ULTRATHIN **AND SEMI-THIN SECTIONS** OF BIOLOGICAL AND POLYMERIC SAMPLES FOR **TEM AND SEM**

Ultramicrotomy

is a versatile technique for preparing thin slices of material with a thickness of less than 100 nm, a requirement for electrons to transmit through the sample, allowing its observation by TEM. It is an alternative technique to FIB, especially for biological materials, polymers and composites since it helps to maintain their structure and orientation. Sectioning can be accomplished at ambient or cryogenic conditions, which is crucial for very soft or hydrated materials. Moreover, this equipment can be used to prepare samples with a flat and even surface, suitable for SEM observation, lending this equipment many options to prepare samples for electron microscopy applications.

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