

Using DTSA-II for Particle Analysis

DTSA-II

- Software for electron probe microanalysis
 - Visualization / manipulation of spectra
 - Simulation of measured spectra
 - Quantification of measured spectra
- Available from the NIST web site
 - <http://nist.gov/dtsa>
- Available for
 - MS Windows, Apple OS X, Linux

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- I. Simulation works

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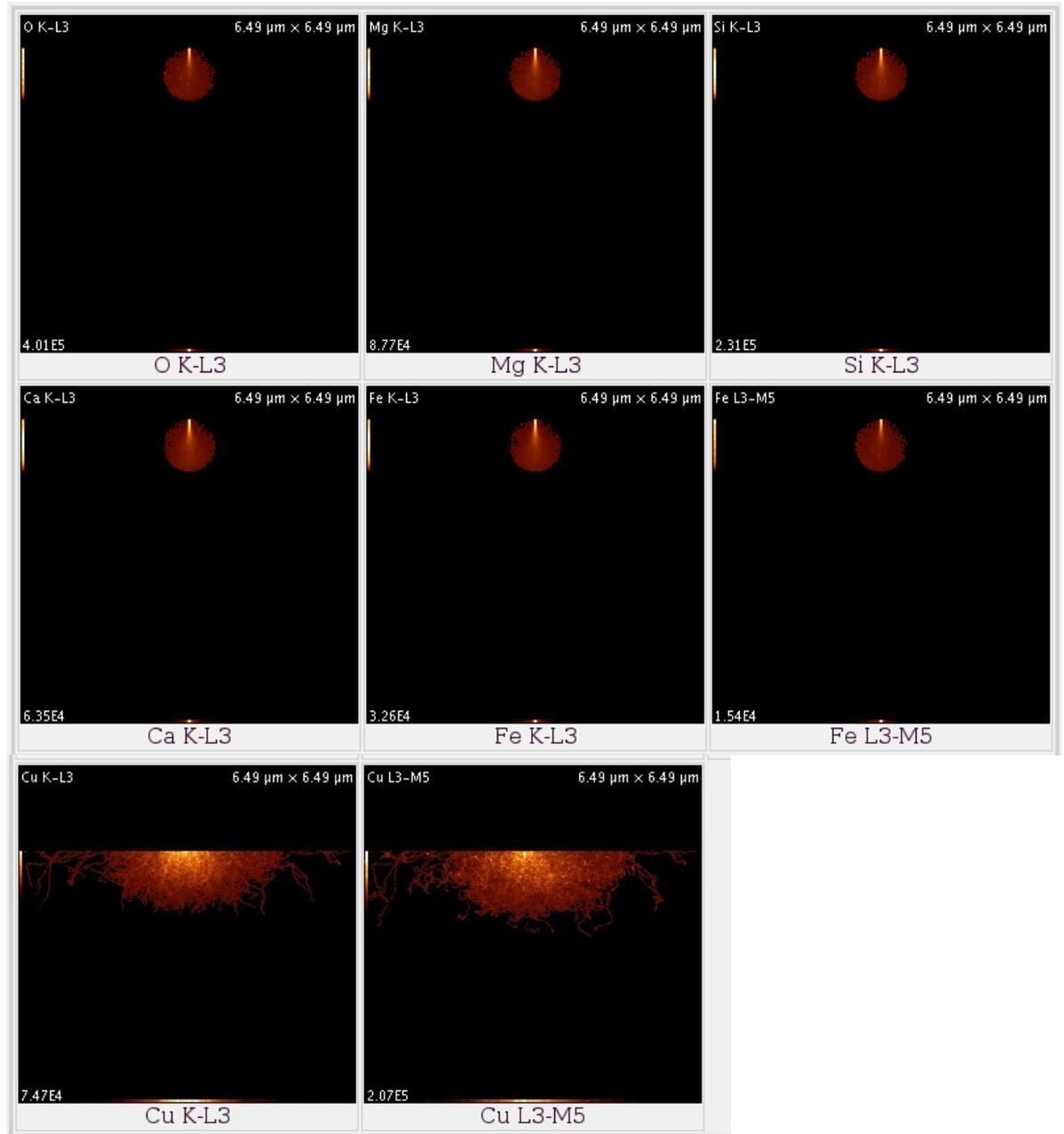
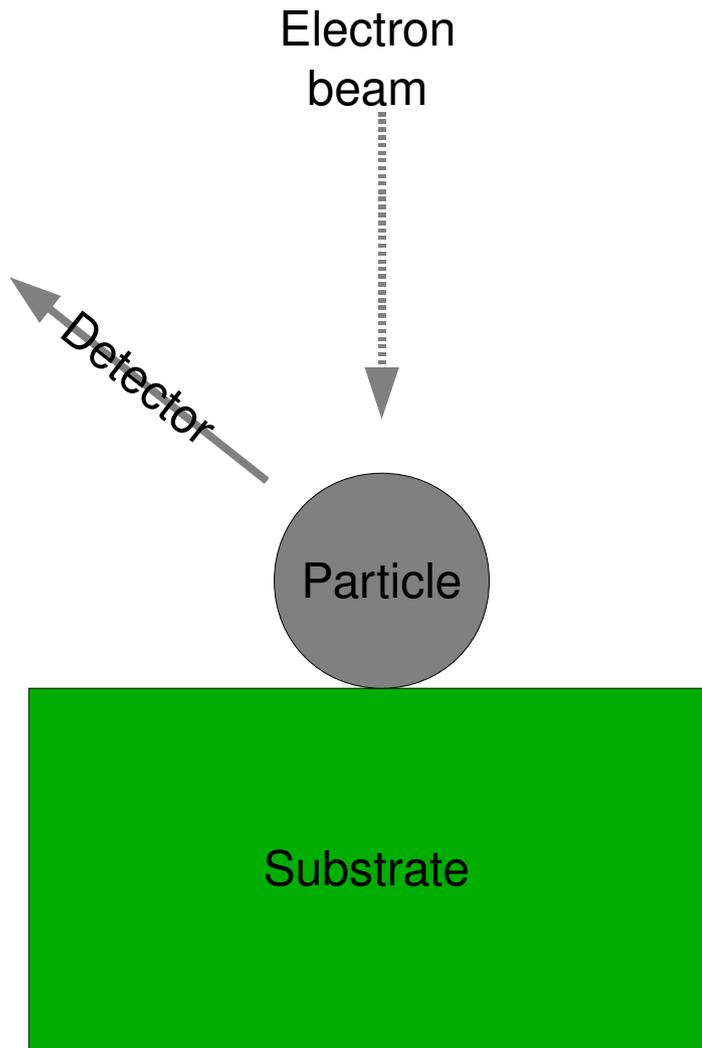
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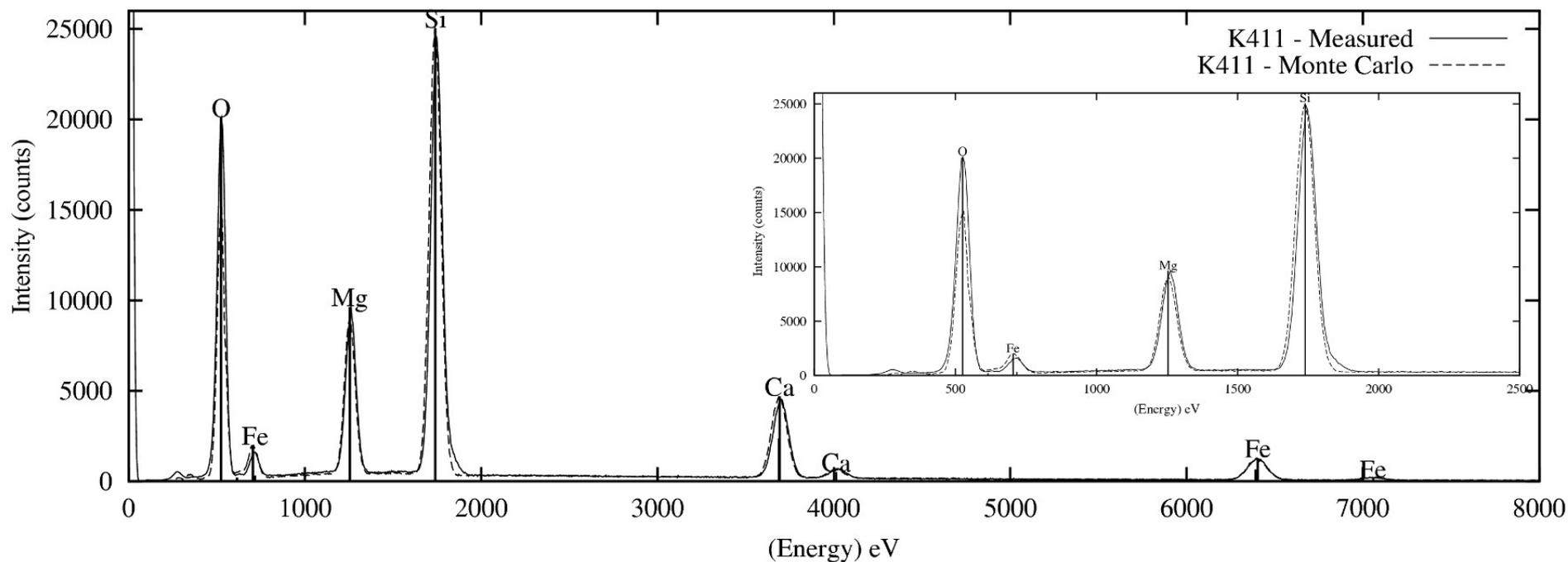
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Getting the right answer still requires skill...



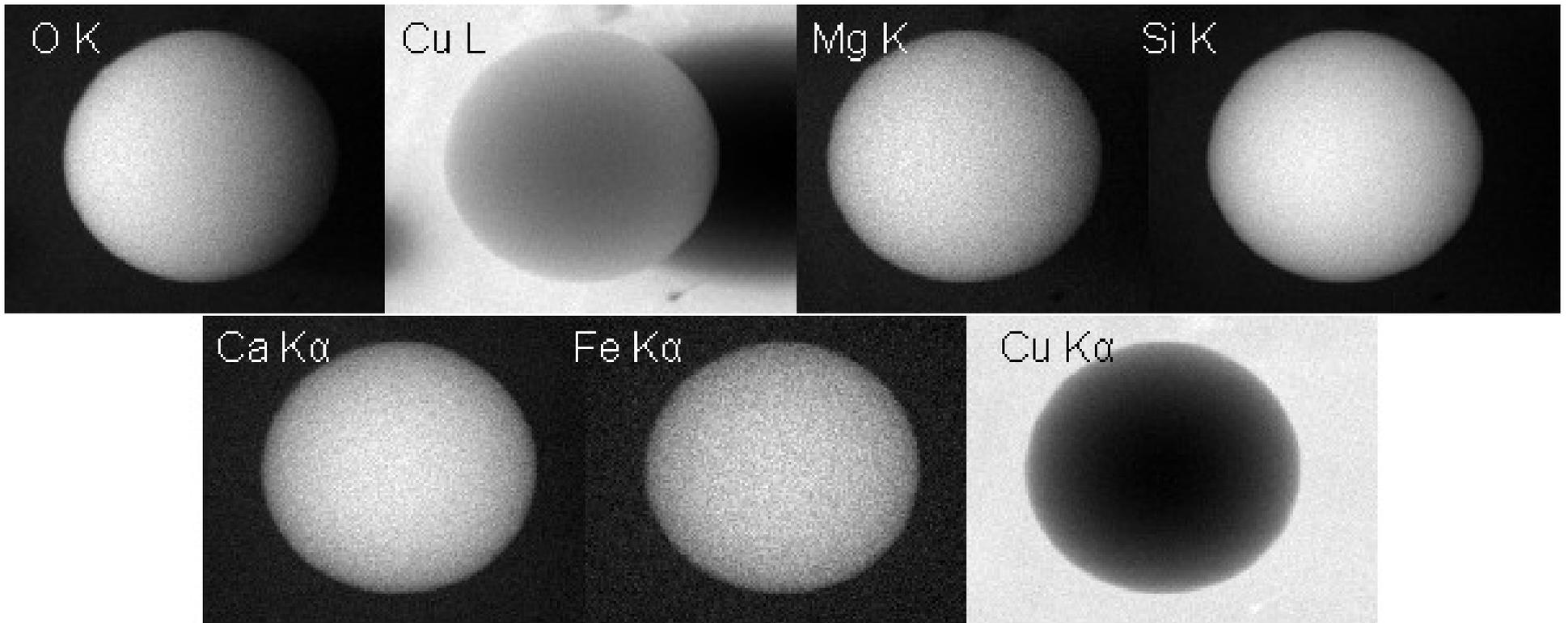
1 μm sphere at 20 keV

Simulating bulk K411 glass

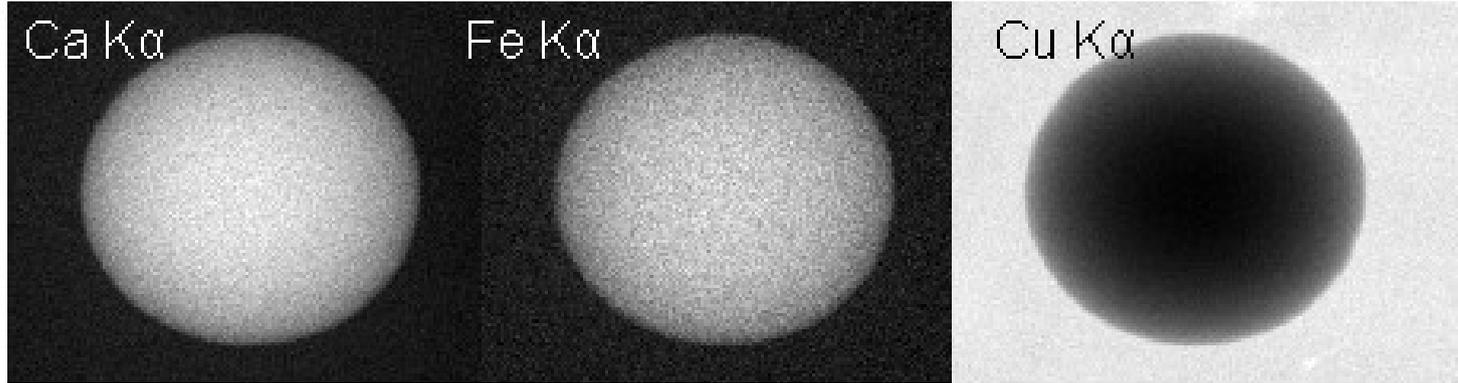
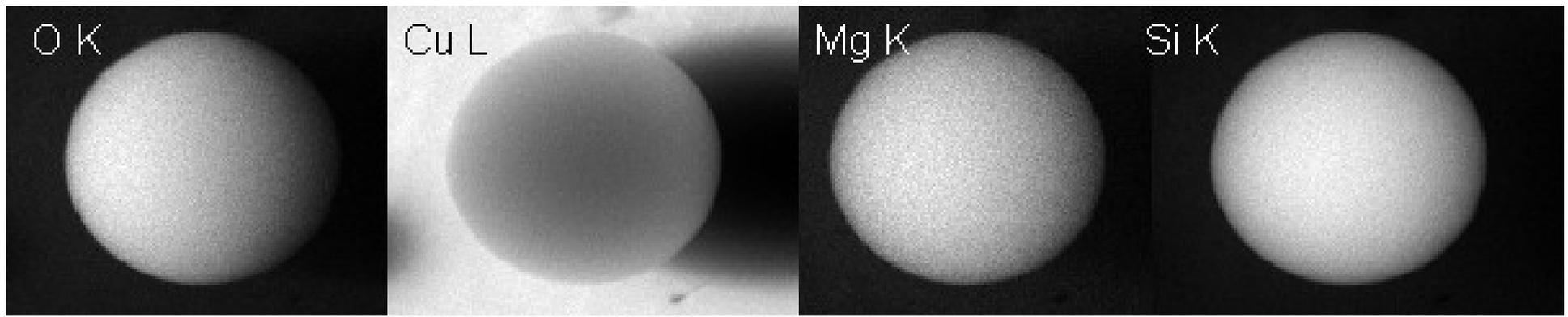


Element	SRM-2066 value (weight fraction)	Bulk Glass value (weight fraction)
Silicon	0.256 ± 0.017	0.2538 ± 0.0090
Calcium	0.112 ± 0.023	0.1106 ± 0.0014
Magnesium	0.092 ± 0.014	0.0885 ± 0.0012
Iron	0.112 ± 0.023	0.1121 ± 0.0016
Oxygen	0.429 ± 0.012	0.4236 ± 0.0024

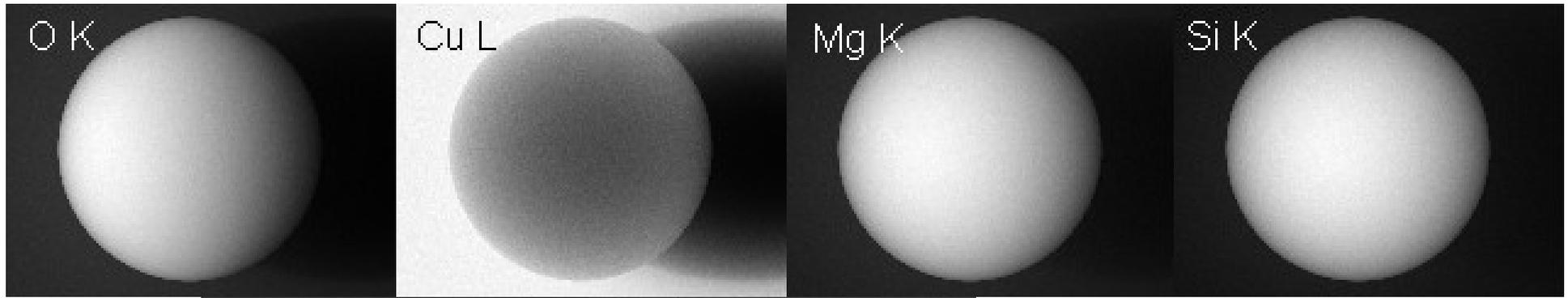
SRM-2066 - K411 microsphere



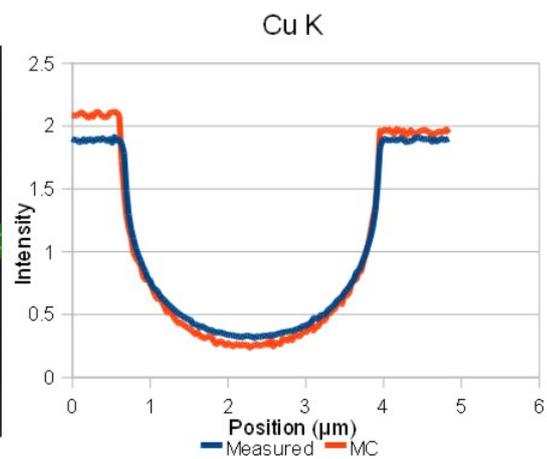
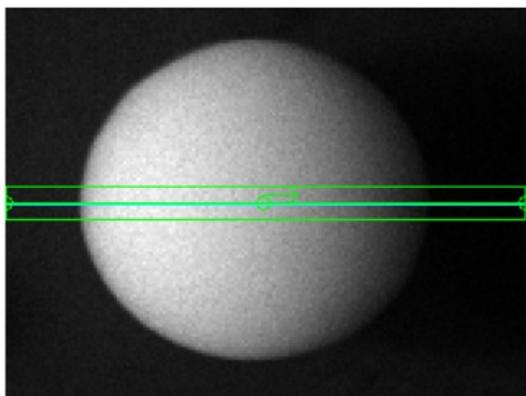
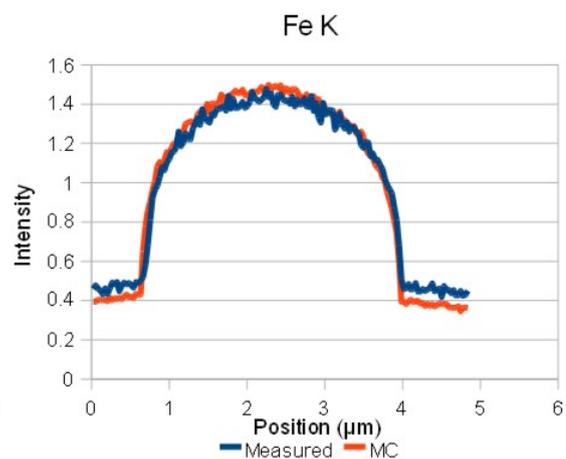
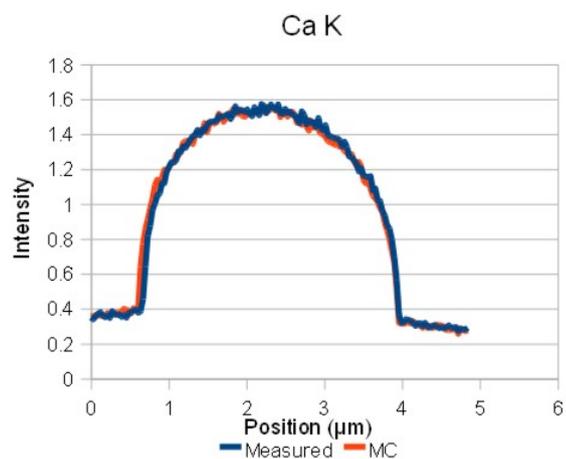
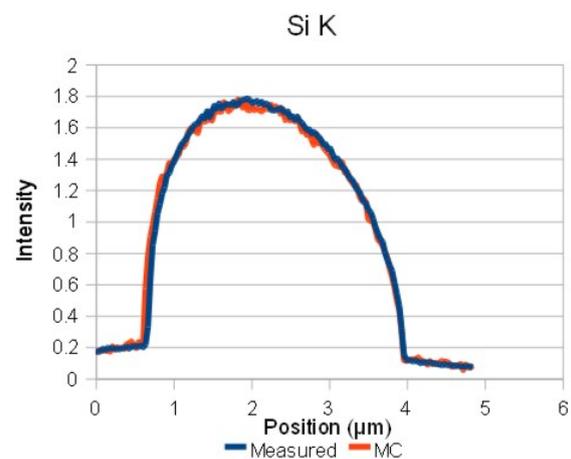
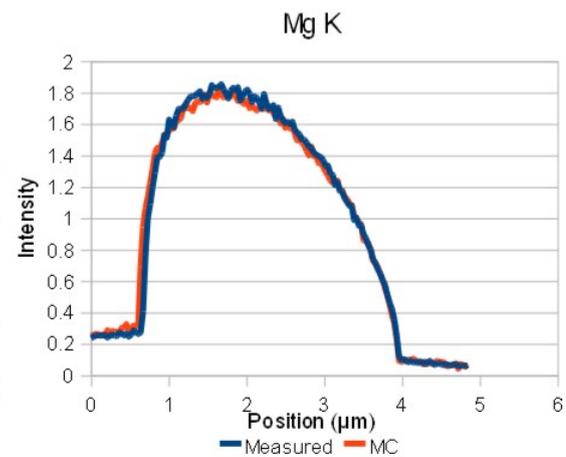
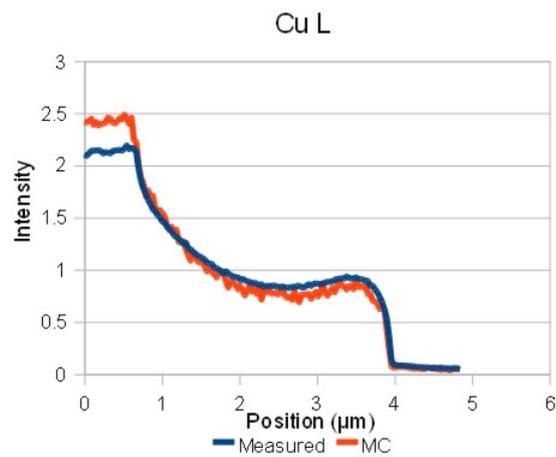
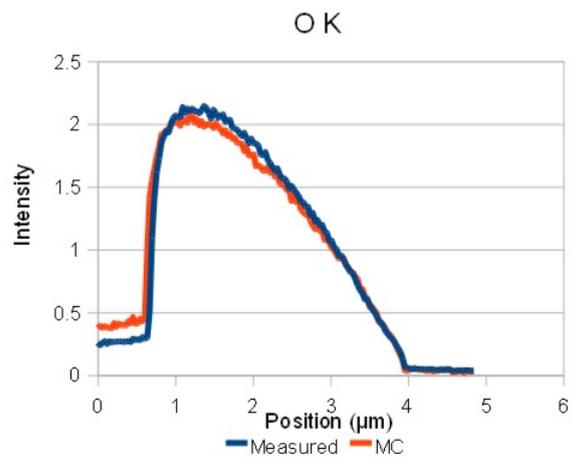
Data cube analyzed with LISPIX



Measured



Simulated



Scaled to average of all data.

The hard way....

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8:k411 = epq.Material(epq.Composition([epq.Element.Ca, epq.Element.Fe, epq.Element.O,
9:                                     epq.Element.Mg, epq.Element.Si],
10:                                     [0.112, 0.112, 0.429, 0.092, 0.256] ),
11:                                     epq.ToSI.gPerCC(2.946))
12:k411.setName("SRM-2066")
13:c = epq.MaterialFactory.createPureElement(epq.Element.Cu)
14:
15:# Place the sample at the optimal location for the detector
16:det = findDetector("Bruker 10")
17:origin = epu.Math2.multiply(1.0e-3, epq.SpectrumUtils.getSamplePosition(det.getProperties()))
18:
19:e0=25.0 # beam energy (keV)
20:partDiameter = 3.3e-6 # particle size (meters)
21:size = [ 160, 120 ] # map dimensions
22:center = [ 76, 59 ] # particle center (pixels)
23:stride = [ 4, 2 ] # split the task up to run on multiple CPUs
24:
25:# Bookkeeping
26:r = 0.5*partDiameter # particle radius
27:pixSize = (2*r)/108.3 # edge length of a single pixel (meters)
28:dose = 150.0e-9 # A*sec
29:nTraj = 1000 # electrons
30:# Output files
31:path="%s/%s [%d,%d].%s" % ( DefaultOutput,k411,offset % stride[0], offset / stride[0],"%s")
32:res = ept.RippleFile(size[0],size[1],depth,ept.RippleFile.SIGNED,4,ept.RippleFile.DONT_CARE_ENDIAN,
33:                     path % "rpl", path % "raw")
34:# Iterate over each pixel in the spectrum image
35:for x in range(offset % stride[0], size[0], stride[0]):
36:    if terminated:
37:        break
38:    for y in range(offset / stride[0], size[1], stride[1]):
39:        if terminated:
40:            break
41:            det.reset() # clear the detector accumulator
42:            monte = nm.MonteCarloSS()
43:            gun=nm.GaussianBeam(1.0e-9)
44:            gun.setCenter([(x-center[0])*pixSize, (center[1]-y)*pixSize,-0.01])
45:            monte.setElectronGun(gun)
46:            monte.setBeamEnergy(epq.ToSI.keV(e0))
47:            # Create a sphere of k411
48:            center = epu.Math2.plus(origin,[0.0,0.0,r])
49:            monte.addSubRegion(monte.getChamber(),k411,nm.Sphere(center,r))
50:            # Place it on a carbon substrate
51:            monte.addSubRegion(monte.getChamber(), c, nm.MultiPlaneShape.createSubstrate([0.0,0.0,-1.0],
52:                epu.Math2.plus(origin,[0.0,0.0,2*r])) )
53:            # Add event listeners to model characteristic and Bremsstrahlung radiation
54:            xrel=nm.XRayEventListener2(monte,det)
55:            monte.addActionListener(xrel)
56:            brem=nm.BremsstrahlungEventListener(monte,det)
57:            monte.addActionListener(brem)
58:            # Run the MC
59:            monte.runMultipleTrajectories(nTraj)
60:            # Get the spectrum and assign properties
61:            spec=det.getSpectrum(dose / (nTraj * epq.PhysicalConstants.ElectronCharge))
62:            res.seek(y, x)
63:            res.write(epq.SpectrumUtils.toIntArray(spec)[0:2048])
64:            # Write the spectrum to disk and display
65:            fos = jio.FileOutputStream("%s/%s[%d,%d].msa" % (DefaultOutput, k411, x, y))
66:            ept.WriteSpectrumAsEMSA1_0.write(spec,fos,0)
67:            fos.close()
68:res.close() # close the ripple file
```



Simulation Mode

First page

Next: *Configure sample*

Analytical Simulation _____

- Analytical model of a bulk, homogeneous material

Monte Carlo Simulation _____

- Monte Carlo model of a bulk, homogeneous material
- Monte Carlo model of a film on a bulk, homogeneous substrate
- Monte Carlo model of a sphere on a bulk, homogeneous substrate
- Monte Carlo model of a cube on a bulk, homogeneous substrate
- Monte Carlo model of an inclusion in a bulk, homogeneous substrate

Message: Select the type of spectrum simulation to perform.

More...

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Cancel

Spectrum simulation



Configure sample

Previous: *Simulation Mode*

Next: *Instrument configuration*

Materials and Scale

Substrate material Pyrolytic Carb

Edit

None

Cube material Albite

Edit

Cube height / width / depth 1 μm

Overscan particle

Message: Specify the sample material and scale.

More...

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Instrument configuration

Previous: *Configure sample*

Next: *Other options*

Instrument Parameters

Instrument

Detector

Calibration

Beam Energy keV

Probe Dose (current*time) nA*second

Incident Angle °

Message:

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Spectrum simulation



Other options

Previous: *Instrument configuration*

Next: *Perform Simulation*

Noise parameters _____

Apply simulated count statistics

Instance count

Extended output _____

X-ray generation images (takes a little longer)

▼

Message:

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Spectrum simulation



Perform Simulation

Previous: *Other options*

Finish

Progress



Message: Computing the requested spectra...

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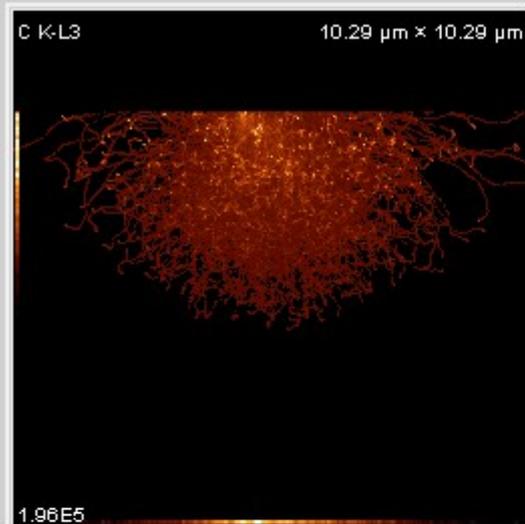
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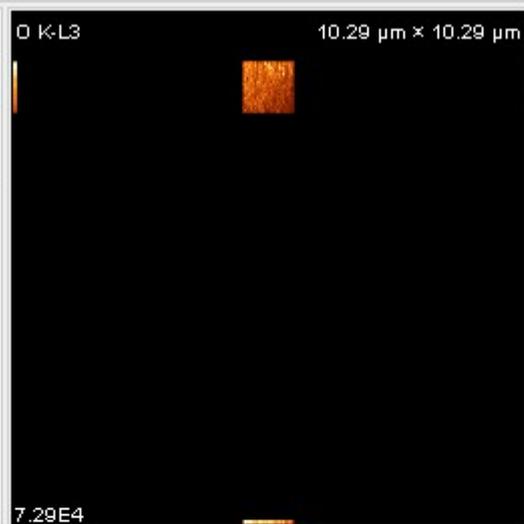
Spectrum Simulation

Simulation mode	Monte Carlo model of a cube sample																										
Substrate material	Pyrolytic Carbon = [C(100.00 wgt%),2.1 g/cc]																										
Object Material	Albite = [O(48.81 wgt%),Na(8.77 wgt%),Al(10.29 wgt%),Si(32.13 wgt%),2.6 g/cc]																										
Edge length	1.000 μm																										
Beam energy	20.000 keV																										
Probe dose	120.000 nA·s																										
Instrument	JXA-8500F																										
Detector	Bruker 5 eV/ch																										
Calibration	FWHM[Mn K α]=124.6 eV - Jul 29, 2008 12:00:01 AM																										
Overscan	true																										
Replicas (with Poisson noise)	1																										
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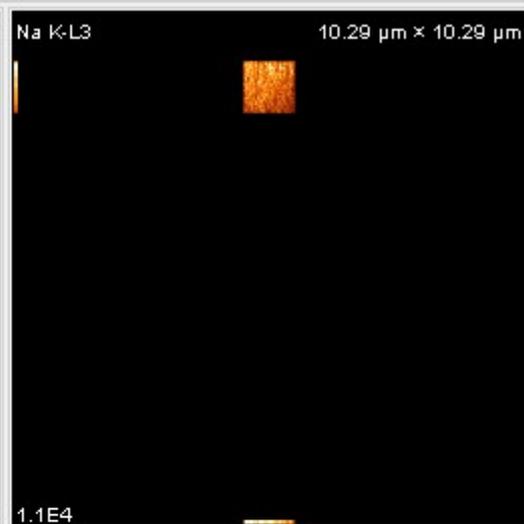
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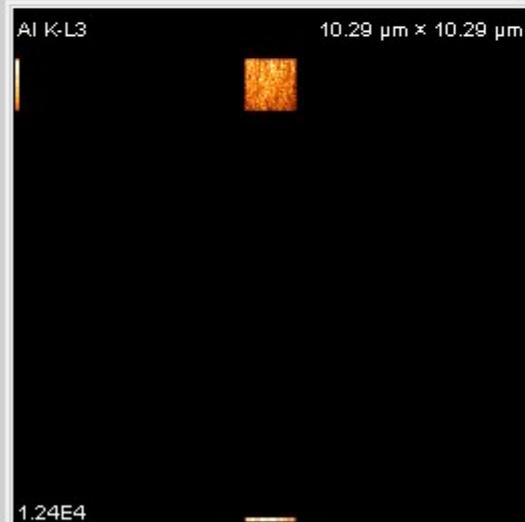
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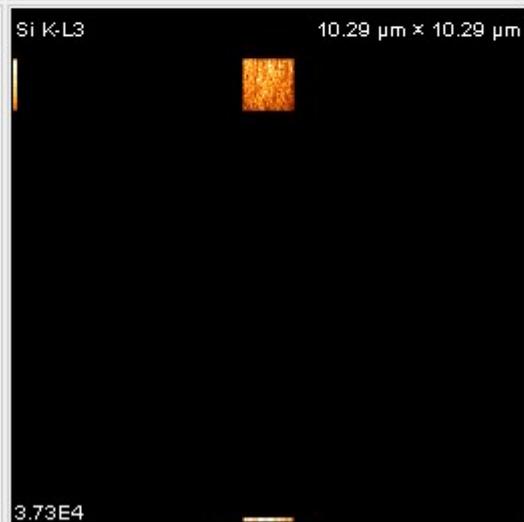
O K-L3



Na K-L3



Al K-L3



Si K-L3

DTSA-II - Preferences

- User Information
- **Quantitative algorithms**
- Instruments and Detectors
 - JXA-8500F
 - Detector - Bruker 5 eV/ch
 - Detector - Bruker 10 eV/ch
 - Probe
 - Detector - Si(Li) hig res
 - Detector - Si(Li) low res
 - Detector - Si(Li)



Correction Algorithm: Armstrong CITZAF - Partide

Mass Absorption Coefficient: NIST-Chantler 2005

Bremsstrahlung angular distribution: Isotropic

Ionization cross section: Bote/Salvat-2008

Quantitative algorithm preferences

OK Cancel Apply

Elevation	40°
Energy offset	-466.3 eV



Select a quantification mode

Next: *Specify the instrument*

Select the mode which best describes the operation you wish to perform. The mode you select will determine what information you will be asked to provide and what information will be computed.

- Determine the composition of an 'unknown' spectrum by MLLSQ fitting to standards
- Determine the composition from k-ratios
- Determine the composition of an 'unknown' spectrum by fitting using a simplex method
- Estimate measured k-ratios from composition

Message: Select an analysis mode.

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Detector type

Silicon Drift Detector

Detector window

Model: AD 3.3 (from factory table)

Quantification Alien



Specify the instrument

Previous: *Select a quantification mode*

Next: *Specify standard spectra*

Instrument

Acquired on the

Detector

using the

with calibration

Setting

at a beam energy of keV.

Message:

Detector type

Silicon Drift Detector

Detector window

Metaxal AP 3.2 (manufacturer's table)

Quantification Alien



Previous: *Specify the instrument*

Specify standard spectra

Next: *Specify unmeasured elements*

Spectrum	Elements	Probe (...)	Live time	Composition
Noisy[MC simulation of bulk A...	O, Al	1.000	120.0	Al2O3
Noisy[MC simulation of bulk N...	Na	1.000	120.0	NaF
Noisy[MC simulation of bulk S...	Si	1.000	120.0	SiO2

- File..
- Database..
- Remove
- Clear
- Properties

Message: Noisy[MC simulation of bulk SiO2] #1 assigned as a reference for Si

More...

- Back
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- Finish
- Cancel

Detector type

Silicon Drift Detector

Detector window

Model: AD 3.2 (from factory table)

Quantification Alien



Specify unmeasured elements

Previous: *Specify standard spectra*

Next: *Specify the reference spectra*

- No extra element
- Element by difference
- Oxygen by stoichiometry

Element	Cation	Anion	As

Add waters of hydration

Message: Specify how to handle unmeasured elements

More...

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Cancel

Detector type

Silicon Drift Detector

Detector window

Moxtek AP 3.3 (manufacturer's table)

Quantification Alien



Previous: *Specify unmeasured elements*

Specify the reference spectra

Next: *Specify unknown spectra*

Region-of-Interest	Spectrum	S/N
F All [0.45, 0.84 keV]	Missing	-
Na All [0.80, 1.22 keV]	Missing	-
O All [0.30, 0.69 keV]	Noisy [MC simulation of bul...	Good 448
Al All [1.23, 1.72 keV]	Noisy [MC simulation of bul...	Good 655
Si All [1.48, 2.01 keV]	Noisy [MC simulation of bul...	Good 575

File...
Database...
Remove
Strip

Message: Specify reference spectra (as necessary.)

More...

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Detector type	Silicon Drift Detector
Detector window	Moxtek AP 3.3 (manufacturer's table)

Quantification Alien



Previous: Specify unmeasured elements

Specify the reference spectra

Next: Specify unknown spectra

Region-of-Interest	Spectrum	S/N
O All [0.30, 0.69 keV]	Noisy[MC simulation of bul...	Good 448
F All [0.45, 0.84 keV]	F std	Good 573
Na All [0.80, 1.22 keV]	Na std	Good 664
Al All [1.23, 1.72 keV]	Noisy[MC simulation of bul...	Good 655
Si All [1.48, 2.01 keV]	Noisy[MC simulation of bul...	Good 575

File...

Database...

Remove

Strip

Message: Specify reference spectra (as necessary.)

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Detector type

Silicon Drift Detector

Detector window

Model: AD 3.3 (from factory table)

Quantification Alien



Previous: *Specify the reference spectra*

Specify unknown spectra

Next: *The results*

Name	Live Time	Probe (nA)	Shape
Noisy[MC simulation of a 1...	120.0	1.000	Bulk
Noisy[MC simulation of bulk ...	120.0	1.000	Bulk

Add file

Remove

Properties

Sample Shape

Message: Specify the unknown spectra

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Detector type Silicon Drift Detector

Detector window Monte Carlo 2 (from factory table)

Sample Shape - Noisy[MC simulation of a 1.000 μm cube of Albite on Pyrolytic Car... X

- Shapes
- Bulk
 - Rectangular Block
 - Rotated Square Block
 - Vertical Cylinder
 - Sphere
 - Triangular Prism
 - Fiber
 - Hemisphere
 - Square Pyramid

Dimensions

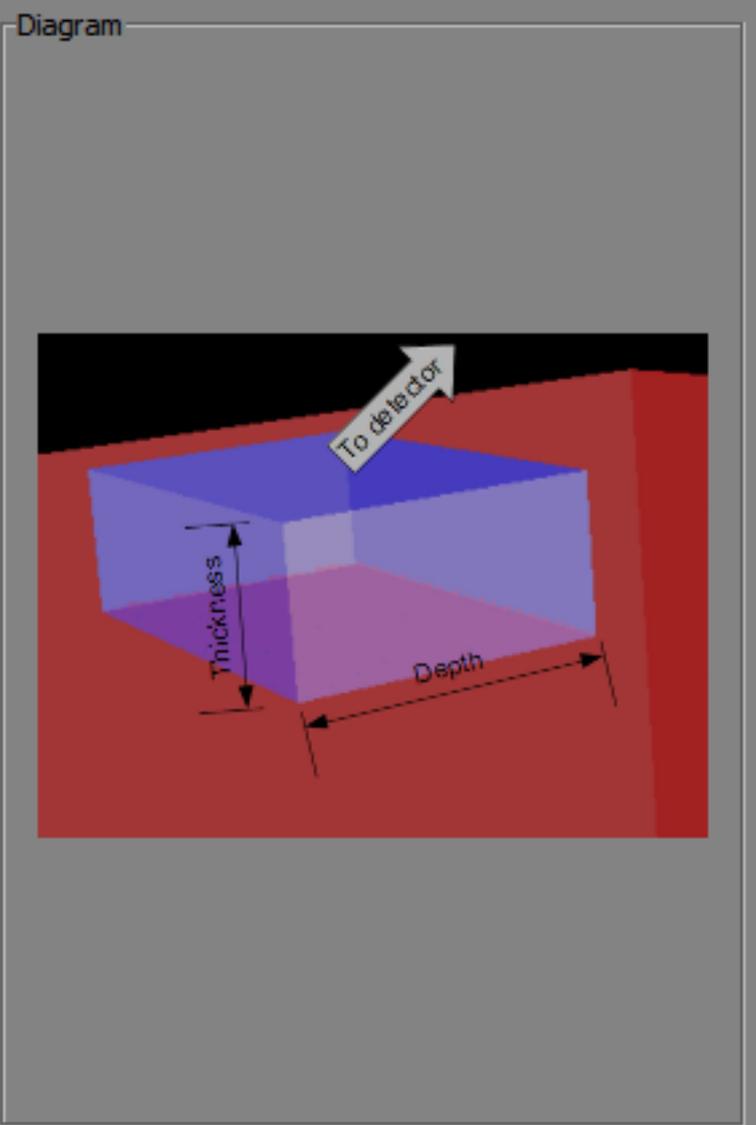
Depth μm

Thickness μm

Width μm

Nominal Density

Density g/cm^3



Ok Cancel

Elevation	40°
Energy offset	-466.3 eV

Quantification Alien



Previous: *Specify the reference spectra*

Specify unknown spectra

Next: *The results*

Name	Live Time	Probe (nA)	Shape
Noisy[MC simulation of a 1.000 μ ...	120.0	1.000	Block[De...
Noisy[MC simulation of bulk Albite] ...	120.0	1.000	Bulk

Add file

Remove

Properties

Sample Shape

Message: Specify the unknown spectra

More...

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Cancel

Detector type

Silicon Drift Detector

Detector window

Maxtek AD 3.2 (manufacturer's table)

Quantification Alien



The results

Previous: *Specify unknown spectra*

Finish

Normalization

- Weight percent Normalized weight percent Atomic percent

Spectrum	Sum	O	Na	Al	Si
Noisy[MC sim...]	9.49 ± 0.01	5.01 ± 0.01	0.84 ± 0.00	0.89 ± 0.00	2.76 ± 0.01
Noisy[MC sim...]	98.90 ± 0.08	48.20 ± 0.07	8.73 ± 0.02	10.34 ± 0.02	31.63 ± 0.03

Message:

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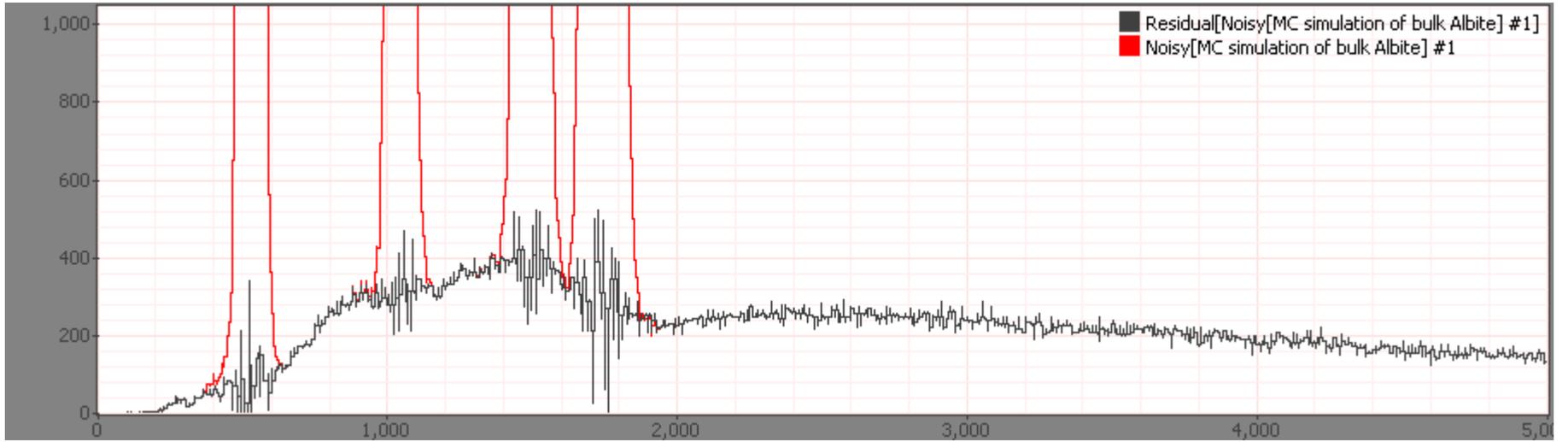
Cancel

Detector type

Silicon Drift Detector

Detector window

Moxtek AP 3 3 (manufacturer's table)



Conditions

Item	Value
Instrument	JXA-8500F
Detector	Bruker 5 eV/ch
Beam Energy	10.0 keV
Correction Algorithm	Armstrong CITZAF - Particle
Mass Absorption Coefficient	NIST-Chantler 2005

Standards

Element	Material	Spectrum	Ref?	Probe (nA)	Live Time (s)
O	Al2O3 = [O(0.6 atoms),Al(0.4 atoms)]	Bulk Al2O3	Yes	1.000	120.0
Na	NaCl = [Na(0.5 atoms),Cl(0.5 atoms)]	Bulk NaCl	Yes	1.000	120.0
Al	Al2O3 = [O(0.6 atoms),Al(0.4 atoms)]	Bulk Al2O3	Yes	1.000	120.0
Si	SiO2 = [O(0.67 atoms),Si(0.33 atoms)]	Bulk SiO2	Yes	1.000	120.0

Results

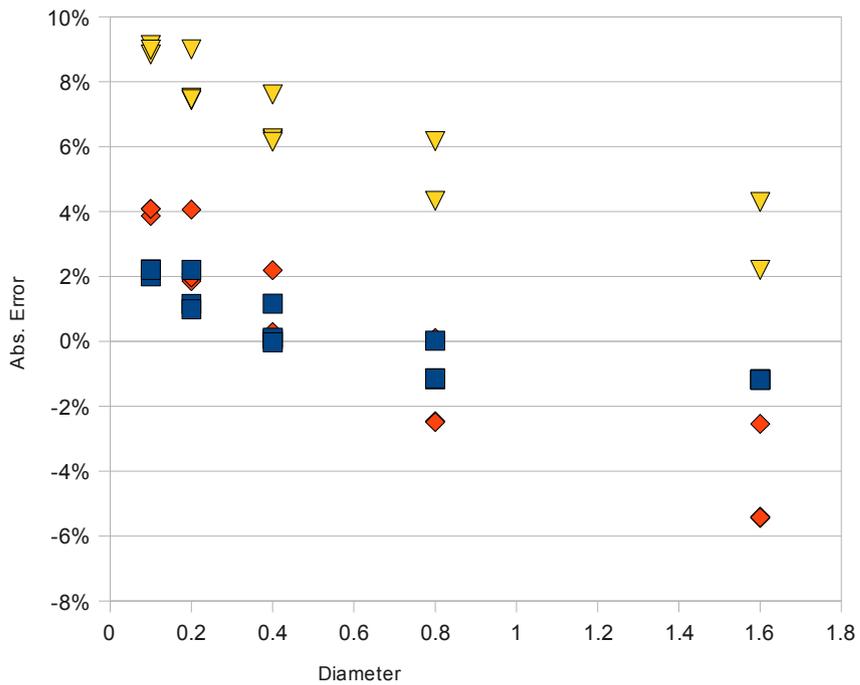
Table:Quantitative results (uncertainties are statistical-only, 1 σ)

Spectrum	Quantity	O			Na			Al			Si			Sum
Noisy[MC simulation of a 1.000 μm cube of Albite on C (overscan)] #1 Block[Depth=1.0 μm,Width = 1.0 μm,Height=1.0 μm]	Line	O All			Na All			Al All			Si All			
	Z · A · F	0.99	1.12	1.00	0.89	1.03	1.00	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.01	0.97	1.00	
	k-ratios	0.5510	±	0.0011	0.0950	±	0.0004	0.0923	±	0.0004	0.3263	±	0.0007	
	weight %	23.34	±	0.04	4.07	±	0.02	4.95	±	0.02	15.56	±	0.03	47.92
I = 1.000 nA	norm(wgt %)	48.71	±	0.09	8.49	±	0.03	10.33	±	0.04	32.47	±	0.07	-
LT = 120.0 s	atomic %	61.47			7.46			7.73			23.34			
Residual	/home/nicholas/DTSA-II Reports/2009/April/18-Apr-2009/residual8001149227620179364.msa													
Noisy[MC simulation of bulk Albite] #1 Bulk	Line	O All			Na All			Al All			Si All			
	Z · A · F	0.99	0.97	1.00	0.89	0.94	1.00	0.99	0.96	1.00	1.01	0.94	1.00	
	k-ratios	1.0058	±	0.0014	0.1848	±	0.0005	0.1876	±	0.0005	0.6526	±	0.0010	
	weight %	49.38	±	0.07	8.69	±	0.02	10.44	±	0.03	32.17	±	0.05	100.68
I = 1.000 nA	norm(wgt %)	49.05	±	0.07	8.63	±	0.02	10.37	±	0.03	31.95	±	0.05	-
LT = 120.0 s	atomic %	61.77			7.56			7.74			22.92			
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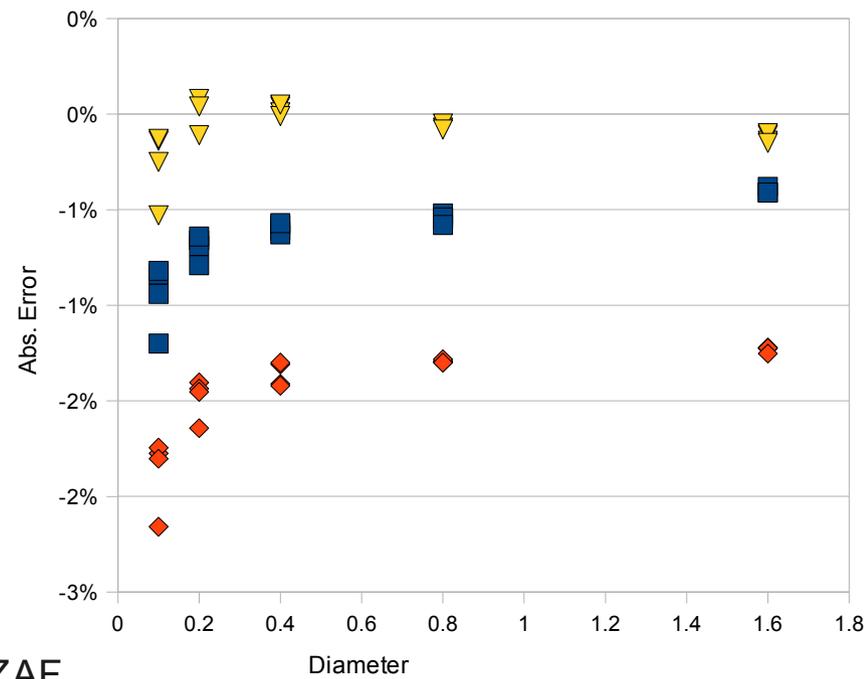
Practical example

- Albite spheres – $\text{NaAlSi}_3\text{O}_8$
- Diameters = 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.8, 1.6 μm
- Substrate – Carbon
- Procedure
 - Simulate using Monte Carlo
 - Quantify using bulk ZAF, normalized k-ratios, CITZAF particle ZAF
 - Compare

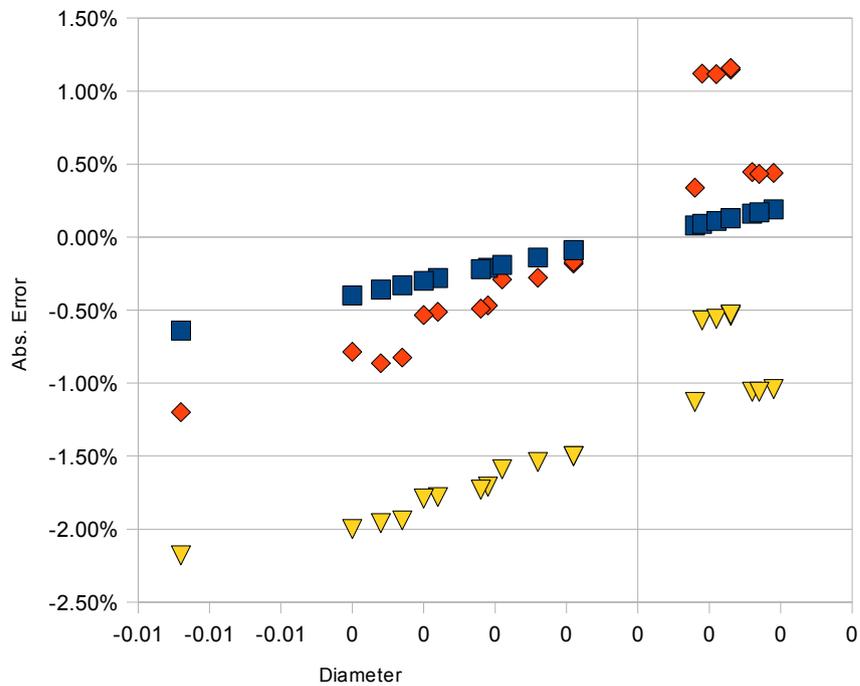
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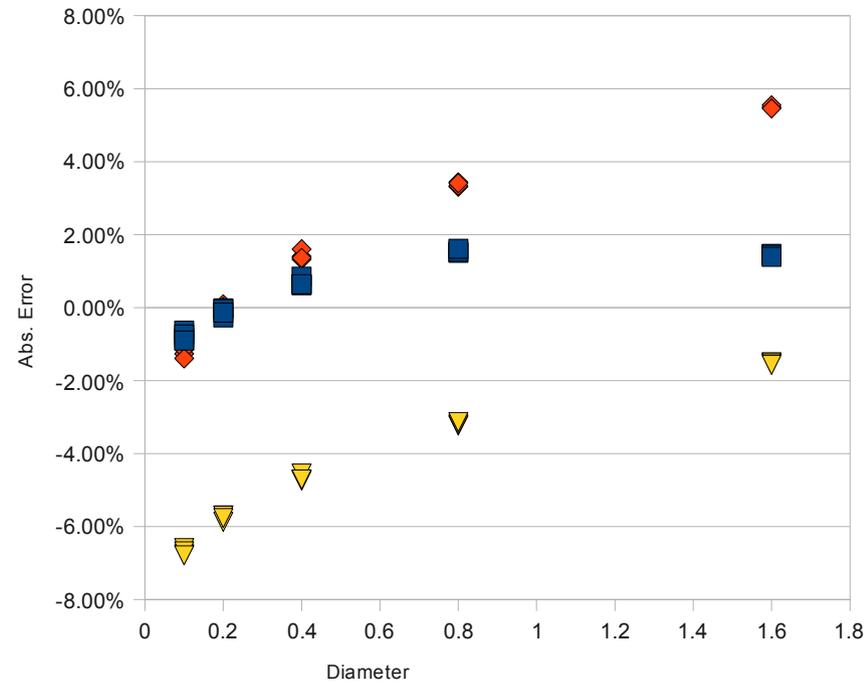
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- Particle CITZAF
- ◆ Norm k-ratio
- ▼ Bulk CITZAF

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