

SAMPLE ALIGNMENT STATION

Micron-accurate alignment of SEM samples for slope- and cross-sectional cutting



Precise sample positioning is essential for obtaining high-quality cross-sections using the broad ion beam technique. Accurate alignment becomes especially important when investigating a unique sample (e.g., Li-ion battery separator foil) or a specific area of interest in the sample (e.g., in semiconductor technologies). Such a very fine adjustment is impossible with conventional microscopes without dedicated platforms. However, with the Sample Alignment Station (SAS) and its accessories, sample alignment can be performed with an accuracy of $\pm 1 \mu\text{m}$.



DIGITAL MICROSCOPE

Purpose-designed device with

- ✓ high-resolution camera,
- ✓ special LED illumination,
- ✓ large working distance,
- ✓ positioning stage,
- ✓ bonding platform,
- ✓ alignment platform,
- ✓ dedicated control software,
- ✓ 340x maximum magnification,
- ✓ high-precision distance measurement.

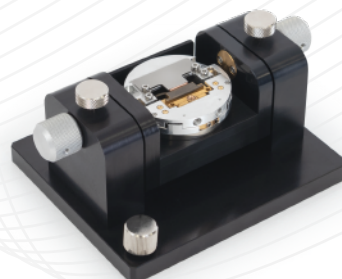
BONDING PLATFORM

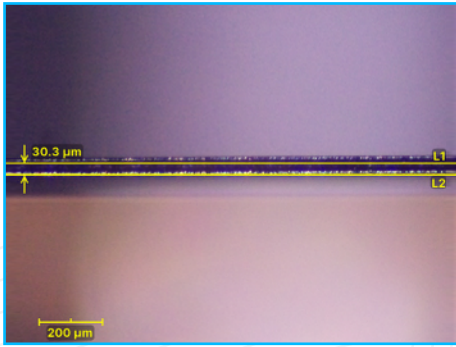
A tool for precise sample adjustment with a gluing jig.



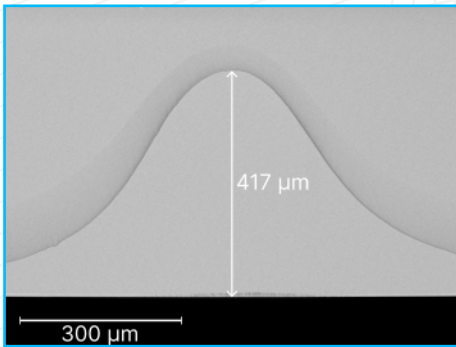
ALIGNMENT PLATFORM

Precision alignment tool with tilting cradle compatible with sample holders for high-accuracy sample positioning.

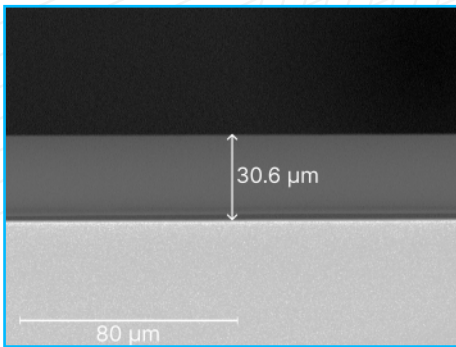




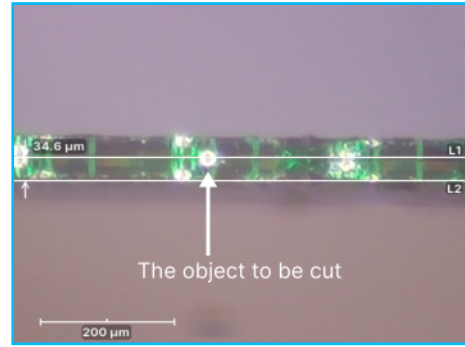
Edge of the Si wafer. Setting the sample protrusion in SAS before 90° cross-sectional cut.



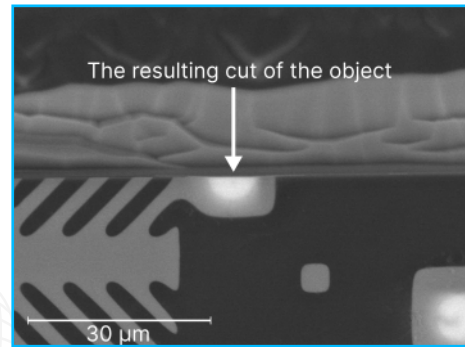
The resulting cut of Si wafer (16 keV 1 h) created by SEMPREP SMART. SEM image.



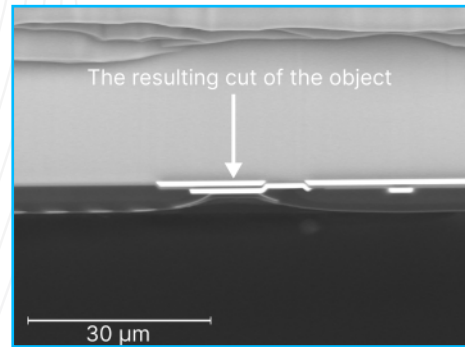
Sample protrusion after 90° cross-sectional cut. SEM image.



Setting the position of the object to be cut on a TFT sample. SAS image.



The TFT sample after 90° cut in SEM (front view). Accuracy: ±1 μm.



The TFT sample after 90° cross-sectional cut in SEM (top view).

SPECIFICATIONS

Display

dimensions	193 mm × 111 mm	7.6" × 4.4"
type	800 × 480 pixels (RGB), TFT, multi-touch capacitive panel	

Resolution of the optical system

5 MP

Magnification

340x

Manual focus range

95-170 mm 3.7"-6.7"

Working distance

95-101 mm 3.7"-4.0"

Ring light (adjustable brightness)

24 LED, 4 separately switchable segments

Weight

7.2 kg 15.9 lb

Dimensions (H × W × D)

470 mm × 210 mm × 240 mm 18.5" × 8.3" × 9.5"

Power

5 V DC, 6 A, 30 W (100-240 V AC, 50/60 Hz adaptor)