

# La spectroscopie à décharge luminescente (GDOES) pour l'analyse de traitements thermiques et autres.....

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# Techniques d'analyse pour les métaux

Spectrométrie d'étincelle

Rayons X

MEB + EDX

C/S, N/O/H

ICP

**GDOES**

# Quelles sont les questions auxquelles la GDOES apporte une réponse ?

Quels éléments sont présents dans l'échantillon ? N O C S H F Cl et tous les autres

À quelle concentration ?

L'échantillon est-il homogène?

Y a t'il des couches sur la surface?

Y a t'il eu traitements thermiques ?

Ces traitements ont-ils été faits correctement?

D'où peuvent provenir des défauts de surface ?

Y a t'il une contamination à l'interface?

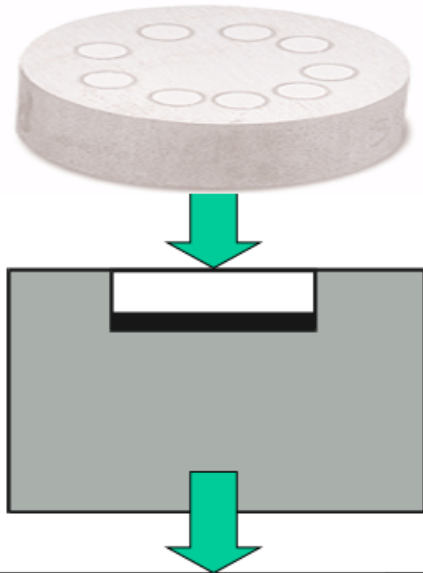
Y a t'il une oxidation ? Ou une diffusion dans une couche?

Que fait la concurrence?

En tout cela en quelques minutes !

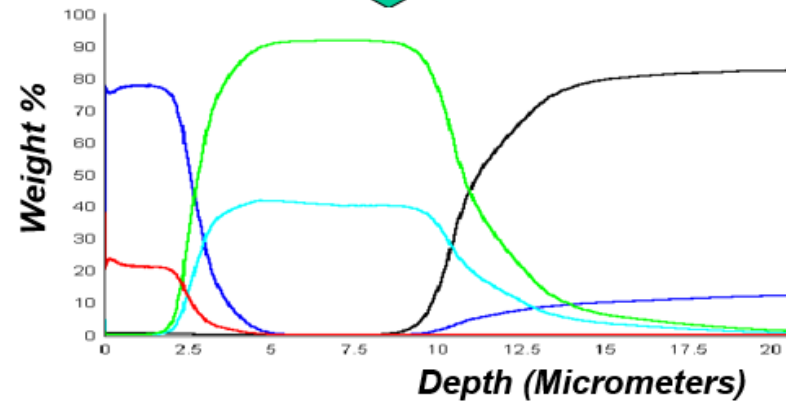
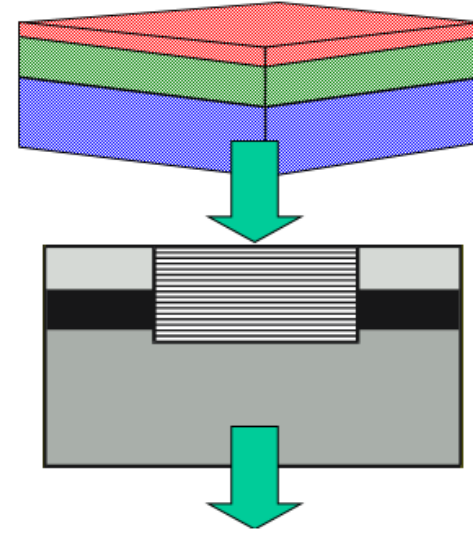
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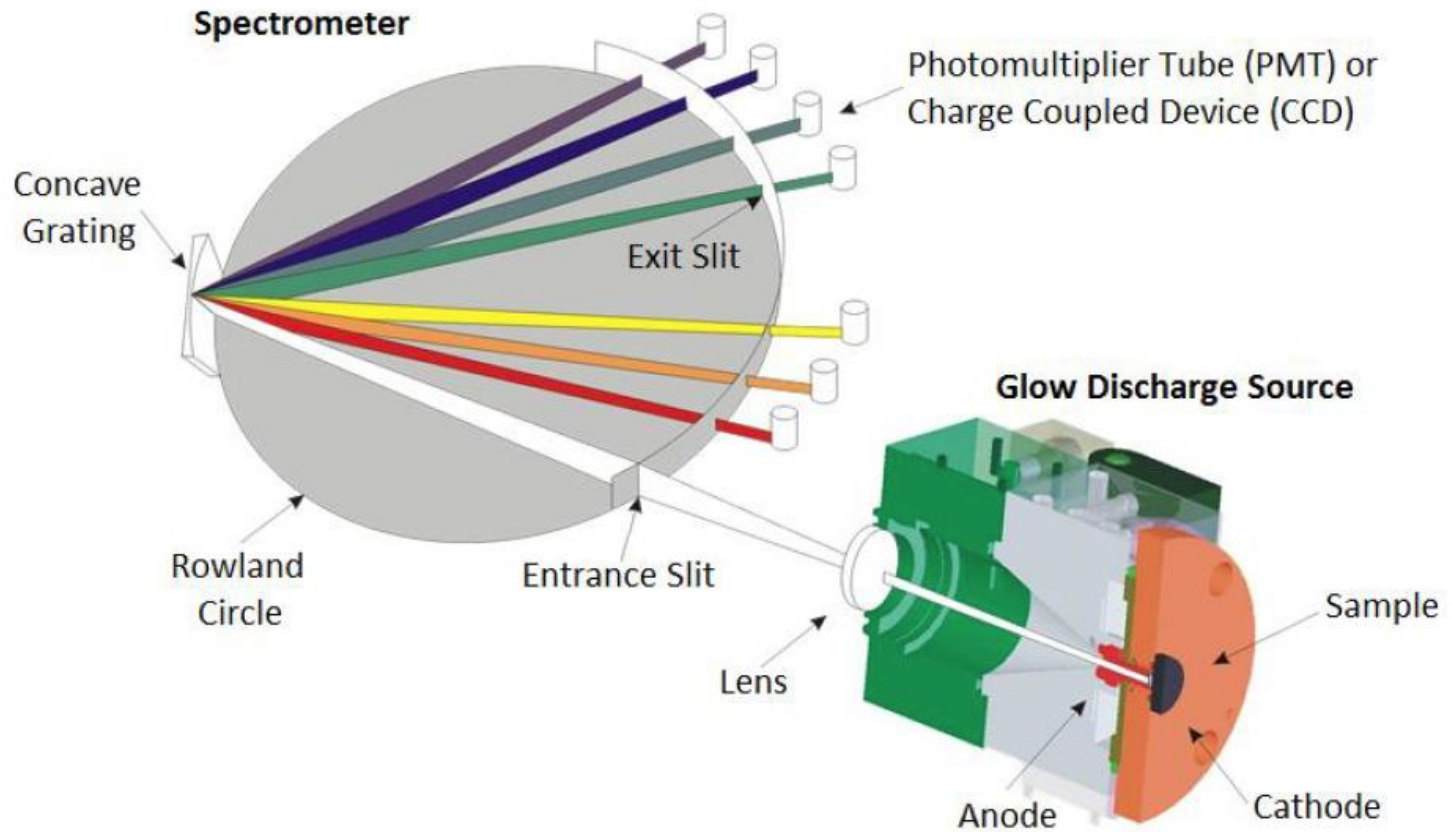
## Bulk Analysis



	Burn 1	Burn 2	AVG
<b>C</b>	0.159	0.160	0.160
<b>P</b>	0.00469	0.00470	0.00470
<b>S</b>	0.00451	0.00466	0.00460
<b>Si</b>	0.0112	0.0113	0.0112
<b>Mn</b>	0.0287	0.0286	0.0286

## Depth Profiling





Lentille

Anode

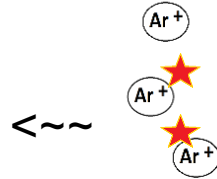


Cathode avec céramique

O-Ring

Les ions positifs bombardent la surface de l'échantillon et en arrachent des atomes (Sputtering).  
Les atomes arrachés sont excités par collision.

Ar<sup>+</sup>



Échantillon



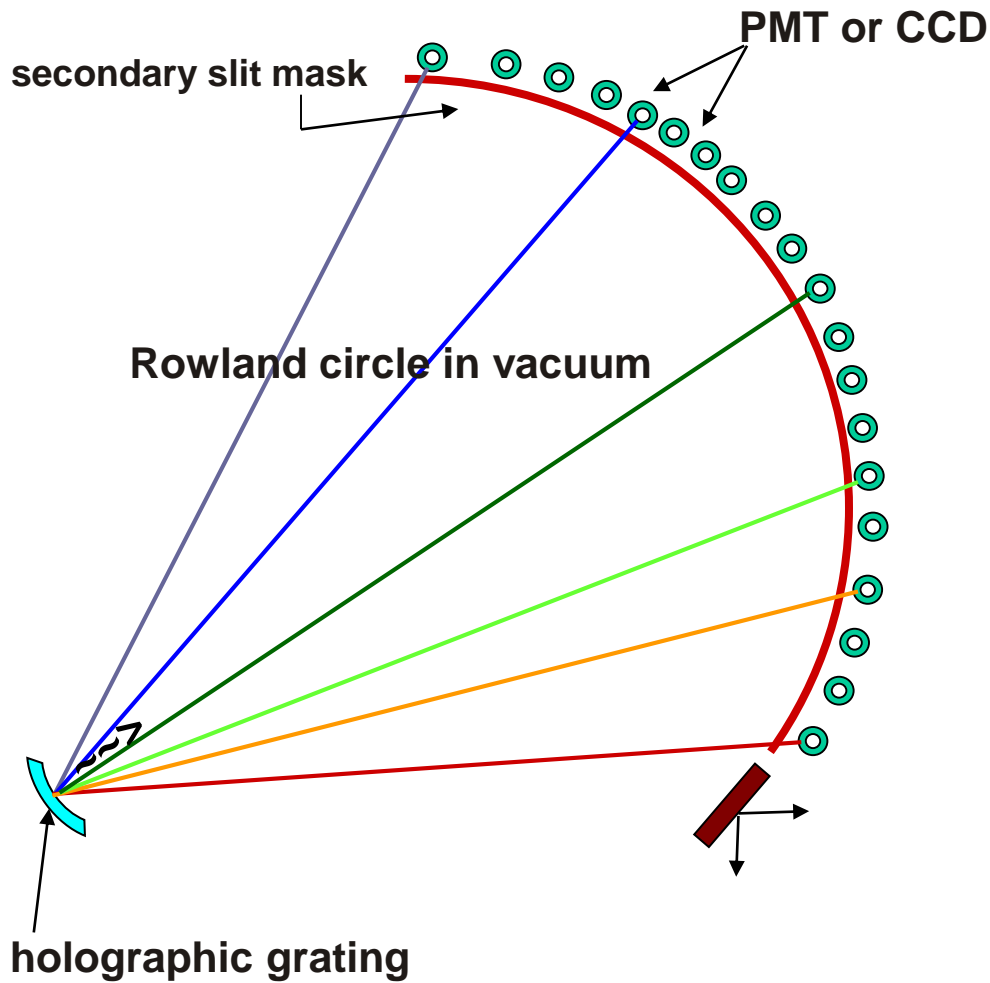
Lorsque les électrons retournent à leur niveau d'énergie de base, l'énergie est libérée sous forme de lumière est transmise au spectromètre.

Anode

Ce processus est répété continuellement

Cathode avec céramique

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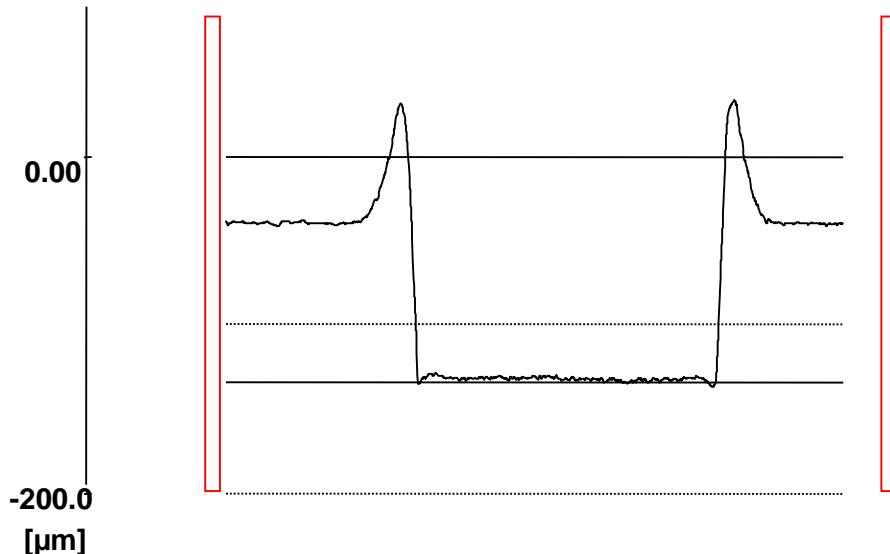
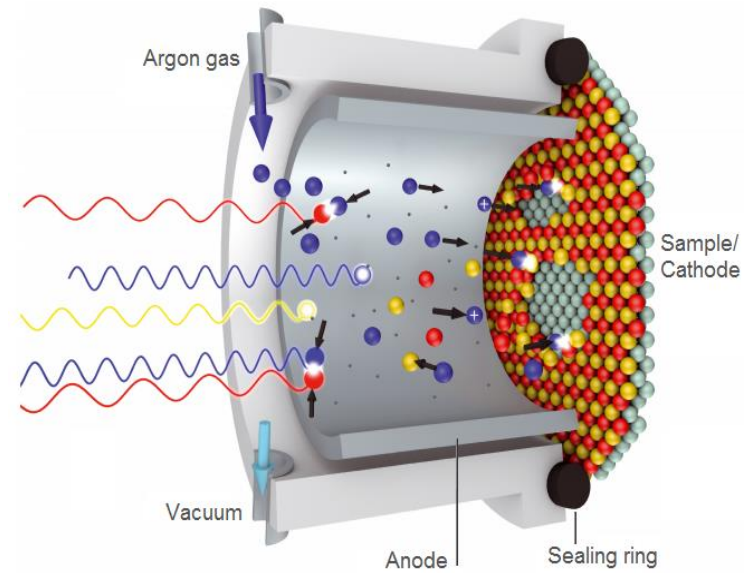


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La lumière émise est diffractée par le réseau en différentes longueurs d'onde .  
Les détecteurs captent et mesurent l'intensité des raies

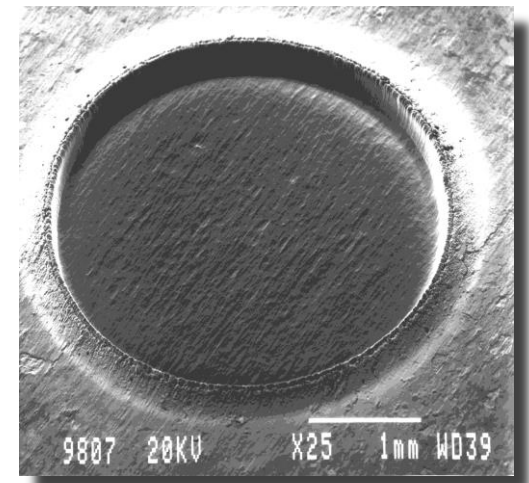
# Analyse en Profondeur

- des parois de cratère rectilignes
- fond de cratère plat, pour une meilleure resolution en profondeur



Cross section by profilometer

-134.576 µm



SEM profile



# Différents instruments

**GDA Alpha**



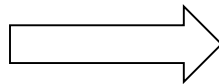
**GDA 150 HR/ 650 HR**



**GDA 550 HR/ 750 HR**



- Échantillons conducteurs ou non
- Épaisseur des couches  $\ll 0,1 \mu\text{m}$
- Limites de détection désirées notamment pour H O N



- PMT ou CCD ou les deux
- Taille de l'optique
- Source Courant Continu (DC) ou source HF (Pulsée)

## Haute sensibilité / Flexibilité dans les canaux

### GDA-Alpha



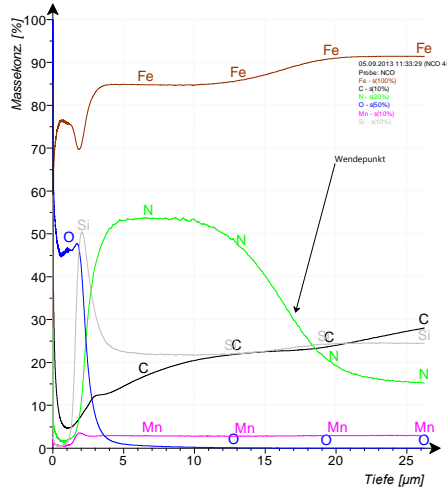
The GDA-Alpha is a user friendly and compact instrument. The same sensors and other components like the big instruments are used. The GDA-Alpha is perfectly suitable for production and quality controls. Application fields range from bulk analysis of complex alloys up to depth profile analysis of coated materials.

Physical dimensions	GDA-Alpha
Length	950 mm
Width	390 mm
Height	675 mm
Weight	95 kg

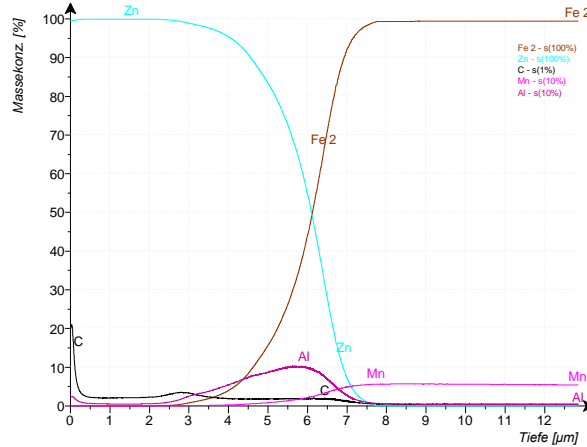
- **A CCD option adds flexibility**
- Each wavelength can be defined for analysis
- Short-wave spectral lines like that of H and O can be detected
- Long-wave spectral lines like that of Na and Li can be detected
- Resolution 20 pm

# GDA-Alpha

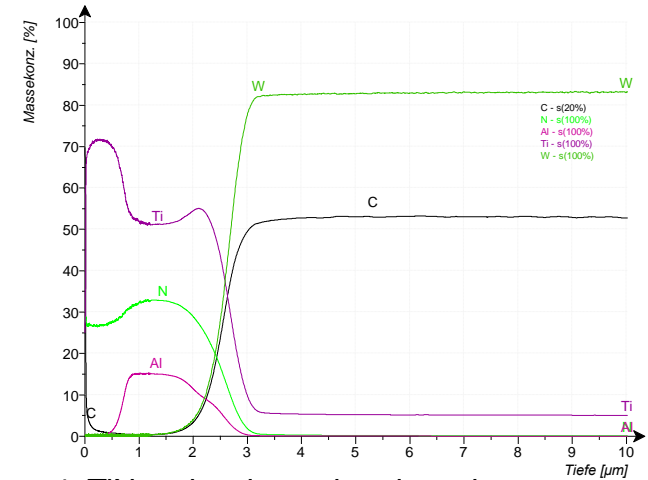
## Applications typiques...pour aujourd'hui ici à Yverdon



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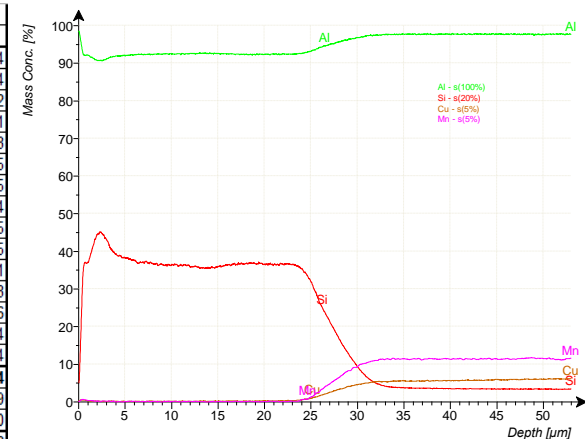
3. Galvanizing



4. TiN on hard metal and steel

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1. Bulk analysis



5. Aluminum cladding and others

# GDA-Alpha

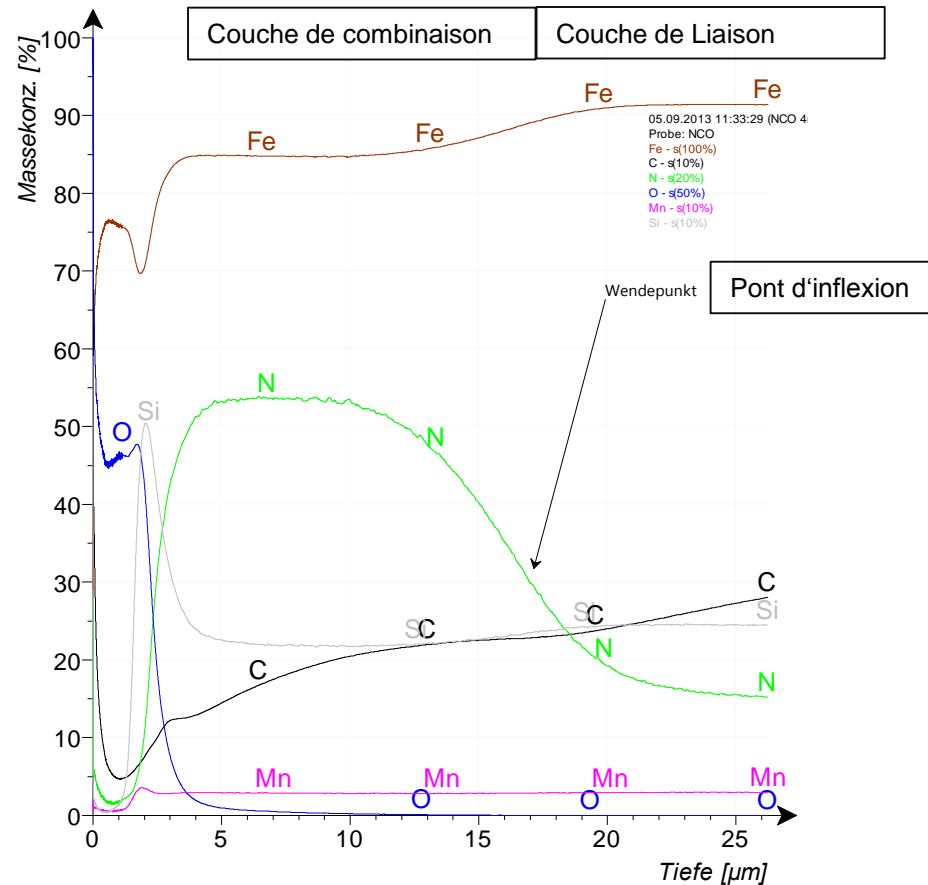
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...spécialement pour les métaux Précieux.....

# GDA-Alpha

## Application typique : Traitements Thermiques



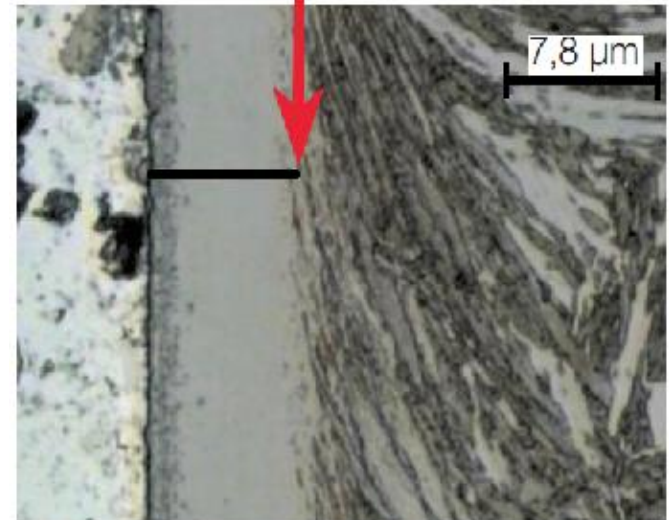
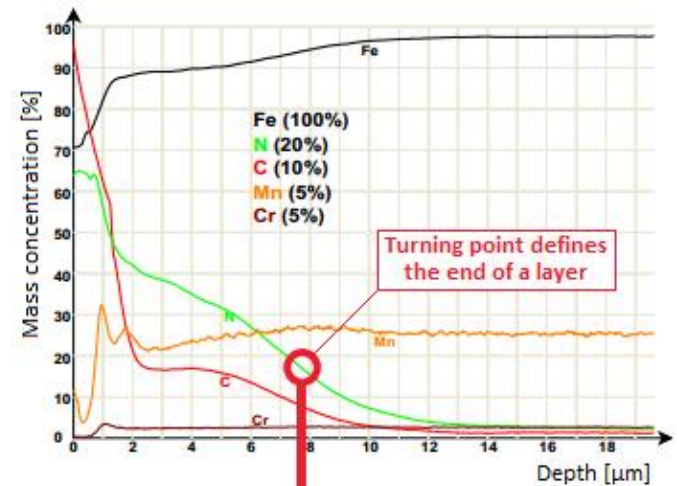
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## Traitements Thermiques

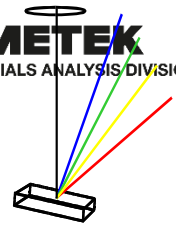
Le graphe montre le résultat d'une analyse en profondeur avec la GDOES d'un échantillon nitrocarburé avec une épaisseur d'azote de  $7.8 \mu\text{m}$ . On discerne une fine couche de Carbone en surface.

L'épaisseur de la couche peut être aussi déterminée par microscopie. Il faut pour cela poncer l'échantillon, le polir et puis l'analyser par microscopie.

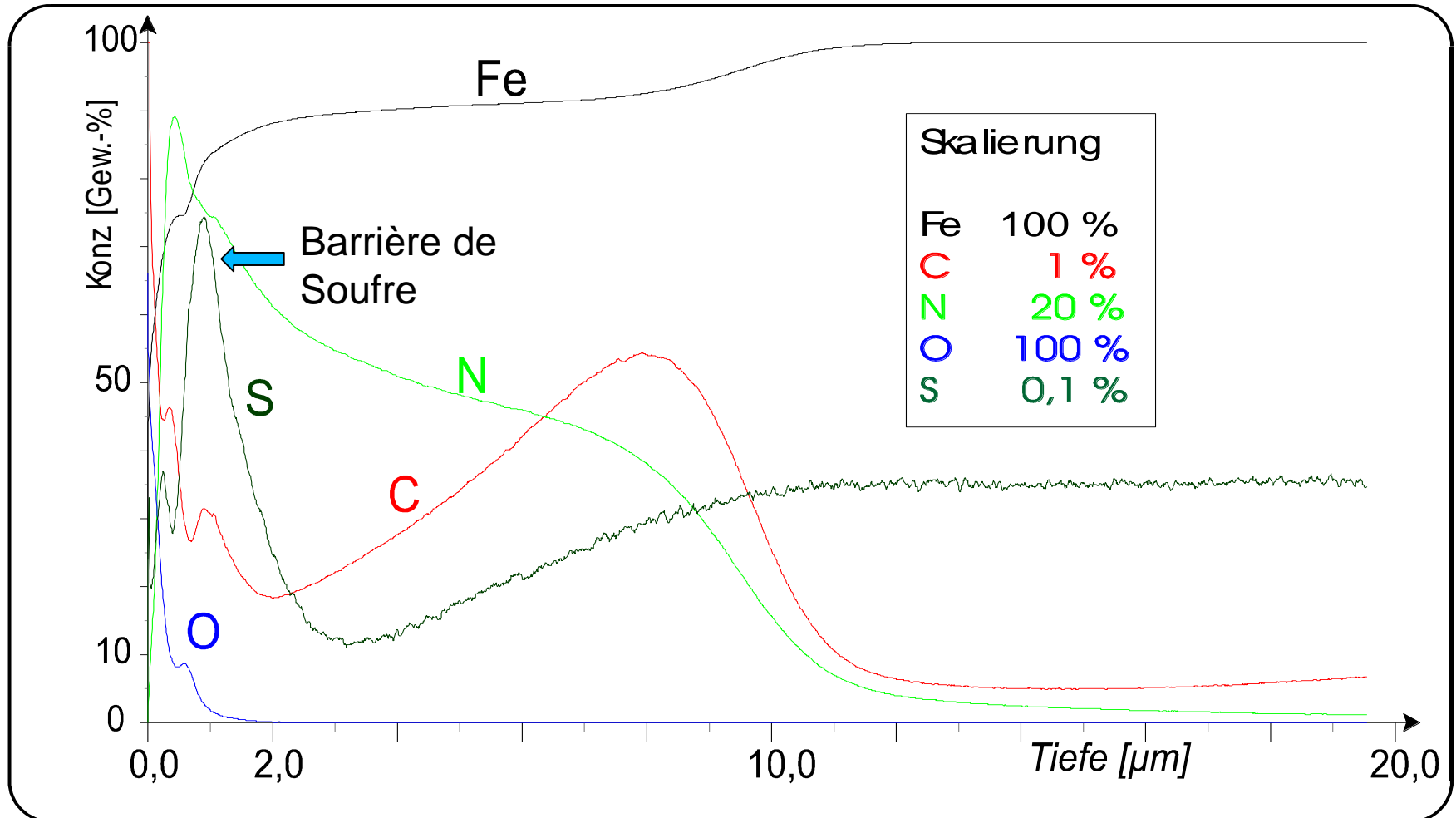
Cela prend une heure comparée aux quelques minutes avec la GDOES.



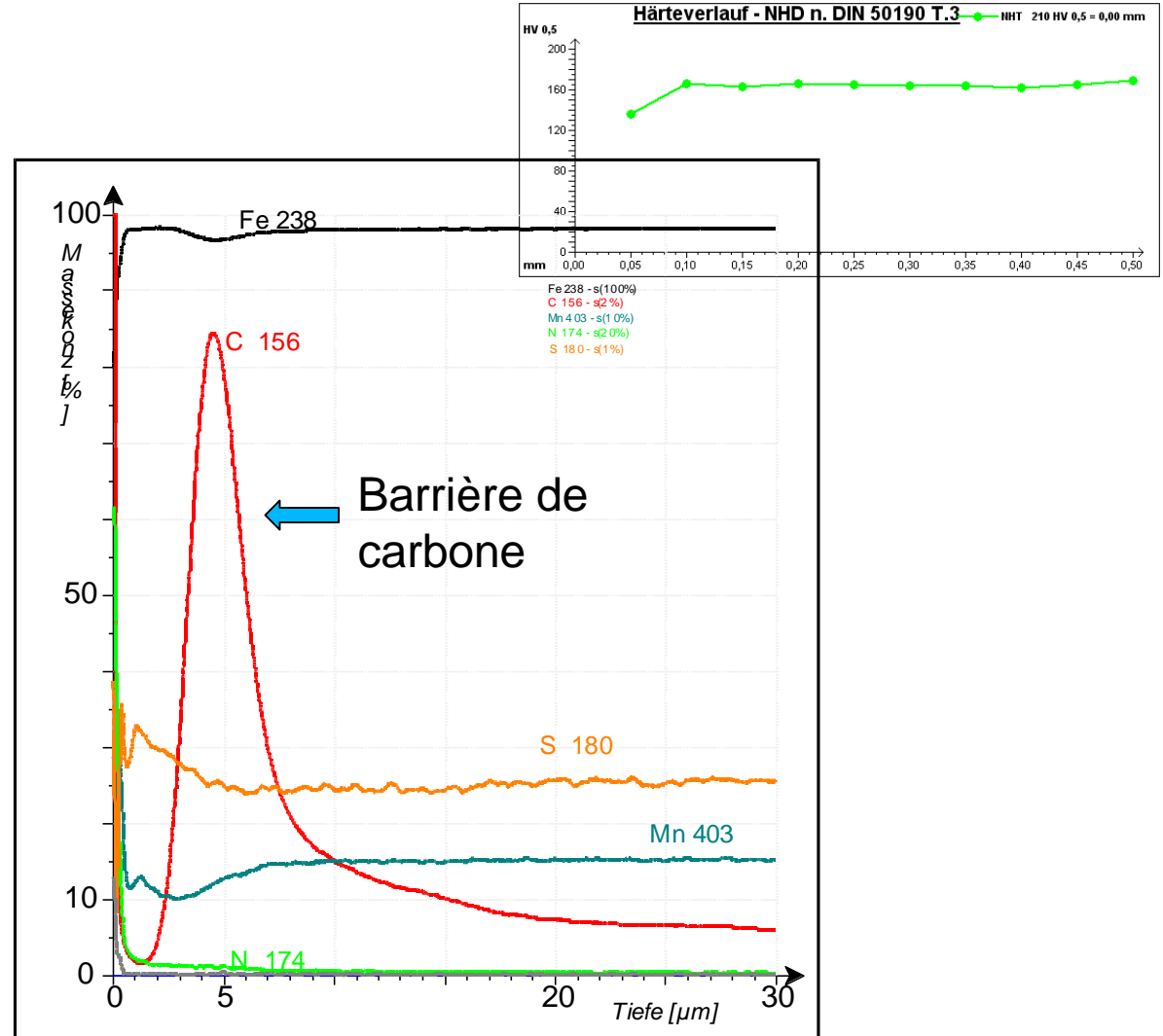
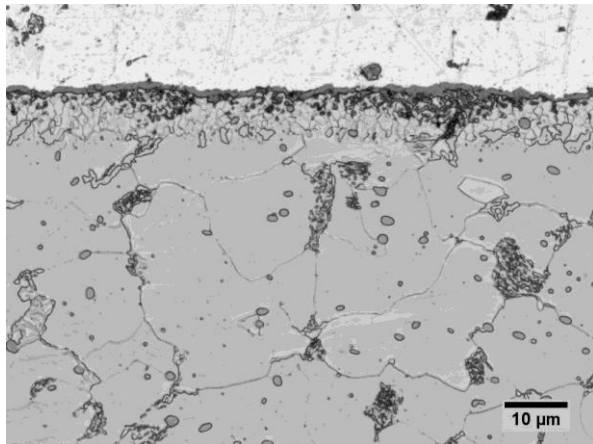
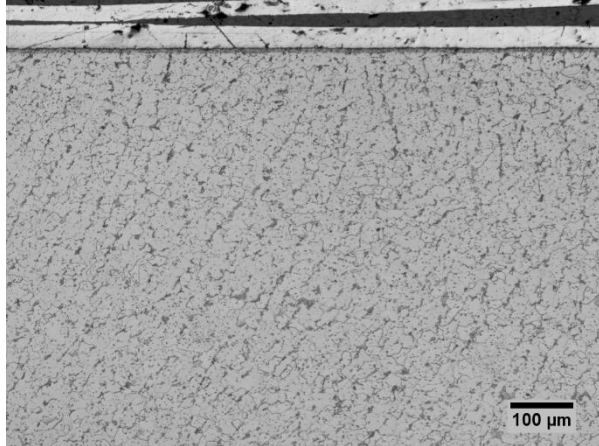
Analysis of a nitrocarburized iron sample. The result obtained by the GDA-Alpha (top) is in very good agreement with the result obtained by microscopy (bottom).



# Nitruration (de mauvaise qualité) d'un Piston



# Nitruration, Spécifications VS = 15 – 20 $\mu\text{m}$



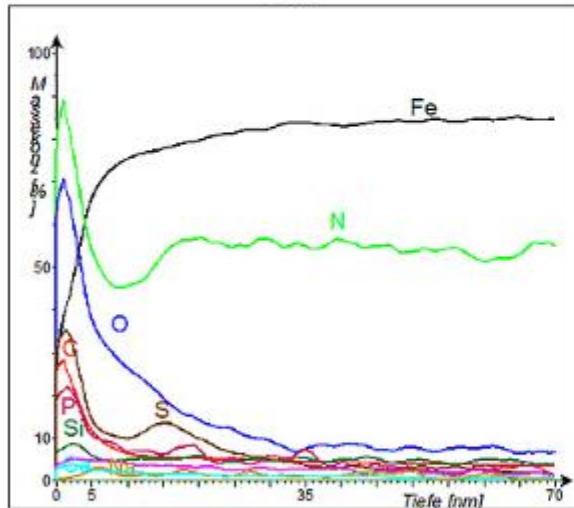


## Schadensfall: Reinigungsrückstände

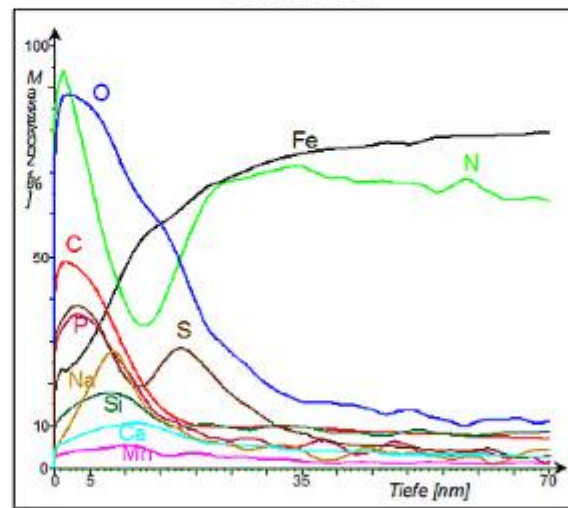


Exemple fourni par TAZ GmbH

Gut

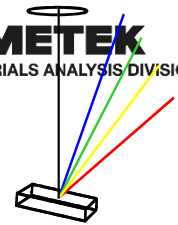


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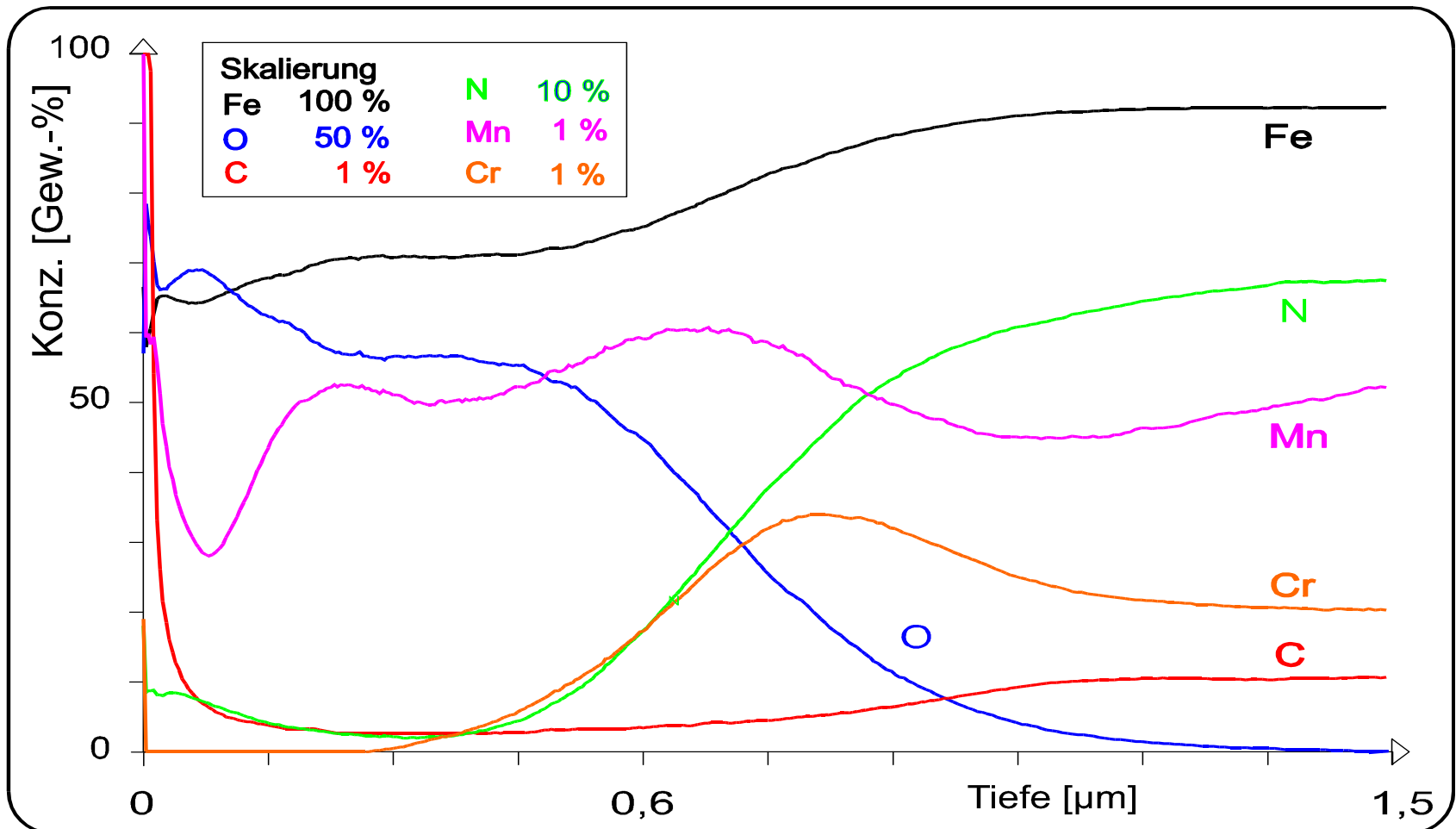


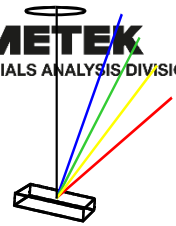
### Skalierung:

- Fe: 100 %
- Si: 2 %
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- C: 25 %
- P: 0,5 %
- Ca: 10 %
- N: 20 %
- S: 1 %
- O: 50 %
- Mn: 10 %

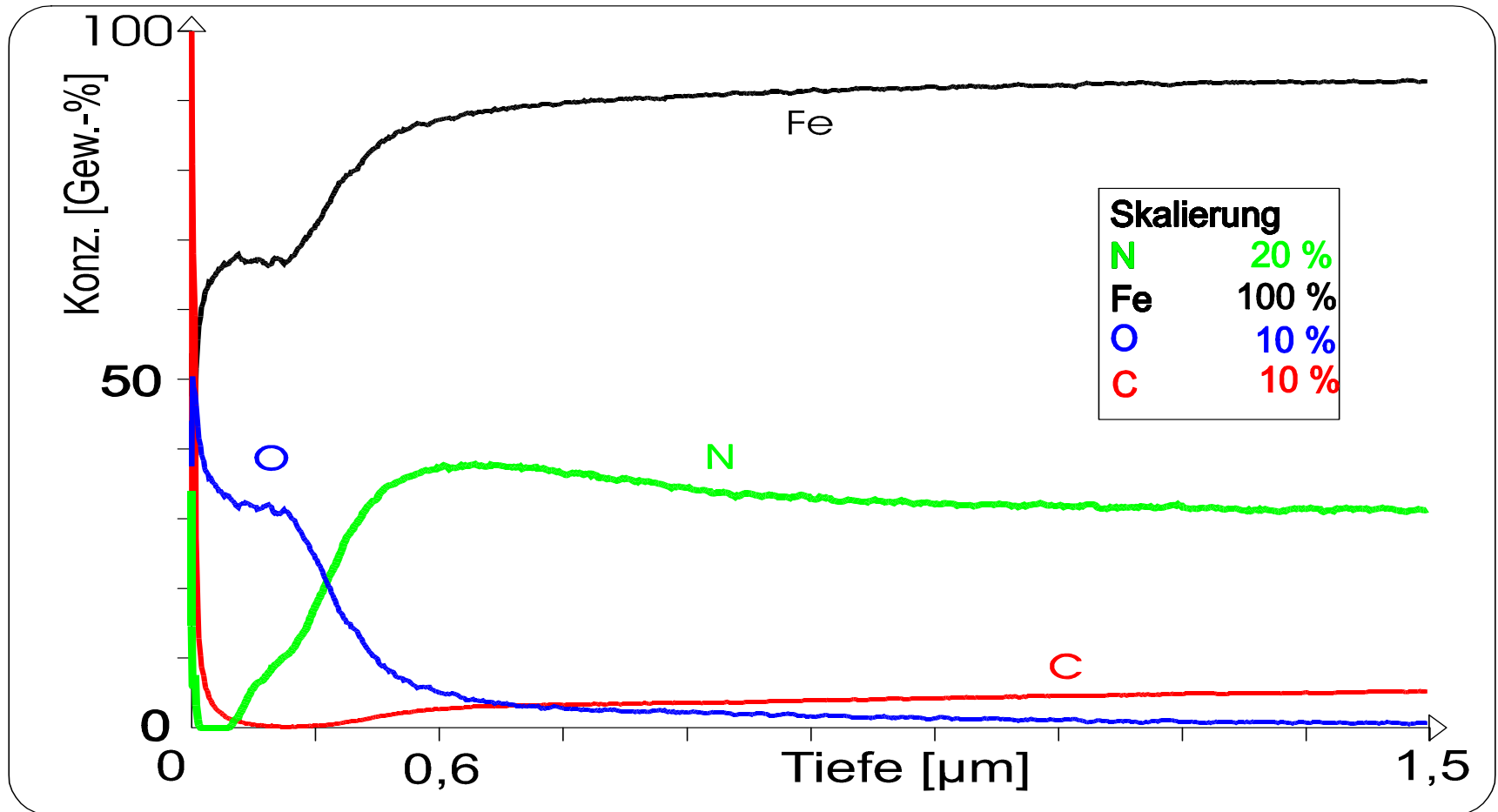


# Couche d'Oxyde: 0,6 $\mu\text{m}$ attendue



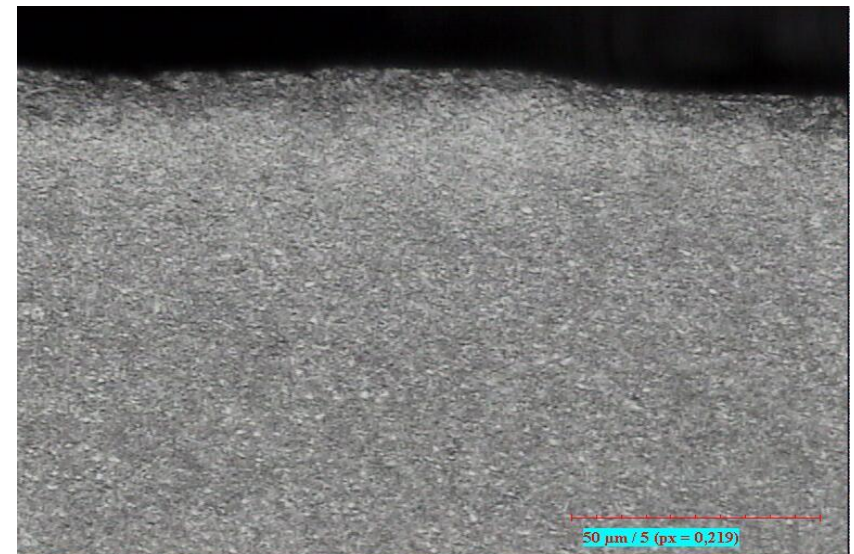
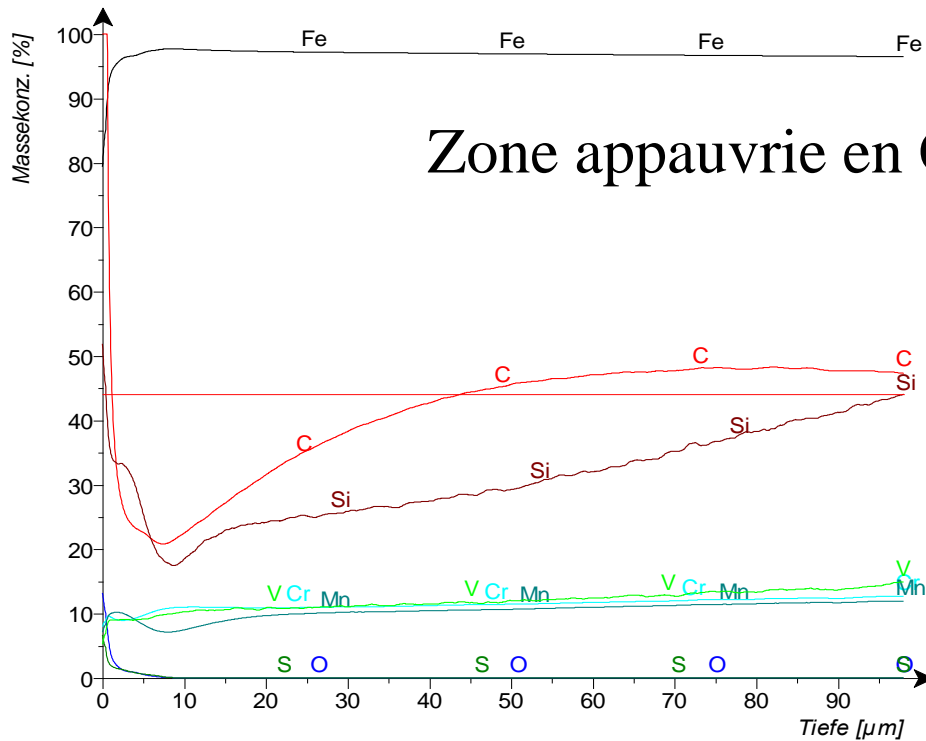


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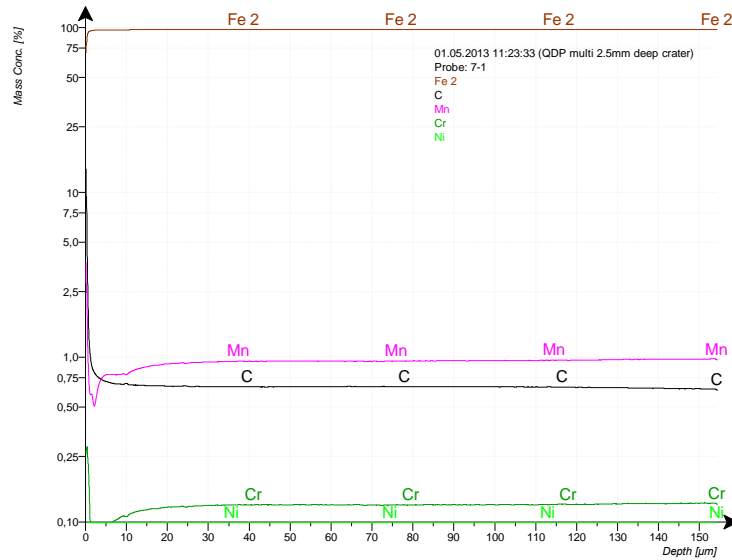


# Appauvrissement en carbone

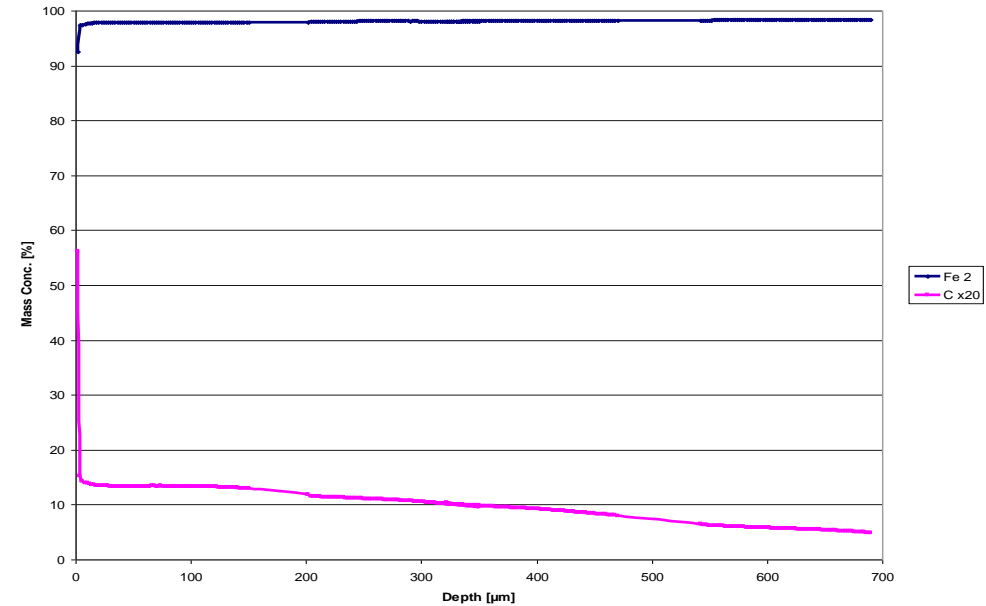
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Fe - s(100%) C - s(1%) O - s(100%) Cr - s(10%) Mn - s(10%) S - s(1%) Si - s(1%) V - s(1%)		



# Application: échantillons cimentés, analyse de couches épaisse



## Depth Carborising



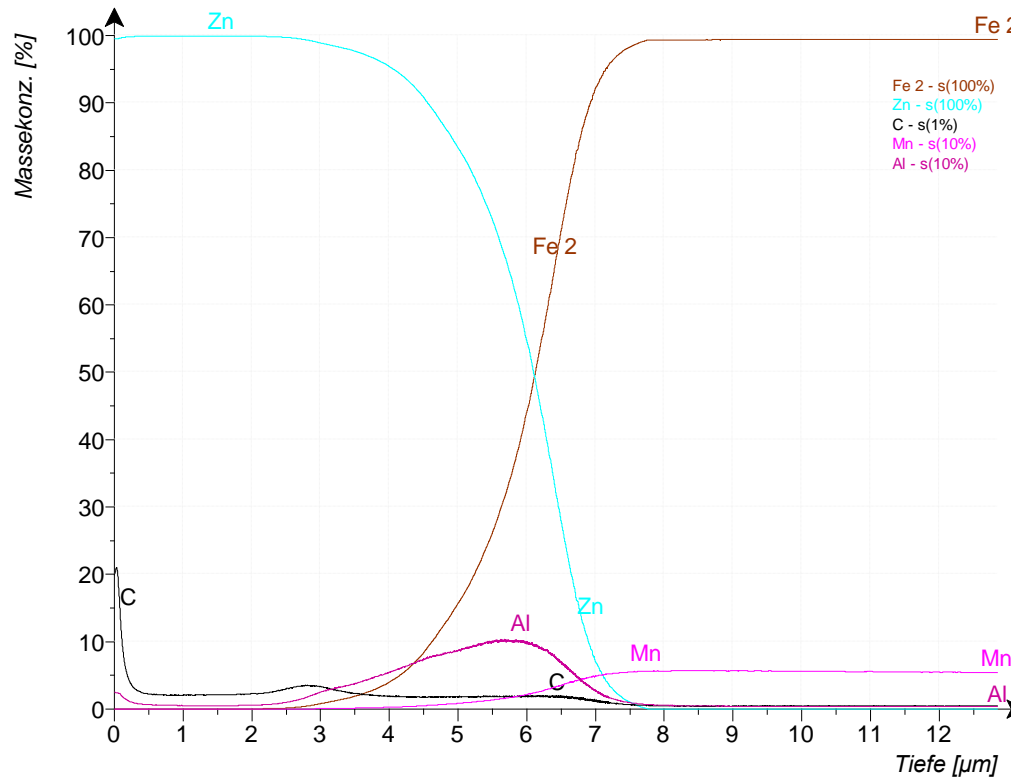
Carbon is diffused into the surface of the material to **increase its wear resistance**. The resultant diffusion layers are commonly much thicker than those obtained in the nitriding process. The layer thickness is typically **several hundred microns** to more than a millimetre.

The maximum sputtering depth of the GDOES technology for conducting material is of **200 µm**. The technique however can still be used to analyze carbon profiles. This is achieved by a **step grinding procedure**, simply by taking the first measurement, removing the outer layer mechanically (with a swing grinder for example) and repeating the process. **Adding these graphs** together then produces a clear picture.

These figures show the analysis of a case-hardened cube. At the beginning there is a higher amount of carbon (about 10 % by weight), in the analyzed material there is an amount up to 0.7 % by weight. But only with additional measurements a clear concentration gradient for carbon over 700 µm can be obtained.

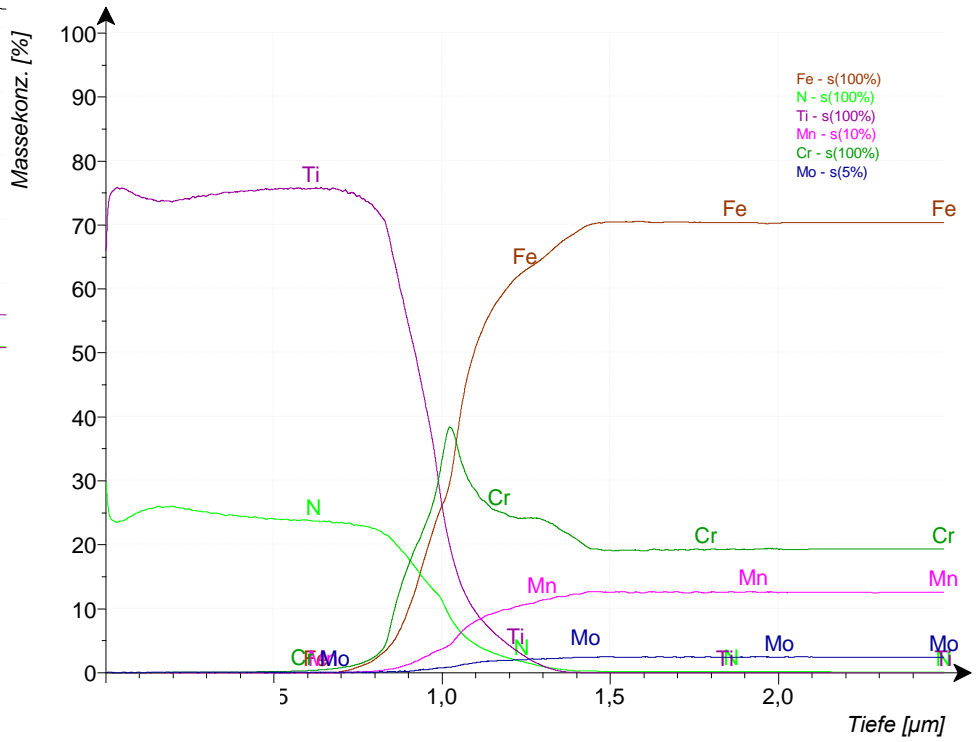
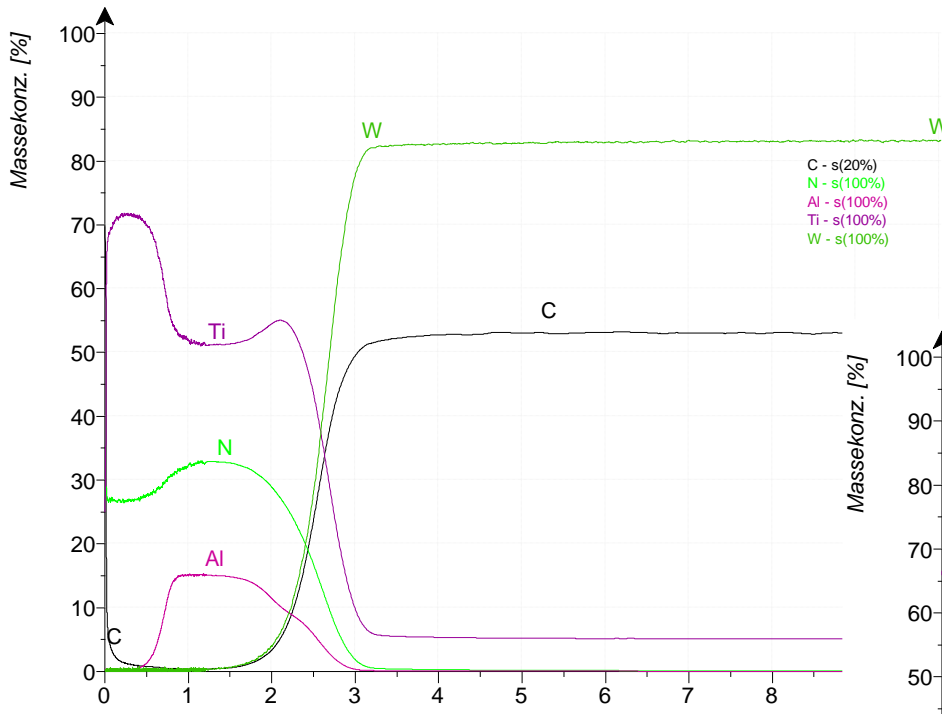
# GDA-Alpha

## applications typiques: Galvanisation

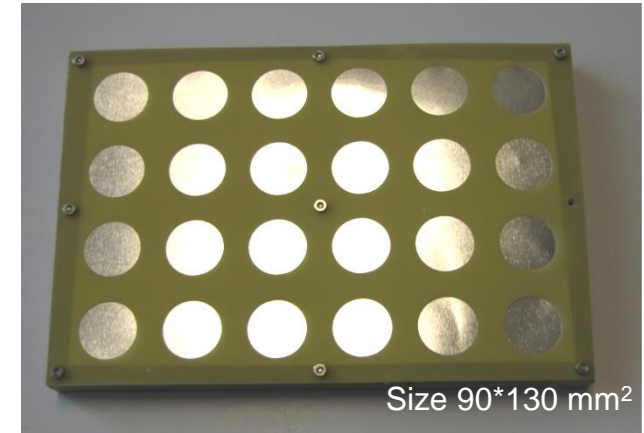
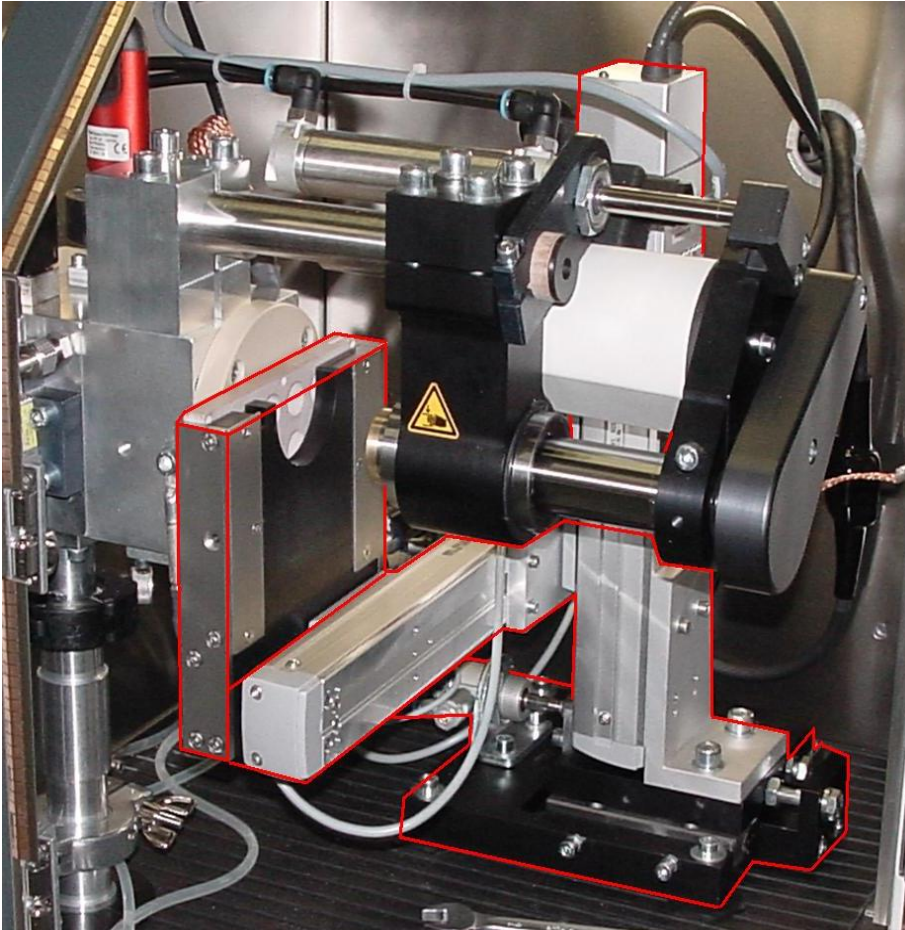


# GDA-Alpha

## Applications typiques: TiN sur des métaux durs ou aciers



# Passeur d'échantillons



-24 échantillons différents  
peuvent être placés sur le  
portoir et être analysés en  
plusieurs points.

-Balayage de surface

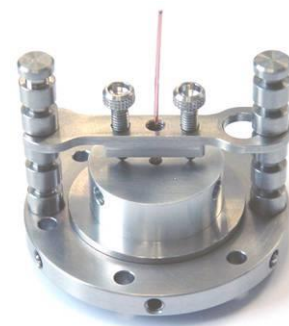


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The glow discharge source is constructed by the so called Grimm type design with the sample acting as electrode (cathode). The instrument can be equipped with anodes of 2.5 mm, 4 mm, and 8 mm inner diameter defining the size of the measuring spot. Usually, the sample seals the glow discharge source, so a vacuum can be generated. But when a sample is too small or has no flat surface, no vacuum can be built up. In this case, the analysis is performed using the so-called Universal Sample Unit (USU) with suitable adaptors, as shown on the bottom right.



Standard USU for curved samples; DC source



USU for wires < 2.5 mm

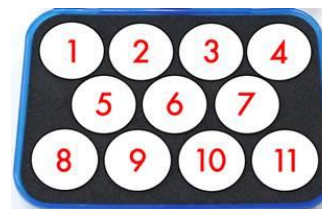


Standard USU for curved samples; RF source



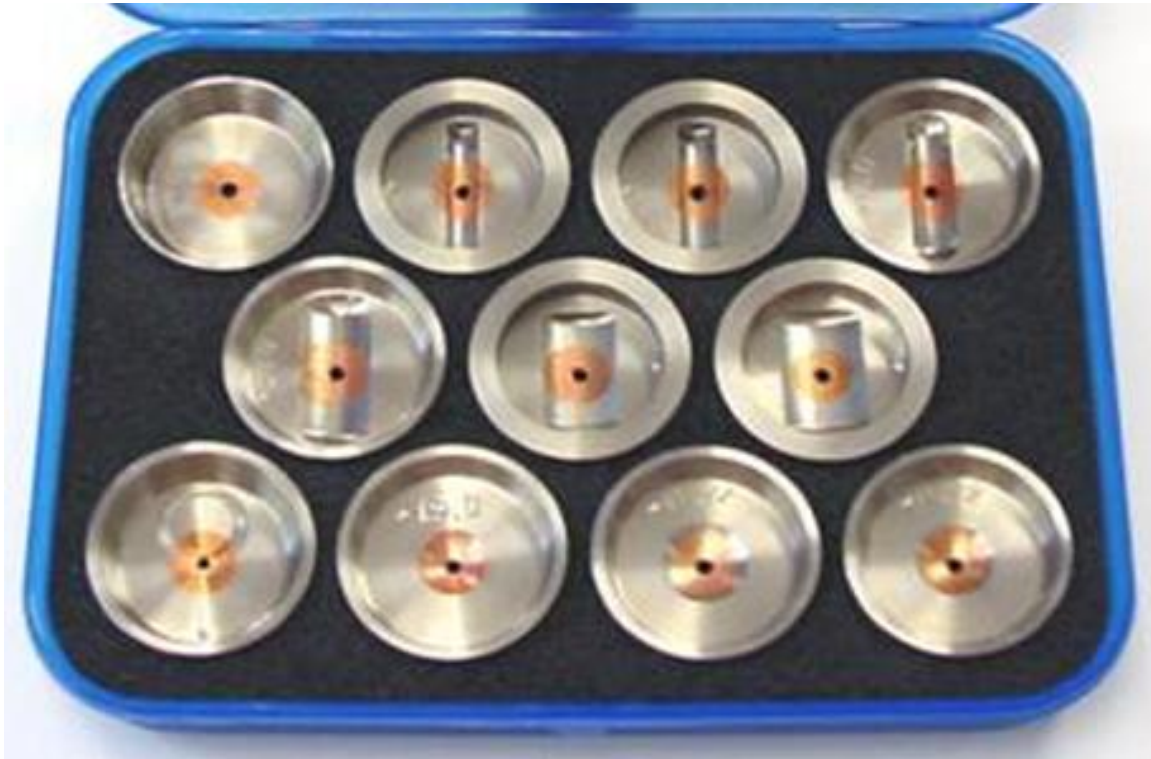
## Description of the shown adaptors:

- No.1: for flat samples or recalibration
- No.2-7: various sizes for cylindrical samples
- No.8: for grommets
- No.9-11: balls for various sizes (e.g. of bearings)



Also special geometries are possible.

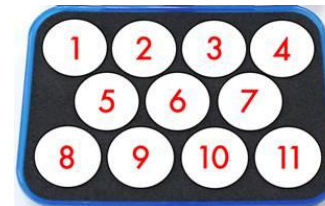
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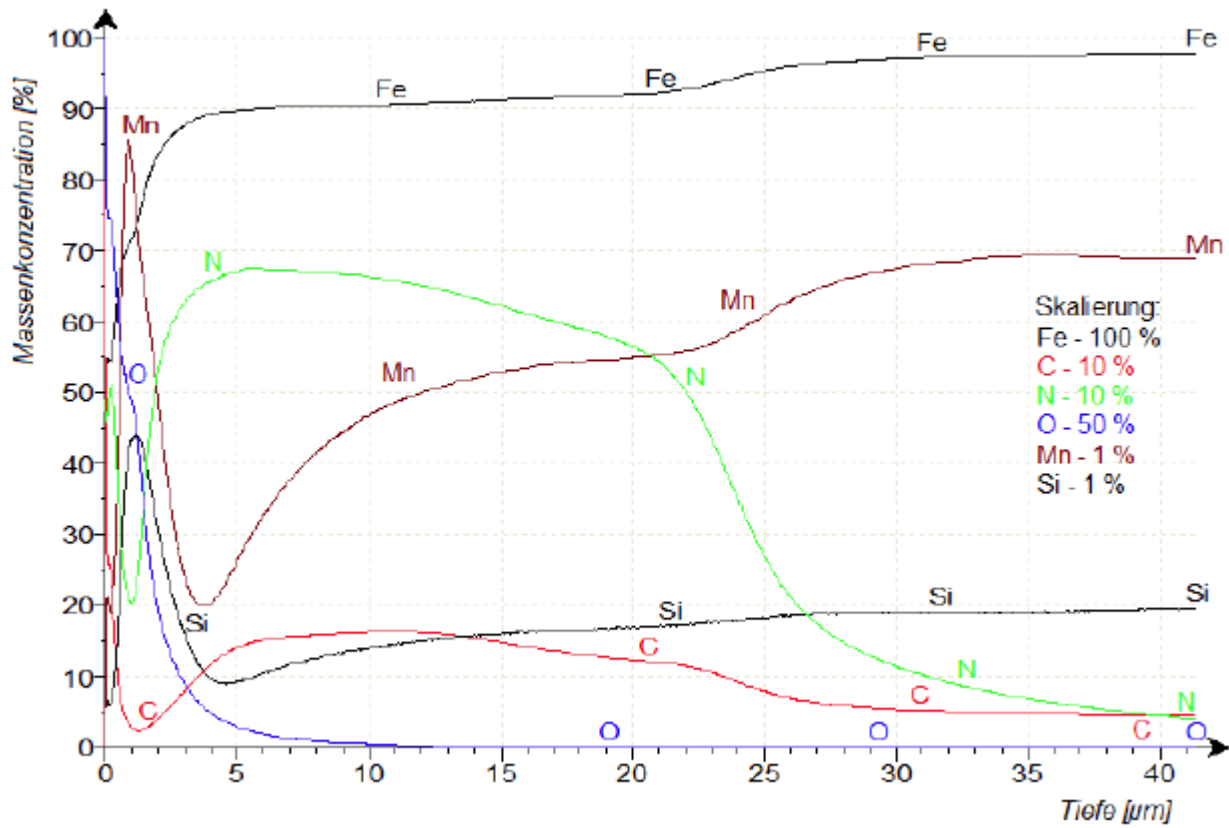
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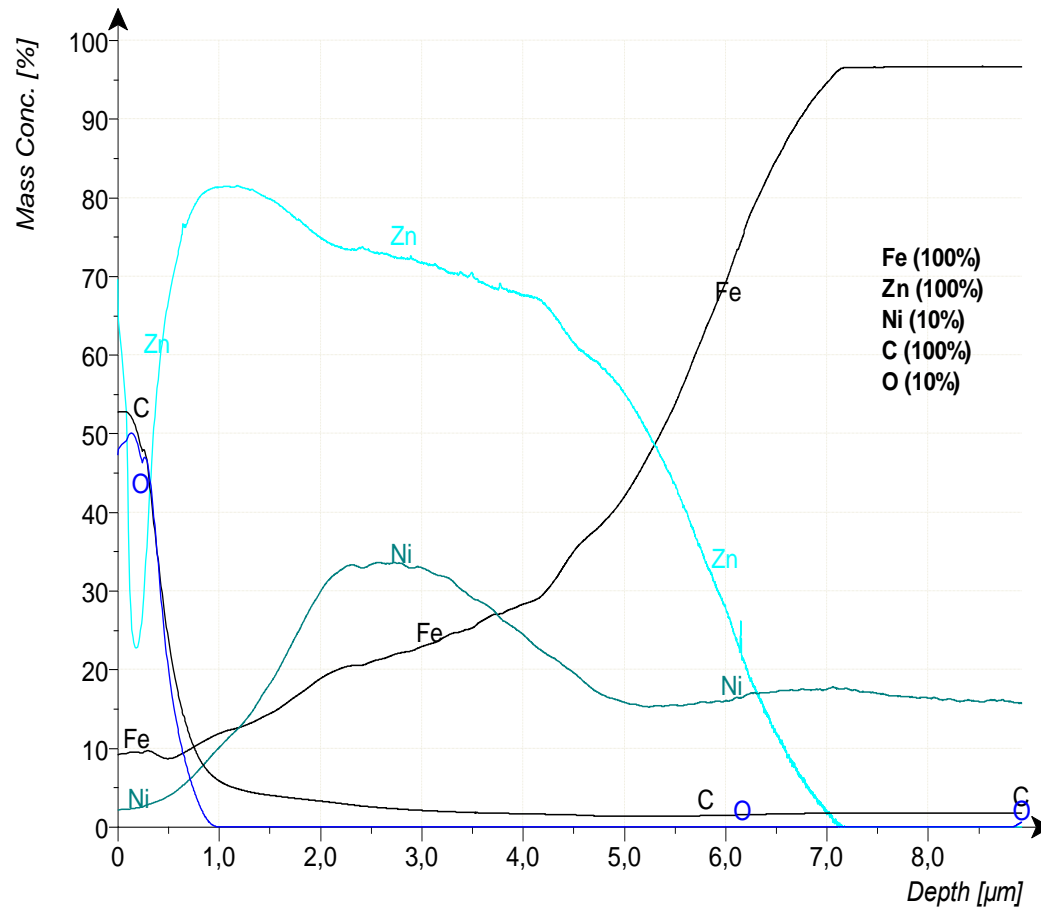
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# Applications of the Universal Sample Unit



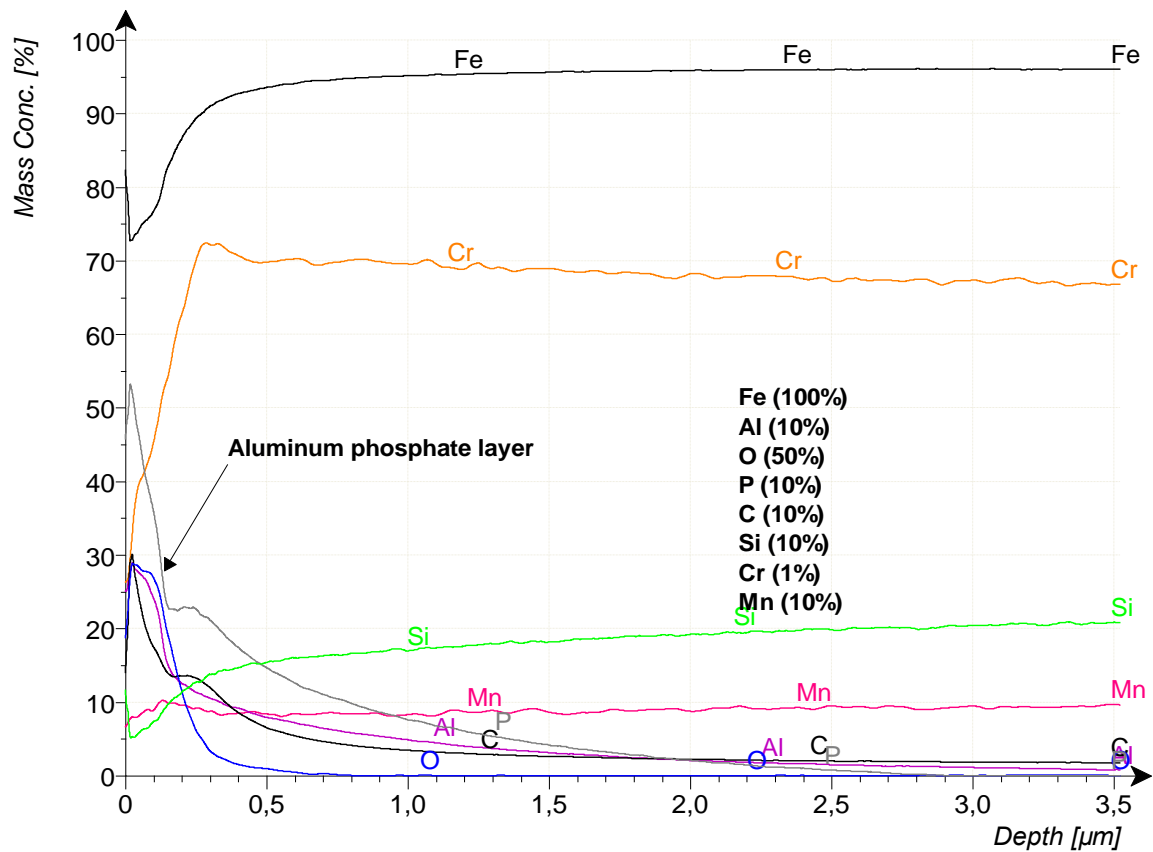
# Applications of the Universal Sample Unit

## Lattices

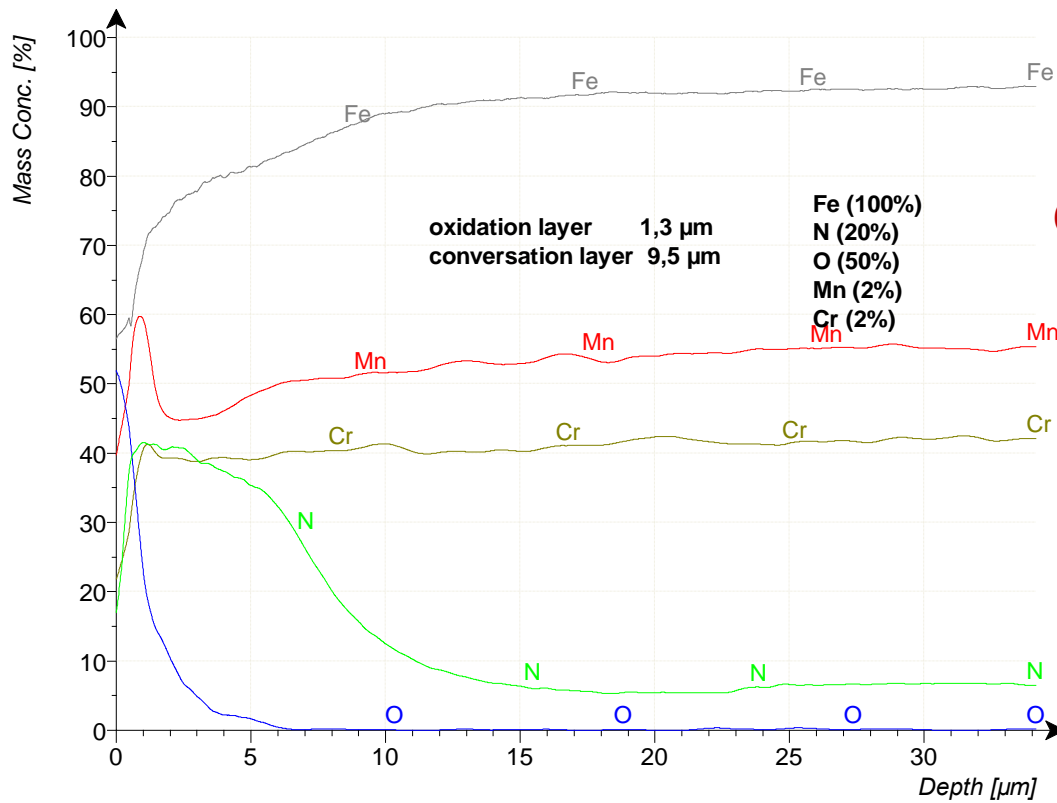


# Applications of the Universal Sample Unit

## Tubes

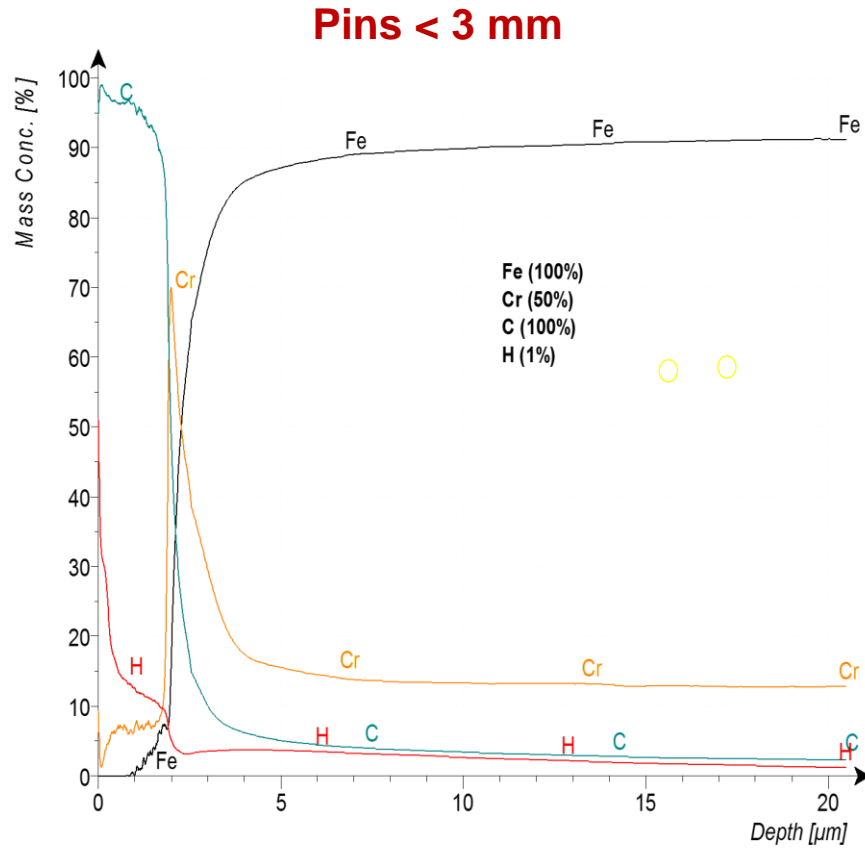


# Applications of the Universal Sample Unit



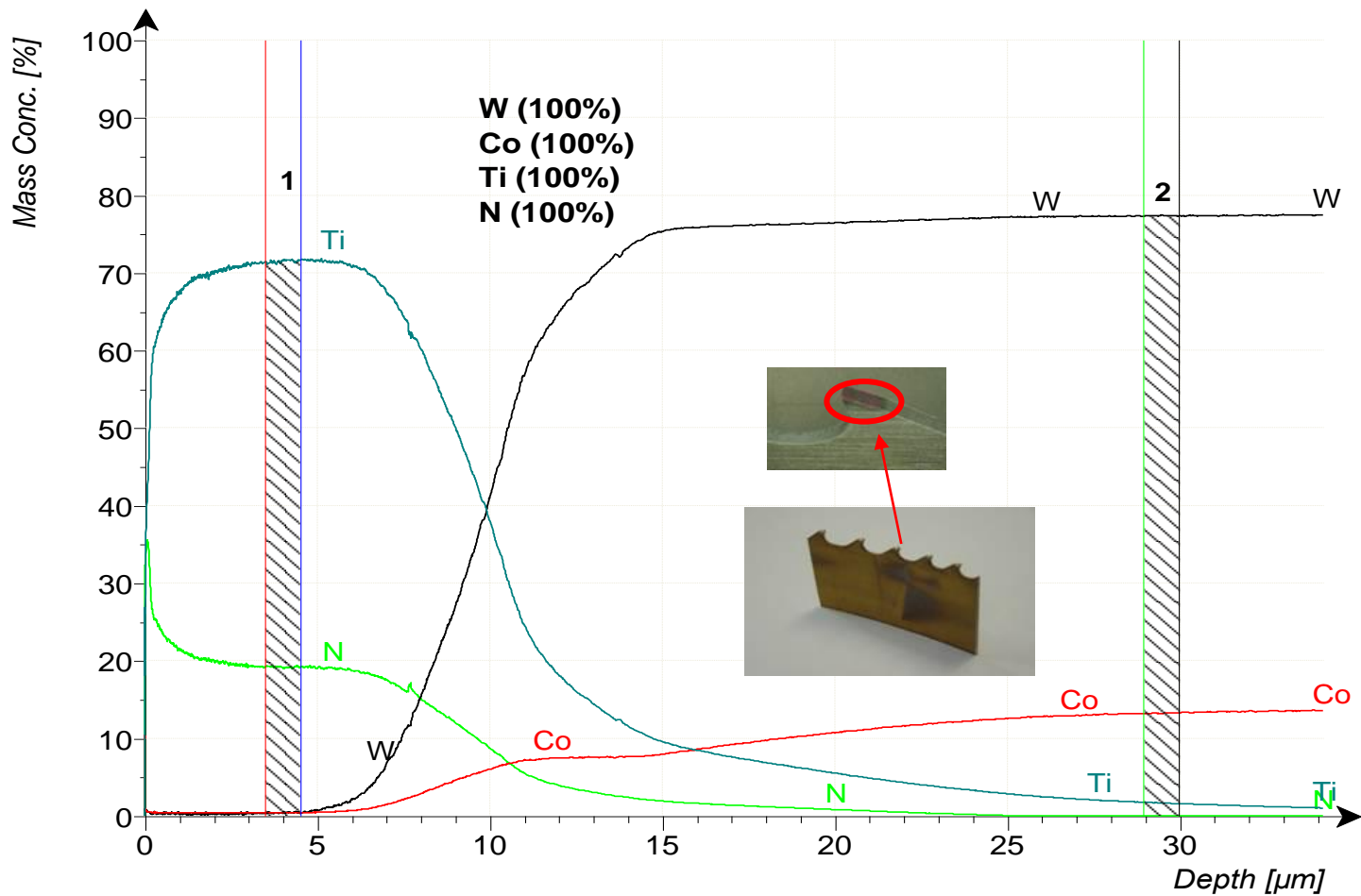
**Cylindrical samples**

# Applications of the Universal Sample Unit



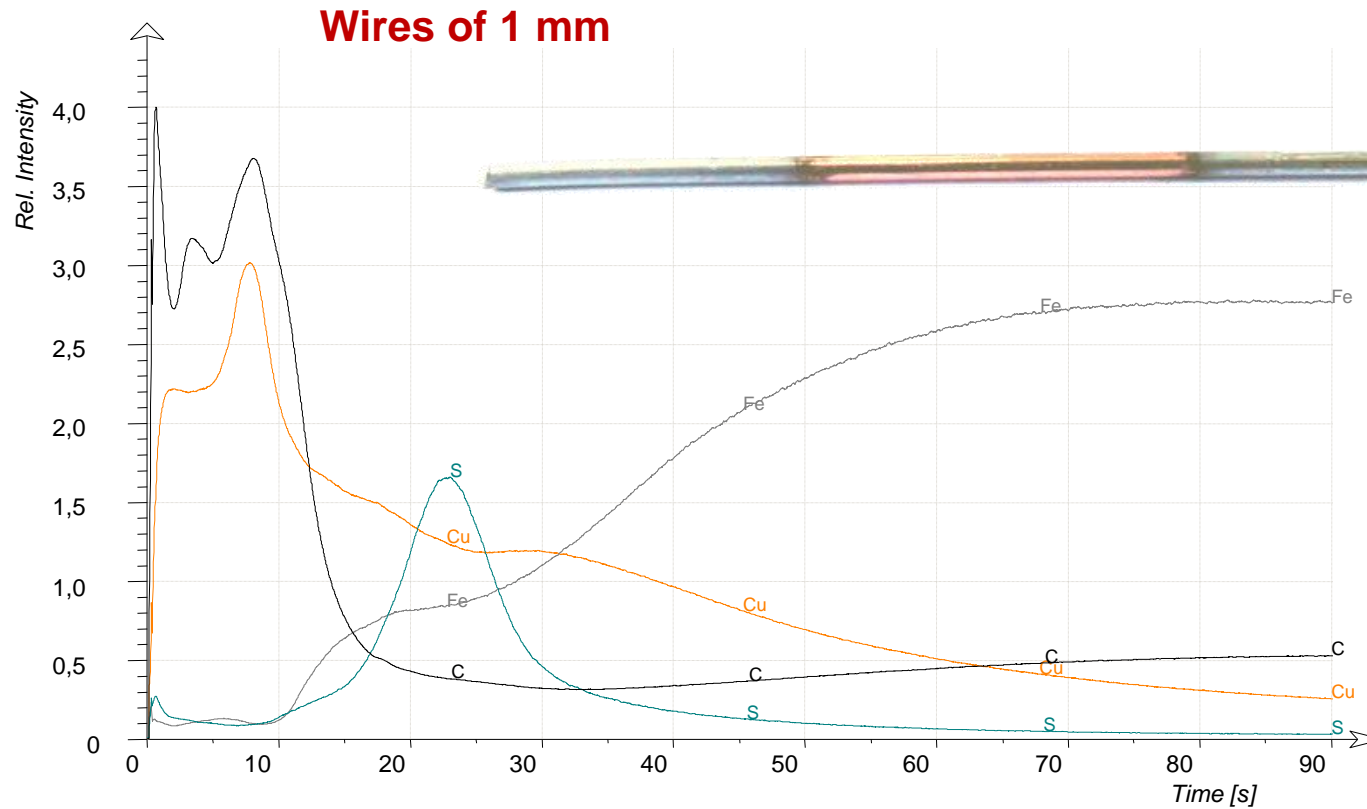
# Applications of the Universal Sample Unit

## Hard metals



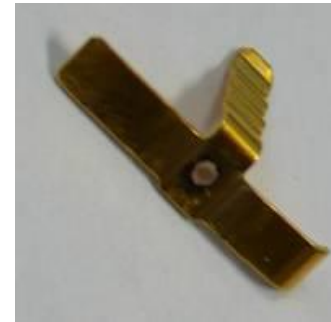
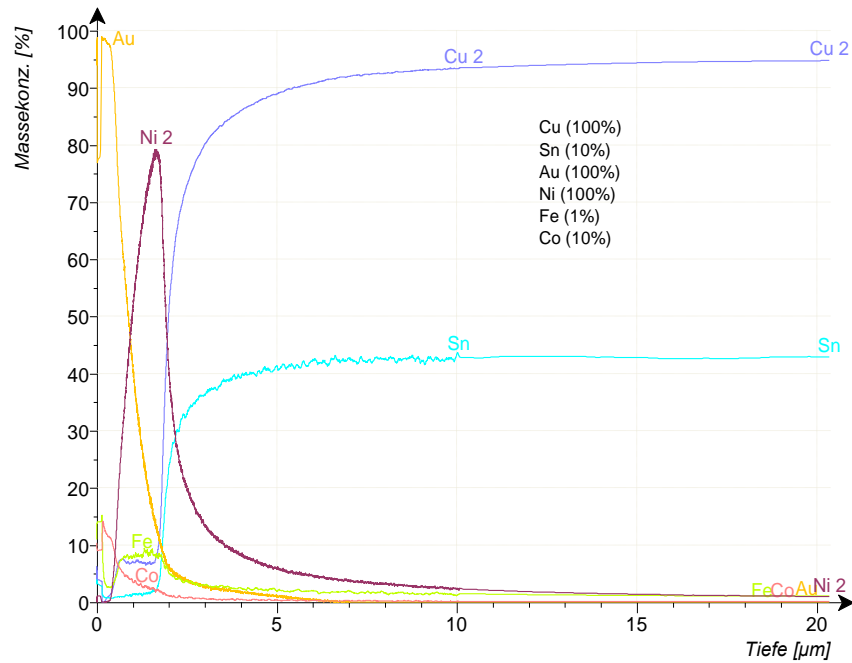


# Applications of the Universal Sample Unit



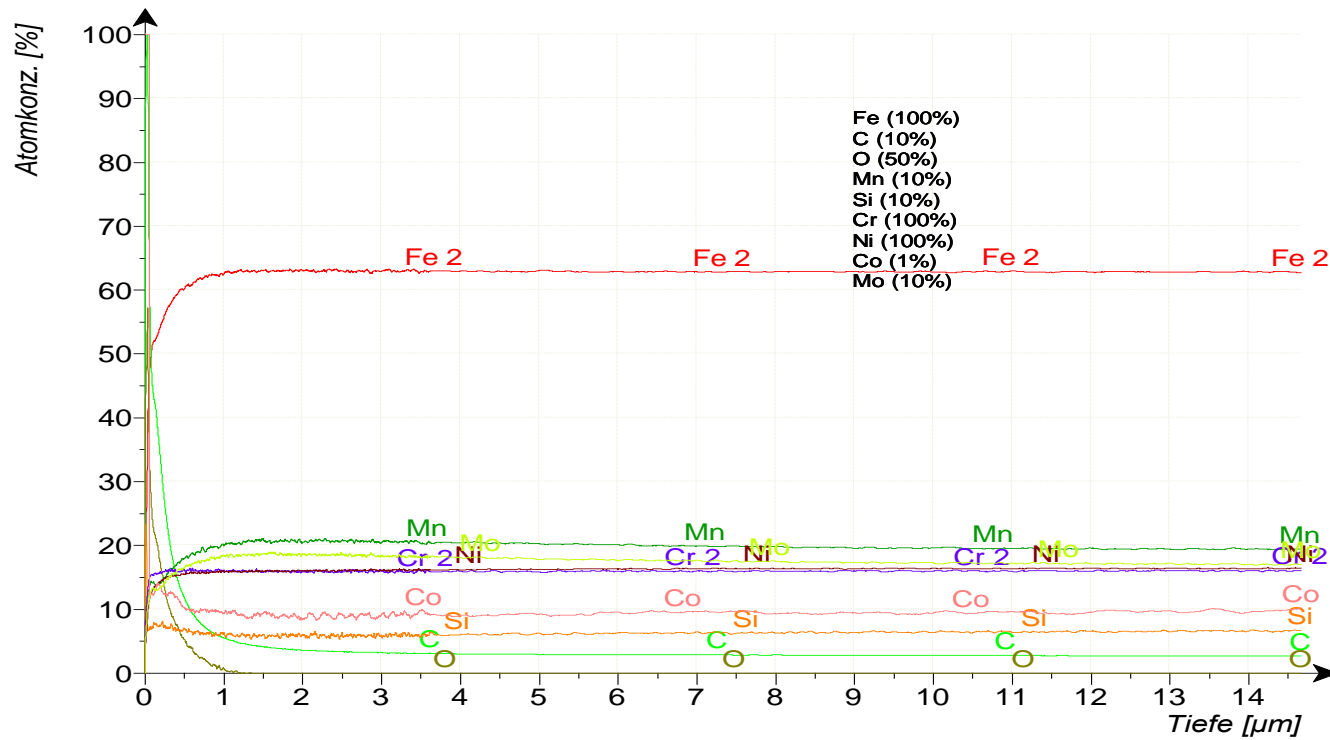
For samples smaller than  
2.7 mm diameter the 1 mm  
anode is used.

## Electronic contacts



# Applications of the Universal Sample Unit

## Contamination of small samples



# Applications of the Universal Sample Unit

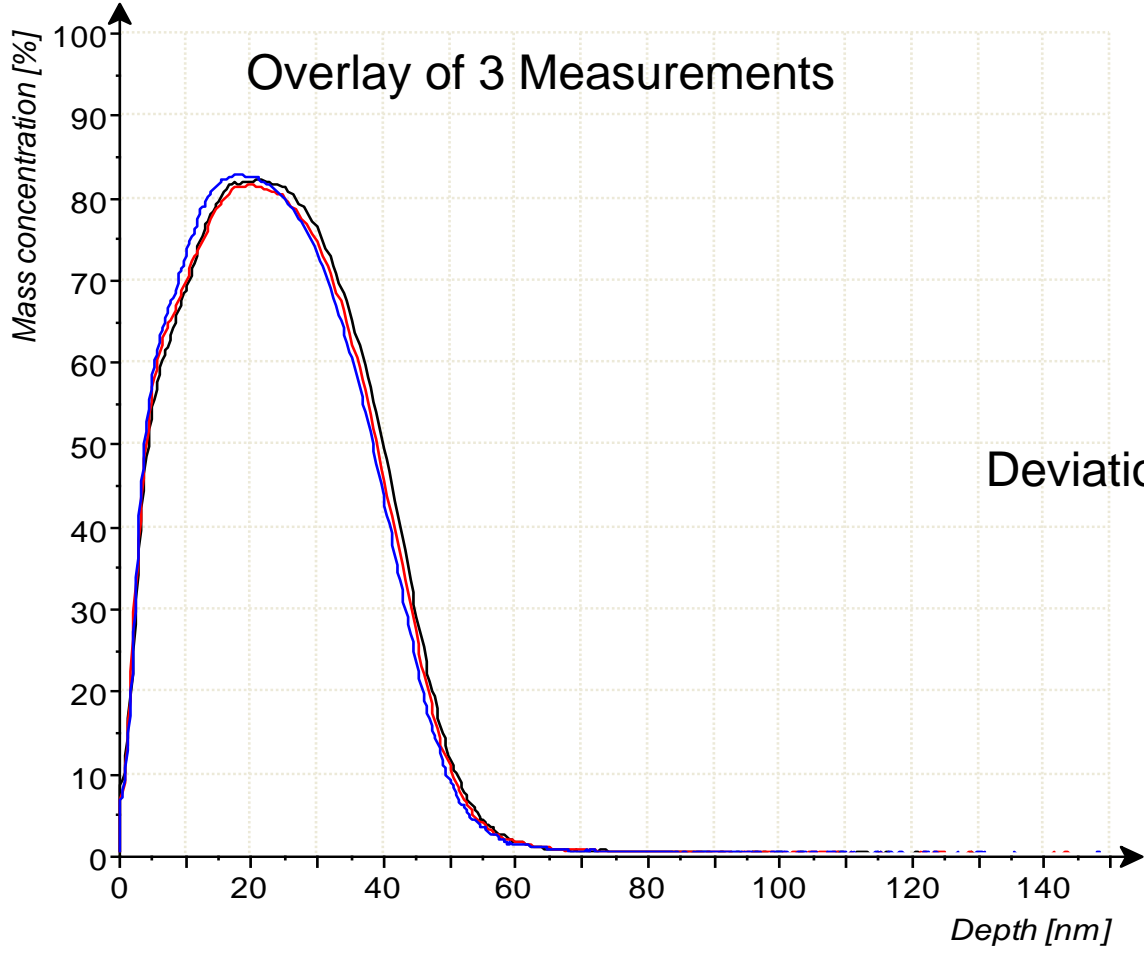
## Bulk analysis

Probe:	10mm								
	Fe [%]	C [%]	Mn [%]	Si [%]	P [%]	S [%]	Cr [%]	Ni [%]	Cu [%]
Mittelwert	96,63	0,993	0,353	0,221	< 0,001	0,			
Probe:	20mm								
	Fe [%]	C [%]	Mn [%]	Si [%]	P [%]	S [%]			
Mittelwert	96,98	0,968	0,276	0,272	0,001	0,			



# Application: Good reproducibility

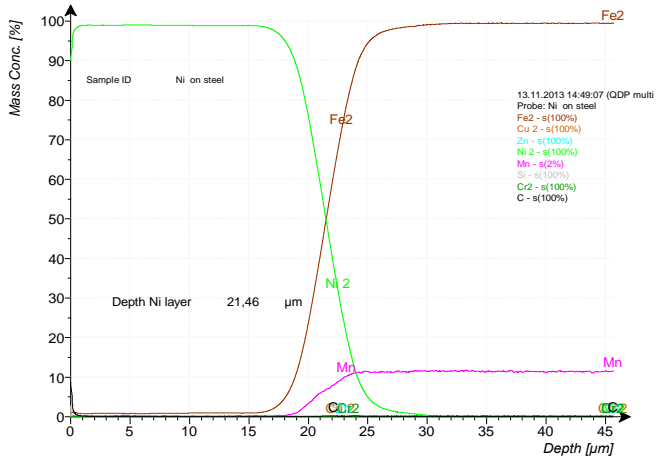
- 1- Electroplated Cr
- 2- Electroplated Cr
- 3- Electroplated Cr



Deviation 0.73%

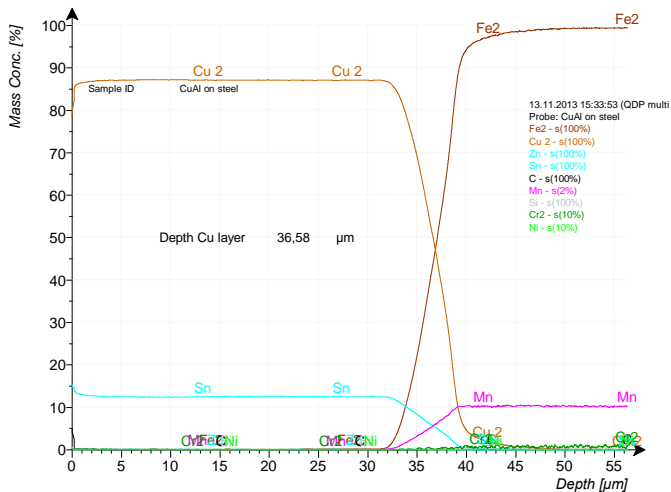
# Application: Analysis of coins

Nickel on steel, coin of Thailand

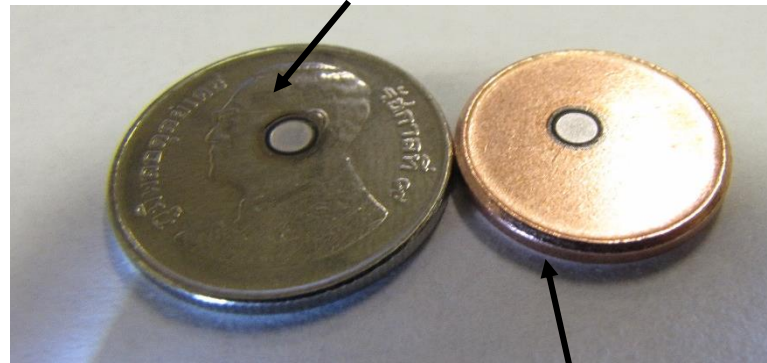


Coins can be analyzed directly. With an optional adaptor for the standard cathode plate the uneven surfaces of the coins are compensated. So no additional sample preparation is necessary.

Bronze on steel



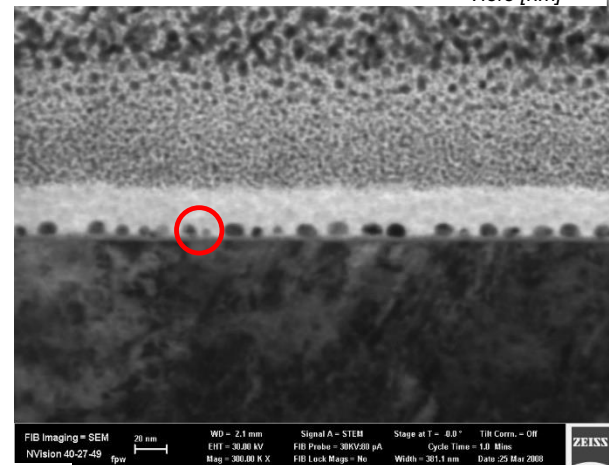
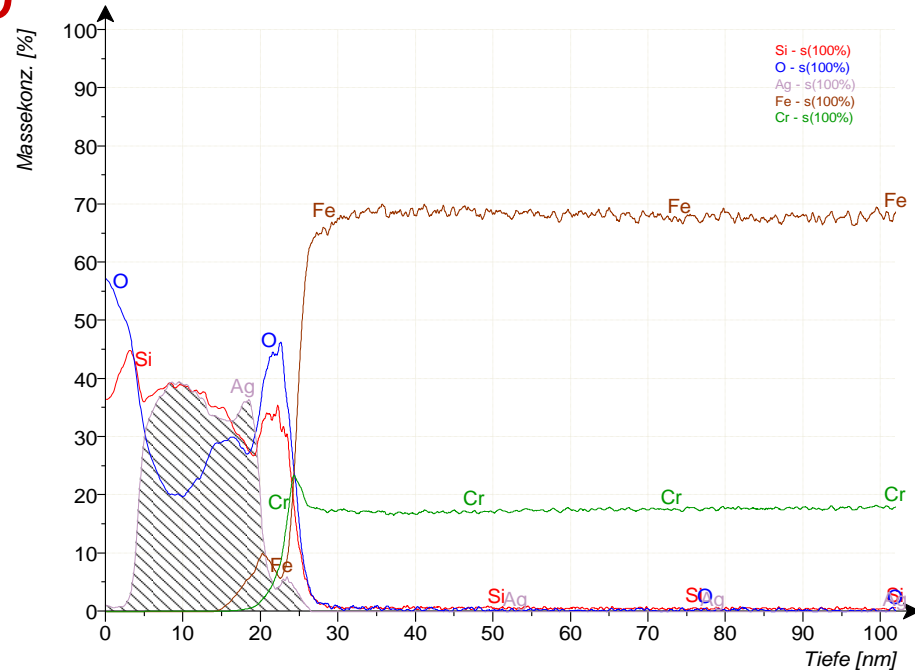
Coin of Thailand with engraving



Condition as delivered with higher edge

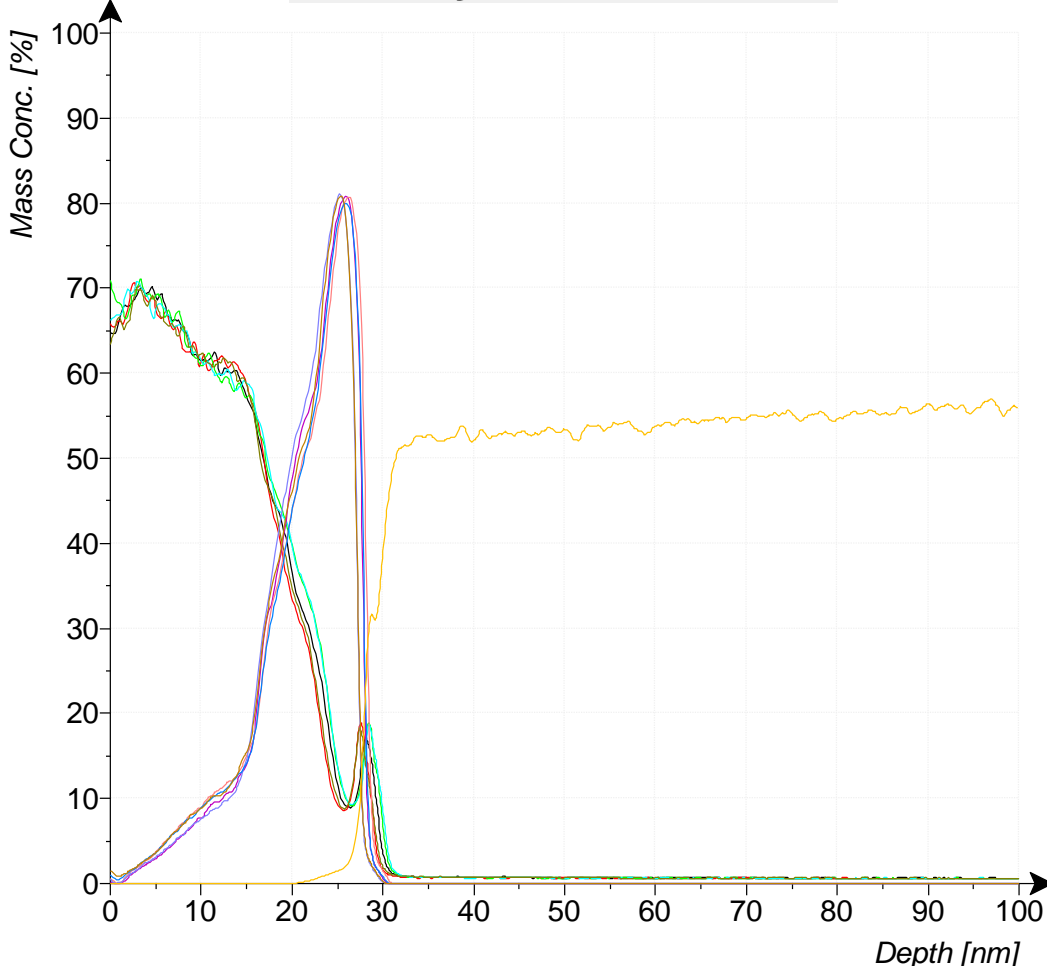
# Application: Medical science sector

- With the pulse mode thin layers can be detected
- On the **picture** of the TEM the small spheres of silver can be seen. They are located in a matrix of siloxane on metals or foils.
- With GDOES layer thickness, coating weight, oxidation level, roughness of base material and many more can be read out.



# Application: Good reproducibility

### Overlay in Nanometer

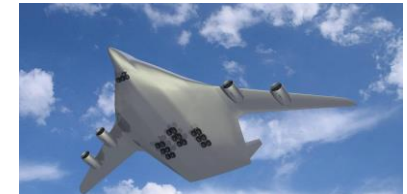
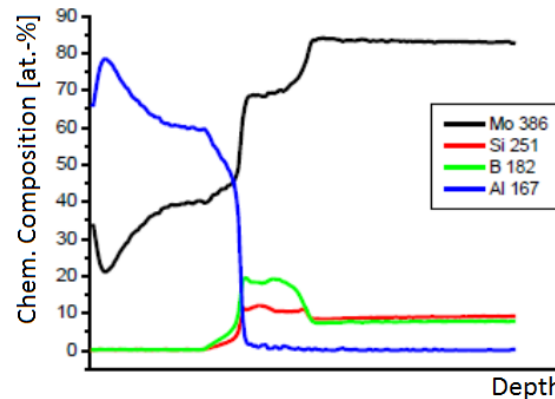
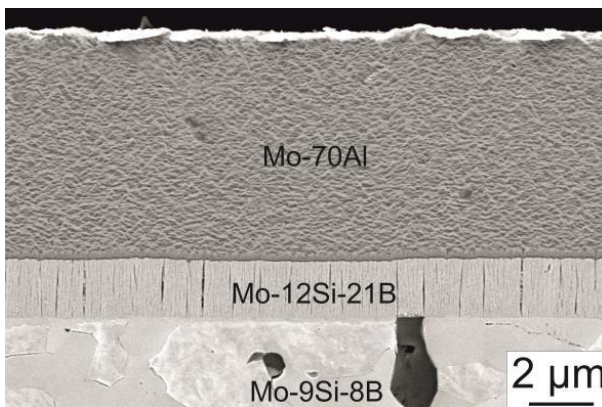
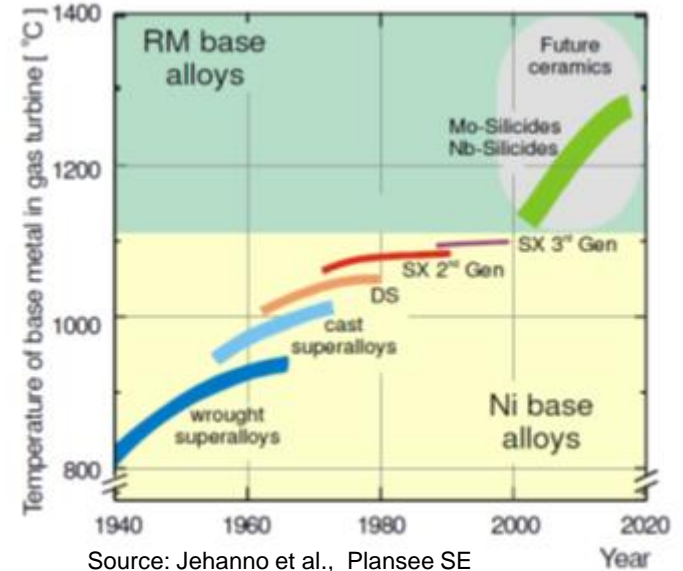


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# Application: GDOES in Aerospace

- In the field of aerospace GDOES can help to determine layers and interfaces accurately. Other techniques like microscope will not help enough to evaluate / determine the development.
- The development of heat-resistant materials has been one of the important research topics for the last years. A lot of experiments were conducted with so-called Mo-Si-B-alloys, which can perfectly be analyzed by GDOES (see graph).

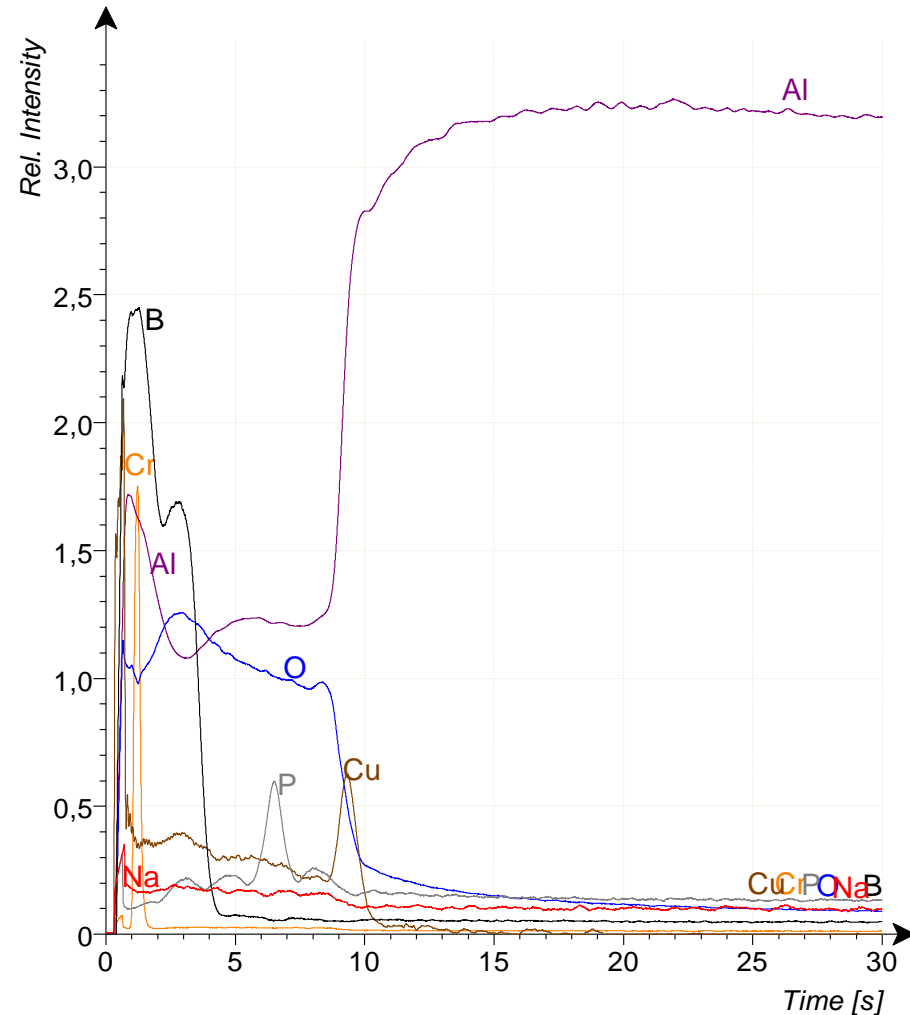


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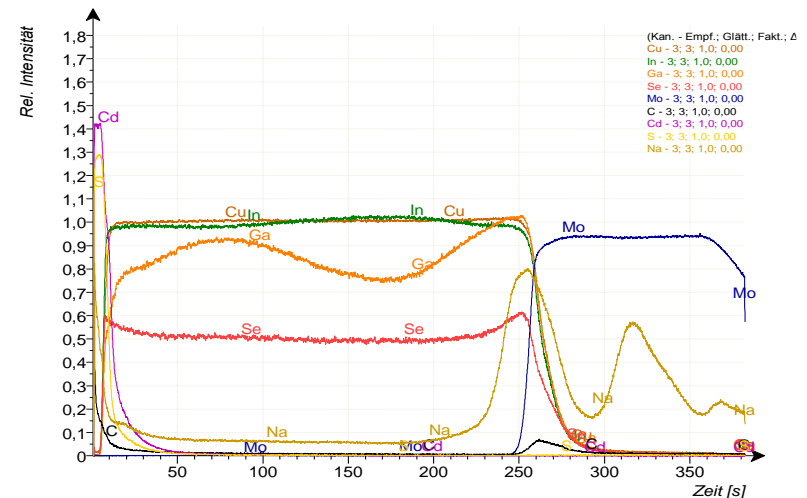
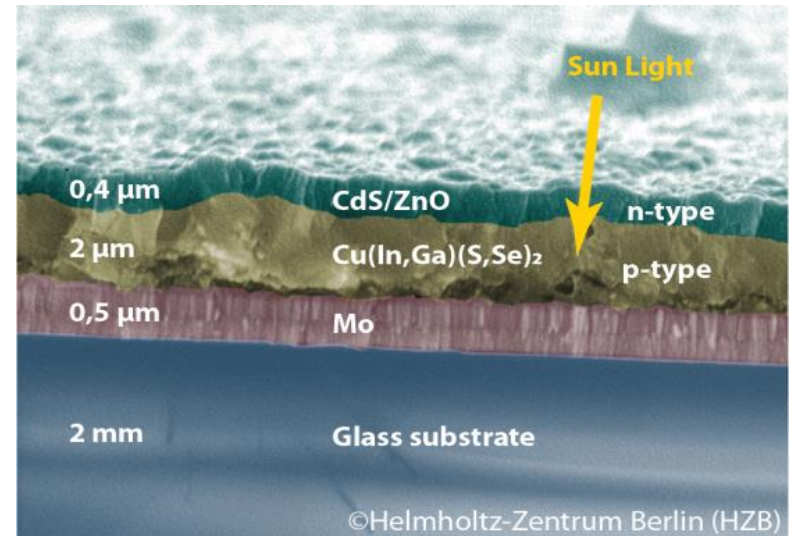
## Thin anodic alumina films

- Ultra-thin alumina films with self-ordered cylindrical vertical pores were fabricated by anodization of Al films with thickness in the range of **30 – 500 nm** in aqueous solutions of sulfuric or oxalic acid.
- They are used as a dielectric layer of electronic devices.
- With GDOES it is possible to determine the thickness and to find out which solution was applied. In this case, a 0.1 M  $\text{Na}_2\text{CrO}_4$  solution was used. Small quantities of Na and Cr were detectable.



# Application: Solar cells industry

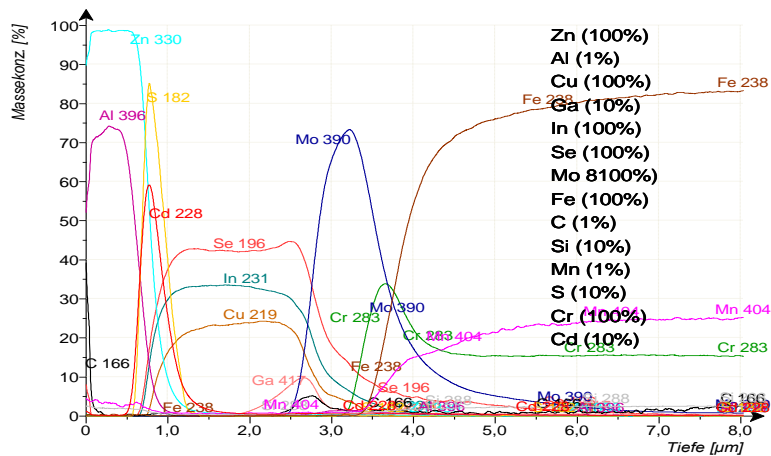
- In the semiconductor industry copper-indium-gallium(di)selenide (CIGS) is coated on a substrate (e.g. glass, Si wafer or steel).
- The **picture** shows an example of such a layer system.
- With GDOES development and/or production control can be fulfilled.



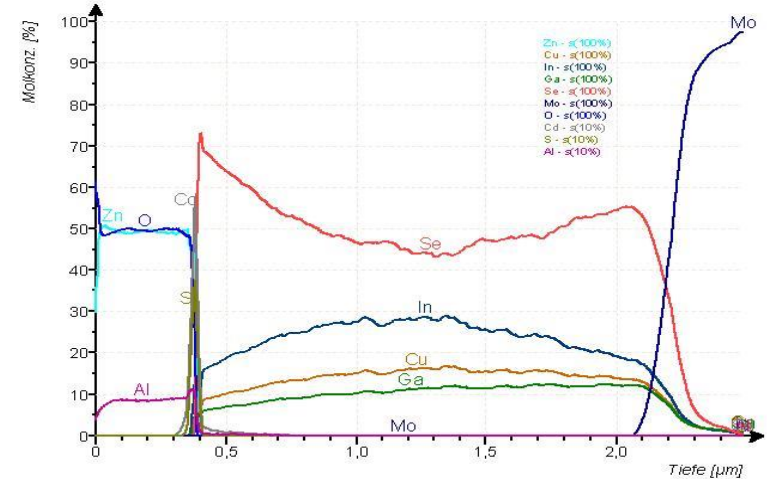
CdS on CIGS on glas

# Solar cells industry

## Further examples



ZnO:Al on CdS on CIGS on steel

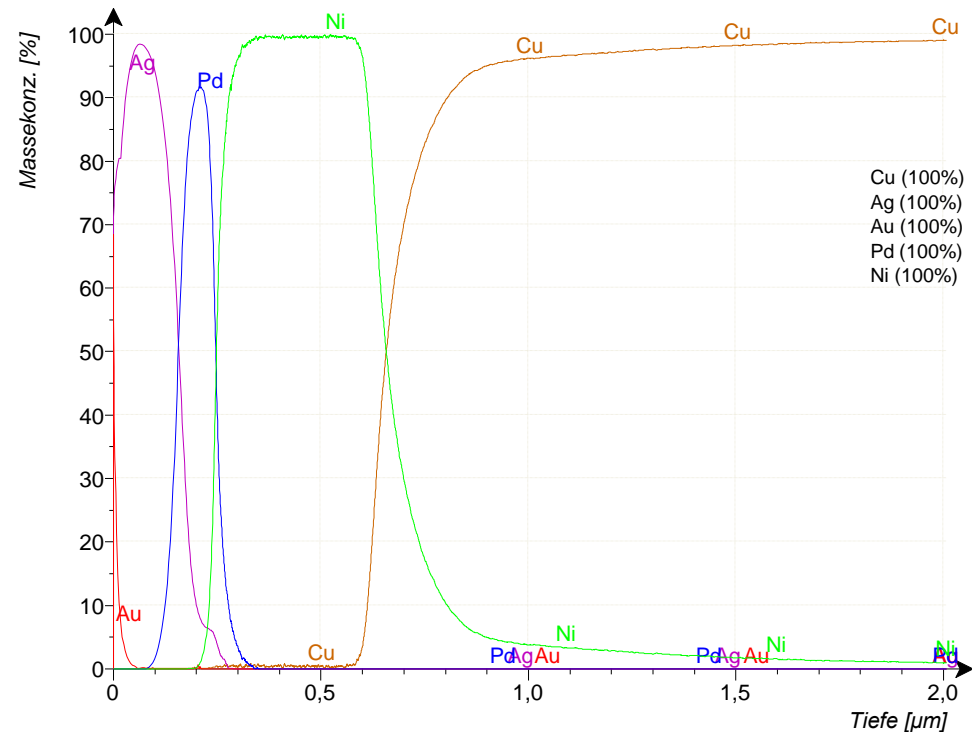


ZnO:Al on CdS on CIGS on glass

# Application:

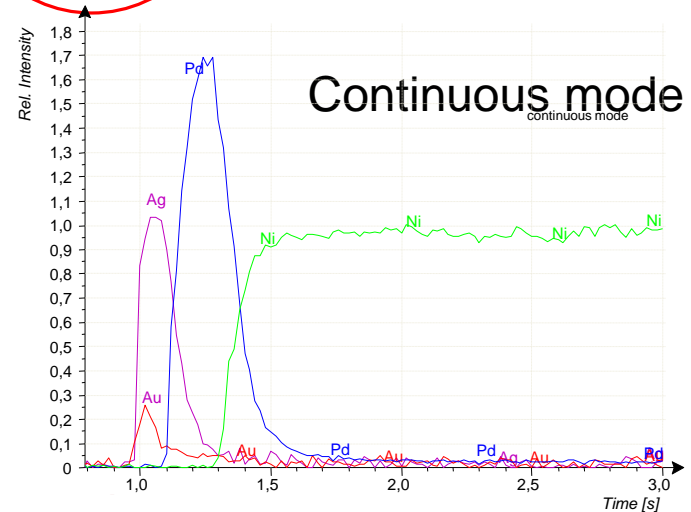
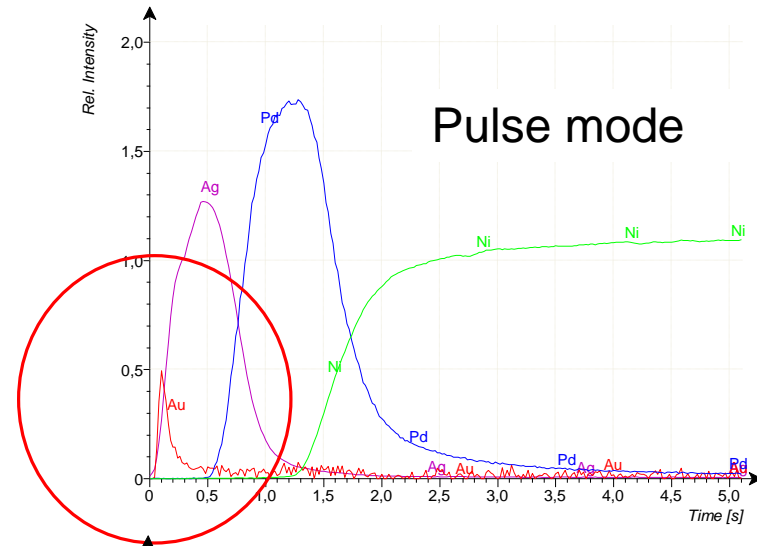
## CCD - thin layers diffusion of Au in the Ag layer

- Layer thickness Au 10 nm, Ag 120 nm on nickel on copper (electronic device).
- For applications with layers thinner than 50 nm the radiofrequency with **pulse mode** can be used.
- **Pulse mode:** In the plasma there are the same conditions, but the sputtering takes only fractions of seconds.
- Measurements are performed within seconds (here: 20 seconds).



# Application: CCD - thin layers diffusion of Au in the Ag layer

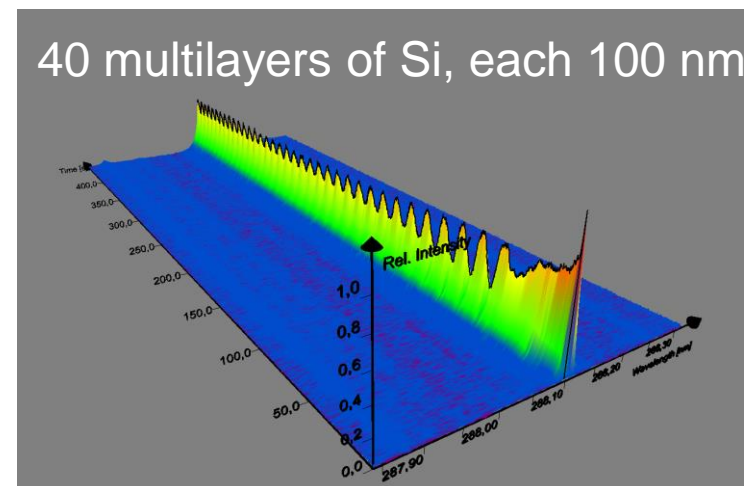
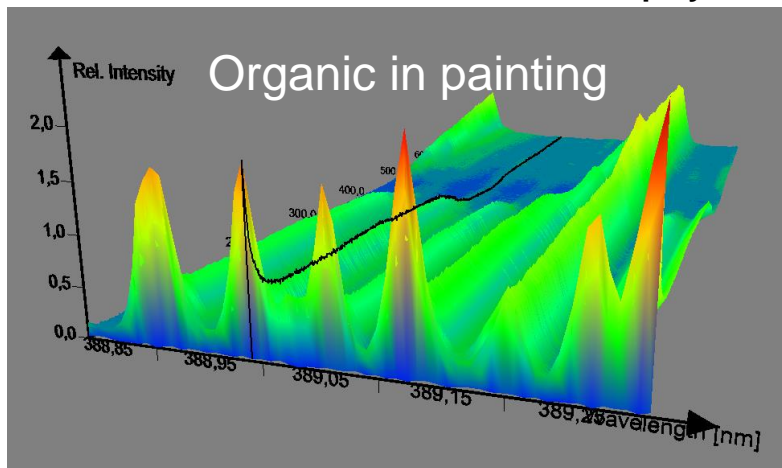
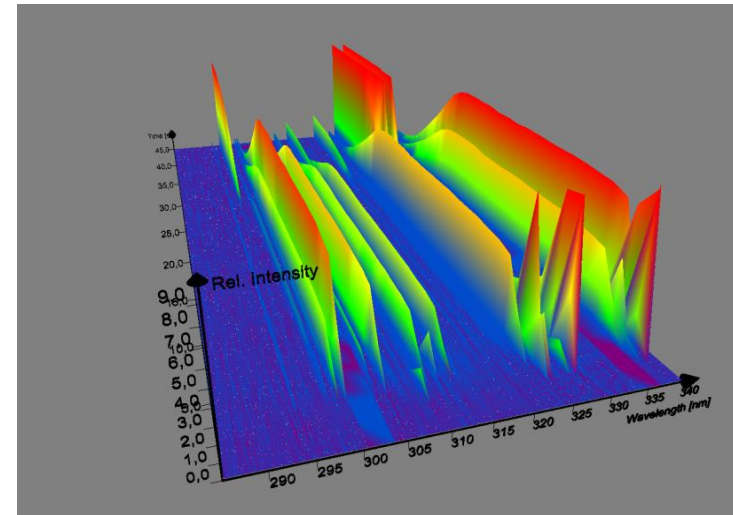
For pulse mode Au signal raises before Ag signal → separating of the 2 layers



# Example for CCD measurements

With the CCD, spectra over a wide wavelength range can be recorded. Between **120 and 700 nm** all important wavelengths of the PTE can be found. The courses can be output as a depth profile from this analysis or can be defined as a channel for further measurements.

\* demonstrative 3D display over



Avec la GDOEs on peut:

- déterminer la concentration dans des échantillons solides de presque tous les éléments de quelques 0,0001% à 100 %
- déterminer la composition et l'épaisseur de plusieurs couches successives de quelques nm jusqu'à plusieurs centaines de  $\mu\text{m}$
- représenter des gradients de concentration en profondeur



# Le Prix ???

La GD Alpha coûte ~ 55.000 CHF

Calibrée pour quelques matrices bulk

Calibrée pour une application d'analyse en Profondeur

