# UNDERSTANDING VOLMEUR ARTWORK WITH OPTICAL AND ELECTRON MICROSOPY







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## CERN

### **Outline**

- CERN: a brief introduction
- Context
- Experimental
- Results
- Summary & Conclusions





- CERN = the European Organization for Nuclear Research
- Intergovernmental organization, founded in 1954
- 22 Member States, 10 000 staff members+associates
- Located on both sides of the French-Swiss border closed to Geneva

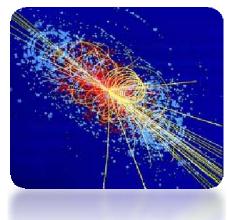
Overview of CMS detector



Overview of ATLAS detector

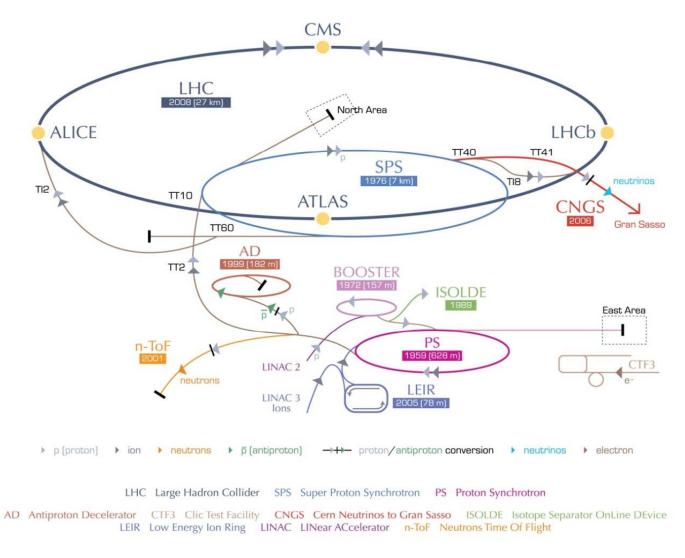


Simulation from CMS of protons colliding







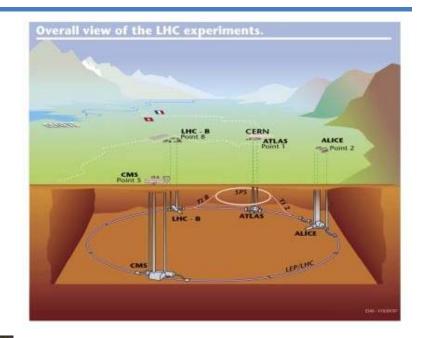






→ The world's most powerful particle accelerators



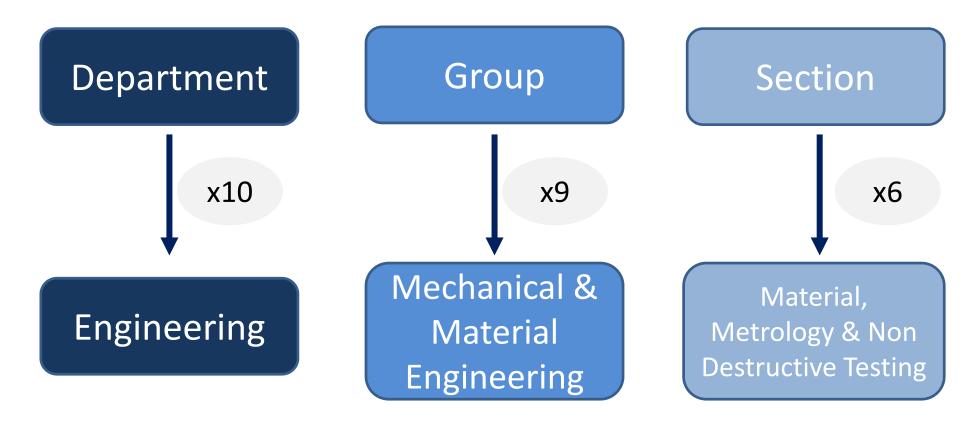








#### **CERN** structure





#### **EN-MME-MM**

- Development
- Selection & Specification
- Characterization & Analysis

Metals and alloys, composites, ceramics and thin films

- Quality control of materials and components
- Non-destructive testing and dimensional controls
- Failure analyses
- Mechanical tests
- Development of new materials



#### **EN-MME-MM**



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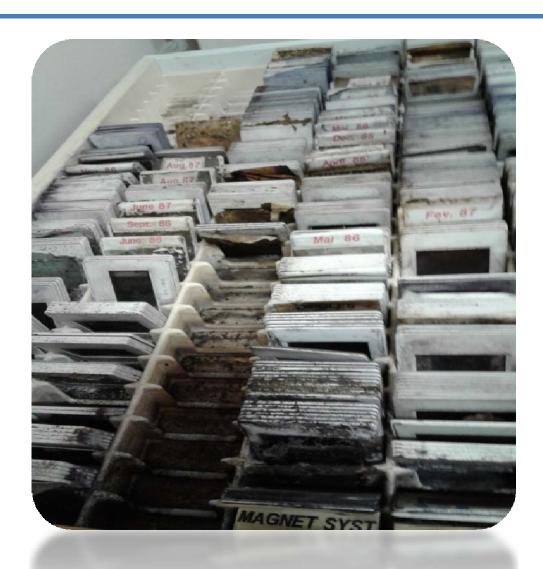
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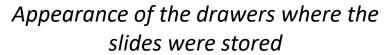




• Slides were stored in an open air storage system from ~1985 to ~ 2013. Then, moved to a different building in a clean and dry room.



Appearance of the slides before the analysis



"Open air" drawers







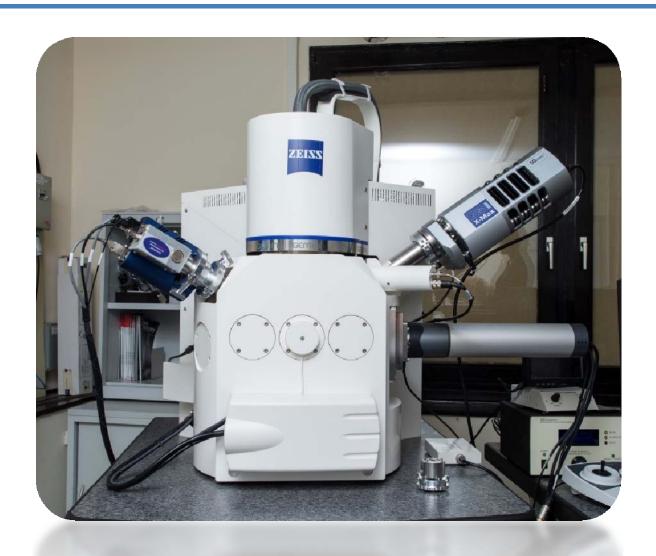




	SAMPLE					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
SLIDE	Old	Old	Old	New	New	New
<b>55</b>	Probably	Probably	Probably	No	Yes	Yes
	No	Yes	Half	No	No	Yes (artif.)*

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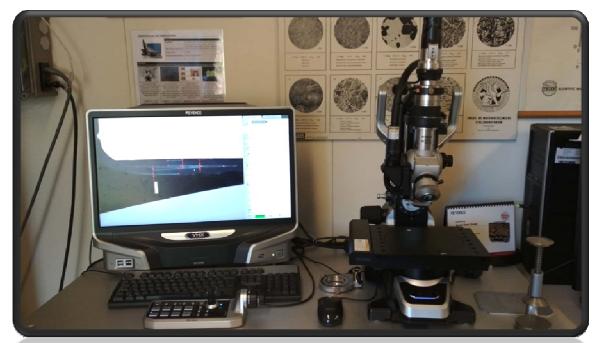






#### **Optical microscopy**

- Optical Microscope Keyence 600
- Mag. 1- 1 000x





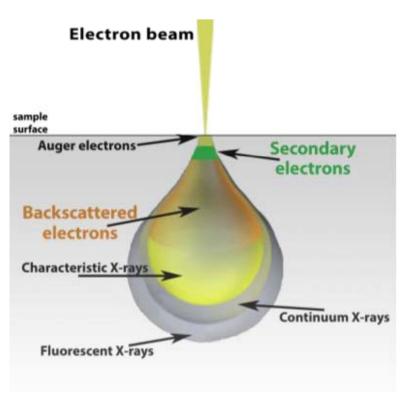
#### **Scanning Electron Microscopy**



- Field Emission Gun (FEG)
- InLens, SE2, AsB detectors for imaging
- Oxford 50 mm<sup>2</sup> X Max EDS detector
- Mag. 12- 500 000x



#### **Scanning Electron Microscopy**



#### **Secondary electron (SE):**

Imaging, topography contrast

#### **Back scattered electron (BSE):**

Imaging, Chemical contrast

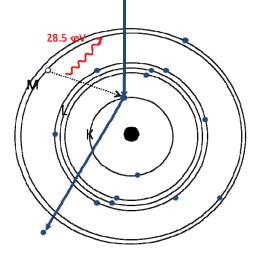
#### Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy (EDS):

Semi-quantitative chemical information



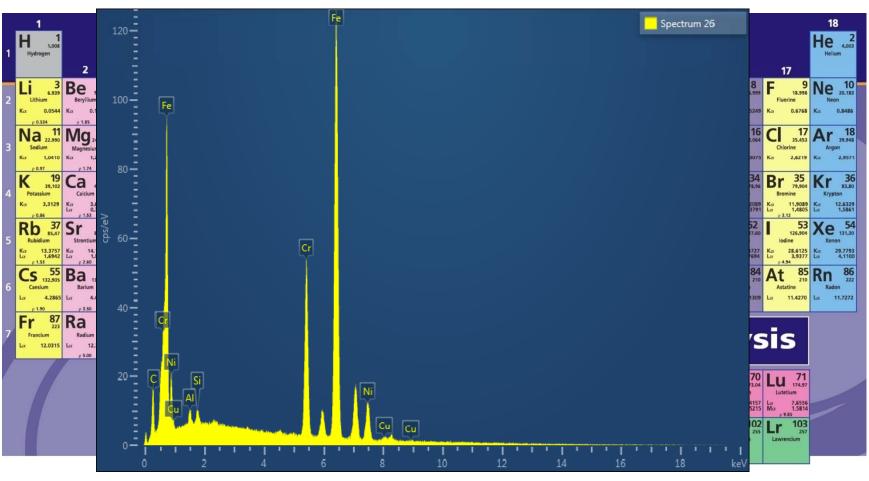
#### **Energy Dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy**

- Analysis of X-rays emitted by the matter in response to being hit with charged particles
- Each element has a unique atomic structure allowing X-rays that are characteristic of an element's atomic structure to be identified uniquely from one another.
- Allow the elemental analysis or chemical characterization





#### **Energy Dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy**







#### **Energy Dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy**

- What can we analyse?
  - Identification of elements, for  $Z \ge 4$  (Be)
  - Quantification
    - elements, for Z > 9 (F)
    - more than wt% 1 (depending on the element)
- What can we not or hardly analyse?
  - Elements with peaks overlapping (ΔE≤127 eV)
  - Quantification is limited for
    - Light elements
    - Not perfectly flat samples
    - Not homogeneous samples

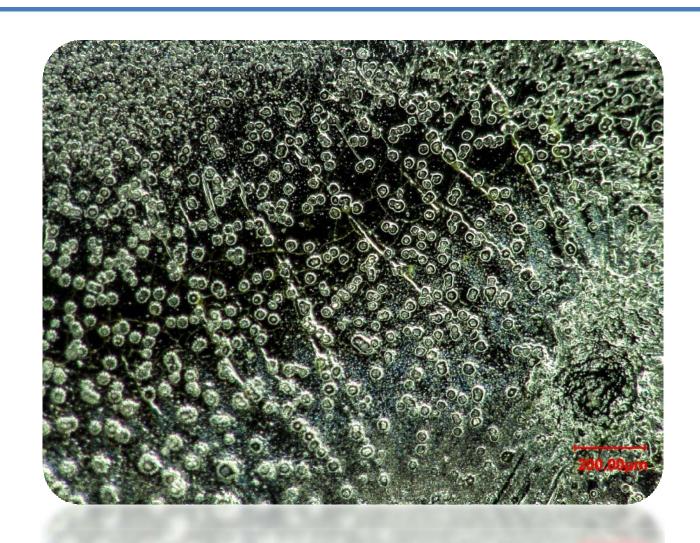






## **RESULTS**







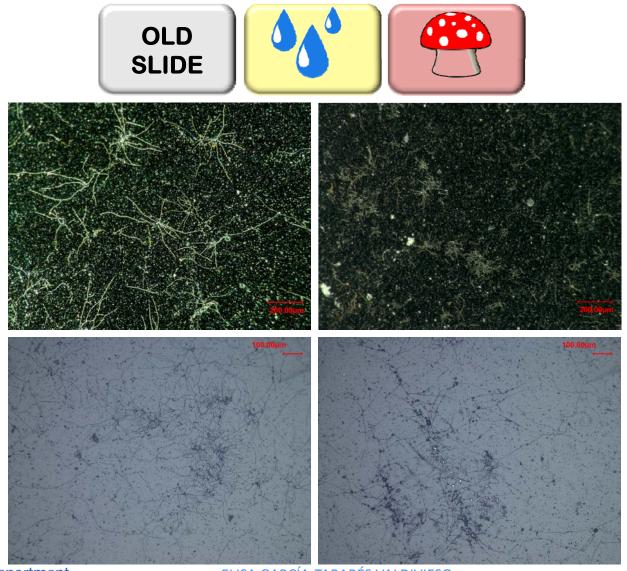
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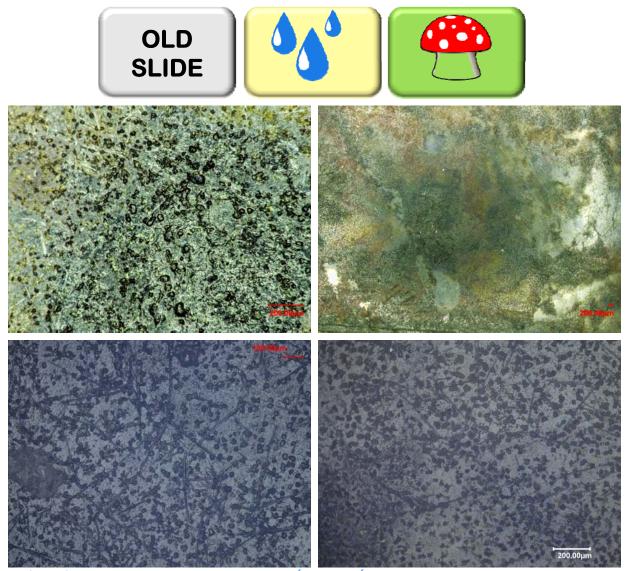






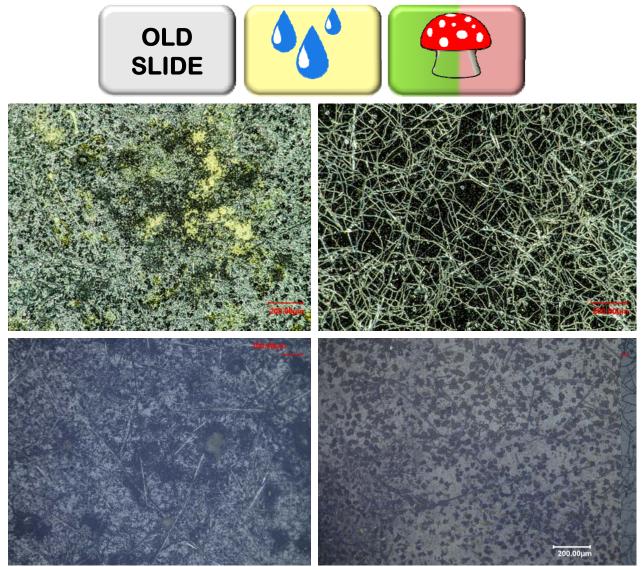
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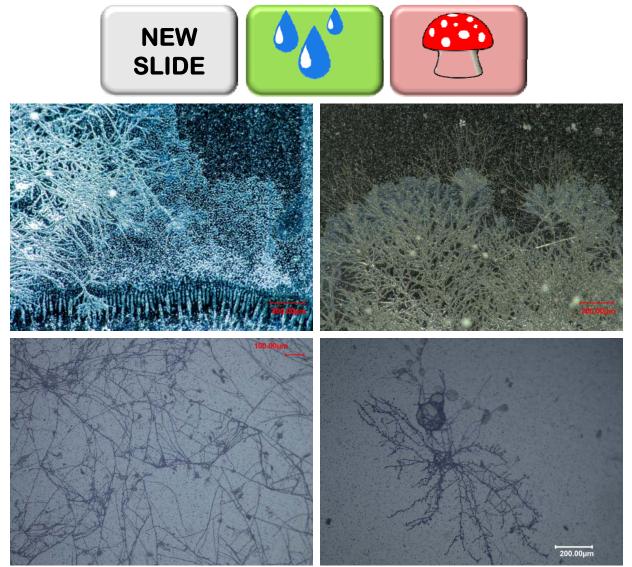








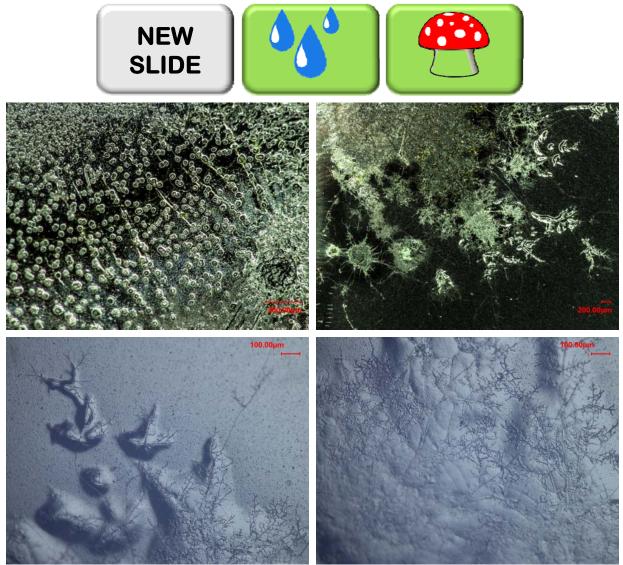






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## Results: Comparison

Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
100.00m		
Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
200.00µm		



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### Results: Electron Microscopy

#### Some reminders...

- ➤ The composition of the slides is not known. Historically there have been three major types of film base in use: nitrocellulose, cellulose acetate and polyester. **All of them are based on C and O**.
- ➤ EDS makes impossible to detect presence of elements below around 0.2 wt %, or light elements.
- > The following elements were found in all the samples: C, O, N, Al, S
- > F, Na, Ca was detected in most of the cases but in a very low concentration (lower than the detection limit).

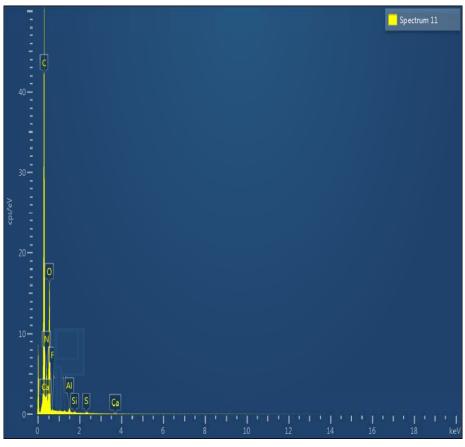








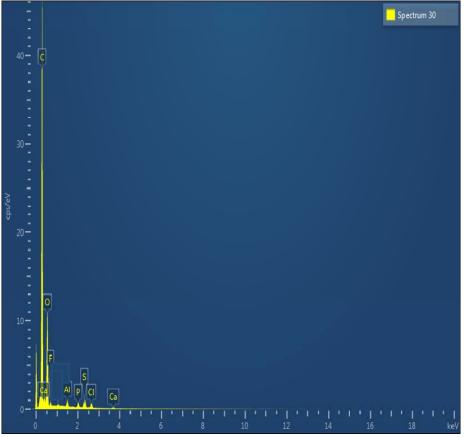








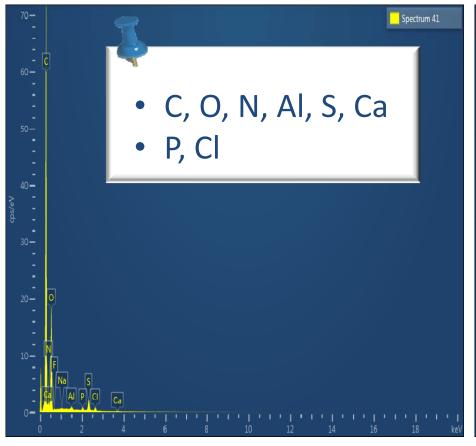
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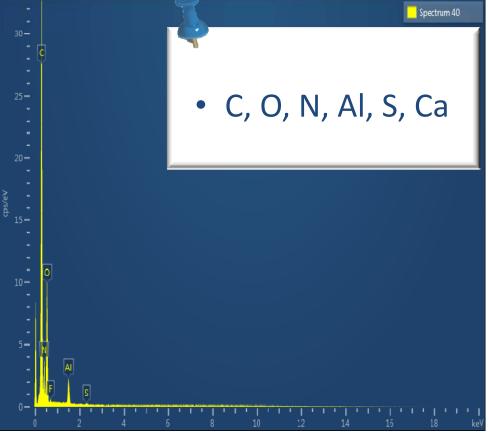












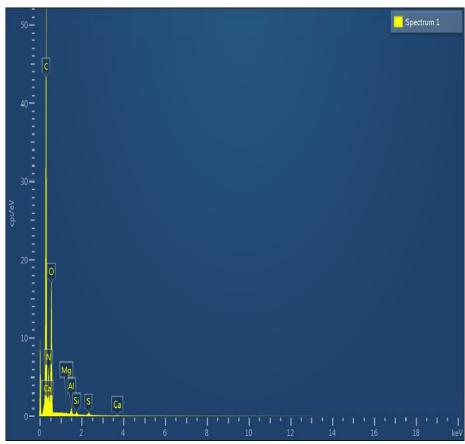


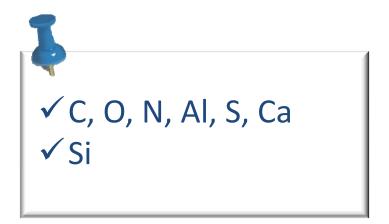










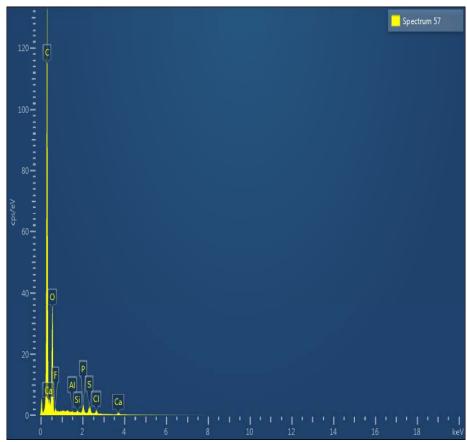




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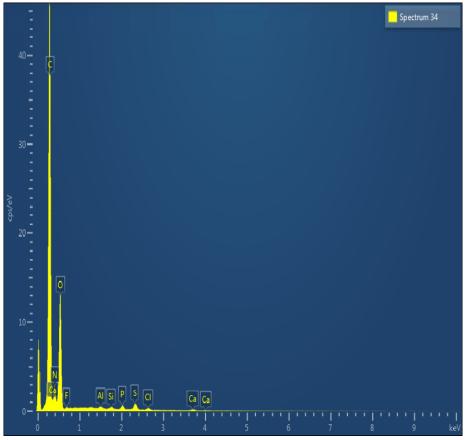


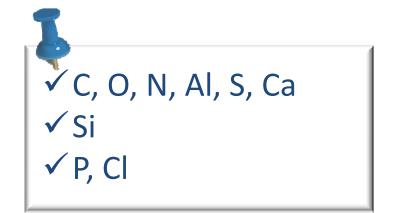












No differences between mold/no mold

→ same composition if exposed to water



## Results: Comparison

	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	
	OLD SLIDES			
Si	Yes	1	-/ Yes	
P	-	Yes	Yes/ -	
Cl	-	Yes	Yes/ -	
	100.05um			



## Results: Comparison

	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6	
	NEW SLIDES			
Si	Yes	Yes	Yes	
P	-	Yes	Yes	
Cl	-	Yes	Yes	
	200.00µm			



### **SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS**

- ✓ Optical and Chemical analysis on slides submitted to different storage conditions.
- ✓ Comparison with new slides treated in a different ways to reproduce conditions.
- ✓ Slides are carbon-based thus difficult to differentiate with a mold.
- ✓ Limitations with the tecnique for quantifying light elements (C, O).

	Case 1	Case 2	
	No degradation	Degraded	
ОМ	Clean appearance	Surface covered surface with a relief material.	
SEM	Chemical composition just based on C, O, Si and other traces.	P and Cl appear in the chemical composition of the slide.	

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Under these circumstances, and considering the limitations of the technique:

- ➤ Confirmed the presence of an organic material on some slides.
- ➤ It is not possible to precise the nature of the substance (require a different technique biology field)
- The appearance of this substance is related to the exposure of the slide to water. as a result, P and Cl appear in the EDS analyis.

# UNDERSTANDING VOLMEUR ARTWORK WITH ELECTRON MICROSOPY







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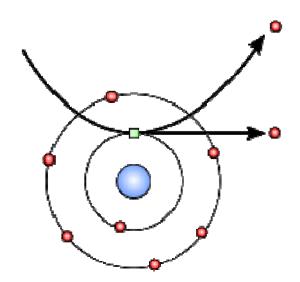
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### Imaging - Secondary Electrons

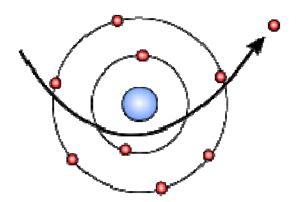
- Secondary Electrons (SE)
  - They are ejected from the k-orbitals of the specimen atoms by inelastic scattering interactions with beam electrons
  - They have a low-energy (<50 eV)</p>



- Contrast given by topographic irregularities, roughness
  - SE quantity depends on the angle of the PE beam and the surface

### Imaging - BackScattered Electrons

- Backscattered Electron (BSE)
  - Interaction between primary electrons from the beam and the nucleus of the atoms with a low lose of energy and a quasielastic reaction.



- Contrast given by Z
  - Heavy atoms emit more BSE than light atoms
  - The higher the Z, the brighter the image