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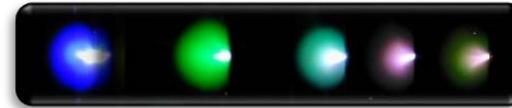
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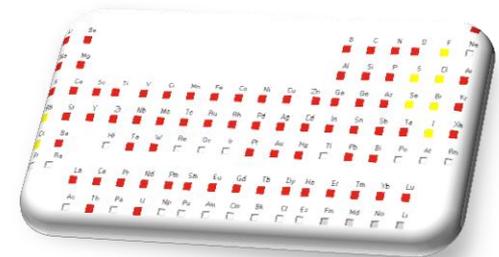
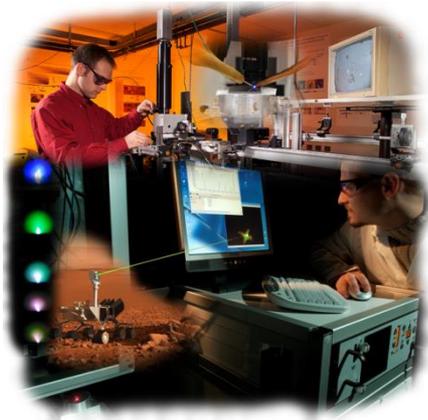
# LIBS APPLICATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL ASPECTS



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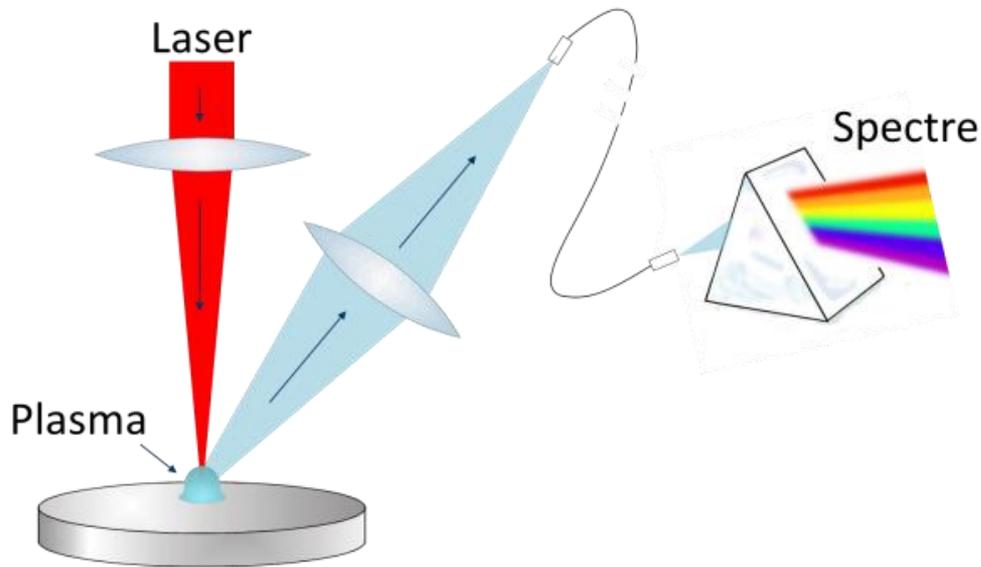
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# LIBS PRINCIPLE



☐ Measurement on all kind of materials

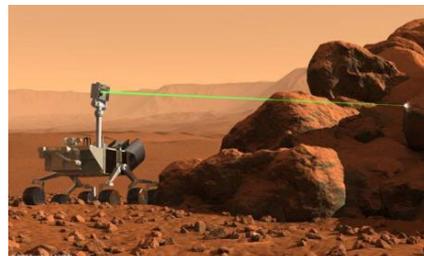


☐ No sample preparation



R.Bruder CEA and LRMH

☐ Remote measurement

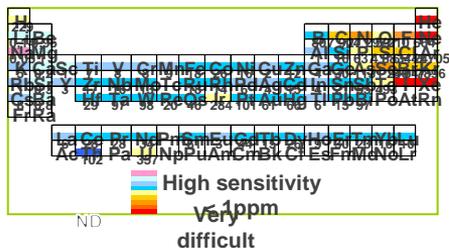


Like "Curiosity"  
Landing on Mars  
on August 2012

☐ Real-time measurement  
(1sec to a few min)

**LIBS is well adapted for in-situ and field analysis**

☐ Multi-elementary measurement



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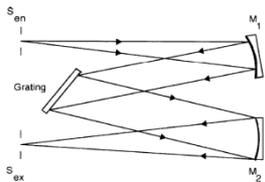
difficult

**Industrialization means :**

- ❑ Robustness → No change in the measurement during time and limited changes vs external conditions (temperature, humidity, chocs, dust,...)**
  
- ❑ System control → Repeatability, reproducibility, and quickly**
  
- ❑ Data treatment → For non expert users**

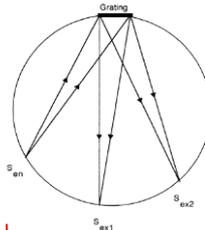
## Spectrometer

*Monocromador*

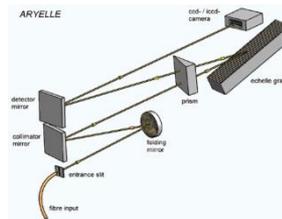


*Moving part (grid)*

*Policromador*



*Echelle*



*No moving part*

*Compacto*



*All are sensitive to the temperature → thermalization*

## Laser (Nd:YAG in general)

*Pump by*

- Flash lamp → not expensive but energy decrease and the lifetime is not too long ( 1 month 24/24)
- Laser diode → Expensive but stable and long lifetime

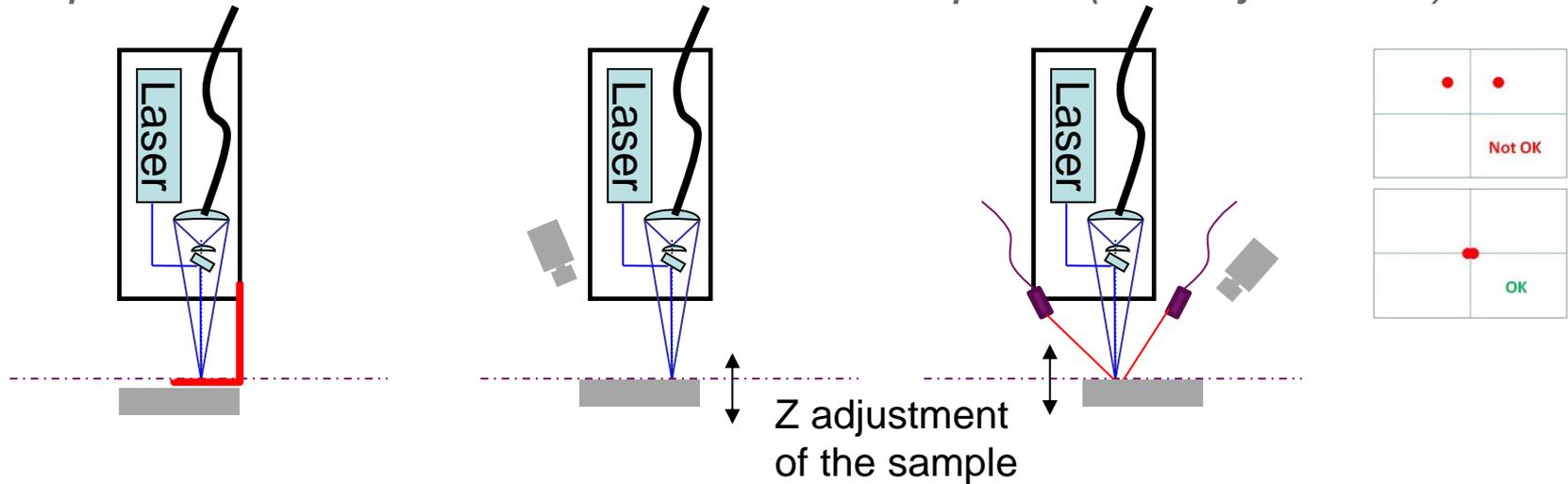
$\lambda$

- 1064nm : no harmonic crystal
- 532nm : 1 crystal
- 355 and 266nm : 2 crystals

*Pb of stability with temperature and mechanically*

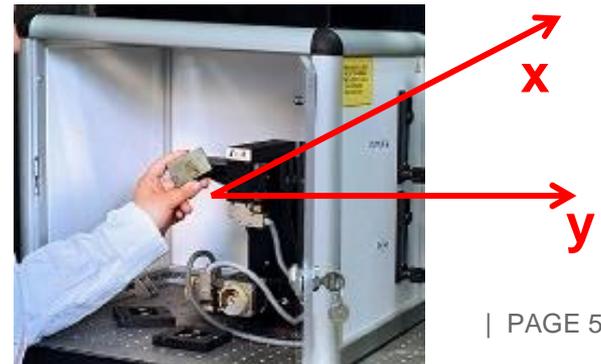
What kind of “options” does a industrial LIBS system should have?

- *Lens/sample distance control* → *mechanical or optical (+ z adjustment)*



- *Duplicate measurements for statistical purpose (typically > 20)* → *x,y motors*

Goal : to acculate many laser shots (best S/N ratio), to have a good estimation of the mean signal  $\langle S \rangle$  and to have an idea of the repeatability with the standard deviation  $\sigma_s$

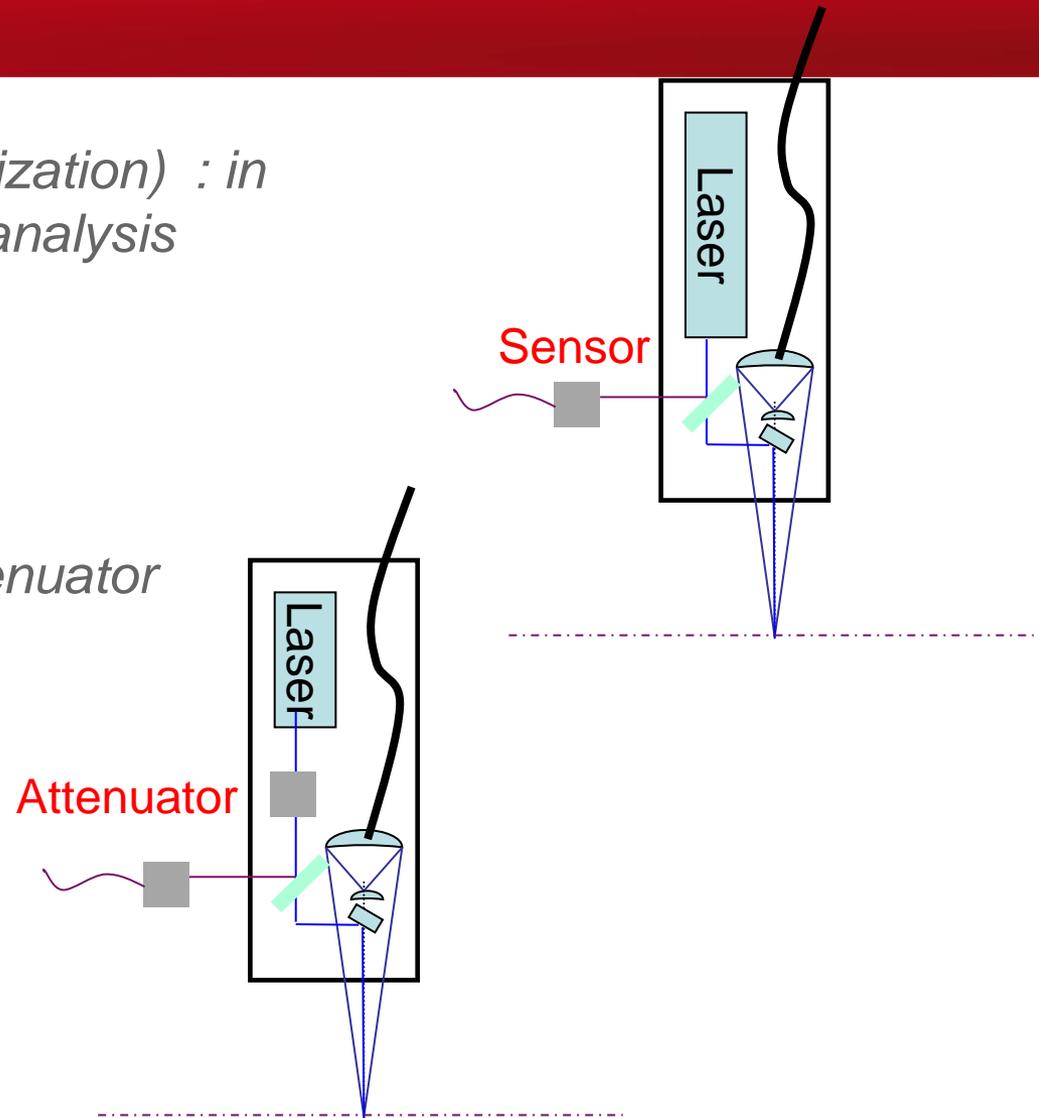


❑  $E_{laser}$  measurement (for normalization) : in order to perform quantitative analysis

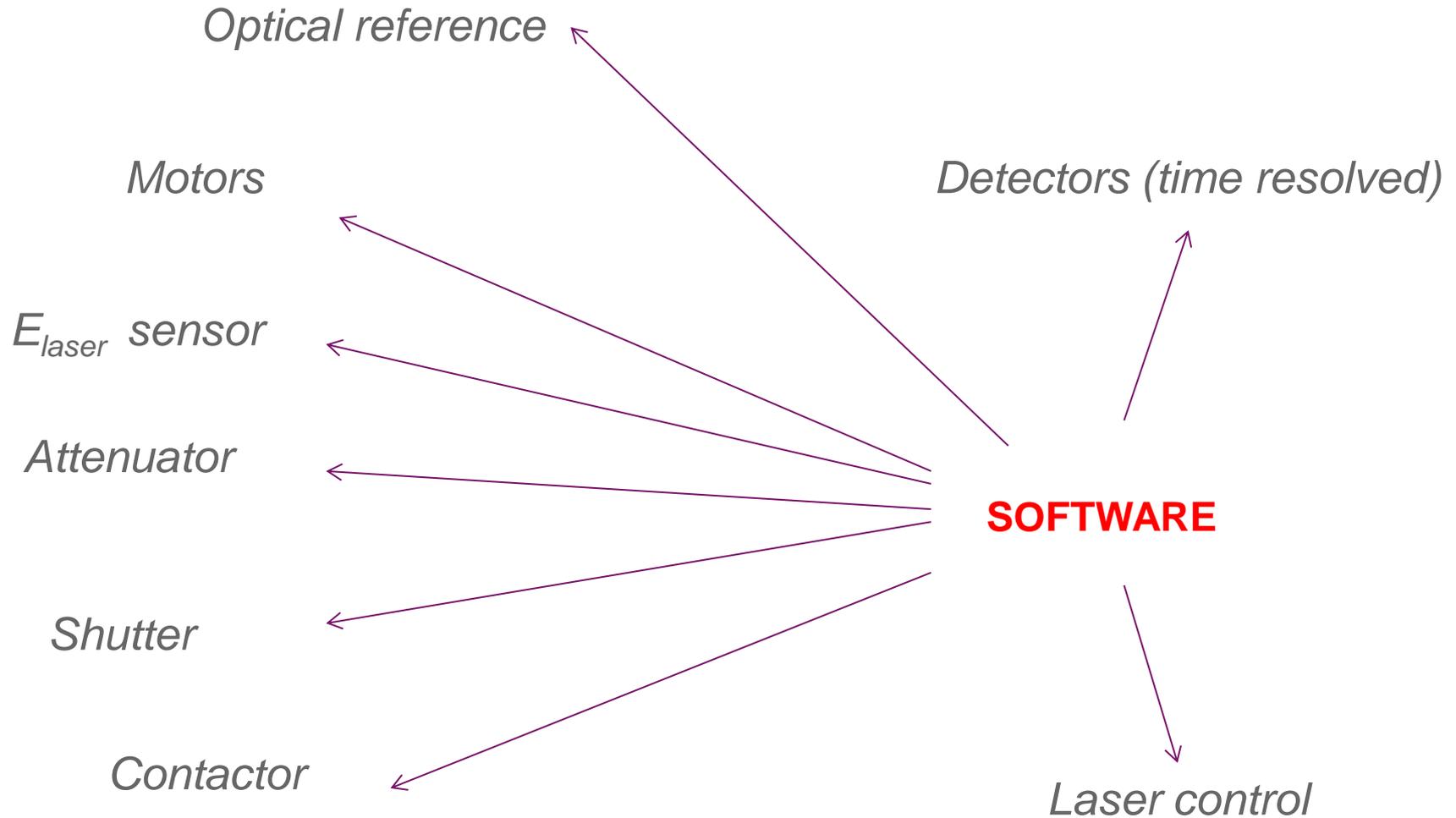
❑  $E_{laser}$  adjustment  $\rightarrow$  optical attenuator

❑ Shutter to have a stable laser

❑ Contactor for laser safety

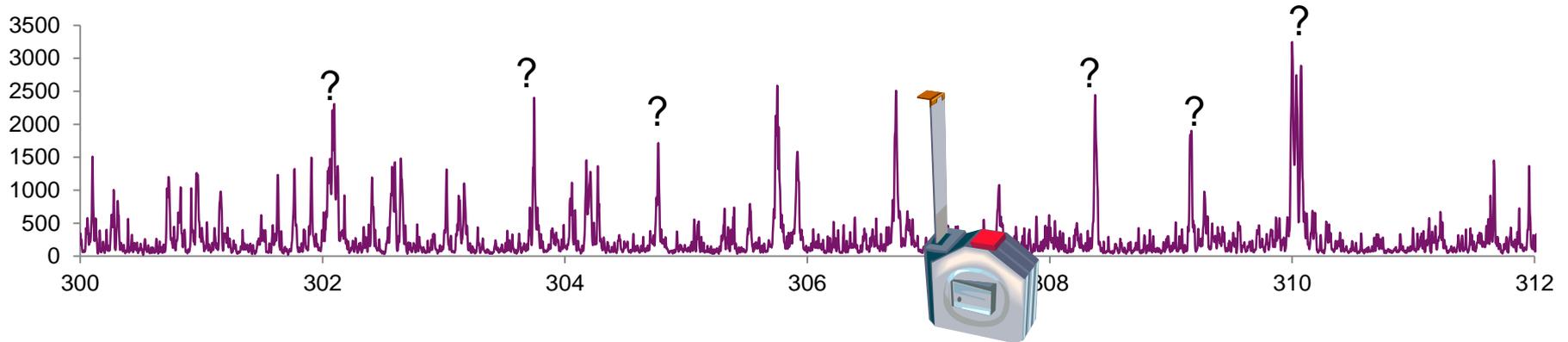


# SYSTEM CONTROL = DEVICES CONTROL

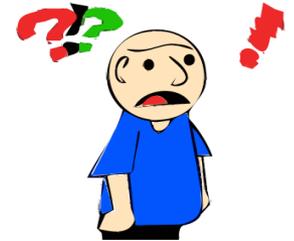


→ Could be complex (pb of timing, synchronization)

## DATA TREATMENT

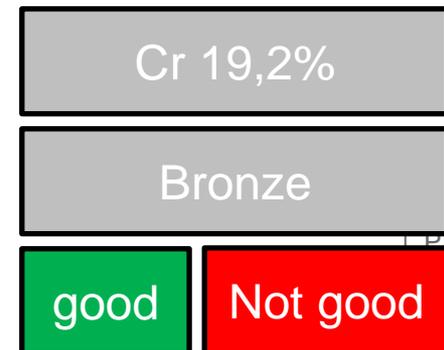


A user who buy a LIBS system is not a specialist of LIBS



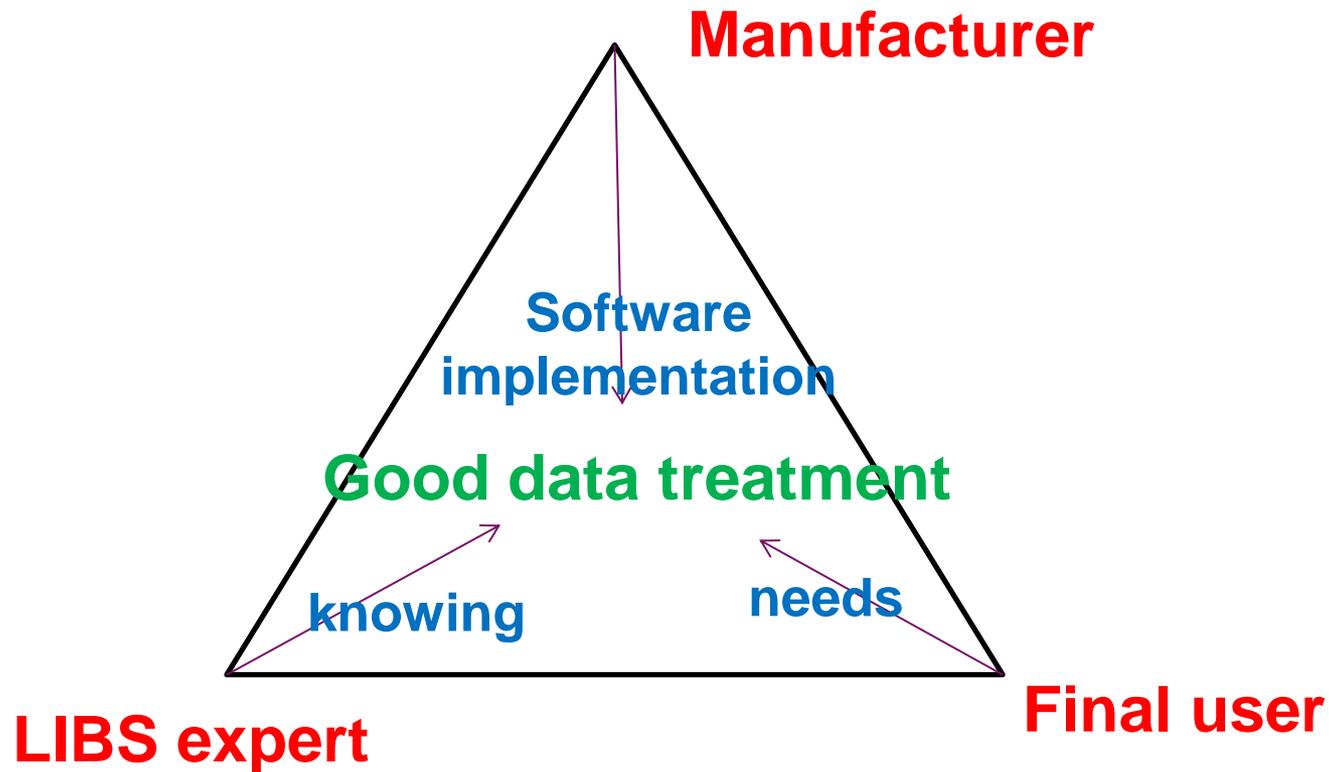
→ The manufacturer may adapt its LIBS software to the final needs

→ The result must be friendly to use



## DATA TREATMENT (2)

To have a successful data treatment,  
I suggest this association



## TO RESUME

The manufacturer have many things to implement and to manage (devices) and

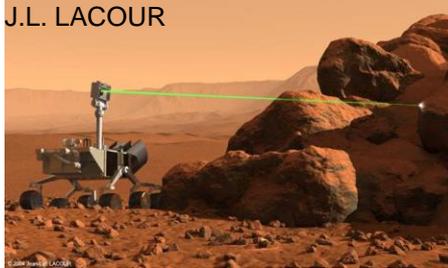
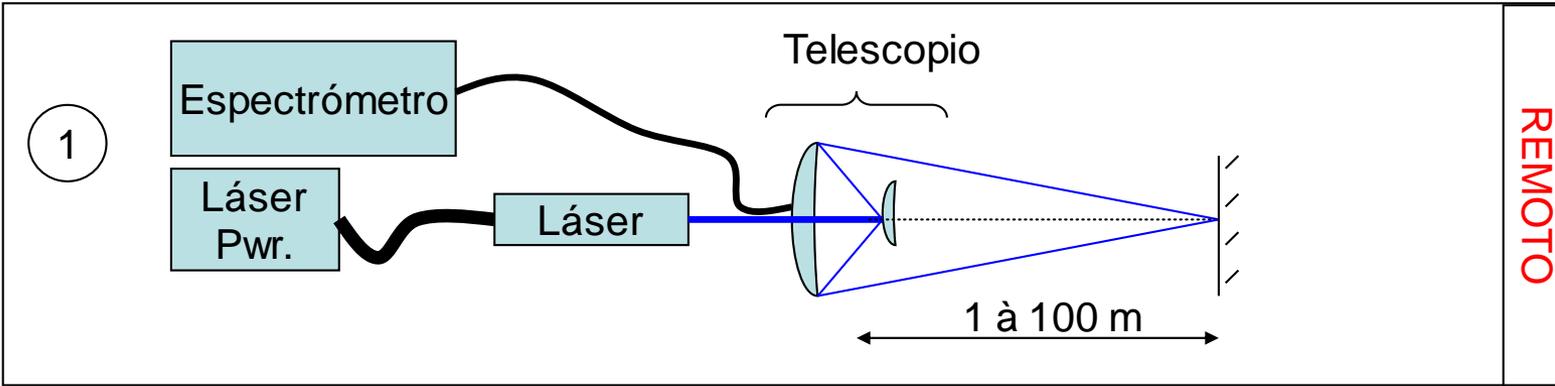
Data treatment have to be adapted for each “user”

- ▶ **Cost ↗ and the market are actually not so big (niche market)**
- ▶ **Actually the volume of the market are not enough to obtain a decrease of the prices (laser and spectrometer).**

Hard work but actually many manufacturers propose different LIBS systems

# Examples of industrial systems

# STAND-OFF CONFIGURATION



*Chemcam,  
NASA(usa), CNES (fr)*



*FARLIBS, IVEA (fr)*

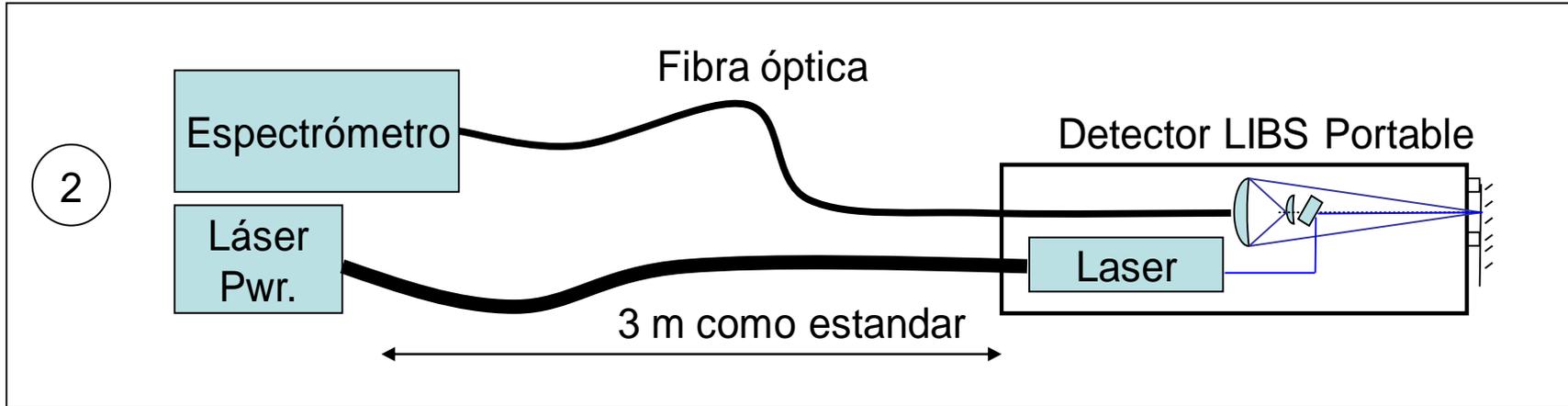


*Applied photonics (uk)*



*TeleLIBS, LSA (de)*

# BENCH TOP CONFIGURATION



*MOBILIBS, IVEA (fr)*

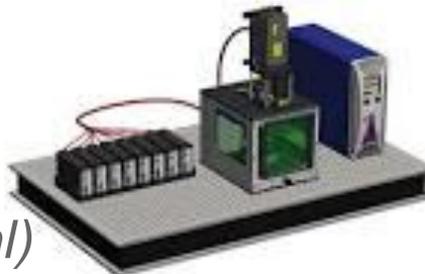


*LIBSLab, LTB (de)*



*Applied spectra (usa)*

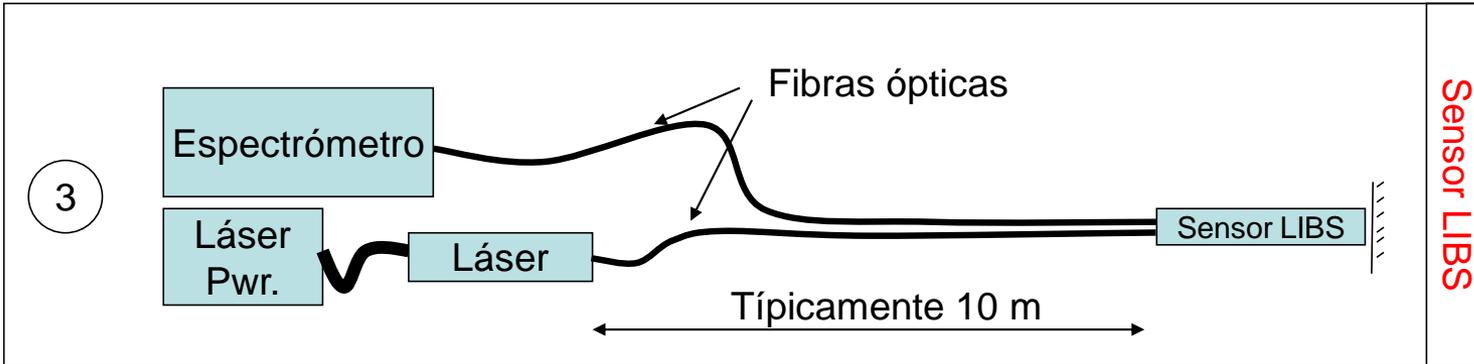
*Avantes (nl)*



*LIBSscan, Applied photonics (de)*



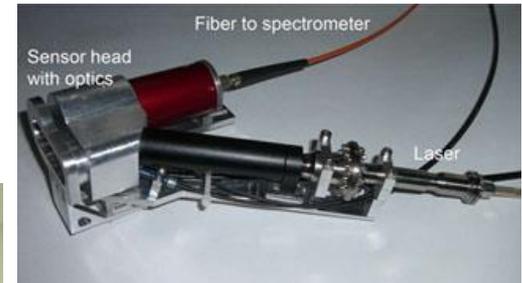
# REMOTE (FIBER) CONFIGURATION



*OFILIBS, IVEA (fr)*

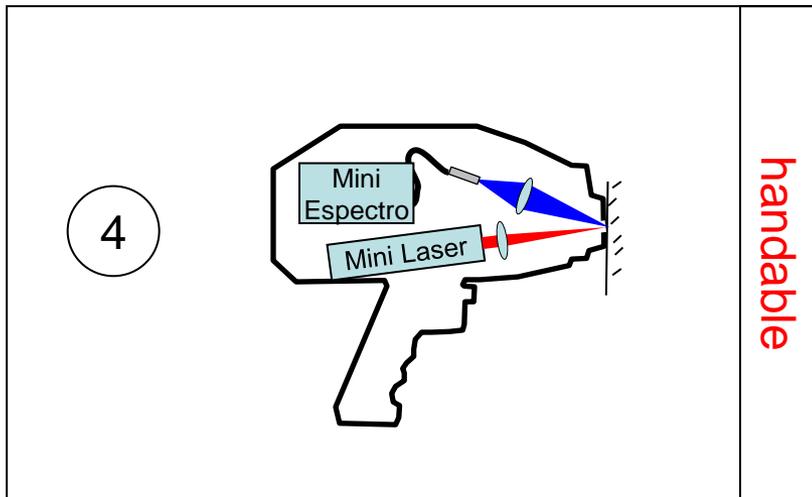


*Applied photonics (uk)*



*DLR, (de)*

# HANDABLE CONFIGURATION



EASYLIBS  
IVEA (fr)



Katana  
Rigaku (jp)



Eos  
Brucker (uk)



LIBS solution  
B&W Tek (usa)



mPulse  
Oxford (usa)

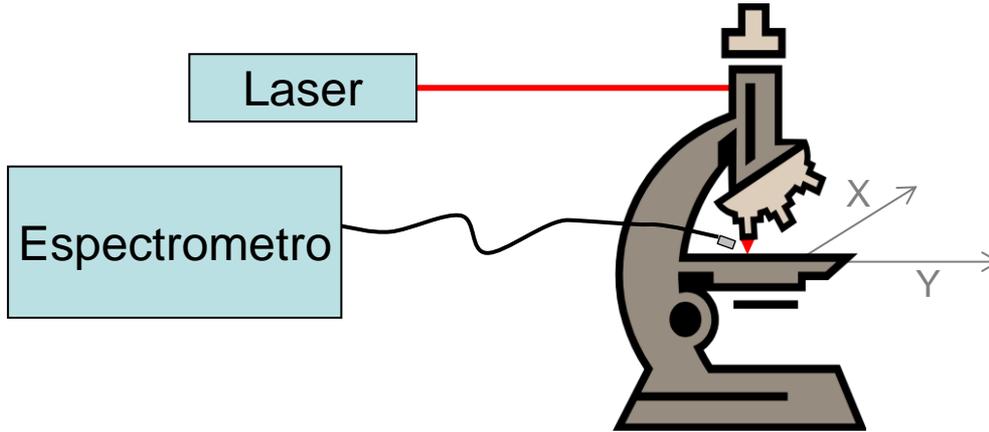


Chemlite  
TSI (usa)



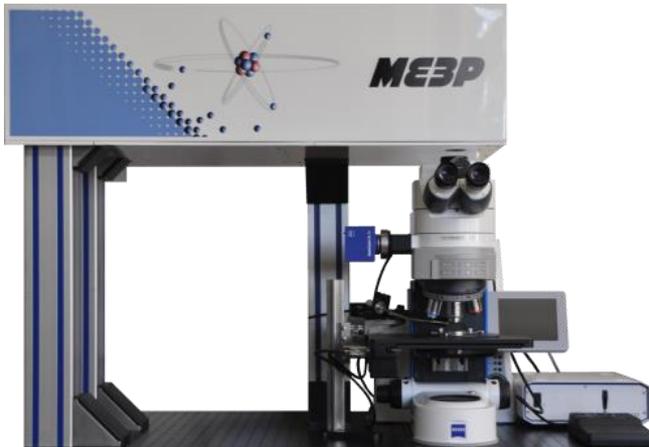
LIBZ  
Sciaps (usa)

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Micro-LIBS

MEEP  
IVEA (fr)



## Main domains of applications:

Industrial process monitoring

Measurement in hostile environment (nuclear, spatial...)

Recycling

Environmental analysis

Artwork

Biological Applications

Micro structure analysis

Security (Forensic, NRBC)

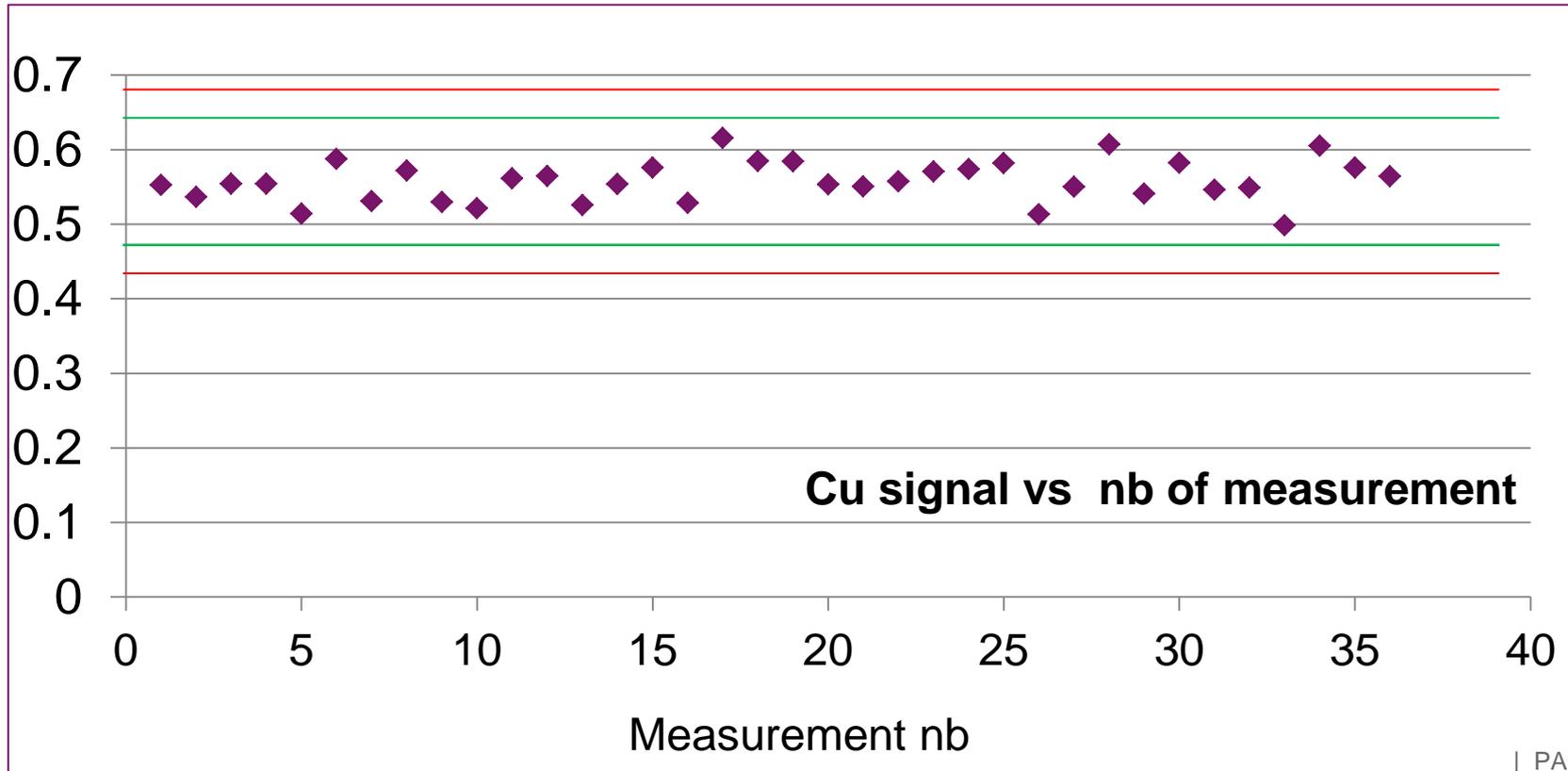
Pharmaceutics and food control

Geological, mine prospection

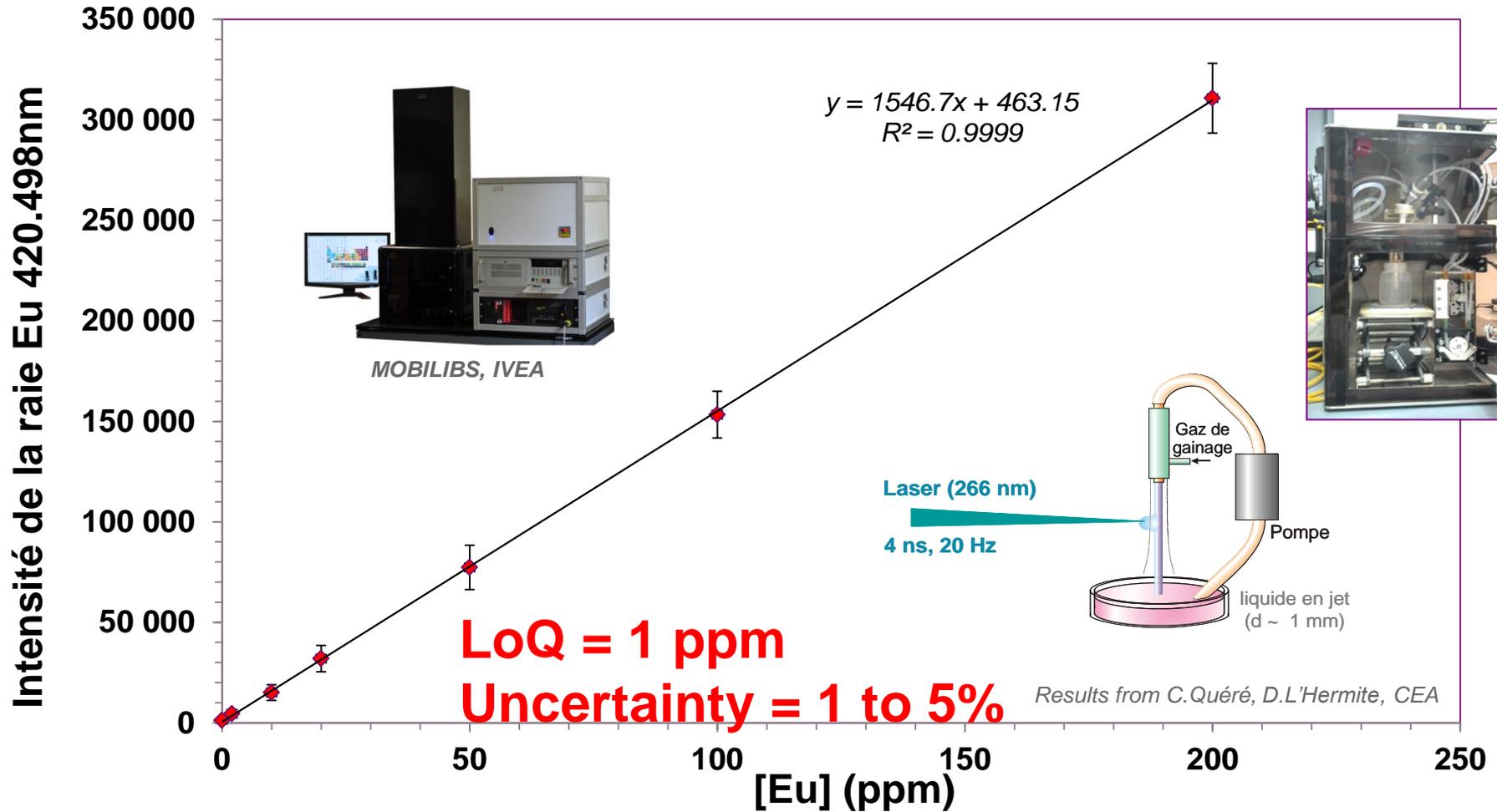
And many others .....

## VERIFICATION OF THE SYSTEM

It is important to verify that the system is operational for measurement → we may use a reference sample

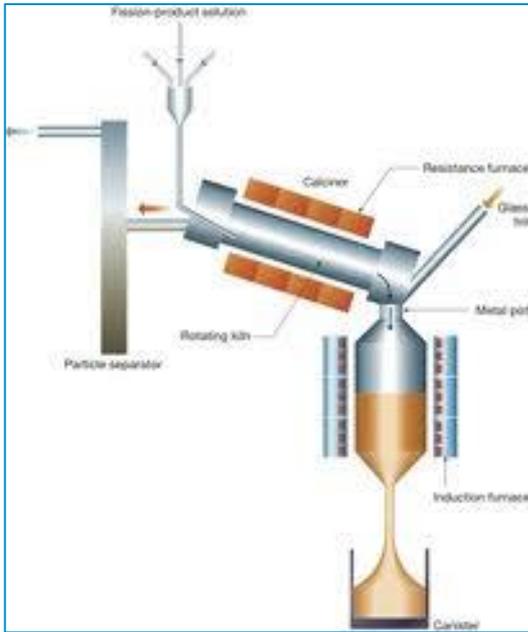


## EXAMPLE 1: MEASUREMENT ON LIQUID

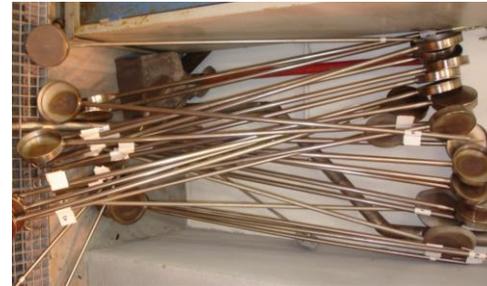
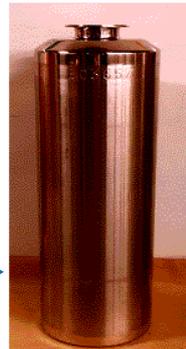


- The good linearity is not due to chance and is not an arrangement of data
- An ideal sample and an equipment with good repeatability

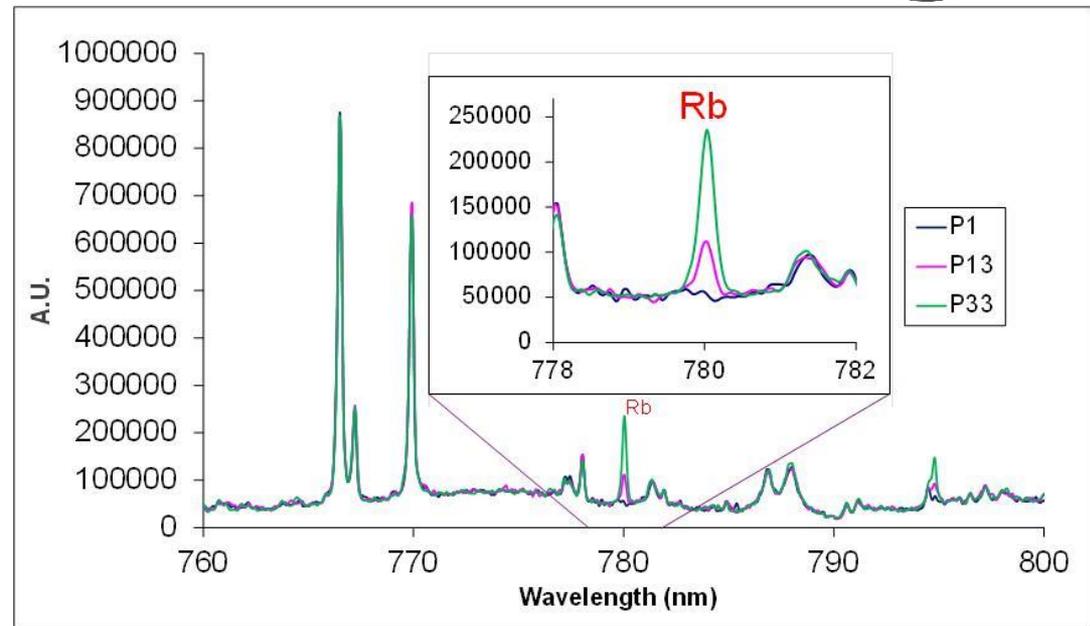
# EXAMPLE 2 : VITRIFICATION OF NUCLEAR WASTE



Goal : trap the nuclear waste in glass (chemically very stable) for long time

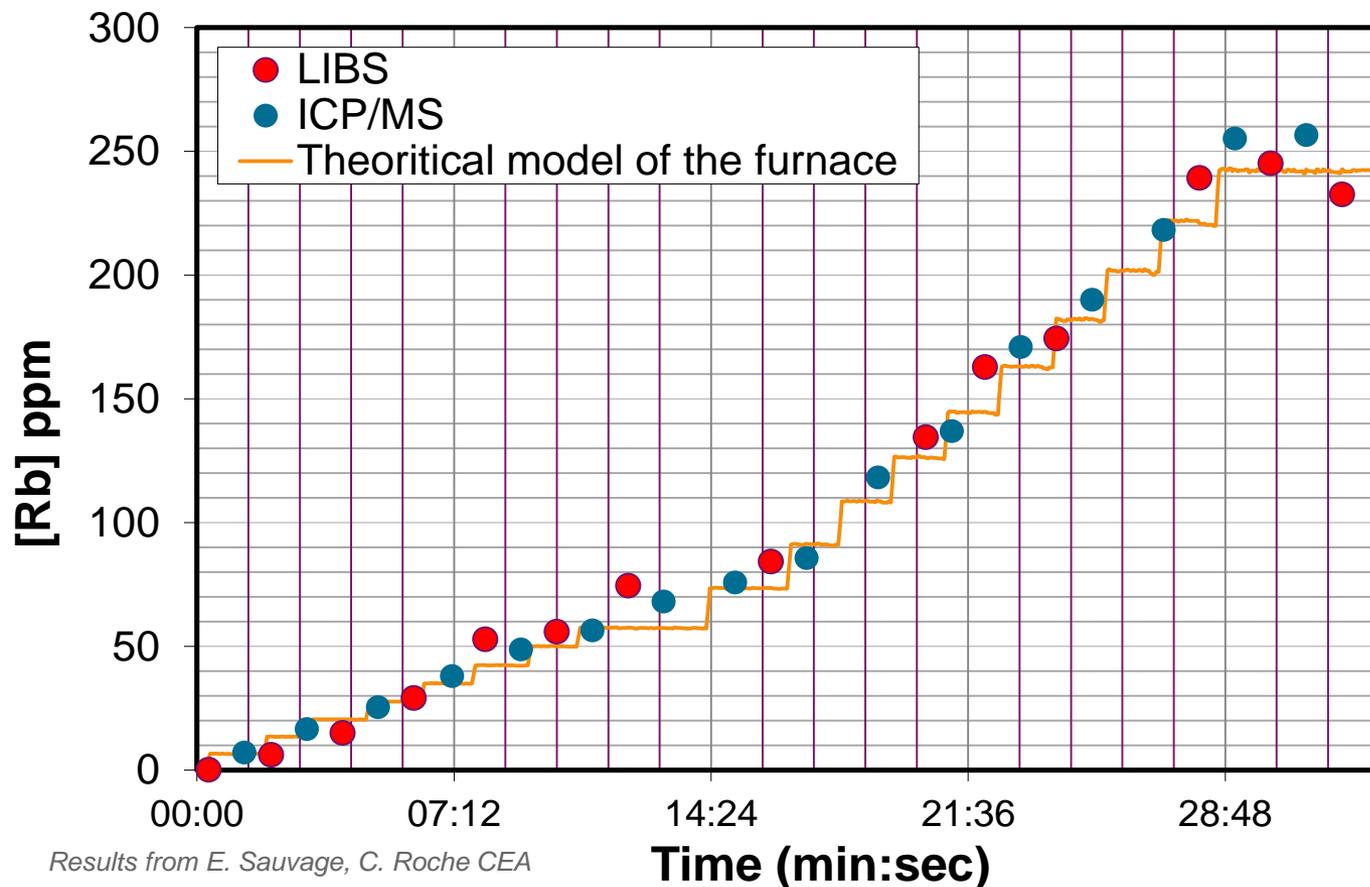


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Results from E. Sauvage, C. Roche CEA

## Comparison LIBS vs ICP/MS



▶ Good agreement between ICP-MS and LIBS (<8%)



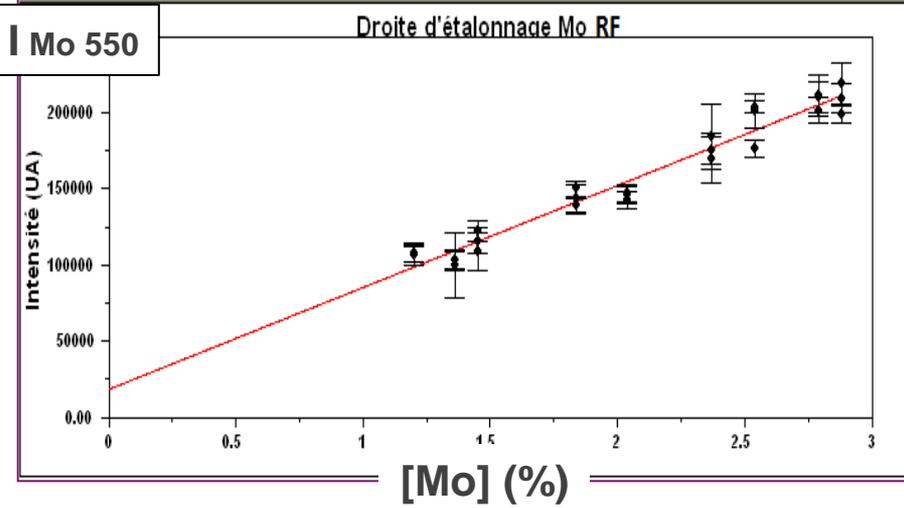
▶ Time of analysis : LIBS : few hours



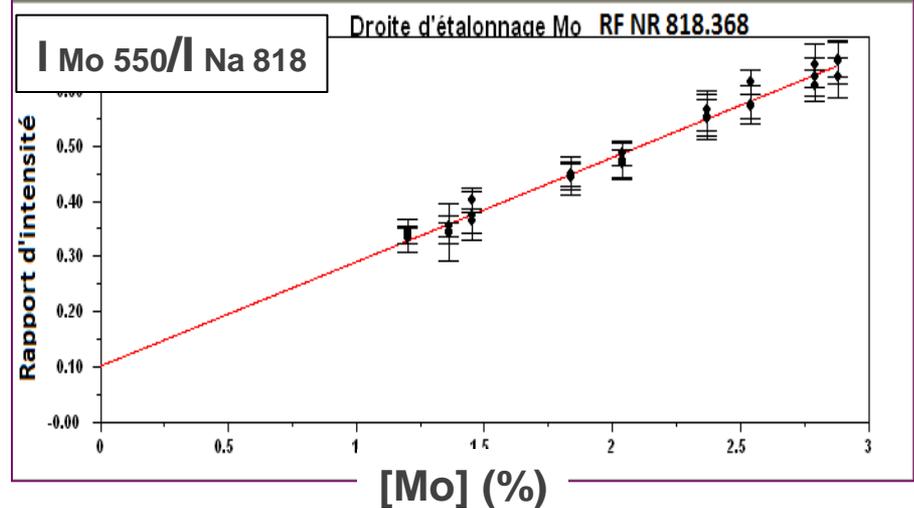
ICP-MS : 6 months

## Mo quantification in the glass

Without normalization



With normalization by Na line



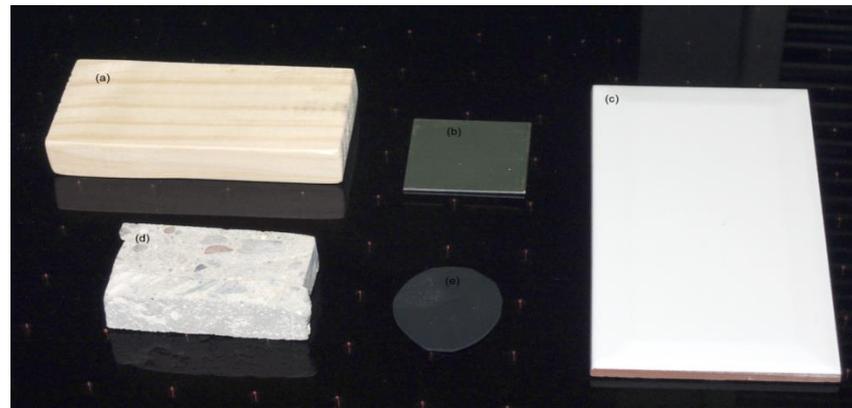
SAMPLE	FX values (Reference)		Without normalisation		With normalisation	
	MoO3 (%)	Na2O (%)	MoO3 (%)	deviation (%)	MoO3 (%)	deviation (%)
C3	2,88	9,54	2,75	<b>4,51</b>	2,67	<b>6,96</b>
C4	2,79	9,54	2,77	<b>0,72</b>	2,76	<b>1,08</b>
C6	1,84	9,67	1,75	<b>4,89</b>	1,77	<b>3,80</b>
C8	1,45	9,83	1,61	<b>11,03</b>	1,50	<b>3,45</b>

With normalization: deviation <7% between LIBS and XRF

(Usual technique for glass analysis)

# EXAMPLE 3 : DETECTION OF CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENT (CWA)

$C_4H_{10}O_2PF$ $C_7H_{16}O_2PF$	Sarin GB Soman GD
$C_5H_{11}O_2N_2P$	Tabun GA
$C_{11}H_{26}O_2NPS$	VX
$C_4H_8Cl_2S$ , $S=(C_2H_4Cl)_2$	HD, H
$C_2H_2AsCl)_3$	L



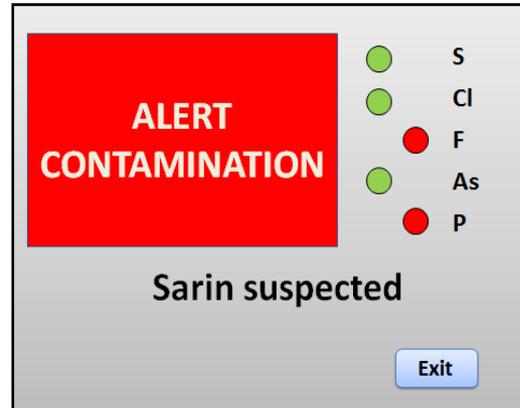
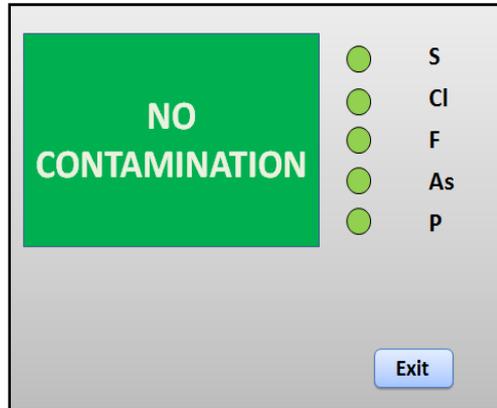
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Development of a specific data treatment



# EXAMPLE 3 : DETECTION OF CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENT (CWA)



One shot per measurement

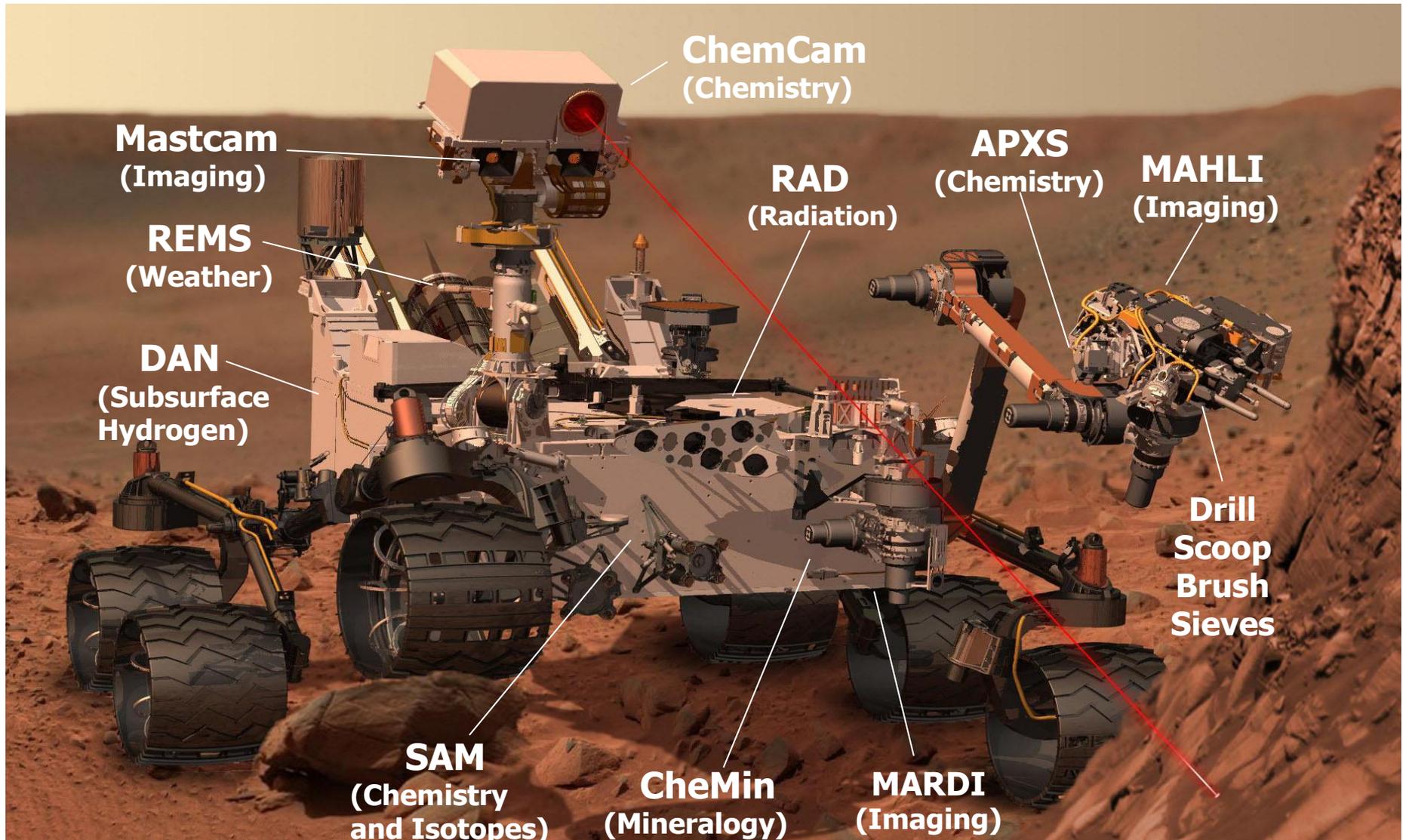


Instantaneous response

Rate of good result	HD	L1	VX	GB	Blank
CARC paint	4 / 5	5 / 5	0 / 5	5 / 5	0 / 5
concrete	3 / 5	5 / 5	0 / 5	4 / 5	0 / 5
wood	5 / 5	5 / 5	3 / 5	4 / 5	0 / 5

- ▶ Results are globally ok but not for VX on CARC and concrete
- ▶ This is due to the high viscosity and low vapor pressure of VX → too amount of liquid → difficult to make a plasma with handable LIBS system

# EXAMPLE 4 : CHEMCAM (CURIOSITY) ON MARS



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- Feasibility to do LIBS on Mars was carried out in our laboratory (2002) (CEA Saclay, France)



CEA Saclay; DPC/SEARS/hall 15

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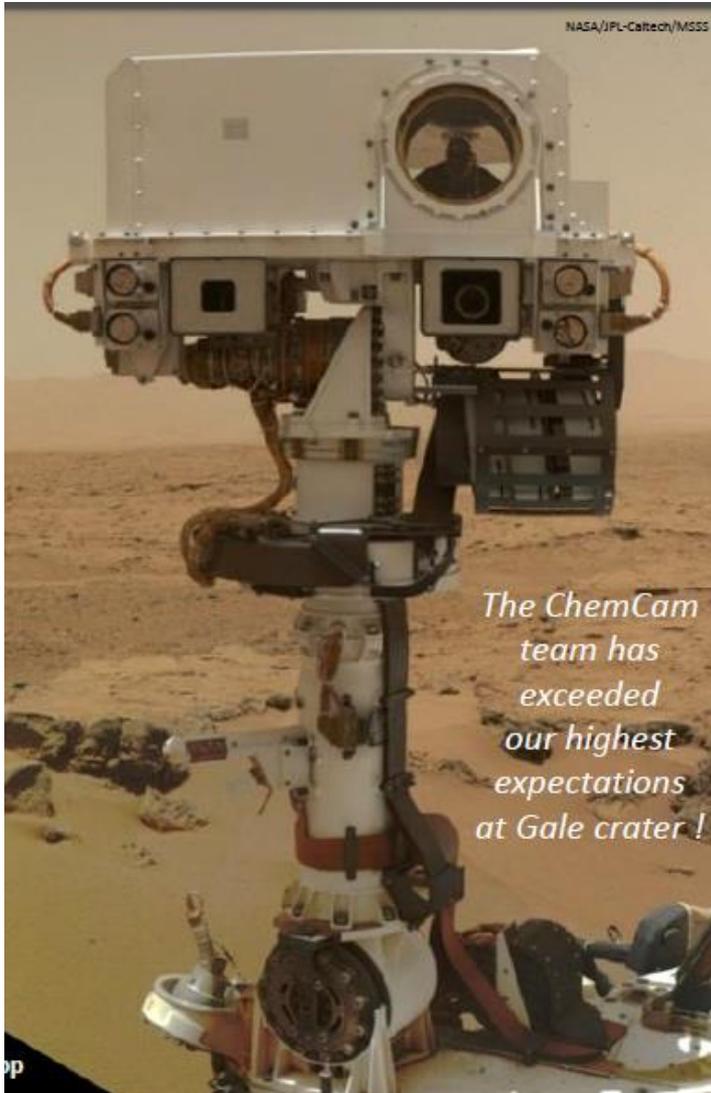


Image credit NASA/JPL

❑ Works since august 2012 (more than 3 years without problem)

❑ Displacement :  
7 km

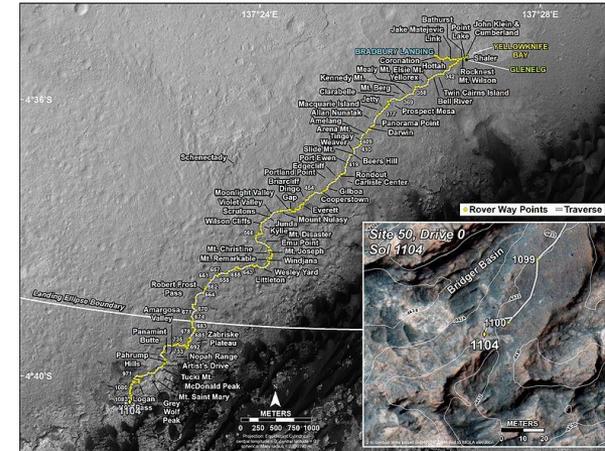
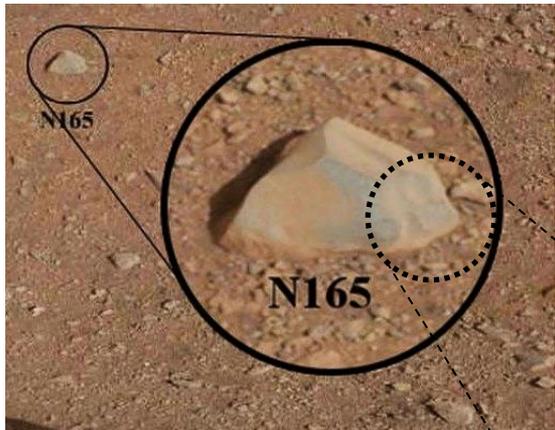


Image credit NASA/JPL

❑ Chemcam is the instrument which works the more (~ every day)

- ❑  $\lambda=1067$  nm
- ❑ Train of pulses (50) (remove dust)
- ❑ 15mJ /pulse
- ❑ Working distance (1,5 to 7m)

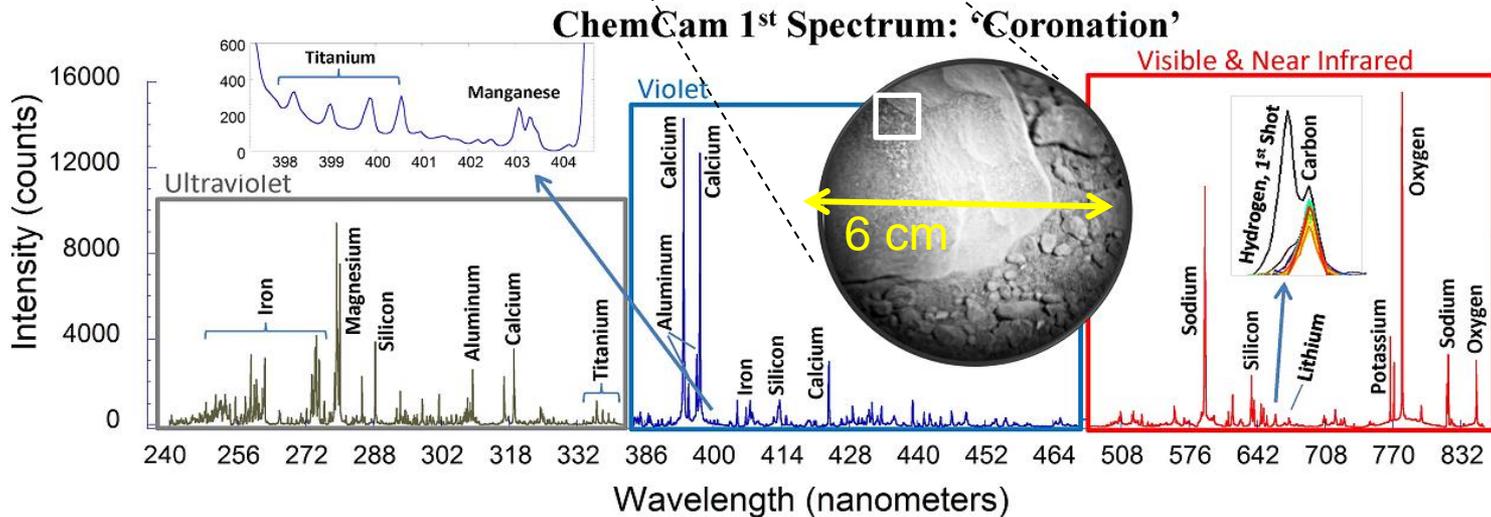
## LIBS works well on Mars and helps geologist



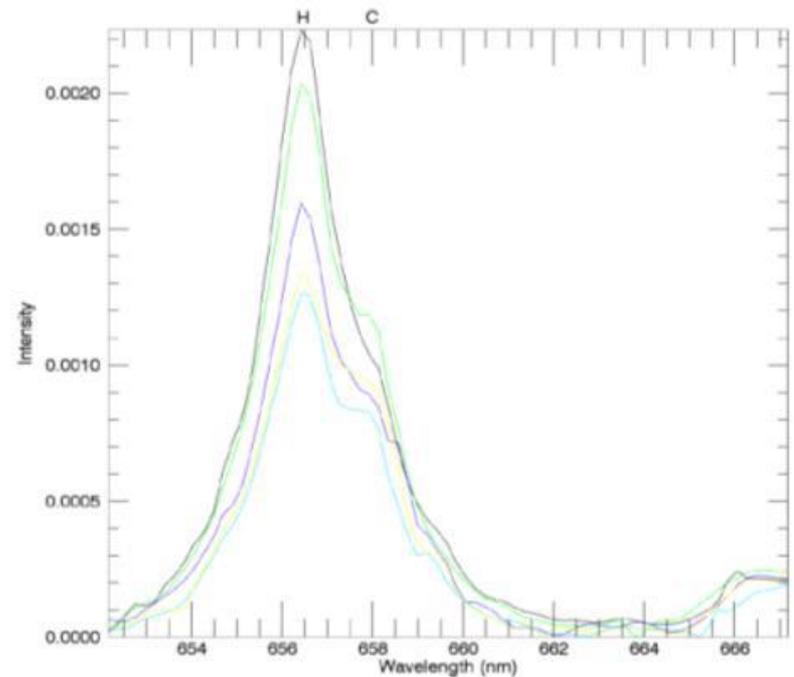
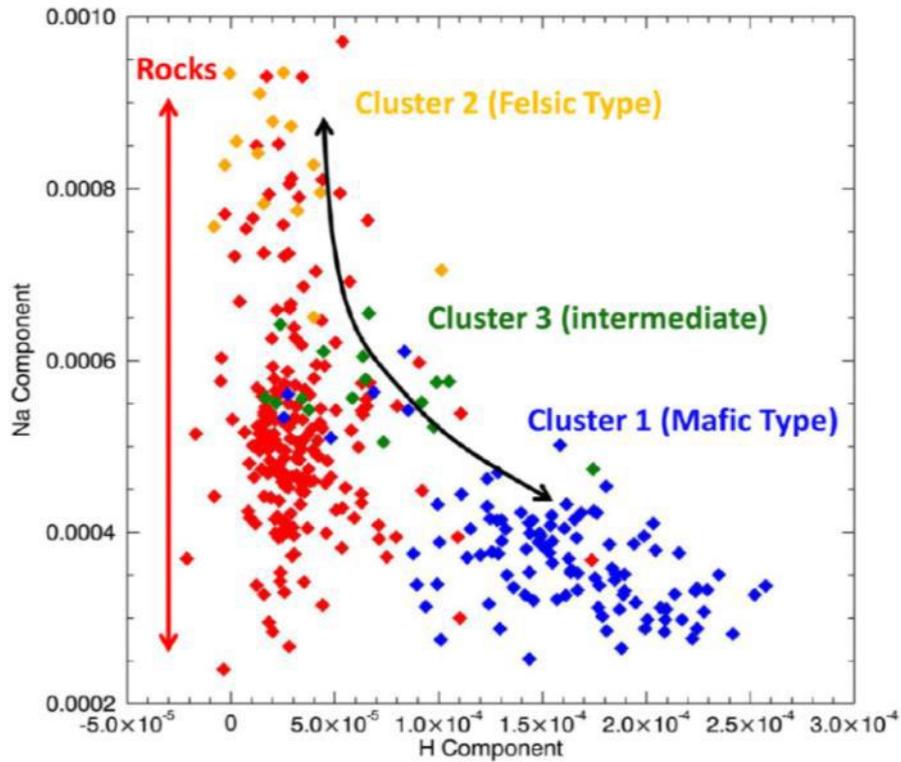
**Frist rock analysed by ChemCam on Mars  
: Coronation**

It wasn't a interesting rock but just to the system

Crédit images : NASA/JPL-  
Caltech/MSSS/LANL/CNES/IRAP

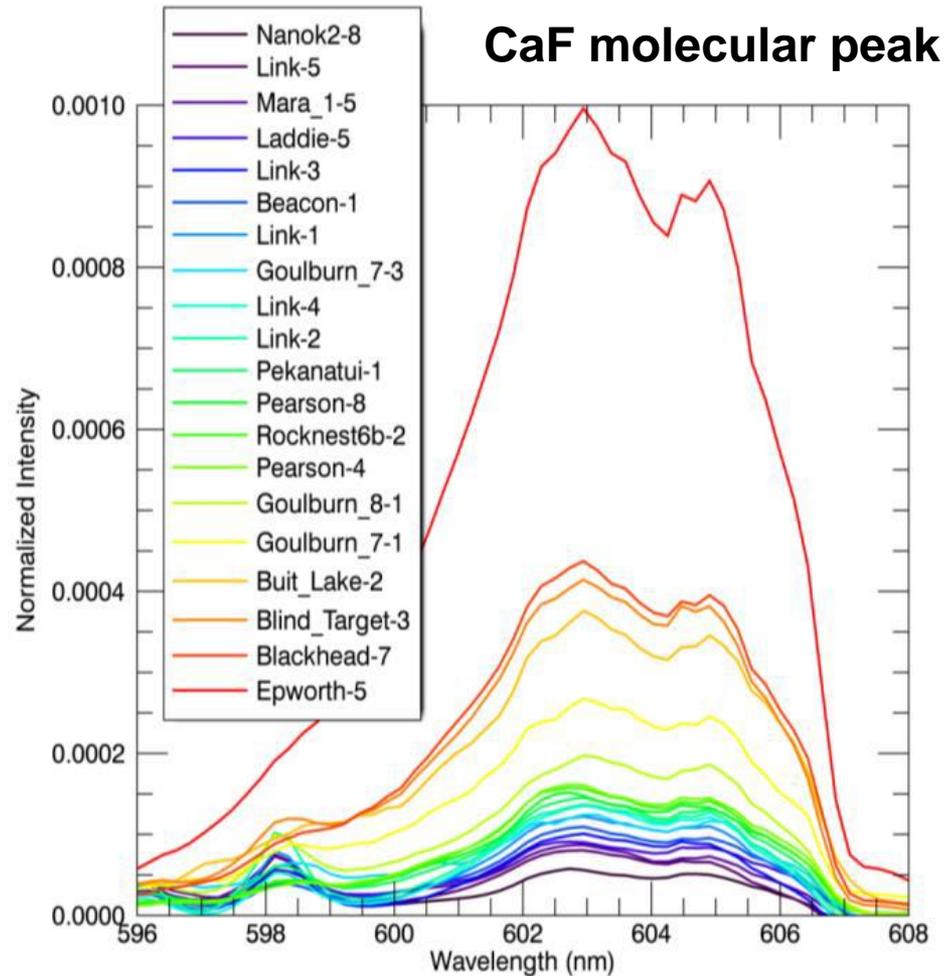


## □ Hydrated soil and dust

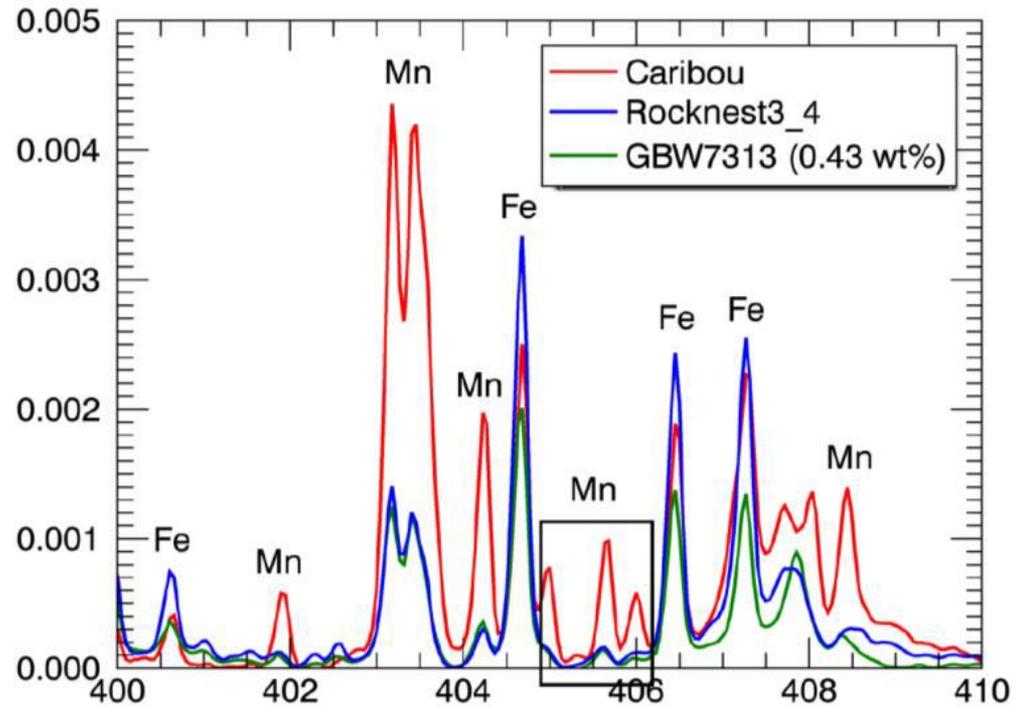


[http://pds-geosciences.wustl.edu/workshops/ChemCam\\_Workshop\\_Mar14.htm](http://pds-geosciences.wustl.edu/workshops/ChemCam_Workshop_Mar14.htm)

## □ First Mars fluorine chemistry

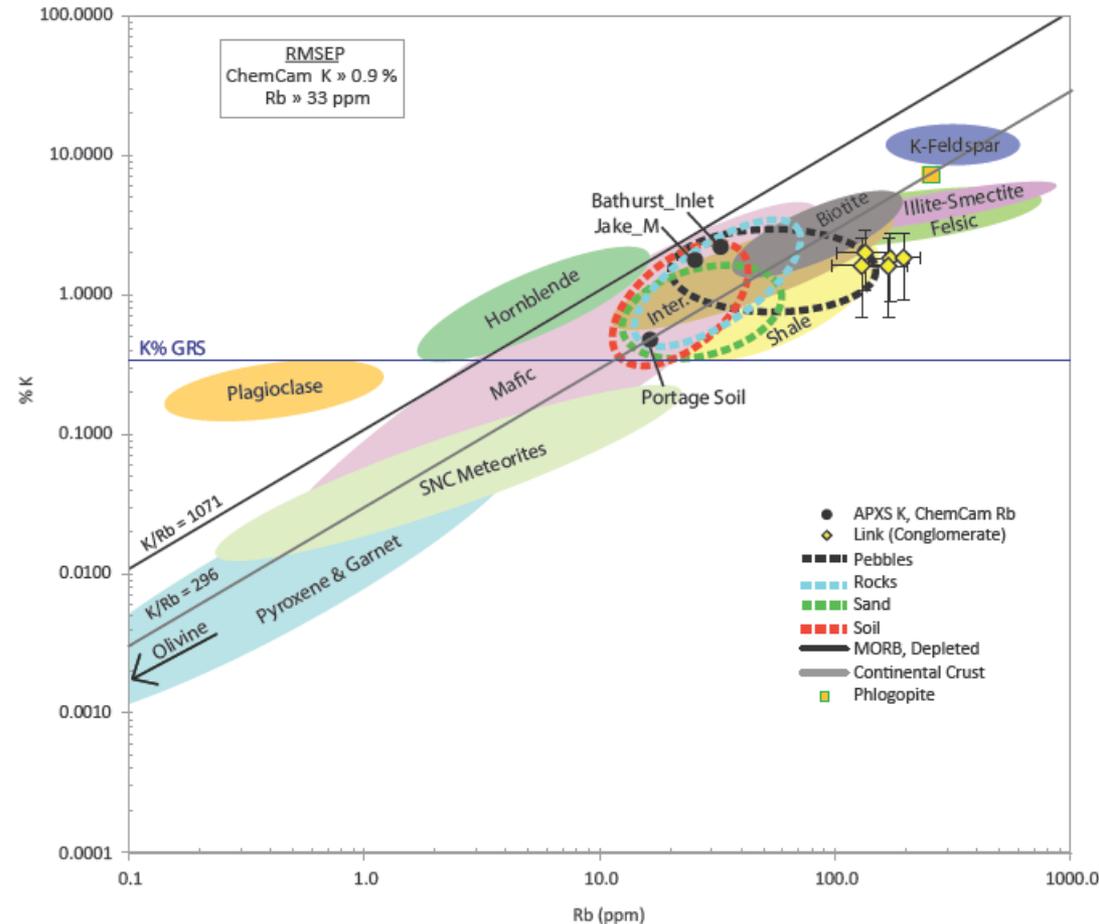


## □ First manganese-rich minerals



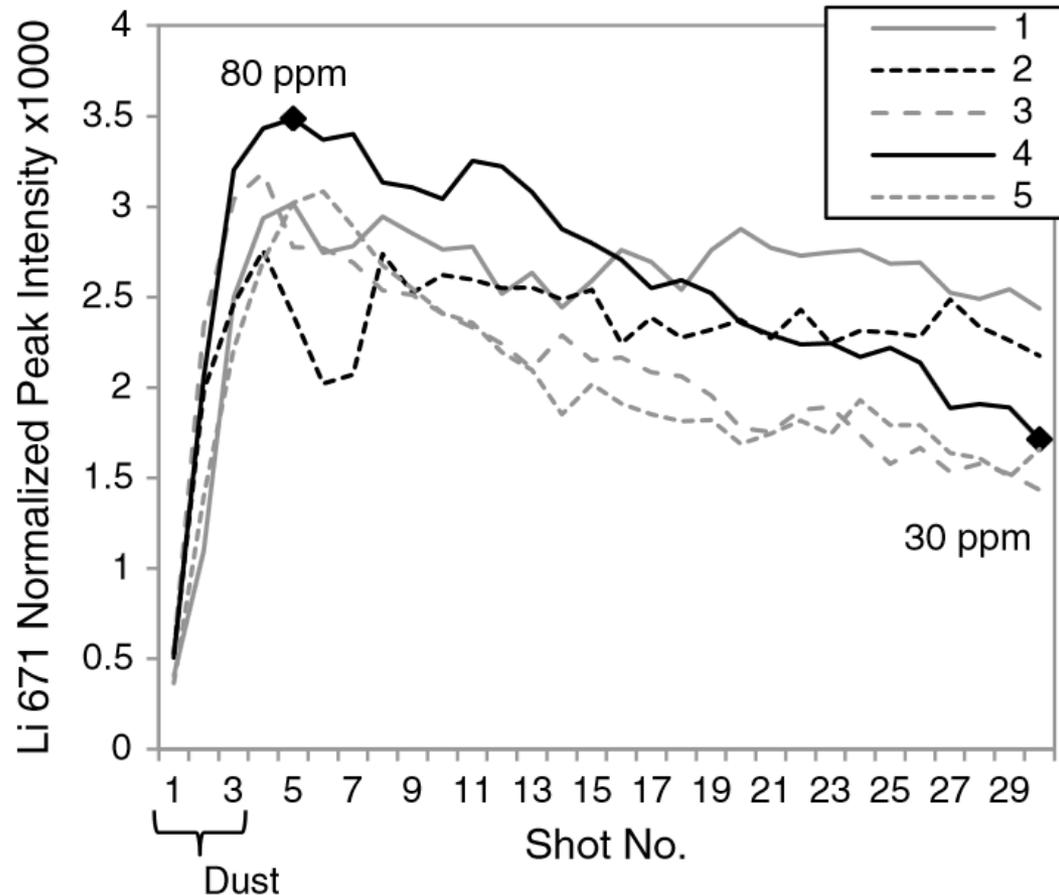
## □ First Li, Rb, Sr, and Ba on Mars

- These elements have generally never been seen on Mars before and they each have implications for Mars geochemistry.
- Lithium is a strong indicator of alteration;
- Rb, Sr, and Ba each tend to be sequestered in different minerals:
- Rb in anorthoclase,
- Sr in albite and more so in anorthite, etc.
- The global Rb/K ratio has important implications for planetary origins.

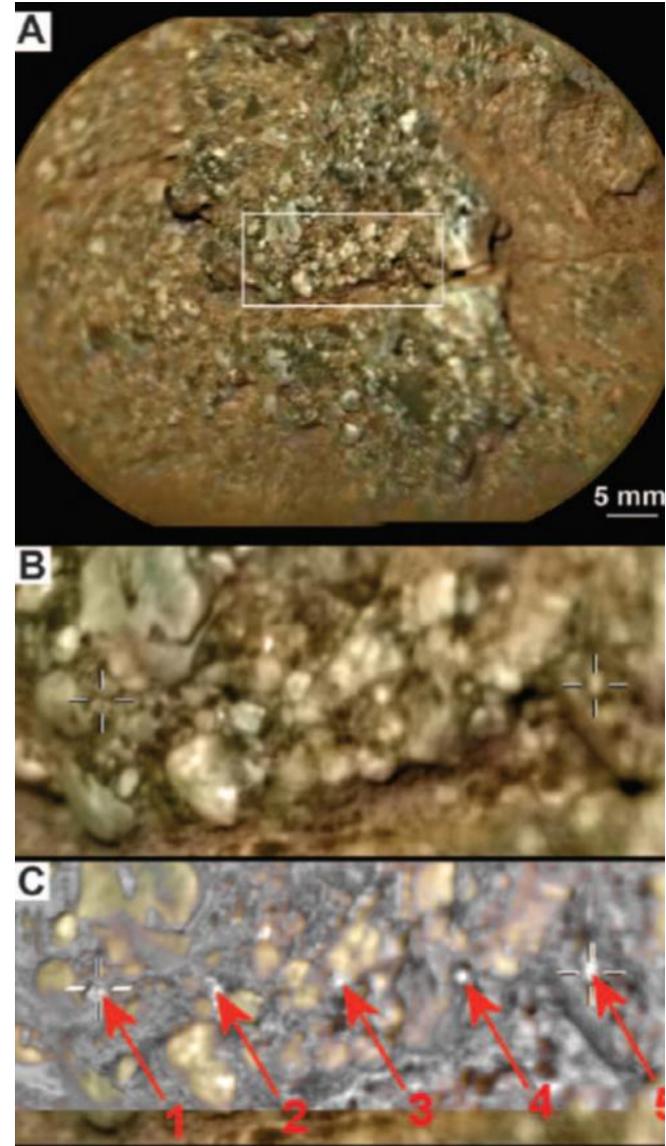


## □ Rock surface alteration of mobile elements

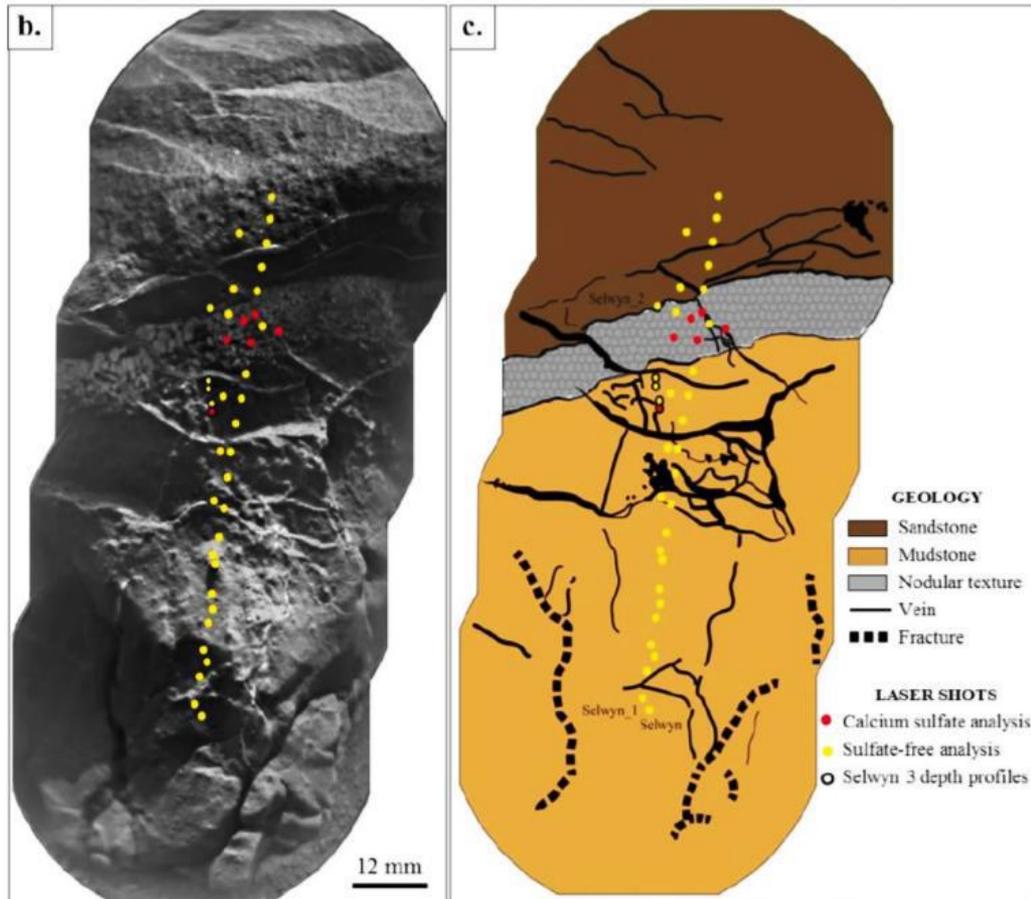
The gradient was consistent among all observed elements, definitively showing relatively recent rock surface alteration



## □ Fe-rich cements in sediments



## □ Ca-sulfate veins, variable hydration



ChemCam was the first to observe and confirm the composition of the calcium sulfate veins in the Yellowknife Bay units. We were also able to show that the veins were variably hydrated



Last Curiosity selfie

*Image credit NASA/JPL*

# And it still continues ...

# OUR LIBS TEAM

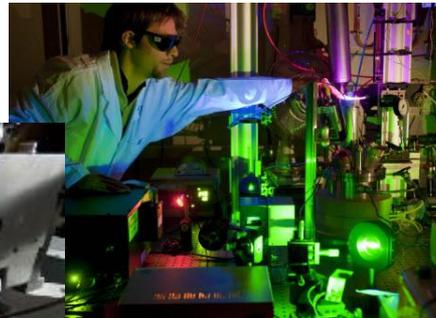
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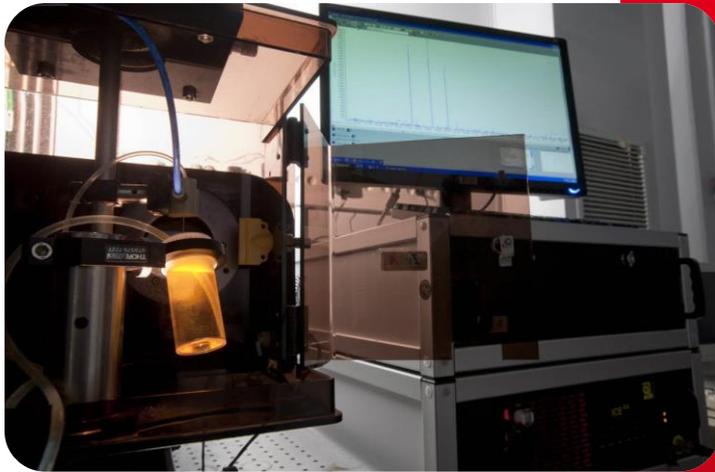
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