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The strong "individuality" of art objects imply a sort of analogous uniqueness in the analytical processes aimed to their characterization and conservation; therefore, a combined use of flexible and non-destructive techniques is mandatory to study ancient materials.
In this paper we present a short review of recent works carried out at the Archaeometry Research Centre of the University of Brescia (ITALY) in the field of cultural heritage studies.
Experiments involve both laboratory and synchrotron X-Ray techniques, and can be divided into three major areas:
1-development of innovative conservation methodologies by means of conventional analytical equipment;
2-design, prototyping and on the field test of new equipment, specifically designed to be used on art objects;
3-chemical/physical characterization of ancient materials applied to artifacts authentication and conservation;
The topics range from X-Ray Diffraction (XRD) quantitative measurements and Glancing-Incidence X-ray Diffraction (GIXRD) to study the growth of artificially induced calcium oxalate layers for marbles conservation, up to the design and prototyping of a synchrotron XRD multi-sample loader for the automatic analysis of a massive number of samples, aimed to the optimization of laser cleaning of the façade of "*la Loggia*" palace in Brescia.
Besides, X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) and Total Reflection X-ray Fluorescence (TXRF) have been applied to the elemental analysis of historic metal objects from ancient *Longobard graves*, while laboratory 2D X-ray microdiffraction (XRD^2) has been used to study the sulphation of marbles from *Brescia monumental Cemetery and* from *Milan Cathedral* [1].
X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) and SR-XRD have been employed in the study of sea water influence on chemical and physical degradation of archaeological glasses [2].
Finally, the results of two authentication problems (an unpublished "*Ghirlandaio*" painting [3] and the famous *Papyrus of Artemidorus* [4]), involving a wide range of X-Ray analytical techniques, are discussed.

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The Hoard of Becin – the Silver Content of the Akce Coins and the Monetary History in the Ottoman Empire. Manfred Schreiner[a], Marta Rodrigues[a]. [a]*Institute of Science and Technology in Arts, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna, Austria.*
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In summer 2000 a great number of coins (approx. 60.000) could be found during excavations carried out by a team of archaeologists from Izmir University in Turkey, headed by Prof. Rahmi Ünal, at the medieval site of Becin Kalesi (close to the ancient city of Efes/Selcuk). It is the most important findings of coins and the most important Ottoman treasure ever discovered, as most of the coins stem from the Ottoman Empire and were produced during the 16th and 17th centuries under the Sultans Murad III, Mehmed III and Ahmed I in 18 different workshops.
In a co-operation between the Turkish and the Austrian Academies of Sciences a project was initiated in order to catalogue all the coins. Additionally, chemical analysis of the material used for the production of the silver coins was performed in order to confirm the geographic assignment suggested by the numismatists. It was agreed to take small samples of approx. 450 objects (mainly Akce coins), embed the specimen in epoxy resin for cross-sectioning and polishing in order to achieve flat surfaces. Investigations were carried out by means of micro-x-ray fluorescence analysis (XRF), energy dispersive analysis in the SEM, particle induced x-ray emission spectroscopy (PIXE) as well as micro-XRF by synchrotron radiation.
The coins analyzed were found to have a very high fineness (about 92 % Ag) and the varying content of the minor and trace elements Au, Pb, Bi, Fe, Ni, Zn, As, Hg, Sn and Sb a local assignment to the various mints could be explored.

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Crystallography and Industrial Design: Past, Present & Future. Lindsay Sawyer. *School of Biological Sciences, The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh EH9 3JR, UK*.
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Homo sapiens has been fascinated by symmetry for thousands of years including the external habit of crystalline materials but it is only within the last 100 years that the internal structures of crystals have been available. This talk will describe the uses to which the internal atomic arrangement of crystals have been put in the design of textiles, fabrics, some everyday objects and even buildings, but little, if any, mention will be made of the industrial uses of X-ray crystallography. A significant, but not quite the only, initiative to make use of crystal structures in industrial design concerned the Festival Pattern Group [1-2] which was set up to provide a vehicle for the influence of the UK's excellence in X-ray crystallography to create marketable materials in the 1950s. A description of the work of the Group will be followed by an investigation of