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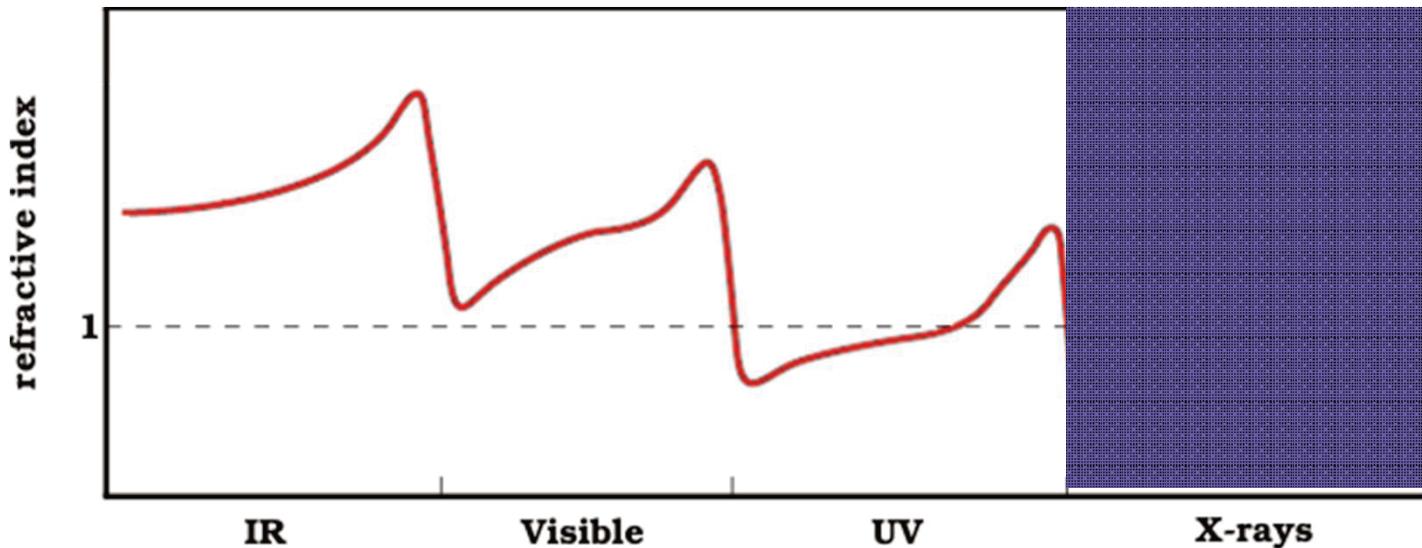
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# Confocal Microscopy for 3D elemental imaging and Analysis

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# X-rays Optics

Refractive index  $\Rightarrow n = \frac{c}{u_p}$



$$n = 1 - \delta - i\beta$$

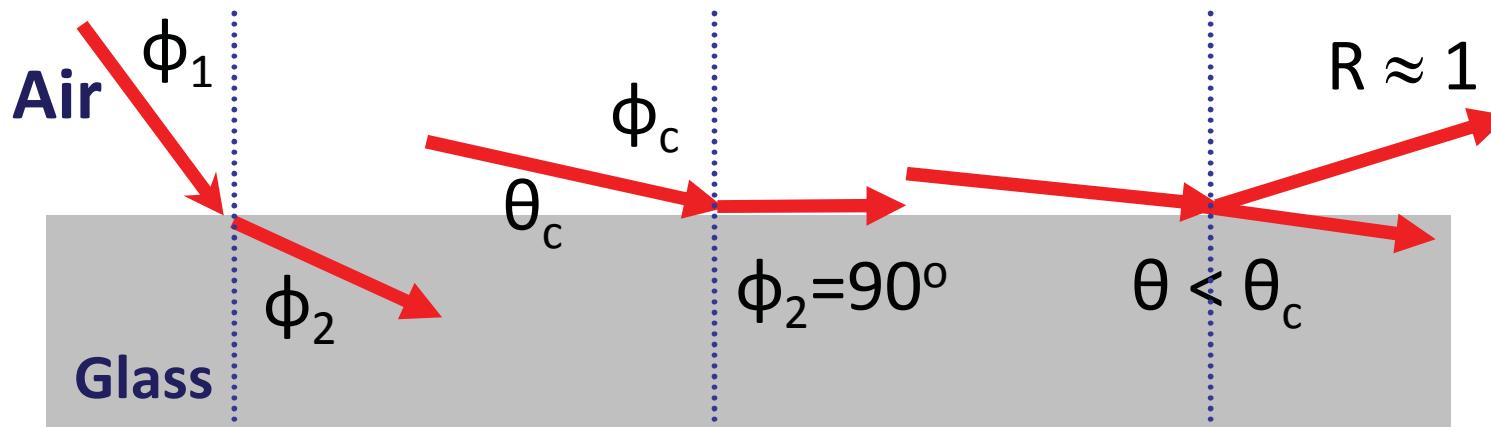
$$\delta = \frac{414.7}{E^2} \cdot \frac{Z_\rho \cdot \rho}{A}$$

phase term

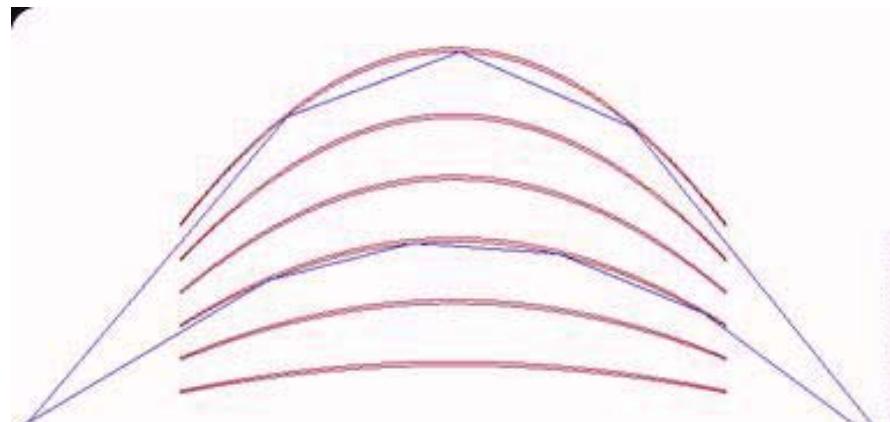
$$\beta = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \tau$$

attenuation term

# X-Ray optics: External total reflection



**Snell Law:**  $\sin \varphi_2 = \frac{\sin \varphi_1}{n} \Rightarrow \varphi_2 > \varphi_1$        $\theta_c = \sqrt{2\delta} = \frac{28.8}{E} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{Z_\rho \cdot \rho}{A}}$

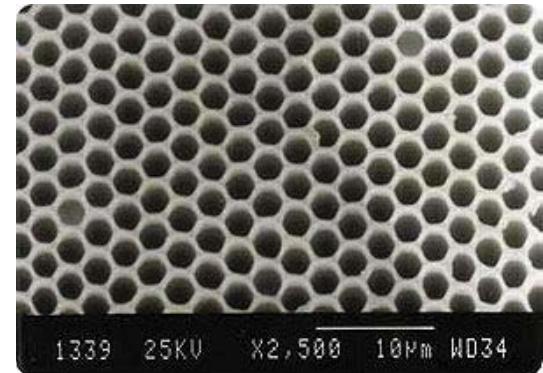
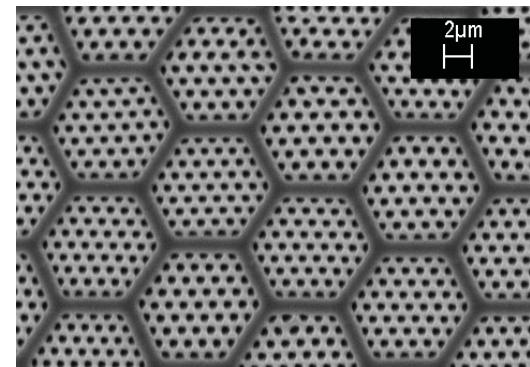


$\theta_c$  in the mrad range

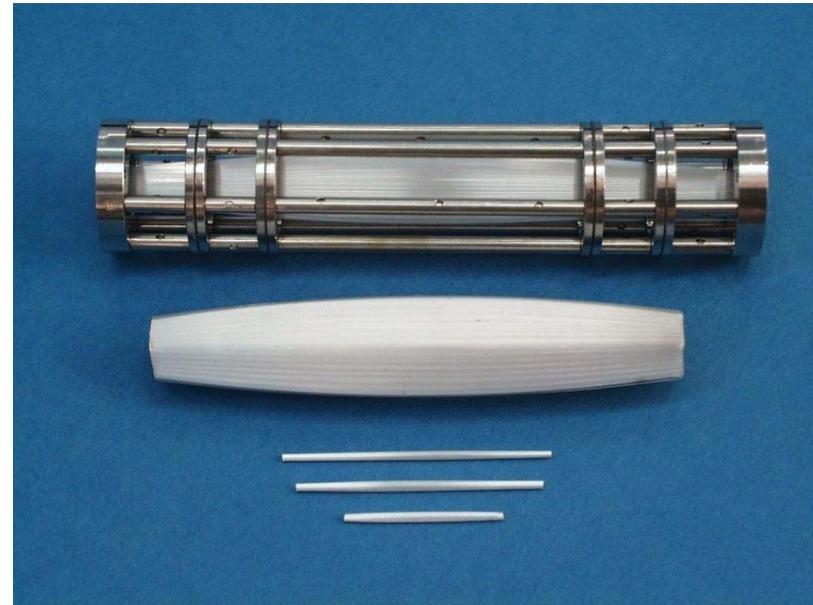
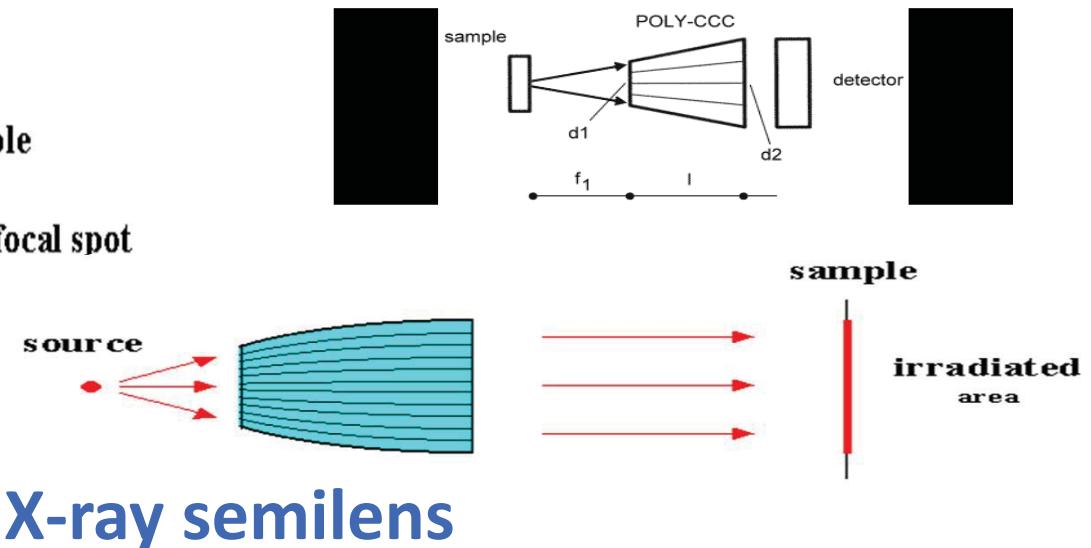
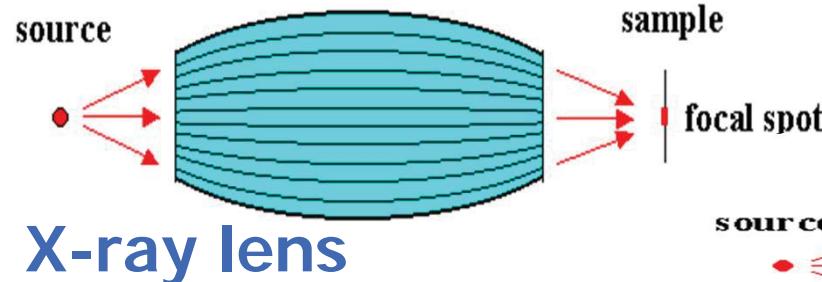
# Polycapillary X-ray lenses

Bundles of thousands glass mono-capillaries:

- Directing
- Focusing
- Parallelizing



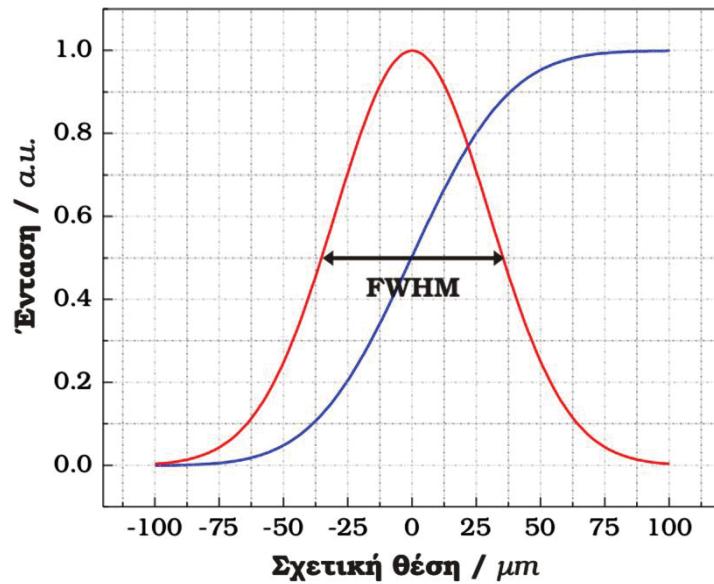
# Characteristics of X-Ray lenses



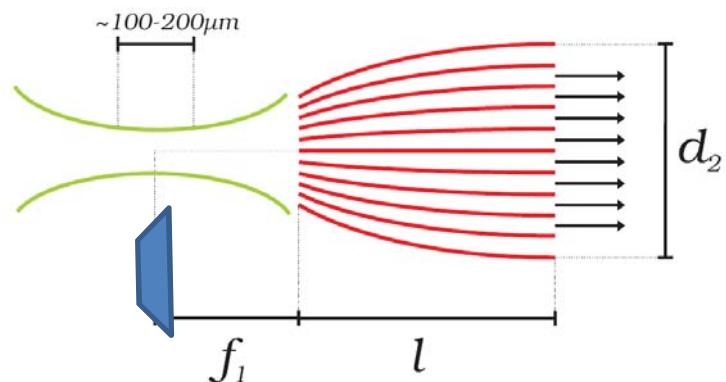
# Characteristics of polycapillary X-ray lenses

Important lens parameters:

- **Focal distance** (few mm).
- **Size of the focal region** represented by the FWHM of a Gaussian intensity distribution (down to  $\sim 12 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$  @ CuK $\alpha$ )
- **Transmission efficiency**

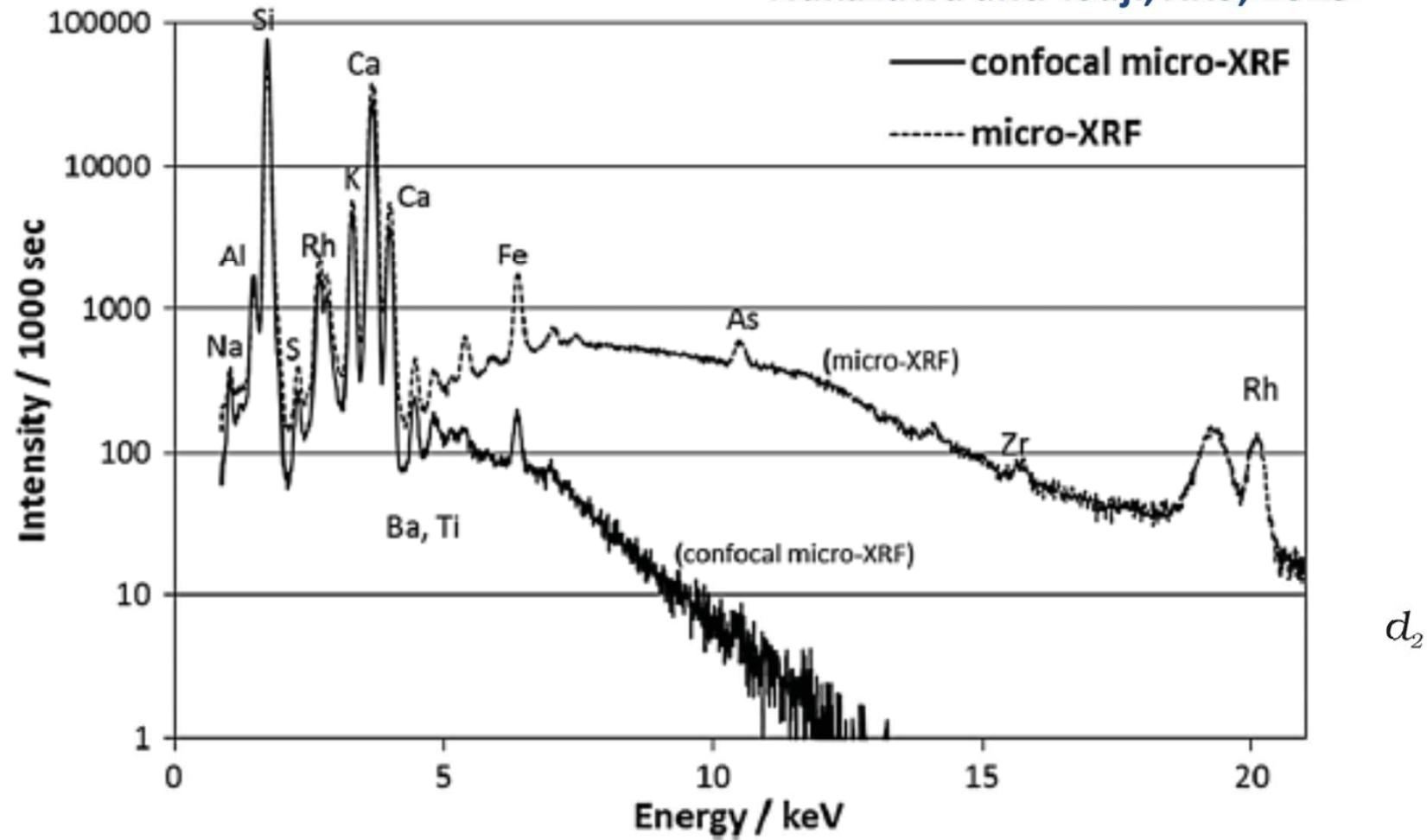


Knife edge scan



# Characteristics of polycapillary X-ray lenses

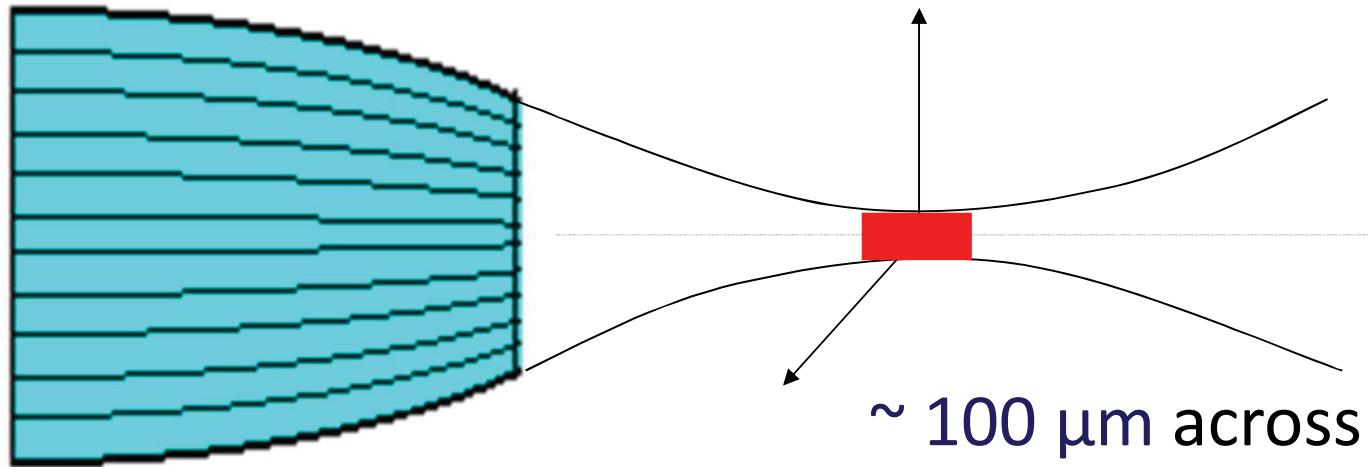
Nakazawa and Tsuji, XRS, 2013



$d_2$

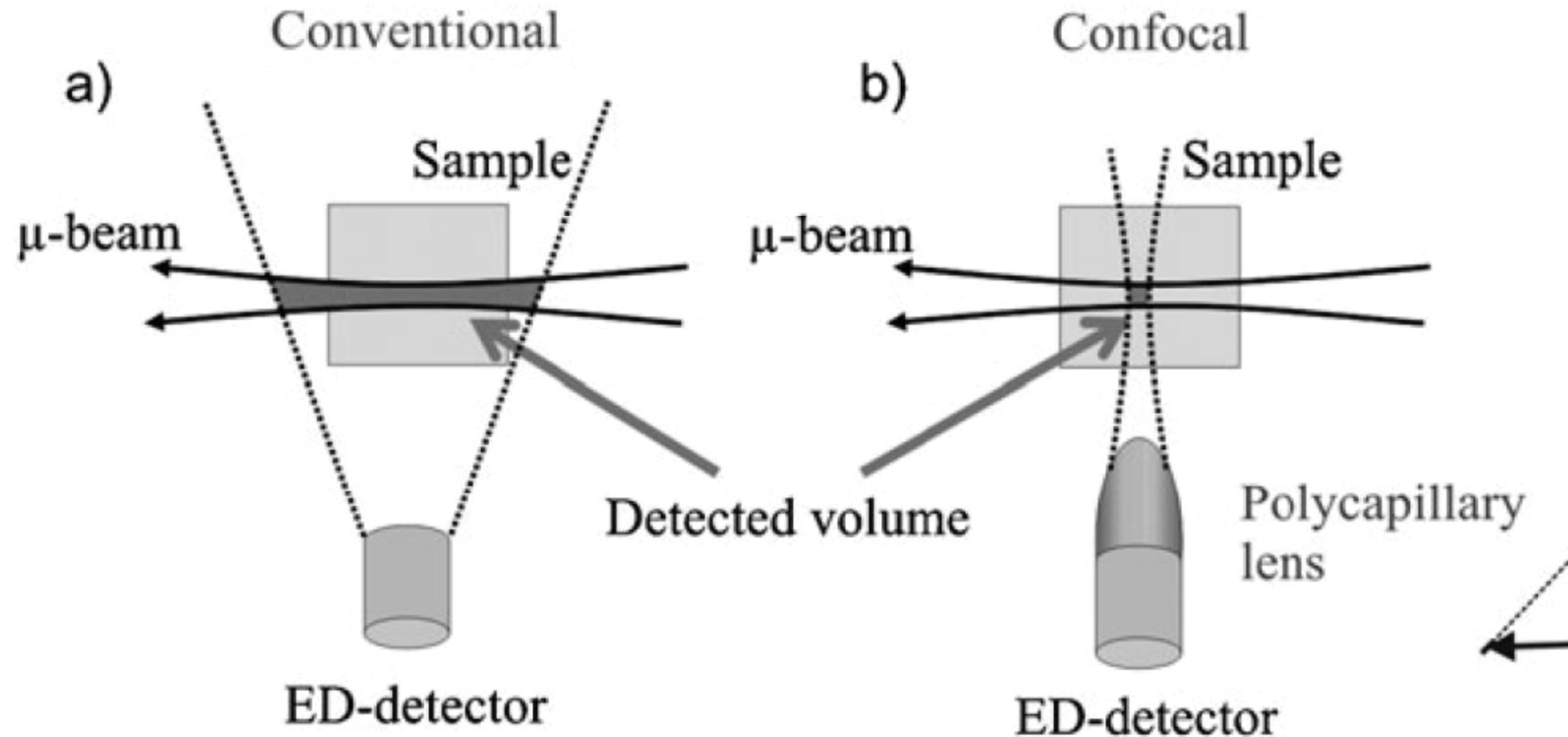
# X-Ray lens spatial resolution

Plane vertical to the optical axis:  
Two dimensional Gaussian



$\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$  across the  
optical axis and the focal  
plane of the lens the spatial  
resolution remains constant

# PIXE-XRF: Conventional vs Confocal Geometry

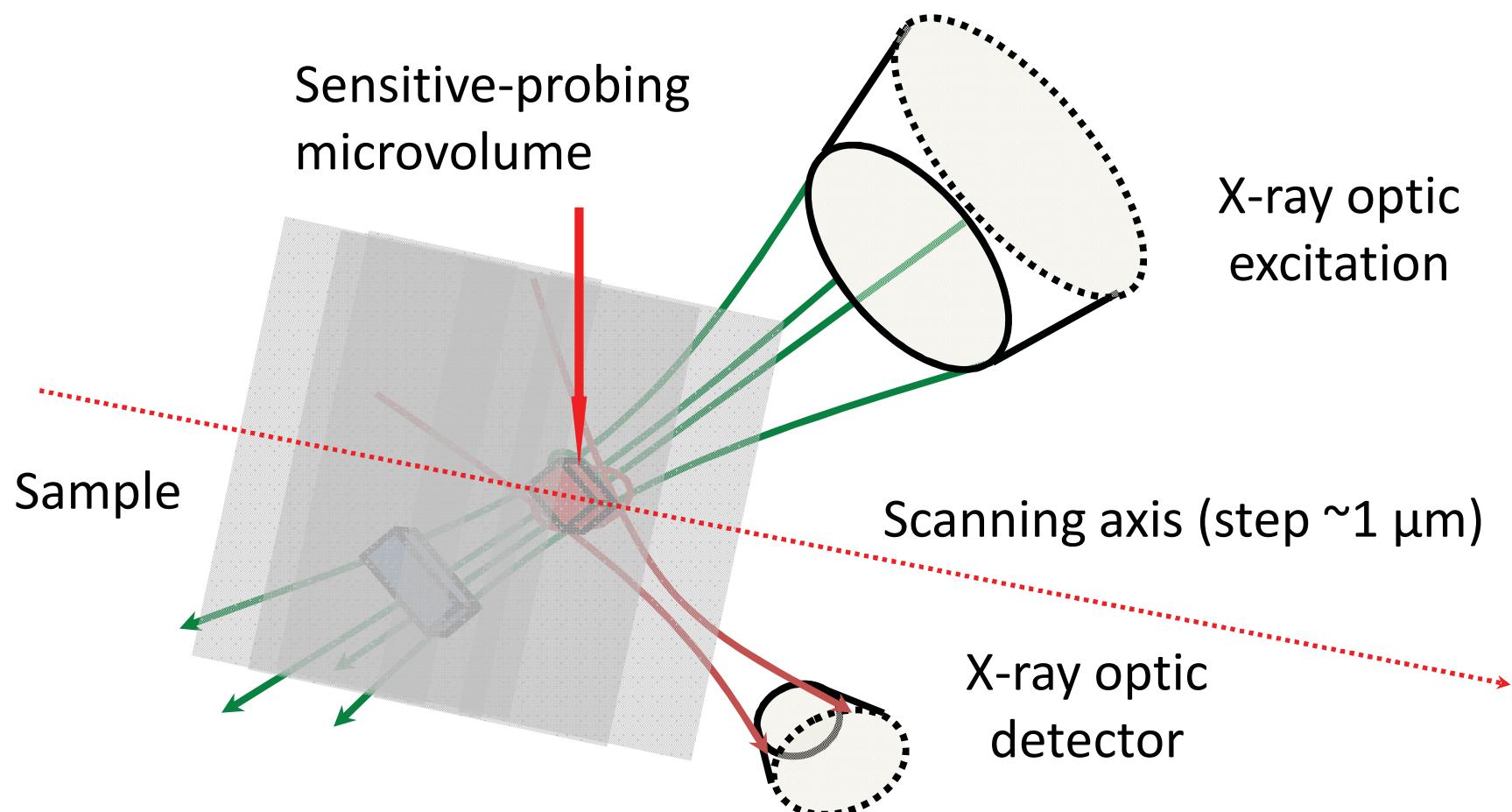


Silversmit et al, Phys. Chem. Phys. Chem. 12 (2010) 5653

# Principle of Confocal X-ray analysis

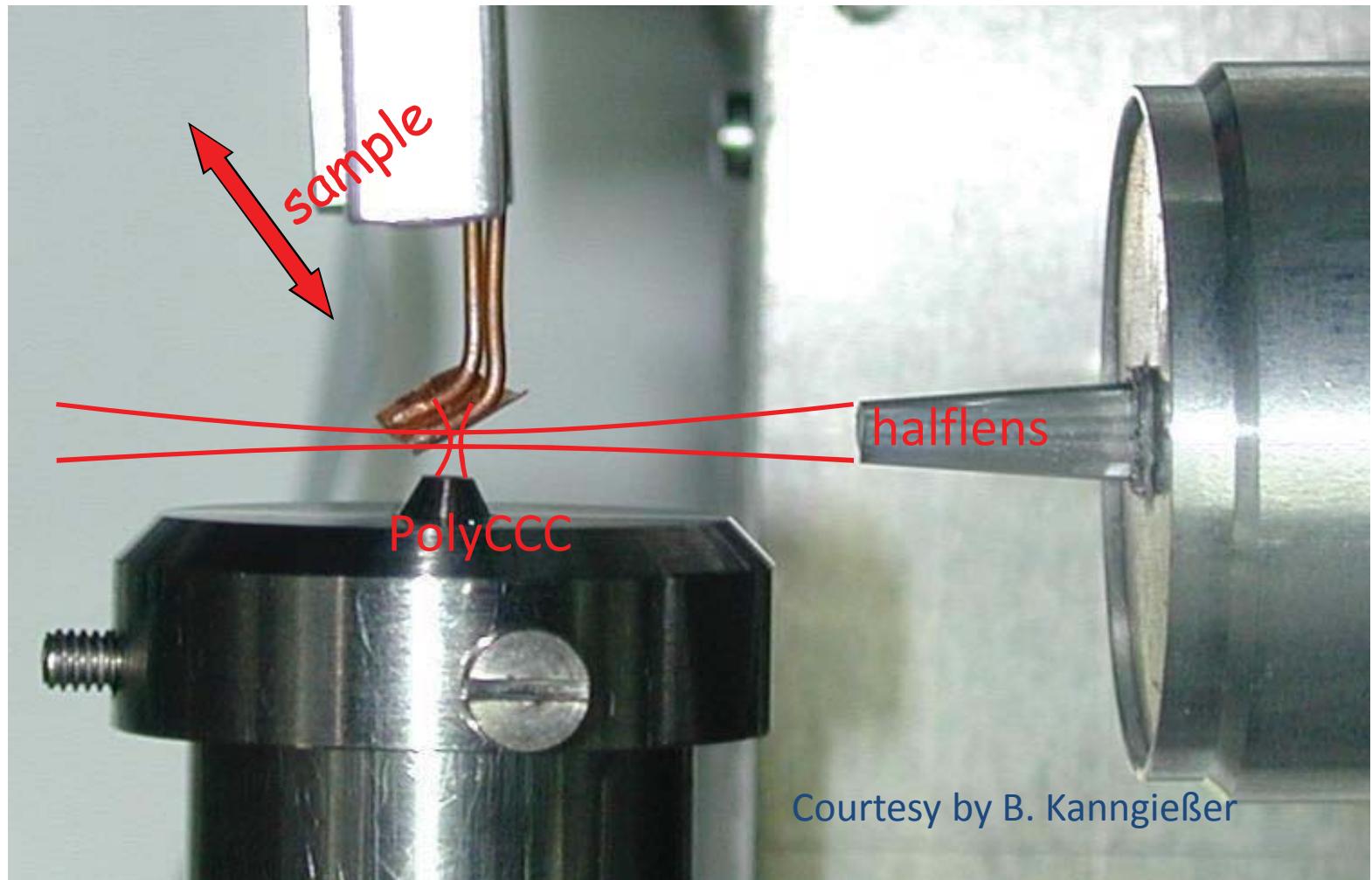
B. Kanngießer, I. Reiche, W.  
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confocal setup



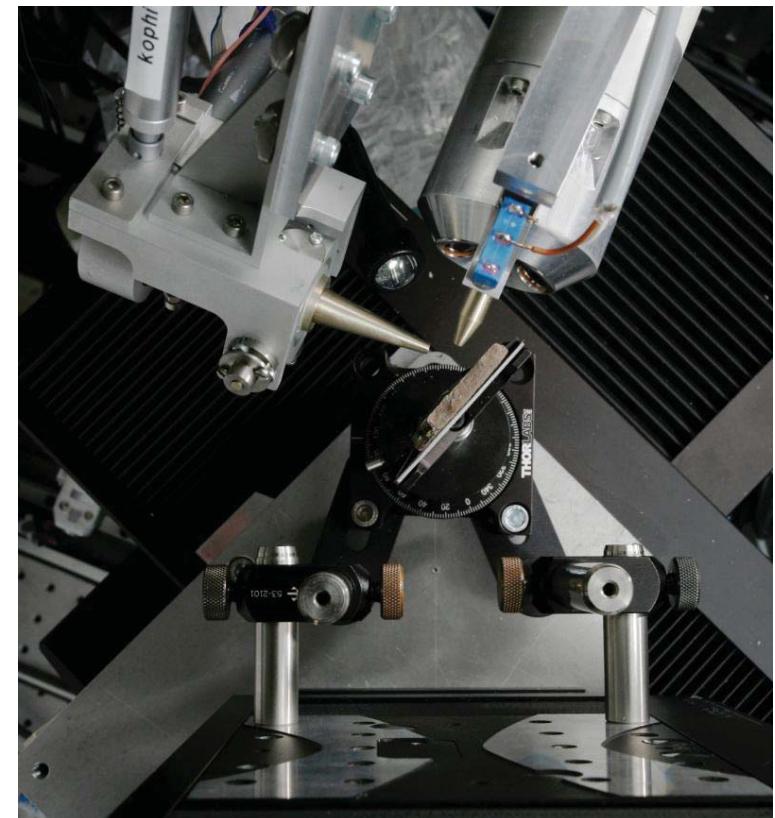
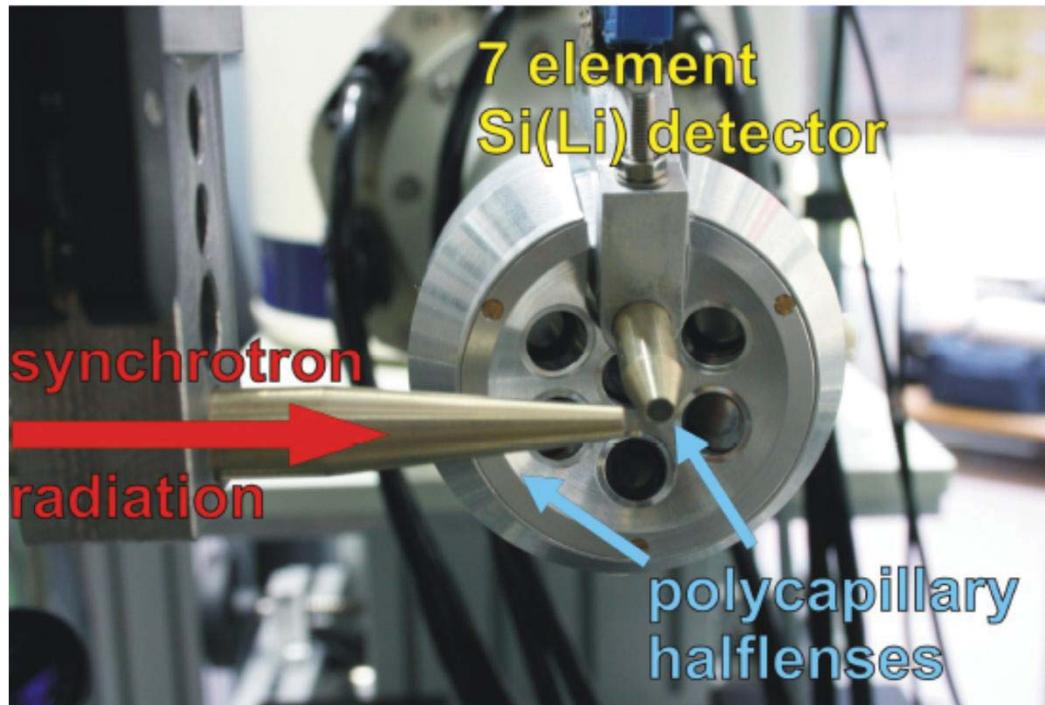
# 3D Micro XRF Spectrometry:

First setup of the 3D Micro-XRF, @ BAMline, BESSY

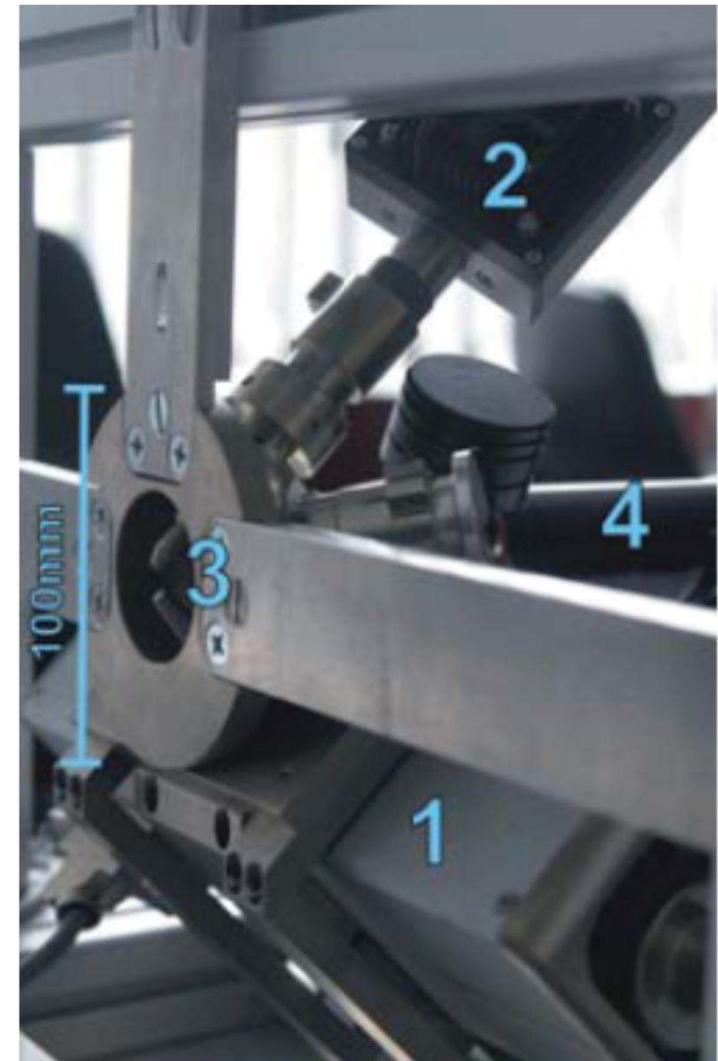
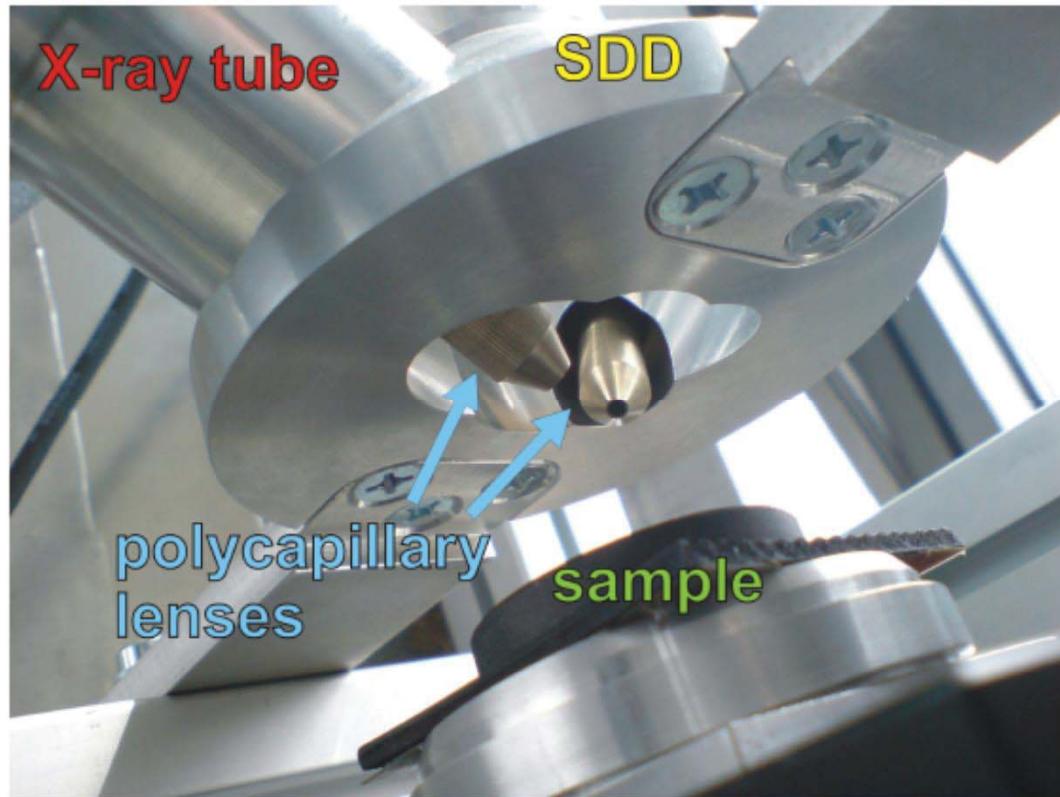


Courtesy by B. Kanngießer

# 3D Micro-XRF setup: Synchrotron Radiation – μSpot line, BESSY, Berlin



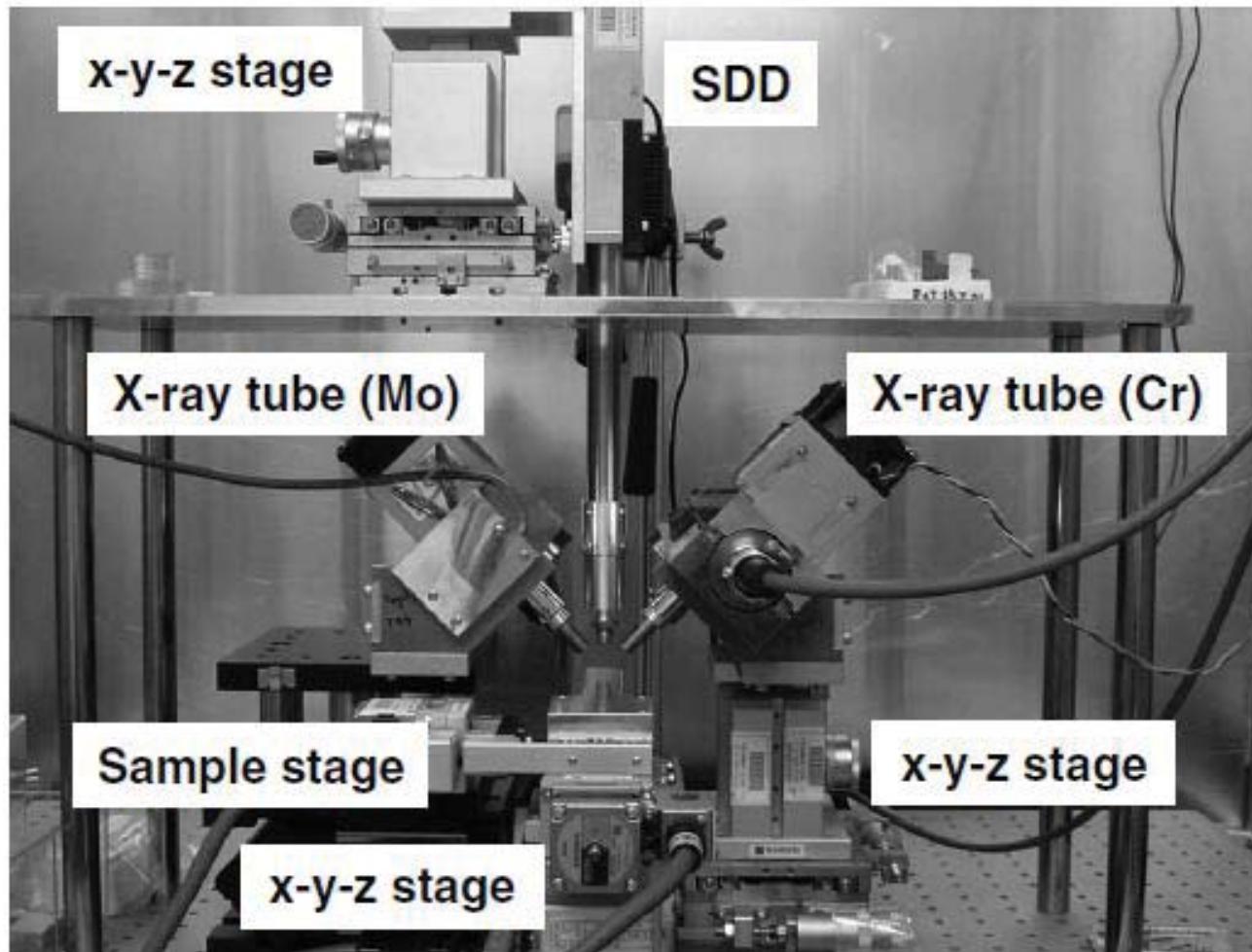
# 3D Micro-XRF setup @ TU Berlin



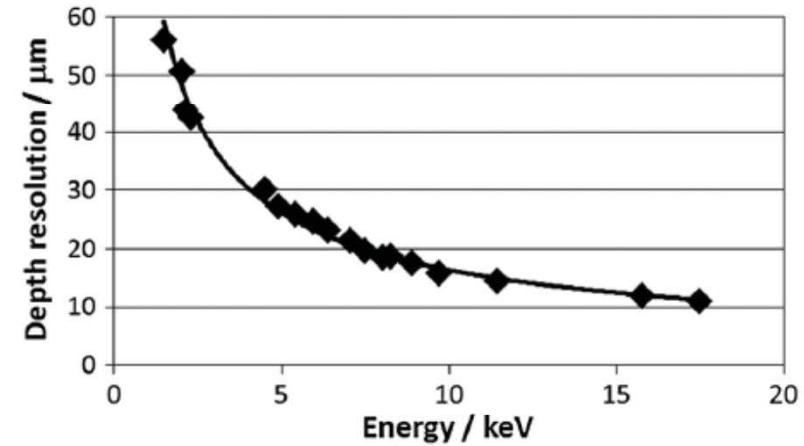
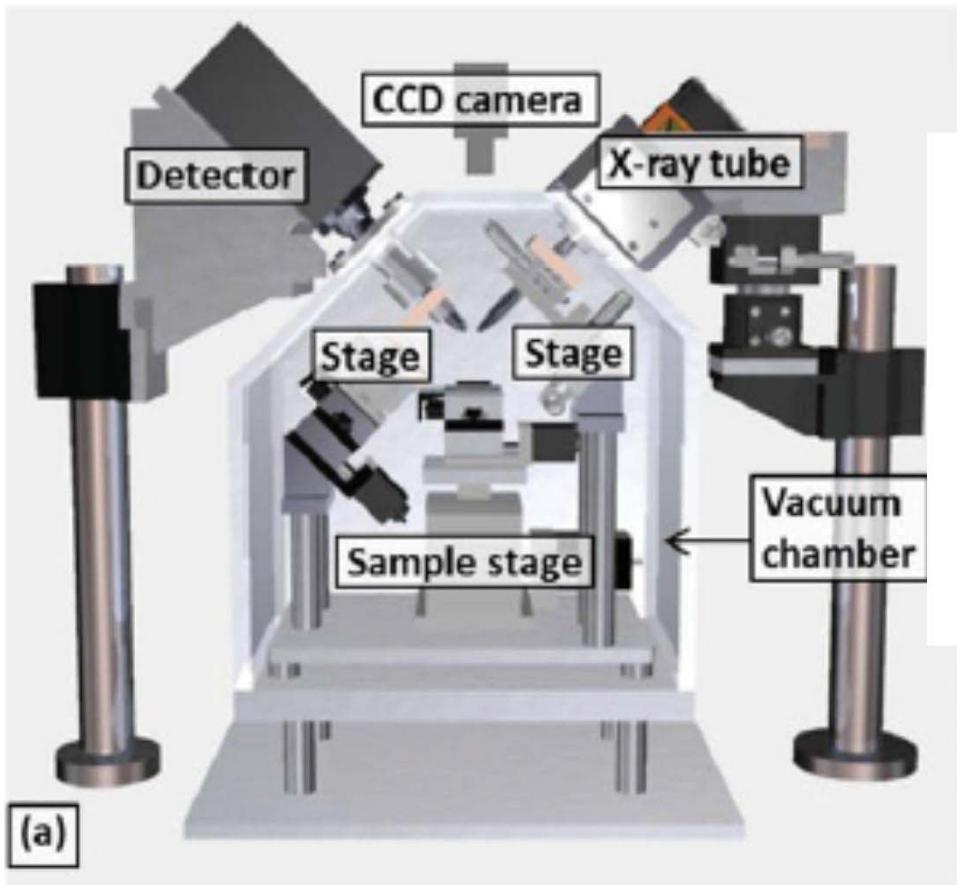
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# Osaka City University, Japan

Tsuji and Nakano, XRS (2007), 36, 145



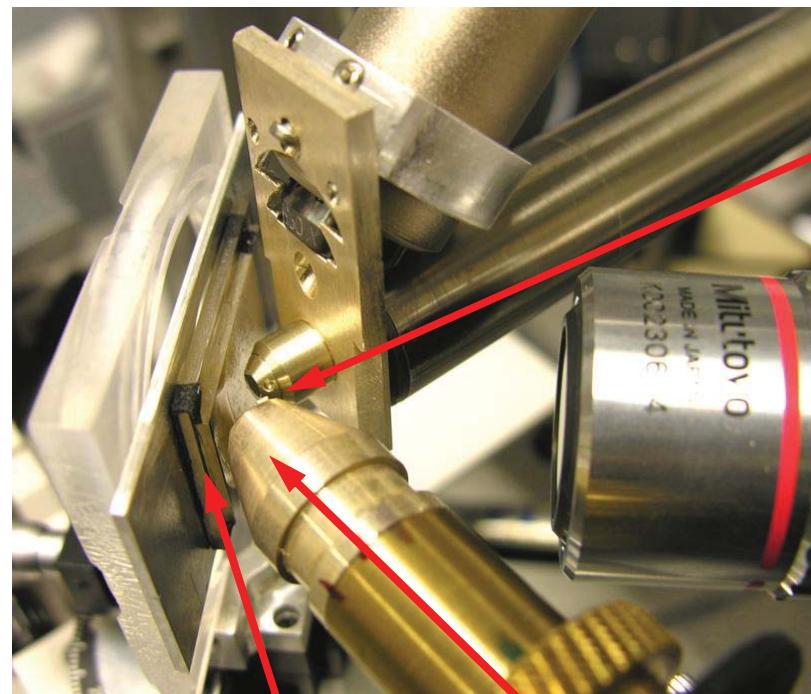
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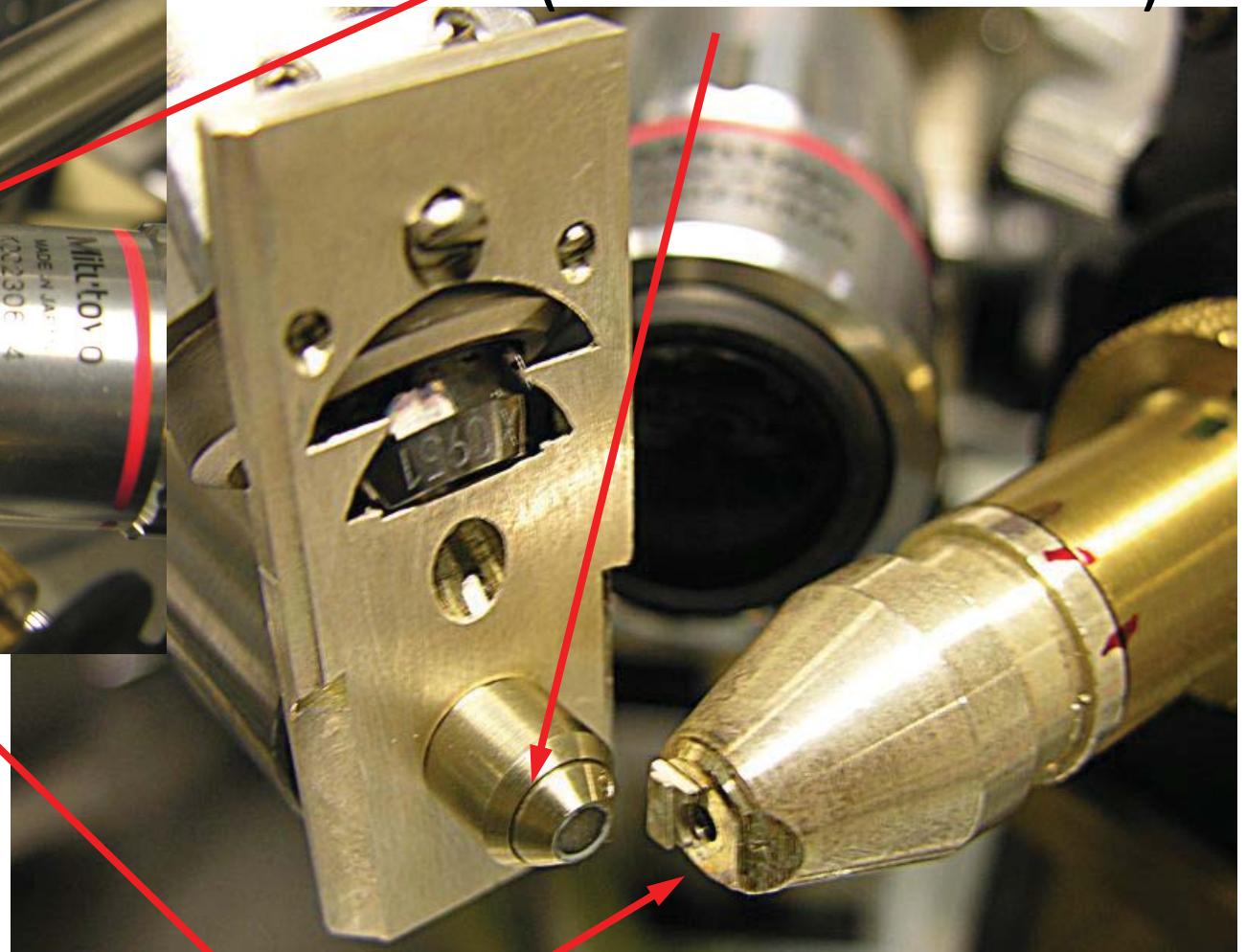
Depth profile for Light elements

Nakazawa and Tsuji, XRS 2013

# 3D uXRF set-up @IAEA



sample in  
measuring  
position

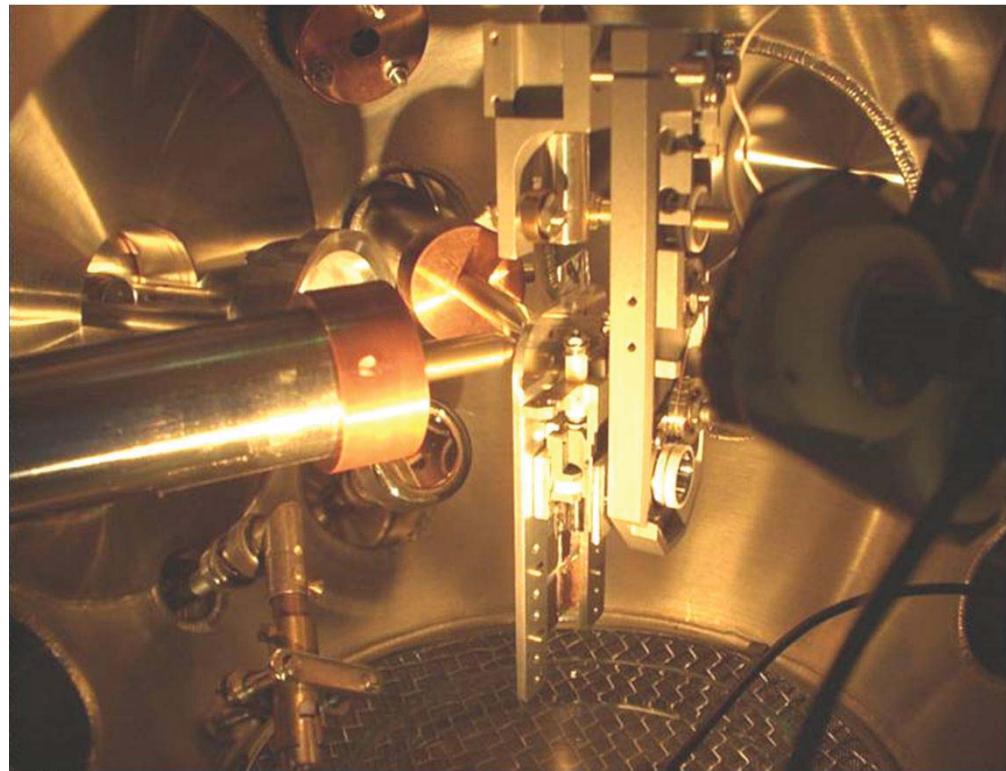
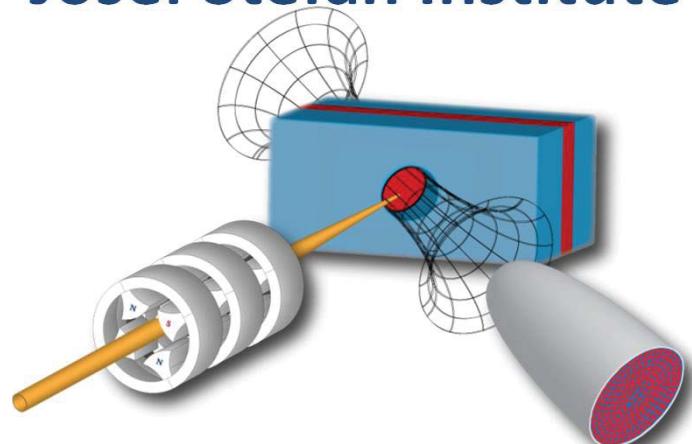


polyCCC  
(confocal detector)

polycapillary (primary beam)

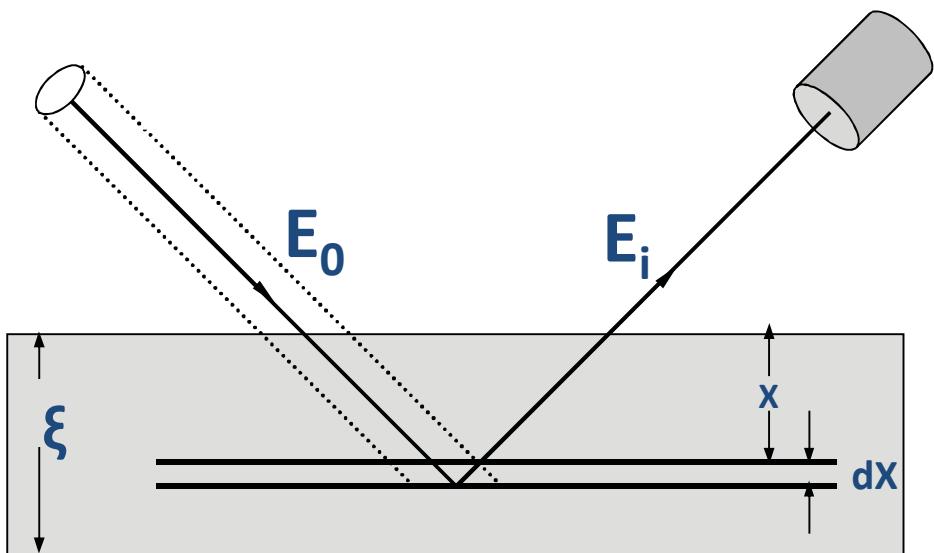
# 3D Micro-PIXE SET-UP, 2007 @

Josef Stefan Institute Micro-Analytical Center, Ljubljana



Karydas et al, JAAS 2007

# Basics in XRF Quantification



- ✓ Monochromatic excitation
- ✓ Homogeneous sample

$$\mu_s(E_o, E_i) = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \cdot \left[ \frac{\mu_k(E_o)}{\sin \theta_1} + \frac{\mu_k(E_i)}{\sin \theta_2} \right]$$

Geometrical Factor

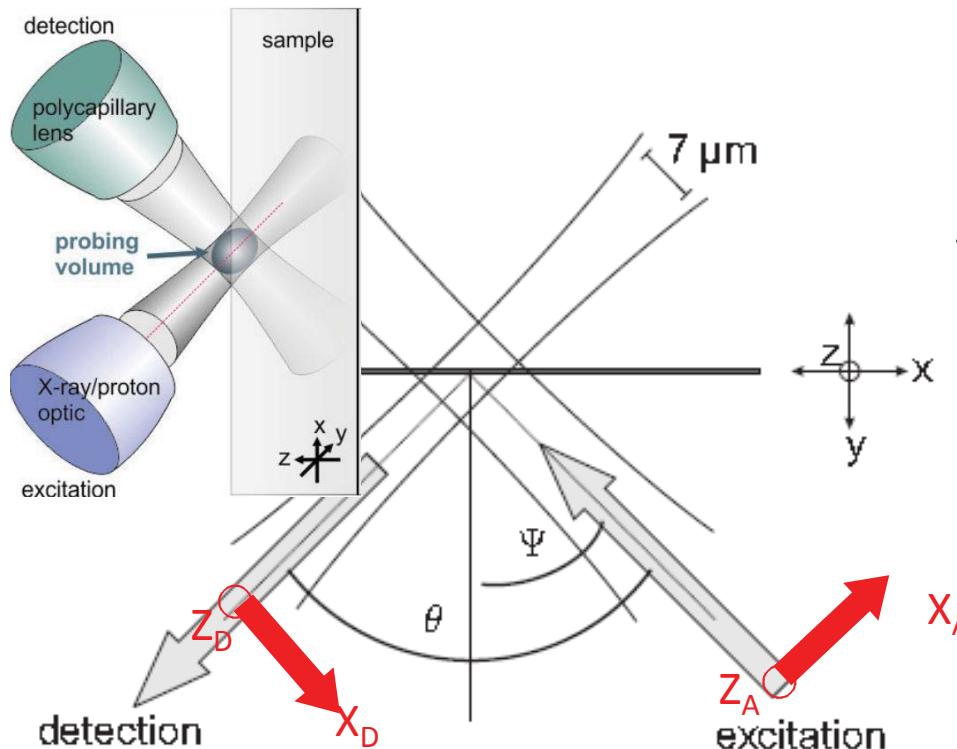
Detector Efficiency

$$I_a(E_i) = I_o \cdot G \cdot \sigma_i^a(E_0) \cdot f_{ab}(E_i) \cdot \varepsilon_d(E_i) \cdot c_a \cdot \frac{1 - \exp[-\mu_s(E_o, E_i) \cdot \xi]}{\mu_s(E_i)}$$

Beam Intensity      Cross section      Air absorption      Analyte Concentration

Sensitivity constant

# Quantification in Confocal Micro XRF (1)



3D set-up sensitivity  
for the detection of  
specific fluorescence lines

The shape has a three  
dimensional ellipsoid

Intensity distribution for the exciting x-ray beam:

$$\eta_A = \frac{T_A}{2\pi\sigma_A^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x_A^2 + z_A^2}{2\sigma_A^2}\right)$$

Coordination  
system  
attached to the  
excitation lens

$T_A, T_B$ : Lens transmission

$\sigma_A, \sigma_B$ : Spot size

$\Omega$ : solid angle

$$\eta_D = \frac{\Omega T_D}{4\pi} \exp\left(-\frac{x_D^2 + z_D^2}{2\sigma_D^2}\right)$$

Coordination  
system  
attached to the  
detection lens

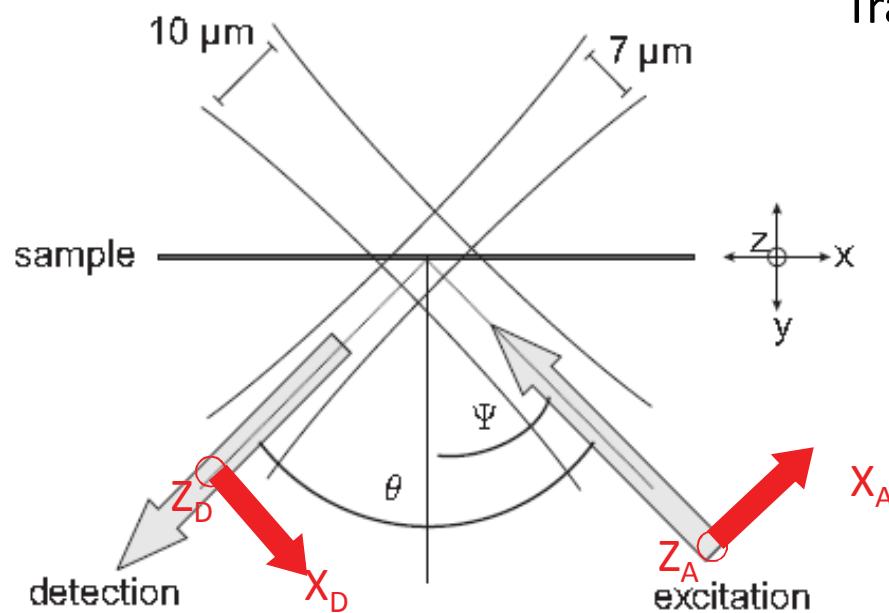
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\eta}(x, y, z) &= \eta_A \eta_D \epsilon \\ &= \frac{\Omega T_A T_D \epsilon}{8\pi^2 \sigma_A^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma_D^2 x_A^2 + \sigma_A^2 x_D^2 + (\sigma_D^2 + \sigma_A^2) z^2}{2\sigma_A^2 \sigma_D^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$



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# Quantification in Confocal Micro XRF (2)



Transformation to the sample coordinate system

$$x_A = x \sin(\Psi) + y \cos(\Psi)$$

$$x_D = x \cos(\Psi) - y \sin \Psi$$

$$z_A = z_D = z$$

$$\tilde{\eta}(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\eta}(x, y, z) dx dz$$

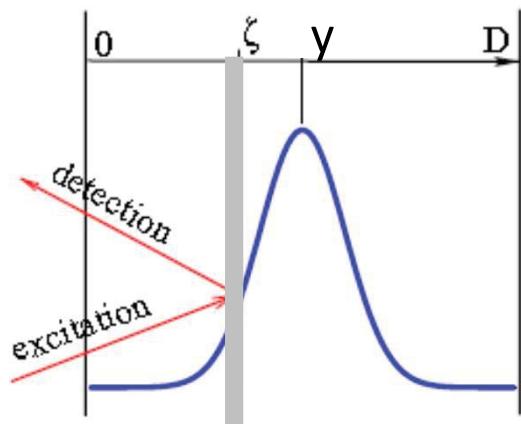
$$= \frac{\Omega T_A T_D \epsilon}{4\pi} \frac{\sigma_D^2}{\sqrt{(\sigma_D^2 + \sigma_A^2)(\cos^2(\Psi)\sigma_A^2 + \sin^2(\Psi)\sigma_D^2)}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{y^2}{(\sin^2(\Psi)\sigma_D^2 + \cos^2(\Psi)\sigma_A^2)} \right)$$

Mantouvalou, PhD Thesis, Berlin 2009  
 Maltzer, kanngiesser, SAB 60 (2005) 1334 – 1341

$$= \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_y} \exp \left( -\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2} \right)$$

# Quantification in Confocal Micro XRF (3)

Fluorescence intensity in confocal geometry for an homogeneous sample



$$\Phi_i(y) = \Phi_o \cdot \sigma_{F,i} \int_0^D \bar{\eta}_i(\zeta - y) \rho_i(\zeta) \cdot \exp(-\bar{\mu}_{lin,i}\zeta) \cdot d\zeta$$

Local density of element *i*

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mu}_{lin,i} &= \bar{\mu}_i \cdot \rho = \left( \sum_{elements j} \left( \frac{\mu_{0,j}}{\cos(\theta_A)} + \frac{\mu_{i,j}}{\cos(\theta_D)} \right) w_j \right) \rho \\ &= \sum_{elements j} \left( \frac{\mu_{0,j}}{\cos(\theta_A)} + \frac{\mu_{i,j}}{\cos(\theta_D)} \right) \rho_j \end{aligned}$$

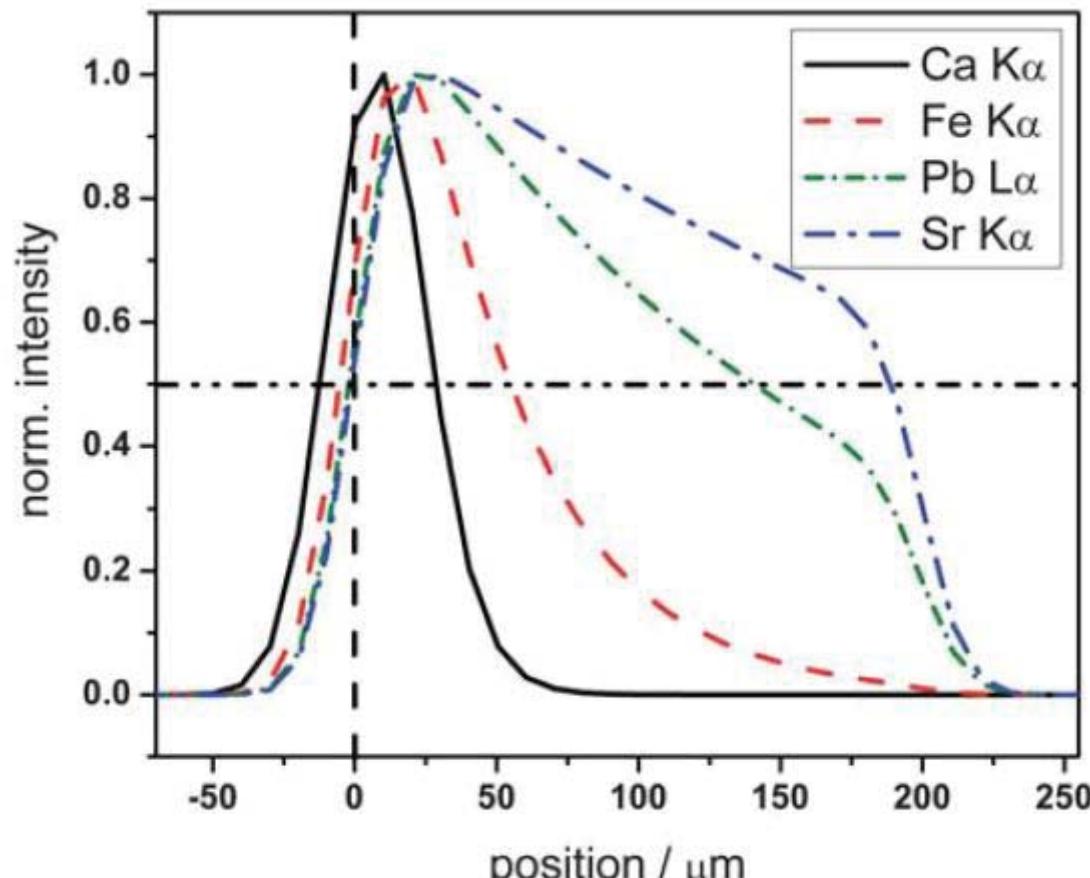
$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_i(y) &= \frac{\Phi_o \cdot \eta_i \cdot \rho_i \cdot \sigma_{F,i}}{2} \times \exp\left(\frac{(\bar{\mu}_{lin,i} \sigma_{y,i})^2}{2}\right) \times \exp(-\bar{\mu}_{lin,i} y) \times \\ &\quad \times \left[ \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{D + \bar{\mu}_{lin,i} \sigma_{y,i}^2 - y}{\sqrt{2} \sigma_{y,i}}\right) - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{\bar{\mu}_{lin,i} \sigma_{y,i}^2 - y}{\sqrt{2} \sigma_{y,i}}\right) \right]_i \end{aligned}$$

corrects for the actual extension of the probing volume

stands for the decrease of the intensity at probing depth *x* due to absorption.

important if the probing volume intersects the layer boundaries.

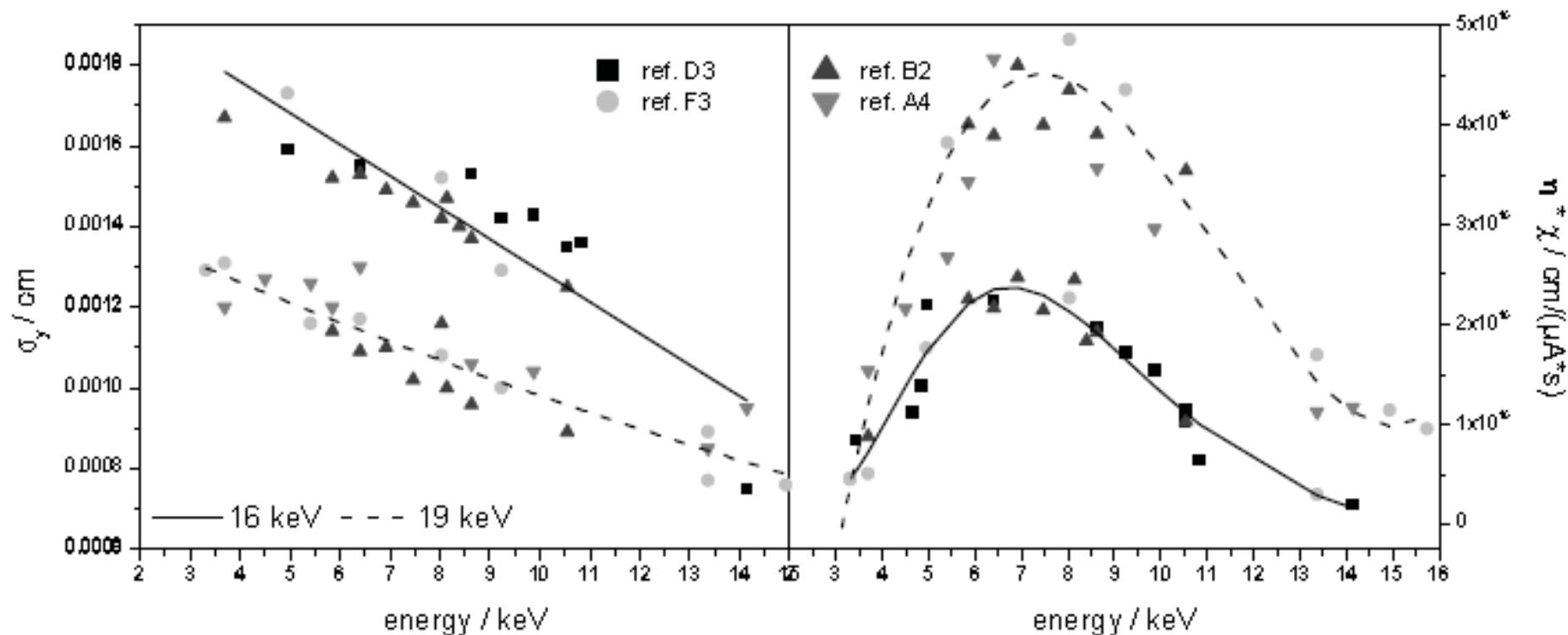
# Shape of intensity profiles versus depth



$\text{SiO}_2$  matrix, similar concentration (50 ppm), 19 keV excitation

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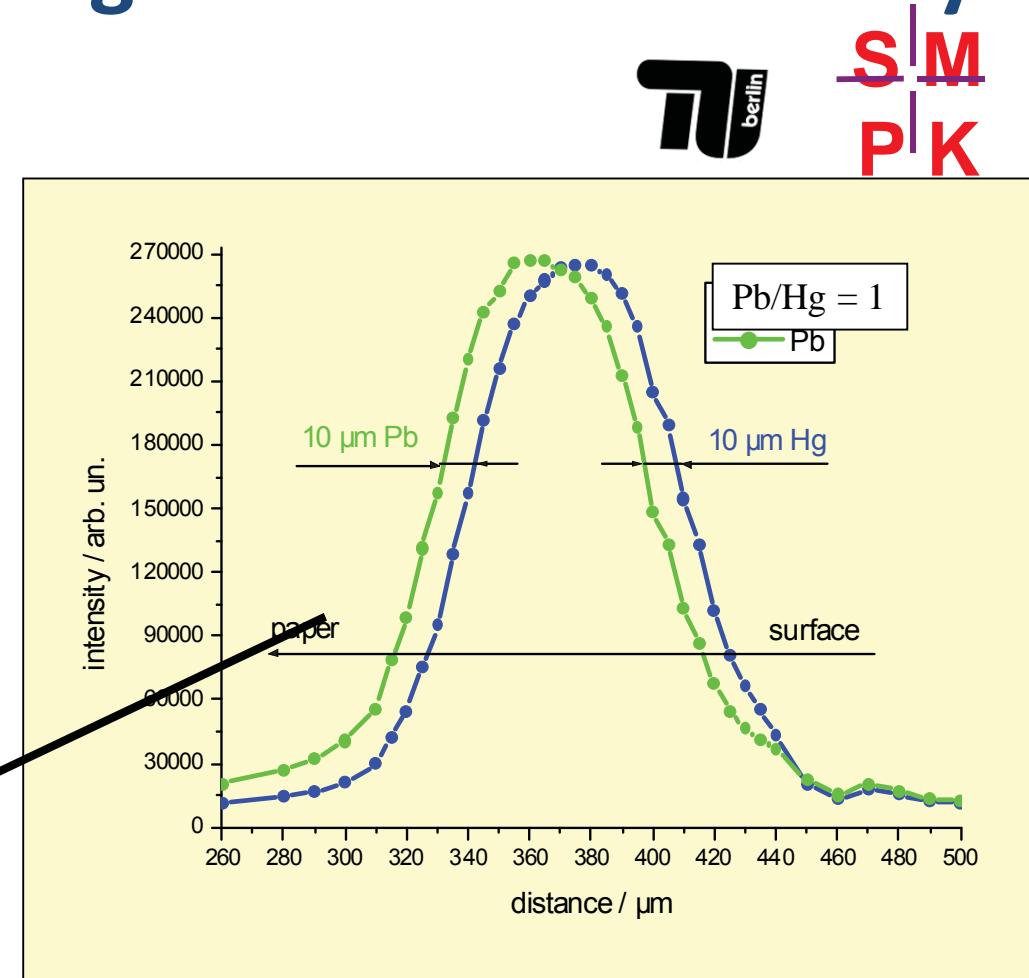
# Experimental FWHM, sensitivity/3D uXRF



16, 19 keV excitation energies, Glass Reference materials

I. Mantouvalou, PhD Thesis, Berlin 2009

# First 3D Micro-XRF application: Indian Mughal-Paintings 16th – 18th century



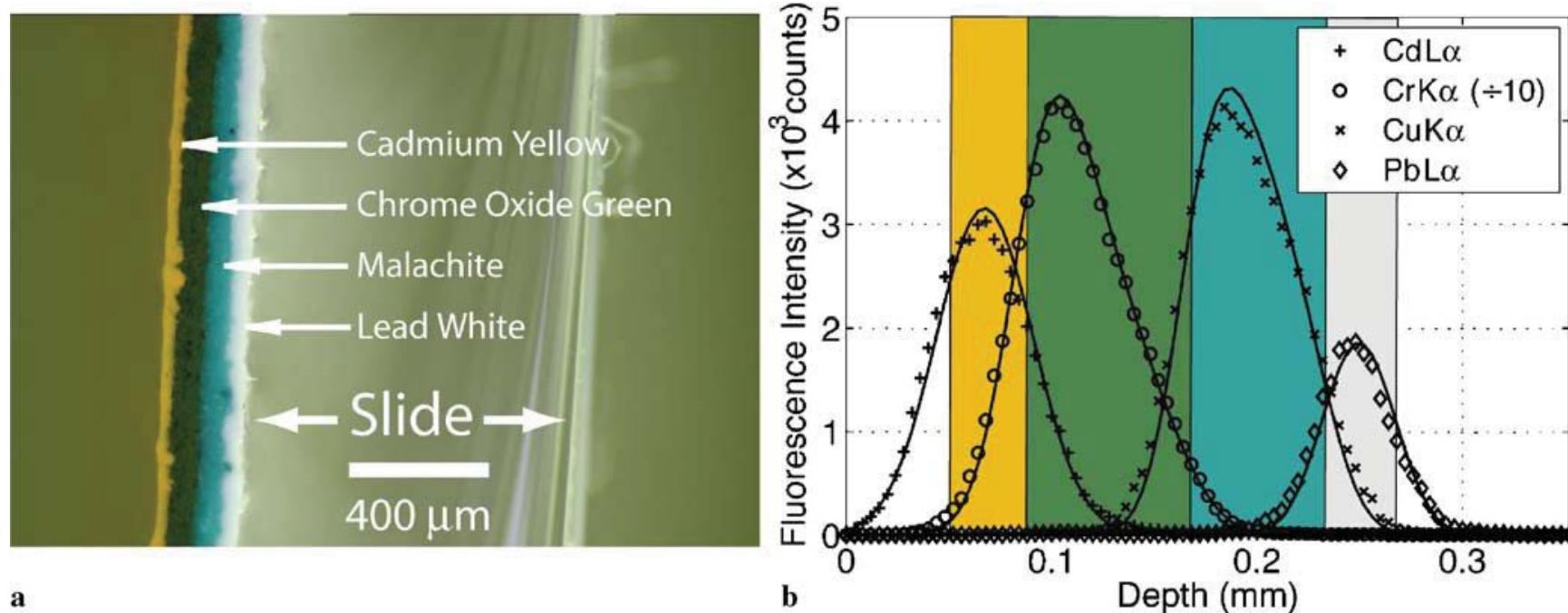
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# 3D uXRF for Paint layers

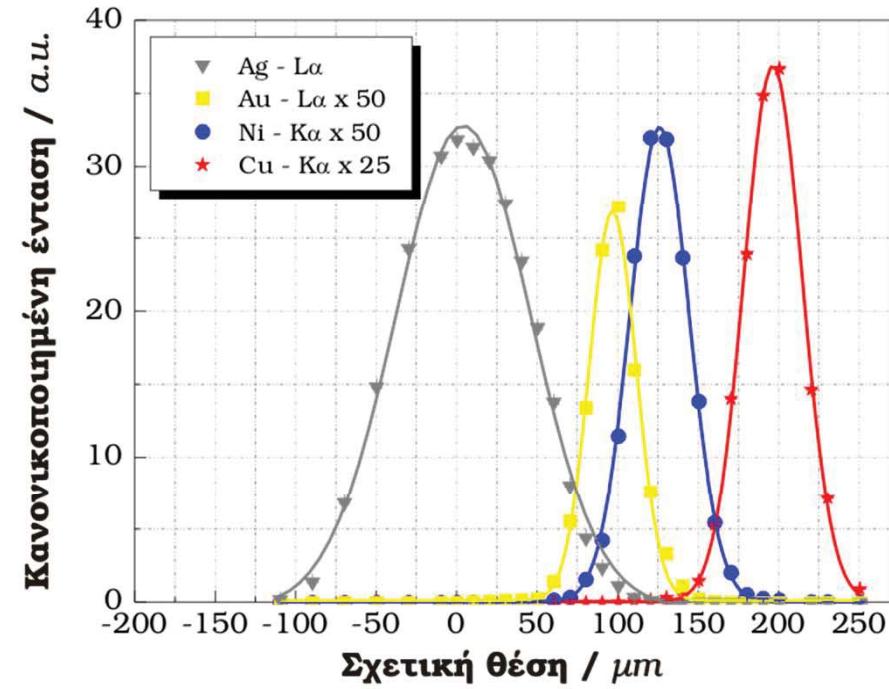
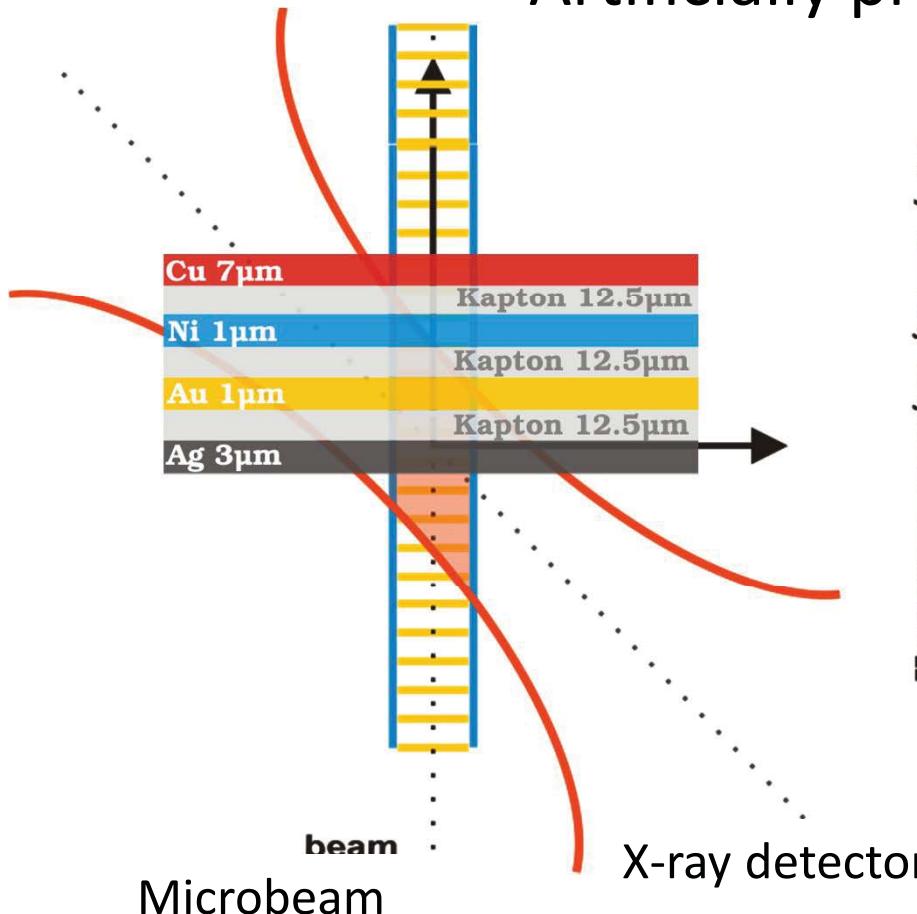


Woll et al Appl. Phys. A 83, 235–238 (2006)

# 3D Micro-PIXE applications:

## Multilayered sample

Artificially prepared multilayer structure



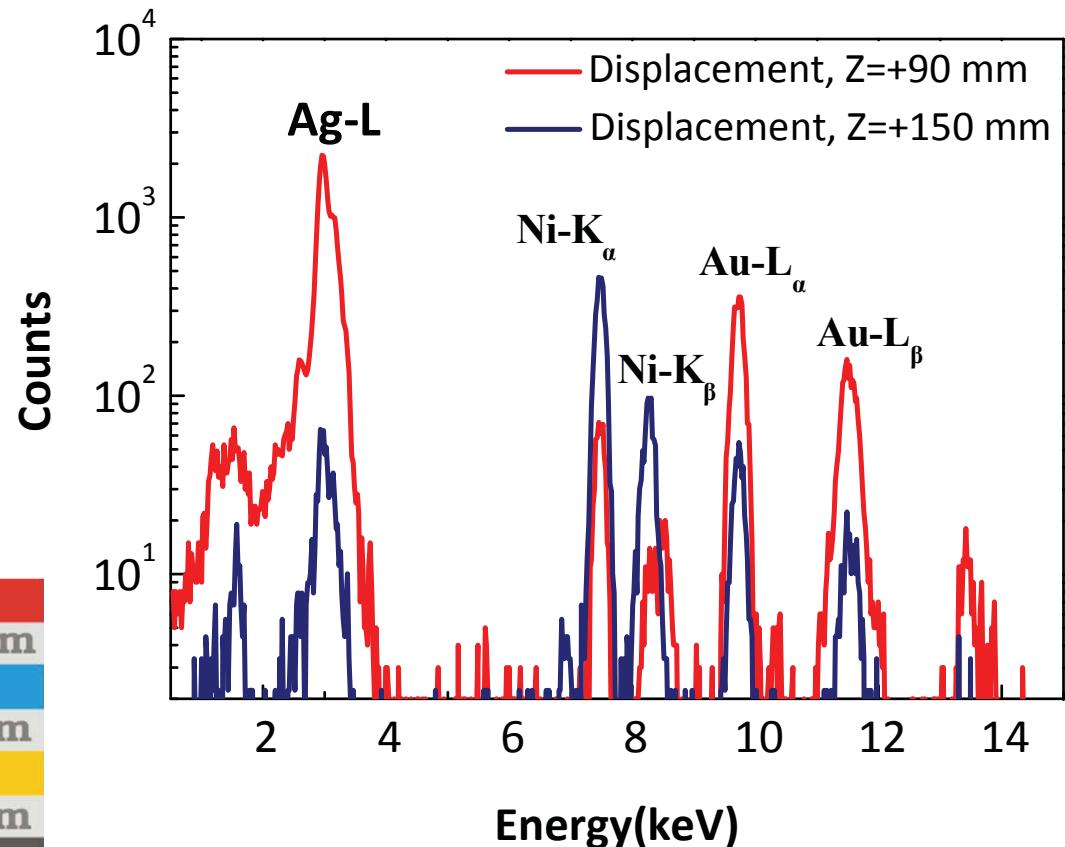
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# 3D Micro-PIXE: First applications

PIXE spectra for two different positions of the sample within the sensitive probing-microvolume



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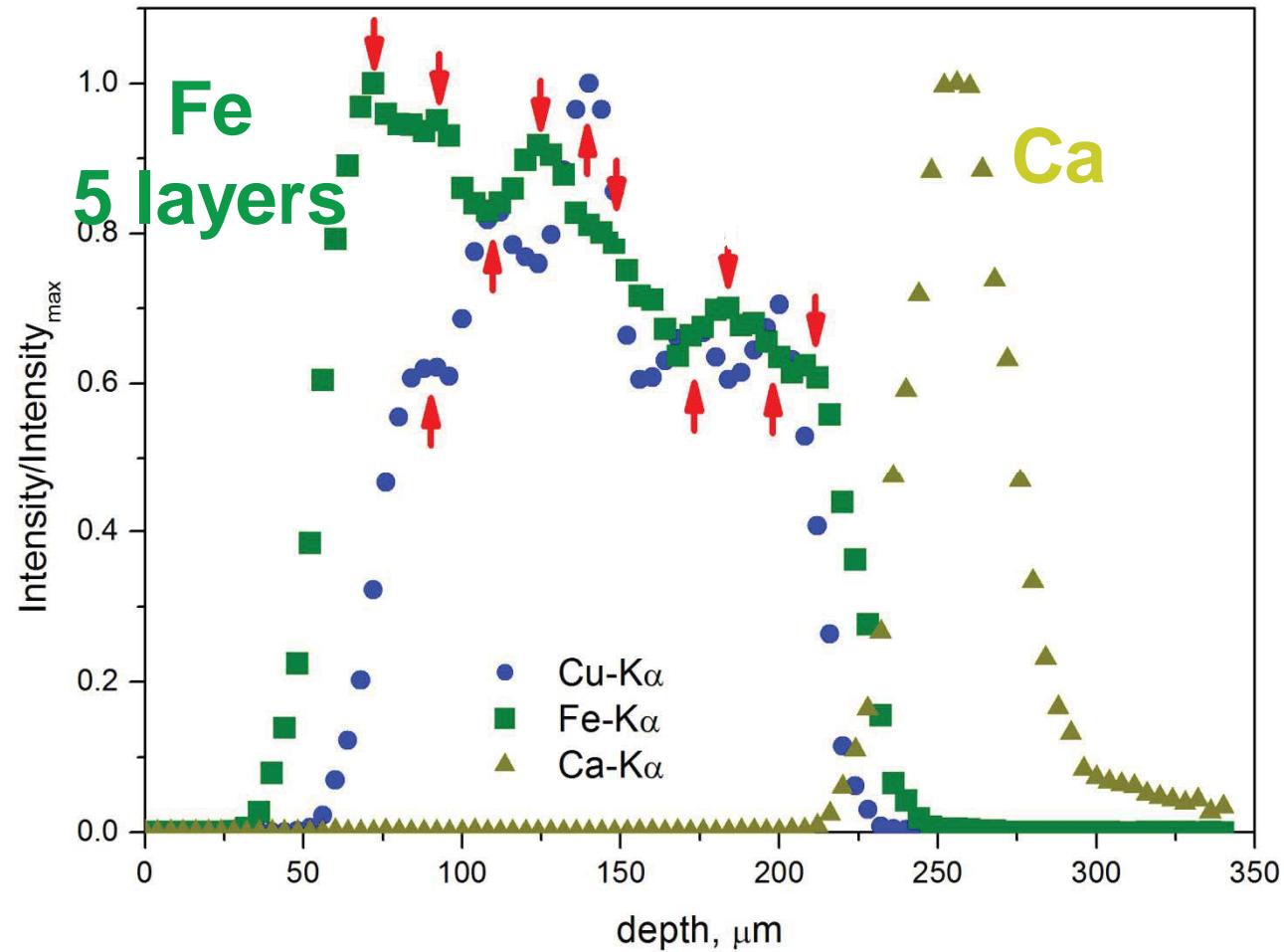
# Methodology development: Quantification in 3D Micro-XRF using X-ray tube excitation

Fe/Cu/Fe/Cu/Fe/Cu/Fe/Cu/Fe

S4:  
Multilayer  
Polymer  
sample  
doped with  
Fe and Cu



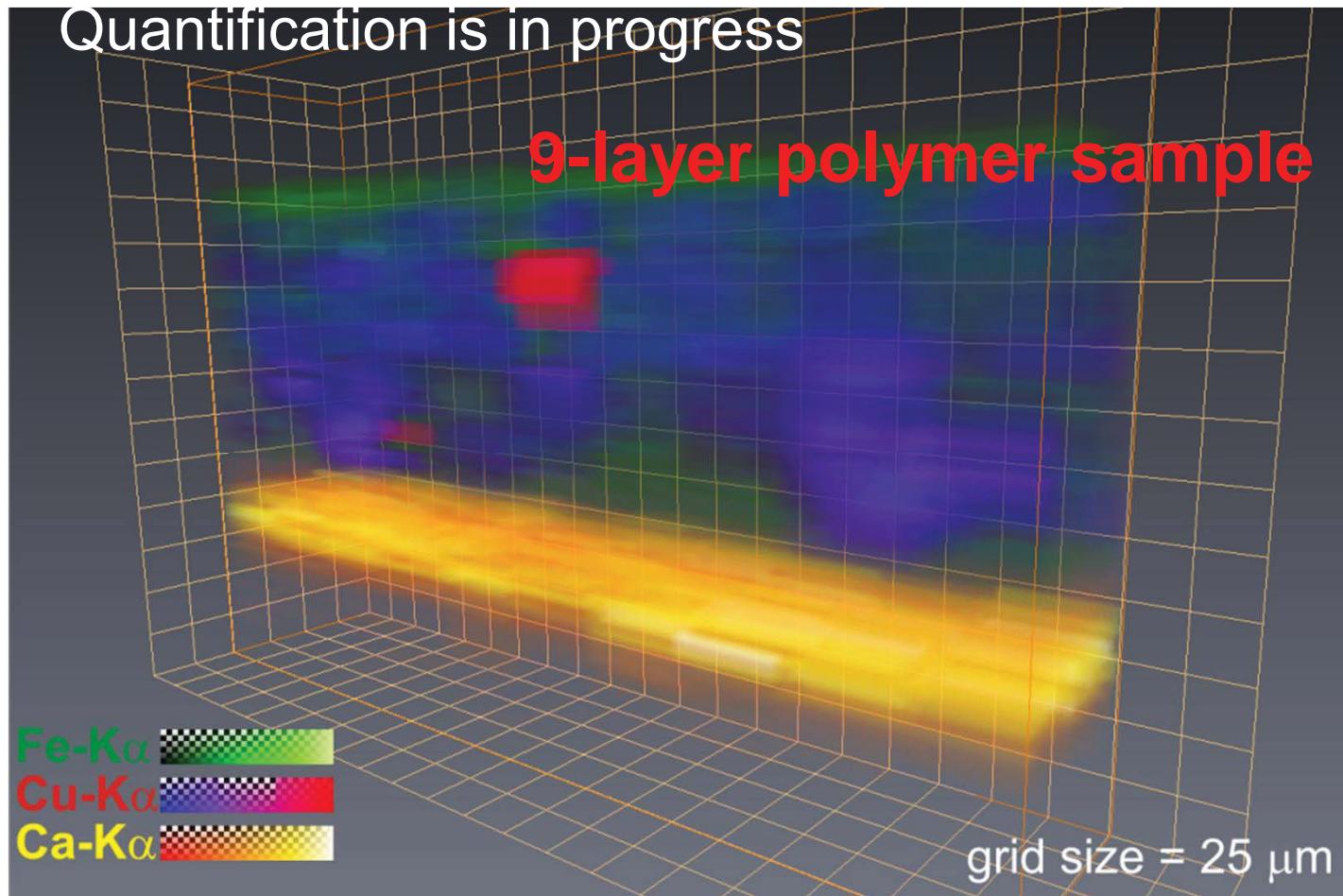
# Intensity profiles versus depth



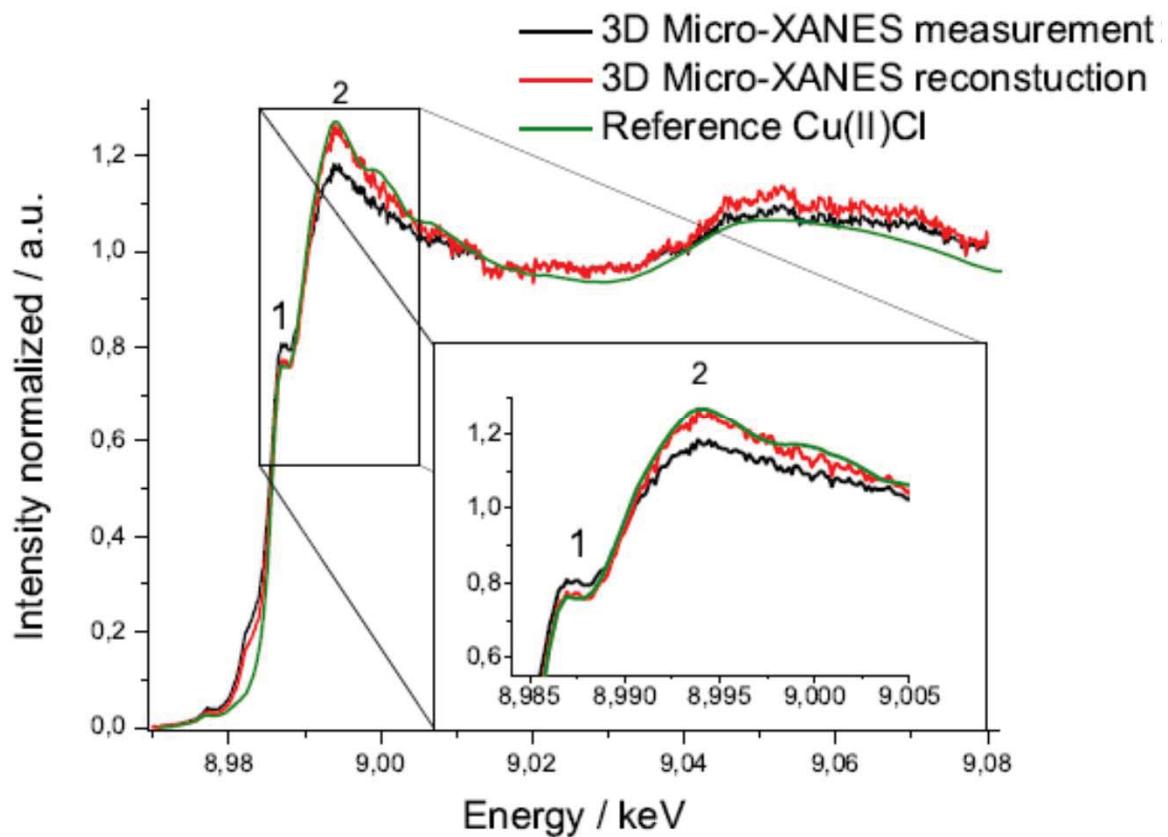
Average of 10 depths cans

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# 3D Imaging of raw intensity data

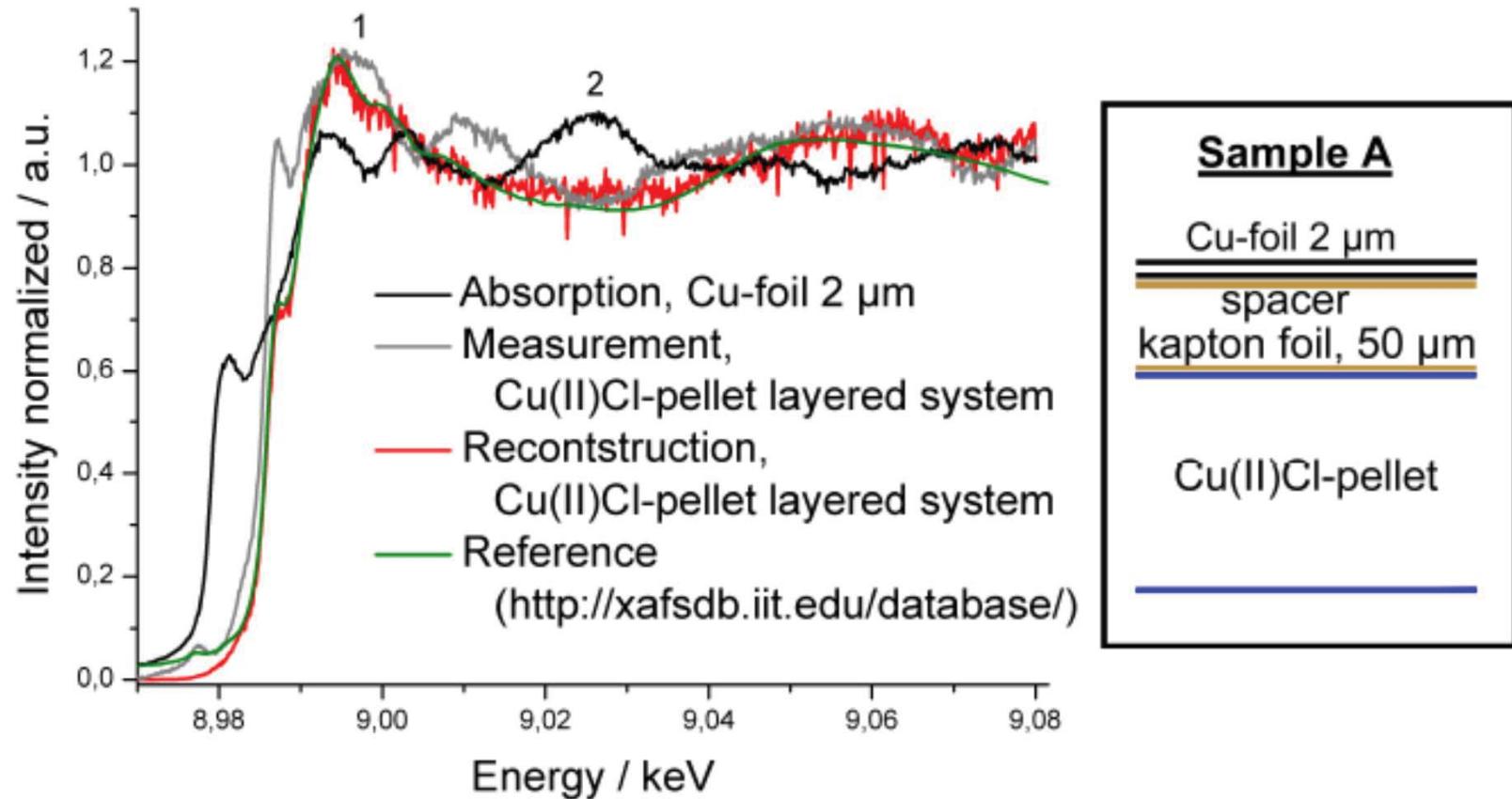


# 3D Micro X-Ray Absorption Fine Structure Spectroscopy



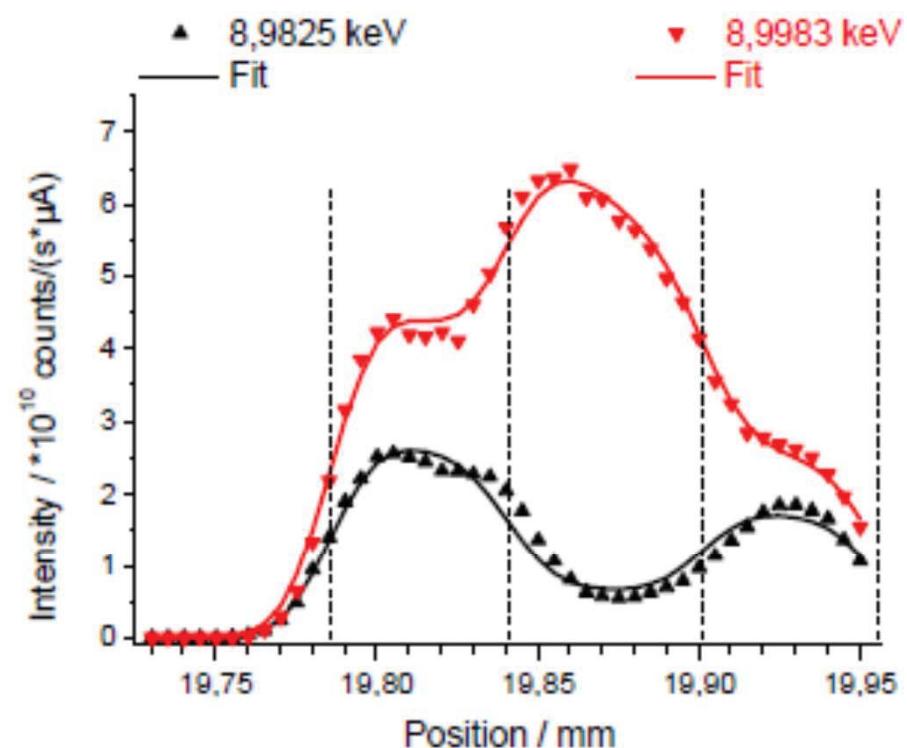
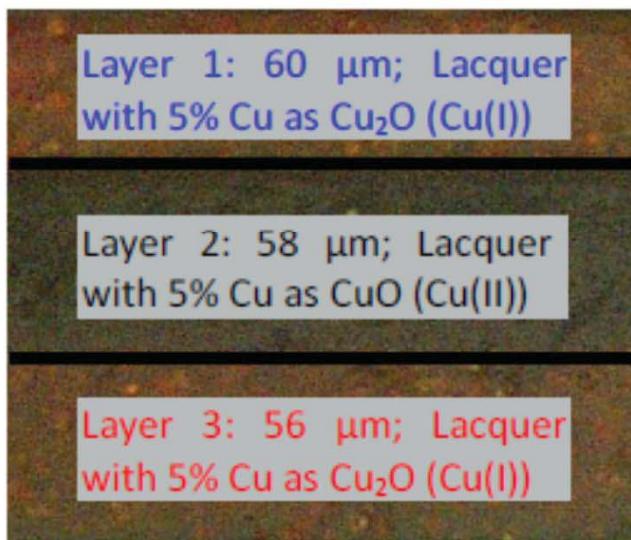
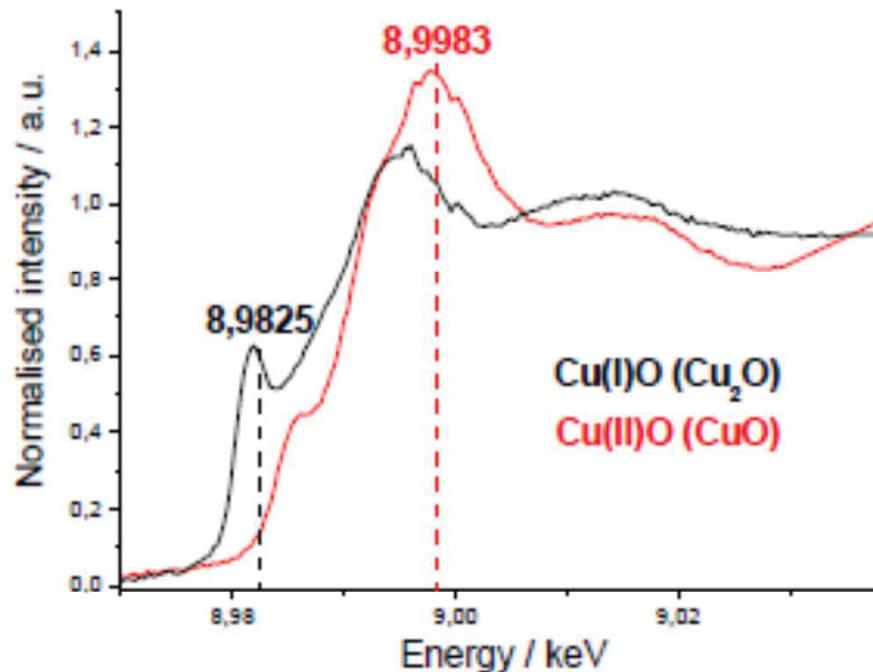
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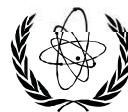


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# 3D Chemical mapping with confocal set-up



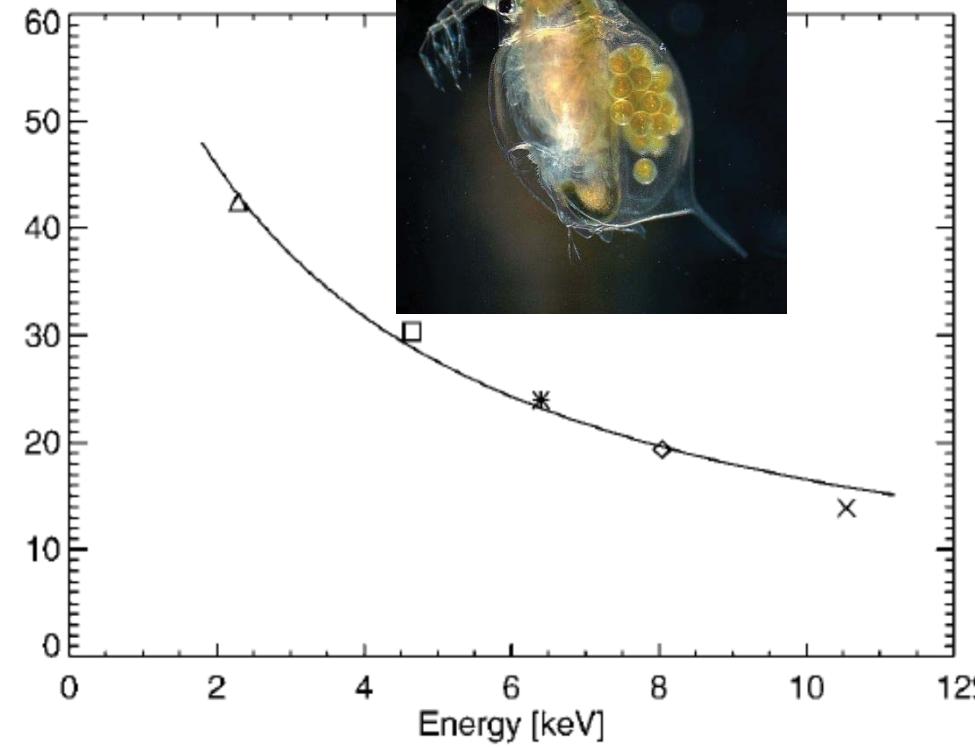
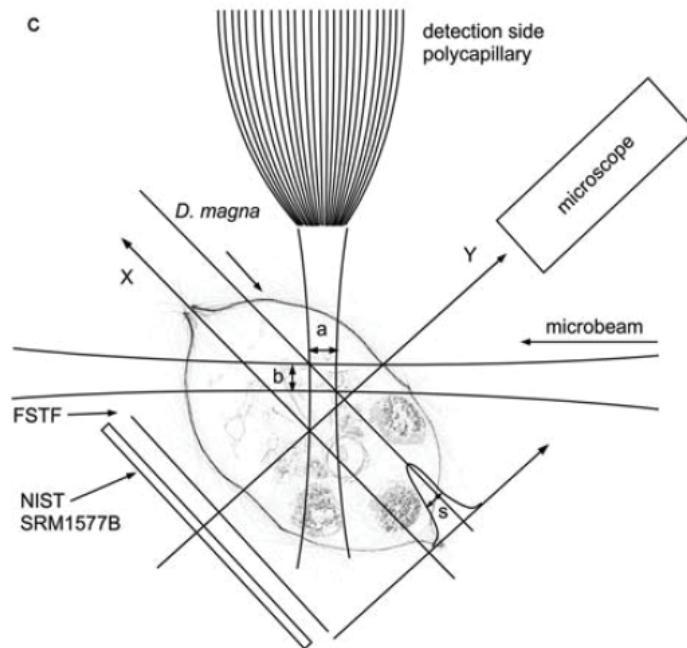
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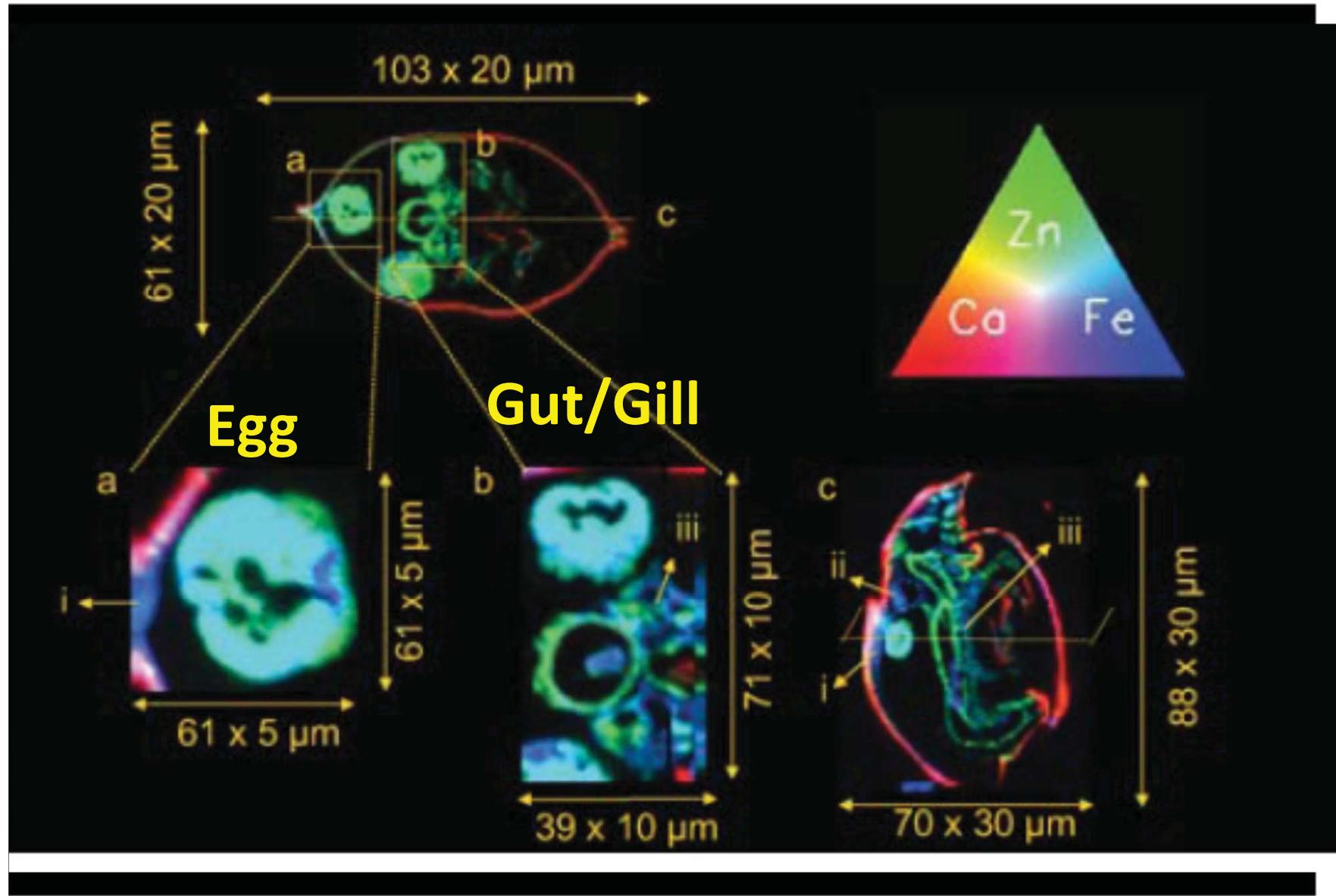
# 3D Micro-XRF in Biological studies



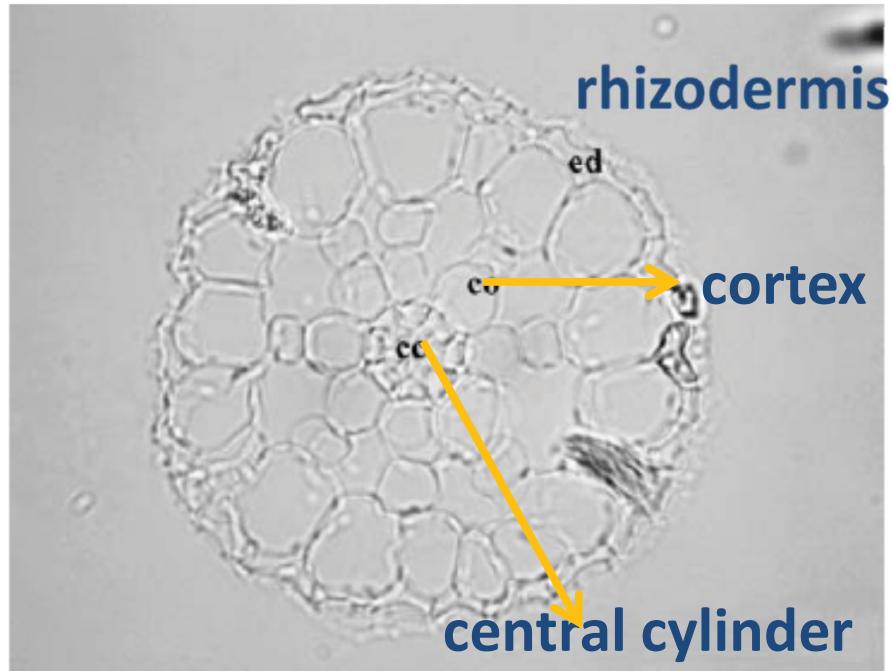
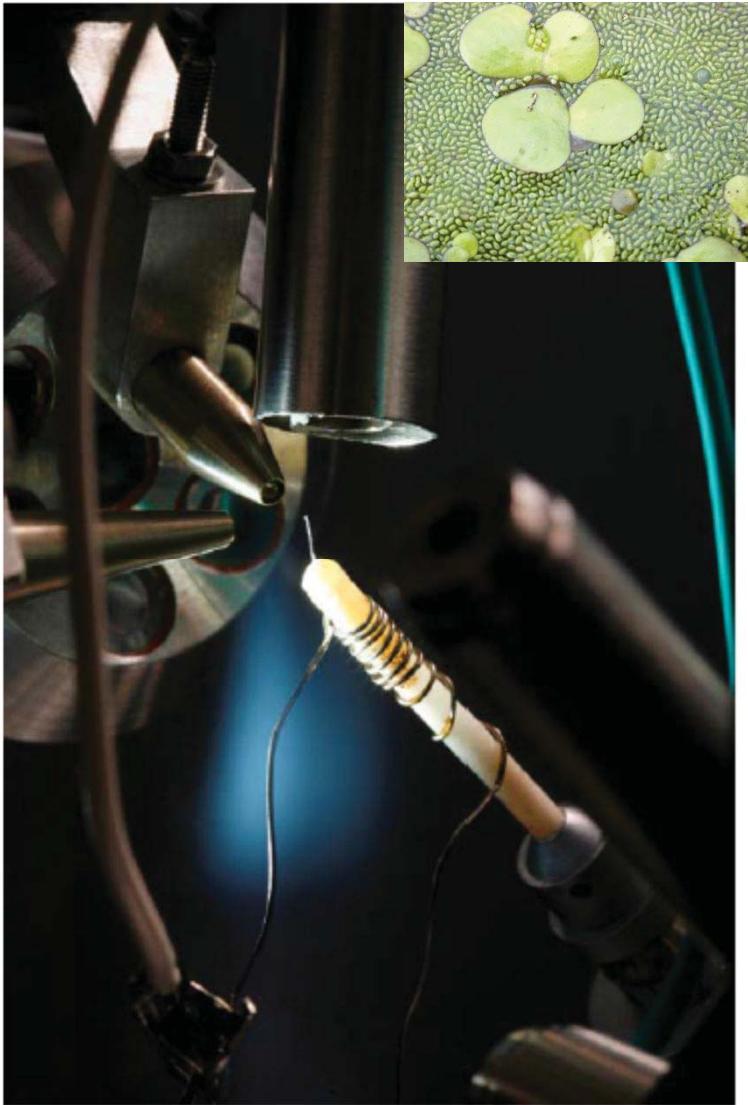
Daphnia Magna, a  
widely used  
laboratory animal for  
testing ecotoxicity

De Samber et al., J. Anal. At. Spectrom., 2010, 25, 544–553

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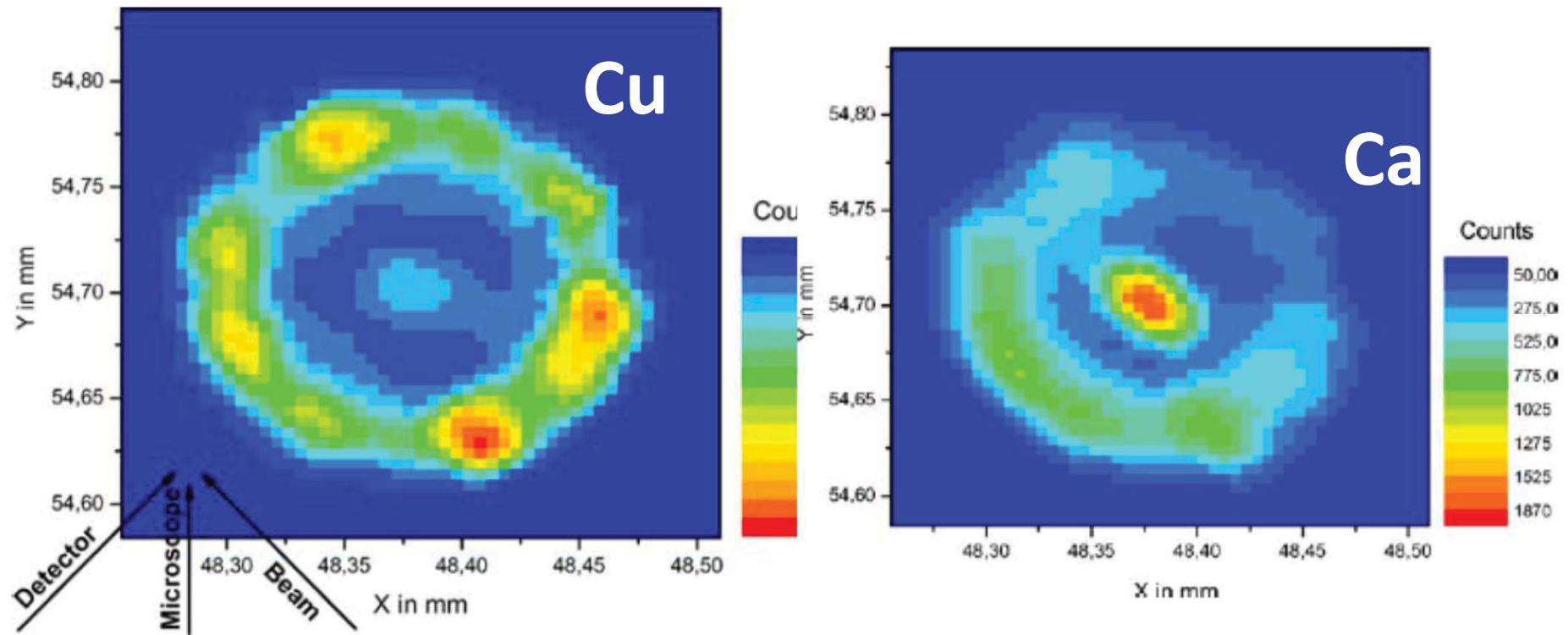
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Kanngiesser et al., Anal Bioanal. Chem. (2007) 389:1171–1176

**Common duckweed (*Lemna minor*) is an important component of the aquatic food chain. The free floating plant grows on the surface of fresh water ponds and lakes**

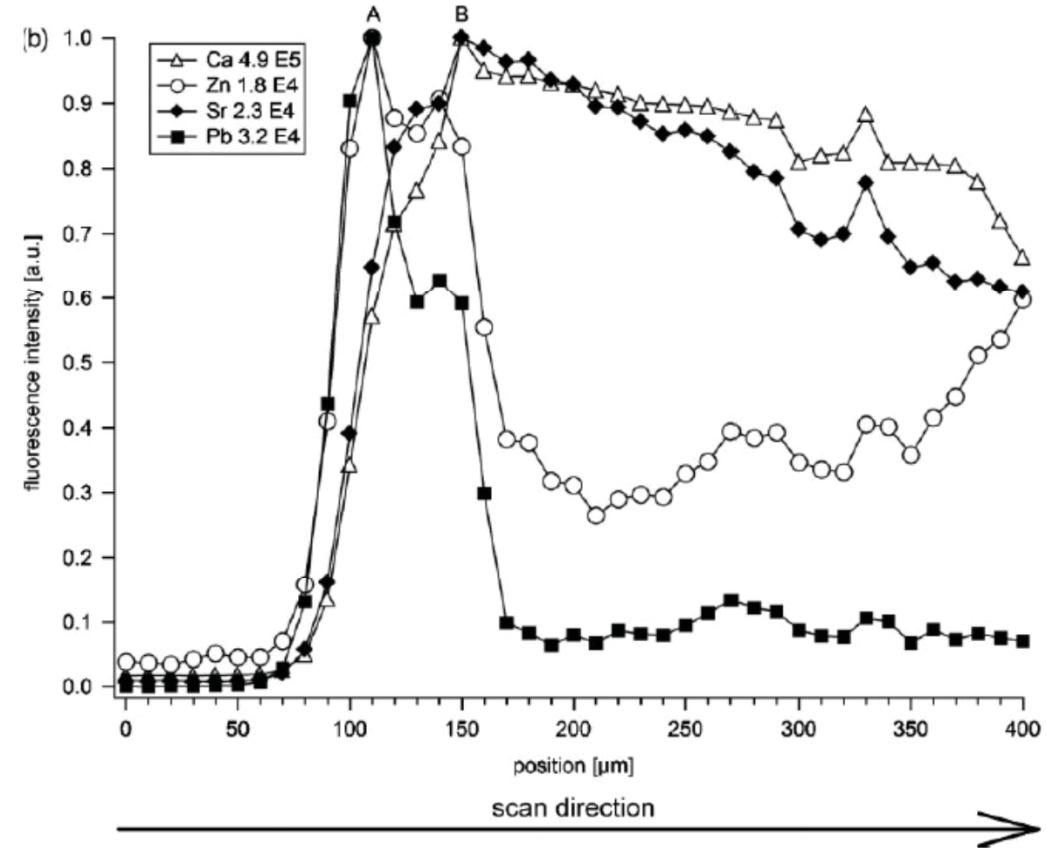
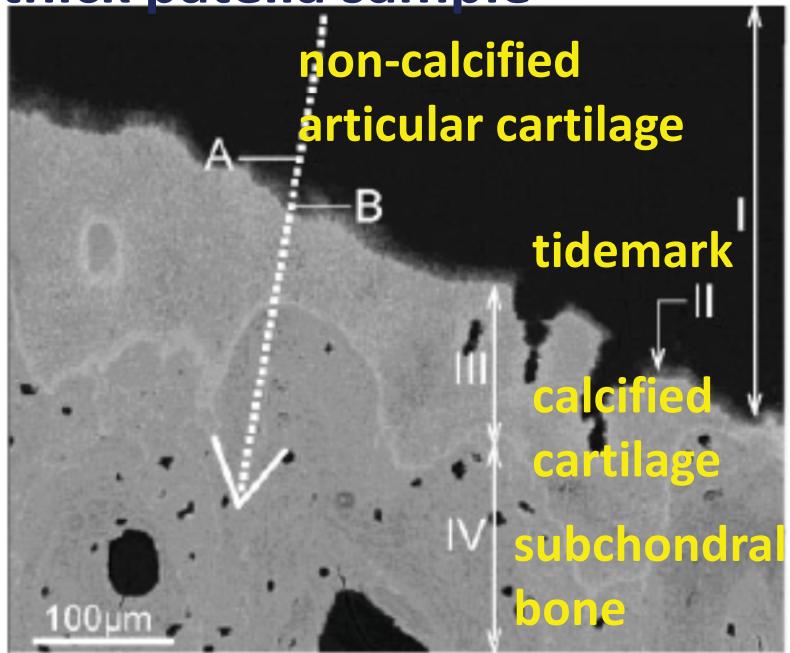
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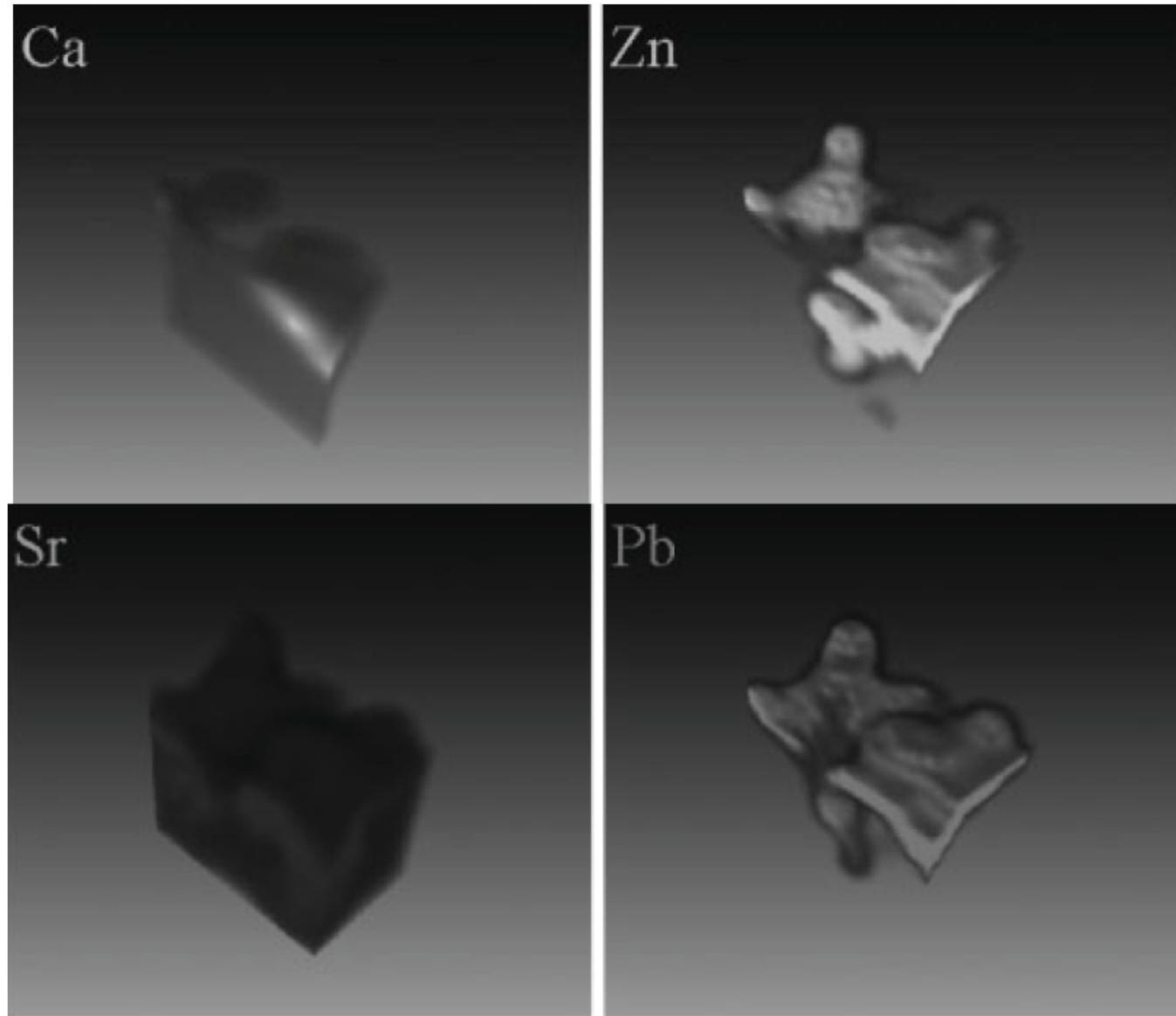
# 3D Micro-XRF in Medicine

Backscattered Electron (BE) image of the analyzed 200  $\mu\text{m}$  thick patella sample

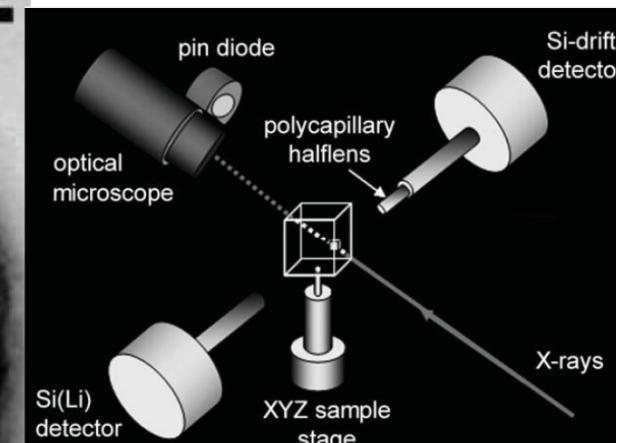
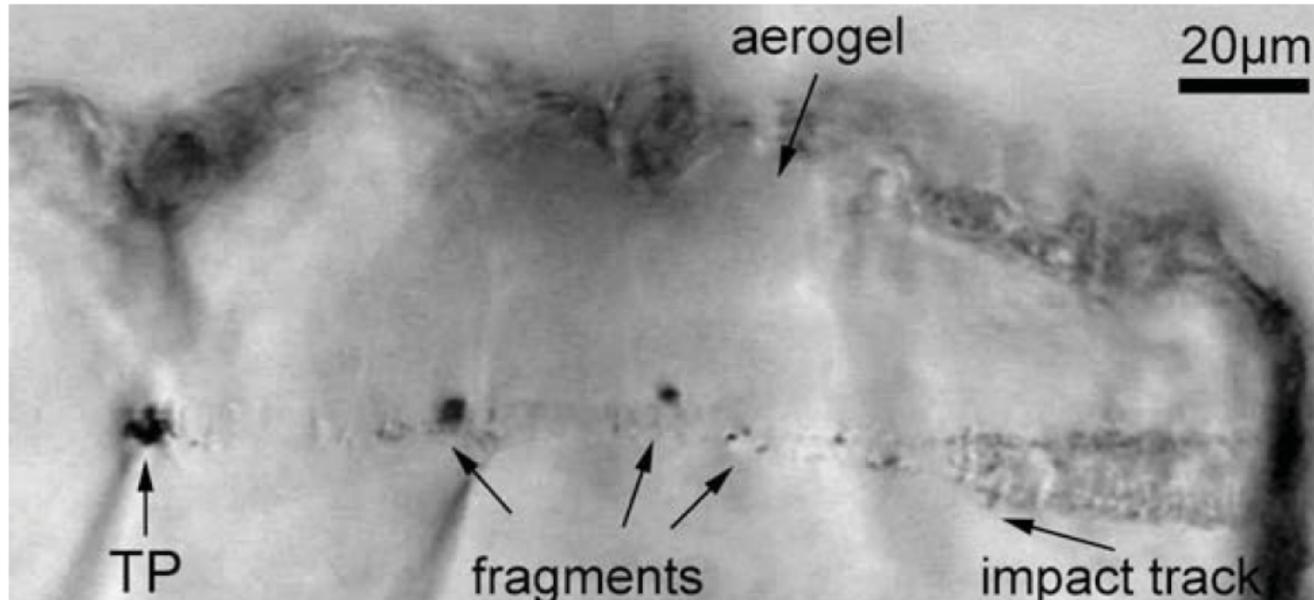


*Zoeger et al.*, Determination of the elemental distribution in human joint bones by SR micro XRF, *X-Ray Spectrom.* 2008; 37: 3–11

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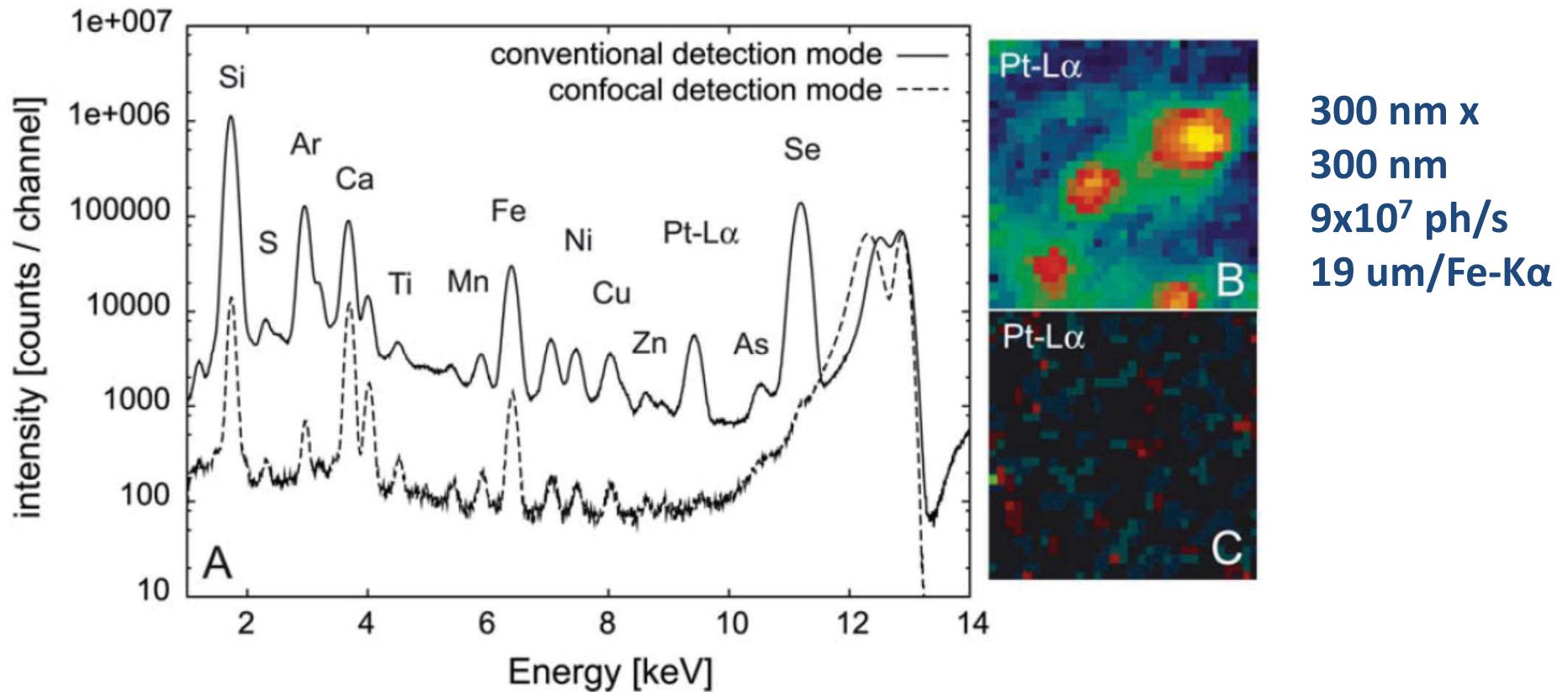


# 3D Micro-XRF in planetary science

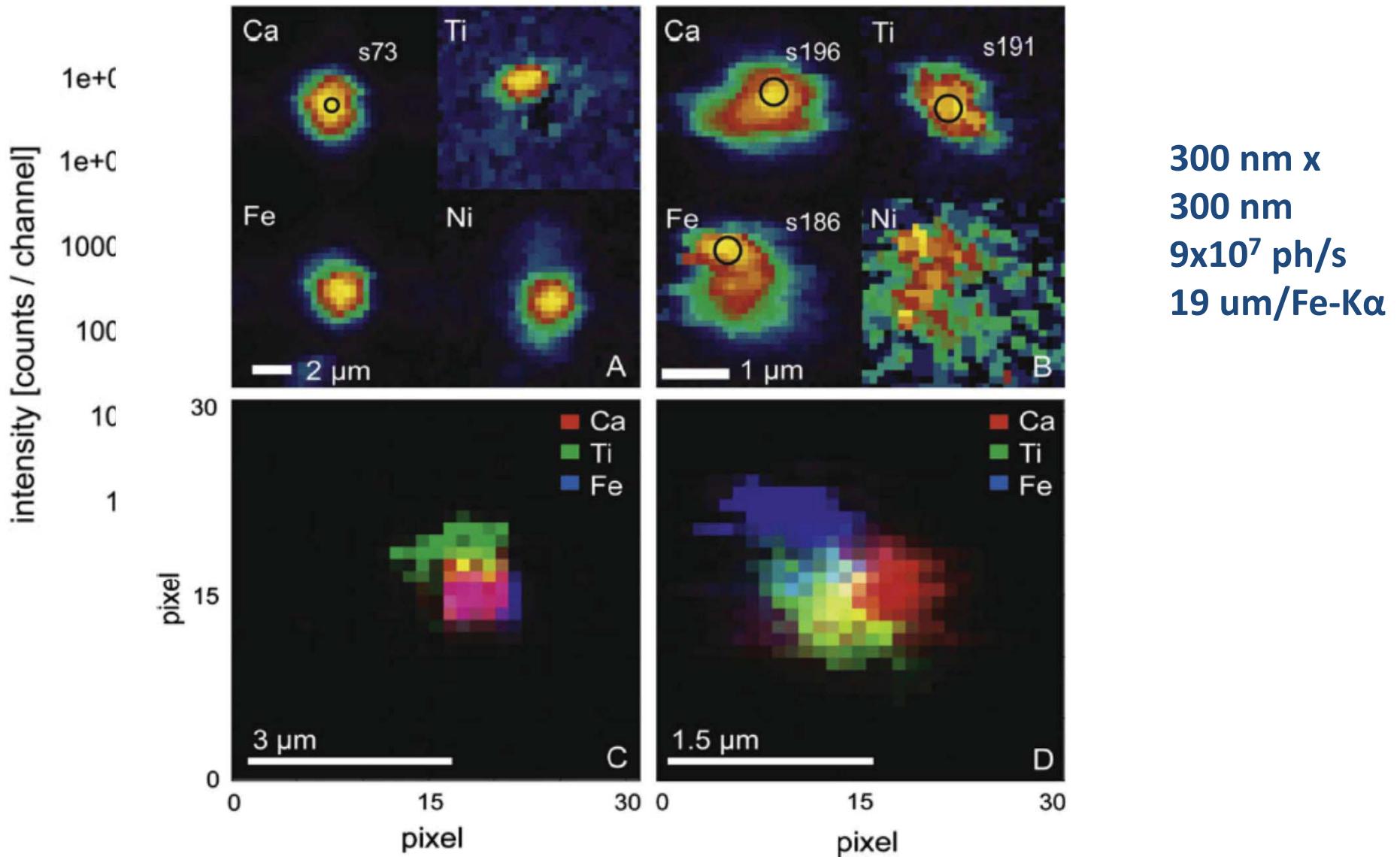


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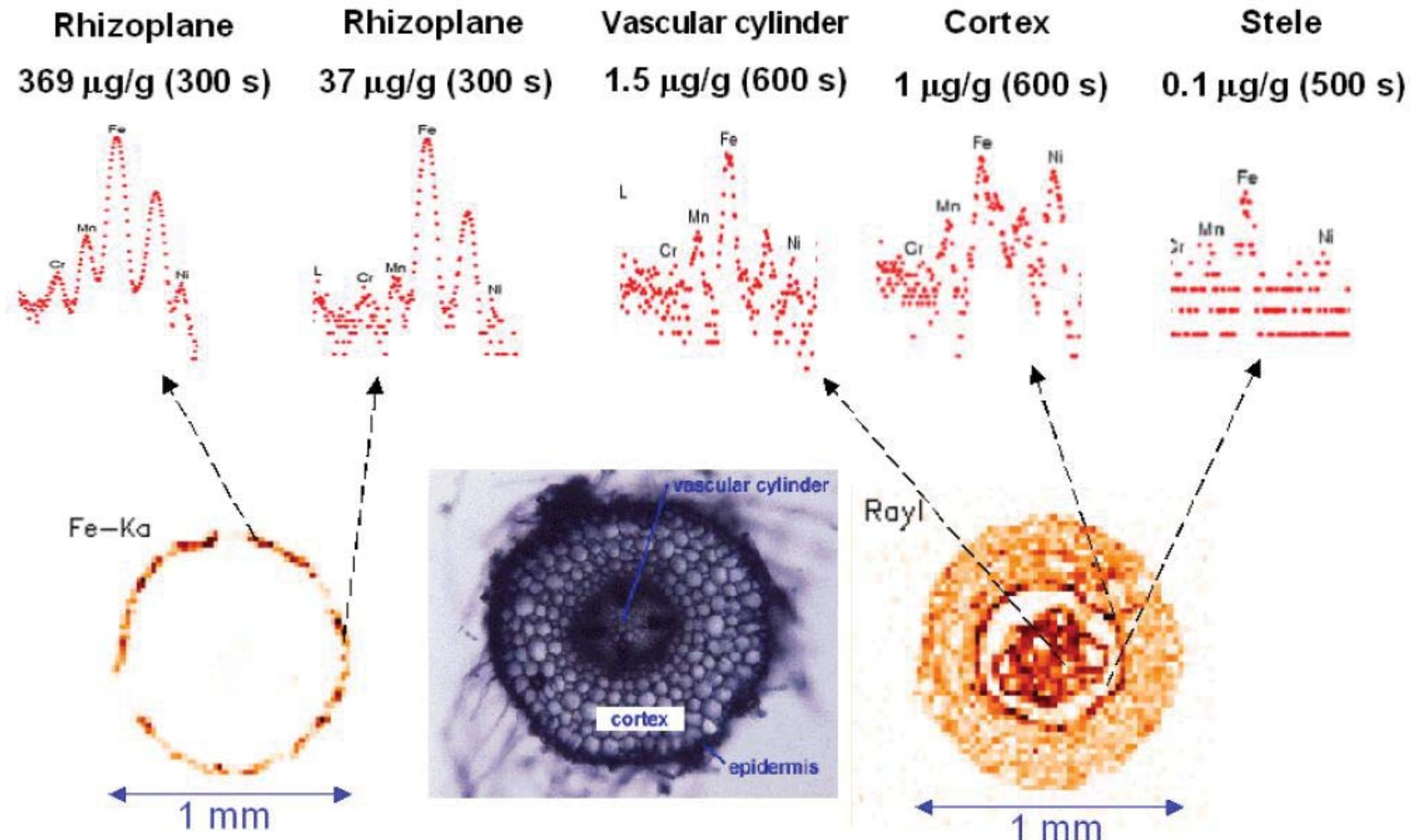
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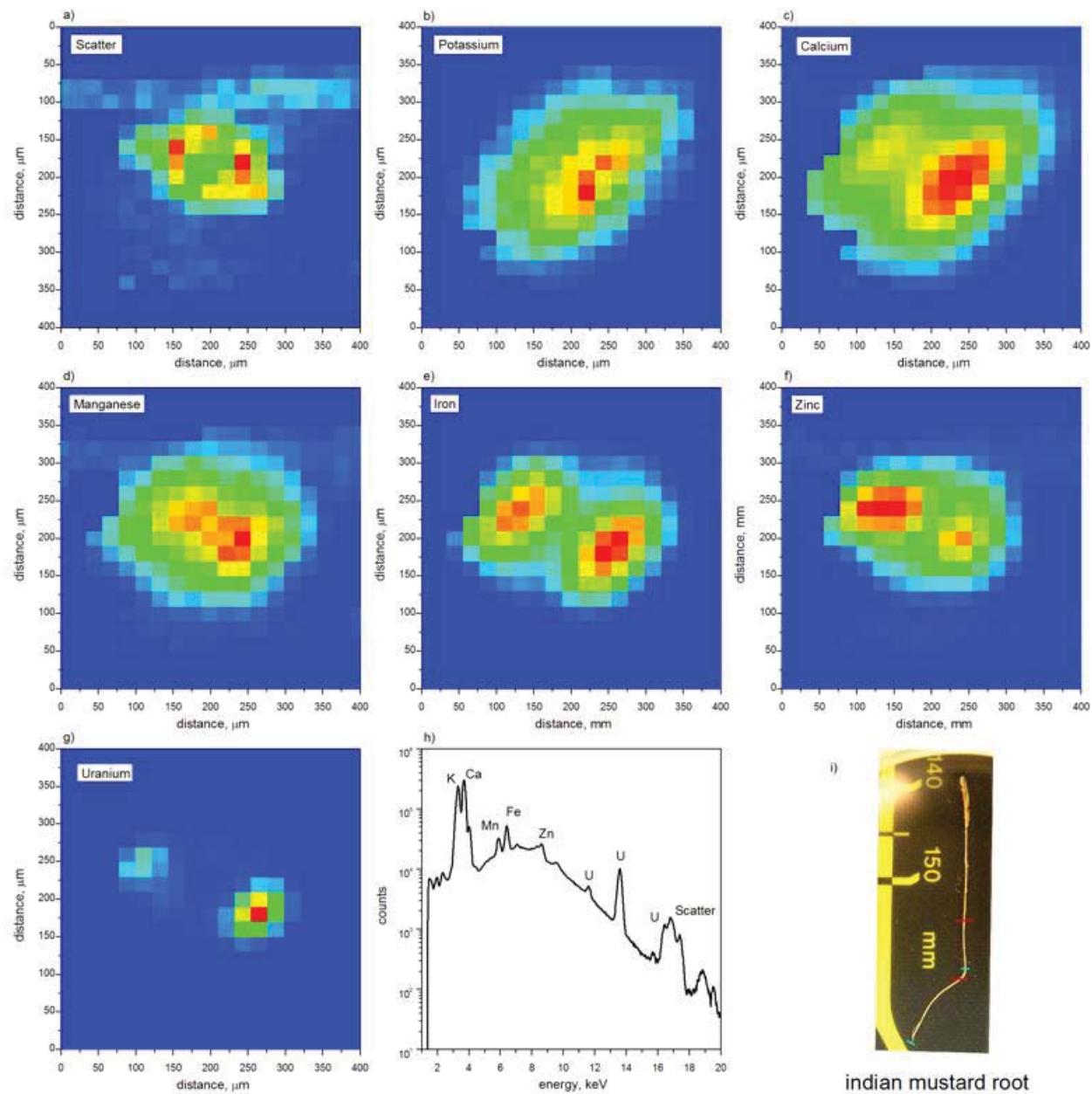


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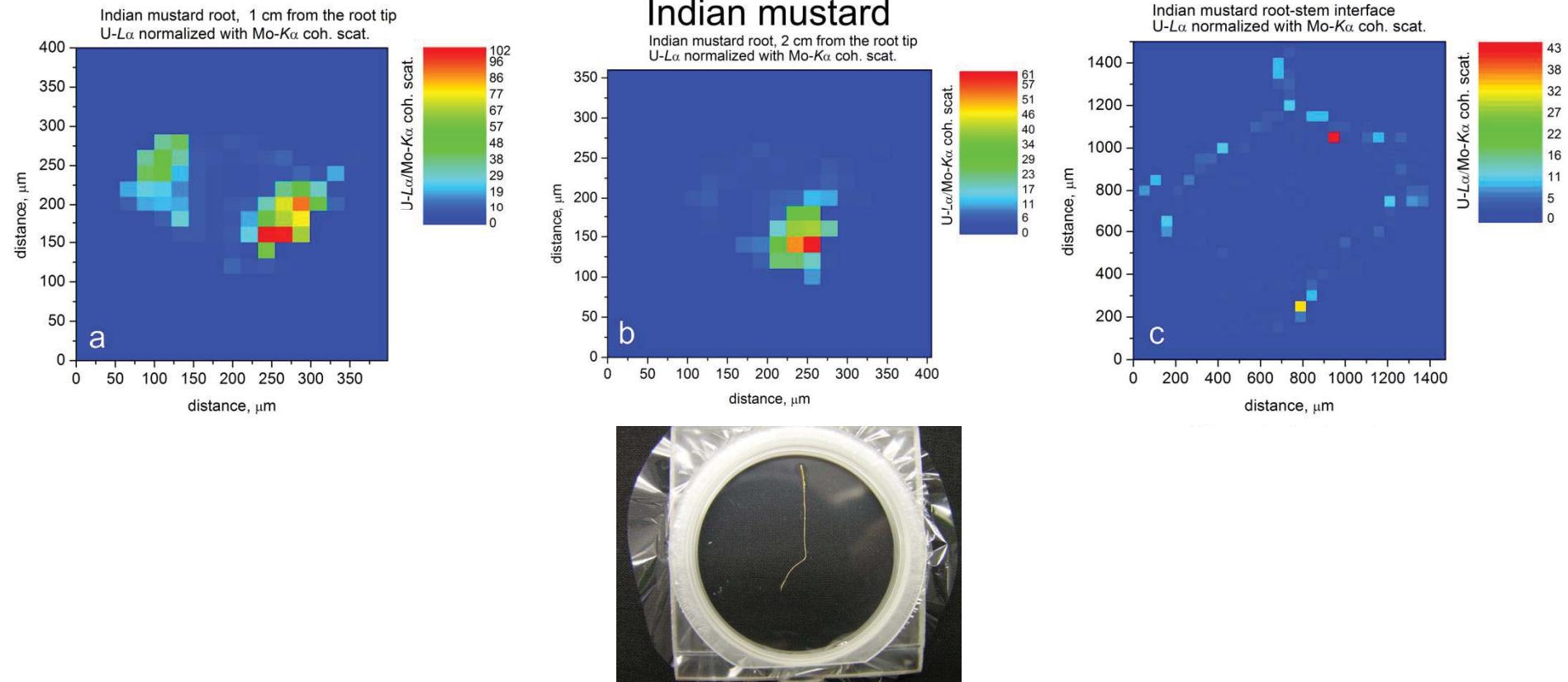


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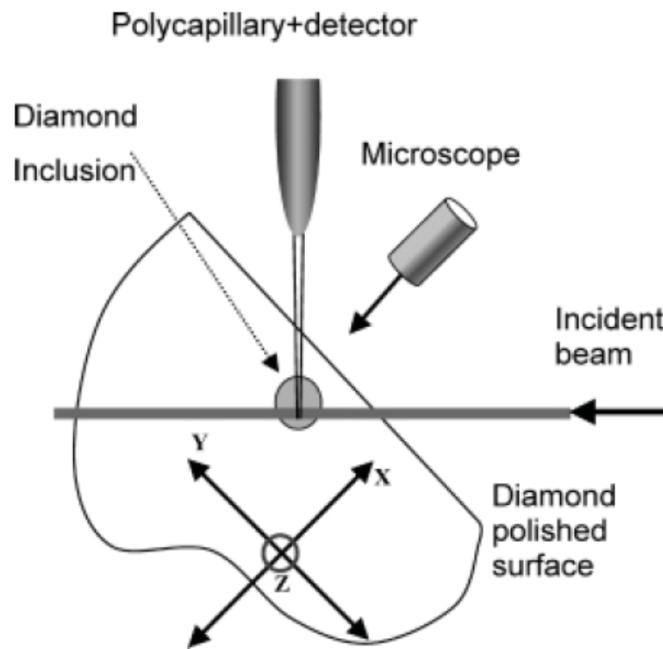


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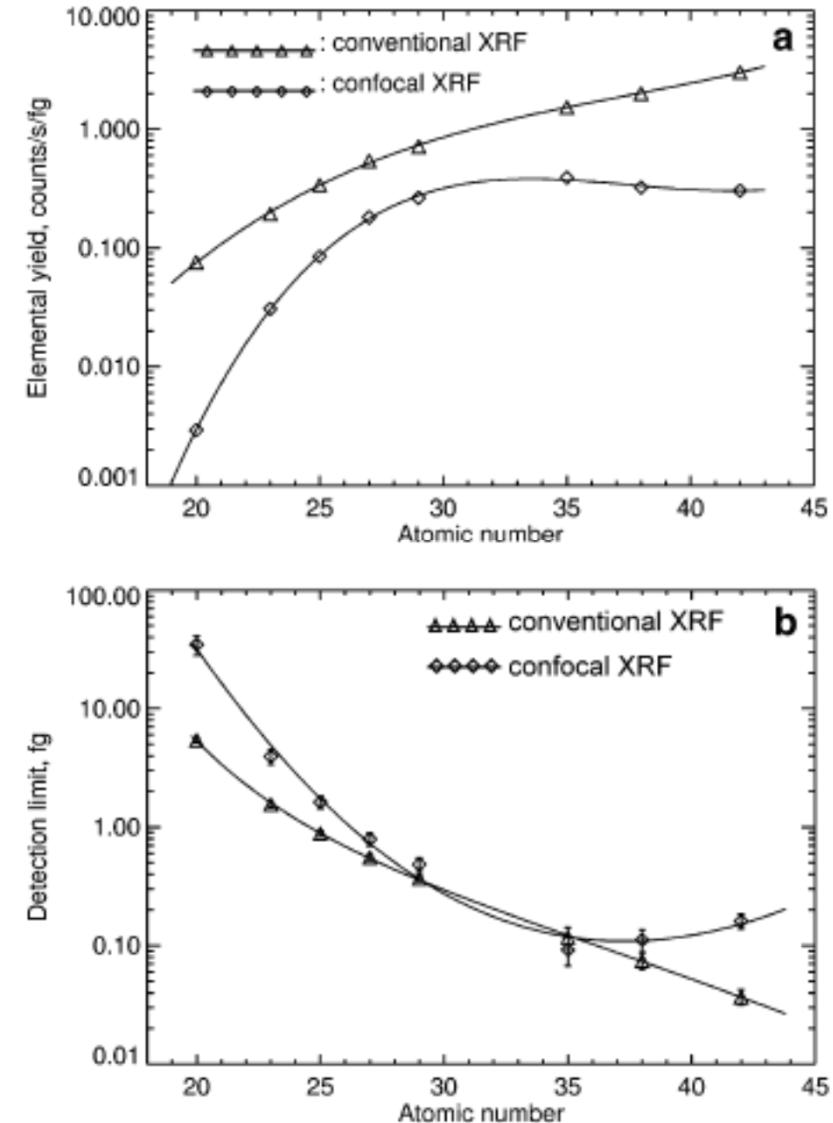
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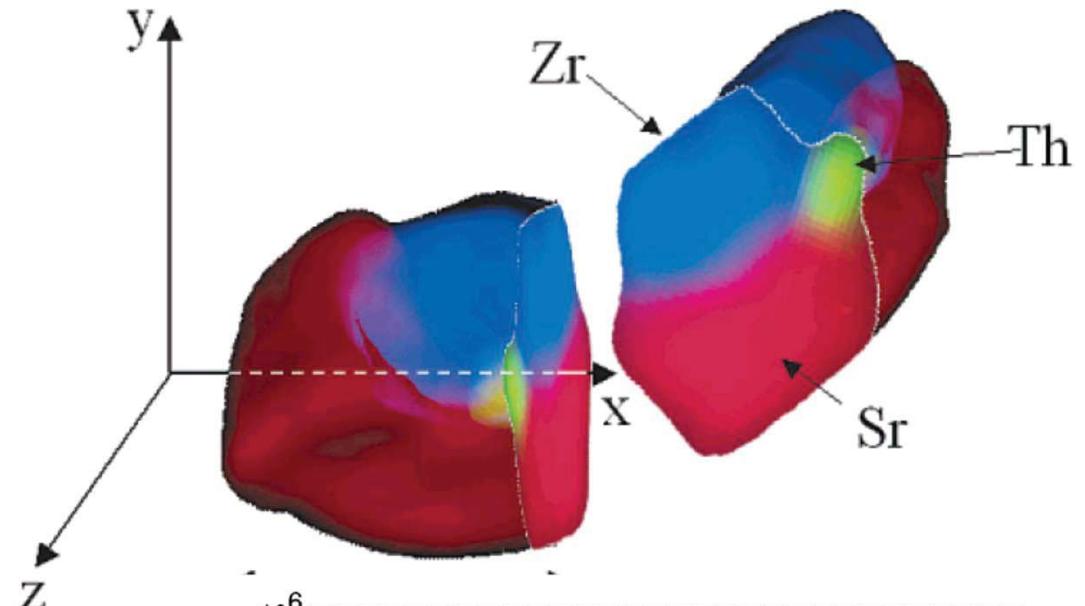
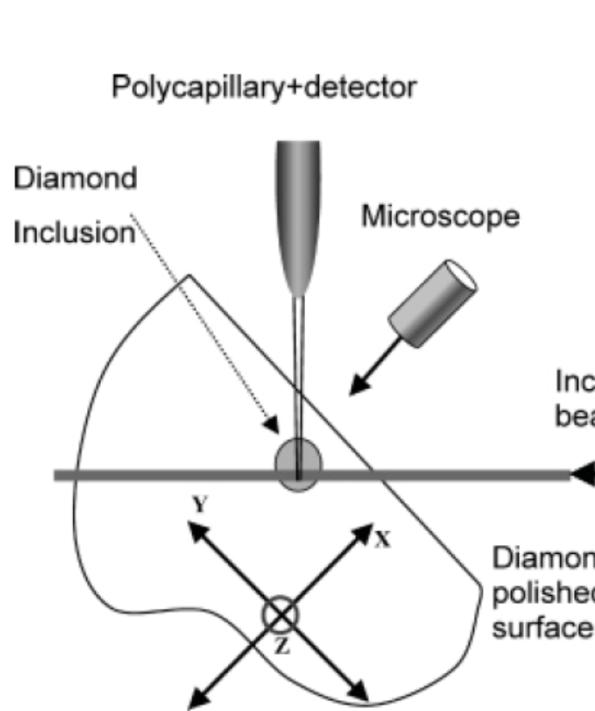


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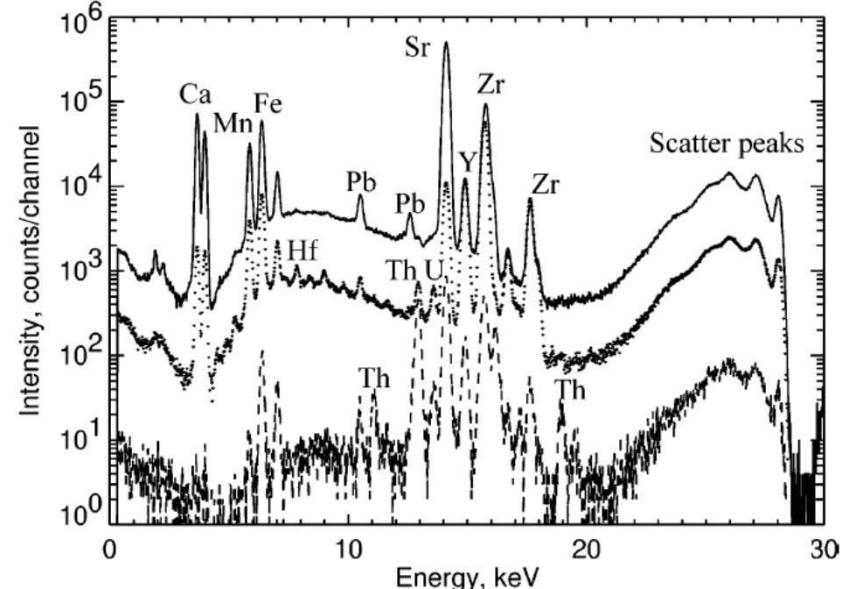


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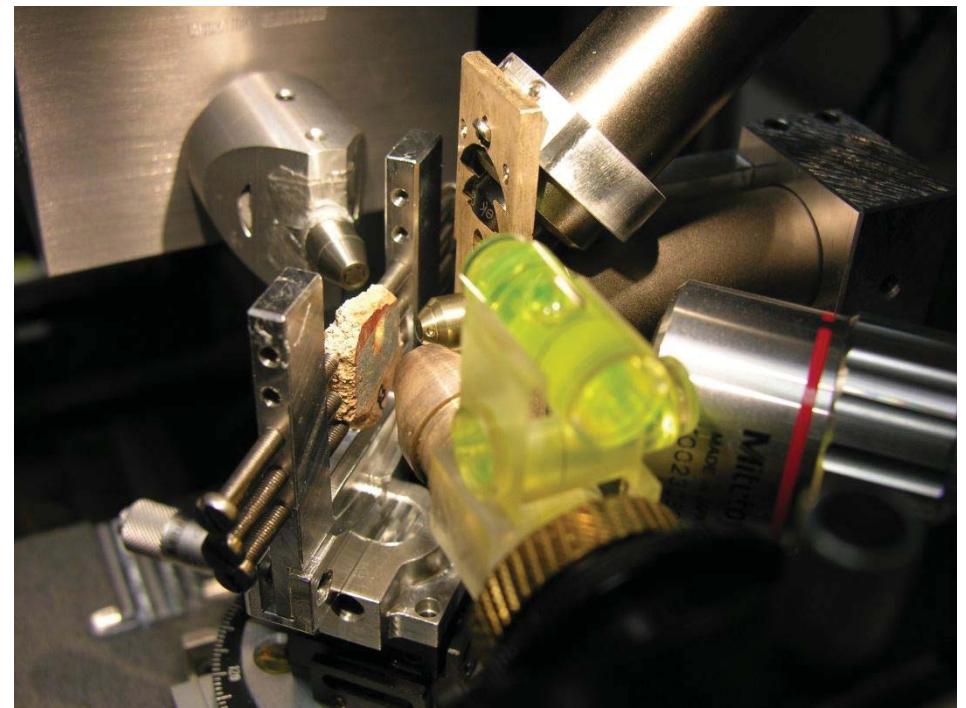
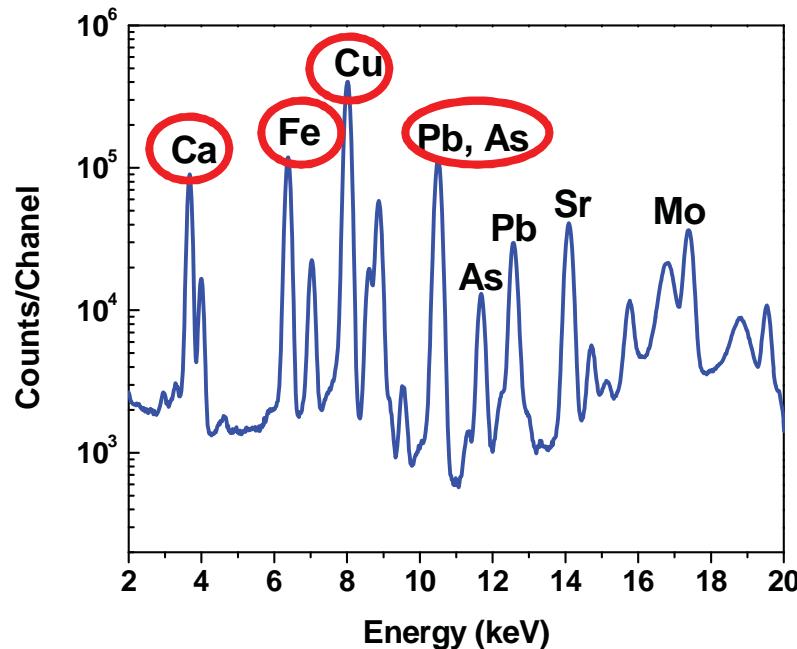
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# 3D analysis of Roman period (2 cent BC) painted plasters @IAEA Laboratories

In support of understanding the elaboration of raw materials and application of painting techniques in antiquity.



Micro-XRF spectrum from the analysis on extended area

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Egyptian Blue (Cu)

Red ochre (Fe)

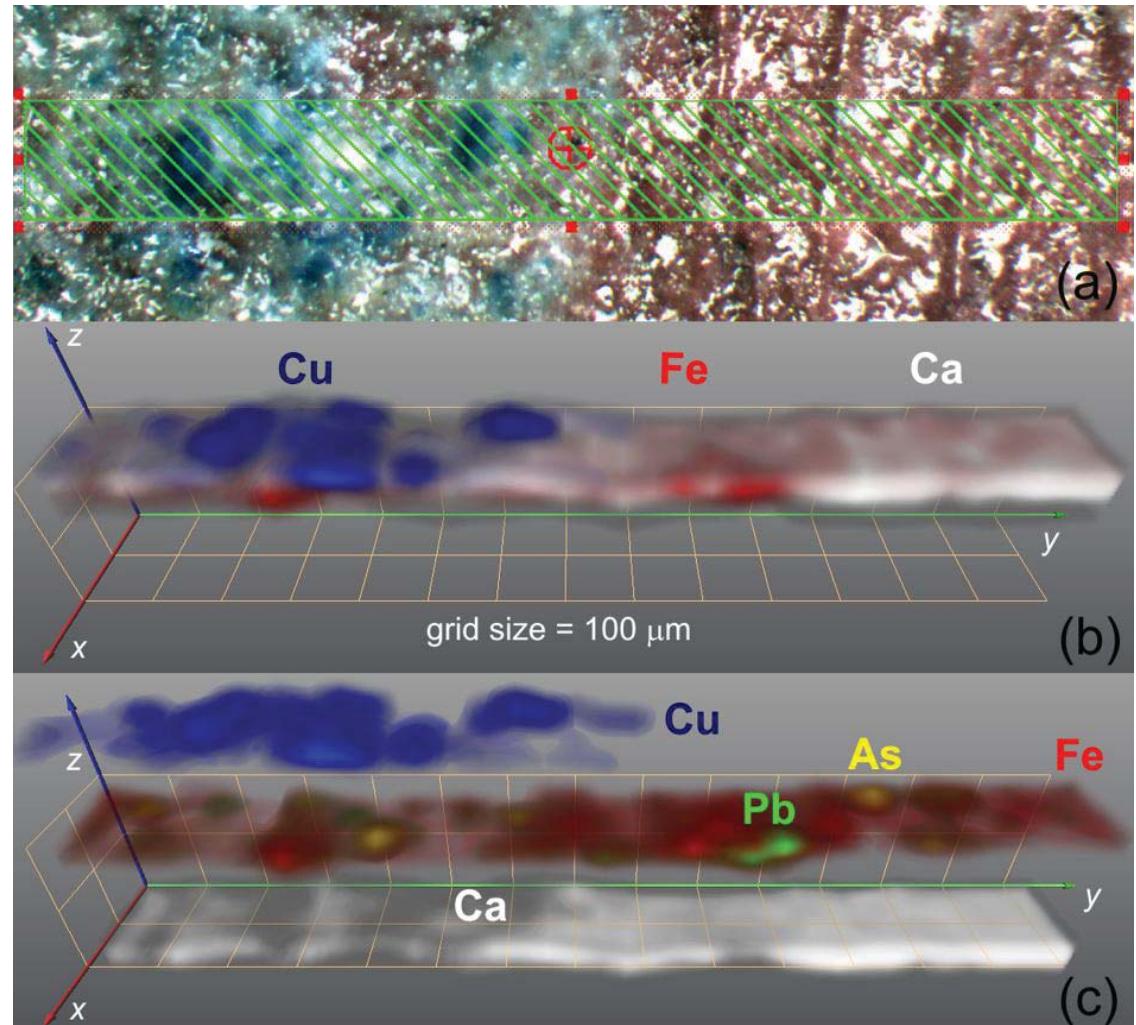
Pb and As are constituents trace-minor elements of the iron based ochre paint layer

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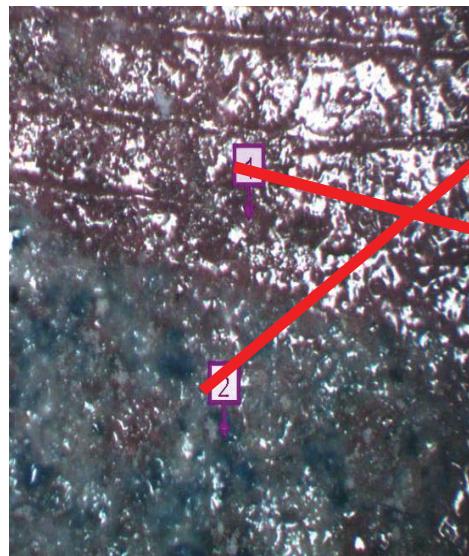
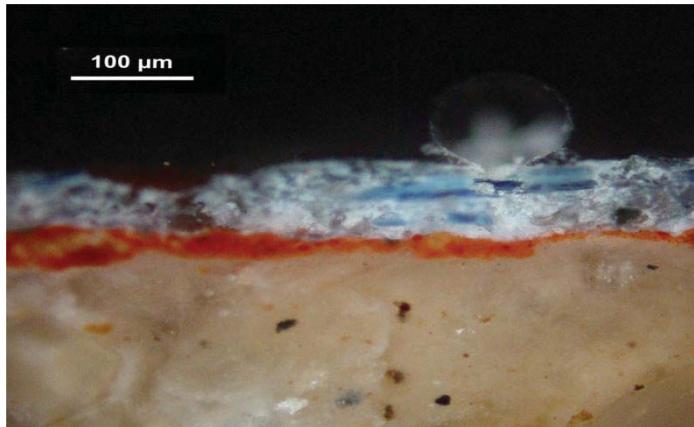
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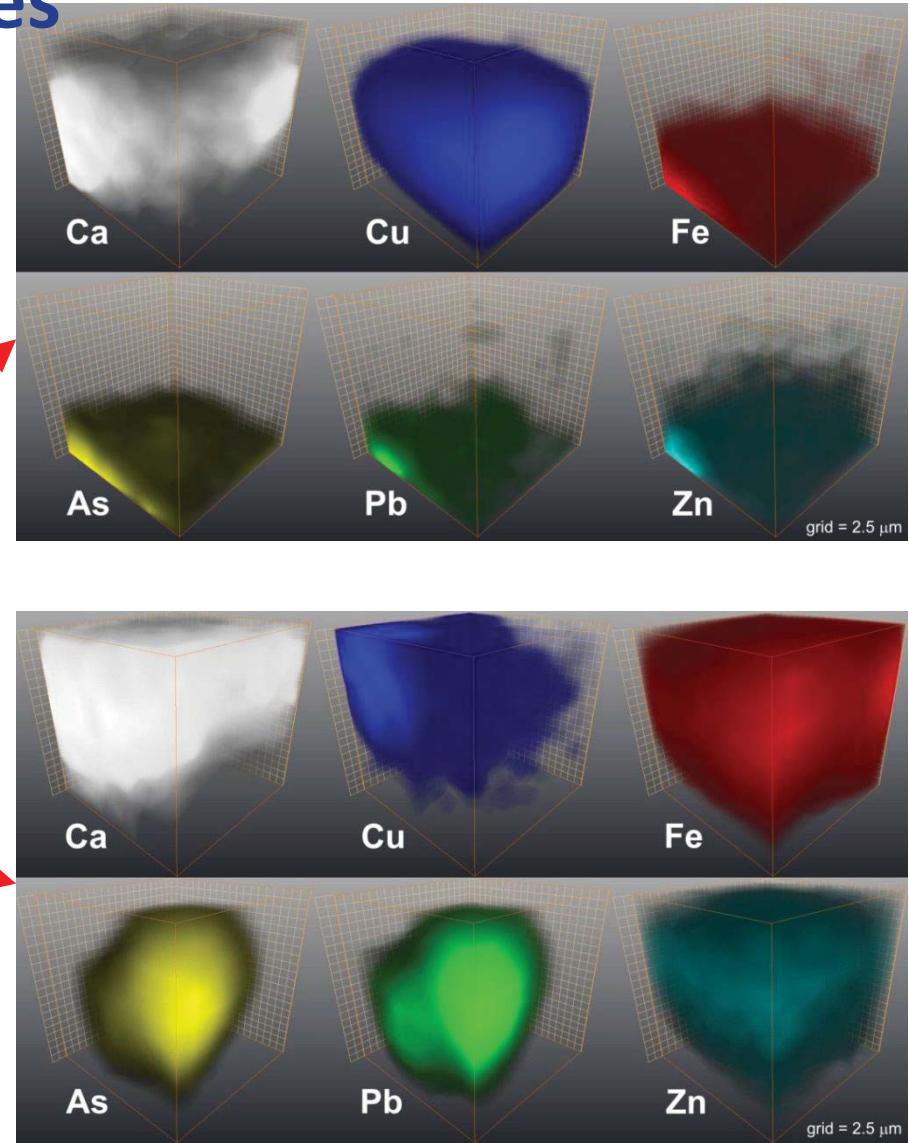
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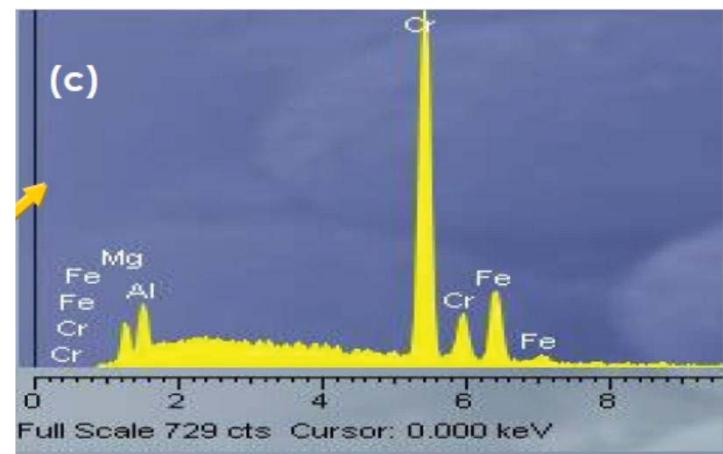
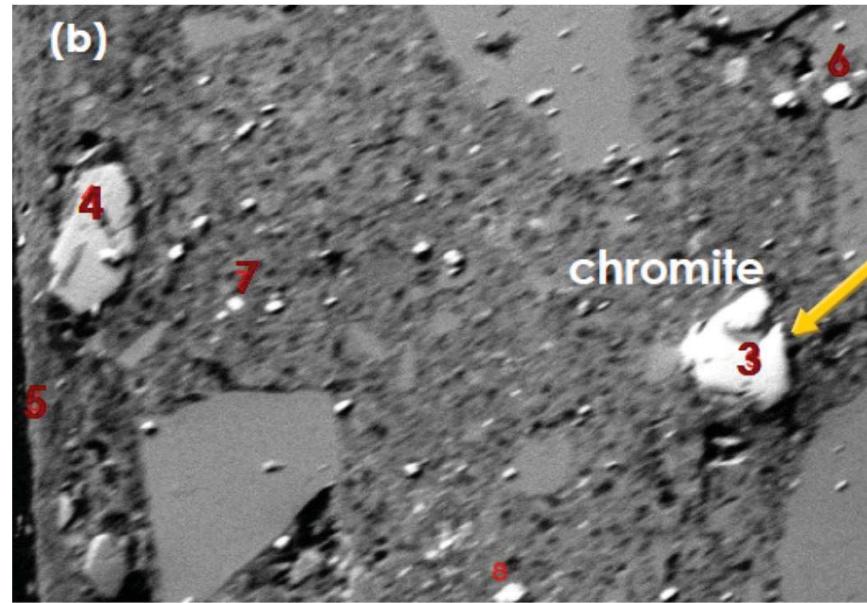
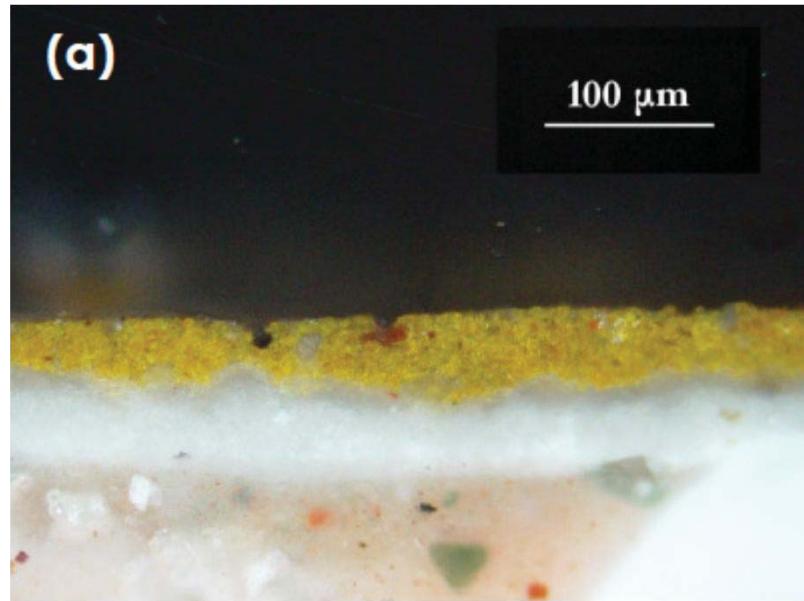
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56 μm/55 μm/55μm  
5.6 μm/5.5 μm/5μm



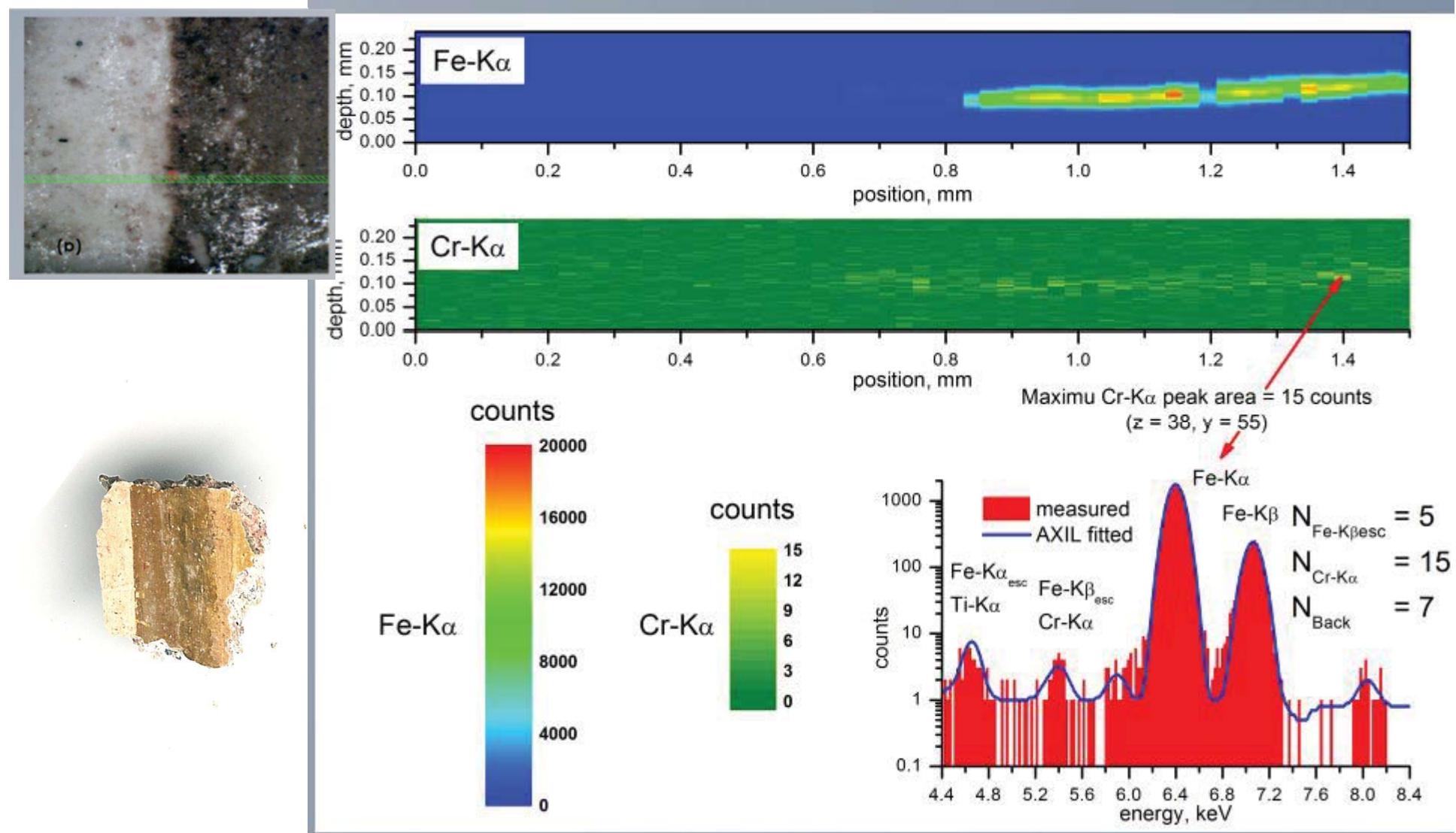
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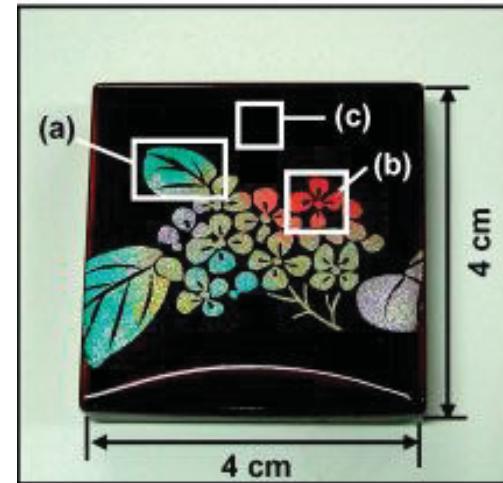
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Samples: courtesy by H. Brecoulaki, KERAS

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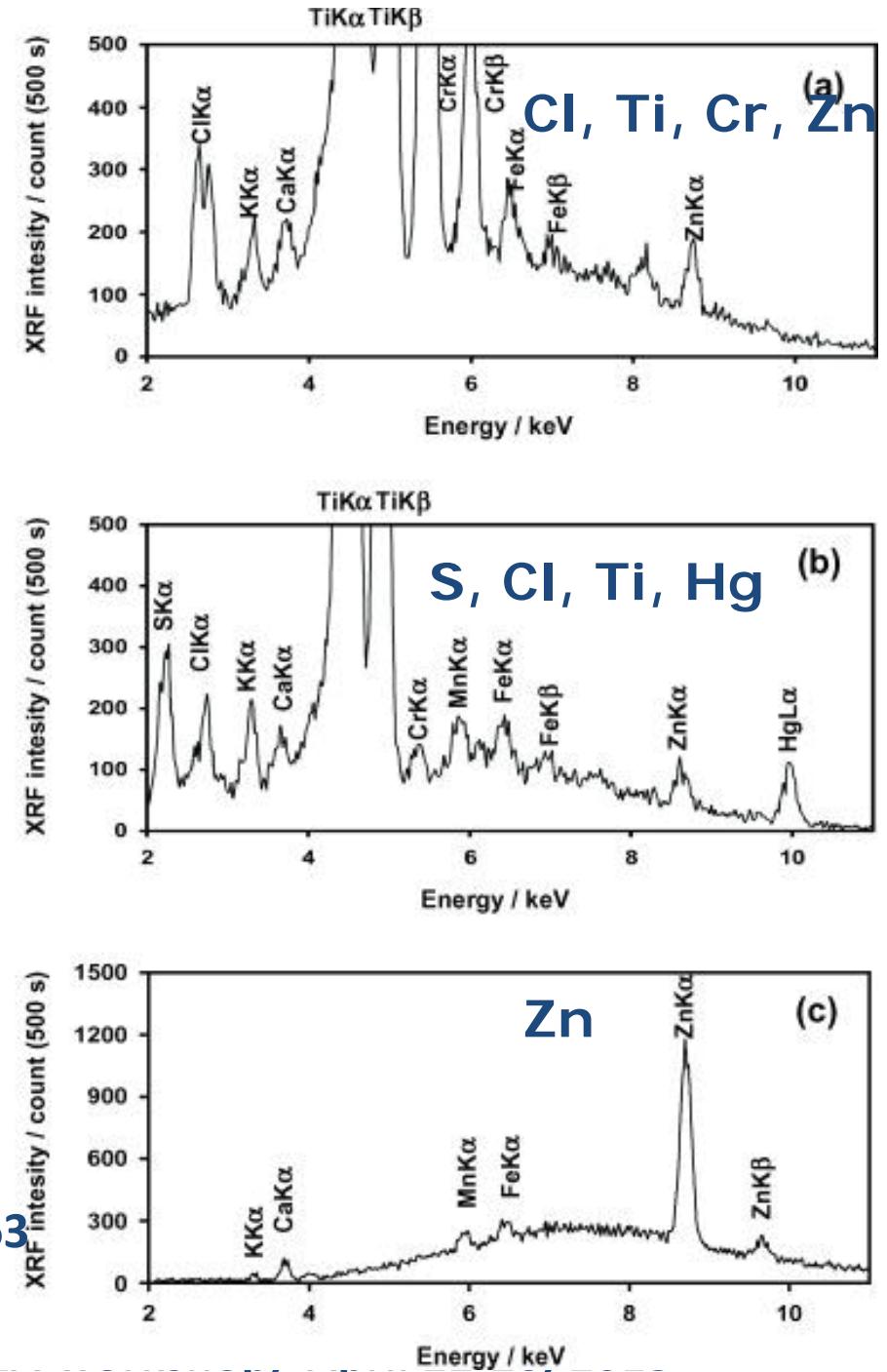


# Elemental depth profiling of Japanese lacquerware ‘Tamamushi-nuri’



Titan white ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ) as a white pigment.  
Cr K lines indicate the presence of green pigment, i.e. chromium oxide ( $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ ) or viridian ( $\text{Cr}_2\text{O(OH)}_4$ ).  
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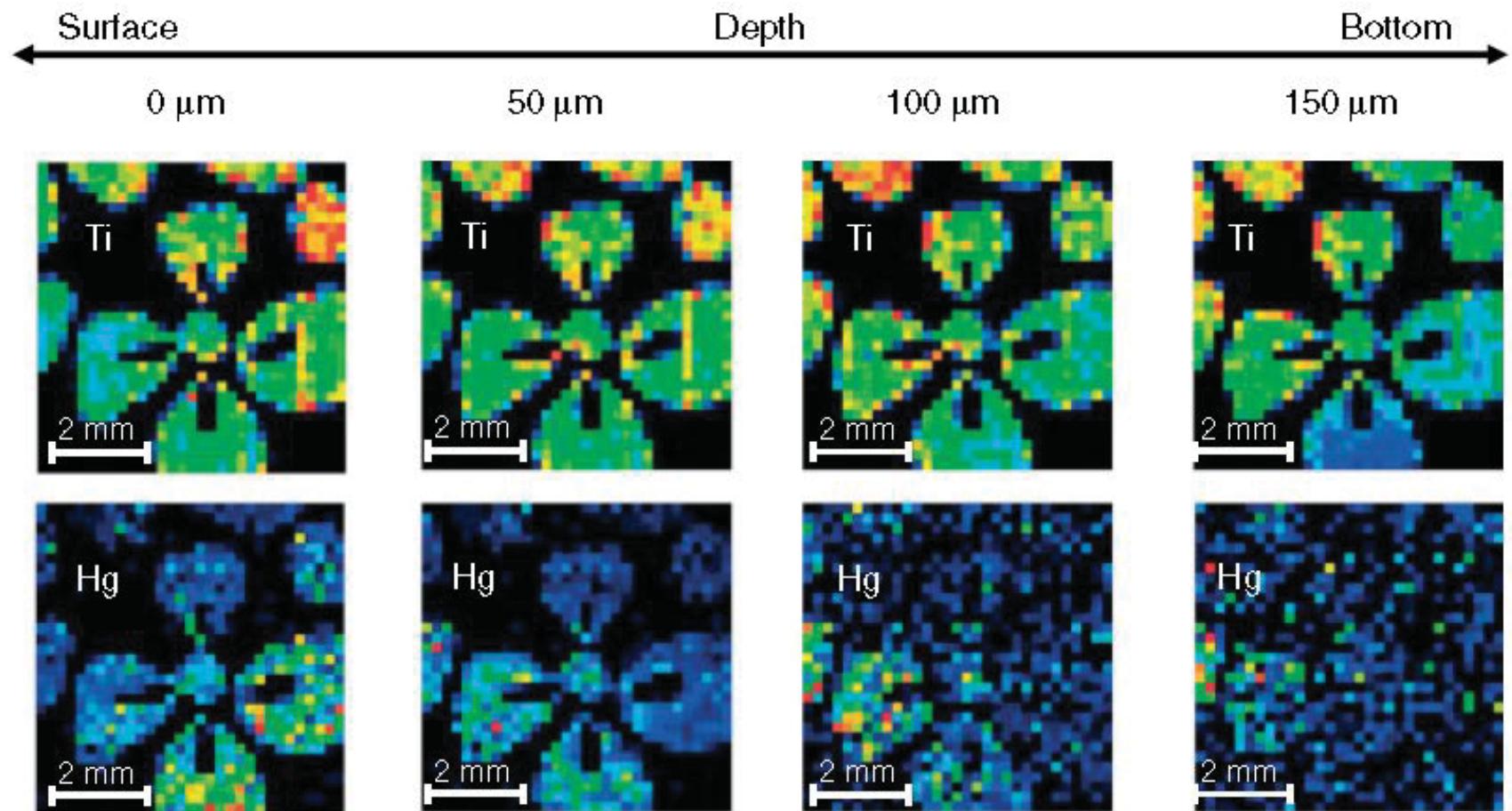
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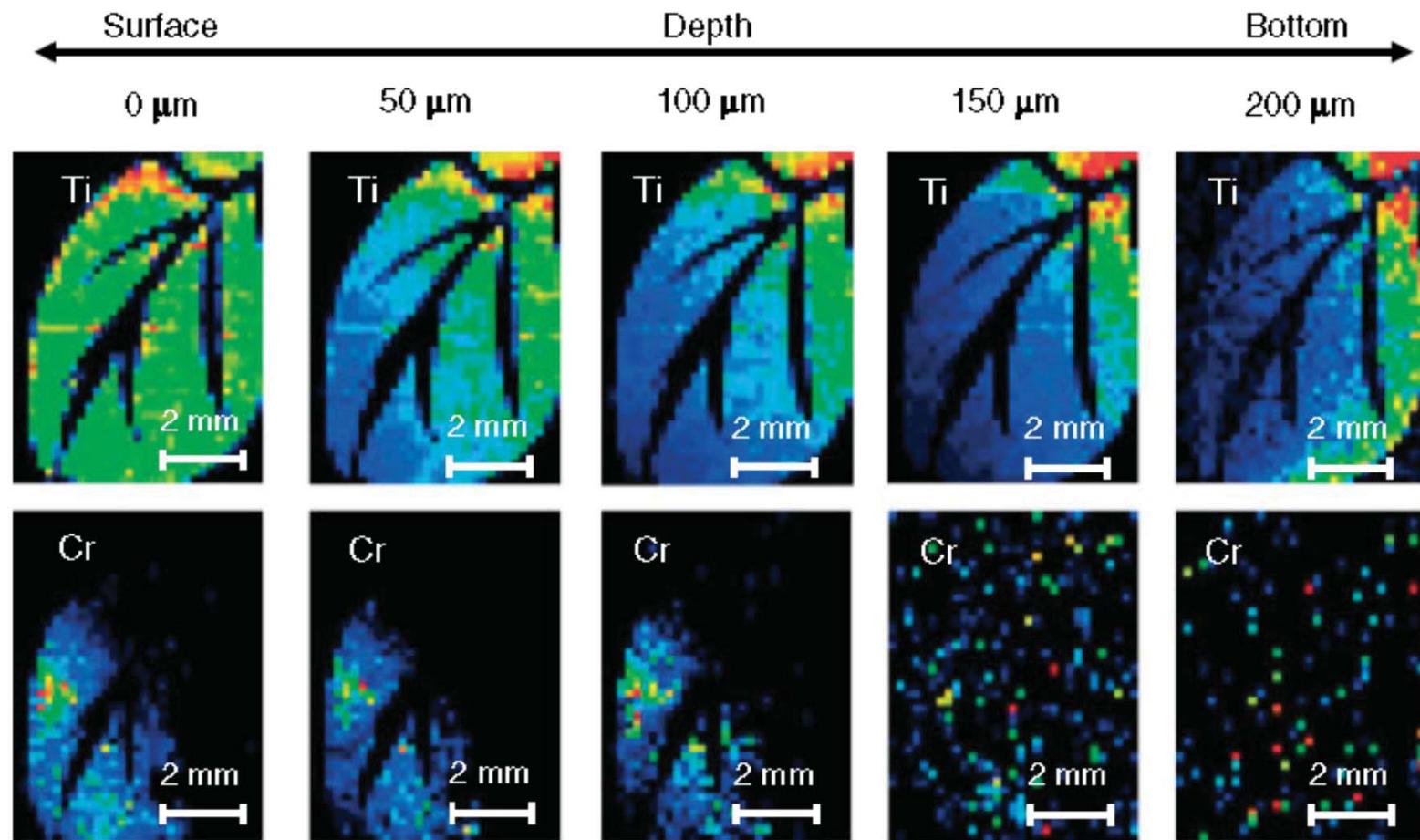
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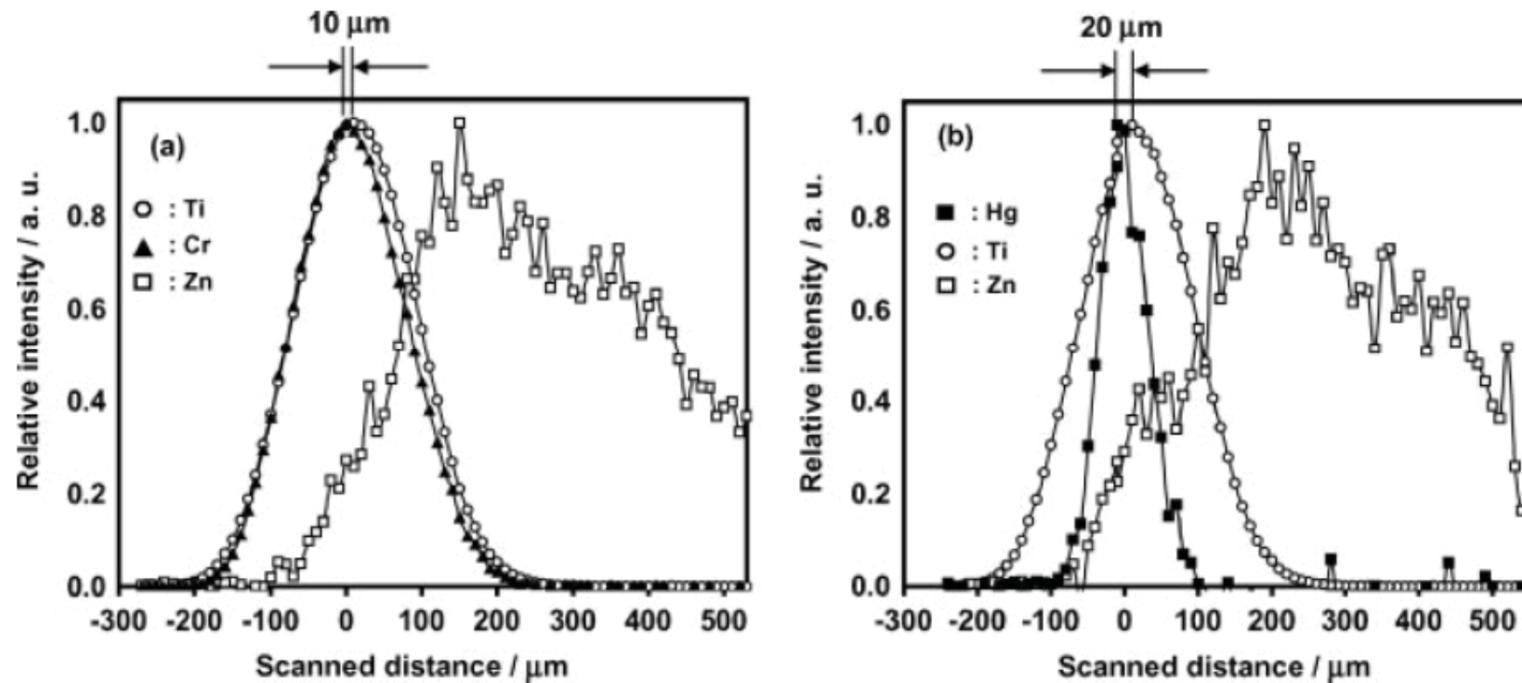
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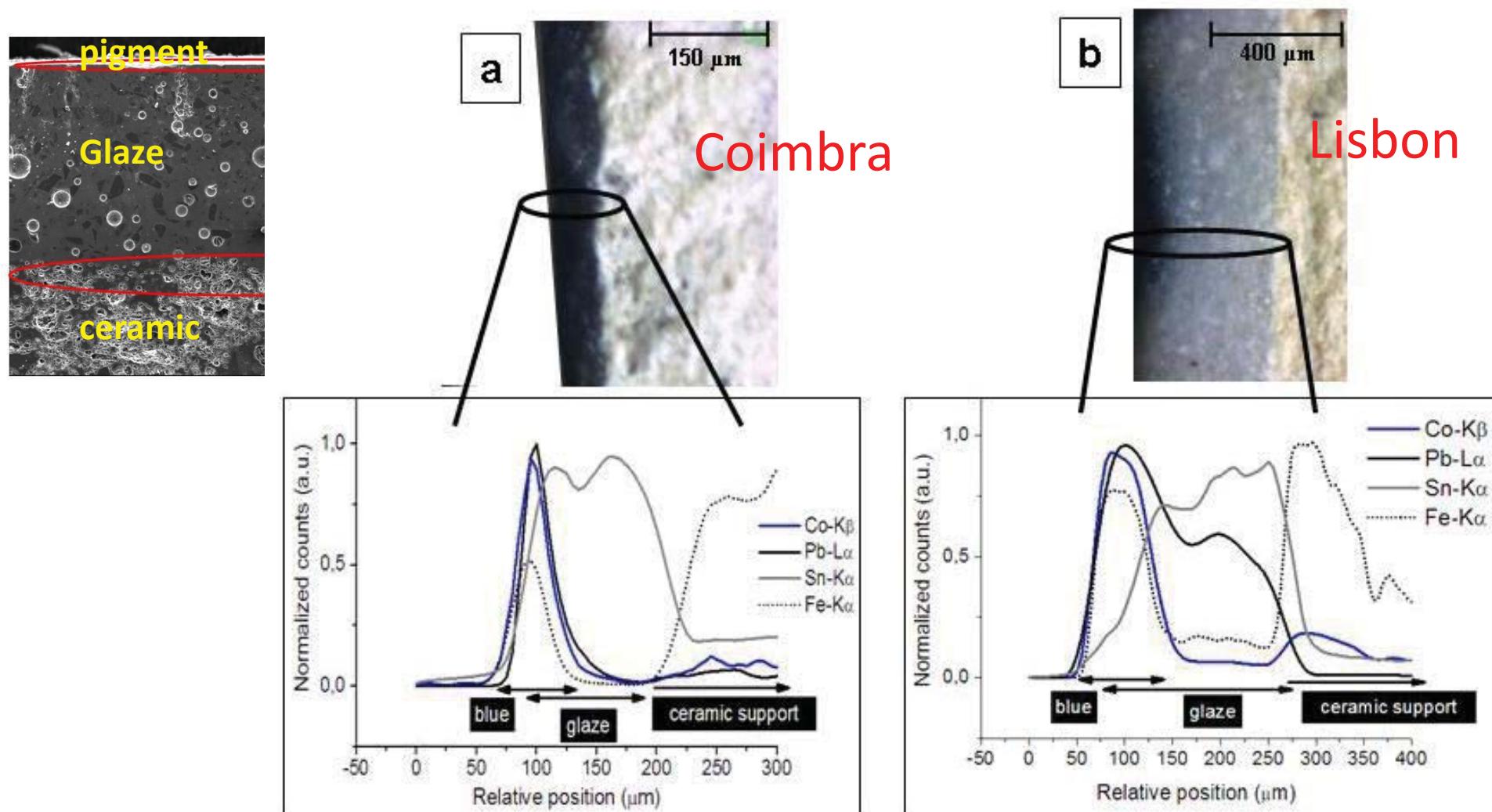
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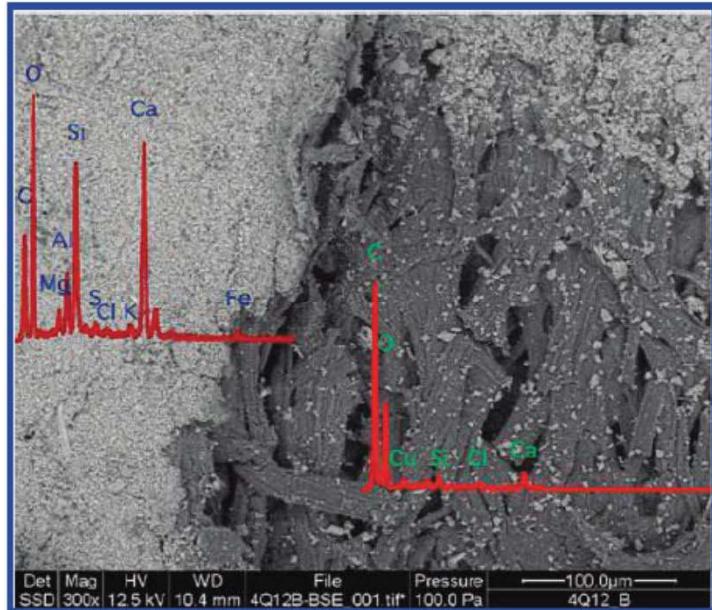
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# Portuguese polychrome glazed ceramics

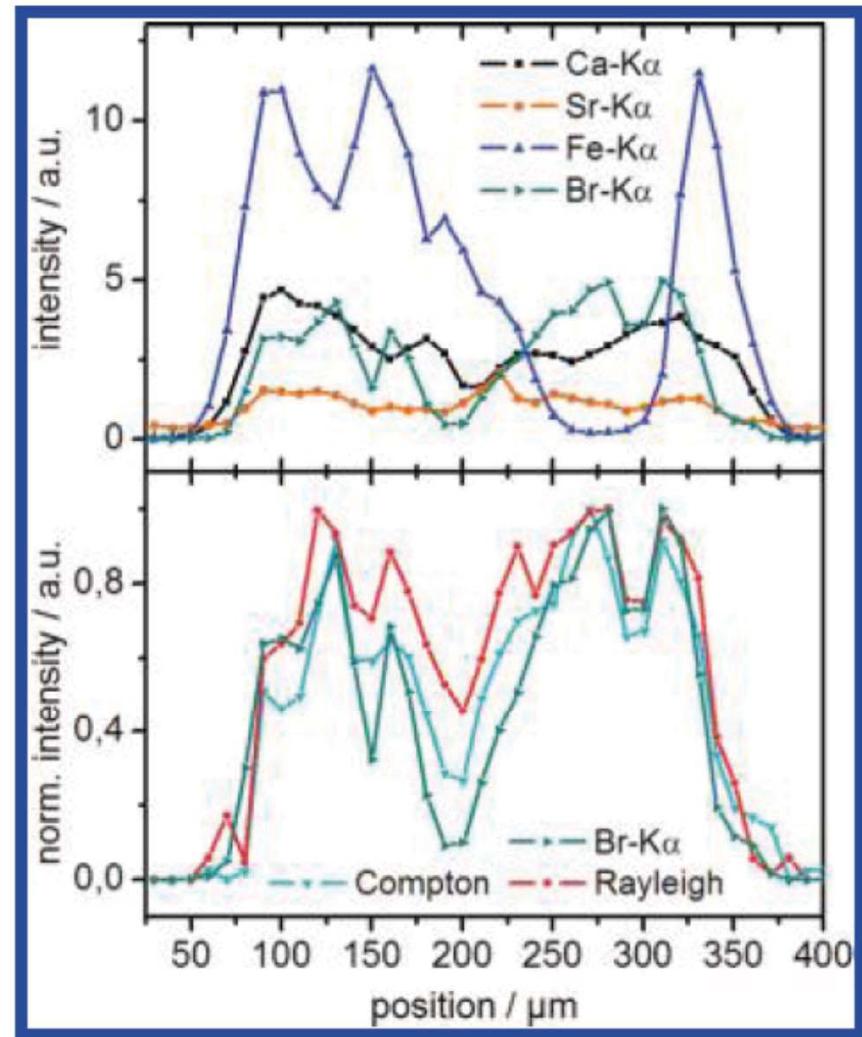


Guilherme et al., SAB 2011

# Combined 3D Micro-XRF/2D Micro XRF on the Dead Sea Scrolls



Mantouvalou et al Anal. Chem. 2011,  
83, 6308–6315



# Synopsis/Complementarily

Elements (Alumino-silicate matrix)	Techniques	Probing Depth	Concentration
Na - Cl	3D Micro -PIXE	<10-20 µm	Major
K-Zn	3D Micro -PIXE 3D Micro -XRF	<100 µm	Major/Minor Major/Minor
Ga – Ag, Au-U Ga - U	3D Micro –PIXE 3D Micro -XRF	<100 µm 100-300 µm	Major Major/Minor/Trace

# Synopsis

➤ The intensity profiles deduced from confocal depth scans incorporate composite analytical information such as the position and height of its centroid, the fwhm or actually the exact shape of the intensity distribution.

3D analysis may offer various analytical possibilities:

- ✓ To resolve the features of a multilayered structure (elemental composition, thickness, layers)
- ✓ To estimate concentration gradients
- ✓ Elemental composition of few tens um scale particles embedded mostly in a light matrix

# Synopsis/Complementarily

Special features of 3D Micro-PIXE:

- ✓ One lens
- ✓ Easier alignment – Better overall set-up depth resolution
- ✓ The beam scanning mode provides fast and precise measurements
- ✓ The superior spatial resolution of the exciting beam offers element specific analysis of individual particles at the micrometer scale

# Thank you for your attention!!

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