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Paper mixes and manuscripts

A feature of watermark repositories such as WZMA - Watermarks of the Middle Ages is the possibility to link identical watermarks from different sources. This makes the dating by watermarks more and more precise. It also makes it possible to investigate where a manuscript was produced. Analysing a critical mass of manuscripts and their watermarks can also provide further information about the history of the codices as objects. There are usually several different pairs of watermarks in a manuscript. If the same paper mixes are identified for different codices, perhaps other similarities can be identified? Similarities with regard to the text, the scribe, the illuminator, the binding, etc.? This is a new interdisciplinary research question in the field of manuscript studies and watermark research, which will be investigated in the near future, and first impulses shall be presented.