

EDS on the Nanoscale in TEM/STEM and SEM



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A large blue graphic illustrating EDS technology. It features a central sun-like glow with the text "EDS" and "XFlash® Technology" in white. To the left, a periodic table of elements is shown in a 3D perspective, with labels for various X-ray emission lines: $K\alpha$, $K\beta$, $L\alpha$, $L\beta$, $M\alpha$, and $M\beta$. Below the periodic table is a detailed EDS spectrum showing multiple peaks labeled with element symbols (e.g., Na, Mg, Al, Si, S, Ca, Fe, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Ge, As, Se, Br, Kr, Rb, Sr, Y, Zr, Nb, Mo, Tc, Ru, Rh, Pd, Ag, Cd, In, Sn, Sb, Te, I, Xe, Ba, La, Hf, Ta, W, Re, Os, Ir, Pt, Au, Hg, Tl, Pb, Bi, Po, At, Rn, Fr, Ra, Ac, Th, Pa, U, Np, Pu, Am, Cm, Bk, Cf, Es, Fm, Md, No, Lr). On the right side, there are two grayscale images: the top one shows a cross-section of a material with a dark region, and the bottom one shows a textured surface. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular diagram with concentric rings and arrows pointing outwards, representing a detector or scanning mechanism.

Presenters



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Outline

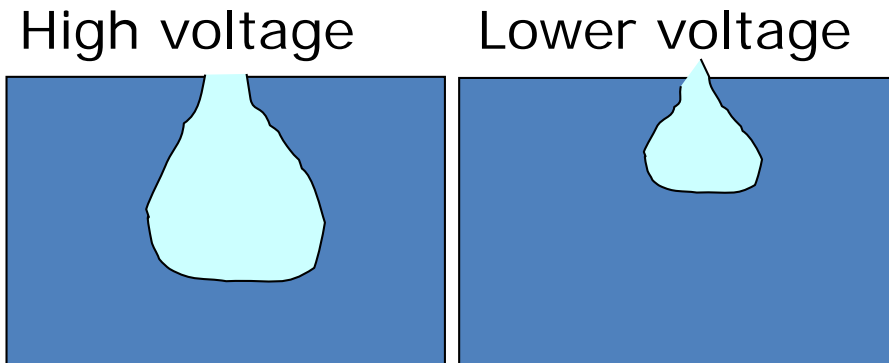


- Technology and options provided
- Examples of nanoanalysis approaches in TEM/STEM
- Approaches for nanoanalysis in (T)SEM (Flatquad detector)

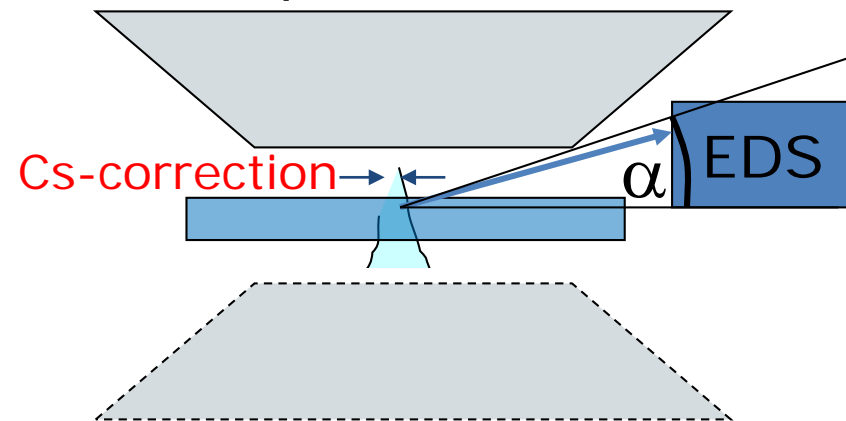
- High sensitivity EDS combined with Cold Field Emission in SEM

Spatial Resolution: Cs- Correction and Brightness

SEM: bulk



S/TEM: thin specimen,
small probe



S/B Signal to background ratio

σ_a atoms cross section

d_p probe diameter

d_d delocalisation from
inelastic scattering

I_p probe current (typ. 500 pA)

ε detection efficiency

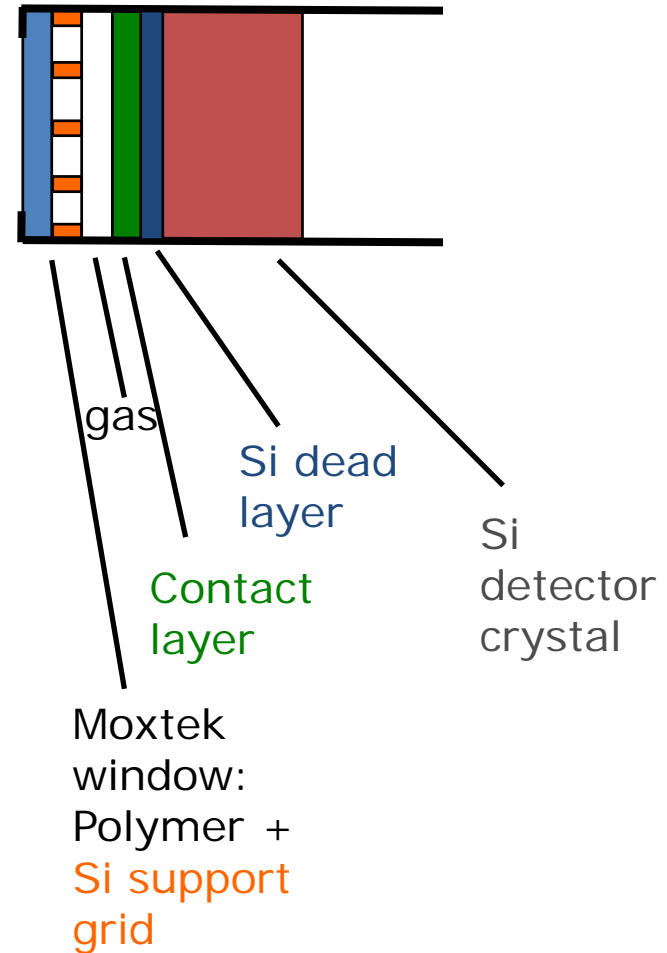
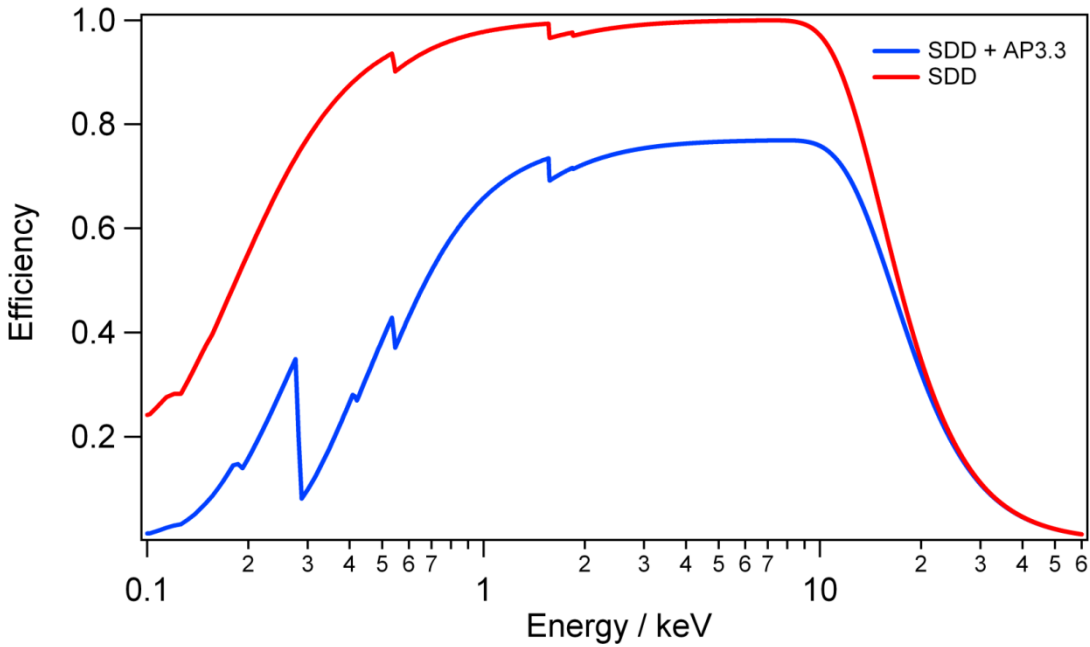
t acquisition time

ρ number of atoms per unit area

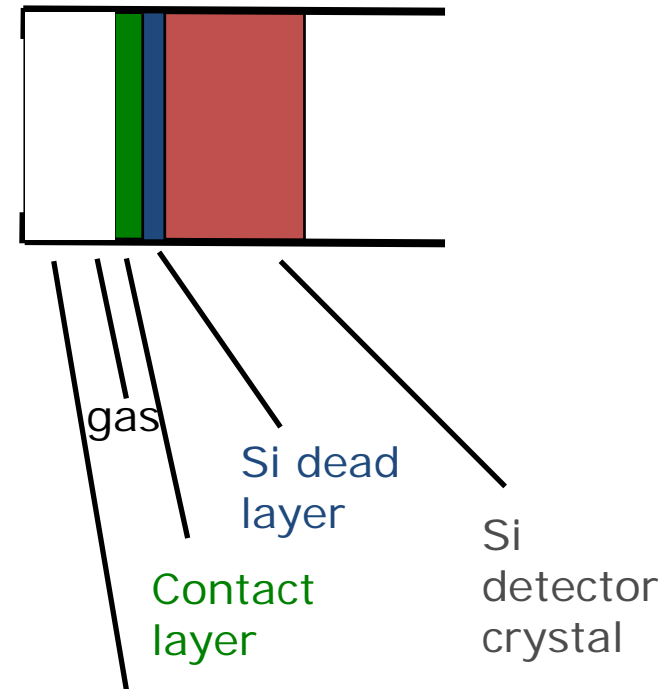
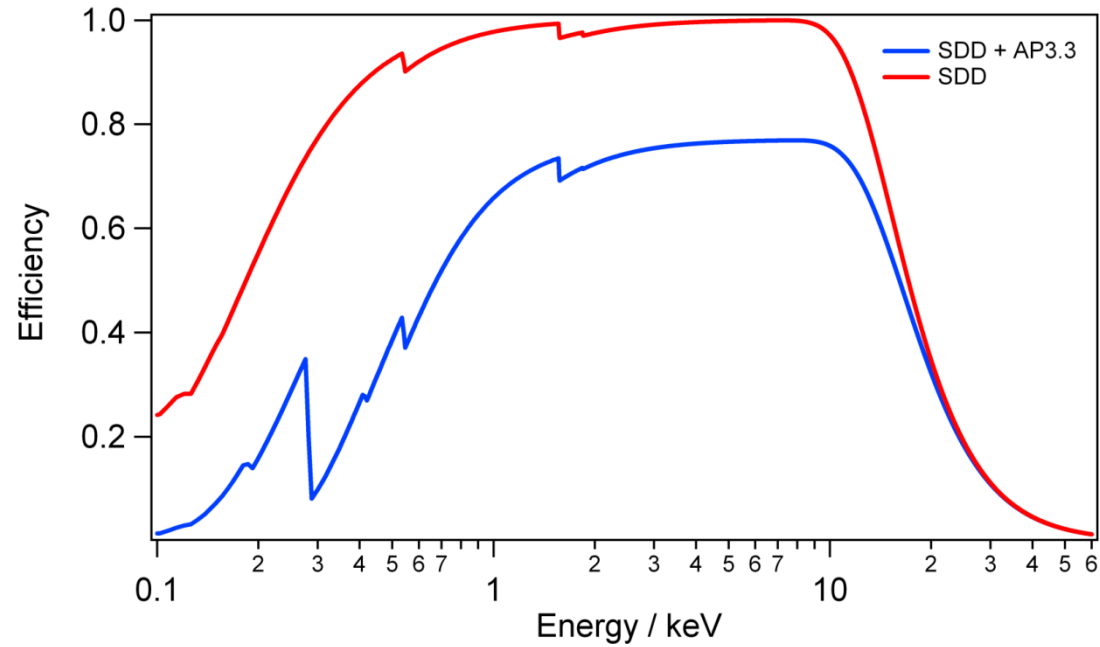
$$S/B = Sa/\sqrt{Sb}$$

$$= \sigma_a / (d_p^2 + d_d^2) * \sqrt{I_p \varepsilon t / (\sigma_b \rho_b e)}$$

Detector quantum efficiency



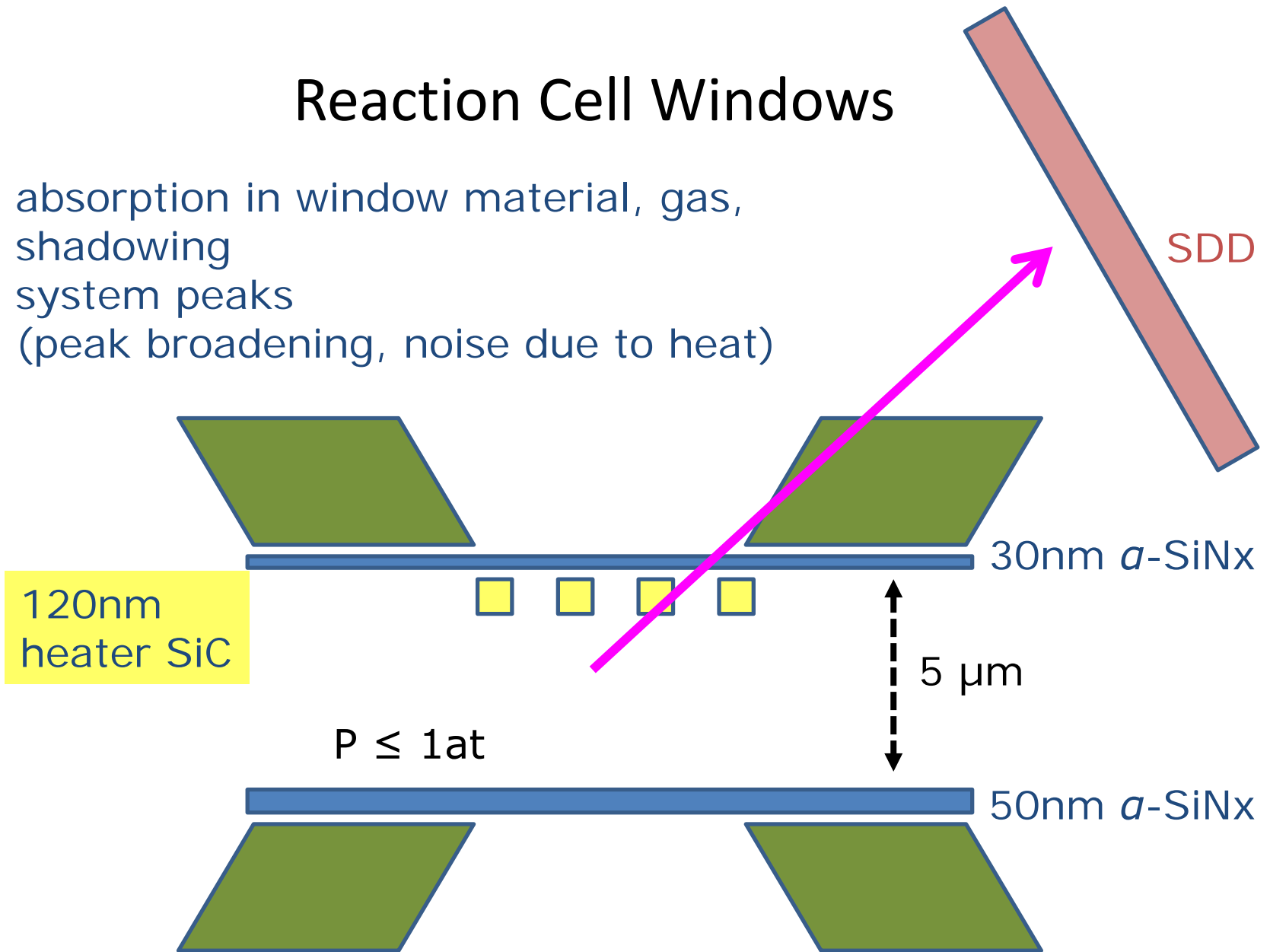
Detector quantum efficiency



Moxtek
window:
Polymer +
Si support
grid

Reaction Cell Windows

- absorption in window material, gas,
- shadowing
- system peaks
- (peak broadening, noise due to heat)



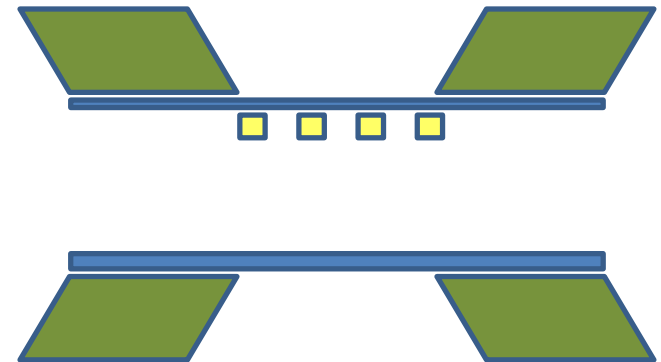
O-rings, Au-spacers, ..., reaction species sticking to walls
Webinar, L. Allard

Reaction Cell Windows

Gas, liquid, + heat ... cells:

Window materials:

- graphene,
 - Si₃N₄ / alpha SiN_x
 - thickness,
 - support (grid): Si, polymer film, SiC (heating)
 - Al film (light tight))
 - Reaction species sticking to cell walls
- > All affect transmission (efficiency) curve



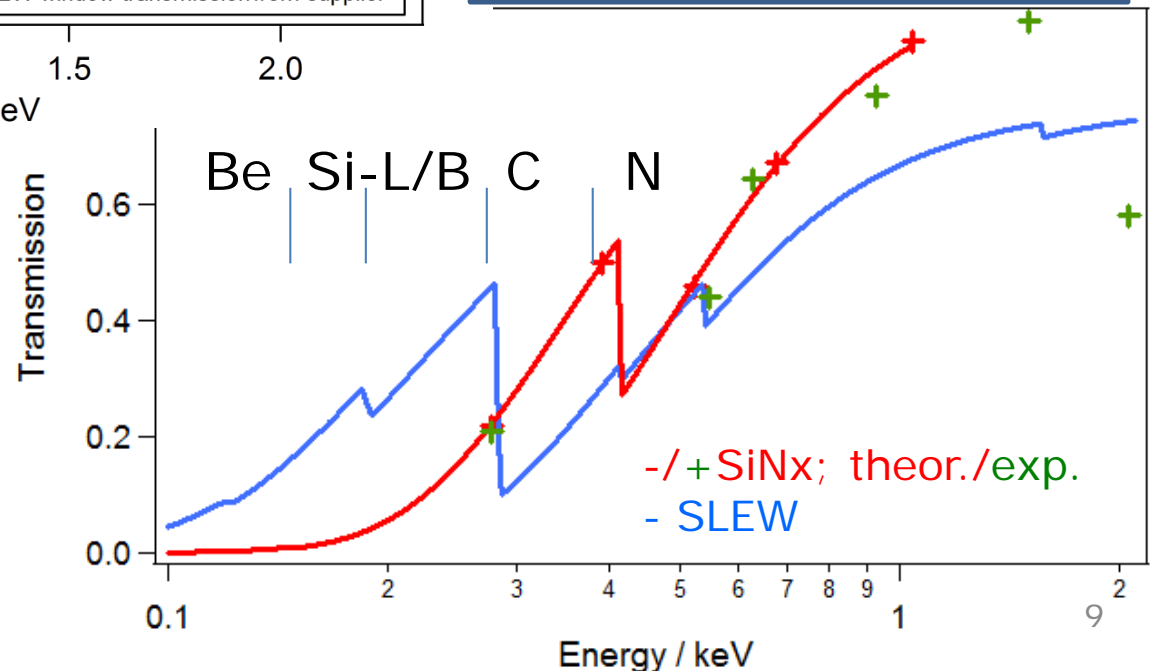
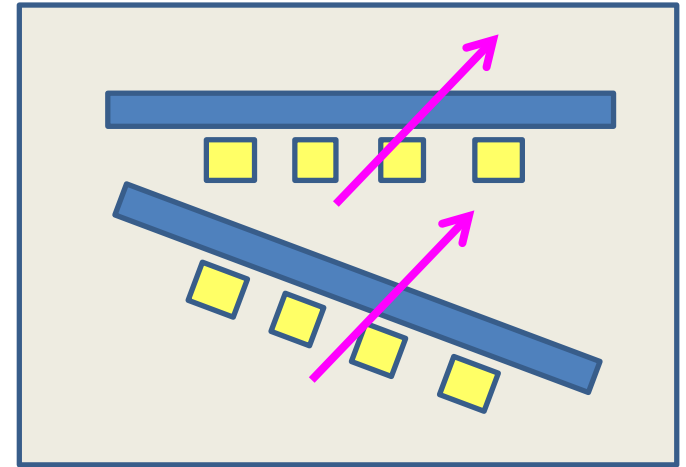
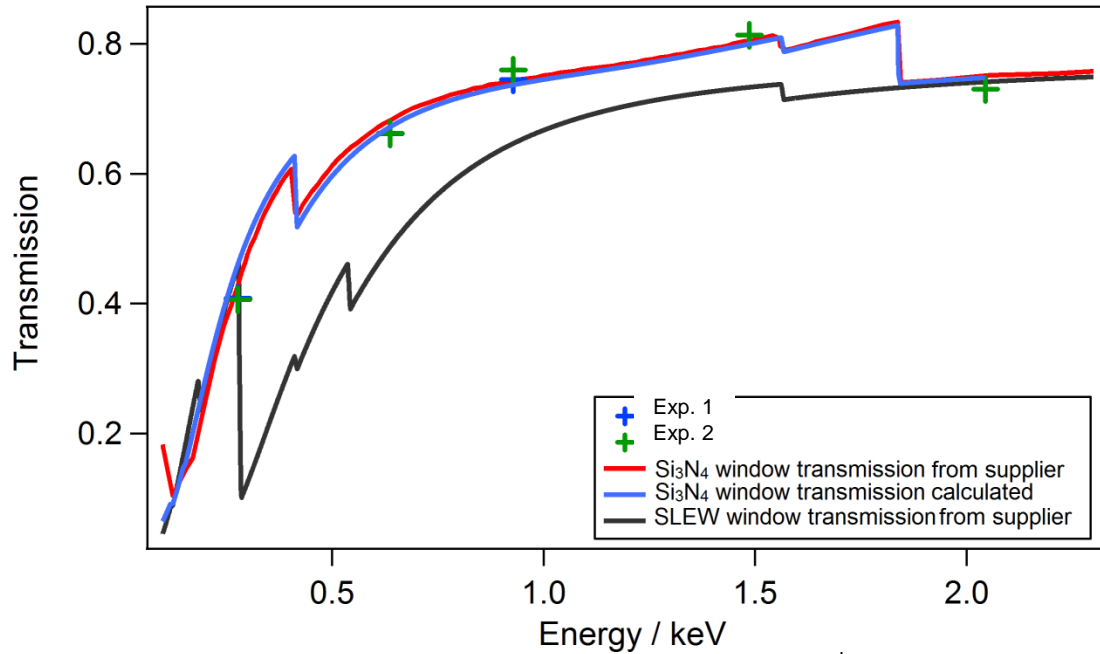
calculate transmission depending on thickness here:

http://henke.lbl.gov/optical_constants/filter2.html

suggests materials too, but

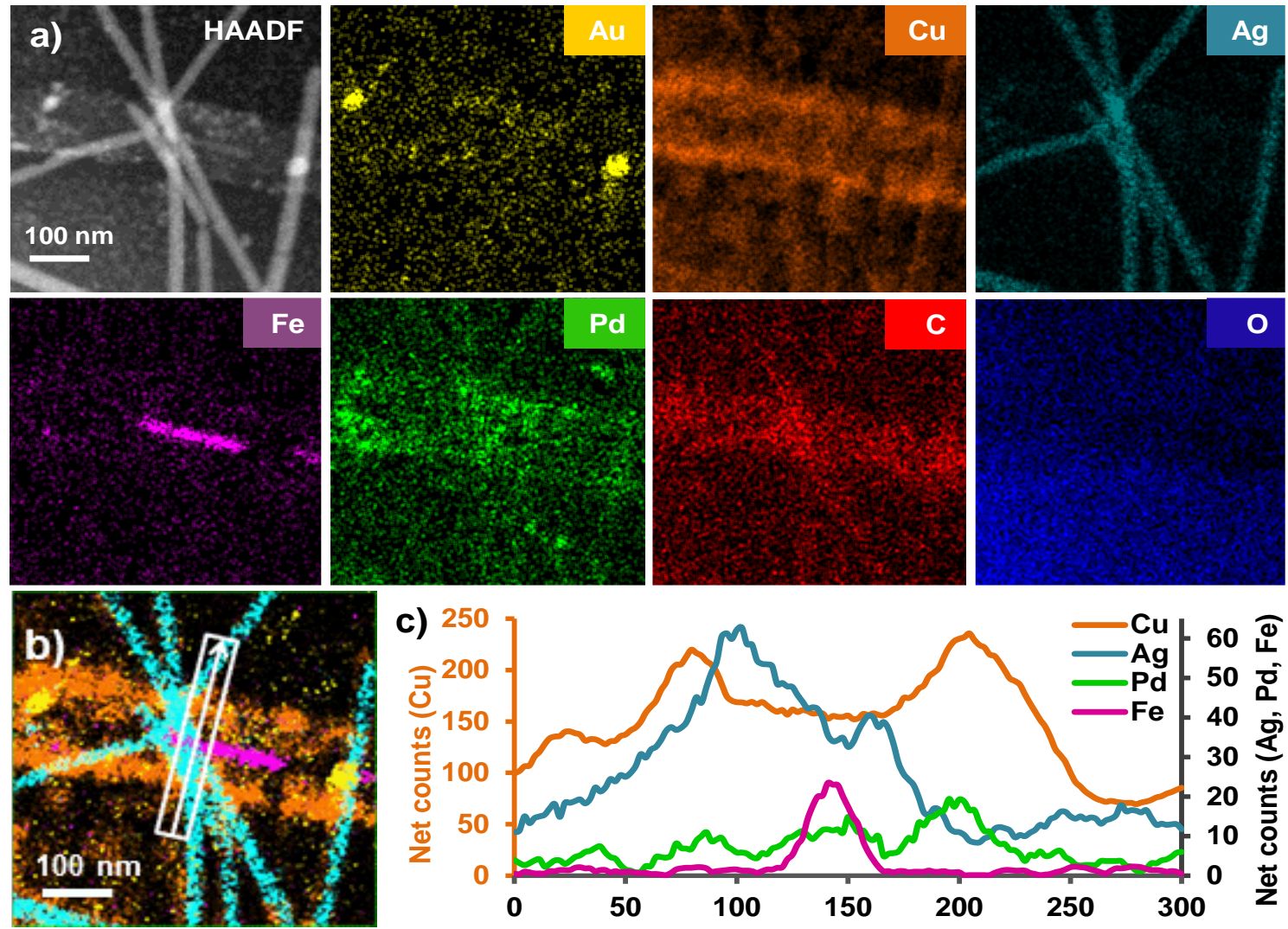
e.g. 30nm Al cover and window support not included

In situ: Reaction Cell and Detector Windows



Bruker acquired Hysitron: Nanoindenters for SEM and TEM/STEM delivering Force - distance Measurements and video

EDXS Elemental mapping in liquids

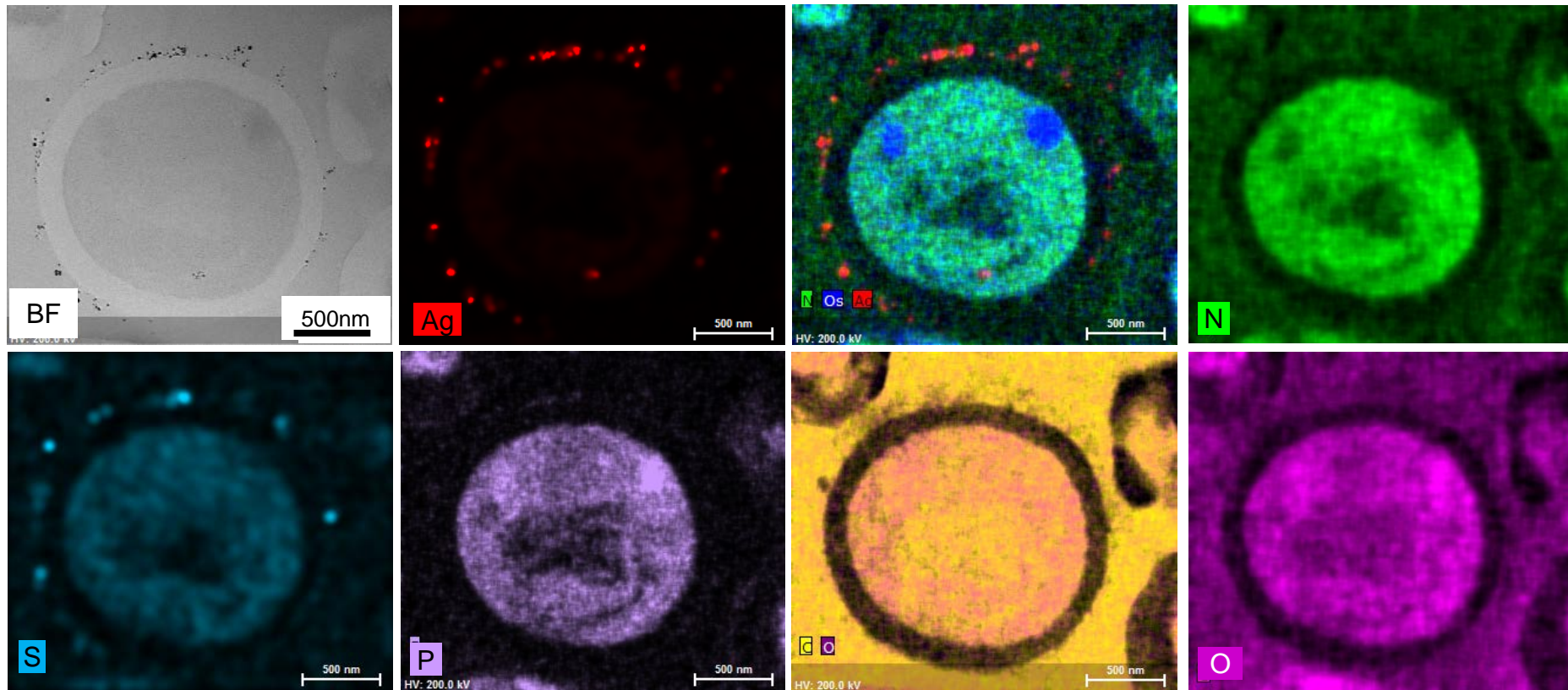


EDS for Life Science at 0.1sr

Yeast Cell: Element Mapping of immunolabels and light and heavy elements



30 mm², 0.12 sr (Standard EDS); Conventional STEM

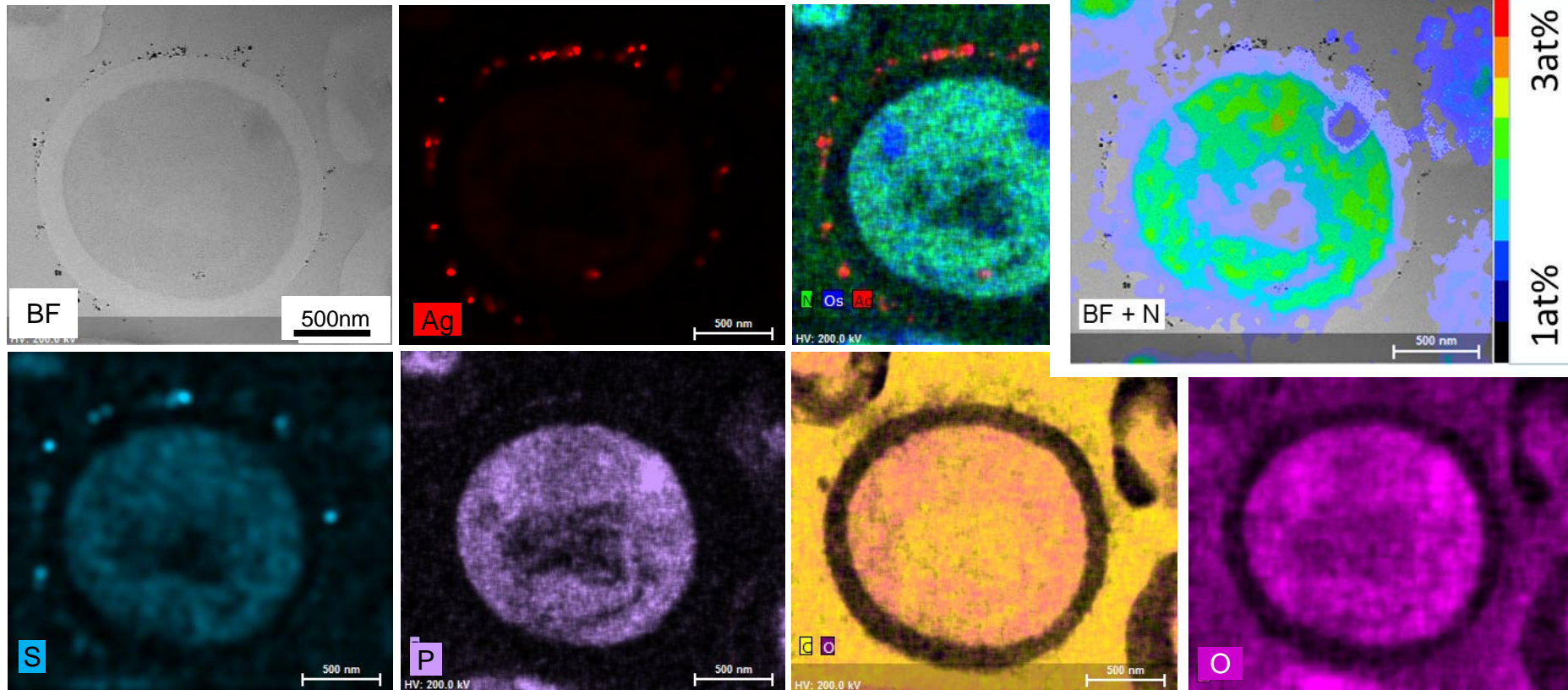


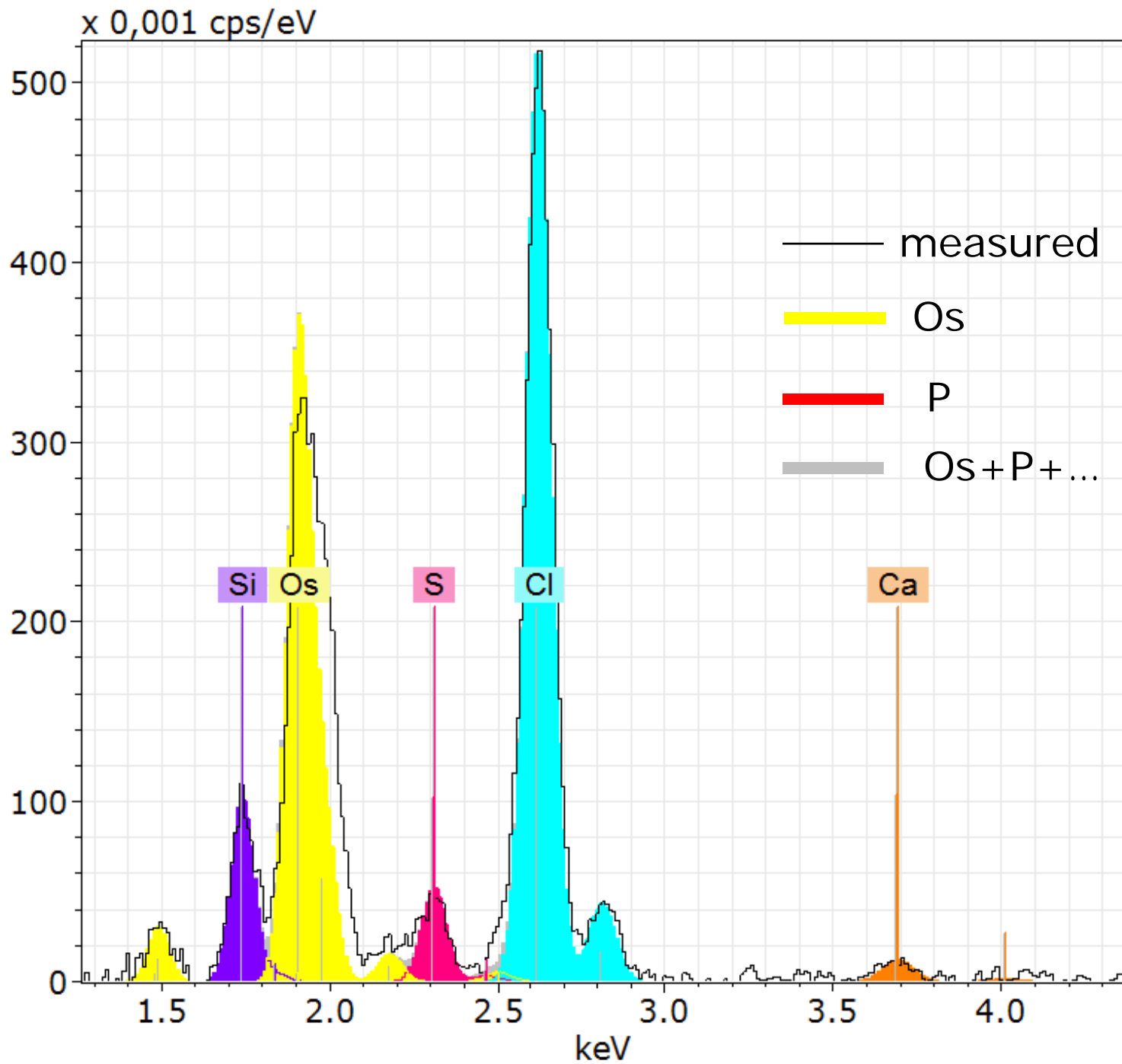
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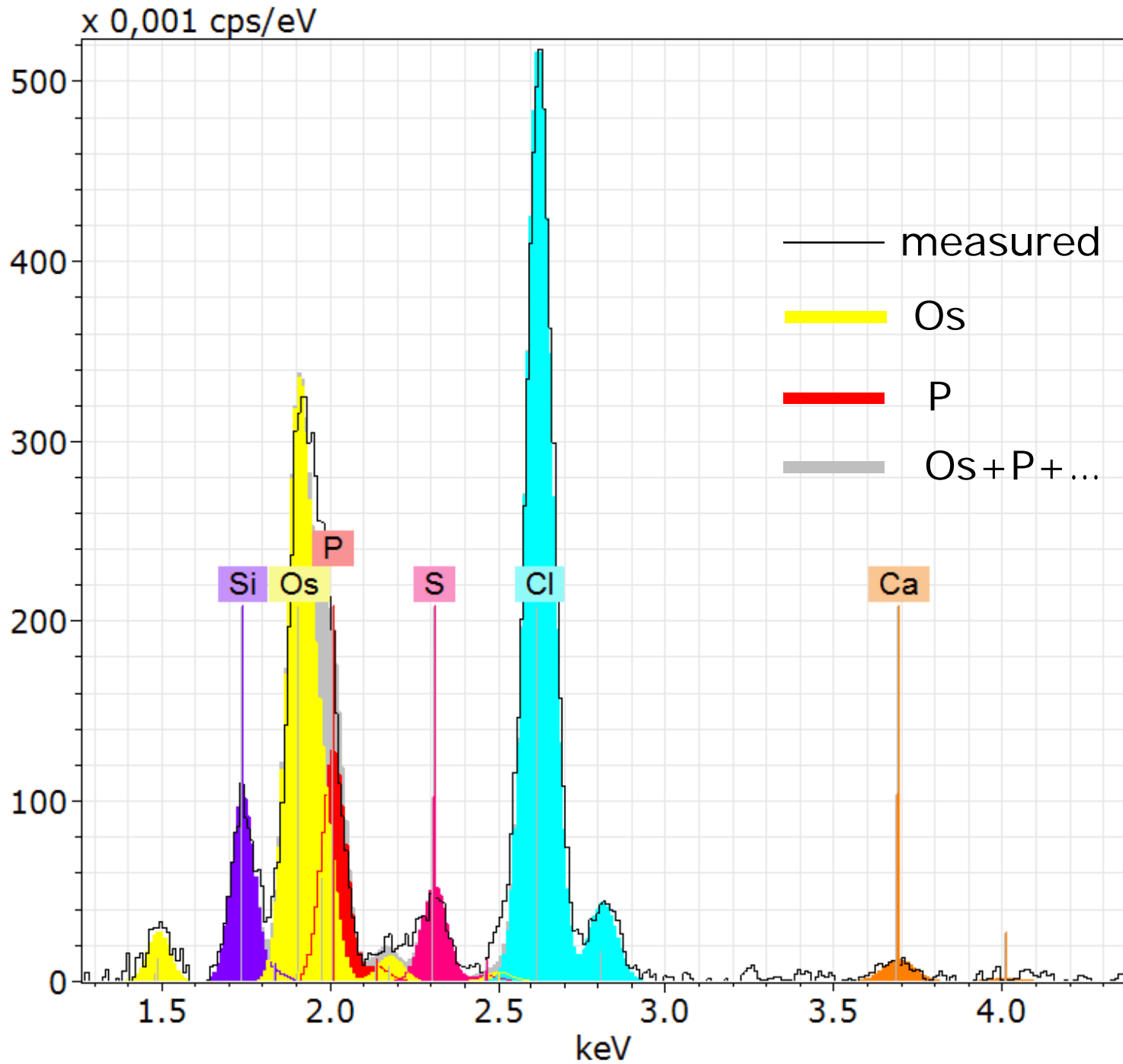
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TEM EDS Quantification; R. Egerton

1994, line intensity for a particular element line / transition



$$I_x = N_A \sigma_A \omega_A (\Omega/4\pi) \varepsilon N_e = n_A t \sigma_A \omega_A (\Omega/4\pi) \varepsilon N_e$$

Cliff and Lorimer: $\frac{I_A}{I_B} = \frac{C_A}{k_{AB} C_B}$ k_{AB} can be determined experimentally **or theoretically**

I_x number of X-ray photons in a characteristic peak of species A

N number of atoms per unit volume

$n t$ number of atoms per unit area times thickness

σ ionization cross section (Casnati et al., 1982, Bote et al., 2009)

ω fluorescence yield (Hubbell et al., 1994, Krause, 1979)

$\Omega/4\pi$ solid angle / geometrical collection efficiency

ε detection quantum efficiency

N_e number of incident electrons

+ absorption

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Zeta-Factor

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TEM EDS Quantification Zeta-factor Method vs Cliff Lorimer

The CL-method is a ratio method by Graham Cliff and Gordon Lorimer:

$$\frac{C_A}{C_B} = k_{AB} \frac{I_A}{I_B}$$

M. Watanabe J. of Micr. 2005:

For a **standard with known thickness t** ζ can be determined:

$$\rho_A t = \zeta_A \frac{I_A}{C_A D_e} \dots$$

D_e (total electron dose) must be known for all measurements.

Then, for a sample C_A, C_B, \dots, ρ and t are unknown.
N equations with N unknown variables.

$$C_A + C_B = 1$$
$$C_1 + C_2 + \dots = 1$$

$$\rho t = \frac{\zeta_A I_A + \zeta_B I_B}{D_e}$$

$$C_A = \frac{\zeta_A I_A}{\zeta_A I_A + \zeta_B I_B}$$

$$C_B = \dots$$

absorption corr.
> pt > iteration

TEM EDS Quantification

Zeta vs CL

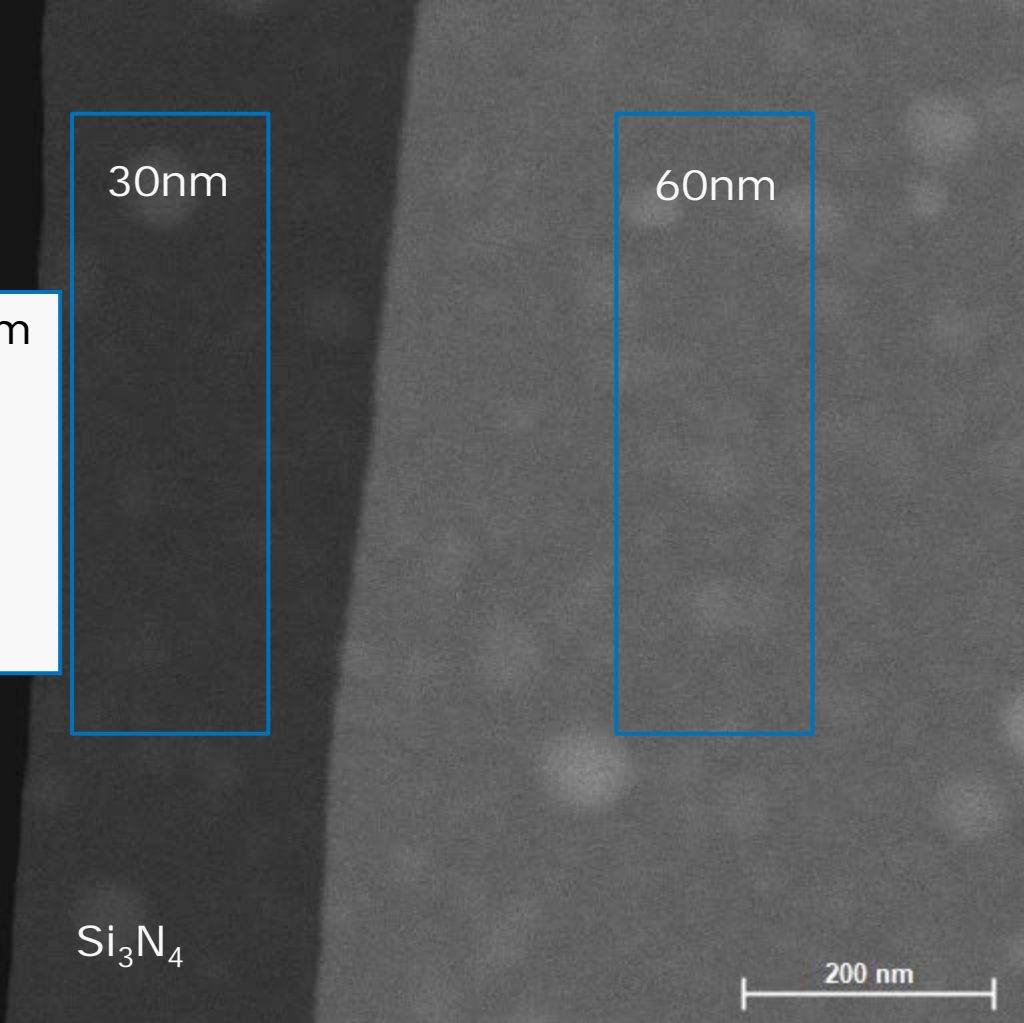
- For testing we used Si_3N_4 a single layer (30nm) as the sample a double layer (60nm) as the standard

- STEM probe current: 344pA

Standard:	Si at%	N at%	d nm
Si3N4_expected	42,86	57,14	
Si3N4_60nm_st.	42,86	57,14	
CL:			
Si3N4_30nm	43,84	56,16	
Zeta:			
Si3N4_30nmZeta	41,96	58,04	30

- Further tests with Al_2O_3 , TiO_2 , GaP (G. Kothleitner, W. Grogger, K. Volz)

- Very sensitive to
 - probe current and
 - thickness variations



TEM EDS Quantification in Esprit 2.1

Zeta Method: Set up using Si₃N₄ 60nm



RESULTS - Si3N4_344PA_60NM

Options: automatic element identification, quantification with Cliff-Lc

Minimum concentration: 0,00 %

Fast quantification:

Elements Standards

Element overview list

Compound	Fix %	Dec.	Diff.	Fact.
				1,00
C		✓		0,00
O		✓		0,00
Cl		✓		0,00

Quantification model

P/B - ZAF Zeta factor method

Phi(Rho,Z) Cliff-Lorimer

Use standards

P/B film

Layer density [g/cm³]: 0

Layer thickn. [µm]: 0

Substrate (mean. AN): 0

Additional settings: 200,0 keV, 0°

Name: Si3N4_344PA_60nm

Description:

Real time [s]: 336,760

Life time [s]: 332,679

Specification in... Mass-% Atomic-% Stoich-%

Element	Concentration [%]	Error [%]
Nitrogen	57,14	
Oxygen		
Silicon	42,86	
Chlorine		
Carbon		

Sum of concentrations [%]: 100,00%

Thickness [nm]: 60

Density [g/cm³]: 1,72298

Beam current [pA]: 344

Open/Close configuration panel

Load Save Add to project Apply OK Cancel

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				1,00
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Cl		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0,00

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 Phi(Rho,Z) Cliff-Lorimer
 Use standards
 P/B film

Layer density [g/cm³]: 0
 Layer thic kn. [µm]: 0
 Substrate (mean. AN): 0

Additional settings: 200,0 keV, 0°

Sum of concentrations [%]: 100,00%

Thickness [nm]: 60
 Density [g/cm³]: 1,72298
 Beam current [pA]: 344

Buttons: Load, Save, Add to projec, Apply

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Confirm assignment and certification values.

Standard: Si3N4_344pA_30nm
 Description:

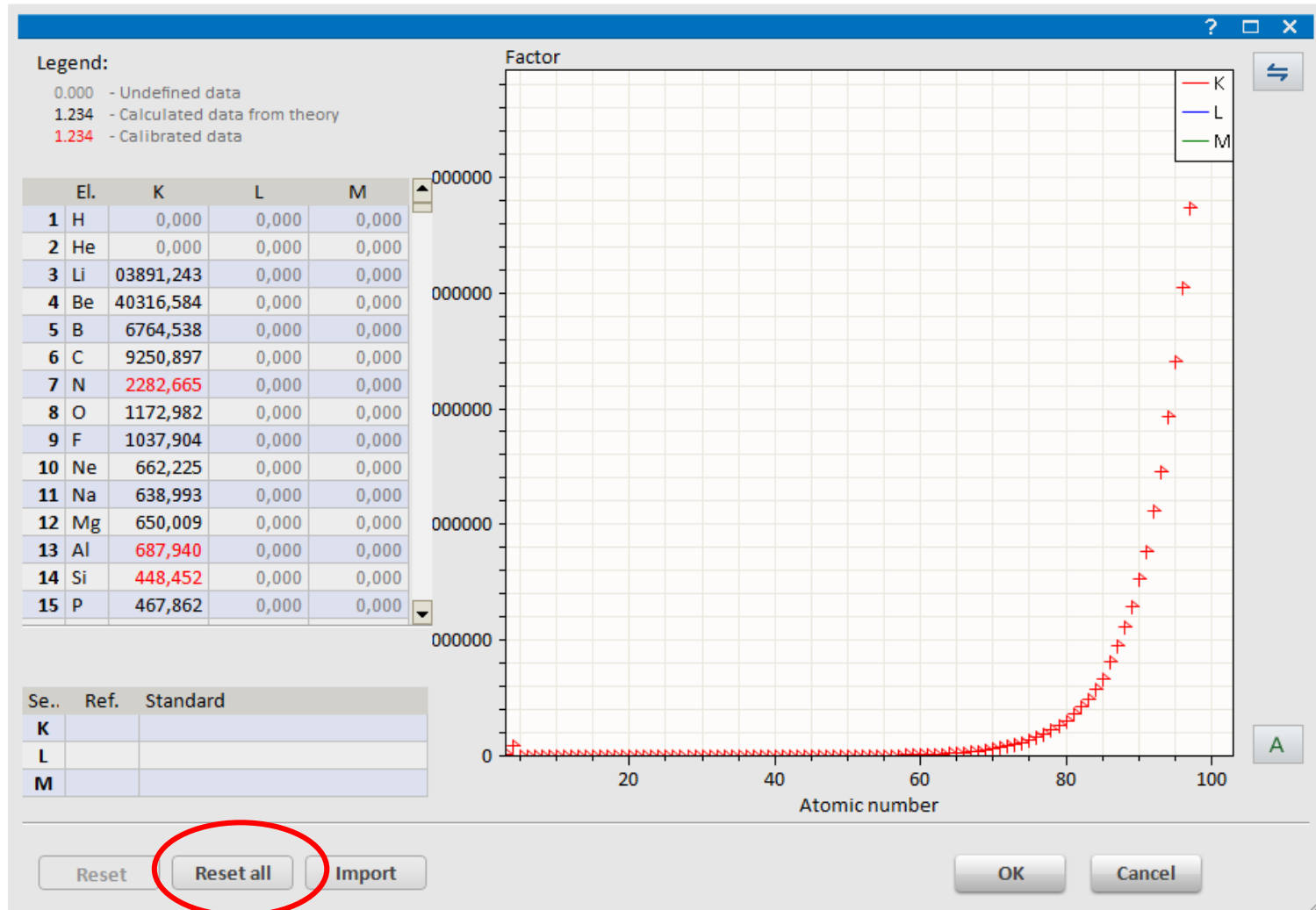
Assign	Element	Mass concentration	Error	Currently assign
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nitrogen	39,94%	---	----
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Silicon	60,06%	---	----

Check value of Zeta factors:

Assign	Element	New factor	Old factor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nitrogen	2662,74699	3,50274
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Silicon	491,94108	1,00000

Buttons: OK, Back

TEM EDS Quantification in Esprit 2.1 with 1-2 standards all other Zeta – factors can be obtained from theoretical C-L-factors



TEM EDS Quantification in Esprit 2.1

Zeta Method: Set up using Si_3N_4 60nm

Zeta: 344pA, single layer Si_3N_4 d=?



RESULTS - SI3N4_344PA_30NM

Options
automatic element identification, quantification with Cliff-Lc

Minimum concentration 0,00 %
Fast quantification

Elements Standards

Auto search Clear

Element overview list

Compound	Fix %	Dec.	Diff.	Fact.
				1,00
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O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0,00
Cl		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0,00

Quantification model

P/B - ZAF Zeta factor method
 Phi(Rho,Z) Cliff-Lorimer
 Use standards
 P/B film

Layer density [g/cm³] 0
 Layer thickn. [µm] 0
 Substrate (mean. AN) 0

Additional settings 200,0 keV, 0°

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Standards Results

All
 Orig.
 Bkg.
 N
 O
 Si
 Cl
 C
 Deconv.

Open/Close configuration panel

Energy [keV]

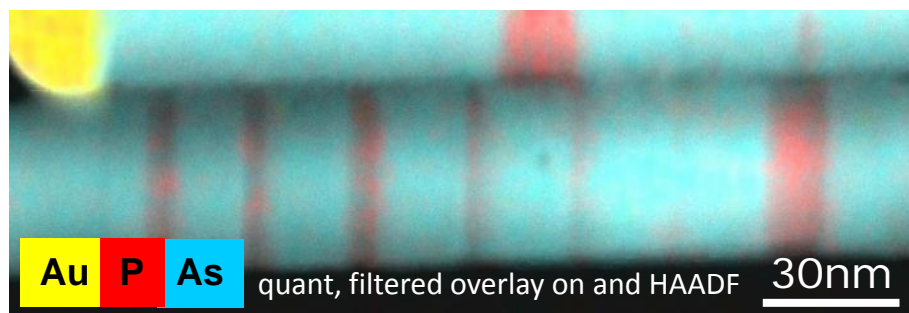
ElementName	AtomicNumber	XRaySeries	Netto	AbsS1Error	AbsS2Error	AbsS3Error	RelS1Error	RelS2Error	RelS3Error			
Nitrogen	7	K-Series	8718	40,82	40,82	58,04	1,56	3,12	4,69	0,64	1,27	1,91
Oxygen	8	K-Series	1287	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Silicon	14	K-Series	80541	59,18	59,18	41,96	0,56	1,11	1,67	0,33	0,66	0,99
Chlorine	17	K-Series	537	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Carbon	6	K-Series	0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
			100,00	100,00	100,00							

: 5,070 µg/cm³ Density: 1,71 g/cm³ Thickness: 30 nm

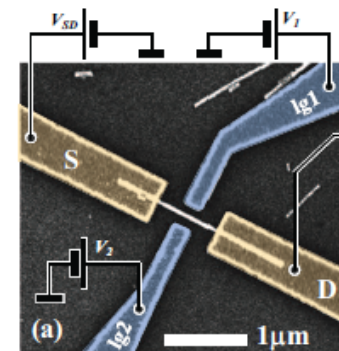
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Quantified Linescan

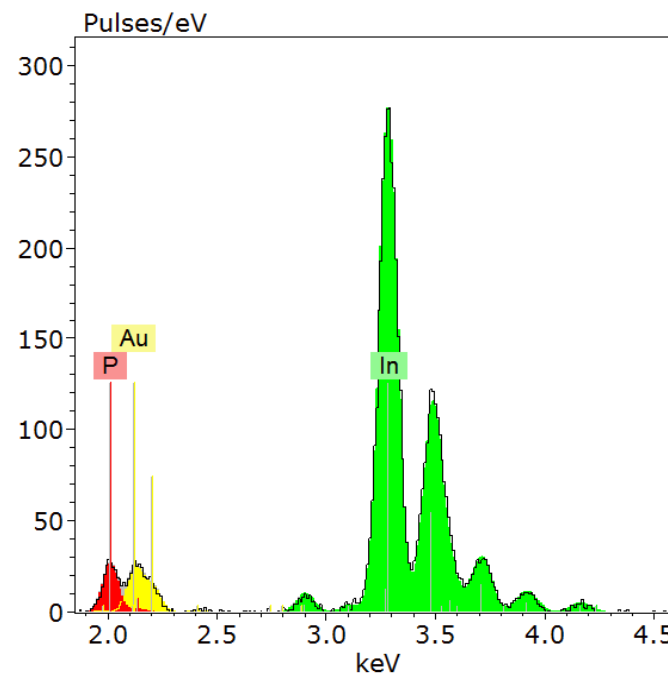
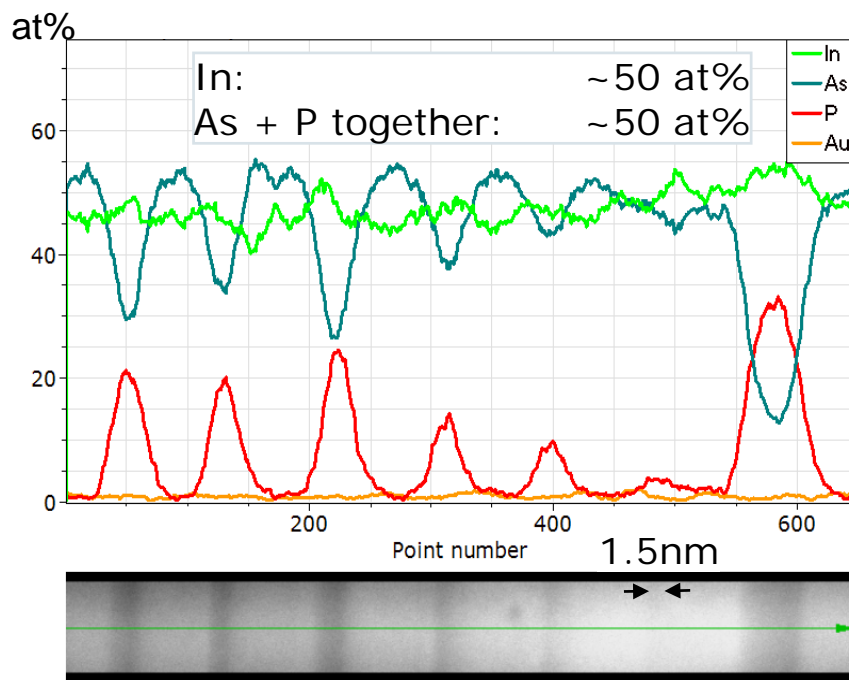
InAs Nanorods with P-rich layers: Deconvolution of P and Au, 0.12sr



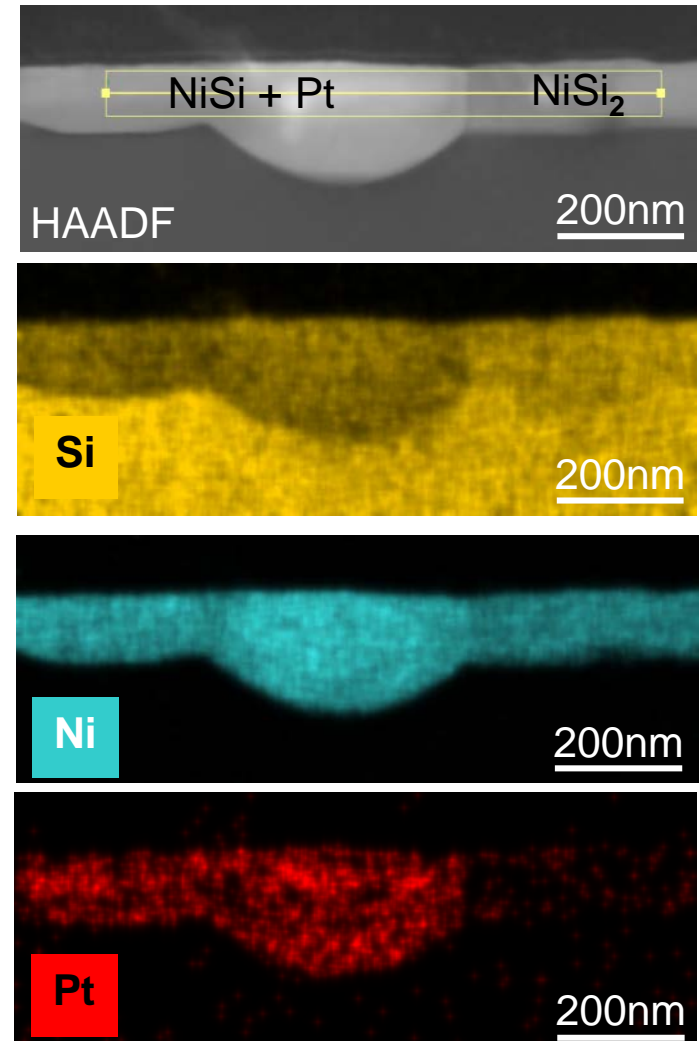
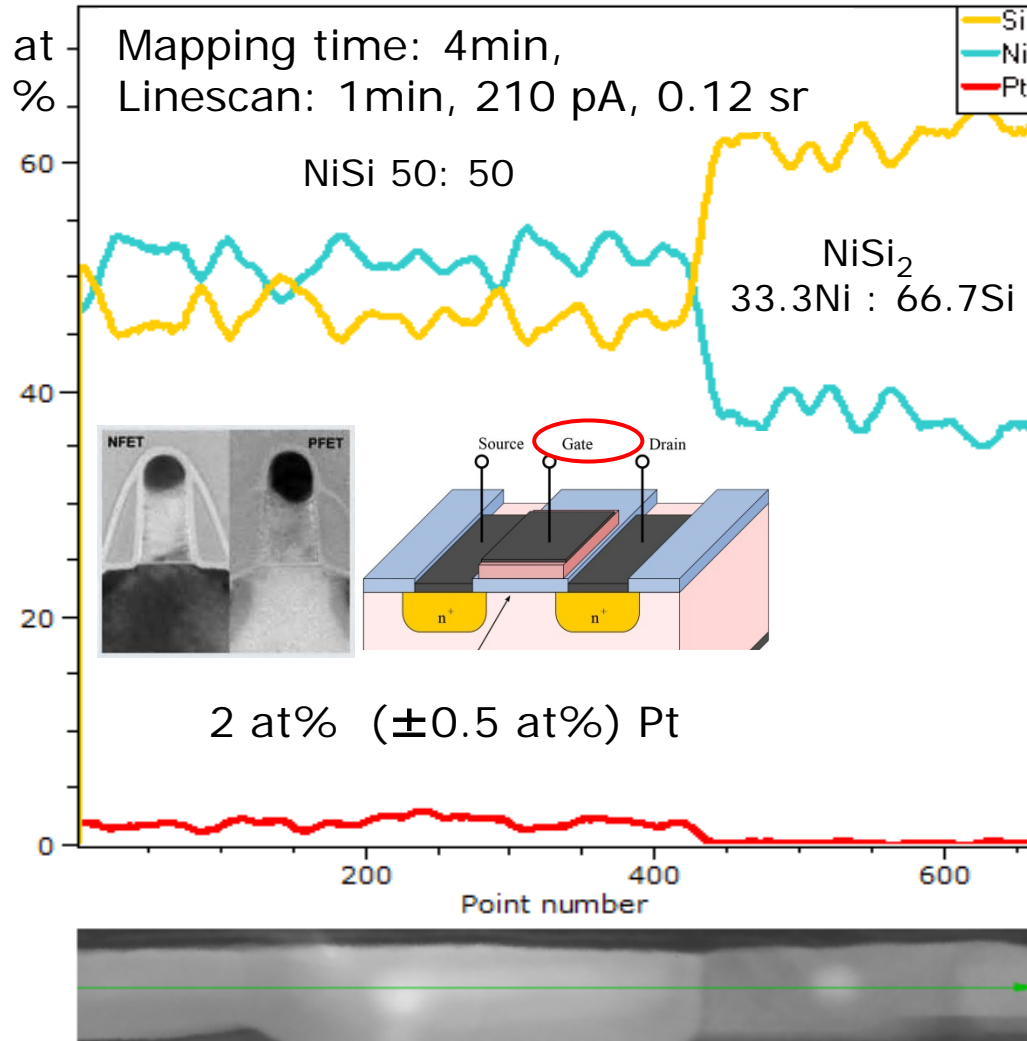
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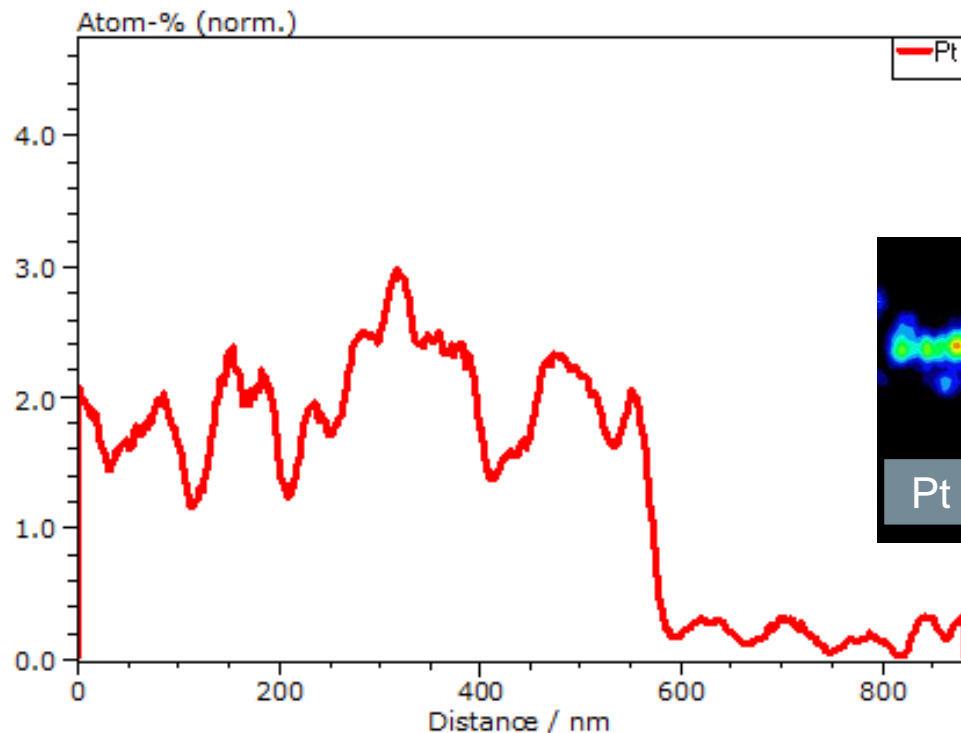
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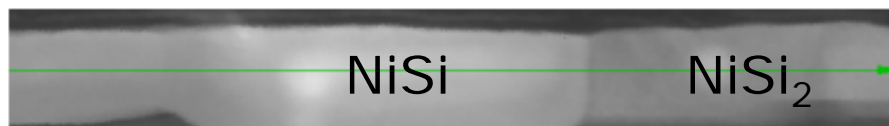
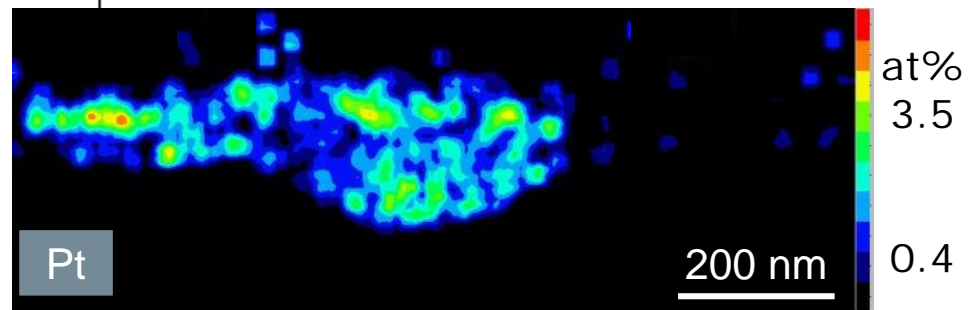
Quantified Linescan extracted from HyperMap: NiSi(Pt)-NiSi₂-Junction on Si



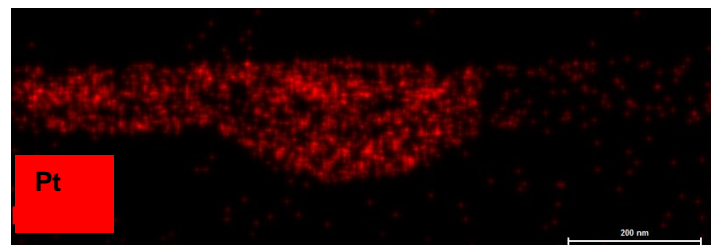
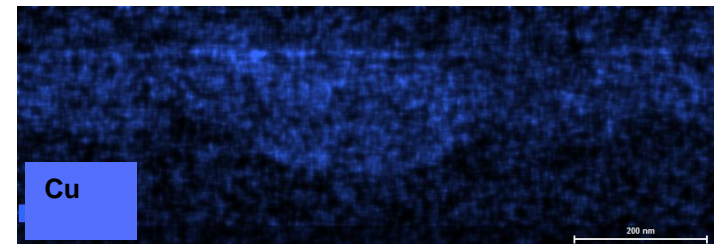
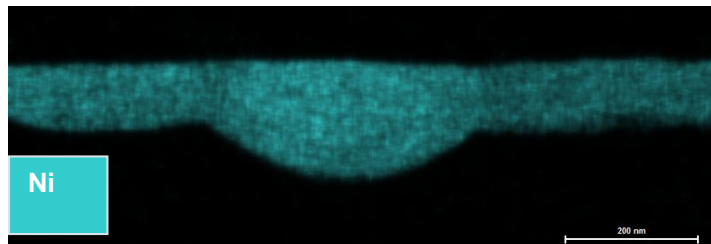
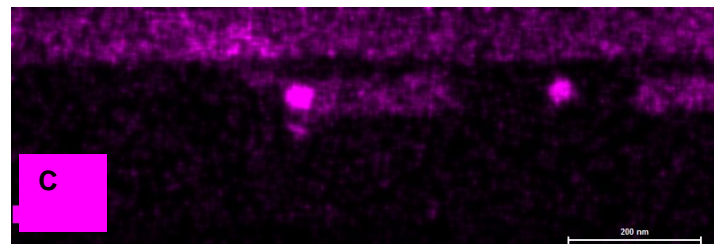
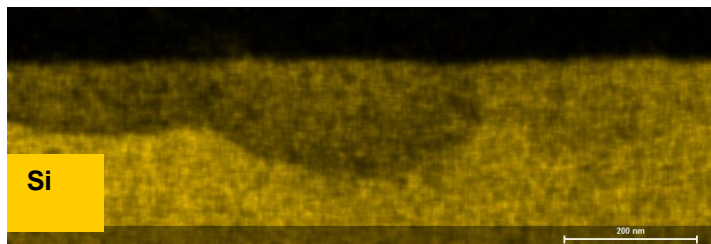
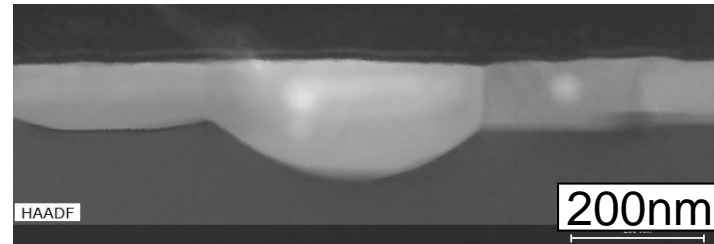
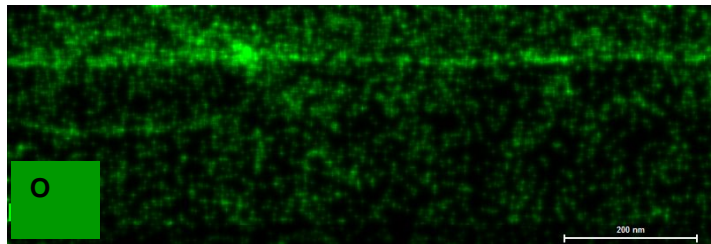
Quantified Pt-content in the HyperMap, and in Linescan extracted from HyperMap: NiSi(Pt)-NiSi₂-Junction on Si, 0.12sr



Mapping time: 4min,
Linescan: 1min,
at 210 pA, 0.12 sr, Jeol



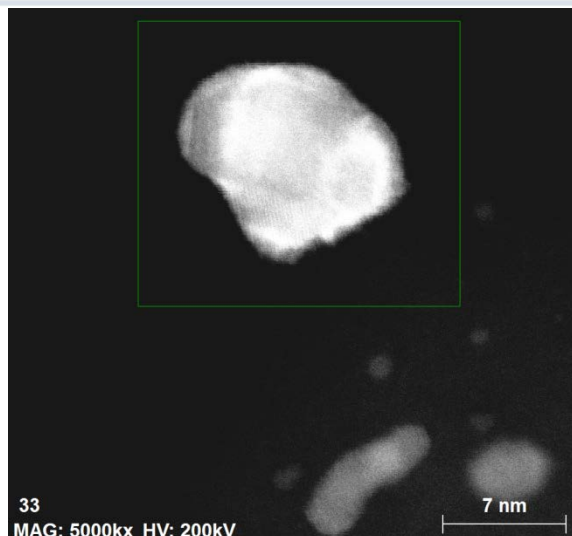
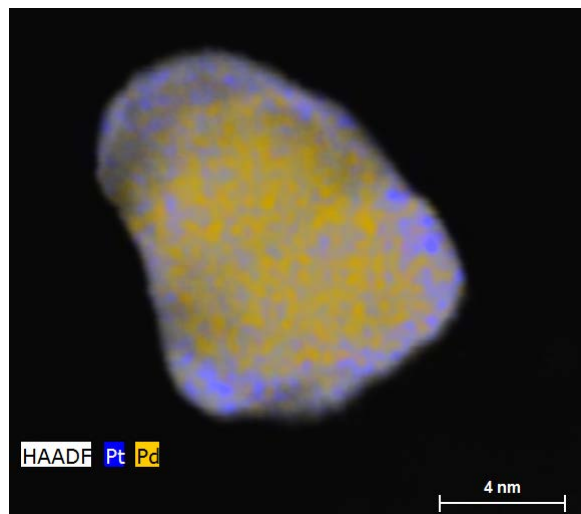
NiSi(Pt)-NiSi₂-junction on Si, Map, explore other elements!



EDS for Catalysis, Quantification Pt-Pd Core Shell Particles

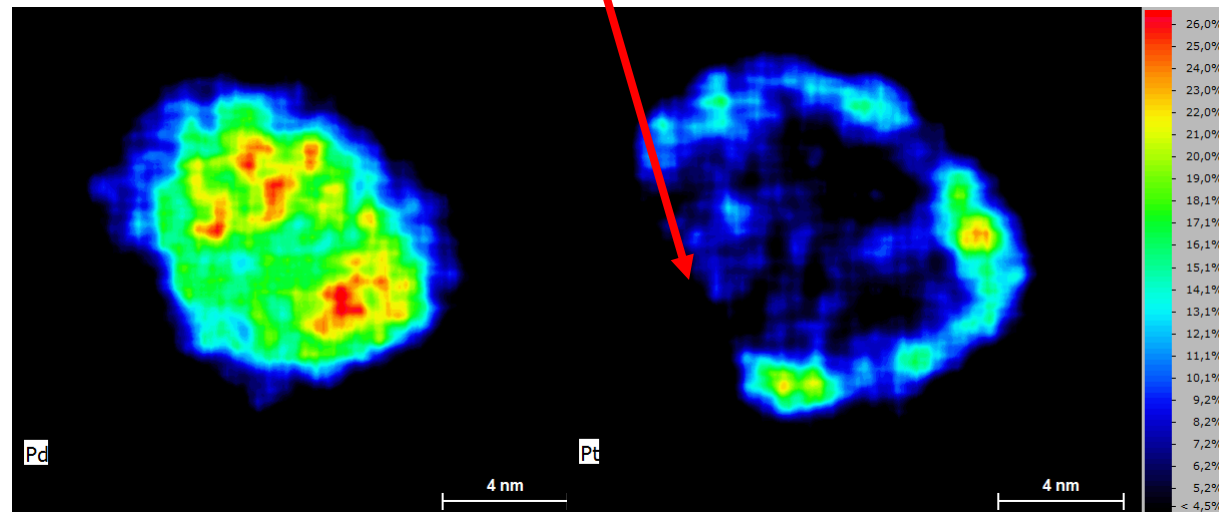
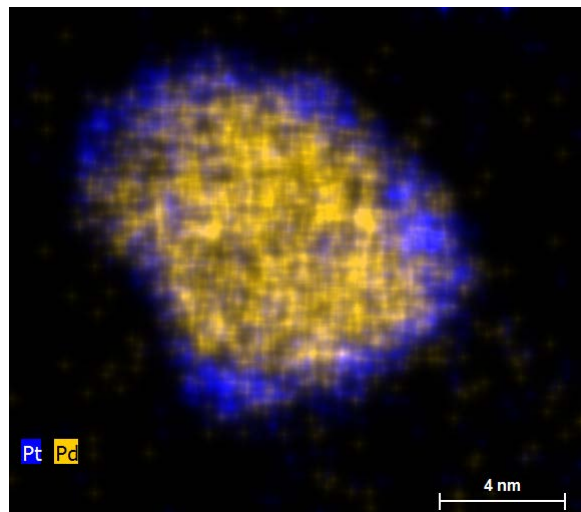


mass%, 30 mm², 0.12 sr (Standard EDS); Cs-corr. STEM



Data courtesy: Dogan Ozkaya,
Johnson Matthey
Technology Center

Pt shell not closed
due to fabrication procedure



SDD for STEM (30mm², ~0.1sr) Probe Cs-corrected

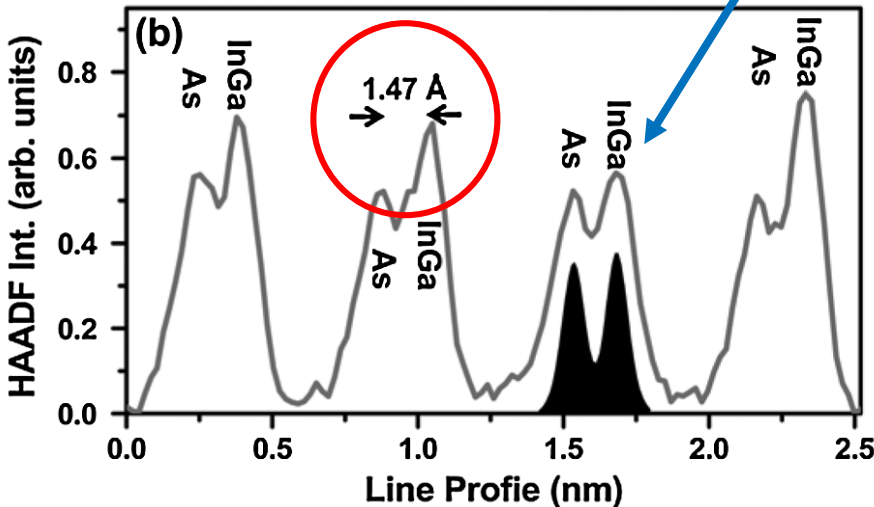
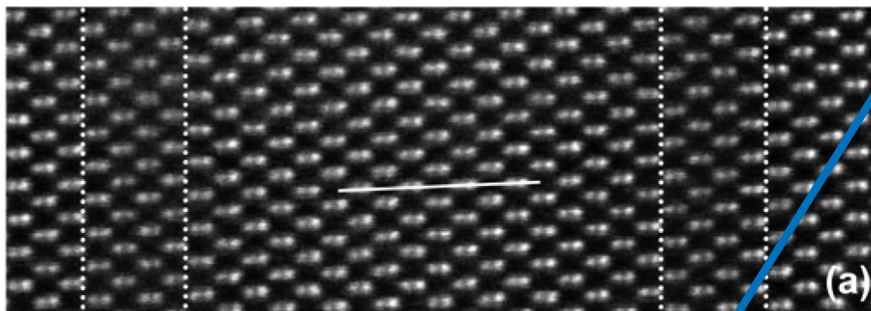
Indium missing
in one atomic
column



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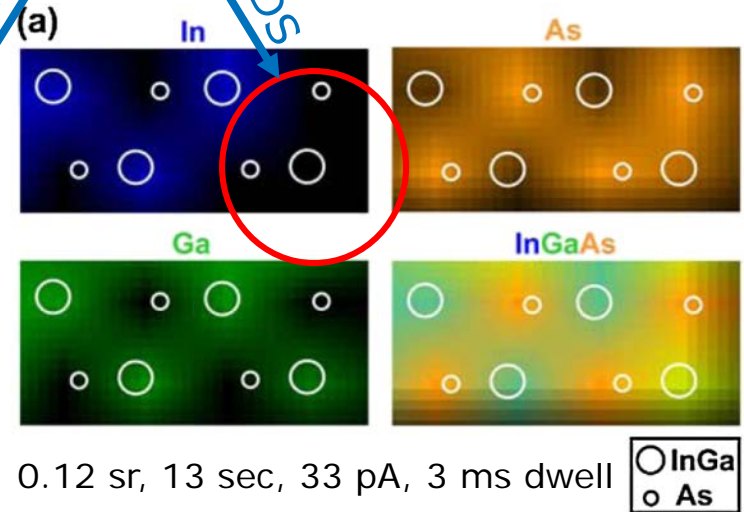
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InGaAs InAlAs InGaAs InAlAs InGaAs

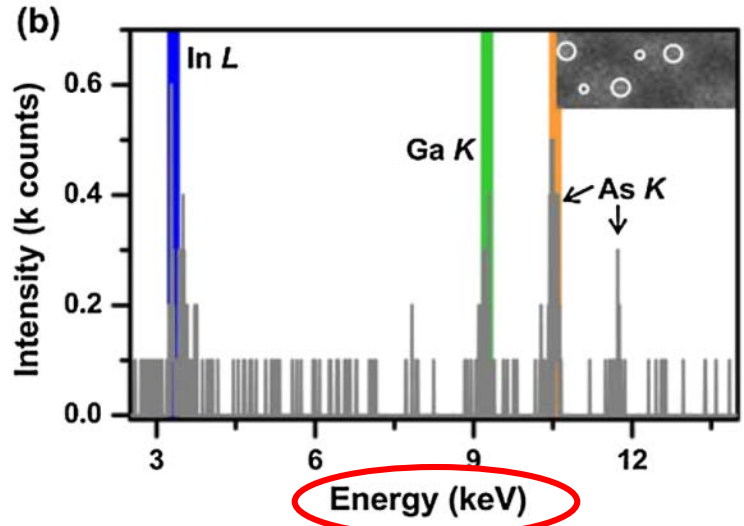


HAADF signal

EDS



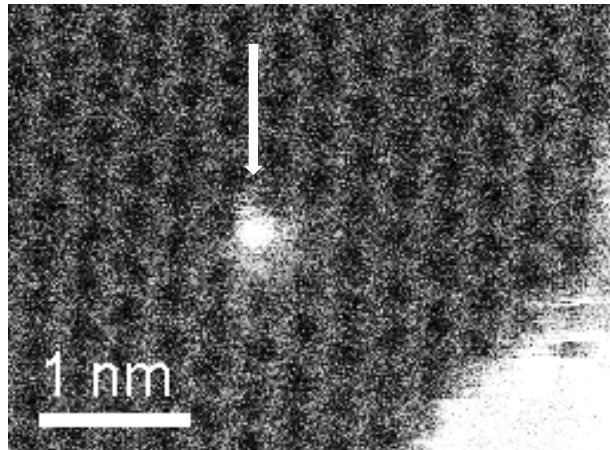
0.12 sr, 13 sec, 33 pA, 3 ms dwell
○ InGa
○ As



Simultaneous EDXS and EELS from a single Si atom, 30mm², SLEW, C-FEG STEM



Tracking movie of 1 Si atom on graphene as recorded during EDS spectrum acquisition

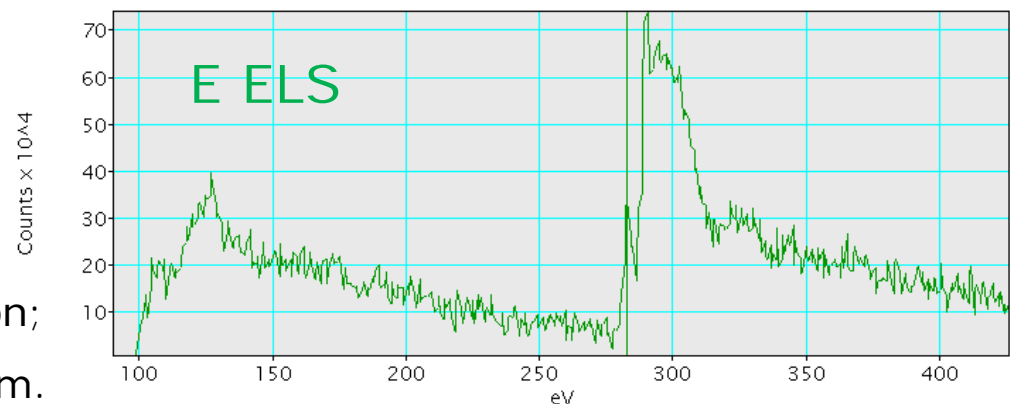
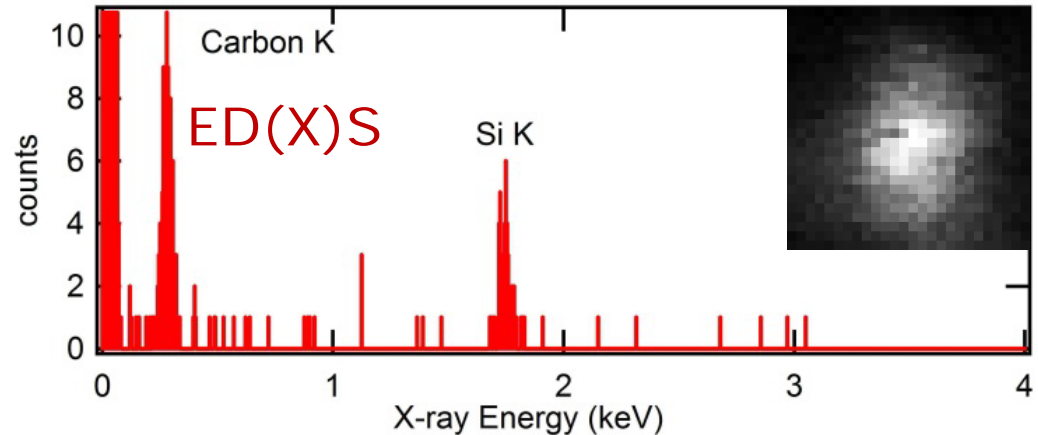


ADF image of a defect in monolayer graphene recorded **after** spectra were acquired. Arrow points to a tracked Si impurity atom.

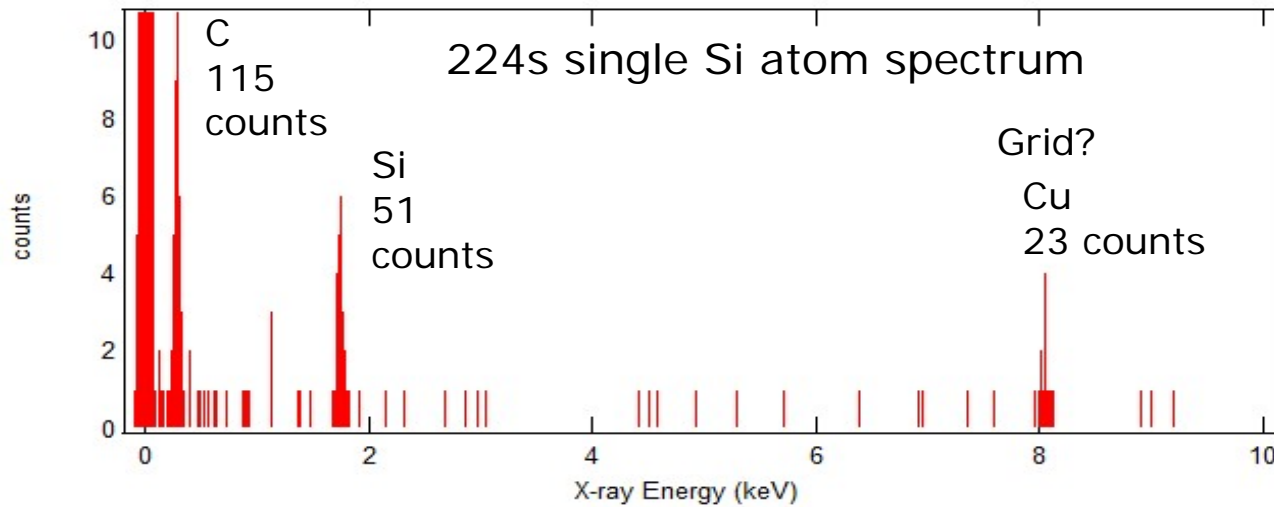
EDXS and EELS data recorded simultaneously.

$I_p = 190 \text{ pA}$, 0.09 sr , **224 s** acquisition; Thereof $\sim 10 \text{ s}$ beam close to the atom.

Nion UltraSTEM100, **60 keV**, Daresbury UK. Bruker SDD EDXS, Gatan Enfina EELS

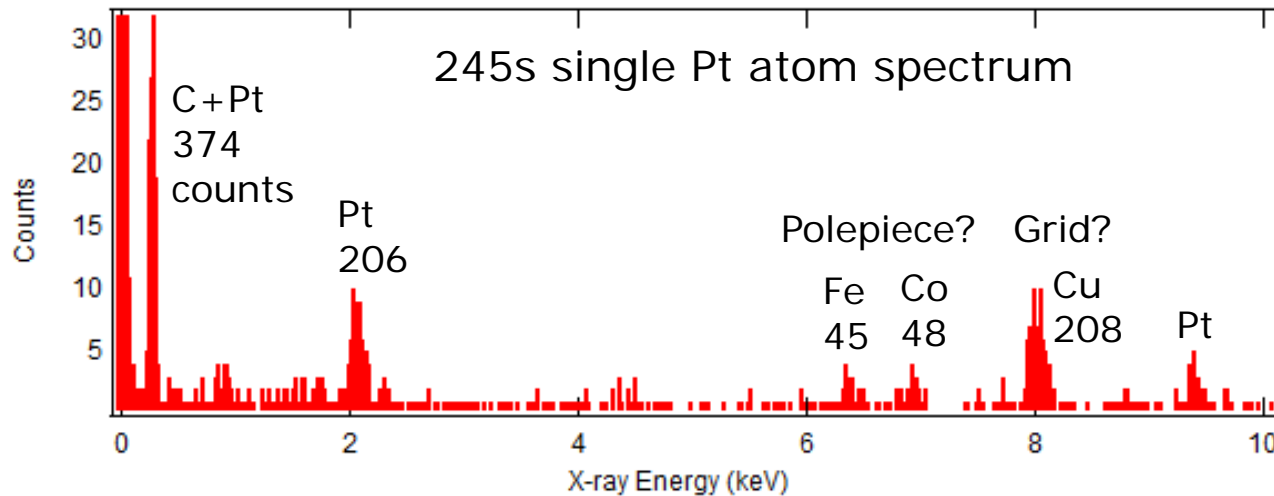


Single atom spectra



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Single atom spectra: Theory vs. experiment



$$R = (n \cdot \sigma / A) (\omega \cdot \Omega / 4\pi \cdot \epsilon)$$

R: count rate, X-rays / s / atom

A: scanned area

N: beam current, electrons / s

σ : cross section for particular atom and shell

ω : fluorescence yield

$\Omega/4\pi$: geometrical efficiency (solid angle)

ϵ : quantum efficiency

	<u>theo</u>	~ 2x	<u>exp</u>
Si-K	7 cts/s		4 cts/s
C-K	2 cts/s		1 cts/s
Pt-M	28 cts/s		14 cts/s

EDXS with 100 mm² windowless oval detector area;

Nion UltraSTEM, Cs-corrected, high brightness source

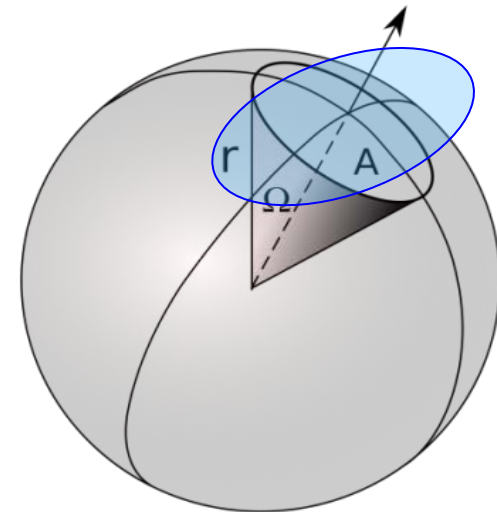
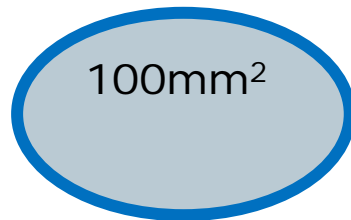


EDXS at ~0.7 sr. This is the real solid angle for a flat vertical SDD.

Wrong calculation:

$$100\text{mm}^2 / (10.5\text{mm})^2 = 0.91\text{sr}$$

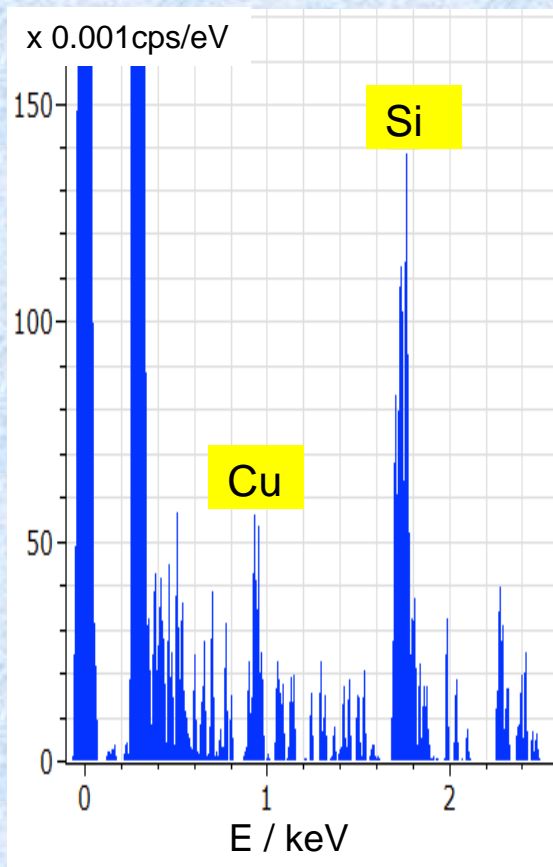
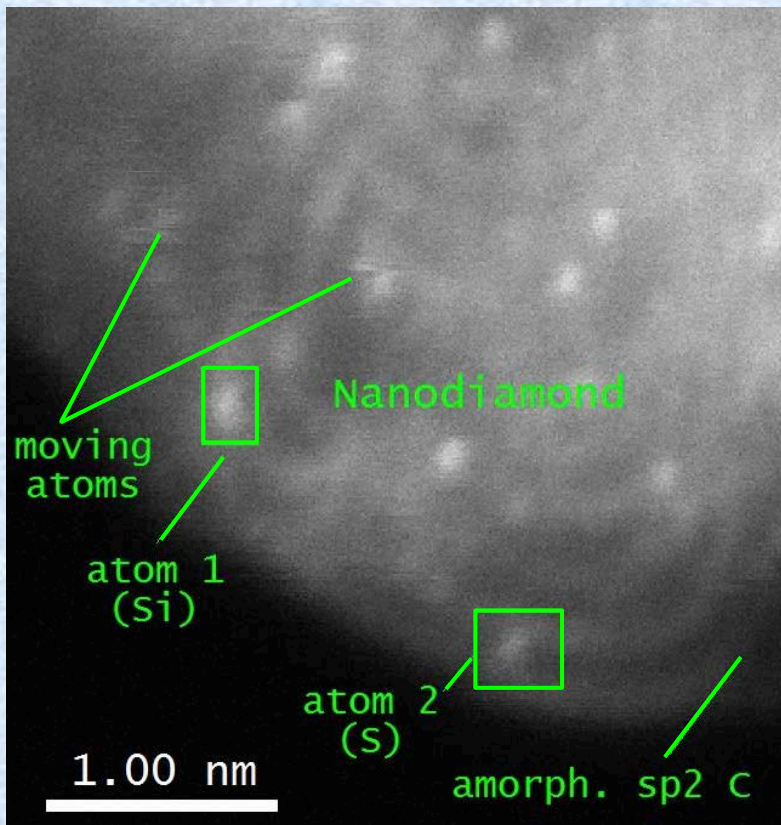
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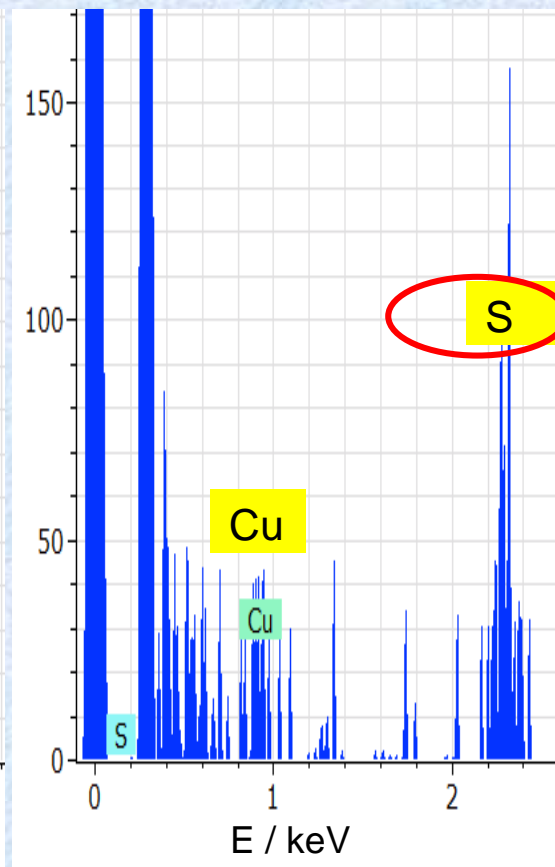
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Identifying atoms by EDXS, one-by-one

100 mm² windowless SDD
at 0.7 sr collection angle



EDXS of atom 1,
9.4 sec, 74 Si
counts



EDXS of atom 2,
8 sec, **33 S** counts*

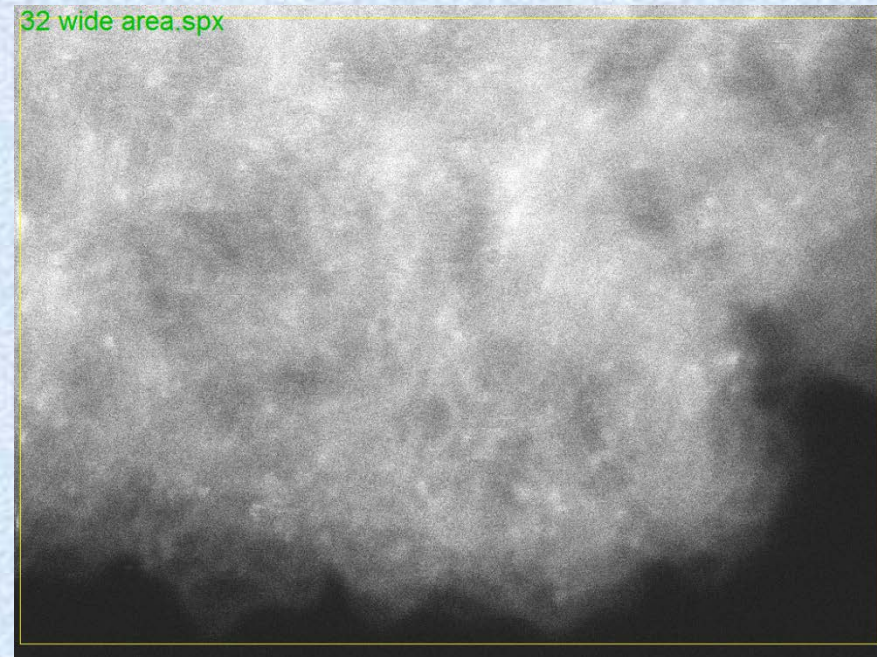
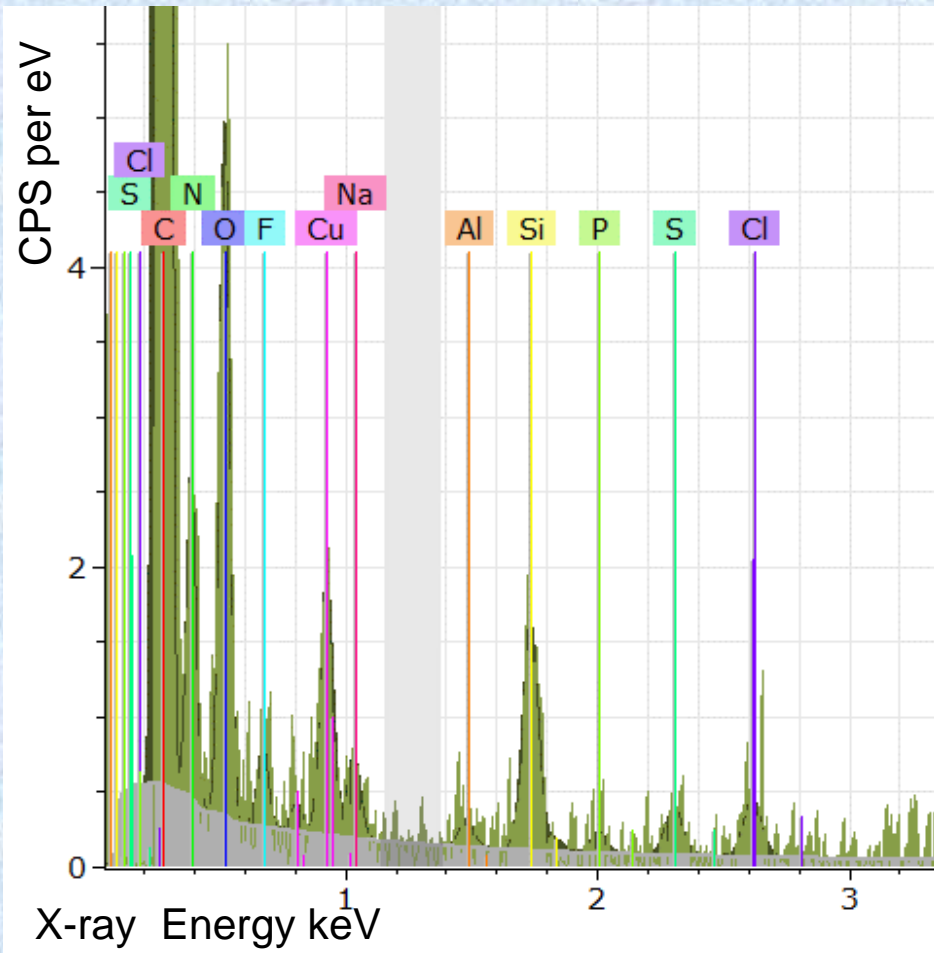
*tracking area was ~2x larger for S, hence the lower counts.
Cu is a system peak due to sample holder & polepiece caps.

HAADF image of **meteorite nanodiamond**
with impurities > **not as ideal as graphene!**
Nion UltraSTEM200, **60 keV**,
Bruker Quantax XFlash UHV windowless SDD.
courtesy Rhonda Stroud, NRL, M&M (2015)



EDXS detects single atoms *and* concentrations ~0.01%

C (at.%)	N	O	F	Cu	Na	Al	Si	P	S	Cl
96.75	0.84	1.45	0.16	Sys.	0.11	0.05	0.4	0.04	0.08	0.11

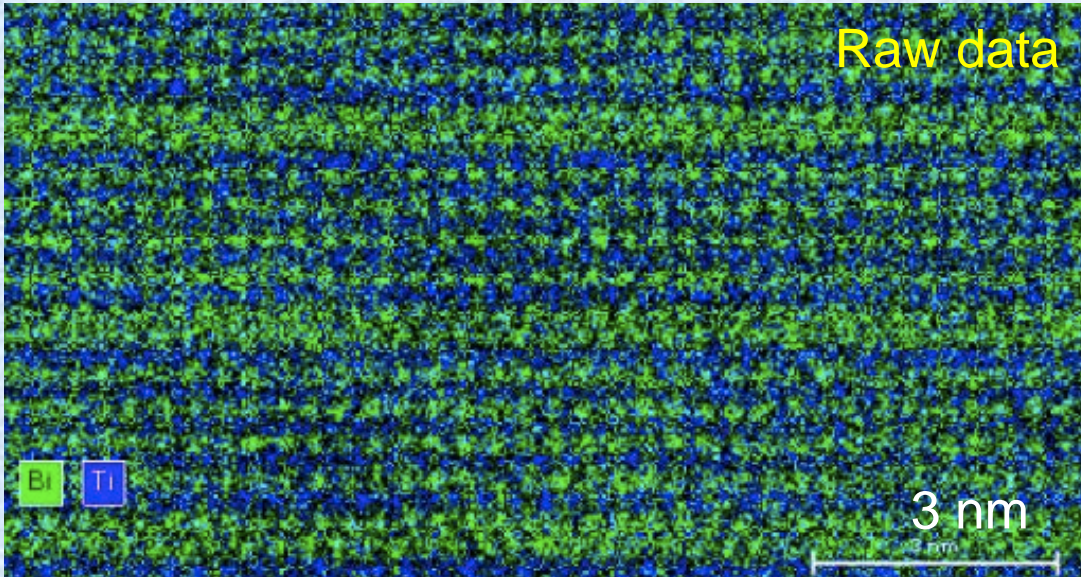


NRL UltraSTEM200 with Bruker X-flash detector, 60 kV.
Concentrations as low as 0.01 atomic % can be explored.
Courtesy Rhonda Stroud, NRL.



EDXS Mapping of $\text{Bi}_6\text{Ti}_x\text{Fe}_y\text{Mn}_z\text{O}_{18}$

Raw data



TCD (Trinity College Dublin) Nion UltraSTEM200XE with Bruker 100 mm² X-flash SD detector, 200 kV. 432x225 pixels, 4.1 msec/pix => 400 sec for map.

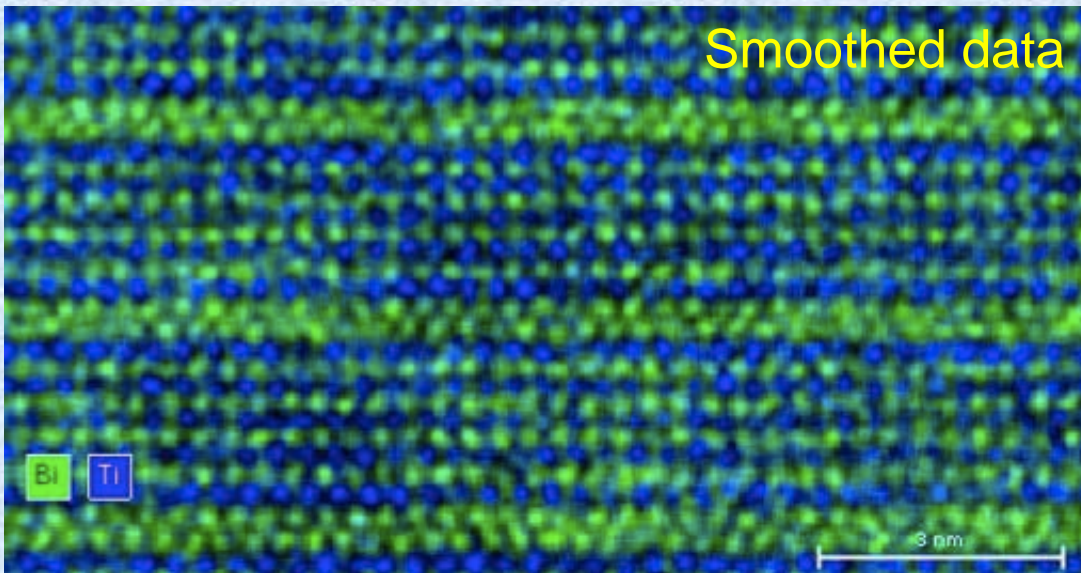
No drift correction.
Bi = green, Ti = blue.

courtesy Lynette Keeney, Clive Downing and Valeria Nicolosi. TCD, Ireland. See

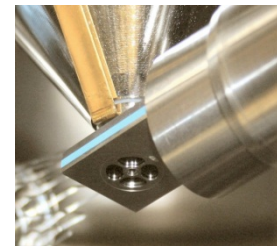
*“Direct atomic scale determination of magnetic ion partition in a room temperature multiferroic material”
Scientific Reports 7, Article number: 1737 (2017)*

100 mm² windowless SDD
at 0.7 sr collection angle

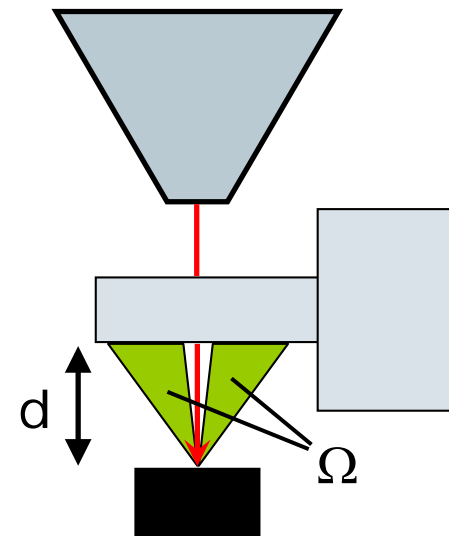
Smoothed data



SEM: Four channel annular SDD:
XFlash[®] 5060FQ,
>1 sr collection angle



Flat QUAD detector in combination with a conventional XFlash detector at the Hitachi SU8000 series (Cold-Emission FE-SEM)

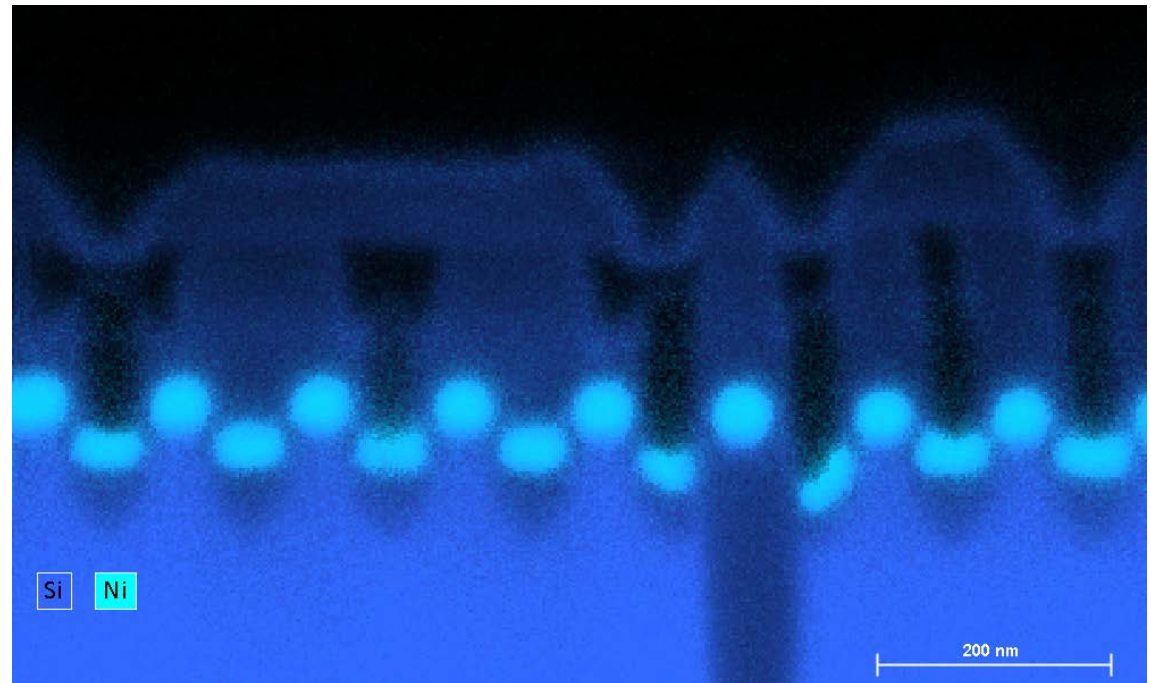


Example – Semiconductor Structure



FLATQUAD in SEM

Semiconductor chip structure
prepared with FIB in cross
section



Mapping parameter: 400 x 240 pixels

Pixel size: 2 nm

Measurement time: 60 minutes

Input count rate: 380 kcps

HV: 20 kV Schottky field emission SEM

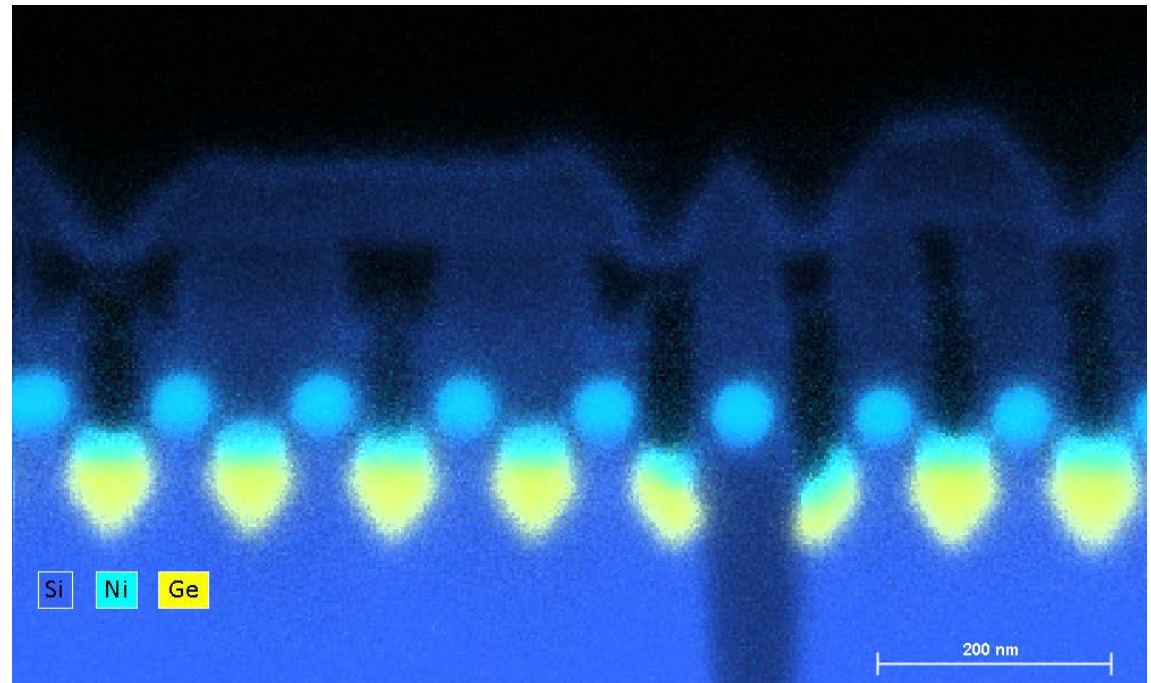
WD: 14 mm

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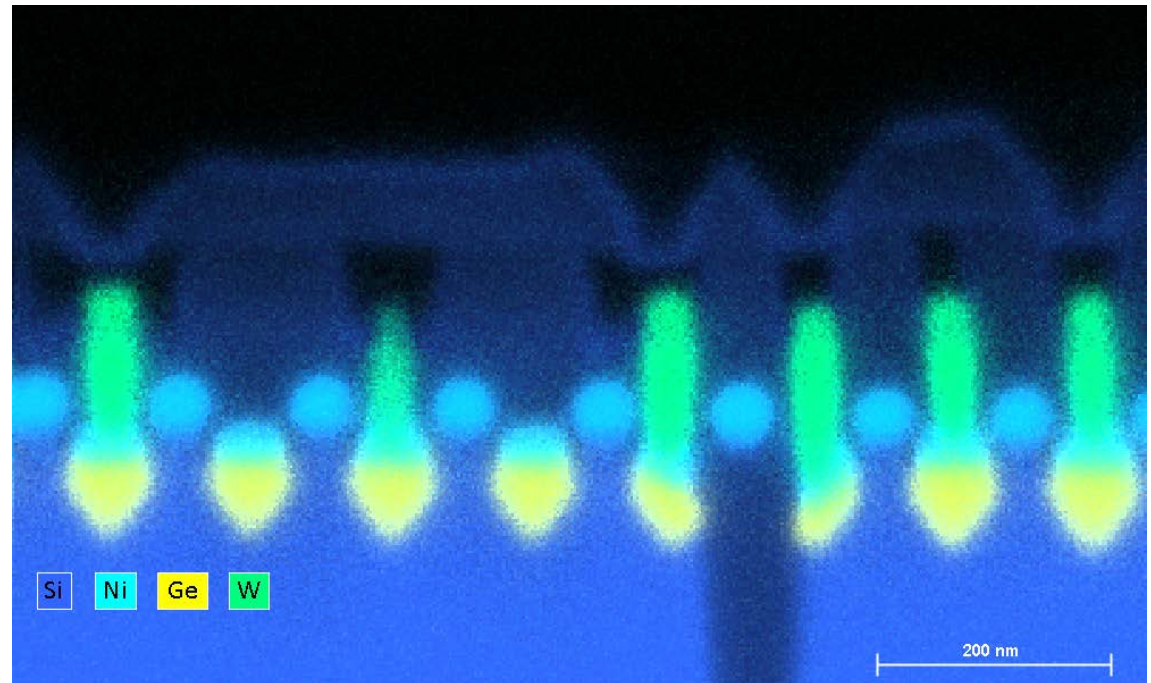
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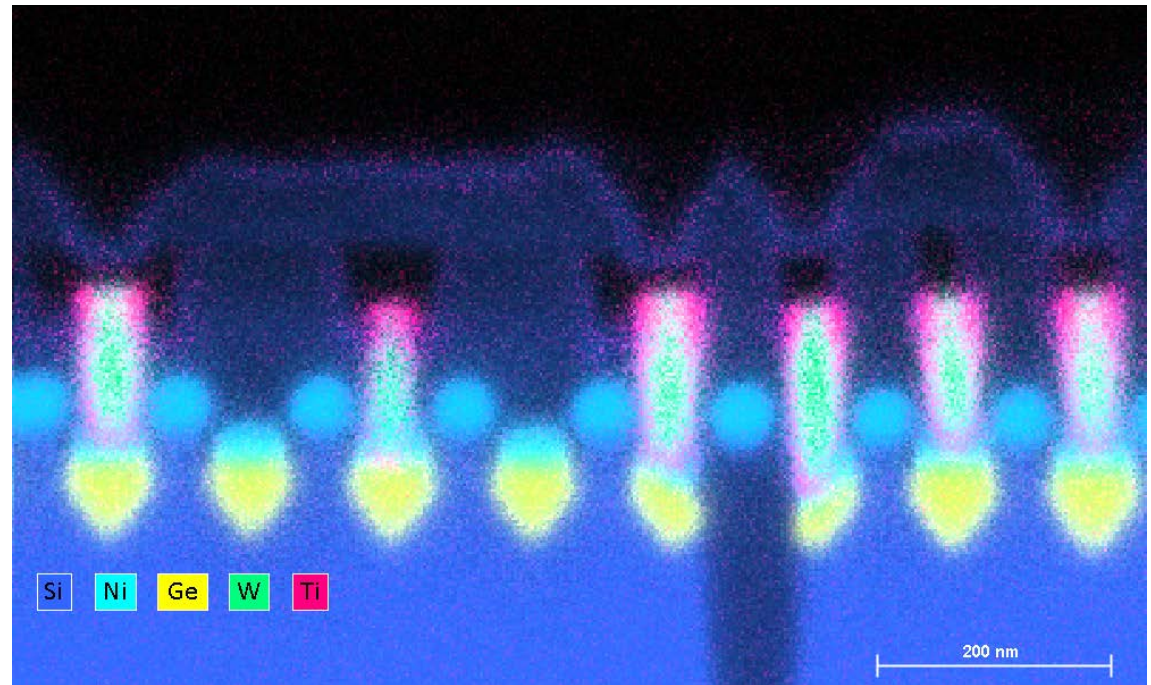
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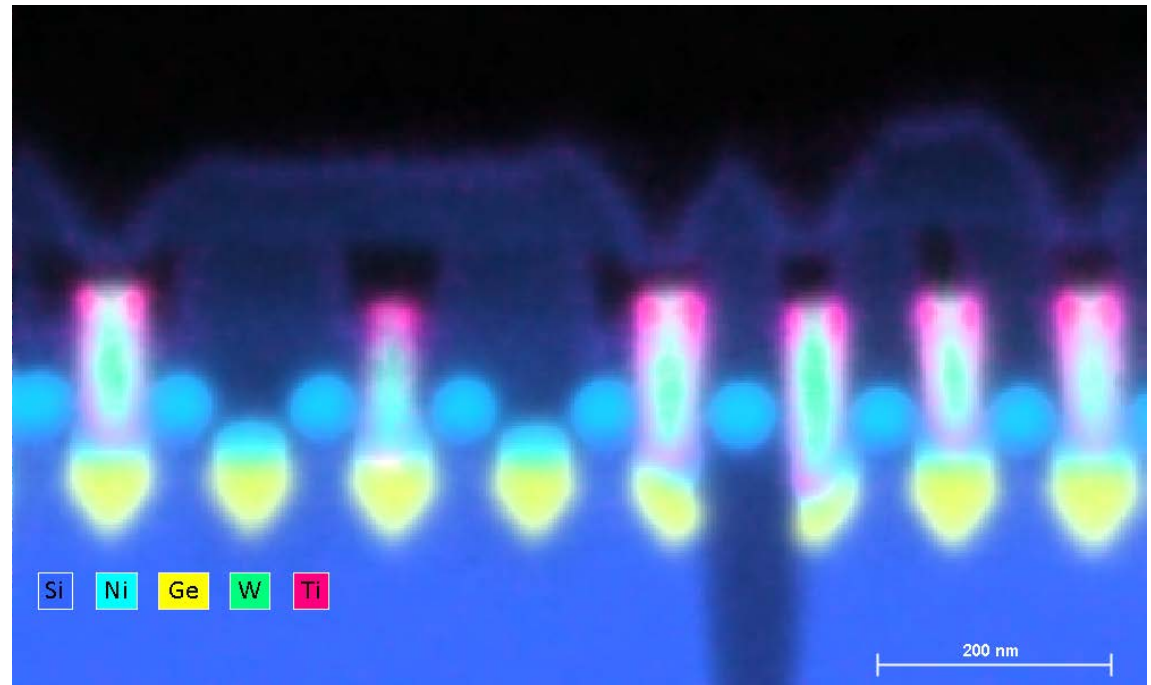
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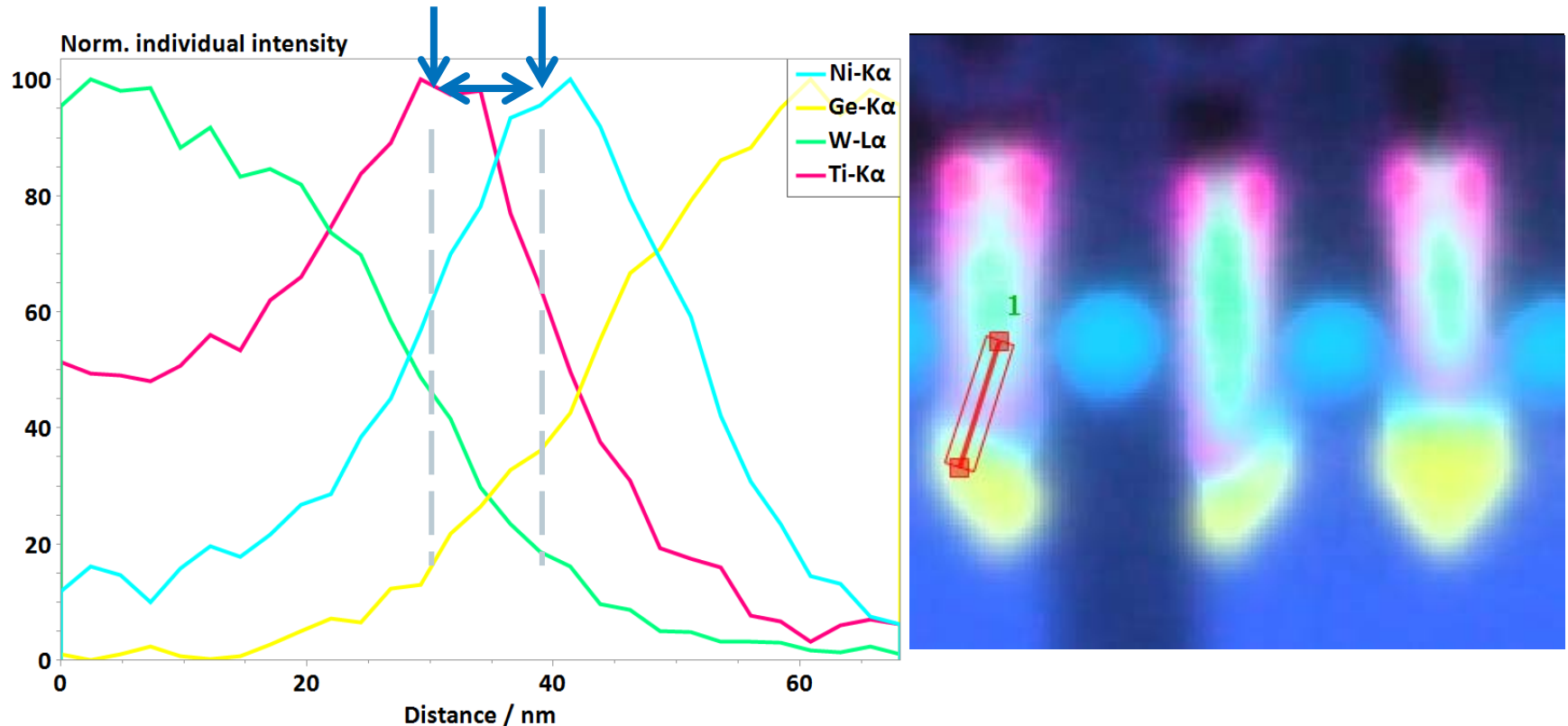
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Example – Semiconductor Structure



10 nm lateral resolution of Ni and Ti distribution maxima



Extracted linescan from the map data
Effective measurement time of lineprofiles: 8 s



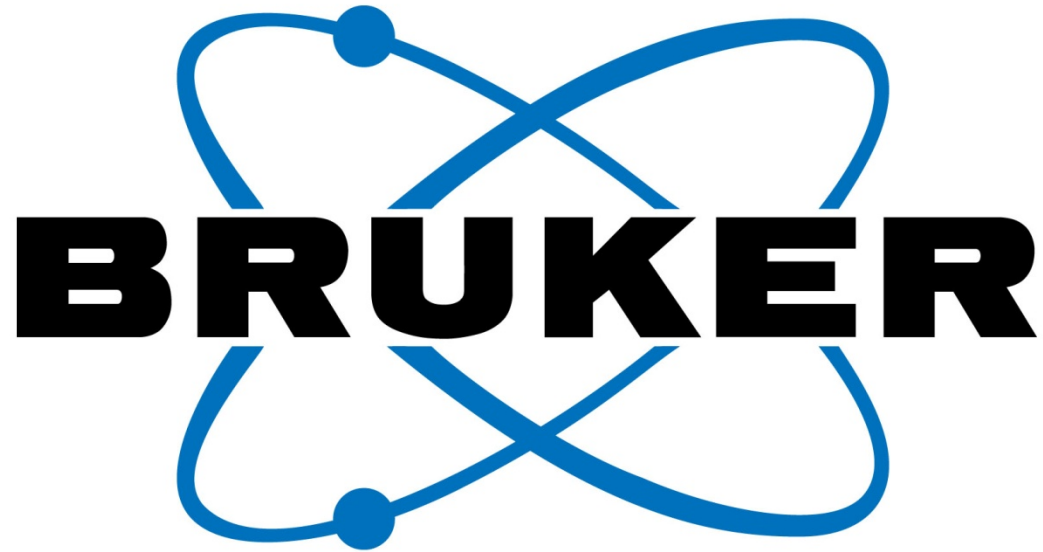
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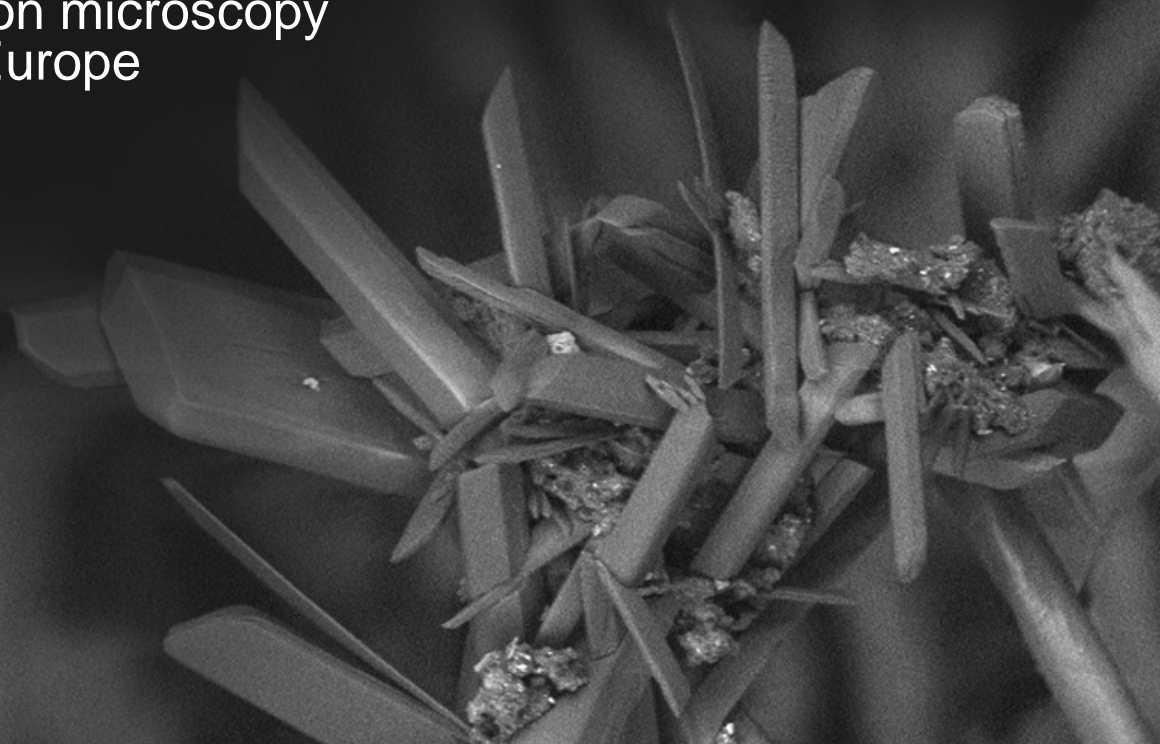


Innovation with Integrity

EDS on the nanoscale

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Scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing a highly textured, layered material. The material consists of numerous thin, overlapping layers that create a complex, porous structure. A small white dot is visible on one of the layers, and several thin white lines are drawn across the image, likely for scale or to highlight specific features. The overall appearance is that of a fibrous or lamellar material, possibly a biological or synthetic structure.

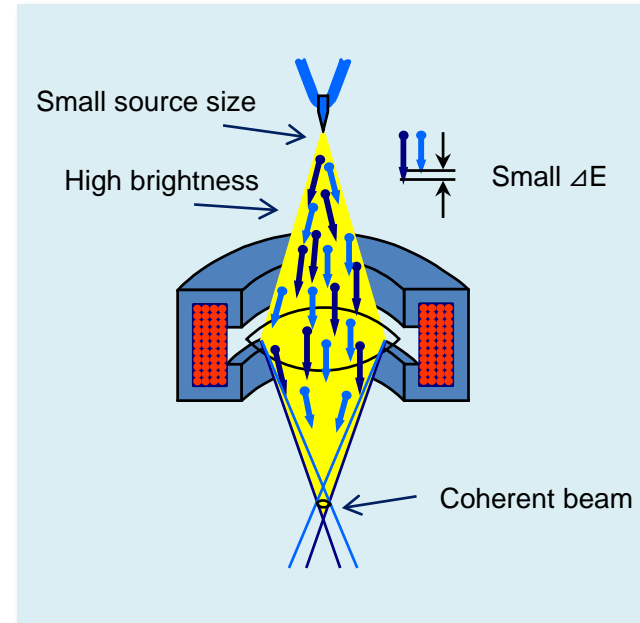
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High sensitivity EDS
combined with
Cold Field Emission

Optical Properties of FE sources

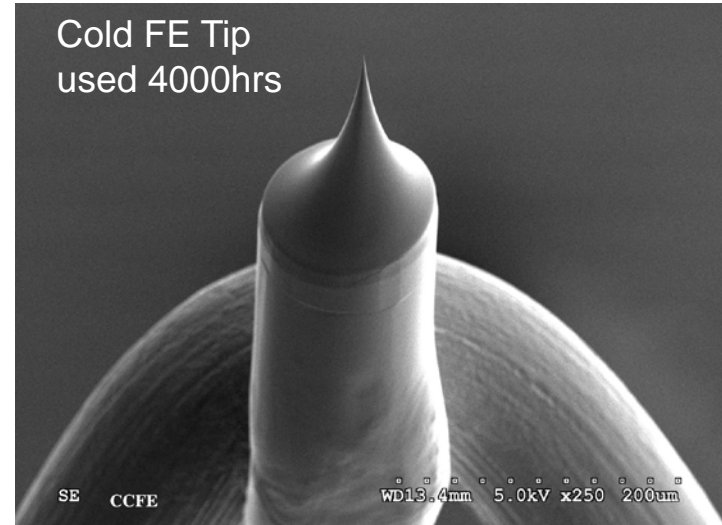
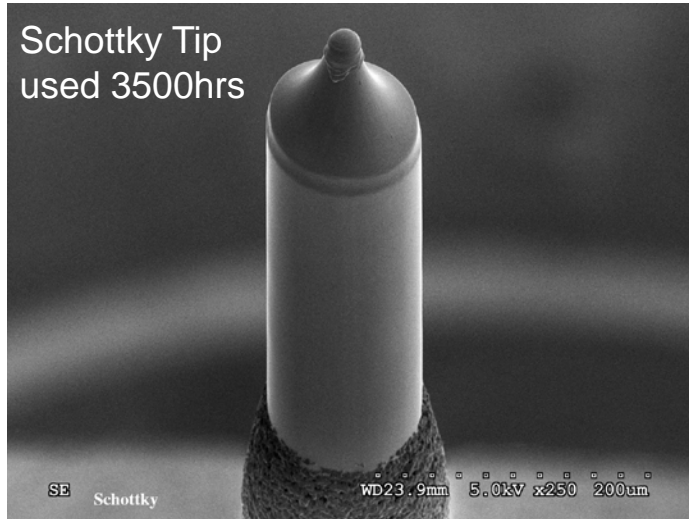
Very high density of electrons with small energy spread from a small source makes a very fine beam spot for high resolution imaging

	Coherent beam Cold FE Gun	Schottky FE
Cathode	Cold cathode	Thermal cathode
Energy spread (ΔE)	0.2~0.3eV	0.6~0.8eV
Source size	< 5nm	< 30nm
Brightness	2×10^9 A/cm²sr	2×10^8 A/cm ² sr
Flashing	Flash free	Flash free
Specimen current	Over 20nA	Over 100nA
Life time	Over 5 years	2 years



FE sources overview

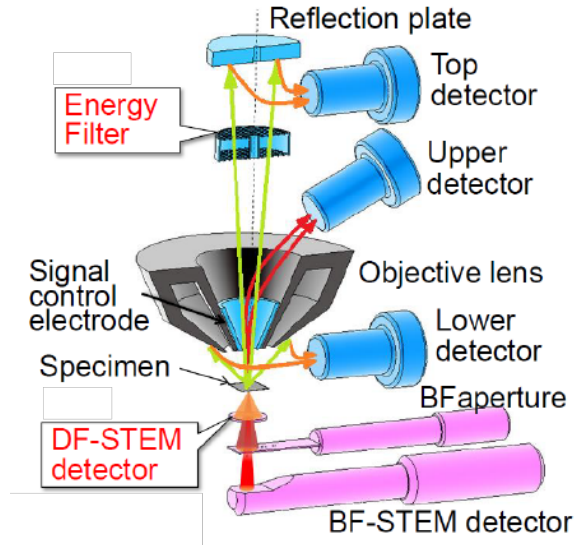
Schottky and Cold FE Tips



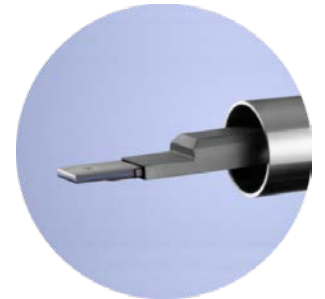
Small source size – fine beam
Small energy spread: 0.2~0.3eV
Higher brightness and resolution

Suitable scanning electron microscope

Hitachi SU8230



- Coherent beam cold field emission gun
- Easy to operate at low dose with high S/N
- Immersion lens providing high efficiency SE and BSE collection through the lens
- Fits FlatQuad geometry well as BSE can be captured simultaneously using the in-lens SE/BSE detectors
- Flexible imaging in transmission mode using BF and DF detectors with variable collection angles



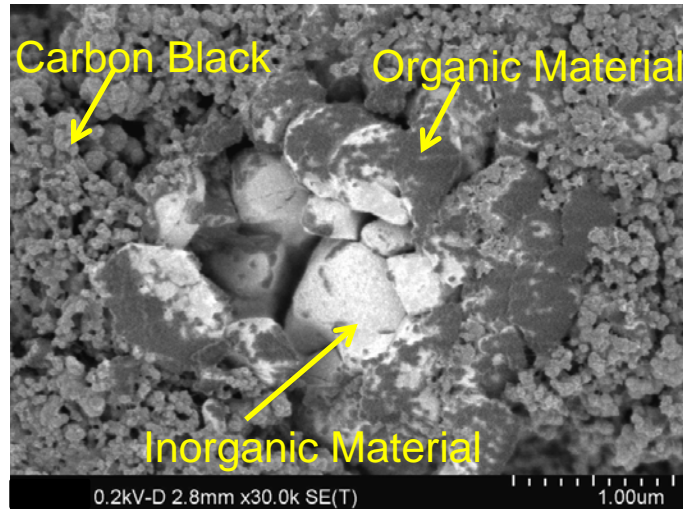


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Energy materials

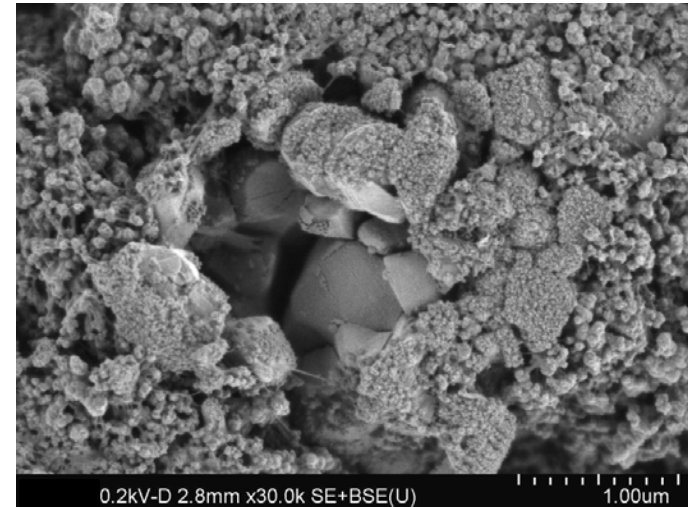
Low kV analysis for surface sensitivity

LIB Electrode: Material vs. Topographic Information



Vacc: 0.2kV, Mag.: x30k **SE-Top**

Material type shown by surface potential (voltage contrast)
Organic, inorganic and Carbon Black



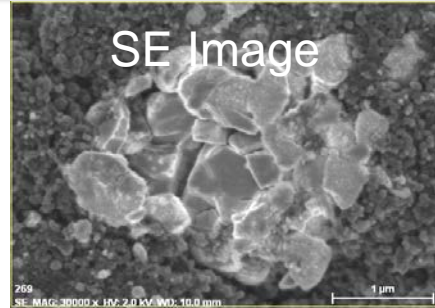
Vacc: 0.2kV, Mag.: x30k **SE + BSE Upper**

Enhanced topography image using mixed SE and BSE

Low kV analysis for surface sensitivity

LIB Electrode: Material vs. Topographic Information

EDS: **Flat Quad**
5060F
Vacc: **2kV**
Mag.: 30kX
Acquisition time:
4min.



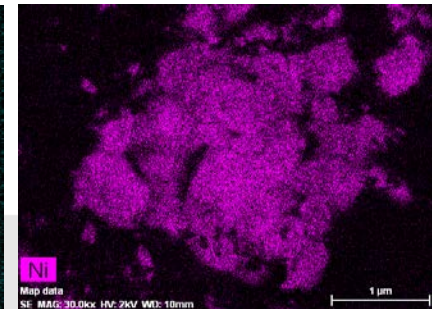
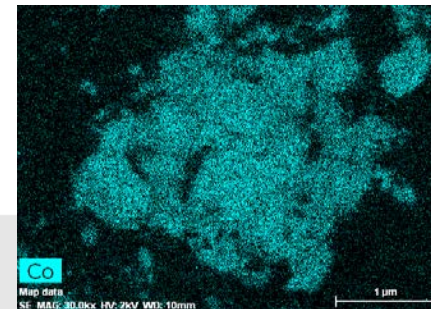
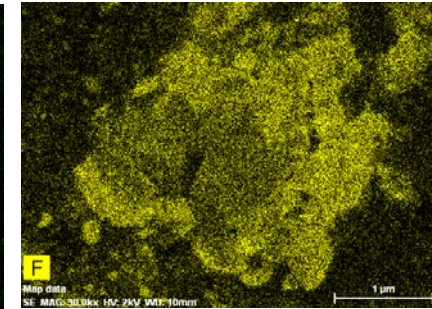
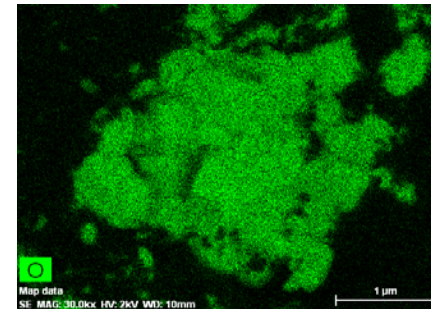
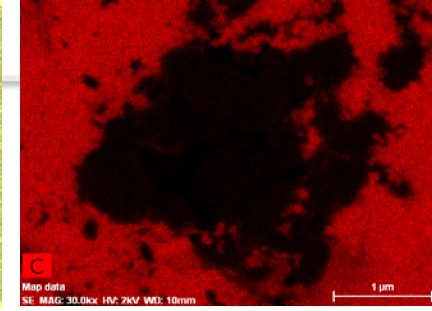
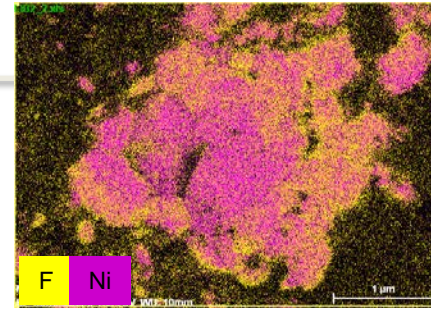
60mm² large sensor and 1.1sr solid angle enabled fast and high spatial resolution

EDS mapping even at 2kV in 4 min.

C: Carbon black

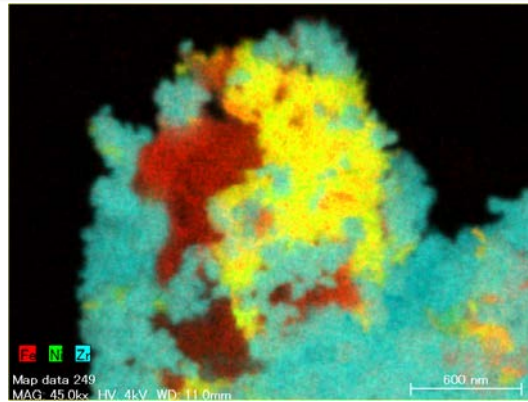
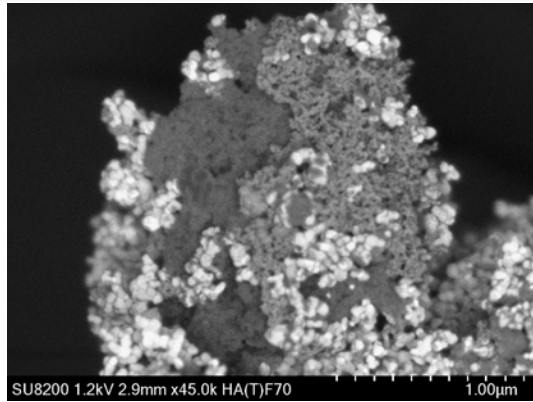
Co, Ni & O: Active material

F, O: Organic materials

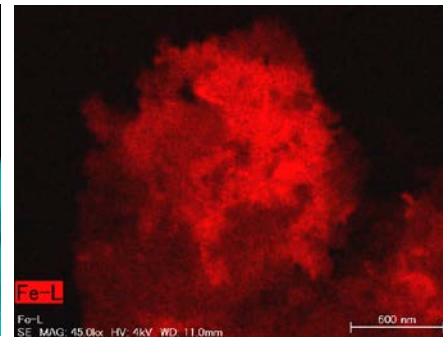
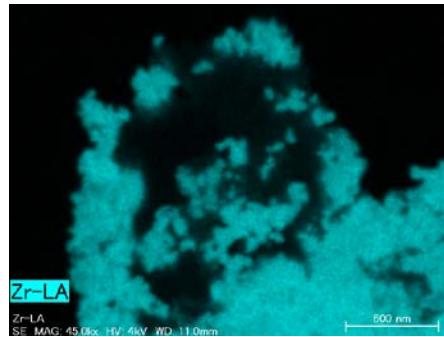
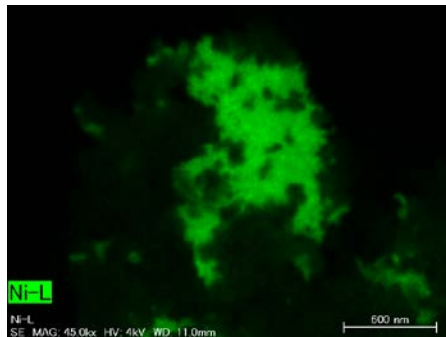


Low kV analysis for spatial resolution

Catalyst : FeNi-ZrO₂



Energy filtered 1.2 kV BSE image, corresponds to EDS elemental map.



HV: 1.2kV(SEM),
4 kV(EDS)
Duration:10min

Sample courtesy : Prof. Kohsuke Mori, Osaka University

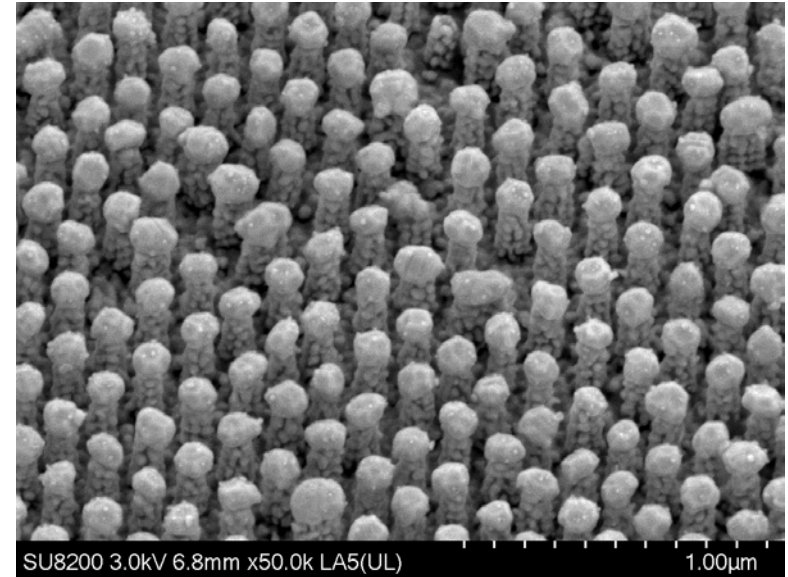
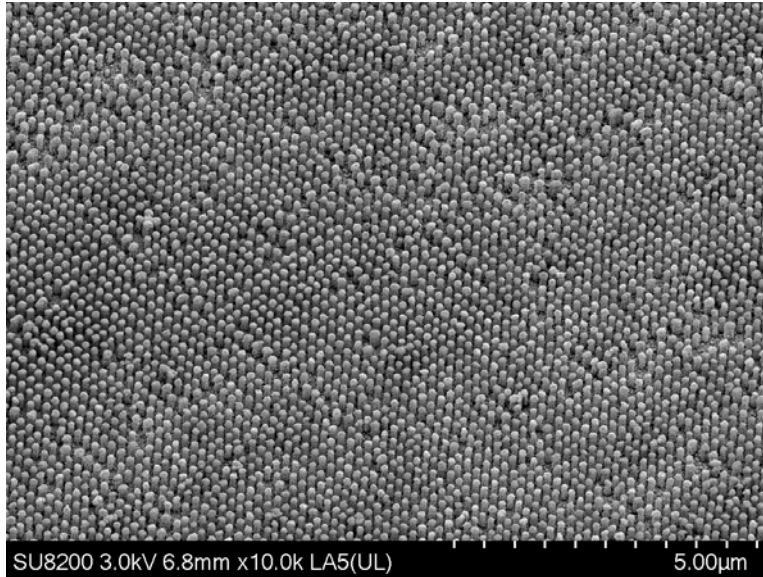
Scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing a highly textured, layered material. The structure consists of numerous thin, overlapping layers that create a porous, wavy appearance. Several thin, vertical nano-pillars are visible, extending from the layers. The overall morphology is complex and hierarchical.

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Nano Pillars

SU8200 Applications

Nano Pillar

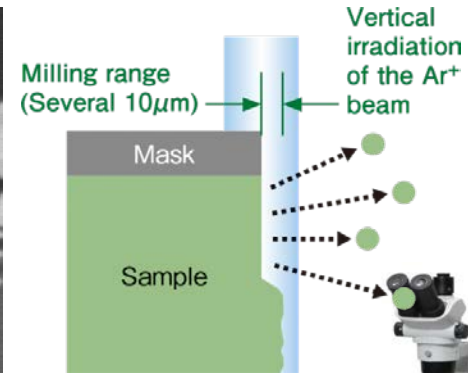
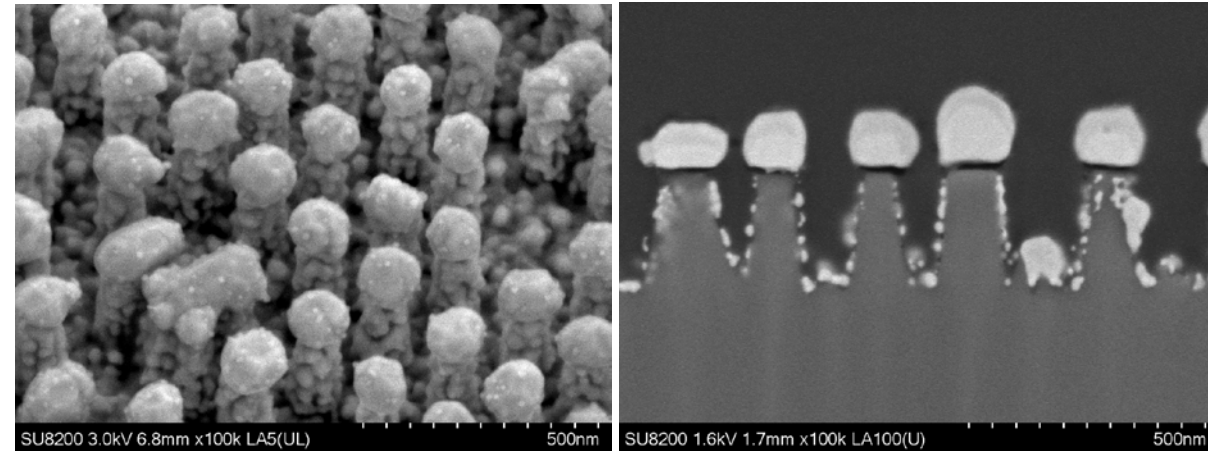


The above nano-pillar images were taken with our SU8200 as examples for researchers interested in imaging photonics and related materials. The gold (Au) particles in this dotted pattern formed into pillars on this silicon plate after chemical etching. Furthermore, the surface was coated with silver (Ag) to improve the specimen properties. These 100nm diameter nano-pillars were imaged using our “bird’s eye view” SEM function.

Sample courtesy: Prof. Masahiko Yoshino,
Department of Mechanical and Control Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology

SU8200 Applications

Nano Pillar

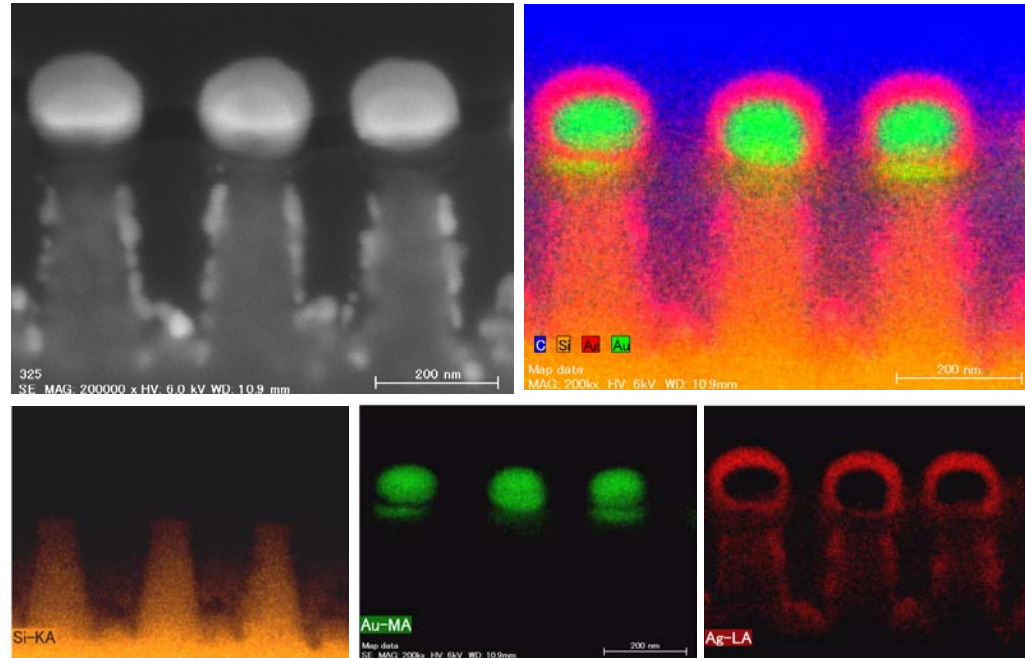


The image on the left has been enlarged to 100,000x which enables the observation of the silver (Ag) coating particles on the surface of each pillar. The image on the right is a cross-sectional view after milling through the pillars with our IM4000 broad beam ion milling unit. The image was taken using the BSE signal at a magnification of 100,000x at 1.6kV accelerating voltage. The silver (Ag) coating on the surface of the gold (Au) is clearly observed using the BSE signal for improved compositional information.

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SU8200 Applications

Nano Pillar



Left are EDS maps taken with a large active area SDD EDS detector at a magnification of 200,000x. The silicon (Si) plate pattern structure, gold (Au) particles, and 10nm diameter silver (Ag) coating around the nano-pillars were clearly revealed in ~5 minutes.

Acc. voltage: 6kV
 Magnification: 200,000x
 Analysis time: 313 sec.
 EDS: Bruker FlatQUAD

A scanning electron microscope (SEM) image showing a dense array of vertically oriented nanowires. The nanowires are cylindrical and appear to be grown on a substrate. Some nanowires are more prominent than others, and they are arranged in a somewhat regular pattern. The background is dark, highlighting the structure of the nanowires.

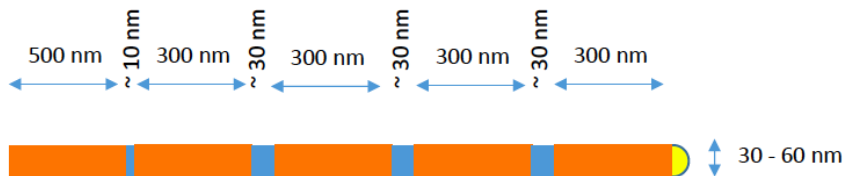
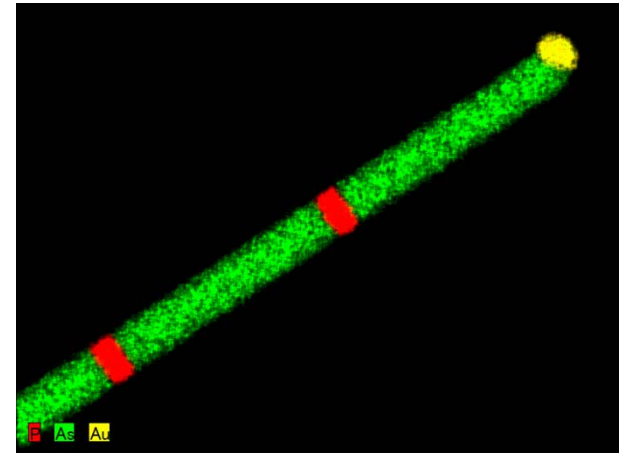
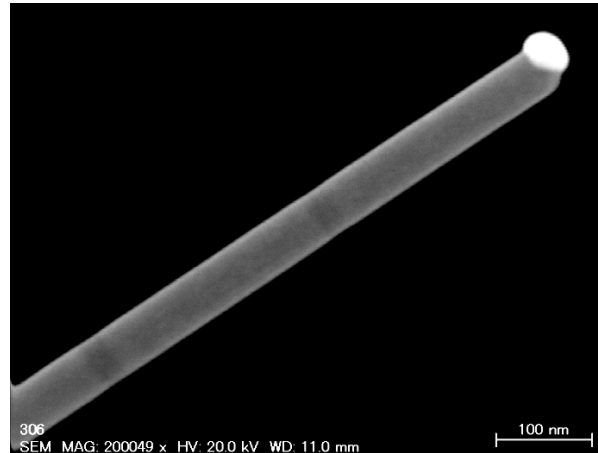
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III-V Nanowires

EDS on the nanoscale

InAs-InP Nanowires

- InAs wurtzite
- InP wurtzite
- AuIn-alloy particle

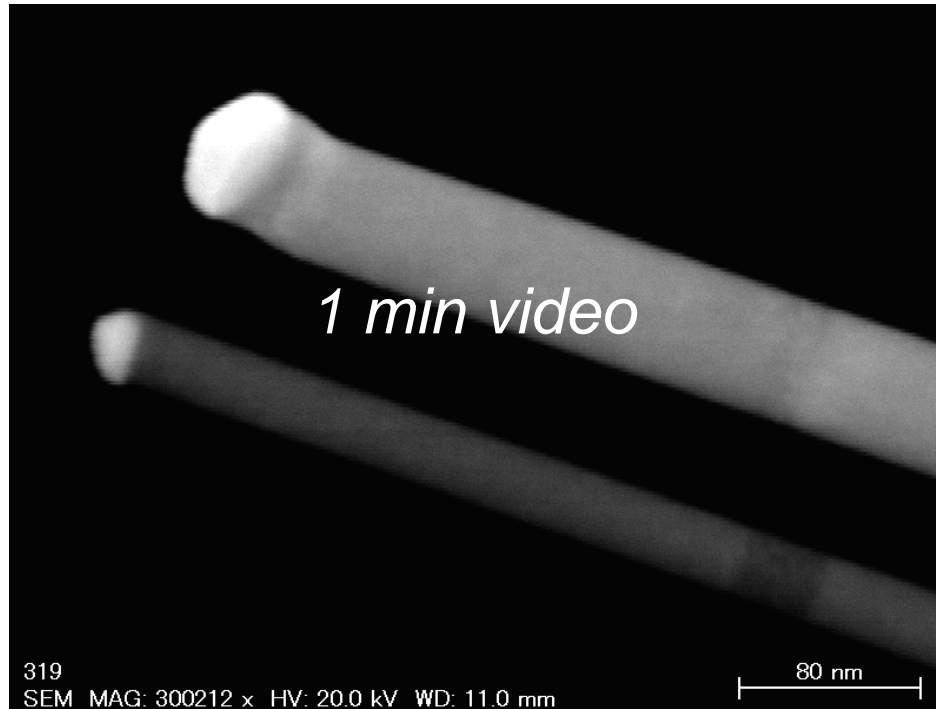


Accelerating voltage : 20 kV
 Magnification : x200,000
 Acquisition time : 300 sec.

Sample courtesy: Prof. Kimberly Dick Thelander, Dr. Sebastian Lehmann
 Department of Solid State Physics, Lund University, Sweden

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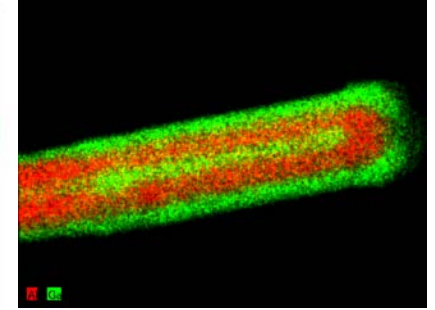
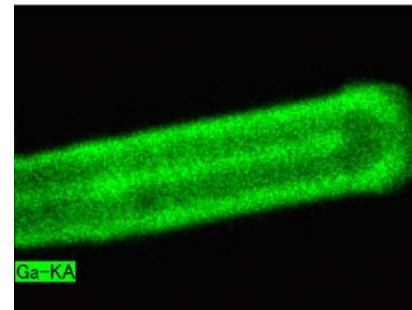
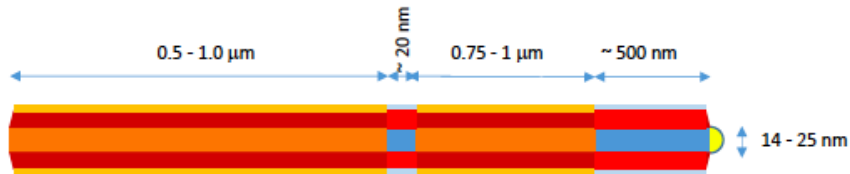
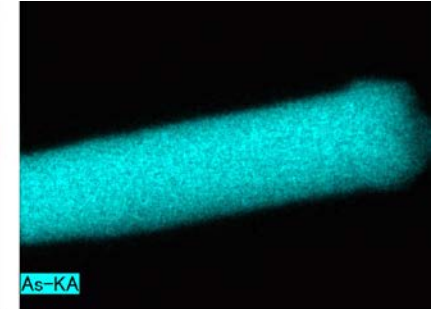
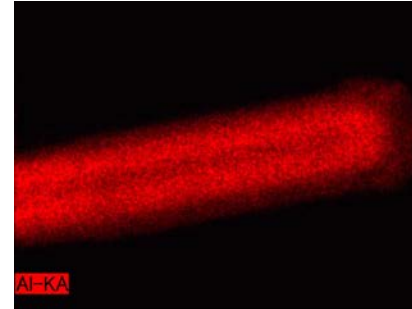
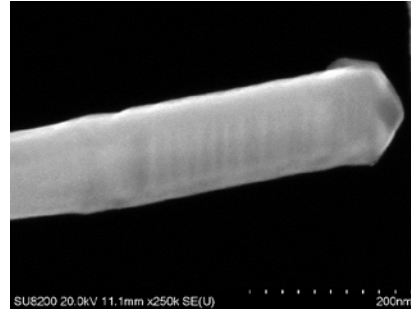
InAs-InP Nanowires



EDS on the nanoscale

GaAs-AlAs-AlGaAs Nanowires

- GaAs wurtzite
- GaAs zinc blende
- AlAs wurtzite/zinc blende (shell ~ 20 nm)
- Al_{0.2}Ga_{0.8}As wurtzite/zinc blende (shell ~ 5 nm)
- AuGaAl-alloy particle



20 kV, x250,000, 326 sec.

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Thank you for your attention !

