A Review of TESCAN Plasma Focused Ion Beam, Scanning Electron Microscopy, and Laser Cross-Sectioning Applications and Instrumentation

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TESCAN will review instrumentation and applications of Plasma focused ion beam (PFIB) with Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) combined with Laser sectioning. In the first part of this presentation, we will discuss 2D and 3D characterization methods of PFIB/SEM and laser sectioning for materials science applications. TESCAN's unique applications of TRUE-X sectioning and/or the TESCAN rocking stage methods for mitigating curtaining artifacts ubiquitous with PFIB milling will be presented. We will also present unique analytical capabilities of integrated RAMAN and TOF SIMS as well as conventional 2D and 3D uses of EDS and EBSD. Specimen preparation methods for ransmission electron microscopy (TEM) will be described. In addition, TESCAN's large chamber and stage designs allows for easy integration of *in situ* holders for electrical, heating or mechanical testing. In the second part of this presentation, we will show examples of biological and life sciences FIB and SEM applications, including 3D FIB-SEM tomography on diverse biological samples. Advantages and benefits of 3D tomography data sets acquired with PFIB vs. Ga FIB will be highlighted. Innovative solutions for serial block face imaging (SBF-SEM) of stained, embedded samples, cryo-EM specimen preparation for cryo-ET and applications of integrated Raman and TOF-SIMS in life sciences applications will also be presented.

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