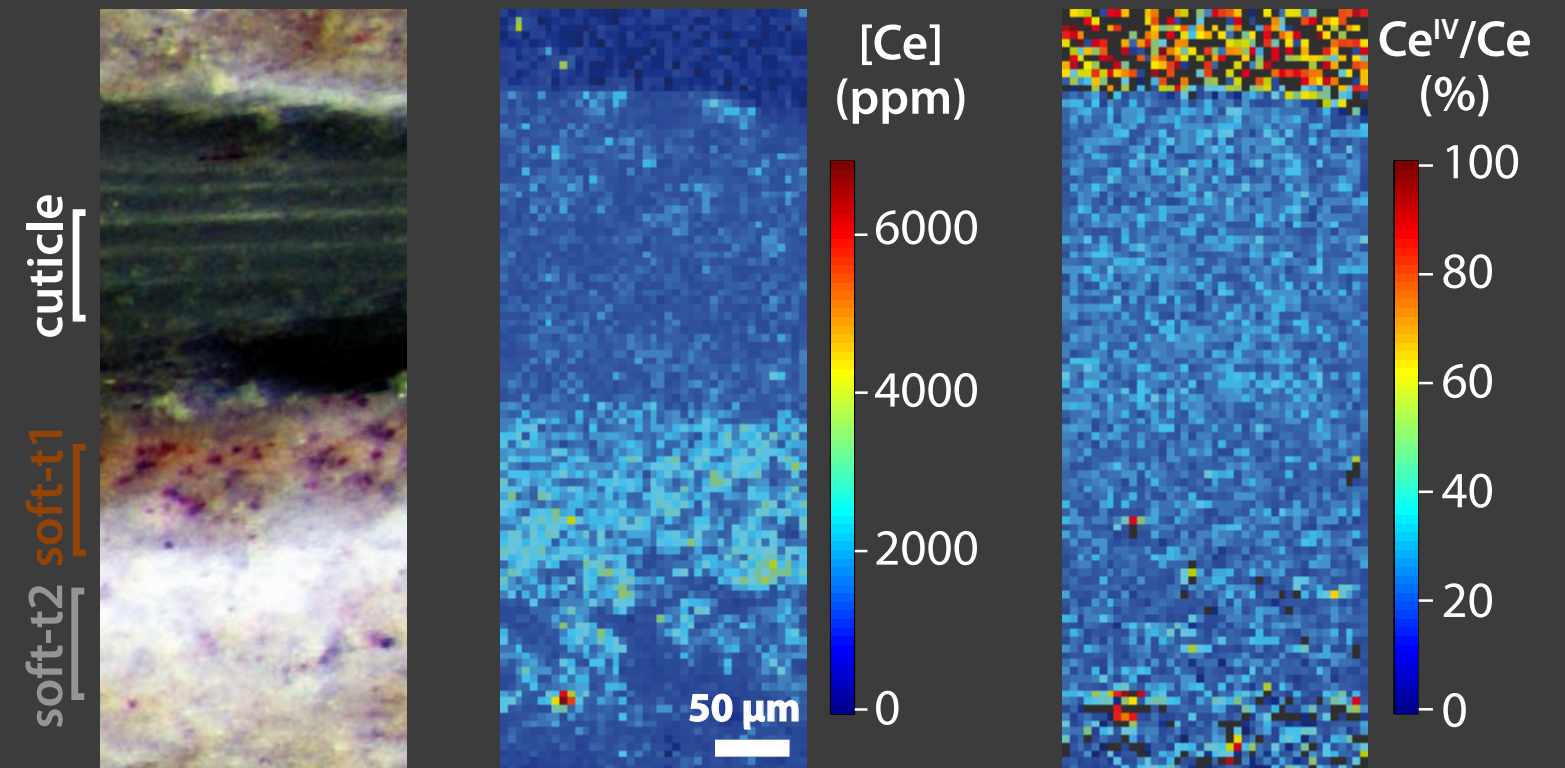
Ce(III) + some Ce(IV)
in fossils, at a few μm lateral resolution

comparison to REE profiles

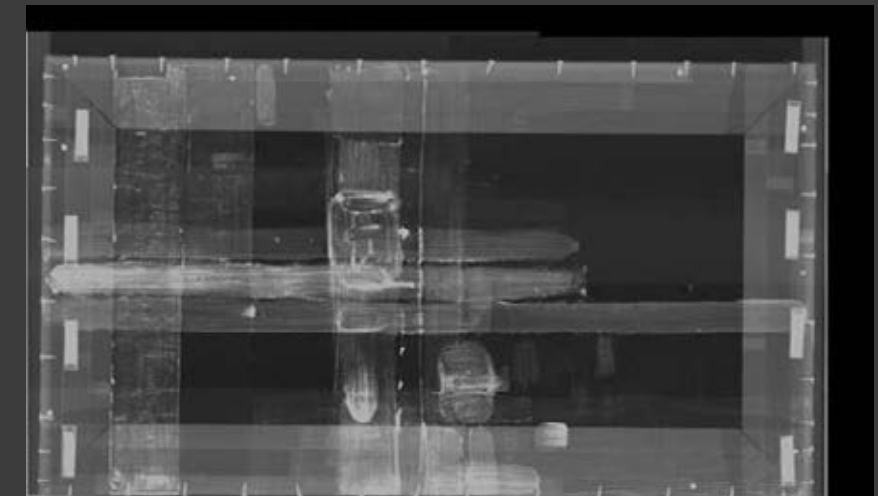
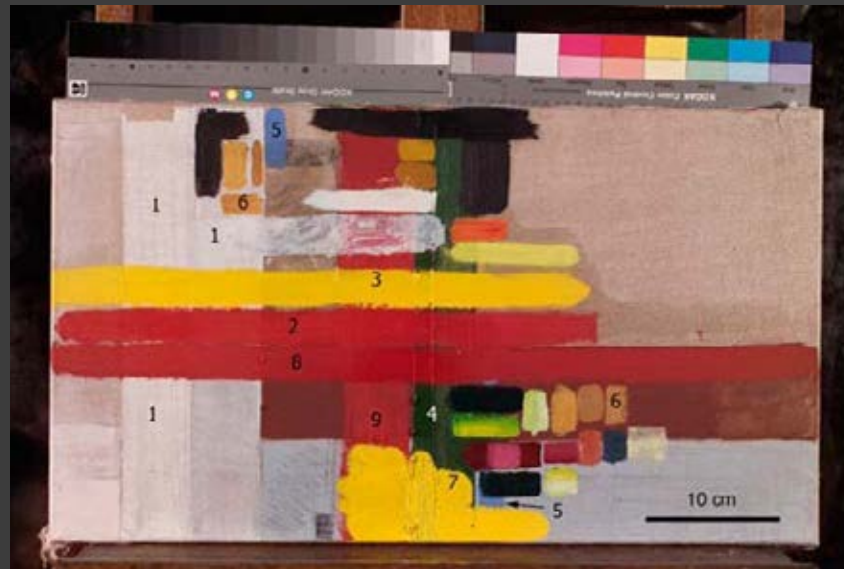
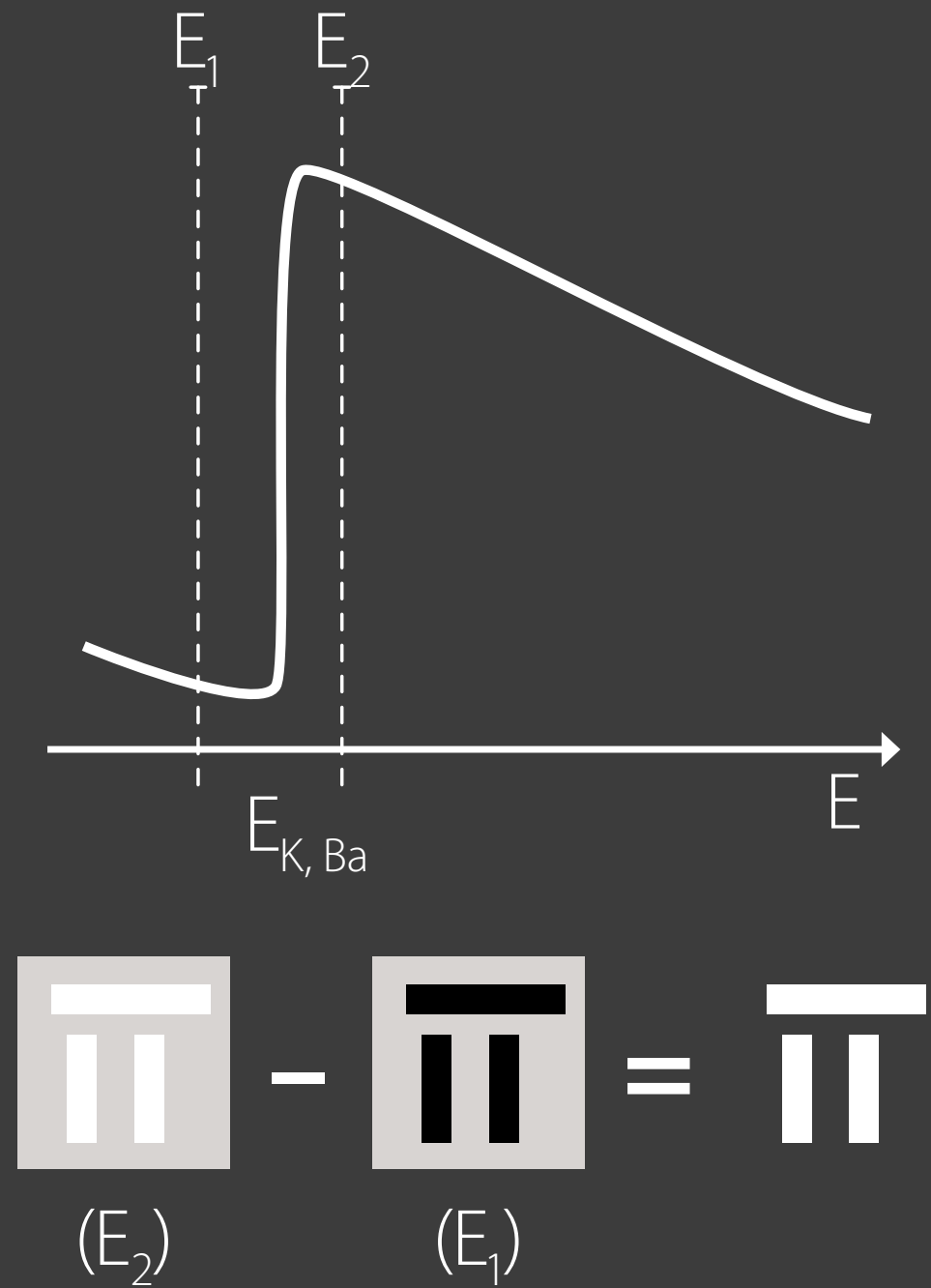
results are in phase (steady state?)

Ce⁴⁺ ubiquitously adsorbed

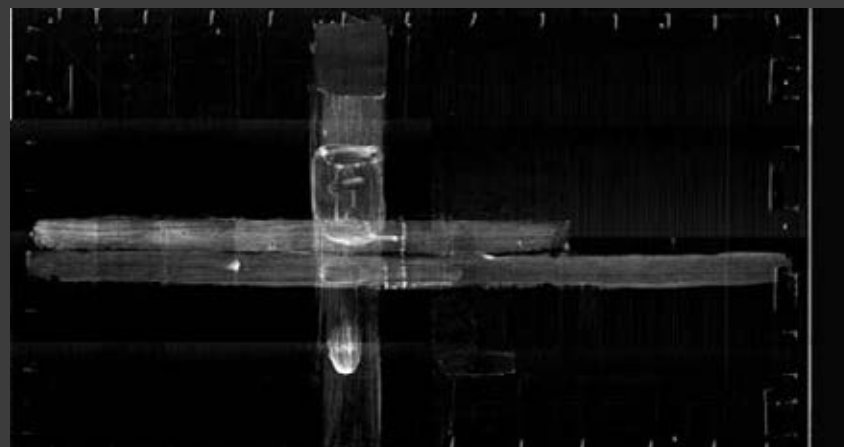
+ as a few CeO₂ grains



K-edge subtraction



radiographie (50 keV)



localisation Ba (38 keV)



localisation Pb (89 keV)

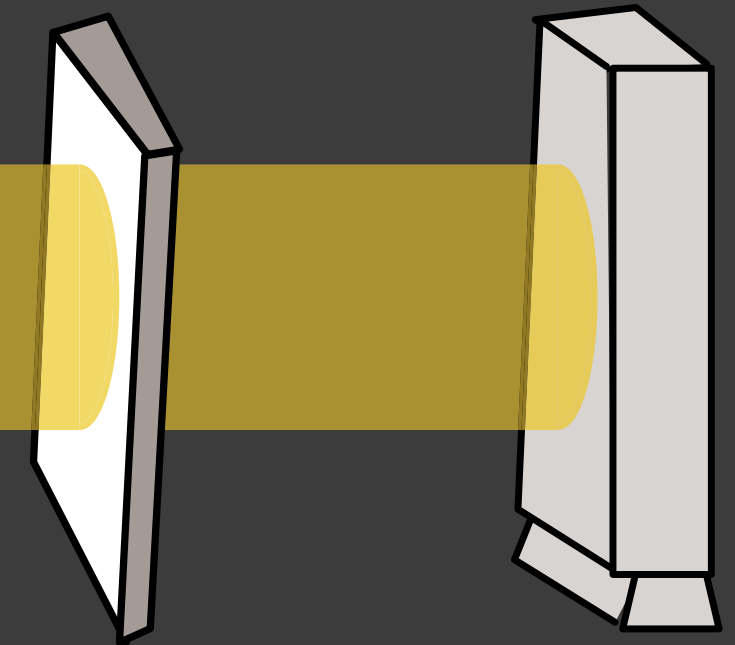
K. Krug et al. Appl. Phys. A, 2006.

full-field XAS = TXM: speciation at each pixel!

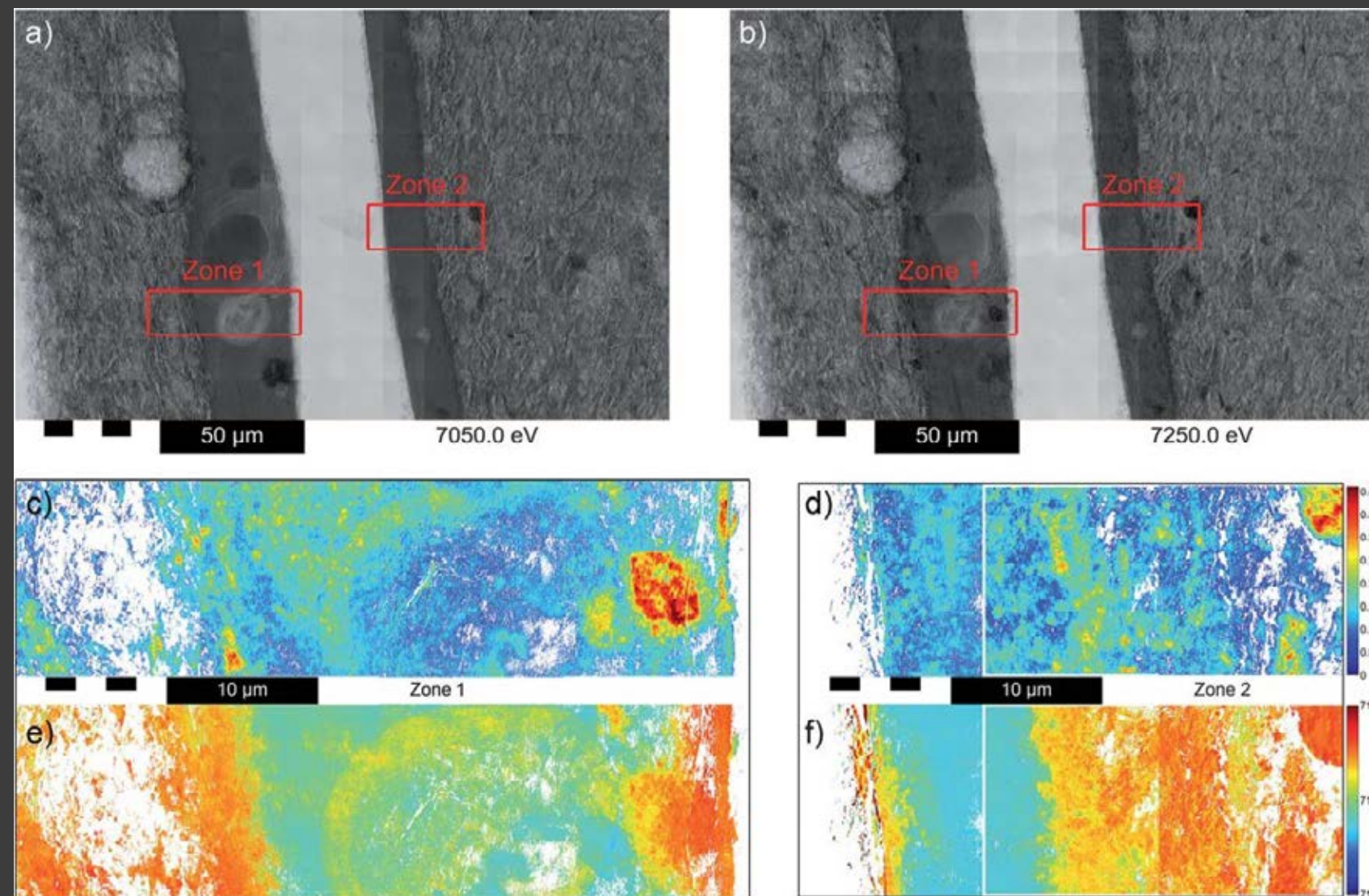
transmission only: thin section

faisceau X incident

scan in E_0



Roman Sigillata black gloss ceramic sherd



Fe K-edge jump intensity

Fe K-edge energy

F. Meirer et al. J. Anal. At. Spectrom., 2013.

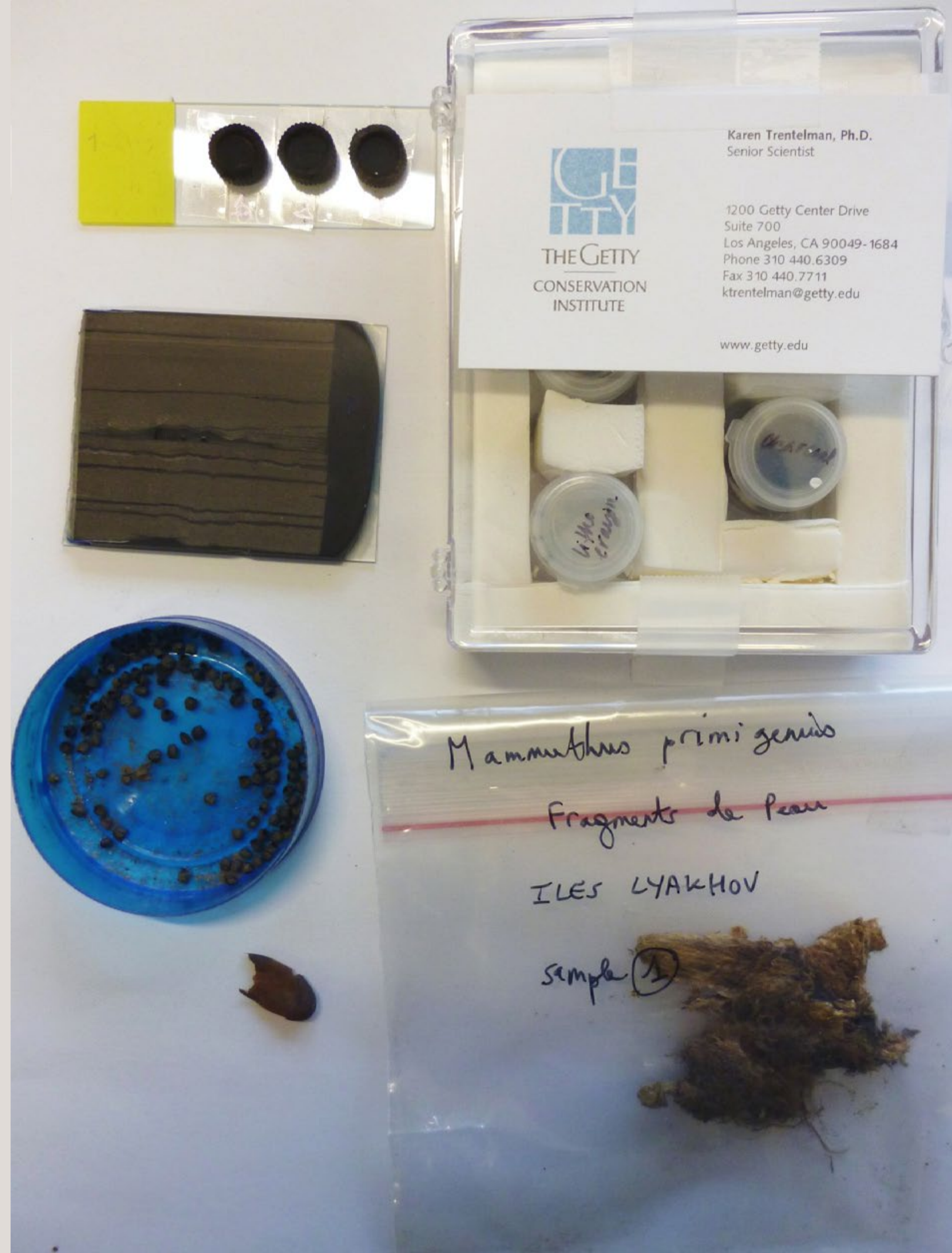
ancient carbonaceous systems

art materials: pigments, binders, dyes, supports, textiles...

archaeological and palaeontological materials: cellulosic materials, proteins, etc.

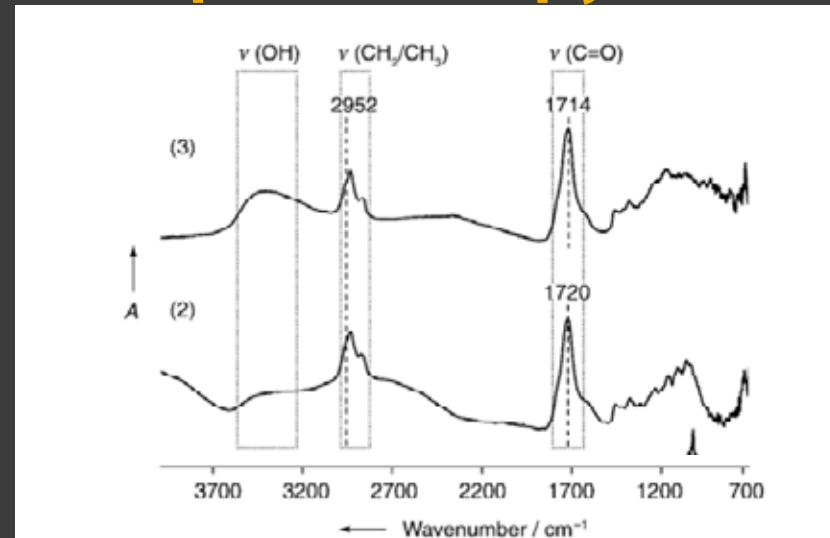
...

chemically complex and heterogenous due to their initial composition and effects of ageing



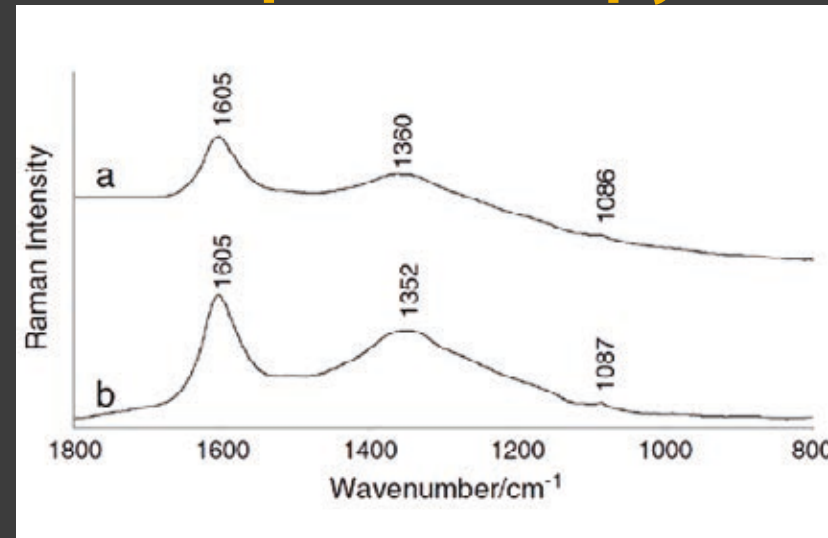
carbon speciation in ancient organic systems

FT-IR spectroscopy



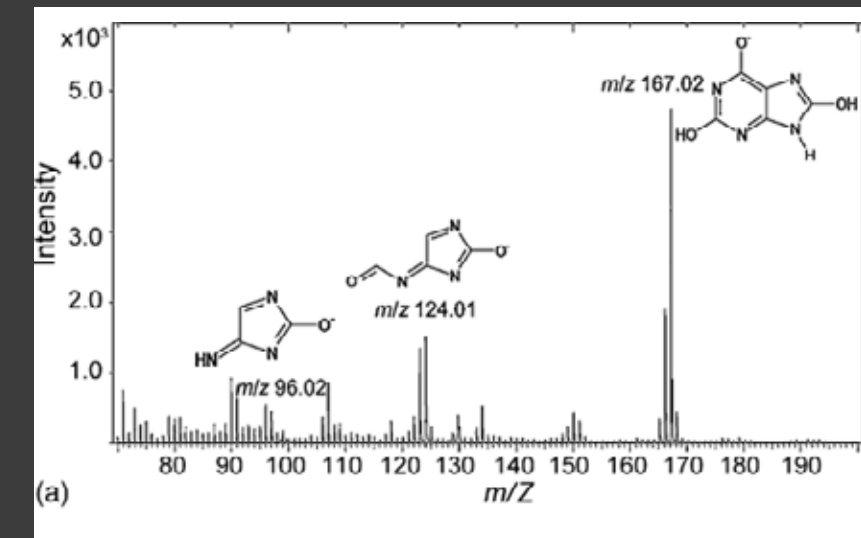
Echard et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.*, 2010

Raman spectroscopy



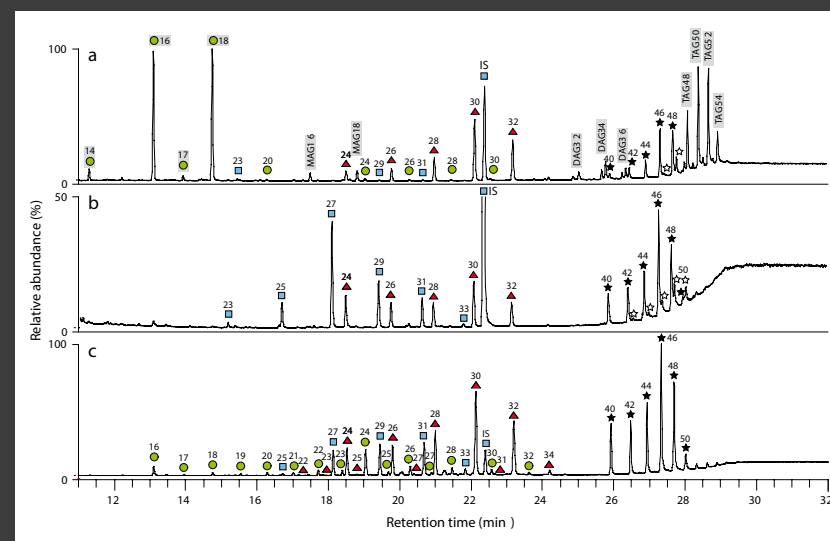
A. Coccato et al. *J. Raman Spectrosc.*, 2015

TOF-SIMS



Mazel et al. *Anal. Chim. Acta*, 2015

GC/MS...



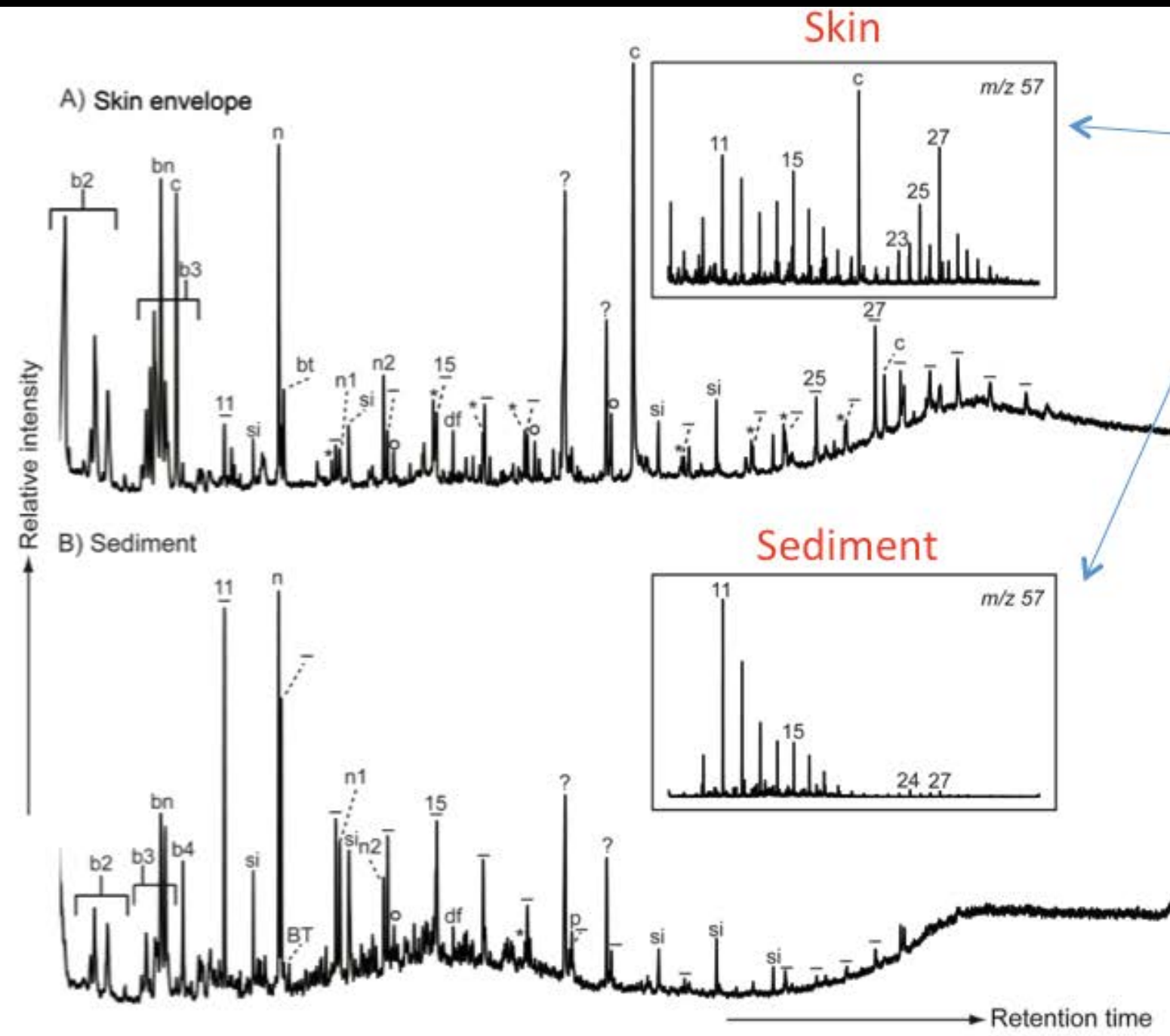
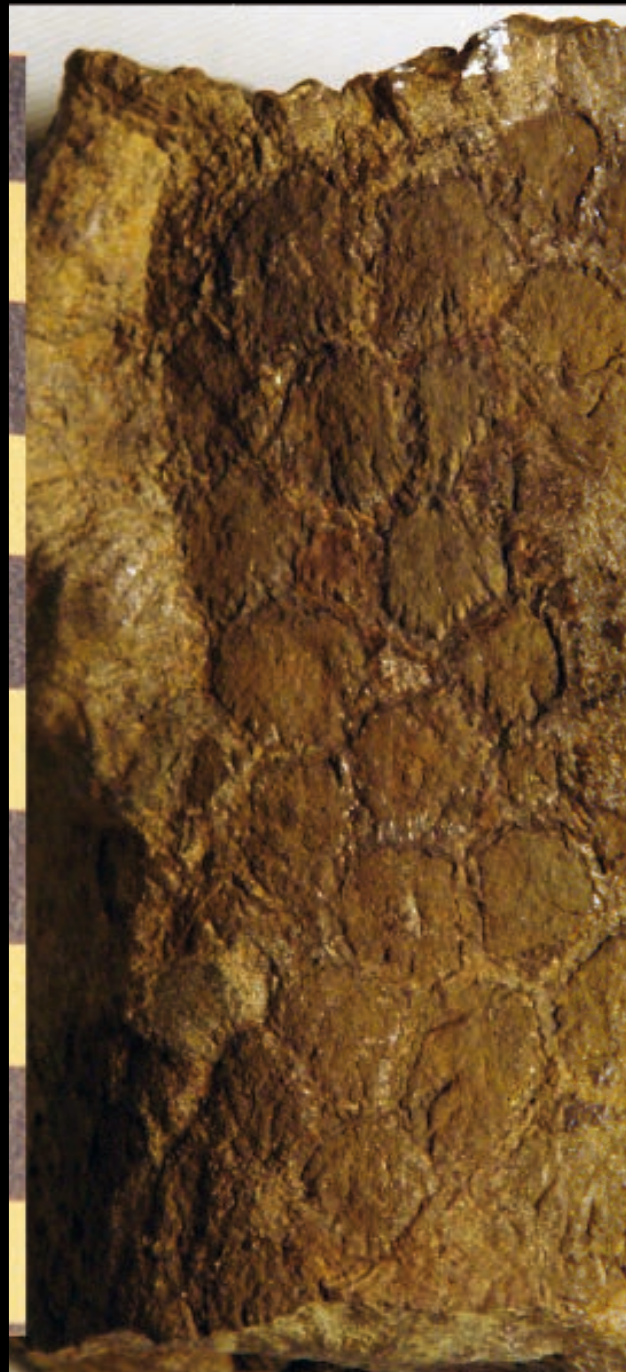
Roffet-Salque et al. *Nature*, 2015

these methods are invasive or surface-sensitive (few μm's or below)

natural carbon species (e.g. graphite) absorb almost the entire IR–UV range

over-representativeness of the (contaminated, altered) surface, impact of surface condition...

Pyrolysis Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (PyGCMS) of Hell Creek fossil dinosaur skin and surrounding matrix

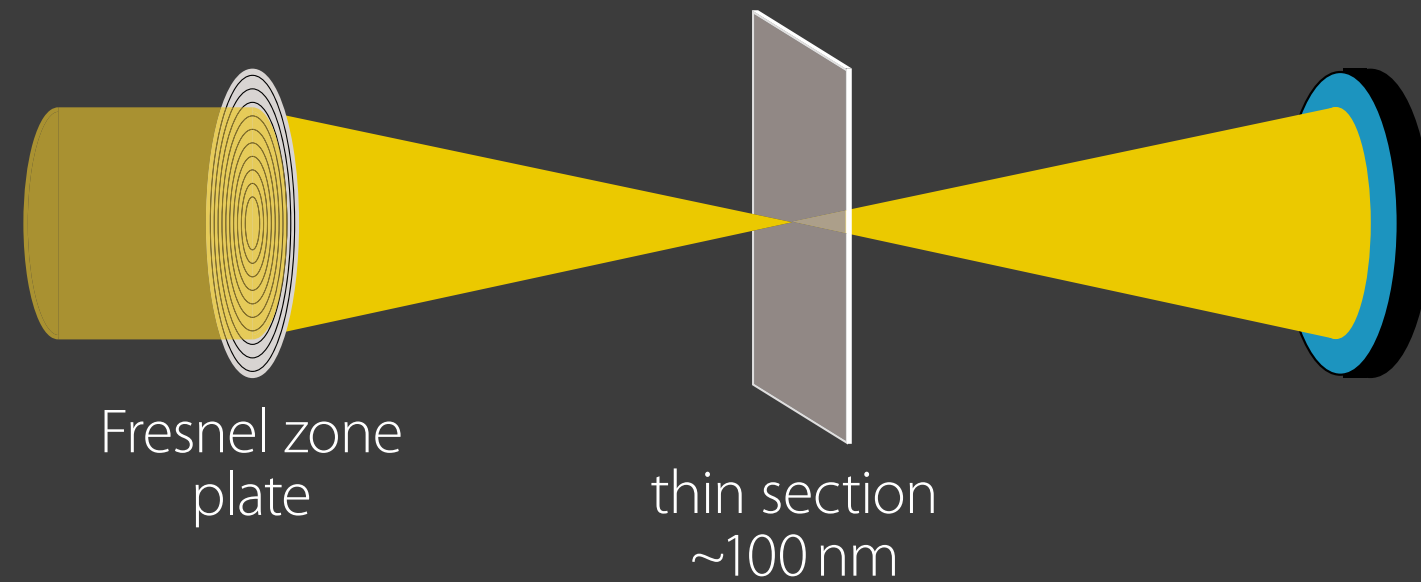


The simple hydrocarbon patterns are completely different. These compounds (alkanes) are not biologically active and hence quite stable, and strongly support the conclusion that organic material from the organism has been retained over geological time.

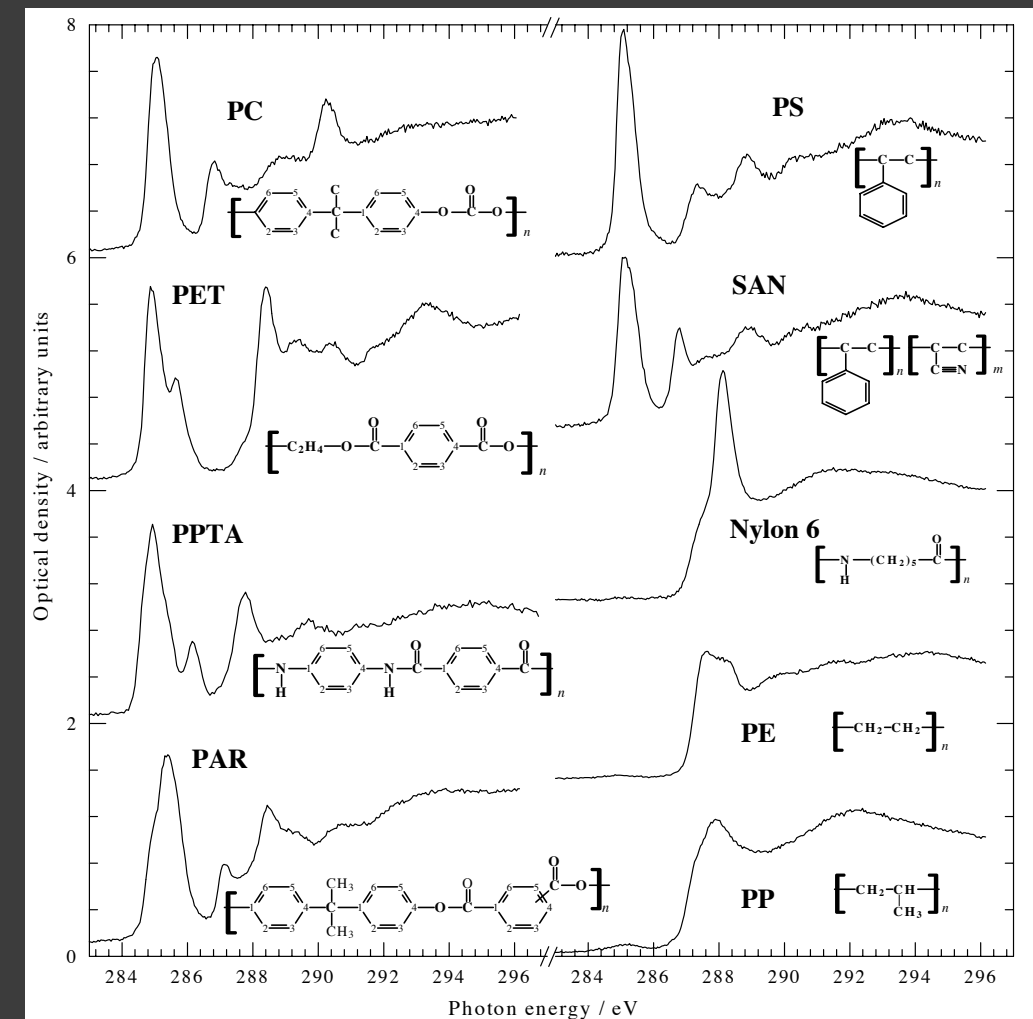
Manning et al., 2009, Proc. Roy. Soc. B.

"STXM" = Scanning Transmission X-ray Microscopy-based Carbon X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Spectroscopy

C K-edge: 285 eV

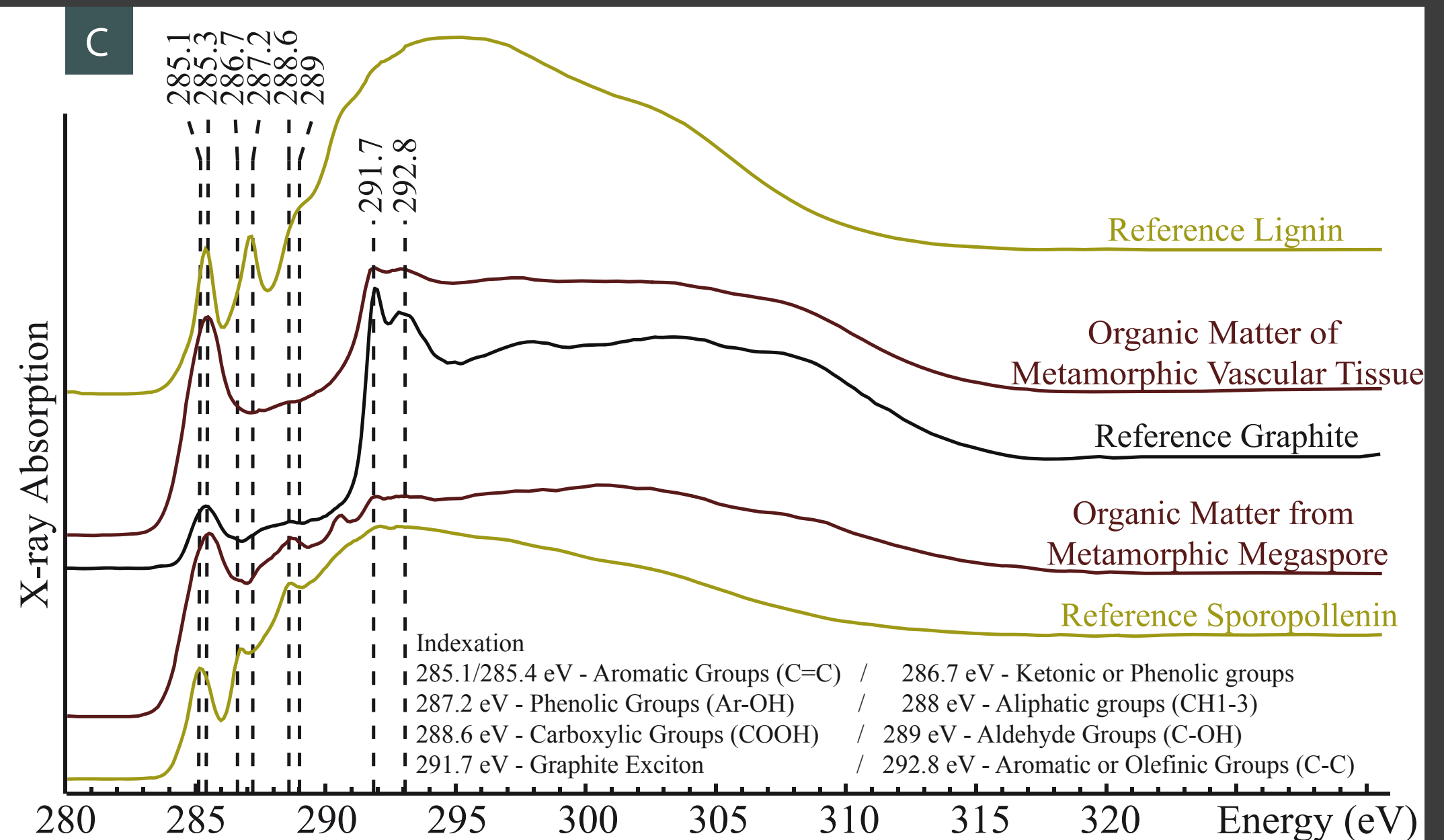
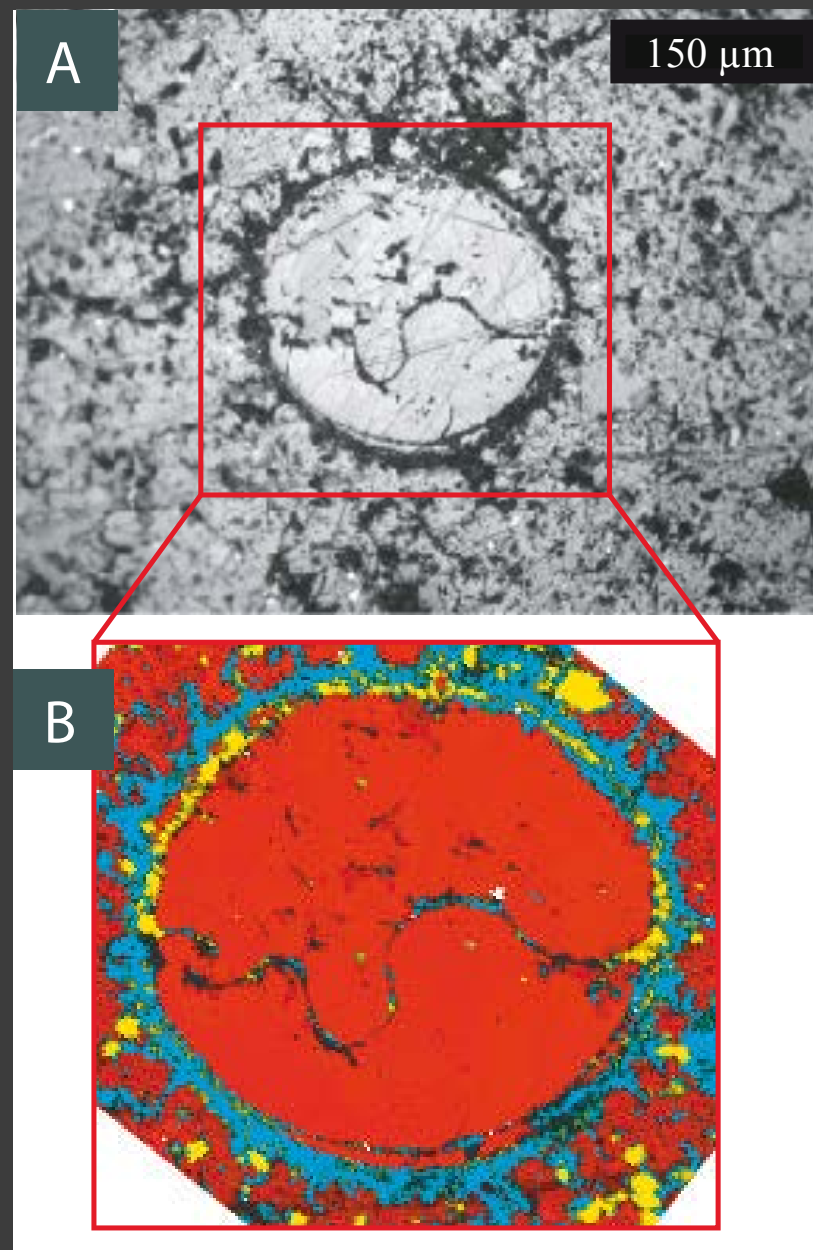


speciation at the carbon K-edge (~280 eV):



Koprinarov et al.

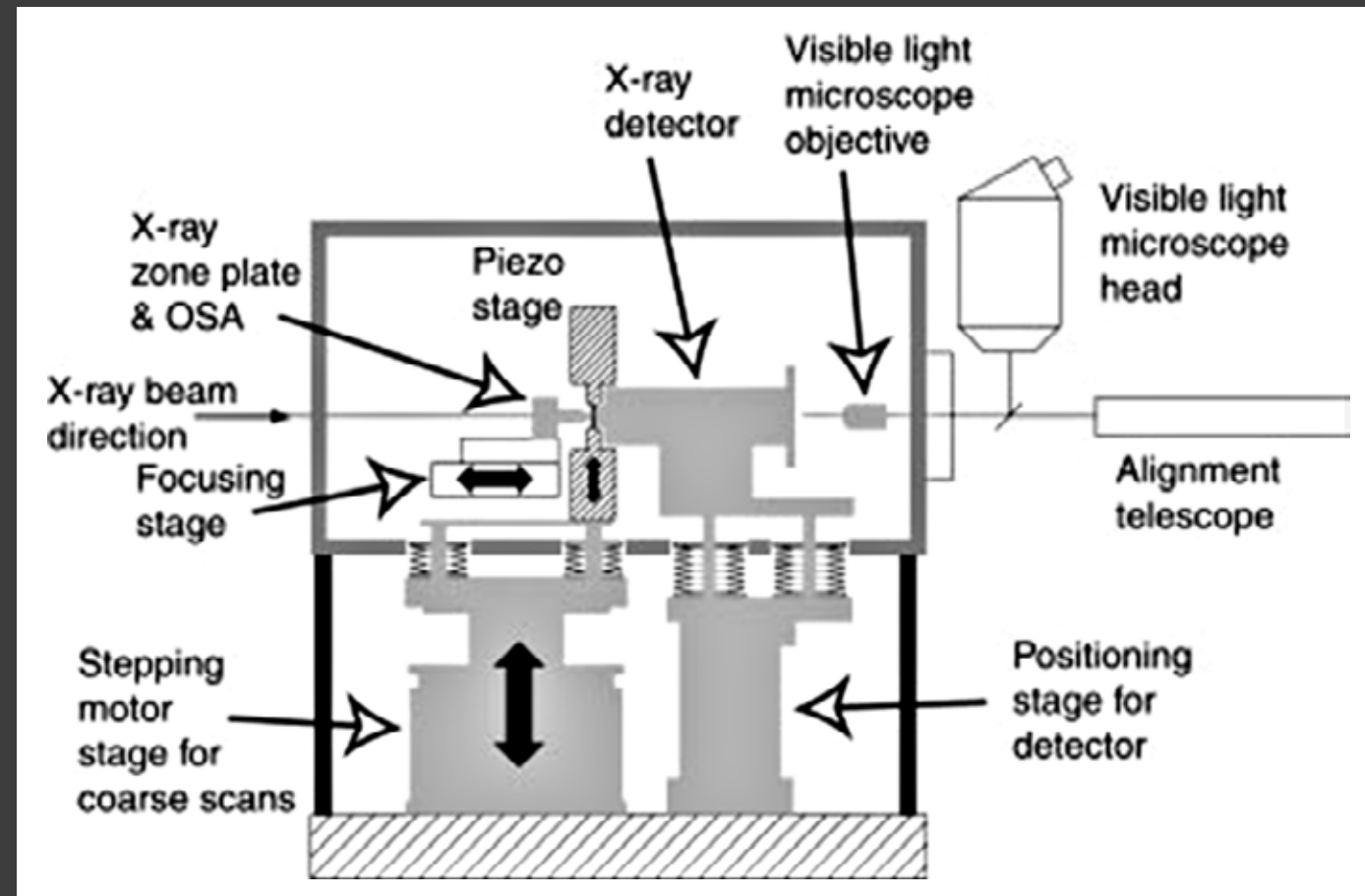
fossilized megaspore in Triassic metamorphic rocks from the Vanoise in the French Alps



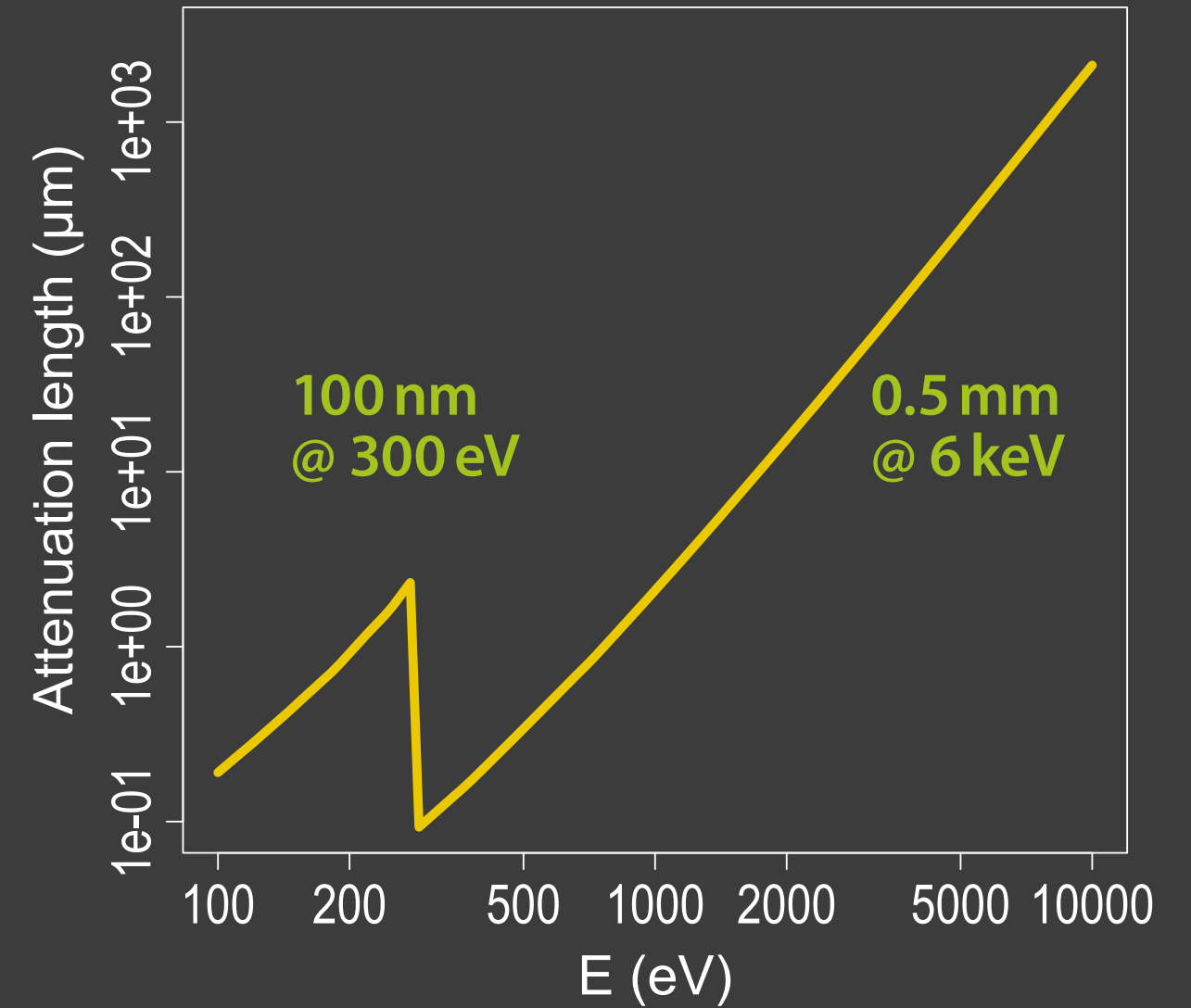
Raman map: **graphitic carbon**, **calcite**, and **ankerite**

sporopollenin: long chain fatty acids, phenylpropanoids, phenolics and traces of carotenoids.

S. Bernard & D. Papineau, 2014

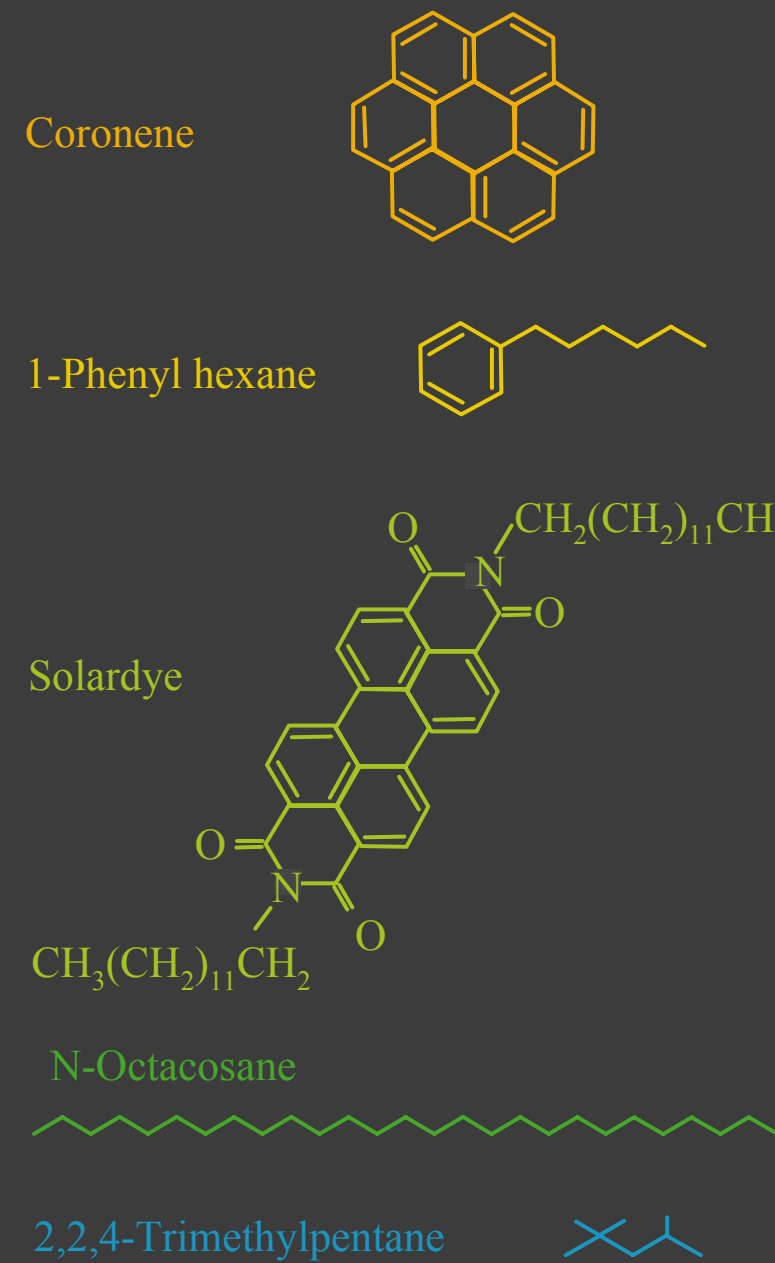
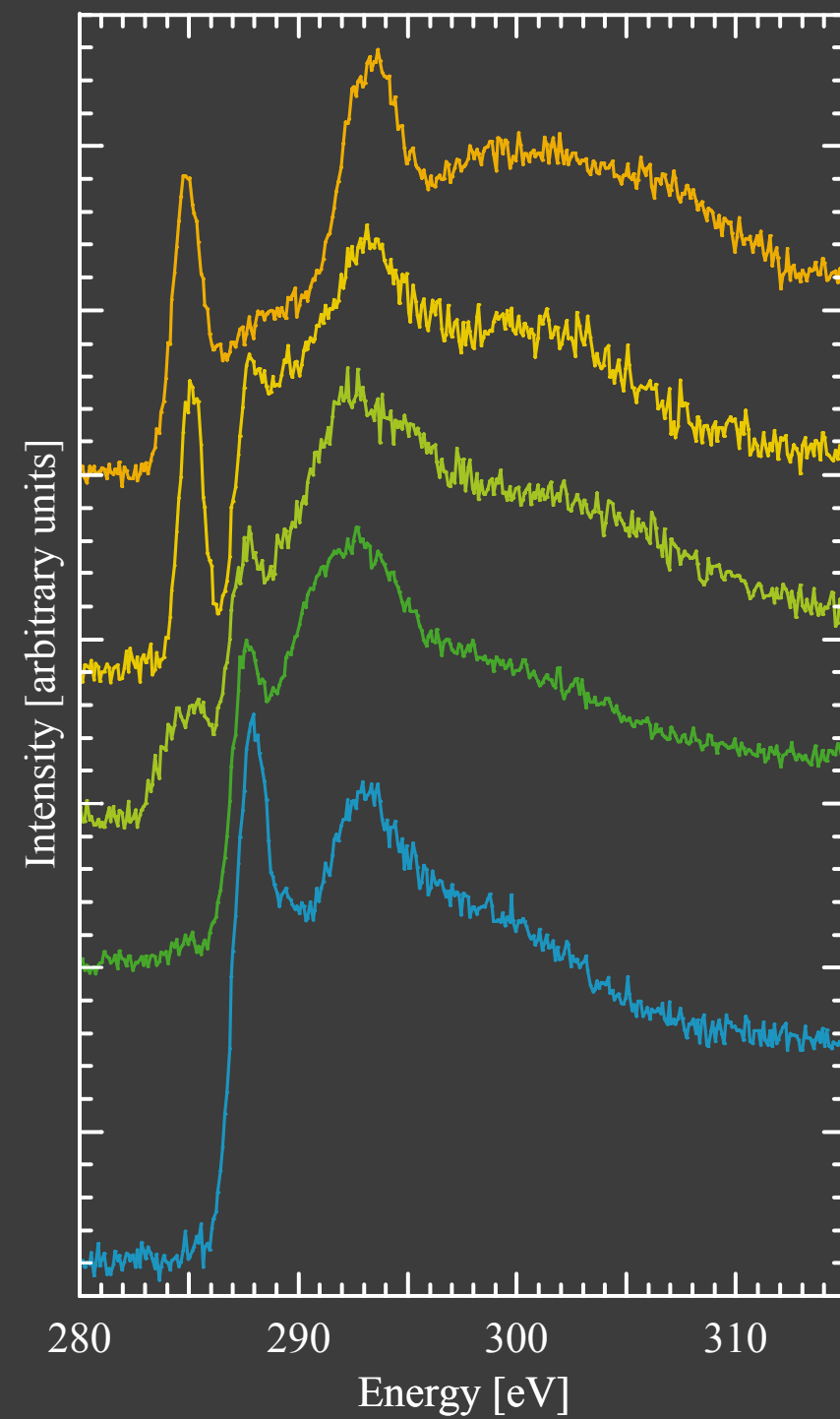


Maser, 2000



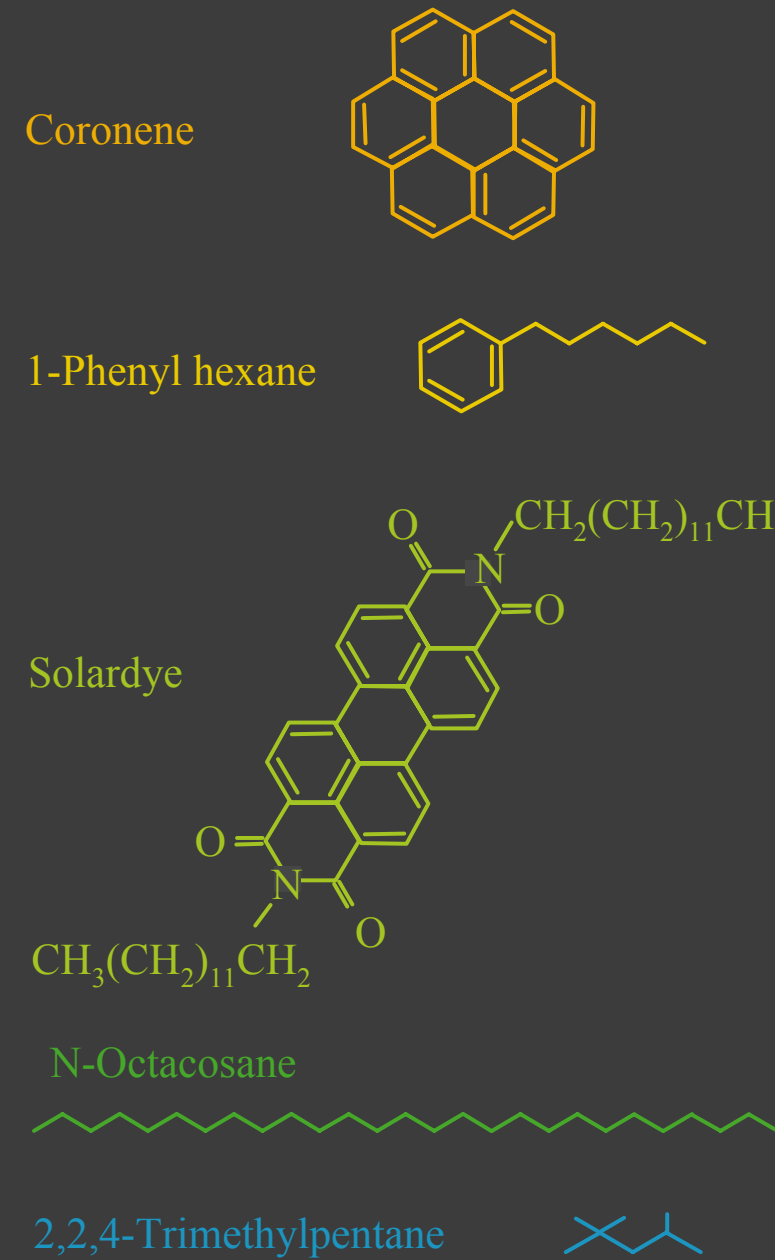
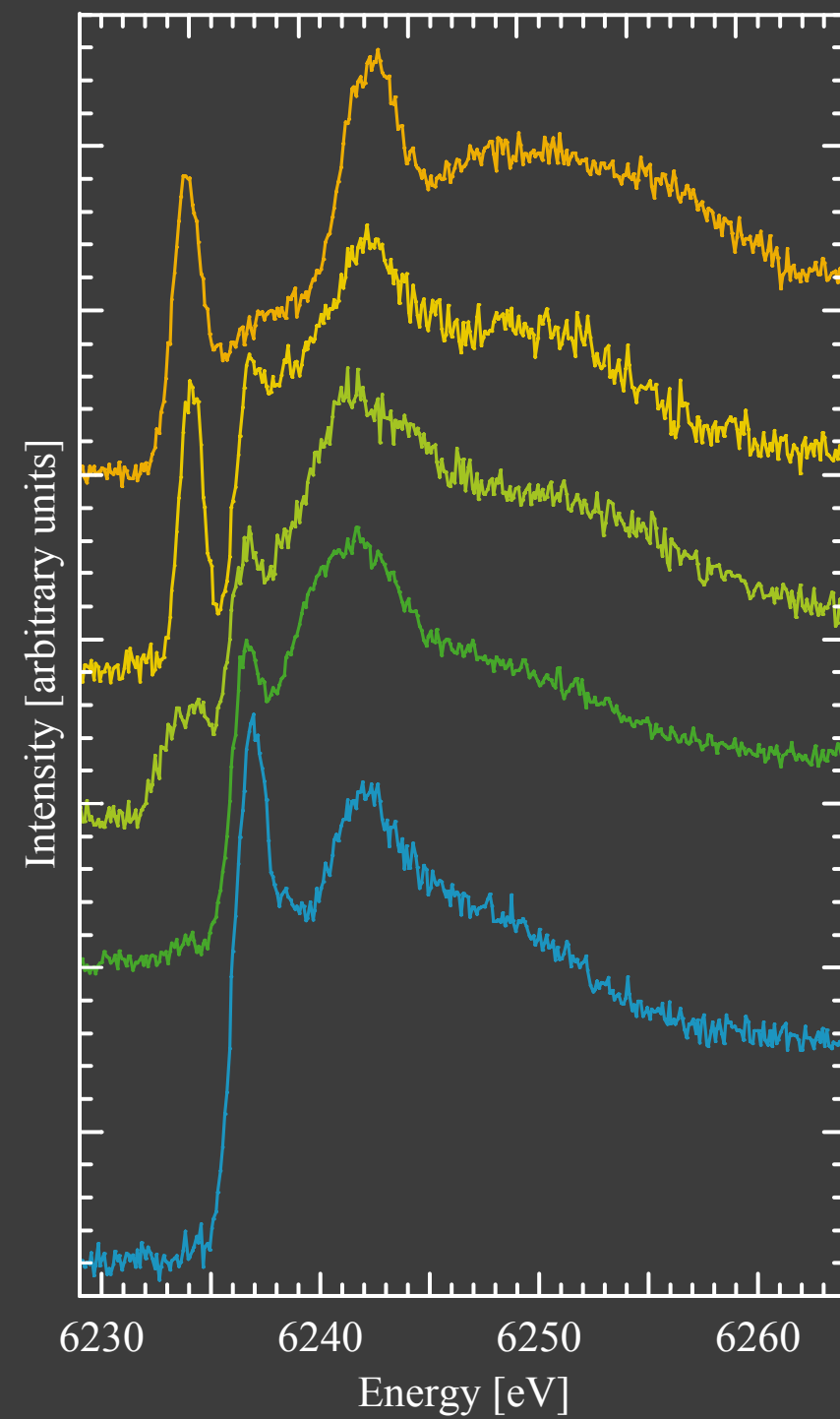
preparation using FIB, in vacuum, micromanipulation...

X-ray Raman spectroscopy



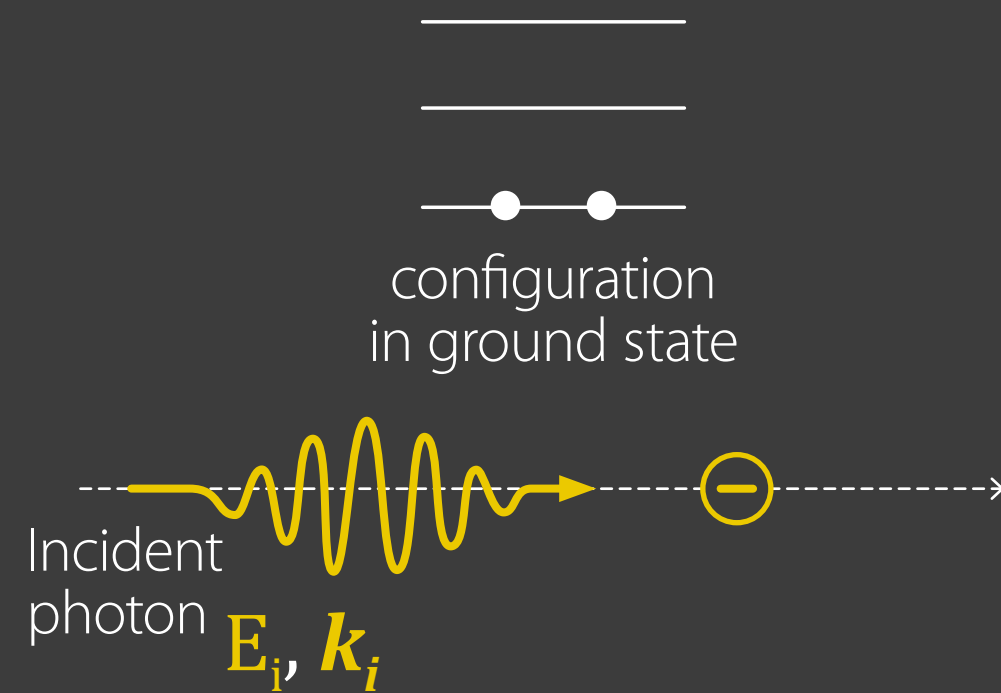
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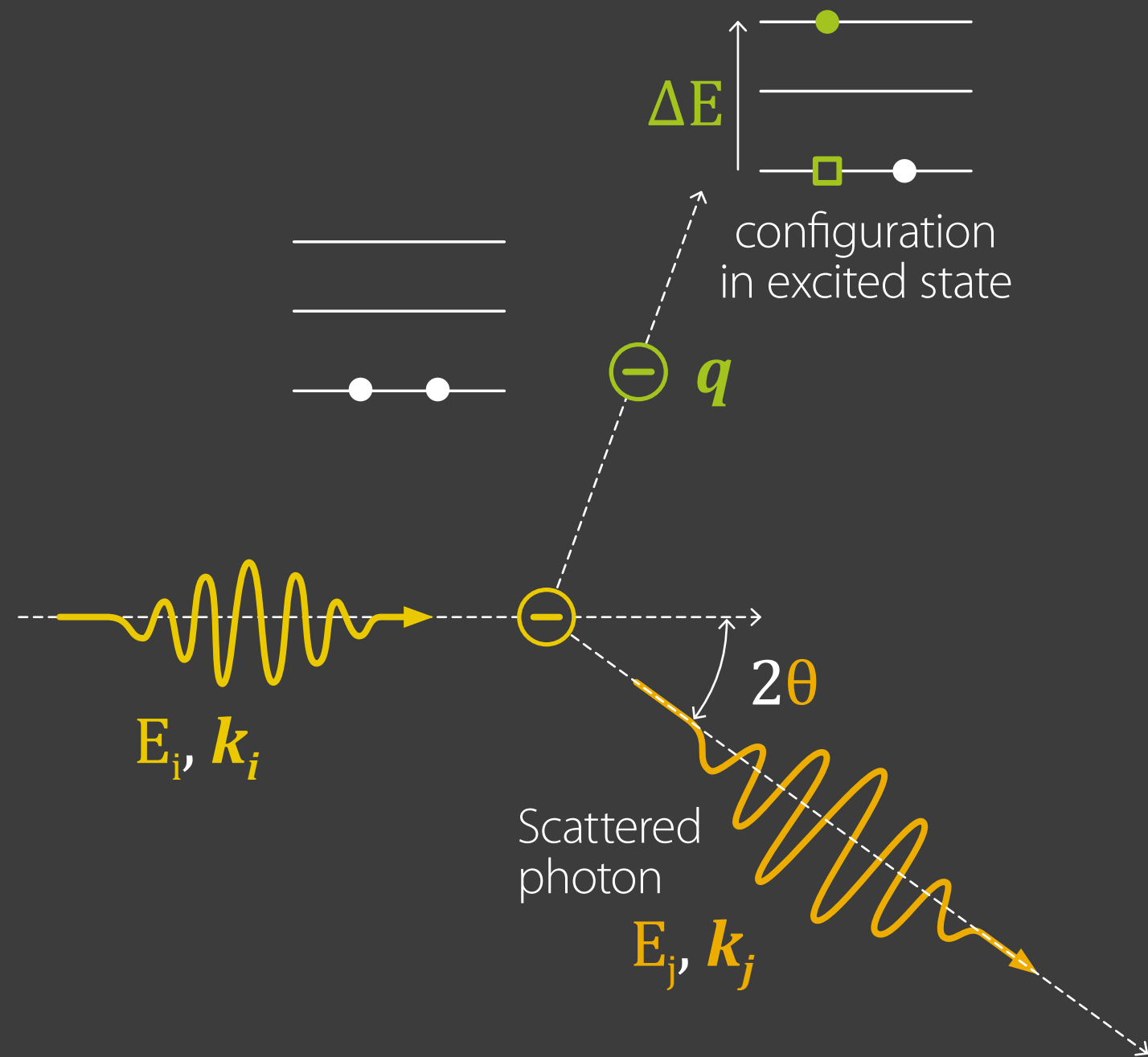


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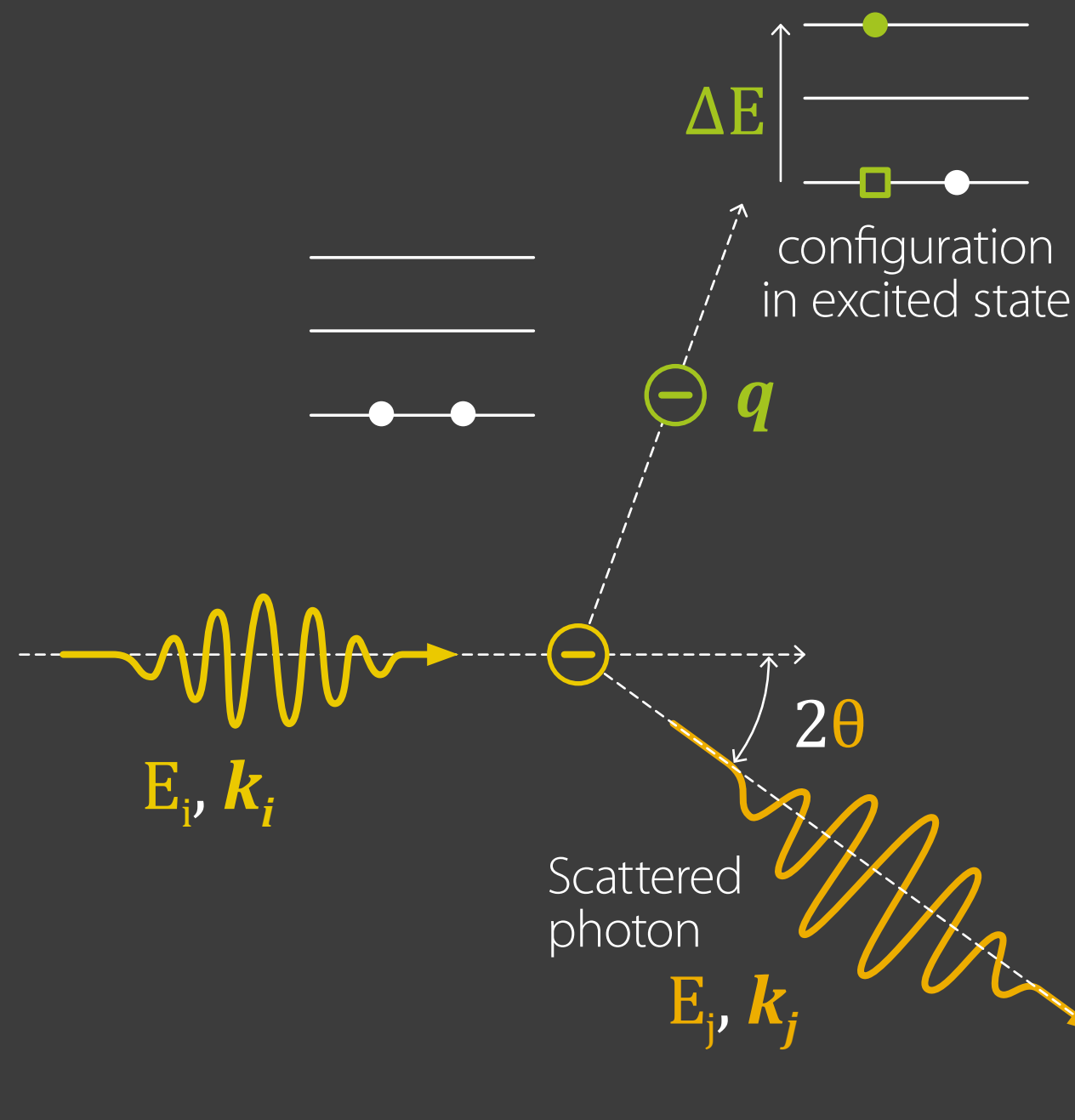
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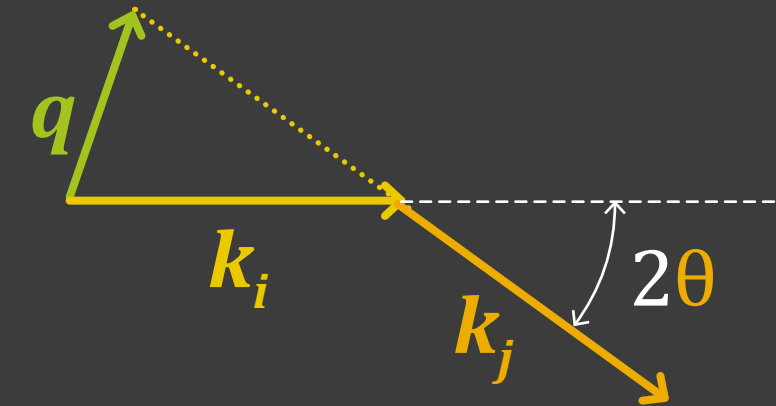


a final state spectroscopy



$$\Delta E = E_i - E_j$$

$$q = k_i - k_j$$



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} = \frac{4\pi^3 e^4 h}{m^2 v_i v_j} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \|\langle f | \exp [i(\mathbf{k}_j - \mathbf{k}_i) \cdot \mathbf{r}] | 0 \rangle\|^2$$

$$\times \delta(E_f - E_0 - h(\nu_i - \nu_j))$$

Mizuno, 1967; Tohji, 1989; Bergmann, 2002

$$= |\mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}_j|$$

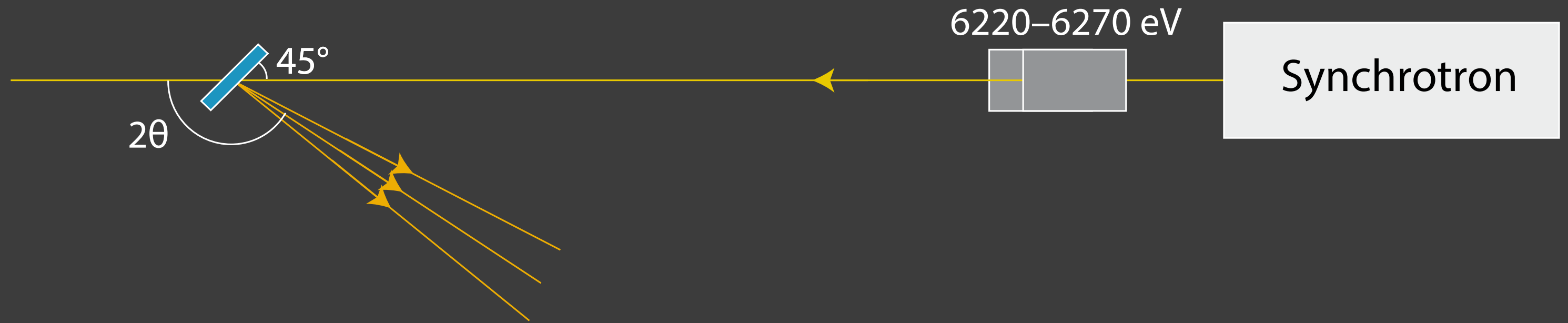
$$= \sqrt{k_i^2 + k_j^2 - 2 k_i k_j \cos 2\theta}$$

$$\approx 2 k_i \sin \theta$$



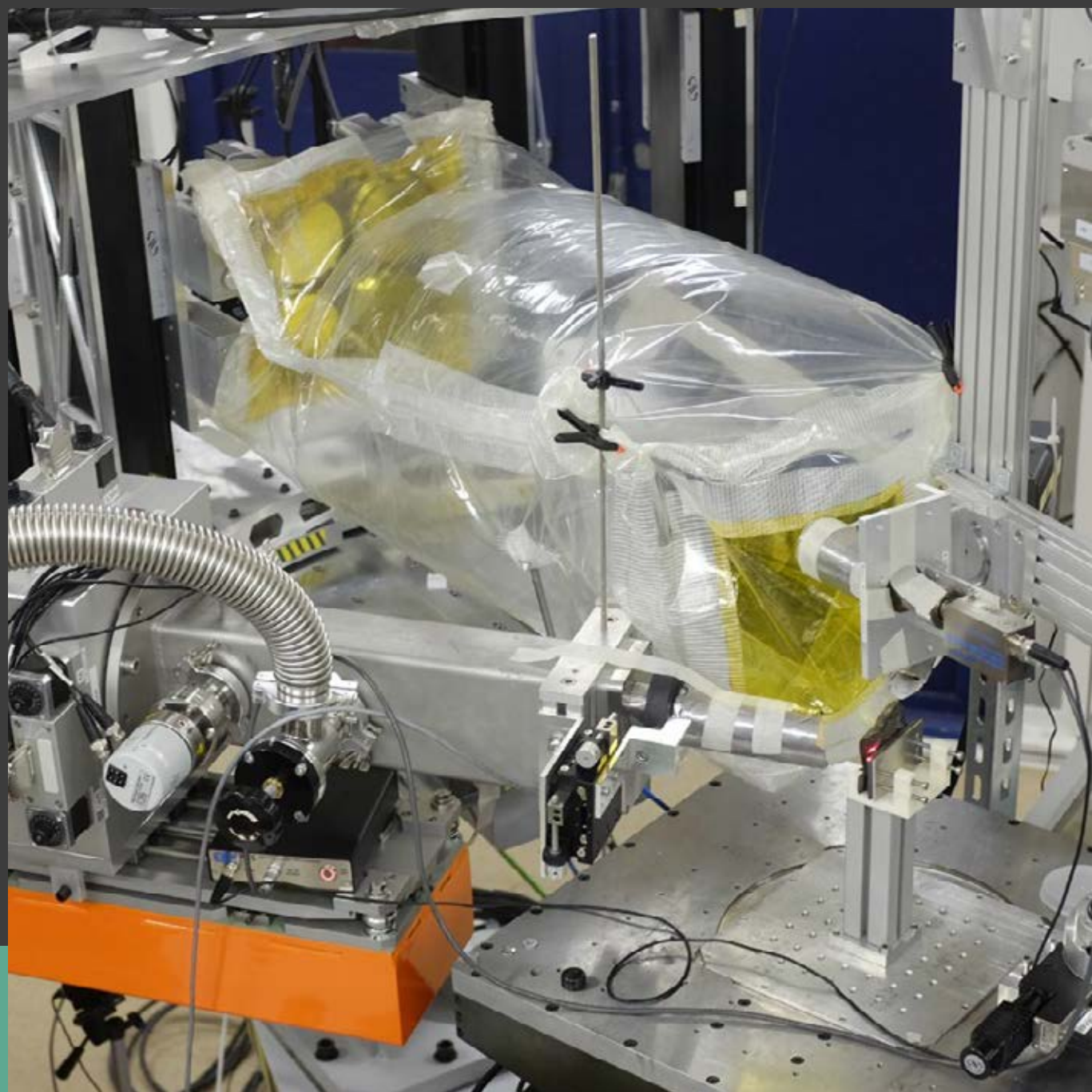
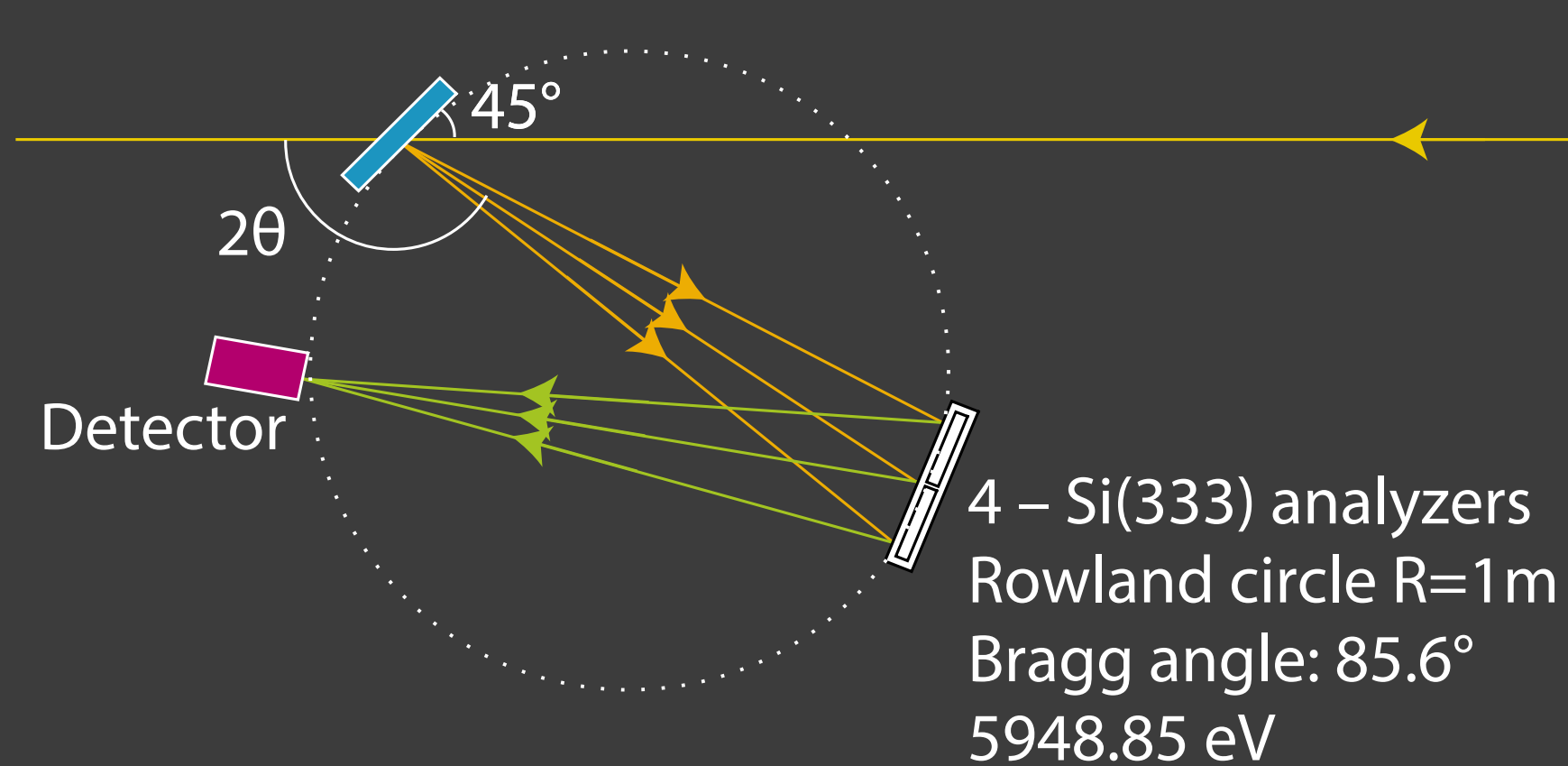
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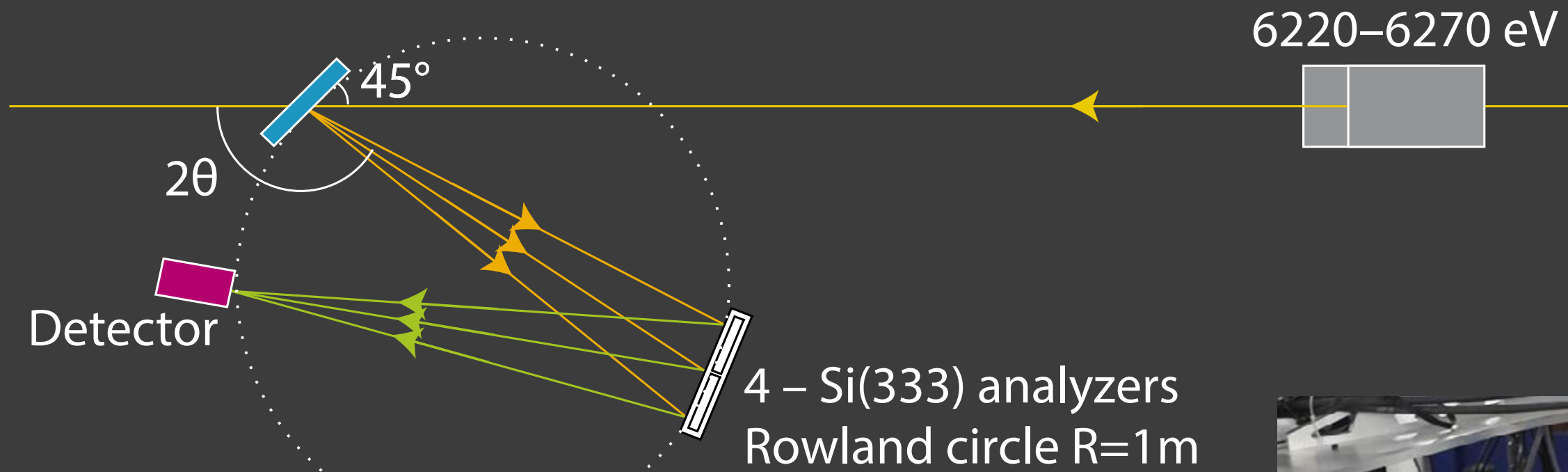
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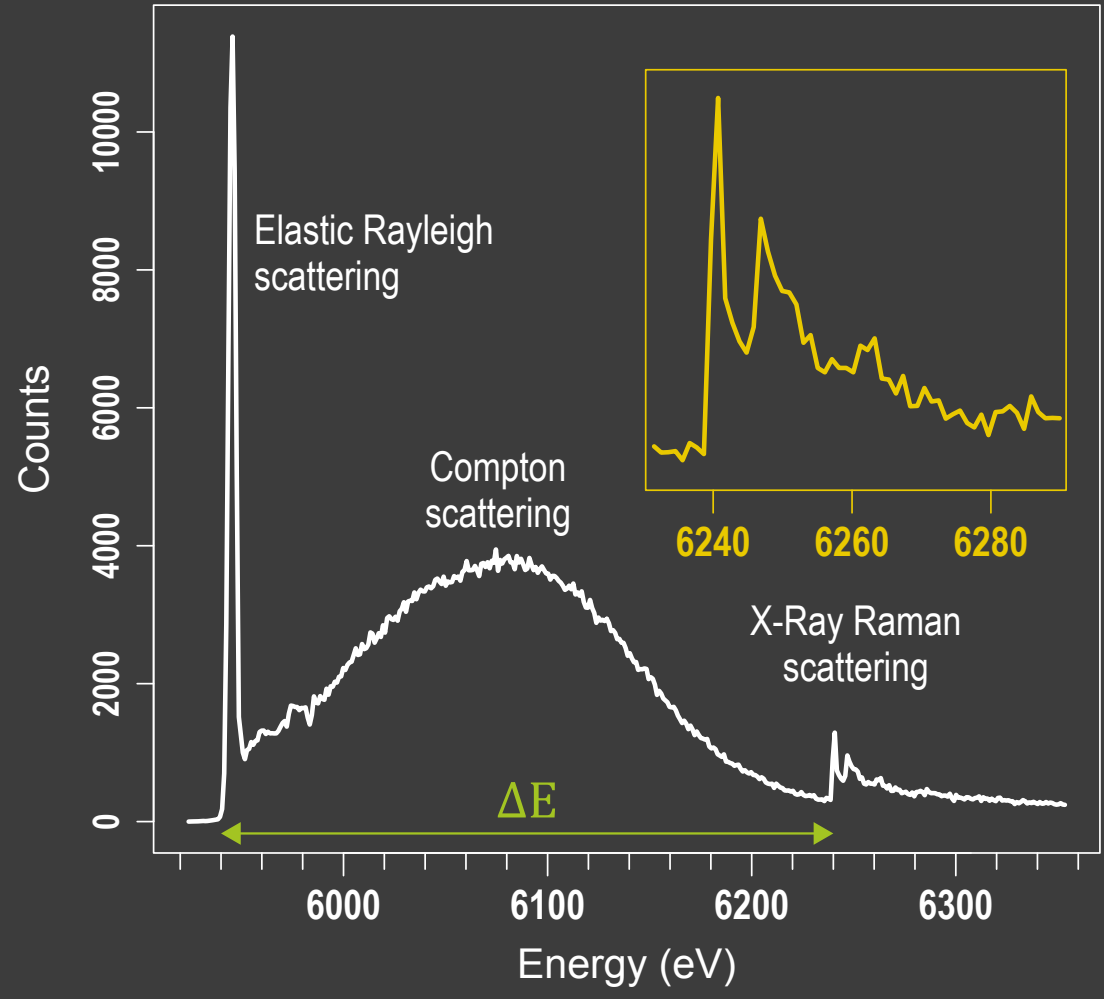
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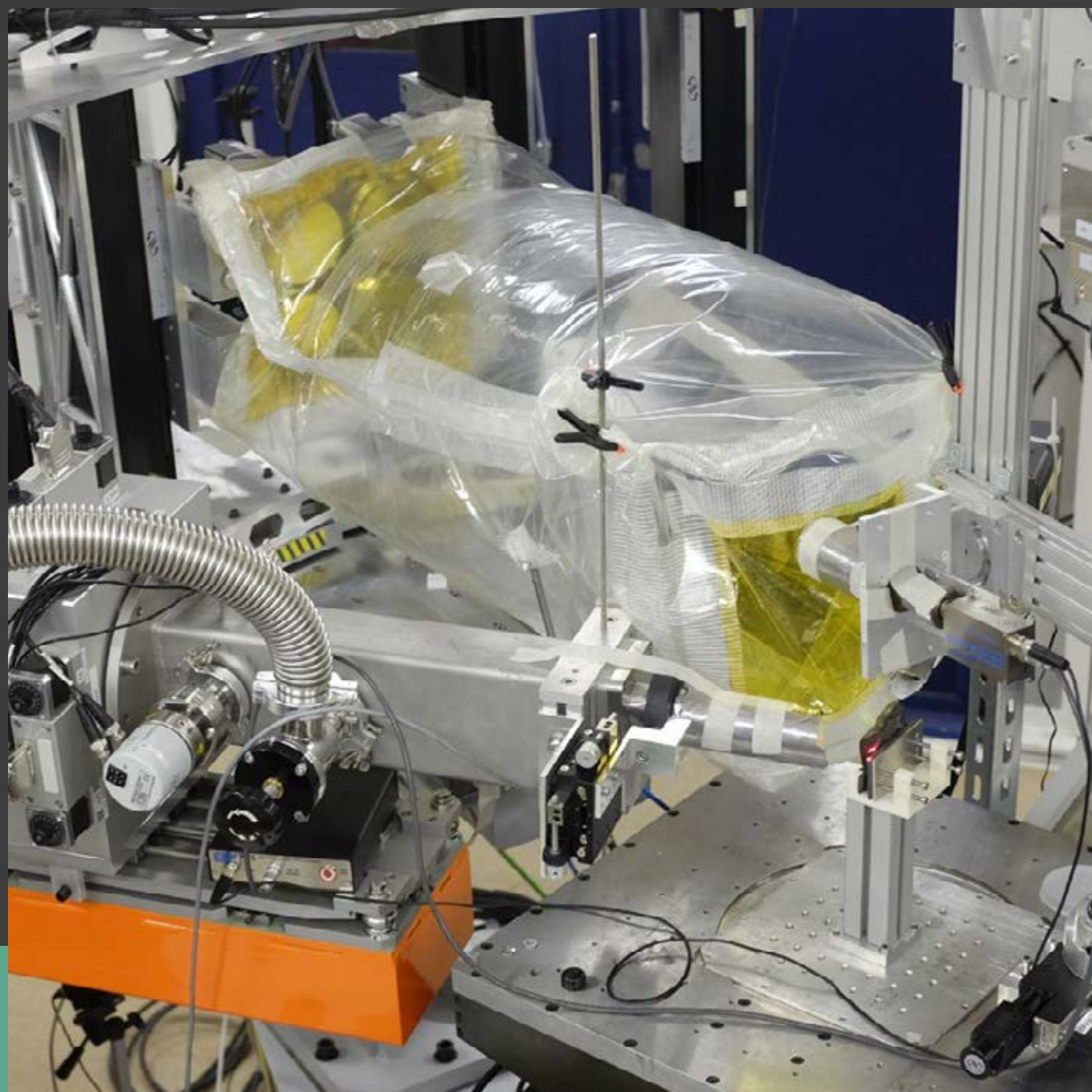


Synchrotron

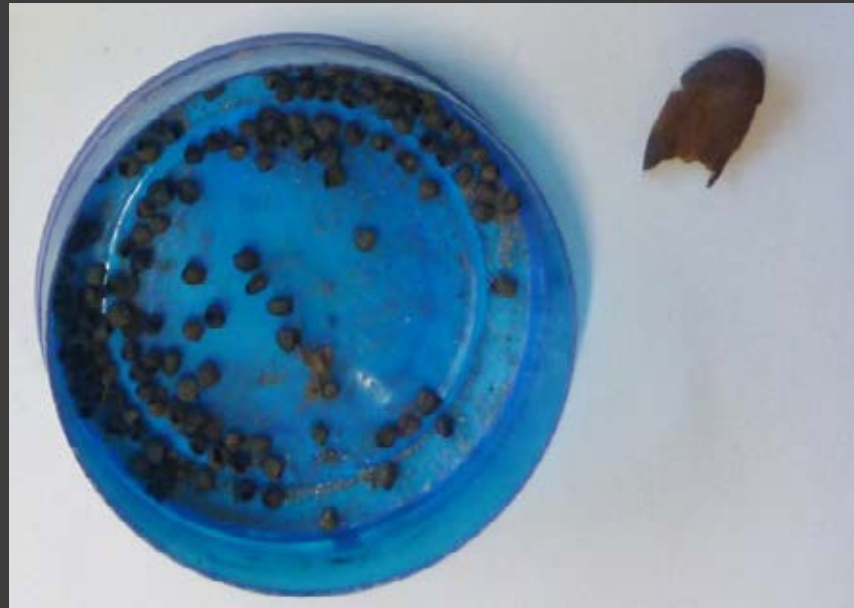
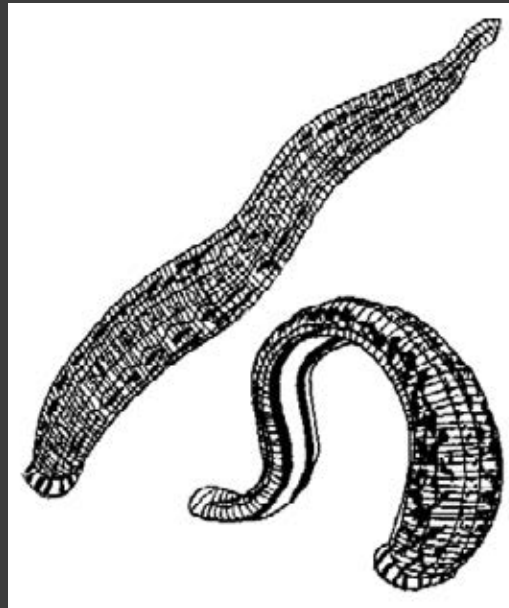
4 – Si(333) analyzers
 Rowland circle R=1m
 Bragg angle: 85.6°
 5948.85 eV



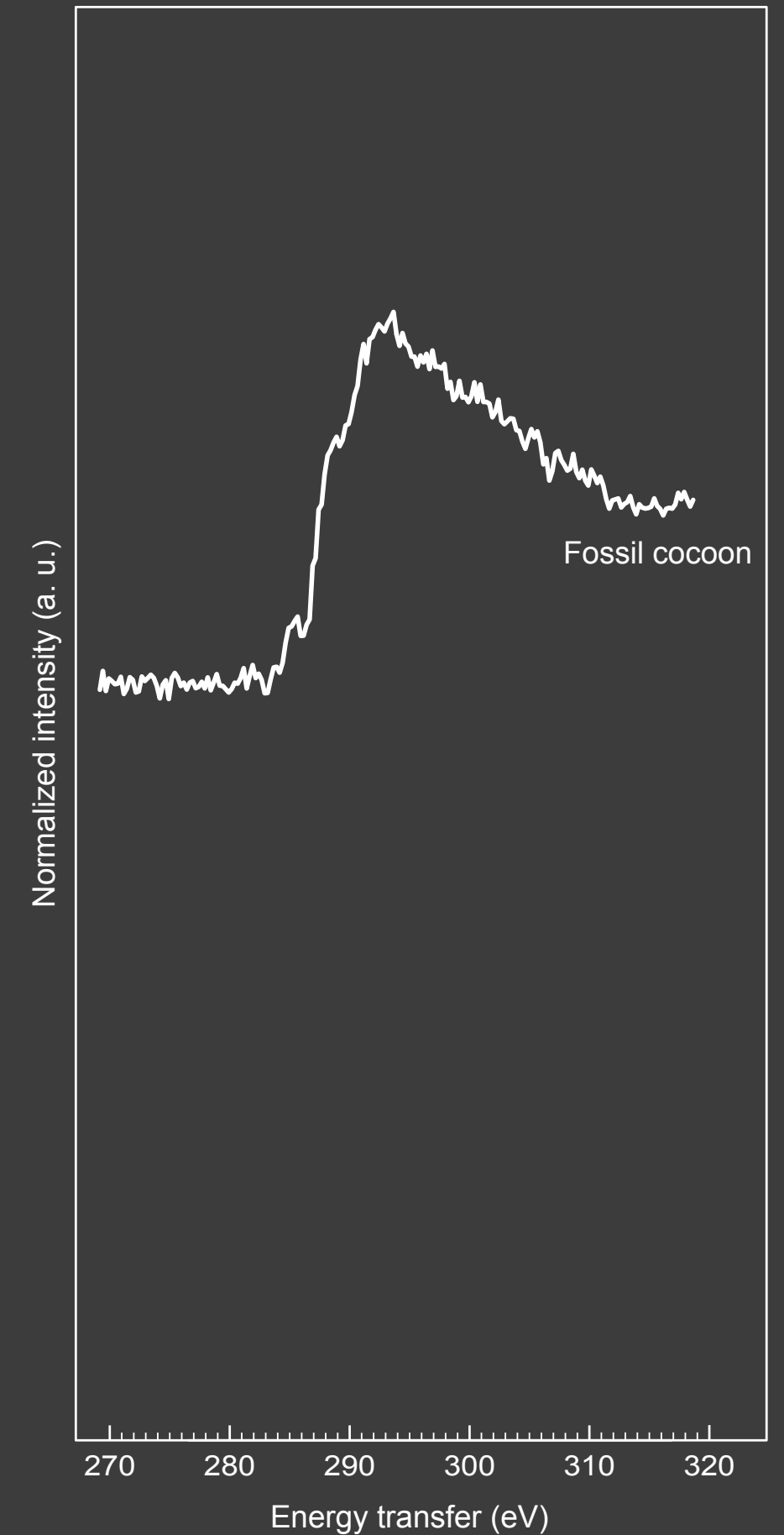
$\Delta E \approx 270-320 \text{ eV}$



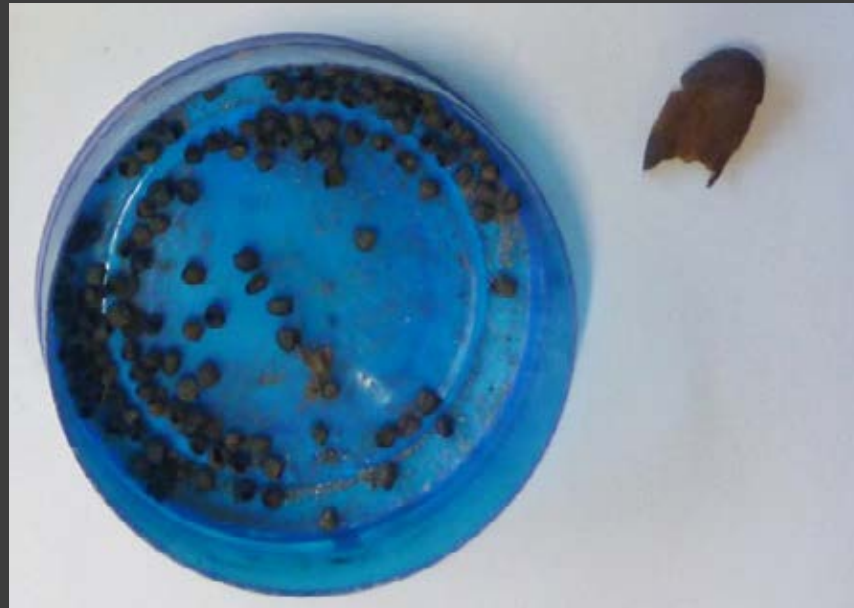
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56-Myr old fossil leech cocoon
Rivecourt (France)

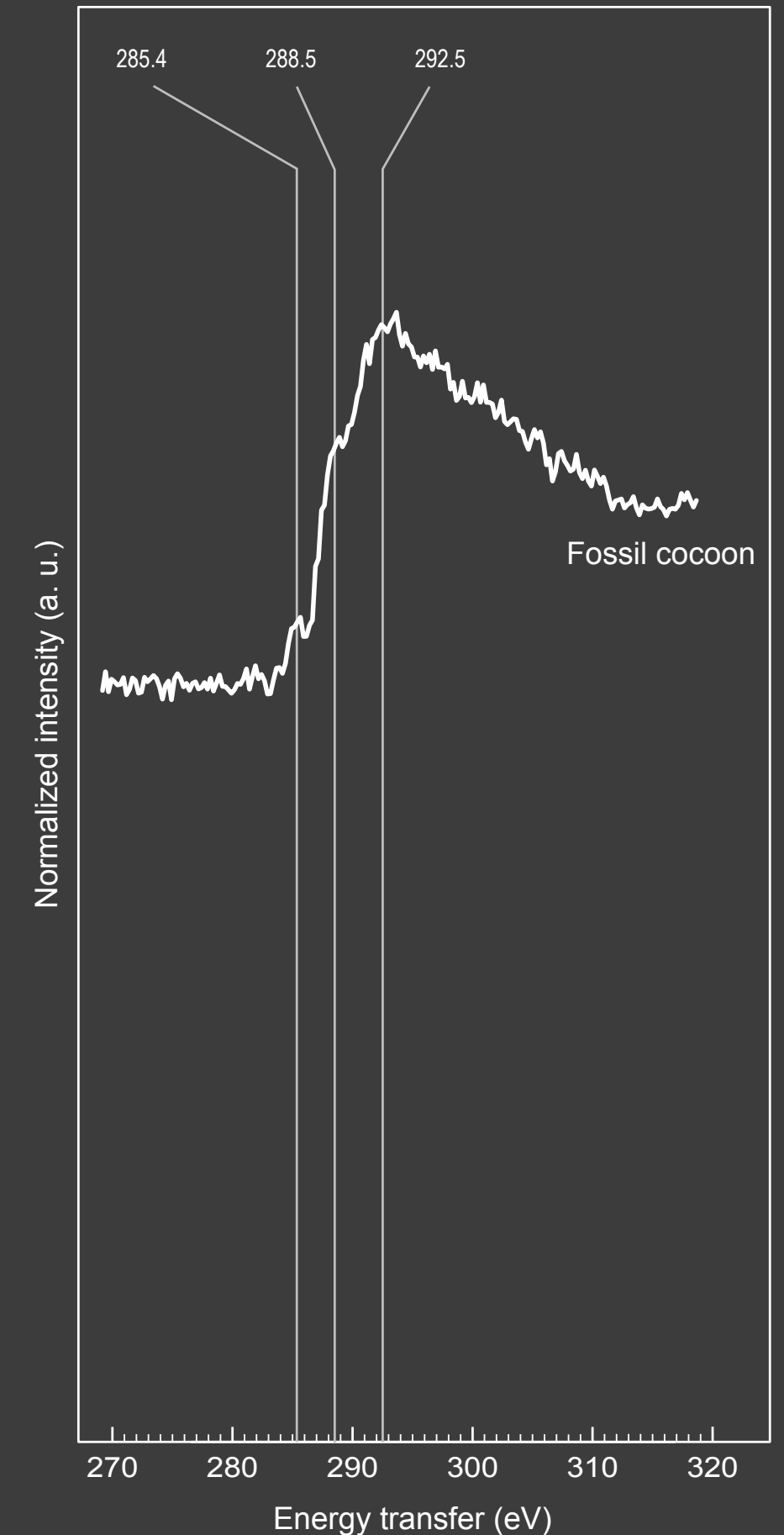


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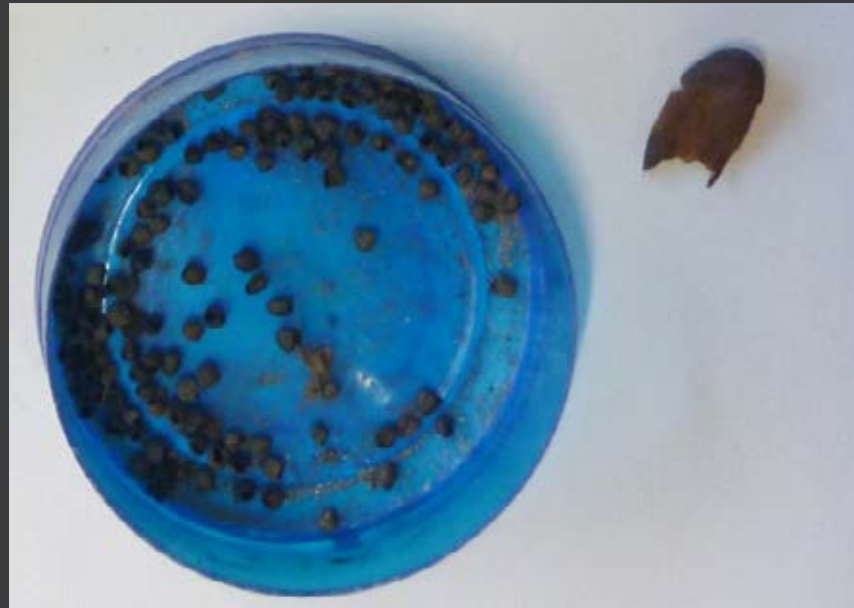


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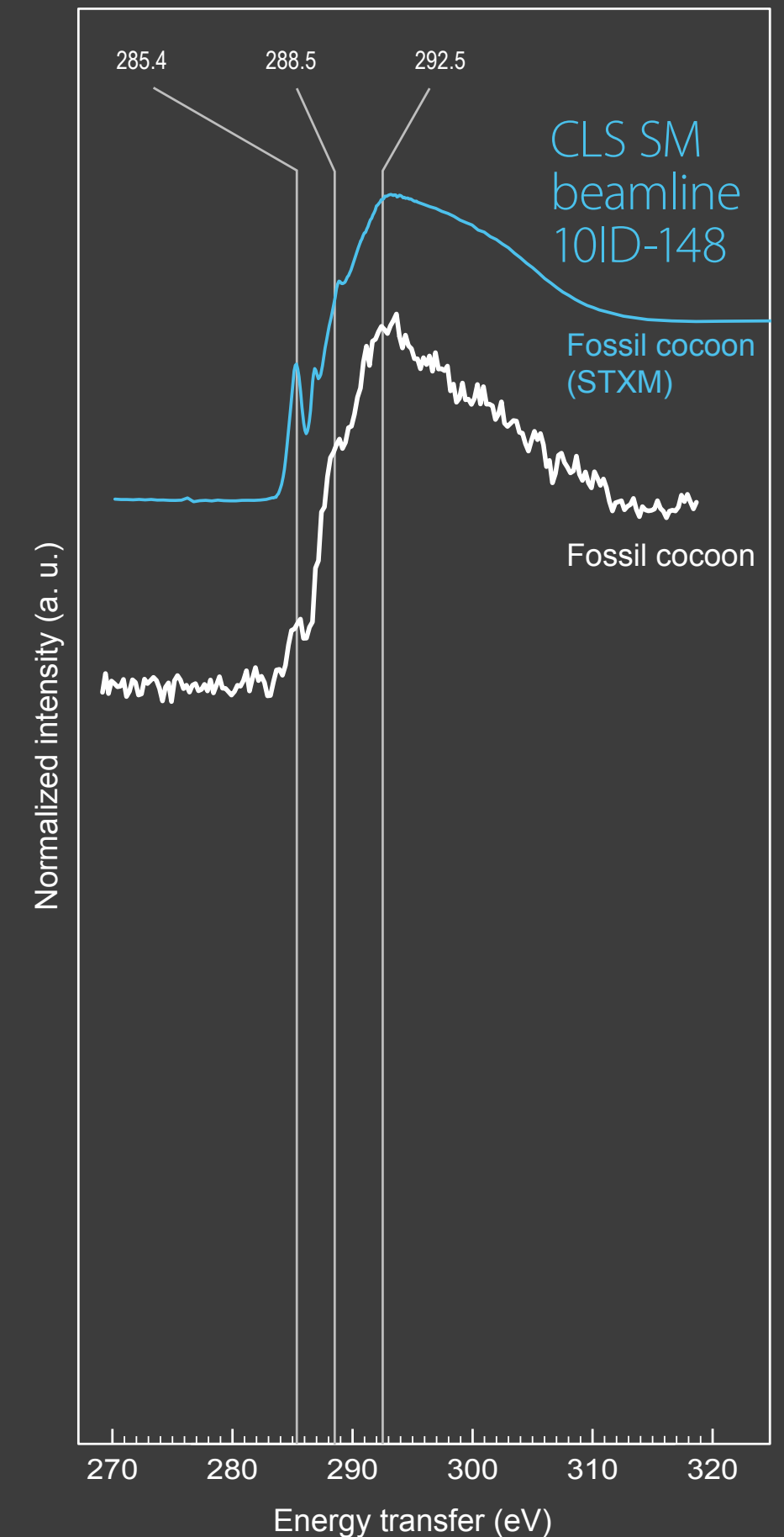


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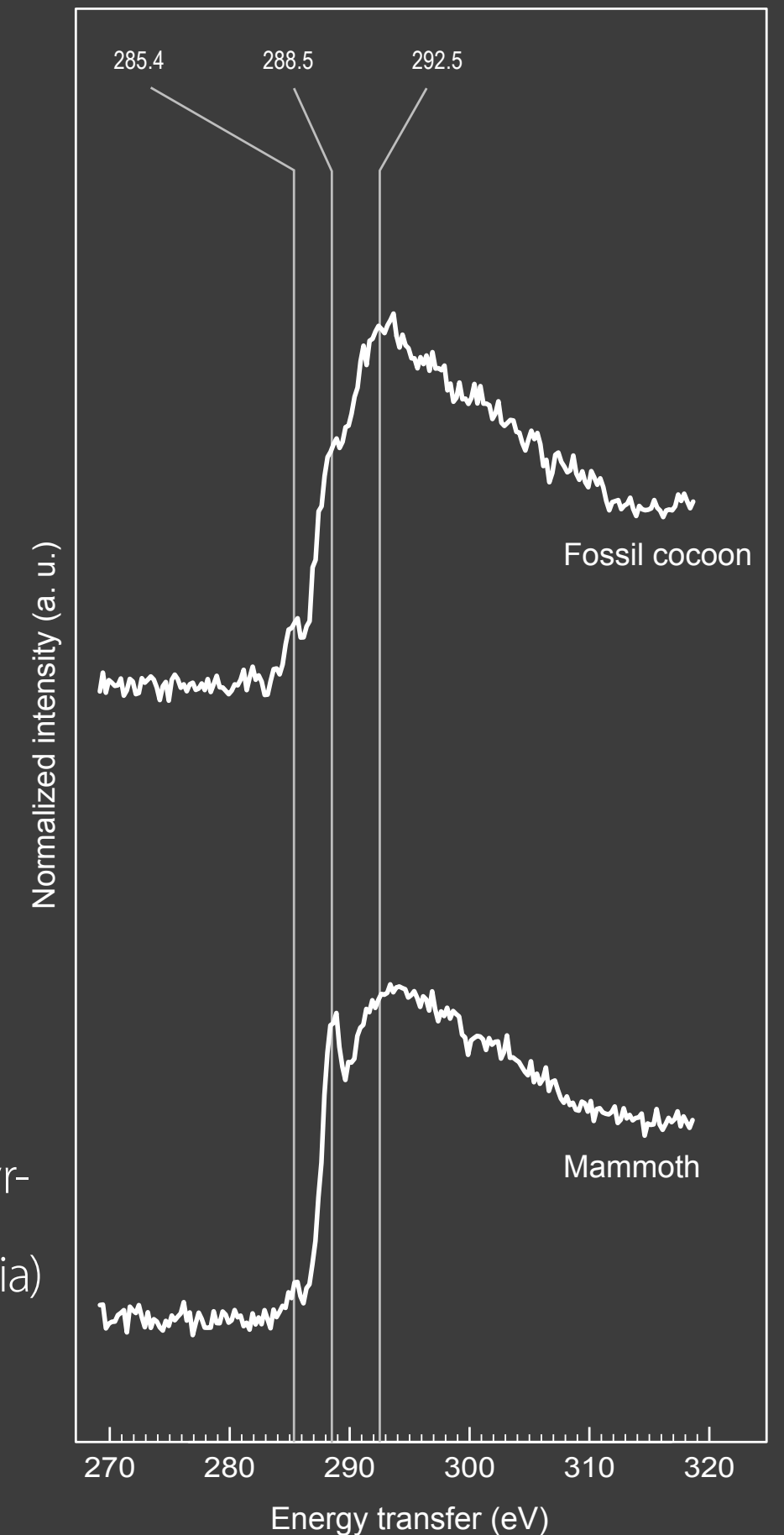


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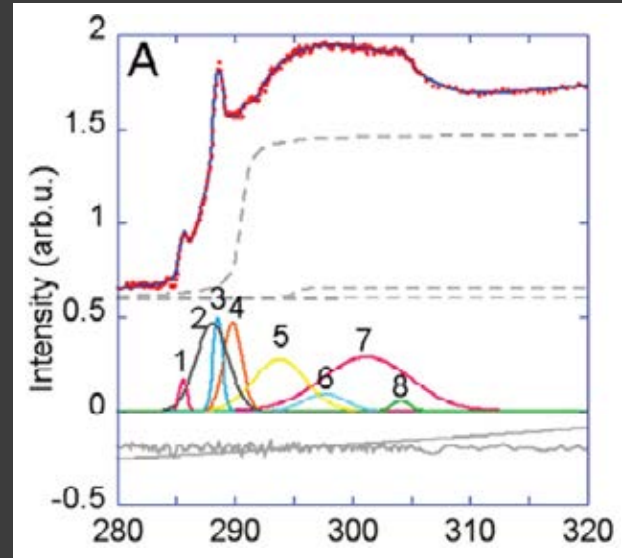
- low-intensity sharper peak at ~285.4 eV: low aromaticity
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Fragment from the dry skin of a 49,000 yr-old fossil mammoth, Lyakhov island (Siberia)



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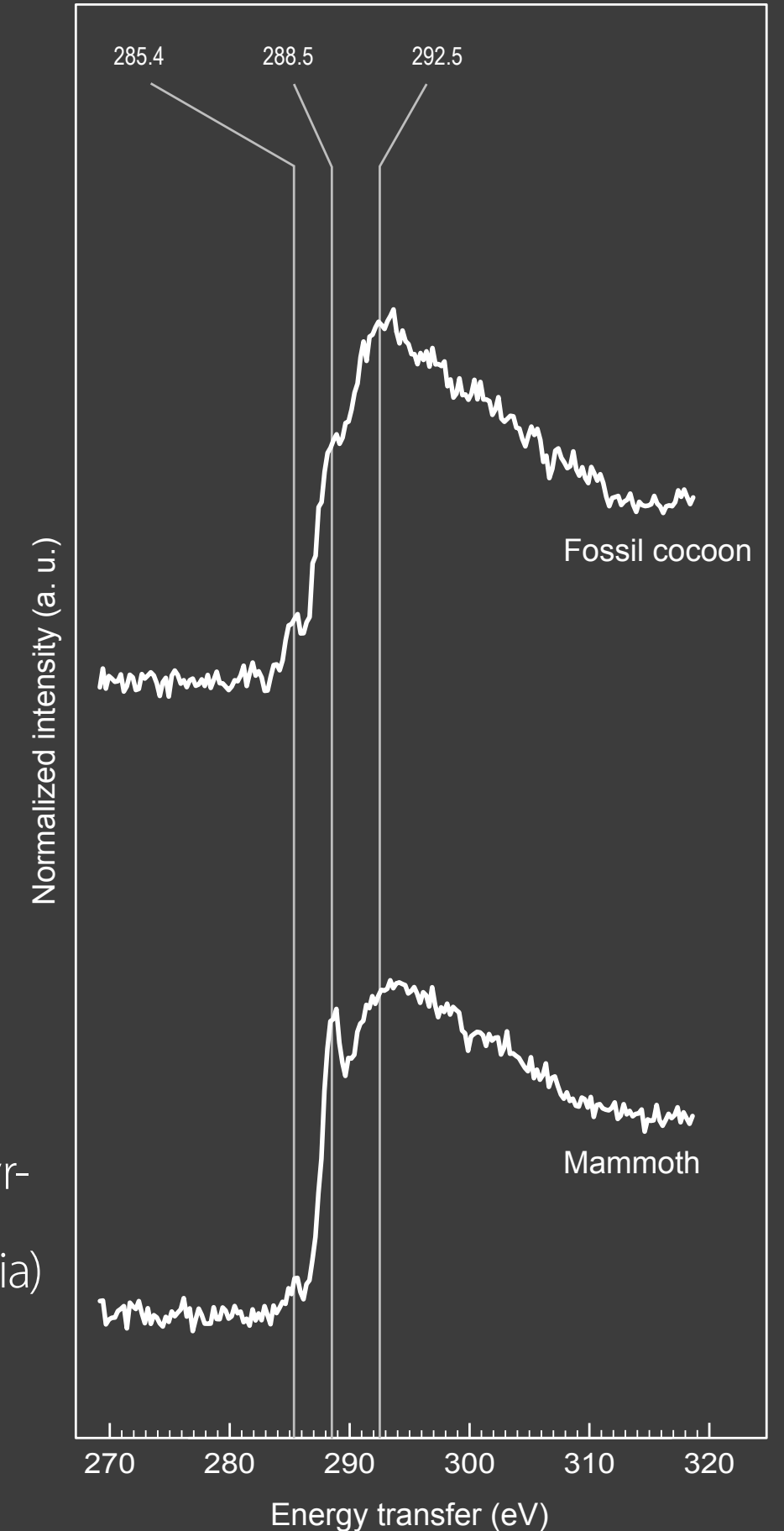


STXM spectrum of modern rat-tail tendon (Lam, ACS Chem. Bio., 2012)

very **good chemical preservation** of the organic compounds composing the ancient mammoth dry skin



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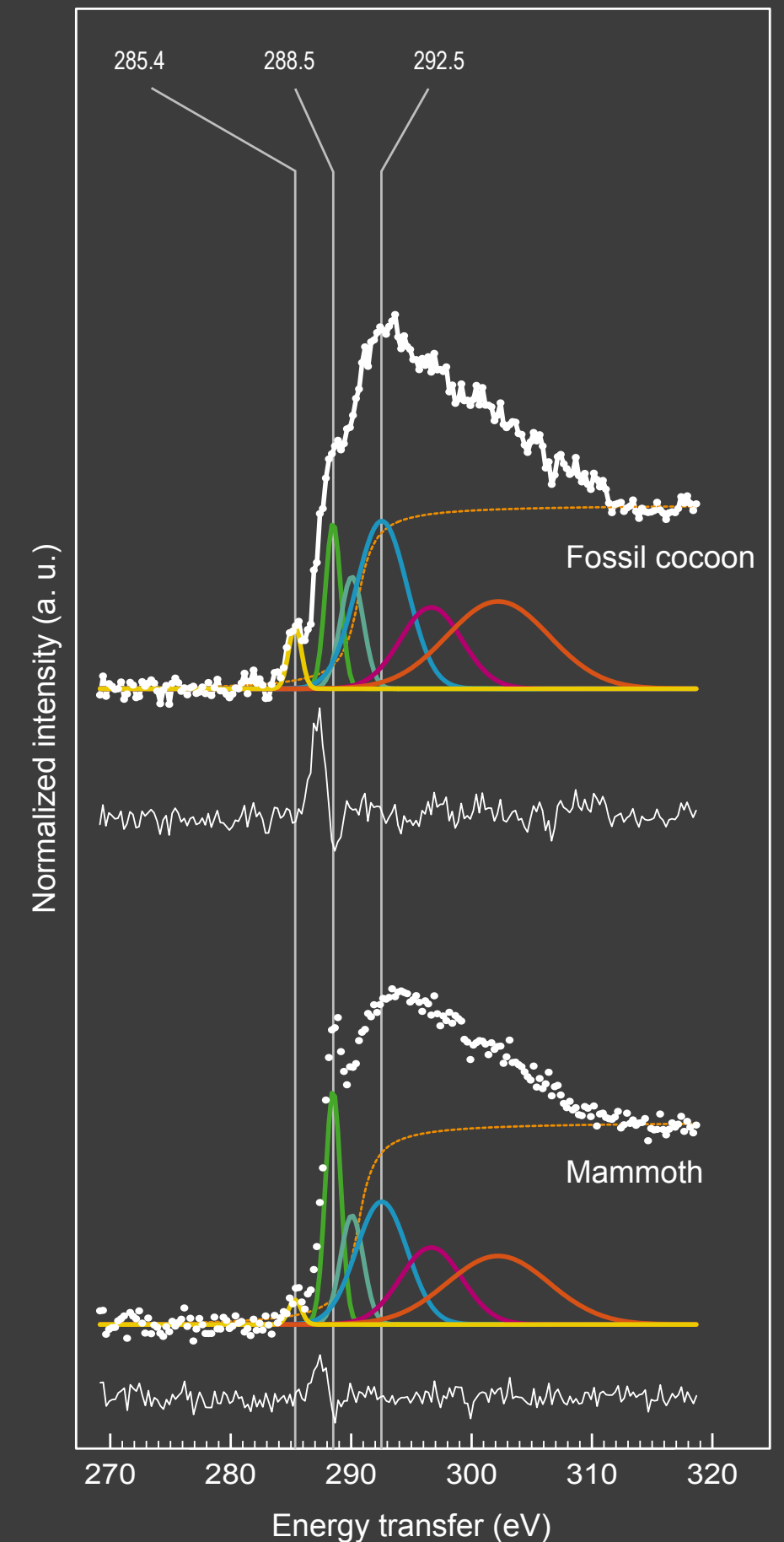
spectral decomposition of the XRS-based XANES data

- Gaussians to model features from diagnostic transitions
- arctangent contribution to model the C edge
- non-linear least squares procedure

satisfactory decomposition

reduction to a limited number of contributing features partly compensates the moderate energy resolution and S/N ratio

residual feature confirmed at **287.2 eV**



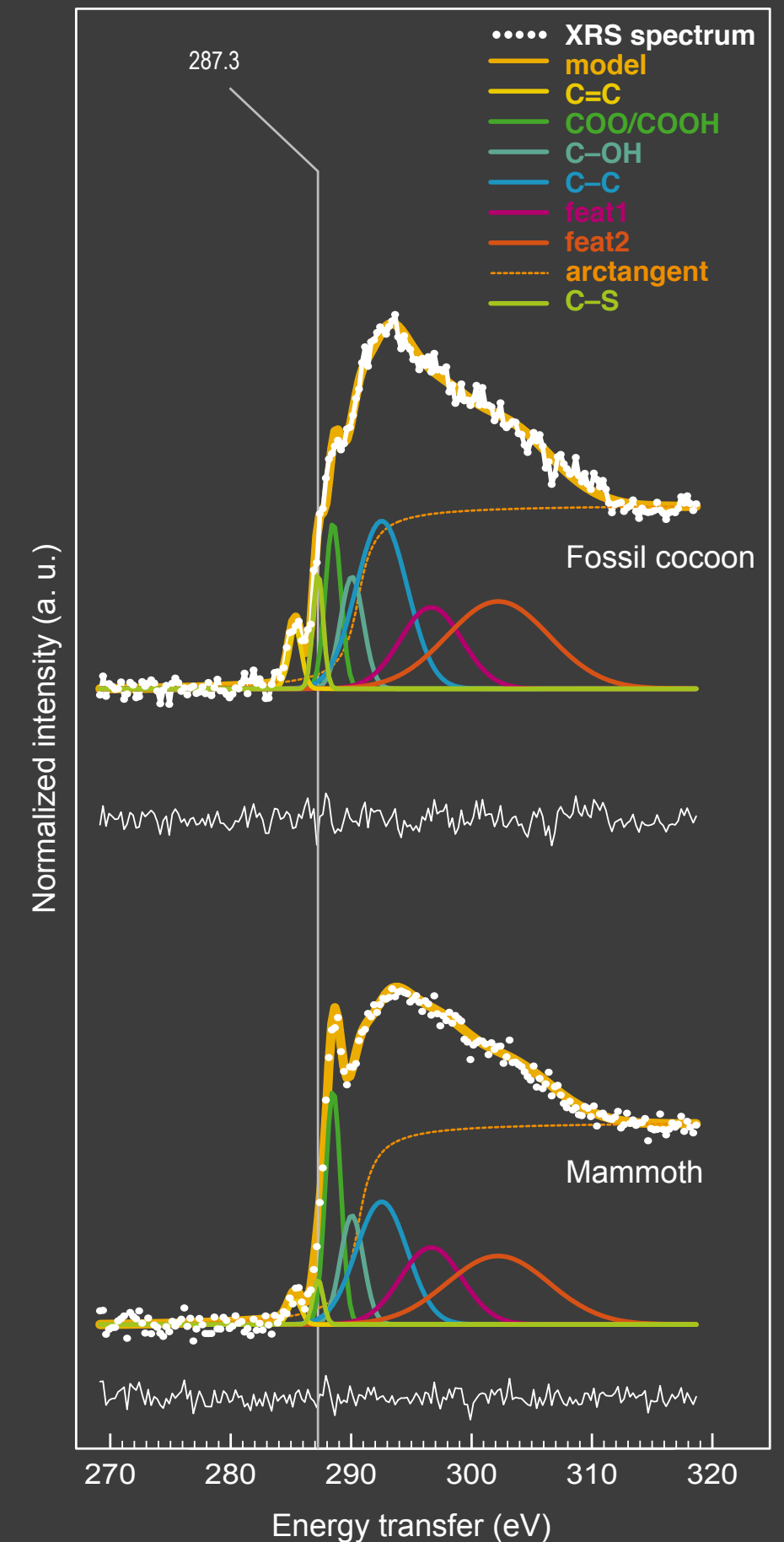
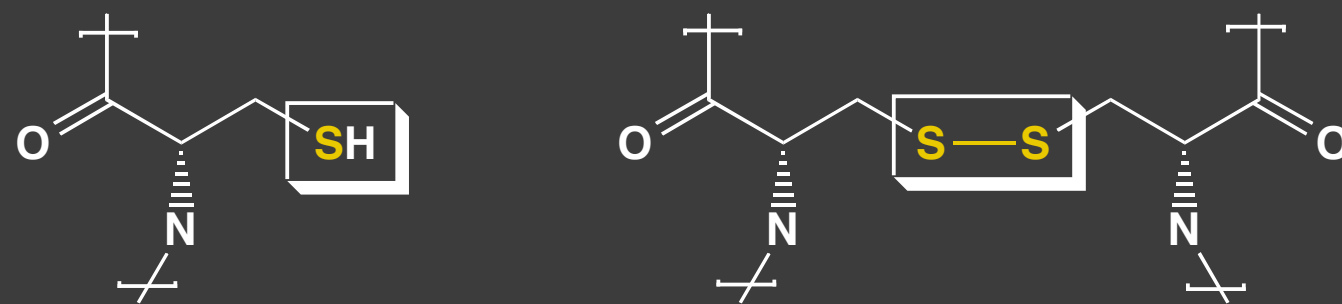
shoulder at ~287 eV

- adding peak to the model
- **287.2 eV**
- barely structured residue

1s- σ^* transitions from bonds formed between carbon and heteroatoms, e.g. **sulphur** (1s- σ^* C-S)

- weak in the mammoth sample
- intense in the cocoon sample

Leech cocoon membranes are unusually rich in sulphur (Mason et al., 2004)



surface dose rate $D = n h \nu \mu / (s \rho)$

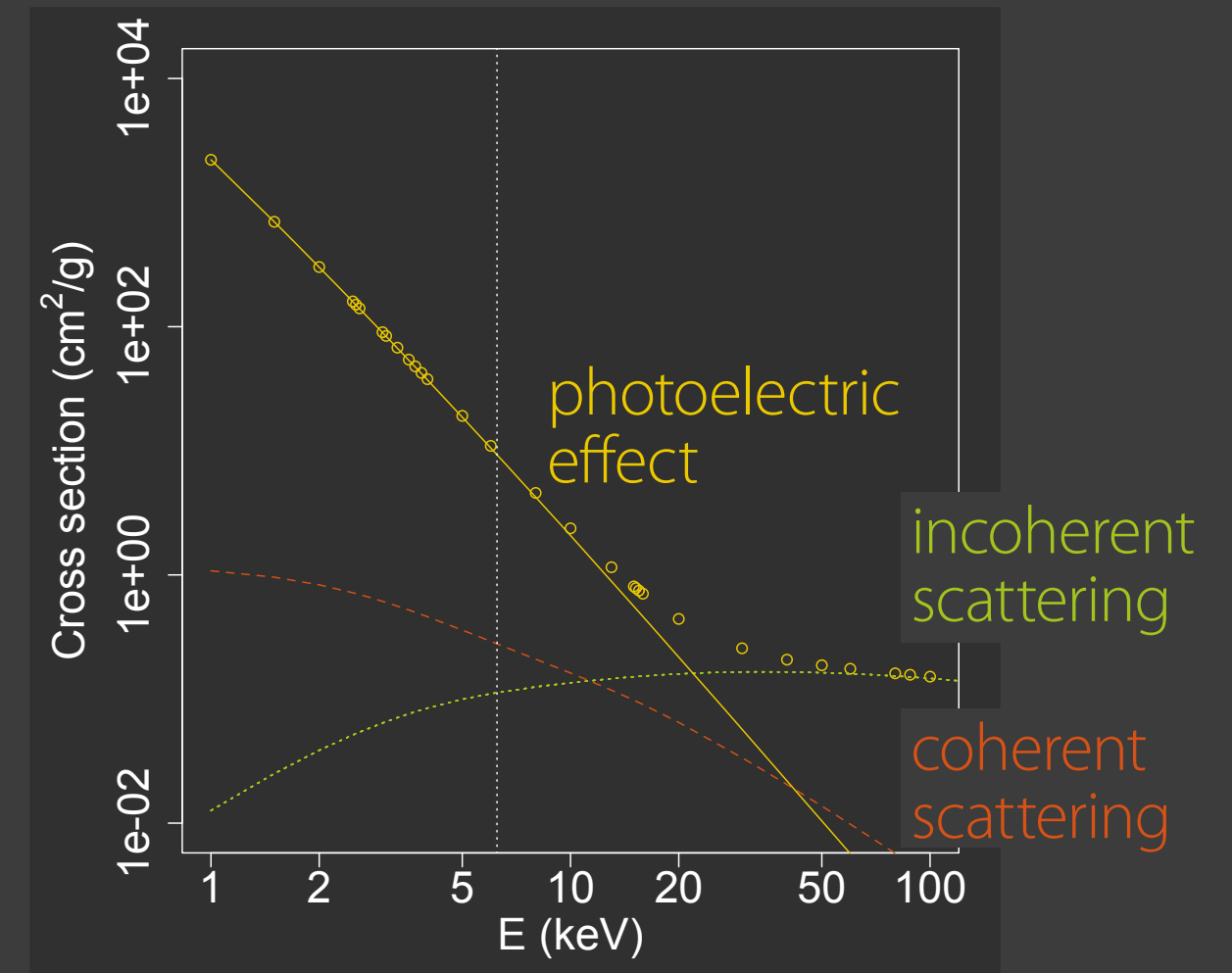
photon flux

incident photon energy

attenuation coefficient

beam footprint area

material density



Experiment	STXM		XRS	
	Surface dose rate (MGy/s)	Integrated surface dose (MGy)	Surface dose rate (MGy/s)	Integrated surface dose (MGy)
Chitin	91 ± 18	64 ± 13	7.3 ± 1.5	7.2×10 ² ± 1.4×10 ²
Calcite	39 ± 8	28 ± 6	71 ± 14	7.0×10 ³ ± 1.4×10 ³

1. heritage materials are heterogeneous and chemically complex

chemical and structural selectivity

a range of distinct methods to complement lab methods

2. spectral imaging provide unprecedented information

to explore multiscale samples

to validate results

3. beyond the synchrotron experiment

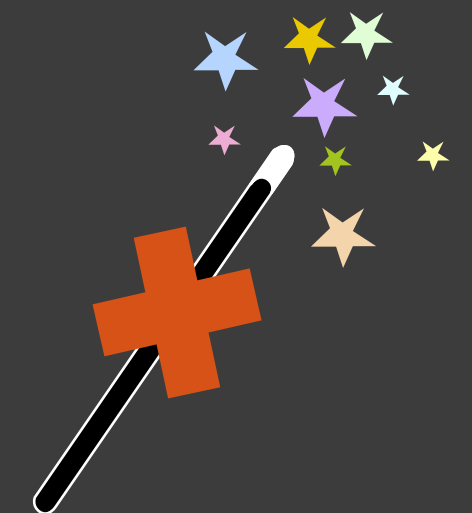
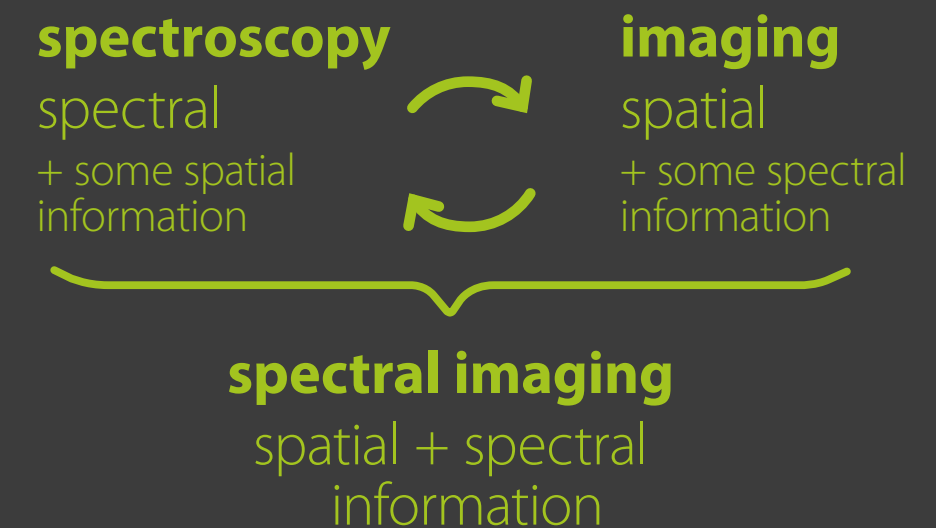
sample preparation

data analysis

4. heritage science is a field in itself

inspiration of new methods

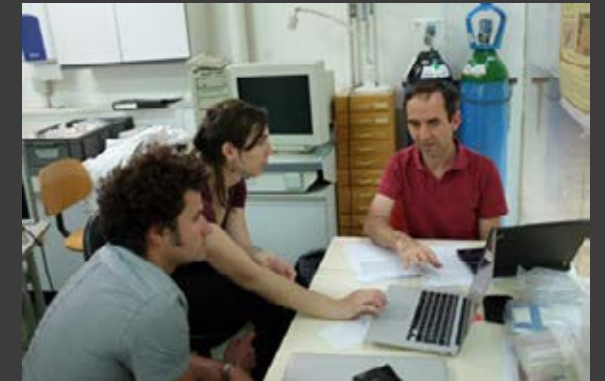
specific constraints, e.g. radiation damage, heterogeneity



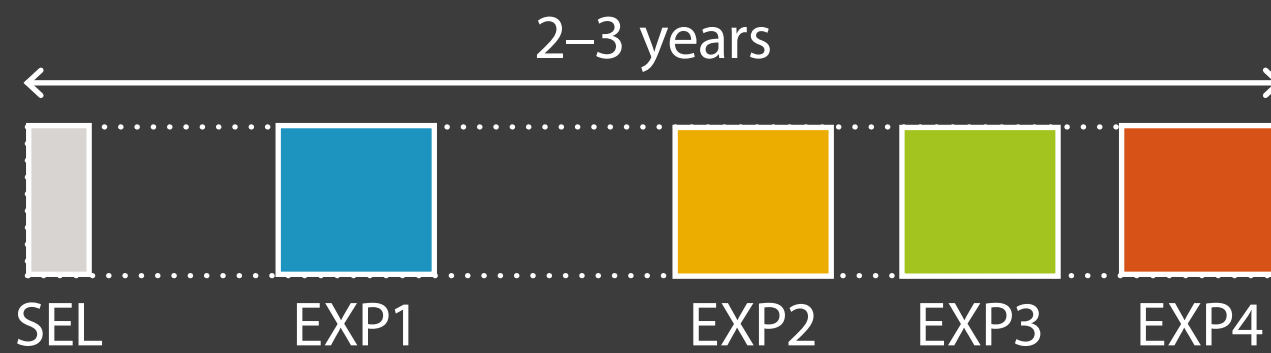
Collaborative interdisciplinary consortia



"Boundary objects",
Star & Griesemer, 1989



Medium-term projects



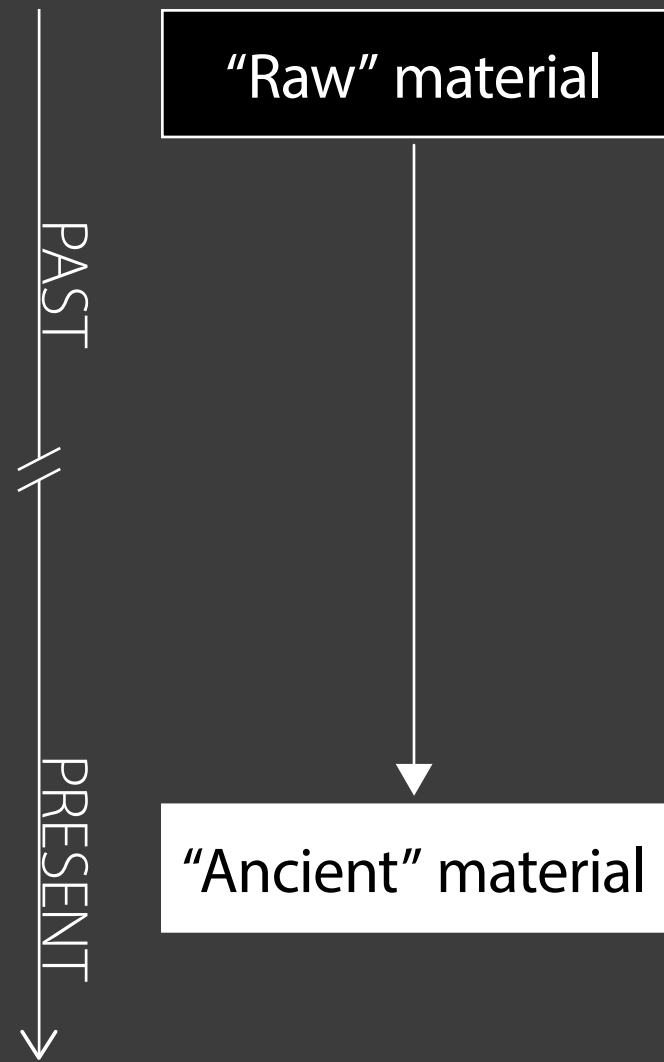
integrated and coordinated use of resources
"time for interdisciplinarity"



Support
and services



Methodological
research



heterogeneous material

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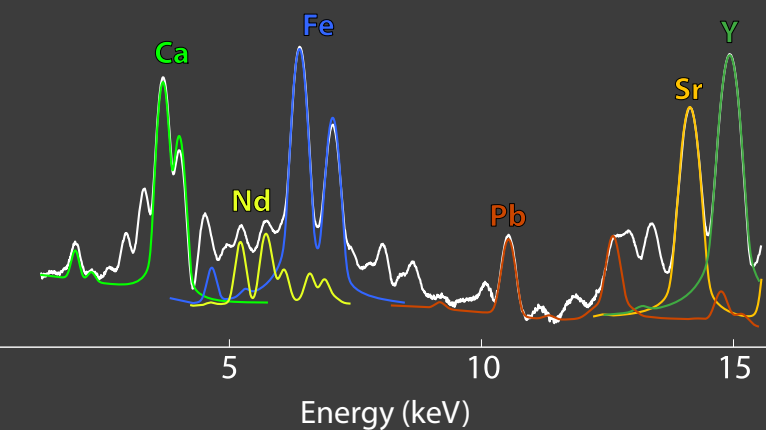
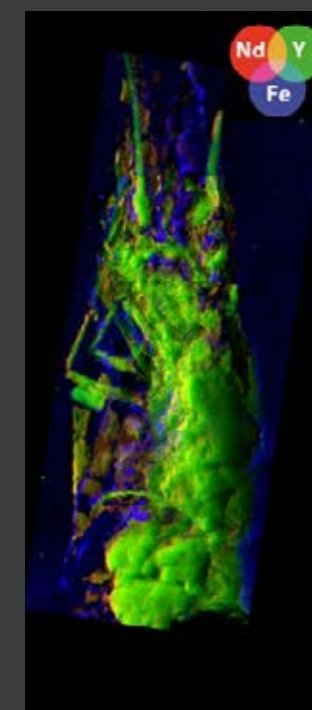
long-term behaviour

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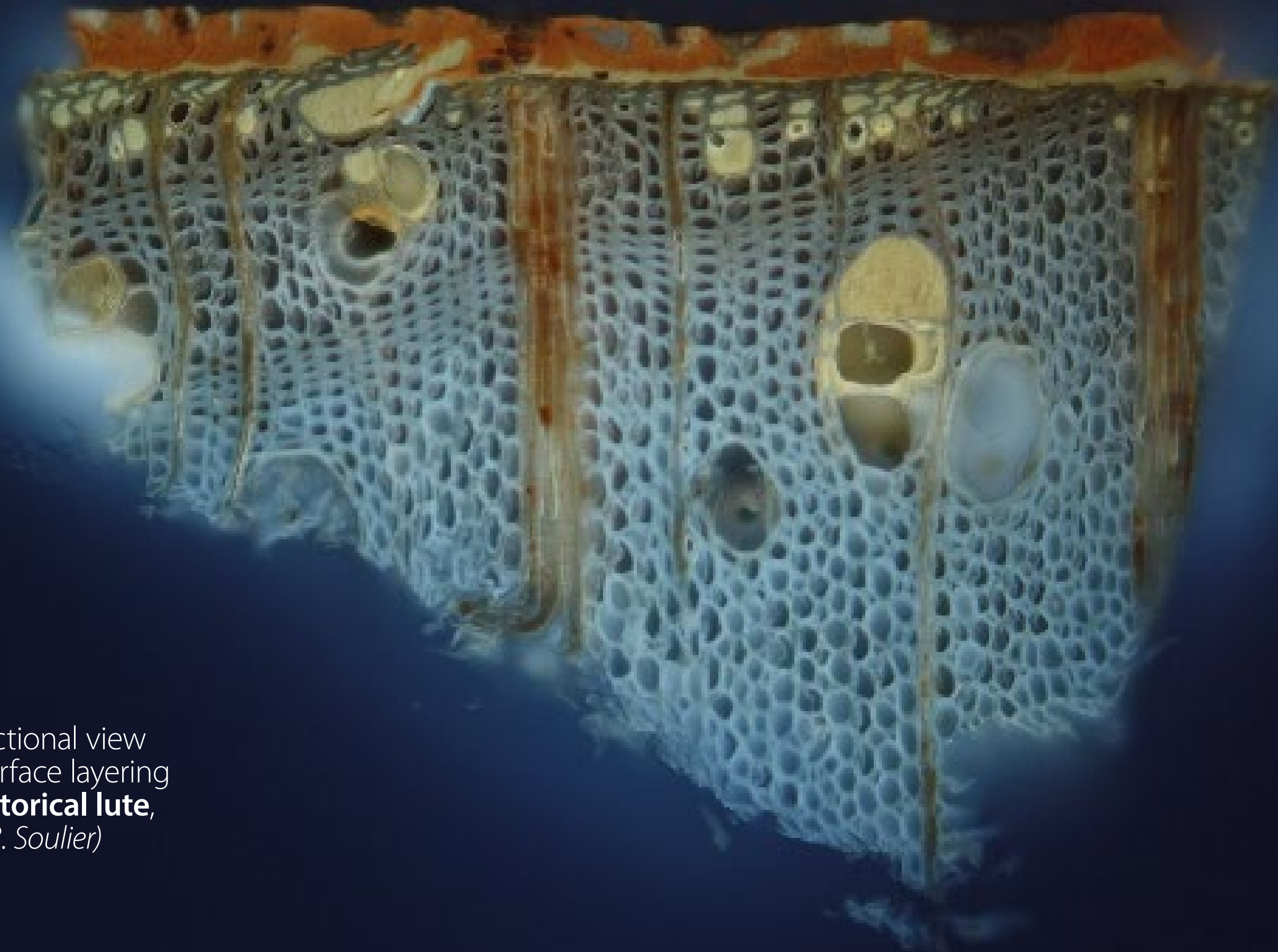
complex material at multiscale



analysis



Observables



Cross-sectional view
of the surface layering
of an **historical lute**,
16th c. (*B. Soulier*)

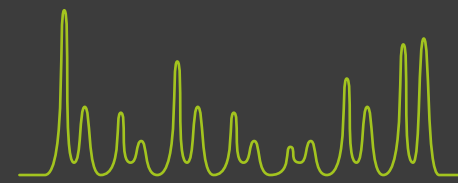


Painted surface
at a **rock art site**,
Cederbeg, Republic
of South Africa
(*L. Bertrand*)

synchrotron techniques are well adapted to ancient materials studies

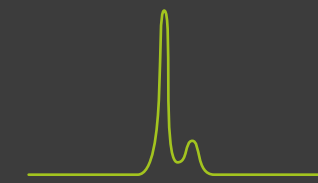
sensitivity from traces to majors
imaging from sub- μm scale to cm's
excitation and emission tunability
kinetic experiments...

composition
few – 10s of features



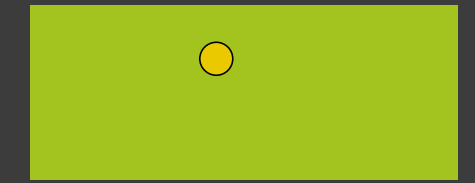
high specificity
&
low *a priori*
|
versatility

abundance
ppb – %



high detection limit
&
no saturation
|
high dynamic range

morphology
nm – cm



high spatial resolution
&
large field of view
|
wide spatial dynamics

Improving the “length scale dynamics”

Step Scan



Continuous Scan
Step Full field Scan

Reducing dead times
i.e. unused exposure