



Information System Support for Analytical Methods

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Requirements

Empirical science is based on observation.

Observation data cannot be understood without knowledge about the ways and circumstances of their creation.

Scientific analytical examinations are observations

Data Evaluation is based on observation records and hypotheses

Analytical examinations occur in:

*medicine, environmental control, manufacturing control,
geology, biodiversity, paleontology, art conservation, archaeology,
forensics.... where not?*



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Requirements

Generally, scientific data *cannot be understood* without knowledge about the *meaning* of the data and the ways and *circumstances* of their creation

We need *metadata* (“*paradata*”) to assess

- meaning (view, experimental setup, instrument settings),
- relevance (measured things, their status, their conditions),
- quality (calibration, tolerances, **errors**, “artifacts”),
- possibilities of Improvement and Reprocessing.

From generation to use, permanent storage, reuse (*life-cycle*)

➔ **No standards yet!**



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Requirements

Data Acquisition: *Reliable registration of the process and context conditions*

- The experimental **setup** and **environment** (tools, light/activation sources, geometry, sources of noise/reflections etc.)
- Capture **device** type, identity (individual behavior!)
- Need a hierarchical model: **Inherit** metadata common to **series of “shots”**
- The **identity** of the measured or depicted **object**
 - *import identifiers, metadata of the object.*
 - *identity of location/ spot*



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Requirements

Data Processing: *Reliable registration of parameters*

- Workflow logs, reliable identification of outputs with inputs
 - input files (URIs!)
 - output files (URIs!), formats, warning and error reports.
 - S/W identifiers and parameters, manual adjustments!
 - process types for reasoning
- Reliable linking with measured data

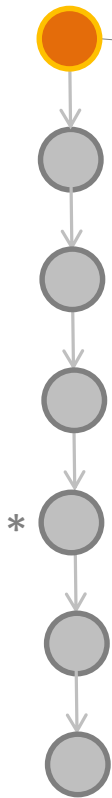
Data Use and Reuse: *parts, wholes and annotation:*

- Composition of final products from multiple trials, client/archival information packages
- Migration to other formats (compatibility and obsolescence)
- Authenticity, rights

LIBS-RAMAN-MULTISPECTRAL FLOW DIAGRAM

Object Reception Report

Description of object, client order and receipt

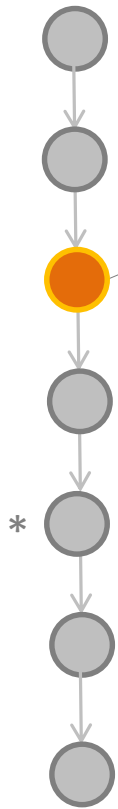


IESL-FORTH registration number: 20120717_Leontaraki_1

Condition Report

Object:	Oil painting
Theme:	Mythological
Artist:	Unknown-no signature
Painting	Oil painting on canvas with preparation
Technique:	preparation
Dimensions:	Width: 64 cm Height: 76cm
Date:	-
Provenance:	Private collection (Ms Danae Leontaraki)
IESL	20120717_Leontaraki_1
Reference No.:	
Date of analysis:	17 th and 18 th of July, 2012

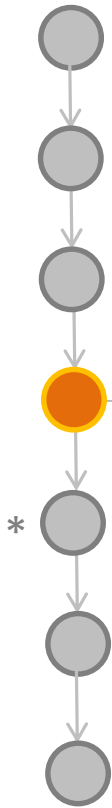




Preparation

Calibration, surface cleaning, spot description, focussing and adjusting instruments

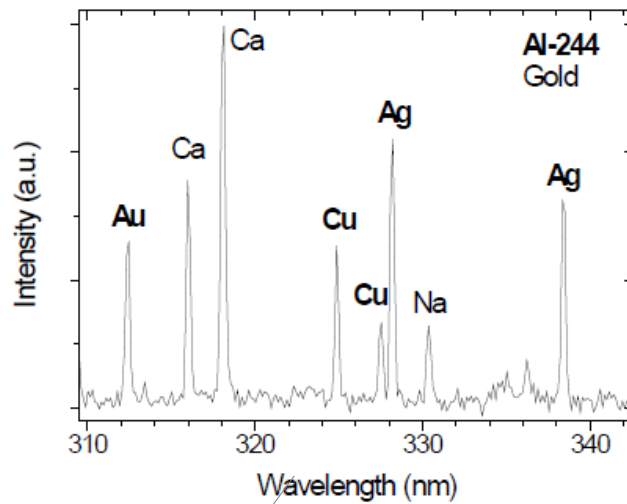




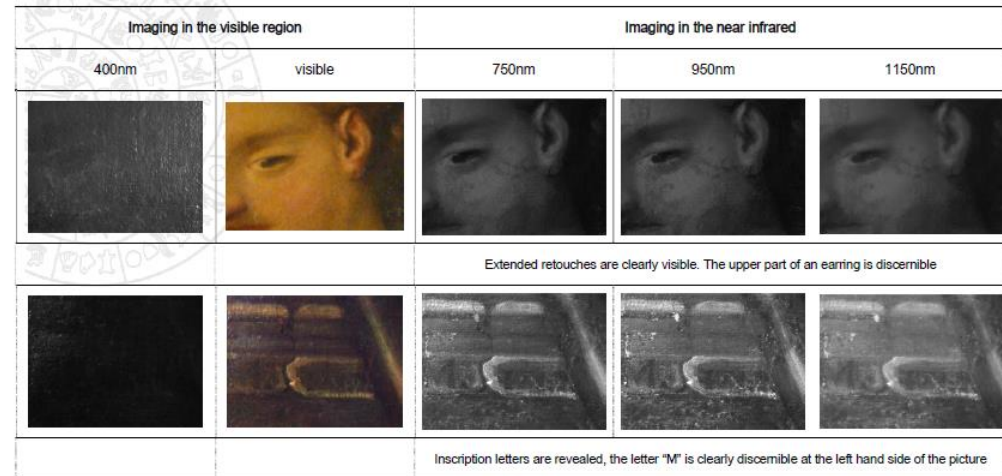
Scanning

LIBS-RAMAN: Εμφάνιση γράφου, εντοπισμός σημαντικών κορυφών και καταγραφή χαρακτηριστικών δεδομένων (π.χ. nm κορυφών)

MULTISPECTRAL: Φωτογραφικές λήψεις σε διάφορα μήκη κύματος



LIBS-RAMAN



MULTISPECTRAL

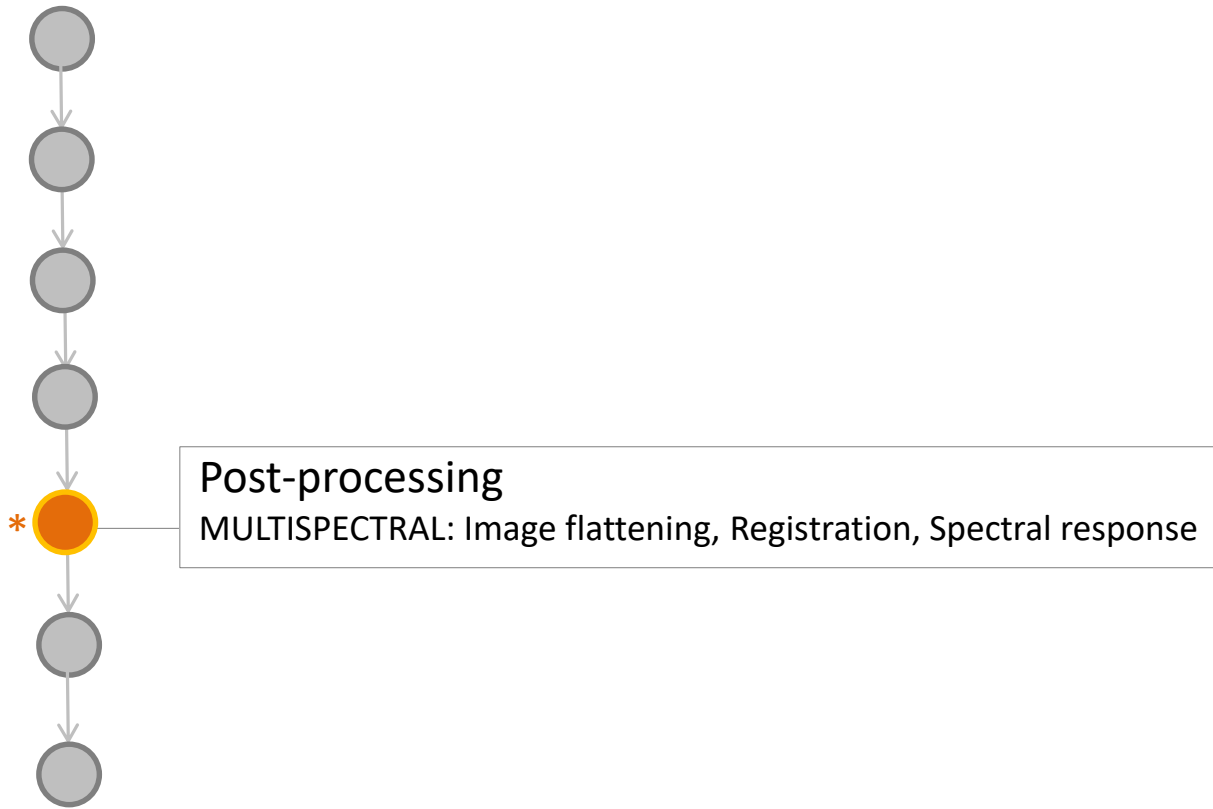


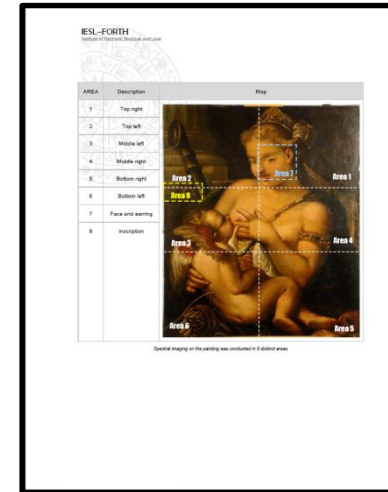
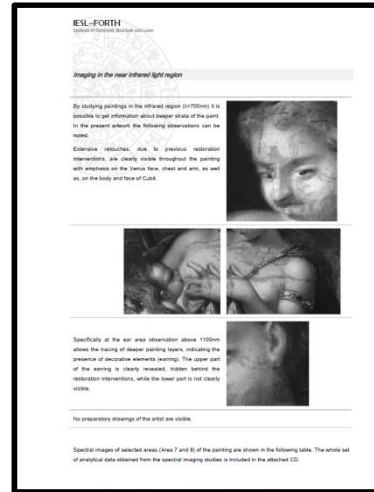
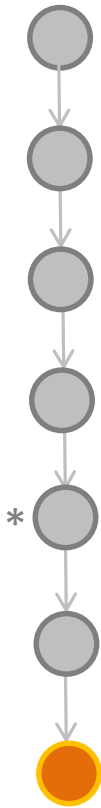
Table 4 Summary of results of blue paint analysis

Sample	LIBS	Raman	XRD	SEM-EDX (X-ray mapping)	Comment
KN01	See Table 6	See Table 6	Calcite, talc, riebeckite, muscovite, quartz, clinochlore	Calcite, talc, Mg-riebeckite, muscovite, quartz, clinochlore	Macroscopically the color is black but in polished section grey-blue
KN02	Al, Ba, Ca, Fe, Mg, Na, Si, Sr	Intense fluorescence at 890 nm, Egyptian blue	Riebeckite, calcite, talc, muscovite, quartz	Mg-riebeckite, calcite, talc, muscovite, quartz	~30–80 μm red layer over a ~200 μm layer of Mg-riebeckite and Egyptian blue (see Fig. 2)
KN03	Al, Ba, Ca, Cu, Fe, Mg, Na, Si, Sr	Intense fluorescence at 890 nm, Egyptian blue	Cuprorivaite, calcite, quartz, kaolinite	–	
KN04	Al, Ba, Ca, Cu, Fe, Mg, Na, Si, Sr	Intense fluorescence at 890 nm, Egyptian blue	Cuprorivaite, calcite, cuprite, talc, riebeckite, illite	–	
KN05	Al, Ba, Ca, Cu, Fe, Mg, Na, Si, Sr	Intense fluorescence at 890 nm, Egyptian blue	Cuprorivaite, calcite	–	
KN06	Al, Ba, Ca, Cu, Fe, Mg, Na, Si, Sr	Intense fluorescence at 890 nm, Egyptian blue	Cuprorivaite, calcite, talc, riebeckite, muscovite, chlorite	Cuprorivaite, calcite, talc, Mg-riebeckite	~200 μm layer similar to KN01
VD01	Al, Ba, Ca, Cu, Fe, Mg, Na, Pb, Si, Sr	Intense fluorescence at 890 nm, Egyptian blue	–	–	
VD04	Al, Ba, Ca, Cu, Fe, Mg, Na, Pb, Si, Sr	Intense fluorescence at 890 nm, Egyptian blue	Cuprorivaite, calcite, quartz, cristobalite	–	Cristobalite is relict or residue from the Egyptian blue synthesis
VD08	Al, Ba, Ca, Cu, Fe, Mg, Na, Si, Sr	Intense fluorescence at 890 nm, Egyptian blue	Cuprorivaite, calcite, quartz, hematite, diopase	–	
VD09	Al, Ba, Ca, Cu, Fe, Mg, Na, Si, Sr	Intense fluorescence at 890 nm, Egyptian blue	Calcite, quartz, hematite, talc, aragonite	–	
G01	Al, Ba, Ca, Cu, Fe, Mg, Na, Pb, Si, Sr	Calcite	–	–	
G04	Al, Ba, Ca, Fe, Mg, Na, Si, Sr	–	Calcite, quartz, kaolinite, hematite, glauconite	–	
G06	Al, Ba, Ca, Cu, Fe, Mg, Na, Si, Sr	–	Calcite, quartz	–	
G07	Al, Ba, Ca, Fe, Mg,	Calcite	Calcite, quartz	–	

Interpretation:

Optical observation, identification of spectral lines, comparison with material properties etc. , conclusions





Report generation



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How to Make Information Systems

Riddle: 10.000 methods => 10.000 different systems?

What are the best abstractions to simplify system design?

Experimental science:

- Choose a phenomenon C_i , ("colorant"), activation signal A
- Measure signal response S
- isolate ("clean"), vary, impact factors F_j , until signal becomes predictable.
- "predictable" means constant or formula.
- Formula requires parametrization of things & activation:
- Requires hypothesis of negligible factor N_k

$$\Rightarrow S = F(C_i, F_j, A, N_k)$$



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Analytical science:

- **Given** some object, unknown phenomenon of known kind (“which colorant?”)
- Select a measurement (and activation) method
- Measure signal **response S**
- Find the phenomena.



- Make hypothesis of negligible factors N_k
- Determine known impact factors F_j
- Invert signal function for C_i

$$\langle C_i \rangle = F^{-1}(S, F_j, A, N_k) \dots \dots$$

....in general impossible

An **analytical method** exists, if F^{-1} can be **found!**



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*Problem A, the **reference knowledge**:*

- Document signal function $F(C_i, F_j, A, N_k)$
- Find inverse function
- Knowledge of F , impact factors F_j , negligible factors N_k , **change**:
We learn, we need to learn !
- ⇒ Create a **Reference database**

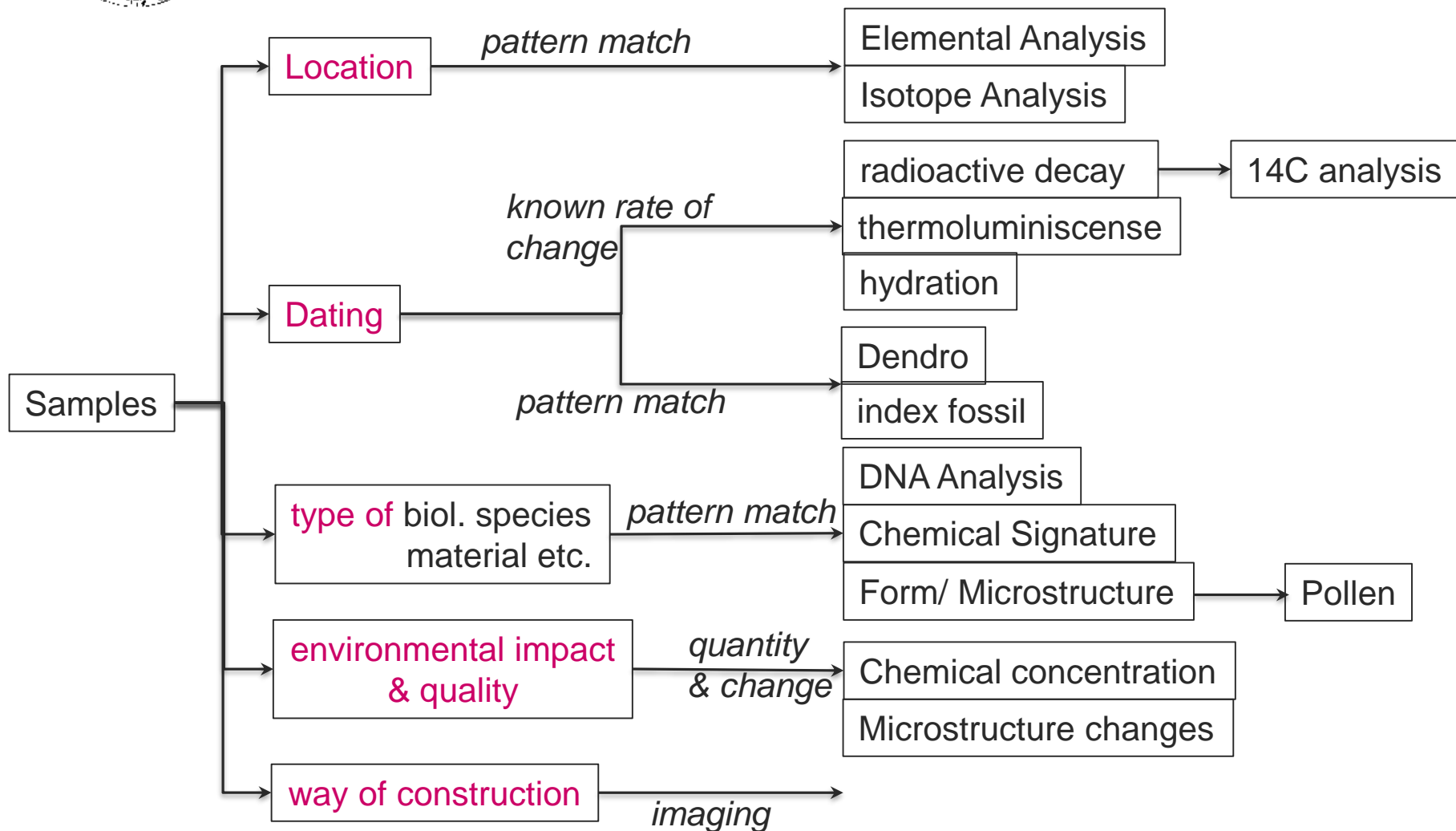
Problem B, the description of the observation (“provenance”):

- Document for each observation $F(C_i, F_j, A, N_k)$
- **Completely**, even for unknown factors??
- So that **quality** of (old) diagnoses **can be judged**
- So that old diagnoses **can be improved**
- So that the reference base **can learn!**



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Questions of Analytics





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How to Make Information Systems

Good News, analytical methods are very similar in a sense!

We have investigated 10 methods:

DNA,

Thermoluminescence

C14

Isotope Analysis

Dendrochronology

LIBS for clay provenance, for colorant analysis

Ground Penetrating RADAR

Multispectral Imaging

....

Processes, Parameters & Error sources of Scientific Analysis

Proces	Parameters	Error Source
1. Environment/ Context	Position	Wrong position in environment:
	Surrounding substance	Poluted, not representative, not suited for analysis
	known history	not suited for analysis
2. Object	adequacy of the kind	
	state of preservation/condition	
3. Sample taking	Position within object - Kind of structural part (surface, tooth, bone, core,...)	Wrong position in object,
	condition at place / position where sample is taken	Wrong accuracy, essential property not measured
	Purity	
4. Sample preparation for measurement	Kind of method, agents used, time passed since sample taking (age of sample)	bad quality/quantity of agents
5. Measurement	method, kind of device, instance of device, .	
6. Postprocessing	algorithm/software release, parameters used, interactive intervention	
7. Pattern for matching	quality of measured signal format, resolution	
8. Compare with reference pattern / matching	method, degree of matching, estimation of errors from the previous steps	

Phenomenal Place 

Physical Feature

Physical Object

Sample Taking

Samples

Design or Procedure

Measurement

Design or Procedure

Pattern for matching

Design or Procedure



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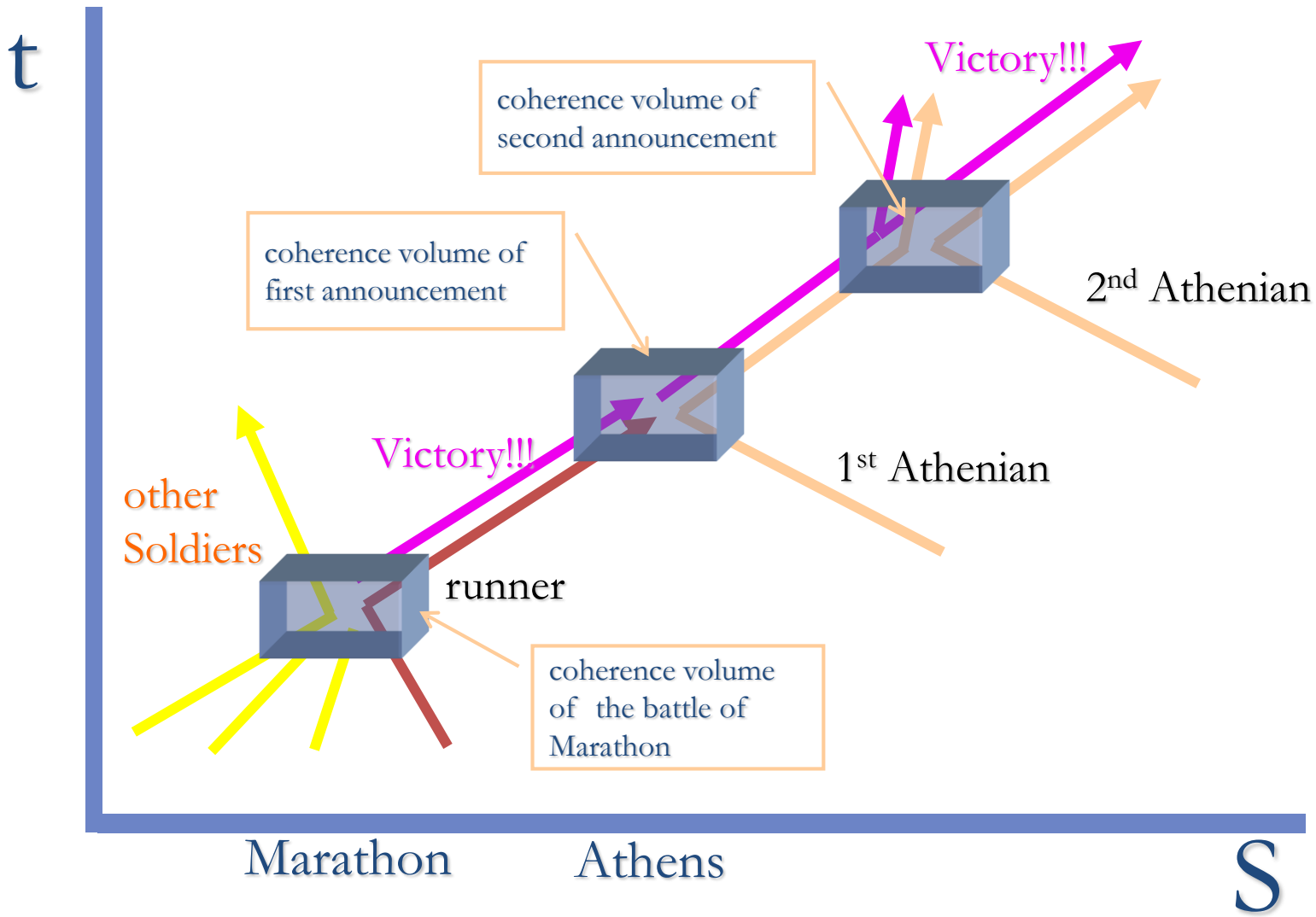
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Idea for provenance documentation:

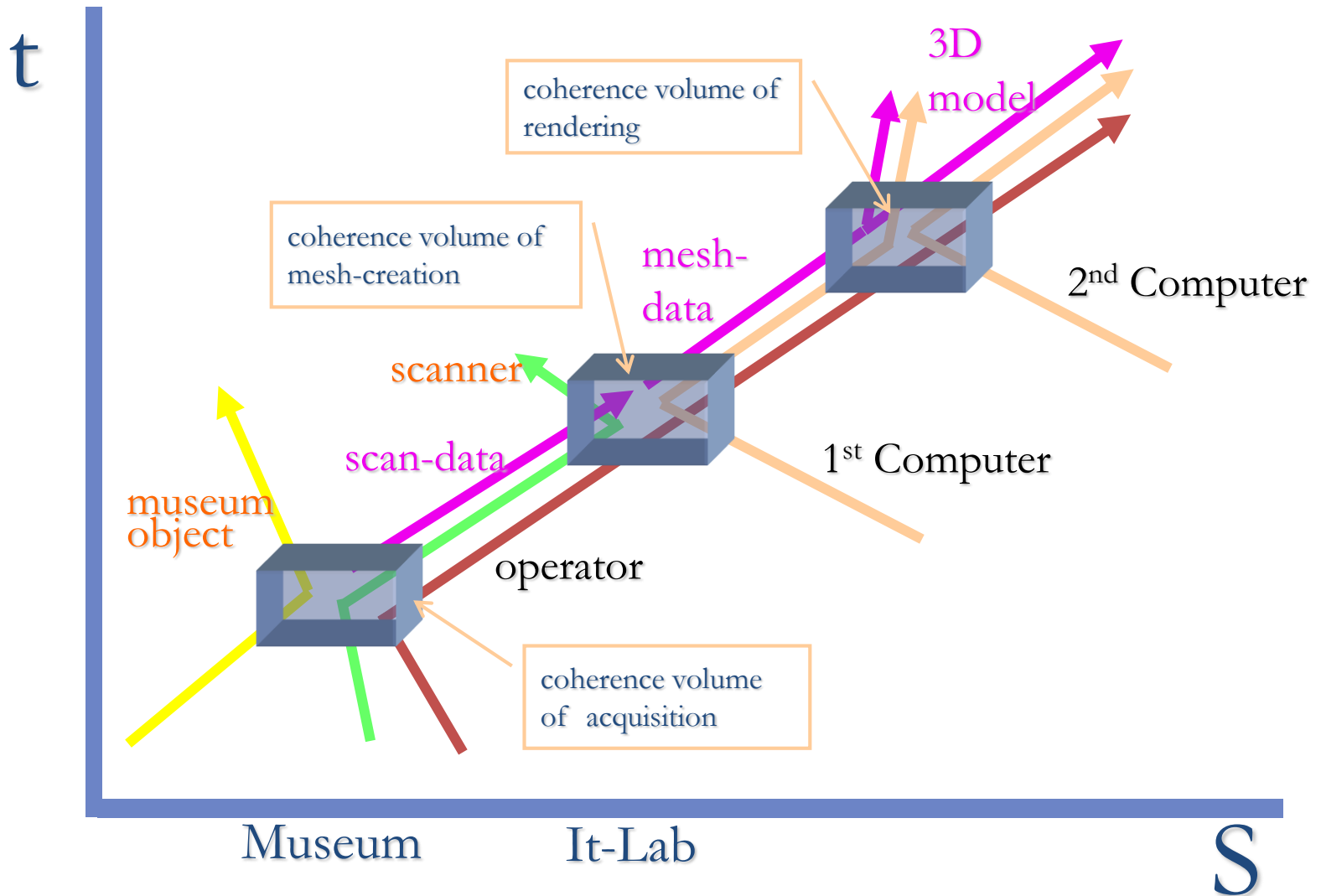
Meetings of scientists with objects, devices, data carriers...

“Feynman graphs...”

CRM: Information Exchange as Meetings



3D Model Creation as Meetings





Competitors:

- *INSPIRE – earth science oriented*
- *OBOE – life science oriented*
- *SEEK – ecology oriented*
- *Darwin Core - biodiversity*

Problems of competitors:

- *Confuse observation **process** with observation **record***
- *Confuse **sample** taking with **observation***
- *Confuse **finding** with **preparation***
- *No persistent **sample identity***
- *Poor, inconsistent description of methods, environment and participants*
- *Poor **identity** of observed “thing”*



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FORTH-ISL provenance metadata (“CRMSci) are currently the most powerful provenance metadata.

To be developed:

General Theory of Reference databases, an idealisation/ learning process:

- Register **ALL** samples
- Find **mean-value/deviation** of individual phenomena (“one colorant”), decide prototypicality of samples, individual variation on sample, variation between samples.
- Find **parameters** (time, provenance, heat, etc.) causing signal variation
- Find diagnostic power: distance of signals between phenomena
- Find combination behavior: Linear? Complex?
- Take each analysis as a new example, **REVISE all** above if necessary.



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Conclusion

*Even though each analytical method is a universe of theory and experience **of its own**,*

*They follow a **generic process pattern**, and a few fundamental ways how data types, evaluation sequences and error sources connect.*

*This can be used for **effective**, highly parametrizable information systems for **monitoring, reporting and experience building** of analytical methods.*