

Confocal Microscopy for 3D elemental imaging and Analysis

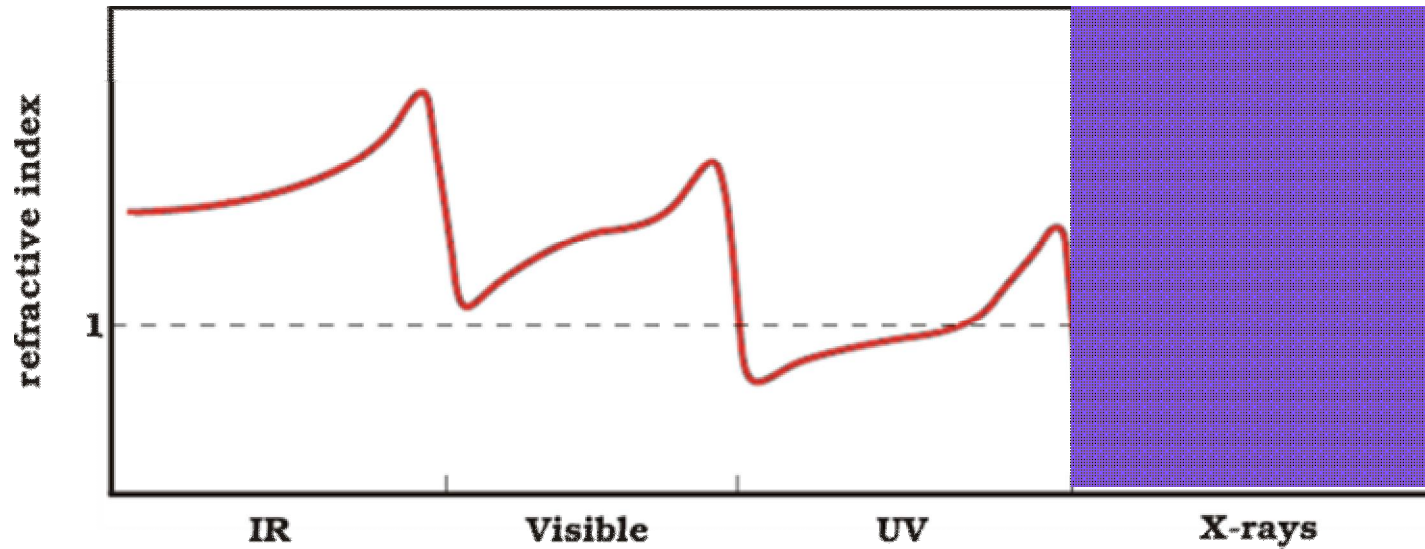
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X-rays Optics

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



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

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

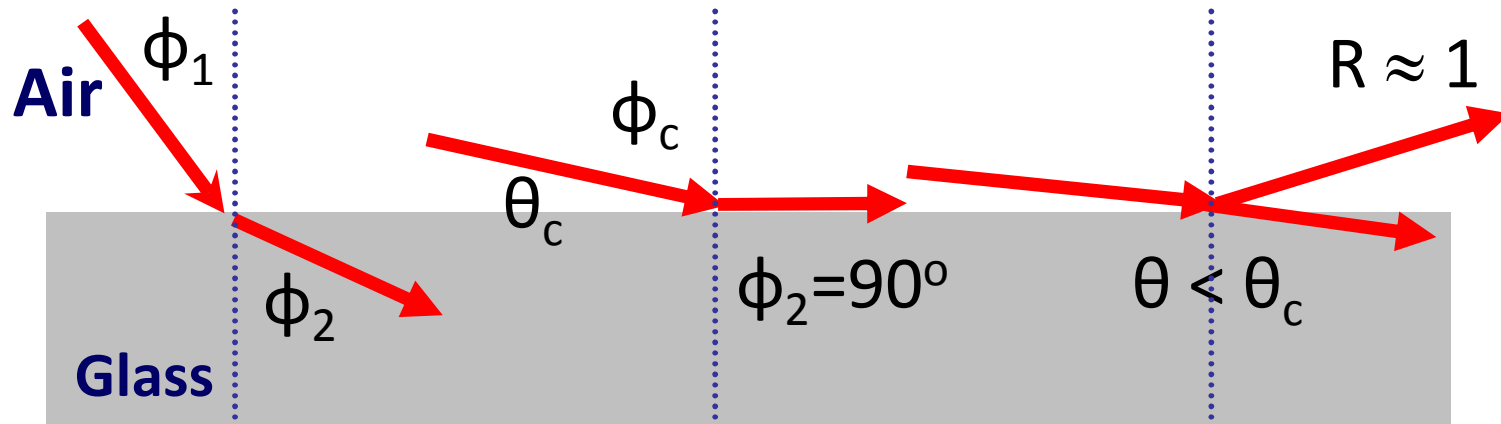
$$\beta = \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \tau$$

phase term

attenuation term



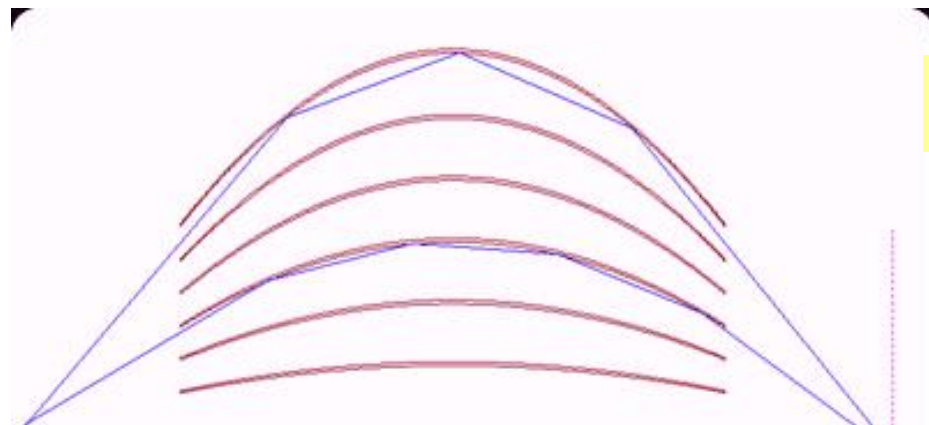
X-Ray optics: External total reflection



Snell Law:

$$\sin \varphi_2 = \frac{\sin \varphi_1}{n} \Rightarrow \varphi_2 > \varphi_1$$

$$\theta_c = \sqrt{2\delta} = \frac{28.8}{E} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{Z_\rho \cdot \rho}{A}}$$

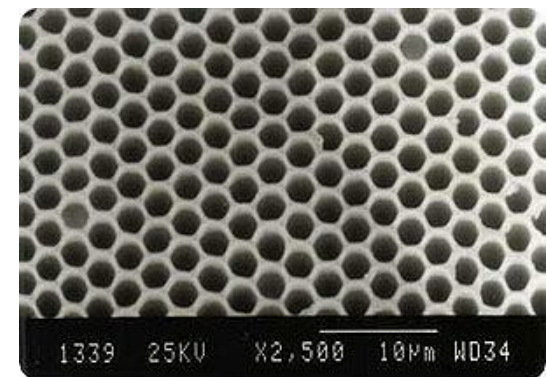
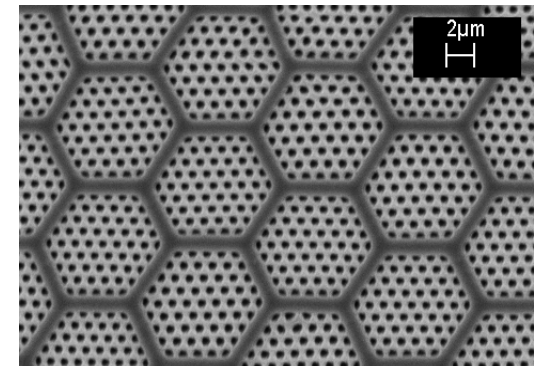
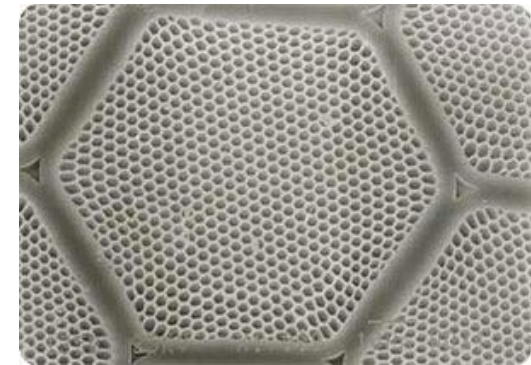


θ_c in the mrad range

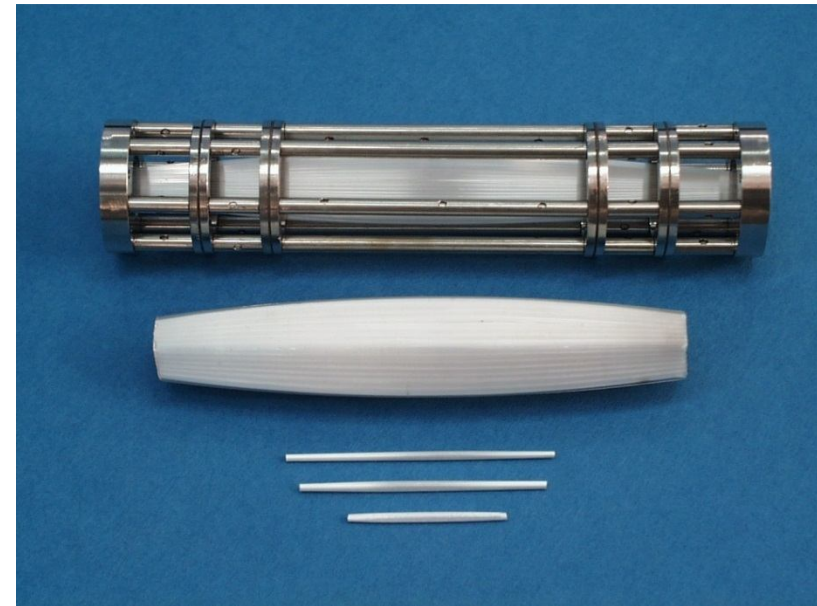
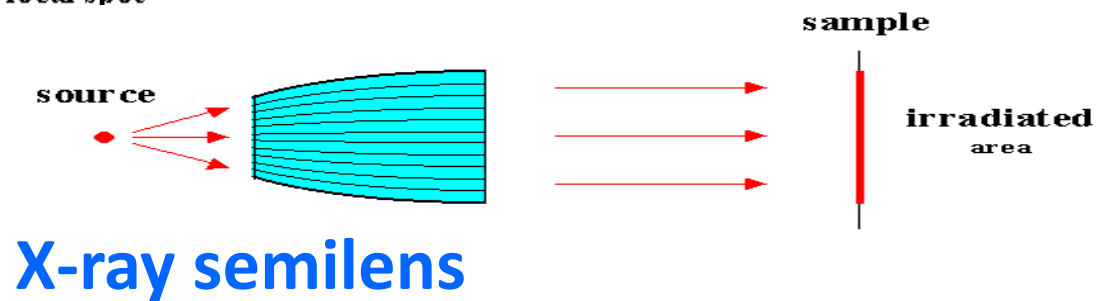
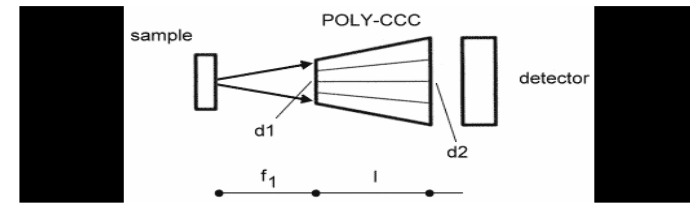
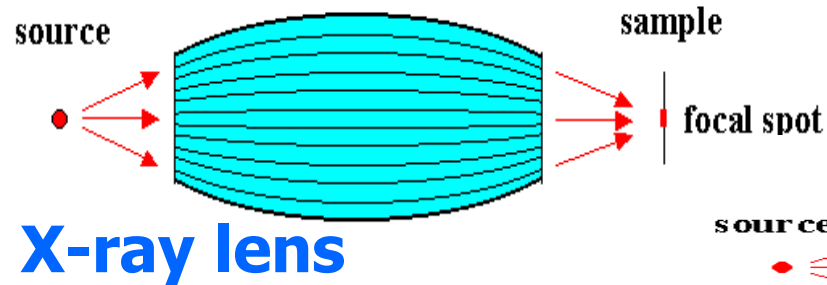
Polycapillary X-ray lenses

Bundles of thousands glass mono-capillaries:

- **Directing**
- **Focusing**
- **Parallelizing**



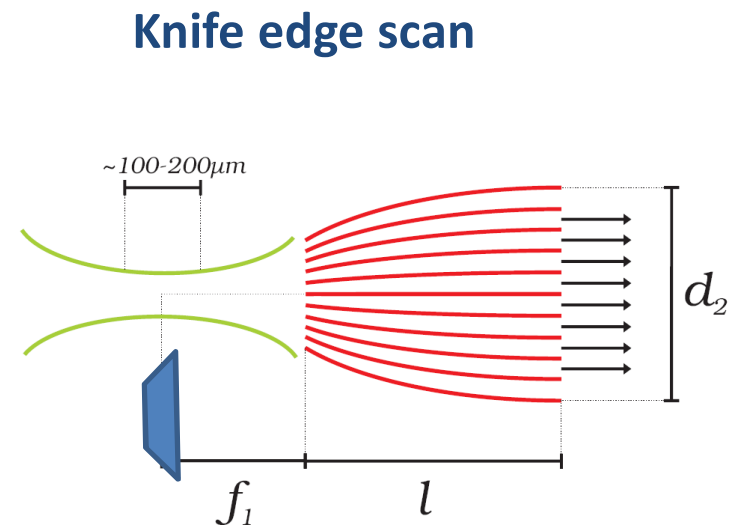
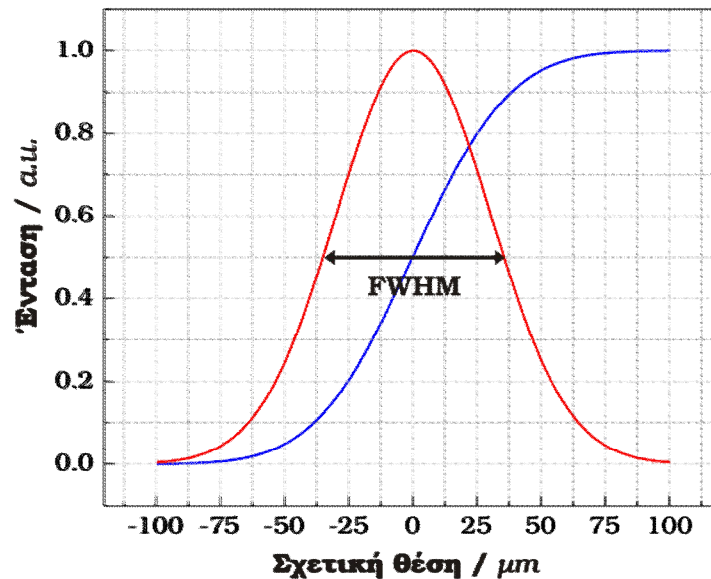
Characteristics of X-Ray lenses



Characteristics of polycapillary X-ray lenses

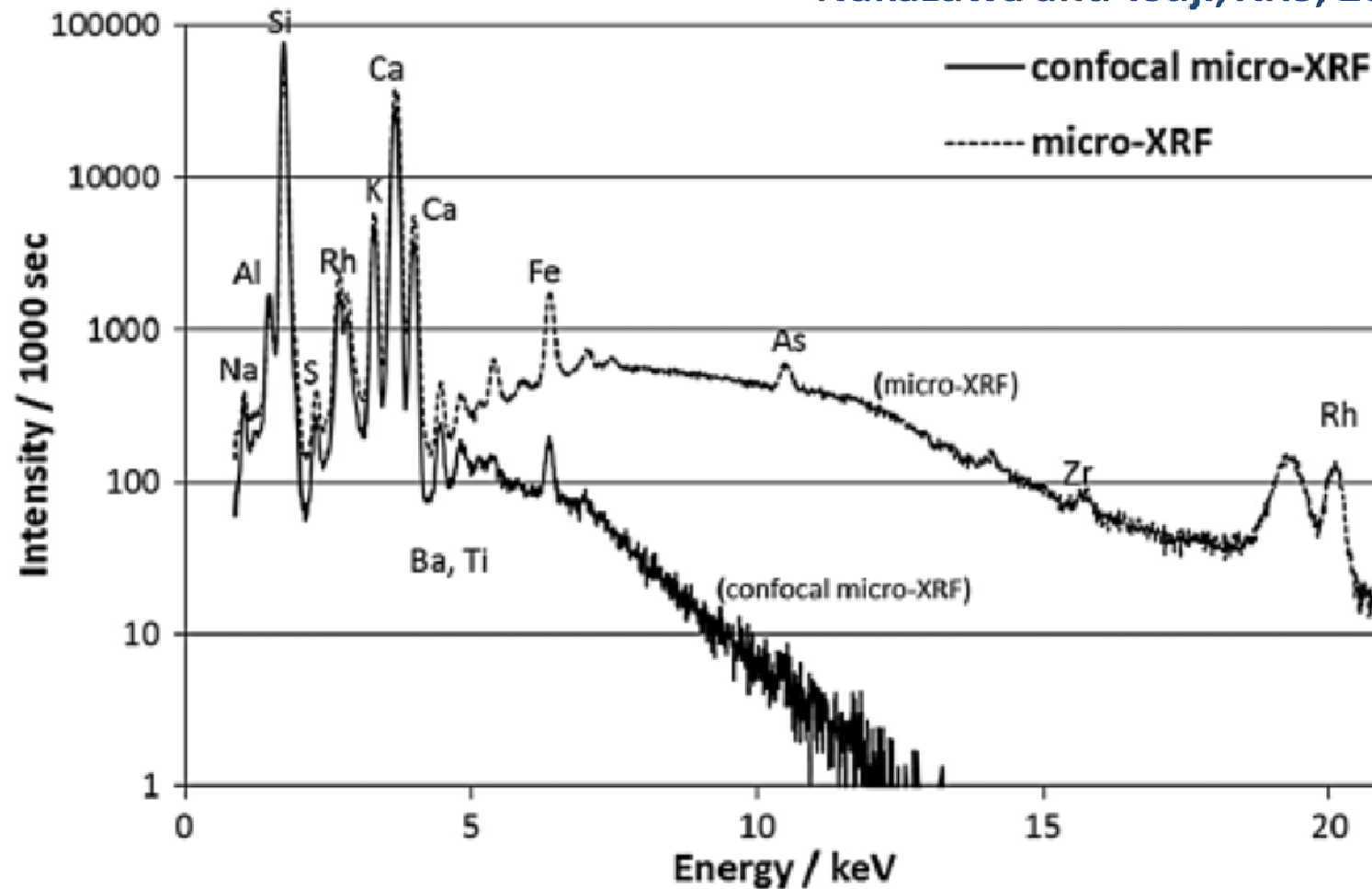
Important lens parameters:

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



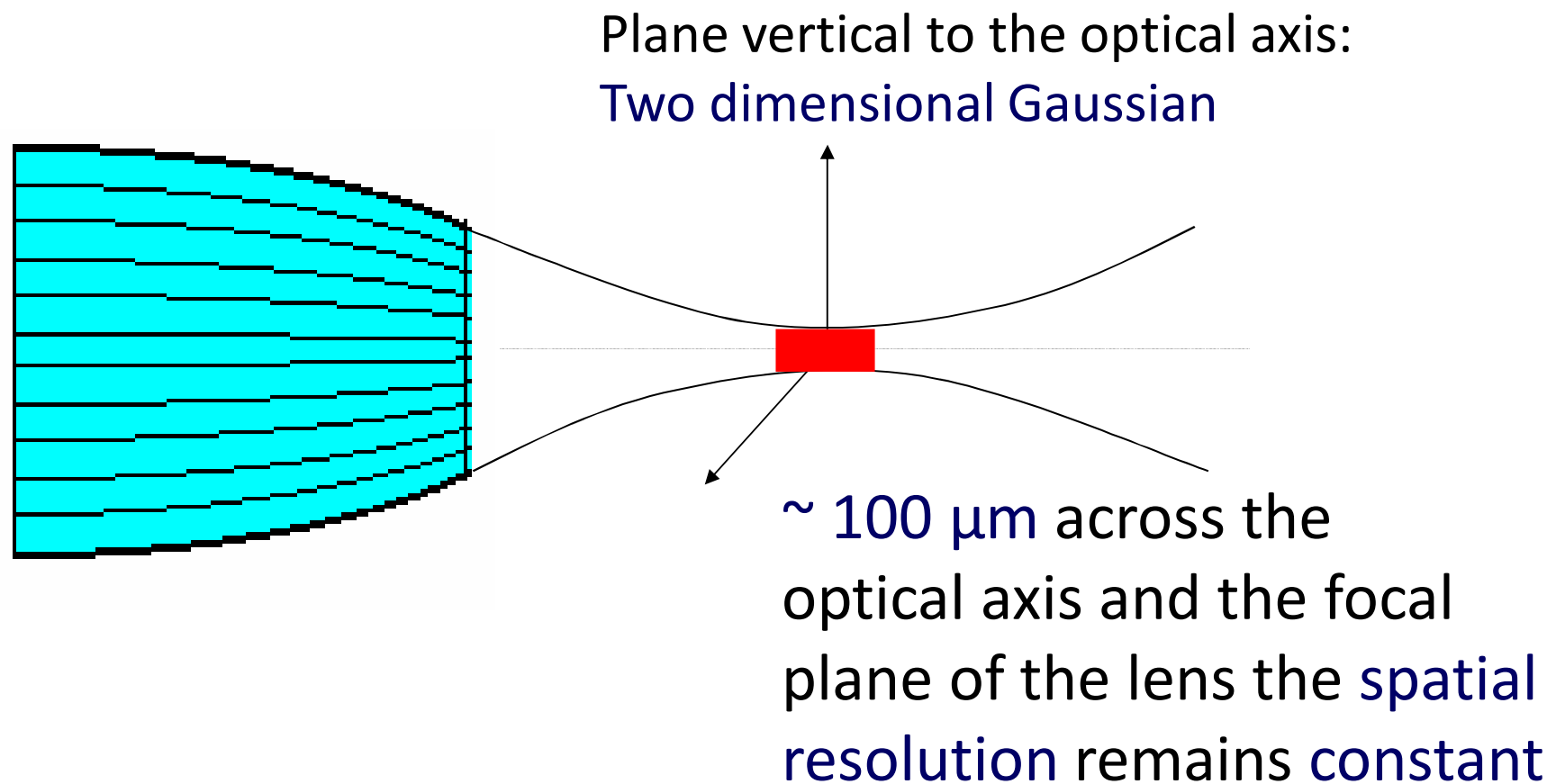
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Nakazawa and Tsuji, XRS, 2013

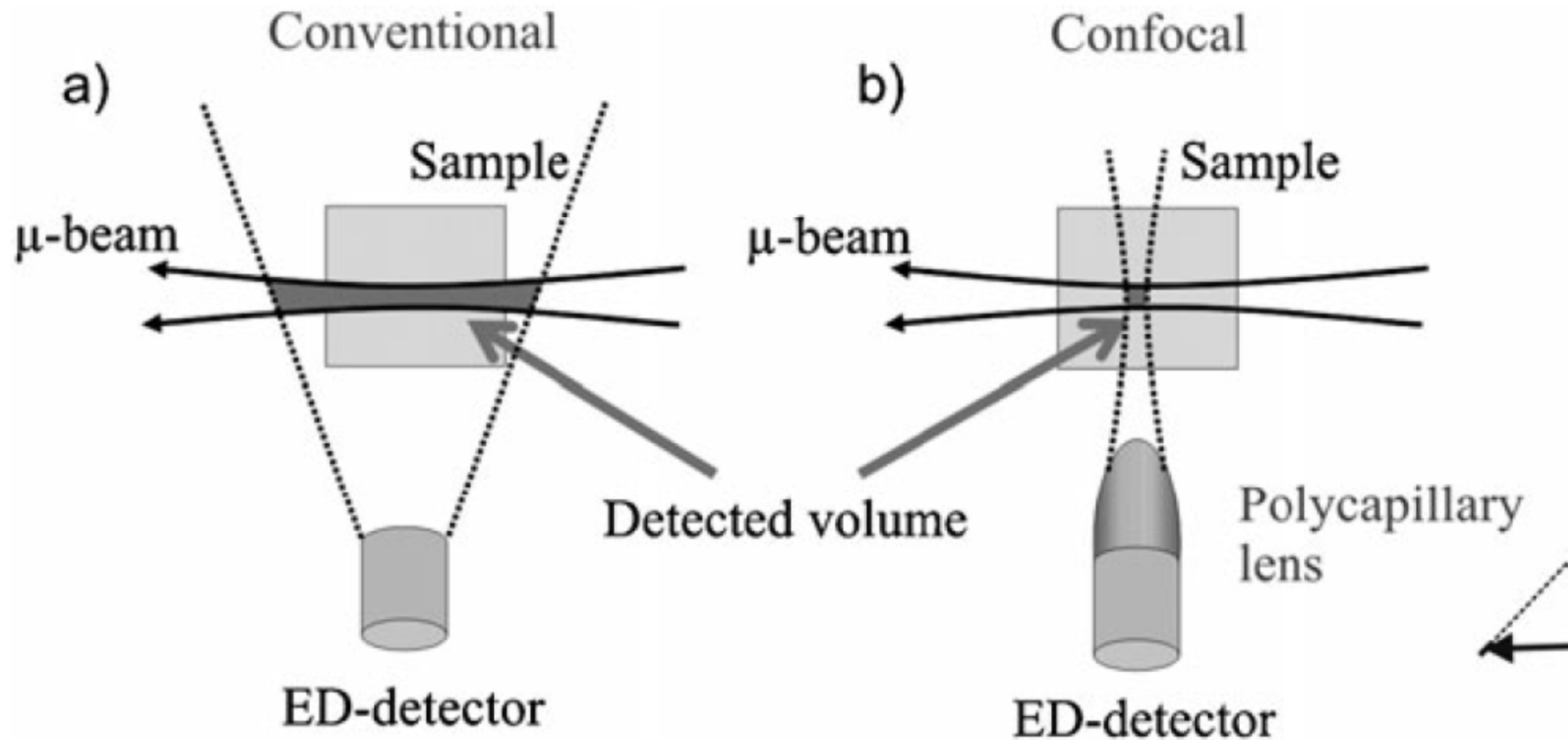


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X-Ray lens spatial resolution



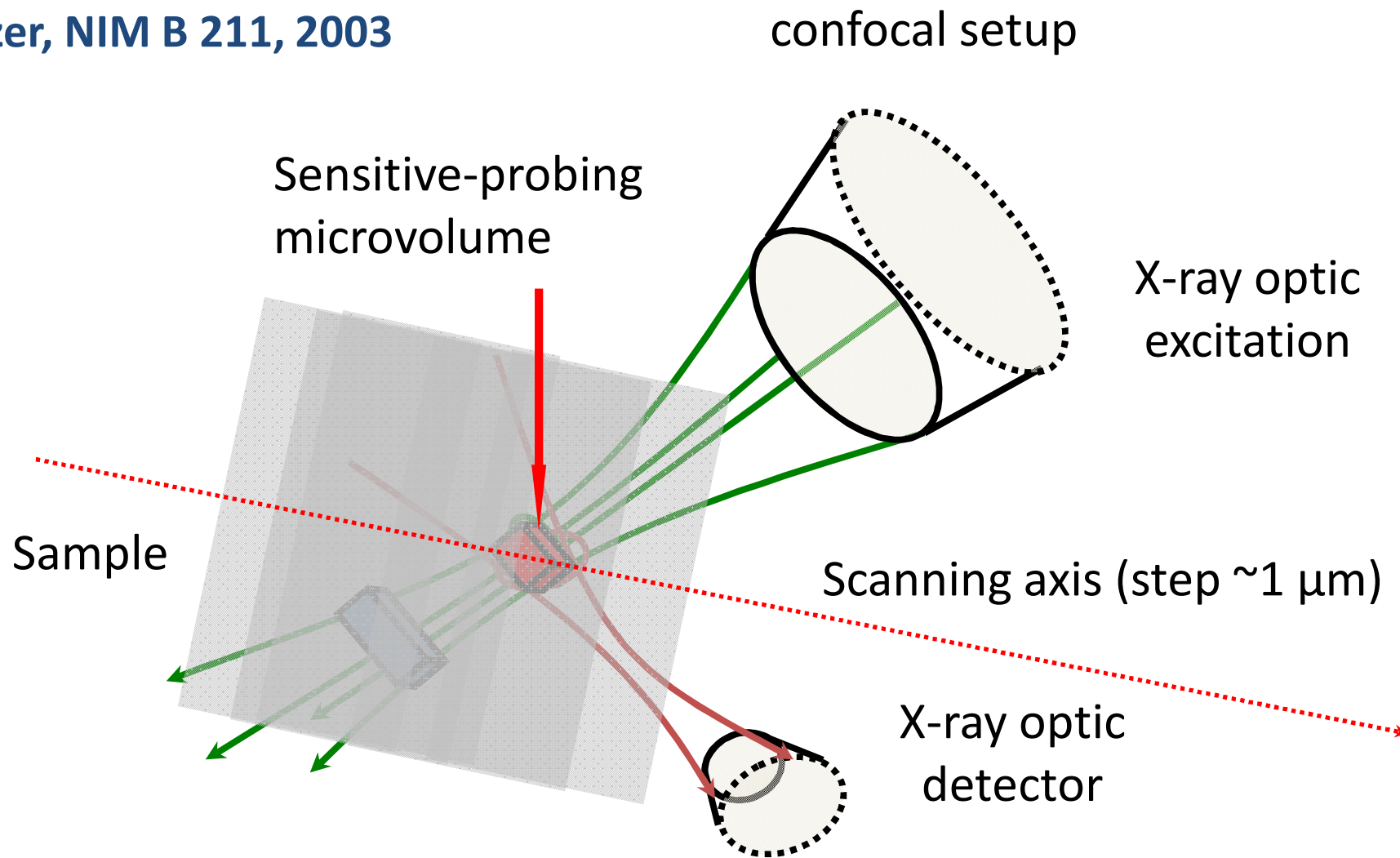
PIXE-XRF: Conventional vs Confocal Geometry



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

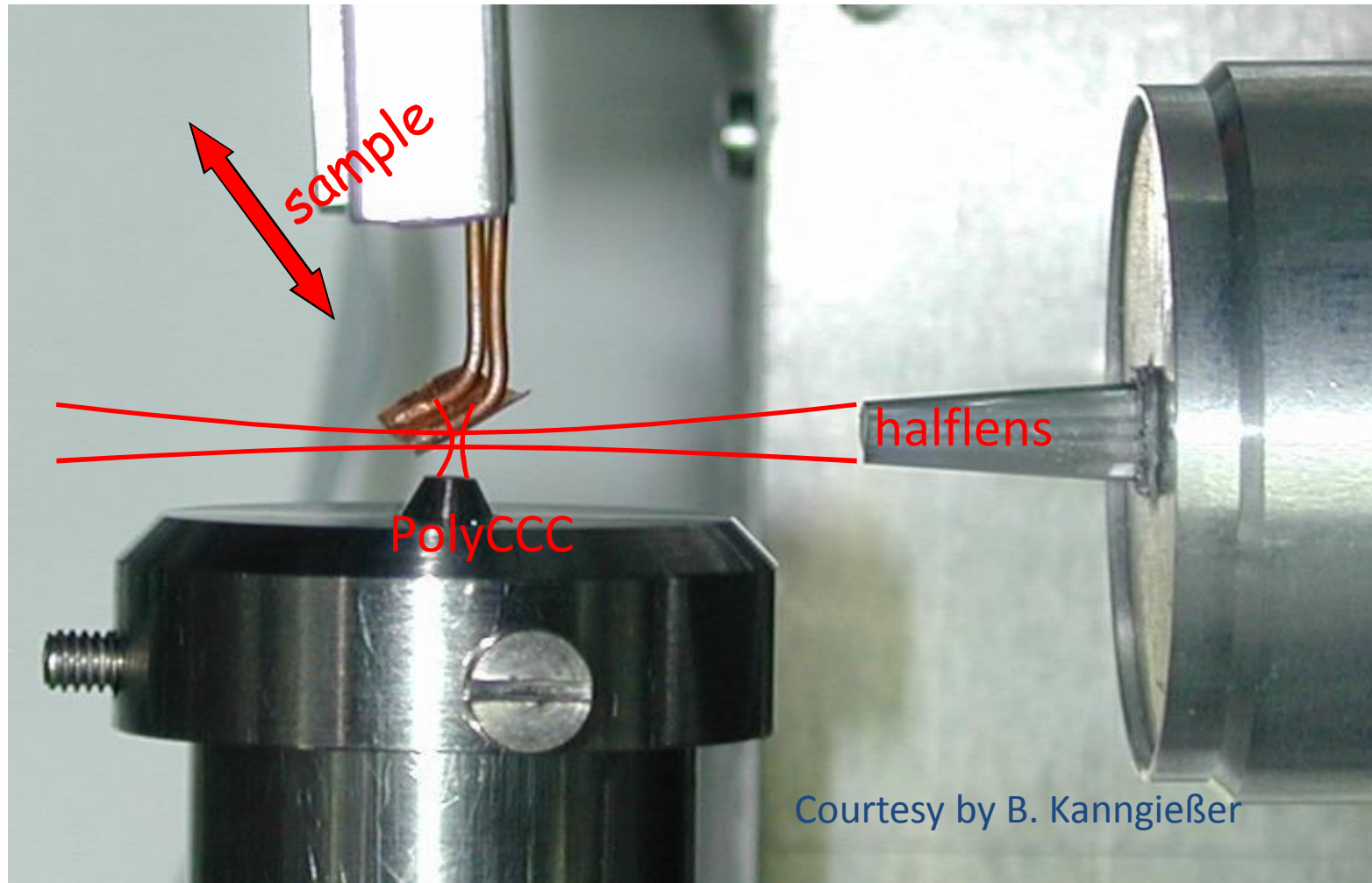
Principle of Confocal X-ray analysis

B. Kanngießer, I. Reiche, W. Malzer, NIM B 211, 2003



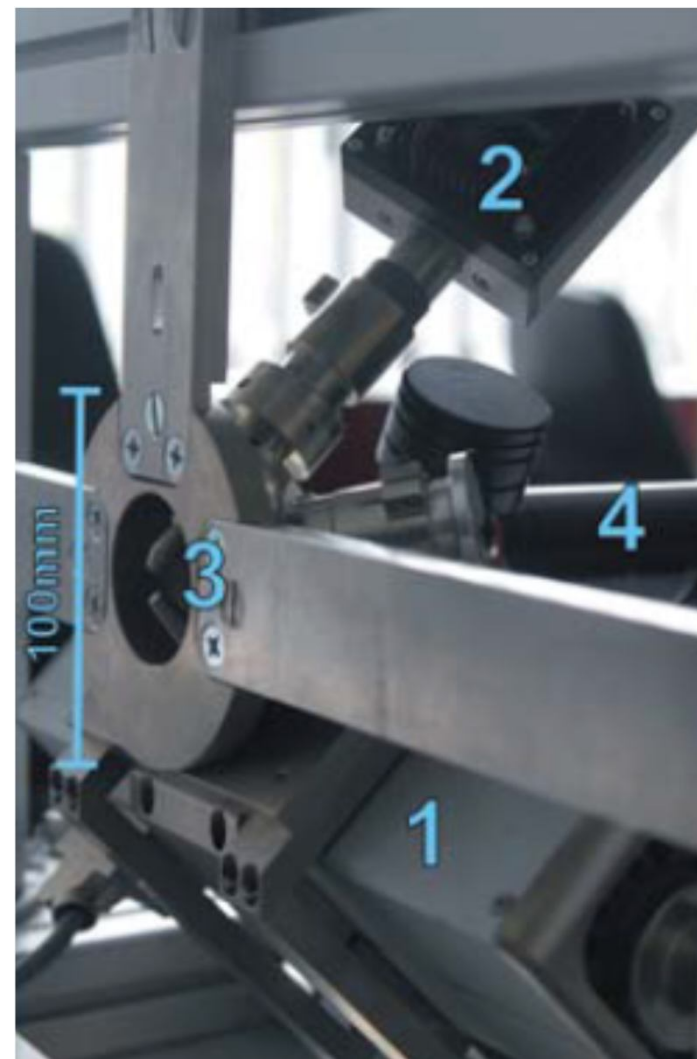
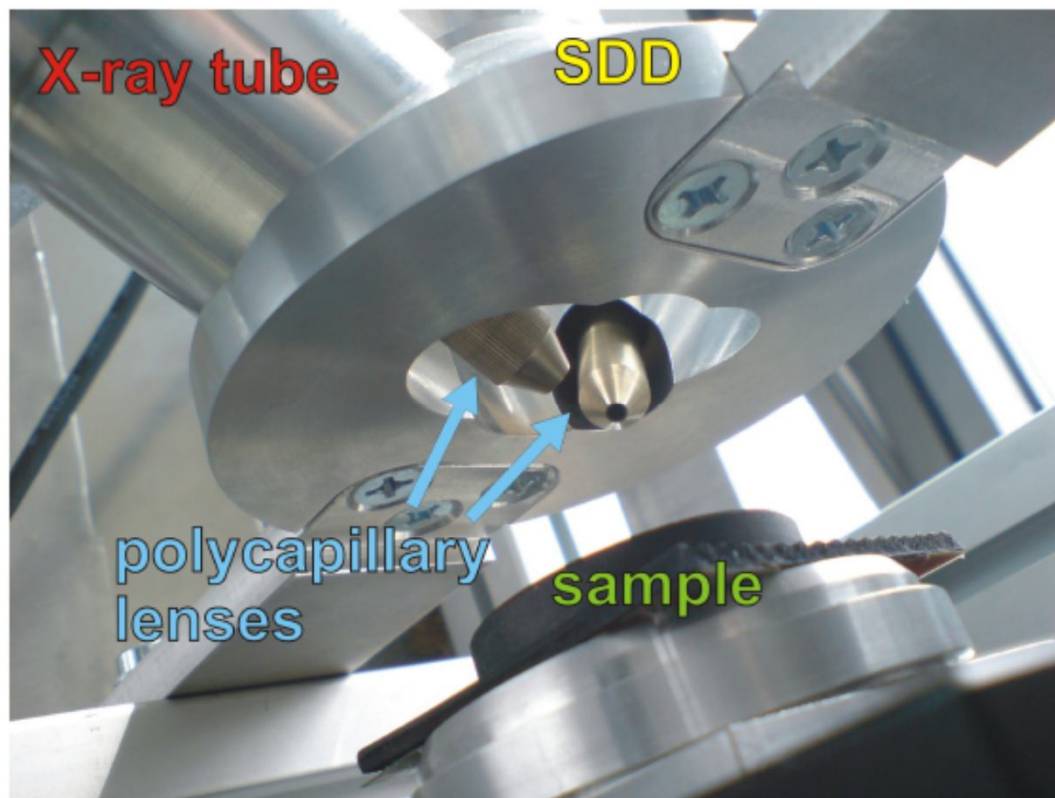
3D Micro XRF Spectrometry:

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



Courtesy by B. Kanngießer

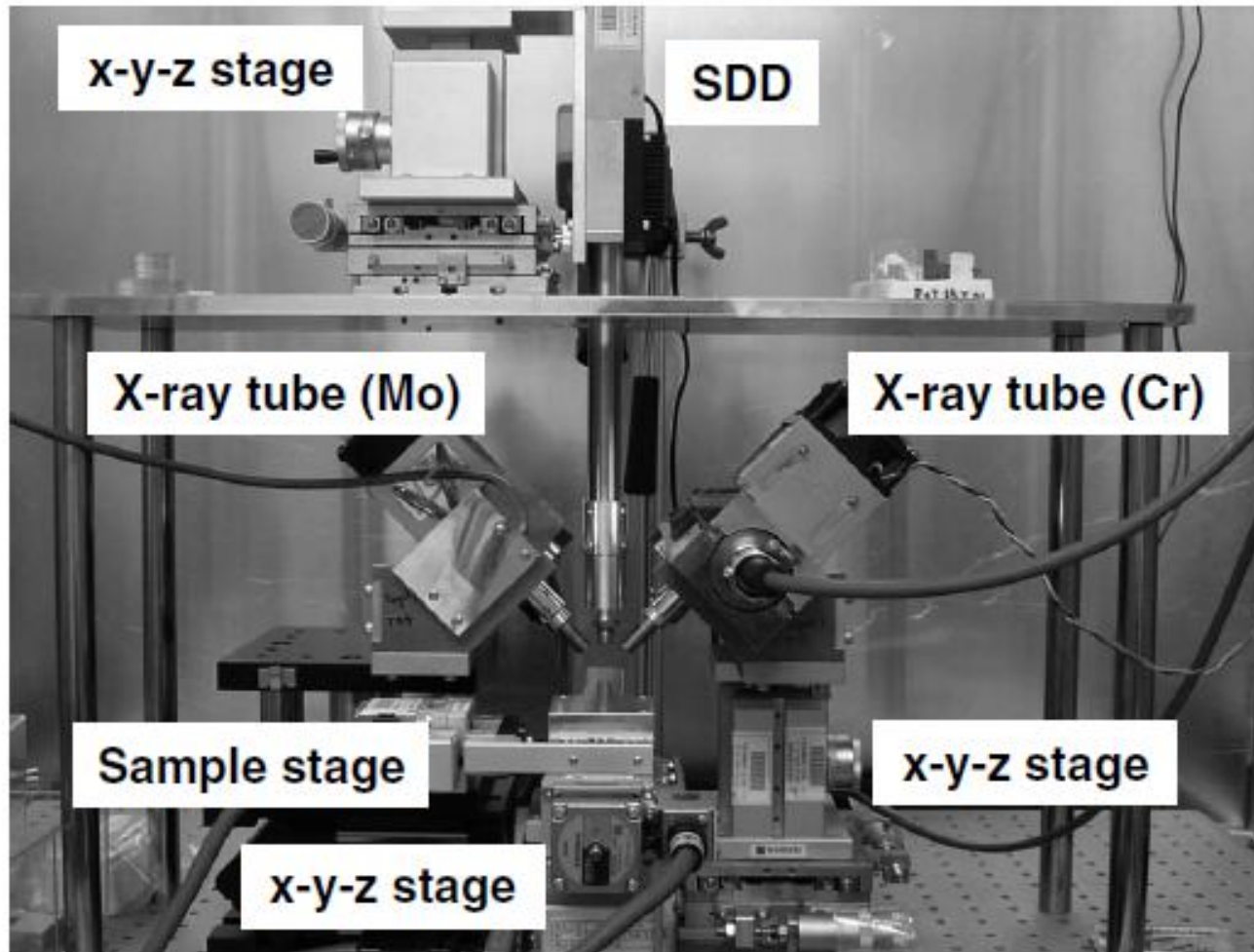
3D Micro-XRF setup @ TU Berlin



I. Mantouvalou et *al.*, J. Anal. At. Spectrom., 2010, 25, 554–561

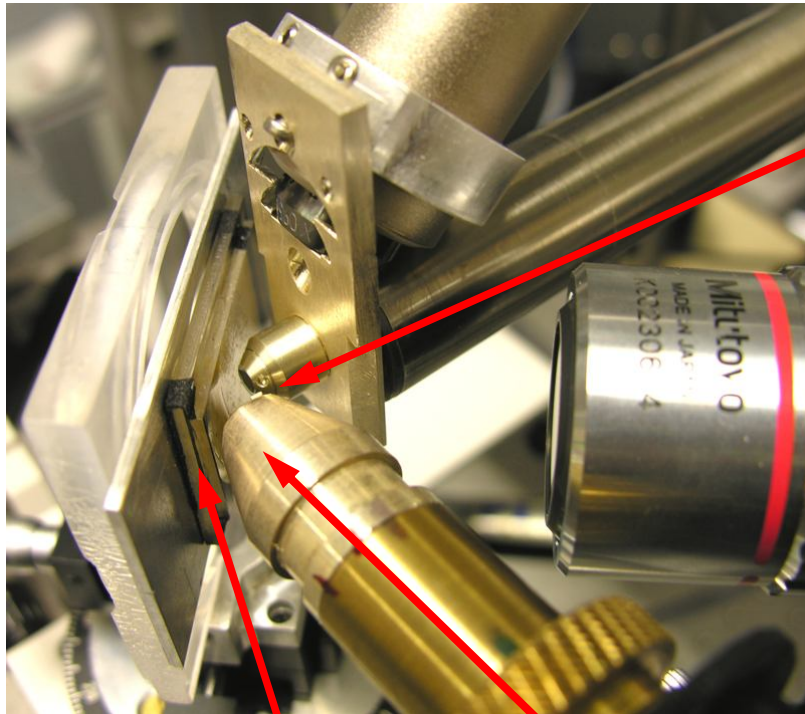
Osaka City University, Japan

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

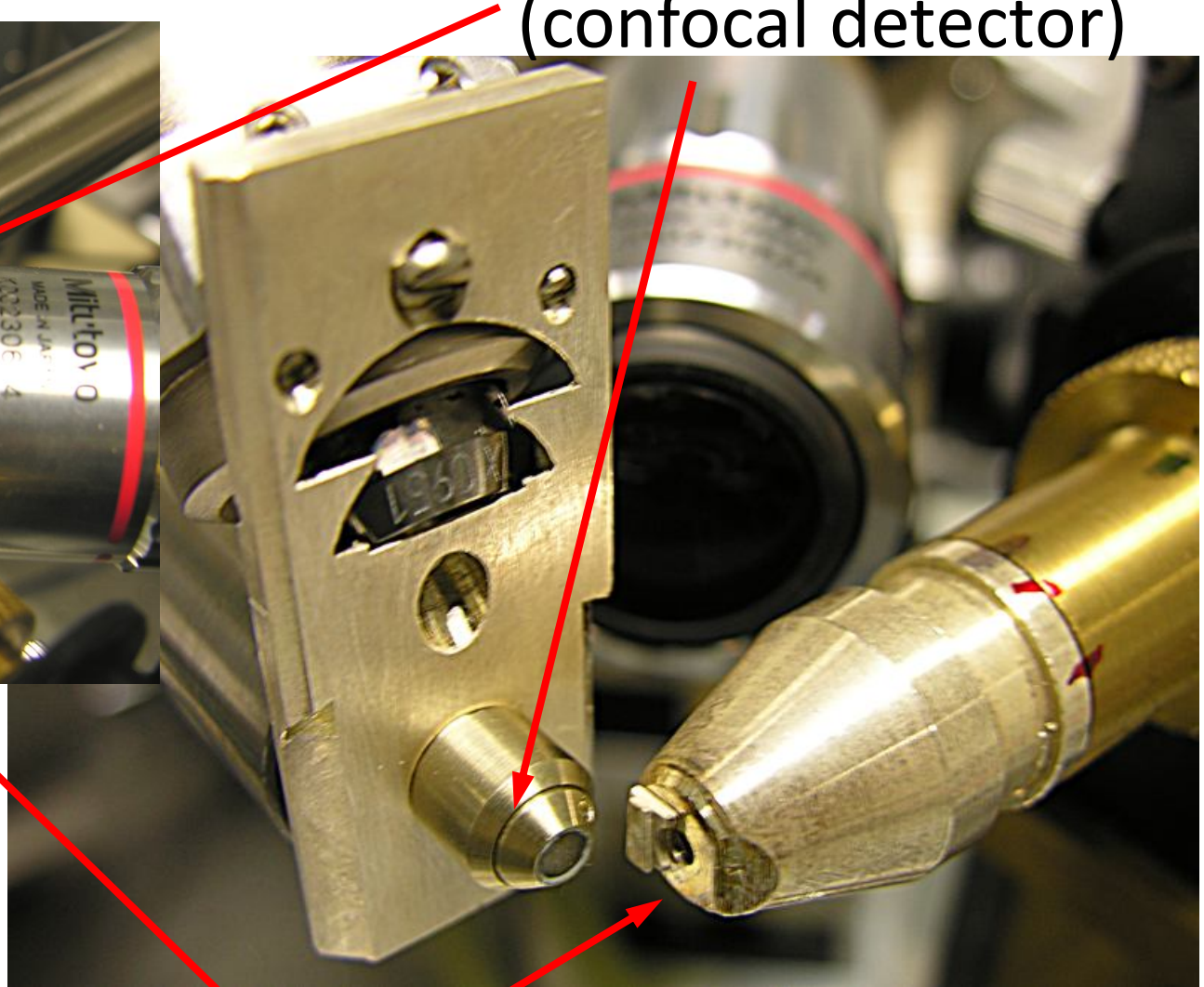


3D uXRF set-up @IAEA

polyCCC
(confocal detector)



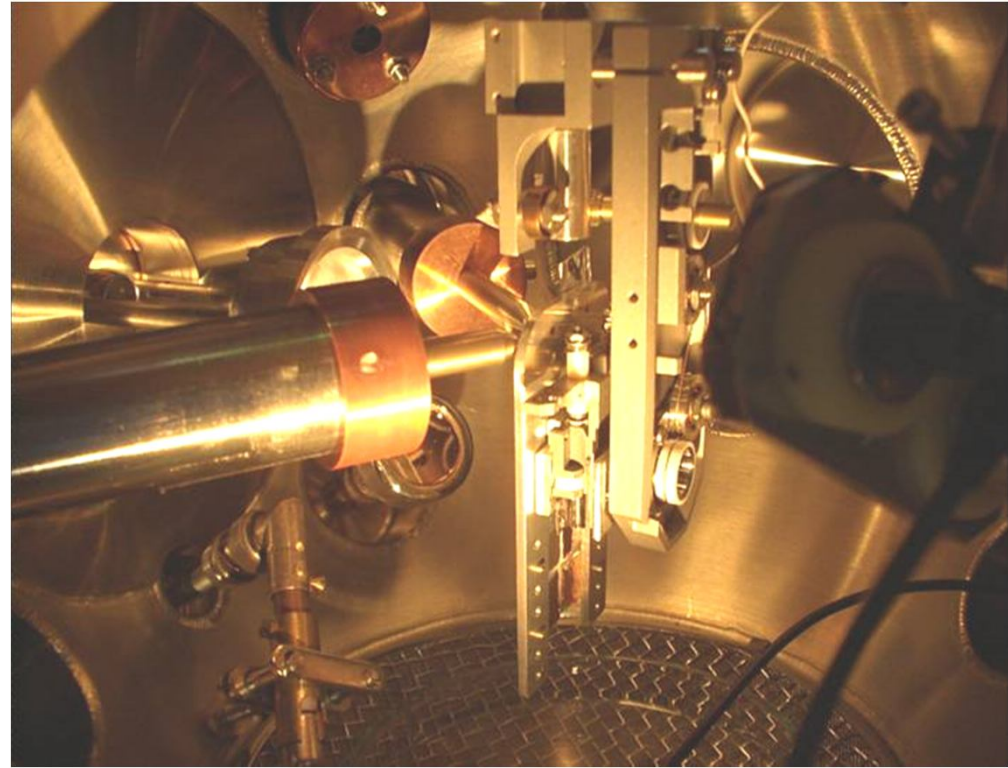
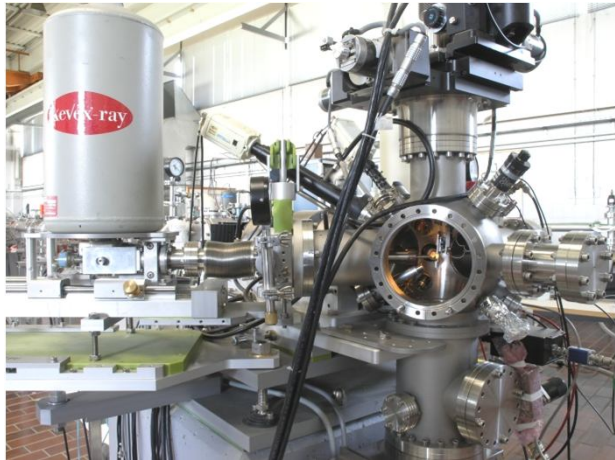
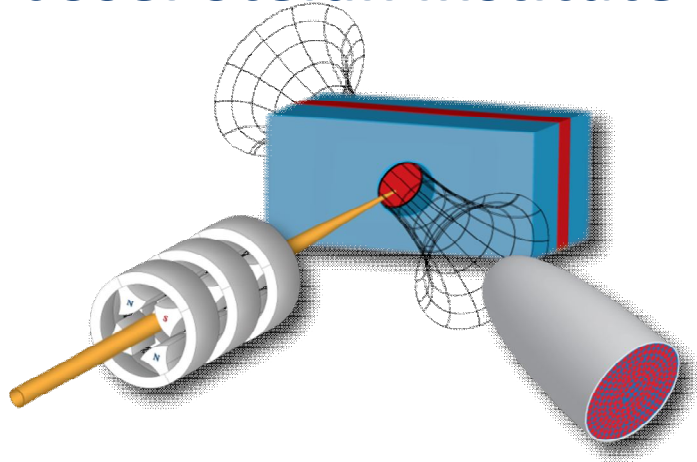
sample in
measuring
position



polycapillary (primary beam)

3D Micro-PIXE SET-UP, 2007 @

Josef Stefan Institute Micro-Analytical Center, Ljubljana



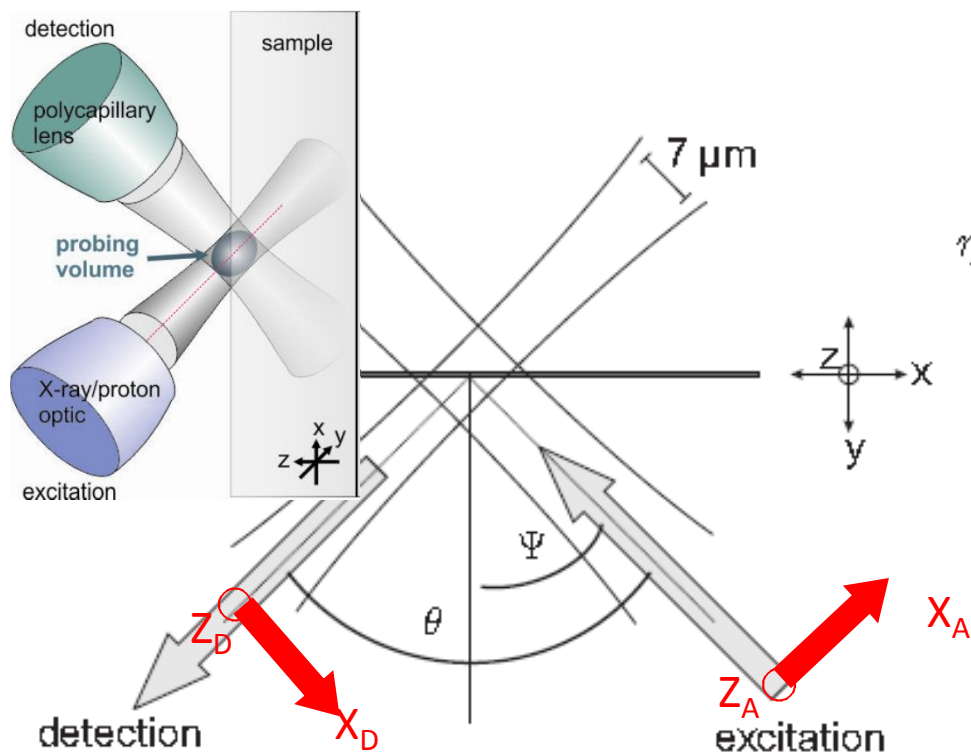
Karydas et al, JAAS 2007



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Quantification in Confocal Micro XRF (1)



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

σ_A, σ_B : Spot size

Ω : solid angle

Coordination system attached to the detection lens

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

3D set-up sensitivity for the detection of specific fluorescence lines
The shape has a three dimensional ellipsoid

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

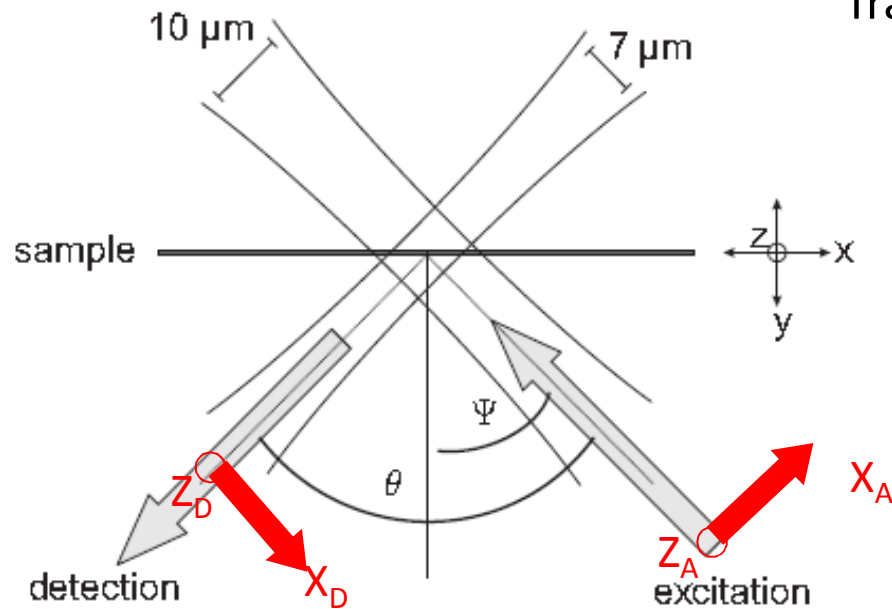


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Quantification in Confocal Micro XRF (2)

Transformation to the sample coordinate system



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

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

$$z_A = z_D = z$$

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

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

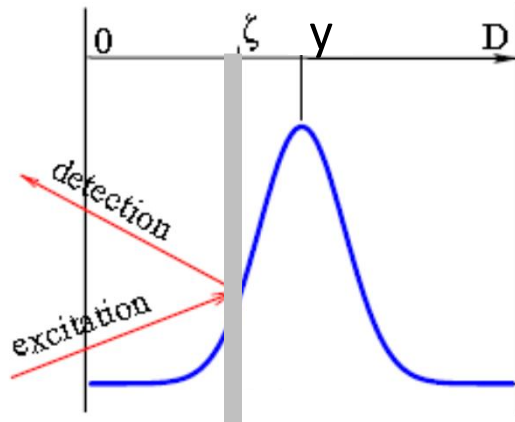
Mantouvalou, PhD Thesis, Berlin 2009

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

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

$$\Phi_i(y) = \frac{\Phi_o \cdot \eta_i \cdot \rho_i \cdot \sigma_{F,i}}{2} \times \exp\left(\frac{(\bar{\mu}_{lin,i} \sigma_{y,i})^2}{2}\right) \times \exp(-\bar{\mu}_{lin,i} y) \times$$

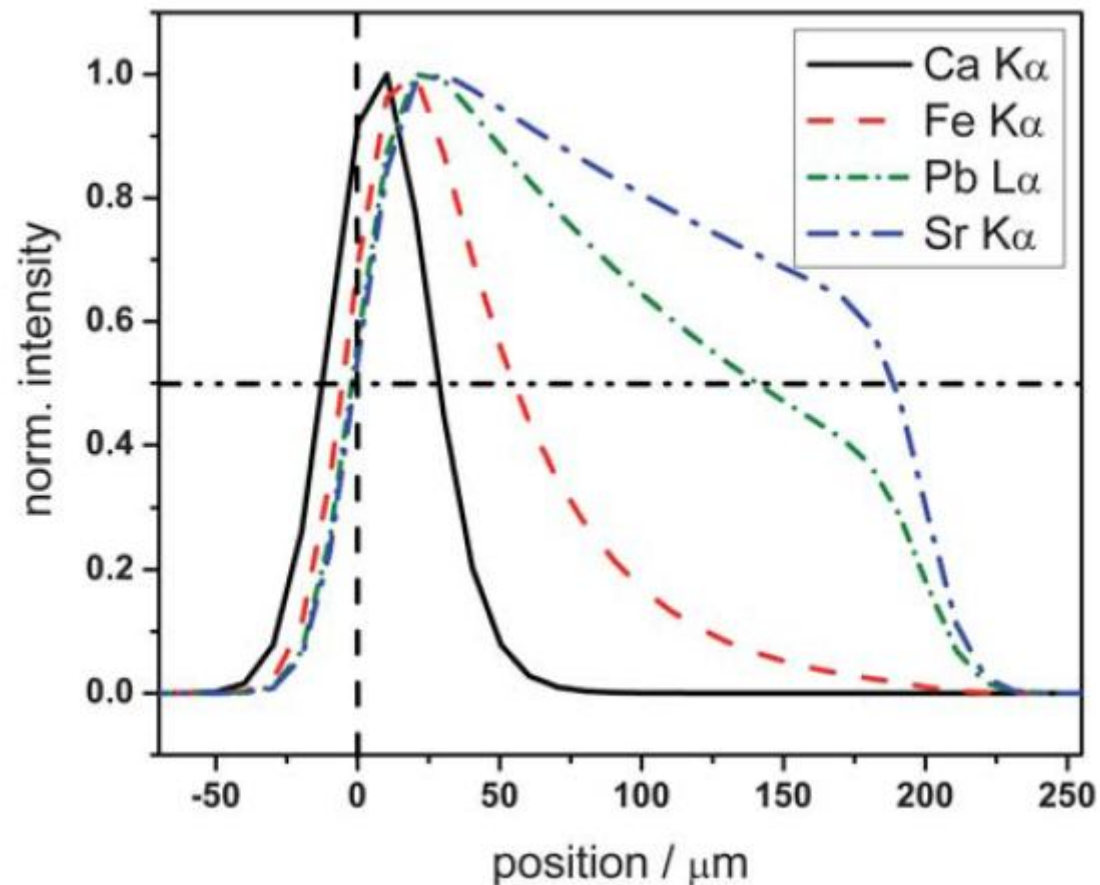
corrects for the actual extension of the probing volume

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

$$\times \left[\operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{D + \bar{\mu}_{lin,i} \sigma_{y,i}^2 - y}{\sqrt{2} \sigma_{y,i}}\right) - \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{\bar{\mu}_{lin,i} \sigma_{y,i}^2 - y}{\sqrt{2} \sigma_{y,i}}\right) \right]_i$$

important if the probing volume intersects the layer boundaries.

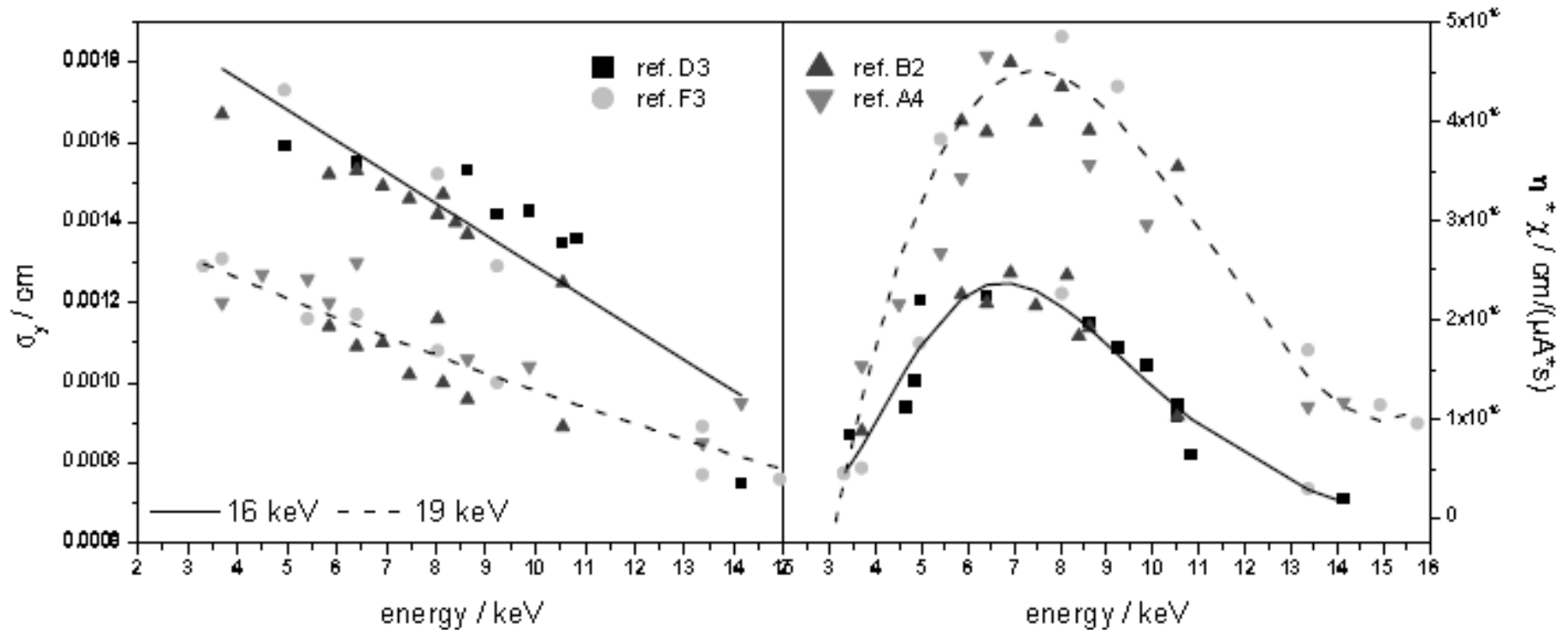
Shape of intensity profiles versus depth



SiO₂ matrix, similar concentration (50 ppm), 19 keV excitation

I. Mantouvalou et *al.*, J. Anal. At. Spectrom., 2010, 25, 554–561

Experimental FWHM, sensitivity/3D uXRF



16, 19 keV excitation energies, Glass Reference materials

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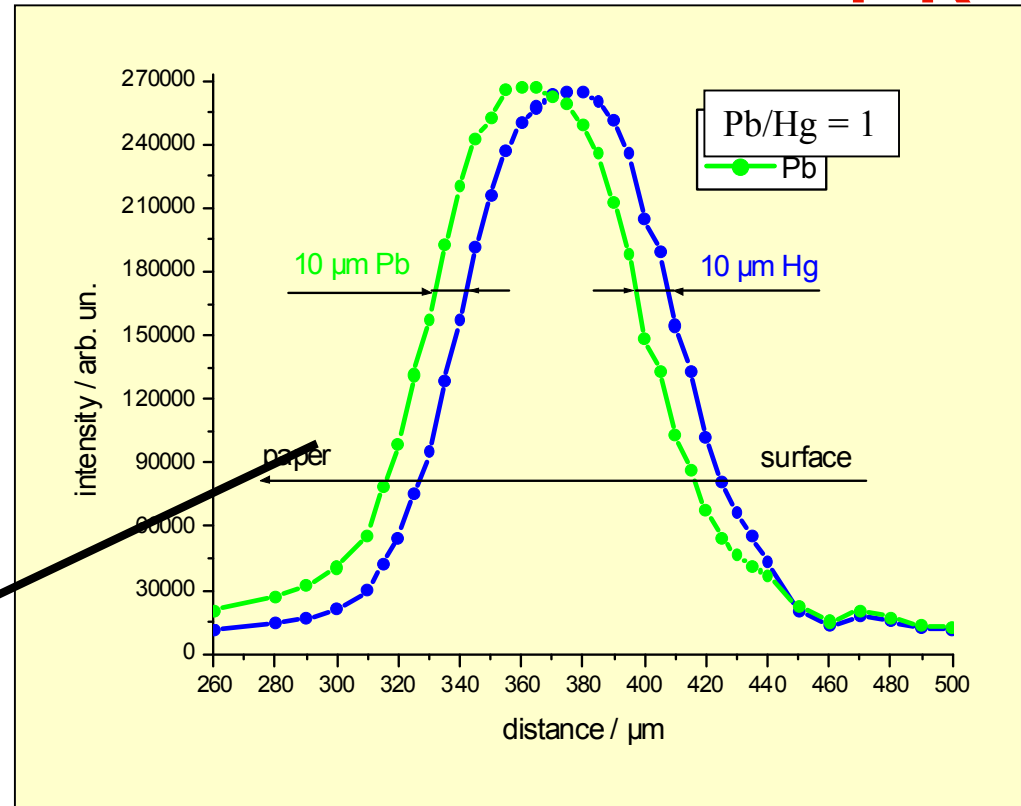


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First 3D Micro-XRF application: Indian Mughal-Paintings 16th – 18th century



S | M
P | K

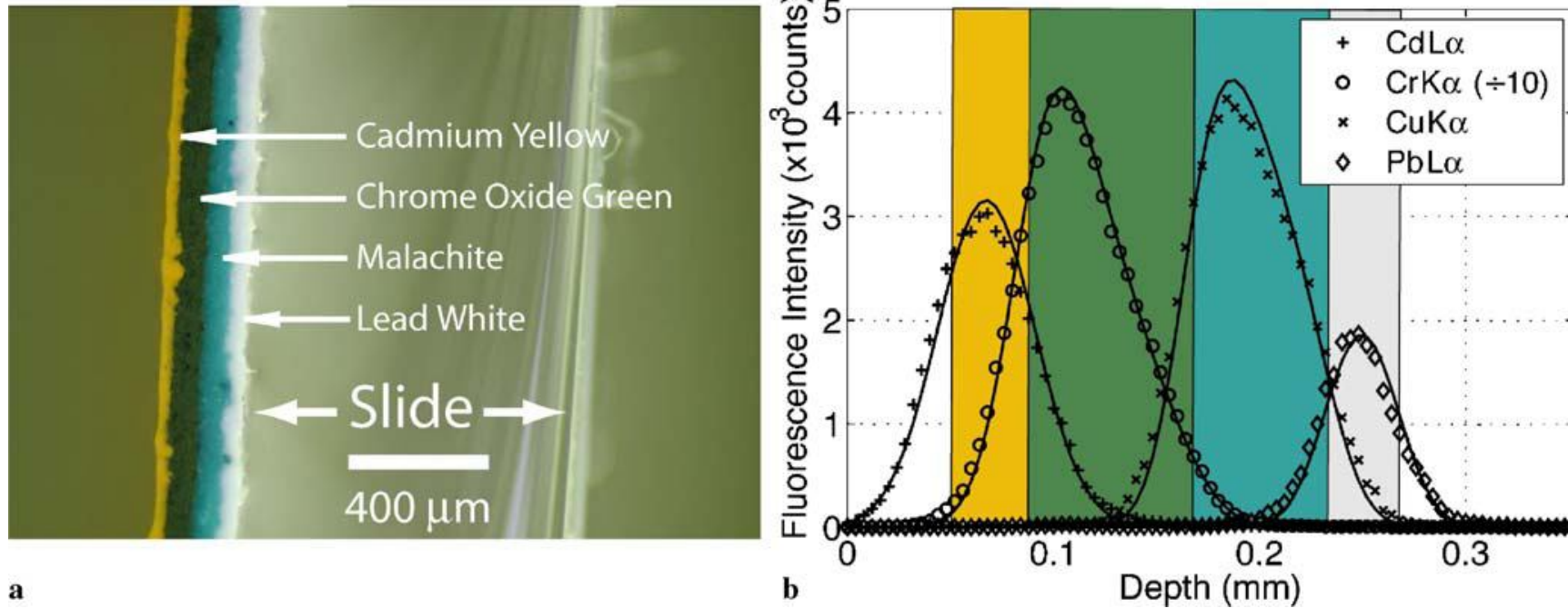


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3D uXRF for Paint layers



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

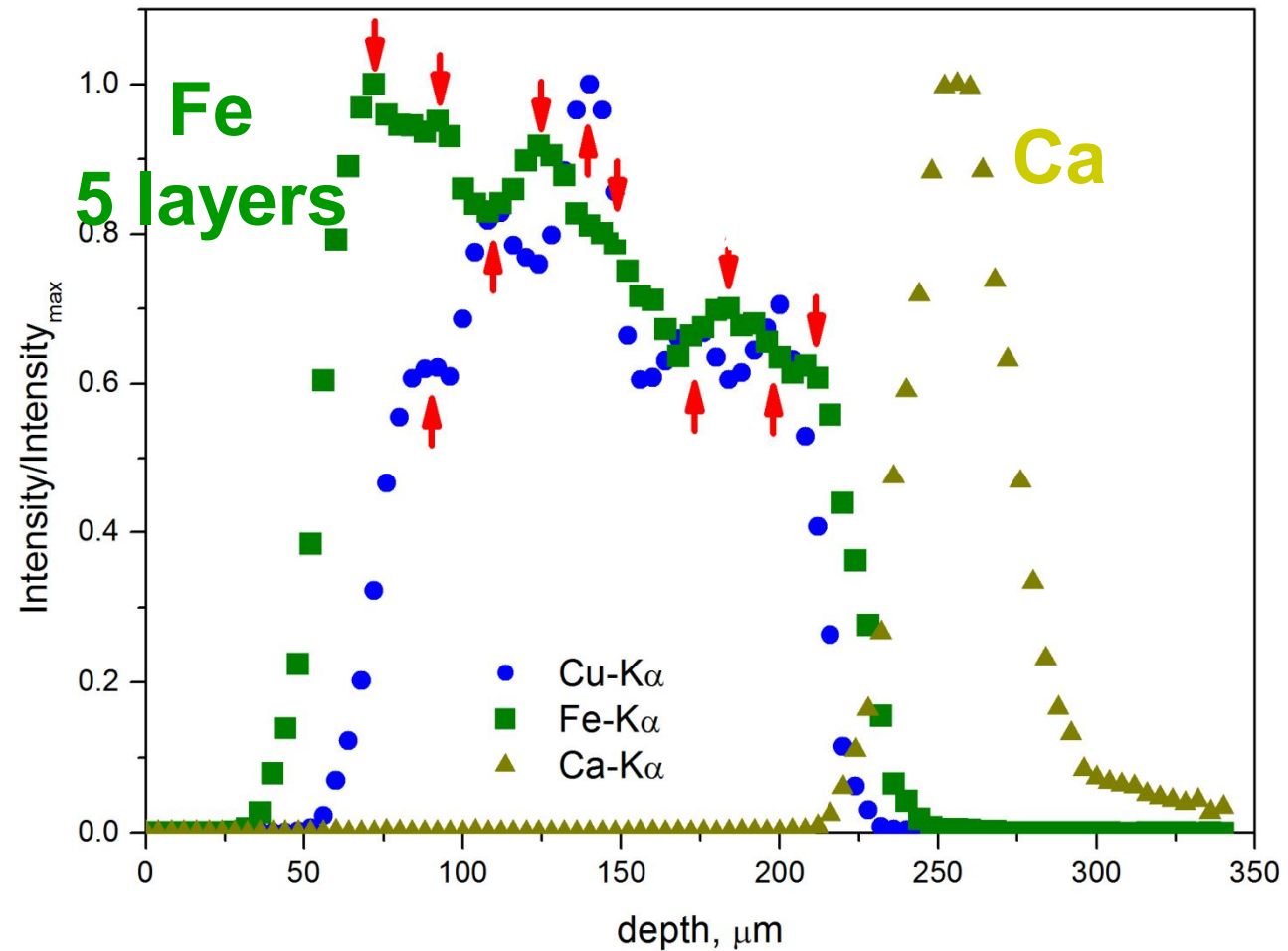
Methodology development: Quantification in 3D Micro-XRF using X-ray tube excitation

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

S4:
Multilayer
Polymer
sample
doped with
Fe and Cu



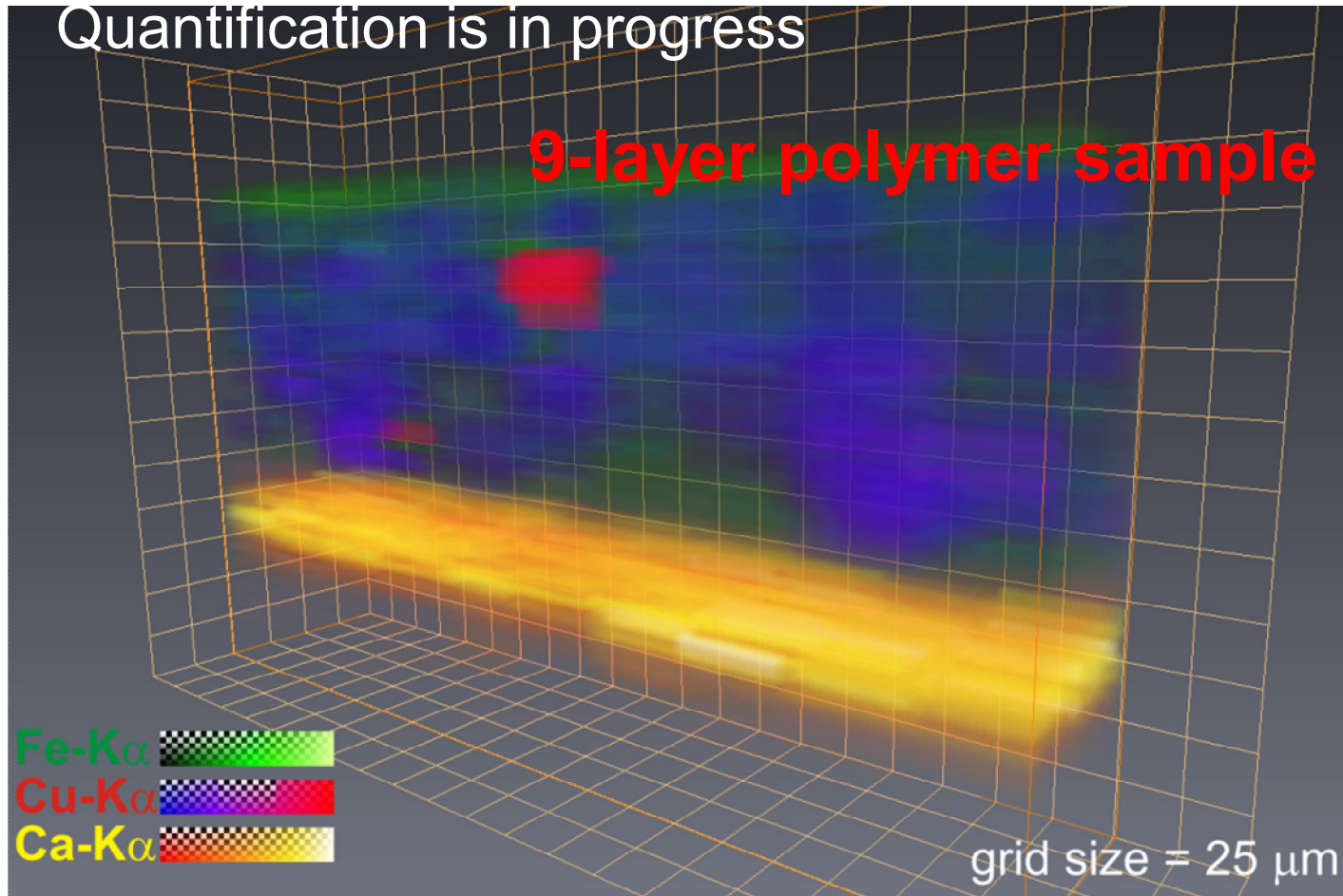
Intensity profiles versus depth



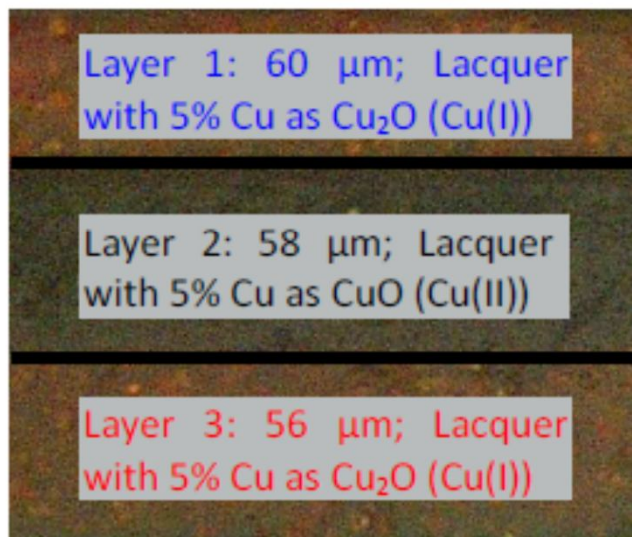
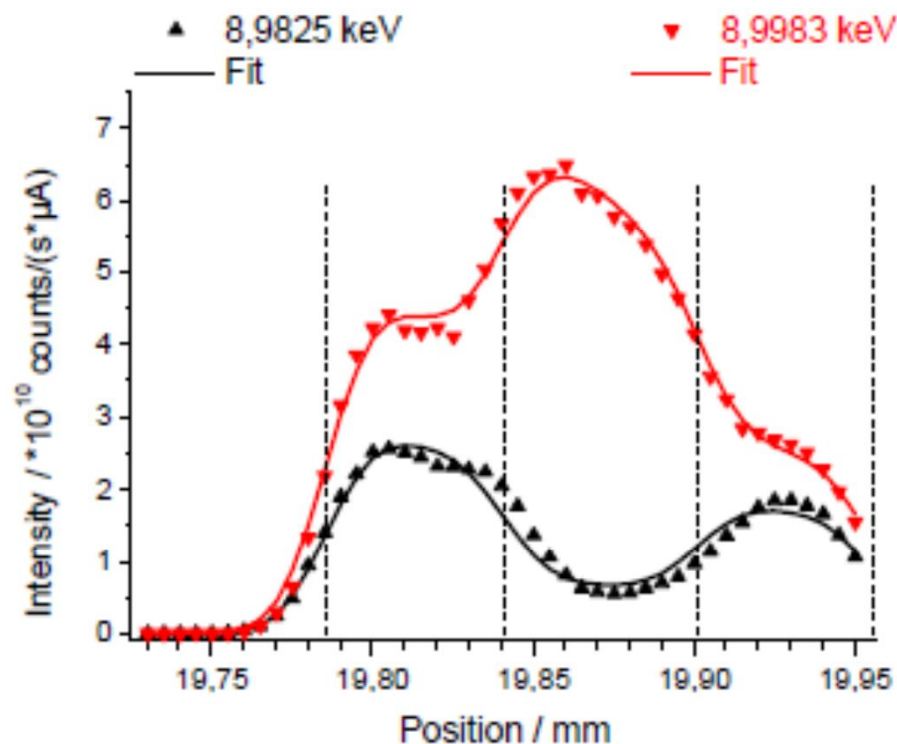
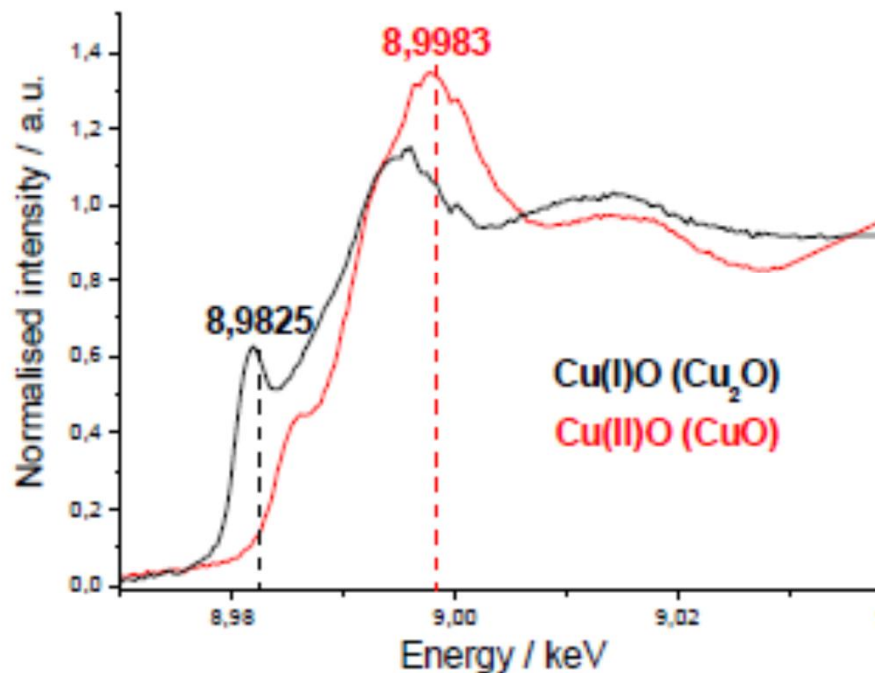
Average of 10 depths cans

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3D Imaging of raw intensity data



3D Chemical mapping with confocal set-up



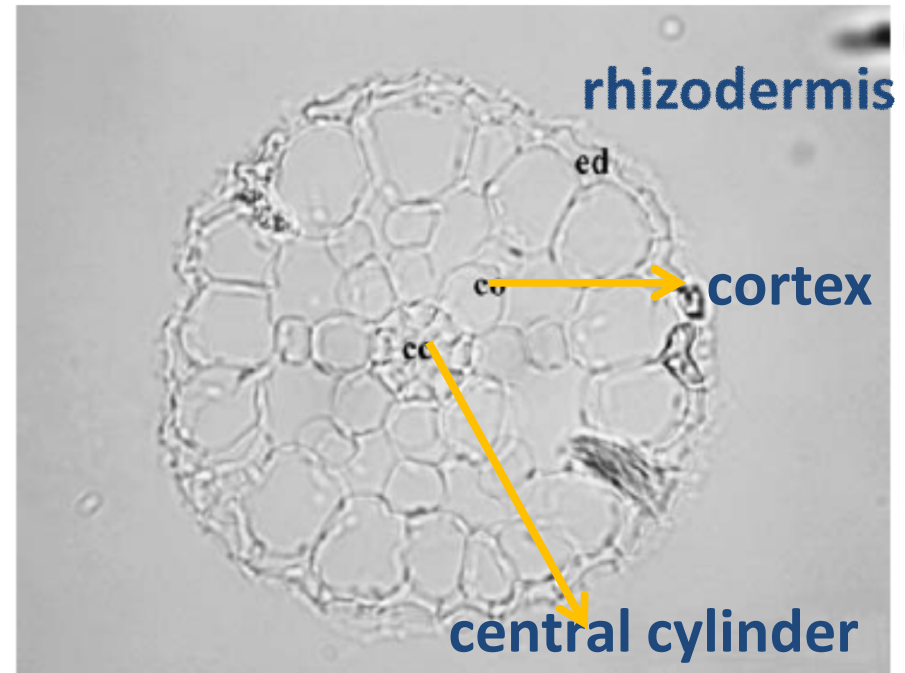
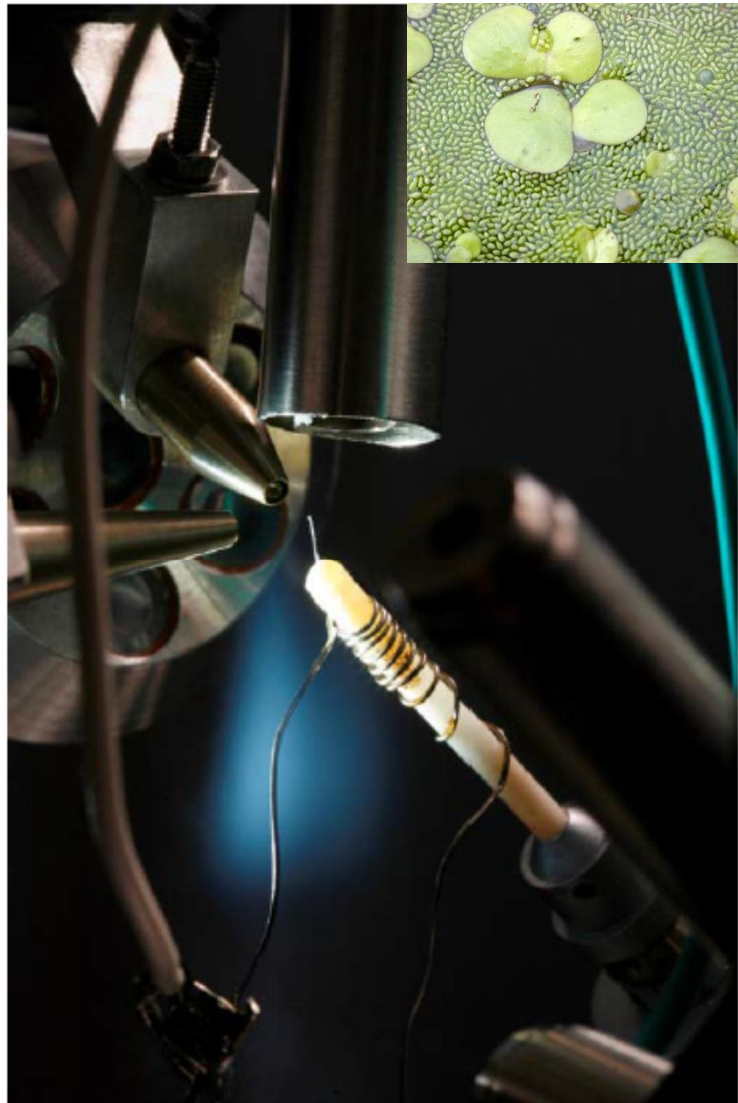
Lars Lühl *et al.*, Three-Dimensional Chemical Mapping with a Confocal XRF Setup, Anal Chem. 2013 Apr 2;85(7):3682-9.



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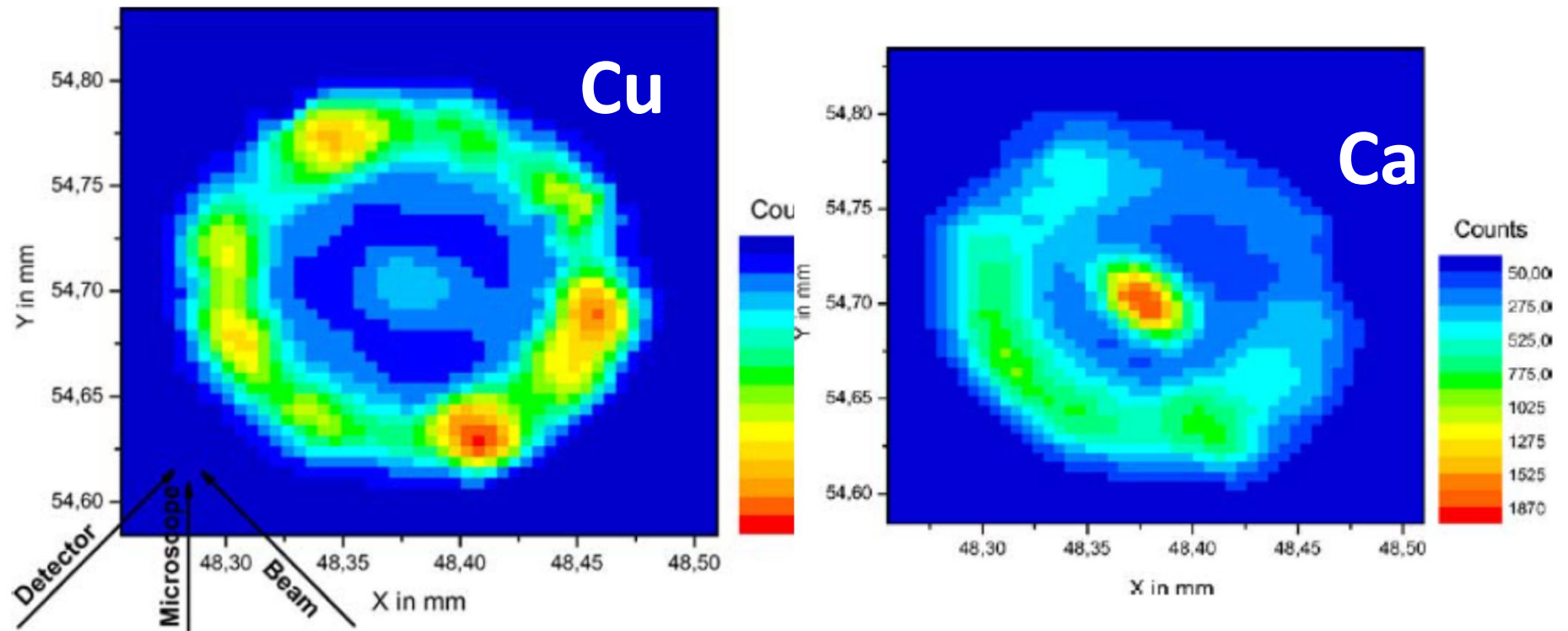
3D Micro-XRF in Biological studies



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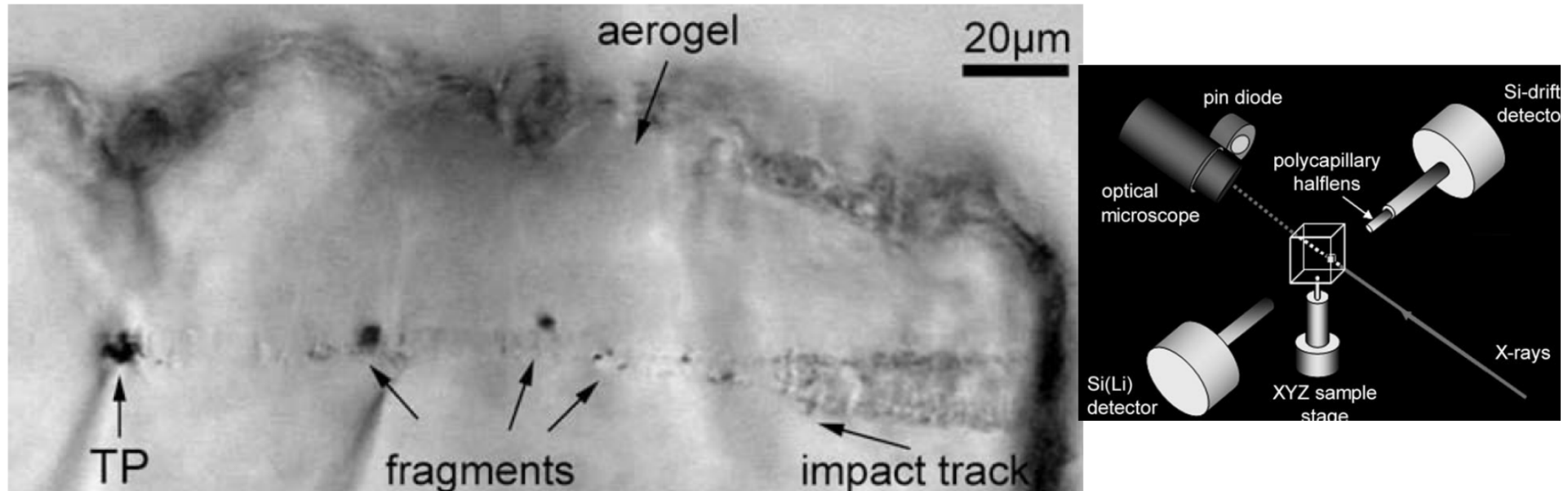
Common duckweed (*Lemna minor*) is an important component of the aquatic food chain. The free floating plant grows on the surface of fresh water ponds and lakes

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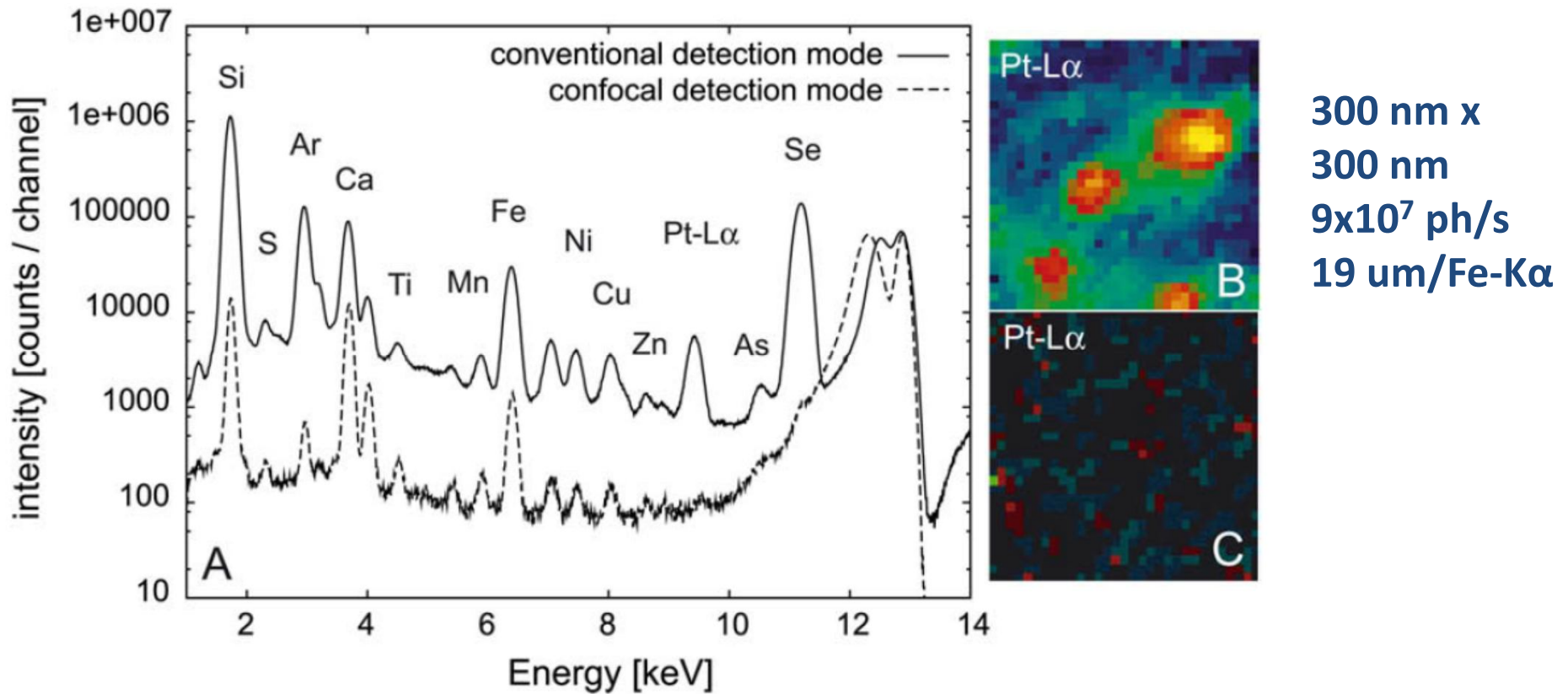
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3D Micro-XRF in planetary science

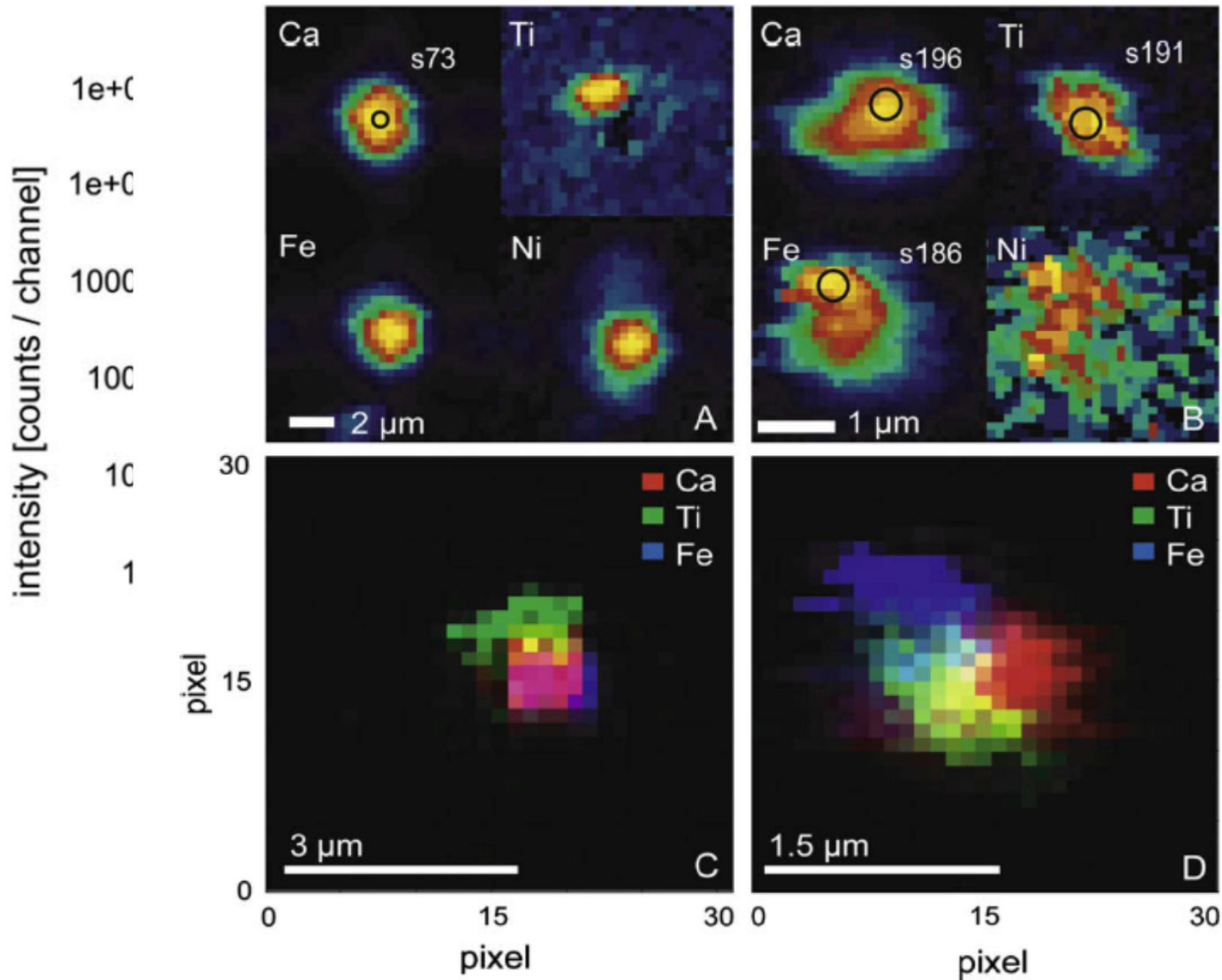


S. Schmitz et al., In situ identification of a CAI candidate in 81P/Wild 2 cometary, dust by confocal high resolution synchrotron X-ray fluorescence
Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta 73 (2009) 5483–5492

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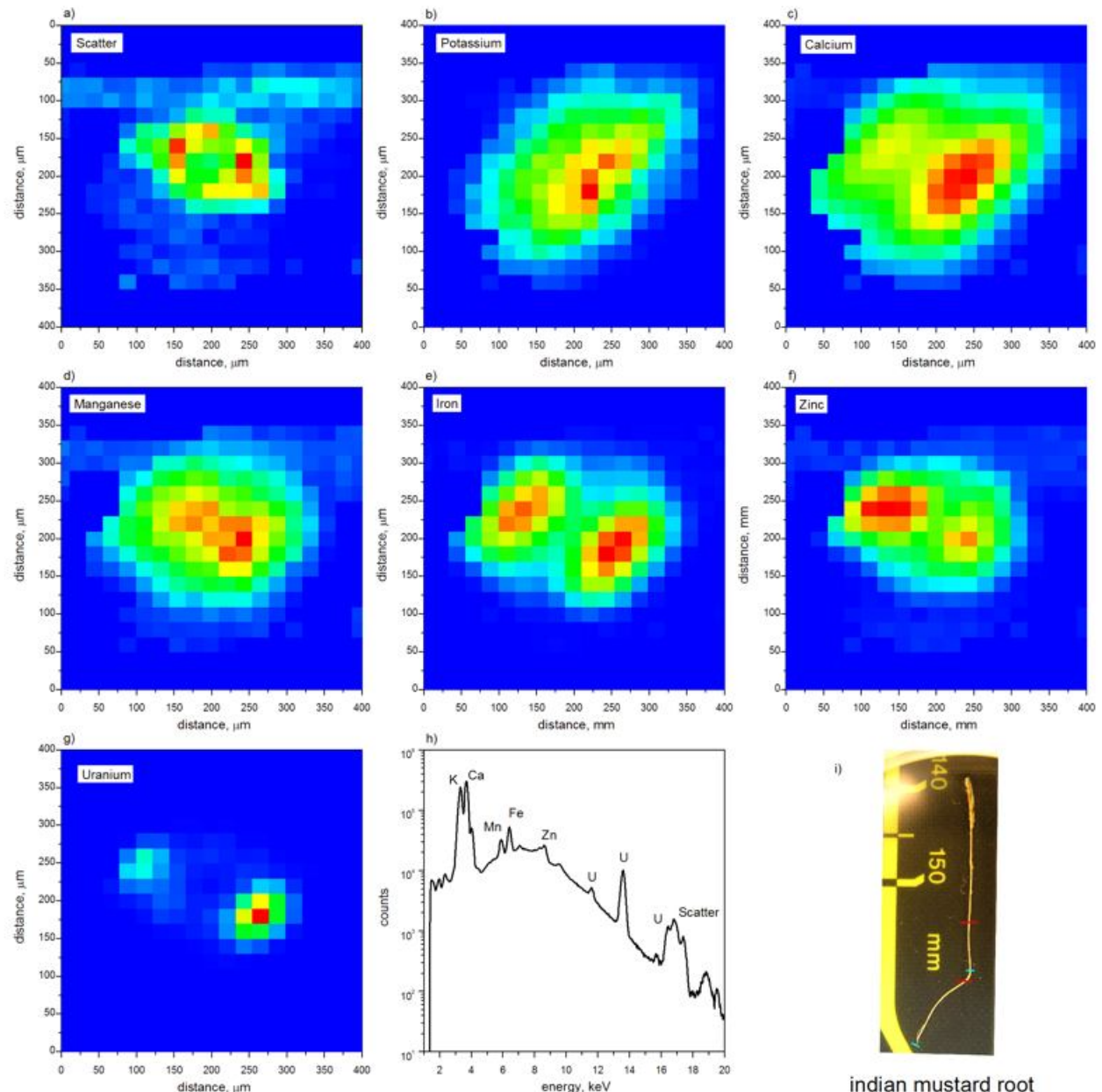
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300 nm x
300 nm
 9×10^7 ph/s
19 μm/Fe-K α

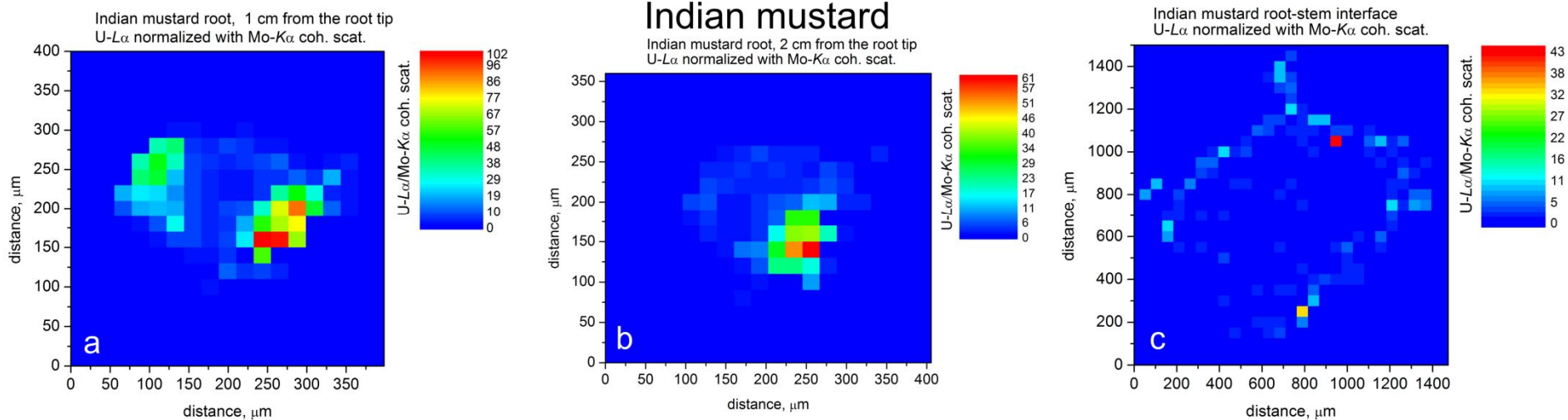
Plant nutrition/transport: Uptake of heavy metals

A. Straczek, et al., J. of Environmental Radioactivity 101(3), 258-266 (2010).



indian mustard root

Plant nutrition-transport: Uptake of heavy metals – Uranium

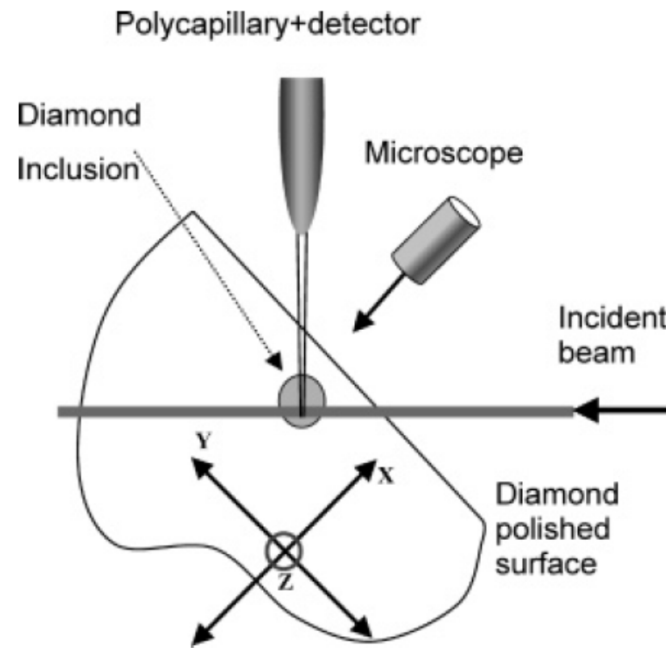


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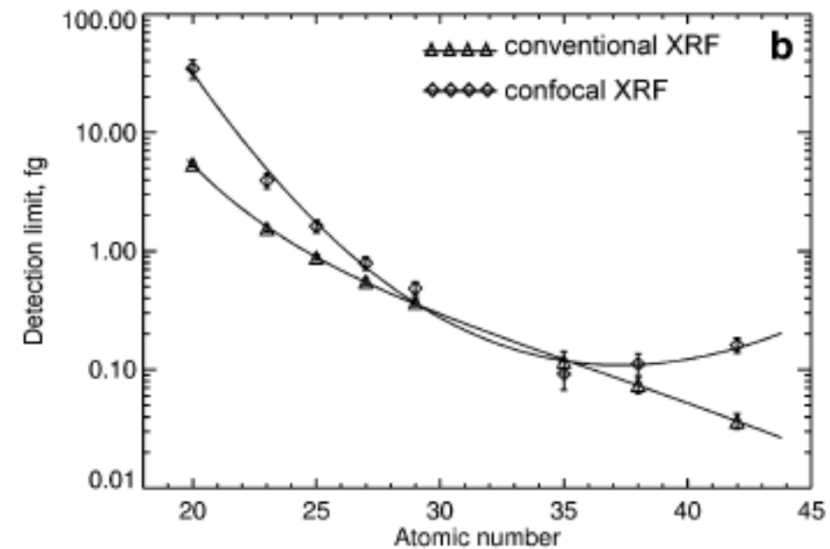
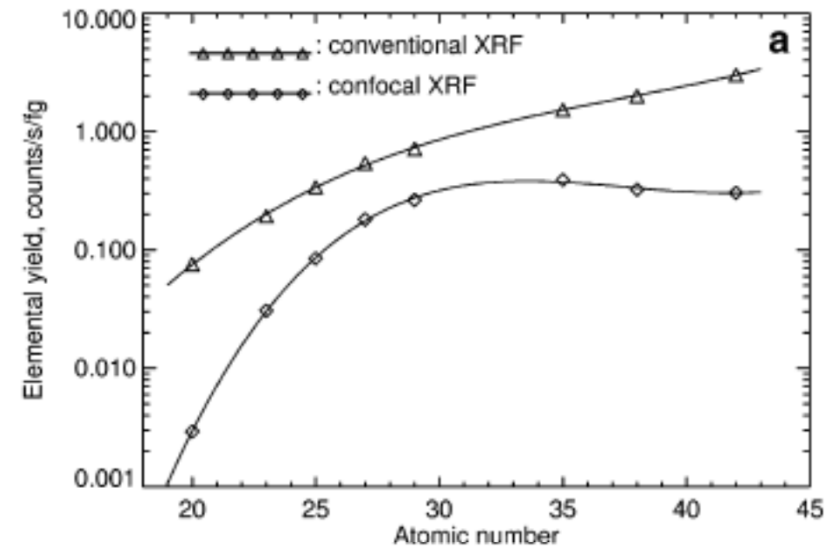
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3D Micro-XRF applications in Geology

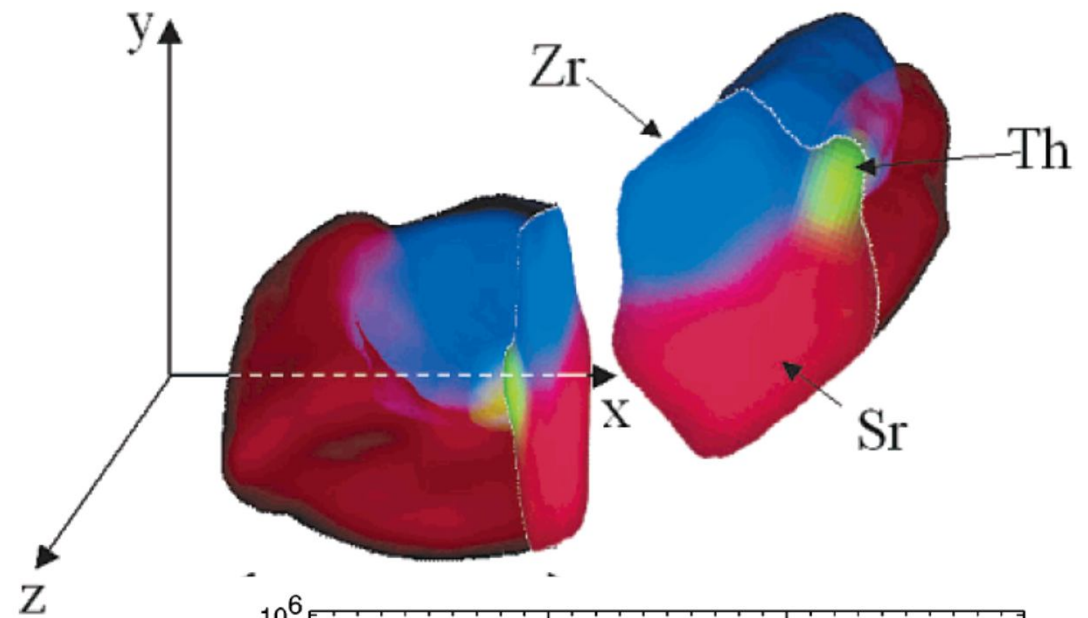
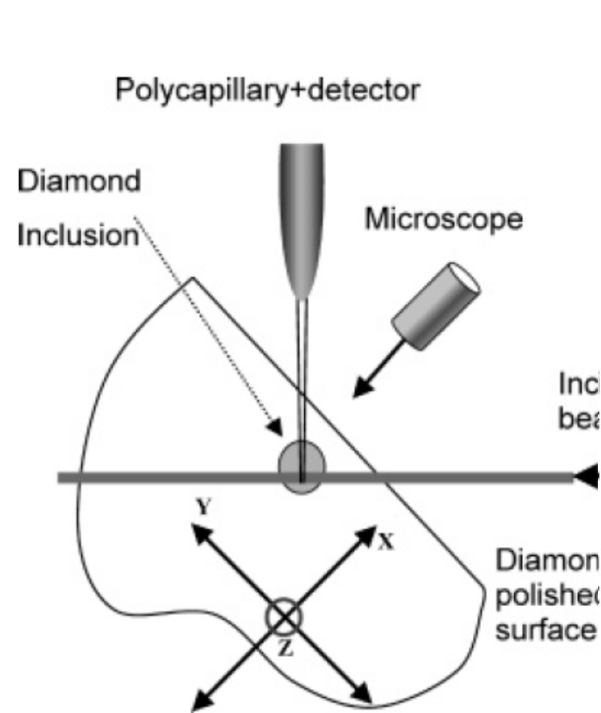


Vincze *et al*, Anal. Chem.
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28 keV, 2 μm (V) X 5 μm (H),
 10^{10} photons/s.

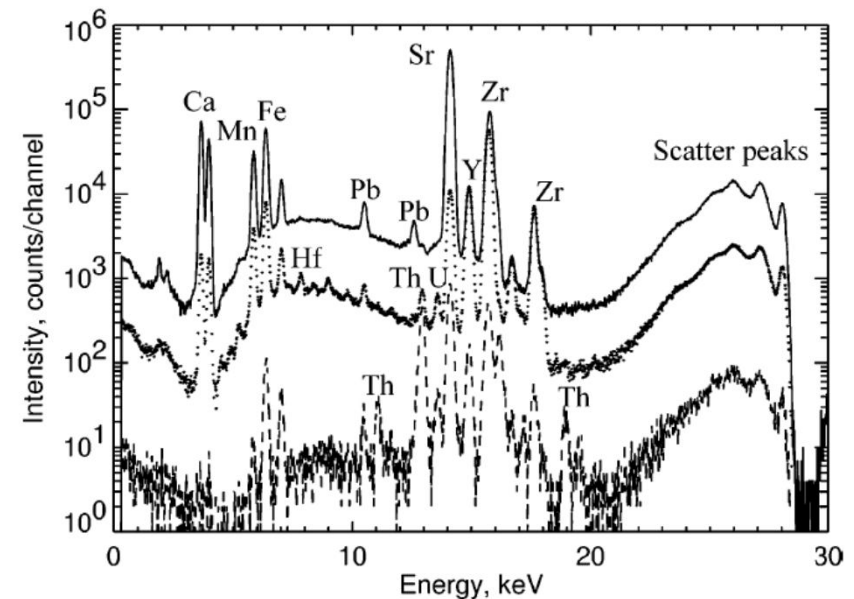


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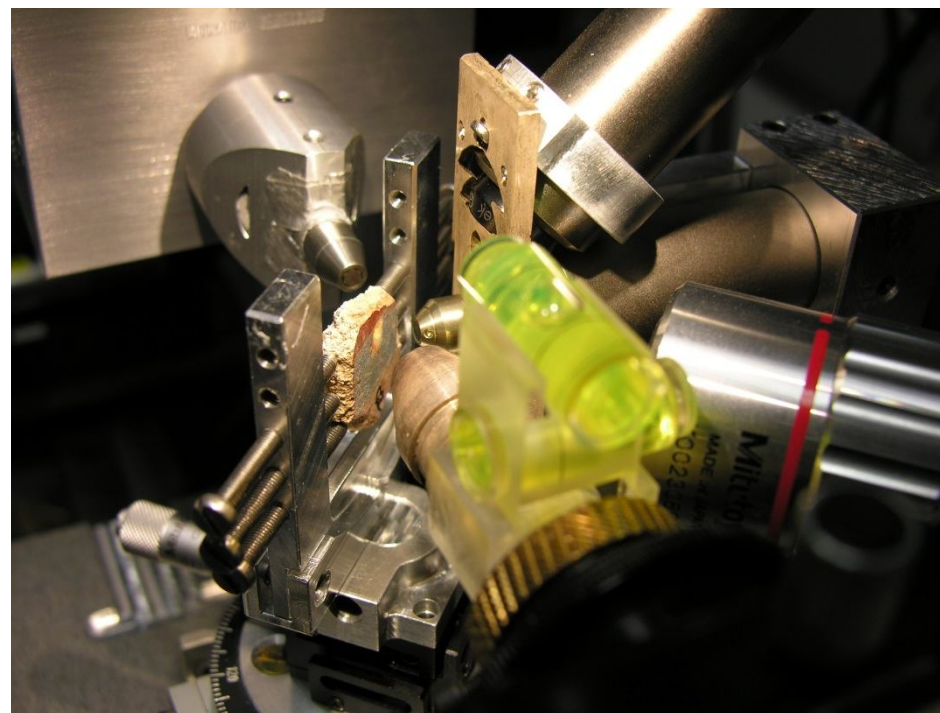
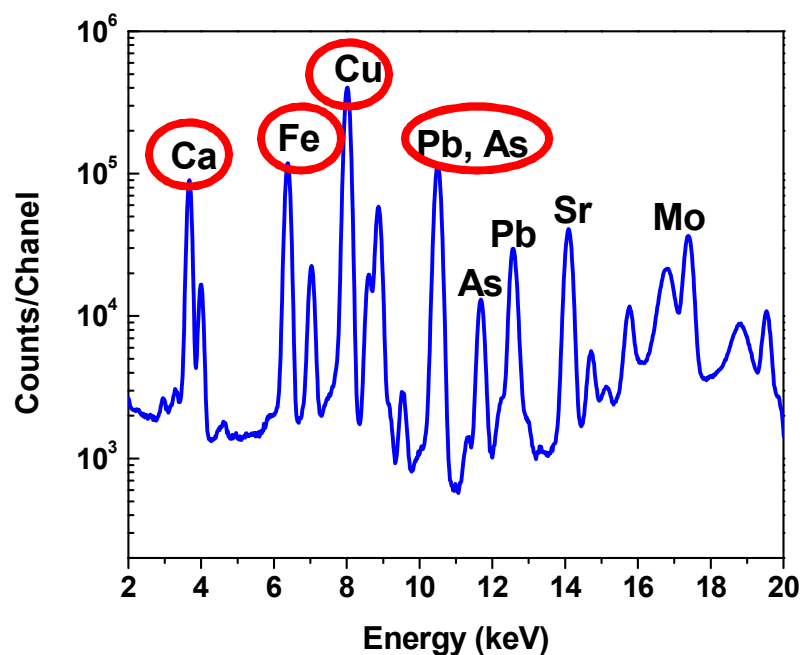
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3D analysis of Roman period (2 cent BC) painted plasters @IAEA Laboratories

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



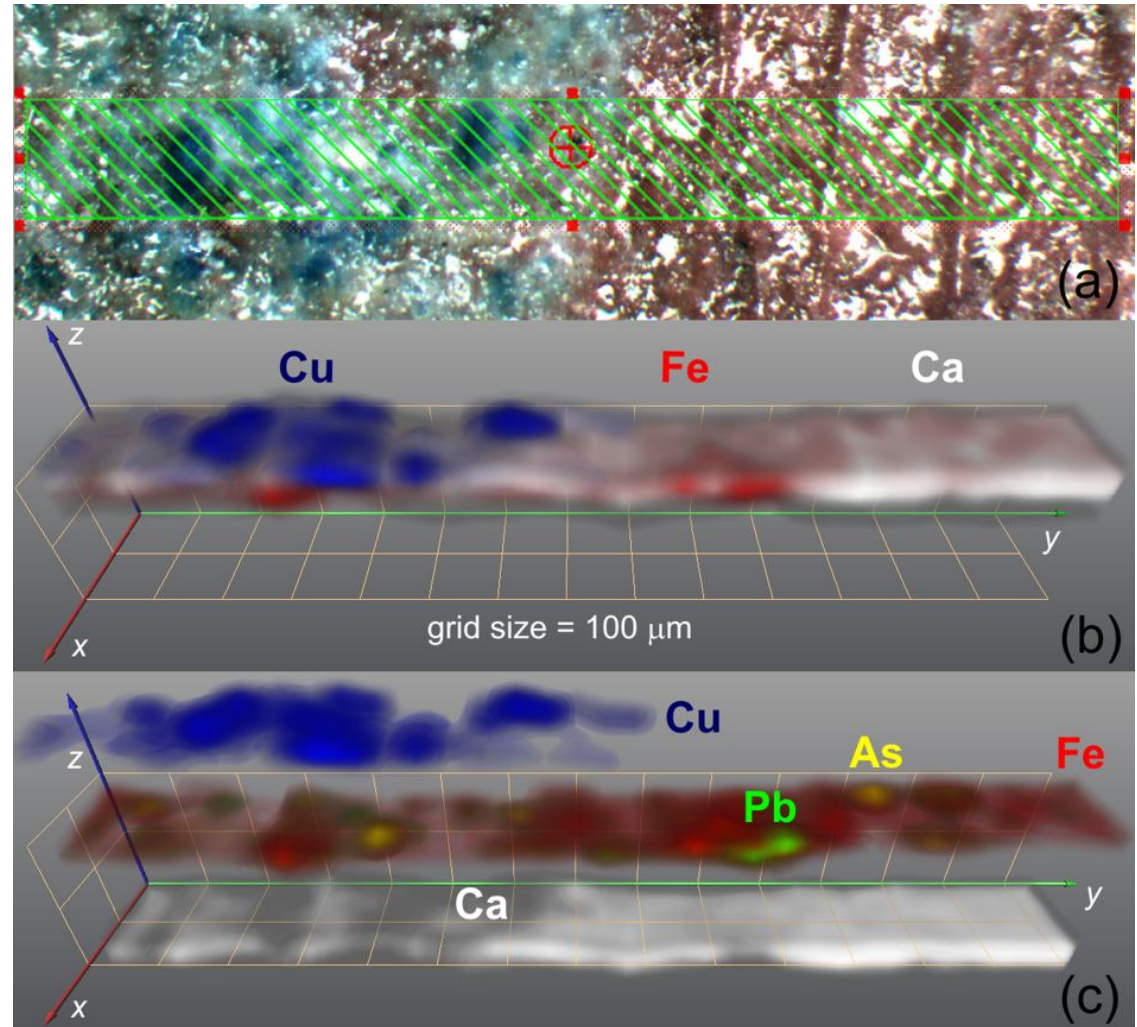
Micro-XRF spectrum from the analysis on extended area

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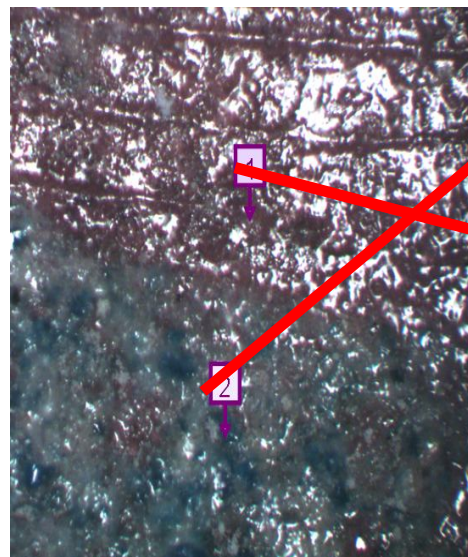
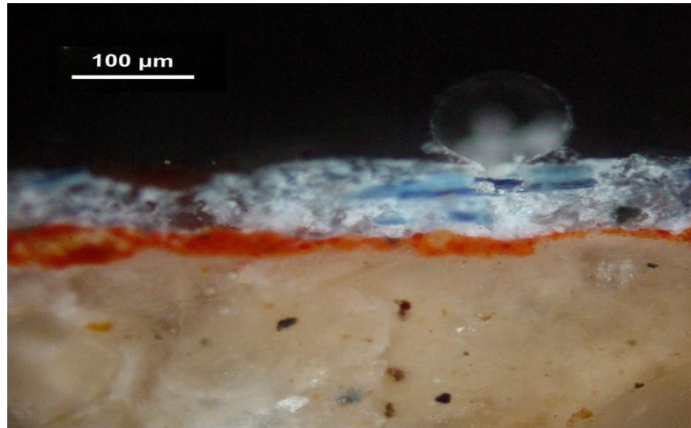
Egyptian Blue (Cu)
Red ochre (Fe)

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

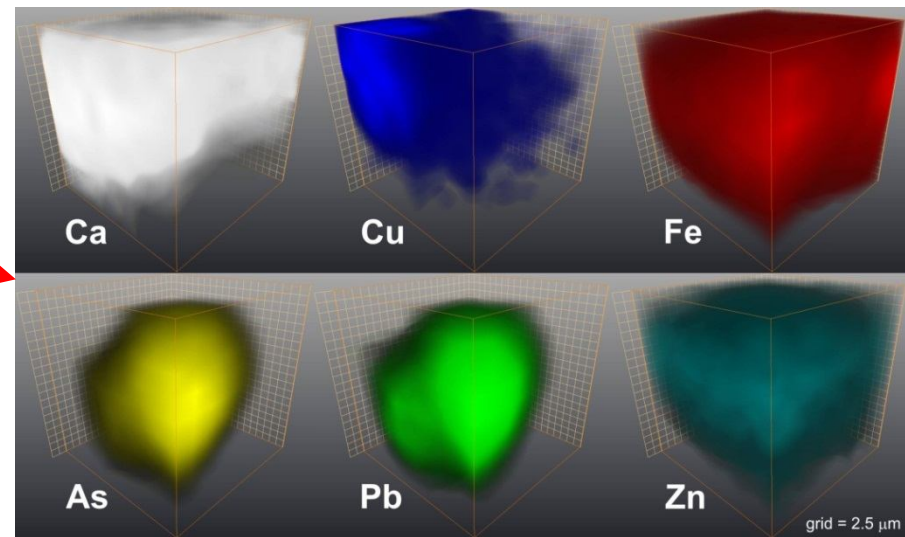
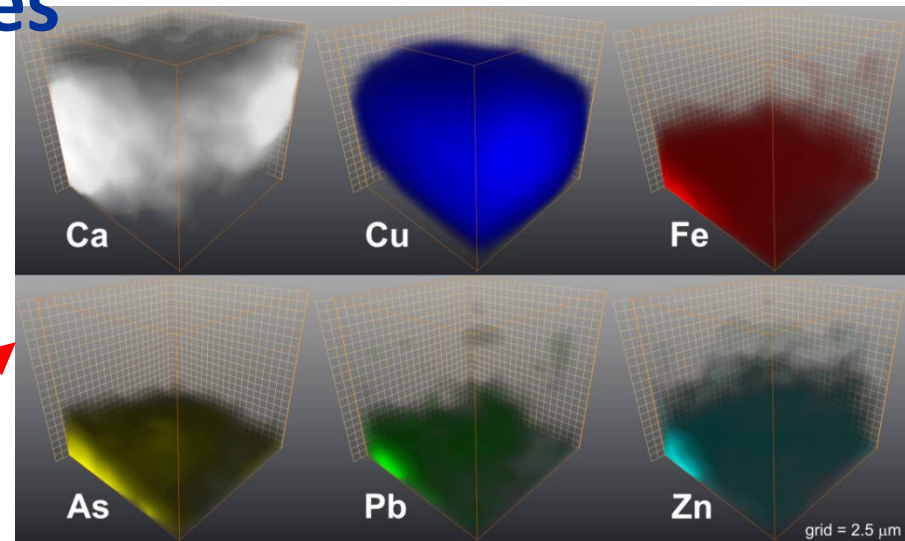
Volume:
20 μm x 1440 μm x 293 μm ,
xyz scanning spacing:
40 μm X 40 μm x 3 μm



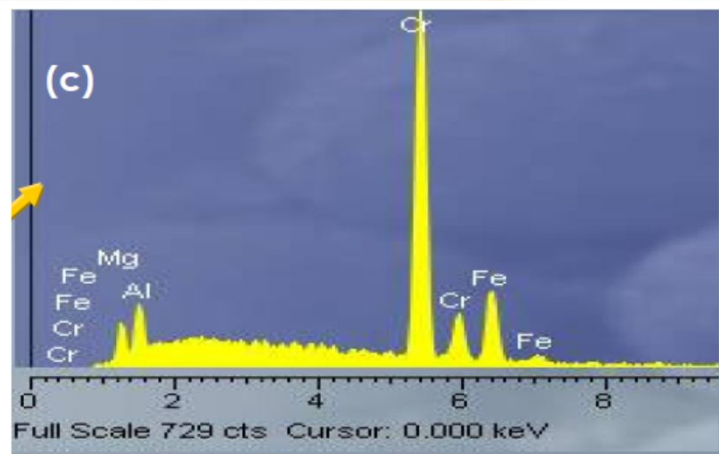
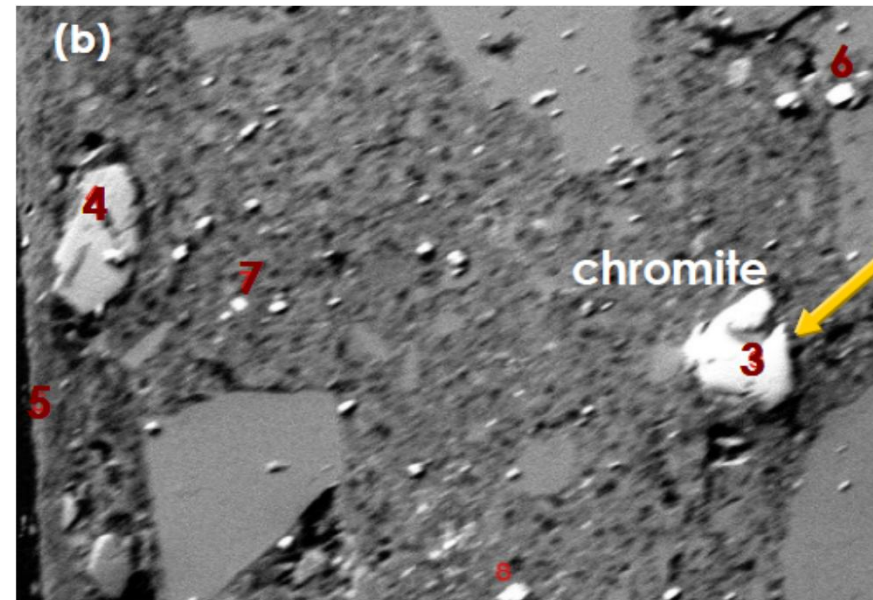
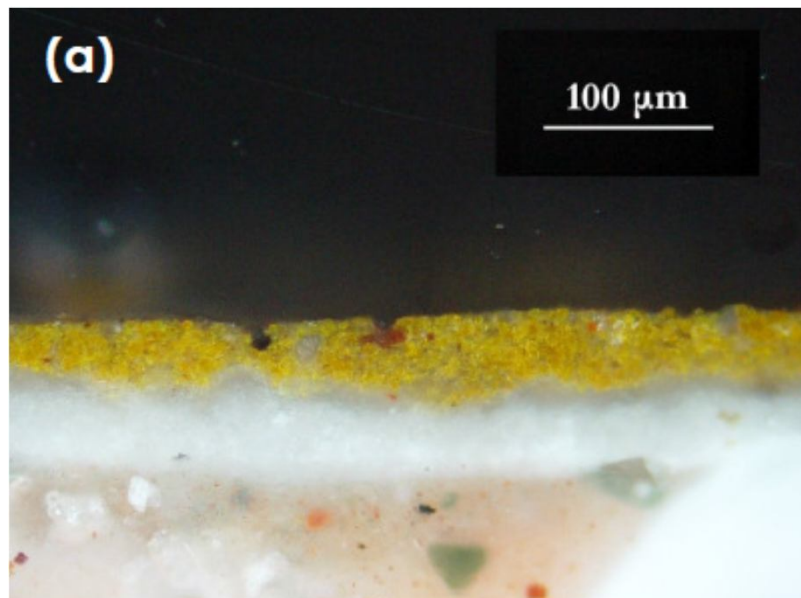
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56 μm /55 μm /55 μm
5.6 μm /5.5 μm /5 μm



Identification of minor micro-components

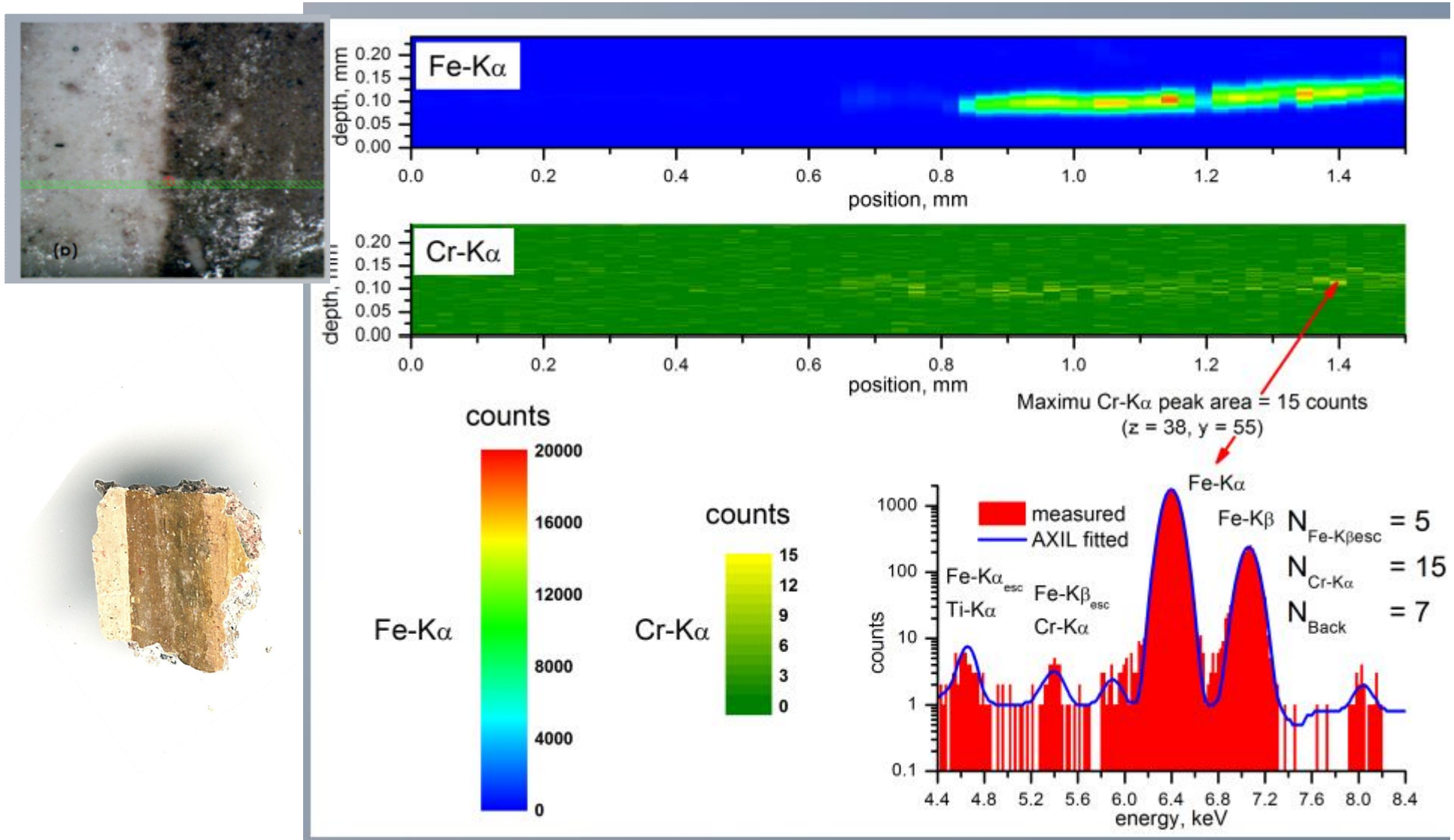


Chromite: $(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}^{2+})(\text{Cr}, \text{Al})_2\text{O}_4$

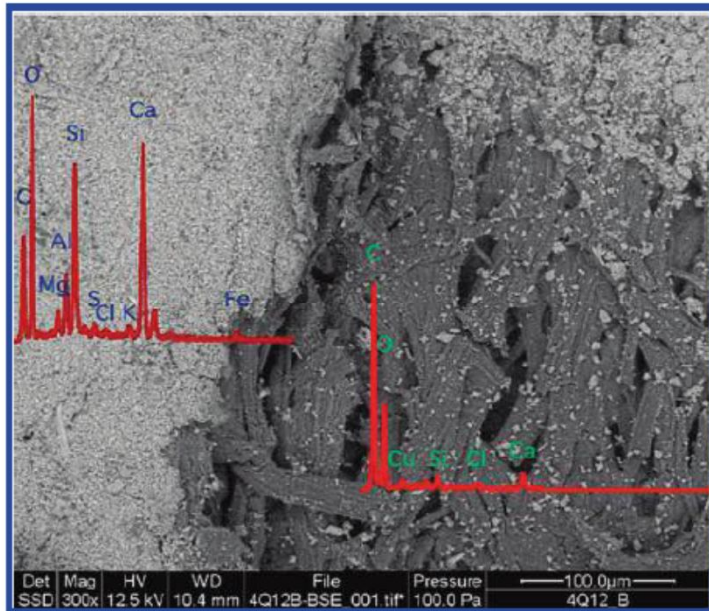
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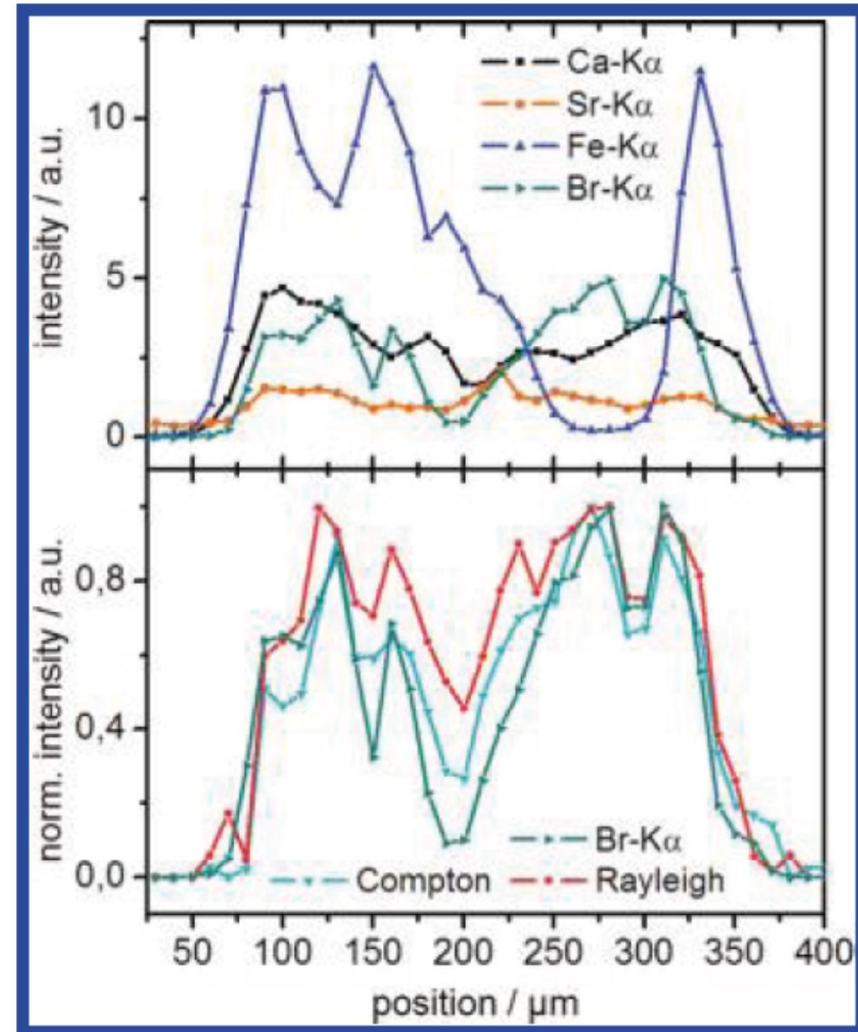
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Combined 3D Micro-XRF/2D Micro XRF on the Dead Sea Scrolls



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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

Thank you for your attention!!

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