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# XFlash<sup>®</sup> 7 – The New EDS Detector Series

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# XFlash® 7 – The right angle for better analysis

Fast. Precise. Reliable.



XFlash® 7 - the detector  
for SEM and FIB-SEM

XFlash® 7T - the detector  
for TEM and STEM

## XFlash® 7 for SEM – Key facts

Up to 1,000,000 cps

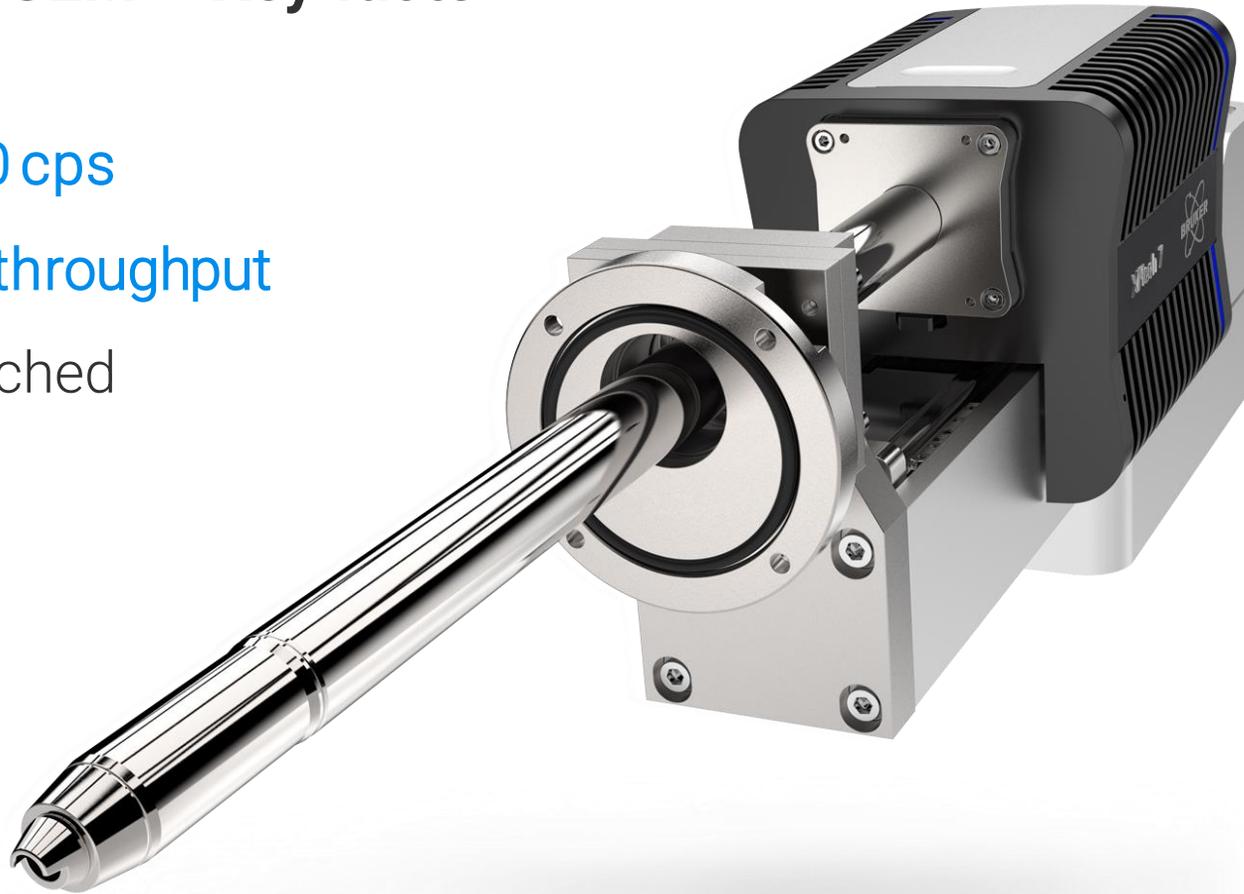
Real analytical throughput

Achieve unmatched analysis speed

> 2,200

Element lines

Quantify complex data using the most comprehensive atomic database incl. K, L, M and N lines



> 1.1 sr

Largest solid angle for X-ray collection

Maximize sample throughput with optimum geometry for most efficient collection of the generated X-rays

## XFlash® 7 – Benefits

### Make your element analysis more efficient

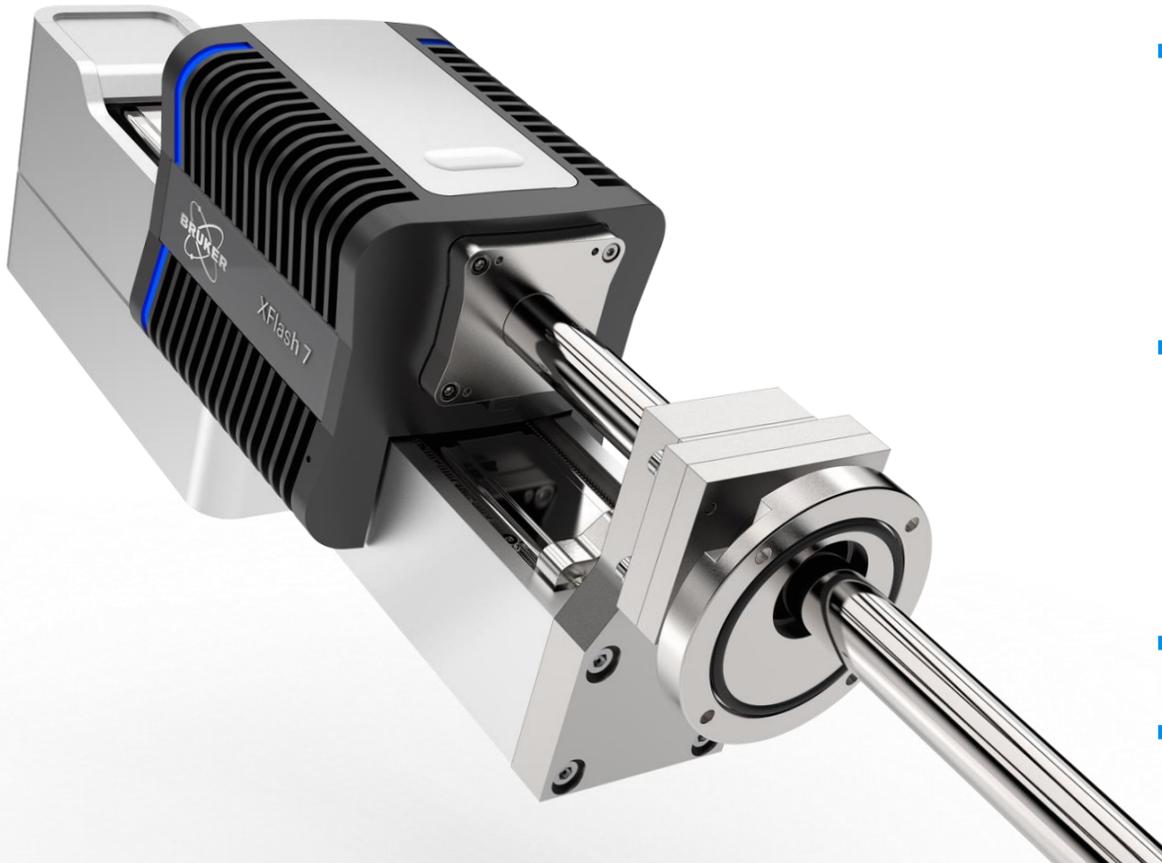
- Individually optimized EDS systems to provide unmatched speed and precision.
- Shorten measurement time with maximized throughput.
- The most efficient geometry for collection of generated X-rays to analyze challenging samples.
- Benefit from accurate and reliable quantification results with optimized geometry.
- Detect smaller quantities of matter thanks to optimized detector geometry leading to lower background and less absorption.



## XFlash® 7 – Benefits

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### Get the most out of your system and uptime

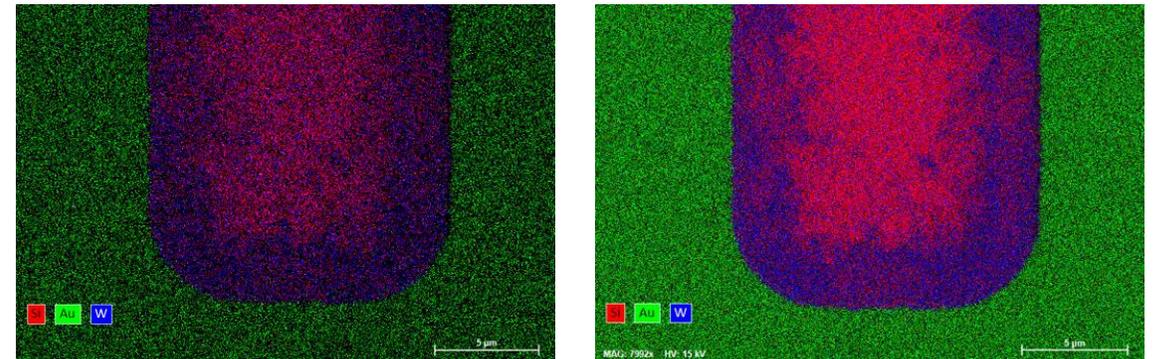


- One for all - seamless integration of EDS, WDS, EBSD, and micro-XRF in the comprehensive ESPRIT analysis platform. Available for any SEM, FIB-SEM and EPMA allowing users to switch easily between techniques.
- Maximize system uptime and ensure data integrity with on-demand health check. Tracking the detector parameters and allowing predictive maintenance to expand detector lifetime.
- All components can be exchanged on-site
- Applicable to many market segments, e.g., Material or Life Science research and Semiconductor industry.

## XFlash® 7 – Be faster!

With up to **1,000,000 cps** the XFlash® 7 offers the highest real **analytical throughput** on the market for EDS detectors, meaning:

- Acquire quantitative EDS data at any speed using the new ESPRIT Live Map  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DF-XBmIIIGI8>
- Get best results in the shortest time
- No risk of signal loss caused by slow read-out electronics
- Maximize your sample throughput without compromising quality
- Avoid tweaking microscope parameters

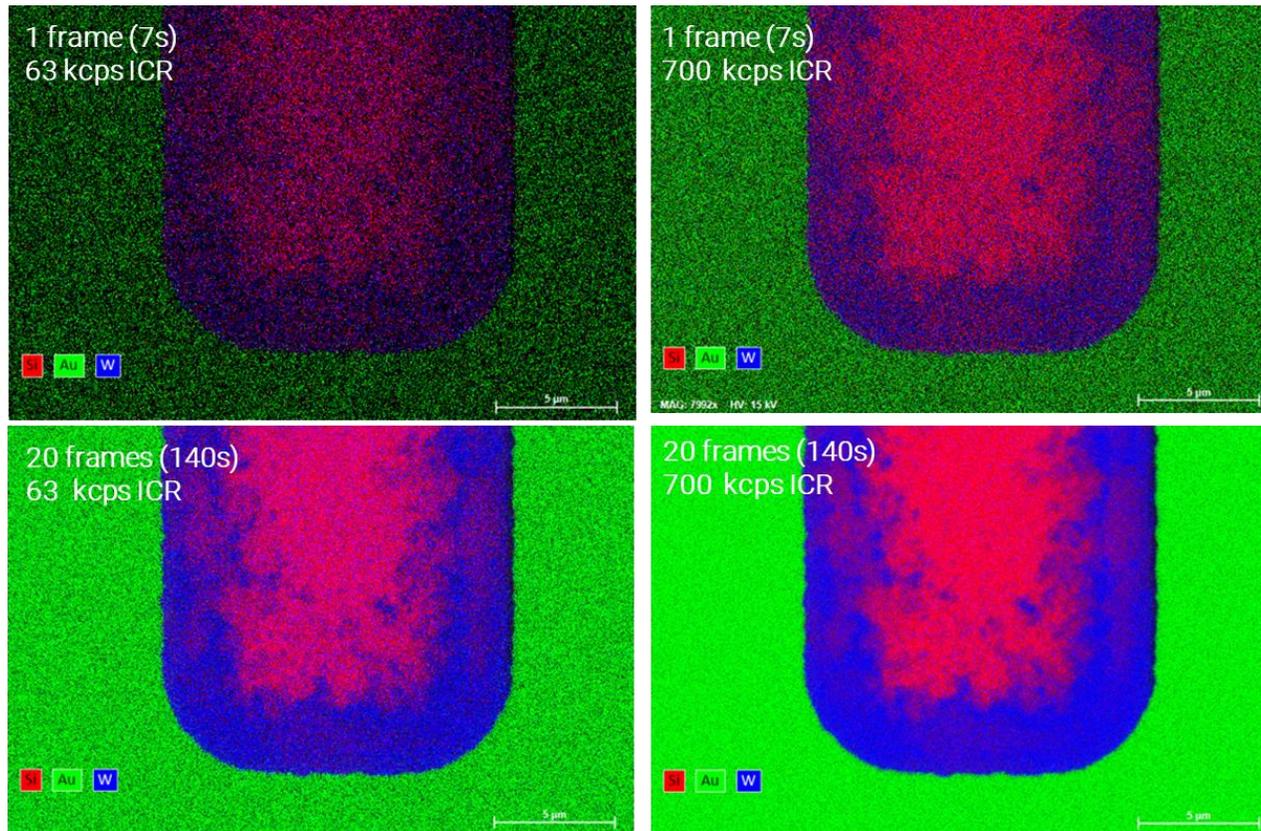


Element distribution maps based on deconvolved net intensities of Si-K and W-M lines at 15 kV.

| Measurement conditions | Left                  | Right         |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Detector               | Conventional detector | XFlash® 760   |
| Measurement time       | 7 s (1 frame)         | 7 s (1 frame) |
| Input count rate       | 63 kcps               | 700 kcps      |
| Dead time              | 18 %                  | 38 %          |

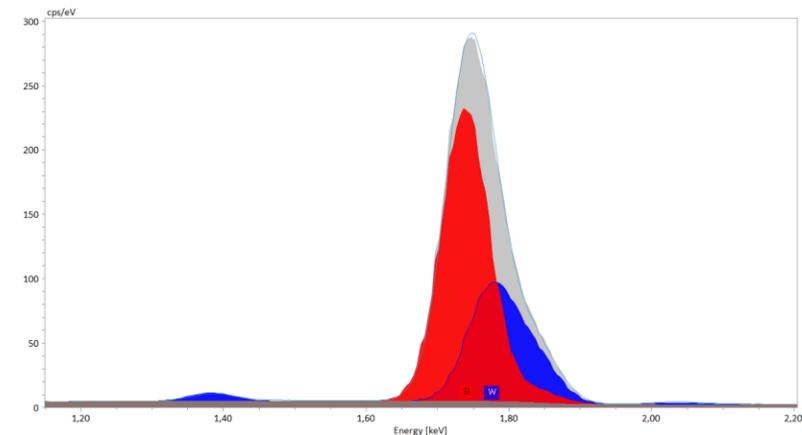
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## Fast elemental mapping of Si and W wafer etching residues



Benefits of mapping at very high throughput

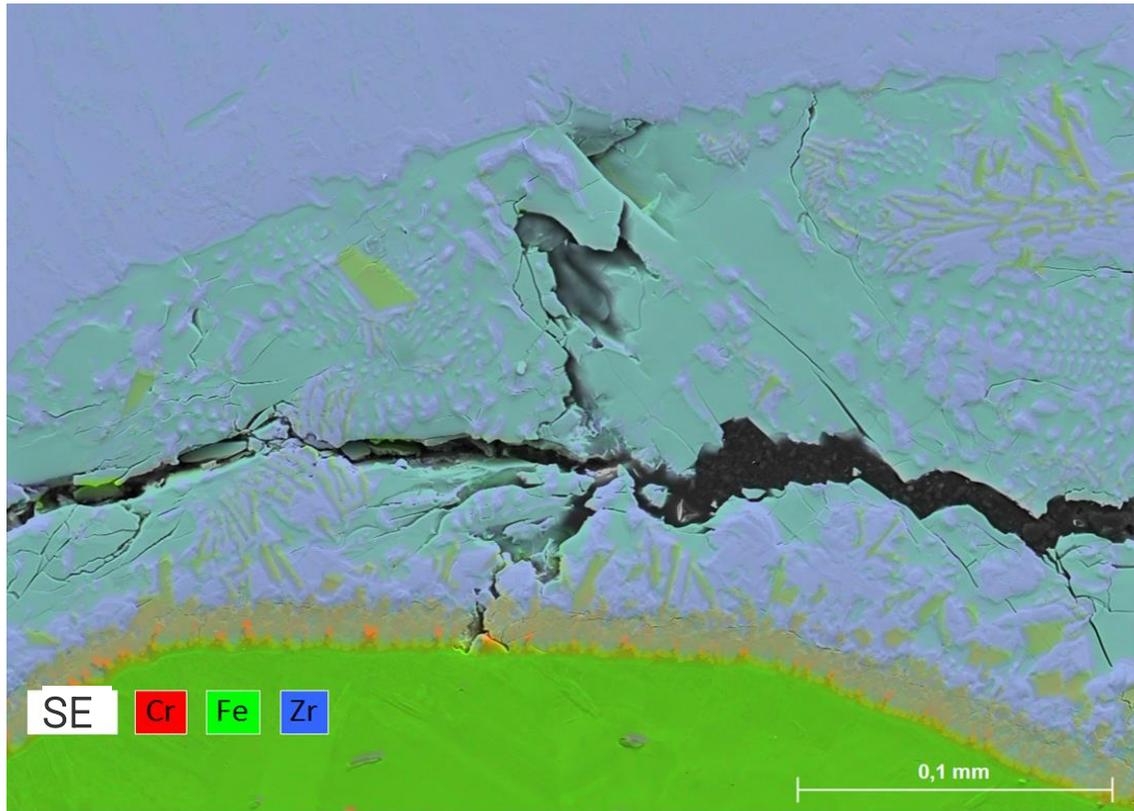
- High count statistics in maps  
→ no map filtering necessary
- Online deconvolution at high speed  
→ real distribution of Si and W visualized in a very short time



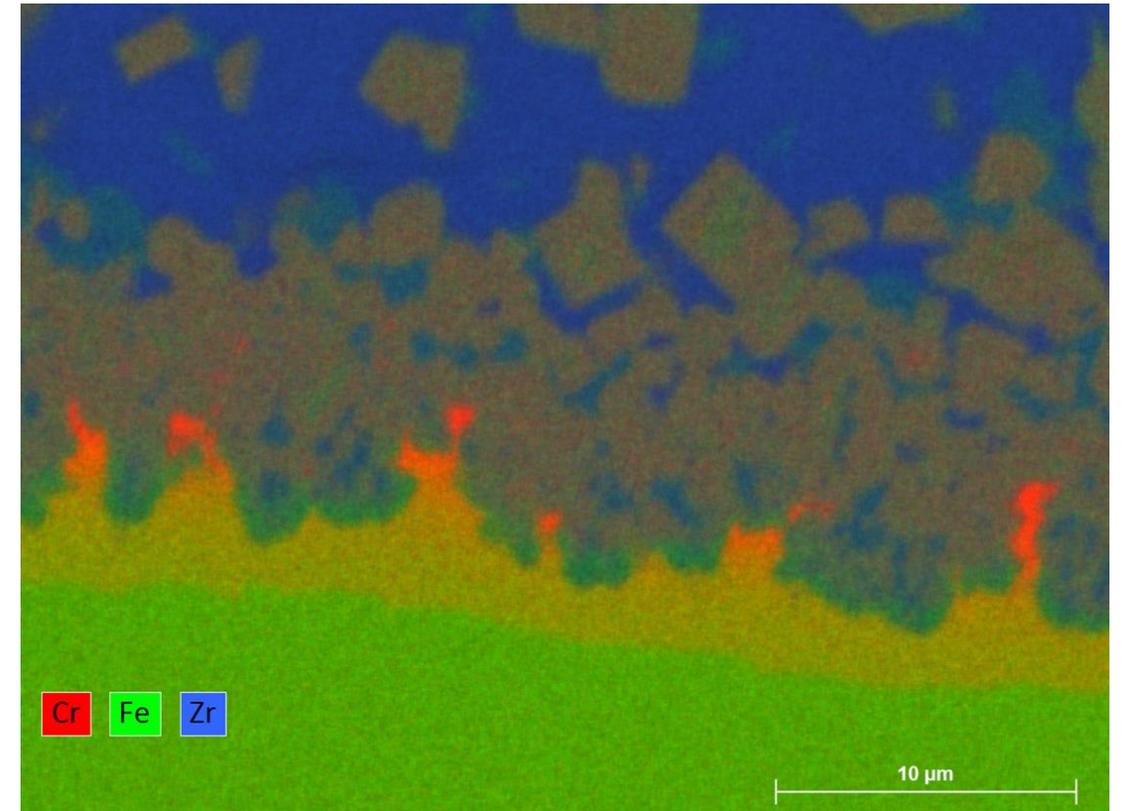
W residues on etched Si at 15 kV. No image filter. Online deconvolution of overlapping Si-K and W-M lines.

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## High throughput element mapping of Zr-steel welding seam



**ICR: 2.25 Mcps, OCR: 900 kcps,** Mapping time: 11 mins



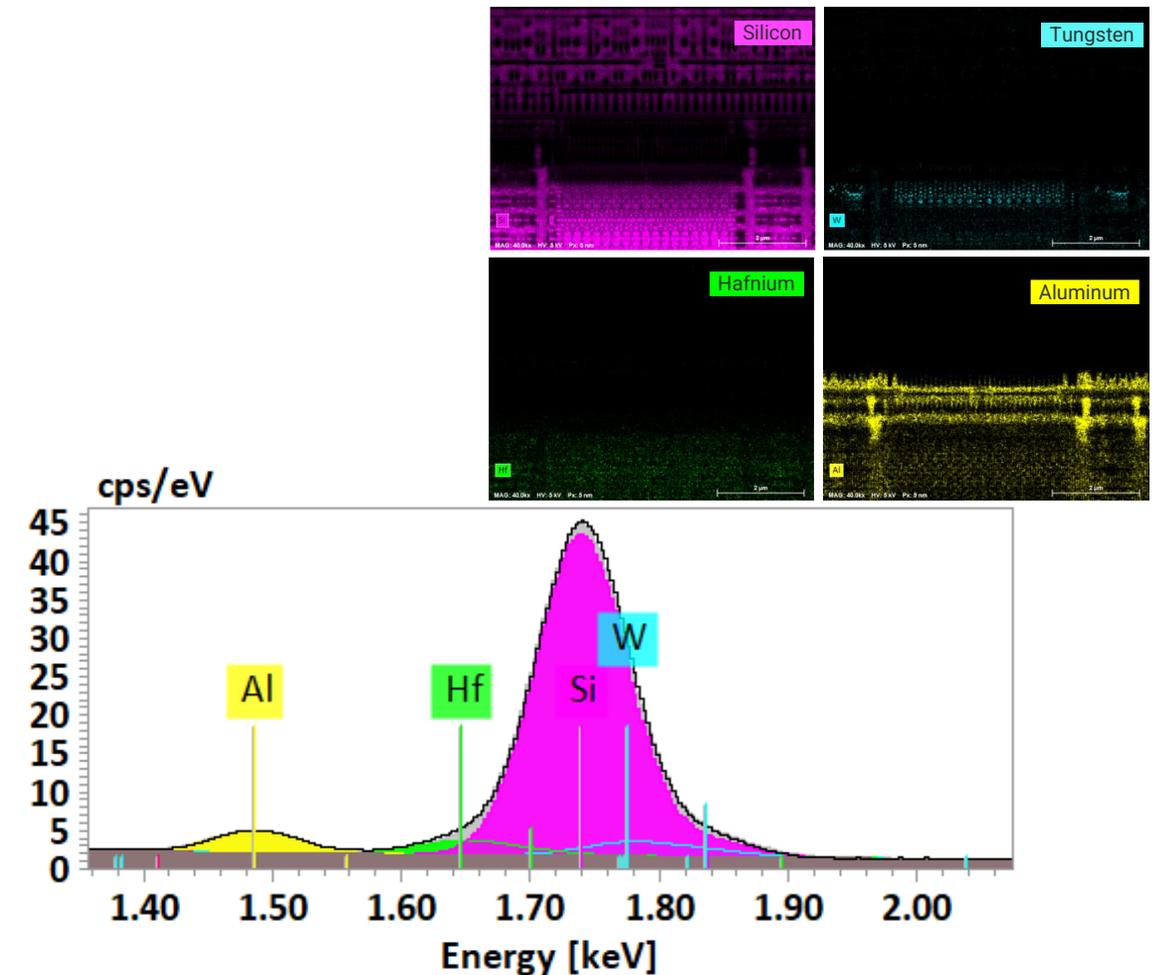
ICR: 1.375 Mcps, OCR: 550 kcps, Mapping time: 5 mins

Maps acquired at HV=15 kV, using high beam current producing a very high X-ray count rate.

## XFlash® 7 – Get precise results!

The most **comprehensive atomic database** including more than **2,200 element lines** leads to an unrivaled quality in ESPRIT peak ID and separation, meaning:

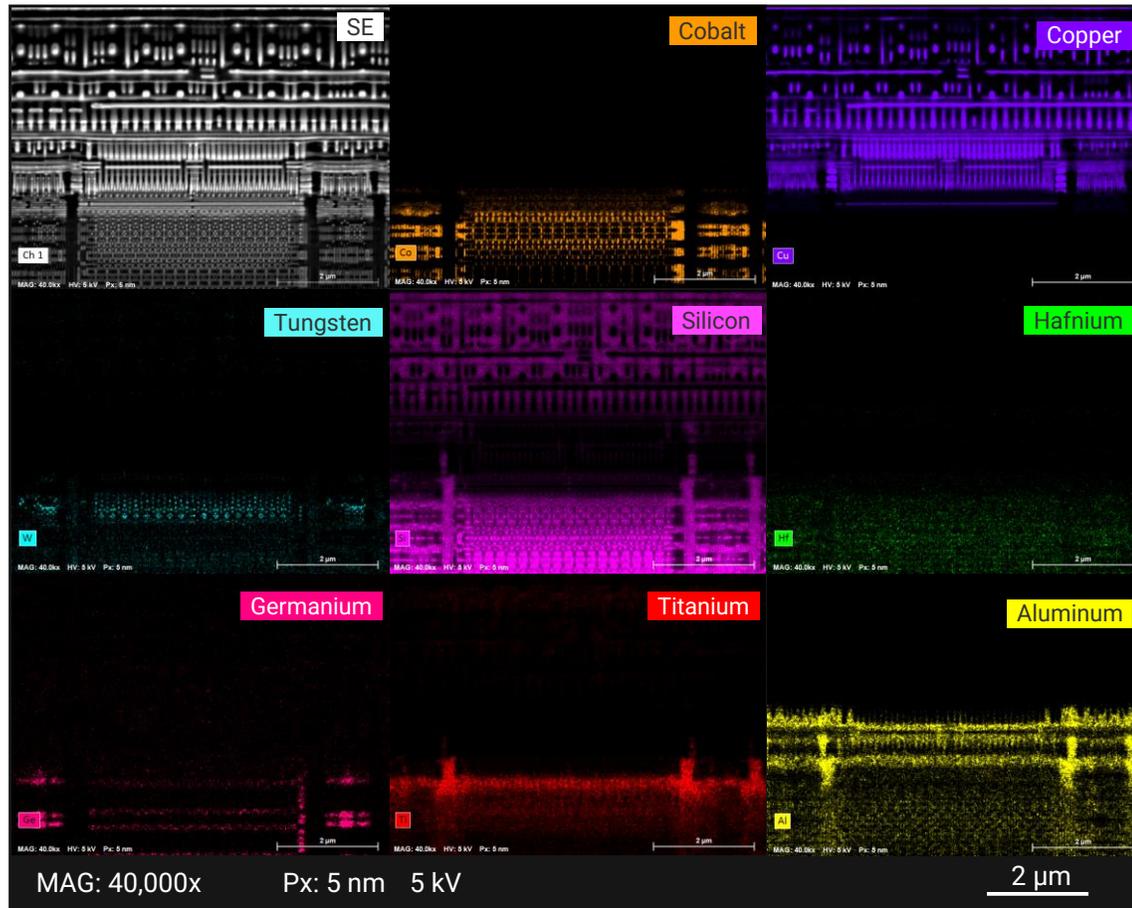
- Advanced peak deconvolution algorithms enables online (live, during acquisition), and offline visualization of overlapping elements
- The combination of good resolution with best deconvolution means even close overlaps can be resolved with confidence
- Best quantification results also for challenging samples using low accelerating voltages



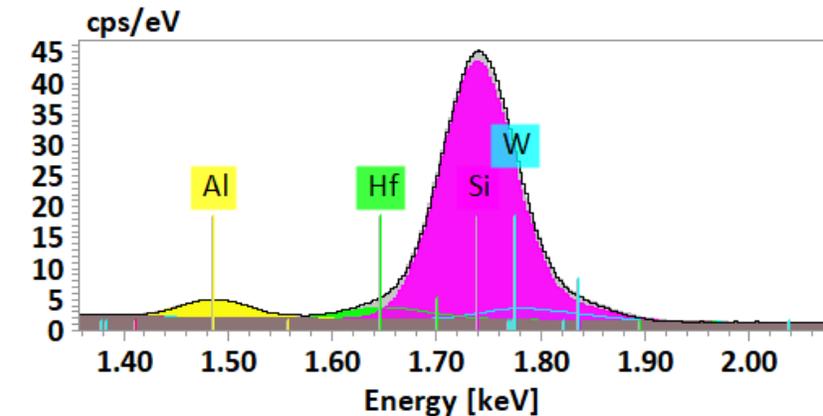
Automatically deconvolved heavily overlapped lines.

# XFlash® 7 – Get precise results!

## SEM EDS analysis of bulk 7 nm process FinFET

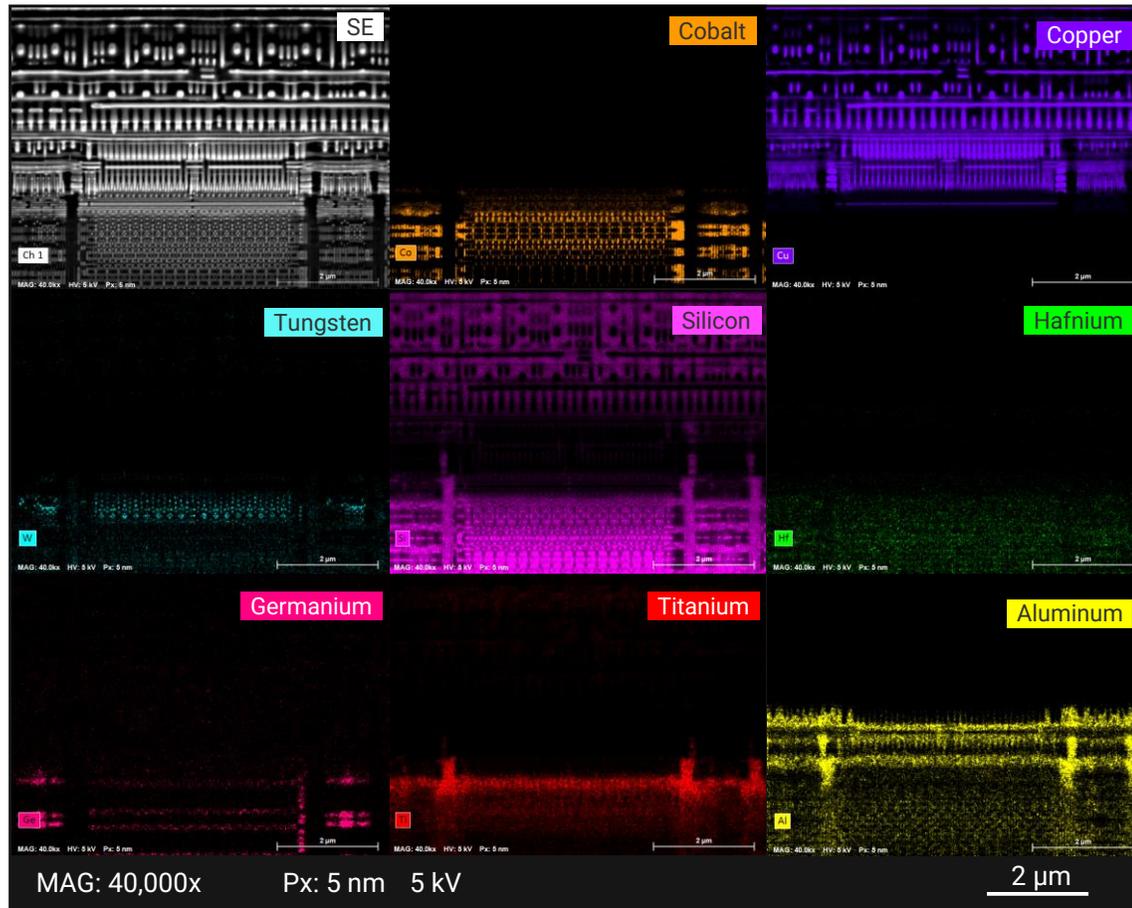


- Semiconducting IC chip (FinFET) delayered with FIB
- Low kV, EDS spatial resolution ~10 nm (theoretical bulk lateral resolution), Si-W-Hf peak overlaps deconvoluted
- XFlash® 7 features: High collection angle ideal for low X-ray yield samples - SNR

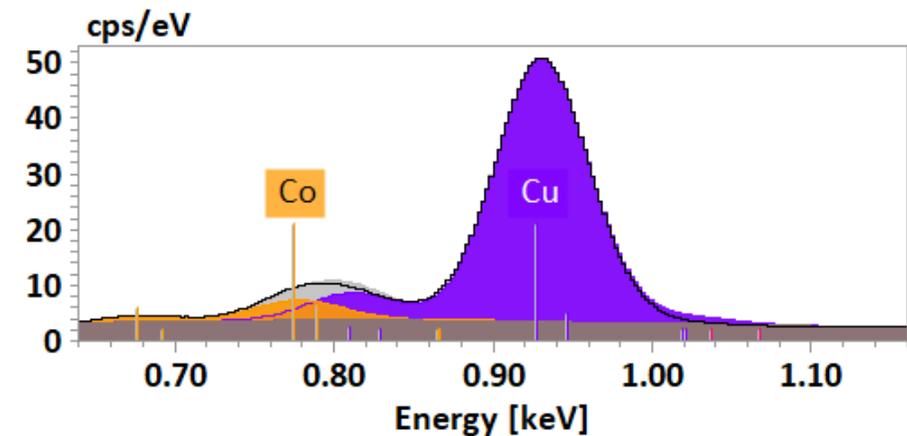


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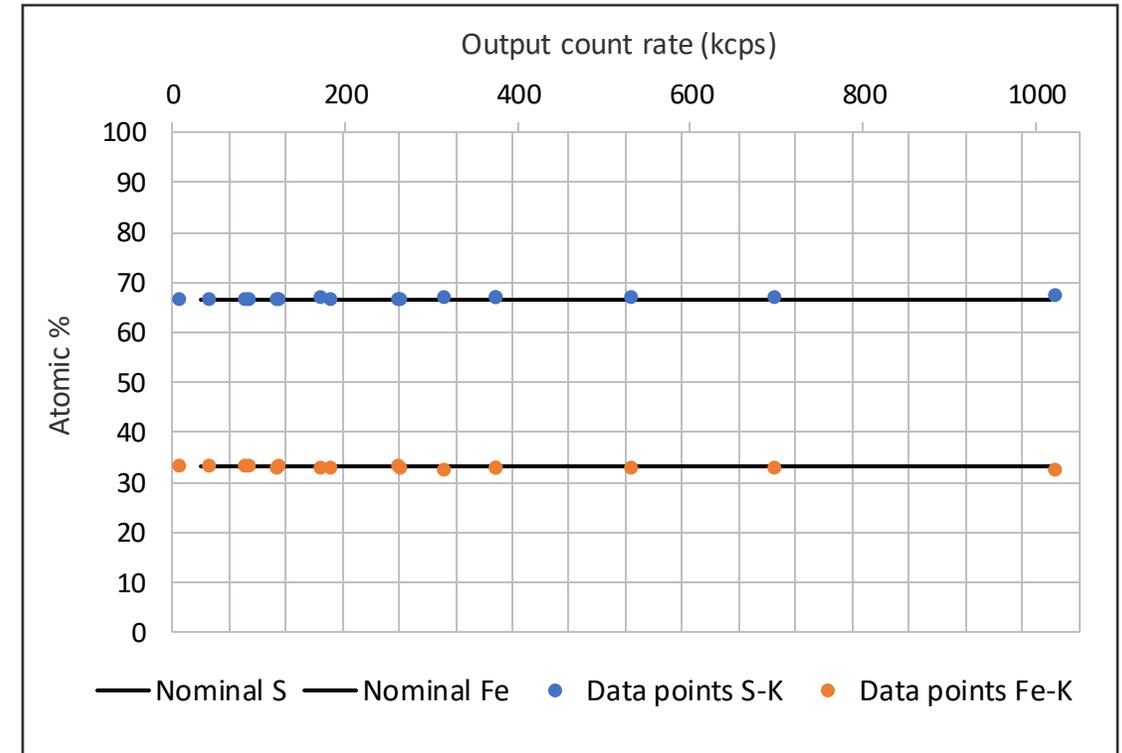
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## XFlash® 7 – Ensure reliability!

**Detector stability** is the basis for data acquisition and **reliable quantification results** regardless of microscope settings and measurement conditions, meaning:

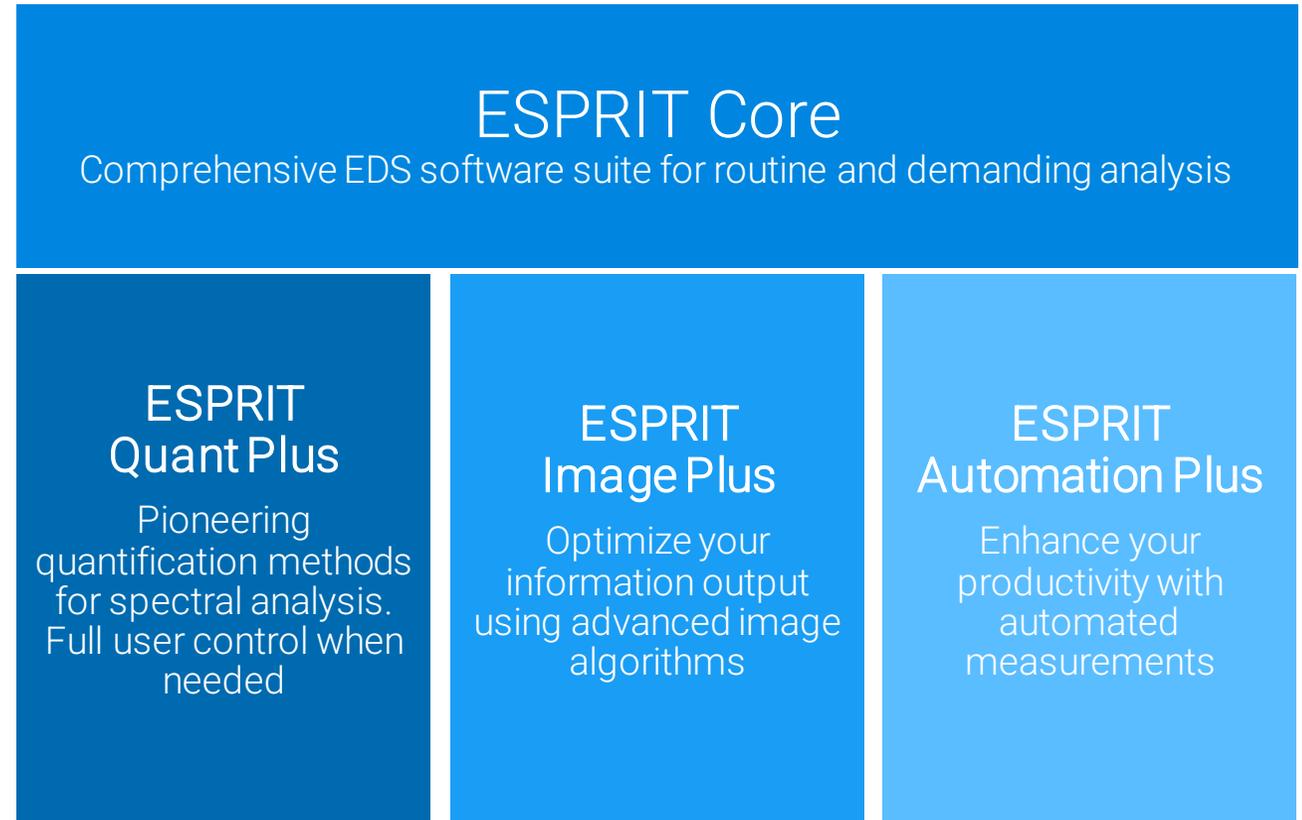
- Save time and maximize system uptime as no frequent detector recalibration is required
- Get highest quality of quantification results in shortest time
- Identify and deconvolute overlapping peaks correctly, independent of throughput and resolution (absolute stable peak position)
- Ensure result integrity with the unique ESPRIT quantification algorithms even at extreme measurement conditions



Fe and S quantification results of stoichiometric FeS<sub>2</sub> at different output count rates (OCR)

## ESPRIT software suite – New packages

- **ESPRIT Core**
  - The base package including ESPRIT HyperMap
- **ESPRIT Quant Plus**
  - Includes all quantification options for SEM and TEM, standardless and standard-based, QLine, QMap.
  - Automated and customized quantification methods
- **ESPRIT Image Plus**
  - Includes all image processing tools, Drift correction, Stage control, StageMap, ESPRIT LiveMap, etc.
- **ESPRIT Automation Plus**
  - Jobs, Particle and Time Resolved Measurements



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# XFlash<sup>®</sup> 7T - The EDS Detector for TEM, STEM and T-SEM

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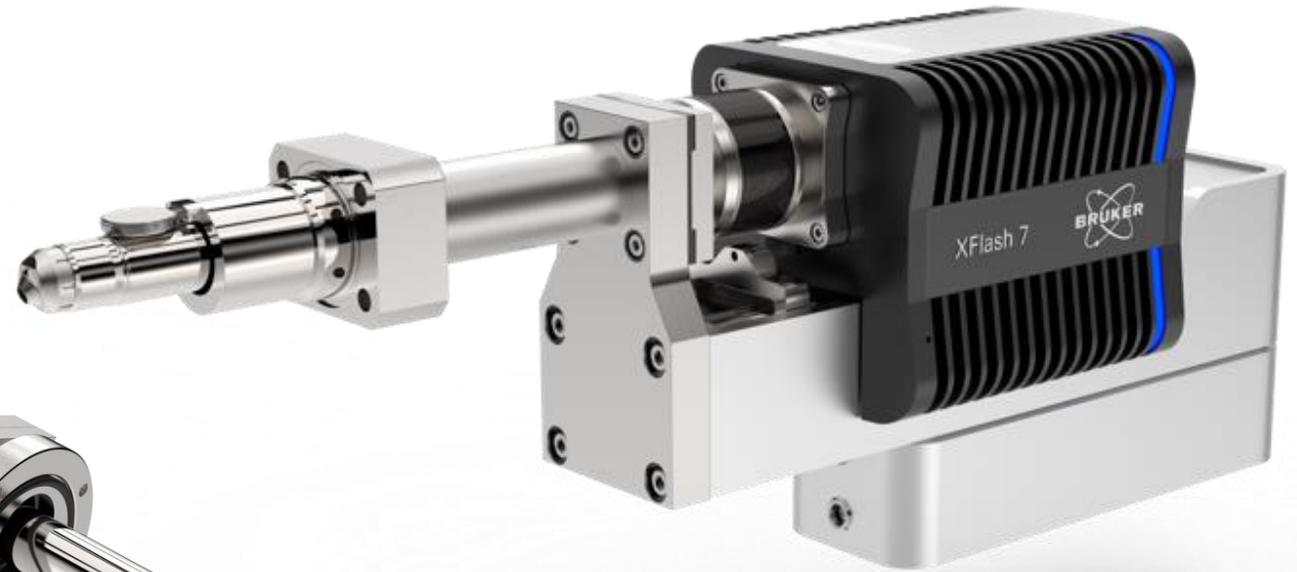
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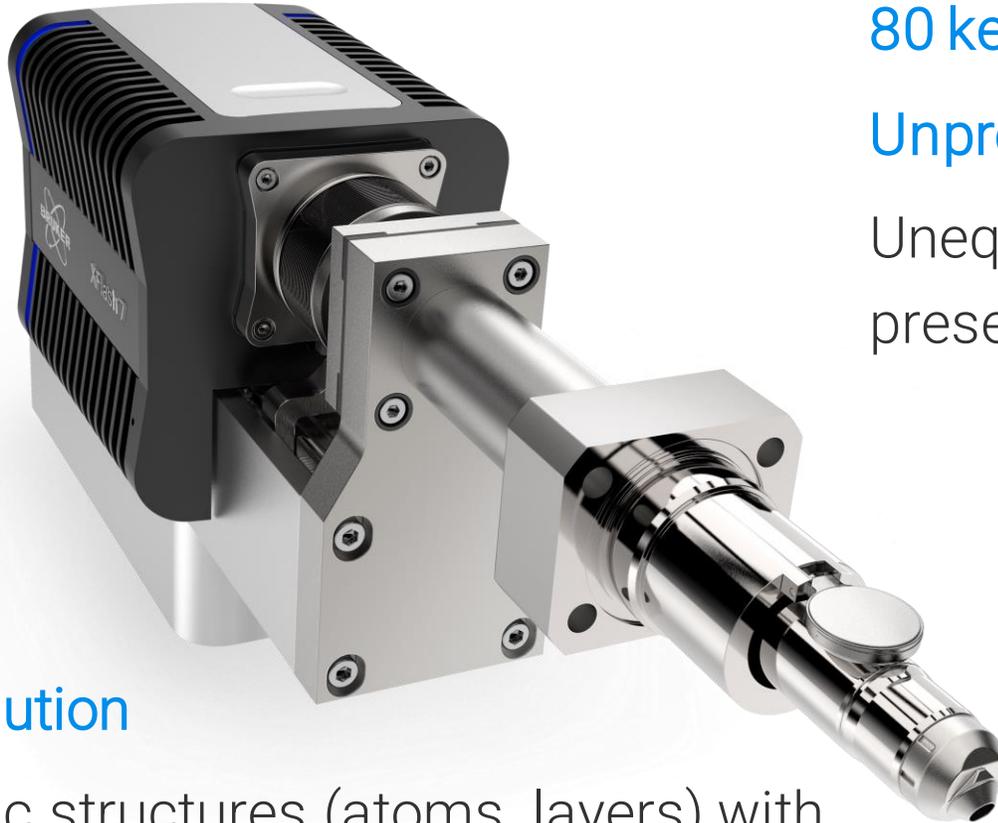


XFlash® 7 - the detector  
for SEM and FIB-SEM



XFlash® 7T - the detector  
for TEM and STEM

## XFlash® 7T for TEM – Key facts



1 Å

### Stable resolution

Map periodic structures (atoms, layers) with high stability using enhanced drift correction features

80 keV

### Unprecedented upper energy limit

Unequivocally identify and quantify all present elements

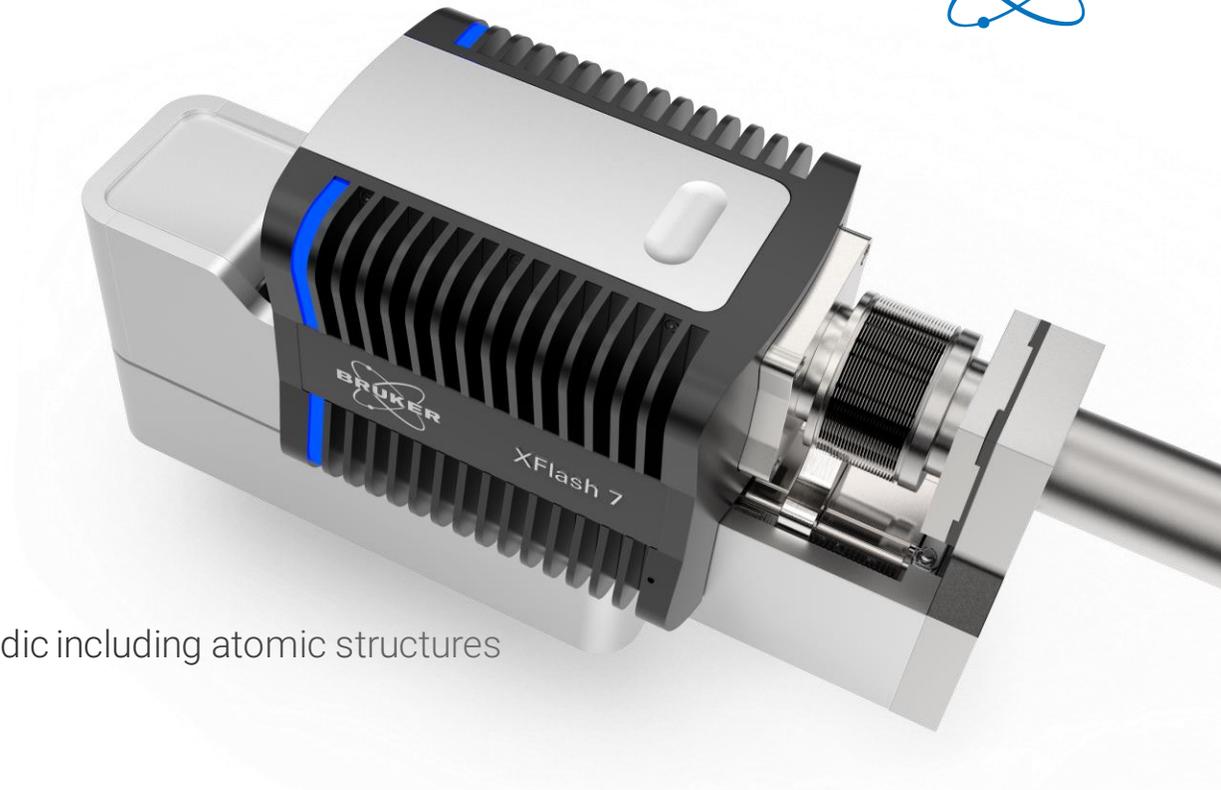
### 3 TEM-Quantification models

Succeed in TEM, STEM and T-SEM with easy-to-use powerful quantification based on theoretical and experimental Cliff-Lorimer factors as well as Zeta-factor interpolation

## XFlash® 7T – Benefits

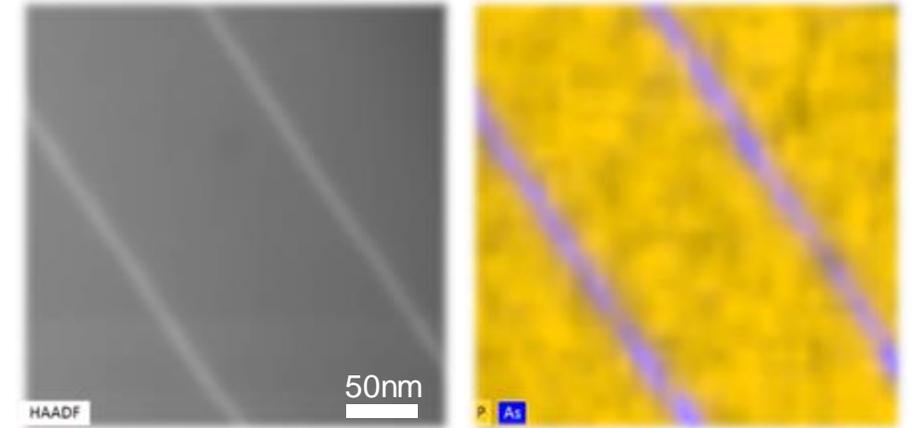
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- Fast acquisition of precise and reliable data thanks to
  - High count rate at minimized absorption and shadowing effects, rarely need to tilt
  - Easy to understand user interface: you see what you do!
  - Comprehensive data mining during and after data acquisition
  - Unequivocal element ID relying on element lines up to 80 kV
  - High spatial resolution with drift correction routines adapted for periodic including atomic structures
  - Fast-moving stable detector stage
  - Minimized mechanical and electromagnetic interference
- In-situ monitoring of processes in transmission with highest spatial resolution using
  - Time resolved data acquisition during in-situ experiments
- Automation of data acquisition and analysis processes using scripting and API options for
  - Generation of specific analysis jobs
  - Batch processing

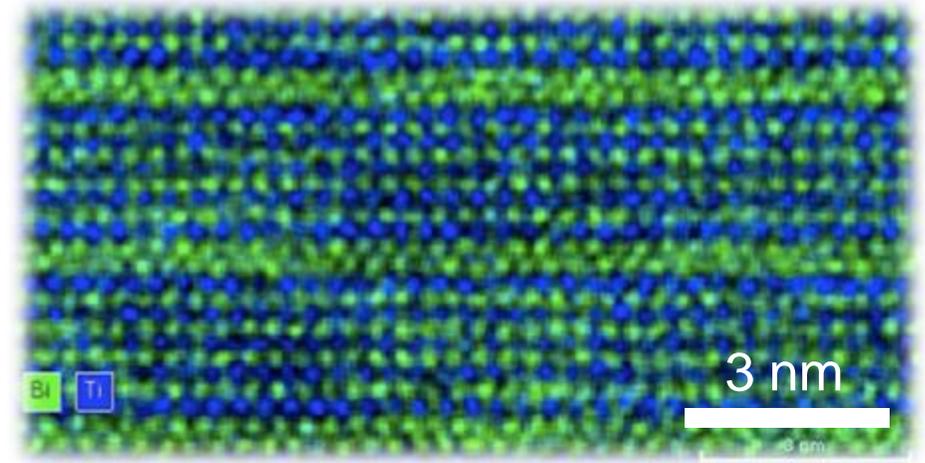


## XFlash® 7T – Stable resolution from nm to 1Å

- Slim-line design and geometry optimization for each microscope pole piece type ensure **maximum collection and take-off angle** for fast data acquisition
- Avoiding specimen tilt, absorption, shadowing and system peaks.
- **No mechanical or electromagnetic interference** with high-end TEM performance, even at atomic resolution.
- EDS element mapping in TEM, STEM and SEM (T-SEM) on the **nanoscale with drift correction for periodic features**, such as quantum wells and atom columns.



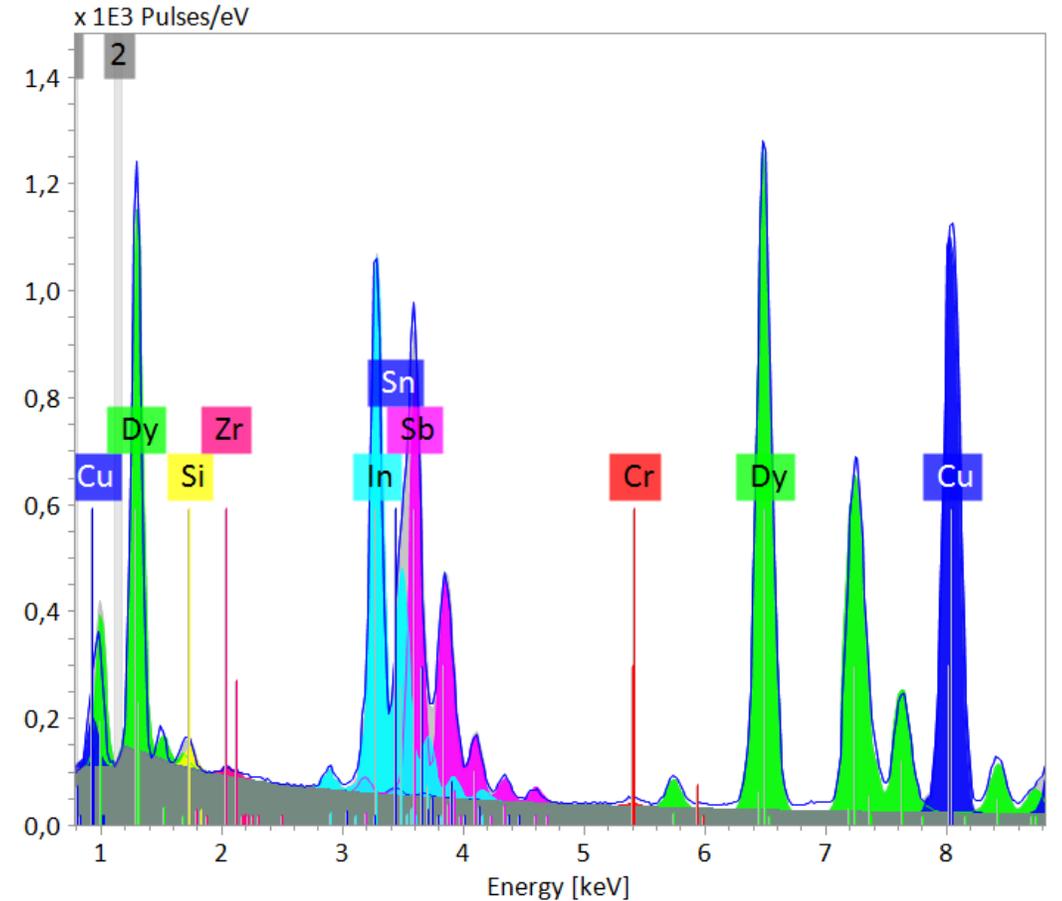
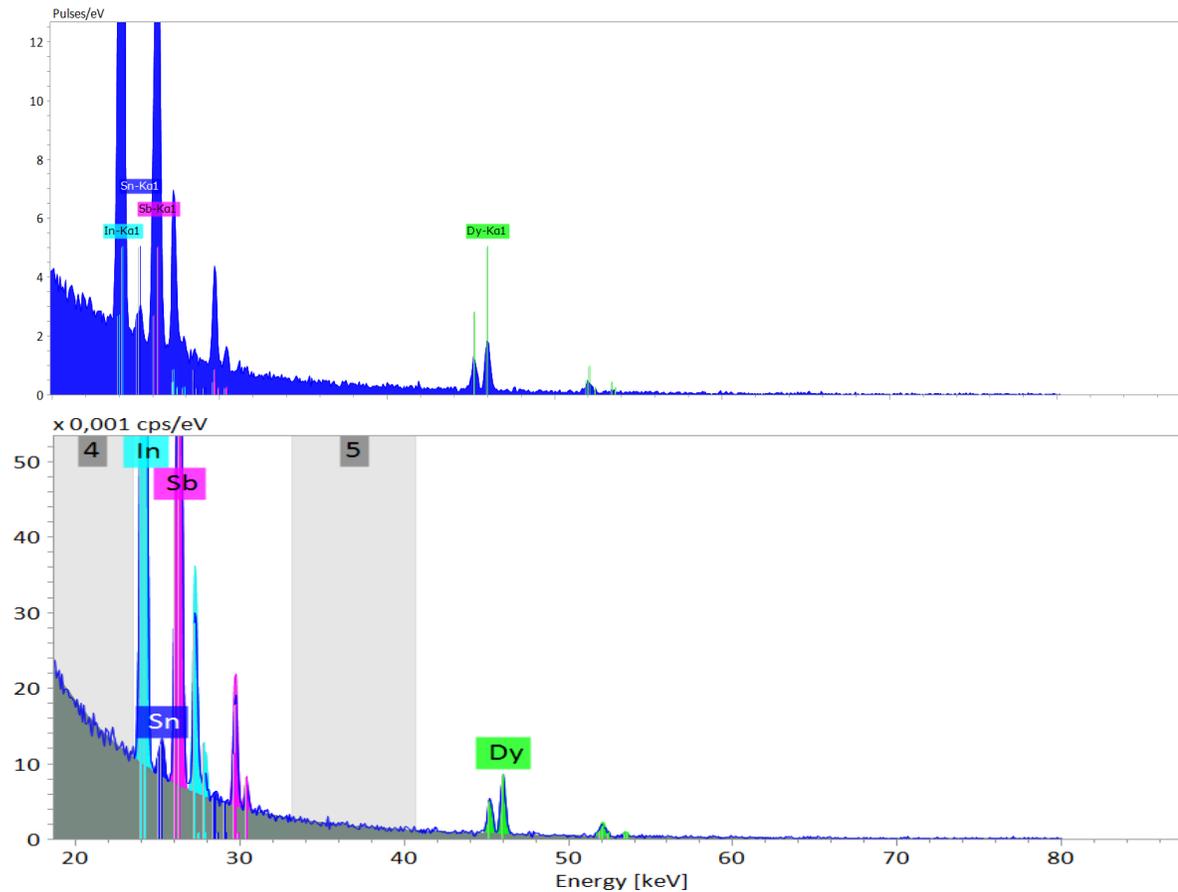
Data courtesy: Nion Co.: III-V quantum wells



Data courtesy: L. Keeney et.al, TCD, Dublin; Multiferroic material

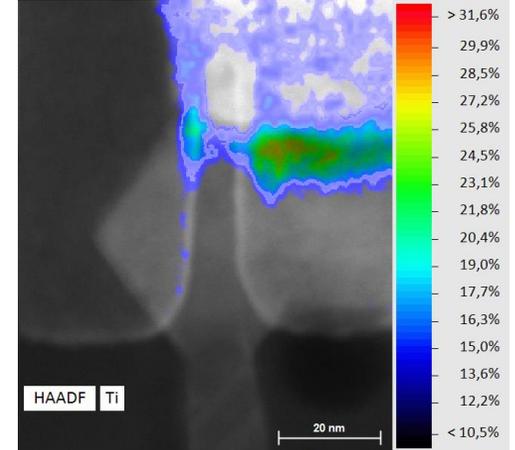
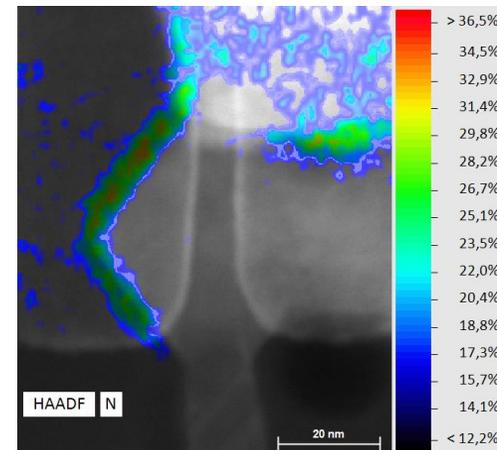
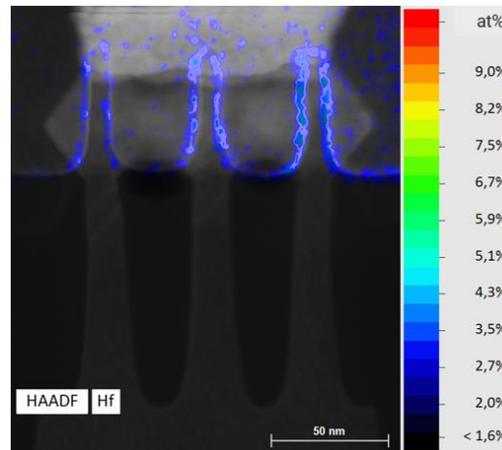
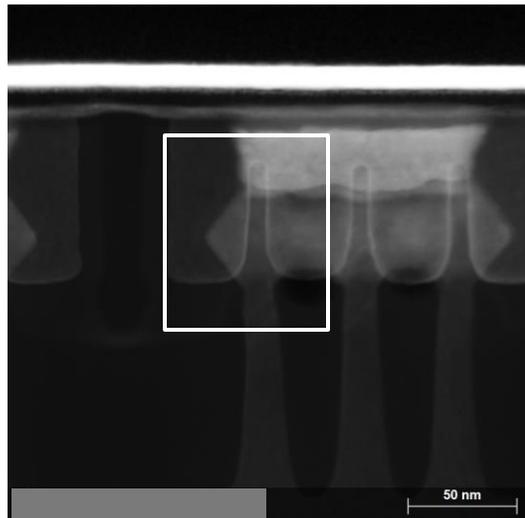
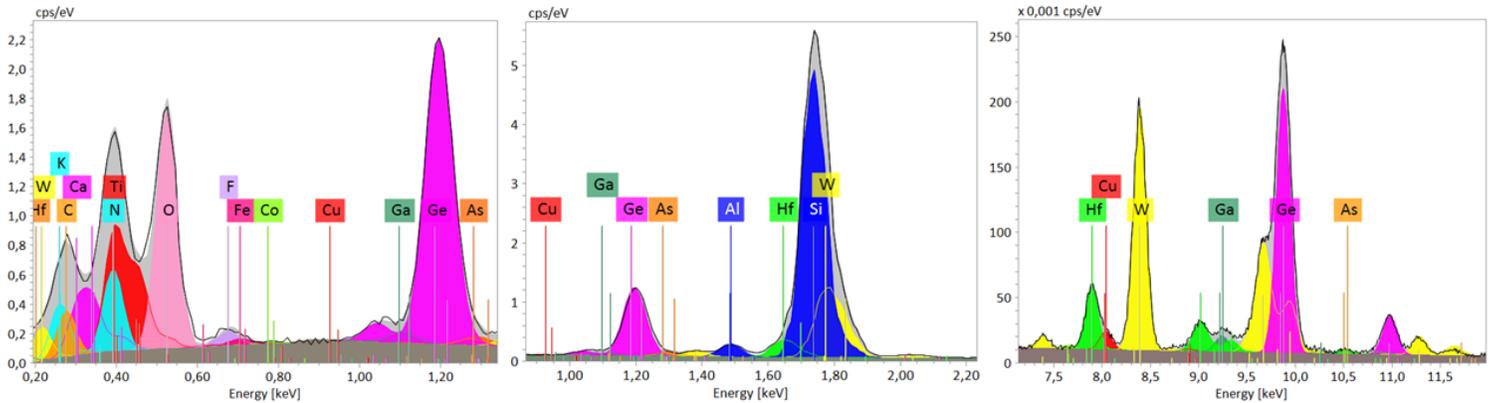
# XFlash® 7T – 80 kV element lines for quantification

Example: Dy<sub>2</sub>InSbO<sub>7</sub> powder, high and low energy line deconvolution for quantification



# XFlash® 7T – 3 quantification models for TEM, STEM and STEM in SEM (T-SEM): Si-based semiconductors

- Quantitative EDS in STEM using the Cliff-Lorimer method allows to distinguish pure nitrogen and titanium nitride in semiconductor nanostructures.



Data courtesy: ACE

# ESPRIT software suite – Dedicated to solving challenging tasks

- ESPRIT TEM Performance
  - Basics for TEM including Cliff Lorimer Quantification
- ESPRIT STEM Performance
  - Basic analysis tool for STEM including Cliff-Lorimer Quantification, ESPRIT HyperMap and Drift Correction
- ESPRIT Quant Plus STEM > Advanced Quant Package
  - Enables quantitative mapping and includes all additional quantification routines for the analysis of bulk and electron transparent specimens
- ESPRIT TRM Automation without stage control
  - Time Resolved Measurement and batch processing,
- More ESPRIT features and SEM packages if suitable for image and particle analysis, stage control etc.

## ESPRIT Performance for TEM and STEM/T-SEM

Comprehensive EDS software suite for daily tasks and much more

### ESPRIT Quant Plus STEM

Pioneering  
quantification methods  
for spectral analysis.  
Full user control when  
needed

### ESPRIT TRM Automation

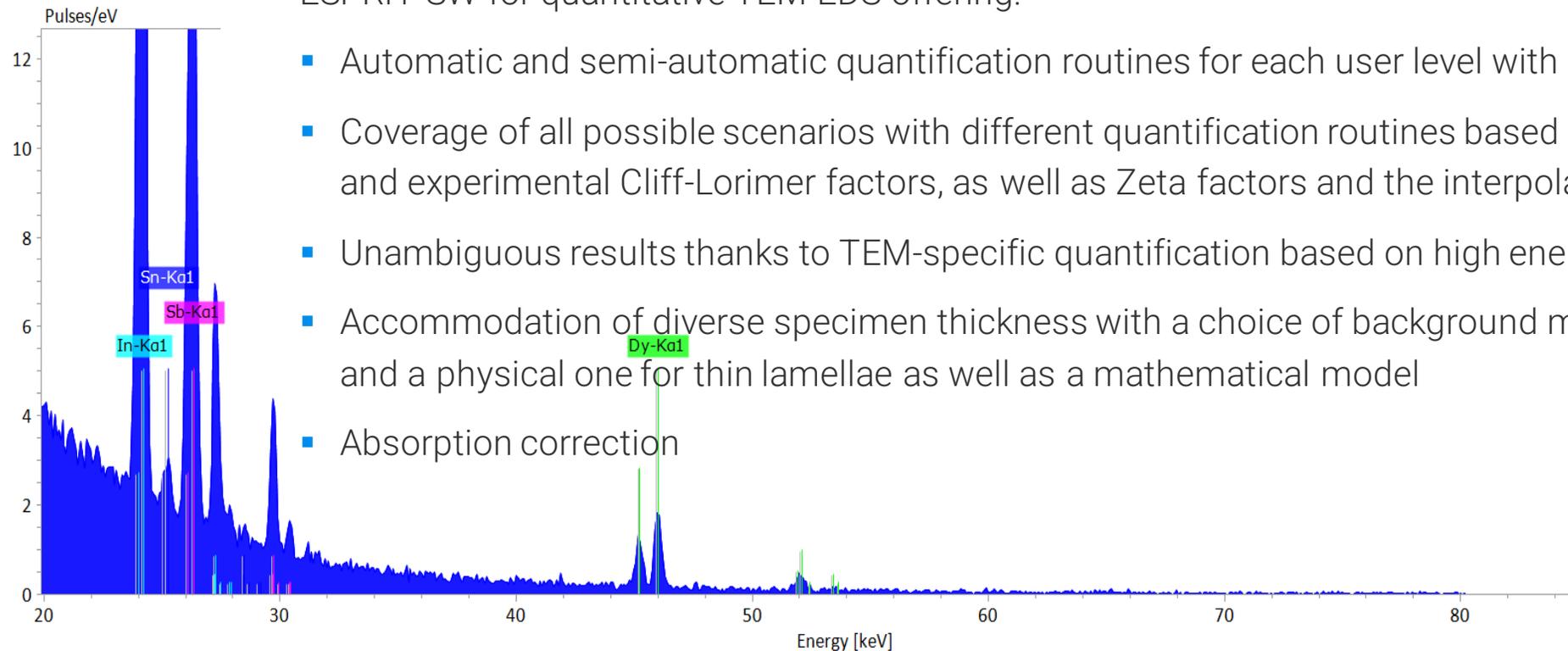
Time resolved  
measurements w/wo  
stage movement  
Automate routine  
tasks, let ESPRIT do  
the job

### ESPRIT Image Plus / Automation Plus

Advanced algorithms  
for automation of data  
acquisition and  
optimizing information  
output

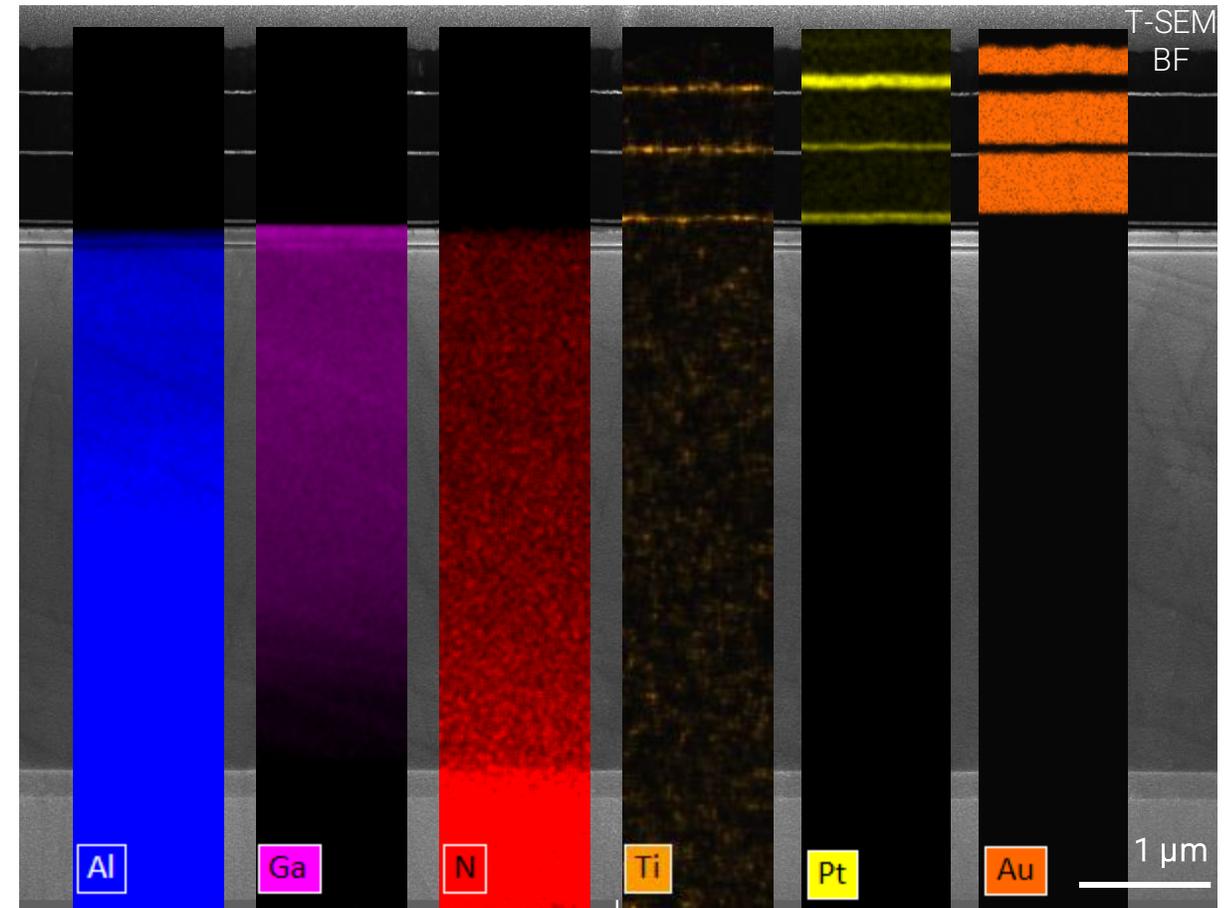
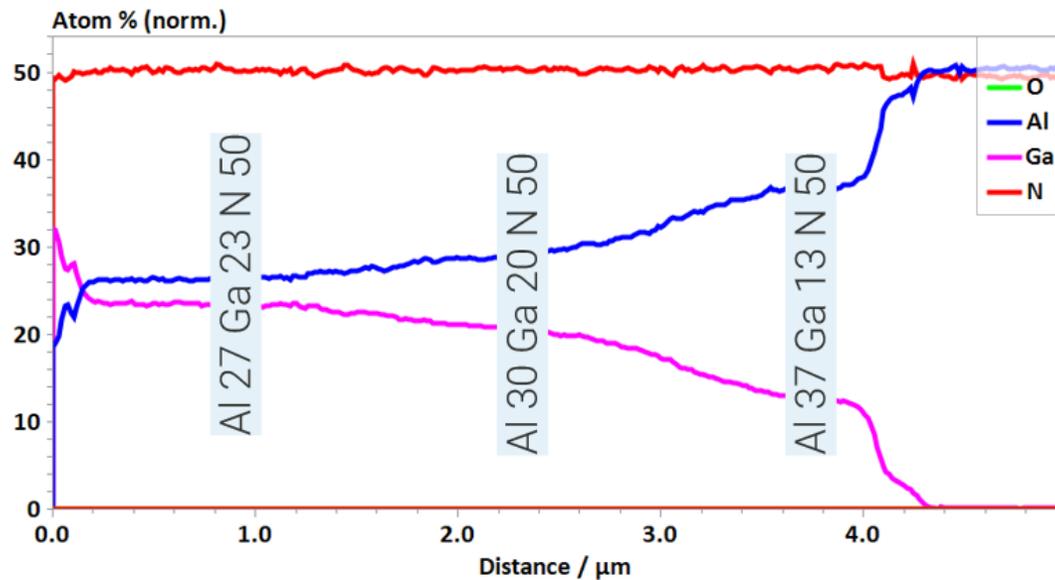
# XFlash® 7T – ESPRIT Software for TEM, STEM and STEM in SEM

- Flexible and easy-to-use ESPRIT software package, also for in-situ experiments
- Complete data mining on your own terms with individual off-line analysis options or LAN access
- ESPRIT SW for quantitative TEM EDS offering:
  - Automatic and semi-automatic quantification routines for each user level with default and individual settings
  - Coverage of all possible scenarios with different quantification routines based on theoretical and experimental Cliff-Lorimer factors, as well as Zeta factors and the interpolation of missing Zeta-factors
  - Unambiguous results thanks to TEM-specific quantification based on high energy element lines (> 40 keV)
  - Accommodation of diverse specimen thickness with a choice of background models: a physical one for bulk and a physical one for thin lamellae as well as a mathematical model
  - Absorption correction



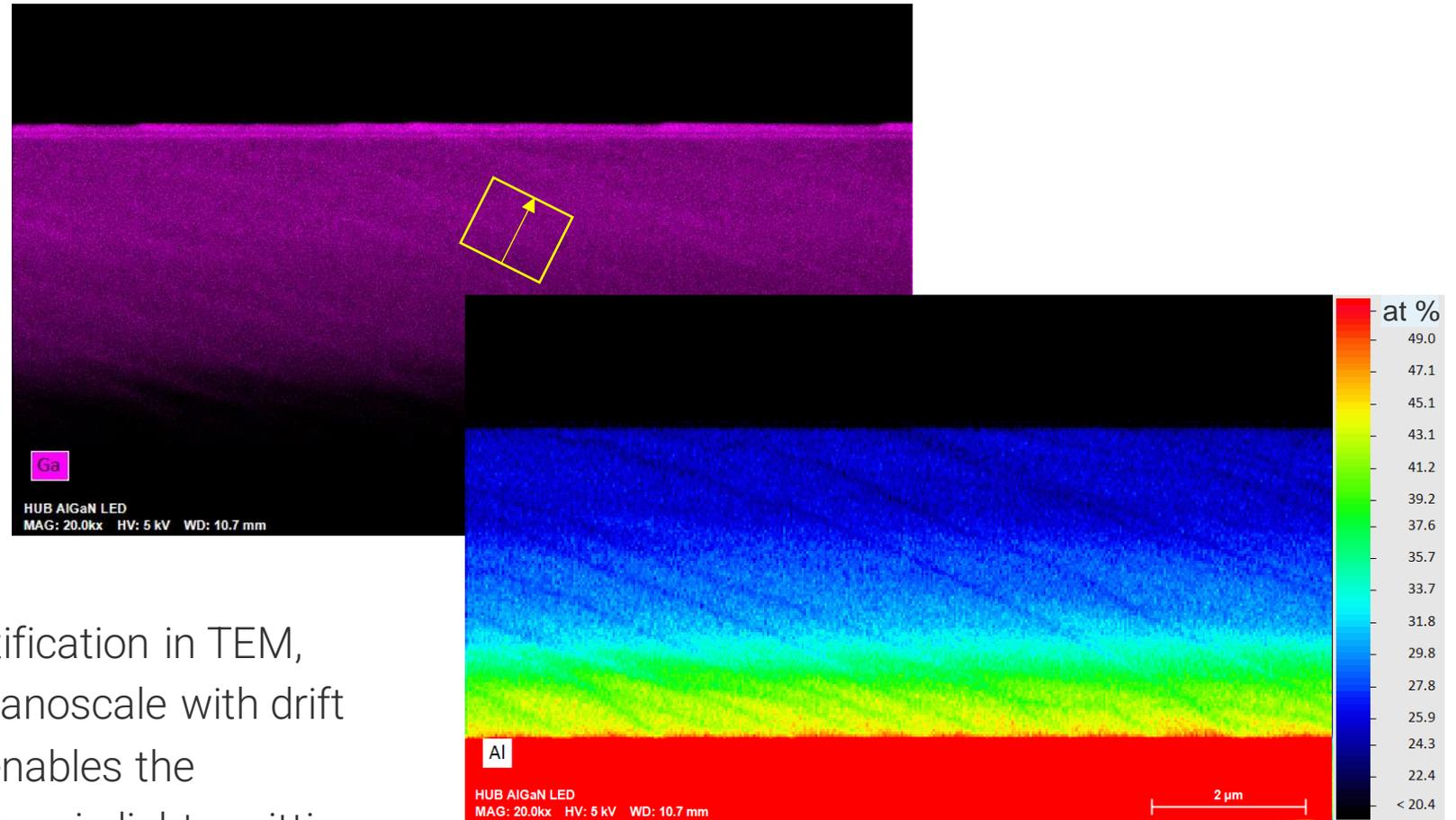
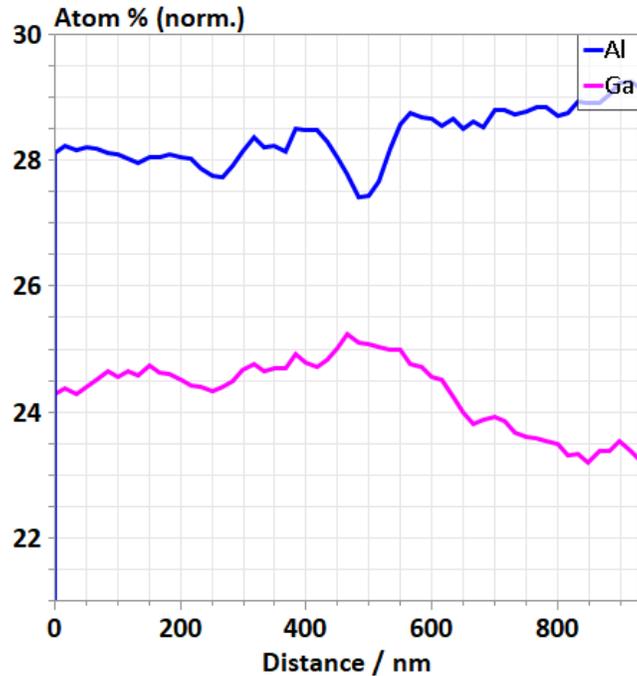
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- Easy-to-use powerful quantification procedures based on theoretical and experimental Cliff-Lorimer factors as well as Zeta-factor interpolation ensure complete data mining for semiconductor specimens in FIB and SEM.



Light emitting diode structures with Ga grading  
Sample courtesy: FBH, Berlin

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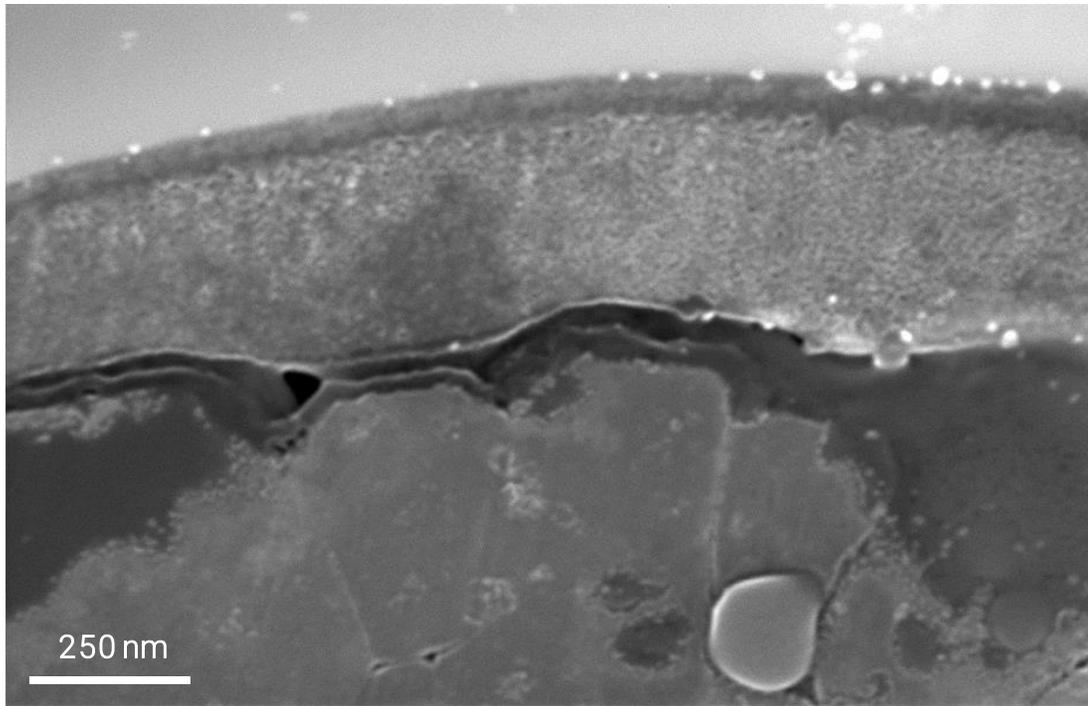


- EDS element mapping and quantification in TEM, STEM and **SEM (T-SEM)** on the nanoscale with drift correction for periodic features enables the quantification of Al depleted regions in light emitting diode specimens.

Light emitting diode structures with Ga grading  
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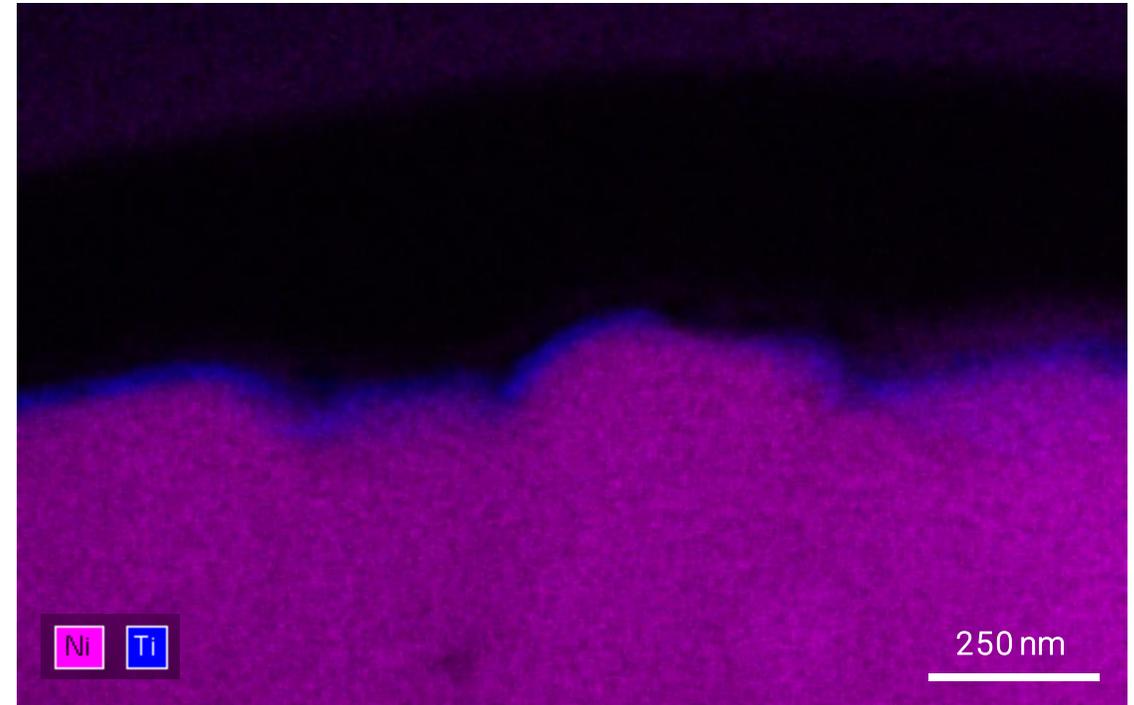
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- Analysis of a coated Li-ion battery NCM cathode particle ( $\text{LiNi}_x\text{Mn}_y\text{Co}_z\text{O}_2$ ): the homogeneity of the Ti coating is important for capacitance retention of batteries



In-lens image, mixed contrast

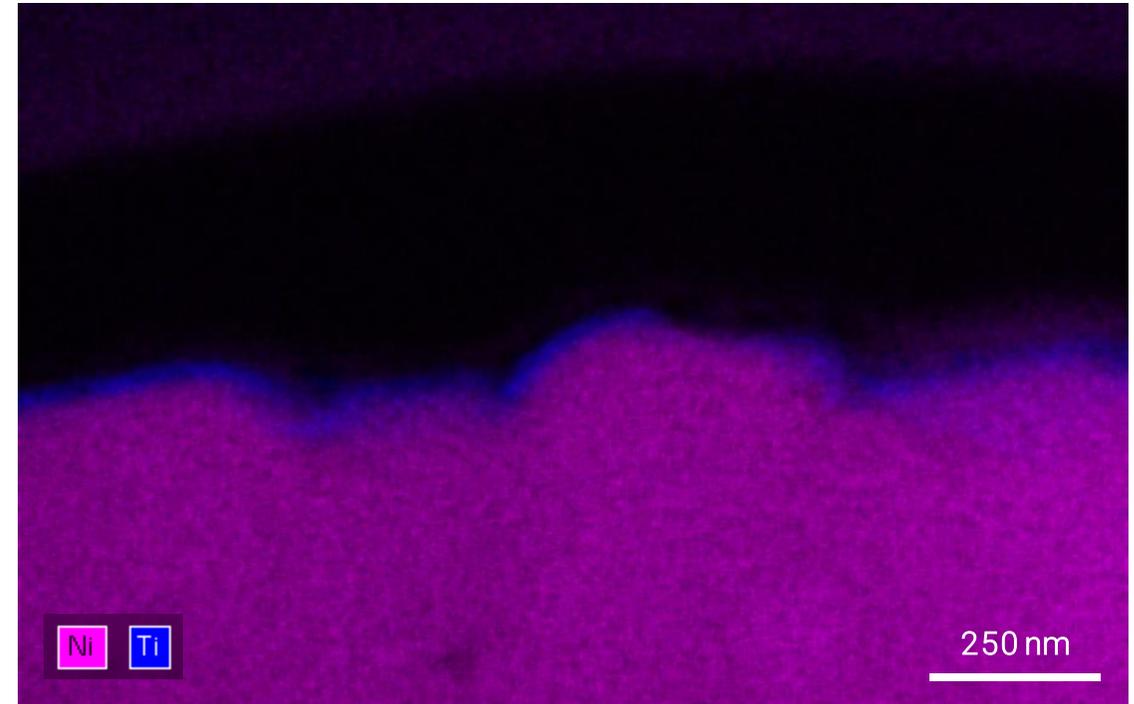
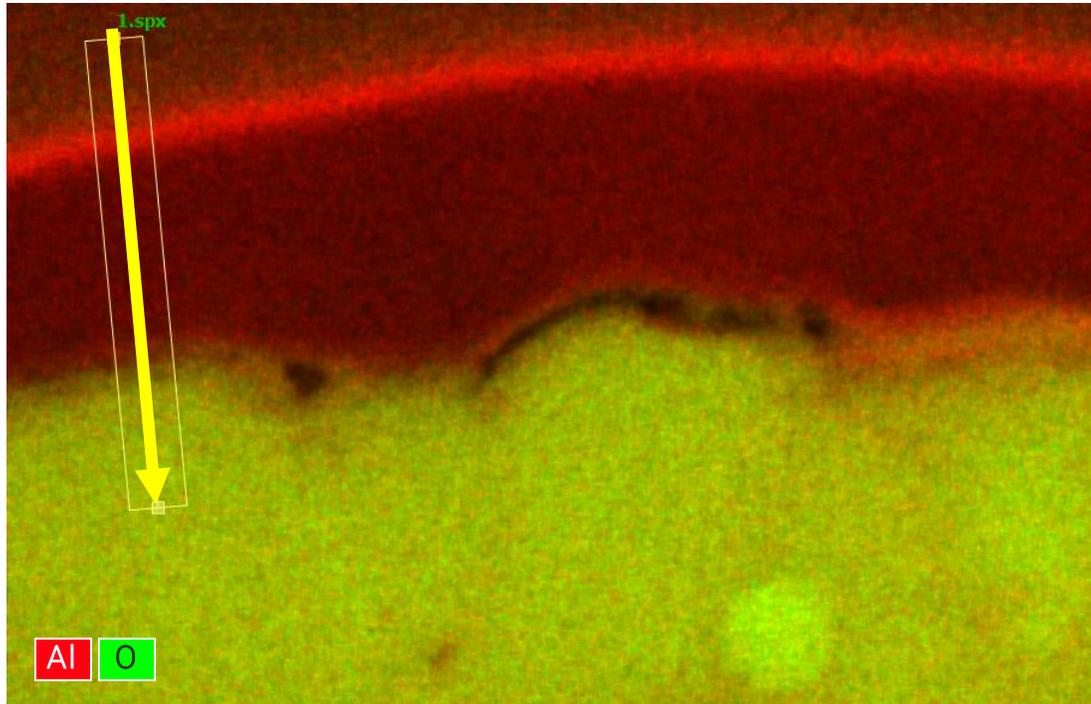
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Element distribution maps: Ti coating, Ni: NCM particle

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- Ti layer thickness – quantitative composition line profiles

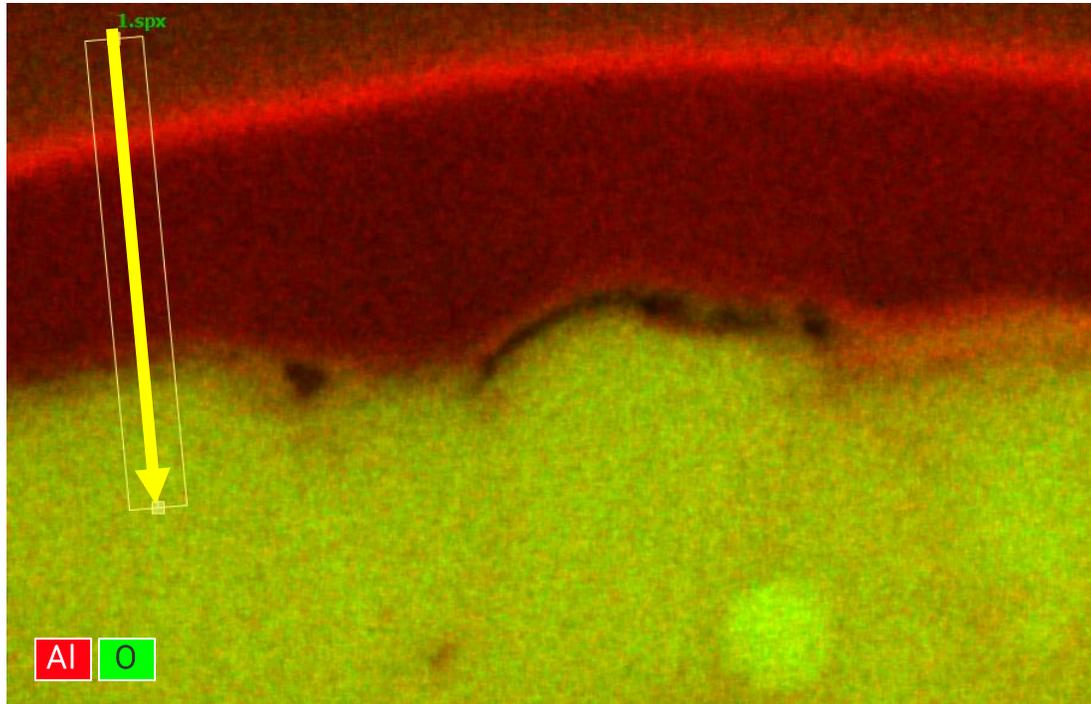
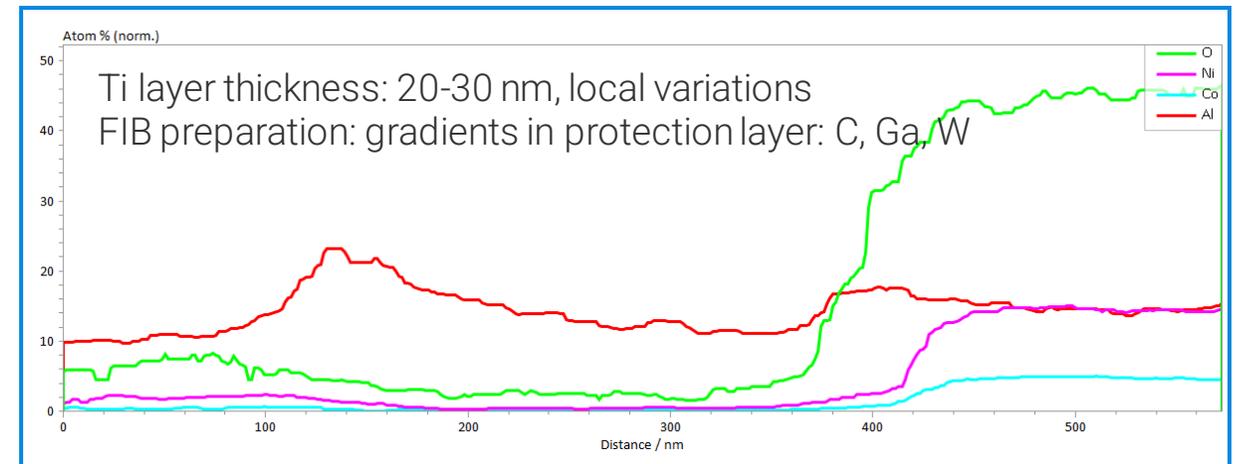
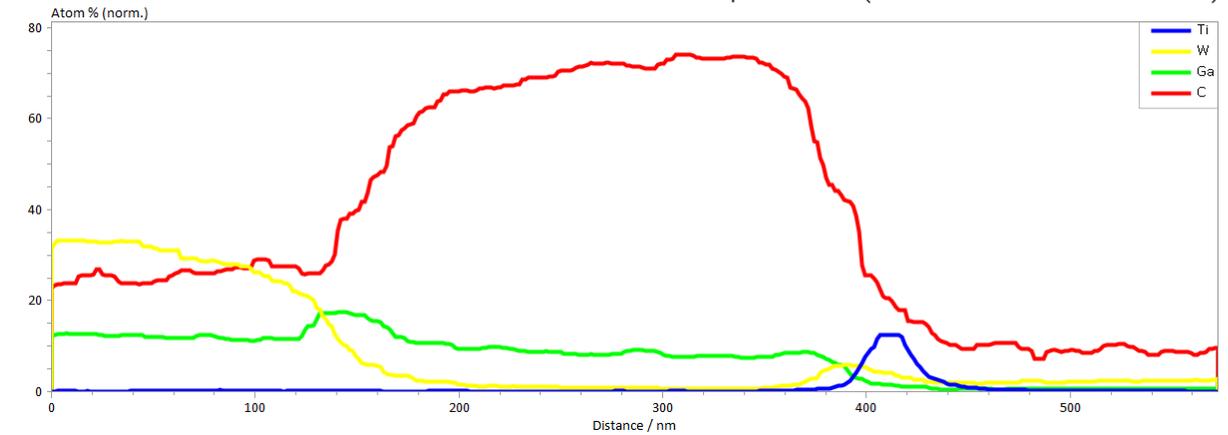


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Quantitative line profiles (Cliff-Lorimer method)



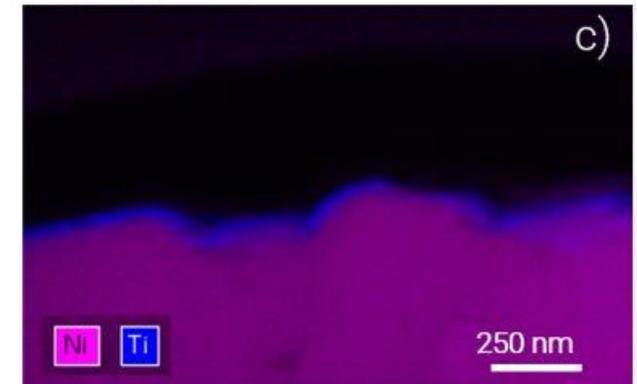
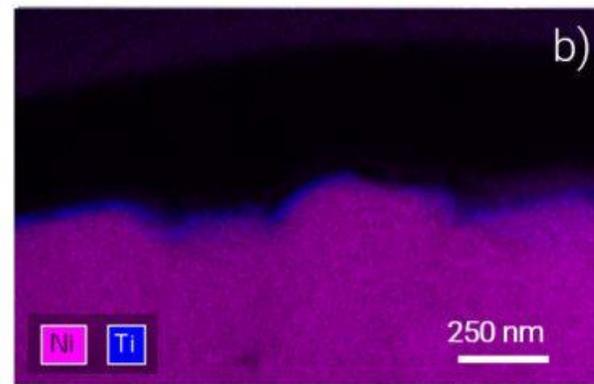
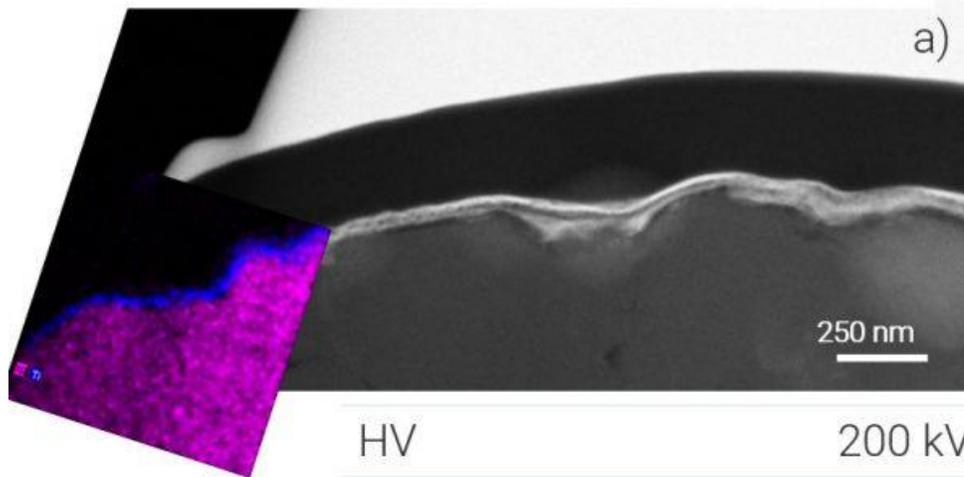
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- Comparison of the same Ti-coated NCM Li-ion battery particle in cross-section, measured using

a) HAADF image and S(T)EM EDS  
STEM @200 kV with 60 mm<sup>2</sup> EDS

b) conventional SEM EDS  
SEM @20kV with 60 mm<sup>2</sup> EDS

c) annular SEM EDS (FlatQUAD)  
SEM@20kV with 60 mm<sup>2</sup> FlatQUAD

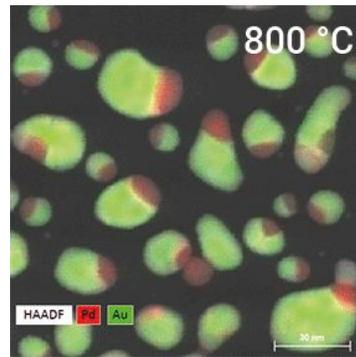


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|------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| HV               | 200 kV  | 20 kV    | 20 kV    |
| Probe current    | 0.2 nA  | 2 nA     | 2 nA     |
| Measurement time | 8 min   | 34 min   | 34 min   |
| Input count rate | ~1 kcps | ~30 kcps | ~460kcps |

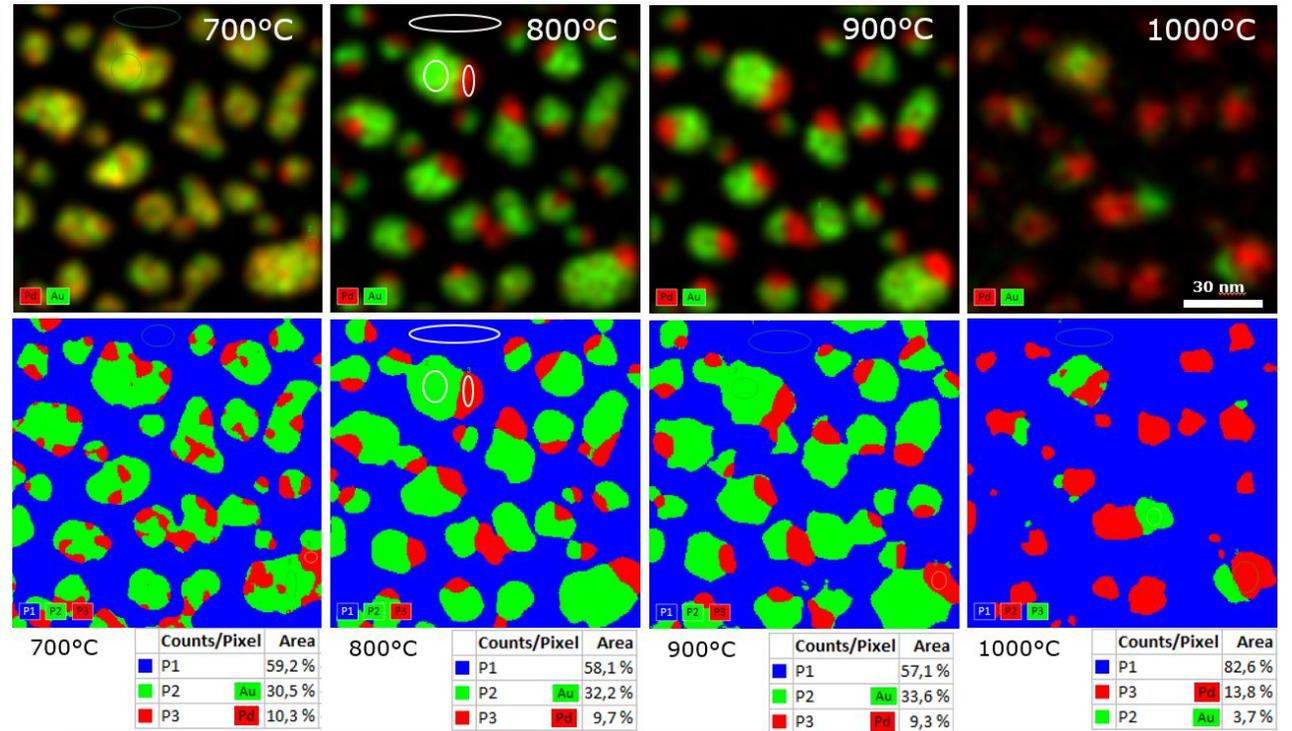
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# XFlash® 7T – TRM\* time resolved data acquisition for in-situ analysis in STEM

- EDS for high temperatures and other **in-situ experiments** producing data with temporal resolution, for example during biasing, mechanical manipulation, heating etc.
- Example: mapping at elevated temperatures



*J. T. van Ommen et al., Ultramicroscopy, 192 (2018) 14–20*



STEM at 200 kV

Holder: 700°C - 1000°C

monitoring the evolution of phases and surface coverage for mixed nanoparticles

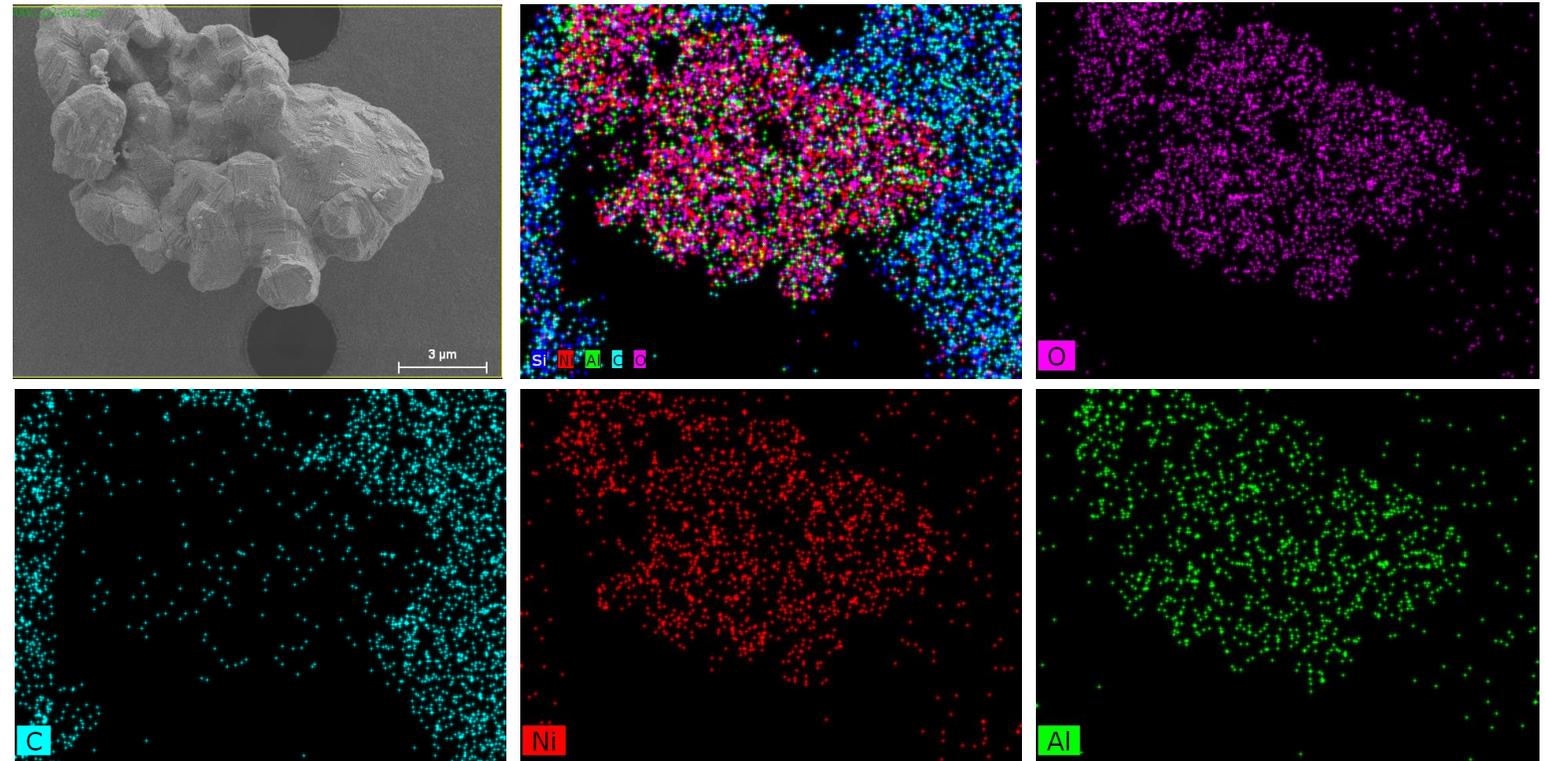
\*TRM= time resolve measurement

# XFlash® 7T – TRM\* time resolved data acquisition for in-situ analysis in SEM: T-SEM

- EDS for high temperatures and other **in-situ experiments** producing data with temporal resolution, for example during biasing, mechanical manipulation, heating etc.
- Example: mapping at elevated temperatures, snapshot

SEM at 3kV, holder at 800 °C

Sample: NiAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> on SiC-film



Data courtesy: J. Howe, University of Toronto

\*TRM= time resolve measurement



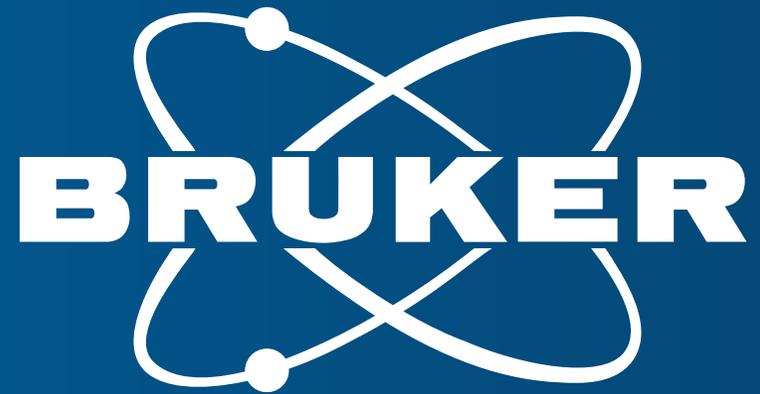
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