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Session 5

Science and Technology in the Service of Culture and  
Society

Cross-disciplinary Interactions Produce Enabling  
Tools in the Service of Heritage Science

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# Cultural Heritage Science and Technology

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## ***Motivation***

CH preservation, protection and promotion is an issue of worldwide importance,

... with key economic impact particularly in Greece, where CH can be a national “heavy industry”.

Also, a fertile ground for cultivating highly inter-disciplinary, competitive research and for creating opportunities for innovation, technology and education.

FORTH researchers maintain a strong international presence in many aspects of CH S&T.

# Cultural Heritage Science and Technology

## Major Research Activities across FORTH

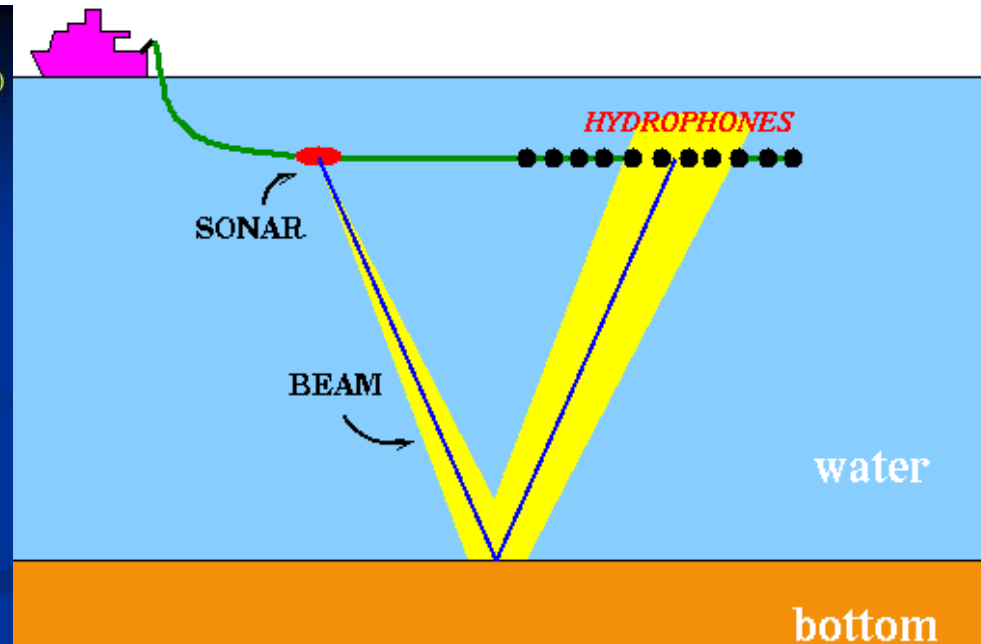
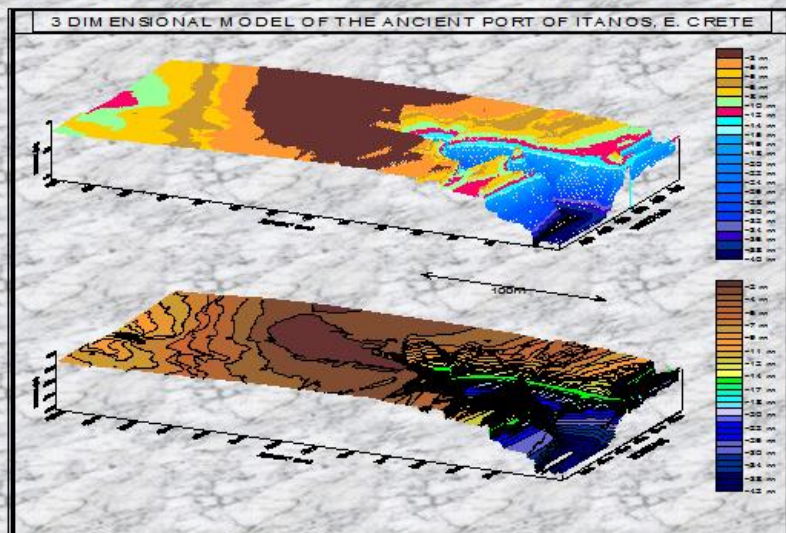
Integrated mapping of the **archaeological landscape**, on the ground, underground, along the coastlines and sub-aquatically via the development of innovative methodologies based on geophysical surveys, satellite imaging, advanced acoustic sensing methods.

Ιτανός (Ερημούπολη), ΒΑ Κρήτη

Σεισμικές Τεχνικές

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Χαρτογράφηση του Ελληνιστικού λιμανιού

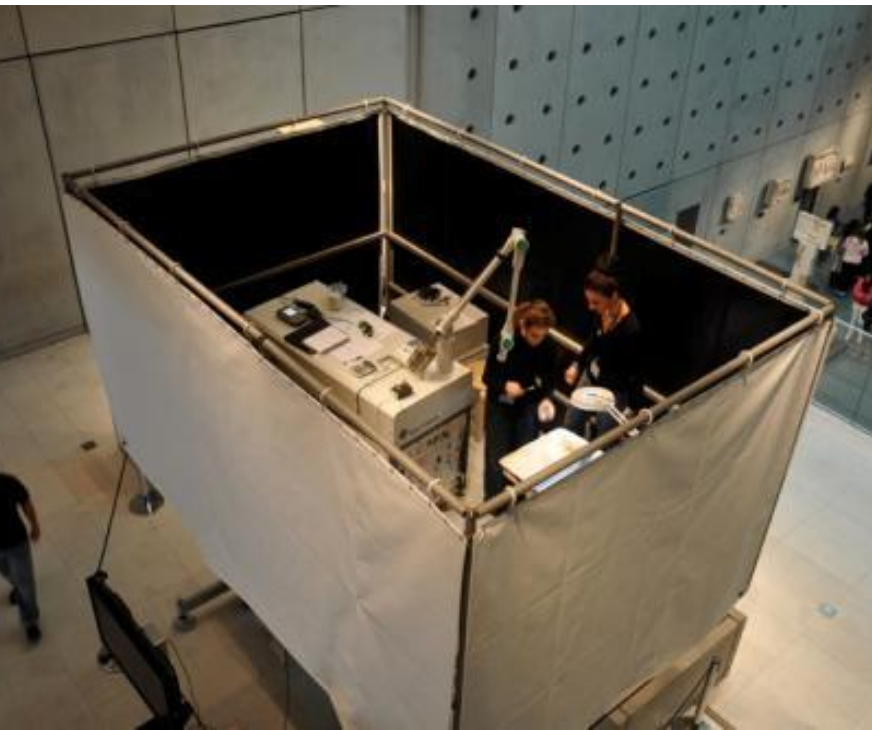


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## *Major Research Activities across FORTH*

Versatile and mobile **photonic tools** for analysis, diagnostics and conservation at museums, field campaigns and excavation sites.

**Smart lab tests** for assessing mechanisms underlying monument damage. Optimizing materials selection for conservation.



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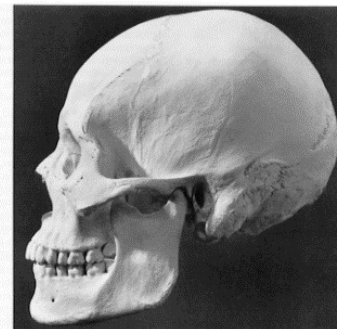
## *Major Research Activities across FORTH*

Establishing **advanced genomics methods** and protocols for the detailed characterization of **ancient DNA** from human, animal and plant remains.

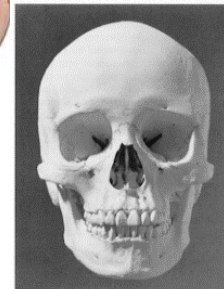
**Palaeoanthropology** research involves several research disciplines and requires the use of heterogeneous technologies



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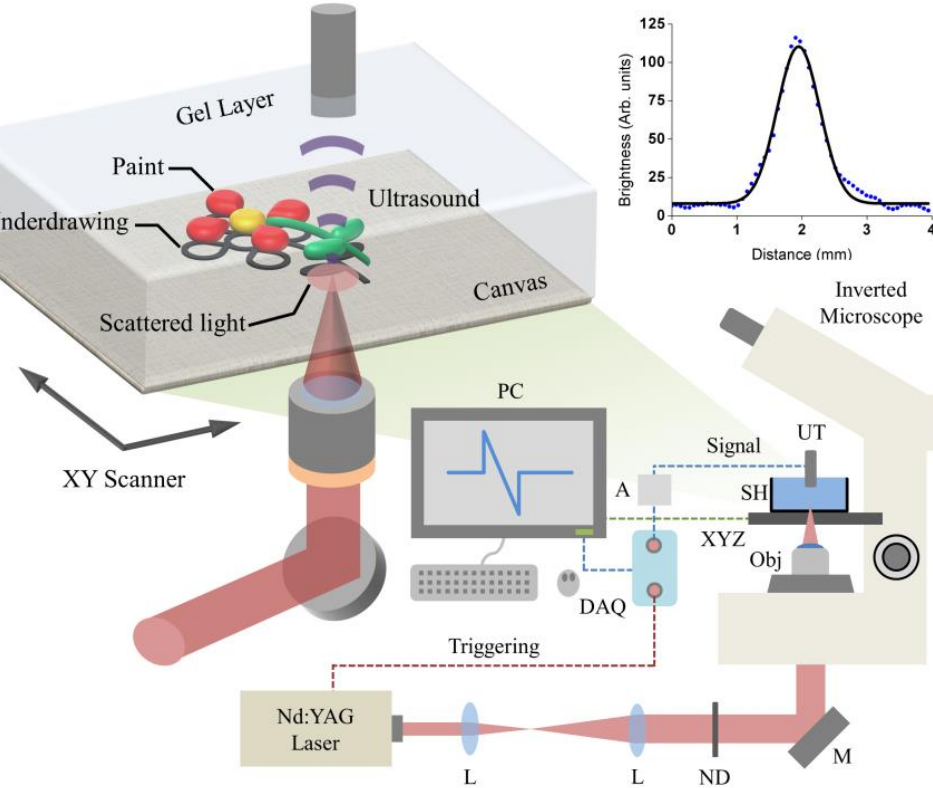


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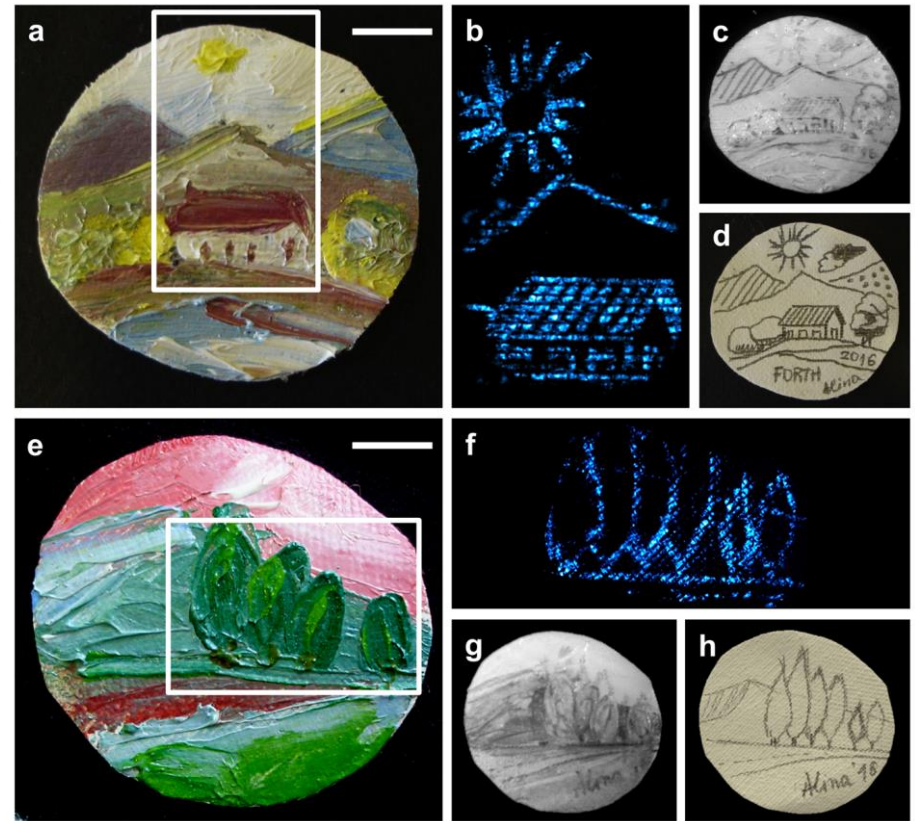




# Listening to art



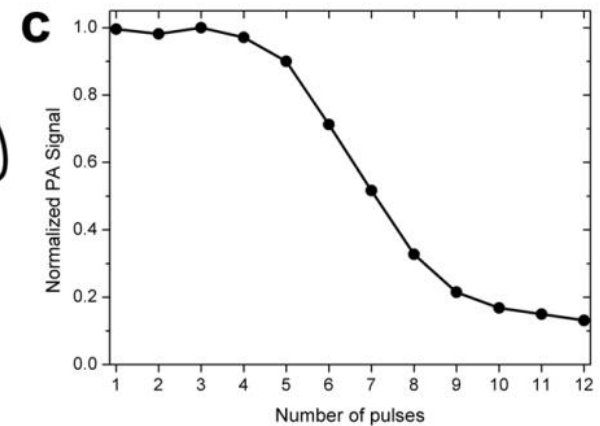
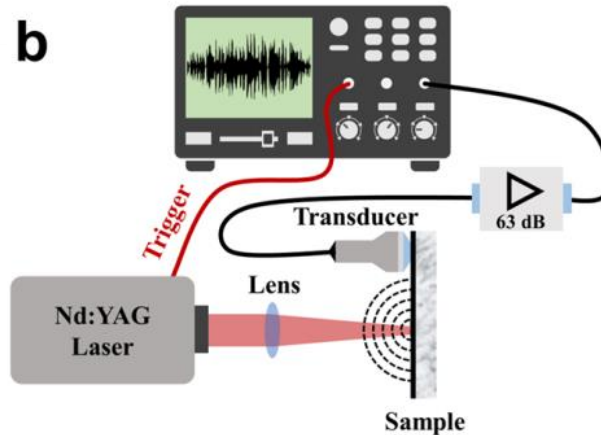
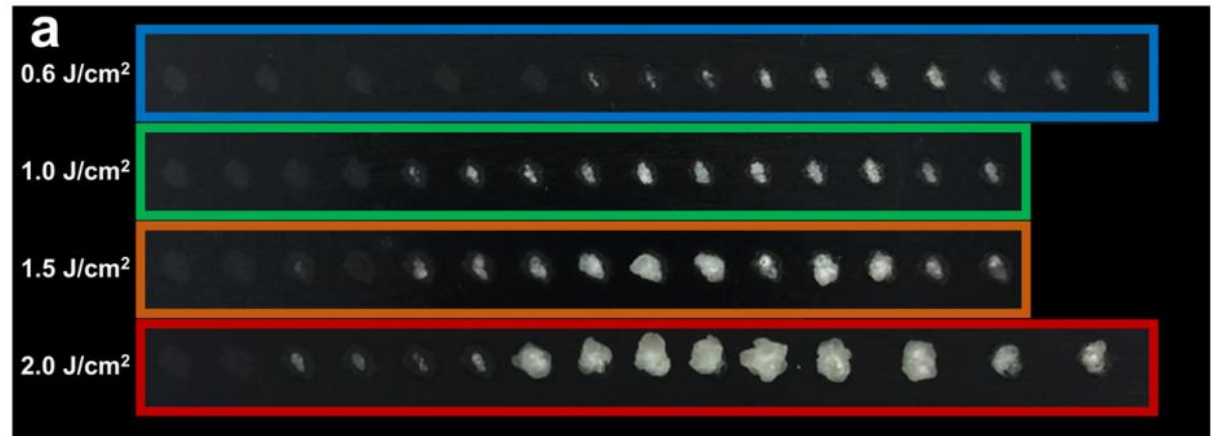
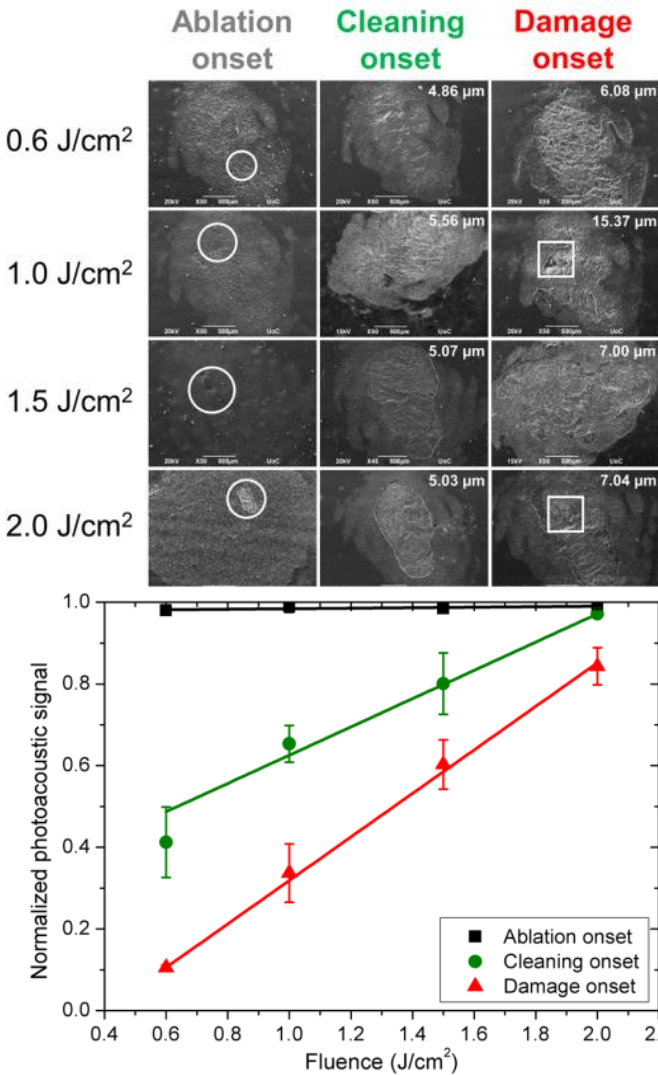
G. Tserevelakis et al, Sci Rep (2017)



Applying photoacoustic imaging to reveal hidden features in painted art objects

**George Tserevelakis** : SNF-FORTH post-doc fellow

# Cleaning “by the ear”



Applying photoacoustic sensing to monitor the progress of laser cleaning of graffiti painted marble

G. Tserevelakis, P. Pouli



# Climate data from sea shells

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Shell middens along palaeoshoreline on the Farasan Islands, Saudi Arabia

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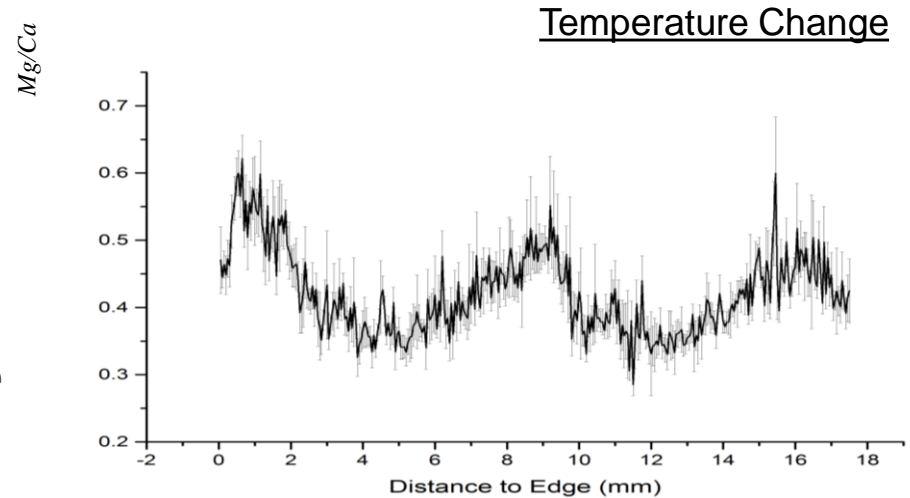
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# Climate data from sea shells

Elemental concentration ratios in bio-carbonates can reflect temperature changes

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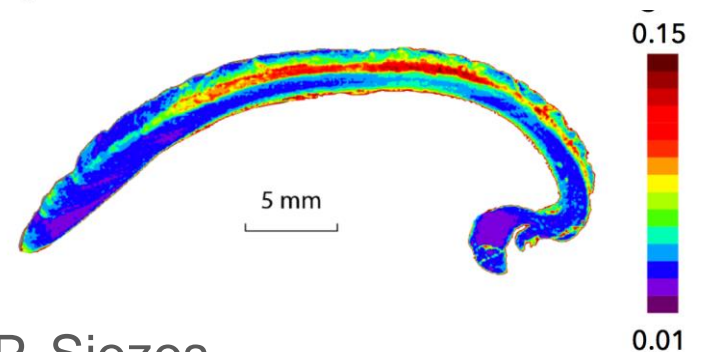
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Cite this: DOI: 10.1039/c7ja00131b

Automated mapping via micro-LIBS analysis rapidly produces large climate datasets

## Elemental mapping of Mg/Ca intensity ratios in marine mollusc shells using laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy

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*A cross-disciplinary, distributed RI in the service of Cultural Heritage*

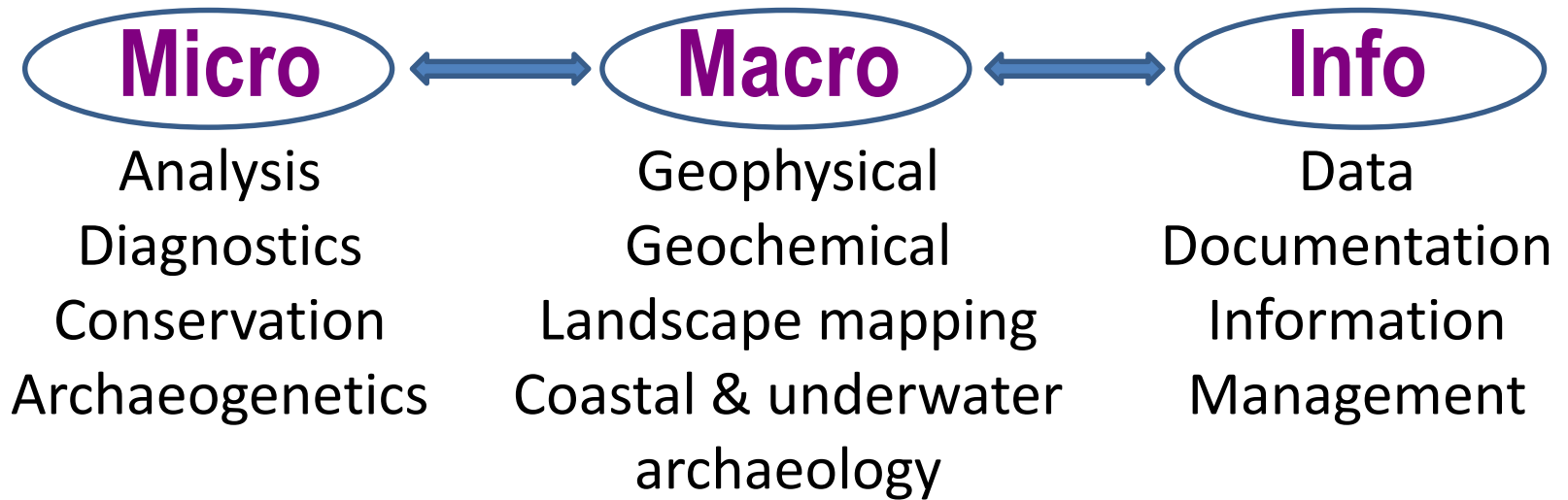
## The vision

Expertise + know-how + infrastructure



Innovative, reliable and efficient tools for addressing demanding challenges in cultural heritage research

## The concept





# Funding background for RI projects

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## National (2013-2020)

**KRIPIS – POLITEIA I and II** : 1.3 + 0.8 M€

**E-RIHS.gr** : 0.9 M€ on the National Roadmap of RIs

## H-2020 (2016-2020)

**IPERION-CH** : 0.3 M€ European RIs for CH science [IESL]

**ARIADNE** : 0.5 M€ European RIs for digital Archaeology [ICS]

**PARTHENOS** : 0.7 M€ European RIs for digital CH

## ESFRI-2016 Roadmap for new RI's

**E-RIHS** : European RI for Heritage Science

**E-RIHS P2** : 0.2 M€ Preparatory Phase for E-RIHS



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

**[CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY]**

**Máire GEOGHEGAN-QUINN**

European Commissioner responsible for Research, Innovation and Science

## **International Conference on Research Infrastructures 2014**

Conference

**Athens, 2 April 2014**

Ladies and gentlemen, I'm delighted to be with you in Athens today.



Who can come to Athens without seeing one of the jewels for which the city is most famous?

Earlier today I had the privilege of a guided tour of the Acropolis museum. There I saw a wonderful demonstration of research infrastructure in action. High-power laser technology is being used to preserve ancient works of art.

This is a great example of state-of-the-art technology meeting ancient craftsmanship. It shows perfectly how research infrastructures cannot just support cutting edge research, but can also preserve and showcase our cultural heritage – something that is so important for Greece and for Europe.

Europe's genius for innovation and invention can be traced all the way back to ancient Greece. But coming back to the present, the innovation challenges that our continent faces are so great that they demand action on a Europe-wide scale.



**E-RIHS**

EUROPEAN RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE  
FOR HERITAGE SCIENCE



*An infrastructure for heritage interpretation, preservation, documentation and management*

**TYPE:** distributed

**COORDINATING COUNTRY:** IT

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBER COUNTRIES:** BE, CZ, DE, EL, ES, FR, HU, IT, NL, PT, UK

**PARTICIPANTS:** BG, BR, CY, DK, IE, IL, PL, SE, SI

## TIMELINE

- ESFRI Roadmap entry: 2016
- Preparation phase: 2016–2019
- Construction phase: 2020–2021
- Operation start: 2022

## Social & Cultural Innovation

# E-RIHS

## European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science

### Description

The European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science (E-RIHS) will support research on heritage interpretation, preservation, documentation and management. It will comprise: E-RIHS Headquarters and National Hubs, fixed and mobile national infrastructures of recognized excellence, physically accessible collections/archives and virtually accessible heritage data. Both cultural and natural heritage are addressed: collections, buildings, archaeological sites, digital and intangible heritage. E-RIHS will provide state-of-the-art tools and services to cross-disciplinary research communities advancing understanding and preservation of global heritage. It will provide access to a wide range of cutting-edge scientific infrastructures, methodologies, data and tools, training in the use of these tools, public engagement, access to repositories for

national and EU measures, requires a joint and resolved effort. This has been fully recognized by the European Union with the continuous and reiterated support of initiatives aimed at integrating existing Heritage Science infrastructures, as well as, with a focus on Member States' national research programs, the JPI on Cultural Heritage, coordinating efforts of 17 EU national funding bodies supporting heritage science. The enthusiastic reviews of these initiatives testify the success of their action to advance knowledge and to establish a research community, acknowledged as "advanced" in official EU documents concerning conservation, or quickly growing in the field of archaeology as shown by the performance indicators of the relevant project ARIADNE.

This demonstrates beyond any doubt both the scientific and the socio-economic importance connected with Heritage Science: it is a sector and a research



# E-RIHS : What is it?

- a distributed research infrastructure for heritage interpretation, preservation, documentation and management
- a cross-disciplinary collection of advanced tools and services for advancing understanding and preservation of global cultural and natural heritage
- serving a cross-disciplinary community of researchers in heritage science
- fostering alignment of diagnostic methodologies and practices
- establishing a common data infrastructure for scientific digital heritage

# The four ACCESS platforms of **E-RIHS**

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**MOLAB**



**FIXLAB**

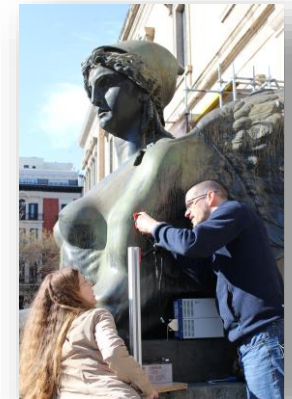


**ARCHLAB**

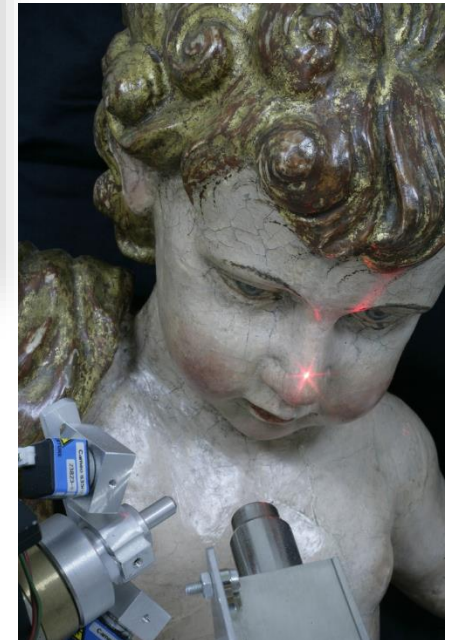
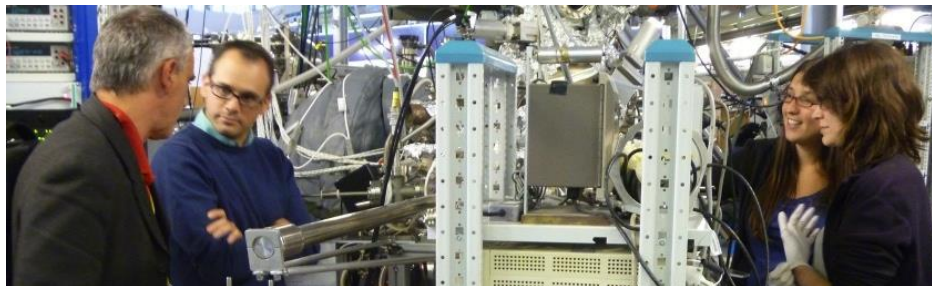


**DIGILAB**

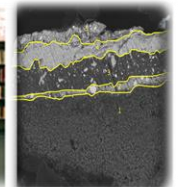
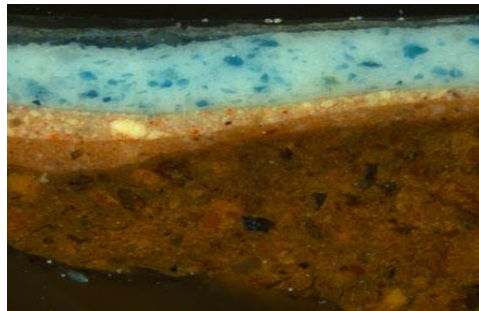
## mobile laboratory for *in-situ* diagnostics



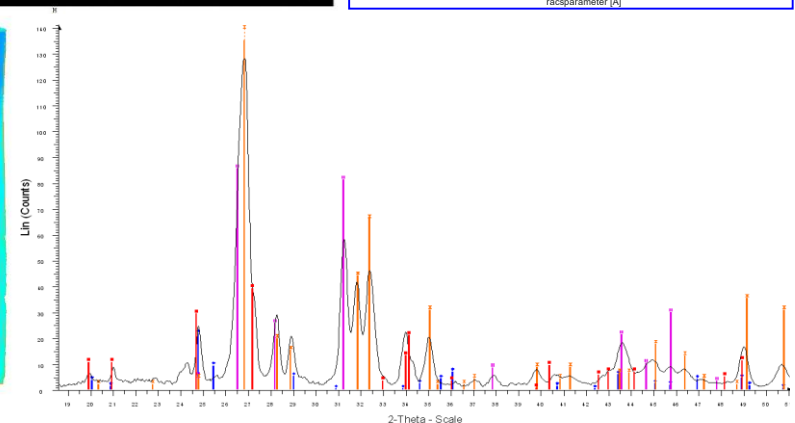
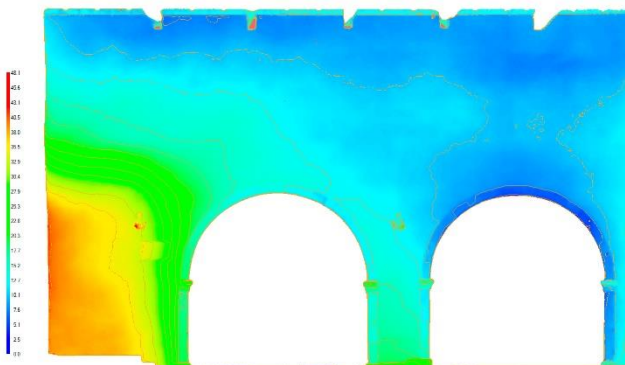
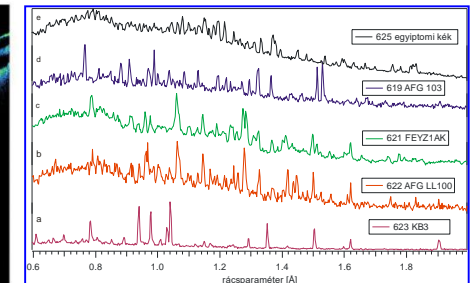
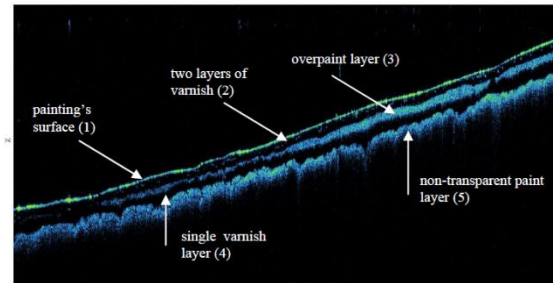
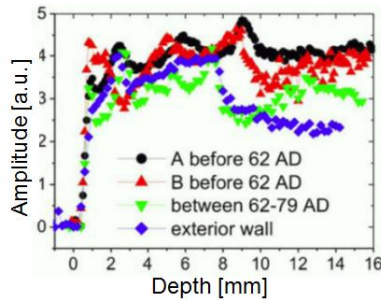
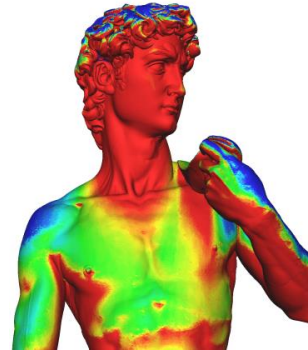
## access to large laboratory facilities



## scientific archives for heritage



## digital datasets for heritage science



# E-RIHS timeline

## 2017-2019

- preparatory phase (E-RIHS-P2)

## 2020

- submission of proposal to establish **E-RIHS**

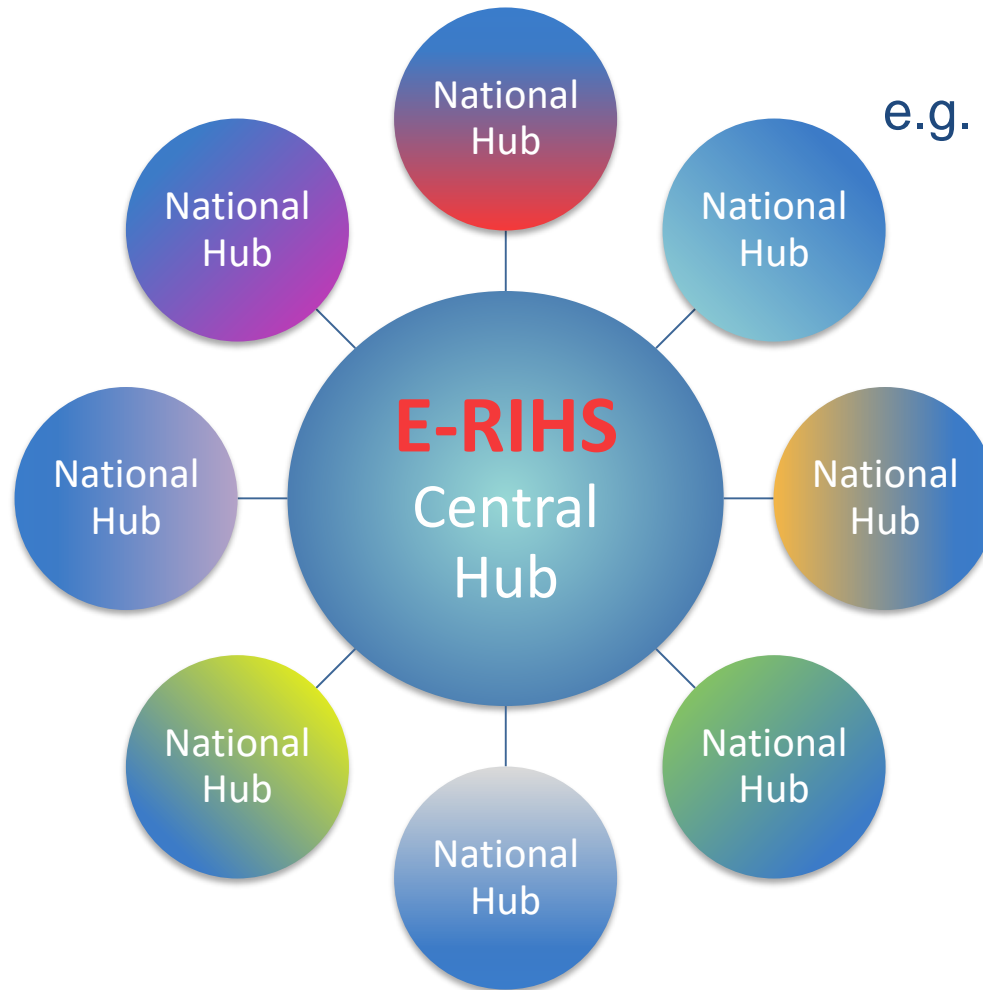
## 2021-2025

- **E-RIHS** implementation phase

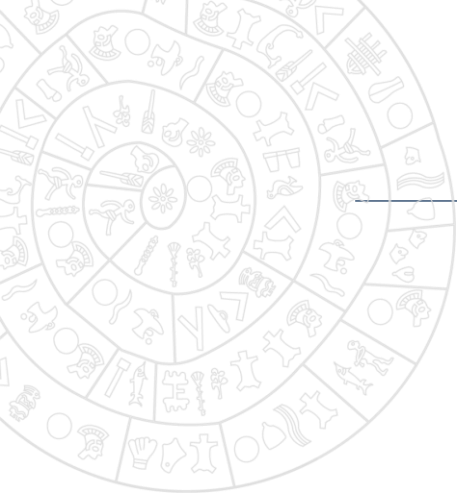




# E-RIHS star structure



e.g. **E-RIHS.gr**





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