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Text - *Transmission Electron Microscopy: A Textbook for Materials Science*, D.B. Williams and C.B. Carter, Springer, 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, ISBN 978-0387765020

References

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Course Syllabus

The numbers after each main topic refer to the chapters in William and Carter that are relevant to that topic.

- I. Overview of TEM - 1
- II. Electron Sources – 5
  - A. Tungsten Filament
  - B. LaB<sub>6</sub> Crystal
  - C. Field Emission Source
- III. Vacuum Equipment and Specimen Holders - 8
- IV. Electron Lenses, Aperatures and Resolution - 6
  - A. Magnetic Lenses
  - B. Lens Aberrations
  - C. Formation of Electron Probe
- V. Electron Beam - Specimen Interactions – 2 to 4
  - A. Elastic Electron Scattering
  - B. Inelastic Electron Scattering
  - C. Beam Damage
  - D. Backscattered Electrons
  - E. Secondary Electron Emission
  - F. Characteristic X-rays
- VI. Electron Diffraction – 11, 12, 16 to 19
  - A. Crystal Geometry
  - B. Diffraction Theory
  - C. Finite crystal
  - D. Ewald sphere construction
  - E. Indexing Electron Diffraction Patterns

F. Higher Order Laue Zones

G. Double Diffraction

H. Kikuchi Lines

I. Diffuse Scattering

J. Convergent Beam Electron Diffraction

## VII. Transmission Electron Microscope - 9

A. Ray Diagram

B. Objective Lens

C. Selected Area Diffraction Patterns

D. Bright-field and Dark-field

E. Displaced Aperture vs. Tilted Beam Dark Field Images

F. Two-beam BF-DF Pair

G. Rotation Calibration

H. Projector Lens

I. Scanning Transmission Electron Microscope

## VIII. Image Collection and Processing - 7

A. Cameras

B. Digital Image Acquisition

C. Image Processing

## IX. Specimen Preparation - 10

## X. X-ray Microanalysis – 32 to 35

A. Detection Systems

B. Qualitative Analysis

C. Quantitative Analysis

D. ALCHEMI

## XI. Convergent Beam Electron Diffraction – 20 and 21

## XII. Defect Analysis

A. Burgers Vector – 26

B. Stacking Faults – 25

C. Weak Beam Imaging – 27

XIII.Moiré Fringes – 23

XIV.Lorentz Microscopy – 29

XV.High Resolution Electron Microscopy – 28

XVI.Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy – 37 to 40

A. Plasmon Peaks

B. Detection System

C. Quantitation

XVII.Theory of Image Formation in a Transmission Electron Microscope – 13 to 15

A. Kinematical Theory of Image Formation

1. Perfect Crystal

2. Imperfect Crystal

B. Dynamical Theory of Image Formation

XVIII. Advanced Topics in TEM Image Formation

A. Matrix Formulation

B. Quantum Mechanical Approach

C. Many-beam Theory

D. Multi-slice Approach

**Text book** - Transmission Electron Microscopy: A Textbook for Materials Science (4 Vol set) by David B. Williams and C. Barry Carter 2<sup>nd</sup> edition – this is a require text. It is a four volume text and is available in paperback for \$66 from Amazon.

**Lab** – There will be a weekly lab where you will learn to operate the transmission electron microscope. We will schedule the labs in the first lecture. Typically it will be a three hour lab session with three students per lab session. The tentative schedule of the labs is given below. It is not unusual for the transmission electron microscope to be down for maintenance or repair. Eleven weeks are listed on the schedule but more weeks may be available.

### **Laboratory Schedule**

- 1<sup>st</sup> week: - Starting up the Akashi, specimen insertion and alignment – January 21
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week: - Bright-field imaging, focusing and stigmation – January 28
- 3<sup>rd</sup> week: - High resolution imaging - February 4
- 4<sup>th</sup> week: - Project #1 - High resolution imaging of graphitized carbon – February 11
- 5<sup>th</sup> week: - Project #1 - High resolution imaging of graphitized carbon – February 18
- 6<sup>th</sup> week: - Project #1 - High resolution imaging of graphitized carbon – February 25
- 7<sup>th</sup> week: - Starting up JEOL, specimen insertion and alignment – March 4
- 8<sup>th</sup> week: - Energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy – March 11
- 9<sup>th</sup> week: - Project #2 - High resolution imaging of gold particles – March 25
- 10<sup>th</sup> week: - Project #2 - High resolution imaging of gold particles – April 1
- 11<sup>th</sup> week: - Project #2 - High resolution imaging of gold particles – April 8

**Exams** - There will be a midterm and a final. The midterms will be on February 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday and April 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday. The midterms will be in class on these days. The final is on May 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday 2:00 - 4:00 pm

### **Grading**

Homework(six homework assignments) – graded credit/no credit - 10 %

Lab Performance - 25 %

Midterm I - 20 %

Midterm II - 20 %

Final – 25%

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[http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/centerprograms/dsp/home\\_index.html](http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/centerprograms/dsp/home_index.html), (213) 740-0776 (Phone), (213) 740-6948 (TDD only), (213) 740-8216 (FAX) [ability@usc.edu](mailto:ability@usc.edu).

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