

**Imagerie et analyses chimiques à
haute résolution spatiale, à basse
tension d'accélération des
électrons, avec un FE-SEM de
pointe.**

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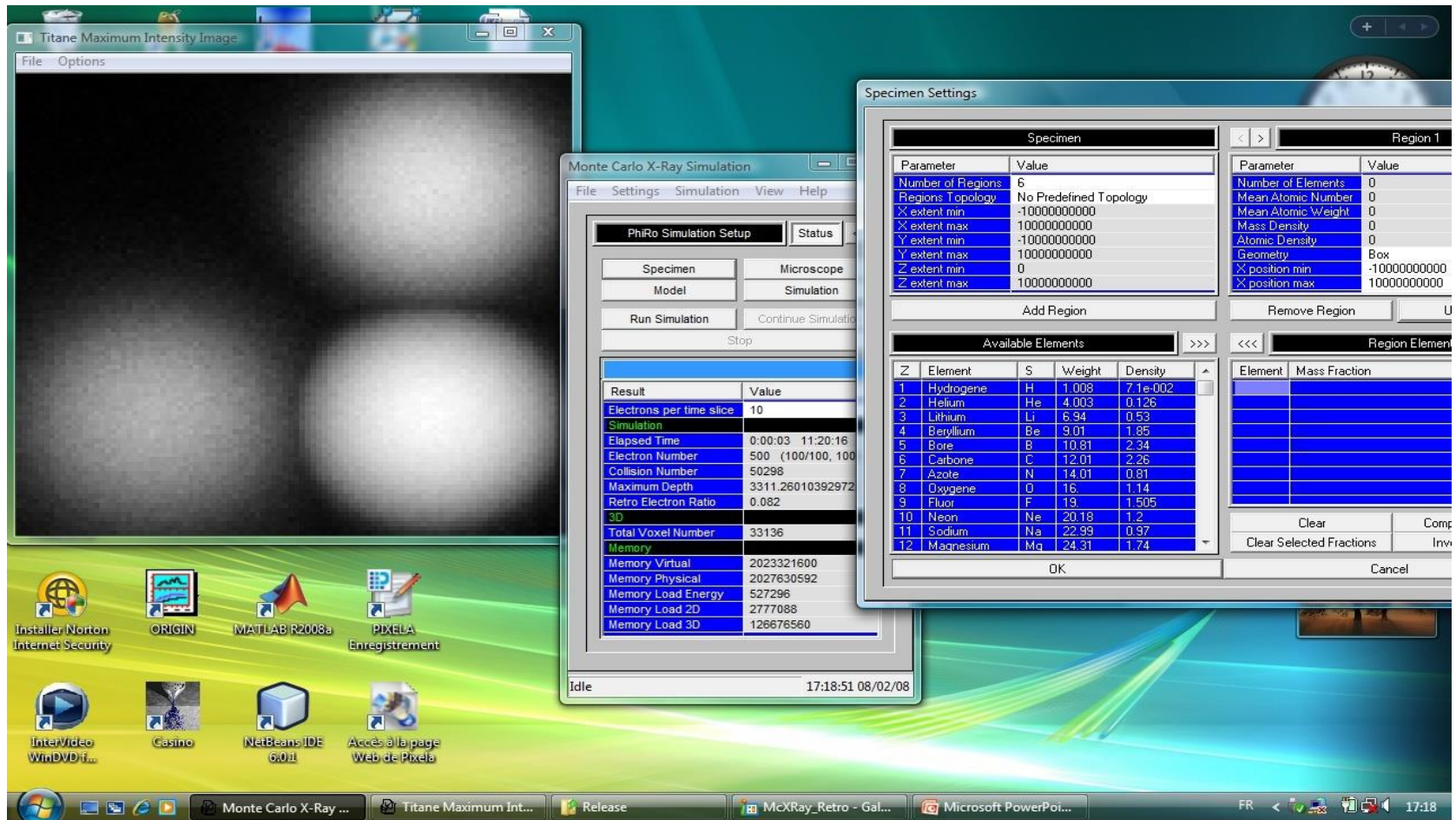
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MC X-Ray: Nouveau Programme

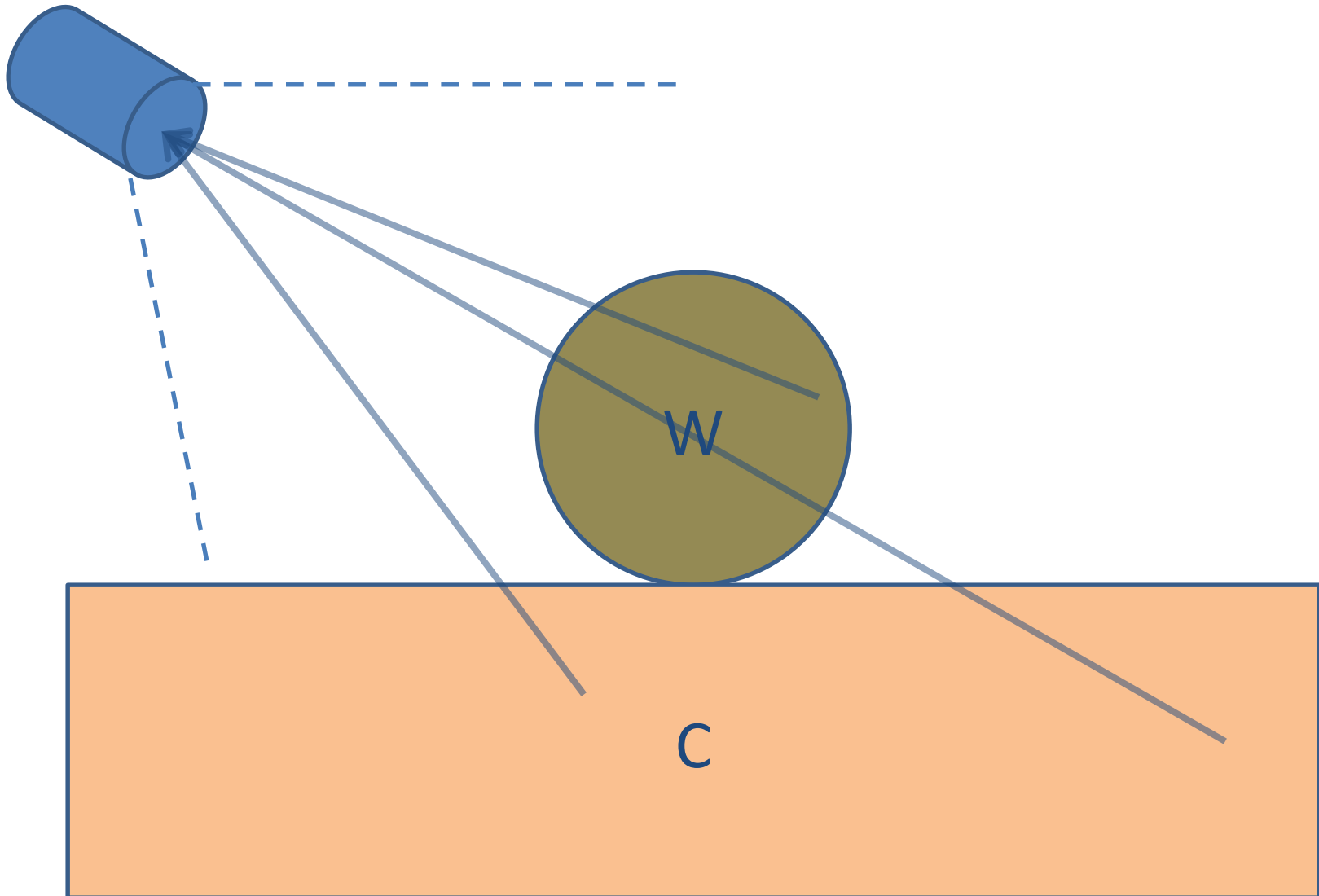
Monte Carlo memrg.com



R. Gauvin and P. Michaud (2009), "MC X-Ray, a New Monte Carlo Program for Quantitative X-Ray Microanalysis of Real Materials", *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, 15 (Supp.2), p. 488-489.

Results – Map – W on C

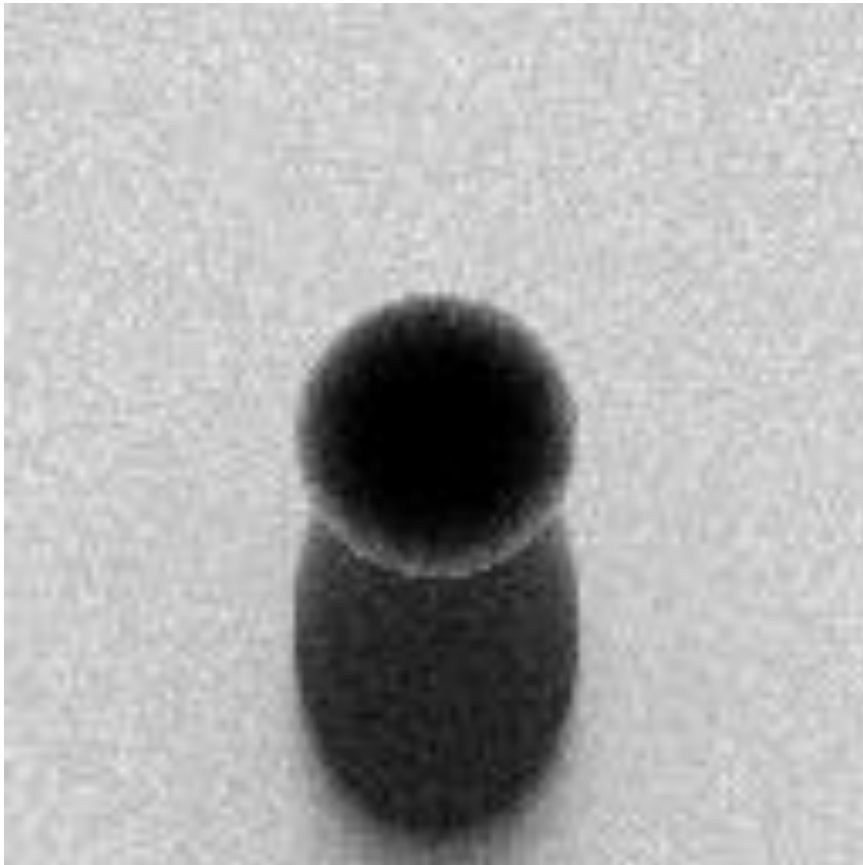
1 μm W Sphere on C, 20 keV, 40° TOA



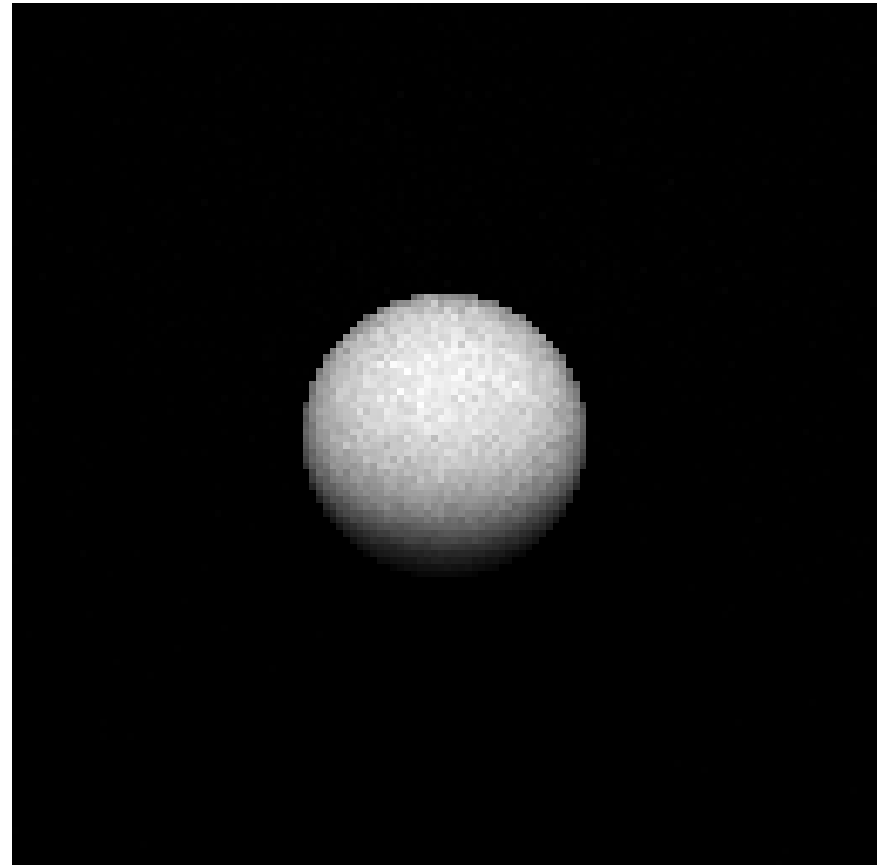
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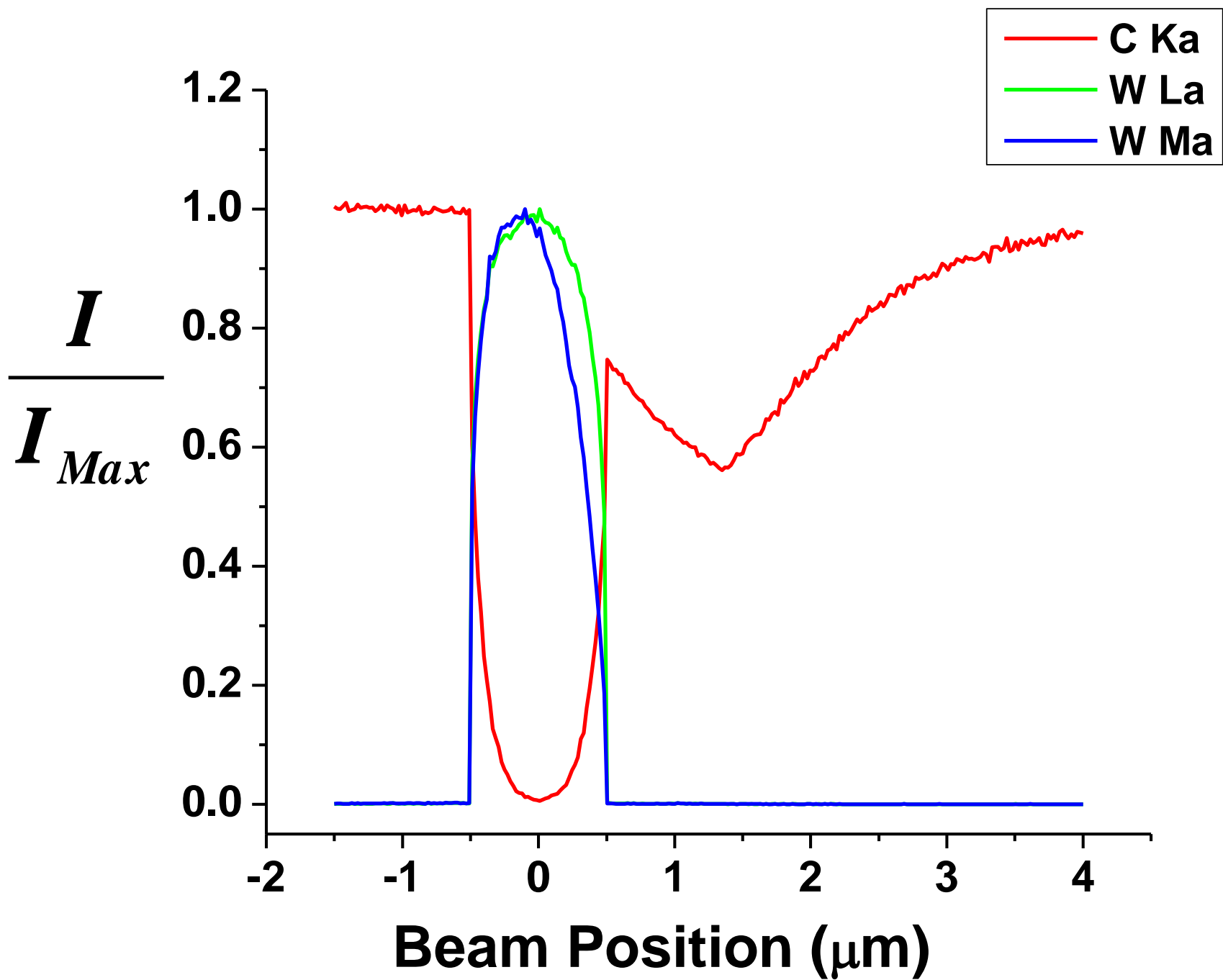
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C K α 1

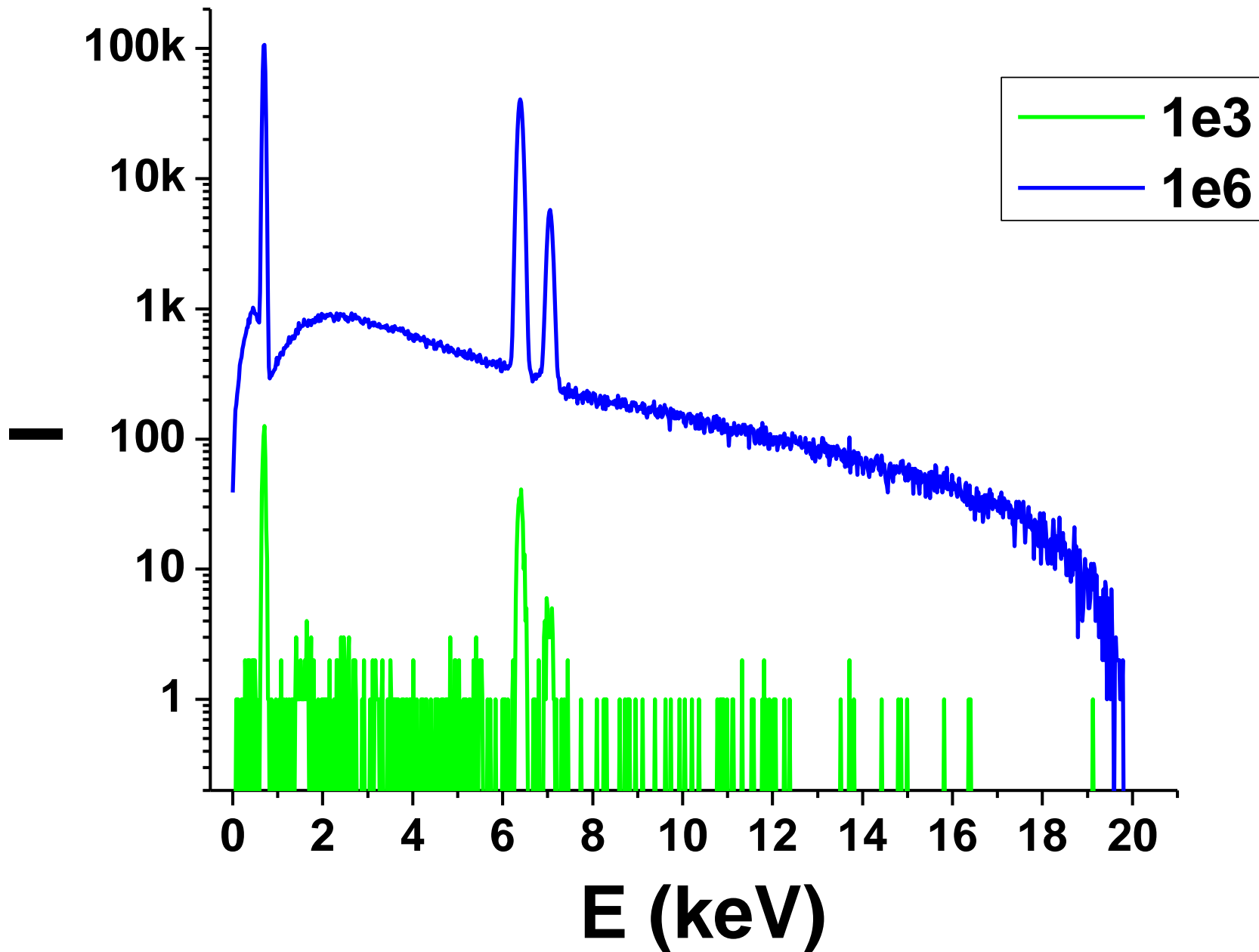


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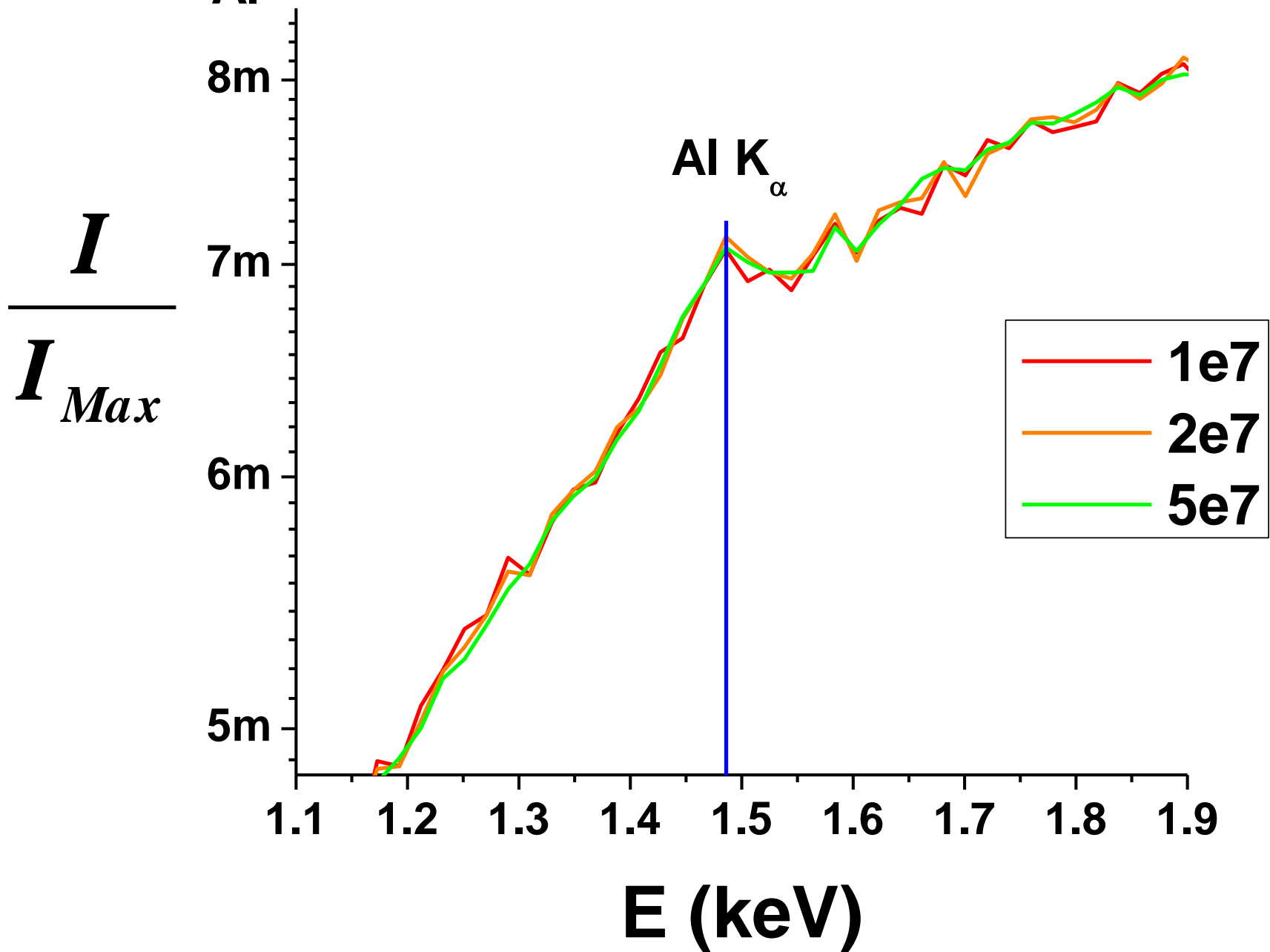




$C_{Al} = 0.0005$, Al - Fe, 20 keV



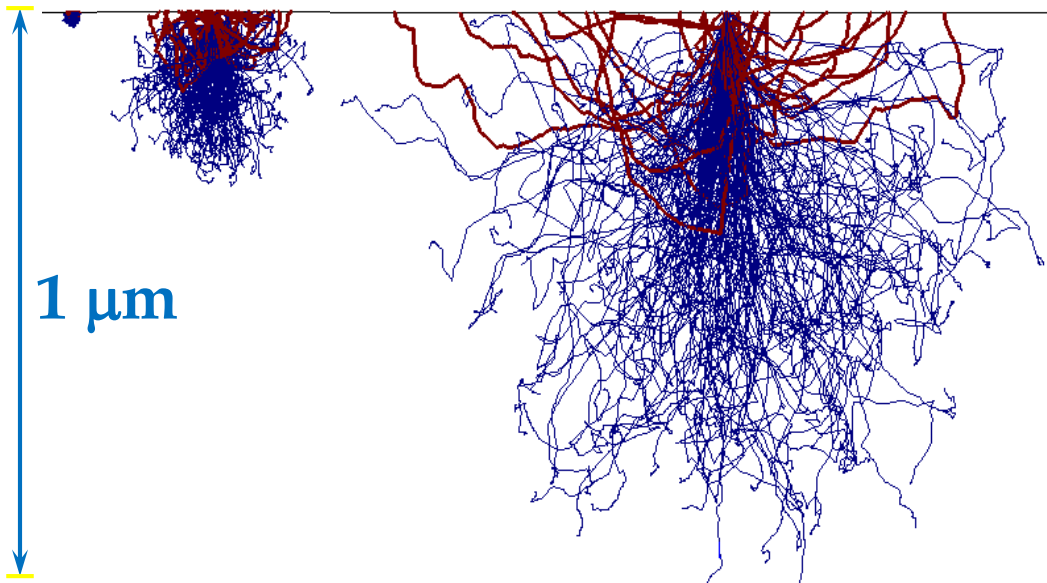
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Basse Tension MEB

1 keV 5 keV

10 keV



- Petit volume d'interaction
- Meilleure résolution spatiale
- Energie minimale dépend des raies disponibles.

Monte Carlo Simulations

10 nm MnS Inclusion in Fe

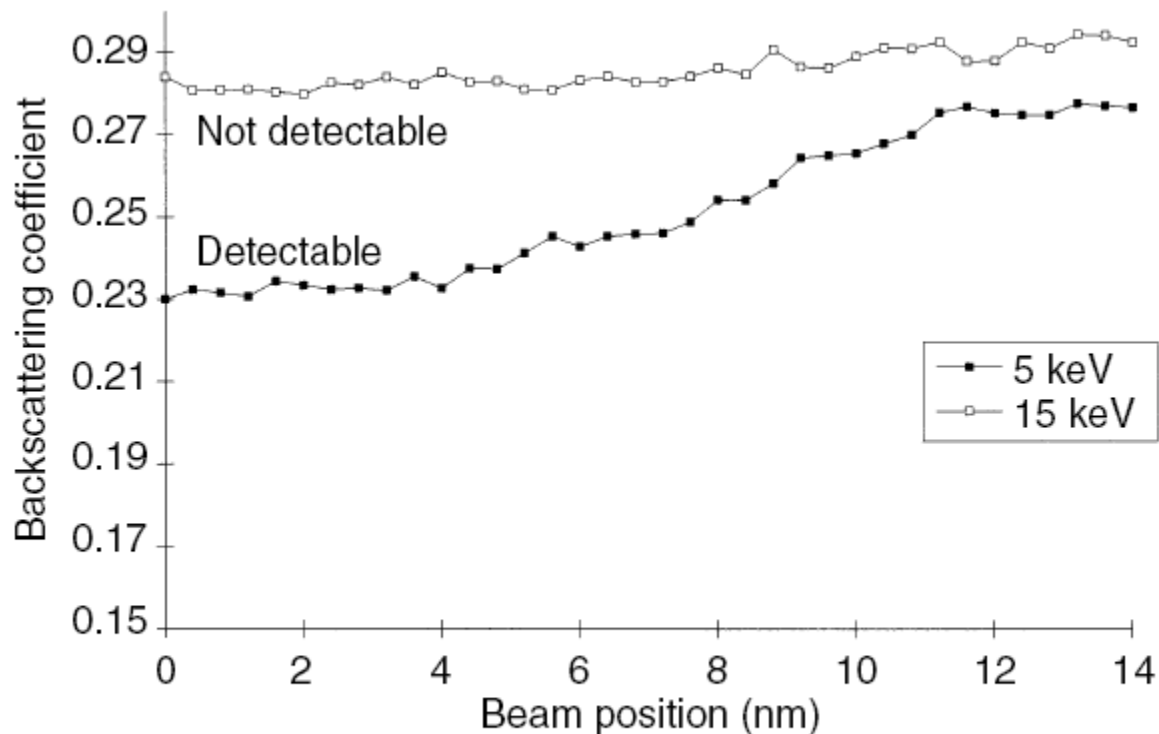


FIG. 24 Simulated profile for a 10 nm radius hemispherical inclusion of the MnS/Fe system at $E_0 = 5$ and 15 keV.

Hitachi S-4500 (1996)

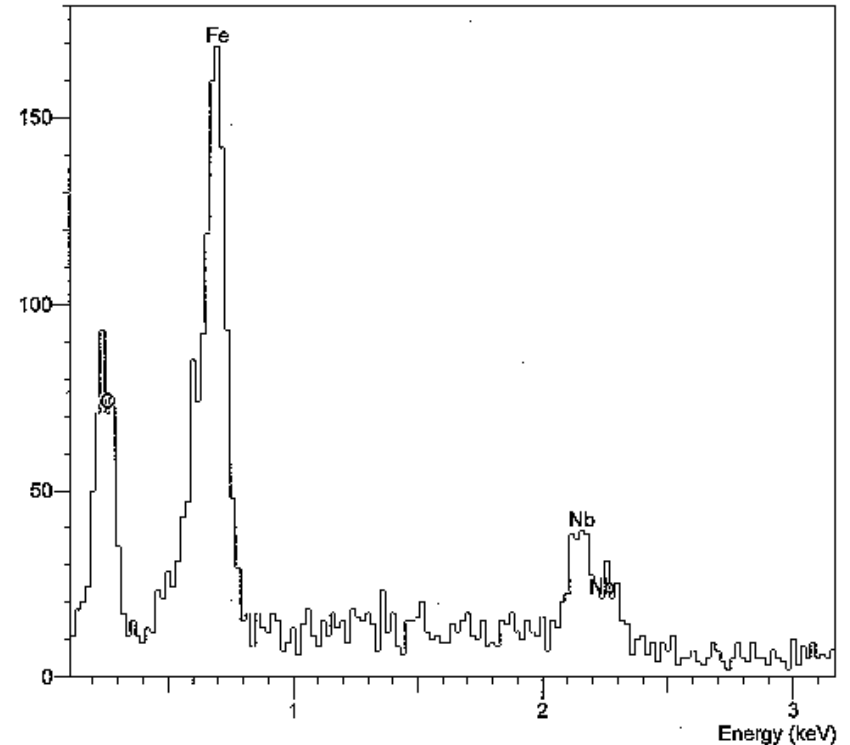
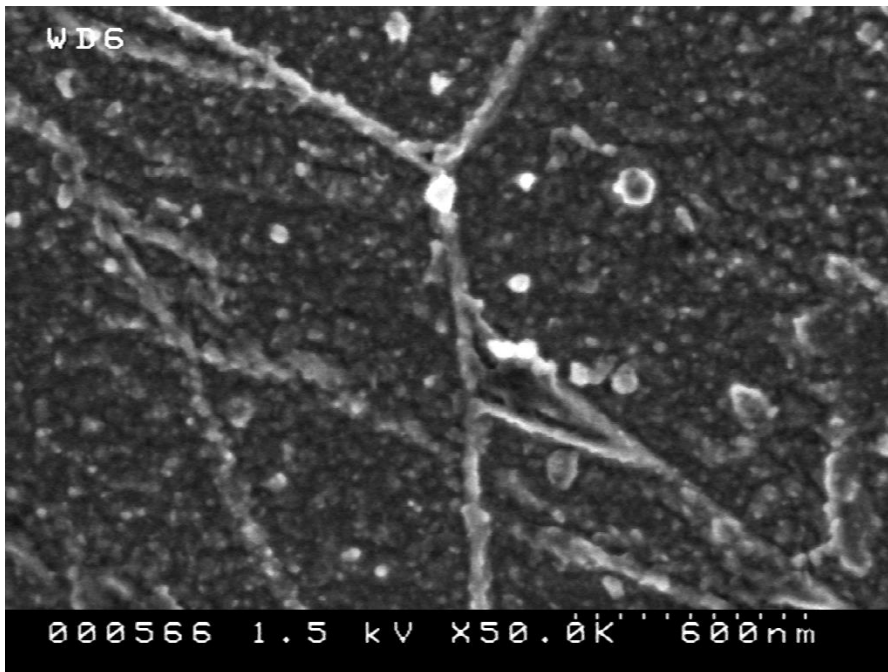


Nb(CN) Precipitates in Steel S-4500



Etched Nb(CN) precipitates in Steel

70 nm, 5 keV



R. Gauvin and S. Yue (1997), "The observation of NbC precipitates in steel in the nanometer range using a field emission gun scanning electron microscope", *Microscopy & Microanalysis*, Vol. 3, Supp. 2, pp. 1243-1244.

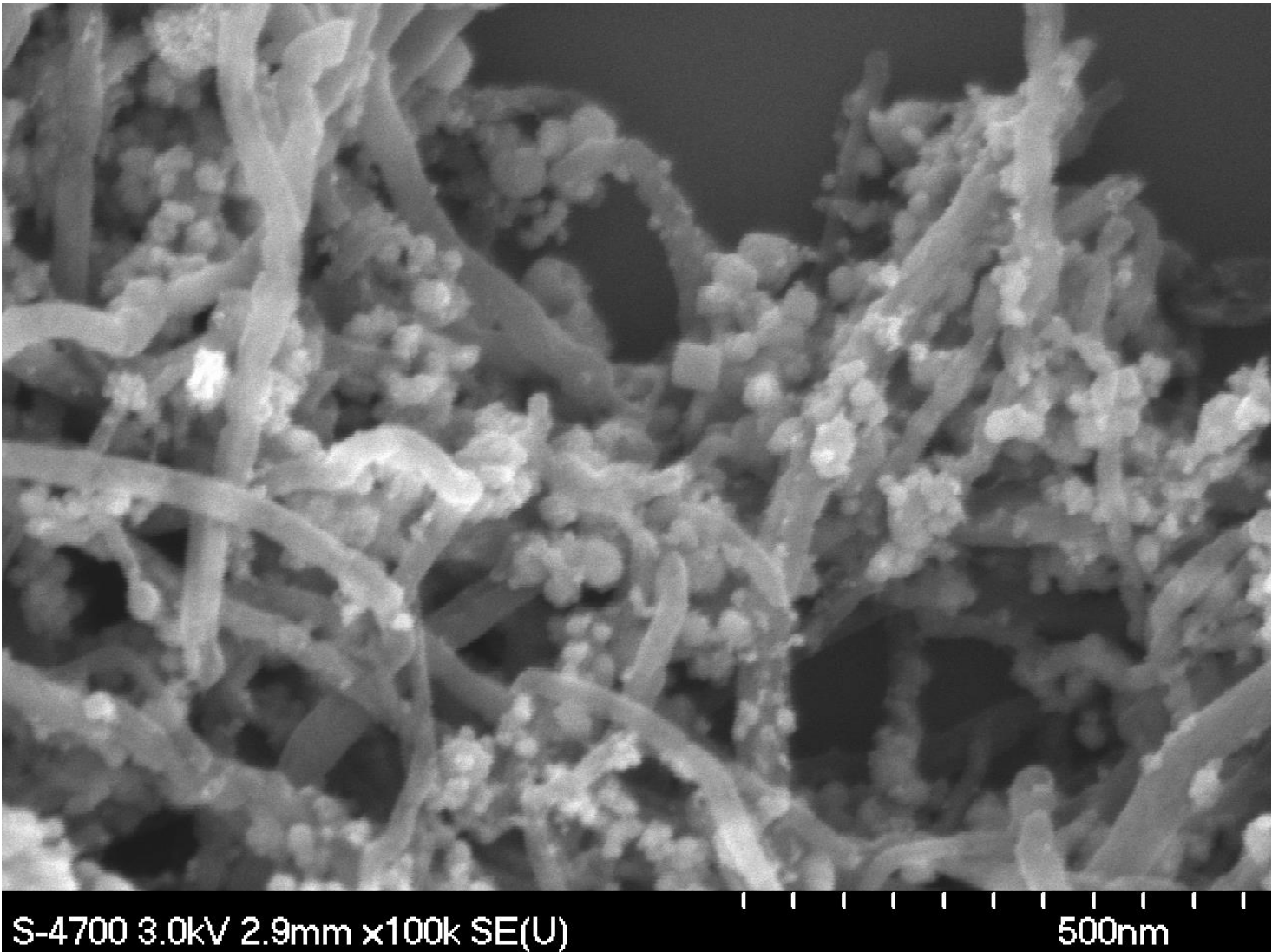
HITACHI FE-SEM S-4700 (2001)



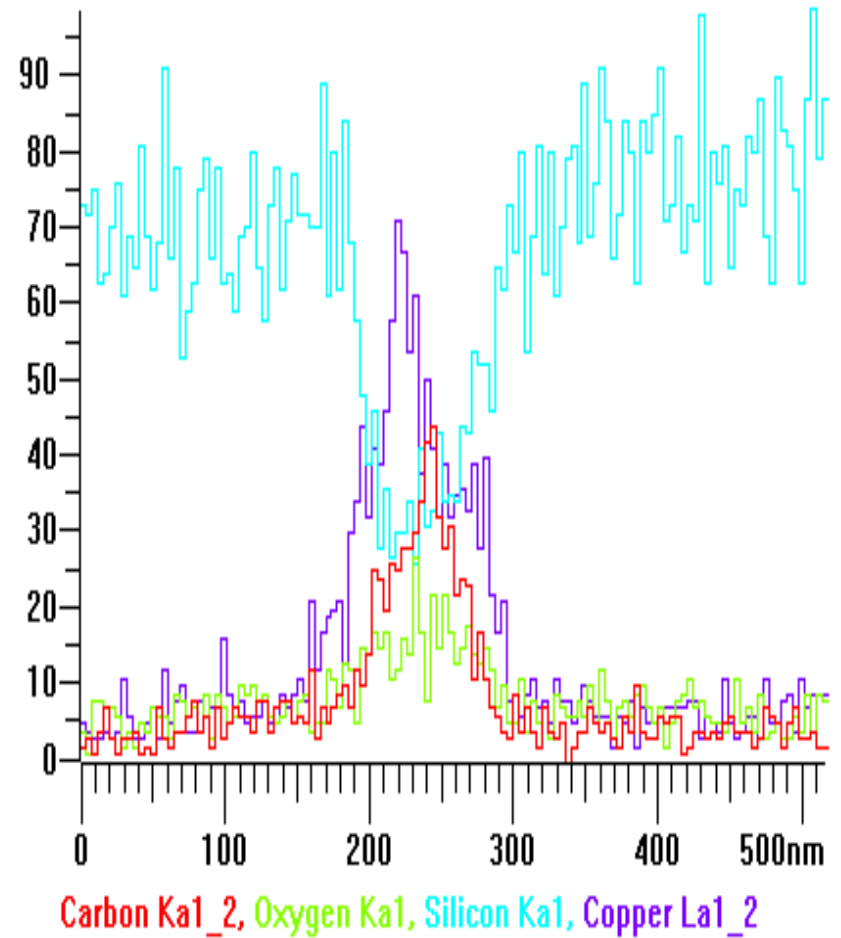
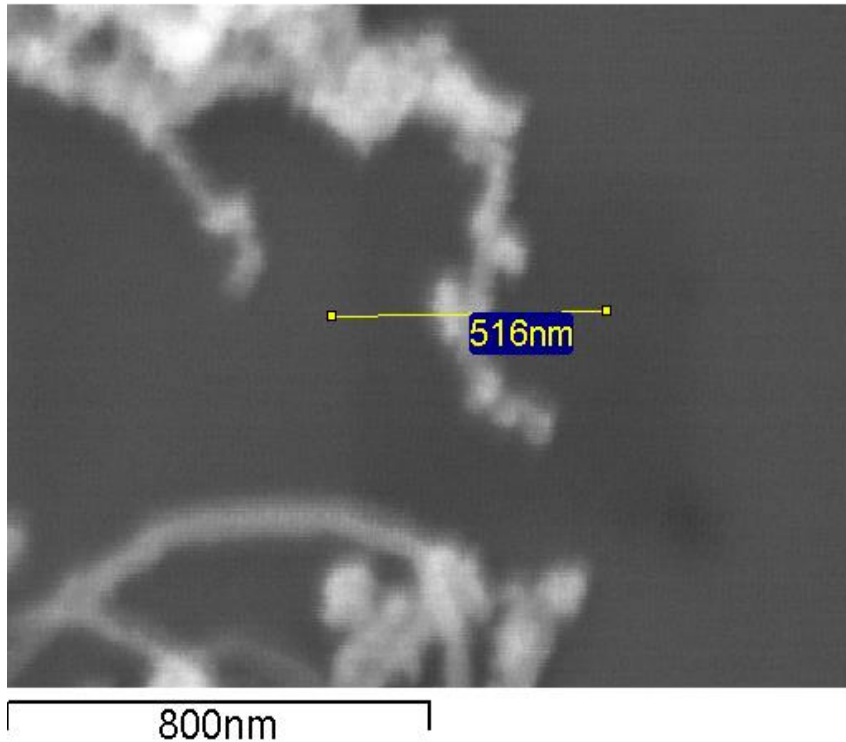
2.1 nm resolution at 1 kV

1.5 nm resolution at 15 kV

Cu on MWCN, 100 KX, 3 keV



Low Voltage X-Ray Microanalysis 3 keV, INCA System

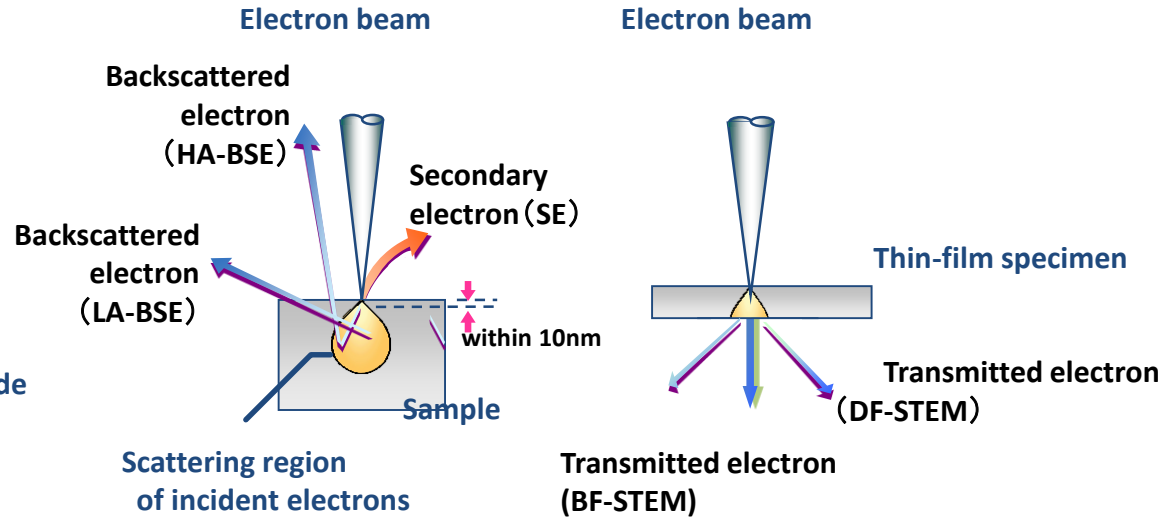
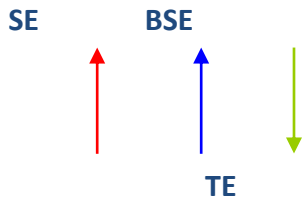
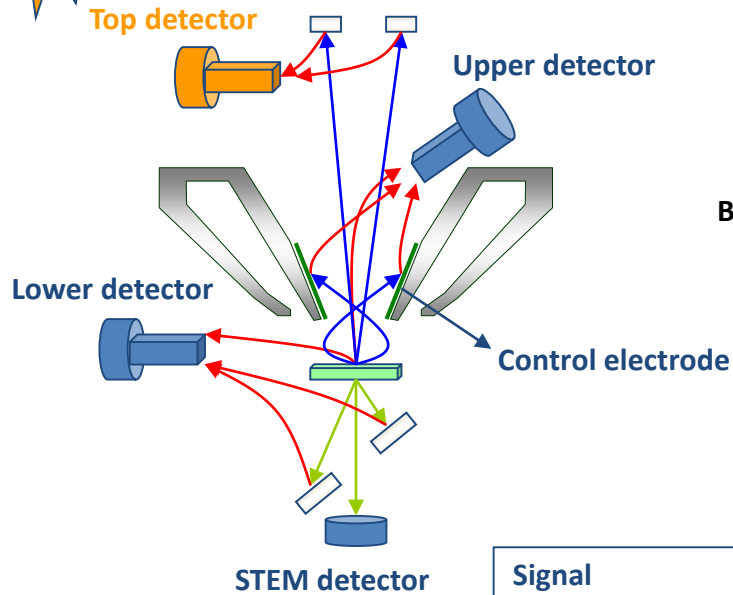


Hitachi Cold FE SU-8000 (2010)



0.5 nm resolution at 30 keV
2 nm resolution at 0.2 keV

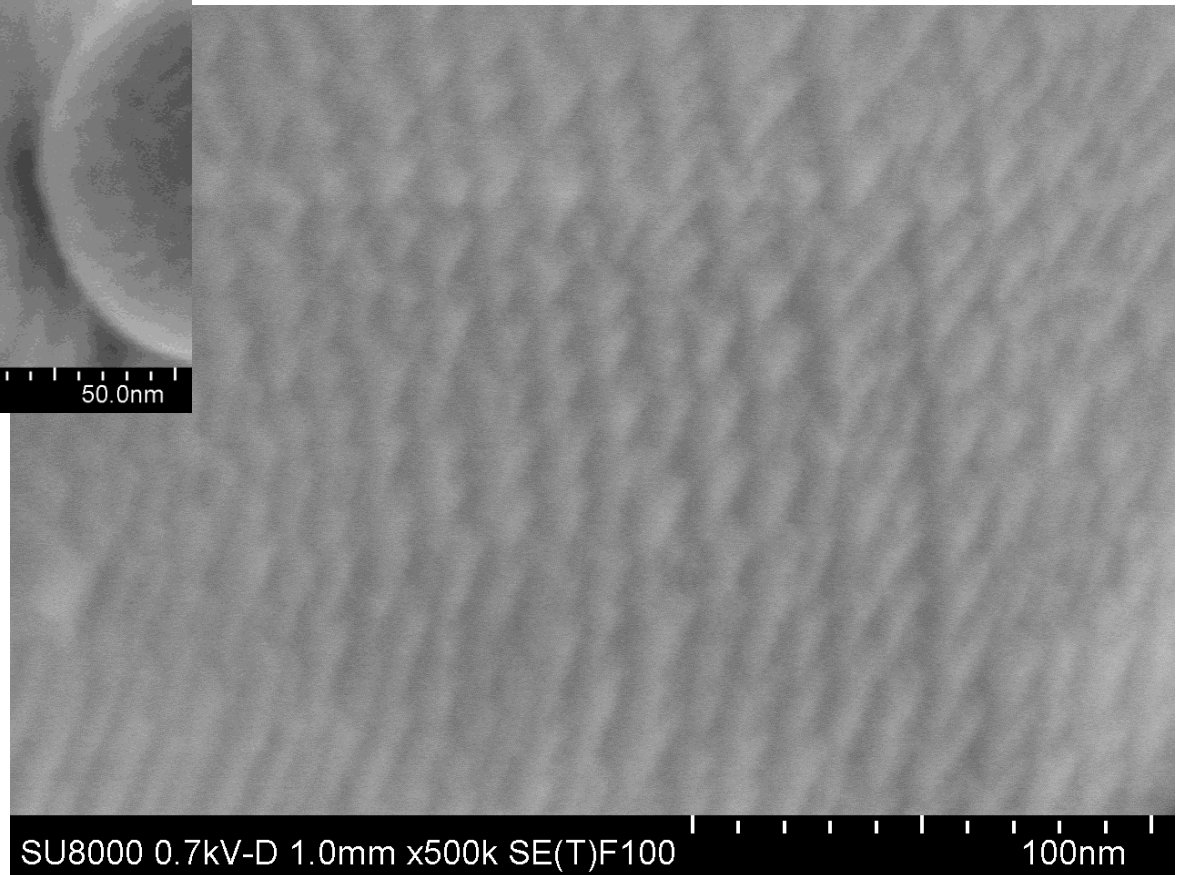
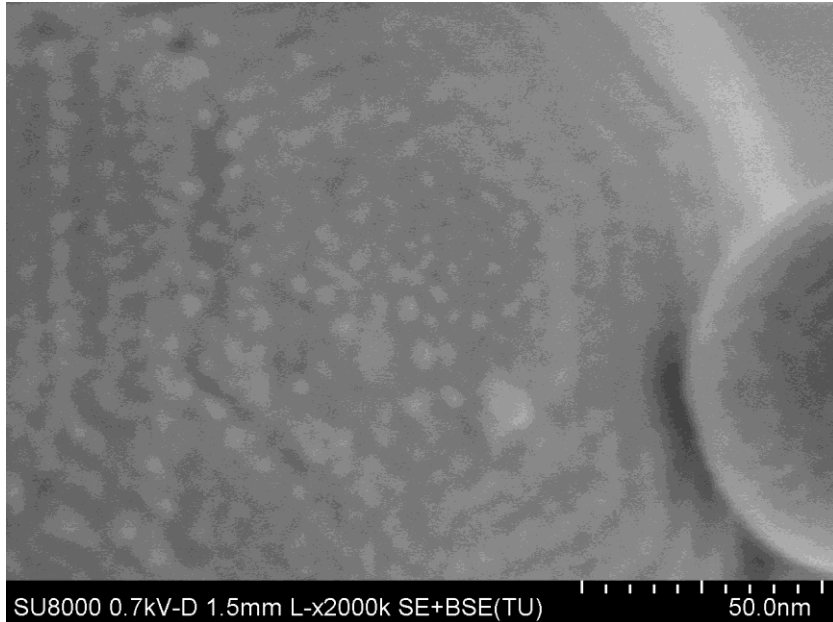
HITACHI SU-8000



Signal	Abbrev.	Detector	Included information
Backscattered electron	HA-BSE	Top	Compositional + Crystal
Backscattered electron	LA-BSE	Upper +Topographical (with Charge reduction)	Compositional + Crystal
Secondary electron	SE	Upper	surface (incl. Voltage contrast)
Secondary electron	Lower	Lower	Topographical
Transmitted electron	BF-STEM	STEM	Internal + Crystallographic
Transmitted electron	DF-STEM	Lower	Internal + Compositional

Al₂O₃ Spheres

SE(T)F100
FOV: 253 nm
SNR: 2.9
Resolution: 2.5 nm



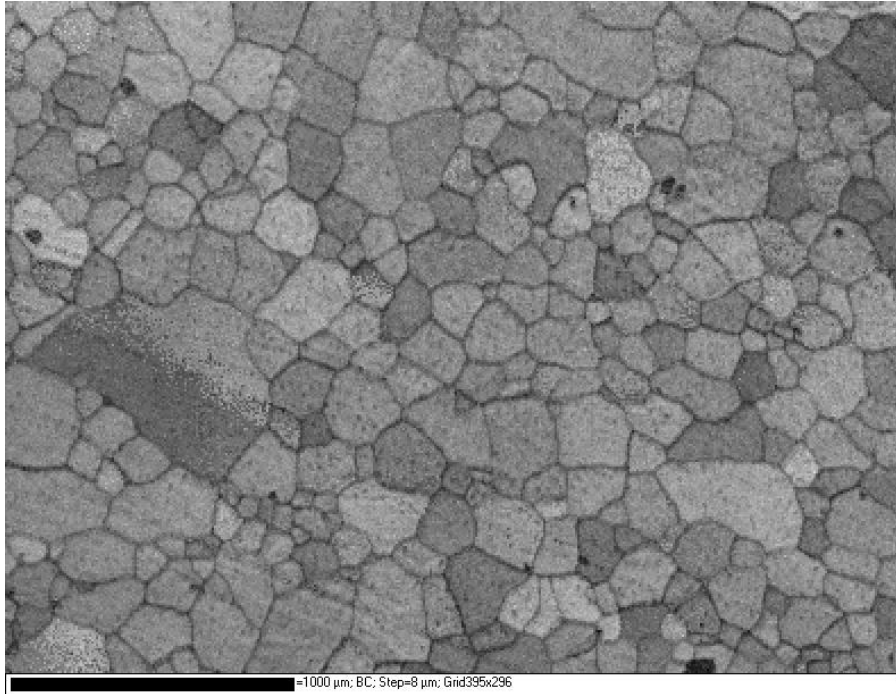
SE+BSE(TU)
FOV: 173 nm
SNR: 3.5
Resolution: 1.9 nm

NordlysS EDSD System

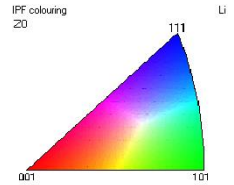


EBSD Feuilles de Li

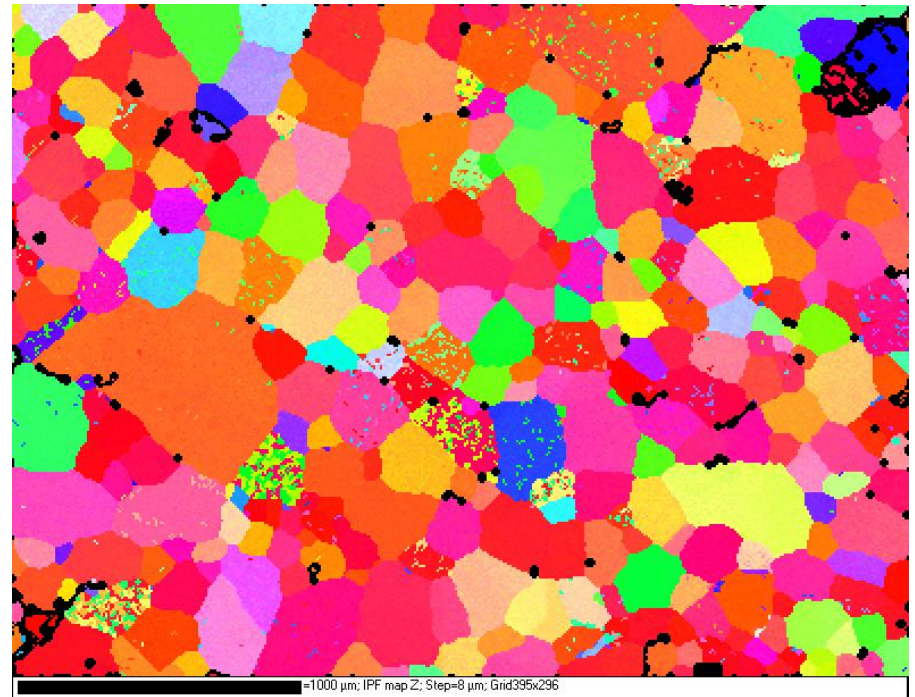
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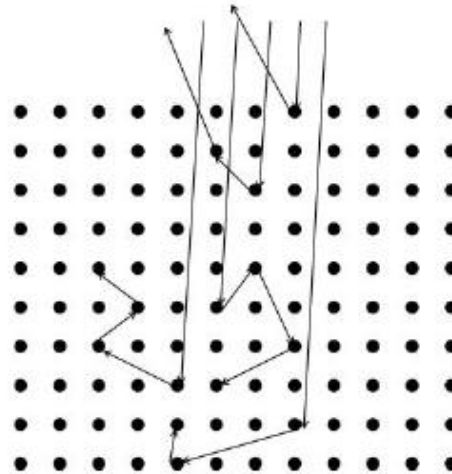
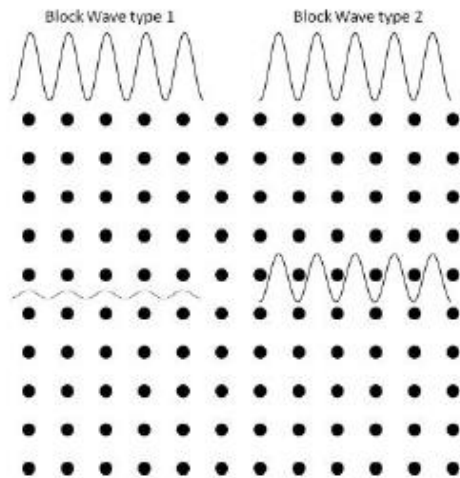
← Band contrast map



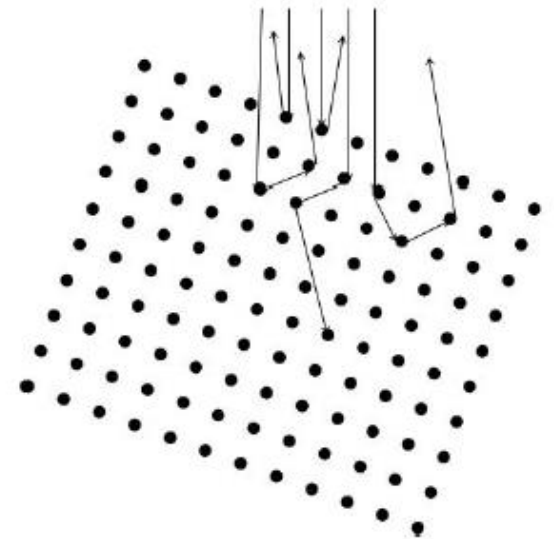
Inverse pole figure map



Channelling

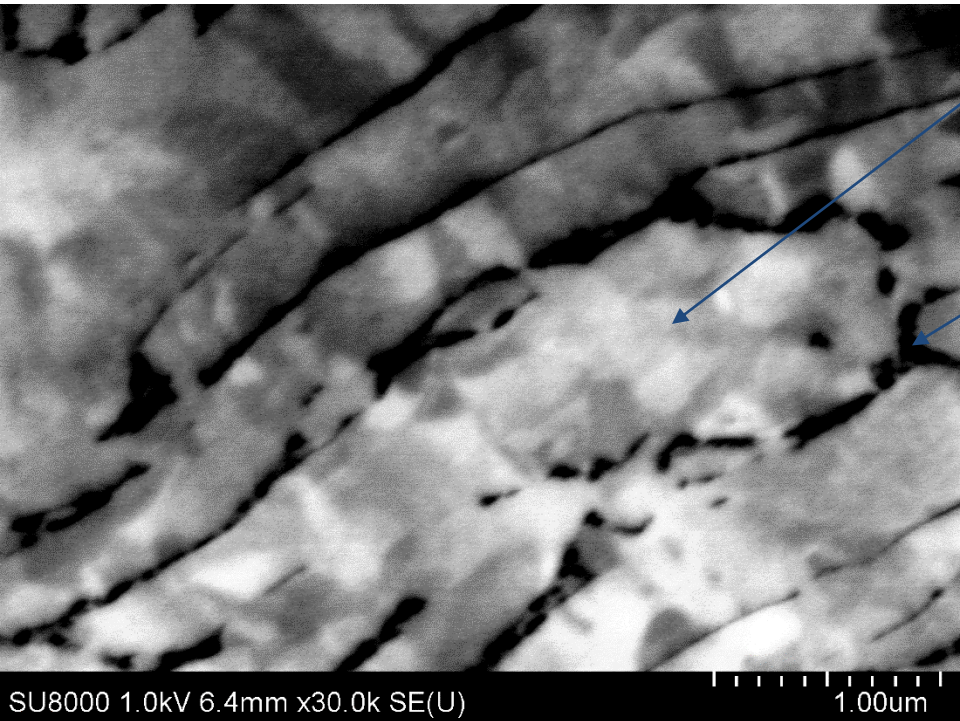


Low retrodiffusion yield



High retrodiffusion yield

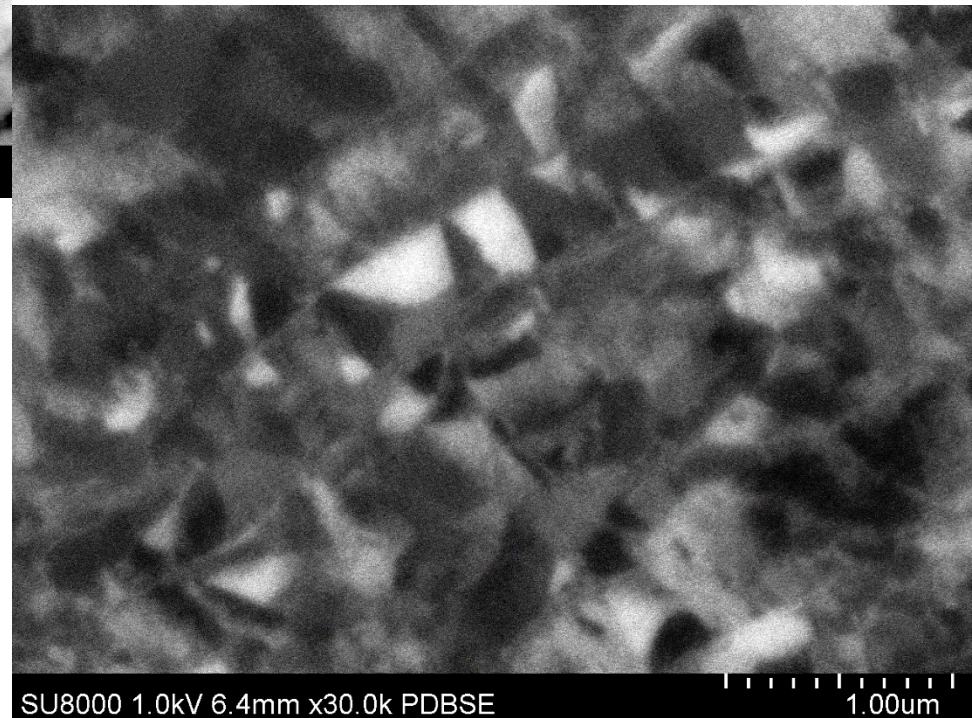
Channeling contrast 1 kV (Zr Alloy)

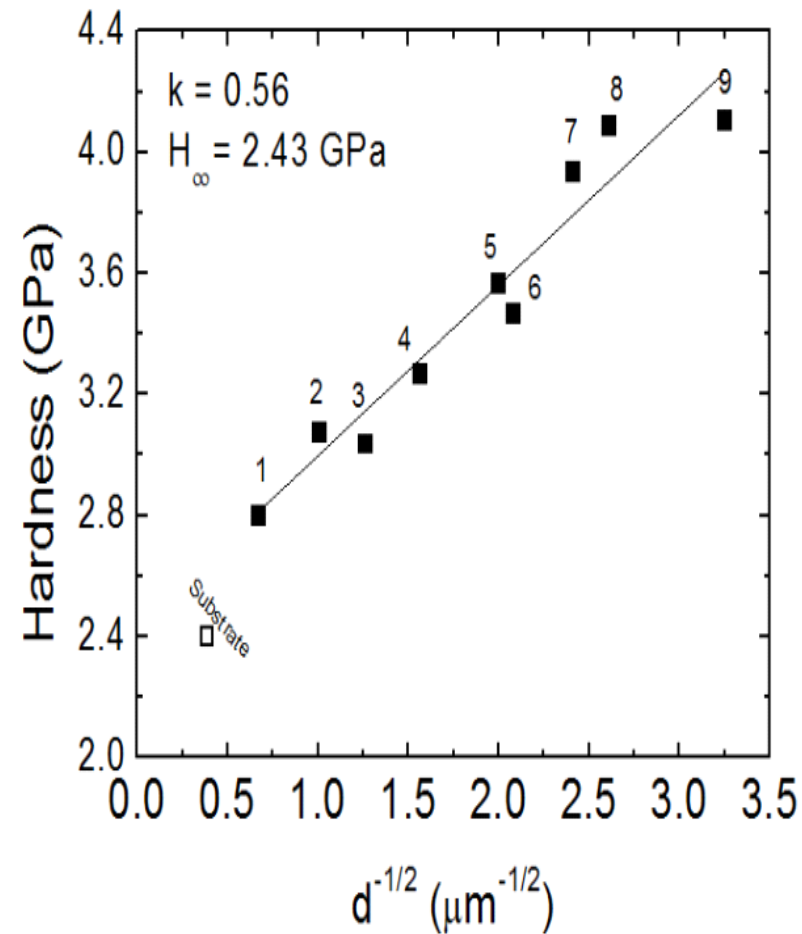


α phase
 β phase
BackScattered Electrons (PD-BSE detector)



Secondary Electrons (Upper detector)





Dina Goldbaum, Richard R. Chromik, Nicolas Brodusch and Raynald Gauvin (2014),
Microscopy and Microanalysis, in press.

X-Max

400000 cps @ 80 mm²

In practice



Detector area	20mm ²	50mm ²	80mm ²
Resolution (eV):			
MnK _α resolution	129	129	129
Operating angle	0° to 45°		
Temperature range	10°C to 30°C		
Altitude	Sea level to 1,500m		

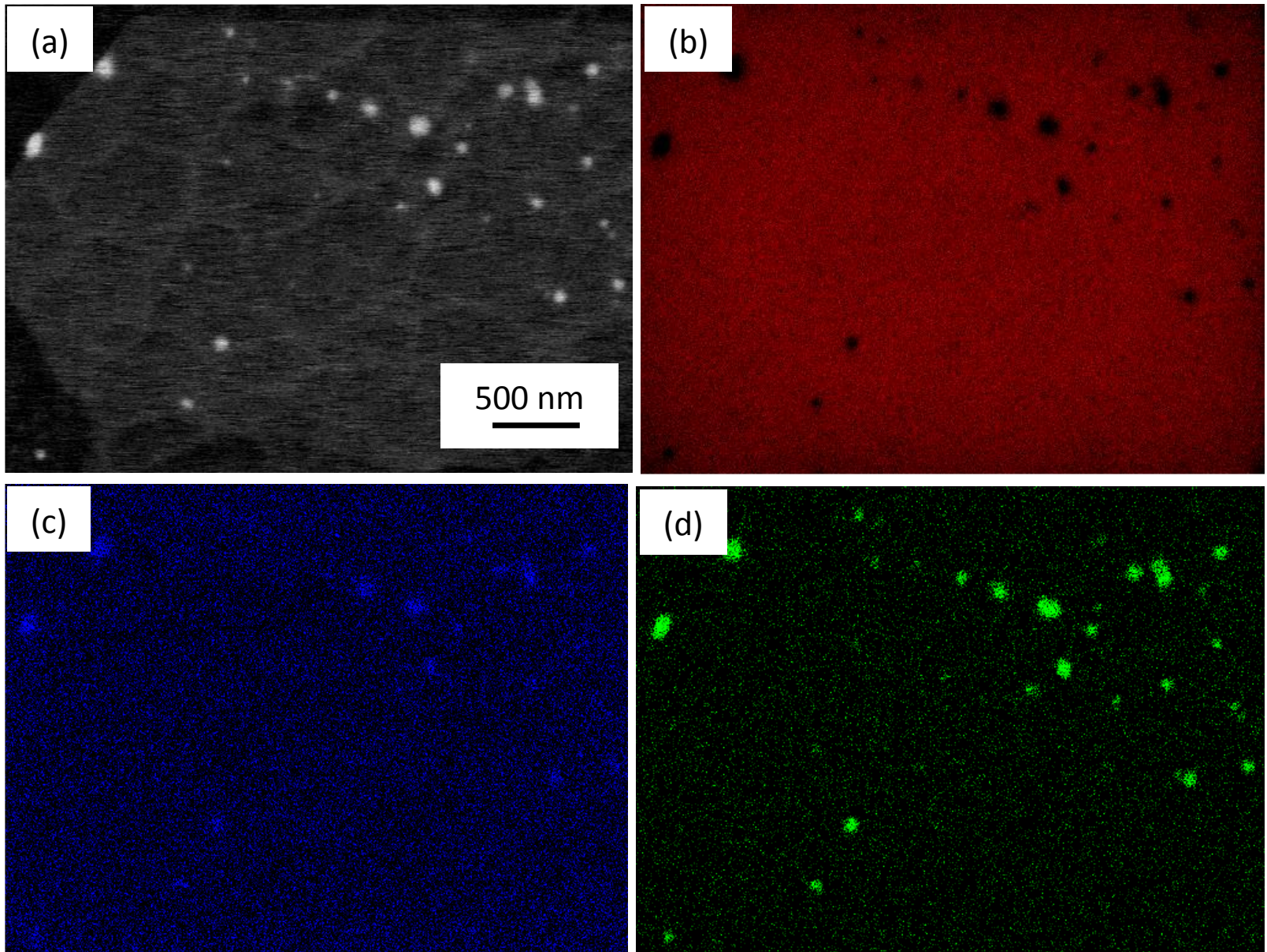
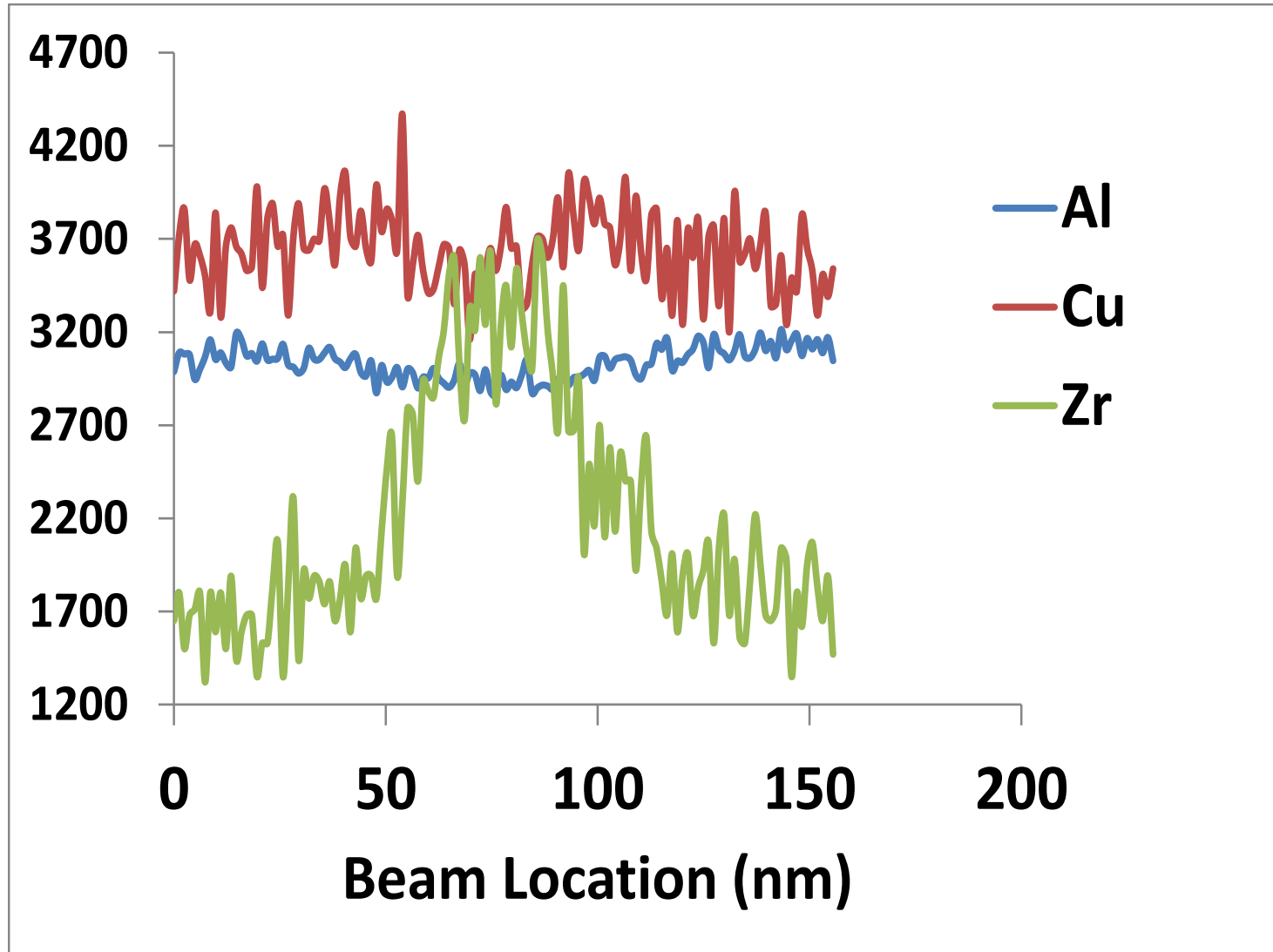
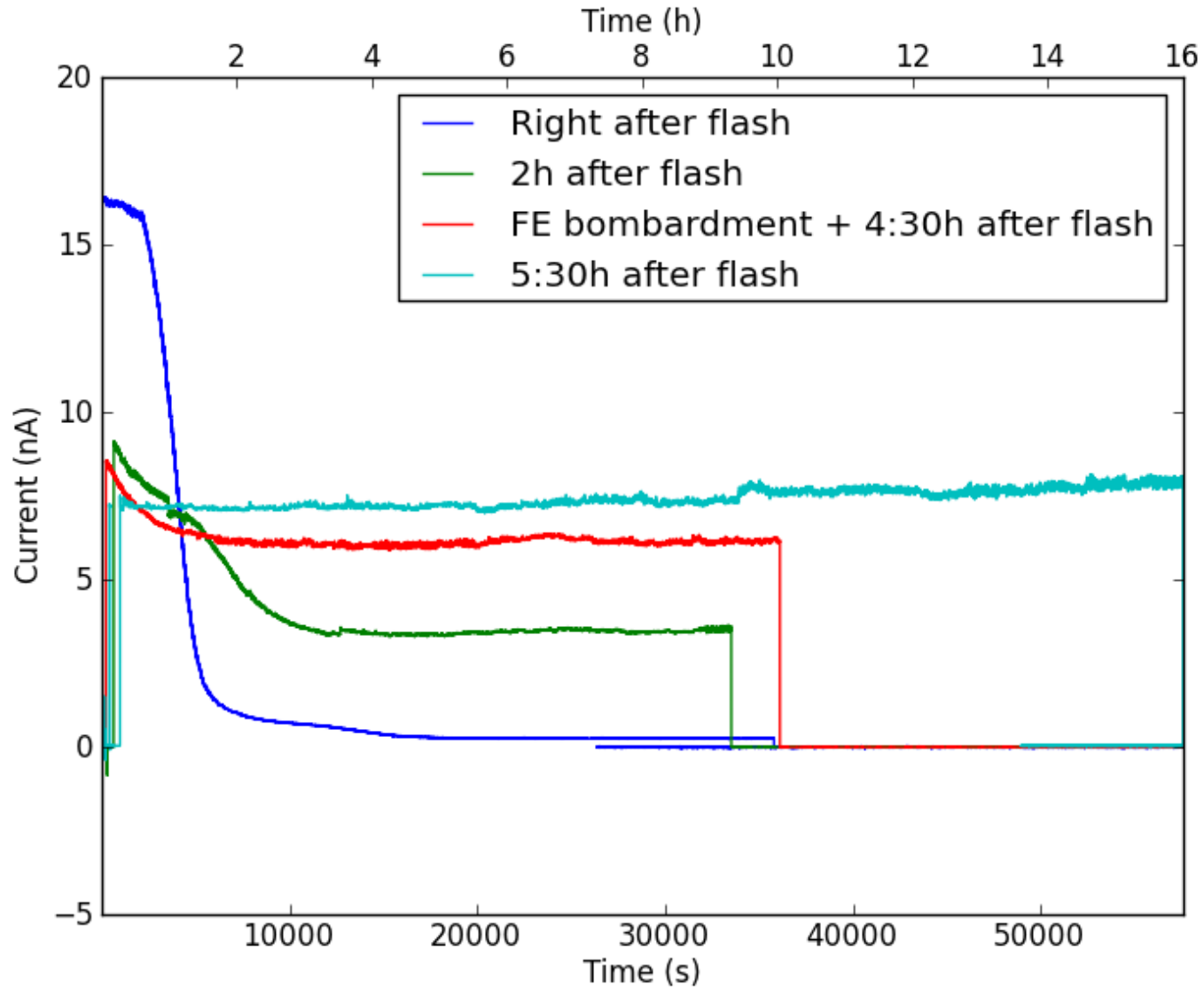


Figure 7. (a) SEM-BSE image, (b) Mg, (c) Al and (Ca) X-ray maps

Al₃Zr Precipitate, 3 kV, Al 2099



SU-8000 Cold Field Emission SEM



Quantitative Analysis in the SEM

$$\frac{C_i}{C_{(i)}} = [\text{ZAF}]_i \frac{I_i}{I_{(i)}} = [\text{ZAF}]_i k_i$$

$$\frac{C_i}{C_{(i)}} = \frac{\left[\int_0^{\infty} \phi(\rho z) e^{-\chi \rho z} d\rho z \right]_{(i)}}{\left[\int_0^{\infty} \phi(\rho z) e^{-\chi \rho z} d\rho z \right]_i} k_i$$

Same Fluorescence correction in both methods, if necessary.

Both $\phi(\rho z)$ curves normalized for the same thin foil

X-Ray Microanalysis

Cliff and Lorimer Method

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

No X-Ray Absorption and Fluorescence

G. Cliff & G. W. Lorimer (1975), *Journal of Microscopy*, Vol. 103, pp. 203 – 207.

Quantitative X-Ray Microanalysis

The f Ratio Method

$$f_A = \frac{I_A}{I_A + I_B}$$

P. Horny, E. Lifshin, H. Campbell and R. Gauvin (2010), "Development of a New Quantitative X-Ray Microanalysis Method for Electron Microscopy", *Microscopy & Microanalysis*, Vol. 16, No. 6, pp. 821-830.

Generalization of the Method

$$f_i = \frac{I_i}{\sum_{j=1}^n I_j}$$

$$f_i = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^n F_{ji} \frac{C_j}{C_i}}$$

$$F_{ji} = K_{ij} \frac{\gamma_j (1 + \delta_c + \delta_{BF})_j}{\gamma_i (1 + \delta_c + \delta_{BF})_i}$$

$$K_{ij} = \Lambda_{ij} \frac{Q_j \omega_j \alpha_j (1 + T_j) \epsilon_j A_i}{Q_i \omega_i \alpha_i (1 + T_i) \epsilon_i A_j}$$

$$\gamma_i = \int_0^{t \text{ or } \infty} \varphi(\rho z) e^{-\left(\sum_{j=1}^n c_j \frac{\mu}{\rho}\right)_j^i} \text{cosec} \psi \rho z \, d\rho z$$

In TEM, $\varphi(\rho z) \cong 1$

Computation with adjusted factor

$$f_A = \frac{(I_A)^S}{(I_A)^S + \Lambda_{A-B}(I_B)^S}$$

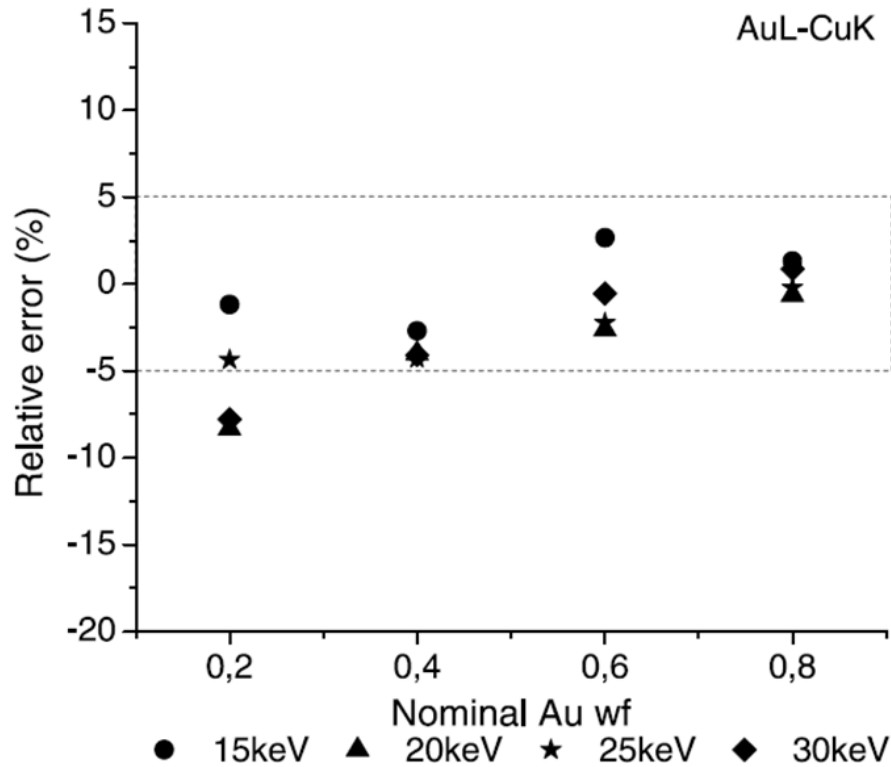
Computation of calibration factor

$$f_A = \frac{I_A}{I_A + I_B}$$

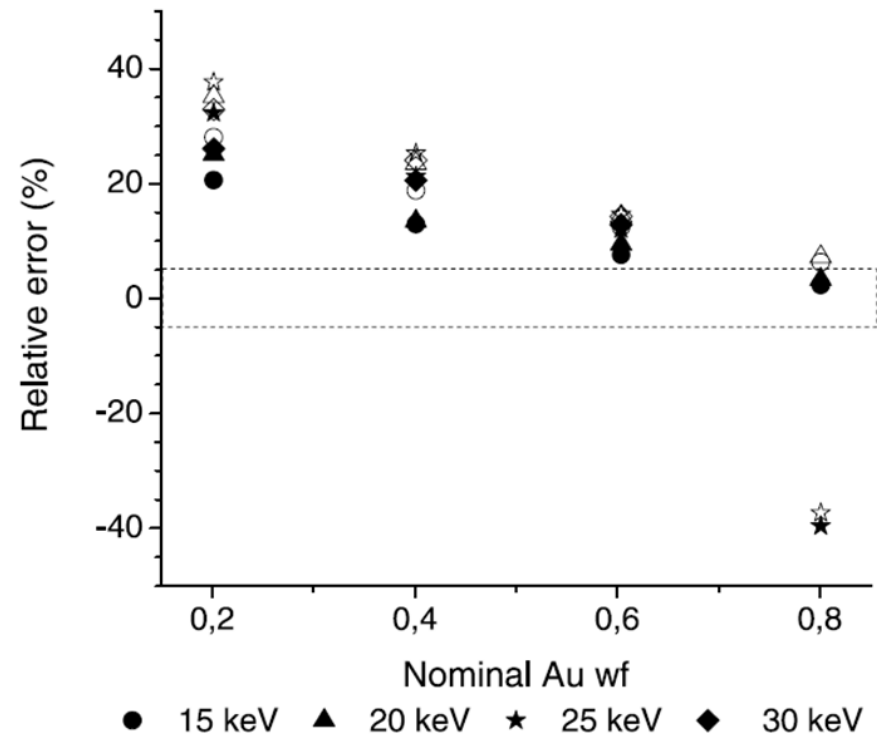
$$\Lambda_{A-B} = \left(\frac{1 - f_A}{f_A} \right)^M \left(\frac{f_A}{1 - f_A} \right)^S$$

[R. Gauvin \(2012\), "What remains to be done to allow Quantitative X-Ray Microanalysis to become a Characterization Technique used with every EDS Spectra Acquired?", **Invited Paper**, Microscopy & Microanalysis, 18, 5, pp. 915 - 940.](#)

f Ratio Method



Standardless



Mg – Al Diffusion Couple

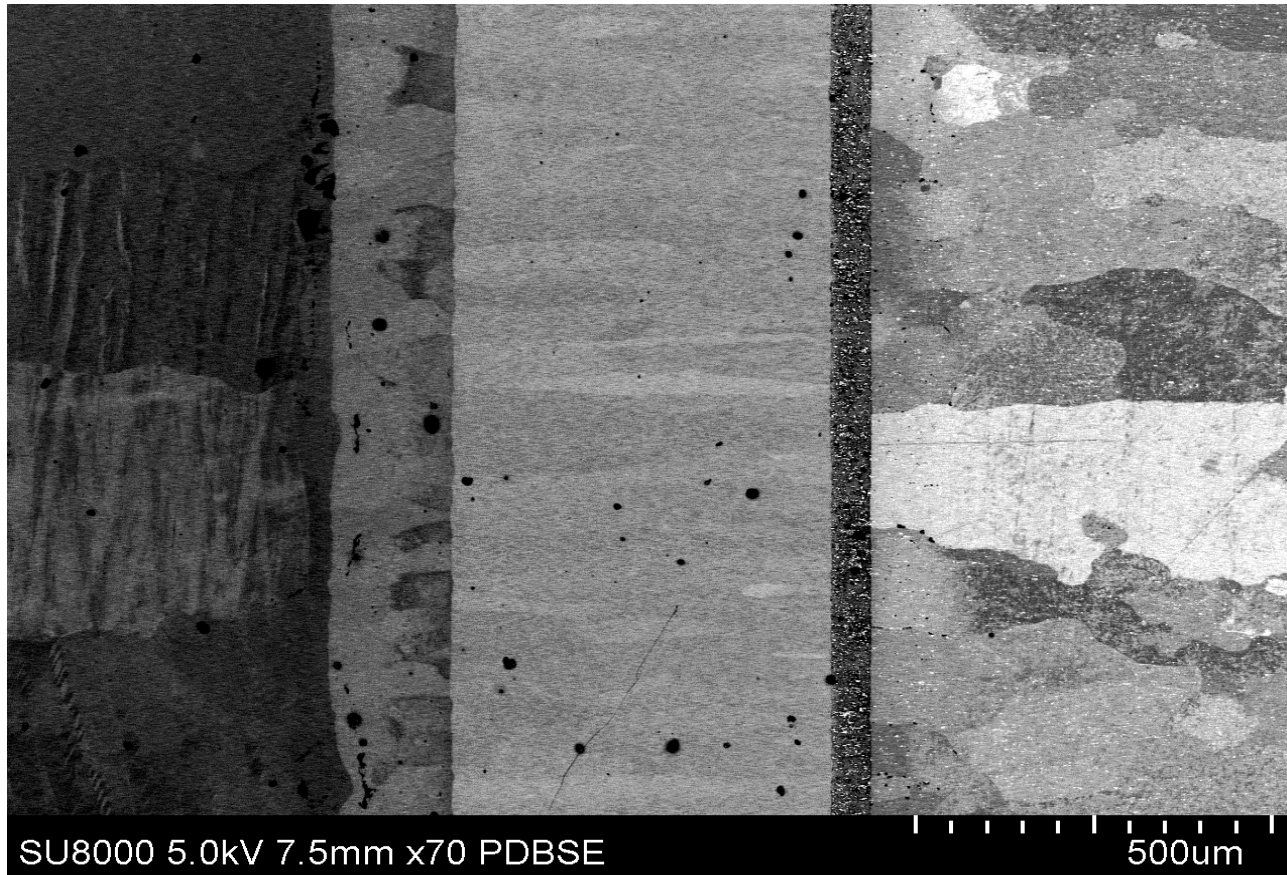
Mg

$\gamma - \text{Al}_{12}\text{Mg}_{17}$

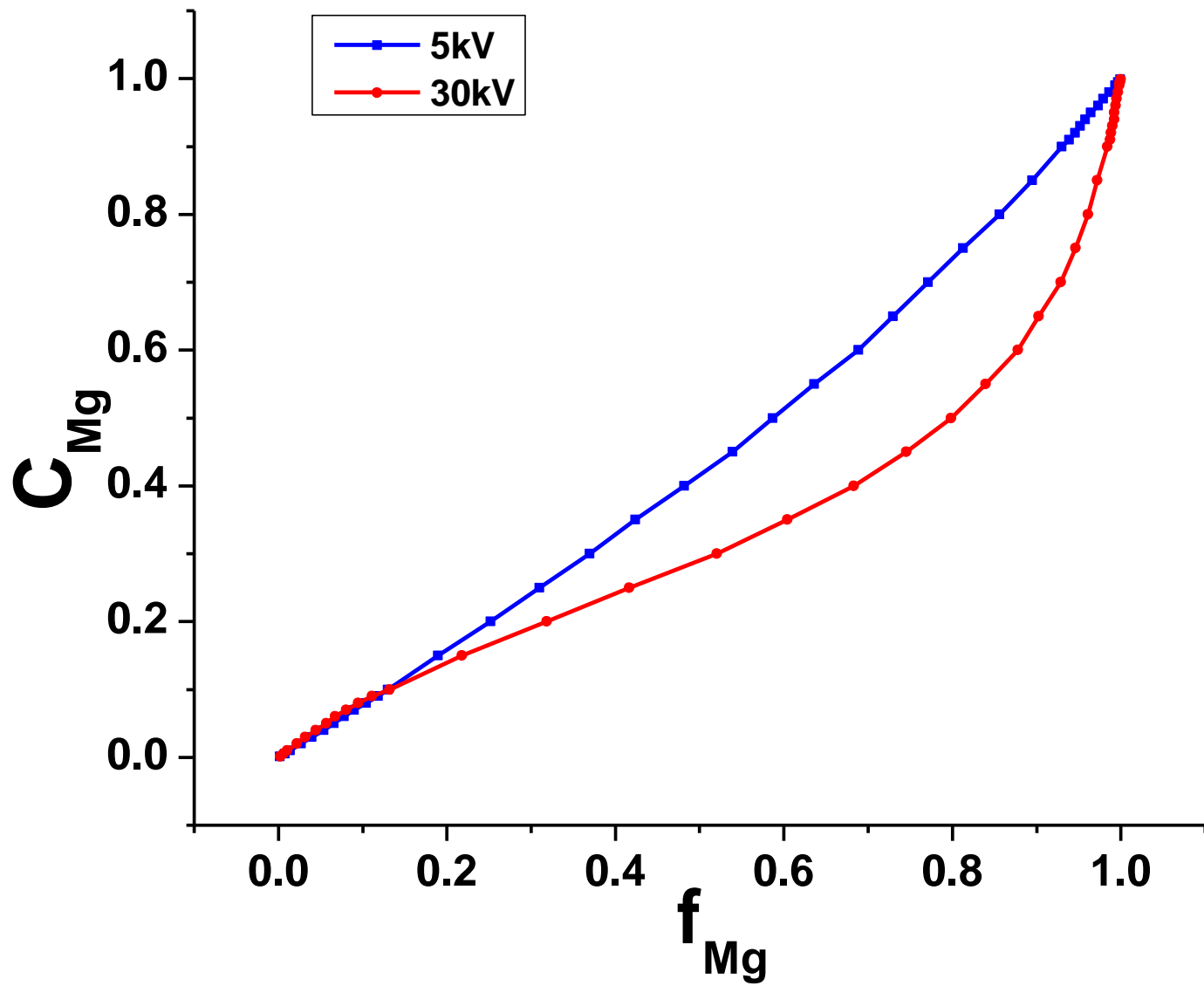
$\beta - \text{Al}_3\text{Mg}_2$

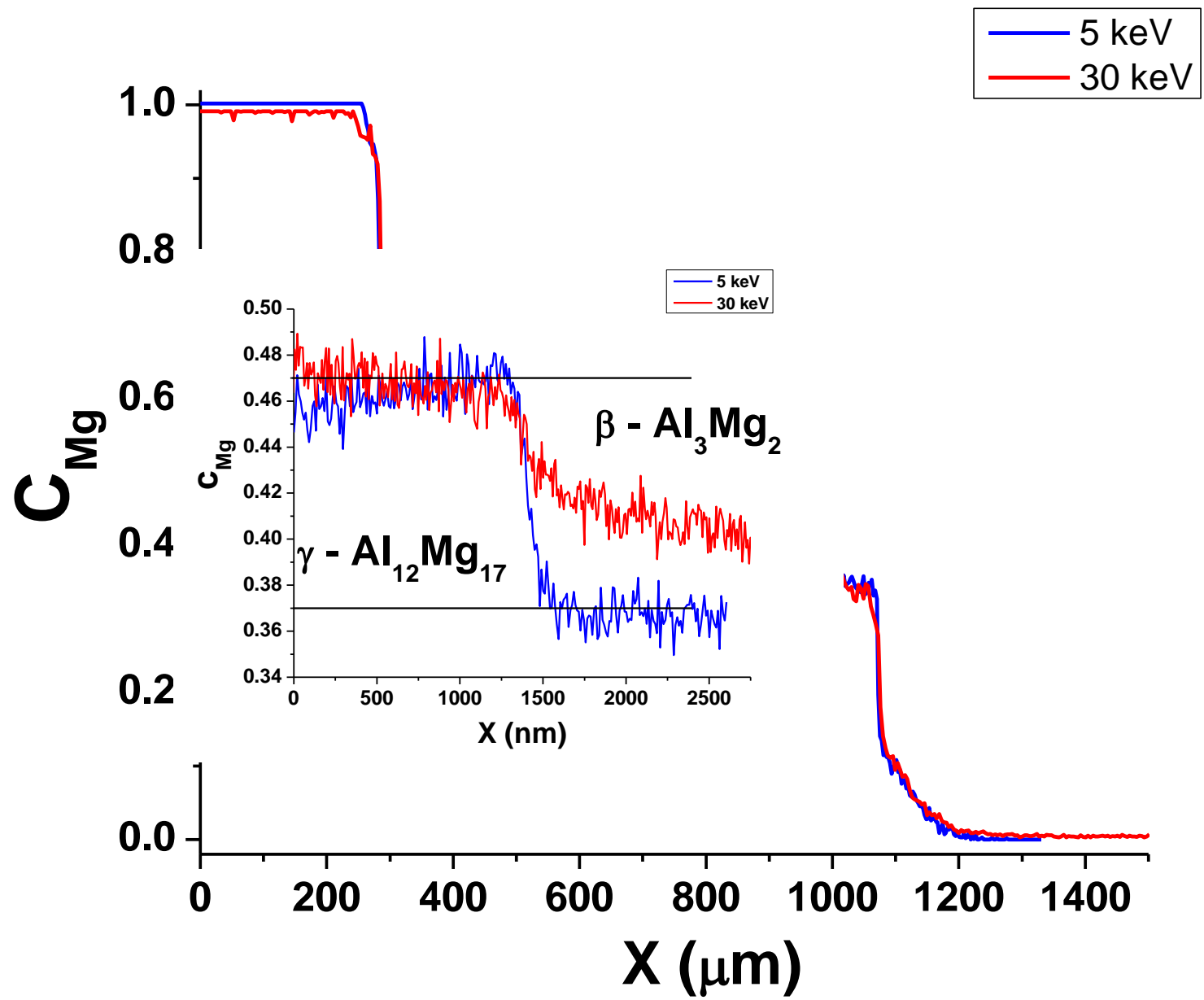
Fe in Al

Al

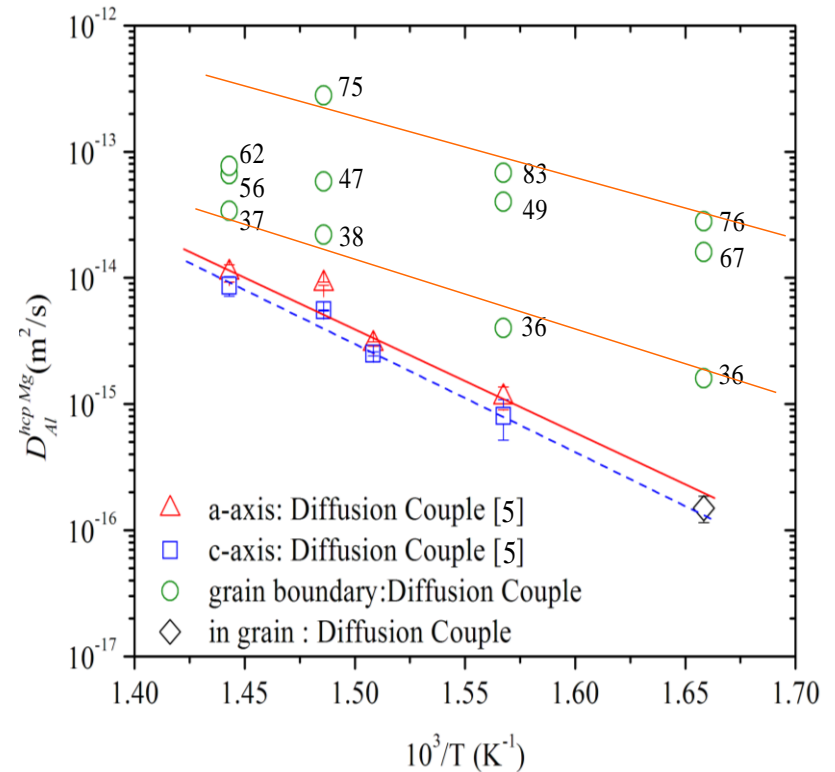
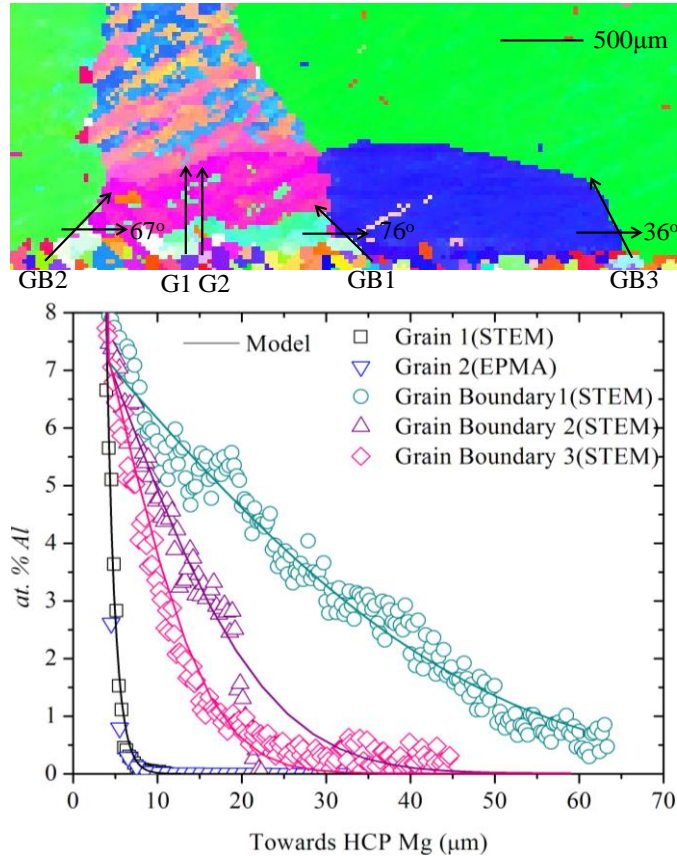


[R. Gauvin, N. Brodusch, P. Michaud \(2012\). "Determination of Diffusion Coefficients with Quantitative X-Ray Microanalysis at High - Spatial Resolution". Defect and Diffusion Forum. Vol - 323-325, pp. 61-67.](#)



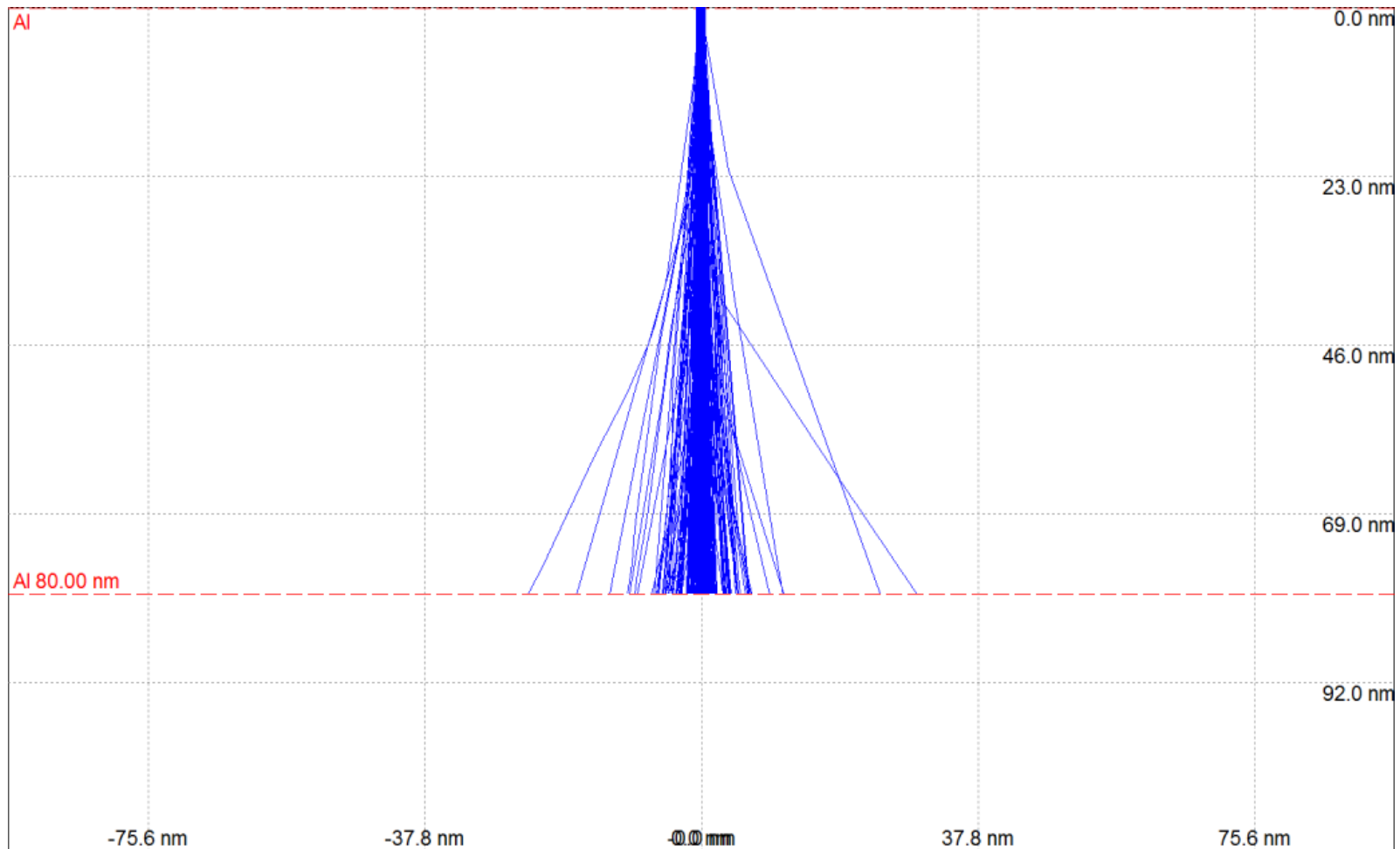


Grain Boundary Diffusion

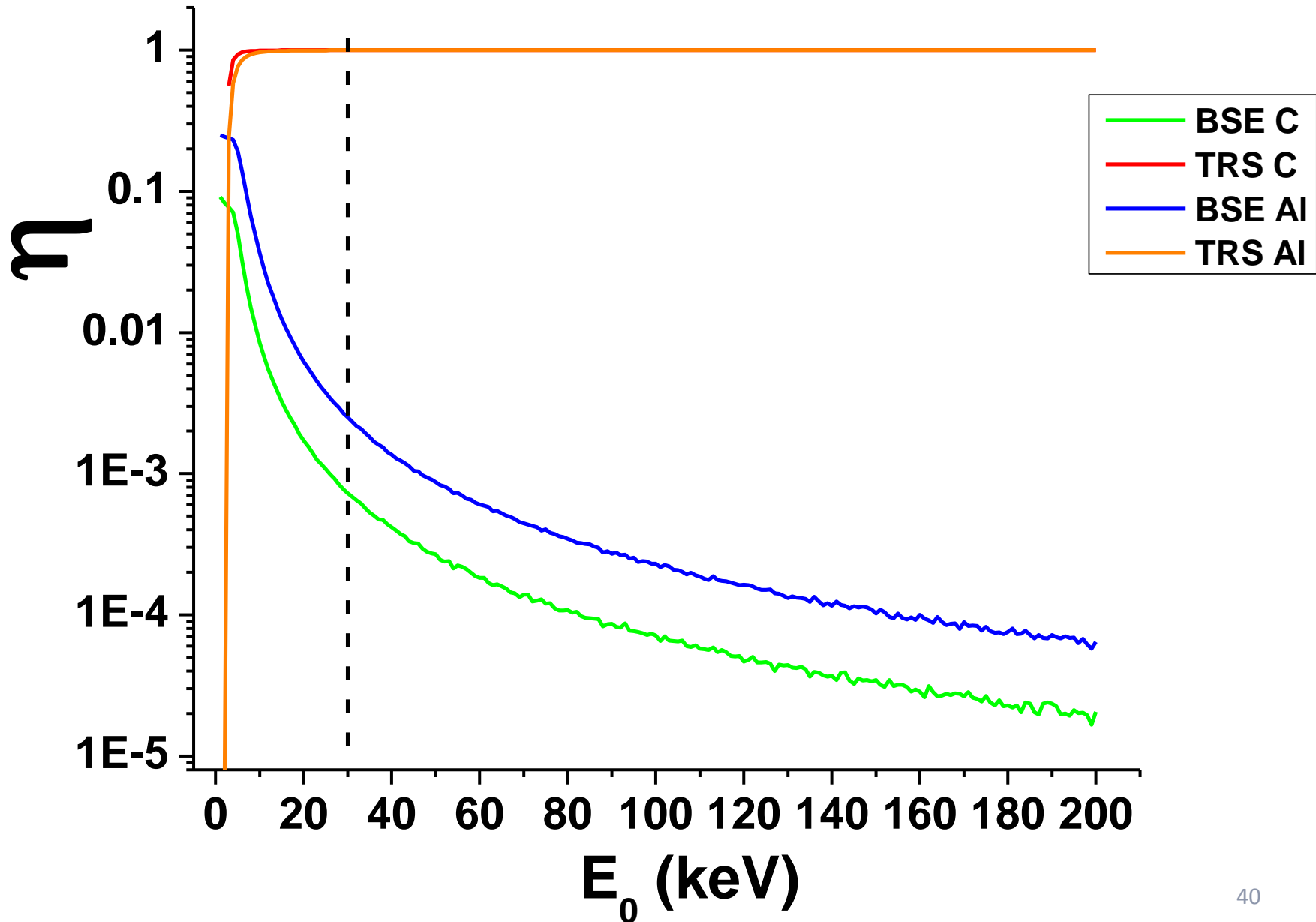


[S. K. Das, N. Brodusch, R. Gauvin and I.-H. Jung \(2014\), "Grain boundary diffusion of Al in Mg", Scripta Materialia, 80, pp. 41-44.](#)

STEM, Al, 30 kV, 80 nm

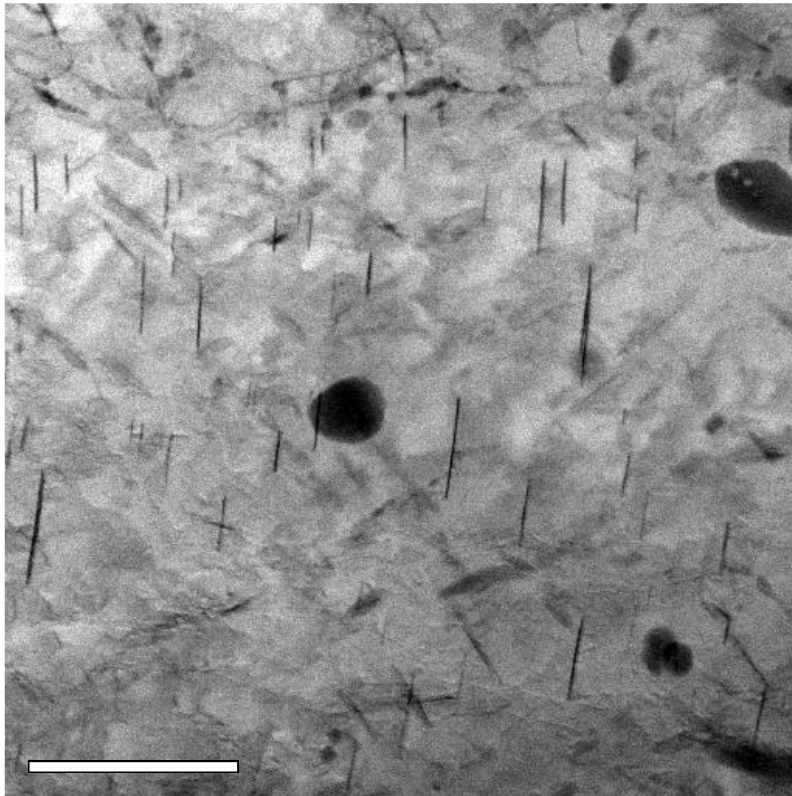


80 nm Thin Film

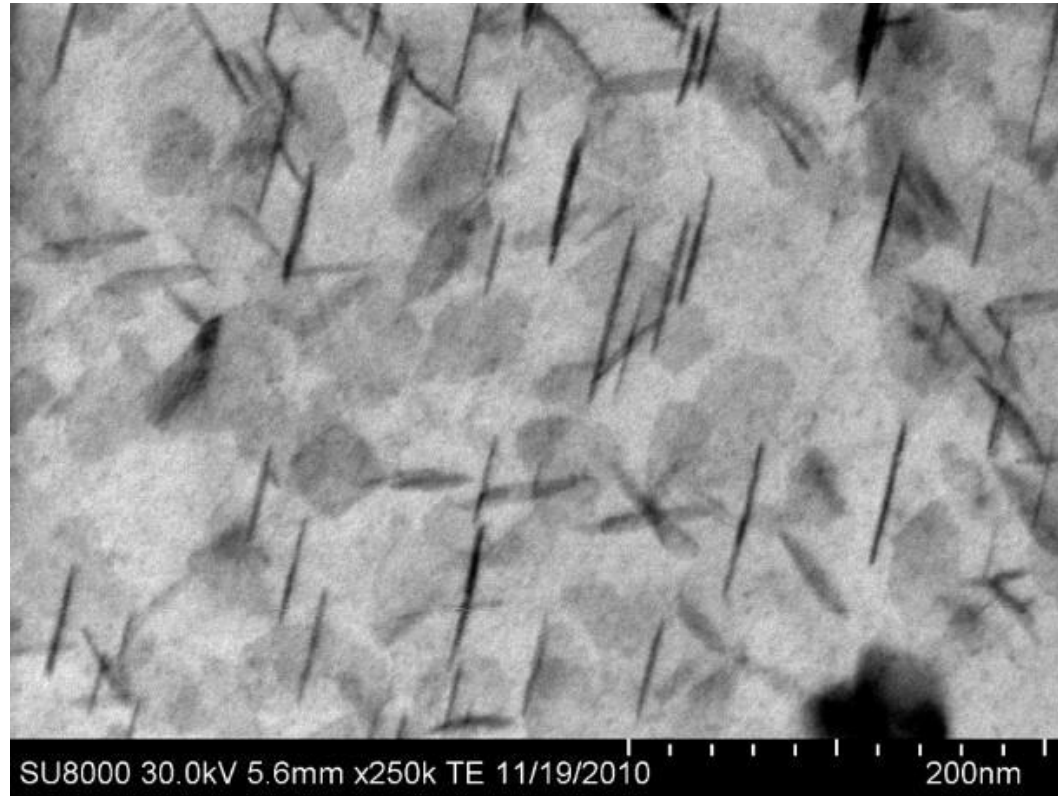


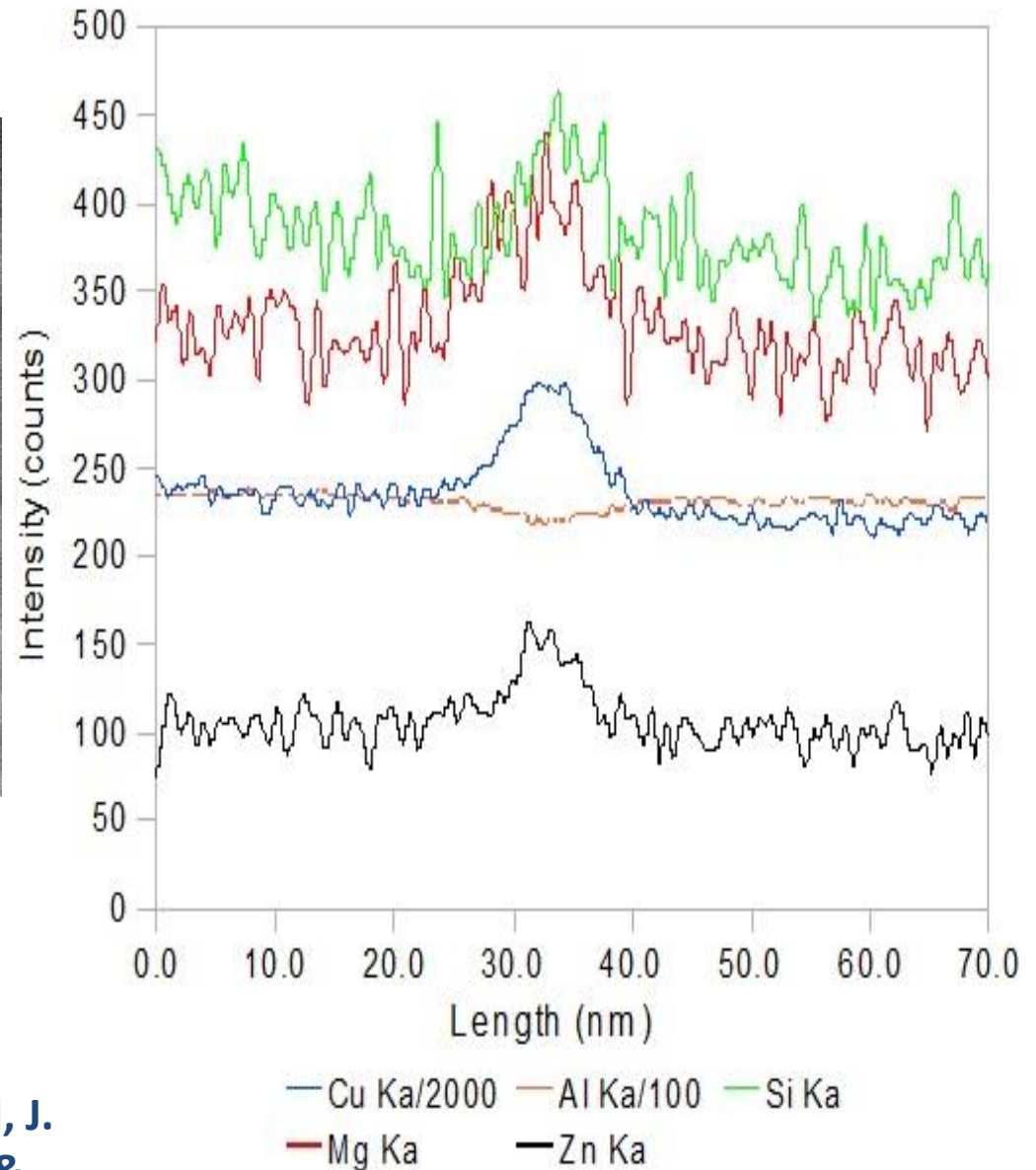
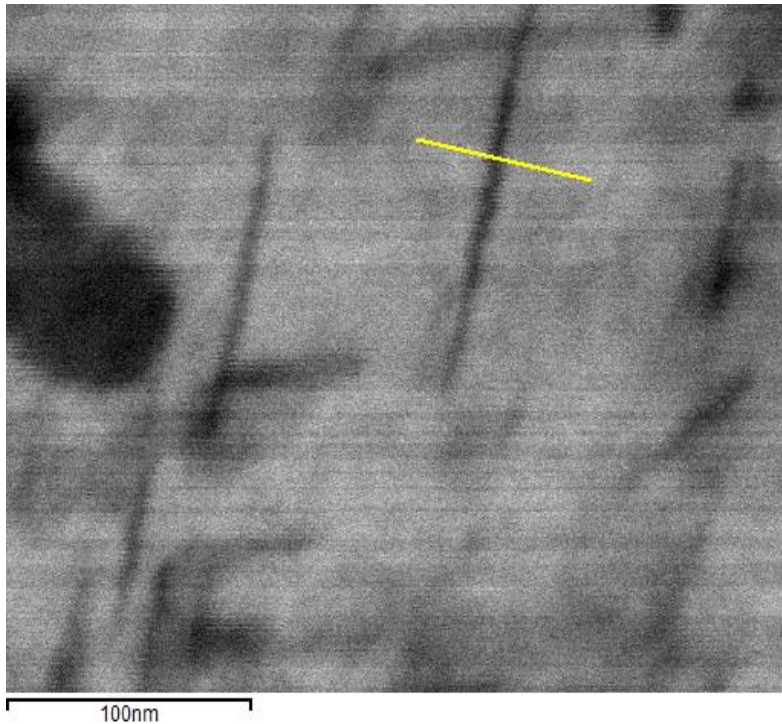
Alloy 2099 T83

HD – 2700 200 kV



SU-8000 30 kV

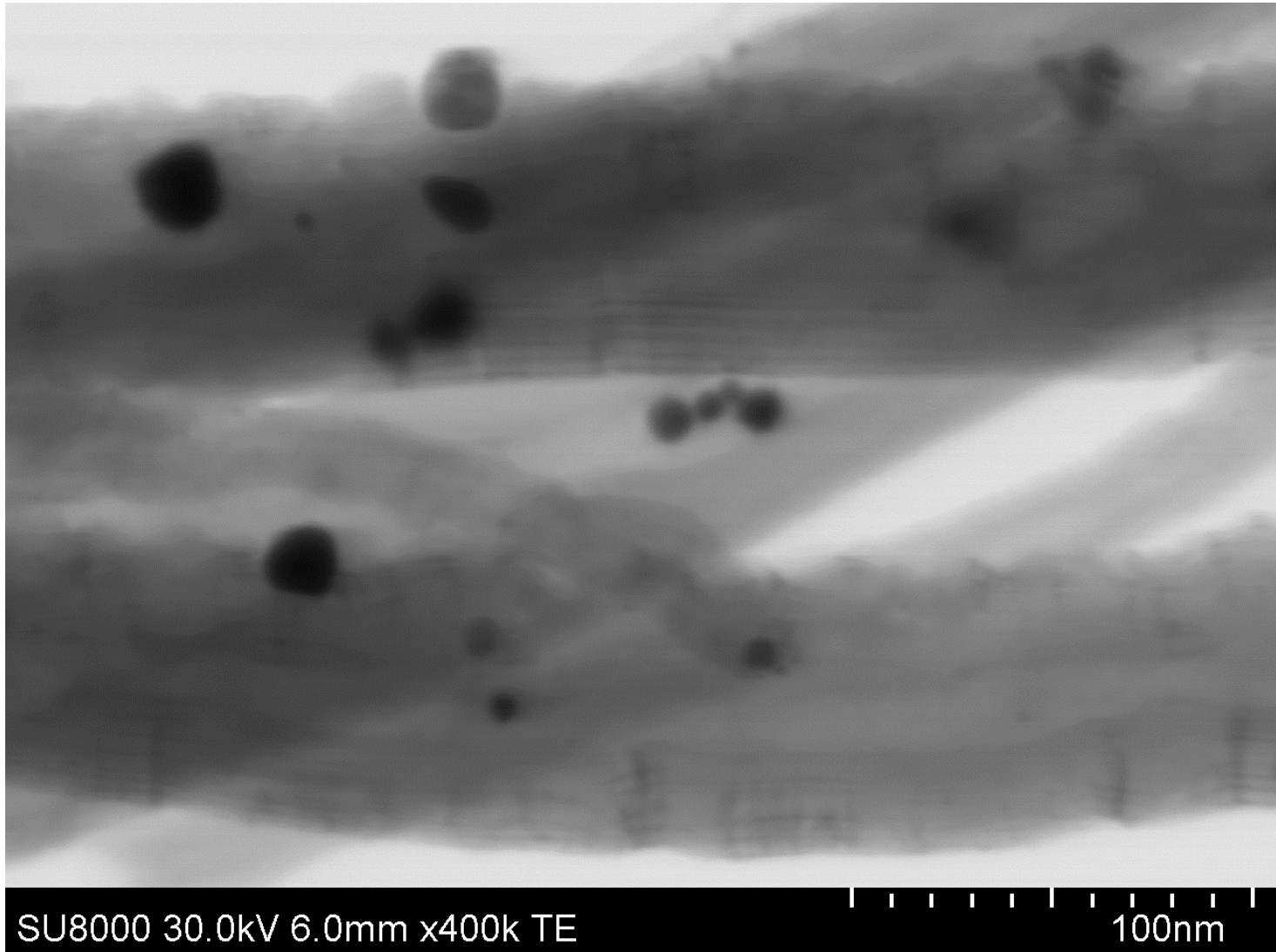




N. Brodush, M. L. Trudeau, P. Michaud, J. Boselli, R. Gauvin (2012), *Microscopy & Microanalysis*, 18, 6, pp. 1393 - 1409.

Pt particulates on Carbon nanotubes

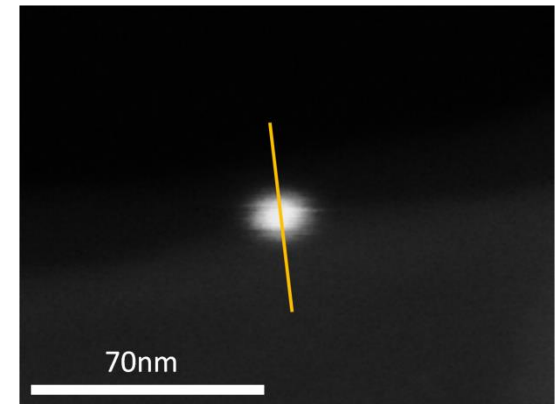
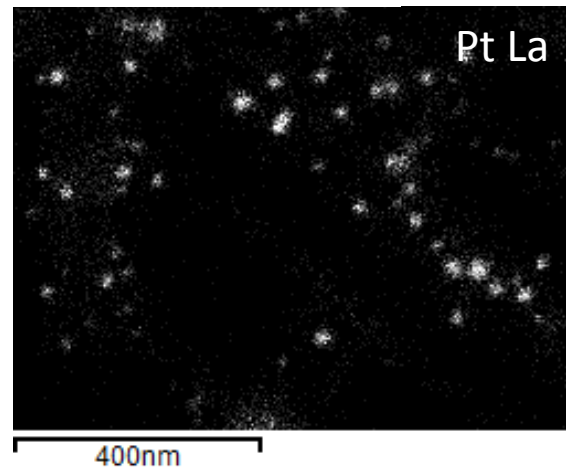
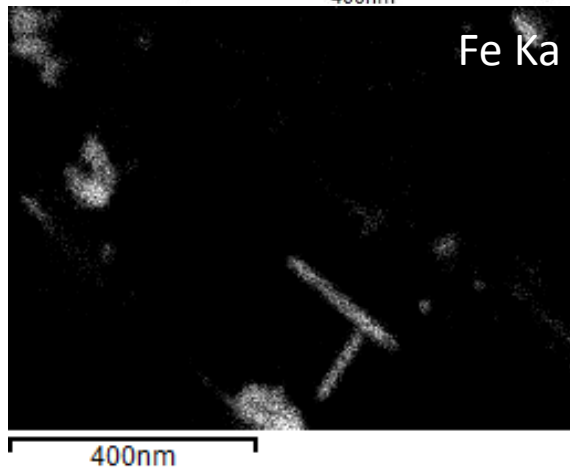
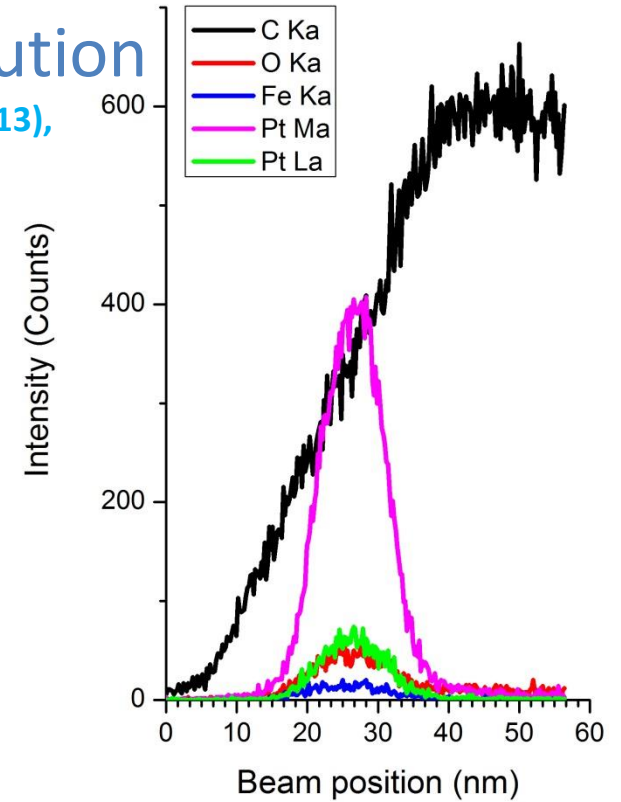
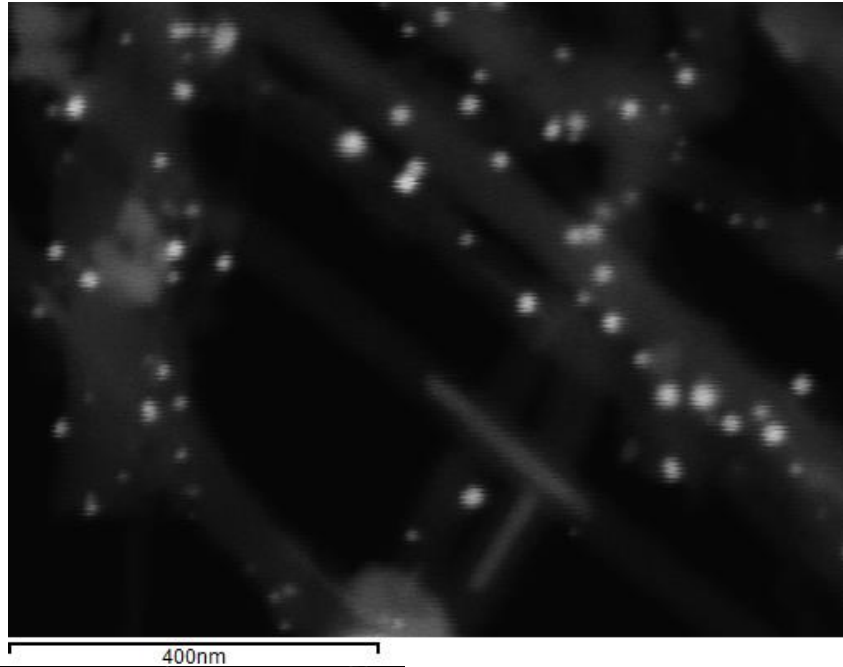
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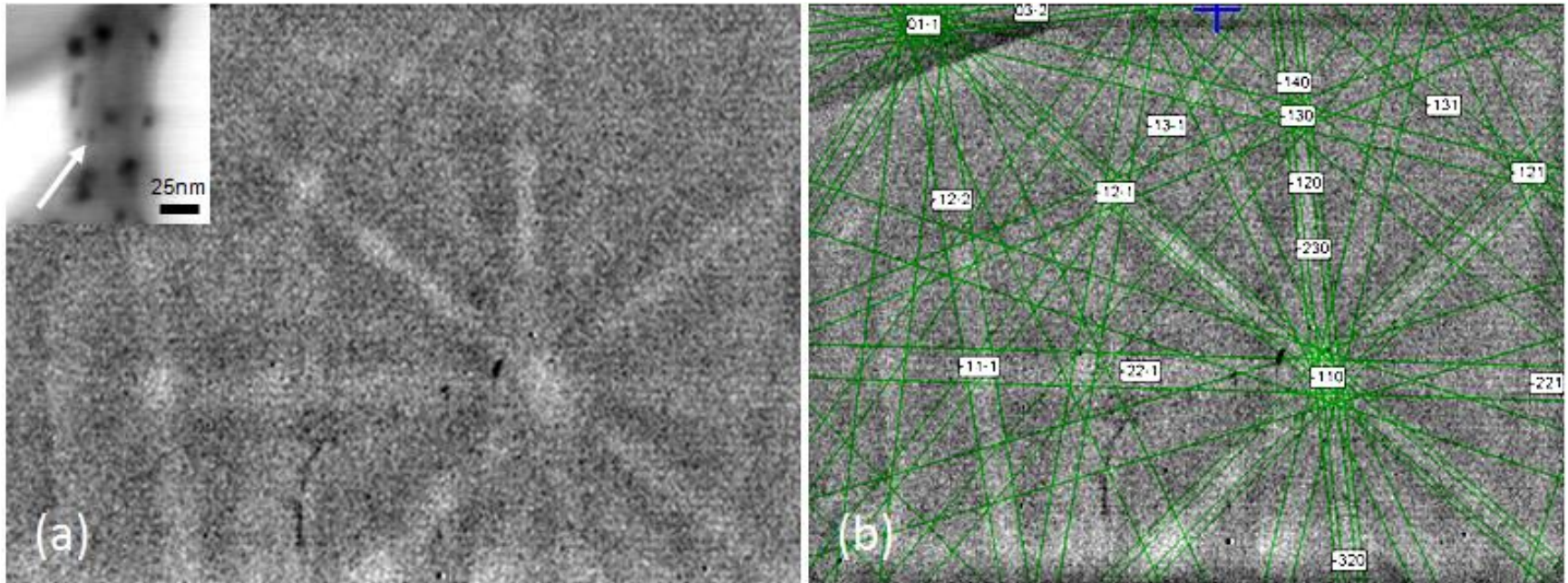
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BSE – 30 keV – EDS analysis at high resolution

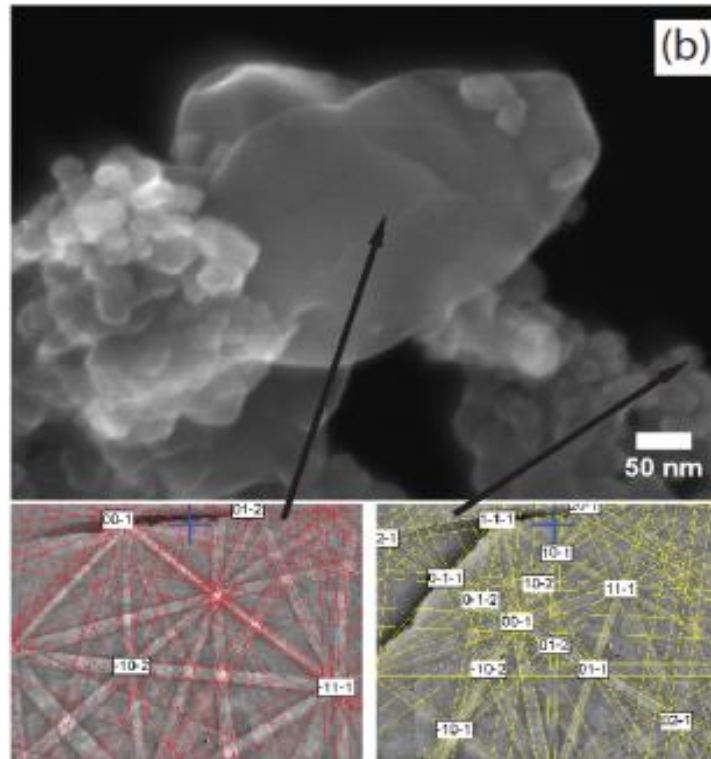
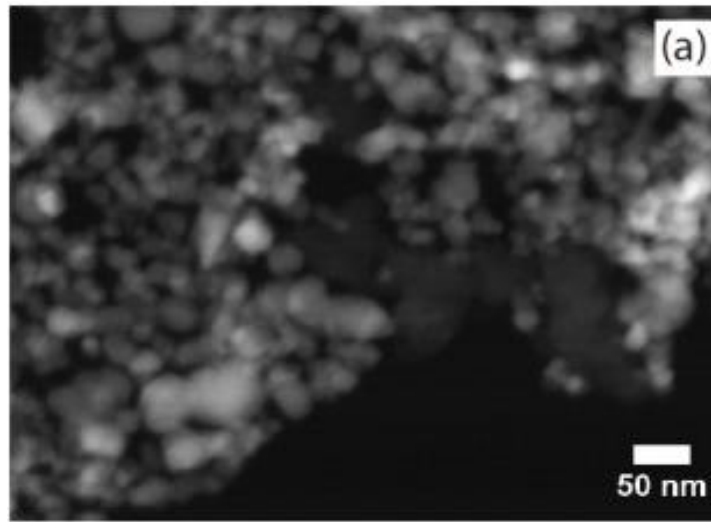
M. J.-F., Guinel, N. Brodusch, Y. Verde-Gomez, B. Escobar-Morales, R. Gauvin (2013),
Journal of Microscopy, Vol. 252, No. 1, pp. 49 – 57.



t-EFSD: 5.6 nm PdO₂ nanoparticle deposited on a CNT at 30 kV



N. Brodusch, H. Demers, R. Gauvin (2013), *Journal of Microscopy*, 250, 1, pp. 1–14.

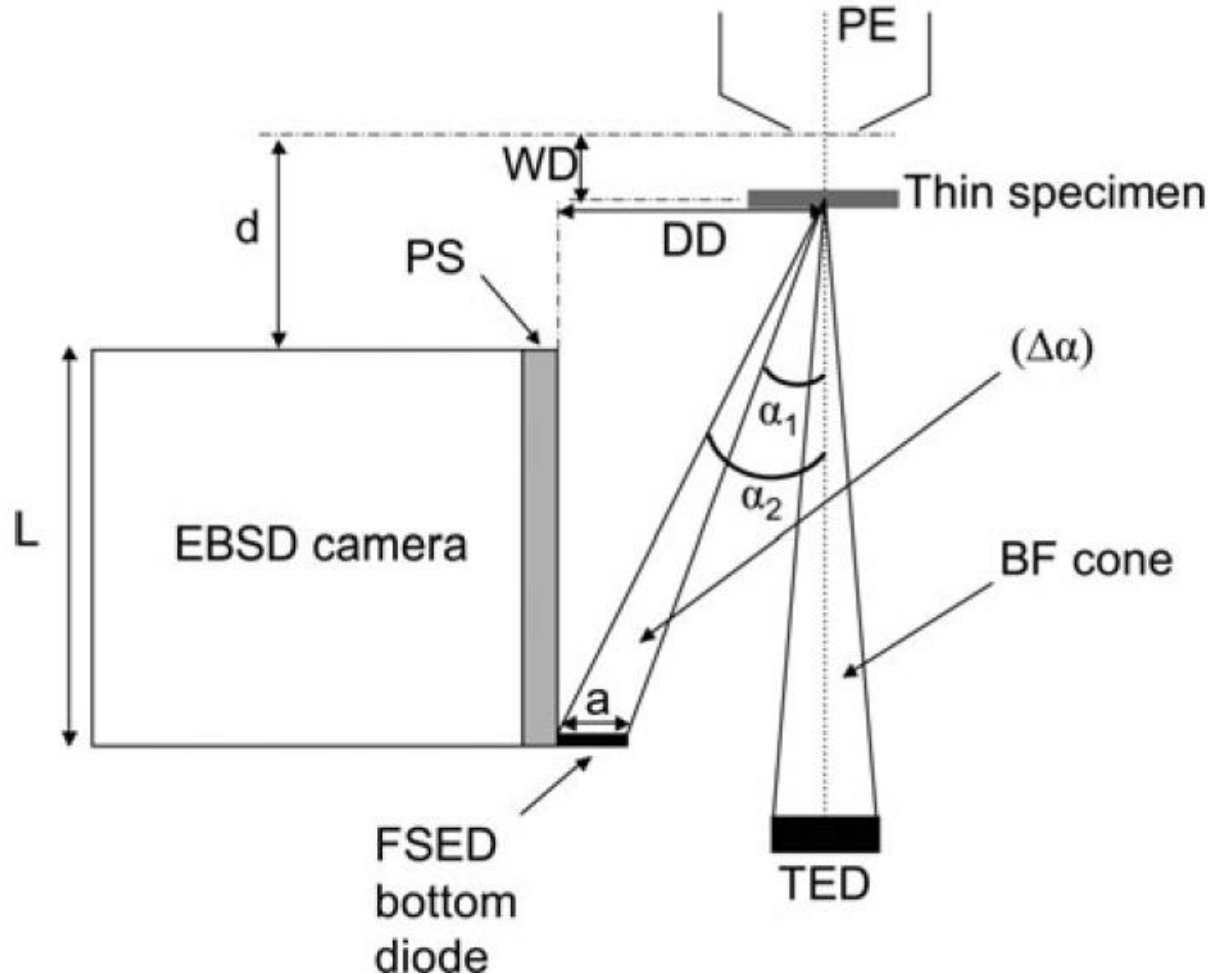


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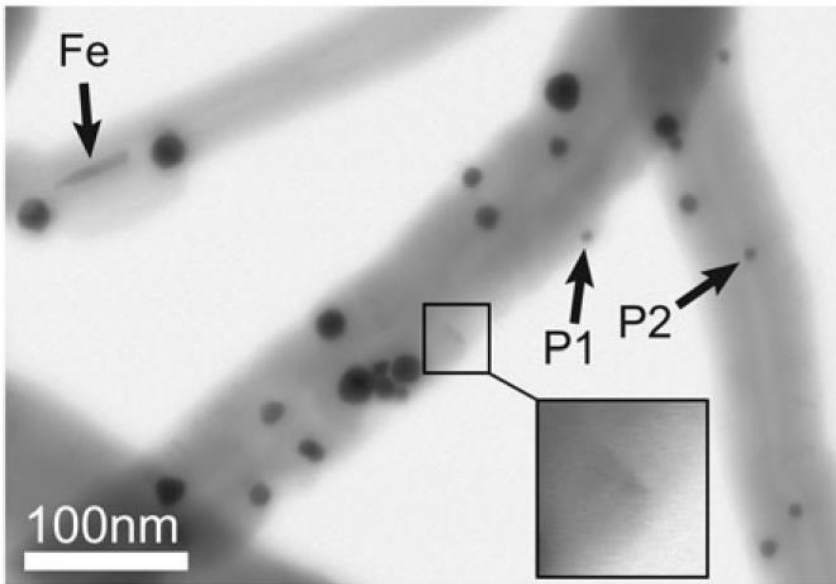
Anatase

M. J. Sussman, N. Brodusch, R. Gauvin, G. P. Demopoulos (2013), *J. Electrochem. Soc.*, 160, 5, pp. A3100-A3107.

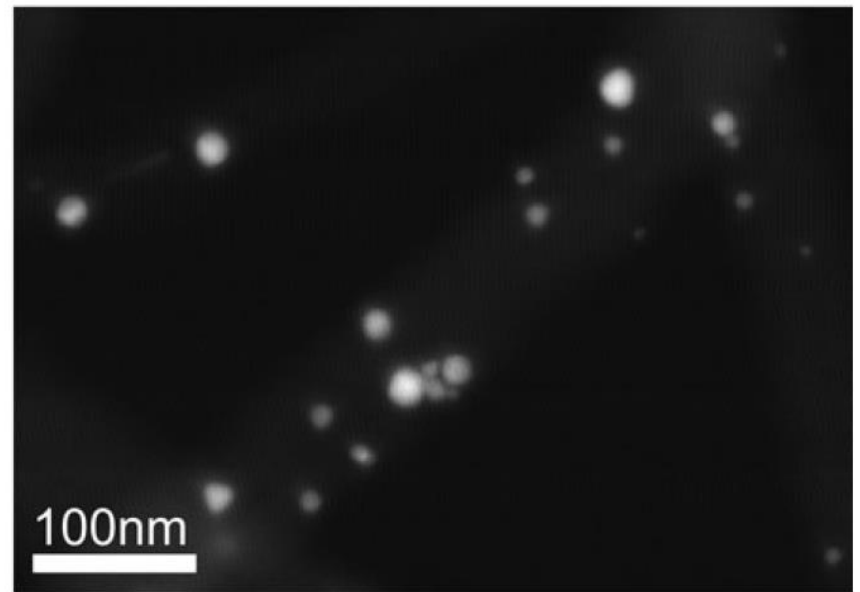
Dark Field Imaging



Pt Particulates on WCNT



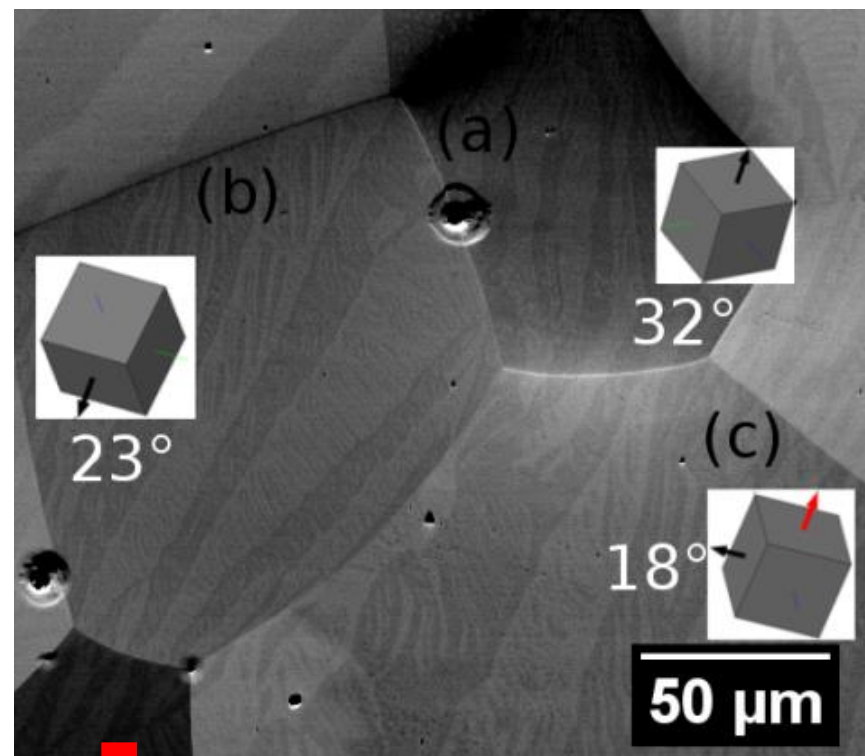
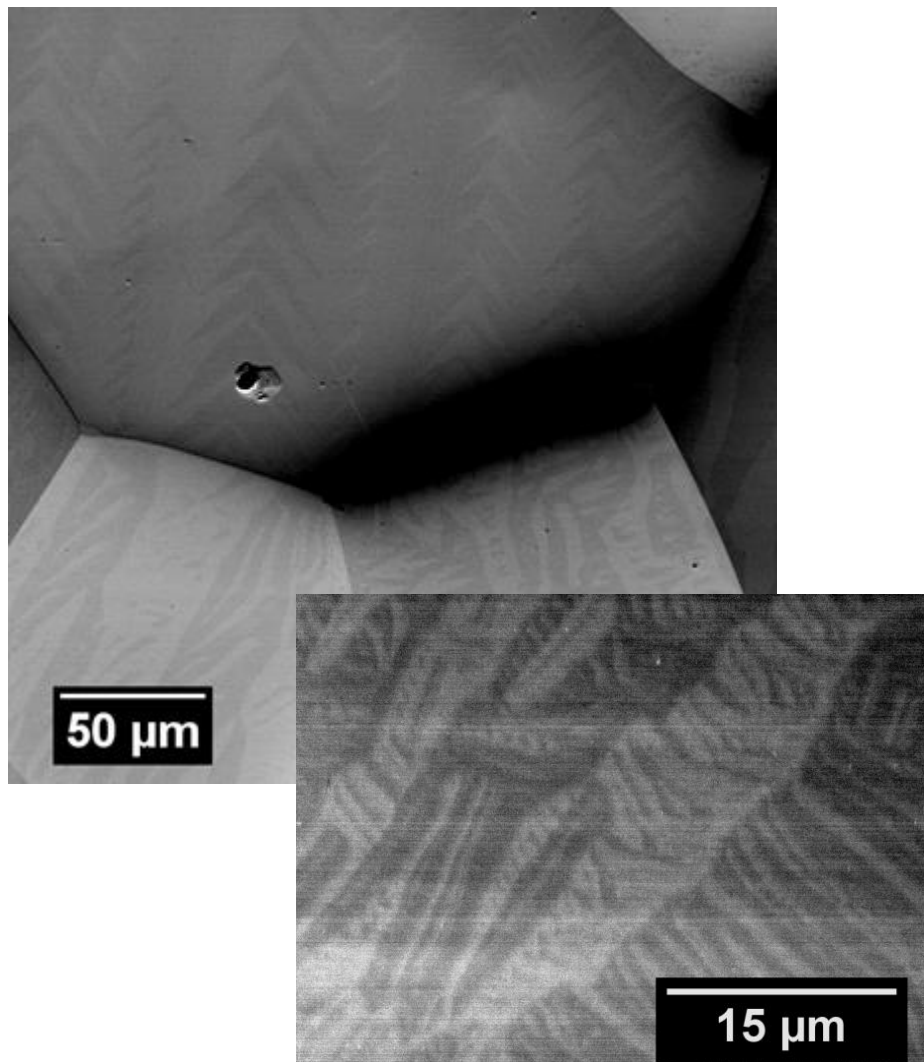
BF-TE
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Resolution: 1.5 nm



DF-FSED
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Resolution: 9.0 nm

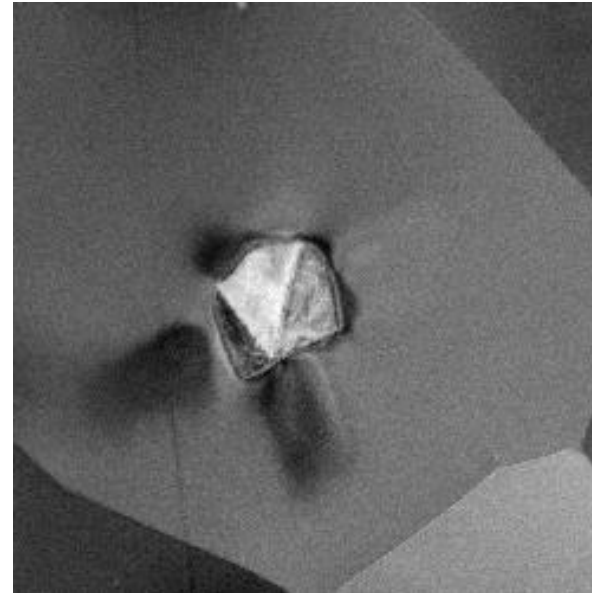
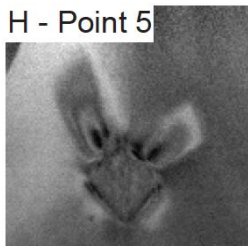
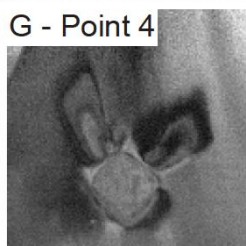
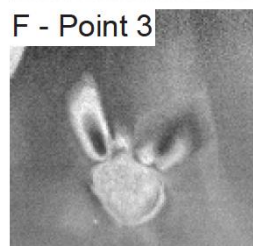
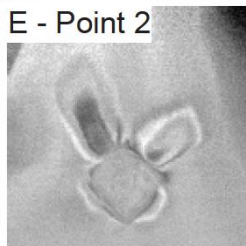
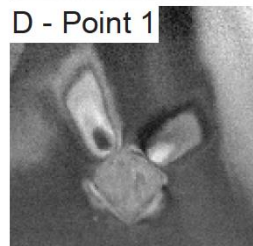
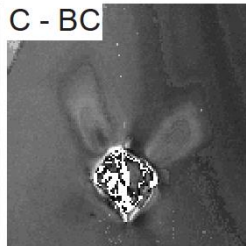
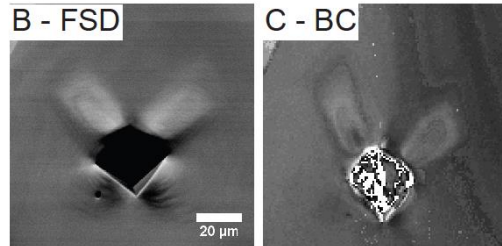
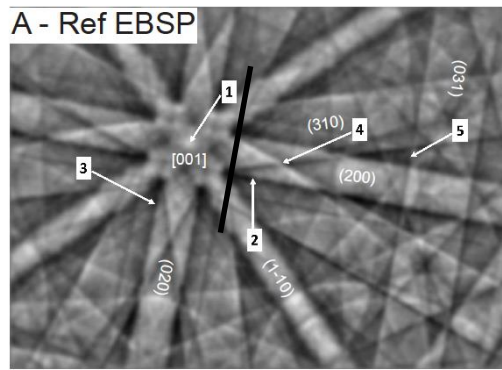
N. Brodusch, H. Demers and R. Gauvin (2013), Microscopy and Microanalysis, Vol. 19, No. 06, pp. 1688 – 1697.

Magnetic contrast with Forcaster Detectors



Correlation between EBSD
(orientation/easy axis direction)
and magnetic domain data

Dark-field imaging based on post-processed EBSD data



- Need EBSD acquisition with high CCD resolution
- Area intensity on the EBSP reported for each pixel of the map
- Diffraction vector based imaging
- New way to study deformation structures and ECCI contrast

Brodusch, N.; Demers, H. & Gauvin, R. Dark-field imaging based on post-processed electron backscatter diffraction patterns of bulk crystalline Materials in a scanning electron microscope. *Ultramicroscopy*, **2014**

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ADVANCED FUNCTIONAL MATERIALS



WILEY-VCH

J. Wünsche, L. Cardenas, F. Rosei, F. Cicoira, R. Gauvin, C. F. O. Graeff, S. Poulin, A. Pezzella and C. Santato, (2013), *Advanced Functional Materials*, Vol. 23, No. 45, pp. 5591–5598.

The Flood... January 28th 2013

McGill University



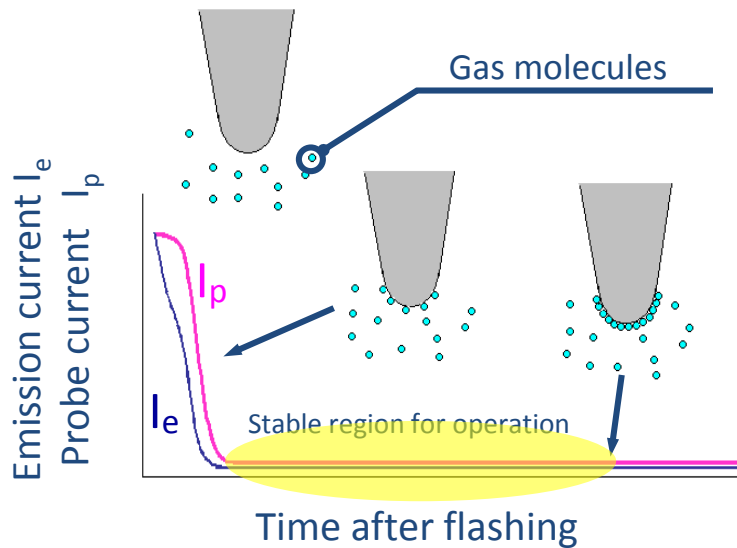
HITACHI SU-8230 (2014) Cold FEG Auto Flash



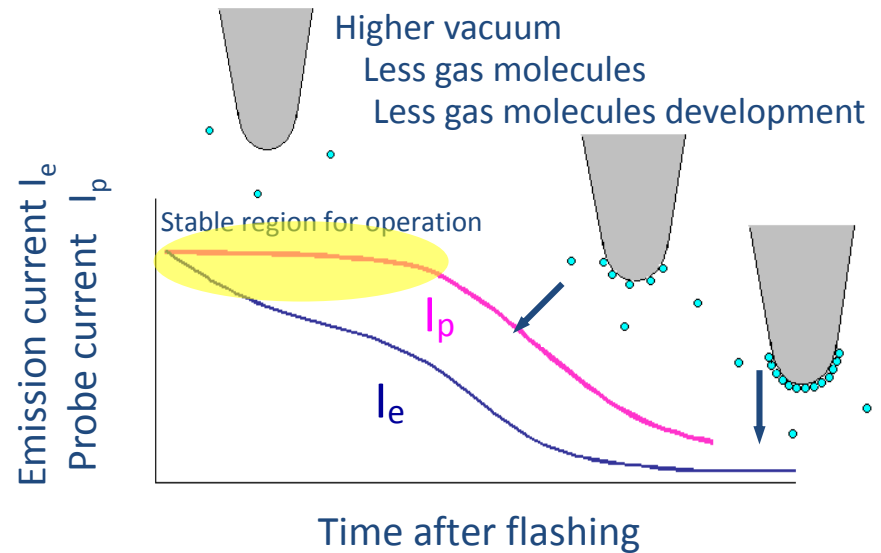
- 0.4 nm at 30 keV,
1.8 nm at 0.2 keV
- At least, 2 times
more probe
current than SU-
8000.

Smart Mild Flashing Technology

Conventional CFE

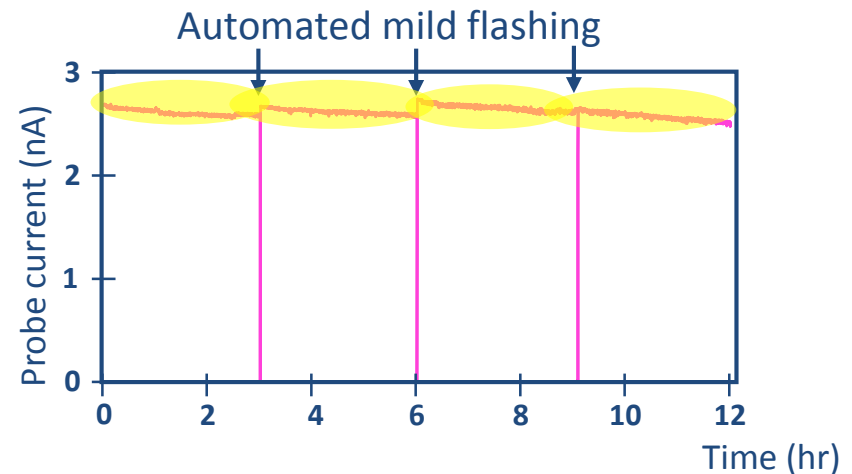


SU8200 series

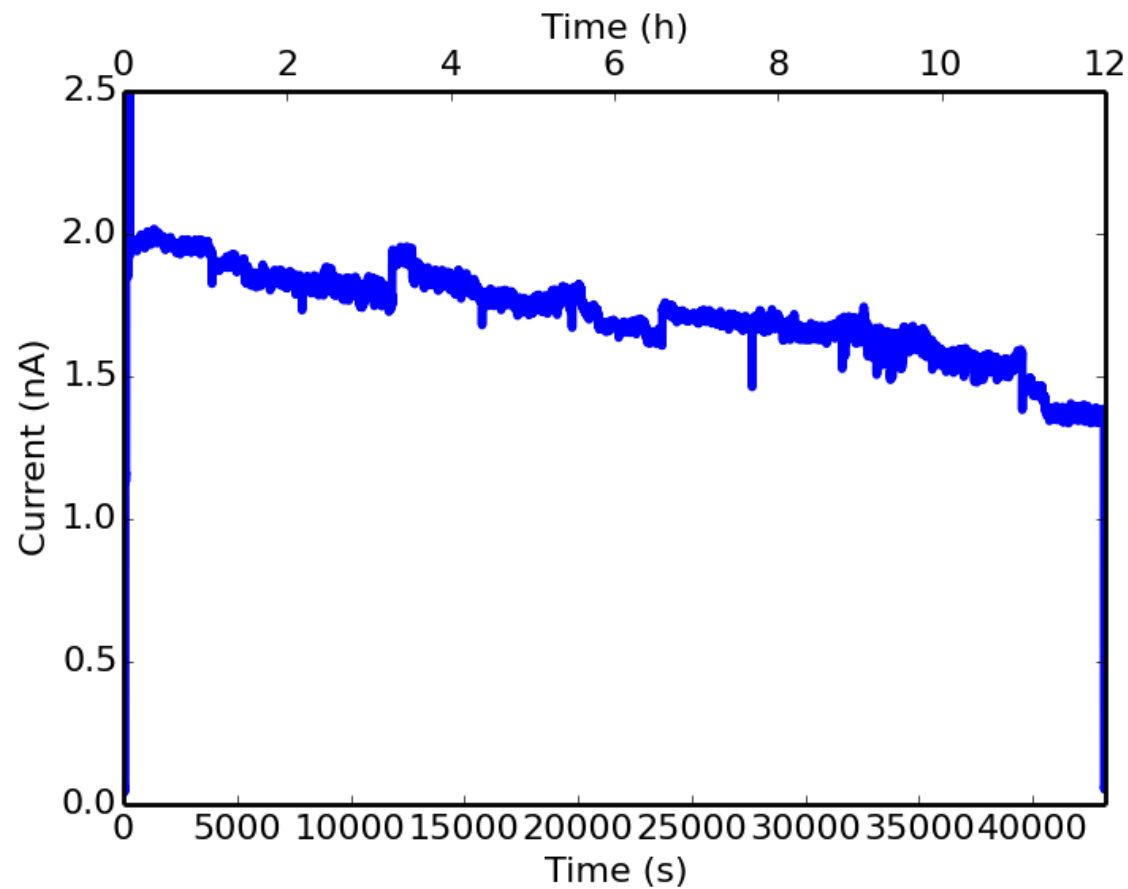


Mild flashing

Automated mild flashing sequence
 Probe current deviation: < 10%/12hrs



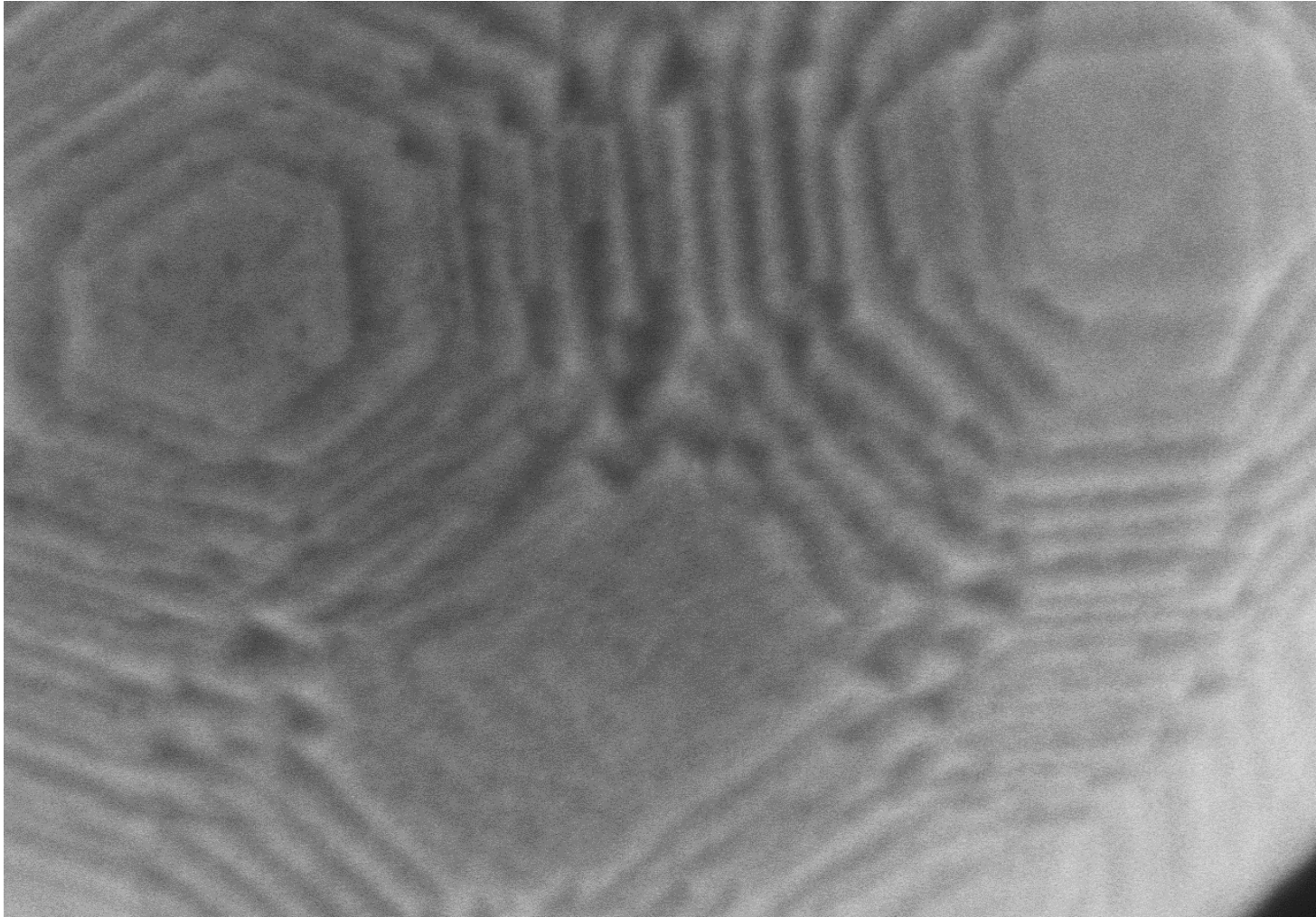
SU-8230 Cold Field Emission SEM



10 kV
I_e of 20 μA

10% Drop after 10 h

Alumina, 0.7 kV

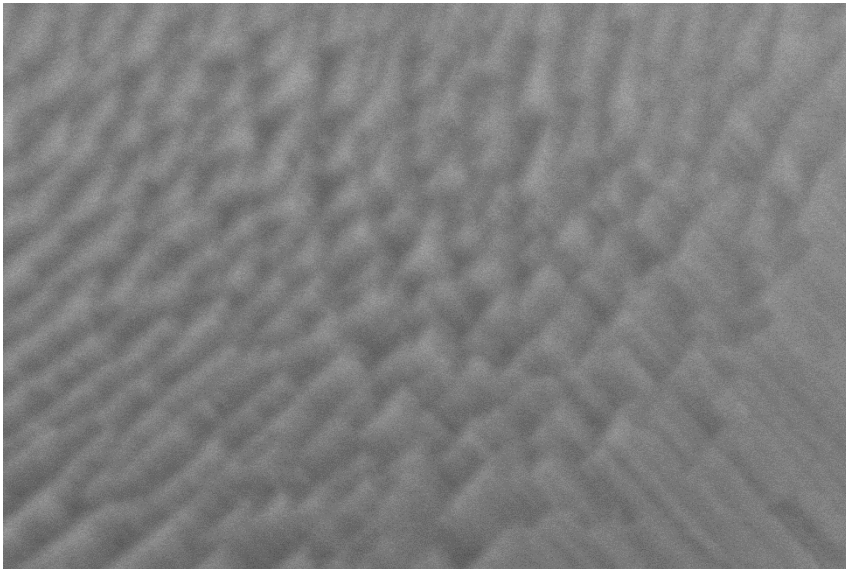


600kX
SE+BSE(U)
FOV: 212 nm
SNR: 1.7
Resolution: 2.0 nm

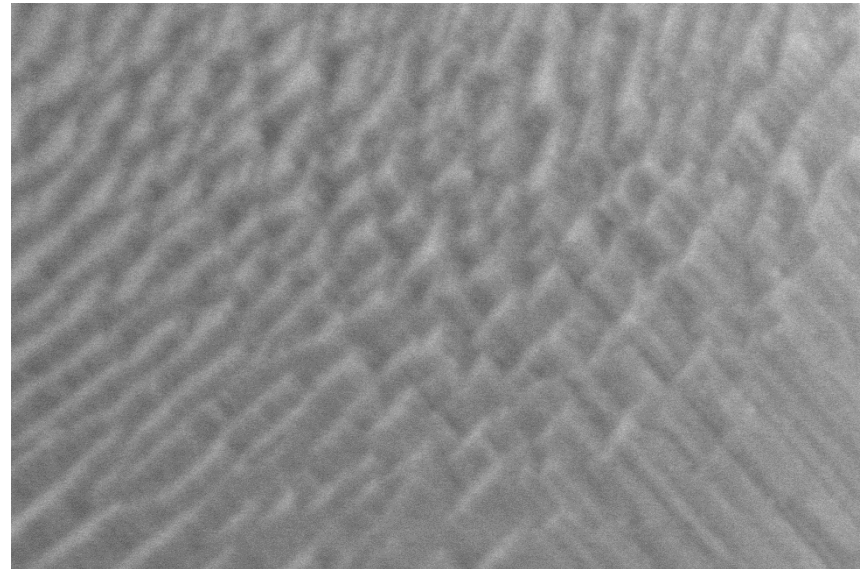
Alumina, 0.7 kV

SE+BSE(U)

SE(T)

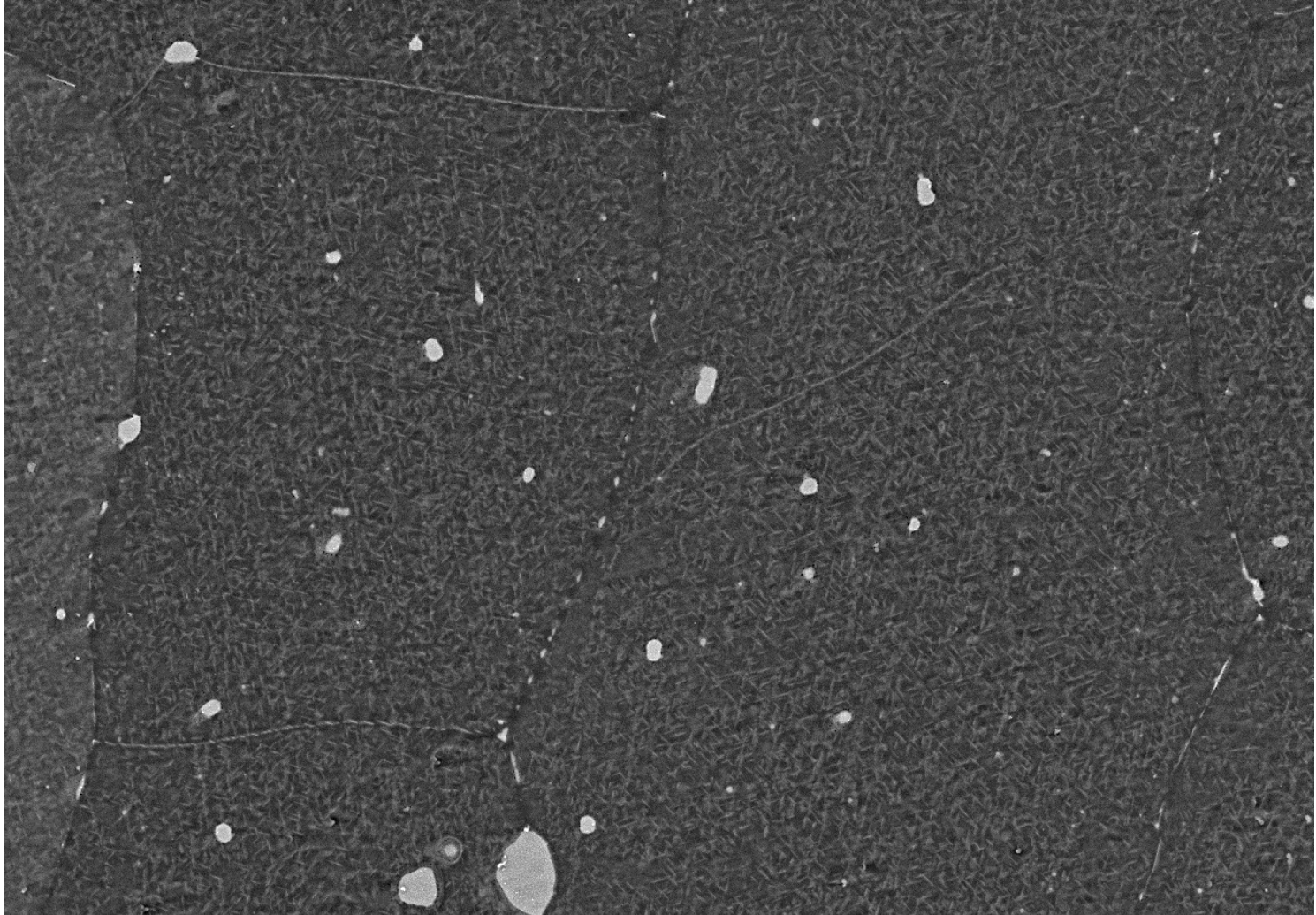


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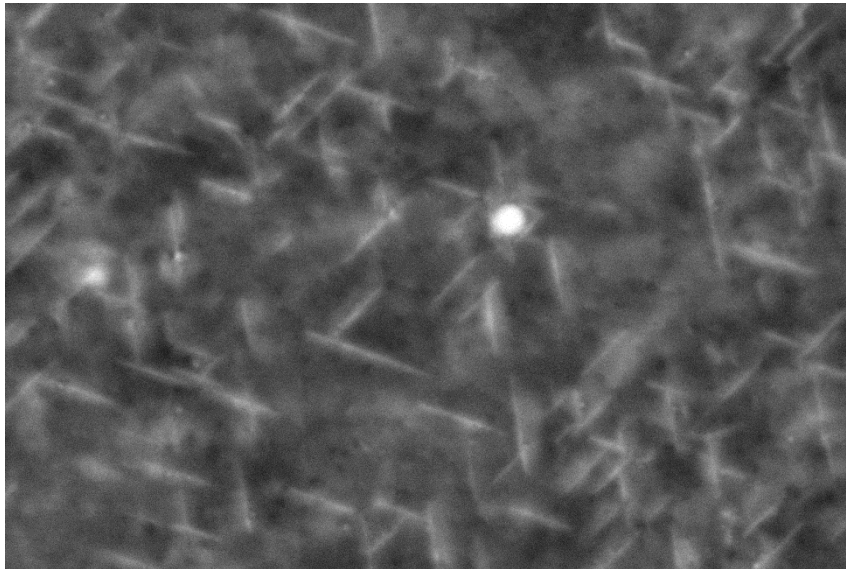
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Al – Li alloy, 2199



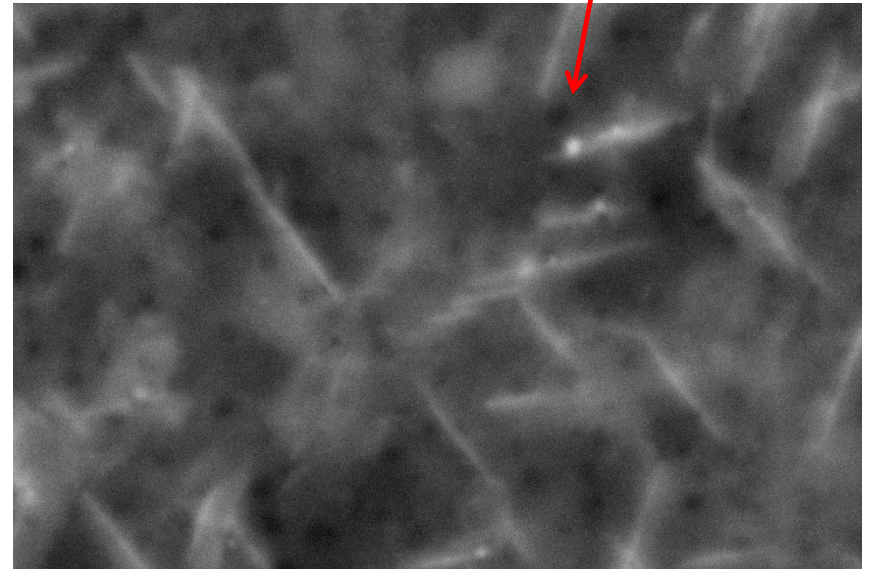
Al - Li Alloy 2099

LA100(U)



FOV 1270 nm
100 kX
SNR: 1.5
Resolution: 10.0 nm

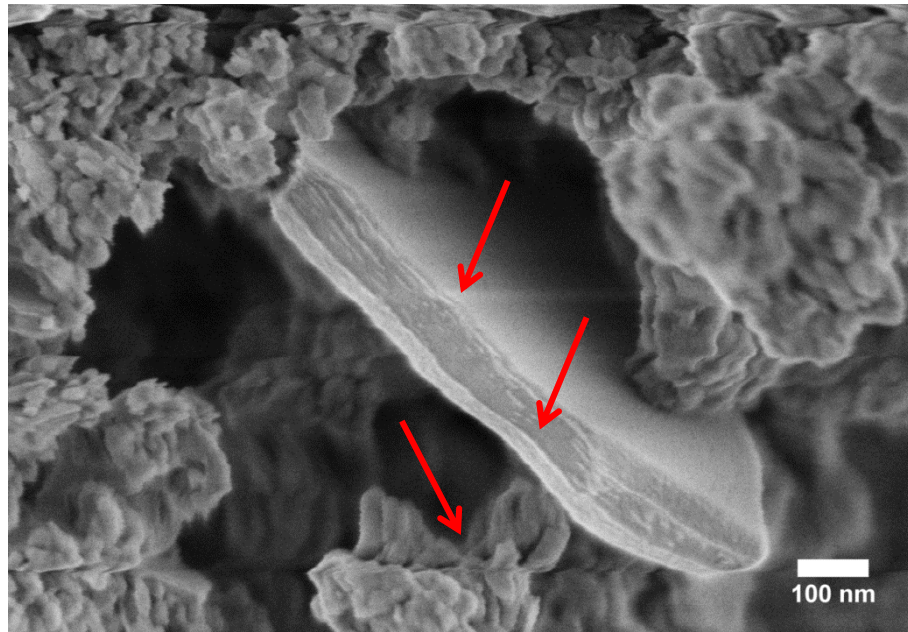
LA100(U)



δ' (Al_3Li)

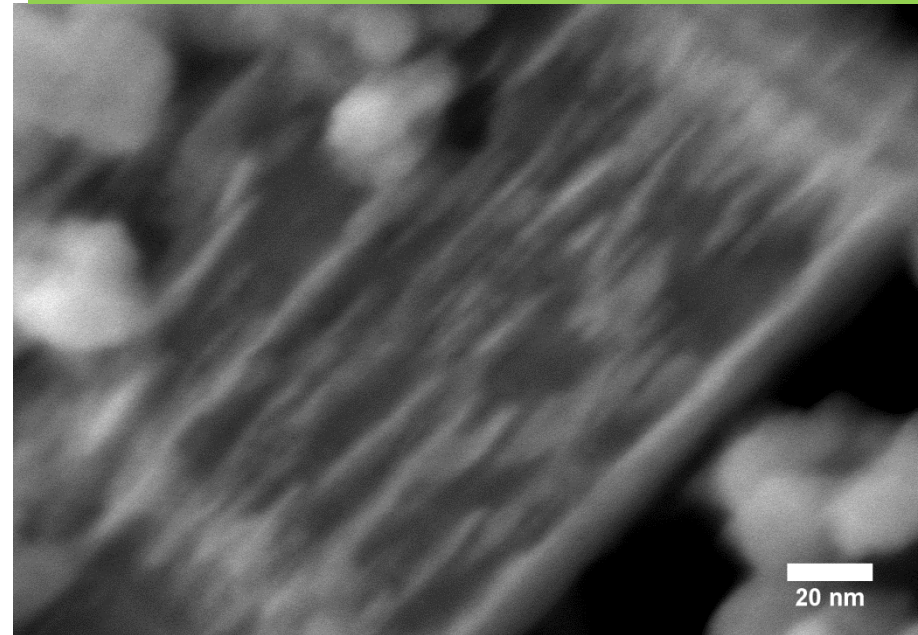
FOV: 635 nm
200 kX
SNR: 1.6
Resolution: 6.6 nm

$\text{Li}_2\text{CoSiO}_4$ prepared with an ionic liquid (BMI- BF_4) to reduce charging effects at the particles surface

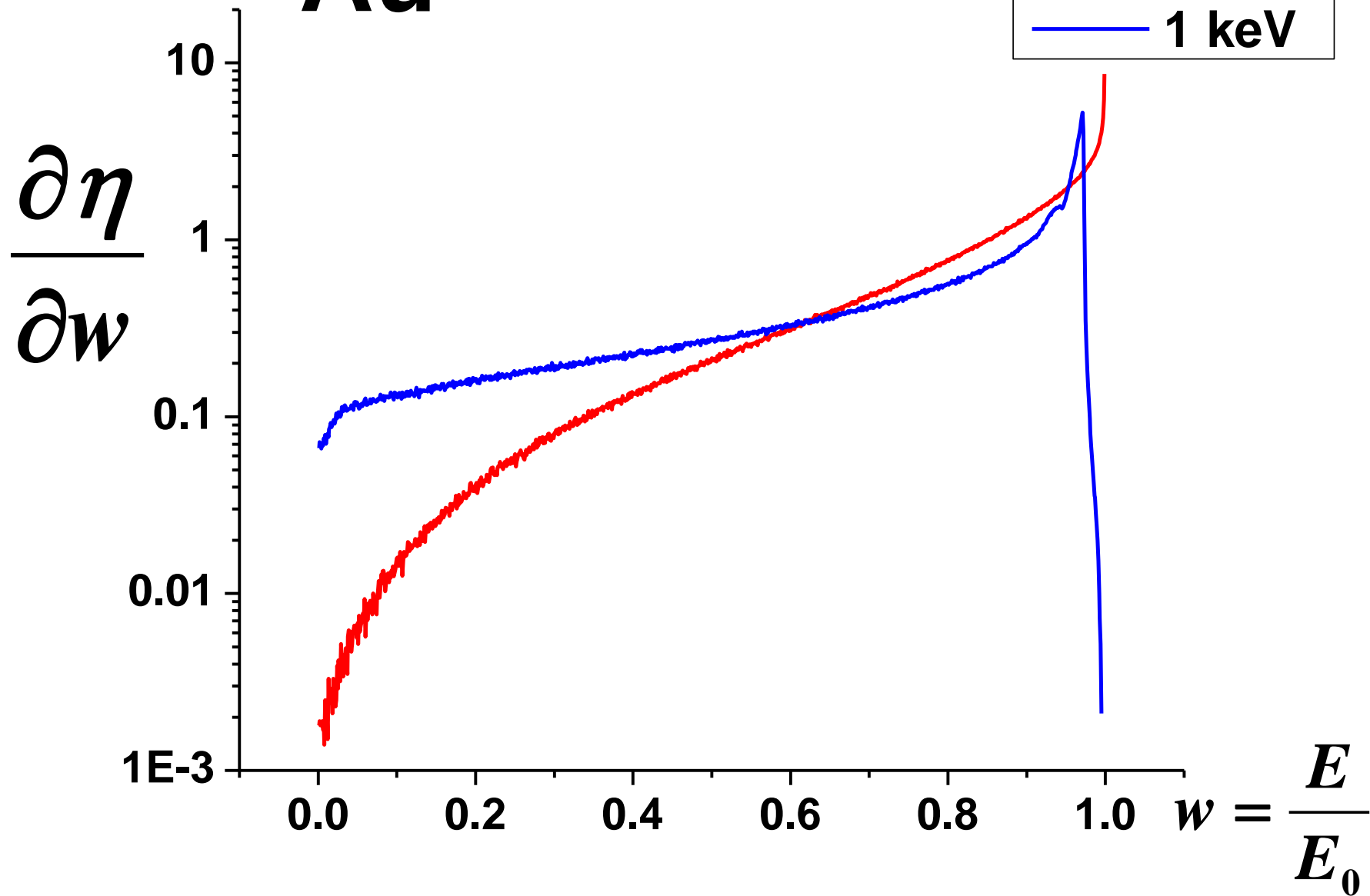


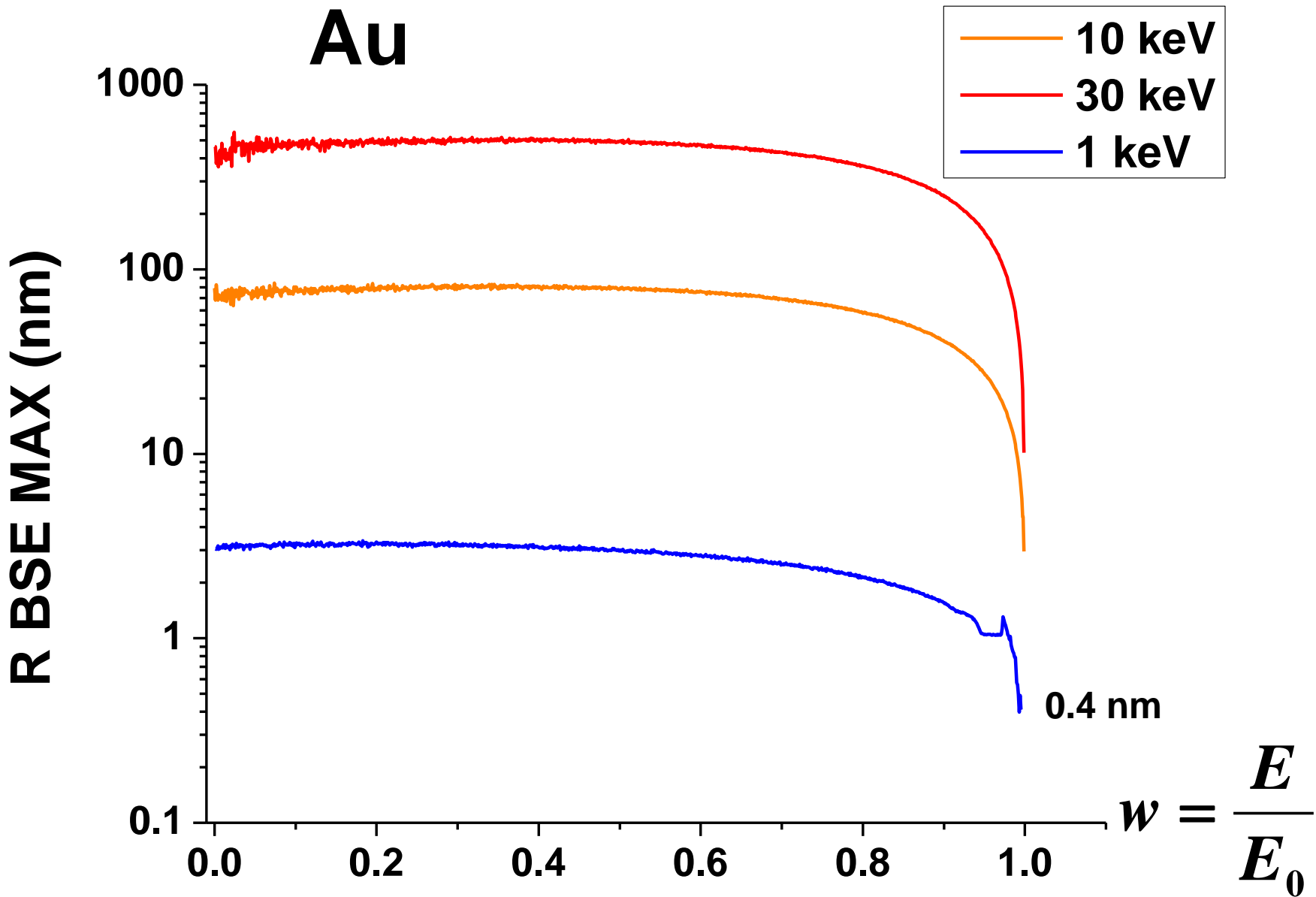
No preparation, no coating

With ionic liquid (BMI- BF_4), no coating



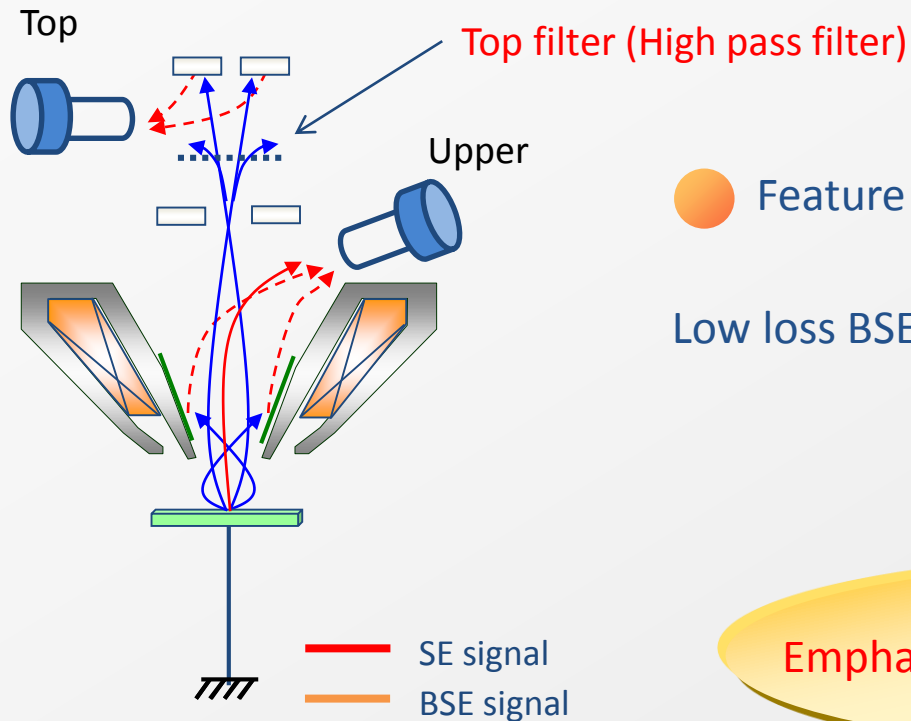
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Top filter function (Option)

Top filter function (in Normal optics)



● Feature

Low loss BSE will be taken by Top detector



Emphasizing surface composite contrast

【Normal optics】

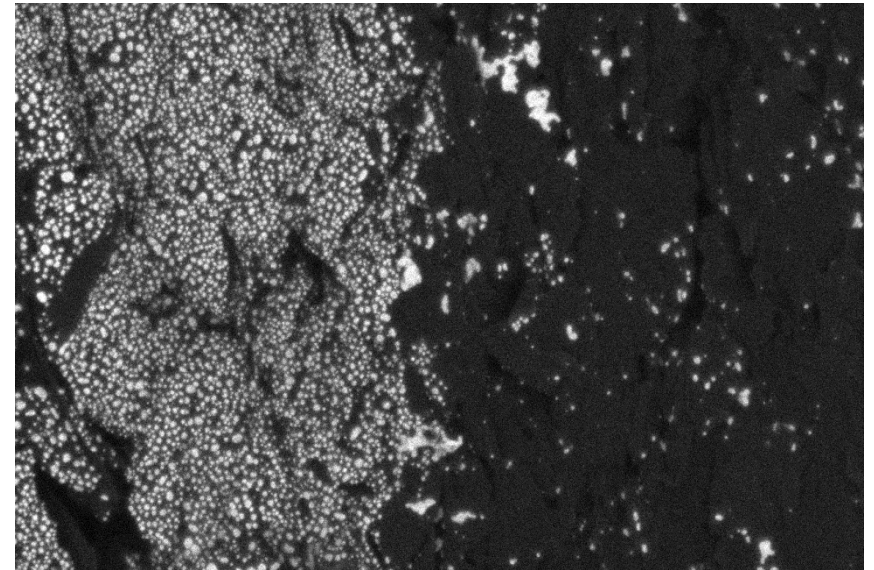
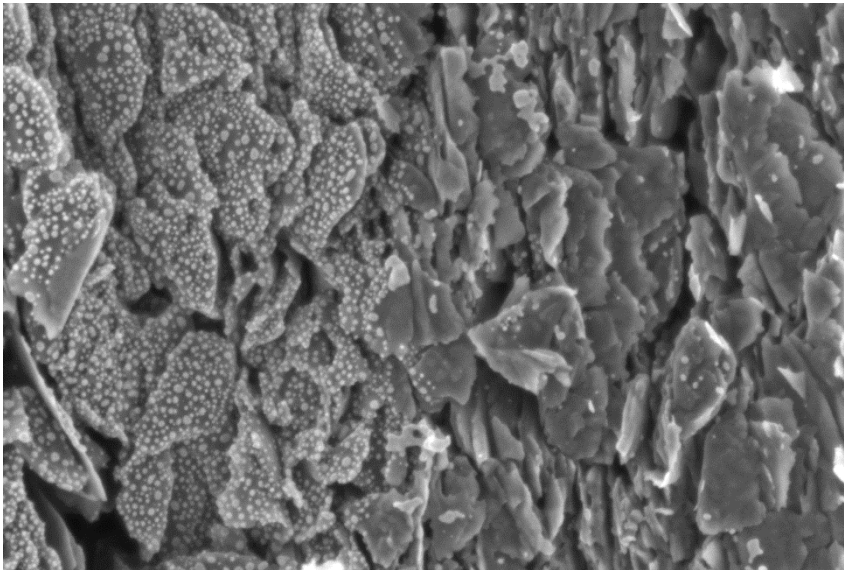
Top filter is functioned as high pass filter. The inelastic BSE signals are filtered by Top filter. Filtered HA-BSE image represents the elastic scattering BSE information as low loss BSE.

The image will emphasize surface composite contrast.

Gold on Carbon Test Specimen

SE(U)

HA(T)F90



FOV: 2117 nm
60 kX

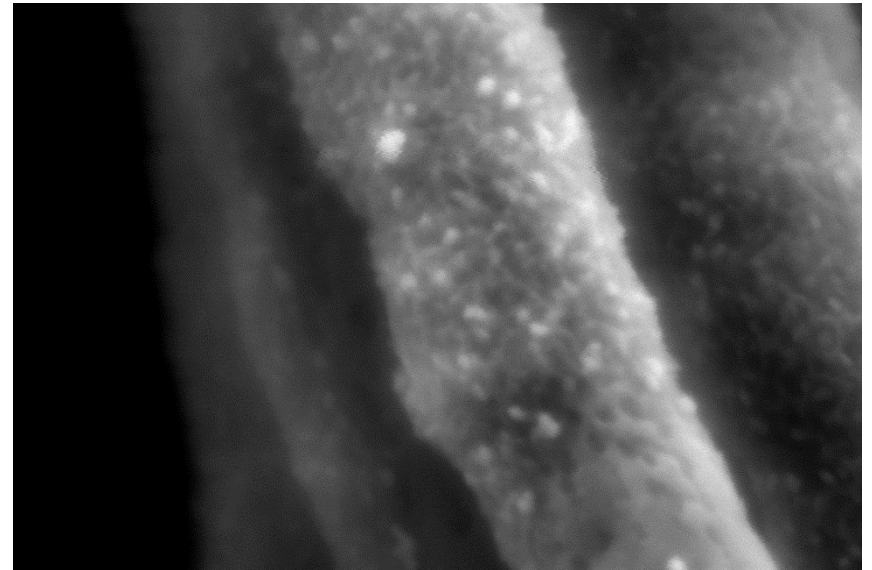
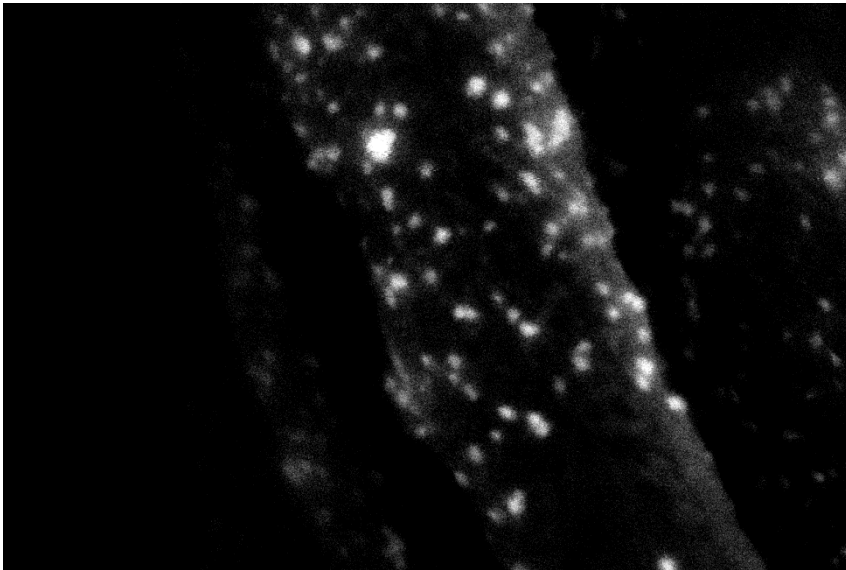
SNR: 26
Resolution: 5.4 nm

SNR: 3.8
Resolution: 7.1 nm

CNT 1 kV Deceleration

BSE(T)F150

SE+BSE(U)

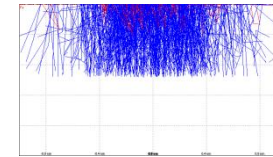
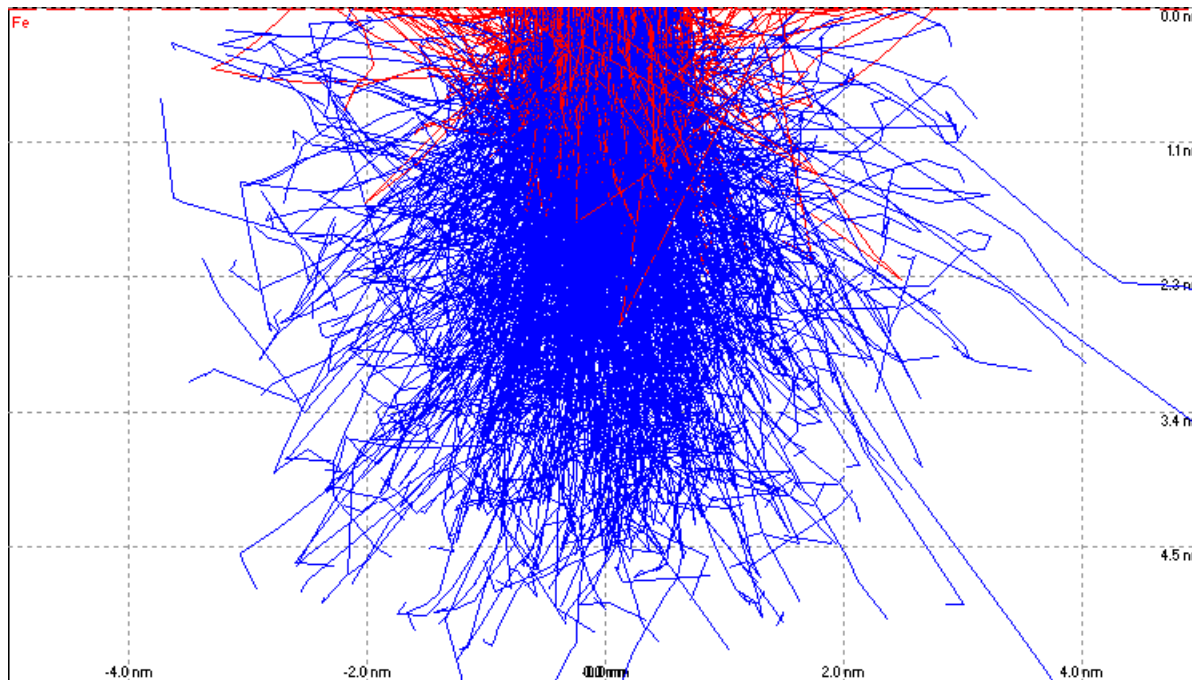


SNR: NaN
Resolution: 1.9 nm

FOV 254 nm
500 kX

SNR: 6.4
Resolution: 2.5 nm

UltraLow Voltage SEM



1 nm

0.1 kV

0.5 kV

10 nm

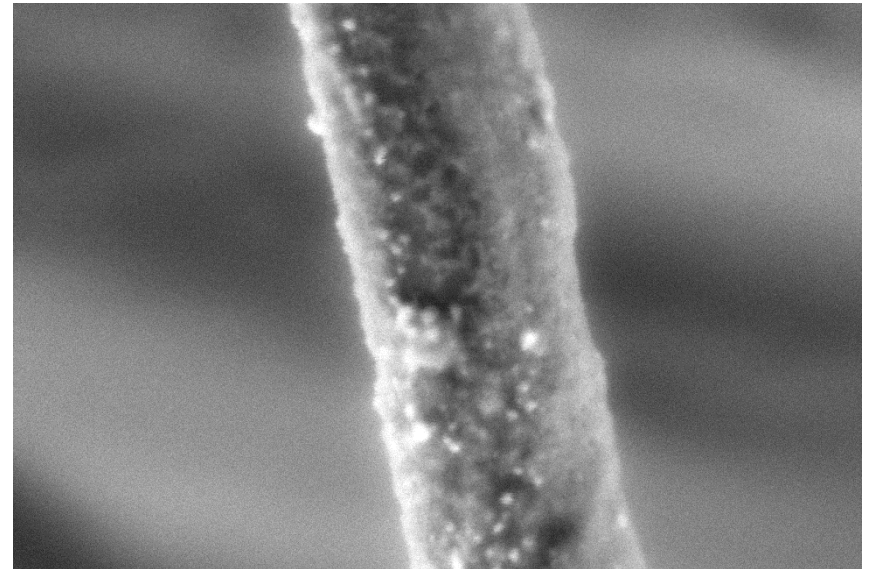
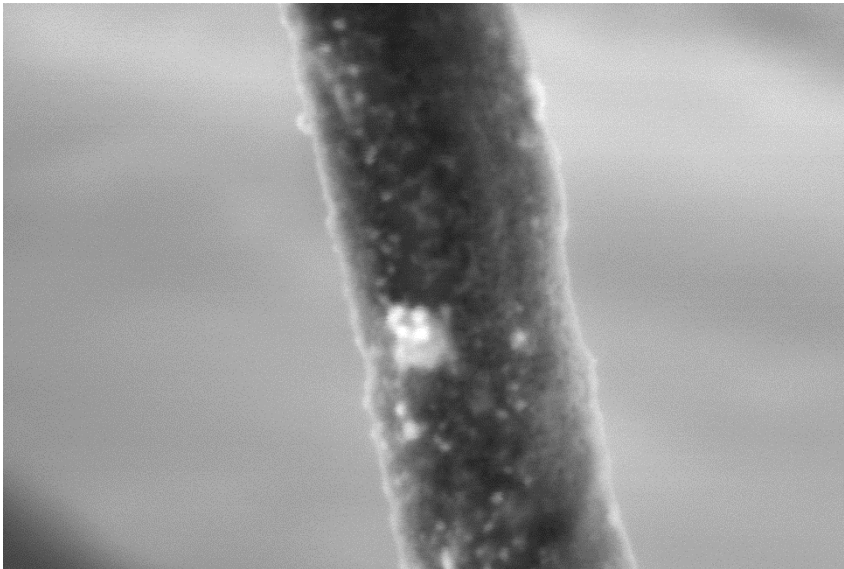
Ultra low voltage imaging:

- Close to atomic scale interaction volume
- SE/BSE signals from the same interaction volume

CNT 500 V Deceleration

SE(T)

SE+BSE(U)

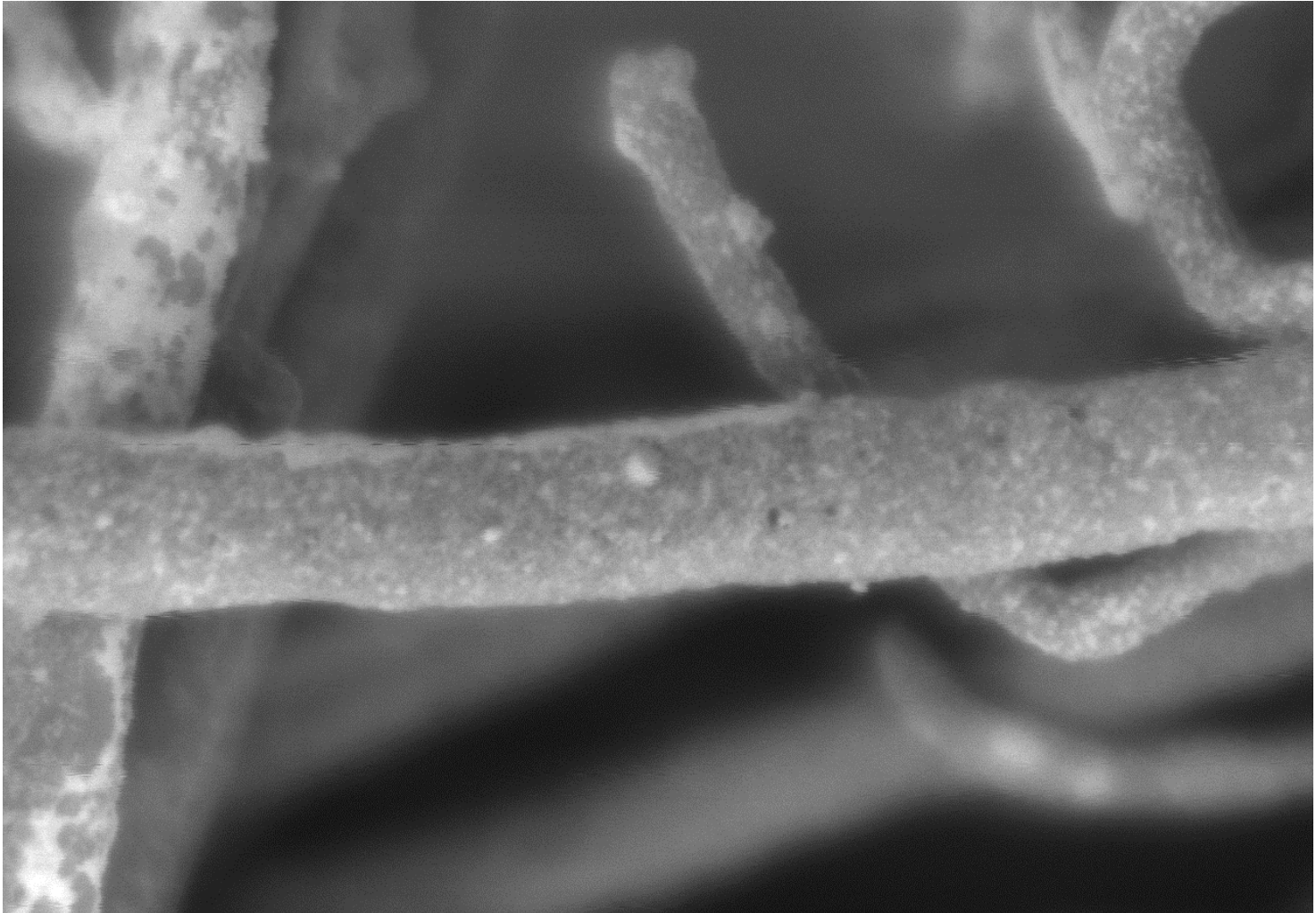


SNR: 3.6
Resolution: 3.0 nm

FOV 318 nm
400 kX

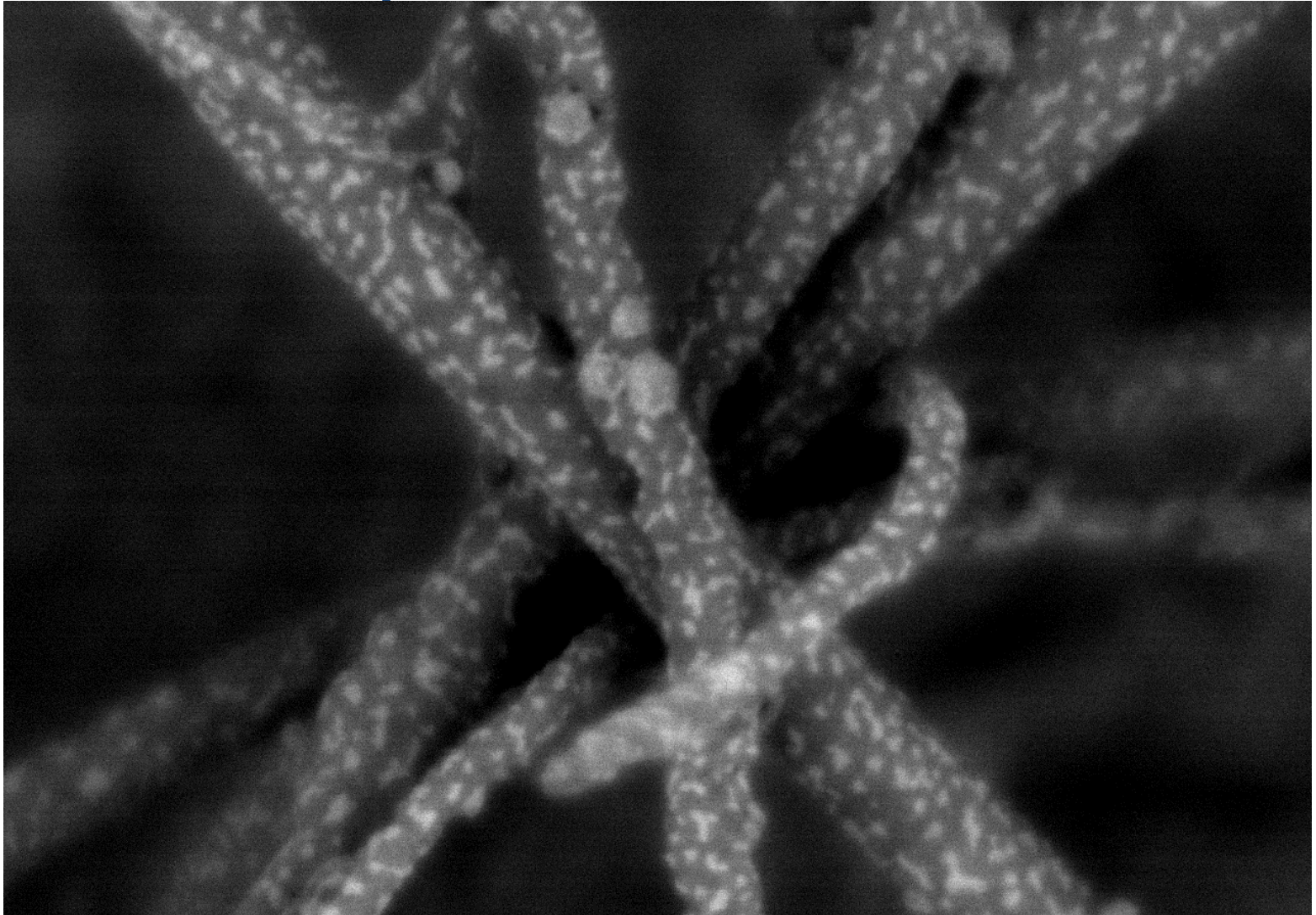
SNR: 16.1
Resolution: 2.7 nm

Top Detector, 100 V

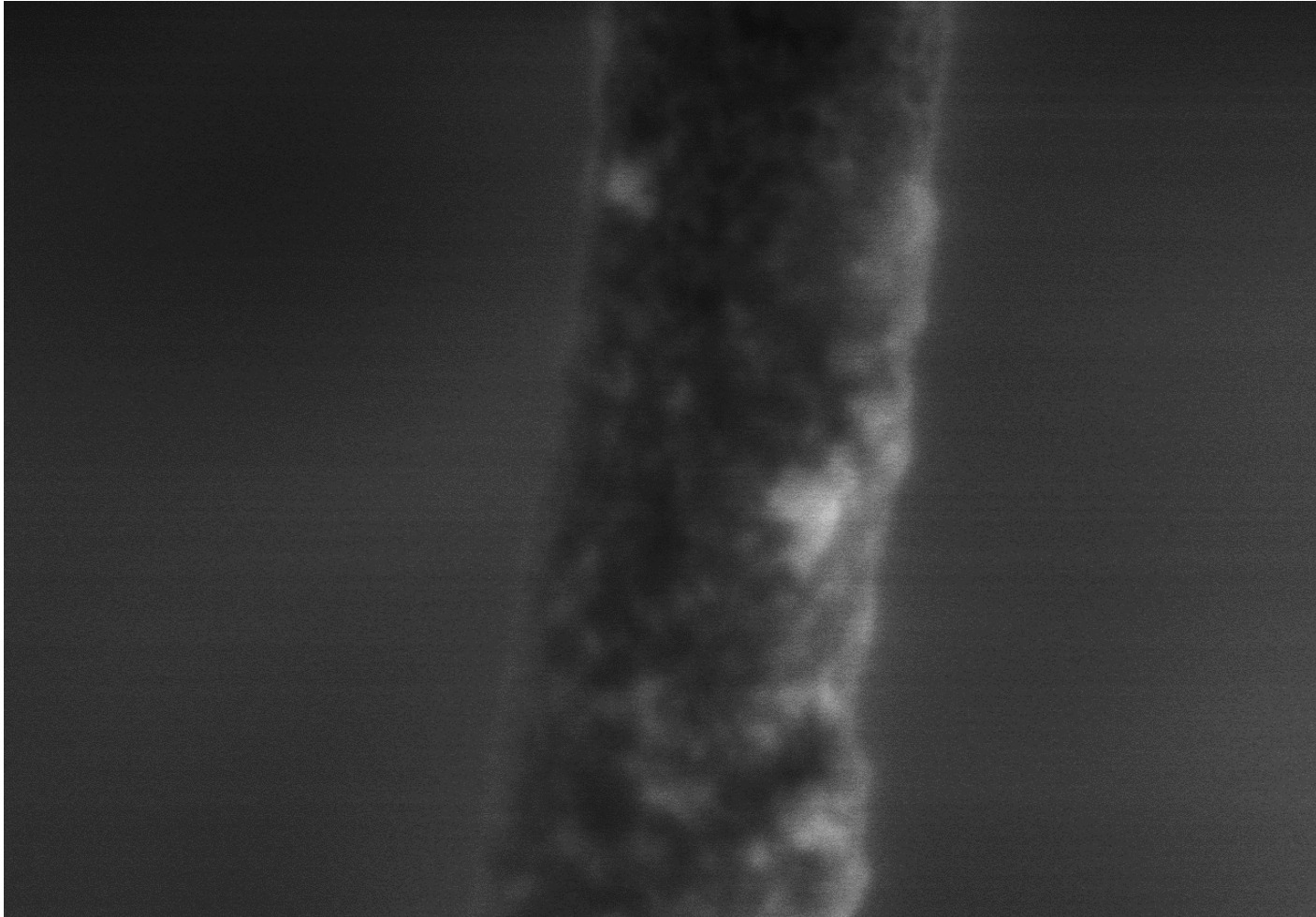


200kX
SE(T)
FOV: 635 nm
SNR: 2.2
Resolution: 5.2 nm

Top Detector, 100 V



Top Detector, 50 V



500 kX
SE(T)
FOV: 254 nm
SNR: 1.0
Resolution: 2.8 nm

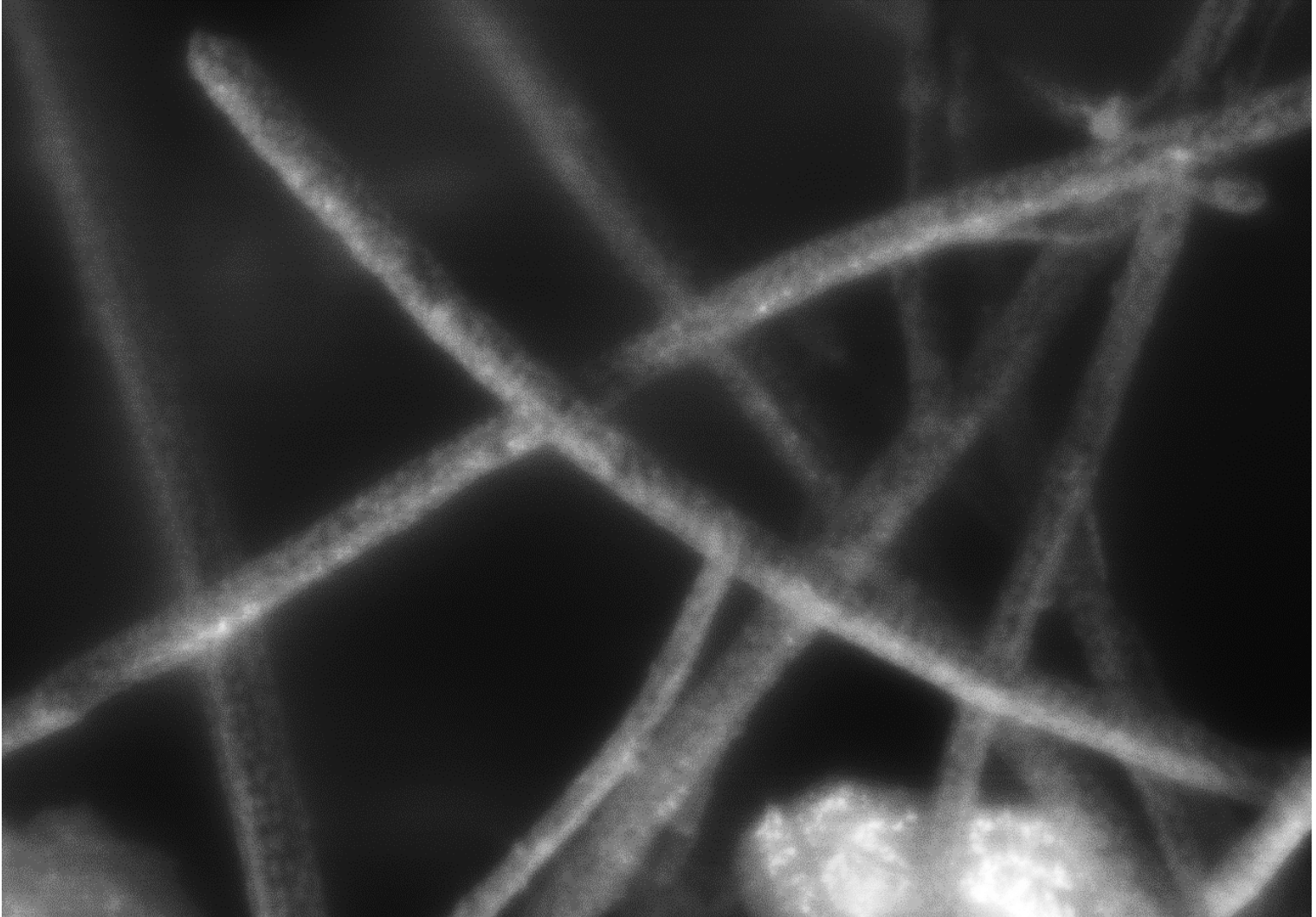
Pt on CNT, 50 eV



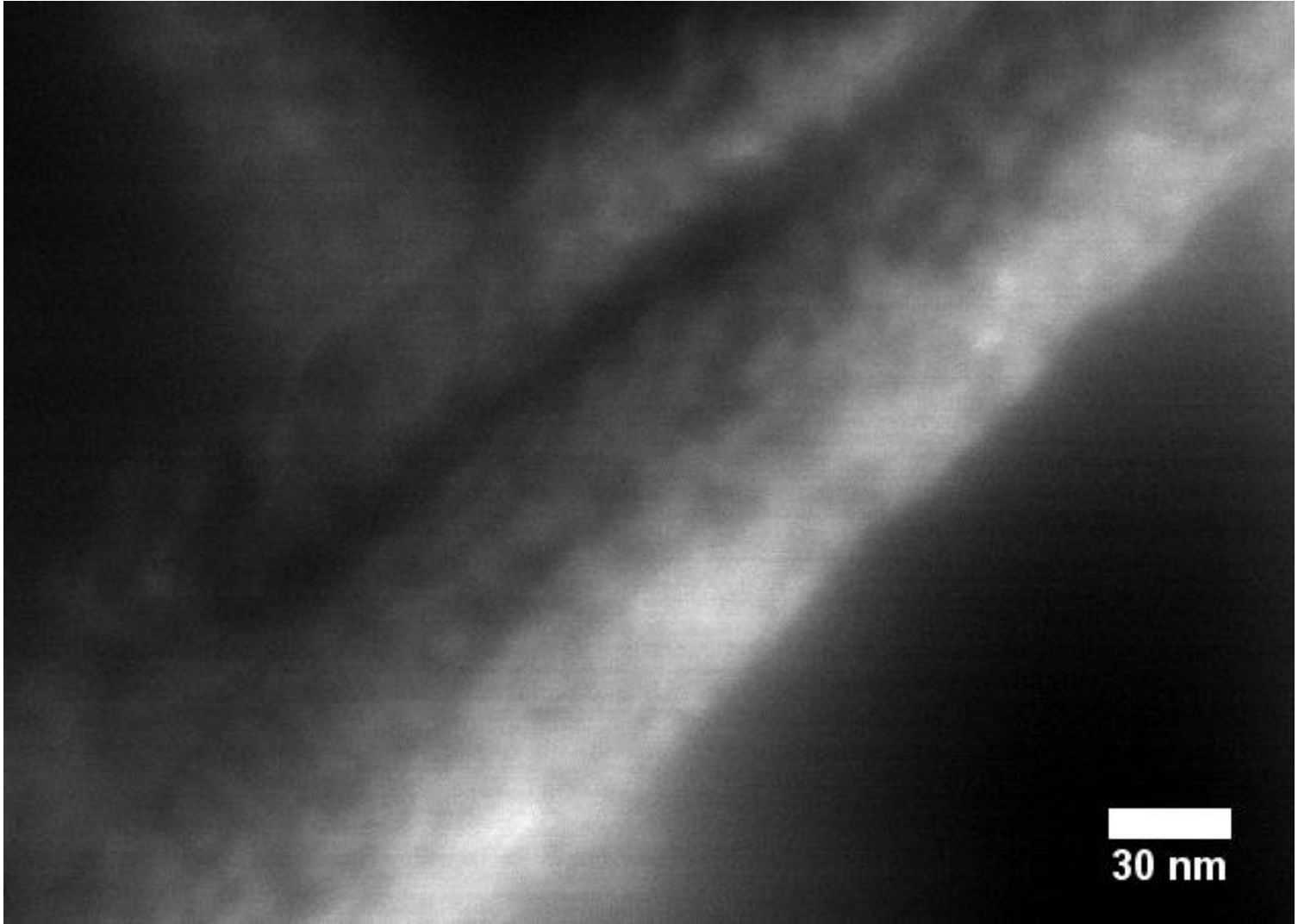
Pt on CNT, 30 eV



Pt on CNT, 10 eV



Top Detector, 10 V



200kX
SE(T)
Resolution: ~4 nm

30 nm

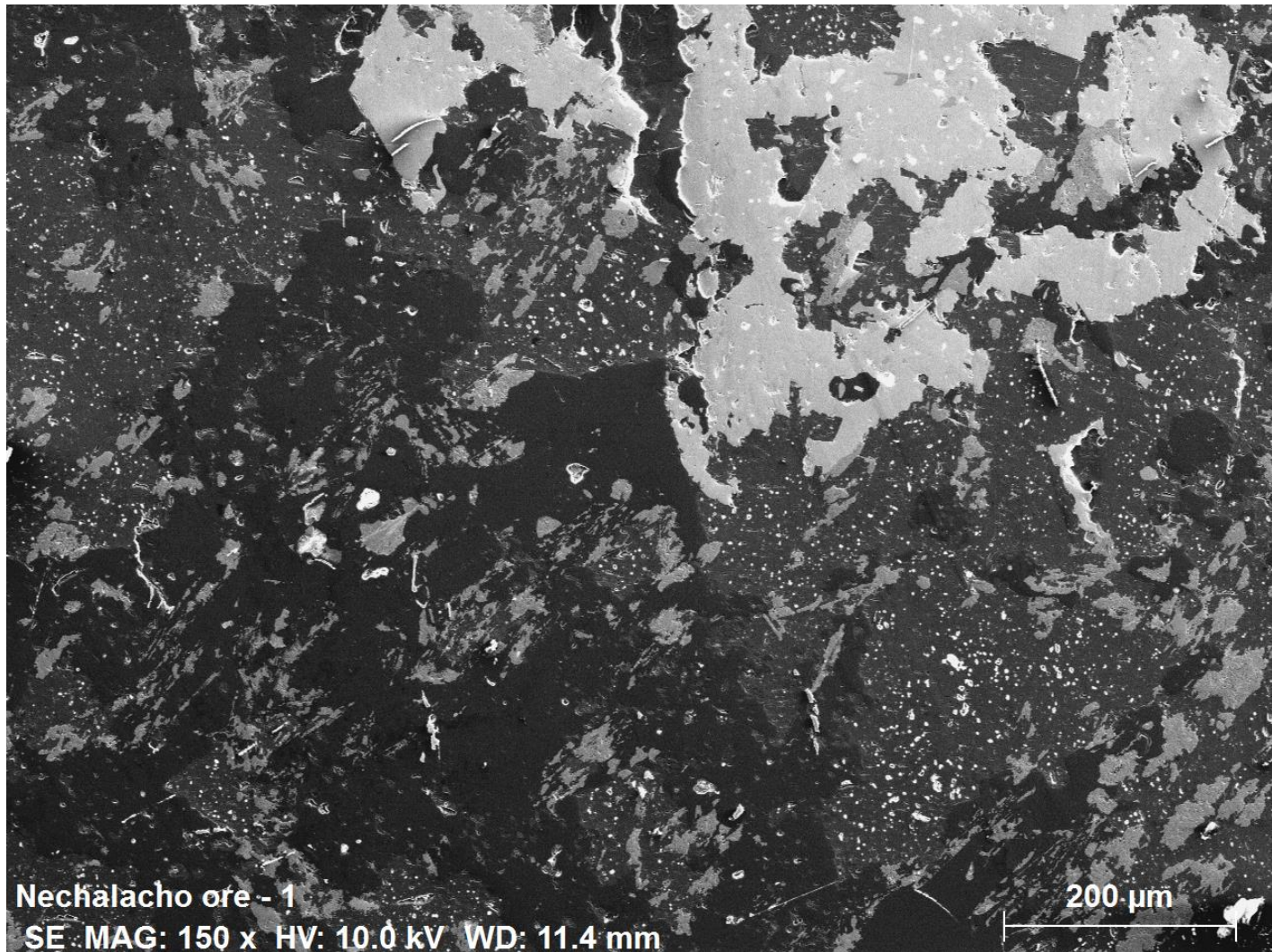
Bruker Flat Quad XFlash 5060F (BFQ)

- Quad detector
 - $4 \times 15 \text{ mm}^2 = 60 \text{ mm}^2$
- Annular design (below objective lens)
- Equipped with Mylar windows
 - Internal window ($1 \mu\text{m}$)
 - Additional $2 \mu\text{m}$ or $6 \mu\text{m}$ windows (on a special changer)
- High count rate capabilities with high collection efficiency

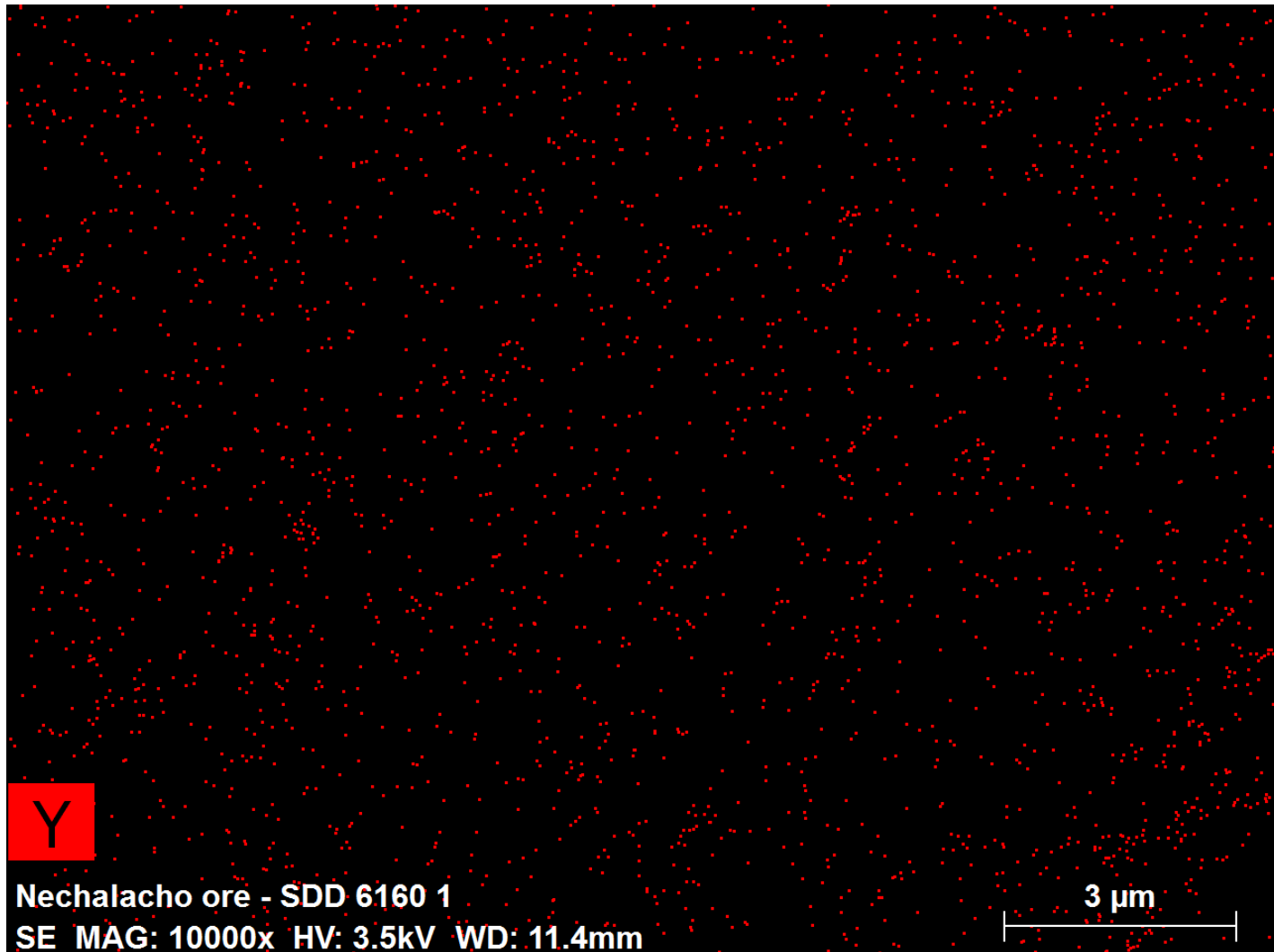


Image from Bruker Nano GmbH.

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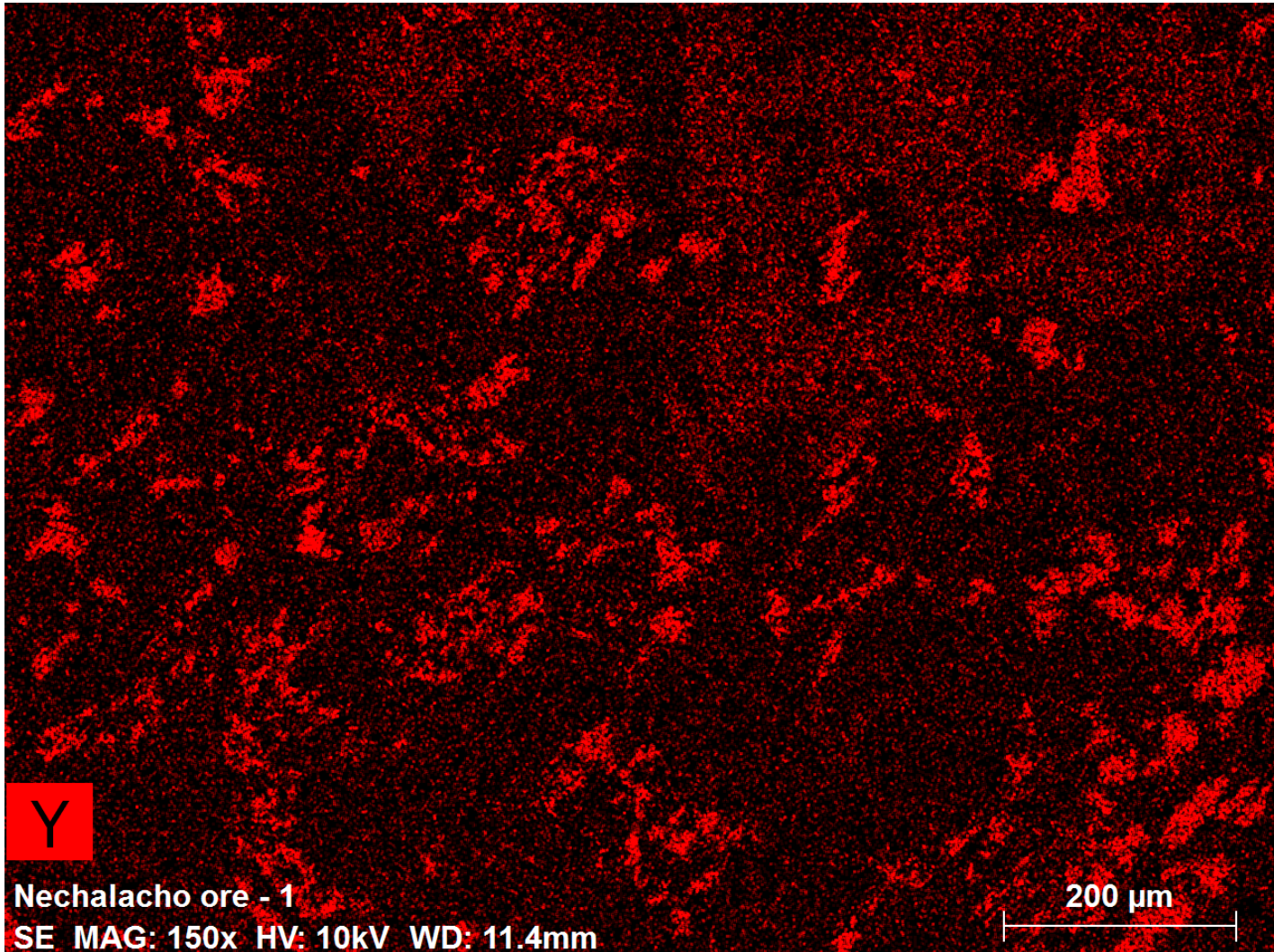


Conventional 60 mm² SDD Detector, 20 S, 1280 X 960, 0.016mS/pixel



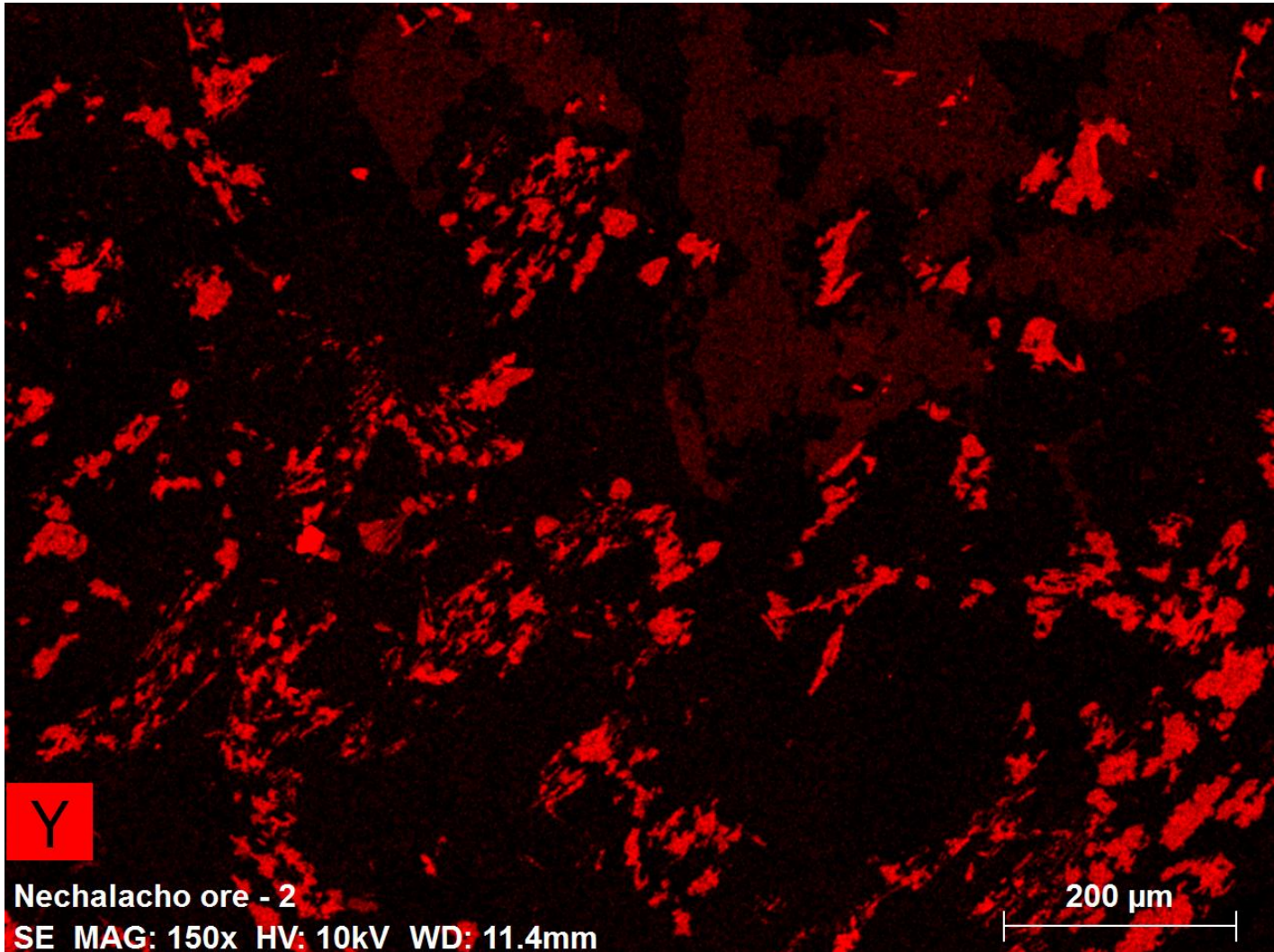
Bruker Flat Quad XFlash 5060F (BFQ)

20 S , 1280 X 960, 0.016mS/pixel



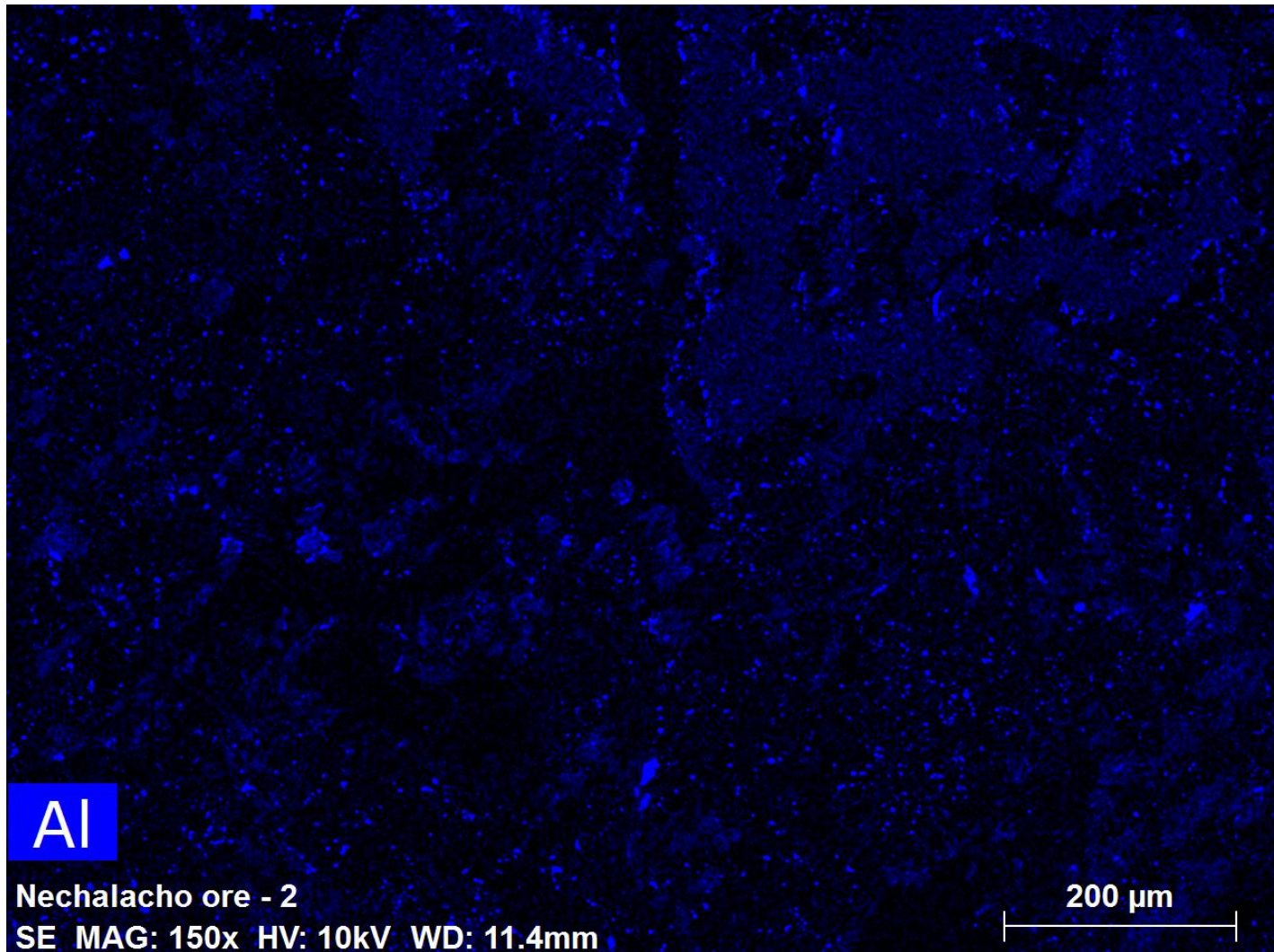
Bruker Flat Quad XFlash 5060F (BFQ)

400 S, 1280 X 960, 0.325 mS/pixel



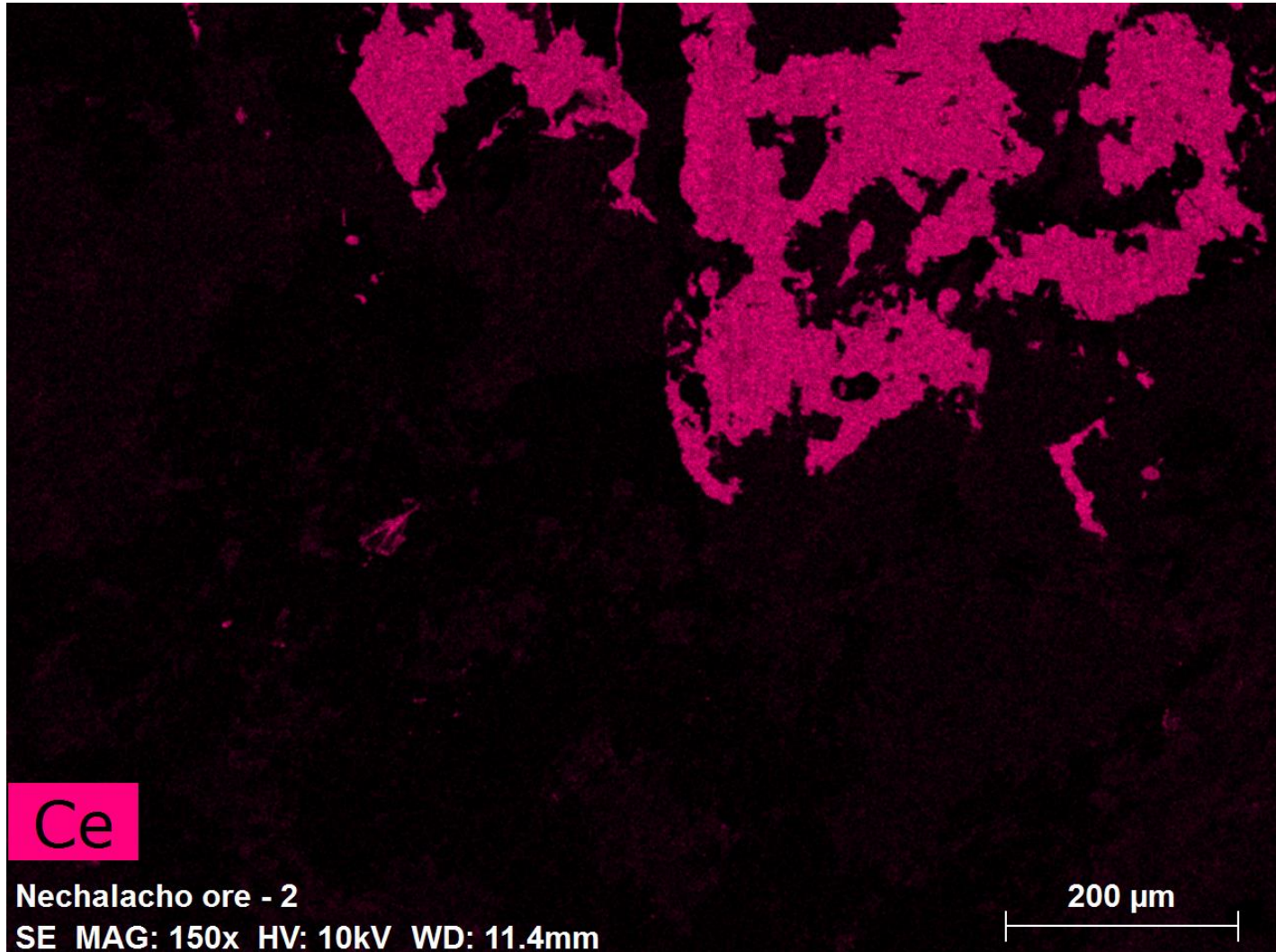
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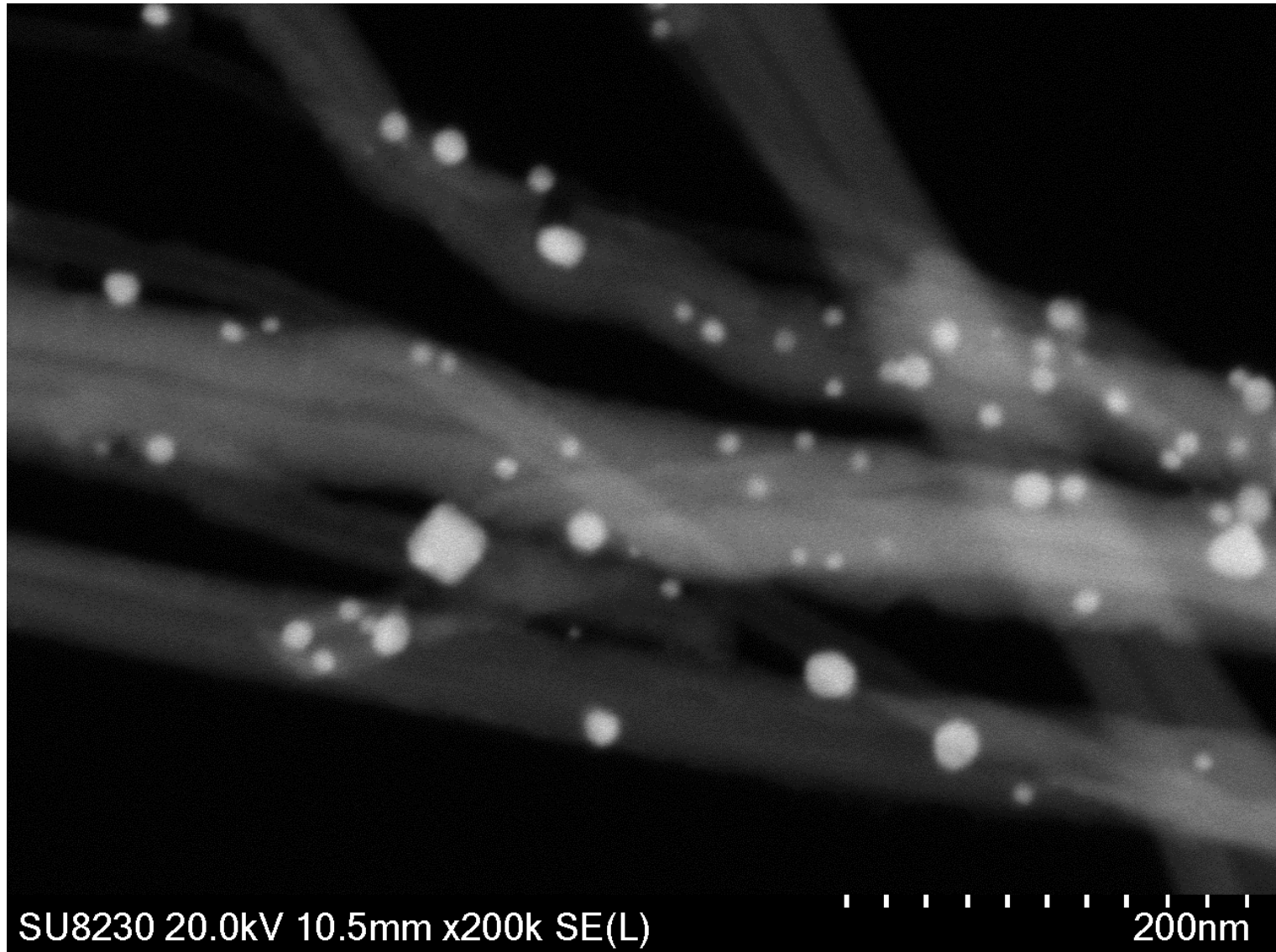


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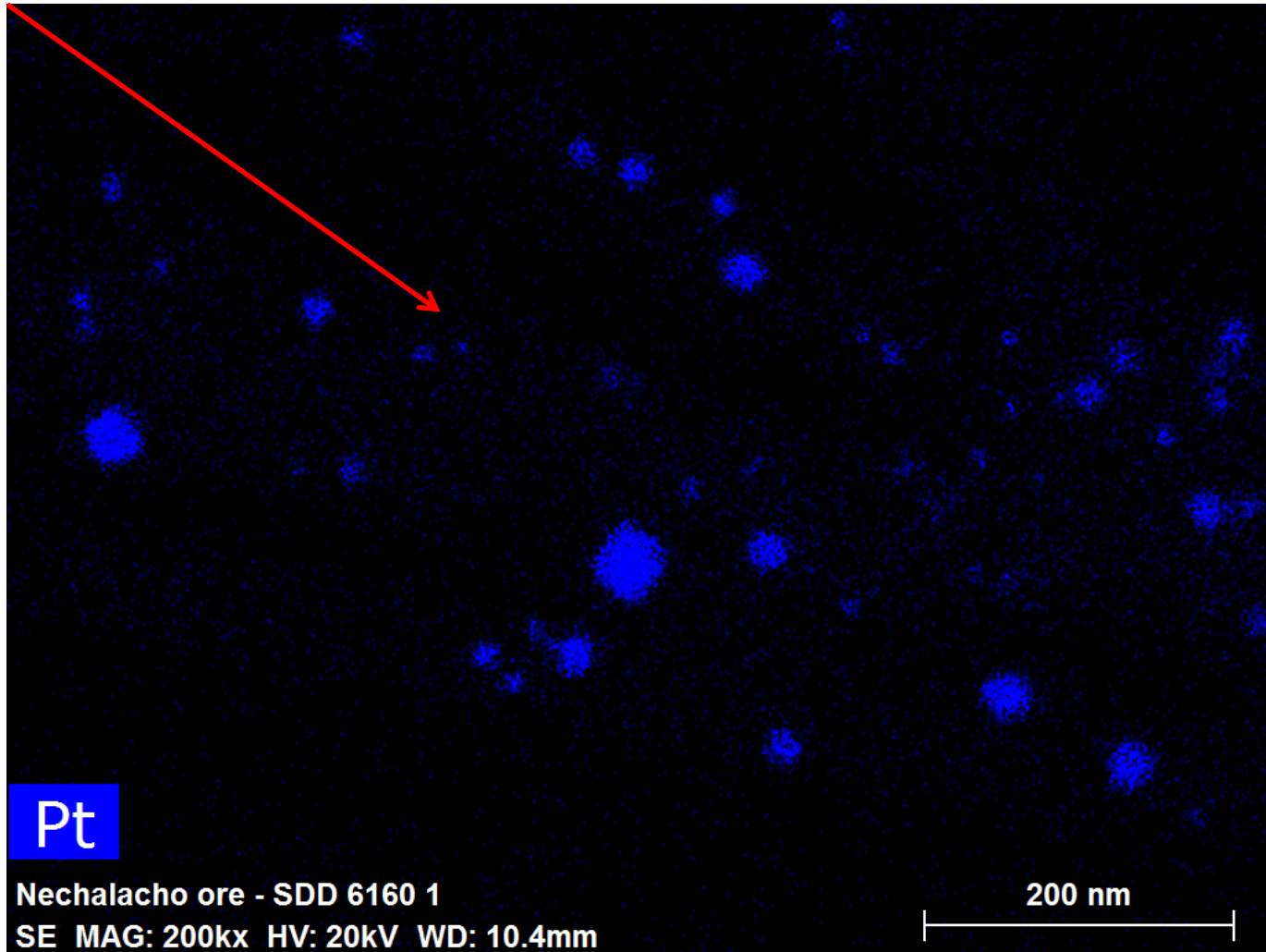


Pt Particulates on WCNT



Pt Particulates on WCNT, 7 minutes

6 nm



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