Scanning Electron Microscopy

Focused Ion Beam Preparation

- Target preparation with minimal artefacts with laser- and electron beam via FIB
- Examination of interfaces of coated materials or laminated structures, e.g. Li-lon cells
- Microanalysis of surface damage

Electron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD)

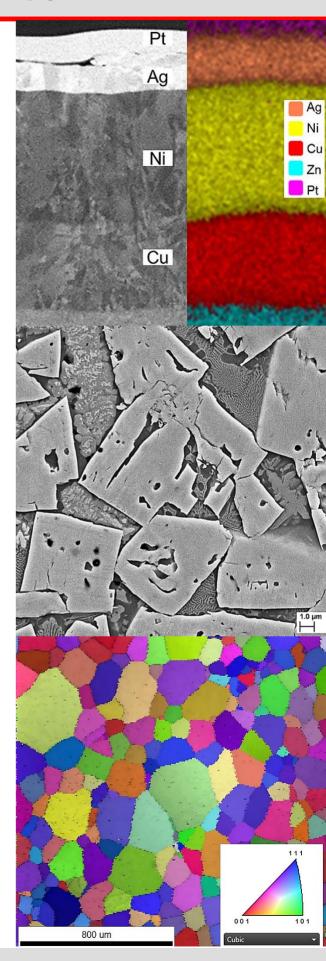
- Investigation of crystal orientation / texture of polycrystalline materials
- Grade of orientation of hard and soft magnets
- Quantitative particle size distribution and analysis of shape factors via EBSD
- Correlation of EBSD data and other methods e.g. x-ray diffraction

Chemical analysis via x-ray-spectroscopy

- Accurate determination of the local chemical composition via energy dispersive analysis (EDX)
- Quantitative determination of light elements (C, N, O, B) and analysis of sophisticated elements via wave-lengthdispersive analysis (WDX)

Taking big images via Atlas 5

 High resolution, large-scale tile images with scanning electron microscopy for e.g. quantitative microstructure analysis







Technical Equipment

Carl Zeiss LEO 1455VP and LEO Gemini 1525

SEM-detector

- Secondary- and backscatter-electron detector Image acquisition and analysis
- EDAX EDX-analysis system
- Matworks-holding fixture (MSH-1) for correlative microscopy

Carl Zeiss Crossbeam 540 Laser

Detector

- Combined secondary-electron and ion-detector
- EBSD-detector for material contrast for accelerating voltages <2kV
- 4-Quadrant backscatter-electron-detector
- STEM-Detector for transmission-electron-mapping

FIB-System

- UV quick-pulse-laser for rough machining
- Capella Focused Ion Beam column for sample preparation on nanoscale
- Kleindiek micromanipulator

Image acquisition and analysis

- Atlas 3D for high resolution FIB-tomography
- EDAX EDX- and 3D-EBSD analysis

Carl Zeiss Sigma 300 Variable Pressure

Detector

- Secondary-electron detector
- 4-Quadrant AsB-backscatter-electron detector
- VP-secondary-electron detector with simple possibility of CL-imaging

Image acquisition and analysis

- Variable-Pressure-System for charge-free imaging of non conductible samples
- Atlas-System for large scale, high resolution images
- EDAX EDX-, EBSD- and WDX-analysis
- Fast EBSD camera with up to 1400 FPS for crystallographic analysis

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