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ABSTRACTS

EDITO

Created in 1996 on the CNRS campus in Orleans La Source, LE STUDIUM has evolved to become a multidisciplinary Loire Valley Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS), operating in the region Centre-Val de Loire of France. LE STUDIUM has its headquarters in the city centre of Orleans in a newly renovated 17th century building. The amazing facilities are shared with the University of Orleans. In 2014 new developments and programmes linked to the smart specialisation of the Centre-Val de Loire region came to strengthen existing IAS cooperative relationships with the local and the international community of researchers, developers and innovators.

LE STUDIUM IAS offers to internationally competitive senior research scientists the opportunity to discover and work in one of the IAS's affiliate laboratories from the University of Tours, the University of Orleans, National Institute of Applied Sciences (INSA) Centre Val de Loire and ESAD Orléans, as well as of nationally accredited research institutions located in the region Centre-Val de Loire (BRGM, CEA, CNRS, INSERM, INRA, IRSTEA). Our goal is to develop and nurture trans-disciplinary approaches as innovative tools for addressing some of the key scientific, socio-economic and cultural questions of the 21st century. We also encourage researchers' interactions with industry via the IAS's links with Poles of Competitiveness, Clusters, Technopoles, and Chambers of Commerce etc.

LE STUDIUM has attracted over two hundred LE STUDIUM RESEARCH FELLOWS and LE STUDIUM RESEARCH PROFESSORS for long term residencies. In addition to the contribution in their host laboratories, researchers are required to participate in the scientific life of the IAS through attendance at monthly interdisciplinary meetings called LE STUDIUM THURSDAYS and gathering members of the regional scientific community and industries.

For the period 2015-2021, LE STUDIUM operates with an additional award from the European Commission in the framework of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) with the programme MSCA-COFUND for the mobility of experienced researchers. LE STUDIUM is also the official partner of the Ambition Research and Development 2020 (ARD 2020) initiated by the Region

Centre-Val de Loire, that supports the specialisation strategy around 5 main axes: biopharmaceuticals, renewable energies, cosmetics, environmental metrology and natural and cultural heritage.

Researchers are also invited and supported by the IAS to organise, during their residency and in collaboration with their host laboratory, a two-day LE STUDIUM CONFERENCE. It provides them with the opportunity to invite internationally renowned researchers to a cross-disciplinary conference, on a topical issue, to examine progress, discuss future studies and strategies to stimulate advances and practical applications in the chosen field. The invited participants are expected to attend for the duration of the conference and contribute to the intellectual exchange. Past experience has shown that these conditions facilitate the development or extension of existing collaborations and enable the creation of productive new research networks.

The present LE STUDIUM CONFERENCE named "Secondary glass productions in the early Middle Ages" is the 124th in a series started at the end of 2010 listed at the end of this booklet.

We thank you for your participation and wish you an interesting and intellectually stimulating conference. Also, we hope that during these days in our region some of you will see an opportunity to start a productive professional relationship with LE STUDIUM Loire Valley Institute for Advanced Studies and research laboratories in the Centre-Val de Loire region.

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INTRODUCTION

If glass production from the Antiquity is quite well-known, the period after the fall of the western roman Empire is still a field to investigate.

In Western Europe, this period is even more important that it corresponds to the transition of the fluxing agent that will allow a complete reorganization of the production. That time also knew itinerant glassmakers travelling between abbeys and agglomerations who could contribute to the diffusion of new practices and recipes. Recently, several production sites have been discovered during excavations and research projects focused on that period, considering both archaeological aspects and the material compositions. Therefore, we would like to gather the scholars working on that topic in order to compare the sites of production, their tools and products on a large geographical scale.

Topics reached:

- * Environments of the production:
- Inventories of workshops (means, tools, characteristics considered).
- Workshops in the landscape, in the agglomerations, monasteries or emporia.
- Locations of the workshops regarding the other crafts, the organization of the settlements, the different buildings.
- Location regarding the communication means and the resources.

*From the workshops:

- Structures, techniques and materials used by the glassmakers.
- What is produced and what is reused or recycled?
- Can we identify specific workshops for specific productions?
- Can we define a production from morphological, technical or chemical characteristics?
- Can we define products with specific social status (luxury products, Christian products, ...)?

* The artisans:

- What was the status of the artisans.
- Did different glass artisans exist? Were beads and tesserae "glass productions"?
- What can we learn about the glassmakers form their tools (experimental archaeology)?
- * Imputs and output to and from other crafts
- Metals for tools or coloring process.
- Ceramic for crucibles and kilns.
- Common practices and materials between pyrotechnologies.

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ABSTRACTS

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First millennium CE natron glass production groups and their markets: a compositional perspective

Scientific methods for analysing archaeological glass have improved considerably over the last 20 years, which has led to the refinement of compositional characteristics of first millennium primary glass production groups manufactured in Egypt and the Levant. The available analytical data permit the identification of general chronological and geographical patterns in the circulation of the different glass groups and their transformation. The centralized glassmaking model established during the Roman Empire survived well into the Islamic period after the Arab conquest of the eastern Mediterranean at the beginning of the 7th century, even though Egyptian glass groups are rarely found in the western Mediterranean after the 6th century. In this talk, I will discuss the compositional discriminants and chronological ranges of first millennium natron-type glasses. It is important to emphasise that the focus is on the date of primary production and not on the possible reuse/recycling of the different glass groups and their afterlife. Despite the absence of absolute quantitative information about the volume of glass that was produced, it is possible to discern changes in the relative abundance and variety of glass finds. This presentation draws particularly on the changes that we see in the archaeovitreous records of Spain and Sicily as proxies of wider trends in the circulation of glass groups in the western Mediterranean

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The Role of Textual Evidences in the Study of Early Medieval Glassmakers

The history of early medieval glassmakers has so far been mainly derived from archaeological sources, and archeology is here clearly the "Leitwissenschaft". Significant in this context was the discovery more than half a century ago about a new glass recipe, which began to spread in Europe from the "deepest" Early Middle Ages; the question of how this could develop is still the subject of various discussions. A new contribution was developed by Alexis Wilkin in 2019; accordingly, the early medieval glass artisans owed the technological foundations for their new recipe to their collaboration with metal artisans.

There is some clear evidence for this theory, such as the glass production at the Melle silver mine, maybe also in the early medieval castles of Breisach and Sulzbach, but besides the technical innovation the social conditions of the artisans should not be forgotten. The glassmakers of the early Middle Ages were not free entrepreneurs, in the historical texts they are dependent of their landlords. So they were in all probability integrated into the manor-system and had to take into account the different requirements and obligations of the landlords and market authorities for commodity procurement, production, distribution and sales.

However, this dependency gives rise to a purely historical method of investigation: the finds of early medieval glassworks manufacturing the new glass recipe – in addition to Melle the archaeological sites of Méru, Corvey, La Milesse and Distré are being investigated – can be assigned to the territories of specific landlords. The paper examines the extent to which family connections can be made visible in the passing on of glassmakers belonging to these families, perhaps also in the development of the new glass recipe.

Aurore Louis

Can the vessel reflect the workshop? An attempt at typological mapping

Within the framework of the doctoral thesis, we have compiled a large corpus of nearly 2000 glass vases from Gallo-Roman and Merovingian burials in southern Gaul. This important catalog of whole vases, spread over a large geographical area, and systematically mapped, has allowed us to visualize the concentration of certain series of vases in specific regions. The groups are characterized by the quantitative over-representation of the same type, by the redundancy of precise morphological variants or by the choice in the tombs of the same vase assemblage. Of course, these concentrations do not allow us to identify the local workshops that produced these forms, but they do indicate a commercial phenomenon that was underway in these regions that deserves to be studied. The systematization of this method on a larger scale would allow, in the end, to reconstruct the diffusion of certain forms and, perhaps, coupled with the discovery of workshops, to estimate the places of production.

Caroline Jackson & Sarah Paynter

Glass supply and use in early Medieval Britain

Published data on post Roman and early medieval assemblages (5th to 8th centuries) from Britain have been inconclusive in understanding what is happening to supply of glass and the potential for different productions at the end of the supply chain for glass in this period. This was a time of great change with different cultural groups from north west and central Europe making their mark on Britain, but not all equally in all regions; in addition to this Britain was still a land mass with an inhomogeous population with relics of different cultural groups who were either indigenous or who had settled in the previous few centuries.

Glass is generally scarce in Britain at this time, and usually very fragmentary when found at settlement sites. Changes in archaeological practice have led to more glass being recovered in recent excavations however, commonly from environmental samples from middens and pits. These finds can also be more accurately dated, by carbon dating the associated environmental remains, and this is leading to an improved understanding of glass-working and consumption in Britain throughout this period. From current research it is clear that glass was still being supplied to Britain from large glass production locations in the eastern Mediterranean, primarily Egyptian and Levantine sources. . Overtime there are changes in the source of the glass used and these patterns in supply echo those observed more widely in Continental Europe. However, the common practice of recycling often means that distinguishing the output of different secondary workshops, fabricating vessels from raw glass, based on chemical composition still often proves challenging. Glass is subject to changes in composition caused by secondary production due to contamination from fuel ash and or colouring elements that were incorporated into the batch and potentially the loss of volatile elements at high temperatures or during repeated and extended heating. It is also problematic to ascertain how many times a glass has been recycled which affects its overall composition, or if a glass has been recycled at all if it is mixed with the same composition of glass and recycling was limited. Archaeological evidence for glassworking is also scarce, only starting to become evident from the 6th century, initially associated with developing monastic sites, along with evidence for glazing and in common with other high temperature crafts

This paper examines vessel glass assemblages from sites located throughout Britain from both potential glass-working sites and from consumption assemblages, which suggests a temporal and spatial change in supply of both Egyptian and Levantine glass types and the glass from cullet, particularly in the 7th and 8th centuries when recycling is very evident. It will attempt to untangle some of these patterns by the examination of vessel forms and compositional groups from sites from the north and south-west, and into northern and southern Britain from the 5th to 8th centuries in order to elucidate patterns of supply and use through time, and the influence of different cultural groups on what was used and made. Between these different regions, there are variations in the styles of glass vessel used, and differences in drinking cultures and funerary practices, which influence the range of archaeological glass recovered. There is now growing evidence that not all sites were supplied equally and that this in part may be due to different supply chains, geographical factors not necessarily related to distance from supply networks and also different cultural groups who may have used glass differently, both in reworking and what was made.

Sorren Sindbaeck & Gry Baford

Bead workshops in eighth-century CE Ribe: technology, provenance, and chronology

Since 1975, excavations in Ribe, Denmark, have uncovered a series of glass bead-making workshops from the eighth century AD. New examples were examined in excavation conducted 2017-18 within the Northern Emporium research project, funded by the Carlsberg Foundation. This work provided the first opportunity to examine the spatial organization of the workshops. It also provided a more detailed chronological resolution for the production than has previously been possible.

Together with materials from earlier excavations, the more than 18,000 glass finds from the new excavations provide the basis for a series of ongoing chemical glass studies, conducted within the Danish National Research Foundation's Centre for Urban Network Evolutions (UrbNet) in Aarhus, together with the Aarhus Geochemical and Isotope Research Platform (AGIR). These analyses demonstrate that the Ribe glass bead makers had a significant ability to control and modifying the colour and opacity of glass-mass.

Meanwhile, our analyses and the exceptionally strong chronological phasing which frame them, also has key significance for the understanding of trade flows and interactions in Northern Europe at the beginning of the Viking Age. The paper revisits the chronology of selected bead types in the eighth and ninth century.

This presentation reviews the results of these research initiatives, and seeks to assess their significance for an understanding of secondary and tertiary glass productions in the early Middle Ages.

Andreas Kronz

Early Medieval glass from Cologne and its relation to glassfinds in the Rhineland and Central Europe

The Rhineland appears to be one central region for secondary glass manufacture since the beginning of Roman occupation. Although located on the periphery of the Roman Empire, Cologne (Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium, CCAA) and the adjacent areas play an important role in the development of glass workshops that were probably in continuous operation from Roman times to the Carolingian period.

In the research project "Cologne Harbour" we have chemically analyzed numerous well-dated glasses predominantly from excavations of the Cologne city center for major, minor (EPMA) and trace (La-ICPMS) elements (Dodt 2022, Kronz 2022, and further references therein). Essentially, these are shards of hollow glass, but also a few window panes, beads, tesserae and many relics of glass processing, such as crucible fillings, and processing remains that prove active workshops. Within the framework of these investigations, the glass from the late Roman glassworks at Hambach (Gaitzsch et al. 2000), the necropolis Krefeld-Gellep (Roman-Frankish, Wedepohl et al. 1997), and the Frankish glass workshop Hasselsweiler (2nd half of the 5th century, Päffgen and Wedepohl 2004) were analyzed again in order to obtain trace element data and a uniform data set as well.

We also examined samples from a Roman workshop in the Cologne city, as well as numerous early medieval trading sites as far as the North Sea and Baltic Sea areas. In Frankish times, Cologne can be considered a manufacturing site for glassware that was exported far to the North. Soda-lime glass (SLG) was the predominant main glass type until the Carolingian period, when the new glass type wood ash glass first appeared on the right Rhine periphery of the Frankish Empire towards the end of the 8th century. The subtypes of the SLG ("production groups"), which are sufficiently known from the literature, can be largely confirmed for the examined glass. In the meantime, the working group in Göttingen has compiled a glass data collection of nearly 15000 glass analyses, which allows comparisons contextualized in time. Questions concerning the temporal persistence of individual production types are discussed in detail in this paper. The definition and delimitation of the individual raw glass types is still a problem, also because different proportions of cullet were recycled at all times.

Yvette Sayblerolles & Julian Henderson

Glass working in the early medieval Netherlands

This project on the scientific analysis of Dutch secondary glassworking dating to between Merovingian and to late Carolingian periods was commissioned by the Cultural Heritage Agency (RCE) of the Netherlands. Probably the most comprehensive evidence for Merovingian bead making in Europe comes from the Maastricht-Jodenstraat site where 750 objects were found in a pit, including 38 crucible fragments with glass attached. Most contained opaque yellow glass. Using LAICP-MS and an SEM we have investigated the production of lead-tin yellow II and demonstrated it was used in the manufacture of bead production on the site. We will discuss why there was a dominance of yellow glass, including more evidence for working it from Merovingian Wijnaldum. Scientific analysis of smaller scale evidence for glassworking from Carolingian emporium of Dorestad shows that there was a much higher proportion of recycled glass in use compared with Merovingian glass from Maastricht. Rare evidence of possible window production from 8th-9th century Susteren will also be discussed. Twelve crucible fragments from Utrecht-Domplein have pale green glass attached, some marbled with streaks of red glass, perhaps used for making stained glass in this 8th century bishop's seat. Excavations of the late Carolingian and Ottonian proto-town of Deventer produced several chips of glass and heat affected fragments. Pristine imported Egyptian II soda glass, mixed alkali glass and potash glass were found.

Helena Wouters, Line Van Wersch, Chantal Fontaine, Catherine Peters, Sophie de Bernardy de Sigoyer & Bernard Gratuze

The workshops from Huy, materials and tools, in their regional context

J. Henning noticed that, during the early Middle Ages, craft activities left the ancient agglomerations for rural areas. Simultaneously, important technical changes are attested at the transition between the Merovingian and Carolingian periods, one of the most important being the replacement of soda glass by potash glass. Though, the mechanism of this transition as well as the workshops are not well known.

Until the 8th century, in the Mosan region, only secondary production occurs. In Huy, as well as in Maastricht or Stavelot the traces were found. These are generally fragments of vitrified crucibles, but also production waste, including tears, threads and nets, balls, shapeless masses of glass and finally fragments of objects as well as pieces of a dismantled kiln. In Dinant, Namur and in Liège, crucibles are attested. Still, in the Mosan region, so far, the only site with production structures in place is "Aux Ruelles" in Huy.

On this site, of the four known kilns, at least two can be linked to glassmaking. The first, circular and 75 cm wide, has tile and clay walls. In its filling were glass slag and fragments of crucibles. According to the ceramic material, the kiln can be dated to the 6th century. Amongst the glass vessel fragments, it is almost impossible to distinguish the products made on the site from older fragments intended for recycling. So, for glass study, we focused on production waste such as tears and moils. This paper will mainly concentrate on the results of LA-ICP and SEM-EDX analysis results as well as on the crucibles studies in order to replace the production from Huy in its regional an international context.

Inès Pactat & Bernard Gratuze

Early medieval secondary glass workshops in Northern France

The recent discovery of a secondary glass workshop in front of the ancient abbey of Saint-Amandles-Eaux (Nord, France) offers the opportunity to inventory and re-examine several structures in northern France. We will then examine the evidence of glassmaking from the 7th to 10th centuries. The study will first focus on the archaeological remains and their significance: raw glass, glassblowing waste, droplets, cullet, crucibles, furnaces, etc. We will try to replace them in each phase of the "chaîne opératoire" to determine the functioning, the organisation, the supply of raw materials and the production of the secondary glass workshops. The second objective is to consider the economic, social and political context of each occurrence in order to understand the possible links between the artisans and the religious or secular authorities. For example, monastic communities seem to have played an important role in the establishment of glass workshops in their area. What influence did they have on the type of workshops, the supply of raw materials, and the consumption of products? We will use archaeological remains as well as written sources and archaeometric data to provide some answers. We will also examine the connections between

the glass workshops and the construction sites, including temporary structures.

This overview of secondary glass workshops, dating to the end of the first millennium CE, allows us to understand the first steps of the transition that took place in the glass industry during this period. Indeed, several clues seem to point to the invention and adoption of new recipes. Among them, the increase in recycling of earlier glass probably means that imports of raw glass from the Near East were insufficient. This phenomenon led to the emergence of new trade networks to supply the workshops in cullet. We will then ask the question of the economic significance of such restructuring and its impact on glass production.

Sylvie Balcon, Grégoire Chêne, David Strivay & Line Van Wersch

Early medieval glass in Burgundy. The Workshops of Mesvres and Autun

Two sites in Autun and Mesvres (Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy), gave the rare opportunity to examine the question of the glass production in Antiquity and Early Middle Ages. In Autun, the data studied in two locations in the upper part of the city (Ville haute) are interesting but incomplete. In Mesvres, it was possible to recognized two workshops: one of the Late Antiquity, the other of the Carolingian times. The first one was very damaged, but two glass furnaces were identified. The workshop was probably linked to the construction of a domestic house, in association with metallurgical activities. For the Carolingian times, a furnace in quite good state was analysed. It was redone several times. This furnace and surfaces of work associated with it, were probably linked to the reconstruction of the monastic church.

28 objects from the Carolingian contexts of Mesvres were analyzed by PIXE-PIGE at IPNAS (ULiège). These were vitrified pieces, tesserae, windows and vessels fragments of different colors. Among these, if, no potash glass is identified, two types of soda glass were clearly distinguished. For at least one fragment, the concentrations of the major and minor elements correspond to the values reported for plant ash glass, which is quite rare in northwestern Europe. The other colorless fragments were made with natron glass. They can be divided in two groups, one of them containing more traces of recycling. This practice also appears clearly with the colored glass. The tesserae seem to correspond to previous productions and would be present on the site to be remelted and transformed, without excluding that some were made for the decoration of a chapel built in the monastic complex

Edith Peytremann, Isabelle Commandré, Bernard Gratuze & Françoise Labaune

L'atelier de production secondaire de la Ferrière « Le Plessis Bergerte (Vendée), fin Ve-milieu VIe s

Le site du Plessis Bergeret 2, exploré sur 8000 m², a été découvert à l'occasion d'un diagnostic motivé par l'extension d'un lotissement sur la commune de La Ferrière. Il se trouve à 500 m au sud de l'église Sainte Radégonde et à 400 m au nord du château du Plessis Bergeret.

La principale occupation du site est datable de la fin du Ve et/ou de la première moitié du Vle siècle. Elle est matérialisée par un enclos quadrangulaire de 2688 m² abritant un puits à eau et des restes de constructions sur poteaux, par des restes de constructions, situés en dehors de l'enclos, et par les vestiges d'une installation de production secondaire de verre. Ces derniers correspondent à deux fosses et deux rigoles, probablement destinées à la gestion de l'eau et à l'empreinte rubéfiée d'un four. Ce sont principalement les éléments contenus dans les remblais des structures, après leur abandon, qui ont permis d'identifier une production verrière. Céramiques ayant servi de creusets, fils, gouttes, scories et tessons de verre, mors de canne et matériaux de construction comportant des vitrifications sont les principaux restes de cette production probablement modeste. Divers éléments conduisent, en effet, à interpréter cette installation comme un petit atelier éphémère destiné à répondre à une commande ponctuelle.

Inès Pactat, Céline Aunay & Gwenaël Roy

Blowing along the river: early medieval glass workshops in the Loire Valley (France)

A secondary glass workshop, dated to the 5th century CE, was recently discovered by the Loire at La Chaussée Saint-Victor, near Blois (France). The furnace was established in an abandoned ancient building, but the remains of the walls do not testify to the reuse of Roman materials, such as tegulae or bricks. The chemical composition of the glass wastes and the raw glass suggests an Egyptian primary glass production, i.e. the group Foy 2.1. The secondary glass workshop, which was probably dedicated to the production of vessel, was thus supplied with fresh pristine glass from the Near East. The river must have played a role in the trade of raw materials and fuel, as well as probably of products.

We therefore propose an overview of the evidence of glass manufacturing in the Loire Valley dated to Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages. We will then discuss the location of secondary workshops during this period of technological transition, whether or not they were linked to urban centres, monasteries, rural settlements and other craft activities. The supply of raw materials (raw glass ingots or cullet) is also an important criterion to question the trade routes and the role of the river. In this case, the results of chemical analyses will be used to reconstruct the evolution of imports over time and their economic, political and technological meaning. Finally, as far as possible, we will try to identify the productions of these secondary glass workshops and discuss their role and place in the economic landscape of the region.

Camilla Bertini

Comacchio workshop and the Northern Italian glass production during the Early Medieval period

Chemical and isotopic analysis have often been used as a proxy to answer questions connected with glass production, trade, and provenance during the 1st Millennium AD, but chemical data available for the Early Medieval period are still scarce. Between the 7th and 10th centuries, glass technologies witness a great transitional period: not only plant ashes replace natron as the "new" source of alkali, but recycling and mixing of different compositions of glass (interpreted by many scholars as a sign of decline in glass circulation from the primary production areas) seems to be the majority of glass circulating at the time.

The growing corpus of compositional data available for Northern Italian glass production (Verità et al., 2002; Uboldi and Verità, 2003; Andreescu-Treadgold et al., 2006; Schibille and Freestone, 2013; Silvestri and Marcante, 2011; Neri et al., 2019; Bertini et al., 2020) allow us to finally highlight some trends in glass Northern Italian production during the natron-plant ash transition.

In this paper, the data from Comacchio workshop will be presented within the Northern Italian glass production as well as the broader Mediterranean and Levantine context in order to answer some meaningful questions:

Which compositions were circulating at the time in Comacchio?

• How theses compositions compare to the ones already known from the published literature? What production trends do emerge from this broader picture?

- Is any composition directly linked to a specific category object? If so, does it have any technological significance?
- If mixed and recycling are present, which compositions have been affected by such practices? And by what degree?

Selected data from the WINDOWGLASSMED project (https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/895153) will also briefly presented.

Jorge De Juan Ares

Secondary and primary glass productions in Spain and Portugal in the early Middle Ages

We knew very little about glass workshops and glass production in the Iberian Peninsula but in recent years it has become one of the regions where we know best the evolution of glass production in the early Middle Ages. Although we still do not know much about the manufacturing sites. The publication of several studies on peninsular glassmaking workshops and the substantial increase in analytical data from well-dated archaeological contexts provides a good insight into the "chaîne opératoire" on glass productions and the evolution of early medieval glass technology in Spain and Portugal.

After the fall of the Roman Empire Iberian secondary workshops continued to import Egyptian and Levantine natron glass. The workshops were mainly located in the city centres. The evidence suggests that the trade of raw materials over long distances, the production and the regional distribution of products was under control of the urban elites. Throughout the seventh century there was a progressive trend to recycling but glass imports continue even after the conquest of Palestine and Egypt by the Arab troops. Just after the Islamic conquest in the eighth and ninth centuries, manly only indirect evidence of workshops is known, thanks to the occurrence of crucibles, glass wastes and the archaeometric evidence. The end of fresh raw glass supplies forced the glassmakers to recycle old Visigothic and Roman glass and recycling became the main source to manufacture new glass objects. This stimulates the search for new local sources of glass supplies and new manufacturing technologies.

In early al-Andalus there was an interesting process of innovation and technological transfer between metallurgy, glass and ceramic that is connected with the emergence of the first known primary glass workshops on the Iberian Peninsula. In early medieval Europe high lead glass was used to make beads and jewellery but the glassmakers of al-Andalus, despite its technical difficulty, went further and did glass tableware. The production of lead glass at this time seems related to the increase of the availability of lead due to silver mining driven by the minting of dirhams. Perhaps this technological effort of doing high lead glass glassware was pushed by the political interest of the Umayyad state of Cordoba to reinforce its political influence against the Abbasid Caliphate where were located the main glass-producing centres. Interestingly this type of lead glass was used too to develop the technology of the first glazed ceramics of al-Andalus around the second half of the ninth century which imitated oriental productions.

Over time, the workability of lead glasses was improved by a better selection of raw materials and the combination with vegetable fluxes for the production mould vessels. It was also around the ninth century that the first primary workshops of soda plant ash glass emerged in al-Andalus. A transference from the Islamic East. However, from archaeology we still do not know the precise structure of any of these workshops until the later examples from the 12th century.

Mette Langboek, Olivier Vrielynck & Alicia Van Ham-Meert

A view from the other side: bead production and exchange in 6th century Europe?

What can the chemical analyses of glass beads from Merovingian graves reveal about the organisation of bead production and exchange in the sixth century? In this presentation the results of both pXRF and LA-ICP-MS studies of the complete bead assemblages from the cemeteries Lent-Lentseveld, Elst-'t Woud and Wijchen-Centrum (all located in the Netherlands) will be presented, and compared to similar analyses of beads from Campo Marchione (Italy).

Using examples of black, red and blue-green/green-blue opaque glass beads it will be demonstrated that beads with a provenance in the Eastern Mediterranean and further east were likely mass-produced and exchanged into Europe on a regular basis. The evidence for beads made in Europe is less clear: with the chemical analyses in mind several possibilities, from central production to travelling craftsmen, will be explored.

The evidence for colourless glass shows that it is mostly imported Foy 2 glass, and sometimes Roman Mn or Roman Sb-Mn decoloured glasses. The opacifying agents in the white and yellow glasses are all Sn-based highlighting that these are fresh colorants, rather than recycled tesserae.

Elisabetta Neri

Interactions between the production of copper alloys and glass in the early Middle Ages

The intervention aims to examine possible interactions between copper alloys and green and red colored glasses.

The analysis (SEM/EDS) of a series of green and red tesserae in Italy, Illyria and Asia Minor reveals the presence of copper alloy residues with a composition similar to that of objects in circulation in contemporary and previous periods.

Showing the information that can be obtained from these copper alloys residues and questioning the secondary archaeological sources on these territories, we take in consideration the workshop practices.

Gaspard Pagès & Alexandre Dissier

How did late Roman and early Medieval Glassmakers and Blacksmiths interact? A Review of some archaeological and archaeometric Evidences

Archaeologists and archaeological scientists show a growing interest in cross-craft interactions, and more particularly those involving arts of fire. This is especially the case for early Middle Ages, a period that displays many manifestations of these interactions (Loveluck et Rogers 2007; Dijkman 2013; Ashby et Sindbaek 2020), in both urban centers, monastic complexes and openfield settlements (e.g. Hedeby, Maastricht, York, Truso, Roc de Pampelune...).

We will focus specifically on interactions between secondary glass production and iron metallurgy.

These interactions may manifest themselves in several ways:

• The concomitance, on the same site, of glass and iron metallurgy workshops. The presence of these workshops in the same place can be due to several factors: exploitation of common resources, recourse to common technical skills, role played in the networks of exchange of materials...

• The use, in the glass craft, of tools produced and maintained by blacksmiths: pontils, blowing rods, chisels, pliers (Willmott et Welham 2013)...

• The use, particularly for glass coloring, of by-products of iron and steel activities, especially slag (Heck et Hoffmann 2002; Peake et Freestone 2012).

We will present an overview of the research carried out on these three forms of interaction, and discuss several aspects, particularly with regard to the archaeometric study of metallic and metallurgical materials discovered in the context of glass-making crafts.

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