## Nanostructured materials for restoration and conservation: Nanotech and Cappadocia (Turkey) projects

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Improving the stability of some natural organic dyes and pigments encapsulating them with nanosilica via layer-by-layer assembly technique for their possible use in conservation applications.

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#### ENCAPSULATION OF PIGMENTS WITH NANO-SILICA THROUGH LAYER-BY-LAYER ASSEMBLY\*

### MATERIALS

Commercial pigments

- Madder lake (Zecchi 2200E)
- Ultramarine blue ( Zecchi 0105)
- Burnt Sienna (Zecchi 813)
- Raw umber (Zecchi 797)
- Ivory black (Zecchi KR12000)

#### Poly-electrolites

•PsS poly (sodium4-styrene sulfonate) 1 gL<sup>-1</sup> in distilled water

•PDADMAC poly diallyldimethylammonium chloride) 1 gL<sup>-1</sup> in distilled water with 0.3M sodium chloride (NaCl).

Sycol 40 (now Zargun PARNASOS ZG260011, 40% nano-silica in water -Colorobbia-)

\*J. Yuan, W. Xing, G. Gu, L. Wu, *The properties of organic pigment encapsulated with nano-silica via layer-by-layer assembly technique*, Dyes and Pigments, 76 (2008), 463-469





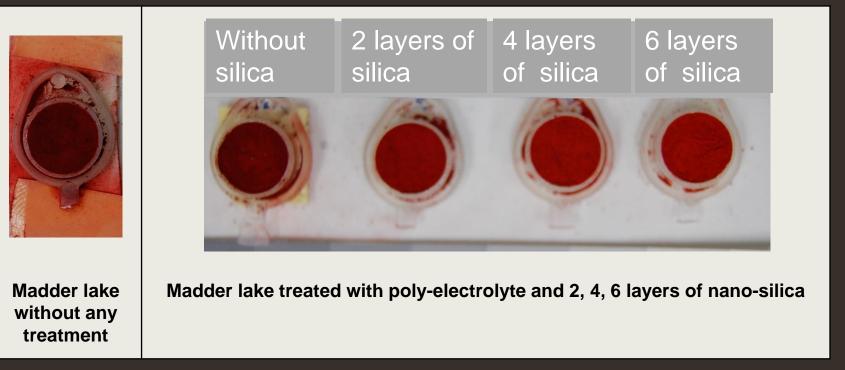
- 1. Addition of PsS anion- to the commercial pigment. Then, 1 hour in ultrasonic bath to obtain a homogeneous mixture.
- 2. Four alternating cycles of PsS and PDADMAC cation were performed. Between each cycle the mixture was washed with distilled water.
- 3. Alternating cycles with Sycol 40 (nano-silica) and PDADMAC were executed, separated by a washing with distilled water. Each cycle is made of two phases:

PHASE 1, the sample is maintained for one hour in ultrasonic bath to homogenize the mixture; PHASE 2, the samples were centrifuged for 15 minutes at 15.000 rpm to separate the solid and liquid phases

4. At last the prepared products were put in an oven at 40°C for water evaporation



### MADDER LAKE

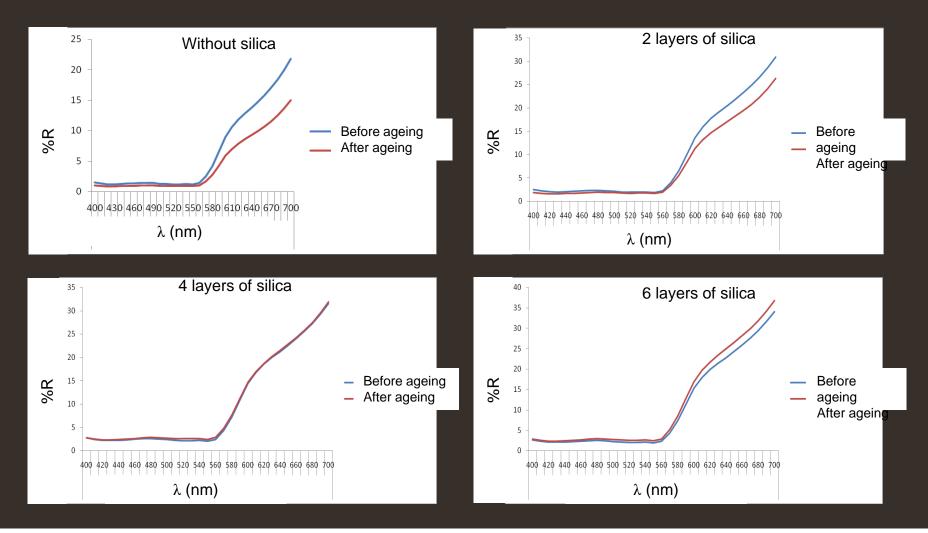


In order to evaluate the chromatic changes caused by ageing, the powders of Madder, both treated and untreated with nano-silica, were artificially aged under UV lamps for 900h.

The powders were examined by reflectance spectrophotometry before and after the artificial ageing.



# Comparison of the reflectrance spectra before an after the artificial ageing



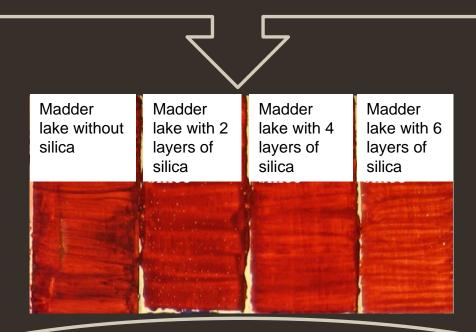


### CHOMATIC COORDINATES BEFORE AND AFTER THE ARTIFICIAL AGEING

Treatement typology		MADDER LAKE							
		L*	a*	b*	C*	h°	ΔΕ	ΔC	
Without silica	Before	23.11	29.82	20.01	35.92	33.87	,		
	After ageing						7.02	4.93	
		18.12	25.68	17.33	30.99	34.01			
2 layers of silica	Before	28.96	33.69	22.02	40.25	33.17	,		
	After ageing						3.86	2.93	
		26.65	30.71	21.21	37.32	34.63			
4 layers of silica	Before	30.04	33.55	21.89	40.06	33.13			
	After ageing						1.75	1.14	
		30.82	32.00	22.16	38,92	34.70			
6 lavers of silica	Before	30.46	35.47	23.59	42.60	33.62			
	After ageing						2.48	0.19	
		32.68	34.70	24.37	42.40	35.08			



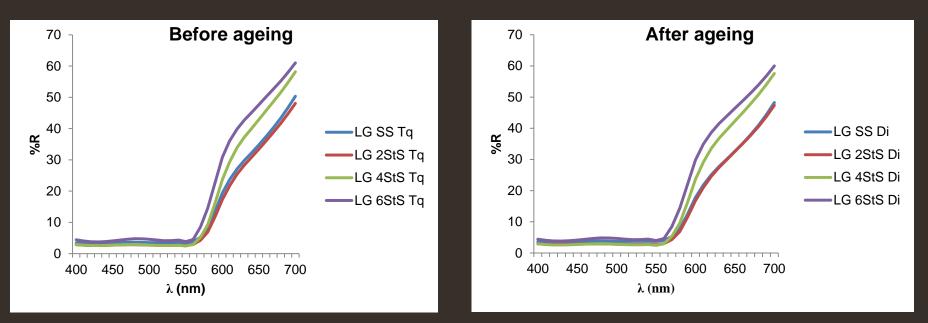
#### APPLICATION OF THE NANO-ENCAPSULATED PIGMENTS ON A CANVAS PREPARED WITH A TRADITIONAL MIXTURE OF GYPSUM AND GLUE



The paintings were artificially aged under UV for 900 hours . Colour changes were evaluated by reflectance spectrophotometry applied before and after the ageing



### MADDER LAKE



	L*		a*		b*			C*	
LG SS Tq	35.563	∆L* = 0.570	37.980	∆a* = 2.443	23.705	∆b* = 2.540	∆ <b>E = 3.570</b>	44.772	∆ <b>C = 3.408</b>
LG SS Di	34.993		35.537		21.165			41.363	
	L*		a*		b*			C*	
LG 2StS Tq	33.280	∆L* = 0.168	39.472	∆a* = 0.970	24.668	∆b* = 1.010	∆ <b>E = 1.410</b>	46.545	∆C = 1.355
LG 2StS Di	33.112		38.502		23.658			45.190	
	L*		a*		b*			C*	
LG 4StS Tq	37.165	∆L*= 0.035	45.573	∆a*= 0.455	31.382	∆b* = 0.075	$\Delta E = 0.462$	55.337	∆C = 0.415
LG 4StS Di	37.200		45.118		31.307			54.922	
	L*		a*		b*			C*	
LG 6StS Tq	42.562	∆L*= 0.283	43.938	∆a*= 1.043	31.470	∆ <b>b* = 0.930</b>	∆ <b>E = 1.426</b>	54.043	∆C =1.387
LG 6StS Di	42.278		42.895		30.540			52.657	



PRIN Project: Arte e Habitat rupestre in Cappadocia (Turchia) e nell' Italia centromeridionale. Roccia, architettura scavata, pittura: fra conoscenza, conservazione, valorizzazione.

Rupestrian art and habitat in Cappadocia (Turkey) and in central and southern Italy. Rock, excavated architecture, painting: between knowledge, preservation and enhancement

Coordinatore Nazionale: Prof. Maria Andaloro

Application of products based on silica and nano-silica for the consolidation of the rock support in the rupestrian churches of Cappadocia (Turkey). University of Calabria

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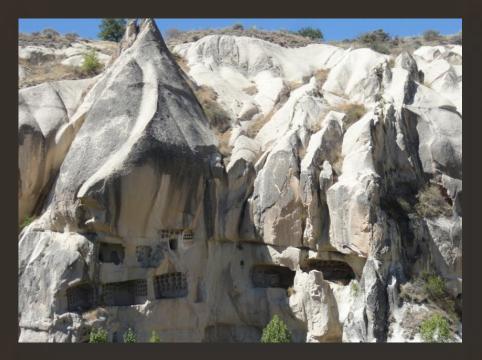


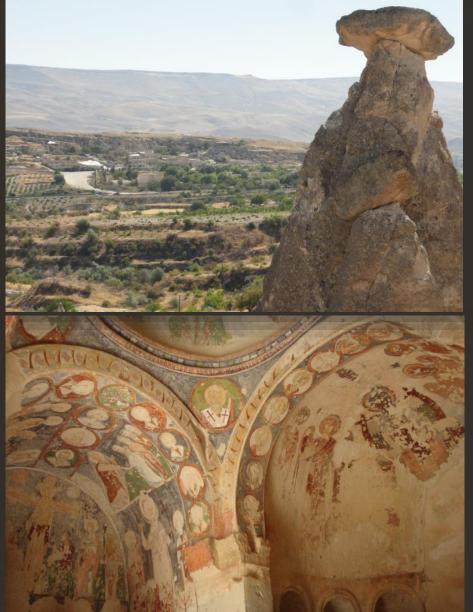
## CAPPADOCIA AND IGNIMBRITES





"Fairy Chimneys" characterize the Cappadocian landscape. They were commonly carved and changed into dwellings or rupestrian churches with precious wall paintings.







## AIMS OF THE WORK

To test innovative consolidating products, evaluating their effectiveness against the decay phenomena affecting the rocks constituting the rupestrian churches

Evaluation of the conservation state of the rupestrian churches and observation of the main degradation phenomena

Mineralogical, petrographic and physical characterization of ignimbrites

Application of consolidants and evaluation of their performance in lab and in the sites



### Tokalı Church Cappadocia (Turkey), X century A.D.



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### Tokalı Church Cappadocia (Turkey), X century A.D.





## THE FORTY MARTYRS CHURCH

## Şahinefendi The Forty Martyrs Church (XIII centuries).Before conservation







## Şahinefendi The Forty Martyrs Church (XIII centuries).After conservation





## Şahinefendi The Forty Martyrs Church (XIII centuries).After conservation

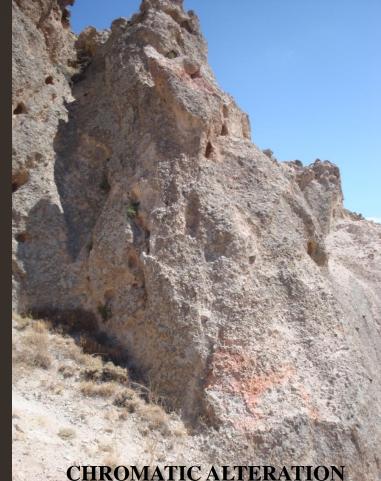




## **DEGRADATION PHENOMENA**

Estimated weathered zone<sup>1,2</sup>: depth ~8-10 cm; around joints ~ 20 cm.





<sup>1</sup>Topal T. & Doyuran V., *Analyses of deterioration of the Cappadocian tuff, Turkey,* Engineering Geology, 34, 1998, 5–20. <sup>2</sup>Türkmenoğlu A.G., Gokturk E.H., Caner E.N., *The deterioration of tuffs from the Cappadocia region of Turkey*. Archaeometry, 33, 1991, 231-238.



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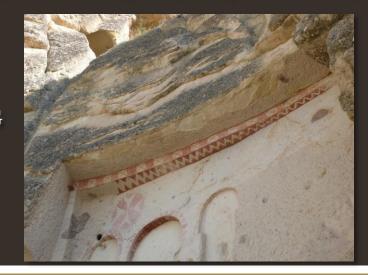


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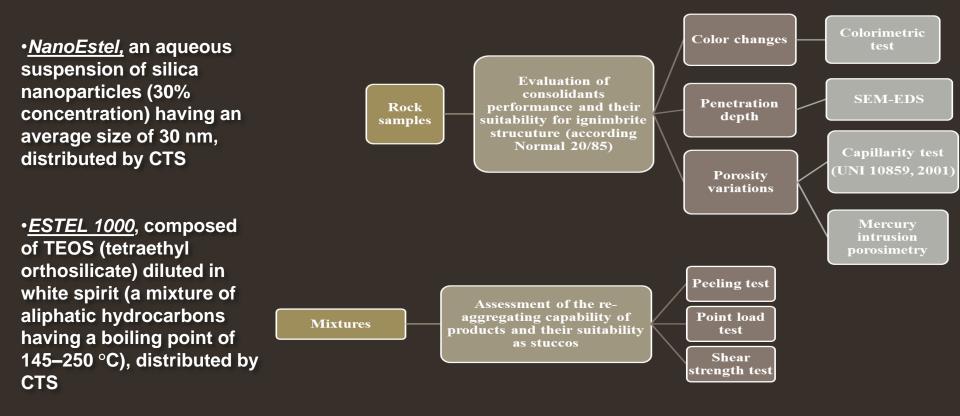
**ARGILLIFICATION; SOILING; DETACHMENT** 







## **CONSOLIDATION STRATEGY AND TESTS**



•<u>ESTEL 1100</u>, composed of tetraethyl orthosilicate and oligomers of polydimethylsiloxane diluted in white spirit, distributed by CTS





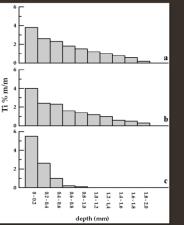
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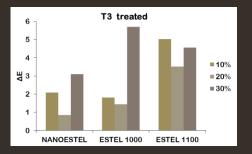
- Samples sized 5x5x2 cm
- Application by brush
- Concentrations 15, 20 and 30%
- Amount 0.5 G

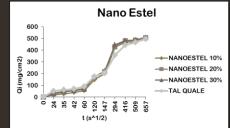
•The SEM-EDS analysis revealed a reasonable penetration of 30 wt% consolidants, better for Estel1000 and 1100 than NanoEstel.

•Colour changes are negligible for NanoEstel, especially with 20% of concentration

• NanoEstel achieved better results in the capillary absorption test, suggesting that the product leaves the stone porous structure substantially unaltered.

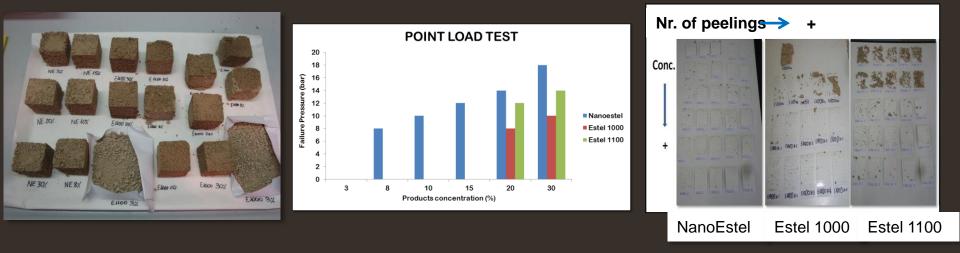








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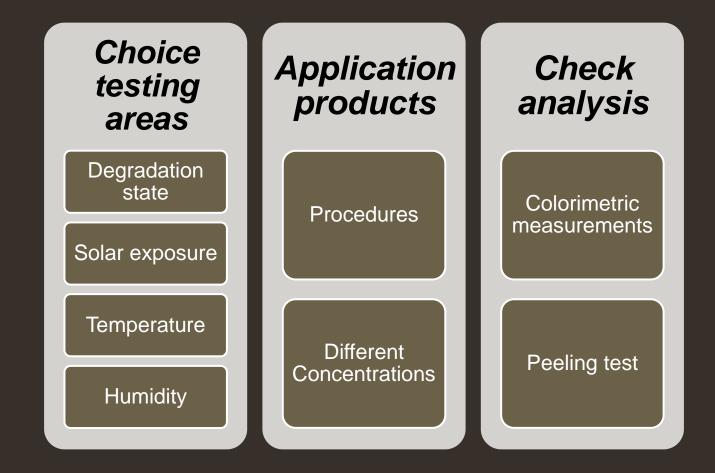
• PHASE 1: Crushing rock and separation of granulometric fractions , respectively, <2 mm and ranged between 2 mm to 10 mm.

PHASE 2: Preparation of mixtures shaped 5x5x5 cm constituted by 66 g of coarse fraction and 66 g of fine fraction blended with 50 ml of binder.
peeling test; point load test.

• NanoEstel seems to give the best results in terms of re-aggregating capabilities.



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### **APPLICATION AREAS – INSIDE TOKALI**



#### **AREAS CTK8-9**

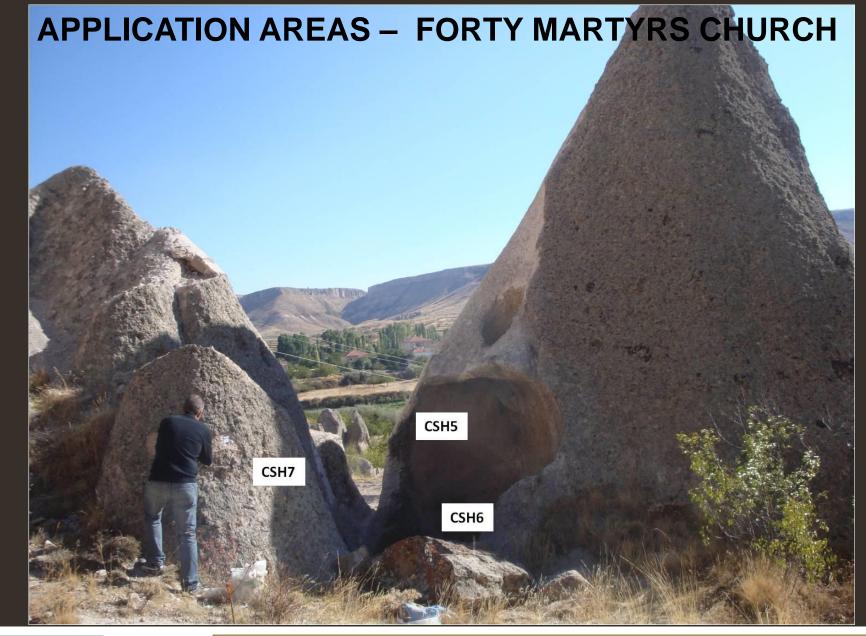


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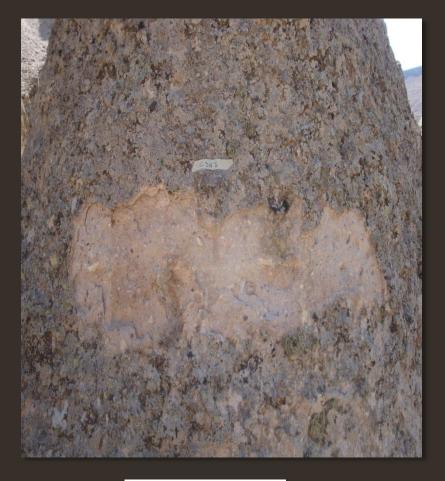
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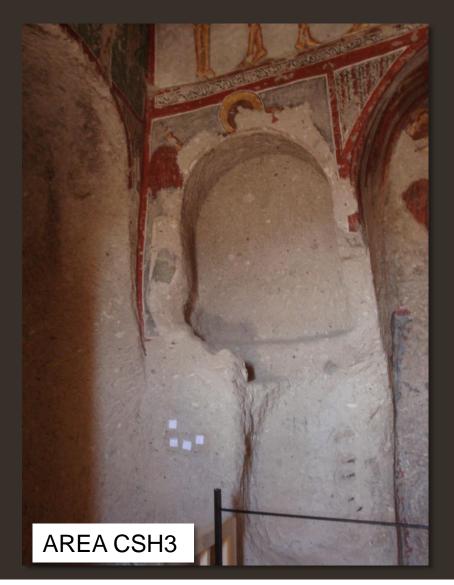




### **APPLICATION AREAS – FORTY MARTYRS CHURCH**

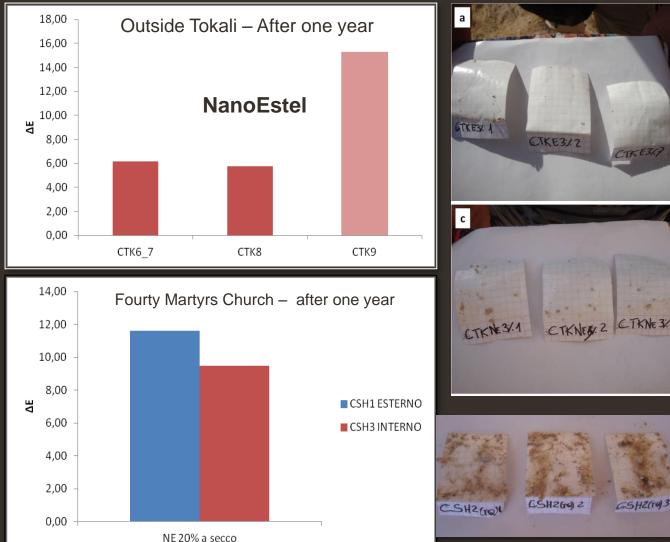


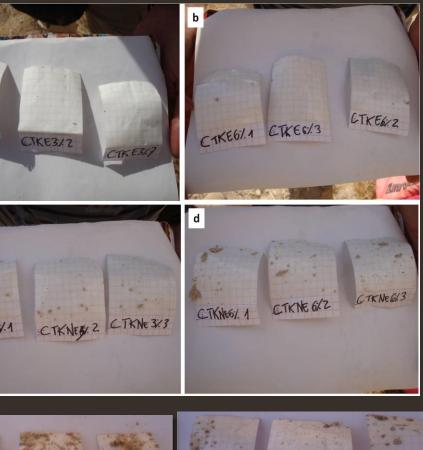






### COLOUR MEASUREMENTS AND PEELING TESTS





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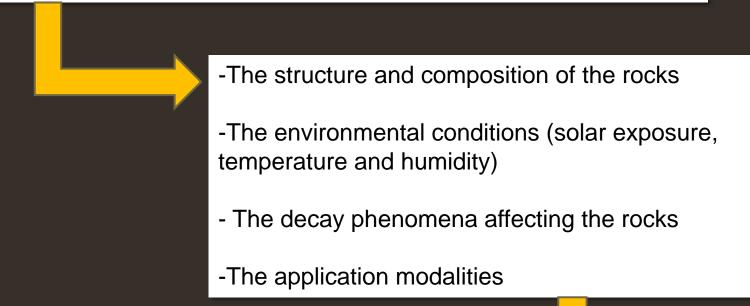
C5H1-14.2

65H1-14-3



### **Conclusions**

The work demonstrated the influence of *SEVERAL FACTORS* on the consolidating products efficiency, suggesting a functional strategy for a conservative intervention.



- Consolidants amount and concentration
- Surface pretreatment

