Fundamentals of EPMA

Course Tutors:

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April 7th – 9th 2014
Overview

A full 3 day course to introduce the fundamental physical and practical methods of EPMA. The course is delivered as a series of on-instrument demonstrations and short lectures. The course will cover:

Overview of WDS EPMA – Electron beam – solid interaction. Monte Carlo modeling; Characteristics of X-ray detectors in the EPMA – (EDS, WDS); Analysis of Trace elements; Light element analysis.

Practical demonstrations on both JEOL 8530F and Cameca SX100 EPMA through a series of case studies will introduce students to instrument set-up and spectrometer configuration, qualitative ED/WD scans. Overlap corrections on WDS, Primary Standard calibration, WD X-ray mapping and quantitative analysis set-up and automation. Review sessions will consider statistical treatment of data and post-processing of X-ray maps. Advanced topics such as low voltage analysis are introduced.

Strictly limited to 24 participants. Cost is €300 for EMAS members, €420 for non-members to cover lunch, coffee breaks, dinner at Jamie’s Italian Restaurant.

The course is aimed at students and researchers with either no or limited experience of EPMA although some familiarity with basic SEM techniques would be beneficial.
Schedule

Monday 7th April:

11:30am **Welcome**
11:45am Lecture 1 - Overview of X-ray generation in the EPMA
12:30am (Lunch and) Oral Presentations 1

1pm **Lunch**

1:45pm Practical 1 – The Energy Dispersive Spectrum
2:45pm Oral Presentations 2
3:30pm **Coffee**
3:50pm Lecture 2 – EDS
4:50pm Breakout 1(Hands on) – X-Ray Mapping

5:30pm **Pub**
Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} April

9:00am Review of previous evening breakout: group A / group B / group C.
10:00am Lecture 3 WDS
11:00am Coffee
11:30am Practical 3 Wavelength Dispersive Spectrometer

12:30pm \textit{Lunch}

2:00pm Lecture 4 - X-Ray modeling
2:45pm Practical 4 - X-Ray Modeling
3:30pm Coffee
3:45pm Lecture 5 – Quantitative EPMA
5:00pm Break out 2 (Hands on) TE, high res analysis

7:00pm Dinner – at a local restaurant

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Wednesday 9th April

9:00am Review of previous evening breakout:
   group A / group B / group C
10:00am Lecture 6 - Advanced EPMA
11:00am Practical 7 Cameca – TE, backgrounds etc
12:00 Practical 8 JEOL FEG- low voltage analysis

1pm Lunch. Wrap-up session. Q and A.

2pm Close
Registration Rates

EMAS Member Rate - £250 (€300)
Non-member Rate - £400 (€480)
Logistics

Maximum 24 Participants
- Breakouts in groups of 8 or fewer in 3 labs (2xEPMA, 1 SEM)
- Welcome reception, coffee/pastries
- Buffet Lunches
- Workshop Dinner on Tuesday
- Pub (Monday eve).
Host Institute

Electron Microbeam Laboratories, School of Earth Sciences, University of Bristol

- Cameca SX-100 EPMA (5WD, EDAX EDS)
- Hitachi S3500N SEM (Thermo EDS – SDD)
- JEOL JXA8530F (5WD, SDD-EDS)
- Preparation equipment (coaters)
- Small lecture room (G8 – 20m from labs)

- 4 free registrations to go to University of Bristol (included in 24)
Fundamentals of EPMA
An EMAS Short Course

A graduate-level Series of Lectures, Practicals and Hands-on Exercises:

Subjects covered:
- X-ray generation
- Energy Dispersive Spectrometry
- Wavelength Dispersive Spectrometry
- X-ray modeling
- Quantification in the EPMA
- Calibration standards
- Trace Element Analysis
- Light Element Analysis
- Field Emission EPMA

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