



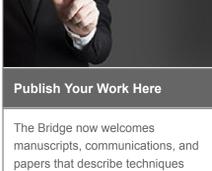
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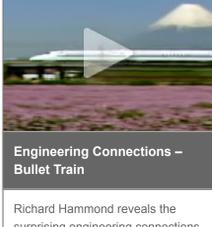
Micro-Z ULS – Measure ultra-low sulfur (ULS) in petroleum fuels by ASTM D2622-10



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Designed for ultra-low level sulfur analysis of diesel, petrol (gasoline) and other fuels, the Rigaku Micro-Z ULS wavelength dispersive X-ray fluorescence (WDXRF) instrument features a novel design that measures both the sulfur peak and the background intensity. The ability to measure and correct for changes in background intensity delivers a better net peak intensity measurement, resulting in superior calibrations and enhanced real world precision. **For more >**

Video of the Month



Engineering Connections – Bullet Train

Richard Hammond reveals the surprising engineering connections between Japan's Bullet Train, the world's first high-speed train, and ancient charioteers, a crowbar, a medieval clock, the electric telegraph and a 19th-century luxury racing car. **Watch video >**

Conferences and Workshops



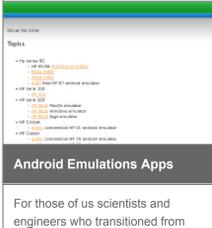
Join Rigaku at future meetings

Rigaku will be sponsoring, attending or exhibiting at the following conferences and trade shows:

- Microscopy & Microanalysis 2018**
Baltimore, MD, USA
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- Denver X-ray Conference**
Westminster, CO, USA
August 6 – 10, 2018
- Fire Rescue International**
Dallas, TX, USA
August 8 – 11, 2018

See the complete list >

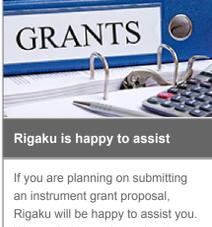
Useful Link of the Month



Android Emulations Apps

For those of us scientists and engineers who transitioned from slide rules to electronic calculators in the early 1970s, this link is a suite of Android Emulations for your phone. Not only a blast from the past, but also really fun and useful. Brings back fond memories. Enjoy! **For more >**

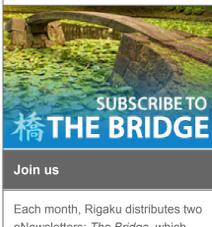
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Each month, Rigaku distributes two eNewsletters: *The Bridge*, which focuses on Materials Analysis, and *Crystallography Times*, which concentrates on X-ray crystallography. **Join us >**

Welcome

As always, thanks to everyone who took the time to come and talk to us at the ACA, EPDICON and SEMICON West events (to mention just a few) that we attended in July. Rigaku will attend many events worldwide (see full list) in August. Of particular note are the [Microscopy & Microanalysis 2018](#) exhibit in Baltimore (Aug. 5 – 9), the [Denver X-ray Conference](#) in Westminster, CO (Aug. 6 – 10), the ACS Fall Meeting in Boston (Aug. 19 – 23), the [14th International Conference on X-ray Microscopy](#) in Saskatoon (Aug. 19 -24) and the [European Crystallographic Meeting](#) in Oviedo, Spain (Aug. 22 – 27).

This month's issue contains two featured articles. They discuss data visualization in XRD and the newest member of the XtaLAB Synergy series.

Application papers are also available for XRD, WDXRF, and EDXRF. The book review covers *Everybody Lies: Big Data, New Data, and What the Internet Can Tell Us About Who We Really Are* by Seth Stephens-Davidowitz. The link of the month opens an interesting and potentially useful window into Android App emulations of legacy HP calculators. Check out the news and papers sections at the page for the latest developments in materials science.

R.C. Tisdale, Ph.D. – Editor

Featured Article
SmartLab Studio II: Data Visualization plugin #1 – XY mapping.
By Dr. Akito Sasaki, Rigaku Corporation



Homogeneity/inhomogeneity often has a major influence on a material's physical properties. Therefore, it is very important to control homogeneity/inhomogeneity during the development of these materials. X-ray analysis provides information on composition, layer thickness, residual stress, etc. of the adjacent surface of a sample, and evaluates homogeneity/inhomogeneity by moving the X-ray irradiation position on the sample surface. **Full article >**

Featured Rigaku Journal Article
XtaLAB Synergy-DW: X-ray diffractometer system with dual wavelength X-ray source
Rigaku Corporation



On average, laboratories look to replace their diffractometers every ten years due to new technology becoming available, research taking a new direction or the need to replace aging parts. Starting your own research group—or setting up a central facilities laboratory—often requires a diffractometer that will ensure that your highest quality publications are supported with the gold standard of analytical techniques: a single crystal X-ray structure. **Full article >**

XRD Application Note
Measurement of ultra-small samples using D/MAX-RAPID II
Rigaku Corporation



In investigations that rely on information gained from evidence left at the scene of a traffic accident, evidence is often limited in the amount available for testing or consists of microscopic traces, which made it difficult to acquire sufficient results with conventional XRD systems. The D/MAX-RAPID II, equipped with a confocal mirror, combines high-brilliance incident X-rays with a large active-area 2D detector, allowing for rapid micro area measurements of several 10 µm in just about 10 minutes. **For more >**

WDXRF Application Note
Mapping and Small Spot Analysis with a General-Purpose XRF Spectrometer
Rigaku Corporation



One of the features of X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometry is that a large area, such as 30 mm in diameter, can be measured on the surface of a specimen, which appropriately represents an analysis sample. This application note demonstrates point and mapping analysis function of ZSX Primus IV/Primus by analyzing a granite rock chip. **For more >**

EDXRF Application Note
Phosphorus on steel
Applied Rigaku Technologies



Aluminum and steel are often coated with a protective conversion coating, also called passivate or passivation coating, to prevent oxidation and corrosion of the base metal. **For more >**

Book Reviews
Everybody Lies: Big Data, New Data, and What the Internet Can Tell Us About Who We Really Are. by Seth Stephens-Davidowitz, HarperCollins, New York, 2017. 352 pages. ISBN-13: 978-0062390851.
Review by Joseph Ferrara, Deputy Director, X-ray Research Laboratory, Rigaku



Seth Stephens-Davidowitz is a former Google data scientist and currently a lecturer at the Wharton School. He hypothesizes that surveys and Facebook do not reflect our true inner selves. The answers we provide in surveys and what we put on Facebook reflect what we want other people to think, not what we actually think. **Read reviews >**

Material Analysis in the News
News for July 2018

July 1, 2018. Jincheng Du, a material science professor at University of North Texas, and a team of researchers working to develop a new glass to store nuclear waste have found that [gel layer formation on a new glass surface](#), after coming in contact with water, may potentially provide clues for the superior long-term storage of radioactive waste.

July 1, 2018. Researchers at Penn State have created a [nanocomposite of ceramics](#) and a two-dimensional material by employing a new cold sintering process (CSP), opening the door for new designs of nanocomposites with such applications as solid-state batteries, thermoelectrics, varistors, catalysts, chemical sensors and much more.

July 3, 2018. Environmentally friendly building trends have boosted the popularity of heat reflecting window coatings. They have also inspired scientists and engineers to create thin, see-through solar cells to turn windows into miniature electricity generators. Researchers have gone a step further and [combined these two functions into one](#) window-compatible material that could double the energy efficiency of an average household.

July 6, 2018. Chemists at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) and at the Université de Montréal in Canada have developed a [molecular system capable of very precise optical pressure measurements](#). This molecular system has potential applications in the fields of materials sciences, homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis, and all conceivable fields where pressure changes need to be monitored.

July 9, 2018. New work from a team led by Carnegie's Alexander Goncharov confirms that nitrogen, the dominant gas in Earth's atmosphere, becomes a [metallic fluid when subjected to the extreme pressure and temperature](#) conditions found deep inside the Earth and other planets.

July 19, 2018. Working to address "hotspots" in computer chips that degrade their performance, researchers at the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering have developed a [new semiconductor material](#), defect-free boron arsenide, that is more effective at drawing and dissipating waste heat than any other known semiconductor or metal materials.

July 20, 2018. [Burton Richter, a Nobel Prize-winning particle physicist](#) who also exercised significant influence in scientific policy, died on 18 July. He was 87 years old. In 1974, Richter's key scientific discovery laid a cornerstone for physicists' standard model of fundamental particles and forces. He also led the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center from 1984 to 1999.

July 23, 2018. Researchers at Tufts University School of Engineering have developed magnetic elastomeric composites that [move in different ways when exposed to light](#), raising the possibility that these materials could enable a wide range of products that perform simple to complex movements, from tiny engines and valves to solar arrays that bend toward the sunlight.

July 25, 2018. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced \$30 million in funding for 10 projects to advance research in the important and [growing field of "ultrafast" science](#). The research efforts span both materials science and chemistry, and will take advantage of new and emerging capabilities to probe materials and chemical processes at time scales of a quadrillionth of a second or less.

July 25, 2018. A [newly identified group of materials could help recharge batteries faster](#), raising the possibility of smartphones that charge fully in minutes. Prof. Clare Grey and her team of researchers at the University of Cambridge have identified a group of materials called niobium tungsten oxides through which lithium ions can move at astonishingly high rates.

Recent Scientific Papers of Interest
Papers for July 2018



Recent Scientific Papers of Interest is a monthly compilation of material analysis papers appearing in recently released journals and publications. **See below**

Fabrication of highly ordered nanoporous alumina membranes: Probing microstructures by SAXS, FESEM and AFM. Syed, R.; Sen, D.; Mani Krishna, K.V.; Ghosh, S.K. *Microscopy & Mesoporous Materials*. Jul2018, Vol. 264, p13-21. 9p. DOI: [10.1016/j.micmes.2017.12.034](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.micmes.2017.12.034)

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