X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy and Imaging

BL6b: Micro-XRF

XRF Spectrometer







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Total	99.54	
Humidity	0.506	
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Key word: Chemical Compositions or Elemental Compositions



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Manufacturing Processing Control

uXRF Investigations on the Influence of Solar Cell **Processing Steps on Iron and Copper Precipitates** in Multicrystalline Silicon



Fig. 1 μ-XRF mapping (3 x 2.1 µm) of Cu and Fe distribution before (top) and after (below) a phosphorous diffusion of POCI₃ [1].

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XBIC/µXRF/µXAS analysis of metals precipitation in block-cast solar silicon (b)

150 XBIC

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50

100

50

150 Fe

4000 6000 8000

35

50

100

200

300

150 Cu



Fig. 2 Survey EBIC image and XRF maps of the defects in the Fe/Cu contaminated cast mc-Si sample [2].

(a)



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Fig. 3 (a) XRF spectrum of CdS/CdTe films on glass/TCO with Cu back contact. Film thickness correlations to XRF measured levels in (b) CdTe and (c) CdS films on glass/TCO using 5 minute measurement duration [3].

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Quality Assurance in PCB Manufacturing







Elemental mapping of PCB

- ***** Gold Coatings in the nanometer range on PCBs
- Thickness Measurement of Conformal Coatings on PCBs
- Measuring the copper thickness in plated through-holes on PCBs
- Controlling the thickness of solder resist in the manufacture of PCBs



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Recycling Manufacturing Wastes

Characteristics of the marble processing powder waste At Shaq El-Thoaban industrial area, Egypt, and its suitability for cement manufacture







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Compositional analysis of Cementitious Materials

Micro-spectroscopic investigation of AI and S speciation in hardened cement paste Determination of the elemental distribution and chemical speciation in highly heterogeneous cementitious materials using synchrotron-based micro-spectroscopic techniques



Fig. 4 Micro-XRF elemental distribution maps of AI, Si, S, and Mg in intact HCP hydrated at 50°C. Micro-XAS selected regions for S K-edge XANES measurements are marked with numbers. A silver spot was used as marker, which appears blue on the micro-XRF maps [5].



Fig. 5 BSE image and micro-XRF elemental distribution maps of Si, Ca, Ni, Al and S in a \sim 700×1000 µm overview of a Ni enriched hydrated cement matrix. Micro-XAS selected regions for Al K-edge (1), S K-edge (2) and Ni K-edge (3) measurements are marked with numbers on the BSE image and the respective elemental maps. Ag = silver spot used as marker [6].

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Correlation between Chemical and Morphological Heterogeneities in LiNi_{0.5}Mn_{1.5}O₄ Spinel Composite Electrodes for Lithium-Ion Batteries Determined by Micro-Xray Fluorescence Analysis









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Figure 6 Electrodes cycled with (a) C/4, (b) C/2, and (c) 5 C for approximately 25 cycles. Green, Mn; red, Ni; and blue, transmission.

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In situ X-ray spectromicroscopy study of bipolar plate material stability for nano-fuel-cells with ionic-liquid electrolyte









Figure 7b an STXM image of the Fe electrodes corroded at 200 mV vs. Au QRE for 1000 s (top left) and corresponding XRF C, Fe and O maps: the shown location in highlighted red square image 80x80 μ m².

Figure 7a (a–c) Schematic view of the electrochemical cell, highlighting electrode and electrolyte layout (d) the optical micrograph of the electrochemical corrosion of the Fe electrodes.

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Micro-XRF and micro-XAFS studies of an AI matrix Fe–Ni composite



Fig. 8 300x260 μ m² μ -XRF map of Al matrix Fe–Ni composite [9].



Synchrotron micro-XRF study of metal inclusions distribution and variation in fused silica induced by ultraviolet laser pulses



Fig. 9 Elemental maps of AI, Fe and Cu for the damage crater displayed in (a) [10].

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Thank you for your attention.

