Of MOUSE and Men

Single-sided NMR in Cultural Heritage

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What Can NMR Contribute?





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Shortcomings of NMR



Expensive Fixed in labs Incompatibility with some samples



Essential NMR



Magnetic Field Present

- Sample
- Magnetic field
- RF transmitter/receiver



Open, Single-sided Magnets





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Wallraf-Richartz Museum

Elizabeth clothes the naked/Elizabeth cares for the sick Painting on Fir, 1330/1430



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Depth Profiles and Age of Paint Layers



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Fragment Profiles



orange

blue 1





blue 1

blue 2

Fragment Profiles



Principal Component Analysis



Cleaning Methods



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Free solvent





NMR Relaxation

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1000

1000



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Cadmium Yellow Paint



Cadmium Yellow Paint



Inverse Laplace Transformation



Time Evolution of Drying



Cryptoporticus at Colle Oppio, Rome

March 2002



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Measuring Molecular Motion

 $S \approx e^{-\frac{2}{3}S_0\gamma^2 G^2 \delta^3 D}$



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Self-Diffusion Coefficients



Fresco models

Treatment, mono-layer	D [m²/s]
Ammonium oxalate	7.8 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
Ba(OH) ₂	8.5 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
Salt only	13.0 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
Pristine	6.5 × 10 ⁻¹⁰

Treatment, multilayer	D [m²/s]
Ammonium oxalate	7.7 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
Ba(OH) ₂	7.5 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
Pristine	72.0 × 10 ⁻¹⁰



Secco models

Treatment, monolayer	D [m²/s]
Ammonium oxalate	4.5 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
Ba(OH) ₂	8.1 × 10 ⁻¹⁰
Pristine	4.5 × 10 ⁻¹⁰

Lower self-diffusion

- in secco than in fresco
- for AmOx than for Ba(OH)₂

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Moisture Transport: Measurement of Diffusion

Self-diffusion of natural moisture can be determined *in situ*



Villa dei Papyri Herculaneum, Italy



Moisture Content and Mobility



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