

# What Makes Push-broom Hyperspectral Imaging Advantageous for Art Applications

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# Outline

What is hyperspectral imaging?

Hyperspectral imaging techniques

Push-broom hyperspectral imaging

- how it works in art applications?
- more information with broader spectral coverage

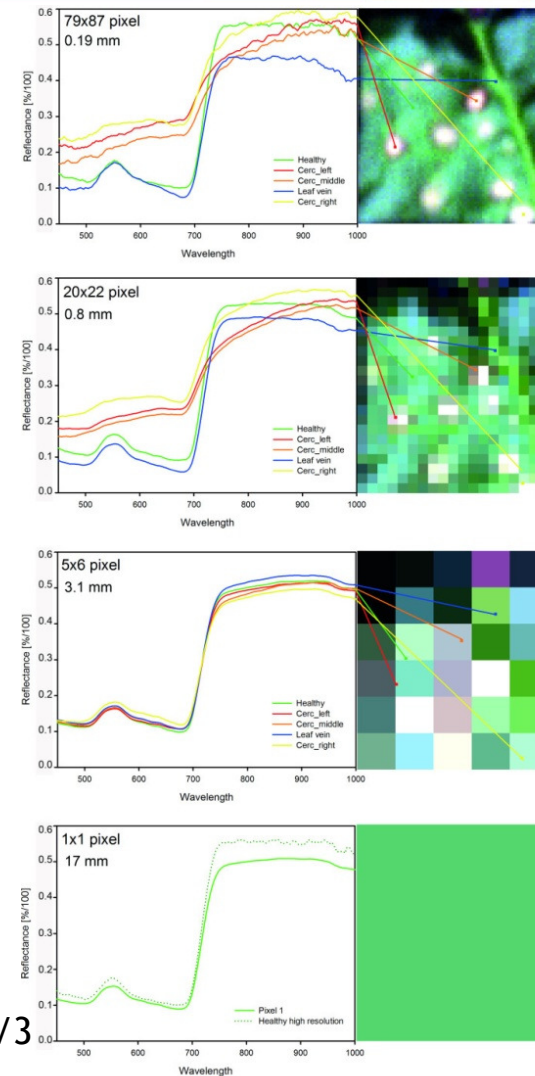
Summary

# Hyperspectral Imaging - Spatial AND Spectral Resolution

The power and value of hyperspectral imaging is in its capability to

- Identify, Quantify (Measure) and Map
- chemical, physical and biological properties
- in each pixel of the target image.

Figure:  
Mahleun et al. Plant methods 2012, 8:3  
<http://www.plantmethods.com/content/8/1/3>



## Hyperspectral imaging system

- high spatial and spectral resolution
- differentiation of small symptoms

## Non-imaging spectroradiometer

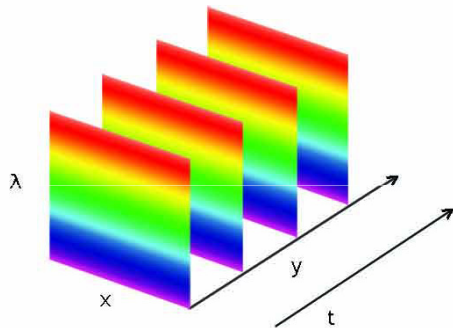
- no spatial resolution
- mixed information

# Hyperspectral Imaging Techniques

1. Whisk-broom - point scanning
2. Push-broom - line scanning
3. Tuneable filters (LCTF, AOTF, F-BTF) - wavelength scanning
4. Imaging FTIR - time scanning
5. 'Full datacube snapshot'

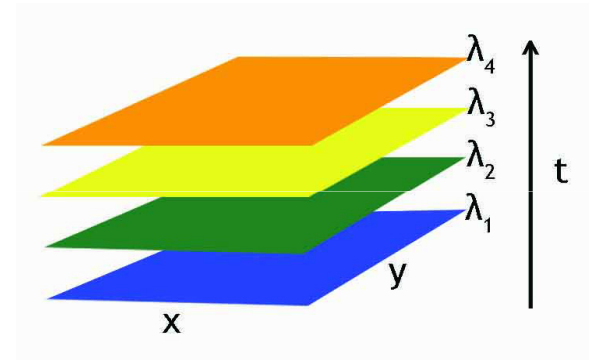
# Two Main Approaches to Hyperspectral Imaging

## Pushbroom



Full spectral data simultaneously, with spatial line scanning over time.  
Imaging spectrograph + 2D array detector.

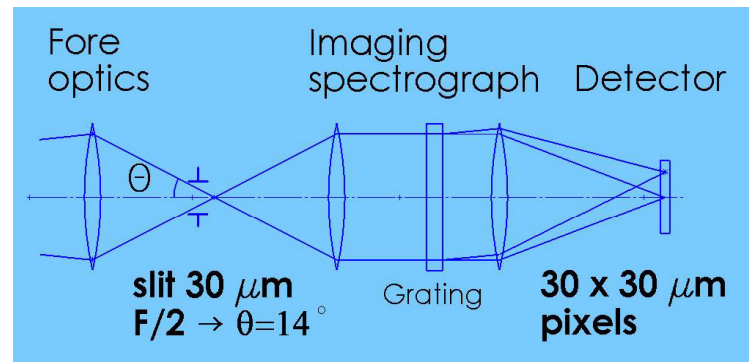
## Tuneable spectral filter



2D image at a time, with wavelength scanning over time.  
Tuneable filter + imaging optics + 2D detector array.

## Light Throughput (Area x Solid angle)

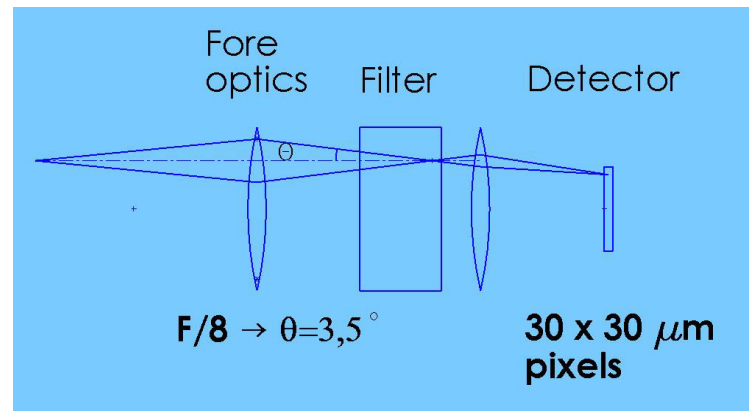
Pushbroom  
imaging  
spectrometer,  
10 nm resol.



Solid angle,  $\Omega =$   
 $2\pi(1-\cos\theta) = 0.19 \text{ sr}$

$A\Omega = 17 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$

Tuneable filter  
spectrometer  
(LCTF),  
10 nm resol.



$\Omega = 0.012 \text{ sr}$

$A\Omega = 2.4 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2\text{sr}$

**Difference of 7x**

## Generic Push-broom Advantages

1. Acquires all spectral information exactly at the same time - insensitive to instrument/sample movement
2. No moving parts in the instrument - compact, reliable, stable, low maintenance.
3. **Collects light from sample to camera 5 to 20 times more efficiently than tuneable filter instruments.**
4. **Only a line across the sample needs to be illuminated**
  - 10 to 30 times more light ->Speed
  - Lower heat load on sensitive sample
5. Can be used as an imaging solution or as a multiple point fiberoptical spectrometer
6. **The only HSI technique which practically fits to all applications from lab to production, field and air**

**Requires movement.**

# What Makes Push-broom Hyperspectral Imaging Advantageous for Art Applications ?

No need for uniform 2-dimensional illumination over large area.

Low illuminance exposure.

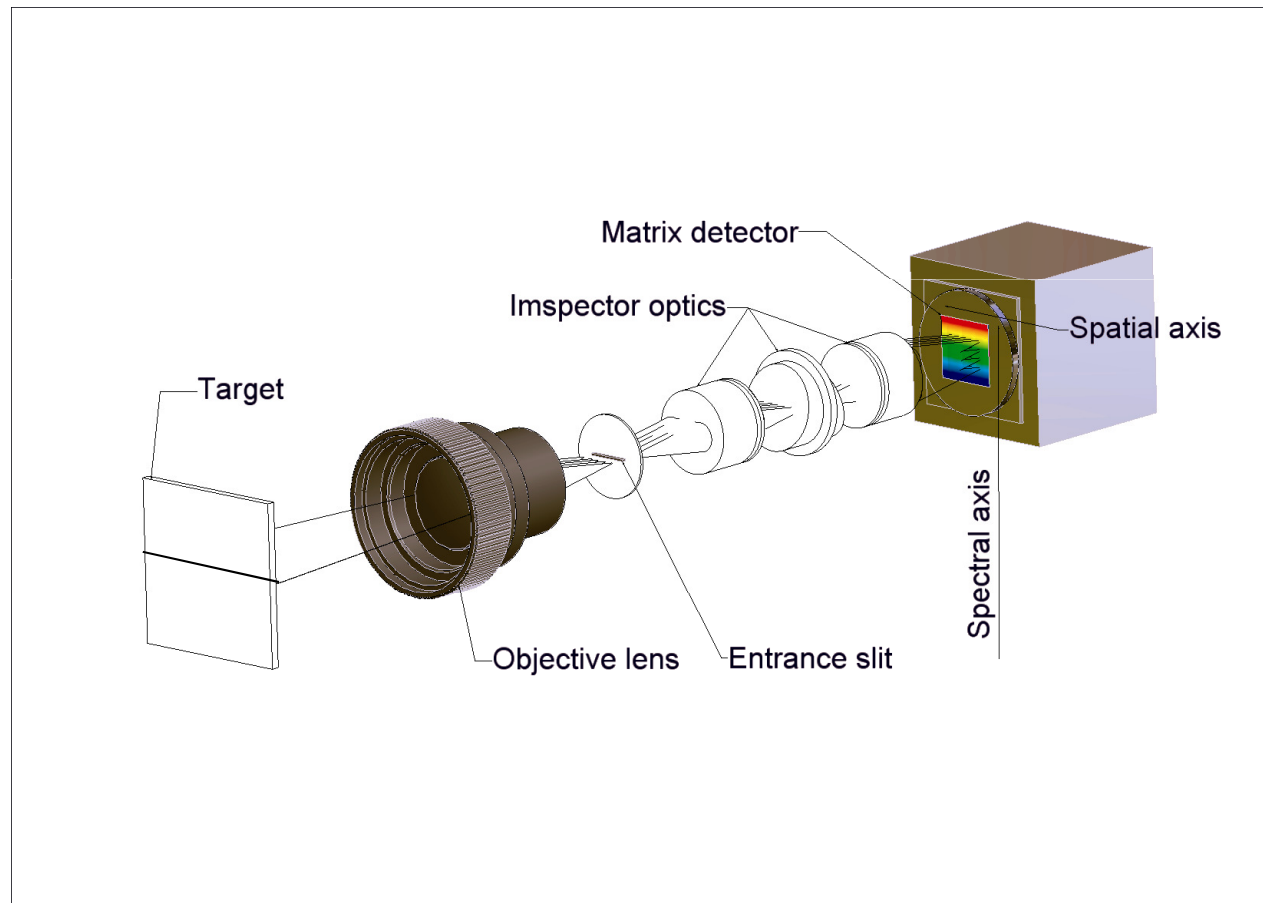
Low heat load.

Maximal imaging speed.

Easily applied in different scales and orientations (wall, floor, desktop).



# Push-broom Hyperspectral Camera

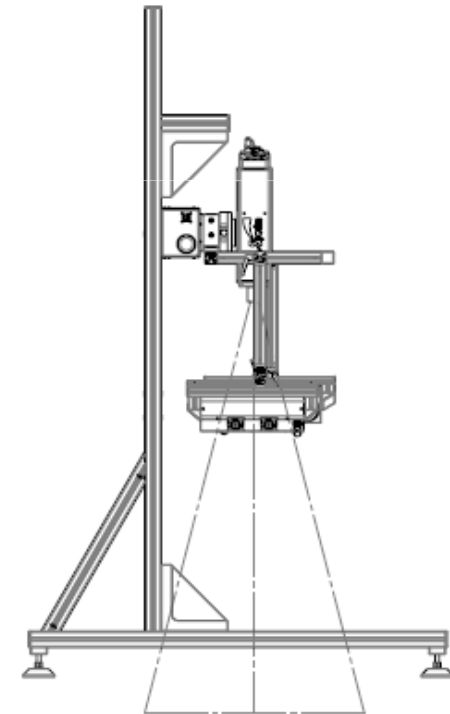
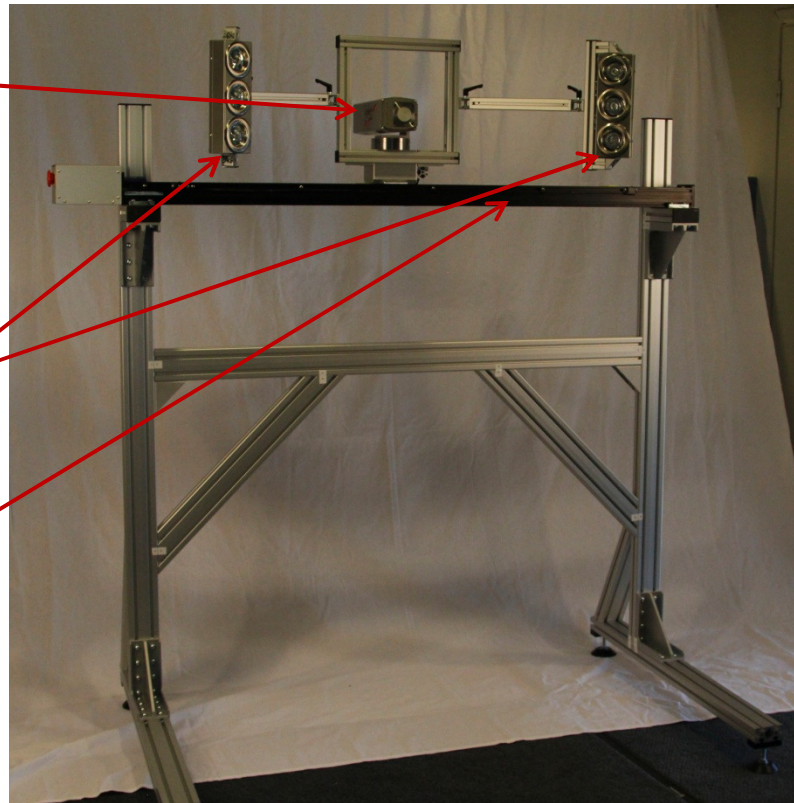


# Push-broom Hyperspectral Scanner for Artwork

Push-broom  
hyperspectral camera  
with exchangeable  
front lens

Light source,  
moves with camera

Motor driven linear stage

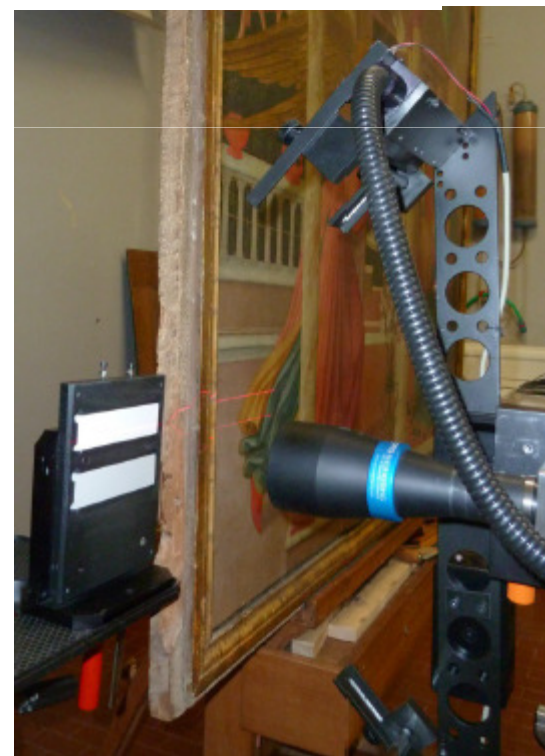




## X/Y Scanning



Istituto di Fisica Applicata "N. Carrara" (IFAC-CNR)  
Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche - Italy



# Field of View

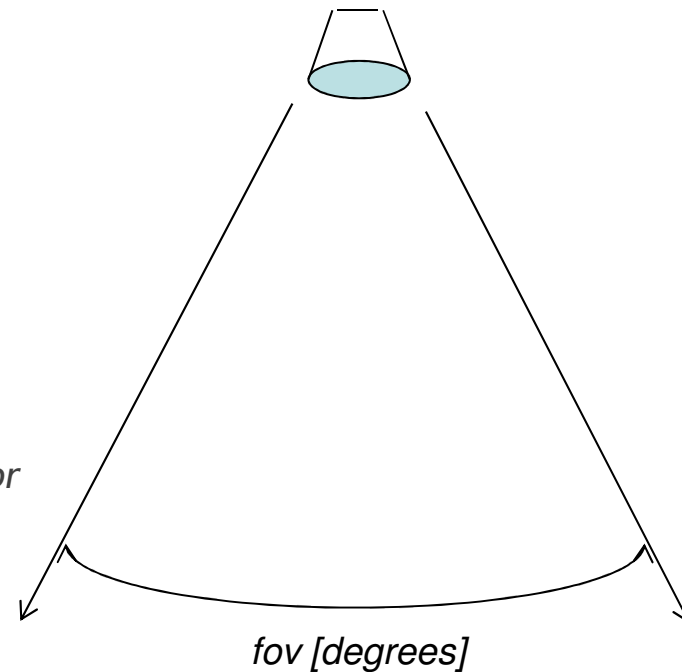
- Field-of-View (fov)
  - *fov for full detector*
  - *ifov for single pixel (take into account spatial binning if applied)*

$$fov = 2 * \arctan\left(\frac{ActiveSlitLength}{2 * LensFocalLength}\right)$$

*ActiveSlitLength*  $\approx$  Spatial dimension of the detector

$$ifov = 2 * \arctan\left(\frac{PixelSize}{2 * LensFocalLength}\right)$$

$$\approx fov / \#pixels$$



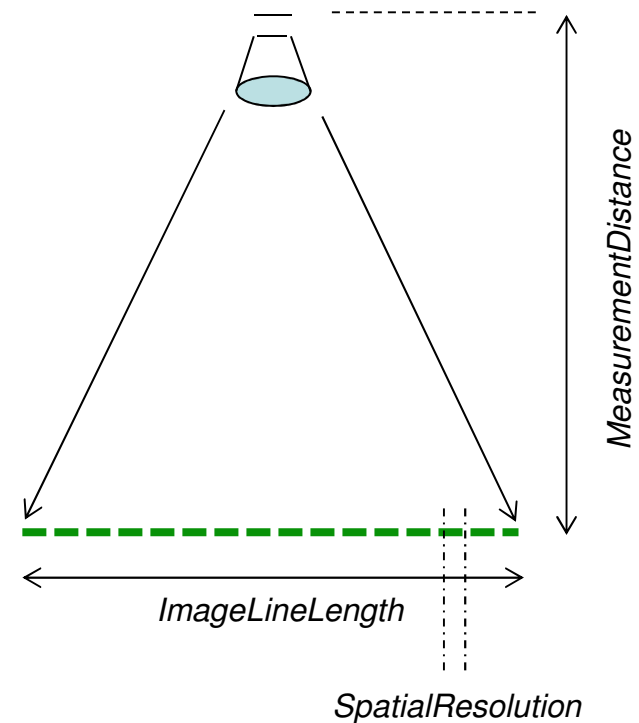
# Spatial resolution on target

- Imaged line
  - Line length
  - Line width
  - Spatial resolution along image line

$$ImageLineLength = \frac{ActiveSlitLength * MeasurementDistance}{LensFocalLength}$$

$$ImageLineWidth = \frac{SlitWidth * MeasurementDistance}{LensFocalLength}$$

$$SpatialResolution = \frac{ImageLineLength}{AmountSpatialPixels}$$

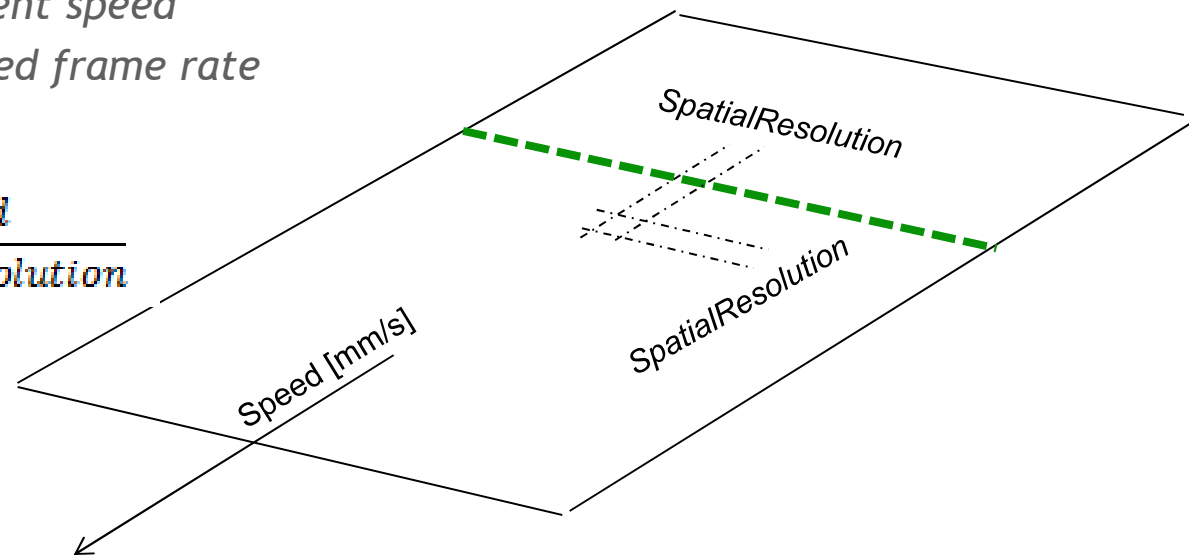




# Frame rate - Scan speed

- **Spatial Resolution with movement**
  - Target is to achieve square pixel with sample movement, i.e. same resolution along movement as along the image line
  - Find out the movement speed
  - Calculate the required frame rate
- **Linear scan:**

$$\text{FrameRate} = \frac{\text{Speed}}{\text{SpatialResolution}}$$



# Integration time

- **Signal level**

- *Maximum integration time achievable is frame period =  $1 / (\text{frame rate})$ .  
(Check from camera data, as all cameras may not reach this.)*
- *Set integration time to achieve maximum signal level of ca 90% of the full scale from a white target.  
(Note that signal varies with wavelength.)*
- *Signal may stay lower if there is not enough light. -> Reduce frame rate if possible in order to increase integration time.*
- *Always acquire Dark Image with the same integration time as the Sample (and White).*

# Depth of Focus

- Depth of focus is the distance range for sharp image when the lens is focused to distance  $s$ :

From the "exact" equations for near and far limits of DOF, the DOF in front of the subject is

$$s - D_N = \frac{Ncs(s - f)}{f^2 + Nc(s - f)},$$

and the DOF beyond the subject is

$$D_F - s = \frac{Ncs(s - f)}{f^2 - Nc(s - f)}.$$



## SPECIM Camera and Light Source Options

Camera options	Spectral sampling	Spatial sampling	Image rate	Light source options
VNIR 400-1000 nm	1-8 nm	1000-2000 pix, 15 um - >	Up to 150 Hz	Halogen based fiber optical line light (400-1700 nm) - Highly focused light line
NIR 900-1700 nm	3.5 nm	320/640 pix, 30 um ->	Up to 350 Hz	Linear halogen array (400-2500 nm) - Less focused - Higher illumination and heat load
SWIR 1000-2500 nm	5.5 nm	320 pix, 30 um ->	Up to 100 Hz	UV light for fluorescence
VNIR+SWIR 400-2500 nm in a single instrument coming				
MWIR 2600-5000 nm	30 nm	320/640 pix	Up 350 Hz	
LWIR 8000-12000 nm	400 nm	384 pix	60 Hz	

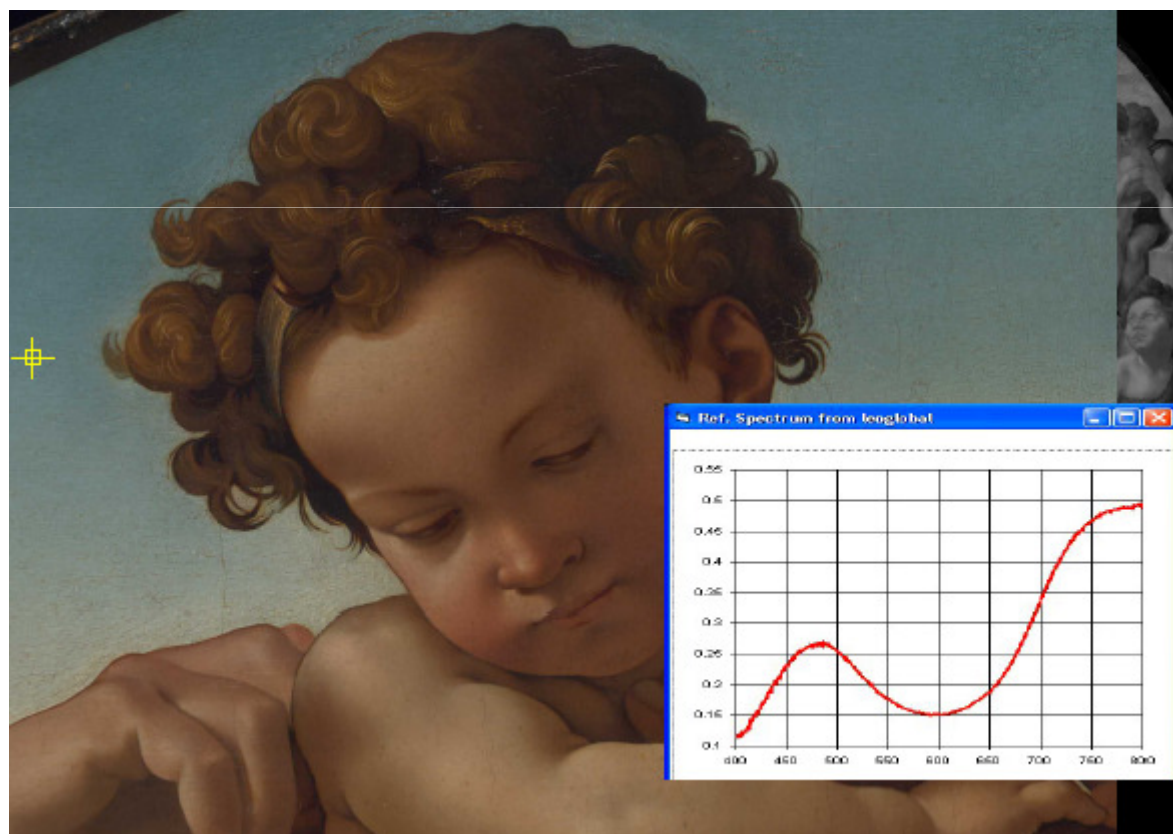
# More Information with Broader Spectral Coverage

VNIR 400-1000 nm

Documentation of valuable artwork.

Pigment identification.

Color reproduction.



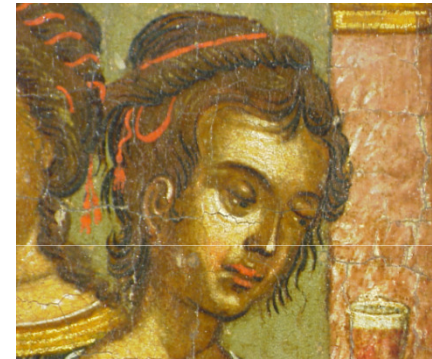
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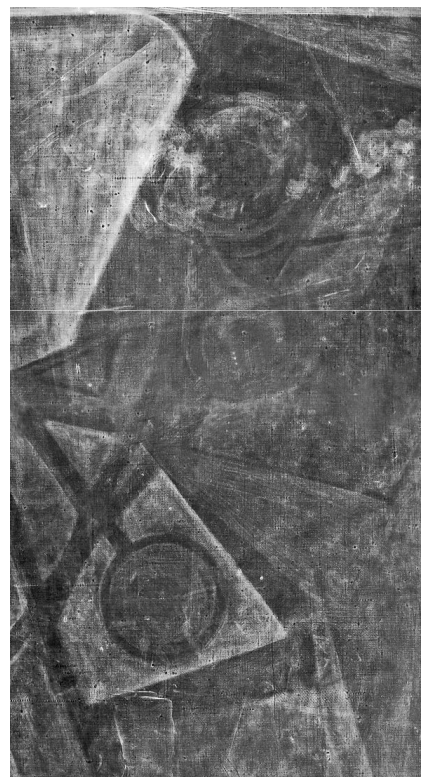
## Color - SWIR - X ray



RGB



SWIR at 1600 nm



X-ray

"SWIR hyperspectral imaging provides more detailed inner layer and under-drawing information than X-ray"

Agata Warszewska  
Museum of Wroclaw,  
Poland

*Composition* by Henryk Statewski, 1957, oil



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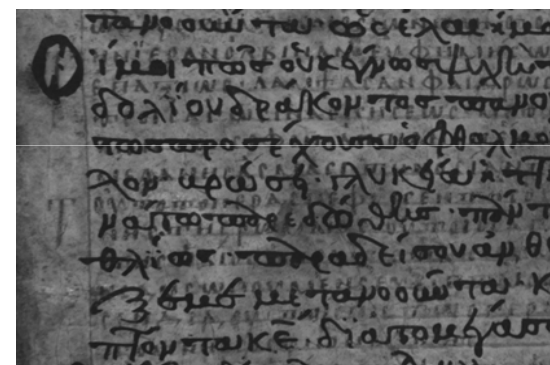
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### **MWIR 2.6-5 $\mu$ m**

Could additional information be achieved in the infrared?

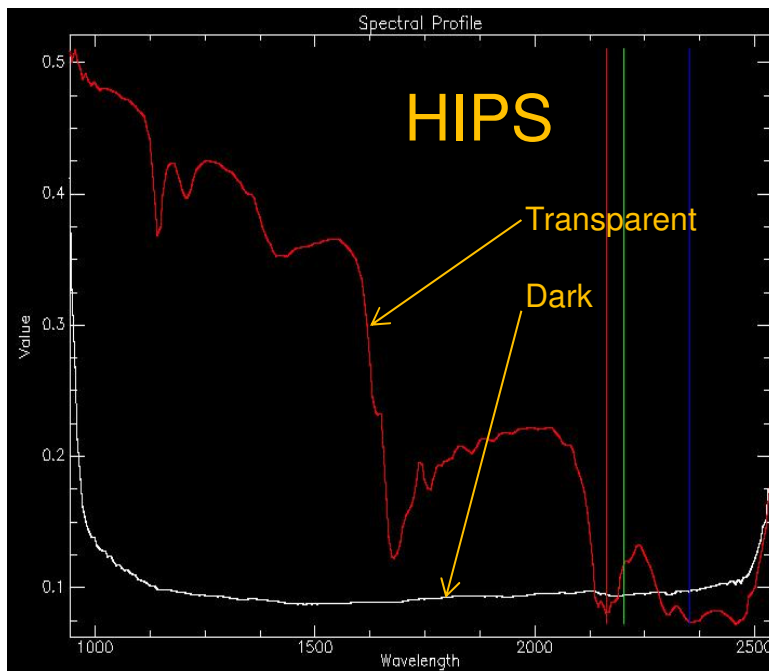
Cameras are available.

Light source needs to be optimized for reduced heat load.

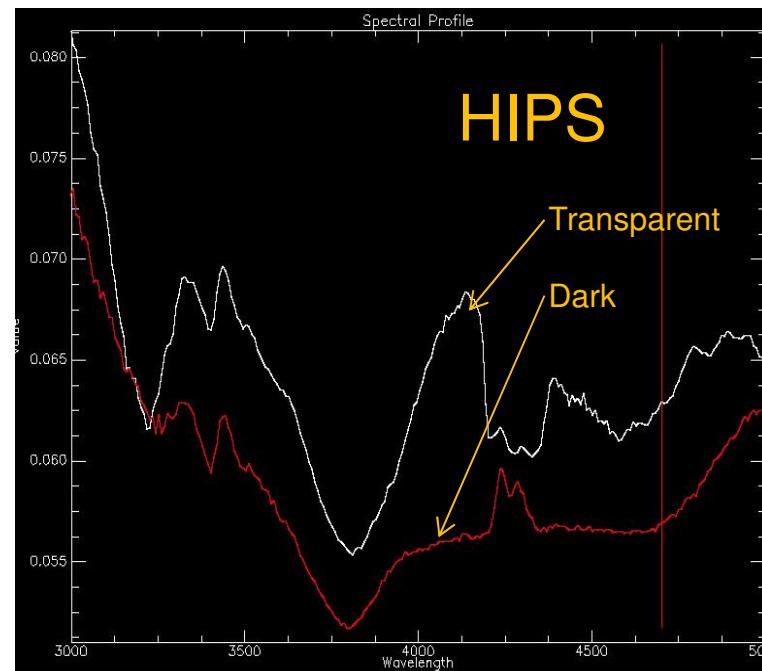
# MWIR Hyperspectral Imaging Penetrates into Industrial Applications

Sorting of black materials in reflection mode

SWIR



MWIR



# Summary

Hyperspectral imaging is becoming recognized and versatile tool in artwork documentation, pigment identification and discrimination, color reproduction and in analysis of under-layer drawings.

Push-broom imaging simplifies illumination requirements, minimizes illumination exposure and heat load, and maximizes imaging speed.

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