



CARACTÉRISATION EX-SITU DE LA DIFFUSION: MESURE PAR FAISCEAU D'IONS ET D'ÉLECTRONS

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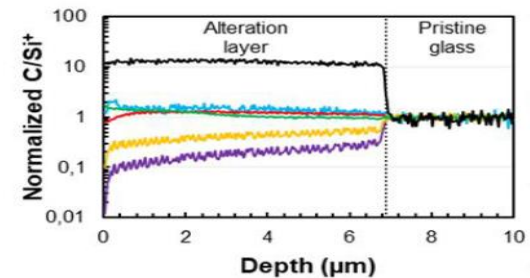
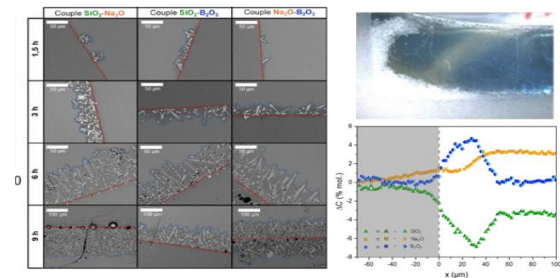
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TECHNIQUE 4

OTHERS TECHNIQUES...

CONCLUSION



1D characterization



Isotope selectivity

^{16}O , ^{18}O

Multi-elements analysis
(wide range of sensitivity?)

72,2%at. 0,3%at.

Combining with
other characteristics

[Fe] / $^{57}\text{Fe}^{2+}$



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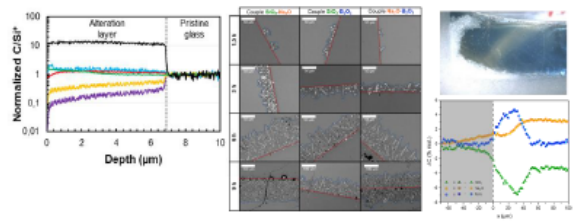
« Verres et diffusion »

Diffusion chimique dans les phases vitreuses et liquides

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Public attendu : académique et industriel - Etudiants en doctorat et jeunes chercheurs, ingénieurs, chercheurs CNRS et enseignant-chercheurs, Ingénieurs R&D - Domaines (INC, INP, INSU) : verres, matériaux, archéomatériaux (verres, glaçures, phases amorphes dans les céramiques et métaux), minéralogie et volcanologie

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Enjeux

La diffusion est un processus physico-chimique majeur et déterminant pour les verres et les amorphes (oxydes, chalcogénures, verres métalliques), qui influence la plupart de leurs propriétés, de l'élaboration à la mise en service et au vieillissement. Les processus de diffusion chimique sont par ailleurs complexes, avec autant de mécanismes différents (autodiffusion, diffusion multi-composante avec échange ionique ou réactions d'oxydation/réduction, diffusion des traceurs ou des défauts), que de types de milieux de diffusion (liquide, solide cristallin et amorphe, phase gazeuse) et de conditions (haute et basse température, échelles de temps allant de quelques secondes aux temps géologiques). Dans ce contexte, la recherche verrière a

High sensitivity
(traces)
<0,1%at.

3D characterization

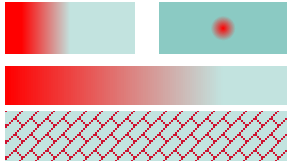


3D characterization with
high lateral resolution



Wide range of
probed areas

INTRODUCTION



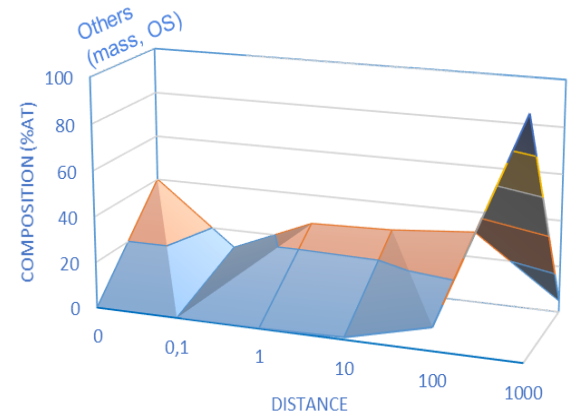
72,2%at. ... 0,3%at.
<0,1%at.

^{16}O , ^{18}O

$[\text{Fe}] / \text{VI}\text{Fe}^{2+}$

list of specifications

- Over a wide range of distances,
 - Through the 3D directions,
 - Among heterogeneities (specific path)
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- The major components,
 - And the traces too,
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- Every isotopes are concerned,
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- Other characteristics (oxidation state, site...)



INTRODUCTION: SELECTION OF RELEVANT TECHNIQUE FOR THE ANALYSIS OF COMPOSITION GRADIENT

▶ Electron Probe MicroAnalysis

- Wide range of detection and distances (μm to nm)
- Only elements (Boron=>)

▶ Time of Flight-Secondary Ion Mass Spectro.

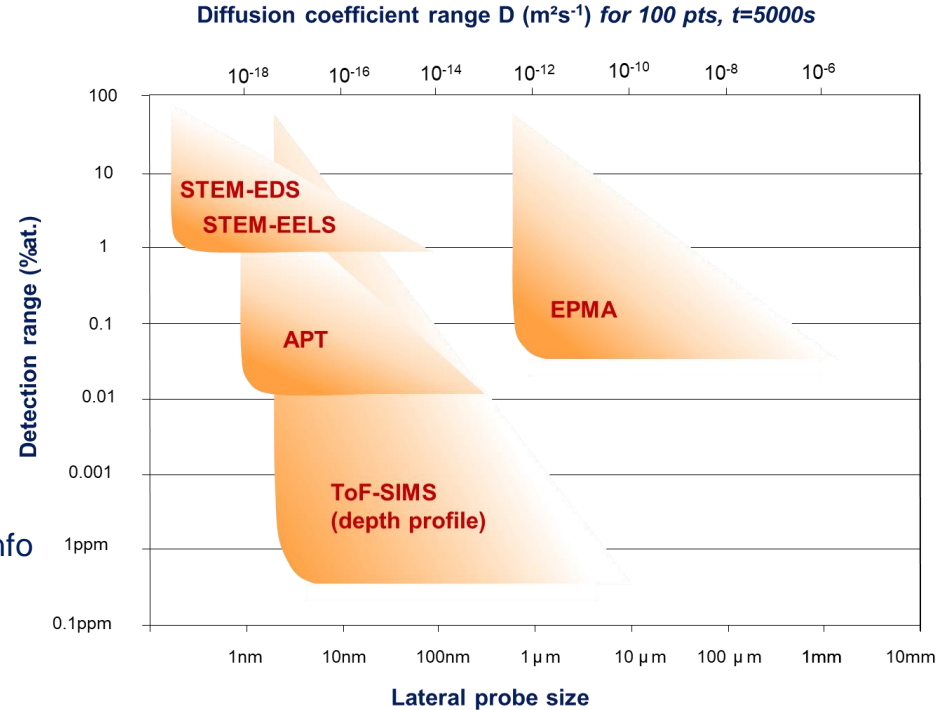
- Major and traces, large distances (nm to several μm)
- Isotope (H =>)

▶ Scanning Transmission Electron Microscopy

- 0,1nm to $1\mu\text{m}$
- **Energy Dispersive Spectro:** elements (Boron =>)
- **Energy Electron Loss Spectro:** elements and binding info

▶ Atom Probe Tomography

- 1nm to 100nm
- Isotope (H =>)



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ELECTRON PROBE MICRO ANALYSIS (EPMA)

- Principle - history
- Device description
- Acquisition, quantification and artifacts
- Example of gradient analysis within glass

SECONDARY IONS MASS SPECTROMETRY (SIMS / ToF-SIMS)

ATOM PROBE TOMOGRAPHY (APT)

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OTHERS TECHNIQUES: XPS, AUGER, XAS DEPTH PROFILING

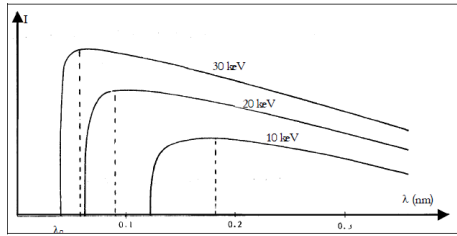
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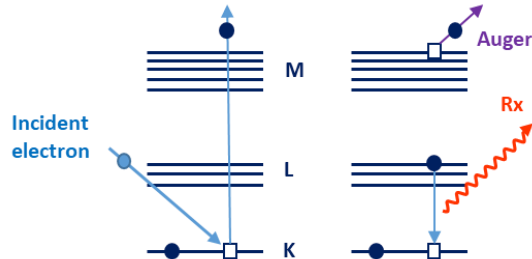
EPMA PRINCIPLE

▶ Electron / material interaction

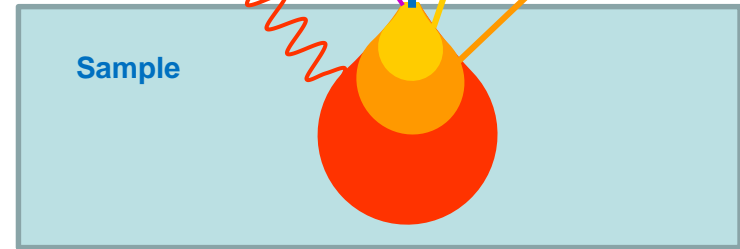
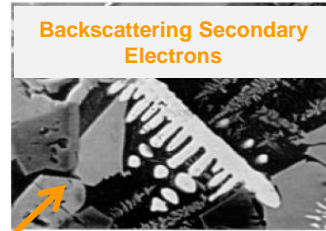
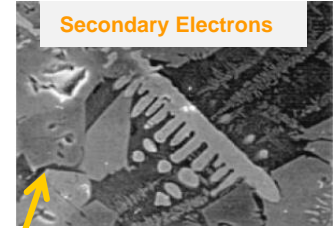
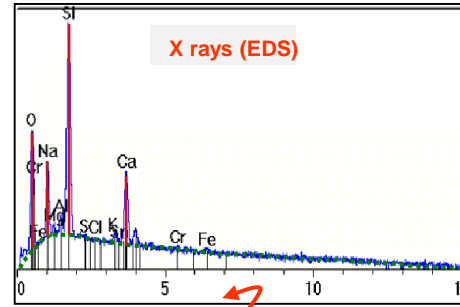
- Among the numerous emission, X-ray emitted are due to
- Electron deceleration => **Bremsstrahlung**



- Interaction with innermost electrons shells, producing a vacancy (unstable). Then, it is filled by electron from higher energy bound shells with **X-ray emission** characteristic of the levels (+ **Auger electron**).



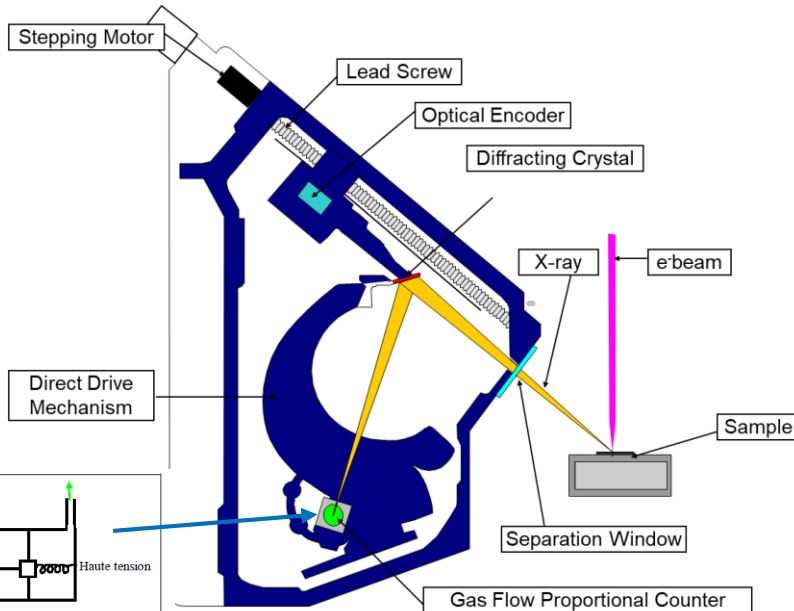
Electron beam



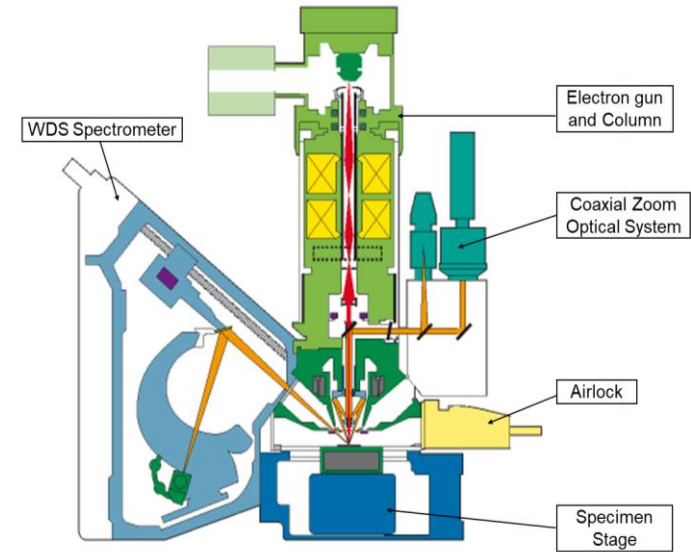
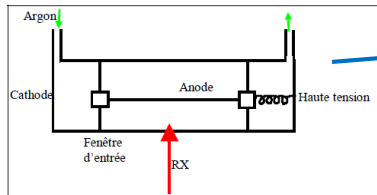
EPMA : TECHNICAL POINT VIEW

► Wavelength Dispersive X-ray Spectrometer

- The key part of EPMA
- Associated to gas-flow counter (photoelectrical effect)



Gas-flow counter



Crystal used in WDS

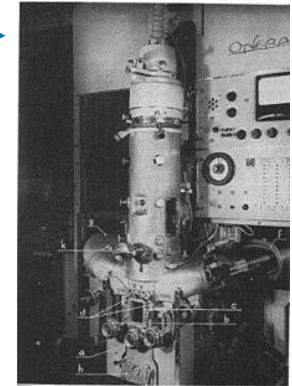
Nom du Cristal	2d (nm)	Domaine d'analyse ⁽⁴⁾		Raies X analysables (ordre 1)		
		Longueur d'onde (nm)	Energie (keV)	Raie K	Raie L	Raie M
LiF ⁽¹⁾	0.4026	0.08 à 0.33	14.76 à 3.75	Sc à Sr	Te à U	✗
PET ⁽²⁾	0.874	0.18 à 0.72	6.81 à 1.73	Si à Fe	Sr à Ho	W à U
TAP ⁽³⁾	2.575	0.54 à 2.11	2.31 à 0.59	F à P	Mn à Mo	La à Hg
PC1(W/Si)	6.100	1.83 à 4.42	0.68 à 0.28	C, N, O, F	K à Ni	La à Ce
PC2 (Ni/C)	9.500	2.36 à 6.74	0.53 à 0.19	B, C, N, O	S à Cr	✗
PC3 (Mo/B ₂ C)	14.000	3.10 à 11.62	0.40 à 0.10	Be, B	Si à Sc	✗

EPMA: SOME DATES

- ▶ **1944 : J. Hillier, RF Baker (RCA-USA)**
 - First electron microprobe, combining an electron microscope and an energy loss spectrometer and proposed WDS design (but never constructed).
- ▶ **1950 : R. Castaing, A Guinier (Onera-Fr)**
 - First electron microprobe with crystal (quartz) for wavelength discrimination (PhD in 1951)
- ▶ **1956 : CAMECA (Fr)**
 - First commercial electron microprobe MS85
- ▶ **1957 : P Duncumb (Microscan-UK)**
 - First commercial electron microprobe with scanning electron beam



R Castaing (1921-1998)
the « Father » of EPMA



EMPA examples: CAMECA SXFive
and JEOL 8530

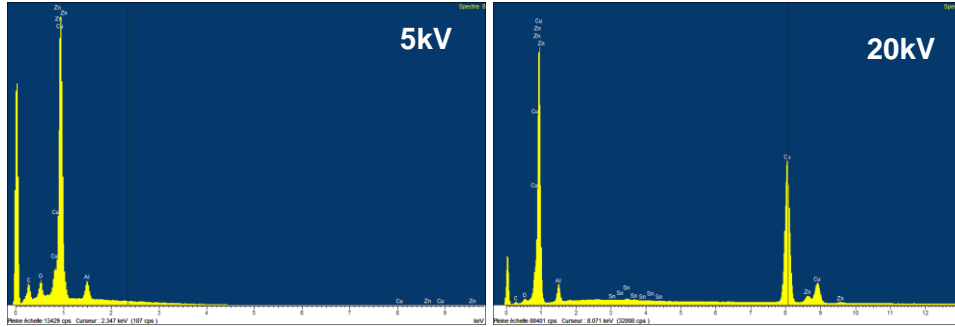


EPMA: KEY PARAMETERS

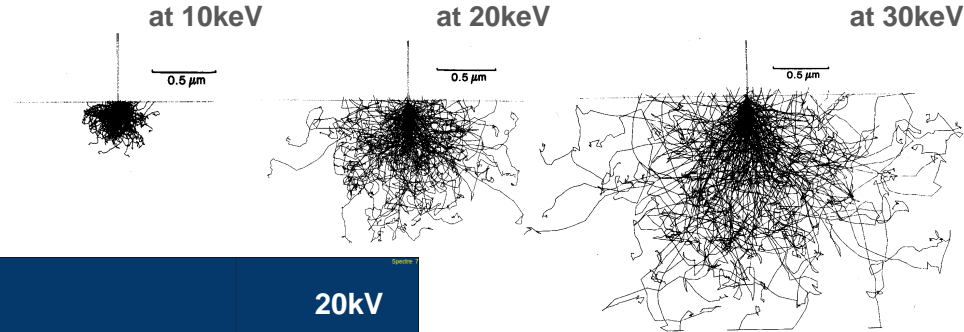
► Choice of the incident electron energy

- A compromise between
 - Lateral / depth resolution
 - Element analysis ($E_{\text{electron}} > 2,5 \times E_{\text{peak}}$ for I_{max})

Example of
CuAlZnSn alloy



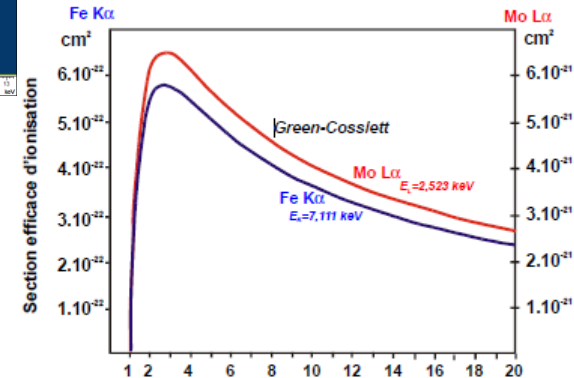
Electron paths in Fe



► Choice of optimal X-ray characteristic peak

- Depending of the element of interest and its amount

$$U = \frac{E}{E_i}$$



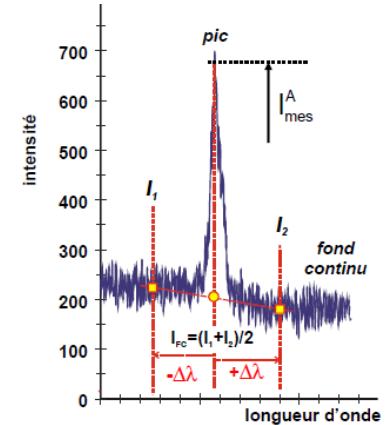
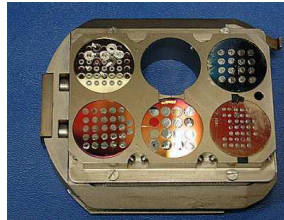
AND FINALLY QUANTIFICATION BY EPMA

► Acquisition on sample

- Centering at peak max => acquisition during tx
- Background measurement at $-\Delta\lambda$ and $+\Delta\lambda$

► Acquisition on standard

- Centering at peak max => acquisition during tx
- Background measurement at $-\Delta\lambda$ and $+\Delta\lambda$



► k-ratio estimation

- Using correction protocol
- ZAF
- Phi(roz)

$$K_A = \frac{I_{mes}}{I_{std}} = \frac{C_A \cdot \left(\int \phi_A(\rho z) \cdot \exp(\chi_A \rho z) \cdot d\rho z \right) \cdot \left(1 + \sum f_{c_A} + f_{FC_A} \right)}{\left(\int \phi_S(\rho z) \cdot \exp(\chi_S \rho z) \cdot d\rho z \right) \cdot \left(1 + \sum f_{c_S} + f_{FC_S} \right)}$$

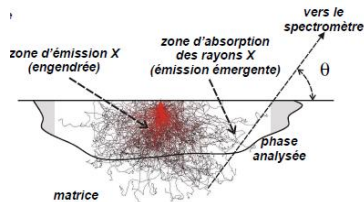
Note : if $E_{electron\ incident} > 10keV$, for element \neq light ones peak energie $> 5keV \Rightarrow K_A \sim C_A$
if light Elements or samples with elements with different Z => absorption high => $K_A \neq C_A \Rightarrow$ modelization!!

BUT ARTEFACTS POSSIBLE (FOR EVERY SOLIDS AND GLASS)

► Surface heterogeneities > emission volume

- Probed volume $\sim 1\mu\text{m}^3$

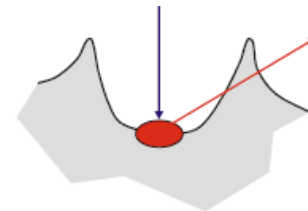
=> **Reduction of E_{Electron}**



► Surface roughness

- X-ray absorption

=> **Reduction of roughness
($< 1\mu\text{m}$)**



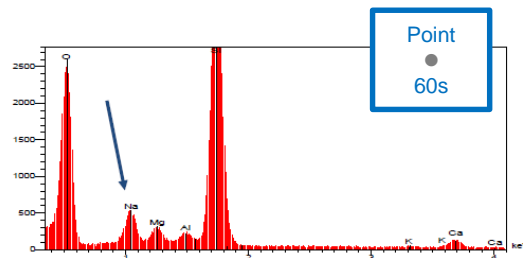
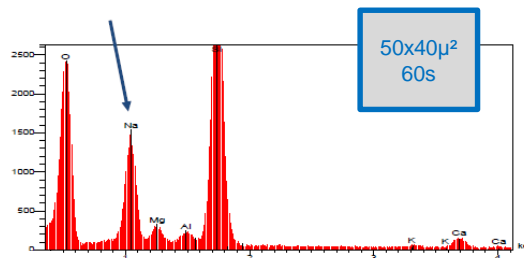
► Case of glass

- The main one : alkaline migration under electron irradiation

=> **reduction of electron dose**

► Samples (glass) preparation

- Polishing (optical quality)
- Deposition of conductive layer (carbon)



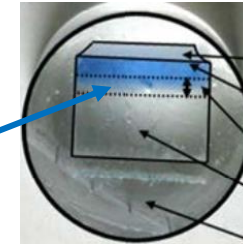
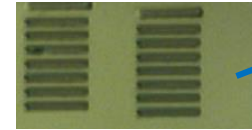
ANALYSIS OF DIFFUSION BETWEEN GLASS

► Atomic mobility in silicate glasses

- Interdiffusion within Na, Ca, Al, Si system (annealing at 650°C)

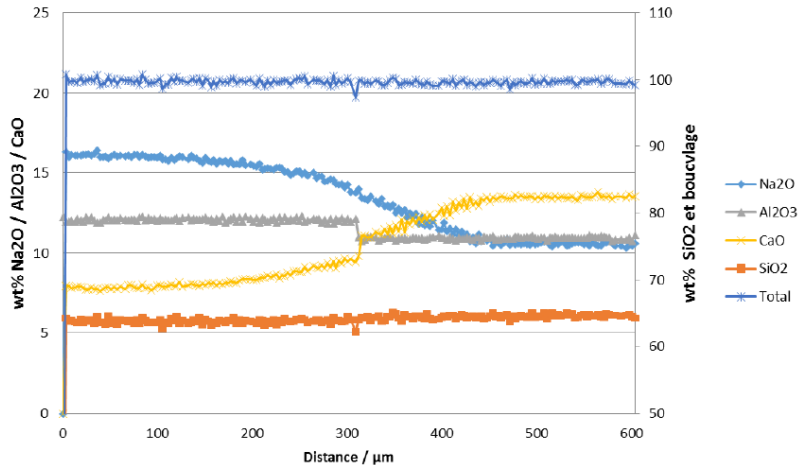
► EPMA Acquisition

- Line mode 1µm x 40µm
- Na-Ka, Al-Ka, Si-Ka, Ca-Ka at 10nA
- 2 rows of lines (steps=5µm) with offset of 2,5µm

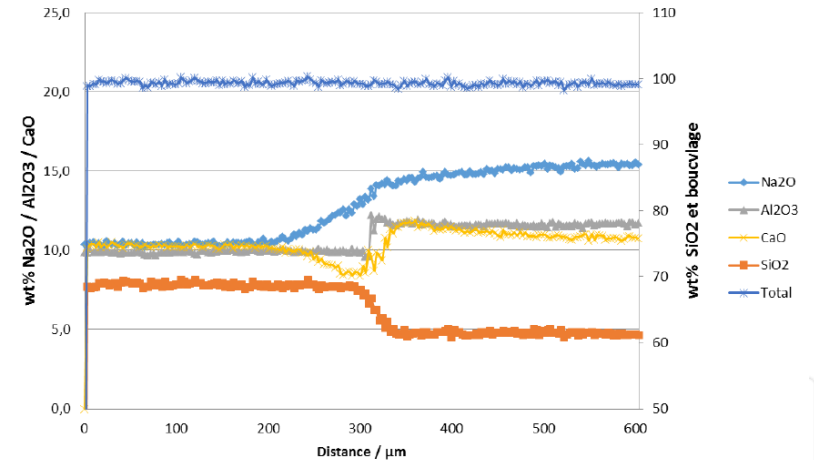


Glass 1
Interdiffusion area
Glass 2

Verre NC-CN



Verre NS-SN



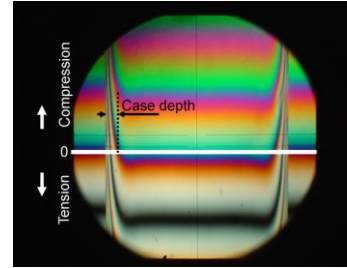
ANALYSIS AT SURFACE: CHEMICAL TEMPERED GLASS

► Na / K exchange for glass strenghtening

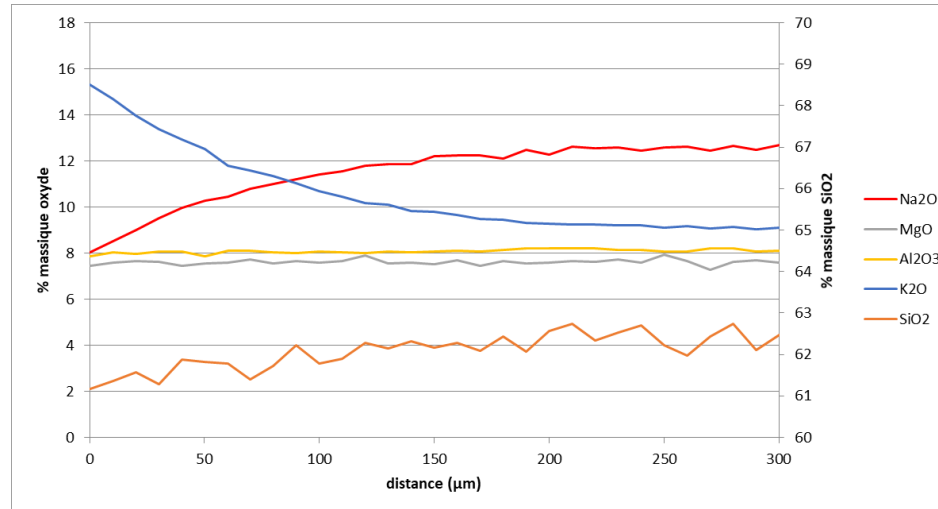
- 420-490°C during ~70h

► EPMA Acquisition

- Line mode 2µm x 40µm, step of 10µm
- Na-Kα, Al-Kα, K-Kα, Si-Kα, Ca-Kα at 10nA



Stress pattern from polariscope

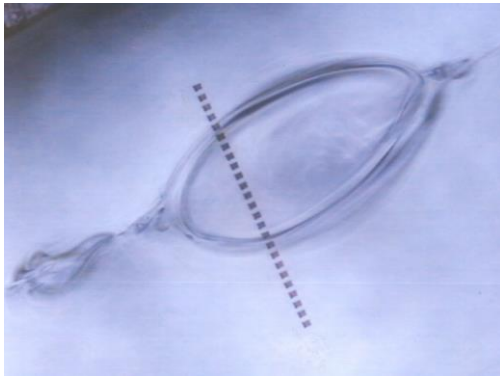


ANALYSIS OF GLASS DEFECT

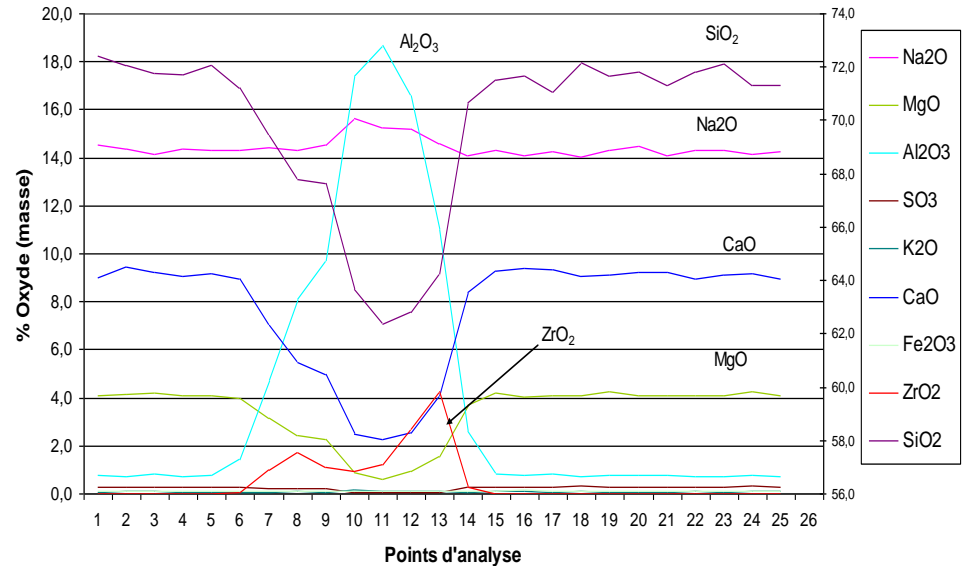
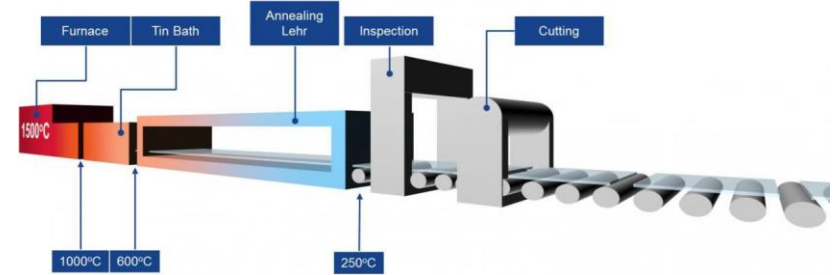
- ▶ **Float Glass : quality control**
 - Example of “gum” defect (refractories)

▶ EPMA Acquisition

- Line mode 10µm x 20µm, step of 40µm
- Na-Kα, Al-Kα, K-Kα, Si-Kα, Ca-Kα at 10nA
- Zr-Kα, Fe-Kα, S-Kα at 150nA



1mm



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SECONDARY IONS MASS SPECTROMETRY (SIMS / ToF-SIMS)

- Some elements of history
- Principle (from incident ions to secondary ions)
- ToF-SIMS compared to other sputtering-based techniques
- ToF-SIMS equipment
- Performances (resolution, sensitivity, key parameters artifacts)
- Case of glasses

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SIMS : A QUITE RECENT TECHNIQUE

► Some dates concerning SIMS

- **1910-3** : J.J. Thomson studied the interactions cations / metal
- **1949** : Herzog et Viehbock built the first prototype (Univ. Wien)
- **1960** : 2 SIMS instruments were developed : 1 in USA by Liebel and Herzog for the analysis of Moon rocks and the second by R Castaing and his PhD, G Slodzian. This latter was developed by CAMECA.
- **1969** : A. Benninghoven introduced the method of Static SIMS using Time-of Flight mass spectrometer
- **1982** : Briggs developed the surface analysis of polymers
- **~1982** : First commercial Static SIMS



A Benninghoven
the « Father » of SSIMS

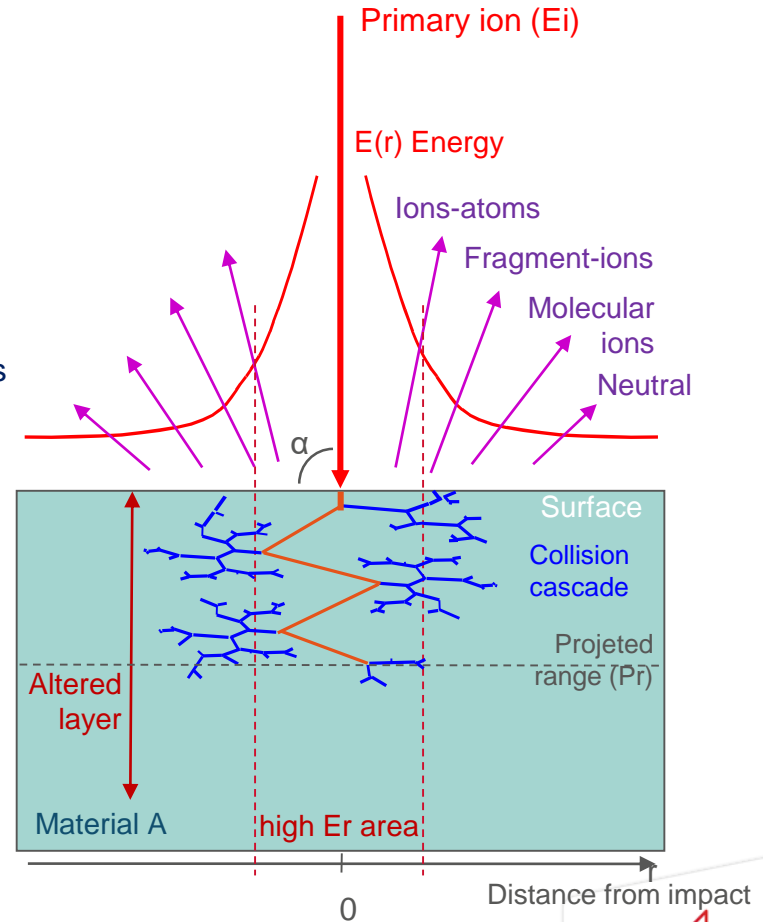
ION – SOLID INTERACTION

► Phenomena occurring at the surface ($E_i > 100\text{eV} > E_{th}$)

- Mainly nuclear interactions (electron stopping power weak)
- Energy and momentum transfer from I \Rightarrow A
- Amount of transfer = $f(M_i, M_A, \alpha)$
- After 1st interaction, ion and atom hit interact with more atoms of the material \Rightarrow cascade initiated
- Projected range = $f(E_i^{2/3})$

► Consequence from the surface

- Implantation of the impinging ion
- Modification of the material, amorphization, oxidation modification \Rightarrow altered layer $\sim 2 \times Pr$
- Fraction of the momentum directed back to the surface
 \Rightarrow **SPUTTERING of different species**
- Origin depth $< \sim 1\text{nm}$
- Major part of neutral (90%)

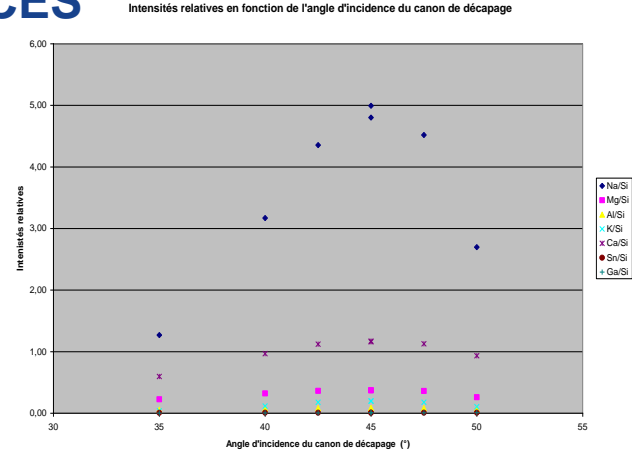
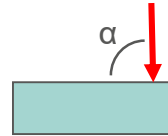


SPUTTERING YIELD: DEFINITION AND INFLUENCES

Definition

- Number of sputtered particles per incident ion
- The total sputtered Yield => sum of Y_x of individual species
=> Challenge: estimation of Y_x => Approximation Y_{matrix}

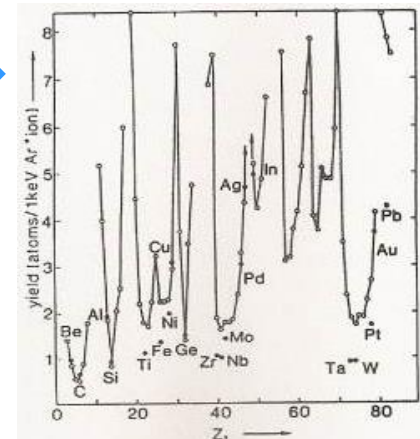
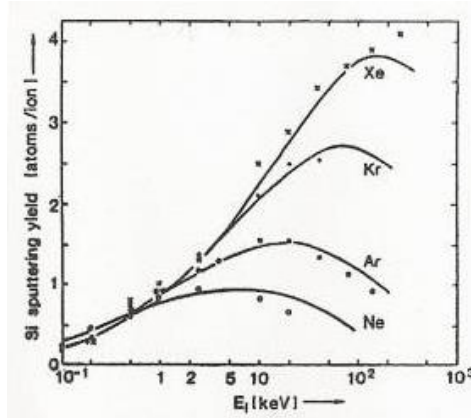
$$Y_{tot} = \sum_i Y_i$$



Dependence

- Angle of incidence
 - 0-45° => $Y=f(\cos^{-b} \alpha)$ with $b=1-2$ and depend of M_i and M_A
 - 45-60° => Y_{max}
 - >60° => Y decreases rapidly to 0
- Mass of the target atom (example with Ar^+ 1keV)

- Mass of the incident ion M_i (example of Si target)



Courtesy T Crétin SGR Paris (2010)

SPUTTERING YIELD: UNEXPECTED PHENOMENA

► Preferential sputtering

- In case of $Y_A \neq Y_B \Rightarrow$ the surface composition evolves
Example of material with $C_A=C_B$ but $Y_A > Y_B$

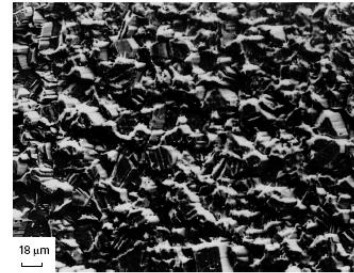
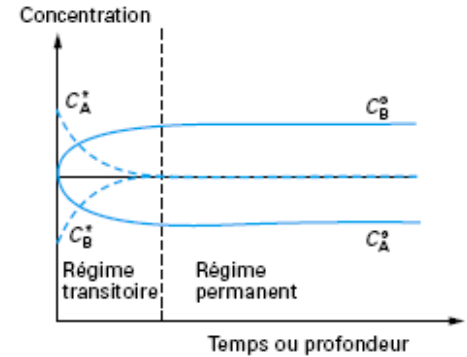
► Implantation

► Surface roughening

- Ripples can occur (favoured in high α)
- Phenomena pronounced for polycrystallized surface

► The transient width

- Definition: Depth over which all material changes (roughness, amorphization, bounding...) take place. \Rightarrow Yield is biased !



Ⓓ image d'électrons secondaires de la même zone

Starting surface



first ionic bombardment

Ion primaire
implanté



stationary regime

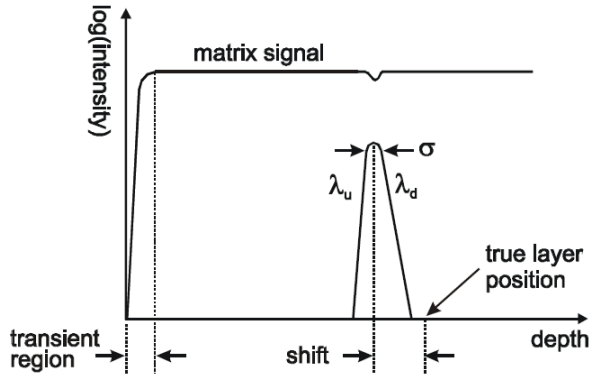
~10nm



UNEXPECTED PHENOMENA: CONSEQUENCE ON DEPTH PROFILING

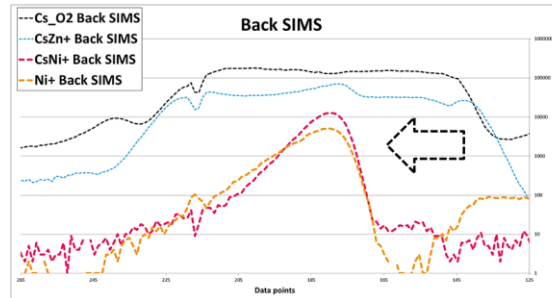
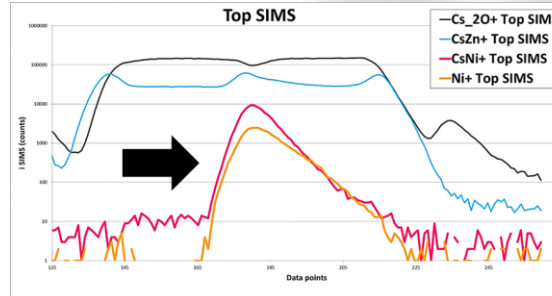
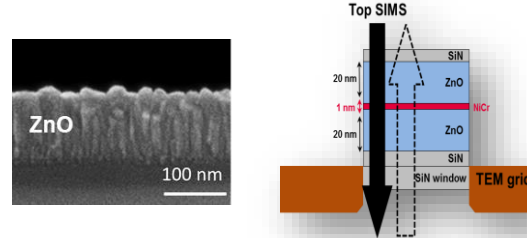
► The transient width/depth profiling

- Impact at layer interface
- Amplitude varies with the differences between the 2 layers.

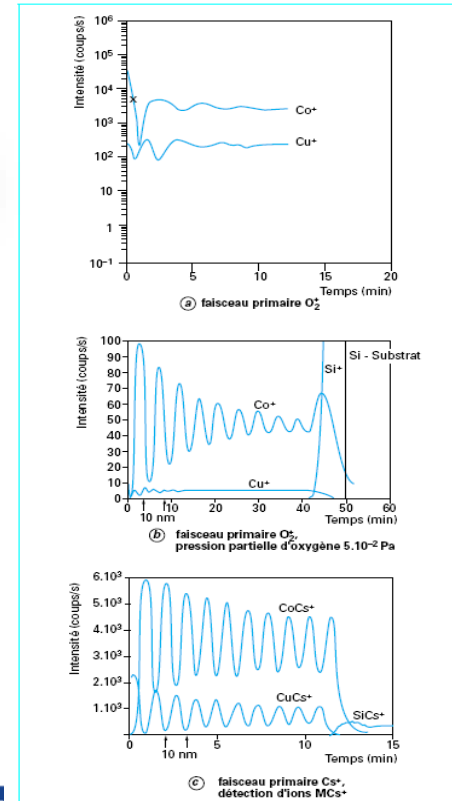


J Voronkoff, SIMS Europe (2018)
Techniques de l'Ingénieur (2010)
T Grehl, PhD (2003)

ZnO/NiCr/ZnO stack



Cu/Co/Cu/... stack






SIMS : SECONDARY IONS MASS SPECTROMETRY

► Technique based on the detection of ions emitted from sputtered surface

- Cations and anions detected (separately, see *technical chapter*)
- Formalism

$$I(A^{\pm}) = f_A \cdot D_A \cdot C_A \cdot I_i \cdot Y_M \cdot Y_{A(M)}^{\pm}$$

- f_A = isotopic abundance of the element A
- D_A = detection efficiency (transmission... of sensor)
- C_A = concentration of the element A within the matrix M
- I_i = intensity of the primary incident ions
- Y_M = sputtering yield of the matrix
- $Y_{A(M)}^{\pm}$ = ionization yield of A within Matrix

-  Measured or table
-  Usually goal of analysis
-  To be calibrated

► Calibration of Y_M and Y^{\pm} : what for?

- For quantification **BUT** only if they are **EQUAL** between references and samples

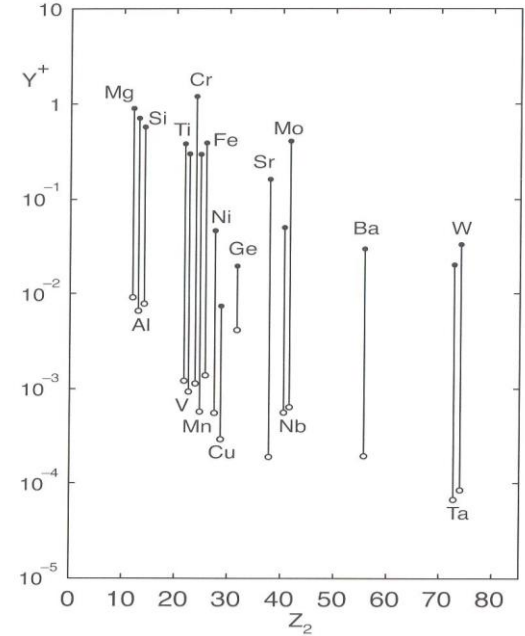
IONIZATION YIELD (*IONIZATION PROBABILITY*)

► It is THE key parameter

- Strongly depends on the nature of the species
- Varies over several orders of magnitude for the same combination of incident ions and target material
- “Matrix effect”

► How to take advantage of it? : some recipes

- Oxidation of the surface favor the electropositive secondary ions
=> **oxygen bombardment and/or oxygen flooding**
- the presence of Cs at the surface enhanced negative secondary ions
=> **use Cs gun and/or Cs deposition prior analysis.**



Ar⁺ 8keV / cations collection from

- metallic surface
- oxidized surface

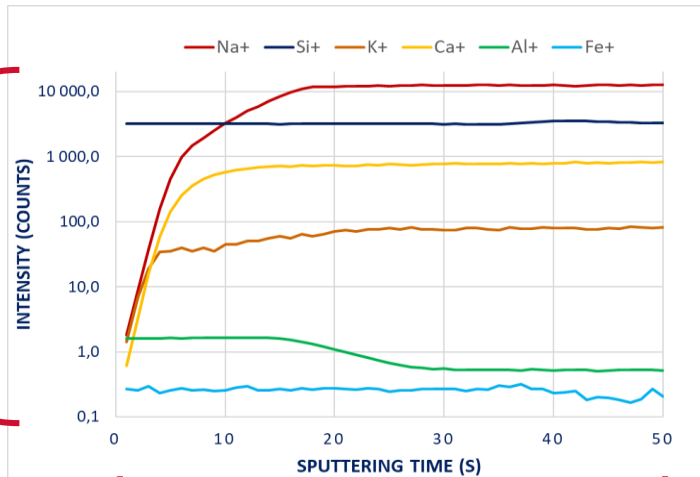
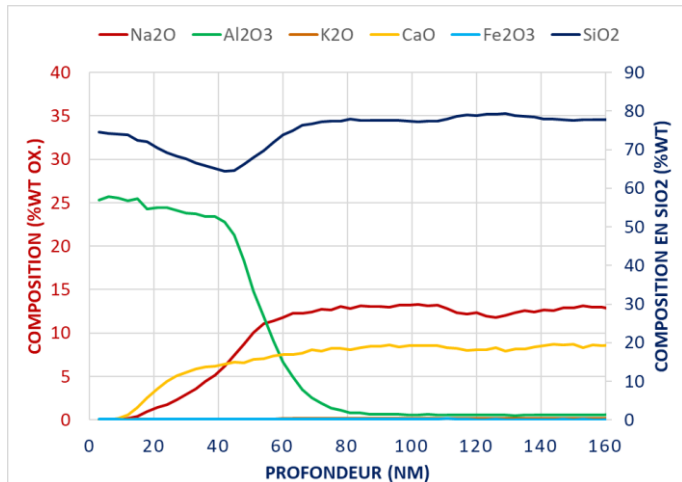
DEPTH PROFILE: "WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD"

► Conversion Intensity to composition (% wt ox)

- Calibration of the intensity using reference sample

BUT

- Same characteristics for the element /Matrix :
 - same acquisition parameters (incident ions, energy, vacuum...)
 - Same matrix
 - Same oxidation state, same microstructure and crystallization.

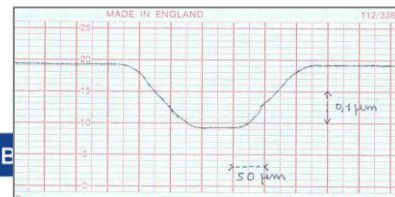


► Conversion sput. time (s) to depth (nm)

- Calibration of the abrasion rate

BUT

- Hypothesis: it is homogenous during the whole depth profile! (excepted transient width)



CONCENTRATION EVALUATION IN DEPTH PROFILE

► Definition of RSF

- Normalization of the intensity of the selected ions for the element of interest with the intensity of the ions representative of the matrix.
- For instance : Na⁺ for sodium and Si⁺ for silica

$$\frac{C_{Na_2O}}{C_{SiO_2}} = RSF_{Na, Si} \frac{I_{Na^+}}{I_{Si^+}}$$

► Composition analysis of the glass

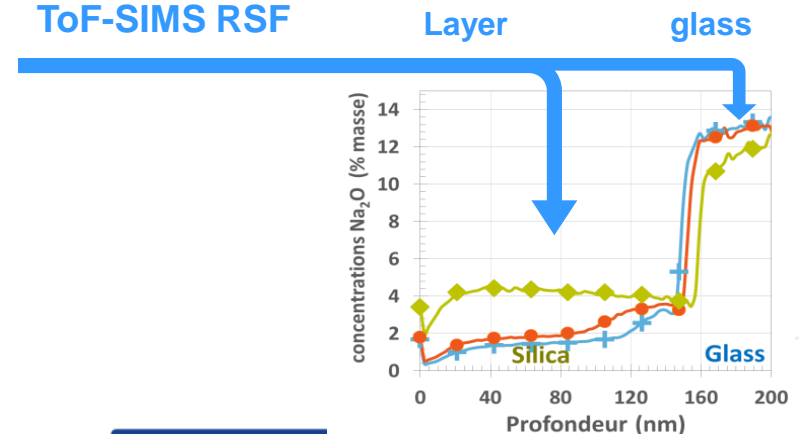
- From EPMA and/ or Chemistry

oxides	SiO ₂	Na ₂ O	CaO	MgO	K ₂ O	Al ₂ O ₃
substrate (wt %)	73.3	13.3	9.6	3.1	0.2	0.5

- Depth profile of bulk glass (polished cross section),

ELEMENT	facteur s	ELEMENT	facteur s
Li2O	2,5	MnO	3
B2O3	0,37	Fe2O3	2,5
C	0,0042	CoO	3,2
F	0,0085	NiO	0,63
Cl	0,0046	CuO	1,45
Na2O	12,5	ZnO	0,25
MgO	4,4	ZrO2	0,75
Al2O3	4,8	Ag	0,15
SiO2	1	SnO2	0,6
K2O	20	Sb2O5	0,038
CaO	9,2	BaO	6,5
TiO2	2,3	PbO	1,25
V2O5	1,5	Bi2O3	2,9
Cr2O3	2,1	SrO	7,4

ToF-SIMS RSF



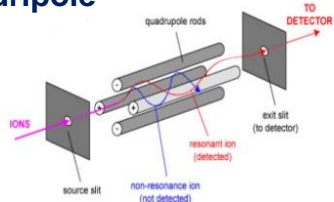
THE SIMS FAMILY

► The detection system in mass

- Performances

	Resolution	Mass Range	Transmission	detection mode	Sensitivity
Quadrupole	10^2 to 10^3	$< 10^3$	0,01 to 0,1	sequential	1
Magnetic sector	10^4	$> 10^3$	0,05 to 0,5	sequential & parallel	10^4
Time of Flight	10^4	until 10^4	0,5	parallel	10^4

Quadrupole

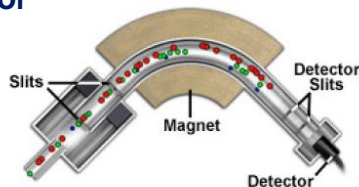


Millbrooks
MiniSIMS
alpha



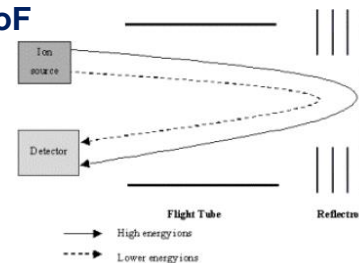
Cameca
SIMS 4550

Magnetic sector



Cameca IMS 7F

ToF



IonTOF
TOFSIMS 5



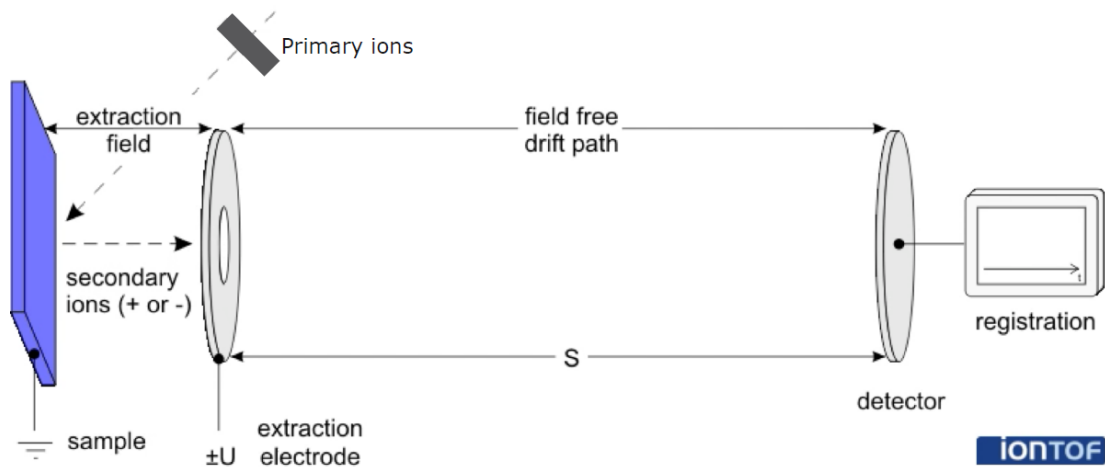
► SNMS: a solution to counterbalance the fact that ions are the minor part of the species emitted under sputtering

TIME OF FLIGHT DETECTION

► Principle

- Extract the ions emitted by the sputtered surface
=> same kinetic energy $q \cdot U$
- Measure the duration t for ions to reach detector

$$t = S \cdot \sqrt{\frac{m}{2 \cdot q \cdot U}}$$



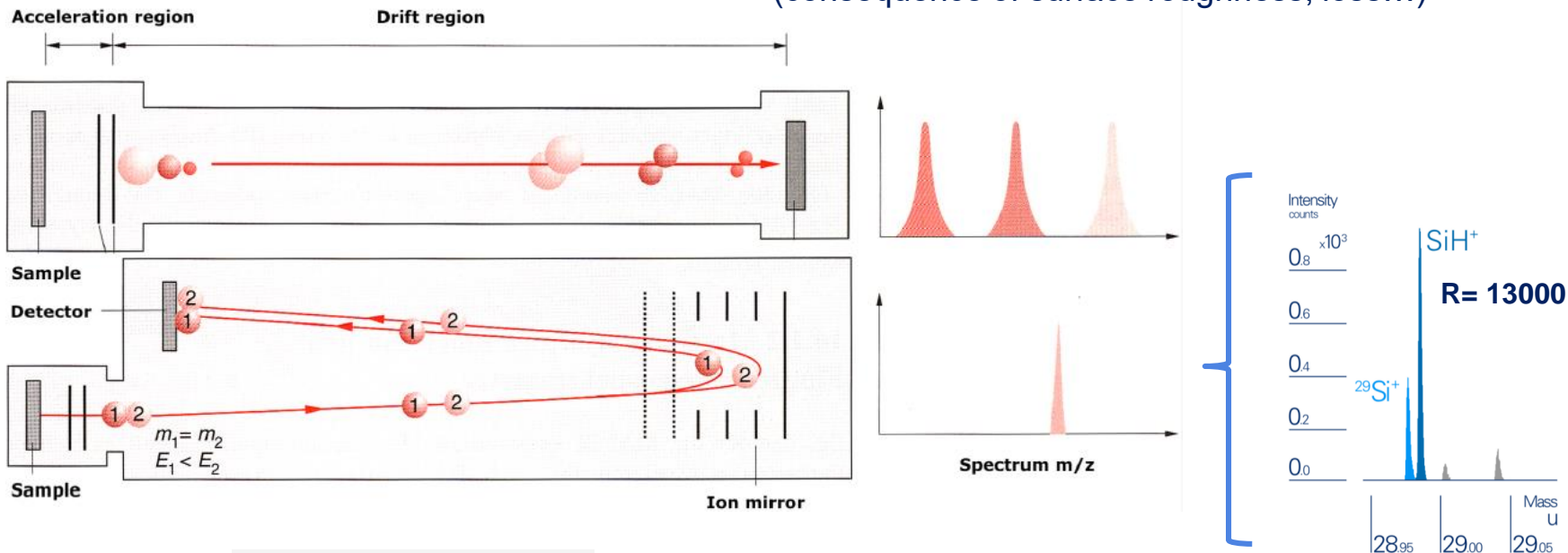
► Specifications

- Start signal?
- Ions charge difference
- Sample surface potential
(charging effect / isolators)
- Duration of the flight of the heaviest ions: 600D ~100 μ s

TIME OF FLIGHT DETECTION

► The added-value of the reflectron

- Correction of the peak broadening due to kinetic energies differences (consequence of surface roughness, loss...)



$$R = \frac{m}{\Delta m} = \frac{t}{2\Delta t}$$

$$\Delta t = \sqrt{\Delta t_{\text{prim}}^2 + \Delta t_{\text{ToF}}^2 + \Delta t_{\text{det}}^2}$$

(with $\Delta t_{\text{prim}} < 1\text{ns}$, Δt_{ToF} some 1ns, $\Delta t_{\text{det}} \sim 0,2\text{ns}$)

TOF-SIMS

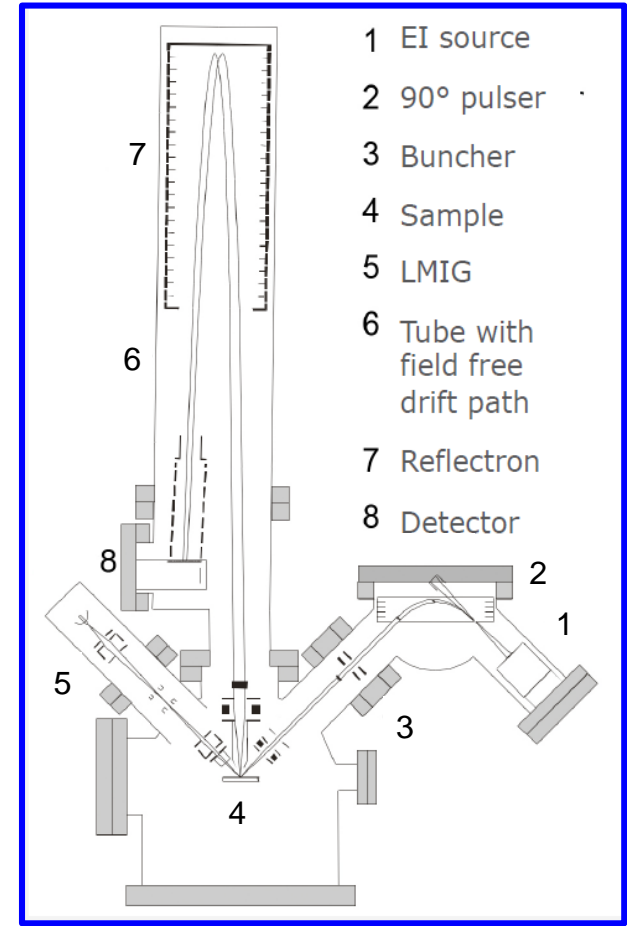
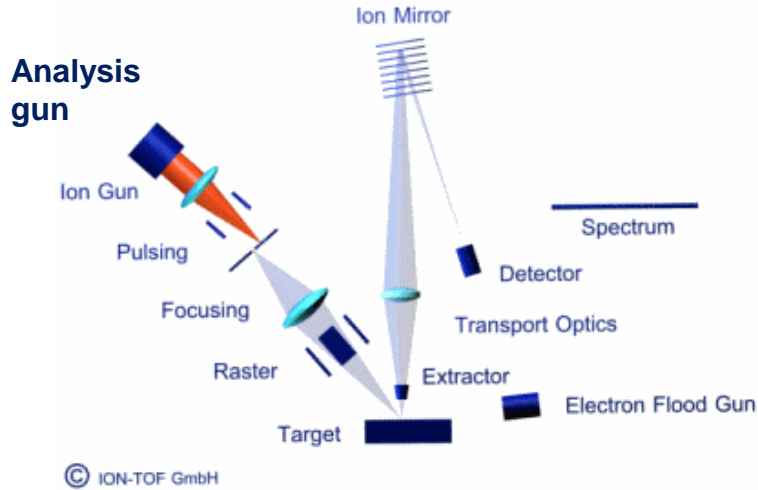
► Constraint imposed by the ToF

- Secondary ions separated by their time of flight until sensor

THUS

- Pulsed primary ions impact
- Focalized ions (/extraction)

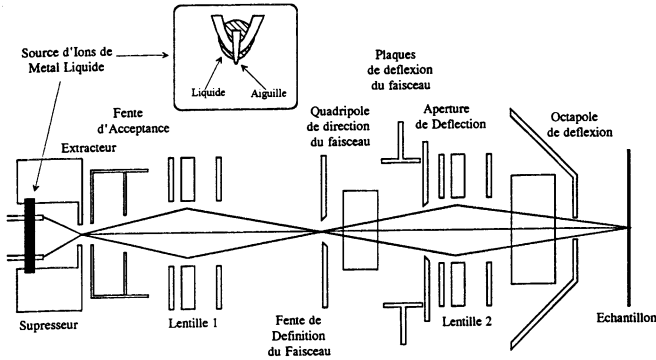
} **Second primary ions beam for abrasion is required !**



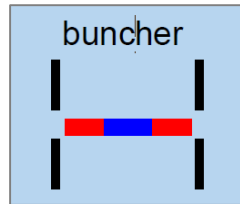
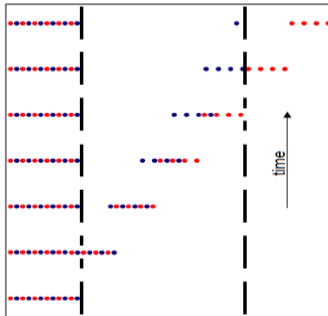
PRIMARY SOURCES

For Analysis

- Liquid Metal Ion Gun (Ga, Bi)

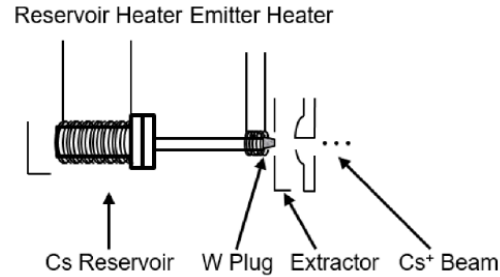


« It's a chopper baby »



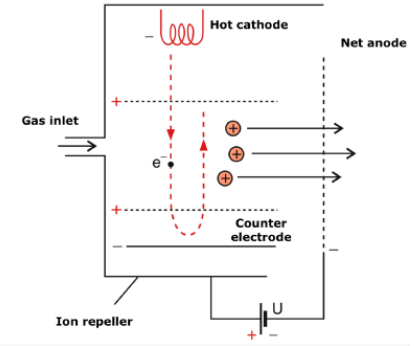
For Abrasion

- Thermal Ionization source (Cs)



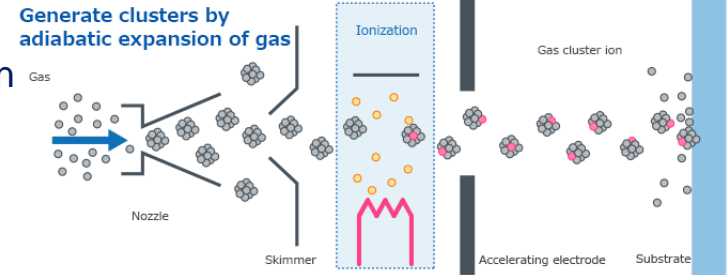
For Abrasion

- Electron Ionization source (O_2^+)



For Abrasion

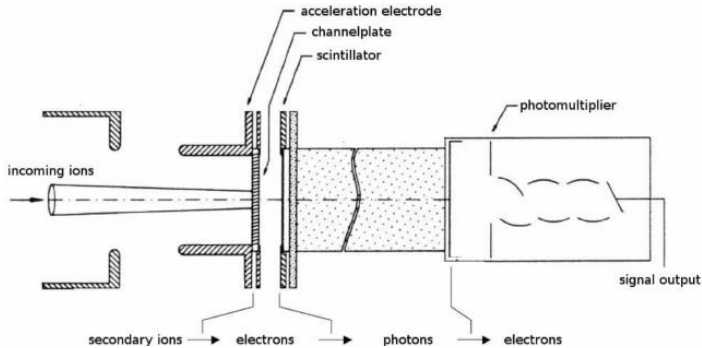
- Gas Cluster Ion Beam
- (Ar, O₂)



OTHER PART OF INTEREST

► Ions Detection

- The channeltron
- Conversion ions => electrons (signal)



► Sample surface specifications

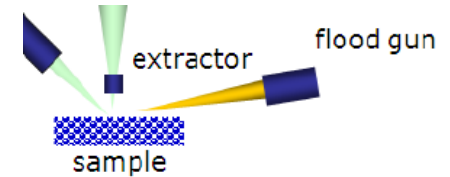
- Flat surface with reduced roughness
- Isolator, metal...
- UHV compatible ($<10^{-8}$ mbar).

► Electron Flood Gun

- For Surface charges neutralization
- Low energy electron 0-20eV,

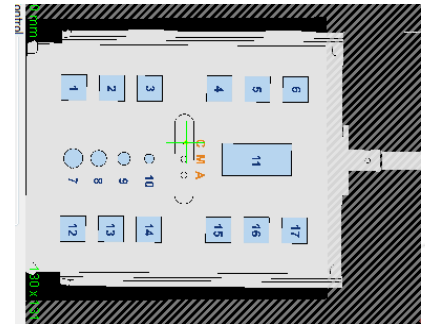
Warning: sensitive

material (polymer,,,))



► Sample holder

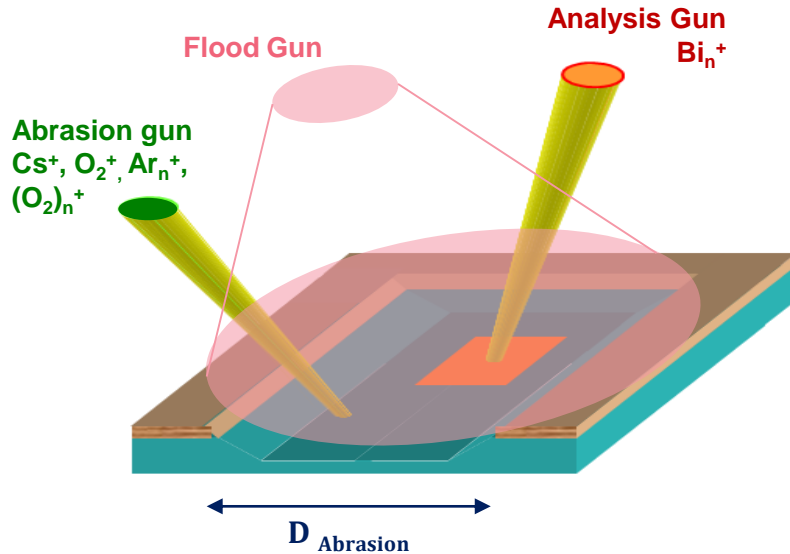
- Connected to earth (charge neutralization).
- Parts for current (ions/e-) and focus adjustments
- Temperature control (-100°C / +600°C)



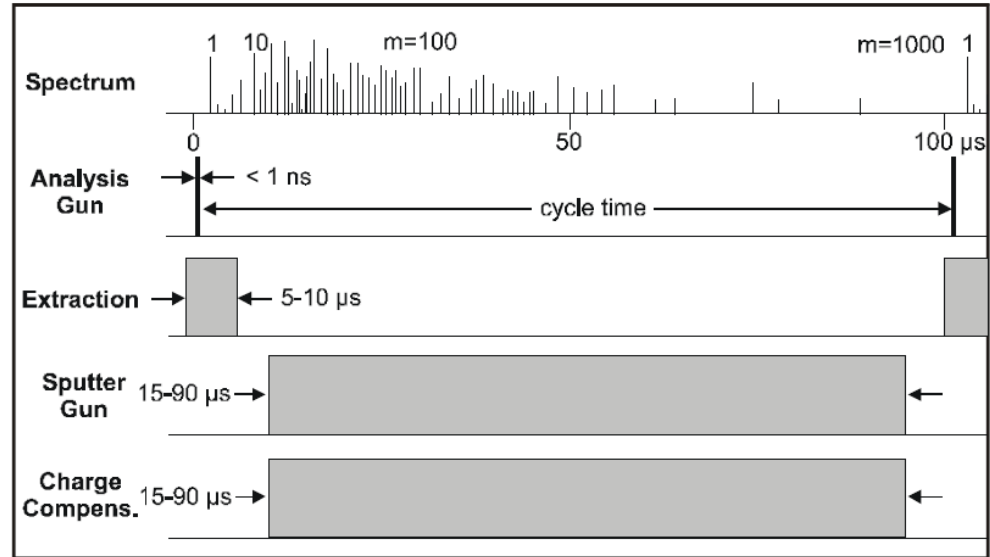
ANALYSIS SEQUENCE AND CONFIGURATION DURING DEPTH PROFILE

► Area configuration

- $D_{\text{Analysis}} < \frac{D_{\text{Abrasion}}}{3}$



► Analysis/ Abrasion sequence – interlaced mode

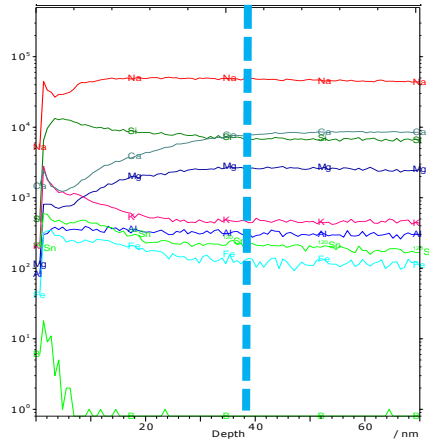


CASE OF GLASS: REVIEW OF KEY PARAMETER BEFORE ANALYSIS (1/3)

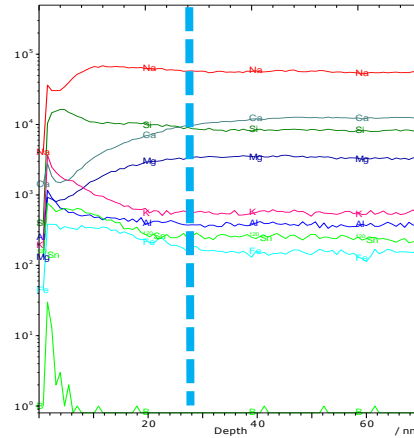
► Impact of the abrasion ions Energy

- Surface of fresh Soda lime glass (reduced surface gradient)
- ION ToF IV : Analysis Ga^+ / Abrasion O_2

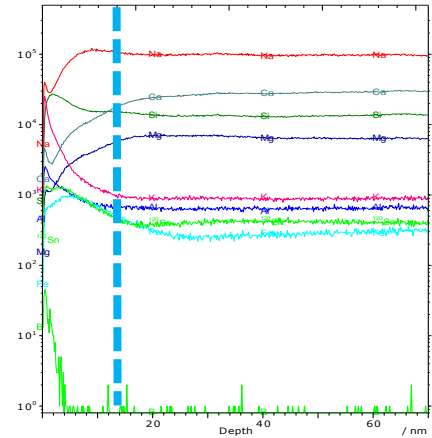
Profile at O_2 5keV



Profile at O_2 3keV



Profile at O_2 1keV



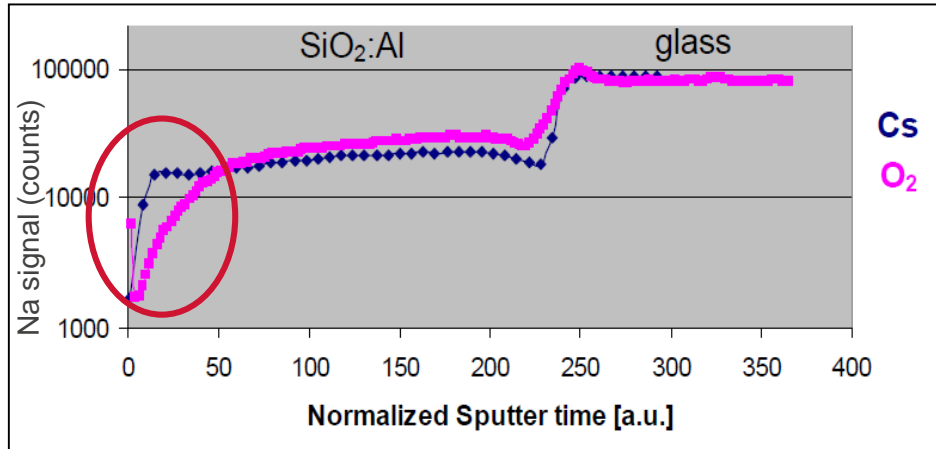
CASE OF GLASS: REVIEW OF KEY PARAMETER BEFORE ANALYSIS (2/3)

► Impact of the nature of Abrasive species

- Na saturated $\text{SiO}_2\text{:Al}$ layer deposited on glass

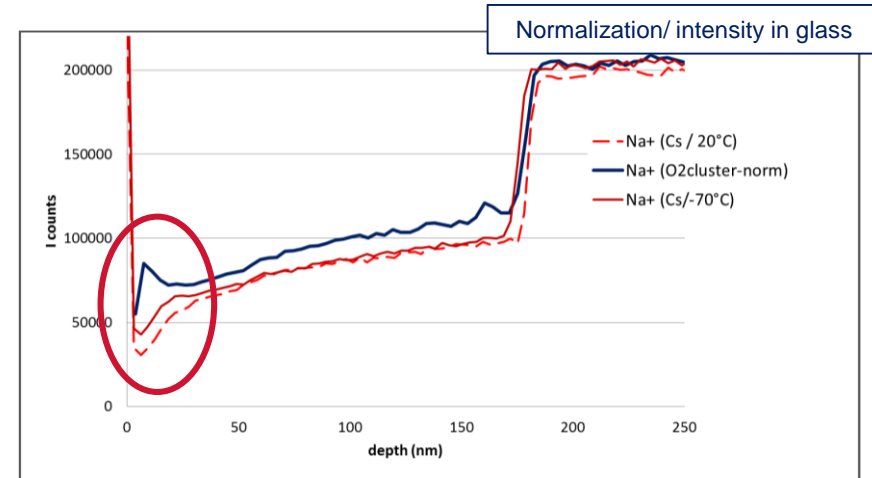
Comparison O_2 at 20°C / Cs at 20°C

- TOF.SIMS IV Analysis Ga^+ 15keV
- Abrasion O_2^+ 2keV and Cs^+ 2keV



Comparison O_2 cluster at 20°C / Cs at 20, -70°C

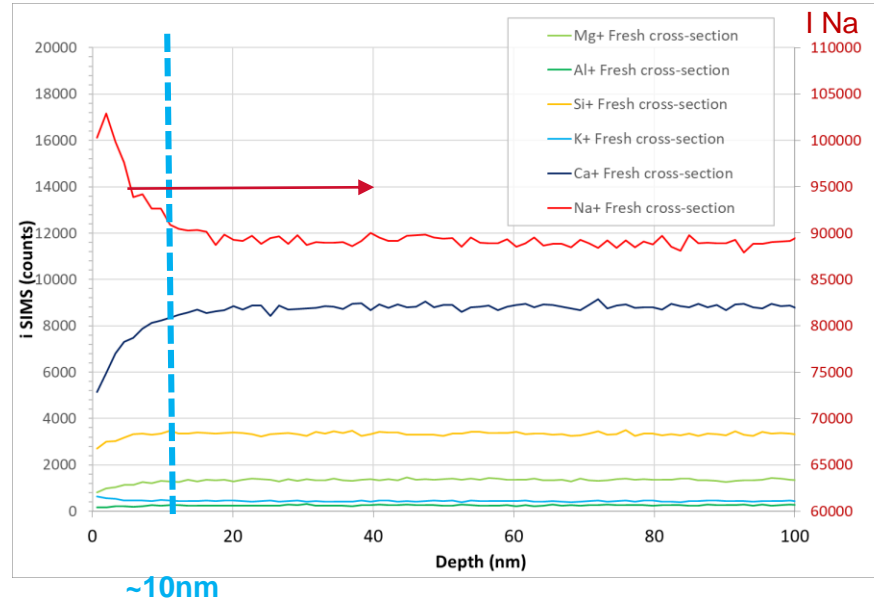
- TOF.SIMS 5 Analysis Bi^+ 15keV
- Abrasion $(\text{O}_2)_{1500}^+$ 20keV (O_2 Flood, EDR)



CASE OF GLASS: REVIEW OF KEY PARAMETER BEFORE ANALYSIS (3/3)

► Is perfect depth profiling exist ?

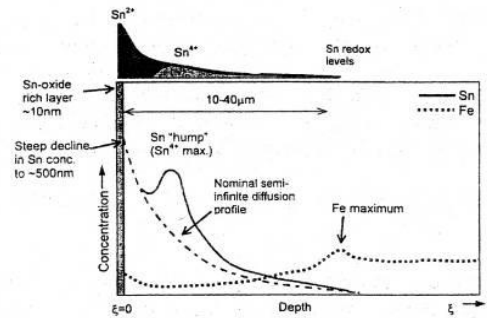
- Standard fresh Soda lime glass
- TOF.SIMS 5 Analysis Bi⁺ 15keV, Abrasion (O₂)₁₅₀₀ 20keV



ANALYSIS OF GRADIENT IN GLASS (1/3)

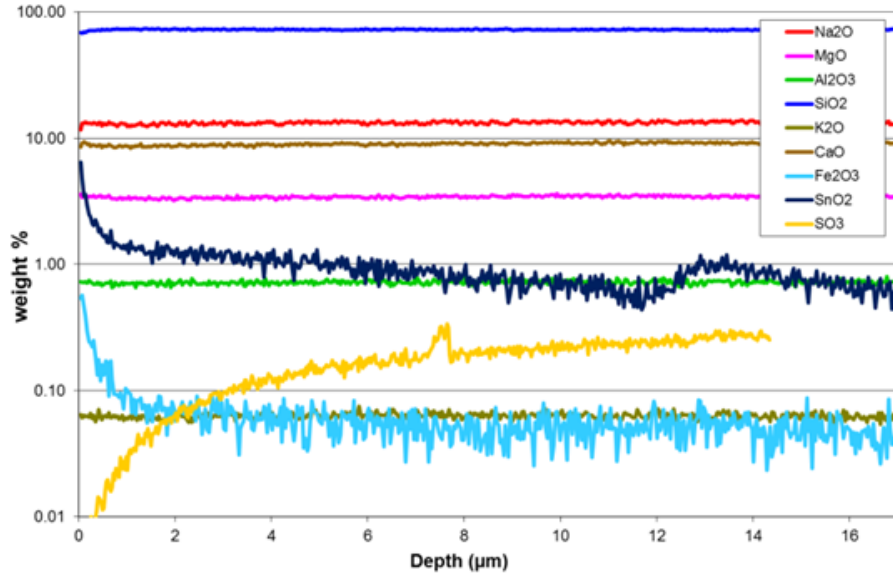
▶ Case of industrial Float Glass : the bath side

- Exchange between Na and Tin in the tin bath.
- Behavior of $\text{Sn}^{2+}/\text{Sn}^{4+} \Rightarrow$ tin hump

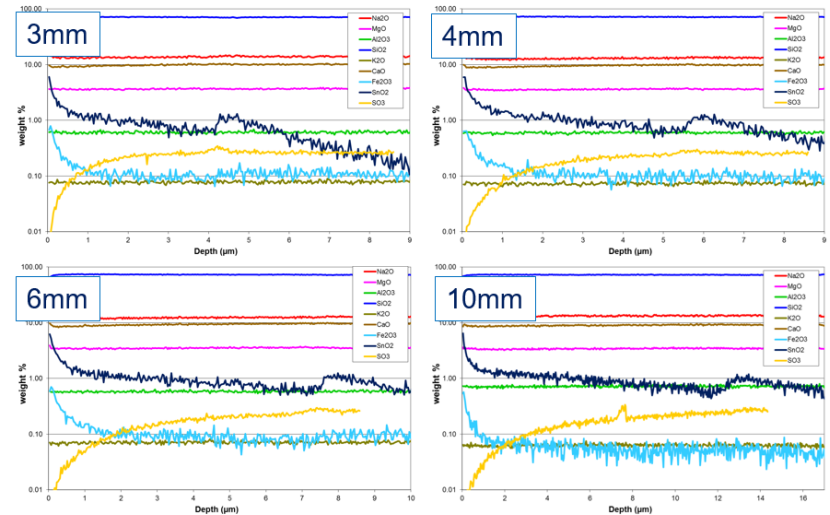


ToF SIMS depth profiling (Float glass 10mm thick)

- TOF.SIMS 5, Anal, Bi^+ 30keV, Abr, $^+\text{O}_2$ 1keV, ^-Cs 2keV



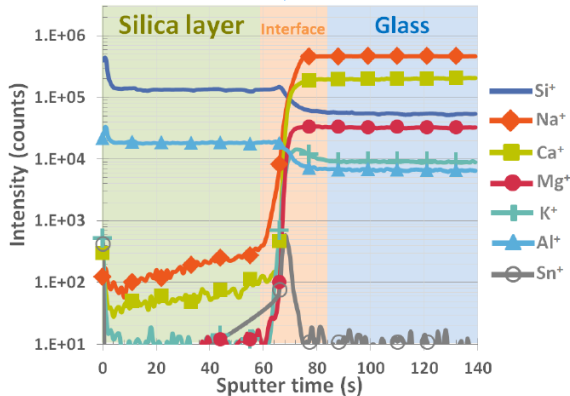
Impact of the glass thickness, Interaction with others elements S, Fe



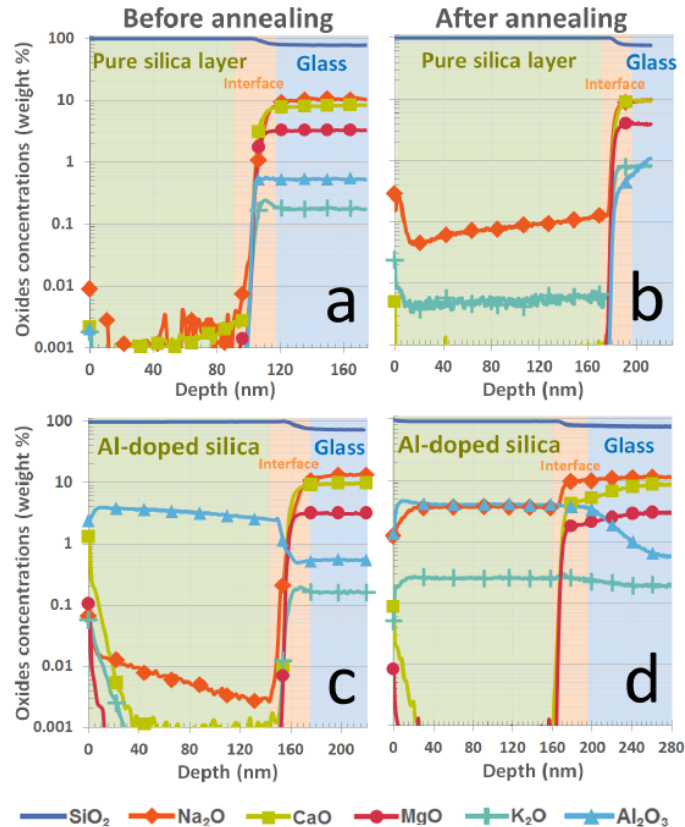
ANALYSIS OF GRADIENT IN GLASS (2/3)

► Silica layer deposited by PVD on glass and then annealed

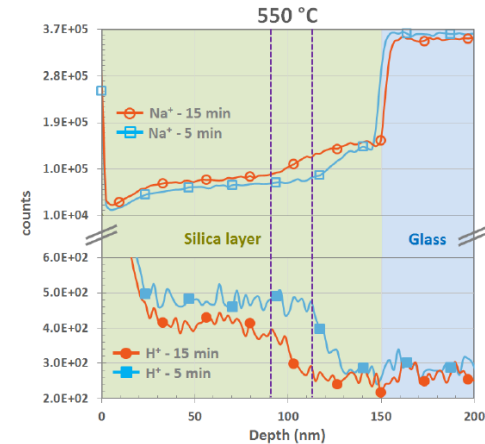
- ToF.SIMS5
- Anal. Bi³⁰kV, Abr, Cs⁺ 2kV
- Calibrated depth profiles
- Raw data



JT Fonné et al. JACS (2019)
S Ben Khemis, PhD (2020)



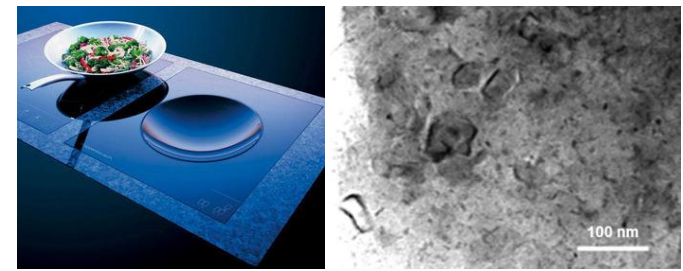
Comparison Na / H (raw datas)



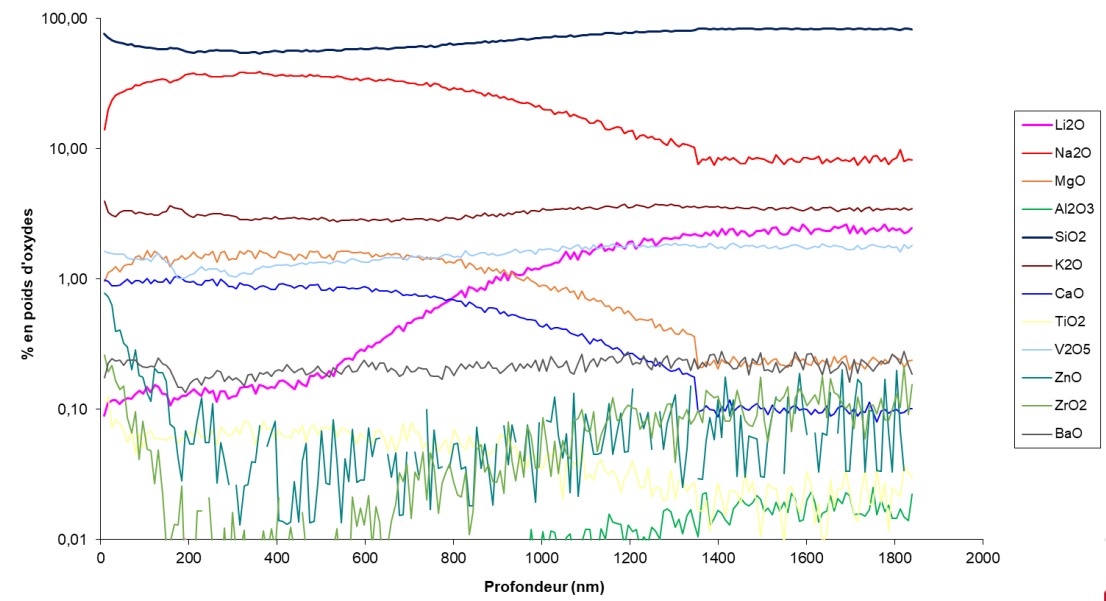
ANALYSIS OF GRADIENT IN GLASS (3/3)

► Case of glass ceramic

- Li_2O , SiO_2 + TiO_2 , ZrO_2 (nucleation)
- Nucleation: virgilite, spodumène
- Annealing at HT (>800°C)



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OTHERS TECHNIQUES: XPS, AUGER, XAS DEPTH PROFILING

CONCLUSION



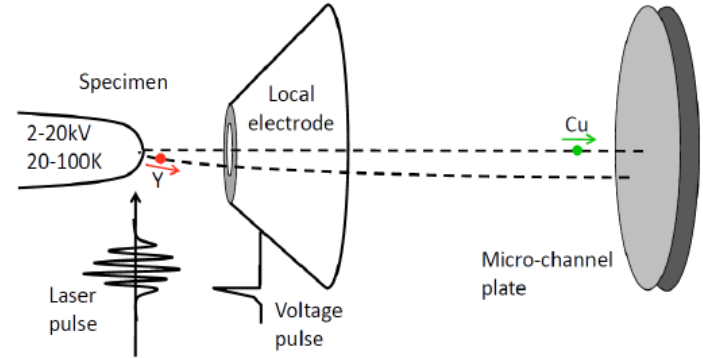
ATOM PROBE TOMOGRAPHY

► Principle

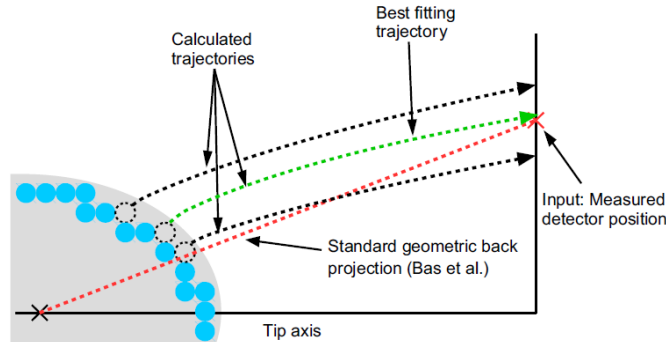
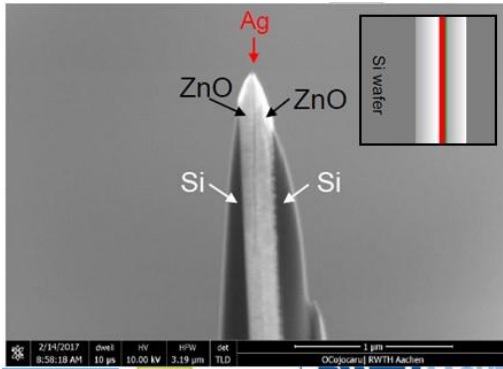
- Field emission from a tip assisted by laser.
- Tip at reduced T to limited migration under HV.
- Elemental analysis (isotope)

► The key parameters

- The tip size (/ sample volume to be probed)
- The secondary ions trajectories reconstruction



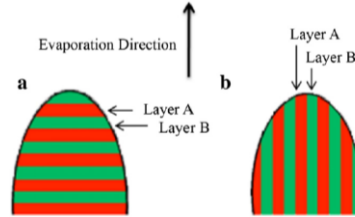
► Example (LEAP)



SAMPLE CONFIGURATION AND PREPARATION FOR APT

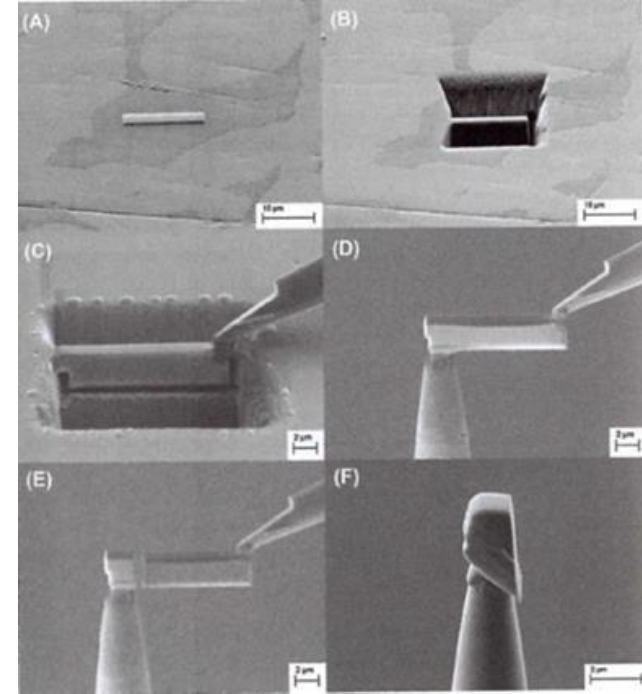
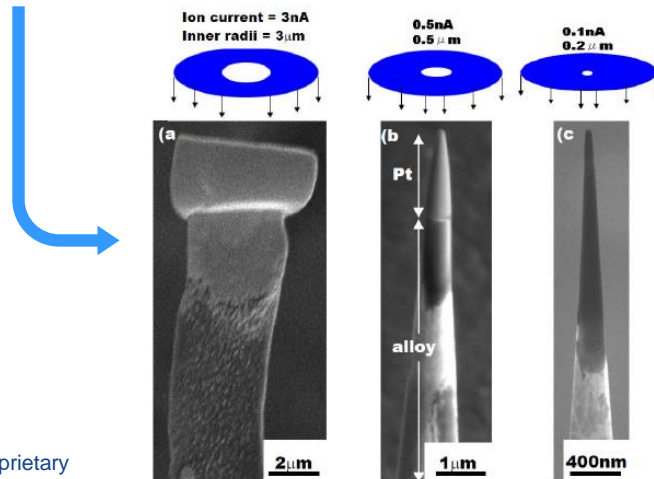
► Configuration

- Strong impact in case of conductive/isolation parts of the probed volume.



► Tip preparation by FIB

- Extraction of the “pyramid” from the sample surface
- Final milling for the tip preparation



Lefebvre-Ulrikson et al, *APT Put Theory Into Practice*, Ac. Press, (2016)

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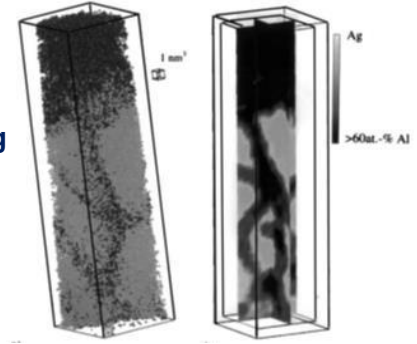
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ATOM PROBE TOMOGRAPHY ADDED VALUES

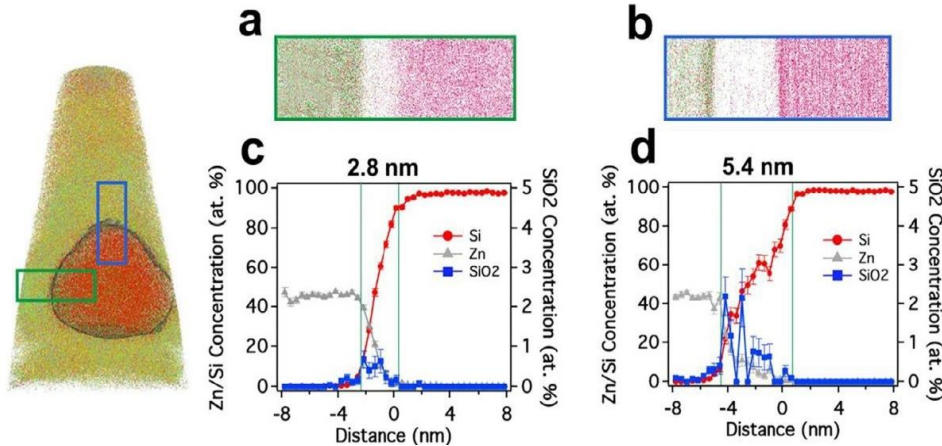
► advantages / disadvantages

- ☺ Until atomic scale (positive case)
- ☺ 3D information
- ☹ Possible migration during acquisition
- ☹ Reduced mass resolution.

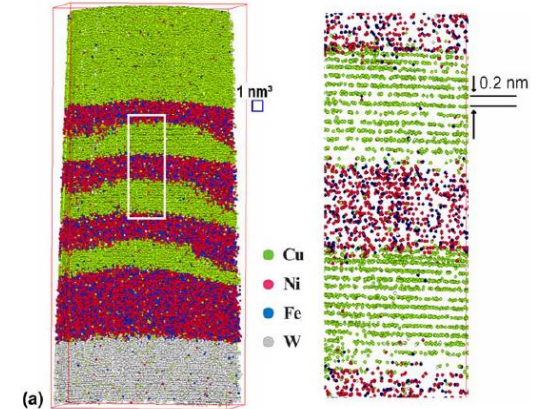
Al/Ag bilayer
after annealing
at 100°C : Al
diffusion in Ag
layer through
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Si nanowires embedded within ZnO



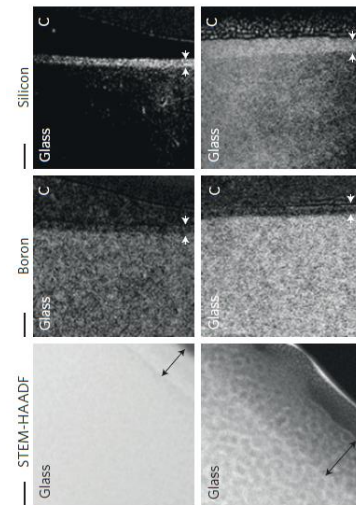
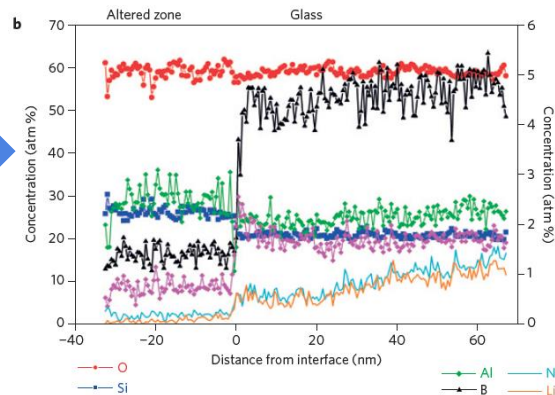
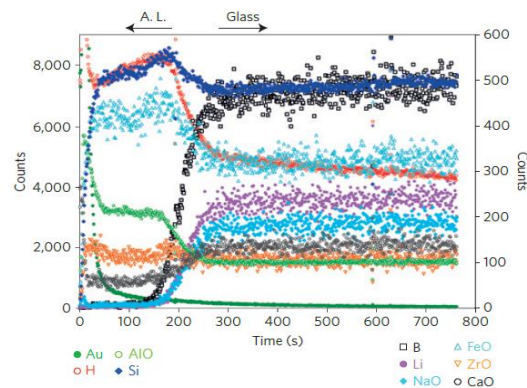
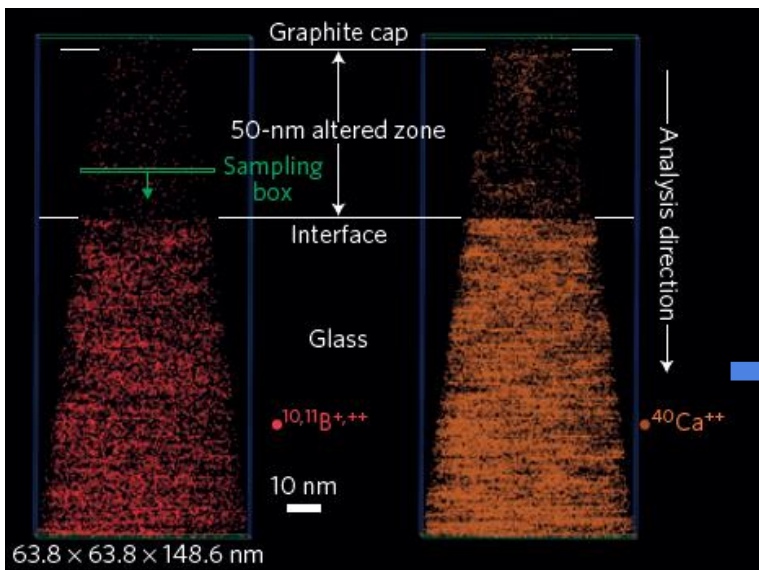
Py 5nm/(Cu 2.5nm/Py 2nm)³/Cu 7nm multilayer



RESULTS CONCERNING GLASS (1/2)

Case of glass surface corrosion

- Silica sodo calcique glass
- Analysis after 1 month ageing
- Comparison APT, ToF-SIMS and EFTEM



After 4d After 1 month
STEM images: scale bar= 25nm
EFTEM maps: scale bar= 100nm

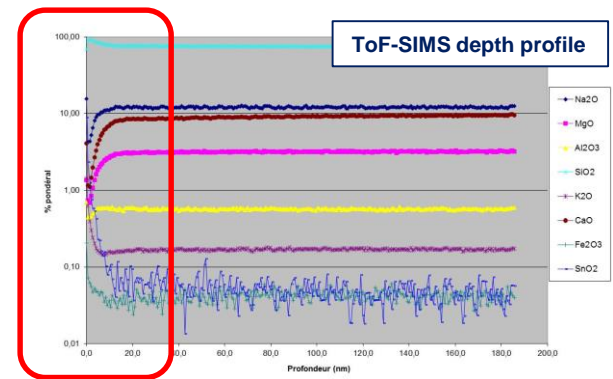
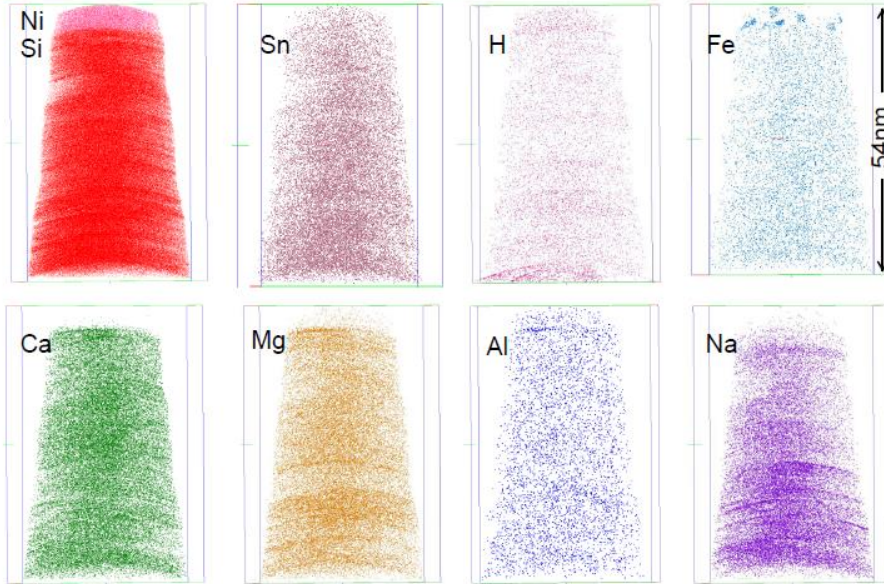
RESULTS CONCERNING GLASS (2/2)

► Atmospheric side of Float Glass

- Early stage of alteration layer
(Na depletion, Sn traces)

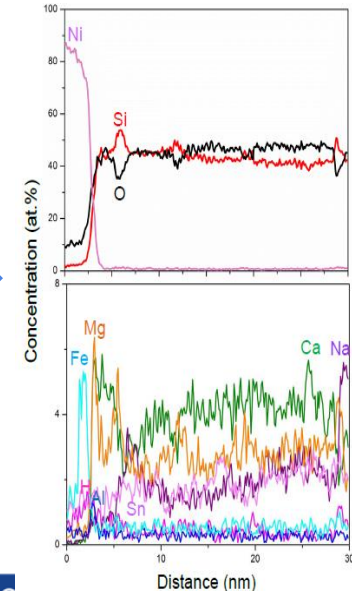
atmosphere surface

Atom maps



Profiles

extracted



► Diffusion of calcium in forsterite

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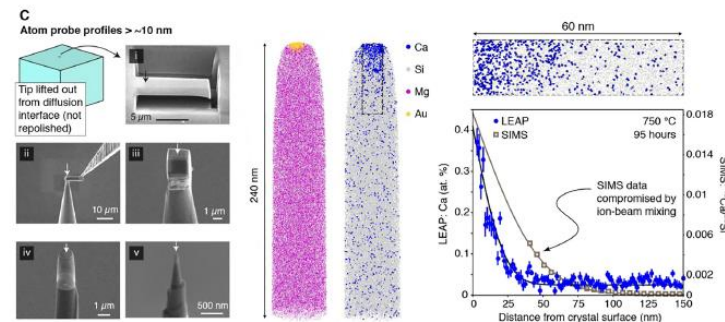
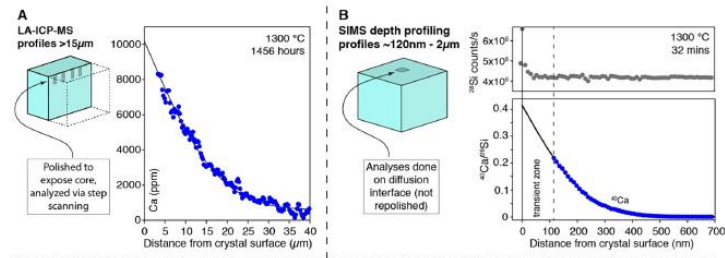
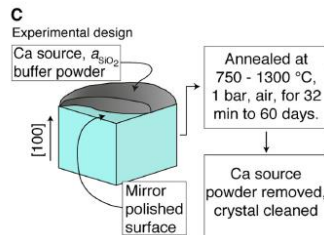
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Diffusion of calcium in forsterite and ultra-high resolution of experimental diffusion profiles in minerals using local electrode atom probe tomography

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► APT of glass + ice for the analysis of corroded surface

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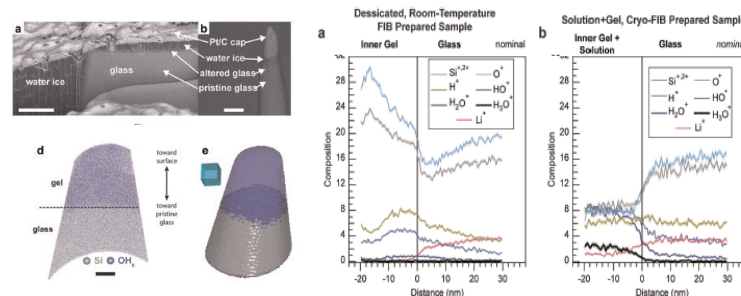
Tomographic mapping of the nanoscale water-filled pore structure in corroded borosilicate glass

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- Sample preparation
- Examples of analysis on amorphous material

OTHERS TECHNIQUES: XPS, AUGER, XAS DEPTH PROFILES

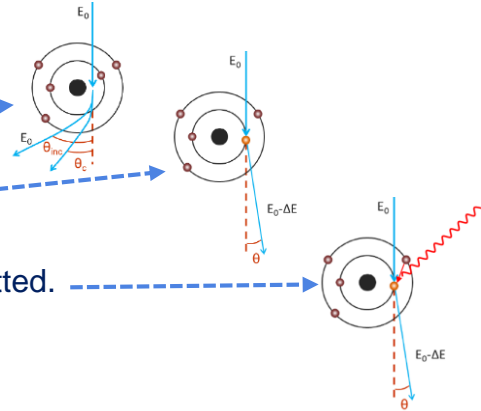
CONCLUSION



SCANNING TRANSMISSION ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

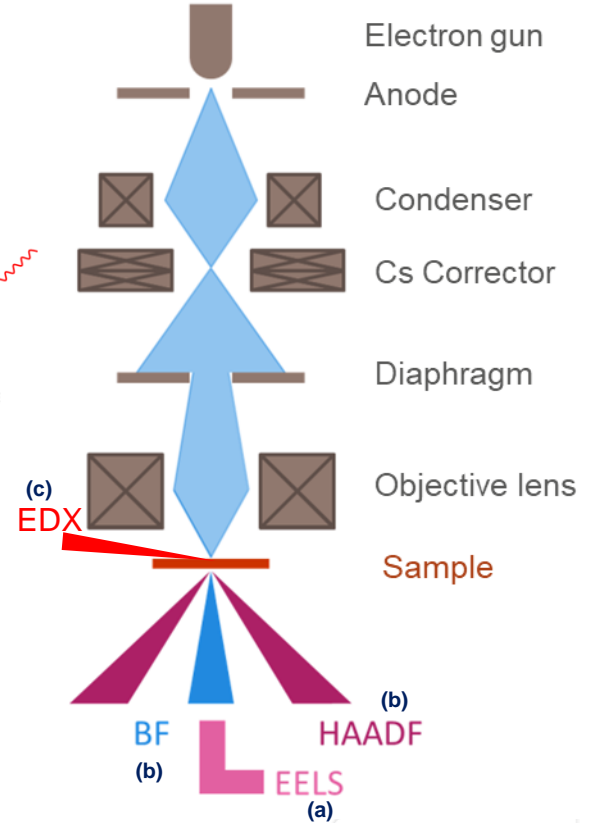
Principle

- Analysis of the transmitted electrons from
 - (a) elastic interaction
 - (b) inelastic interaction
 - (c) inelastic interaction with RX emitted.



Key points

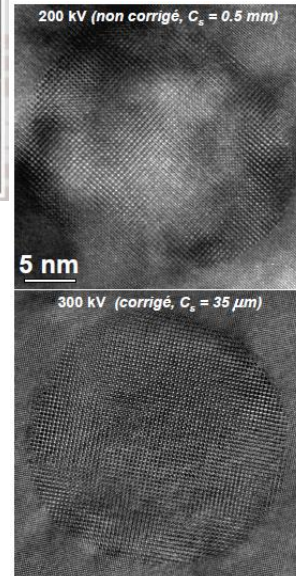
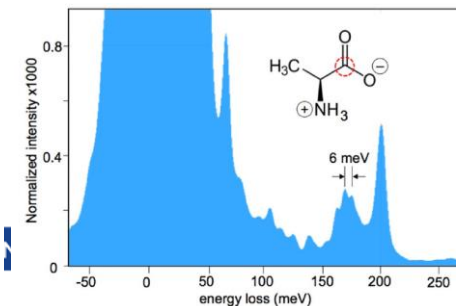
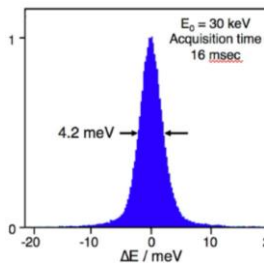
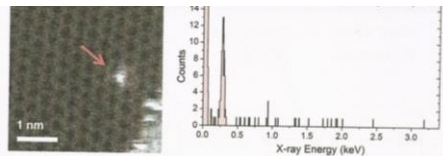
- Electron spot diameter $\sim 0,08\text{nm}$ (FEG source)
- Surface scan (\Rightarrow no sample shift ! and vibrations)
- Very thin sample ($\ll 100\text{nm}$ thick)
- High vacuum (until $5 \cdot 10^{-11}\text{mbar}$ within the gun)



STEM: SOME DATES

► TEM-STEM evolution during 20th century

- 1931 : Ruska PhD : **first TEM**
- 1938: M Von Ardenne (Siemens) **First STEM**, but performances < TEM + WW2 destruction
- Cs corrector**
1971: Rose => theoretical proposal
1995: Krivanek => first success of Cs in STEM
- High efficiency EDS detection
example of Si single atom EDX
- High resolution spectrometer + monochomator dev.
2019: Krivanek@Nion => **4,2meV FWHM for ZLP**



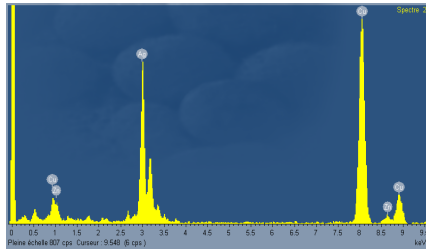
STEM-EDS AND STEM-EELS COMPARISON

STEM-EDS

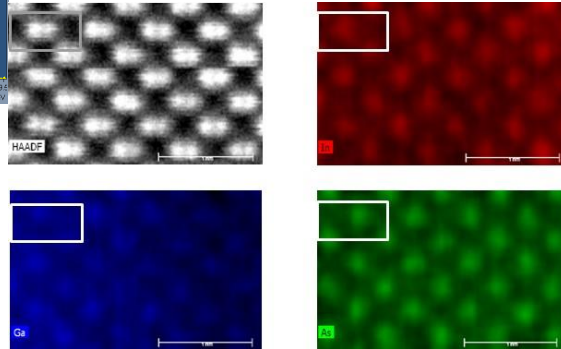
- Probe size => atomic scale
- Elemental analysis (C=>)
- Semi-quantitative analysis

BUT

- Interference with sample holder (Cu)
- Low sensitivity for light elements.



InGaAs/InAlAs sur InP

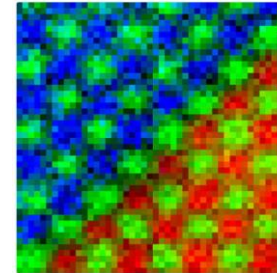
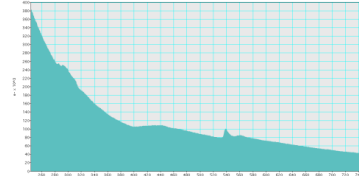


STEM-EELS

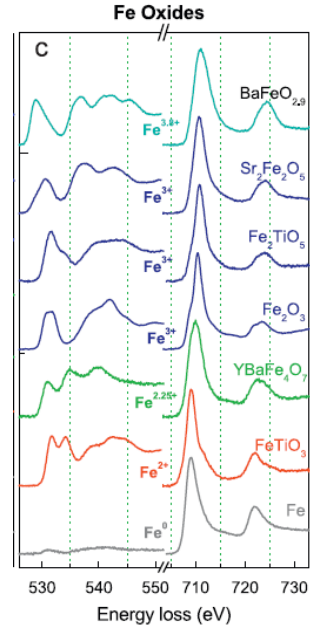
- Probed size => atomic scale
- Elemental analysis (B=>)
- Semi-quantitative analysis
- Chemical information (OS)

BUT

- Very thin lamella



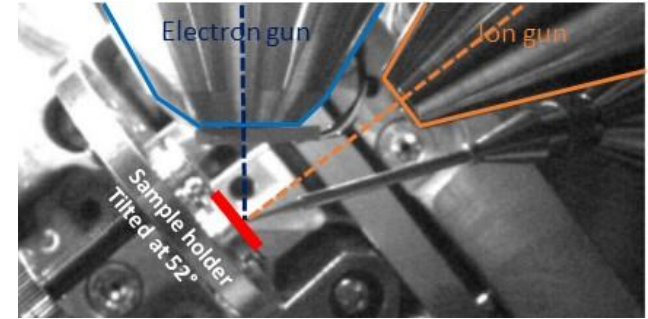
Core-loss EELS atomic-resolution elemental map of a BaTiO₃/SrTiO₃
Ba, Sr, Ti



SAMPLE PREPARATION: A KEY STEP (1/2)

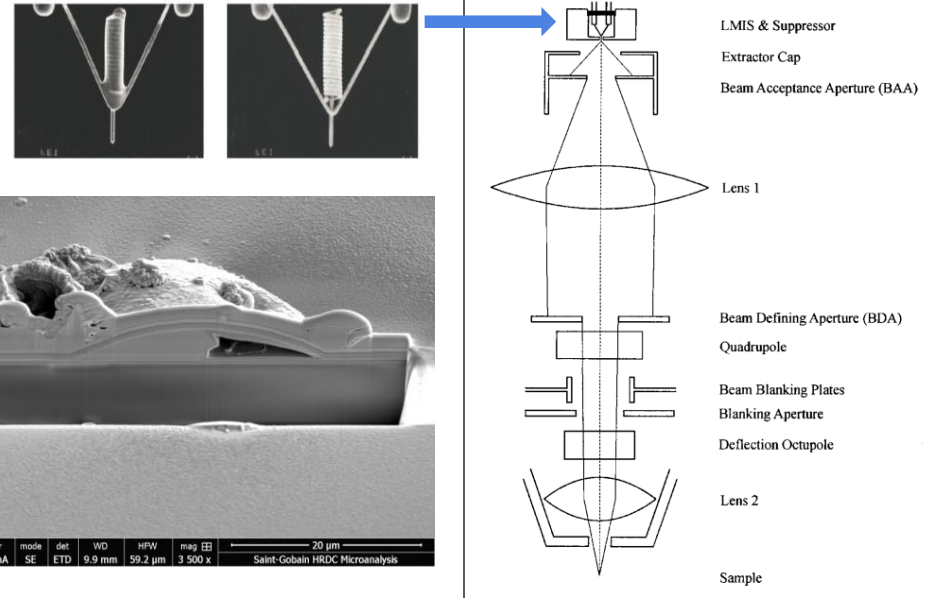
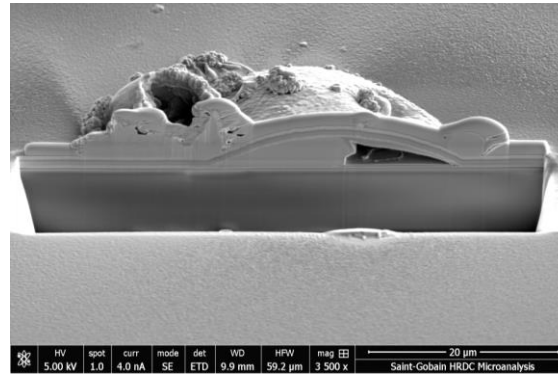
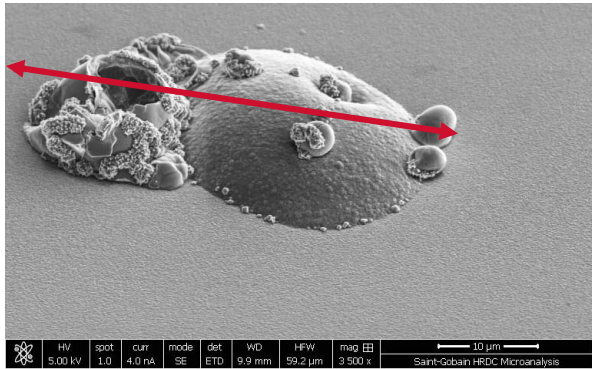
► Focused Ion Beam

- Selection of the area/volume by SEM-SE, EDS
- Milling the TEM lamella using Focused Ion Beam
- To follow the progress by SEM image



► key parameters

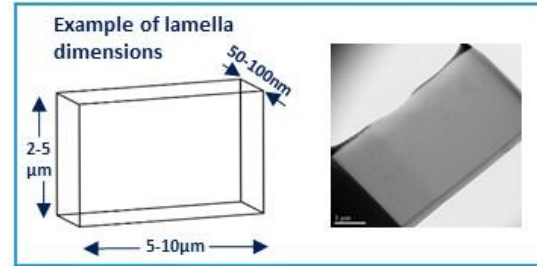
- High lateral resolution for Ga Gun
- Milling efficiency
- Sample (sample holder) stability



SAMPLE PREPARATION: A KEY STEP (2/2)

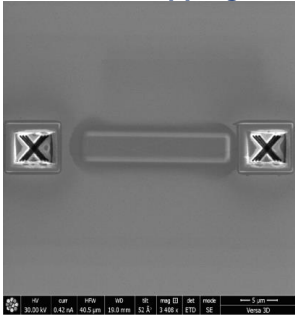
► STEM Lamella specifications

- Thickness very weak : several tens of nm
- Wide : several μm (enough statistic)
- Stable under STEM

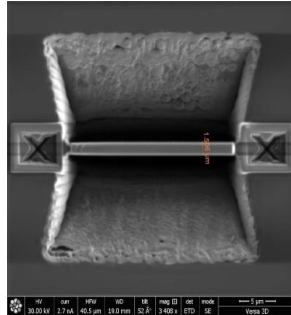


► The different steps of lamella preparation

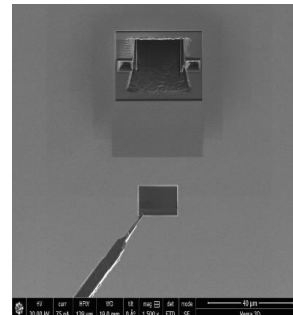
area selection
+ surf. capping



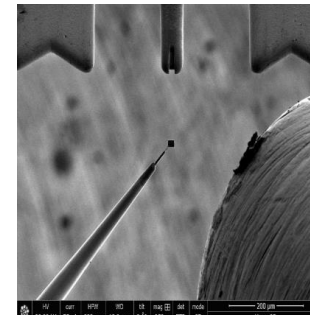
Rough milling



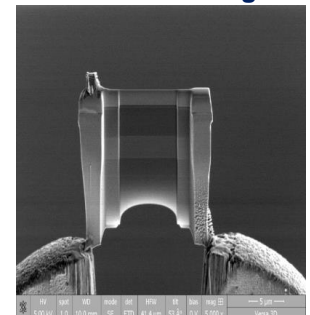
welding on probe
+cut +extraction



Transfer +
Cu support approach



Welding on Cu
+ final refining



► Others techniques used

- Mechanical polishing + ion milling by PIPS

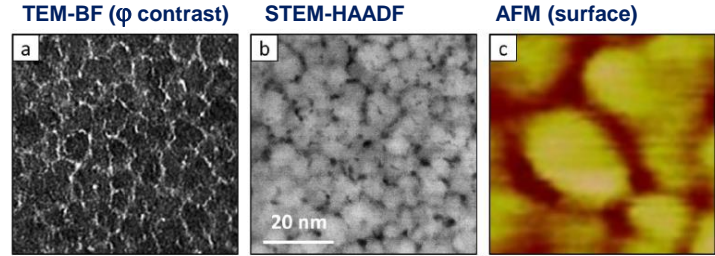


STEM-EELS OF AMORPHOUS SAMPLE (1/3)

► Porous Al-doped silicon nitride layer (30nm thick)

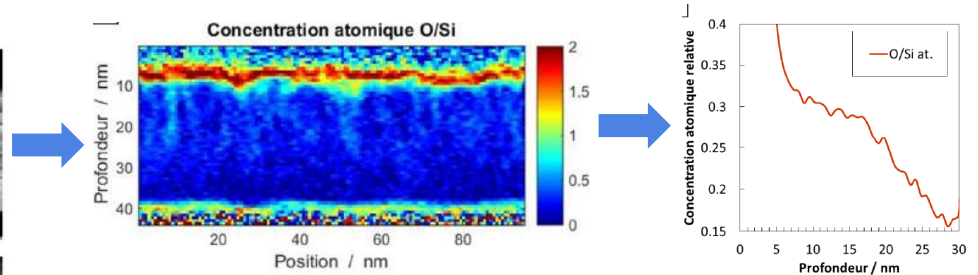
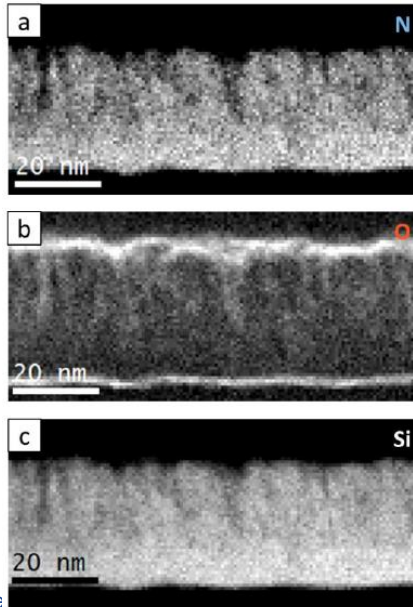
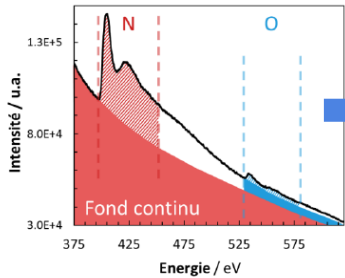
- Deposited by magnetron sputtering in specific conditions.
- Oxidation from the surface (air contact impact)
=> depth/distribution

Plan-view comparison



► EFTEM in cross section

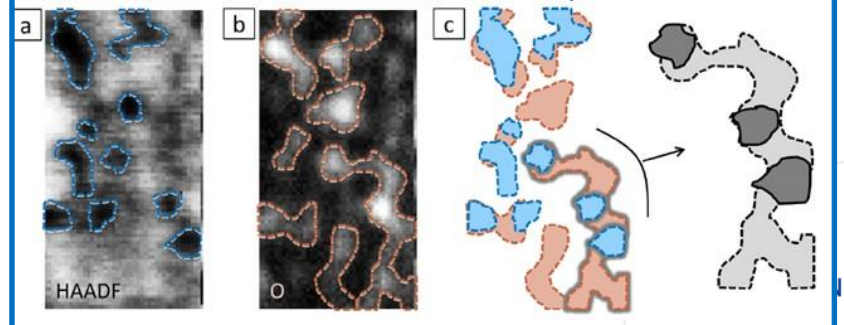
- N, O, Si maps



Plan-view comparison

STEM-HAADF and EELS for O

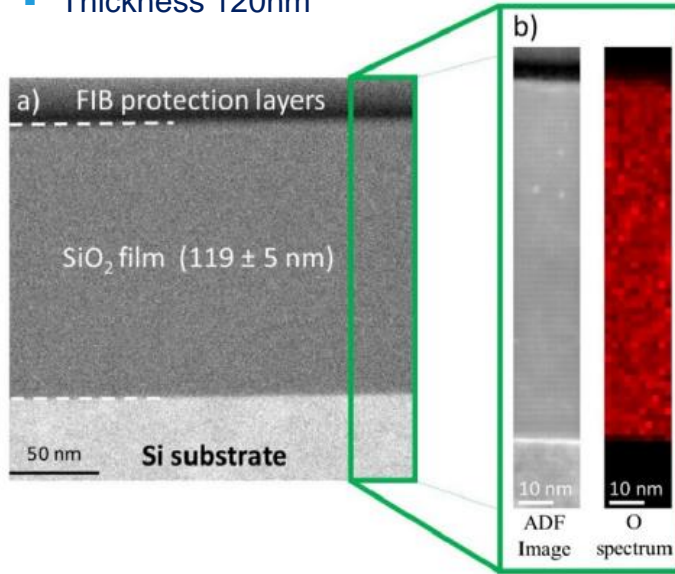
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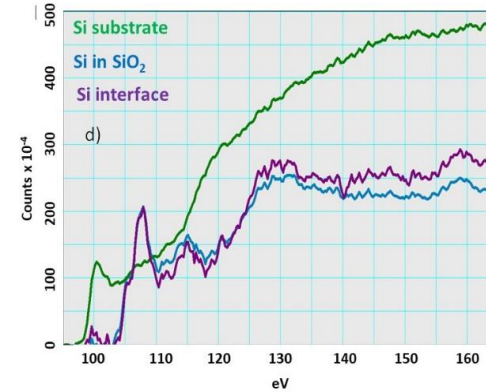
STEM-EELS FOR AMORPHOUS SAMPLE (2/3)

► Silica layer deposited by CVD

- From TEOS at 1atm @ 500°C
- Thickness 120nm



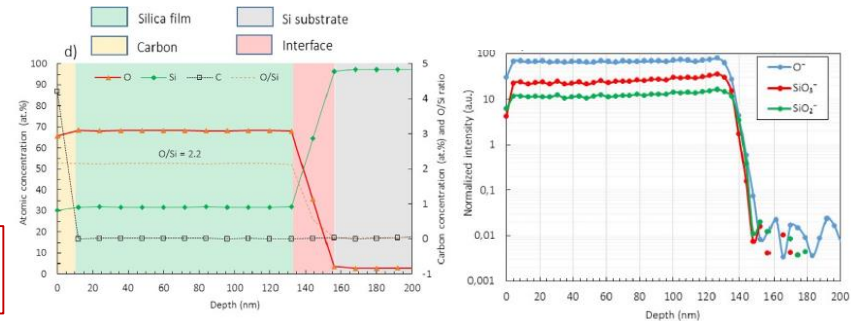
Homogeneous [EELS, ToF-SIMS] composition of SiO_{2,2} layer [XPS, NRA],
No carbon inside [XPS, NRA]



Depth profiles acquired

by XPS

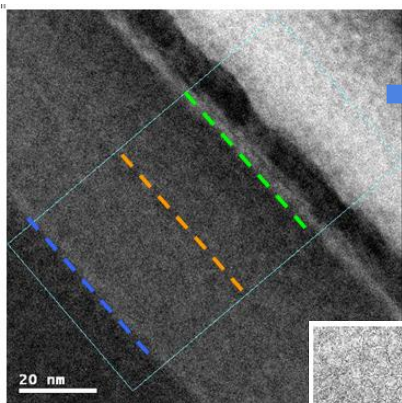
by ToF-SIMS



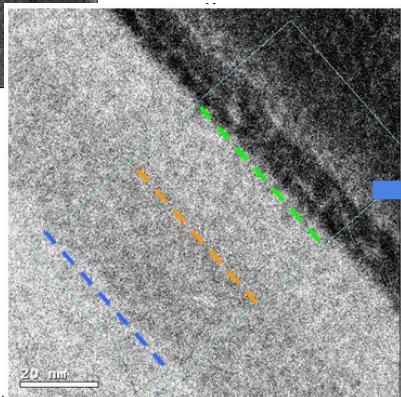
STEM EELS OF AMORPHOUS LAYER (3/3)

► Case of SiOC layer

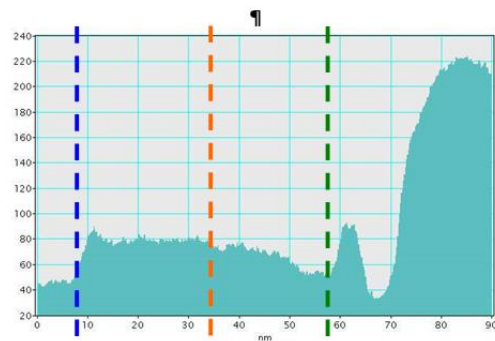
- Deposited by CVD (inside Float)
- 30nm thick, rough surface.



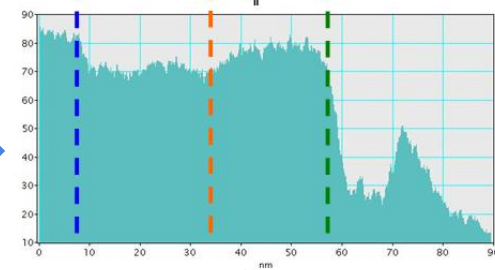
EFTEM-of-Carbon



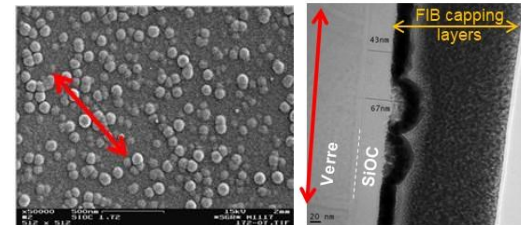
EFTEM-of-Oxygen



Projected depth profile of Carbon



Projected depth profile of Oxygen

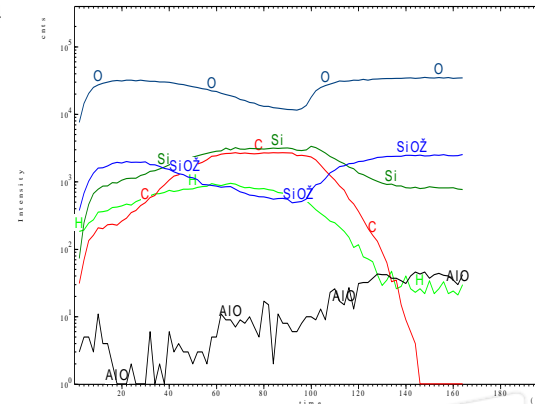


SEM-SE image (surface)

TEM picture (cross section)

ToF-SIMS depth profile (raw data)

3336_08	Analysis parameters:	TOF-SIMS
04/01/2008	Ge Ge	Ar Ge
Polarity: Negative	Energy: 15 keV	Energy: 3 keV
	Current: 0.50 pA	Current: 24.00 nA
	Area: 10.0x10.0 μm²	Area: 200x200 μm²
SiOC indice 1.685		



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AGENDA

INTRODUCTION - SPECIFICATION

ELECTRON PROBE MICRO ANALYSIS (EPMA)

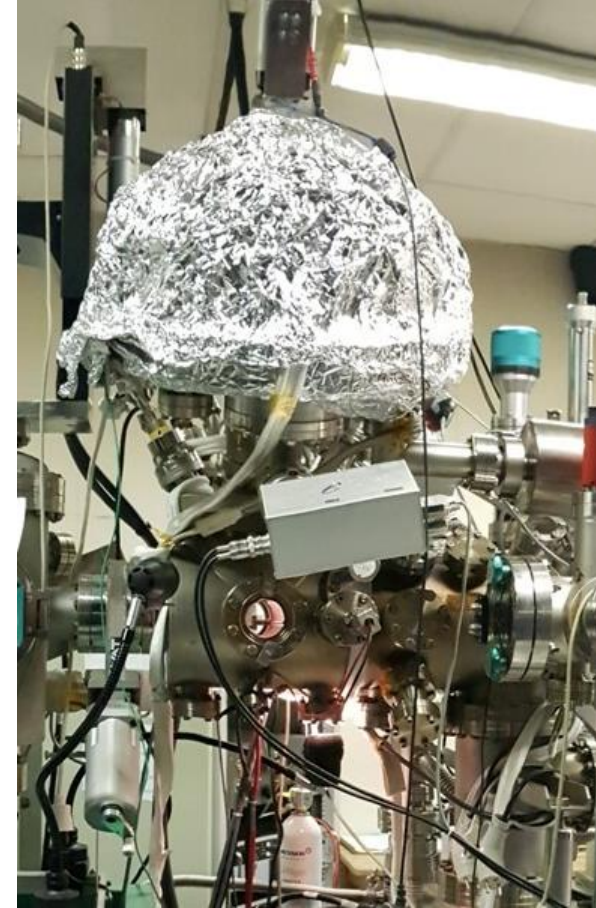
SECONDARY IONS MASS SPECTROMETRY (SIMS / ToF-SIMS)

ATOM PROBE TOMOGRAPHY (APT)

SCANNING TRANSMISSION ELECTRON MICROSCOPY (STEM-EDS, EELS)

OTHERS TECHNIQUES: XPS, AUGER, XAS DEPTH PROFILING

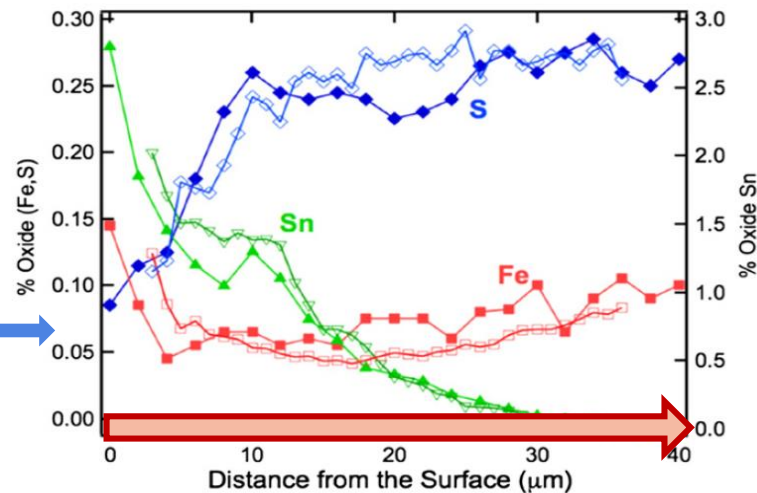
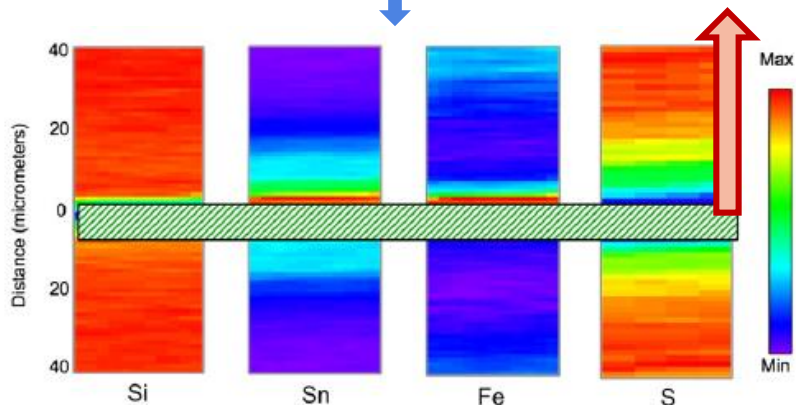
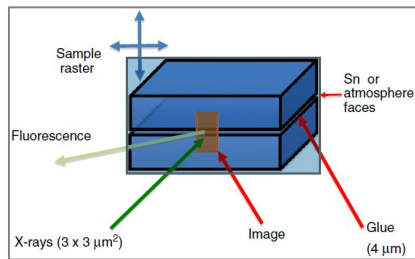
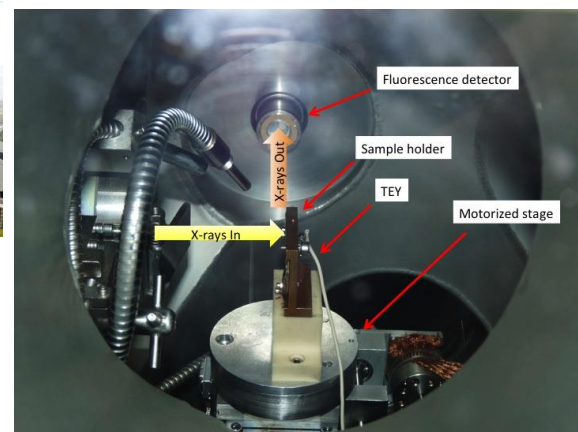
CONCLUSION



XAS DEPTH PROFILING

Principle

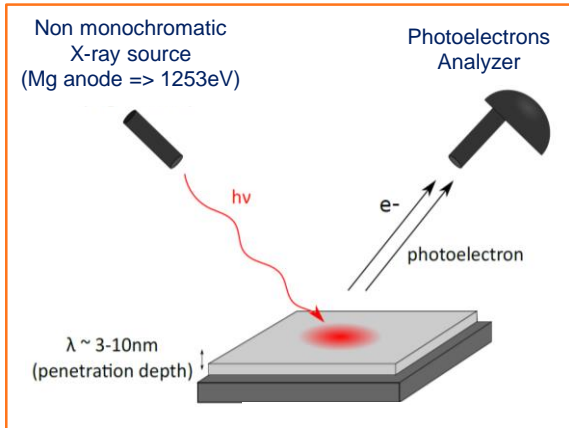
- X ray monochromatic beam (0,6-8,0keV) of $3 \times 3 \mu\text{m}^2$ for μ -XAS, μ -XRF.
- Collection X-ray fluorescence with Si drift diode.
- Chemical map on cross section



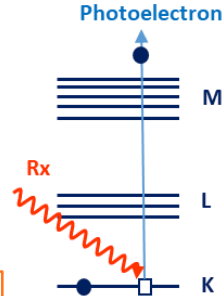
XPS DEPTH PROFILE

► Principle

- Based on the photoelectric effect under RX irradiation.
- Elemental composition as well as chemical state.



- Depth profiling is obtained combining XPS analysis of the bottom crater with abrasion sequence using ion gun (like ToF-SIMS)

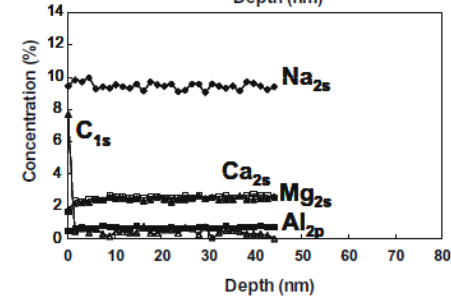
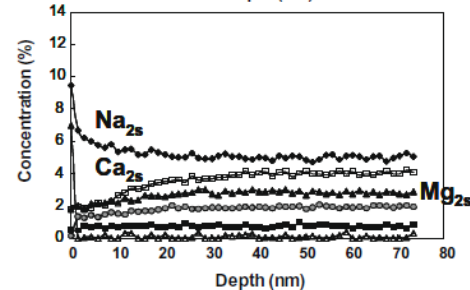
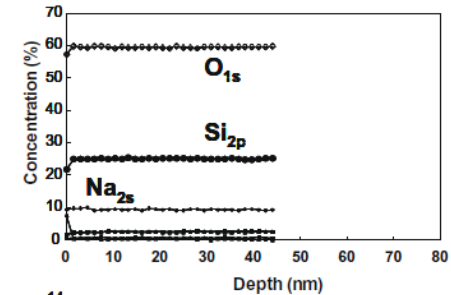
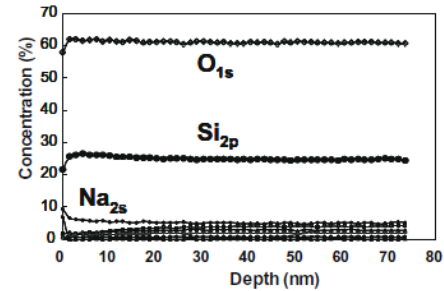


► Depth profiling comparison

(Fresh fracture of soda silica glass, settled at -130°C)

Abrasion: Ar^+ 2kV

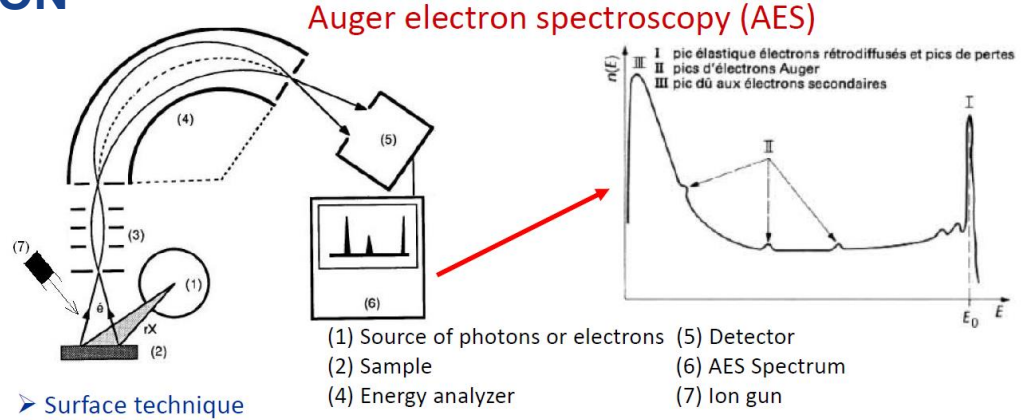
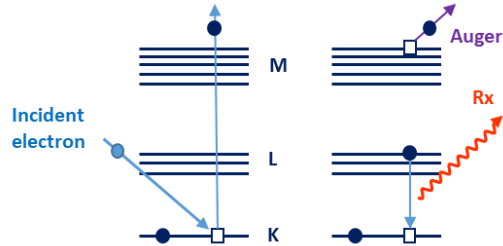
Abrasion: C60^+ 10kV



AUGER CHARACTERIZATION

Principle

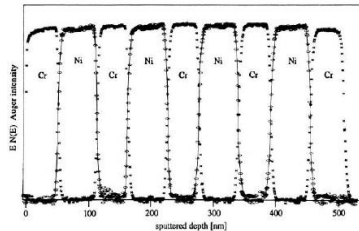
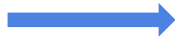
- Electron emission from excited atom as a consequence of internal relaxation.



Add-value

- Extreme surface analysis (~2nm)
- Quantitative analysis (~1-2%)
- Depth profile available

combined with
abrasion gun



Analysis configuration for diffusion at nanoscale

- In situ annealing under UHV + Auger Surface quantification

Advantage

- No sputtering artifact
- Gives access to the exact value of the diffusion coefficient
- Allows diffusion measurements through nanometric films and nanostructures.

CONCLUSIONS

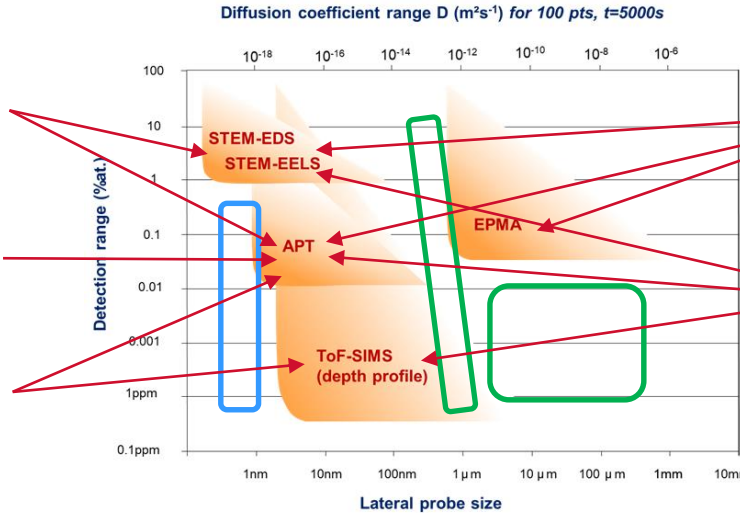
► Sensitivity and lateral resolution are key parameters for the characterization of gradient in glasses

BUT not the only ones

**Sample preparation:
time consuming**

Laborious acquisition

**Numerous artifacts
(matrix effects)**



**Gradient modification
during the acquisition**

**Coupling with other
structural analysis
difficult (destructive
analysis)**

*no solution
land*

**Necessary to adapt solution
(ex: SIMS imaging)**

CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ The tool box for the gradient characterization in glass is very well supplied: EPMA and ToF-SIMS permits to cover a wide range of cases.
- ▶ EPMA is adapted for diffusion over distances 0,1mm and more...
- ▶ ToF-SIMS depth profiling is well suited to the thin layer stacks
- ▶ In case of ToF-SIMS, various artefacts (charging effects, sputtering...) can lead to wrong interpretations but many parameters (nature of abrasions ions, energy, ions collected...) can be used as “leverage” to limit their impacts.

- ▶ This presentation lists the techniques sensitive to element **BUT** other techniques can give indirectly information concerning the quantity of some elements (Raman spectroscopy, optical properties, conductivity...)

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