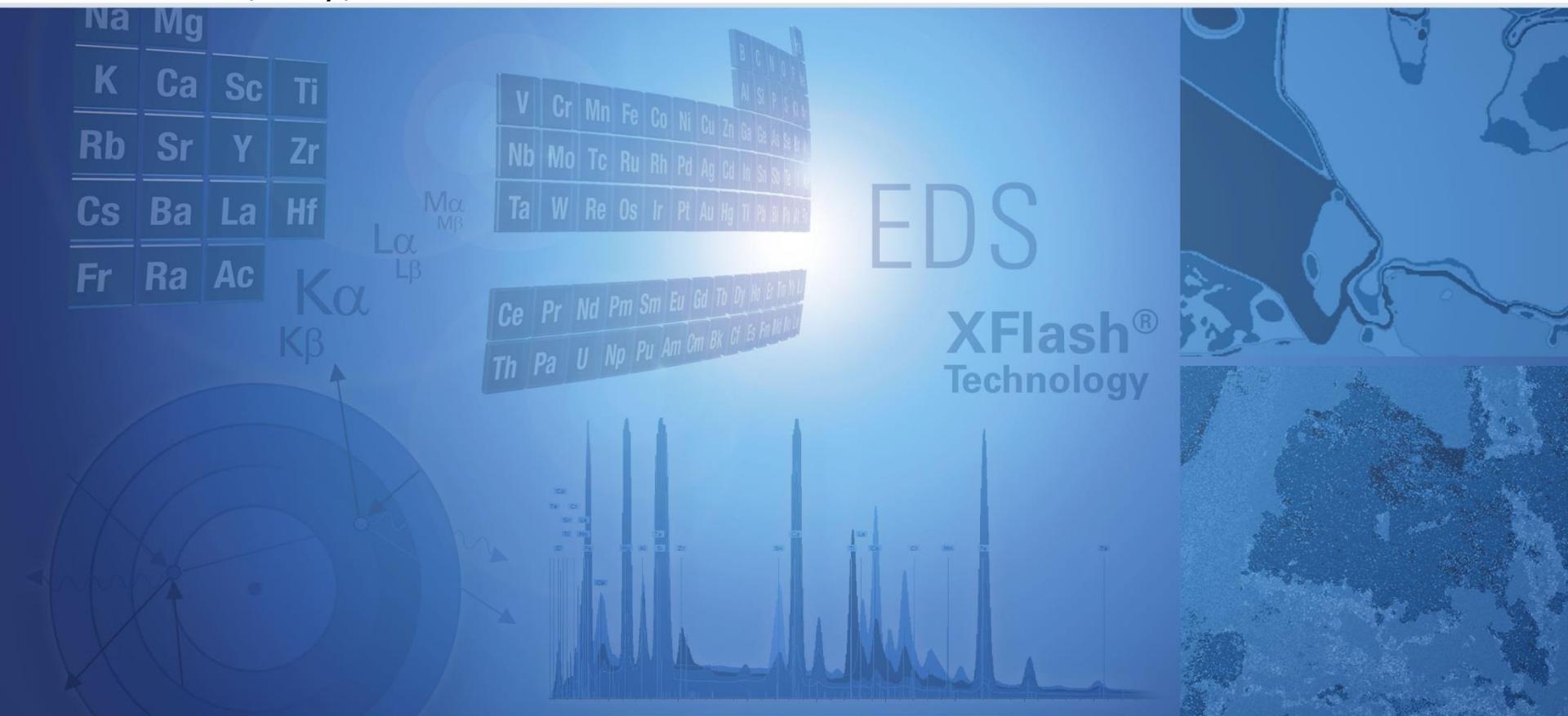


# Fast, Accurate and Precise Quantification Results Using An Annular Silicon Drift Detector: Bruker's XFlash FlatQUAD



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# Overview



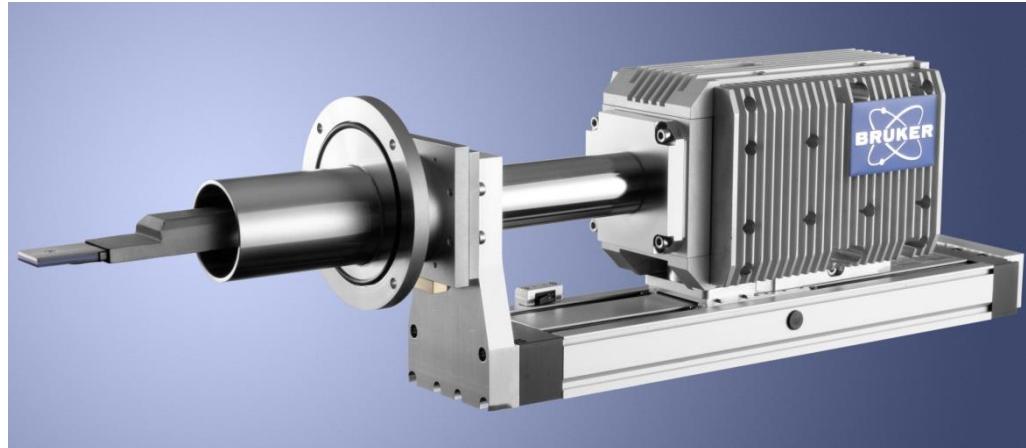
- Introduction
- Microanalysis and the FlatQUAD: Technical Introduction
- Analytical Considerations
- Examples: Quantification
- Examples: Mapping and Mineralogy
- Summary and Conclusions

# Bruker SEM Analyzers

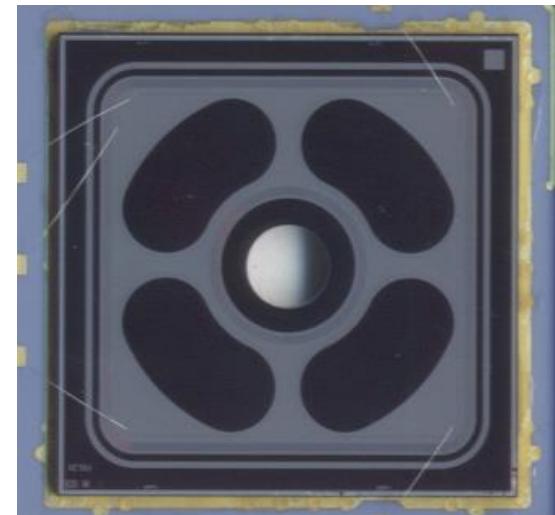
## Our “evolving eyes”



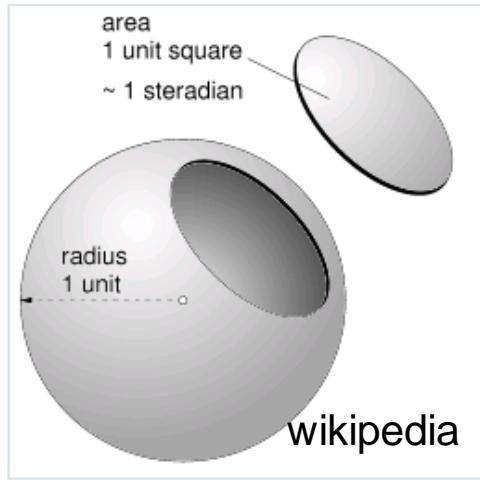
# Facts for the XFlash® FlatQUAD



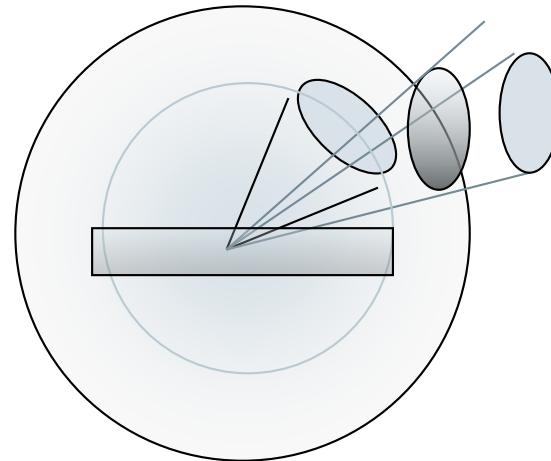
- Annular design,  $4 \times 15 \text{ mm}^2 = 60 \text{ mm}^2$
- Placed between pole piece and sample (hole in the center for the primary beam)
- Energy resolution Mn K $\alpha$   $\leq 129 \text{ eV}$
- Combination of high count rate capability and high solid angle ( $\Omega \sim 1.1 \text{ sr}$ )



# Collection Efficiency: Solid Angle for X-ray collection



$$\Omega = \frac{A}{d^2}$$



Achieve higher solid angle by:

- Chip area A **but**,  
smaller areas have advantages:  
less cooling, less weight > higher  
stability, less pile up, better TOA >  
better P/B, better energy resolution,  
higher OCR/ICR = higher efficiency
- Distance d: **get as close as possible**

$\Omega_{\text{EDS-SEM}} \sim 0.01 - 0.1 \text{ sr}$   
are typical for side entry

$\Omega_{\text{EDS-S/TEM}} \sim 0.1 - 0.4 \text{ sr}$   
are typical for side entry

Some 100 mm<sup>2</sup> in STEM ~ 0.5 sr

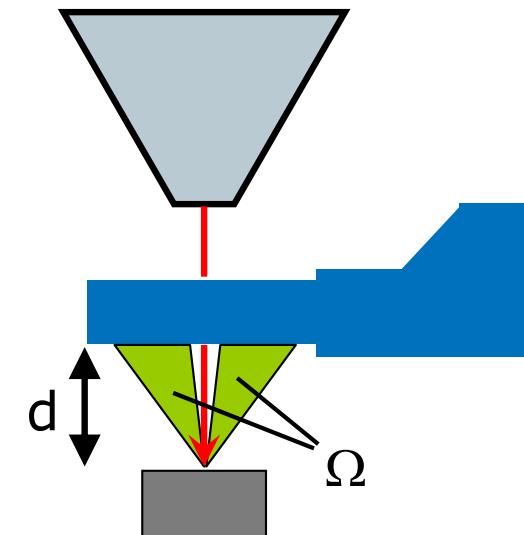
# XFlash® FlatQUAD: Advantage of large solid angle



- Guaranteed energy resolution Mn-Ka 129 eV (other resolutions on request)
- $4 \times 15 \text{ mm}^2 = 60 \text{ mm}^2$
- Annular design
- Central aperture for the primary beam
- Designed to be placed between pole piece and sample
- Segments very close to sample
- $4 \times 600.000 \text{ cps} = 2.400.000 \text{ cps}$

↓ combination of ↓  
high count rate                                  large solid  
capability    angle + high TOA

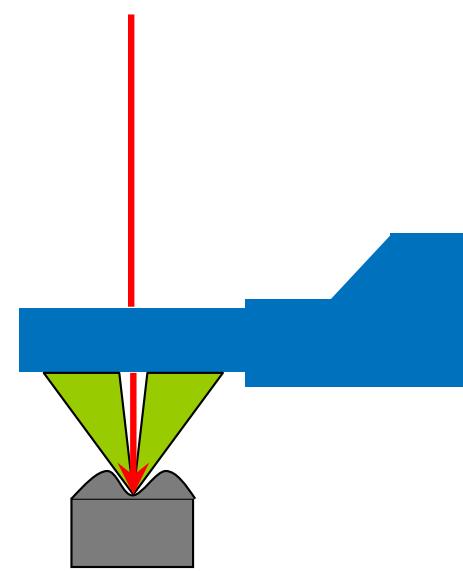
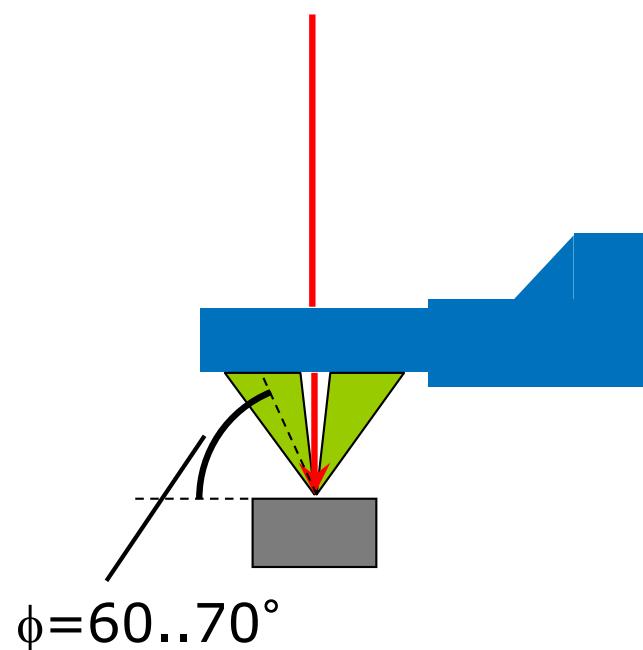
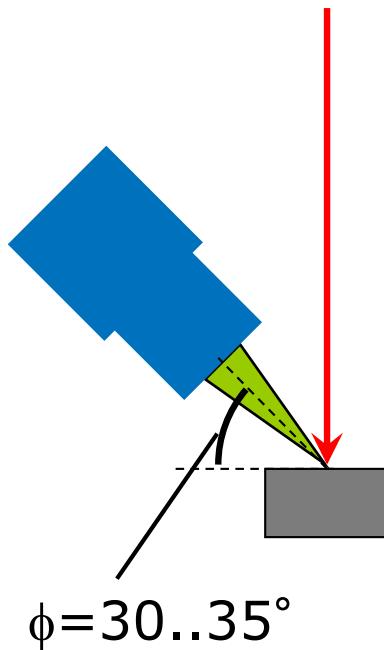
max solid angle at  
 $d = 2.5 \text{ mm}:$   
 $\Omega > 1.1 \text{ sr}$



# XFlash® FlatQUAD: Advantage of high take-off angle and annular design



Take-off angle comparison: XFlash® FQ vs. conventional SDDs:

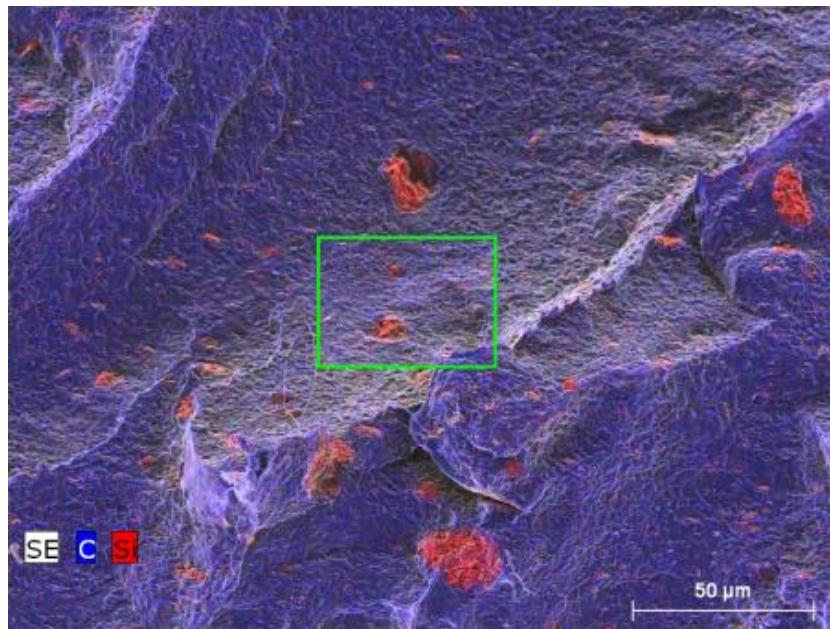


Note change in  
topography of  
sample

# Polymer compound XFlash® FlatQUAD vs. 30 mm<sup>2</sup> SDD

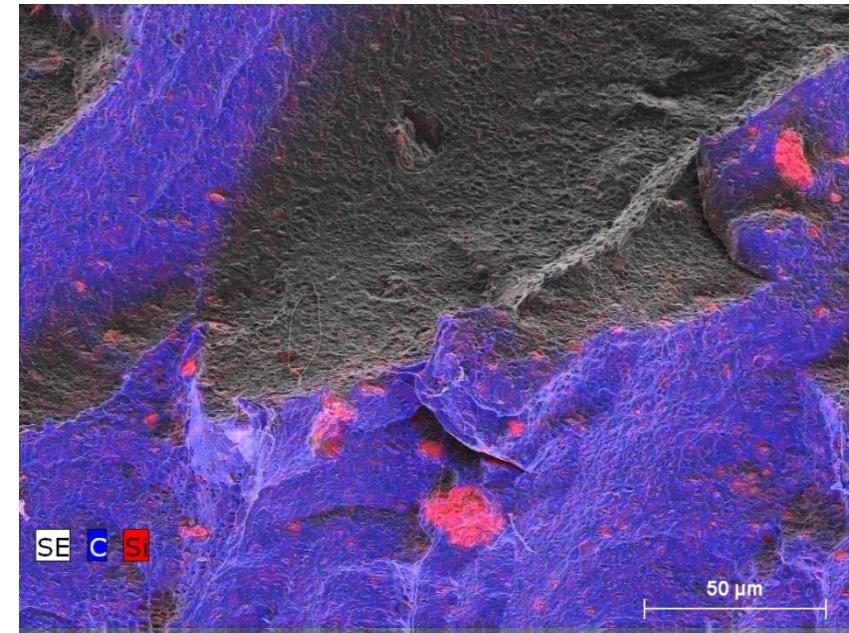


- Polymer composite containing organic clays



**XFlash® FlatQUAD**

- 3 kV, 220 pA, **10 kcps**
- >12 times higher count rate
- No shadow effects

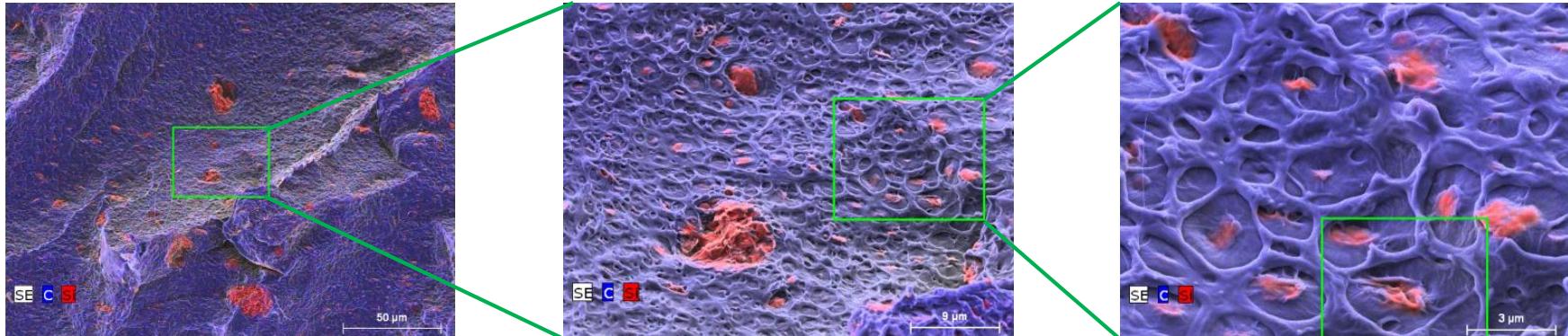


**XFlash® 30 mm<sup>2</sup>**

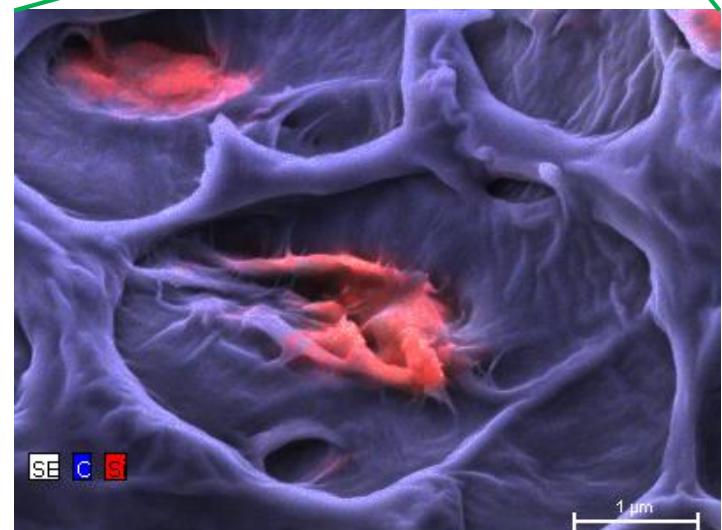
- 3 kV, 220 pA, **0.8 kcps**
- Shadow effects due to rough surface

Specimen Courtesy: Dalto et al., Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

# Polymer compound XFlash® FlatQUAD

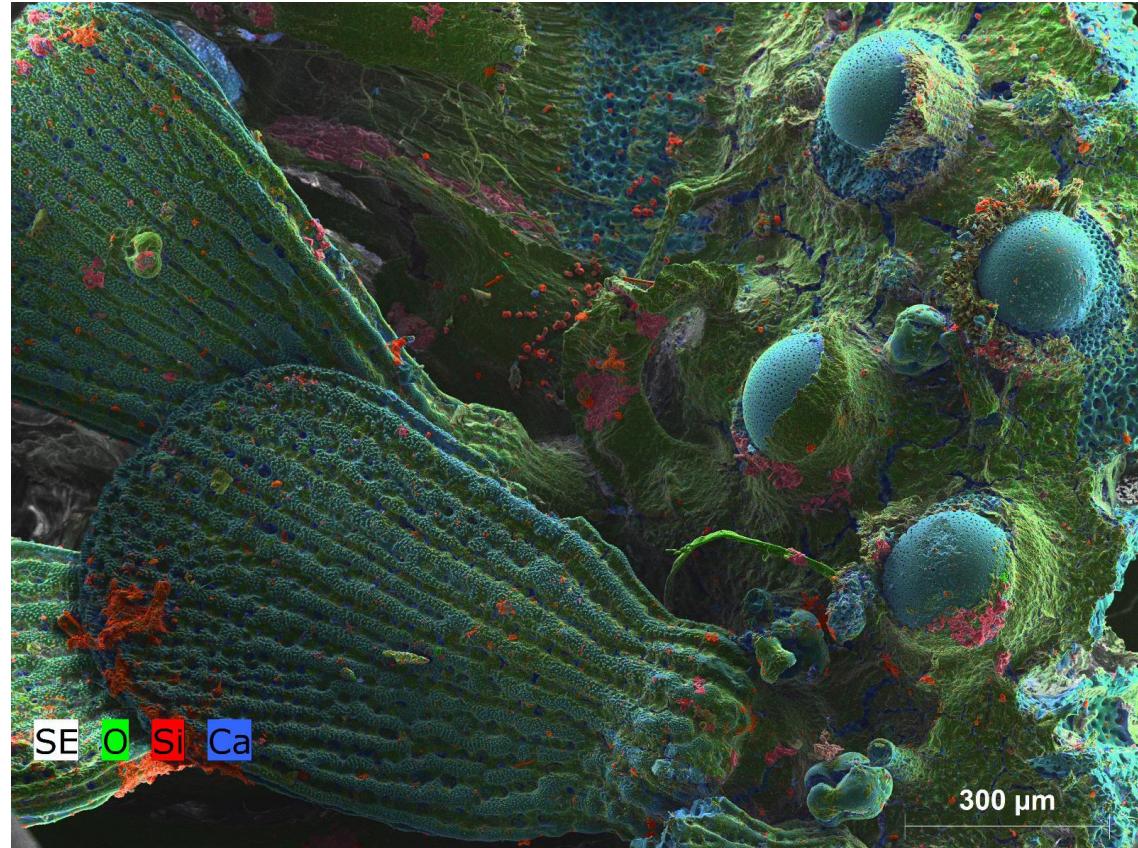


- Using the zoom function in Esprit, smallest features and pores can be investigated due to annular design of the FlatQUAD
- Shadow effects are minimized.



# Sea Urchin (*Paracentrotus lividus*)

## Imaging: No shadowing effects

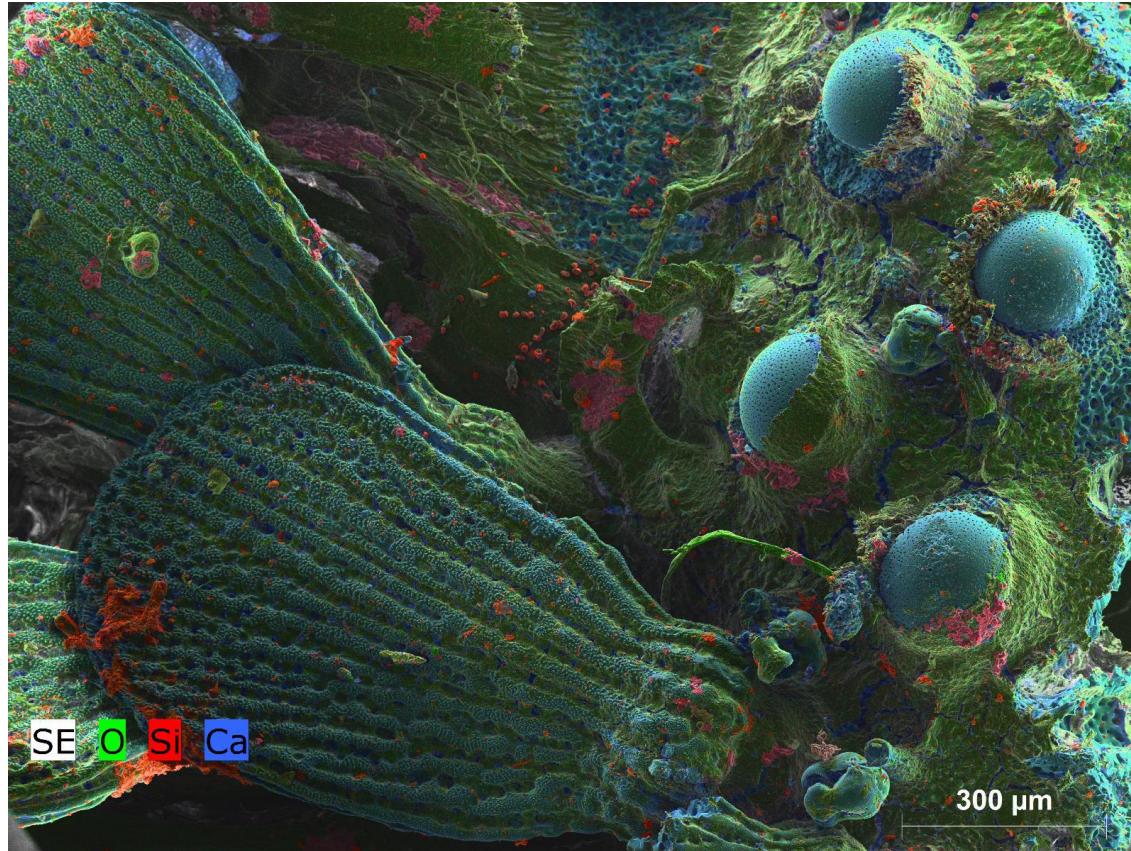


- Shadow effects are minimized
- No sample preparation
- Acquired in 1min with 6 kV under high vacuum.
- The structure can resist heavy weights

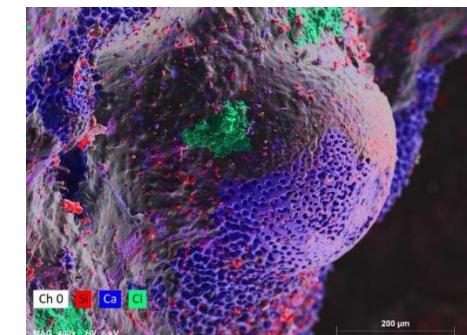
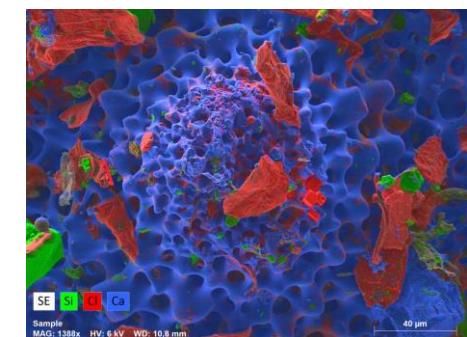
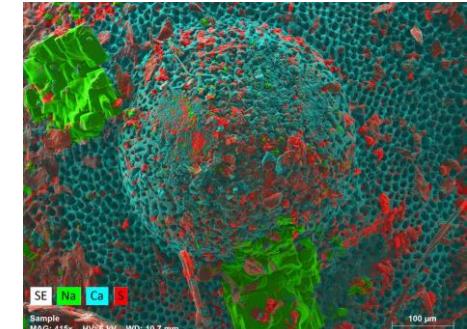
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Sea Urchin (*Paracentrotus lividus*) from the aegean sea

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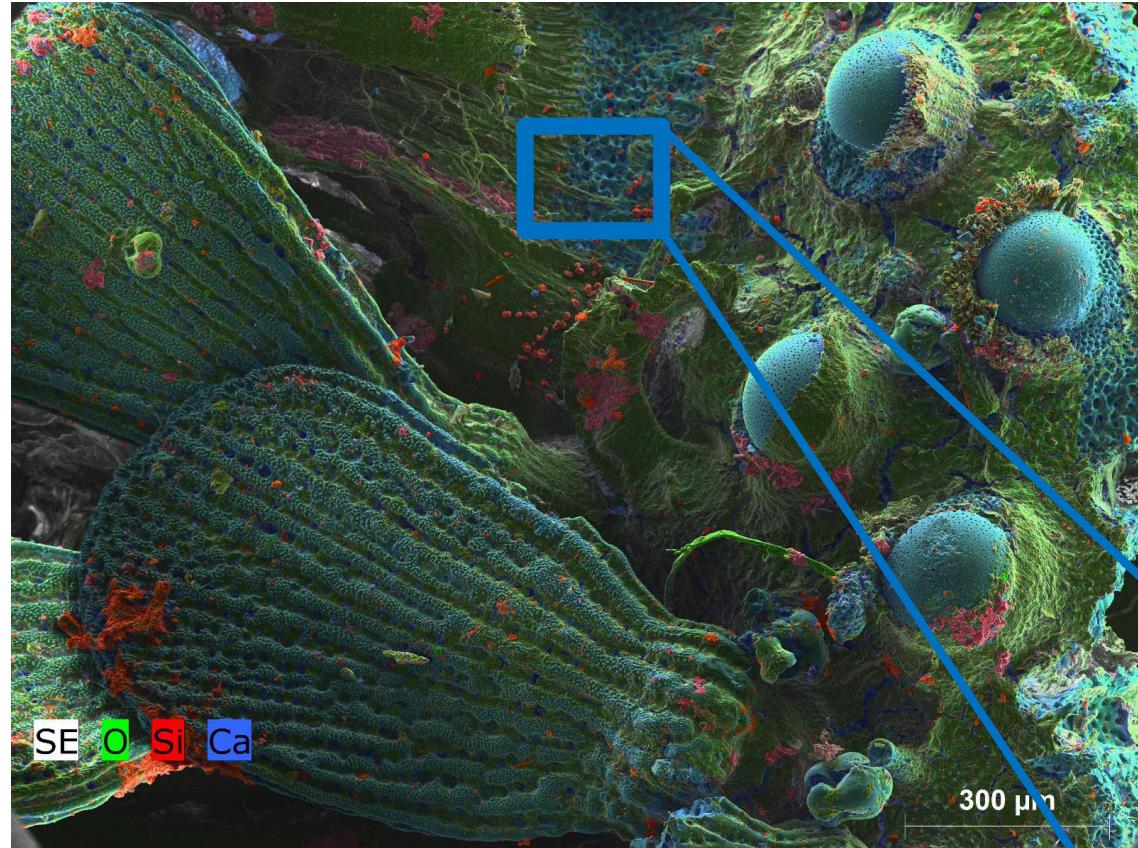


- The structure can resist heavy weights
- Influences researchers on new materials and also architecture



# Sea Urchin (*Paracentrotus lividus*)

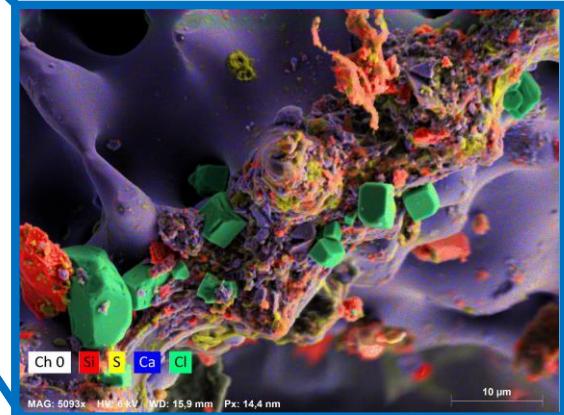
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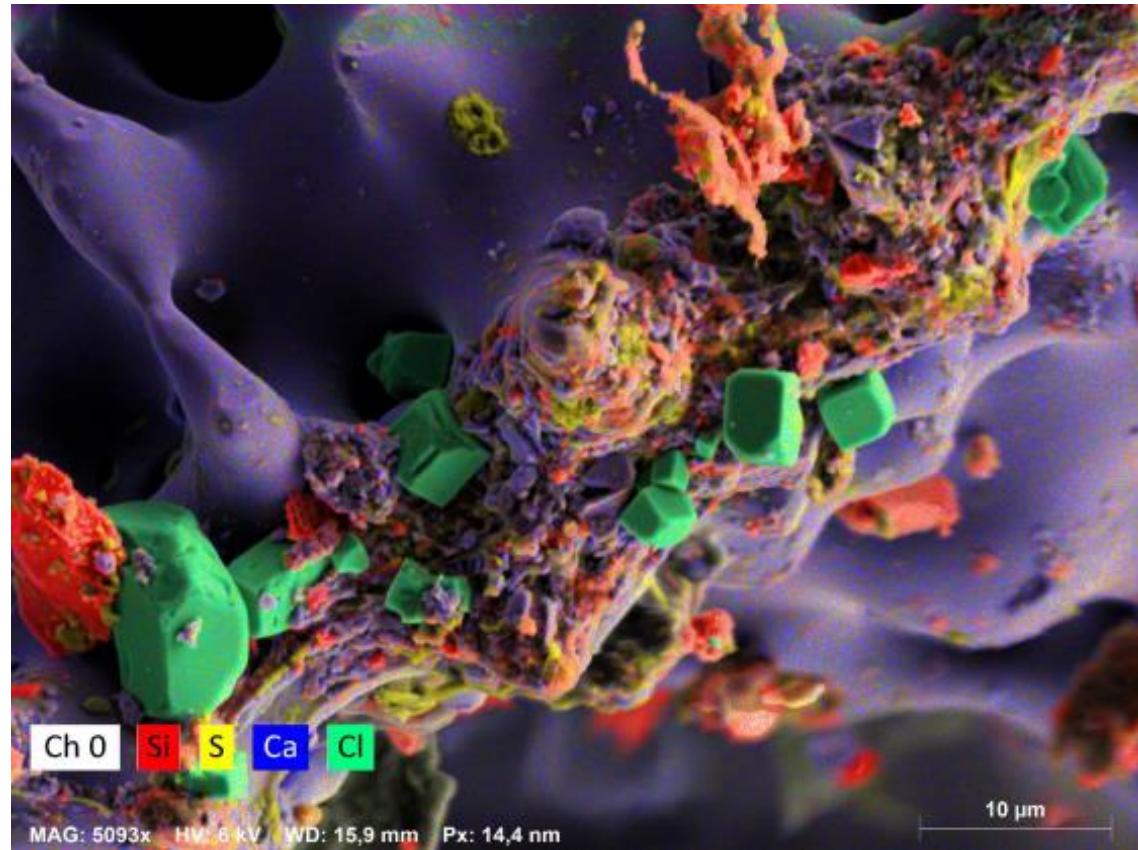
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Sea Urchin (*Paracentrotus lividus*) from the aegean sea

- Shadow effects are minimized
- No sample preparation
- Acquired in 1min with 6 kV under high vacuum.



# Sea Urchin (*Paracentrotus lividus*) Imaging: No shadowing effects



- Small sandgrains and deposits of NaCl can be observed in detail
- Shadow effects are minimized
- No sample preparation
- Acquired in 1min with 6 kV under high vacuum.

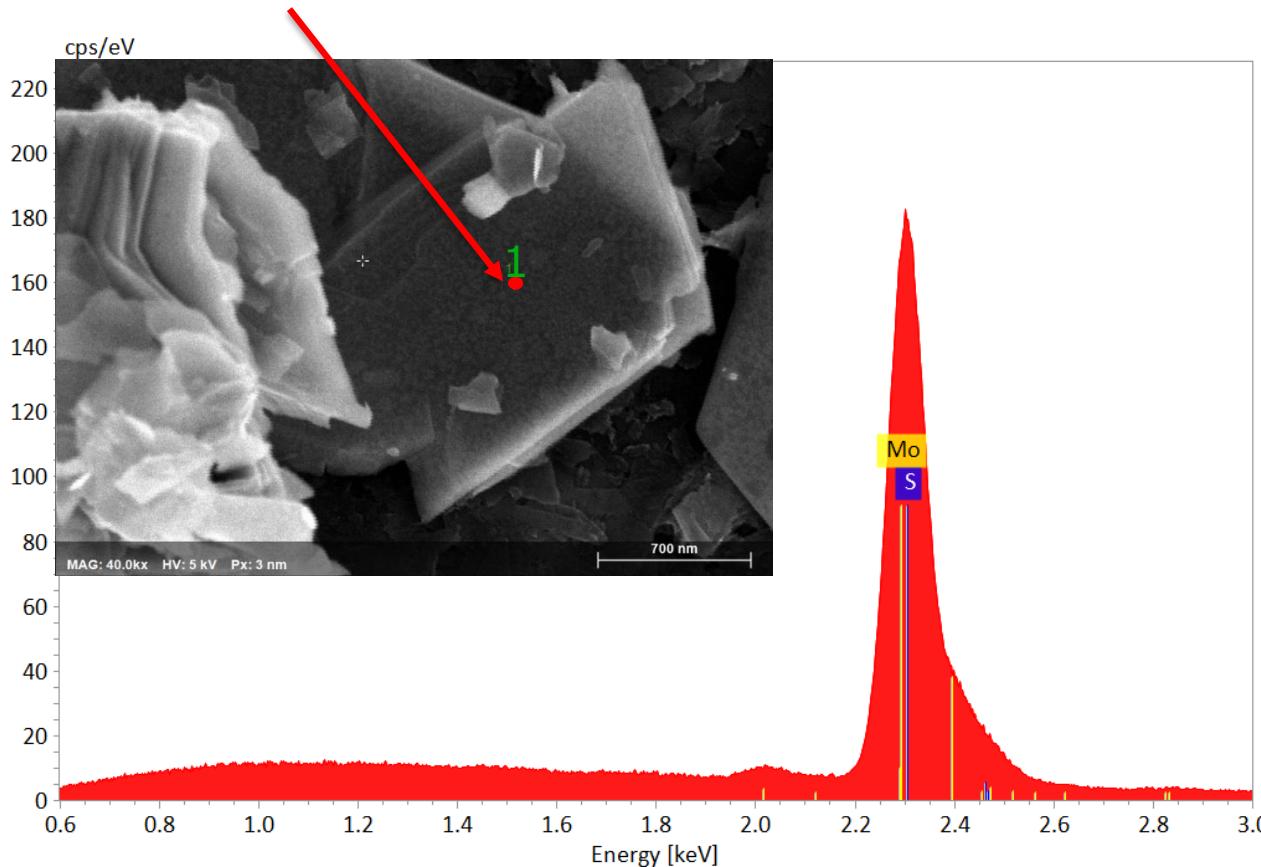
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# Quantification of MoS<sub>2</sub> at 5kV Sample with Topography



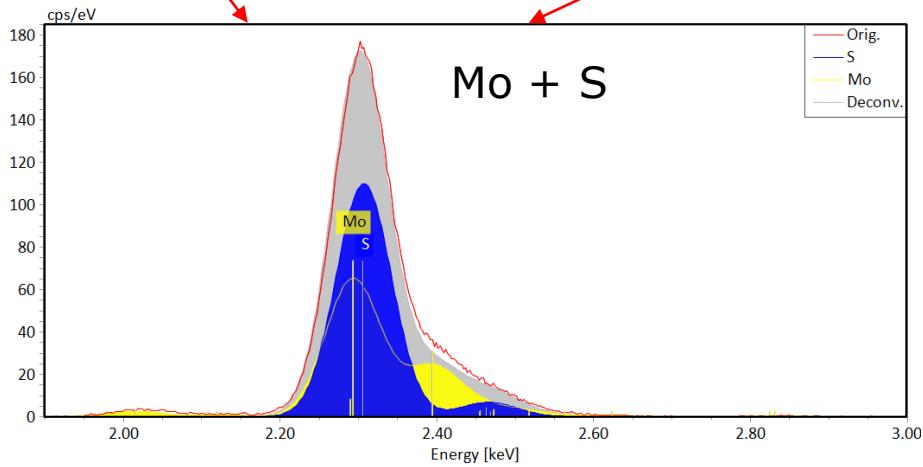
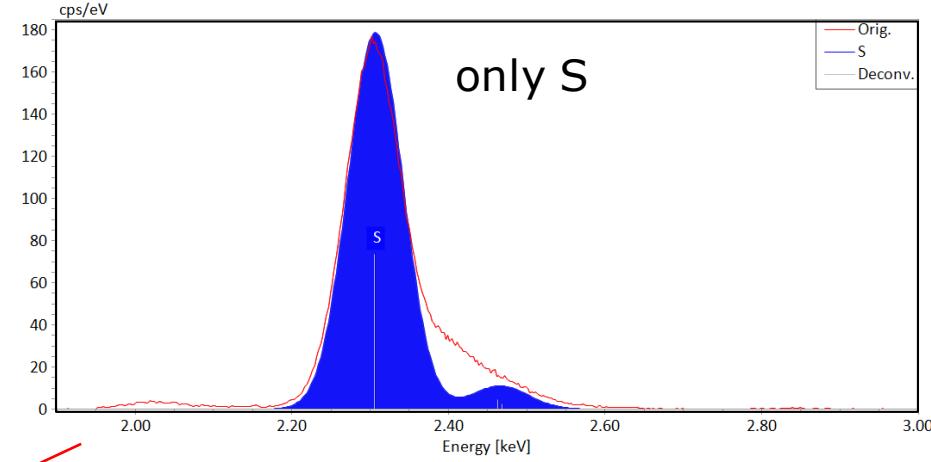
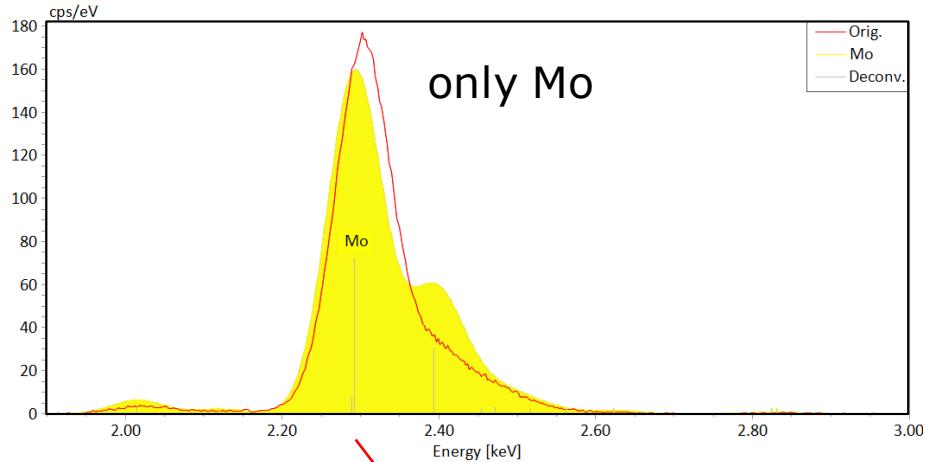
MoS<sub>2</sub> point spectrum



EDS Measurement parameters	
Acquisition time	50 sec
HV	5 kV
Output countrate	21 kcps

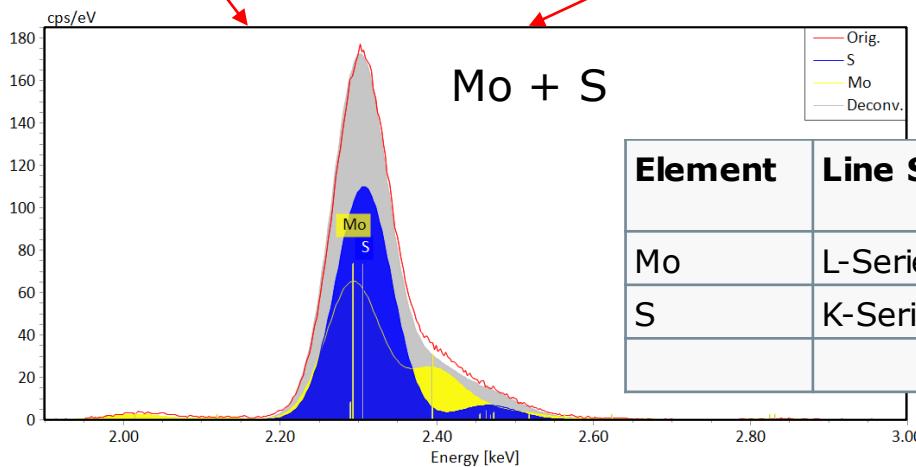
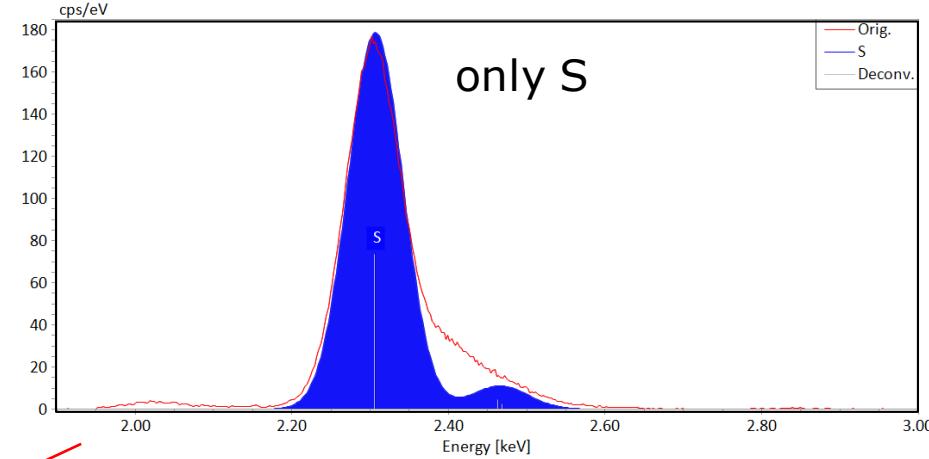
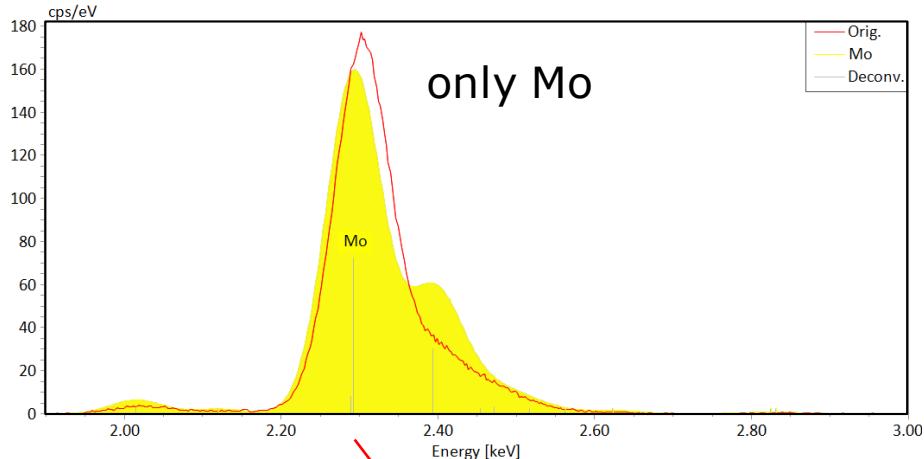
# Quantification of MoS<sub>2</sub> at 5kV

## Deconvolution and Quantification Results



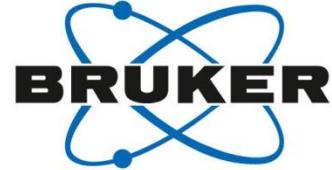
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## Deconvolution and Quantification Results



Element	Line S.	Mass Norm. [%]	Atom [%]	Stoic. Atom [%]
Mo	L-Series	59.70	33.12	33.33
S	K-Series	40.30	66.88	66.66
			100.00	100.00

# Presentation Example Overview



## **Point Analysis:**

- Mineral Grains: Mantle and Volcanic
  - Mounted, Polished and Carbon Coated
  - Standard-based and Standardless Quantification
  - Different accelerating voltage (kV)

## **Hypermap Analysis:**

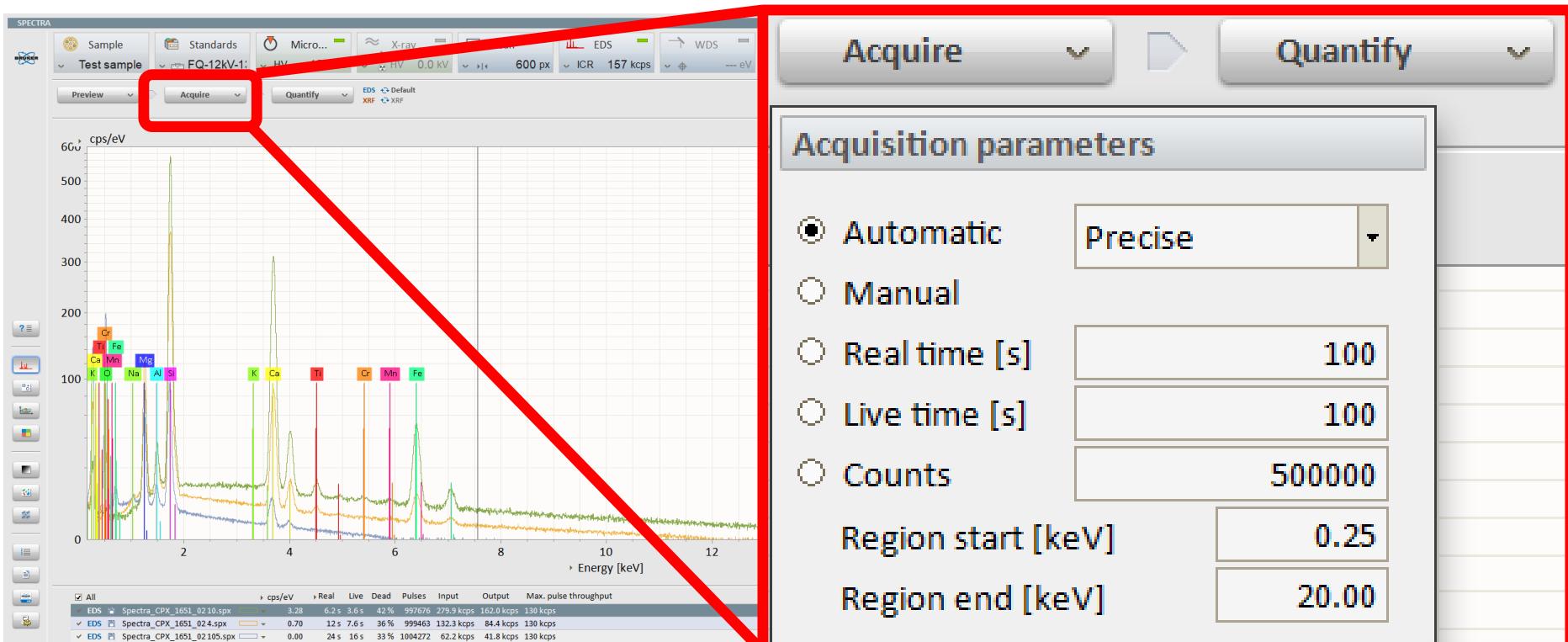
- Mineral Grains: Mantle and Volcanic
- Mantle Peridotite
  - Feature / Phase Analysis
  - AMICS Automated Mineralogy

# SEM-EDS: FlatQUAD

## Point Analysis: Quantification



### Esprit Software: Analytical Parameters



	Exhaustive	Precise	Fast
Counts	1 000 000	250 000	50 000

# SEM-EDS: FlatQUAD

## Point Analysis: Spectrum Acquisition

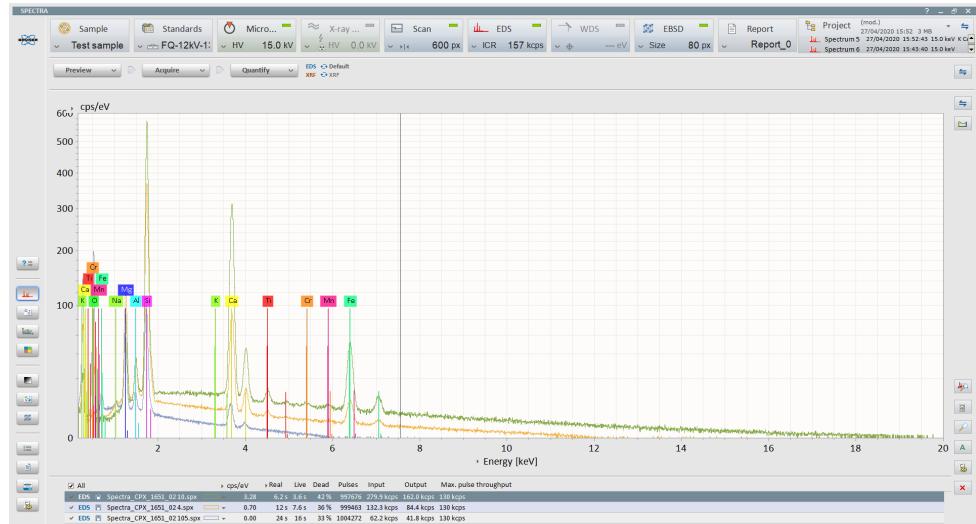


Hardware considerations:

**20 kV:** 1 + 6 µm mylar window

**12 kV:** 1 +2 µm mylar window

**6 kV:** 1 µm mylar window



Higher kV → Higher backscatter electron signal

Require different windows to filter this increased signal

Thus there is a different transmission of X-ray signal intensities depending on kV / window combination selected

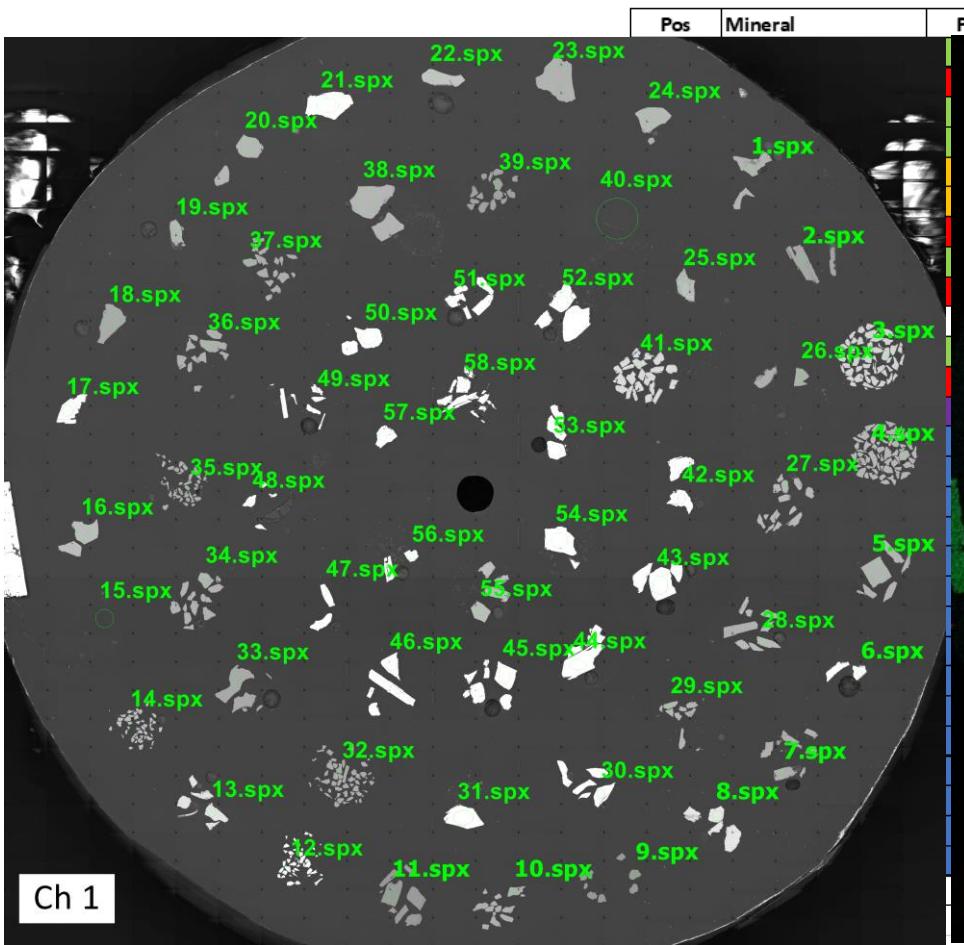
However, this is accounted for in the quantification procedures

Lower kV → Higher signal intensity for low energy elements

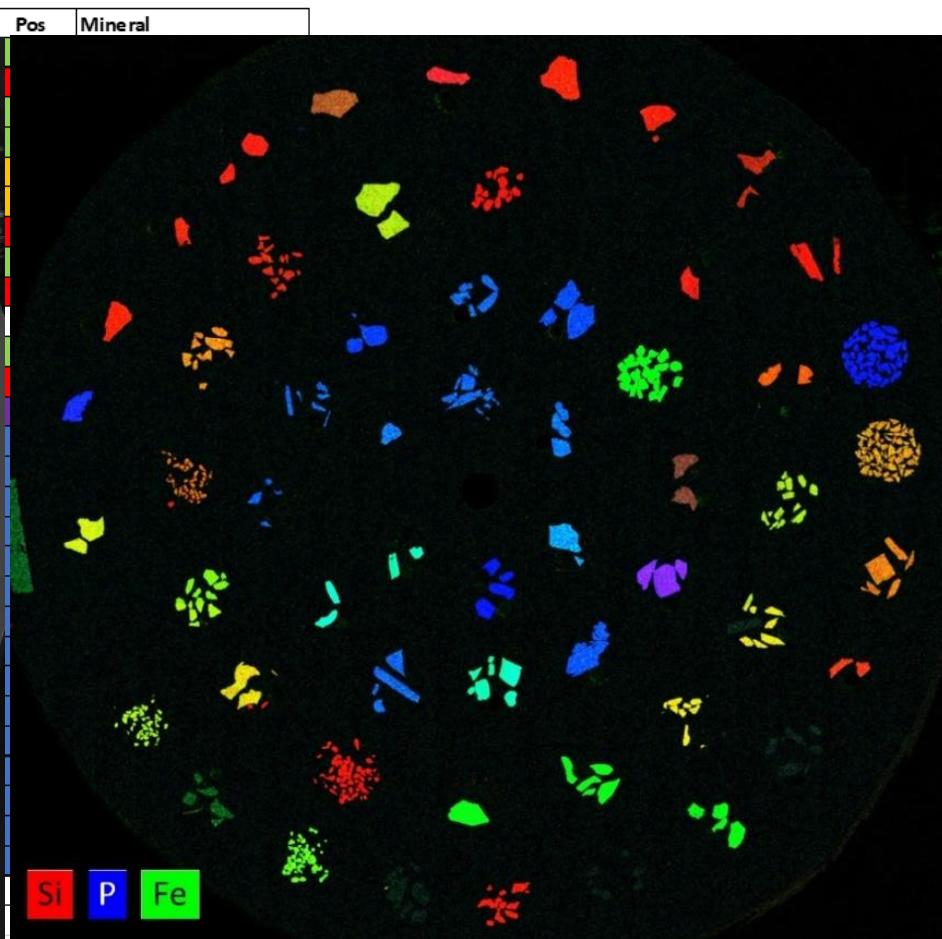
# Quantitative Microanalysis Smithsonian Standards



SEM-BSE Image



Combined Elemental Maps (Si, P, and Fe)



# SEM-EDS: FlatQUAD

## Point Analysis: Quantification



Smithsonian Standards Reference:

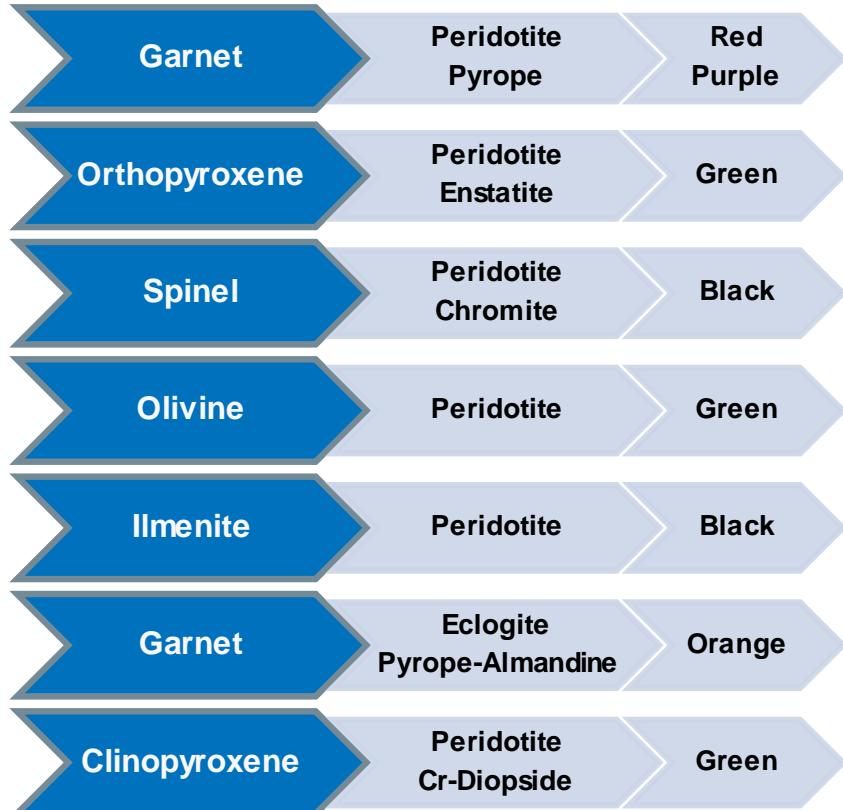
Jarosewich, E., Nelen, J. A., and Norberg, J.A., 1980. Reference samples for electron microprobe analyses, Geostandards Newsletter, Vol. 4, p.43-47.

Element	Clinopyroxene: Standards Used	Garnet: Standards Used
Si	Augite	Garnet (Almandine-Grossular)
Ti	Ilmenite	Ilmenite
Al	Augite	Garnet (Almandine-Grossular)
Cr	Chromite	Chromite
Fe	Ilmenite	Garnet
Mn	Ilmenite	Ilmenite
Mg	Diopside	Garnet (Pyrope)
Ca	Diopside	Garnet (Almandine-Grossular)
Na	Augite	
K	Microcline	
O	Augite	Garnet

# Geological Applications: Mantle Minerals



## Mantle Minerals



## Kimberlite Indicator Minerals (KIM's)



# Geological Applications: Mantle Minerals - Composition



## Garnet

- $(\text{Ca}, \text{Mg}, \text{Fe})_3(\text{Al}, \text{Cr}, \text{Fe}^{3+})_2(\text{SiO}_4)_3$
- Minor: Mn y Ti, y Trace: Ni

## Olivine

- $(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$
- Minor: Ca, Mn, y Trace: Ni

## Clinopyroxene

- $(\text{Ca}, \text{Na})(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe}, \text{Al})(\text{Si}, \text{Al})_2\text{O}_6$
- Minor: Cr

## Orthopyroxene

- $(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe})\text{SiO}_3$
- Minor: Al

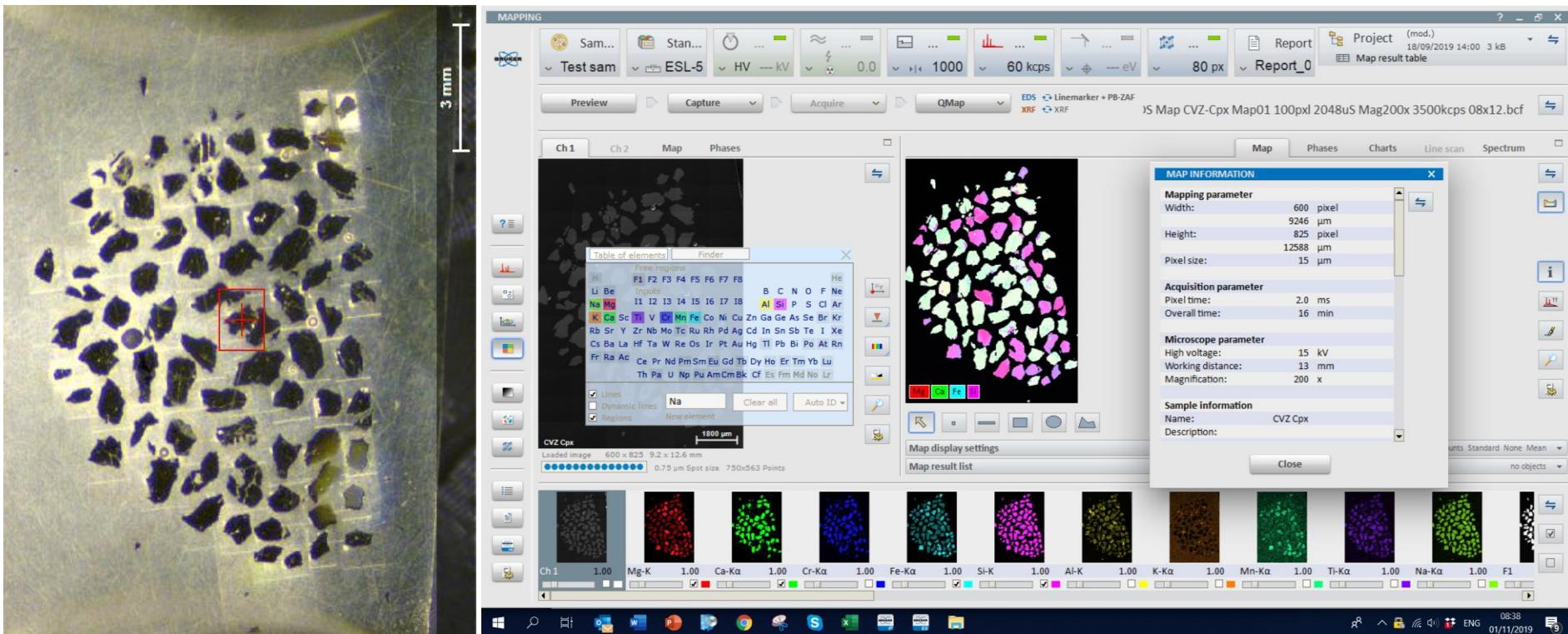
## Spinel

- $(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe})(\text{Al}, \text{Cr}, \text{Fe}^{3+})_2\text{O}_4$
- Minor: Ti

# FlatQUAD: Standard Based Point Analysis Volcanic Grain Mounts



**Carbon Coated  
High Quality Polish**



# FlatQUAD: Standard Based Analysis

Voltage: 12 kV

Garnet: 20 Grains

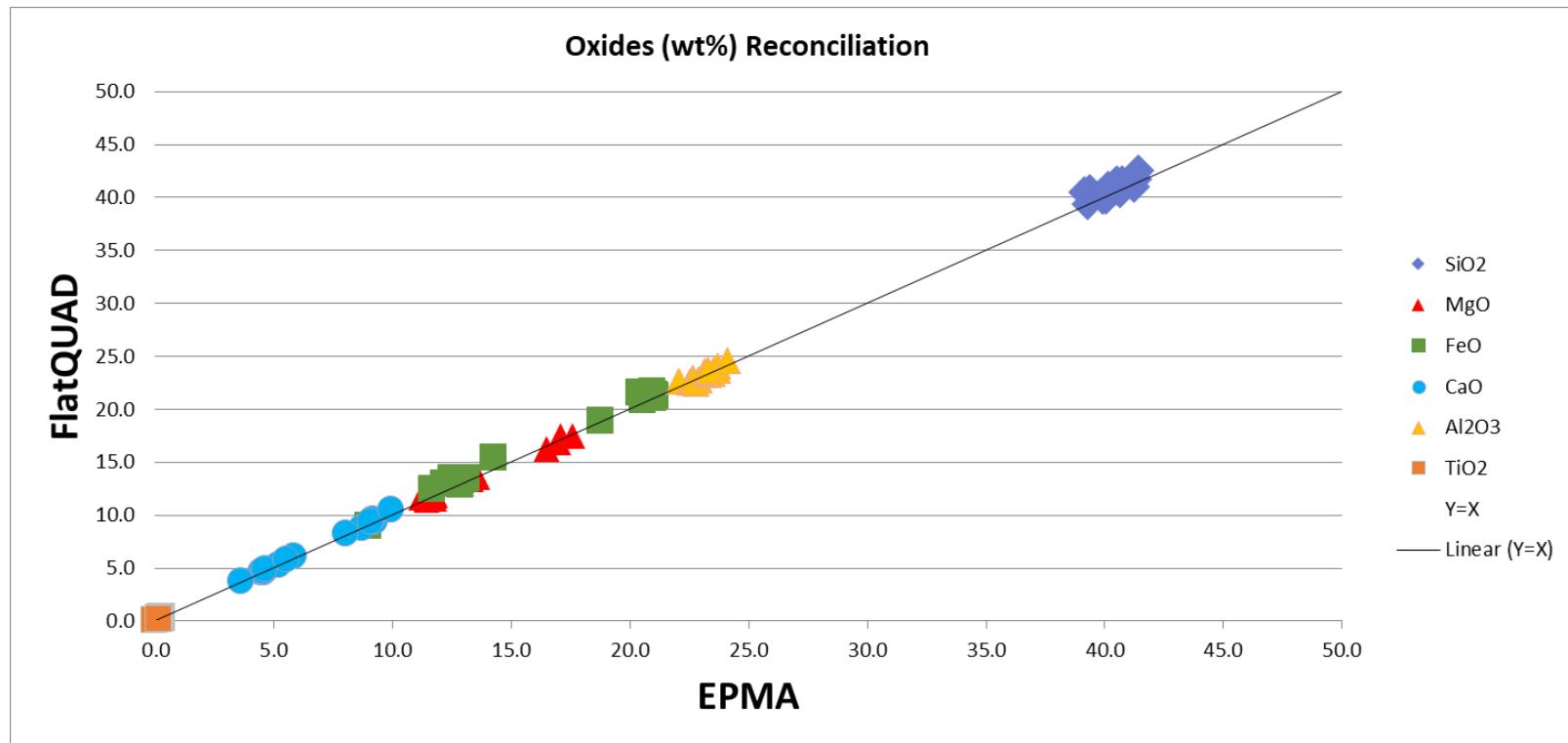


Quickly quantify different mineral phases

Analysis of 20 Grains

Voltage: 12 kV

Analytical Time: Exhaustive  
(1,000,000 counts)



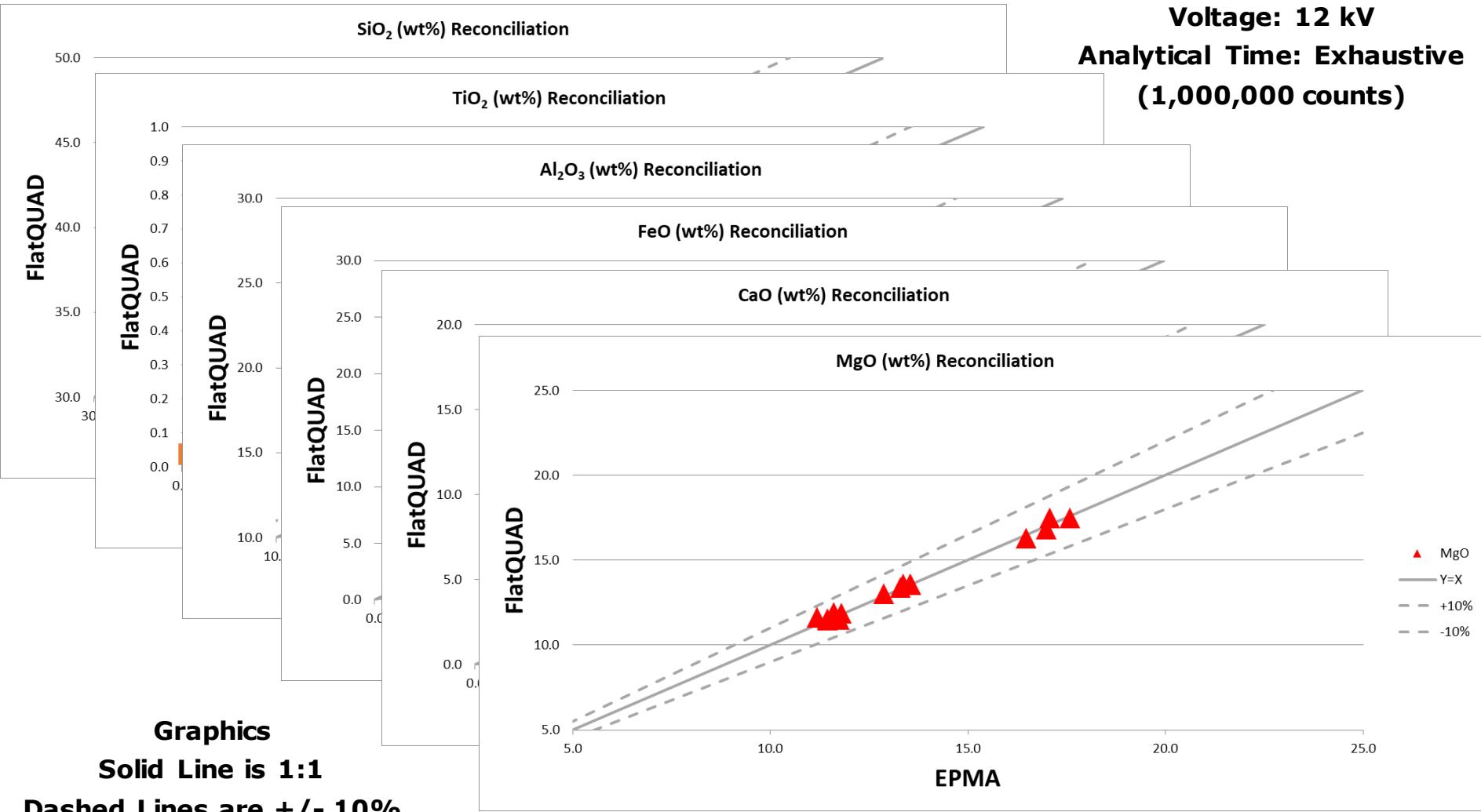
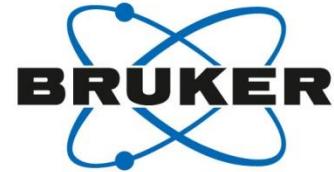
Graphic

Solid Line is 1:1

# FlatQUAD: Standard Based Analysis

# Voltage: 12 kV

# Garnet: 20 Grains



# FlatQUAD: Standard Based Analysis

Voltage: 12 kV

Clinopyroxene: 50 Grains

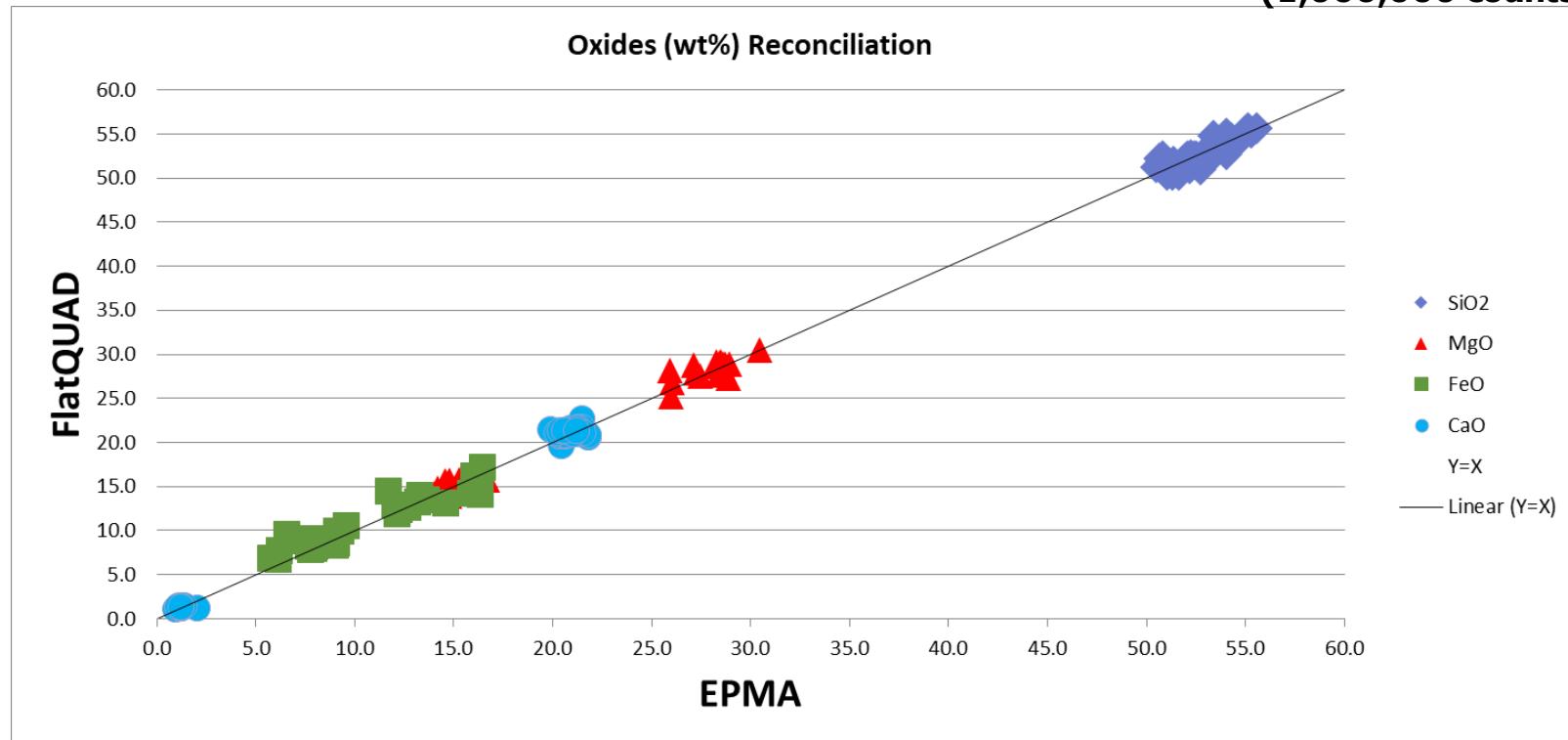


Quickly quantify different mineral phases

Analysis of 50 Grains

Voltage: 12 kV

Analytical Time: Exhaustive  
(1,000,000 counts)



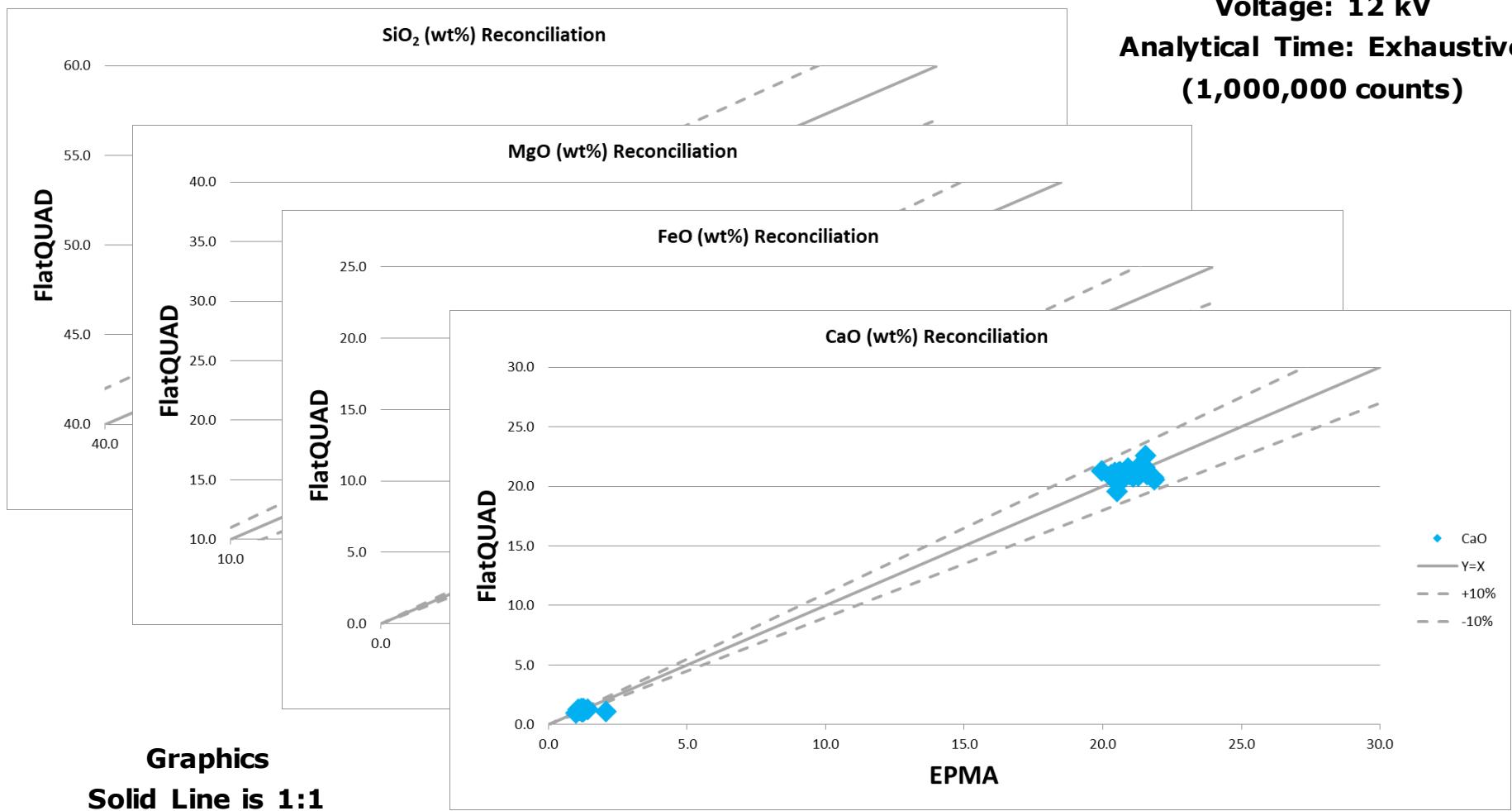
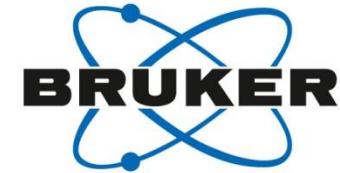
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# FlatQUAD: Standard Based Analysis

Voltage: 12 kV

Clinopyroxene: 50 Grains

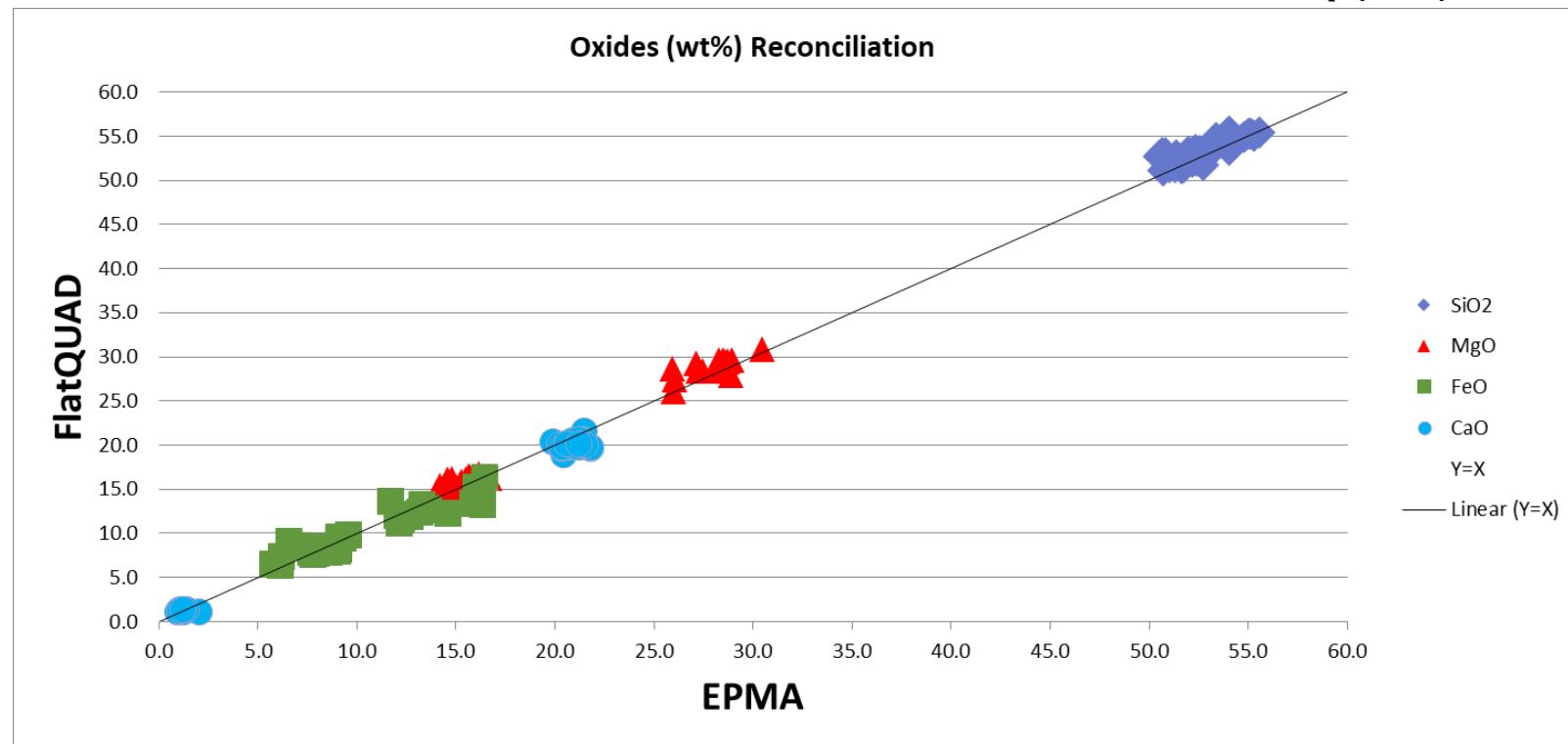


# FlatQUAD: Standardless Normalised Voltage: 12 kV Clinopyroxene: 50 Grains



Quickly quantify different mineral phases  
Analysis of 50 Grains

**Voltage: 12 kV**  
**Analytical Time: Exhaustive**  
**(1,000,000 counts)**



**Graphic**

**Solid Line is 1:1**

# FlatQUAD: Standardless Normalised

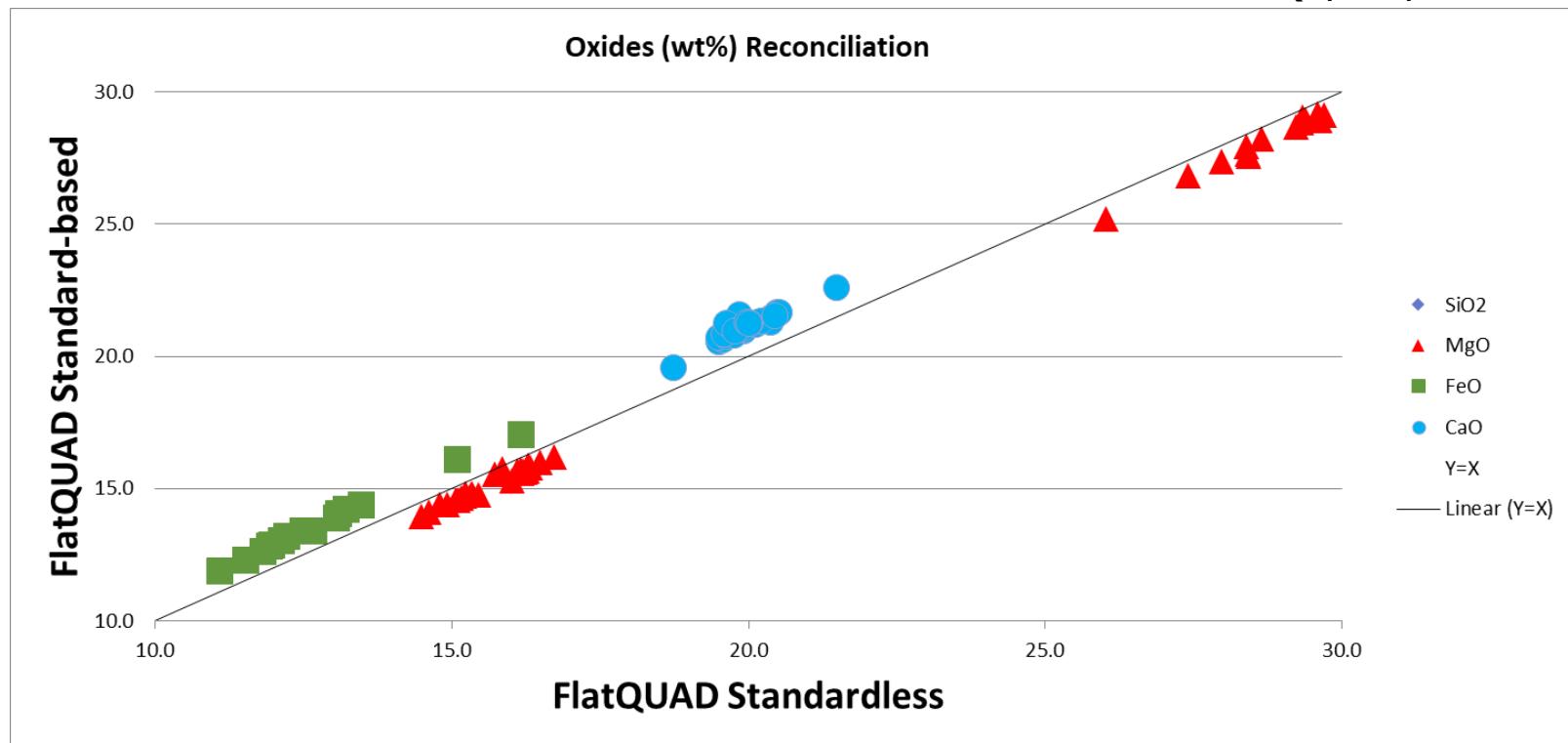
## Voltage: 12 kV

## Clinopyroxene: 50 Grains



Quickly quantify different mineral phases  
Analysis of 50 Grains

**Voltage: 12 kV**  
**Analytical Time: Exhaustive**  
**(1,000,000 counts)**



**Graphic**

**Solid Line is 1:1**

# FlatQUAD: Standard Based Analysis

Voltage: 6 kV

Clinopyroxene: 30 Grains

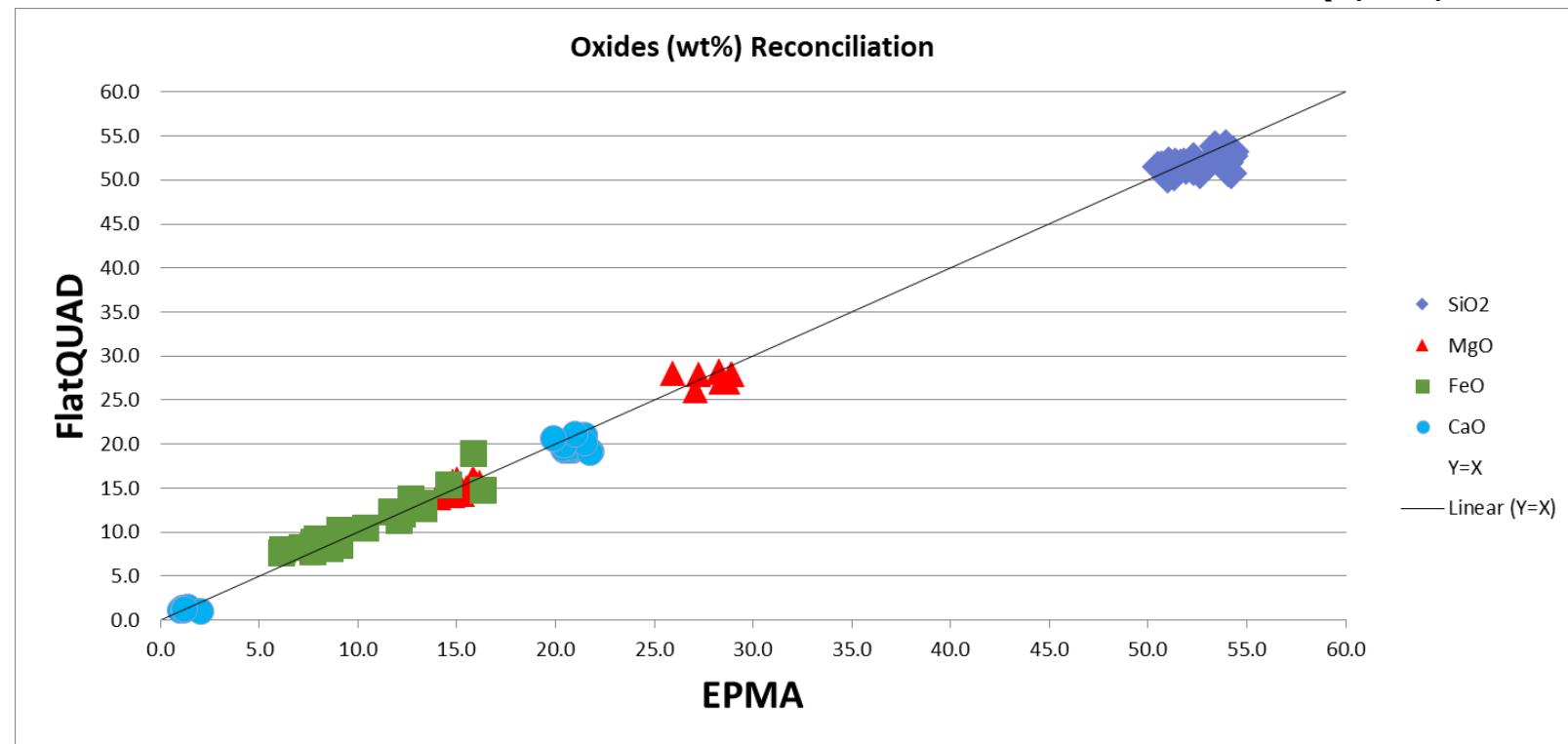


Quickly quantify different mineral phases

Analysis of 30 Grains

**Voltage: 6 kV**

**Analytical Time: Exhaustive  
(1,000,000 counts)**



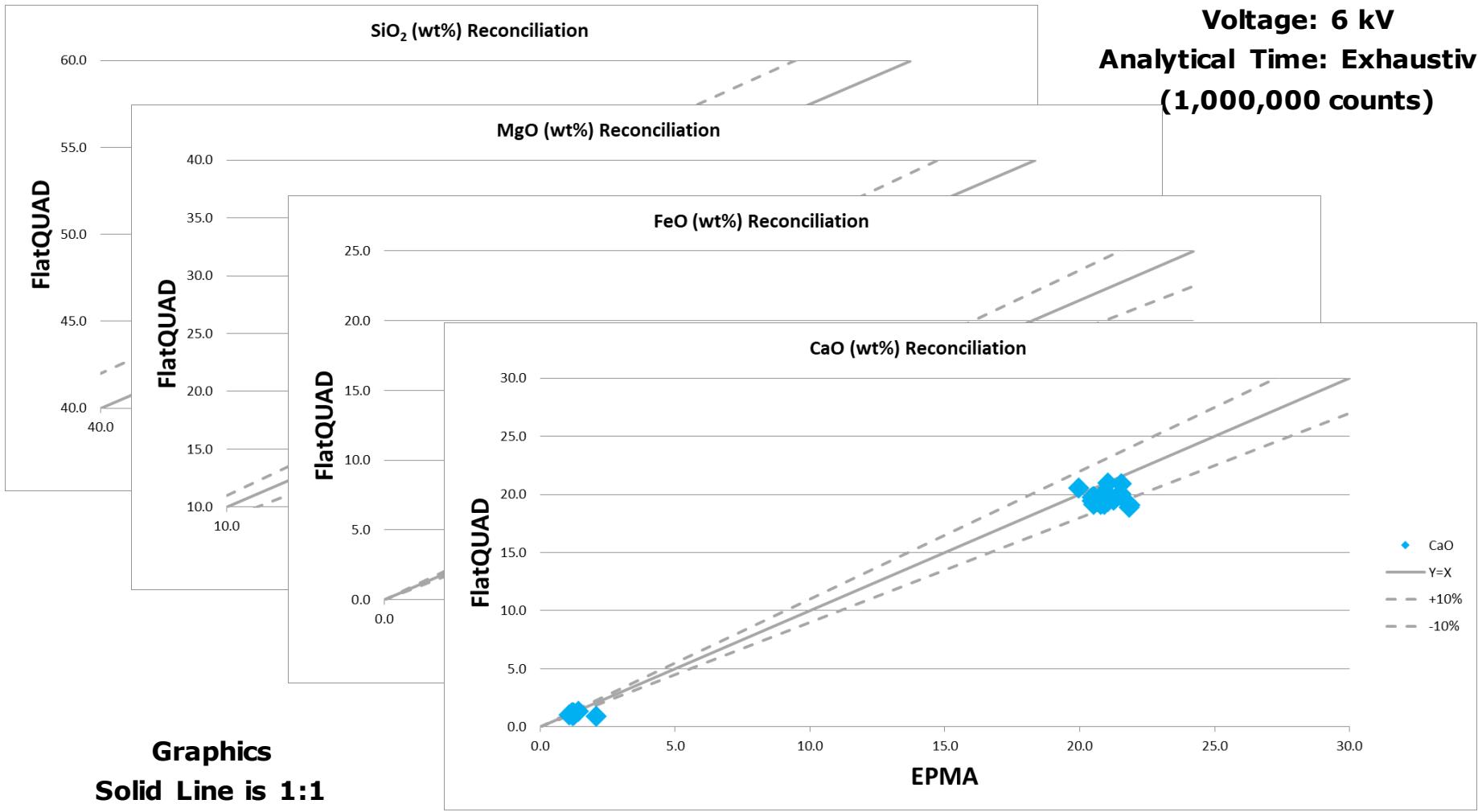
**Graphics**

Solid Line is 1:1

# FlatQUAD: Standard Based Analysis

Voltage: 6 kV

Clinopyroxene: 30 Grains



# FlatQUAD: Standard Based Analysis

Voltage: 6 kV and 12 kV

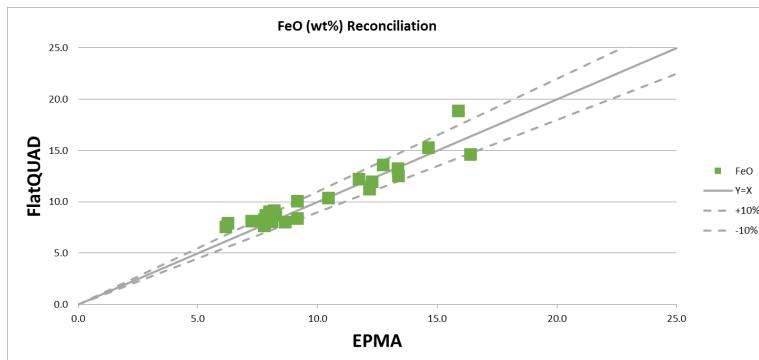
Clinopyroxene



Element	Accelerating Voltage: 6 kV	Accelerating Voltage: 12 kV
Mg	Mg K – 1.254	Mg K – 1.254
Si	Si K – 1.740	Si K – 1.740
Ca	Ca K – 3.691	Ca K – 3.691
Fe	Fe L – 0.705	Fe K – 6.401

**Voltage: 6 kV**

**Analytical Time: Exhaustive**

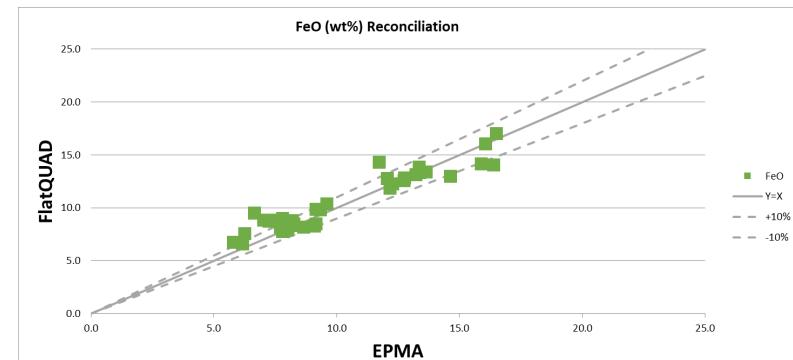


**Solid Line is 1:1**

**Dashed Lines are +/- 10%**

**Voltage: 12 kV**

**Analytical Time: Exhaustive**



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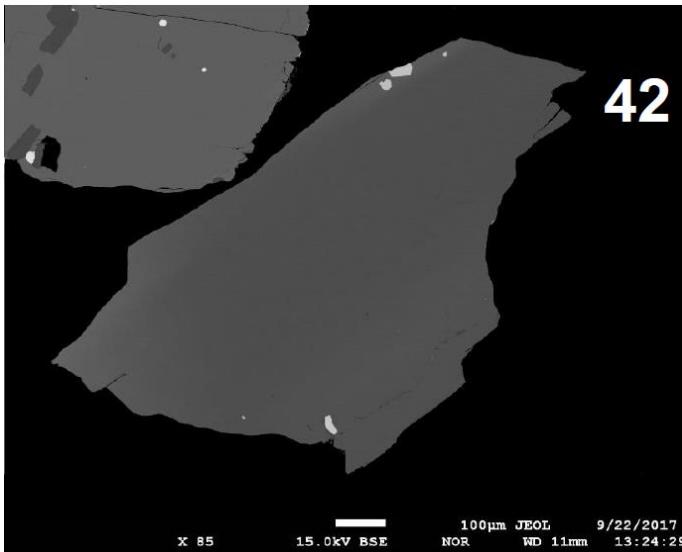
Voltage: 12 kV

Clinopyroxene: Repeatability



20 Repeat Analyses

Clinopyroxene



	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	FeO (%)	MnO (%)	MgO (%)	CaO (%)
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_61	55.98	0.19	2.13	0.50	9.90	0.26	30.99	1.23
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Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_63	55.78	0.18	2.19	0.61	9.53	0.22	30.96	1.18
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_64	55.94	0.12	1.90	0.50	9.88	0.28	30.79	1.31
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_65	55.81	0.19	2.18	0.55	9.80	0.19	30.97	1.26
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_66	55.71	0.16	2.15	0.53	9.80	0.17	31.02	1.24
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_67	56.03	0.18	2.00	0.55	9.52	0.24	30.93	1.15
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_68	55.36	0.18	2.09	0.49	10.41	0.29	30.13	1.32
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_69	55.53	0.15	2.10	0.59	9.97	0.25	30.54	1.18
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Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_73	55.61	0.23	2.09	0.56	10.27	0.26	30.63	1.28
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_74	55.84	0.18	2.12	0.57	9.76	0.16	30.89	1.27
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_75	55.62	0.16	2.12	0.56	10.27	0.25	30.13	1.38
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_76	55.16	0.19	2.20	0.33	11.69	0.26	29.58	1.34
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_77	55.61	0.14	2.08	0.59	10.82	0.22	30.26	1.23
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_78	56.05	0.20	1.87	0.48	9.97	0.20	30.89	1.22
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_79	55.31	0.21	2.46	0.47	10.83	0.21	29.99	1.46
Spectra_CVO-CPX-42_80	55.39	0.14	2.13	0.41	11.44	0.29	29.64	1.16

# FlatQUAD: Standard Based Analysis

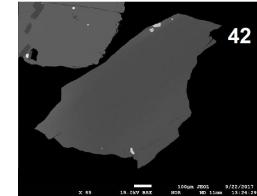
Voltage: 12 kV

Clinopyroxene: Repeatability



20 Repeat Analyses: Clinopyroxene

All major and minor elements within error

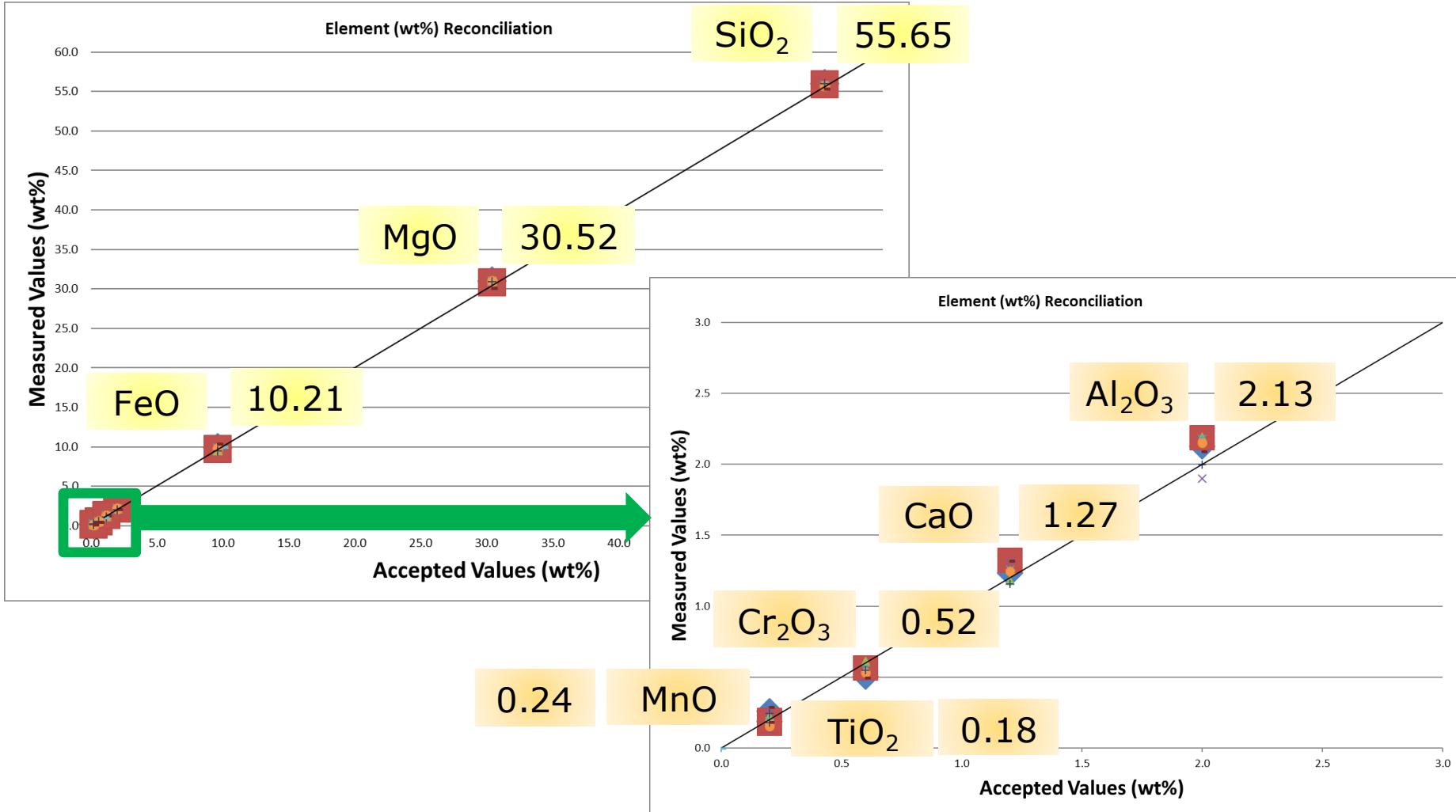


Element	Accepted Values	FlatQUAD Average	FlatQUAD Std Dev	FlatQUAD Maximum	FlatQUAD Minimum	FlatQUAD Range
SiO <sub>2</sub>	55.60	55.65	0.30	56.05	55.06	0.99
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.20	0.18	0.03	0.23	0.12	0.11
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.00	2.13	0.15	2.53	1.87	0.66
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.60	0.52	0.07	0.61	0.33	0.28
FeO	9.60	10.21	0.63	11.69	9.52	2.17
MnO	0.20	0.24	0.04	0.29	0.16	0.13
MgO	30.40	30.52	0.52	31.02	29.49	1.53
CaO	1.20	1.27	0.08	1.46	1.15	0.30

# FlatQUAD: Standard Based Analysis

Voltage: 12 kV

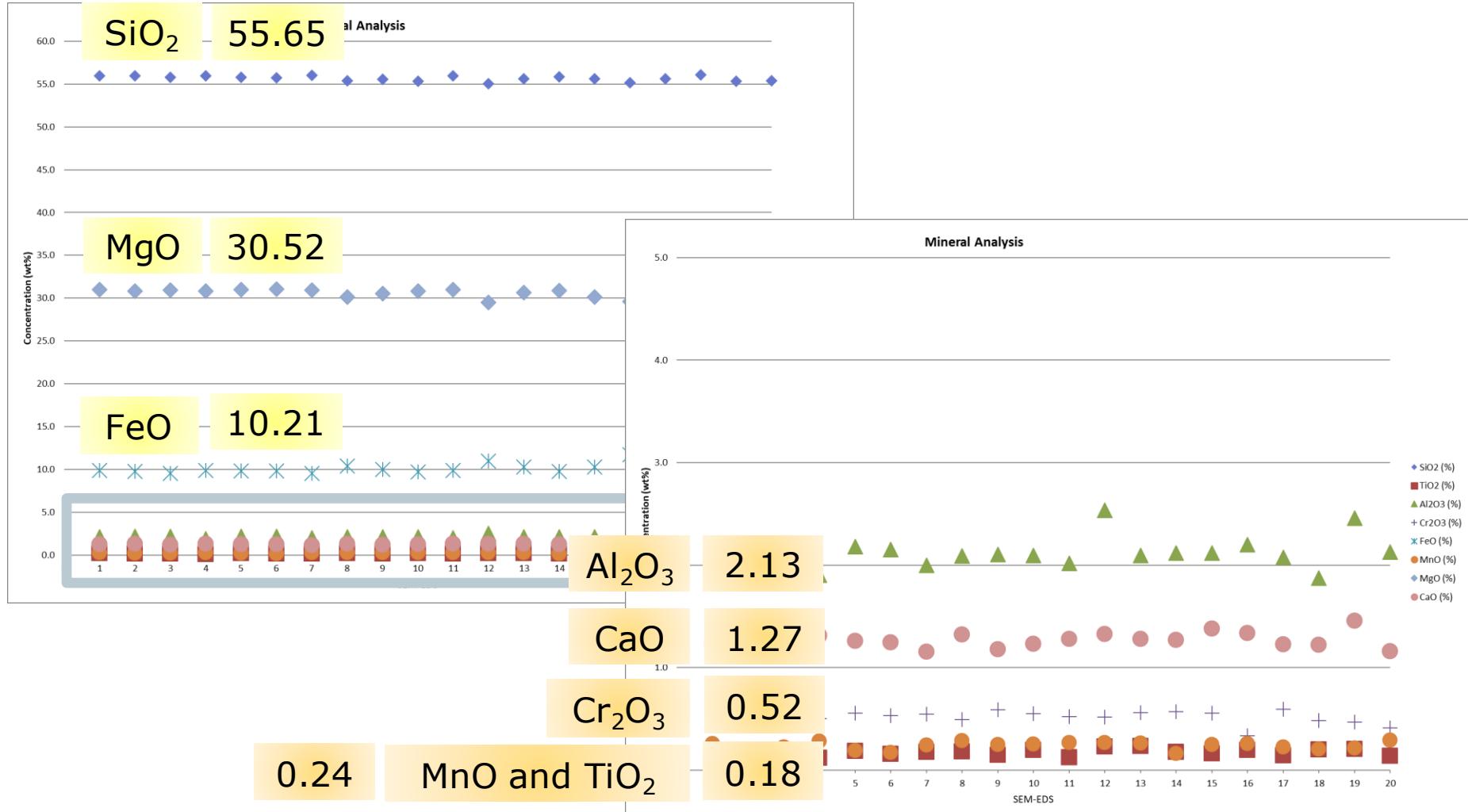
Clinopyroxene: Repeatability



# FlatQUAD: Standard Based Analysis

Voltage: 12 kV

Clinopyroxene: Repeatability



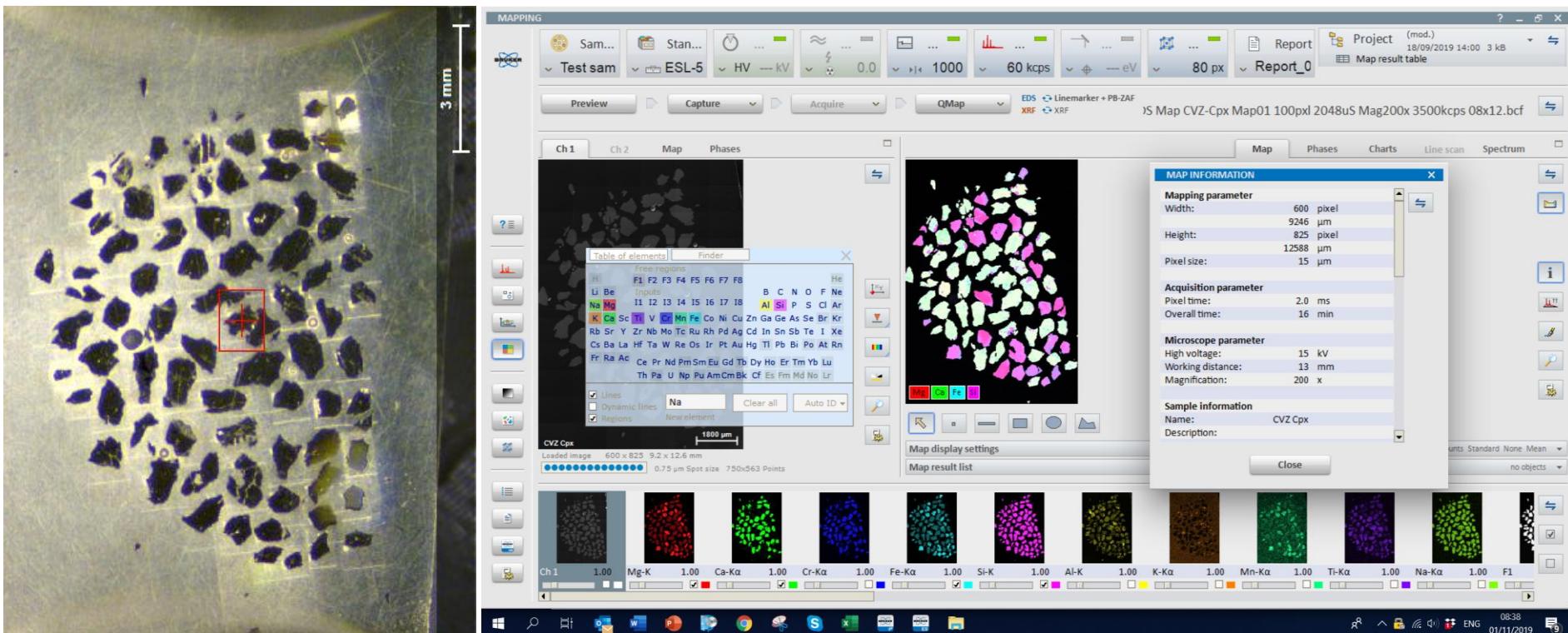
# FlatQUAD: Hypermapping Volcanic Grain Mounts



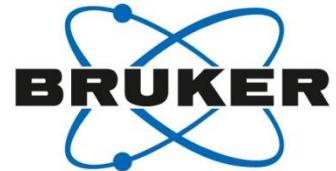
Quickly identify various mineral phases:  
Different Clinopyroxene Compositions

**Pixel Dwell Time:**

**2048 µS**

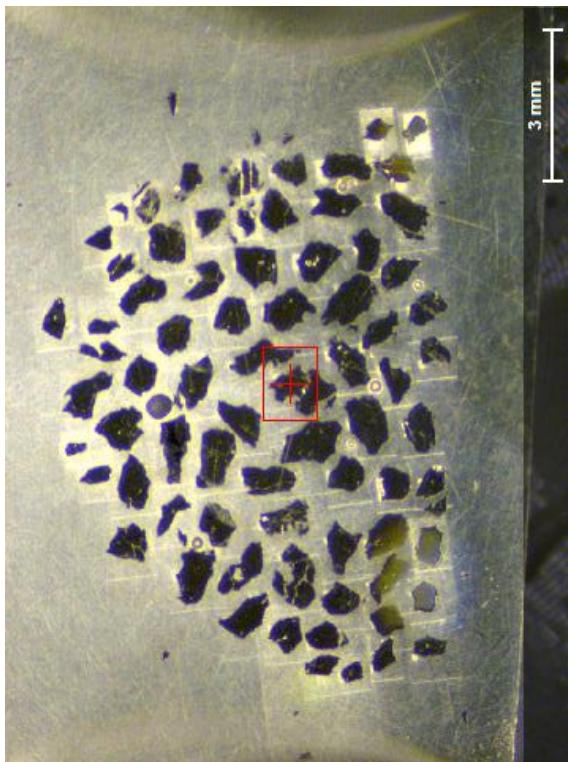


# FlatQUAD: Hypermapping Volcanic Grain Mounts

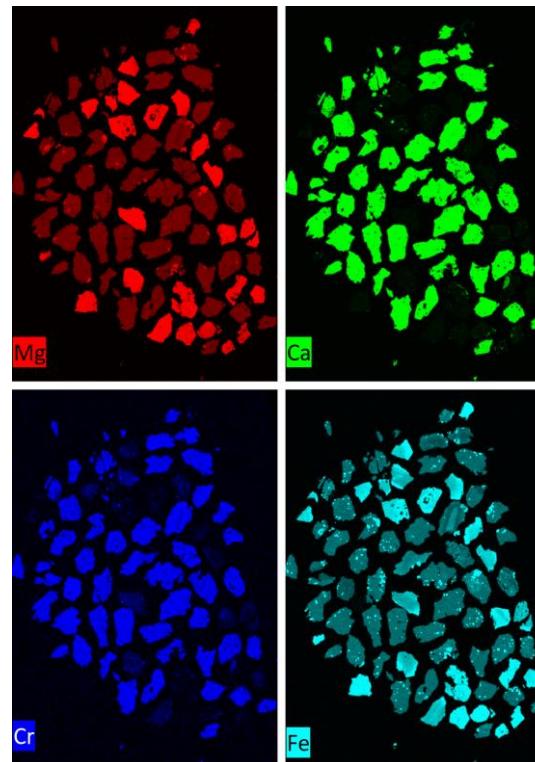


Quickly identify various mineral phases:  
Different Clinopyroxene Compositions

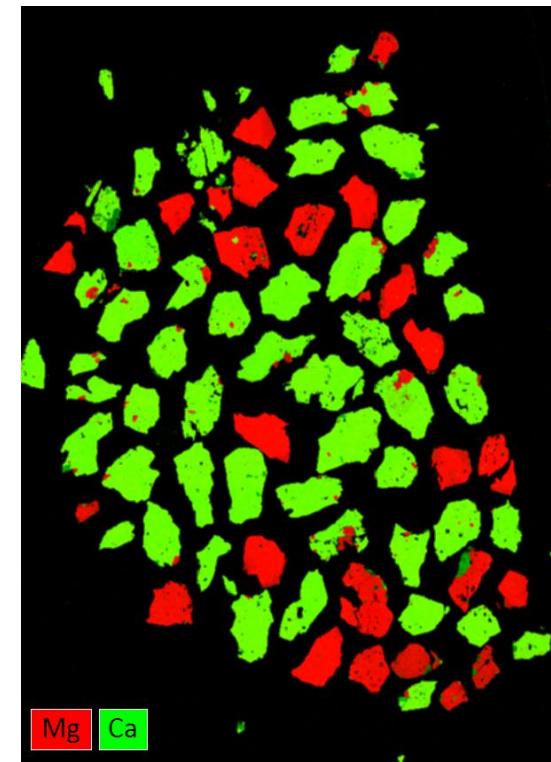
**Pixel Dwell Time:** 2048  $\mu$ S  
**Input Count Rate (ICR):** 2,100,000 cps



**Optical Image**



**Individual Element  
Intensity Maps**



**Mixed Element  
Intensity Maps**

# FlatQUAD: Hypermapping Volcanic Grain Mounts



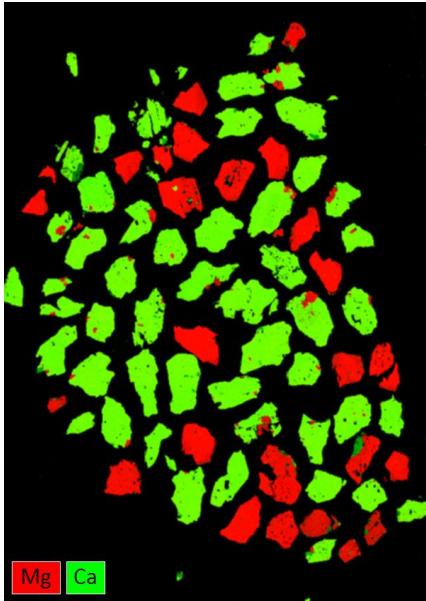
Quickly identify different clinopyroxene compositions

**Input Count Rate (ICR): 2,100,000 cps**

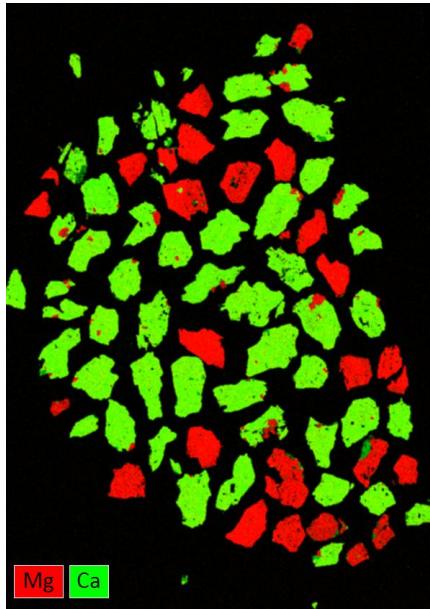
**Pixel Dwell Time:**

**Decreasing by order of magnitude**

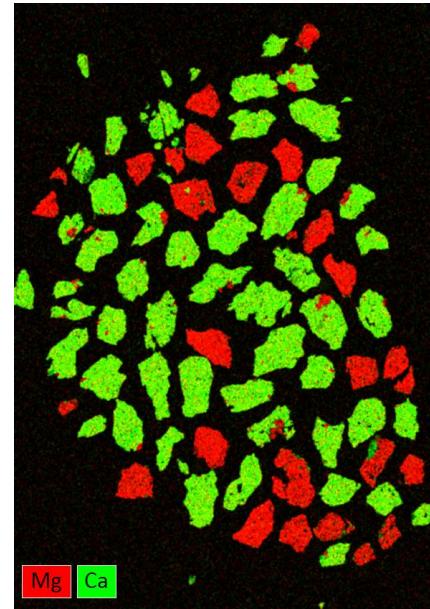
**2048 µS**



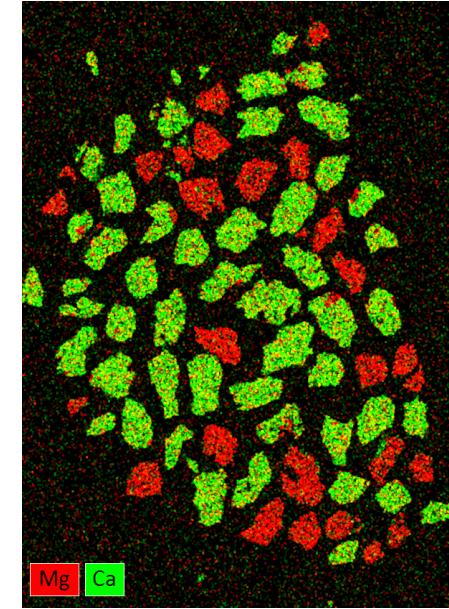
**256 µS**



**32 µS**



**4 µS**



**Total Analytical Time: Decreasing**

**16 minutes**

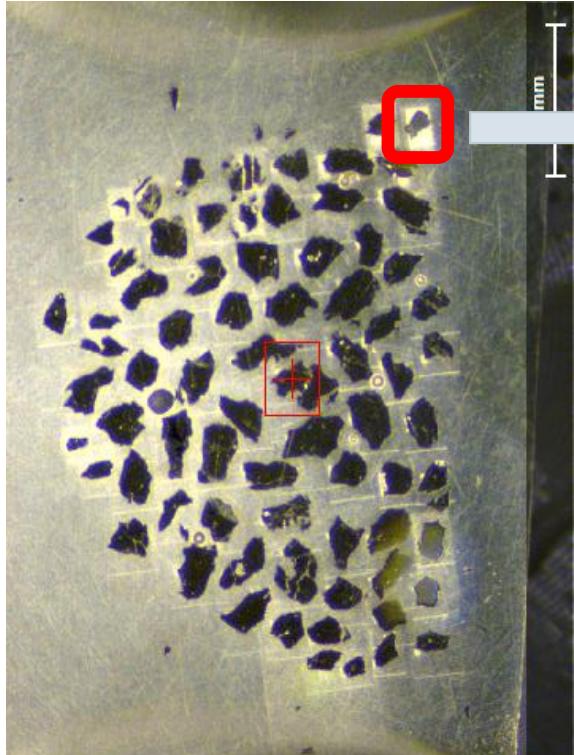
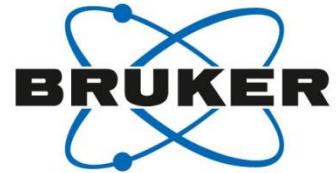
**126 seconds**

**15 seconds**

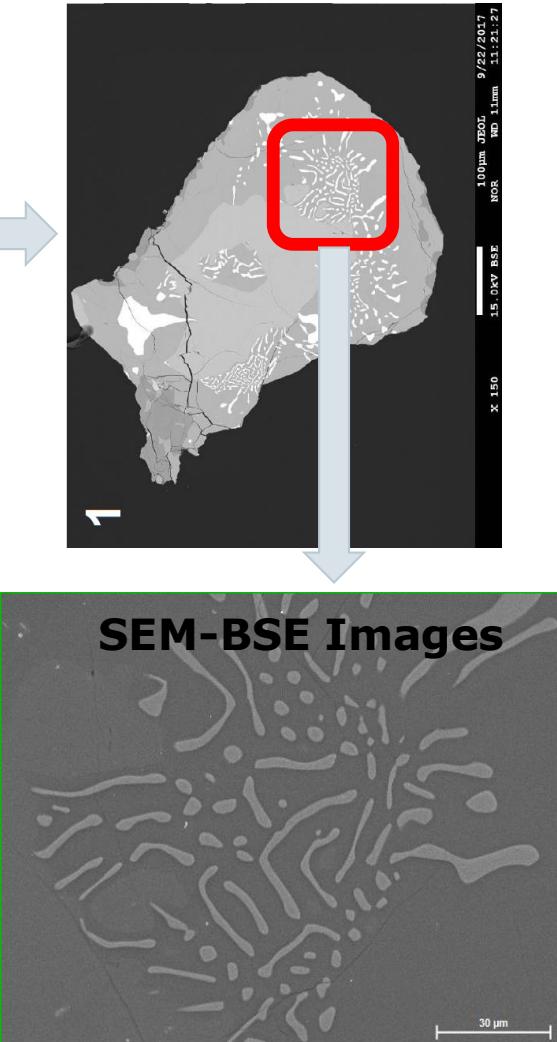
**2 seconds**

# FlatQUAD: Hypermapping Volcanic Grains

Titanomagnetite symplectic textures in volcanic grains



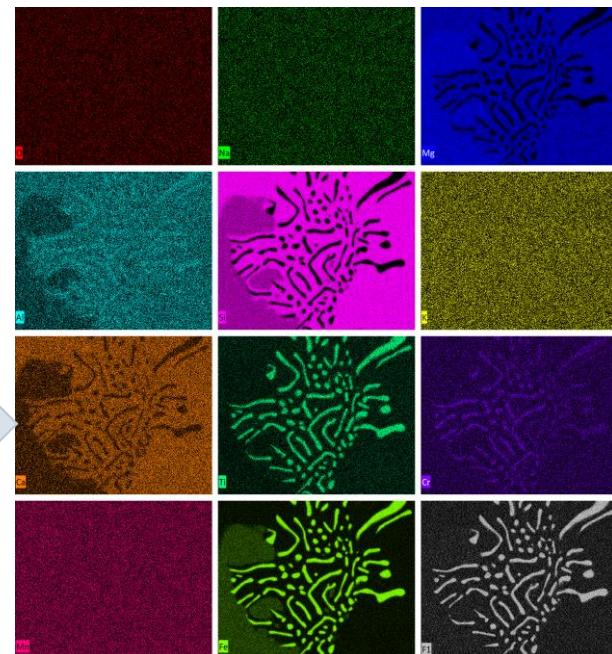
Optical Image



SEM-BSE Images

**Pixel Size:** 250 nm  
**Dwell Time:** 256 μS  
**ICR:** 1,800,000 cps

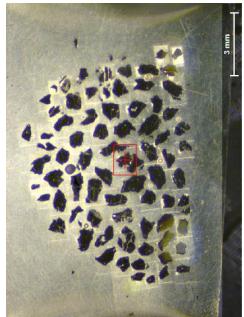
**Individual Element Intensity Maps**



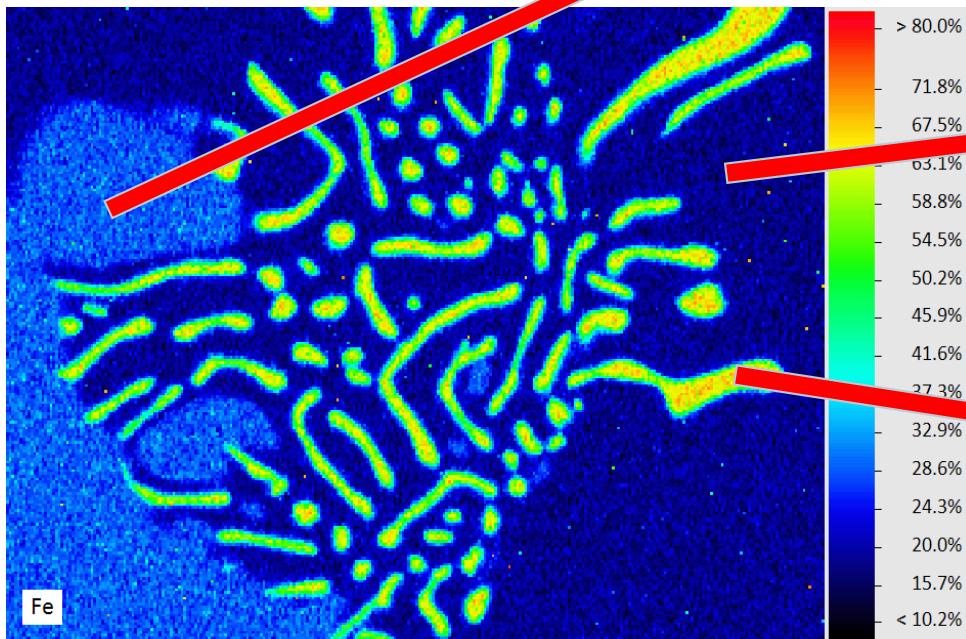
# FlatQUAD: Hypermapping Volcanic Grains



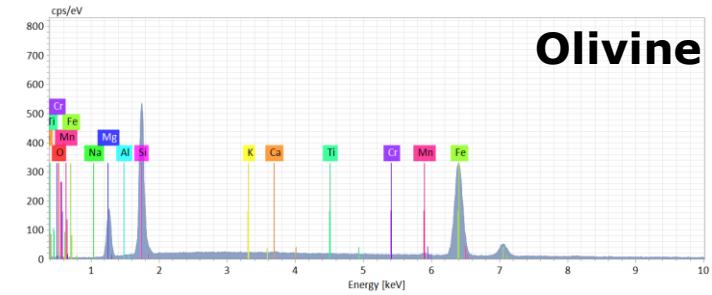
Titanomagnetite symplectic textures in volcanic grains



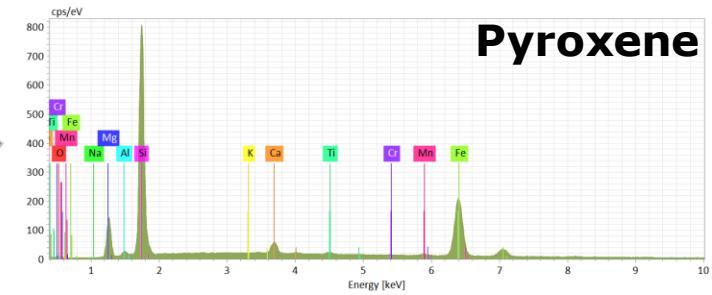
Mineral  
Identification  
and  
Composition



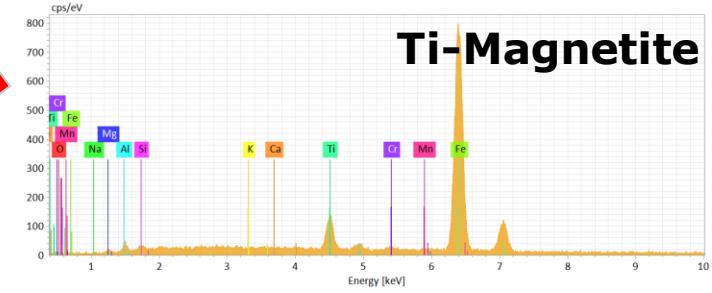
Fe Quant Map



Olivine



Pyroxene

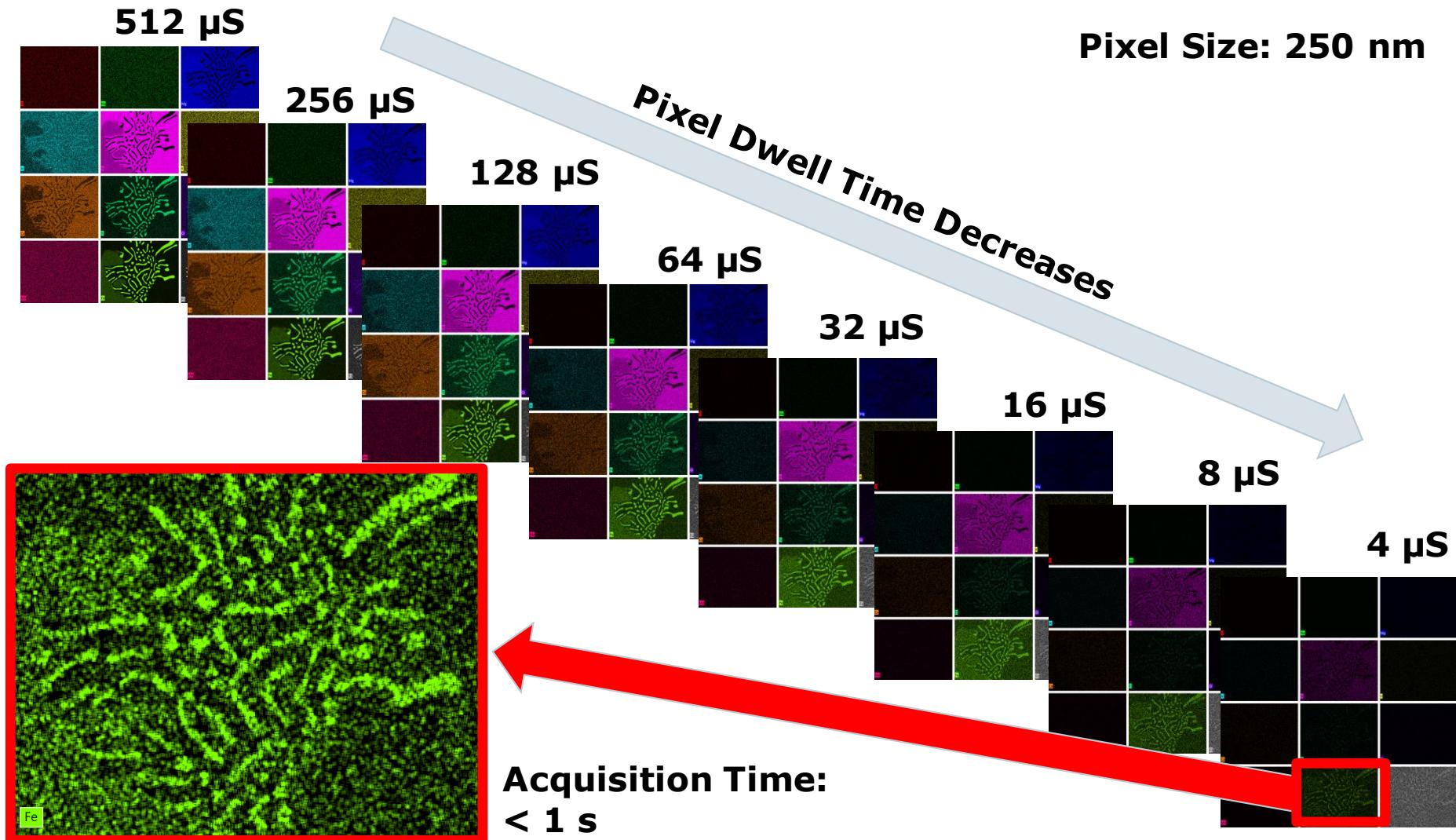


Ti-Magnetite

# SEM-EDS: Hypermapping Volcanic Grains

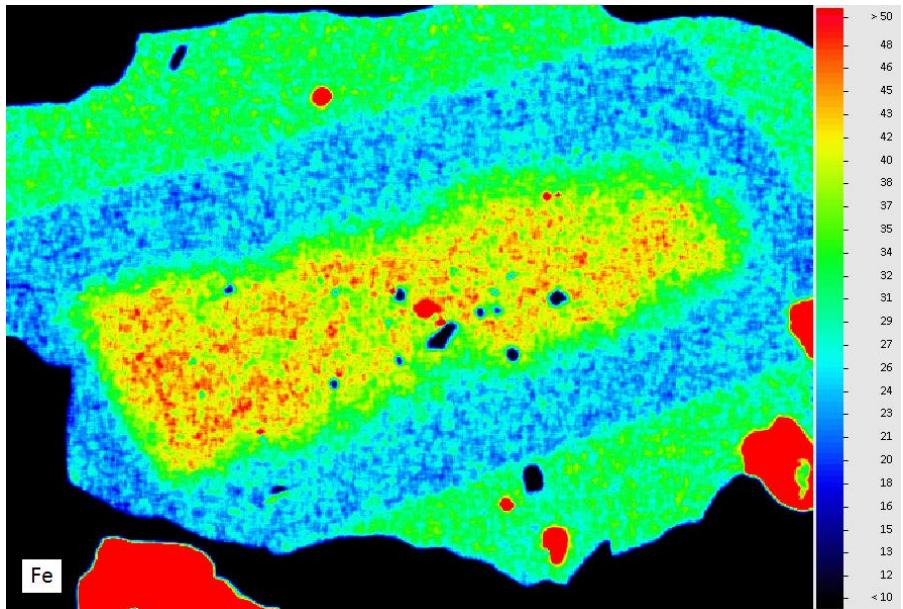


Titanomagnetite symplectitic textures in volcanic grains



# FlatQUAD: Hypermapping Volcanic Grains

Zonation in clinopyroxene grain



**Pixel Size:**

**1.7 µm**

**ICR:**

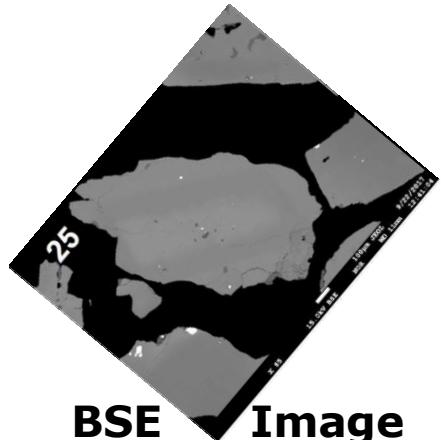
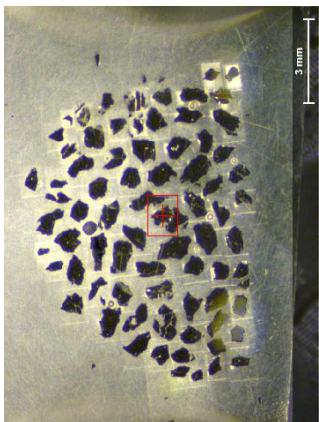
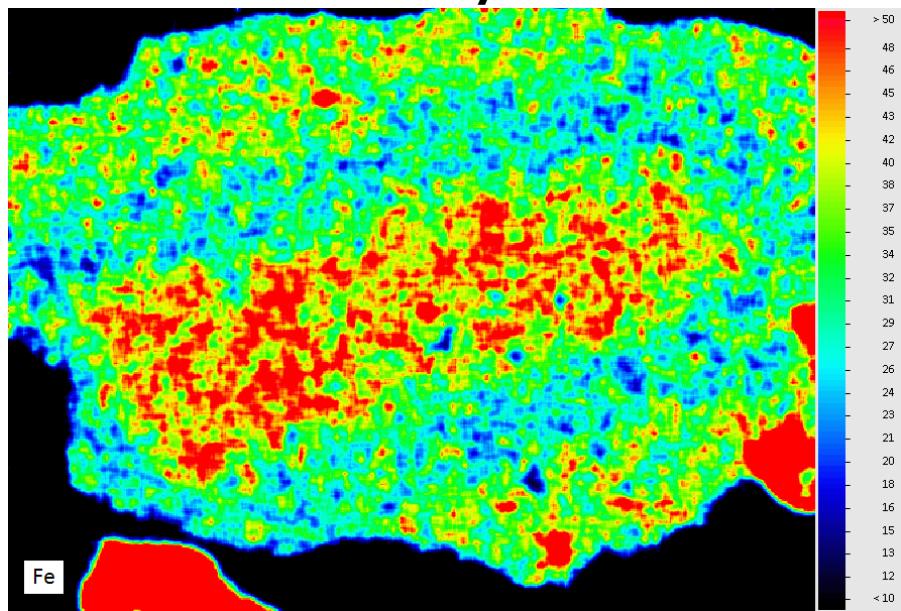
**Dwell Time:**

**1024 µs**

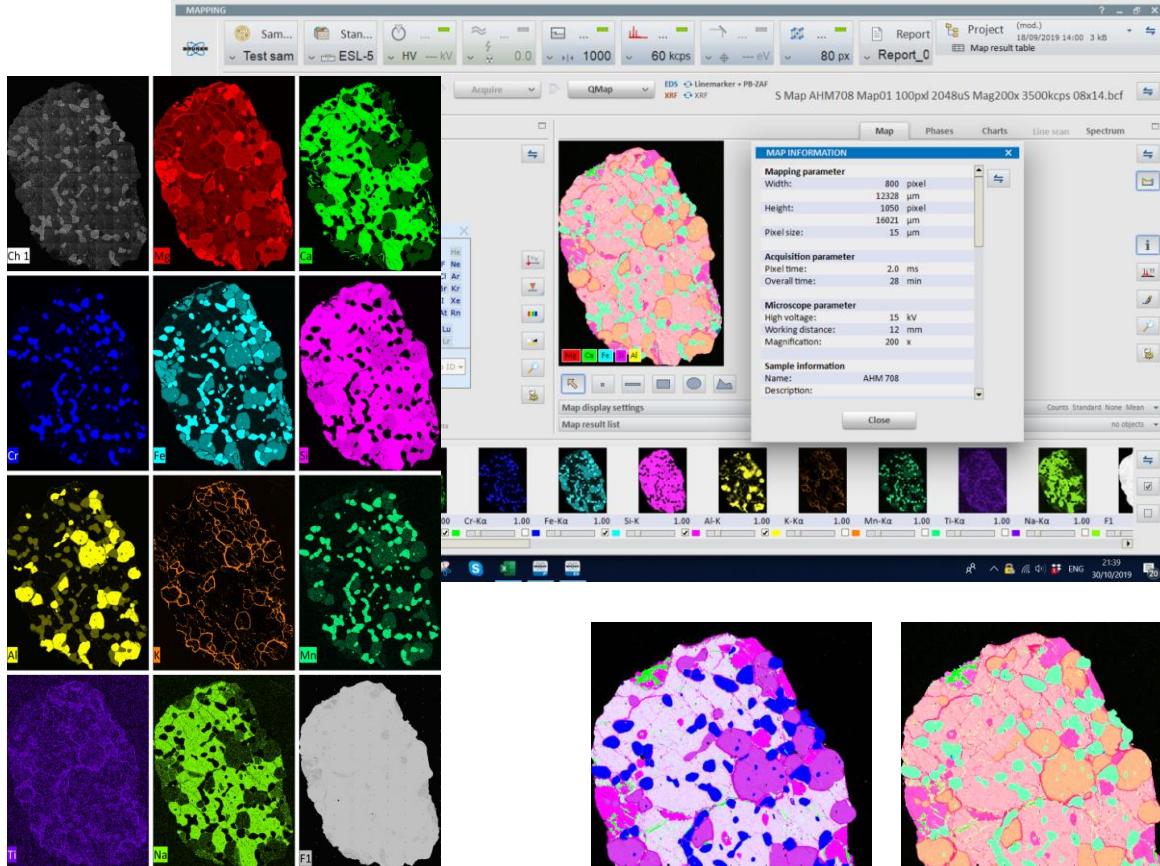
**2,050,000 cps**

**Analytical Time:** 256 s

**Pixel Size:** 1.7 µm  
**Dwell Time:** 32 µs  
**Analytical Time:** 8 s



# FlatQUAD: Hypermap Results Phase Identification



**Individual Element  
Intensity Maps**

## Measurement Conditions

<b>High Voltage:</b>	15 kV
<b>Pixels:</b>	800 x 1050
<b>Measurement Time:</b>	28 min
<b>SDD:</b>	4 x 60 mm <sup>2</sup>
<b>Dwell time:</b>	2048 µs
<b>FOV:</b>	16 mm
<b>Pixel size:</b>	15 µm
<b>Fields:</b>	8 x 14 (112)
<b>Magnification:</b>	200x
<b>ICR:</b>	2,200,000 cps

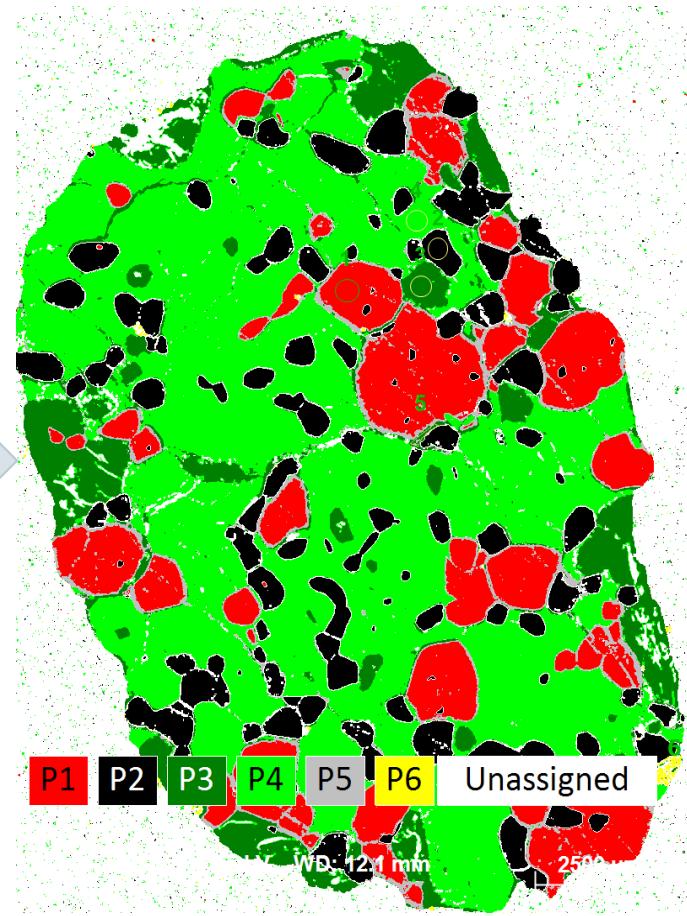
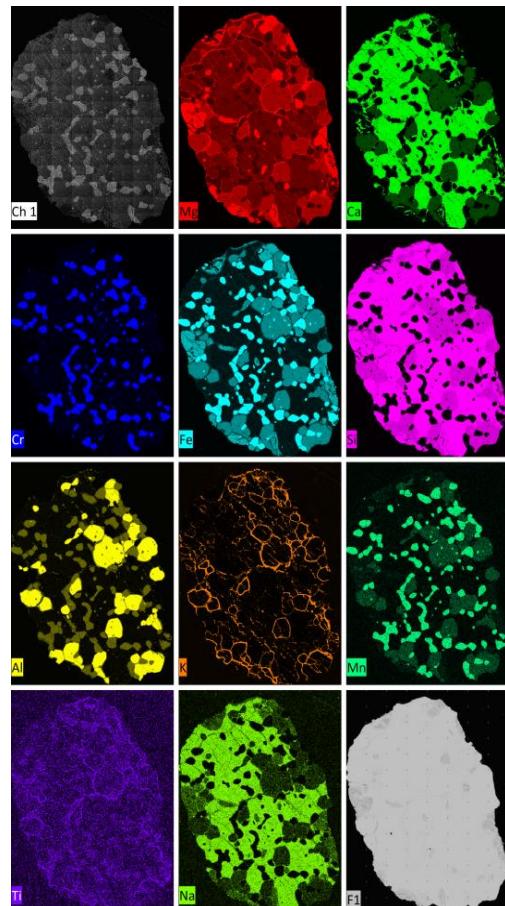
**Mixed Element  
Intensity Maps**

# FlatQUAD: Hypermap Results

## Feature: Phase Identification



Phases Based on selected elements: Mg, Al, Si, Fe, Ca

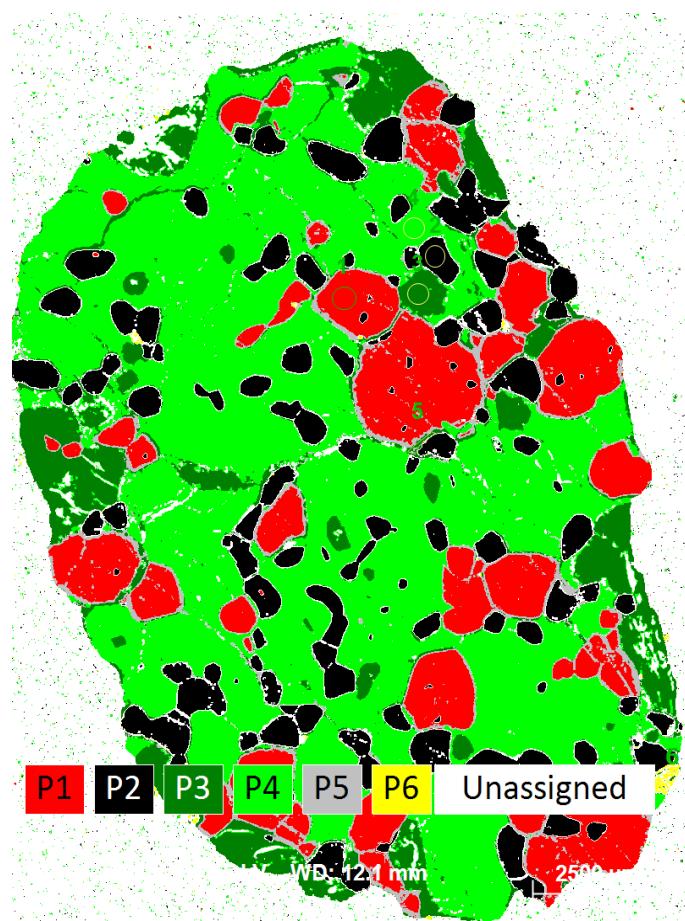


# FlatQUAD: Hypermap Results

## Feature: Phase Identification



Phases Based on selected elements: Mg, Al, Si, Fe, Ca



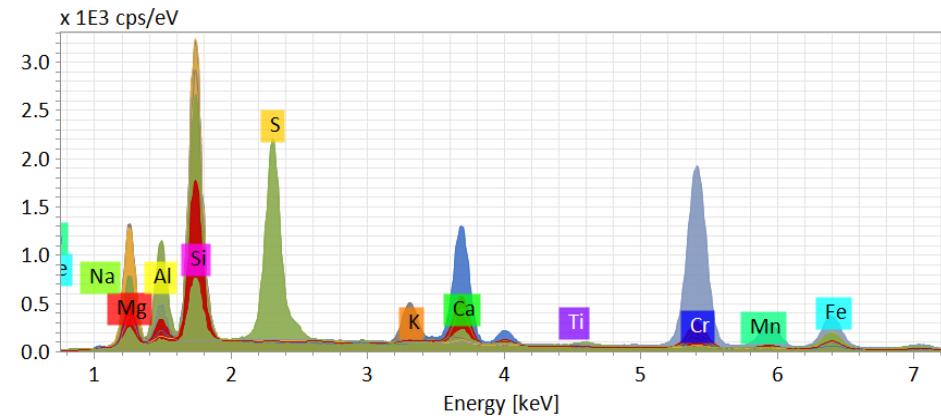
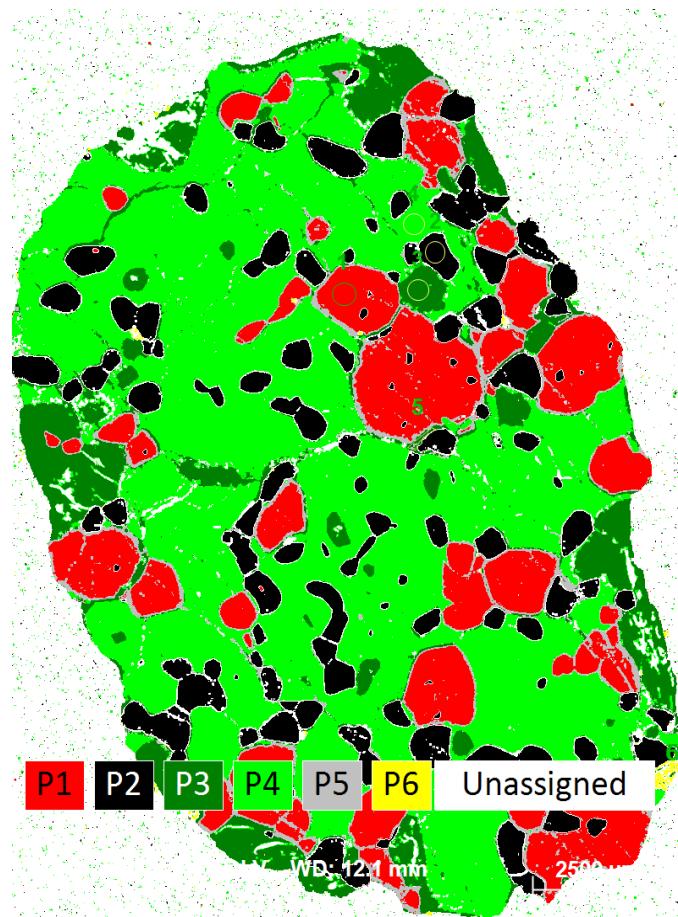
Phase	Area %
P1	12.3
P2	9.5
P3	7.7
P4	34.4
P5	3.2
P6	0.2
Unassigned	32.8

# FlatQUAD: Hypermap Results

## Feature: Phase Identification



Phases Based on selected elements: Mg, Al, Si, Fe, Ca



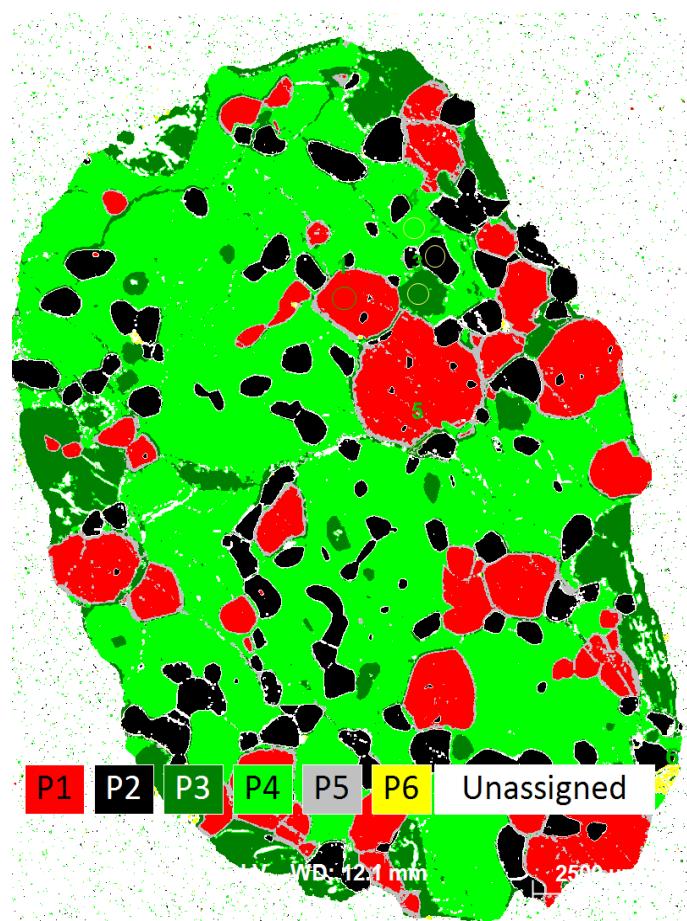
Spectrum	Oxygen	MgO	CaO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	FeO	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	MnO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	I
P1	0.00	20.67	4.63	4.95	6.38	40.09	20.35	0.21	0.37	0.00	
P2	0.00	14.62	0.08	54.93	14.20	1.34	10.70	0.02	0.58	0.00	
P3	0.00	33.46	1.38	1.07	6.78	49.09	3.39	0.88	0.19	0.19	
P4	0.00	16.89	18.38	3.87	1.73	50.41	3.48	0.46	0.00	0.00	
P5	0.00	25.24	2.34	3.30	4.40	41.25	15.39	4.91	0.10	0.20	

# FlatQUAD: Hypermap Results

## Feature: Phase Identification

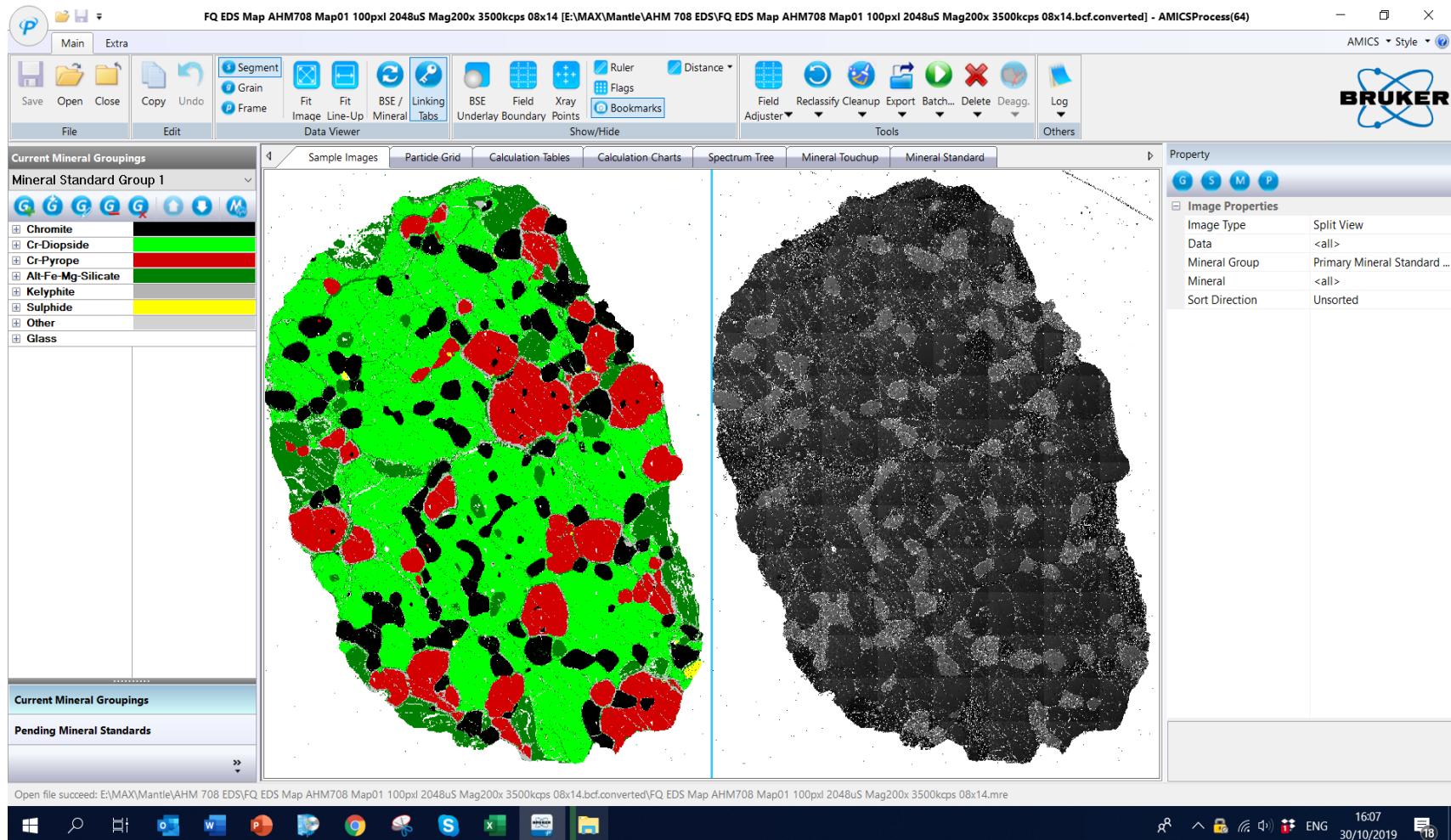


Phases Based on selected elements: Mg, Al, Si, Fe, Ca



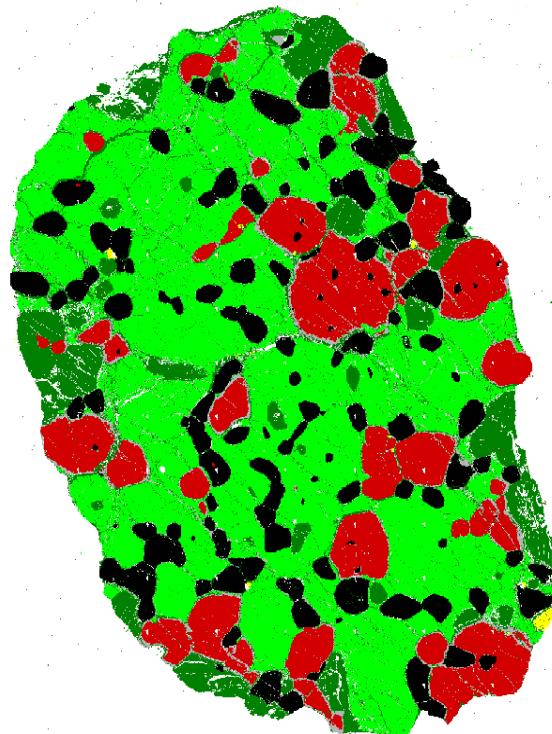
Phase	Area %	Mineral
P1	12.3	Garnet
P2	9.5	Chromite
P3	7.7	Olivine
P4	34.4	Clinopyroxene
P5	3.2	Metasomatism
P6	0.2	Sulphide
Unassigned	32.8	Glass Slide

# FlatQUAD: Hypermap Results AMICS: Automated Mineralogy

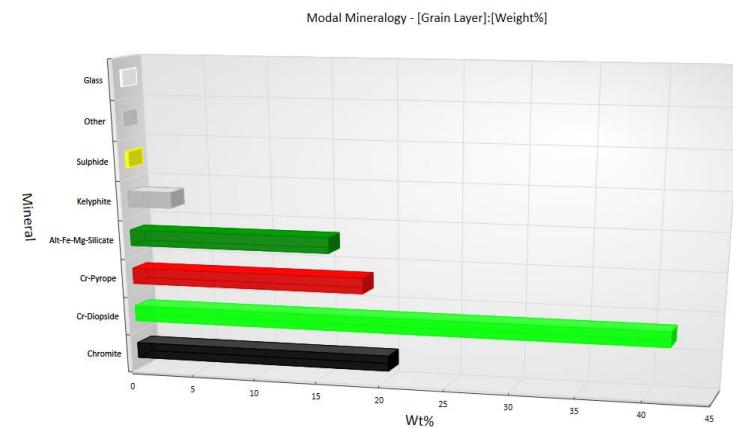
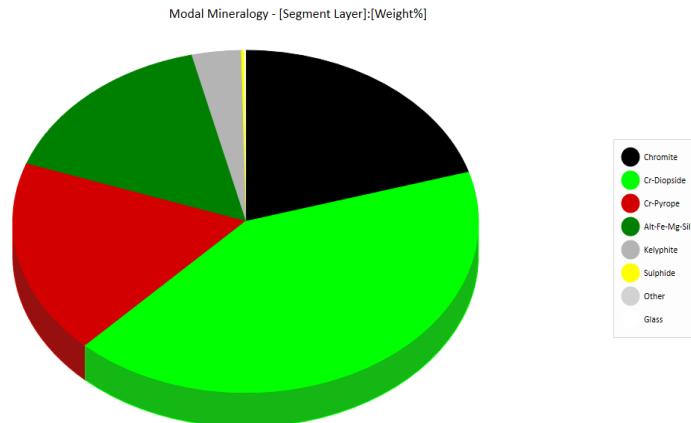


# FlatQUAD: Hypermap Results

## AMICS: Chromite



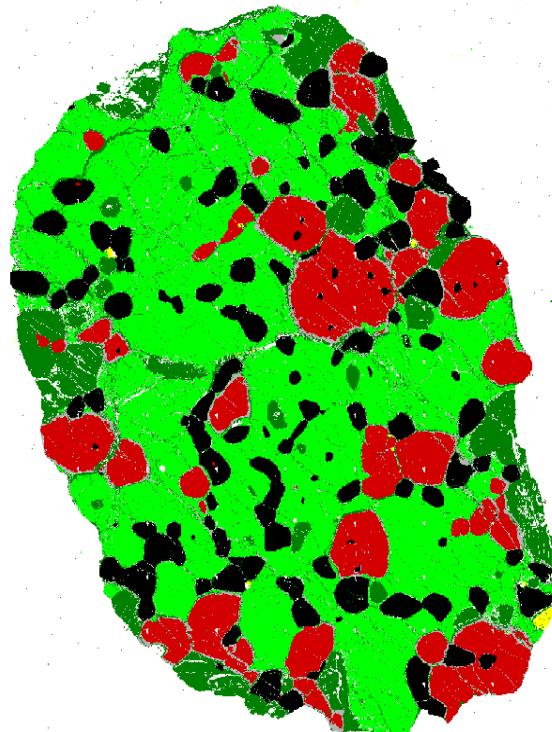
Mineralogical Map:  
All phases shown



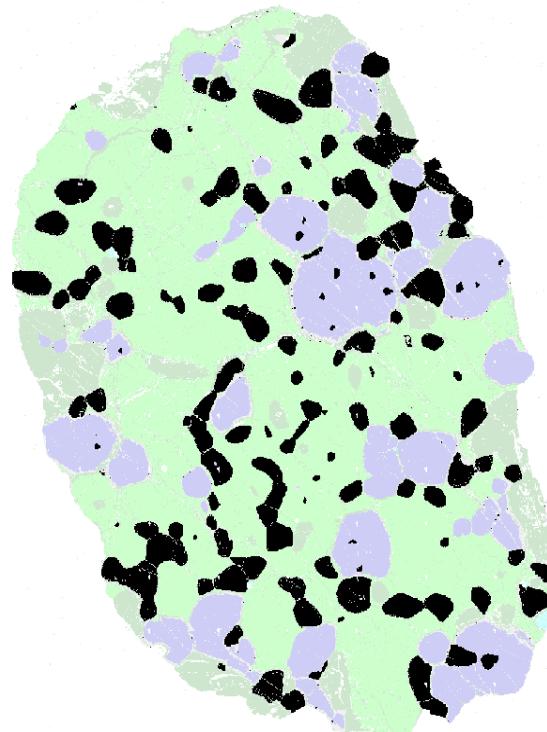
Modal Mineralogy:  
Quantification

# FlatQUAD: Hypermap Results

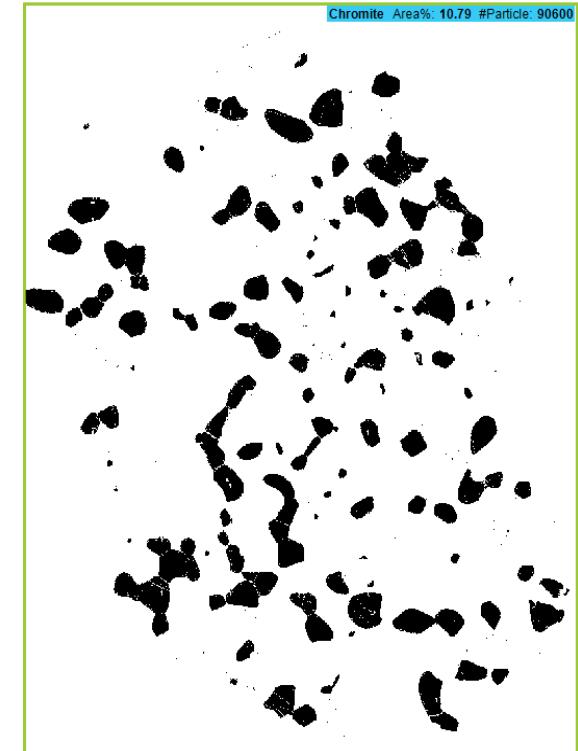
## AMICS: Chromite



Mineralogical Map:  
All phases shown



Mineralogical Map:  
Chromite Mineral  
enhanced  
Other Minerals  
faded



Chromite Mineral  
Map:  
Relative Positions

# FlatQUAD: Hypermap Results

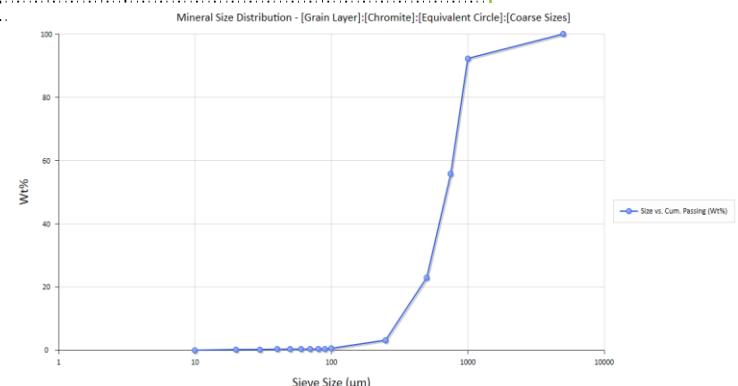
## AMICS: Chromite



Chromite Mineral  
Map:  
Relative Positions



Chromite Mineral  
Grains:  
Sorted by Size



Chromite Mineral  
Grains Size  
Distribution

# AMICS: Relevant Mineralogical Information



**Modal Mineralogy:** How much of each mineral is present.

**Elemental Assay:** How much of each element is present (Whole Rock).

**Elemental Distribution:** How is the element of interest (EOI) distributed in each mineral? E.g. Cr in Chromite vs Pyrope Garnet.

**Mineral Association:** Identify how the minerals are associated with each-other, e.g. Chromite and Garnet and Clinopyroxene etc.

**Grain Shape Factor:** The shape of the grain, i.e. euhedral, elongated.

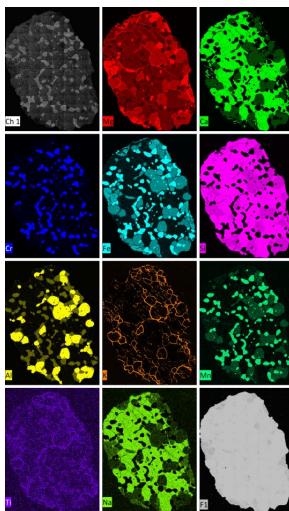
**Mineral Density Distribution:** Classify densities of minerals. Identify how the minerals are distributed among the densities.

**Grade Recovery Curves:** What % of minerals of interest (MOI) or element of interest (EOI) is recovered at what grade?

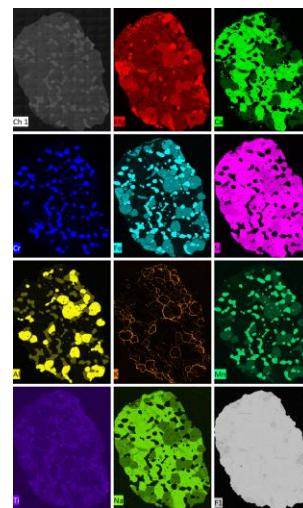
# FlatQUAD: Hypermap Results Analytical Time



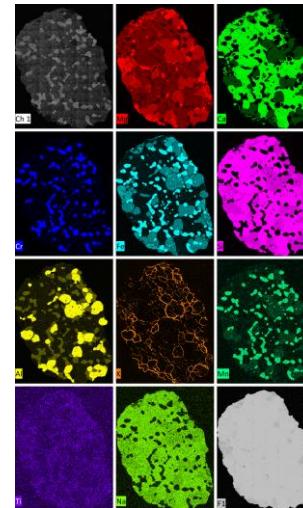
**800 px**  
**512  $\mu$ S**  
**462 min**



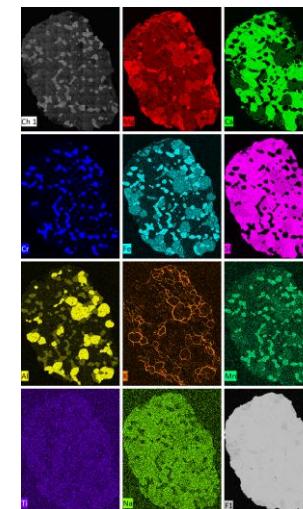
**100 px**  
**048  $\mu$ S**  
**28 min**



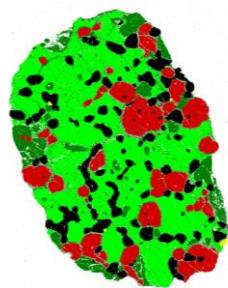
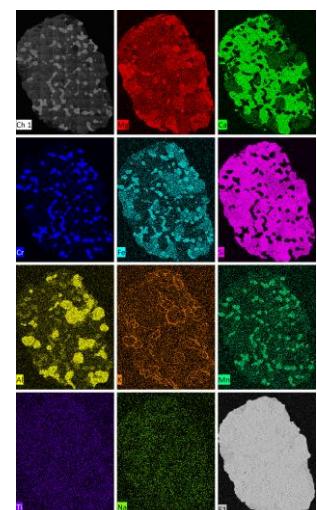
**100 px**  
**256  $\mu$ S**  
**4 min**



**100 px**  
**32  $\mu$ S**  
**26 sec**



**100 px**  
**4  $\mu$ S**  
**3 sec**

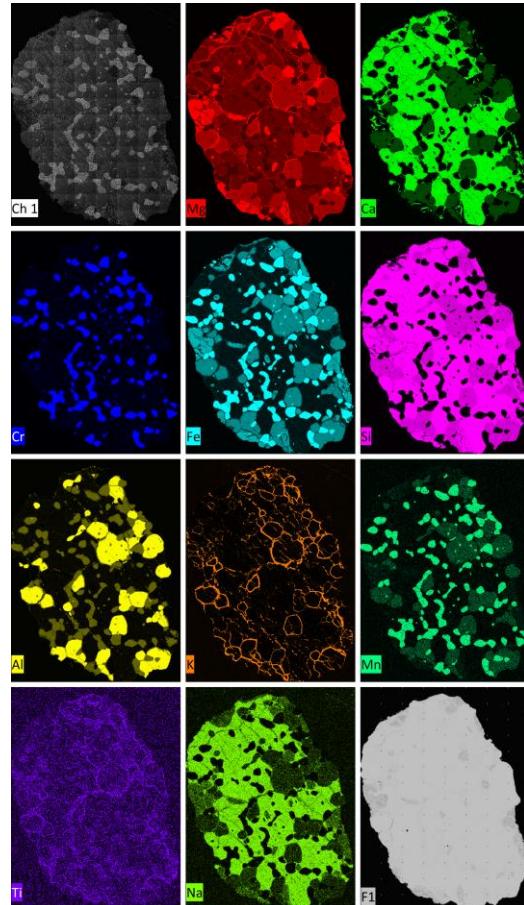


**Pixel Dwell Time: Decreases**  
**Analytical Time: Decreases**

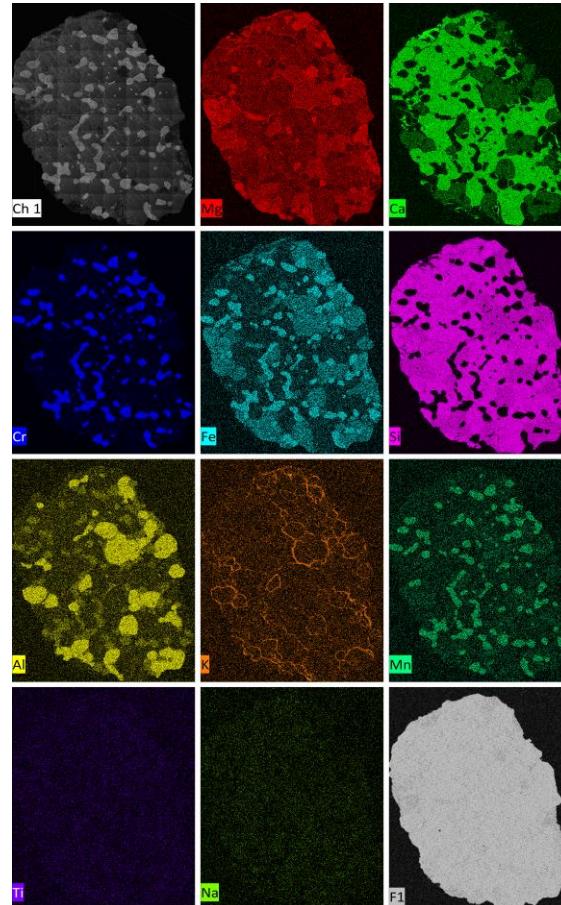
**Note:** Does not include stage movement time

# FlatQUAD: Hypermap Results

## High count map vs. low count map



High Count Map,  
(28 min), 8x14 fields (112)



Low Count Map  
(3 sec), 8x14 fields (112)

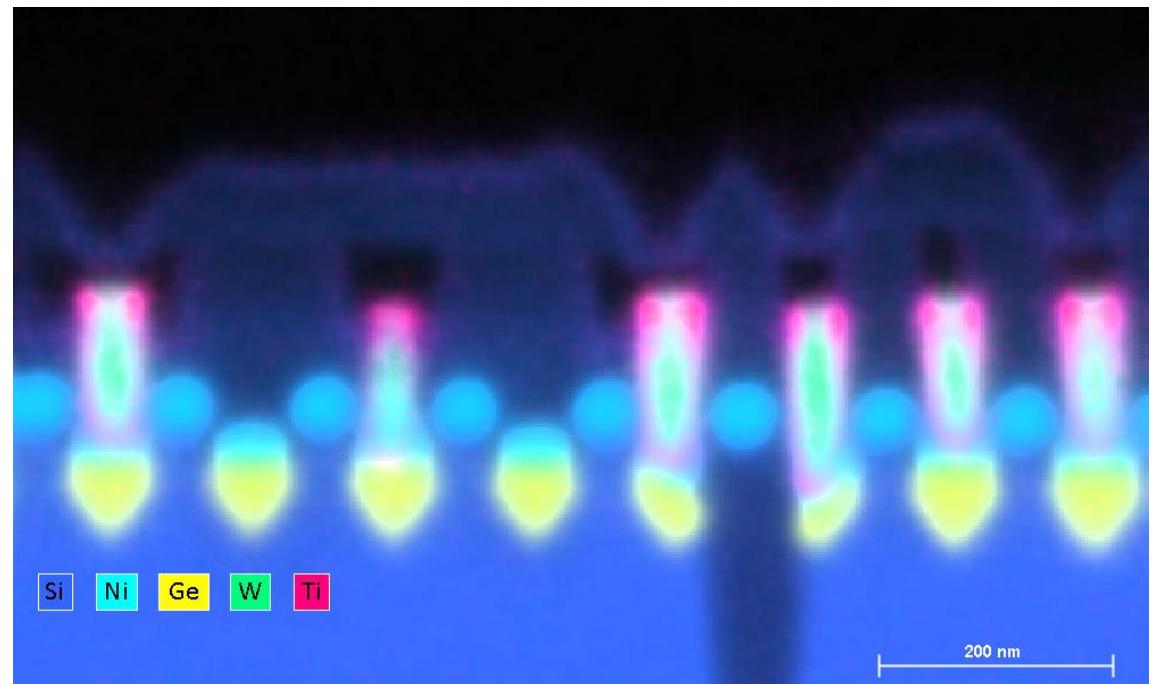
Major element distribution is visible in both maps

Due to background noise, minor elements are identified better in the high count map

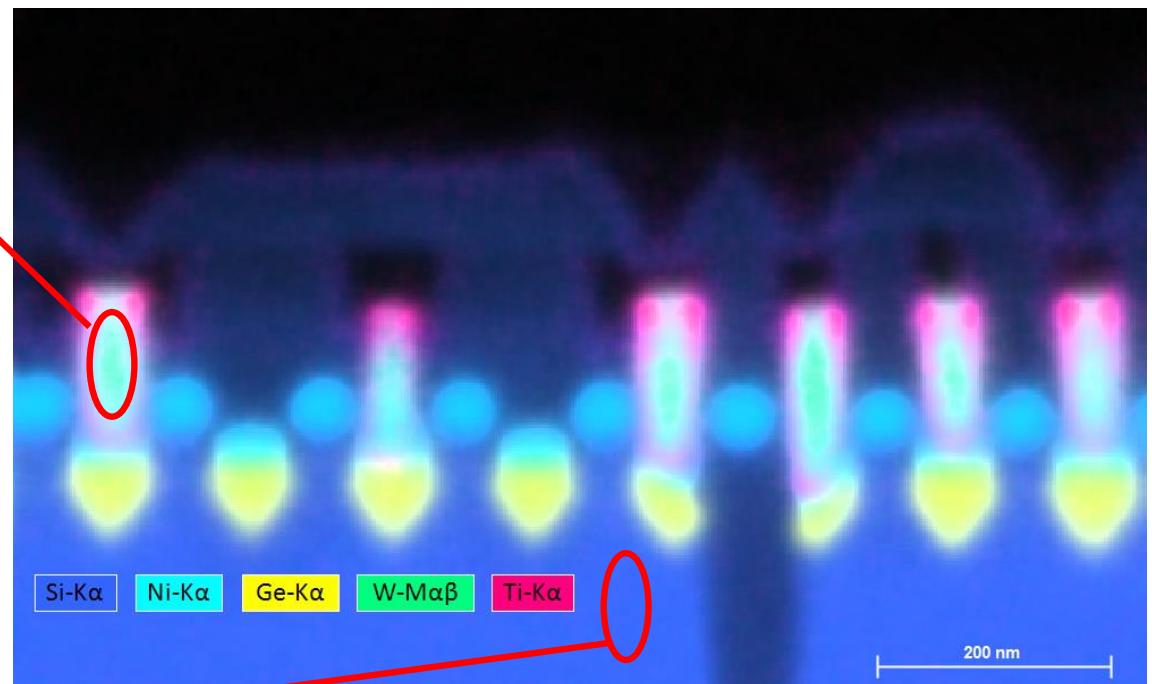
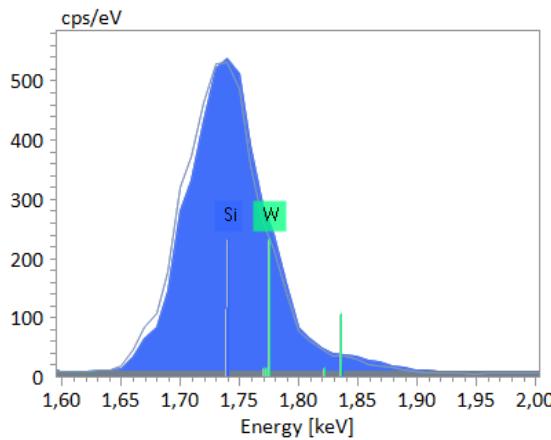
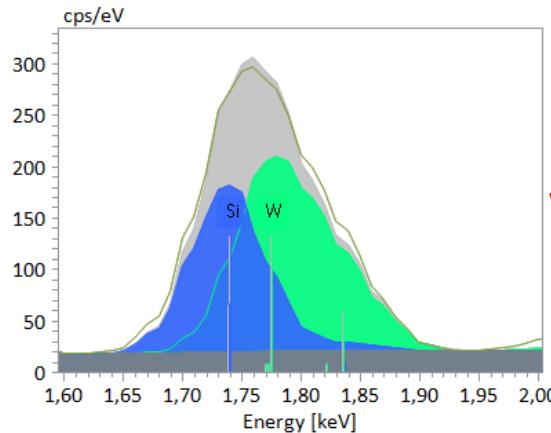
# Mapping of nano structures - Semiconductor



EDS Measurement parameters	
Map size	400 x 240 px
Measurement time	60 minutes
HV	20 kV
Input count rate	380 kcps
WD	14 mm
Dead time	20%

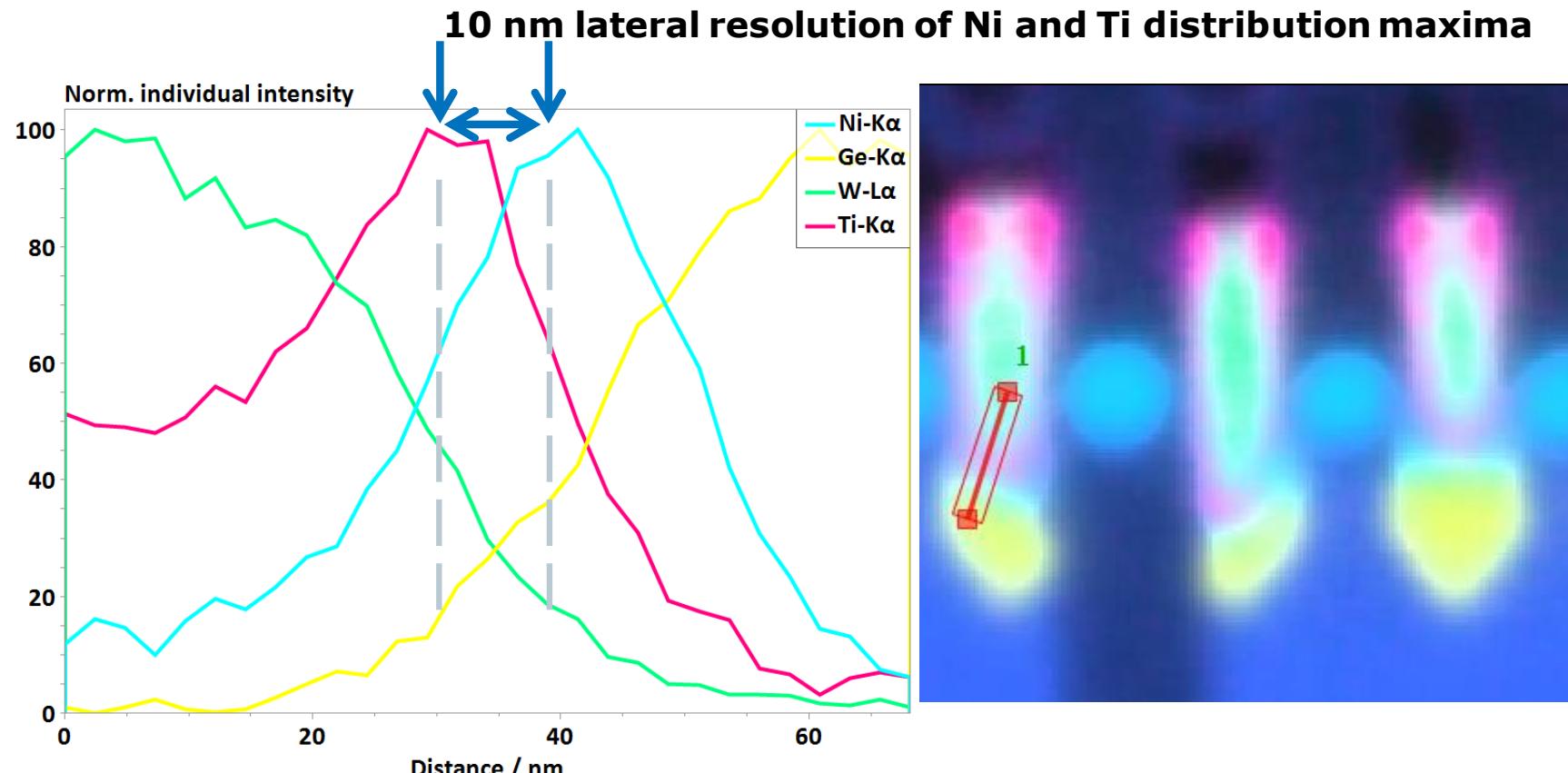


# Mapping of nano structures – Semiconductor Peak overlaps – online deconvolution



Extracted area spectra from the map

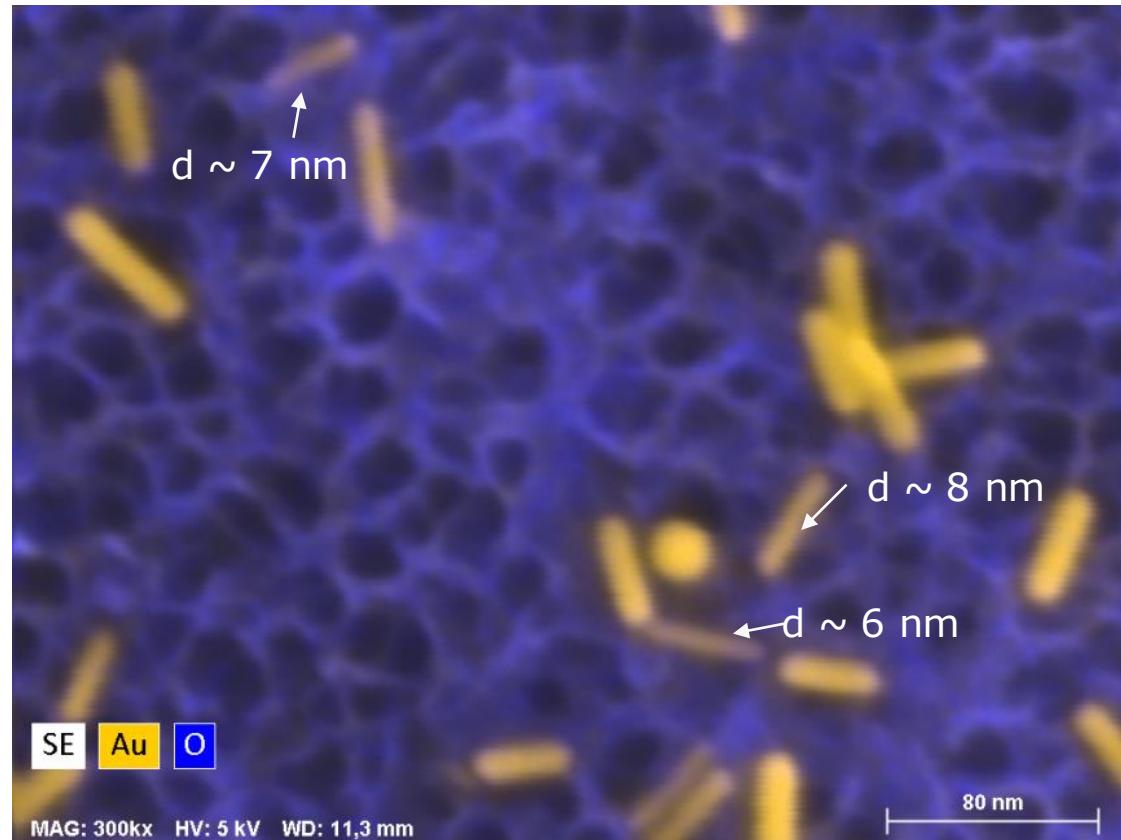
# Mapping of nano structures – Semiconductor Lateral resolution of 10 nm



Extracted linescan from the map data

# Mapping of nano structures – Au NP

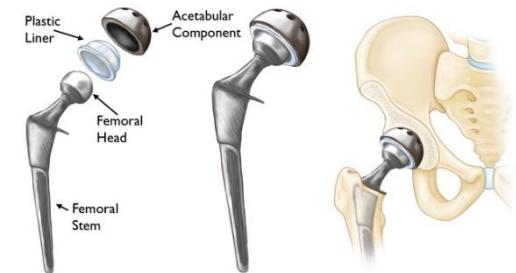
## Lateral resolution of under 10 nm



Au-NP on  $\text{TiO}_2$  Sponge-like coating for implants

T. Yang et al., Colloids and Surfaces B: 145, 597 (2016).

Ralf Terborg et al., Microscopy Today, 2017, 3: 35



- Au-nano particles (NP) to avoid implant inflammation
- NP change surface potential
- Settling bacteria get „electricuted“.
- For successful tissue growth it is very important to judge the distribution of the NP and compare it to fluorescence light microscopy.

# FlatQUAD: Summary and conclusions



- The FlatQUAD gives fast, accurate and precise quantification results. This can be standard-based or standardless.
- Ideally suited for beam sensitive samples and/or samples where sample preparation like coating is impractical.
- Avoids shadow effects.
- Ultra high speed mapping over entire thin sections ( $40 \times 30$  mm) in less than 3 minutes are possible with stage movement.
- Smallest particles can be observed and analyzed with low beam currents.
- Superior to standard SDD in speed and count-rate.

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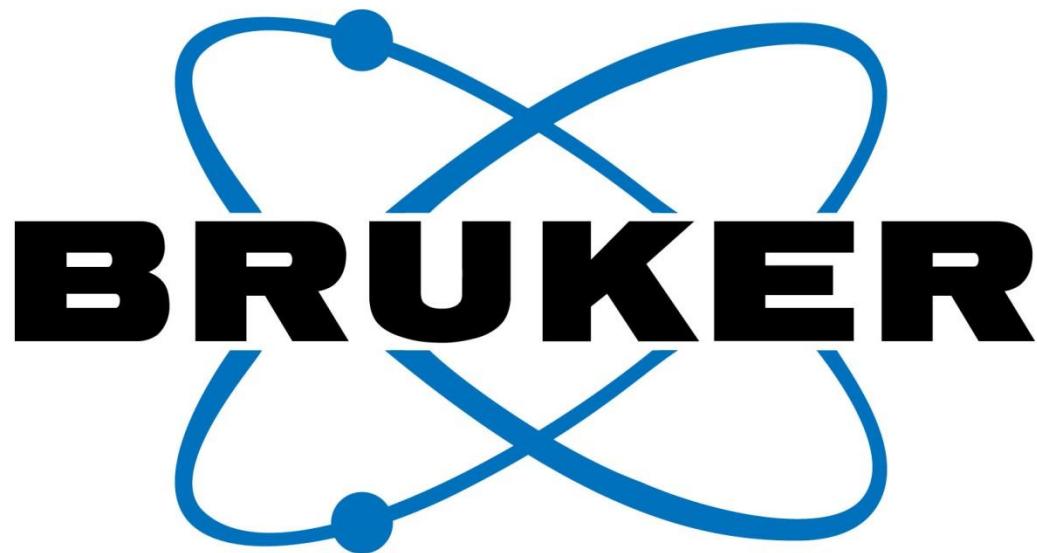
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