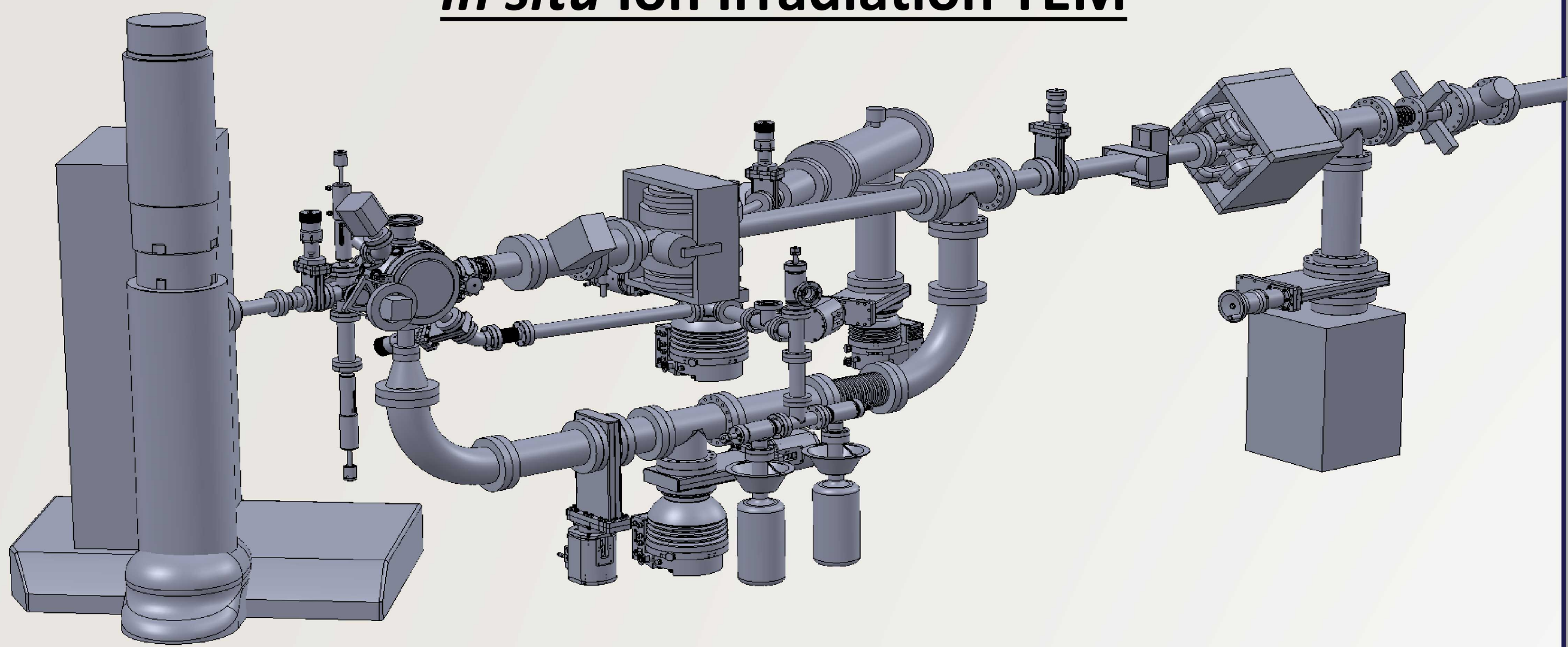


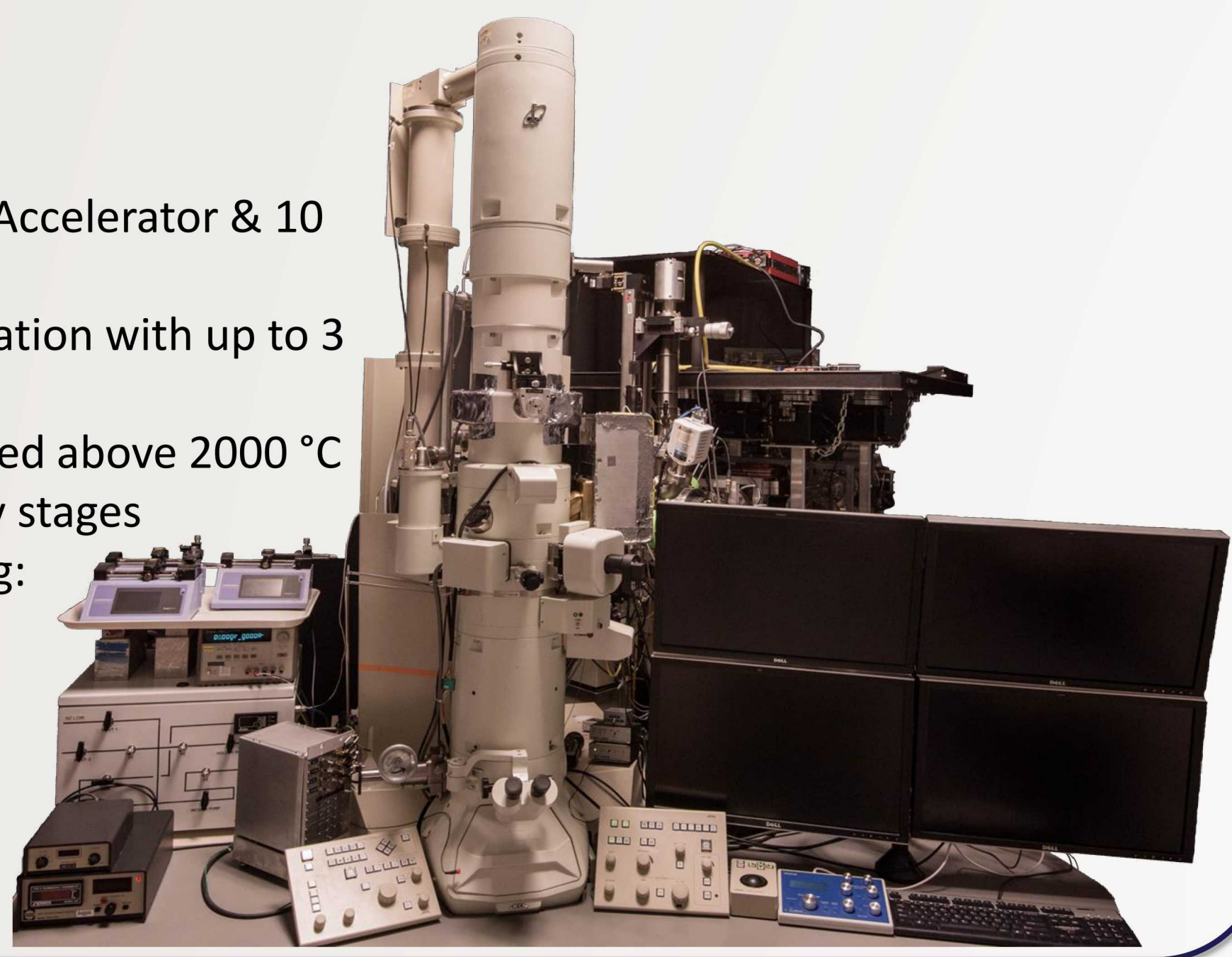
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In situ Ion Irradiation TEM



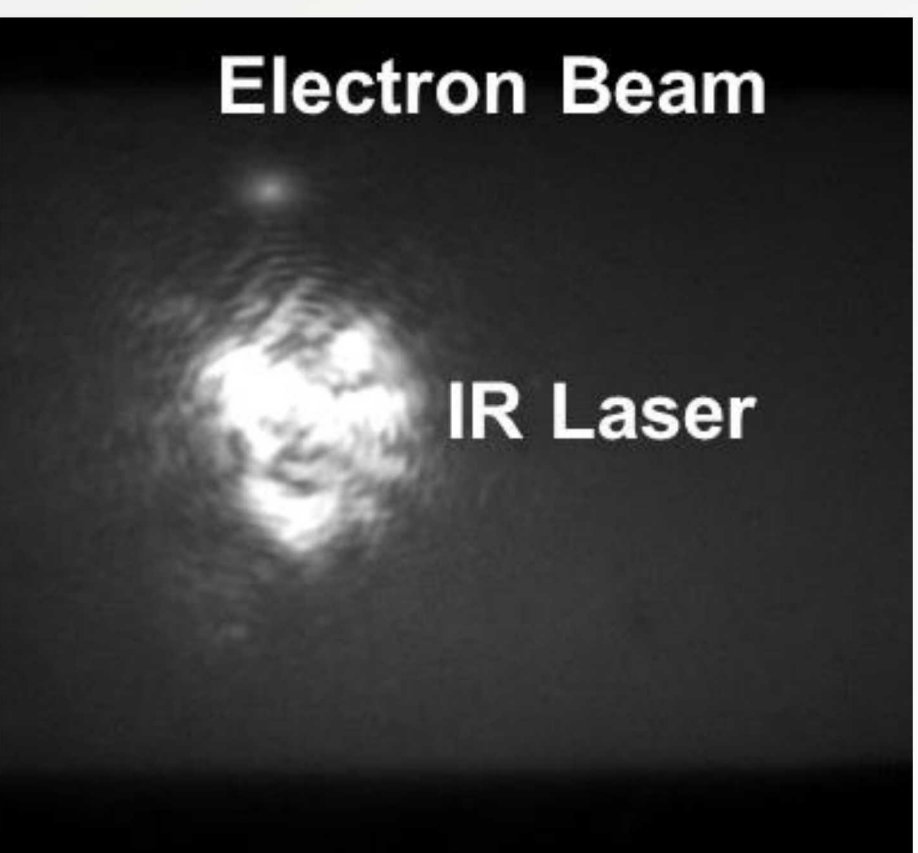
Capabilities

- A highly modified JEOL 2100 TEM
- Connected to a 6 MV HVE Tandem Accelerator & 10 kV Colutron
- Permits ion implantation and irradiation with up to 3 ion species at once
- Laser heating has been demonstrated above 2000 °C
- ±81° tilt and 4 electron tomography stages
- Over 15 in situ TEM stages including:
 - Quantitative Mechanical (PI-95)
 - Heating straining
 - Flowing liquid cell
 - Gas Heating
 - Cryogenic (77 K)
 - Heating (800 °C)



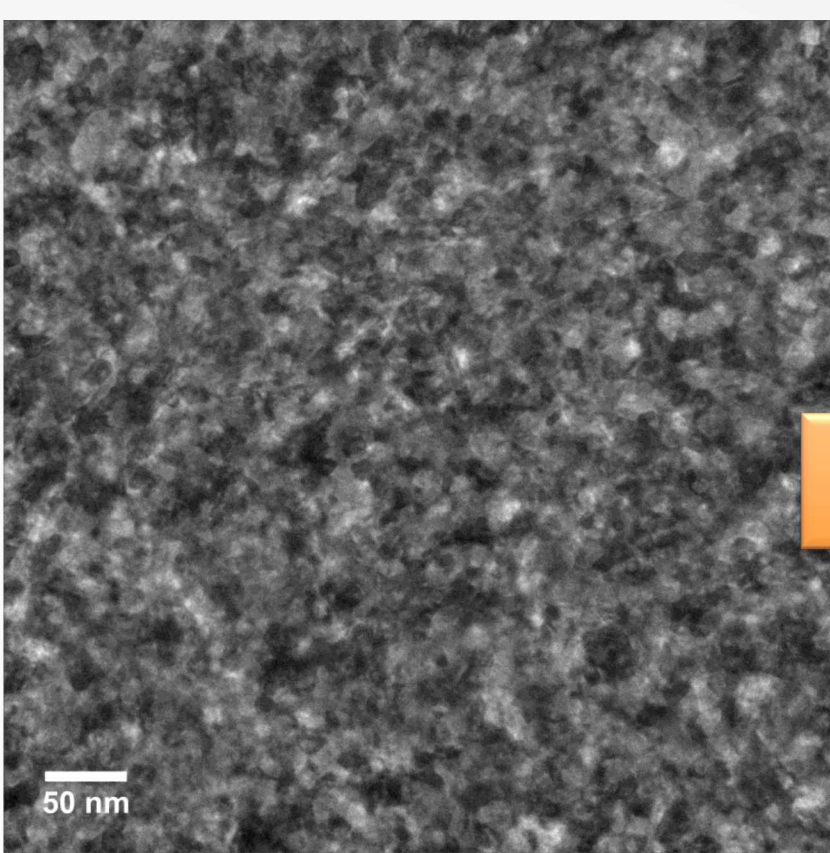
Grain Growth: Beyond the Temporal Limit of the Camera

Laser Alignment

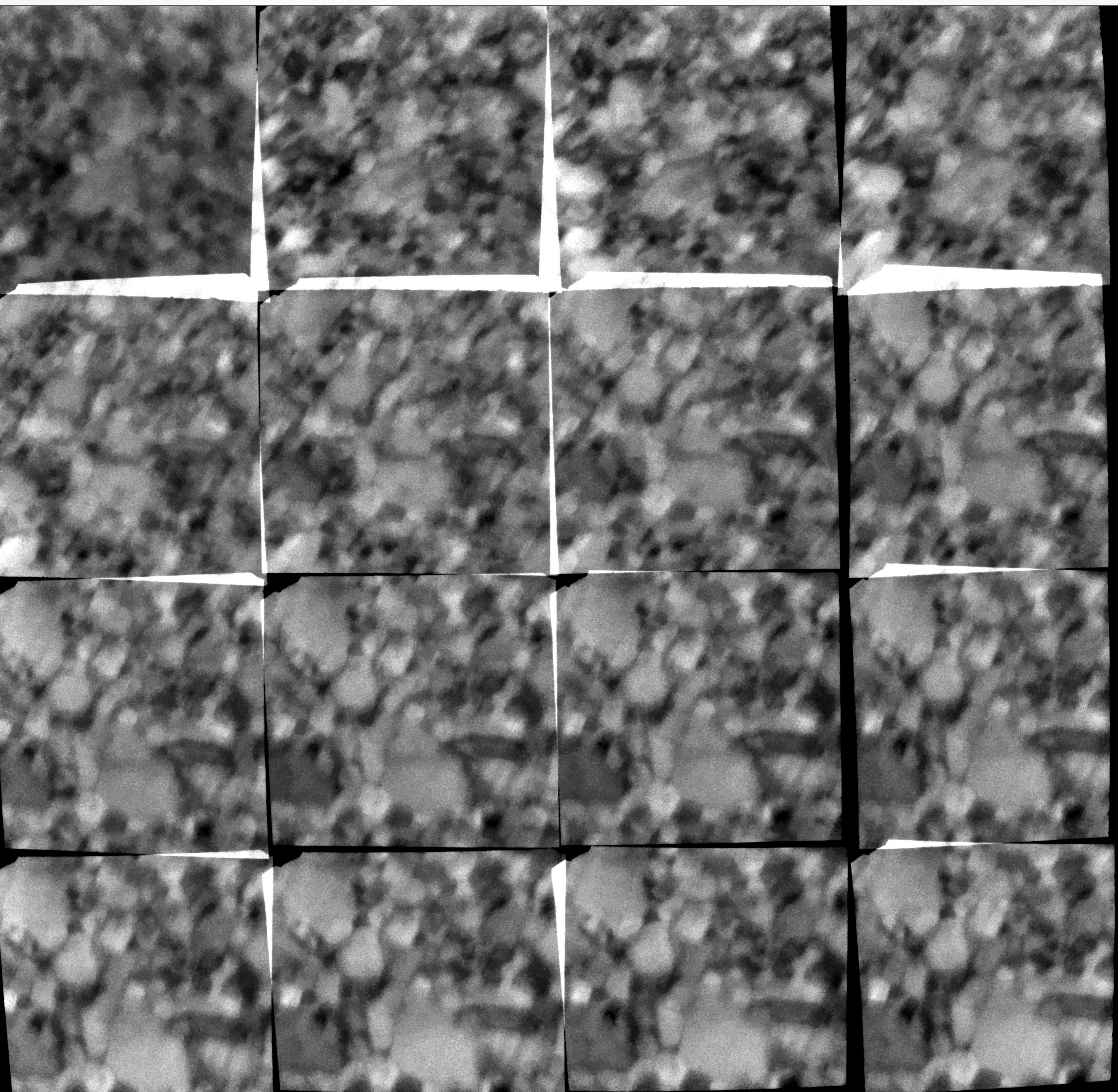
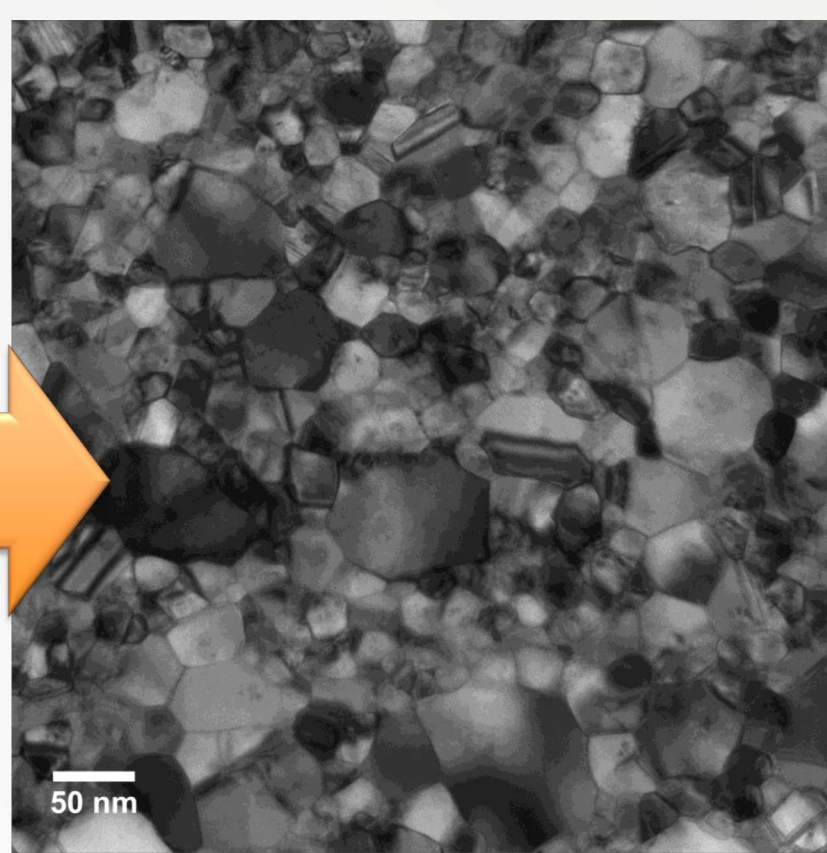


- Adjustable power 1064 nm infrared specimen (IR) drive laser
- IR laser is reflected directly onto the specimen with metal mirror
- Heat specimens in in situ holders, which otherwise would not be possible
- Laser capabilities: 2-20 Watts
- Pulsed or continuous operation
- 50 µm-diameter spot size
- Positioning mirror, which can be used during laser operation

Before

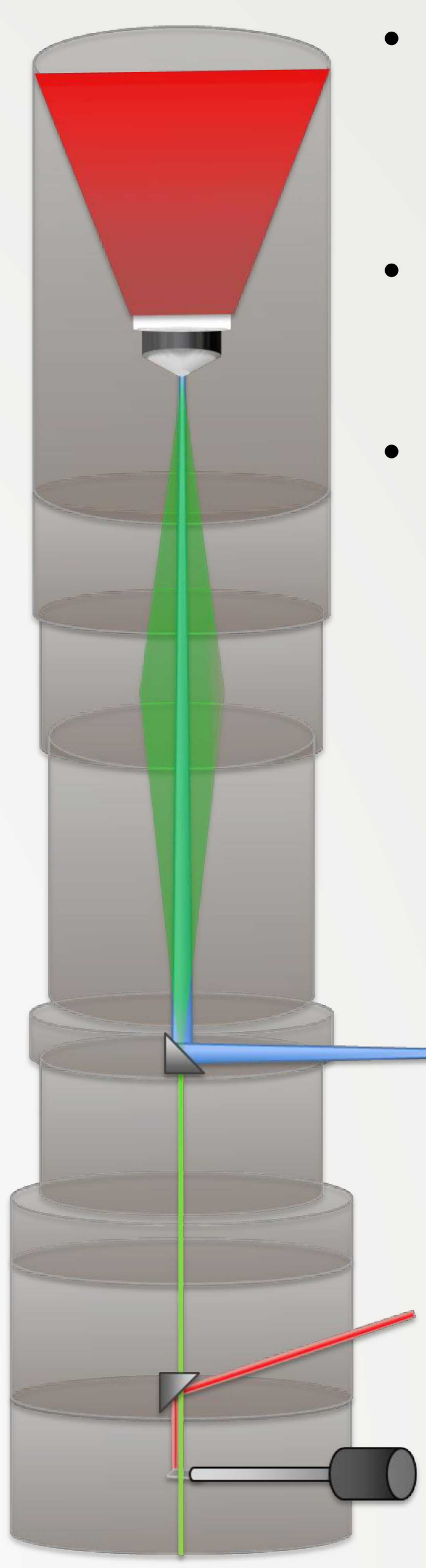


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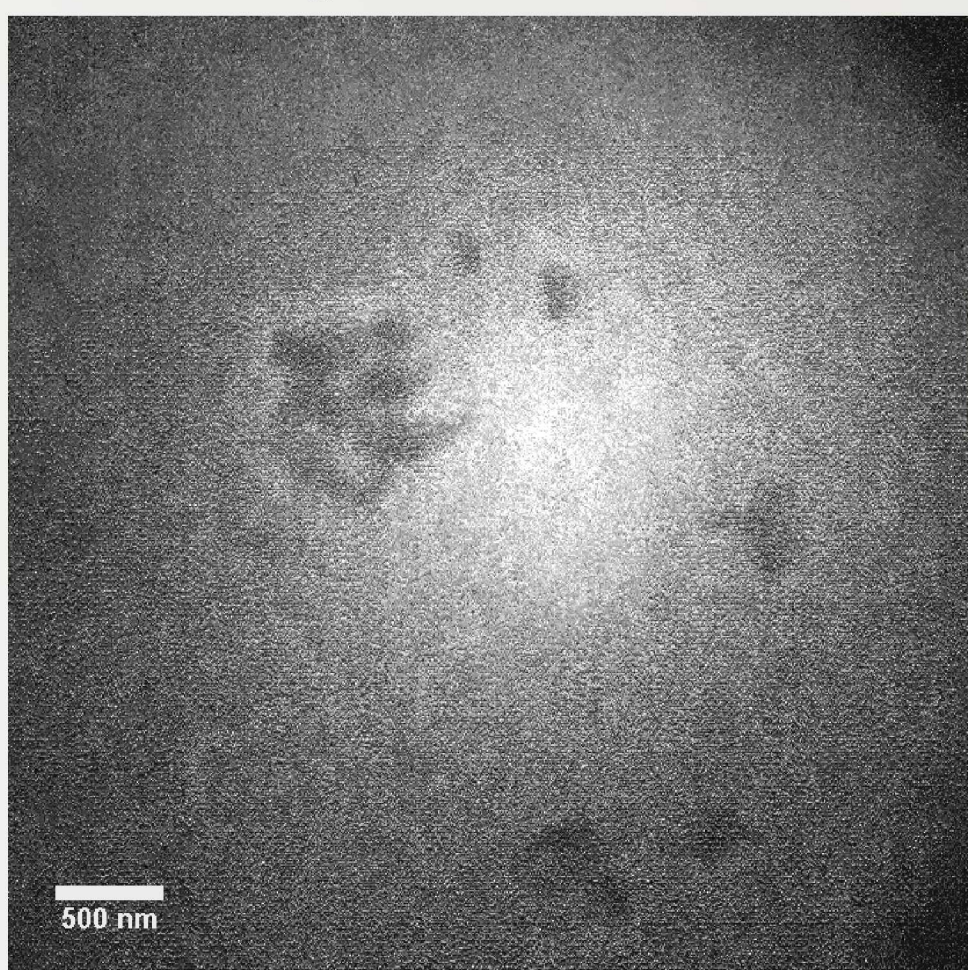


A single 4k x4k exposure → 16 images → 100 frame movie

DTEM Development



- Thermal emission microscope:
 - Not enough electron current for nanosecond imaging
 - Only a few electrons pass through sample in a nanosecond
 - 10⁶ electrons are needed for image formation
- Dynamic transmission electron microscope (DTEM):
 - Utilizes a laser to achieve photoemission of electrons
 - Much greater electron current than a traditional LaB₆ filament
- DTEM conversion components using a JEOL 2100 HT:
 1. Ultraviolet laser and optics system capable of producing nanosecond pulses
 2. Adjustable molybdenum mirror to reflect the UV laser up the column
 3. Tantalum cathode disc filament
 4. Addition of a C₀ lens to gather electrons increasing current to the specimen
 5. Addition of a drift section to condense electrons from the C₀ lens
 6. Lead shielding as needed to ensure safe operation of the instrument



DTEM image of P47 particles with 6 ns pulsed UV laser

Our First DTEM Shot July 28, 2017!

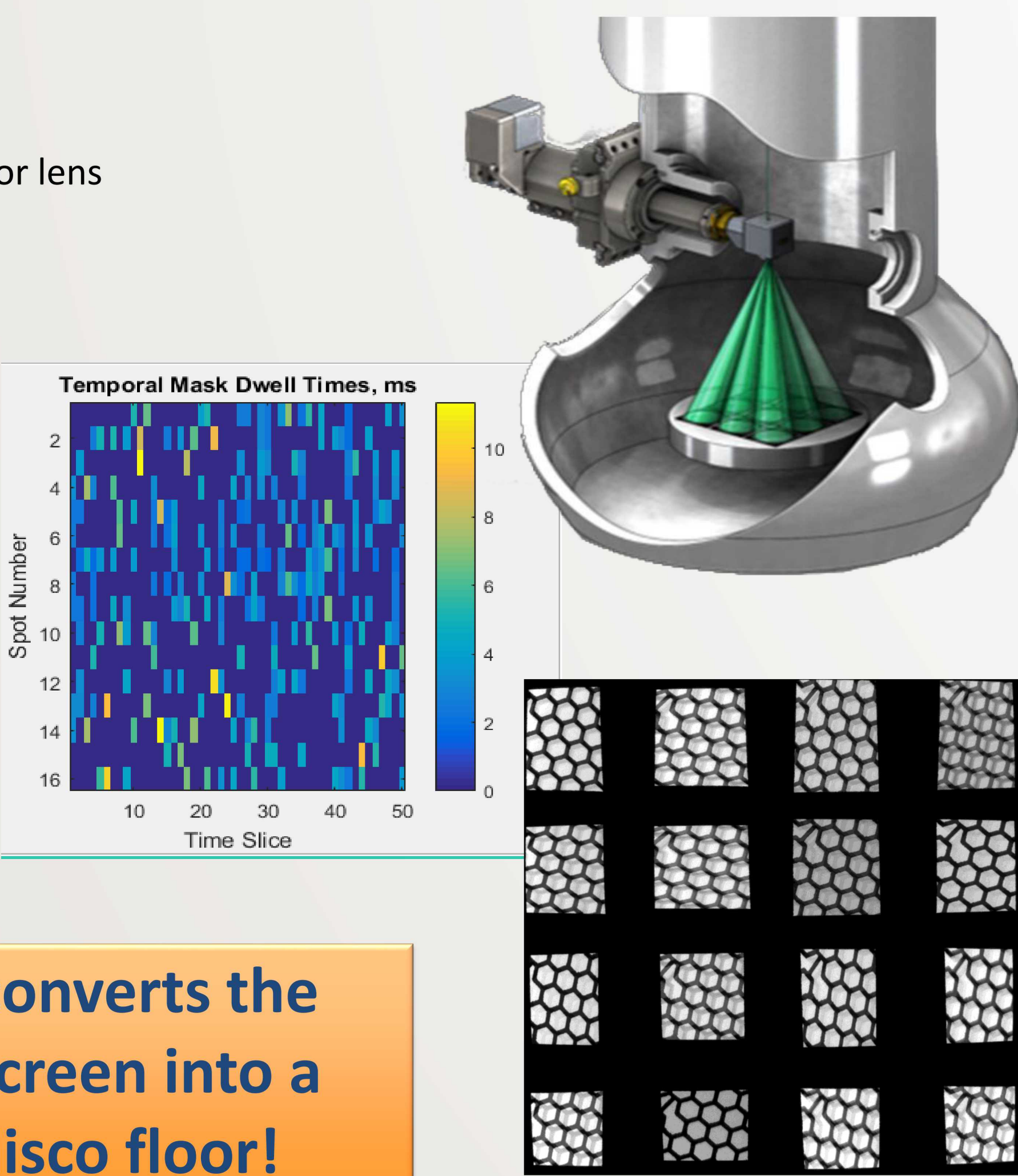
Electrostatic Subframing

Hardware

- Fast 2D electrostatic lens
 - Inserted below the projector lens
 - Retractable
 - Square limiting aperture

Software

- Can operate in 1-to-1 mode
- Compressive Sensing:
 - Digitally segmented and aligned
 - One camera pixel in overlapped region informs two or more output video voxels
 - Up to 15 frames per camera acquisition



Combined this converts the classical green screen into a programmable disco floor!

* Ask to see video examples

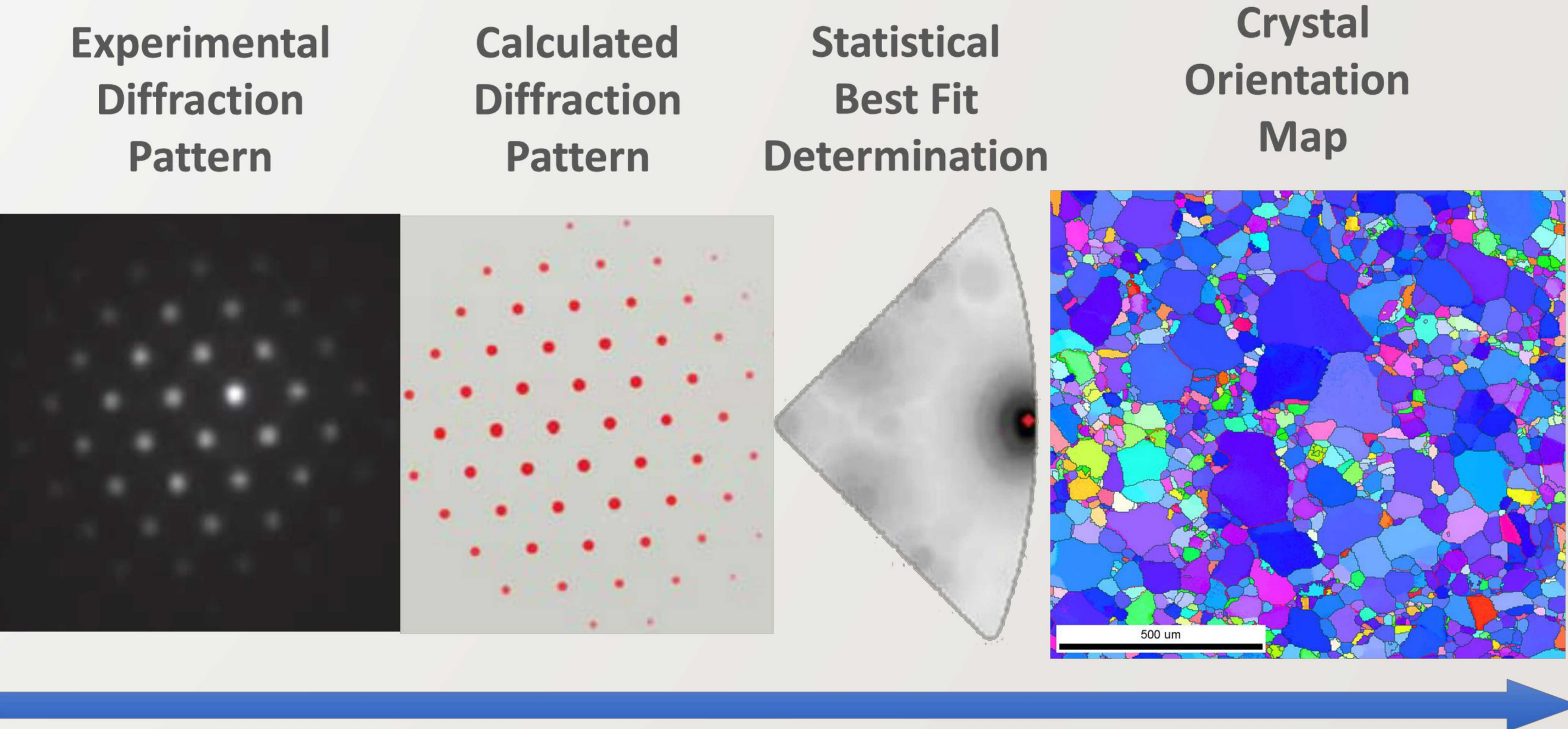
Future Directions

Couple to Other Experiments

- Utilize Electrostatic Subframing for:
 - Single-ion strike experiments
 - Radiation defect-defect interactions
 - High cycle fatigue tensile testing
- Couple with:
 - Automated Crystal Orientation Mapping
 - Electron Tomography
 - EDS and EELS chemical mapping

Couple to Models

- Couple to simulated electron diffraction patterns and micrographs
 - Subsequent simulated ACOM and virtual BF and DF maps
 - Directly relate to Molecular Dynamic or Mesoscale modeling
 - Approaching the spatial and temporal limits of MD simulations



CINT User Facility

Access to the I³TEM can be granted through the Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies proposal process. Proposal submissions are open twice a year in the spring (April 1st) and in the fall (September 1st). <http://cint.lanl.gov>

NSUF User Facility

Access to the I³TEM can be granted through the Nuclear Science User Facilities rapid turn around proposal process. <https://nsuf.inl.gov/Page/calls>