

# Introducing Scios 3 DualBeam

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DualBeam

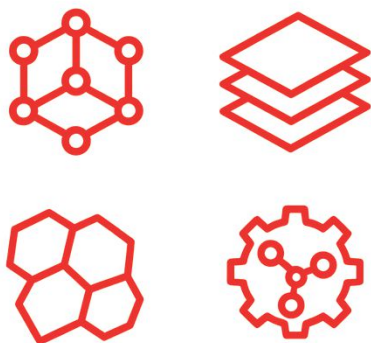
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# Challenge: Meeting the Demands of Materials Science

SEM/FIB labs face increasing pressure – more, fast, easier

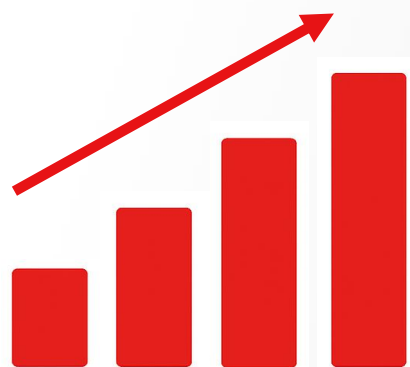
## Sample complexity



Rising need of **novel** materials for advanced technology

**Sustainability & green energy**

## Throughput requirements



Users demand more data, delivered faster – more than just one picture

Statistically relevant results

## Number of users



The number of users is constantly increasing, driving the need for easier to use analytical equipment

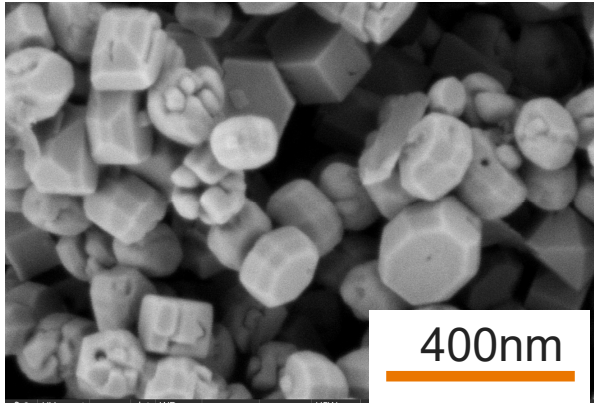
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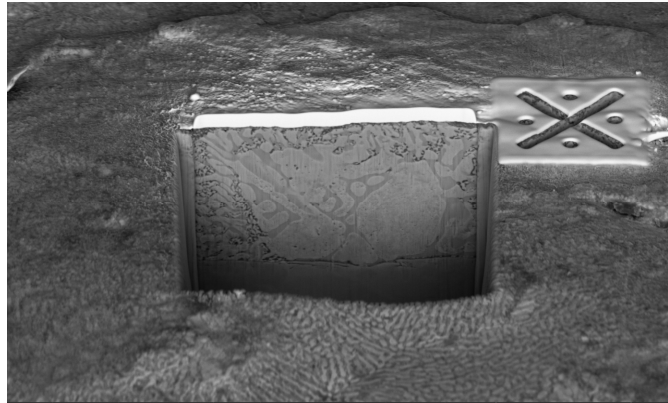
# Scios 3 for Complete Application Versatility

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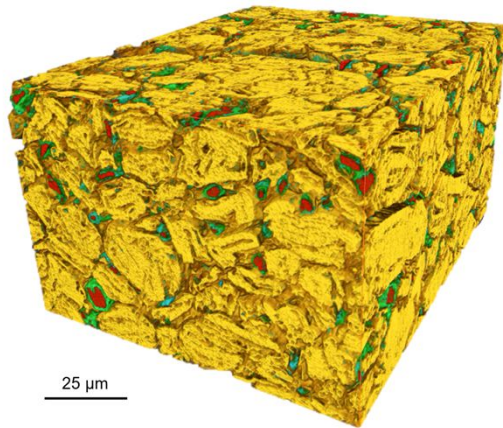
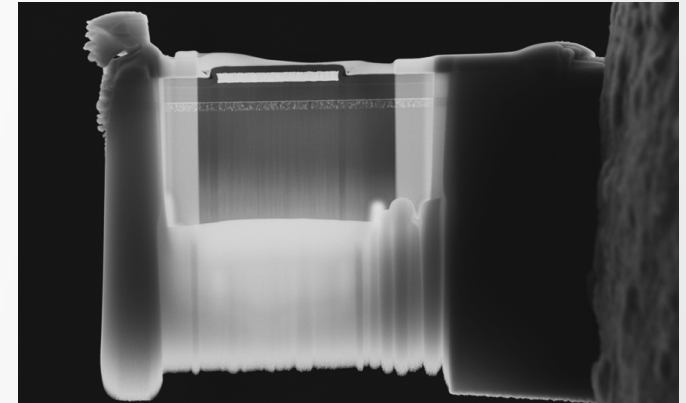
Ultra High-Resolution Imaging



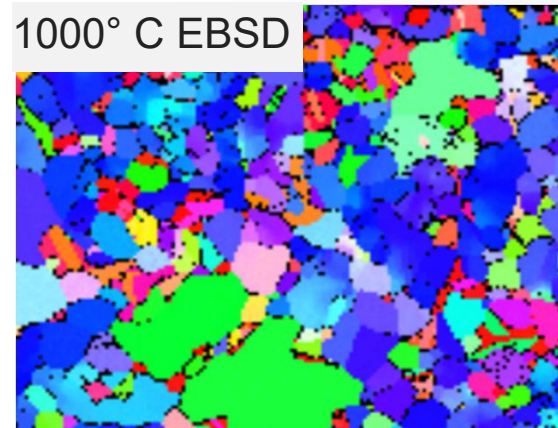
Cross-Sectioning



TEM sample Preparation



3D Characterization



In Situ Characterization



Nanopatterning

# DualBeam Family

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## Scios 3 DualBeam

Versatile high performance

- TEM sample prep
- 3D characterization



## Helios 5 DualBeam

High performance

- Demanding sample prep
- Nano-prototyping
- Low Voltage capabilities



## Helios 5 PFIB DualBeam

- High quality large volume 3D characterization
- Ga-free TEM sample prep

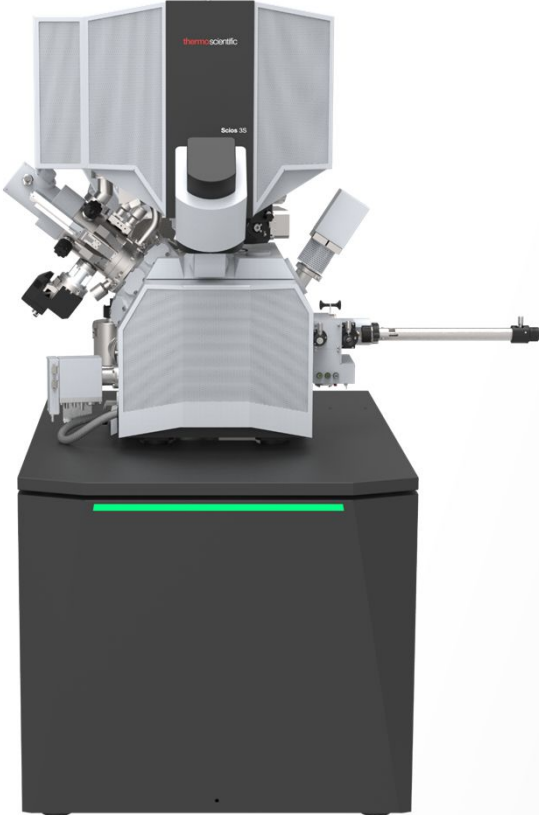


## Helios 5 Hydra DualBeam

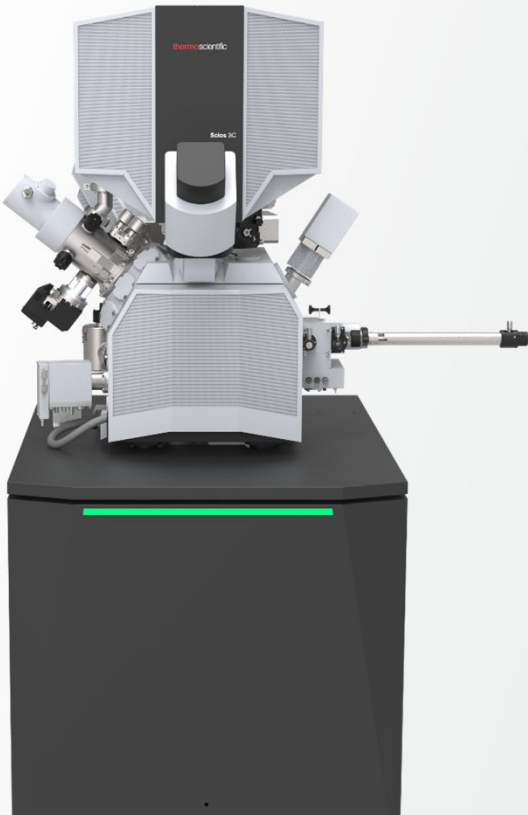
- Different ion sources → cover wide number of applications in different materials system

*All platforms enable automated, high-quality TEM sample preparation.*

# Scios 3 DualBeam systems

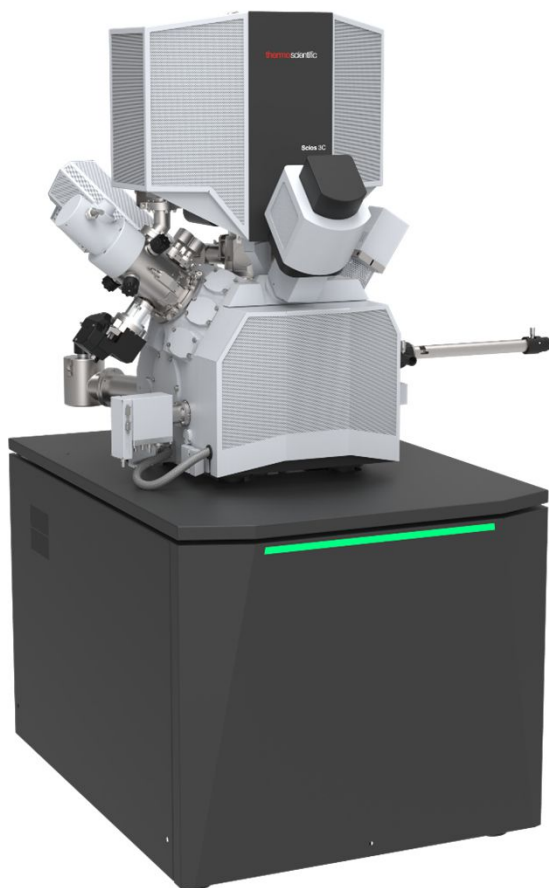


**Scios 3S**



**Scios 3C**

# Scios 3C - Maximizing Productivity Through Workflow Automation



- Fully featured FIB-SEM for all applications:
- Streamlined subsurface characterization with new **Auto Cross-Section Software**
- Superior contrast in UHR SEM imaging with the unique Trinity detection scheme
- Routine TEM Lamella sample preparation with Sidewinder™ HT FIB, Easylift™ & AutoTEM 5
- 3D characterization with Auto Slice & View 5 Software, Spin Mill function
- Heavily focused on operator productivity with customized User Guidance for all user modes

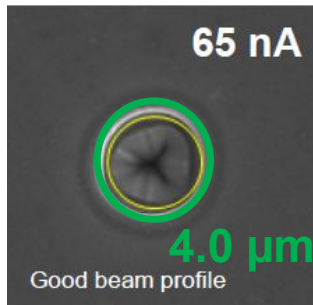
# Scios 3S - Maximum Performance with Application Versatility



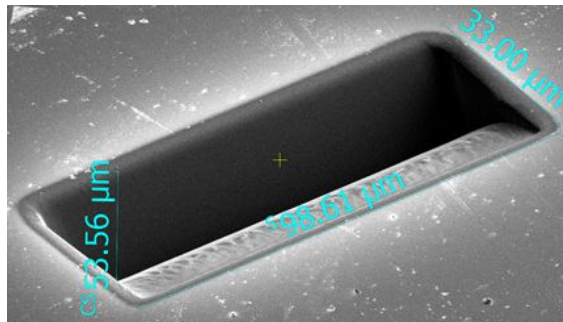
- **Highest quality S/TEM sample preparation** with **Tomahawk™ HT FIB**, Easylift™ & **AutoTEM 5 with Automation Science Software**
- **Access to high quality** automated cross sectioning and 3D characterization
- **Superior contrast UHR imaging** with the unique Trinity detection scheme
- **Fully configurable to address any materials challenge:** LoVac mode, MultiChem gas injection system, cryo workflow and more
- **Complete analytical platform** with full suite of analytical detectors: EDS, EBSD, ToF SIMS, CL, STEM

# Scios 3 provides excellent beam profile

## Scios 3C

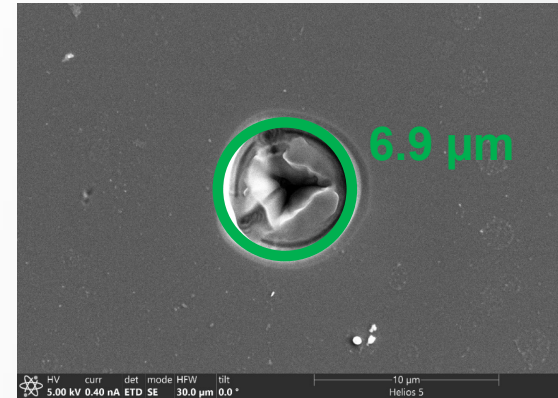


**Sidewinder HT FIB:**  
1s spot burn  
65nA within  
4.0 μm

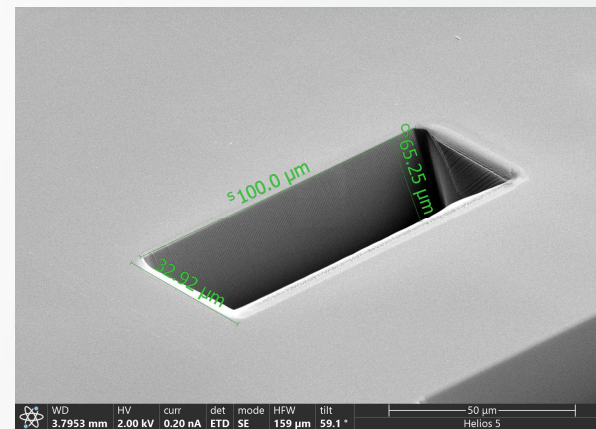


**65 nA:**  
10 minute cross-section  
100 X 33 X 53 μm<sup>3</sup>

## Scios 3S

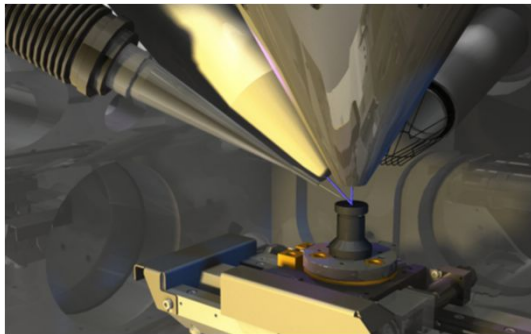
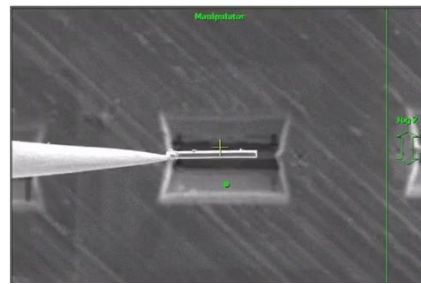
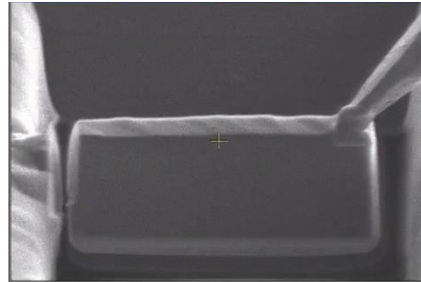
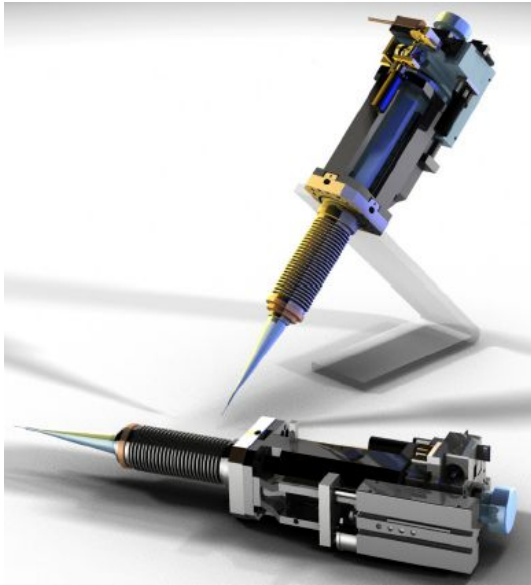


**Tomahawk HT FIB:**  
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100nA within 6.9 μm

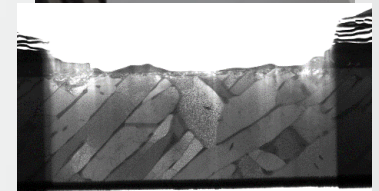
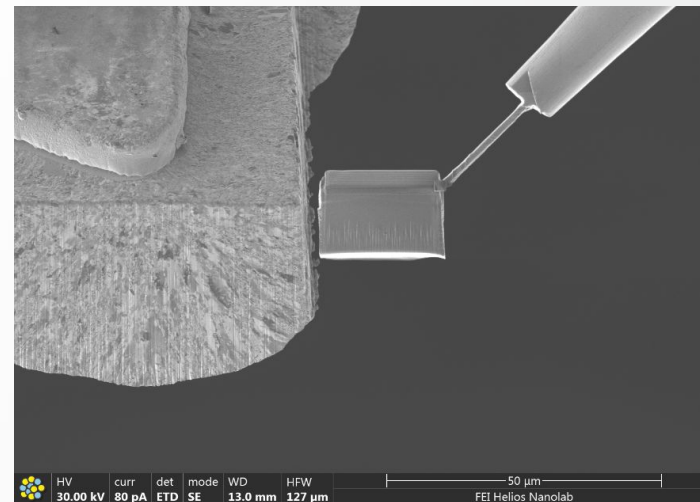


**100 nA:**  
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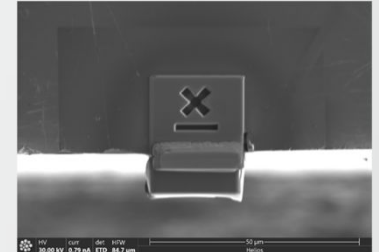
# EasyLift – fully integrated nanomanipulator



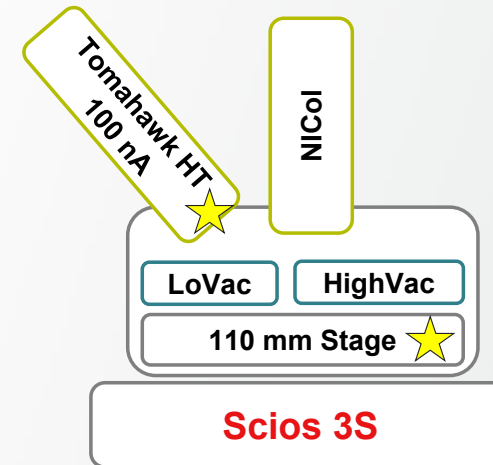
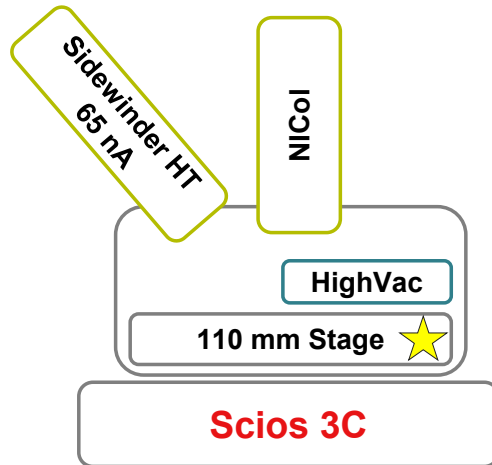
- Motorized XYZ, compucentric rotation
- Precise, reliable movement
- Controls built into the microscope UI
- Simple needle exchange and alignment
- Automation – Control incorporated into AutoTEM, iFast, and AutoScript



110 000 50 pA STEM 1.0 20.000 x 15.4 μm 5.0 mm FEI Helios G4 UX



# Scios 3 features



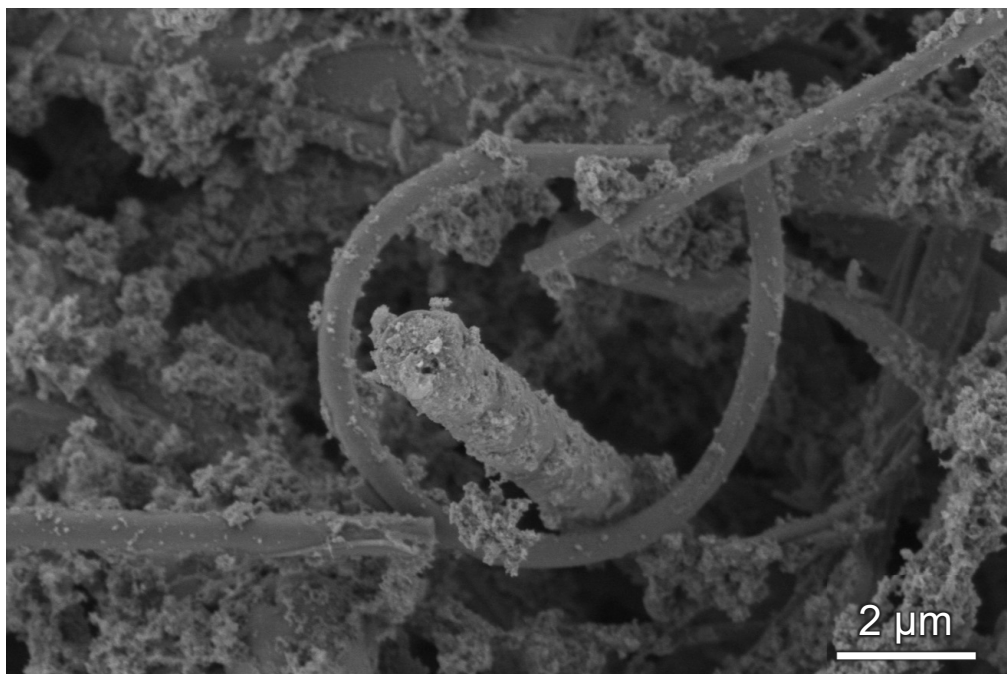
Core	CCD	Nav-Cam	ETD, T1, T2	Win 11 ★	32" 4k monitor ★	Multi Purpose Holder
	EasyLift	Single GIS	T3	CleanConnect	360° Cryo Stage ★	UltraDry EDS
Options	Scios 3S only →			MultiChem ★	ToF SIMS C2 ★	Retractable CL
				μPolisher	μHeater	High Vacuum Heating Stage
SW	Auto Cross-Section ★	AutoTEM 5	AS&V 5	Analytical Package Spin Mill ★	AutoScript 4	Maps 3

Fully automated lamella prep ★ AutoTEM 5 Science

# High resolution imaging for everyone

# Scios 3 - Highest flexibility for wide variety of samples

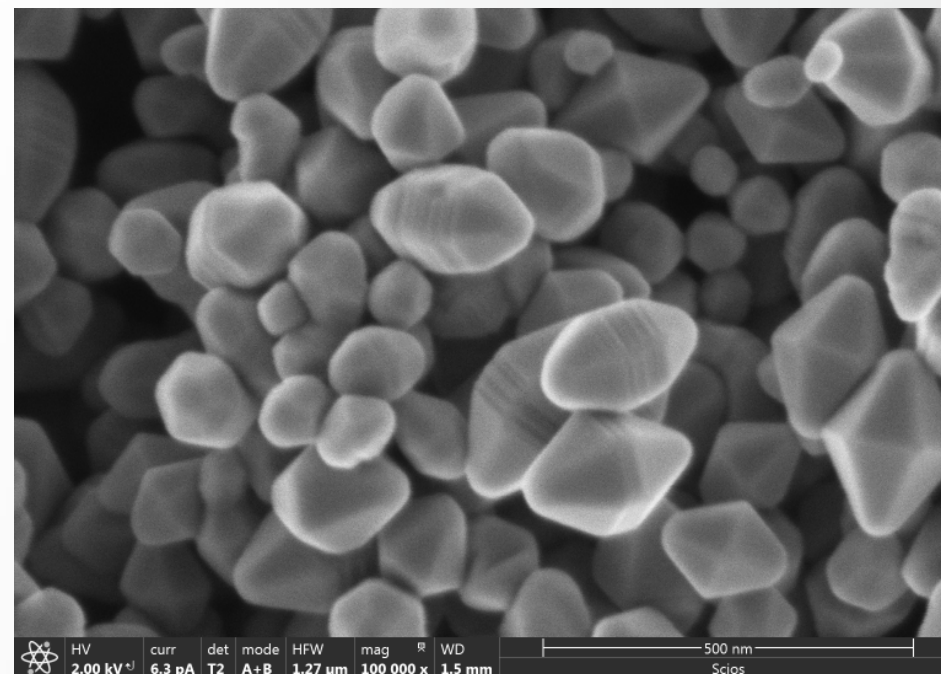
## Low vacuum capability



Insulating filter material @ 2kV in LoVac mode

- Low vacuum option to 500 Pa
- On request up to 800 Pa

## Full support of magnetic samples

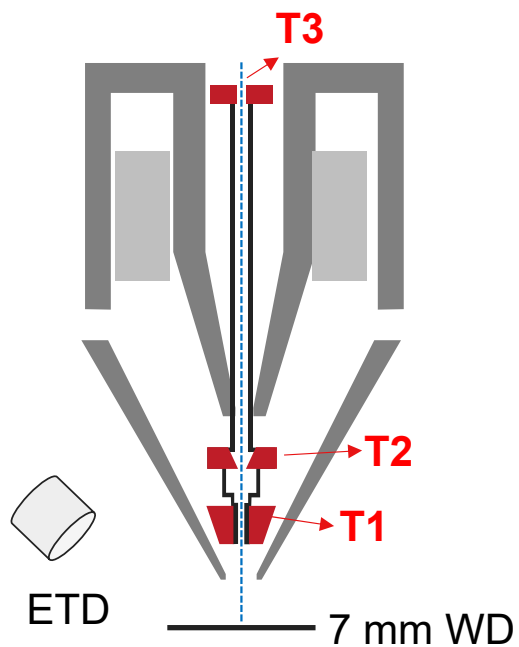


Magnetic nanoparticles ( $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ )

## High resolution on any samples, including magnetic and non-conductive

Data acquired: Petr Wandrol and Haifeng Gao, Thermo Fisher

# Trinity Detection for Streamlined Data Collection

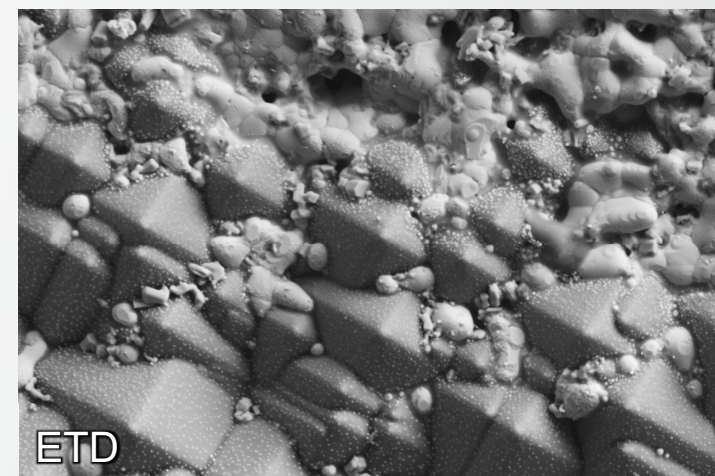
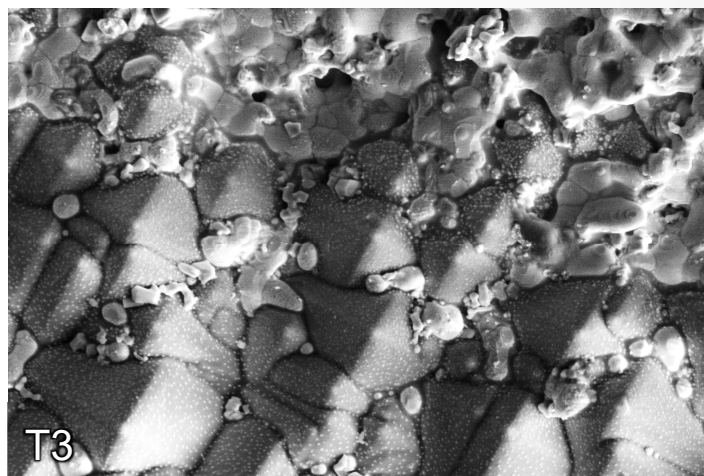
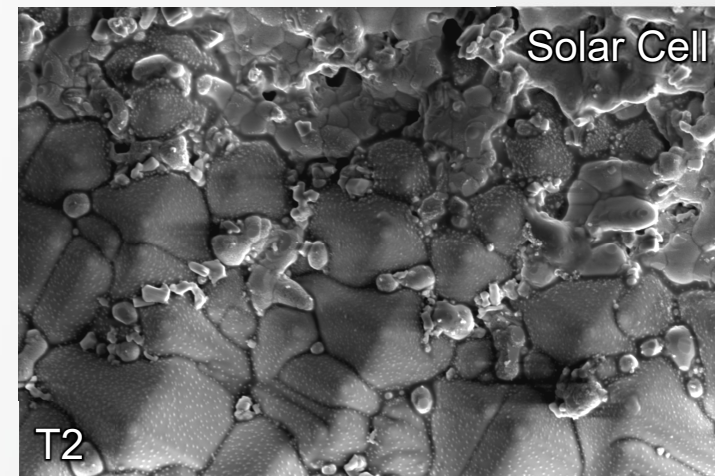
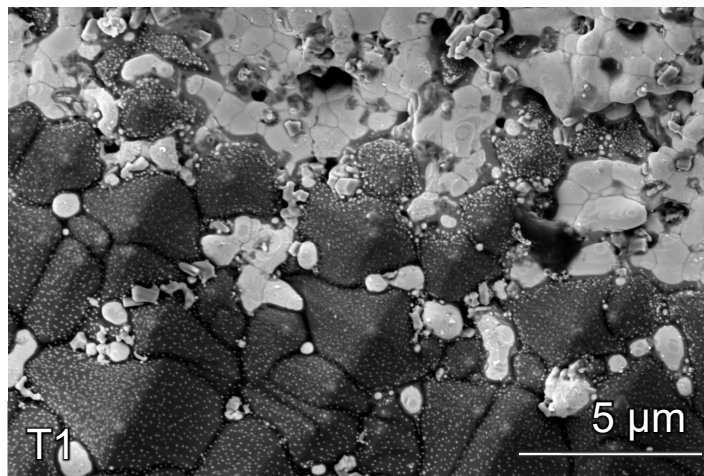


**ETD:** morphology and topography (SE)

**T1:** sample composition (BSE)

**T2:** composition and topography

**T3:** Highest surface sensitivity



**Trinity Detection System:** Provides richer contrast and more diverse sample information, enhancing data insights.

# Tomahawk HT ion column on Scios 3S



Scios 3C



Sidewinder HT  
Gallium, 65 nA

Scios 3S

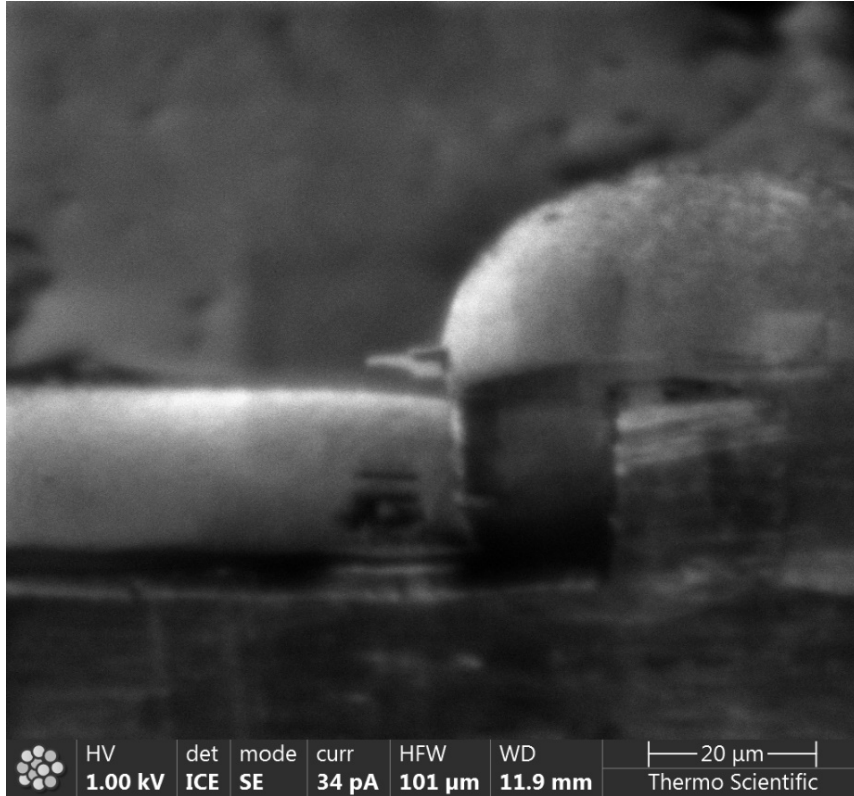


Tomahawk HT  
Gallium, 100 nA

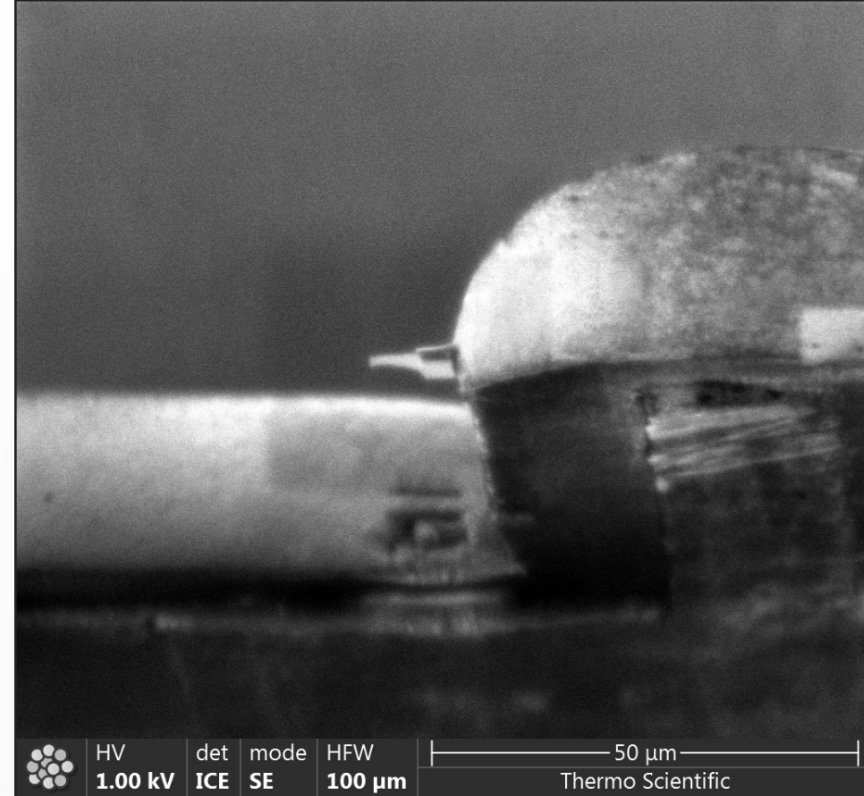
## Tomahawk HT column:

- Increased max beam current (100nA)
- Improved resolution and low kV performance
- New fast beam blanker & Faraday cup
  - FBB: deflect the beam to faraday cup
  - Faraday cup: measure beam current
- **Time of flight correction**
- IGP4 with Differential Pumping
  - Better vacuum for GIS
  - Fast sample evacuation

# Low kV Optics Improved Further



Sidewinder – Available  
on Scios 2 and **Scios 3C**

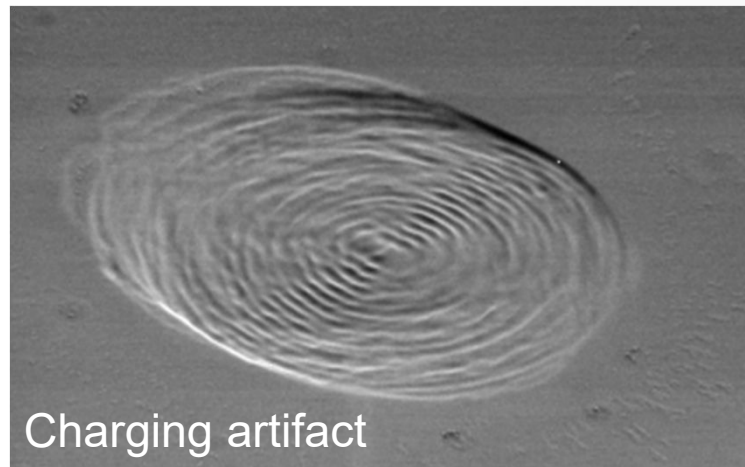
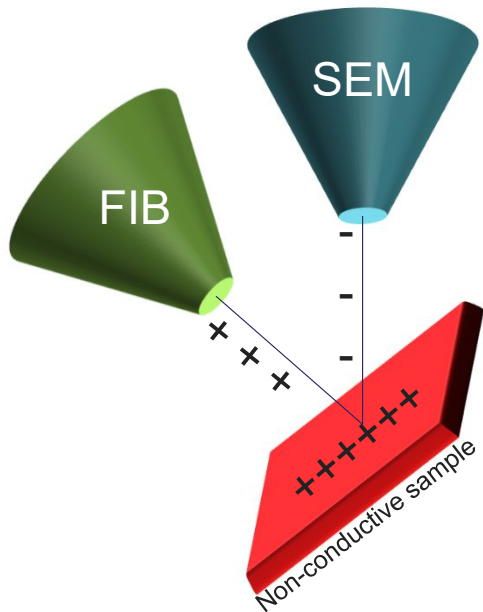


Tomahawk – Available on Helios 5  
CX and UC and **Scios 3S**

1 kV FIB Images

# Easily Process Non-Conductive Material

Unique Drift Suppression mode for milling polymers, glass, and ceramics



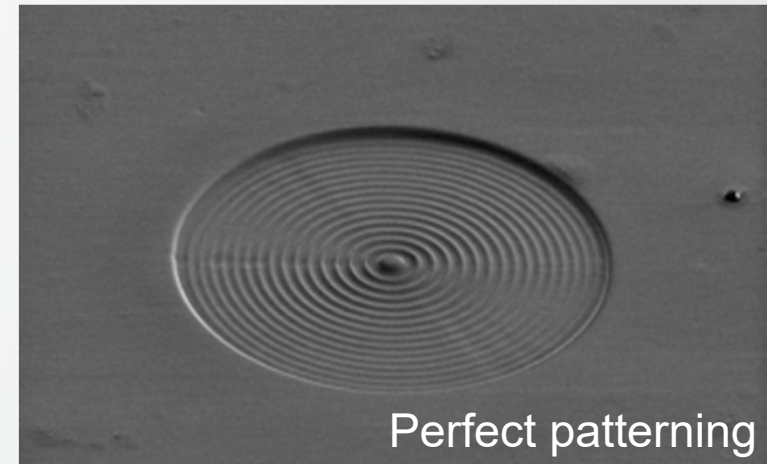
## Without Drift Suppression

Concentric ring pattern milled on un-coated glass using a FIB current of 13 nA – positive surface charging causes milling pattern drift

Scios 3 provides up to **400 nA** of electron beam current to easily neutralize ion beam surface charging

## Drift Suppression On

Flooding with high current from the electron beam mitigates the drift



# Thank you



# Scios 3 - Unique OptiTilt imaging mode

## Standard

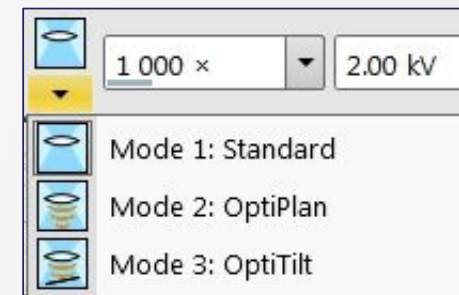
- Basic operation, navigation, preparation of TEM samples and cross sections, EDX, EBSD

## OptiPlan

- High resolution imaging at short WD ( $\leq 5\text{mm}$ )

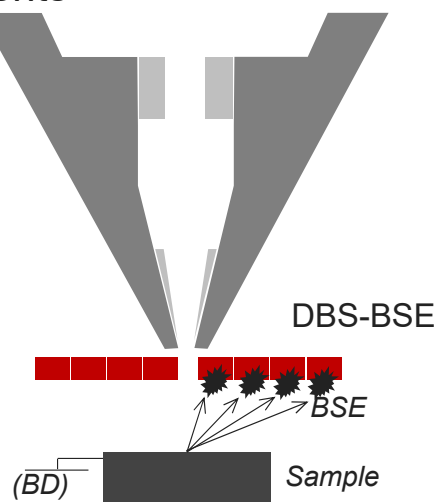
## OptiTilt

- High resolution imaging of tilted samples and cross-sections at eucentric WD ( $\leq 7\text{mm}$ )

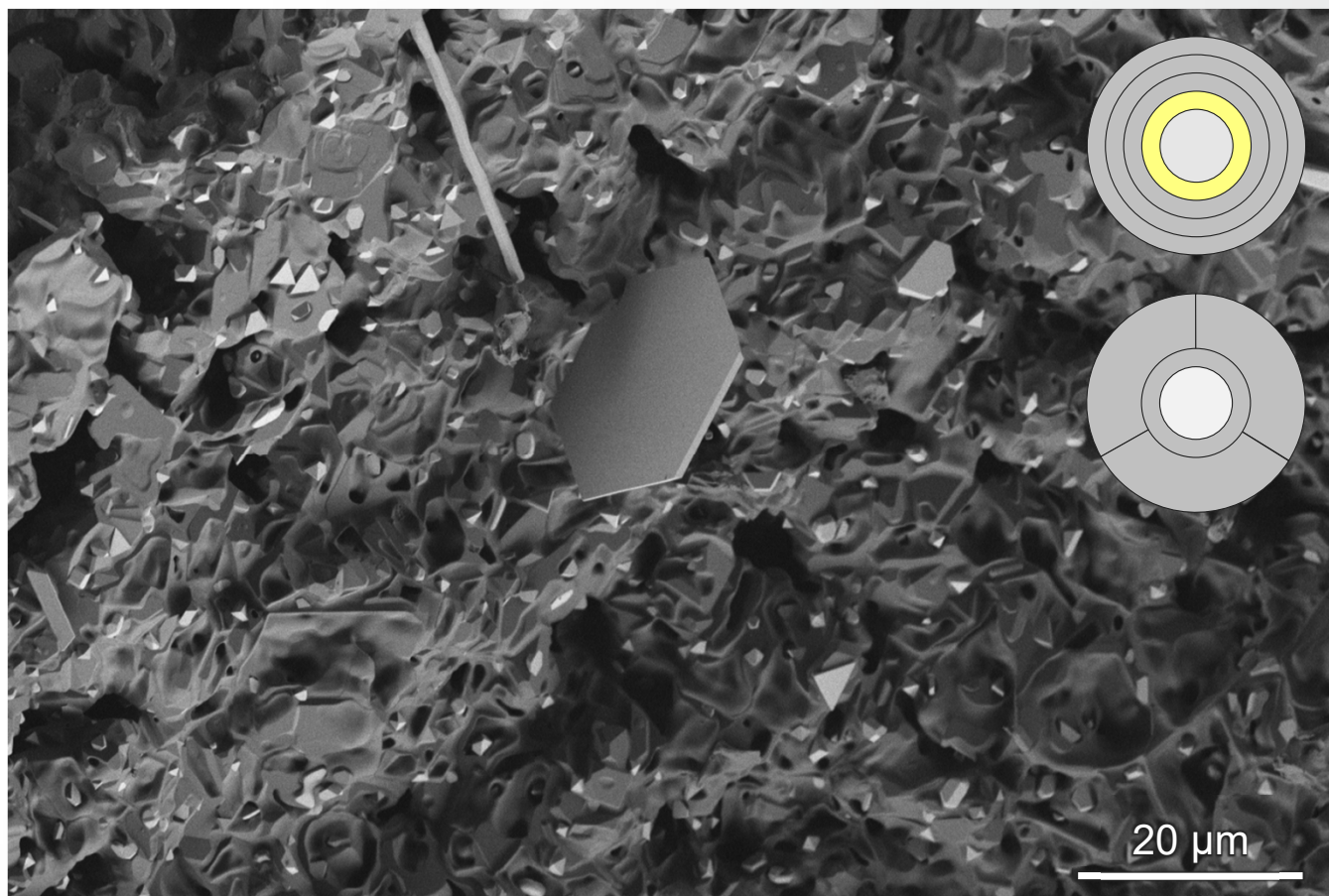


# Directional Backscattered Detector (DBS): Unique detector versatility

- Tunable materials / topographic contrast
- Simultaneous collection
- High sensitivity even at very low keV
- Retractable
- 8 segments



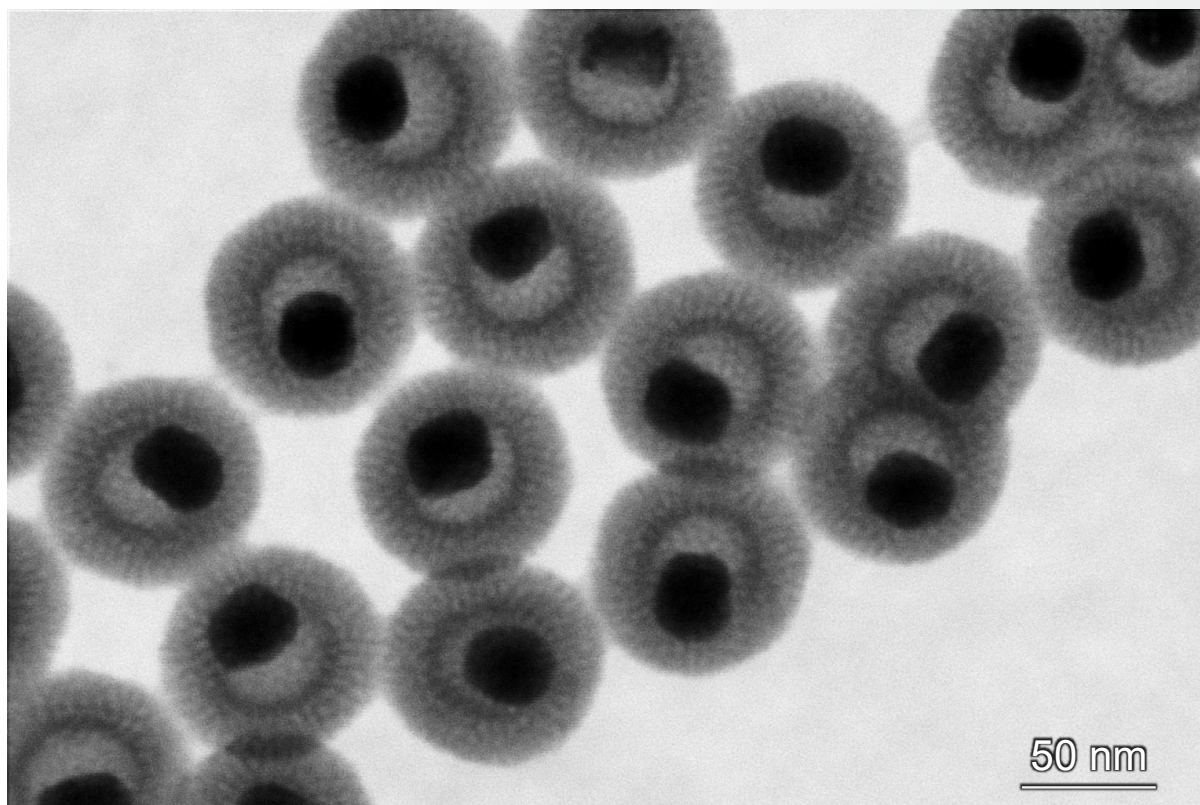
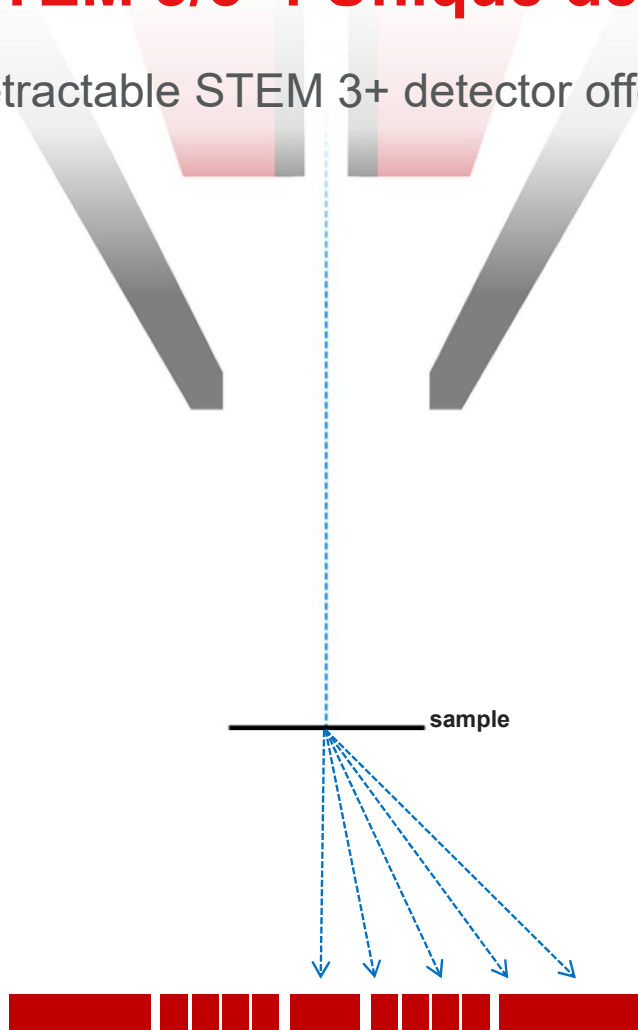
- ✓ Angular segmentation
- ✓ Annular segmentation



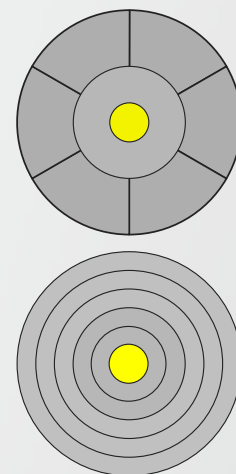
Sample: Ceramic with Pt particles  
Images: Adrian Sandu

## STEM 3/3+: Unique detector versatility

Retractable STEM 3+ detector offers 11 individually addressable segments



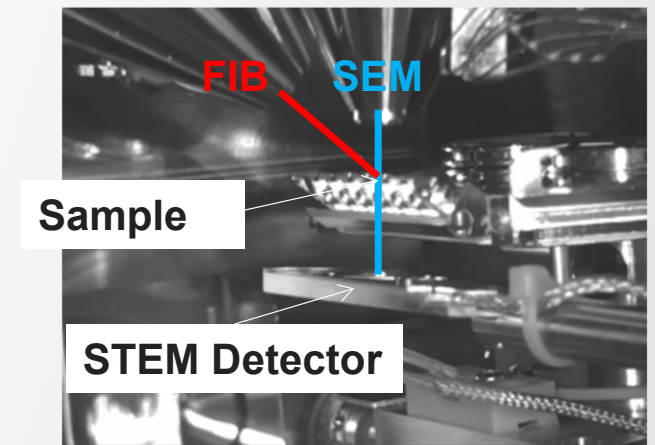
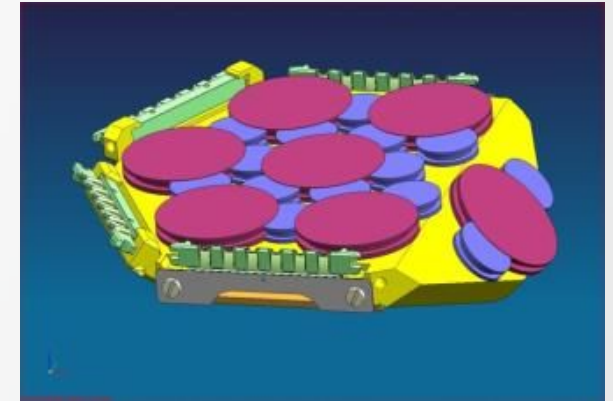
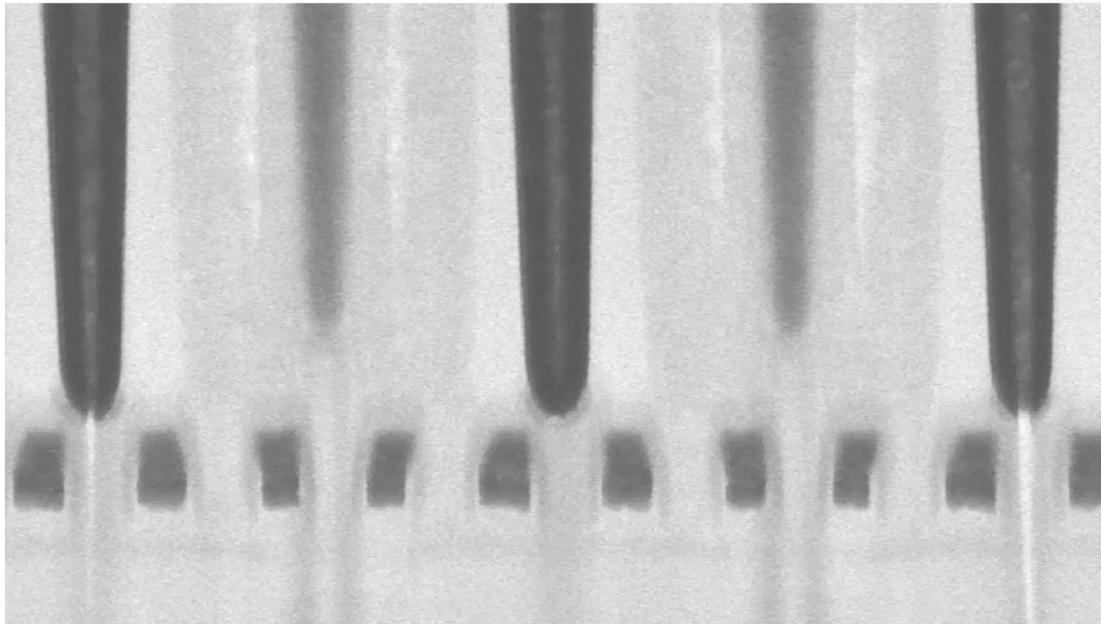
30 kV, BF



# Live STEM imaging while thinning

Perform **live SEM and STEM imaging**, while thinning the sample

- ⊗ Unique multi-purpose holder supporting up to 18 (1/2 inch) bulk samples, and 24 TEM sample grids
- ⊗ Vertical and pre-tilted grid positions
- ⊗ Lift-out the lamella and attach to the grid without breaking vacuum
- ⊗ Insert the STEM detector directly underneath



# RGB Cathodoluminescence Detector – Shortest time to real color imaging

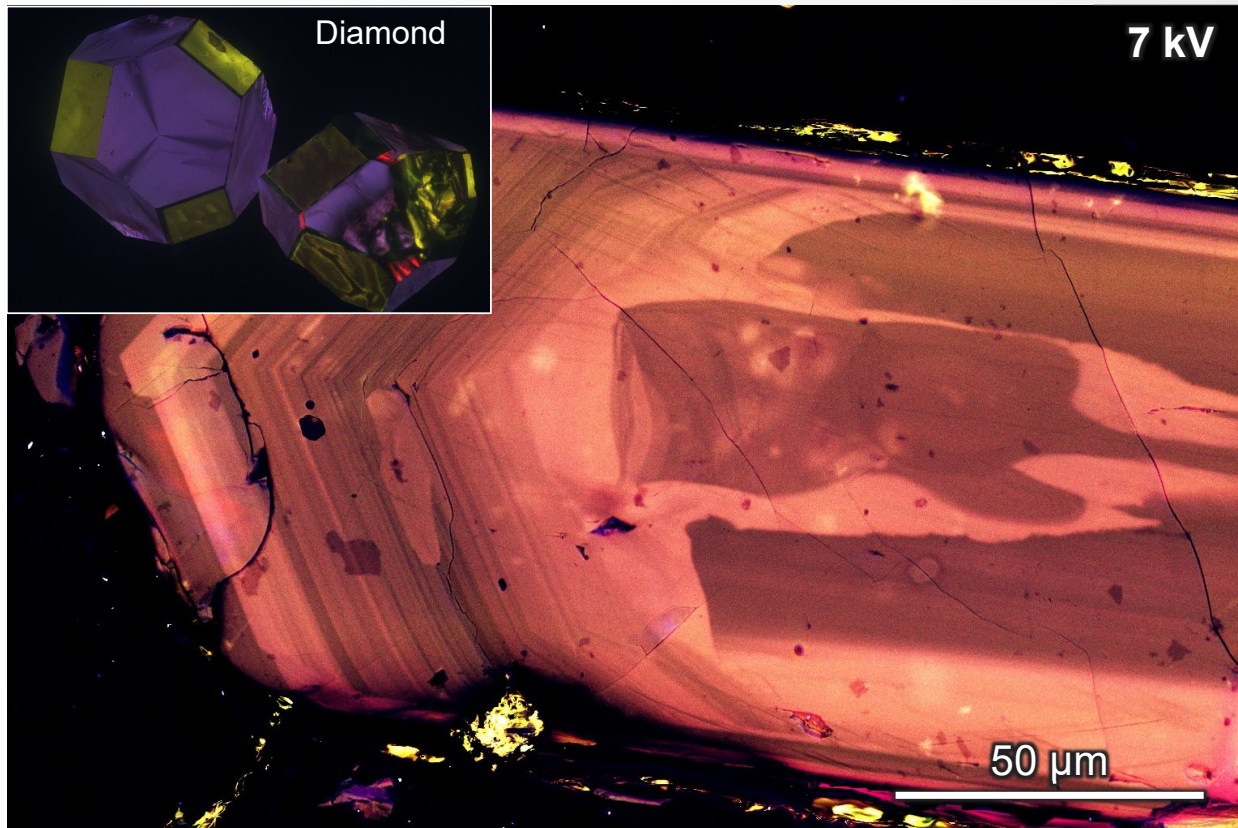
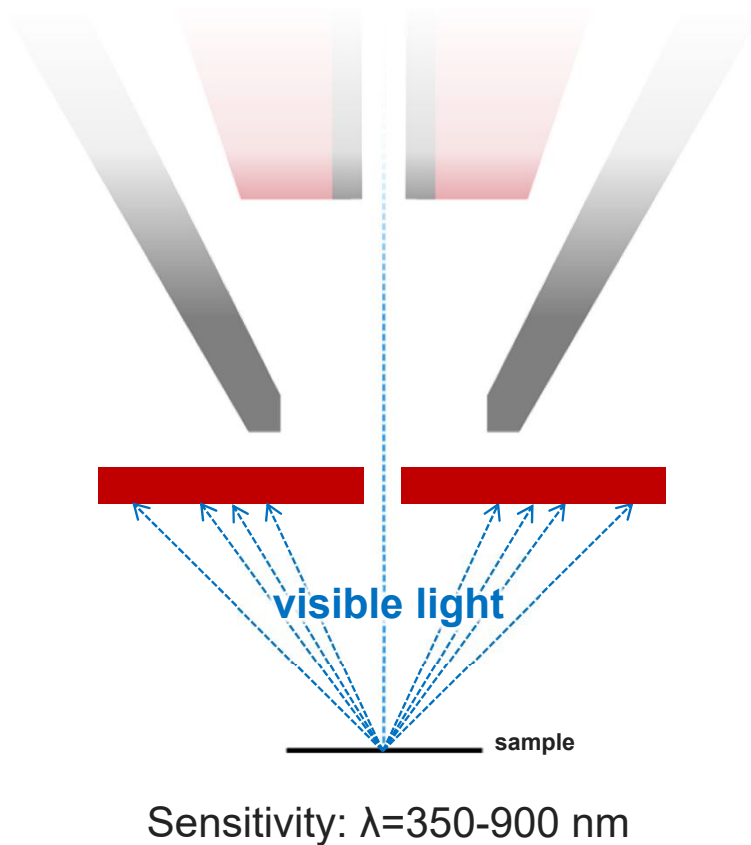
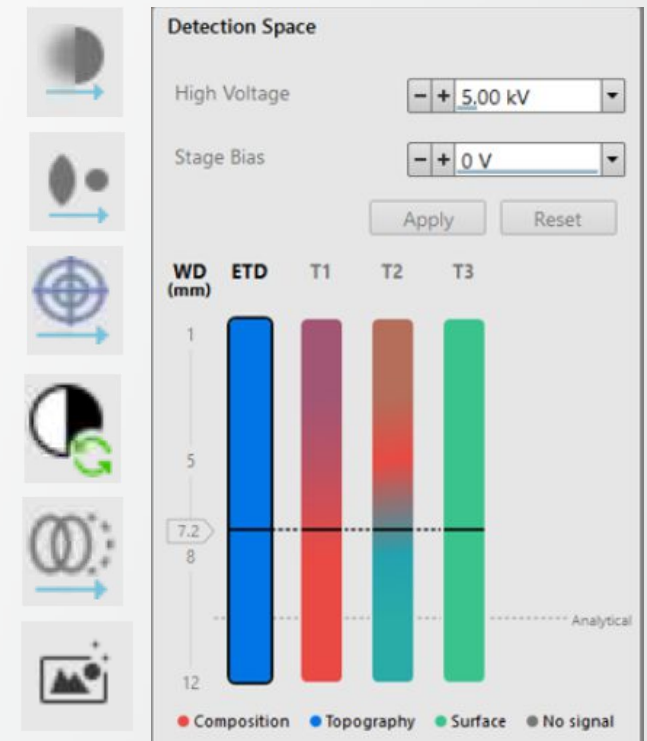


Image courtesy: UC Santa Cruz

# New Software Focused on Ease of Use



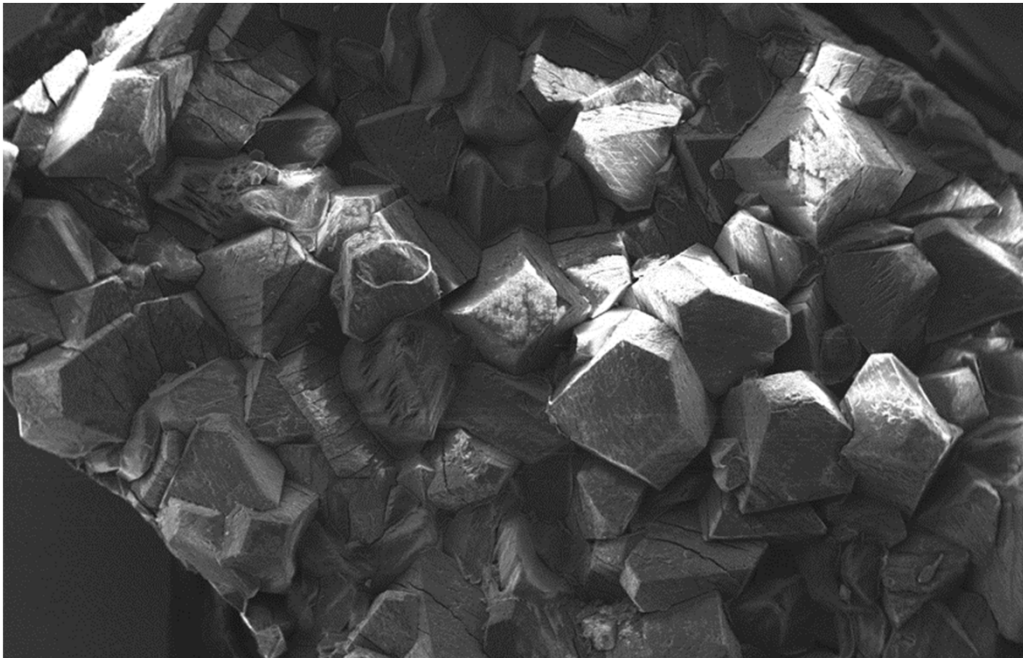
- Auto-functions from Apreo SEM
  - AutoFocus
  - AutoStigmator
  - AutoLens Alignment
- **Detection Space**
- **Rocking Mill**
- **Spin Mill**
- Auto Eucentric
- Dynamic Contrast & Brightness
- AutoFlow (queuing auto-functions)
- **Adaptive Image Enhancement**
- **Smart Frame Integration**



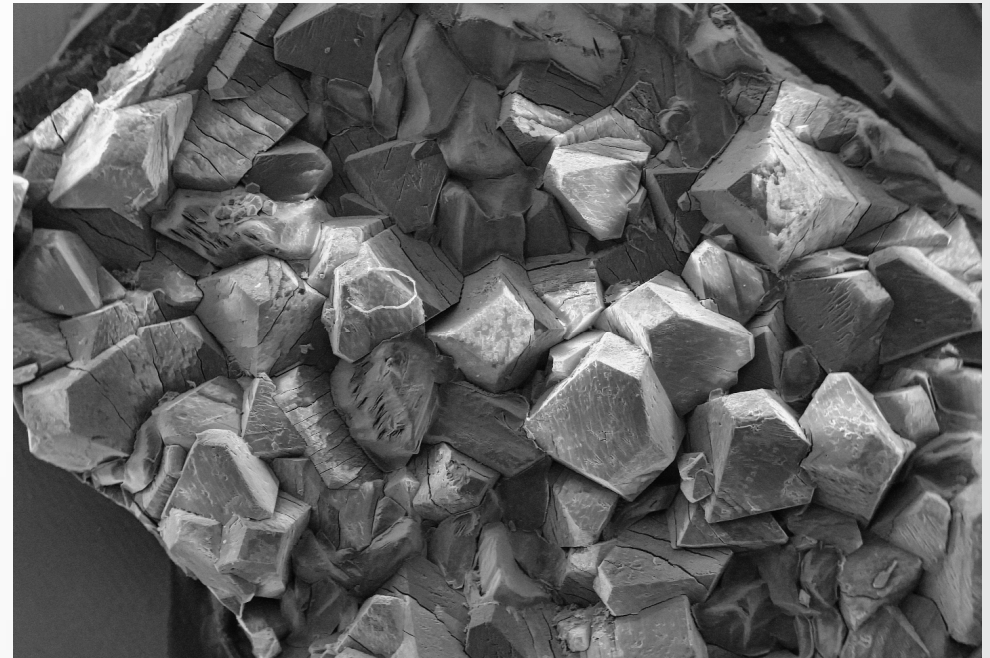
# Smart Frame Integration



- Brand new imaging mode – Smart Frame Integration
  - Enhances image quality in real time by dynamically adjusting detector settings, using a High Dynamic Range algorithm for superior contrast and low noise, ensuring high-quality images with minimal effort.



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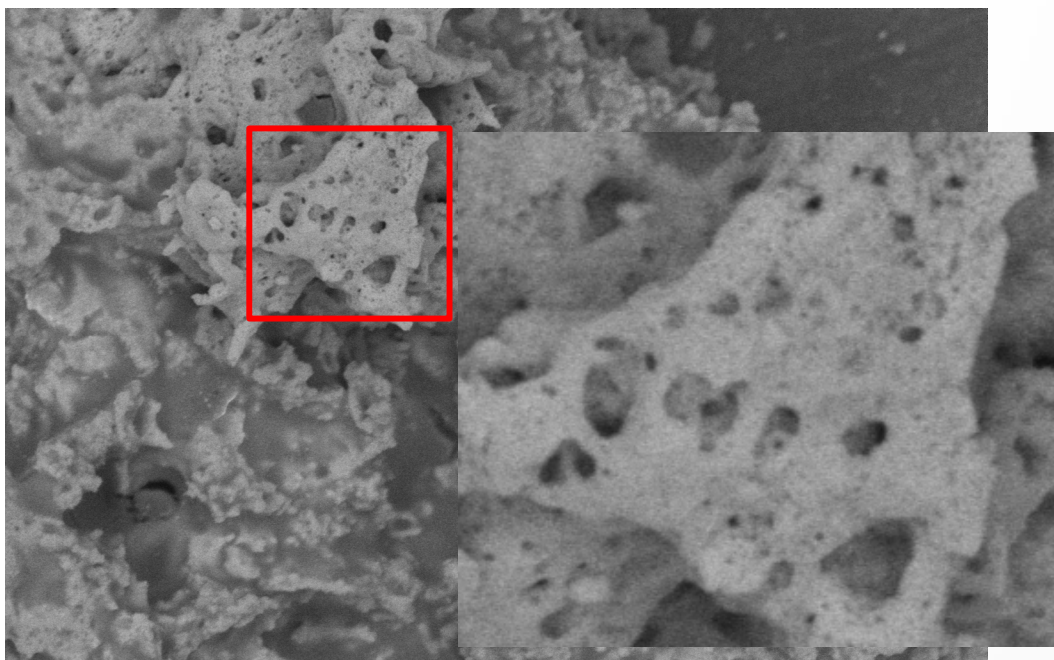


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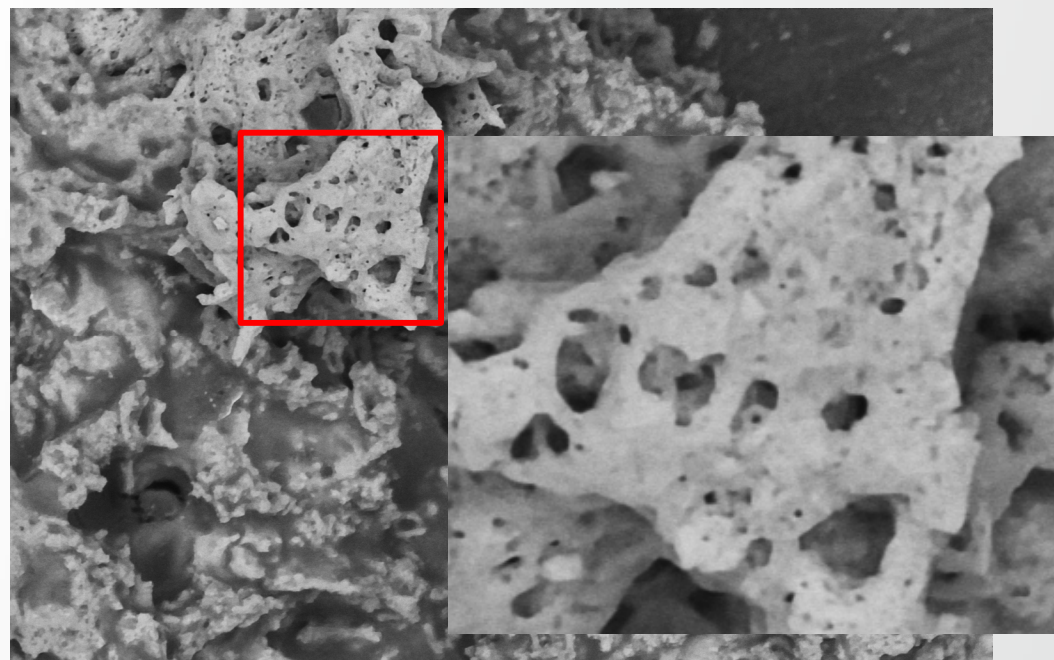
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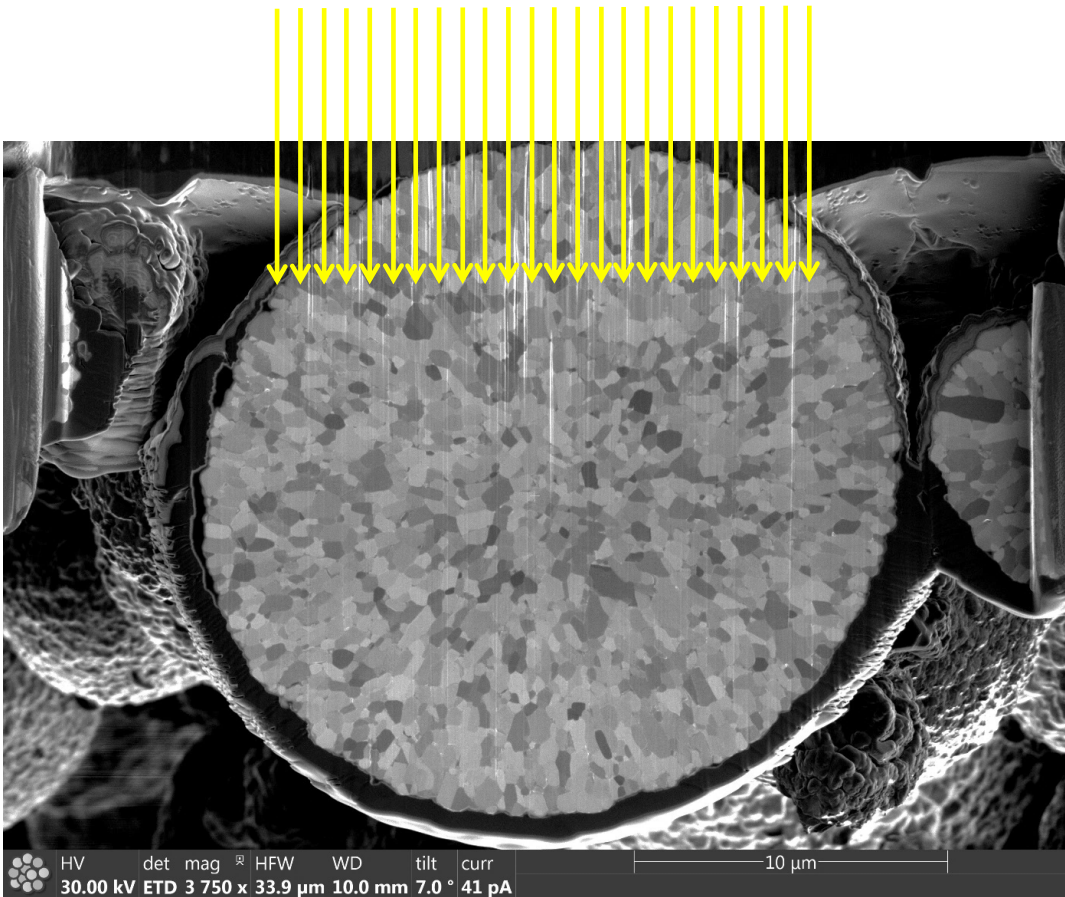


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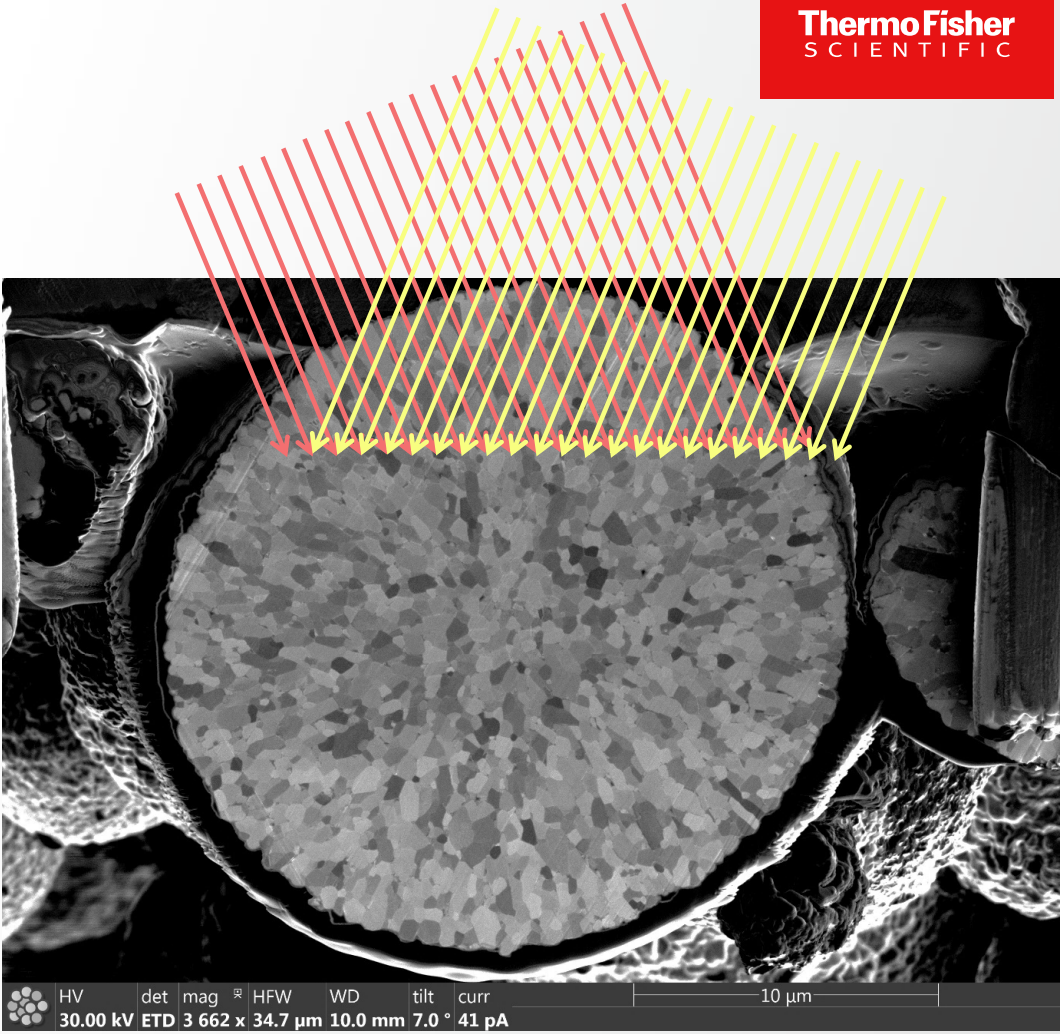


**Addressing the most challenging materials**

# Rocking Mill Integrated in xT UI



Traditional Perpendicular Polishing



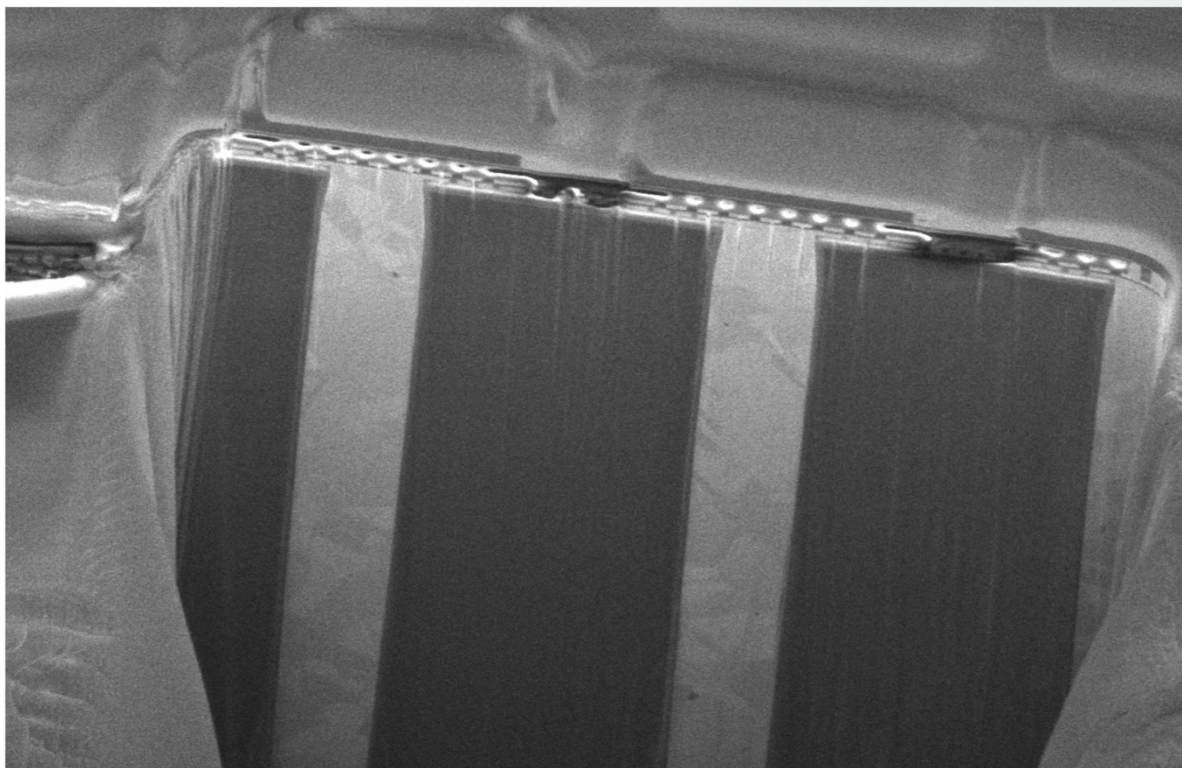
Rocking Mill Polishing

Courtesy: Devin Wu, Thermo Fisher

## Rocking Mill Integrated in xT UI

New

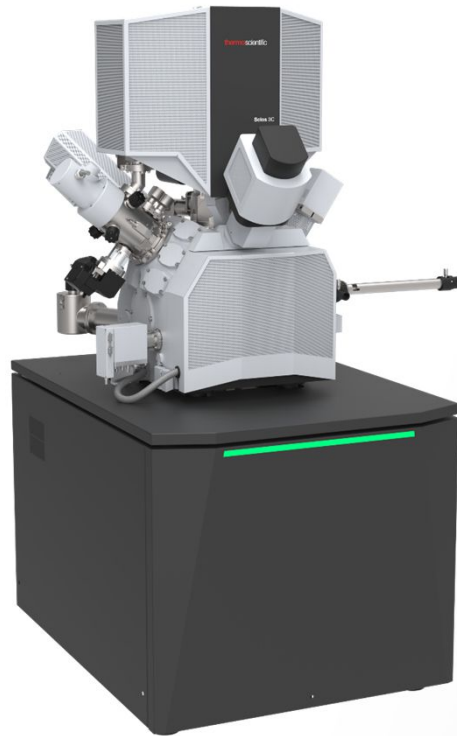
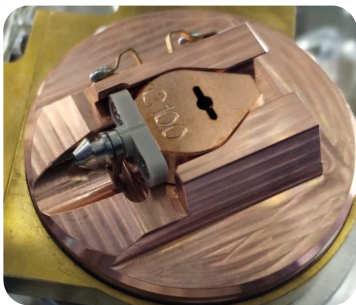
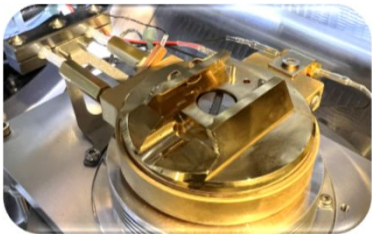
- Part of Scios 3 base platform
- No 3rd party HW add-ons or options needed
- Fully automated



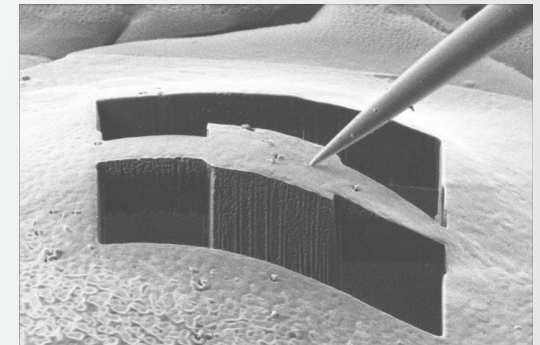
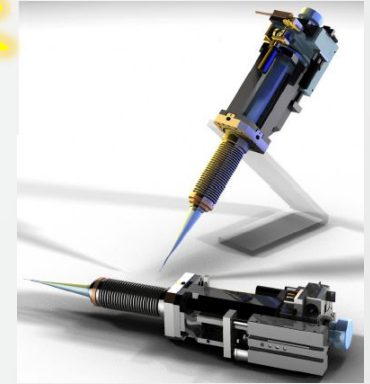
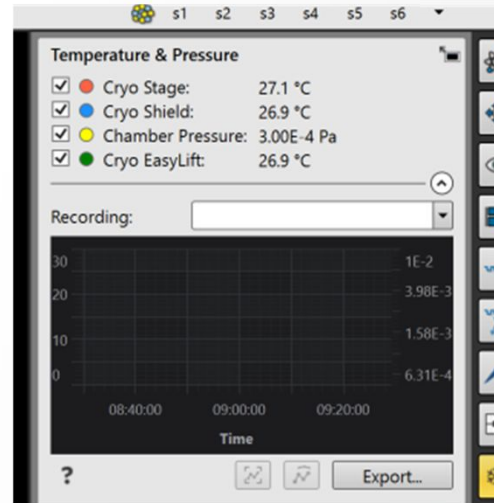
# Integrated Aquilos cryo stage: New opportunity for cryogenic application for MS samples



## Aquilos Cryo-Stage



## Cryo tab in xT UI



Exploring new paths for cryo-applications  
(lamella preparation, AS&V, Cryo EasyLift)

# Integrated CleanConnect™ for air sensitive sample transfer



## Key Benefits

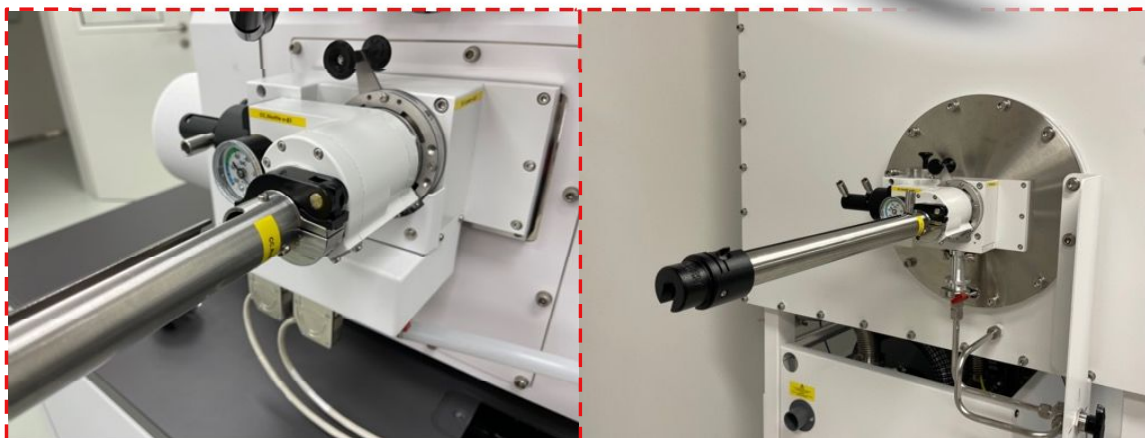
Sample integrity is preserved by the use of inert gas sample transfer

Seamless, automatic integration to a variety of Thermo Scientific SEM/DualBeams

Compatible with Cryo-stage with no any changes in system or microscope

Ergonomic and modular design enables uncomplicated sample handling

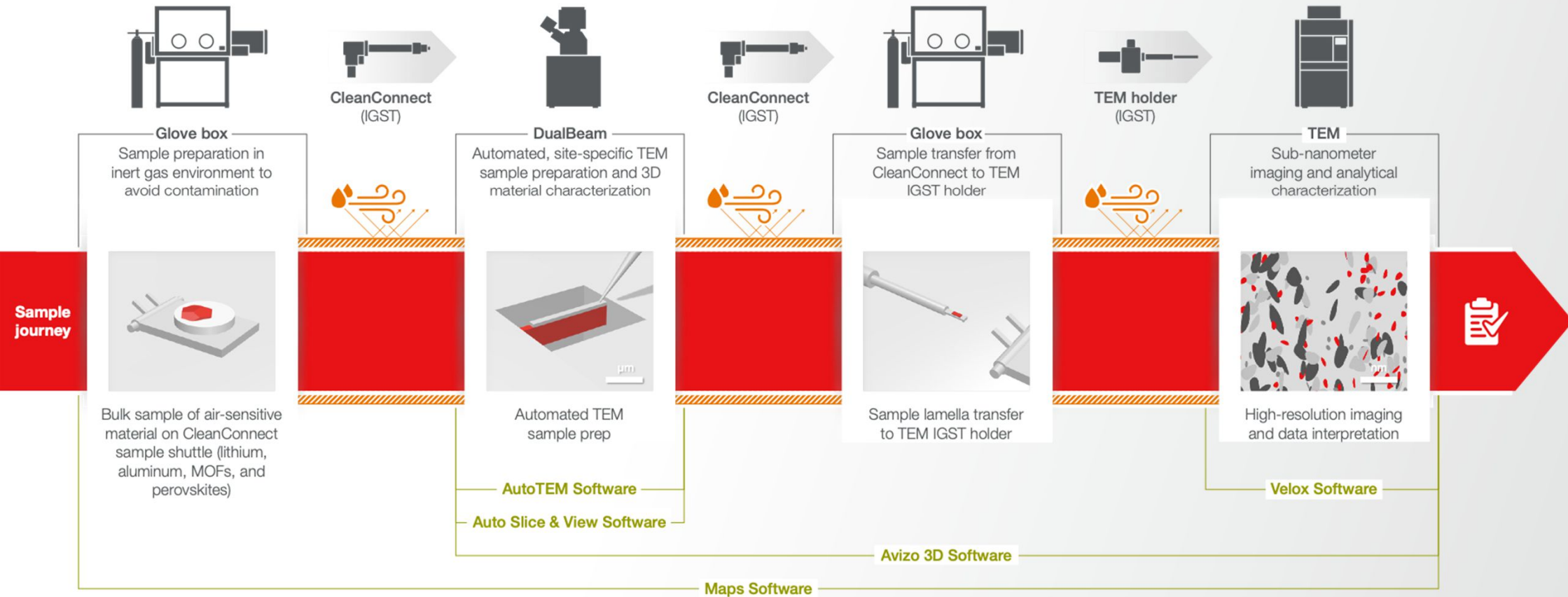
Compatible with most glove box systems and available with optional direct glove box connectivity



Microscope side

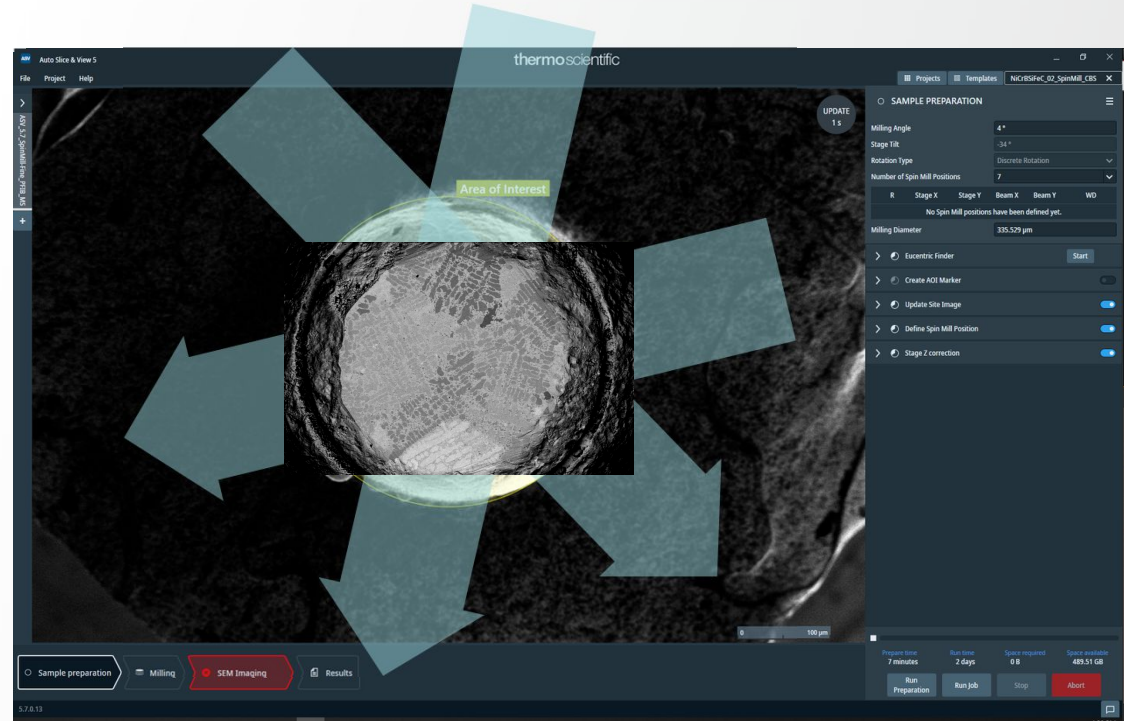
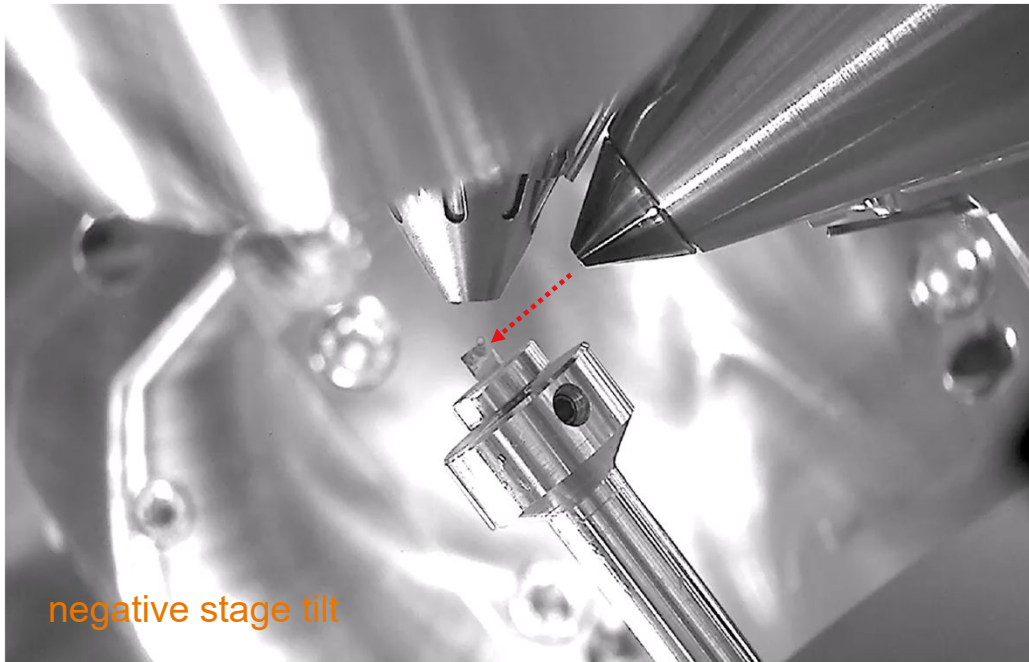
Glovebox side

# Thermo Scientific Inert Gas Sample Transfer workflow



## Extra dimensions for 3D characterizations

# Spin Mill on Scios 3

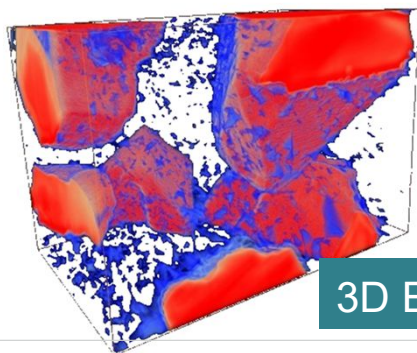


- Method for accessing very large regions in horizontal plane – for surface polishing or 3D characterization
- Negative stage tilt is a must – very low angle milling
- Spin Mill – ion milling at glancing angles is enabled on Scios 3 thanks to **the extended negative 38° tilt range**

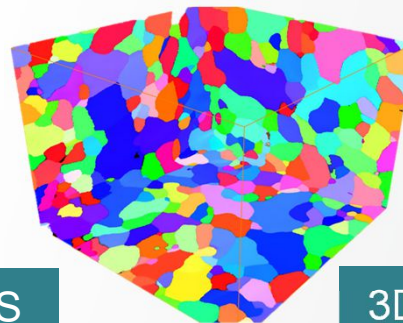
# AS&V 5 + SIMS enables large volume 3D SIMS analysis



Enables 3D analytics



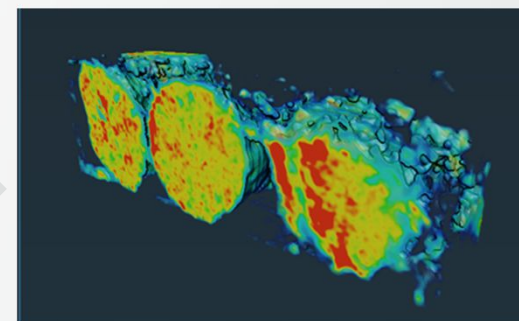
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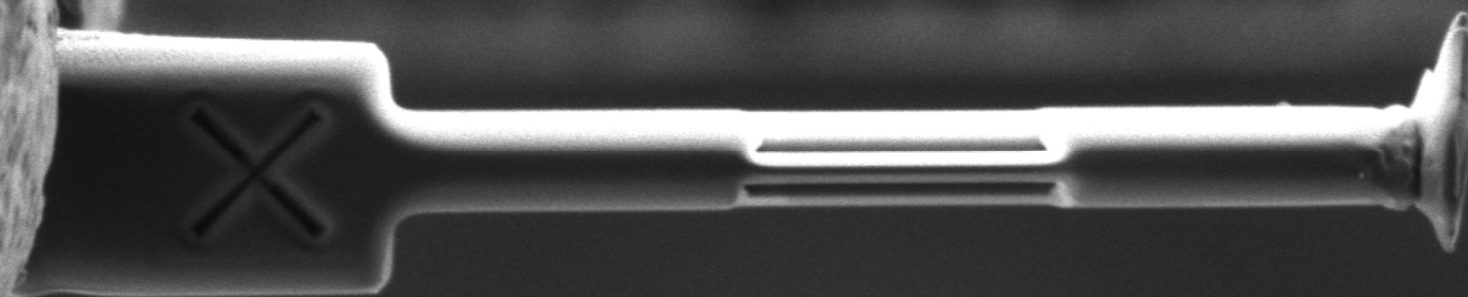
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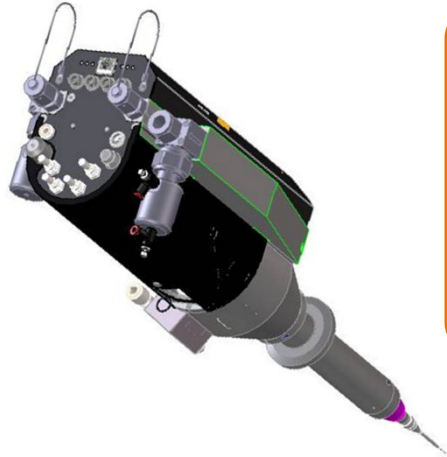


True 3D SIMS with extended volumes



## Automated TEM sample lamella preparation with AutoTEM 5

# MultiChem for Scios 3S



- Up to 6 gas chemistry
- Gas mixing capability
- Piezo drive movement of nozzle fully integrated in the UI

⌈ Platinum  
**Pt**

Standard GIS. Tiny grain structure - good for focusing. Softer than C. Good for probe pads ~500u-ohm-cm. Conductor deposition for circuit edit (CE).

⌈ Carbon  
**C**

Good for TEM prep. No visible grain structure and good contrast next to low atomic number material. Typically, not used for CE. A PFA Cap layer which can also be used for welding.

⌈ Tungsten  
**W**

Good contrast next to high atomic number materials. Conductor deposition for CE with lower resistivity than Pt. For via deposition, connections of nets and vias. ~200u-Ohm-cm. Requires high beam currents for deposition.

Enhanced Etch  
**EE**

Insulator Enhanced Etch  
**IEE**

Copper Etch  
**SCM**

Si Trenching  
**IEE**

Delayering/Cu-Etch  
**Dx**

Insulator Deposition  
**IDEP II**

Delineation Etch  
**DE/Low-k Dielectric Etch**

And much more.....

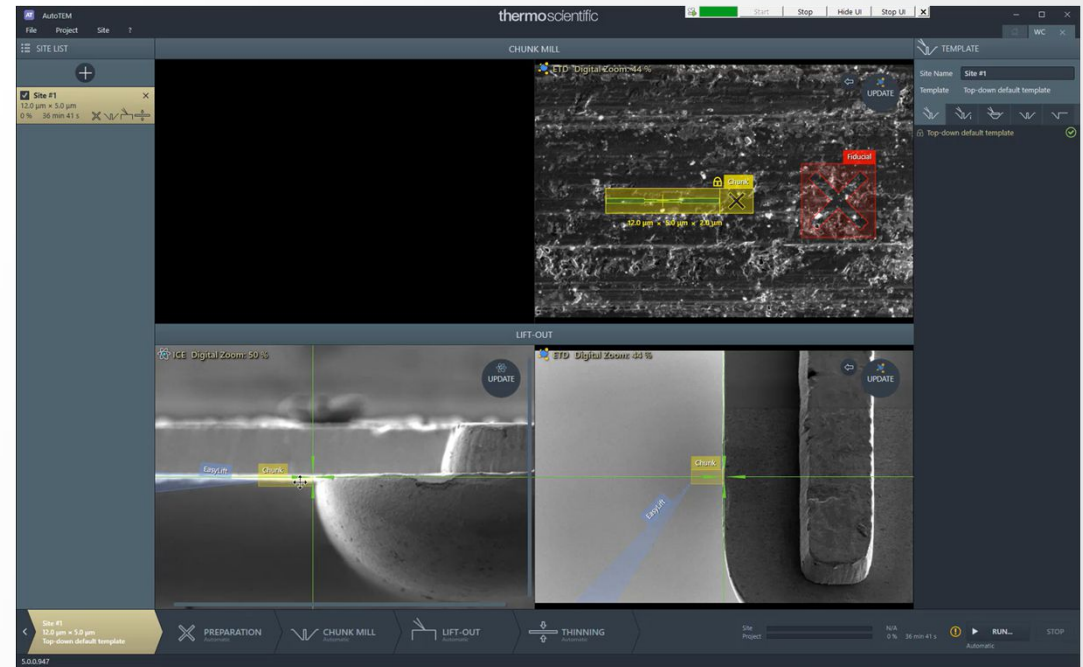
# Replacing difficult manual procedure with 3 simple steps

## Traditional Procedure

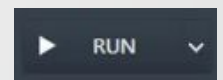
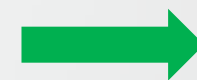
1. Switch to e-beam deposition 2 kV, high current
2. Find the ROI
3. Select Pt e-dep application
4. Place pattern rectangle with right dimensions
5. Start e-beam deposition
6. Tilt towards ion beam
7. Switch back to SEM imaging conditions
8. Set FIB parameters for deposition
9. Place pattern rectangle with right dimensions
10. Select Pt i-dep application
11. Start i-beam deposition
12. Locate area of interest
13. Bulk milling of trenches
14. Undercut chunk
15. Bulk cleanup
16. Mounting manipulators to the stage
17. Move manipulator needle to chunk for extraction from bulk
18. Insert GIS
19. Set FIB parameters for deposition
20. Define deposition pattern and attach needle to chunk
21. Set FIB parameters for milling
22. Define milling pattern and release chunk from bulk
23. Retract GIS
24. Retract needle
25. Find grid
26. Move needle to grid for attachment to grid
27. Weld chunk to grid
28. Release chunk from needle
29. Retract probe
30. Switch to 1nA
31. Tilt to 53.5 degrees and remove re-deposited material from lift-out, clean up front
32. Tilt to 50.5 degrees and clean up back until sample is  $\sim 0.5\mu\text{m}$  thick
33. Reduce current to 300pA and tilt to 53.2 degrees.
34. Clean front until  $0.25\mu\text{m}$  thick
35. Change tilt to 50.8 degrees and clean back until  $0.15\mu\text{m}$  thick
36. Reduce current to 100pA and change tilt to 52.8 degrees. Thin sample until  $\sim 0.12\mu\text{m}$
37. Change tilt to 51.2 degrees and thin sample until  $\sim 0.1\mu\text{m}$  thick or until Pt capping layers starts to be removed
38. Watch for bending or non-uniform thinning during entire process
39. Change beam currents and tilts for any new material
40. Switch FIB energy to 5 kV
41. Change tilt to 57 degrees
42. Quickly take an image of the lamella to avoid adding re-deposition on the lamella surface
43. Identify the thin part of the lamella only
44. Define and place pattern over thin part only
45. Change tilt to 47 degrees and repeat pattern
46. Switch FIB energy to 2 kV and repeat
47. Switch FIB energy to 1 kV or lower and repeat

~50 manual steps

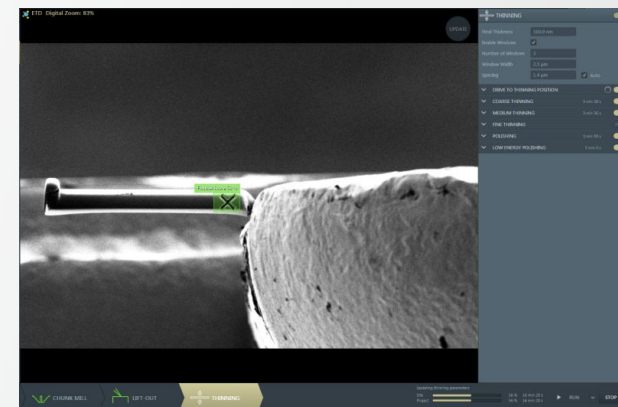
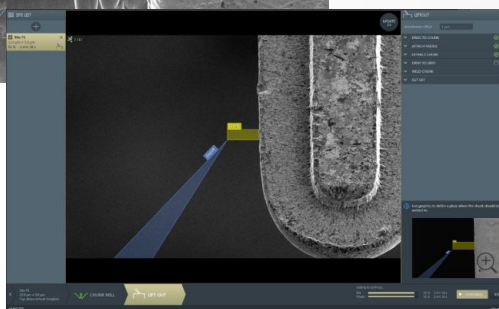
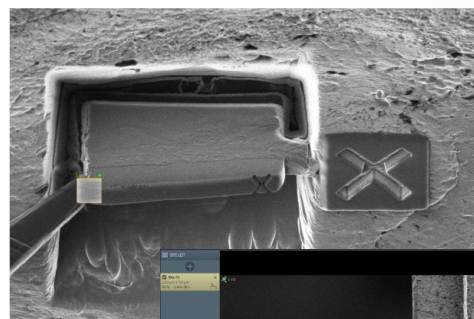
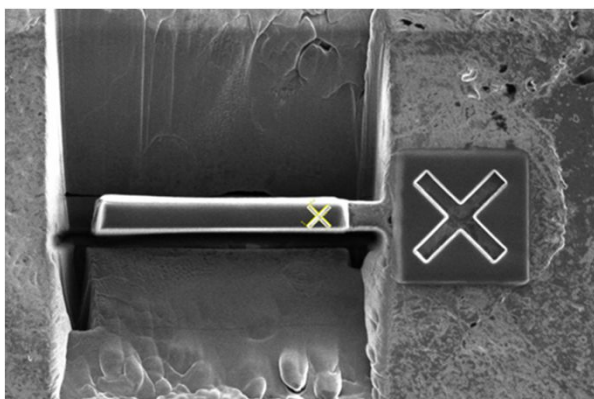
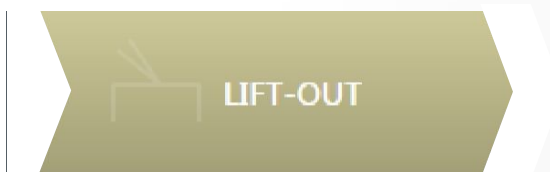
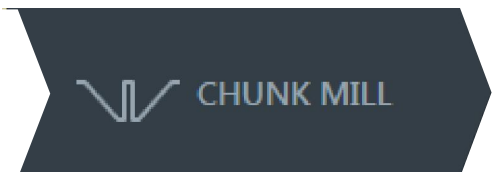
## AutoTEM 5 → Fast, simple and intuitive



1. Select template
2. Define position on the bulk
3. Define grid position

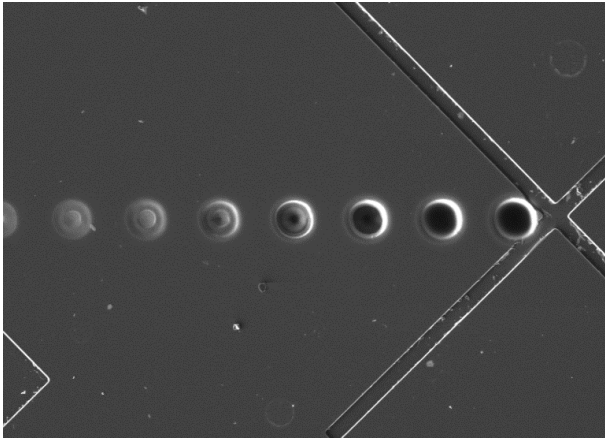


# AutoTEM 5 – Fully automated *in-situ* Lift-out Workflow



Fully automated, highest quality *in-situ* sample preparation

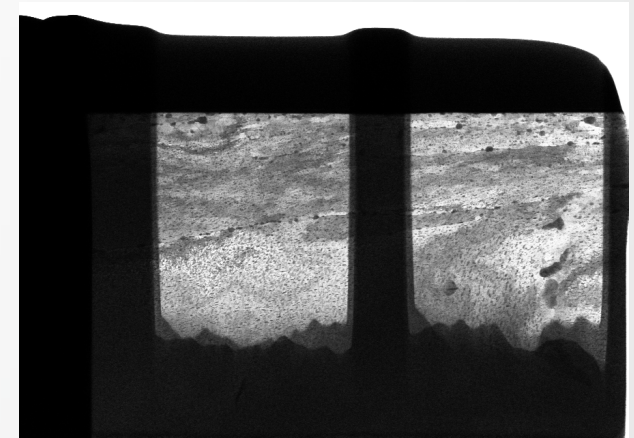
# Scios 3 - Setting Up Modern Labs for Success



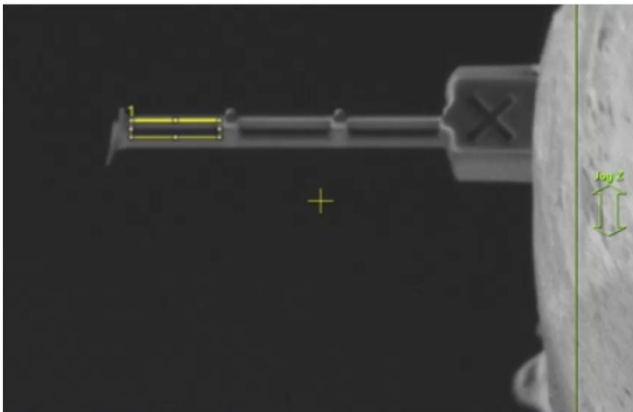
Excellent beam profiles at 65nA and 100 nA for fast and precise chunking



EasyLift nanomanipulator for seamless and reliable lift-out

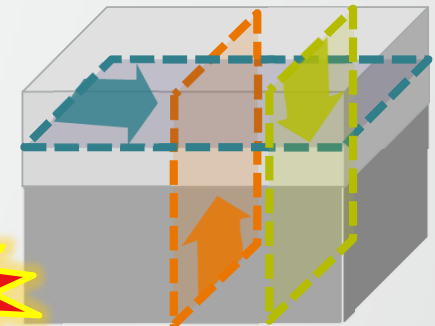


Simultaneous FIB thinning and live monitoring with STEM 3+ for lamella quality check



Tomahawk HT low kV performance that makes a difference, allowing **full automation** on Scios 3S.

**New**



Top down, plan view, inverted lamella

**AT**

Automated 5 kV and 2 kV final polishing with AutoTEM 5 software



**Cross-sectioning... Applying the Power of Automation**





# New Auto Cross-Section Software

## Automated milling and imaging

# Full End-to-End Workflow



Targeted multi-site  
multi- sample FIB  
cross-sectioning

Automated SEM  
Imaging

Results evaluation

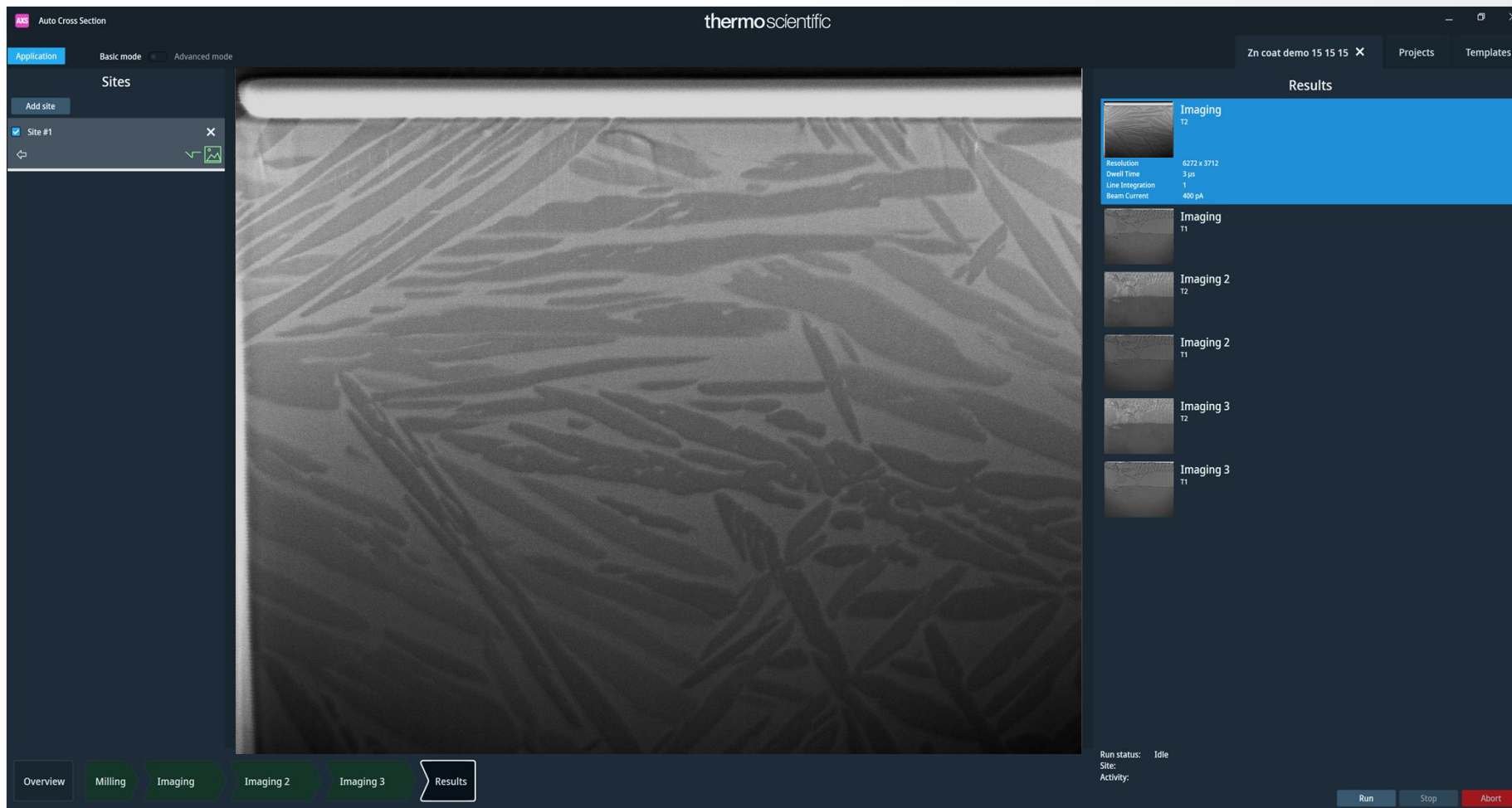
# Software that anyone can use...

The screenshot displays the 'Auto Cross Section' software interface. At the top, there's a 'thermoscientific' logo and a 'Basic mode' toggle. Below that, a '+ Create new project' button is visible. The main area is a table listing existing projects with columns for Image, ProjectName, Date Created, State, Sample, Sites, and Notes. A 'Create project' dialog box is open in the foreground, showing 'Project name' and 'Project path' fields, with 'Create' and 'Cancel' buttons.

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	AutoCrossSection_250714_630	7/14/2025 2:21:01 PM	New Sample	1	Notes	
	do alignment check	7/14/2025 1:42:17 PM	New Sample	1	Notes	
	AutoCrossSection_250714_99	7/14/2025 12:39:23 PM	New Sample	2	Notes	
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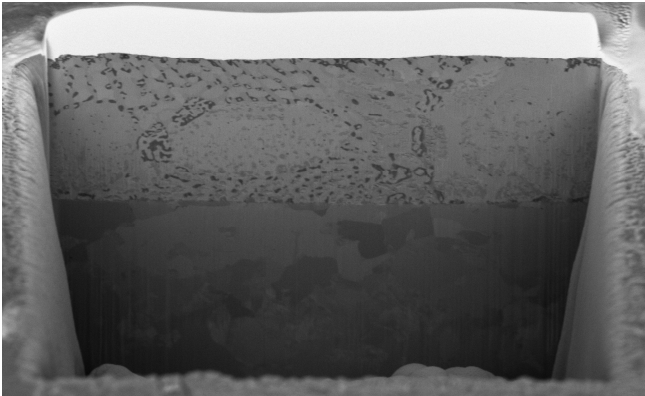
- 1 - Create project
- 2 - Create a site
- 3 - Update ion image
- 4 - Select template
- 5 - Run

# Immediate Access to Results

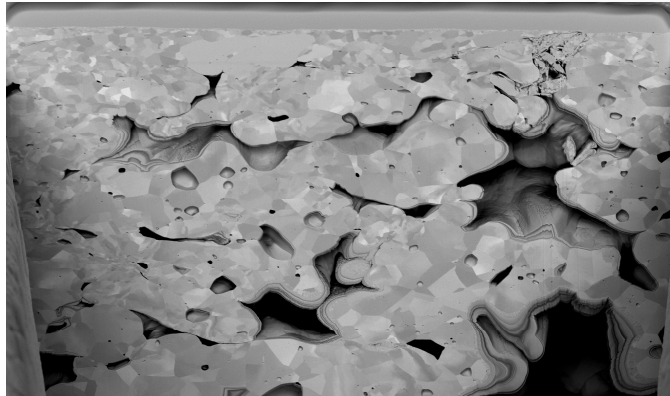


**Acquired data are at your fingertips for the review**

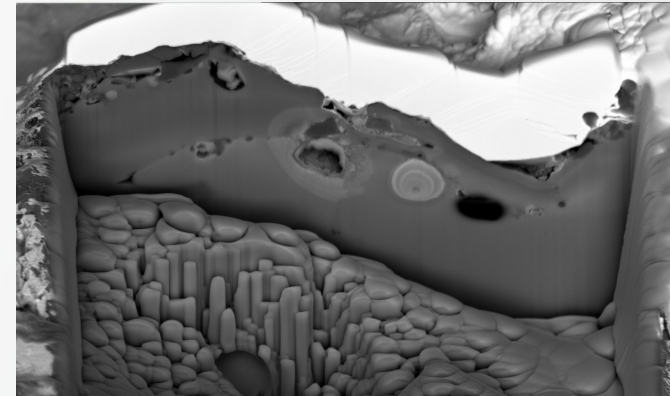
# Tuned to Work for Materials Science Samples



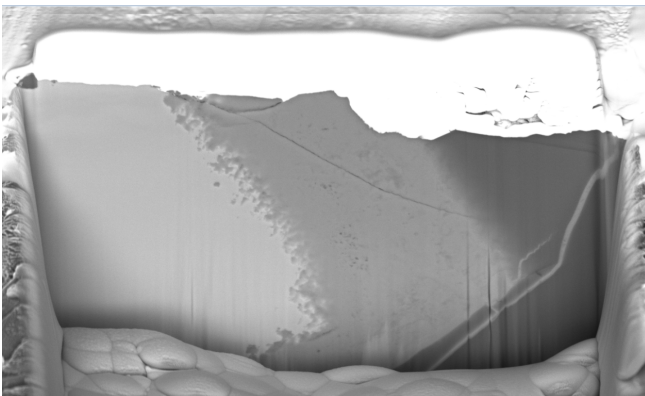
Zn-based automotive coating



Ceramic crucible



PEO coating on Al



Gibeon meteorite

**Smart software controls enable accurate milling and imaging on the wide variety of materials**

# Delivering Statistical Relevance with Multi-Site Acquisition

Configure arrays and multi-sample projects for experimental consistency and precision while optimizing microscope use

