



Heritage Research and
international cooperation
the HERCULES Lab Experience



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2009



main goal

To be a reference research infrastructure dedicated to the study and valorization of cultural heritage



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How do we operate?





Research Lines

1. Archaeometric approaches to Past Cultures
2. Sciences for the Arts
3. Science for Heritage Conservation
4. Novel materials and tools for Cultural Heritage

What we want do?

meet the needs of the
Heritage and Art Sector

develop collaborative
research projects

develop reference
Heritage conservation
integrated projects



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Who ?
are we !



40

doctorates

35

PhD

students

2

technicians

chemistry

organic synthesis

surface chemistry

material science

analytical chemistry

conservation science

archaeometry

conservation restoration

Heritage Science

archaeology

Geochemistry

Environmental monitoring

geology

Natural Products

biotechnology

electrochemistry and corrosion

environmental chemistry

Digital Technologies

Novel materials

Biochemistry

Microscopy and Microanalysis Lab

- FEG-SEM-EDS TESCAN CLARA with EDS Bruker XFlash 6130SDD
- VP-SEM-EDS HITACHI 3700N with EDS BRUKER Xflash 5010SDD
- Raman microspectrometer HORIBA Xplora
- Imaging micro-FTIR-FPA BRUKER Hyperion
- Optical microscope LEICA DM2500M
- Optical microscope LEICA DM2500P
- Inverted optical microscope MOTIC
- 2x epifluorescence microscope MOTIC BA-410
- Stereozoom microscope LEICA M205C
- Digital microscope HIROX

Materials characterization Lab

- TG-DTA NETZSCH STA 449F3 Jupiter
- X-ray Microdiffractometer BRUKER Discovery
- EDXRF BRUKER S2PUMA

Mass spectrometry Lab

- LA-ICP-MS Agilent 8800 TriQuad
- IR-MS Thermo Delta V Advantage
- GC-IR-MS Thermo Delta V

Chromatography Lab

- LC-DAD-MS THERMO LCQ Fleet
- GC-MS SHIMADZU GCMS-QP2010 Plus
- Py-GC-MS SHIMADZU GCMS-QP2010Plus
- High resolution Q TOFF-LC-MS THERMO

Biotechnology and Biodegradation

- New generation DNA sequencer Illumina MySeq
- DNA PCR Biorad
- Electroforesis system Biorad
- Image acquisition DNA Biorad
- Incubation system VWR
- Cell analyzer Millipore Muse
- UV/Vis microplate Thermo Multiscan Go



HERCULES mobile unit



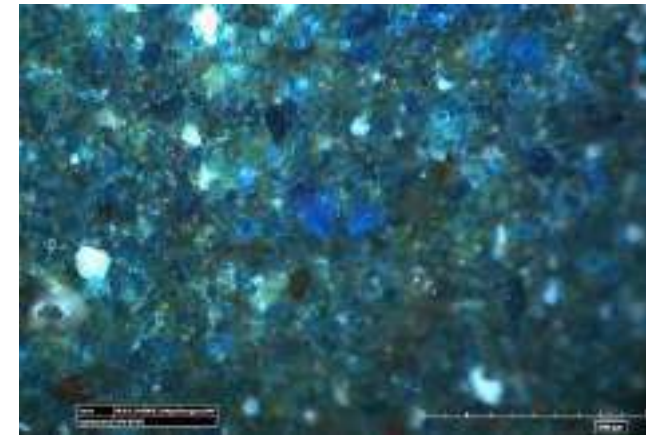
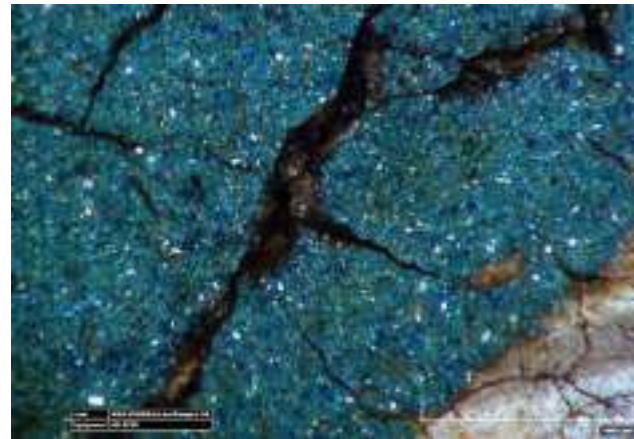
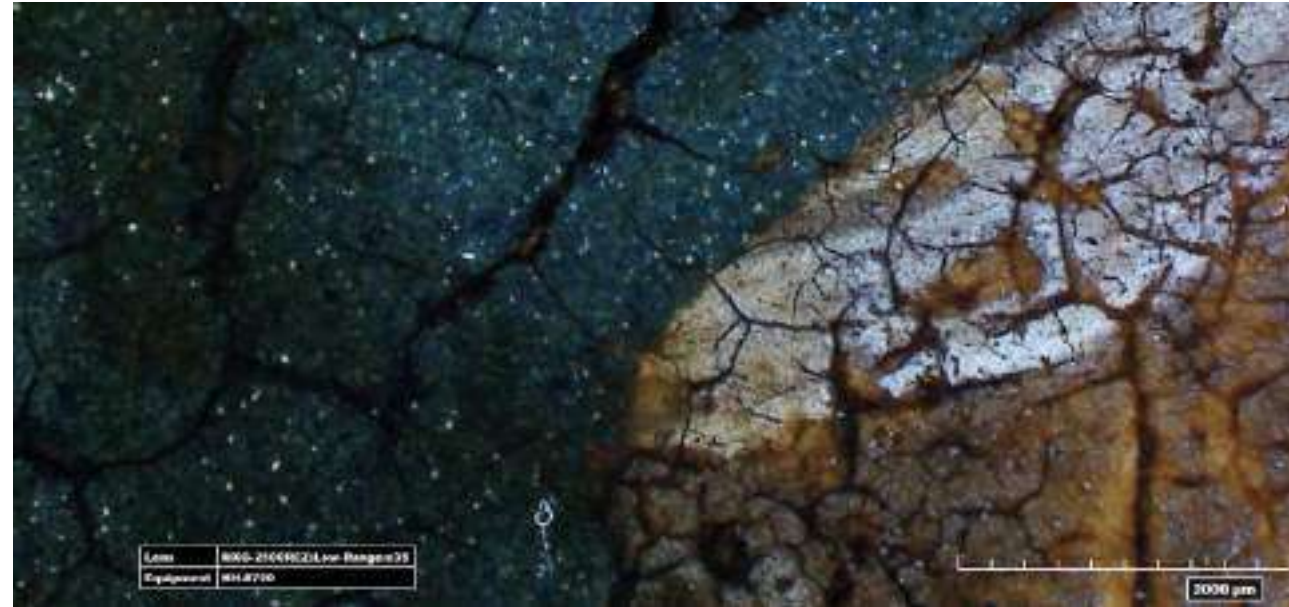
- High resolution infrared reflectography OSIRIS with InGaAs detector
- digital radiography (pulse X-ray source SCANNA XR200 -150kV- and XRS3 -300kV- with digital scanner SCANNA CR35)
- photographic equipment (visible, UV and IR)
- macro 2D XRF Bruker CRONO
- macro 2D XRF Bruker XGLAB ELIO
- handheld XRF Bruker tracer IIID
- handheld XRF Bruker tracer V
- portable SEM-EDS PHENOM PRO-X
- several handheld digital microscopes
- FTIR spectrometer Bruker ALPHA (with reflection, transmission, and ATR module)
- laser scanner 3D (FARO) for architectonic structures (c/ ICT)
- laser scanners 3D ARTEC SPIDER and ARTEC EVA for artefacts
- FORS BWTEK (NIR-UV)
- Hyperspectral camera Specim IQ
- Multispectral camera Xpectraltek XPECAM
- Portable Raman spectrometer BWTEK
- DNA sequencer Minilon



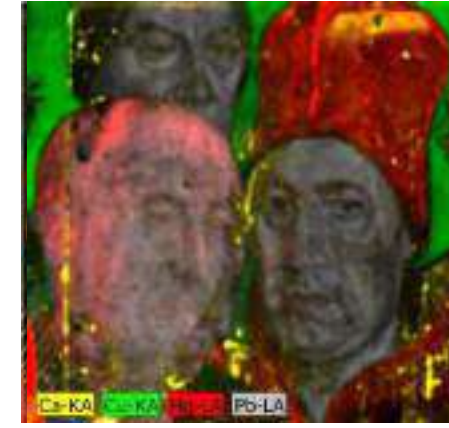
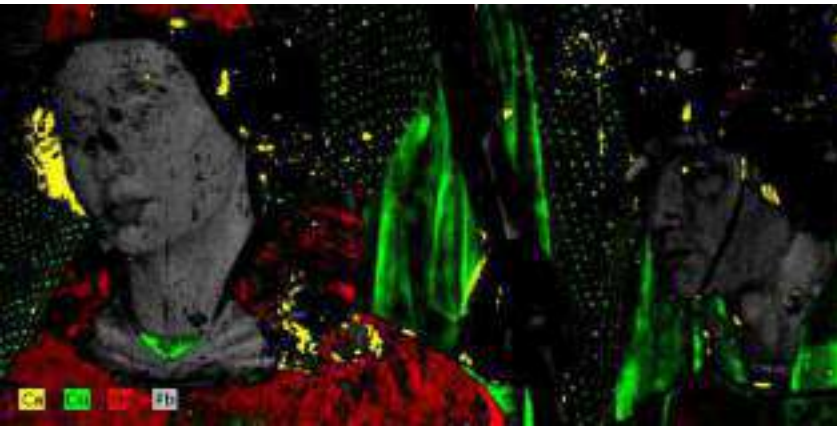
Integrated conservation-restoration project of St. Vincent panels



High resolution digital microscopy - HIROX



XRF
elemental mapping



current appearance of the central panels



possible appearance of the panels before changes



Project PTDC/ART-HIS/1370/2020

The Unveiling of the Art of Mural Painting by Almada Negreiros (1938-1956): Scientific study of Pictorial Techniques, Materials and Diagnosis as guides for their conservation and enjoyment





2023 WINNERS CITIZENS' ENGAGEMENT AND AWARENESS-RAISING

Almada project - Unveiling the Mural
Painting Art of Almada Negreiros

Coordinator: HERCULES Lab

Partners: General Directorate for Cultural Heritage,
Lisbon Harbour Administration,
NOVA Lisbon University



Integrated conservation project of the Mudejar ceilings of Funchal Cathedral

Coordinator: Madeira Regional Directorate for Culture

Partners: HERCULES Lab

General Directorate for Cultural Heritage



2023 WINNERS CONSERVATION AND ADAPTIVE REUSE

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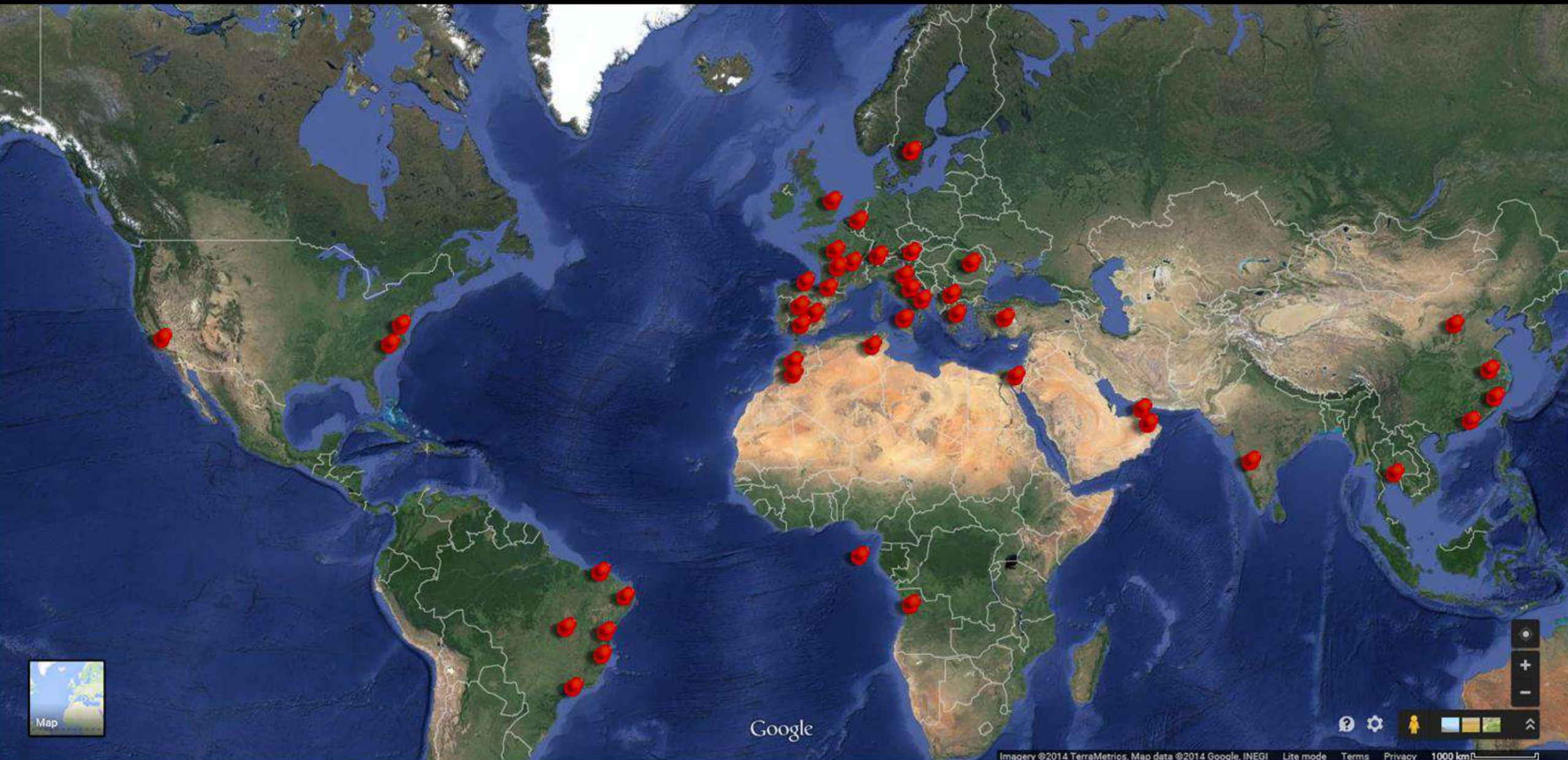


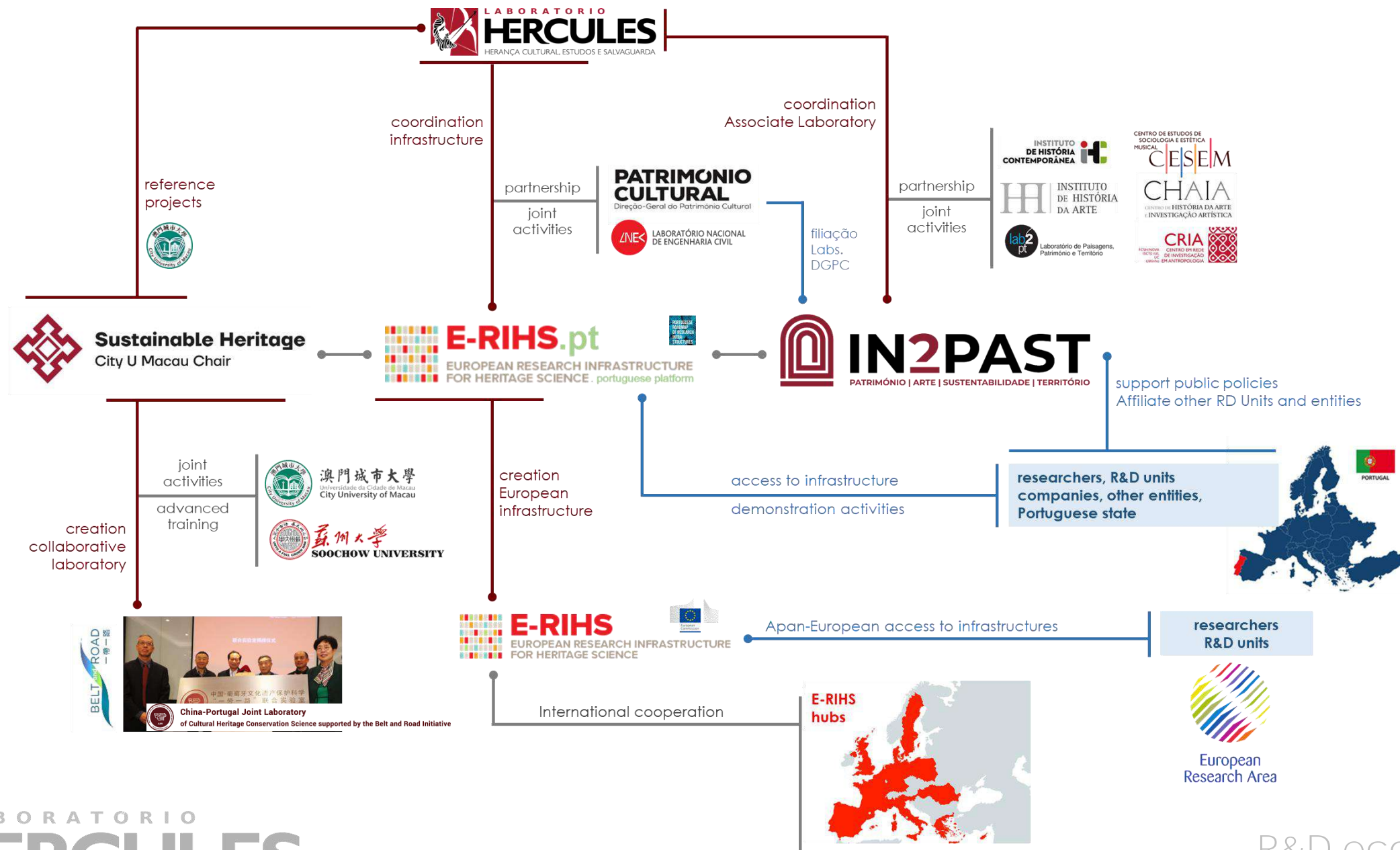
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Art Kaplan
Hercule Florence project

internacionalization





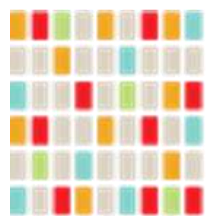
R&D ecosystem



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a groundbreaking infrastructure for Cultural Heritage Research

started 2016

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Projecto «Livro das Fortalezas»
Biblioteca Nacional de Espanha



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E-RIHS will be the pan-European distributed research infrastructure in the form of a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC).

<http://www.e-rihs.eu>



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started 2020



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Universidade do Minho



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R&D units



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ethnography
Civil engineering
anthropology
Architecture
Biochemistry
Novel materials
Archaeometry
Geochemistry
Environmental monitoring
Geology
Natural Products
Biotechnology
Electrochemistry and corrosion
Environmental Chemistry
organic synthesis
Modern history
Conservation science
restoration
contemporary history
Digital Technologies
conservation
music sociology
surface chemistry
analytical chemistry
History
Heritage Science
art
Musicology
Art History
chemistry



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Creation of an Endowed chair on *Sustainable Heritage*



March 2019



Sustainable Heritage Chair

City University Macau



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- Jointly supervised Post-doc programs
- Collaborative and Reference Research projects
- Creation of a laboratory at CityUMacau with scientific counseling by HERCULES Lab







中国-葡萄牙文化遗产保护科学“一带一路”联合实验室

China-Portugal Joint Laboratory of Cultural Heritage Conservation Science supported by the Belt and Road Initiative



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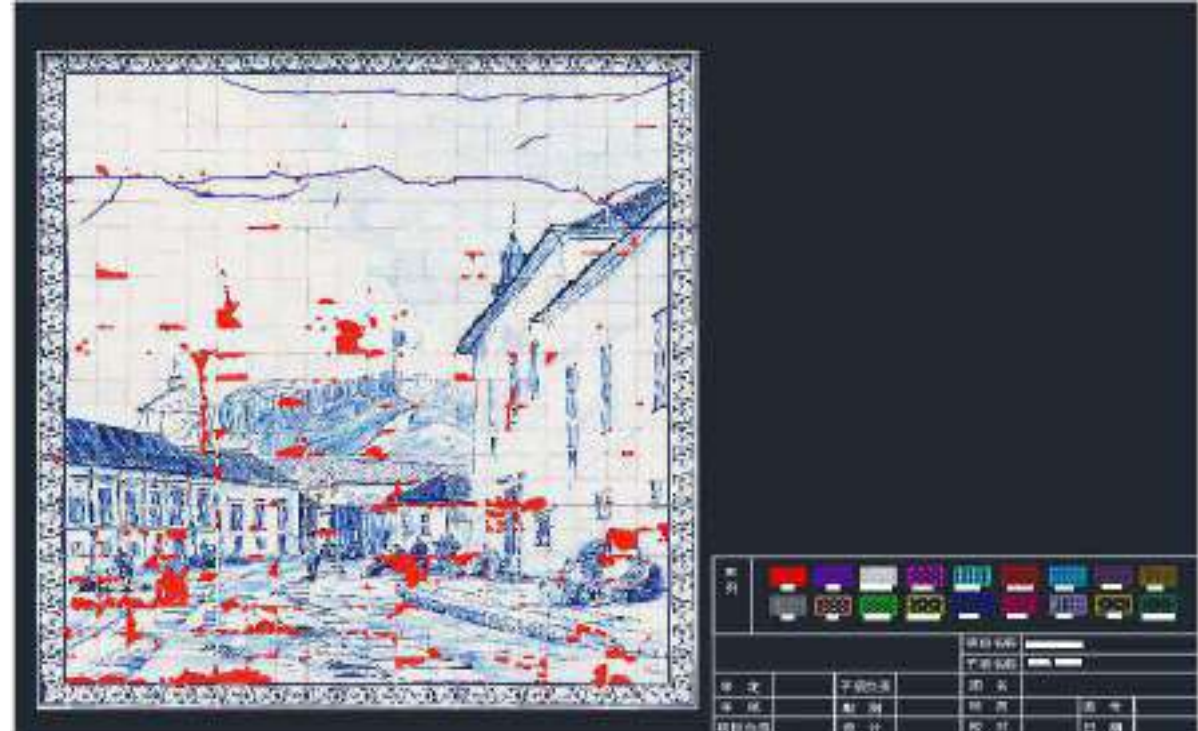
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International Director of JLBRI
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Director of IN2PAST
Doctoral Supervisor



1. New Materials and Crafts for Heritage Conservation

The cross-disciplinary research between architecture and material chemistry, focusing on the material analysis of heritage, the research and development of new materials, and the industrialization of heritage conservation research.



Non-destructive analysis of the Portuguese tiles on the walls of Sun Yat Sen Municipal Park in Macau



2. Digitalization of Heritage Conservation Technology

The research on the digital conservation of architectural and urban heritage, focusing on the data collection, storage, and conservation of digitalized cultural heritage, and the application of virtual reality on heritage conservation, safeguard and monitorization of heritages, existing building performance elevating; cultural landscape conservation and eco-restoration.





3. Sustainable Conservation and Demonstrative Projects

Based on a collaborative entrepreneurship and innovation platform established by internal and external design institutions, which aims to undertake projects related to architectural heritage conservation, urban renewal, and traditional village conservation, and provide services to support urban and rural development and socio-economic progress.



Physical Performance Testings of Heritage Protected at the National Level



4. Cultural Heritage History and Theories

The cross-disciplinary research on architecture, humanities, and arts, focusing on the studies on the architectural forms, crafts, regional and geographical characters of typical heritage sites, highlighting the cultural heritage conservation theories on B&R regions.



Ruins of St. Paul's, Macau



Protection of the Chiado
Neighborhood in Lisbon



Inheritance of Japanese
Restoration Crafts



Post-disaster Restoration of the
Buddha Tooth Temple in Sri Lanka

training



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Erasmus Mundus Master Course

(2013-2027)

ARCHMAT – Archaeological Materials Science



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Education and Culture

Erasmus Mundus

2013-2024: ~200 MSc theses





MARIE Skłodowska-CURIE ACTIONS Innovative Training Networks (ITN)

(2017-2022)

ED-ARCHMAT | European Doctorate in Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Materials Science



13 PhD theses



- Bangladesh
- Brazil
- China
- Croatia
- Ethiopia
- France
- Germany
- India



Workshop “Scientific analysis of Artworks and Cultural Heritage”

Instructors: António Candeias, Teresa Caldeira, Catarina Miguel, Nick Schiavon

Participants: 15 professors and researchers Silpakorn University

Place: Silpakorn University (Thailand)

(18-19 Nov 2022)



“โครงการการวิจัยเพื่อการประยุกต์ใช้องค์ความรู้และเครื่องมือทางวิทยาศาสตร์ในงานอนุรักษ์ศิลปกรรม”
ตามแผนงานของสถาบันพิพิธภัณฑ์ศิลปกรรมแห่งชาติ วิทยาลัยการศึกษาศาสตร์มนุษยศาสตร์และศิลปกรรมศาสตร์แห่งประเทศไทย (TASSHA)

อบรมเชิงปฏิบัติการ
Application of Scientific Analysis in Material Characterization of Artworks and Cultural Heritage

18 - 19 November 2022
09.00 a.m. - 05.00 p.m.
Room 4103 Science Building 4
Faculty of Science,
Silpakorn University

- การบรรยายในหัวข้อ วัสดุโบราณ ศิลปกรรมและมรดกทางวัฒนธรรม
- การบรรยายในหัวข้อ เทคนิคการตรวจวัดทางวิทยาศาสตร์และการประยุกต์ใช้ในการตรวจวัดคุณภาพศิลปกรรม
- ปฏิบัติการ: เทคนิคการตรวจวัดทางวิทยาศาสตร์
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Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

September 2019

International Course on Science for the Arts – a new look into Heritage

Curso Internacional Ciência para as Artes – um novo olhar sobre o patrimônio

(training with non-invasive techniques including ED-XRF, digital microscopy, ATR-FTIR – participants: 20 technicians from different Brazilian institutions)



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

October 2023

Workshop on studies and scientific research in cultural heritage

Oficina de estudos e investigações científicas do património cultural

(training with non-invasive techniques including ED-XRF, digital microscopy, FORS, hyperspectral imaging, NGS, IR reflectography)
participants: 32 technicians



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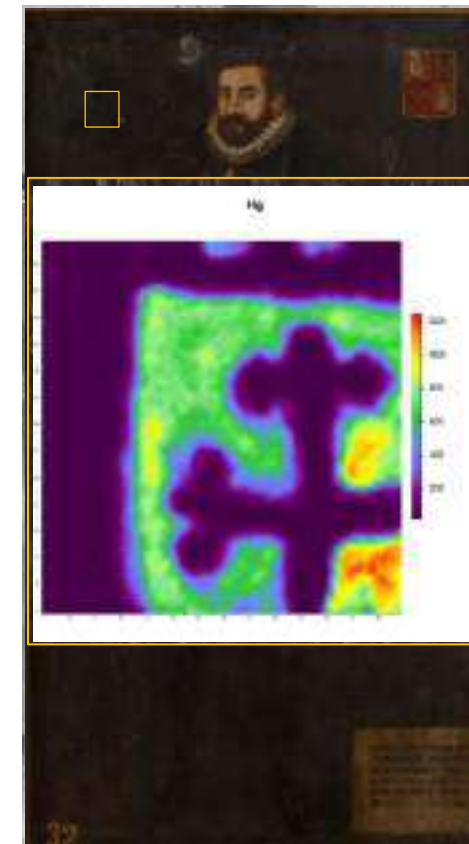
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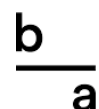
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Workshop on non-invasive painting analysis

X-ray radiography, IRR, XRF, 2D-XRF, IR, OM, biotech





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Government of India



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fieldwork mission
Jan 9th – Feb 10th 2023



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Lisbon



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IR reflectography



X-ray radiography



racking light photography



UV photography



biofilm collection



Raman spectroscopy



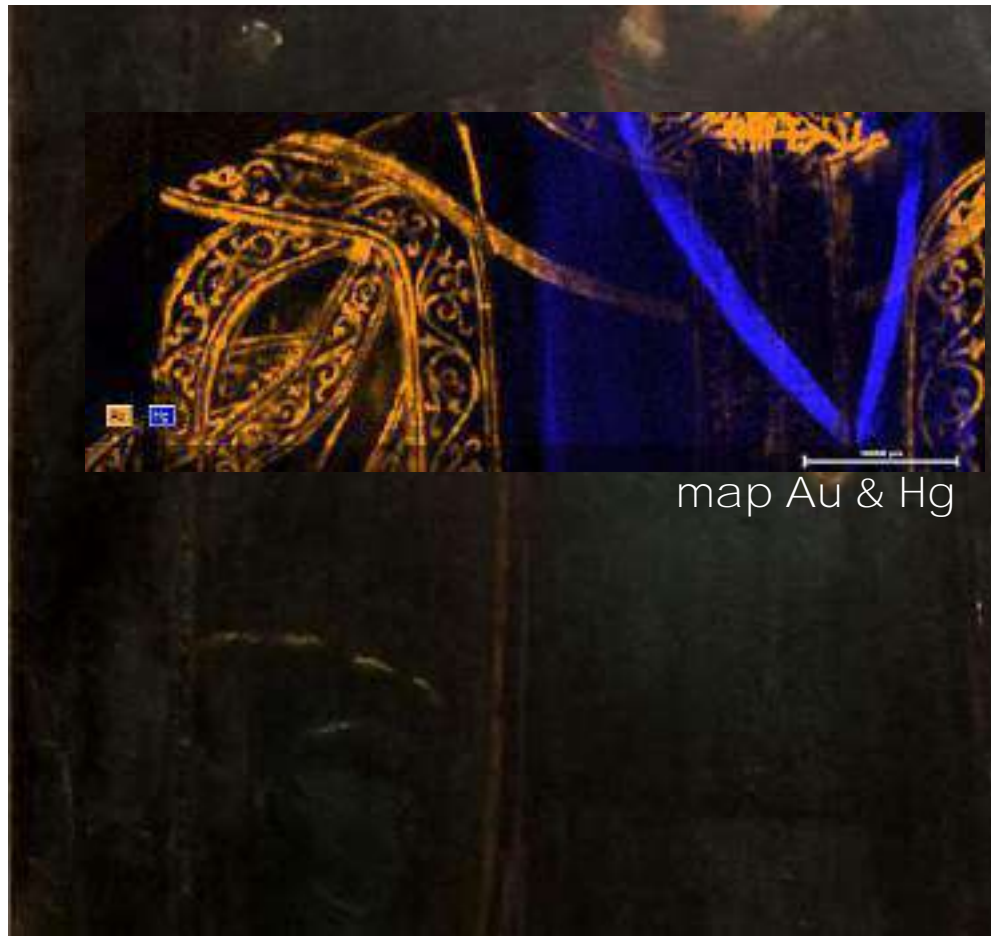
X-ray spectrometry



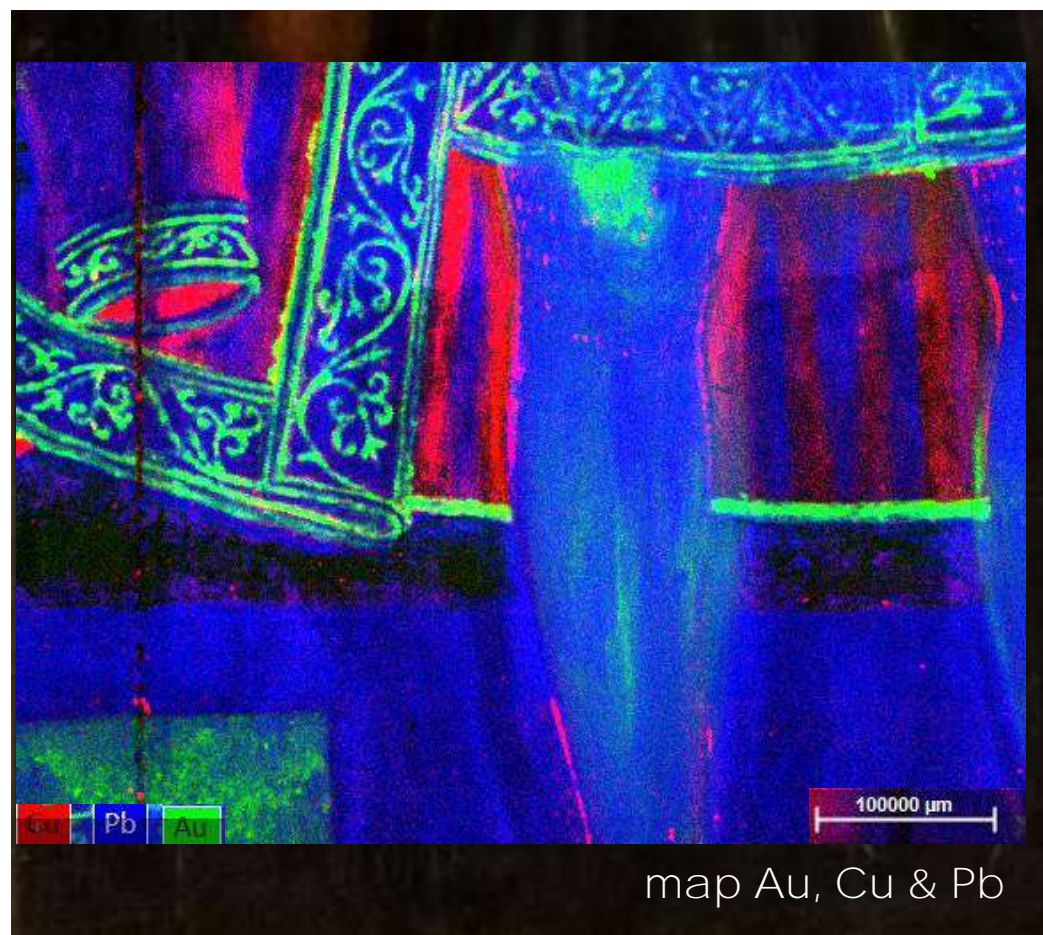
X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry

elemental composition

macro elemental mapping



Credits: David Teves Reis
British Library



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Creation of a new exhibition concept for the collection of the Gallery of the Viceroy of India (with ASI, in progress)

Implementation of an environmental monitoring program and risk management plan (1st semester 2024)

Inauguration of the new exhibition (1st semester 2024)



Innovation and Development

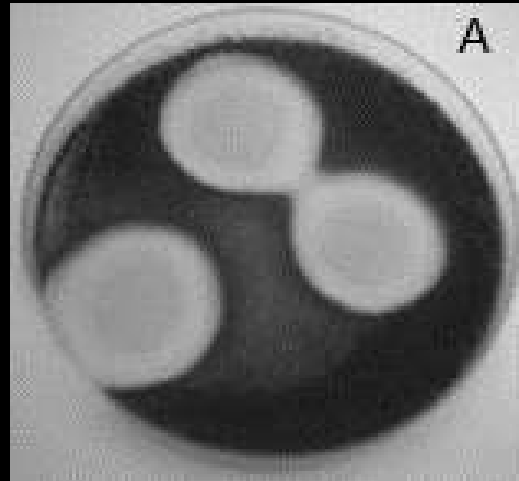
1 . Production of novel green biocides

BEVOTECH (Biocide EVOrate TECHnology)

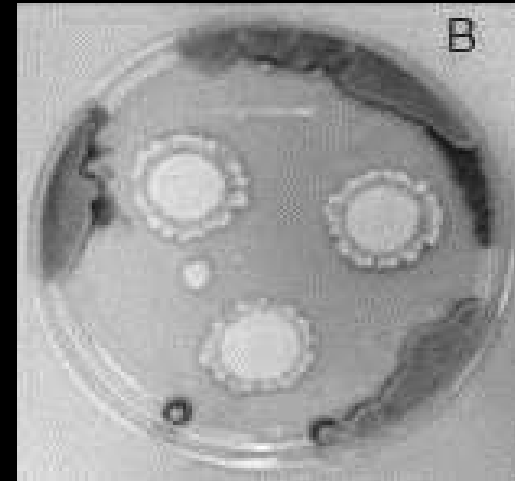


New biocide developed at our Lab

From cultures of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* (GenBank AY785775) with broad spectrum of fungal inhibition



comercial biocides

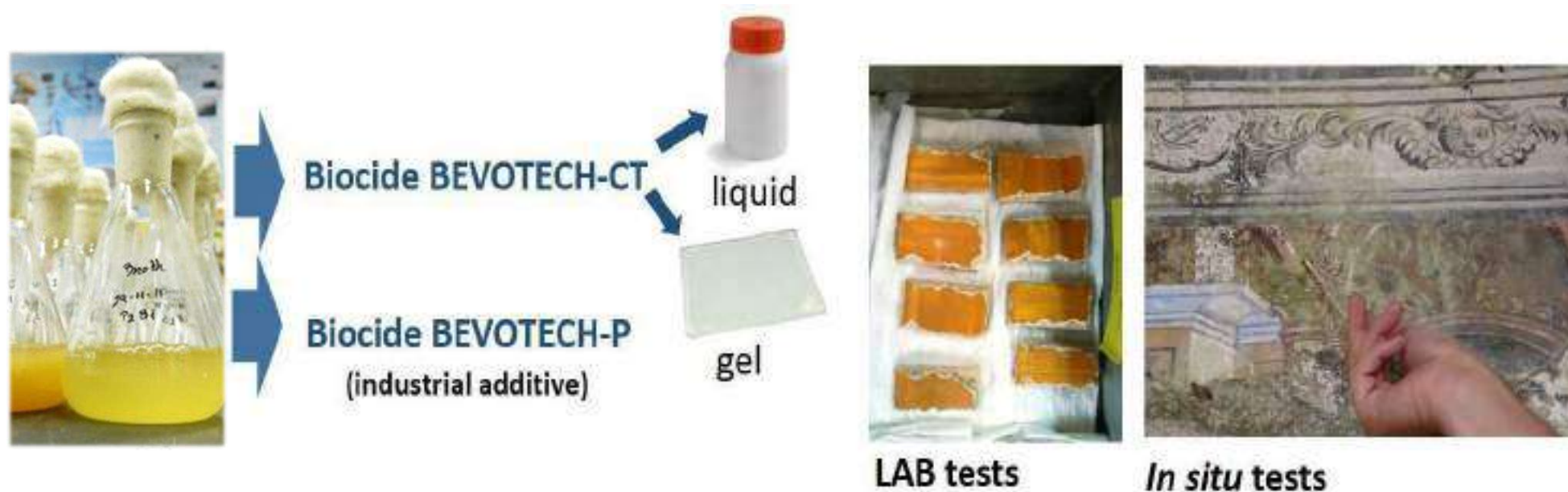


iturinic lipopeptide

two products are being developed:

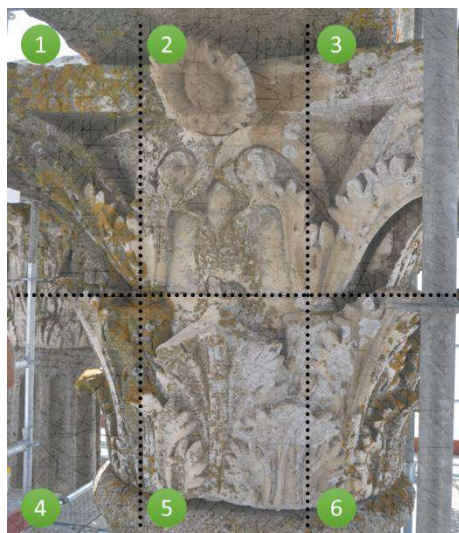
Biocide BEVOTECH-CT new biocide for conservation and conservation treatment or preventive conservation and testing of its antimicrobial effect. This product is being tested as solution as well as gel formulation.

Additive BEVOTECH-P biocidal additive for the production of paints / coatings to be used in the field of built heritage rehabilitation and construction

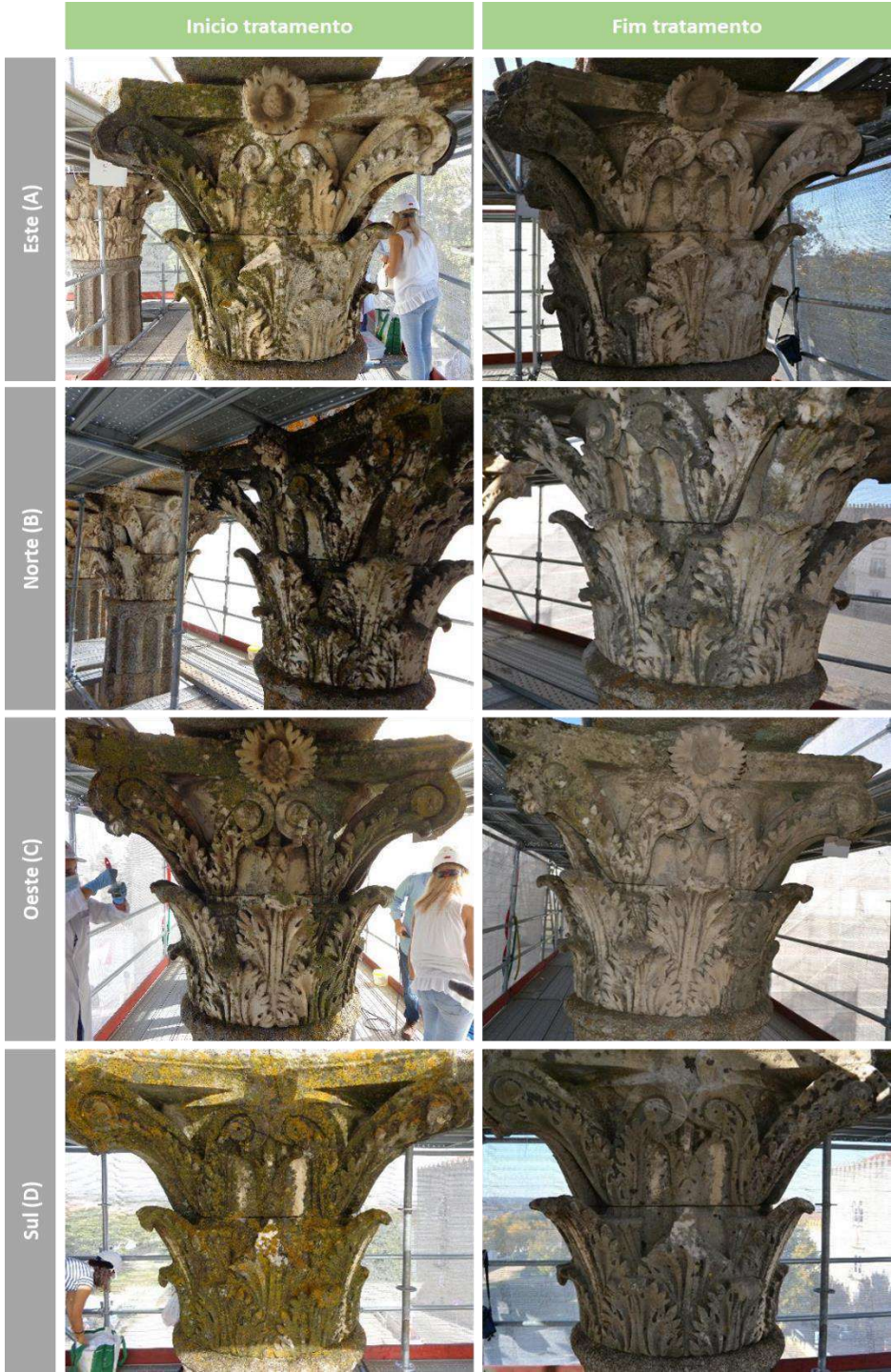


BEVOTECH® (Biocide EVOratec *TECH*nology)





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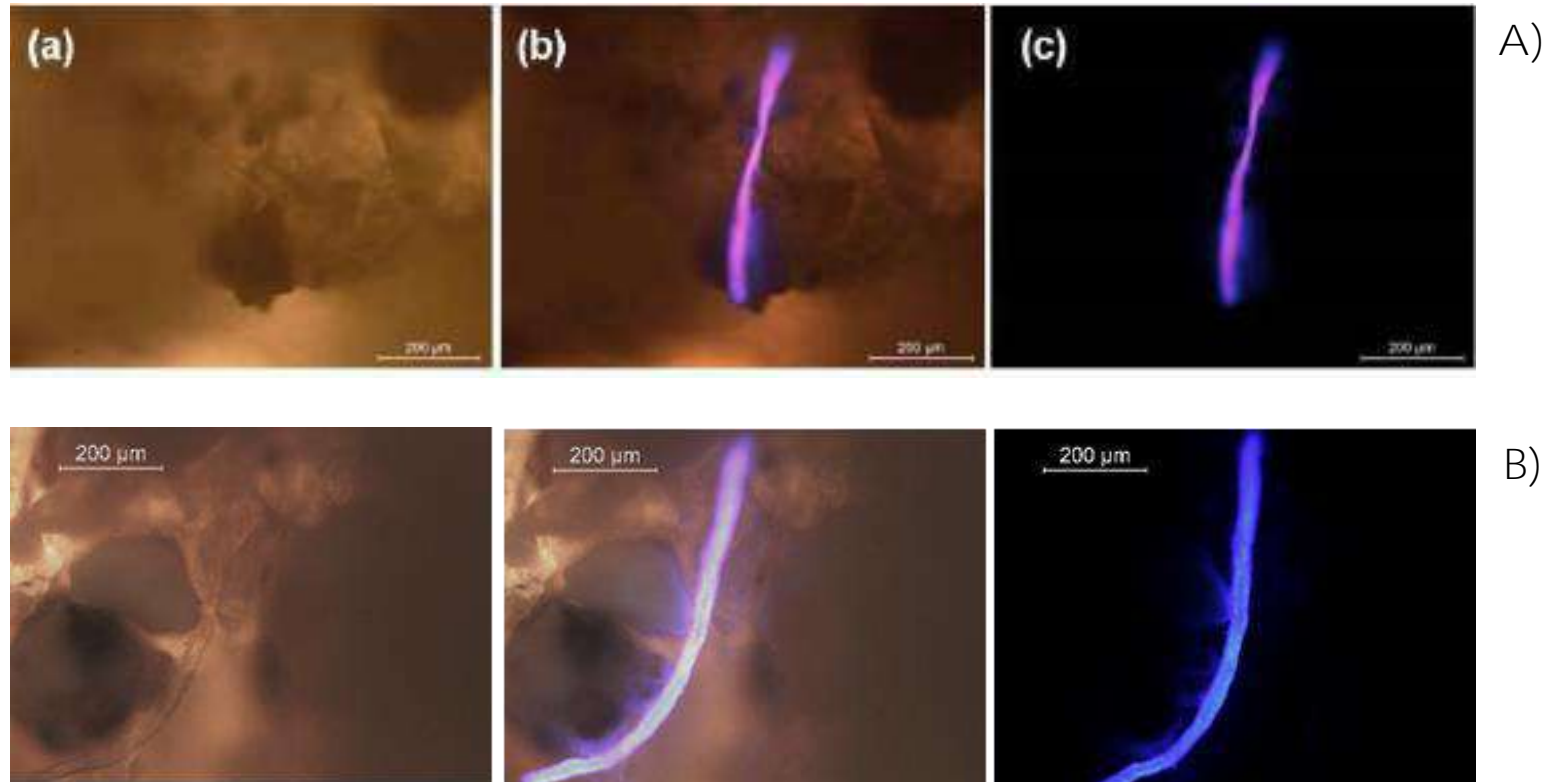


Évora, 2018

2. design of probes for microorganisms identification

Fluorescence *In Situ* Hybridisation (FISH)

In 2013, the HERCULES Laboratory team began an exploratory project to evaluate the use and applicability of Fluorescence *In Situ* Hybridization (FISH) ribosomal RNA probes to detect the presence of microorganisms in heritage assets at point-of-care.



Microscopic images of real mortars colonized by *Nectria fungii* under
(a) visible light (b) combined visible and UV light and (c) UV light
for A) probes with commercial fluorophore Cy3 and B) probes with novel esculetine fluorophore

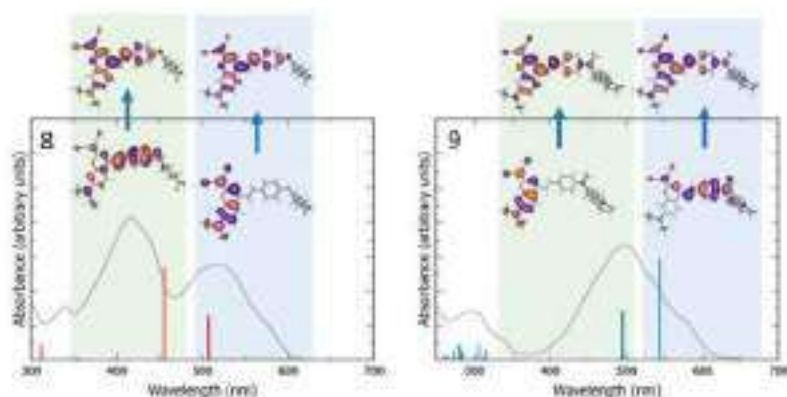
Article

Rational Design of Cost-Effective 4-Styrylcoumarin Fluorescent Derivatives for Biomolecule Labeling

Raquel Eustáquio ¹, João P. Prates Ramalho ^{2,1}, Ana Teresa Caldeira ^{1,2,4} and António Pereira ^{1,2,*}



Figure 1. Photographic images of the synthesized fluorescent labels (8, 9, 14, 15, 19, and 20) in MeCN at 365 nm.



- Synthesis of new fluorophores for marking biomolecules
- Styryl coumarins derivatives as fluorescent labels for biomolecules: application to cultural heritage.

much cheaper than commercial ones

FISH

What's next?

produce a cost effective and non-toxic kit based on the novel FISH probes for **identification of microorganisms** at **point-of-care**

conceive a sequential step-by-step protocol and reaction test components / materials and detection methodology.

3. novel materials for heritage conservation

coatings for preservation Natural Stone

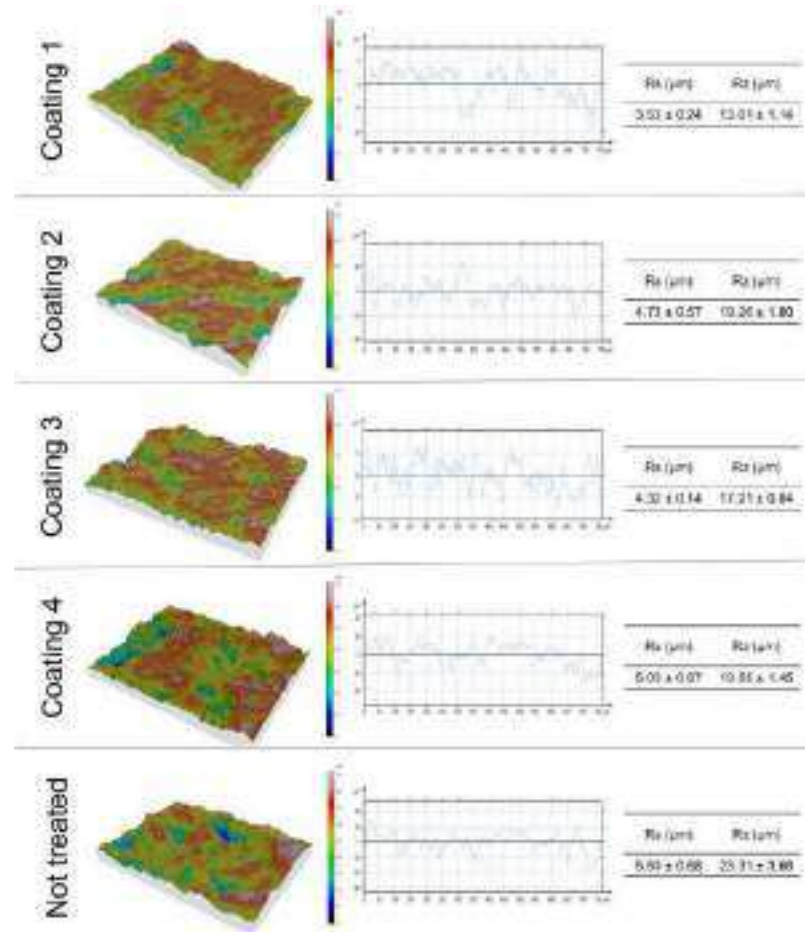


Figure. Determination of the roughness parameters after accelerated ageing of the mock-ups of lithotype C, using 3D surface micro-reconstructions..

Hybrid protective coatings for marbles and limestones, consisting of formulations of inorganic nanoparticles combined with organic matrices (polysiloxanes and fluorinated polymers), have shown promising hydrophobic and self-cleaning properties. However, these hybrid coatings still have **limitations**

Developing hybrid superhydrophobic coatings, based on low-cost, natural and non-petroleum materials for their preparation and consequent application in carbonated stones

PPP Eco-HERITAGEPROTEC: Eco-friendly superhydrophobic hybrid coatings for HERITAGE PROTEction.

inventors: P. Barrulas, L. Dias, S. Martins, E. Carreiro, J. Mirão, A. Candeias, A. Caldeira, V. Pires, F. Sitzia.

biosynthesis of nanoparticles

screening microorganisms producing silver nanoparticles in an effective way

Set of microorganisms in our culture collection

microorganisms that produce silver nanoparticles

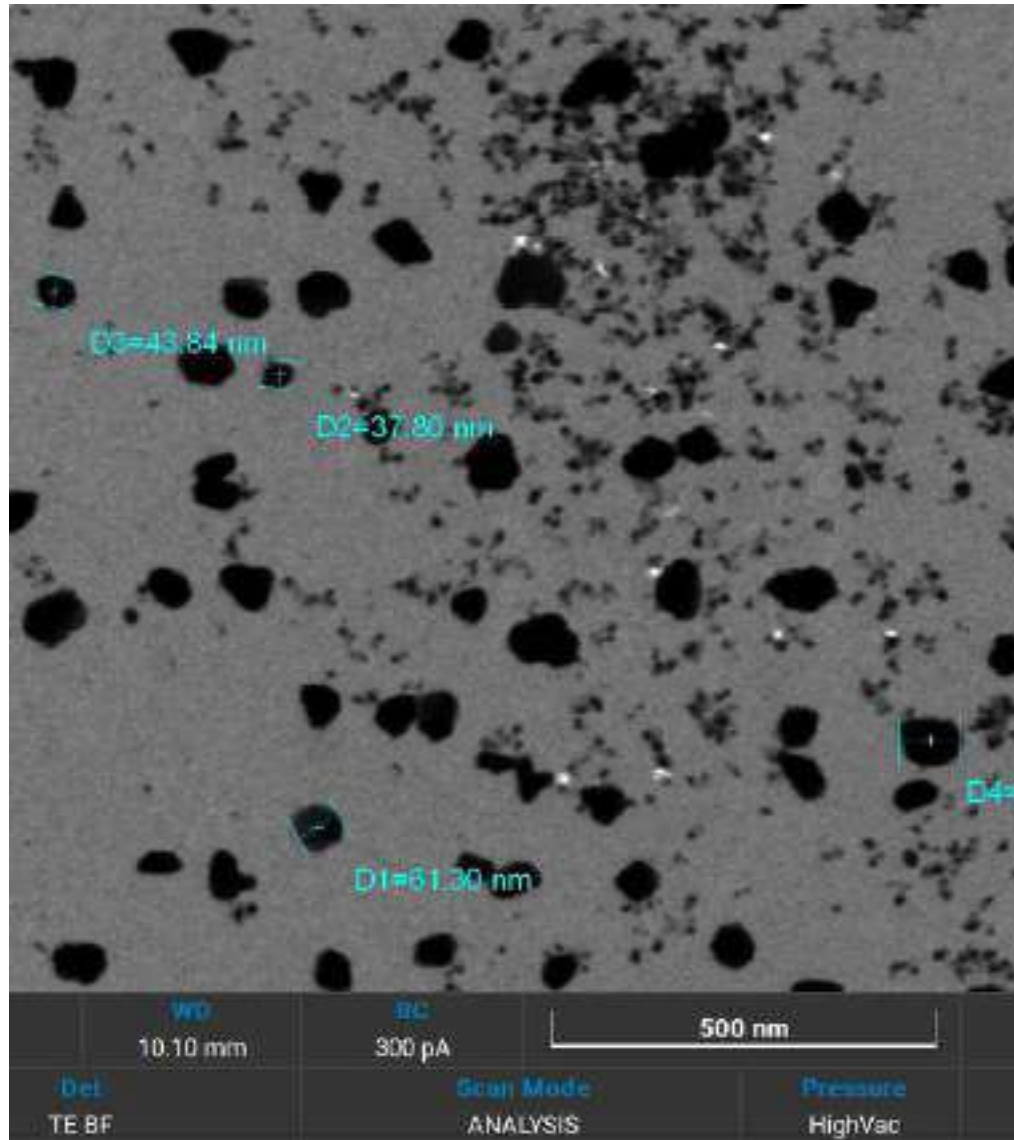


Figure. Example of biologically synthesized silver nanoparticles, obtained by scanning electron microscopy using a STEM detector

bioconsolidation of built heritage

screening microorganisms that promote biomineralization in an effective way

Set of microorganisms in our culture collection collected from extreme and hypogenic environments



Figure. Example of biomineralization of carbon carbonate

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