

NanoSIMS 50: Optics and practical aspects of Tuning

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Chromatic compensation: L3





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- Two spherical electrostatic sectors, radius = R
- Chromatic compensation of a polychromatic beam.
- Ac2 is the image of Ac1.





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P1, P2, P3, P4: Static plates. Value of angular deviation defined only by space considerations. 6° for P1, P3, P4 and 12° for P2.

B1, B2, B3: scanning plates, 2 functions:

- Scanning the primary ion beam on the sample
- Maintaining the collection efficiency and the mass resolving power while the primary ion beam is scanned on the sample.



N50L Lateral Resolution

Immersion lens E0





N50L Lateral Resolution Aberrations and Brightness

Probe size = Σ (gaussian part + aberrations)

Main aberrations :

- Aperture aberration : $Cs \alpha^3$
- Chromatic aberration : $Cc \alpha \Delta E/E$
- α being the primary ion beam aperture at the sample and $\Delta E/E$
- the relative energy dispersion.
- Aberration coefficients Cs and Cc are linked to the optical properties of the immersion lens. Respective values are 62 mm and 15 mm.
- Gaussian part is linked to the **Brightness**

 $I(A) = B dS(cm^2) d\Omega(sr)$

B : A m⁻² sr⁻¹ V⁻¹ or A cm⁻² sr⁻¹ @ 10 kV



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N50L Lateral Resolution Probe size estimation

D_p =
$$\sqrt{(D_{Br}^{1,3} + D_s^{1,3})^{2/1,3} + D_c^2}$$

With:

• $D_c = 0.6 \text{ Cc } \alpha_s \Delta E/E$ Chromatic

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$$D_s = 0,18 \text{ Cs } \alpha_s^3$$
 Aperture

- $D_{Br} = (Ip/B\alpha_s^2 4/\pi^2)^{1/2}$ Brightness
- Dp = FWHM → D68 (+30%)

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Probe size estimation

$$D_{p} = \sqrt{(D_{Br}^{1,3} + D_{s}^{1,3})^{2/1,3} + D_{c}^{2}}$$

For each set of parameters one can find one α_{s} which minimizes Dp.

Cs+ : $100 \text{ A cm}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1} - 1\text{eV}$ O- : $10 \text{ A cm}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1} - 15\text{eV}$









N50L Lateral Resolution Future developments

How could we increase the lateral resolution?

1/ Acting on the source by increasing the brightness and decreasing the energy dispersion.

2/ Acting on the immersion lens by decreasing aberrations coefficients



N50L Lateral Resolution Future developments

Acting on the source by increasing the brightness and decreasing the energy dispersion.





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Acting on the immersion lens by decreasing aberrations coefficients?



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NanoSims 50 optical schematic (horizontal plane) Images + and cross-over + positions.





How does it work?

- •B1, B2 and B3 rotate the primary ion beam around the center of D1.
- •B3 in addition to its action on the primary ion beam is in charge of the "Dynamic transfer". B3 is powered so as to cancel the secondary ion beam motion
- B2X and B2Y could be set to different values to take in account the difference between the horizontal and vertical planes





While the sample is moving in Z, EOS has to be modified to keep the beam waist position at ES plane, leading to a slight movement of the C.O. in B3.





Practical rules for E0S:

Keep E0S as constant as possible!

- Elemental imaging without isotopic ratios measurements:
 E0S* +/- 30 bits. (1 bit is 1,5 micron and 2,5 Volts)
- Low reproducibility Isotopic ratios measurements (by imaging or not) (Sigma > 2-3 permil) : E0S*+/- 20 bits.
- High reproducibility Isotopic ratios measurements (by imaging or not) (Sigma < 1 permil) : E0S* +/- 10 bits.

These ranges of value for E0S are varying from instrument to instrument depending of the relationship between E0S and Cy.





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Two conditions.

- Angular focalization and energy focalization.
- Two lenses Q and LF4.
- Q fulfilled both conditions (angular and energy) at 90%.
- LF4 is in charge of fine energy focusing. Theoretically any LF4 change needs to be compensate by a slight change of Q.





- W_{ES} : Entrance slit width (or beam waist)
- G : magnification of the spectrometer. G = R/537; as the mass dispersion is R/2, MRP is independent of R.
- $K_a \alpha^2$: main second order aperture aberration term,
- $K_E \alpha \Delta E/E$: main chromatic aberration term,

with α and β being the half aperture angle in the radial plane and in the vertical plane and $\Delta E/E$ the relative energy spread of the secondary beam.







Second order aperture aberrations



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 W_{ES} : Entrance slit width, G : magnification of the spectrometer, K_a , K_b : second order aperture aberration term, K_E chromatic aberration term, with α and β being the half aperture angle in the radial plane and in the vertical plane and $\Delta E/E$ the relative energy spread of the secondary beam.



Practical rules for MRP tuning:

Choose ES according to the MRP range and tune Q.

ES #	1	2	3	4	5
MRP	< 4500	< 6000	<8000	<10000	>10000

- Check which kind of aberration are the most dominating (energy or angular):
- 1) set EnS (-10%), if MRP increases a lot (more than 10-15%) and/or it changes the peak shape, check LF4 (wo EnS).
- 2) set ASn, if MRP increases a lot (more than 10-15%) and/or it changes the peak shape, check H (X, Y not the value) (wo AS).
- Set ASn and EnS (in this order) to improve MRP and the peak shape.

ES #	1	2	3	4	5
AS#	1 - 2	2-3	2-3	3-4	4-5

Check C3x (and LF5) to get a C4x scan as flat as possible.







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A new brighter O⁻ RF plasma ion source

Source schematic



Duoplasmatron

Source diameter: 300 microns Brightness: **10-20 mA cm⁻² sr⁻¹** Energy dispersion: < 15 eV FWHM

Oregon Physics

Source diameter: 35-50 microns Brightness: **160 mA cm⁻² sr⁻¹** Energy dispersion: < 5 eV FWHM



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Prototype of the O- source tested on the NanoSIMS of LLNL, CA, USA



O- RF plasma ion source: preliminary tests



FOV 8 x 8 microns, 200 nm 17.3 pA



FOV 2 x 2 microns, 46 nm 0.86 pA



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Source performances

Source diameter: 70-80 microns Brightness: **100 mA cm⁻² sr⁻¹** Energy dispersion: NA Stability: < 1,6 % over 14h Lifetime: > 500h on May 20th



