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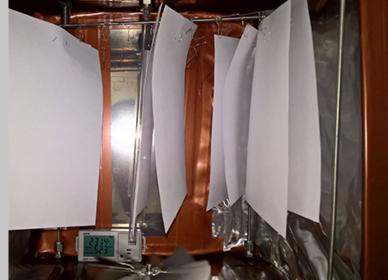
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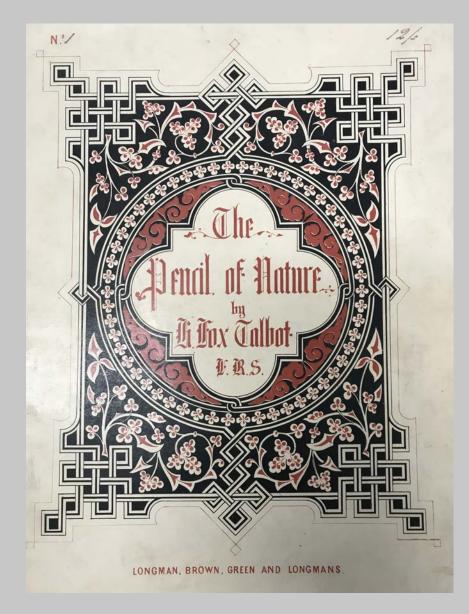












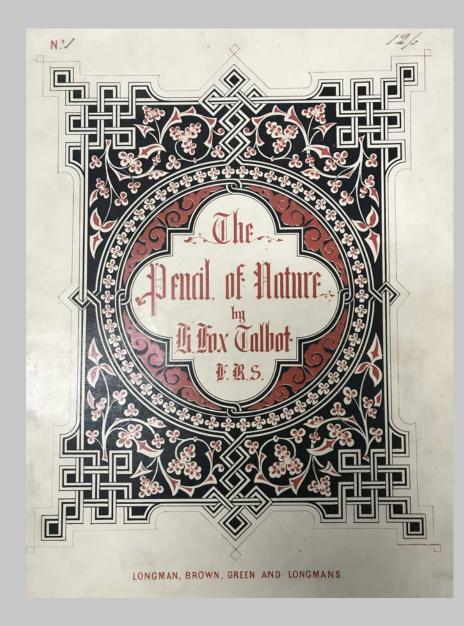
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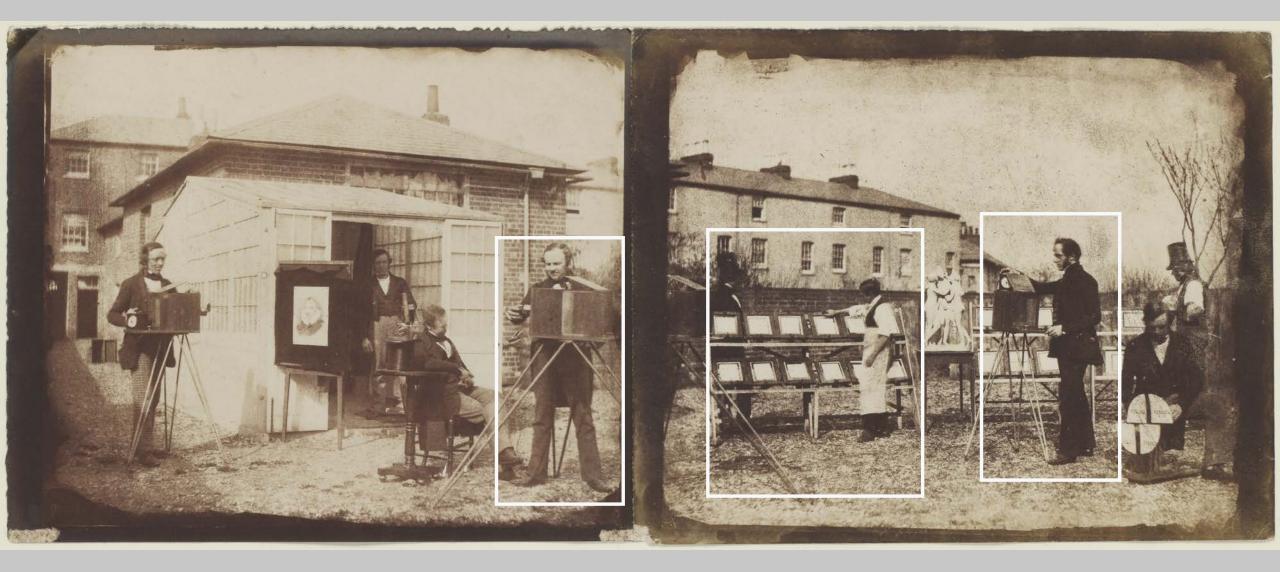
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Notice to the Reader.

The plates of the present work are impressed by the agency of Light alone, without any aid whatever from the artist's pencil.

Metropolitan Museum of Art



The Reading Establishment, William Henry Fox Talbot & Nicolaas Henneman, 1846 Salted paper prints from paper negatives, overall 19.9 × 49.1 cm

Plates from *The Pencil of* Nature, Metropolitan Museum of Art

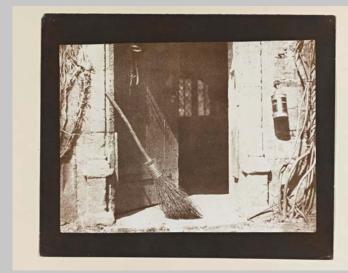




Mounted prints, History of Science Collection, National Museum of Scotland

Unmounted prints, History of Science Collection, National Museum of Scotland







Prints from *The Pencil of* Nature, Yale Center for British Art



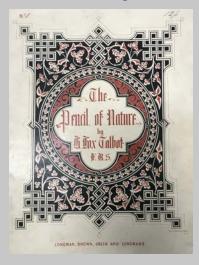








The Object





Challenges: Object heterogeneity Rates of changes • What was it? Study scaling & tool deployment Data analysis & sharing • Decoding **Technique limitations:** In-situ measurements ٠ Non-destructive or micro-• Monitoring & destructive **Risk management**

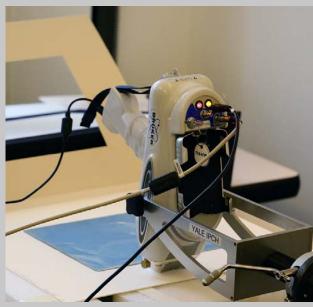
What is it? What is it becoming?

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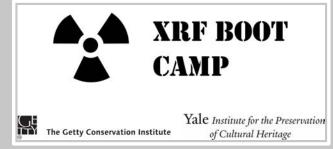
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What is it? In-situ & non-destructive spectroscopies

X-ray fluorescence spectrometers



Bruker Tracer III-SD Handheld, large spot size





Bruker Artax micro-focus, small area mapping



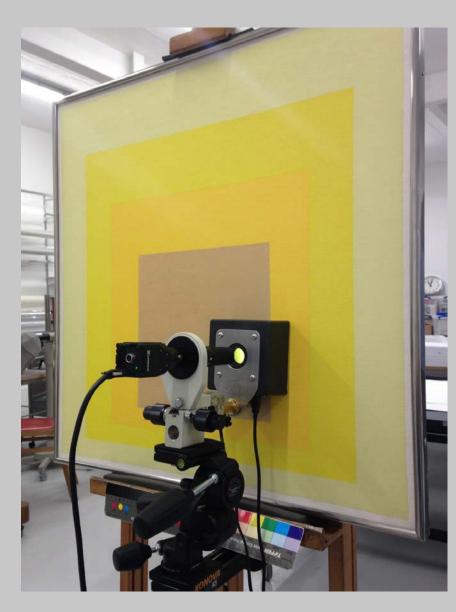
Bruker M6 Jetstream: micro-focus, large area mapping

What is it? Portable non-contact imaging of surface topography

Micro-RTI (Reflectance Transformation Imaging)







What is it? Portable non-contact imaging of texture: Texturescope





Easy to replicate & deploy: Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

High-throughput, inexpensive, repeatable, easy-to-use

Robert Mapplethorpe platinum and palladium prints 1983-1989





























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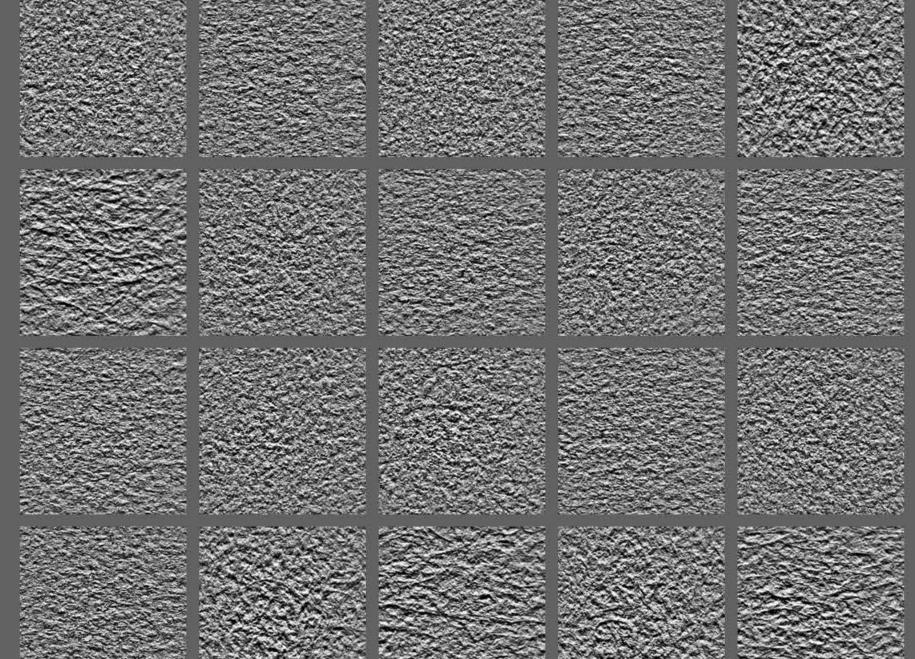
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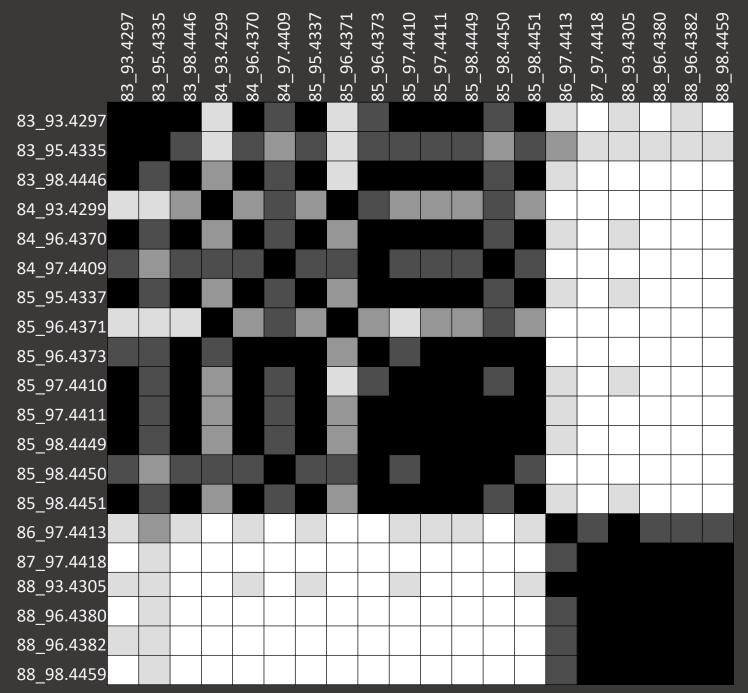








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Texture affinity Robert Mapplethorpe platinum and palladium prints 1983-1989

What is it becoming? In-situ & non-destructive tracking of color change

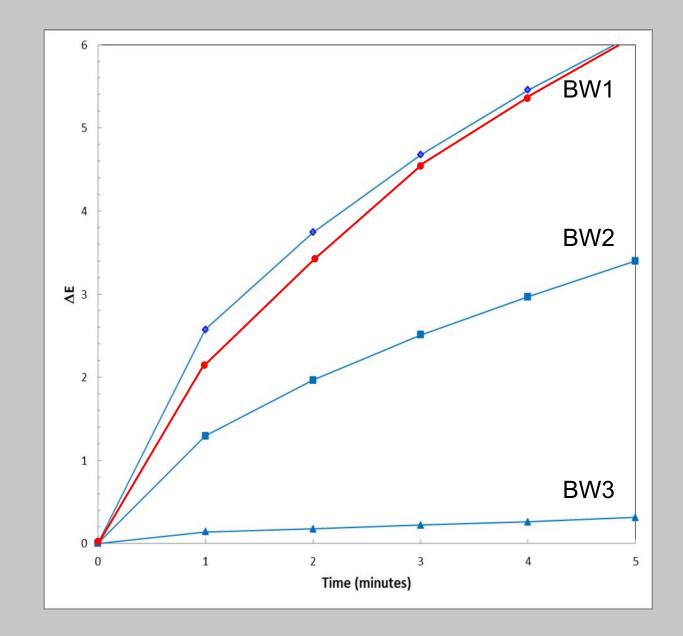
Microfading tester



Stable and sensitive color measurement Filtered visible SPD (near-UV optional) Very high intensity focused spot (50 Suns) Equivalent light dose ca. 1 year per minute



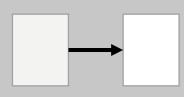




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Microfading tests of *Pencil* of Nature images



Areas of highlight: bleach (paper bleaching)

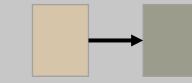


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Countries/cities with multiple holdings (total): England:28 Scotland: 6 NYC: 7 California: 6 Germany: 2

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What is it? In-situ & micro-destructive sampling and analyses

Portable UV laser ablation sampling module



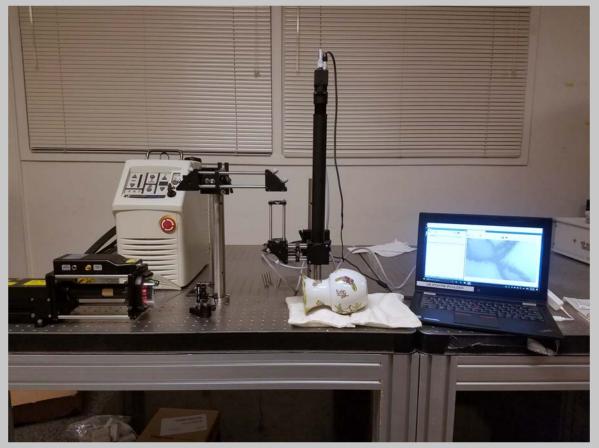
Prototype setup with IR laser Yale IPCH



Laser ablation ICP-MS instrumentation Institute for Geosciences, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

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Photo credit: Yale University Art Gallery

Rummer, dated 1770 Clear flint glass (leaded) with enamel

Probably made in Bohemia; formerly said to have been made in Manheim, Pennsylvania

What is it? Method and data analysis development





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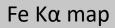
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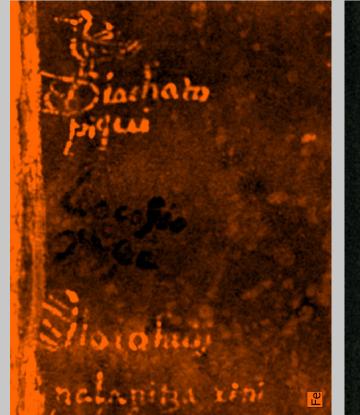


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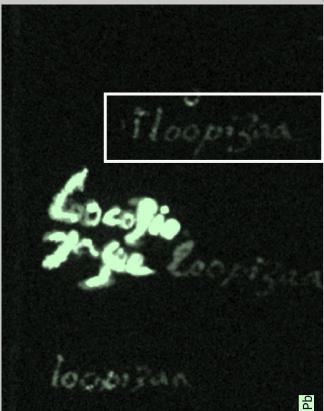


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Welcome Collection

A meeting of the Royal Society at Somerset House in the Strand. Engraving by H. S. Melville, 1844, after F. W. Fairholt, 1843



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Portrait miniature of Sir Peter Hesketh-Fleetwood, Bt., Sir William Charles Ross,
1826
Watercolor on ivory, 11.1 x 8.3 cm



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Anonymous portrait miniature of John Laing. ca. 1830. Painting on ivory, 8.8 x 6.7 cm



Photo by J. Paul Getty Museum.

View from the Window at Le Gras, Joseph Nicéphore Niépce, ca. 1826 Gernsheim Collection, Harry Ransom Center.

Bitumen on pewter, Image 11.9 x 17.8 cm



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Reproduction of Joseph Nicéphore Niépce's View from the Window at Le Gras, Helmut Gernsheim & Kodak Research Laboratory, Harrow, England, 1952 Gernsheim Collection, Harry Ransom Center. Gelatin silver print with applied watercolor



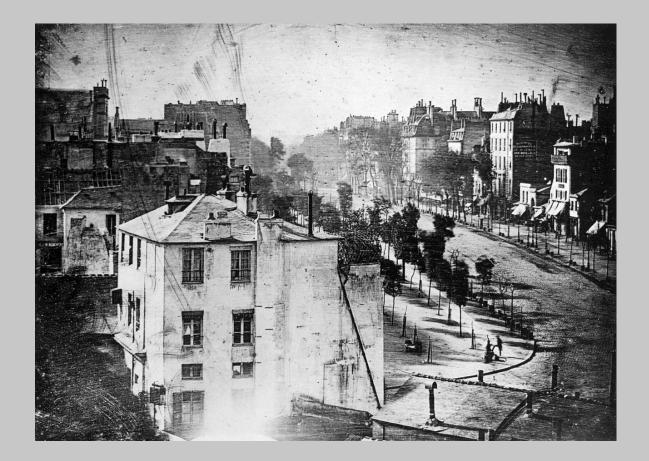
Still Life with Casts, Louis Jacques Mandé Daguerre, 1837

Whole plate daguerreotype, approx. 16.5 x 21.5 cm Collection of the Société Française de Photographie **Boulevard du Temple, Paris, Louis Jacques Mandé Daguerre, 1838** Daguerreotype



The Roofline of Lacock Abbey, William Henry Fox Talbot, probably 1835-1839

Salt-fixed photogenic drawing negative, 11.1 x 11.7 cm The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles (84.XM.478.9)



Boulevard du Temple, Paris, Louis Jacques Mandé Daguerre, 1838 Daguerreotype