Non-invasive on-site analysis of enamelled pottery, glass and metal artefacts.

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For more than a decade, the strong miniaturisation of electromagnetic sources and detectors led to the availability of different portable instruments, namely Raman microspectrometer[1-3], X-ray Fluorescence handheld analyzer [4] and UV-visible spectrometer [5]. These instruments inform on the phase/structure, elemental composition and chromophores, respectively [6,7]. At the time of their production enamelled wares were advanced materials and their micro- and nano-structure carries a lot of information about their making process, important information to distinguish genuine from copy, or to trace technological exchanges [3-8]. We present a review of the state of the art of the non-invasive study of coloured artefacts and discuss representative examples of innovation or of technological transfer.

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