

# X-ray diffraction on Z



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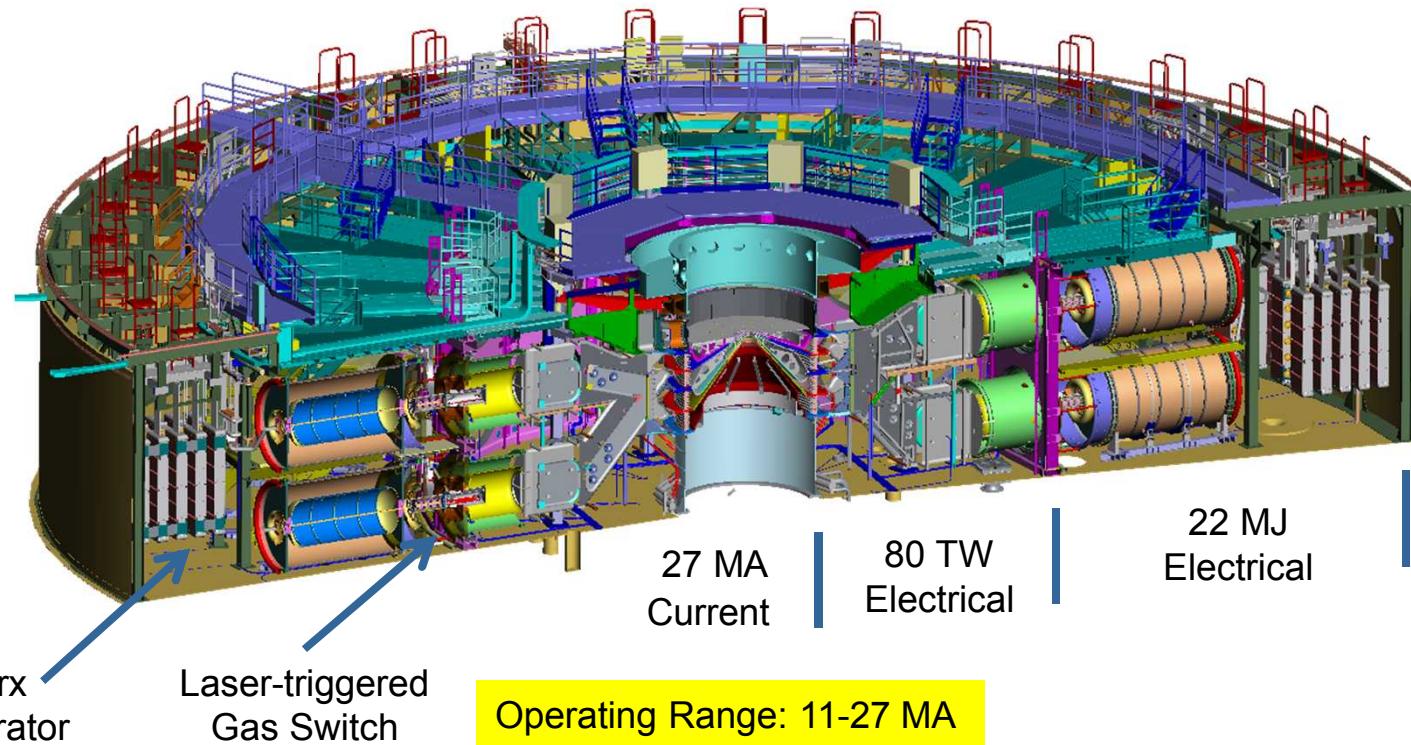
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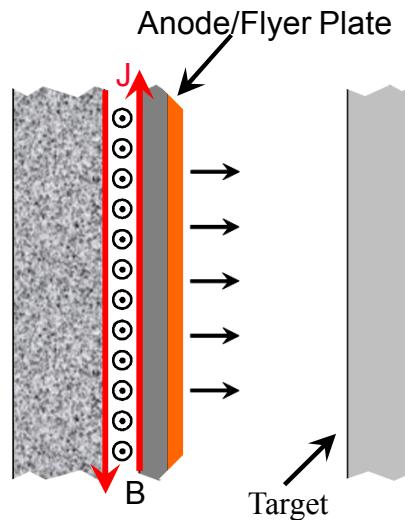
# Combining x-ray diffraction with Z's unique high energy density samples will provide benchmark quality data

- Z's high energy density matter samples are large, uniform, long-lived and precisely characterized
- X-ray diffraction will expand diagnostic capabilities on Z beyond pressure and density measurements

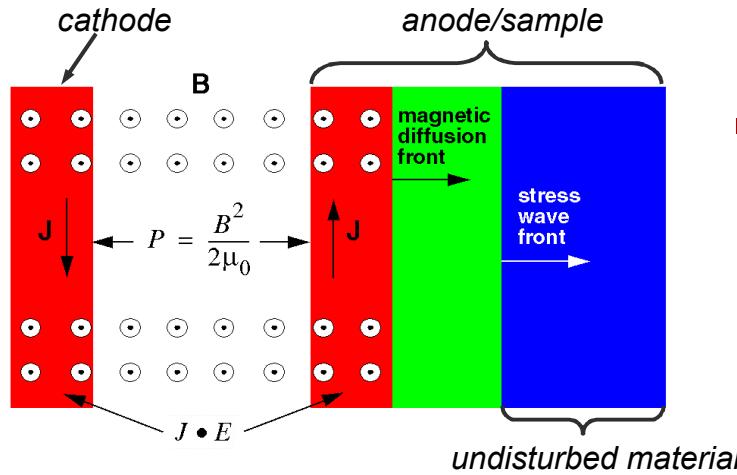


# Z is a unique platform for equation-of-state studies

- Dynamic material properties (DMP) experiments



- Magnetically launched flyer plates
  - $\sim 40$  km/s, 10 Mbar, several eV
  - Shock-compressed state experimentally determined from flyer's impact velocity
  - Pressure and density characterized  $\sim 1-2$  %

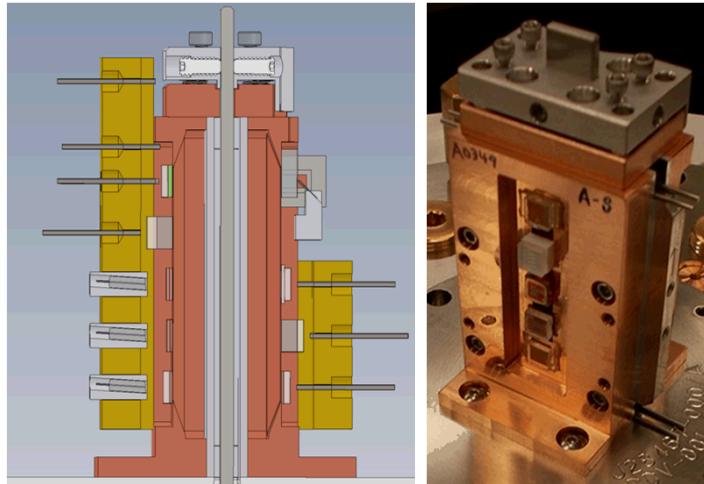
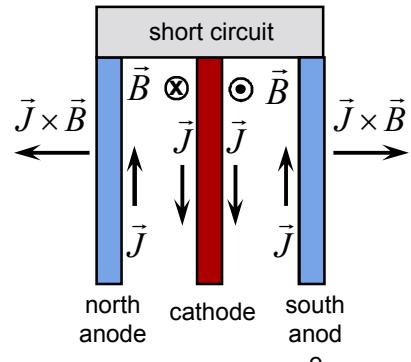


- Shockless (ramp) compression
  - Continuous compression to  $\sim 5$  Mbar
  - Strain rates  $\sim 10^6$ - $10^7$  /s

# Z-DMP planar experiments

## ■ Coaxial load<sup>1</sup>

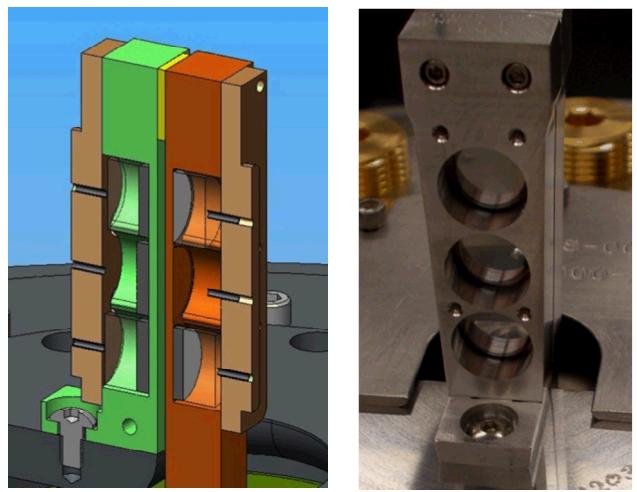
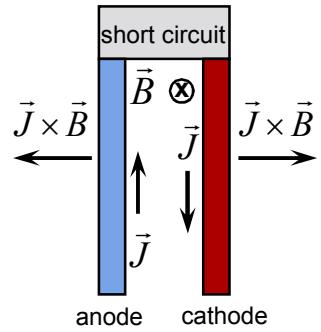
- Cathode stalk surrounded by anode panels
- Dual pressures possible on north and south panels
- Enclosed magnetic fields
- More sample locations
- Optimal for (flyer plate) shock compression



## ■ Stripline load<sup>2</sup>

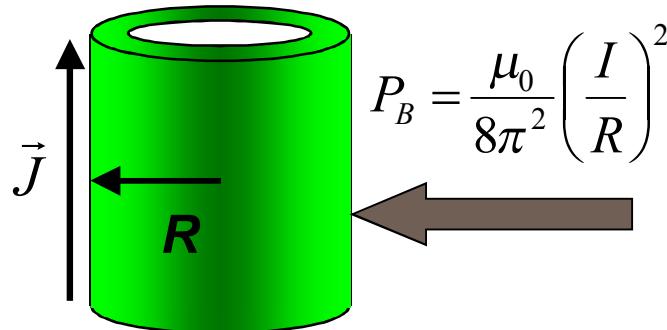
- Identical pressure on both cathode and anode panels
- Higher current density and pressure
- Open magnetic fields
- Optimal for high-pressure ramp compression

$$P = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0}$$



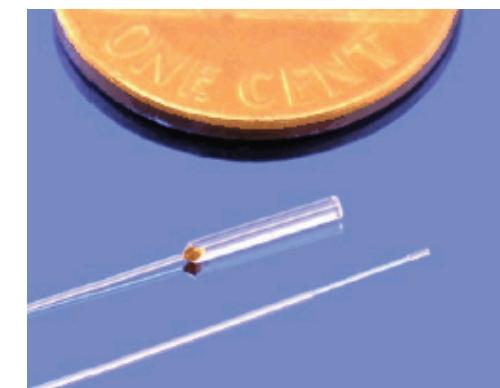
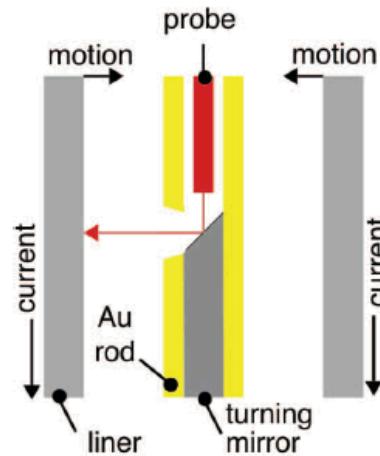
# Z-DMP cylindrical experiments

- Cylindrical implosion reaches extreme pressure states<sup>1</sup>
  - Current pulse shaping creates ramp-wave compression
  - Quasi-isentropic compression to 20 Mbar



$$P_B = \frac{\mu_0}{8\pi^2} \left( \frac{I}{R} \right)^2$$

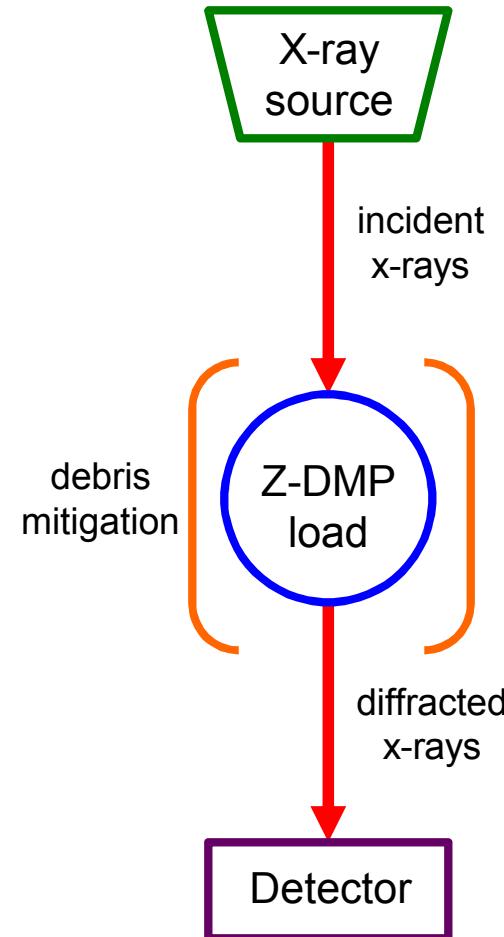
$I = 20 \text{ MA}$
$R = 1 \text{ mm}$
$P_B \approx 64 \text{ Mbar}$



- Diagnostics are challenging
  - Limited space
  - Miniature probes
  - Velocities well beyond 10 km/s

# 3 key components to x-ray diffraction on Z-DMP experiments

- Produce source x-rays
  - Z-Beamlet laser irradiate metal foil
  - X-pinch
- Generate high-pressure state
  - Z-DMP load
  - Debris mitigation
- Detect diffracted x-rays
  - Film
  - Image plate
  - Streak camera
  - CCD



# Challenges of x-ray diffraction on Z

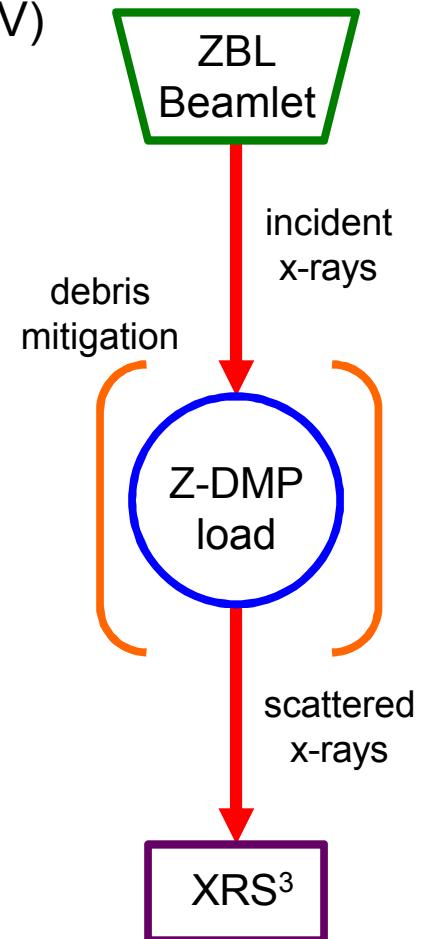
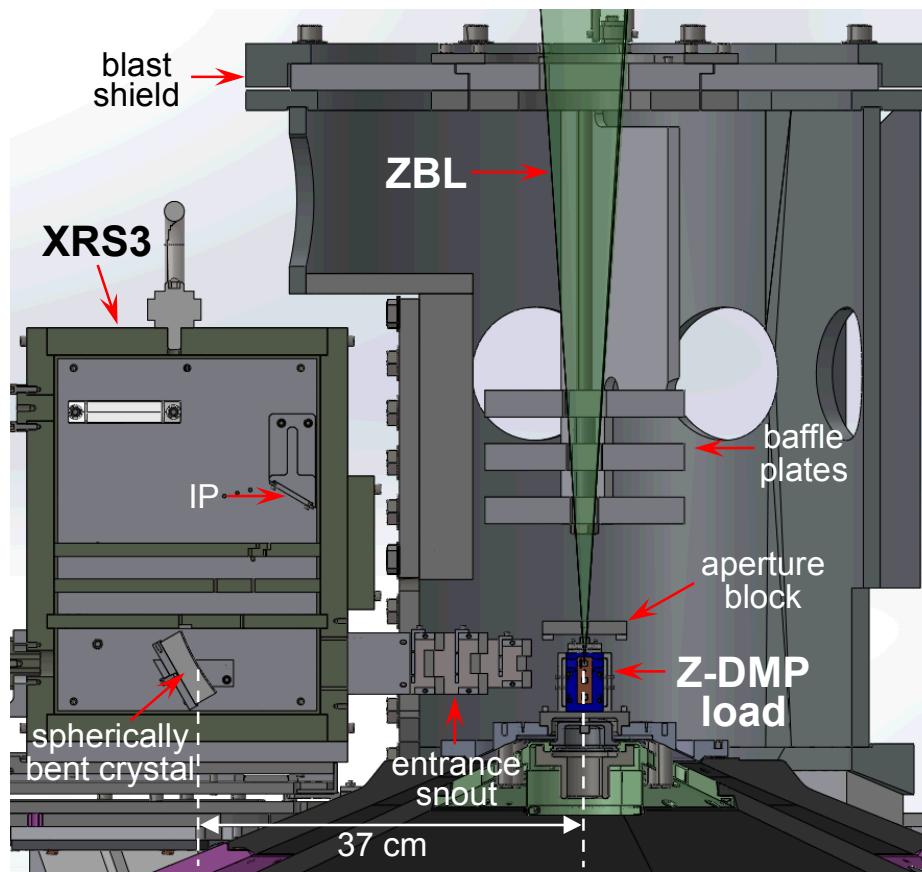
- Destructive environment of Z-DMP load
  - Prevent catastrophic vacuum breach
  - Protect ZBL
  - Retrieve data
- X-ray background
  - High energy photons (up to 10 MeV) produced in both power feed section and load region
  - Sufficient signal-to-noise
- Electromagnetic pulse (EMP)
  - Fry electronics

# Addressing challenges of Z-XRD

- Placing image plate, film, x-ray CCD, and x-ray streak camera near load
  - Robust x-ray and EMP shielding
  - Advanced debris mitigation
- Convert diffracted x-rays into visible photons
  - X-ray phosphor near load
  - Transport light out of load region (fiber or open optics relay)
- Leverage previous work done to implement x-ray Thomson scattering (XRTS) on Z

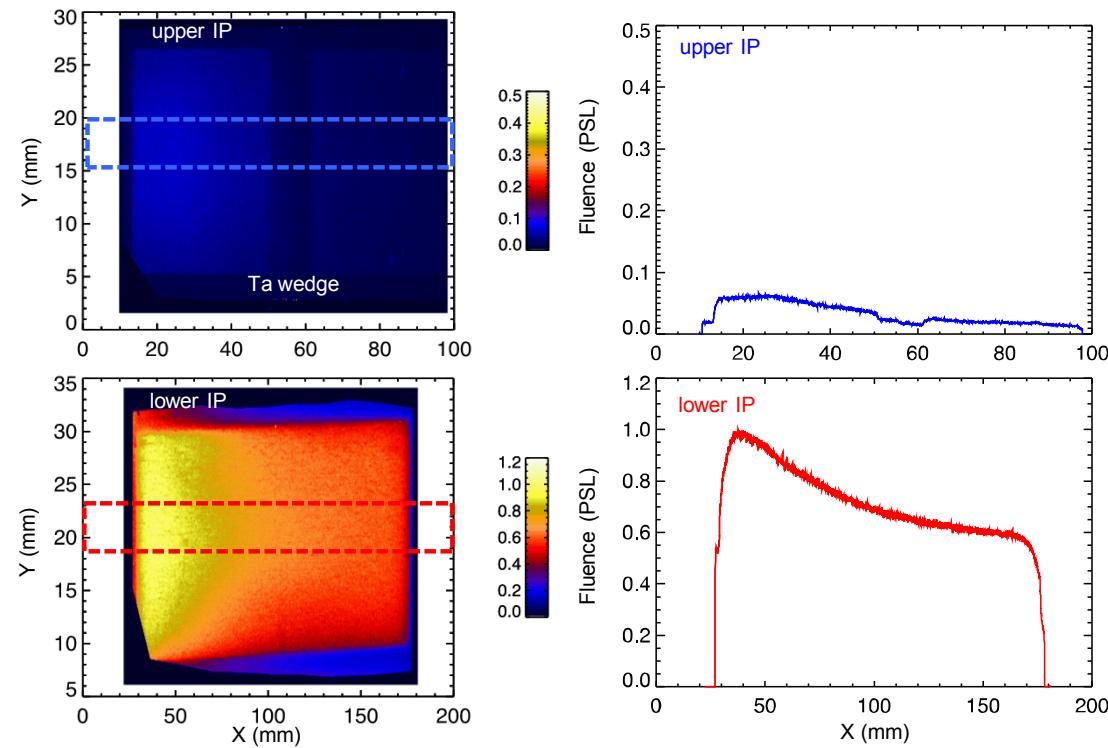
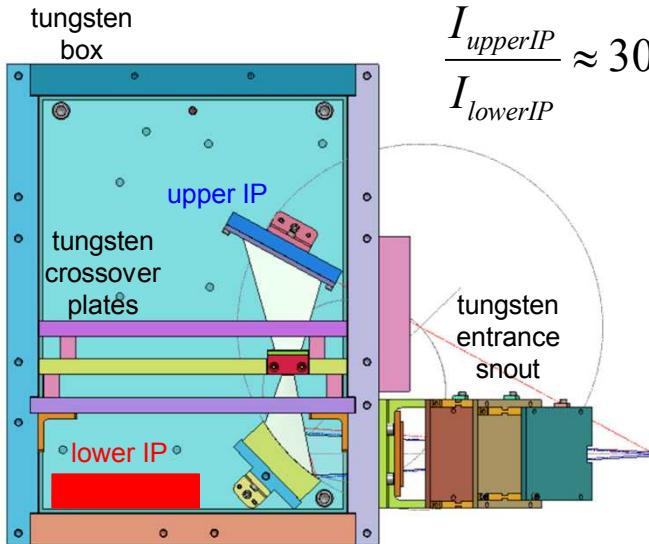
# X-ray Thomson scattering on Z

- 3 key components to XRTS on Z-DMP experiments<sup>1</sup>
  - ZBL produce quasi-monochromatic x-rays (6.181 keV)
  - Z-DMP load generate warm dense matter state
  - Detect x-rays with spectrometer (XRS3)



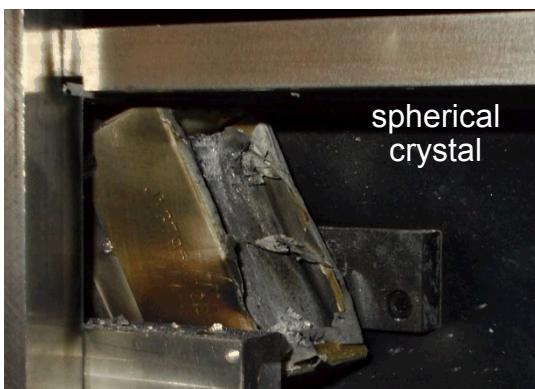
# Low x-ray background of Z-DMP experiments make XRTS viable

- Z-pinch radiation producing experiments
  - Strong x-ray background (> 25 PSL)
- Ride-along tests on Z-DMP experiments
  - Lower x-ray background (~ 1 PSL)
  - External and internal tungsten shielding reduced x-ray background  
~ 0.03 PSL



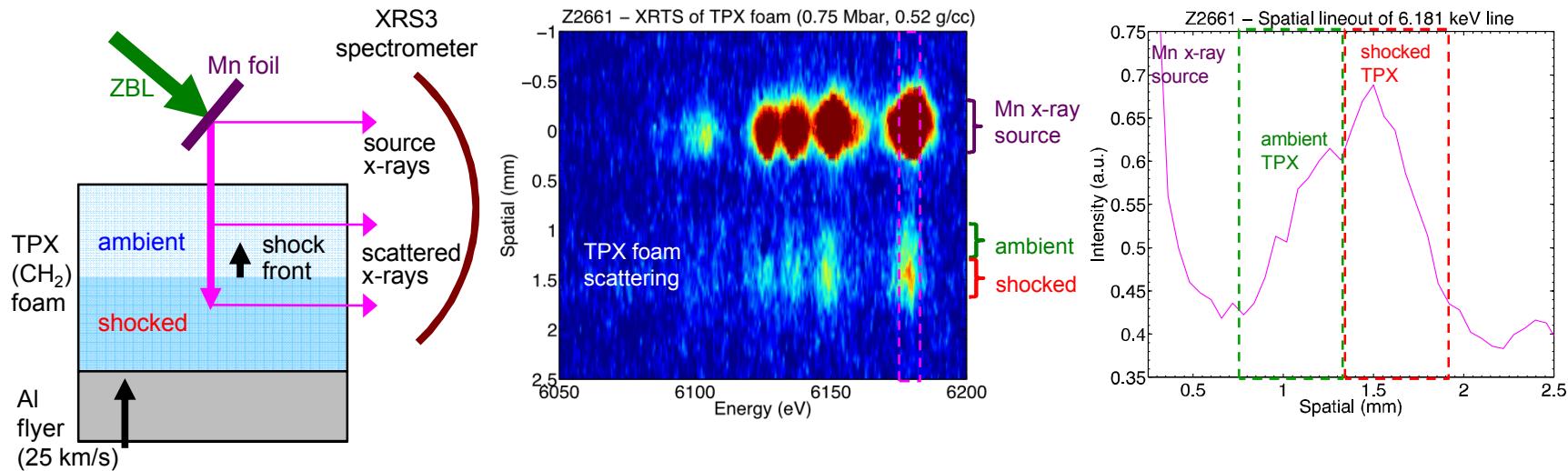
# Debris mitigation strategy has been successful

- Hypervelocity penetration depth,<sup>1</sup>  $y_{depth} = 0.266 \rho_{proj}^{0.595} d_{proj}^{1.05} v_{proj}^{0.995} (\cos\theta)^{0.496}$ 
  - Increase FOA glass shield thickness
  - Decrease projectile density, size, and velocity
- Aperture block and baffle plates limited axial debris
  - Mostly liquid, some small solid fragments
  - ZBL FOA protected
- XRTS data retrieved from XRS<sup>3</sup>
  - Crystal still damaged



# XRTS capability successfully implemented on Z

- First time x-ray source and scattering simultaneously measured
  - Scattering volume is huge compared to laser experiments ( $\sim 1000 \times$ )
  - Shock state is uniform ( $\sim 1-2 \%$ ); long steady-state duration ( $\sim 100$  ns)

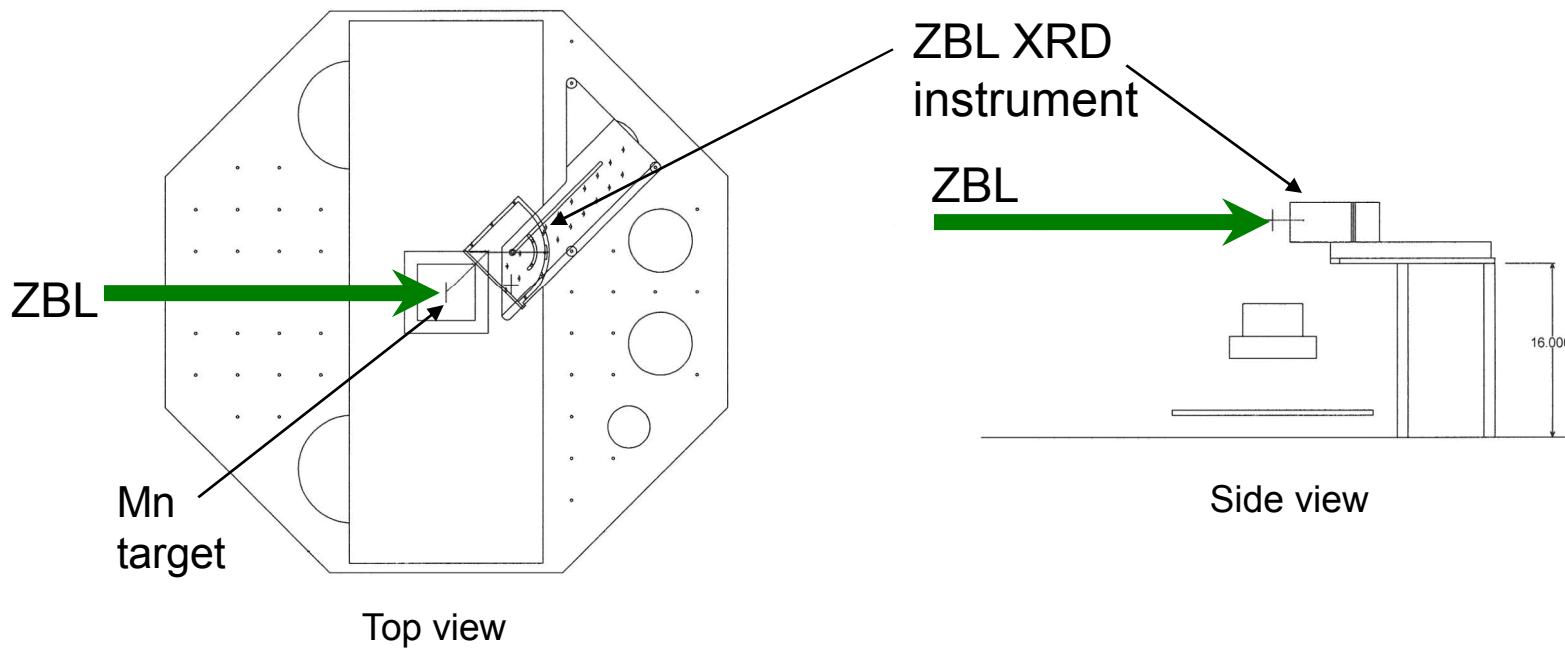


- Spatially-resolved x-ray scattering measurement enables novel and decisive extraction of data
  - In-situ comparison of shock state with ambient material
  - Direct measurement of x-ray probe source spectrum
- High-spectral resolution reveals subtle spectral features

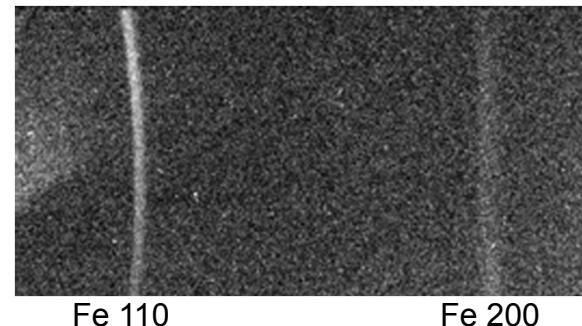
# Activities to develop Z-XRD

- ZBL target chamber
  - X-ray source development
  - Ambient material x-ray diffraction
- Z-DMP experimental ridealongs
  - X-ray background
  - Characterization of debris field
- DICE facility
  - X-ray diffraction of compressed samples using DXD Supersaver x-ray source
    - Gas gun: shock loading
    - Veloce small pulser: ramp loading
  - X-ray phosphor and fiber relay testing

# ZBL target chamber initial x-ray diffraction test

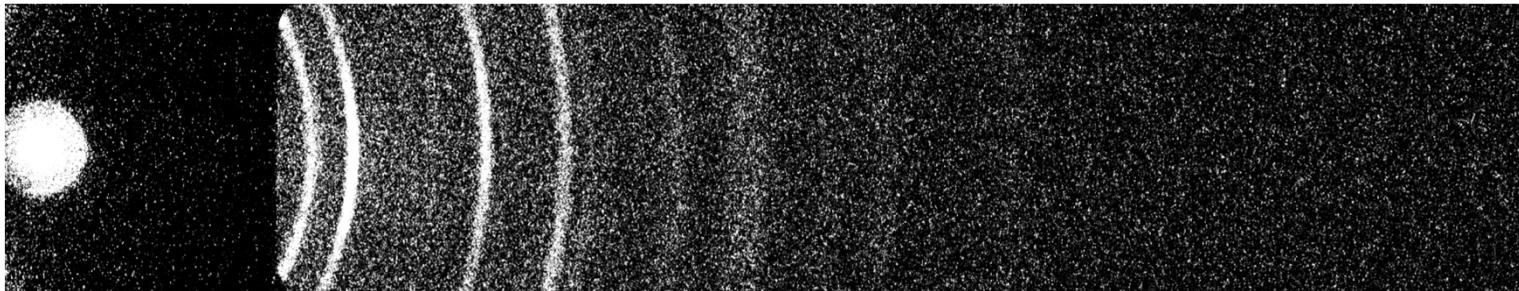


- Preliminary x-ray diffraction results with ZBL
  - Mn-He- $\alpha$  (6.181 keV)
  - Ambient Fe sample

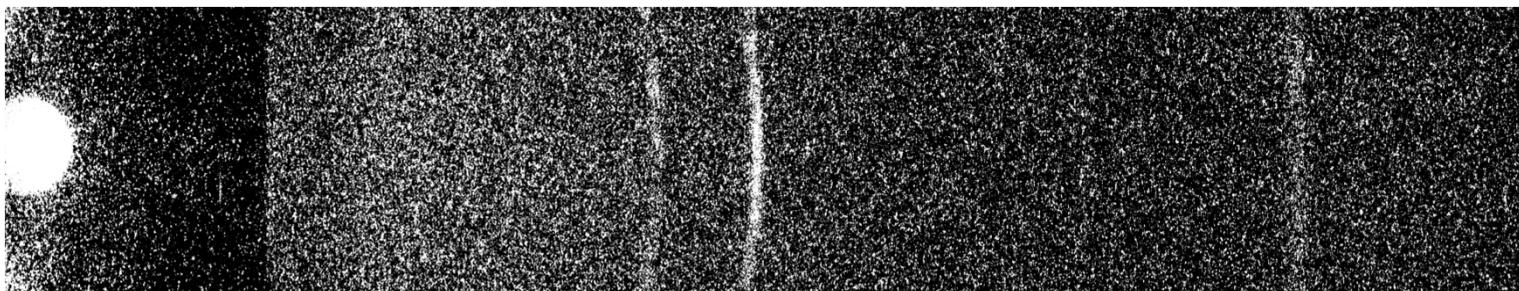


# XRD patterns from fcc aluminum using DXD Supersaver x-ray source and ZBL XRD instrument

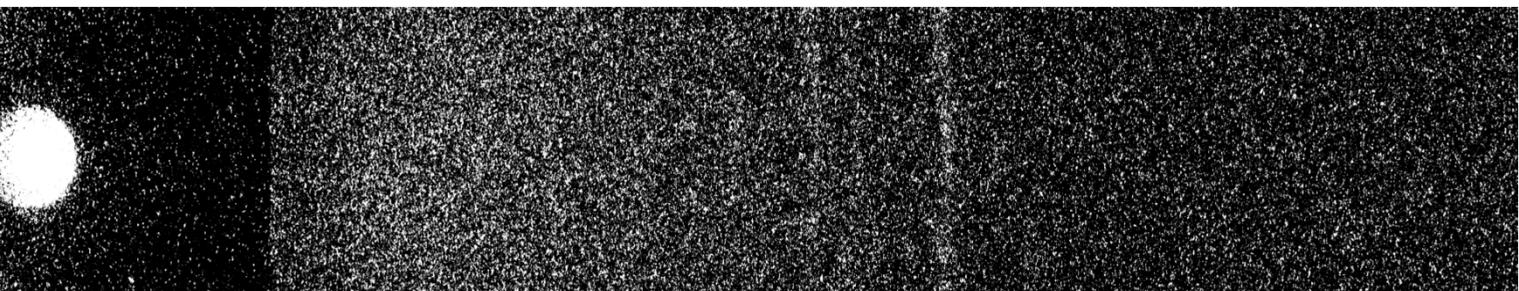
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17.4 keV



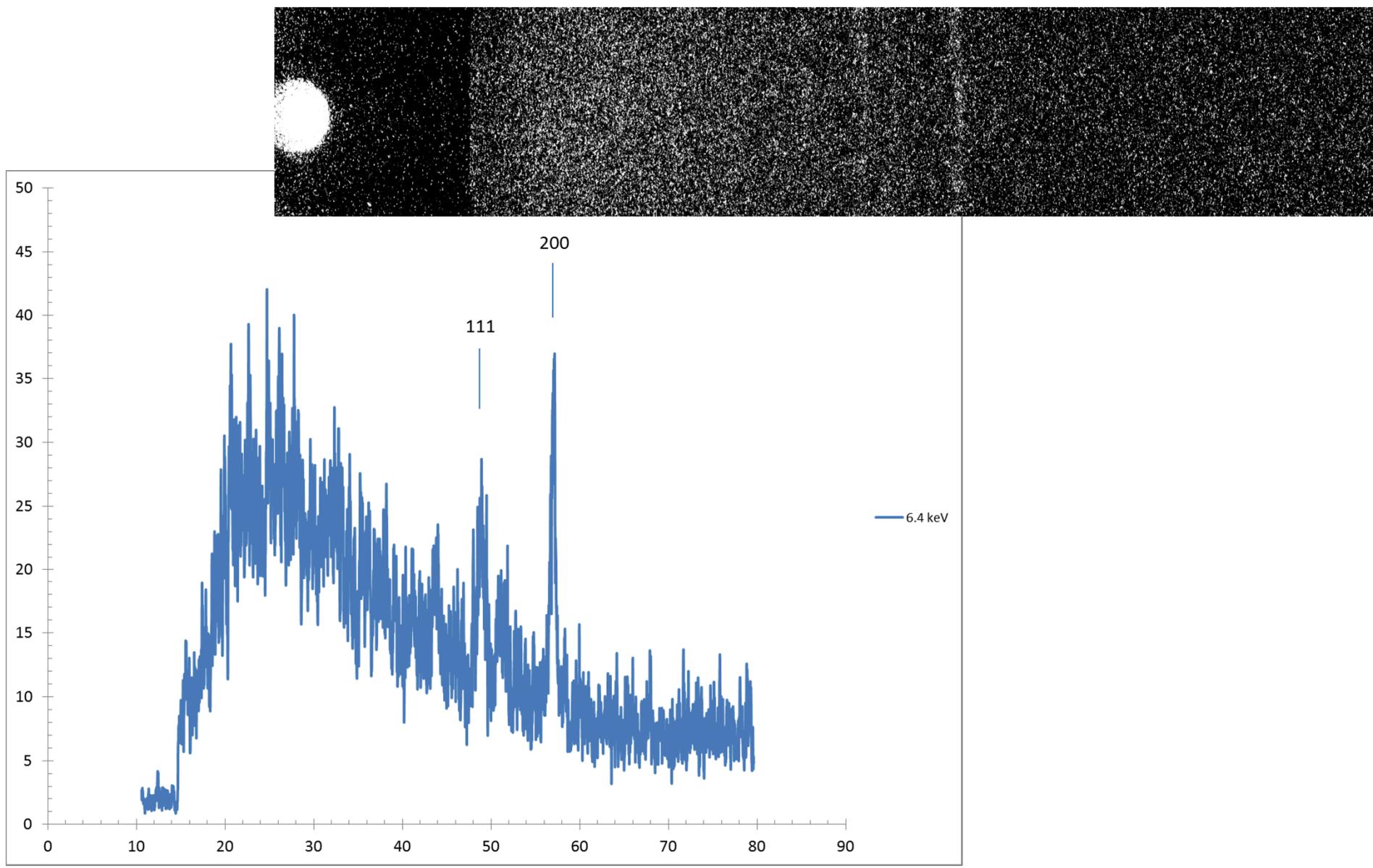
Cu Anode  
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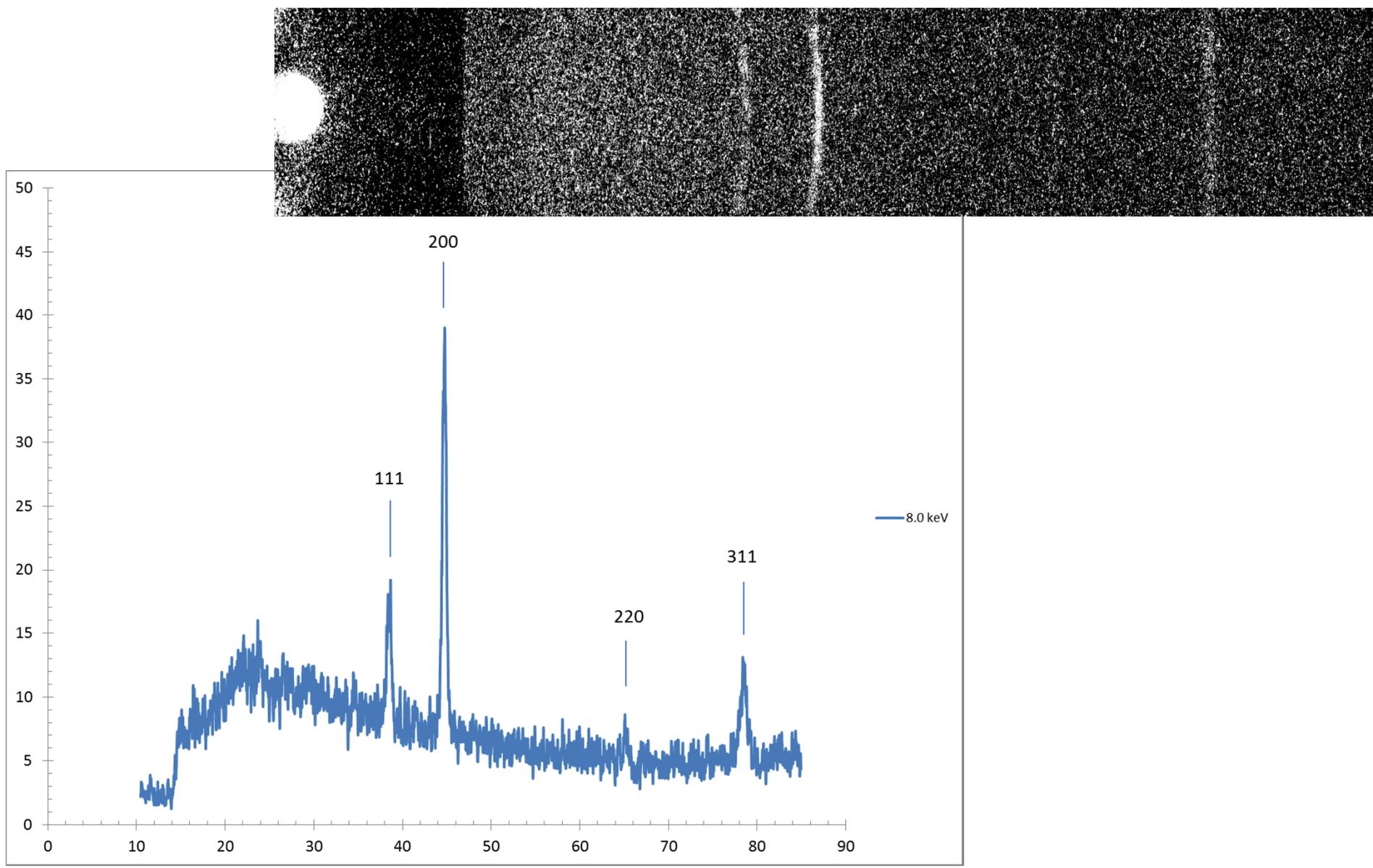
Fe Anode  
6.4 keV



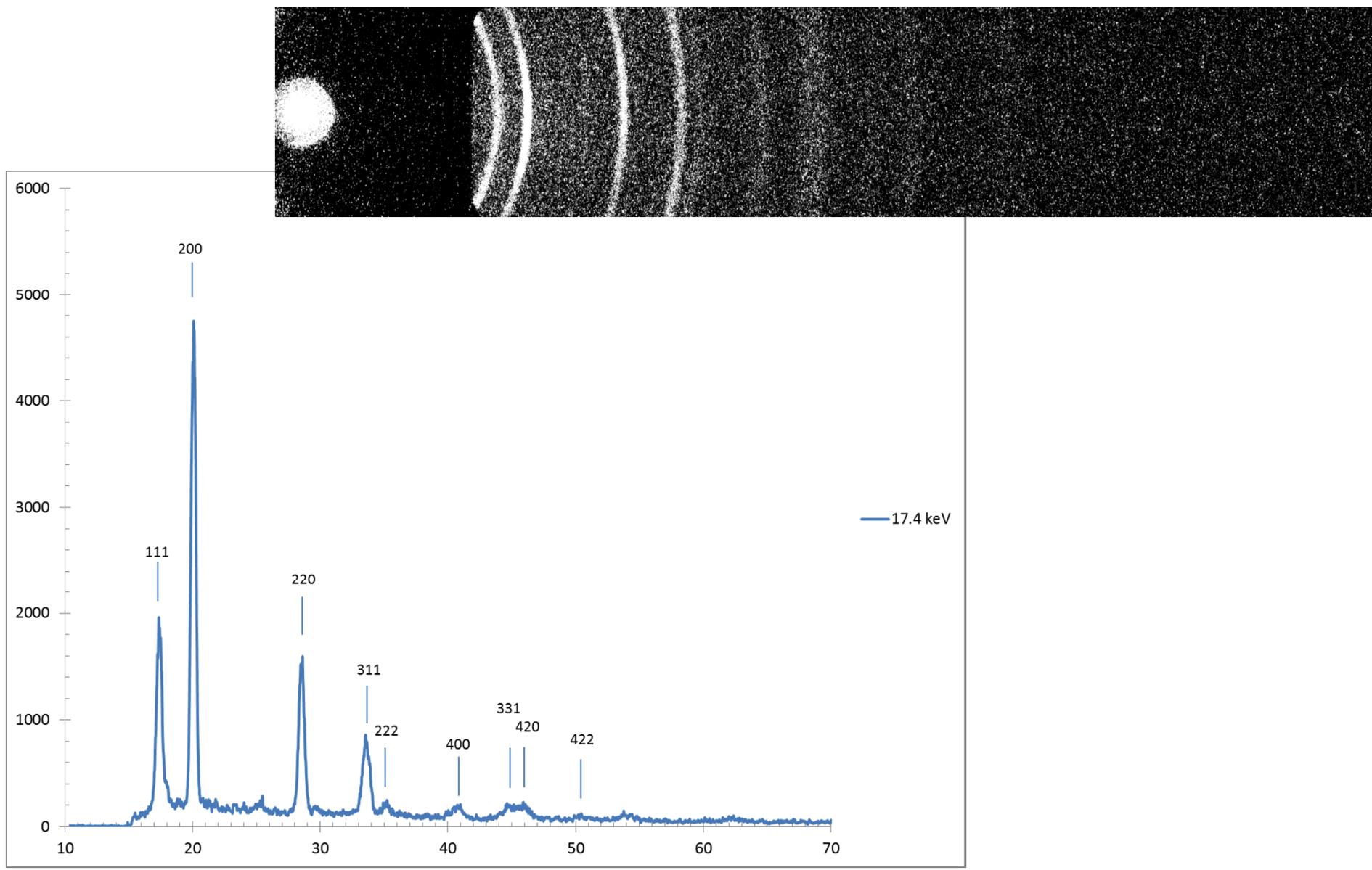
# Aluminum XRD Debye ring integration at 6.4 keV



# Aluminum XRD Debye ring integration at 8.0 keV



# Aluminum XRD Debye ring integration at 17.4 keV



# Future concepts for Z-XRD

- Time-resolved x-ray diffraction
  - Multi-frame ZBL x-ray sources
- X-pinch x-ray source
  - Separate small pulser to drive x-pinch
  - X-pinch load in parallel with Z-DMP load
  - Multiple x-pinches
- Containment targets
  - Inserting incident x-rays
  - Extracting diffracted x-rays

