## Headwal APPLICATION NOTE



## **Awards**



# Spectral Imaging for Cultural Heritage Non-Contact UV to SWIR Imaging

SWIR

900 - 2500

nm



Ext. VNIR

600 - 1700

nm

NIR

900 - 1700

nm

VNIR

400 - 1000

nm

UV-VIS

250 - 500

nm

The science of spectral imaging in the infrared ranges is extremely valuable to the field of artwork analysis and conservation. It is a non-invasive, non-contact means by which complete spectral data is collected for every pixel within the field of view across hundreds of narrow, contiguous spectral bands within the range of interest.

#### **MAYAN VASE**

Historically significant documents such as the Dead Sea Scrolls, Gettysburg Address, and ancient maps have benefited from noninvasive imaging and analysis using Headwall sensors and software to detect subtle changes in color that can contribute to more accurate forensic analysis. Enhance faded or hidden features, confirm authenticity, identify regions for restoration, and more.

## HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

Chemical imaging shows that the vase bottom has significant repairs, and that the restoration and original can be separated in SWIR and are chemically different. The restoration has been painted over and is not visible to the eye. Such data can provide information on past repairs that may not be documented.



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## **Pigment & Binder Mapping**

The SWIR spectral image chart to the right shows there are two different binders in this painting, animal glue and egg. Knowing the nature of the organic pigment binders is important to understanding the chemistry of changes in the objects as well as doing repairs using matching materials.

## ANALYZE STONE DESTRUCTION OVER TIME USING HYPERSPECTRAL IMAGING





2005

Qualitative change over time: Progression of salt weathering Huntington Mausoleum San Marino CA



### SPECTRAL IMAGING DETECTS CORROSION FROM IRON-GALL INKS



Ink drawing with iron-gall ink corrosion, which also appears black



False color composite shows corroded areas in black, on lower right, and ink in red

## SPECTRAL IMAGING FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE Non-Contact UV to SWIR Imaging



Figure 1. Dooley et al. Mapping of egg yolk and animal skin glue paint binders in Early Renaissance paintings using near infrared reflectance imaging spectroscopy. Analyst. 2013, Vol. 138, pp. 4838-4848.



## THE HEADWALL ADVANTAGE

- Eliminate manual sampling
- Rapidly scan entire product
- No-contact scanning
- Non-destructive illumination

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